

Statistical inference with graphical models

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What is the **Machine Learning problem?**

Guessing game

- We want to correctly classify an event.
- E.g., Guessing game: occupation of the attendee.
 - Input features x :
 - Glasses
 - Height
 - Gray hair
 - Clothe
 - ...
 - Output y :
 - Student or not student.

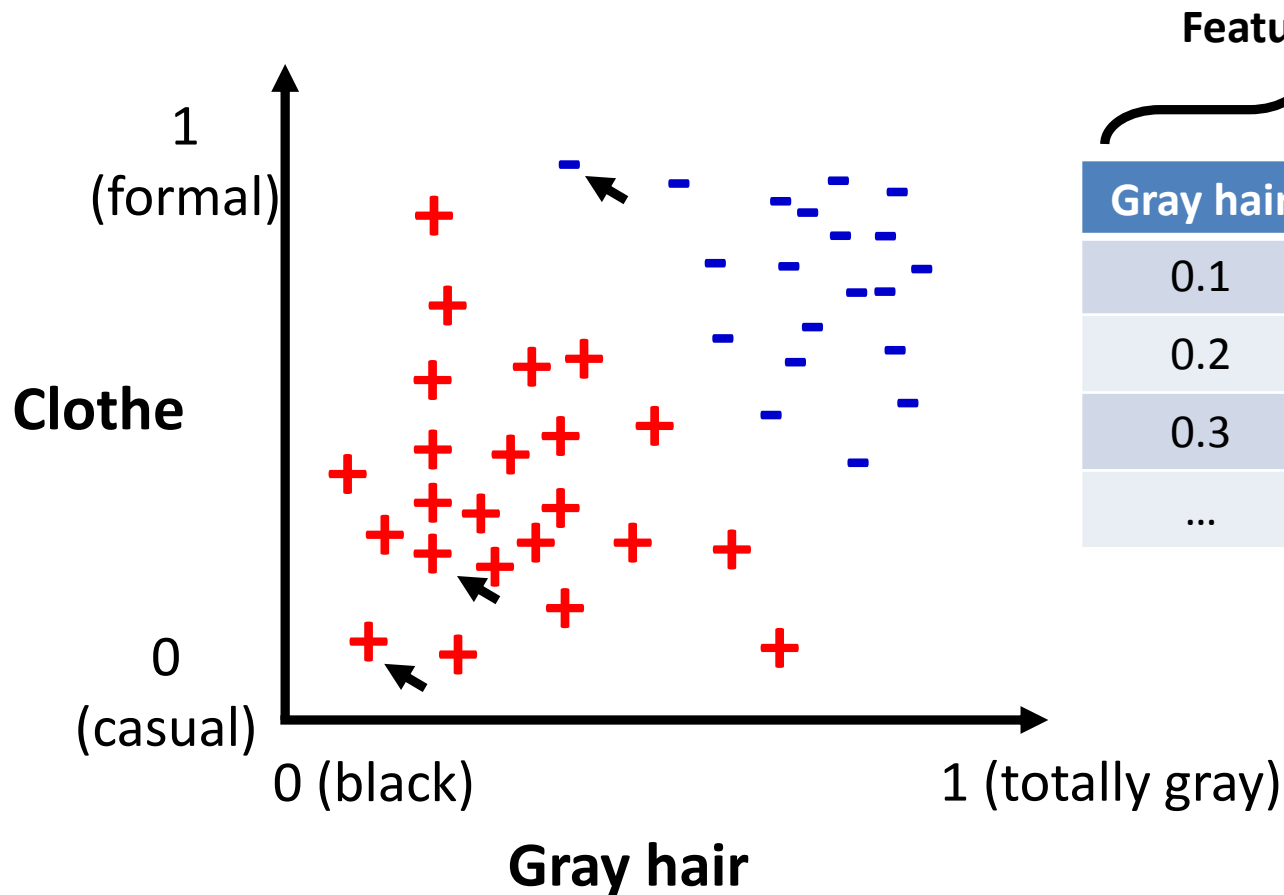
What are relevant **features**?

Features: “Gray Hair” and “Clothe”

- We want to classify data and label correctly.
- E.g., Guessing game: occupation of the attendee.
 - Input features x :
 - Glasses
 - Height
 - Gray hair (black:0 ~ completely gray:1)
 - Clothe (casual:0 ~ formal:1)
 - ...
 - Output y :
 - Student (+) or not student(-).

How does the **data** look like?

Let's plot the data (x,y)

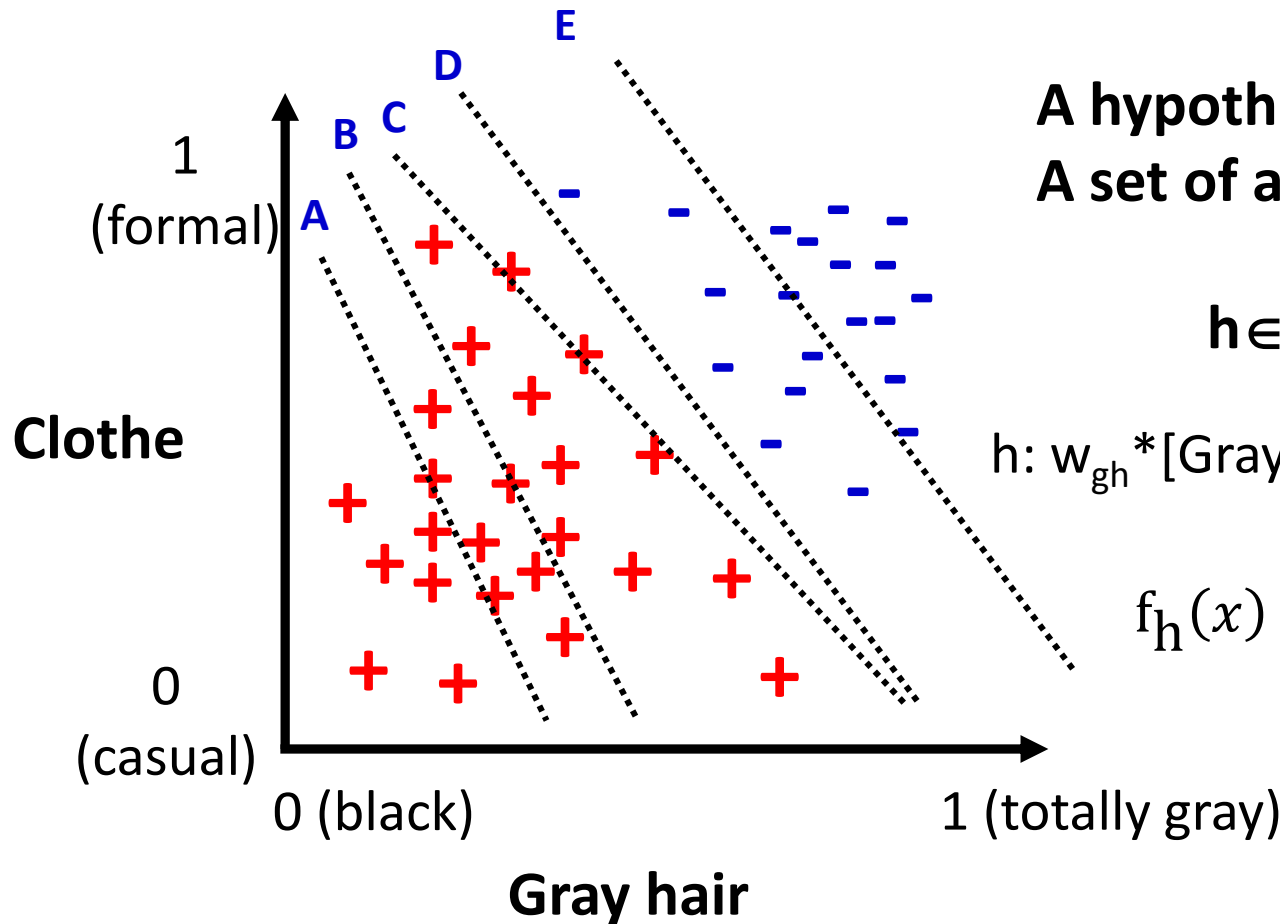


Features: x Label: y

Gray hair	Clothe	Student
0.1	0.1	Yes
0.2	0.3	Yes
0.3	1	No
...

How can we classify the data points?

With a **hypothesis** space: e.g., lines



A hypothesis space H :
A set of all separating lines

$$h \in H$$

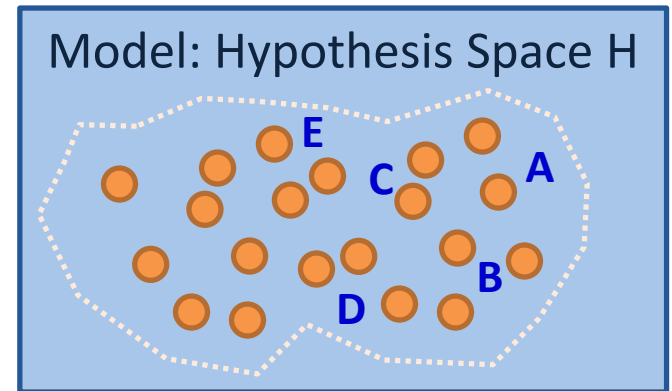
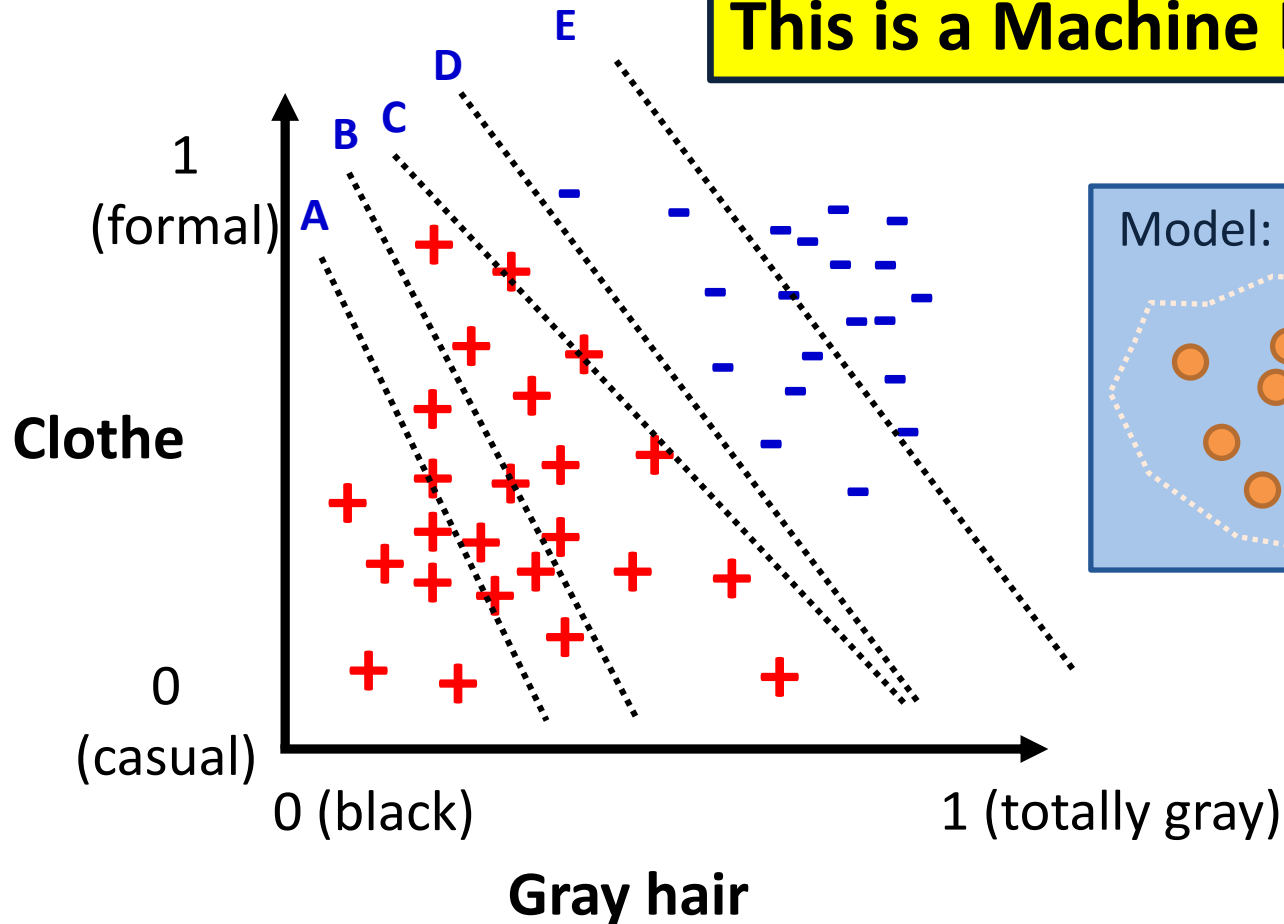
$$h: w_{gh} * [\text{Gray hair}] + w_c * [\text{Clothe}] < \theta$$

$$f_h(x) = \begin{cases} +, & w \cdot x < \theta \\ -, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

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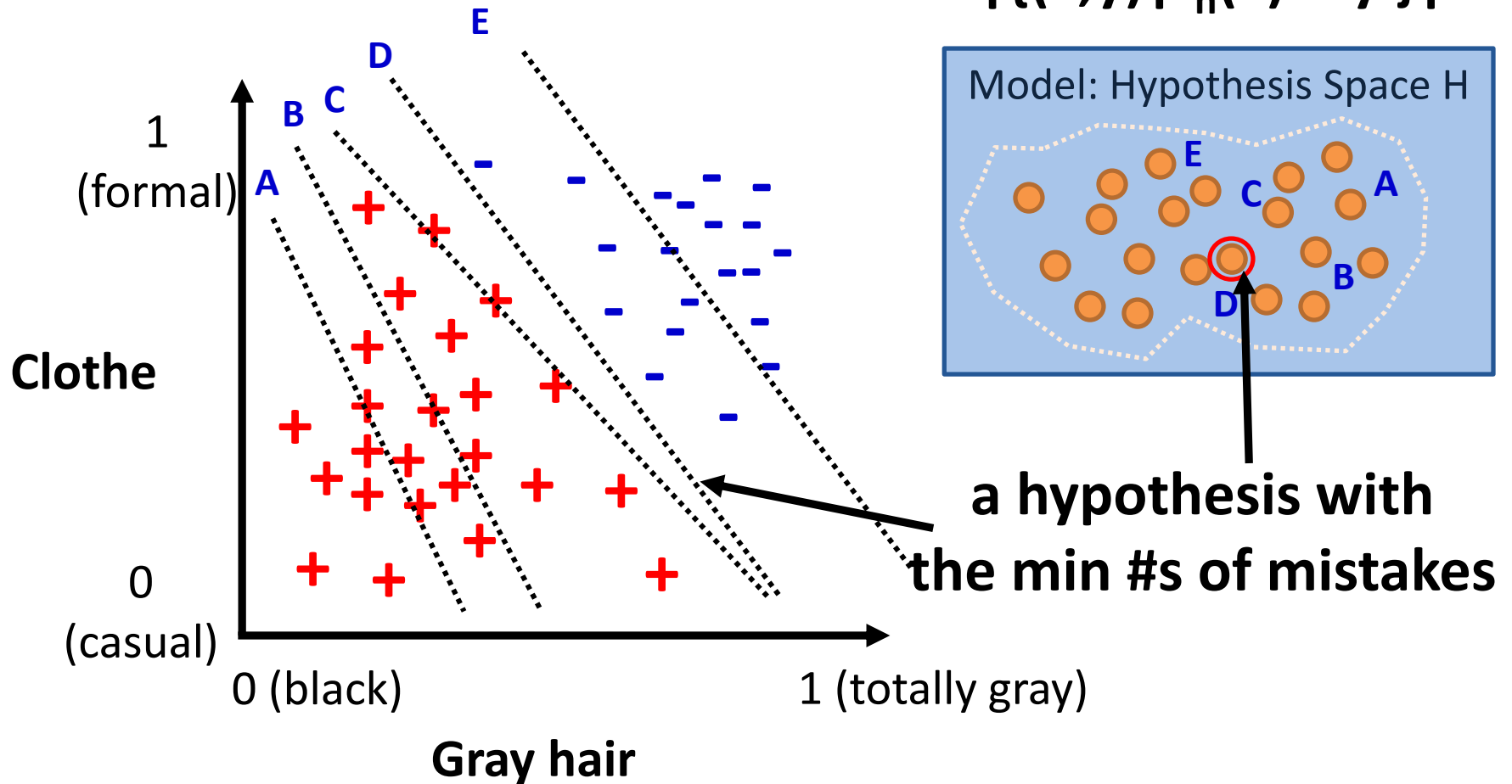
This is a Machine Learning Model



What is the **best** hypothesis?

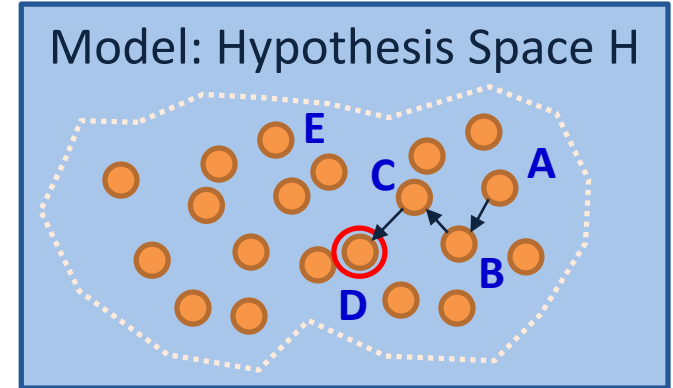
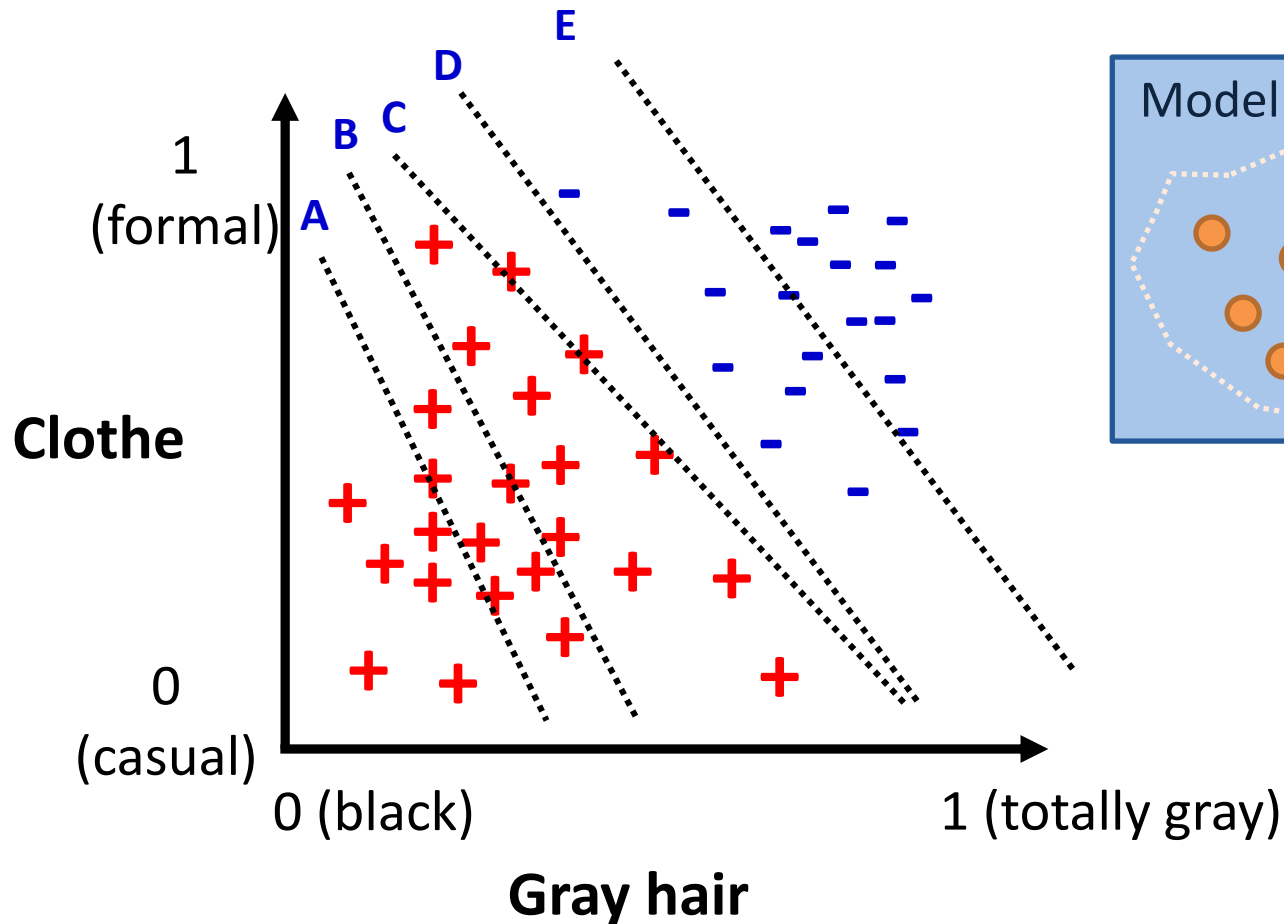
Based on a measure: e.g., # of mistakes

$$= |\{(x,y) \mid f_h(x) \neq y\}|$$



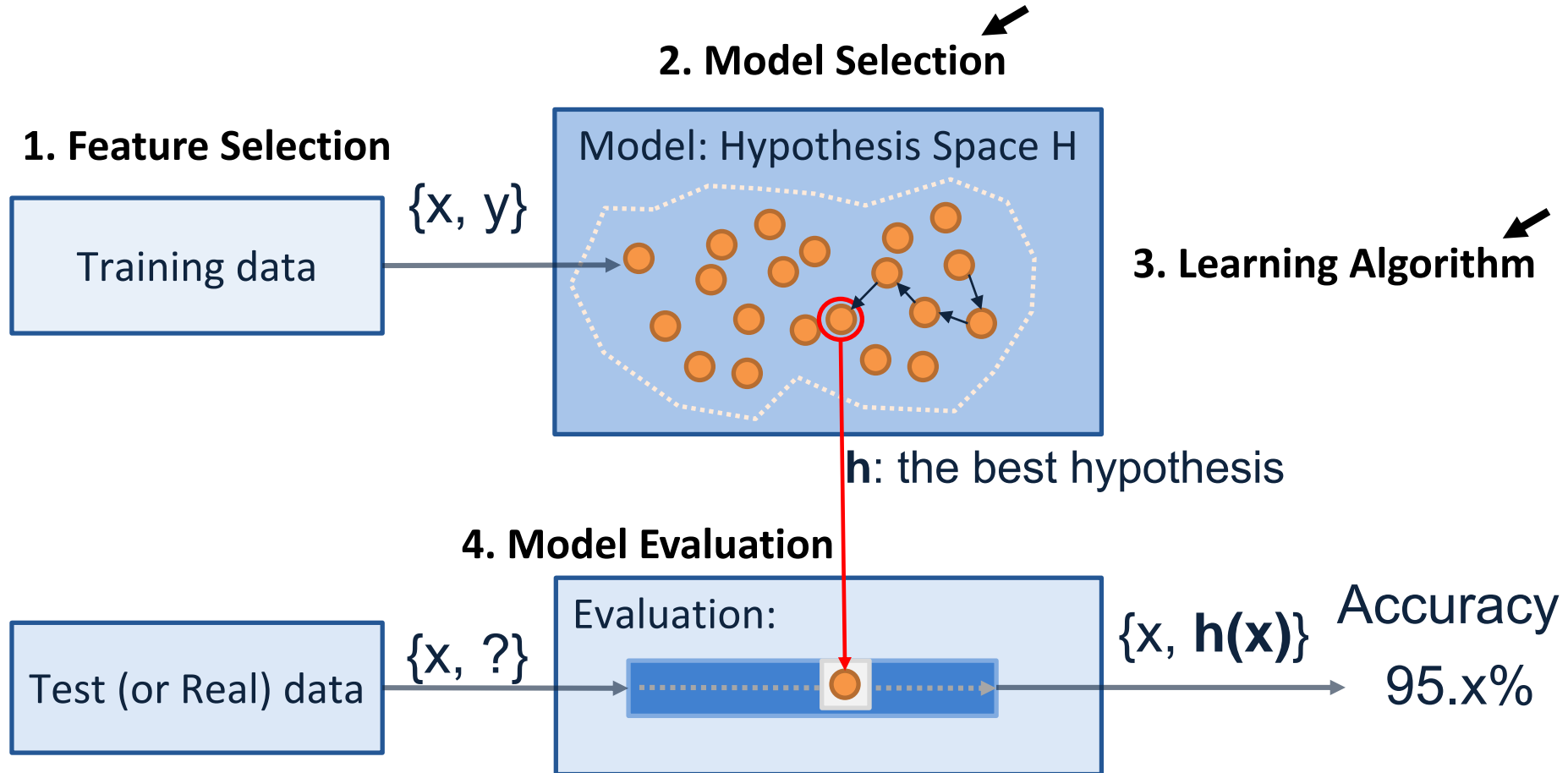
How can we learn the best Hypothesis?

