

# FIRST: Fast Interactive Attributed Subgraph Matching

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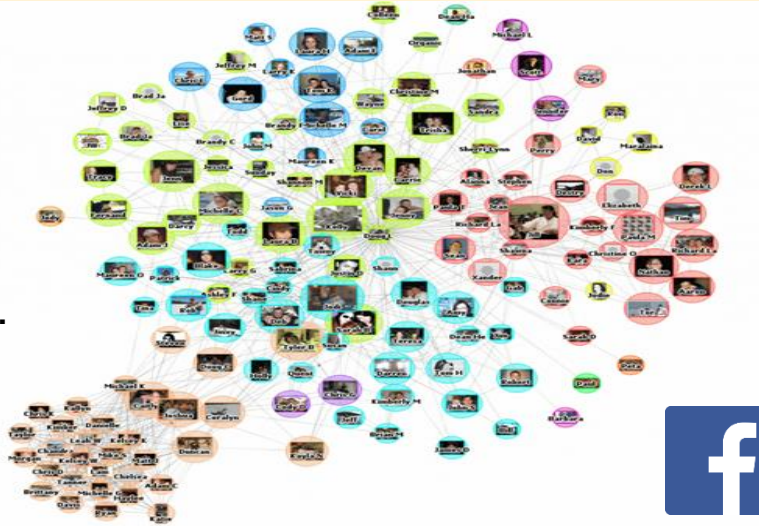


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# Attributed Networks Are Everywhere

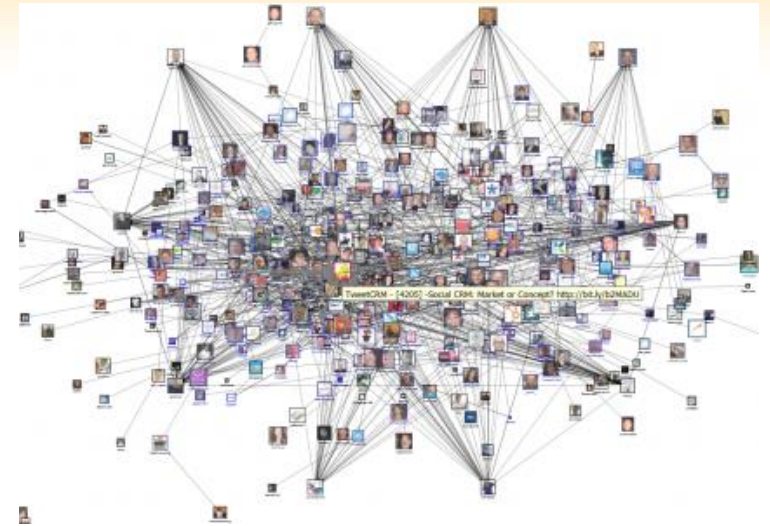
**Node Attribute:**  
Age/gender/  
interests...

**Edge Attribute:**  
Friendship/like...



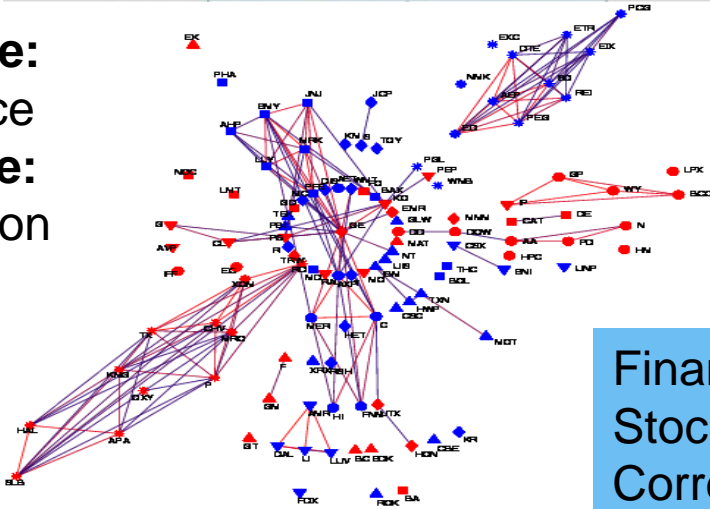
**Node Attribute:**  
Education/skills/  
occupation...

**Edge Attribute:**  
Follow/inmail...



**Node Attribute:**  
Stock type/price

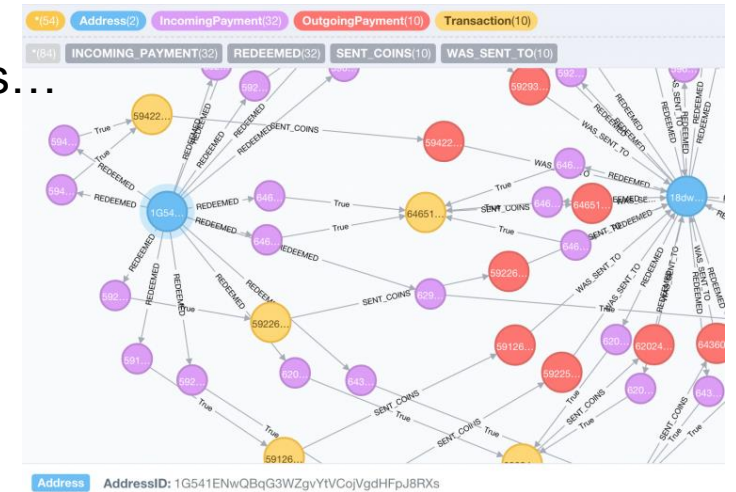
**Edge Attribute:**  
Stock correlation



Financial:  
Stock  
Correlation

**Node Attribute:**  
Address/payments...

**Edge Attribute:**  
Transaction types



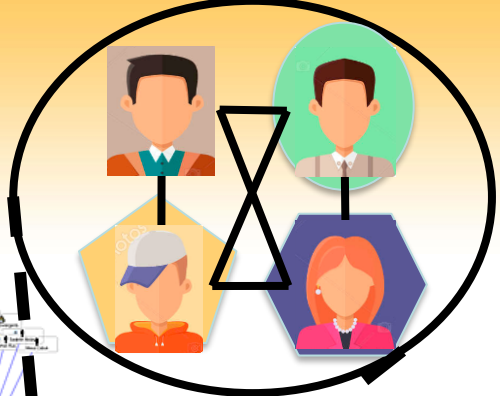
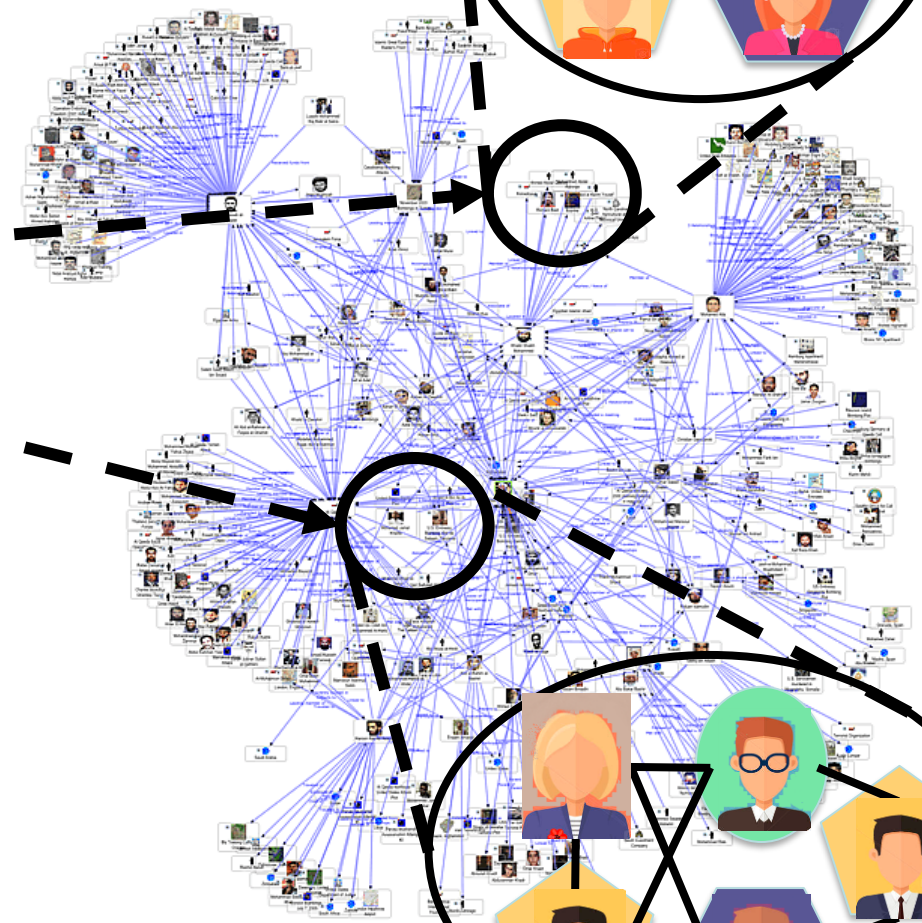
Bitcoin  
Transaction

- **Q: How to explore attributed networks?**

# A: Attributed Subgraph Matching

- To find structures to your interest.

