

# ISI 2011

Leveraging social networks to detect  
of anomalous insider actions in  
collaborative environments

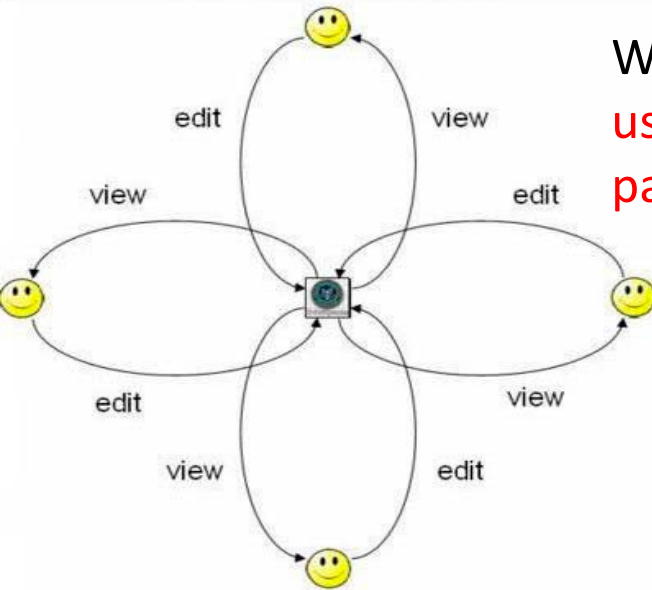
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# Motivation

Wiki Editing System: multiple **users** can view or edit common **pages**

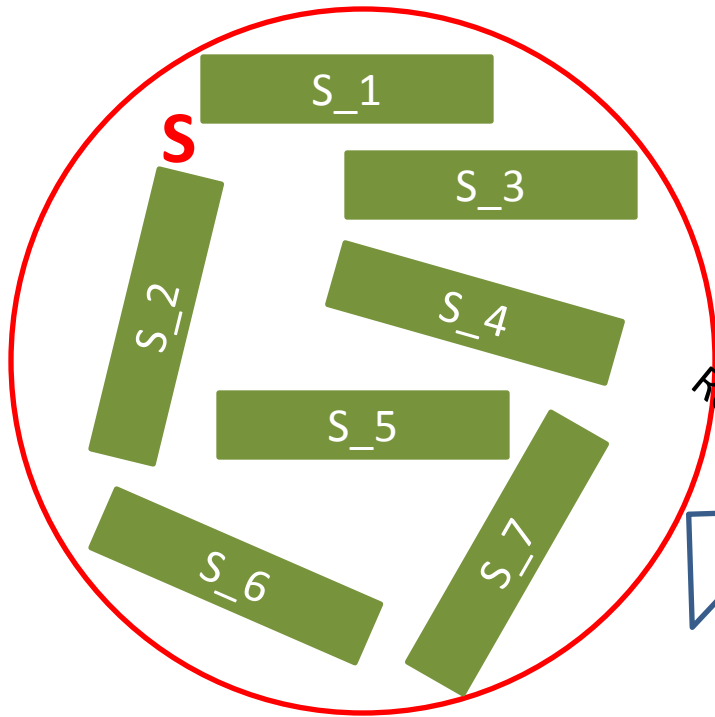


Electrical Health Records Systems: multiple **users** access common **patients' records**

## Privacy requirements, especially for sensitive information

For different tasks, the roles and permissions are always evolving and changing, it is difficult to define these roles and permissions.

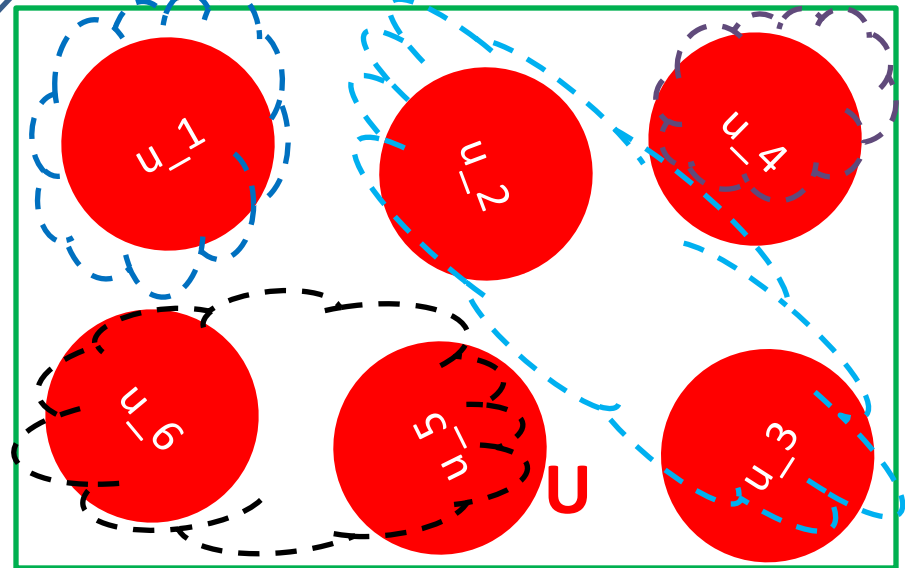
Hackers can steal different roles to illegally access subjects' sensitive information without being detected



Roles and permissions

**Behavior  
Modeling**

Information requirements  
which leads to Information  
exposure



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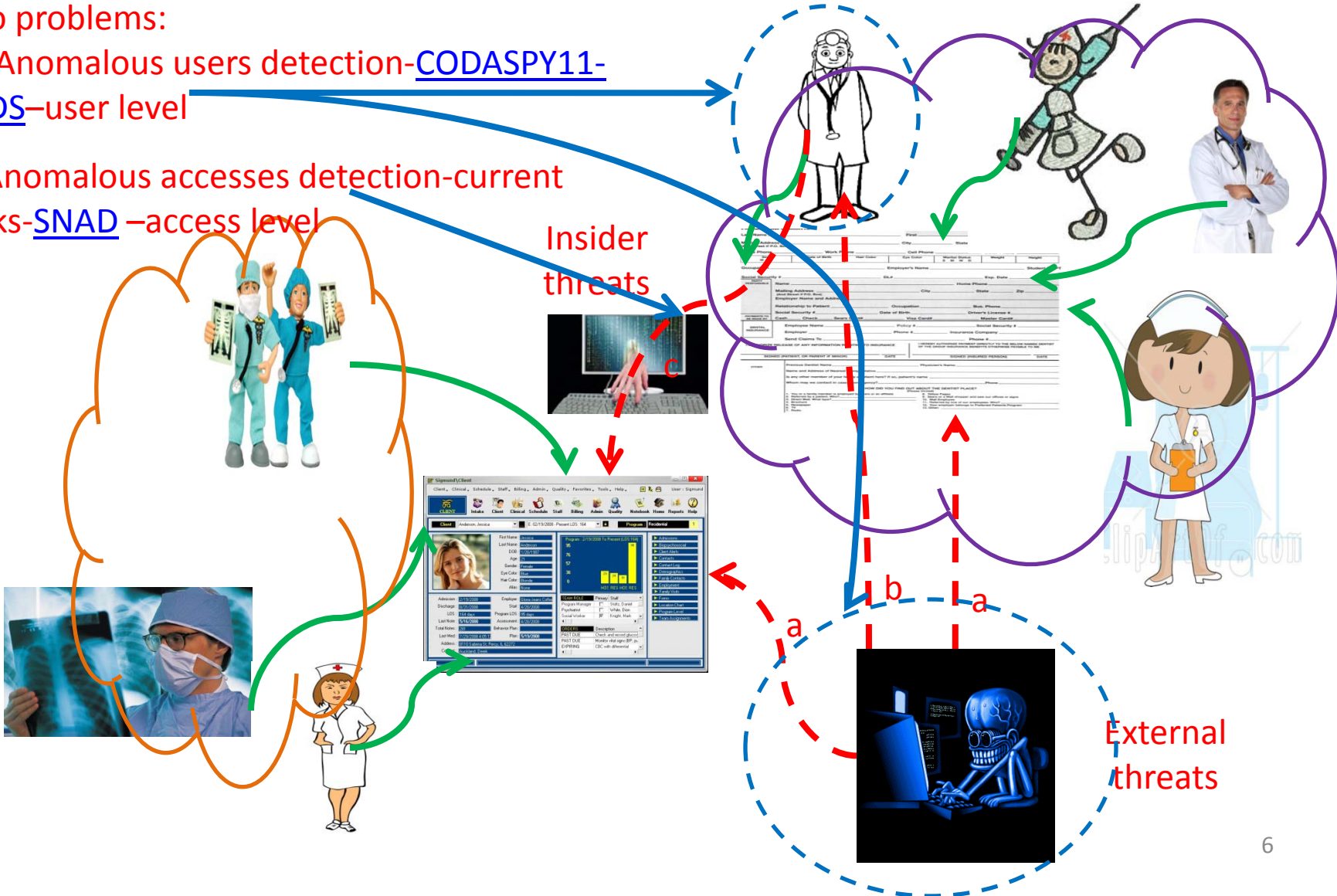
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# Typical Attacks

