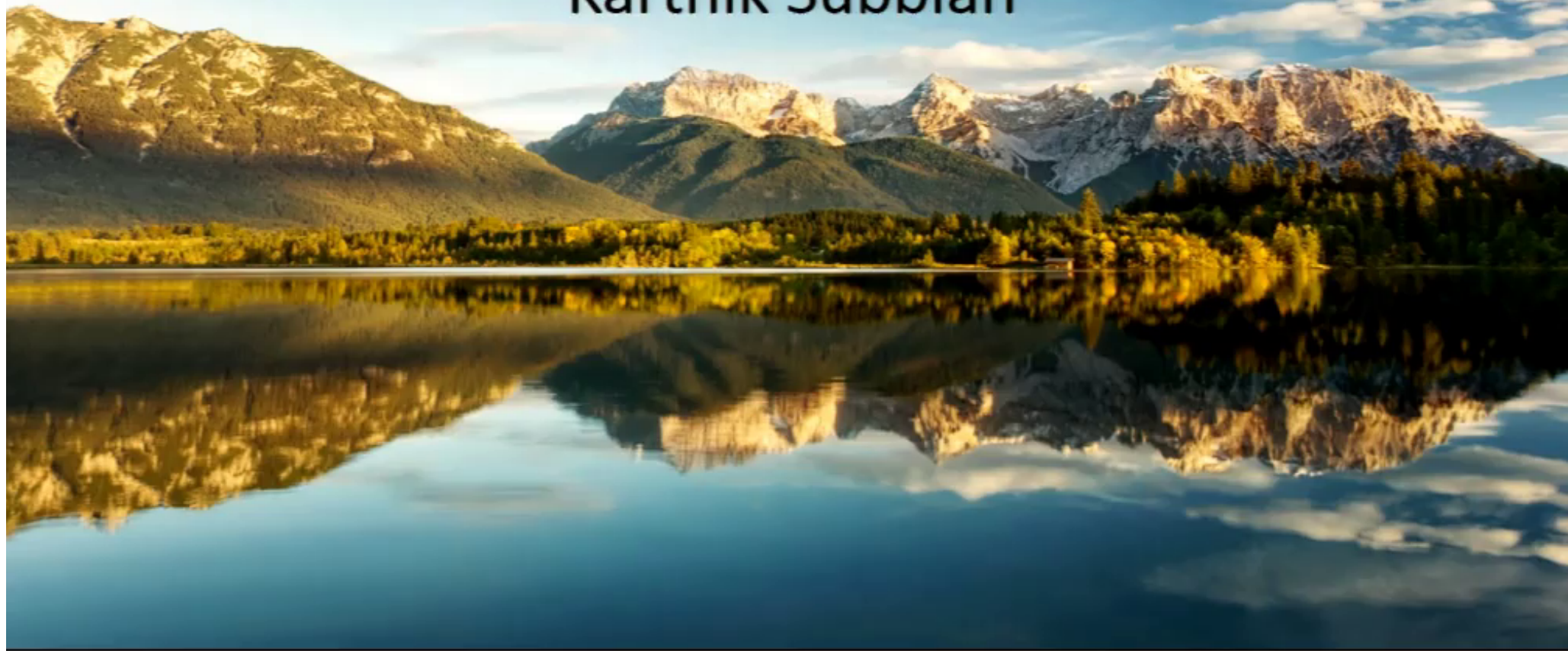


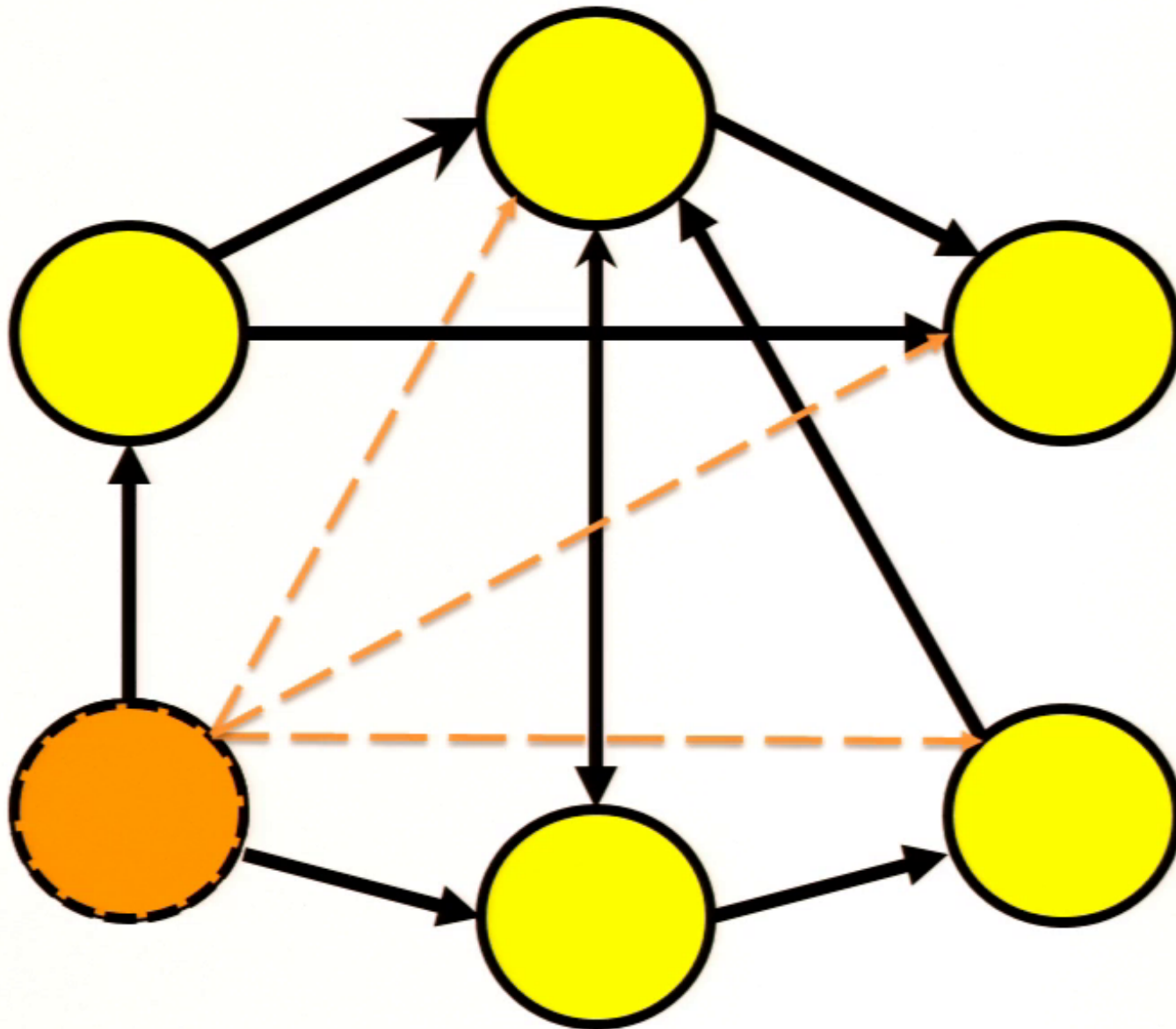
# PLUMS: Predicting Links Using Multiple Sources

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# Link Prediction



# Multiple Sources

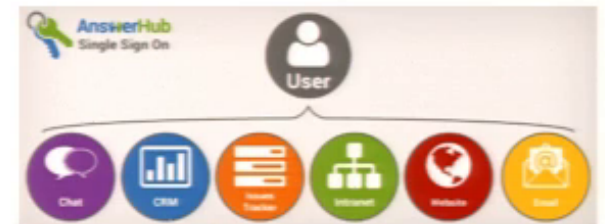
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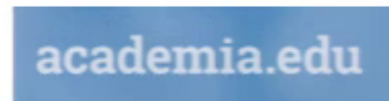
## Multiple Sources