Query Graph:



Exact Matching

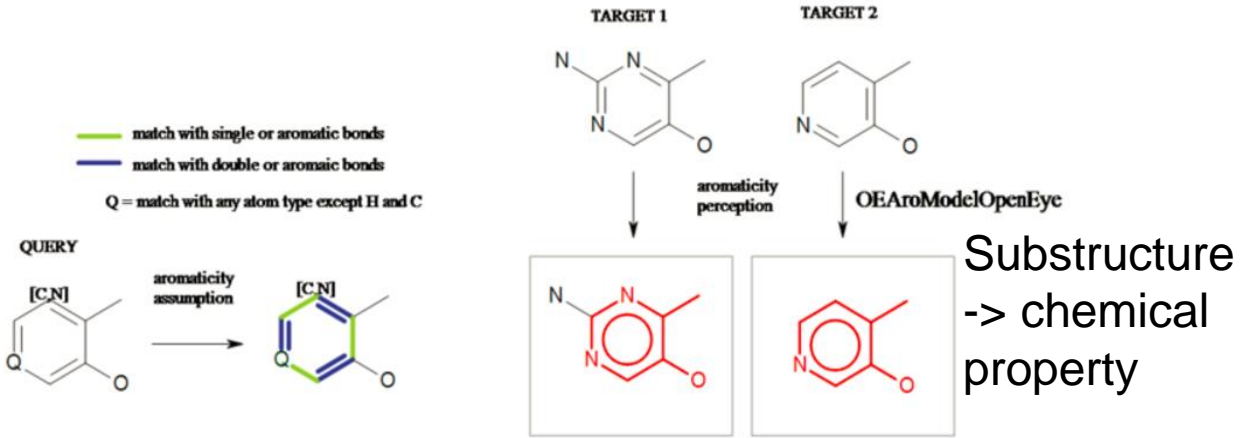
Data Graph



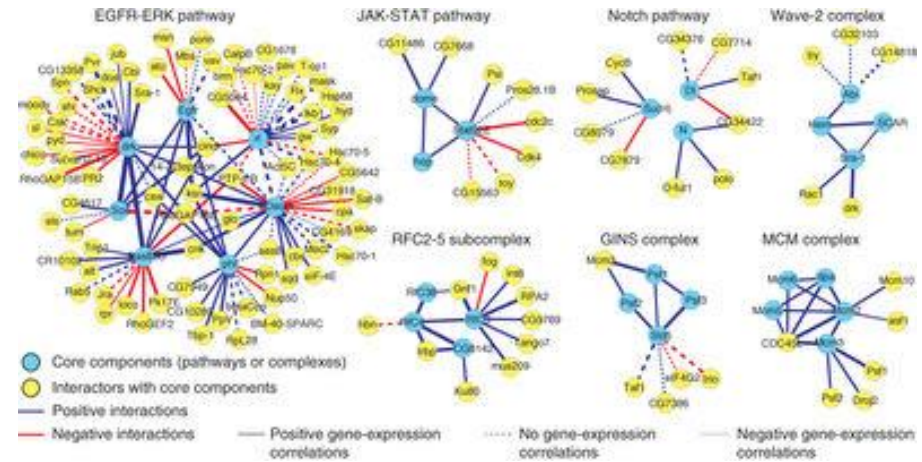
Inexact Matching

# Attributed Subgraph Matching Applications

## Finding Chemical Substructures/ Similarities [OEChem TK library]

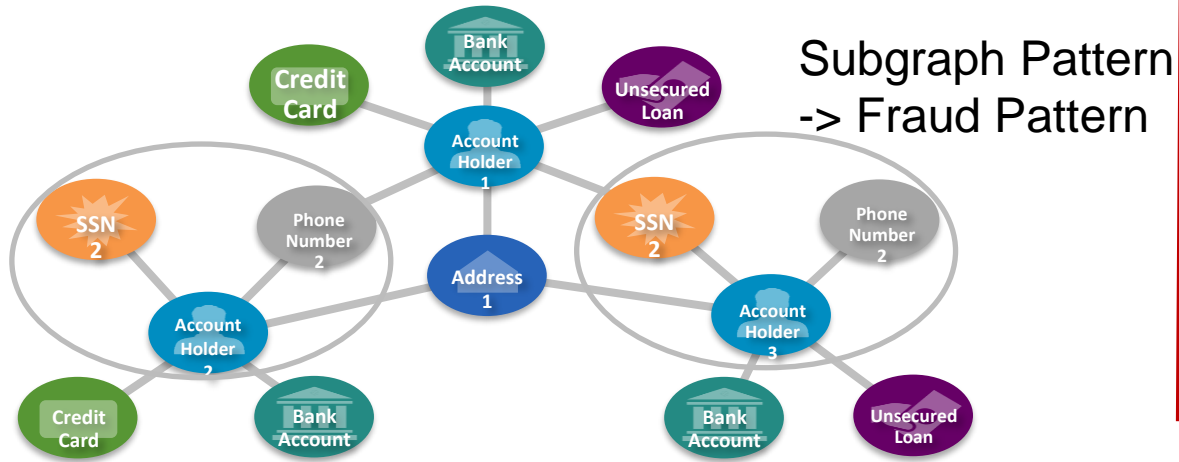


## Protein-to-protein Interaction Network [A Vinayagam' 14]

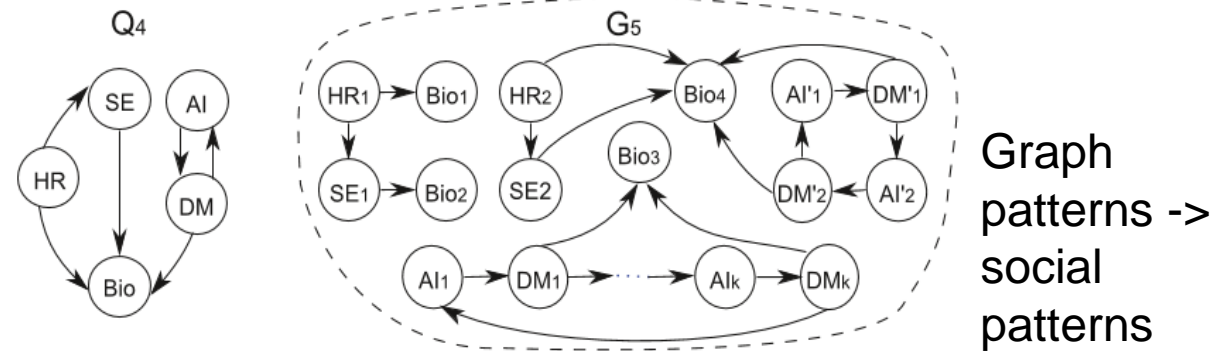


Pathways in PPI → Protein function

## Financial Fraud Pattern Detection [Neo4j]



## Social Media Analysis [W Fan' 12]



and so on...

# Existing Methods for Attributed Subgraph Matching (MANY!)

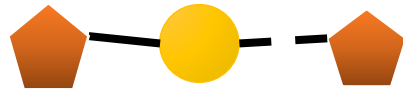
Algorithm	Author & Conference	Exact Matching	Inexact Matching	Node Attribute	Edge Attribute	Require no Index	Accurate query
<i>R-WAG/I-WAG/S-WAG</i>	S Roy et al. TKDE' 15	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗
<i>MAGE</i>	R. Pienta et al. IEEE BigData' 14	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
<i>NeMa</i>	A. Khan et al. VLDB' 13	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗
<i>IncMatch</i>	W. Fan et al. SIGMOD'11	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗
<i>SIGMA</i>	M.Mongiovi et al. CSB' 09	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗
<i>TALE</i>	Y. Tian et al. ICDE' 08	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗
<i>G-Ray</i>	H. Tong et al. KDD' 07	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗
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- **Obs:** The User Needs to Provide the **Accurate** Query Graph.
- **Q:** What if the user does not know exactly what s/he is looking for?

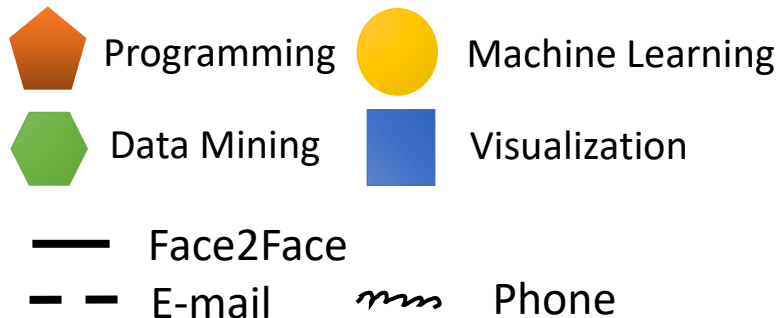
# Interactive Attributed Subgraph Matching

- An illustrative example:
  - **Given:**
    - a social network with node attributes and edge attribute;
    - an initial query with attributes;
  - **Find:** the best matching subgraph(s) with **query revision on-the-fly**.

