Distributed Spatio-Temporal *k* Nearest Neighbors Join

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System Demo

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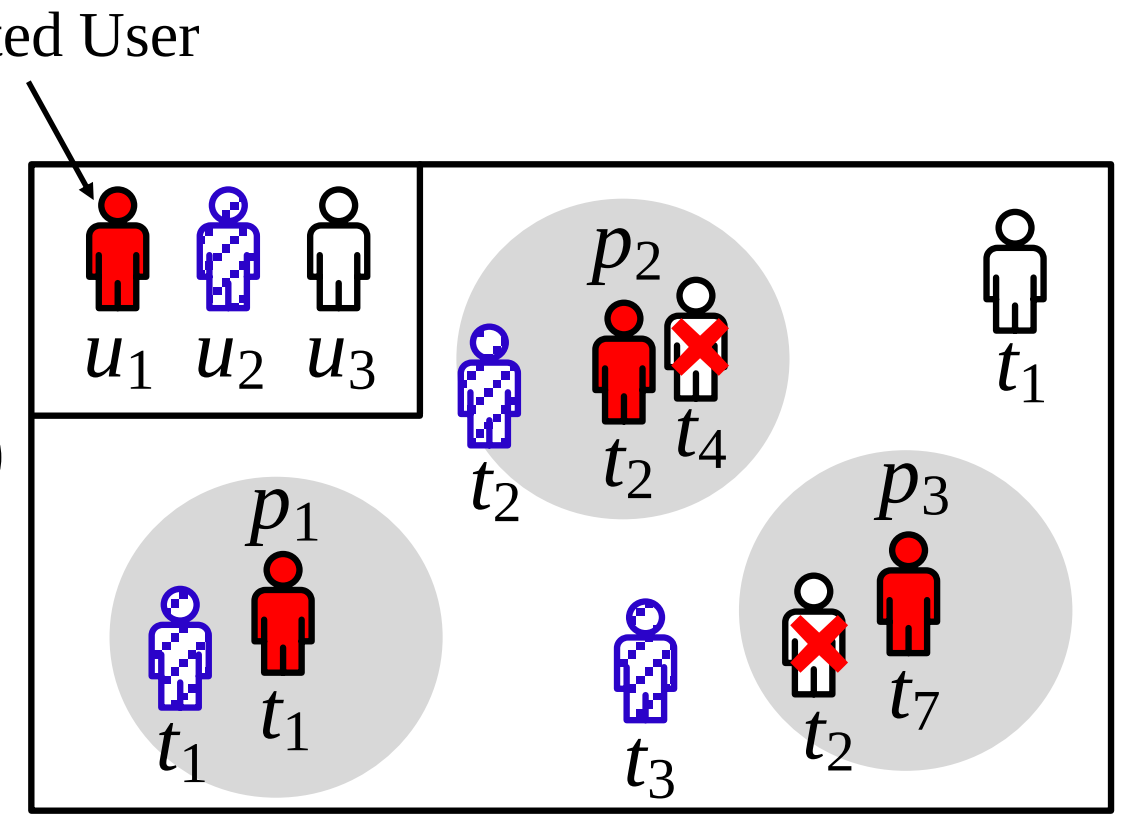
An Epidemic Prevention Example

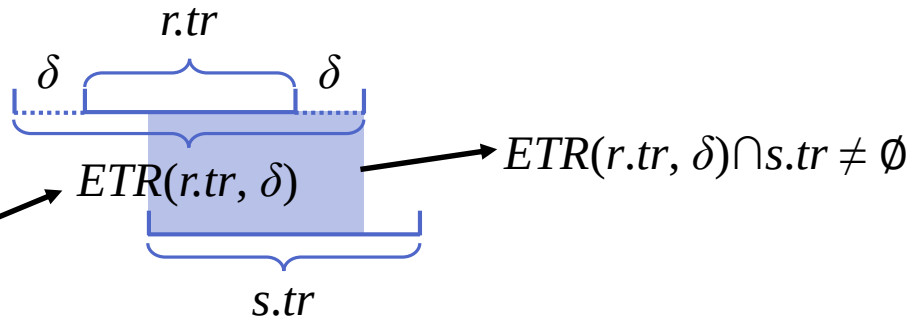
- Suppose u_1 is an infected user
- Find the spatially nearest user of each check-in point of u_1 (i.e., kNN join, $k = 1$)
  - $k\text{NN}(p_1) = u_2$, $k\text{NN}(p_2) = u_3$, $k\text{NN}(p_3) = u_3$
  - Both u_2 and u_3 are potentially infected
- If we also consider temporal information
  - st-$k\text{NN}(p_1) = u_2$, st-$k\text{NN}(p_2) = u_2$, st-$k\text{NN}(p_3)$ = NaN
  - Only u_2 is potentially affected ⟶ A more precise epidemic prevention!



