



# Personalization

## Want to scale? Think P2P

Anne-Marie Kermarrec







## A cry for personalization

# Why is personalization so difficult?

- Huge volume of data: small portion of interest
- Dynamic interests
- Interesting stuff does not come always from friends
- Classical notification systems do not filter enough or too much

Scalable personalization infrastructures



# KNN computation over large data

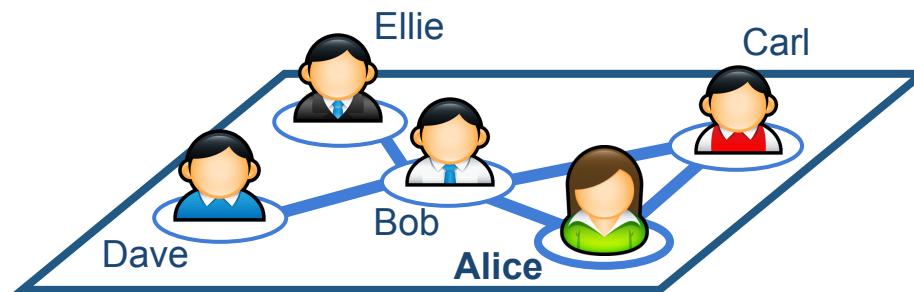
## Basic building block for many applications

- Similarity search
- Machine learning
- Data mining
- Image processing
- **Collaborative filtering**

# KNN-based user-centric collaborative filtering

Provide each user with her k closest neighbors

(Users owns a profile, the system has its favorite similarity metric)



Use this topology for

- personalized notifications
- recommendation

# Dealing with truly big data

**Want to scale? Think P2P**



# Do not look exhaustively



# The key to scalability in KNN graph construction

Consider a partial set of candidates


Sampling-based approach





# P2P KNN graph construction

Which nodes are close?  Similarity metric

How to discover them?  Sampling

# Which nodes are close?

## Model

$U(\text{sers}) \times I(\text{tems})$  (items)

*Profile(u) = vector of liked/shared/viewed items*

## Cosine similarity metric

$$\text{Similarity}(n, p) = \frac{n \cdot p}{\|n\| \|p\|}$$

## Jaccard metric

$$\text{Jaccard}(n, p) = \frac{|n \cap p|}{|n \cup p|}$$

Minimal information: **no tag, no user's input, generic**

# How to discover them: Gossip-based computing

Each node maintains a set of neighbors ( $c$  entries)

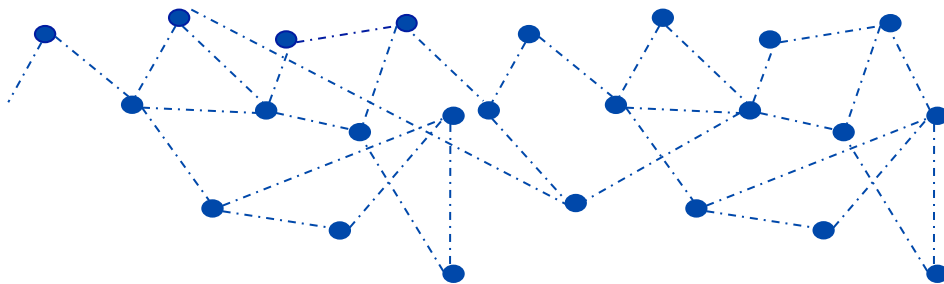
Peer exchange

Shuffle

Result → random graph

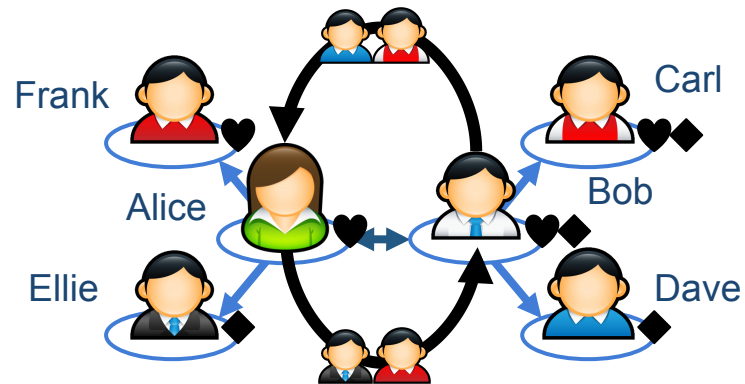
Highly resilient against churn, partition

Small diameter

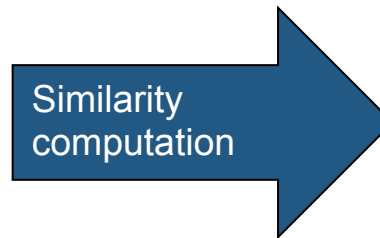


[JGKVV, ACM TOCS 2007]

