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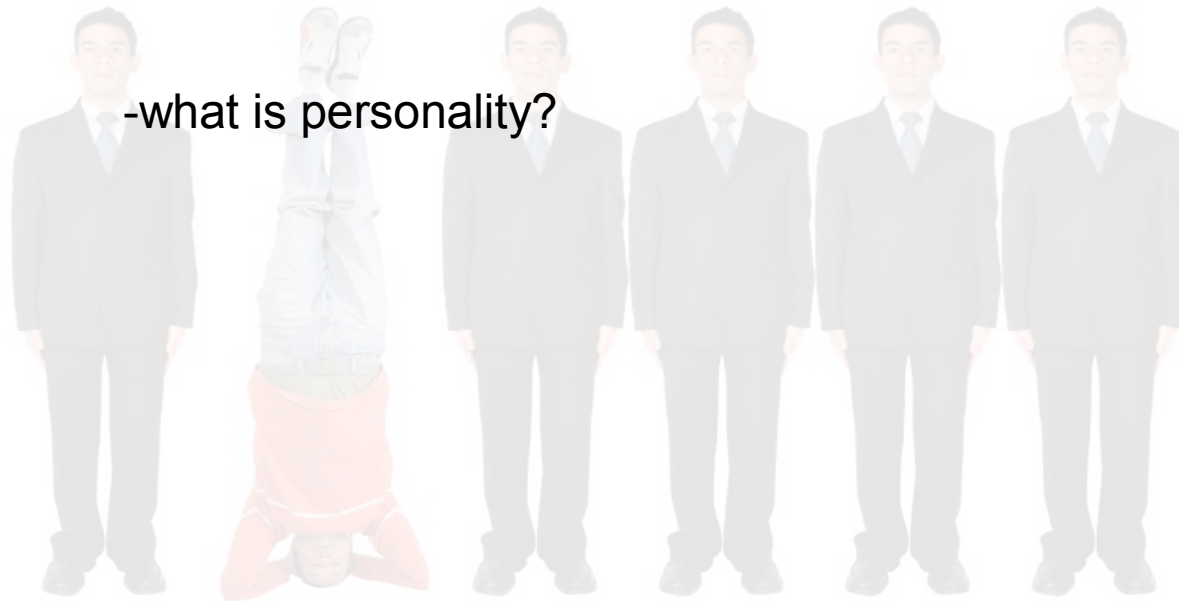
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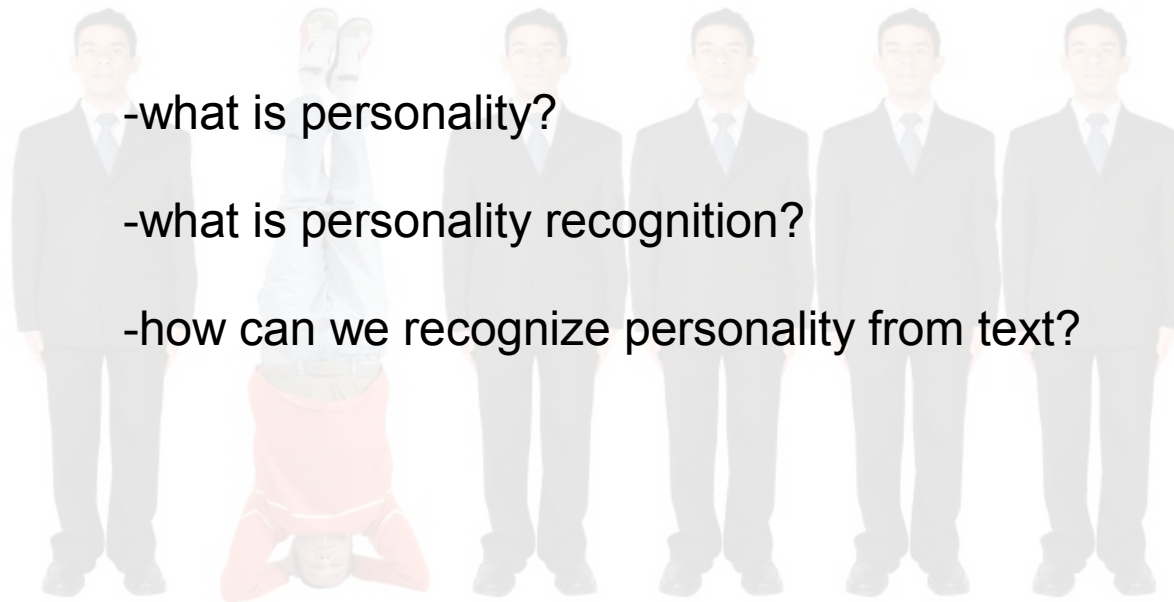
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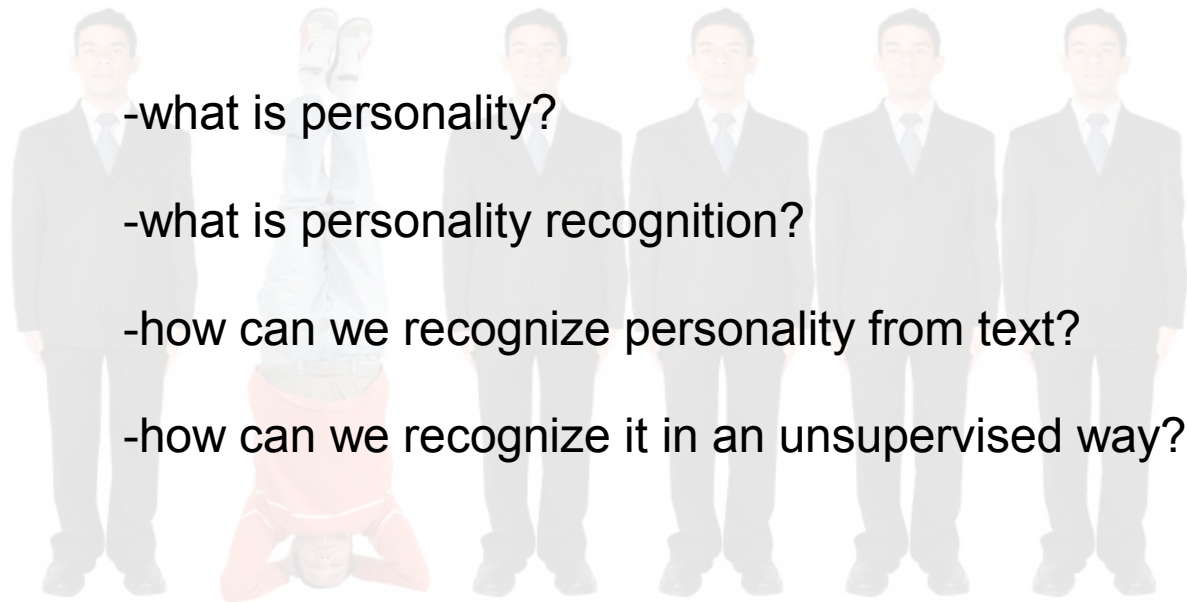


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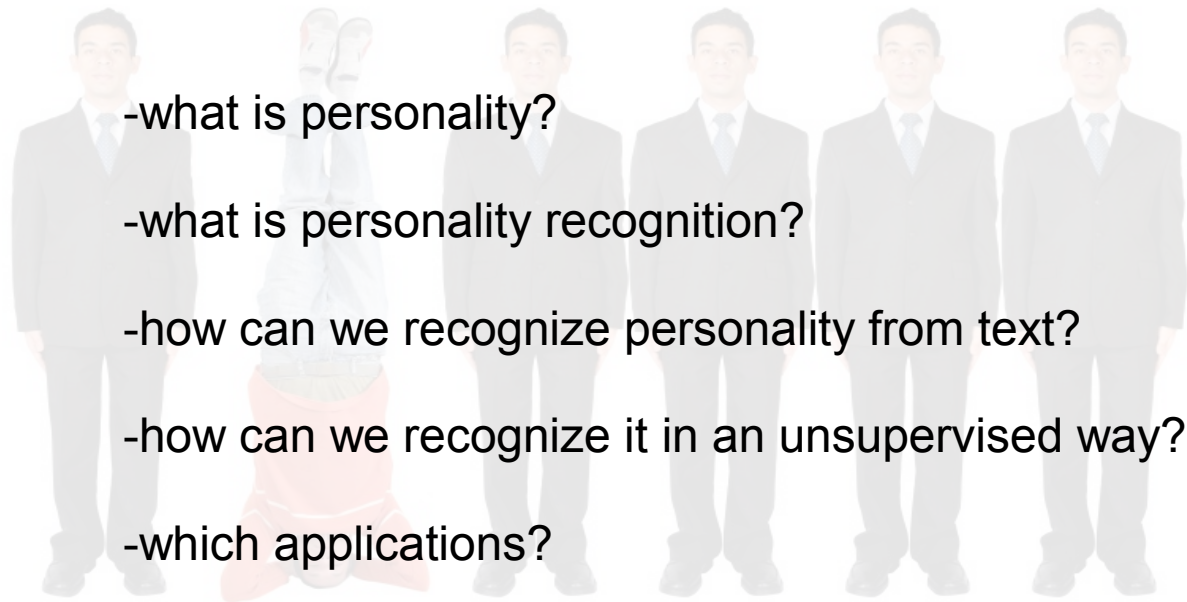


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Personality describes persistent human behavioral responses to broad classes of environmental stimuli.