Consumer Networks

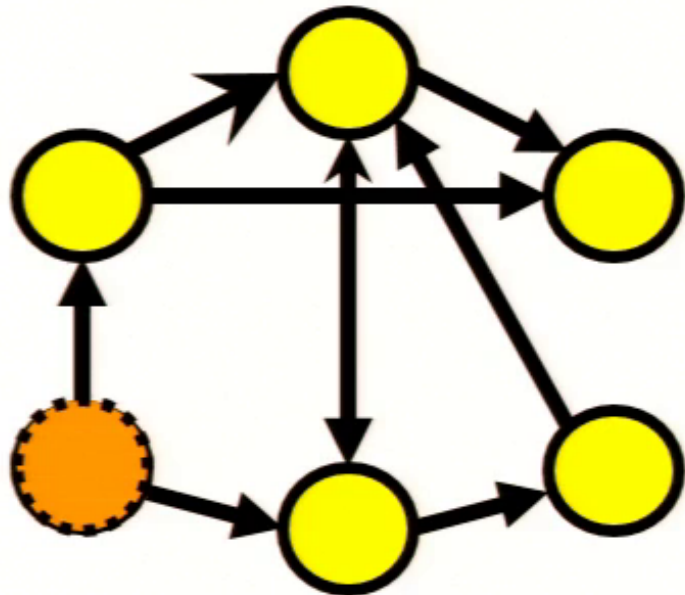


Enterprise Networks

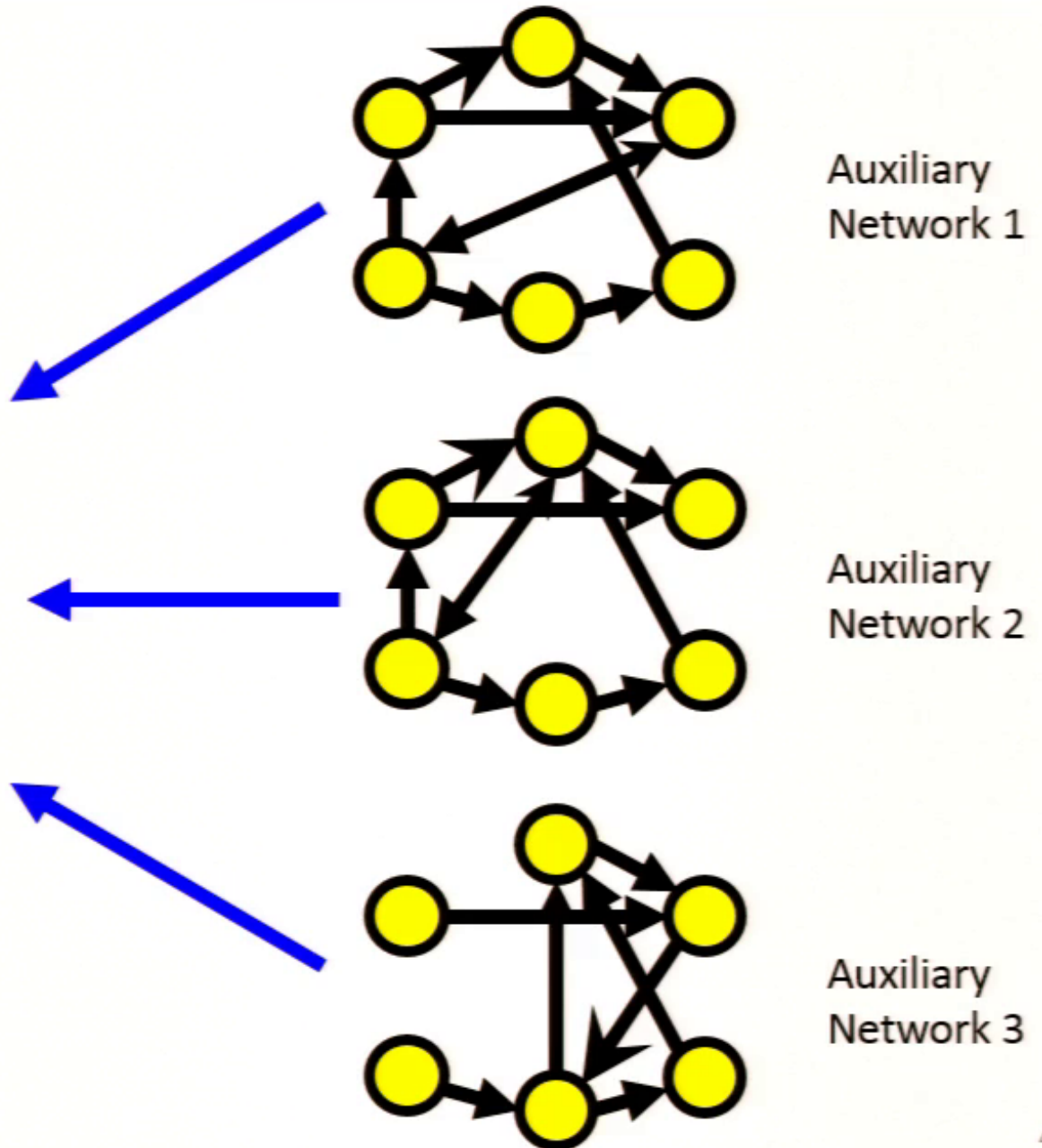


Academic Networks

# Primary Vs Auxiliary Networks



Primary Network



Auxiliary Network 1

Auxiliary Network 2

Auxiliary Network 3

# Challenges

- Network sparsity
  - Hard to make confident predictions
- Feature based link prediction models [\[Lu et al. 2010\]](#)
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Supervise Using Past Accepts/Rejects