## Two problems:

(1) Anomalous users detection-CODASPY11-CADS-user level

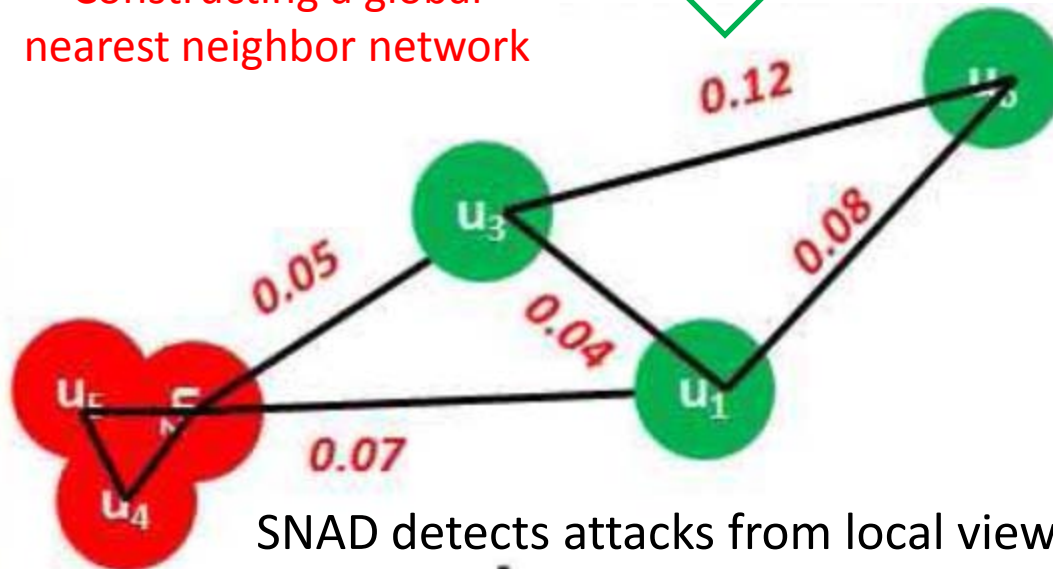
(2) Anomalous accesses detection-current works-SNAD –access level



Detecting anomalous users from a global view is a cool way to protect privacy of subjects information, and CADS is a typical model by using global social network



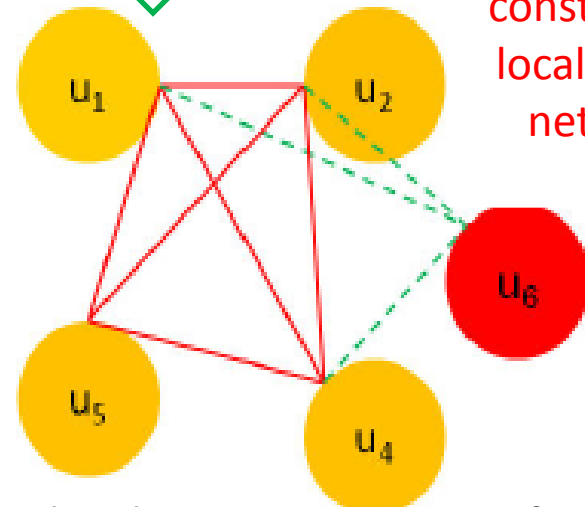
Constructing a global nearest neighbor network



SNAD detects attacks from local view, and it detects more specific attacks such as anomalous accesses



For subject  $S_3$ , constructing local access network



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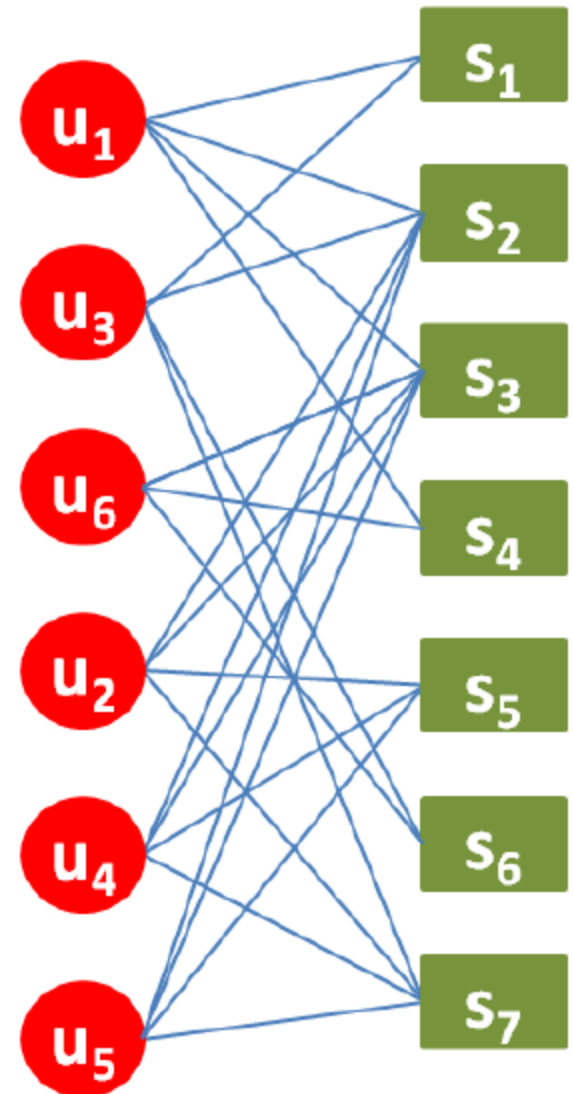


