

# Bullying Detection through Graph Machine Learning

Applying Neo4j's Unsupervised Graph Learning Techniques to the Friends Dataset

# Background

  
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# Research Questions

## **RQ1:**

How can unsupervised GML techniques in Neo4j be applied to the Friends dataset to identify patterns or clusters that may indicate bullying behavior?

## **RQ2:**

How can these patterns, combined with domain knowledge from behavior science, be used to reveal hidden relationships that can indicate a likelihood of bullying?



# Methodology



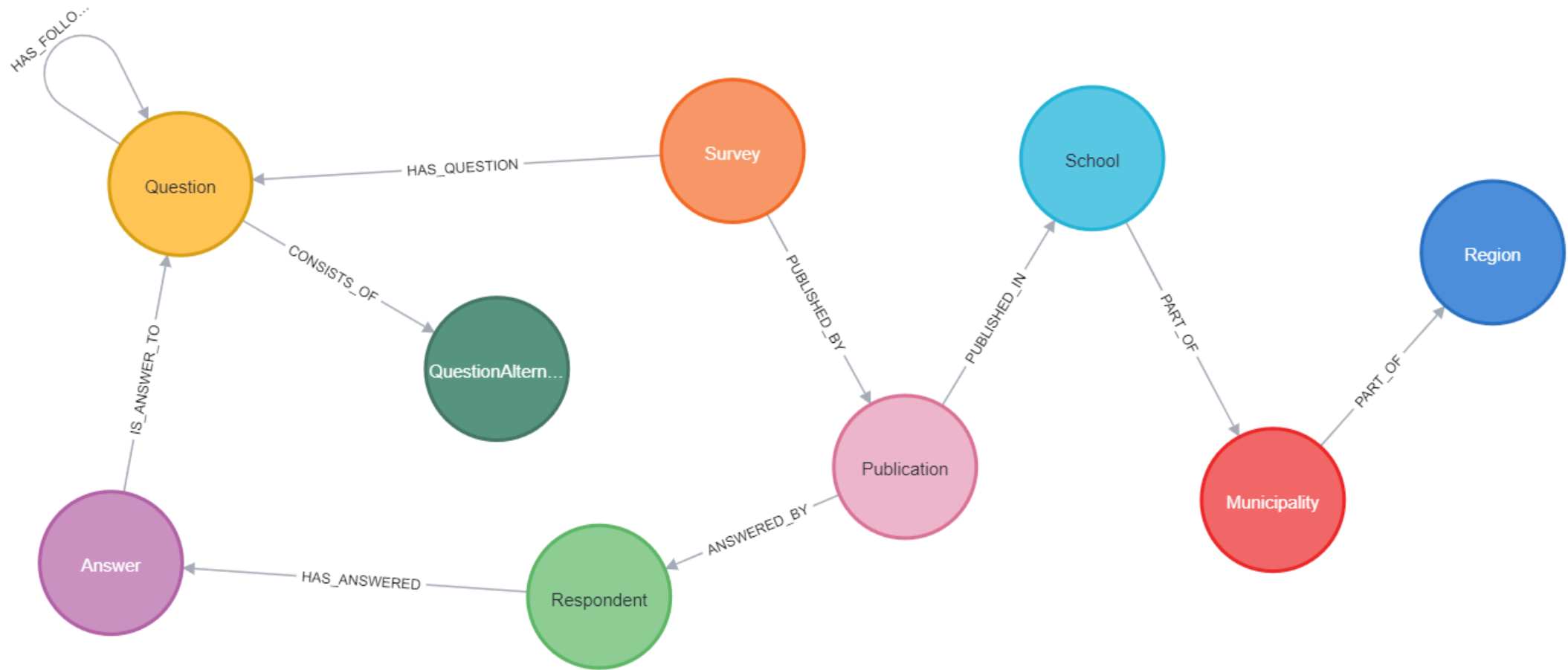
