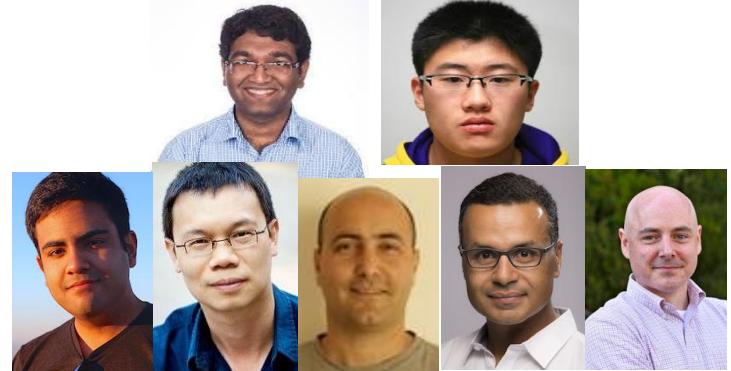
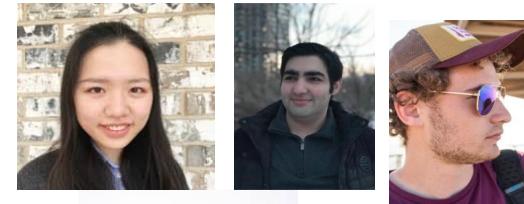
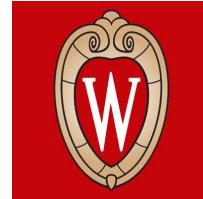
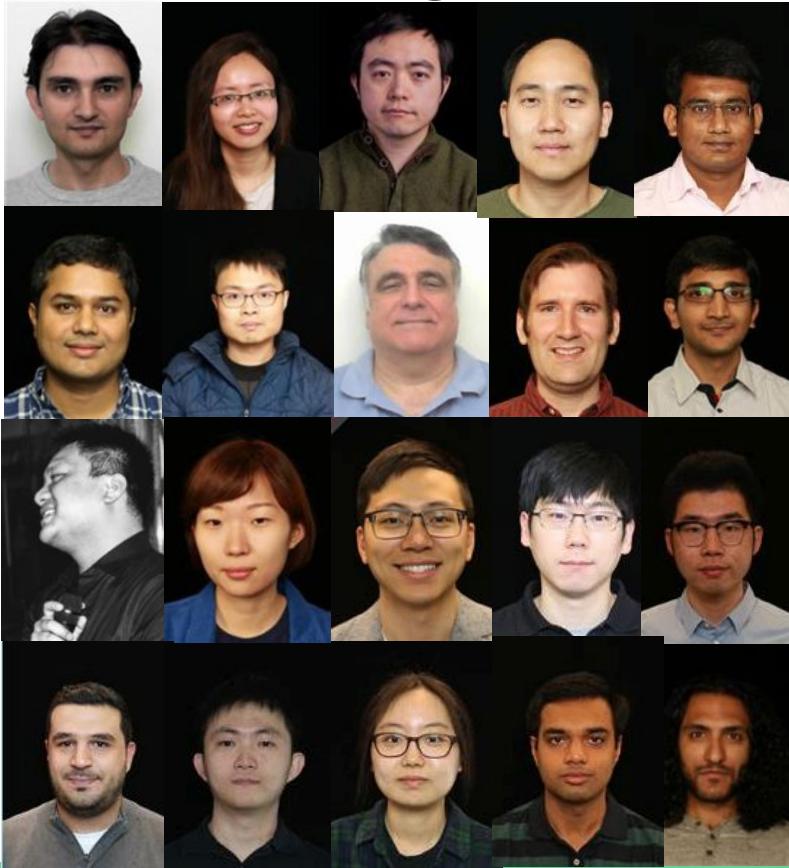


# Data Integration and Machine Learning: A Natural Synergy

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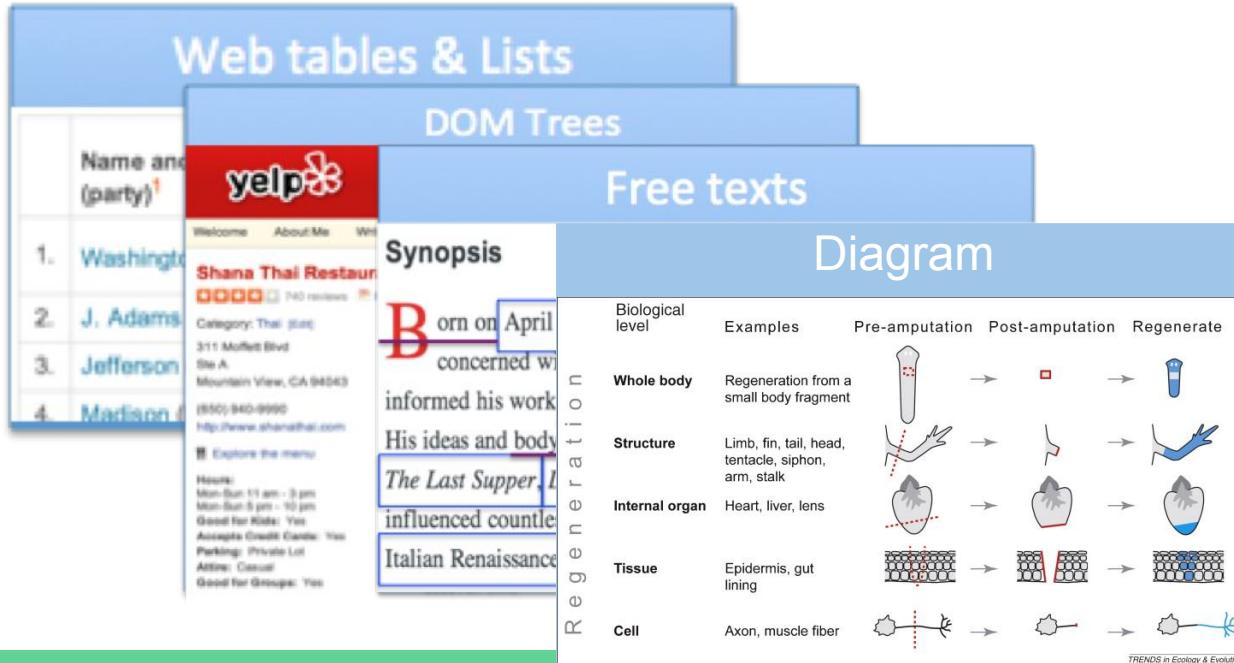


# What is Data Integration?

- **Data integration:** to provide unified access to data residing in multiple, autonomous data sources
  - **Data warehouse:** create a single store (materialized view) of data from different sources offline. Multi-billion dollar business.
  - **Virtual integration:** support query over a mediated schema by applying online query reformulation. E.g., Kayak.com.
- In the RDF world: different names for similar concepts
  - **Knowledge graph** is equivalent to a data warehouse. Has been widely used in Search and Voice
  - **Linked data** is equivalent to virtual integration

# Why is Data Integration Hard?

- Heterogeneity everywhere
  - Different data formats



Data Extraction

Schema Alignment

Entity Linkage

Data Fusion

# Why is Data Integration Hard?

- Heterogeneity everywhere
  - Different ways to express the same classes and attributes

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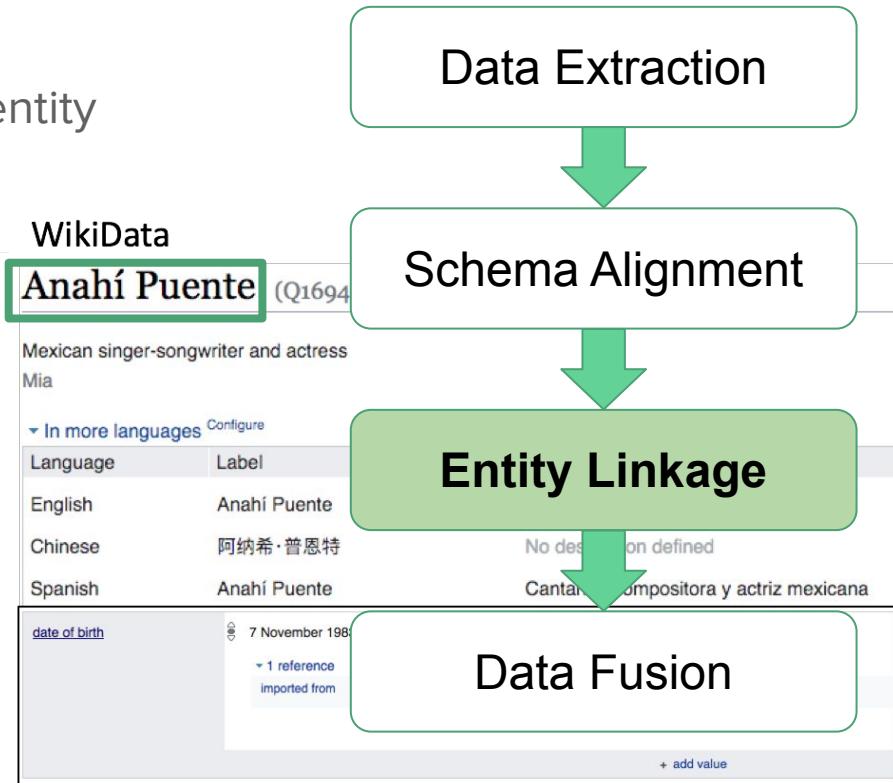
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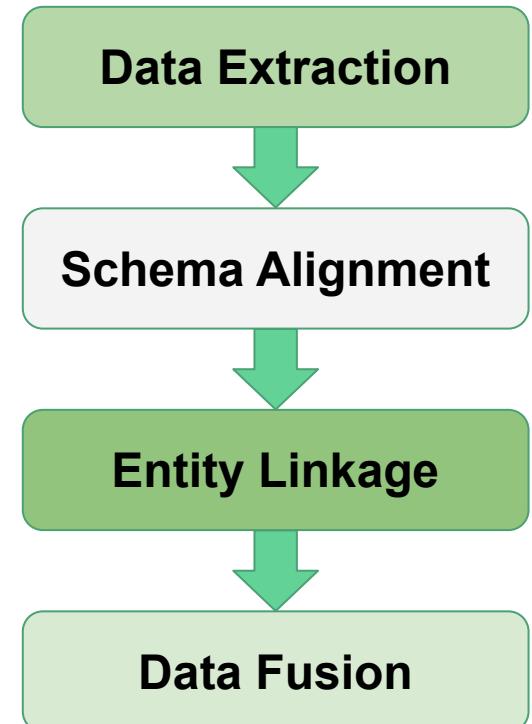
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# Importance from a Practitioner's Point of View

- Entity linkage is indispensable whenever integrating data from different sources
- Data extraction is important for integrating non-relational data
- Data fusion is necessary in presence of erroneous data
- Schema alignment is helpful when integrating relational data, but not affordable for manual work if we integrate many sources



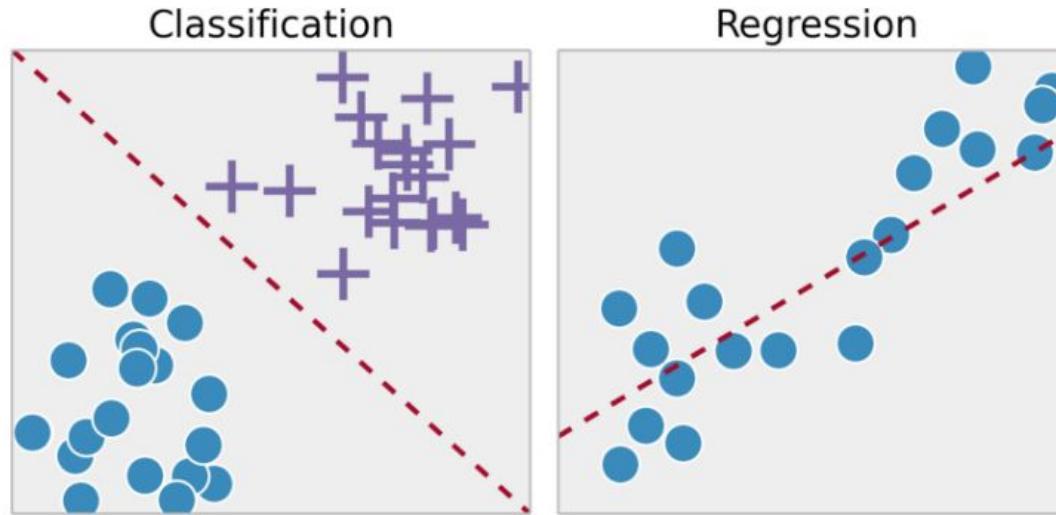
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- **Machine learning:** teach computers to *learn* with data, not by programming
- **More Formal definition**  
A computer program is said to learn from experience E with respect to some class of tasks T and performance measure P if its performance at tasks in T, as measured by P, **improves with experience E**.

-- Tom Mitchell

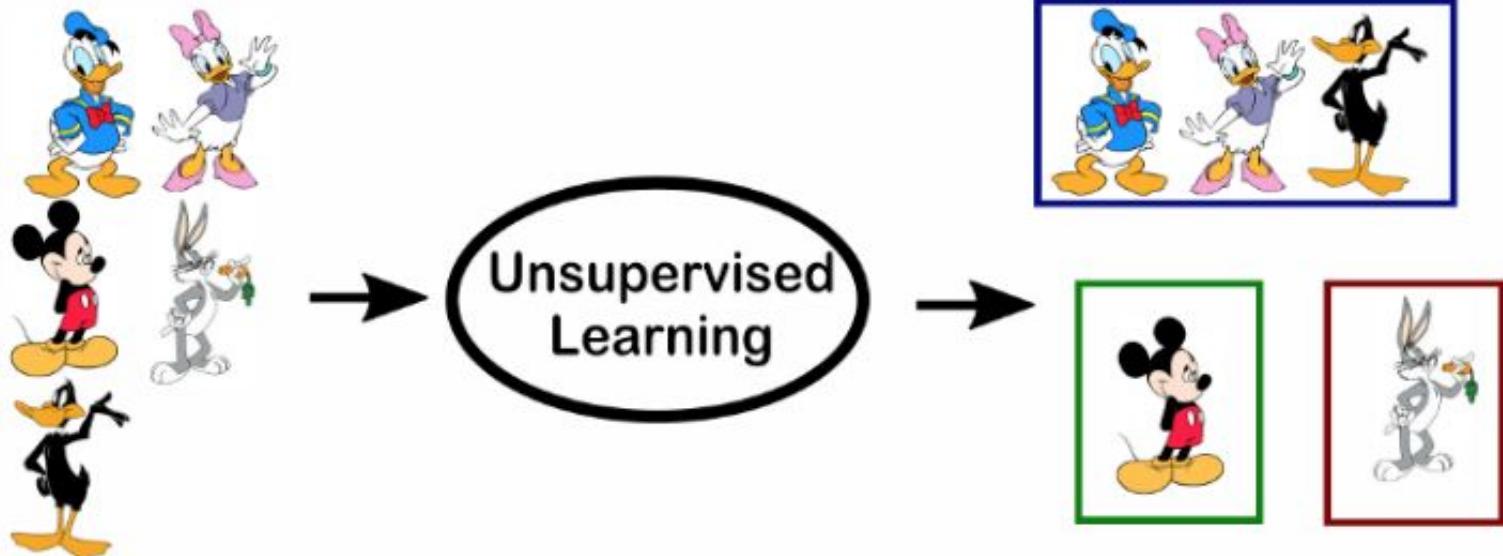
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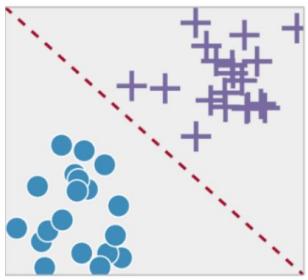
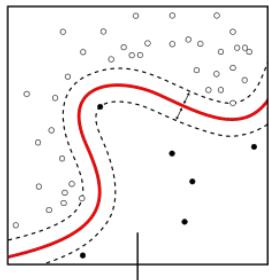
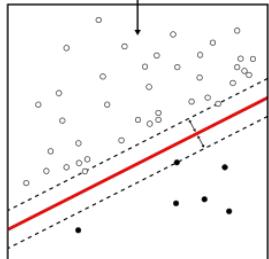
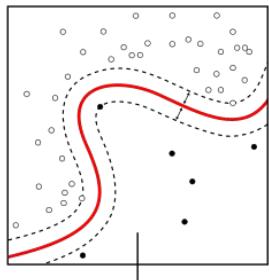
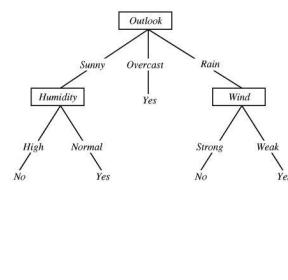
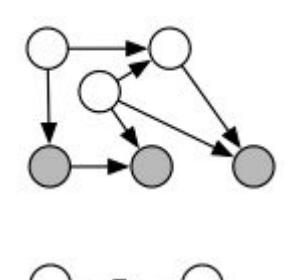
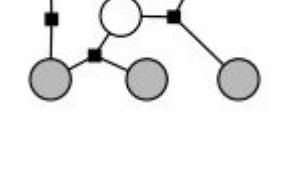
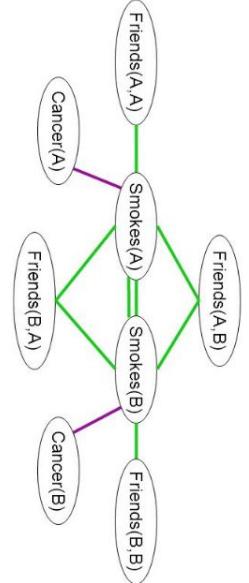
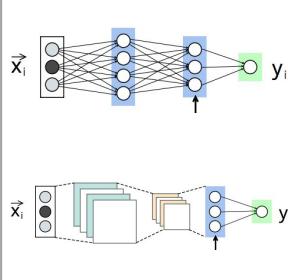
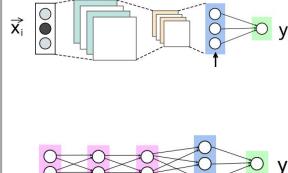
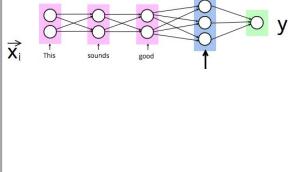


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	<i>Supervised Learning</i>	<i>Unsupervised Learning</i>
<i>Discrete</i>	classification or categorization	clustering
<i>Continuous</i>	regression	dimensionality reduction

# Techniques for Supervised ML

Hyperplanes	Kernel	Tree-based	Graphical Mdl	Logic Prog	Neural Netw
Linear/Logistic regression	SVM	Decision tree, Random forest	Bayes net, CRF	Pr soft logic, Markov logic net	ANN, CNN, RNN
  			 		  

# Key Lessons for ML [Domingos, 2012]

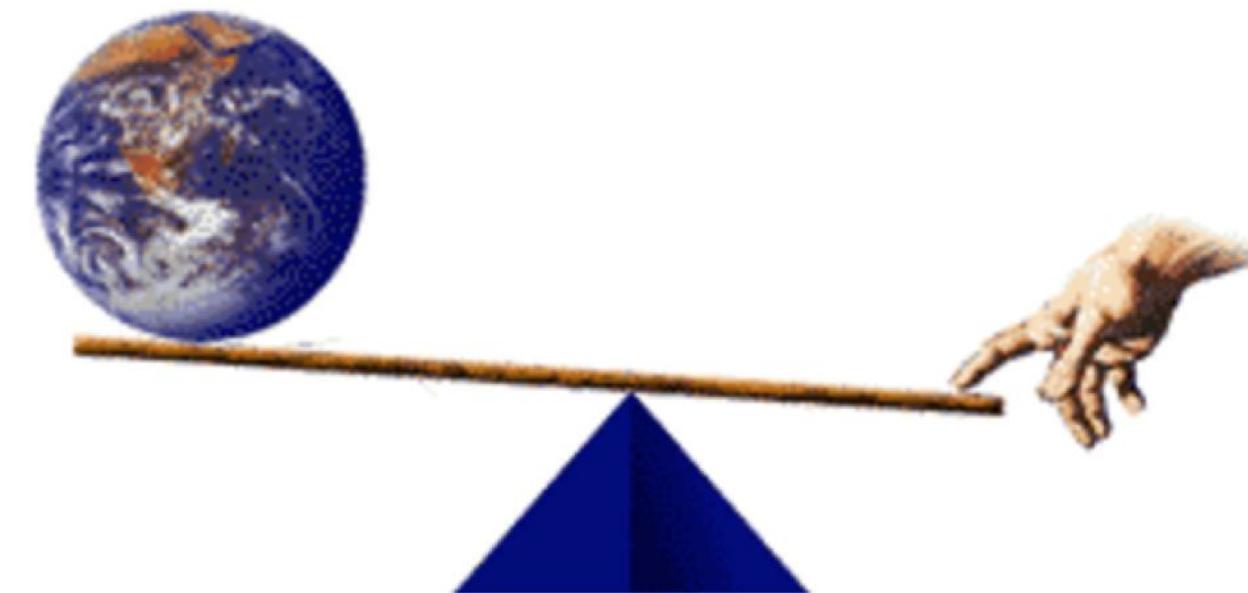
- Learning = Representation + Evaluation + Optimization
- **It's generalization that counts: generalize beyond training examples**
- Data alone is not enough: “no free lunch” theorem--No learner can beat random guessing over all possible functions to be learned
- Intuition fails in high dimensions: “curse of dimensionality”
- **More data beats a cleverer algorithm:** Google showed that after providing 300M images for DL image recognition, no flattening of the learning curve was observed.

# DI & ML as Synergy

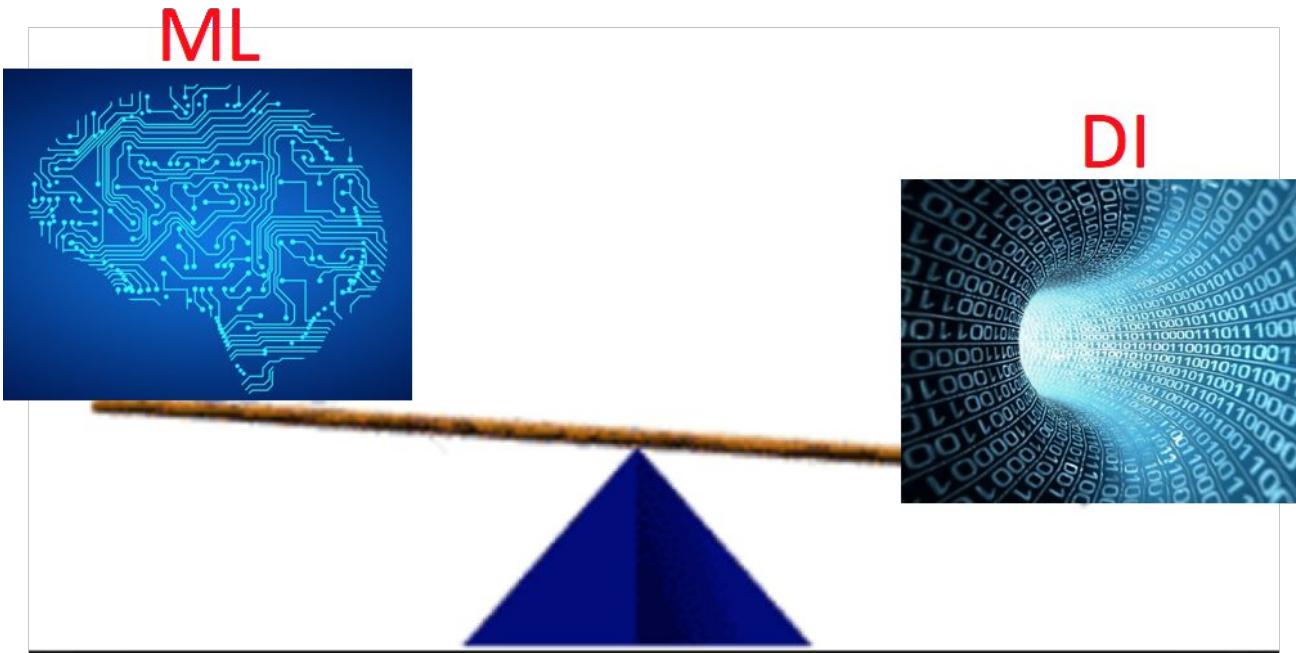
- **ML for effective DI: AUTOMATION, AUTOMATION, AUTOMATION**
  - Automating DI tasks with training data
  - Better understanding of semantics by neural network
- **DI for effective ML: DATA, DATA, DATA**
  - Create large-scale training datasets from different sources
  - Cleaning of data used for training

# Give me a Fulscrum, I will Move the Earth

-- Archimedes



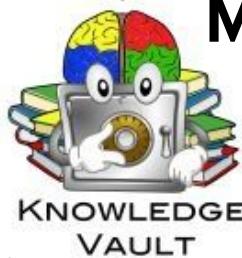
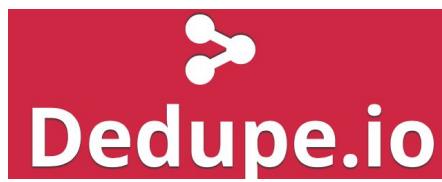
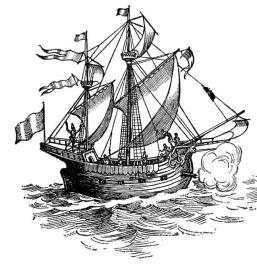
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# Many Systems Where DI & ML Leverage Each Other



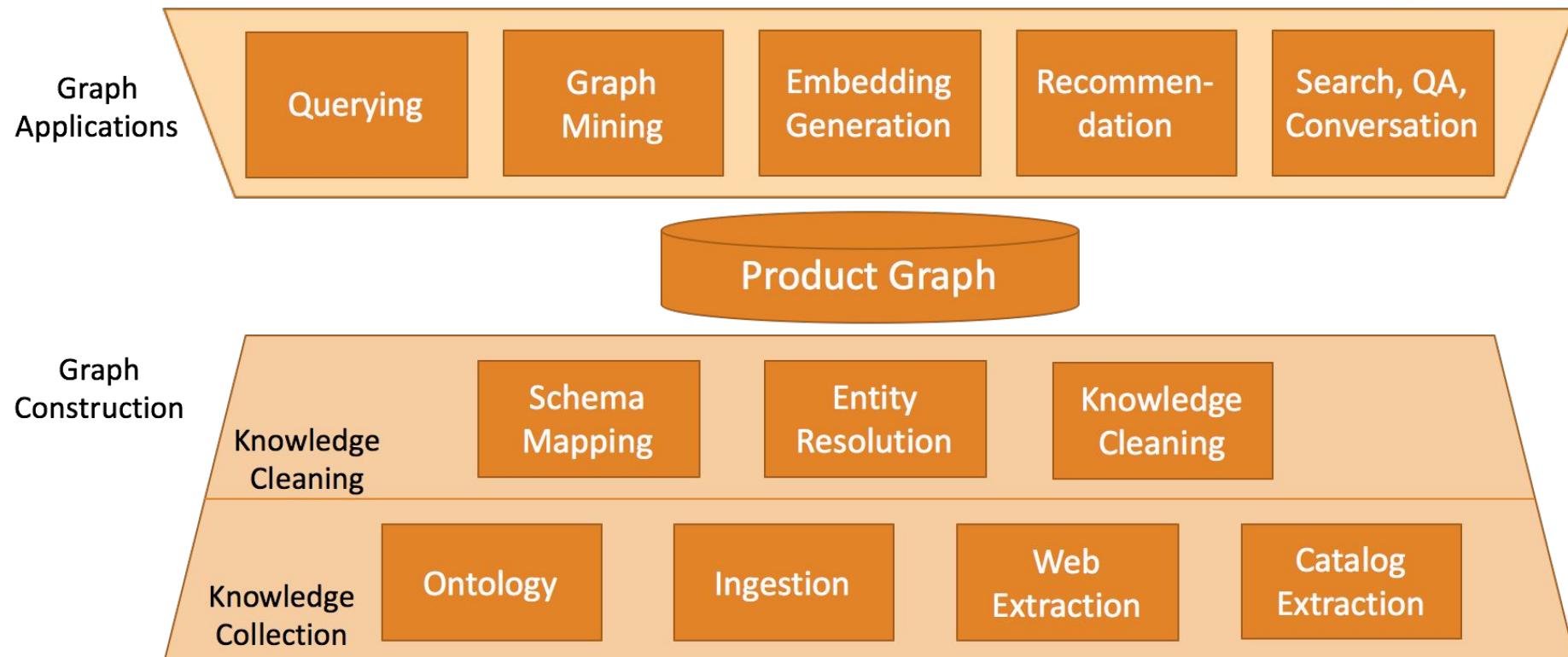
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Increasing number of systems both in industry  
and academia.



# Example System: Product Graph [Dong, KDD'18]



# Goal of This Tutorial

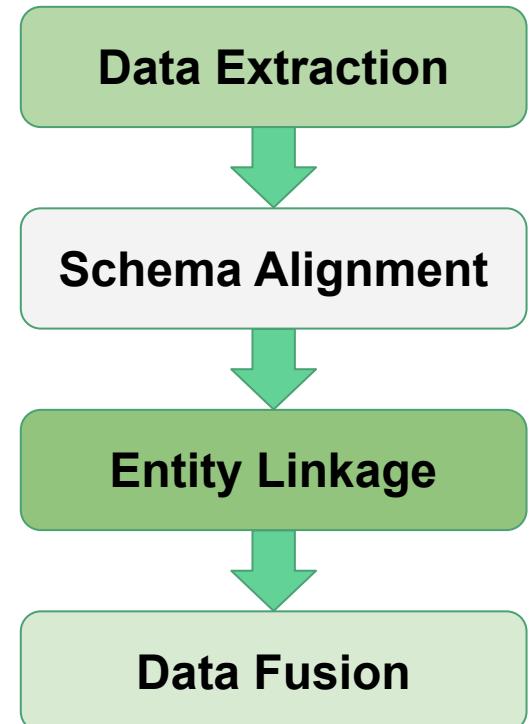
- **NO-GOALS**
  - Present a comprehensive literature review for all topics we are covering
- **GOALS**
  - Present state-of-the-art for DI & ML synergy
  - Show how ML has been transforming DI and vice versa
  - Give some taste on which tool is working best for which tasks
  - Discuss what remains challenging

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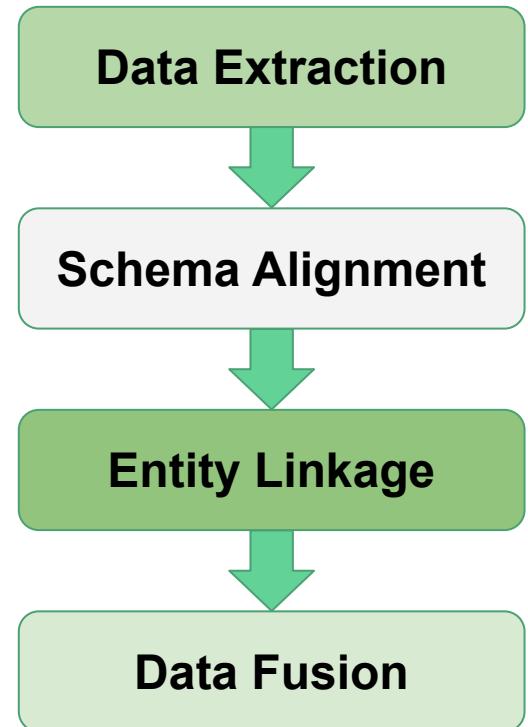
# Data Integration Overview

- Entity linkage: linking records to entities; indispensable when different sources exist
- Data extraction: extracting structured data; important when non-relational data exist
- Data fusion: resolving conflicts; necessary in presence of erroneous data
- Schema alignment: aligning types and attributes; helpful when different relational schemas exist



# Recipe

- Problem definition
- Brief history
- State-of-the-art ML solutions
- Summary w. a short answer



# Theme I. Which ML Model Works Best?



# Which ML Model Works Best?

ID	NAME	CLASS	MARK	SEX
1	John Deo	Four	75	female
2	Max Ruin	Three	85	male
3	Arnold	Three	55	male
4	Krish Star	Four	60	female
5	John Mike	Four	60	female
6	Alex John	Four	55	male
7	My John Rob	Fifth	78	male
8	Asruid	Five	85	male
9	Tes Qry	Six	78	male
10	Big John	Four	55	female

Tree-based models

Web tables & Lists

Name and (party) <sup>1</sup>	Term	State of birth	Born
1. Washington (F) <sup>3</sup>	1789	DOM	
2. J. Adams (F)	1797		
3. Jefferson (DR)	1801		
4. Madison (DR)	1809		

Free texts

Synopsis

Born on April 15, 1452 in Vinci, Italy, Leonardo da Vinci was concerned with the laws of science and nature, which greatly informed his work as a painter, sculptor, inventor and draftsman. His ideas and body of work -- which includes *Virgin of the Rocks*, *The Last Supper*, *Leda and the Swan* and *Mona Lisa* -- have influenced countless artists and made da Vinci a leading light of the Italian Renaissance.

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Delivery: No  
Takeout: Yes  
Parking: Private Lot  
Dress Code: Casual  
Good For: Kid-friendly

Assistant: 1/2 Pint  
Notes: Average  
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SCENE FROM "DAN'L DRUCE."

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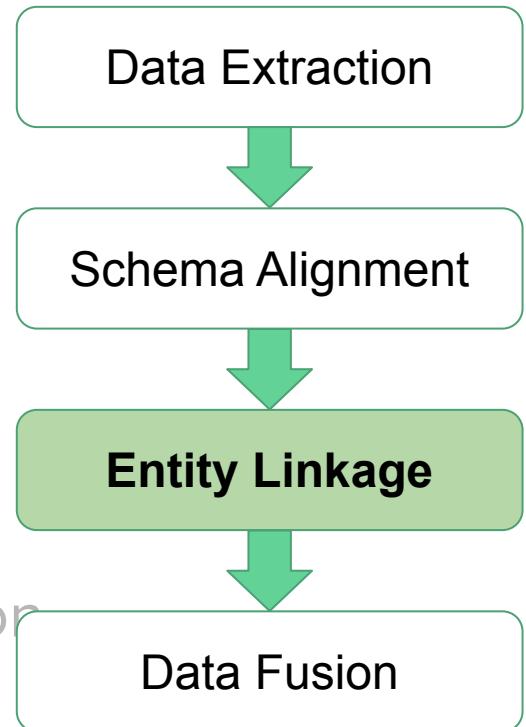
Neural network

# Theme II. Does Supervised Learning Apply to DI?

- **Supervised learning has made a big splash recently in many fields**
- **However, it is hard to bluntly apply supervised learning to DI tasks**
  - Our goal is to integrate data from many different data sources in different domains
  - The different sources present different data features and distributions
  - Collecting training labels for each source is a huge cost

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# What is Entity Linkage?

- Definition: Partition a given set  $\mathcal{R}$  of records, such that each partition corresponds to a distinct real-world entity.