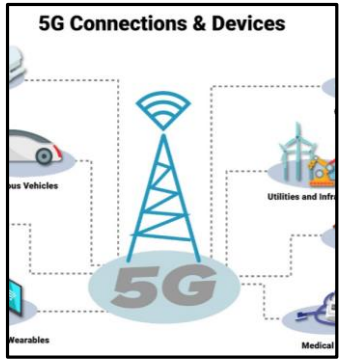
Spatial Closeness + Temporal Concurrency → ST-kNN Join

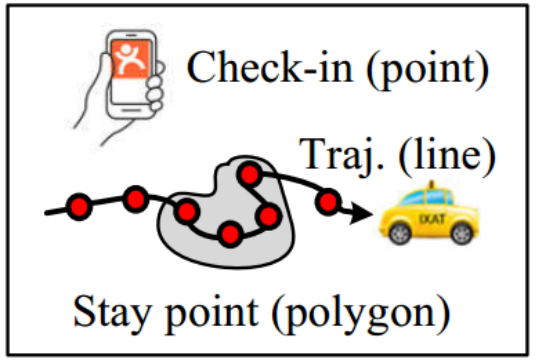
ST-kNN Join

- Definition of ST-*k*NN
  - Given
    - Object *r* and object set ***S***
    - Integer *k* and threshold δ
  - *r*'s ST-*k*NN in ***S***
    - Temporal Concurrency
    - Spatial Closeness: $s \in \boldsymbol{S}$ is the *k* nearest neighbors of *r* that satisfies temporal concurrency



- Definition of ST-*k*NN Join
  - $R \propto S = \{(r, s) | \forall r \in R, \forall s \in \text{ST-}k\text{NN}(r, k, \delta, S)\}$
- Challenges
  - **Big Data**: Era of IoT and 5G
  - **High Dimensionality**: Spatial + Temporal
  - **Various Geometry Types**: Point, Line String, Polygon

