

# 2019 Michigan IT Symposium

## Building a Computable Patient History

Using Natural Language Processing and Graph Databases  
to Turn Words into Ideas



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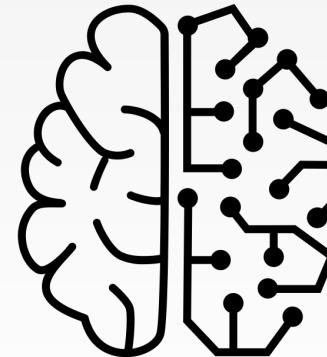
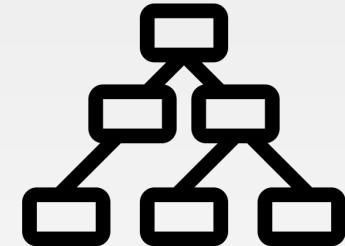
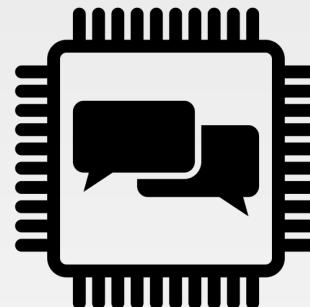
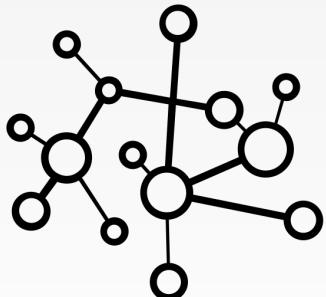
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# Today's Talk

- Introduction to the Problem
- Components of the solution
  - Natural Language Processing
  - Standard Medical Ontologies
  - Network Databases and Algorithms
- Analysis Example
- Applications
- Ways to Improve
- Technical Components
- Q&A



# The Problem

19th Century Forms  
in a 21st Century  
Healthcare and  
Research Institution



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# We Still Collect Data On Paper

PATIENT NAME \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

## HEALTH HISTORY FORM

Please **CIRCLE** the appropriate response next to each question below: Yes (Y), No (N), Don't Know (?)

### MEDICAL HISTORY

*Do you have or have you had any of the following:*

**1. Breathing problems?**

- a. Asthma  Y  N  ?
- b. Emphysema  Y  N  ?
- c. Bronchitis  Y  N  ?
- d. Tuberculosis  Y  N  ?
- e. Shortness of breath  Y  N  ?
- f. Other breathing problems  Y  N  ?

Explain: Exercise induced asthma - well controlled

**5. Head and neck problems?**

- a. Nose or sinus problems  Y  N  ?
- b. Swollen glands  Y  N  ?
- c. Oral cancer  Y  N  ?
- d. Impairment of hearing, sight or speech  Y  N  ?
- e. Frequent or severe headaches  Y  N  ?
- f. Other head and neck problems  Y  N  ?

Explain:

**11. What medications or other substances are you taking or have you taken in the past 2 months?**

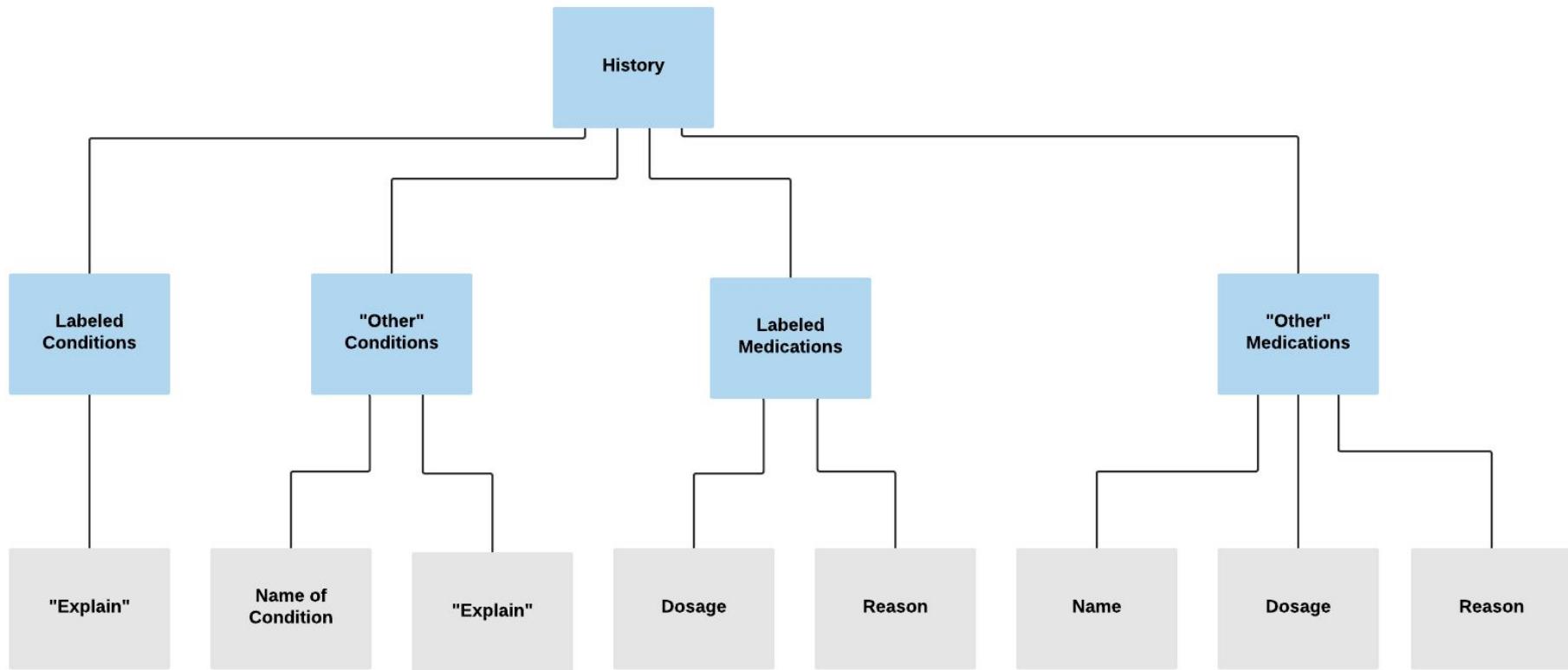
- a. Please list all prescription and non-prescription drugs including aspirin, birth control pills, herbal medications or other supplements. Write "none" if you are not taking any medications or other substances.

Singulair, Lexapro, antibiotic (unsure of name), vitamin D, probiotic

**problems?**

- Y  N  ?
- (roidism)
- Y  N  ?
- ase
- Y  N  ?
- disease
- Y  N  ?

# ...and translate a fraction into computable form





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# Things We Can't Do

- Extracting Facts
- Linking Concepts
- Connecting the Same Information from Different Forms
- Answering Questions
- Identifying Entities
- Literature Processing
- Phenotyping
- Epidemiology and Public Health
- Linking to other Health Systems

To: DENT Data Analytics

From: [diligent\\_researcher@umich.edu](mailto:diligent_researcher@umich.edu)

Subject: HELP!!!

My research is on "Relationship between periimplantitis and cardiovascular disease".

I want to recruit patients who have at least one dental implant and cardiovascular disease with the specific time sequence "implant placement first, CVD second".

Patient Services has been really helpful cross-matching the patient list from the Frankel cardiovascular center and the Dental school, and we tried to cross-match the medication for CVD as well.

But it hasn't been really fruitful. There's no way to perform keyword searches for "cardiovascular disease" or "stroke" or "cardiac stent" etc.

What can we do?!



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# Natural Language Processing in Action

The patient is a 63-year-old female with a three-year history of bilateral hand numbness and occasional weakness.

Within the past year, these symptoms have progressively gotten worse, to encompass also her feet.

She had a workup by her neurologist and an MRI revealed a C5-6 disc herniation with cord compression and a T2 signal change at that level.



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# Challenges

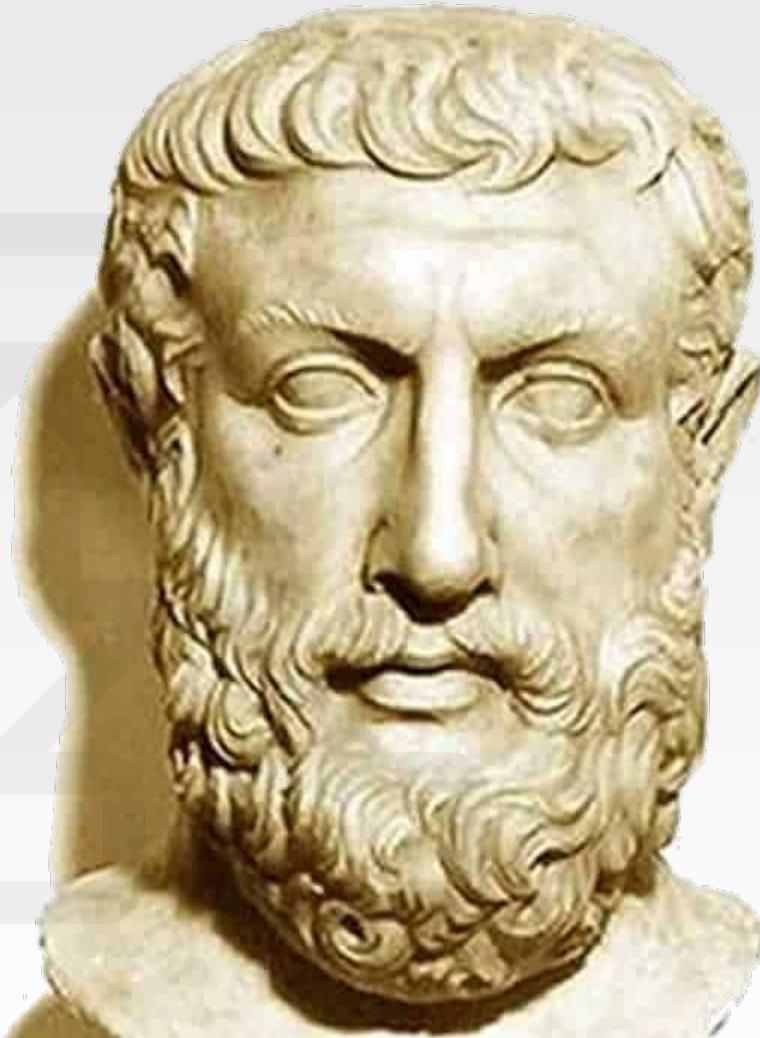
- **Synonymy:** Same idea, different words
  - “Diabetes” “Type 1 Diabetes” “Juvenile Diabetes” “Sugar Disease” “Dbaites”
- **Polysemy:** Same word, different ideas
  - “CT” = Computed Tomography; Cardiothoracic; Carpal Tunnel; Cognitive therapy...
- **Negation:** About half of clinical concepts are negated
  - “Patient does not show signs of diabetes.”
- **Uncertainty:**
  - “Tentative diagnosis of tuberculosis.”
- **Messy Record Structure:** partially structured data, copy/paste templates
  - “CARDIOVASCULAR: [ ] Angina [ ] MI [x] HTN [ ] CHF [ ] Denies CV Problems”
- **Temporality** - keeping track of history vs current
- **Specialized Dialects** - Each specialty or subculture can use language differently



# Connections to Knowledge

“**Ontology** is the philosophical study of being. More broadly, it studies concepts that directly relate to being, in particular becoming, existence, reality, as well as the basic categories of being and their relations.”

