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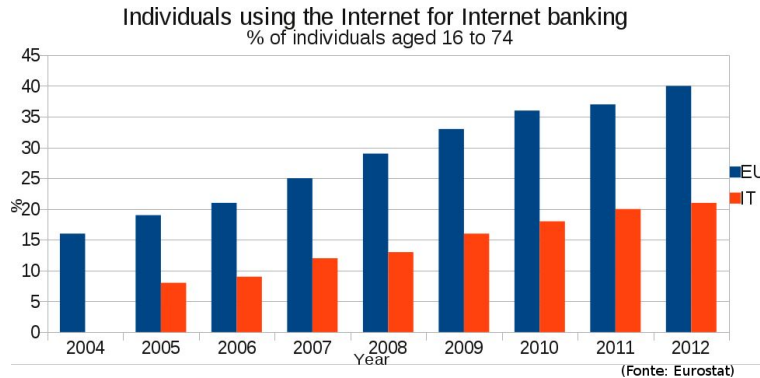
BankSealer: Fast and Transparent Online Banking Fraud Detection and Investigation

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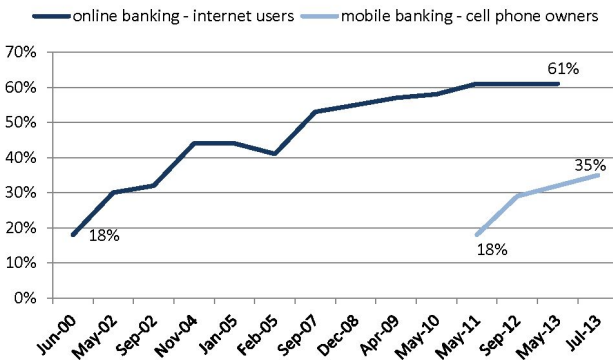
Internet Banking



Growth of Internet banking services

Online and mobile banking

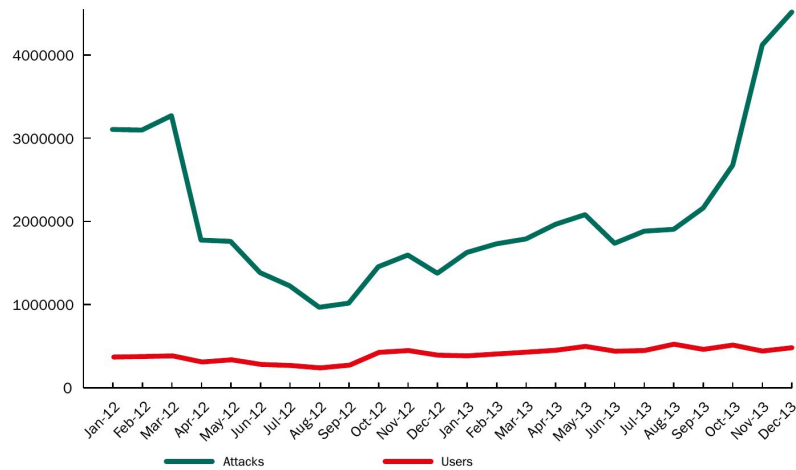
% of internet users who do online banking vs. the % of cell phone owners who use mobile banking



Source: Pew Research Center's Internet & American Life Tracking and Omnibus Surveys, 2000-2013. Margin of error for results based on internet users is +/- 2.5 percentage points and +/- 3.8 percentage points for results based on cell phone owners.

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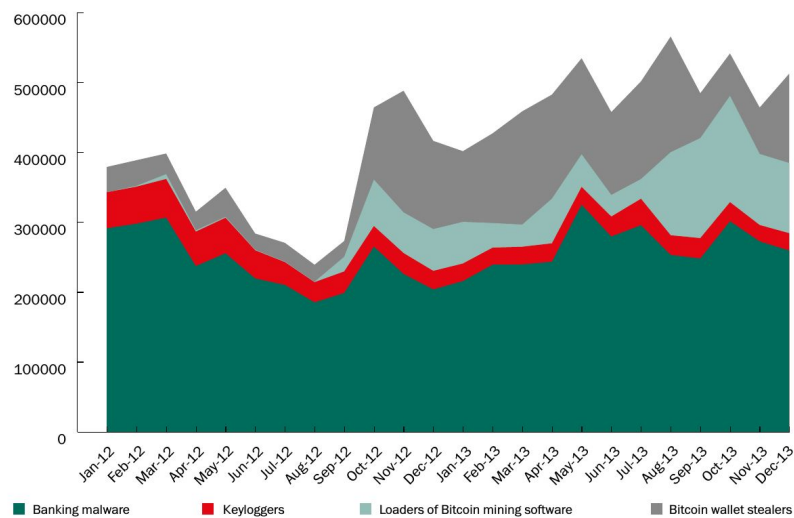
Financial malware: attacks and attacked users in 2012-2013



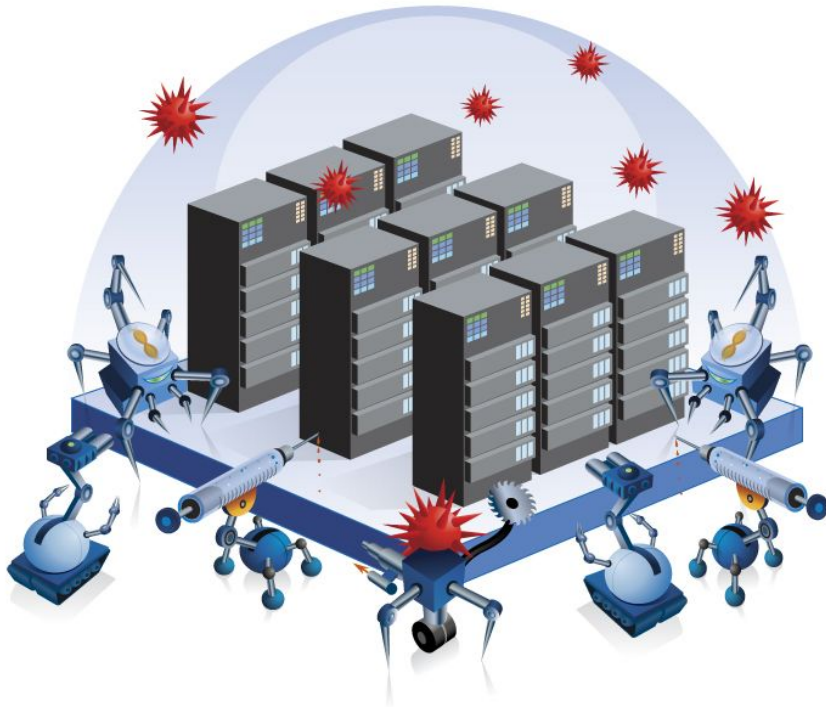
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Increase of online banking frauds and financial malware attacks



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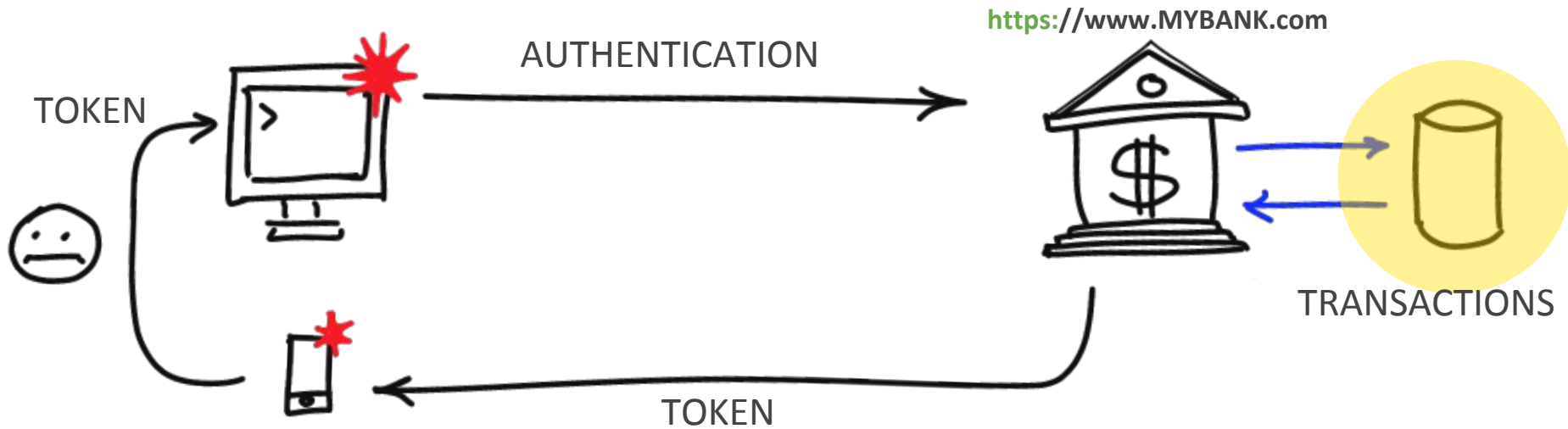


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Need to create up-to-date defense infrastructures

Anatomy of a Fraud



Main threats

Traditional threats:

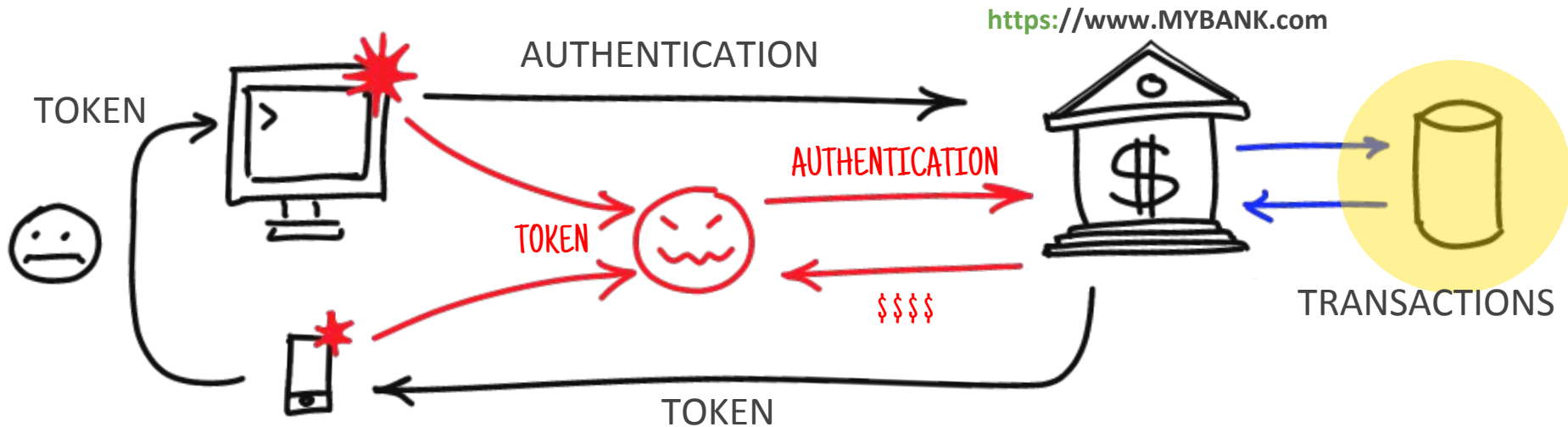
- Phishing
- Credentials Database Theft

Banking Trojans

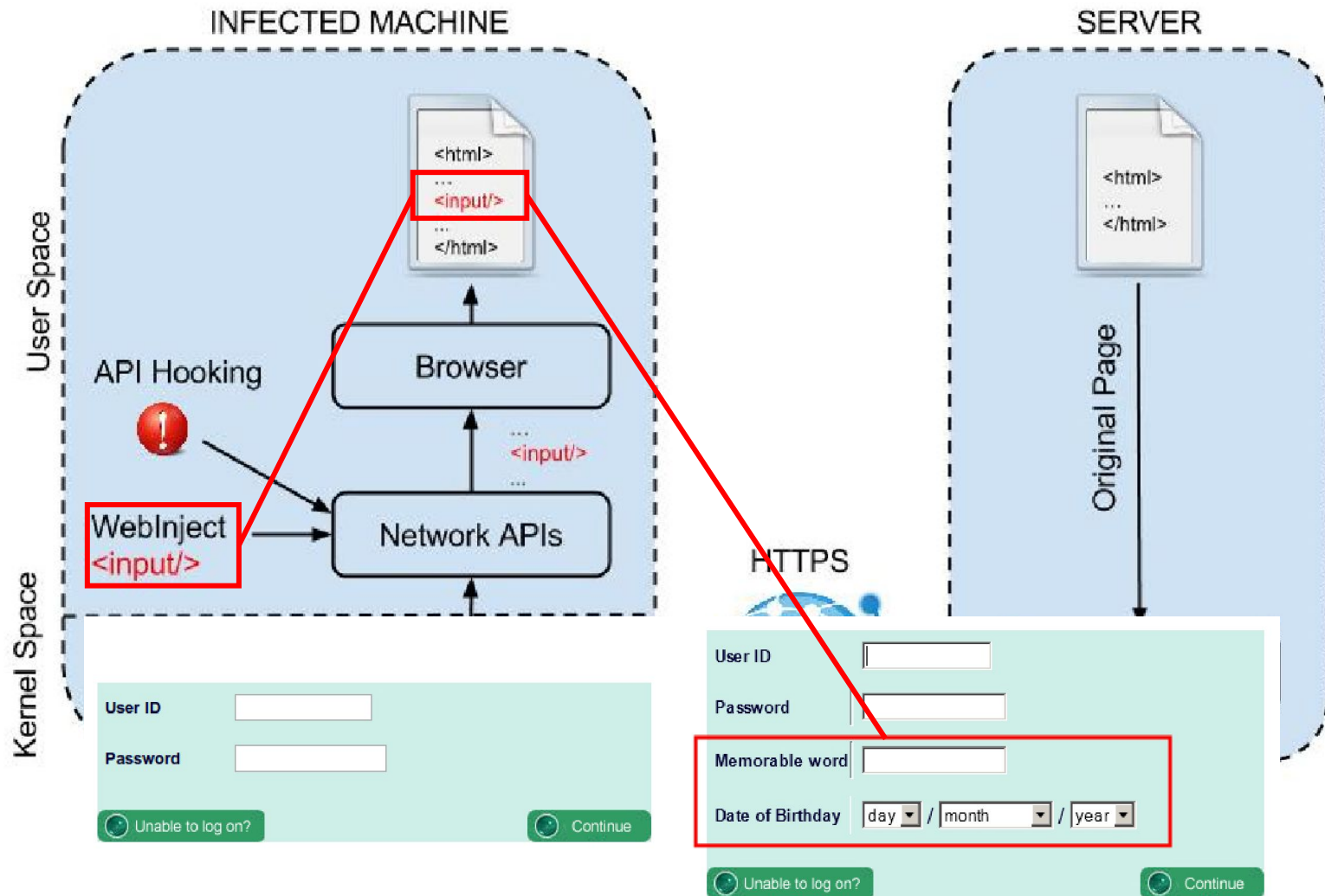
Malware that aims at stealing banking credentials in order to perform online financial frauds:

- Zeus (2007+)
- SpyEye (2011+)
- Citadel (2012+)
- Carberp (2014+)

Anatomy of a Fraud



Web Injections



Effect of a web injection

The screenshot shows the Citi website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for "CITI.COM | ESPAÑOL", "OPEN AN ACCOUNT", "RATES", "LOCATIONS", and "CONTACT". Below this is the Citi logo and a secondary navigation bar with categories like "Banking", "Credit Cards", "Lending", "Investing", "Business", "Rewards & Offers", "Services", and "Citigold®".