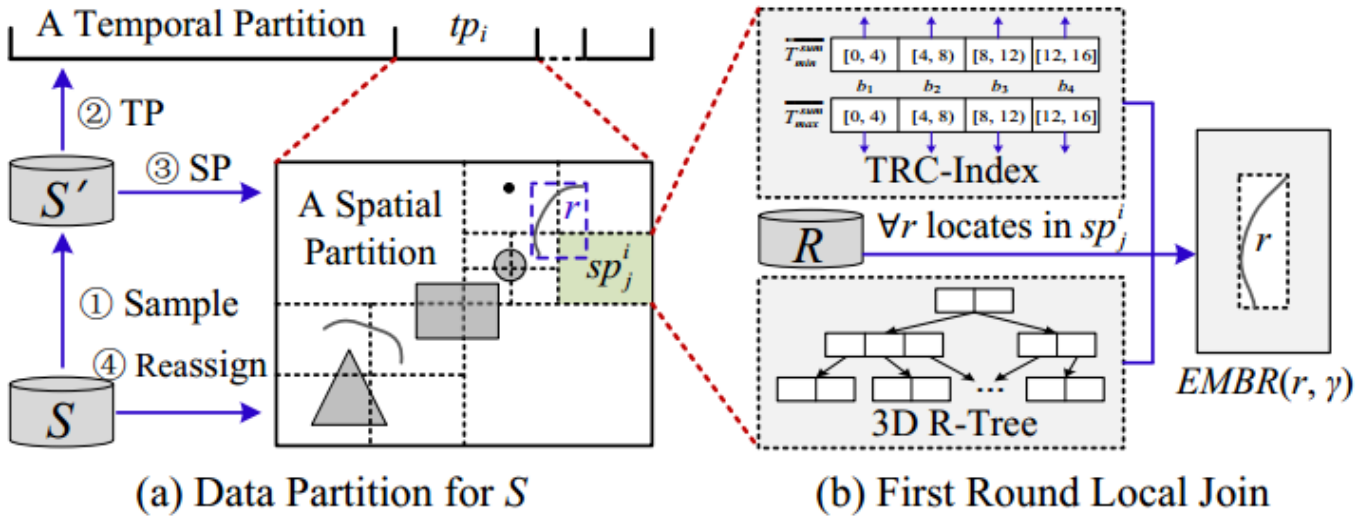


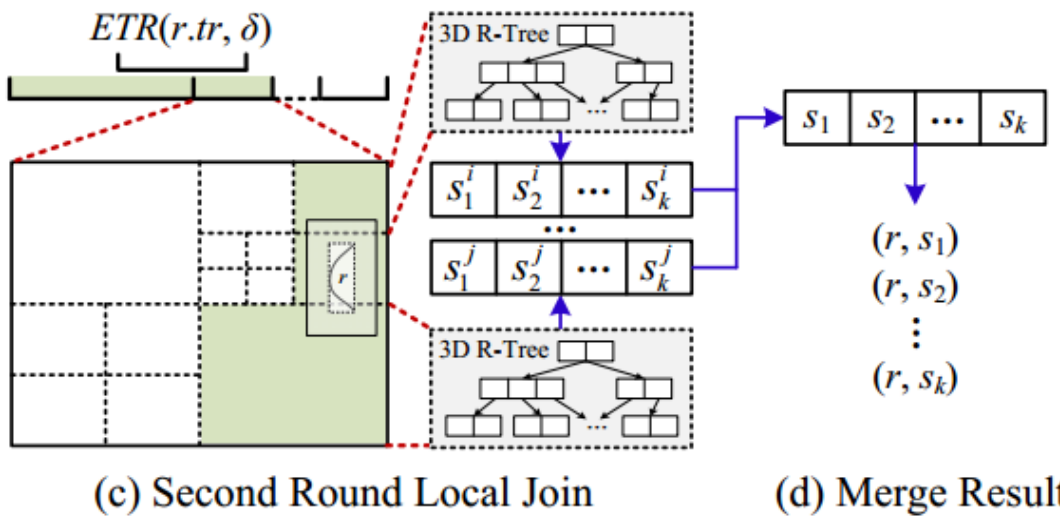


- Most Existing Works for *k*NN Join
  - Ignore the Temporal Information
  - Do Not Support Complex Geometries, e.g., Line Strings, Polygons.

We are the **first** to address the problem of ST-kNN Join

Framework: Two Round Join with Four Steps





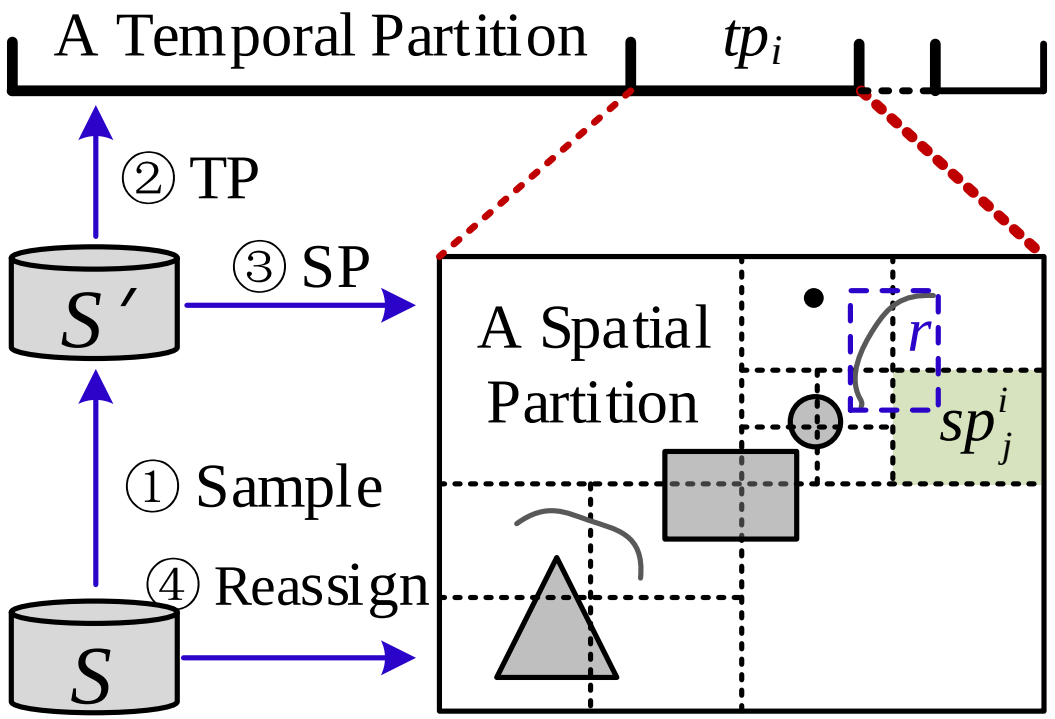
First Round Join

Second Round Join

- Process Big Spatio-Temporal Data Based on Apache Spark
- Consider Both Temporal Concurrency and Spatial Closeness
- Support All Geometry Types
  - Point, line string, polygon, or even a mixed set of them