# Methodology – Collaboration



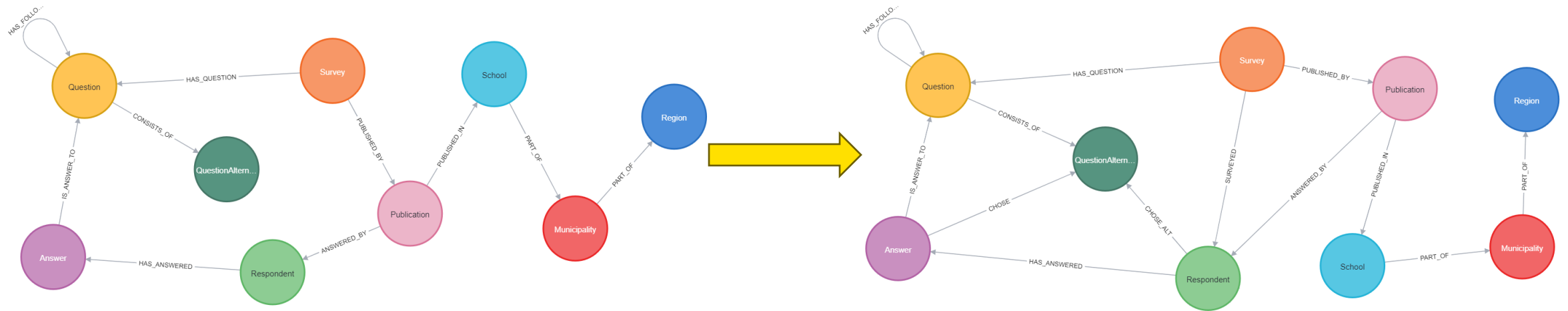
  
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# Methodology – Neo4j



# Methodology – Data Preprocessing



# Methodology – Indices

$$\text{NormalityIndex}_s = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{a_i}{q_i}}{n}$$

$$\text{PositivityIndex}_s = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \begin{cases} 1 - \frac{\text{position}_i}{\text{total\_positions}_i}, & \text{if } is\_positive_i = 1 \\ \frac{\text{position}_i}{\text{total\_positions}_i}, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

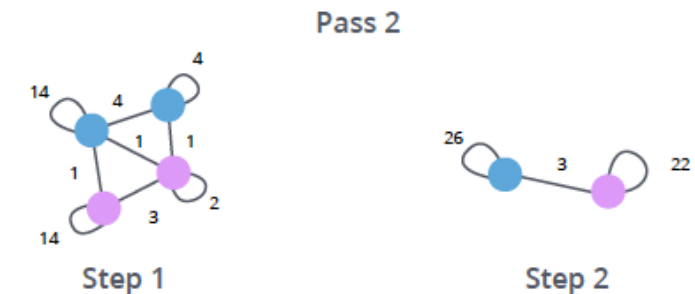
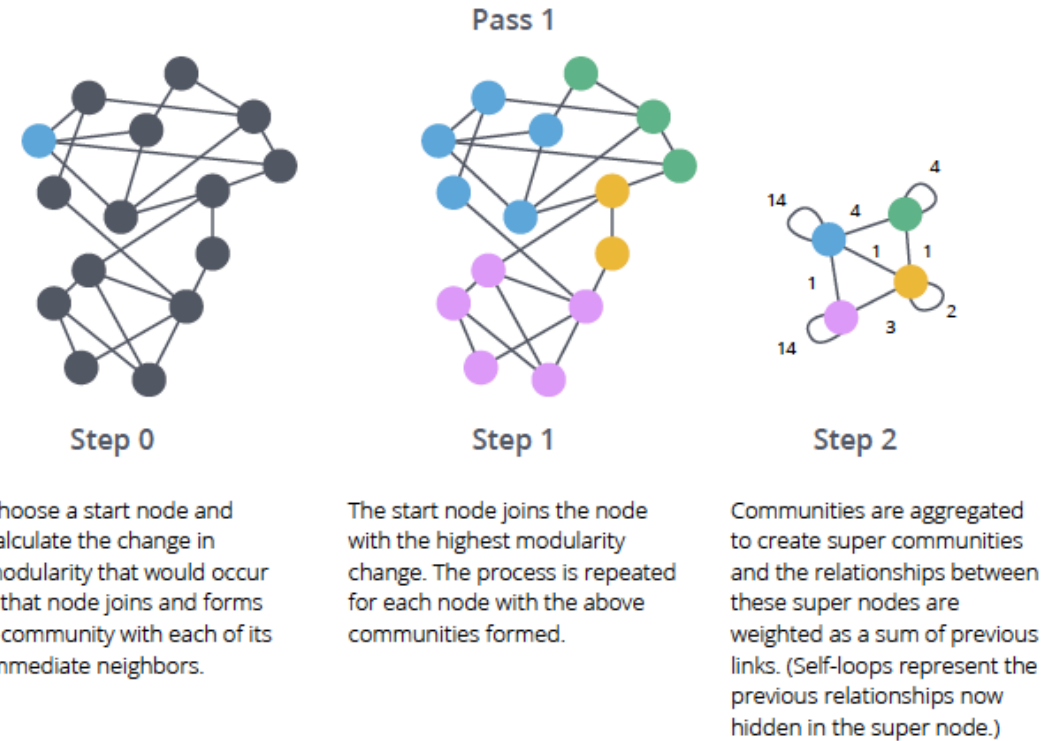




