

# Prompt-augmented Temporal Point Process for Streaming Event Sequence

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# Our Problem

Event data typically comes in *streams*, how to learn event streams continuously?

Streaming Event Sequence



**Pretrained**



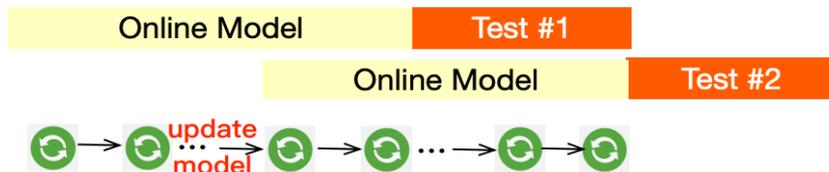
*Failed to handle the data with distribution shift*

**Retrained**



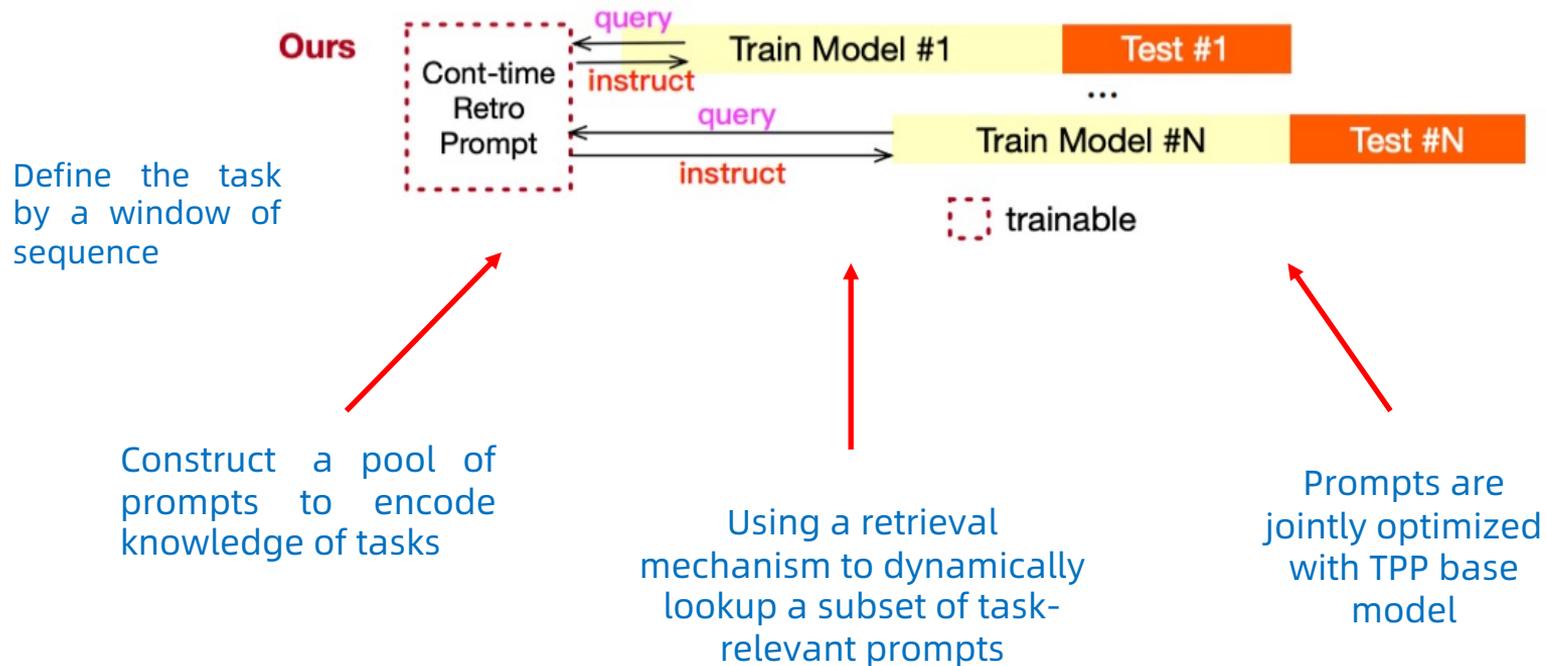
*Exposed to catastrophic forgetting*

**Online**



*Hard to monitor, also exposed to catastrophic forgetting*

# Our Key Idea: Using Prompt Pool to Instruct the Learning



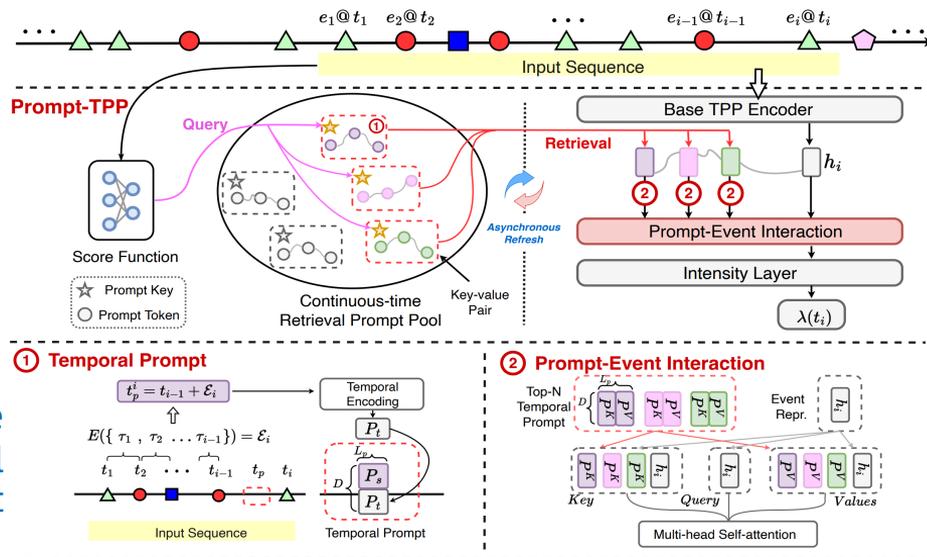
# Our Model: Prompt-augmented Temporal Point Process