On the left side, there is a sign-in form with the following elements:

- A toggle for "First time user?" with a "REGISTER" button.
- A "Sign on to Citibank" section with "User ID" and "Password" input fields.
- A "Remember my User ID" checkbox.
- A "SIGN ON" button.
- Links for "Forgot User ID or Password?" and "Ingresar en español".
- A "Security Center" section with links to learn more about identity theft and fraud, and a report phishing and email scams link.

The main content area features a charity advertisement for "No Kid Hungry". The headline reads: "Childhood hunger is a serious problem. Together we did something about it." Below the headline, it states: "Simply by dining out with their enrolled Citi® Cards, our cardmembers helped us donate \$500,000 to No Kid Hungry, enough to provide 5 million meals for hungry kids." There is a "Learn More" button and logos for Citi and No Kid Hungry.

At the bottom of the advertisement, there are two call-to-action buttons: "MAKE A DIFFERENCE No Kid Hungry" and "KEEP IT SIMPLE Citi Simplicity® Card".

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Security Center
Learn more about [identity theft](#),
[fraud and other cyber threats](#).
Report phishing and email scams
to spooof@citicorp.com.

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citi **Citi never sleeps™**
Authorization Required

Help us to confirm your identity.
In order to provide you with extra security, you will be occasionally required to confirm additional information when accessing your accounts online.

First Name:
Middle Initial:
Last Name:
Address:
City:
State:
Zip:
Home Phone Number:
Current Employer:
Social Security Number:
Mother's Maiden Name:
Driver's License:
Date of Birth:
Card Number:
Expiration Date:
CVV2:
ATM PIN:
Security Question on file 1:
Answer:
Security Question on file 2:
Answer:
Security Question on file 3:
Answer:

Member FDIC

Continue Norton Security

AdChoices

FORRESTER

Citi tops Forrester's list of online banking websites – for 3 years in a row.
Learn More ▶

Banking Fraud Detection: Challenges

Internet banking **frauds** are **difficult to analyze and detect**:

- Fraudulent behavior is **dynamic** and **dispersed** in large and highly **imbalanced** datasets with different customers
- **Scarcity of** available informations and **data**
- Most of the **existing approaches**:
 - Black box
 - Based on synthetic data
 - Not adaptive baseline profiling

Existing approaches & market offer

Fraud detection is a wide research topic

- Main focus: **credit cards**
 - Both in literature and in the market
- Most of the **existing approaches**:
 - **Black box**:
 - Instead, analysts need an explanation for the results
 - Tiring manual investigation and confirmation
 - **Not adaptive**:
 - CC frauds are assumed to be “always the same” across the world

BankSealer: Goals

- **Not** focus on **pure detection** approach
- **Support the analysis** and the investigation of (novel) frauds and anomalies through **readable model** and results
- **Decision support** system able to **model user behavior** and its **evolution**

Publications

If you wish to check the publications during or after the talk:

Michele Carminati, Roberto Caron, Federico Maggi, Ilenia Epifani, Stefano Zanero, “[BankSealer: An Online Banking Fraud Analysis and Decision Support System](#)”, in IFIP SEC 2014

Michele Carminati, Roberto Caron, Federico Maggi, Ilenia Epifani, Stefano Zanero, “[BankSealer: A decision support system for online banking fraud analysis and investigation](#)”, Computers & Security, vol. 53, Sept. 2015, pp. 175–186

Original Dataset

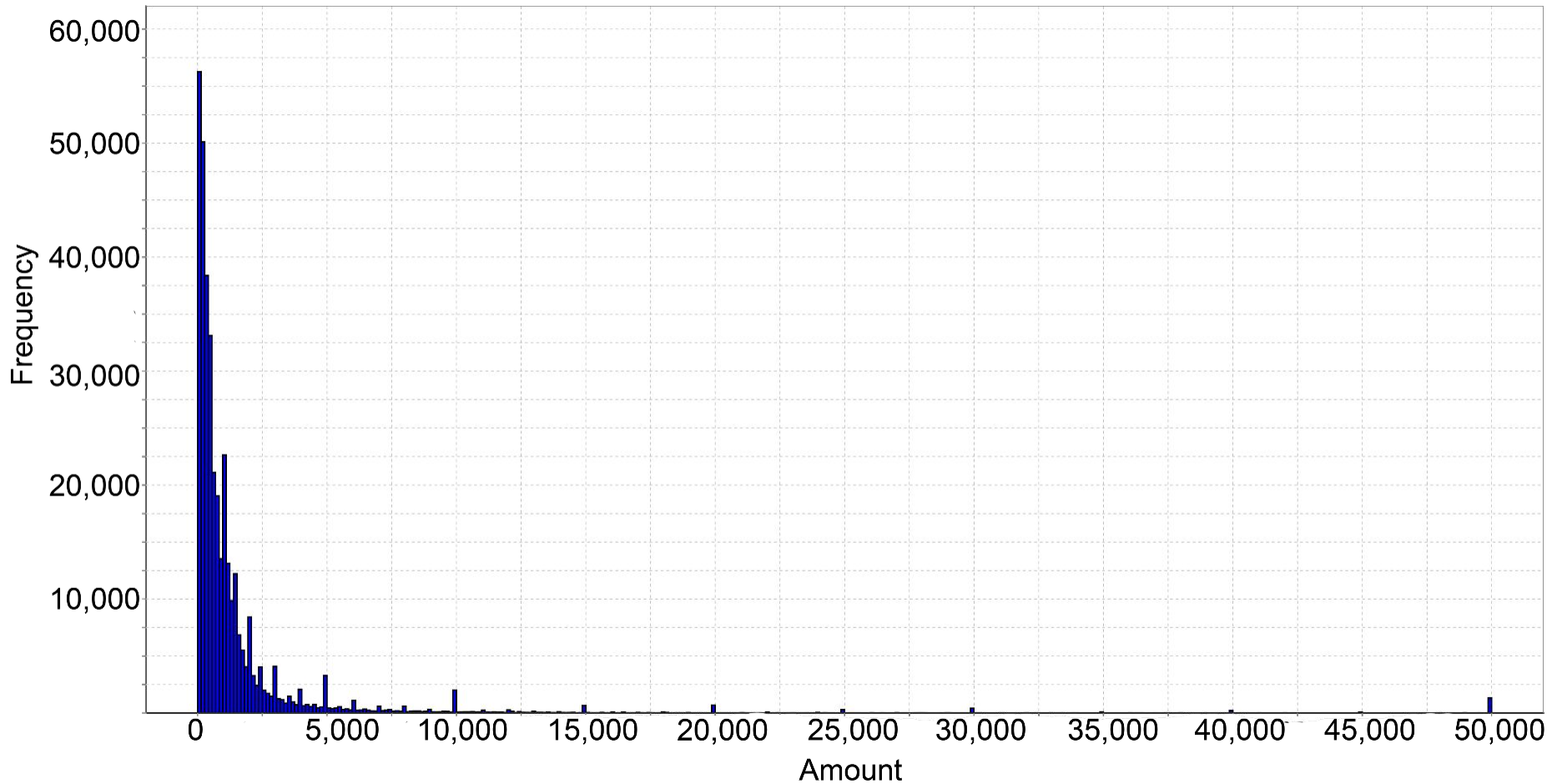
- Three months, one of the **largest banks in Italy**
- **Skewed** and **unbalanced** distribution of the attribute values
- High **cardinality**
- Majority of users perform only **few transactions**

	# Transactions	# Users
Bank Transfers	371,137	47,650
Prepaid phone	54,141	16,093
Debit cards	34,986	8,415

Anonymized Dataset

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Skewed data example



Attributes

BANK TRANSFERS

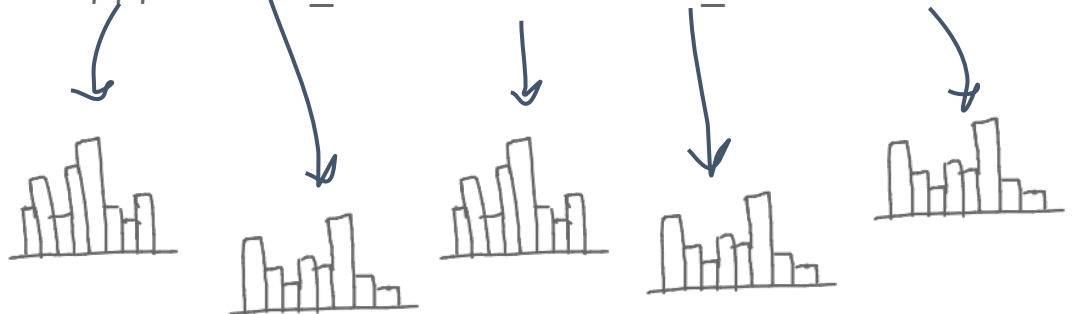
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PHONE RECAHRGES

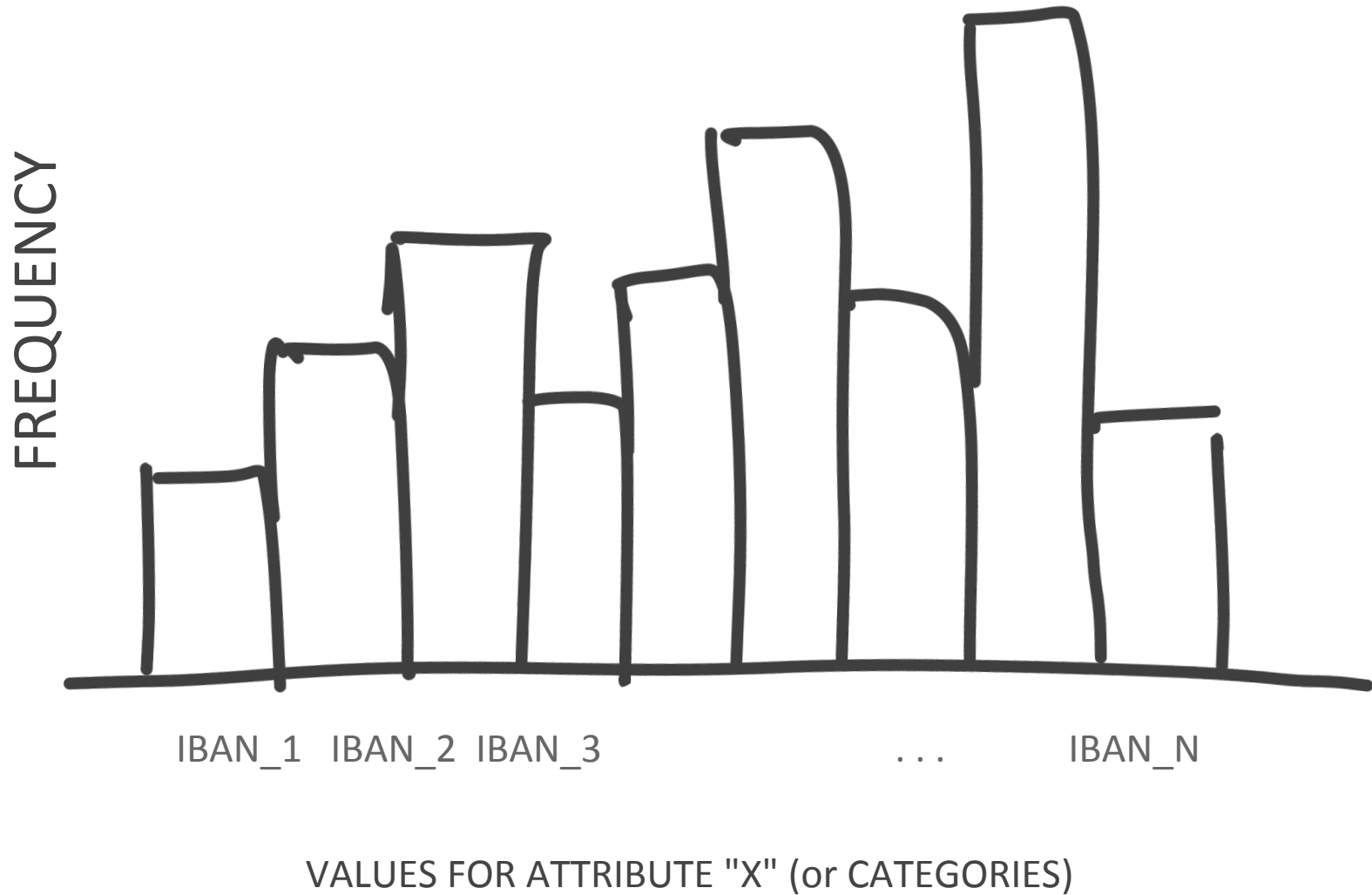
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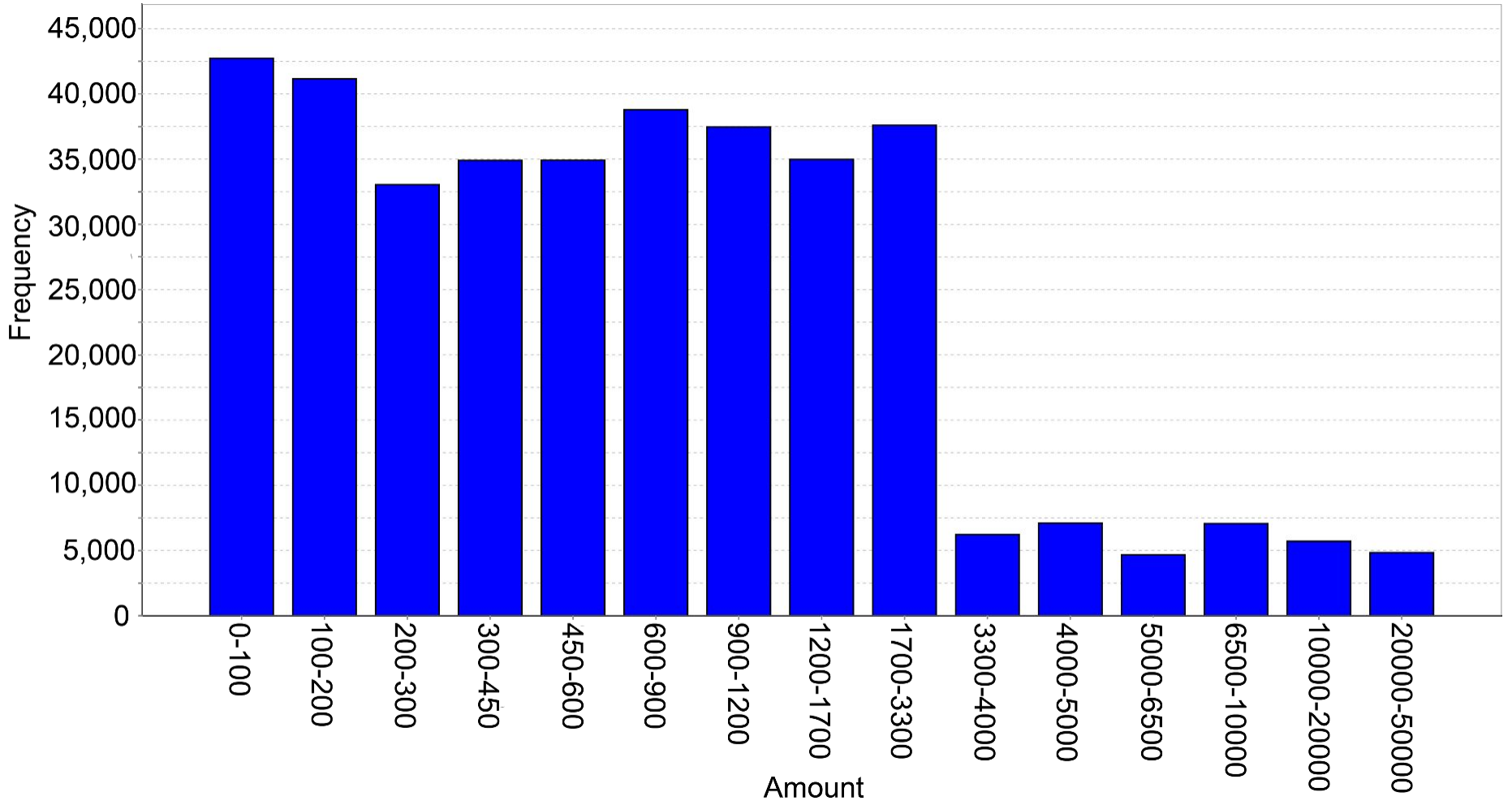
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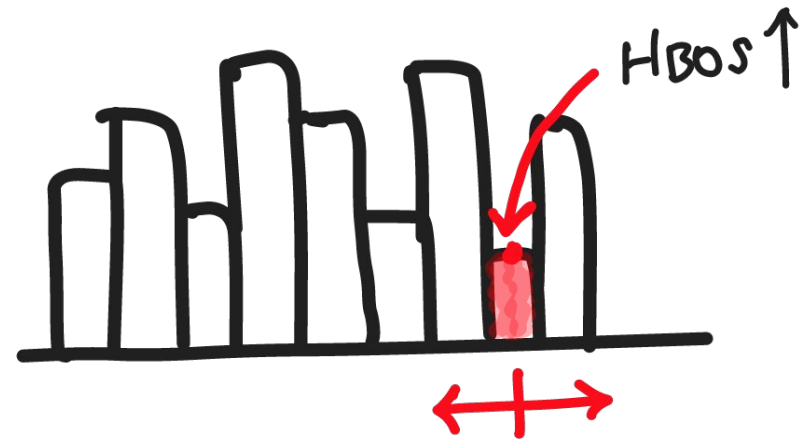
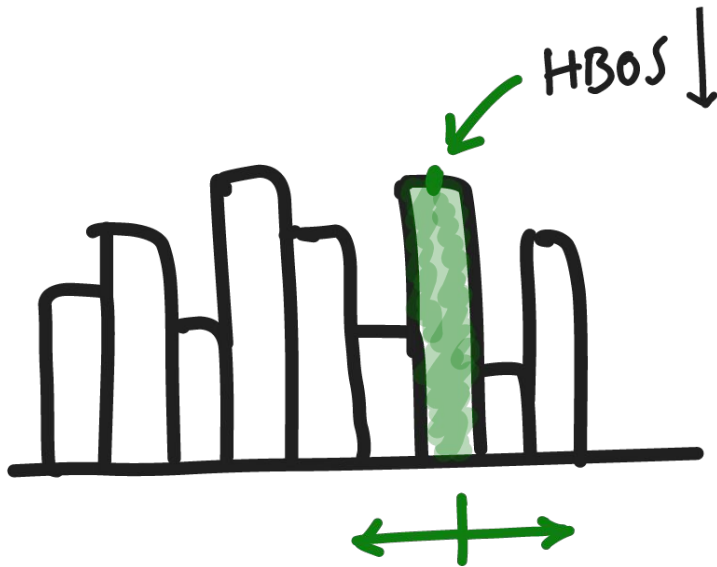
Model for Each Attribute