With **learning (searching) algo.:** e.g., **Gradient Decent**



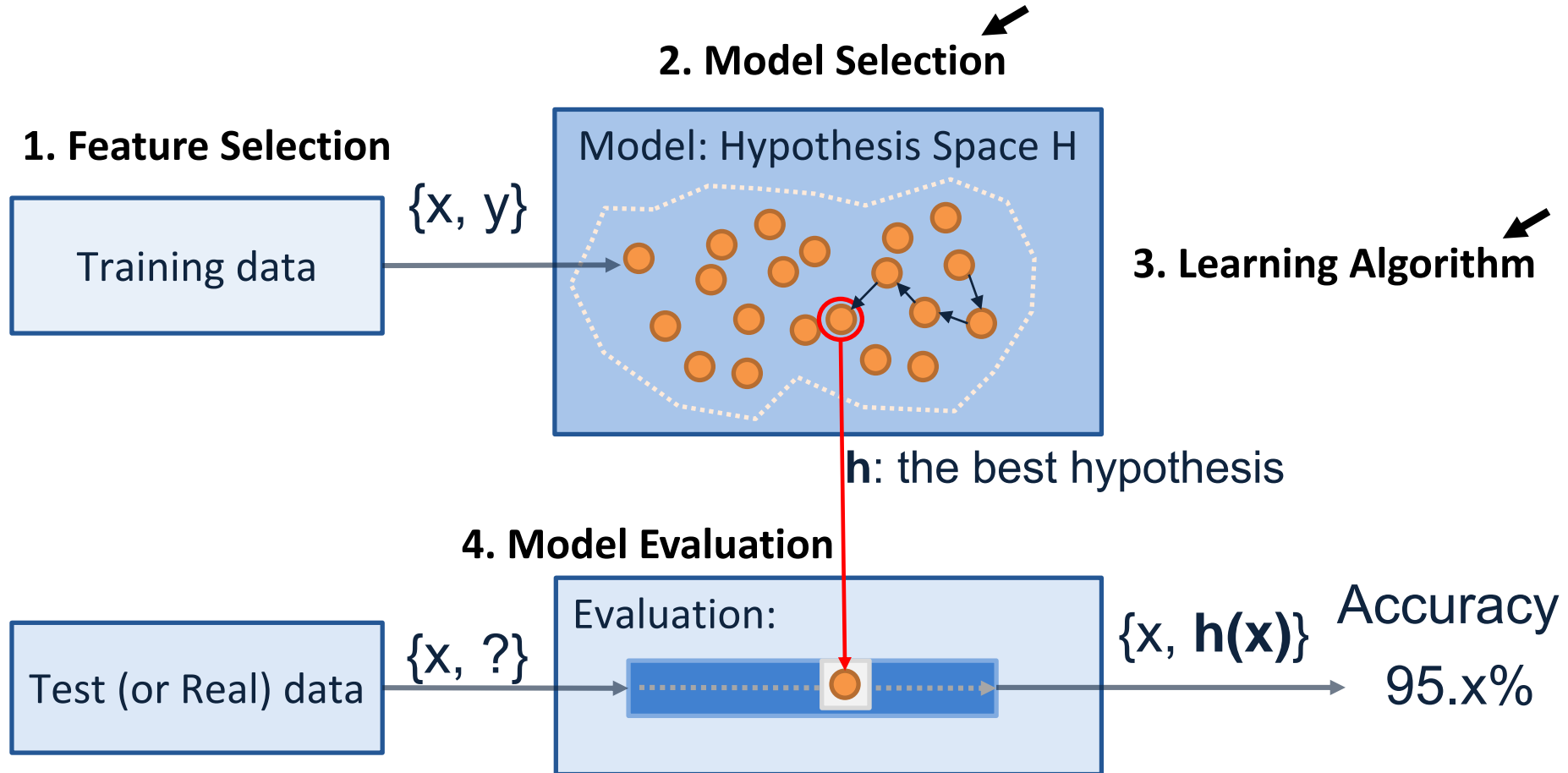
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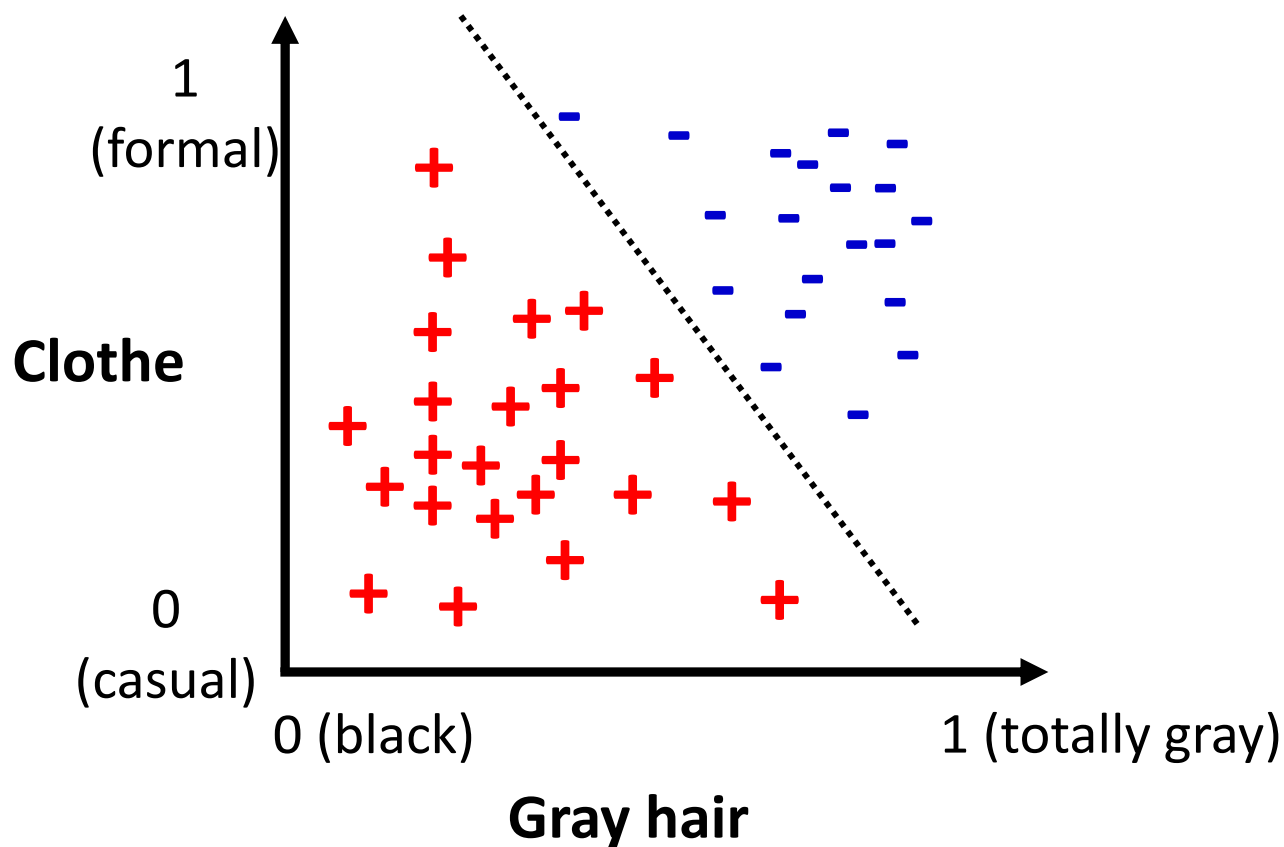
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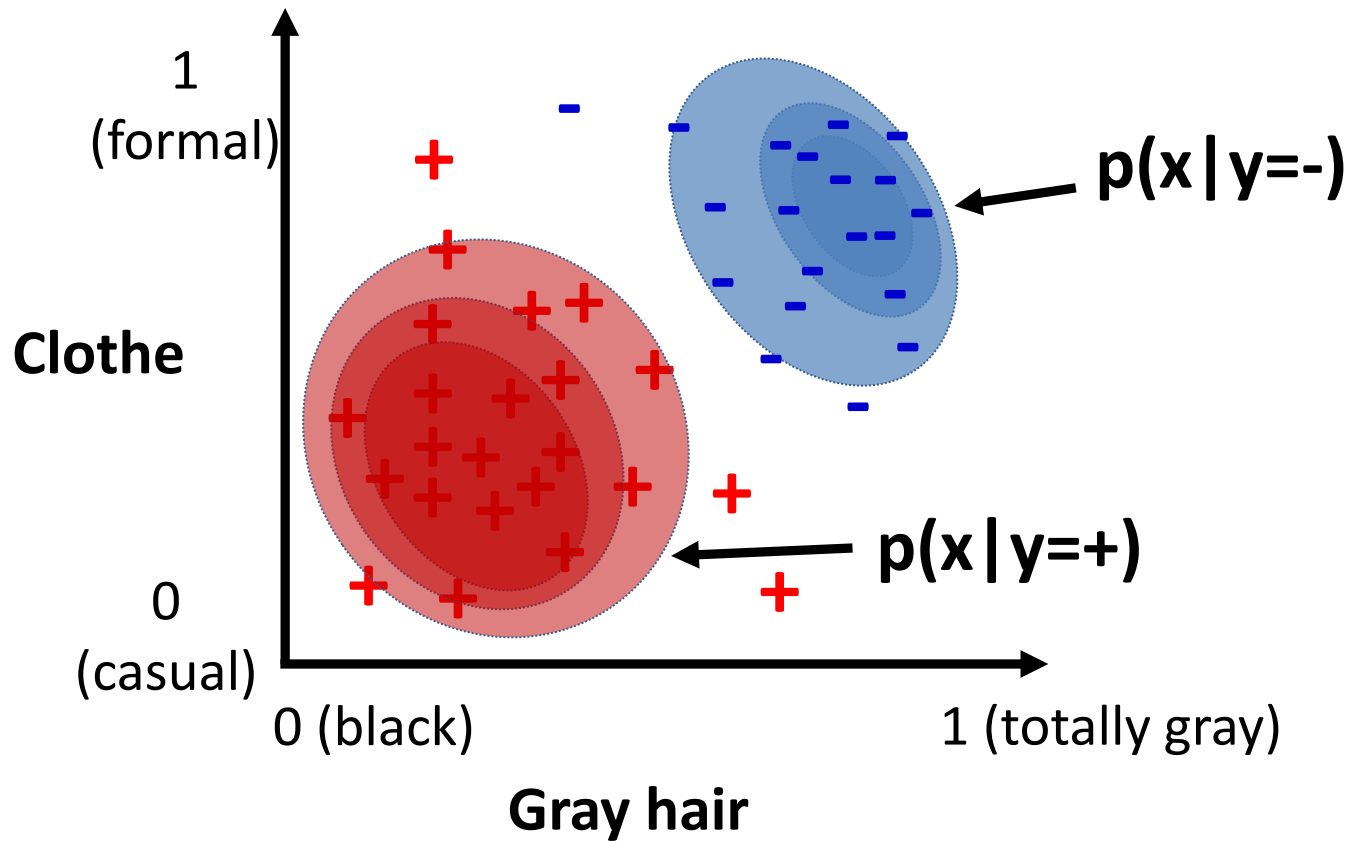
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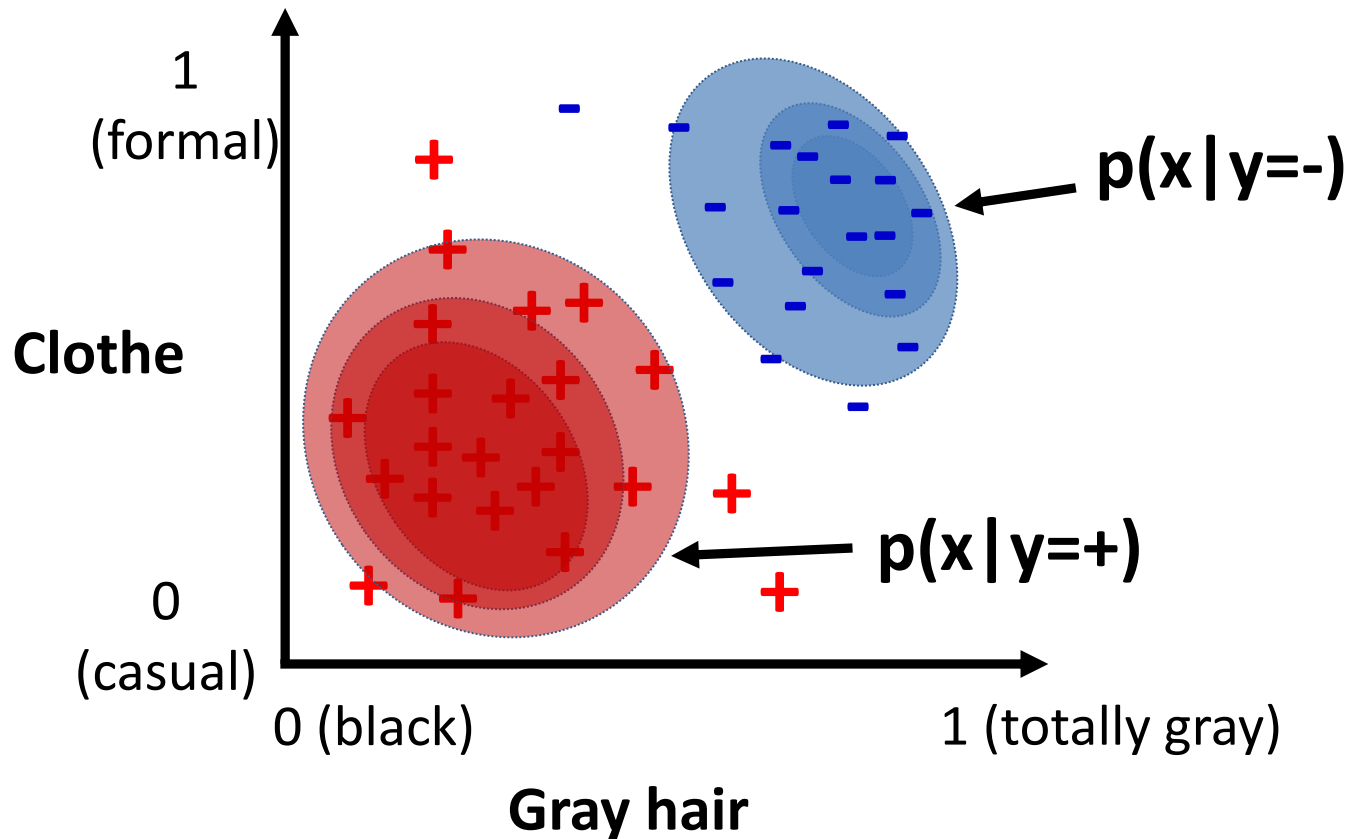
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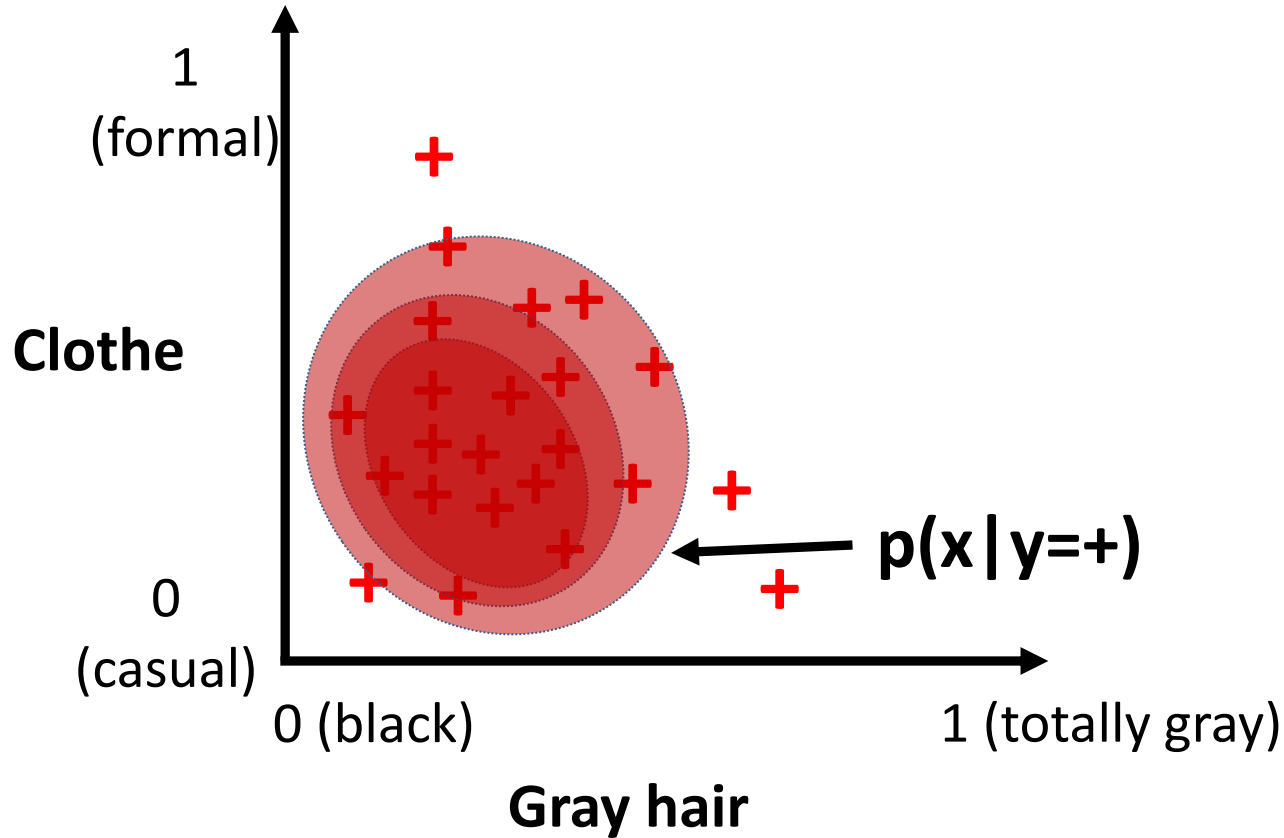
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If we can model $p(x|y=-)$ and $p(x|y=+)$, we can answer $p(y|x)$.