[Wikipedia](#)



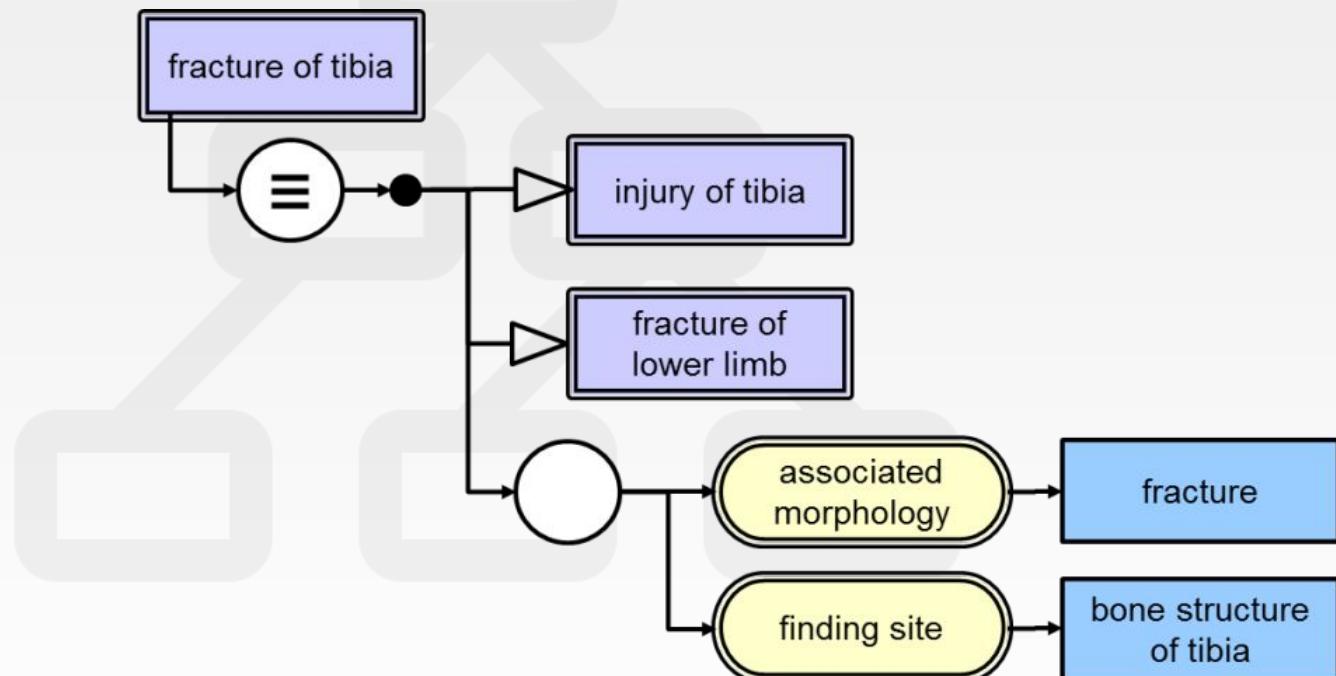
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# The Leg Bone's Connected to the Foot Bone

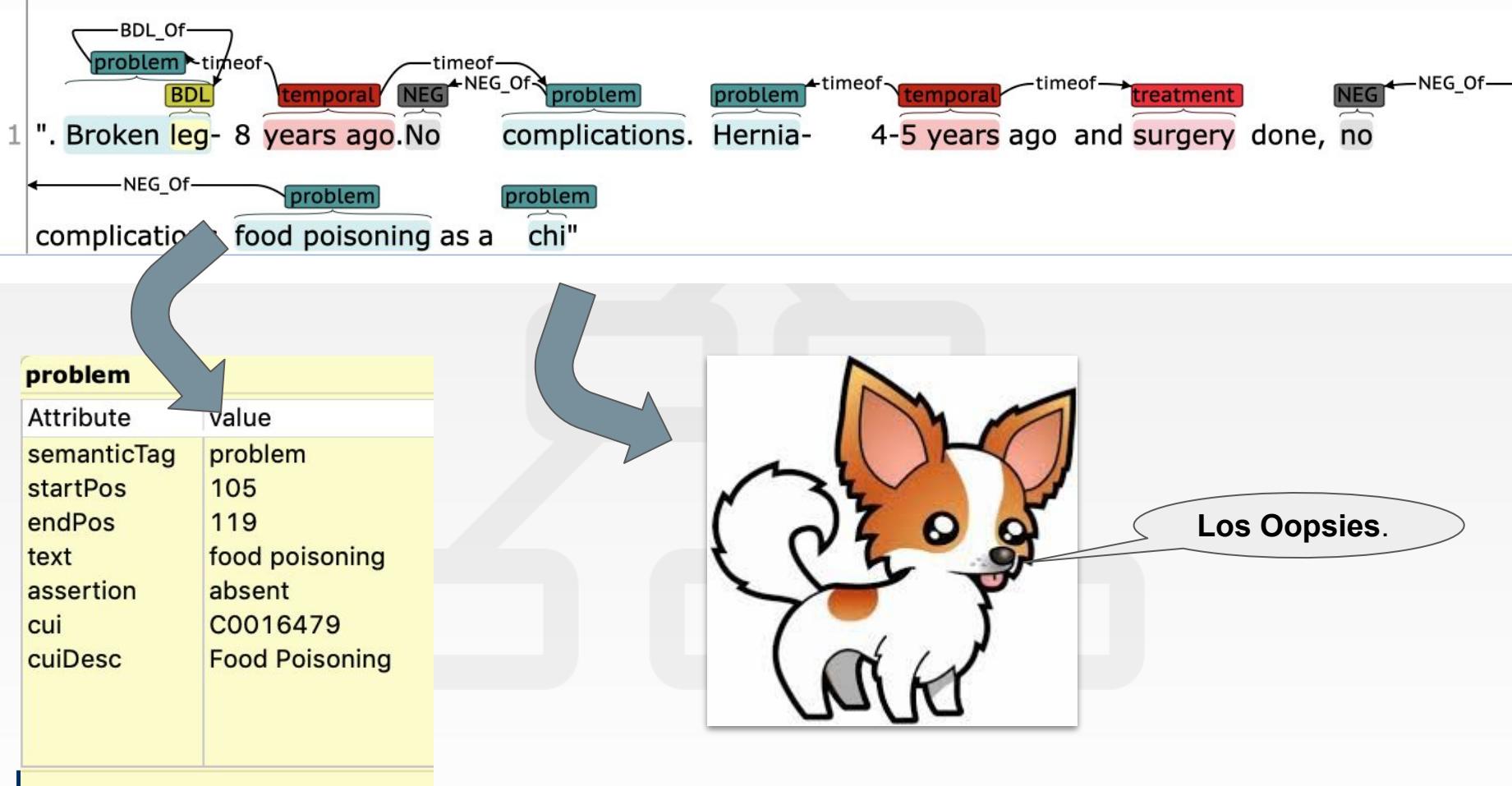
“**Medical ontologies** are built by humans but are intended to be used computationally and thus are formally structured. For example, a medical ontology can express that a disease whose clinical course is sudden or short is equivalent to an acute disease.”

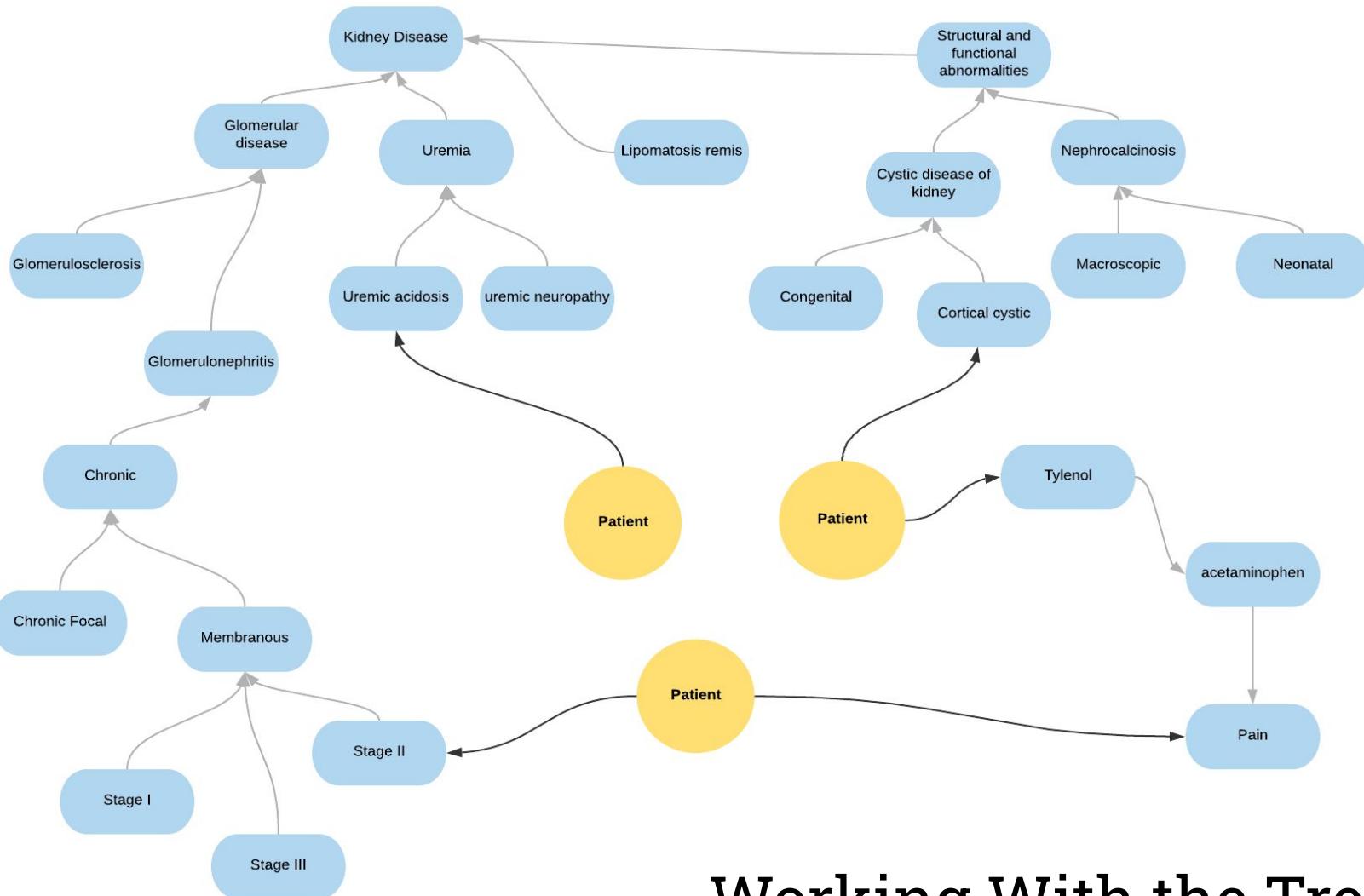
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- OMOP
- UMLS
- SNOMED-CT
- RXNORM
- ICD-9/10



