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Detecting Incidents with Limited Linguistic Knowledge for Low Resource Languages

EnvComp at ISGC 2017

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Background



- ADAPT - The Centre for Digital Content Technology, Ireland
 - <http://www.adaptcentre.ie/>
 - Formerly known as CNGL
(Centre for Next Generation Localisation)
 - Crisis MT (EU), kick-off in April, 2017
- Industrial Technology Research Institute (ITRI),
Hsinchu, Taiwan
- Central Geological Survey, MOEA, Taiwan
 - 1999 Jiji earthquake

Related Projects



- NIST LoReHLT 2016
 - Low Resource human language technologies
 - <https://www.nist.gov/itl/iad/mig/lorehlt16-evaluations>
- Crisis Machine Translation (Crisis MT)
- Exploitation of Social Media for Emergency Relief and Preparedness (SMERP)
 - <http://computing.dcu.ie/~dganguly/smerp2017/index.html>
 - microblogs posted during the earthquake in Italy in August 2016
 - Shared Tasks on text retrieval and text summarization
- NAPES (EU FP7)
 - Next Generation Analytical Platforms for Environmental Sensing
 - <http://www.napes.eu/>
 - Workshop 2: March 27-28, 2017 at Croke Park, Dublin
 - INSIGHT Centre
 - NCSR (National Centre for Sensor Research)

Use of Language Processing



In Sensing the Environments

- “Social media in Ebola outbreak,” Hossain et al.
 - doi: 10.1017/S095026881600039X
- “On the use of the Internet to collect earthquake information,” edited by Bossu and Earle
 - <http://www.annalsofgeophysics.eu/index.php/annals/article/view/5364/5494>
- Citizen science, “crowd” sensing
- etc.

An Open Participant



From: Chao-Hong Liu

Subject: Coordination on ADAPT Shared Tasks Participation

BRIEF3:

New (and Interesting) NIST evaluations for Low Resourced languages to register on May 16 . . .

9. NIST announced new **Low resource human language technologies (LoReHLT)** evaluation series

The LoReHLT 2016 Evaluations include three sessions:

- 1) Machine Translation (MT)
- 2) Named Entity Recognition (NER)
- 3) **Situation Frame (SF)**

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with Urgency (Status).

Team EarthSensory



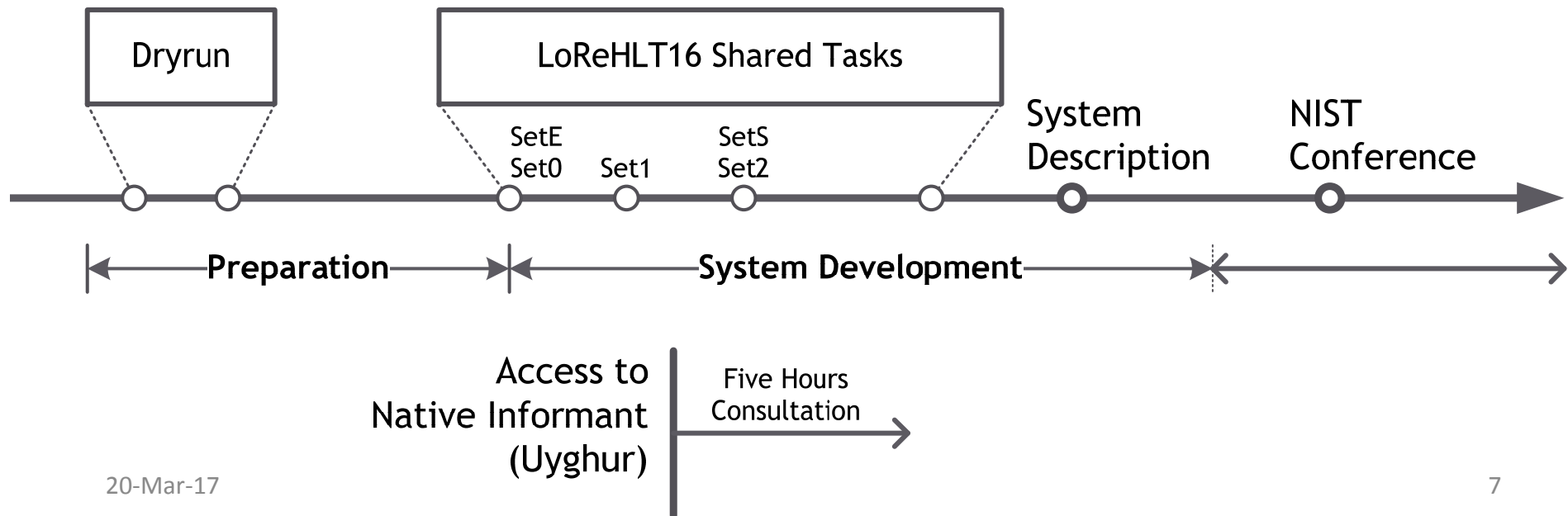
- Chao-Hong Liu and Ching-Hsien Lee
- Professor: Qun Liu
- The DCU-NTU incident detection systems for LoReHLT16 SF task are designed as keyword spotting systems.
 - ChineseUyghurStarDict.txt (ZH to UY)
 - Google translate (**EN to ZH to UY**)
 - SetS: English Scenario Model