# KNN construction

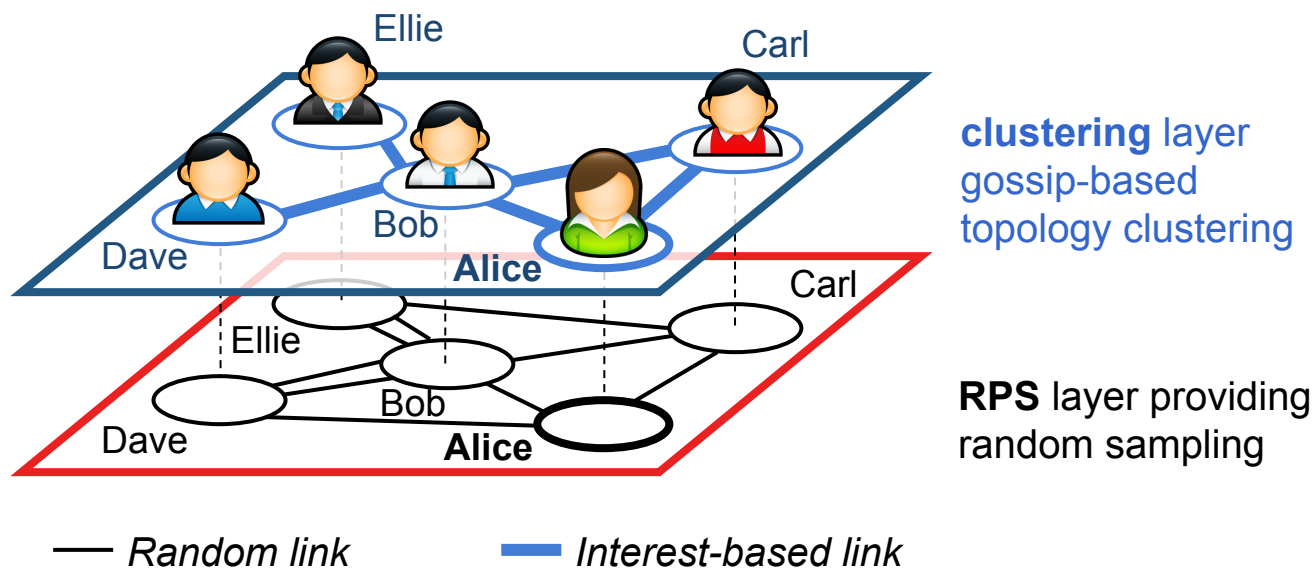


**1** exchange of neighbors lists



**2** neighborhood optimization

# Decentralized KNN selection

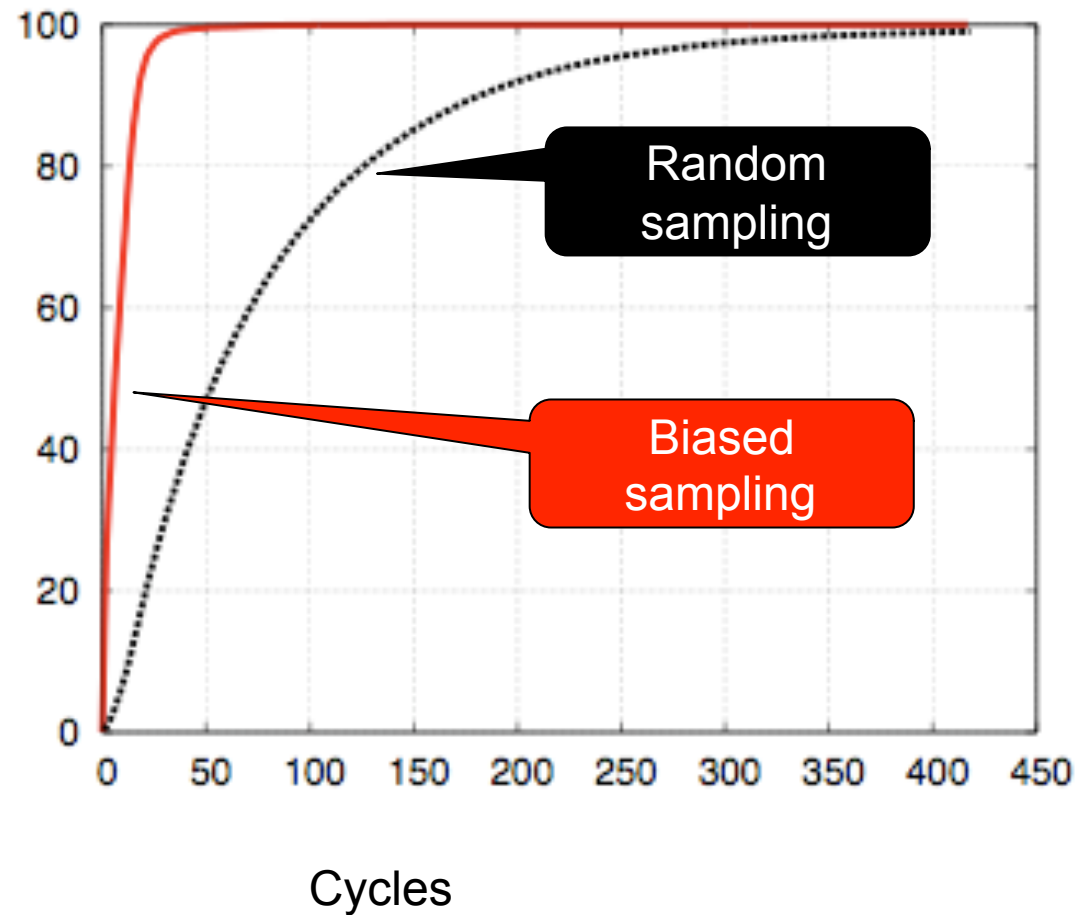


[FGKL Middleware 2010]



# Convergence

c current  
neighbors versus  
the c closest



# Applications

- **Decentralized news recommendation** [BFGJK, IPDPS 2013]
- Top-K [BGKL, ACM TODS 2011] [BGK, ACM TOIT 2014]
- Geo recommendation [BKKT, ICDCS 2012]

# DECENTRALIZED NEWS RECOMMENDER

Notification is taking over



### PSG: club le plus riche du monde en 2016 ?

Le Paris SG prévoit pour la saison 2016-2017 un budget de 540 millions d'euros qui pourrait en faire le club le plus riche du monde, révèle Le Parisien/Aujourd'hui en France de vendredi.



Publié il y a 10 minutes



### Comment l'activité sur Flickr peut nous signaler une tempête | Slate

Et si le meilleur service météo, c'était les réseaux sociaux? Une étude scientifique publiée dans Nature le 5 novembre 2013 cherche à le vérifier, et les résultats sont plutôt surprenants, comme le rapporte The Atlantic Cities. L'équipe de chercheurs anglo-américains s'est fondée ...



Publié il y a 16 minutes



« un dictionnaire, cette fois-ci en de L'Opportun, octobre 2013).2 travail sérieux, qui m'a pris en

# An implicit notification system

# based on collaborative filtering



### Les juifs européens jugent que l'antisémitisme progresse

Pour 75 % des interrogés, l'antisémitisme se manifeste essentiellement sur Internet et dans les médias (59 %).



## Recommendations



### Interview : retour sur l'aventure de Sparrow, le start-up française rachetée par Google

Publié il y a 52 minutes



### Diego Costa convoqué par Del Bosque pour deux amicaux

Vincente Del Bosque a convoqué ce jeudi l'attaquant Diego Costa, né au Brésil, pour les matches amicaux de l'Espagne contre la Guinée équatoriale et l'Afrique du Sud.

