

# AN EFFICIENT AND ROBUST SOCIAL NETWORK DE-ANONYMIZATION ATTACK

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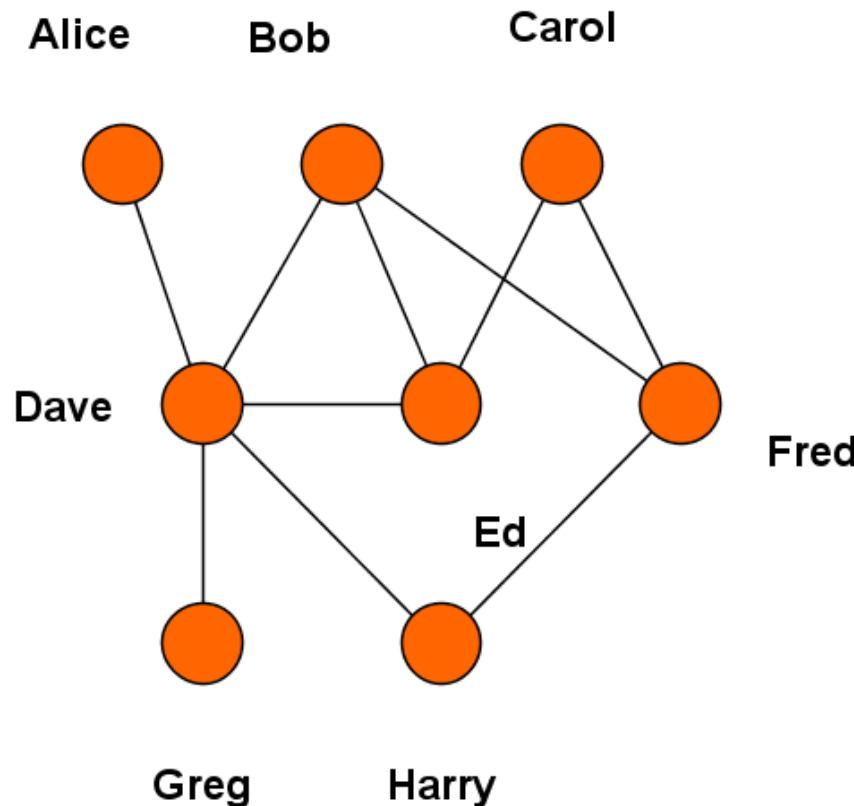
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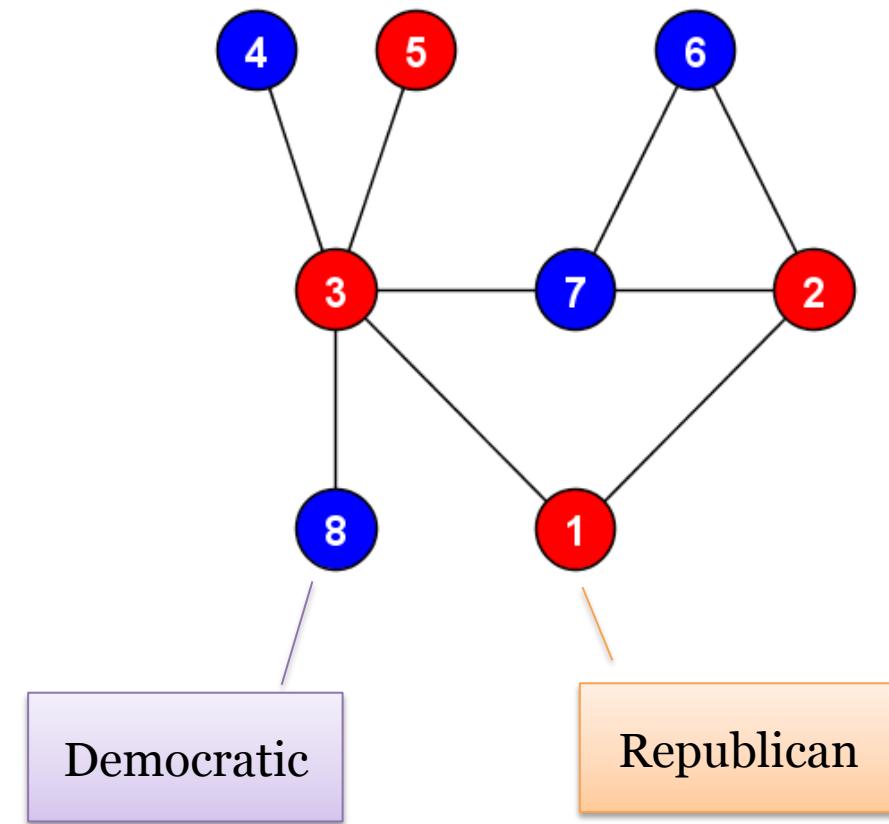
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# Re-identification using the structure