# Methods

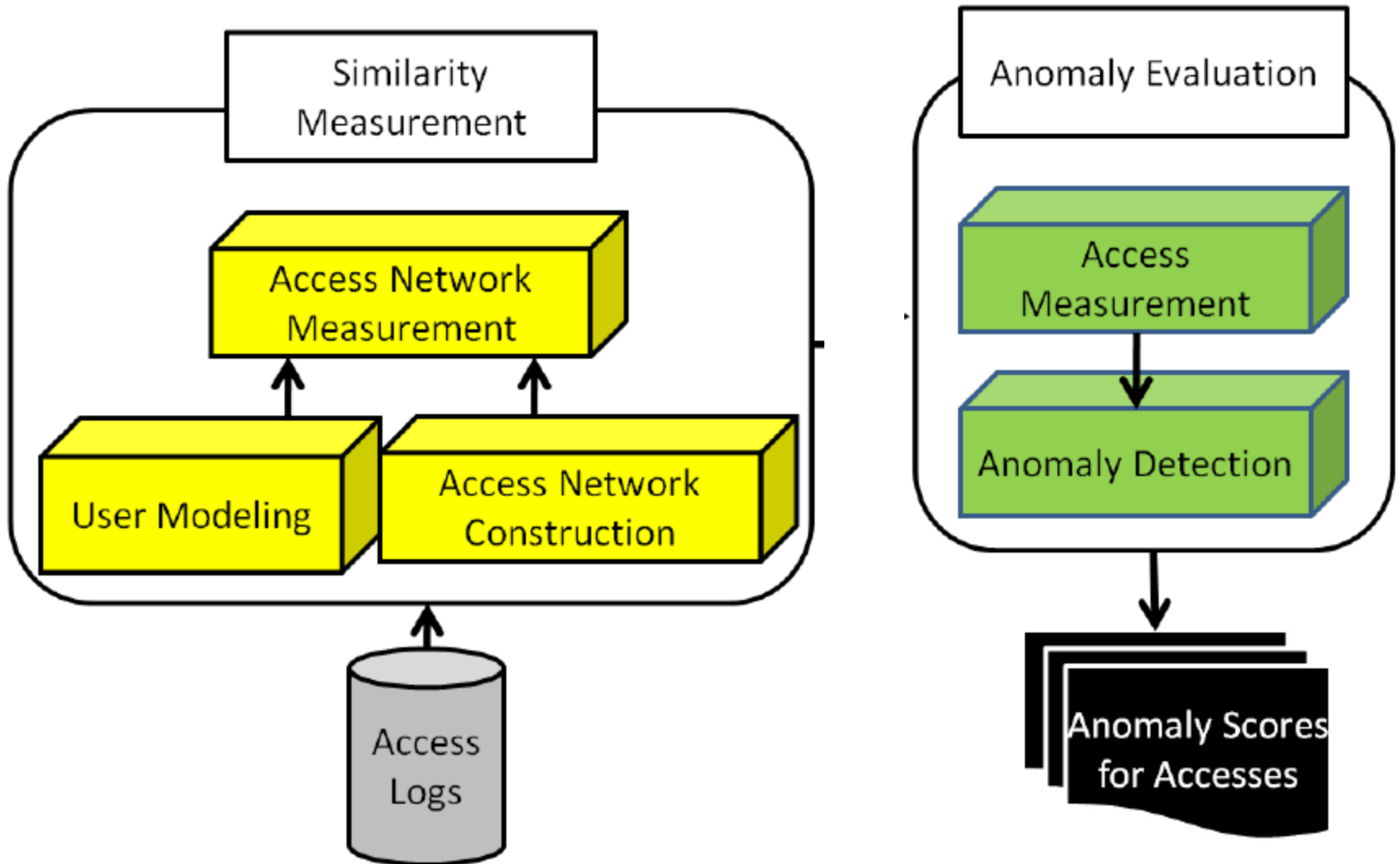
The methods were both based on access patterns which can be retrieved from a bipartite graph of users and subjects

SNAD: A specialized network anomaly detection model

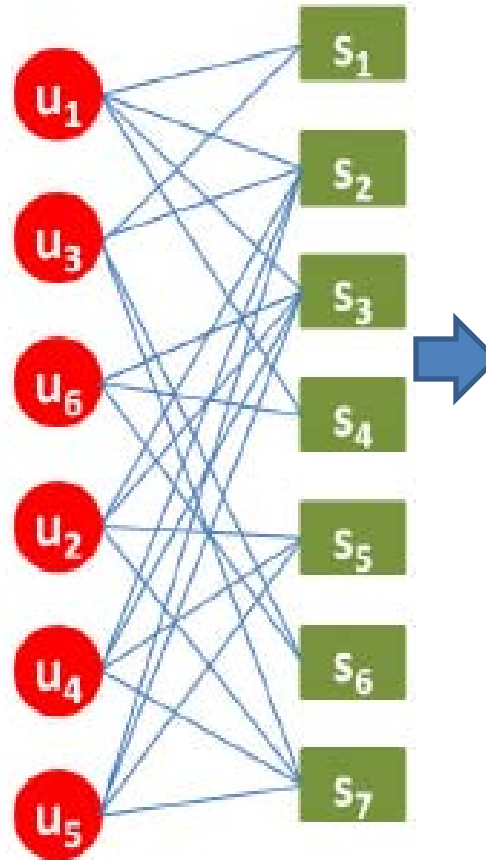
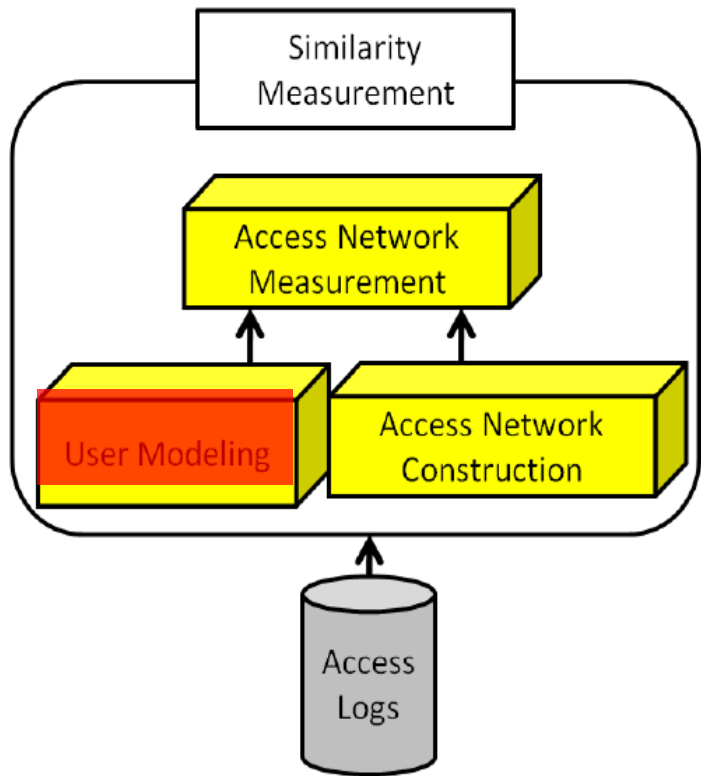
SNAD hypothesizes that if a user in the local network is anomalous, the similarity between this user to the network will be lower than the remaining users



- Framework of SNAD



# User Modeling

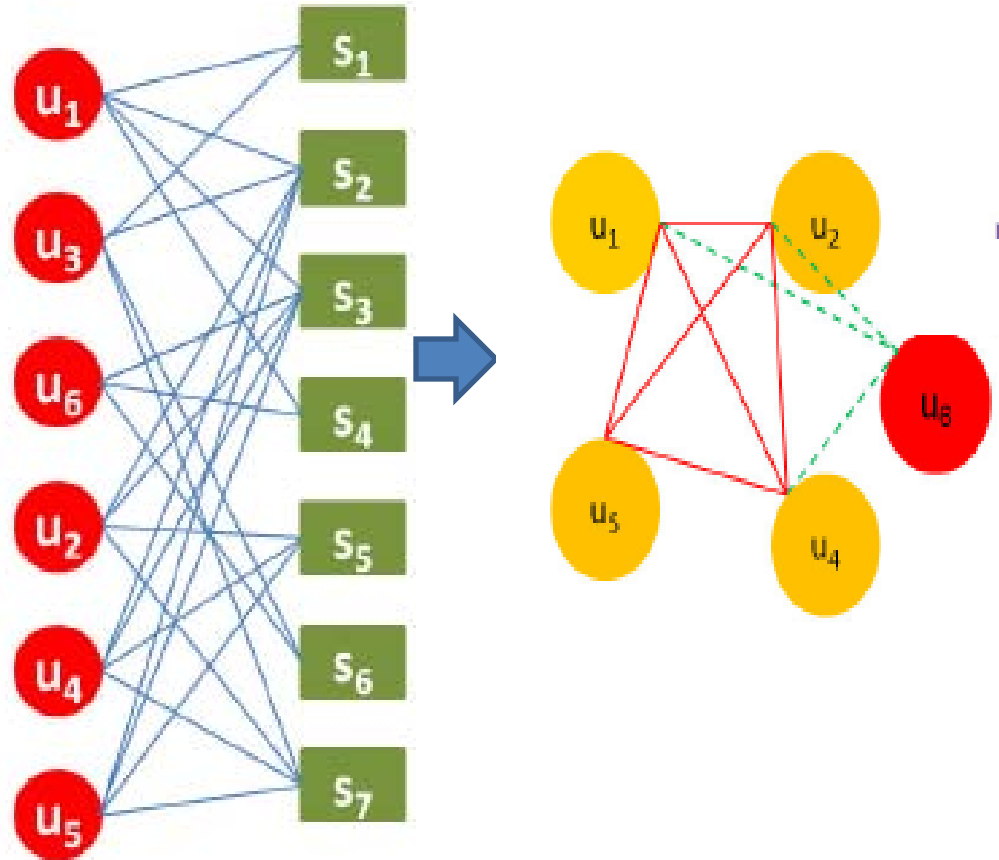
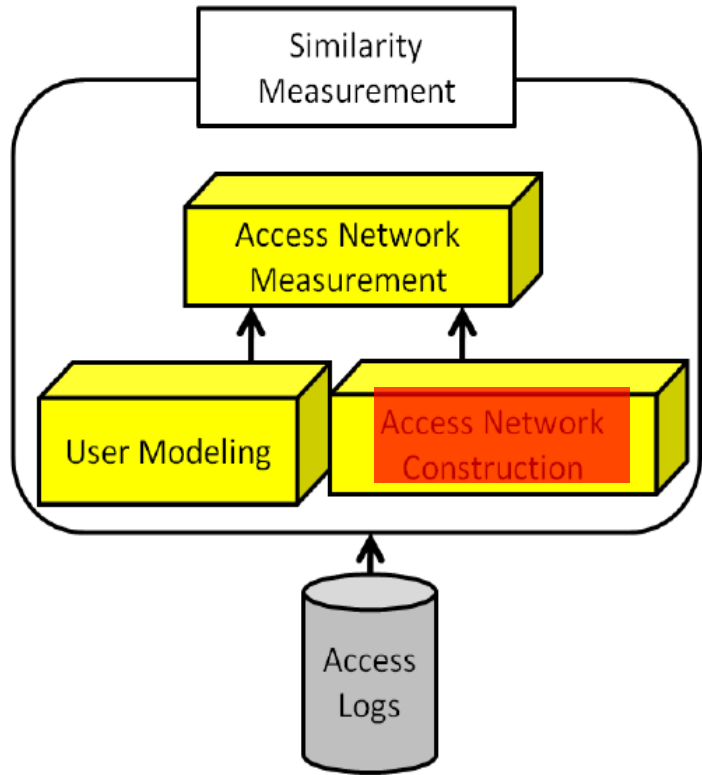