Are they the same entity?

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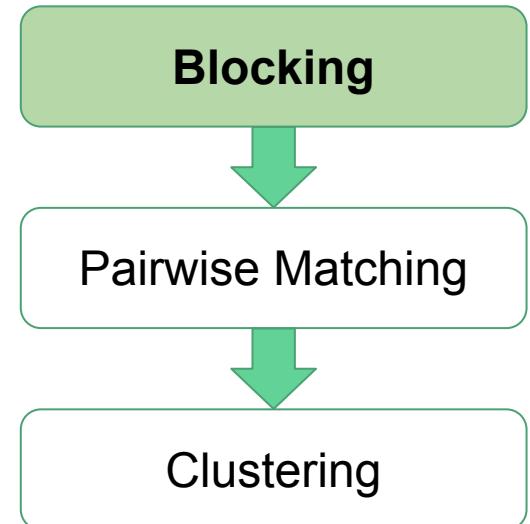
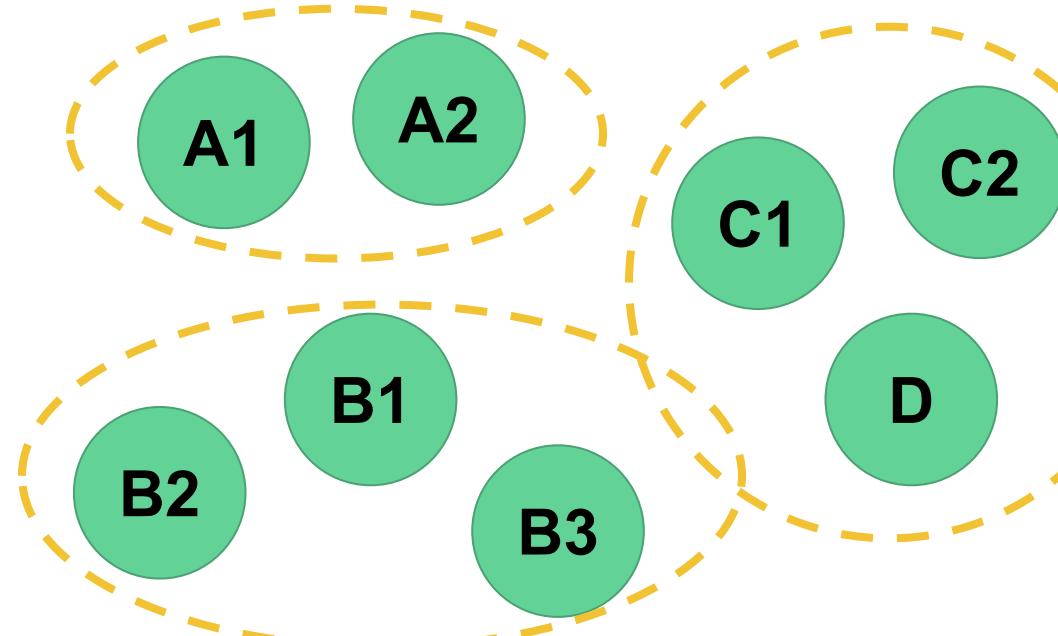
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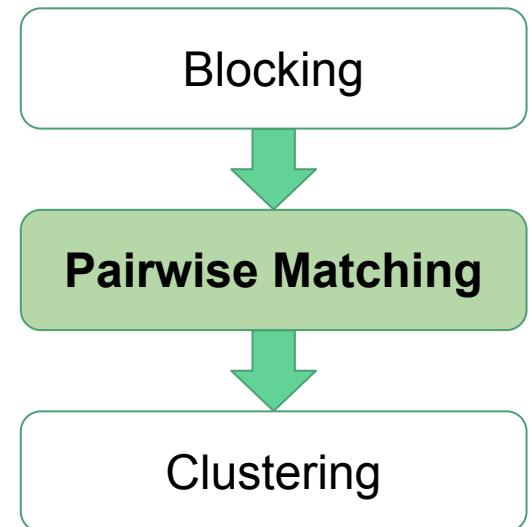
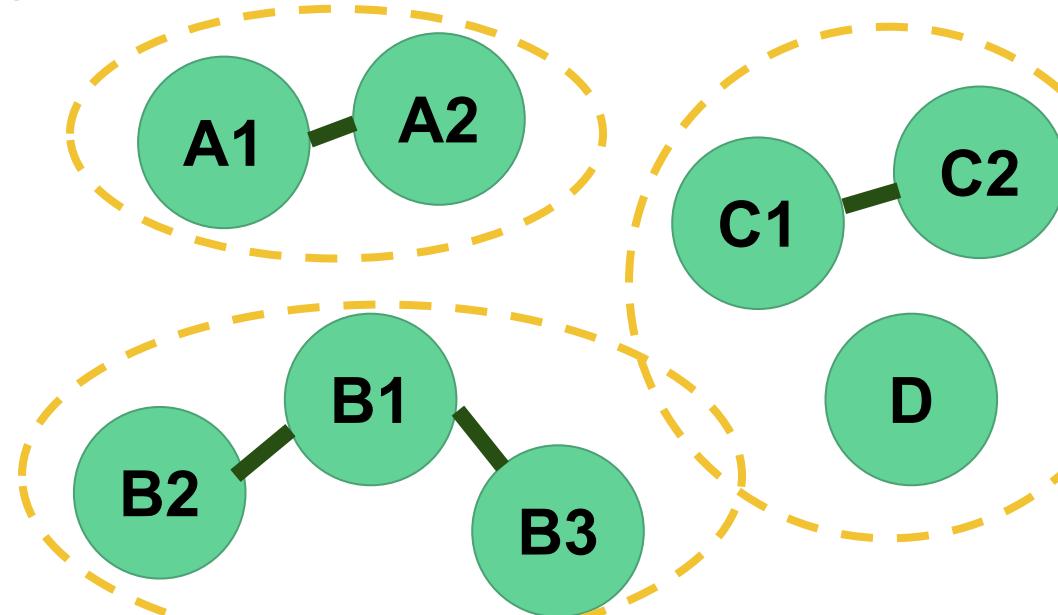
# Quick Tour for Entity Linkage

- **Blocking:** efficiently create small blocks of similar records



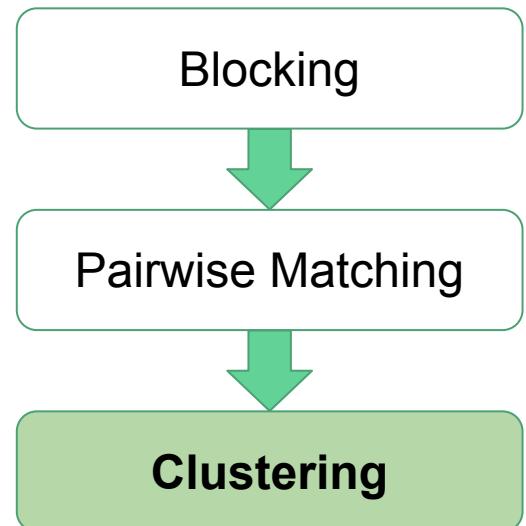
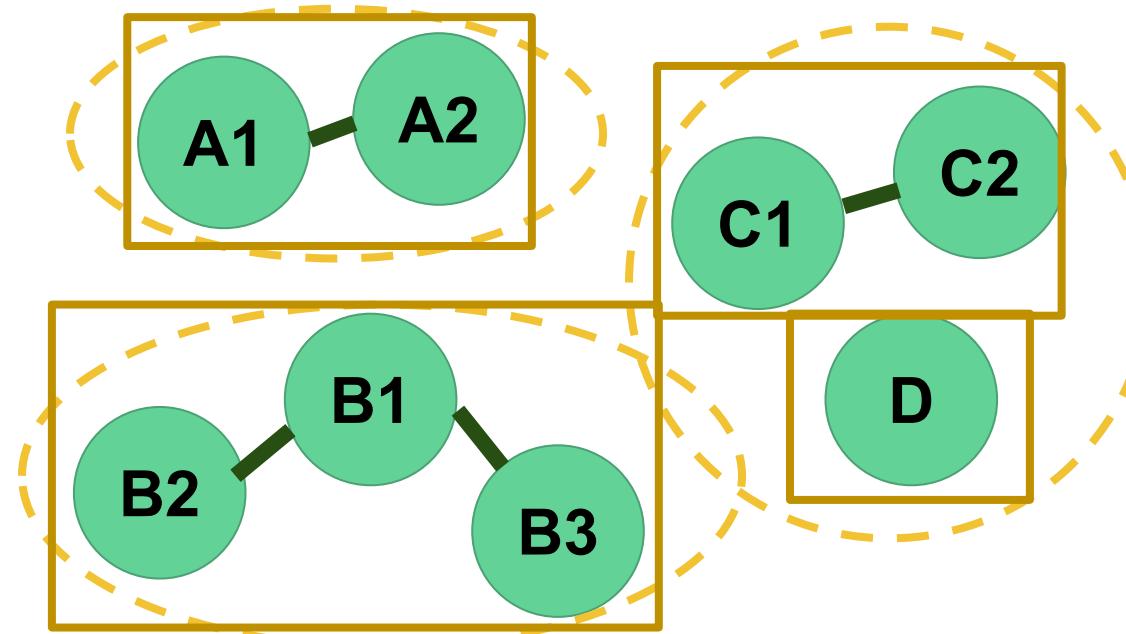
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- **Pairwise matching:** compare all record pairs in a block

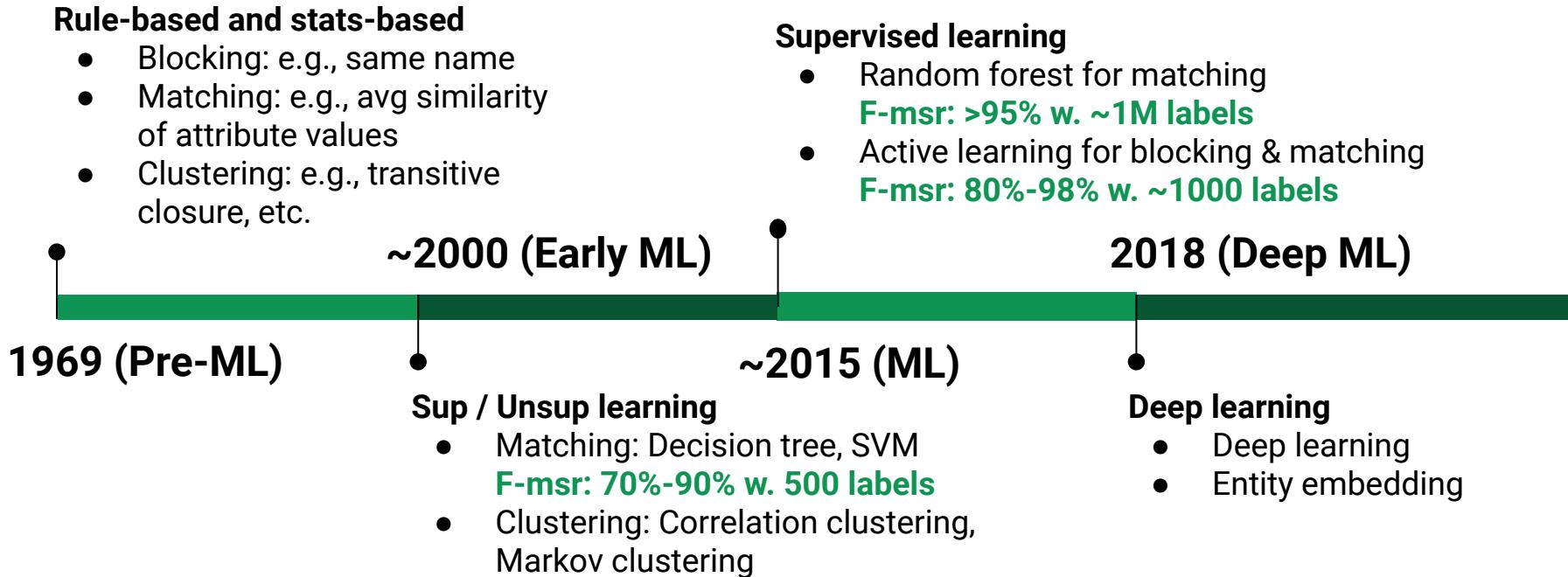


# Quick Tour for Entity Linkage

- **Clustering:** group records into entities



# 50 Years of Entity Linkage



# Rule-Based Solution

## Rule-based and stats-based

- Blocking: e.g., same name
- Matching: e.g., avg similarity of attribute values
- Clustering: e.g., transitive closure, etc.



1969 (Pre-ML)

- [Fellegi and Sunter, 1969]
  - Match:  $\text{sim}(r, r') > \theta_h$
  - Unmatch:  $\text{sim}(r, r') < \theta_l$
  - Possible match:  
$$\theta_l < \text{sim}(r, r') < \theta_h$$

# Early ML Models

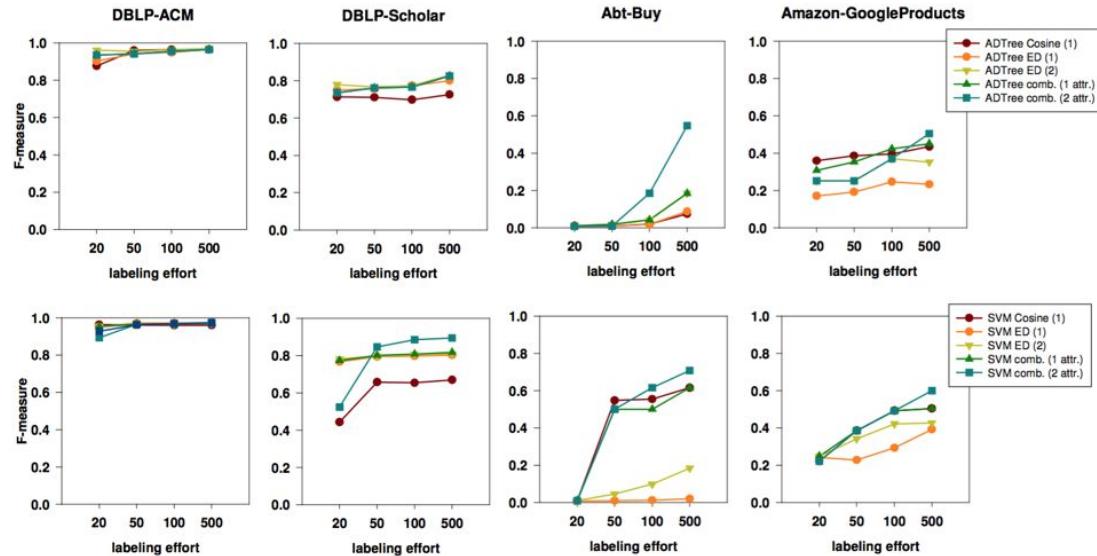
~2000 (Early ML)



## Sup / Unsup learning

- Matching: Decision tree, SVM
- F-msr: 70%-90% w. 500 labels
- Clustering: Correlation clustering, Markov clustering

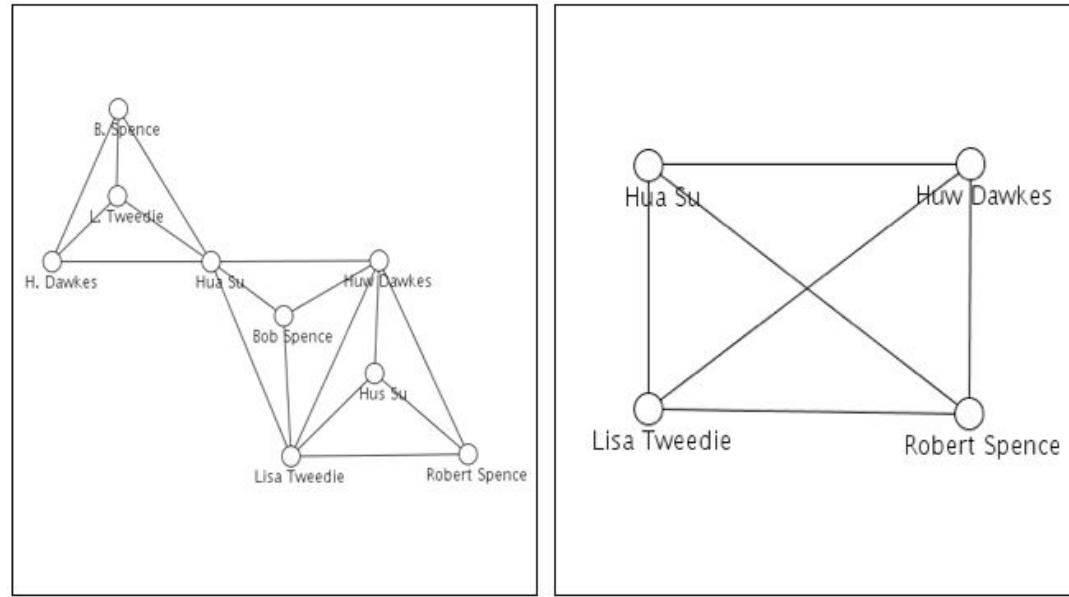
- [Köpcke et al, VLDB'10]



# Collective Entity Resolution: Beyond Pairs

- Collective reasoning across entities.
- Constraints across entities:
  - Aggregate constraints
  - Transitivity, Exclusivity
  - Functional dependencies
- Use of probabilistic graphical models, PSL, MLN, to capture such domain knowledge

Out of the scope of this tutorial. For details: See tutorial by Getoor and Machanavajjhala, KDD, 2013.



before

after

[Example by Getoor and Machanavajjhala]

# State-of-the-Art ML Models [Dong, KDD'18]

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**F-msr: >95% w. ~1M labels**
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~2015 (ML)

- Features: attribute similarity measured in various ways. E.g.,
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  - number sim: absolute diff, relative diff
- ML models on Freebase vs. IMDb
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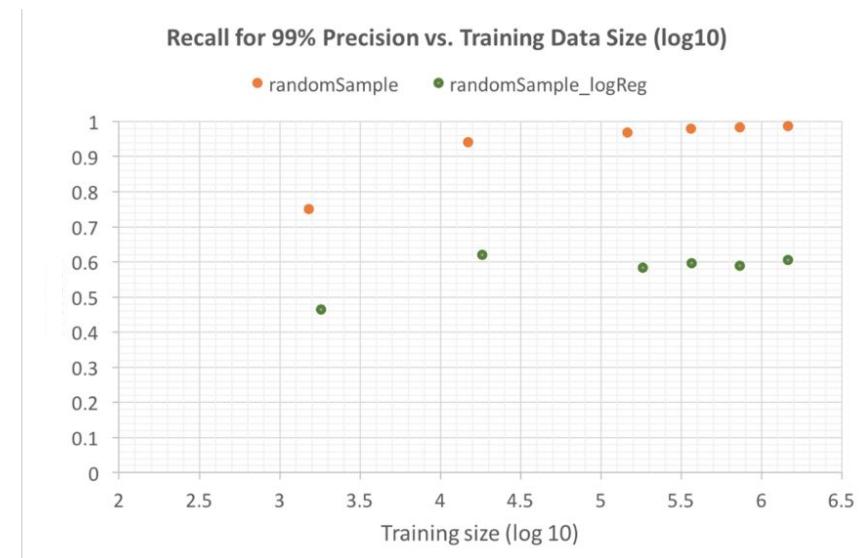
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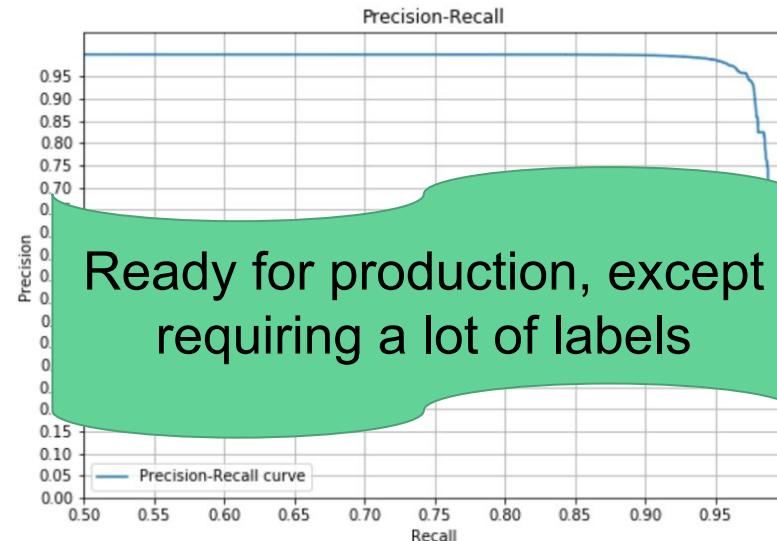
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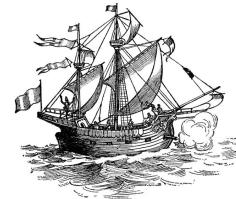
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- Expt 2. IMDb vs. Amazon movies
  - 200K labels, ~150 features
  - Random forest: Prec=0.98, Rec=0.95





# State-of-the-Art ML Models

[Das et al., SIGMOD'17]

**Magellan**

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- Falcon: apply active learning both for blocking and for matching; ~1000 labels

Dataset	Accuracy (%)			Cost (# Questions)
	P	R	$F_1$	
Products	90.9	74.5	81.9	\$57.6 (960)
Songs	96.0	99.3	97.6	\$54.0 (900)
Citations	92.0	98.5	95.2	\$65.5 (1087)

# State-of-the-Art ML Models [Dong, KDD'18]

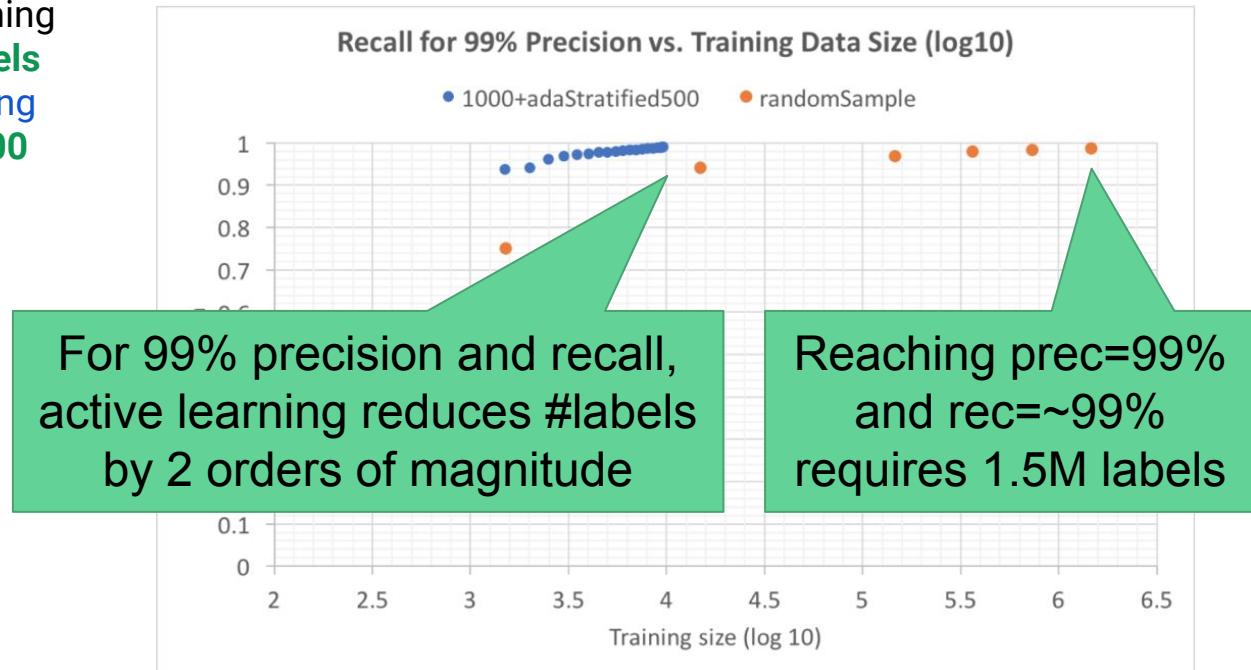
## Supervised learning

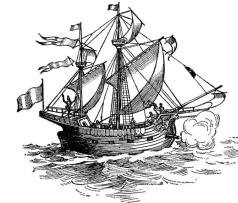
- Random forest for matching  
**F-msr: >95% w. ~1M labels**
- AL for blocking & matching  
**F-msr: 80%-98% w. ~1000 labels**



~2015 (ML)

- Apply active learning to minimize #labels





# Deep Learning Models [Mudgal et al., SIGMOD'18]

Magellan

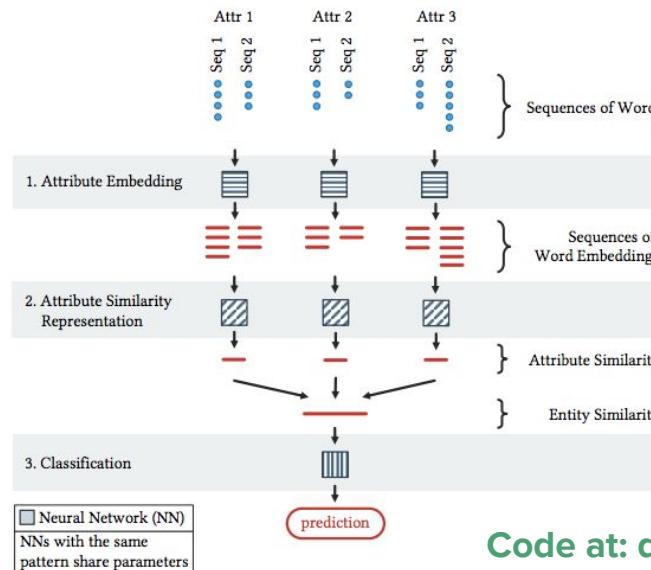
- Embedding on similarities
- Similar performance for structured data;  
**Significant improvement on texts and dirty data**

2018 (Deep ML)



## Deep learning

- Deep learning
- Entity embedding



Code at: [deepmatcher.ml](http://deepmatcher.ml)

# Deep Learning Models [Ebraheem et al., VLDB'18]

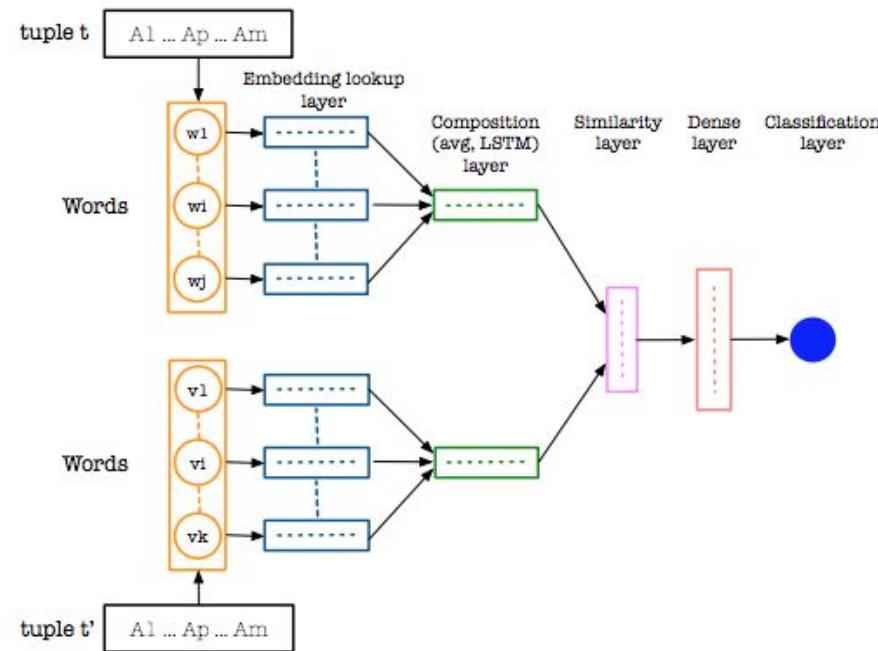
- Embedding on entities
- Outperforming existing solution

2018 (Deep ML)



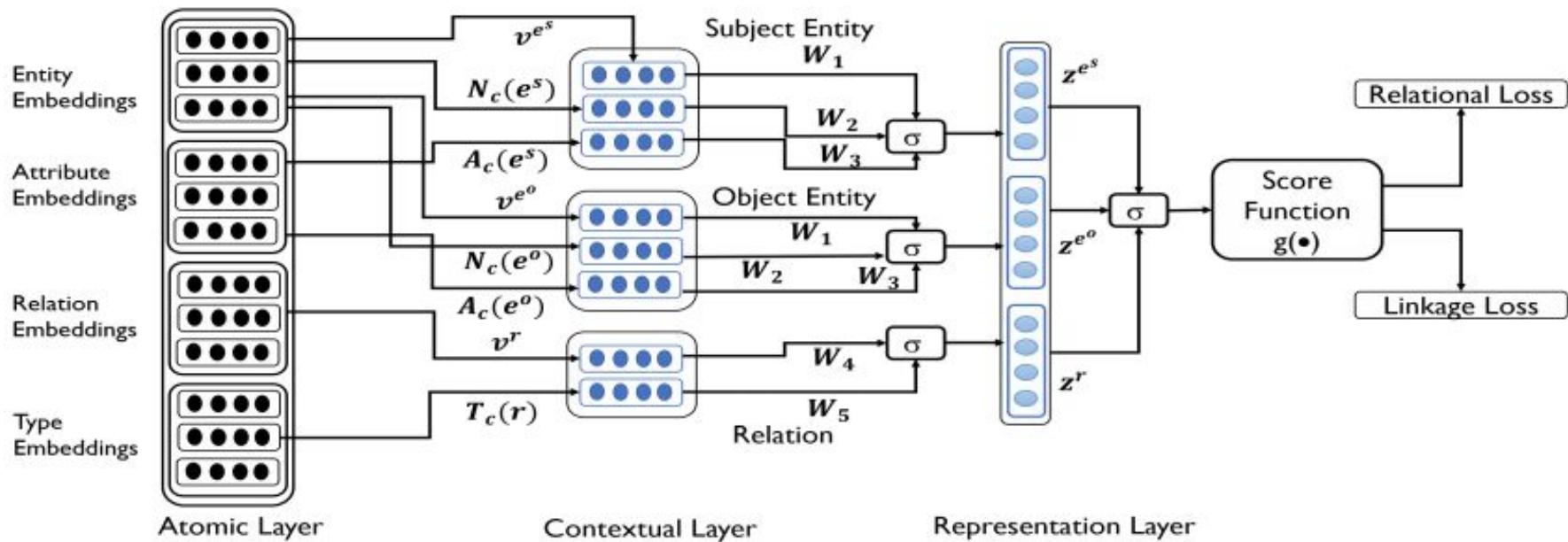
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- LinkNBed: Embeddings for entities as in knowledge embedding



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- LinkNBed: Embeddings for entities as in knowledge embedding
- Performance better than previous knowledge embedding methods, but not comparable to random forest
- **Enable linking different types of entities**

2018 (Deep ML)