**Auxiliary information,  $G_{src}$**   
(a public crawl, e.g., Flickr)



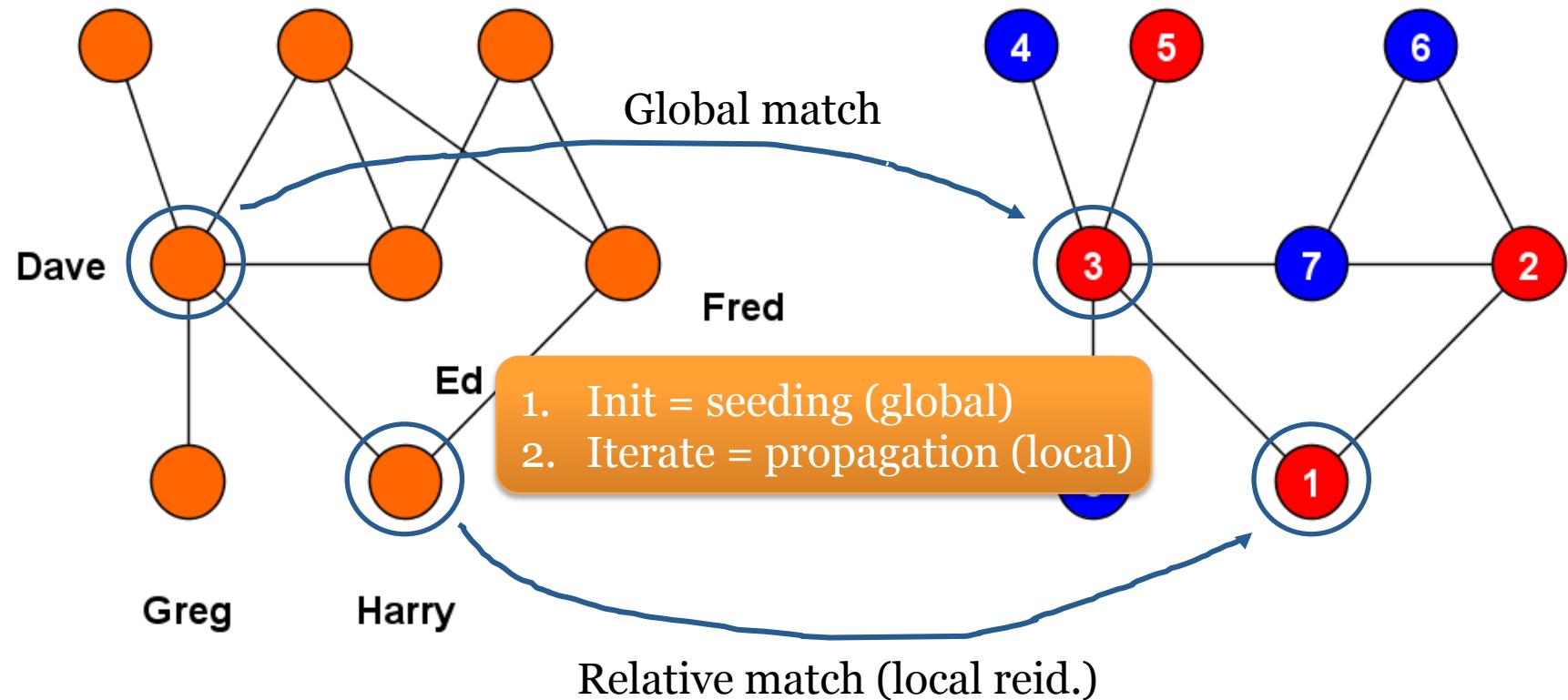
**Anonymized graph,  $G_{tar}$**   
(anonymized export, e.g., Twitter)



