

# **Exploring the Power of Heterogeneous Information Networks in Data Mining**

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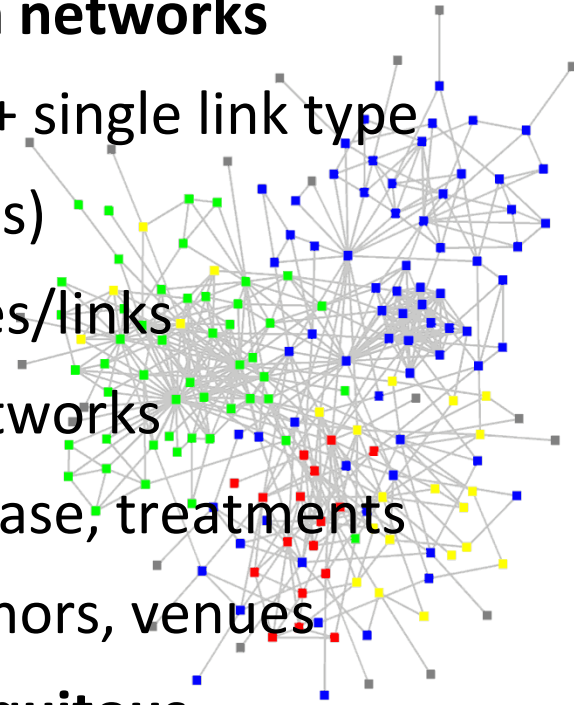
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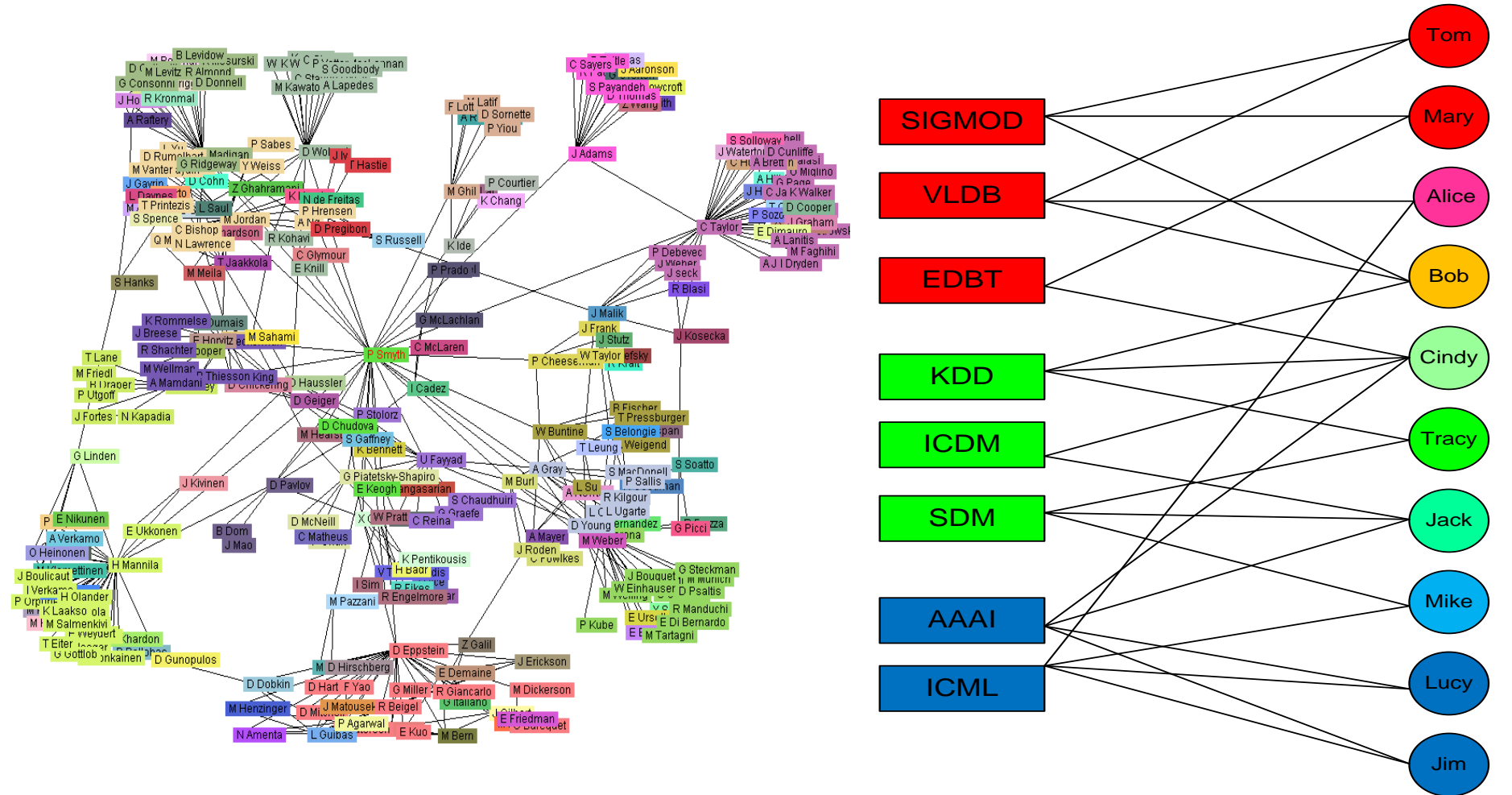
# Why Mining with Heterogeneous Info. Networks?

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- **Homogeneous vs. heterogeneous information networks**
  - Homogeneous network: Single object type + single link type
    - Single mode social networks (e.g., friends)
    - WWW viewed as collection of Web pages/links
  - Multi-typed, structured, heterogeneous networks
    - Medical network: patients, doctors, disease, treatments
    - Bibliographic network: publications, authors, venues
- **Heterogeneous information networks are ubiquitous**
  - Different from unorganized, multiple kinds of nodes and links
  - Typed nodes and links carry rich structural information
  - Power of mining may come from such structures and links



# Homogeneous vs. Heterogeneous Networks



Co-author Network

Conference-Author Network

# DBLP: An Interesting and Familiar Network

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- DBLP: A computer science publication bibliographic database
  - 1.4 M records (papers), 0.7 M authors, 5 K conferences, ...
- Will this database disclose interesting knowledge about us?
  - How are CS research forums structured?
  - Who are the leading researchers on Web search?
  - How do the authors in this subfield collaborate and evolve?
  - How many Wei Wang's in DBLP, which papers by which one?
  - Who is Sergy Brin's supervisor and when?
  - Can you predict which topics Faloutsos will work on? .....
- All these kinds of questions, and potentially much more, can be nicely answered by the DBLP-InfoNet
  - How? Exploring the power of structures and links in networks!

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# RankClus: Clustering and Ranking in Heterogeneous Information Networks

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- Ranking & clustering: Each provides a structured view on data
- Ranking globally without considering clusters?
  - Dumb!! One cannot rank chicken and ducks together!
- Clustering authors in one huge cluster without distinction?
  - Dull!! 30000 entries found? (this is why PageRank!)
- RankClus: Integrates clustering with ranking
  - Ranking is conditional (i.e., relative) to a specific cluster
  - Better clustering? Using highly ranked objects!
- RankClus: Clustering and ranking are mutually enhanced
- *RankClus: Integrating Clustering with Ranking for Heterog. Information Network Analysis* (Y. Sun, J. Han, et al.) EDBT'09.

# Global Ranking vs. Cluster-Based Ranking

- A toy example: One cannot rank chicken and ducks together!
  - Two areas with 10 conf.s and 100 authors in each area

Table 1: A set of conferences from two research areas

DB/DM	{SIGMOD, VLDB, PODS, ICDE, ICDT, KDD, ICDM, CIKM, PAKDD, PKDD}
HW/CA	{ASPLOS, ISCA, DAC, MICRO, ICCAD, HPCA, ISLPED, CODES, DATE, VTS }

Table 2: Top-10 ranked conferences and authors in the mixed conference set

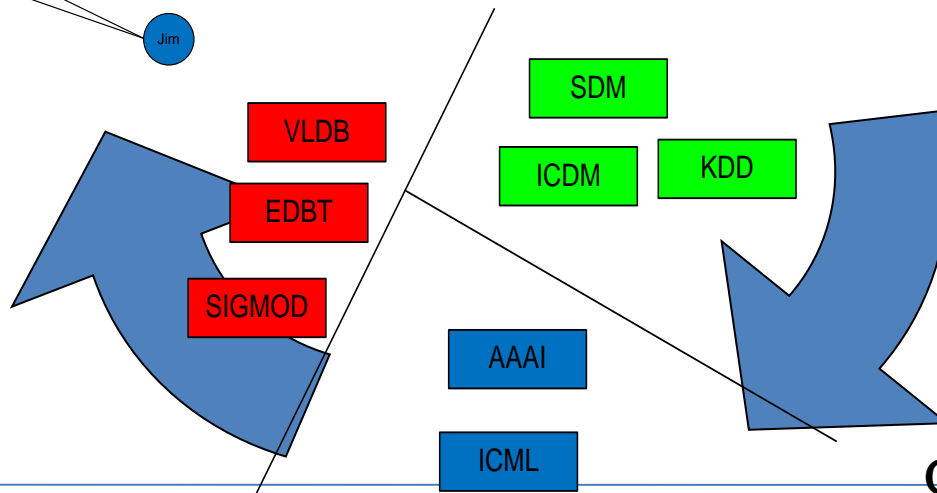
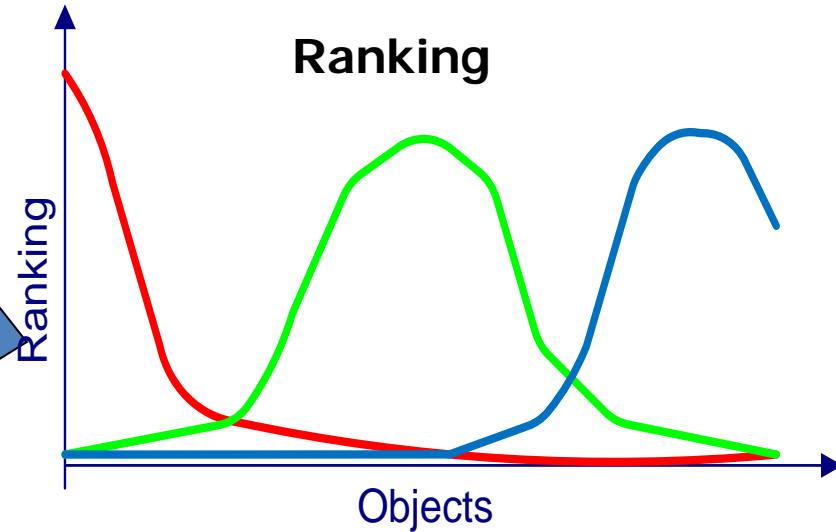
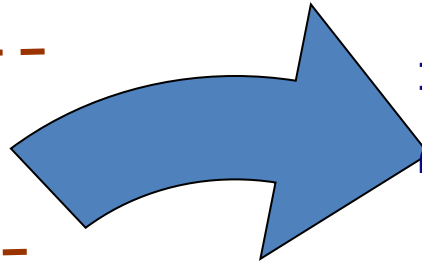
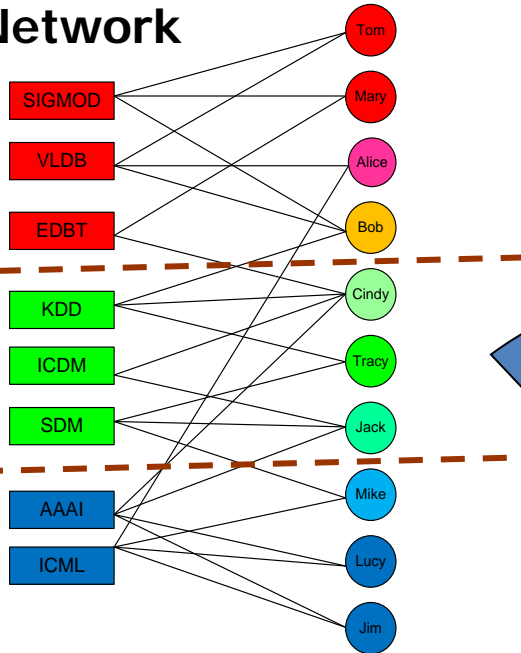
Rank	Conf.	Rank	Authors
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2	ICCAD	2	Robert K. Brayton
3	DATE	3	Massoud Pedram
4	ISLPED	4	Miodrag Potkonjak
5	VTS	5	Andrew B. Kahng
6	CODES	6	Kwang-Ting Cheng
7	ISCA	7	Lawrence T. Pileggi
8	VLDB	8	David Blaauw
9	SIGMOD	9	Jason Cong
10	ICDE	10	D. F. Wong

Table 3: Top-10 ranked conferences and authors in DB/DM set

Rank	Conf.	Rank	Authors
1	VLDB	1	H. V. Jagadish
2	SIGMOD	2	Surajit Chaudhuri
3	ICDE	3	Divesh Srivastava
4	PODS	4	Michael Stonebraker
5	KDD	5	Hector Garcia-Molina
6	CIKM	6	Jeffrey F. Naughton
7	ICDM	7	David J. DeWitt
8	PAKDD	8	Jiawei Han
9	ICDT	9	Rakesh Agrawal
10	PKDD	10	Raghu Ramakrishnan

# RankClus: An Integrated Framework

## Sub-Network



Clustering

# The RankClus Philosophy

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- Why integrated Ranking and Clustering?
  - Ranking and clustering can be mutually improved
  - Ranking: Once a cluster becomes more accurate, ranking will be more reasonable for such a cluster and will be the distinguished feature of the cluster
  - Clustering: Once ranking is more distinguished from each other, the clusters can be adjusted and get more accurate results
- Not every object should be treated equally in clustering!
- Objects preserve similarity under new measure space
  - E.g., VLDB vs. SIGMOD

# RankClus: Algorithm Framework

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- Step 0. Initialization
  - Randomly partition target objects into  $K$  clusters
- Step 1. Ranking
  - Ranking for each sub-network induced from each cluster, which serves as feature for each cluster
- Step 2. Generating new measure space
  - Estimate mixture model coefficients for each target object
- Step 3. Adjusting cluster
- Step 4. Repeating Steps 1-3 until stable

# Focus on a Bi-Typed Network Case

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- Conference-author network, links can exist between
  - Conference (X) and author (Y)
  - Author (Y) and author (Y)

DEFINITION 1. *Bi-type Information Network.* Given two types of object sets  $X$  and  $Y$ , where  $X = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m\}$ , and  $Y = \{y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n\}$ , graph  $G = \langle V, E \rangle$  is called a bi-type information network on types  $X$  and  $Y$ , if  $V(G) = X \cup Y$  and  $E(G) = \{\langle o_i, o_j \rangle\}$ , where  $o_i, o_j \in X \cup Y$ .