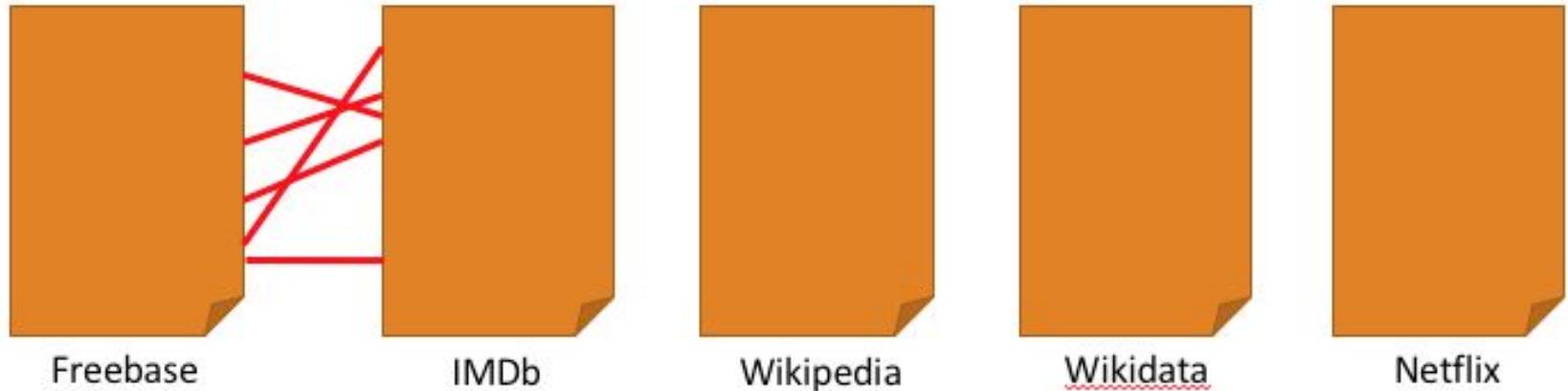


## Deep learning

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- Entity embedding

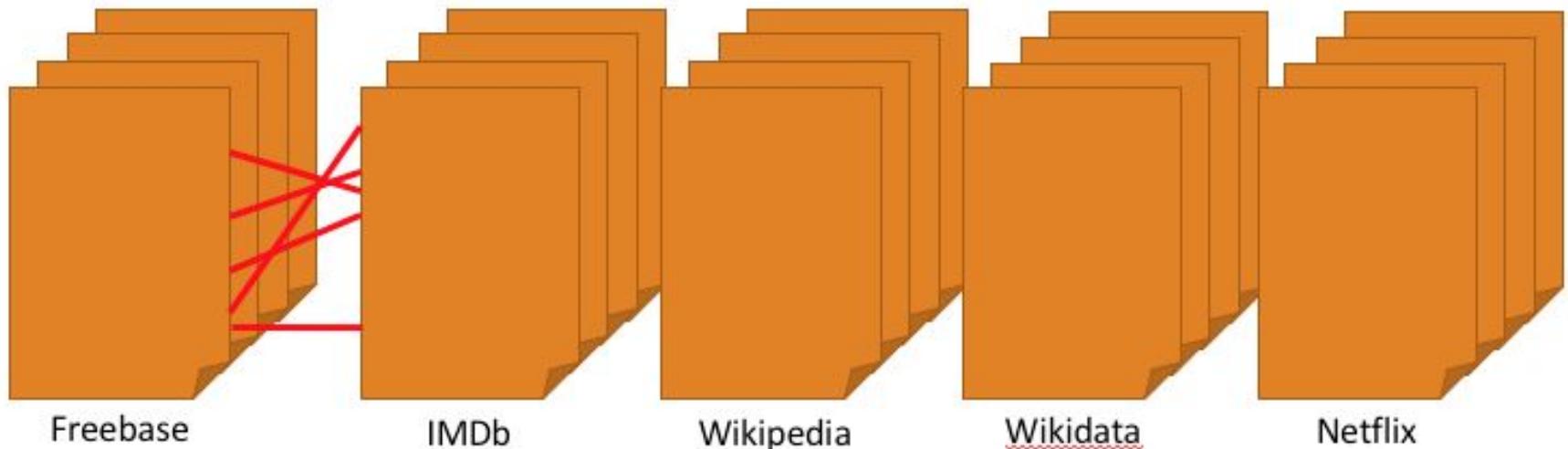
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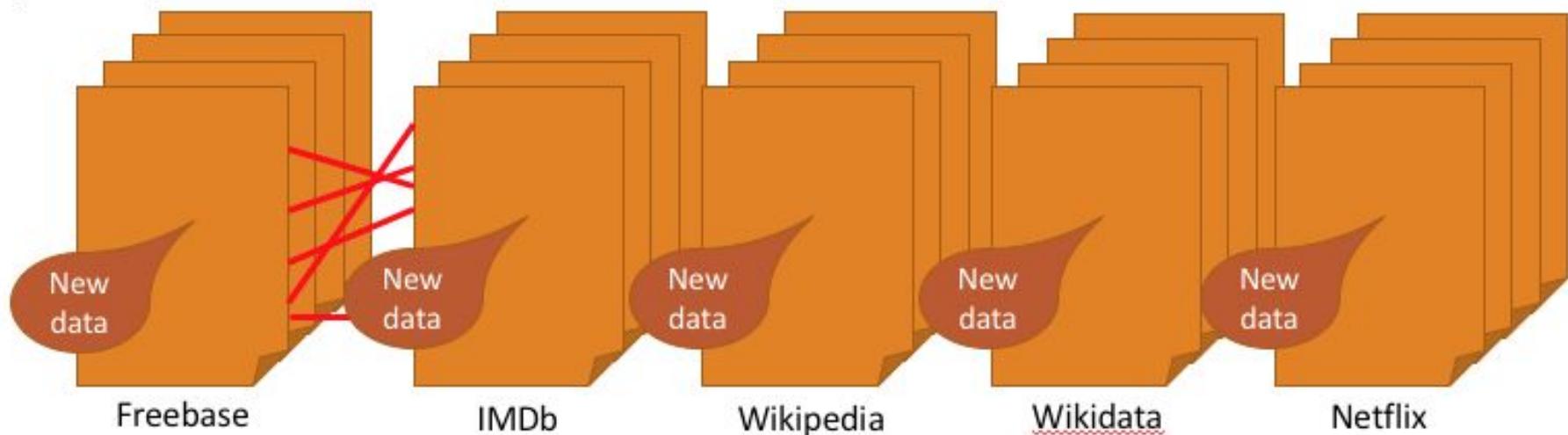
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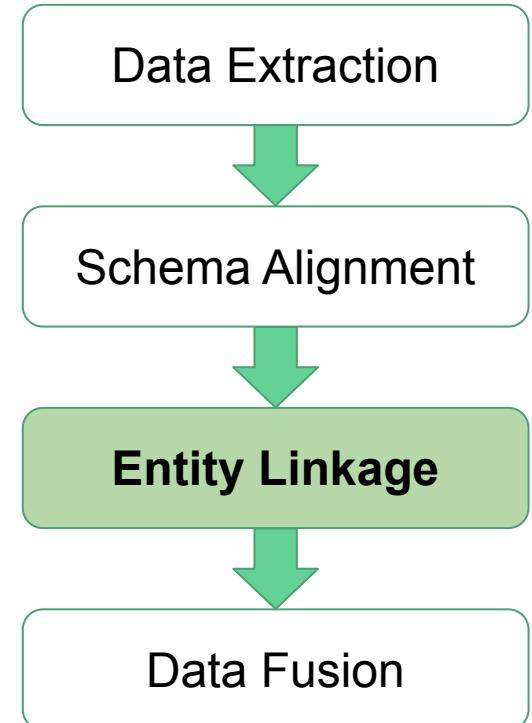
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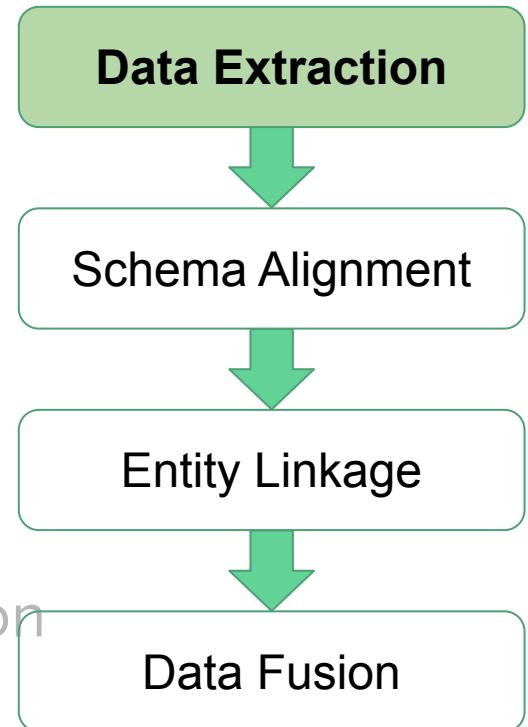
# Recipe for Entity Linkage

- Problem definition: **Link references to the same entity**
- Short answers
  - **RF w. attribute-similarity features**
  - **DL to handle texts and noises**
  - **End-to-end solution is future work**



# Outline

- Part I. Introduction
- Part II. ML for DI
  - ML for entity linkage
  - ML for data extraction
  - ML for schema alignment
  - ML for data fusion
- Part III. DI for ML
- Part IV. Conclusions and research direction



# What is Data Extraction?

- Definition: Extract structured information, e.g., (entity, attribute, value) triples, from semi-structured data or unstructured data.

**Web tables & Lists**

Name and (party) <sup>1</sup>	Term
1. Washington (F) <sup>3</sup>	1789–1797
2. J. Adams (F)	1797–1801
3. Jefferson (DR)	1801–1809
4. Madison (DR)	1809–1817

**DOM Trees**

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Hours:

Mon–Sun 11 am – 9 pm  
Mon–Sun 5 pm – 10 pm  
Good for Kids: Yes  
Accepts Credit Cards: Yes  
Parking: Private Lot  
Atmos: Casual  
Good for Groups: Yes

Price Range: \$  
Takes Reservations: No  
Delivery: No  
Take-out: Yes  
Waiter Service: Yes  
Outdoor Seating: Yes  
Wi-Fi: No  
Good For: Dinner

**Free texts**

Synopsis

Born on April 15, 1452, in Vinci, Italy, Leonardo da Vinci was a man concerned with the laws of science and nature. He was a polymath who informed his work as a painter, sculptor, engineer, and scientist. His ideas and body of work -- which include the Vitruvian Man, the Last Supper, and Leda and the Swan -- influenced countless artists and made him one of the most famous figures of the Italian Renaissance.

**Diagram**

Biological level	Examples	Pre-amputation	Post-amputation	Regenerate
Whole body	Regeneration from a small body fragment			
Structure	Limb, fin, tail, head, tentacle, siphon, arm, stalk			
Internal organ	Heart, liver, lens			
Tissue	Epidermis, gut lining			
Cell	Axon, muscle fiber			

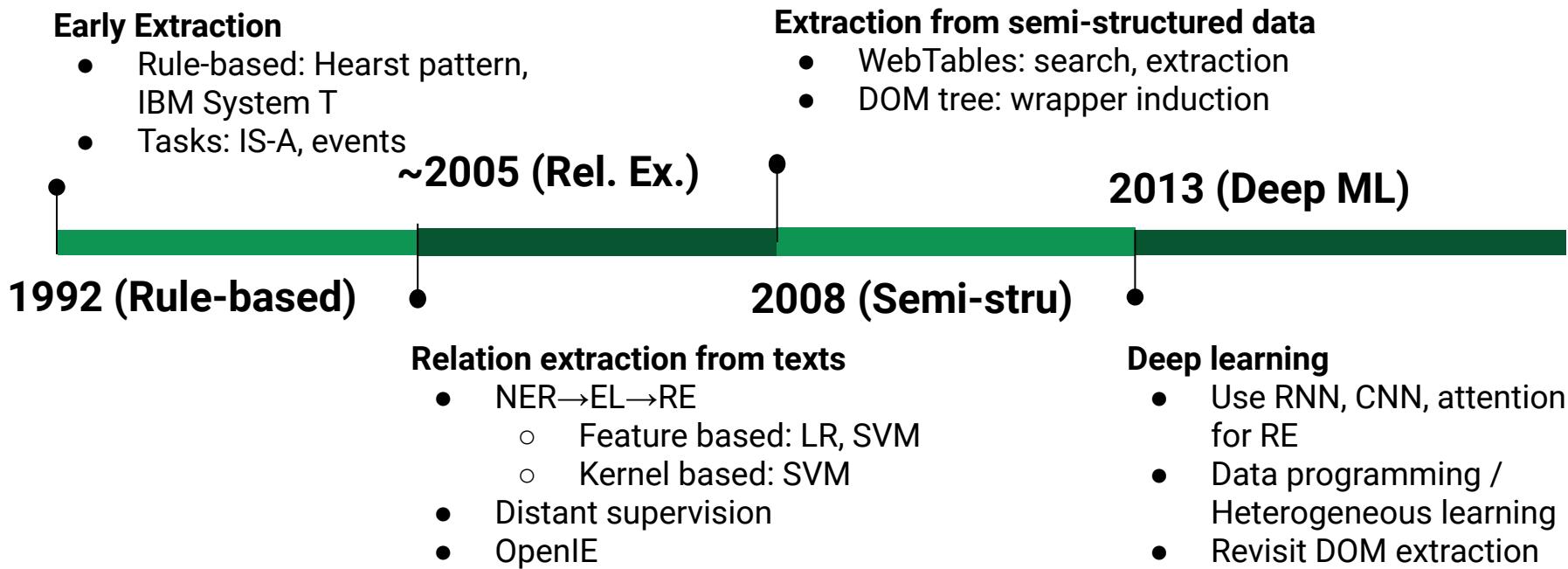
Regeneration

TRENDS in Ecology & Evolution

# Three Types of Data Extraction

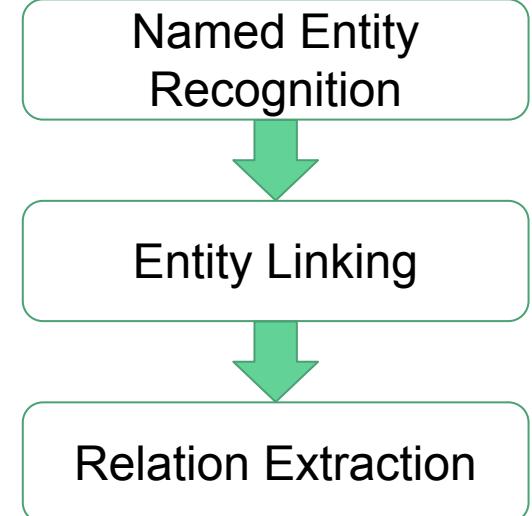
- **Closed-world extraction:** align to existing entities and attributes; e.g.,  
(ID\_Obama, place\_of\_birth, ID\_USA)
- **ClosedIE:** align to existing attributes, but extract new entities; e.g.,  
("Xin Luna Dong", place\_of\_birth, "China")
- **OpenIE:** not limited by existing entities or attributes; e.g.,  
("Xin Luna Dong", "was born in", "China"),  
("Luna", "is originally from", "China")

# 35 Years of Data Extraction

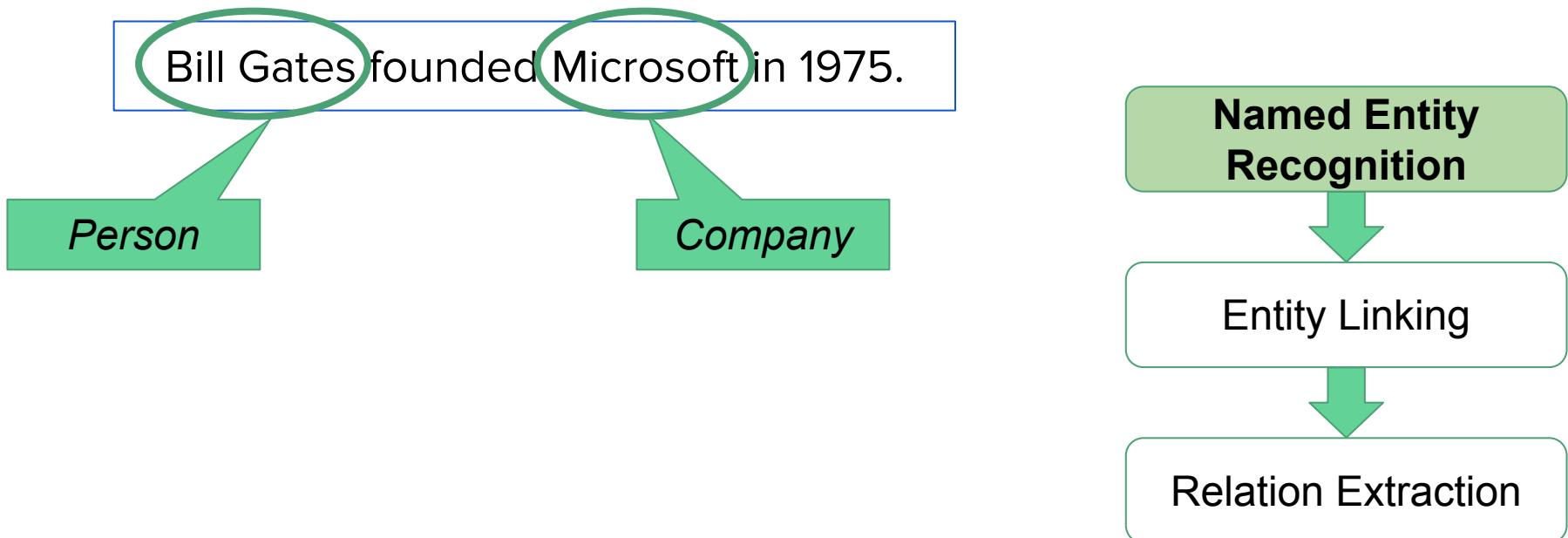


# Extraction from Texts: Quick Tour

Bill Gates founded Microsoft in 1975.



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Entity **linkage**: linking two structured records  
Entity **linking**: linking a phrase in texts to an entity in a reference list (e.g., knowledge graph)

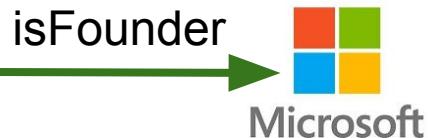
Named Entity Recognition

Entity Linking

Relation Extraction

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We focus on Relation Extraction in the rest of the tutorial.

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# Extraction from Texts: Feature Based [Zhou et al., ACL'05]

~2005 (Rel. Ex.)



## Relation extraction from texts

- NER→EL→RE
  - Feature based: LR, SVM
  - Kernel based: SVM
- Distant supervision
- OpenIE

- **Models**
  - Logistic regression
  - SVM (Support Vector Machine)
- **Features**
  - Lexical: entity, part-of-speech, neighbor
  - Syntactic: **chunking**, parse tree
  - Semantic: concept hierarchy, entity class
- **Results**
  - Prec=≈60%, Rec=≈50%

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Features	P	R	F
Words	69.2	23.7	35.3
+Entity Type	67.1	32.1	43.4
+Mention Level	67.1	33.0	44.2
+Overlap	57.4	40.9	47.8
+Chunking	61.5	46.5	53.0
+Dependency Tree	62.1	47.2	53.6
+Parse Tree	62.3	47.6	54.0
+Semantic Resources	63.1	49.5	55.5

Major Lift

Table 2: Contribution of different features over 43 relation subtypes in the test data

# Extraction from Texts: Kernel Based [Mengqiu Wang, IJCNLP'08]

~2005 (Rel. Ex.)



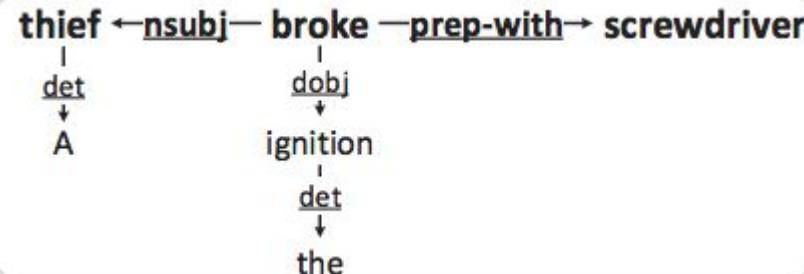
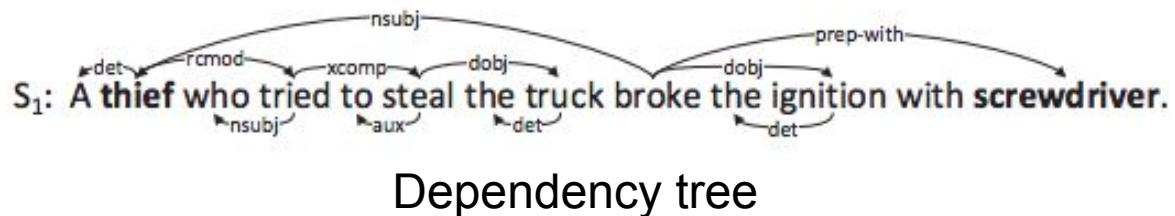
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  - SVM (Support Vector Machine)
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  - Subsequence
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  - **Shortest dependency path**
  - Convolution dependency

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kernel method	5-fold CV on ACE 2003		
	Precision	Recall	F1
subsequence	0.703	<b>0.389</b>	0.546
dependency tree	0.681	0.290	0.485
shortest path	<b>0.747</b>	0.376	<b>0.562</b>

Table 1: Results of different kernels on ACE 2003 training set using 5-fold cross-validation.

# Extraction from Texts: Deep Learning

## 2013 (Deep ML)

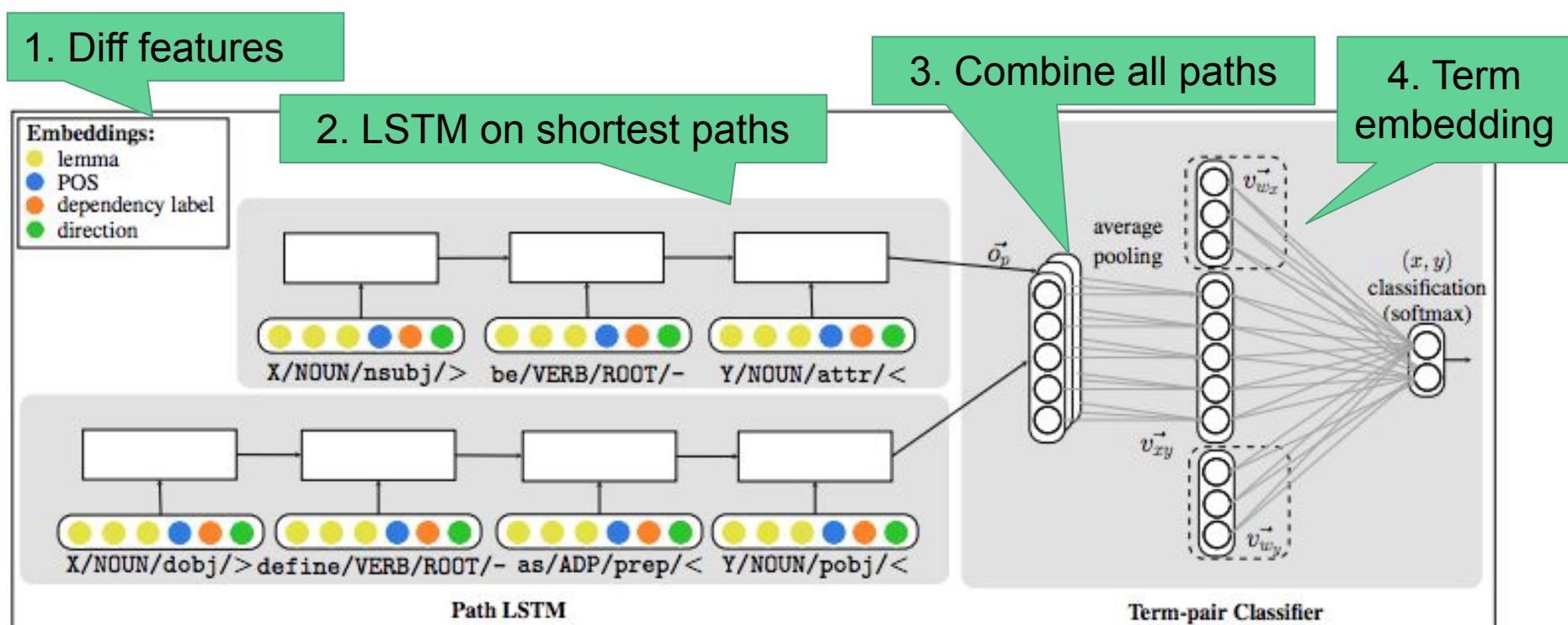


### Deep learning

- Use RNN, CNN, attention for RE
- Data programming / Heterogeneous learning
- Revisit DOM extraction

- Same intuitions, different models
  - (2012-13) Recursive NN: dependency tree [Socher et al., EMNLP'12] [Hashimoto et al., EMNLP'13]
  - (2014-15) CNN: shortest dependency path [Zeng et al., COLING'14][Liu et al., ACL'15]
  - (2015+) LSTM: shortest dependency path, lexical/syntactic/semantic features [Xu et al., EMNLP'15][Shwartz et al., ACL'16] [Nguyen, NAACL'16]

# Example System: HyperNET [Shwartz et al., ACL'16]



Quality in identifying hypernyms: Prec = 0.9, Rec = 0.9

# Label Generation for Extraction Training

Where are training labels from?

~2005 (Rel. Ex.)

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Use new extractions to retrain models  
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## Relation extraction from texts

- **NER→EL→RE**
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Iterations	Estimated Precision (%)	# Promotions
1–22	90	88,502
23–44	71	77,835
45–66	57	76,116

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Will cover in “DI for ML”

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**Training Data**

**Freebase**

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Label: Founder  
Feature: X founded Y  
Feature: X, founder of Y

(Bill Gates, Harvard)  
Label: CollegeAttended  
Feature: X attended Y

For negative examples, sample unrelated pairs of entities.

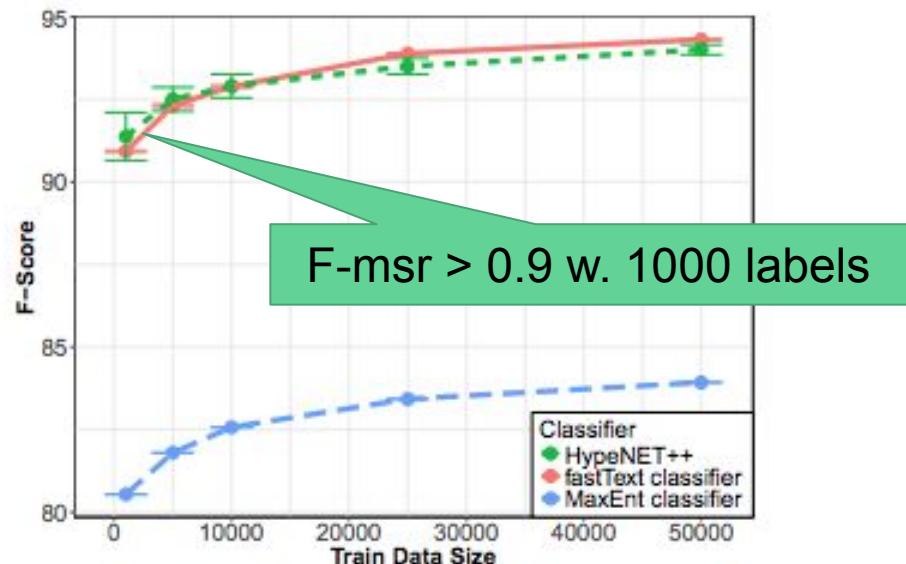
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# Label Generation for Extraction Training

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- Distant supervision: HyperNet++  
[Christodoulopoulos & Mittal, 18]



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2013 (Deep ML)



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  - Data programming [Ratner et al., NIPS’16]  
Manually write labelling functions  
E.g., Snorkle, Fouduer

# Snorkel: Code as Supervision [Ratner et al., NIPS'16, VLDB'18]

**Input:** Labeling Functions,  
*Unlabeled data*

DOMAIN  
EXPERT

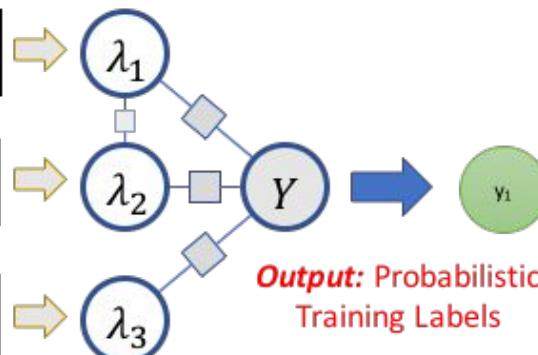


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def lf1(x):
    cid = (x.chemical_id,
           x.disease_id)
    return 1 if cid in KB else 0
```

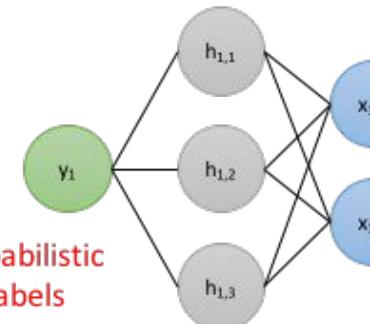
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def lf2(x):
    m = re.search(r'.*cause.*',
                  x.between)
    return 1 if m else 0
```

```
def lf3(x):
    m = re.search(r'.*not
                  cause.*',
                  x.between)
    return 1 if m else 0
```

**Generative  
Model**



**Noise-Aware  
Discriminative Model**



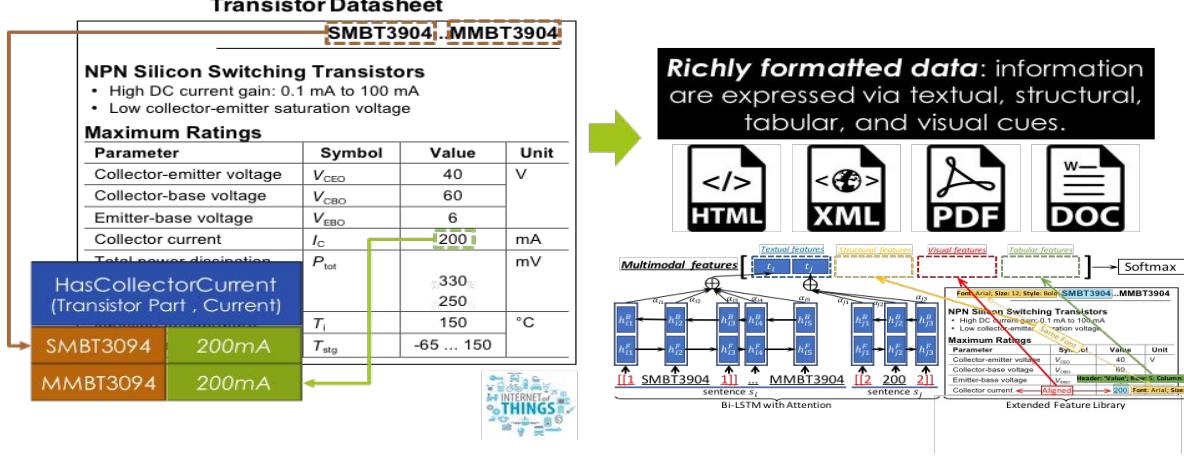
*Ex. Application:  
Knowledge Base  
Creation (KBC)*



- 1 Users write *labeling functions* to generate noisy labels
- 2 We model the labeling functions' behavior to de-noise them
- 3 We use the resulting prob. labels to train a model



# Example System: Fonduer [Wu et al., SIGMOD'18]



Fonduer combines a new **biLSTM with multimodal features and data programming**.

System	ELEC.	GEN.	
	Digi-Key	GWAS Central	GWAS Catalog
Knowledge Base			
# Entries in KB	376	3,008	4,023
# Entries in Fonduer	447	6,420	6,420
Coverage	0.99	0.82	0.80
Accuracy	0.87	0.87	0.89
# New Correct Entries	17	3,154	2,486
Increase in Correct Entries	1.05 ×	1.87 ×	1.42 ×

Code: <https://github.com/HazyResearch/fonduer>

# OpenIE from Texts

~2005 (Rel. Ex.)



Where are predicates from?

- **ClosedIE**
  - Only extracting facts corresponding to ontology
  - Normalize predicates by ontology
  - E.g., (Bill Gates, /person/isFounder, Microsoft)

Bill Gates founded Microsoft in 1975.

- NER→EL→RE
  - Feature based: LR, SVM
  - Kernel based: SVM
- Distant supervision
- OpenIE
- **OpenIE** [Banko et al., IJCAI'07]
  - Extract all relations expressed in texts
  - Predicates are unnormalized strings
  - E.g., (“Bill Gates”, “founded”, “Microsoft”)

# OpenIE from Texts [Etzioni et al., IJCAI'11]

## ClosedIE

Named Entity  
Recognition



Entity Linking



Relation Extraction

## OpenIE

Predicate  
Identification



Subject/Object  
Identification



Scoring

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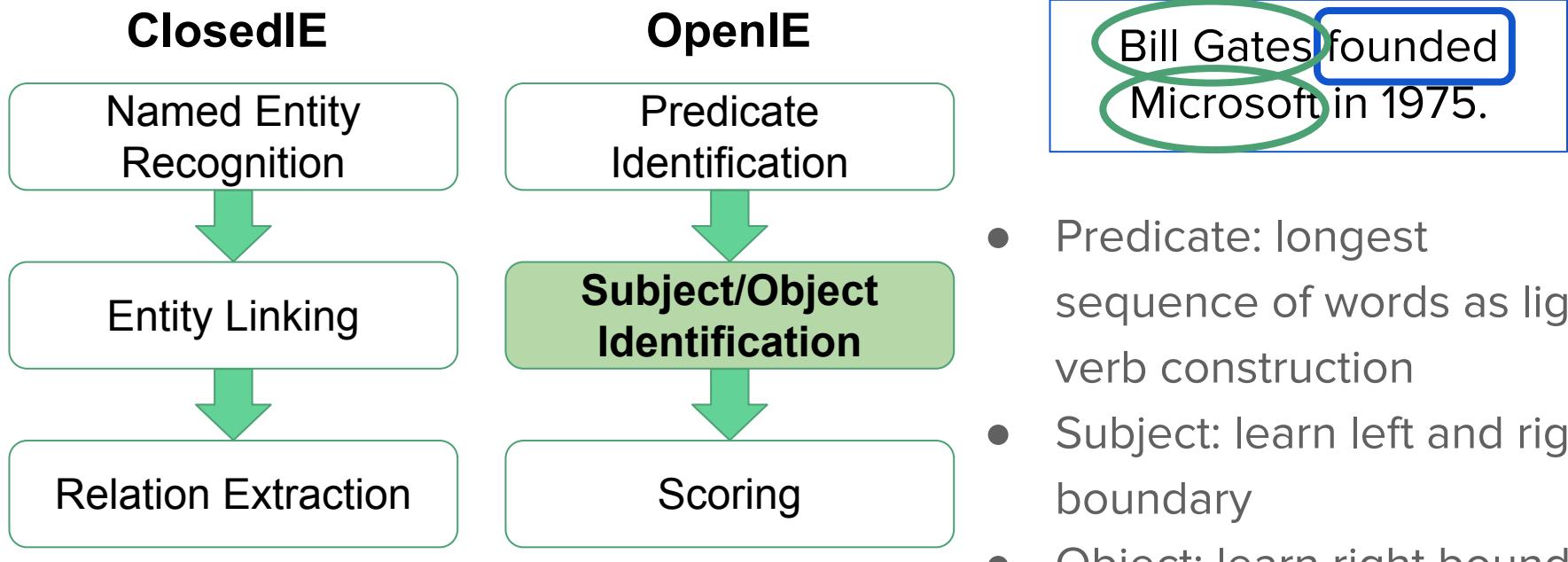


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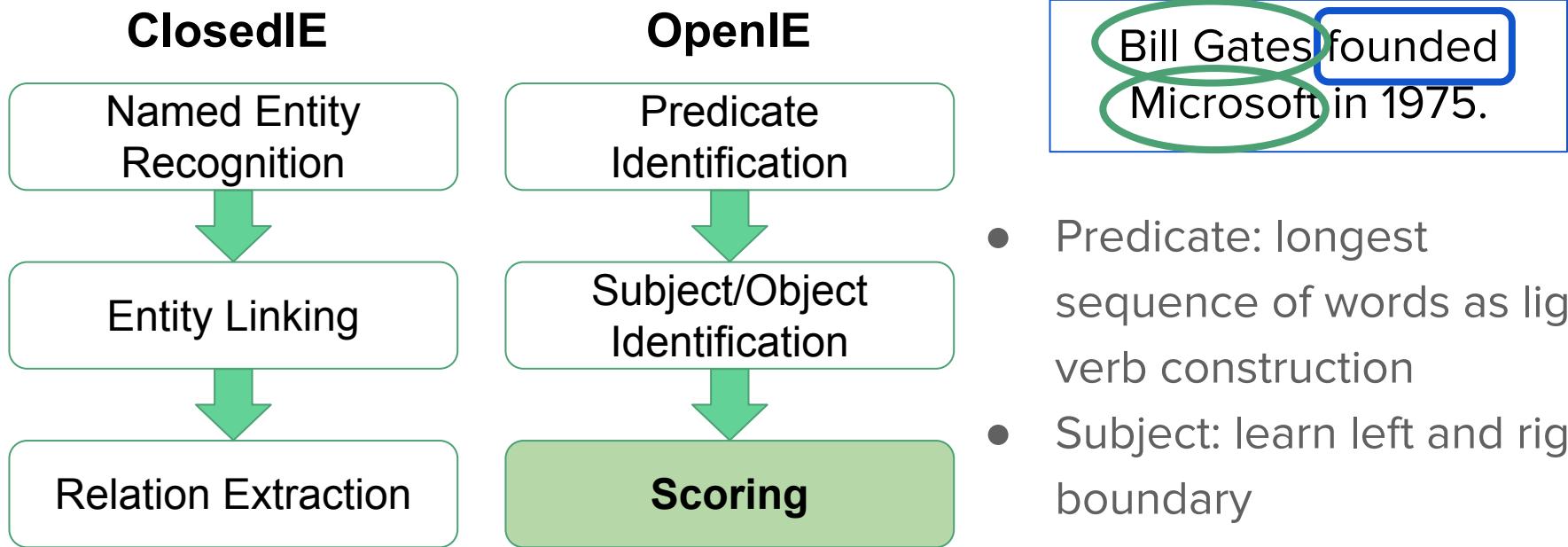
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- Predicate: longest sequence of words as light verb construction

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- Predicate: longest sequence of words as light verb construction
- Subject: learn left and right boundary
- Object: learn right boundary
- LR for triple confidence

# OpenIE from Texts

[Mausam et al., EMNLP'12]

