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LEARNING OF HIGHER-ORDER INTERACTIONS

WITH GRAPH VOLTERRA MODELS

Networks are everywhere



Correspondence

nodes : accounts
edges : communication



Social interactions

nodes : users
edges : interactions



Drug compounds

nodes : substances
edges : same drug



Authorship

nodes : authors
edges : collaboration

Most of them exhibit “higher-order” interactions



Correspondence

nodes : accounts
emails have many recipients



Social interactions

nodes : users
people gather in small groups



Drug compounds

nodes : substances
several substances in a drug



Authorship

nodes : authors
papers have several authors

Today:

**How can we learn such
higher-order interactions?**

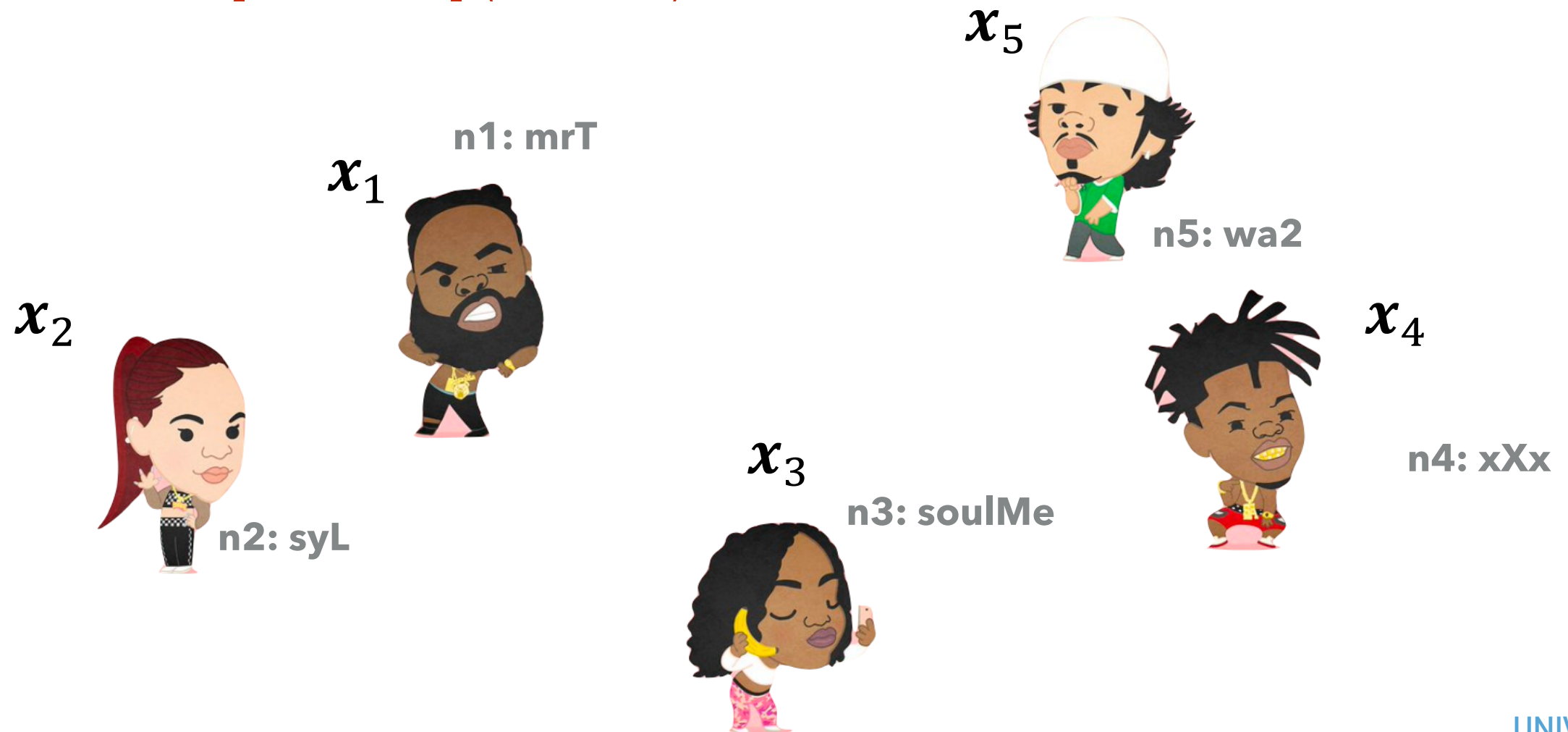
[in a principled, data-driven manner]

Example: Musical interaction

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\mathcal{V} Nodes: **Rappers**

\mathcal{Y} Measurements: **[attributes] (features)**

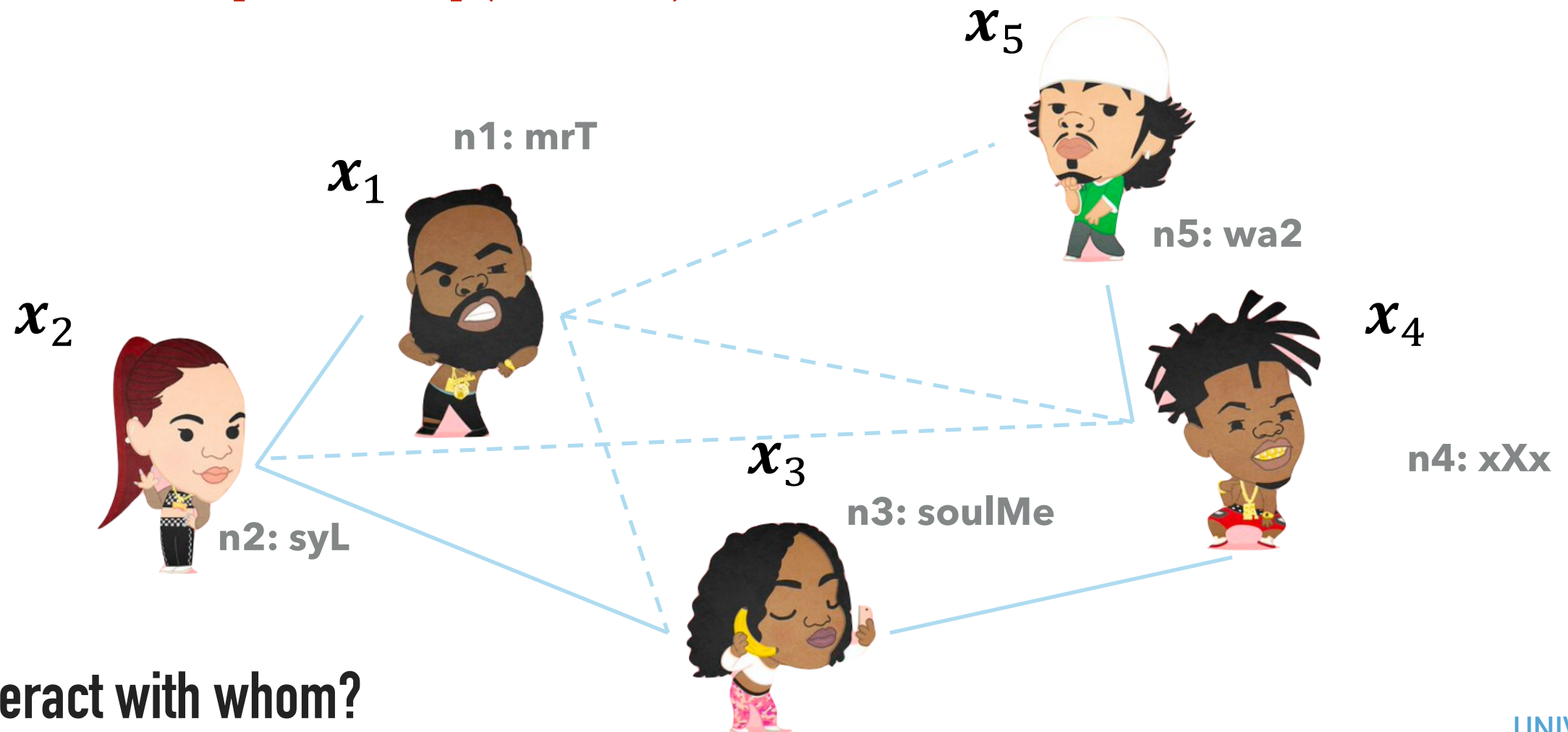


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Who interact with whom?