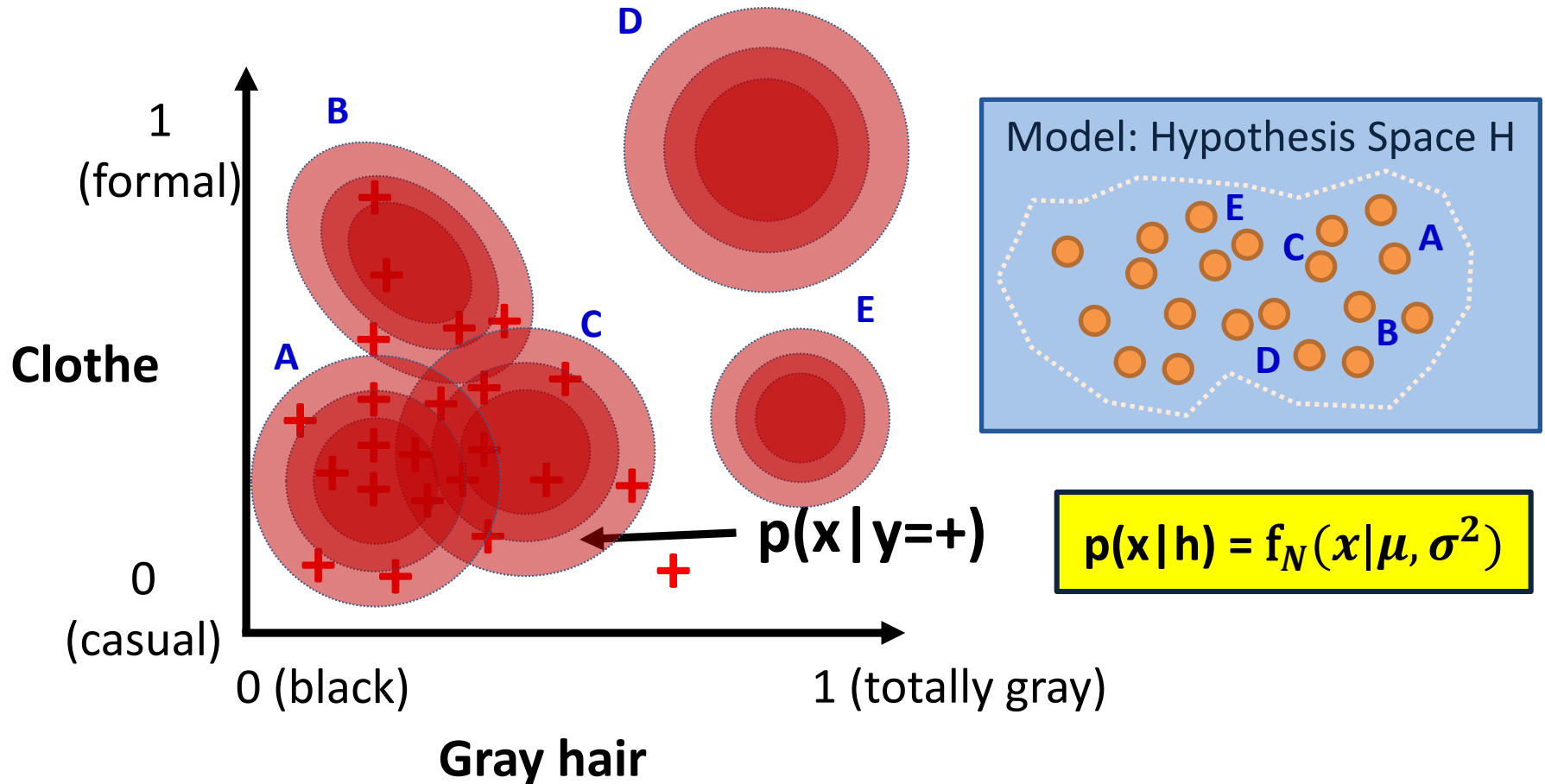
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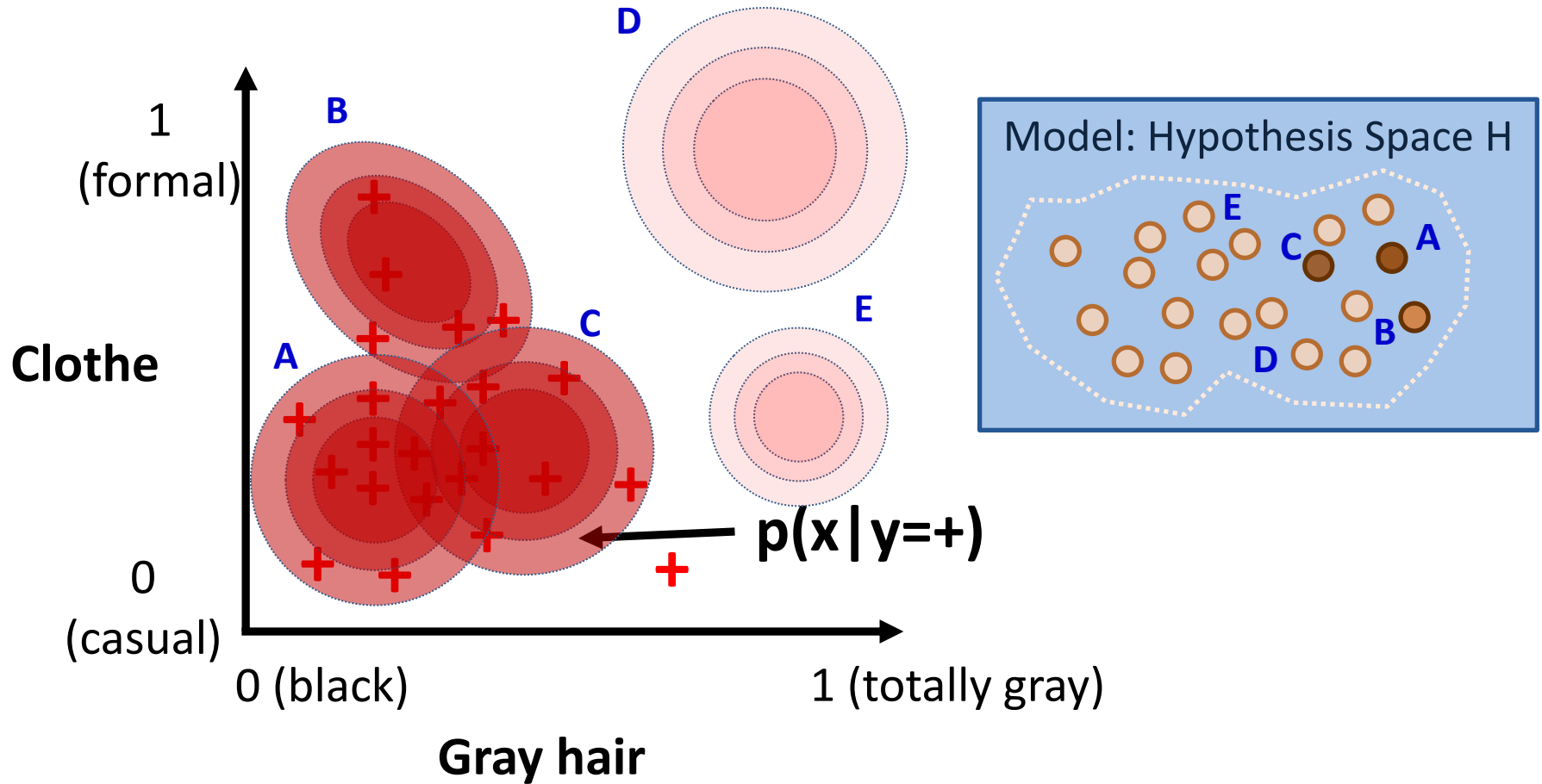
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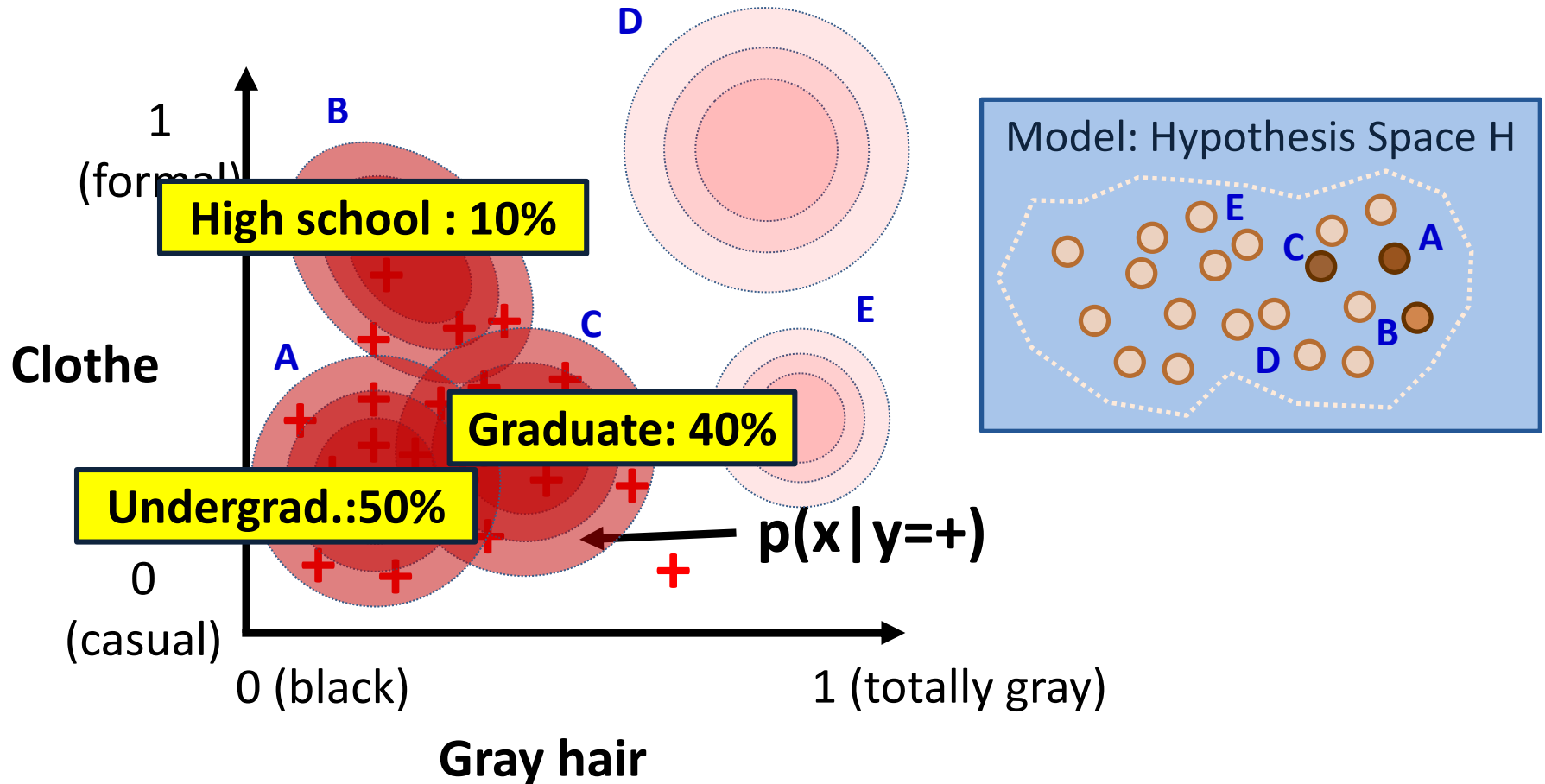
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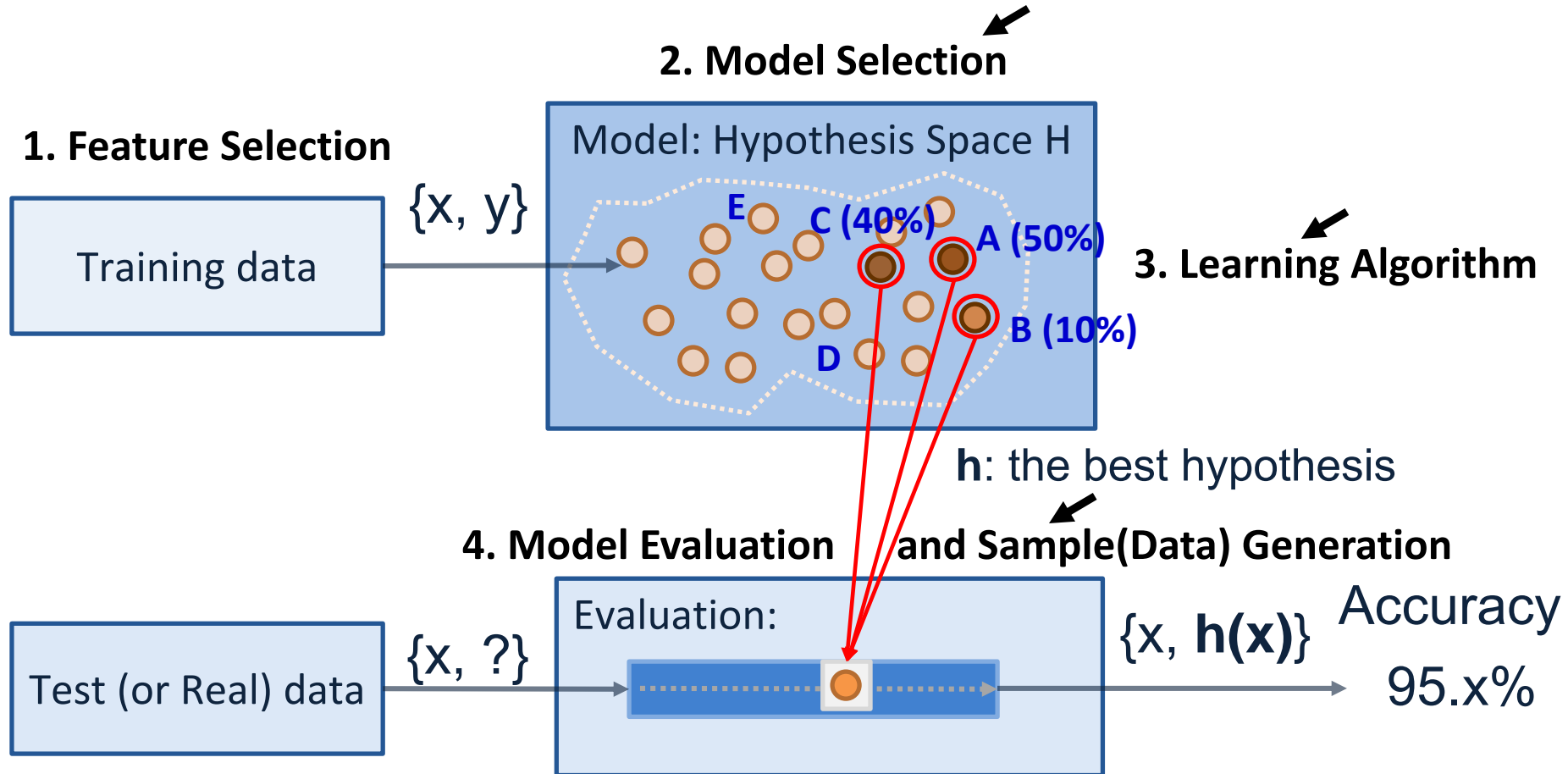
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Machine Learning: **Big Picture** Generative Model



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What if, x includes many features beyond gray hair & clothe?

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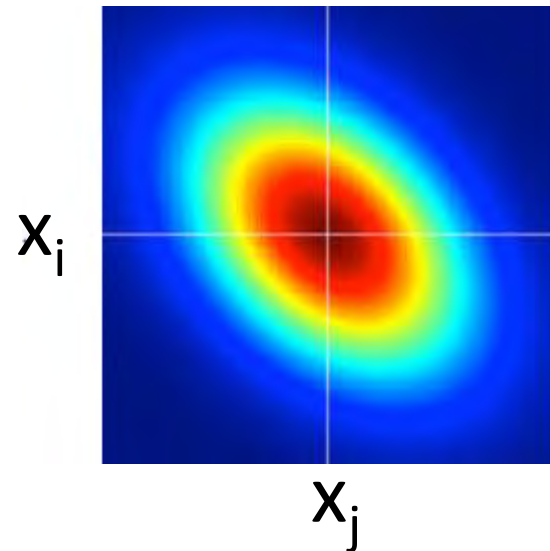
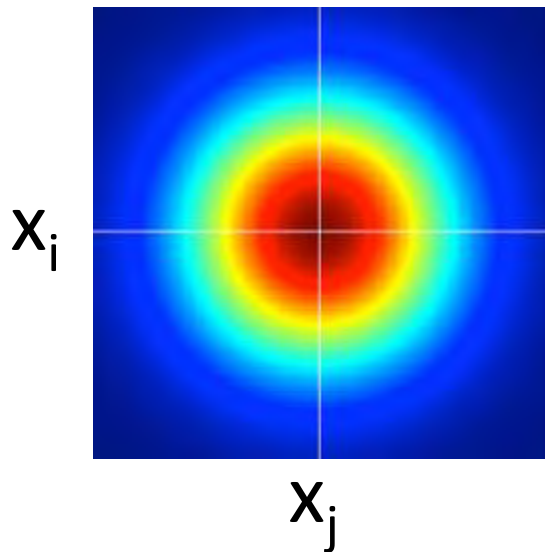
Problem: (1) It's hard to learn the entries;
(2) they may be independent each other.

Independent Random Variables

- Independence of variables

$$p(x_i, x_j) = p(x_i)p(x_j)$$

- E.g., Bivariate Gaussian, $p(x_i, x_j) = f_N(x_i, x_j; \mu, \Sigma)$
- Which two variables are independent?



Factor Graphs

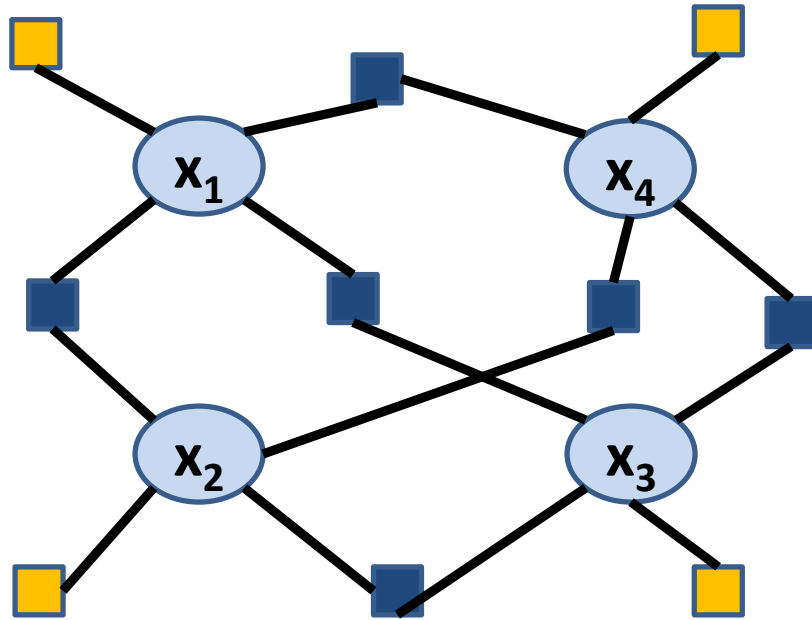
- The probability of a joint assignment of values x to the set of variables X is computed as:



$$p(X = x) = \frac{\prod_{f \in \text{Factors}} f(x\{f\})}{Z}$$

Normalizing constant
(or Partition function)

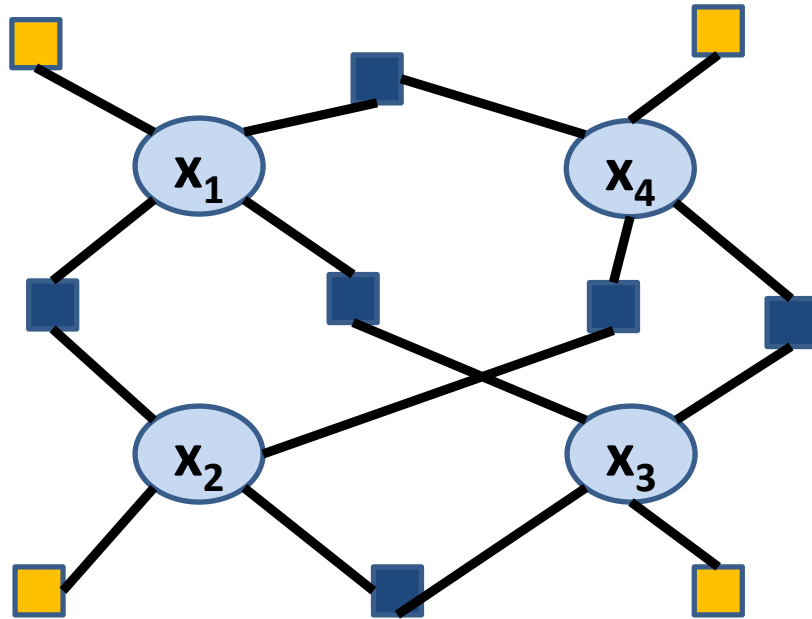
Subset of variables that
participate in the
computation of f

Factor Graphs: Log-Linear Rep



- Each  represents $\exp(\theta_L, f_i(x_i))$
- Each  represents $\exp(\theta_G, f_{i,j}(x_i, x_j))$

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For example, in the Ising Model the possible assignments are $\{-1,+1\}$ and one has

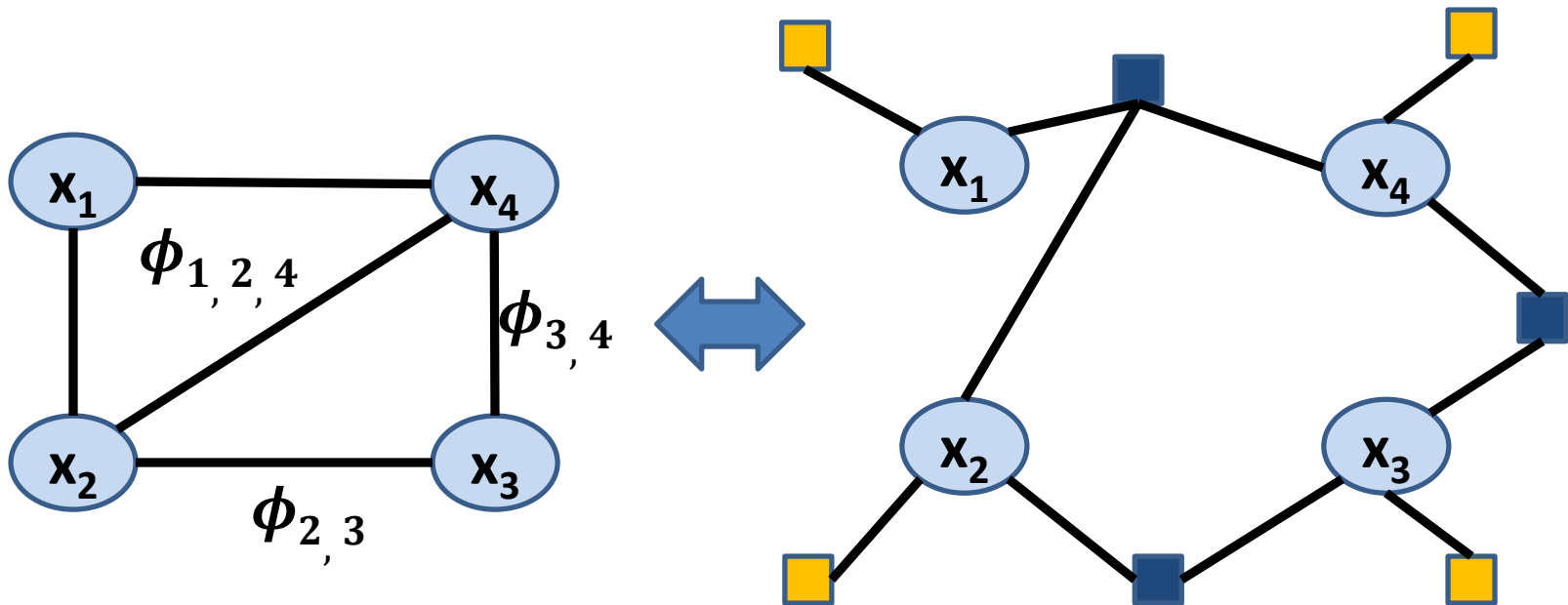
$$\phi_{i,j} = \exp(\theta_{i,j}x_i x_j)$$

Positive $\theta_{i,j}$ encourages neighboring nodes to have the same assignment

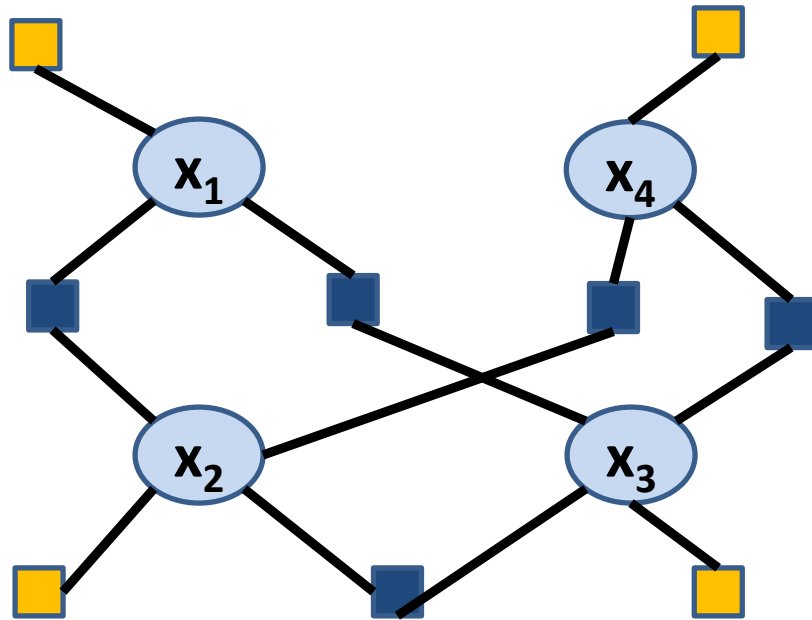
Negative $\theta_{i,j}$ encourages contrasting assignment

Markov Networks

- Markov networks (aka Markov random fields) can be viewed as a special cases of factor graphs.



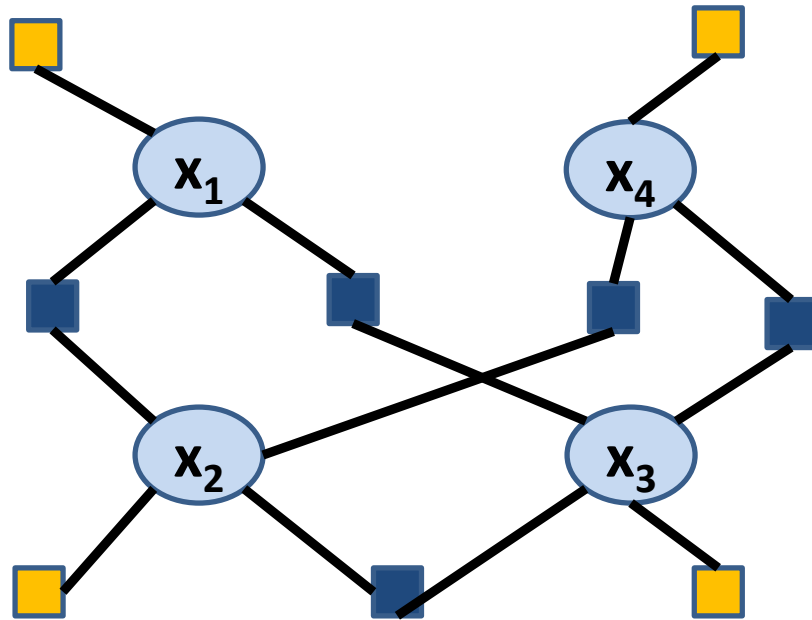
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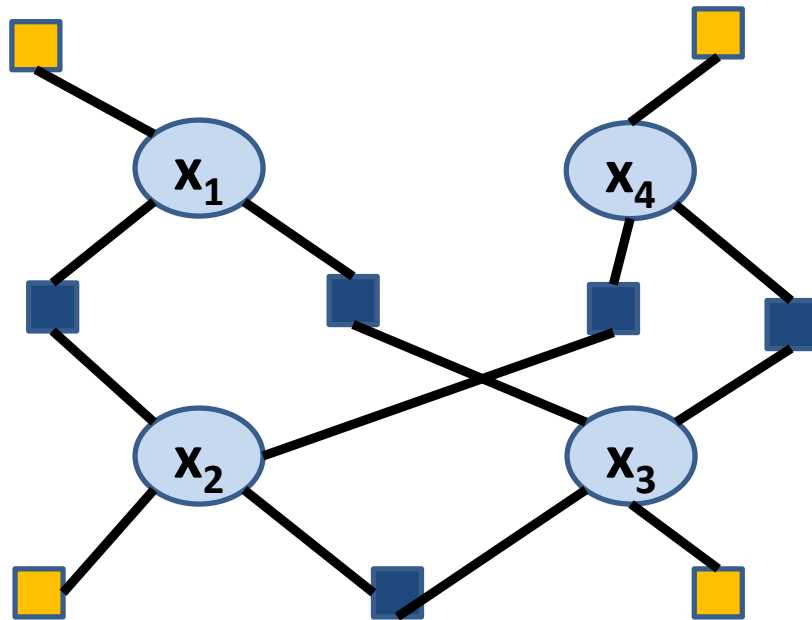


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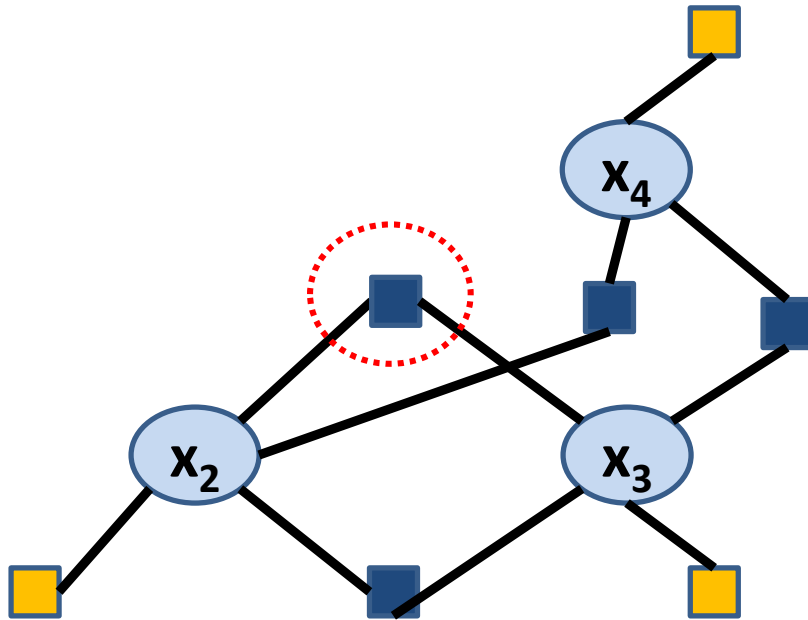
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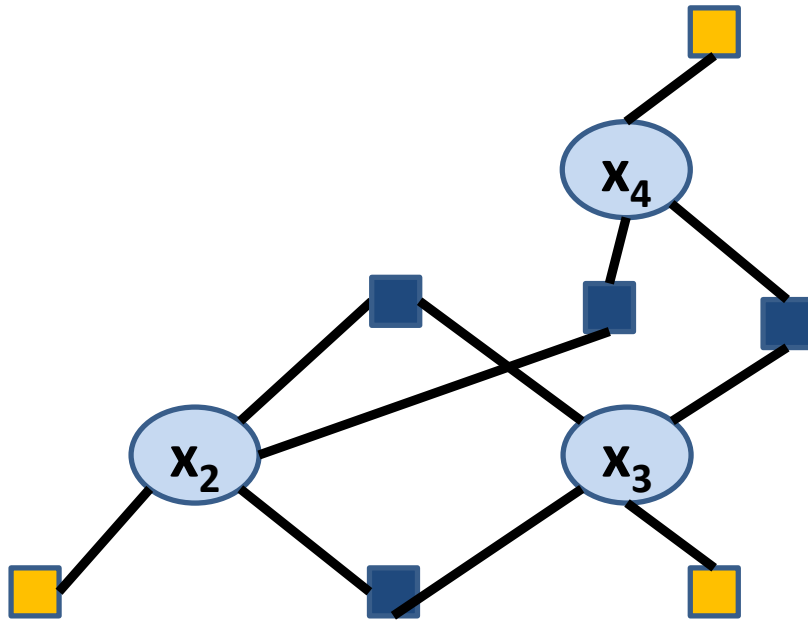