Task: Situation Frame (SF)

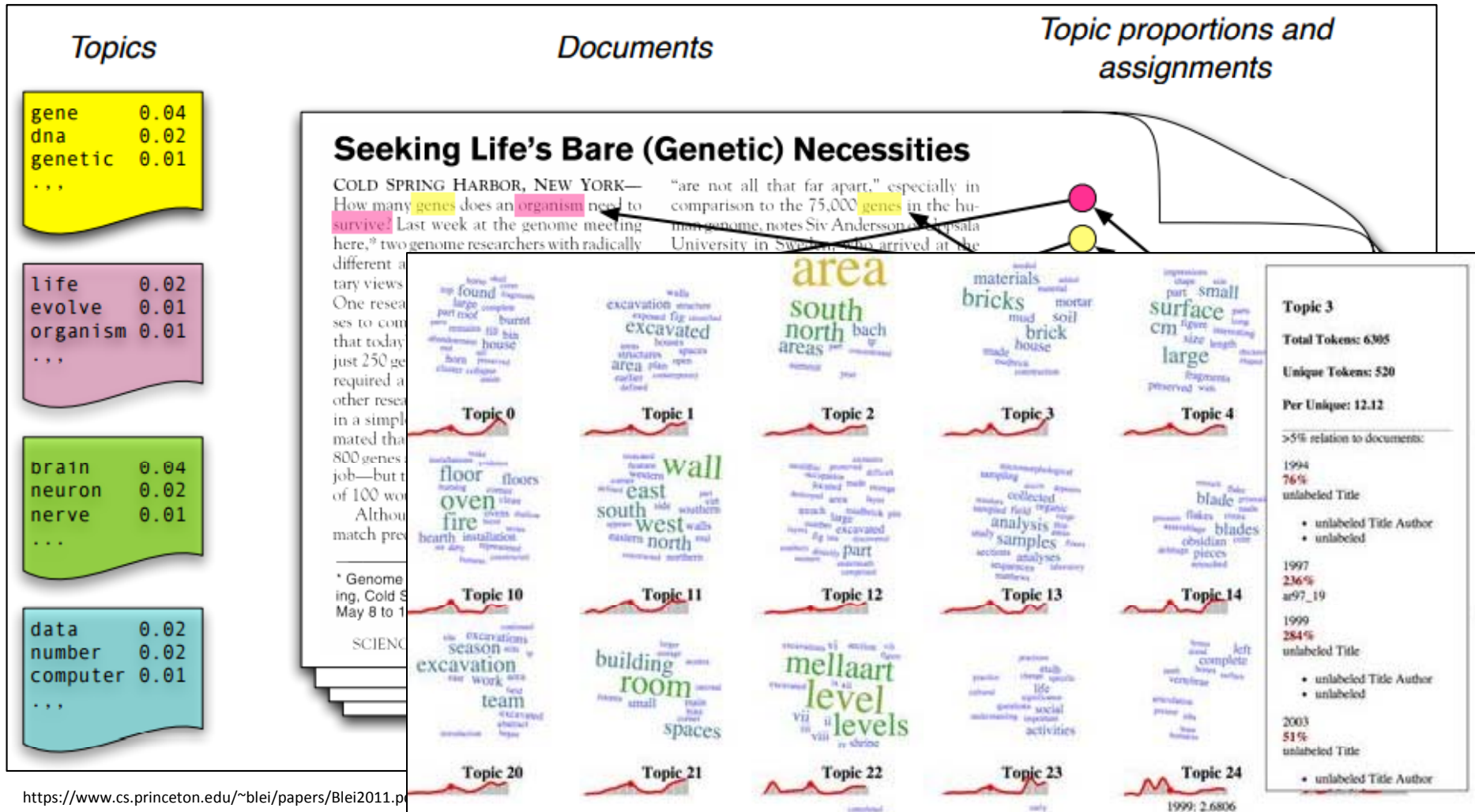


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