Classical link learning

Task

Let $\mathcal{G} = (\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E})$ be a graph. Given a set $\mathcal{E}_{\text{obs}} \subset \mathcal{E}$, and possibly various attributes

$\{\mathbf{x}_i \in \mathbb{R}^d\}_{i=1}^{|\mathcal{V}|}$, learn $\mathcal{E}_{\text{miss}} := \mathcal{E} \setminus \mathcal{E}_{\text{obs}}$

Common Approaches

- ◉ Informal scoring methods [Liben-Nowell, et al., 03]
- ◉ (Partial) correlation networks [Efron, 07; Giannakis, 18]
- ◉ Regression-based methods [Hoff, 05]
- ◉ Graphical models [Dempster, 72; Meinshausen, 06; Kumar, 19]
- ◉ Hypothesis test methods [Drton, et al., 04]
- ◉ Graph signal processing methods [Kalofolias, 16; Dong, 16; Mateos 19]

How to extend this task to higher-order interactions?

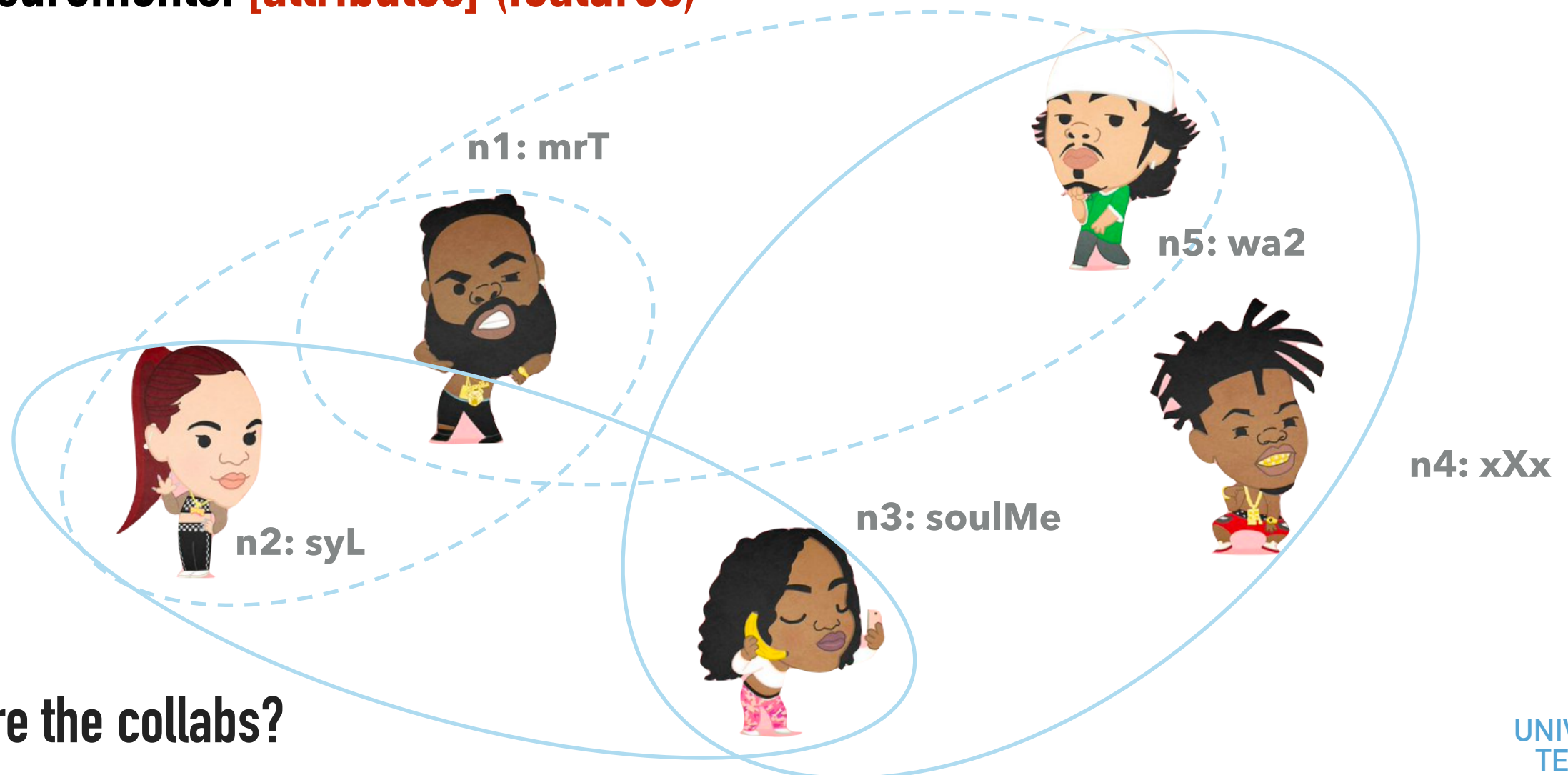
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Example: Music collaboration

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Which are the collabs?

Many ways to represent “higher-order” interactions

- ◉ **Hypergraphs** [Berge 89] :: edges join multiple nodes
 - ◉ Set systems [Frank 95]
- ◉ **Tensors** [Kolda-Bader 09] :: tensor entries represent multinodal interactions
 - ◉ Affiliation networks [Feld 81, Newman+ 02]
 - ◉ Multipartite networks [Lind+ 07]
- ◉ **Abstract simplicial complexes** [Barbarossa 18] :: fully-connected subgraphs
 - ◉ Multilayer networks [Kivela 89]
 - ◉ Meta-paths [Sun-Han 12]
- ◉ **Projected representations** [Benson+ 15, 17] :: weighted graph representation

Representations of “higher-order” interactions

Common pitfalls of current models

- ⦿ Make use of network structure directly, e.g., motif structures
- ⦿ Physics-based assumptions that might not hold, e.g., flow assumptions

What is needed?

- ⦿ Modeling tool based on the networked-data itself
- ⦿ Expressibility to capture the role of the higher-order interactions
- ⦿ Interpretability for predicting the appearance of higher-order relations

[Higher-order link learning in a principled, data-driven manner]

How to model then higher-order interactions?