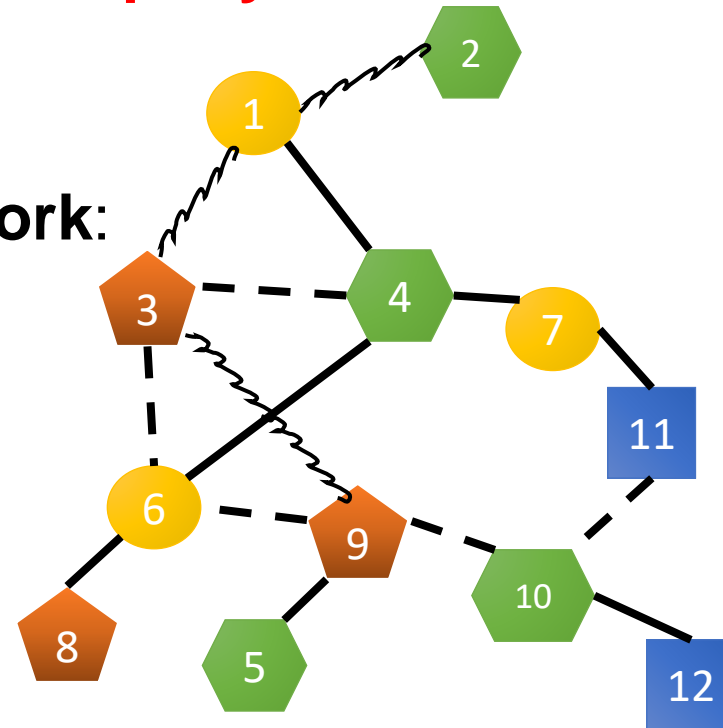
Initial Query:



Attributes:

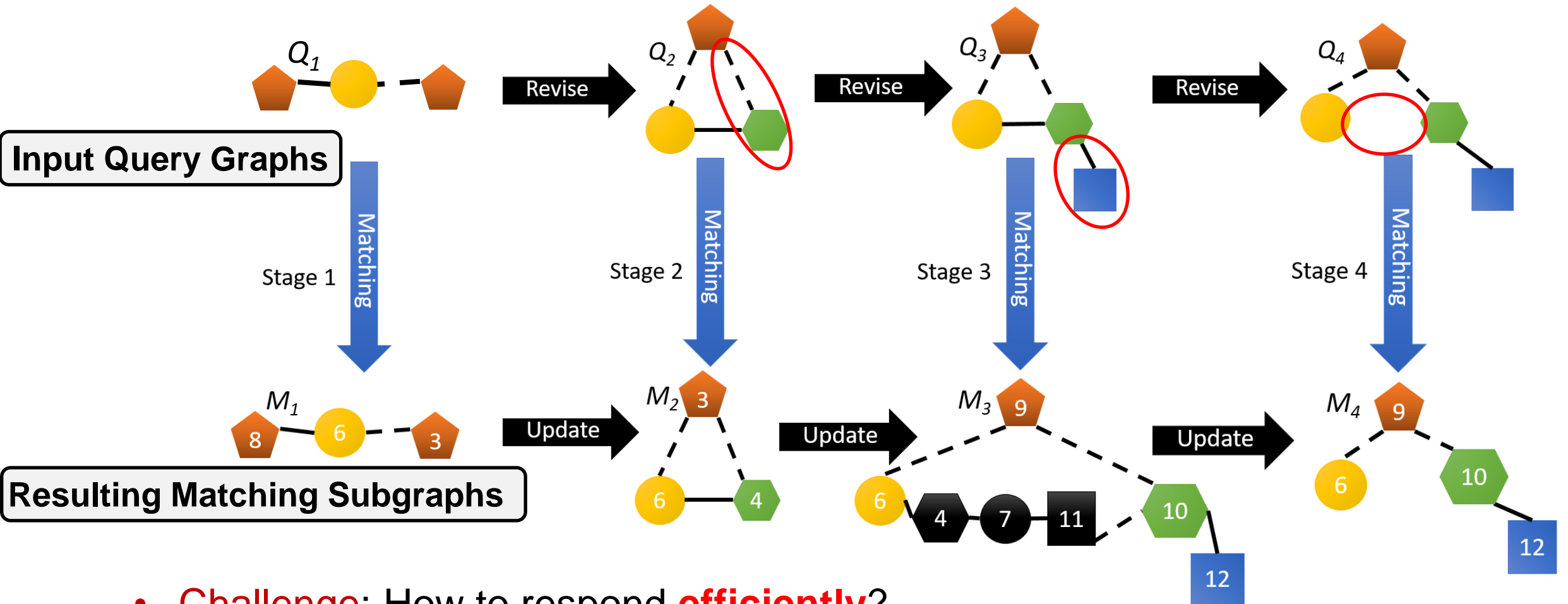


Data Network:



# Interactive Attributed Subgraph Matching (cont'd)

- An illustrative example (cont'd): Revising and matching process.



- Challenge:** How to respond **efficiently**?
  - w/o re-running algorithm or re-building Graph indexes

# Roadmap

- Motivation
- **Problem Definition**
- Proposed Solution: FIRST family
- Experiments
- Conclusions



# Problem Definition

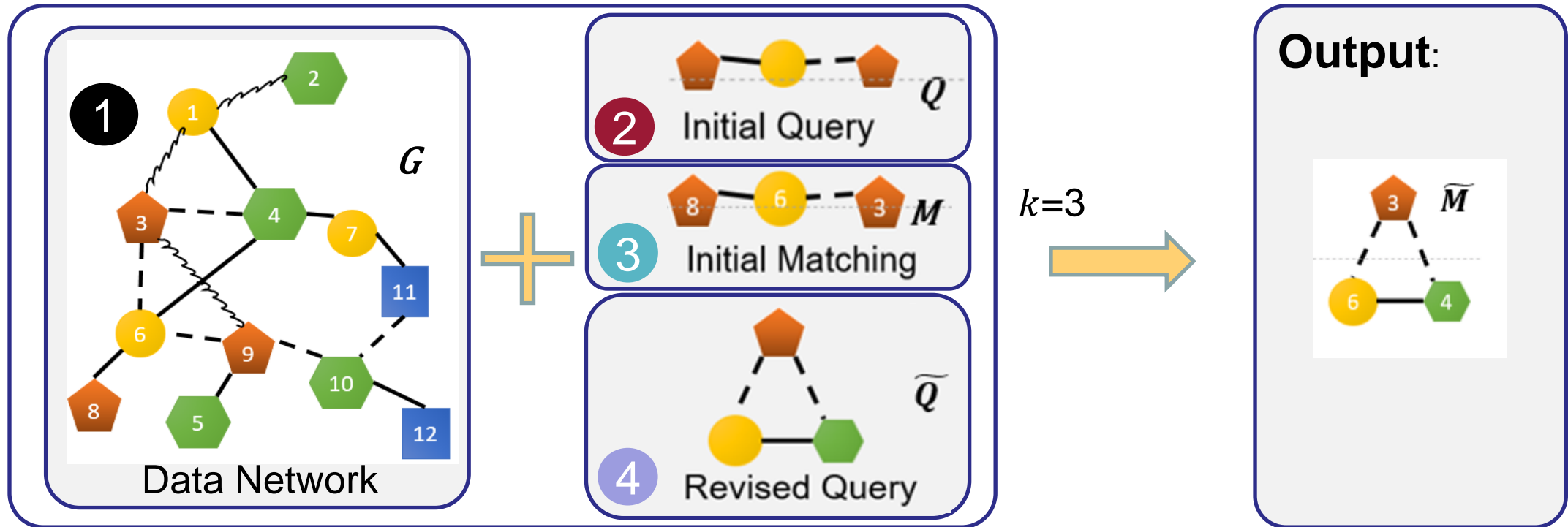
**Given:**

- 1 an undirected attributed network  $G = (A, N_A, E_A)$ ,  $[A: n \times n]$
- 2 an undirected initial query graph  $Q = (A_q, N_q, E_q)$ ,  $[A_q: k \times k]$
- 3 the initial matching graph  $M$
- 4 the revised query graph  $\tilde{Q}$ ;

**Output:**  
the updated matching subgraph  $\tilde{M}$ .

**Input:**

$n=12$



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  - Details
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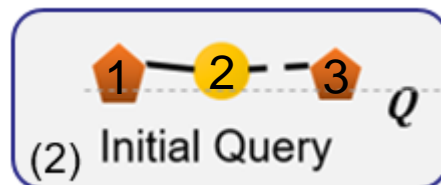
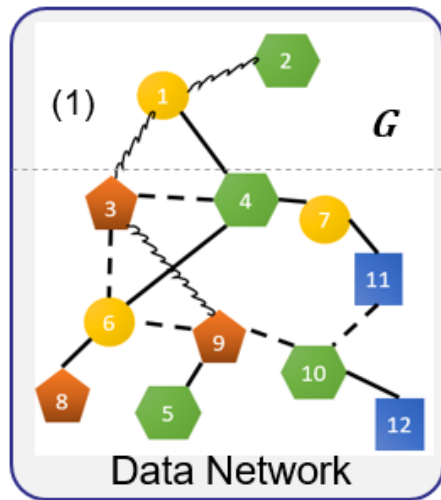
# Key ideas

- **Key Idea #1: Matching as cross-network node similarity**
- **Potential Benefit:**
  - Encodes both topology and attribute during matching
  - Major computation: Sylvester equation
- **Key Idea #2: Explore the smoothness of query graphs**
- **Potential Benefit:**
  - View the revised query as a perturbation of previous query
  - Incrementally solve Sylvester equation for fast response

# Key Idea #1: Matching as cross-network node similarity

- Step 1: Find Similarity Matrix (**S**): *FIRST-Q/N/E*
  - **Intuition:** cross-network node similarity [Zhang, et al KDD'16]
  - **Major Computation:** to solve the Sylvester Equation

