



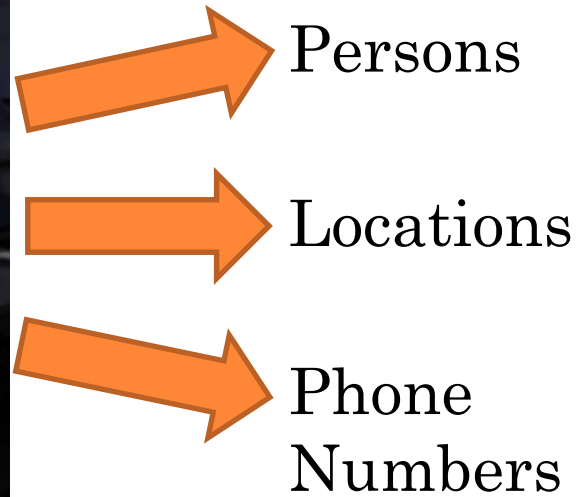
UNCOVERING THE PLOT: DETECTING SURPRISING COALITIONS OF ENTITIES IN MULTI-RELATIONAL SCHEMAS

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Knowledge discovery from multi-relational data



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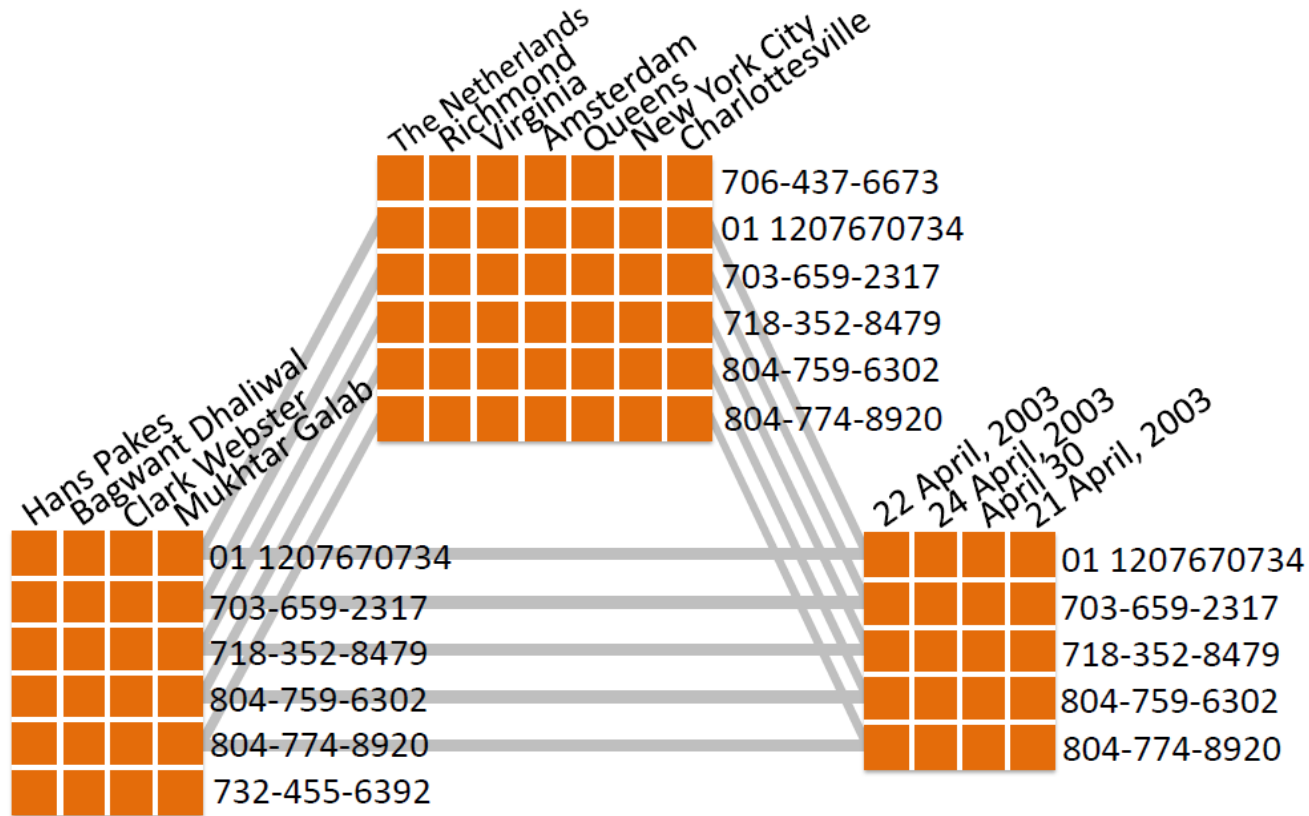
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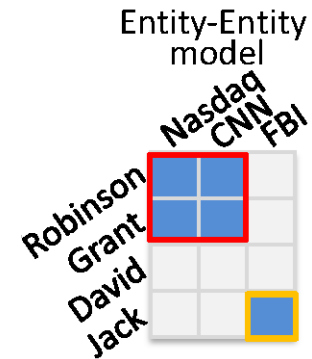
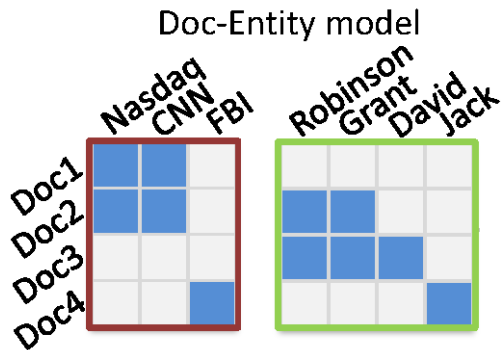
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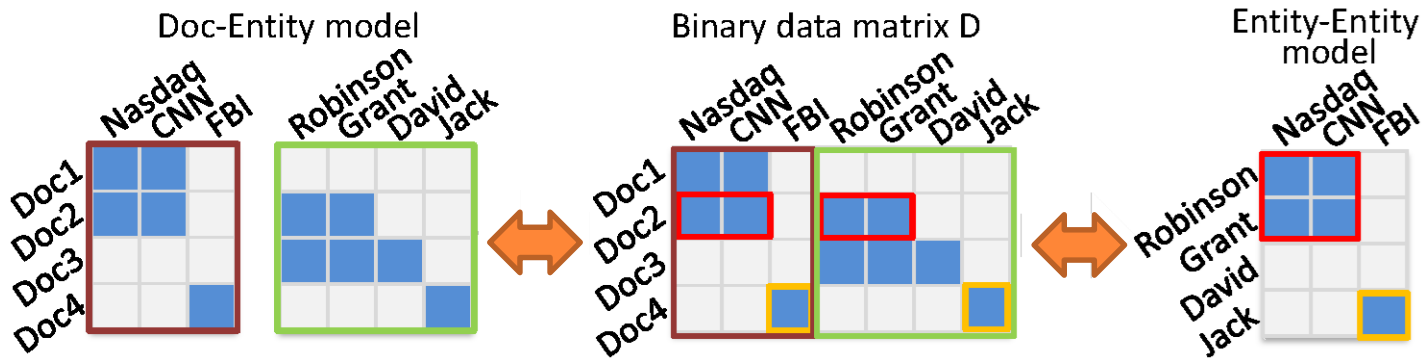
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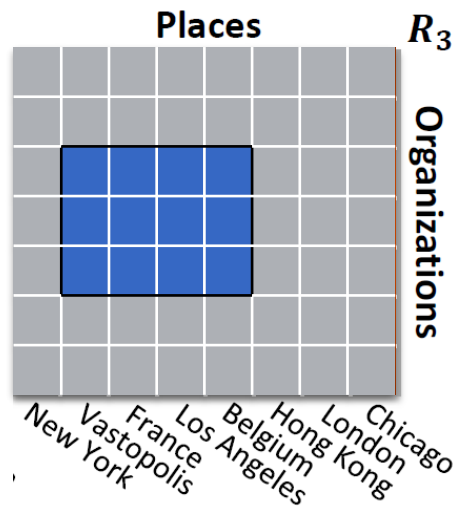
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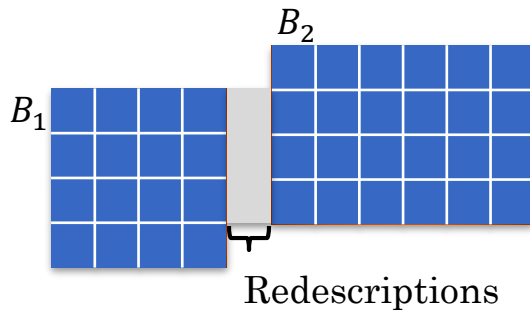