# Tying It Together





# Working With the Tree

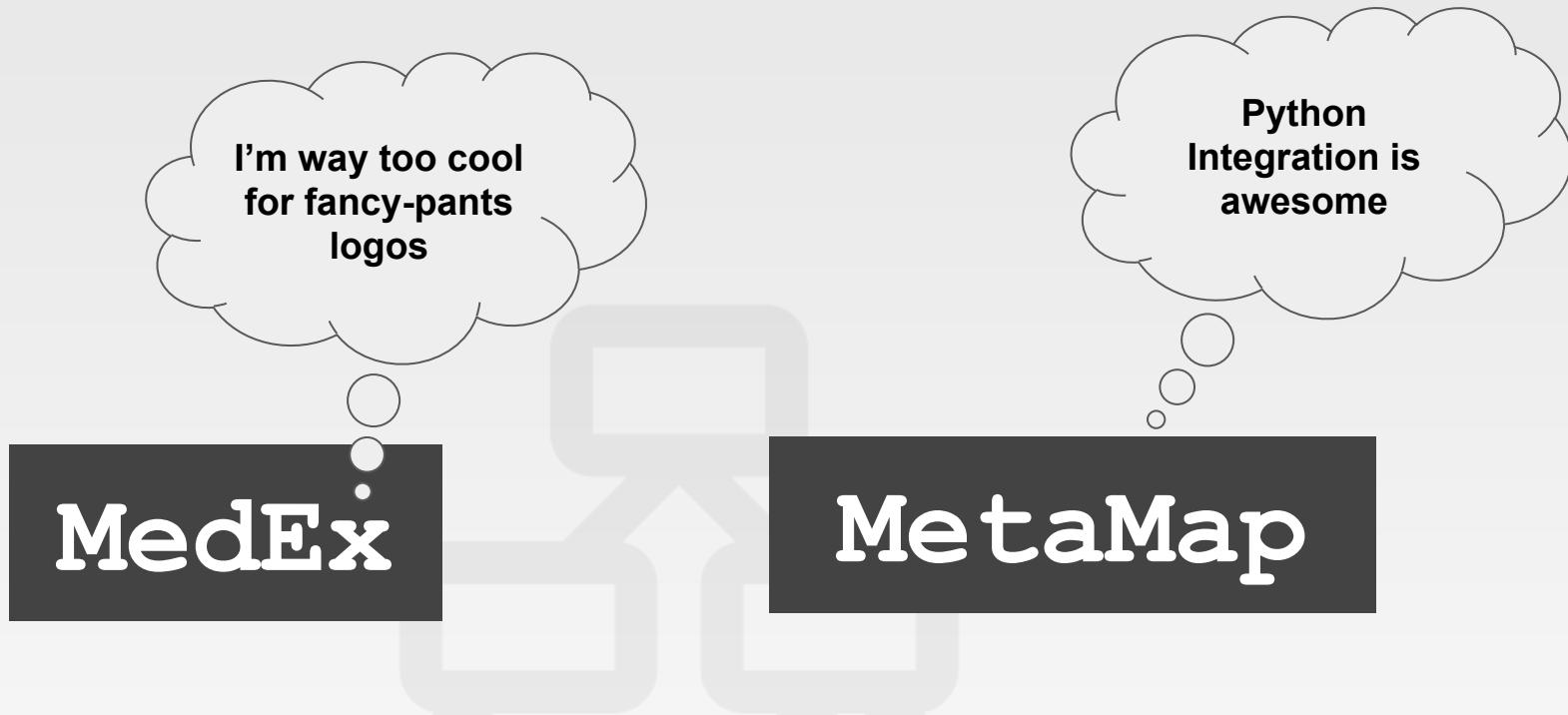


Adapted from El-Sappagh S, Elmogy M. An encoding methodology for medical knowledge using SNOMED CT ontology. Journal of King Saud University-Computer and Information Sciences. 2016 Jul 1;28(3):311-29.

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# Tools



**CLAMP**  
Clinical Language Annotation, Modeling, and Processing Toolkit



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# Output

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# Cool, but now what?

Where to store it?

How to process it?

Is it good for anything?