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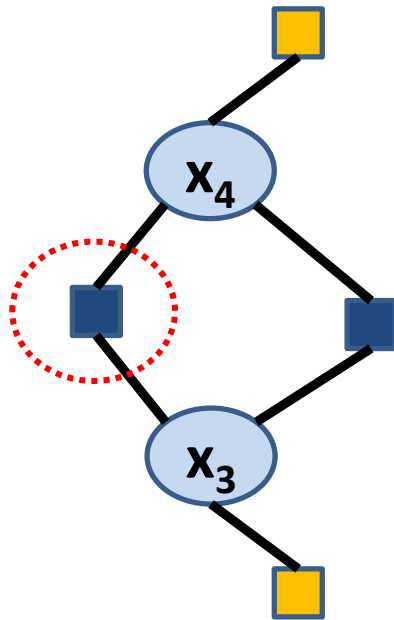
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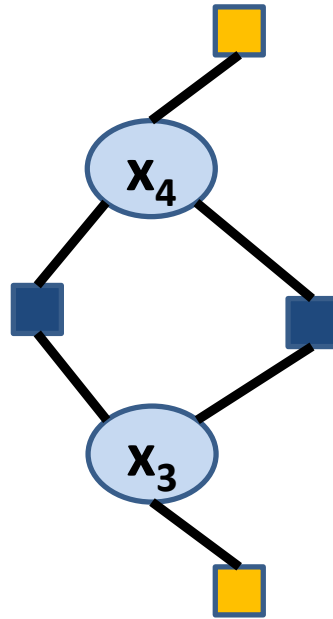
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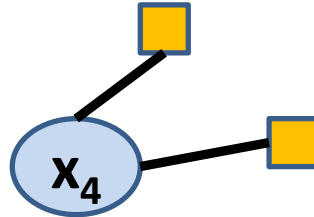
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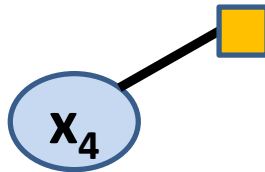
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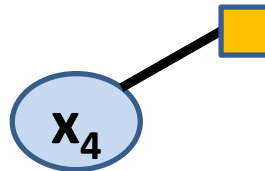
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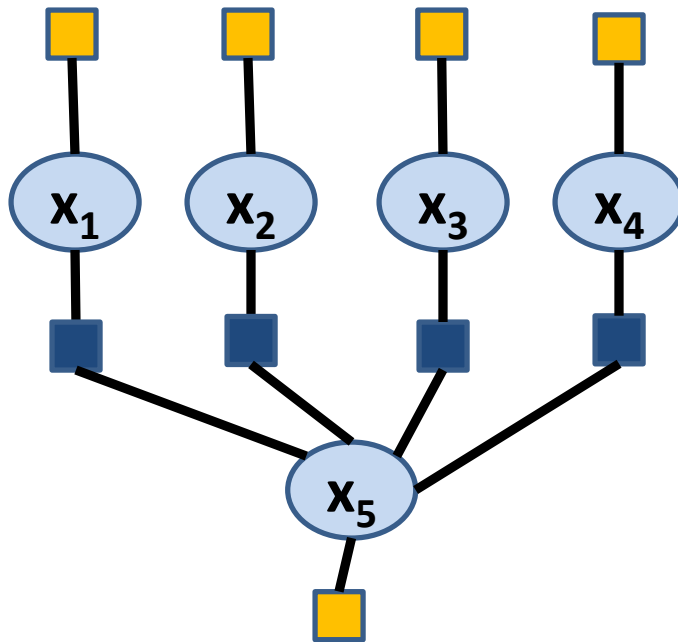
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**We summed (eliminated) out variables.
It is called “Variable Elimination”**

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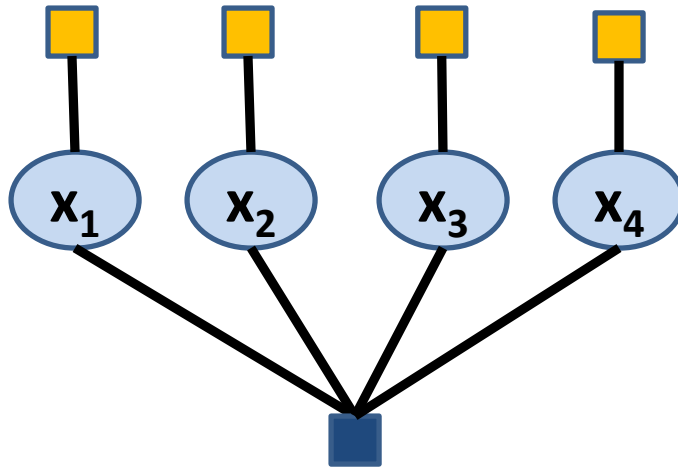
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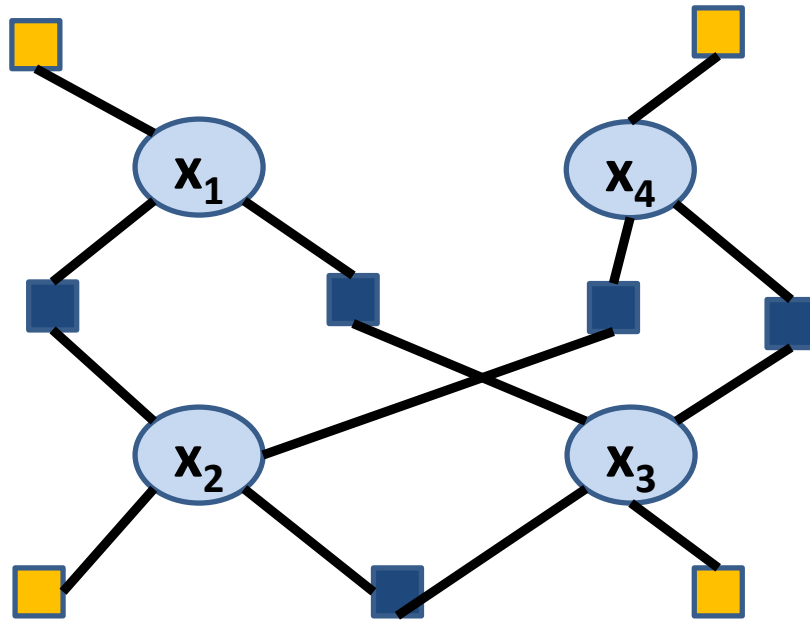
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**The computational complexity is exponential to the treewidth
(the size of largest clique in a junction tree)**

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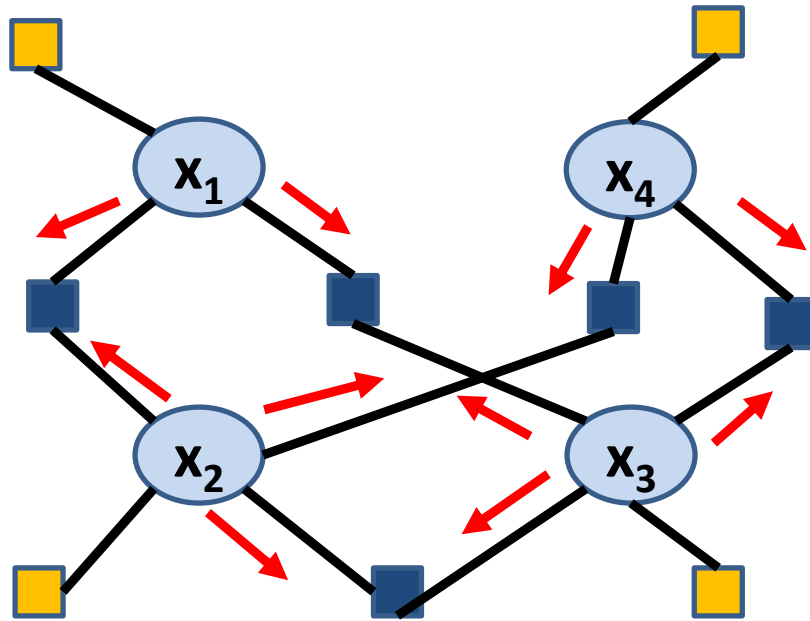


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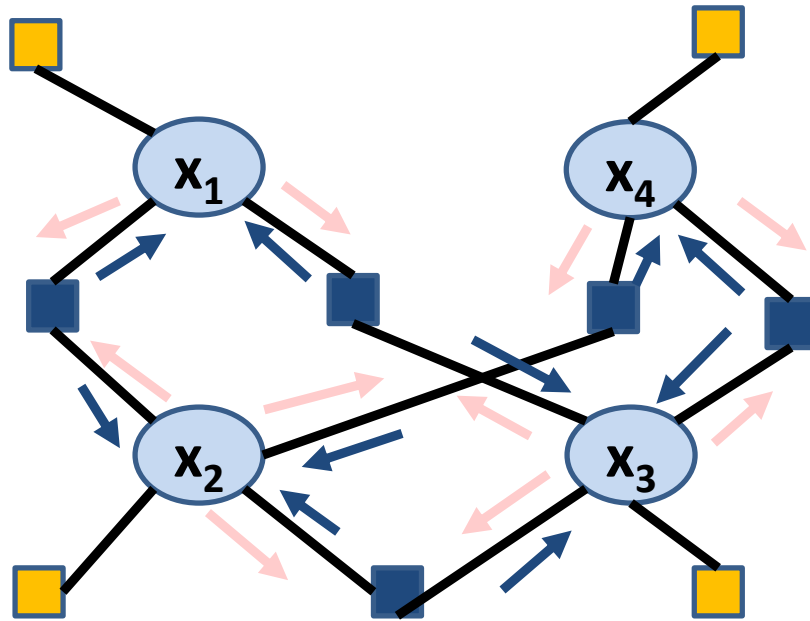
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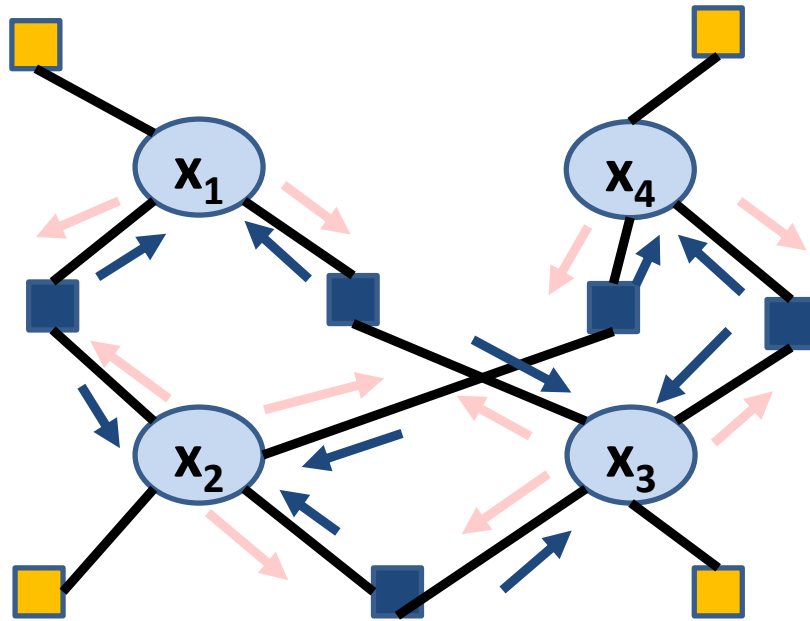
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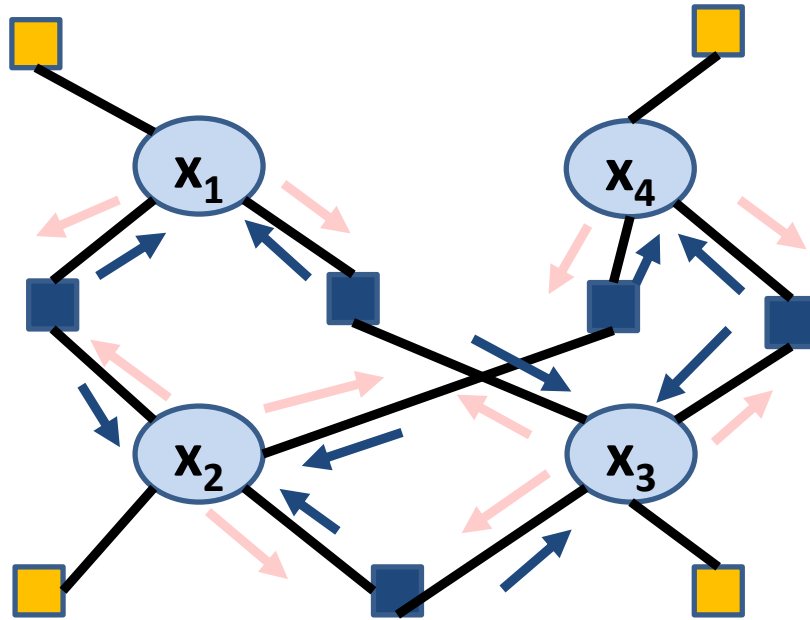
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We hope that it converges to a close-to-optimal value.

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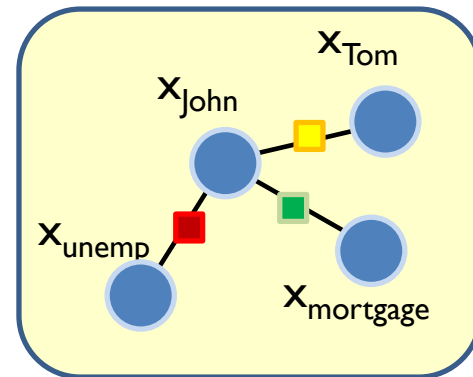
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How to Estimate Future Events with Graphical Models?

- Choose a graphical model: e.g.,
 - Bayesian Networks,
 - Markov Random Fields,
 - Kalman Filter
- Collect observations:
 - Tom sold his home at \$0.5 million.
 - The mortgage rates increased(\uparrow) to average 5.5%.
 - The unemployment rate downed(\downarrow) to 7%.
- Compute conditional probabilities by relationships:



P(value of John's home | observations)

Estimating Future Events with Large-Scale Graphical Models

- Estimating future events is essential in
 - Financial markets (**housing**)
 - Environment (**extreme weather, groundwater**)
 - Energy (**smart grid**)



housing



weather



energy

Challenges: Large-Scale Models

- Hard to handle large numbers of elements
 - US housing market: **75.56 million** house units
 - Hurricane Sandy: spanning 1,100 miles (1,800 km)
- Computational Complexities
 - Kalman filter:
 $O(n^3) = O(75.56^3 \cdot 10^6 \text{ trillion})$
 - Dynamic Bayesian Networks and Markov Random Field:
 $O(\exp^n) = O(\exp^{75.56 \text{ million}})$

Some Elements Share Relationships

- Elements share Relationships
 - If mortgage $\uparrow 1\%$ \rightarrow price of Tom's home $\downarrow 3\%$
 - If mortgage $\uparrow 1\%$ \rightarrow price of John's home $\downarrow 3\%$
 - If mortgage $\uparrow 1\%$ \rightarrow price of any home in the town $\downarrow 3\%$

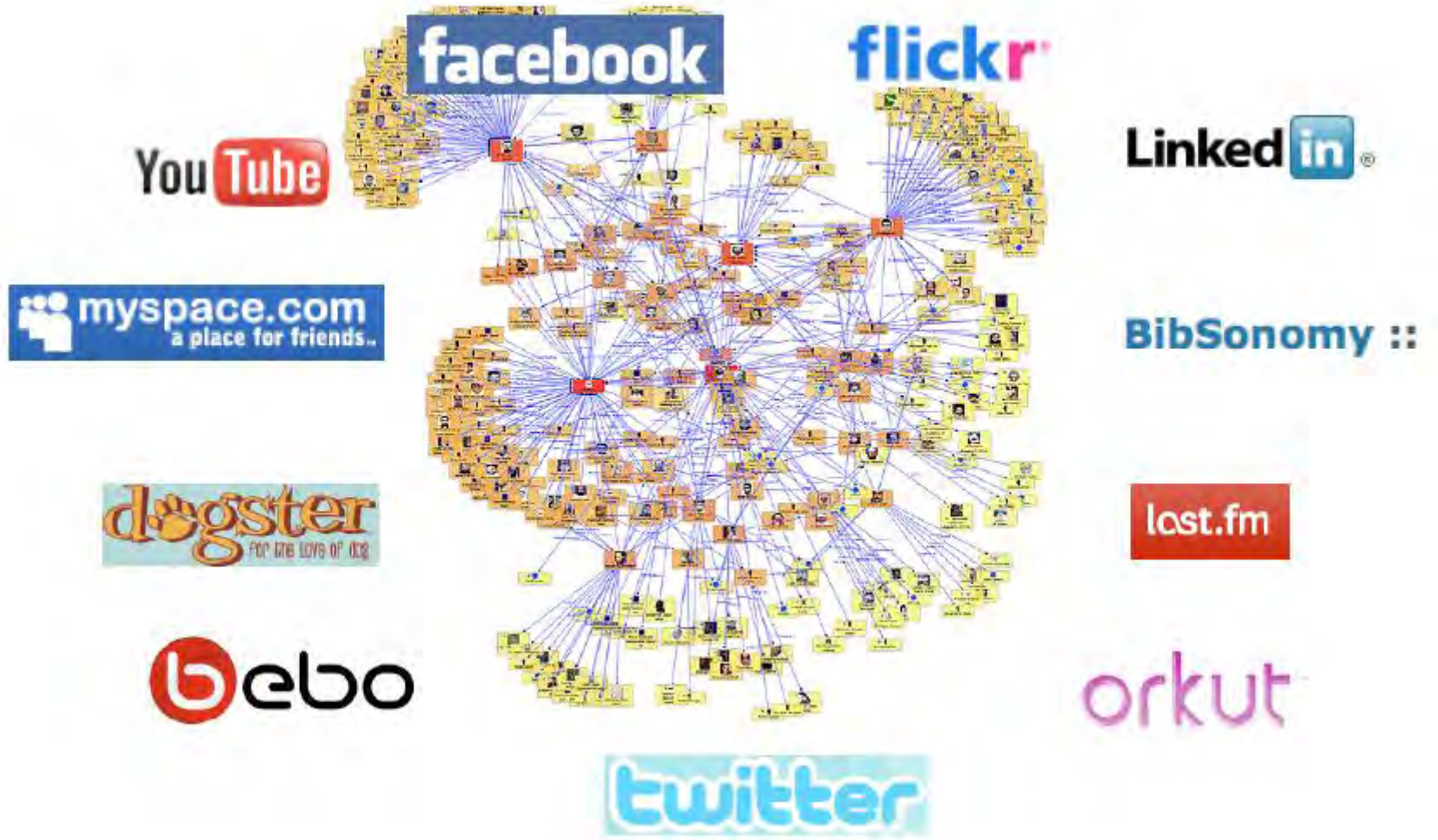
- Relations over clusters
 - Town = {Tom, John, ... }
 - $\Delta(\text{price of } name\text{'s home})$
 $= -3\Delta\text{Mortgage} + \varepsilon$
 - $name \in \text{Town}$
 - $\varepsilon \sim N(0, \Sigma)$, Gaussian Noise



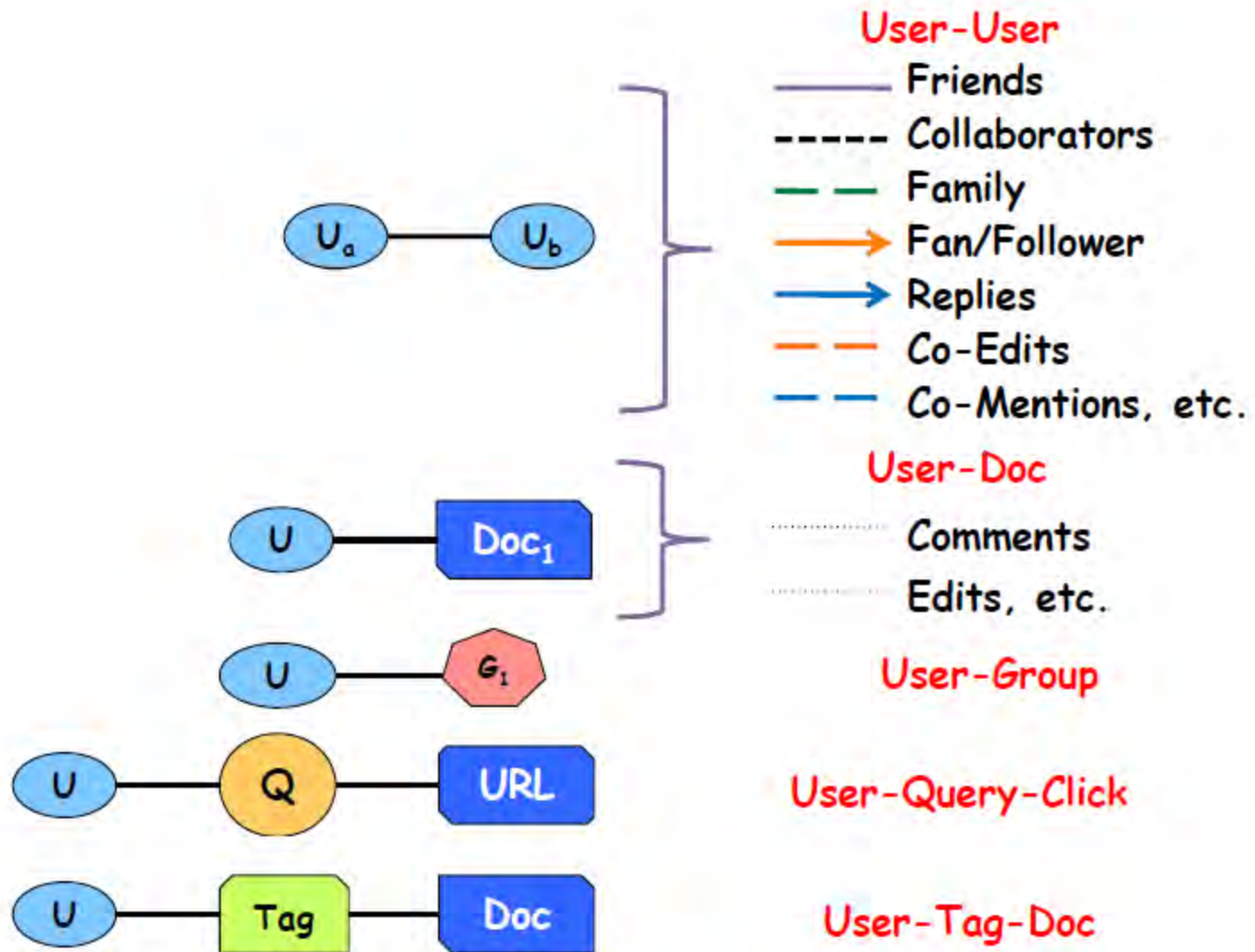
Relational Graphical Models or Statistical Relational Learning (SRL)

- Traditional statistical machine learning approaches assume
 - A random sample of homogeneous objects from single relation
 - Independent, identically distributed (IID)
- Traditional relational machine learning approaches assume:
 - Logical language for describing structure in sample
 - No noise and no uncertainty
- Real world data sets:
 - Multi-relational and heterogeneous
 - Noisy and uncertainty