Publié il y a 17 heures



### Sida : les autotests seront mis en

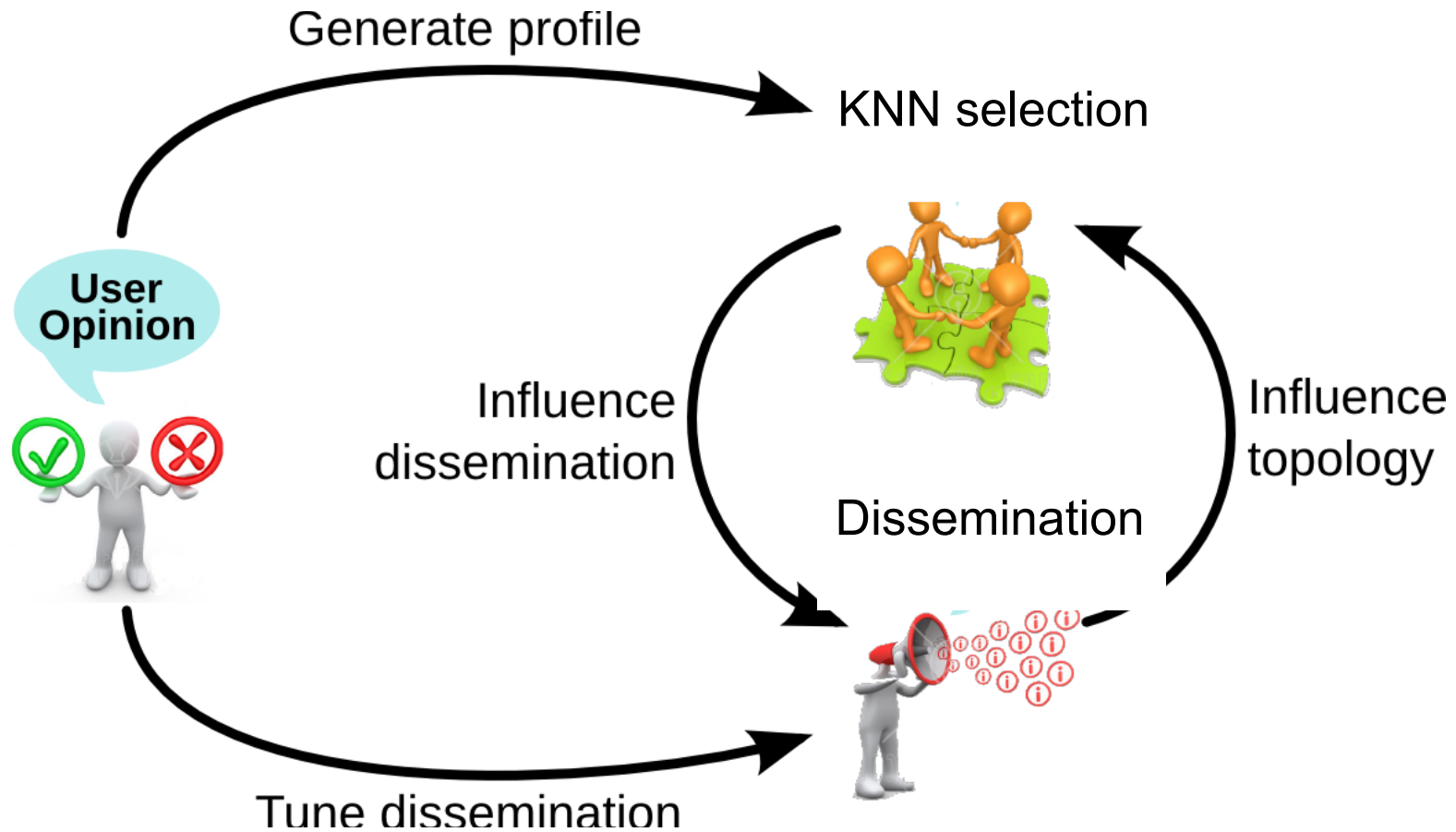
## Actualités

### EXCLUSIF On a retrouvé les unes de journaux de la Première Guerre mondiale | Slate

Publié il y a 14 minutes

### Les 'fusillés pour l'exemple', une solution intermédiaire

# WhatsUp in a nutshell





# Dissemination: orientation and amplification

Orientation: **to whom?**

**Exploit:**  
Forward  
To friends

**Explore:**  
Forward to  
random  
users



Amplification: **to how many?**

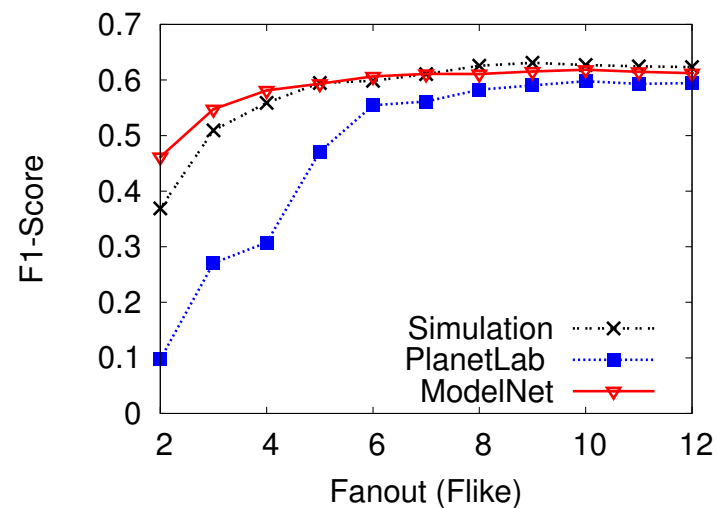
Increase  
Fanout  
( $\text{Log}(n)$ )

Decrease  
Fanout  
(1)



## WhatsUp in action on the survey (480 users)

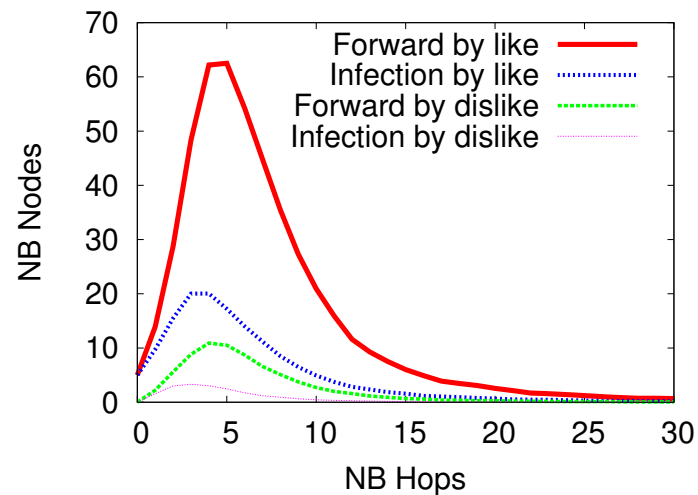
	Precision	Recall	F1-Score	Messages
Gossip (f=4)	0.34	0.99	0.51	2.3 M
Cosine-CF	0.50	0.65	0.57	5,9k
<b>Whatsup (f=10)</b>	<b>0.471</b>	<b>0.83</b>	<b>0.60</b>	<b>2,4k</b>



## Orientation (survey)

News items received through a dislike forward

Number of dislikes	0	1	2	3	4
Fraction of liked news	54%	31%	10%	3%	2%



## WhatsUp versus Pub/Sub

Approach	Precision	Recall	F1-Score
Pub/Sub	0.40	1.0	0.58
WhatsUp	0.47	0.83	0.60

## WhatsUp versus cascading

Approach	Precision	Recall	F1-Score
Cascading	0.57	0.09	0.16
WhatsUp	0.56	0.57	0.57