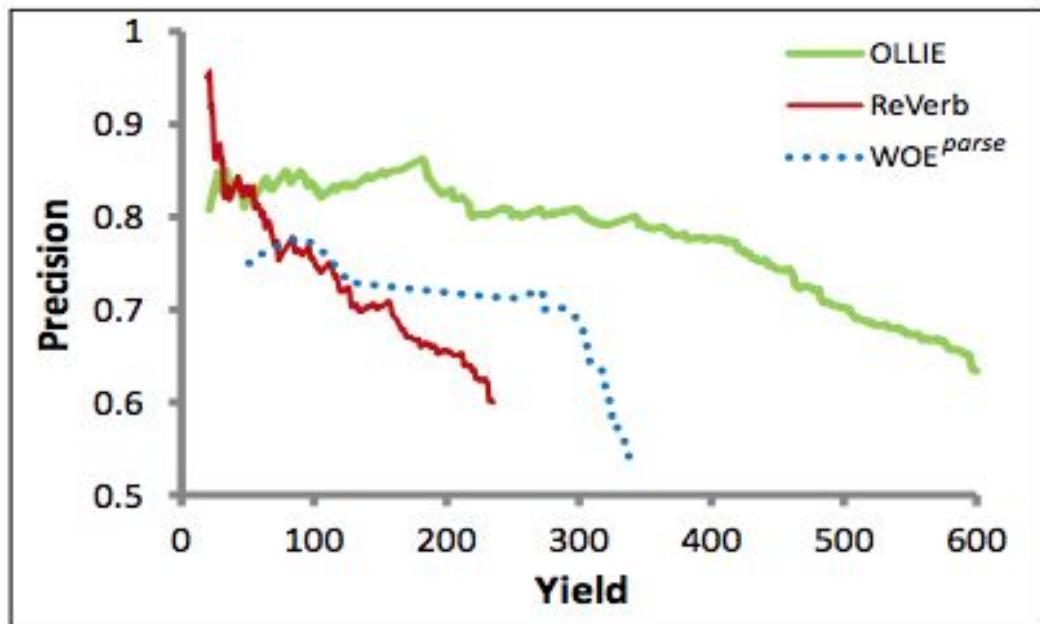
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# Extraction from Semi-Structured Data

## Extraction from semi-structured data

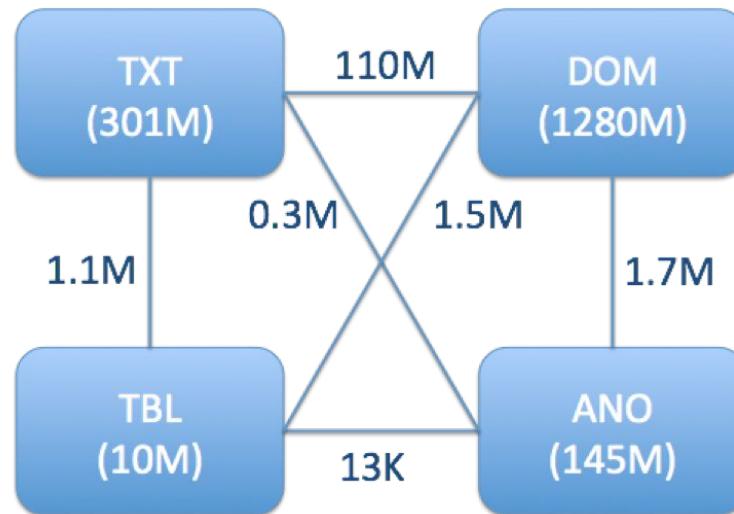
- WebTables: search, extraction
- DOM tree: wrapper induction



# Why Semi-Structured Data?

- Knowledge Vault @ Google showed big potential from DOM-tree extraction [Dong et al., KDD'14][Dong et al., VLDB'14]

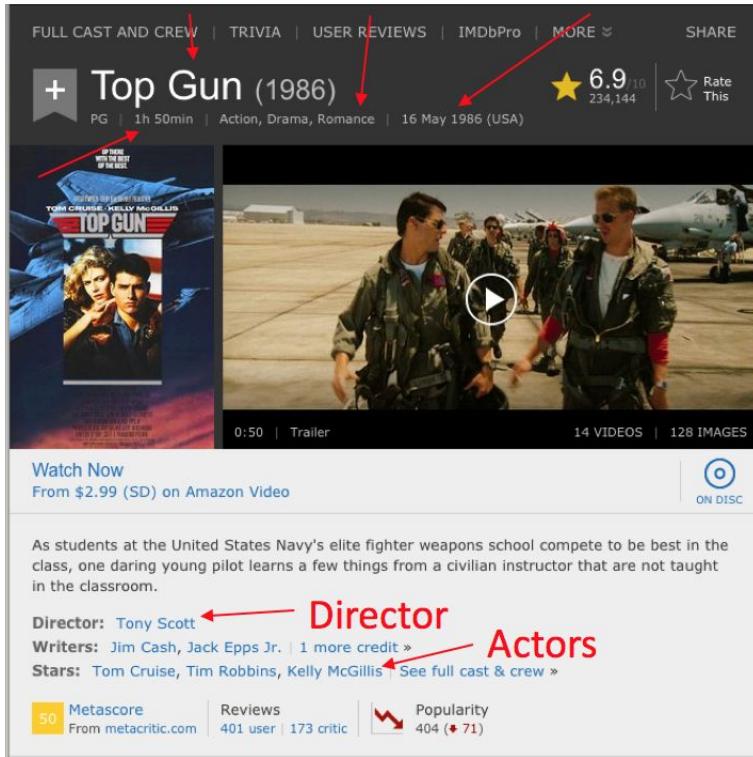
Accu	Accu (conf $\geq .7$ )
0.36	0.52



Accu	Accu (conf $\geq .7$ )
0.43	0.63
0.09	0.62

# Wrapper Induction--Vertex [Gulhane et al., ICDE'11]

Runtime



## Extracted relationships

- (Top Gun, type.object.name, "Top Gun")
- (Top Gun, film.film.genre, Action)
- (Top Gun, film.film.directed\_by, Tony Scott)
- (Top Gun, film.film.starring, Tom Cruise)
- (Top Gun, film.film.runtime, "1h 50min")
- (Top Gun, film.film.release\_Date\_s, "16 May 1986")

# Wrapper Induction--Vertex [Gulhane et al., ICDE'11]

- Solution: find XPaths from DOM Trees

Filmography

Show all | Show by... | Edit

Jump to: Actor | Producer | Soundtrack | Director | Writer | Thanks | Self | Archive footage

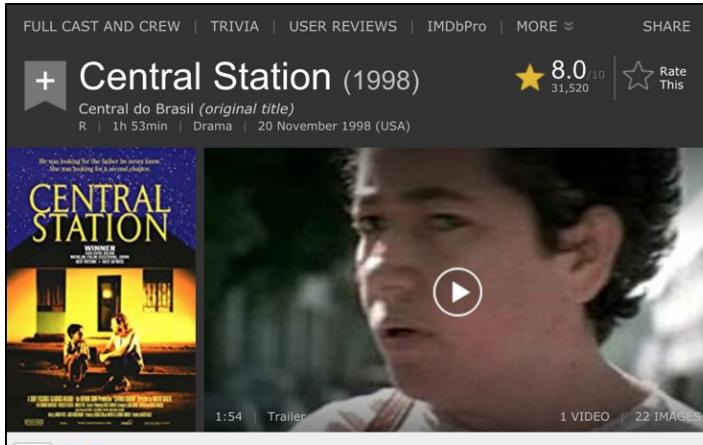
**Actor (46 credits)** Hide ▲

Movie	Year
Top Gun: Maverick ( <i>pre-production</i> ) Maverick	2019
M:I 6 - Mission Impossible ( <i>filming</i> ) Ethan Hunt	2018
American Made ( <i>completed</i> ) Barry Seal	2017
Luna Park ( <i>announced</i> )	
The Mummy Nick Morton	2017
Jack Reacher: Never Go Back Jack Reacher	2016
Mission: Impossible - Rogue Nation Ethan Hunt	2015
Edge of Tomorrow Cage	2014
Oblivion Jack	2013/I
Jack Reacher Reacher	2012
Rock of Ages Stacee Jaxx	2012
Mission: Impossible - Ghost Protocol Ethan Hunt	2011
Knight and Day Roy Miller	2010
Valkyrie Colonel Claus von Stauffenberg	2008
Tropic Thunder	2008

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      )
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      <br>
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# Wrapper Induction--Vertex [Gulhane et al., ICDE'11]

- Challenge: slight variations from page to page



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+ **Central Station** (1998) ★ 8.0 /10 31,520 Rate This

Central do Brasil (*original title*)  
R | 1h 53min | Drama | 20 November 1998 (USA)

**CENTRAL STATION**  
Movie poster showing a man and a woman in a room.

1:54 | Trailer 1 VIDEO | 22 IMAGES

**a** On Disc at Amazon

An emotive journey of a former school teacher, who writes letters for illiterate people, and a young boy, whose mother has just died, as they search for the father he never knew.

**Director:** Walter Salles  
**Writers:** Marcos Bernstein, João Emanuel Carneiro | 1 more credit »  
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Star Wars: Episode VIII - The Last Jedi (*original title*)  
PG-13 | 2h 32min | Action, Adventure, Fantasy | 15 December 2017 (USA)

**STAR WARS: THE LAST JEDI**  
Movie poster showing several characters in a dark setting.

Rey develops her newly discovered abilities with the guidance of Luke Skywalker, who is unsettled by the strength of her powers. Meanwhile, the Resistance prepares for battle with the First Order.

**Director:** Rian Johnson  
**Writers:** Rian Johnson, George Lucas (based on characters created by)  
**Stars:** Daisy Ridley, John Boyega, Mark Hamill | See full cast & crew »

Metascore 85 From metacritic.com | Reviews | Popularity 84 (▲ 3)

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Same pred may corr. to diff DOM tree nodes

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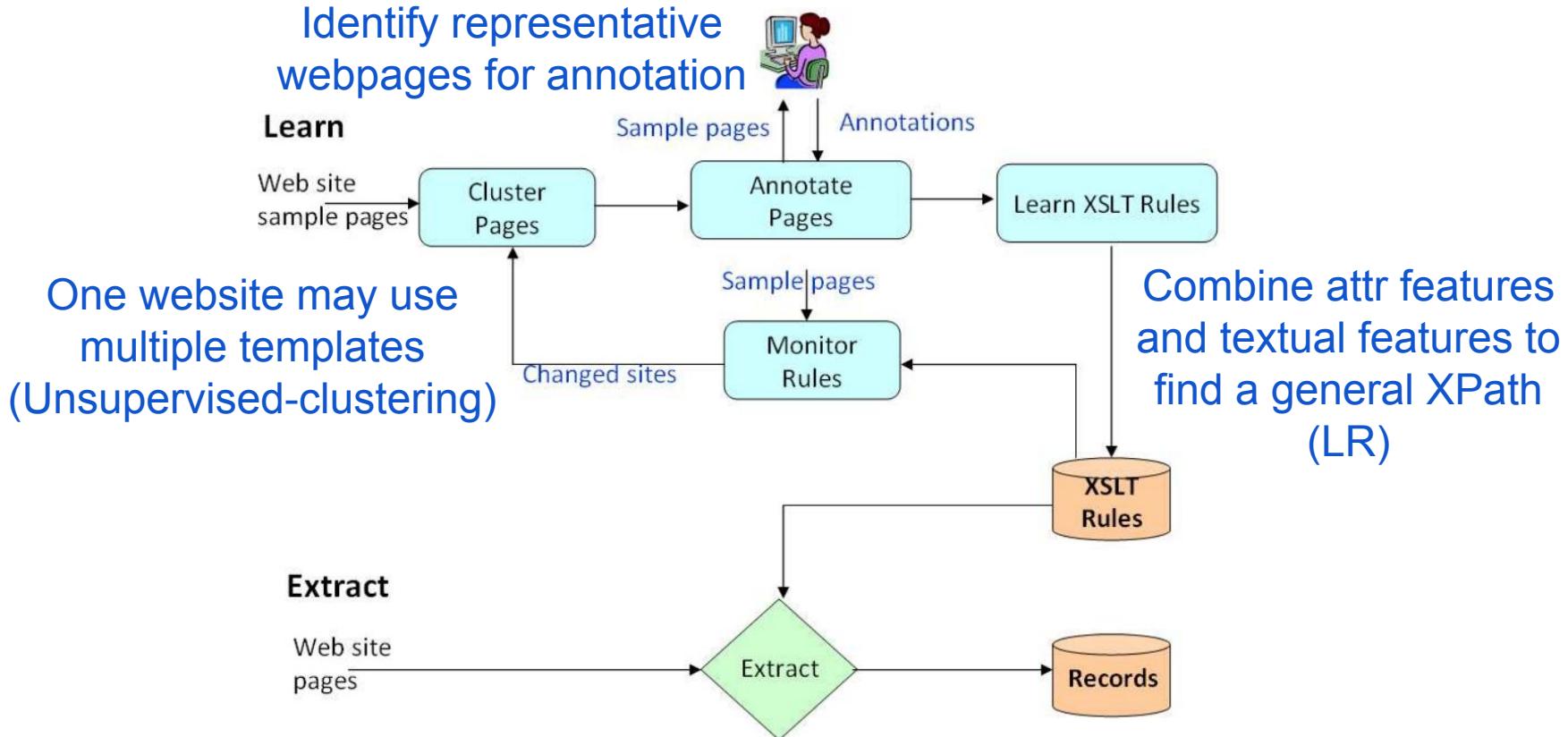
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Same DOM tree node may correspond to diff preds

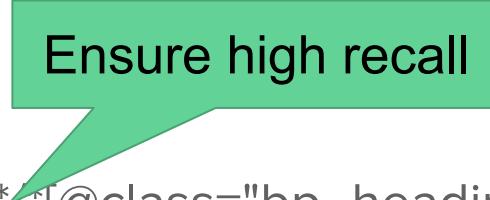
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- Sample learned XPaths on IMDb

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Ensure high recall



Ensure high precision

# Distantly Supervised Extraction

2013 (Deep ML)



## Deep learning

- Use RNN, CNN, attention for RE
- Data programming / Heterogeneous learning
- Revisit DOM extraction

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# Distantly Supervised Extraction--Ceres [Lockard et al., VLDB'18]



## Movie entity

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Runtime

## Extracted triples

- (Top Gun, type.object.name, "Top Gun")
- (Top Gun, film.film.genre, Action)
- (Top Gun, film.film.directed\_by, Tony Scott)
- (Top Gun, film.film.starring, Tom Cruise)
- (Top Gun, film.film.runtime, "1h 50min")
- (Top Gun, film.film.release\_Date\_s, "16 May 1986")

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NBAPlayer	1.00	1.00	1.00	4	0.98	0.98	0.98	4
University	0.99	0.98	0.99	4	0.87	0.94	0.90	4
Book	0.93	0.93	0.93	5	0.94	0.63	0.70	

Very high precision

Competent w. rule-based wrapper induction

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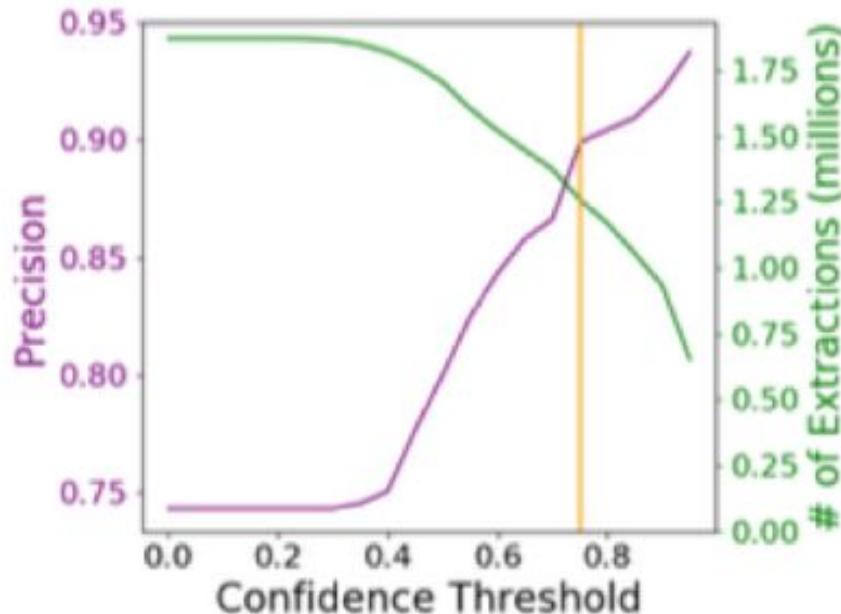
- Extraction on long-tail movie websites

#Websites / #Webpages	33 / 434K
Language	English and 6 other languages
Domains	Animated films, Documentary films, Financial performance, etc.
# Annotated pages	70K (16%)
Annotated : Extracted #entities	1 : 2.6
Annotated : Extracted #triples	1 : 3.0
# Extractions	1.25 M
Precision	90%

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# OpenIE on Semi-Structured Data--OpenCeres

[Lockard et al.,  
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Auto (Pred, Obi)  
Annotation

Label  
Propagation

Training

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Precision much lower

Much more predicates

# OpenIE on Semi-Structured Data--OpenCeres

[Lockard et al.,  
NAACL '19]

## Movie

- Seed: Director, Writer, Producer, Actor, Release Date, Genre, Alternate Title
- New: Country, Filmed In, Language, MPAA Rating, Set In, Reviewed by, Studio, Metascore, Box Office, Distributor, Tagline, Budget, Sound Mix

## NBA Player

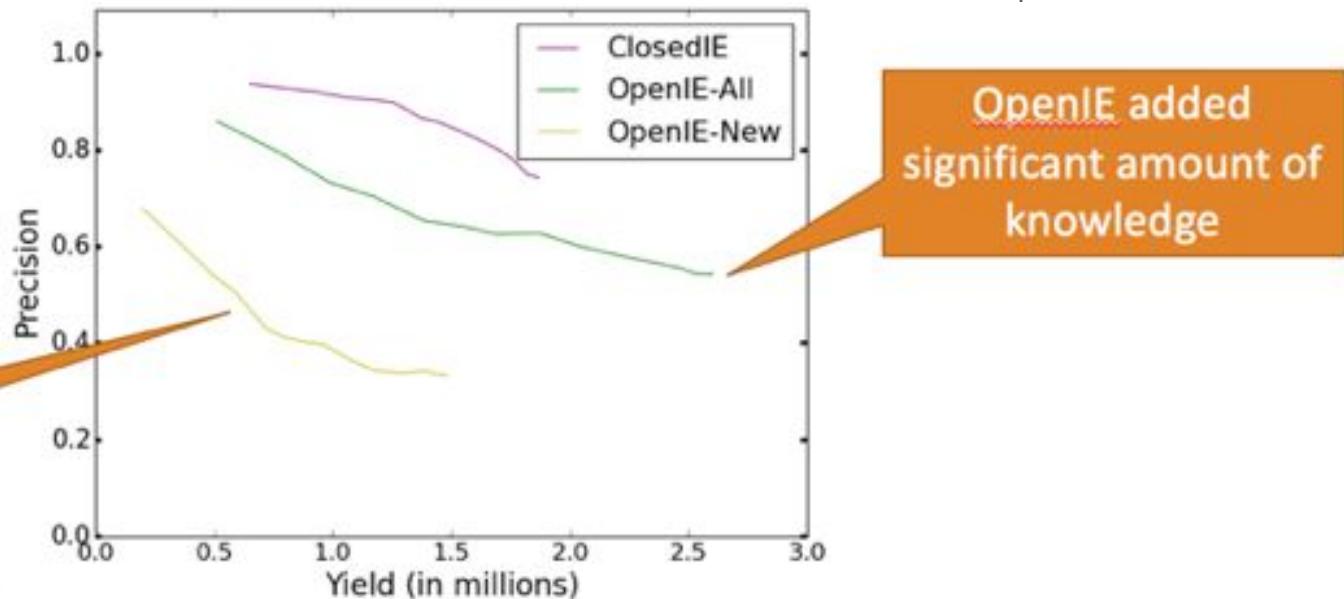
- Seed: Height, Weight, Team
- New: Birth Date, Birth Place, Salary, Age, Experience, Position, College, Year Drafted

## University

- Seed: Phone Number, Web address, Type (public/private)
- New: Calendar System, Enrollment, Highest Degree, Local Area, Student Services, President

# OpenIE on Semi-Structured Data--OpenCeres

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# Extraction from Semi-structured Websites

2013 (Deep ML)

- Which model is the best?
  - Logistic regression: best results (20K features on one website)
  - Random forest: lower precision and recall
  - Deep learning??

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# Challenges in Applying Deep Learning on Extracting Semi-structured Data

- Web layout is neither 1D sequence nor regular 2D grid, so CNN or RNN does not directly apply

The image shows a screenshot of a movie's production credits and technical specifications. The production credits section includes 'Company Credits' and a list of production companies: Lucasfilm, Walt Disney Pictures, Allison Shearmur Productions, with a 'See more' link. Below it is a 'Show more on IMDbPro' link. The technical specs section lists runtime (135 min), sound mix (Dolby Atmos, DTS, DTS:X, 12-Track Digital Sound, Auro 11.1, Dolby Digital, Dolby Surround 7.1), color (Color), and aspect ratio (2.39 : 1). A 'See full technical specs' link is also present.

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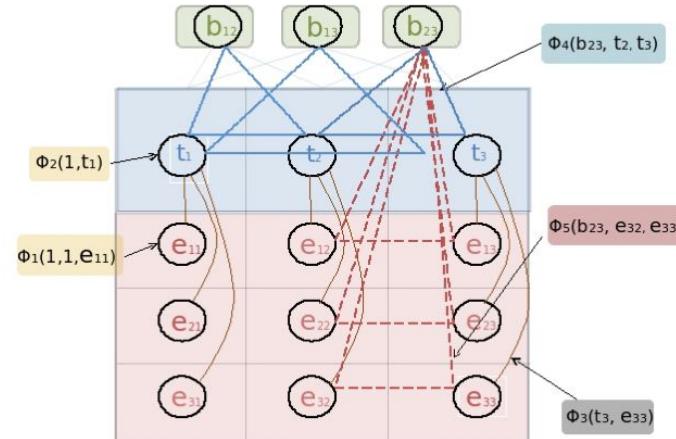
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  - Column header (in Web table) and type label (in catalog)
  - Column type and cell entity (in Web table)

## Extraction from semi-structured data

- WebTables: search, extraction
- DOM tree: wrapper induction

2008 (Semi-stru)

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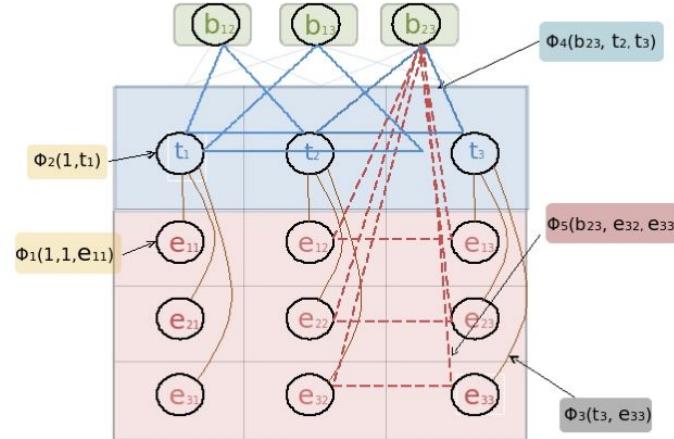
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  - Pair of column types (in Web table) and relation (in catalog)
  - Entity pairs (in Web table) and relation (in catalog)

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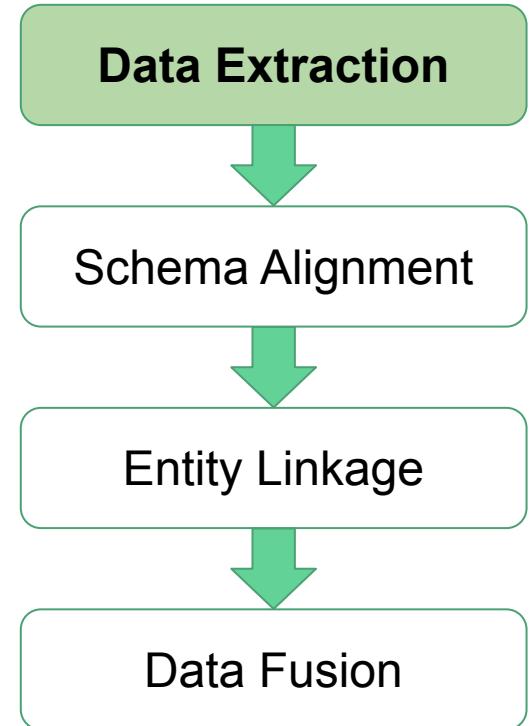


# Challenges in Applying ML on DX

- Automatic data extraction cannot reach production quality requirement.  
How to improve precision?
- Every web designer has her own whim, but there are underlying patterns across websites. How to learn extraction patterns on different websites, especially for semi-structured sources?
- ClosedIE throws away too much data. How to apply OpenIE on all kinds of data?

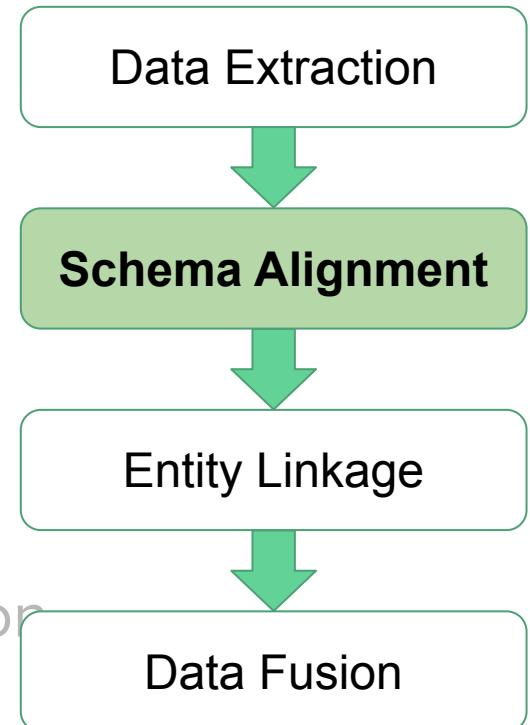
# Recipe for Data Extraction

- Problem definition: **Extract structure from semi- or un-structured data**
- Short answers
  - **Wrapper induction has high prec/rec**
  - **Distant supervision is critical for collecting training data**
  - **DL effective for texts and LR is often effective for semi-stru data**



# Outline

- Part I. Introduction
- Part II. ML for DI
  - ML for entity linkage
  - ML for data extraction
  - ML for schema alignment
  - ML for data fusion
- Part III. DI for ML
- Part IV. Conclusions and research directions



# What is Schema Alignment?

- Definition: Align schemas and understand which attributes have the same semantics.

IMDB



Anahí  
Actress | Music Department | Soundtrack

SEE RANK

Anahí was born in Mexico. She's had roles in Tu y Yo, in which she played a 17 year old girl while she was 13, and Vivo Por Elena, in which she played Talita, a naive and innocent teenager. Anahi lives with her mother and sister name Marychelo. She hopes to become a fashion designer one day, and is currently pursuing a career in singing.  
[See full bio »](#)

**Born:** May 14, 1982 in Mexico City, Distrito Federal, Mexico

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WikiData

Anahí Puente (Q169461)

Mexican singer-songwriter and actress

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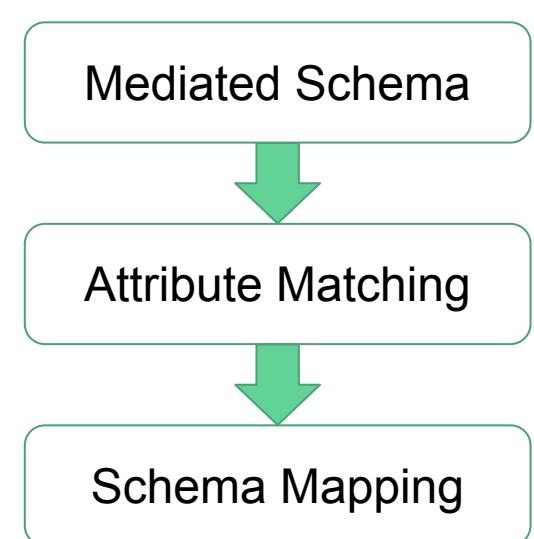
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Language	Label	Description
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Chinese	阿纳希·普恩特	No description defined
Spanish	Anahí Puente	Cantante, compositora y actriz mexicana

<b>date of birth</b>	7 November 1983	<small>edit</small>
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# Quick Tour for Schema Alignment

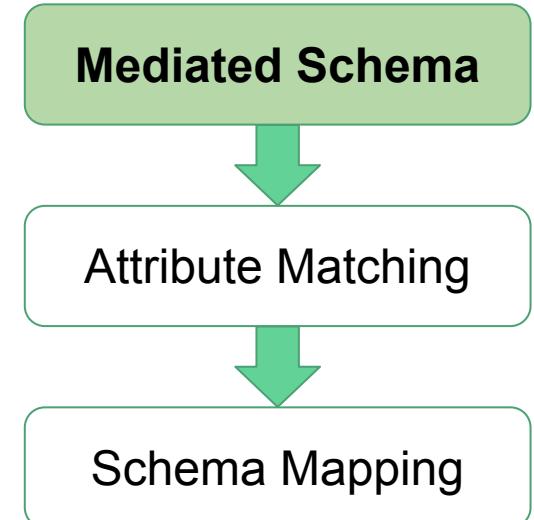
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S2	(name, phone, addr, email)
S3	a: (id, name); b: (id, resPh, workPh)
S4	(name, pPh, pAddr)
S5	(name, wPh, wAddr)



# Quick Tour for Schema Alignment

- **Mediated schema:** a unified and virtual view of the salient aspects of the domain

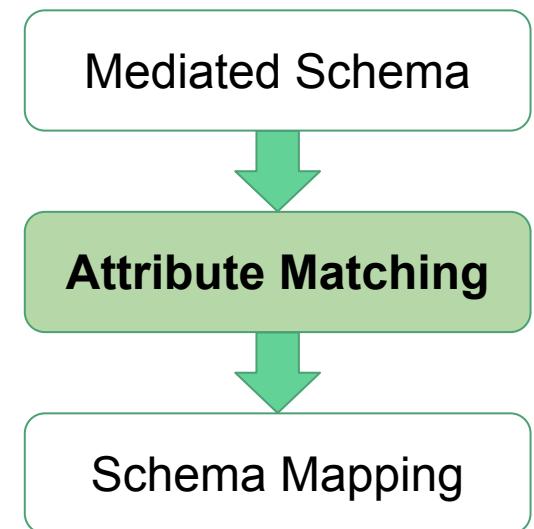
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# Quick Tour for Schema Alignment

- **Attribute matching:** correspondences between schema attributes

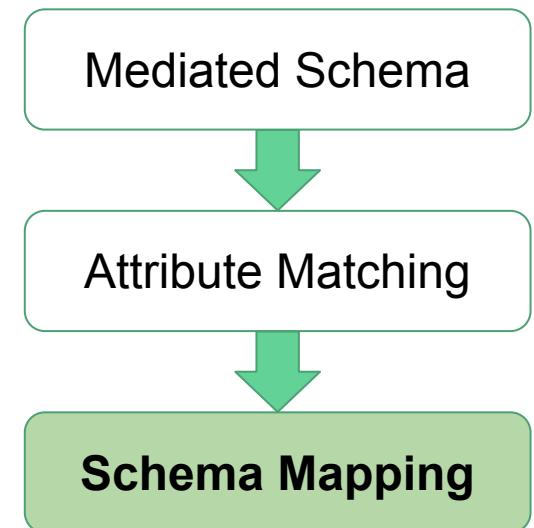
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<b>MSAM</b>	<b>MS.n:</b> S1.name, S2.name, S3a.name, ... <b>MS.pP:</b> S1.hPhone, S3b.resPh, S4.pPh <b>MS.pA:</b> S1.hAddr, S4.pAddr <b>MS.wP:</b> S1.oPhone, S2.phone, ... <b>MS.wA:</b> S1.oAddr, S2.addr, S5.wAddr



# Quick Tour for Schema Alignment

- **Schema mapping:** transformation between records in different schemas

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# 30 Years of Schema Alignment

## Description Logics

- Gav vs. Lav. vs. Glav
- Answering queries using views
- Warehouse vs. EII



~1990 (Desc Logics)

1994 (Early ML)

2005 (Dataspaces)

2013 (Deep ML)

## Semi-Auto mapping

- Learning to match
- Schema mapping: Clio
- Data exchange

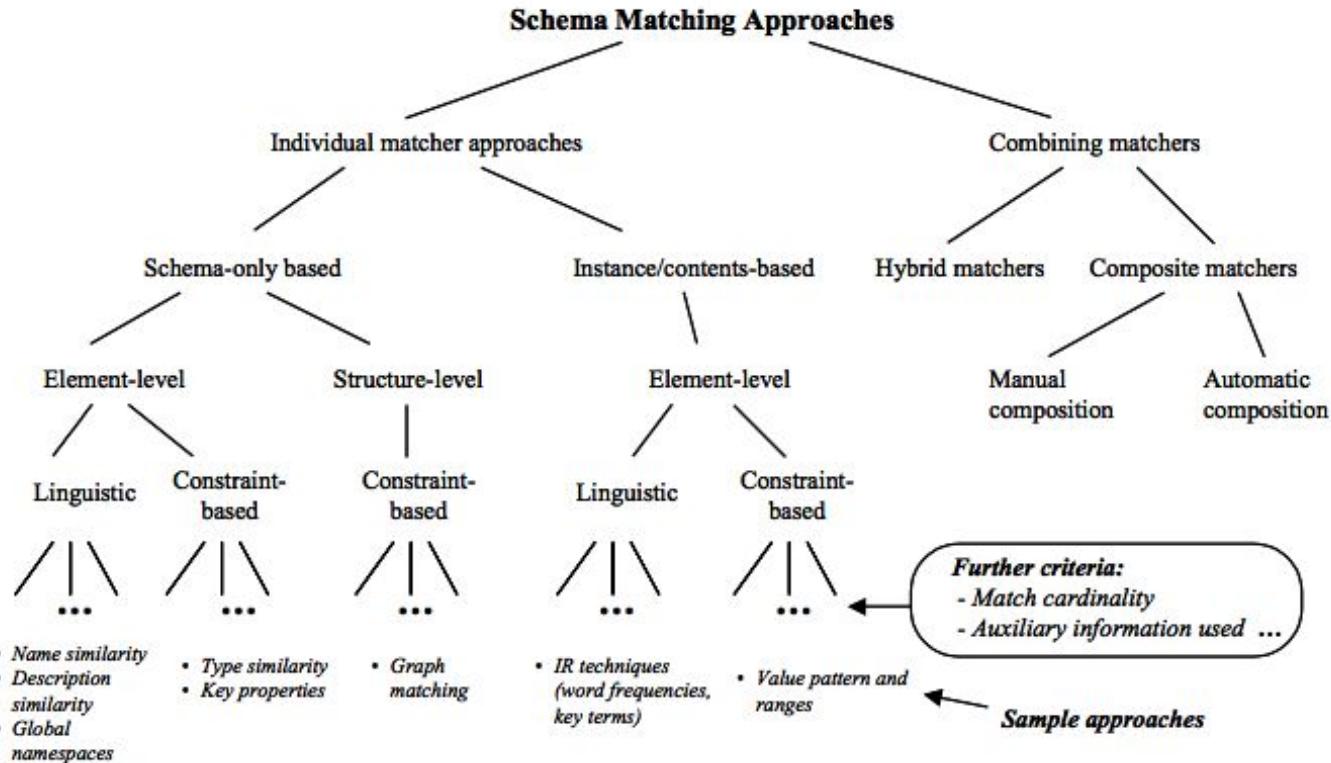
## Logic & Deep learning

- Collective disc. by PSL
- Universal schema

# Early ML Models

[Rahm and Bernstein, VLDBJ'2001]

~2000 (Early ML)



Signals: name, description, type, key, graph structure, values

# Early ML Models

[Doan et al., Sigmod'01]

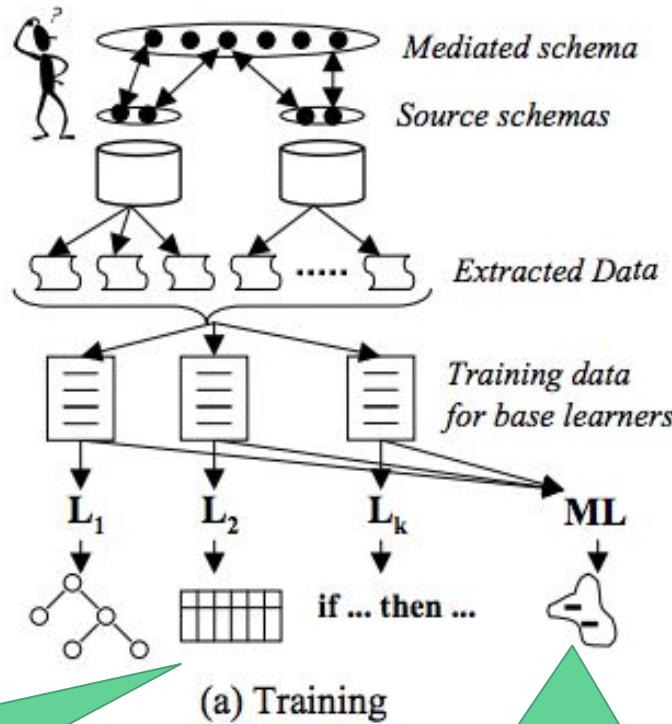
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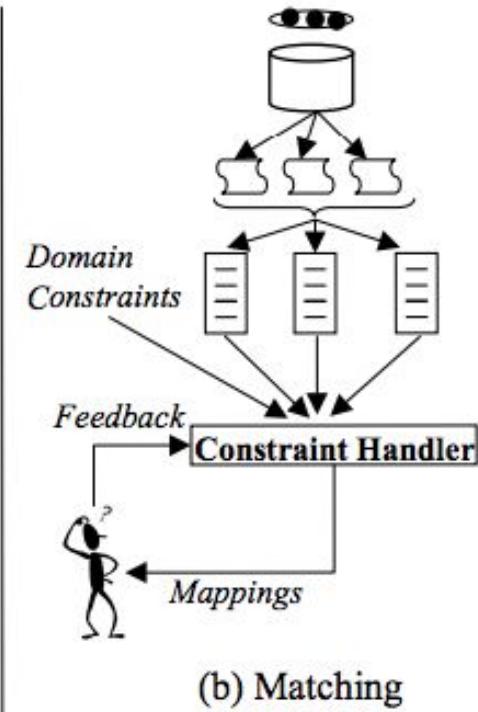
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Base learners: kNN, naive Bayes, etc.