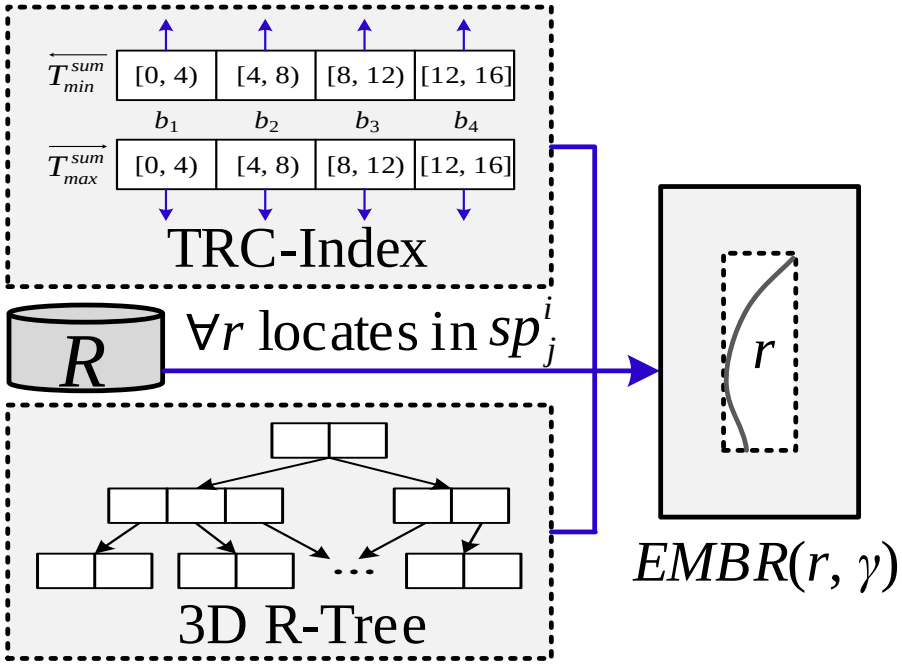
Step 1: Data Partition for *S*

- Goals
  - Spatio-Temporal Proximity
    - Each *r* find possibly its ST-*k*NNs in one partition
  - Even Distribution
    - Load balance
- Method
  - **Sample** randomly *S'* from *S*
  - **Temporal partition** using Sweep Line Alg.
    - Max temporal partition number: α (system para.)
    - Disjoint, roughly equal number of samples
  - **Spatial partition** based on Quad Tree
    - Max spatial partition number: β (system para.)
    - Disjoint, equal number of samples
  - **Reassign** $s \in S$ based on ST-partitions ⟶ Make multiple copies if *s* intersects multiple ST-partitions.



Step 2: First Round Local Join

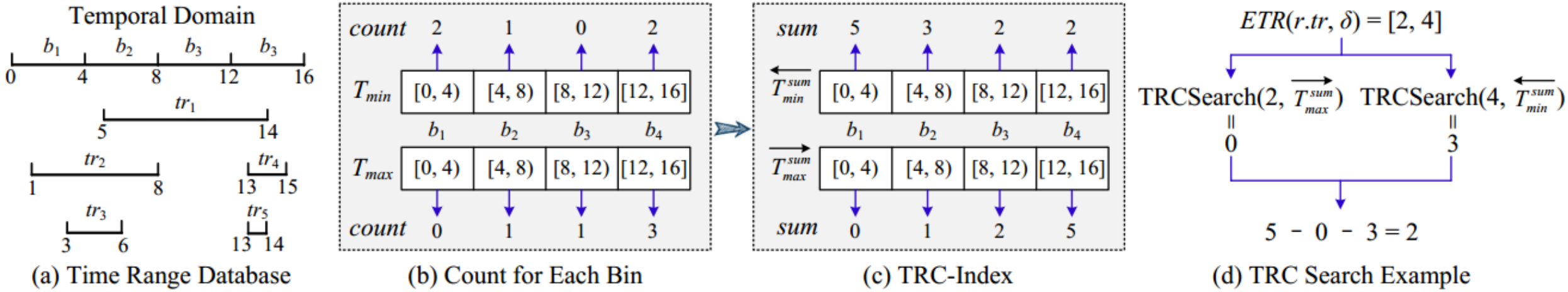
- Goals
  - For each $r \in R$, find an area EMBR(r, γ), such that its ST-kNNs must intersect with EMBR(r, γ)
- Method
  - **Index Construction** in Each ST-partition
    - **TRC-index**: decide whether a partition has at least k objects that meet the temporal concurrency requirement
    - **3D R-Tree**[1]: support fast ST-kNN search
  - **Data Partition for R**
    - For each $r \in R$, reassign it to the nearest ST-partition that has at least k objects satisfying the temporal concurrency requirement, based on TRC-index
  - **Distance Bound Calculation**
    - Calculate γ based on the k-th nearest neighbor with 3D R-tree



[1] Zhu Q, Gong J, Zhang Y. An efficient 3D R-tree spatial index method for virtual geographic environments[J]. ISPRS Journal of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing, 2007, 62(3): 217-224.