Example: Social Media

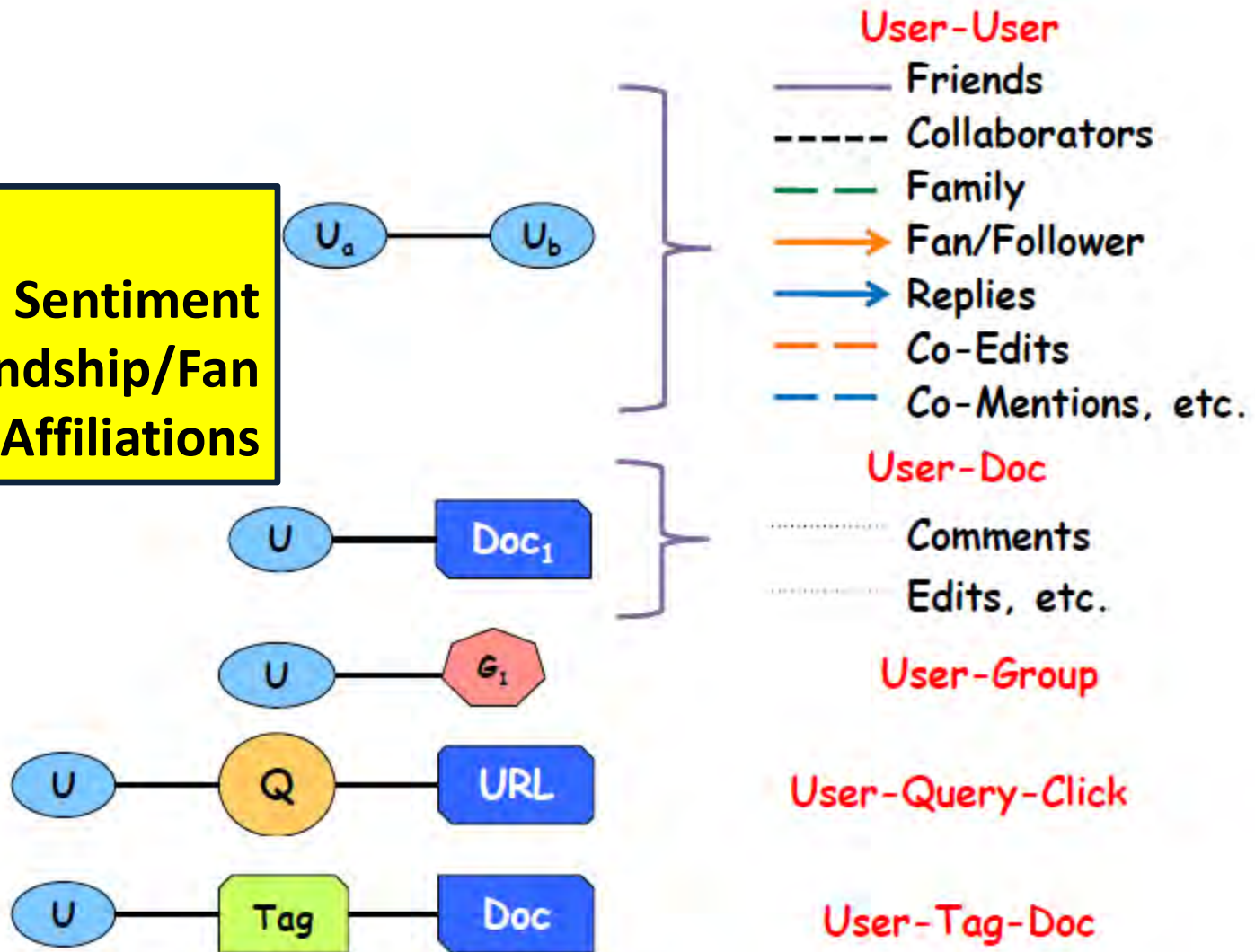


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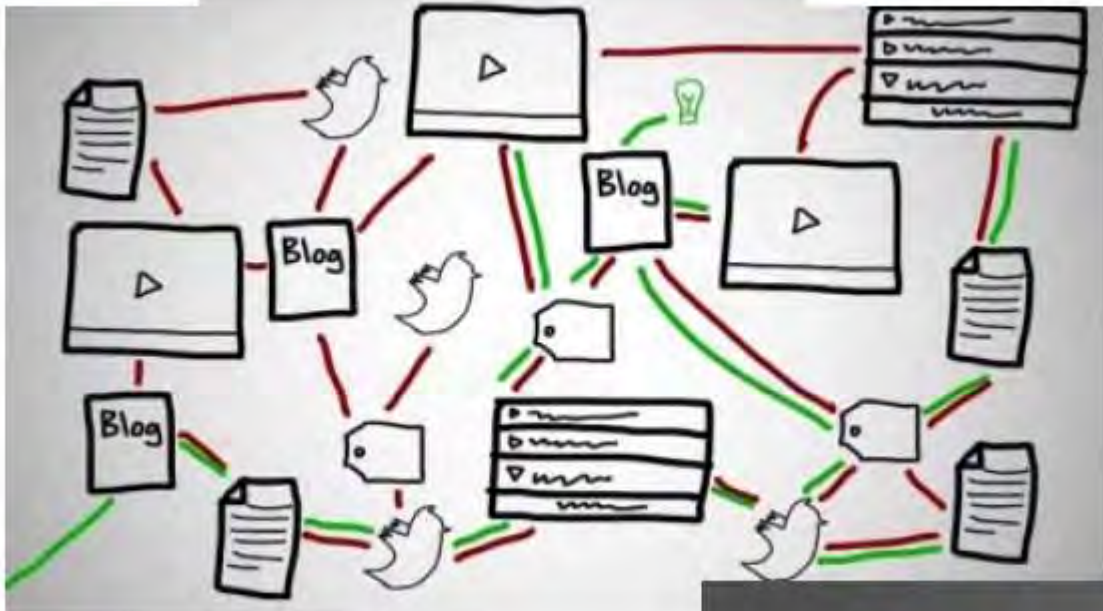
Predict:
Sentiment
Friendship/Fan
Affiliations



Massively Open Online Courses (MOOCs)

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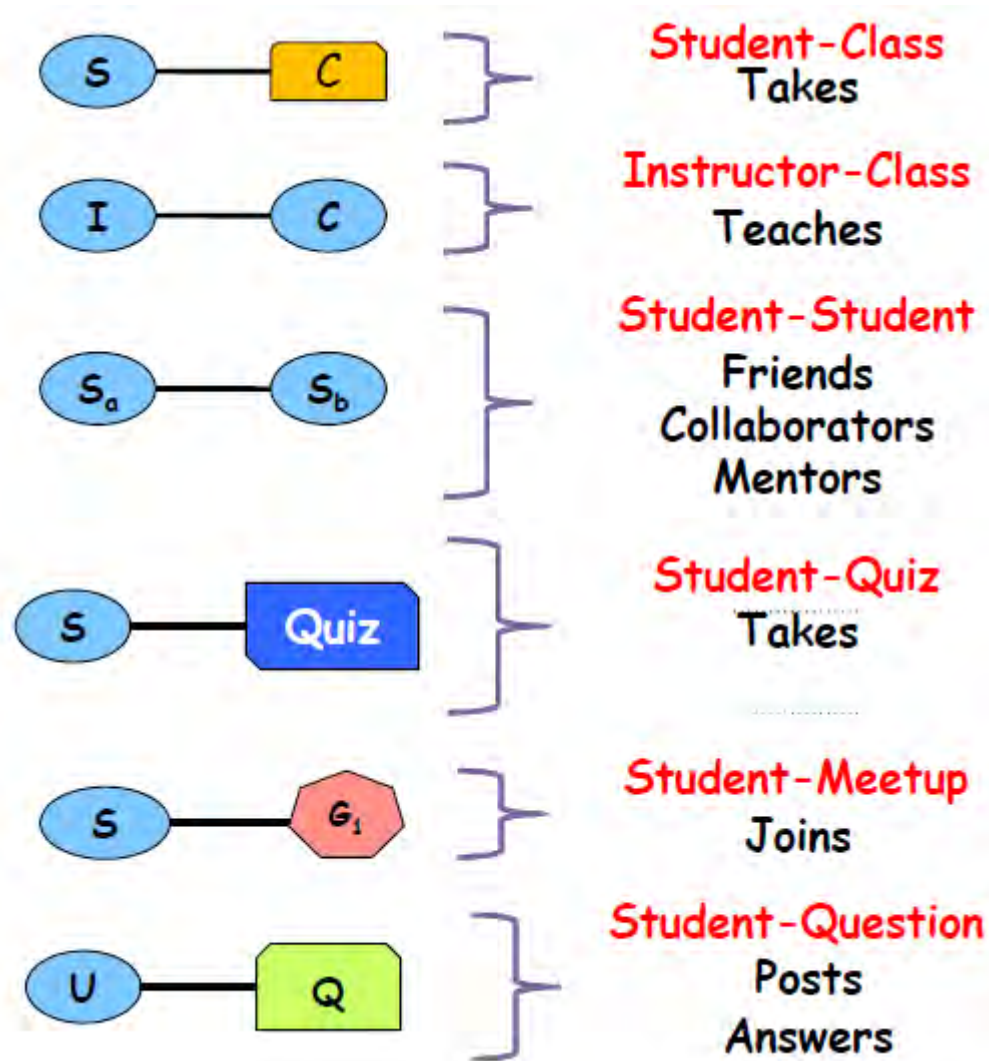
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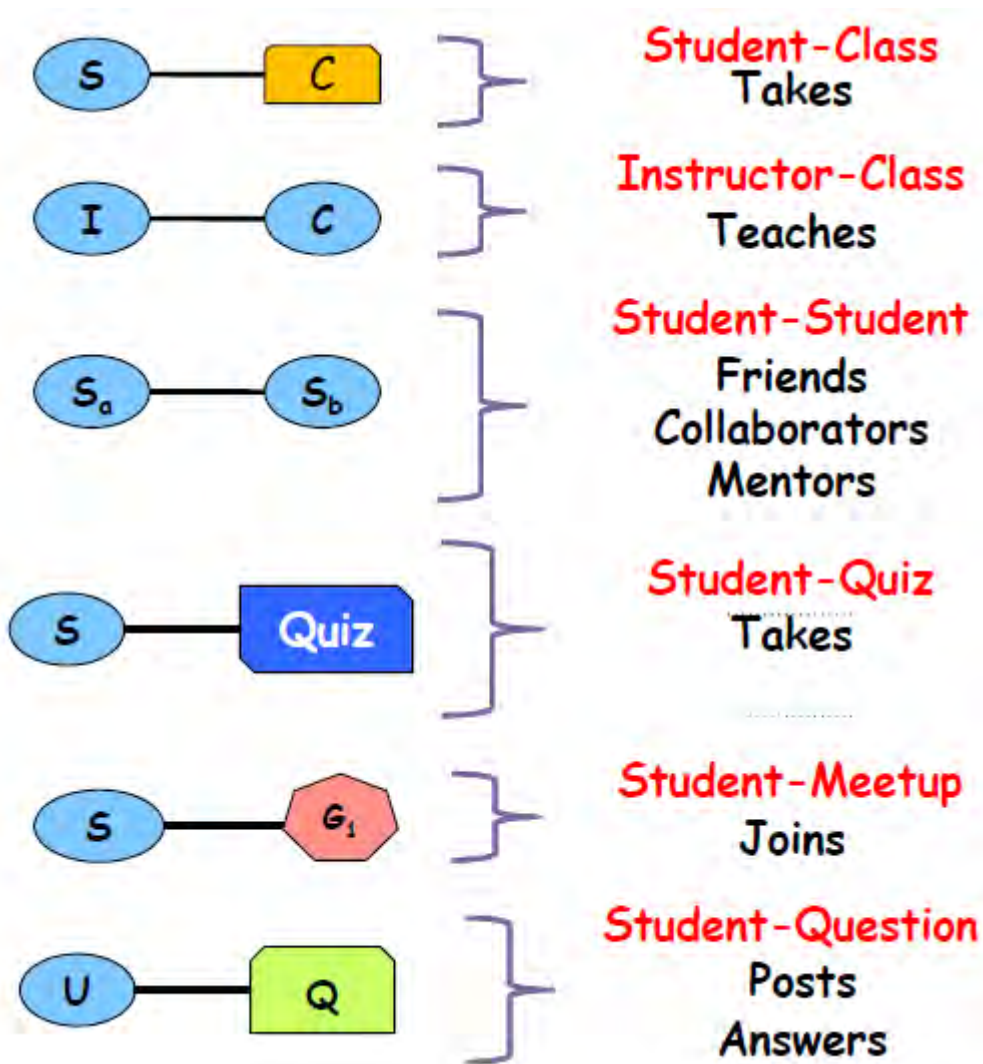
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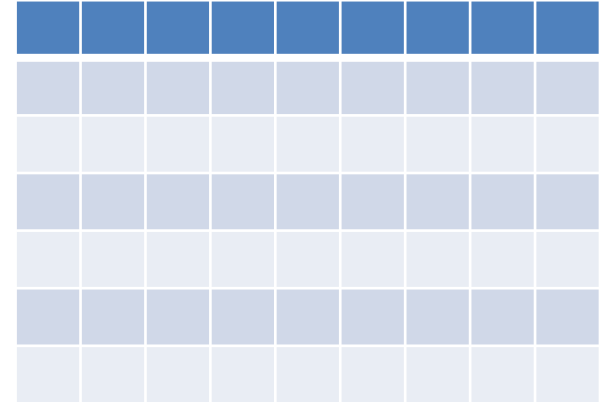
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Role
Participation



[slide courtesy of Lise Getoor]

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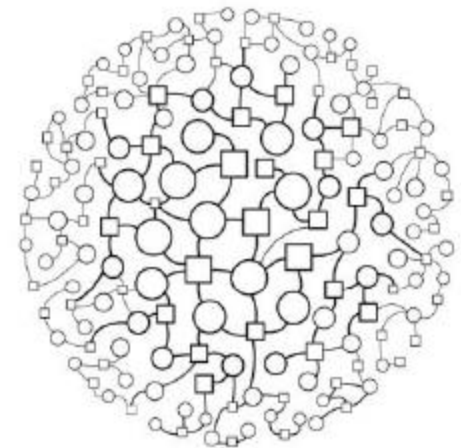
Most of the data that is available in the newly emerging era of big data does not look like this



Or even like this



It looks more like this



What is Statistical Relational Learning?

- Collection of techniques which combine rich relational knowledge
AI/DB representations with statistical models
 - First-order logic, SQL, graphs,
 - Graphical models, directed, undirected, mixed; relational decision trees, etc.
- Example:
 - Markov Logic Networks (Washington and Texas), Bayesian Logic Programs (Berkeley & MIT), Probabilistic Relational Models (Stanford), Factorie (UMass), **Relational Kalman Filtering (U of Illinois & UNIST)**, and ...
- Key ideas
 - Relational feature construction
 - Collective reasoning
 - ‘Lifted’ representation, inference and learning

Lifted Inference (or First-Order Probabilistic Inference)

Input:

Compact: Relational Models



Ground

No cluster: Probabilistic Graphical Models



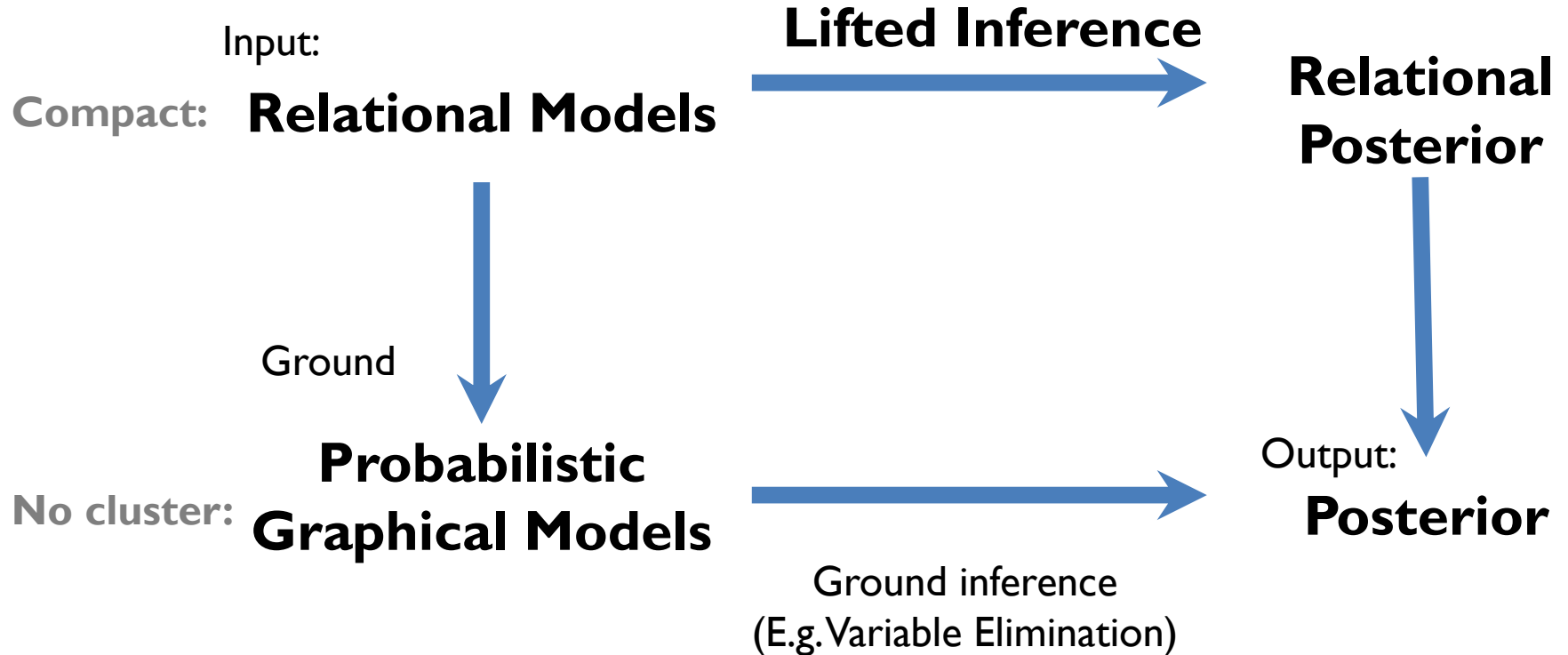
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Posterior

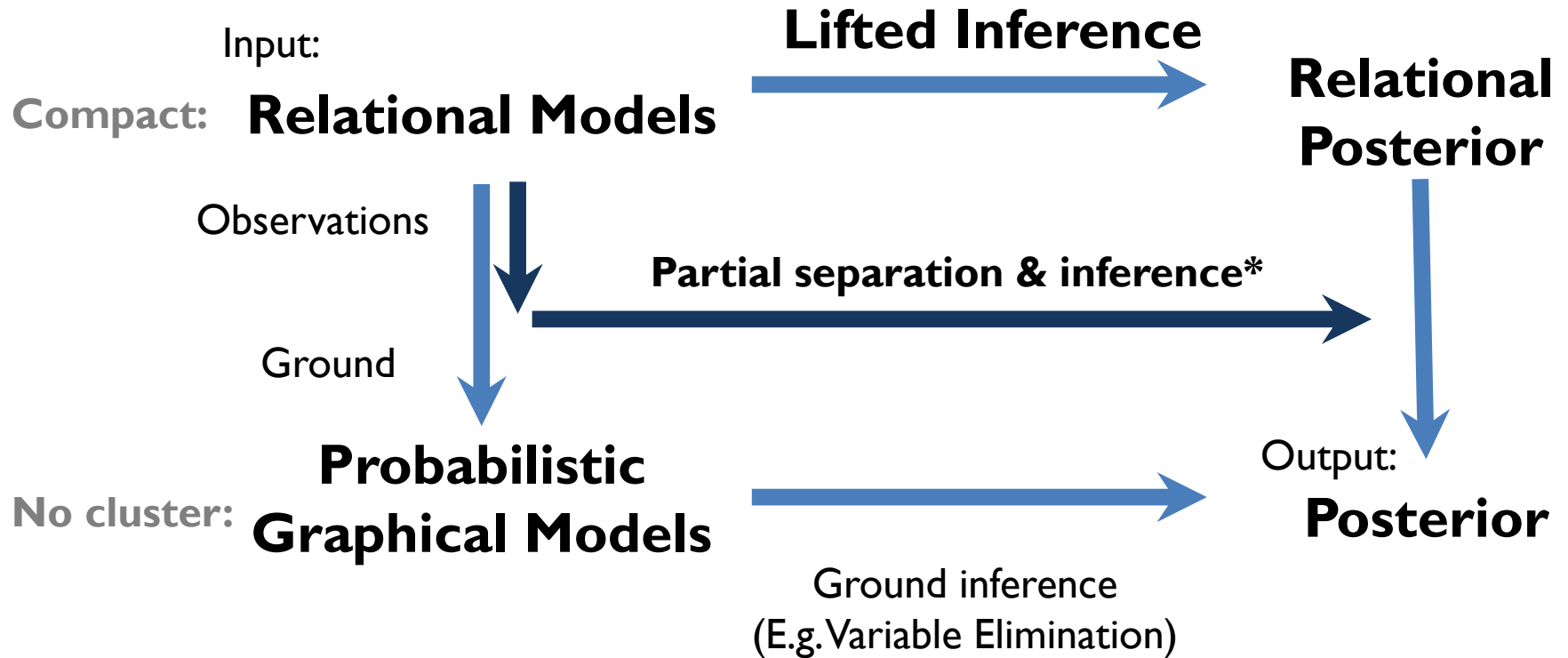
Ground inference
(E.g. Variable Elimination)

Lifted Inference

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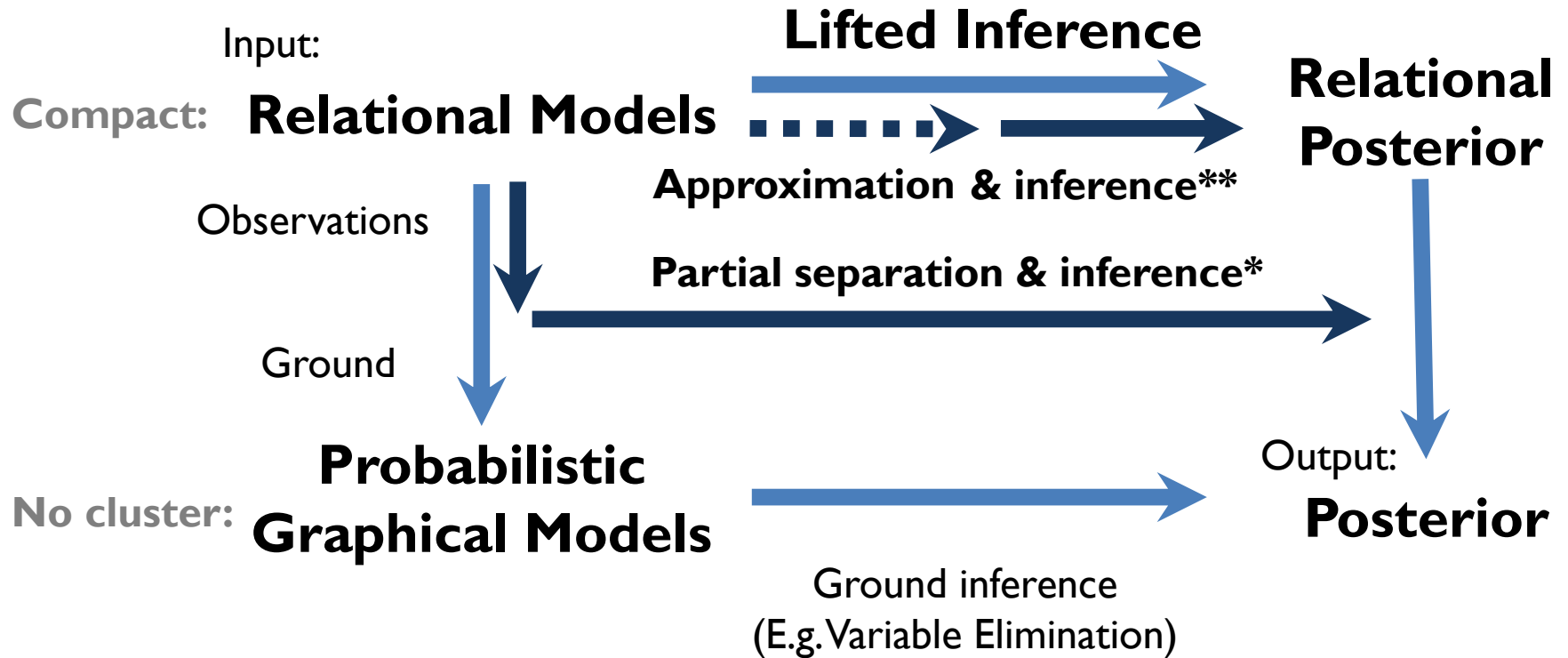


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Main Ideas and Contributions

- **Representing and maintaining compact structures over clusters** is feasible, and thus can lead to accurate and efficient estimations of future events.