# Our Approach

**WANT SOME EXERCISE?**

**GO ON A  
RANDOM WALK!**



# Random Walk

Standard Random  
Walk Model

$$\boldsymbol{\pi} = (1 - \alpha) \mathbf{P}_k^T \boldsymbol{\pi} + \alpha \boldsymbol{\gamma}$$

Moving to a neighbor

Teleportation

For Multiple Networks

$$\boldsymbol{\pi}_i = (1 - \alpha) \sum_{k=1}^n x_k \mathbf{P}_k^T \boldsymbol{\pi}_i + \alpha \mathbf{e}_i$$

Convex Combination



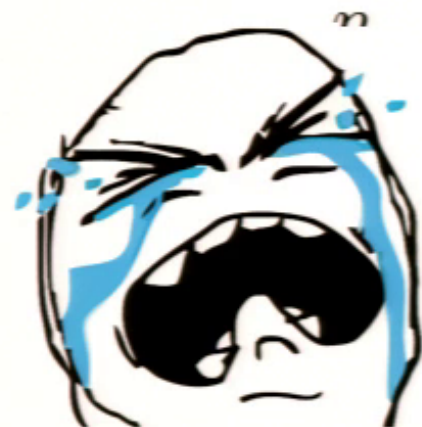
# Incorporating Supervision

$$\min_{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{\Pi}} - \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{y}_i^T \boldsymbol{\pi}_i$$

Maximize number of accepts (consistent with user feedback)

subject to

$$\boldsymbol{\pi}_i = (1 - \alpha) \left( \sum_{k=1}^n x_k \mathbf{P}_k^T \right) \boldsymbol{\pi}_i + \alpha \mathbf{e}_i, \forall i$$



$$\sum_{i=1}^n \boldsymbol{\pi}_i = \mathbf{1},$$

Do Random Walk

**Bi-linear constraint !!**

# Approximate Version

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# Problem Formulation

$$\min_{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{\Pi}} L_{\lambda}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{\Pi}) = - \sum_{i=1}^m \mathbf{y}_i^T \boldsymbol{\pi}_i + \frac{\lambda}{2} \sum_{i=1}^m \left\| \left( \boldsymbol{\pi}_i - (1 - \alpha) \left( \sum_{k=1}^n x_k \mathbf{P}_k^T \right) \boldsymbol{\pi}_i - \alpha \mathbf{e}_i \right) \right\|_2^2$$

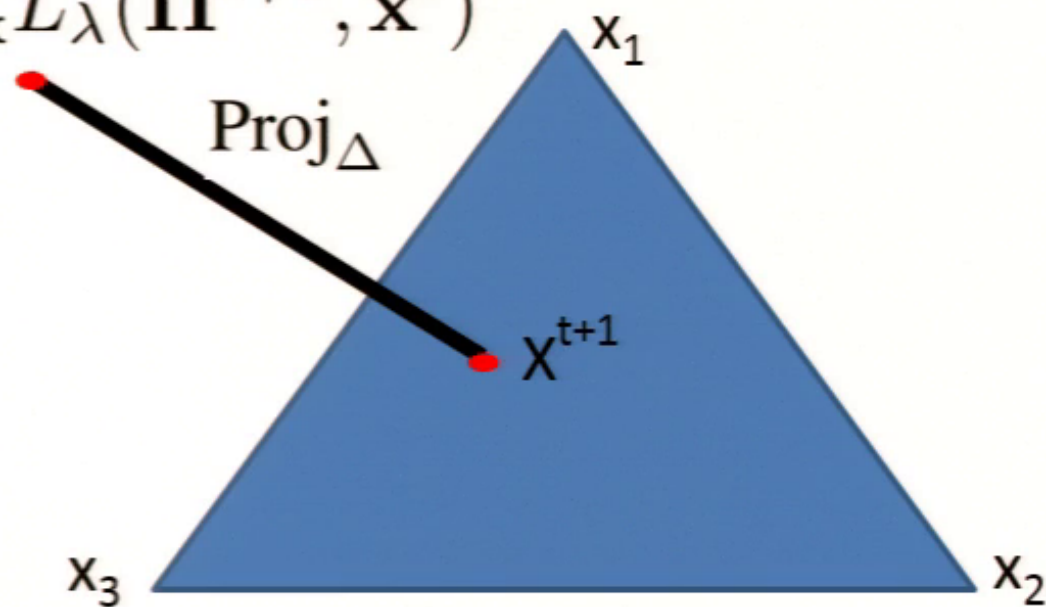
- Problem is **not jointly convex** on both  $X$  and  $\boldsymbol{\pi}$
- Convex when one variable is fixed
- Alternating minimization algorithm

