



Inspectability & Control

Advanced Decision Support Systems



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Today I will answer the following questions:

- What is Grounded Theory?
- How do I do Grounded Theory research?*



Social recommenders

A unique opportunity for inspectability and control



Social recommenders

Recommenders are usually quite opaque

Hard to understand where recommendations are coming from

May reduce trust in the system

Hard to control the recommendations through interaction

May reduce usability of the system

What if recommendations are based on **friends** rather than strangers?



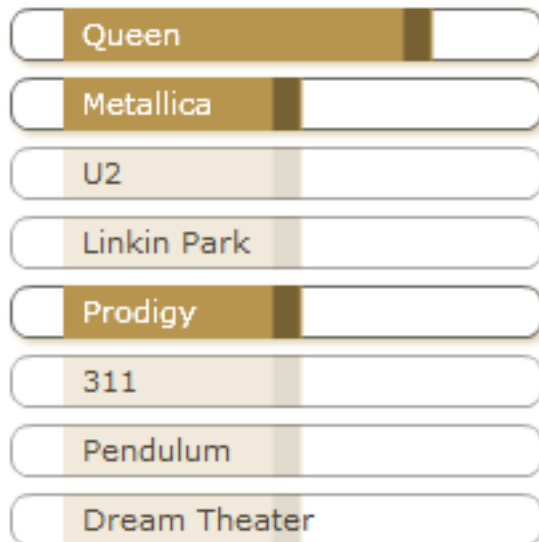
TasteWeights

The **TasteWeights** system uses the overlap between you and your friends' Facebook “likes” to give you music recommendations.

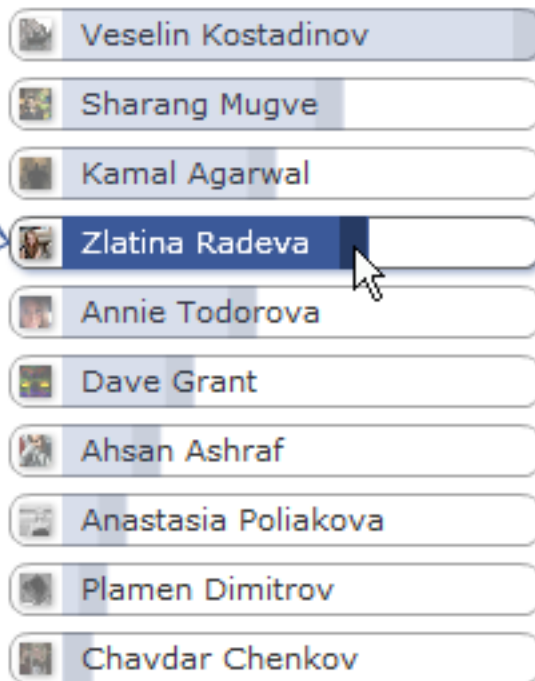
- Friends “weights” based on the overlap in likes w/ user
- Friends' other music likes—the ones that are not among the user's likes—are tallied by weight
- Top 10 is displayed to the user



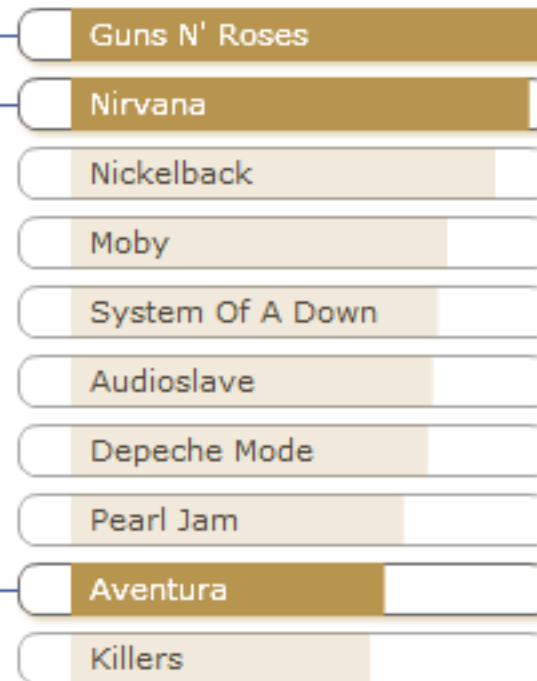
Svetlin's music



Friends



Recommendations



Nickelback



Nickelback is a Canadian rock band from Hanna, Alberta, formed in 1995. Founded by members Chad Kroeger, Mike Kroeger, Ryan Peake and then-dr...

[More Info](#)



Experiment

Turn this into separate steps of **control** and **inspection**

To be able to manipulate them orthogonally

Step 1: Log in to Facebook

System collects your music “likes”

System collects your friends’ music likes



Experiment

Step 2: Control

3 conditions, between subjects:

- No control (just use likes)
- Item control (weigh likes)
- Friend control (weigh friends)

drag these sliders

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 **Svetlin's music**

- Queen
- Metallica
- U2
- Linkin Park
- Prodigy
- 311
- Pendulum
- Dream Theater

drag these sliders

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 **Friends**

- Veselin Kostadinov
- Sharang Mugve
- Kamal Agarwal
- Zlatina Radeva
- Annie Todorova
- Dave Grant
- Ahsan Ashraf
- Anastasia Poliakova



Experiment

Step 3: Inspection

2 conditions, between subjects:

- List of recommendations vs. recommendation graph

★ Recommendations

Nirvana
Guns N' Roses
Aventura
Moby
System Of A Down
Depeche Mode
Nickelback
Beetles
Merc Anthony Page
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Svetlin's music

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Plamen Dimitrov
Chavdar Chenkov

★ Recommendations

Guns N' Roses
Nirvana
Nickelback
Moby
Armin van Buuren
System Of A Down
Depeche Mode
Pearl Jam
Aventura
Killers



Measurements

Satisfaction with the system

Perceived quality of the recommendations

Perceived control over the system

Understandability of the system

User music expertise

Propensity to trust

Familiarity with recommenders

Avg. rating of, and # of known items in, the top 10

Time taken to inspect the recommendations



Structural model

**Objective System Aspects
(OSA)**



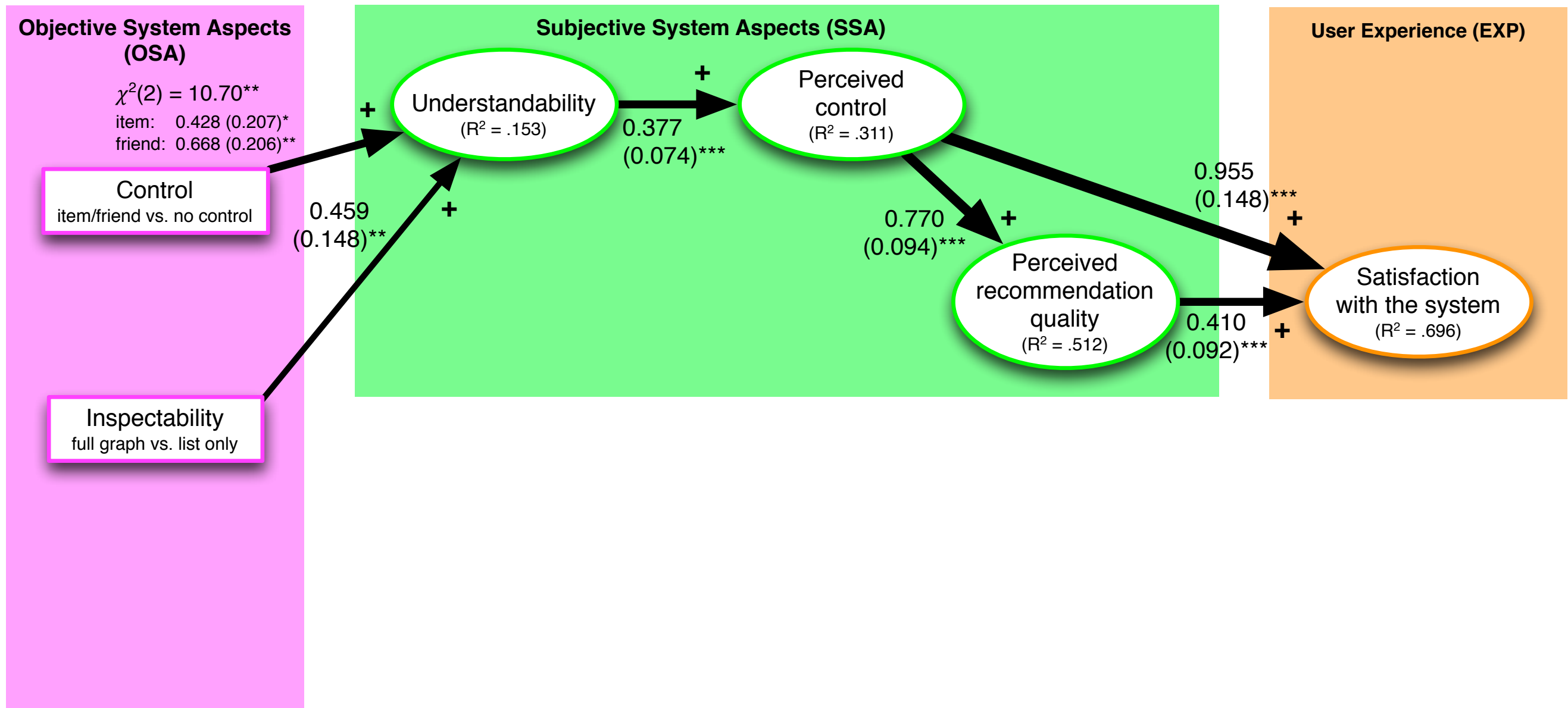
Subjective System Aspects (SSA)



User Experience (EXP)

