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## Statistics, Data, and Science

#### Introduction

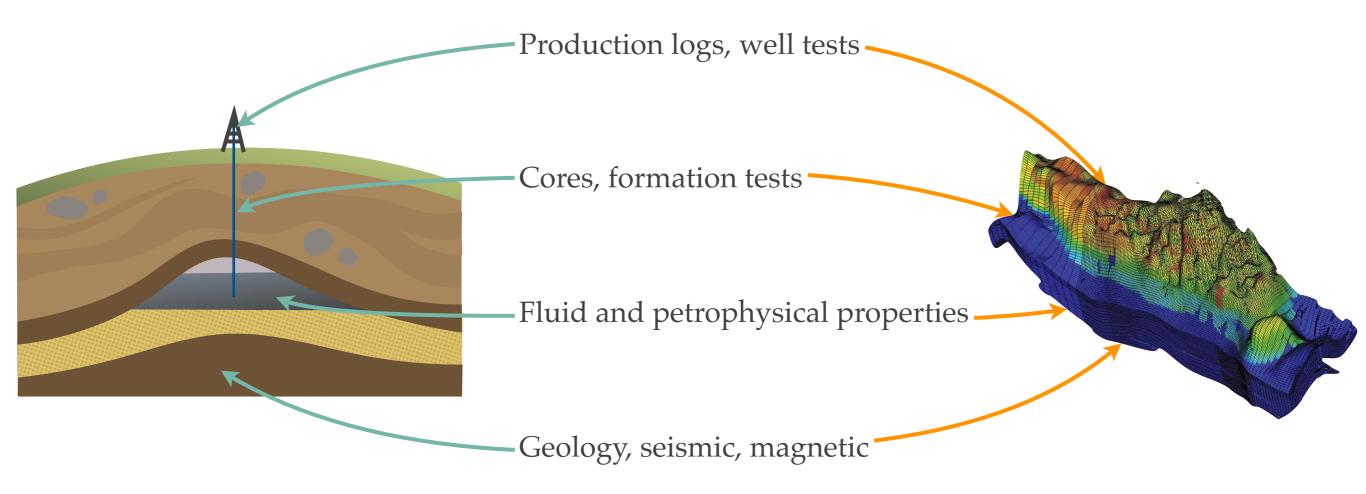
- Statistics is the science of learning from data, and dealing with the uncertainties in that process.
- \* Two case studies
  - \* Learning about petroleum reservoirs
  - Online browsing behaviour in digital commerce