# Implementation & Results



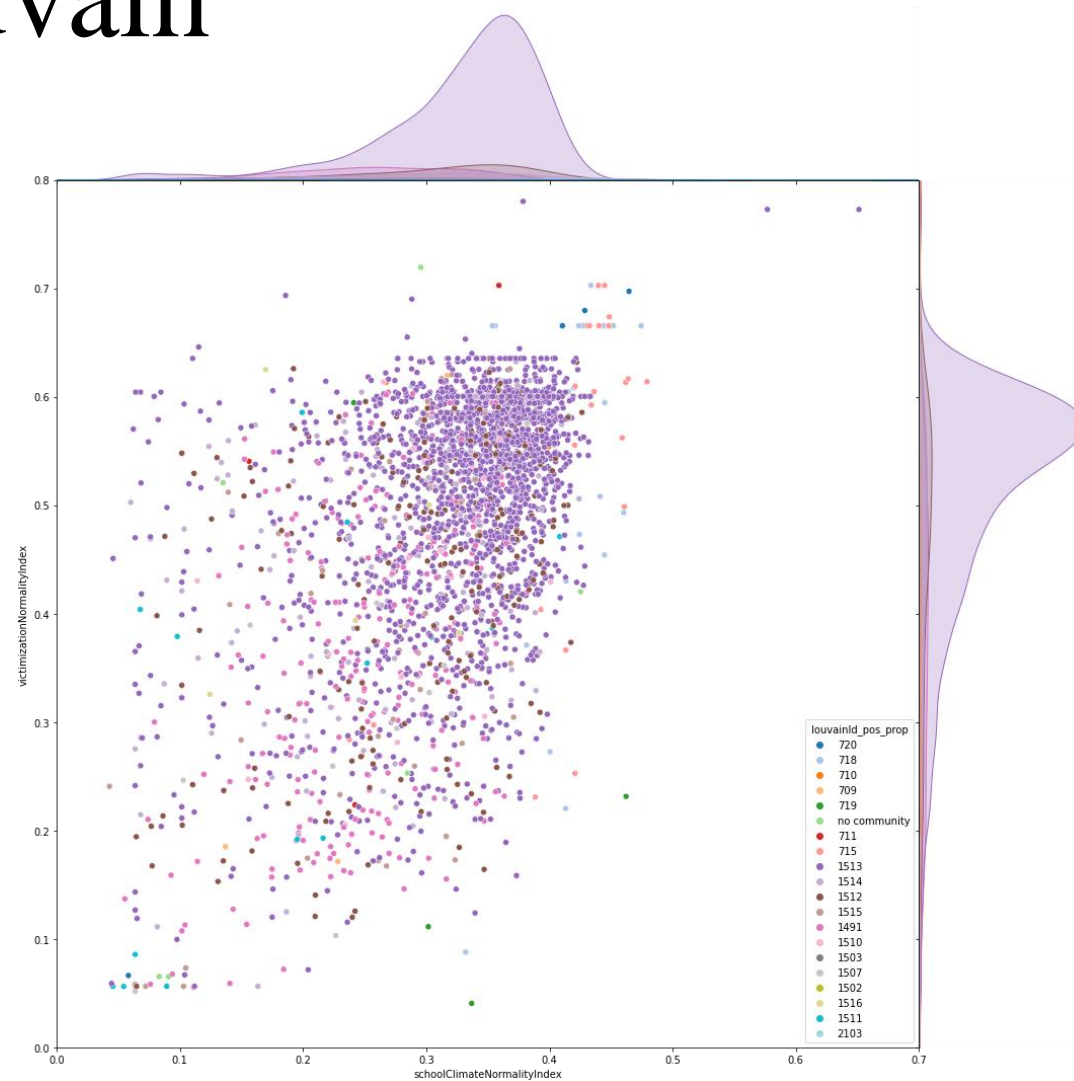
# Implementation – Louvain



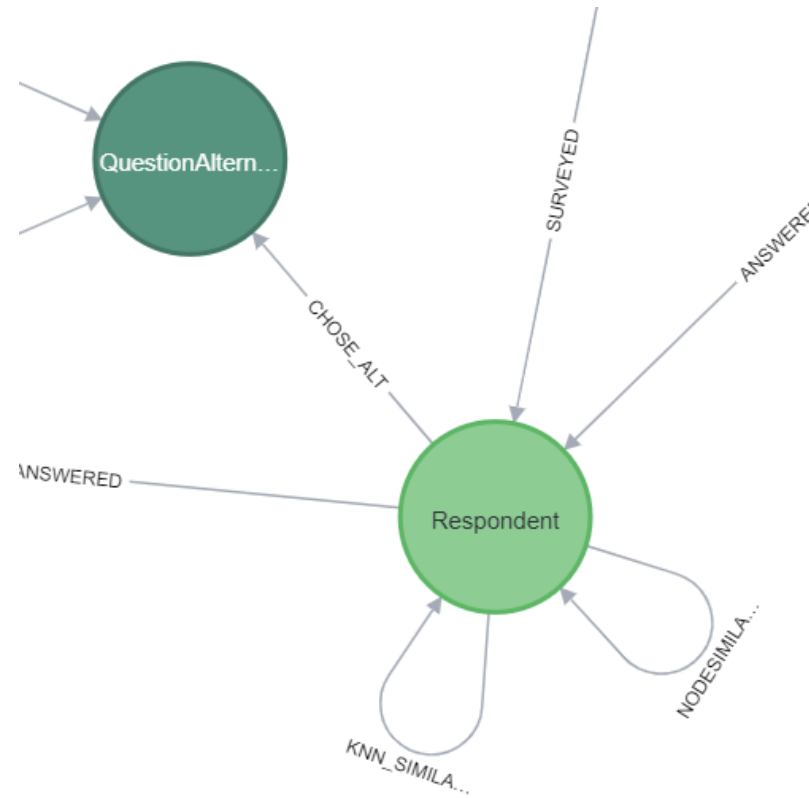
Steps 1 and 2 repeat in passes until there is no further increase in modularity or a set number of iterations have occurred.

Source: Adapted from [\[3\]](#)