- Use  $W$  to denote the links and there weights

$$W = \begin{pmatrix} W_{XX} & W_{XY} \\ W_{YX} & W_{YY} \end{pmatrix}$$

# Ranking: Feature Extraction

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- Simple ranking vs. authority ranking
- Simple Ranking
  - Proportional to degree counting for objects, e.g., # of publications of an author
  - Considers only immediate neighborhood in the network
- Authority Ranking: Extension to HITS in weighted bi-type network
  - Rule 1: Highly ranked authors publish *many* papers in highly ranked conferences
  - Rule 2: Highly ranked conferences attract *many* papers from *many* highly ranked authors
  - Rule 3: The rank of an author is enhanced if he or she co-authors with many authors or many highly ranked authors

# Encoding Rules in Authority Ranking

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- Rule 1: Highly ranked authors publish *many* papers in highly ranked conferences

$$\vec{r}_Y(j) = \sum_{i=1}^m W_{YX}(j, i) \vec{r}_X(i).$$

- Rule 2: Highly ranked conferences attract *many* papers from *many* highly ranked authors

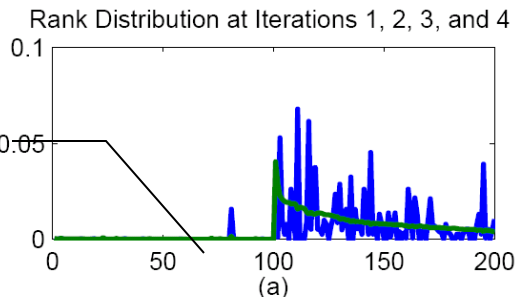
$$\vec{r}_X(i) = \sum_{j=1}^n W_{XY}(i, j) \vec{r}_Y(j)$$

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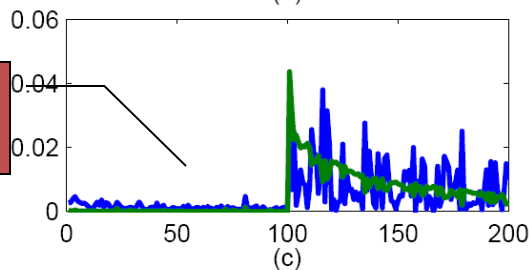
$$\vec{r}_Y(i) = \alpha \sum_{j=1}^m W_{YX}(i, j) \vec{r}_X(j) + (1 - \alpha) \sum_{j=1}^n W_{YY}(i, j) \vec{r}_Y(j)$$

# Step-by-Step Running of RankClus

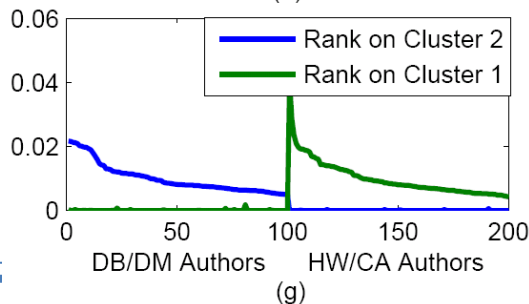
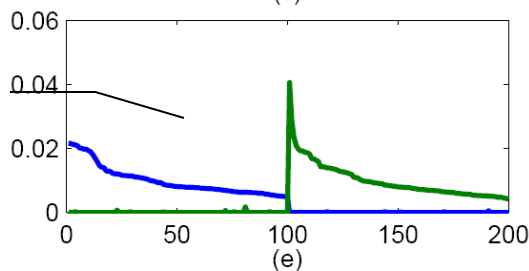
Initially, ranking distributions are mixed together



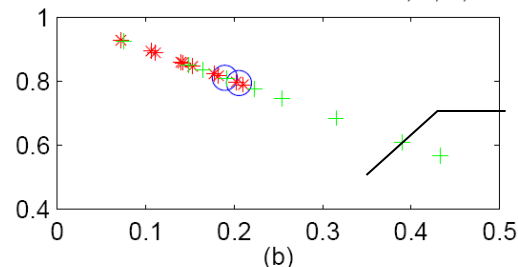
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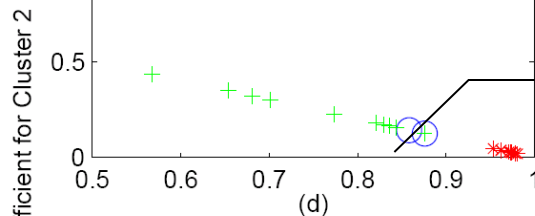
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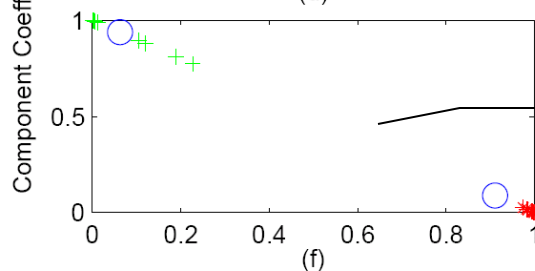
Scatter Plot for Conf. at Iterations 1, 2, 3, and 4



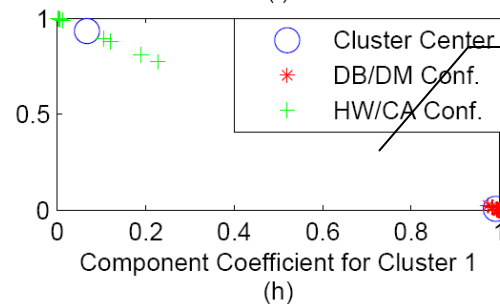
Two clusters of objects mixed together, but preserve similarity somehow



Two clusters are almost well separated



Well separated



Stable

# Case Study: Dataset: DBLP

- All the 2676 conferences and 20,000 authors with most publications, from the time period of year 1998 to year 2007
- Both conference-author relationships and co-author relationships are used
- K=15 (select only 5 clusters here)

**Table 5: Top-10 Conferences in 5 Clusters Using RANKCLUS**

	DB	Network	AI	Theory	IR
1	VLDB	INFOCOM	AAMAS	SODA	SIGIR
2	ICDE	SIGMETRICS	IJCAI	STOC	ACM Multimedia
3	SIGMOD	ICNP	AAAI	FOCS	CIKM
4	KDD	SIGCOMM	Agents	ICALP	TREC
5	ICDM	MOBICOM	AAAI/IAAI	CCC	JCDL
6	EDBT	ICDCS	ECAI	SPAA	CLEF
7	DASFAA	NETWORKING	RoboCup	PODC	WWW
8	PODS	MobiHoc	IAT	CRYPTO	ECDL
9	SSDBM	ISCC	ICMAS	APPROX-RANDOM	ECIR
10	SDM	SenSys	CP	EUROCRYPT	CIVR

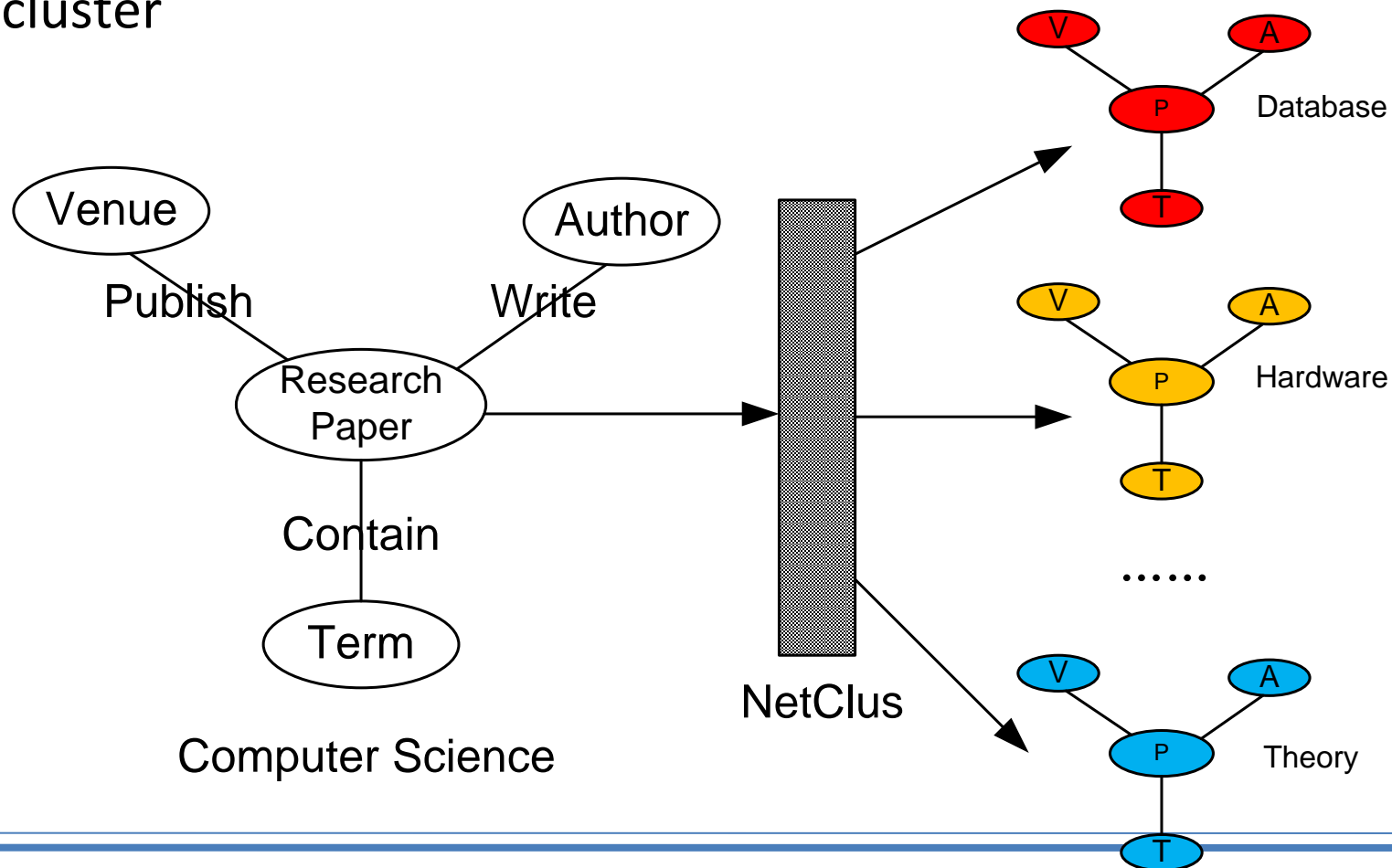
# Time Complexity: Linear to # of Links

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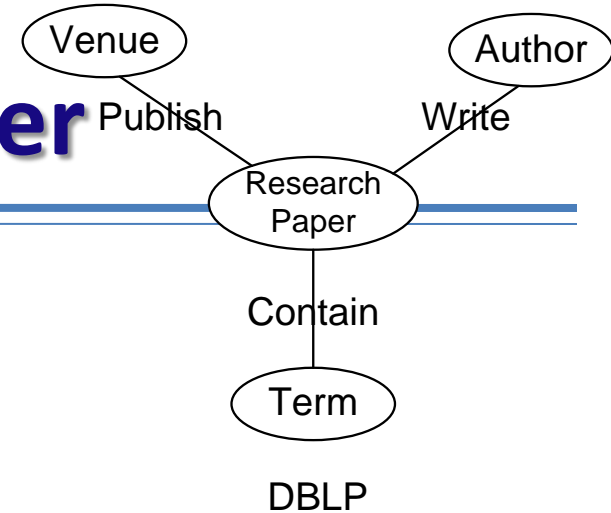
- At each iteration,  $|E|$ : edges in network,  $m$ : number of target objects,  $K$ : number of clusters
  - Ranking for sparse network
    - $\sim O(|E|)$
  - Mixture model estimation
    - $\sim O(K|E| + mK)$
  - Cluster adjustment
    - $\sim O(mK^2)$
- In all, linear to  $|E|$ 
  - $\sim O(K|E|)$
- Note: SimRank will be at least quadratic at each iteration since it evaluates distance between every pair in the network