TRC-Index: Time Range Count Index

- Requirements
  - Efficiency
    - Get the *minimum* number of objects whose time ranges intersecting a given time range
  - Lightweight
    - Should be small enough to be broadcast
- Intuition: **Exclusive Method**
  - If the number of objects whose time ranges will not intersect with *tr* is at most *N*, then the number of satisfied objects is at least $|S_i| - N$

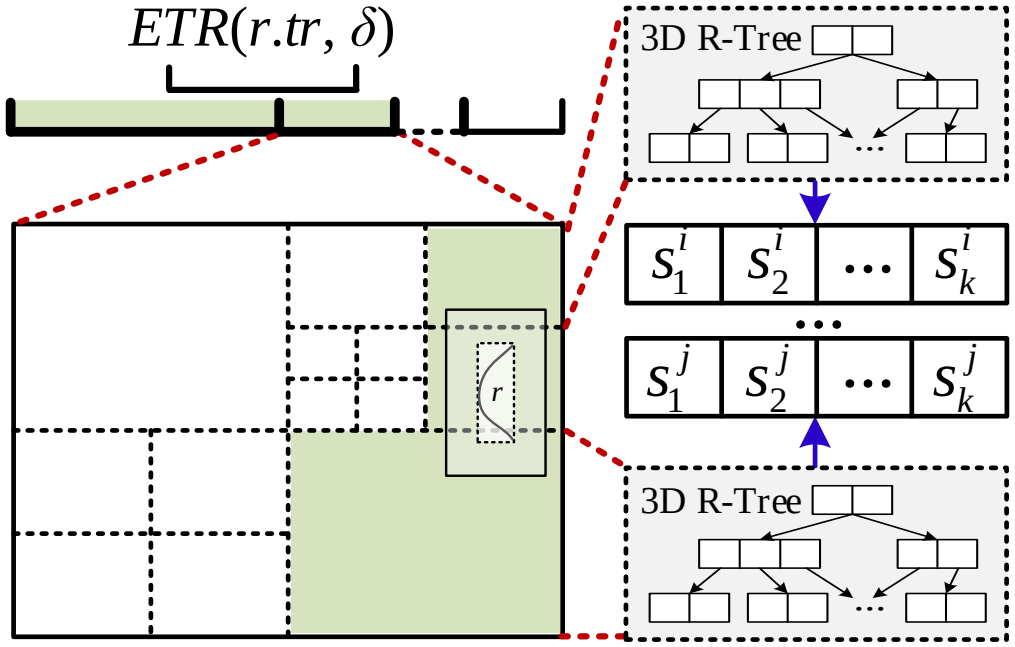


(a) Time Range Database (b) Count for Each Bin (c) TRC-Index (d) TRC Search Example

An Example of TRC-Index

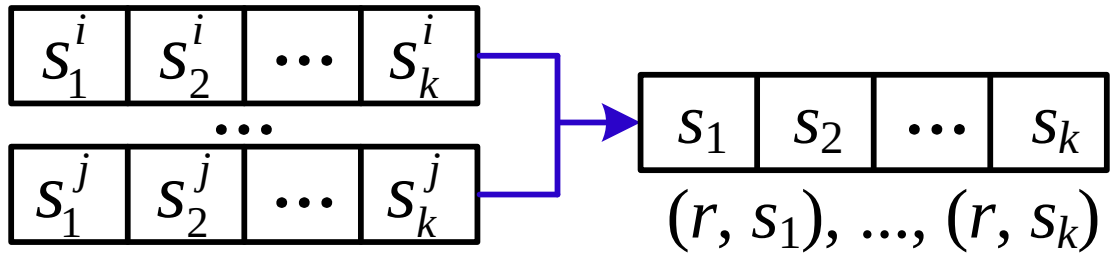
Step 3: Second Round Local Join

- Goals
  - For each $r \in R$, check all possible ST-partitions, and generate local results.
- Method
  - **Reassign** $r \in R$ Based on $EMBR(r, \gamma)$ and $ETR(r.tr, \delta)$
  - Perform a **local ST-kNN search** Based on 3D R-Tree