# Wells, Oil, and Some Maths

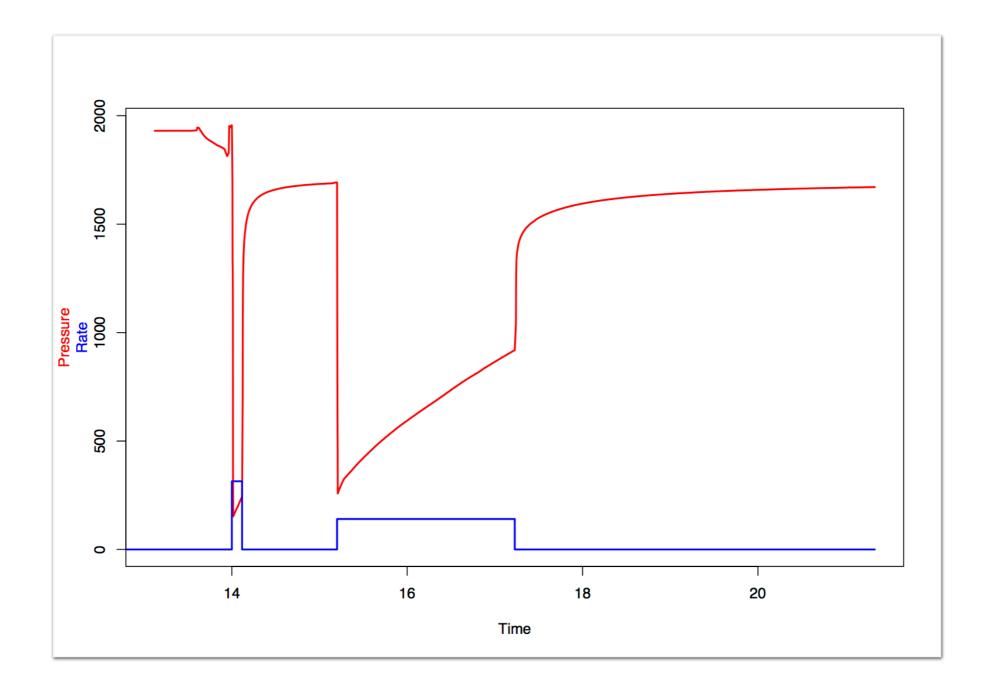


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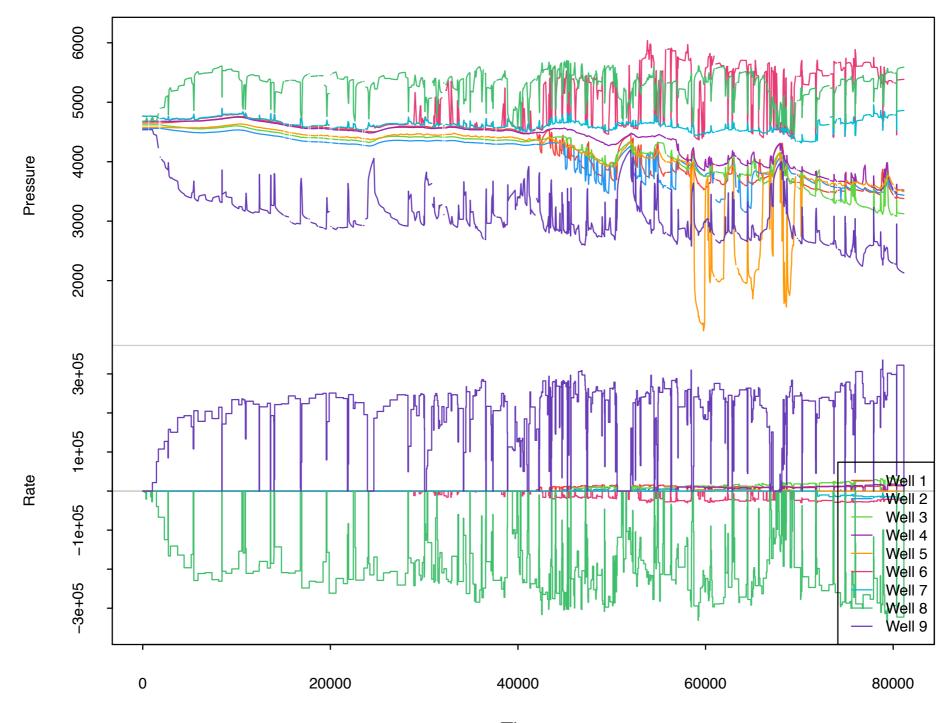
#### Rich in data



## Small data problems

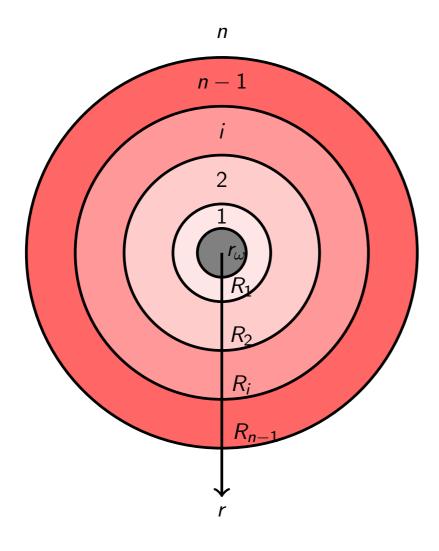


#### Not-so-small data problems



Time

#### Mathematical basis



A fairly scary model for the reservoir:

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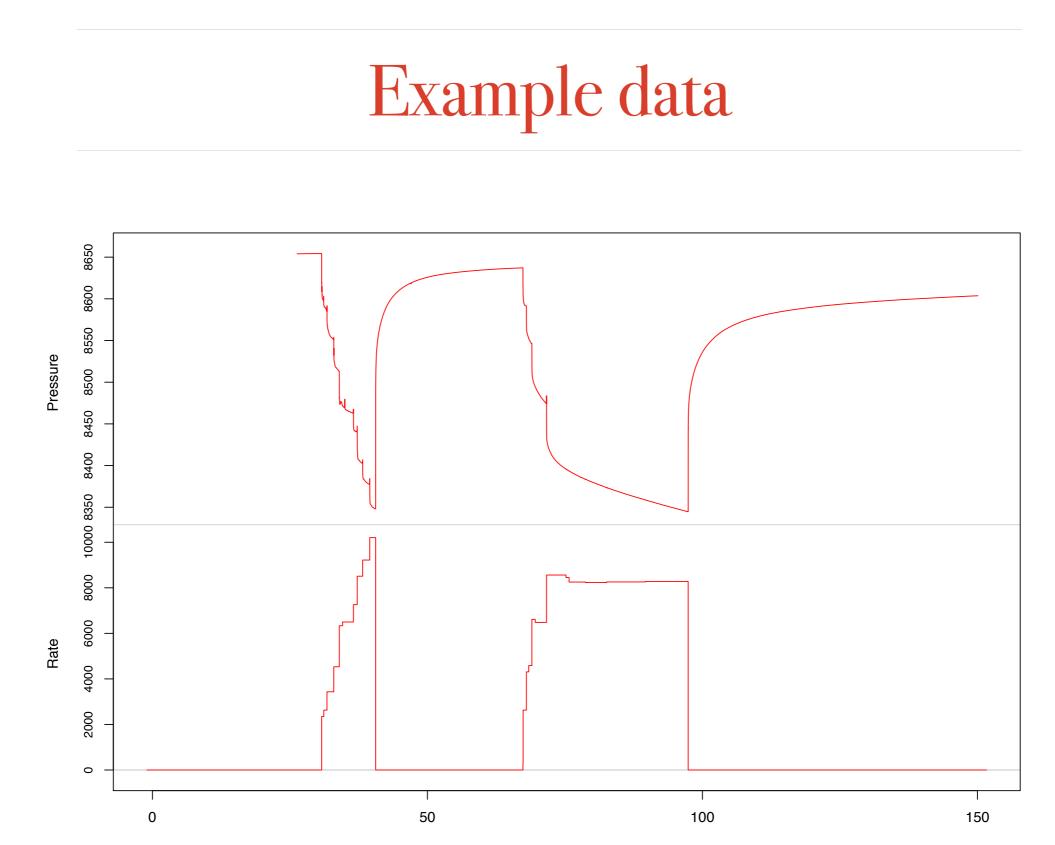
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A slightly less scary relation between pressure and rate:

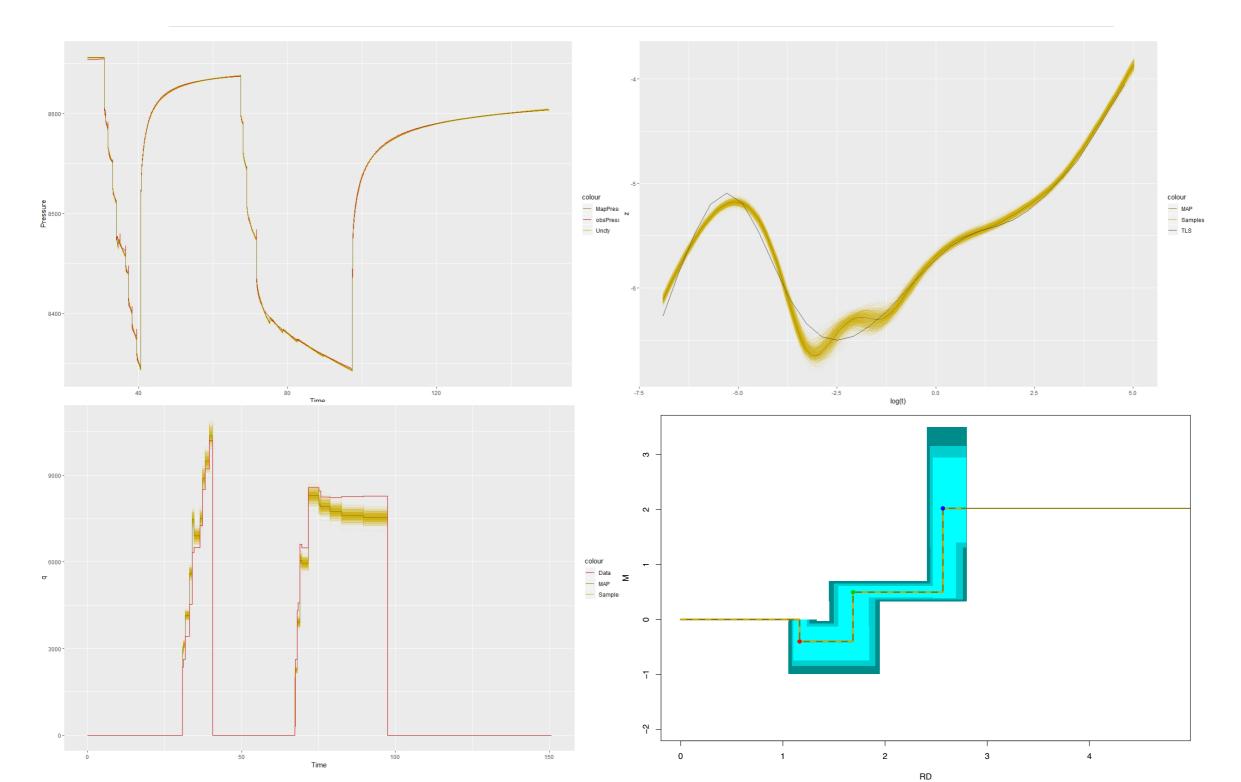
$$\mathbf{p}(t) = p_0 - \int_0^t g(t - t'; \theta) \ \mathbf{q}(t') \ dt'$$

## A Bayesian approach

- \* Uncertain (often very wrong) data
- Uncertain mathematical model for the reservoir
- Bayesian statistics represents uncertainty as probability (or expectation), and learns from data by conditioning



#### Results



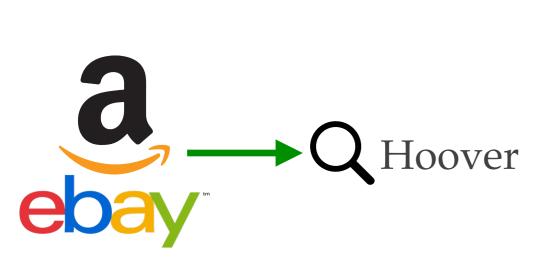
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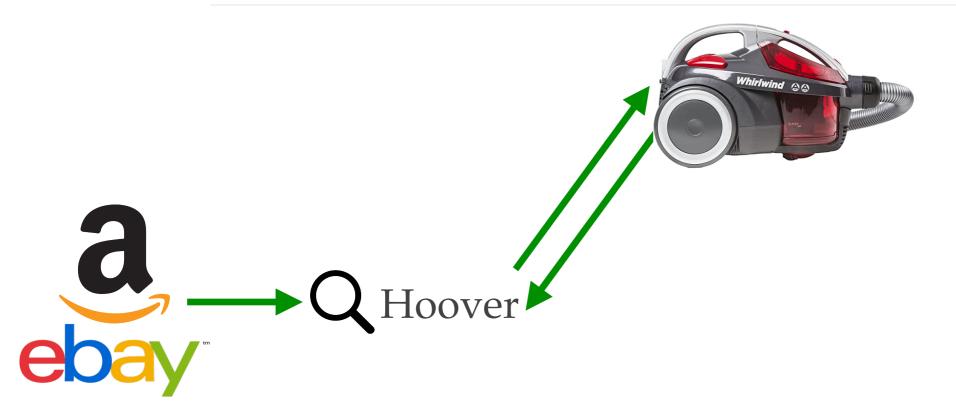