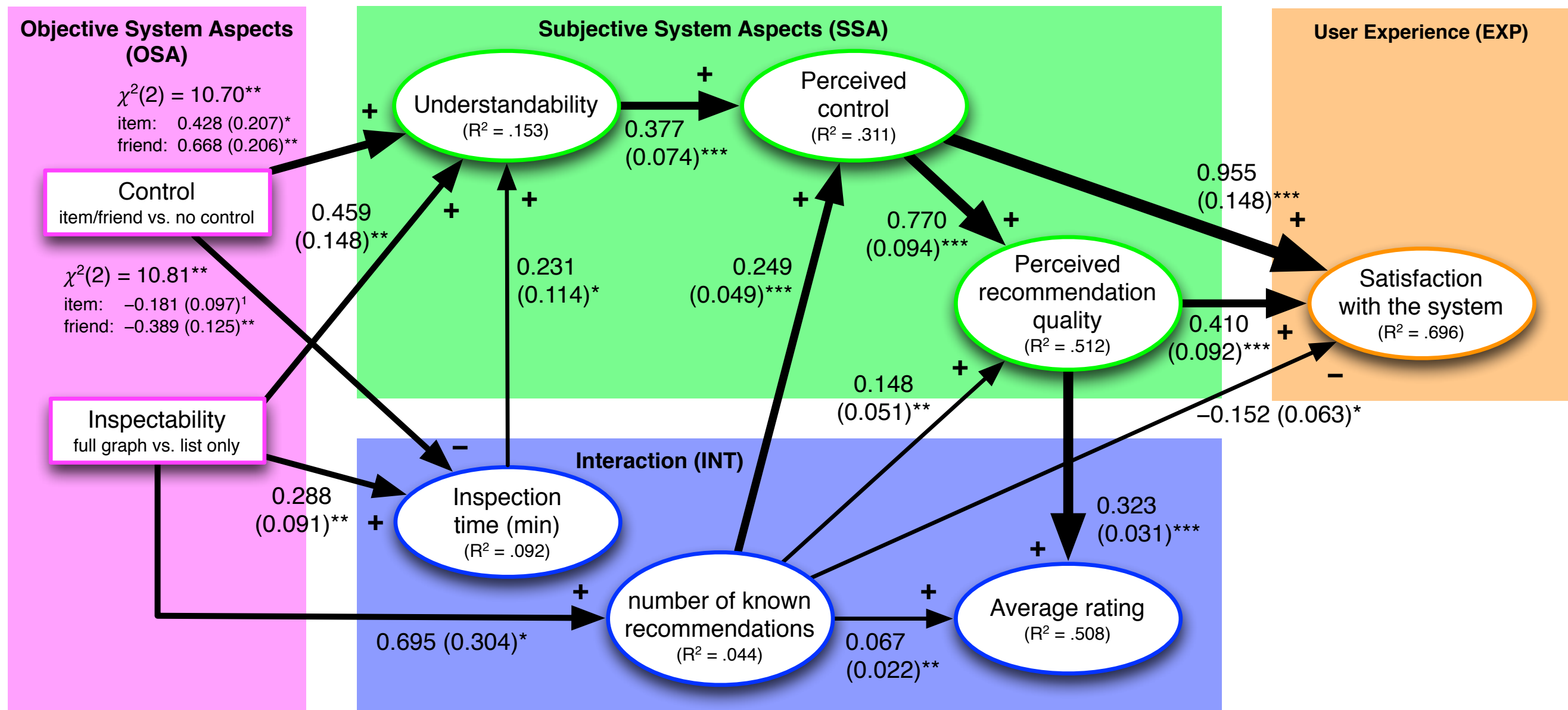


Structural model



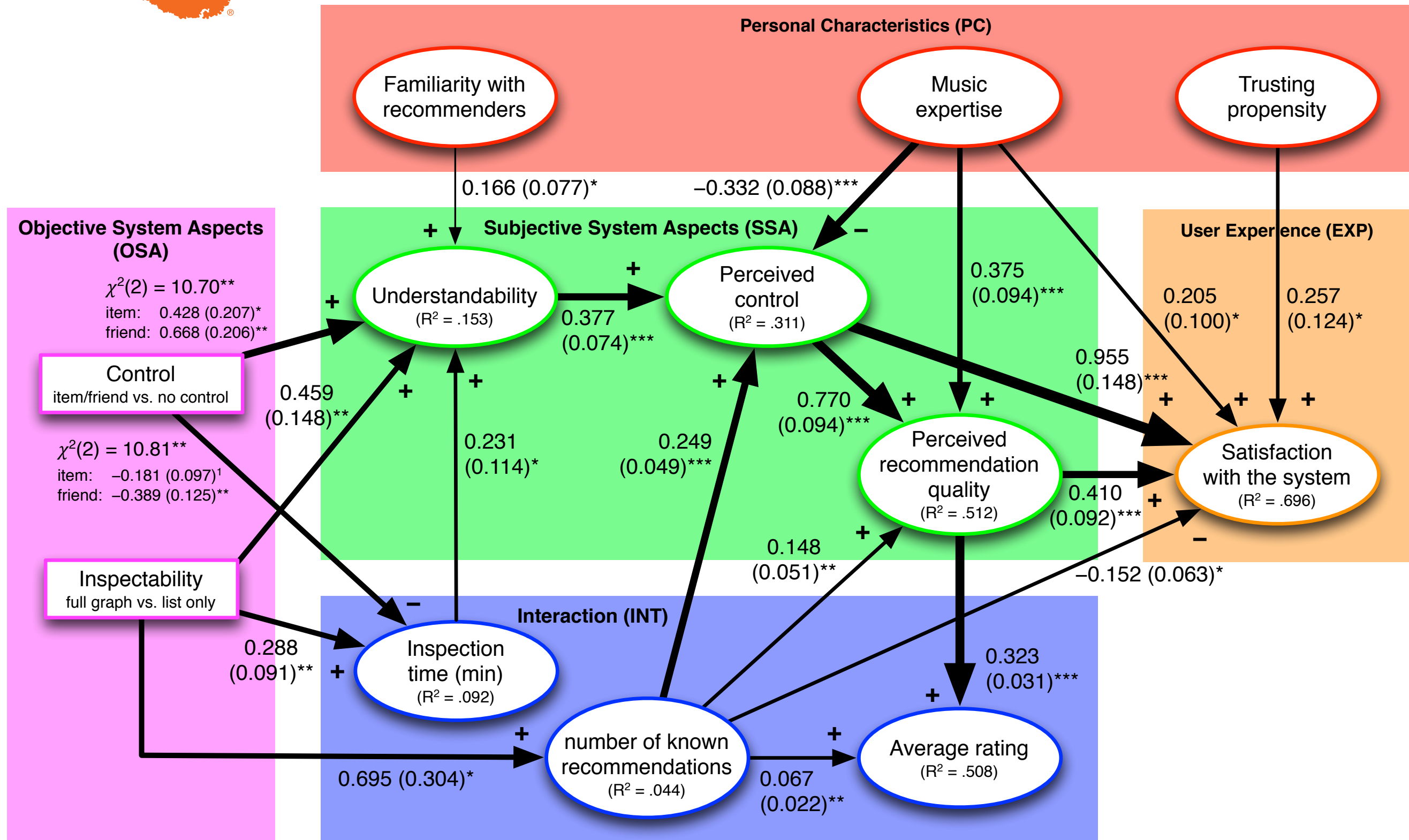


Structural model





Structural model





More inspectability