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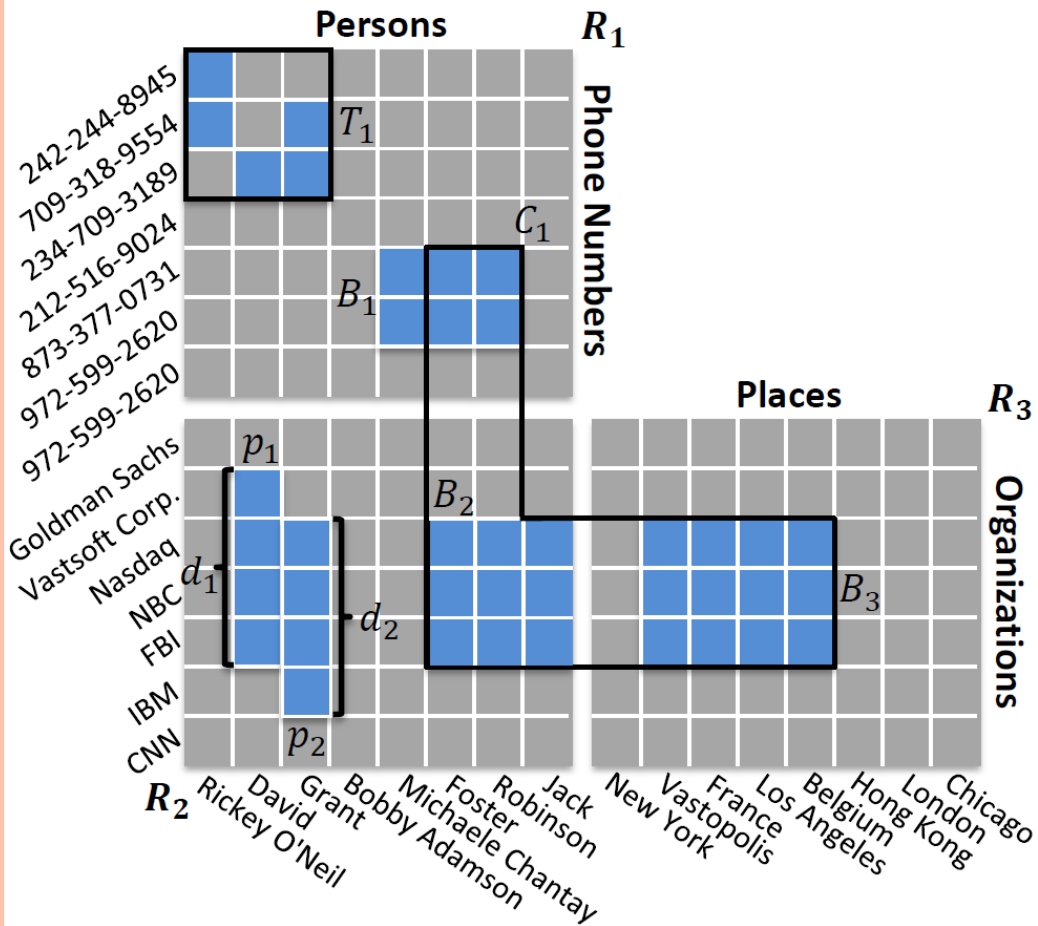
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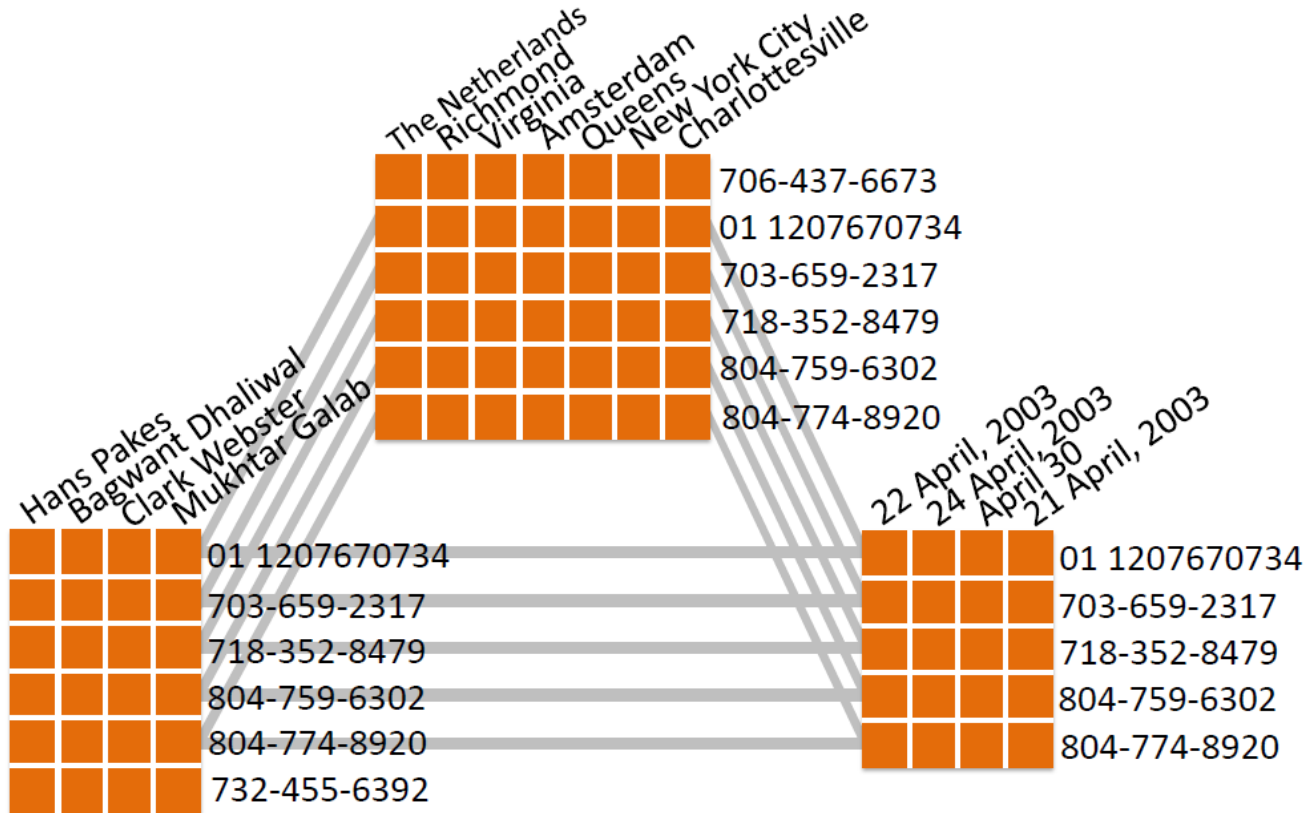