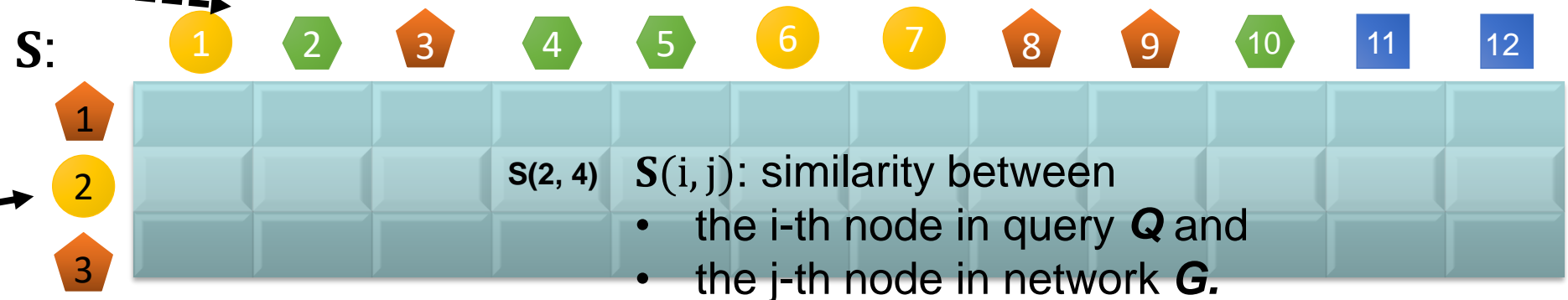
$$\mathbf{s} = \alpha \mathbf{W} \mathbf{s} + (1 - \alpha) \mathbf{h}$$



**W**: Kronecker graph of **G** and **Q** (filtered by node/edge attribute);

**s**: Vectorized similarity matrix **S**;

**h**: Vectorized preference matrix **H**.



# Key Idea #1 (cont'd):

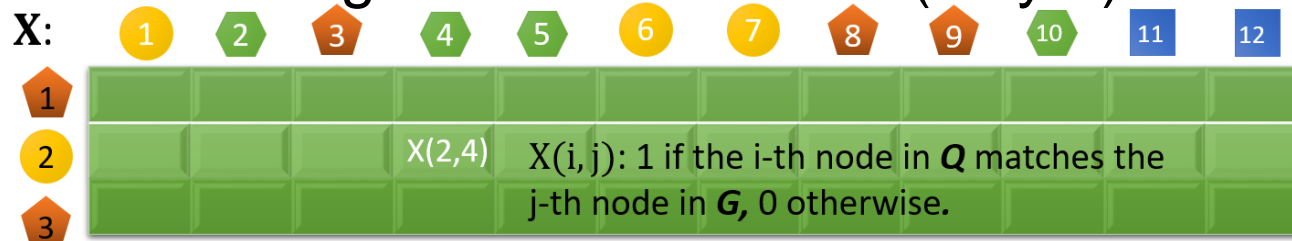
- Step 2: Find Matching Subgraph: *Sim2Sub*

- Intuition:

1. From similarity matrix to permutation matrix  $\mathbf{X}$ ;
2. From permutation matrix to subgraph.

- Major Computation:

- Calculate Matching Indicator Matrix  $\mathbf{X}$  (k by n).



- How to: Use 'goodness' function  $g(\mathbf{X})$ :

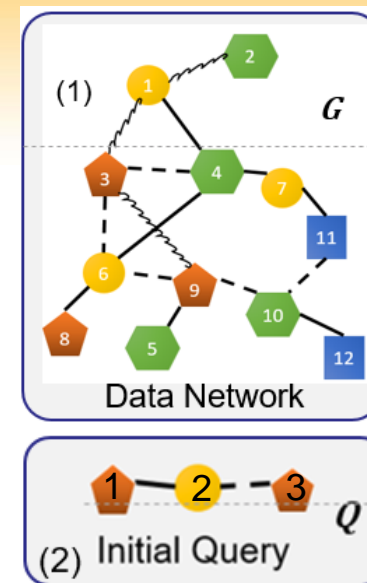
$$\mathbf{X}^* = \operatorname{argmax}(g(\mathbf{X}))$$

$$= \operatorname{argmax} \left[ - \underbrace{\left\| \mathbf{XAX}' - \mathbf{A}_q \right\|_F^2}_{\text{Matching subgraph Connectivity}} + a * \underbrace{\operatorname{trace}(\mathbf{SX}')}_{\text{Quality of individual matching nodes}} - b * \underbrace{\left\| \mathbf{XX}' - \mathbf{I} \right\|_F^2}_{\text{Permutation matrix}}$$

Matching subgraph  
Connectivity

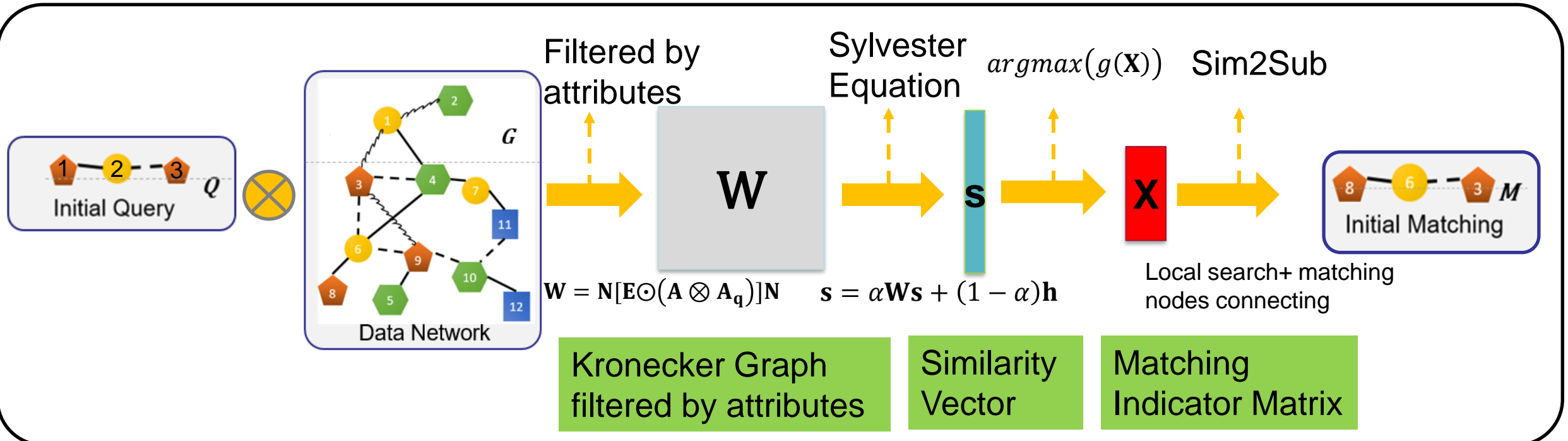
Quality of individual  
matching nodes

Permutation matrix



# Summary of steps in Key Idea #1

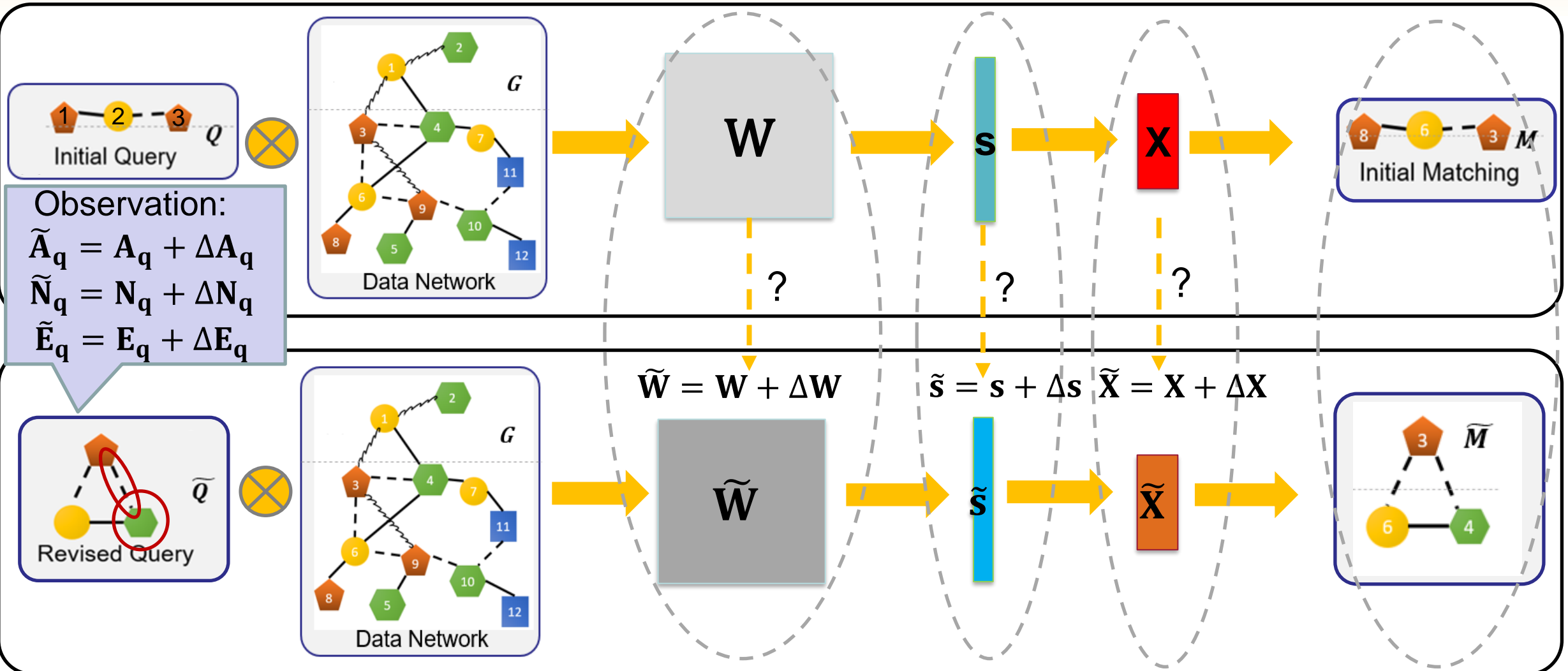
- Procedure: Input graphs  $\rightarrow$  cross-network similarity vector  $\rightarrow$  matching subgraph