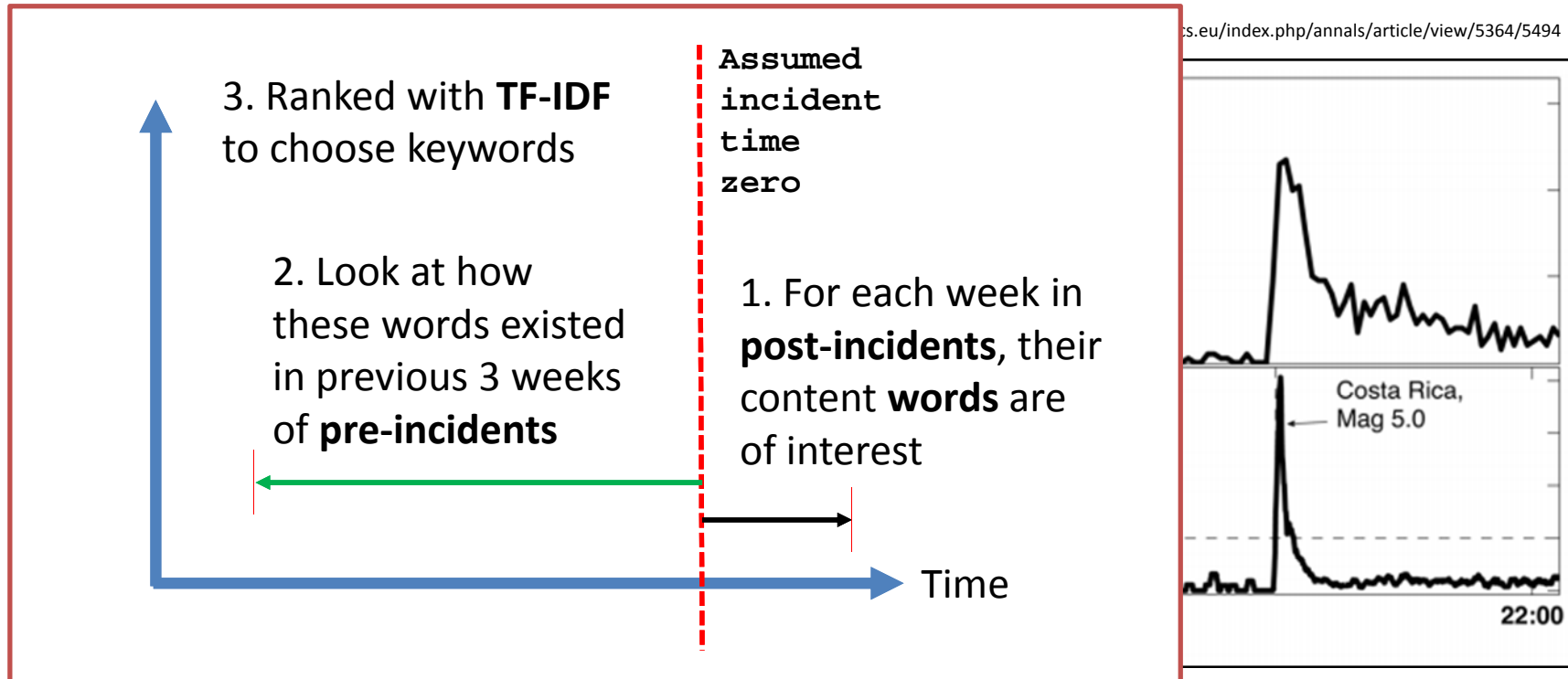


Topic Modeling



<https://www.cs.princeton.edu/~blei/papers/Blei2011.p>

What we looked for?