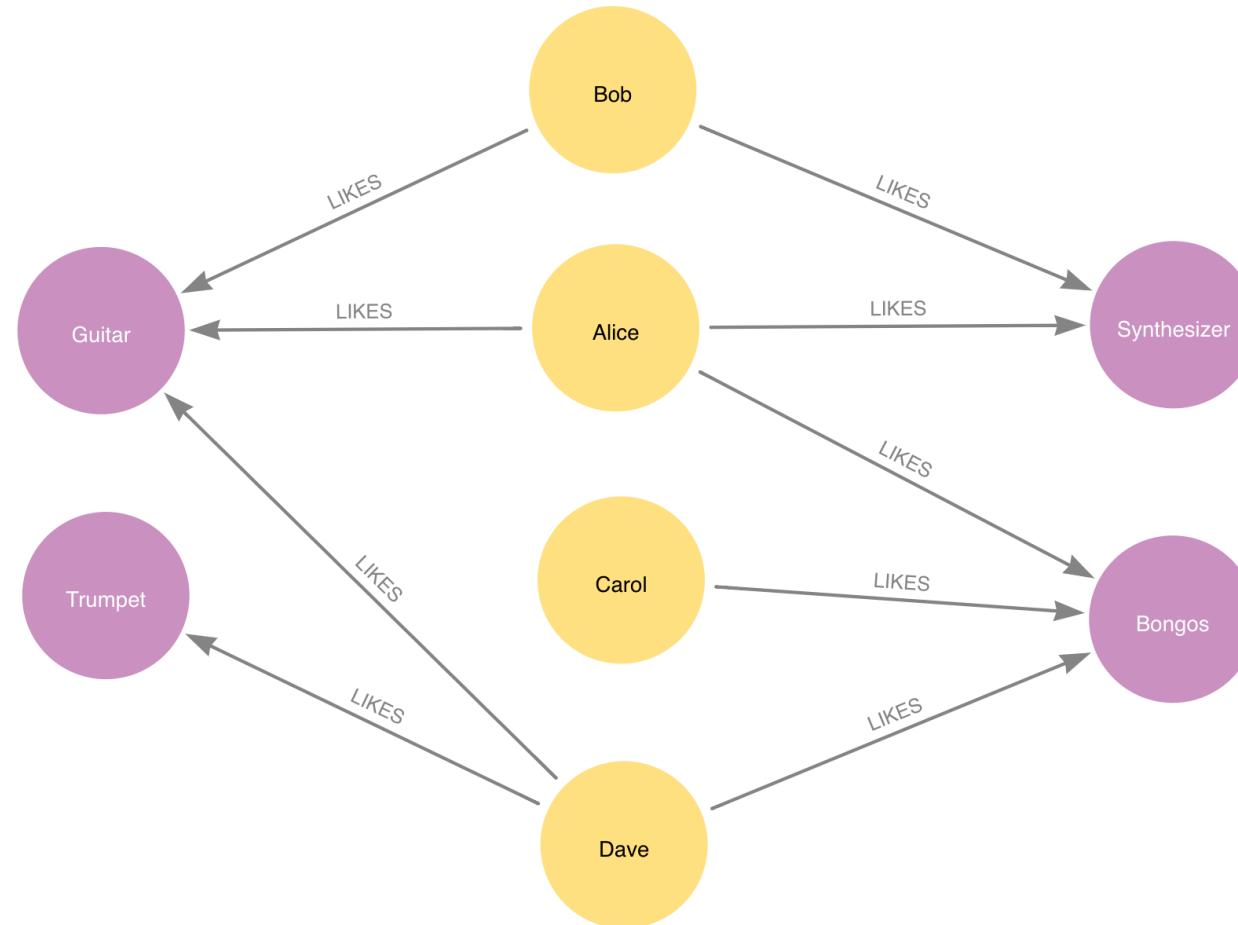
# Results – Louvain