Ideas for presenting recommendations



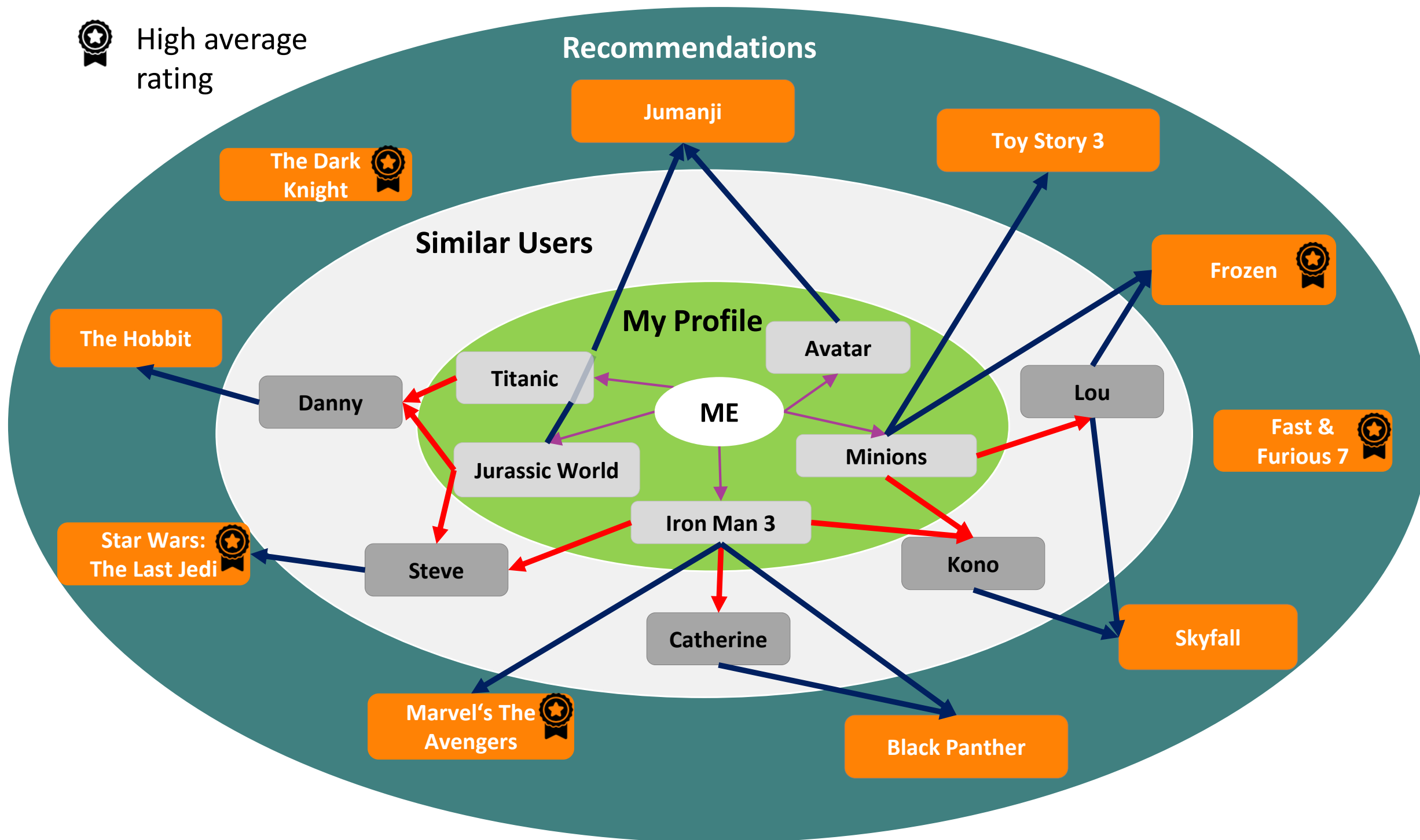
More inspectability

Imagine a recommender system with hybrid recommendations based on:

- Item-item CF
- Social connections (like TasteWeights)
- General Top-N

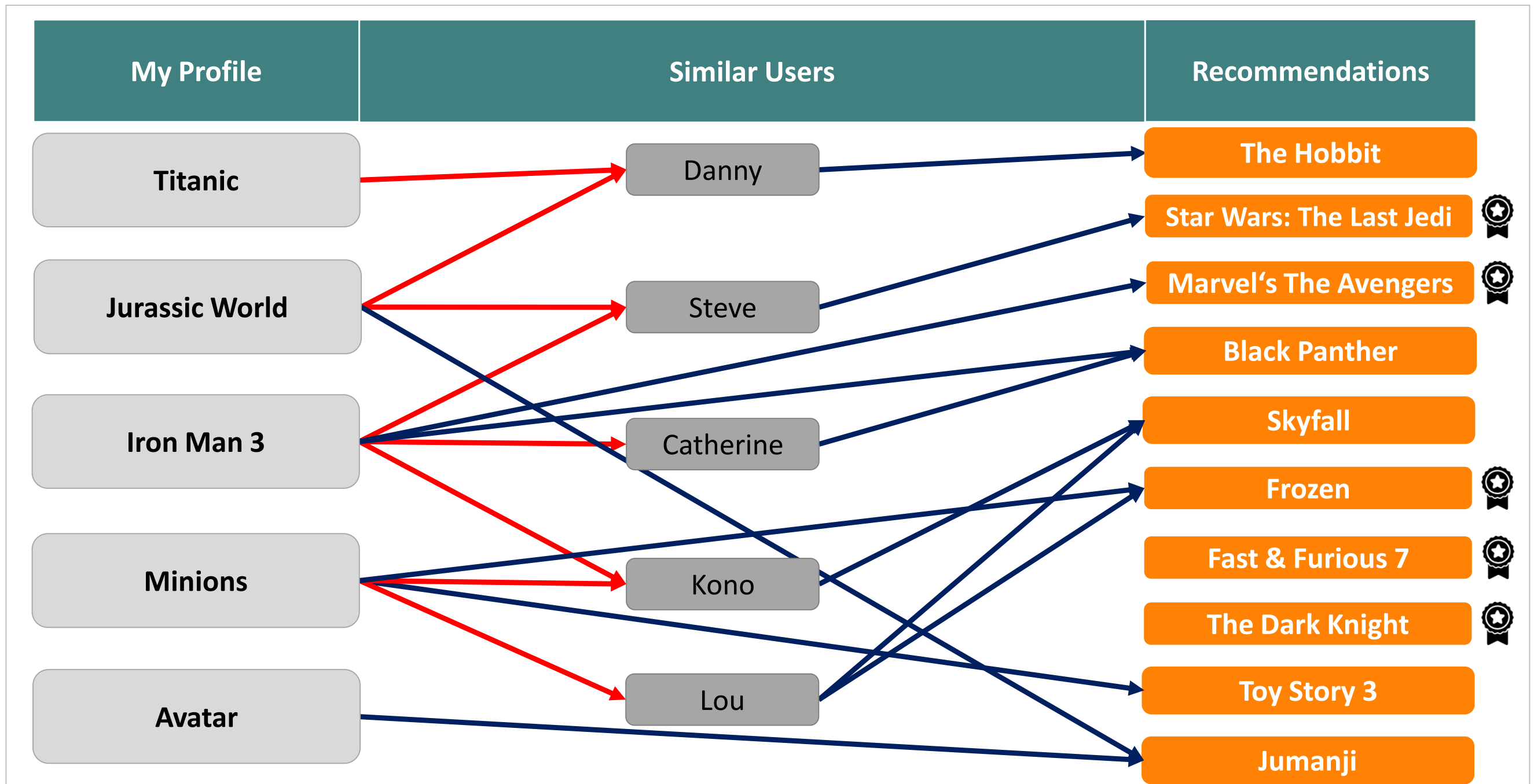
Is there an intuitive way to present the recommendations?

 High average rating





High average rating



My Profile:

Titanic

Avatar

Minions

Iron Man 3

Jurassic World

People Similar to Me:

Steve

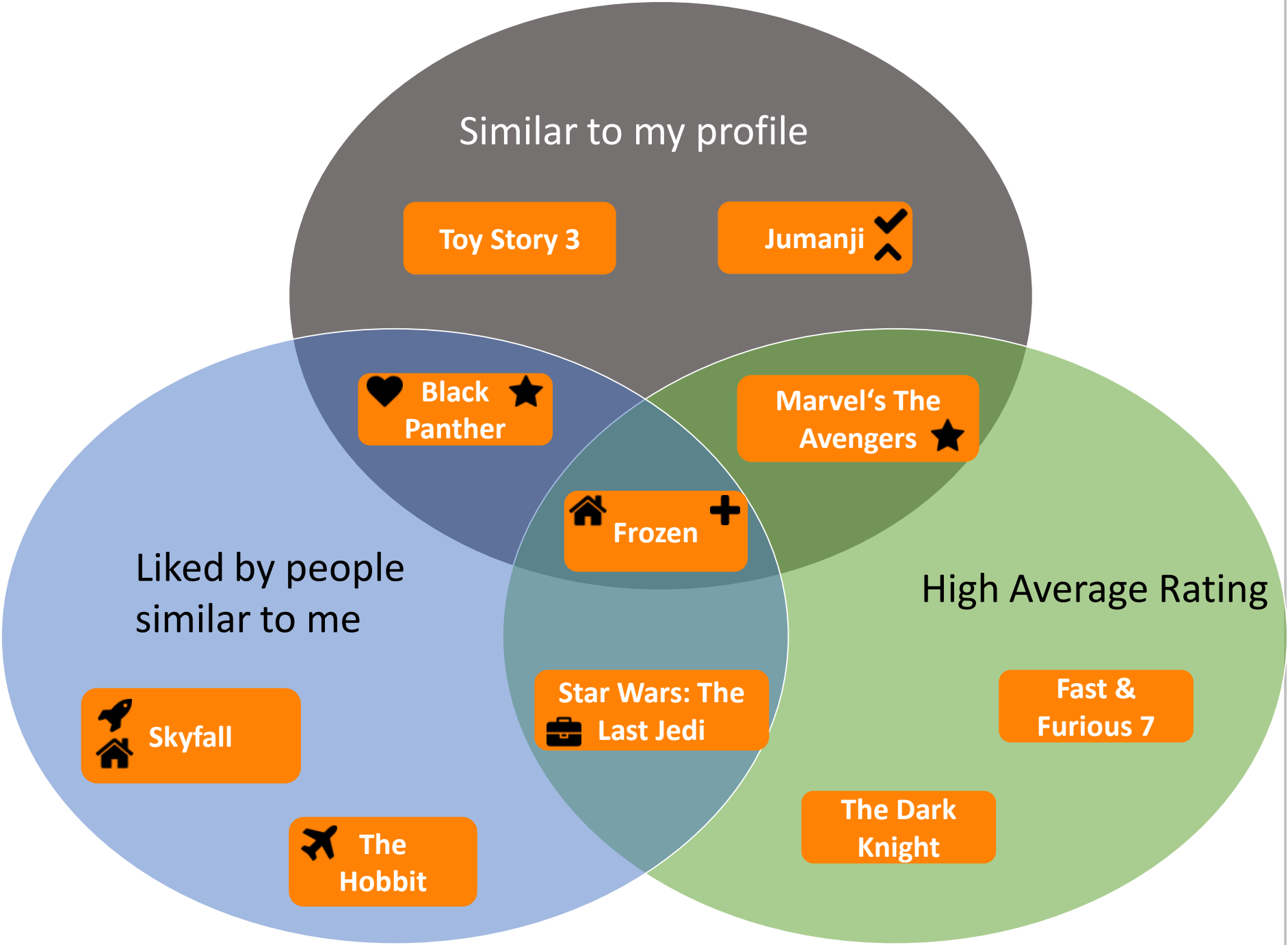
Danny

Kono

Catherine

Lou

Jurassic World
Iron Man 3
Titanic
Jurassic World
Minions
Iron Man 3
Minions



Marvel's The Avengers

Recommended because...

...it is **similar** to **Iron Man 3**, which you liked
...it has a **high average rating**.

Fast & Furious 7

Recommended because...

...it has a **high average rating**.

Star Wars: The Last Jedi

Recommended because...

...**Steve** loved it, who also watched **Iron Man 3** and **Jurassic World** like you.
...it has a **high average rating**.

Black Panther

Recommended because...

...it is **similar** to **Iron Man 3**, which you liked.
...**Catherine** loved it, who also watched **Iron Man 3** like you.

Frozen

Recommended because...

...it is **similar** to **Minions**, which you liked
...**Lou** loved it, who also watched **Minions** like you.
...it has a **high average rating**.

Toy Story 3

Recommended because...

...it is **similar** to **Minions**, which you liked.

Jumanji

Recommended because...

...it is **similar** to **Jurassic World**, which you liked.
...it is **similar** to **Avatar**, which you liked.

The Dark Knight

Recommended because...

...it has a **high average rating**.

Skyfall

Recommended because...

...**Kono** loved it, who also watched **Iron Man 3** and **Minions** like you.
...**Lou** loved it, who also watched **Minions** like you.