Structural Equation Models

- + Successful accounting interactions
- + Model self-driven behaviors
- + Extended to capture nonlinearities
- Lack of higher-order link interpretability

$$x_i = \sum_{j \in \mathcal{V} \setminus i} a_{ij} x_j + \sum_{k \in \mathcal{V}} \gamma_{ik} \zeta_k$$

[J. Hox 98][X. Cai, 13][Giannakis 18]

Volterra Series

- + Widely-used for nonlinear dynamics
- + Captures complex dependencies
- + Theoretical guarantees
- Lack of self-driven relations

$$y(t) = h_0 + \sum_{p=1}^P \sum_{\tau_1=a}^b \cdots \sum_{\tau_p=a}^b h_p(\tau_1, \dots, \tau_p) \prod_{j=1}^p x(t - \tau_j)$$

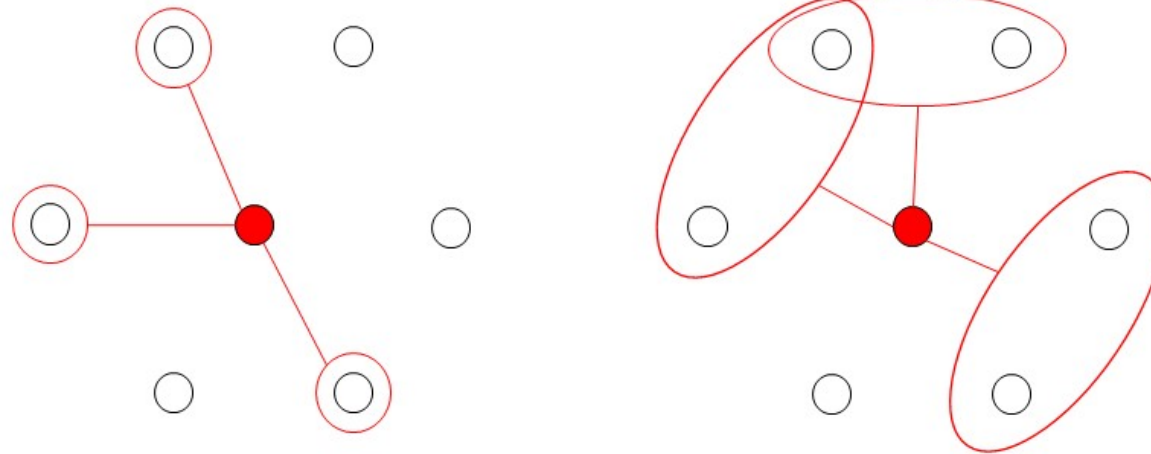
[M. Schetzen, 80][V. Ketatos, 11]

Combining the best of both worlds...

Modeling higher-order interactions

Key idea:

Description of the **i th** nodal feature in terms of a **set of subsets of nodes**



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Description of the ***i***th nodal feature in terms of a **set of subsets of nodes** $\mathcal{S}_P^{(i)}$

$$\mathcal{S}_P^{(i)} := \bigcup_{p=1}^P \mathcal{S}_{*,p}^{(i)}, \text{ with } \mathcal{S}_{*,p}^{(i)} := \bigcup_{l=1}^{L_p} \mathcal{S}_{l,p}^{(i)}$$

Set of subsets upto order P

denotes the ***l***th set of ***p*** nodes related to the ***i***th node in the graph

Nodal features $x_i = f(\mathbf{x}, \mathcal{S}_P^{(i)}), \forall i \in \{1, \dots, N\}$

$$[\mathbf{x}]_i = x_i$$

Nonlinear mapping

Self-driven graph Volterra models

Instantiation of model

$$x_i = f_i(\mathbf{x})$$

Absorbs $\mathcal{S}_P^{(i)}$ set dependency

Series Expansion

$$f_i(\mathbf{x}) = h_o^{(i)} + \sum_{p=1}^P H_p^{(i)}[\mathbf{x}] + \epsilon_i$$

Order P expansion

Expansion Module

$$H_p^{(i)}[\mathbf{x}] := \sum_{l=1}^{L_p} h_{l,p}^{(i)} \cdot g(\{x_q : q \in \mathcal{S}_{l,p}^{(i)}\})$$

Permutation invariant nonlinearity

Self-driven graph Volterra models

Nodal measurement model

$$x_i = h_o^{(i)} + \sum_{p=1}^P H_p^{(i)}[\mathbf{x}] + \epsilon_i$$

As $\mathcal{S}_P^{(i)}$ it is usually **unknown**, we can expand the graph Volterra module

$$H_p^{(i)}[\mathbf{x}] = \sum_{k_1=1}^N \cdots \sum_{k_p=k_{p-1}}^N h_p^{(i)}(k_1, \dots, k_p) g(\{x_{k_q}\}_{q=1}^p)$$

and associate the **nonzero coefficients** with the **active sets**...

[**sparse coefficient expansion**]
[for **higher-order interaction discovery**]

Now: [Identification]

**Topology identification
from nodal attributes**

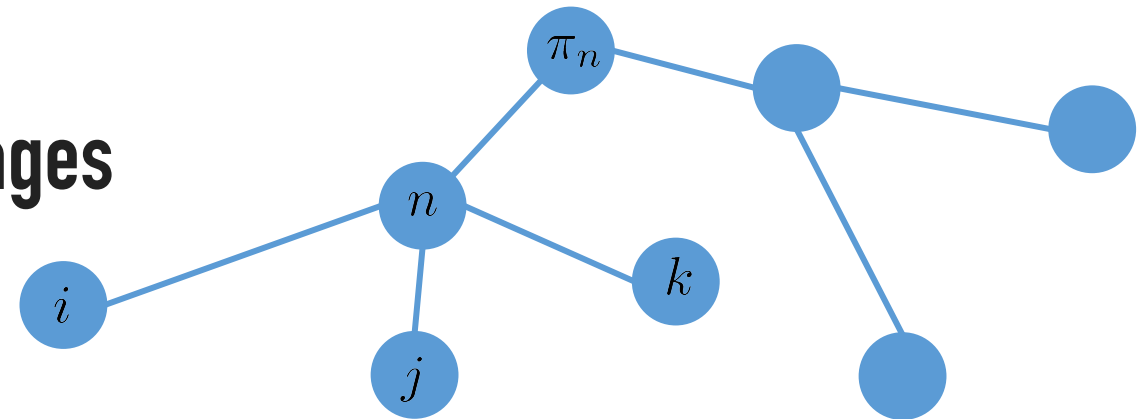
[using self-driven graph Volterra models]

SD-GVM Application: Distribution Networks

Task:

Identify the network topology from nodal voltages

Key ideas:



Bus n voltage depends on its parent bus [Zhang, '13]