Step 1: FIRST-Q/N/E

Step 2: Sim2Sub

# Key Idea #2: Smoothness of query graphs



# Details:

Scenarios	W
Topology only	$W = A \otimes A_q$
Topology + node attribute	$W = \mathbf{N}(A \otimes A_q)\mathbf{N}$
Topology + node attribute + edge attribute	$W = \mathbf{N}[\mathbf{E} \odot (A \otimes A_q)]\mathbf{N}$

**N**: the node attribute matrix of input networks (*G* & *Q*):

$\mathbf{N} = \sum_{p=1}^K N_A^p \otimes N_q^p$ , *K*: the number of distinct node labels.

**E**: the edge attribute matrix of input networks (*G* & *Q*):

$\mathbf{E} = \sum_{l=1}^L E_A^l \otimes E_q^l$ , *L*: the number of distinct edge labels.



# FIRST-Q: Handle Topology Revision

**Scenario 1:** During query revision, only graph topology is changed.

- **Goal:**

Fast computation of similarity vector after topology revision.

- **Observation:**

1. We already have:  $\mathbf{s} = \alpha \mathbf{W} \mathbf{s} + (1 - \alpha) \mathbf{h}$ ,  $\tilde{\mathbf{W}} = \mathbf{W} + \Delta \mathbf{W}$ ,

2. The approximated similarity matrix:

$$\hat{\mathbf{s}} = (1 - \alpha)(\mathbf{I} - \alpha \hat{\mathbf{W}})^{-1} \mathbf{h}$$

- **Solution:**

1. Calculate  $\mathbf{W}$  in pre-computing stage, only  $\Delta \mathbf{W}$  in interactive stage.

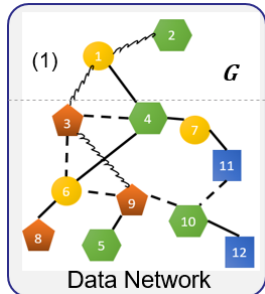
2. Low-rank approx. & matrix inverse lemma for fast computation.

# FIRST-Q: Handle Topology Revision

- How to (Details):

## Pre-computing Stage:

1. Low-rank approximation for data network:



$$\mathbf{A} \approx \mathbf{U}_A \mathbf{\Lambda}_A \mathbf{U}_A^T$$

2. Store  $\mathbf{U}_A, \mathbf{\Lambda}_A$ .

## Interactive Stage:

1.  $\tilde{\mathbf{A}}_q \approx \mathbf{U}_Q \mathbf{\Lambda}_Q \mathbf{U}_Q^T$

2. Compute: node attribute matrix  $\mathbf{N}$ , diagonal degree matrix  $\mathbf{D}$ .

3.  $\hat{\mathbf{W}} = \begin{bmatrix} & \mathbf{\Lambda} & \\ \mathbf{L} & & \mathbf{R} \end{bmatrix}$

Construct  $\mathbf{L}, \mathbf{\Lambda}, \mathbf{R}$  from the approximation of  $\mathbf{A}$  &  $\tilde{\mathbf{A}}_q$ .

4. 
$$\hat{\mathbf{s}} = (1 - \alpha) \mathbf{P}^{-1} [\mathbf{D}_1^{-1} + \alpha \mathbf{D}_1^{-1} \mathbf{L} (\mathbf{\Lambda}^{-1} - \alpha \mathbf{R} \mathbf{D}_1^{-1} \mathbf{L})^{-1}] \mathbf{P}^{-1} \mathbf{h}$$



- Result:

- Time complexity:  $O(r^2 t^2 k n + r t k n + K^2 k n)$

- Space complexity:  $O(k^2 r n + m_1)$

By Sherman-Morrison Lemma

# FIRST-N: Handle Node Attribute Revision

**Scenario 2:** During query revising, only node attribute is changed.

- **Goal:**

Fast computation of similarity vector after node attribute revision.

- **Observation:**

- We already have:  $\hat{\mathbf{s}} = (1 - \alpha)(\mathbf{I} - \alpha\widehat{\mathbf{W}})^{-1}\mathbf{h}$ ,  $\widetilde{\mathbf{N}}_q = \mathbf{N}_q + \Delta\mathbf{N}$ ,

- The topology keeps unchanged.

- Low-rank approx. of both  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{A}_q$  (pre-compute).

- **Solution:**

- Calculate  $\mathbf{W}$  in pre-computing stage, only  $\Delta\mathbf{W}$  in interactive stage.

- Low-rank approx. & matrix inverse lemma for fast computation.

# FIRST-N: Handle Node Attribute Revision

- **How to (Details):**

This can further speed up this algorithm compared to FIRST-Q.

## Pre-computing Stage:

1. Low-rank approximation:

$$\mathbf{A} \approx \mathbf{U}_A \mathbf{\Lambda}_A \mathbf{U}_A^T$$

$$\mathbf{A}_q \approx \mathbf{U}_q \mathbf{\Lambda}_q \mathbf{U}_q^T$$

2. Construct approximated  $\mathbf{W}$  :

$$\widehat{\mathbf{W}} = \begin{bmatrix} & \mathbf{\Lambda} & \mathbf{R} \\ \mathbf{L} & & \end{bmatrix}$$

3. Store  $\mathbf{L}, \mathbf{R}, \mathbf{\Lambda}$ .

## Interactive Stage:

1. Major Computation: Compute  $\mathbf{N}$ , diagonal degree matrix  $\mathbf{D}$  with  $\widetilde{\mathbf{N}}_q$ .

2. Intermediate matrix:

$$\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{D}^{-1/2} \widetilde{\mathbf{N}}_q, \mathbf{D}_1 = \mathbf{P}^{-1} \mathbf{P}^{-1}.$$

3. Calculate similarity vector:

$$\widehat{\mathbf{s}} = (1 - \alpha) \mathbf{P}^{-1} [\mathbf{D}_1^{-1} + \alpha \mathbf{D}_1^{-1} \mathbf{L} (\mathbf{\Lambda}^{-1} - \alpha \mathbf{R} \mathbf{D}_1^{-1} \mathbf{L})^{-1}] \mathbf{P}^{-1} \mathbf{h}$$

- **Result:**

➤ Time complexity:  $O(r^2 t^2 kn + rtkn + K^2 kn)$

➤ Space complexity:  $O(k^2 rn + m_1)$

By Sherman-Morrison Lemma

# FIRST-E: Handle Edge Attribute Revision

**Scenario 3:** During query revising, only edge attributes are changed.

- **Goal:**

Fast computation of similarity vector after edge attribute revision.

- **Observation:**

1. Pre-compute: The low-rank approximation of the edge attributed adjacency matrix ( $\mathbf{E}_A^l \odot \mathbf{A}$ );
2. Interactive: Only approx. of the revised edge attributed adjacency matrix.

- **Solution keys:**

1. Low-rank approximation;
2. matrix inverse lemma;
3. Block matrix property.

# FIRST-E: Handle Edge Attribute Revision (cont'd)

## • How to (Details):

### Pre-computing Stage:

1. The edge attribute is updated:  $\mathbf{E}_A^l \odot \mathbf{A} \approx$
2. Store  $\mathbf{U}_A^l, \Lambda_A^l$ ;
3. If the index  $\mathcal{I}'$  of changed edge attribute is available:

$$\mathbf{E}_q^k \odot \mathbf{A}_q \approx \mathbf{U}_q^k \Lambda_q^k (\mathbf{U}_q^k)^T \quad (\text{all } k)$$

4. Store  $\mathbf{U}_q^k, \Lambda_q^k$ ;

- Time complexity:  $O(r^2 t^2 k n + L r t k n + K^2 L k n)$
- Space complexity:  $O(L r t k n + m_1)$

This can further speed up computation.