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Bicluster Chain:
A **chain** of redescriptions

BICLUSTER CHAINS



SURPRISING PATTERNS

‘Just mine biclusters!’ – nope.

‘Just mine redescriptions!’ – better, but still nope.

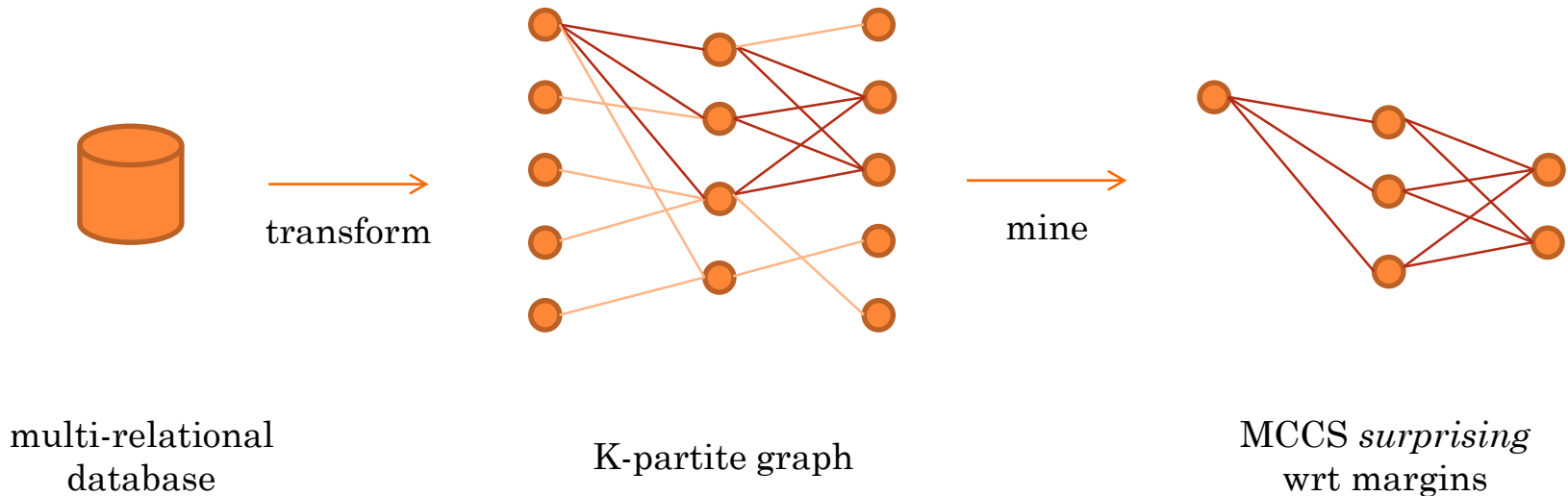
We are after *chains* of biclusters,
such that plots in the data are revealed