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$s_1$	1	0	1	0	0	0
$s_2$	1	1	1	1	1	0
$s_3$	1	1	0	1	1	1
$s_4$	1	0	0	0	0	1
$s_5$	0	1	0	1	1	0
$s_6$	0	0	1	0	0	1
$s_7$	0	1	1	1	1	0

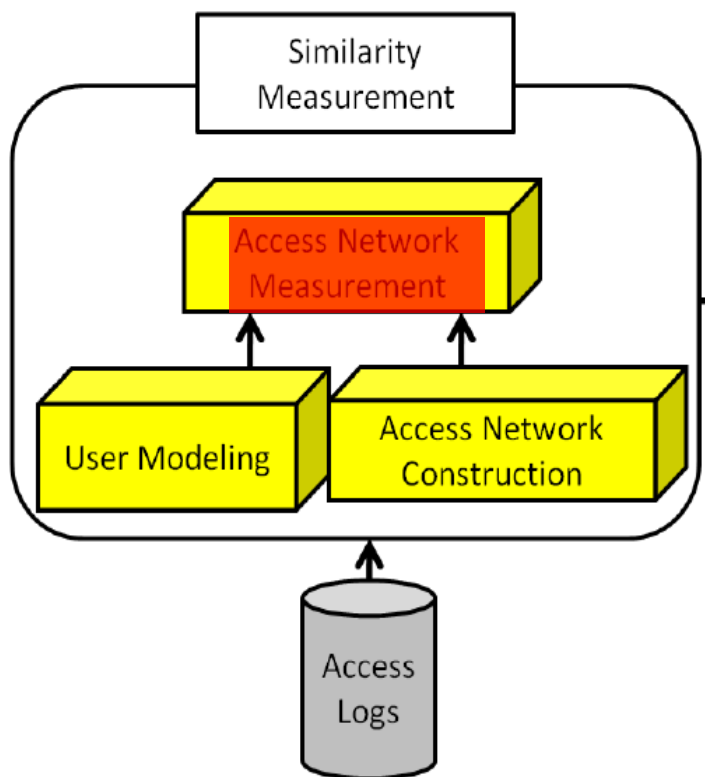
	$u_1$	$u_2$	$u_3$	$u_4$	$u_5$	$u_6$
$s_1$	0.15	0	0.15	0	0	0
$s_2$	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	0
$s_3$	0.15	0.15	0.00	0.15	0.15	0.24
$s_4$	0.15	0	0	0	0	0.24
$s_5$	0	0.15	0	0.15	0.15	0
$s_6$	0	0	0.15	0	0	0.24
$s_7$	0	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	0

$$IDF(u_i) = \log \frac{|S|}{1 + |\{s_j, \text{ where } SU(j, i) > 0\}|}$$

# Access Network Construction



# Access Network Measurement



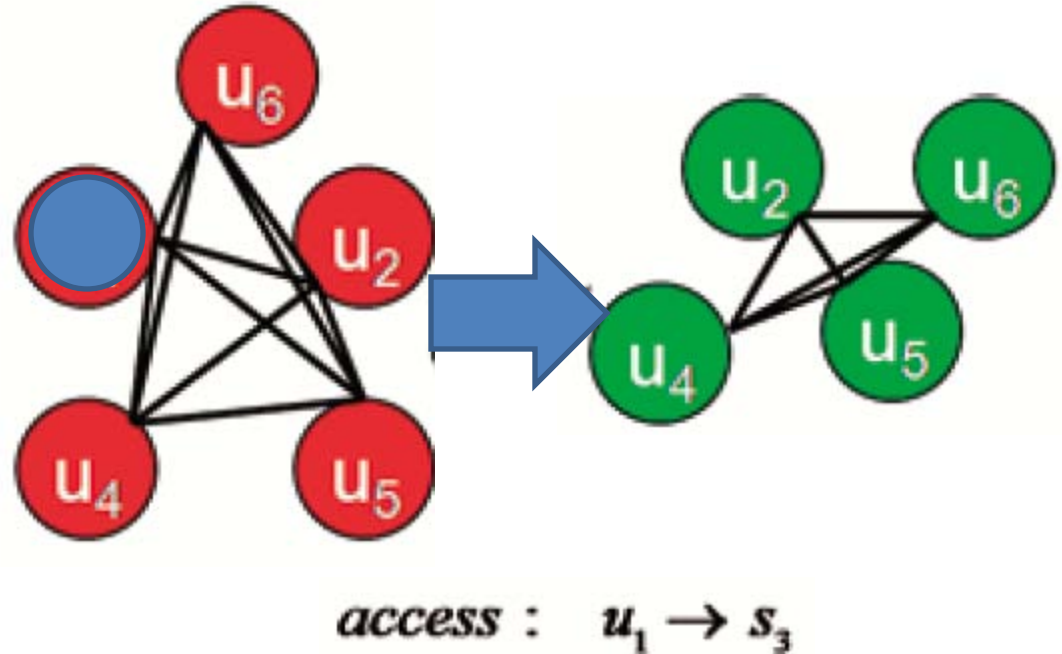
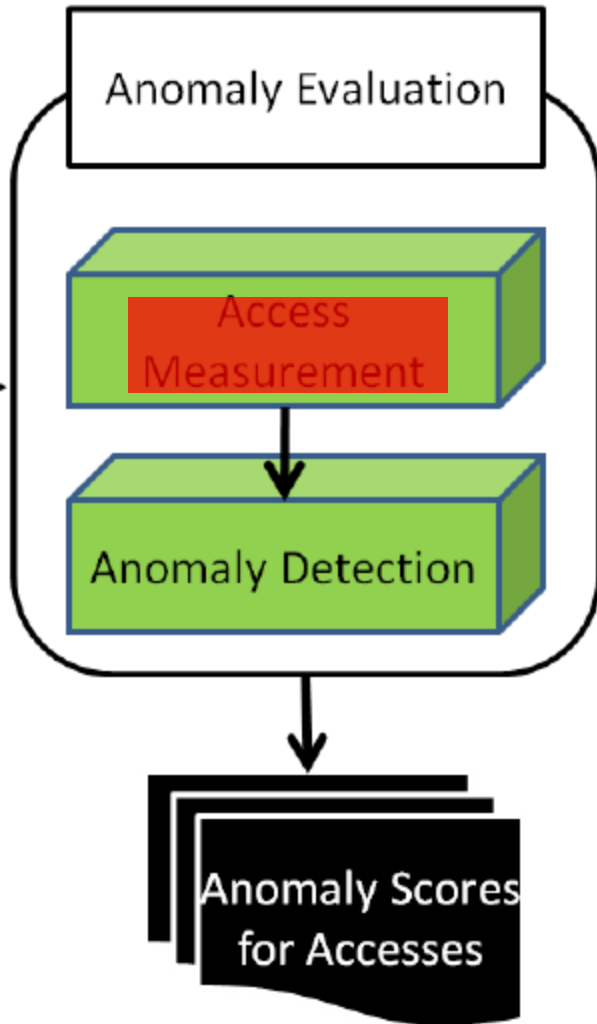
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	$u_1$	$u_2$	$u_4$	$u_5$	$u_6$
$u_1$	1.00				
$u_2$	0.50	1.00			
$u_4$	0.50	1.00	1.00		
$u_5$	0.50	1.00	1.00	1.00	
$u_6$	0.58	0.29	0.29	0.29	1.00