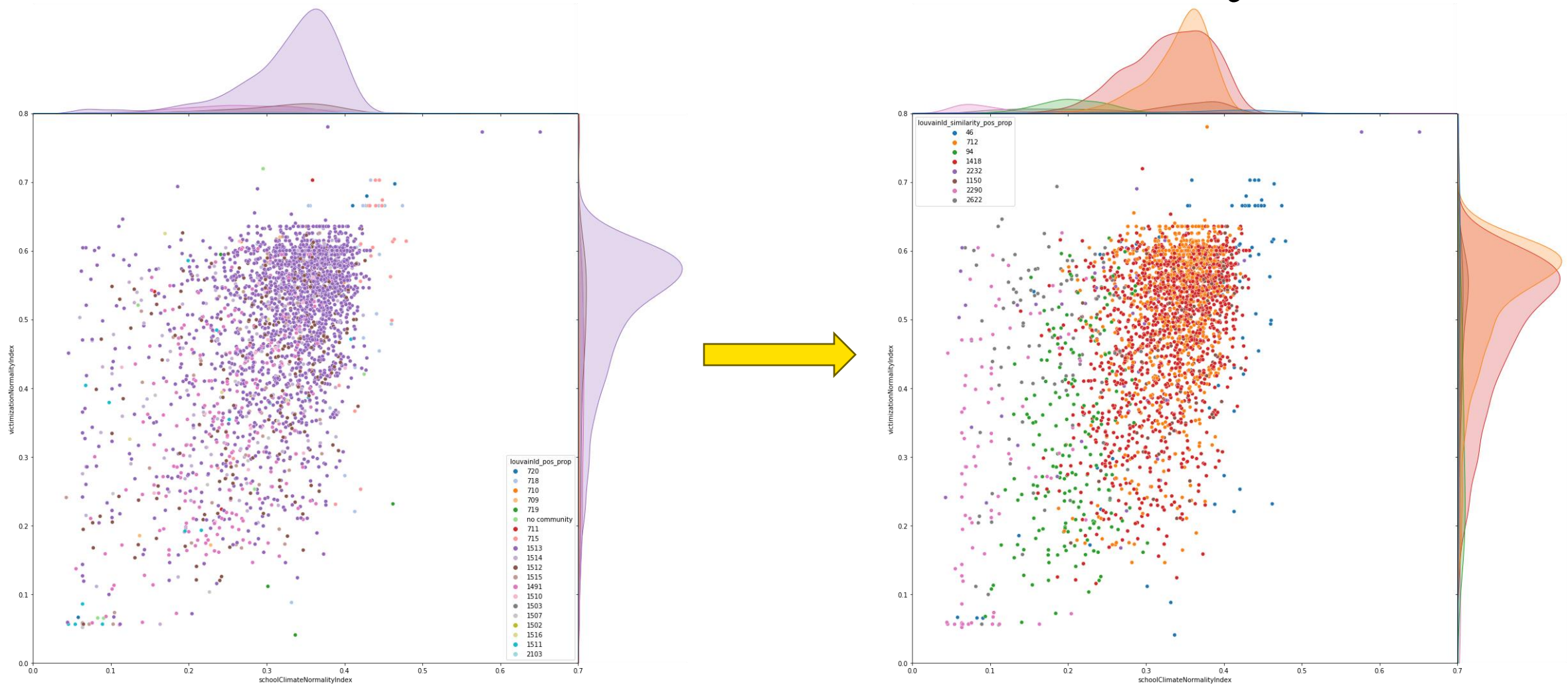
# Implementation – Similarity