### Interactive Stage:

1. Compute:  $\mathbf{N}, \mathbf{D}, \mathbf{E}_q^k \odot \mathbf{A}_q \approx \mathbf{U}_q^k \Lambda_q^k (\mathbf{U}_q^k)^T$  ( $k \in \mathcal{I}'$ )
2. Construct block matrix  $\mathbf{U}, \Lambda$ ;

$$\mathbf{U} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{V}_1 & & \\ & \dots & \\ & & \mathbf{V}_L \end{pmatrix}, \quad \Lambda = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{Y}_1 & & \\ & \mathbf{Y}_2 & \\ & & \ddots \\ & & & \mathbf{Y}_L \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{V}_l = \mathbf{U}_A^l \otimes \mathbf{U}_q^k \quad \mathbf{Y}_j = \Lambda_A^l \otimes \Lambda_q^k$$

3.  $\hat{\mathbf{s}} = (1 - \alpha) \left[ \mathbf{I} + \alpha \mathbf{L} (\Lambda^{-1} - \alpha \mathbf{R} \mathbf{L})^{-1} \mathbf{R} \right] \mathbf{h}$ ;  
 $(\mathbf{L} = \mathbf{D}^{-1/2} \mathbf{N} \mathbf{U}, \mathbf{R} = \mathbf{U}^T \mathbf{N} \mathbf{D}^{-1/2}).$

# Roadmap:

- Motivation
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- Proposed Solution: FIRST family
  - Key ideas
  - Three scenarios
- **Experiments**
- **Conclusions**

# Experimental Setup

- Datasets Summary

Name	# of Nodes	# of Edges	Node/Edge Attribute
DBLP	9,143	16,338	Node attribute only
Flickr	12,974	16,149	Node attribute only
LastFm	136,421	1,685,524	Node attribute only
ArnetMiner	1,274,360	4,756,194	Node & Edge attribute
LinkedIn	6,726,290	19,360,690	Node attribute only

- Baseline methods:

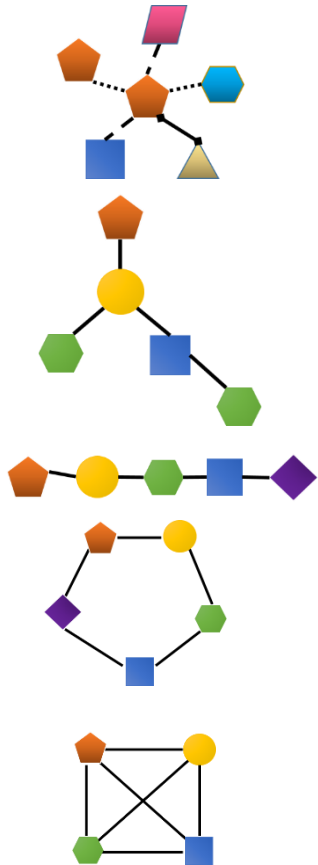
- G-ray [Tong et al. KDD' 07]
- MAGE [Pienta et al. IEEE BigData' 14]
- FINAL (and its variants) [Zhang et al. KDD'16]



# Experiment Result - Effectiveness (Nodes)

% Exact Matching Nodes (Higher is Better)

Query samples:



Algorithms	G-Ray	MAGE	FIRST
Star(N)	37.5	*	<b>75.0</b>
E-Star(N)	<b>83.3</b>	*	71.4
Line(N)	50.0	*	<b>83.3</b>
Loop(N)	27.3	*	<b>71.4</b>
Clique(N)	25.0	*	<b>57.1</b>
Star(NE)	*	30.0	<b>40.0</b>
E-Star(NE)	*	33.3	<b>41.7</b>
Line(NE)	*	33.3	<b>62.5</b>
Loop(NE)	*	27.3	<b>33.3</b>
Clique(NE)	*	60.0	<b>66.7</b>

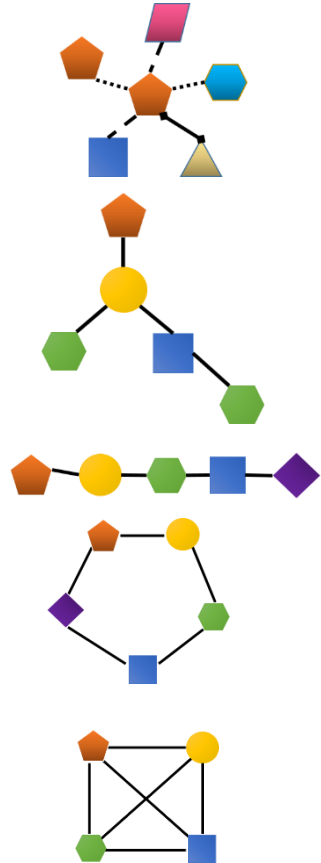
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Observation: Generally FIRST family generates more accurate results.

# Experiment Result - Effectiveness (Nodes)

Query samples:

% of Extra Nodes (Lower is better)



Algorithms	G-Ray	MAGE	FIRST
Star(N)	62.5	*	<b>0.0</b>
E-Star(N)	<b>0.0</b>	*	<b>0.0</b>
Line(N)	50.0	*	<b>0.0</b>
Loop(N)	<b>0.0</b>	*	<b>0.0</b>
Clique(N)	25.0	*	<b>0.0</b>
Star(NE)	*	50.0	<b>0.0</b>
E-Star(NE)	*	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
Line(NE)	*	33.3	<b>0.0</b>
Loop(NE)	*	<b>27.3</b>	44.4
Clique(NE)	*	40.0	<b>0.0</b>

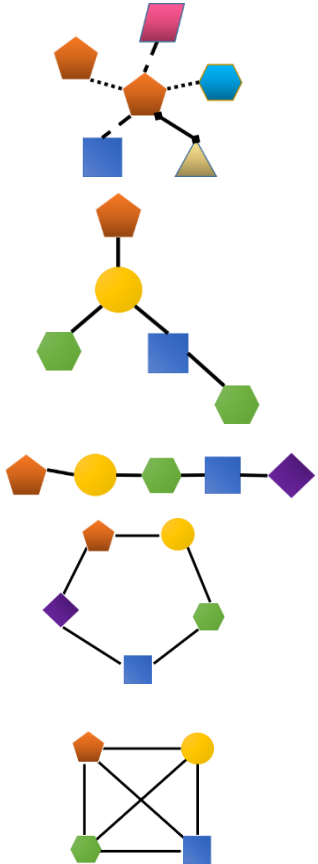
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# Experiment Result - Effectiveness (Edges)

Query samples:

% Exact Matching Edges (Higher is better)



Algorithm	G-Ray	MAGE	FIRST
Star(N)	33.3	*	<b>57.1</b>
E-Star(N)	<b>60.0</b>	*	50.0
Line(N)	40.0	*	<b>60.0</b>
Loop(N)	8.3	*	<b>42.9</b>
Clique(N)	7.1	*	<b>12.5</b>
Star(NE)	*	0.0	<b>14.3</b>
E-Star(NE)	*	7.1	<b>9.0</b>
Line(NE)	*	0.0	<b>14.3</b>
Loop(NE)	*	0.0	<b>14.3</b>
Clique(NE)	*	0.0	<b>12.5</b>

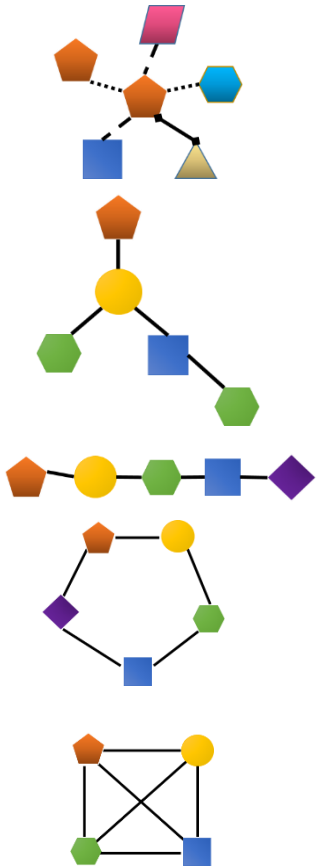
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# Experiment Result - Effectiveness

Query samples:

% Extra Matching Edges (Lower is better)