Meta learner--Stacking



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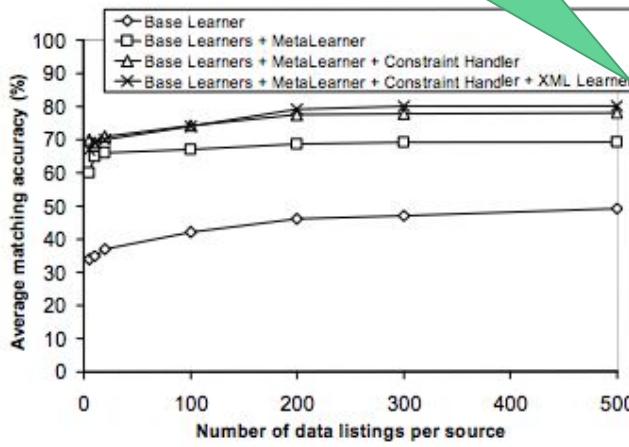
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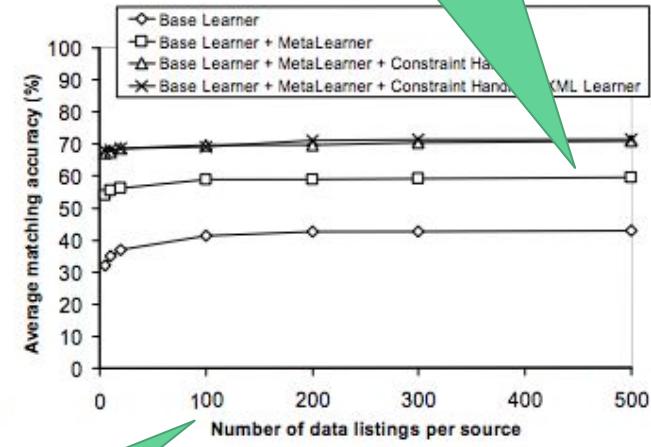


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(b) Matching accuracy for Real Estate I



(c) Matching accuracy for Time Schedule

Avg Accuracy: 71-92%

Meta learning and constraints help

More data instances help

# Collective Mapping Discovery by PSL [Kimmig et al, ICDE'17]

Step 1. Generate candidate mappings

E.g.,  $\theta_0 : \text{proj}(t, m, l) \wedge \text{emp}(m, n, c) \rightarrow \exists o. \text{task}(t, n, o)$

$\theta_1 : \text{proj}(t, m, l) \wedge \text{emp}(l, n, c) \rightarrow \exists o. \text{task}(t, n, o)$

$\theta_2 : \text{proj}(t, m, l) \wedge \text{emp}(m, n, c) \rightarrow \exists o. \text{task}(t, n, o) \wedge \text{org}(o, c)$

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2013 (Deep ML)



Logic & Deep learning

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Step 2. Solve PSL

1. Prefer fewer mappings: penalty = #atoms

$\text{size}_m(F) : in(F) \rightarrow \perp$

$1 : J(T) \rightarrow \exists F. \text{covers}(F, T) \wedge in(F)$

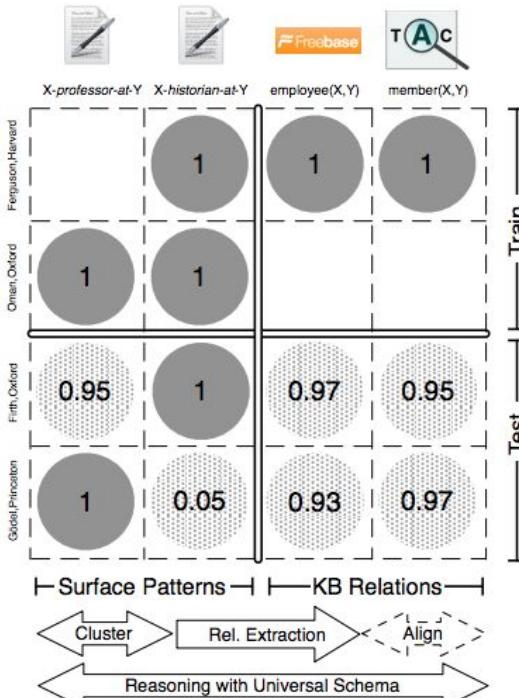
$1 : in(F) \wedge \text{creates}(F, T) \rightarrow J(T)$

3. Tuples inferred from the mapping should exist

2. An existing tuple can be inferred from the mappings

# Universal Schema [Riedel et al., NAACL'13][Yao et al., AKBC'13]

- Attribute matching → Instance inference



2013 (Deep ML)



## Logic & Deep learning

- Collective disc. by PSL
- Universal schema

## Matrix factorization

The diagram illustrates Matrix factorization for type prediction. A matrix is shown with rows for entities (Barack Obama, Ruth B. Ginsburg, New York, Argentina, Brad Pitt, IBM, ...) and columns for entity types (per/actor, loc/country, lawyer, company, ...). The matrix contains binary values (1 or 0) and a correlation value (.89) in the New York - loc/country cell. This matrix is used for type prediction, as indicated by the green box at the bottom.

	per/actor	loc/country	lawyer	company
Barack Obama	1			
Ruth B. Ginsburg	1			
New York	.89			
Argentina				
Brad Pitt	1			
IBM				1
...				

## Type prediction

Relation prediction

# Universal Schema [Riedel et al., NAACL'13]

- Attribute matching → Instance inference
- $f(e_s, r, e_o)$  is computed using embeddings; the higher, the more likely to be true
- DistMult is a relation embedding model

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**Limitation: Cannot apply to new entities or relations**

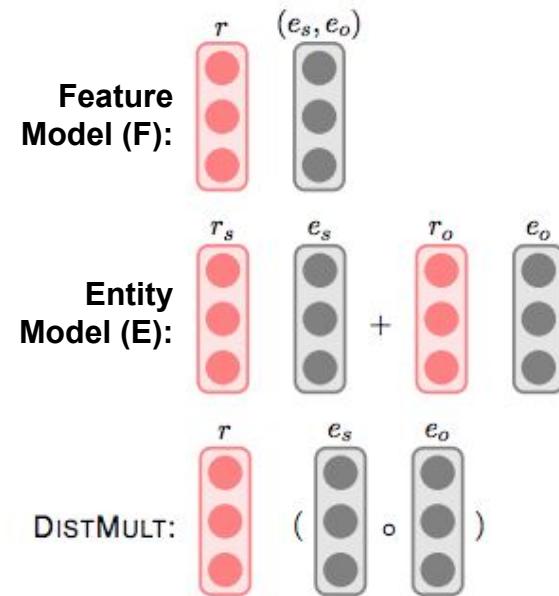


Figure 3: The continuous representations for model F, E and DISTMULT. [Toutanova et al., EMNLP'15]

# Columnless Univ. Schema w. CNN [Toutanova et al., EMNLP'15]

- Relation: organizationFoundedBy

Textual Pattern	Count
SUBJECT $\xrightarrow{\text{appos}}$ founder $\xrightarrow{\text{prep}}$ of $\xrightarrow{\text{pobj}}$ OBJECT	12
SUBJECT $\xleftarrow{\text{nsubj}}$ co-founded $\xrightarrow{\text{dobj}}$ OBJECT	3
SUBJECT $\xrightarrow{\text{appos}}$ co-founder $\xrightarrow{\text{prep}}$ of $\xrightarrow{\text{pobj}}$ OBJECT	
SUBJECT $\xrightarrow{\text{conj}}$ co-founder $\xrightarrow{\text{prep}}$ of $\xrightarrow{\text{pobj}}$ OBJECT	
SUBJECT $\xleftarrow{\text{pobj}}$ with $\xrightarrow{\text{prep}}$ co-founded $\xrightarrow{\text{dobj}}$ OBJECT	
SUBJECT $\xleftarrow{\text{nsubj}}$ signed $\xrightarrow{\text{xcomp}}$ establishing $\xrightarrow{\text{dobj}}$ OBJECT	
SUBJECT $\xleftarrow{\text{pobj}}$ with $\xrightarrow{\text{prep}}$ founders $\xrightarrow{\text{prep}}$ of $\xrightarrow{\text{pobj}}$ OBJECT	2
SUBJECT $\xrightarrow{\text{appos}}$ founders $\xrightarrow{\text{prep}}$ of $\xrightarrow{\text{pobj}}$ OBJECT	2
SUBJECT $\xleftarrow{\text{nsubj}}$ one $\xrightarrow{\text{prep}}$ of $\xrightarrow{\text{pobj}}$ founders $\xrightarrow{\text{prep}}$ of $\xrightarrow{\text{pobj}}$ OBJECT	2
SUBJECT $\xleftarrow{\text{nsubj}}$ founded $\xrightarrow{\text{dobj}}$ , production $\xrightarrow{\text{conj}}$ OBJECT	2
SUBJECT $\xleftarrow{\text{appos}}$ partner $\xrightarrow{\text{pobj}}$ with $\xrightarrow{\text{prep}}$ founded $\xrightarrow{\text{dobj}}$ production $\xrightarrow{\text{conj}}$ OBJECT	2
SUBJECT $\xleftarrow{\text{pobj}}$ by $\xrightarrow{\text{prep}}$ co-founded $\xrightarrow{\text{rcmod}}$ OBJECT	1
SUBJECT $\xleftarrow{\text{nn}}$ co-founder $\xrightarrow{\text{prep}}$ of $\xrightarrow{\text{pobj}}$ OBJECT	1
SUBJECT $\xrightarrow{\text{dep}}$ co-founder $\xrightarrow{\text{prep}}$ of $\xrightarrow{\text{pobj}}$ OBJECT	1
SUBJECT $\xleftarrow{\text{nsubj}}$ helped $\xrightarrow{\text{xcomp}}$ establish $\xrightarrow{\text{dobj}}$ OBJECT	1
SUBJECT $\xleftarrow{\text{nsubj}}$ signed $\xrightarrow{\text{xcomp}}$ creating $\xrightarrow{\text{dobj}}$ OBJECT	1

Similarity of phrases  
→ CNN

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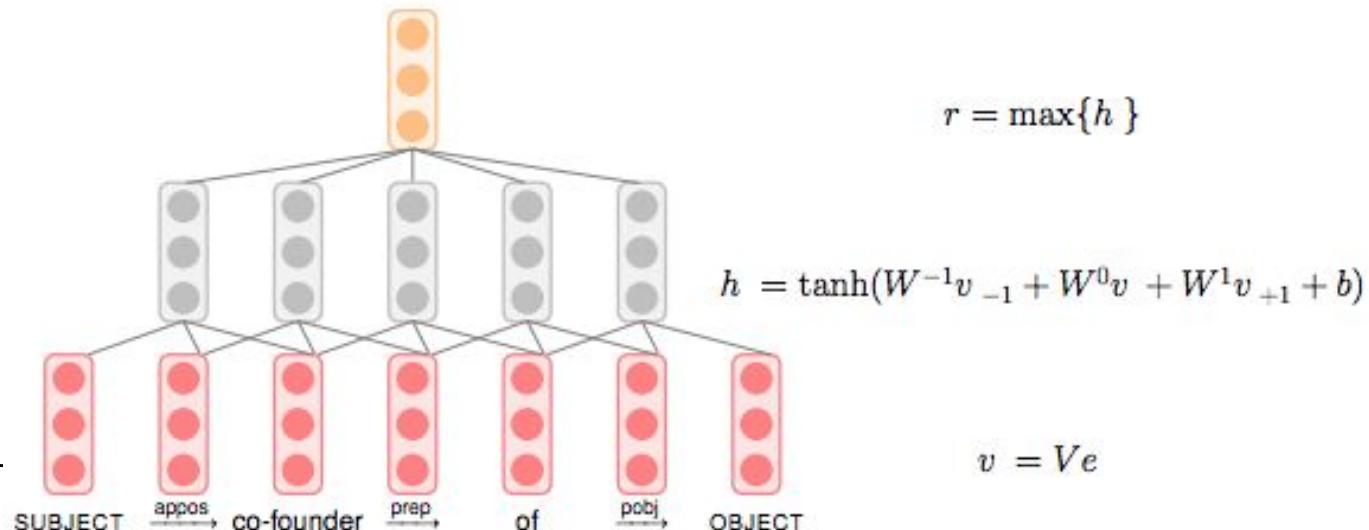


Figure 4: The convolutional neural network architecture for representing textual relations.

# Columnless Univ. Schema w. RNN [Verga et al., ACL'16]

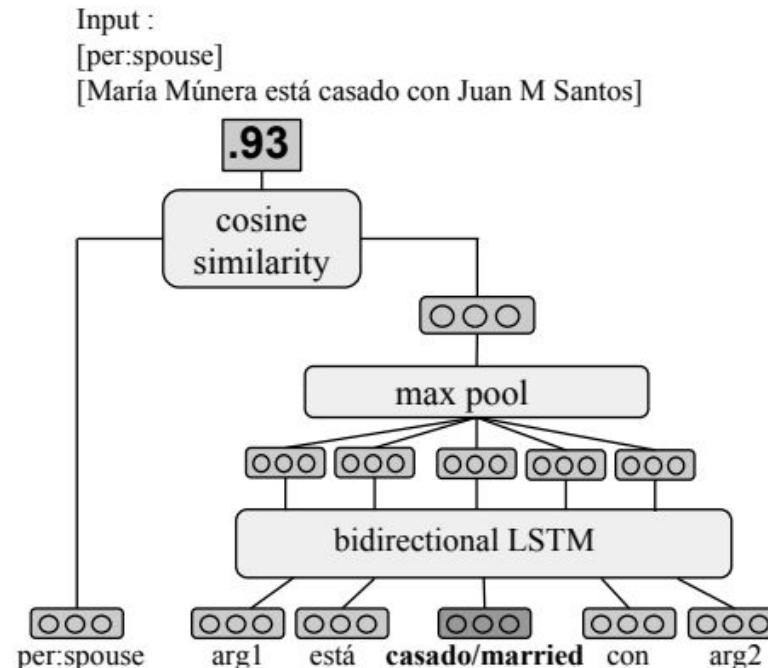
- Similar sequences of context tokens should be embedded similarly

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# Rowless Univ. Schema [Verga et al., ACL'16]

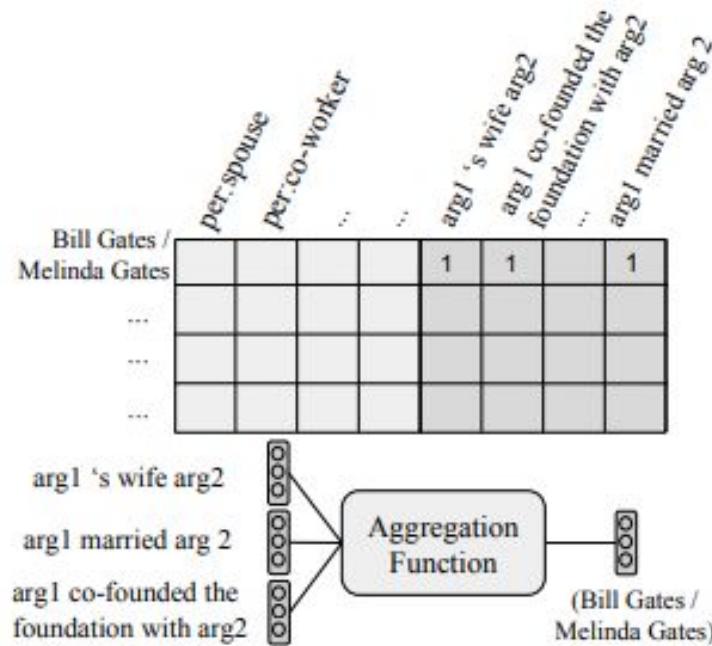
- Infer relation from a set of observed relations
- Similar to schema mapping w. signals from values

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# Rowless Univ. Schema

[Verga et al., ACL'16]

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Rowless & Columnless

Model	MRR	Hits@10
Entity-pair Embeddings	31.85	51.72
Entity-pair Embeddings-LSTM	<b>33.37</b>	54.39
Attention	31.92	51.67
Attention-LSTM	30.00	53.35
Max Relation	31.71	51.94
Max Relation-LSTM	30.77	<b>54.80</b>

(a)

Model	MRR	Hits@10
Entity-pair Embeddings	5.23	11.94
Attention	<b>29.75</b>	49.69
Attention-LSTM	27.95	51.05
Max Relation	28.46	48.15
Max Relation-LSTM	29.61	<b>54.19</b>

(b)

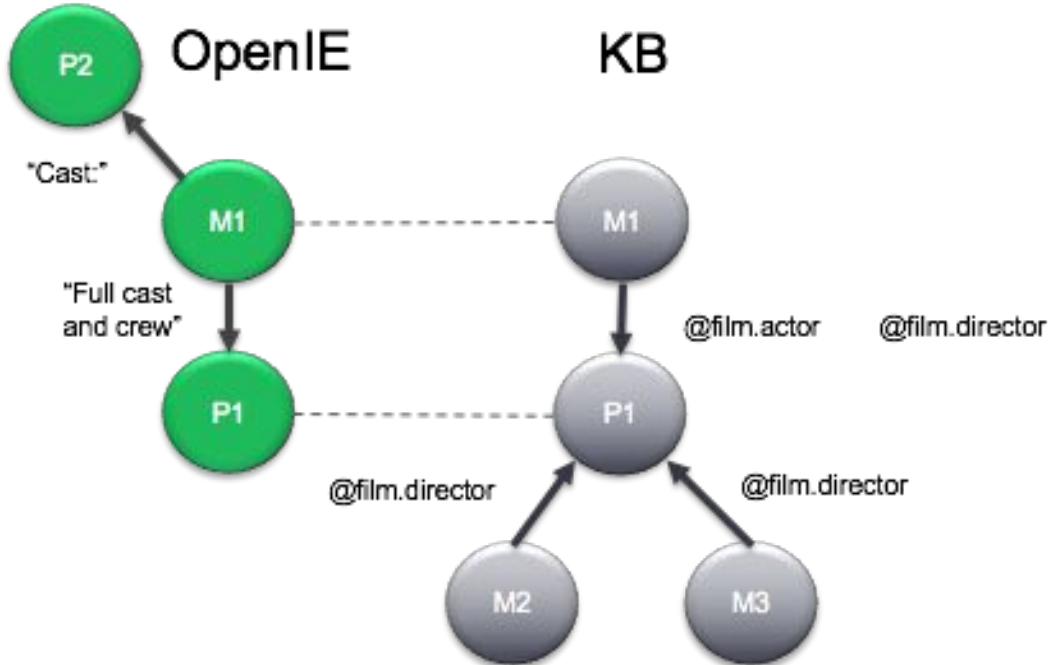
Logic & Deep learning

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Recall still low

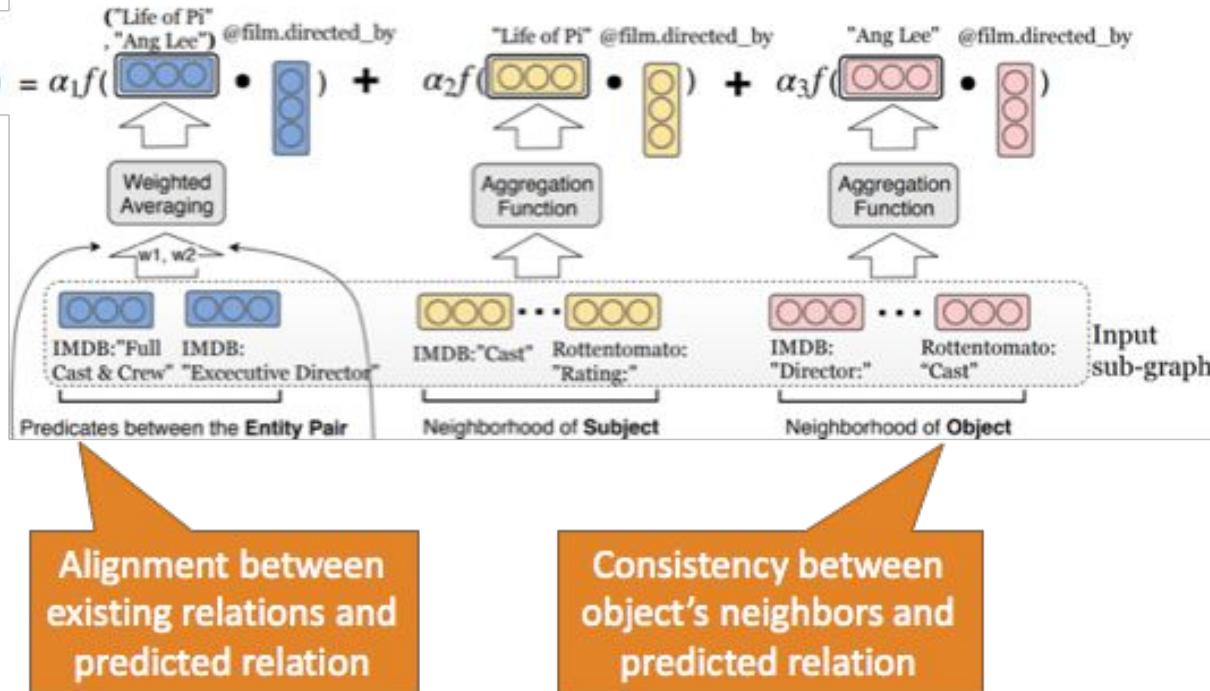
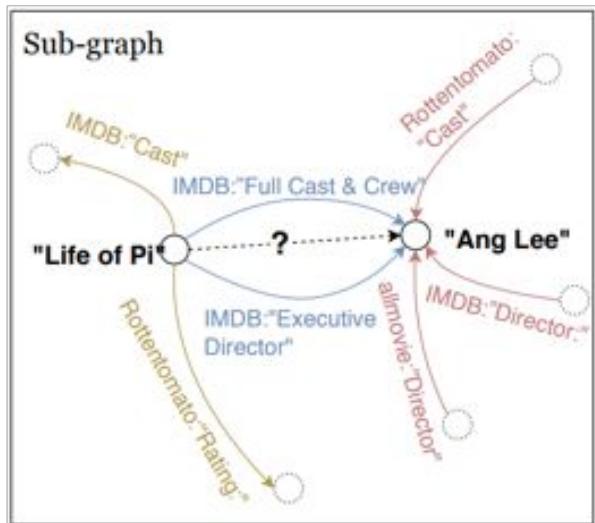
Similar for new entity pairs

# OpenKI: Relation Inference for OpenIE [Zhang et al., NAACL'19]



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**Score("life of Pi",  
@film.directed\_by,"Ang Lee")** =  $\alpha_1 f(\text{...}) + \alpha_2 f(\text{...}) + \alpha_3 f(\text{...})$



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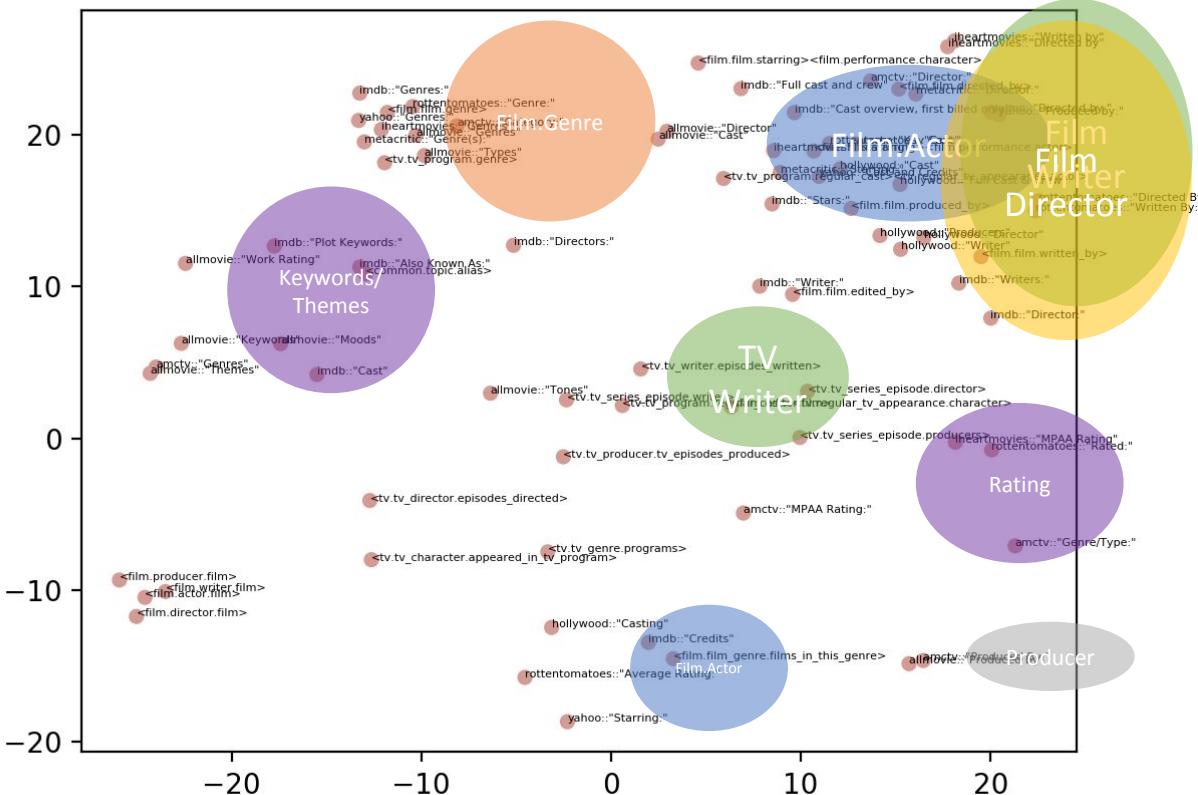
Models	All data	At least one seen
Rowless Model	0.278	0.282
OpenKI with Dual Att.	0.365	0.419

Table 5: Mean average precision (MAP) of Rowless and OpenKI on ReVerb + Freebase (/film) dataset.

Consider  
neighbors help

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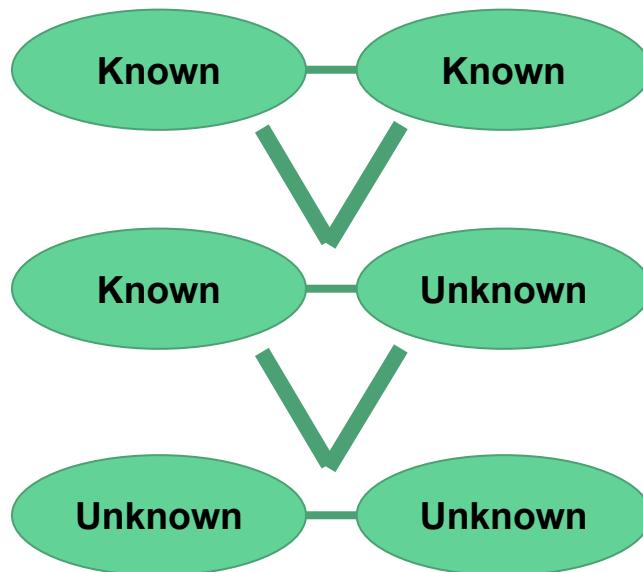


# Schema Mapping vs. Universal Schema

	<b>Schema matching</b>	<b>Universal schema</b>
<i>Granularity</i>	Column-level decision	Cell-level decision
<i>Expressiveness</i>	Mainly 1:1 mapping	Allow overlap, subset/superset, etc.
<i>Signals</i>	Name, description, type, key, graph structure, values	Values
<i>Results</i>	Accu: 70-90%	MRR=~0.3, Hits@10=~0.5
<i>Community</i>	Database	NLP

# Challenges in Applying Deep Learning on SM

- How can we combine techs from schema matching and universal schema??



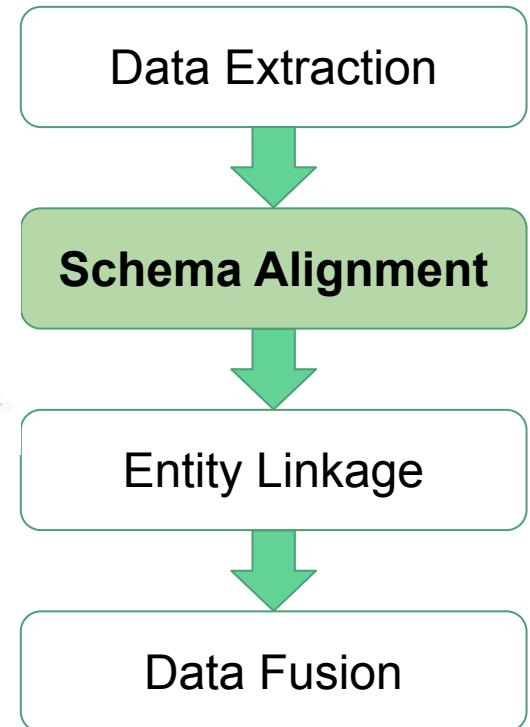
Leverage knowledge by inference

Leverage knowledge on types

Rowless

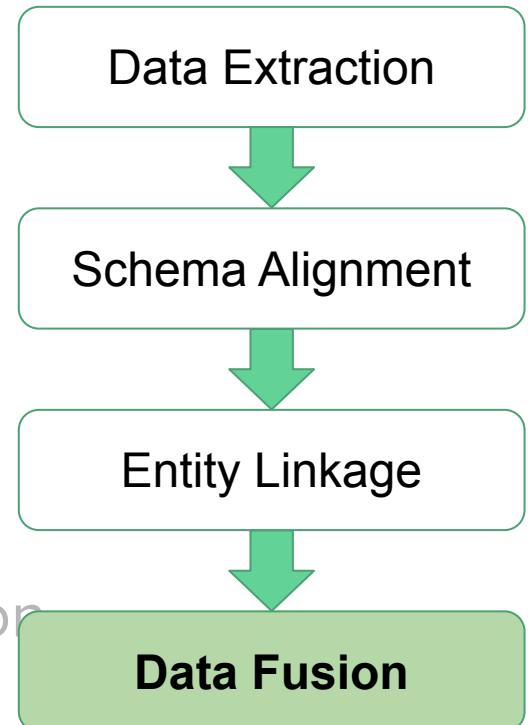
# Recipe for Schema Alignment

- Problem definition: **Align attributes with the same semantics**
- Short answers
  - **Interactive semi-automatic mapping**
  - **DL-based universal schema revived the field**
  - **Combine schema matching and universal schema for future**



# Outline

- Part I. Introduction
- Part II. ML for DI
  - ML for entity linkage
  - ML for data extraction
  - ML for schema alignment
  - ML for data fusion
- Part III. DI for ML
- Part IV. Conclusions and research directions



# What is Data Fusion?

- **Definition:** Resolving conflicting data and verifying facts.
- **Example:** “OK Google, How long is the Mississippi River?”

Mississippi River / Length	
	2,320 mi
People also search for	
 Missouri River 2.341K mi	 Nile 4.258K mi

## Mississippi River

River in the United States of America

4.2 ★★★★☆ 400 Google reviews

The Mississippi River is the chief river of the second-largest drainage system on the North American continent, second only to the Hudson Bay drainage system.