# NetClus: Ranking & Clustering with Star Network Schema [KDD'09]

- Beyond bi-typed information network: A Star Network Schema
- Split a network into different layers, each representing by a net-cluster



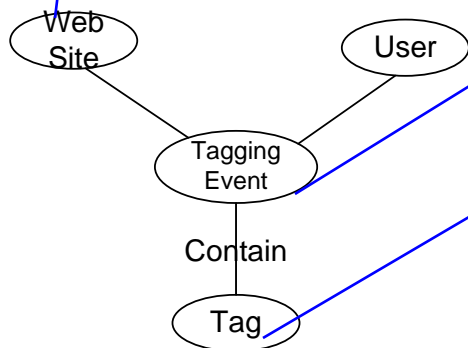
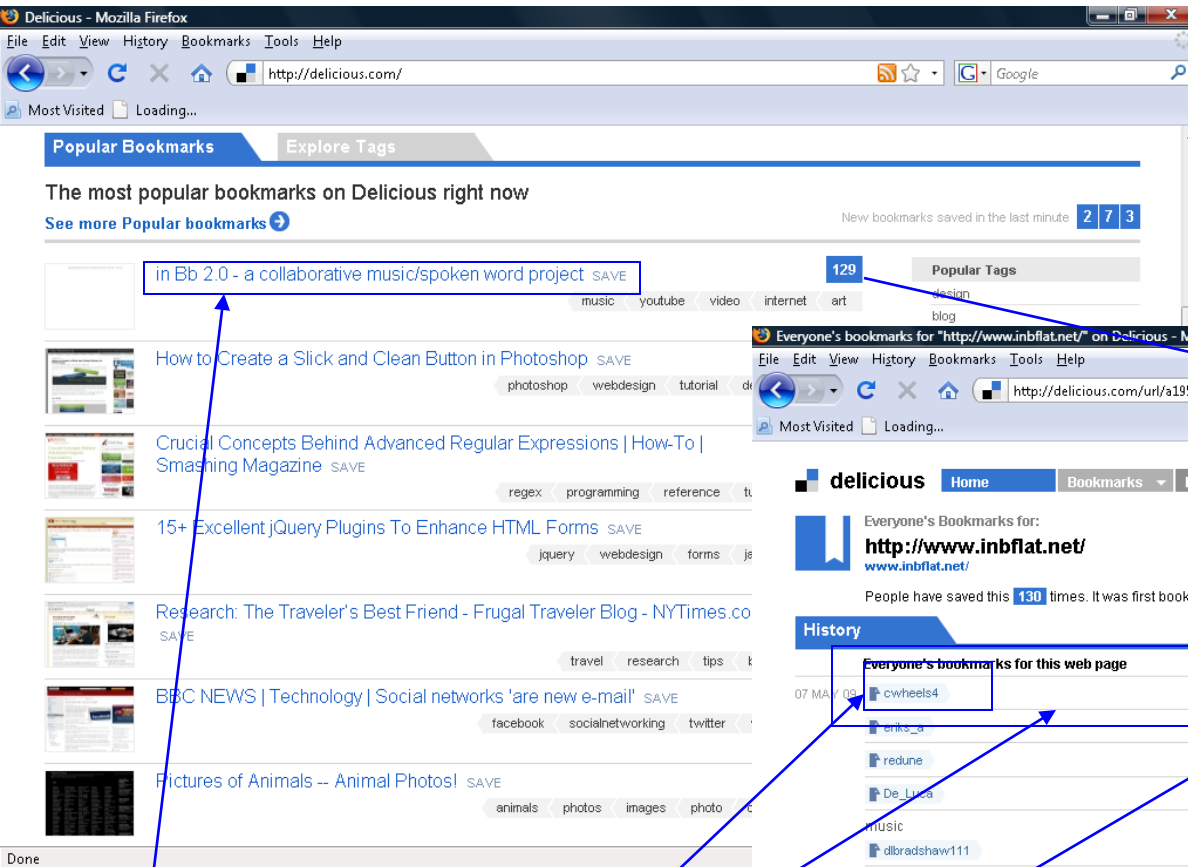
# StarNet: Schema & Net-Cluster



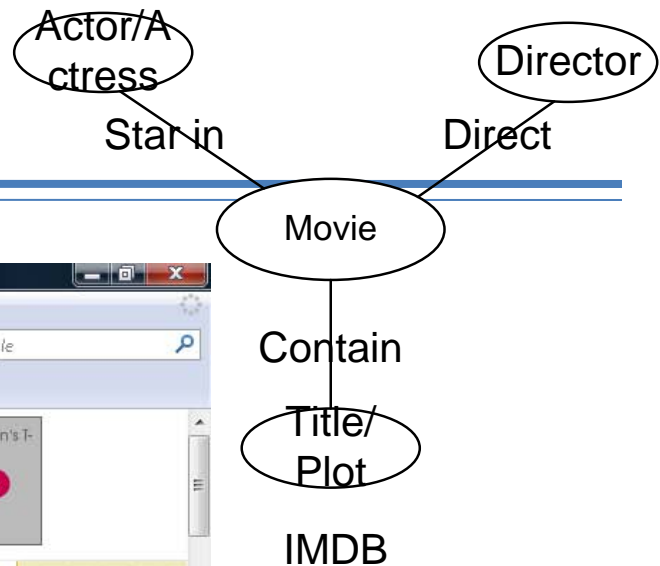
- Star Network Schema
  - **Center type:** Target type
    - E.g., a paper, a movie, a tagging event
    - A **center object** is a co-occurrence of a bag of different types of objects, which stands for a **multi-relation among different types of objects**
  - **Surrounding types:** Attribute (property) types
- NetCluster
  - Given a information network  $G$ , a net-cluster  $C$  contains two pieces of information:
    - Node set and link set as a sub-network of  $G$
    - Membership indicator for each node  $x$ :  $P(x \text{ in } C)$



# StarNet of Delicious.com



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# NetClus: Distinguishing Conferences

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# NetClus: Database System Cluster

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Jerome Simeon	0.0324529
Michael J. Carey	0.0288872
Sophie Chuet	0.0282911
Daniela Florescu	0.0241411
Sihem Amer-Yahia	0.0240869
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Ranking authors in XML

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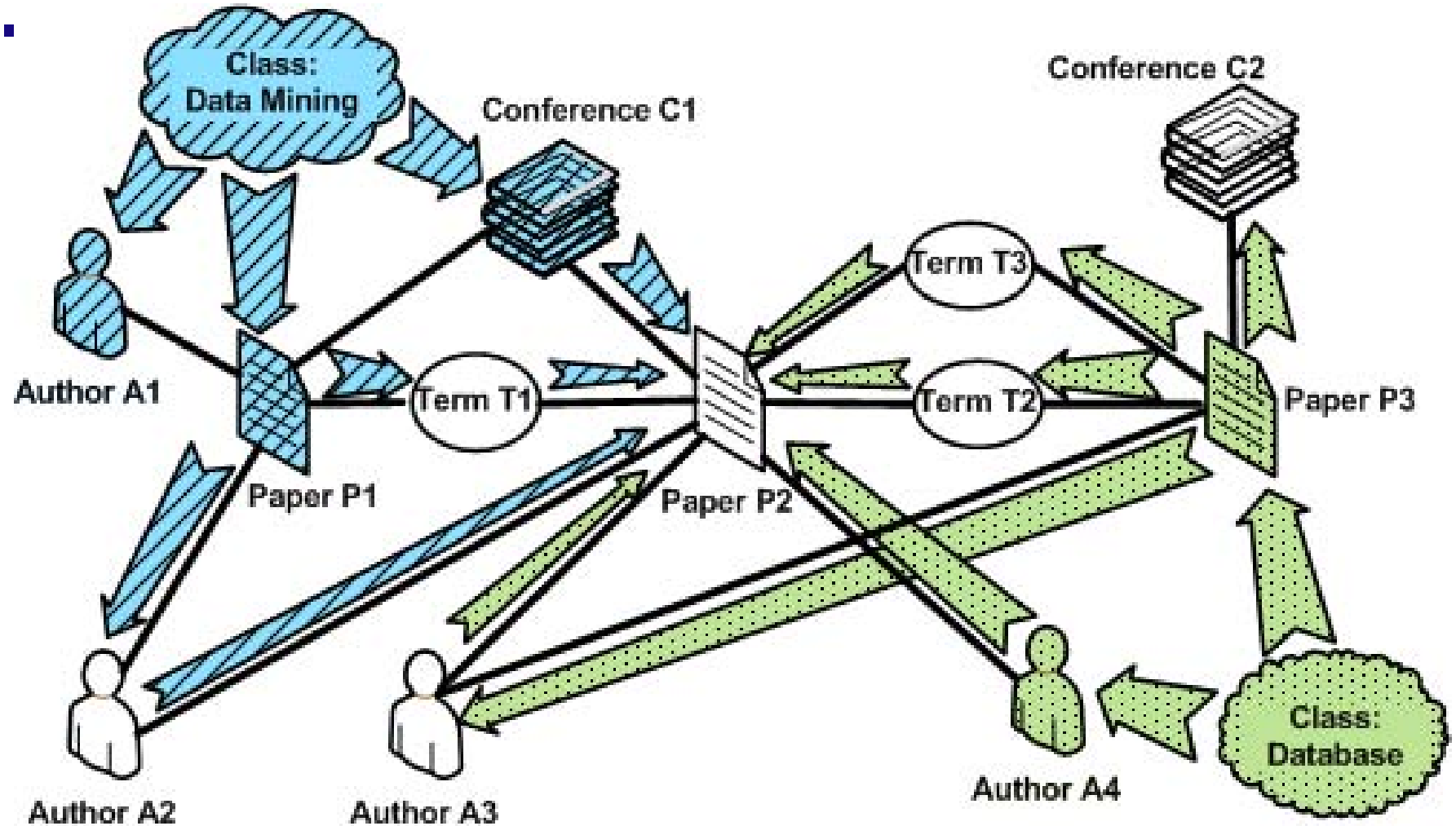
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# From RankClus to GNetMine & RankClass

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- ❑ **RankClus [EDBT'09]: Clustering and ranking working together**
  - ❑ No training, no available class labels, no expert knowledge
- ❑ **GNetMine [PKDD'10]: Incorp. prior knowledge in networks**
  - ❑ Classification in heterog. networks, but objects treated equally
- ❑ **RankClass [KDD'11 sub]: Integration of ranking and classification in heterogeneous network analysis**
  - ❑ Ranking: informative understanding & summary of each class
  - ❑ Class membership is critical information when ranking objects
  - ❑ Let ranking and classification mutually enhance each other!
  - ❑ Output: Classification results + ranking list of objects within each class

# Classification: Knowledge Propagation



# GNetMine: Methodology

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- ❑ M. Ji, et al., “Graph Regularized Transductive Classification on Heterogeneous Information Networks”, ECMLPKDD'10
- ❑ Classifying networked data: a ***knowledge propagation*** process
- ❑ Information is propagated from labeled objects to unlabeled ones through links until a stationary state is achieved
- ❑ A novel **graph-based regularization framework** to address the classification problem on heterogeneous information networks
- ❑ Respect the link type differences by preserving consistency over each relation graph corresponding to each type of links separately
  - ❑ Mathematical intuition: Consistency assumption
    - The confidence ( $f$ ) of two objects ( $x_{ip}$  and  $x_{jq}$ ) belonging to class  $k$  should be similar if  $x_{ip} \leftrightarrow x_{jq}$  ( $R_{ij,pq} > 0$ )
    - $f$  should be similar to the given ground truth

# GNetMine: Graph-Based Regularization

- Minimize the objective function

$$J(\mathbf{f}_1^{(k)}, \dots, \mathbf{f}_m^{(k)})$$

User preference: how much do you value this relationship / ground truth?

$$= \sum_{i,j=1}^m \lambda_{ij} \sum_{p=1}^{n_i} \sum_{q=1}^{n_j} R_{ij,pq} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{D_{ij,pp}}} f_{ip}^{(k)} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{D_{ji,qq}}} f_{jq}^{(k)} \right)^2$$

$$+ \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i (\mathbf{f}_i^{(k)} - \mathbf{y}_i^{(k)})^T (\mathbf{f}_i^{(k)} - \mathbf{y}_i^{(k)})$$