# Projected Gradient Descent

$$\mathbf{\Pi}^{t+1} = \mathbf{\Pi}^t - \eta \nabla_{\mathbf{\Pi}} L_{\lambda}(\mathbf{\Pi}^t, \mathbf{x}^t)$$

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# PLUMS Updates

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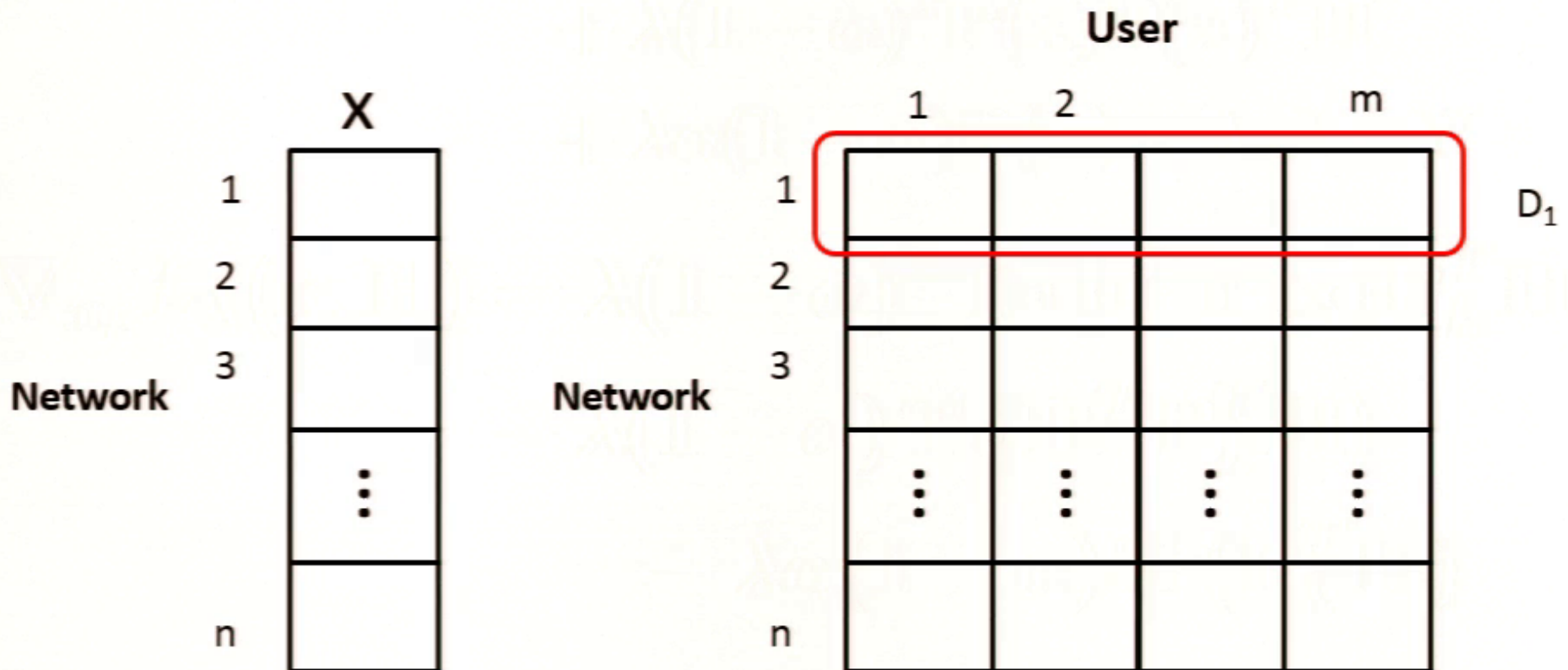
$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_{x_k} L_{\lambda}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{\Pi}) &= \lambda(1 - \alpha)^2 \text{Tr}(\mathbf{\Pi}^T \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{x}) \mathbf{P}_k^T \mathbf{\Pi}) \\ &\quad - \lambda(1 - \alpha) \text{Tr}(\mathbf{\Pi}^T \mathbf{P}_k^T \mathbf{\Pi}) \\ &\quad - \lambda\alpha(1 - \alpha) \text{Tr}(\mathbf{P}_k^T \mathbf{\Pi}) \end{aligned}$$



# Personalized PLUMS (pPLUMS)

$$\min_{\mathbf{D}_k, \mathbf{\Pi}} L_\lambda(\mathbf{D}, \mathbf{\Pi}; \lambda) = - \sum_i \mathbf{y}_i^T \pi_i$$

$$+ \frac{\lambda}{2} \sum_i \left\| \left( \pi_i - (1 - \alpha) \left( \sum_k D_k \mathbf{P}_k^T \right) \pi_i - \alpha \mathbf{e}_i \right) \right\|_2^2$$



# pPLUMS Updates

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{\Pi}} L_{\lambda}(\mathbf{D}, \mathbf{\Pi})$$

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# Data Sets



## Synthetic

- BTER
- 2.5, 3 Power law exponent
- Edges binned  $t_1$ ,  $t_2$  and  $t_3$



## DBLP

- 1996-2011
- IR, DM, ML, OS
- 3 time periods
- Different auxiliary net.