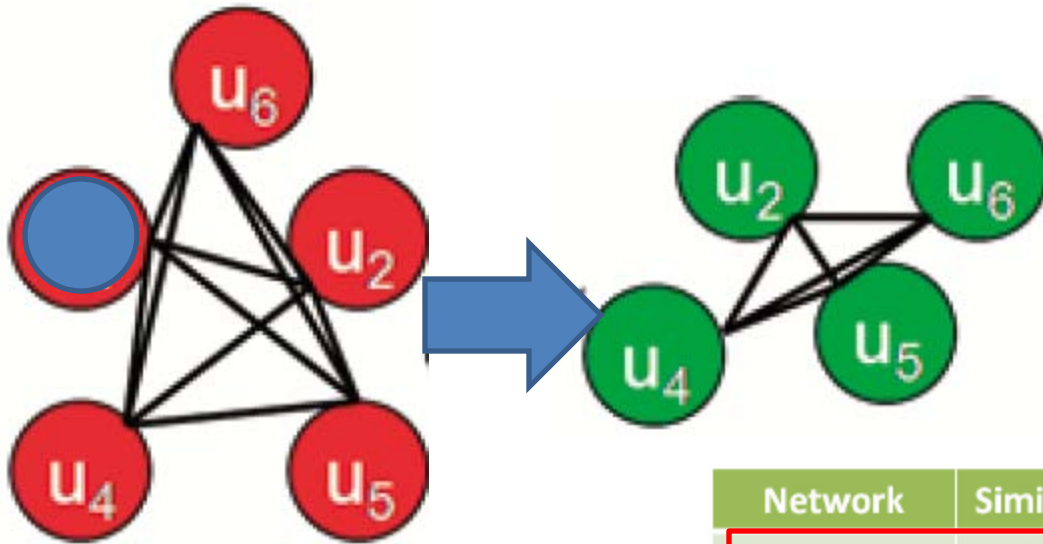
$$Sim(u_i, u_j) = \frac{\mathbf{U}_i \cdot \mathbf{U}_j}{||\mathbf{U}_i|| \times ||\mathbf{U}_j||}$$

$$SIM(Net_{s_i}) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{|U_{s_i}|-1} \sum_{j=i+1}^{|U_{s_i}|} Sim(u_i, u_j)}{\frac{|U_{s_i}| \times (|U_{s_i}| - 1)}{2}}$$

- Anomaly Evaluation - Access Measurement



- Anomaly Evaluation – Anomaly detection

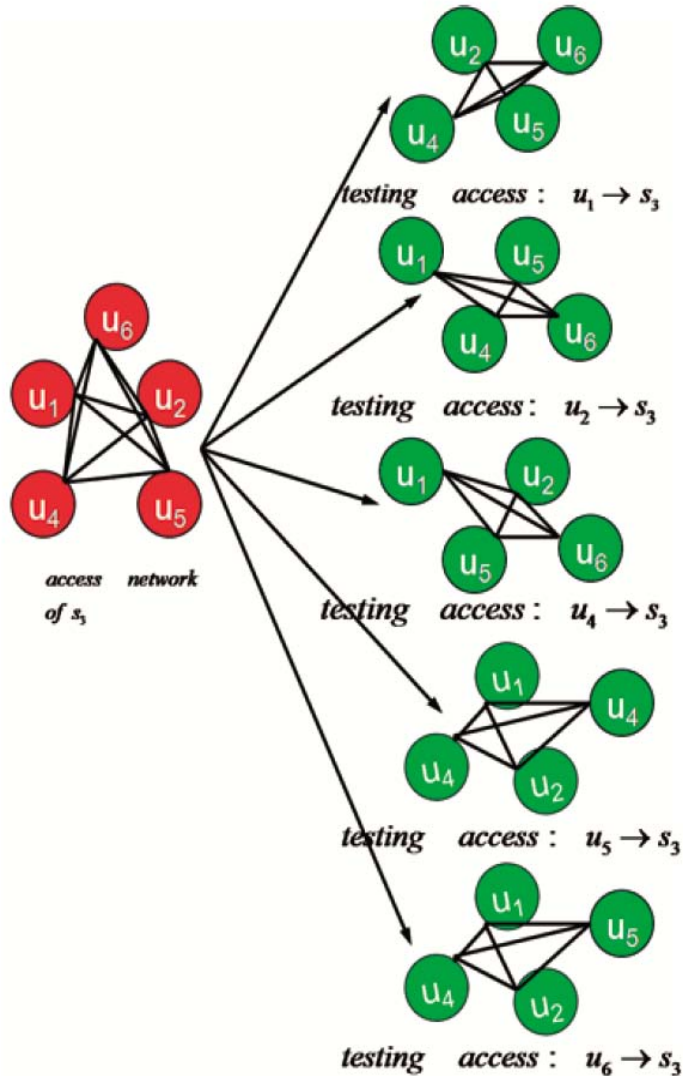


*access* :  $u_1 \rightarrow s_3$

Network	Similarity	Size
$u_1, u_2, u_4, u_5, u_6$	0.59	5
$u_2, u_4, u_5, u_6$	0.64	4
$u_1, u_4, u_5, u_6$	0.52	4
$u_1, u_2, u_5, u_6$	0.52	4
$u_1, u_2, u_4, u_6$	0.52	4
$u_1, u_2, u_4, u_5$	0.75	4

Access	Score	Size
u1-s3	0.05	4
u2-s3	-0.07	4
u4-s3	-0.07	4
u5-s3	-0.07	4
u6-s3	0.16	4

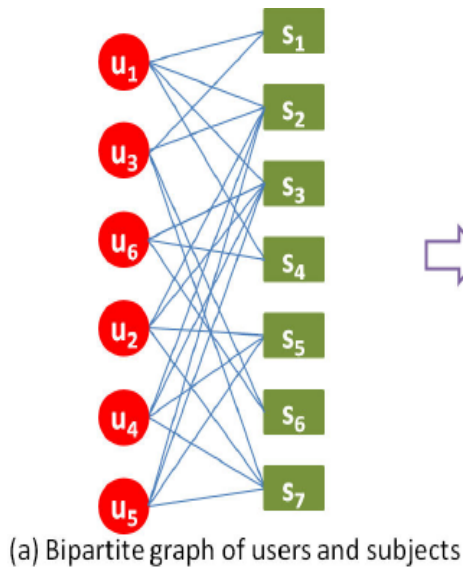
- Anomaly Evaluation



$$Score(u_j \rightarrow s_3) = SIM(Net_{s_{3j}}) - SIM(Net_{s_3})$$



- Compared Models: Spectral Anomaly Detection Model



(b) Binary matrix of subjects and users

	$u_1$	$u_2$	$u_3$	$u_4$	$u_5$	$u_6$
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$s_7$	0	1	1	1	1	0

Spectral decomposition  
binary matrix

Spectral analysis

Spectral decomposition on  
IDF matrix

(d) Similarity matrix of pairs of users

	$u_1$	$u_2$	$u_4$	$u_5$	$u_6$
$u_1$	1.00				
$u_2$	0.50	1.00			
$u_4$	0.50	1.00	1.00		
$u_5$	0.50	1.00	1.00	1.00	
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(c) IDF matrix of subjects and users

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$s_4$	0.15	0	0	0	0	0.24
$s_5$	0	0.15	0	0.15	0.15	0
$s_6$	0	0	0.15	0	0	0.24
$s_7$	0	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	0

Spectral decomposition is a popular and general method to measure communities of users, so we here compare our model with this method

# Experiments

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# Data Sets

Vanderbilt Medical Center. From a very large EHR system-  
patients' records are considered as subjects