Model Example



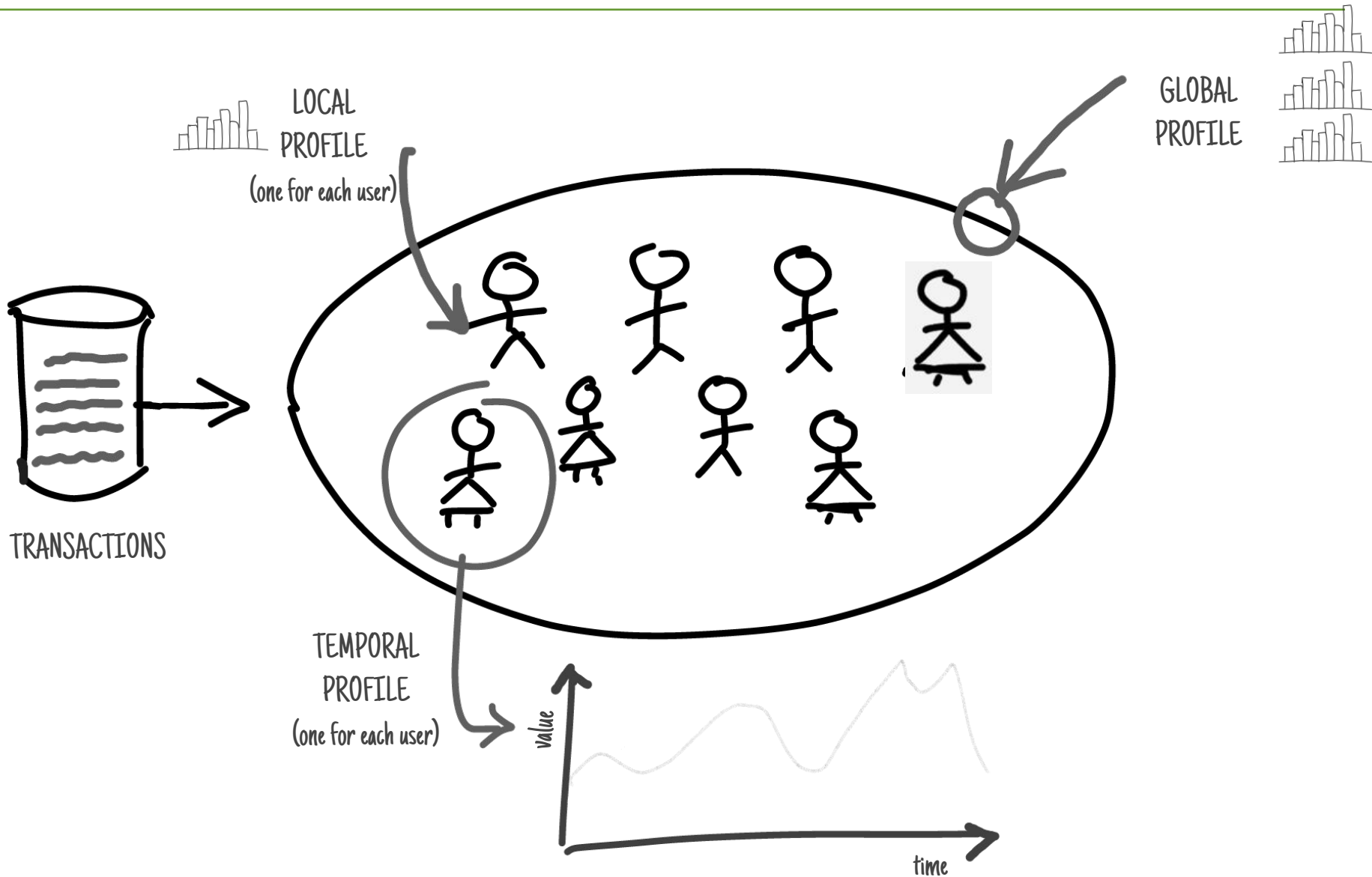
HBOS = Histogram Based Outlier Score



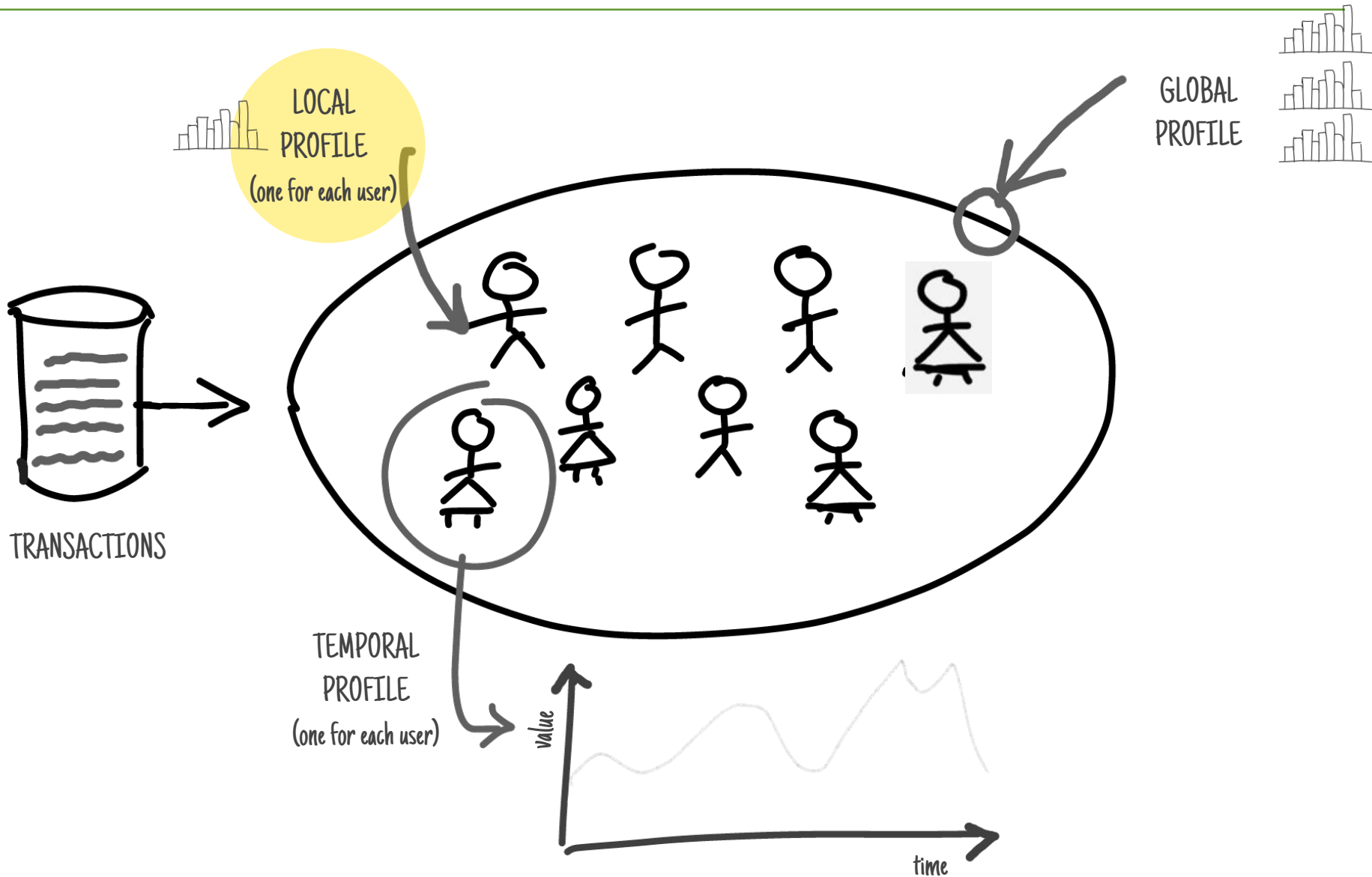
$$HBOS(t) = \sum_{0 < i \leq d} w_i * \log \frac{1}{f(t_i)};$$