# Re-identification using the structure (2)

**Auxiliary information,  $G_{src}$**   
(a public crawl, e.g., Flickr)

Alice      Bob      Carol

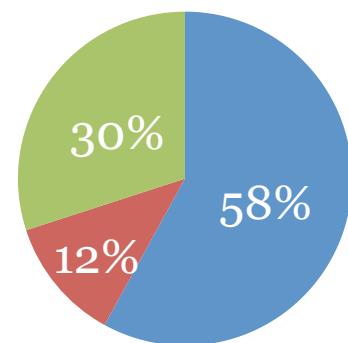
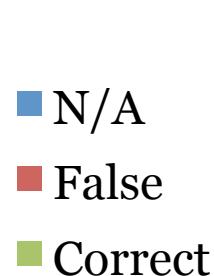


# Narayanan&Shmatikov results (Naro9)

- Large social networks

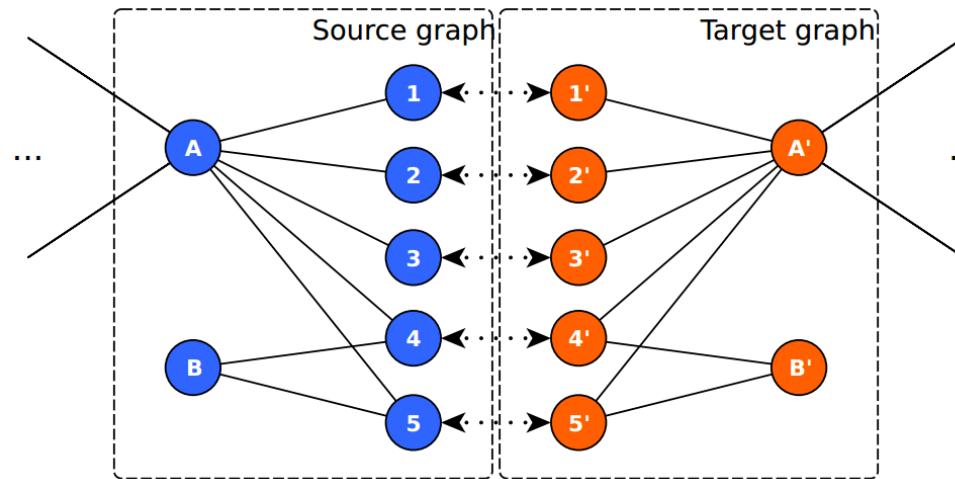
- Background knowledge:  
Flickr  
(3,300 nodes)

- Anonymity attacks:  
Twitter  
(22,000 nodes)
    - De-anonymization attacks
    - Linking attacks
    - Re-identification of location data



} Ground truth of 27k nodes  
(verified by name/user/loc.)