*Smoothness constraints:* objects linked together should share similar estimations of confidence belonging to class  $k$

Normalization term applied to each type of link separately:  
reduce the impact of popularity of nodes

Confidence estimation on labeled data and their pre-given labels should be similar

# Experiments on DBLP

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- ❑ Class: Four research areas (communities)
  - Database, data mining, AI, information retrieval
- ❑ Four types of objects
  - Paper (14376), Conf. (20), Author (14475), Term (8920)
- ❑ Three types of relations
  - Paper-conf., paper-author, paper-term
- ❑ Algorithms for comparison
  - Learning with Local and Global Consistency (LLGC) [Zhou et al. NIPS 2003] – also the homogeneous version of our method
  - Weighted-vote Relational Neighbor classifier (wvRN) [Macskassy et al. JMLR 2007]
  - Network-only Link-based Classification (nLB) [Lu et al. ICML 2003, Macskassy et al. JMLR 2007]

# Performance Study on the DBLP Data Set

Table 3: Comparison of classification accuracy on authors (%)

( $a\%$ , $p\%$ ) of authors and papers labeled	nLB (A-A)	nLB (A-C-P-T)	wvRN (A-A)	wvRN (A-C-P-T)	LLGC (A-A)	LLGC (A-C-P-T)	GNetMine (A-C-P-T)	RankClass (A-C-P-T)
(0.1%, 0.1%)	25.4	26.0	40.8	34.1	41.4	61.3	82.9	<b>83.9</b>
(0.2%, 0.2%)	28.3	26.0	46.0	41.2	44.7	62.2	83.4	<b>85.6</b>
(0.3%, 0.3%)	28.4	27.4	48.6	42.5	48.8	65.7	86.7	<b>88.3</b>
(0.4%, 0.4%)	30.7	26.7	46.3	45.6	48.7	66.0	87.2	<b>88.8</b>
(0.5%, 0.5%)	29.8	27.3	49.0	51.4	50.6	68.9	87.5	<b>89.2</b>
average	28.5	26.7	46.3	43.0	46.8	64.8	85.5	<b>87.2</b>

Table 4: Comparison of classification accuracy on papers (%)

( $a\%$ , $p\%$ ) of authors and papers labeled	nLB (P-P)	nLB (A-C-P-T)	wvRN (P-P)	wvRN (A-C-P-T)	LLGC (P-P)	LLGC (A-C-P-T)	GNetMine (A-C-P-T)	RankClass (A-C-P-T)
(0.1%, 0.1%)	49.8	31.5	62.0	42.0	67.2	62.7	<b>79.2</b>	77.7
(0.2%, 0.2%)	73.1	40.3	71.7	49.7	72.8	65.5	<b>83.5</b>	83.0
(0.3%, 0.3%)	77.9	35.4	77.9	54.3	76.8	66.6	83.2	<b>83.6</b>
(0.4%, 0.4%)	79.1	38.6	78.1	54.4	77.9	70.5	83.7	<b>84.7</b>
(0.5%, 0.5%)	80.7	39.3	77.9	53.5	79.0	73.5	84.1	<b>84.8</b>
average	72.1	37.0	73.5	50.8	74.7	67.8	82.7	<b>82.8</b>

Table 5: Comparison of classification accuracy on conferences (%)

( $a\%$ , $p\%$ ) of authors and papers labeled	nLB (A-C-P-T)	wvRN (A-C-P-T)	LLGC (A-C-P-T)	GNetMine (A-C-P-T)	RankClass (A-C-P-T)
(0.1%, 0.1%)	25.5	43.5	79.0	81.0	<b>84.5</b>
(0.2%, 0.2%)	22.5	56.0	83.5	85.0	<b>85.5</b>
(0.3%, 0.3%)	25.0	59.0	<b>87.0</b>	<b>87.0</b>	<b>87.0</b>
(0.4%, 0.4%)	25.0	57.0	86.5	89.5	<b>90.5</b>
(0.5%, 0.5%)	25.0	68.0	90.0	94.0	<b>95.0</b>
average	24.6	56.7	85.2	87.3	<b>88.5</b>


# Experiments with Very Small Training Set

- ❑ DBLP: 4-fields data set (DB, DM, AI, IR) forming a heterog. info. network
- ❑ Rank objects within each class (with extremely limited label information)
- ❑ Obtain High classification accuracy and excellent rankings within each class

	Database	Data Mining	AI	IR
Top-5 ranked conferences	VLDB	KDD	IJCAI	SIGIR
	SIGMOD	SDM	AAAI	ECIR
	ICDE	ICDM	ICML	CIKM
	PODS	PKDD	CVPR	WWW
	EDBT	PAKDD	ECML	WSDM
Top-5 ranked terms	data	mining	learning	retrieval
	database	data	knowledge	information
	query	clustering	reasoning	web
	system	classification	logic	search
	xml	frequent	cognition	text

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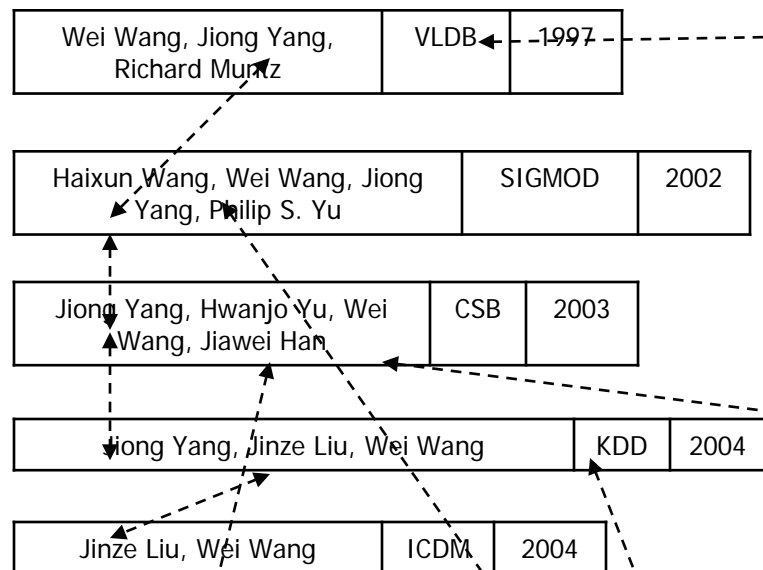
# Data Cleaning by Link Analysis

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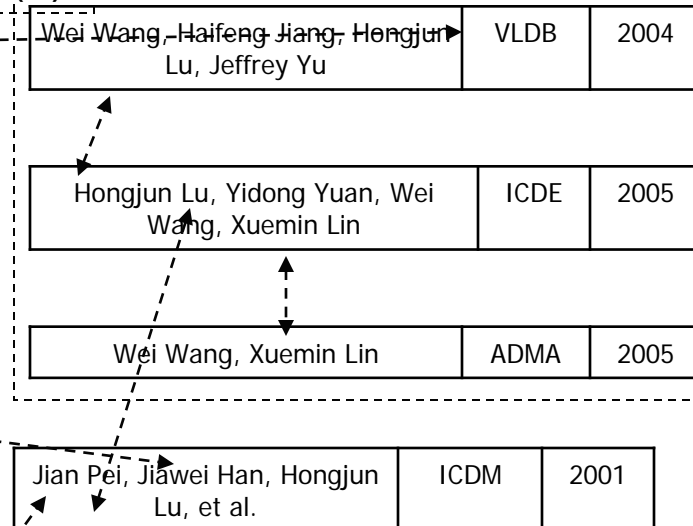
- Object reconciliation vs. object distinction as data cleaning tasks
- Link analysis may take advantages of redundancy and make facilitate entity cross-checking and validation
- Object distinction: Different people/objects do share names
  - In AllMusic.com, 72 songs and 3 albums named “Forgotten” or “The Forgotten”
  - In DBLP, 141 papers are written by at least 14 “Wei Wang”
- New challenges of object distinction:
  - Textual similarity cannot be used
- Distinct: Object distinction by information network analysis
  - X. Yin, J. Han, and P. S. Yu, “Object Distinction: Distinguishing Objects with Identical Names by Link Analysis”, ICDE'07

# Entity Distinction: The “Wei Wang” Challenge in DBLP

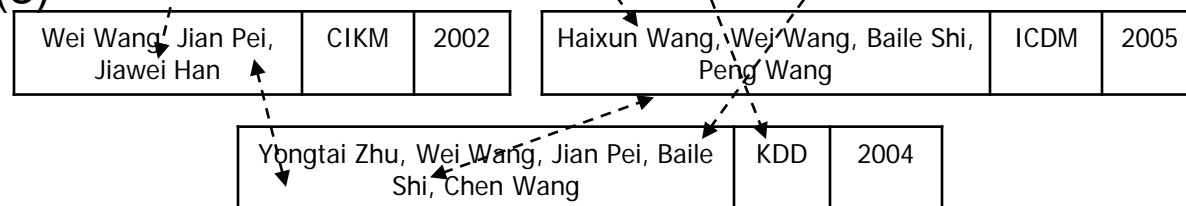
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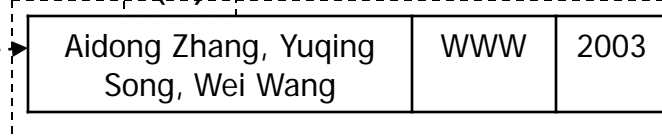
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(1) Wei Wang at UNC

(3) Wei Wang at Fudan Univ., China

(2) Wei Wang at UNSW, Australia

(4) Wei Wang at SUNY Buffalo

# DISTINCT: Distinguish Objects w. Identical Names

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- Measure similarity between references
  - Link-based similarity: Linkages between references
    - References to the same object are more likely to be connected (Using random walk probability)
  - Neighborhood similarity
    - Neighbor tuples of each reference can indicate similarity between their contexts
- **Self-boosting: Training using the “same” bulky data set**
- Reference-based clustering
  - Group references according to their similarities
  - *Use average neighborhood similarity and collective random walk probability*

# Training with the “Same” Data Set

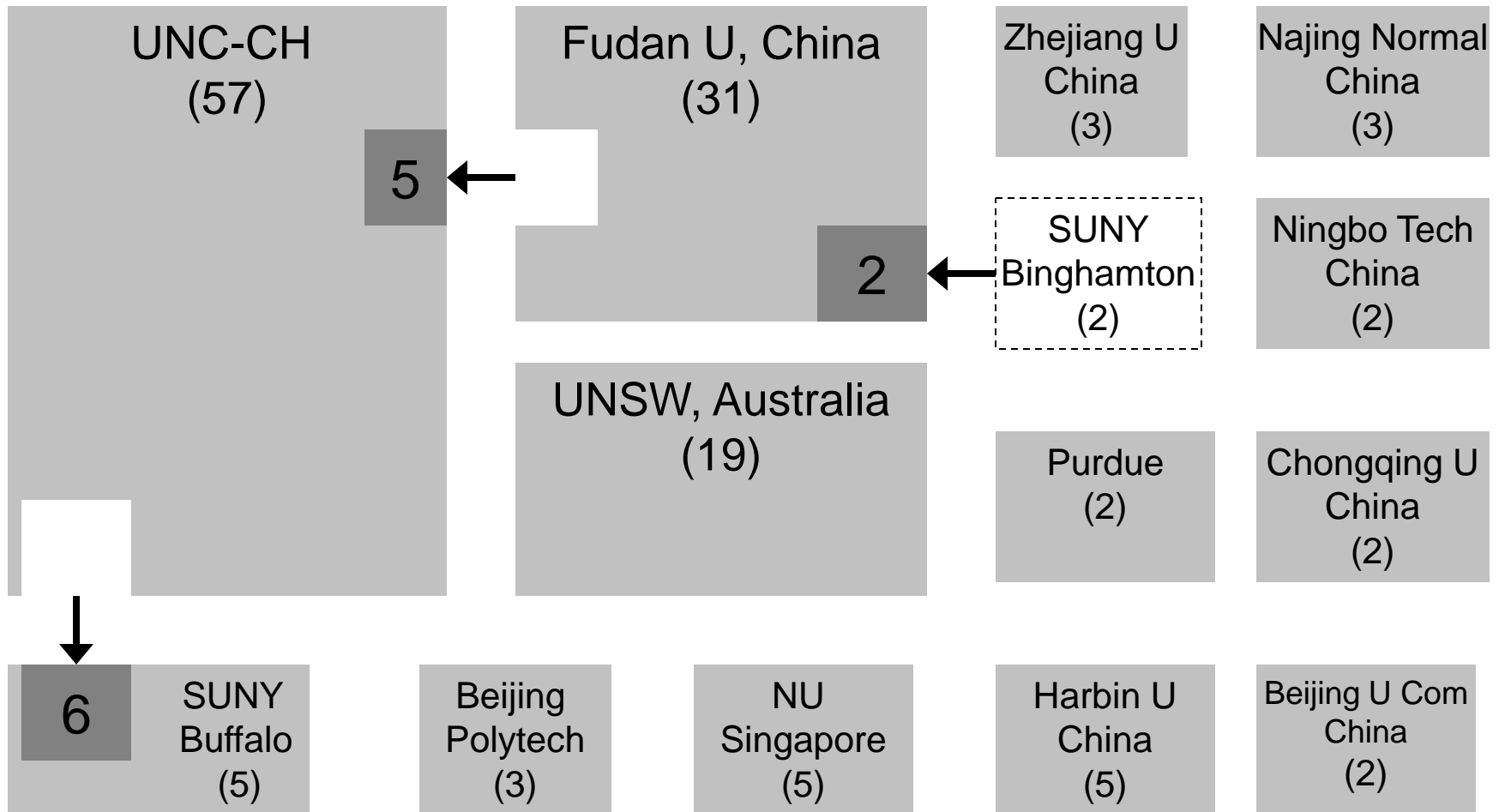
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- Build a training set automatically
  - Select distinct names, e.g., Johannes Gehrke
  - The collaboration behavior within the same community share some similarity
  - Training parameters using a typical and large set of “unambiguous” examples
- Use SVM to learn a model for combining different join paths
  - Each join path is used as two attributes (with link-based similarity and neighborhood similarity)
  - The model is a weighted sum of all attributes