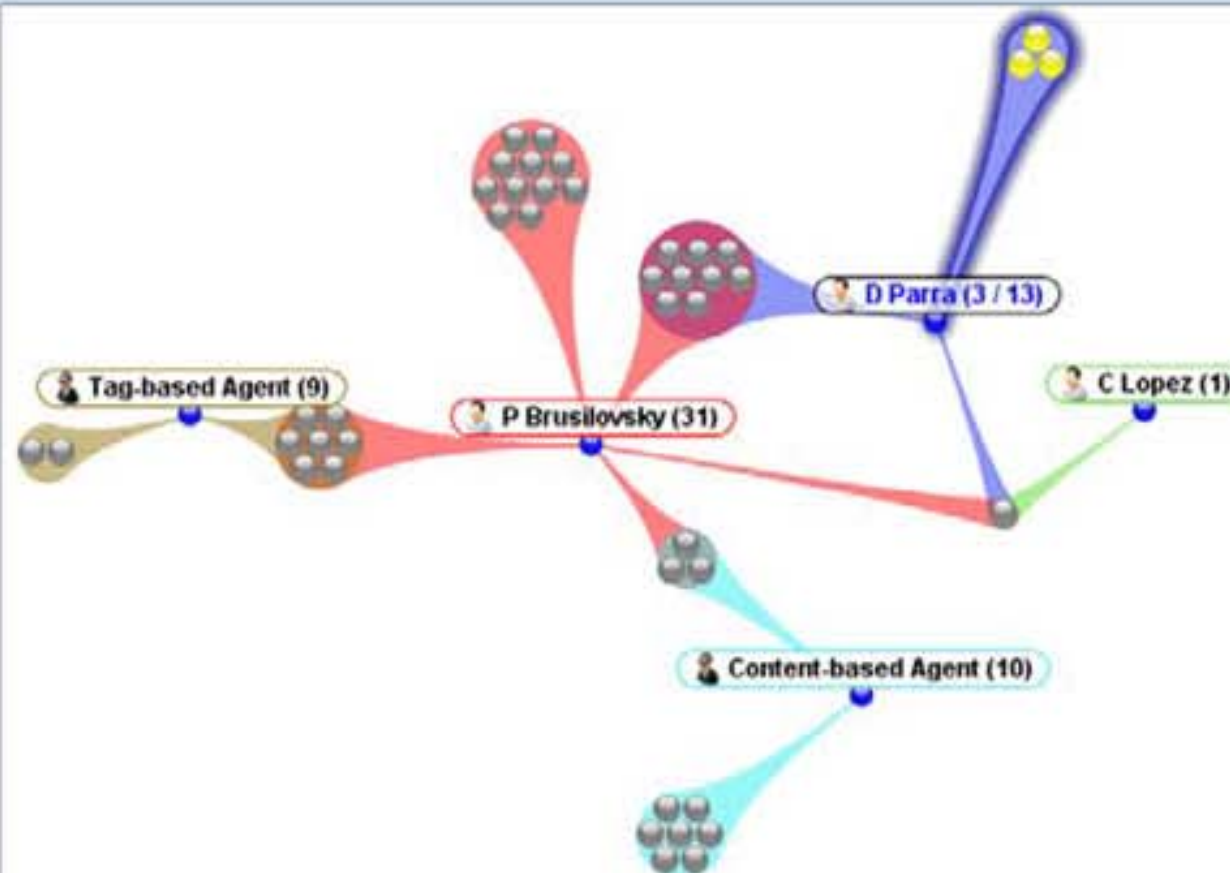
The Hobbit

Recommended because...

...**Danny** loved it, who also watched **Titanic** and **Jurassic World** like you.

Clustermap visualization

LAK13	
Tags	
Recommender Agents	
Tag-based Agent	9 ☒
Content-based Agent	10 ☒
Users	
[fcs] P Brusilovsky	31 ☒
[s] S Wollin-Giering	23 ☐
[s] M Specht	15 ☐
D Parra	13 ☒
[s] Annette	12 ☐
[s] Tom	12 ☐
[s] A Monés	11 ☐
[s] M Anjorin	10 ☐
[s] R Kawase	10 ☐
[fcs] S (Sherry)	9 ☐
[s] A Esposito	6 ☐
[s] G Parra	5 ☐
[s] Madjarov	5 ☐
[s] S Govaerts	5 ☐
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[fcs] C Lopez	1 ☒
[s] U Schroeder	1 ☐



Results

43 result(s)

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Adams, Kelley Durkin, Bethany

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More control

Ideas for controlling recommendations



More control

Some more advanced preference elicitation methods exist

Mostly developed for MAUT-based systems

See preference elicitation lecture

One prominent idea: **critique** the recommended item(s)

Ultimate goal: create a conversation!

Great for chatbots!

To find similar products with better values than this one



Canon PowerShot S2 IS Digital Camera

Add to saved list

\$424.15

Canon, 5.3 M pixels, 12x optical zoom, 16 MB memory, 1.8 in screen size, 2.97 in thickness, 404.7 g weight. [detail](#)

would you like to improve some values?

	Keep	Improve	Take any suggestion
Manufacturer	☒ Canon	☐ Sony ▼	☐
Price	☐ \$424.15	☒ less expensive ▼	☐
Resolution	☒ 5.3 M pixels	☐ less expensive ☒ \$100 cheaper ☐ \$200 cheaper ☐ \$300 cheaper	☐
Optical Zoom	☒ 12x	☐ more memory ▼	☐
Removable Flash Memory	☒ 16 MB	☐ larger ▼	☐
LCD Screen Size	☒ 1.8 in	☐ thinner ▼	☐
Thickness	☒ 2.97 in	☐ lighter ▼	☐
Weight	☒ 404.7 g		

Show Results

Reset

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We have the following

1. Less Optical Zoom and Thinner and Lighter Weight

Explain

Show Products

2. Different Manufacturer and Lower Resolution and Cheaper

Explain

Show Products

3. Larger Screen Size and More Memory and Heavier

Explain

Show Products

OR would you like to improve some value(s) by yourself?

	Keep	Improve	Take any suggestion
Manufacturer	☒ Canon	☐ Sony	☐
Price	☒ \$424.15	☐ less expensive	☐
Resolution	☒ 5.3 M pixels	☐ higher	☐
Optical Zoom	☒ 12x	☐ more zoom	☐
Removable Flash Memory	☒ 16 MB	☐ more memory	☐
LCD Screen Size	☒ 1.8 in	☐ larger	☐
Thickness	☒ 2.97 in	☐ thinner	☐
Weight	☒ 404.7 g	☐ lighter	☐