and, we want *only* those chains
that stand out
from what we already know

RELATED

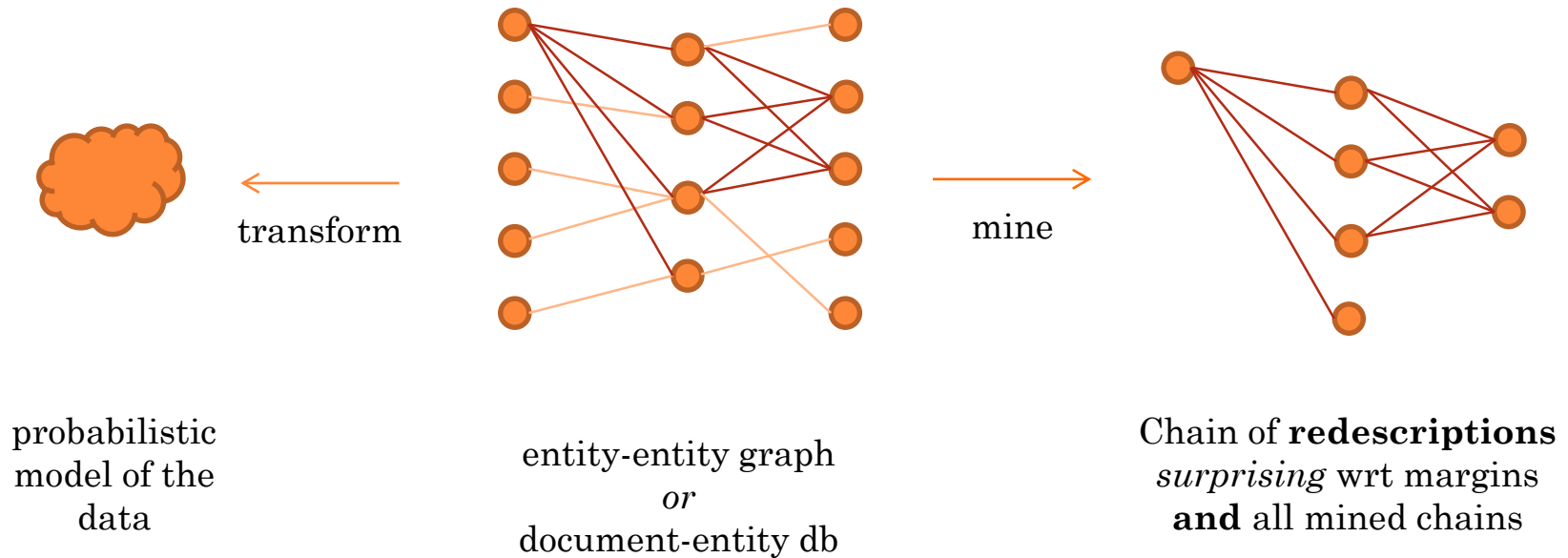
Maximal Completely Connected Subgraphs

- Spyropoulou & De Bie (2011)



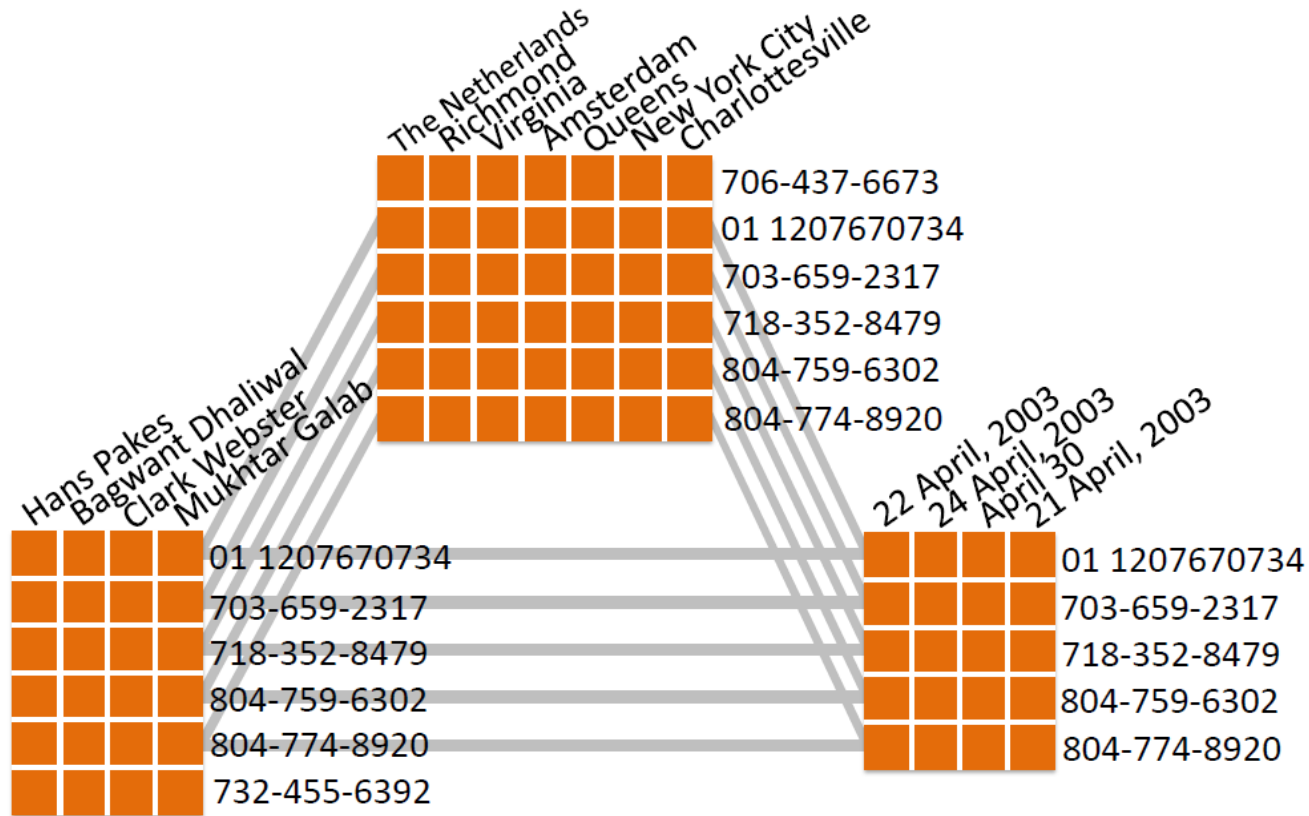
CONNECTING TO MCCS

We mine chains of *redescriptions*



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ITERATIVE MINING

Knowledge *changes* during data analysis

- **interestingness** of chains changes
depending on what results we study/reject

Static ranking of results is overly simplistic

- leads to redundancy – hides interesting results

*How can we score results based
on (accumulated) background knowledge?*

What prior should we use?

MAXIMUM ENTROPY MODELLING

‘the best distribution p^* satisfies the background knowledge, but makes **no further** assumptions’

very useful for data mining:
unbiased measurement of
subjective interestingness

MAXENT FOR BINARY DATA

Tiles

- A tuple of row IDs and column IDs from the given binary data matrix D .
- Frequency of a Tile

$$\gamma_T = fr(T; D) = \frac{1}{|\sigma(T)|} \sum_{(i,j) \in \sigma(T)} D(i, j)$$

where $D(i, j)$ represents the (i, j) entry in D , and $\sigma(T)$ represents the set of all the entries in tile T .