# Motivation for Bumblebee



$$\text{NarSim}(v_i, v_j) = \frac{\#\text{mutual\_nbrs}}{\sqrt{\deg(v_j)}}$$

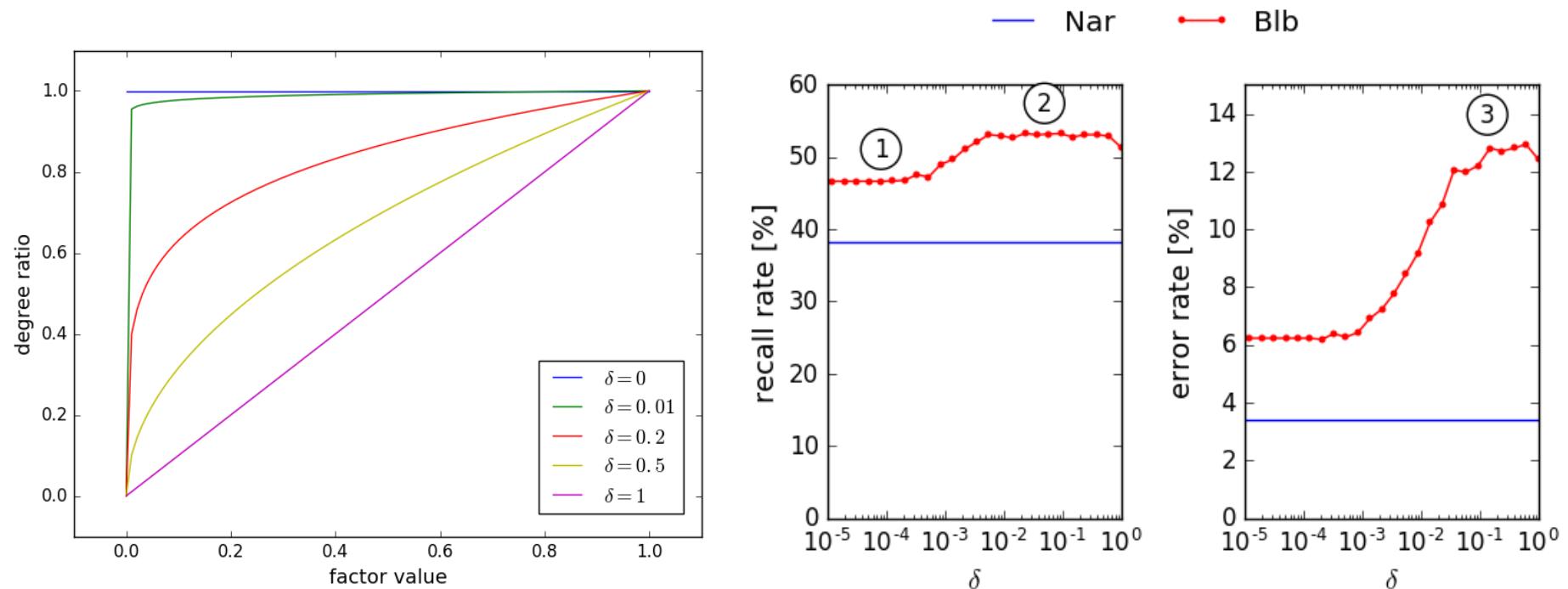
$$\text{BlbSim}(v_i, v_j) = \#\text{mutual\_nbrs} \cdot \left( \min\left(\frac{\deg(v_i)}{\deg(v_j)}, \frac{\deg(v_j)}{\deg(v_i)}\right) \right)^\delta$$

	A'	B'	?
A	$\frac{5}{\sqrt{100}}$	$\frac{2}{\sqrt{2}}$	B'
B	$\frac{2}{\sqrt{100}}$	$\frac{2}{\sqrt{2}}$	B'

	A'	B'	?
A	5	0.89	A'
B	0.89	2	B'

# Parameters of the attack – $\delta$

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Visual playground: <https://gulyas.info/snida>

# Parameters of the attack (2) – $\Theta$

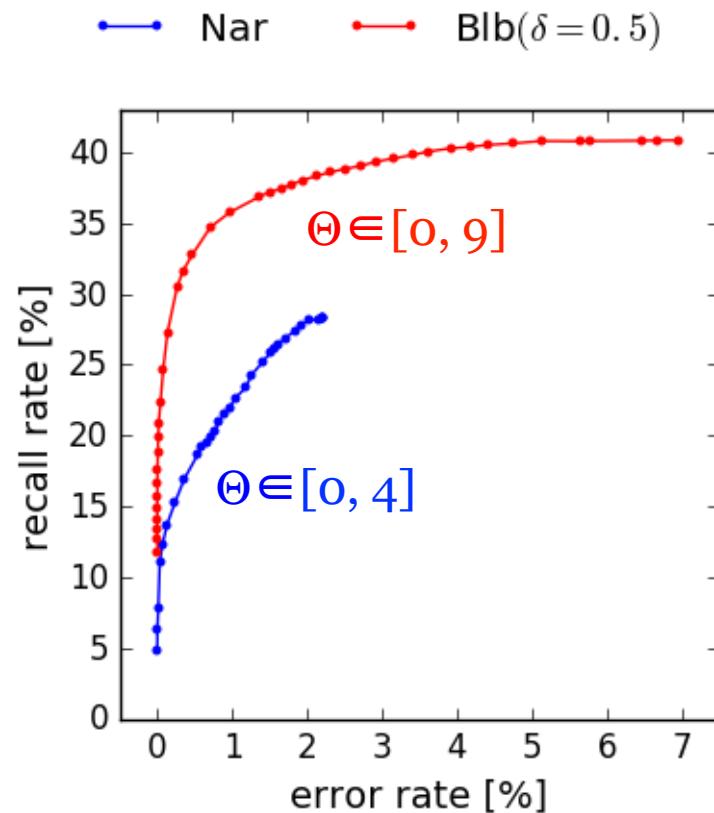
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**Algorithm 1: PROPAGATE**