- Scalable Kalman filter

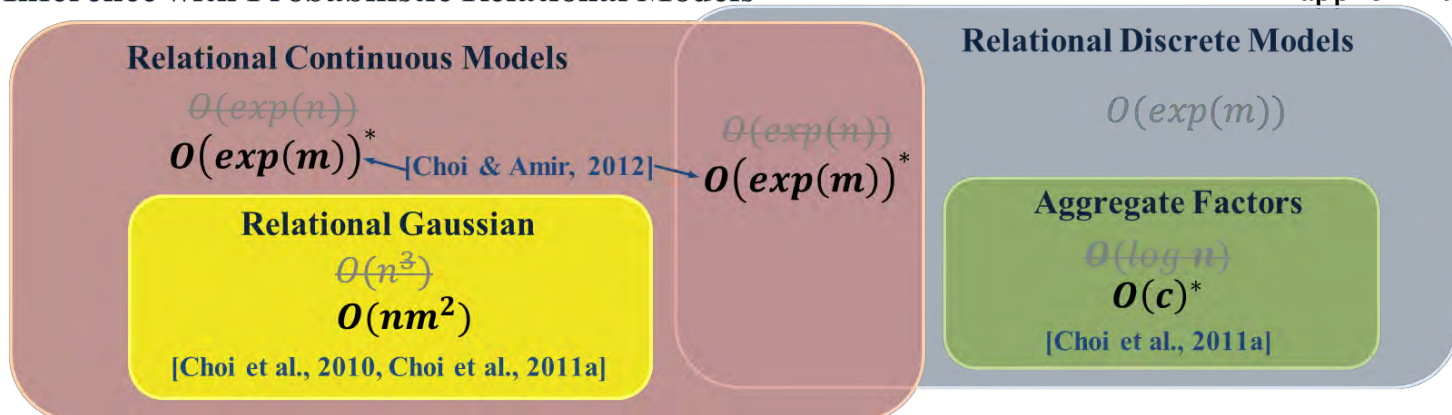
Before: $O(n^3)$ → Now: $O(nm^2)$

- Unified, efficient estimations of discrete-continuous models

Before: $O(\exp(n))$ → Now: $O(\exp(m))$

Inference with Probabilistic Relational Models

* approximation



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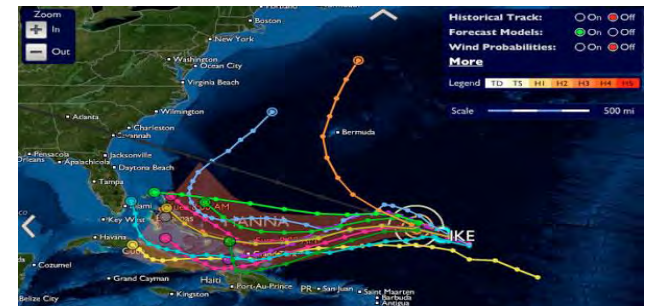
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Kalman Filter

- Kalman Filter is an algorithm which produces estimates of unknown variables given a series of measurements (w/ noise) over time.



- Numerous applications in
 - Robot localization
 - Autopilot
 - Econometrics (time series)
 - Military: rocket and missile guidance
 - Weather forecasting
 - Speech enhancement
 - ...



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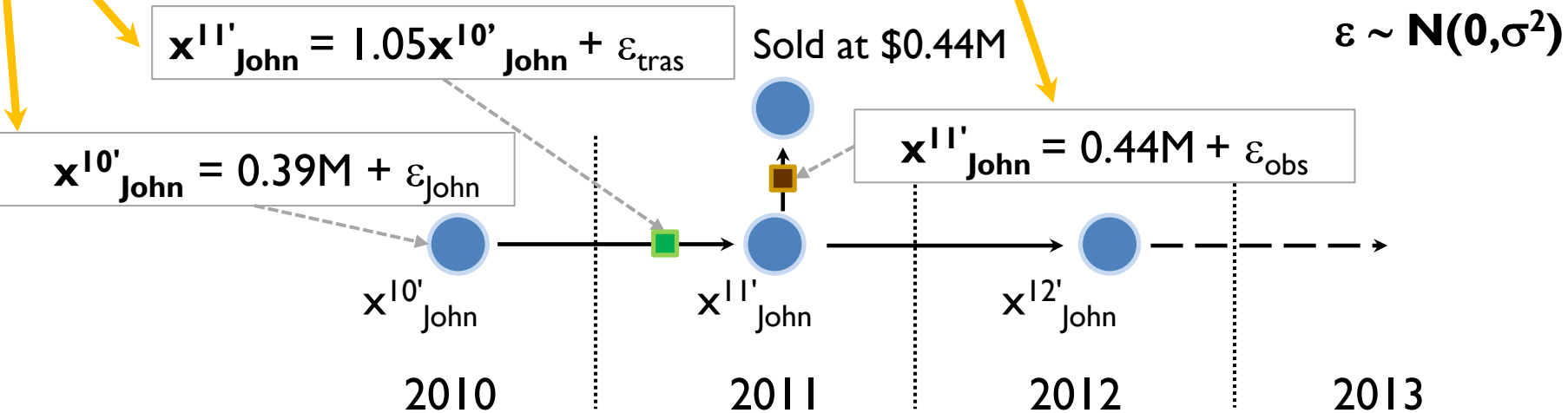
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Relational Kalman Filter

A set of element shares relationship!

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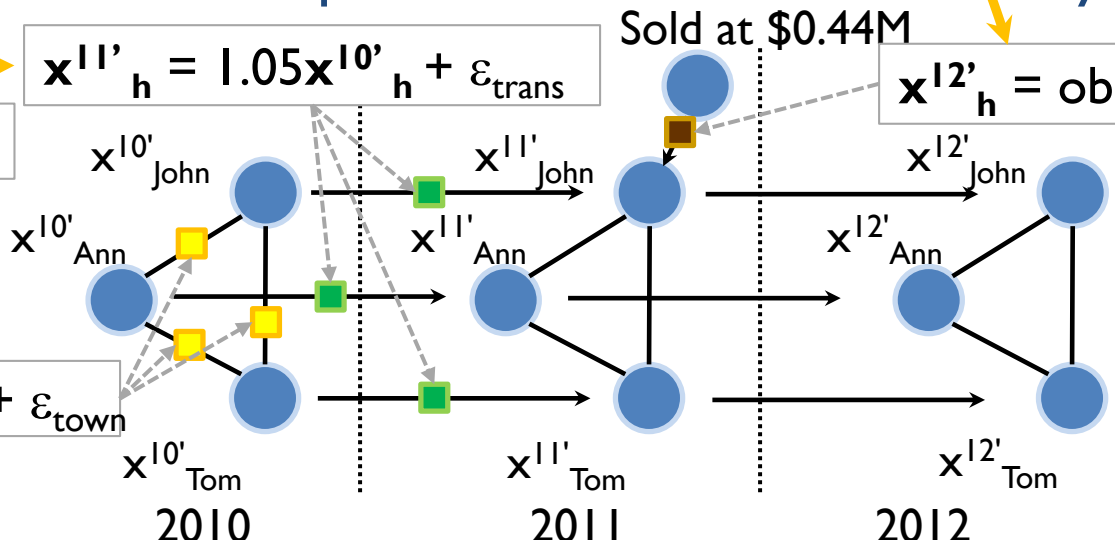


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$h, h' \in \text{Town}$

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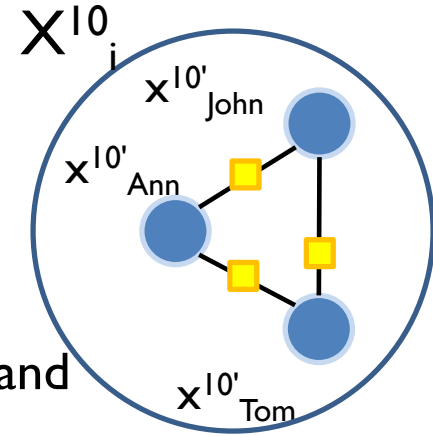


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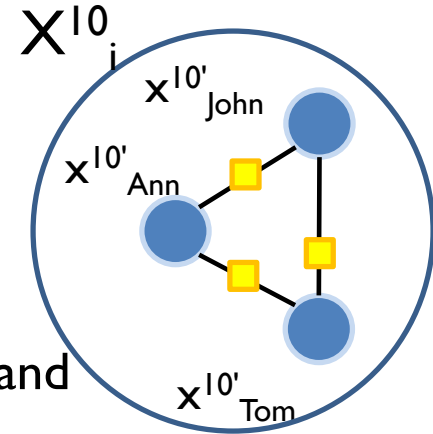
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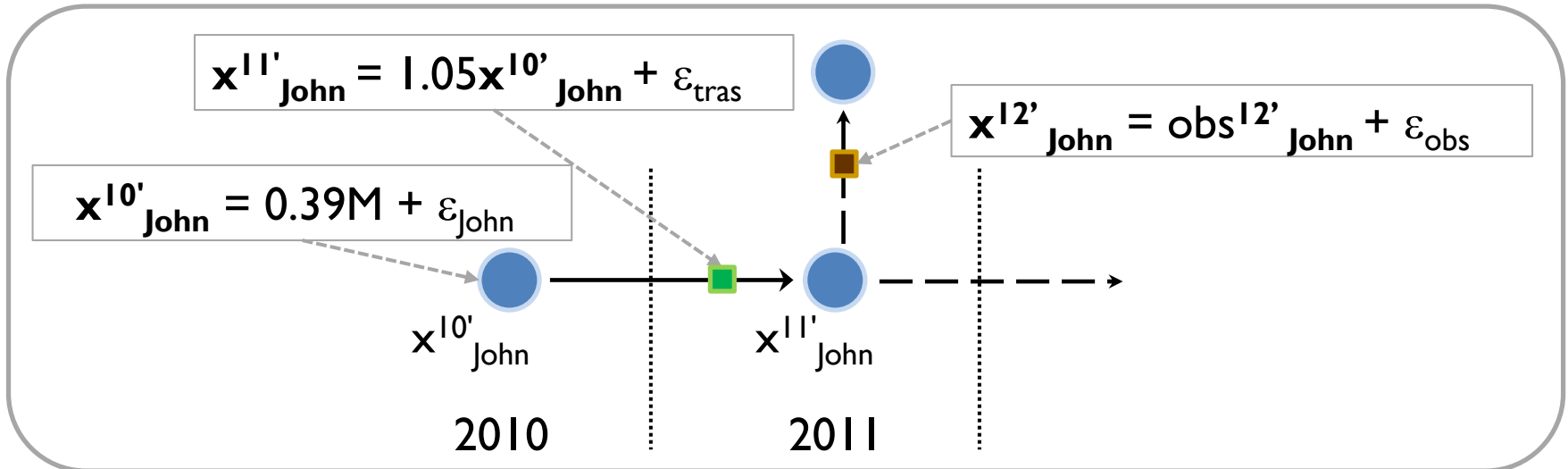
Groups i & j →

Group parameters

Individual parameters

Solve Kalman Filtering by Inference

Product of Gaussian pdfs



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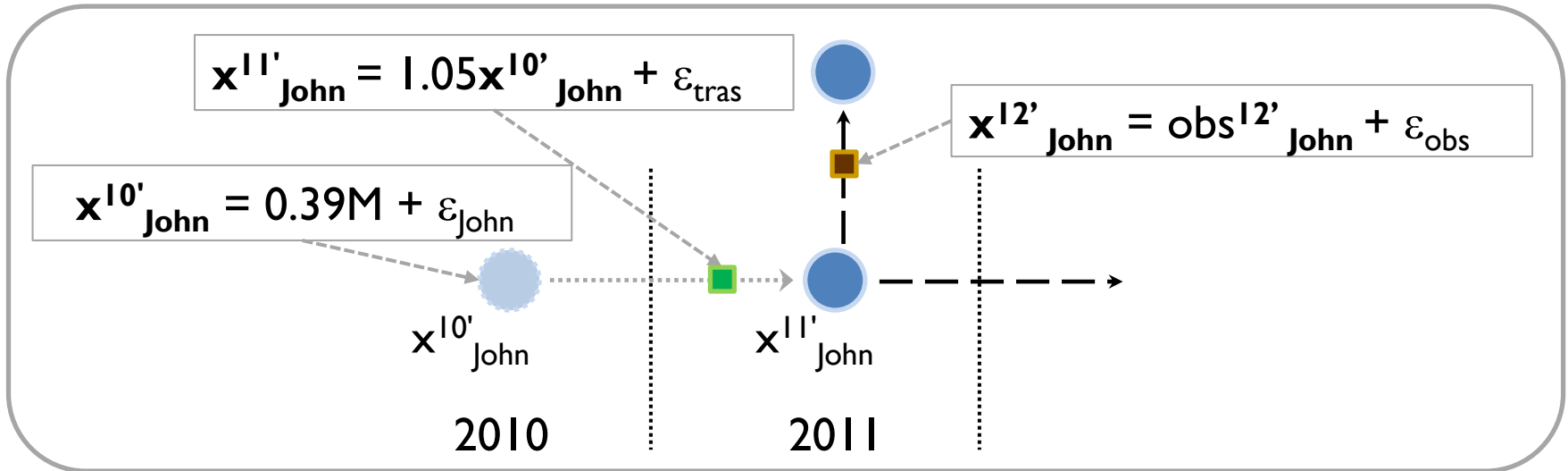
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Prior belief at 10'

Transition model

Solve Kalman Filtering by Inference

Marginalize variables (the previous time step)



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Does RKF take less than $O(n^3)$ operations?

Answer: Not yet.

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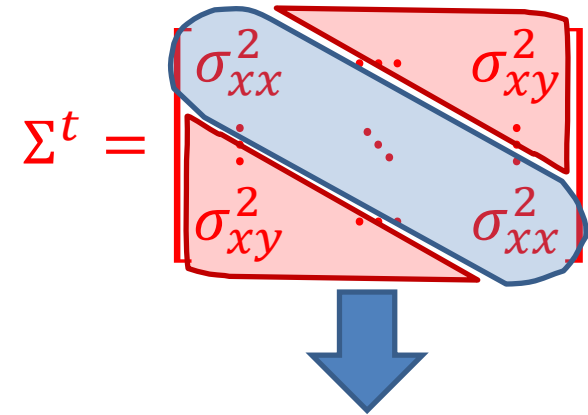
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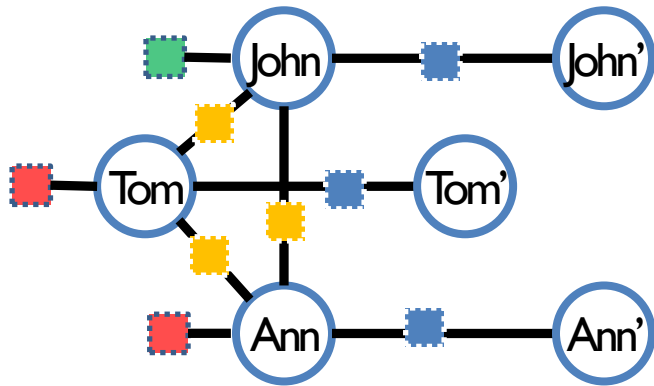
Relational Observation Models

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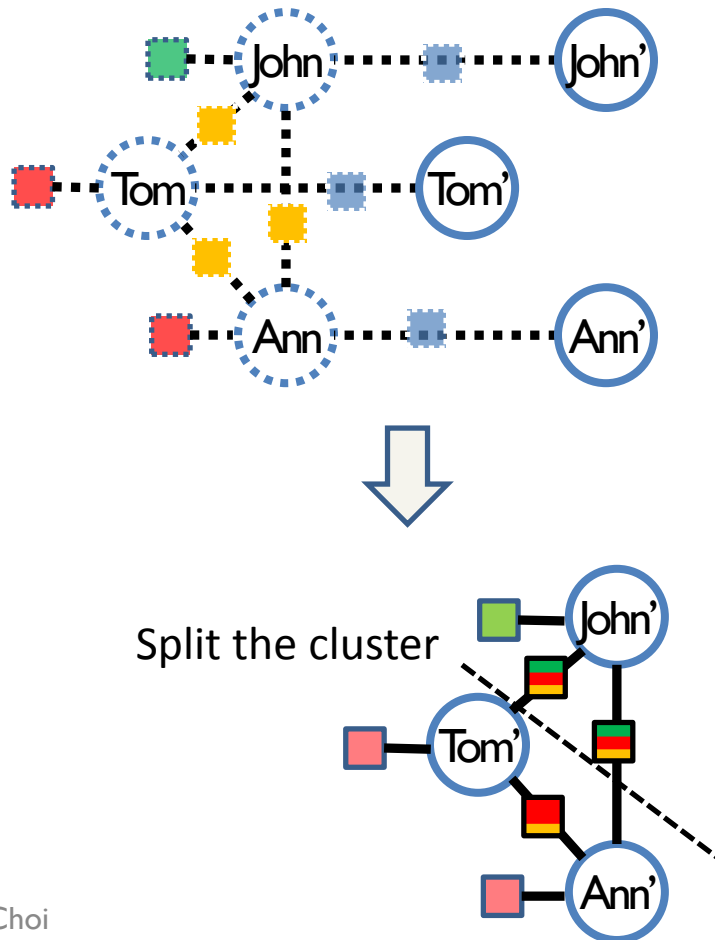


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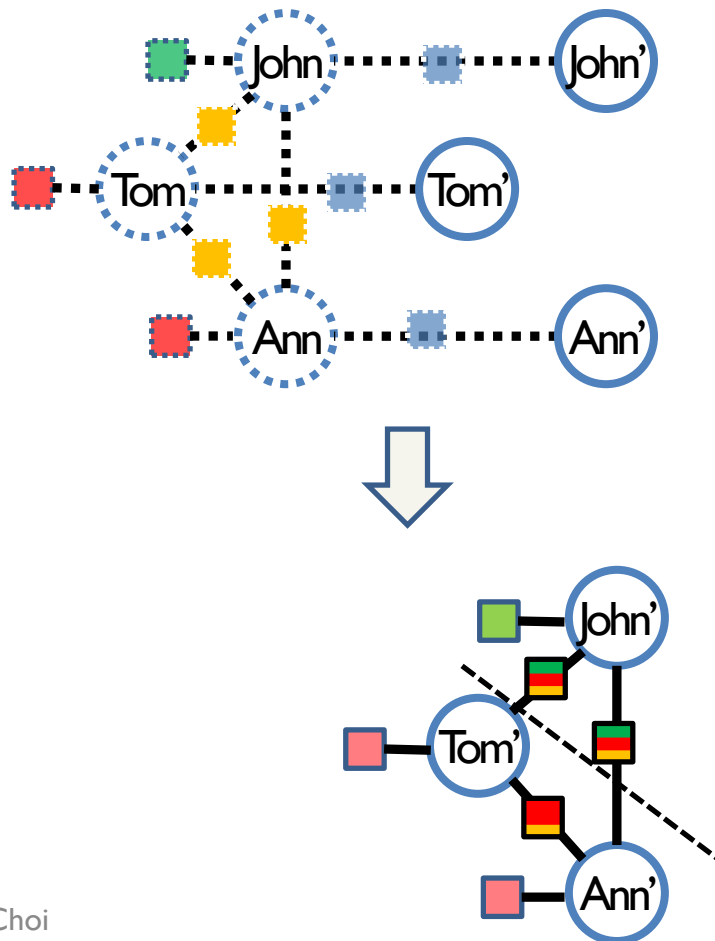