$$\sum_{0 < i \leq d} w_i = 1$$

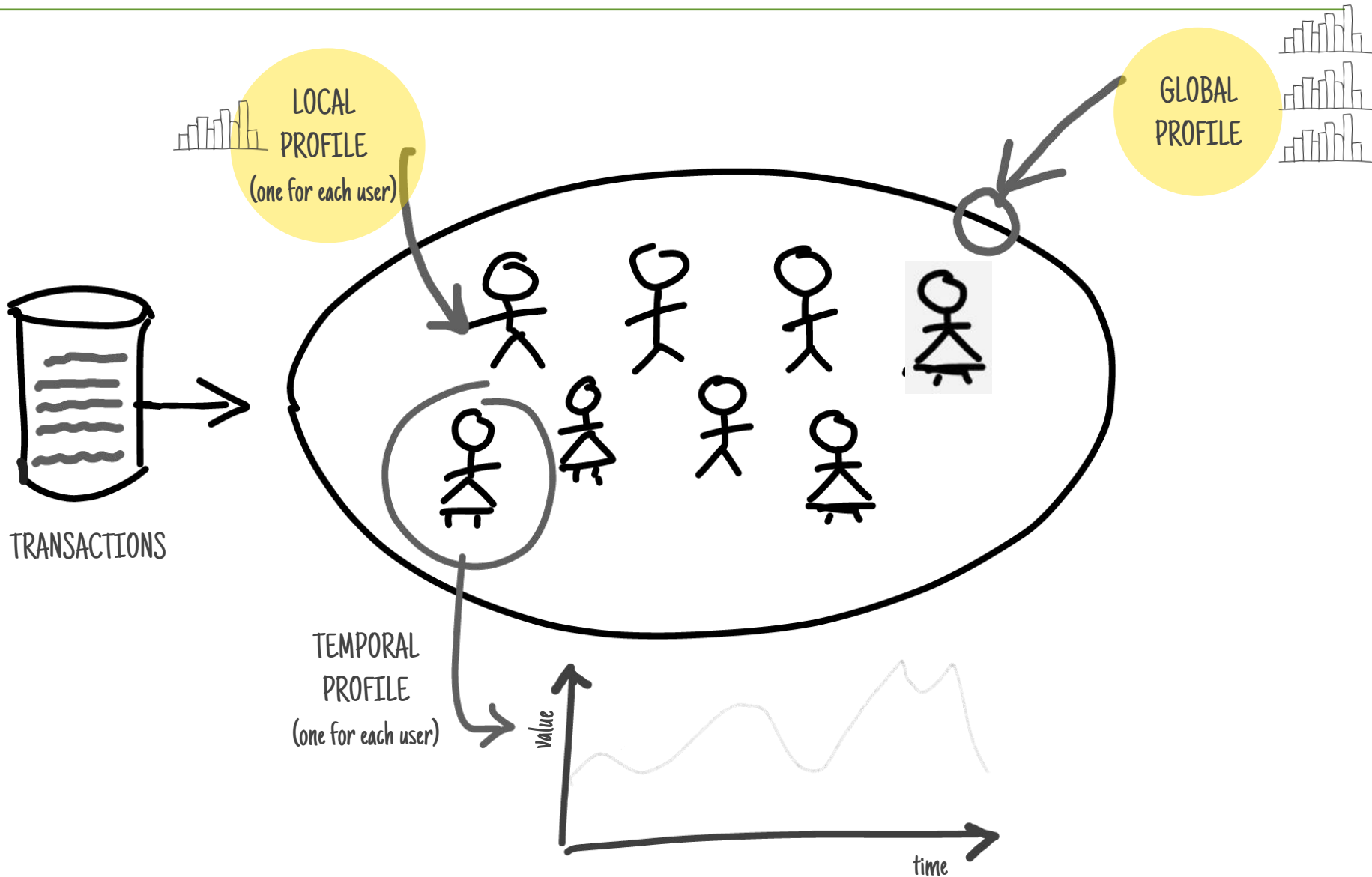
Putting it all together



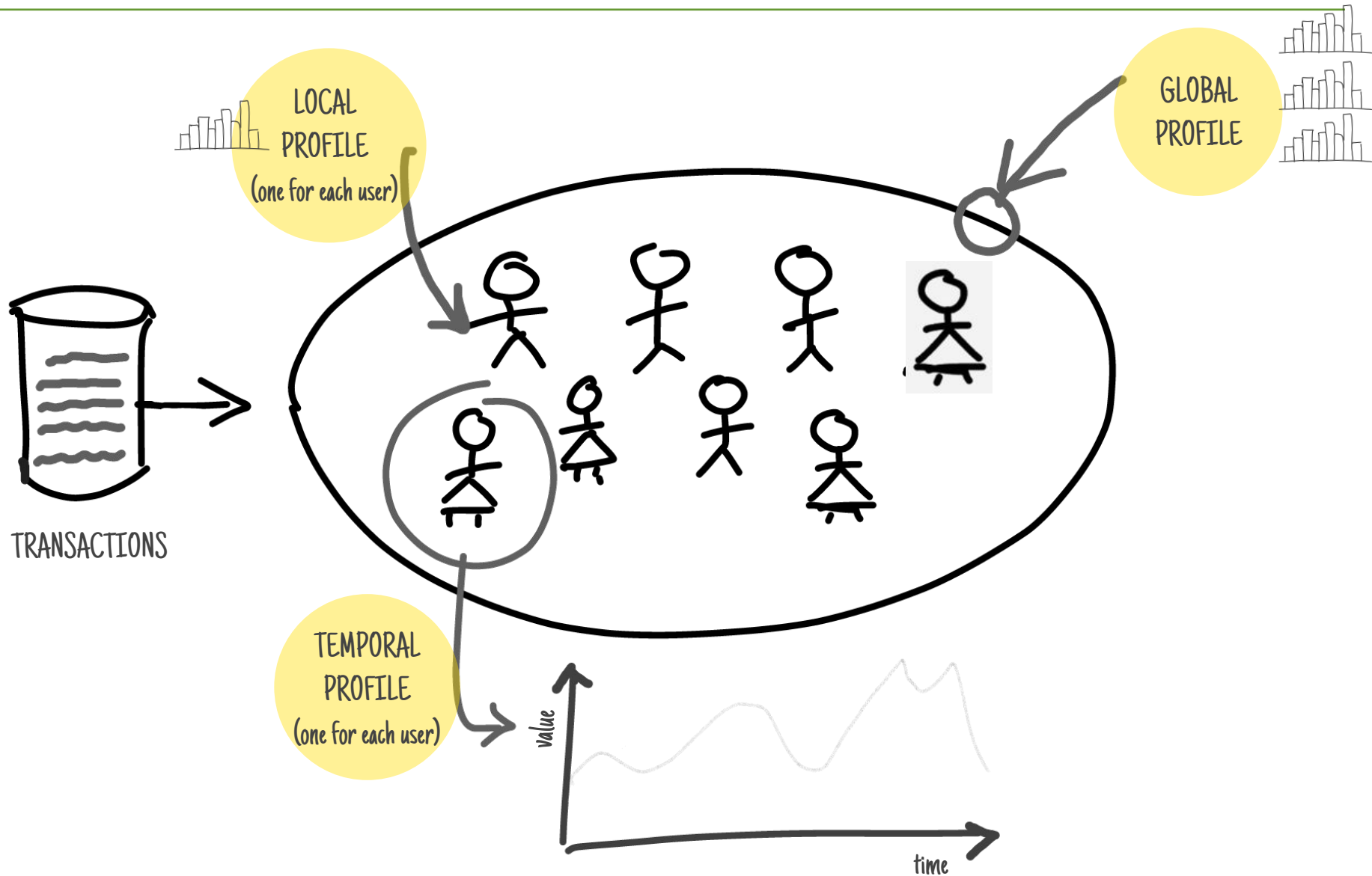
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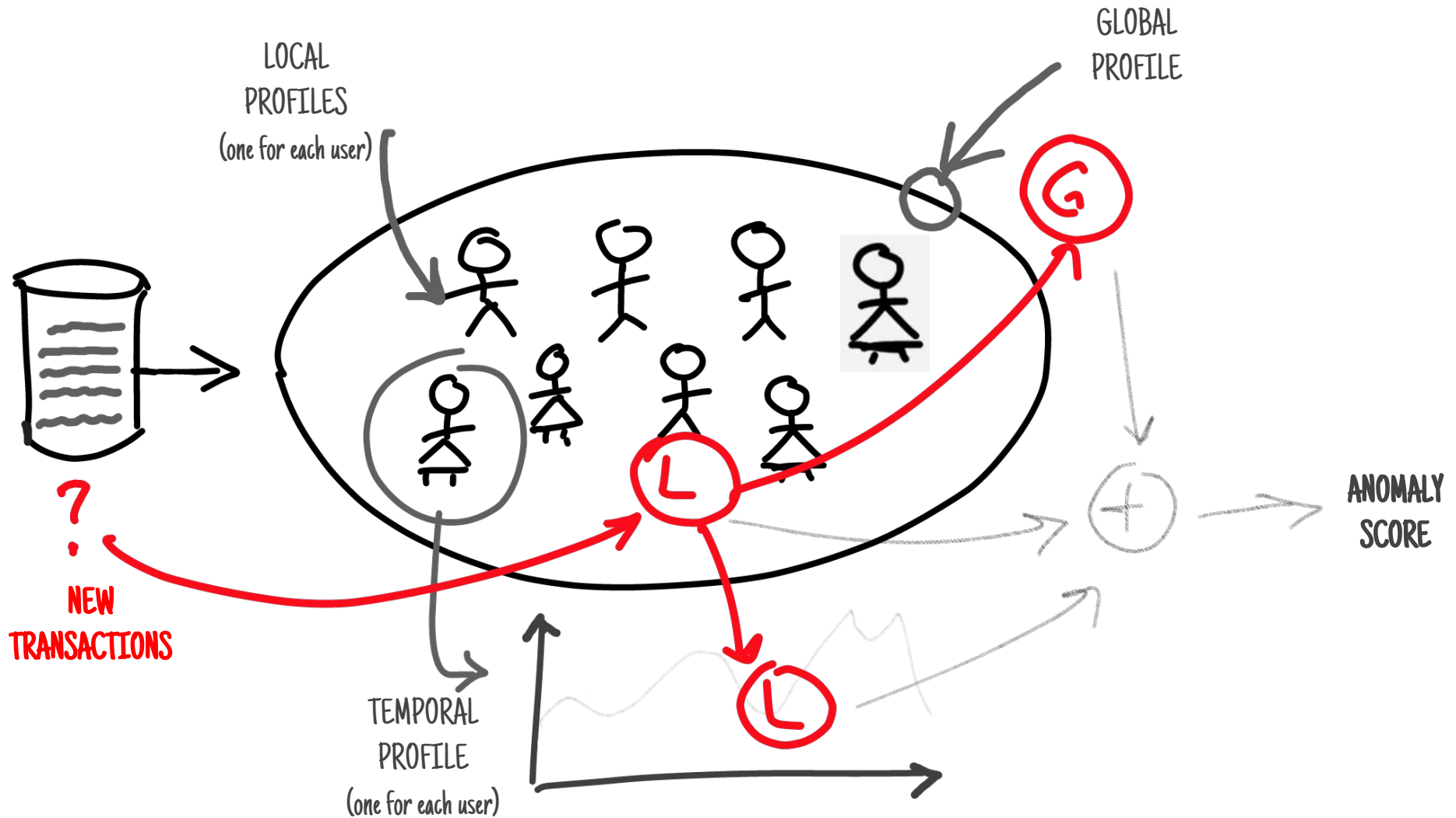
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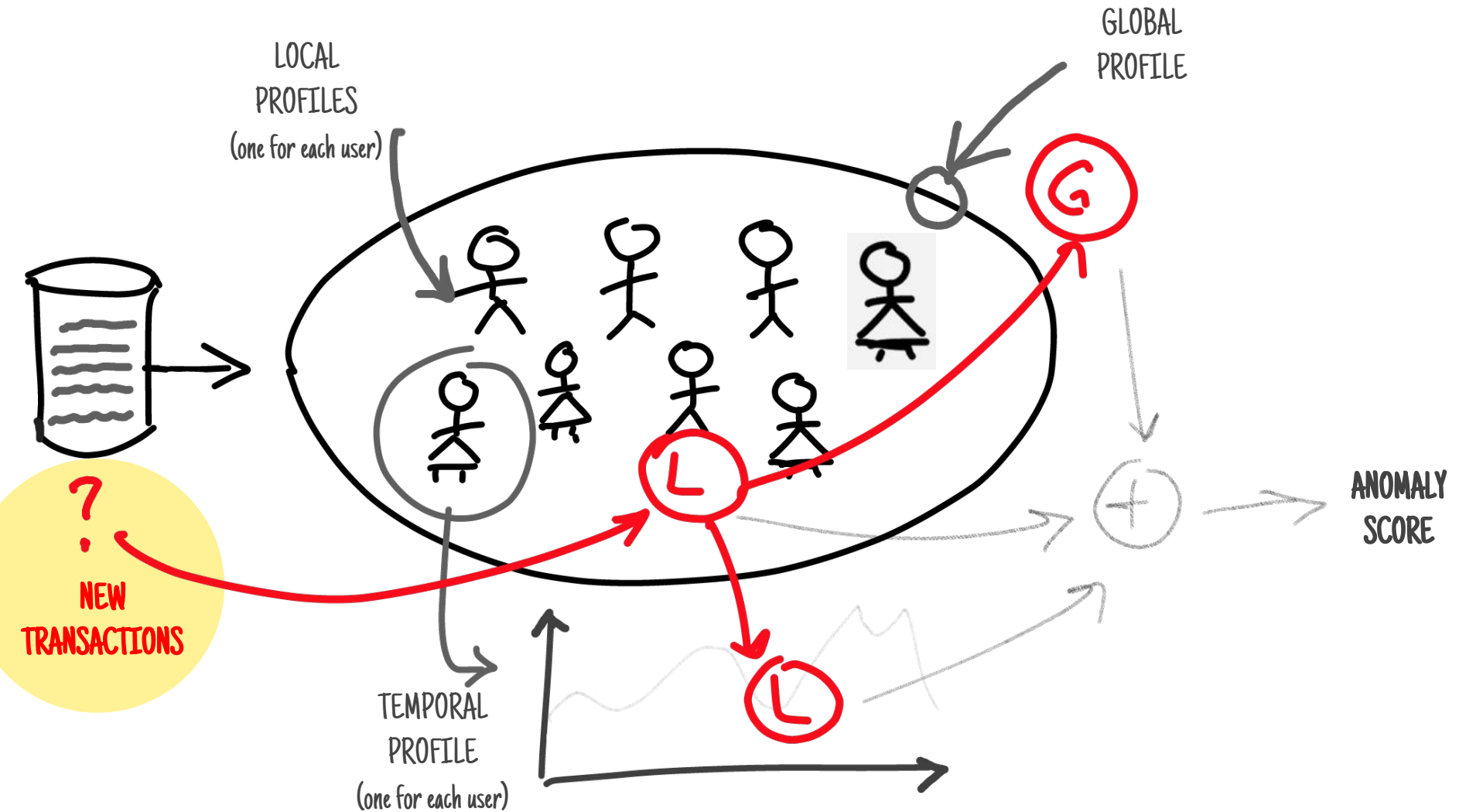
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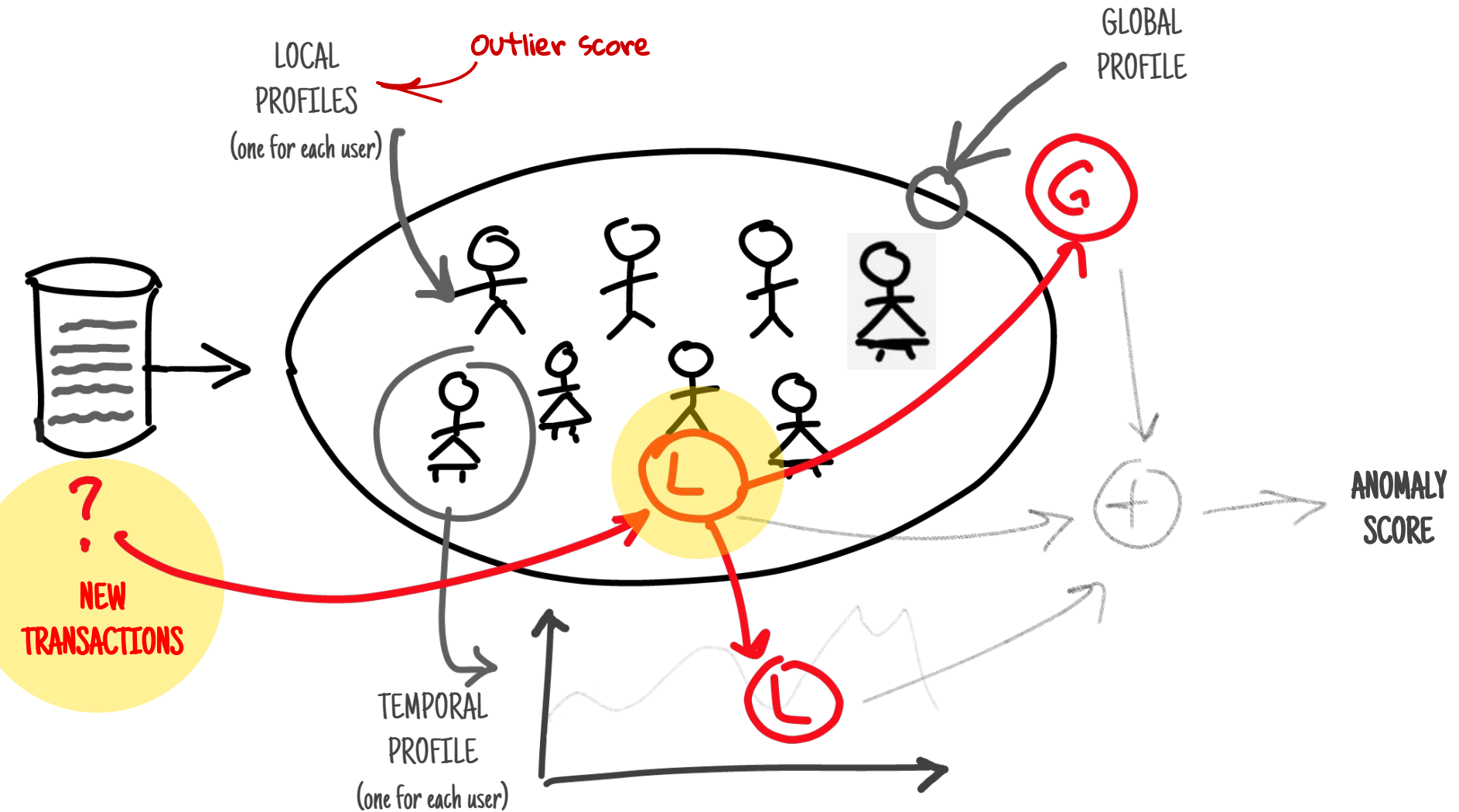