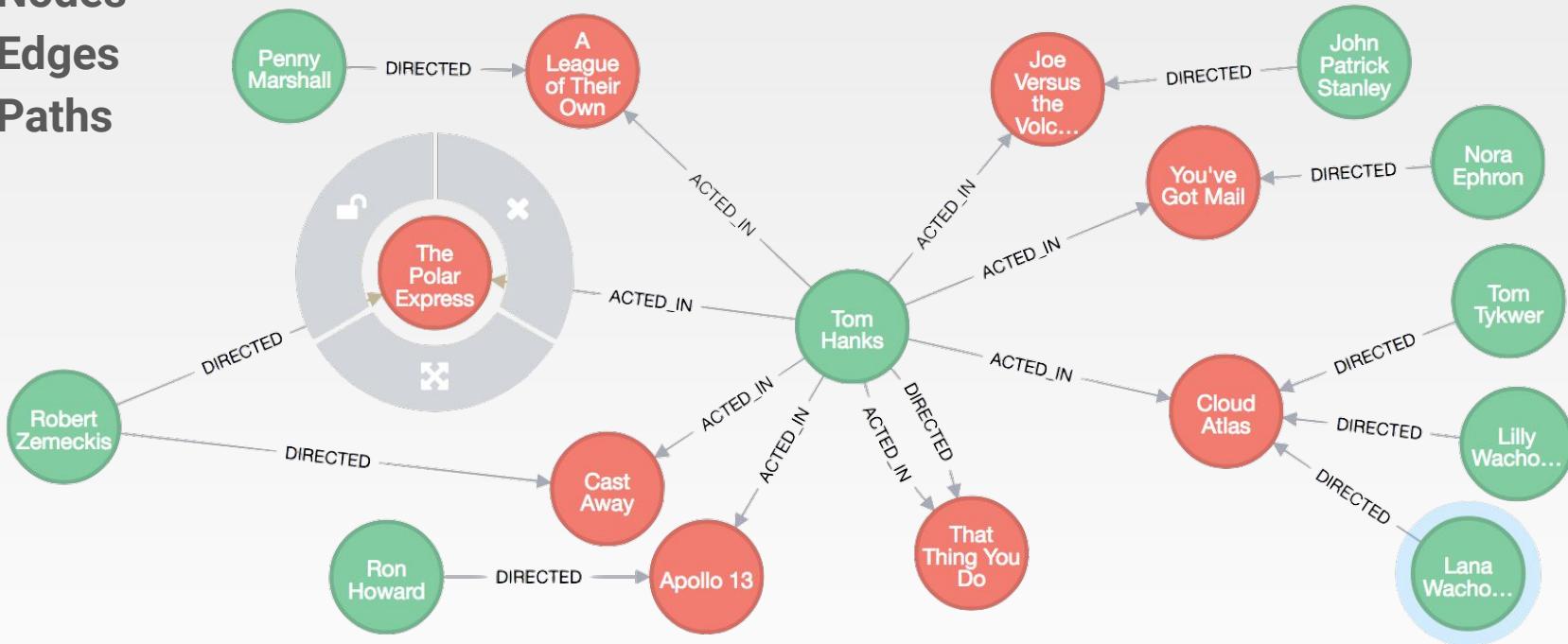


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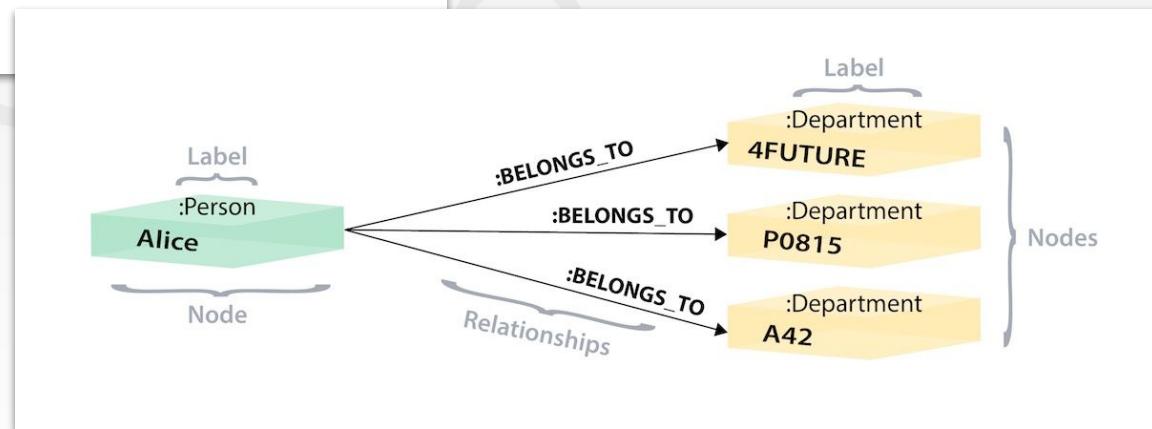
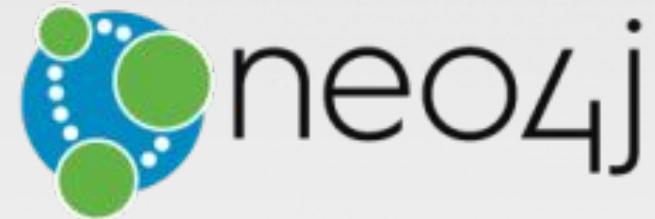
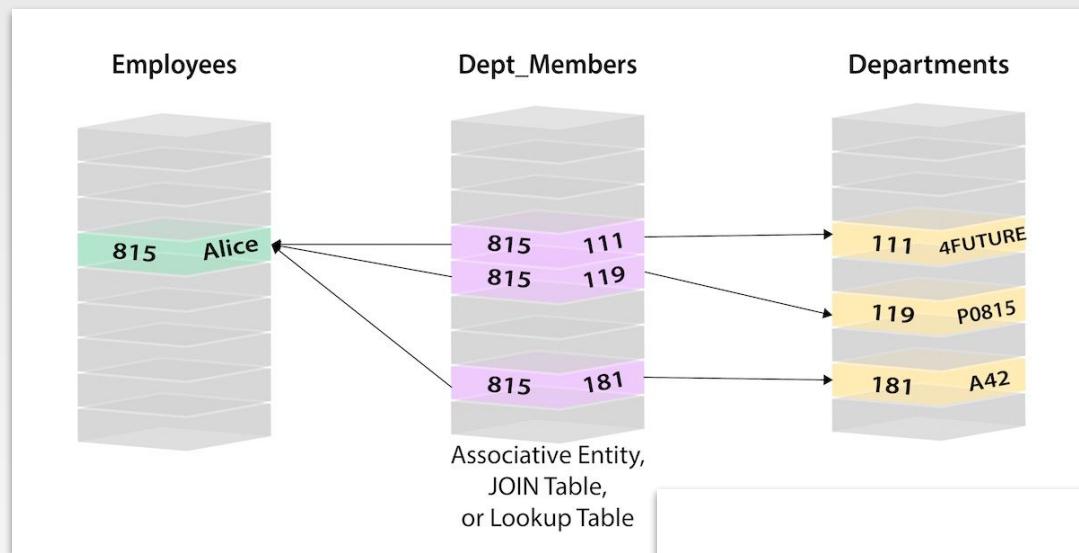
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All about the connections

- Nodes
- Edges
- Paths

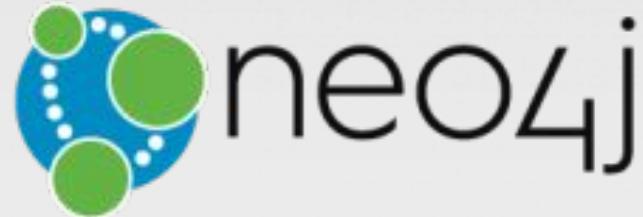


# Graph vs RDBMS



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# Demo



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RETURN p;
```

```
MATCH (tom:Person {name:"Tom Hanks"})-[:ACTED_IN]->(m)<-[ACTED_IN]-(coActors),  
(coActors)-[:ACTED_IN]->(m2)<-[ACTED_IN]-(cruise:Person {name:"Tom Cruise"})  
RETURN tom, m, coActors, m2, cruise;
```



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# Graph Algorithms: Centrality

Who is best connected to other nodes?

What is the most important node?

```
call algo.pageRank.stream(  
  'MATCH (p:Person) return id(p) as id',  
  'MATCH (p1:Person)-->(:Movie)<--(p2:Person)  
  WITH p1,p2,count(*) as commonMovies  
  WHERE commonMovies > 2  
  RETURN id(p1) as source, id(p2) as target',  
  {graph:'cypher'})  
YIELD nodeId, score  
WITH nodeId, score  
ORDER BY score desc limit 10  
  