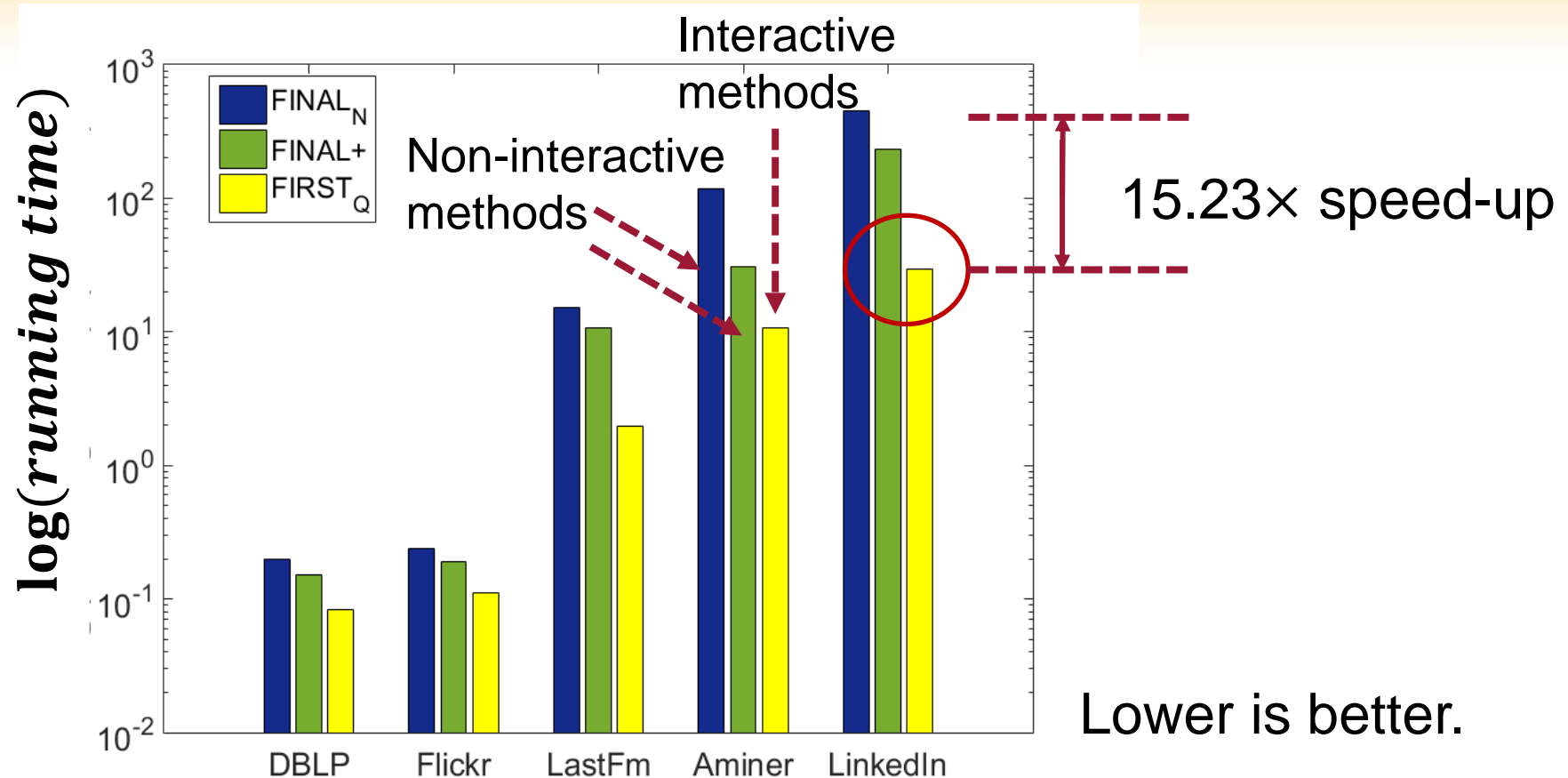


Algorithm	G-Ray	MAGE	FIRST
Star(N)	66.7	*	<b>0.0</b>
E-Star(N)	<b>0.0</b>	*	<b>0.0</b>
Line(N)	60.0	*	<b>0.0</b>
Loop(N)	8.3	*	<b>0.0</b>
Clique(N)	35.7	*	<b>0.0</b>
Star(NE)	*	42.9	<b>0.0</b>
E-Star(NE)	*	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
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Loop(NE)	*	<b>30.0</b>	42.9
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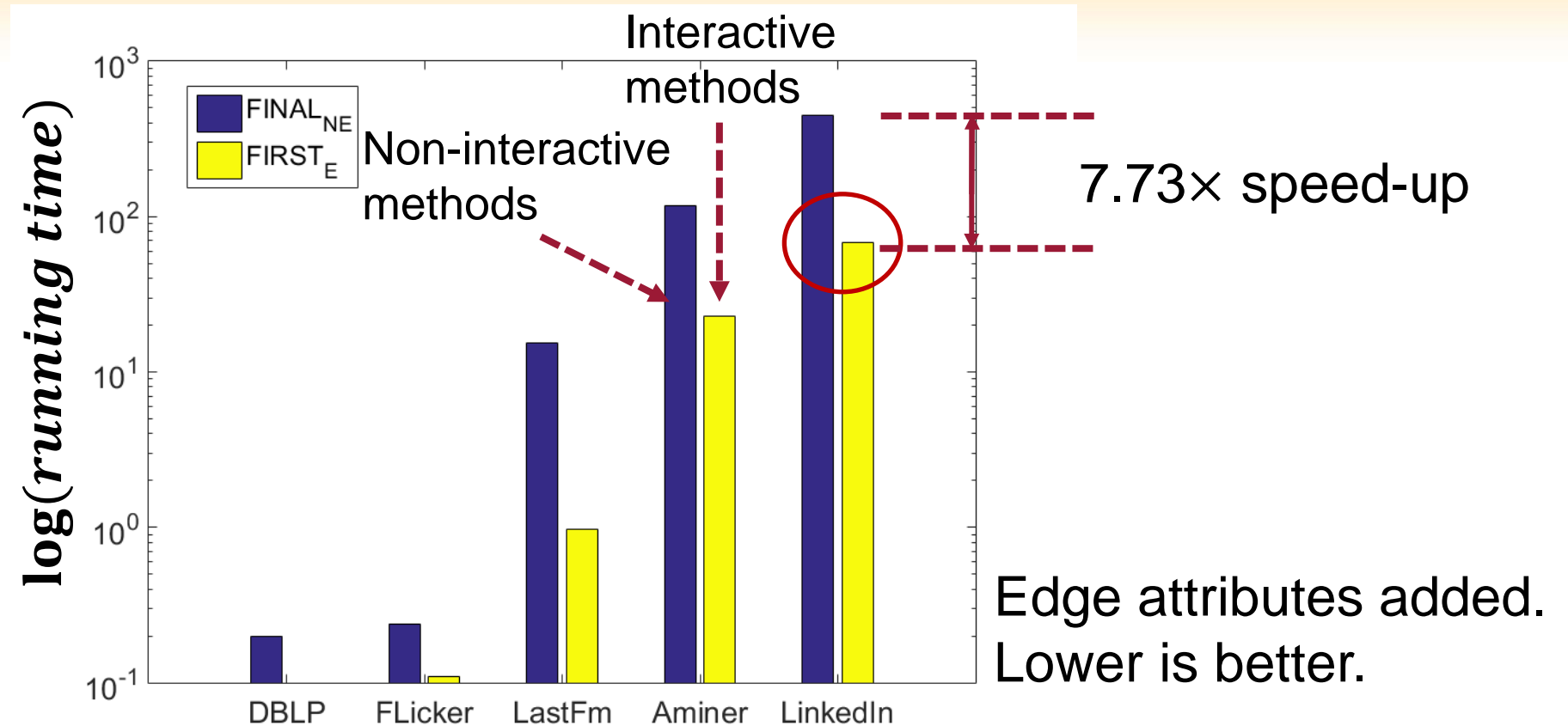
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# Experiment Result - Efficiency



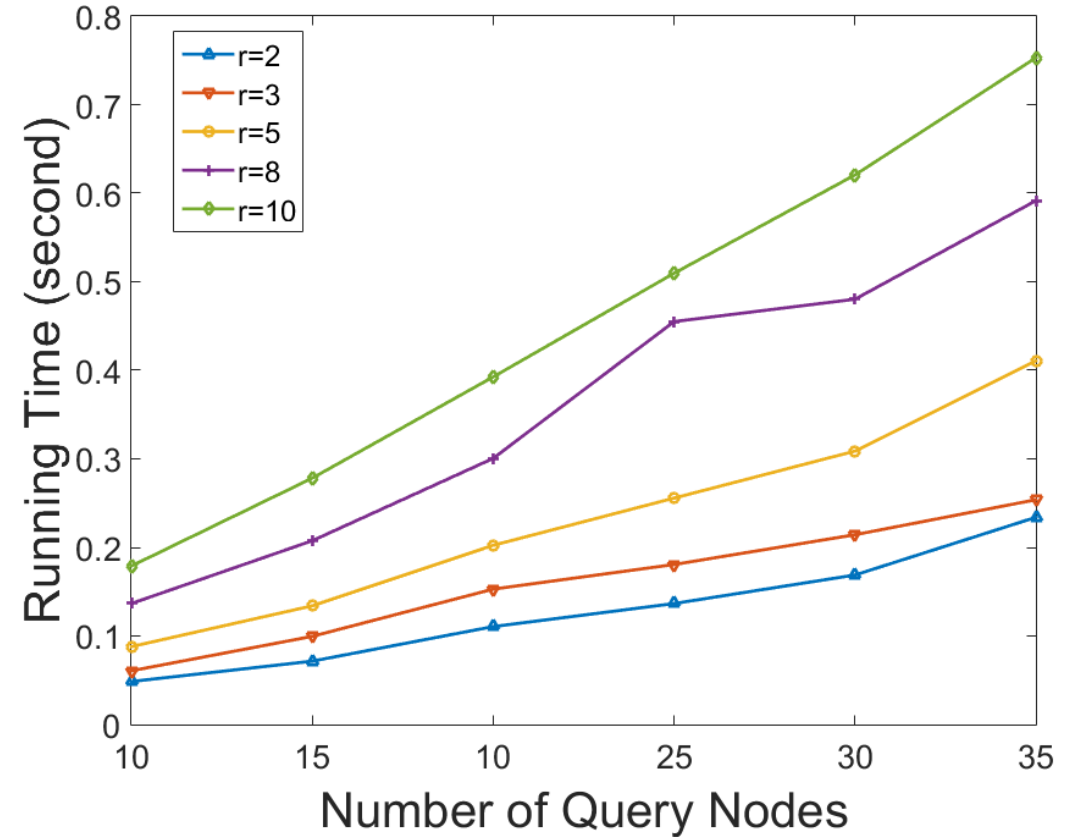
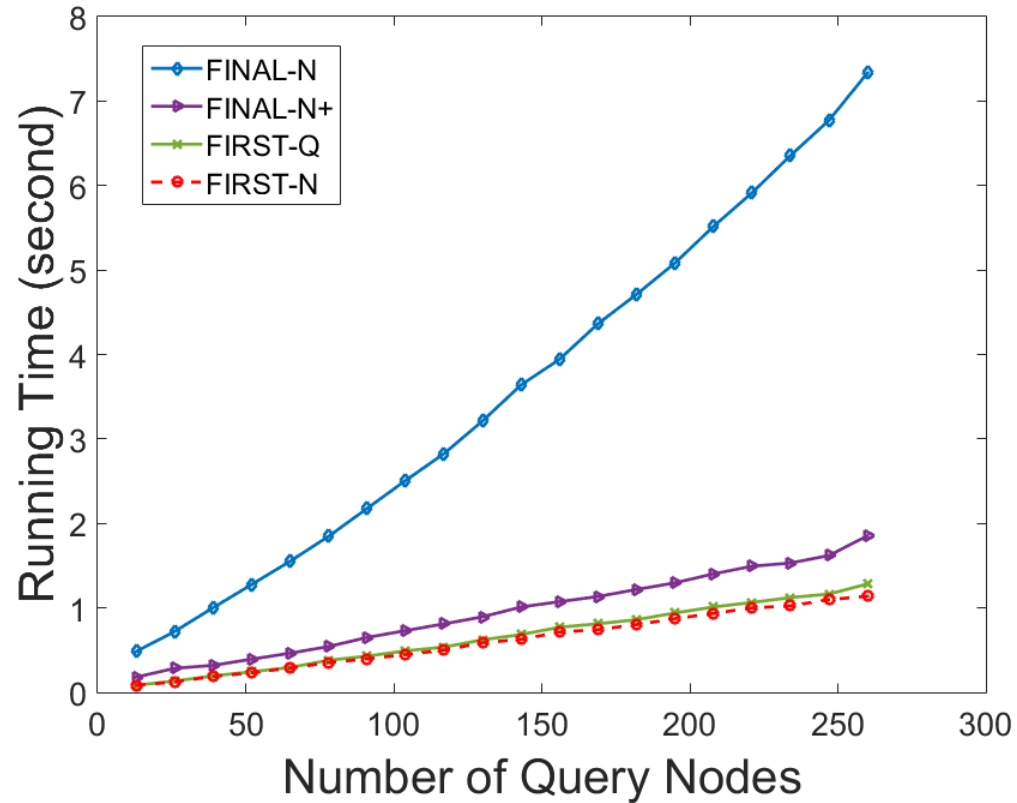
- Observation:  $>15\times$  speedup with 6,726,290-node data network.