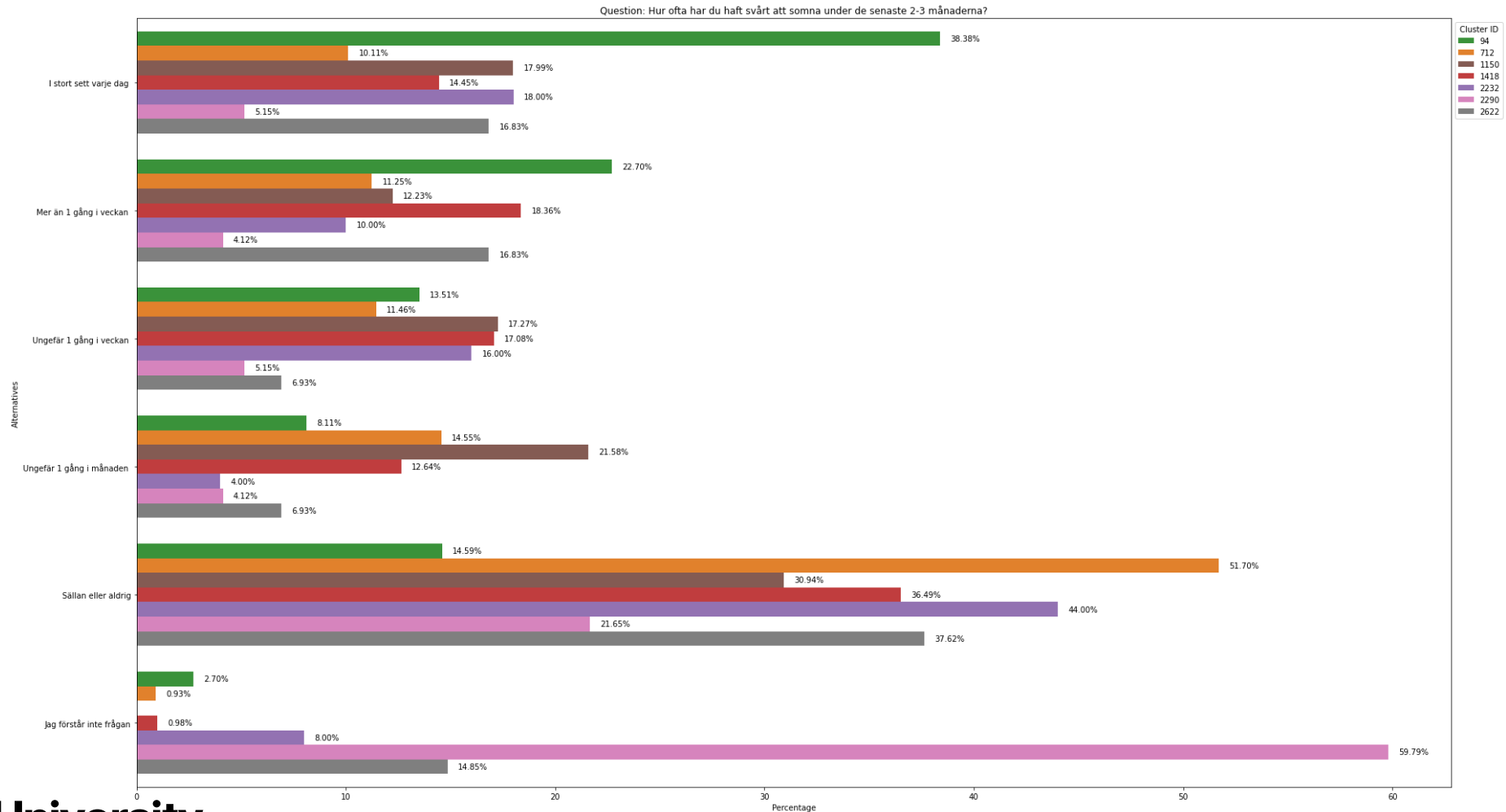
# Implementation – Node Similarity