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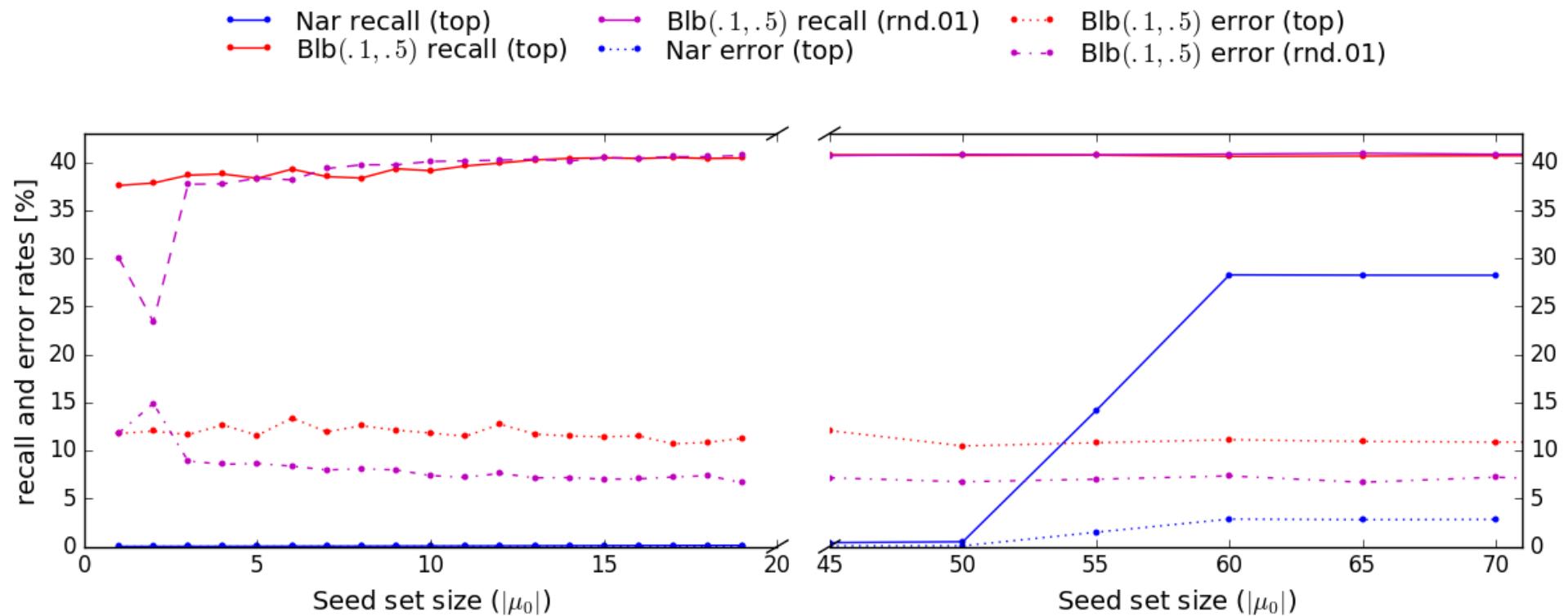
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Data:  $G_{src}, G_{tar}, \mu$ 
Result:  $\mu, \Delta$ 
1  $\Delta \leftarrow 0;$ 
2 for  $v_{src} \in V_{src}$  do
3    $S \leftarrow \text{SCORE}(G_{src}, G_{tar}, v_{src}, \mu);$ 
4   if  $\text{ECC}(S.\text{VALUES}()) < \Theta$  then
5     | CONTINUE;
6   end
7    $v_c \leftarrow \text{RANDOM}(\text{MAX}(S));$ 
8    $S_r \leftarrow \text{SCORE}(G_{tar}, G_{src}, v_c, \mu^{-1});$ 