- We can't find this "occurrence pattern" from pre/post incident posts/documents

Use of Native Informant (NI)

- Five hours consultation at the end of 2nd week
 - Only CP3 used NI's knowledge in the systems
- Asking NI for
 - Geographic indicator words (given en examples)
 - Keywords reviewing/editing (zh-uy, en-zh-uy)
 - Keyphrases translation (made-up en to uy)
 - Fundamental linguistic knowledge about Uyghur

NI: Geo-indicators



Geographic Indicators	Uyghur Translations
city	شەھەر
county	ناھىيە
residential yard	قورۇ-جاي
Autonomous County (Oblast)	ئوبلاست
province	ئۆلكە
county	دۆلەت
(No corresponding English word)	تاغ

NI: Keywords/Keyphrases



NI edited	Keywords for Terrorism	Source
تۇيۇقسىز ھۇجۇم	تۇيۇقسىز ھۇجۇم	袭击 (Attack)

English Phrases	Uyghur Translations
medical resources are scarce	داۋالاش ئۈسكۈنلىرى يېتىشمەسلىك
to implement the curfew	نەزەربەنت قىلماق
water supply is insufficient	سۇ تەمىنلەش يېتىشمەسلىك

Results



condition	check point	eqvl. class	min error rate	max error rate	num subms.	score
constrained	CP 3	SFType	1.147	6.105	5	2.298
Un-constrained	CP 3	SFType	1.505	5.197	2	5.197

First Thoughts

- Earthquakes
 - I saw these in situ
 - Prediction?
 - detection
 - **early warning**
 - sensors
 - **Logistics**
 - where
 - needs
 - emergency level - triage



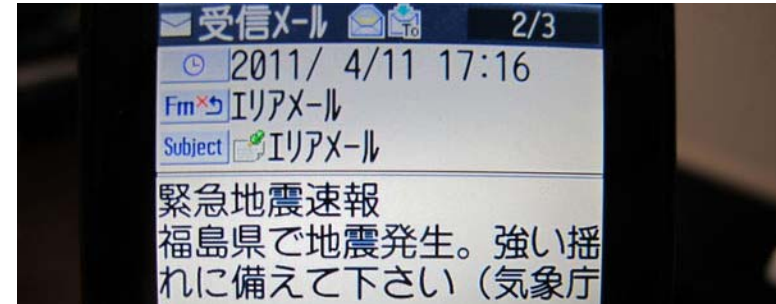
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8cqQJCmcLWQ>



http://www.webpages.uidaho.edu/~simkat/geol345_files/345lecture9.htm

Earthquakes

- Early warning system?
 - Japan, 2011
 - Taiwan, 2013
 - Hey, we have the PTT villagers' earthquake early warning “system”



Japan has automatic system . . .
“Emergency Notification: Earthquake in Fukushima. Get prepared for strong shockwave.”

標題: [爆卦] 花蓮地震! 請速預警!!! (即時發文)
時間: Mon Nov 4 00:50:28 2013
↑↑↑↑↑↑↑發文時間+30秒內可能有震波!!!
現在是 11/13/2013 02:47:31 Wed
必要時關瓦斯就地掩護(桌底、柱

“Shockwave in 30 seconds!!!”

Earthquakes



- “Is this right?” <http://www.appledaily.com.tw/realtimenews/article/new/20150107/537649/>
 - . . . the first thing you sensed earthquakes is **NOT to run or hide, but TO POST IT on the internet?** ”

Oct 31, 2013, magnitude 6.2 quake, **38,282** posts in PTT.

Ranked 2nd popular in its Gossips board history.