[Adelstein *et al* 2011]

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**Ground truth**



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personality recognition



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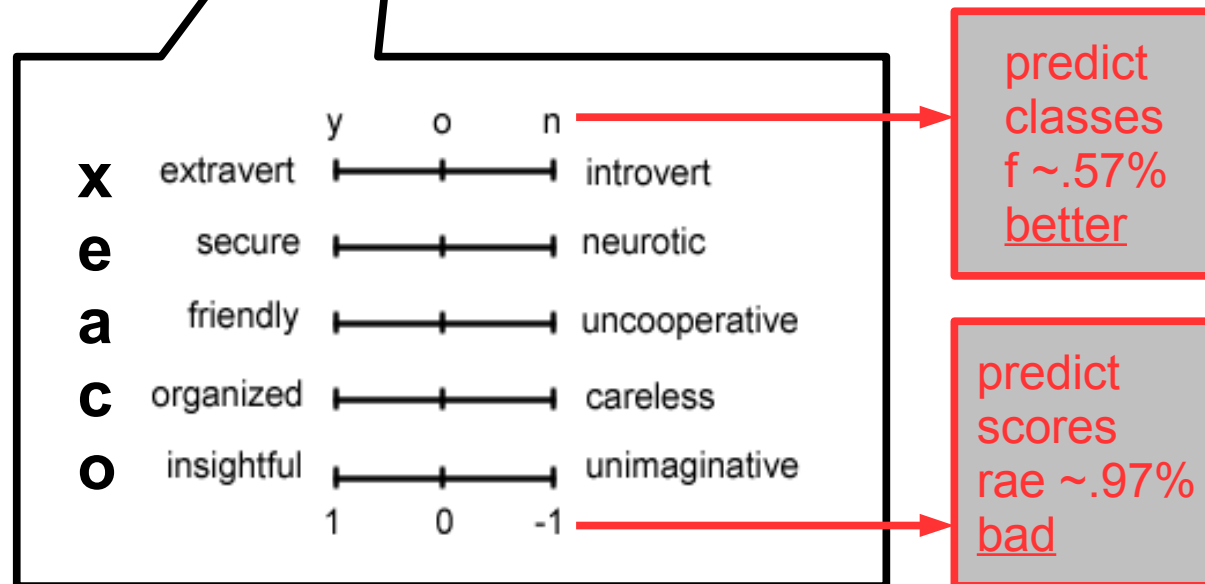
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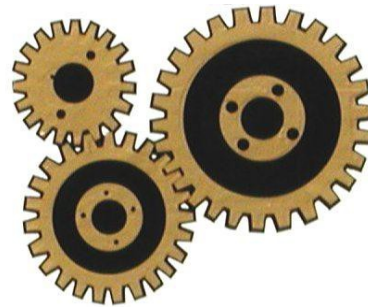
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personality recognition from text



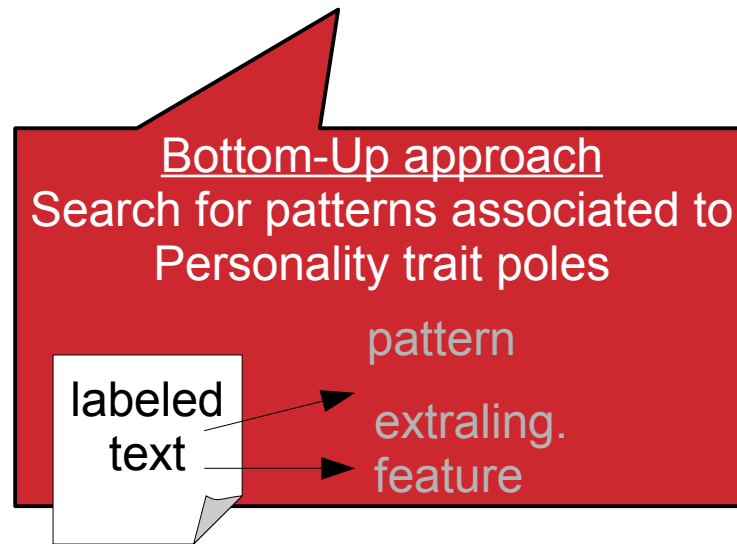
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## Approaches to Personality Recognition from text

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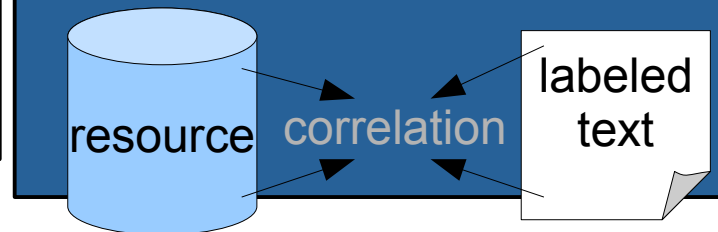
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Top-down approach  
Exploit lexical resources  
as features, finding correlations  
with personality trait poles

[Mairesse *et al*  
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[Schwartz *et al*  
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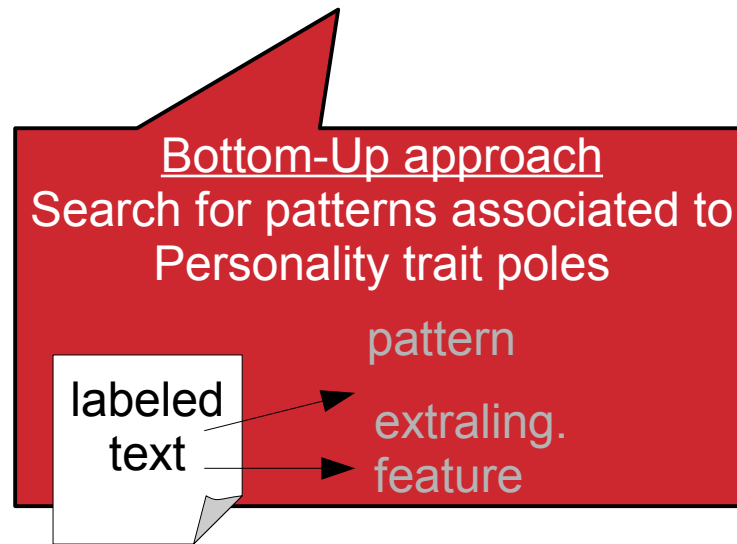




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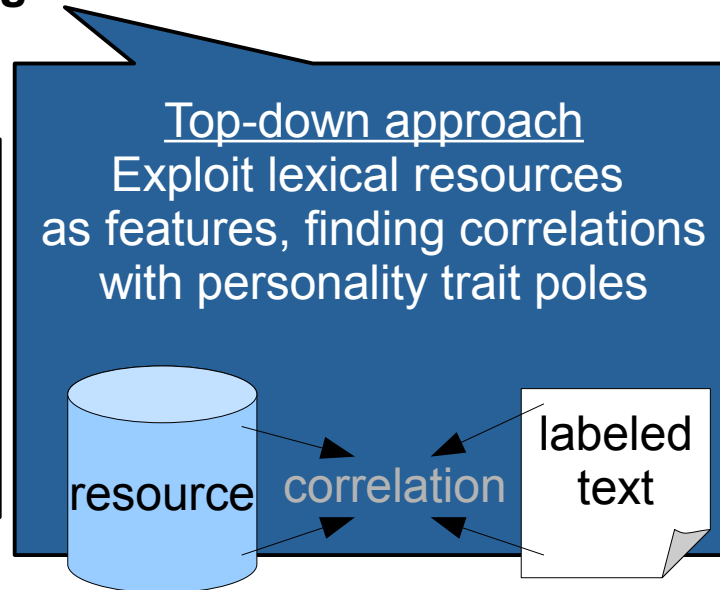
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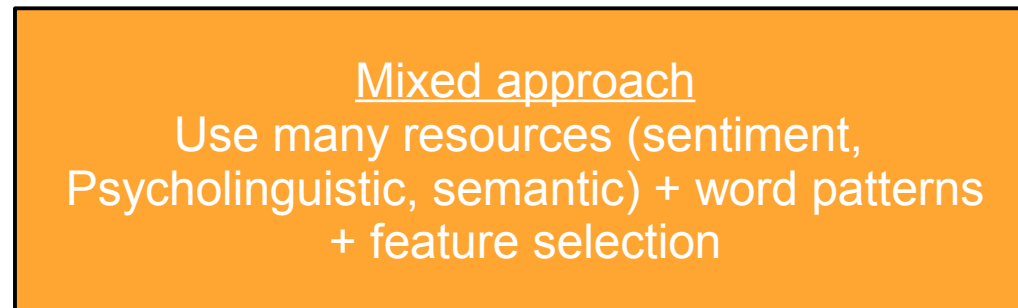