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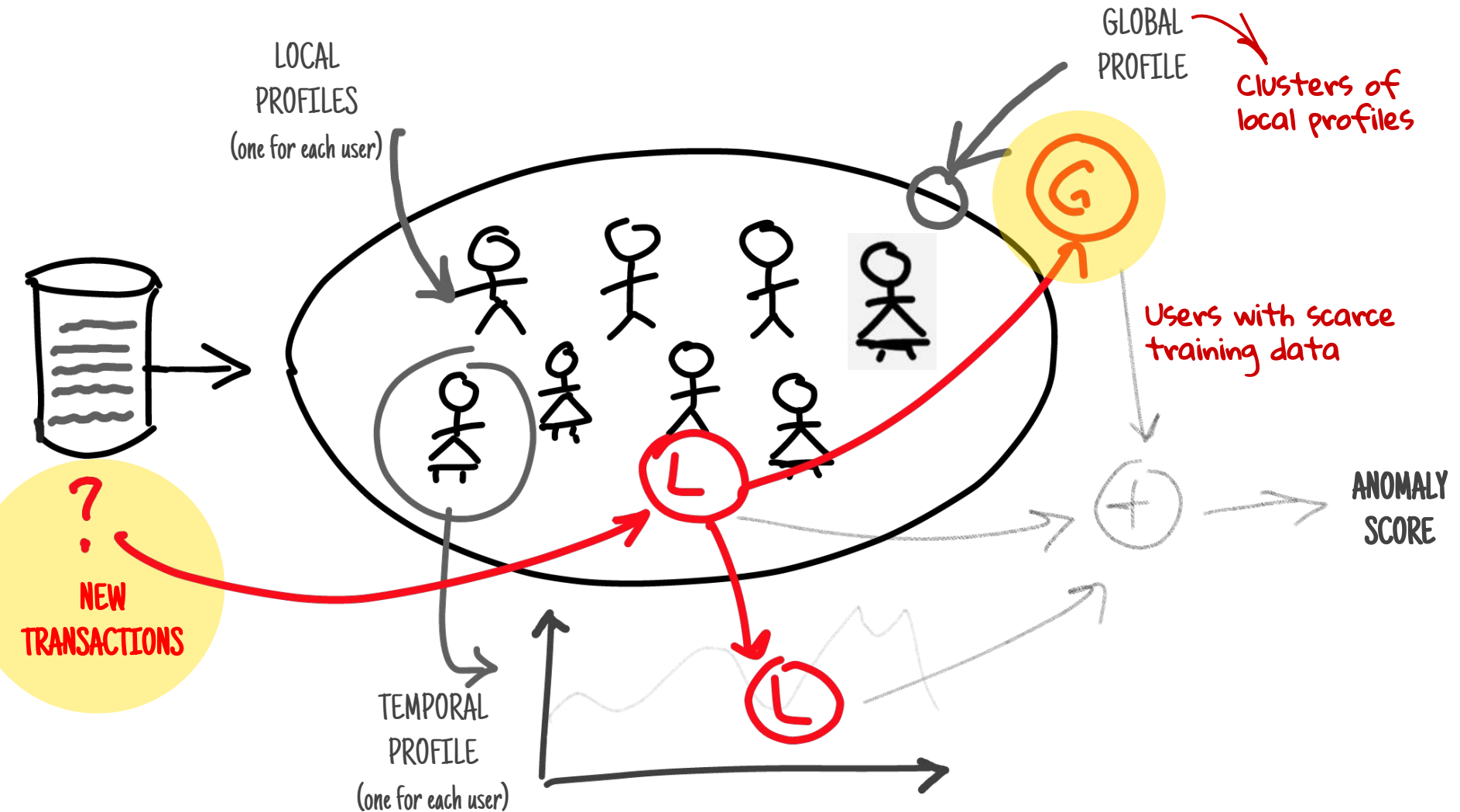
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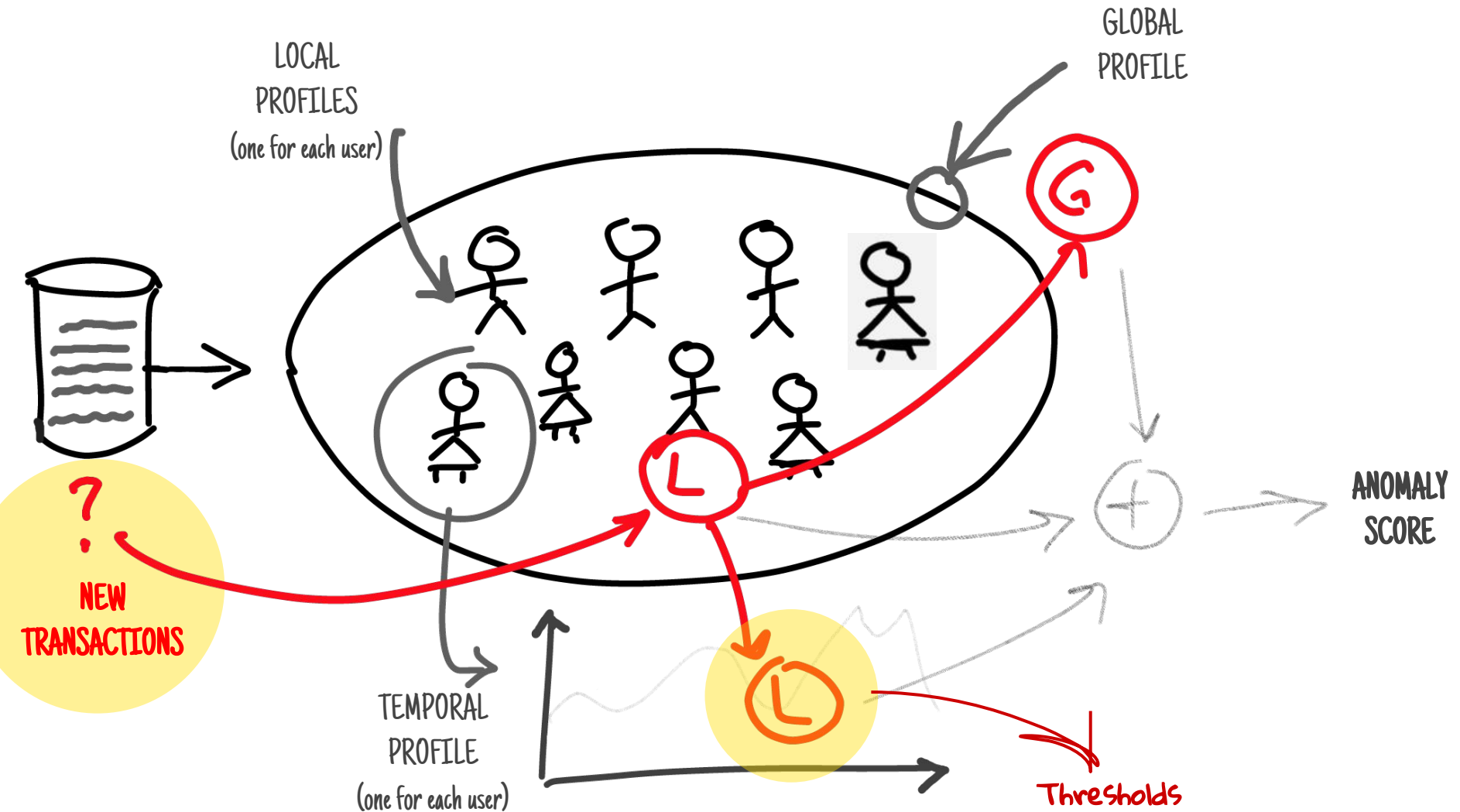
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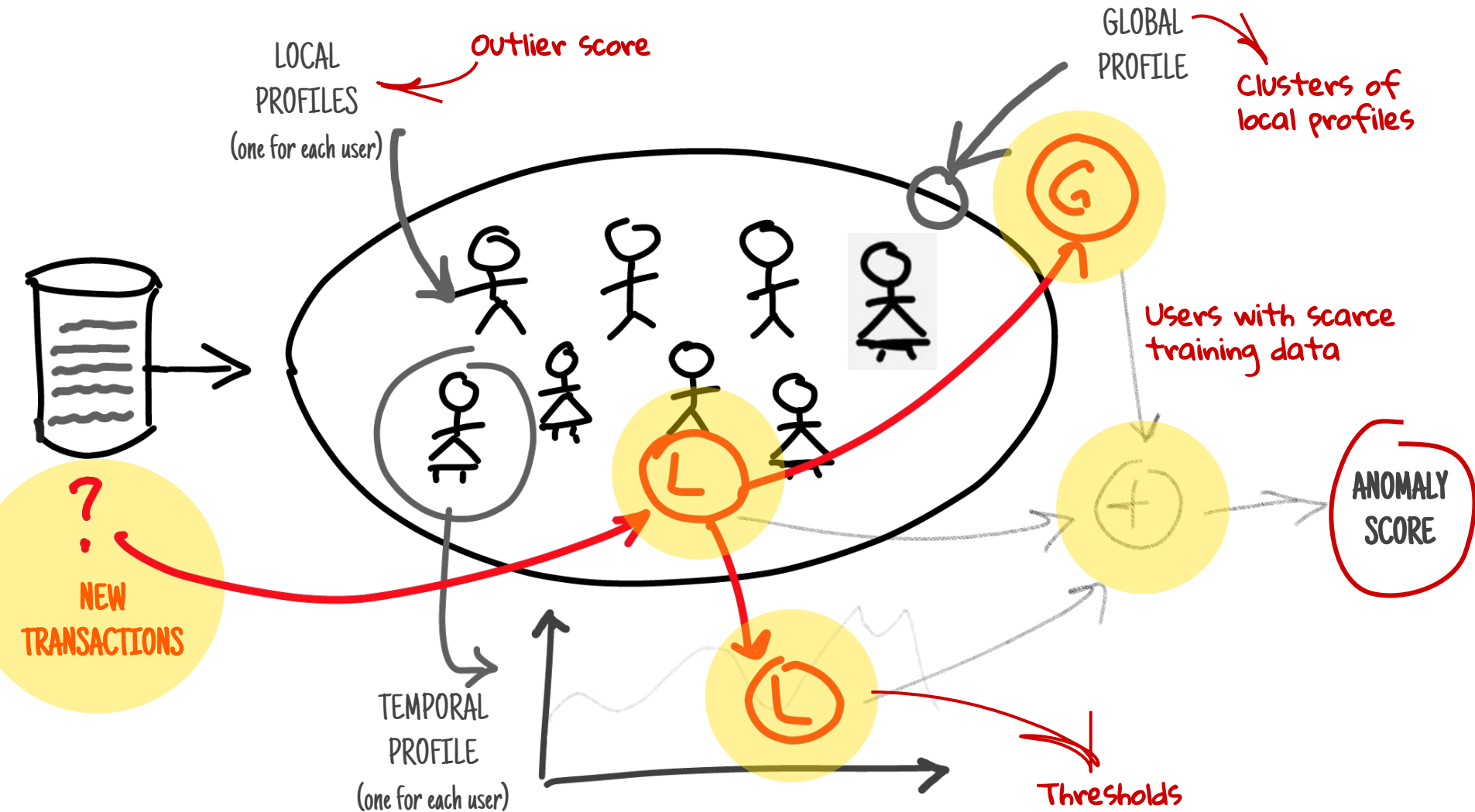
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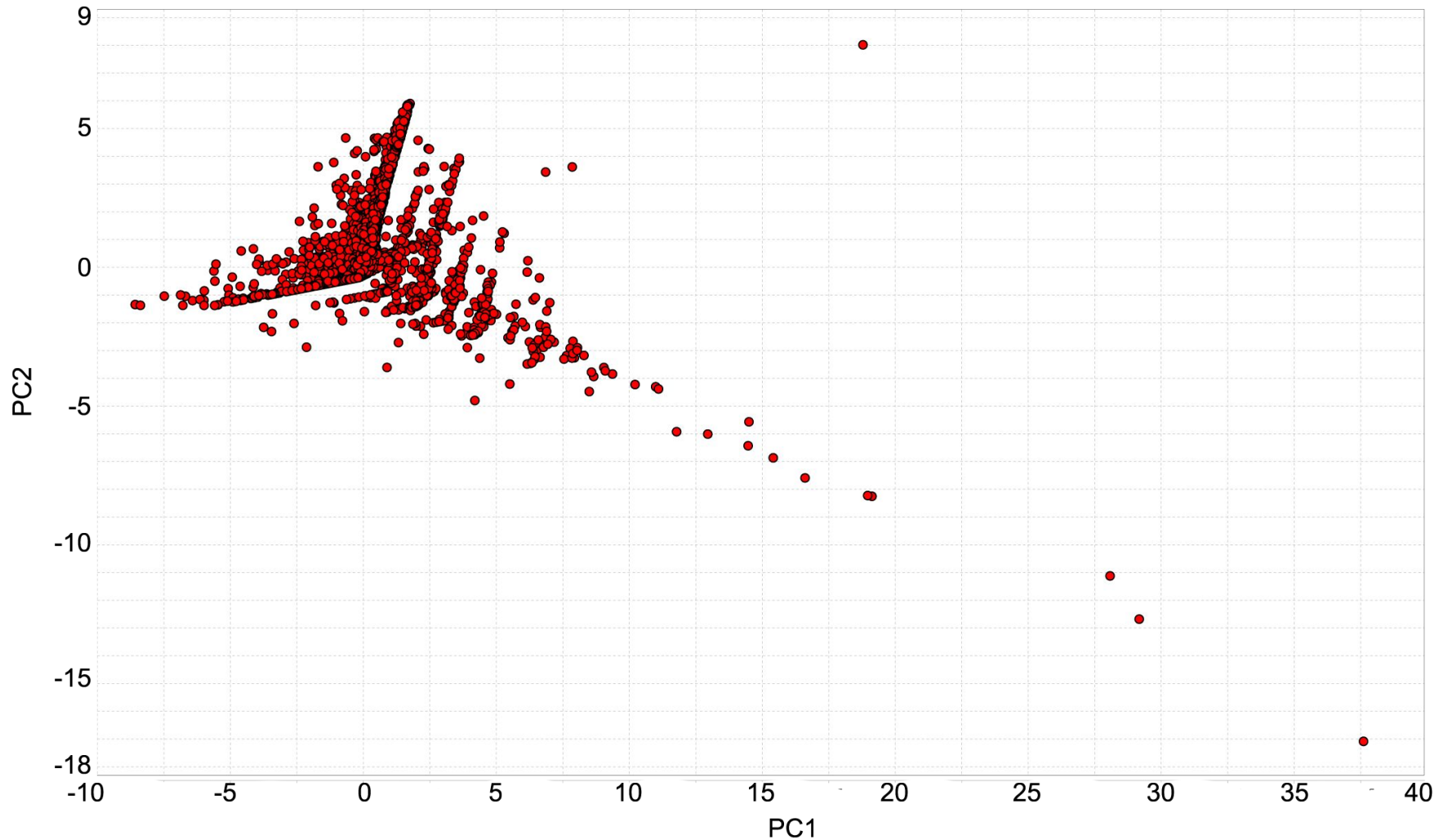
Users with scarce data: Global Profile