<http://zh.pttpedia.wikia.com/wiki/%E5%9C%B0%E9%9C6%87>

“Earthquake”

“Taichung earthquake”

This is why we have the PTT “human-powered” early warning “system.”

Earthquakes

- On the use of the Internet to collect earthquake information / ed. by Rémy Bossu and Paul S. Earle
 - U.S. Geological Survey

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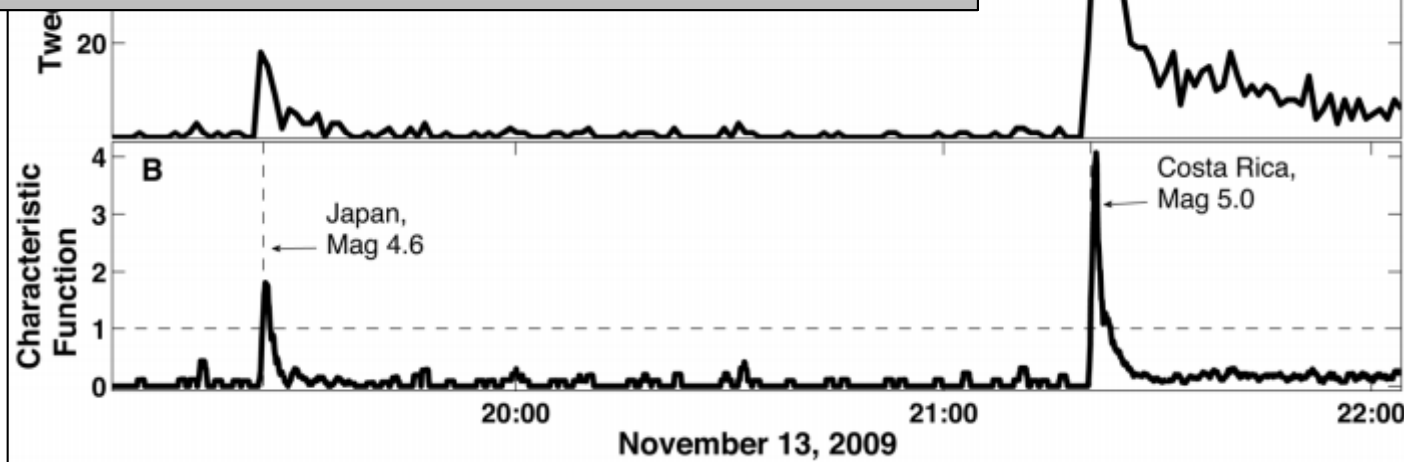
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Monitoring in a social world

“The 2014 earthquake in Napa was detected by USGS in **29 seconds** using Twitter data”

<https://blog.twitter.com/2015/usgs-twitter-data-earthquake-detection>



Earthquakes

- Beyond incident detection

- logistics

- News:

- “STOP sending aids . . .”

- Too much for some, and

- NONE** for other regions.

- Social networks (SN):

- Taichung **needs** water

- Nantou **needs** 1,000 tents

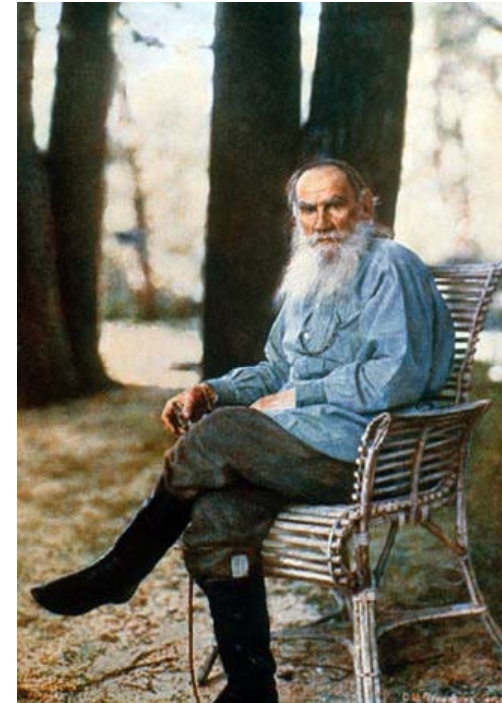
- Foods **NOT** needed in . . . the next week



http://atc.archives.gov.tw/921/c_01_01.swf

What to model?