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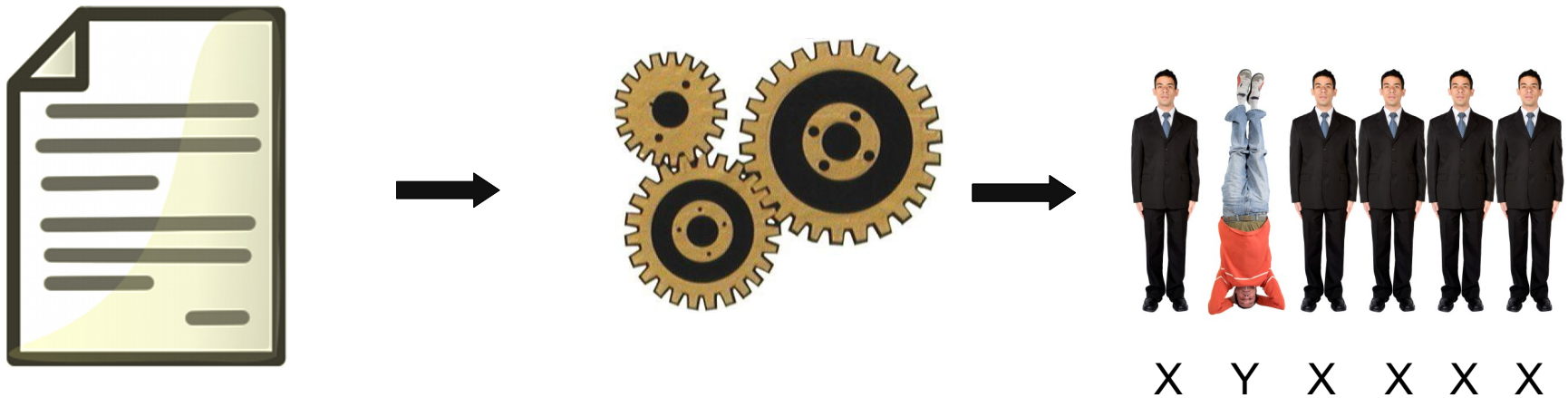
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Large feature space, reduced with feature selection



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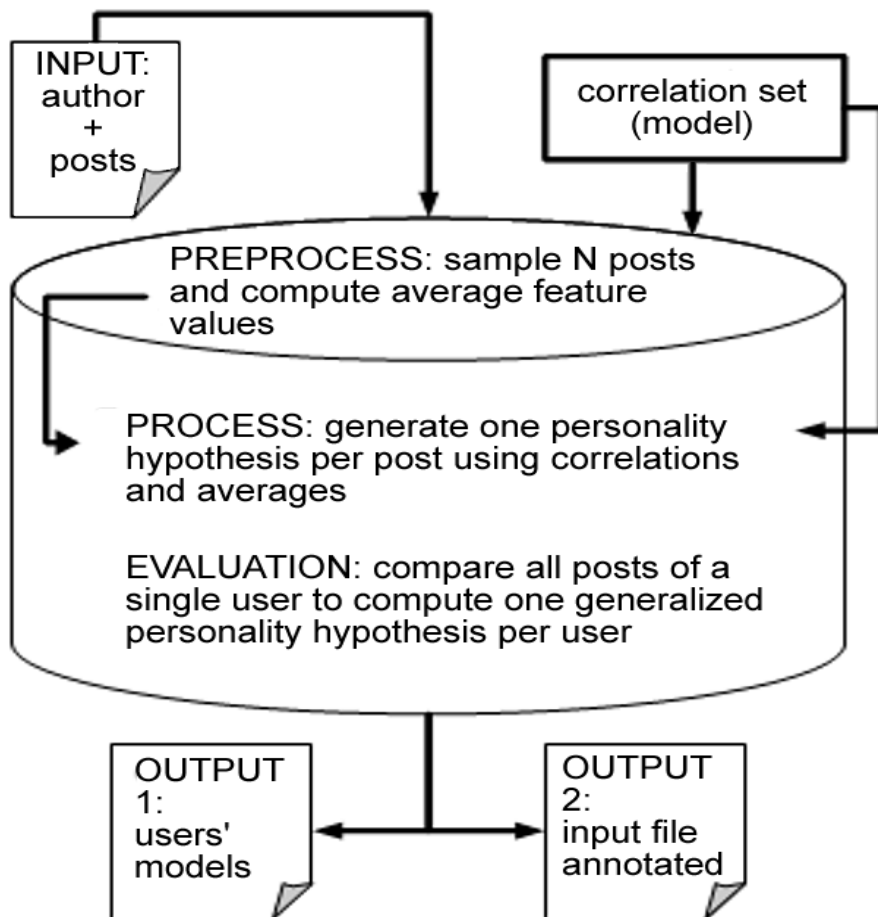


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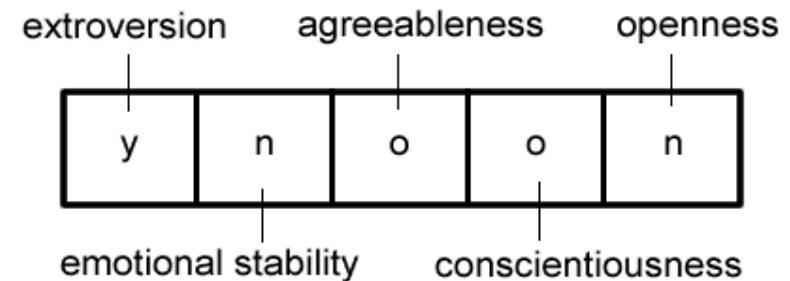
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In literature:

3 classes: high, (y) mid, (o) low (n)

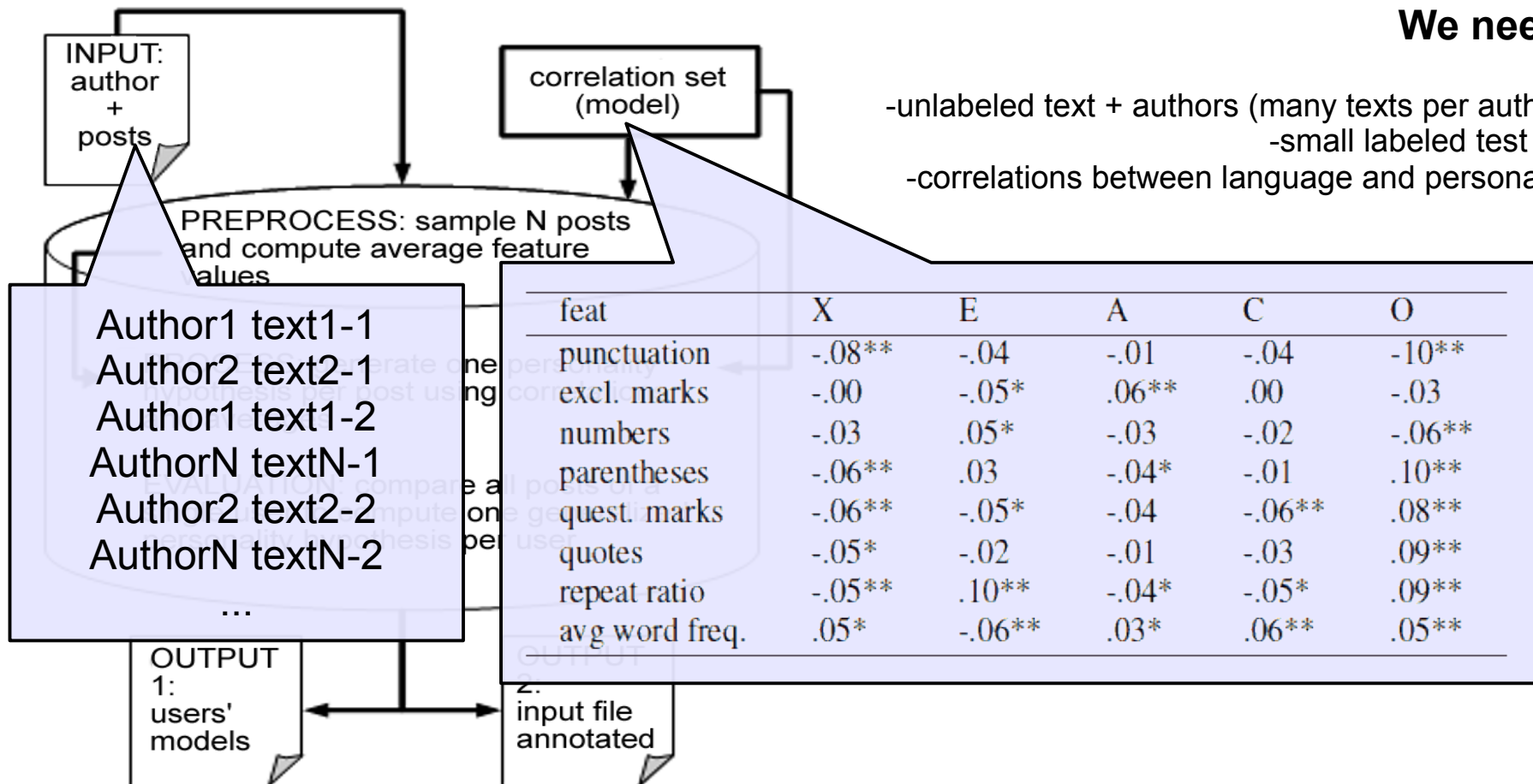
2 classes: high (y) low (n)