Bus n voltage also influences its children buses down the network [Yang, '20]

nth node parent

$$v_n = v_{\pi_n} + g_n(\{v_i\}_{i \in \mathcal{C}_n})$$

Nodal voltage nonlinear branch-flow model

Model captures interactions between subset of buses

nth node children

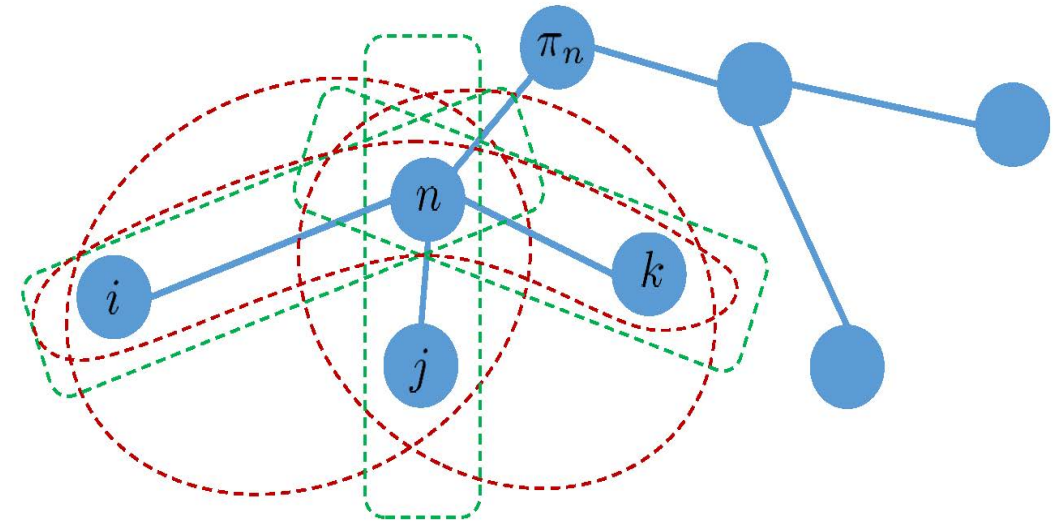
Linearization yields suboptimal performance: **nonlinear models needed**

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Interactions among nodal voltages

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Self-driven graph Volterra model

$$v_n = \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}_0} \rho_i^{(n)} v_i + \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}_0} \sum_{j \in \{k: k \in \mathcal{N}_0, k \geq i\}} \rho_{i,j}^{(n)} v_i v_j + \epsilon_n$$

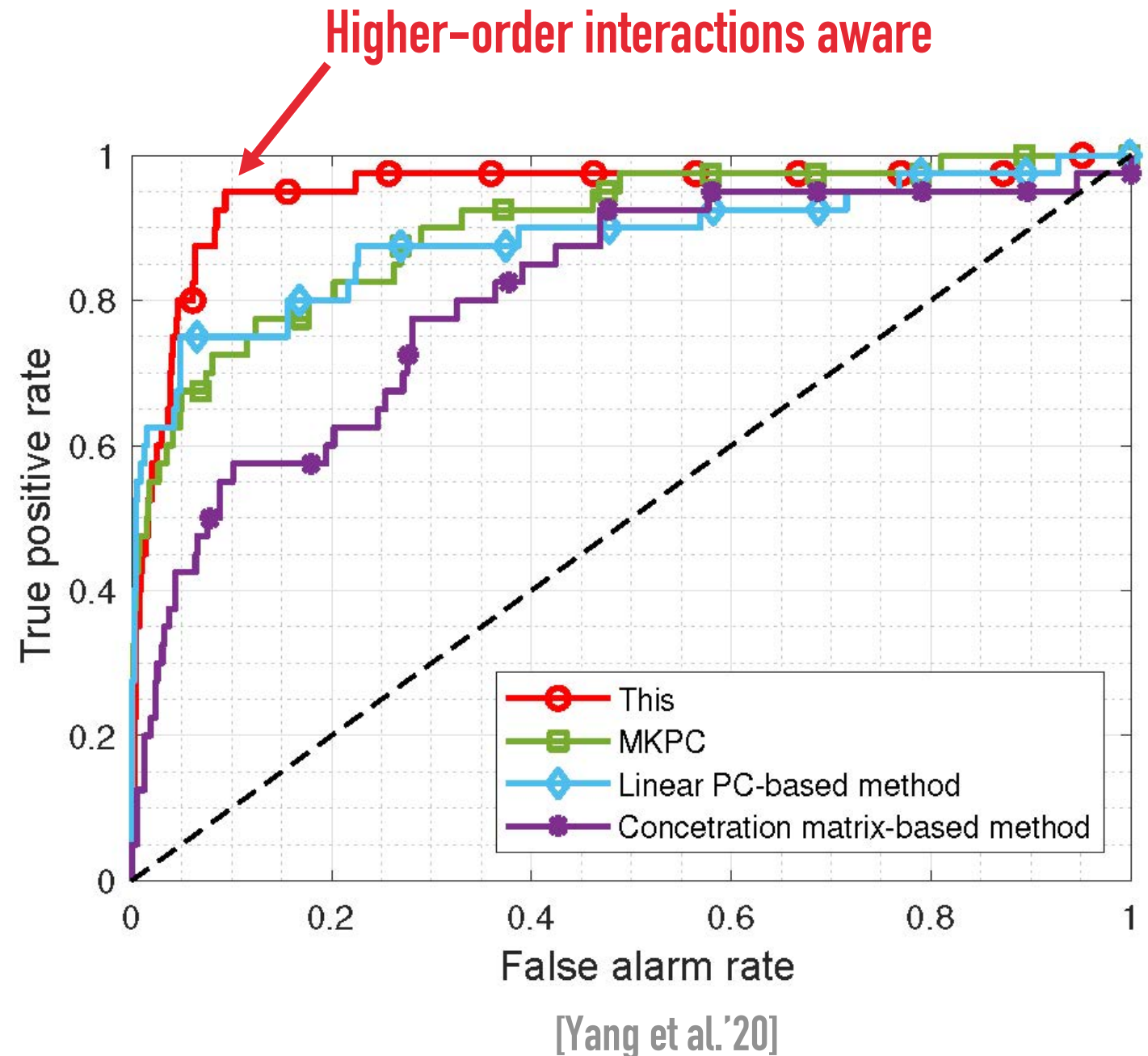
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First-order coeffs.
Second-order coeffs.

Nonzero coefficients capture **interactions** among **pairs** and **triplets** of nodal voltages
enhancing the **topology identification task** [Yang, '20]

SD-GVM Application: Distribution Networks

Performance

- SCE 47-bus distribution grid
 - Real solar data from Smart* project
 - Voltage magnitudes from MATPOWER
- Baselines
 - Linear PC [Bolognani et al.'13]
 - Multi-kernel PC (MKPC) [Zhang et al.'17]
 - Concentration matrix [Deka et al.'17]



Now: [Prediction]