MAXENT FOR BINARY DATA

Needed: MaxEnt model for tiles

- we use the model by Tatti & Vreeken (2011), De Bie (2011)

$$p_{\mathcal{T}}^* = \arg \max_{p \in \mathcal{P}} H(p)$$

where

$$\mathcal{P} = \{p \mid fr(T; p) = \gamma_T, \forall T \in \mathcal{T}\}$$

$$H(p) = - \sum_{D \in \mathcal{D}} p(D) \log p(D)$$

$$fr(T; p) = \frac{1}{|\sigma(T)|} \sum_{(i,j) \in \sigma(T)} p((i,j) = 1)$$

BACKGROUND KNOWLEDGE

Background information in terms of Tiles

- \mathcal{T}_{col} : a set of column margin tiles
- \mathcal{T}_{row} : a set of row margin tiles *per entity domain*
- \mathcal{T}_{dom} : a set of entity domain tiles

$$\mathcal{T}_{back} = \mathcal{T}_{row} \cup \mathcal{T}_{col} \cup \mathcal{T}_{dom}$$

MEASURING SURPRISINGNESS

Evaluating a bicluster chain

- 1) Convert the chain into a set of tiles
(depends on data model, see paper)
- 2) Infer the MaxEnt model
- 3) Calculate surprisingness through divergence

$$s_{global}(B) = KL(P_B || P_{back})$$

$$s_{local}(B) = - \sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}_B} \sum_{(i,j) \in \sigma(T)} \log p^*((i,j) = D(i,j))$$

GLOBAL VS LOCAL SCORE

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tile \mathcal{T}_B

.73	.94	.82	.89	.82	.46	.73	.61
.58	.88	.70	.80	.70	.30	.58	.45
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.30	.70	.42	.55	.42	.12	.30	.20
.30	.70	.42	.55	.42	.12	.30	.20
.44	.80	.56	.69	.56	.19	.44	.31
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.86	.98	.92	.85	.77	.40	.67	.55
.75	.96	.85	.73	.62	.24	.50	.37
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.44	.85	.60	.42	.30	.08	.21	.13
.20	.63	.31	.61	.48	.15	.36	.25
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SEARCHING GOOD CHAINS

Super Naïve Strategy:

- 1) Mine all the biclusters!
- 2) Construct all the chains!
- 3) Evaluate all subsets of k chains!
- 4) Choose the most surprising set.

SEARCHING GOOD CHAINS

Slightly Less Naïve Strategy:

- 1) Mine all the biclusters!
- 2) Construct all the chains!
- 3) While not yet chosen k chains:
 evaluate each chain C against P_{back}
 greedily choose most surprising C
 $back \leftarrow back + C$, and infer P_{back}

SEARCHING GOOD CHAINS

Our strategy:

- 1) Mine all the biclusters!
- 2) **while** not yet mined k chains:
 - find most surprising bicluster B_0 ,
 - while** there is a redescription B_i of B_{i-1}
 - add most surprising B_i to chain
 - $back \leftarrow back + C$, and re-infer P_{back}

EXPERIMENT RESULTS

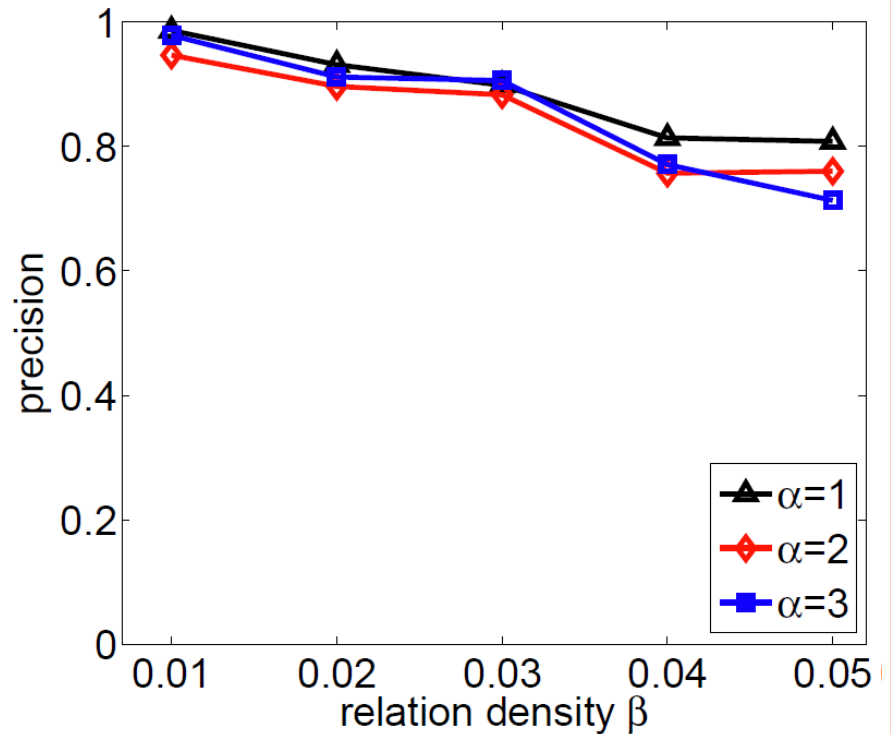
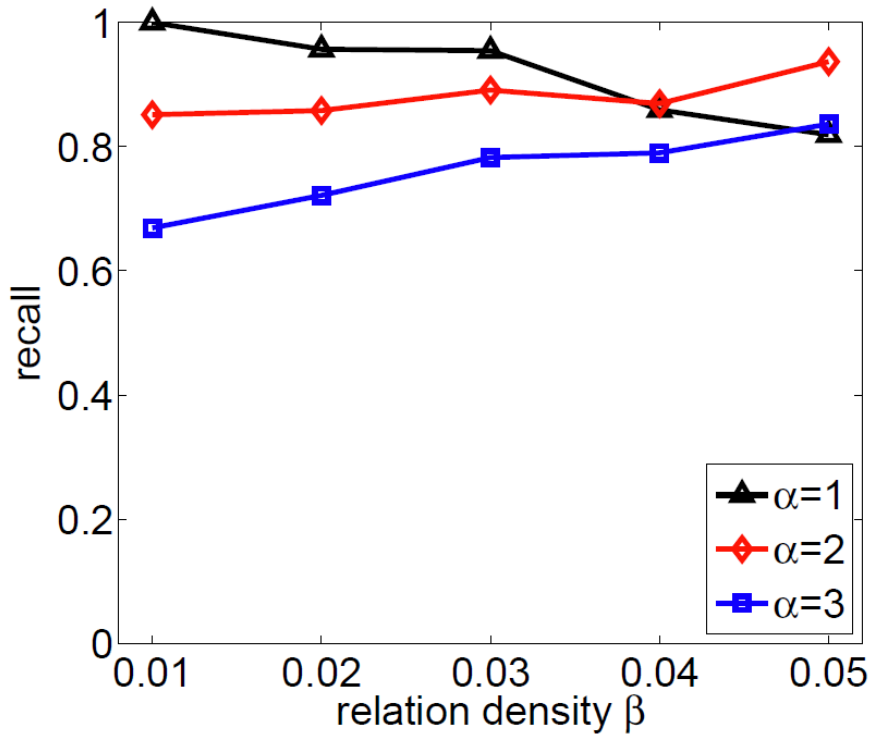
Datasets Statistics