# Real Cases: DBLP Popular Names


<i>Name</i>	<i>Num_authors</i>	<i>Num_refs</i>	<i>accuracy</i>	<i>precision</i>	<i>recall</i>	<i>f-measure</i>
Hui Fang	3	9	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Ajay Gupta	4	16	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Joseph Hellerstein	2	151	0.81	1.0	0.81	0.895
Rakesh Kumar	2	36	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Michael Wagner	5	29	0.395	1.0	0.395	0.566
Bing Liu	6	89	0.825	1.0	0.825	0.904
Jim Smith	3	19	0.829	0.888	0.926	0.906
Lei Wang	13	55	0.863	0.92	0.932	0.926
Wei Wang	14	141	0.716	0.855	0.814	0.834
Bin Yu	5	44	0.658	1.0	0.658	0.794
<i>Average</i>			0.81	0.966	0.836	0.883

# Distinguishing Different “Wei Wang”s



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# Truth Validation by Info. Network Analysis

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- The trustworthiness problem of the web (according to a survey):
  - 54% of Internet users trust news web sites most of time
  - 26% for web sites that sell products
  - 12% for blogs
- TruthFinder: Truth discovery on the Web by link analysis
  - Among multiple conflict results, can we automatically identify which one is likely the true fact?
- Veracity (conformity to truth):
  - Given conflicting information provided by multiple web sites, how to discover the true fact about each object?
- X. Yin, J. Han, P. S. Yu, “Truth Discovery with Multiple Conflicting Information Providers on the Web”, TKDE’08

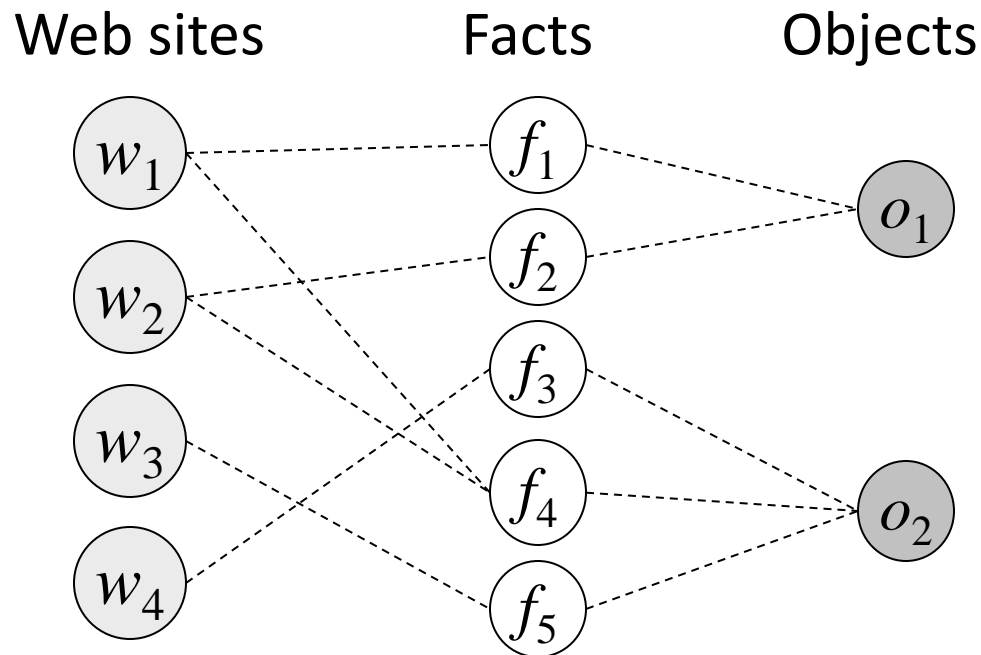
# Conflicting Information on the Web

- Different websites often provide conflicting info. on a subject, e.g., Authors of *“Rapid Contextual Design”*

<b>Online Store</b>	<b>Authors</b>
Powell's books	Holtzblatt, Karen
Barnes & Noble	Karen Holtzblatt, Jessamyn Wendell, Shelley Wood
A1 Books	Karen Holtzblatt, Jessamyn Burns Wendell, Shelley Wood
Cornwall books	Holtzblatt-Karen, Wendell-Jessamyn Burns, Wood
Mellon's books	Wendell, Jessamyn
Lakeside books	WENDELL, JESSAMYNHOLTZBLATT, KARENWOOD, SHELLEY
Blackwell online	Wendell, Jessamyn, Holtzblatt, Karen, Wood, Shelley

# Our Setting: Info. Network Analysis

- Each object has a set of ***conflictive*** facts
  - E.g., different author names for a book
- And each web site provides some facts
- How to find the true fact for each object?



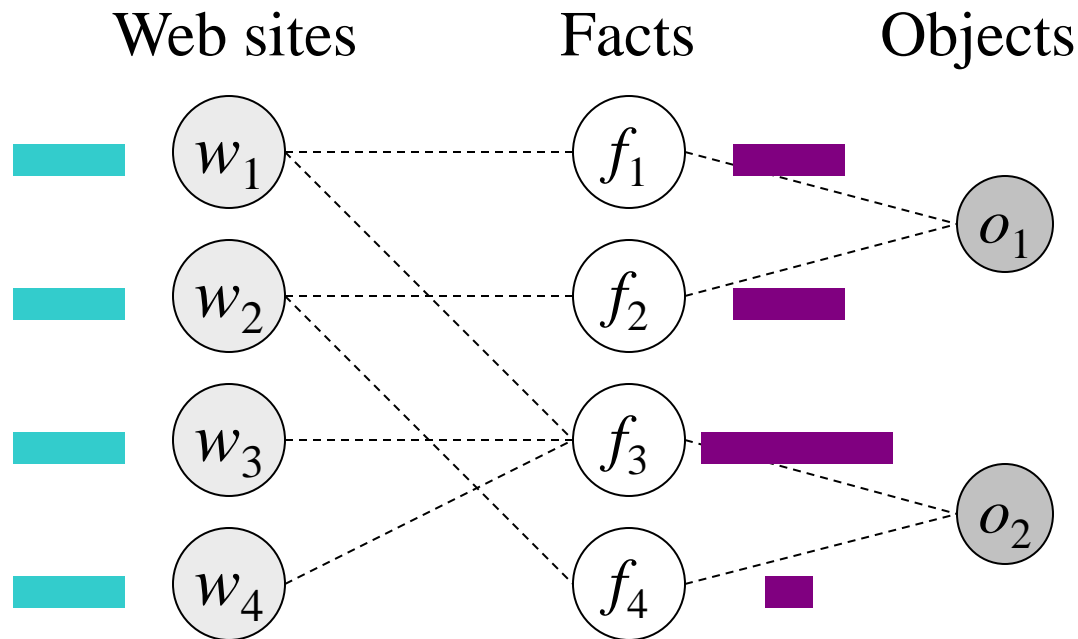
# Basic Heuristics for Problem Solving

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1. There is usually **only one true fact** for a property of an object
2. This true fact **appears to be the same or similar** on different web sites
  - E.g., “Jennifer Widom” vs. “J. Widom”
3. **The false facts on different web sites are less likely to be the same or similar**
  - False facts are often introduced by random factors
4. **A web site that provides mostly true facts for many objects will likely provide true facts for other objects**

# Inference on Trustworthiness

- Inference of web site trustworthiness & fact confidence



- True facts and trustable web sites will become apparent after some iterations

# TruthFinder: Iterative Mutual Enhancement

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- *Confidence of facts*  $\leftrightarrow$  *Trustworthiness of web info providers*
  - A fact has *high confidence* if it is provided by (many) trustworthy web sites
  - A web info provider is *trustworthy* if it provides many facts with high confidence
- TruthFinder mechanism:
  - Initially, each web site is equally trustworthy
  - Based on the above four heuristics, infer fact confidence from web site trustworthiness, and then backwards
  - Repeat until achieving stable state

# Computational Model: $t(w)$ and $s(f)$

- The trustworthiness of a web site  $w$ :  $t(w)$ 
  - Average confidence of facts it provides

$$t(w) = \frac{\sum_{f \in F(w)} s(f)}{|F(w)|}$$

*Sum of fact confidence* (points to the numerator)

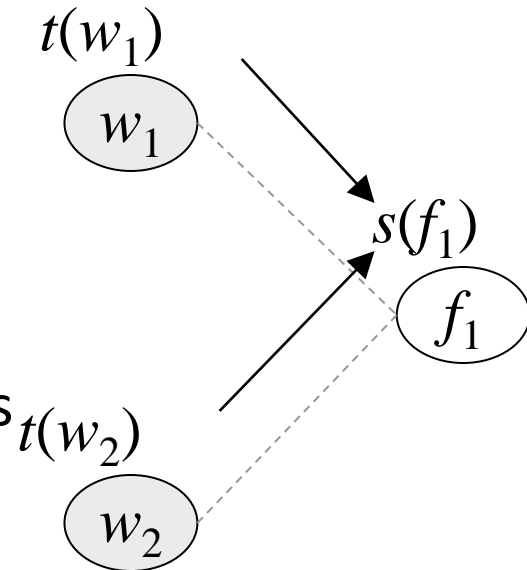
*Set of facts provided by  $w$*  (points to the denominator)

- The confidence of a fact  $f$ :  $s(f)$ 
  - One minus the probability that all web sites providing  $f$  are wrong

$$s(f) = 1 - \prod_{w \in W(f)} (1 - t(w))$$

*Probability that  $w$  is wrong* (points to  $1 - t(w)$ )

*Set of websites providing  $f$*  (points to the product set  $W(f)$ )



# Experiments: Finding Truth of Facts

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- Determining authors of books
  - Dataset contains 1265 books listed on abebooks.com
  - We analyze 100 random books (using book images)

Case	<i>Voting</i>	<i>TruthFinder</i>	<i>Barnes &amp; Noble</i>
Correct	71	85	64
Miss author(s)	12	2	4
Incomplete names	18	5	6
Wrong first/middle names	1	1	3
Has redundant names	0	2	23
Add incorrect names	1	5	5
No information	0	0	2

# Experiments: Trustable Info Providers

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- Finding trustworthy information sources
  - Most trustworthy bookstores found by TruthFinder vs. Top ranked bookstores by Google (query “bookstore”)

## TruthFinder


Bookstore	<i>trustworthiness</i>	<i>#book</i>	<i>Accuracy</i>
TheSaintBookstore	0.971	28	0.959
MildredsBooks	0.969	10	1.0
Alphacraze.com	0.968	13	0.947