**Predicting "group" interactions from
previous interaction data**

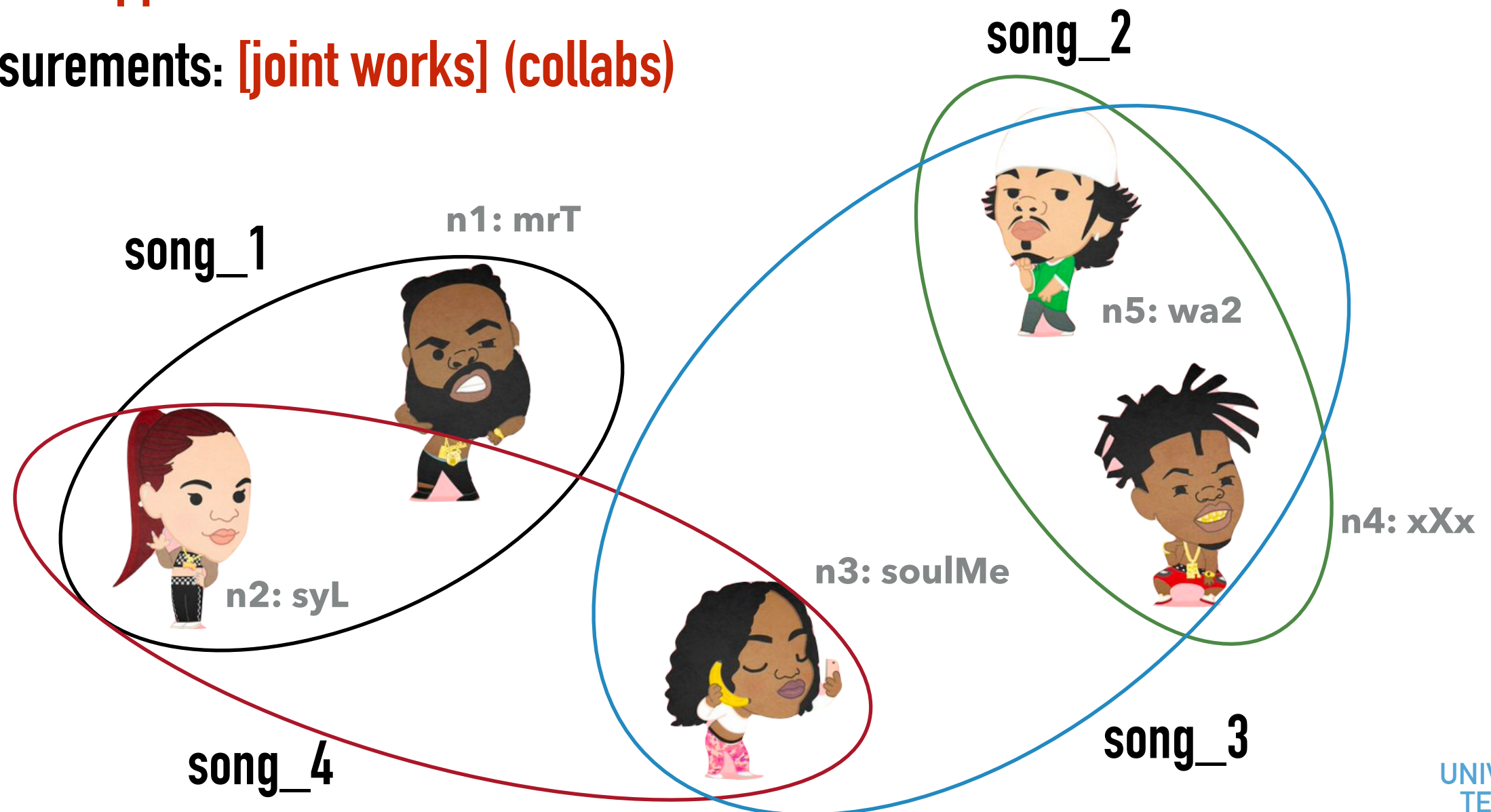
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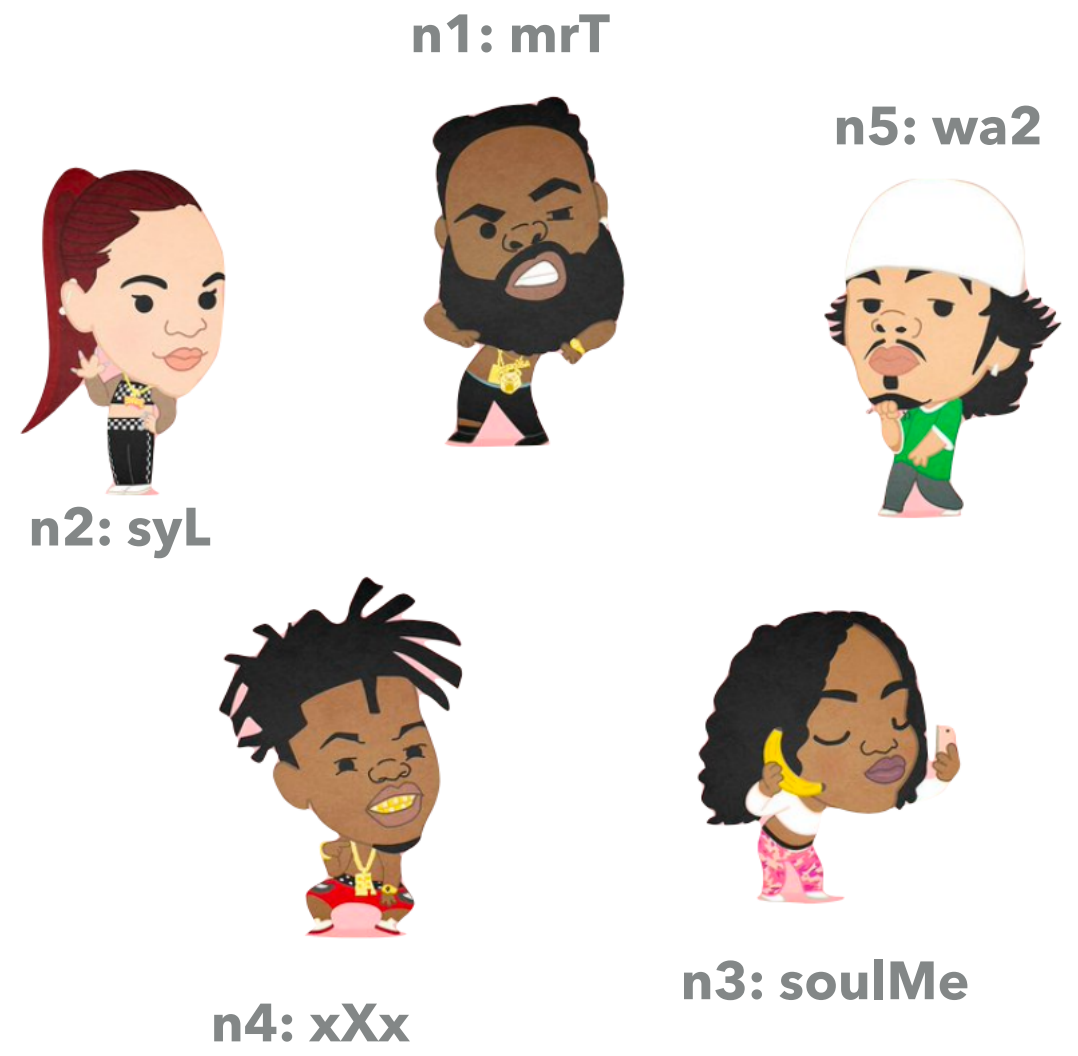


Simplices as data

Release

Authors

t_1	song_1	{mrT, syL}	S_1
t_2	song_2	{wa2, xXx}	S_2
t_3	song_3	{wa2, xXx, soulMe}	S_3
t_4	song_4	{soulMe, syL}	S_4
.
t_5	song_5	???	



Simplex: set of observed nodes at a given time instant, e.g., S_t

Higher-order link (HO link) prediction: Who are writing the next songs?