$$P = [P_1, \dots, P_M] \quad P_i \in \mathbb{R}^{L_p \times D}$$

$$K_{top-N} = \operatorname{argmin}_{\{r_j\}_{j=1}^N} \sum_{i=1}^N \varphi(\mathbf{h}_i, \mathbf{k}_{r_j})$$

From Prompt to Prompt Pool

Retrieval Mechanism



$P = [P_s; P_t]$  encodes the structural and temporal knowledge of the event sequence.

Prompt-Event Interaction combines retrieval prompts with the encoded event states.

# Model Training: Joint Optimization with Prompts and TPP

$$\min_{\mathbf{P}, \phi_{enc}, \phi_{dec}, \mathcal{K}} \mathcal{L}_{nll}(\mathbf{P}, f_{\phi_{enc}}, f_{\phi_{dec}}) + \alpha \sum_i \sum_{\mathbf{K}_{top-N}} \varphi(f_{\phi_{enc}}(e_i @ t_i), \mathbf{k}_{r_j}),$$

Negative loglikelihood  
of event sequence

a surrogate loss to pull selected  
keys closer to corresponding  
query in the retrieval process

# Model Inference: Thinning Sampling with retrieved prompts

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**Algorithm 2** PromptTPP at test time of the  $\mathcal{T}$ -th task.

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**Input:** An event sequence  $s_{[0,T]} = \{e_i @ t_i\}_{i=1}^I$ . Trained base model with a encoder  $f_{\phi_{enc}}$  and a decoder  $f_{\phi_{dec}}$ ; trained CtRetroPromptPool  $(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{V}) = \{(\mathbf{k}_i, \mathbf{P}_i)\}_{i=1}^M$  and the score function  $\varphi$ .

**Output:** Sampled next event  $\hat{e}_{I+1} @ \hat{t}_{I+1}$ .

- 1: **procedure** DRAWNEXTEVENT( $s_{[0,T]}, f_{\phi_{enc}}, f_{\phi_{dec}}$ )
- 2:  $t_0 \leftarrow T; \mathcal{H} \leftarrow s_{[0,T]}$
- 3:  $\triangleright$  Compute sampling intensity
- 4:  $\{\lambda_e(t_j | \mathcal{H})\}_{j=1}^N \leftarrow \text{SAMPLEINTENSITY}(s_{[0,T]}, f_{\phi_{enc}}, f_{\phi_{dec}}, \{(\mathbf{k}_i, \mathbf{P}_i)\}_{i=1}^M)$  for all  $t_j \in (t_0, \infty)$
- 5:  $\triangleright$  Compute the upper bound  $\lambda^*$ .
- 6:  $\triangleright$  Technical details can be found in Mei & Eisner (2017)
- 7: find upper bound  $\lambda^* \geq \sum_{e=1}^E \lambda_e(t_j | \mathcal{H})$  for all  $t_j \in (t_0, \infty)$
- 8: **repeat**
- 9:   draw  $\Delta \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda^*); t_0 += \Delta$   $\triangleright$  time of next proposed event  $\hat{t}_{I+1}$
- 10:    $u \sim \text{Unif}(0, 1)$
- 11: **until**  $u\lambda^* \leq \sum_{e=1}^E \lambda_e(t_0 | \mathcal{H})$
- 12: draw  $\hat{e}_{I+1} \in \{1, \dots, E\}$  where probability of  $e$  is  $\propto \lambda_e(t_0 | \mathcal{H})$
- 13: **return**  $\hat{e}_{I+1} @ \hat{t}_{I+1}$
- 14: **procedure** SAMPLEINTENSITY( $s_{[0,T]}, f_{\phi_{enc}}, f_{\phi_{dec}}, \{(\mathbf{k}_i, \mathbf{P}_i)\}_{i=1}^M$ )
- 15: Assume the last event in  $s_{[0,T]}$  is  $e @ t$
- 16: Generate a list of sample times  $\{t_j\}_{j=1}^N, t_j \geq T$ .
- 17: Compute the intensity at sample times  $\lambda_e t_j \leftarrow \text{CALCINTENSITY}(s_{[0,t]}, e @ t, f_{\phi_{enc}}, f_{\phi_{dec}}, \{(\mathbf{k}_i, \mathbf{P}_i)\}_{i=1}^M)$
- 18: **return**  $\{\lambda_e(t_j | \mathcal{H})\}_{j=1}^N$

Take retro prompts as input into the calculation of the intensities



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Training details !

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