



RECSYS CHALLENGE 2021

TV Show
Recommendation

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Overview



Challenge

- TV program dataset
- Recommend relevant items to users
- Implicit feedback URM
- Evaluation based on MAP@10



Solution

- Hybrid recommender mixing CBF and CF methods



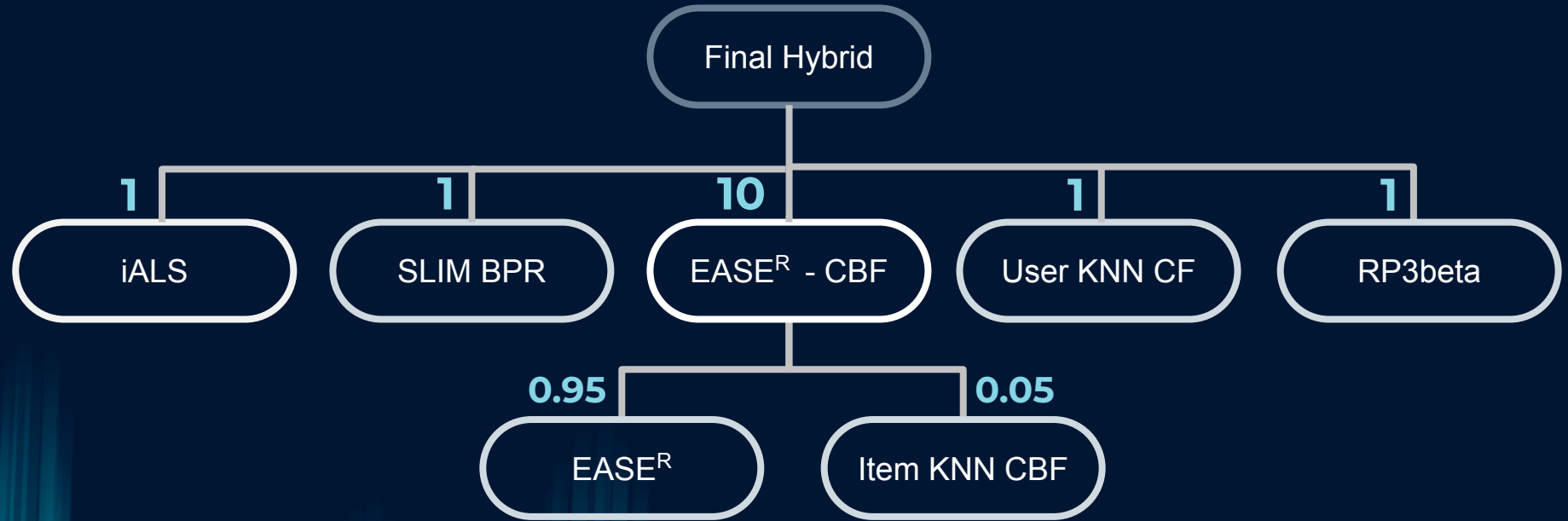
Results

- Ranked 13th out of 72
- MAP@10 on public leaderboard : 0.48549
- MAP@10 on private leaderboard : 0.48462

Project timeline



Final Hybrid Recommender



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Item KNN CBF

topK : 7000
Shrink : 10000
Feature weighting : tf-idf
Similarity : cosine

EASE^R

Default parameters

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Num_factors : 37
Alpha : 0.69

SLIM BPR

L1_norm : 0.05
L2_norm : 0.55

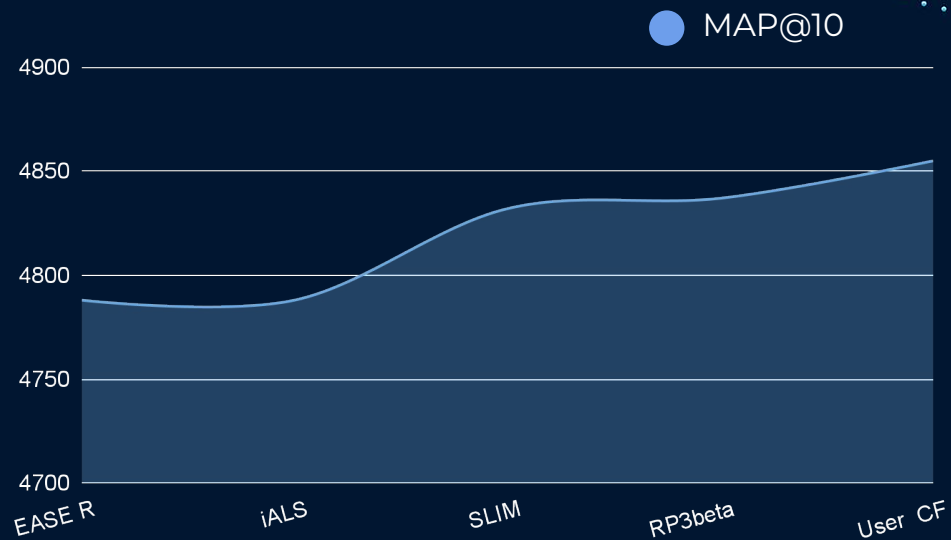
RP3beta

topK : 111
Alpha : 0.775
Beta : 0.495

User KNN CF

topK : 432
Shrink : 34
Similarity : Jaccard

Performance evolution



Performance increase on the public leaderboard by
adding base recommenders to the hybrid

Experiments

Successful

- EASE^R
- Weighted hybrid with normalized predictions
- Augmenting the UCM with ICM data (subgenre and channel)
- Bayesian and Random hyperparameter optimization
- Retraining model on full dataset (0.43 → 0.47)

Unsuccessful

- Pipelining
- LightFM
- P3alpha
- Hyperparameter tuning on EASE^R

Improvement Ideas

- Use different hyperparameters for different clusters of users
- Add derived user and item features

Thanks for your attention

THANKS!



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