## Google

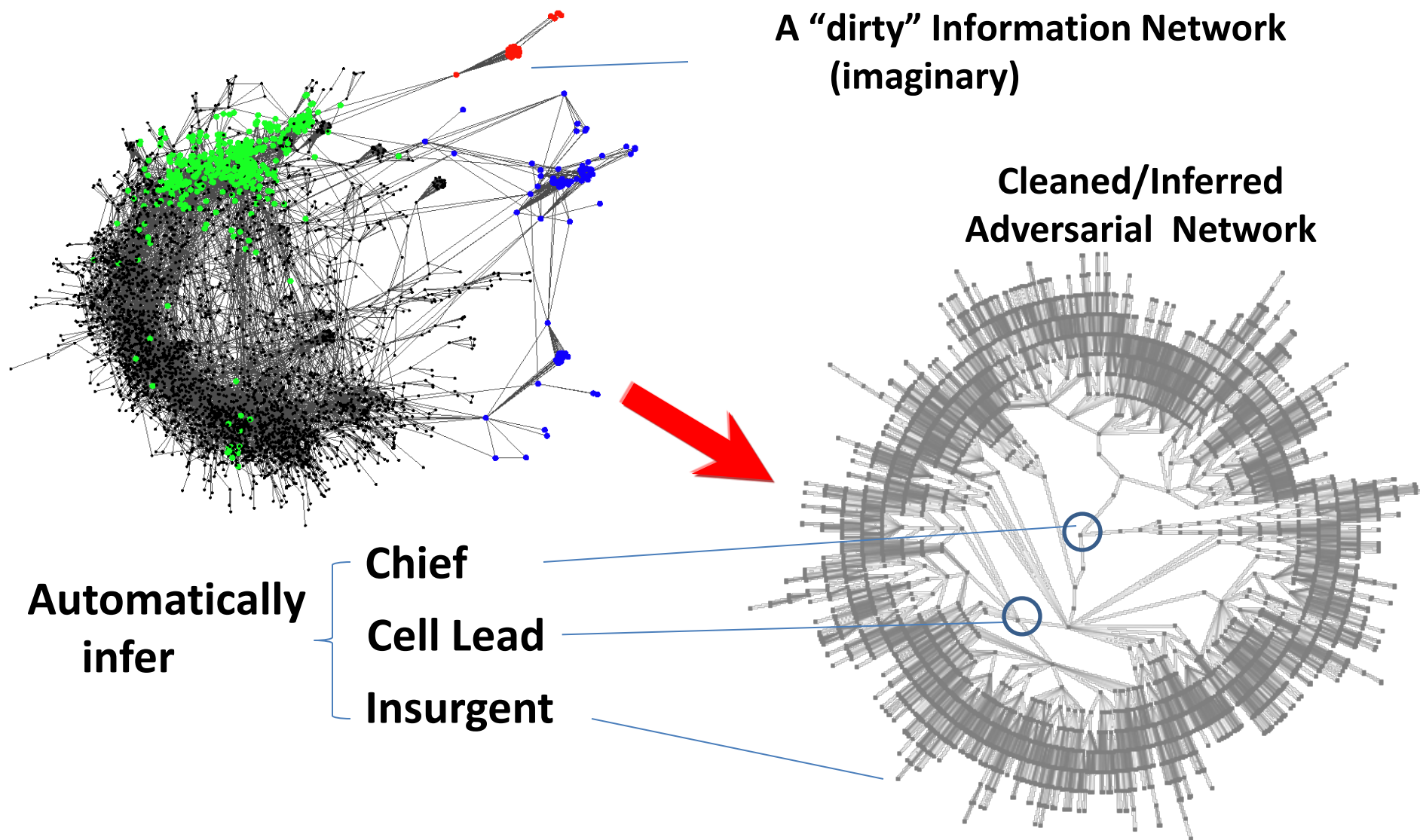
Bookstore	<i>Google rank</i>	<i>#book</i>	<i>Accuracy</i>
Barnes & Noble	1	97	0.865
Powell’s books	3	42	0.654

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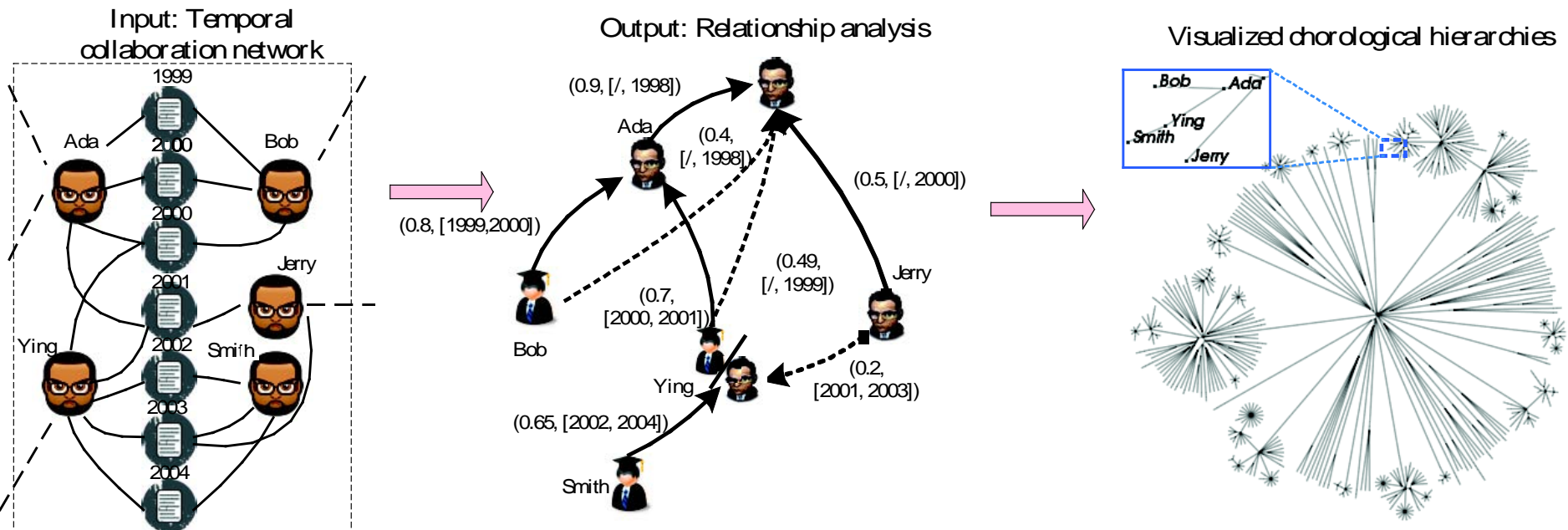
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# Role Discovery in Network: Why Does It Matter?

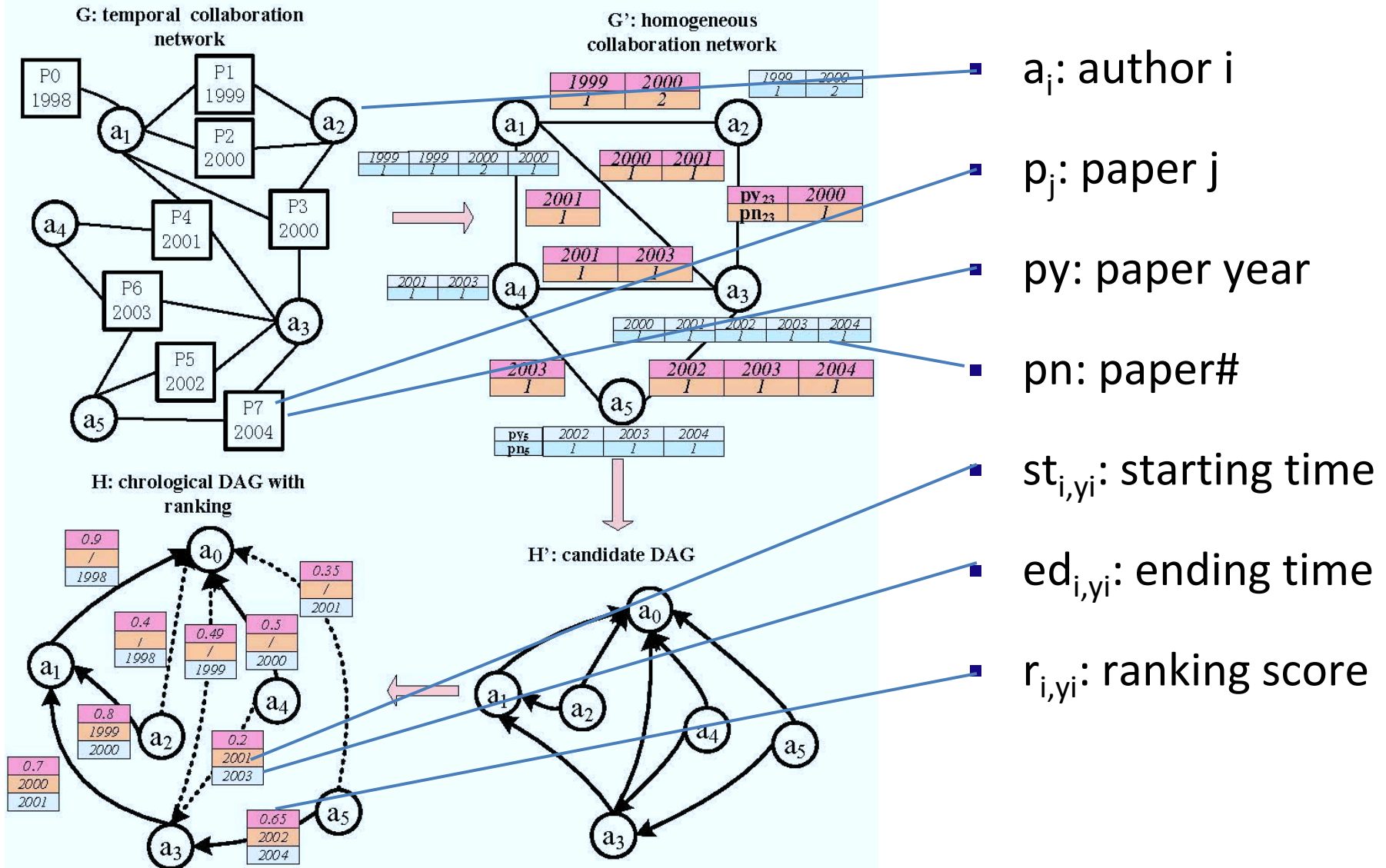


# Discovery of Advisor-Advisee Relationships in DBLP Network

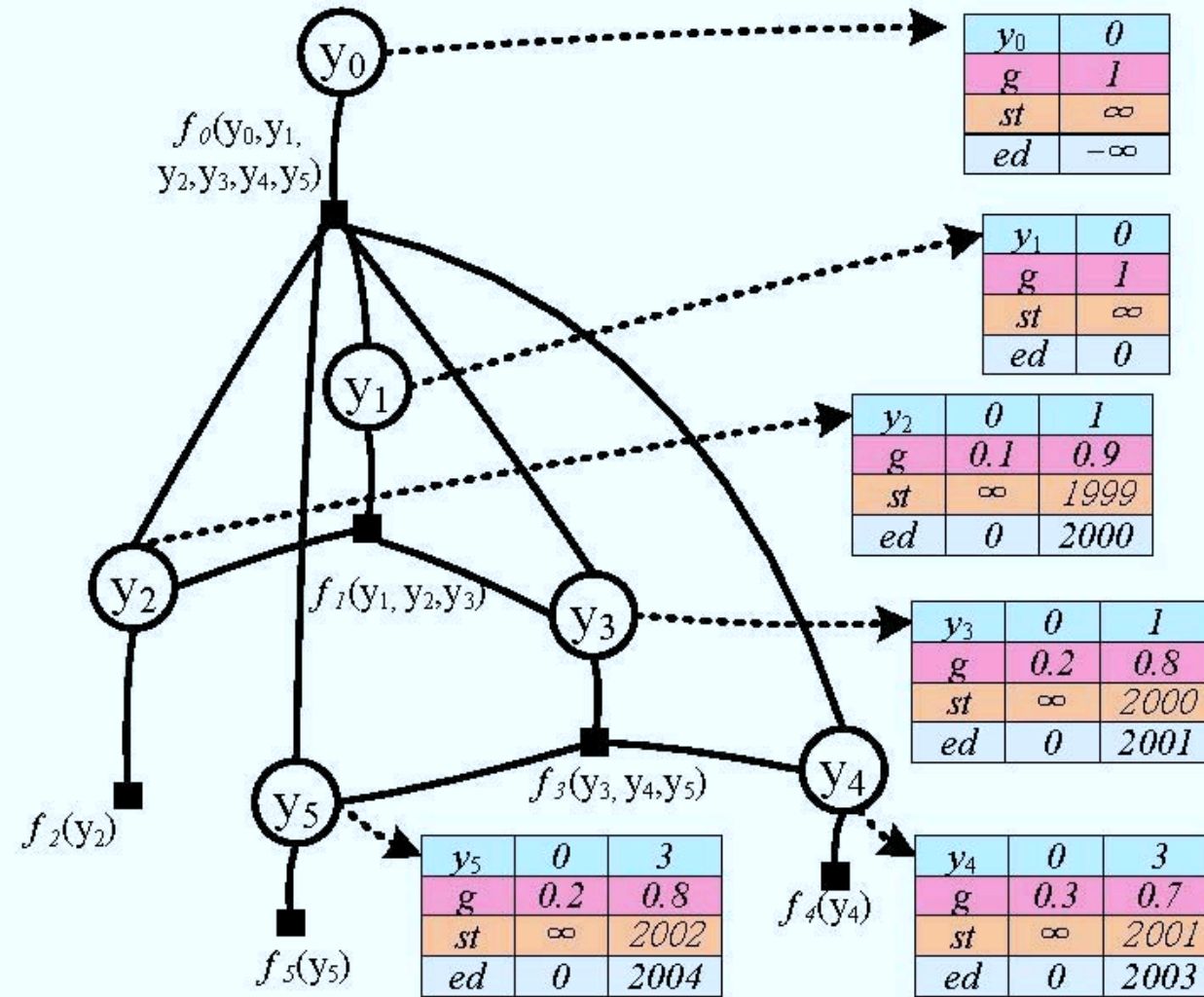
- Input: DBLP research publication network
- Output: Potential advising relationship and its ranking  $(r, [st, ed])$
- C. Wang, J. Han, et al., “Mining Advisor-Advisee Relationships from Research Publication Networks”, KDD 2010