Two phases:

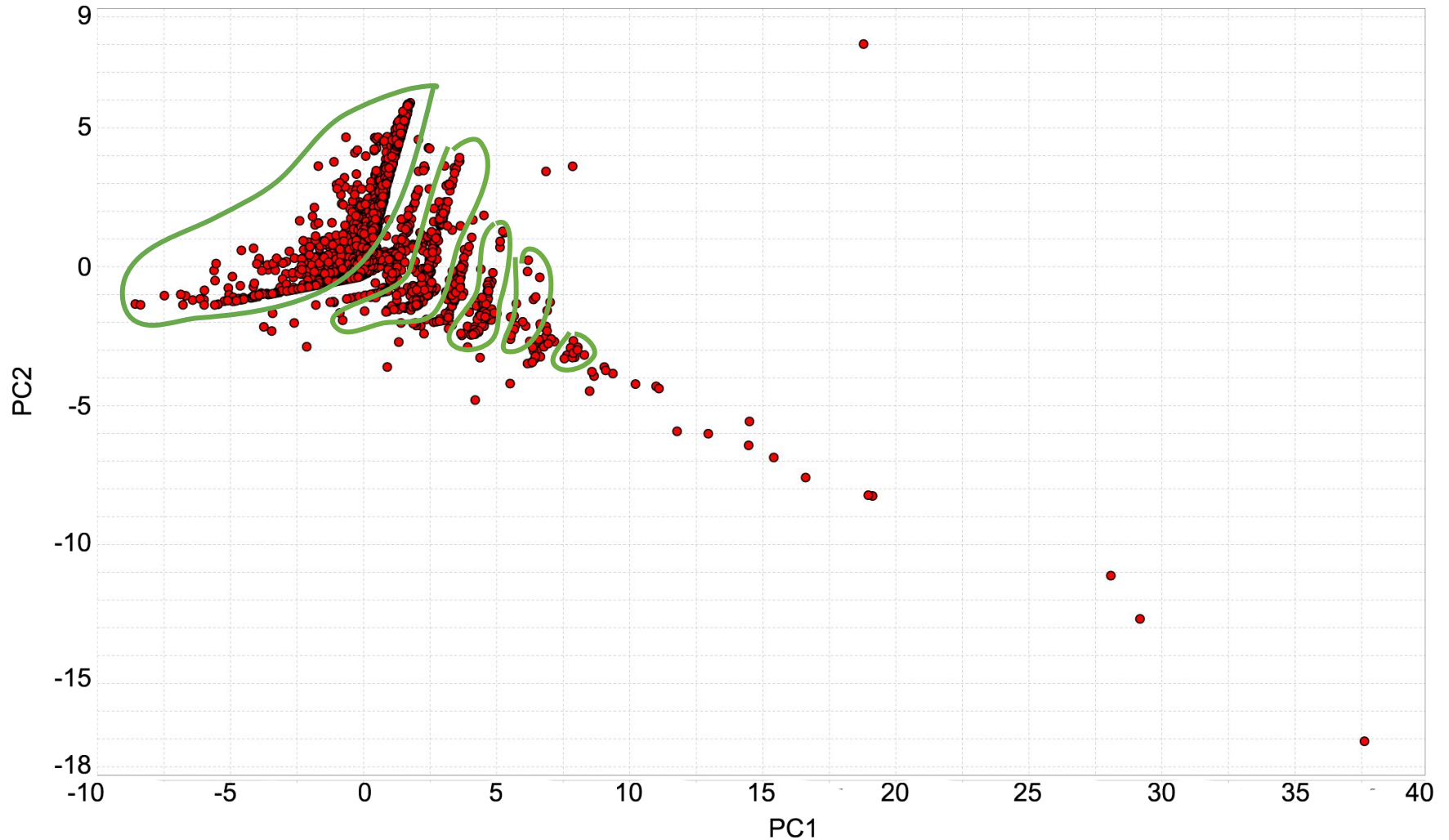
1. **Clustering:** find groups of *similar* users
 - a. **Algorithm:** incremental DBSCAN
 - b. **Distance function:** Mahalanobis

2. **Anomaly score:** *distance* of a user from the large clusters

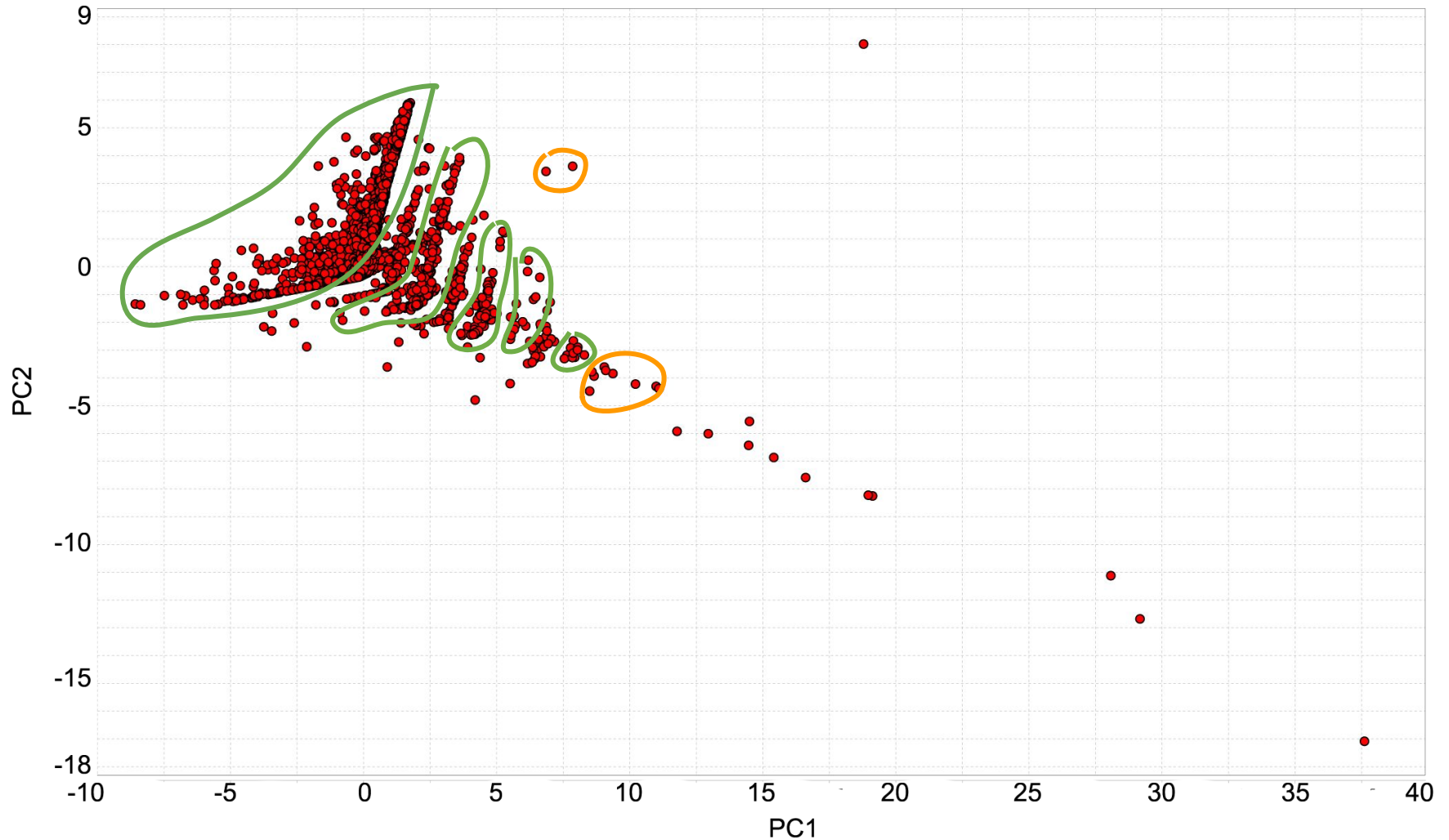
Majority of Users Behave Similarly



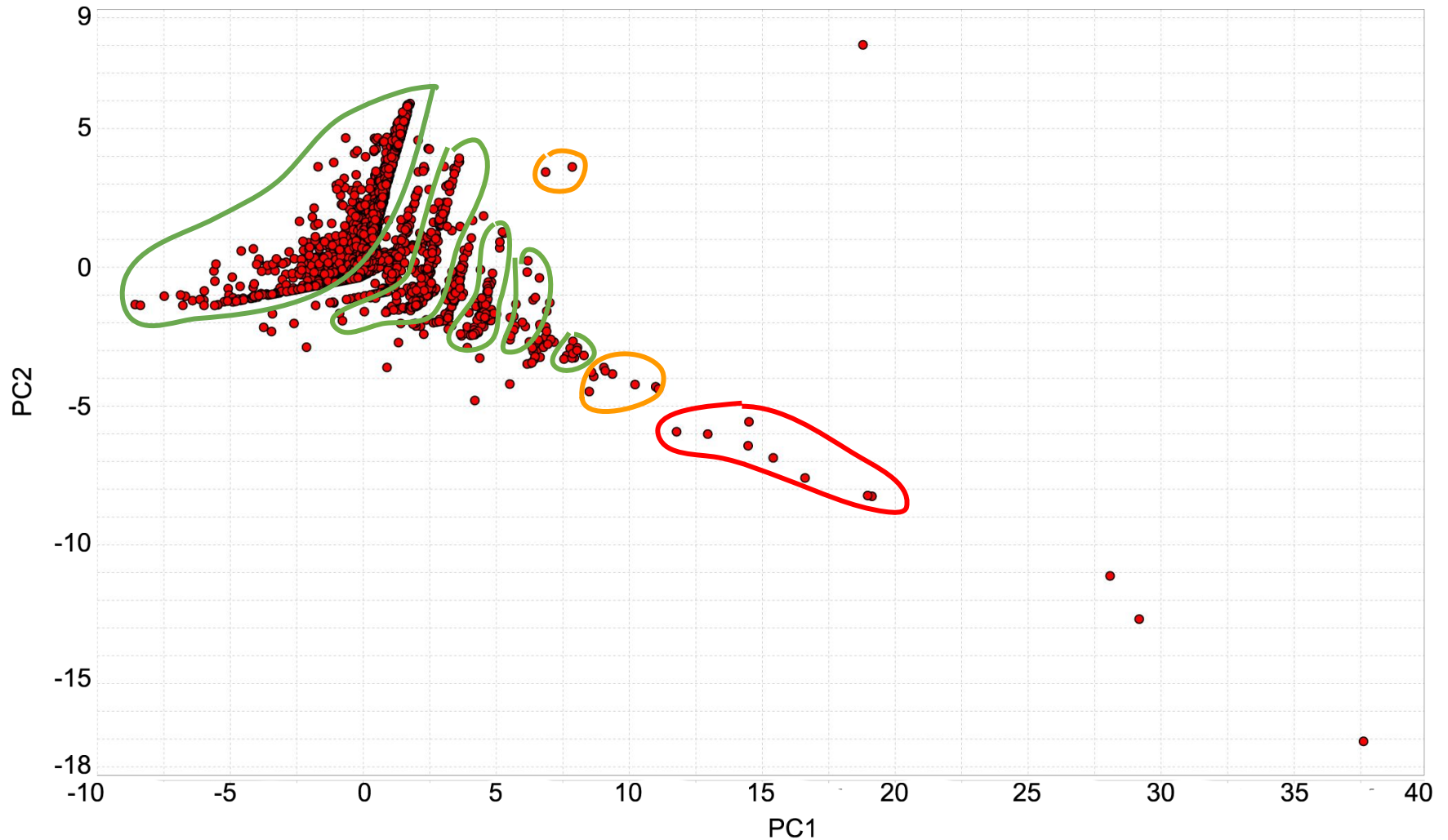
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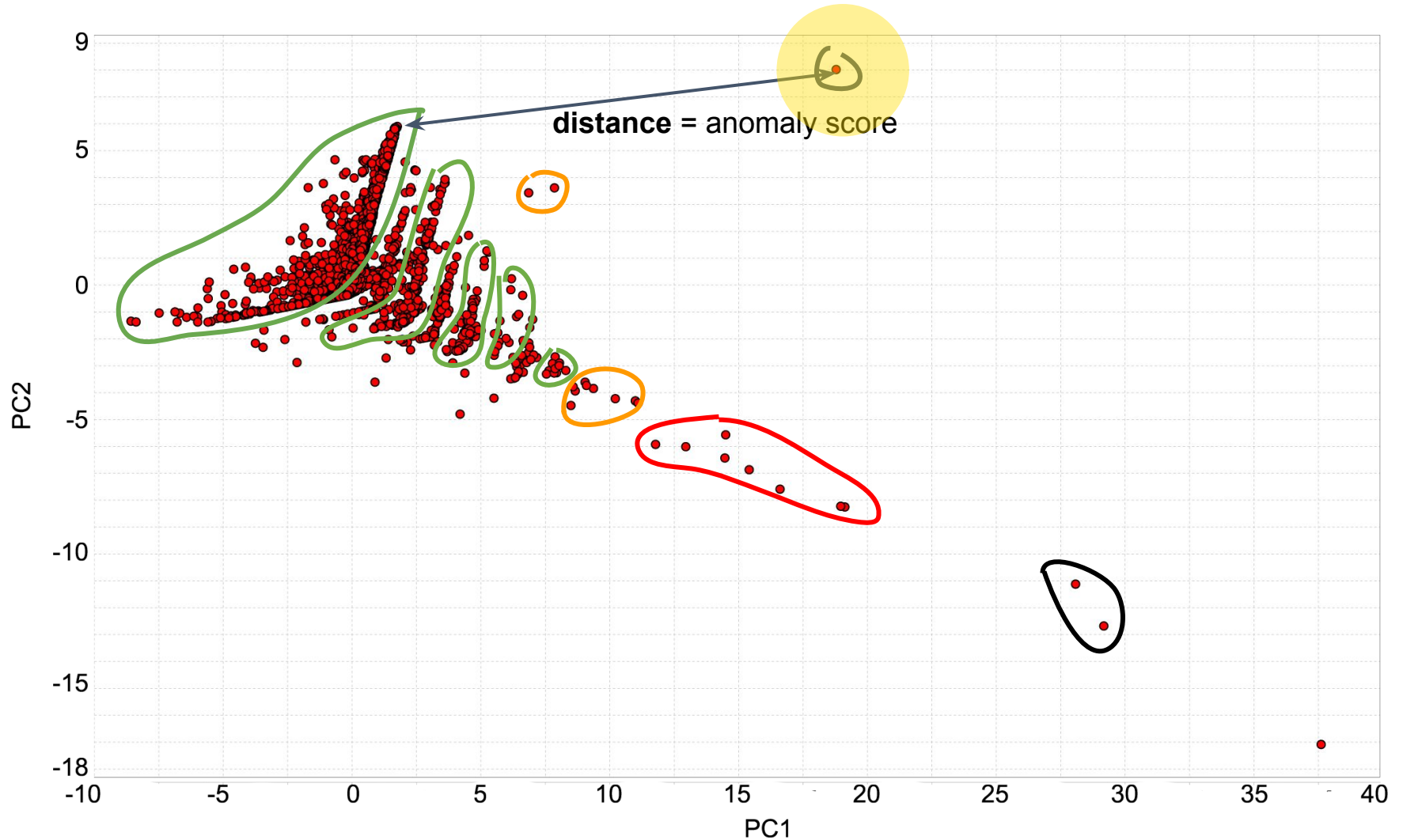
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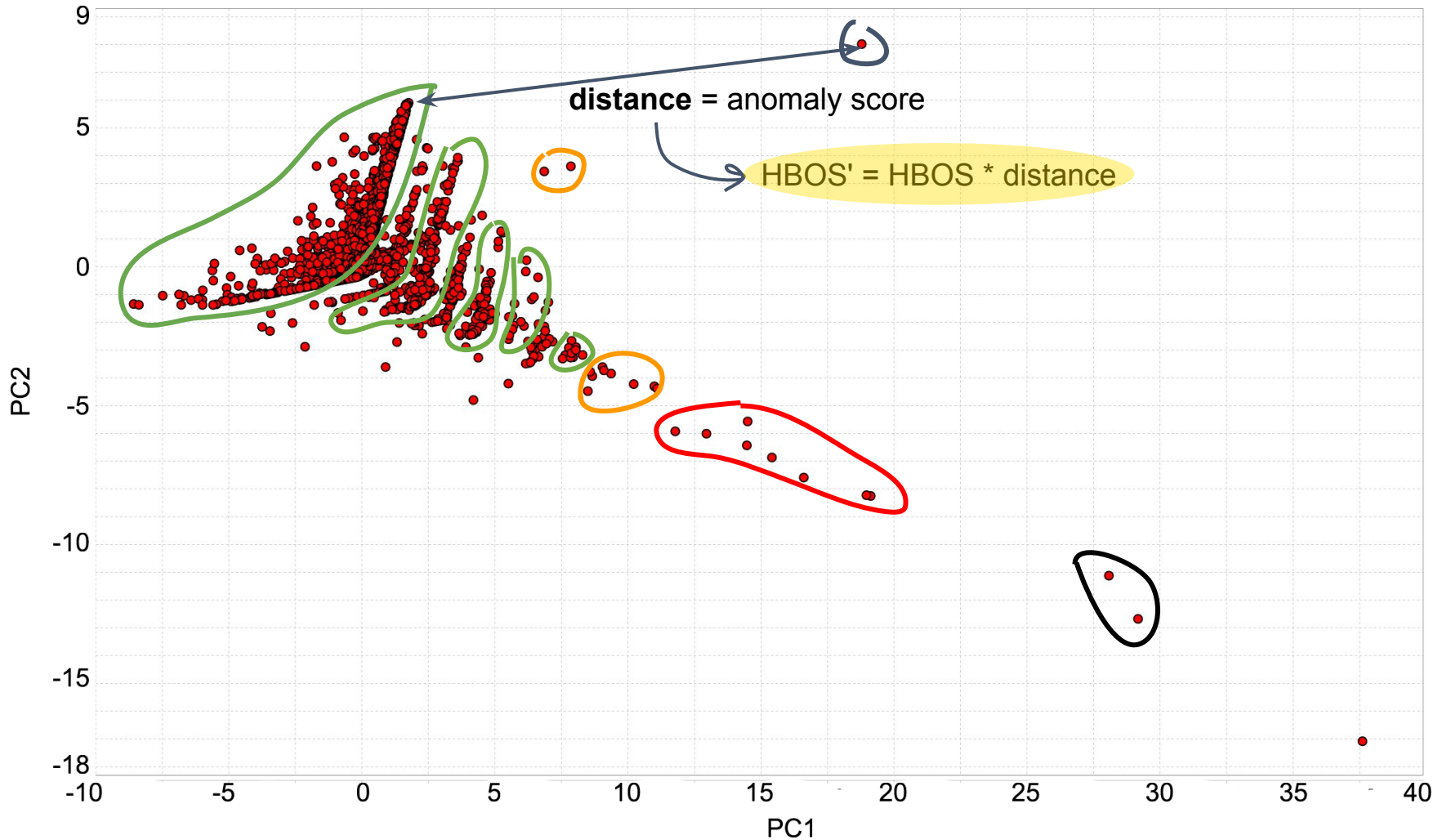
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●		98€	Beulah Brady	152.01.11.23	IT17 X060 5502 1000 0000 1234 567	Bonifico Italia e SEPA	02/10/2015
●		2356€	Max Kim	163.01.11.08	IT17 X060 5502 1000 0000 1234 567	Bonifico Italia e SEPA	02/10/2015