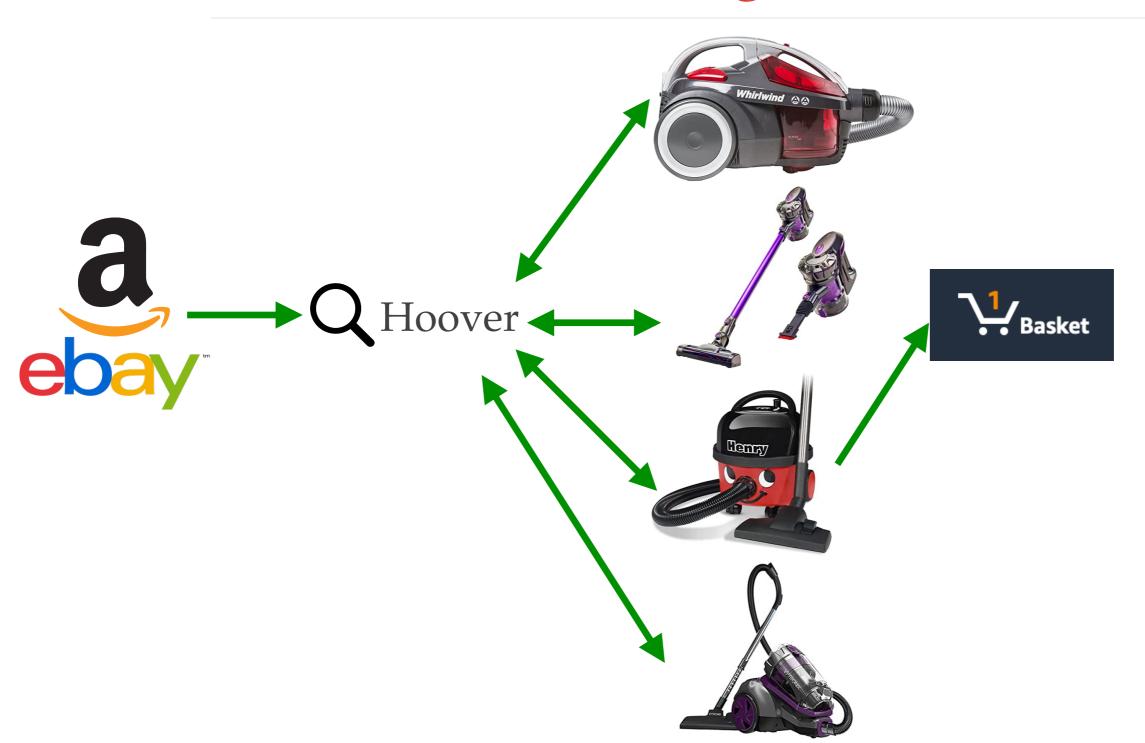


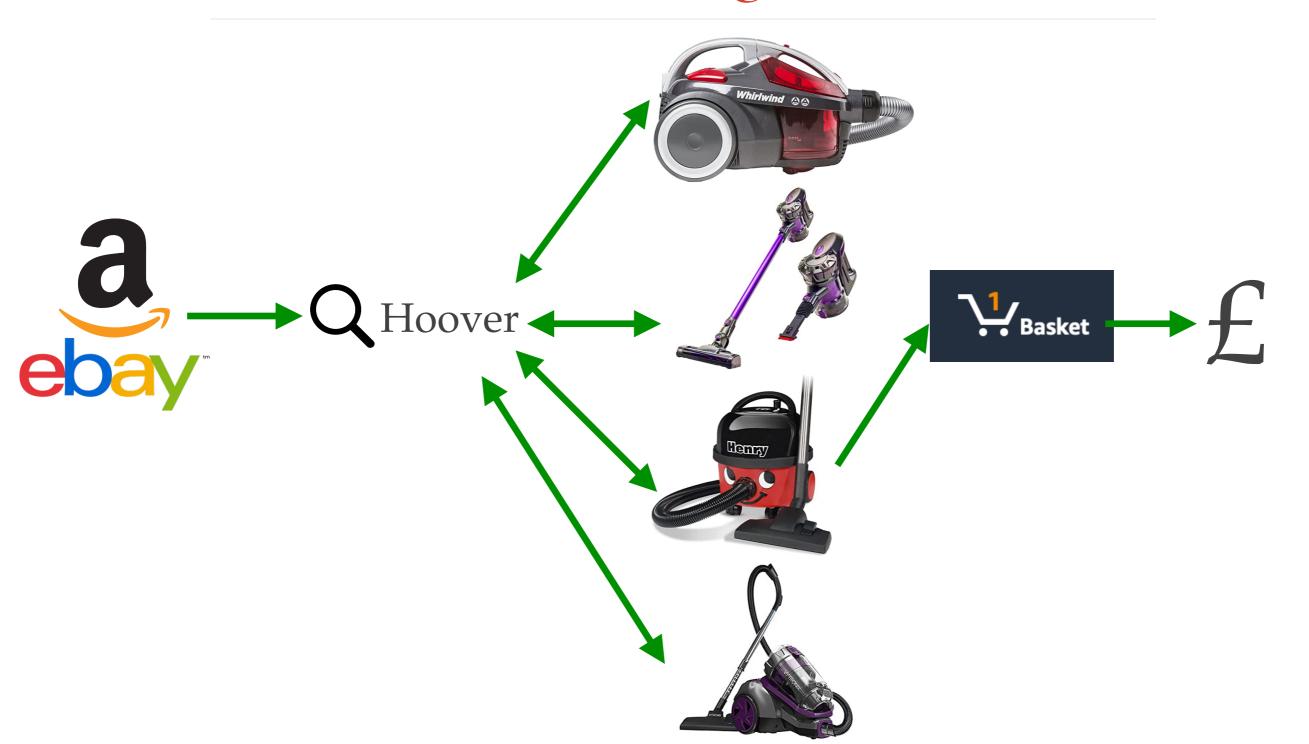












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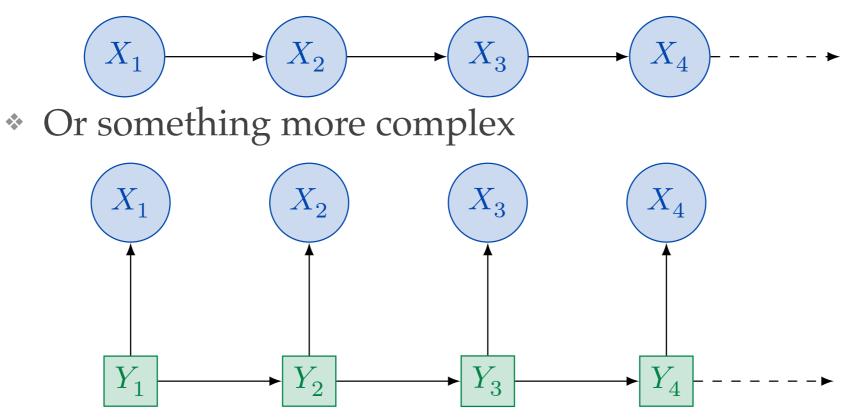