RETURN algo.asNode(nodeId).name as person, score
```

"person"	"score"
"Cameron Crowe"	5.0992637382820245
"Lana Wachowski"	1.7025186547078193
"Lilly Wachowski"	1.7025186547078193
"Nancy Meyers"	1.3125946707092224
"Keanu Reeves"	1.2911624179221688
"Nora Ephron"	1.254318251507357
"Meg Ryan"	1.254318251507357
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"Laurence Fishburne"	1.0249650554265828

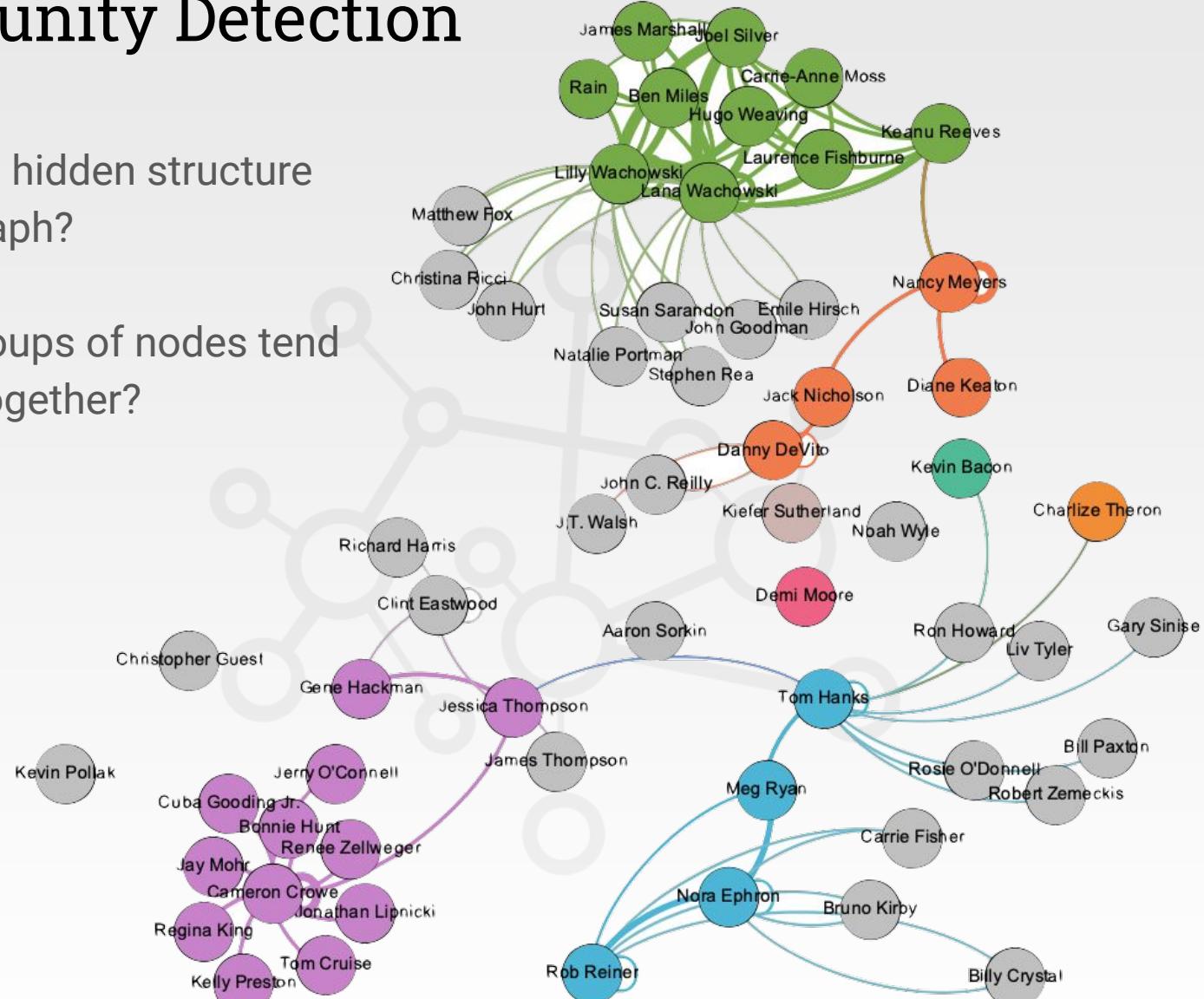


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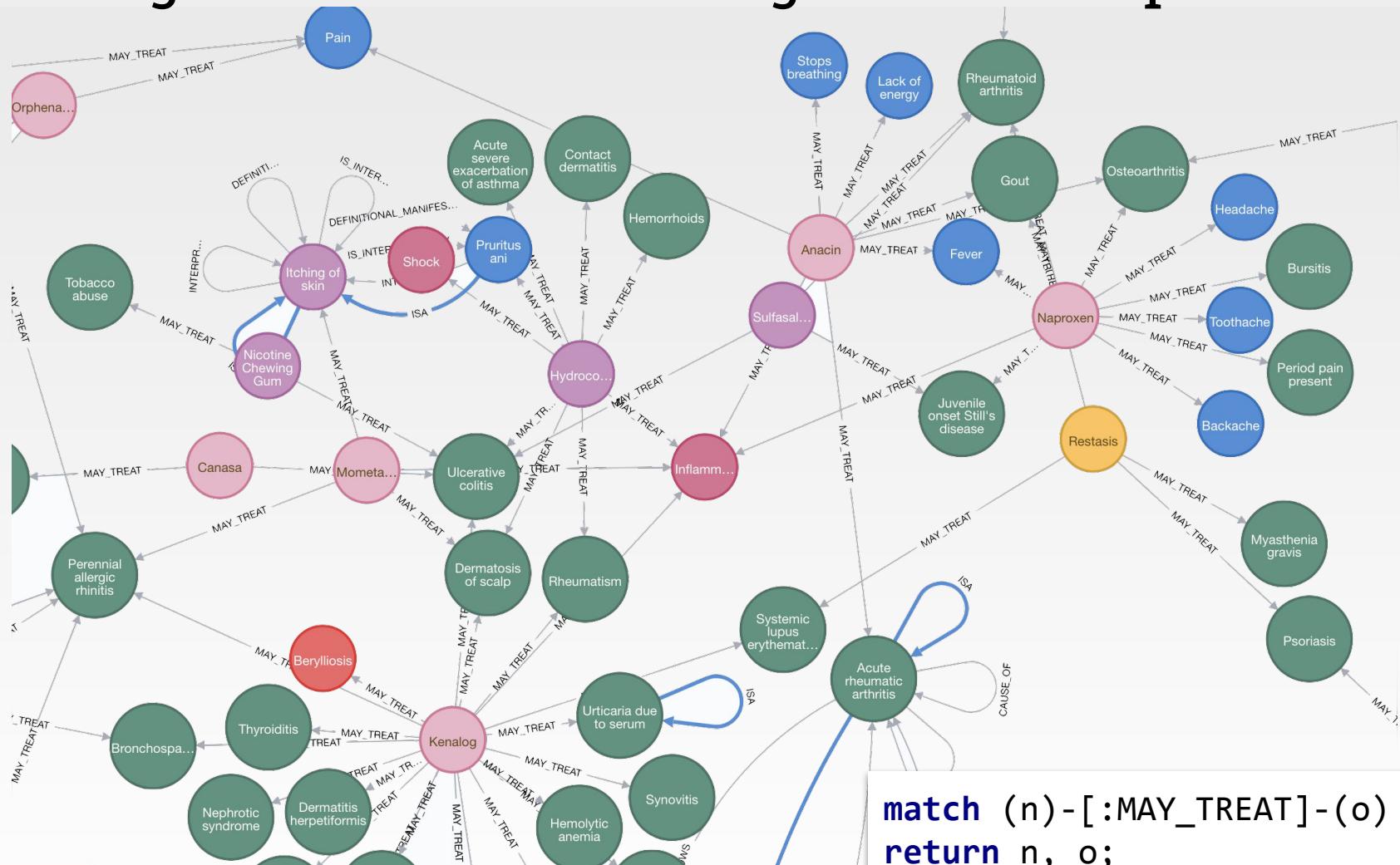
# Community Detection

What is the hidden structure within a graph?

How do groups of nodes tend to clump together?



# The Light Dawneth - Ontologies ARE Graphs

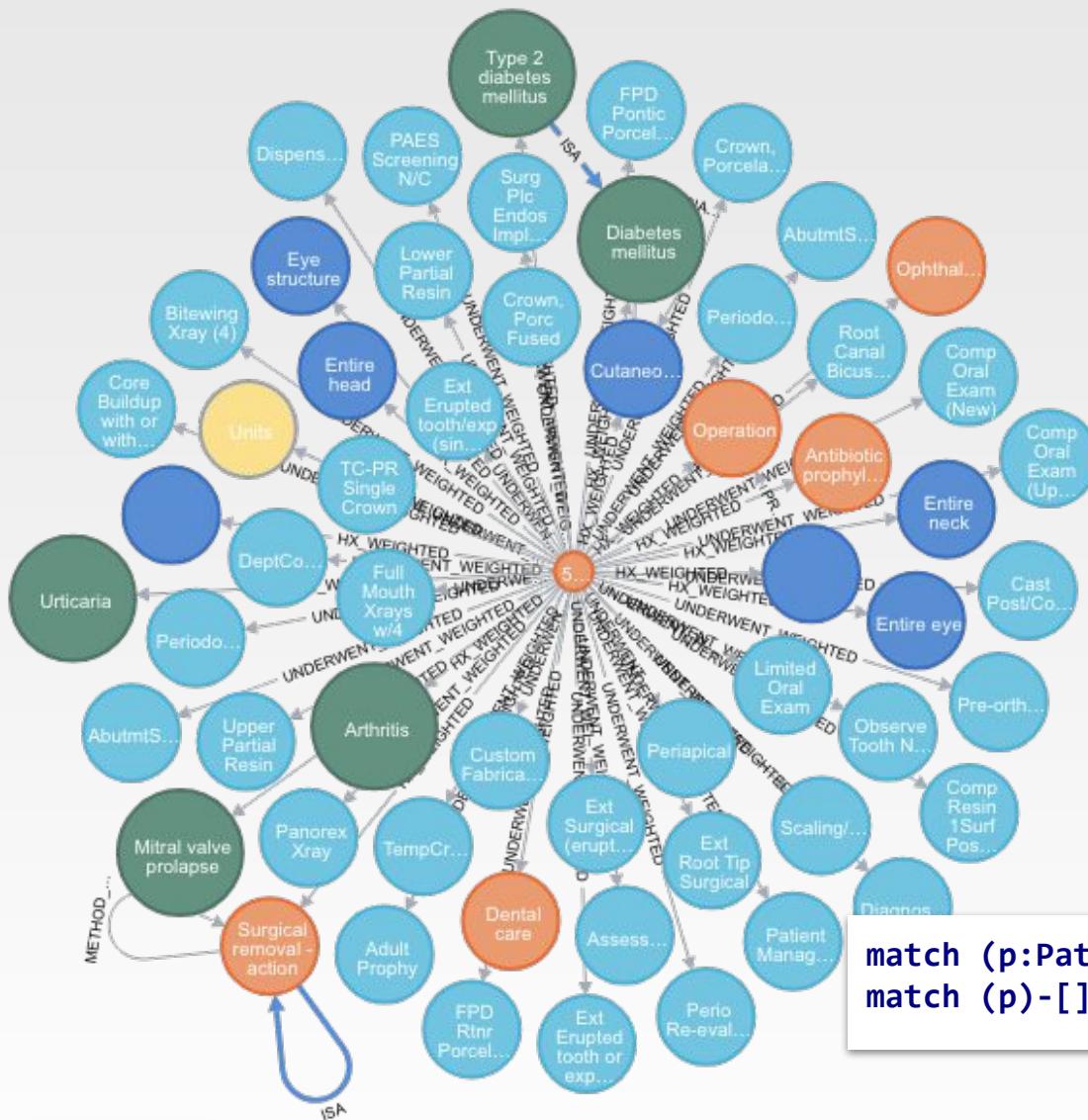


```
match (n)-[:MAY_TREAT]-(o)
return n, o;
```



# A Patient's Relationships to:

- Conditions
- Medications
- Body Systems
- Procedures

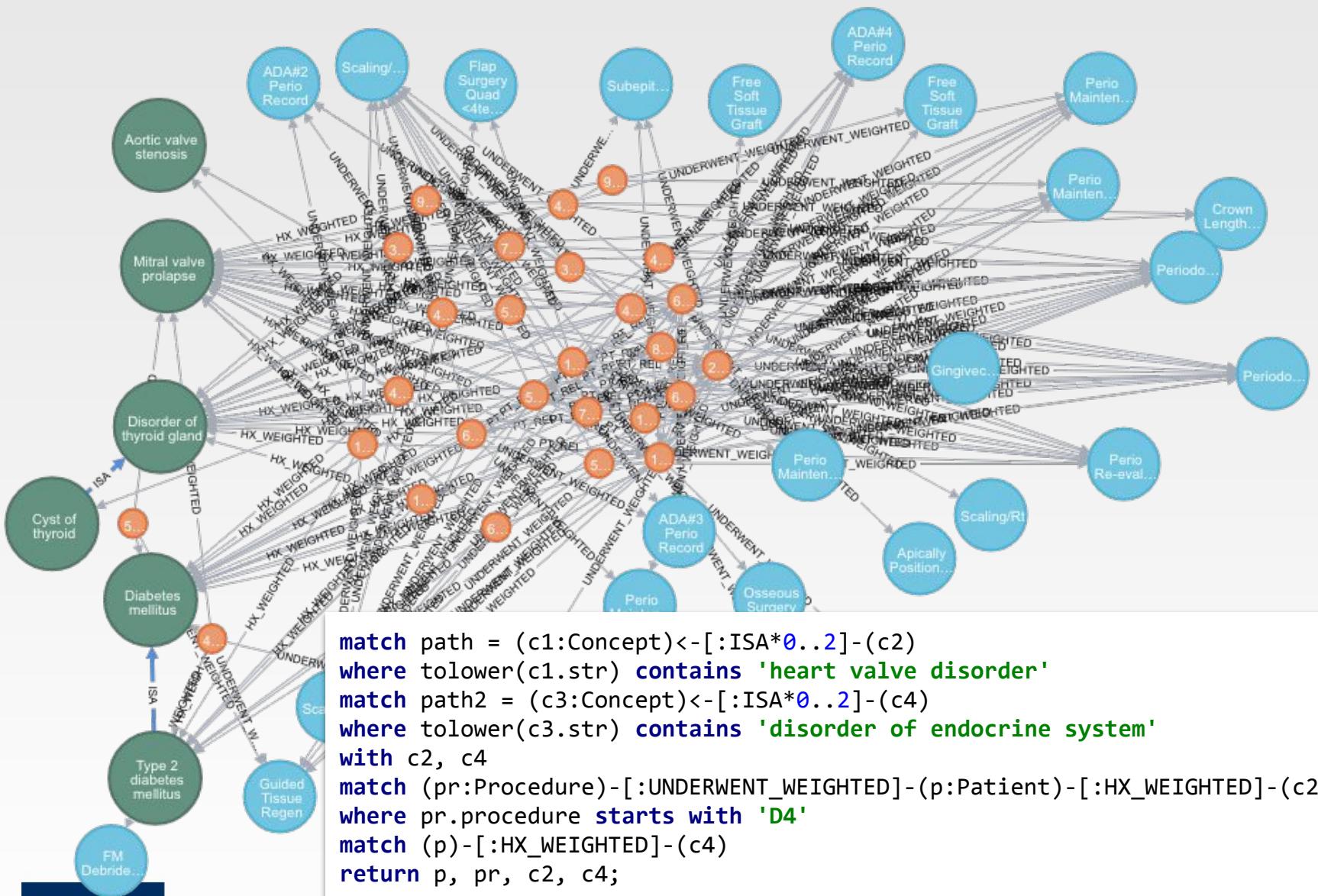