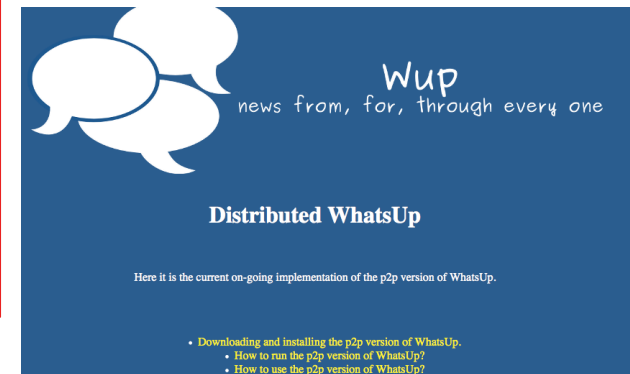


## Take away message

Personalization is needed

Decentralization is healthy

Gossip-based computing is one (the) way to go



### Privacy matters

- Obfuscation
- Anonymous routing
- Threshold protocol
- Differentially private protocol
- Landmark-based protocol

STRONGER  
GUARANTEES

<http://131.254.213.98:8080/wup/>

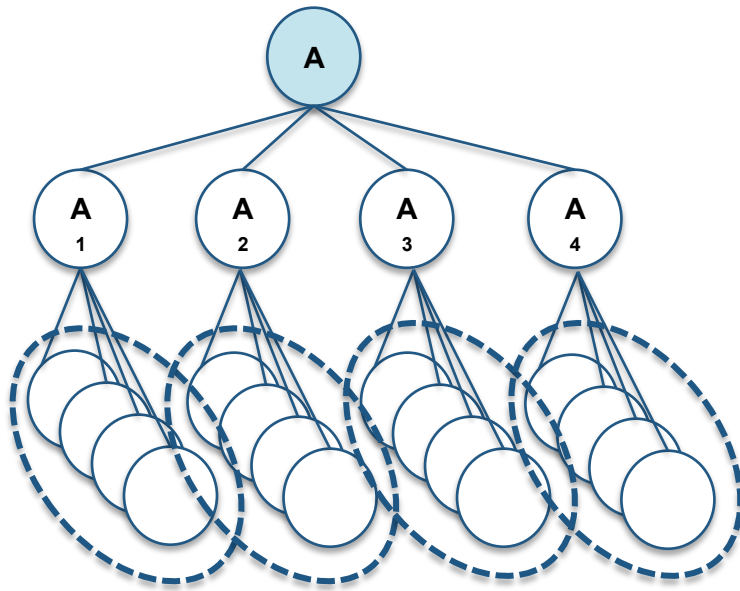
**Operational prototype**

**Tested on 500 users @ TrentoRise last year**

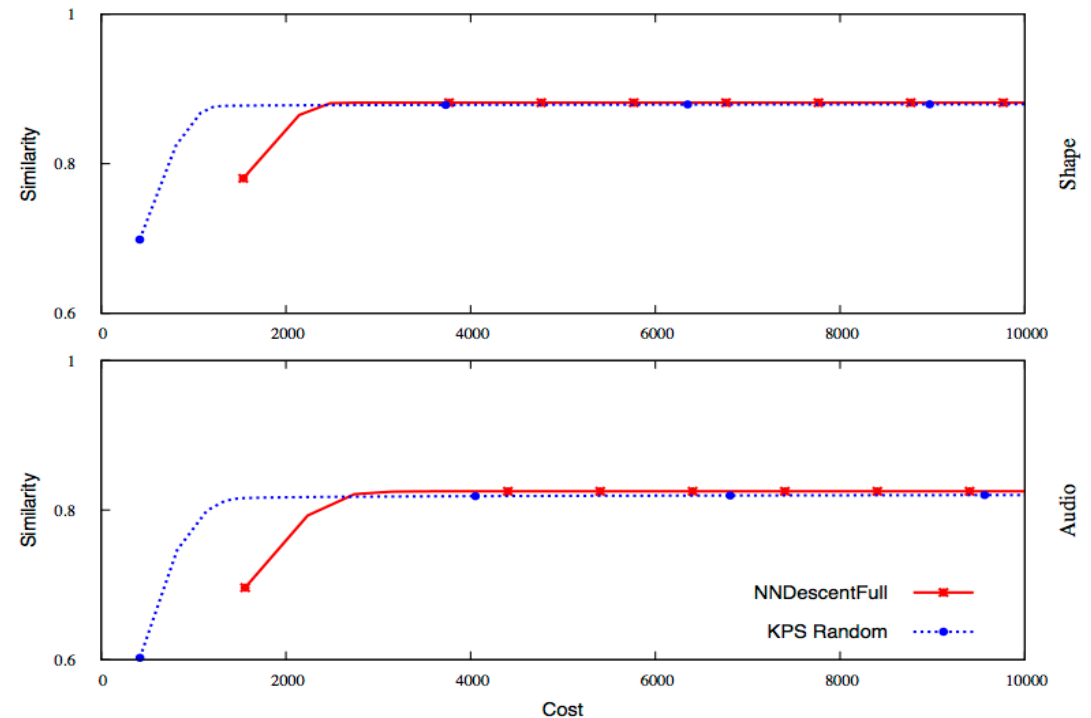
**TRY IT ☺**

**For those who are afraid of P2P**

# Turns out to be an effective centralized algorithm too.



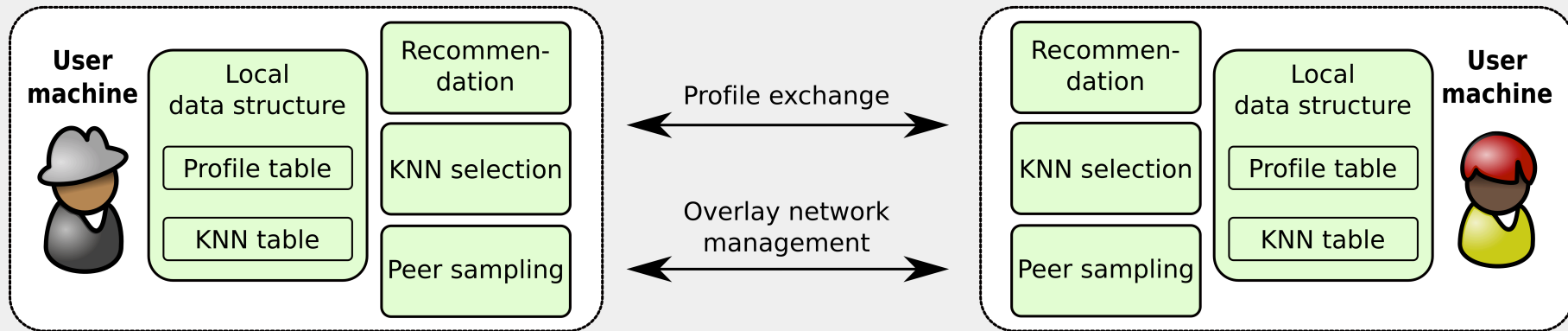
Candidate set: neighbors of neighbors  
+ Random candidates for dynamics