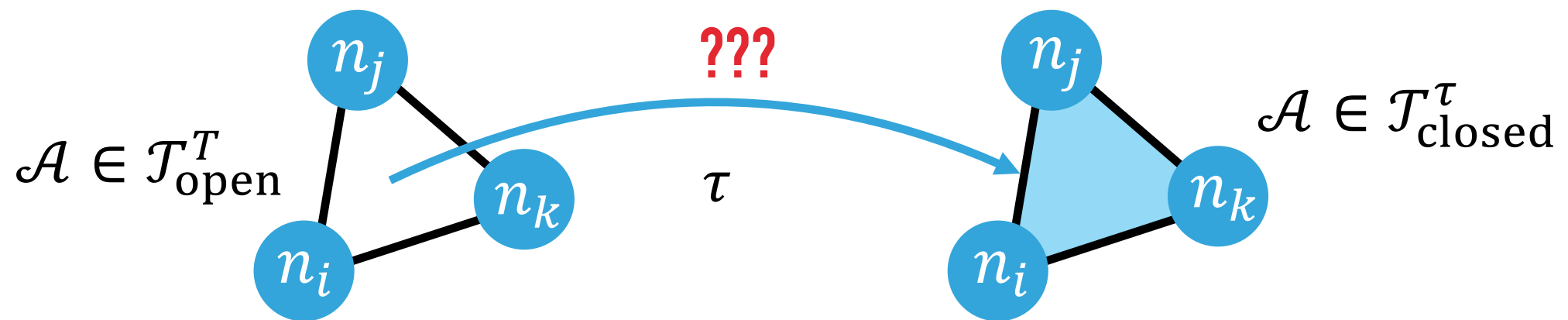
Simplified HO link prediction

Task:

Given $\{S_t\}_{t=1}^T$, and a set $\mathcal{A} \subset \mathcal{J}_{\text{open}}^T$, predict if $\exists \tau, \tau > T: \mathcal{A} \subset \mathcal{J}_{\text{closed}}^\tau$

$\mathcal{J}_{\text{open}}^T = \{\text{open triangles upto time } T\}$

$\mathcal{J}_{\text{closed}}^T = \{\text{closed triangles upto time } T\}$



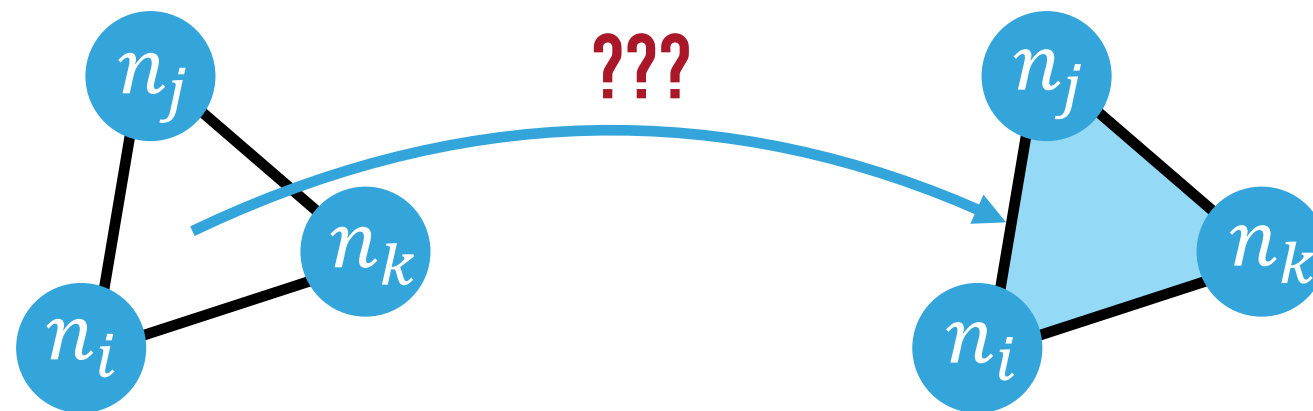
"From historical data, predict if an open triangle becomes closed."

still challenging, but more realistic

Triangle-link prediction: Scoring-based method

Task:

Given $\{S_t\}_{t=1}^T$, and a set $\mathcal{A} \subset \mathcal{T}_{\text{open}}^T$, predict if $\exists \tau, \tau > T: \mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{T}_{\text{closed}}^\tau$



Approach:

1. compute scores for each open triangle
2. rank triangles by score
3. select highest scores as candidates.