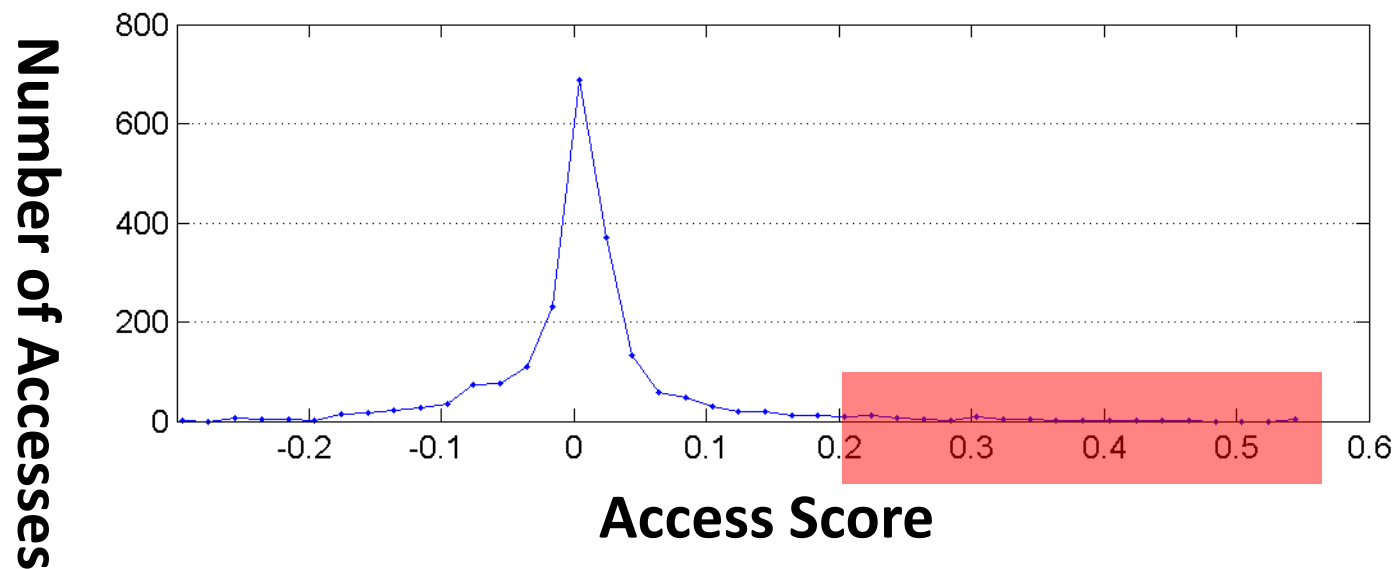
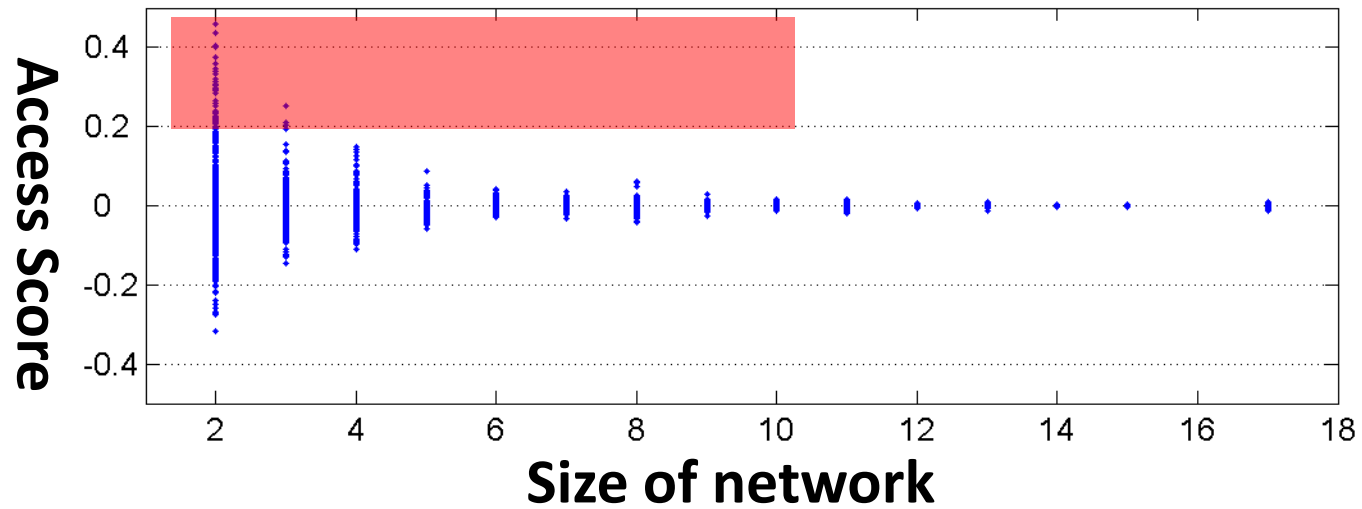
-Private dataset

Wiki editing system-pages are considered as subjects

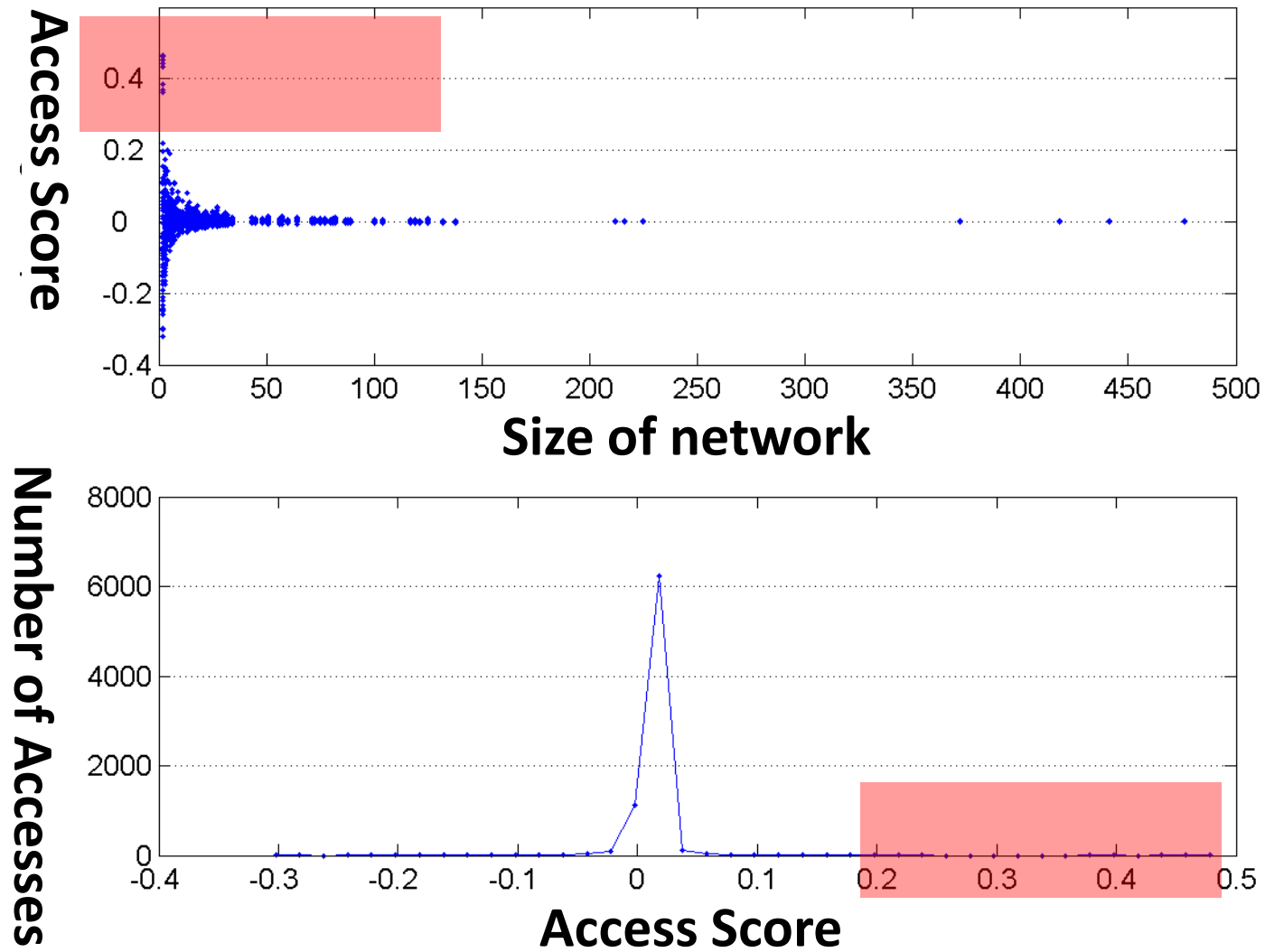
-Public dataset and can be replicated SNAD on this  
dataset