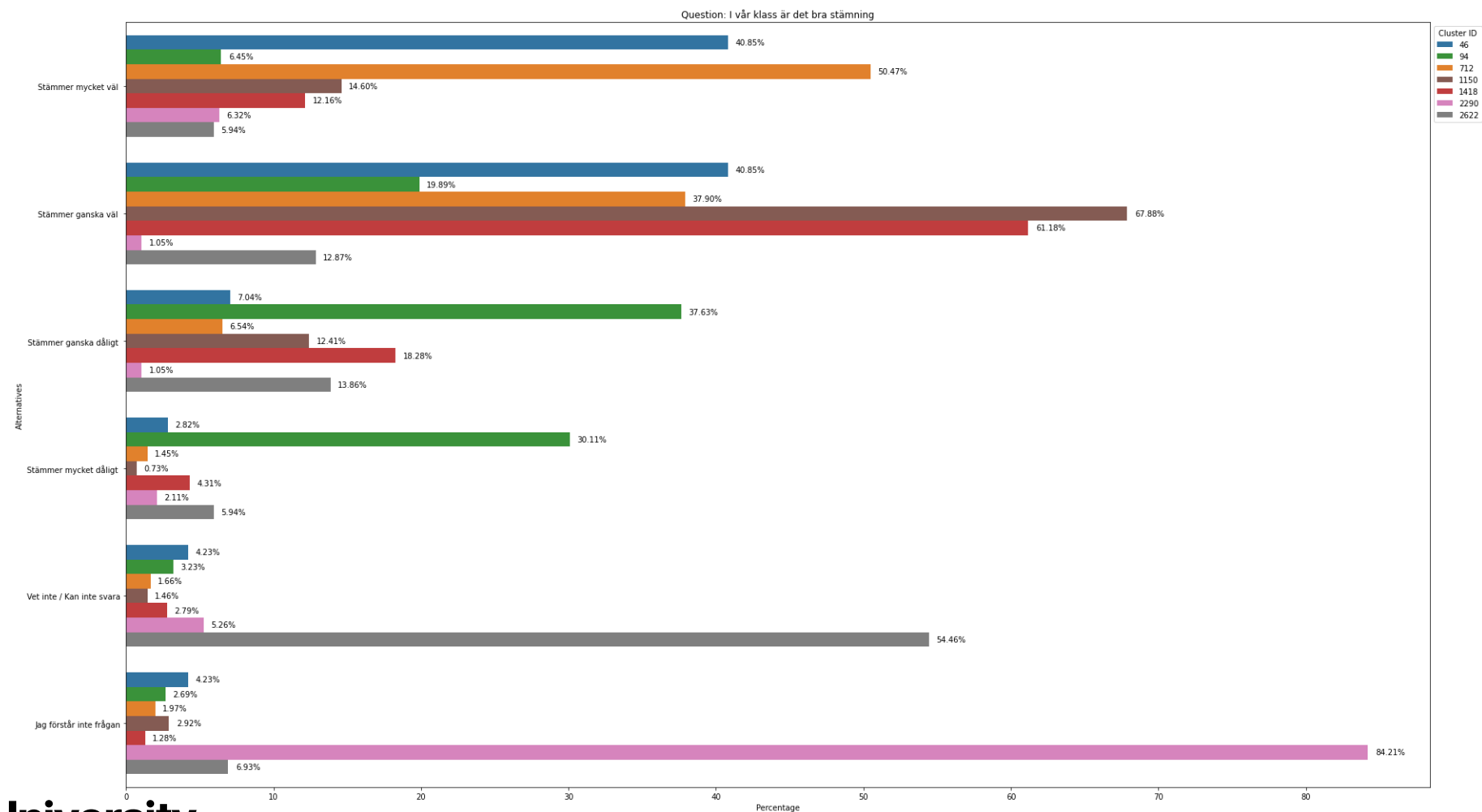
# Results – Louvain with Node Similarity