Jordan Powers

- 📅 N° medio transazioni mensili: 37
- 📅 Attivo da: Gen. 2014
- 📊 Spesa media mensile: € 3670

Transazione #13412342

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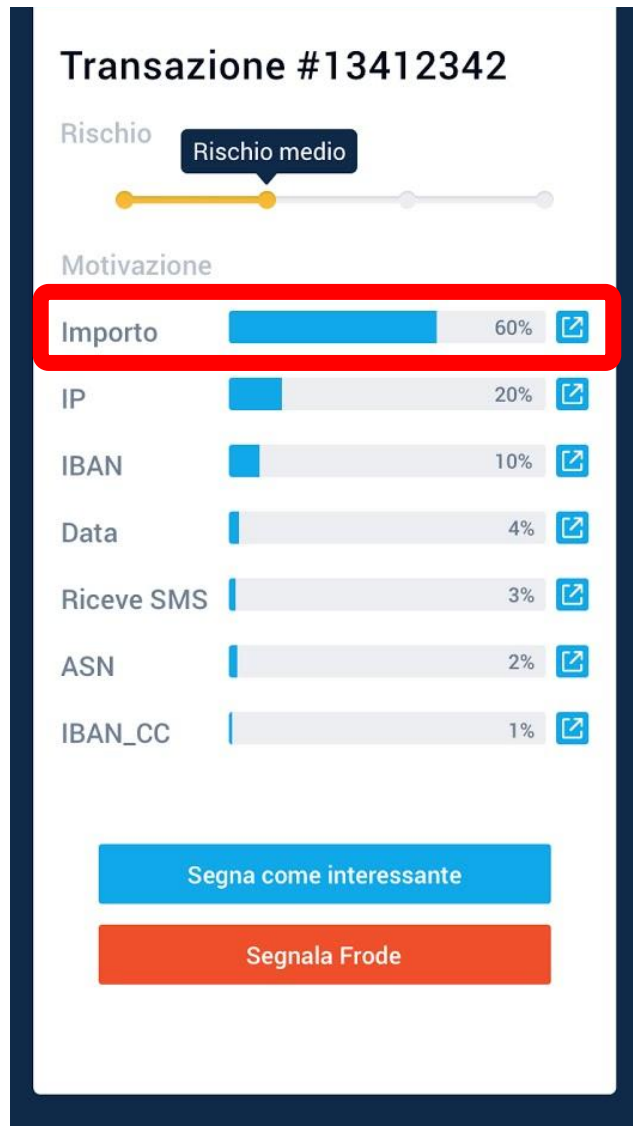
Motivazione

- Importo: 60%
- IP: 20%
- IBAN: 10%
- Data: 4%
- Riceve SMS: 3%
- ASN: 2%
- IBAN_CC: 1%

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Fraud Analysis



Profilo	Info	Importo	Utente	IP	IBAN	Operazione	Data
●●●●		1900€	Mike Gill	192.01.09.11	IT40 5054 2811 1010 10000 0123 456	Bonifico	02/10/2015 4:50 pm
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●●		122€	S				
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●		678€	J				
●	⚠	43€	E				
●		789€	Albert Jenkins	192.01.09.11	IT40 5054 2811 1010 10000 0123 456	Operazione	02/10/2015 3:11 pm
●		56€	Jesus Reeves	192.01.09.11	IT40 5054 2811 1010 10000 0123 456	Operazione	02/10/2015 3:08 pm
●		98€	Beulah Brady	192.01.09.11	IT40 5054 2811 1010 10000 0123 456	Operazione	02/10/2015 3:02 pm
●		2356€	Max Kim	192.01.09.11	IT40 5054 2811 1010 10000 0123 456	Operazione	02/10/2015 3:01 pm

Jordan Powers

- W medio transazioni mensili: 37
- Attivo da: Gen. 2014
- Media mensile: € 3670

Operazione #13412342

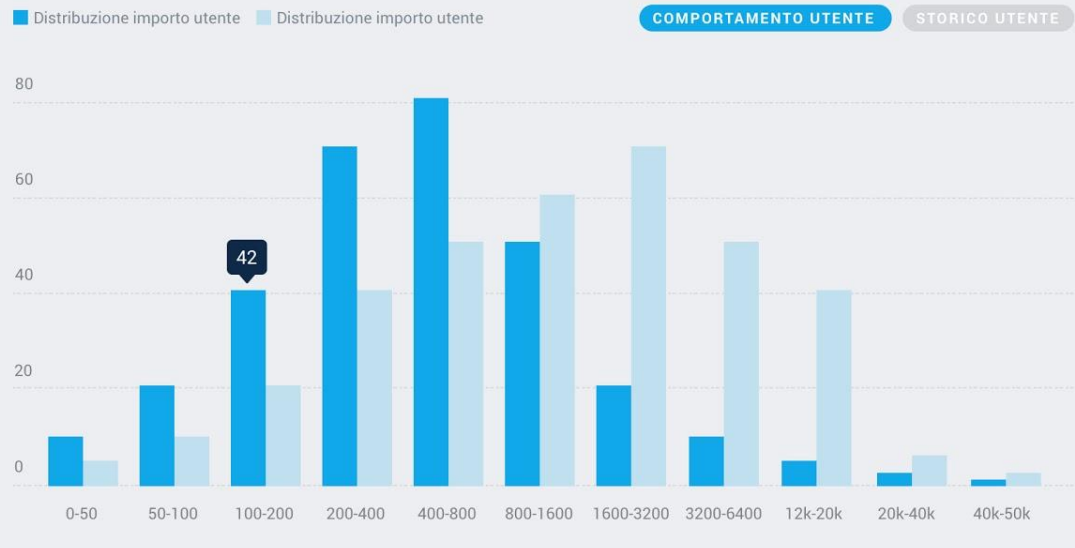
COMPORTAMENTO UTENTE | STORICO UTENTE

Utente: **Jordan Powers** Ultimo aggiornamento: 10:45 AM

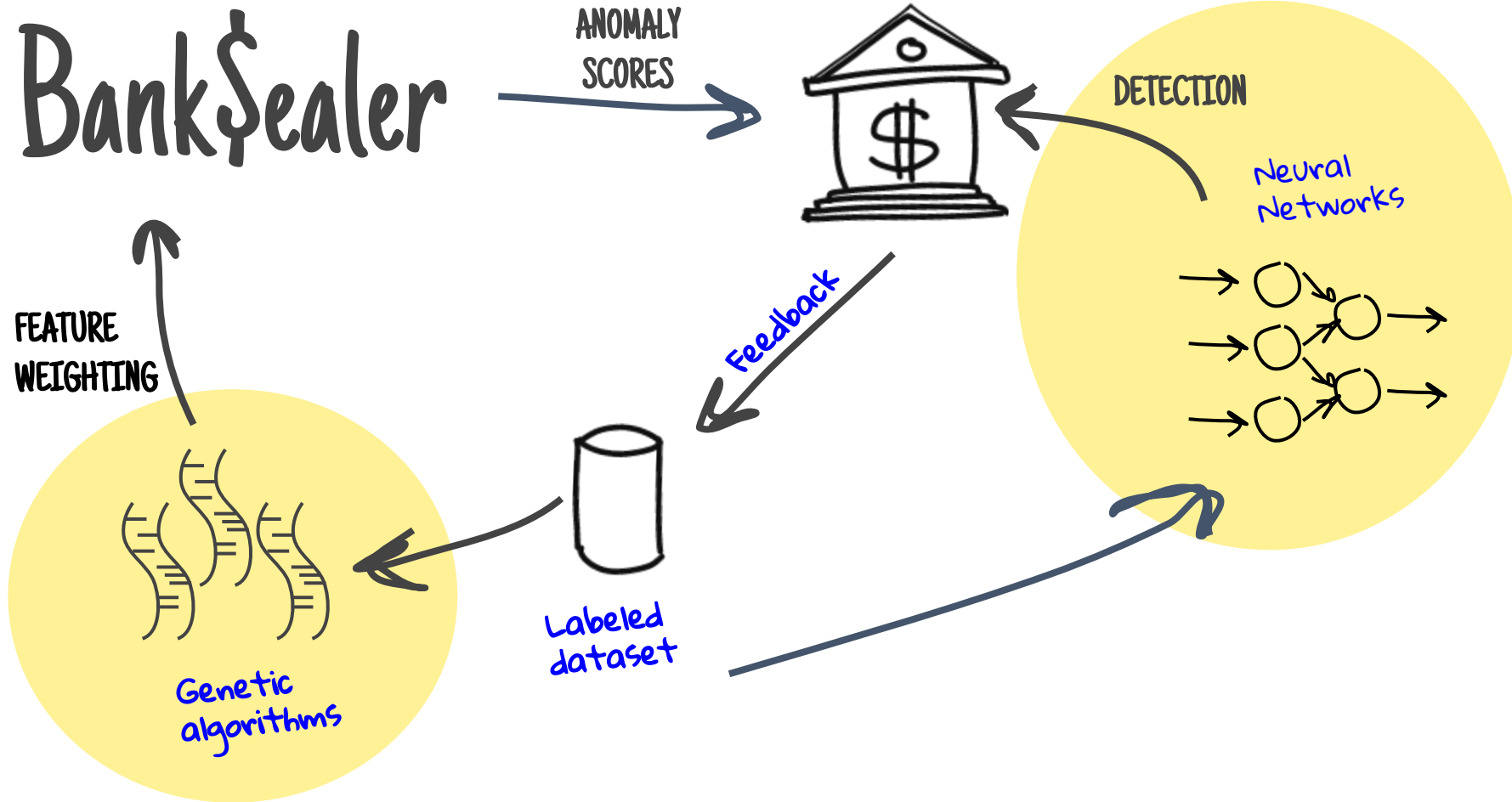
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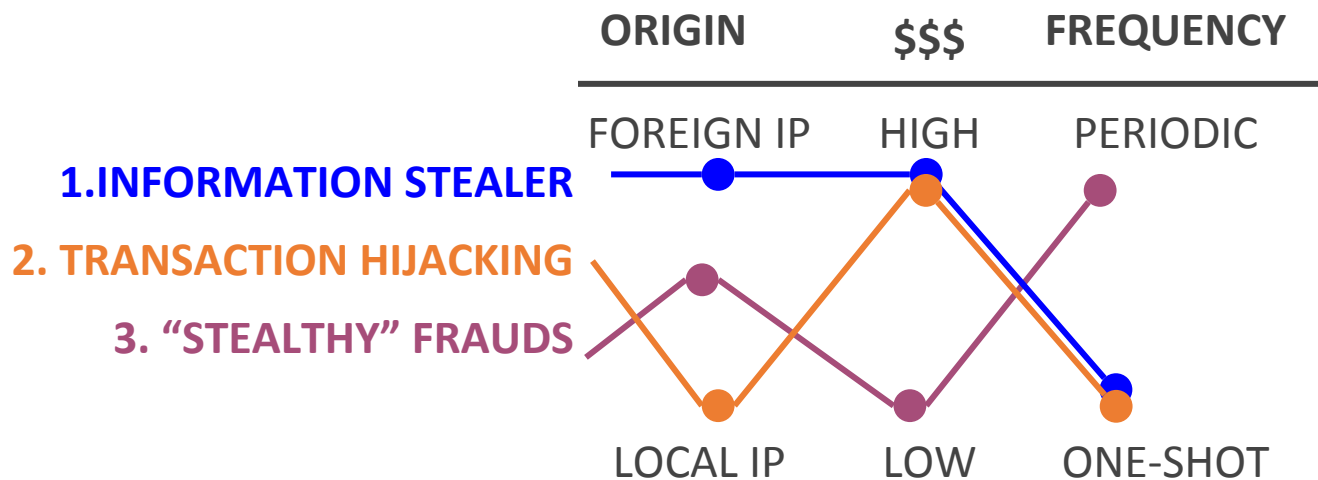