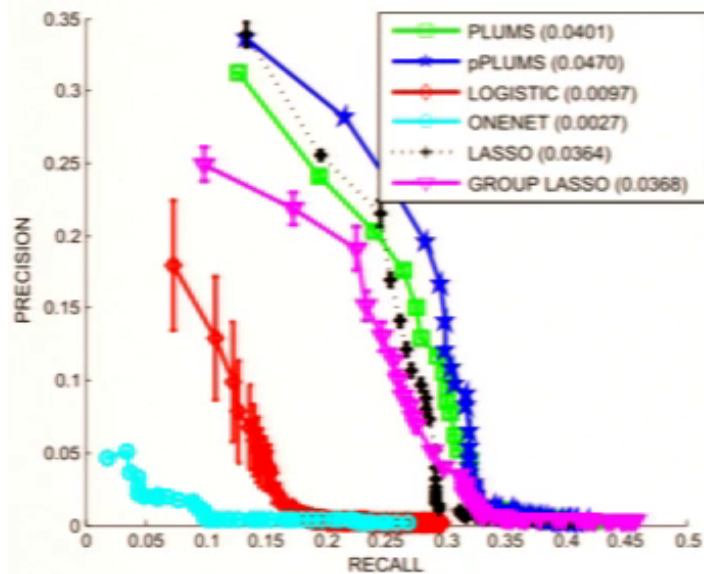
## Protein-Protein

- thebiogrid.org
- PA\*, DI, CO
- Edges binned 4:3:3 ratio

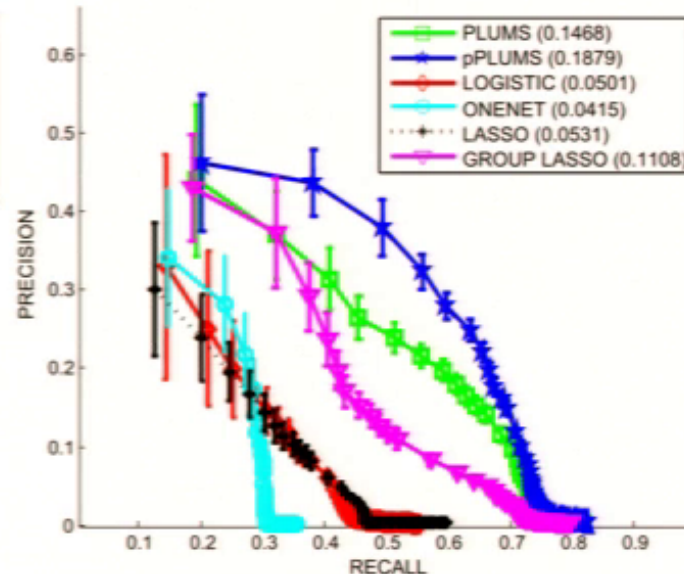
# Baselines

- **Logistic Regression**
  - Edge training data point
  - Independent and combined network features
  - Degree, common neighbor, personalized page rank
- **Lasso** [Lu et. Al 2010]
  - One, two, three path features for various network permutations
  - L1 norm
- **Group Lasso** [Lu et. Al 2010]
  - Composite norm with hierarchical sparsity
- **Onenet**
  - Personalized page rank for single network