Dataset	Weeks	Users/week	Subjects/week	Accesses/week
EHR	30	2,281	13,148	44,250
Wiki	50	3,952	240	28,186

# In EHR System-one week



# In Wiki-one week



# Evaluation

For a random user, verifying how number of simulated access injected into this user influence the performances of SNAD

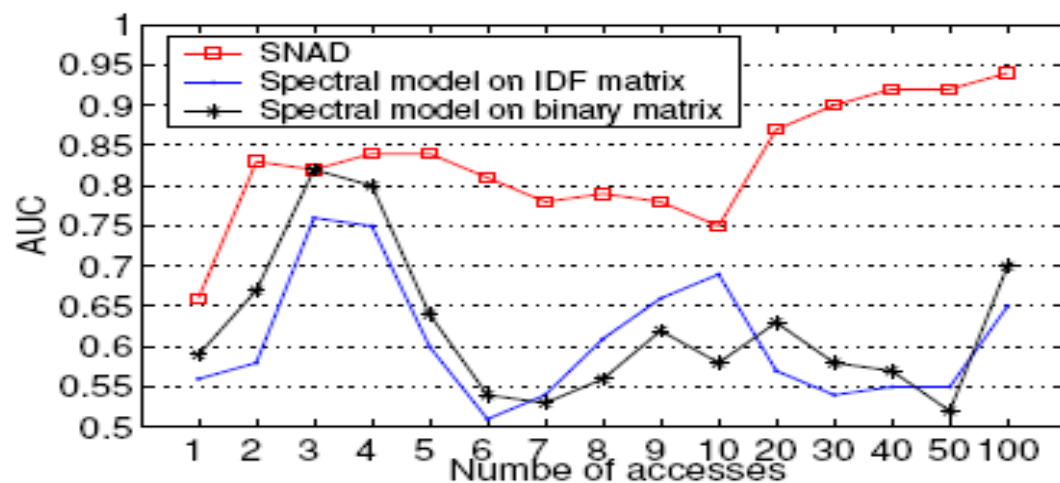
For a fixed number of simulated accesses, verifying how number of intruded users influence the performances of SNAD

The number of simulated accesses and intruded users are both diverse

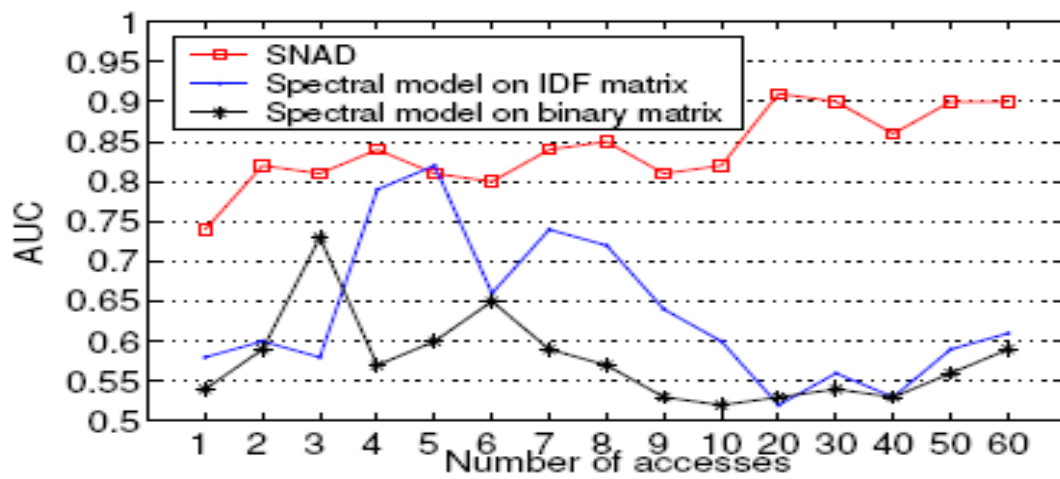
# Model Evaluation-setting 1

For a random user, injecting simulated accesses

$s_1$	$s_2$	$s_3$	...	$s_i$	...	$s_n$	
0	1	0	...	0	...	0	
0	1	1	...	0	...	0	1
1	1	1	...	0	...	0	2
⋮							
1	1	1	...	1	...	1	100



(a) EHR



(b) Wiki



# Model Evaluation-setting 2

Fixing number of simulated accesses, number of intruders is random

$s_1$	$s_2$	$s_3$	...	$s_i$	...	$s_n$
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1	1	1	...	0	...	1
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Intruder\_1

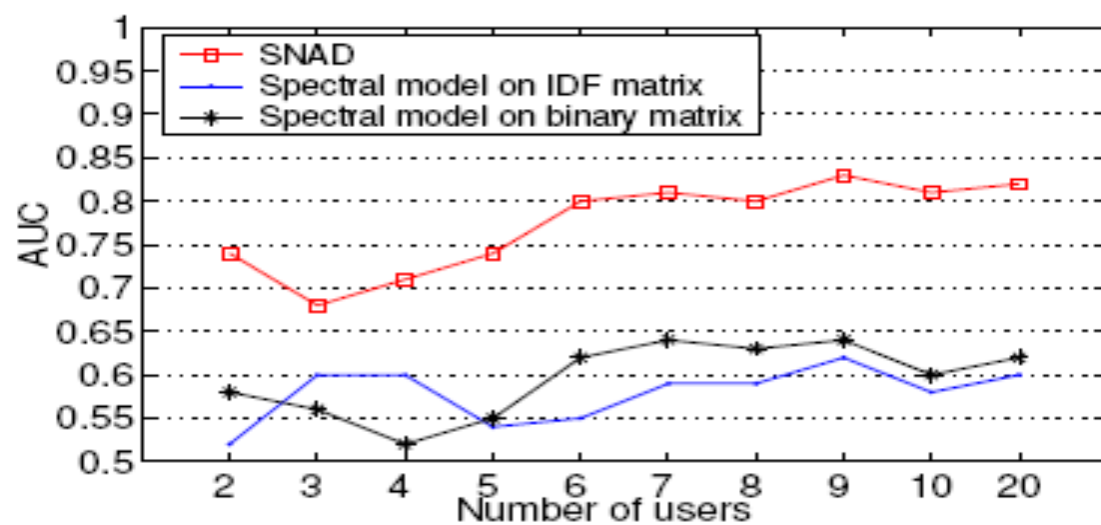
0	1	1	...	1	...	1
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Intruder\_2

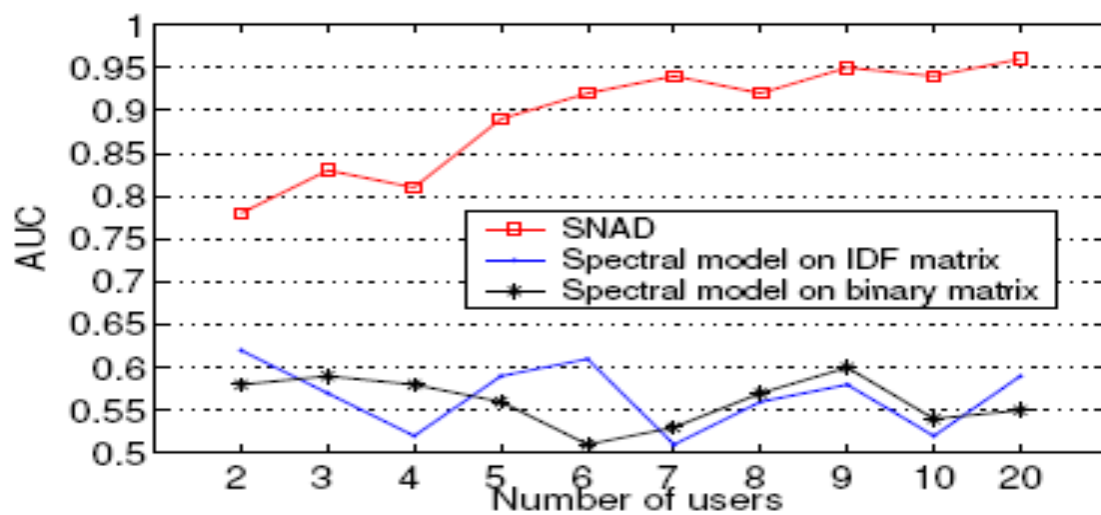
⋮

1	1	1	...	1	...	0
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Intruder\_k