[Wikipedia](#)

**Discharge:** 593,000 cubic feet per second

**Basin area:** 1.151 million mi<sup>2</sup>

**Source:** Lake Itasca

**Mouth:** Gulf of Mexico

**Country:** United States of America

**Did you know:** The Mississippi River is the second-longest river in the US (2,020 mi).

[wikipedia.org](#)

## Mississippi River Facts - Mississippi National River and Recreation ...

<https://www.nps.gov/miss/riverfacts.htm> ▾

Nov 14, 2017 - The staff of Itasca State Park at the Mississippi's headwaters suggest the main stem of the river is 2,552 miles long. The US Geologic Survey has published a number of 2,300 miles, the EPA says it is 2,320 miles long, and the Mississippi National River and Recreation Area suggests the river's length is 2,350 miles.

Longest rivers in the United States								
#	Name	Mouth <sup>[5]</sup>	Length	Source coordinates <sup>[11]</sup>	Mouth coordinates <sup>[11]</sup>	Watershed area <sup>[12]</sup>	Discharge <sup>[12]</sup>	States, provinces, and image <sup>[5][11]</sup>
1	Missouri River	Mississippi River	2,341 mi 3,768 km <sup>[13]</sup>	45°55'39"N 111°30'29"W <sup>[14]</sup>	38°48'49"N 90°07'11"W	529,353 mi <sup>2</sup> 1,371,017 km <sup>2</sup> <sup>[15]</sup> [n 2]	69,100 ft <sup>3</sup> /s 1,956 m <sup>3</sup> /s [n 3]	Montana <sup>5</sup> , North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri <sup>[16]</sup> 
2	Mississippi River	Gulf of Mexico	2,202 mi 3,544 km <sup>[17]</sup> [n 4]	47°14'22"N 95°12'29"W <sup>[18]</sup>	29°09'04"N 89°15'12"W	1,260,000 mi <sup>2</sup> 3,270,000 km <sup>2</sup> <sup>[19]</sup> [n 5]	650,000 ft <sup>3</sup> /s 18,400 m <sup>3</sup> /s	Minnesota <sup>5</sup> , Wisconsin, Iowa, Illinois, Missouri, Kentucky, Tennessee, Arkansas, Mississippi, Louisiana <sup>[16]</sup> 

# The Basic Setup of Data Fusion

Source Observations

Source	River	Attribute	Value
KG	Mississippi River	Length	2,320 mi
KG	Missouri River	Length	2,341 mi
Wikipedia	Mississippi River	Length	2,202 mi
Wikipedia	Missouri River	Length	2,341 mi
USGS	Mississippi River	Length	2,340 mi
USGS	Missouri River	Length	2,540 mi

Fact

Source reports  
a value for a fact

Conflicting value

True Facts

River	Attribute	Value
Mississippi River	Length	?
Missouri River	Length	?

Fact's true value

**Goal:** Find the latent  
true value of facts.

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**Idea:** Use redundancy to infer  
the true value of each fact.

# Majority Voting for Data Fusion

Source Observations

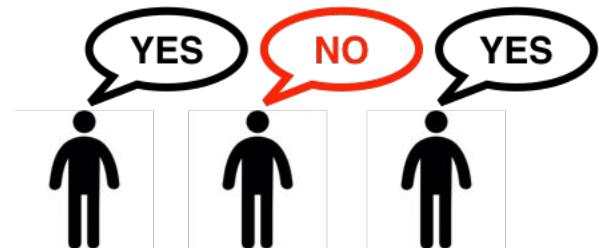
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Majority voting can be limited. What if sources are correlated (e.g., copying)?

**Idea:** Model source quality for accurate results.

True Facts

River	Attribute	Value
Mississippi River	Length	?
Missouri River	Length	2,341



MV's assumptions

1. Sources report values independently
2. Sources are better than chance.

# 40 Years of Data Fusion (beyond Majority Voting)

## Dawid-Skene model

- Model the error-rate of sources
- Expectation-maximization

## Probabilistic Graphical Models

- Use of generative models
- Focus on unsupervised learning

~1996 (Rule-based)

1979

(Statistical learning)

2007 (Probabilistic)

2016 (Deep ML)

## Domain-specific Strategies

- Keep all values
- Pick a random value
- Take the average value
- Take the most recent value
- ...

## Deep learning

- Use Restricted Boltzmann Machine; one layer version is equivalent with Dawid-Skene model
- Knowledge graph embeddings

# A Probabilistic Model for Data Fusion

- **Random variables:** Introduce a *latent random variable* to represent the true value of each fact.
- **Features:** Source observations become features associated with different random variables.
- **Model parameters:** Weights related to the error-rates of each data source.

$$P(\text{Fact} = v | \text{data}) = \frac{1}{Z} \exp \sum_{s \in \text{Sources}} \sum_{v' \in \text{Values}} \sigma_S^{v,v'} \cdot 1[S \text{ reports Fact} = v']$$

Normalizing constant

$$\sigma_S^{v,v'} = \log \left( \frac{\text{Error-rate of Source } S}{1 - \text{Error-rate of Source } S} \right)$$

error-rate scores  
(model parameters)

**Error-rate** = probability that a source provides value  $v'$  instead of value  $v$

# The Challenge of Training Data

- How much data do we need to train the data fusion model?
- **Theorem:** We need a number of labeled examples proportional to the number of sources [Ng and Jordan, NIPS'01]
- **Model parameters:** Weights related to the error-rates of each data source.

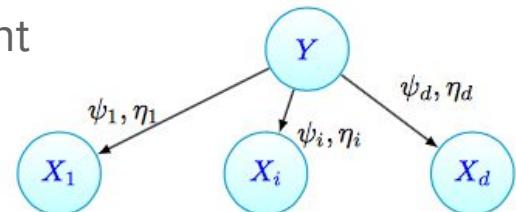
But the number of sources can be in the thousands or millions and training data is limited!

**Idea:** Leverage redundancy and use unsupervised learning.

# The Dawid-Skene Algorithm [Dawid and Skene, 1979]

Iterative process to estimate data source error rates

1. Initialize “inferred” true value for each fact (e.g., use majority vote)
2. Estimate **error rates** for workers (using “inferred” true values)
3. Estimate **“inferred” true values** (using error rates, weight source votes according to quality)
4. Go to Step 2 and iterate until convergence



**Assumptions:** (1) average source error rate < 0.5, (2) dense source observations, (3) conditional independence of sources, (4) errors are uniformly distributed across all instances.

# An Intro in Probabilistic Graphical Models

Bayesian Networks (BNs)

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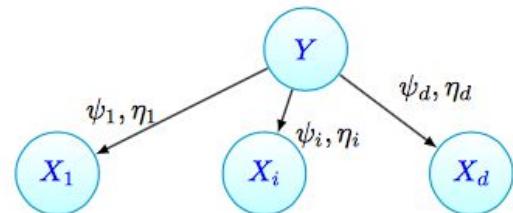
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Recipe for BNs

Set of random variables  $X$

Directed acyclic graph (each  $X[i]$  is a vertex)

Conditional probability tables  $P(X \mid \text{Parents}(X))$



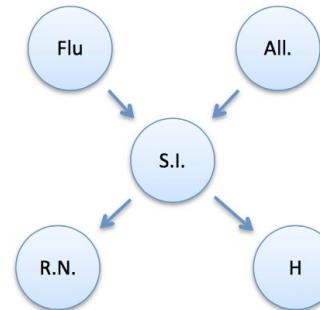
Joint distribution: Factorizes over conditional probability tables

# An Intro in Probabilistic Graphical Models

Where do independence assumptions come from?

**Causal structure** captures domain knowledge

- The flu causes sinus inflammation
- Allergies *also* cause sinus inflammation
- Sinus inflammation causes a runny nose
- Sinus inflammation causes headaches

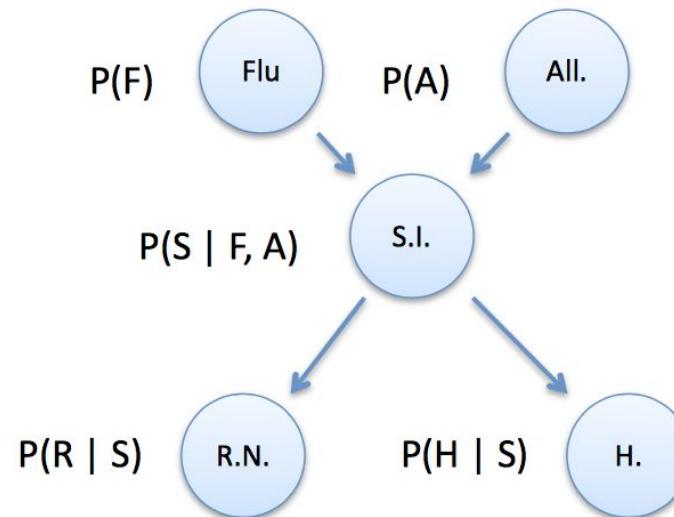


[Example by Andrew McCallum]

# An Intro in Probabilistic Graphical Models

Factored joint distribution

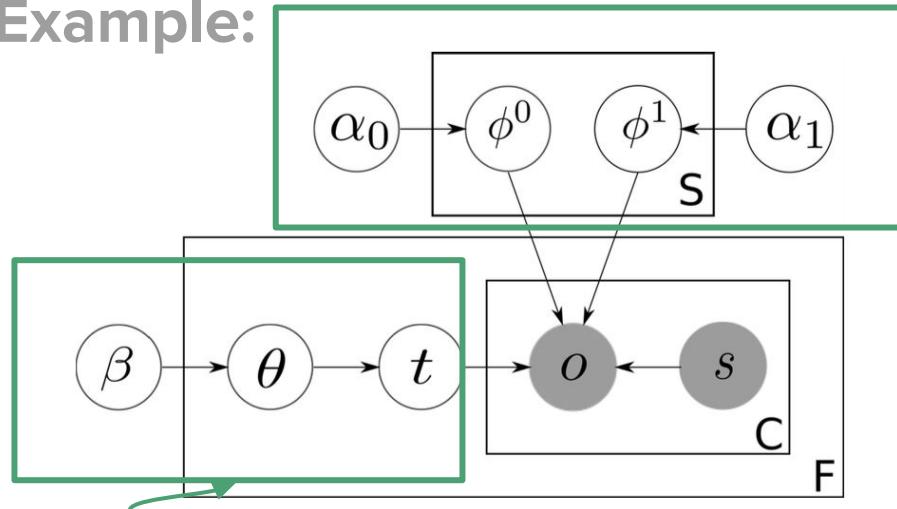
$$\begin{aligned} & P(F, A, S, R, H) \\ & = P(F) \\ & \quad P(A) \\ & \quad P(S | F, A) \\ & \quad P(R | S) \\ & \quad P(H | S) \end{aligned}$$



[Example by Andrew McCallum]

# Probabilistic Graphical Models for Data Fusion

Example:



Prior truth  
probability

[Zhao et al., VLDB 2012]

Source  
Quality

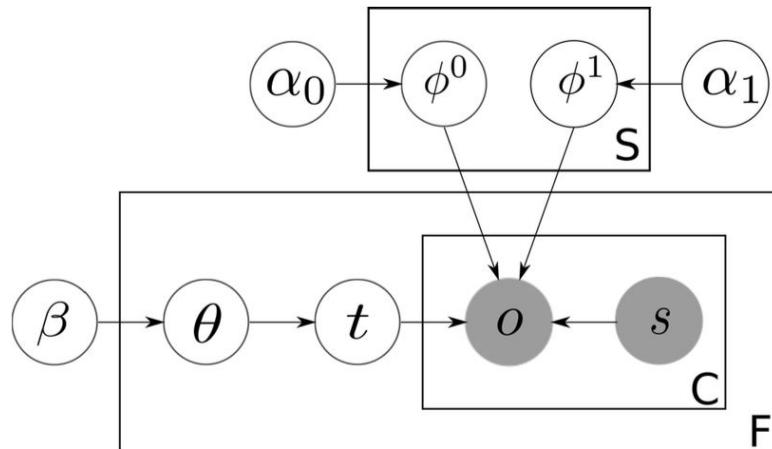
**Setup: Identify true  
source claims**

Entity (Movie)	Attribute (Cast)	Source
Harry Potter	Daniel Radcliffe	IMDB
Harry Potter	Emma Waston	IMDB
Harry Potter	Rupert Grint	IMDB
Harry Potter	Daniel Radcliffe	Netflix
Harry Potter	Daniel Radcliffe	BadSource.com
Harry Potter	Emma Waston	BadSource.com
Harry Potter	Johnny Depp	BadSource.com
Pirates 4	Johnny Depp	Hulu.com
...	...	...

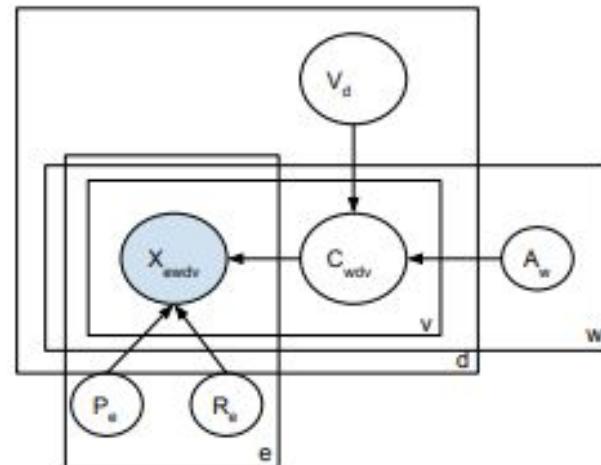
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# Probabilistic Graphical Models for Data Fusion

Modeling both source quality  
and extractor accuracy



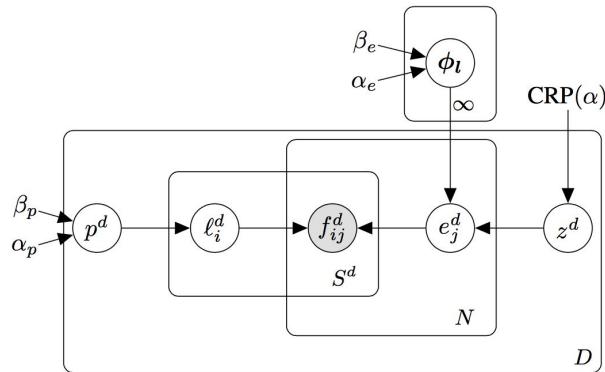
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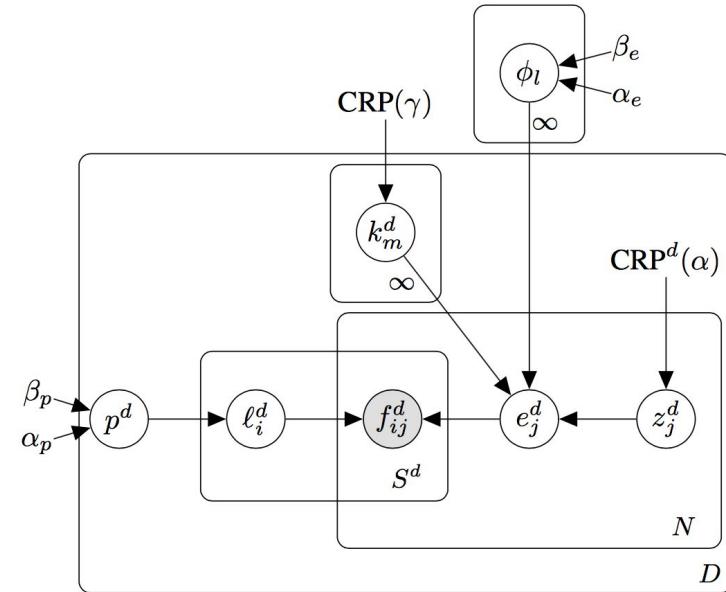
[Dong et al., VLDB 2015]

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# Probabilistic Graphical Models for Data Fusion



Modeling source  
dependencies



[Platanios et al., ICML 2016]

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# PGMs in Data Fusion [Li et al., VLDB'14]

**Table 6: Summary of data-fusion methods. X indicates that the method considers the particular evidence.**

Category	Method	#Providers	Source trustworthiness	Item trustworthiness	Value Popularity	Value similarity	Value formatting	Copying
Baseline	Vote	X						
Web-link based	HUB	X	X					
	AVGLOG	X	X					
	INVEST	X	X					
	POOLEDINVEST	X	X					
IR based	2-ESTIMATES	X	X					
	3-ESTIMATES	X	X	X				
	COSINE	X	X					
Bayesian based	TRUTHFINDER	X	X			X		
	ACCUPR	X	X		X			
	POPACCU	X	X			X		
	ACCUSIM	X	X			X		
	ACCUFORMAT	X	X			X	X	
Copying affected	ACCUCOPY	X	X			X	X	X

Bayesian models capture source observations and source interactions.

# PGMs in Data Fusion [Li et al., VLDB'14]

Category	Method	Stock				Flight			
		prec w. trust	prec w/o. trust	Trust dev	Trust diff	prec w. trust	prec w/o. trust	Trust dev	Trust diff
Baseline	Vote	-	.908	-	-	-	.864	-	-
Web-link based	HUB	.913	.907	.11	.08	.939	.857	.2	.14
	AVGLOG	.910	.899	.17	-.13	.919	.839	.24	.001
	INVEST	.924	.764	.39	-.31	.945	.754	.29	-.12
	POOLEDINVEST	.924	.856	1.29	0.29	.945	.921	17.26	7.45
IR based	2-ESTIMATES	.910	.903	.15	-.14	.87	.754	.46	-.35
	3-ESTIMATES	.910	.905	.16	-.15	.87	.708	.95	-.94
	COSINE	.910	.900	.21	-.17	.87	.791	.48	-.41
Bayesian based	TRUTHFINDER	.923	.911	.15	.12	.957	.793	.25	.16
	ACCUPR	.910	.899	.14	-.11	.91	.868	.16	-.06
	POPACCU	.909	.892	.14	-.11	.958	.925	.17	-.11
	ACCU SIM	.918	.913	.17	-.16	.903	.844	.2	-.09
	ACCU FORMAT	.918	.911	.17	-.16	.903	.844	.2	-.09
	ACCU SIM ATTR	.950	.929	.17	-.16	.952	.833	.19	-.08
	ACCU FORMAT ATTR	.948	.930	.17	-.16	.952	.833	.19	-.08
Copying affected	ACCU COPY	.958	.892	.28	-.11	.960	.943	.16	-.14

Modeling the quality of data sources leads to improved accuracy.

# Discriminative Data Fusion

[SLiMFast Rekatsinas et al., SIGMOD'17]

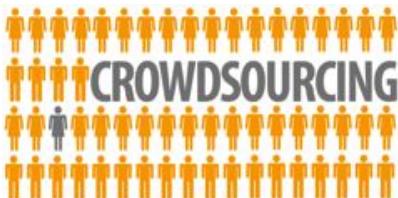
**Limit the informative parameters of the model by using domain knowledge and use semi-supervised learning**

**Key Idea:** Sources have (domain specific) features that are indicative of error rates

**Example:**

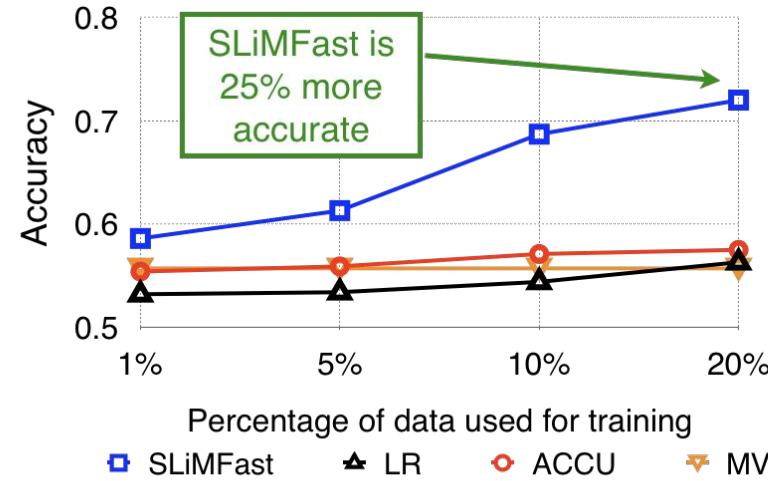
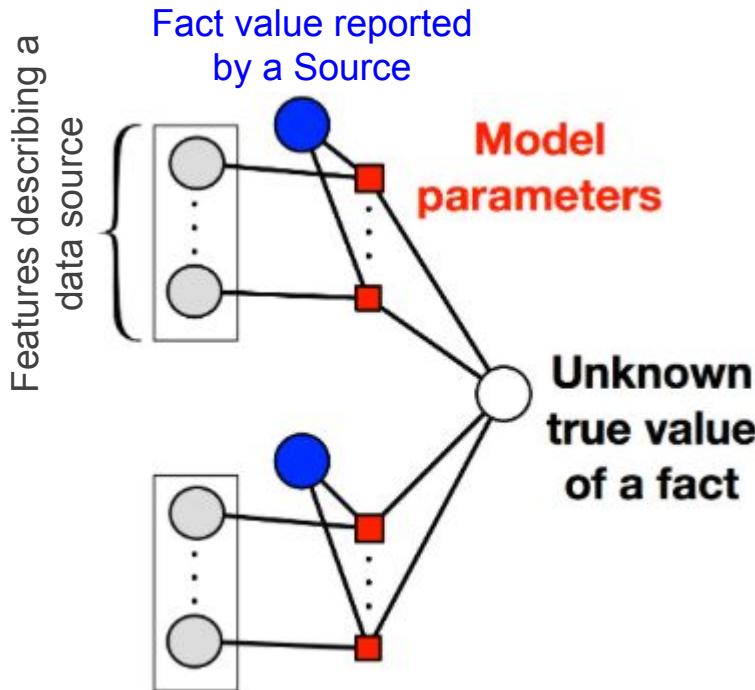


- newly registered similar to existing domain
  - traffic statistics
  - text quality (e.g., misspelled words, grammatical errors)
  - sentiment analysis
- 
- avg. time per task
  - number of tasks
  - market used



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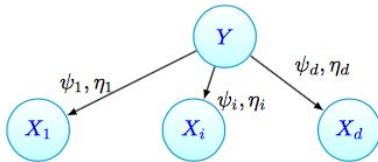


**Genomics data:** 2.7k sources (articles), 571 objects (gene-disease), 4 domain features (year, citation, author, journal)

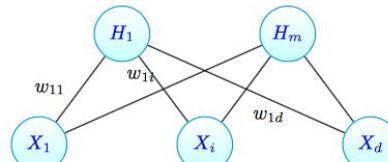
# Data Fusion and Deep Learning

[Shaham et al., ICML'16]

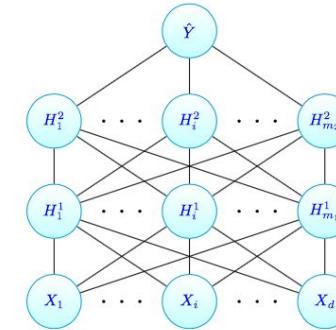
**Theorem:** The Dawid and Skene model is *equivalent* to a Restricted Boltzmann Machine (RBM) with a single hidden node.



Dawid and Skene model.



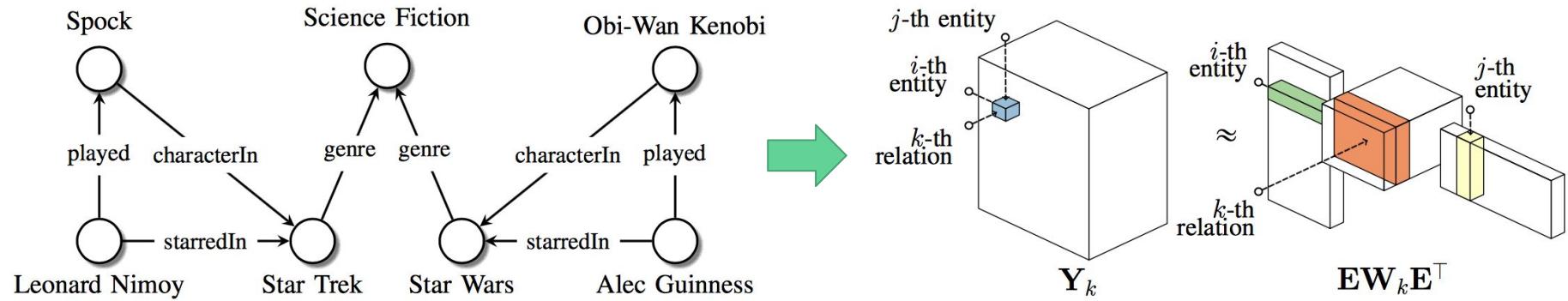
A RBM with  $d$  visible and  $m$  hidden units.



Sketch of a two-hidden-layer RBM-based DNN.

When the conditional independence assumption of Dawid-Skene does not hold, a better approximation may be obtained from a deeper network.

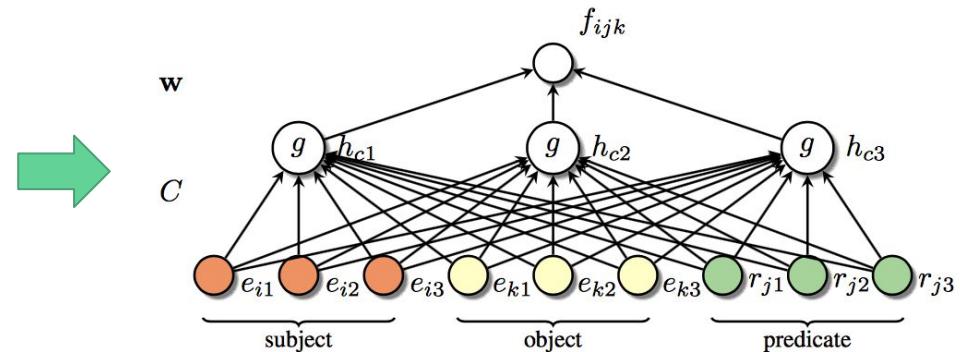
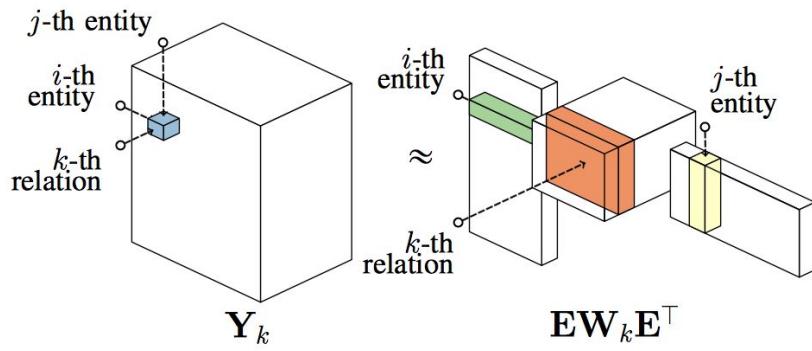
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Knowledge Graph Embeddings [Survey: Nicket et al., 2015]

A knowledge graph can be encoded as a tensor.

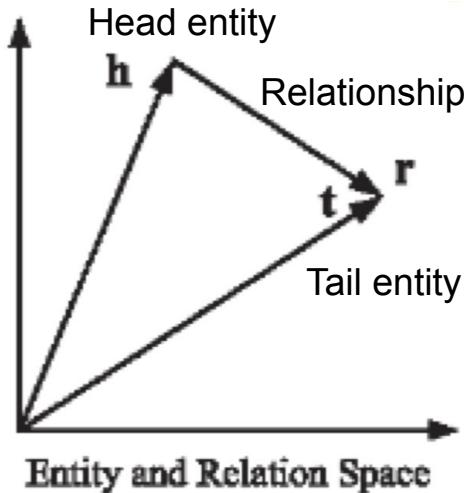
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Neural networks can be used to obtain richer representations.

# Data Fusion For Complex Data



- TransE:  $\text{score}(h, r, t) = -\|h + r - t\|_{1/2}$
- Hot field with increasing interest  
[Survey by Wang et al., TKDE 2017]

**Example:** Learn embeddings from IMDb data and identify various types of errors in WikiData [Dong et al., KDD'18]

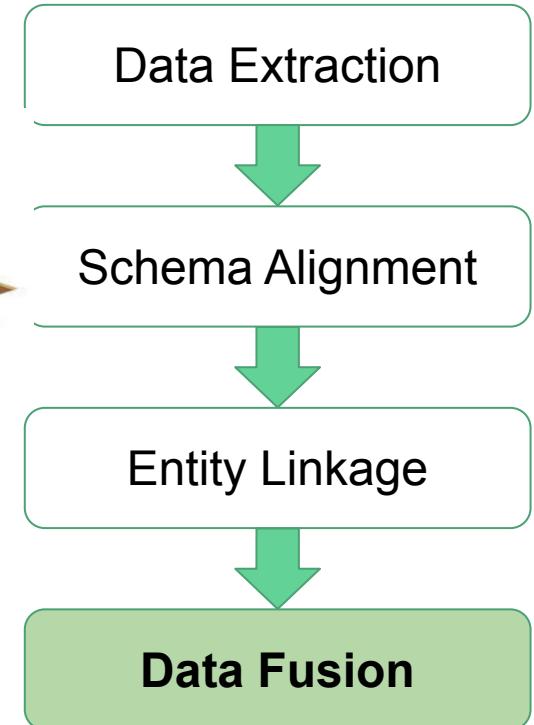
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The Moises Padilla Story	writtenBy	César Ámigo Aguilar	Linkage error
Bajrangi Bhaijaan	writtenBy	Yo Yo Honey Singh	Wrong relationship
Piste noire	writtenBy	Jalil Naciri	Wrong relationship
Enter the Ninja	musicComposedBy	Michael Lewis	Linkage error
The Secret Life of Words	musicComposedBy	Hal Hartley	Cannot confirm
...	...	...	...

# Challenges in Data Fusion

- There are few solutions for unstructured data. Mostly work on fact verification [Tutorial by Dong et al., KDD`2018]. Most data Fusion solutions assume data extraction. Can state-of-the art DL help?
- Using training data is key and semi-supervised learning can significantly improve the quality of Data Fusion results. How can one collect training data effectively without manual annotation?
- We have only scratched the surface of what representation learning and deep learning methods can offer. Can deep learning streamline data fusion? What are its limitations?

# Recipe for Data Fusion

- Problem definition: **Resolve conflicts and obtain correct values**
- Short answers
  - Reasoning about source quality is key and works for easy cases
  - Semi-supervised learning has shown BIG potential
  - Representation learning provides positive evidence for streamlining data fusion.



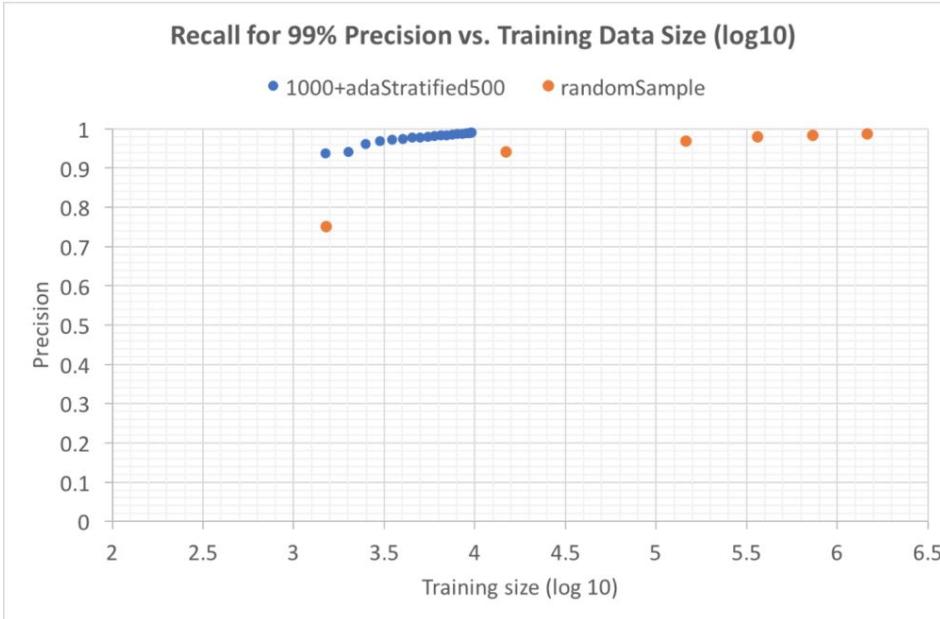
# **Takeaways**

# Revisit Theme I. Which ML Model Works Best?

DI tasks	Hyperplanes (e.g., Log Reg)	Kernal (e.g., SVM)	Tree-based (e.g., Random forest)	Graphical models (e.g., CRF)	Logic programs (e.g, soft logic)	Neural networks (e.g., RNN)
Entity resolution	X	X	X		X	X
Data fusion	X			X		
DOM extraction	X				X	
Text extraction	X	X		X		X
Schema alignment	X		X	X	X	X

For structured data, RF works well, and LR is often effective  
For texts and semantics, deep learning shows big promise

# Revisit Theme II. Does Supervised Learning Apply to DI?



Active learning, semi-supervised learning, and weak supervision lead to dramatically more efficient solutions.