Comparison with [Dong&al, 2012]

# Hybrid recommendation engine

## Decentralized approach

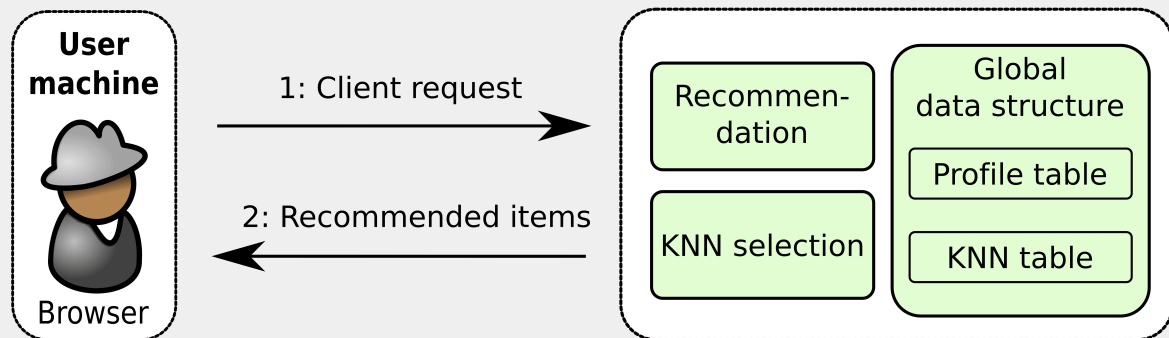


## Data structures

Profile table	
uid	$P(uid) = \{\text{list of iid}\}$





KNN table	
uid	$Knn(uid) = \{\text{list of uid}\}$

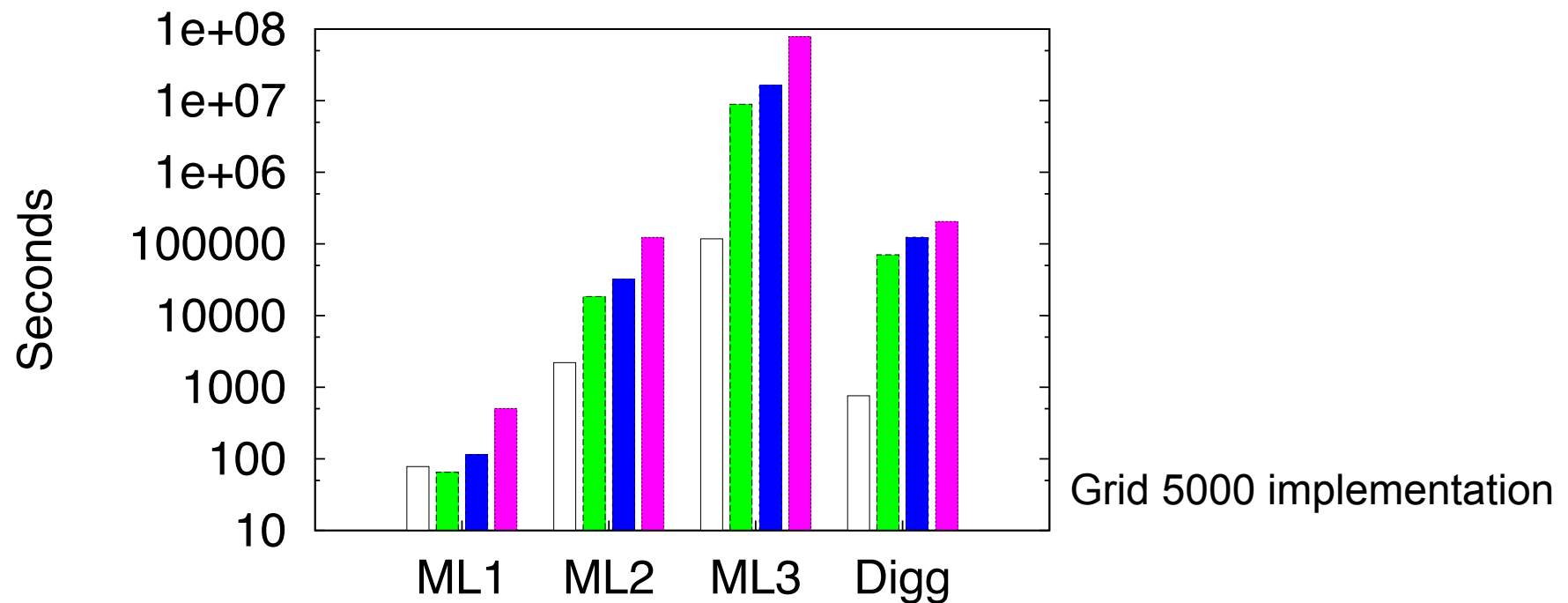
## Centralized approach



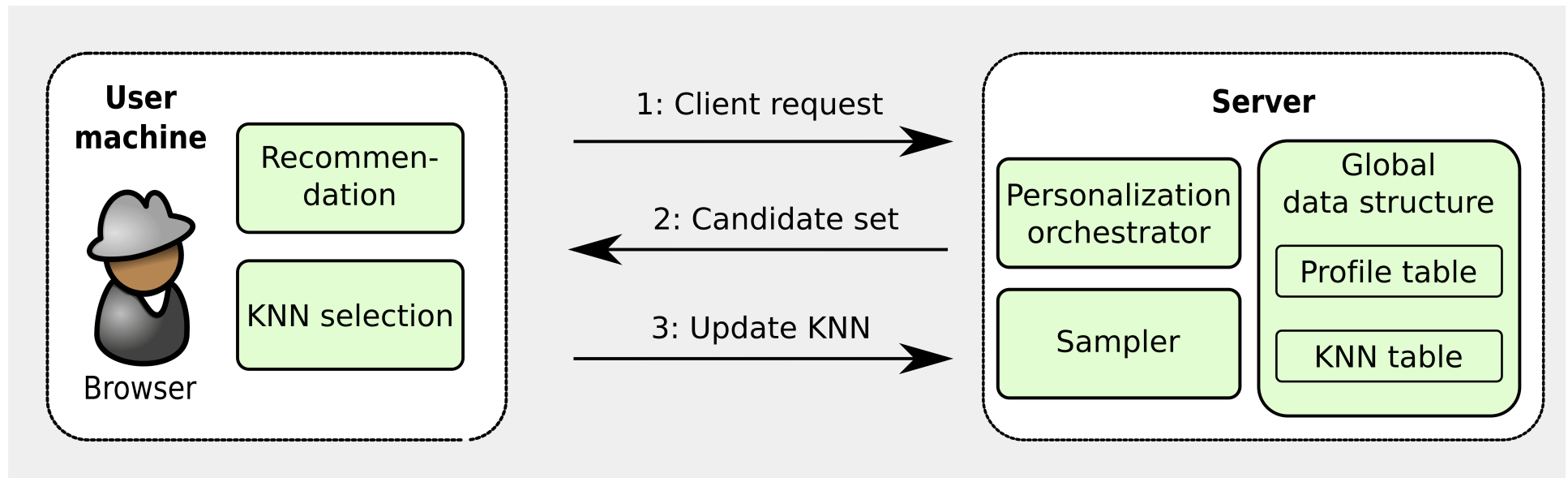
# Cost

Dataset	Users	Items	Ratings