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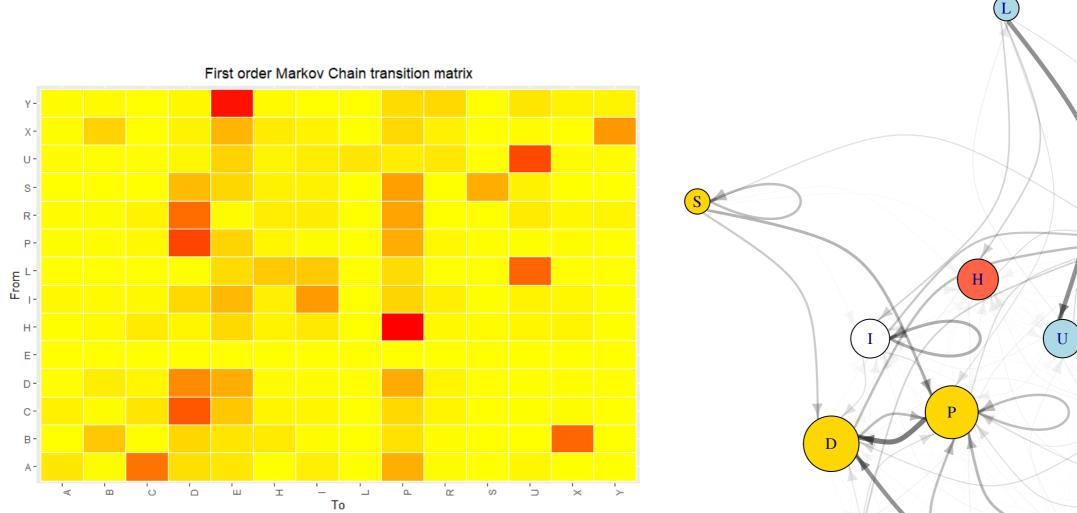
$$X_1 \longrightarrow X_2 \longrightarrow X_3 \longrightarrow X_4 \longrightarrow$$