9   if  $\text{ECC}(S_r.\text{VALUES}()) < \Theta$  then
10    | CONTINUE;
11   end
12    $v_{rc} \leftarrow \text{RANDOM}(\text{MAX}(S_r));$ 
13   if  $v_{src} = v_{rc}$  then
14     |  $\mu[v_{src}] \leftarrow v_c;$ 
15     |  $\Delta \leftarrow \Delta + 1;$ 
16   end
17 end
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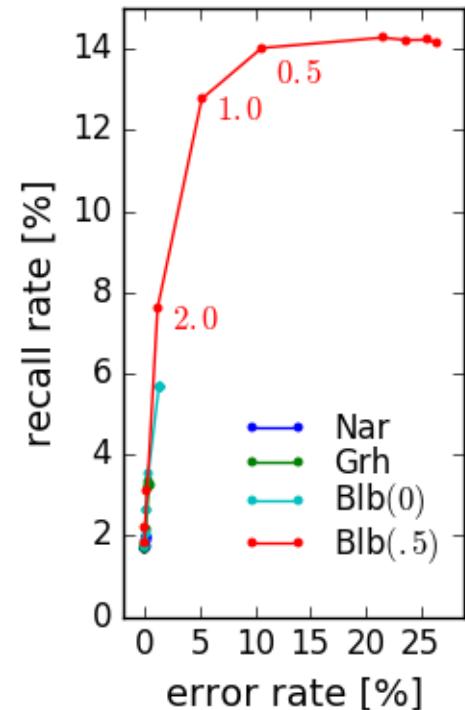
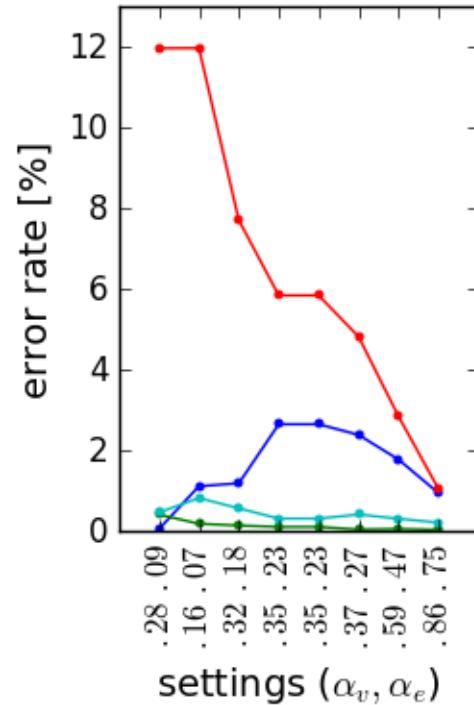
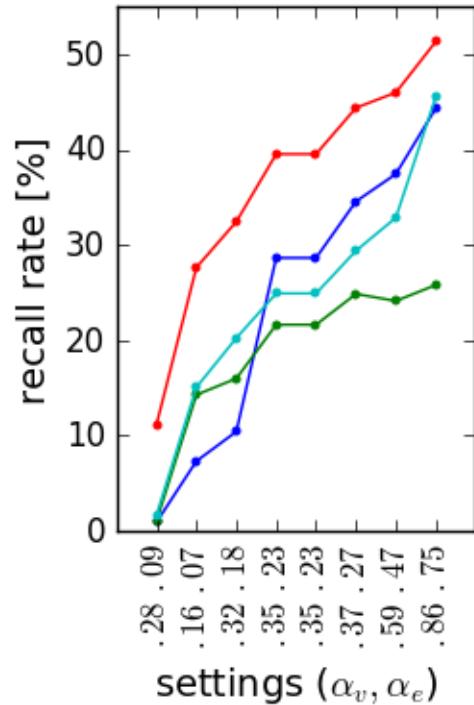
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# Seeding sensitivity