# Results – Louvain – Victimization

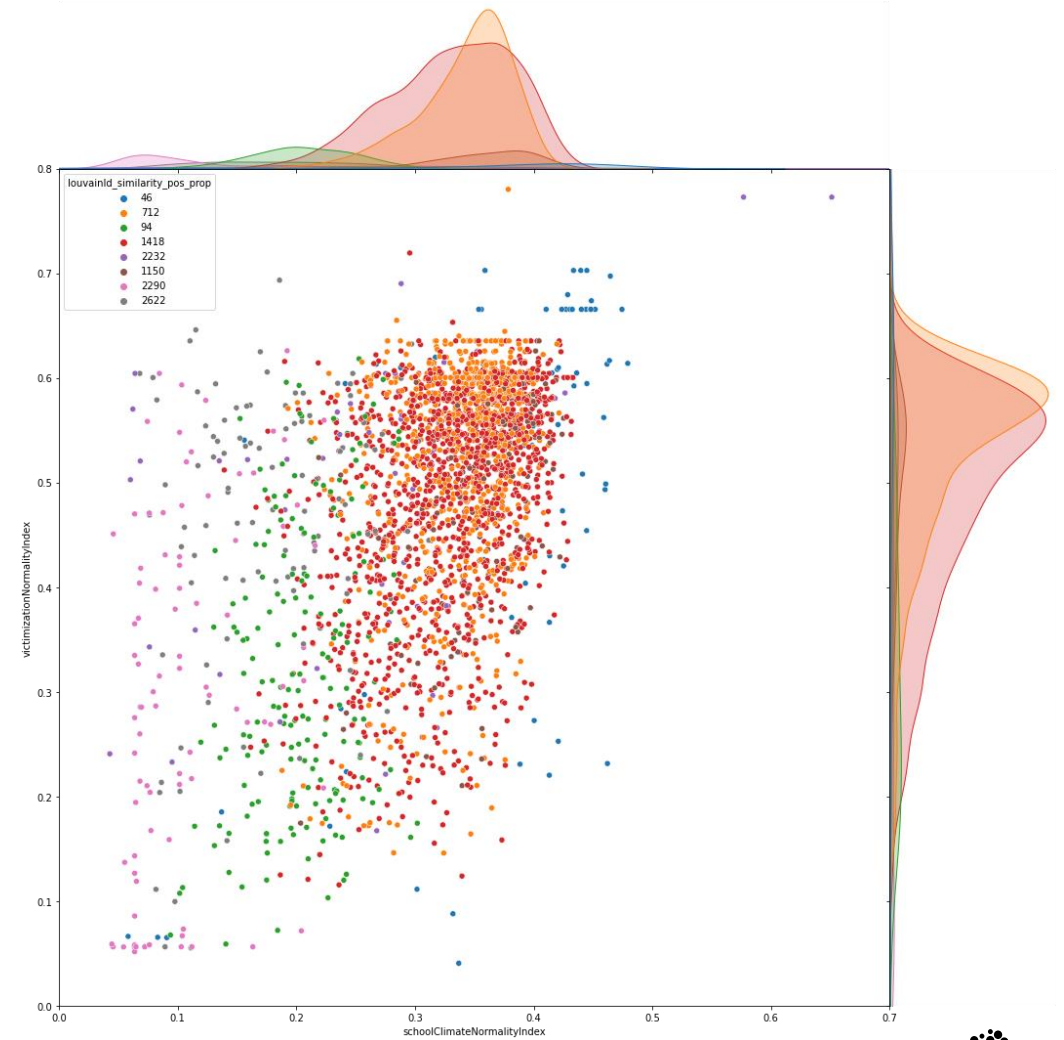


# Results – Louvain – School Climate

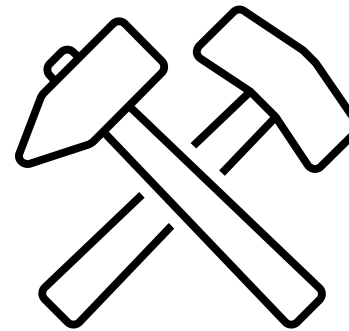
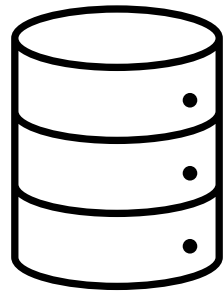




# Results – Simulated Expert Predictions



# Future Work



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