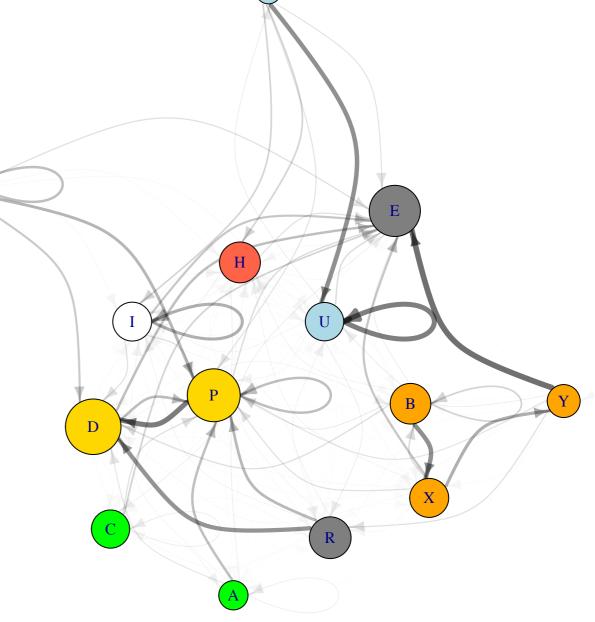
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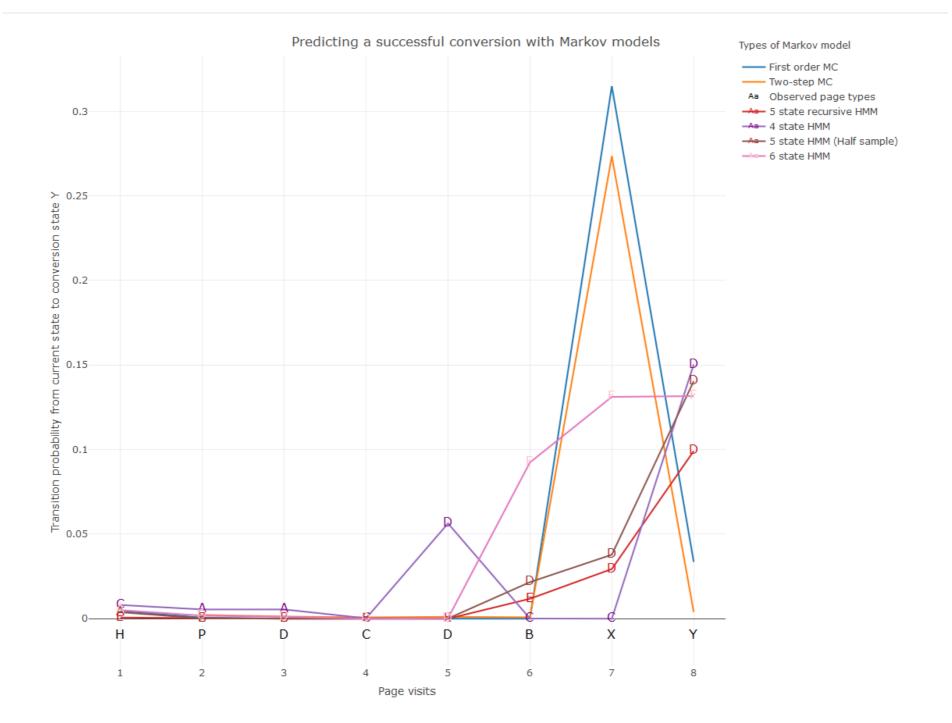


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## Predicting a jump to "Checkout"



#### Final comment

#### Data + Science + Statistics

= Many interesting problems