MovieLens1	943	1700	100,000
MovieLens2	6,040	4000	1,000,000
MovieLens3	69,878	10,000	10,000,000
Digg	59,167	7724	782,807

CRec       Mahout   
 ClusMahout       Exhaustive 



# HyRec: Taking the best of both worlds



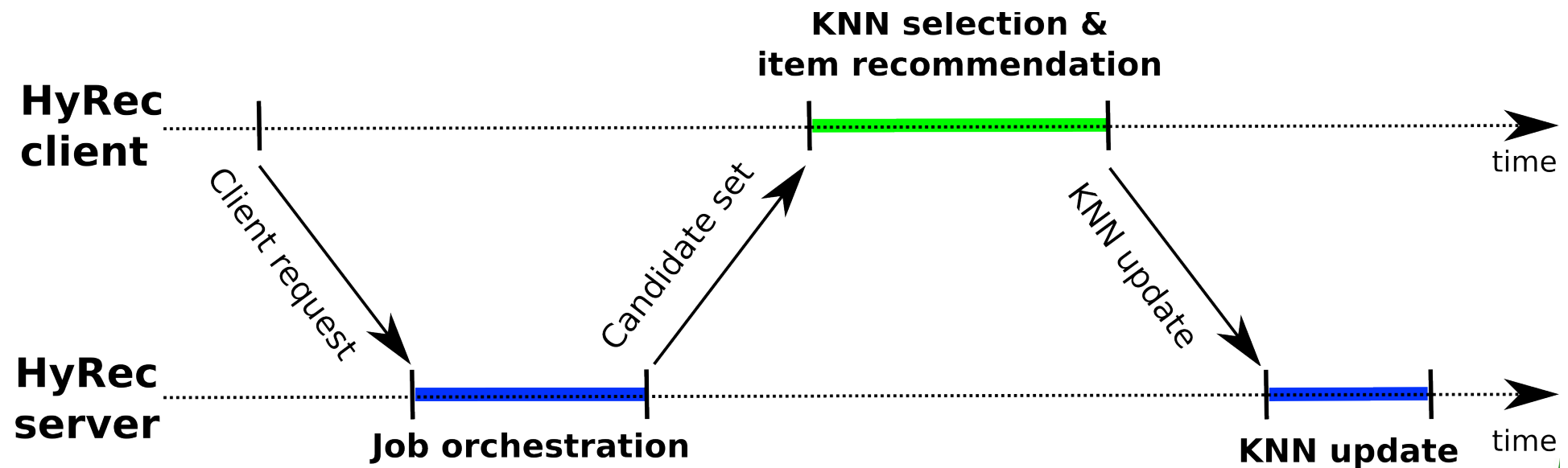
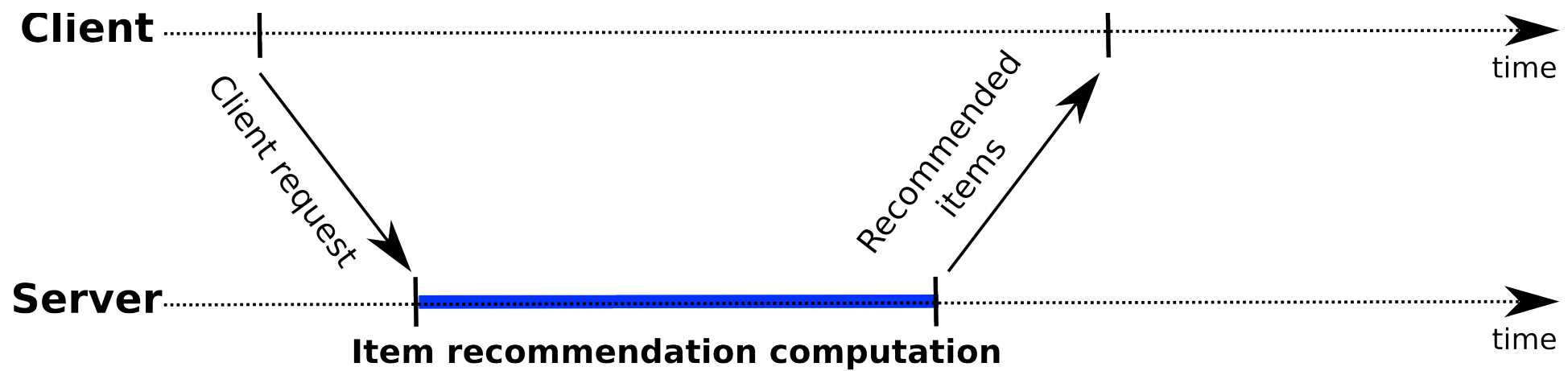
Online KNN selection

Candidate set ( $k$ ):  $k^2$  users for quick convergence,  $k$  random (biased) for dynamics