(a) EHR



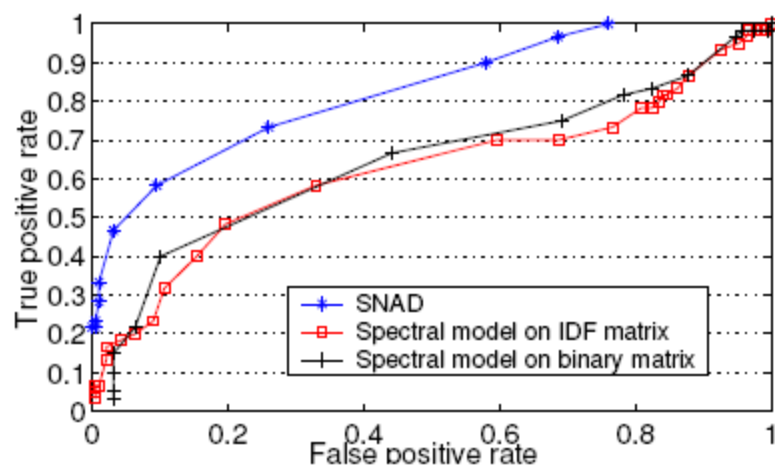
(b) Wiki

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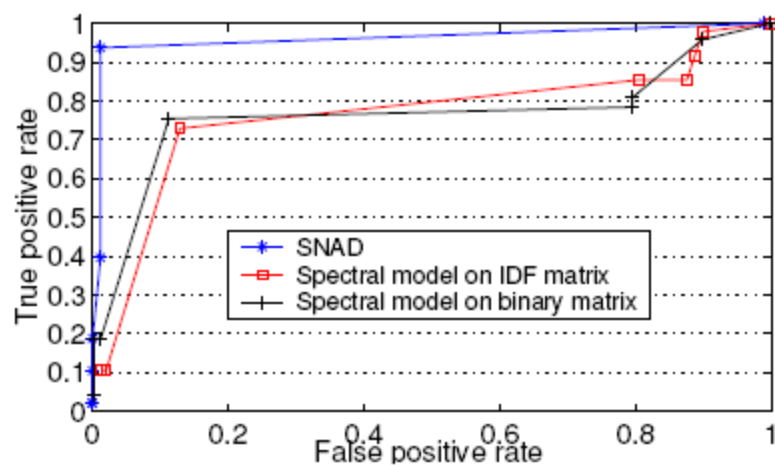
Fixing number of simulated accesses, number of intruders is random

$s_1$	$s_2$	$s_3$	...	$s_i$	...	$s_n$
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1	1	0	...	0	...	0	Intruder_1
0	1	1	...	1	...	1	Intruder_2
⋮							
0	1	1	...	1	...	0	Intruder_k



(a) EHR



(b) Wiki

Dataset	SNAD	Spectral IDF	Spectral Binary
EHR	$0.83 \pm 0.03$	$0.74 \pm 0.06$	$0.69 \pm 0.05$
Wiki	$0.91 \pm 0.02$	$0.76 \pm 0.04$	$0.64 \pm 0.04$

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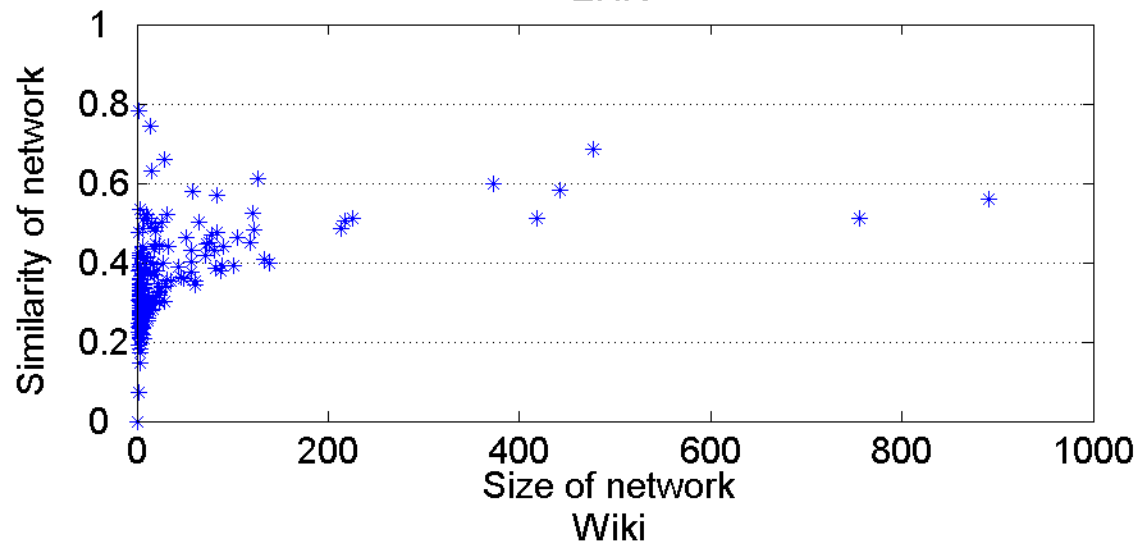
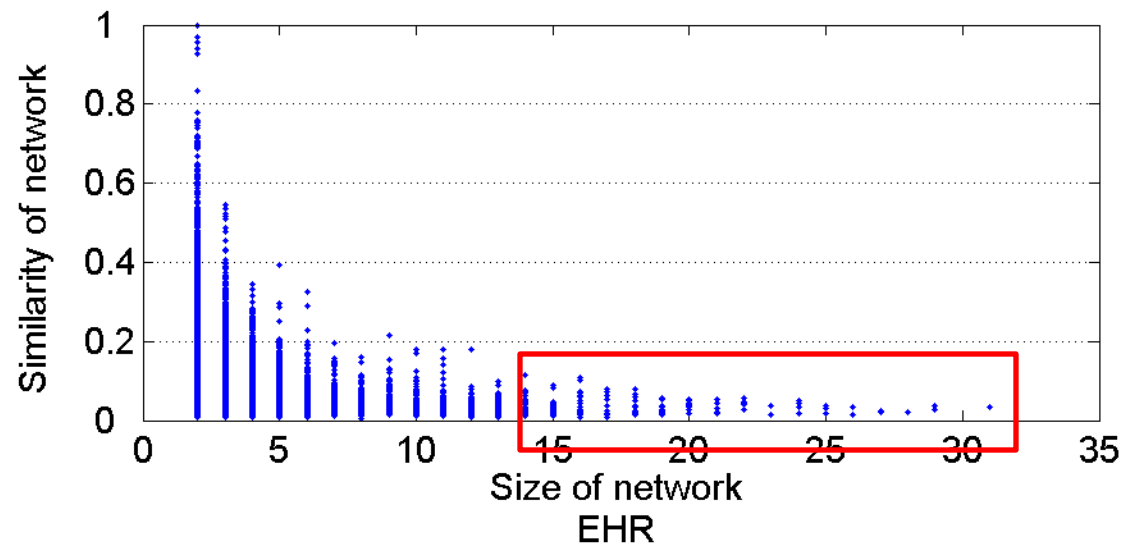
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# Limitations and Future Works

Only mining access patterns on users and subjects will lead to high false positive rates and low true positive rates

When mining normal patterns, we can include semantic information of users and subjects to decrease false positive rates and increase true positive rates

SNAD is not appropriate on large access network with low network similarity. In this case, the suppression of a user has little influence on the similarity of access network. In HER system and Wiki system, SNAD has high performance, since these systems are collaborative and access networks have high network similarity



Questions?

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