```
match (p:Patient{patient: '5551212'})-[]-(c:Concept)
match (p)-[]-(pr:Procedure) return p, c, pr
```



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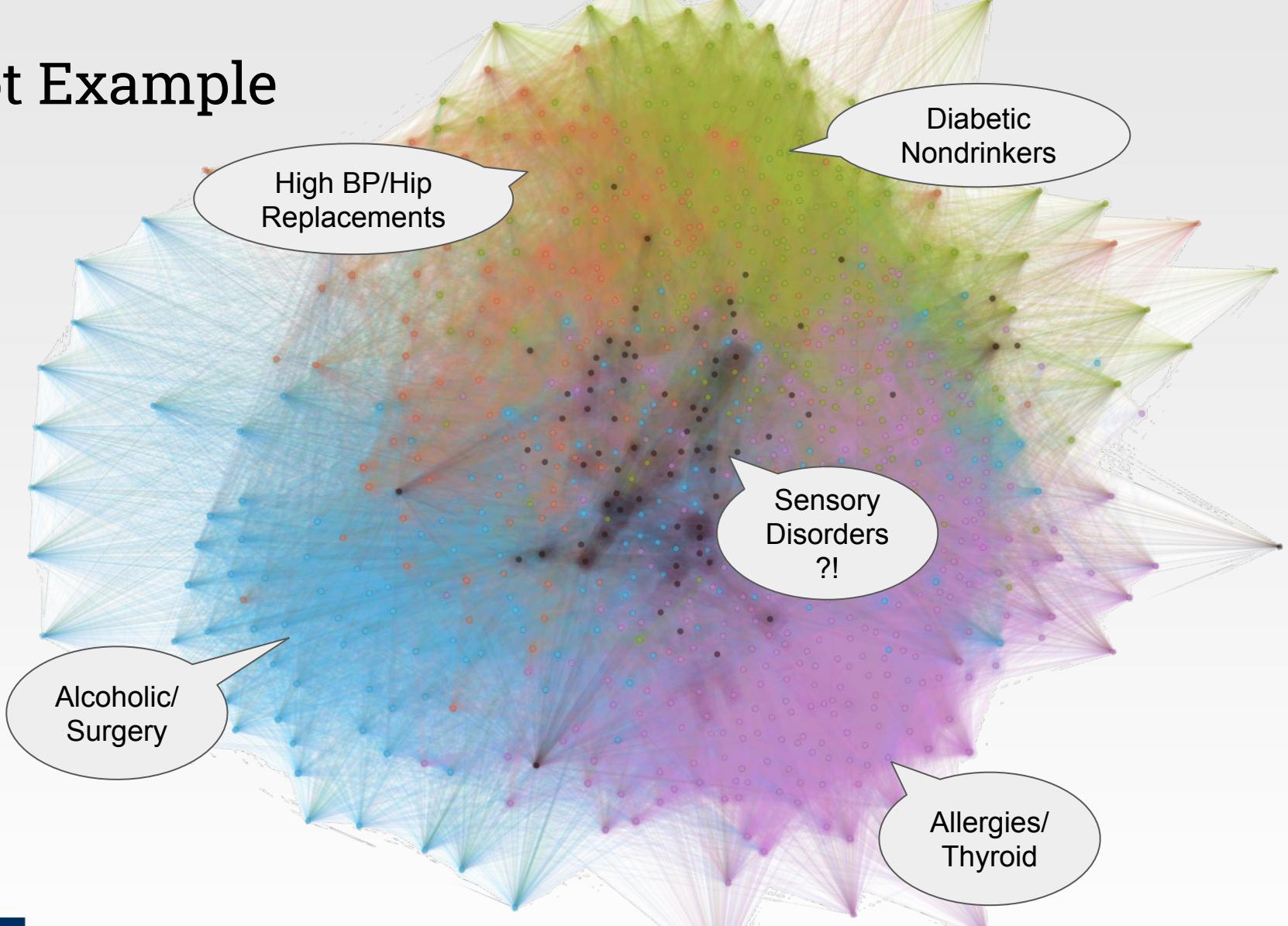
# Well, so what?

Now we can:

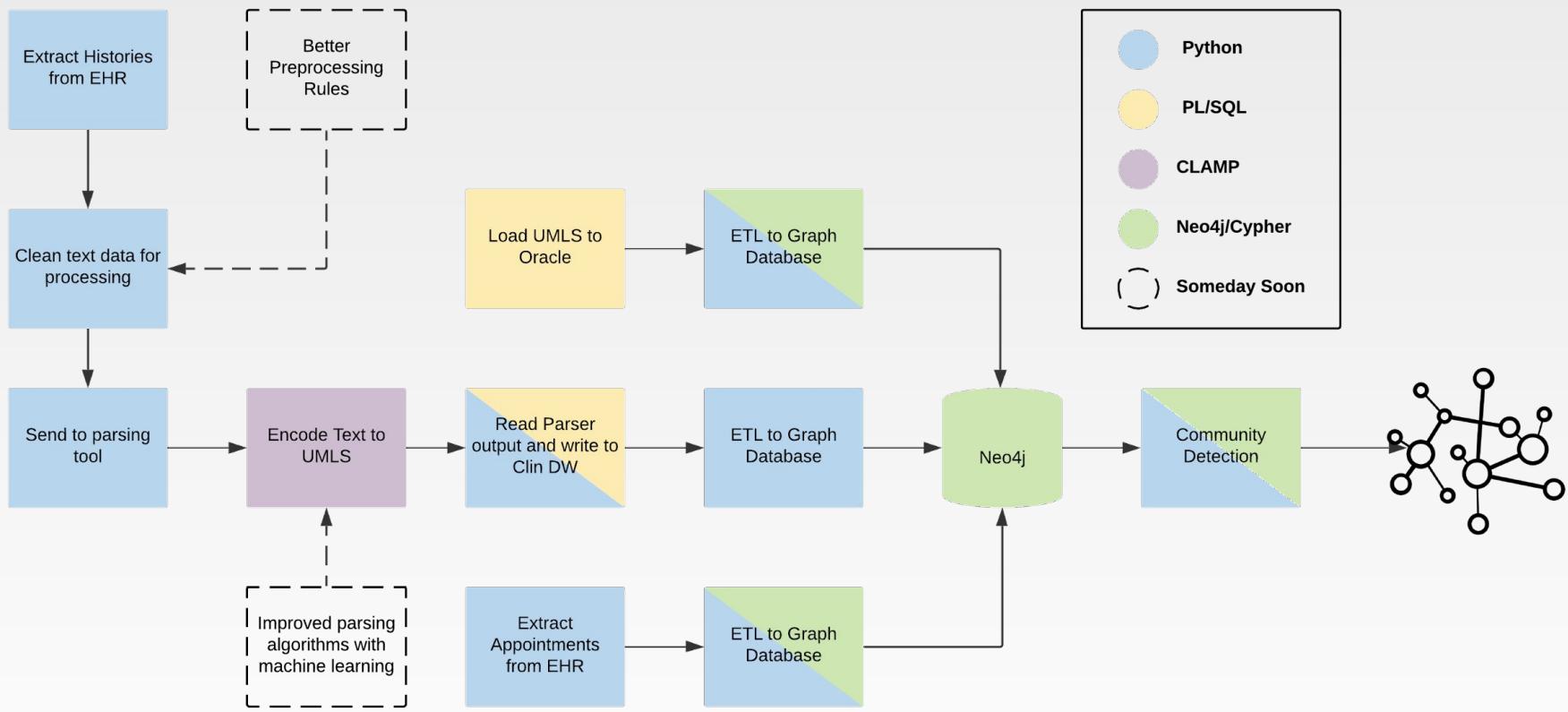
- Identify groups of patients by category of disorder
- Identify patterns of appointment attendance with health status in mind
- Explore relationships between oral and overall health
- Look at patient flow through clinics
- Model communities of patients within the population
- Reconcile patient medications with Michigan Medicine
- Analyze patterns of condition recurrence
- Try to better understand patient's health with sparse data
- Identify special needs patients based on consistent criteria



# Pilot Example



# Overall Processing Flow



# Ways to Improve

- **Collaborate** with clinicians to **narrow the concept set**
- **Improve Parsing:** Build machine learning algorithms to help find common misspellings and drop unhelpful concepts
- **Structure Data for Sharing** with Michigan Medicine
- Align with **standards-based observational data sets** (OHDSI)
- **Quantify Data Quality** for researchers
- **Integrate** NLP-discovered concepts in our clinical **data mart**
- **Build self-serve** tools