Step 4: Merge Result

- Goals
  - Combine multiple local results, and produce a global one
- A Straightforward Method
  - Shuffle Local Results by *r*
  - Combine Them into a Global Result using Multiway Merge Algorithm
  - Remove Duplicates
  - Take the First *k* Combinations
- Our Method
  - Remove Duplicates before Shuffling Local Results Based on *Spatio-Temporal Reference Points*



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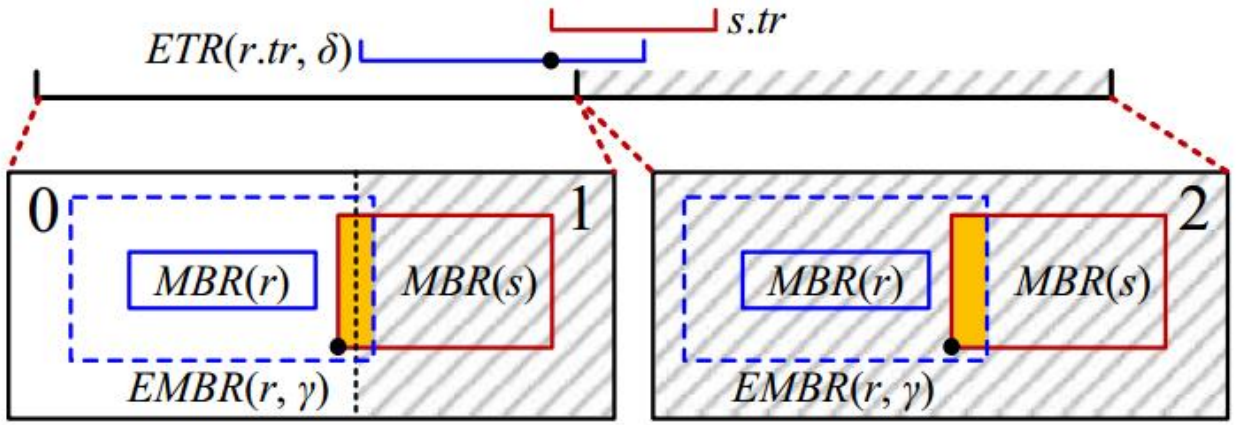

Evaluation

- Datasets

Attributes	NYTrip	DidiTraj	DidiSP
Raw Size	11.6GB	8.3GB	1.9GB
# Records	87,110,491	39,224,513	9,108,396
# Coords	174,220,982	348,191,629	73,708,681
Temporal Domain	2013/01/01 - 2013/06/30	2018/10/01 - 2018/11/30	2018/10/01 - 2018/11/30
Spatial Domain	(-74.07 : -73.75), (40.61 : 40.87)	(108.92 : 109.01), (34.20 : 34.28)	(108.92 : 109.01), (34.20 : 34.28)

- Settings
  - 5 Nodes, 24-core CPU, 128GB RAM
  - Hadoop 2.7.6, Spark 2.3.3
  - 30 Executors, 5 Cores and 16 GB RAM
- Metrics
  - **Execution Time (ET)**
  - Copy Amplification (CA)
  - Hit Rate (HR)