Feature Weighting & Detection



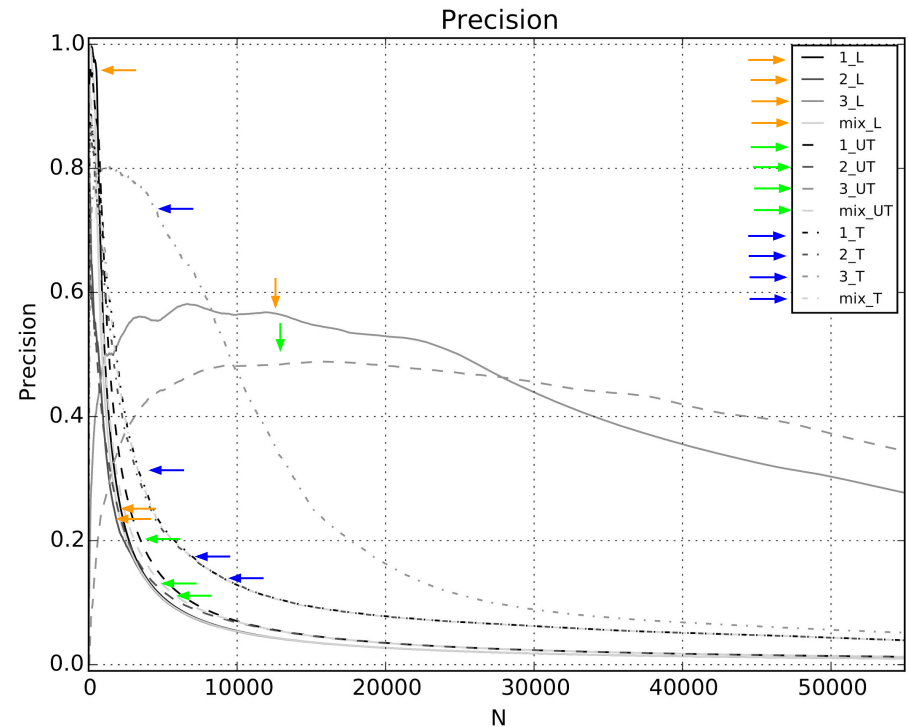
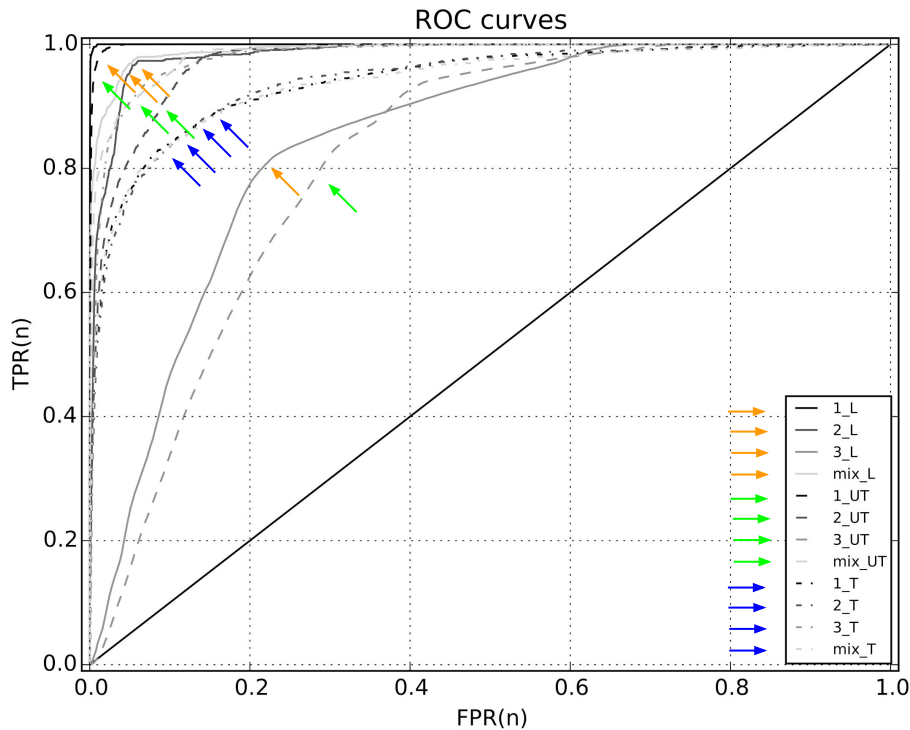
Dataset Generation

Generate synthetic frauds based on scenarios **built with the collaboration of bank experts** that replicate the **typical real attacks** performed against online banking users



Inject **n fraudulent transactions (or users)** in the testing dataset and analyze the top **n transactions (or users)** in the ranking

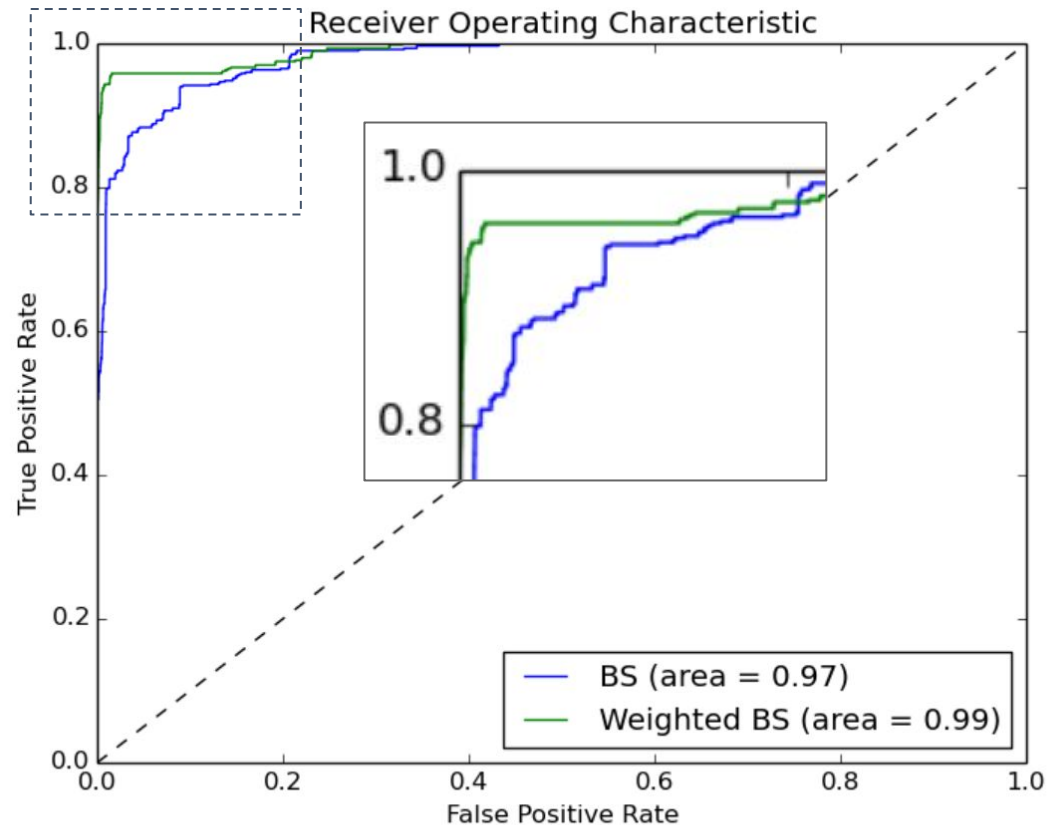
Detection Capabilities



For comparison, best result in **state of the art**: Wei et al. (2013) report detecting **60-70%** of the frauds with unreported precision

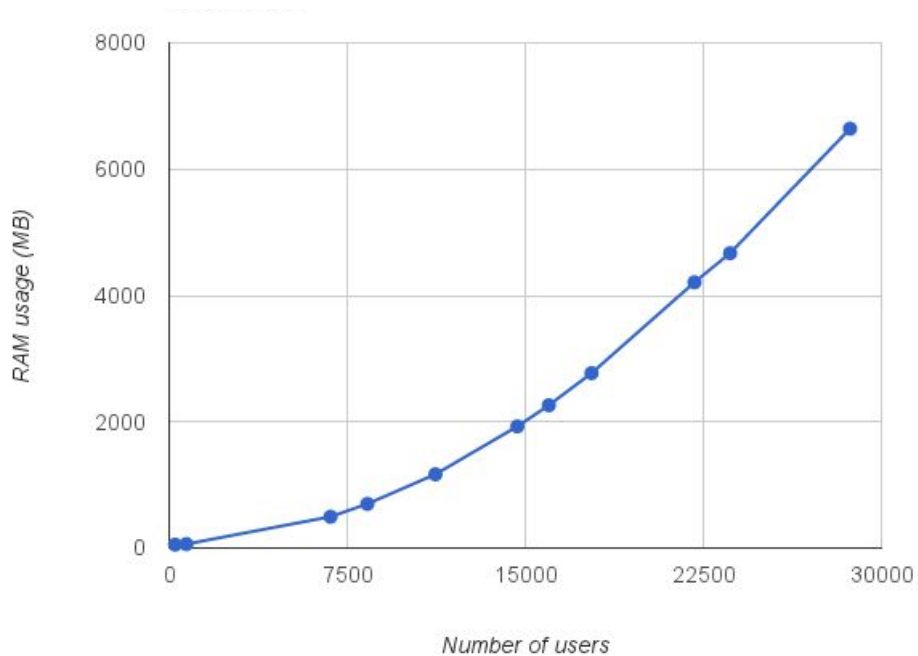
With Genetic Algorithms

	TPR	Weighted	TPR	Improvement
Mixed scenario	58%	81%		+23%

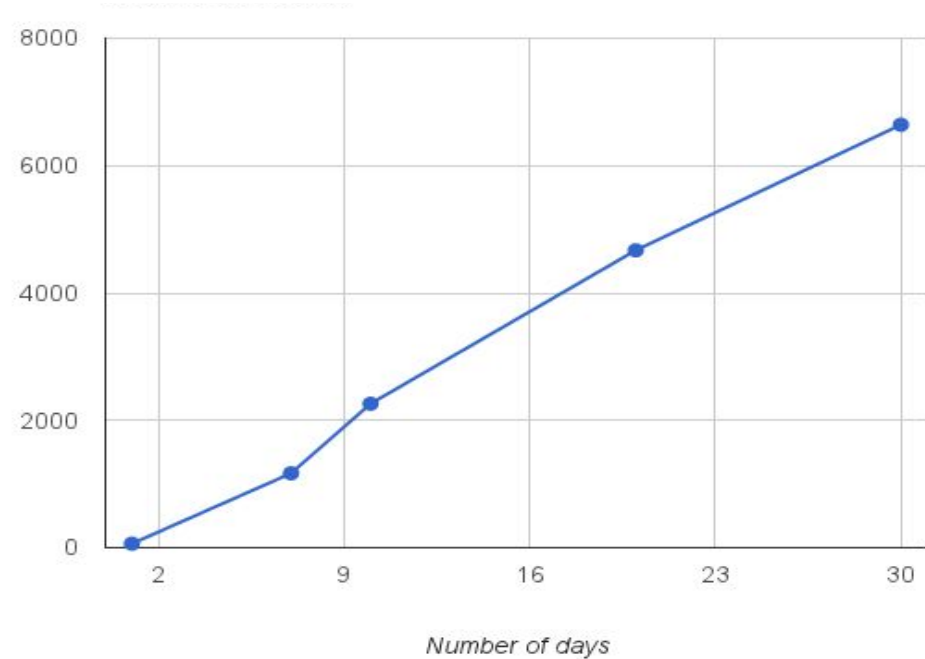


Resource Requirements: Training

RAM per #Users



RAM per #days

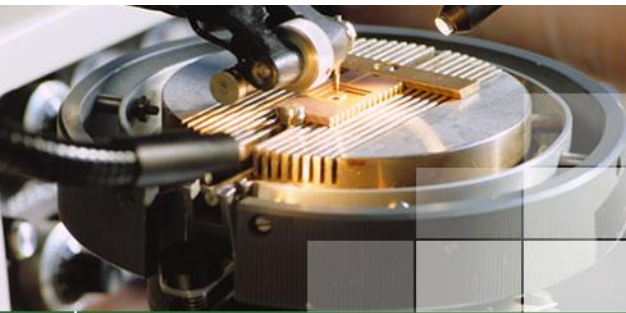


Time Performance: Runtime

	# Transactions	# Users
Bank Transfers	371,137	47,650
Prepaid phone	54,141	16,093
Debit cards	34,986	8,415

Domain	Timespan of Data	Runtime
Bank Transfers	1 day	1–4 min
	1 month	6–93 min
Prepaid phone	1 day	18–25 sec
	1 month	0.5–2.5 min
Debit cards	1 day	7–10 sec
	1 month	12–60 sec

Note: ranges are for "only well trained" and "including undertrained" users.



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