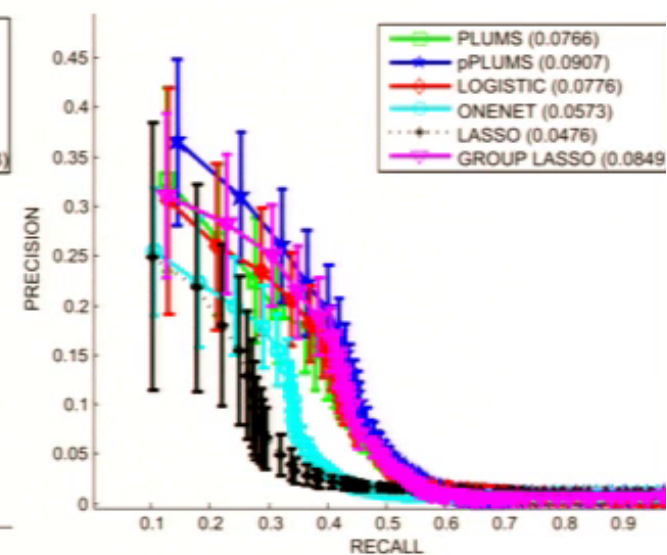
# Effectiveness Analysis



DBLP



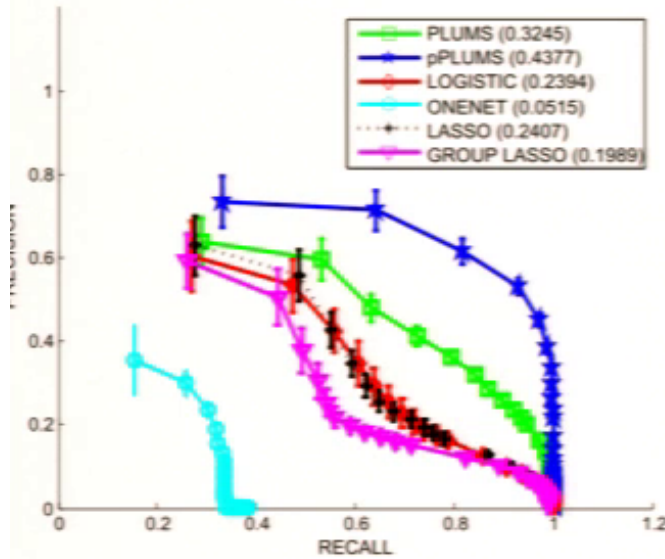
Synthetic



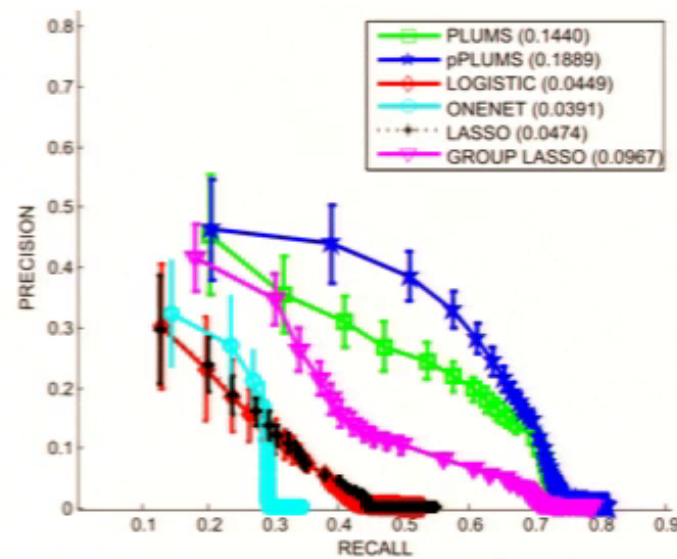
BioGrid

- pPLUMS consistently performs better
- oneNet performs poorly – lack of auxiliary information
- pPLUMS is 26% better than best performing baseline
- Group-Lasso is the consistently best performing baseline