- Formalize **security and data access rules**
- Build **de-identified** data set
- Find or build cloud-based **HIPAA-Safe Graph Database**



# Tools

## NLP

- Regular Expressions - <http://regex101.com>
- UMLS (also MetaMap)- <https://www.nlm.nih.gov/research/umls/index.html>
- CLAMP - <https://clamp.uth.edu>
- MedEx - <https://sbmi.uth.edu/ccb/resources/medex.htm>

## Python

- pandas - <https://pandas.pydata.org/>
- scikit-learn - <https://scikit-learn.org/>
- Natural Language Toolkit (nltk) - <https://www.nltk.org/>
- pymetamap - <https://github.com/AnthonyMRios/pymetamap>
- igraph - <https://igraph.org/python/>
- NetworkX - <https://networkx.github.io/>
- Py2neo - <https://py2neo.org/>

Neo4j - <https://neo4j.com/>

Gephi - <https://gephi.org/>



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**UM School of Dentistry** Learning Health Systems Task Force

<https://tbgraph.wordpress.com/2017/11/27/neo4j-graph-algorithms-projecting-a-virtual-graph/>

## Icons

- Network by Meaghan Hendricks from the Noun Project
- Machine Learning by Angela from the Noun Project
- Visual Hierarchy by Eynav Raphael from the Noun Project
- Natural Language Process by Trevor Dsouza from the Noun Project



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# Demo Backup