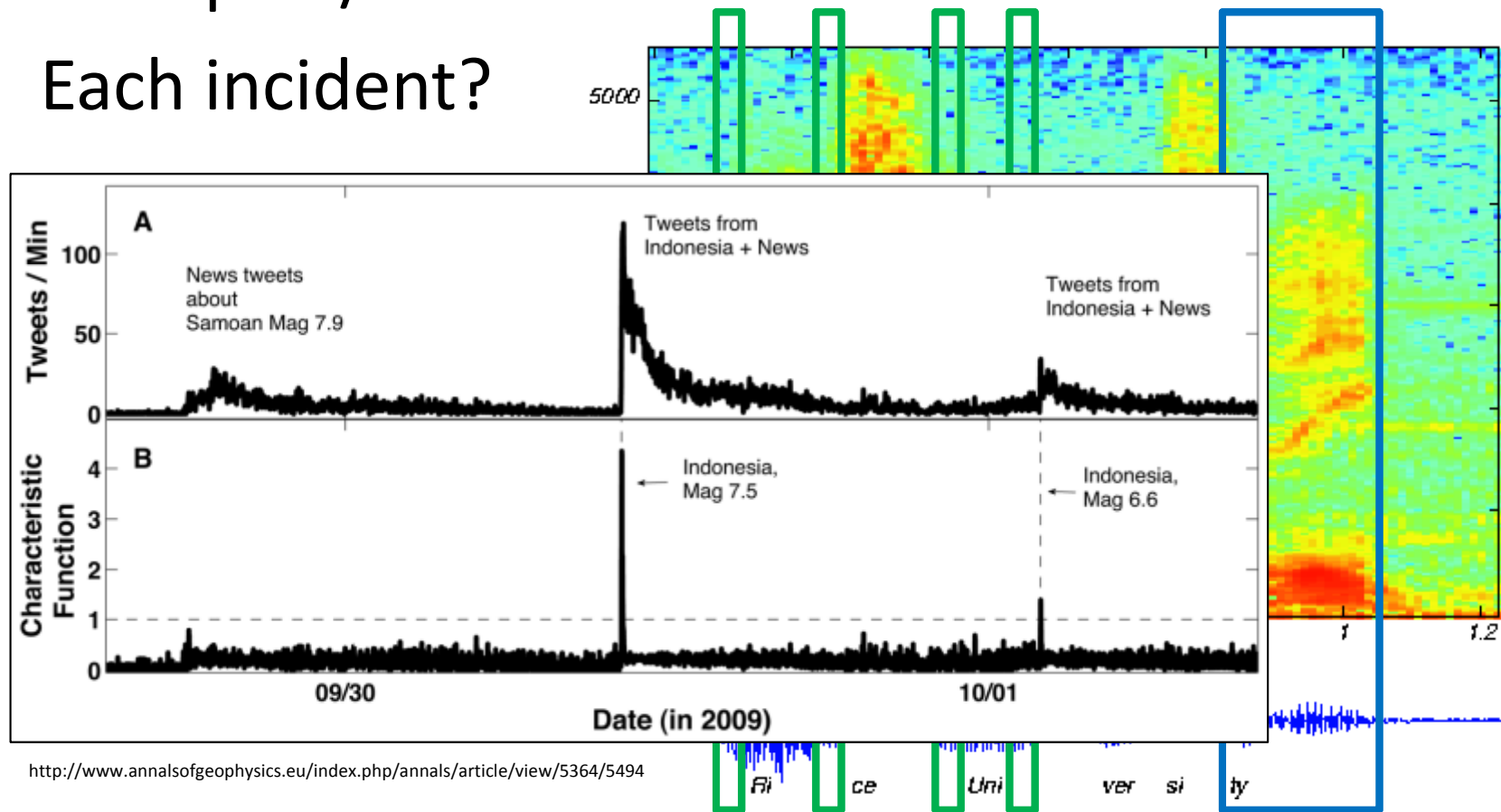
- Leo Tolstoy
 - “All happy families are like one another; each unhappy family is unhappy in its own way.”
- Happy families?
 - Posting patterns?
- Unhappy families
 - Situation frames . . .
 - Annotations



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Leo_Tolstoy

What to model/annotate?