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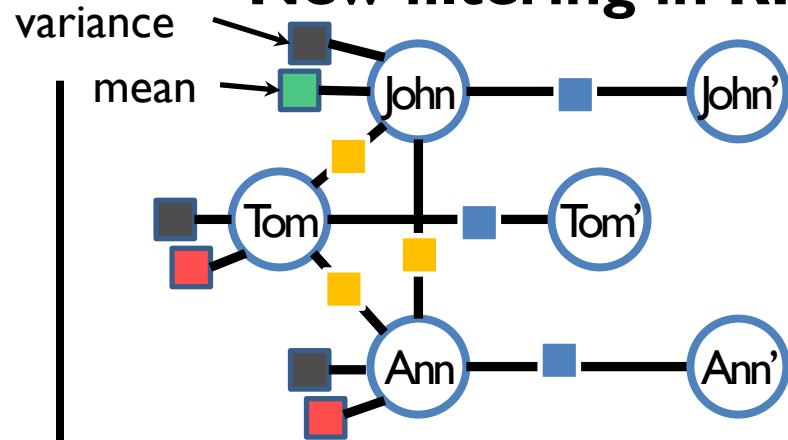
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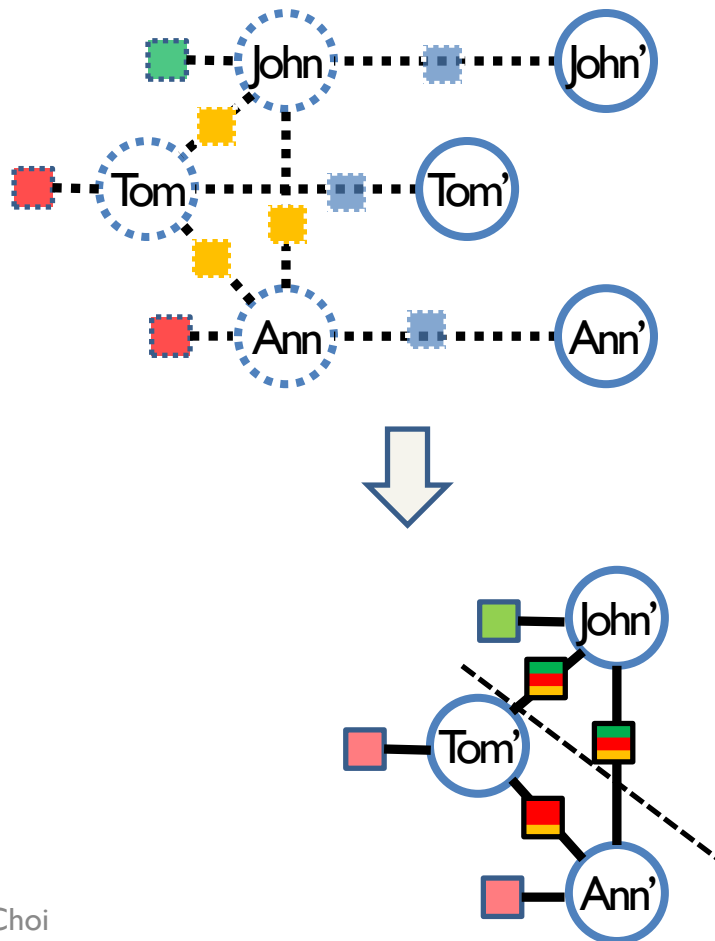
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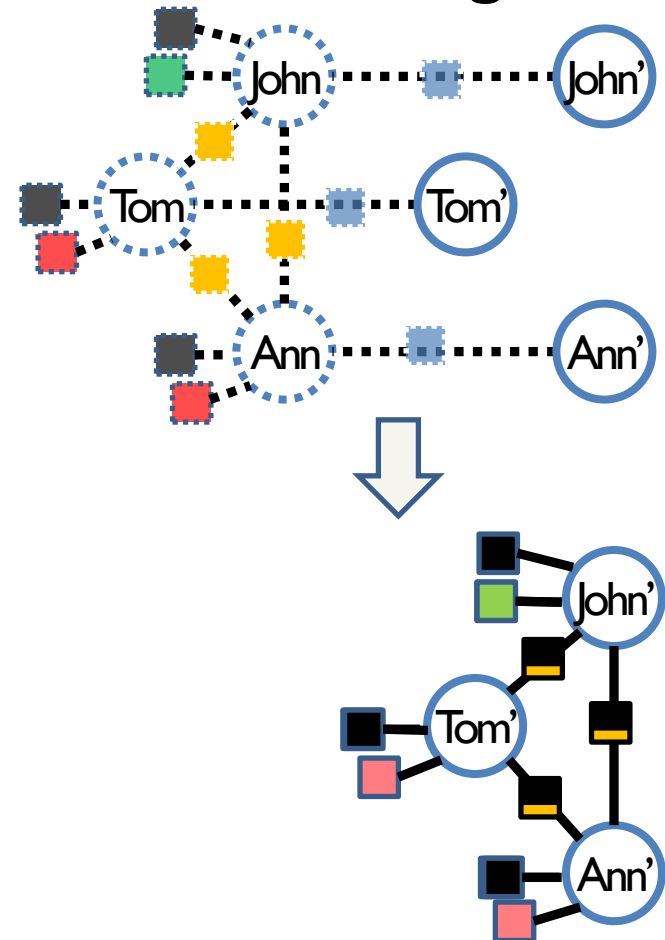
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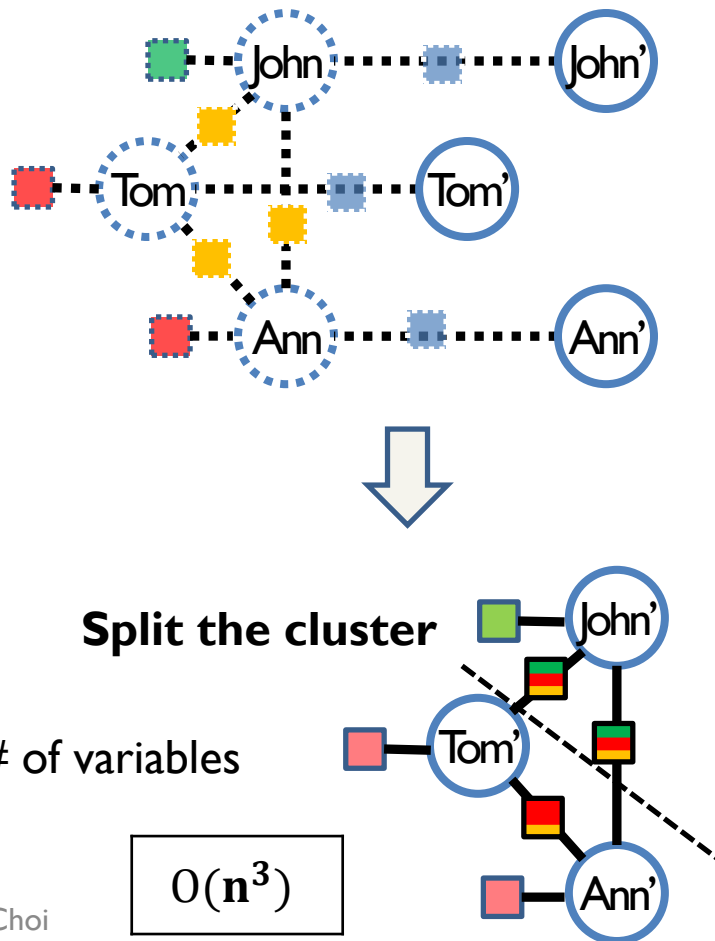
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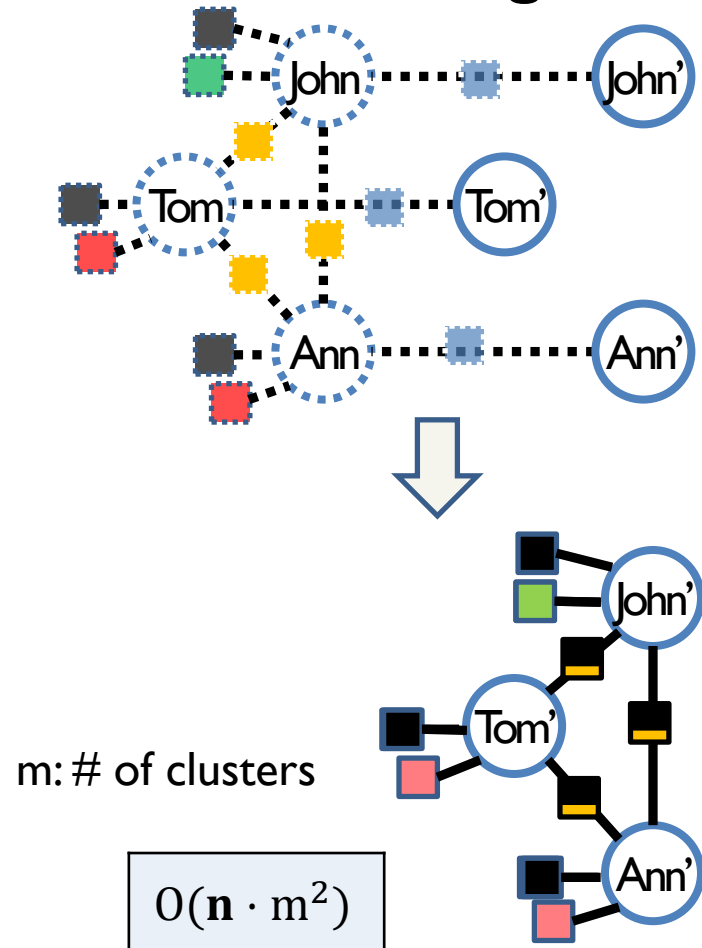
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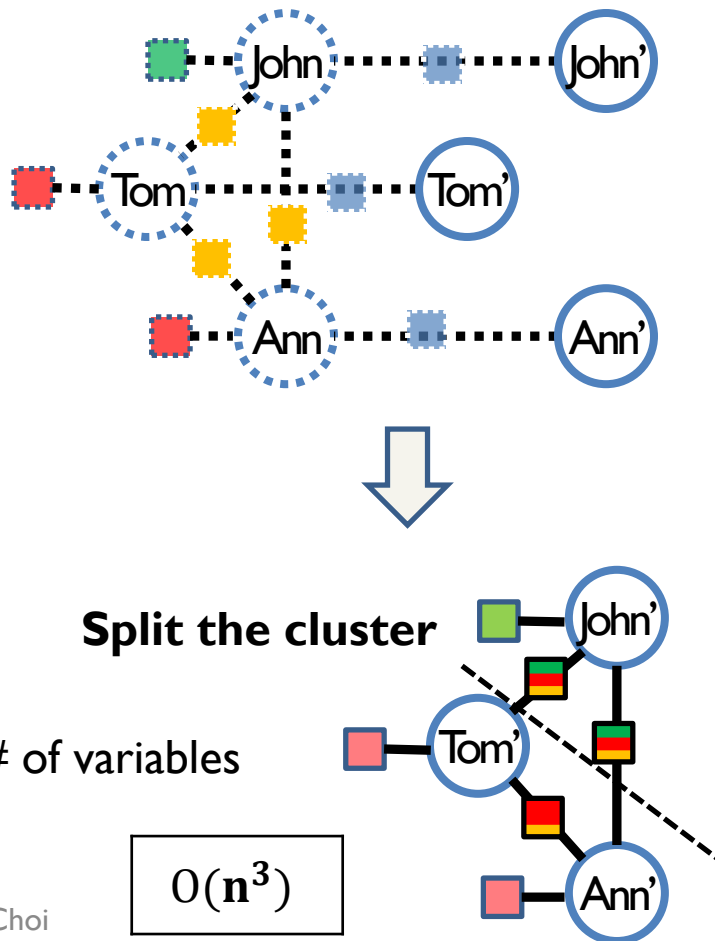
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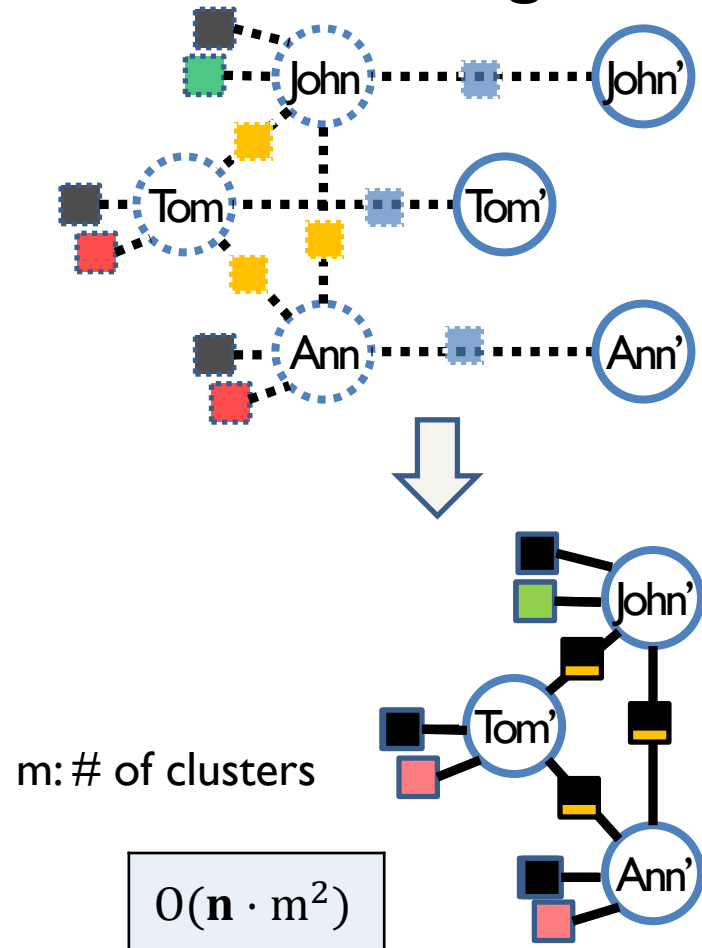
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- **New filtering in RKF :**



The Relational Kalman Filtering Algorithm

Marginalize all X^t in time step, t

$$\phi'(X^{t+1}) \leftarrow \int \phi_T(X^{t+1} | X^t) \phi(X^t) dX^t$$

Split variables from clusters
given different # of obs.

$$X_{new}^{t+1} \leftarrow \text{Split}(X^{t+1}, O^{t+1})$$

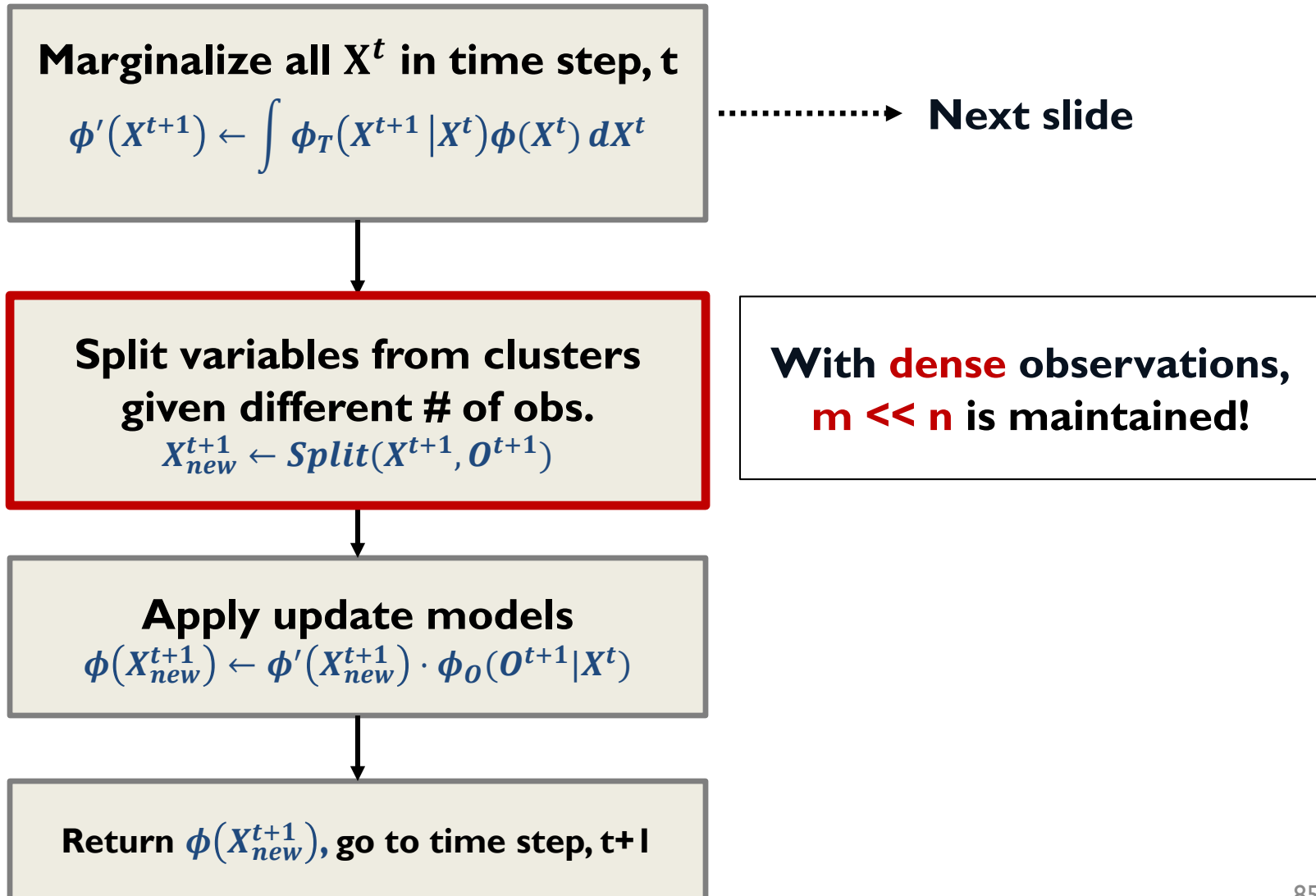
With **dense** observations,
 $m \ll n$ is maintained!

Apply update models

$$\phi(X_{new}^{t+1}) \leftarrow \phi'(X_{new}^{t+1}) \cdot \phi_O(O^{t+1} | X^t)$$

Return $\phi(X_{new}^{t+1})$, go to time step, $t+1$

The Relational Kalman Filtering Algorithm



Relational Kalman Filtering Algorithms

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Constant

Sum of variables

Square of sum of variables

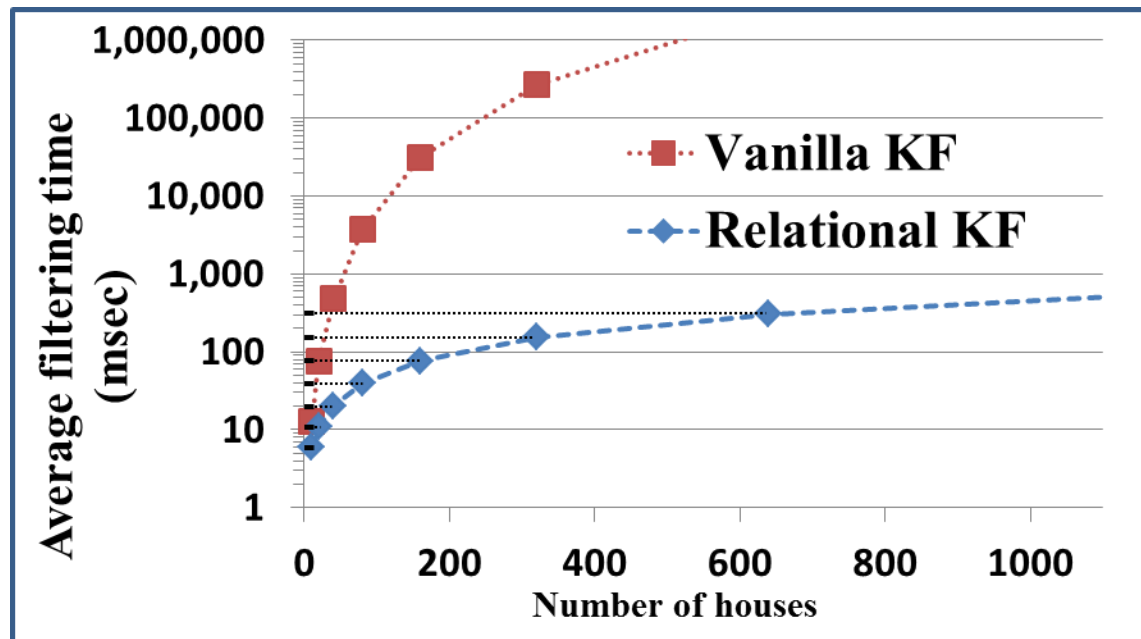
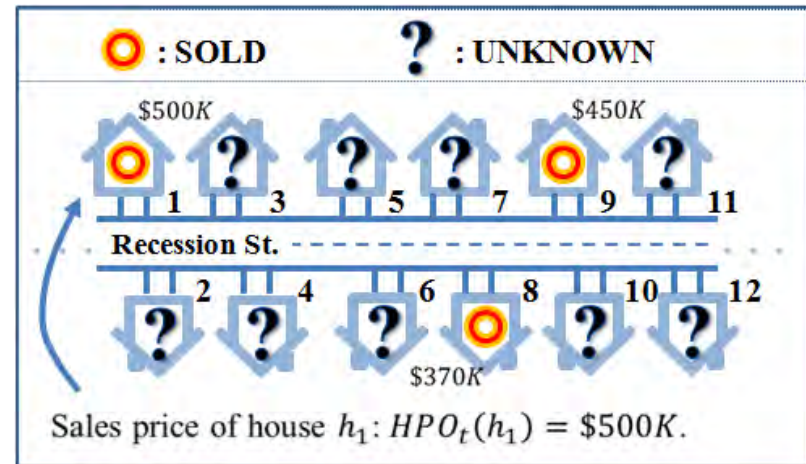
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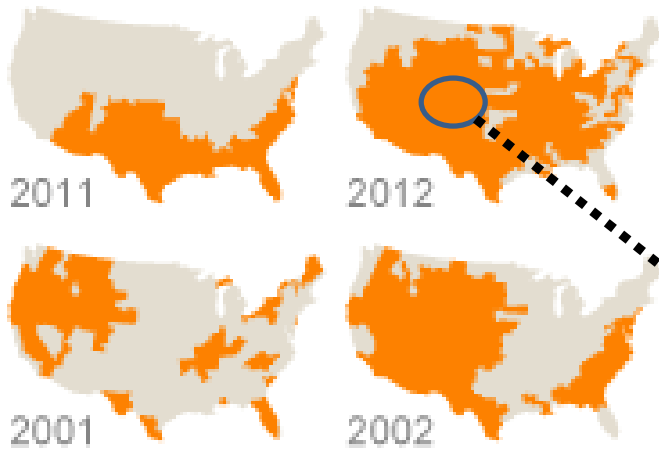
Experiments (Simulation)

- Given: housing market example.
- Observations for:
 - Mortgage Rate
 - Sales prices for a set of houses
- Estimate the price of each house (mean and variance)

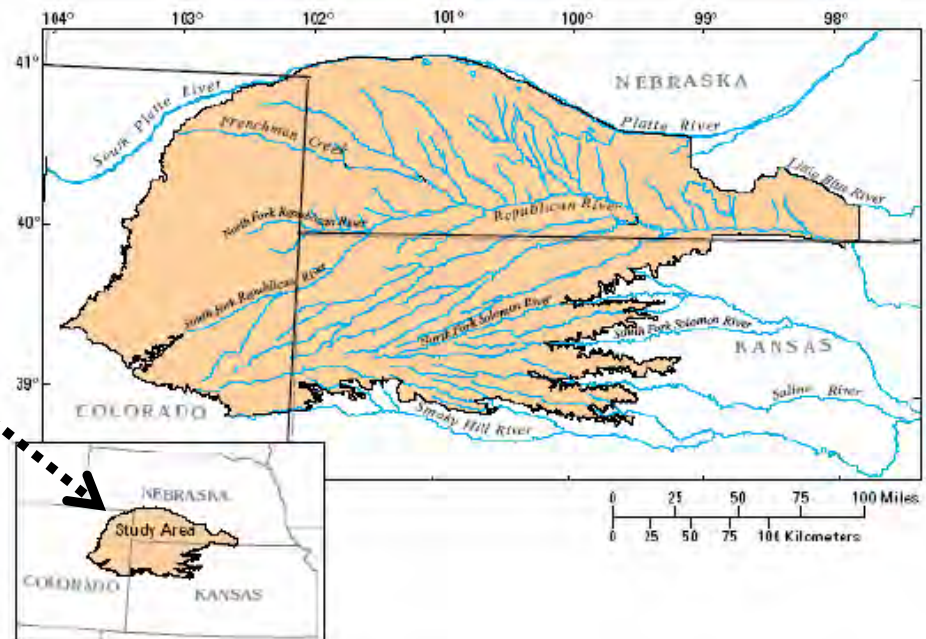


Experiments (Groundwater Models)

- Data is extracted in the largest aquifer (Ogallala) in US.
- Pumping (for farming) depletes many of water wells.
- Estimating level of groundwater is critical.

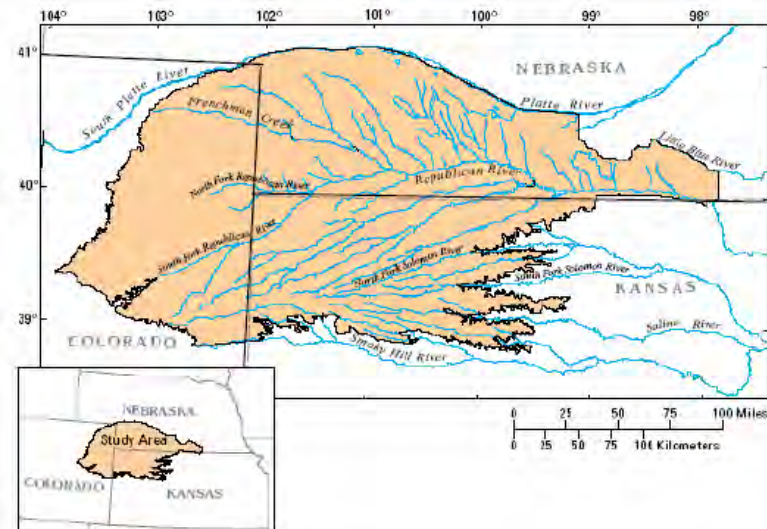


US drought maps (New York Times)



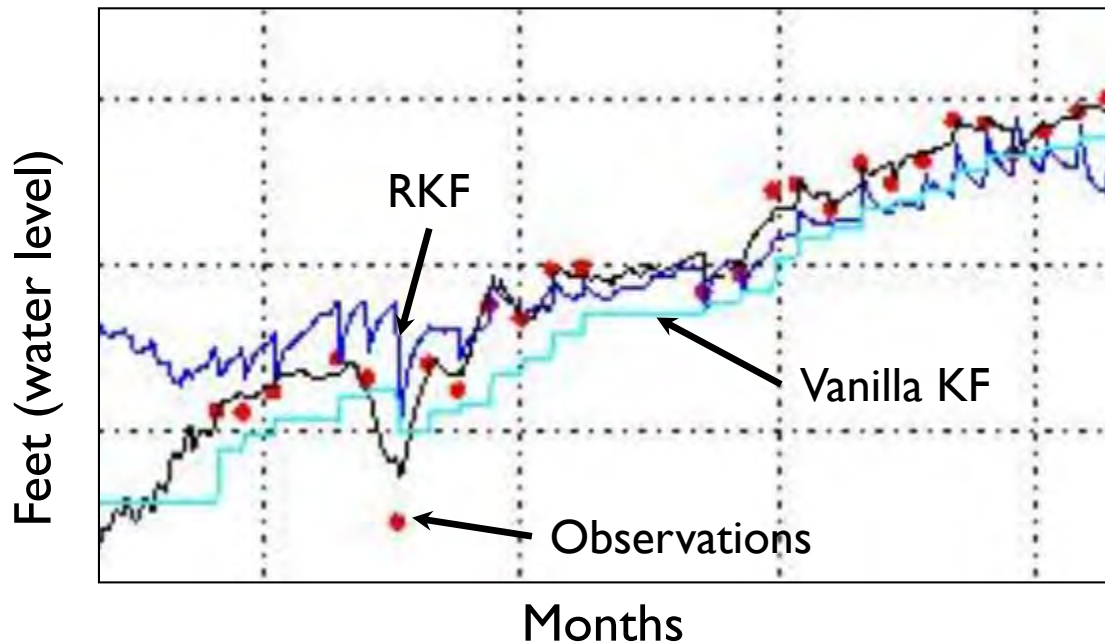
Experiments (Groundwater Models)

- Dataset
 - The model has measures (water levels) for 3078 water wells.
 - The measures span from 1918 to 2007 (about 900 months).
 - It has over 300,000 measurements.
- Cluster: 3078 wells into 10 groups.
- Train parameters using the auto regression (AR).
 - Vanilla Kalman filter
 - RKF



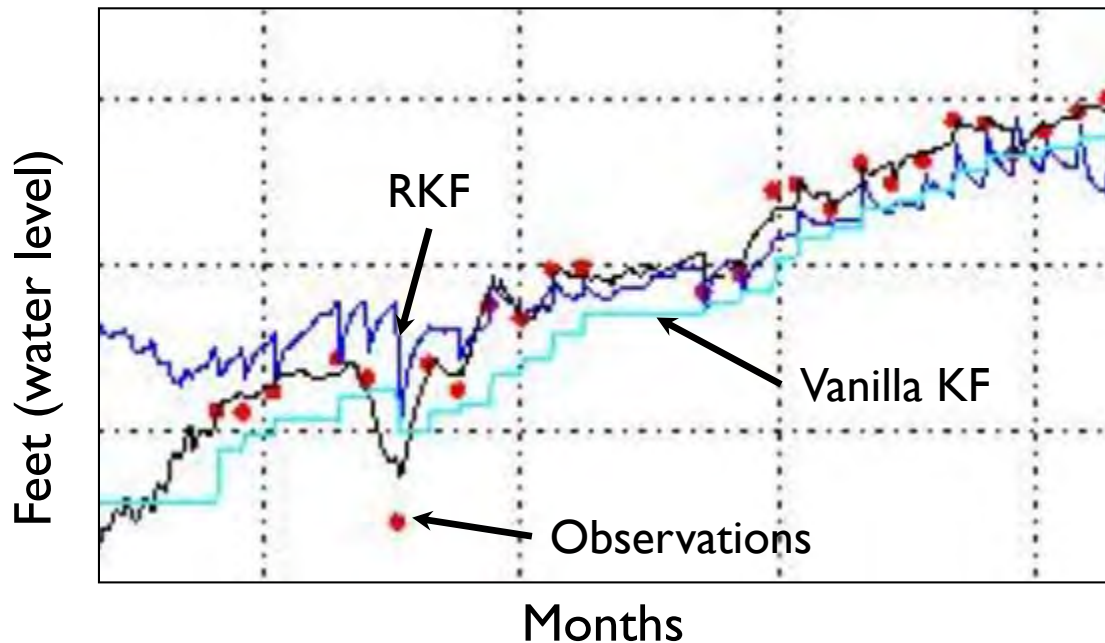
Experiments (Groundwater Models)

- Results (root-mean-square error)
 - Vanilla Kalman Filter: 4.17 feet (about 11.59 sec / filtering step).
 - **RKF: 3.60 feet (about 0.60 sec / filtering step).**