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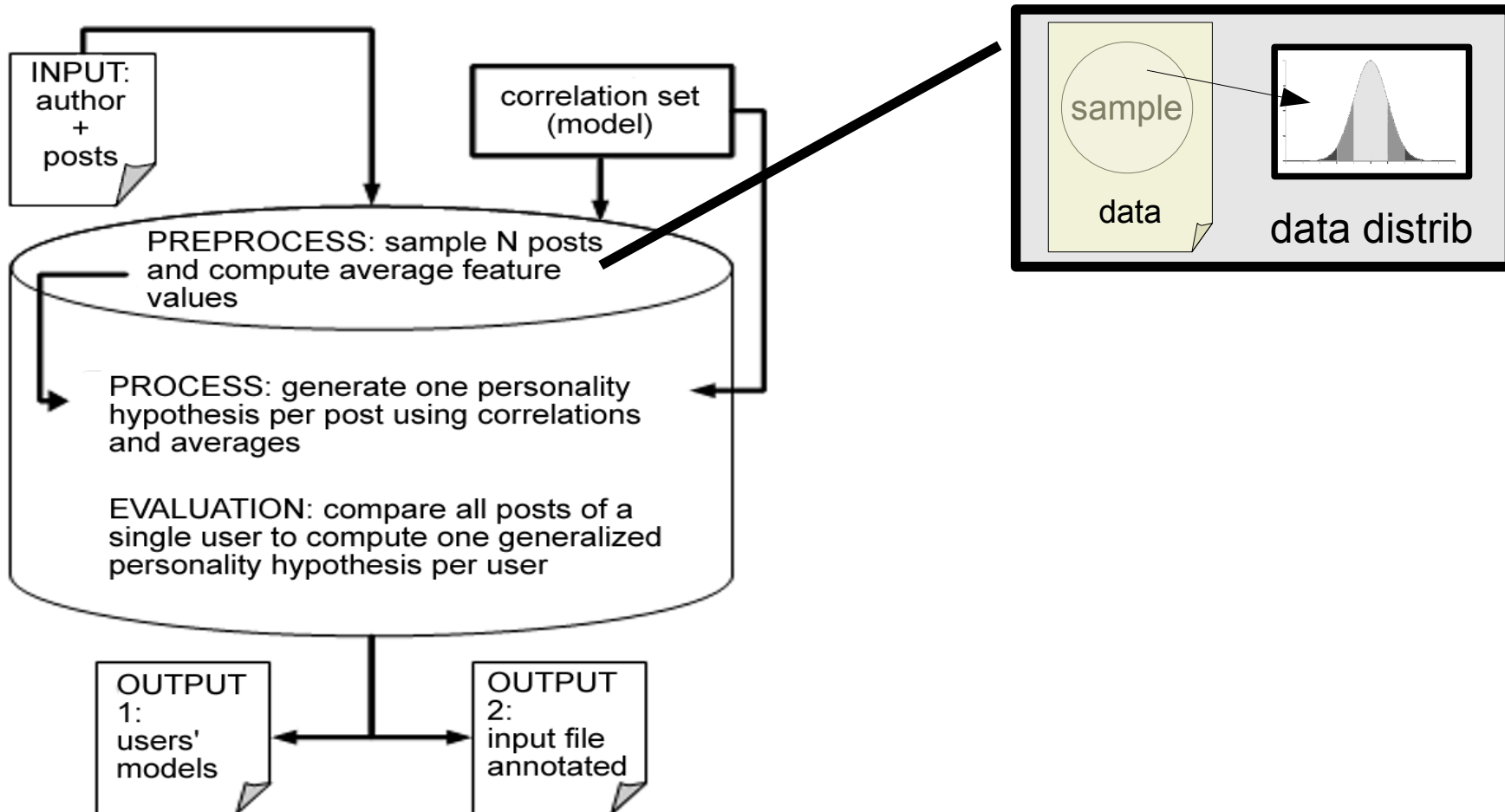
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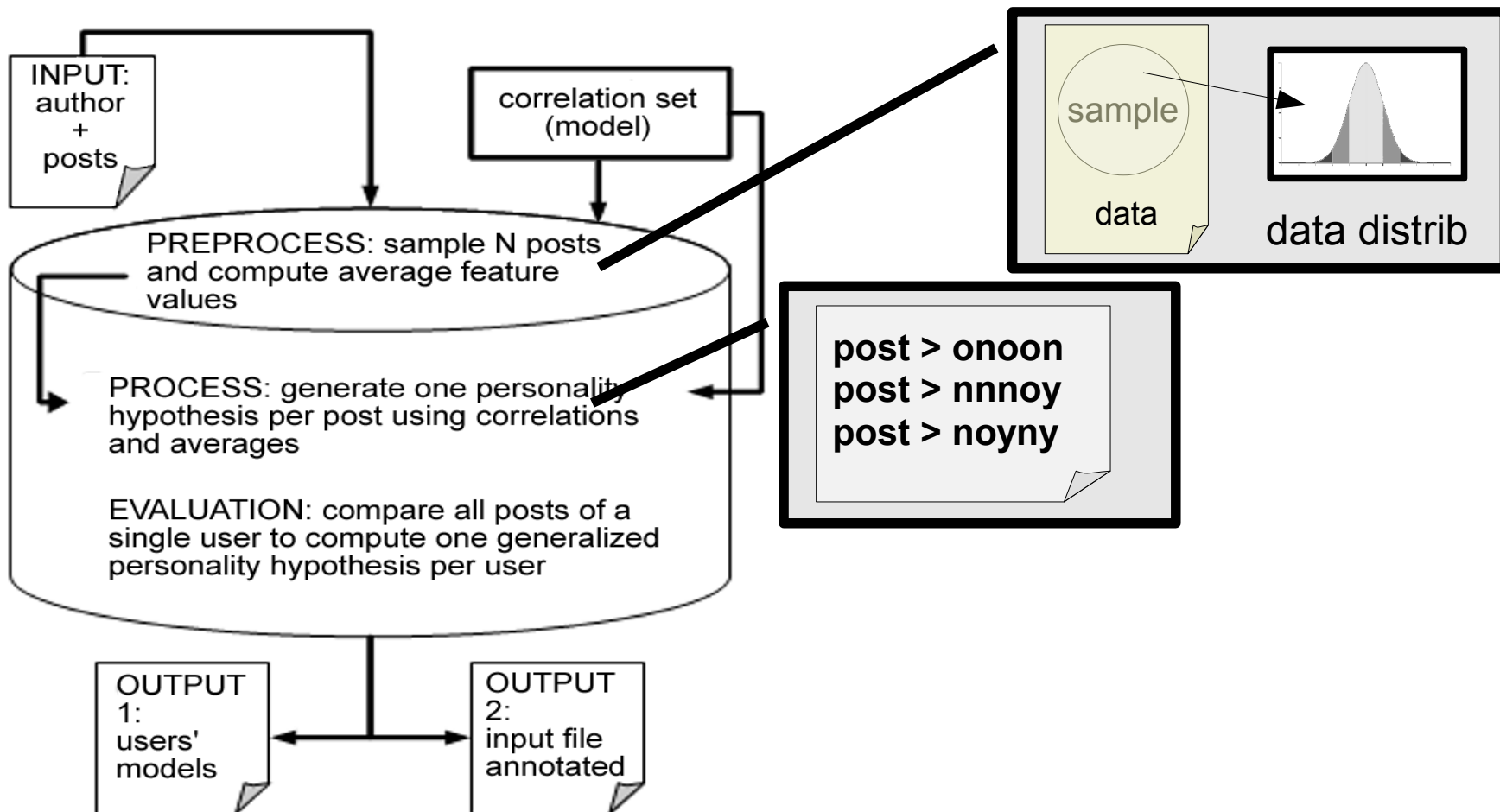