No data stored at the client

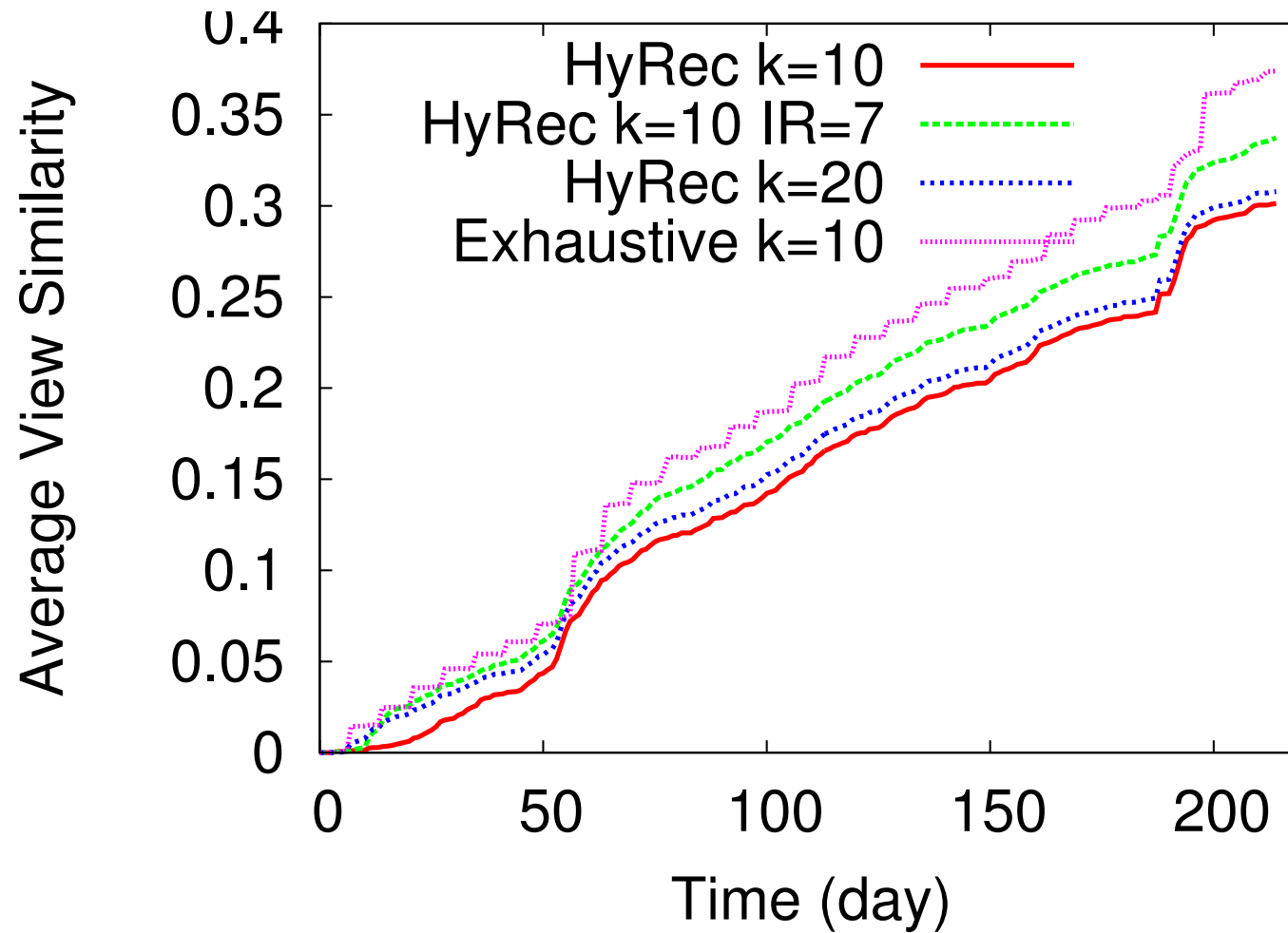
Recommendation:  $R$  most popular items