Show Results

Reset

The product being critiqued

System-suggested compound critiques

User-initiated critiquing facility

The product best matching your preferences		
	Toshiba Portege M200 Tablet PC Add to saved list \$ 2649 (USD) Toshiba, Microsoft Windows XP Tablet PC, 4.34 hours battery, 12.1 in display size, 80 GB HD, 1500 MB memory, Intel Pentium M Processor (Centrino), 2 GHz processor speed, 2.07 kg weight. detail	Self specify criteria for Better Features
We also recommend the following products with some Better Features		
These products have Cheaper Price and Longer Battery Life , although they have slightly Lower Processor Speed		
	Panasonic Toughbook 18 Tablet PC - Touchscreen PC Version Add to saved list \$ 2599.99 (USD) Panasonic, Microsoft Windows XP Pro, 8.5 hours battery, 10.4 in display size, 40 GB HD, 256 MB memory, Intel Pentium M Processor (Centrino), 1.1 GHz processor speed, 2.03 kg weight. detail	Better Features
	Acer TravelMate C302XCi-SP2 Tablet PC Add to saved list \$ 1299 (USD) Acer, Microsoft Windows XP Tablet PC, 5.5 hours battery, 14.1 in display size, 60 GB HD, 512 MB memory, Intel Pentium M Processor (Centrino), 1.6 GHz processor speed, 2.79 kg weight. detail	Better Features
6 products Show All		
These products have Larger Display Size , although they have slightly Shorter Battery Life and Heavier Weight		
	Acer TravelMate C314XMi Tablet PC Add to saved list \$ 1776.49 (USD) Acer, Microsoft Windows XP Tablet PC, 4 hours battery, 14.1 in display size, 100 GB HD, 1024 MB memory, Intel Pentium M Processor (Centrino), 2 GHz processor speed, 2.88 kg weight. detail	Better Features
	Toshiba Satellite R10 Tablet PC Add to saved list \$ 1439 (USD) Toshiba, Microsoft Windows XP Tablet PC, 4 hours battery, 14 in display size, 40 GB HD, 512 MB memory, Intel Pentium M Processor, 1.6 GHz processor speed, 2.93 kg weight. detail	Better Features
6 products Show All		
These products have Lighter Weight and Different Processor Class , although they have slightly Smaller Display Size		
	ElectroVaya Scribbler SC-500 Tablet PC Add to saved list \$ 2499 (USD) ElectroVaya, Microsoft Windows XP Tablet PC, 8 hours battery, 10.4 in display size, 30 GB HD, 512 MB memory, Intel Pentium III Processor with SpeedStep, 0.866 GHz processor speed, 1.76 kg weight. detail	Better Features
	Acer TMC104Ti Tablet PC Add to saved list \$ 1059 (USD) Acer, Microsoft Windows XP Tablet PC, 3.5 hours battery, 10.4 in display size, 30 GB HD, 256 MB memory, Intel Pentium M Processor, 0.99 GHz processor speed, 1.4 kg weight. detail	Better Features
6 products Show All		

If suggested critiques and products do not interest the user, he/she could switch to create critiques his/herself by clicking the button "Self specify criteria for 'Better Features'".

(A): Rating widget

Task: create a playlist that contains 20 songs that fit your taste.

Please rate the songs in terms of its **pleasant surprise**.

1 song has been added in the playlist.

Driftwood

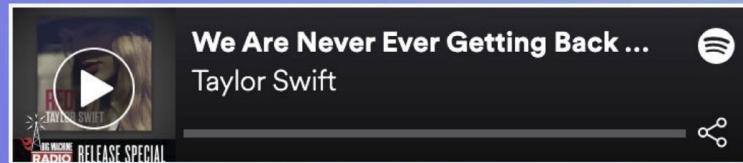


Five Stars

User-initiated Critiquing

I need higher energy!

Here is a song for higher energy.

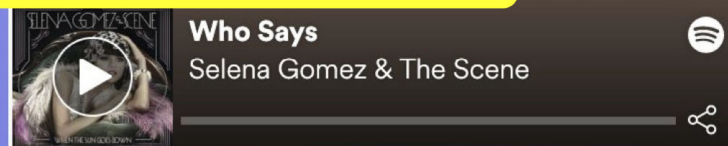


Like

Next

Let bot suggest

System-suggested Critiquing



I need some suggestions.

Compared with the last played song, do you like the song of **lower energy**?

Yes

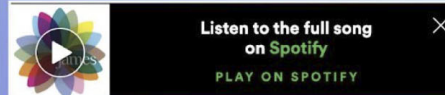
No

(B): MusicBot

Hi there. Now you need to create a playlist that contains 20 good songs.

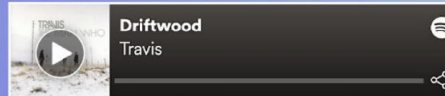
I have found some songs for you based on your preference, but you can also search for other songs by using the tips shown on the right side.

We recommend this song because you like the songs Love Story, Stand by Me.



I want a pop music

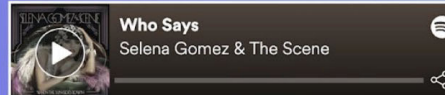
I find some good songs related to pop



I like this song.

Don't forget to rate the song in terms of pleasant surprise in the left panel.

Good, please try the next song.



Like Next Let bot suggest

(C): Instruction panel

► Tips for tuning the recommendations by audio features

Currently the system supports searching by 5 audio features,

Energy: To tweak recommendation by energy, you can say

"I need more/less energy"

"I need higher/lower energy"

Danceability: To tweak recommendation by danceability, you can say

"I need higher/lower danceability"

"I need to dance"

"Play a song for dancing"

Speechiness: To tweak recommendation by speechiness, you can say

"I need more/less speech"

"Play a song with less speech"

Tempo: To tweak recommendation by tempo, you can say

"I like slow/fast songs"

"Play some fast music"

Valence: To tweak recommendation by valence, you can say

"I feel happy"

"feel sad"

► Tips for tuning the recommendations by music categories

► Tips for tuning the recommendations by artists



More chatbots

for recommendations



More chatbots

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How can we build agents that truly understand you?



Explicitly model aspects of the user's state of mind, using multiple sources of data



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