# Overall Framework



# Time-Constrained Probabilistic Factor Graph (TPFG)

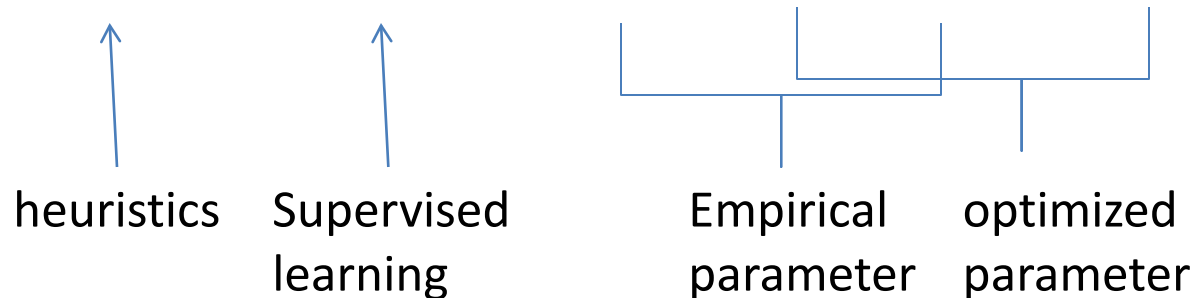


- $y_x$ :  $a_x$ 's advisor
- $st_{x,yx}$ : starting time  
 $ed_{x,yx}$ : ending time
- $g(y_x, st_x, ed_x)$  is predefined local feature
- $f_x(y_x, Z_x) = \max g(y_x, st_x, ed_x)$  under time constraint
- Objective function  $P(\{y_x\}) = \prod_x f_x(y_x, Z)$
- $Z = \{z \mid x \in Y_z\}$
- $Y_x$ : set of potential advisors of  $a_x$

# Experiment Results

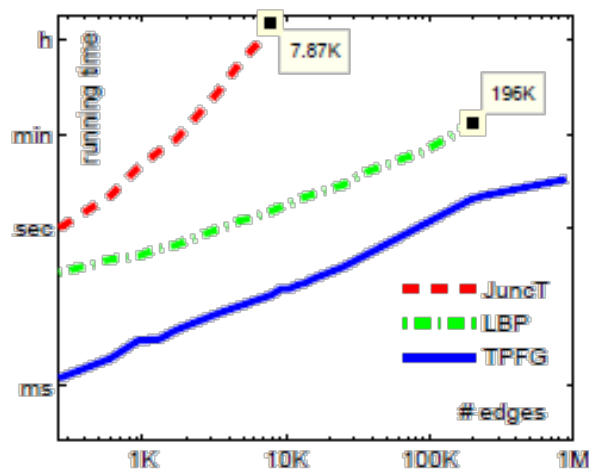
- DBLP data: 654, 628 authors, 1076,946 publications, years provided
- Labeled data: MathGeology Project; AI Geology Project; Homepage

Datasets	RULE	SVM	IndMAX		TPFG	
TEST1	69.9%	73.4%	75.2%	78.9%	80.2%	<b>84.4%</b>
TEST2	69.8%	74.6%	74.6%	79.0%	81.5%	<b>84.3%</b>
TEST3	80.6%	86.7%	83.1%	90.9%	88.8%	<b>91.3%</b>

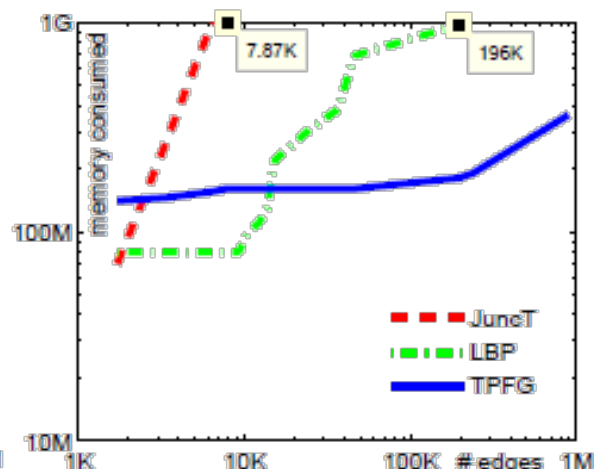


# Case Study & Scalability

Advisee	Top Ranked Advisor	Time	Note
David M. Blei	1. Michael I. Jordan	01-03	PhD advisor, 2004 grad
	2. John D. Lafferty	05-06	Postdoc, 2006
Hong Cheng	1. Qiang Yang	02-03	MS advisor, 2003
	2. Jiawei Han	04-08	PhD advisor, 2008
Sergey Brin	1. Rajeev Motawani	97-98	“Unofficial advisor”




(a) Time



(b) Space

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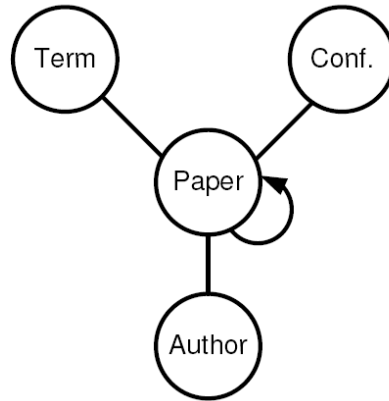
# Finding Similar Objects in Networks

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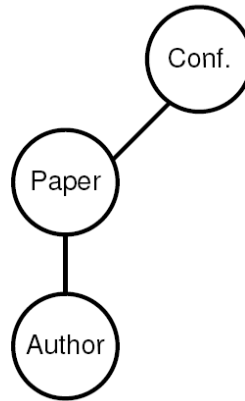
- Y. Sun et al, “[PathSim: Meta Path-Based Top-K Similarity Search in Heterogeneous Information Networks](#)”, VLDB'11
- Search top-k similar objects of the same type in a network
  - Find researchers most similar with “Christos Faloutsos”?
- Feature space
  - Traditional data: attributes denoted as numerical (or categorical) value set or vector
  - Network data: A relation sequence called “**meta path**”
- Measure defined on the feature space
  - Cosine, Euclidean distance, Jaccard coefficient, etc.
  - **PathSim**:  $s(i, j) = 2M_p(i, j) / (M_p(i, i) + M_p(j, j))$ 
    - $M_p(i, j)$ : Matrix corresp. to a meta-path from object i to j

# Meta-Path for DBLP Queries

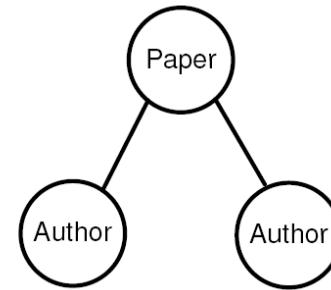
- Meta-Path: A path of InfoNet attributes, e.g., APC, APA
- Who are most similar to Christos Faloutsos?



(a) InfoNet Schema



(b) Path Schema: APC/CPA



(c) Path Schema: APA

(a) Path: *APA*

Rank	Author	Score
1	Christos Faloutsos	1
2	Spiros Papadimitriou	0.127
3	Jimeng Sun	0.12
4	Jia-Yu Pan	0.114
5	Agma J. M. Traina	0.110
6	Jure Leskovec	0.096
7	Caetano Traina Jr.	0.096
8	Hanghang Tong	0.091
9	Deepayan Chakrabarti	0.083
10	Flip Korn	0.053

(b) Path: *APCPA*

Rank	Author	Score
1	Christos Faloutsos	1
2	Jiawei Han	0.842
3	Rakesh Agrawal	0.838
4	Jian Pei	0.8
5	Charu C. Aggarwal	0.739
6	H. V. Jagadish	0.705
7	Raghu Ramakrishnan	0.697
8	Nick Koudas	0.689
9	Surajit Chaudhuri	0.677
10	Divesh Srivastava	0.661

# Flickr: Which Pictures Are Most Similar?

- Some path schema leads to similarity closer to human intuition
- But some others are not