- Each post/document?
- Each incident?

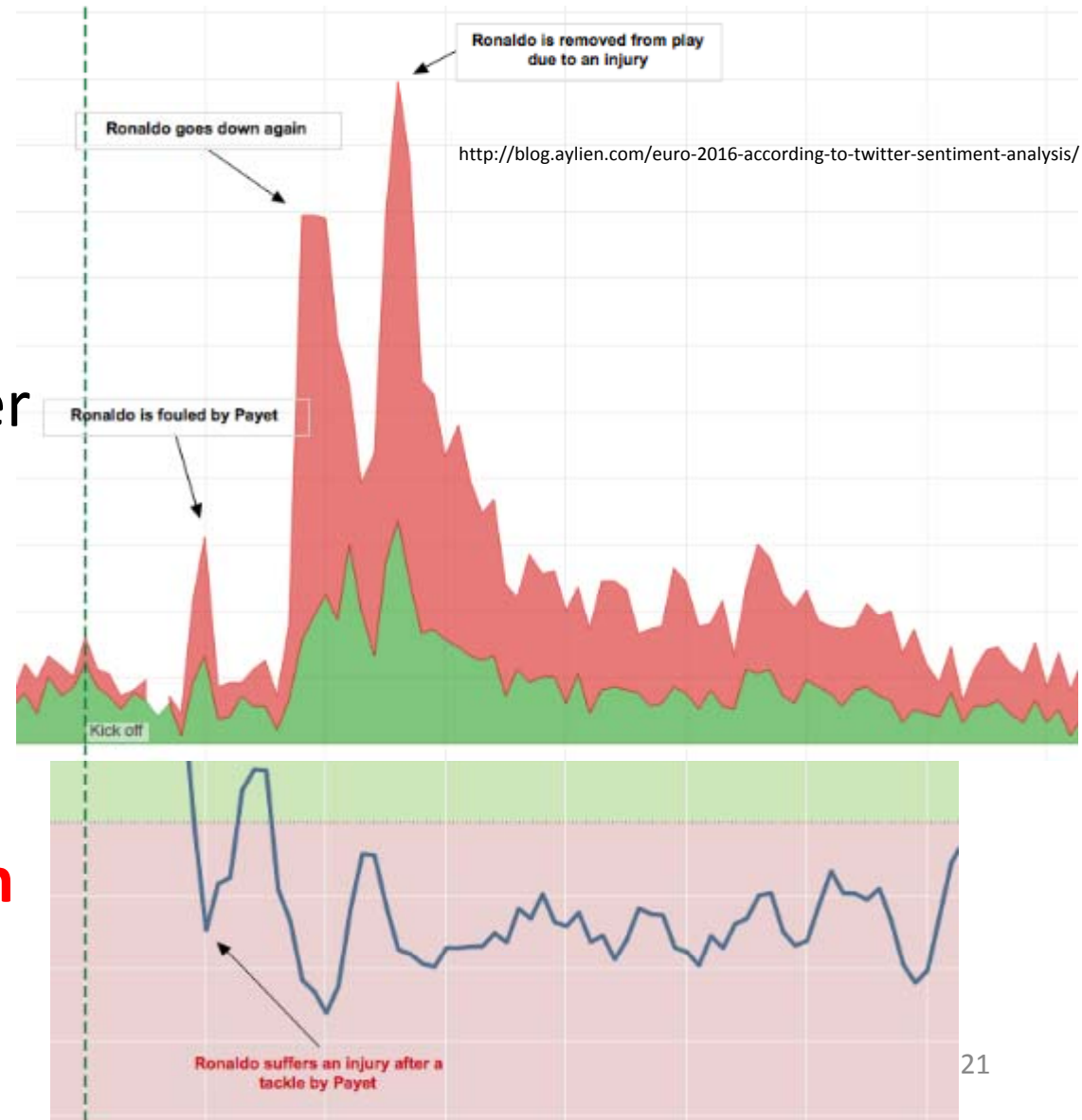


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<http://sound.stackexchange.com/questions/22536/what-type-of-information-can-i-get-from-the-waveform-and-the-spectrum-of-audio>

What to model?