HyRec client: Javascript (widget) running in the browser

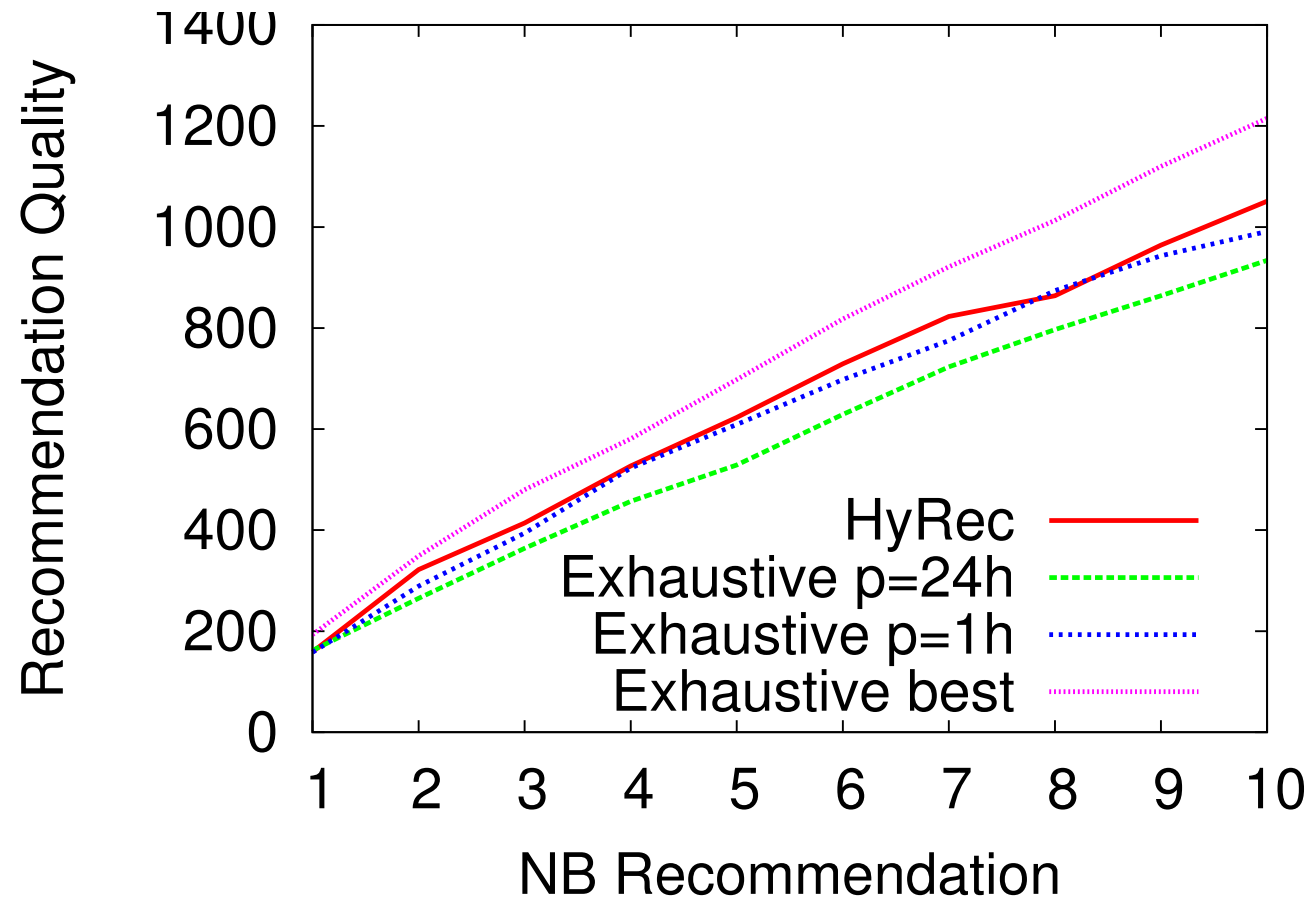




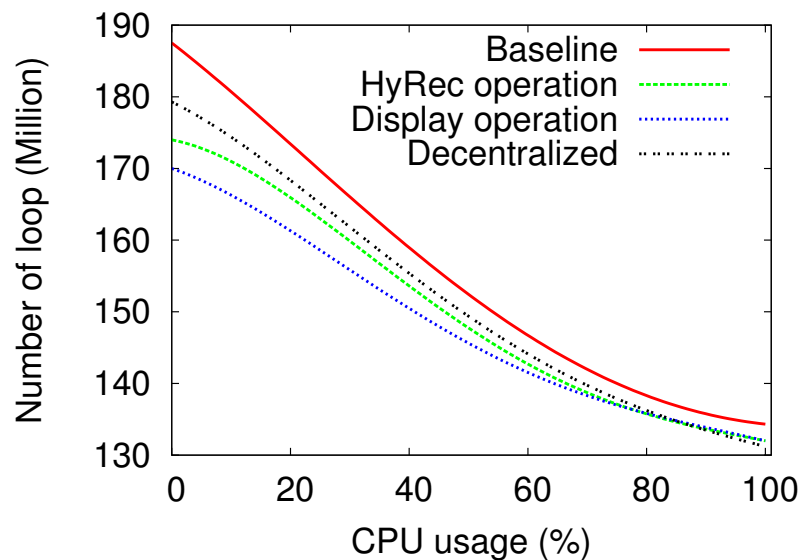
## View similarity (MovieLens)



# Recommendation quality

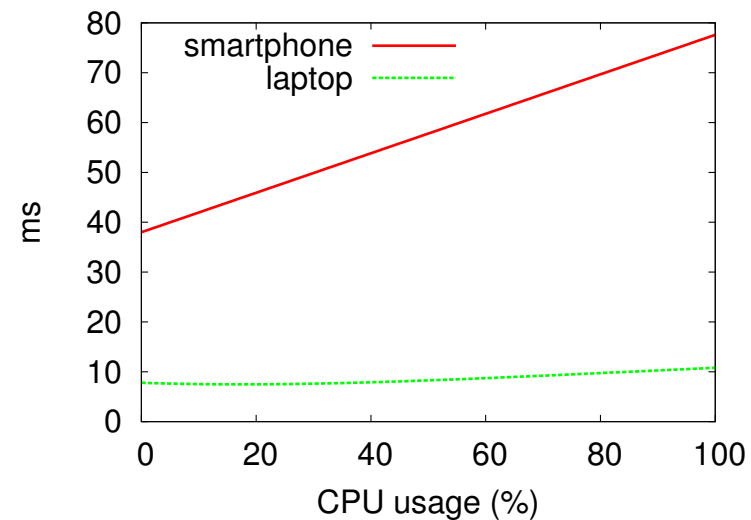


# HyRec versus the client load



Impact of HyRec

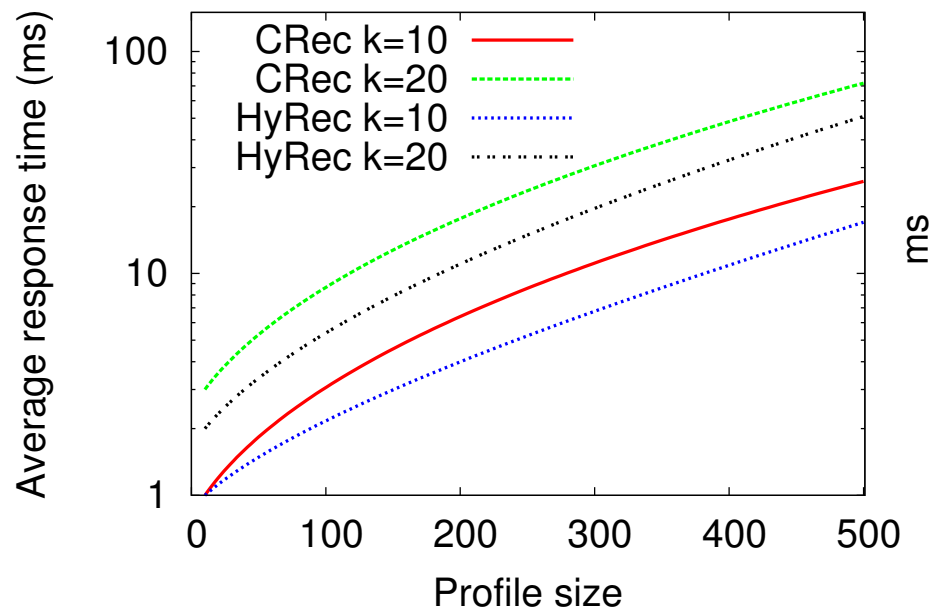
Negligible disruption of HyRec



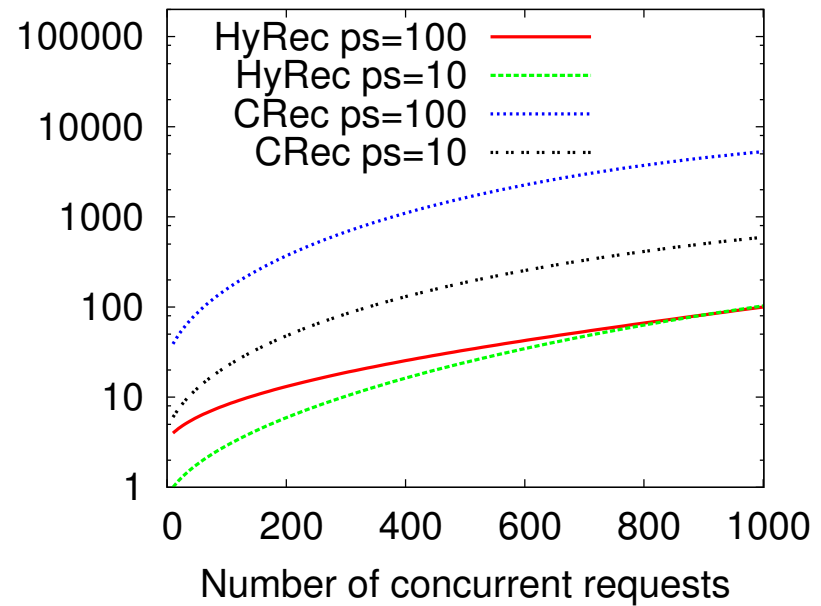
Impact of the client load

50% load  
<60ms on smartphone  
<10ms on laptop

# HyRec versus a centralized recommender



Impact of the profile size



Impact of the request stress

## Take away message

P2P design is crucial

Leveraging clients machine has a significant impact on scalability

Enable any content provider to implement personalization



# To take away

Personalization is crucial

P2P in a design mindset



**Thank you**