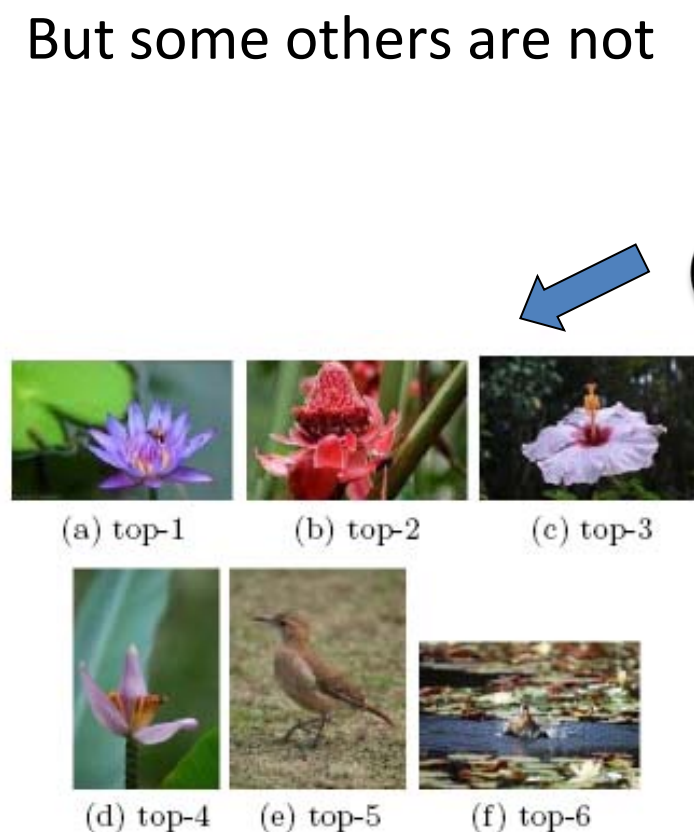


Figure 5: Top-6 images in Flickr network under path schema *ITI*

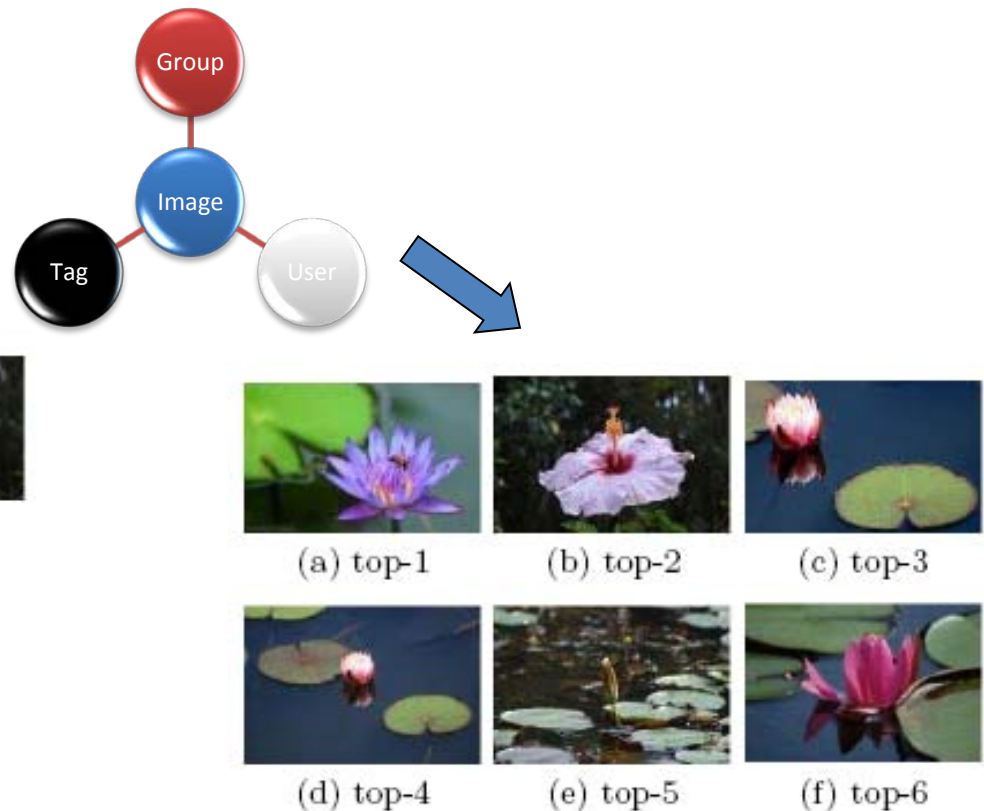



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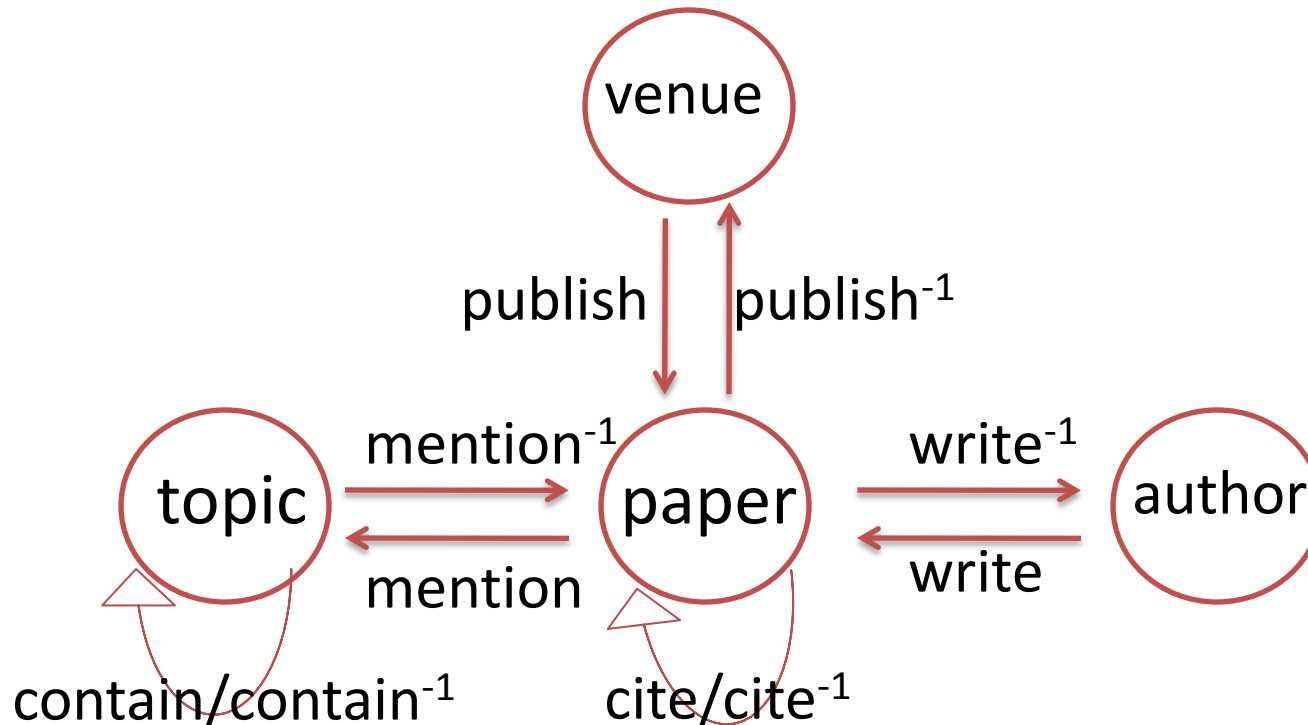
# Relationship Prediction in Heterogeneous Info Networks

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- Why Prediction of Co-Author Relationship in DBLP?
  - Prediction of relationships between different types of nodes in heterogeneous networks, e.g., what papers should he writes?
- Traditional link prediction
  - Studies on homogeneous networks
  - E.g., co-author networks in DBLP, friendship networks (e.g., facebook)
- Relationship prediction
  - Study the roles of topological features in heterogeneous networks in predicting the co-author relationship building
- Y. Sun, et al., "Co-Author Relationship Prediction in Heterog. Bibliographic Networks", Int. Conf. on Advances in Social Network Analysis and Mining (ASONAM'11), July 2011

# Guidance: Meta Path in Bibliographic Network

- Schema of object type relationships in a bibliographic Networks
- Underneath structure: A directed graph
- Relationship prediction: meta path-guided prediction



# Meta Path-Guided Relationship Prediction

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- Meta path relationships among similar typed links share similar semantics and are comparable and inferable
- Relationship across different typed links are not directly comparable but their collective behavior will help predicting particular relationships
- Example: Co-author prediction: Predict whether two existing authors will build a relationship in the future following the relation encoded by a meta path:

$$A \xrightarrow{\text{write}} P \xrightarrow{\text{write}^{-1}} A$$

- Using topological features also encoded by meta paths:
  - E.g., citation relations between authors

$$A \xrightarrow{\text{write}} P \xrightarrow{\text{cite}} P \xrightarrow{\text{write}^{-1}} A$$

# Meta-Paths & Their Prediction Power

- List all the meta-paths in bibliographic network up to length 4

Meta Path	Semantic Meaning of the Relation
$A - P - A$	$a_i$ and $a_j$ are coauthors (the target relation)
$A - P \rightarrow P - A$	$a_i$ cites $a_j$
$A - P \leftarrow P - A$	$a_i$ is cited by $a_j$
$A - P - V - P - A$	$a_i$ and $a_j$ publish in the same venues
$A - P - A - P - A$	$a_i$ and $a_j$ are co-authors of the same authors
$A - P - T - P - A$	$a_i$ and $a_j$ write the same topics
$A - P \rightarrow P \rightarrow P - A$	$a_i$ cites papers that cite $a_j$
$A - P \leftarrow P \leftarrow P - A$	$a_i$ is cited by papers that are cited by $a_j$
$A - P \rightarrow P \leftarrow P - A$	$a_i$ and $a_j$ cite the same papers
$A - P \leftarrow P \rightarrow P - A$	$a_i$ and $a_j$ are cited by the same papers

- Investigate their respective power for coauthor relationship prediction
  - Which meta-path has more prediction power?
  - How to combine them to achieve the best quality of prediction

# Selection among Competitive Measures

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4 measures that defines a relationship  $R$  encoded by a meta path

- Path Count: #path instances between authors following  $R$

$$PC_R(a_i, a_j)$$

- Normalized Path Count: Normalize path count following  $R$  by the “degree” of authors

$$NPC_R(a_i, a_j) = \frac{PC_R(a_i, a_j) + PC_{R^{-1}}(a_j, a_i)}{PC_R(a_i, \cdot) + PC_R(\cdot, a_j)}$$

- Random Walk: Consider one way random walk following  $R$

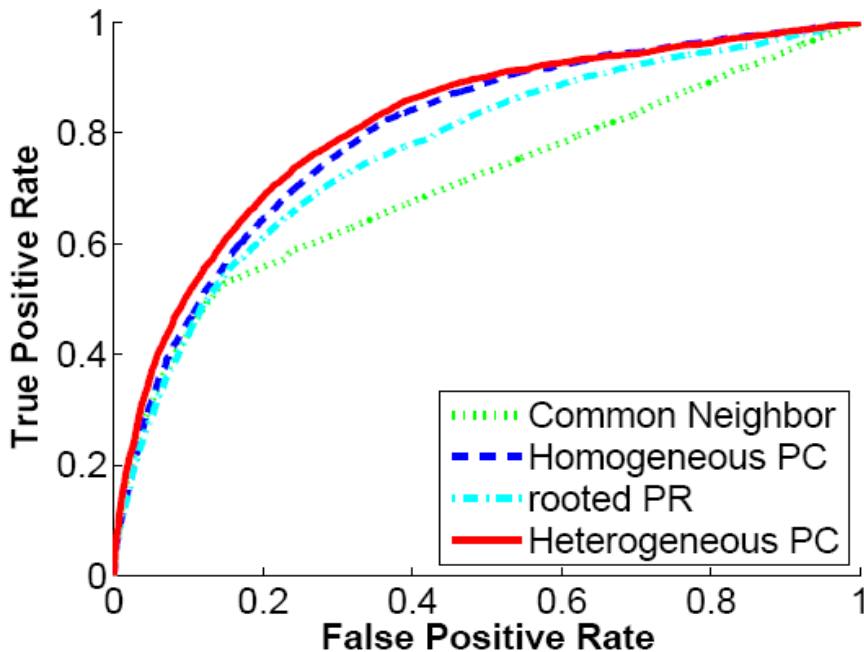
$$RW_R(a_i, a_j) = \frac{PC_R(a_i, a_j)}{PC_R(a_i, \cdot)}$$

- Symmetric Random Walk: Consider random walk in both directions

$$SRW_R(a_i, a_j) = RW_R(a_i, a_j) + RW_{R^{-1}}(a_j, a_i)$$

# Performance Comparison: Homogeneous vs. Heterogeneous Topological Features

- Homogeneous features
  - Only consider co-author sub-network (common neighbor; rooted PageRank)
  - Mix all types together (homogeneous path count)
- Heterogeneous feature
  - Heterogeneous path count



Dataset	Topological features	Accuracy	AUC
<i>HP2hop</i>	common neighbor	0.6053	0.6537
	homogeneous PC	0.6433	0.7098
	heterogeneous PC	<b>0.6545</b>	<b>0.7230</b>
<i>HP3hop</i>	common neighbor	0.6589	0.7078
	homogeneous PC	0.6990	0.7998
	rooted PageRank	0.6433	0.7098
	heterogeneous PC	<b>0.7173</b>	<b>0.8158</b>
<i>LP2hop</i>	common neighbor	0.5995	0.6415
	homogeneous PC	0.6154	0.6868
	heterogeneous PC	<b>0.6300</b>	<b>0.6935</b>
<i>LP3hop</i>	common neighbor	0.6804	0.7195
	homogeneous PC	0.6901	0.7883
	heterogeneous PC	<b>0.7147</b>	<b>0.8046</b>

Notation: *HP2hop*: highly productive source authors with 2-hops reaching target authors

# Case Study in CS Bibliographic Network

- The learned significance for each meta path under measure “normalized path count” for HP-3hop dataset

Meta Path	$p$ -value	significance level <sup>1</sup>
$A - P \rightarrow P - A$	0.0378	**
$A - P \leftarrow P - A$	0.0077	***
$A - P - V - P - A$	1.2974e-174	****
$A - P - A - P - A$	1.1484e-126	****
$A - P - T - P - A$	3.4867e-51	****
$A - P \rightarrow P \rightarrow P - A$	0.7459	
$A - P \leftarrow P \leftarrow P - A$	0.0647	*
$A - P \rightarrow P \leftarrow P - A$	9.7641e-11	****
$A - P \leftarrow P \rightarrow P - A$	0.0966	*

<sup>1</sup> \*:  $p < 0.1$ ; \*\*:  $p < 0.05$ ; \*\*\*:  $p < 0.01$ , \*\*\*\*:  $p < 0.001$

# Case Study: Predicting Concrete Co-Authors

- High quality predictive power for such a difficult task

## QUERY AUTHOR SUMMARIZATION

## TOP-10 PREDICTED CO-AUTHORS FOR JIAWEI HAN

Rank	Hybrid features	# Shared authors
1	<b>Hans-Peter Kriegel</b>	Elisa Bertino
2	Christos Faloutsos	Sushil Jajodia
3	Divesh Srivastava	Hector Garcia-Molina
4	H. V. Jagadish	<b>Hans-Peter Kriegel</b>
5	Bing Liu <sup>1</sup>	Christos Faloutsos
6	Johannes Gehrke	Divyakant Agrawal
7	George Karypis	Elke A. Rundensteiner
8	<b>Charu C. Aggarwal</b>	Amr El Abbadi
9	Mohammed Javeed Zaki	Krithi Ramamritham
10	Wynne Hsu	Stefano Ceri

<sup>1</sup> Although not included in the time interval  $T_2$ , Bing Liu co-authored with Jiawei in Year 2010.

## Recall@50 COMPARISON

Query author	Hybrid Features	Random	# Shared authors
Jiawei Han	0.1111	0.0042	0.0833
Christos Faloutsos	0.0889	0.0039	0.1111
Charu Aggarwal	0.4167	0.0097	0.3333
Jian Pei	0.2619	0.0104	0.2619
Xifeng Yan	0.875	0.0309	0.5
Avg.	<b>0.3507</b>	0.0118	0.2579

Query author	# Candidates	# True relationships
Jiawei Han	11934	36
Christos Faloutsos	12945	45
Charu Aggarwal	5166	12
Jian Pei	4809	42
Xifeng Yan	1617	8

## TOP-5 PREDICTED CO-AUTHORS FOR JIAN PEI IN 2003-2009


Rank	Hybrid heterogeneous features	# Shared authors
1	<b>Philip S. Yu</b>	<b>Philip S. Yu</b>
2	<b>Raymond T. Ng</b>	Ming-Syan Chen
3	Osmar R. Zaiane	Divesh Srivastava
4	<b>Ling Feng</b>	Kotagiri Ramamohanarao
5	<b>David Wai-Lok Cheung</b>	<b>Jeffrey Xu Yu</b>

\* Authors in bold format are the true new co-authors of Jian in the time period 2003-2009.

- Using data in  $T_0 = [1989; 1995]$  and  $T_1 = [1996; 2002]$
- Predict new coauthor relationship in  $T_2 = [2003; 2009]$

# Outline

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# Conclusions: Where Does the Power Come from?

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- Heterogeneous information networks are ubiquitous
  - Most datasets can be “organized” or “transformed” into “*structured*” multi-typed heterogeneous info. networks
  - Examples: DBLP, IMDB, Flickr, Google News, Wikipedia, ...
  - Structures can be progressively mined from less organized data sets by info. network analysis
  - Surprisingly rich knowledge can be mine from such structured heterogeneous info. networks
  - Clustering, ranking, classification, data cleaning, trust analysis, role discovery, similarity search, relationship prediction, .....
- Data mining by exploring the power of heterog. info. networks
  - Much more to be explored!!!

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