- Phenomena specific to earthquakes?
 - Euro 2016 soccer tournament
 - sentiment of all of the **English tweets**, which amounted to about **17 million in total**



Discussions



- Text itself is not the only source
 - date/time
 - who posted it? (who = an account in social media)
 - where does s/he live? (most co-occurred place)
 - how posts/documents (and, how these whos) are related/connected?
- How about, detecting
 - Situation of **unknown types**? No annotations . . .
 - Alien invasion?

LoReLEI Language Packs

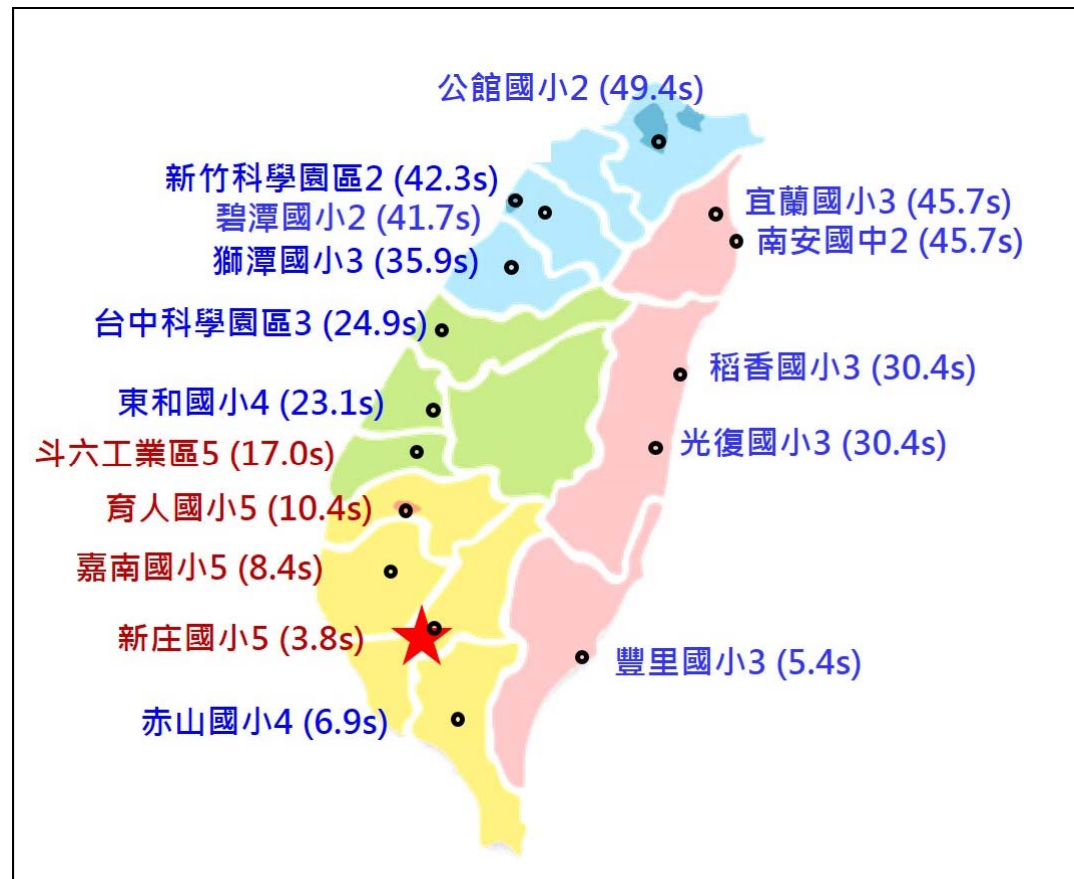
- Haitian Creole
- Turkish
- Uzbek
- Tamil
- Hausa
- Kurmanji Kurdish
- Zulu
- Mandarin
- Lao
- Vietnamese

Thank you!



- Comments?





http://www.narlabs.org.tw/tw/news/news.php?news_id=1376