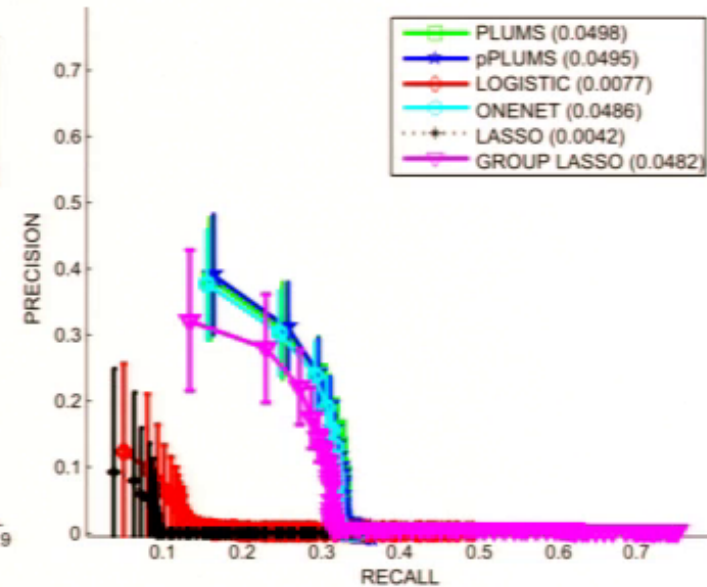
# Sparsity Analysis



Low Sparsity



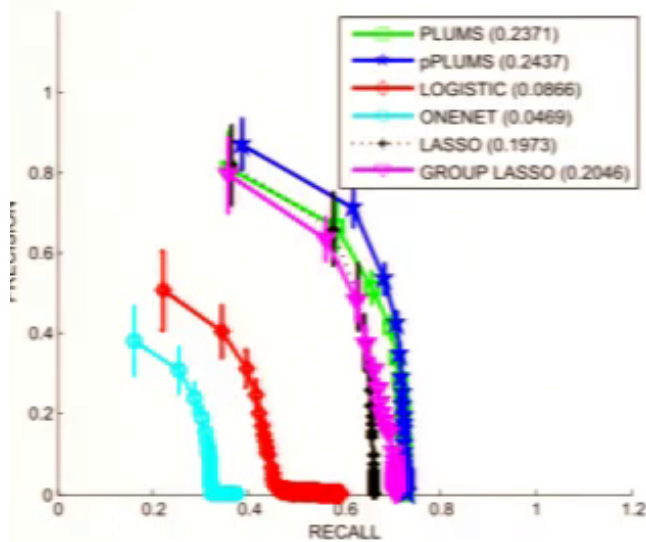
Medium Sparsity



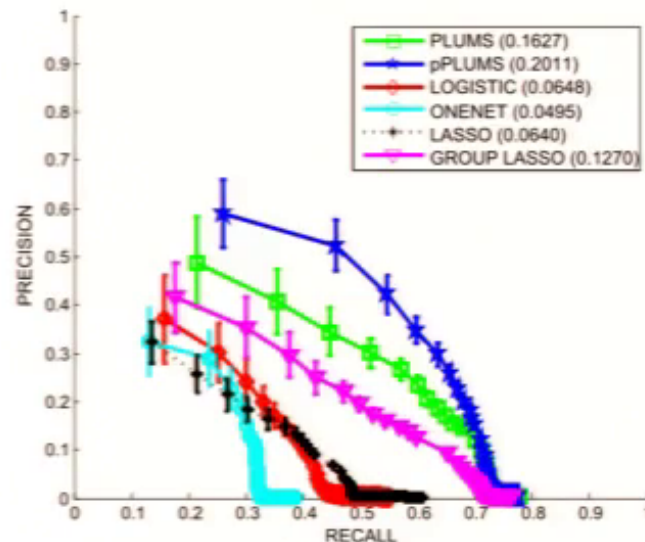
High Sparsity

- Increase sparsity by reducing the edges in auxiliary networks
- pPLUMS and plums makes best use of auxiliary information
- In high sparsity only Group Lasso performs well due to its composite norm structure

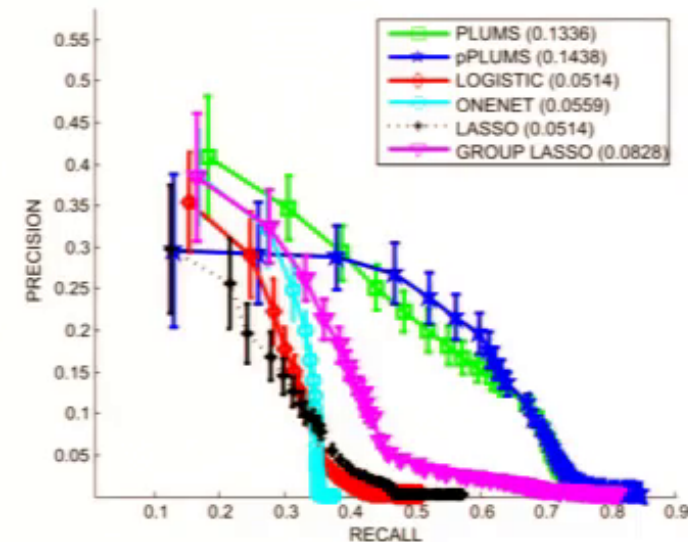
# Robustness Analysis



Low Noise



Medium Noise



High Noise

- All approaches perform reasonably at low noise conditions
- Group-Lasso again is a robust baseline that performs consistently well
- Our approach pPLUMS performs well in all noise conditions

# Conclusions

- Problem of **link prediction** is fundamental to social and collaboration networks
- Our **goal** was to incorporate
  - auxiliary information
  - supervision
  - no explicit features
- We developed both **general** and **personalized** models
- Our approach is generalization of **Katz** measure
- PLUMS is **robust** under sparse and noisy conditions
- Auxiliary information is **mutually un-informative** use **PLUMS**
- Auxiliary network has **no extra information** use **Group-Lasso**



# Thank you

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