# Outline

- Part I. Introduction
- Part II. ML for DI
- **Part III. DI for ML**
  - Data Cleaning
  - Training Data Creation
- Part IV. Conclusions and research directions

# 50 Years of Artificial Intelligence

## Expert systems

- Manually curated knowledge bases of facts and rules
- Use of inference engines
- No support for high-dimensional data

1970s (Rules)

1990s (Features)

## Graphical models and logic

- Relational statistical learning
- Markov logic network

2009 (PGMs)

## Classical ML

- Low complexity models
- Strong priors that capture domain knowledge (feature engineering)
- Small amounts of training data

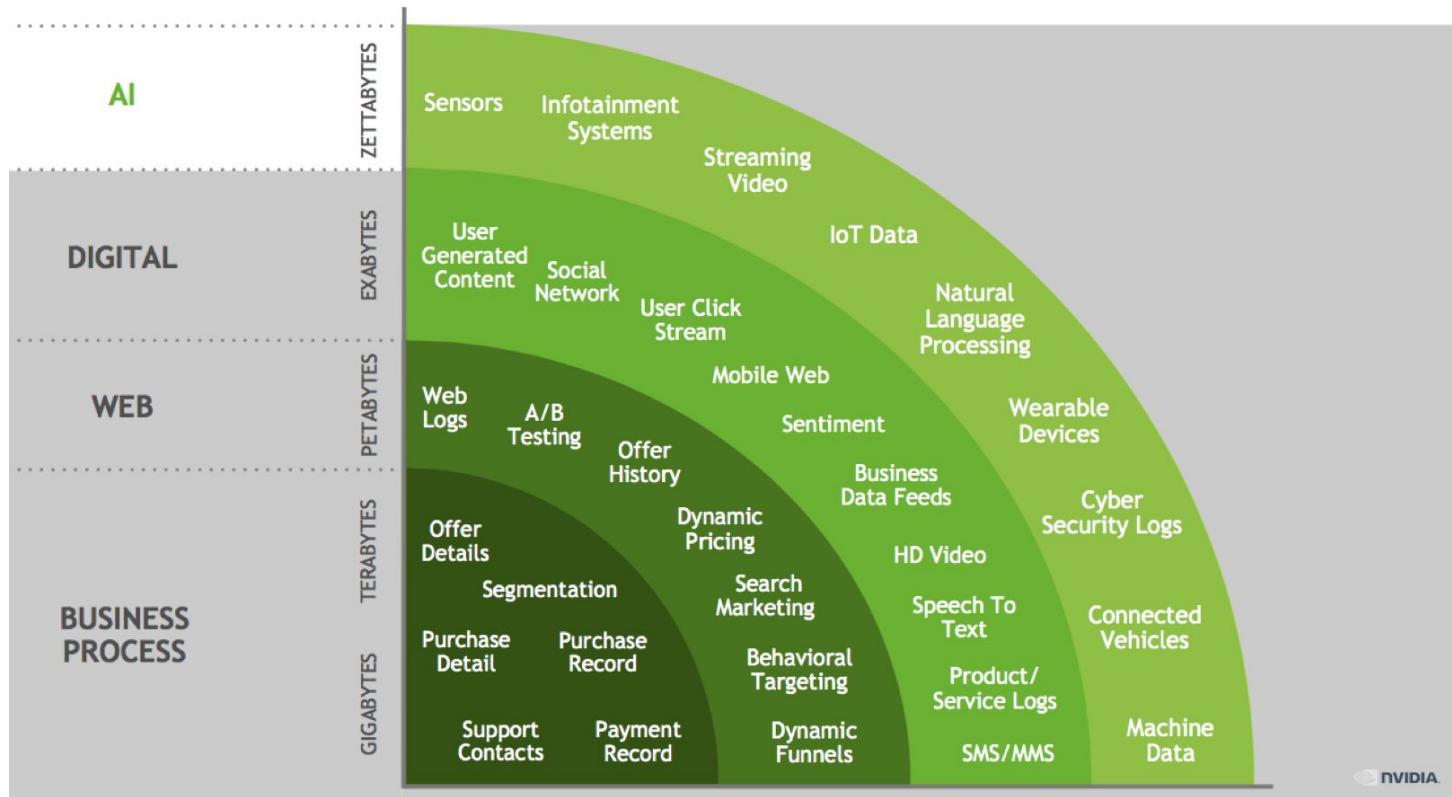
2010s

(Representation Learning)

## Deep learning

- Automatically learn representations
- Impressive with high-dimensional data
- Data hungry!

# Modern ML is data-hungry

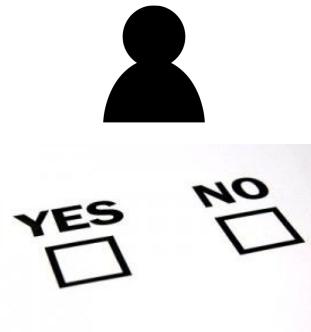


# The ML Pipeline in the Deep Learning Era

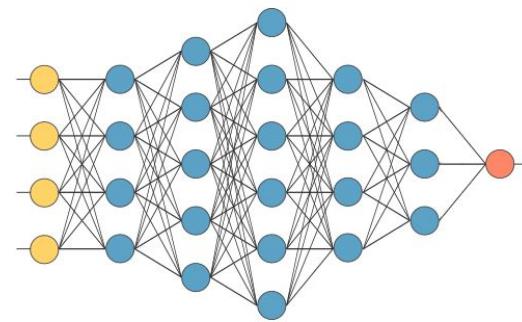
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Data Labeling



Representation Learning  
and Training



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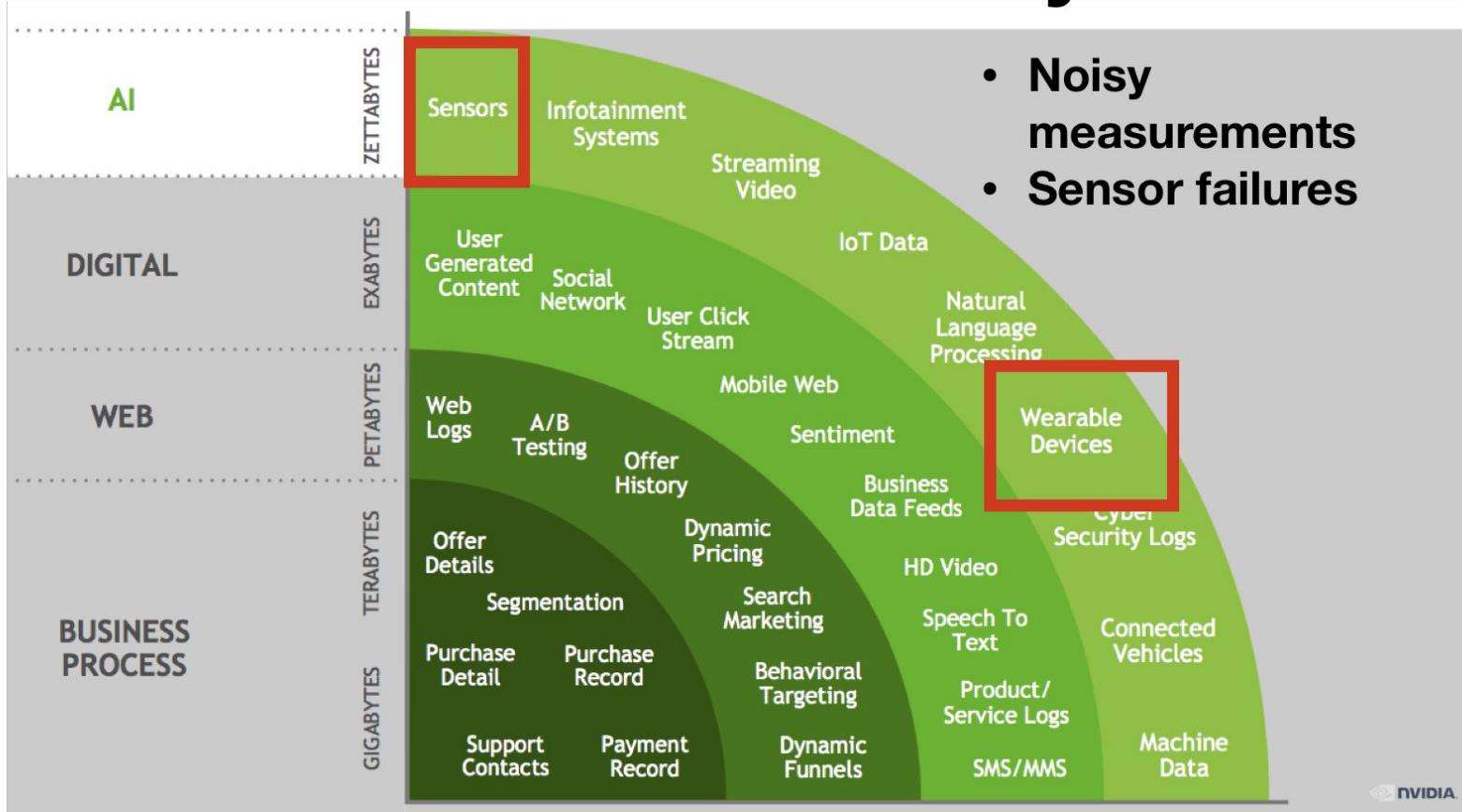
**Large collections of curated training data are necessary for progress in ML. We need:**

1. Ensure correctness of the available data
2. Generate large volumes of training data

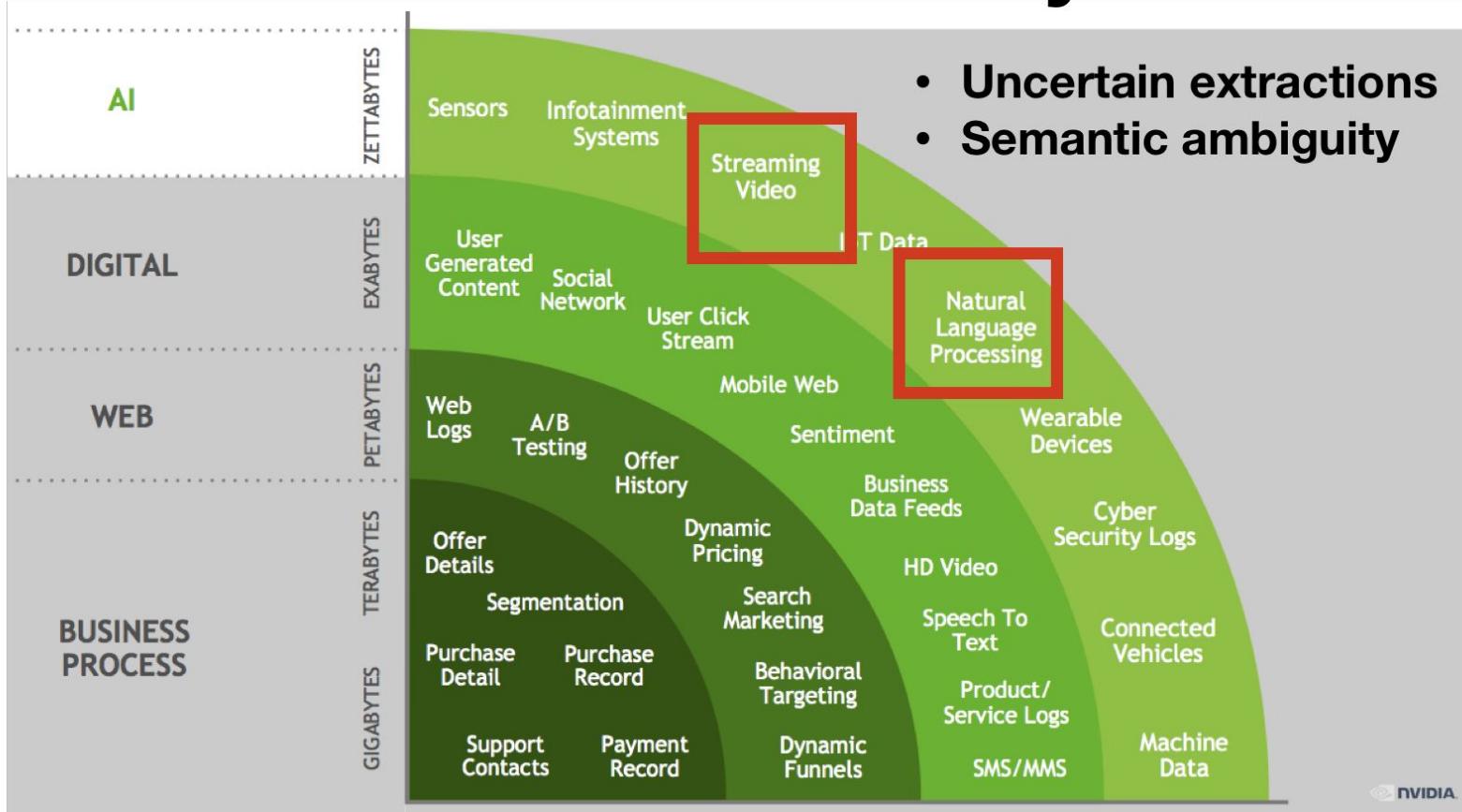
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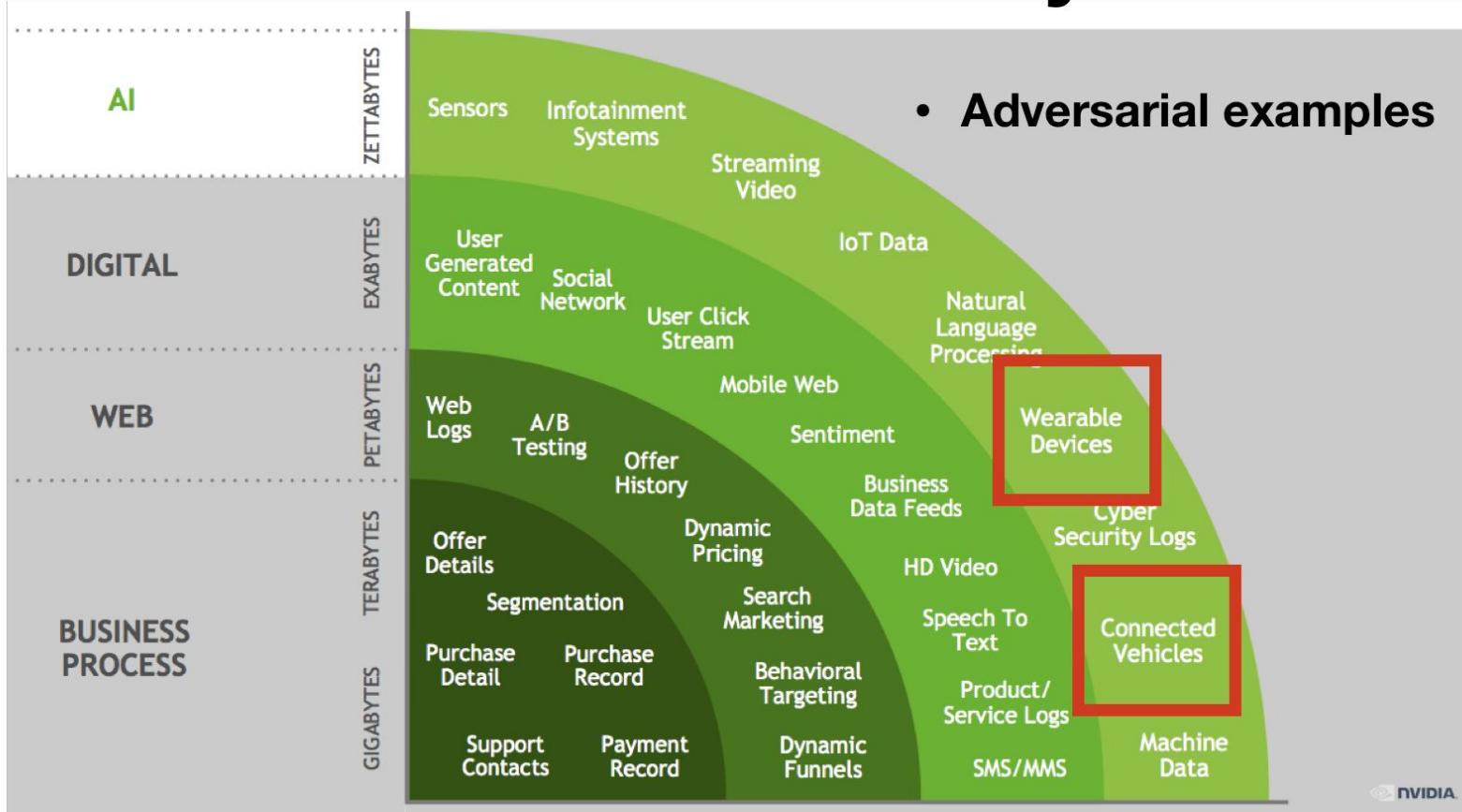
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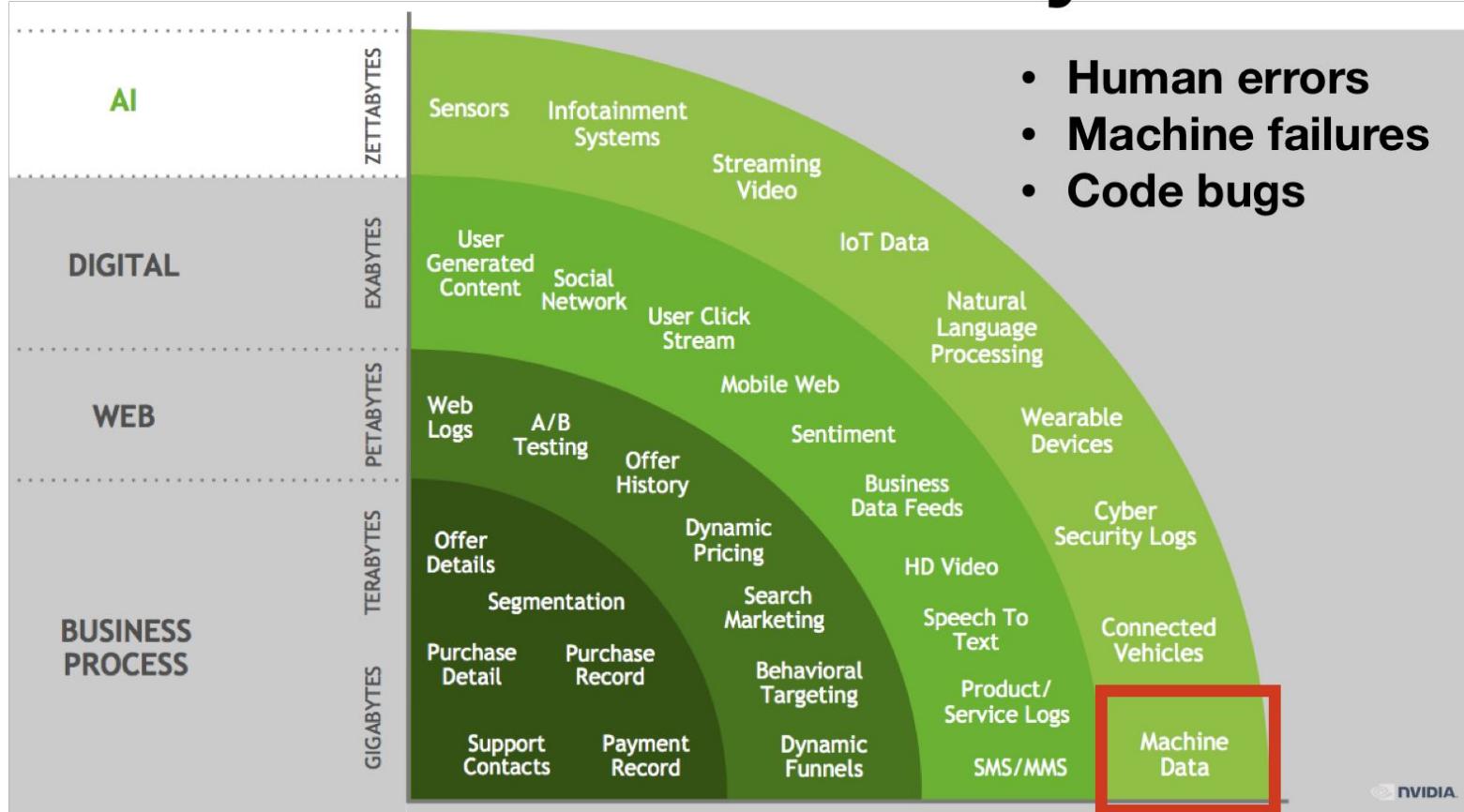
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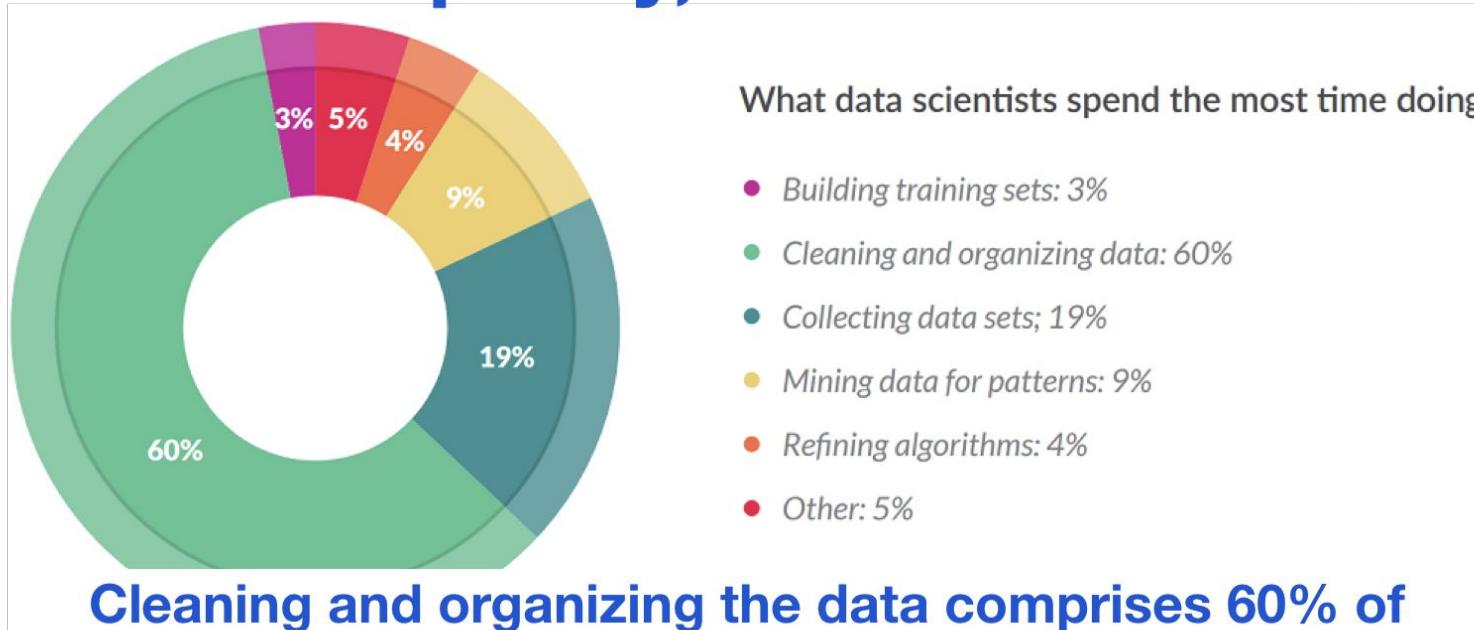


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# The Achilles' Heel of Modern Analytics

is low quality, erroneous data



# A simple example of noisy data

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Conflicts

c1: DBAName → Zip

c2: Zip → City, State

c3: City, State, Address → Zip

Does not obey data distribution

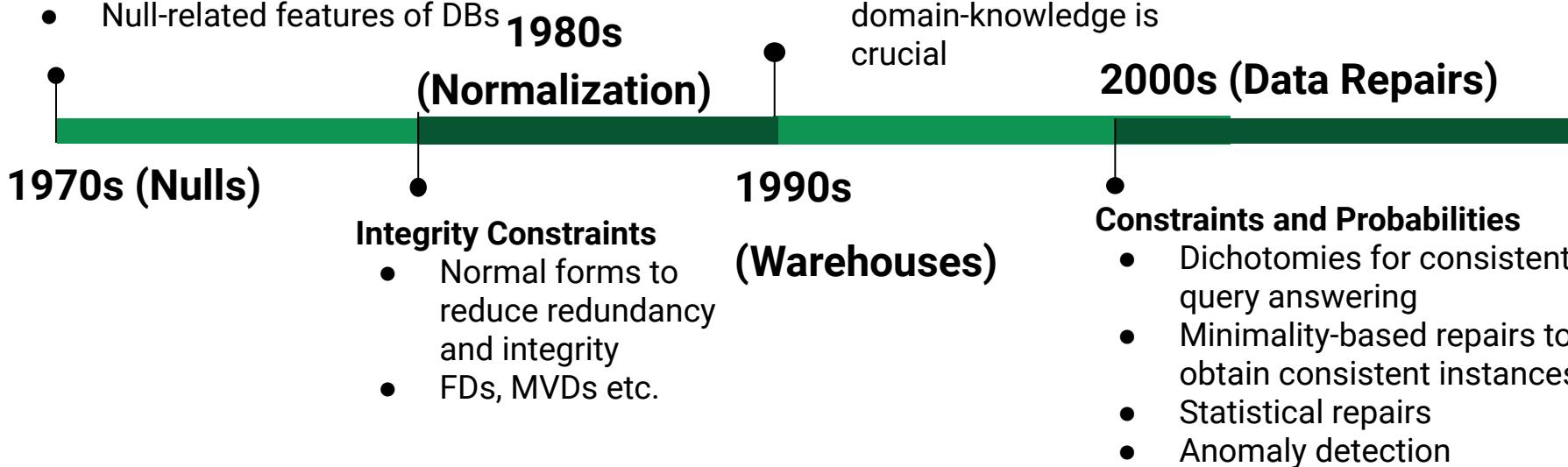
Conflict

Computational problems: **Detect** errors, **repair** errors, compute “**consistent**” query answers.

# 50 Years of Data Cleaning

## E. F. Codd

- Understanding relations (installment #7). *FDT - Bulletin of ACM SIGMOD*, 7(3):23–28, 1975.
- Null-related features of DBs



# The case for **inconsistent** data

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## An example unclean database J

- Errors correspond to tuples/cells that introduce inconsistencies (violations of integrity constraints).
- Inconsistencies are typical in data integration, extract-load-transform workloads, etc.
- **Data repairs:** A theoretical framework for coping with inconsistent databases [Arenas et al. 1999]

# Minimal data repairs

## Database Repairs

### Definition (Arenas, Bertossi, Chomicki – 1999)

$\Sigma$  a set of integrity constraints and  $I$  an inconsistent database.

A database  $J$  is a *repair* of  $I$  w.r.t.  $\Sigma$  if

- ▶  $J$  is a consistent database (i.e.,  $J \models \Sigma$ );
- ▶  $J$  differs from  $I$  in a **minimal** way.

Plethora of fundamental results on tractability of repair-checking and consistent query answering.

### Fact

Several different types of repairs have been considered:

- ▶ Set-based repairs (subset, superset,  $\oplus$ -repairs).
- ▶ Cardinality-based repairs
- ▶ Attribute-based repairs
- ▶ Preferred repairs

Limited adoption in practice.

# Minimal data repairs

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**Errors remain:**

- (1) Chicago should clearly be Chicago
- (2) Non-obvious errors: 60609 is the wrong Zip

Minimality can be used as an operational principle to prioritize repairs but these repairs are not necessarily correct with respect to the ground truth.

c1: DBAName → Zip

c2: Zip → City, State

c3: City, State, Address → Zip

**Minimal subset repair:**  
We remove t1

Several variations of Minimal repairs. E.g., update the minimum number of cells.

# The case for **most probable** data [Gribkoff et al., 14]

	DBAName	AKAName	Address	City	State	Zip	p
t1	John Veliotis Sr.	Johnnyo's	3465 S Morgan ST	<b>Chicago</b>	IL	<b>60608</b>	0.9
t2	John Veliotis Sr.	Johnnyo's	3465 S Morgan ST	Chicago	IL	<b>60609</b>	0.4
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t4	<b>Johnnyo's</b>	Johnnyo's	3465 S Morgan ST	<b>Cicago</b>	IL	60608	0.8

c1: DBAName → Zip

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**Most probable world,  
conditioned on integrity  
constraint satisfaction**

# The case for **most probable** data [Gribkoff et al., 14]

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**Optimization Objective**

$$\max_I \left( \prod_{t \in I} p(t) \prod_{t \notin I} (1 - p(t)) \right)$$

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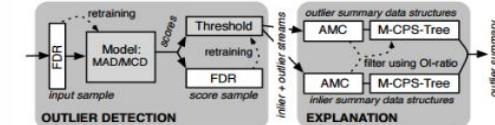
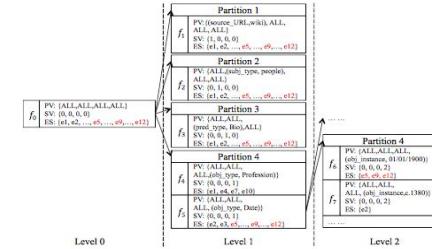
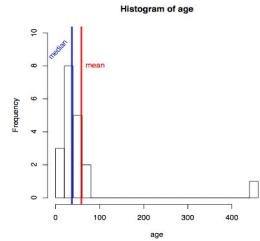
Probabilities offer clear semantics than minimality.  
 Fundamental question: How do we know  $p$ ?

# Where are we today?

Machine learning and statistical analysis are becoming more prevalent.

## Error detection (*Diagnosis*)

- Anomaly detection [Chandola et al., ACM CSUR, 2009]
- Bayesian analysis (Data X-Ray) [Wang et al., SIGMOD'15]
- Outlier detection over streams (Macrobbase) [Bailis et al., SIGMOD'17]
- HoloDetect: Few-shot Learning for Error Detection [Heidari et al., SIGMOD'19]

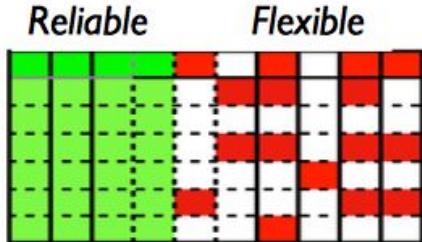


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## *Data Repairing (Treatment)*

- Classical ML (SCARE, ERACER) [Yakout et al., VLDB'11, SIGMOD'13, Mayfield et al., SIGMOD'10]
- Boosting [Krishan et al., 2017]
- Weakly-supervised ML (HoloClean) [Rekatsinas et al., VLDB'17]



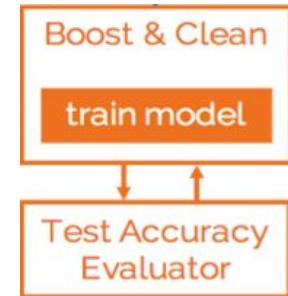
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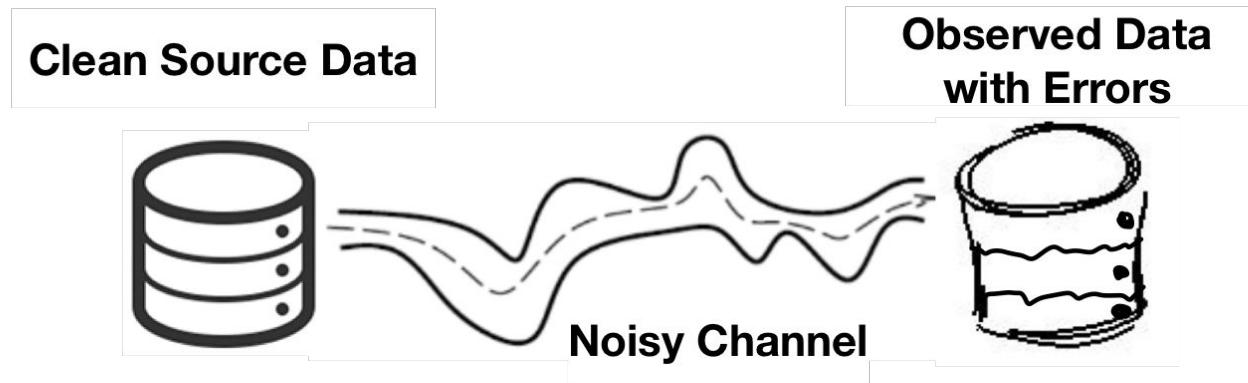
# **Question:**

What is an appropriate (formal) framework  
for managing noisy data?

## **Things to consider:**

Simplicity and generality

# The case of a **noisy channel** for data



## Noisy Channel Model

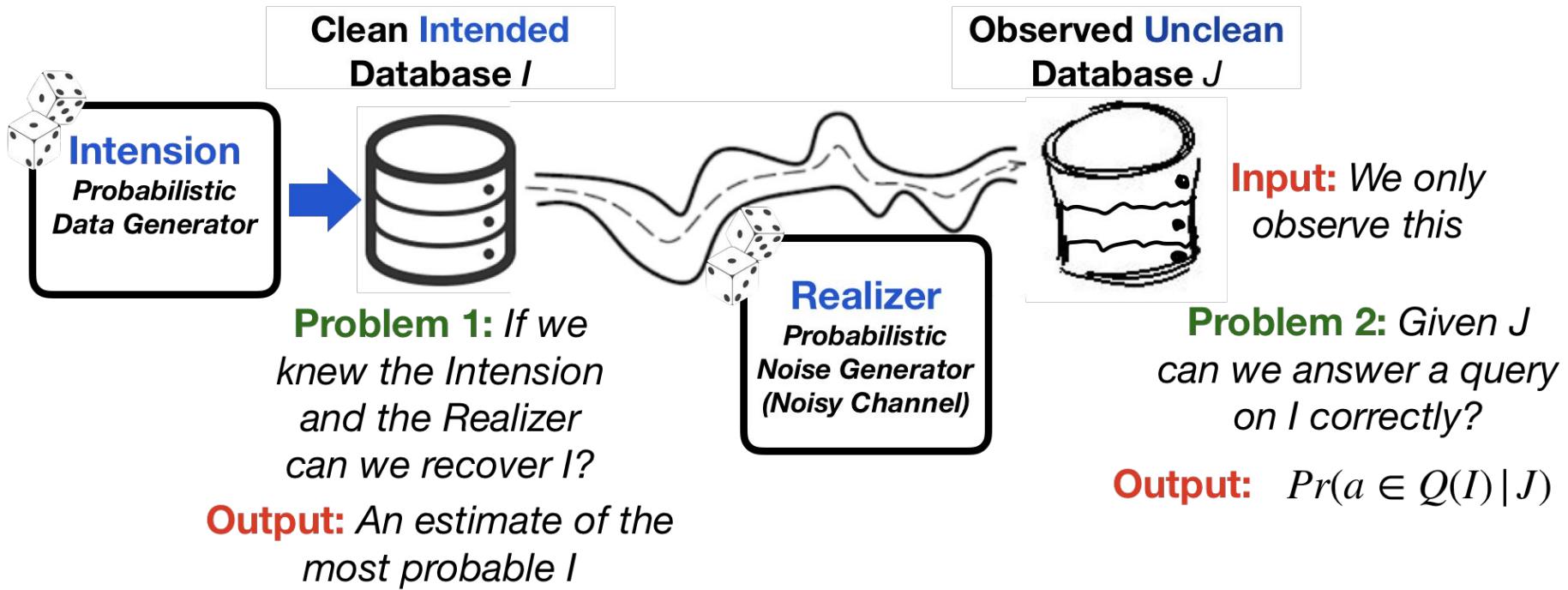
1. We see an observation  $x$  in the noisy world
2. Find the correct word  $w$

$$\hat{w} = \arg \max_{w \in W} P(w | x)$$

**Applications:** Speech, OCR, Spelling correction, Part of speech tagging, machine translations, etc...

# The Probabilistic Unclean Database Model

**Problem 3:** Can we learn the Intension and the Realizer? **Output:** An estimate for the Intension and the Realizer  
Can we do that from  $J$  (i.e., without any training data)?





# A Series of Theoretical Results

**Complexity Results:** When is data cleaning efficient? [De Sa et al., ICDT 2019]

**Statistical Recovery Results:** New theoretical results on the hardness of structured prediction under noisy data and new structured prediction methods for automated data cleaning with low-error guarantees [Heidari, Ilyas, Rekatsinas UAI, 2019]

**Learnability Results:** Learning the intended data distribution without any training data [De Sa et al., ICDT 2019]



# From Theory to Systems

*Is the PUDs framework useful in practice?*



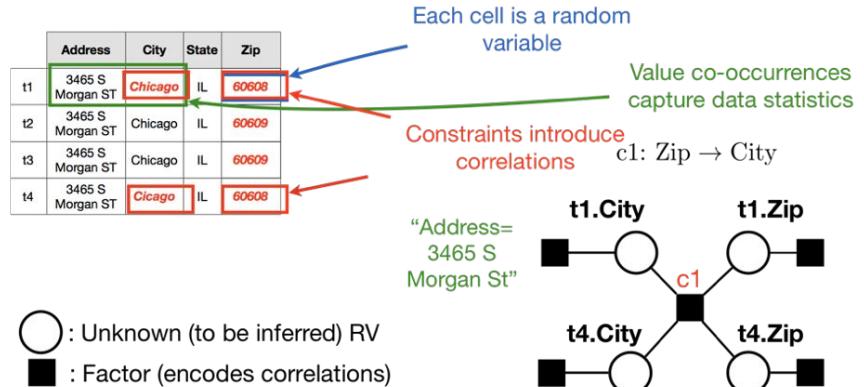
# HoloClean: Probabilistic Data Repairs

HoloClean is the first practical probabilistic data repairing engine and a state-of-the-art data repairing system

HoloClean's factor-graph model is an instantiation of the PUDs Intention model.