Visual playground: <https://gulyas.info/snida>

# Robustness to noise



Visual playground: <https://gulyas.info/snda>

# Comparison with other attacks

## SecGraph: A Uniform and Open-source Evaluation System for Graph Data Anonymization and De-anonymization

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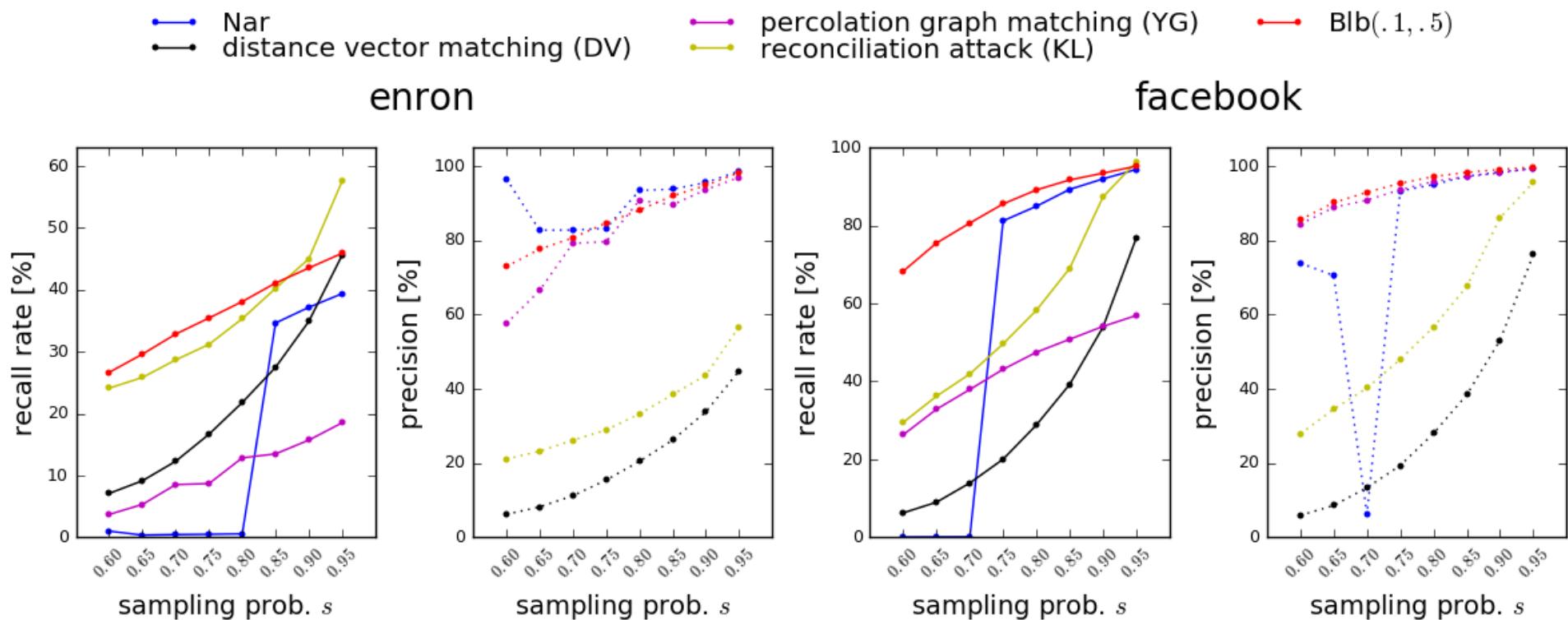
### Abstract

In this paper, we analyze and systematize the state-of-the-art graph data privacy and utility techniques. Specifically, we propose and develop *SecGraph* (available at [1]), a uniform and open-source Secure Graph data sharing/publishing system. In SecGraph, we systematically study, implement, and evaluate 11 graph data anonymization algorithms, 19 data utility metrics, and 15 modern Structure-based De-Anonymization (SDA) attacks. To the best of our knowledge, SecGraph is the first such system that enables data owners to anonymize data by state-of-the-art anonymization techniques, measure the data's utility, and evaluate the data's vulnerability against modern De-Anonymization (DA) attacks. In

called *graph data*. For research purposes, data and network mining tasks, and commercial applications, these graph data are often transferred, shared, and/or provided to the public, research community, and/or commercial partners. Since graph data carry a lot of sensitive private information of users/systems who generated them [2, 3], it is critical to protect users' privacy during the data transferring, sharing, and/or publishing.