Dataset	Number of Documents	Number of Entities	Doc-Entity	Entity-Entity	
			%1s	min %1s	max %1s
Synthetic 1k	1000	1000	0.01 — 0.05	0.01	0.05
Synthetic 2k	2000	2000	0.01 — 0.05	0.01	0.05
Synthetic 3k	3000	3000	0.01 — 0.05	0.01	0.05
Synthetic 5k	5000	5000	0.01 — 0.05	0.01	0.05
Synthetic 10k	10000	10000	0.01 — 0.05	0.01	0.05
Atlantic Storm	111	716	0.0179	0.0261	0.0608
Crescent	41	284	0.0425	0.0357	0.136
Manpad	47	143	0.0299	0.0385	0.0714

EXPERIMENT RESULTS

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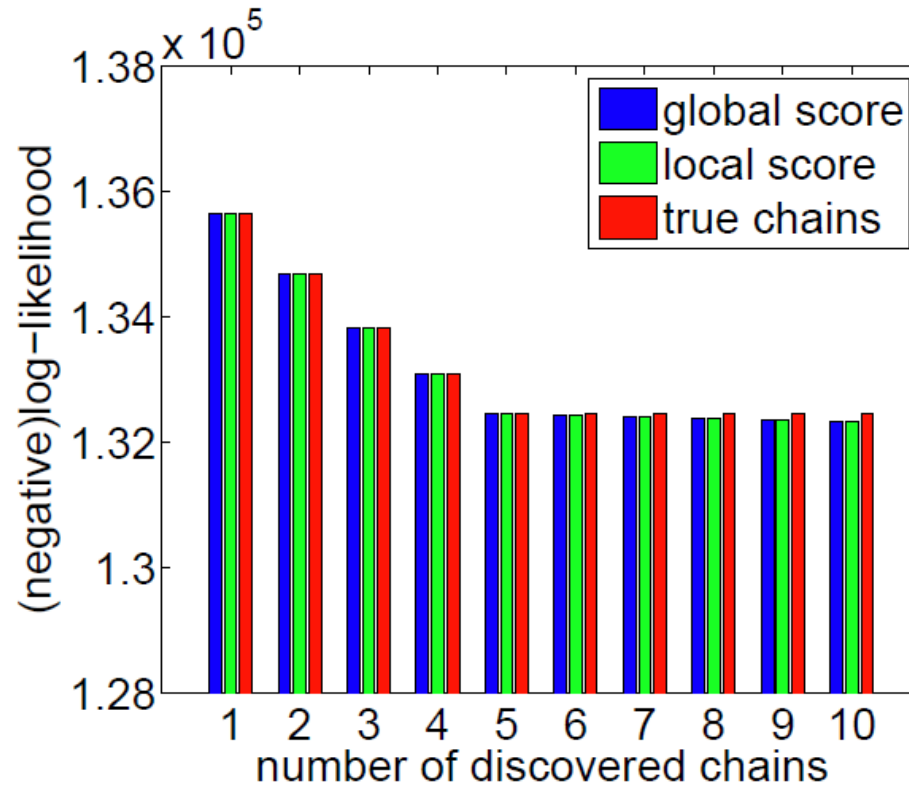
○ can we uncover the plot?



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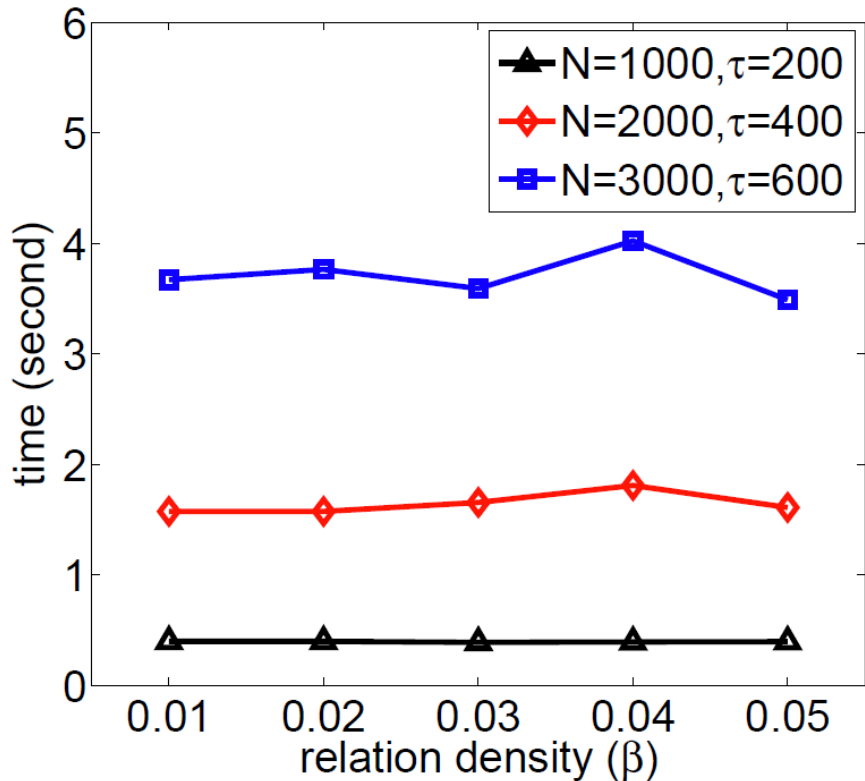
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- can we tell when to stop?