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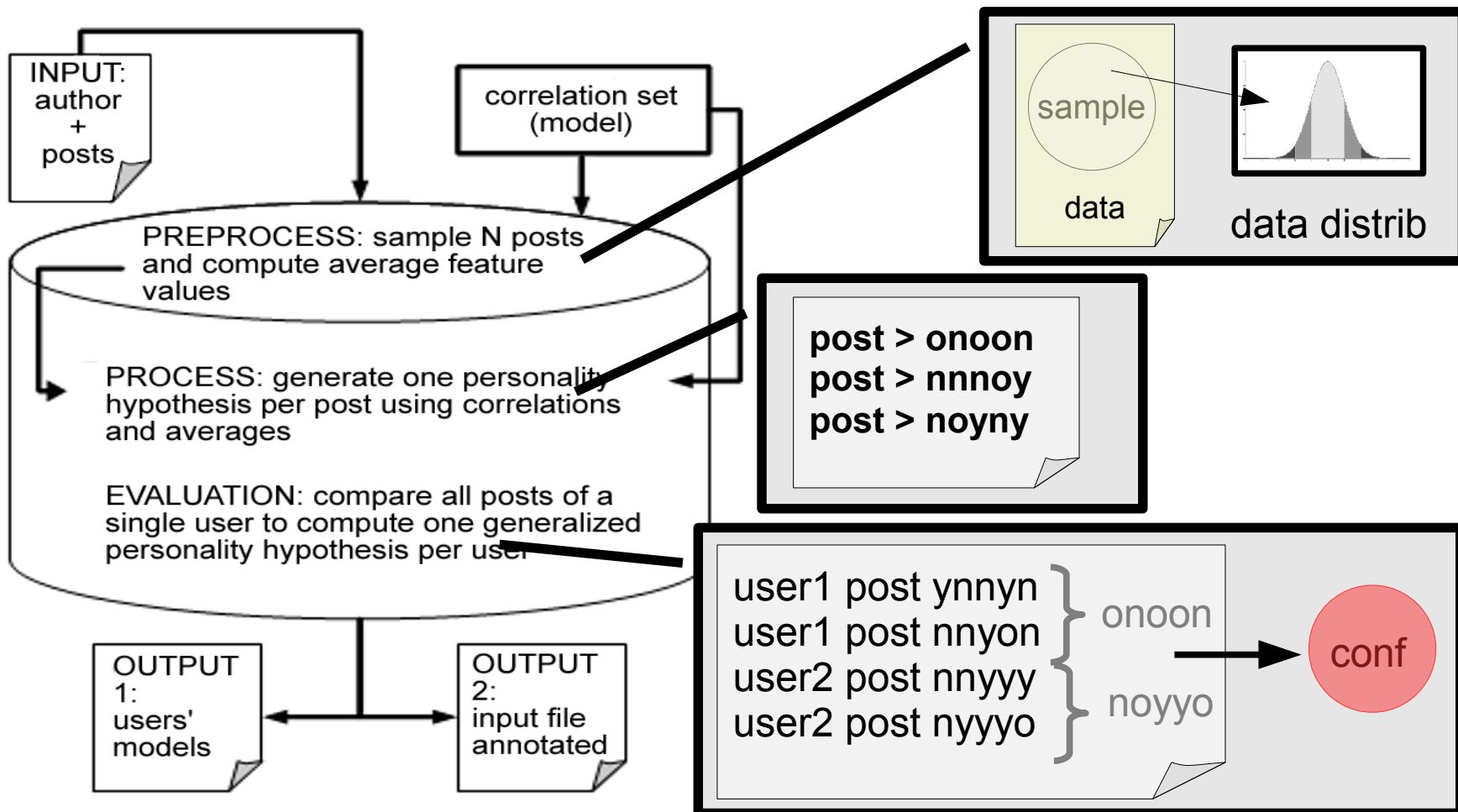


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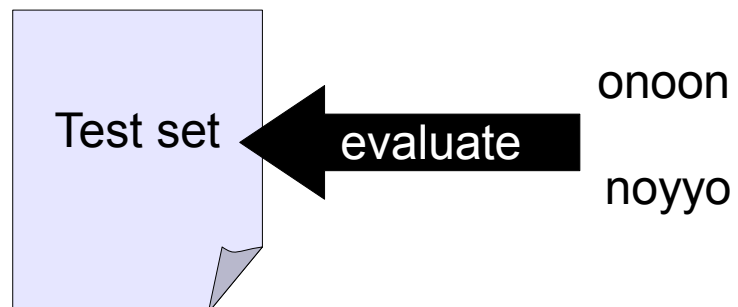
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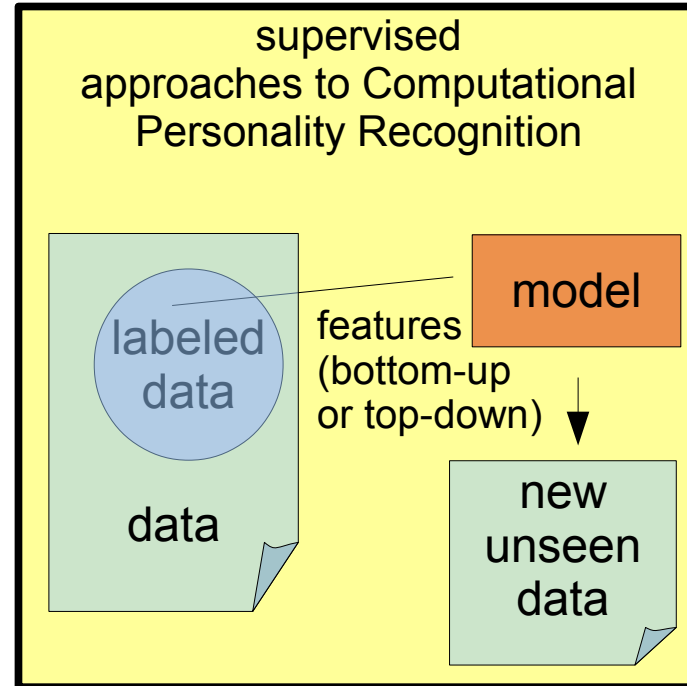


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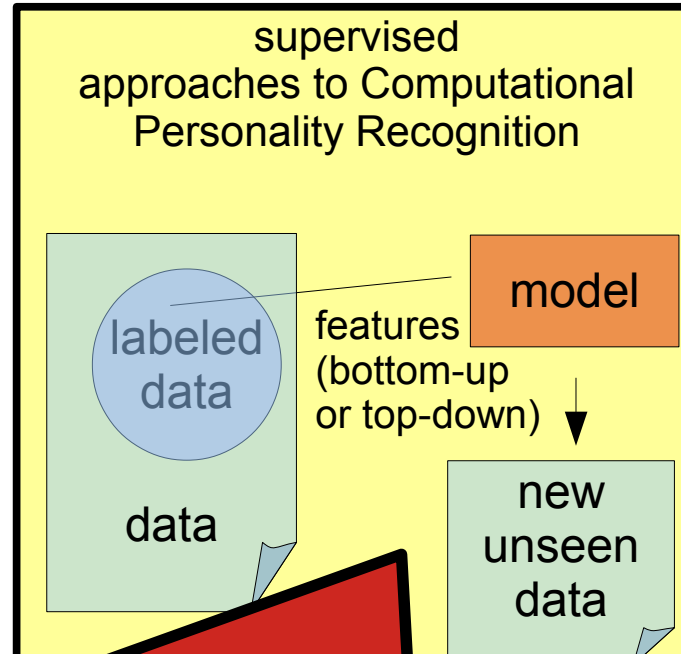
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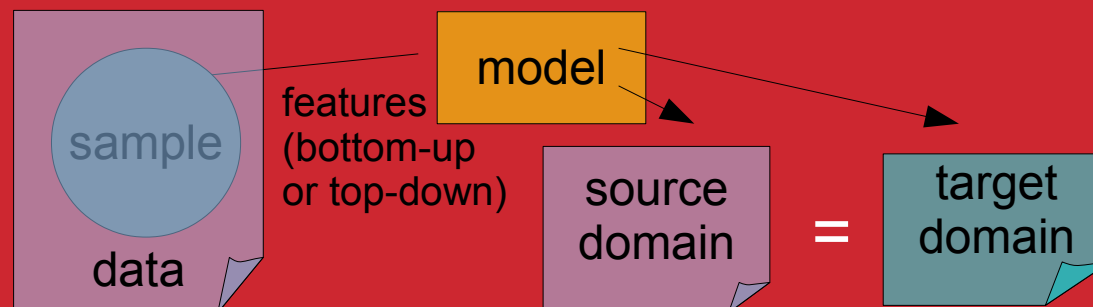
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Avantage of  
unsupervised  
Personality  
recognition:

- domain  
adaptability

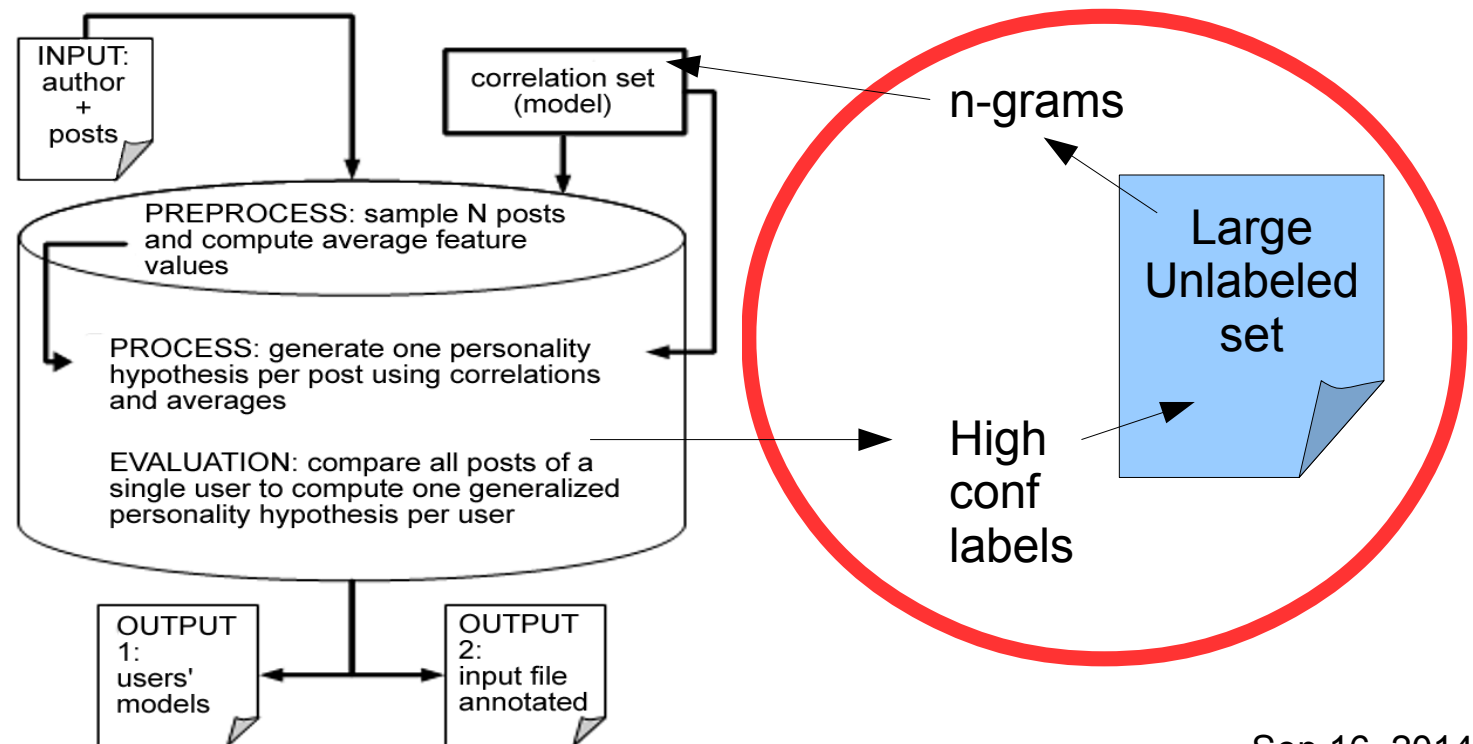
Domain adaptation is a learning problem where a model is generalized across domains, and it is successfull when it minimizes the difference of performance from a source to a target domain [BenDavid et Al. 2006]





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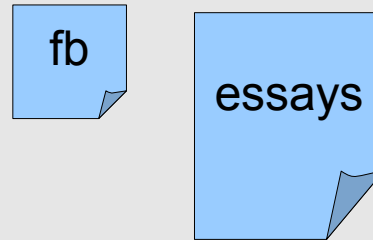
We added a part of the algorithm (semi-supervised). We exploit the high confidence predictions from the unsupervised system to label an unlabeled large training set and extract n-grams from there that we add to the initial correlation set





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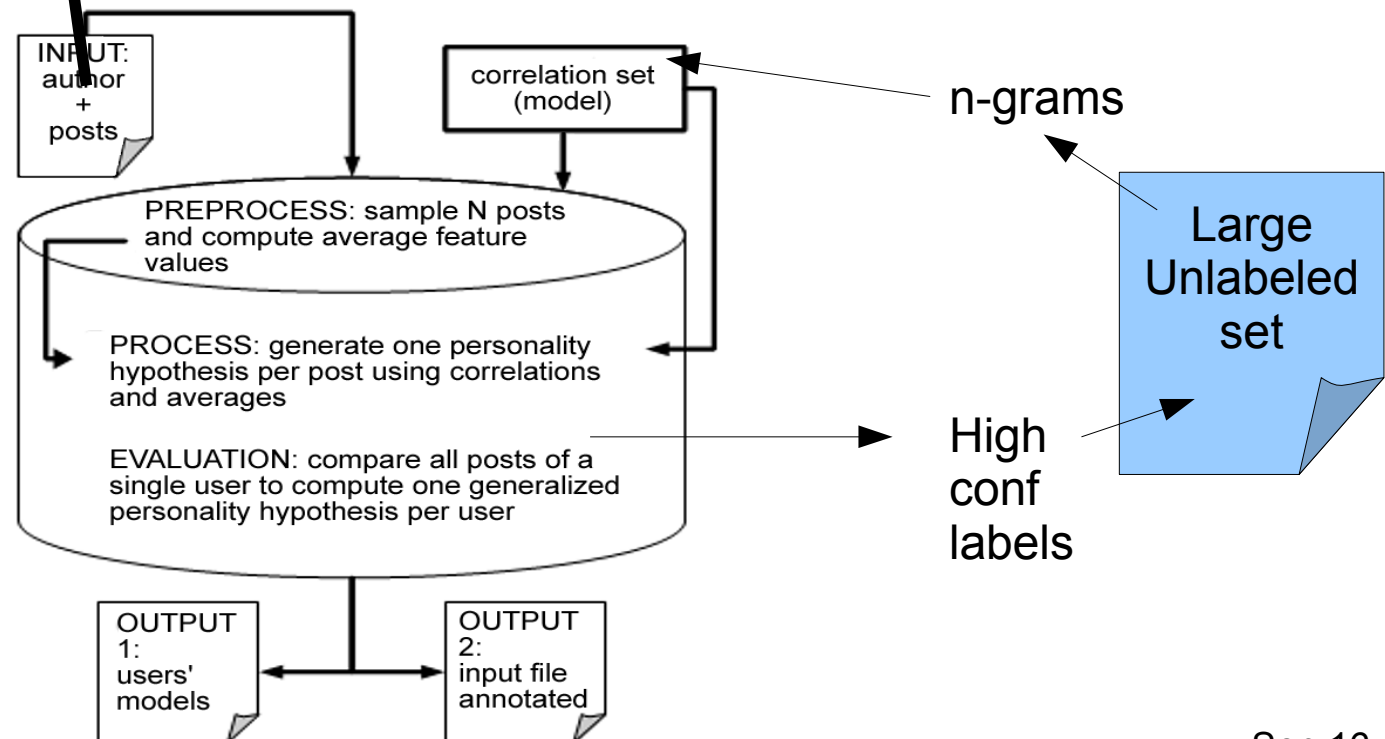
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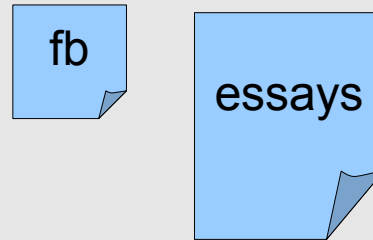
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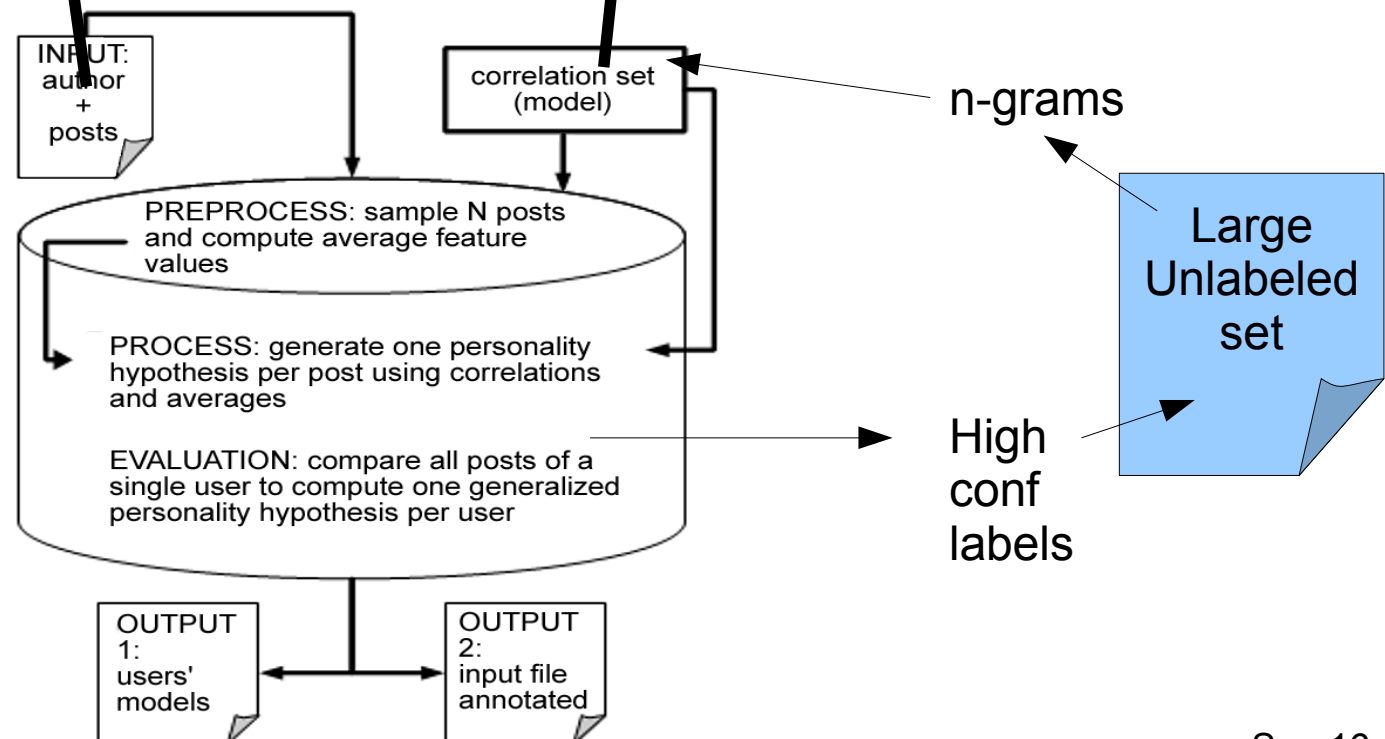
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60+ dimensions