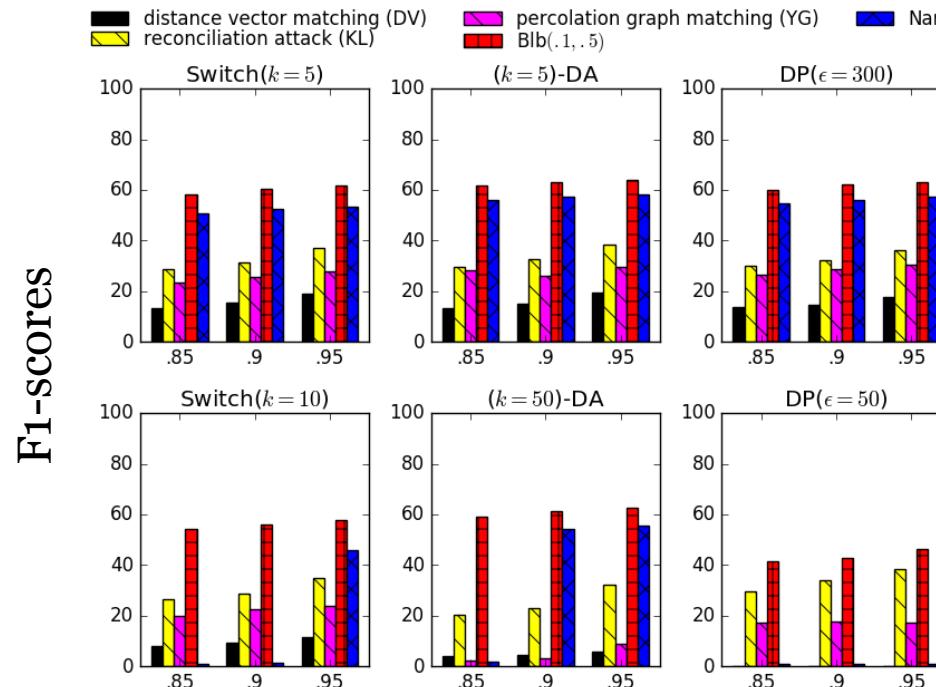
To protect users' privacy, several anonymization techniques have been proposed to anonymize graph data, which can be classified into six categorizes: Naive ID Removal, Edge Editing (EE) based techniques [6],  $k$ -anonymity based techniques [7–11], Aggregation/Class/Cluster based techniques [12–14], Differen-

# Comparison with other attacks (2)

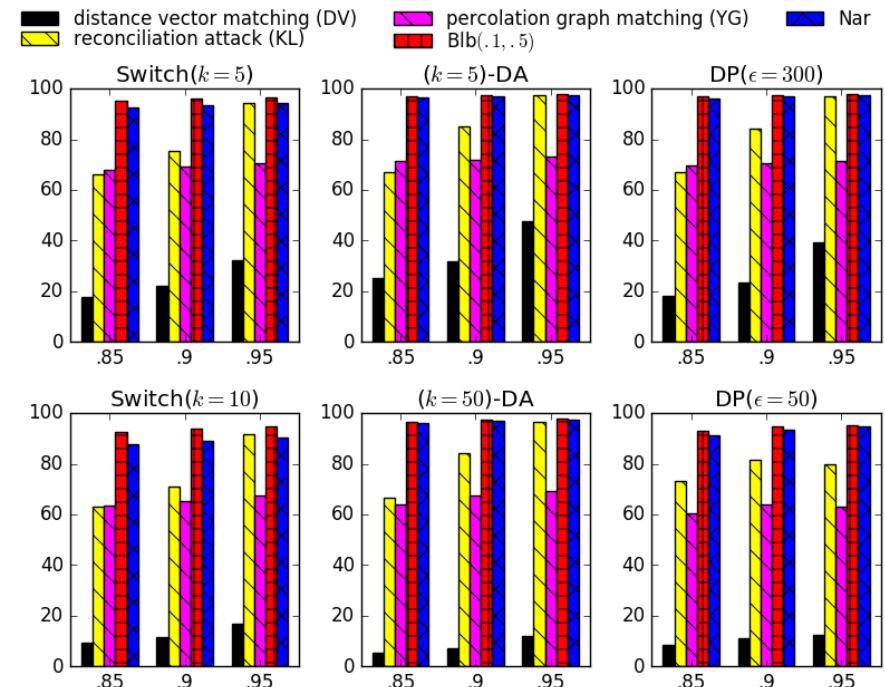


# Comparison with other attacks (3)

Enron (36k)



Facebook (63k)



$$F1 = 2 \cdot \frac{\text{Precision} \cdot \text{Recall}}{\text{Precision} + \text{Recall}}$$

# Conclusion

- We proposed a new attack based on a new scoring scheme, and showed its superiority to all existing attacks.
- Visual playground & Python code:  
<https://gulyas.info/snida>
- Seriously interested? Try out SALab, our framework for social network de-anonymization:  
<https://github.com/gaborgulyas/salab>

Thank you for your attention!

ANY QUESTIONS?

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