# Experiment Result- Efficiency



- Observation: FIRST family is more efficient than baseline methods.

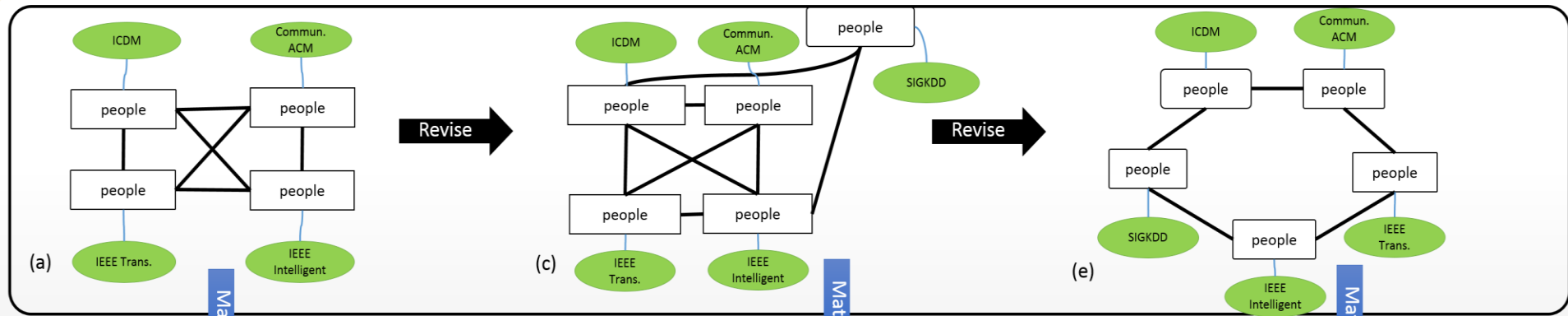
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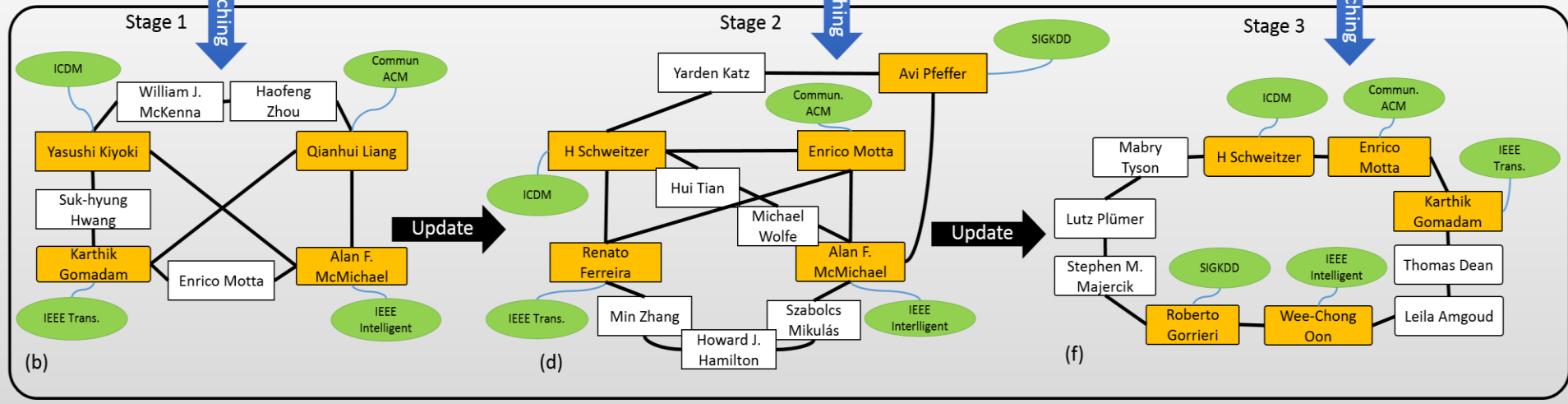
- Observation: FIRST family scales linearly with regard to size of query graph.

# Experiments – Case Studies (on DBLP)

Query graphs:




Matching subgraphs:



 Node attribute (conferences)

 Query node

 Name Extra/intermediate node (in matching subgraph)

 Name Matching node

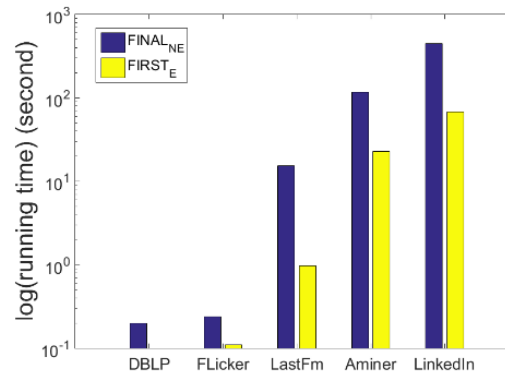
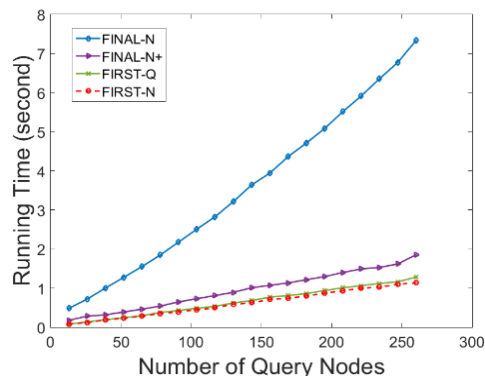


# Roadmap:

- Motivation
- Problem Definition
- Proposed Solution: FIRST family
  - Key ideas
  - Three scenarios
- Experiments
  - Setup
  - Results
  - Case Study
- **Conclusions**

# Conclusions

- **Goal:** **Efficient** Methods for **Interactive** Attributed Subgraph Matching.
- **Solution:** **FIRST** family
  - Key Idea #1: **Subgraph matching as cross-network node similarity**
  - Key Idea #2: **Explore the smoothness of query graphs**
- **Results:**
  - Linear scalability w.r.t the size of data network/query;
  - Better quality of matching subgraph against baselines.



Algorithm	% Exact Matching Nodes		
	G-Ray	MAGE	FIRST
Star(N)	37.5	*	<b>75.0</b>
E-Star(N)	<b>83.3</b>	*	71.4
Line(N)	50.0	*	<b>83.3</b>
Loop(N)	27.3	*	71.4
Clique(N)	25.0	*	<b>57.1</b>
Star(NE)	*	30.0	<b>40.0</b>
E-Star(NE)	*	33.3	<b>41.7</b>
Line(NE)	*	33.3	<b>62.5</b>
Loop(NE)	*	27.3	<b>33.3</b>
Clique(NE)	*	60.0	<b>66.7</b>