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Anx, anger, sad,  
Cogmech, insight, cause,  
Certain, incl, excl  
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excl. marks	-.00	-.05*	.06**	.00	-.03
numbers	-.03	.05*	-.03	-.02	-.06**
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quotes	-.05*	-.02	-.01	-.03	.09**
repeat ratio	-.05**	.10**	-.04*	-.05*	.09**
avg word freq.	.05*	-.06**	.03*	.06**	.05**



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Trait	High	Low
N	hope.thei; punish.for; get.work; onli.problem; you.onli; depress.you; drunk.i; i.wasnt;	mental.togeth; be.sad; am.excit; we'v.had; reflect.on; then.look group.of; chose.to; the.winner
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A	even.better; of.beauti; compromis.with; hold.you; the.colleg; keep.myself; me.sigh; no.point; from.peopl;	like.it's; comment.about; like.it'; ex- cus.to; later.if; suppos.to; wa.worri; my.offic; sai.thing; goal.is; remain.in; return.of; send.the; unfortun.the; self.interest;
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dataset	parameters	avg F1
persfb	rand baseline (2c)	.608
essays	rand baseline (2c)	.655
persfb	All features (2c)	.686
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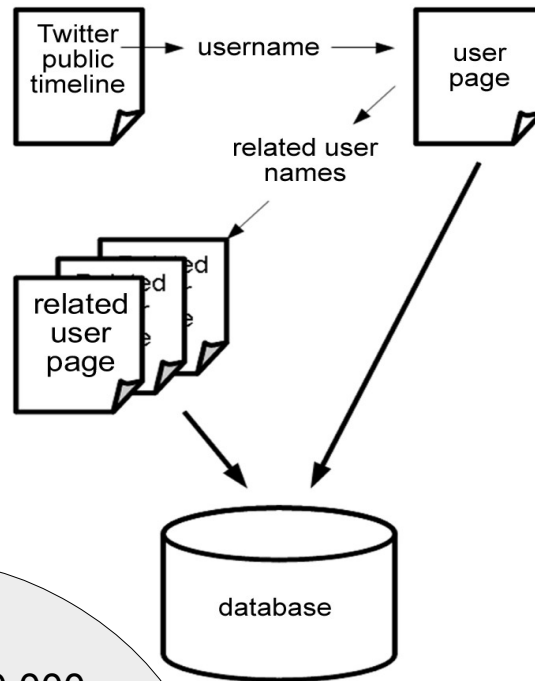
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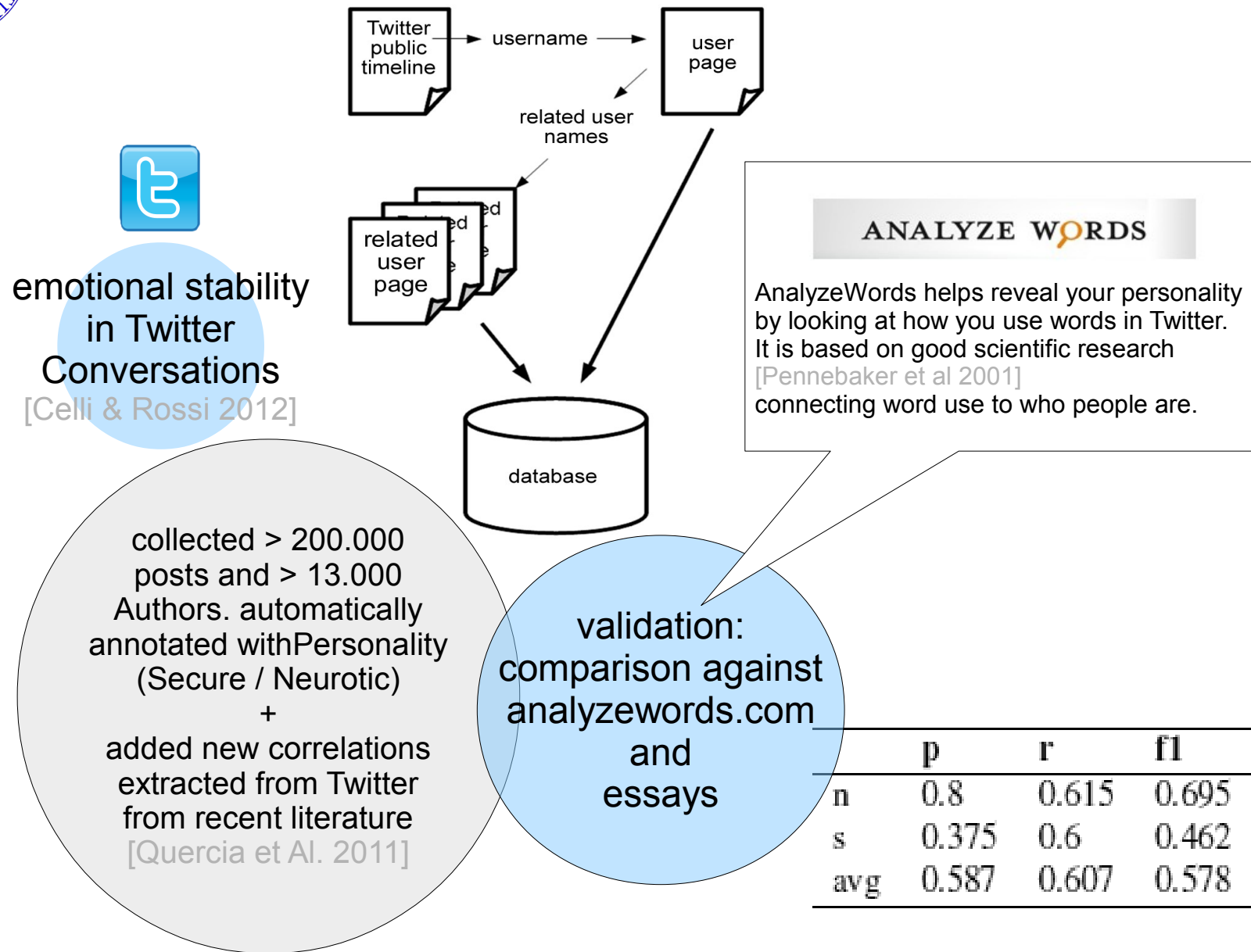


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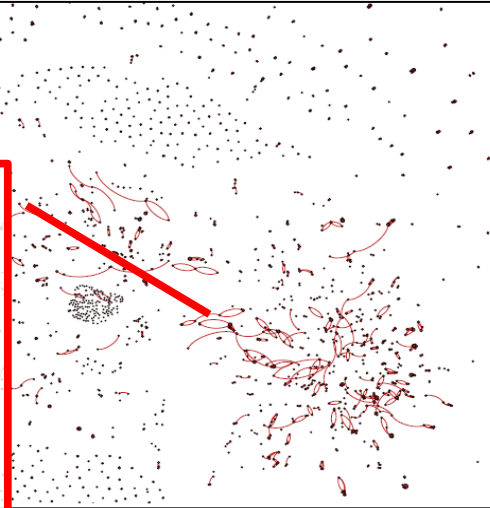
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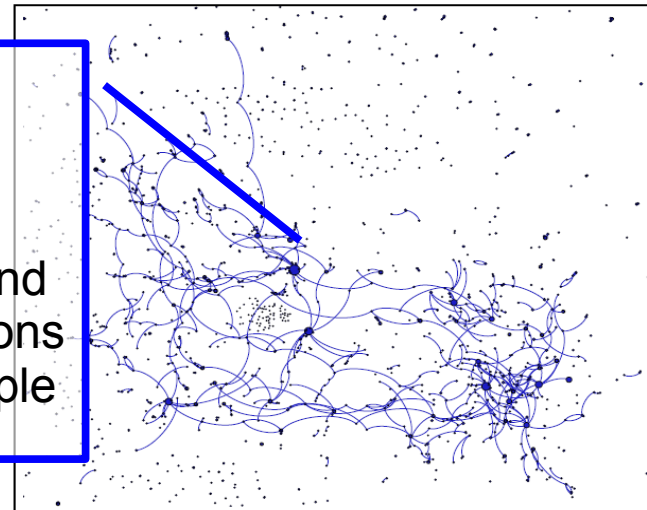
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Secure  
users tend to  
build mutual  
connections  
while having  
conversations.