many options for score function

score \rightarrow $s(i, j, k) = f(\{i, j, k\})$

Scoring: Projected representation

Simplices

$$t_1: \{1,2,3,4\}$$

$$t_2: \{1,3,5\}$$

$$t_3: \{1,6\}$$

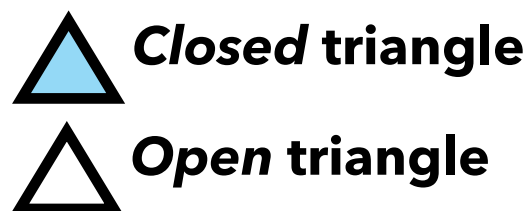
$$t_4: \{2,6\}$$

$$t_5: \{1,7,8\}$$

$$t_6: \{3,9\}$$

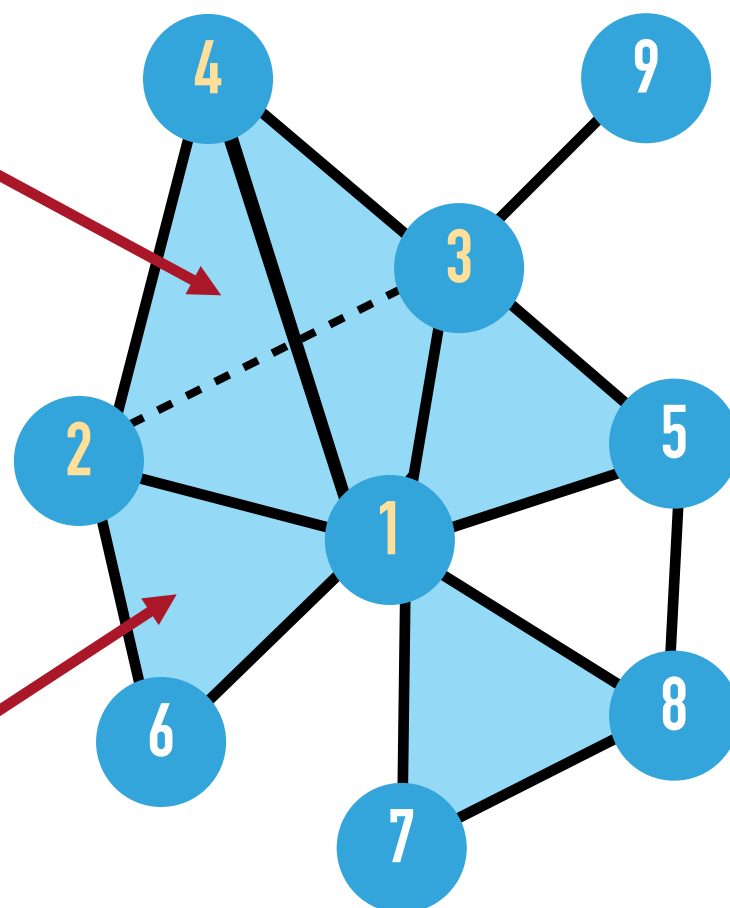
$$t_7: \{5,8\}$$

$$t_8: \{1,2,6\}$$



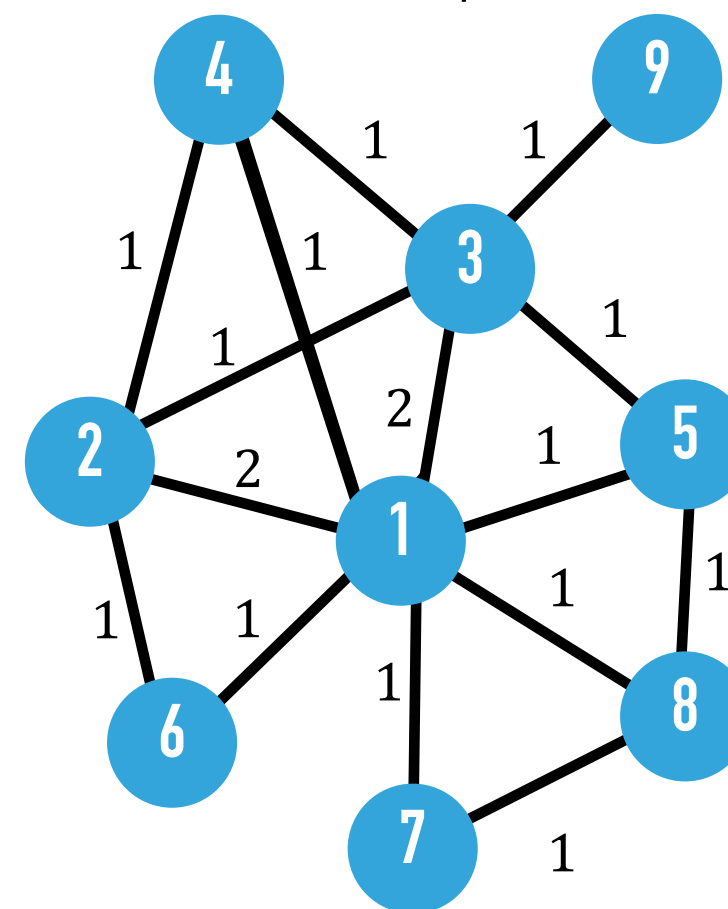
Interactions graph

$$A \in \{0,1\}^{|\mathcal{V}|\times|\mathcal{V}|}$$



Projected graph

$$W \in \mathbb{R}_+^{|\mathcal{V}|\times|\mathcal{V}|}$$



Initial Connectivity

Weighted projected graph from 'filled structures'

$$[W]_{ij} = |\{S_{t_k} : \{i,j\} \subset S_{t_k}\}|$$

[Benson, et al, 18]

Scoring: Common candidate functions

Possible score function candidates [Benson, et al, 18]

- Function of projected adjacency matrix, e.g.,

$$s(i, j, k) = ([\mathbf{W}]_{ij} * [\mathbf{W}]_{jk} * [\mathbf{W}]_{ik})^{1/3} \quad \text{Geometric mean}$$

- Function of one-hop neighbours, e.g.,

$$s(i, j, k) = \frac{|\mathcal{N}(i) \cap \mathcal{N}(j) \cap \mathcal{N}(k)|}{|\mathcal{N}(i) \cup \mathcal{N}(j) \cup \mathcal{N}(k)|} \quad \text{Generalized Jaccard coefficient}$$

- 'Global' similarity function, e.g.,

$$s(i, j, k) = \sum_{l, m \in \{i, j, k\}} [\mathbf{S}]_{lm}$$

PageRank

$$\mathbf{S} := (\mathbf{I} - \alpha \mathbf{W} \mathbf{D}_\mathbf{W}^{-1})^{-1}$$

- Learned function

$$s(i, j, k) = g_\gamma(\mathbf{W}, \{i, j, k\})$$

ML Approach

Can we use self-driven Volterra models to define scoring functions?

[linking existence of link with graph Volterra kernels]

SD-GVM Application: Triangle-link prediction

Let us consider the **latent-variable model**

graph Volterra coefficients
(constraints are included)

$$z_i(t) = h_{o,i} + \mathbf{h}_{i,1}^T \mathbf{s}_t + \mathbf{h}_{i,2}^T (\mathbf{s}_t \boxtimes \mathbf{s}_t),$$

to model the probability

sigmoid function

ith node active
↓

$$P([\mathbf{s}_t]_i = 1 | z_i(t)) = \sigma(z_i(t))$$

where $\mathbf{s}_t \equiv S_t$

[binary N-dimensional representation of a simplex]

model can be fitted using logistic regression techniques

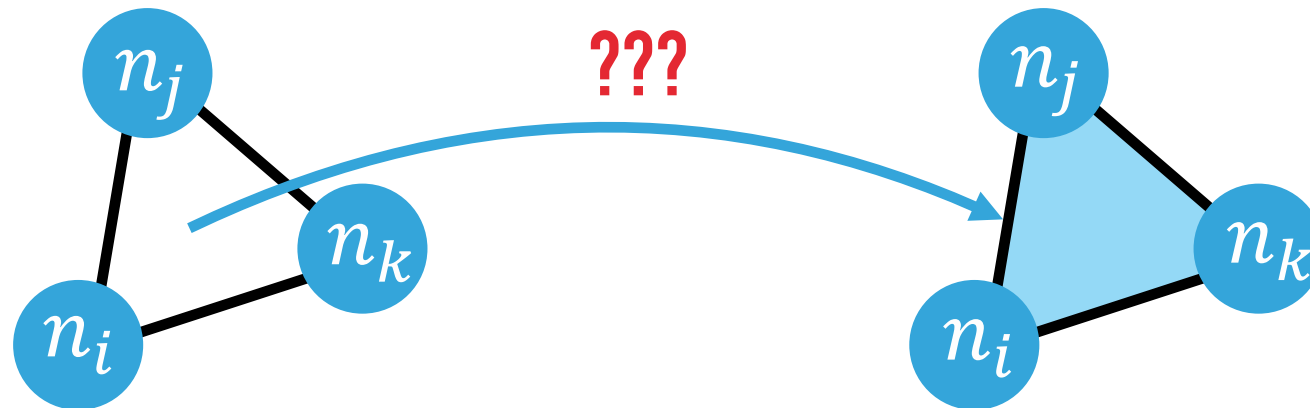
$$g(\mathcal{A}) = \prod_{a \in \mathcal{A}} a$$

$$\mathbf{a} \boxtimes \mathbf{a} := [a_1^2, a_1 a_2, \dots, a_{N-1} a_N, a_N^2]^T$$

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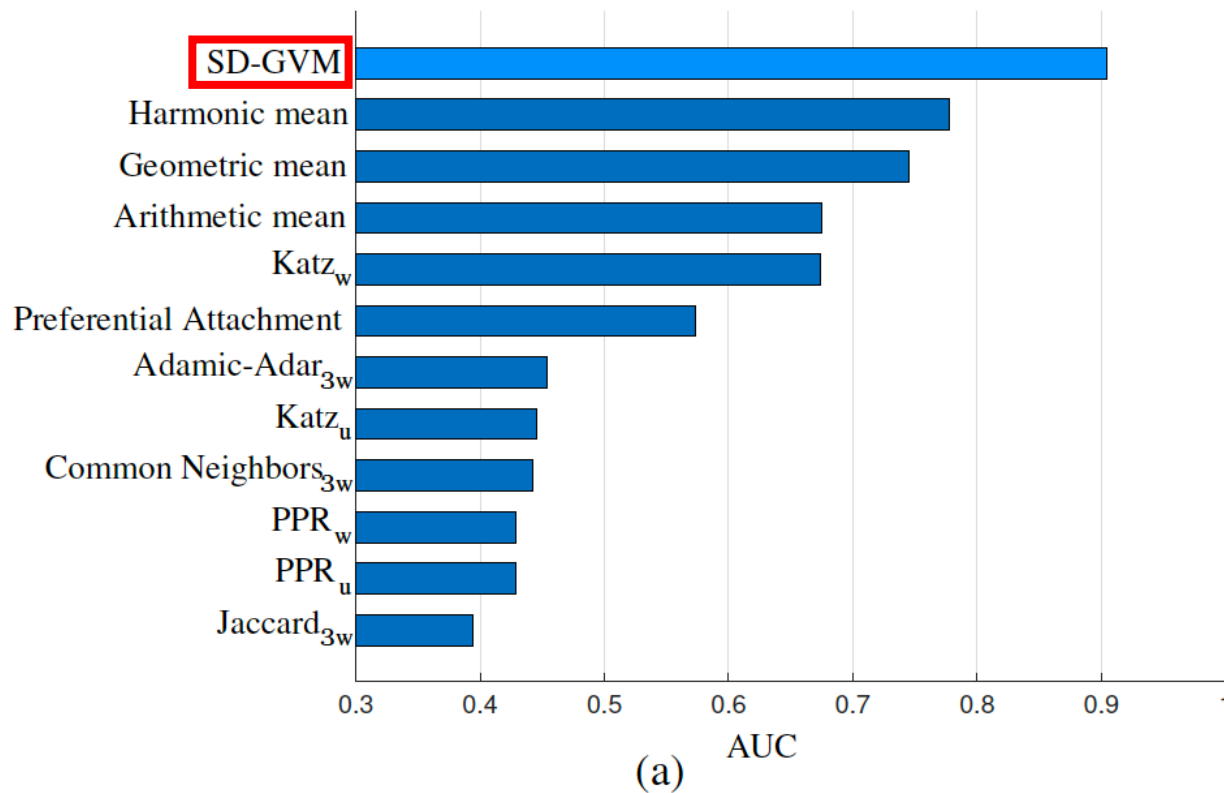
Approach:

1. From initial connectivity, find nonzero SD-GVM coefficients candidates (open triangles)
2. Fit the logistic regression SG-GVM to the simplex data
3. Select triads with highest absolute value coefficients as candidates

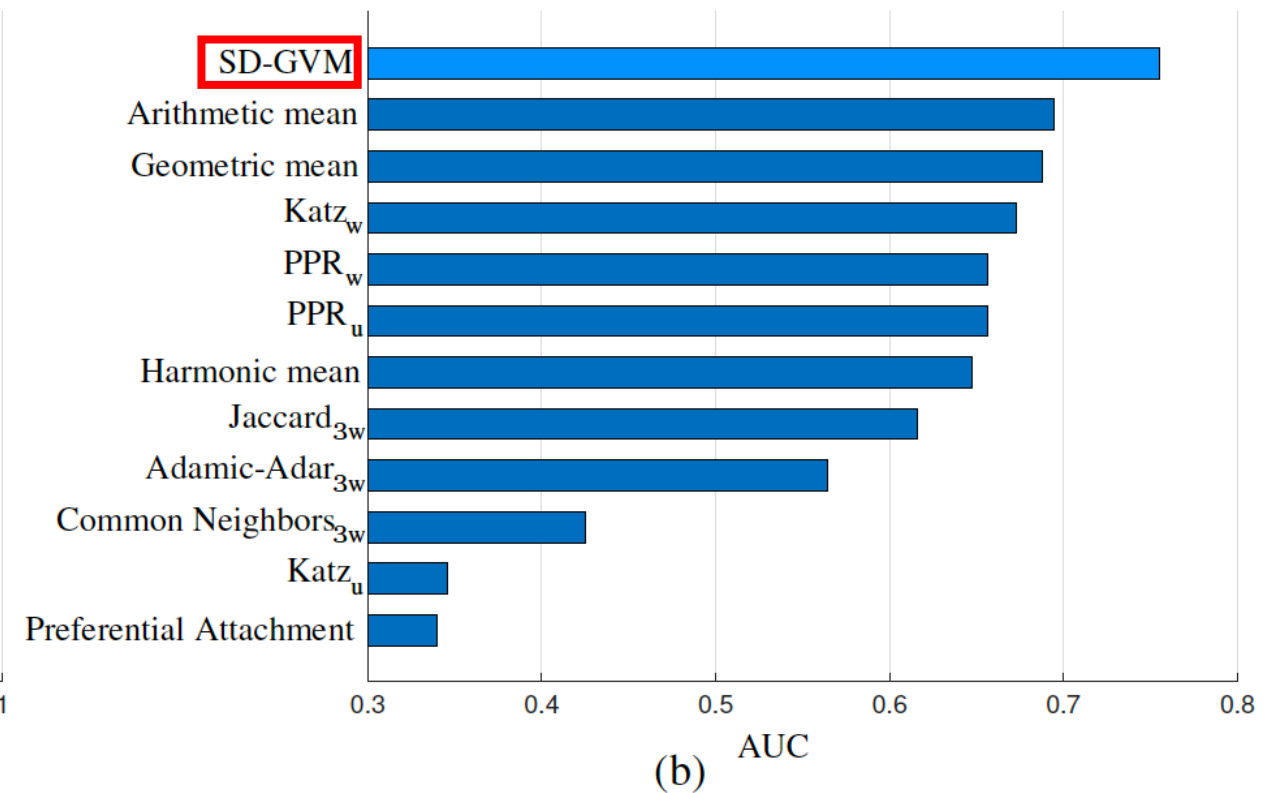
working assumption: $|h_2^i(j, k)| \propto p(\{i, j, k\} \subseteq \mathcal{T}_{\text{closed}}^\tau | \{S_t\}_{t=1}^T)$

Application: Triangle-link prediction

Performance



Enron Emails dataset



Primary school dataset

Open Venues

[Montanari, et al. 16]

- ◉ Symmetric tensor completion for Triangle-link prediction

$$\mathcal{X}(i, j, k) = |\{S_{t_k} : \{i, j, k\} \subset S_{t_k}\}| \quad \mathcal{X}(i, j, 0) = |\{S_{t_k} : \{i, j\} \subset S_{t_k}\}|$$

$$\mathcal{X} \in \mathbb{R}_+^{(|\mathcal{V}|+1) \times |\mathcal{V}| \times |\mathcal{V}|}$$

- ◉ Adaptive diffusions for Triangle-link prediction [Berberidis, et al. 19]

$$s(i, j, k) = h(\mathbf{F}, \{i, j, k\})$$

$$\mathbf{F} := \sum_{l=0}^L \theta_l (\mathbf{W}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{W}^{-1})^k$$

- ◉ Point process modelling...

Simplices as (correlated) point process

Simplices

- $t_1: \{1,2,3,4\}$
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$$\mathbf{S} = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} s_{t_1} & \mathbf{s}_{t_2} & & \dots & & & \mathbf{s}_{t_8} \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} n_1 \\ n_2 \\ \vdots \\ n_9 \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ \vdots & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ \vdots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ n_9 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

Activation profile

$$\mathbf{W} = \text{offdiag}(\mathbf{L}_S)$$

projected adj. matrix

$$\mathbf{L}_S := \mathbf{S}\mathbf{S}^T$$

Hypergraph incidence matrix

$$\mathbf{S} := [\mathbf{s}_{t_1}, \mathbf{s}_{t_1}, \dots, \mathbf{s}_{t_8}]$$

Wrapping up

- Pair-wise network modelling is not enough
 - higher-order interactions are missing
- Combination of SEMs and VSMs
 - expressibility and interpretability
- Including effects from HO interactions
 - benefits topology identification based on nodal attributes
- SD-GVMs are directly applicable to HO link prediction
 - however, there is a complexity challenge
- Incidence matrix representation of simplices
 - allows spatio-temporal point process-based analysis

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Questions?

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