HoloClean uses clean cells as training data to learn its PUD Intention model and uses the learned model to approximate MLI repairs.

**Reference:** “HoloClean: Holistic Data Repairs with Probabilistic Inference”  
Rekatsinas, Chu, Ilyas, Ré, VLDB 2017





# HoloClean: Probabilistic Data Repairs

**Challenge: Inference under constraints is #P-complete**

Applying probabilistic inference naively does not scale to data cleaning instances with millions of tuples

**Idea 1:** Prune domain of random variables.

**Idea 2:** Relax constraints over sets of random variables to features over independent random variables.



# Relaxing constraints

Tuple ID	University	State
t1	U of Chicago	IL
t2	U of Chicago	IL
t3	U of Chicago	CA

Functional dependency:  
 $\text{University} \rightarrow \text{State}$

“The same University must be in the same State”

*Relax constraints to features over independent RVs  
(corresponds to a voting model)*

Example:

$$t1.\text{University} = \text{U of Chicago} \implies \text{IL} = \text{CA}$$

$$\text{U of Chicago} = t3.\text{University} \implies \text{IL} = \text{CA}$$

$$\text{U of Chicago} = \text{U of Chicago} \implies t1.\text{State} = \text{CA}$$

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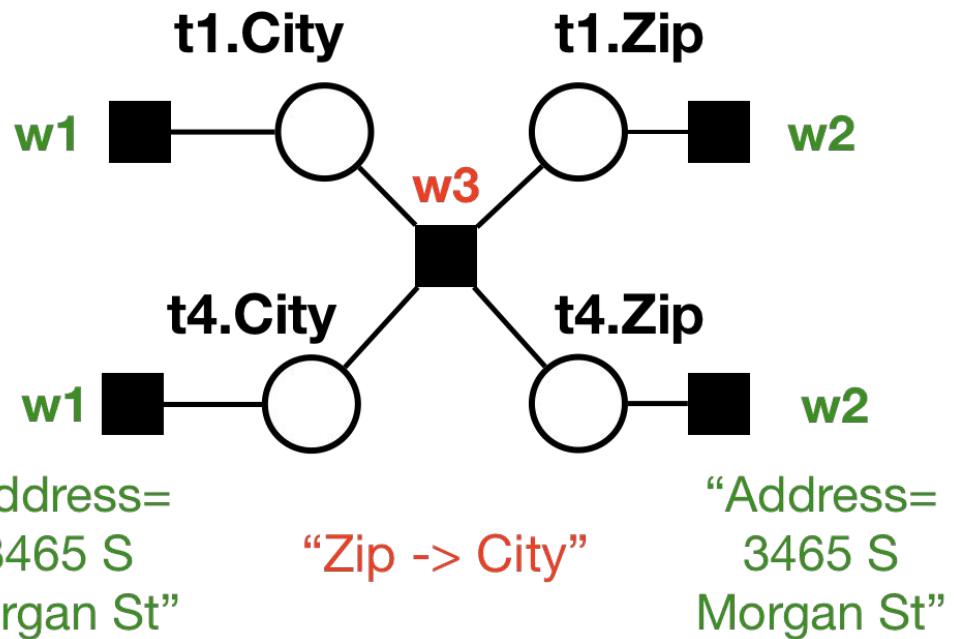
Only 4D possible worlds considered

HoloCleans' locally consistent model introduces features over independent random variables.



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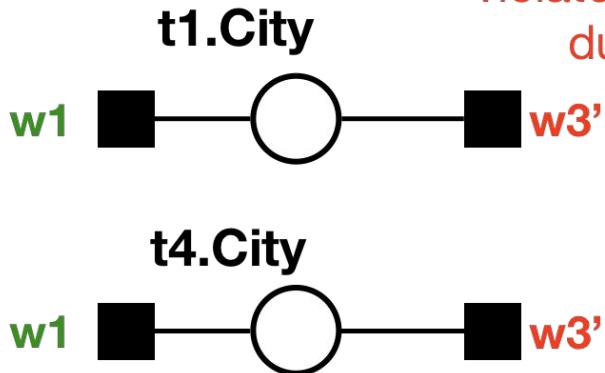




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“Assignment Chicago violates Zip  $\rightarrow$  City due to t4”



“Address=  
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“Assignment Chicago violates Zip  $\rightarrow$  City due to t1”

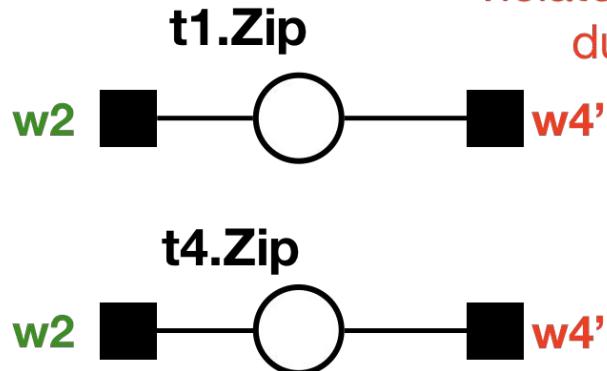
We have one ***relaxed factor*** for each value in the domain of the RV



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“Assignment 60608 violates Zip  $\rightarrow$  City due to t4”

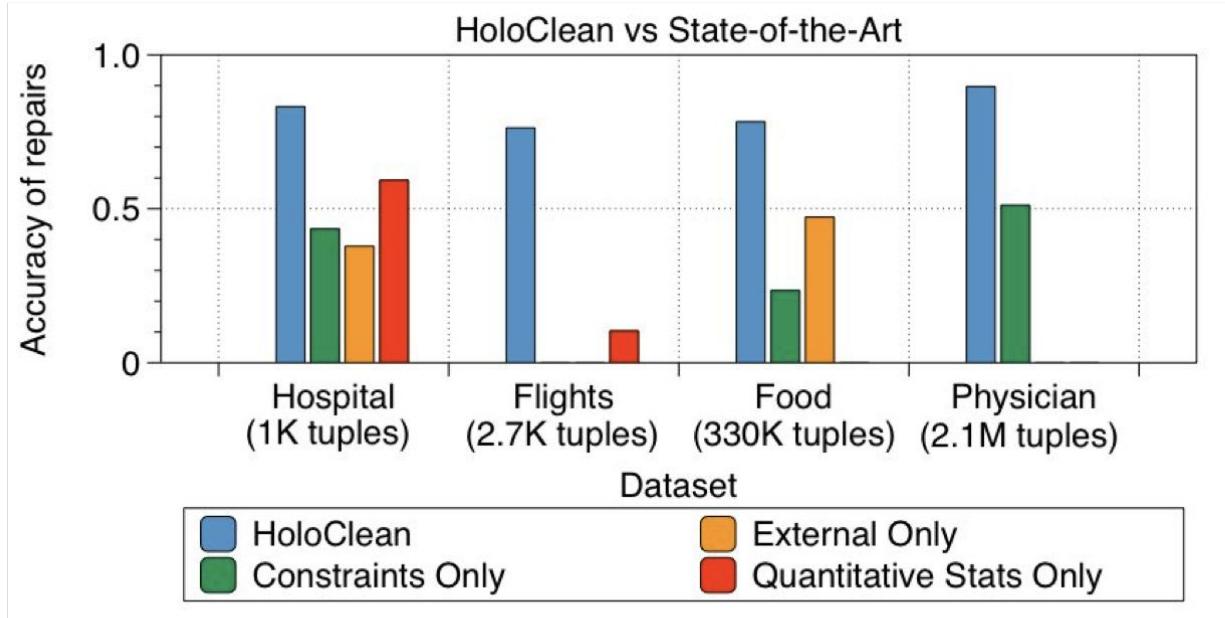


“Address=  
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“Assignment 60609 violates Zip  $\rightarrow$  City due to t1”

We have one ***relaxed factor*** for each value in the domain of the RV

# Relax HoloClean in practice



***Competing methods do not scale or perform correct repairs.***

**HoloClean:** our approach combining all signals and using inference

**Holistic[Chu,2013]:** state-of-the-art for constraints & minimality

**KATARA[Chu,2015]:** state-of-the-art for external data

**SCARE[Yakout,2013]:** state-of-the-art ML & qualitative statistics

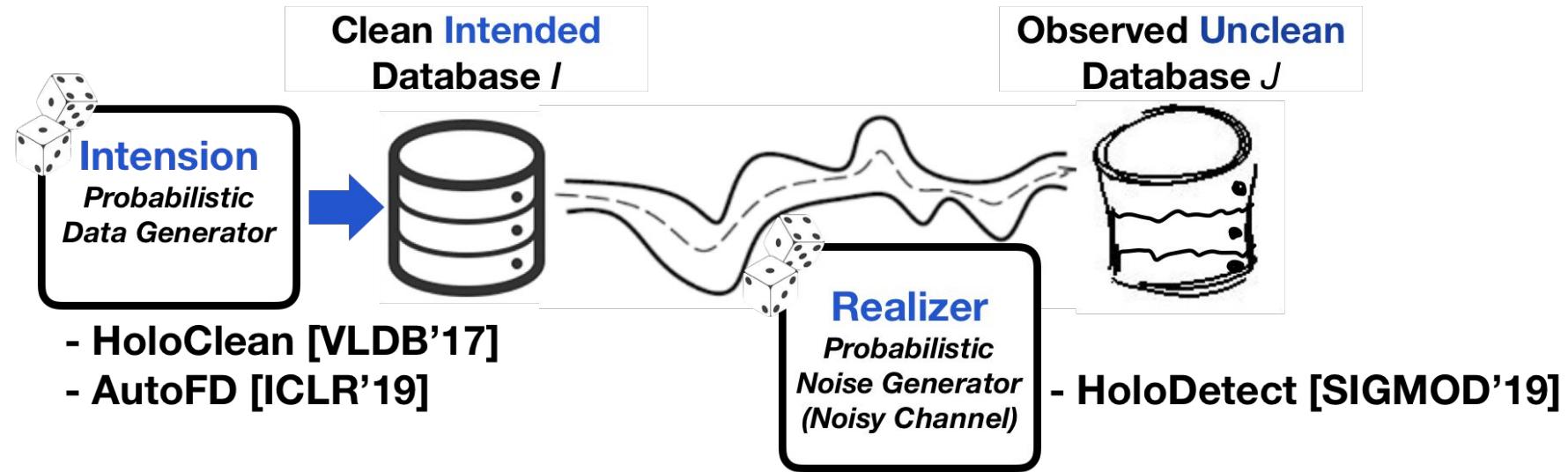


Code available at:

**<http://www.holoclean.io>**

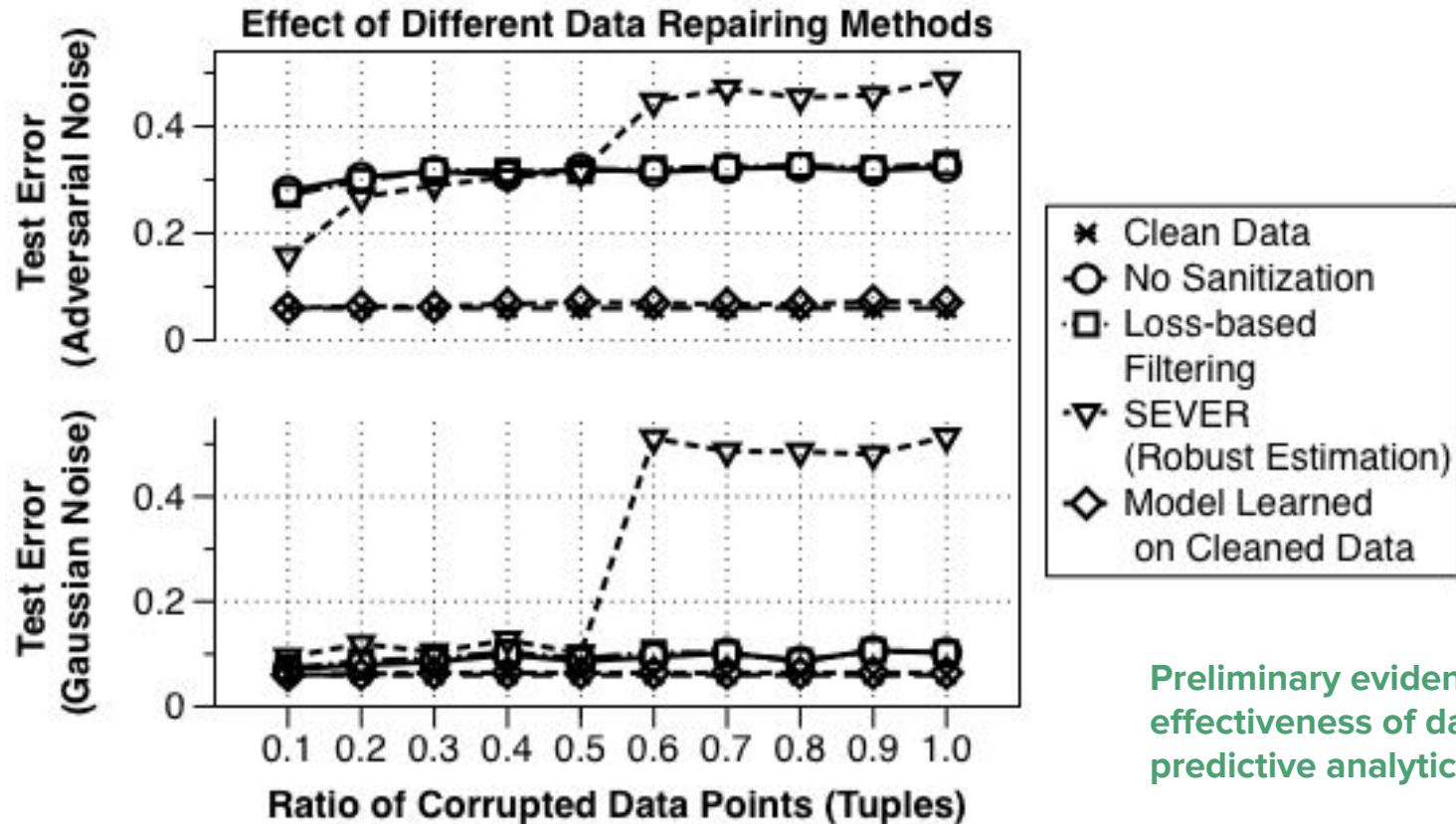


# The Probabilistic Unclean Database Model



A formal noisy channel model that leads to new insights for managing noisy data and has immediate practical applications to data cleaning systems.

# On the Interplay of Cleaning and ML



Preliminary evidence on the effectiveness of data cleaning for predictive analytics.

# Challenges in Data Cleaning

- More research is needed on understanding when automated solutions are possible and what is the most effective way to bring humans in the loop.
- We need to study the interplay between data cleaning and machine learning closer. Especially in the presence of robust optimization methods.
- We need interpretable data cleaning solutions. Why should I trust the repairs?
- Few end-to-end solutions. Data cleaning workloads (mixed relational and statistical workloads) pose unique scalability challenges.

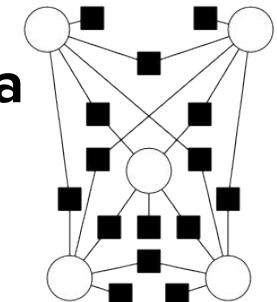
# Recipe for Data Cleaning

- Problem definition: **Detect and repair erroneous data.**
- Short answers
  - **ML can help partly-automate cleaning.**  
Domain-expertise is still required.
  - **Scalability of ML-based data cleaning methods is a pressing challenge. Exciting systems research!**
  - **We need more end-to-end systems (interpretable, human-in-the-loop, optimized for analytical tasks)!**

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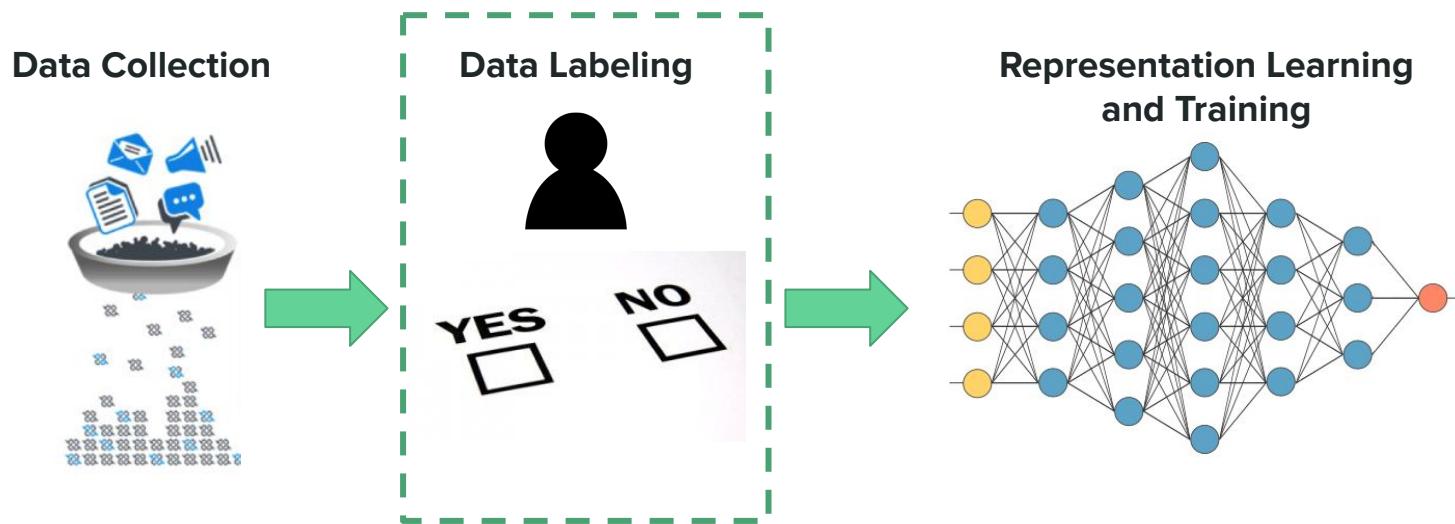
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# The ML Pipeline in the Deep Learning Era



A core pain point today, lots of time spent in labeling data.

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*How do we get training data more effectively?*

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- Alexa – Customer embrace of Alexa continues, with Alexa-enabled devices among the best-selling items across all of Amazon. We’re seeing extremely strong adoption by other companies and developers that want to create their own experiences with Alexa. There are now more than 30,000 skills for Alexa from outside developers, and customers can control more than 4,000 smart home devices from 1,200 unique brands with Alexa. The foundations of Alexa continue to get smarter every day too. We’ve developed and implemented an on-device fingerprinting technique, which keeps your device from waking up when it hears an Alexa commercial on TV. (This technology ensured that our Alexa Super Bowl commercial didn’t wake up millions of devices.) Far-field speech recognition (already very good) has improved by 15% over the last year; and in the U.S., U.K., and Germany, we’ve improved Alexa’s spoken language understanding by more than 20% over the last 12 months through enhancements in Alexa’s machine learning components and the use of semi-supervised learning techniques. (These semi-supervised learning techniques reduced the amount of labeled data needed to achieve the same accuracy improvement by 40 times!) Finally, we’ve dramatically reduced the amount of time required to teach Alexa new languages by using machine translation and transfer learning techniques, which allows us to serve customers in more countries (like India and Japan).

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Methods developed to tackle data integration problems are closely related to weak supervision.

# Learning from Crowds [Raykar et al., JMLR'10]

**Setup:** Supervised learning but instead of gold groundtruth one has access to multiple annotators providing (possibly noisy) labels (no absolute gold standard).

**Task:** Learn a classifier from multiple noisy labels.

Closely related to Dawid-Skene!

**Difference:** Estimating the ground truth and the annotator performance is a byproduct here. Goal is to learn a classifier.

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Model  
parameters  
 $\{\mathbf{w}, \boldsymbol{\alpha}, \boldsymbol{\beta}\}$

EM algorithm to obtain maximum-likelihood estimates.

Difference with Dawid-Skene is the estimation of  $w$ .

# Distant Supervision [Mintz et al., ACL'09]

**Goal:** Extracting structured knowledge from text.

**Hypothesis:** If two entities belong to a certain relation, any sentence containing those two entities is likely to express that relation.

**Idea:** Use a *database* of relations to gets lots of *noisy* training examples

- Instead of hand-creating seed tuples (bootstrapping)
- Instead of using hand-labeled corpus (supervised)

**Benefits:** has the advantages of supervised learning (leverage reliable hand-created knowledge), has the advantages of unsupervised learning (leverage unlimited amounts of text data).

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Feature: X attended Y

For negative examples, sample unrelated pairs of entities.

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**Entity Linking** is an inherent problem in Distant Supervision.

The quality of matches can vary significantly and has a direct effect on extraction quality.

Relation	Freebase Matches	
	#sents	% true
/business/person/company	302	89.0
/people/person/place_lived	450	60.0
/location/location/contains	2793	51.0
/business/company/founders	95	48.4
/people/person/nationality	723	41.0
/location/neighborhood/neighborhood_of	68	39.7
/people/person/children	30	80.0
/people/deceased_person/place_of_death	68	22.1
/people/person/place_of_birth	162	12.0
/location/country/administrative_divisions	424	0.2

# Snorkel: Code as Supervision [Ratner et al., NIPS'16, VLDB'18]

**Input:** Labeling Functions,  
*Unlabeled data*

DOMAIN  
EXPERT

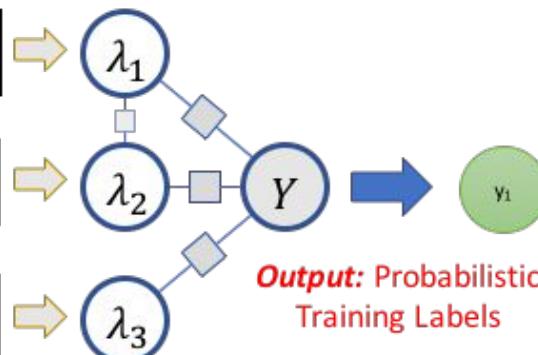


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def lf1(x):
    cid = (x.chemical_id,
           x.disease_id)
    return 1 if cid in KB else 0
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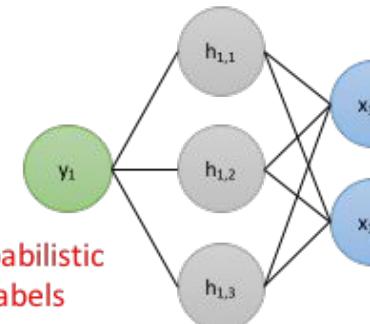
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def lf2(x):
    m = re.search(r'.*cause.*',
                  x.between)
    return 1 if m else 0
```

```
def lf3(x):
    m = re.search(r'.*not
                  cause.*',
                  x.between)
    return 1 if m else 0
```

**Generative  
Model**



**Noise-Aware  
Discriminative Model**



*Ex. Application:  
Knowledge Base  
Creation (KBC)*



- 1 Users write *labeling functions* to generate noisy labels
- 2 We model the labeling functions' behavior to de-noise them
- 3 We use the resulting prob. labels to train a model

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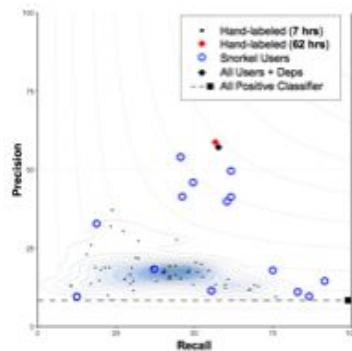


Snorkel biomedical workshop in collaboration with the NIH Mobilize Center



15 companies and research groups attended

How well did these new Snorkel users do?



**71%** New Snorkel users matched or beat 7 hours of hand-labeling

**2.8x** Faster than hand-labeling data

**45.5%** Average improvement in model performance



Marta Gaia Zanchi (@mzanchi) Following  
For a newbie, I write pretty darn good #Snorkel #MachineLearning labeling functions. Thanks @MobilizeCenter @jasonafries @stevebach :)

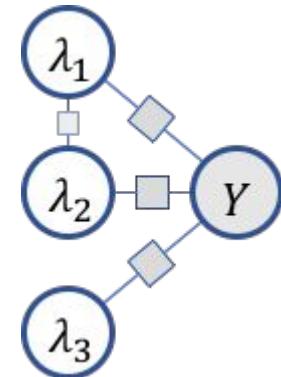
**3rd Place Score**  
No machine learning experience  
Beginner-level Python

# Challenges in Creating Training Data

- Richly-formatted data is still a challenge. How can attack weak supervision when data includes images, text, tables, video, etc.?
- Combining weak supervision with other data enrichment techniques such as data augmentation is an exciting direction. How can reinforcement learning help here (<http://goo.gl/K2qopQ>)?
- How can we combine weak supervision with techniques from semi-supervised?

# Recipe for Creating Training Data

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- Short answers
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# Outline

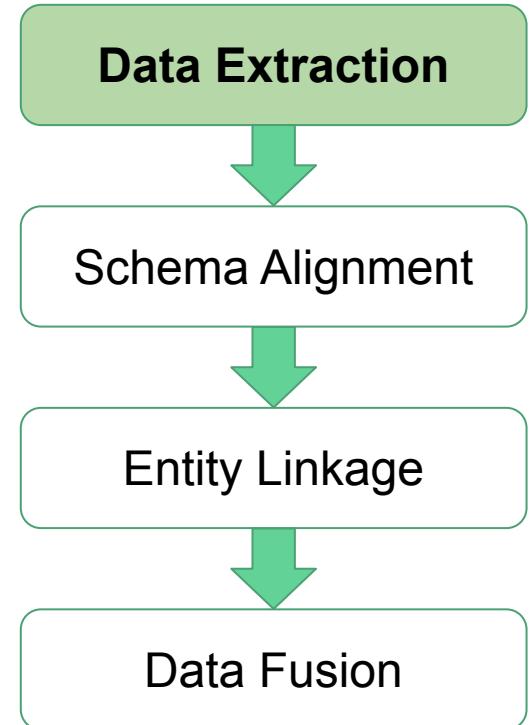
- Part I. Introduction
- Part II. ML for DI
- Part III. DI for ML
  - Creating training data
  - Data cleaning
- Part IV. Conclusions and research direction

# DI and ML: A Natural Synergy

- Data integration is one of the oldest problems in data management
- Transition from logic to probabilities revolutionized data integration
  - Probabilities allow us to reason about inherently noisy data
  - Similar to the AI-revolution in the 80s [<https://vimeo.com/48195434>]
- Modern machine learning and deep learning have the power to streamline DI

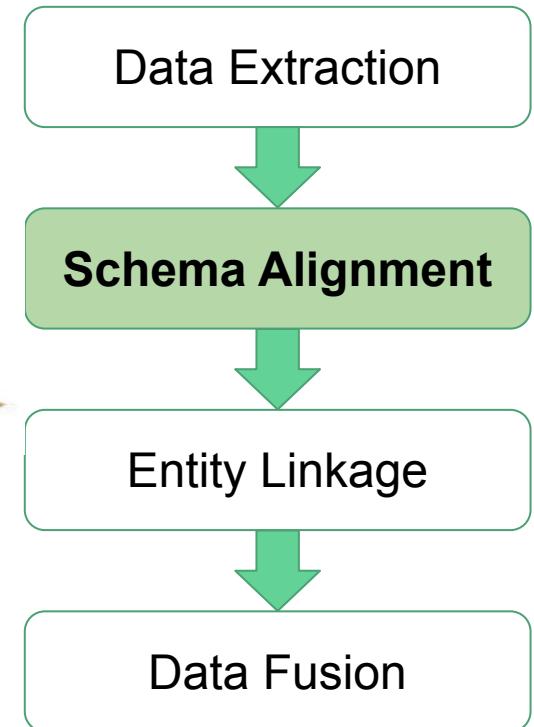
# Revisit: Recipe for Data Extraction

- Problem definition: **Extract structure from semi- or un-structured data**
- Short answers
  - **Wrapper induction has high prec/rec**
  - **Distant supervision is critical for collecting training data**
  - **DL effective for texts and LR is often effective for semi-stru data**



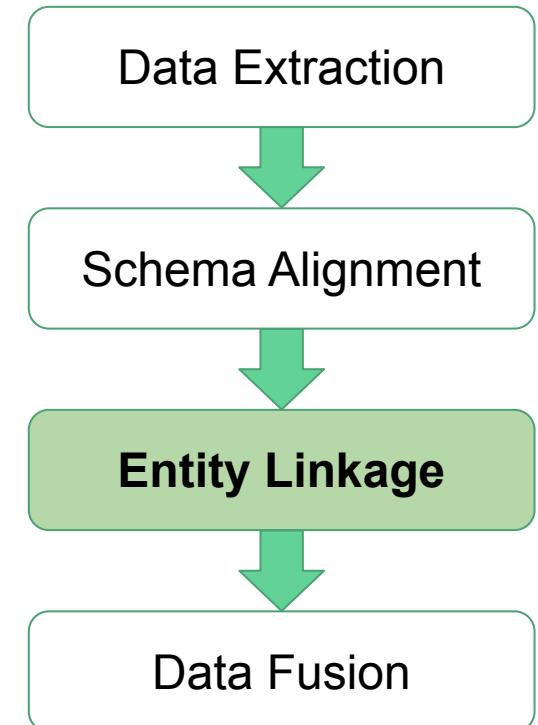
# Revisit: Recipe for Schema Alignment

- Problem definition: **Align attributes with the same semantics**
- Short answers
  - **Interactive semi-automatic mapping**
  - **DL-based universal schema revived the field**
  - **Combine schema matching and universal schema for future**



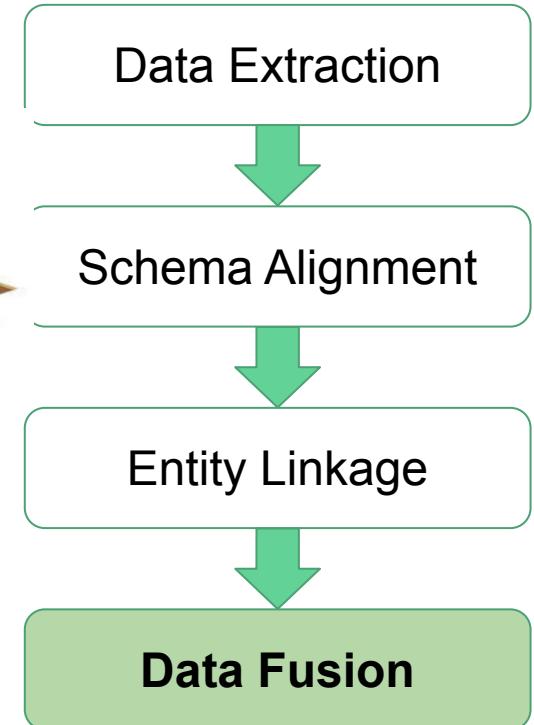
# Revisit: Recipe for Entity Linkage

- Problem definition: **Link references to the same entity**
- Short answers
  - **RF w. attribute-similarity features**
  - **DL to handle texts and noises**
  - **End-to-end solution is future work**



# Recipe for Data Fusion

- Problem definition: **Resolve conflicts and obtain correct values**
- Short answers
  - Reasoning about source quality is key and works for easy cases
  - Semi-supervised learning has shown BIG potential
  - Representation learning provides positive evidence for streamlining data fusion.



# DI and ML: A Natural Synergy

- Data is bottleneck of modern ML and AI applications
- DI-related methods and algorithms have revolutionized the way supervision is performed.
  - Weak supervision signals are integrated into training datasets
- Data integration solutions (e.g., data cataloging solutions) can lead to cheaper collection of training data and more effective data enrichment

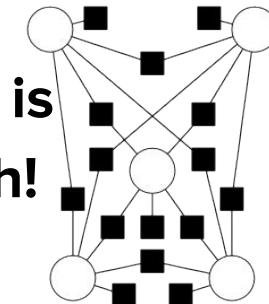
# Recipe for Data Cleaning

- Problem definition: **Detect and repair erroneous data.**
- Short answers
  - **ML can help partly-automate cleaning.**  
Domain-expertise is still required.
  - **Scalability of ML-based data cleaning methods is a pressing challenge. Exciting systems research!**
  - **We need more end-to-end systems!**

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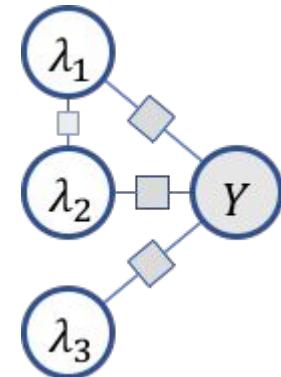
Each cell is a random variable  
Constraints introduce correlations  
c3: City, State, Address → Zip  
External data introduce evidence

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# Opportunities for DI

**One System vs. An Ecosystem:** Every RBMS is a monolithic system. This paradigm has failed for DI. Tools for different DI tasks are prevalent. We need abstractions and execution frameworks for such ecosystems.

**Humans-in-the-loop:** DI tasks can be very complex. Is weak supervision the right approach to inject domain knowledge? What about quality evaluation?

**Multi-modal DI:** ML-based DI has focused on structured data with the exception of DI over images using crowdsourcing and some recent efforts that target textual data. DL is the de facto solution to reasoning about high dimensional data. Can we help develop unified DI solutions for visual, textual, and structured data?

**Efficient Model Serving:** This means efficient model serving. Many compute-intensive operations such as normalization and blocking are required. Featurization may also rely on compute-heavy tasks (e.g., computing string similarity). What is the role of pipelining and RDBMS-style optimizations?

# Opportunities for ML

**Data Catalogs:** Data augmentation relies on data transformations performed on data records in a single dataset. How can we leverage data catalogs and data hubs to enable data augmentation go beyond a single dataset?

**Robust/Valuable Data for ML applications:** The DB community has focused on assessing the value of data [Dong et al., VLDB'12, Koutris et al., JACM 2015]. These ideas are not pervasive to ML but if ML is to become a commodity [Jordan, 2018] we need methods to reason about the value of data.

**DI for Benchmarks:** Increasing efforts on creating manually curated benchmarks for ML. Current efforts rely on manual collection and curation. How can we leverage meta-data and existing DI solutions to automate such efforts?

“How reliable are our current measures of progress in machine learning?”

*Do CIFAR-10 Classifiers Generalize to CIFAR-10?, Ben Recht et al., 2018*



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