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Neurotic  
users instead  
tend to build  
longer chains and  
have conversations  
with distant people



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Personality Test (BFI-10)

Thinking about you, evaluate how much you agree with the following statements on the following scale:

1 = disagree  
2 = slightly disagree  
3 = neutral  
4 = slightly agree  
5 = agree

I am a reserved person.  
☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5

I trust other people.  
☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5

I tend to be lazy.  
☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5

I am generally relaxed, not stressed.  
☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5

I have few artistic interests.  
☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5

We are collecting the personality of Twitter users with 2 apps:

<http://personality.altervista.org/personalitytwit.php>

(under dev)

<http://personality.altervista.org/mypersonality/en/mypersonality.php>



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Analysis of  
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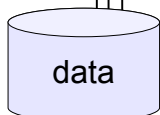
## Analysis of Ego-Networks in Facebook

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access-user's  
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**test set:  
23 students  
took Big5 test  
and fb + off  
data**

	p	r	f
off	.45	.7	.558
fb	.547	.735	.628





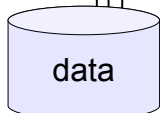
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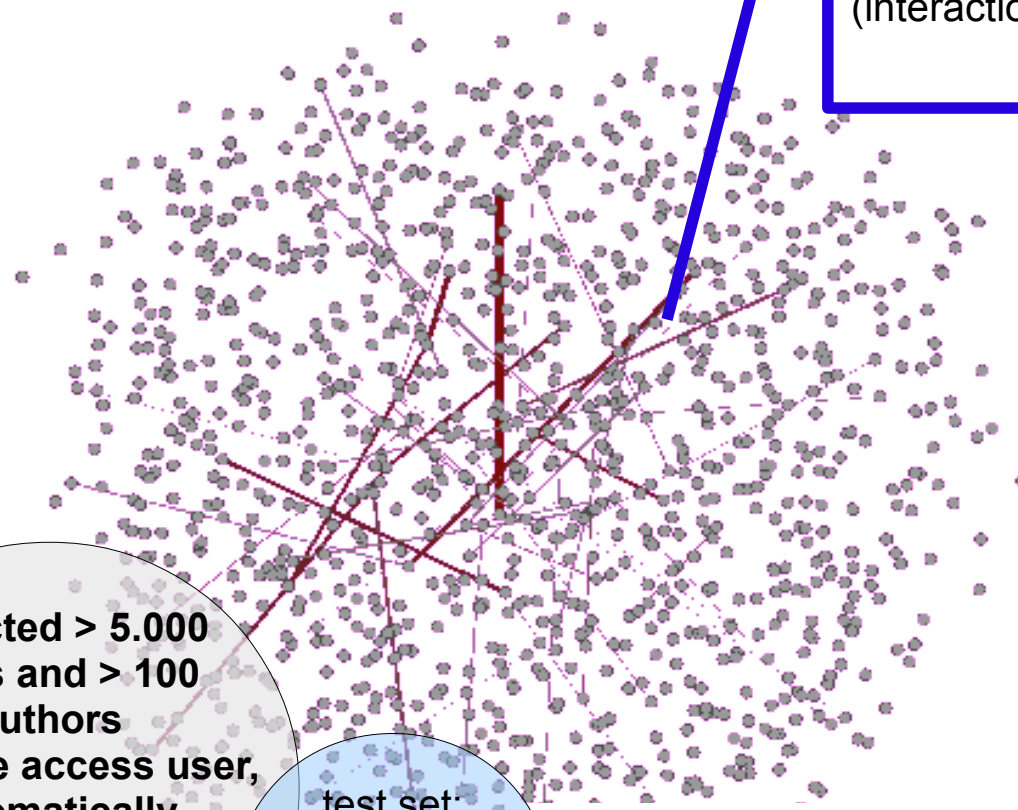
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Open minded and  
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have the highest  
Edge weight  
(interaction strength)



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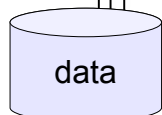
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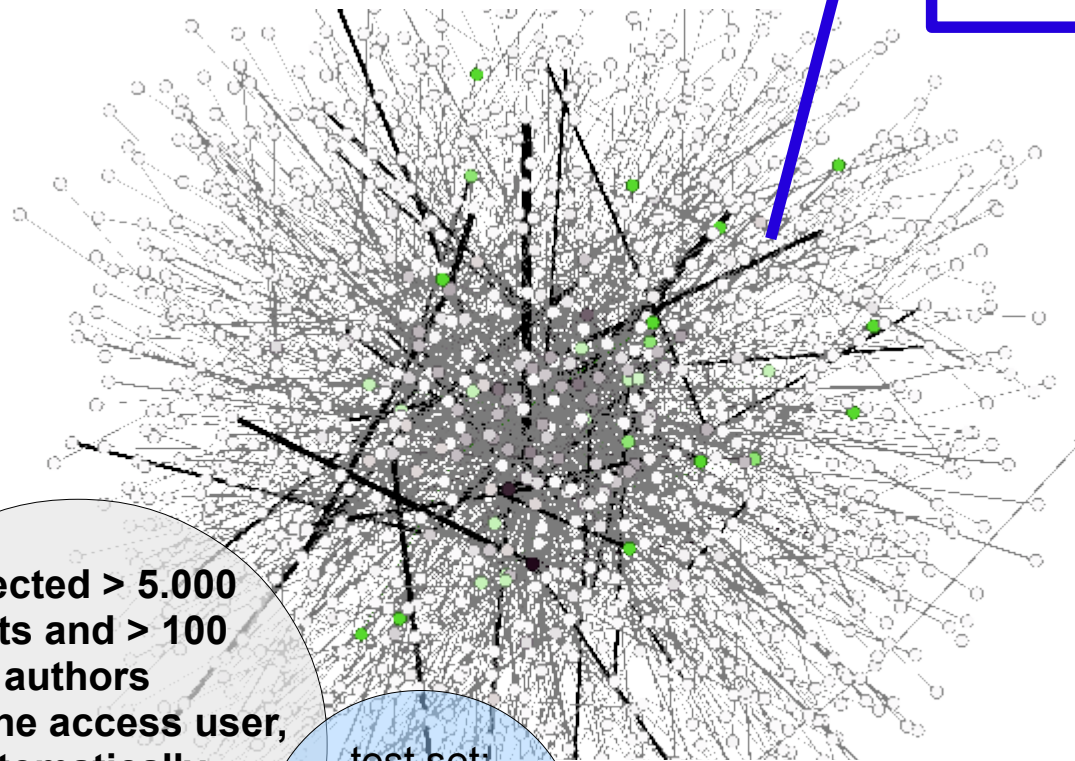
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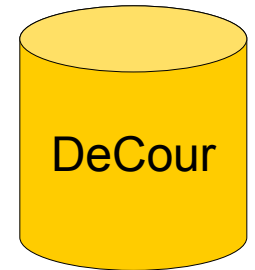
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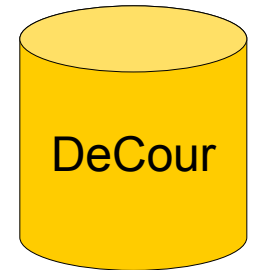
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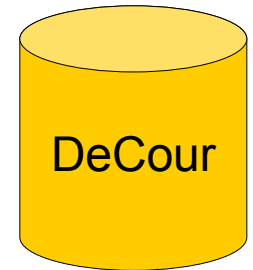


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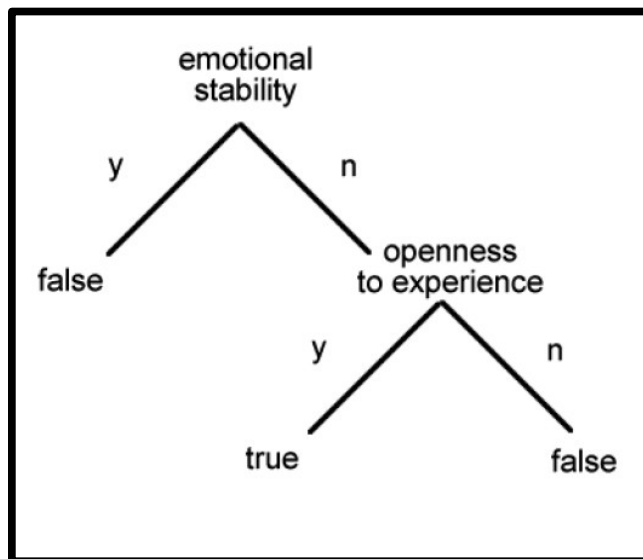
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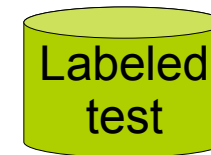
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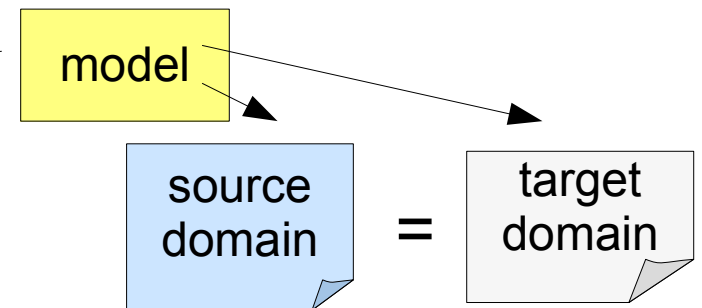
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It is domain adaptive





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**in conclusion:**

-supervised:  
domain dependent,  
high performance



-unsupervised:  
adaptability,  
applicability in extreme conditions