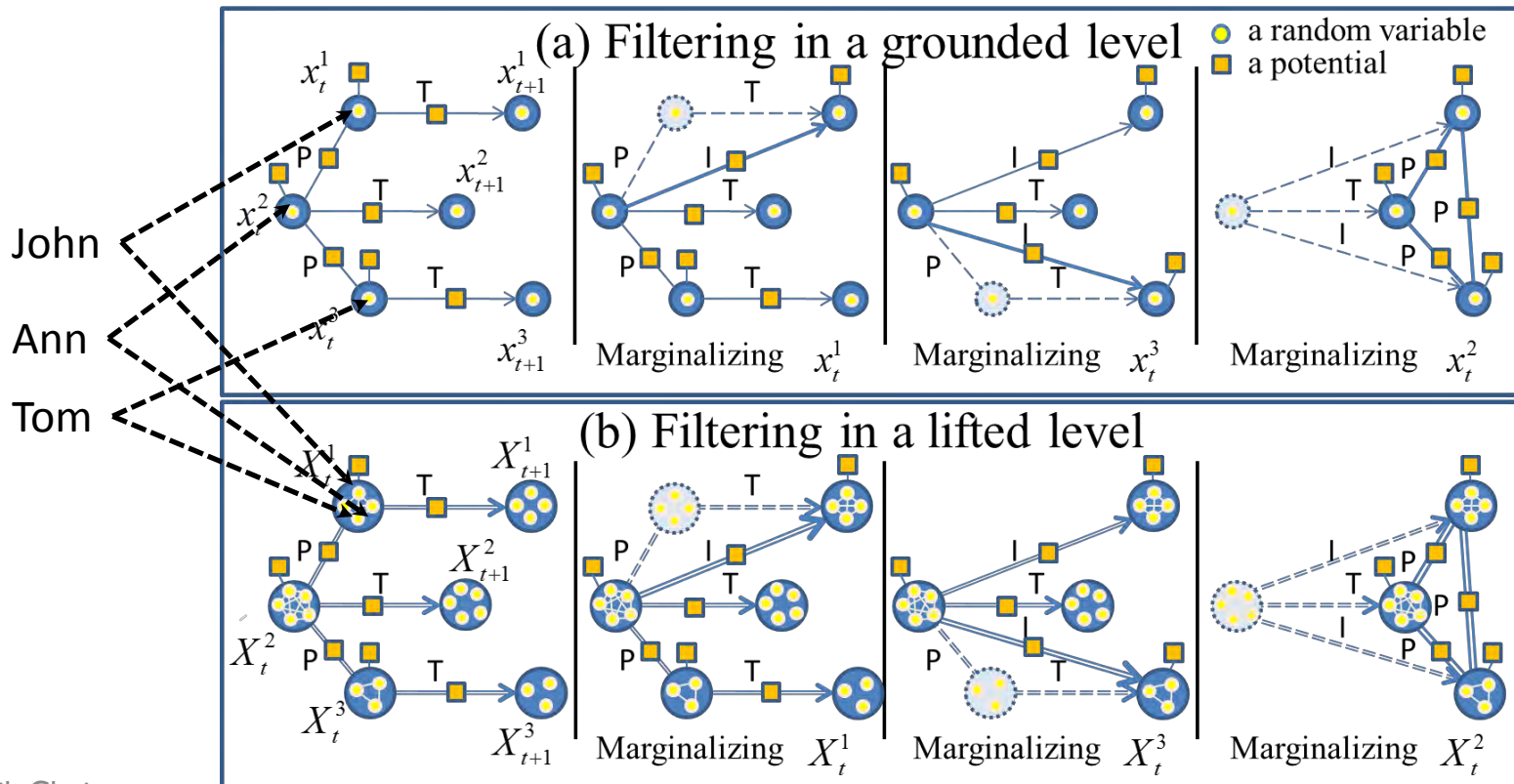
Experiments (Groundwater Models)

- Additional experiment for Vanilla KF + RKF
 - KF for coefficients of the transition model.
 - RKF for the observations model and covariance matrix (only) of the transition model.
- **Result: 0.83 feet (about 11.49 sec / filtering step).**



Summary of RKF

- I present a new filtering algorithm that enables linear time exact Kalman filtering in contrast to the cubic time traditional **KF**.



Exchangeable Random Variables (RVs)

Exchangeable RVs: a set of RVs, which are interchangeable among others.

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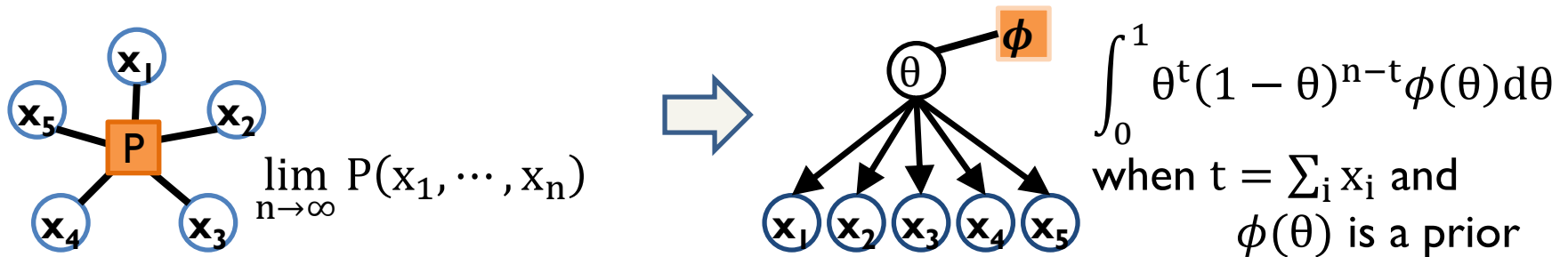
- Exchangeability is already exploited and utilized in many applications such as image & video retrieval and network analysis.
- Examples
 - Image & video matching: exchangeable image features
 - Econometrics: a set of exchangeable portfolio (in risk analysis)
 - The Netflix prize: groups of users & groups of movies

De Finetti's theorem and Dirichlet Process

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[de Finetti, 1931] shows that any joint probability of **infinite, exchangeable, binary RVs** can be represented by a **mixture of iid RVs**.



[Carbonetto, Kisynski, de Freitas, Poole, 2005] uses the Dirichlet process to model infinite, exchangeable discrete variables.

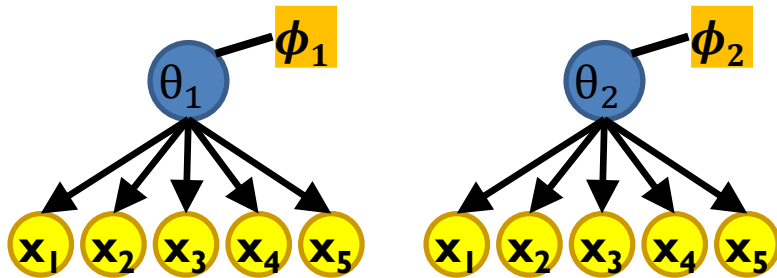
Research issues: continuous RVs, finite RVs (e.g., errors)

Relational Variational Inference (UAI-12)

The Dirichlet process does not have a closed-form

An inference issue: the product of Dirichlets is difficult to handle.

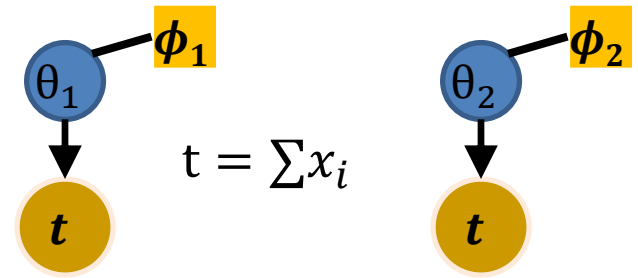
[Carbonetto, et al., 2005]



$$P_1(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \int_0^1 \theta_1^t (1 - \theta_1)^{n-t} \phi_1(\theta_1) d\theta_1$$

$$\theta_1^t (1 - \theta_1)^{n-t} \cdot \theta_2^t (1 - \theta_2)^{n-t} \neq \theta_3^t (1 - \theta_3)^{n-t}$$

This work



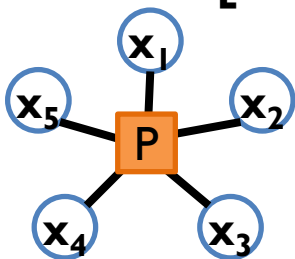
$$P_1(t) = \binom{n}{t} \int_0^1 \theta_1^t (1 - \theta_1)^{n-t} \phi_1(\theta_1) d\theta_1$$
$$= \int_0^1 \mathbf{f}_{\text{Binomial}}(\mathbf{t}; \mathbf{n}, \theta_1) \phi_1(\theta_1) d\theta_1$$

Gaussian approx. solves the issue!

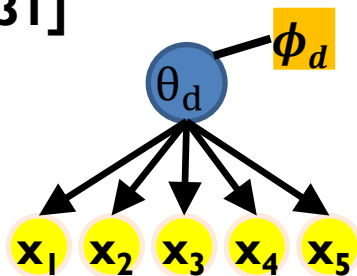
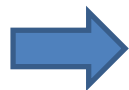
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Mixture of Gaussians for Relational Hybrid Models

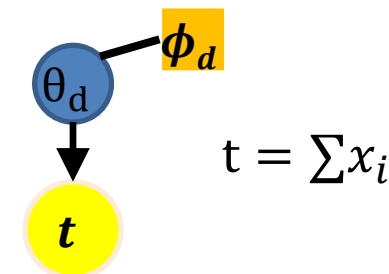
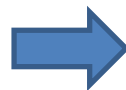
For **binary** exchangeable RVs.
[de Finetti, 1931]



Input: $P_1(x_1, \dots, x_n)$

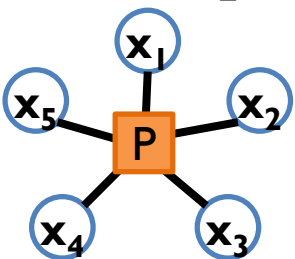


A mixture of iid RVs

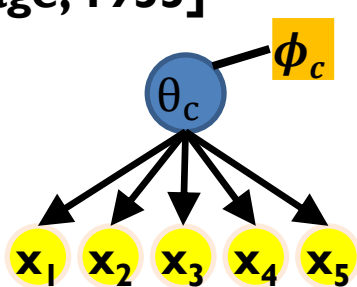
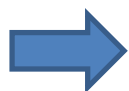


A mixture of Binomial \approx
A mixture of Gaussians (MoGs)

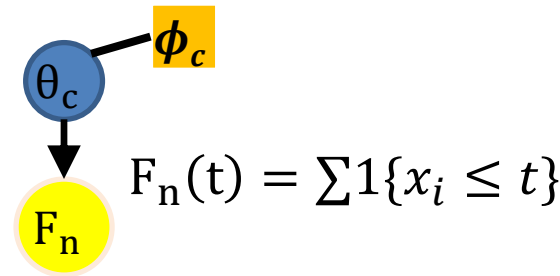
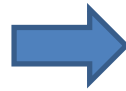
For **continuous** exchangeable RVs.
[Hewitt & Savage, 1955]



Input: $P_c(x_1, \dots, x_n)$



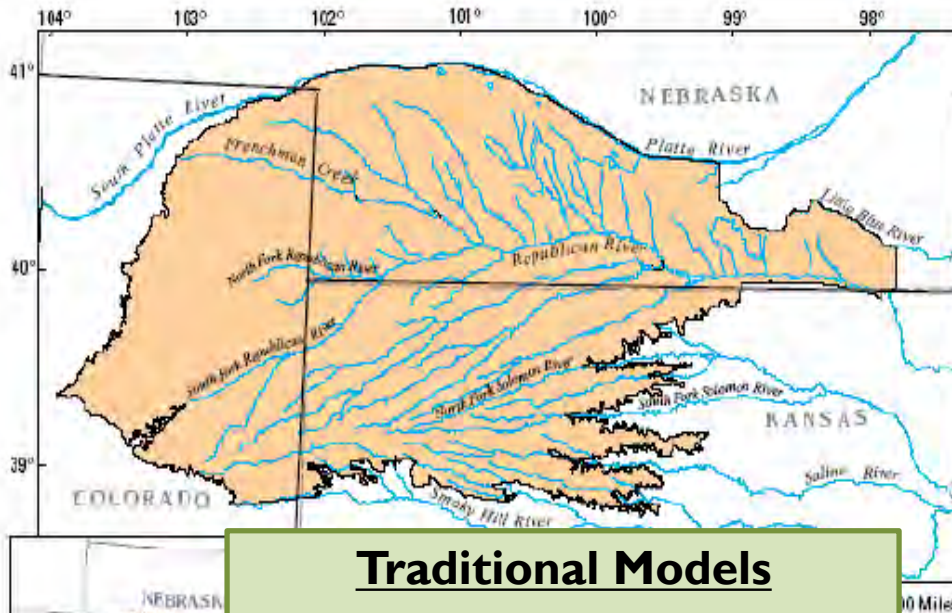
A mixture of iid RVs



A mixture of pdfs
 \approx A mixture of MoGs (KDE)

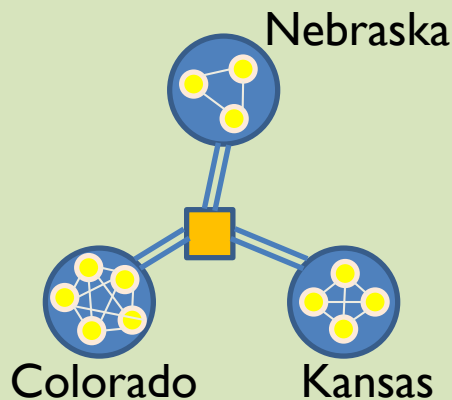
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Experiments at Groundwater



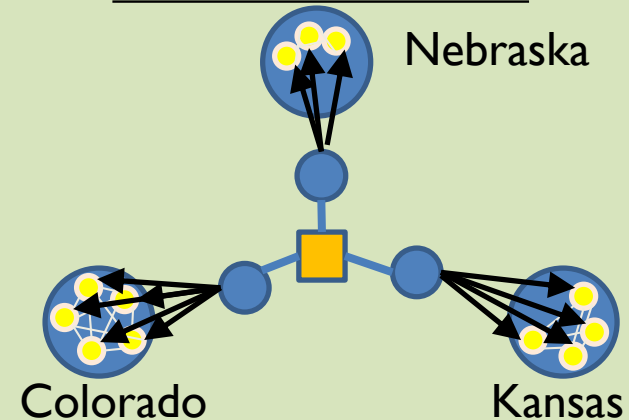
- ❑ Water level data over 3,078 wells from 1918 to 2000
- ❑ **Clustering** wells into 10 groups of (approx.) exchangeable RVs
- ❑ **Learning** a mixture of cdf (MoGs) for each group (training)
- ❑ **Calculating** the conditional probability of a set of RVs (testing)

Traditional Models



Inference time: **37.9 secs**

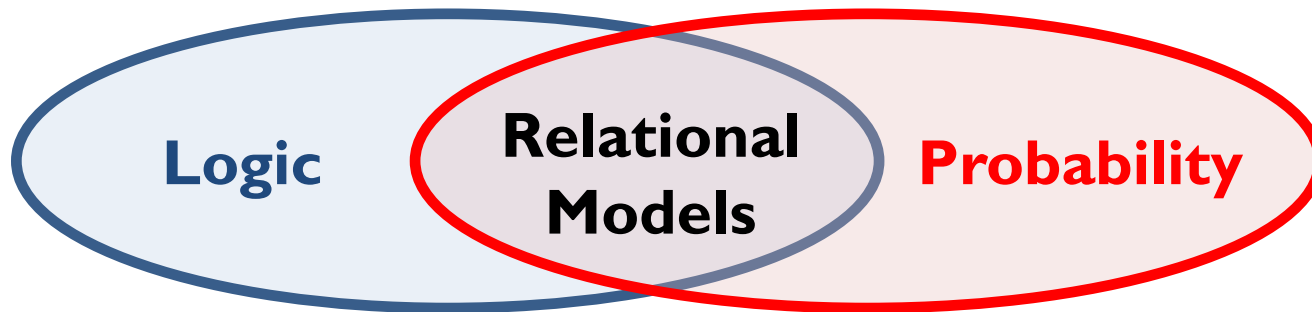
Variational Models



0.3 secs (w/ similar precision)

Conclusion: The Big Picture: Towards Human-Level AI

- Human-like Knowledge Representation: **Logic + Probability:**



- Intuitively speaking:
 - Relational Models \approx Probabilistic First-Order Logic (FOL)
 \approx Probabilistic Relational Calculus (Relational DB).
 - Human-level knowledge representation
E.g., A (owner) files Bankruptcy \rightarrow A's house is foreclosed.

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Kaggle: Online Machine Learning Playground

- Kaggle provides an online platform to learn and compete for several machine learning problems.
(<https://www.kaggle.com/competitions>)
- When there is a host who has a machine learning problem to solve
- E.g., GE want to optimize the flight routes given an origin and destination and traffic and weather conditions. (\$220K)
- Data scientists compete to solve the problems.
- Your submission will be evaluated immediately and posted online. <https://www.kaggle.com/c/titanic-gettingStarted/leaderboard>

Kaggle: Online Machine Learning Playground

Some of interesting datasets



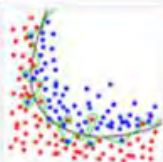
Predict HIV Progression

This contest requires competitors to predict the likelihood that an HIV patient's infection will become less severe, given a small dataset and limited clinical information.



Accelerometer Biometric Competition

Recognize users of mobile devices from accelerometer data



Don't Overfit!

With nearly as many variables as training cases, what are the best techniques to avoid disaster?



CHALEARN Gesture Challenge

Develop a Gesture Recognizer for Microsoft Kinect (TM)



Titanic: Machine Learning from Disaster

Predict survival on the Titanic (with tutorials in Excel, Python and an introduction to Random Forests)



Algorithmic Trading Challenge

Develop new models to accurately predict the market response to large trades.



Facial Keypoints Detection

Detect the location of keypoints on face images



Predicting Parkinson's Disease Progression with Smartphone Data

Can we objectively measure the symptoms of Parkinson's disease with a smartphone? We have the data to find out!



AMS 2013-2014 Solar Energy Prediction Contest

Forecast daily solar energy with an ensemble of weather models



Million Song Dataset Challenge

Predict which songs a user will listen to.

Kaggle: Online Machine Learning Playground

Some of interesting datasets

- Datasets from top machine learning conferences
 - KDD - Author-Paper Identification Challenge
 - ICDM - Personalize Expedia Hotel Searches
 - NIPS, ICML - Multi-label Bird Species Classification
- Datasets from companies to recruit data scientists
 - Amazon - [Employee Access Challenge](#)
 - Facebook - [Keyword Extraction](#)
 - Yelp - How many "useful" votes will a Yelp review receive?

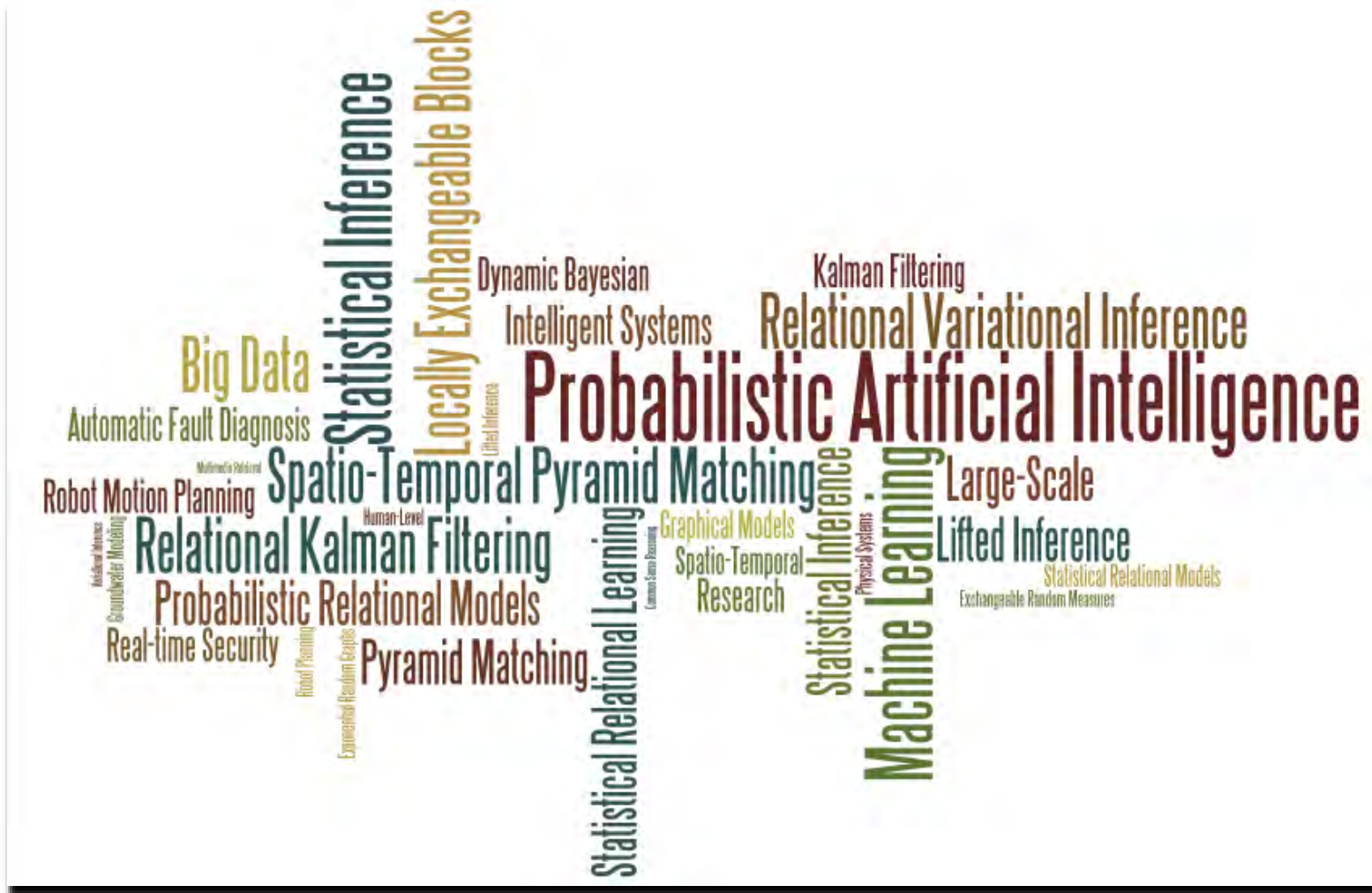
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- Sometimes, winners posts their winning strategies.
 - Dogs vs Cats: Convolutional Neural Network
 - Titanic: Random Forests
 - <http://trevorstephens.com/post/72916401642/titanic-getting-started-with-r>
- Some teams are ranked from Machine Learning class at UNIST
 - <https://www.kaggle.com/users/146714/yunseong-hwang>
 - <https://www.kaggle.com/users/147300/jongho-kim-at-unist>

Kaggle: Online Machine Learning Playground

- Kaggle also provides links for machine learning library
<https://www.kaggle.com/wiki/Algorithms>
 - Linear Regression
 - Logistic Regression
 - K Nearest Neighbors
 - Support Vector Machines
 - Random Forests - has performed very well on many competitions
 - Neural Networks
 - Ensembling
 - Elastic Net

Thank you!



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Ongoing Research

- Extend RKF into non-linear systems
 - E.g., Relational Rao-Blackwellized Particle Filter.
- Learning and inference with large-scale models
 - Apply the principles of RKF and several applications.



- Machine Learning algorithms: e.g.:
 - Learning Relational Kalman Filtering
 - Learning Exponential Random Graph Models
 - Best Predictive Generalized Linear Mixed Model using LASSO

New Result in RKF

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Variances & Covariances

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Variances & Covariances

Relational Gaussian Models (UAI-10)

- Definitions

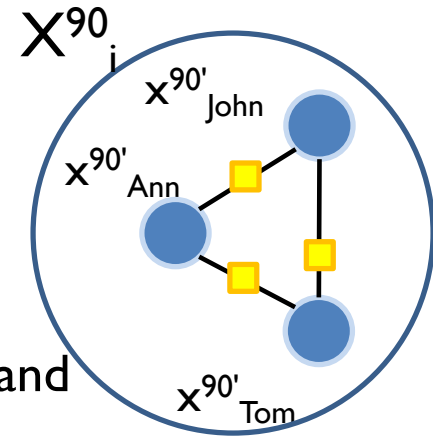
- X^t is a disjoint union of m clusters of state variables X_i^t .

$$X^t = \bigcup_i X_i^t, \text{ e.g., } X_i^{90} = \{x_{\text{Ann}}^{90}, x_{\text{John}}^{90}, x_{\text{Tom}}^{90}\}.$$

- Any two state variables in a cluster have the same variance and covariances.

$$\text{For } x, x' \in X_i^t, \sigma_{x,x}^2 = \sigma_{x',x'}^2 \text{ and for any } y, \sigma_{x,y}^2 = \sigma_{x',y}^2$$

- Property: any multivariate Gaussian of X_t can be represented as a product of pairwise potentials. (UAI-10)



$$P(X_t) \propto \prod_{i,j} \prod_{\substack{x \in X_{t,i} \\ y \in X_{t,j}}} \phi_{PRM_{i,j}}(x,y) \prod_{x \in X_t} \phi_{\mu}(x)$$