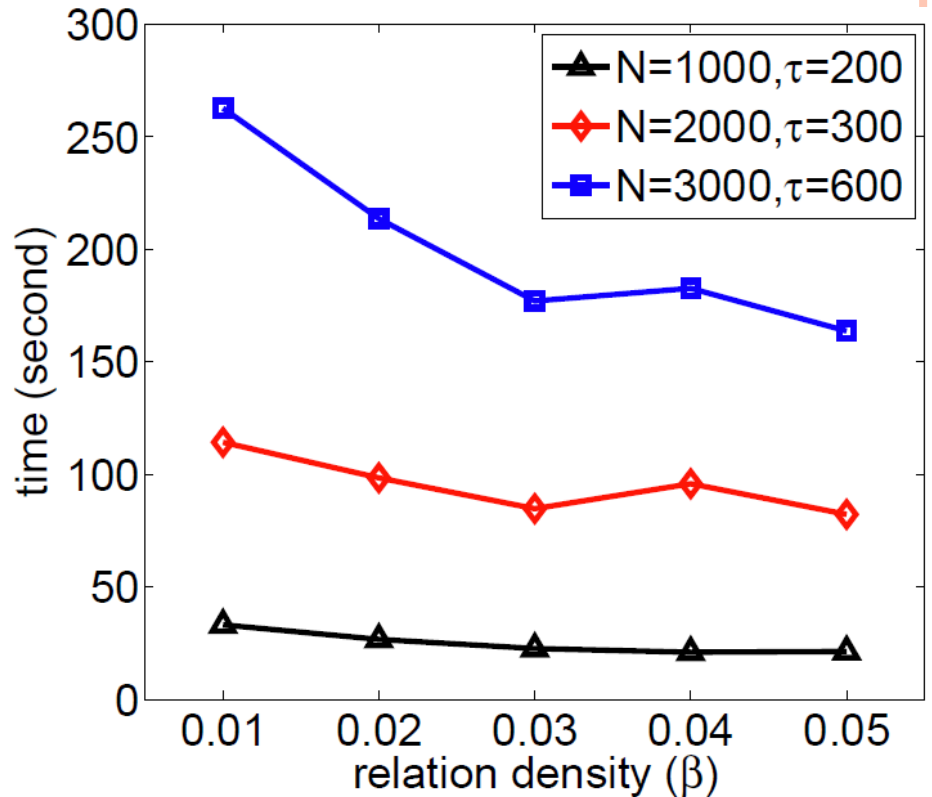


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Runtime Performance



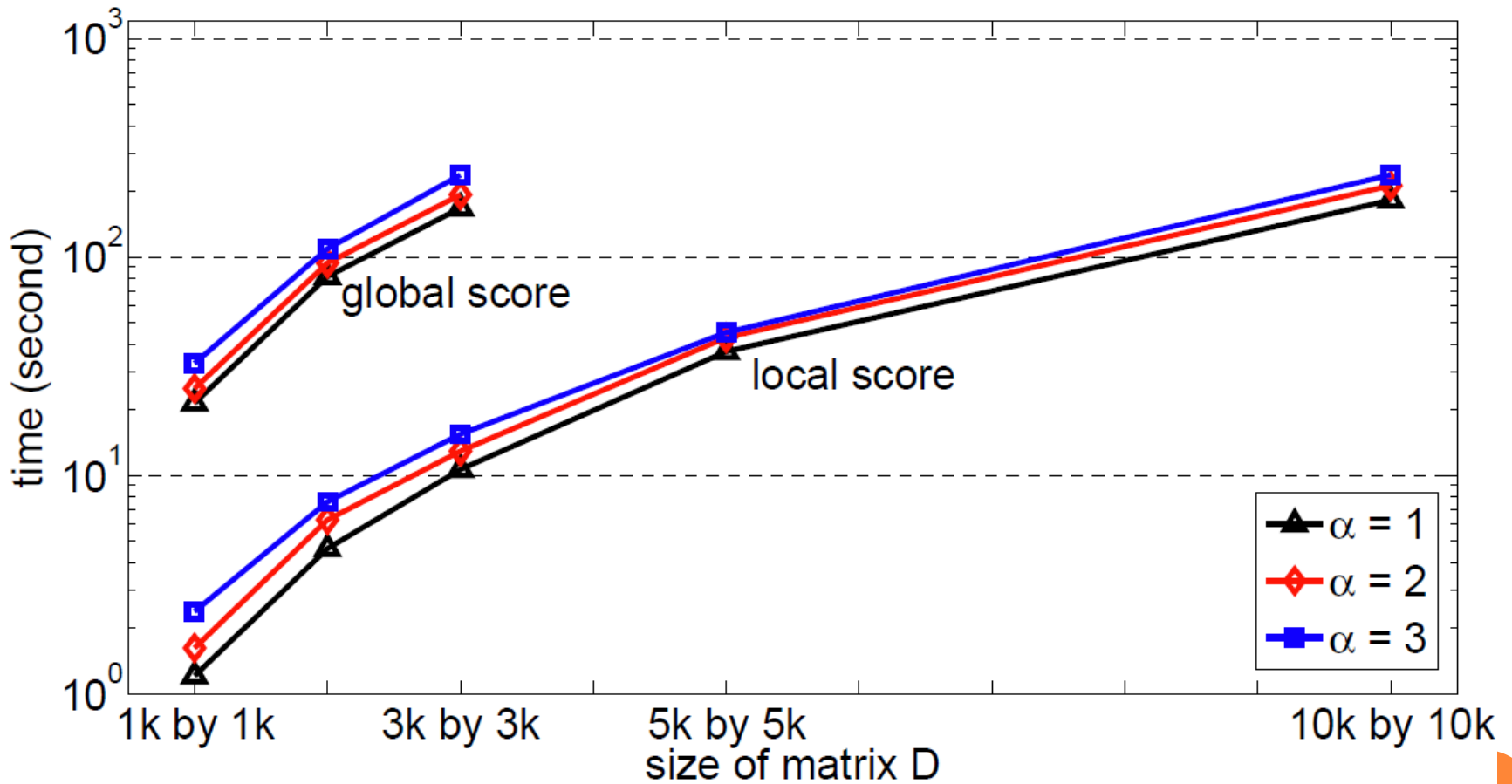
Background model training time



Total time

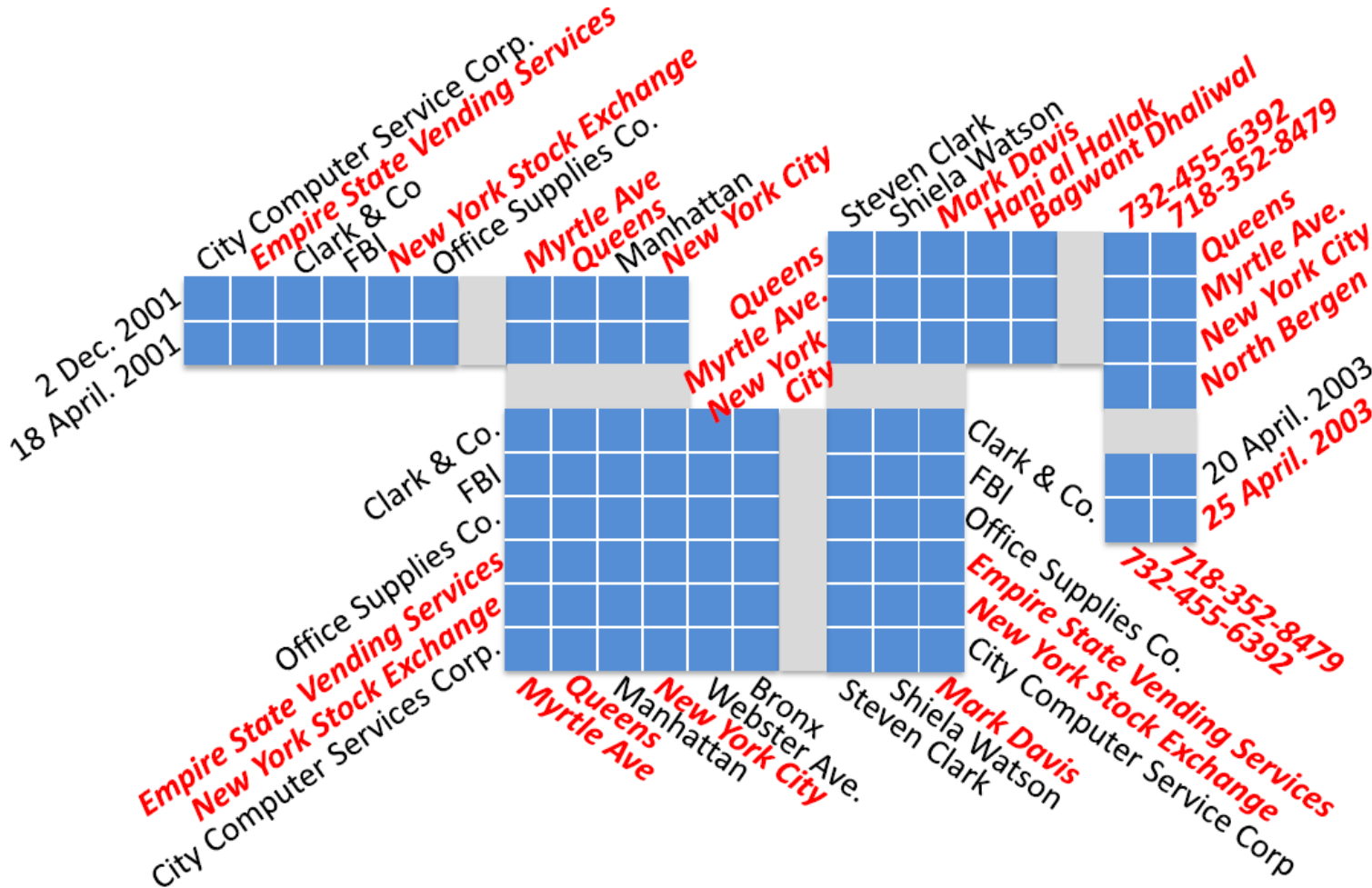
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Global Score vs. Local Score



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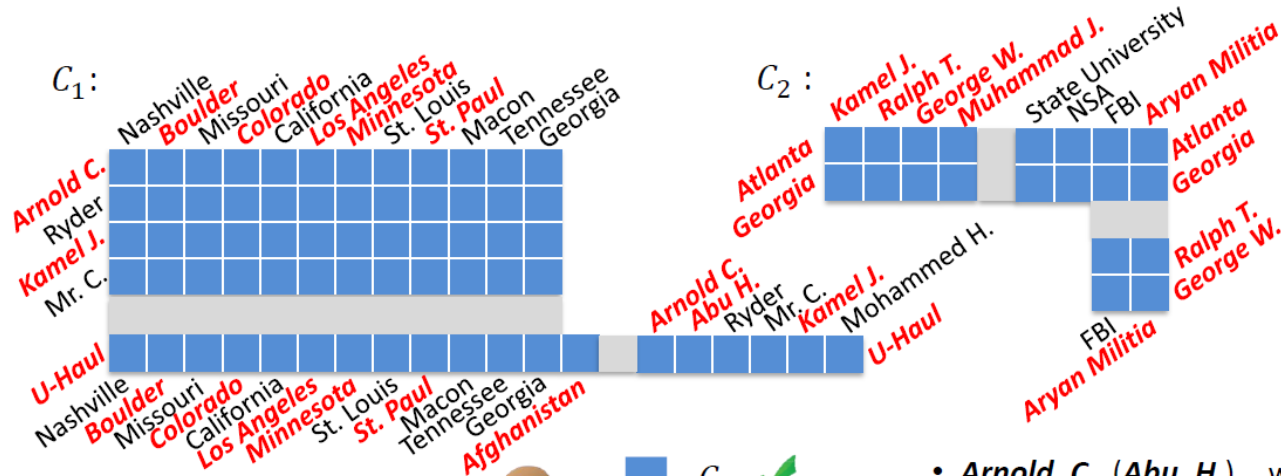
Real Data



Intelligence Analysis Dataset: *Crescent*

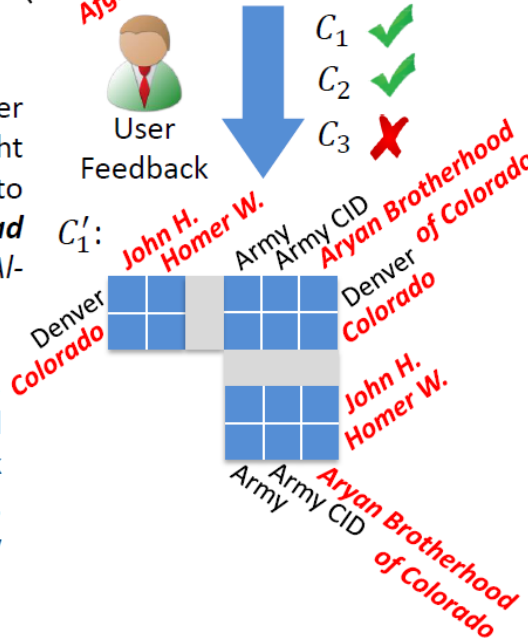
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Iterative Knowledge Discovery



$C_3: \dots$

- **Ralph T.**, who is a member of **Aryan Militia**, bought weapons and sells them to **George W. (Muhammad J.)** who is a member of **Al-Queda**.
- **Ralph T.** meets **Kamel J.** in **Atlanta, Georgia**, and **Kamel J.** drives a truck from **Atlanta** to **St. Paul, Minnesota**. He probably transports weapons.



- **Arnold C. (Abu H.)**, who was a suspect of the 9/11 attack and spent time in **Afghanistan**, rents a **U-Hual** truck and drives it from **Boulder, Colorado** to **Los Angeles**. He probably transports the weapons.

- **Homer W.**, who is a member of **Aryan Brotherhood of Colorado**, sells the weapons to **John H.**, who is a member of **Al-Queda**, in **Colorado**.

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