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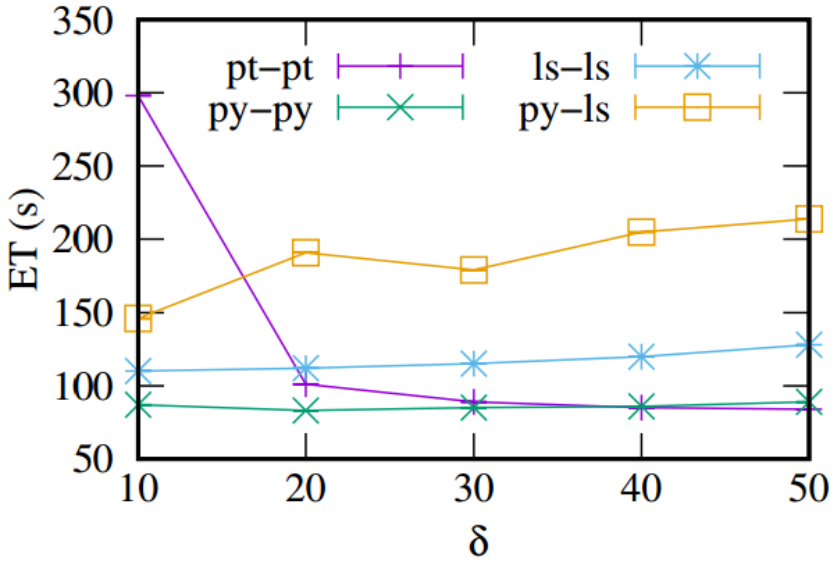
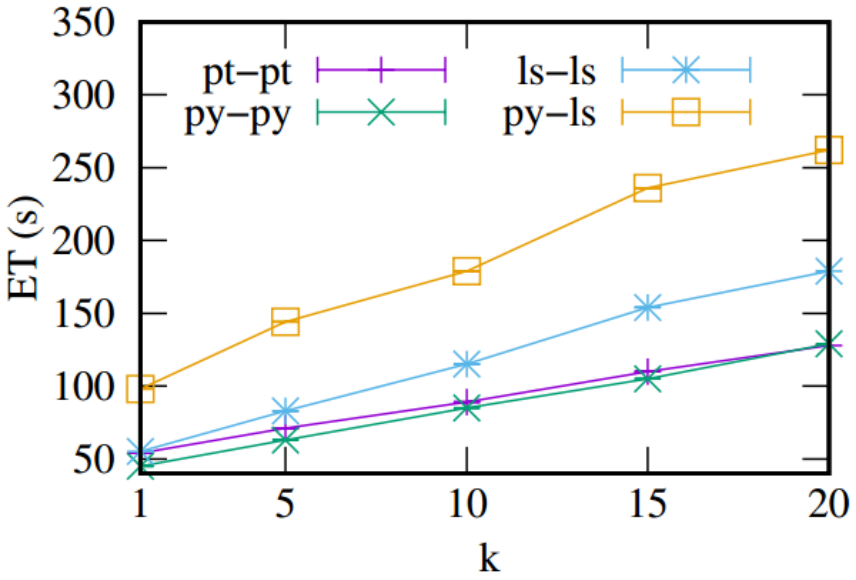
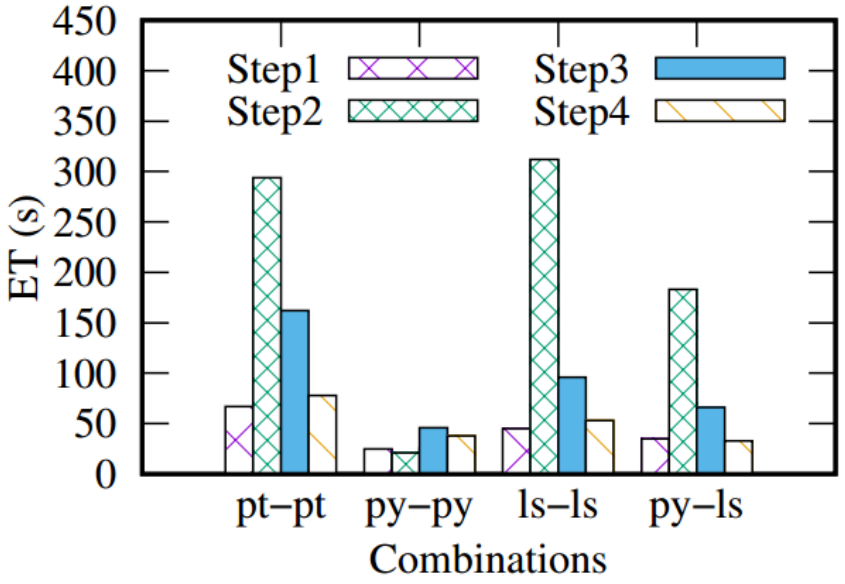
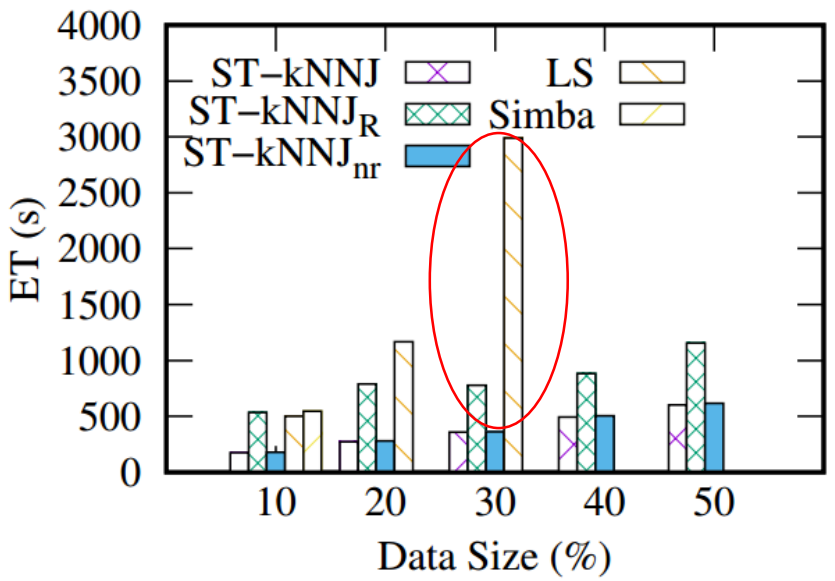