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# Demo



neo4j

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\*(1) Person(1)

Graph

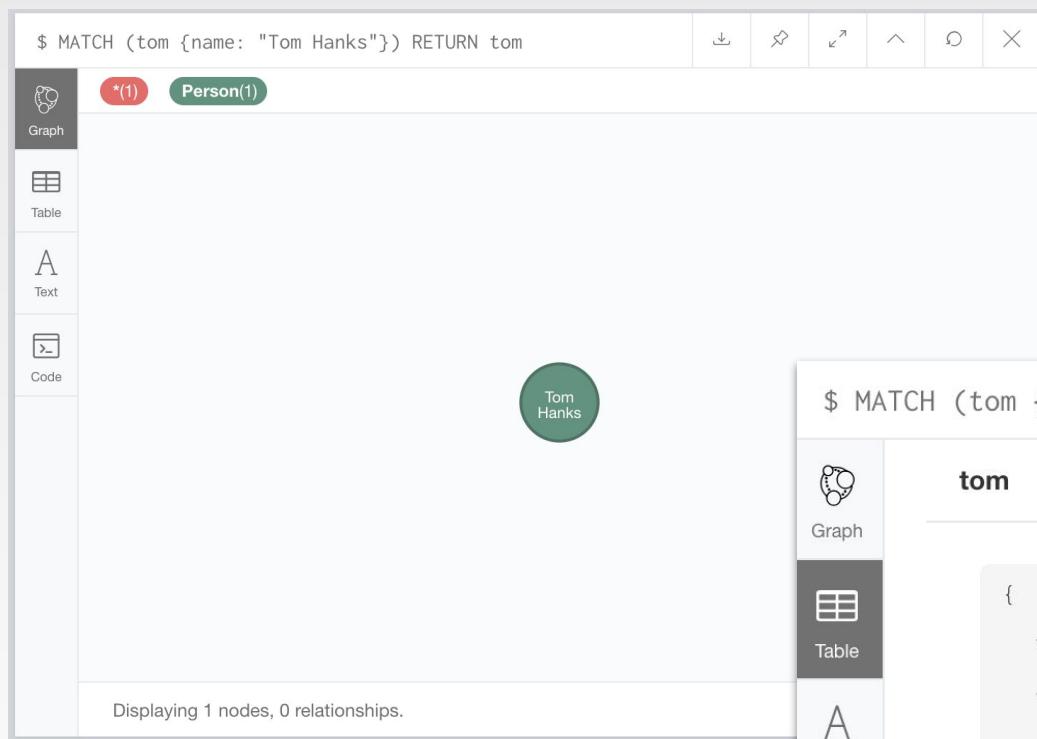
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A Text

Code

Tom Hanks

Displaying 1 nodes, 0 relationships.



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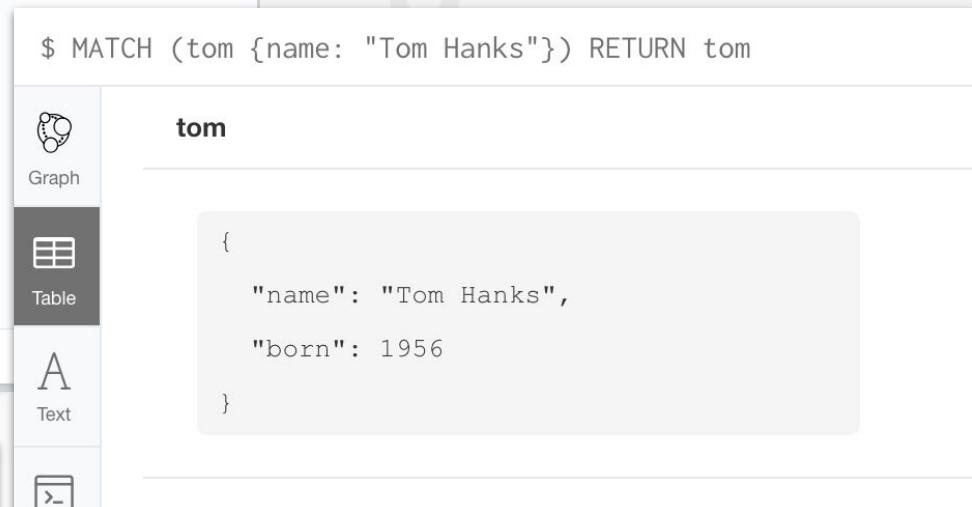
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  "name": "Tom Hanks",  
  "born": 1956  
}
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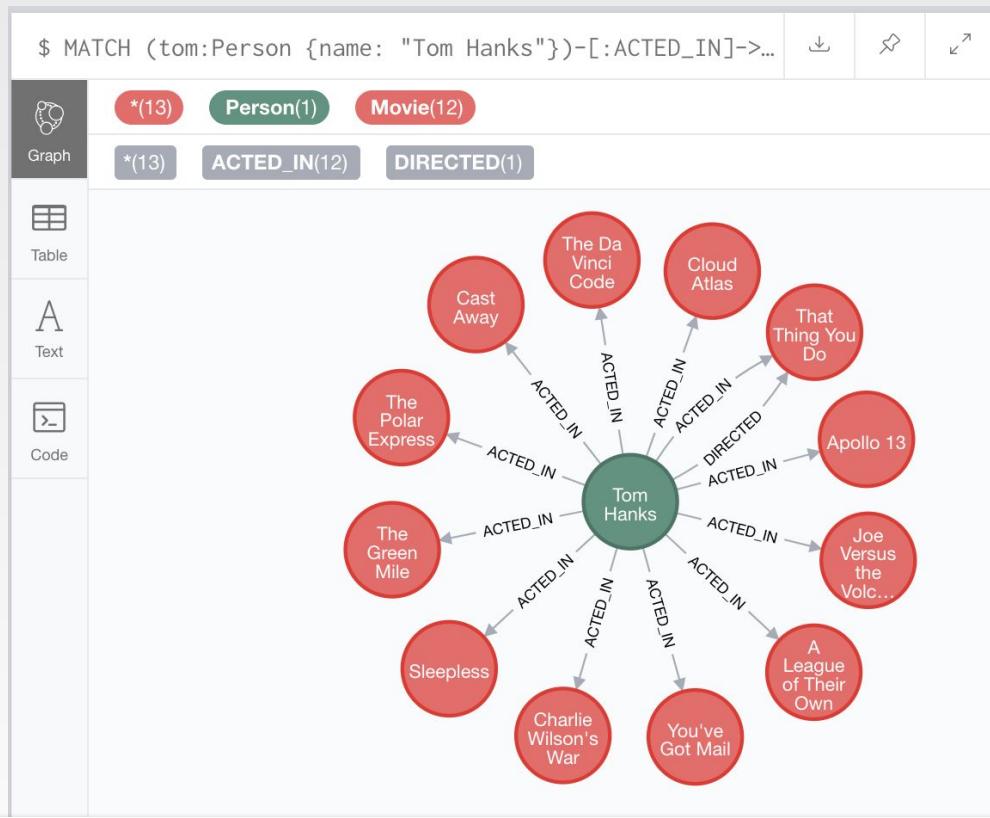
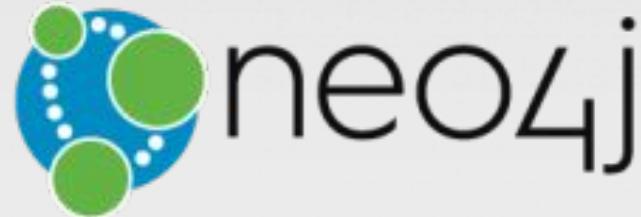


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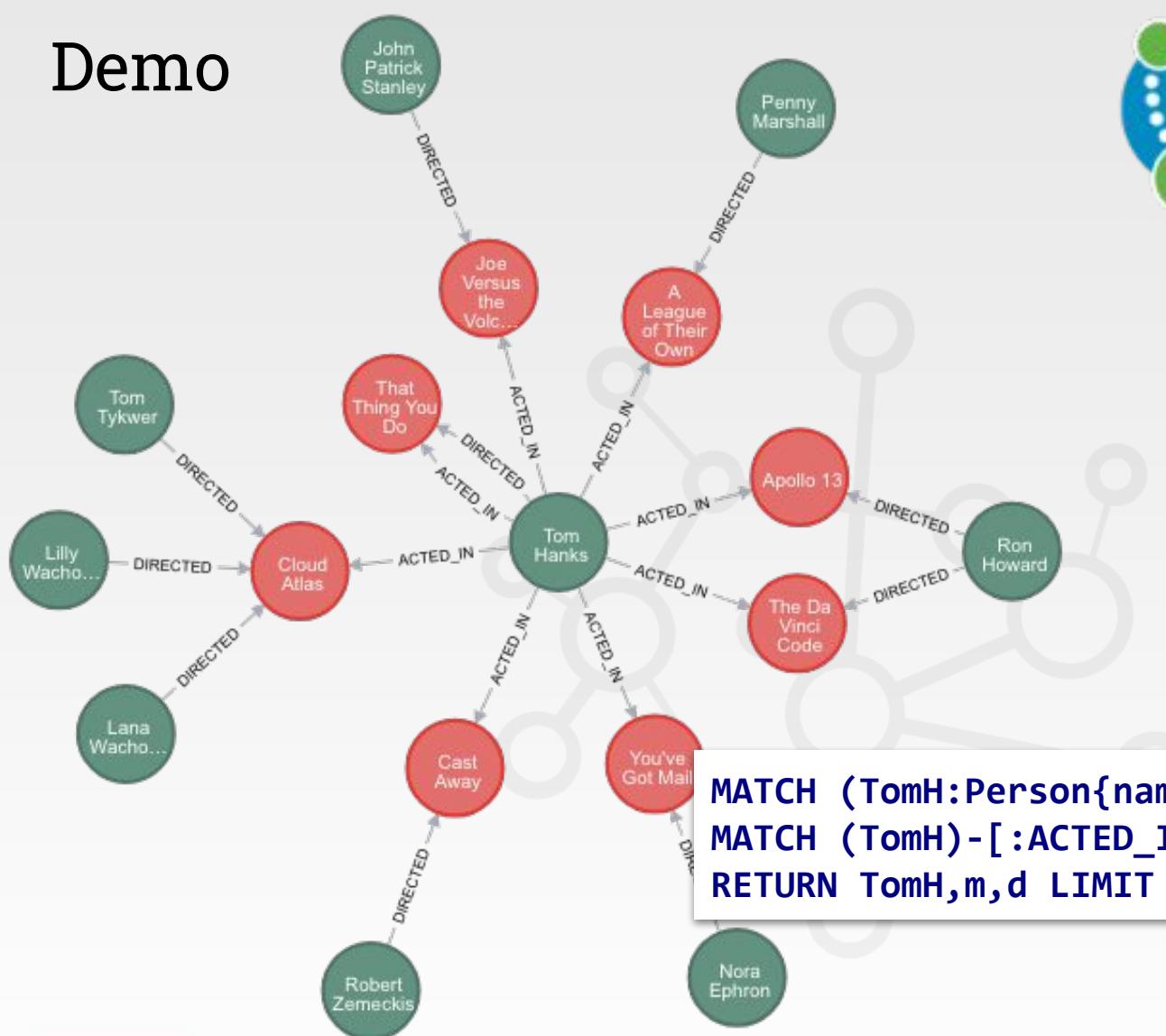
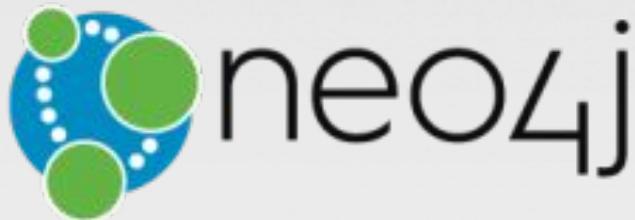


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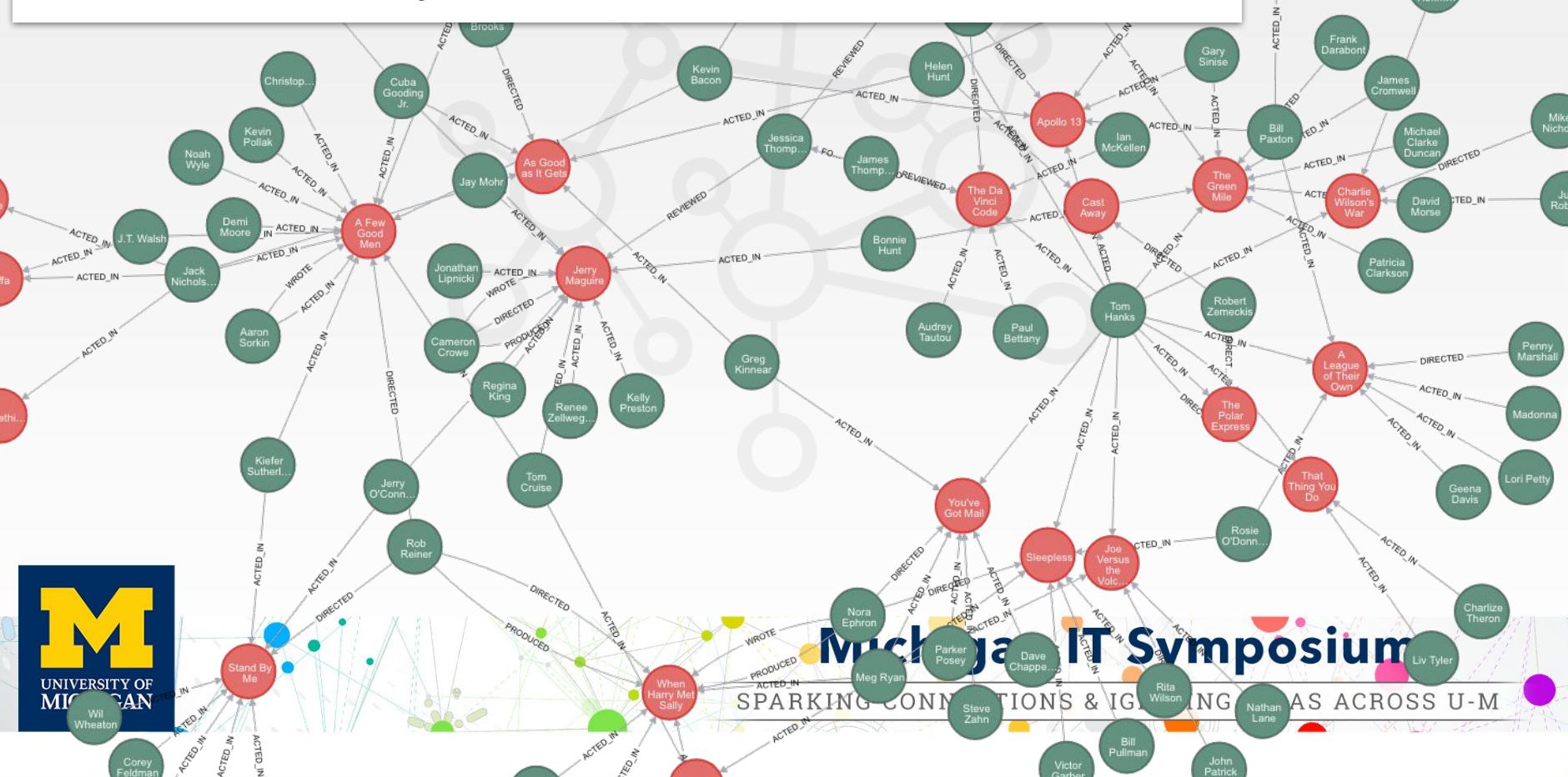


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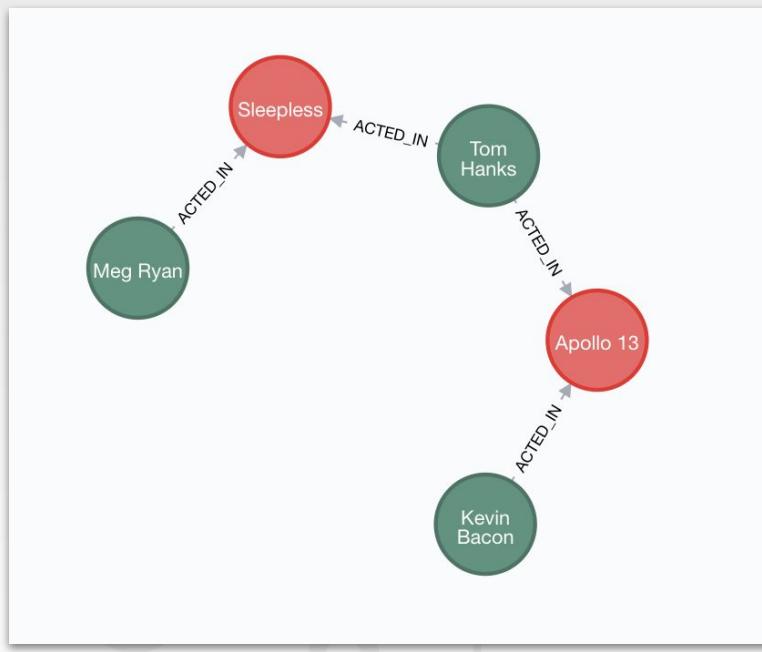
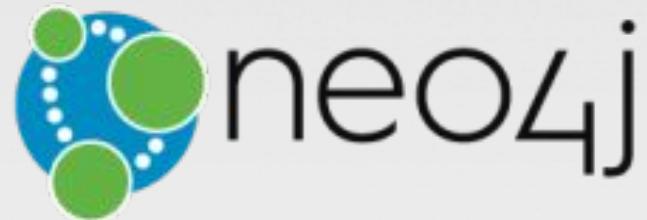


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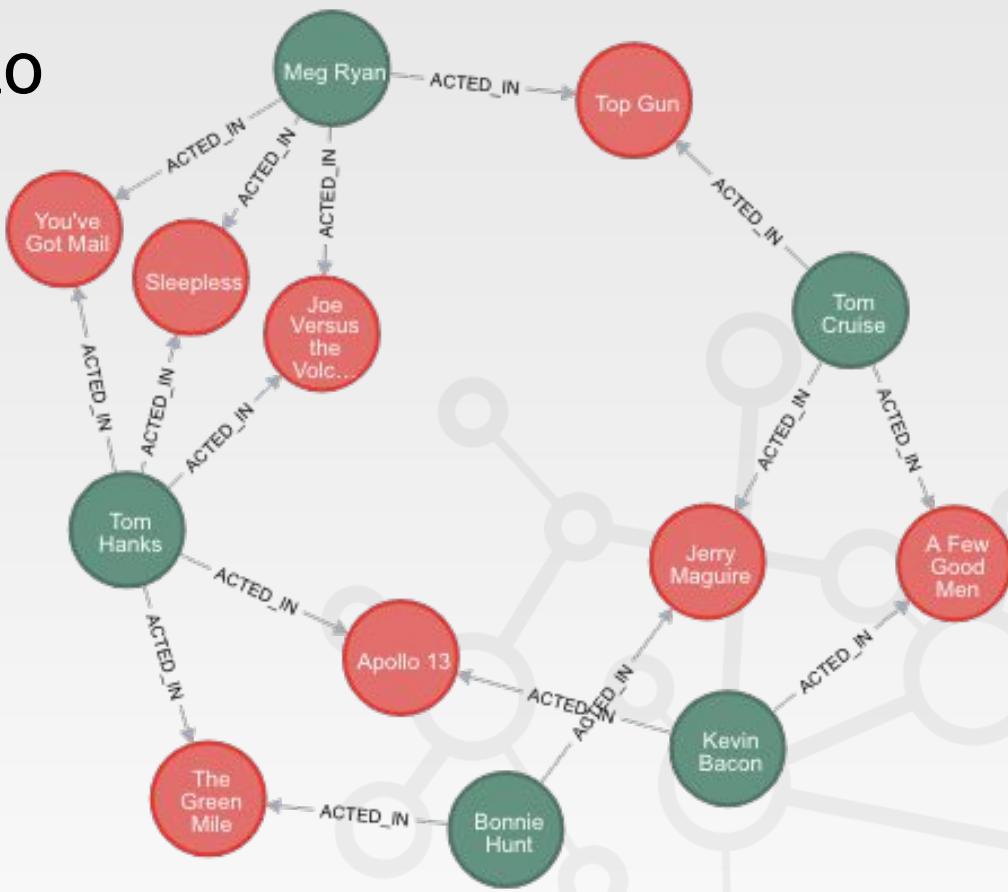
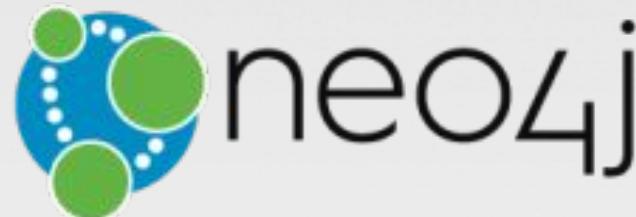


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MATCH

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