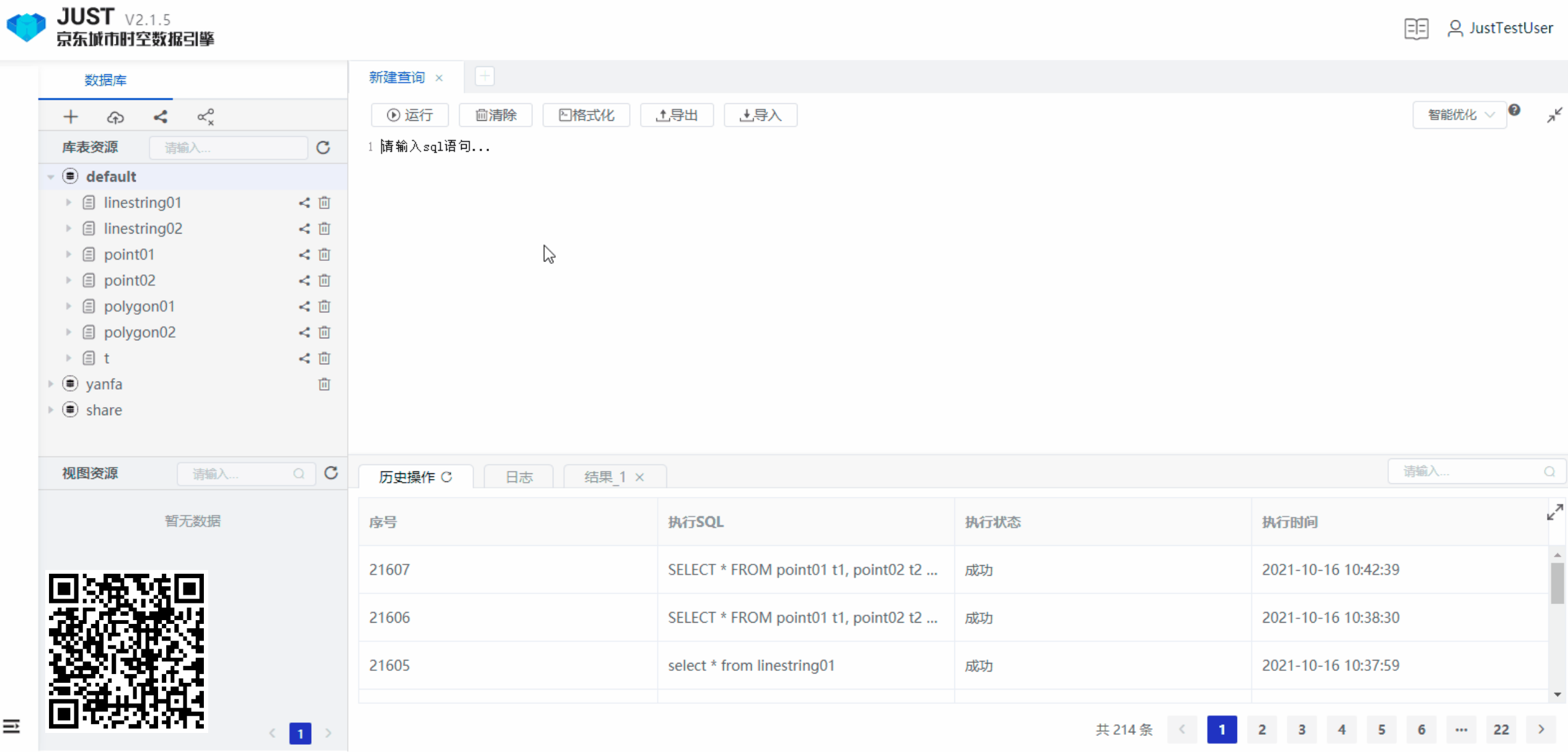




More Scalable
9X Faster

System Demonstration

http://stknnjoin.urban-computing.com/



Conclusion

- Contribution
  - Propose a novel and useful ST-kNN Join problem
  - Propose a two-round join framework based on Spark
    - A new spatio-temporal partition method
    - A new lightweight and effective index structure TRC-index
    - Remove duplicates based on spatio-temporal reference points
  - Extensive experiments based on three real datasets shows the effectiveness
  - Deploy it to our product JUST, and public the source code
    - Source Code: https://github.com/1085904057/spatialjoin
- Future Works
  - Cache some intermediate results
  - Cost models to determine good system parameters, e.g., α, β, *binNum*

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