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Towards Hybrid Graphs: Unifying Property graphs and Time series

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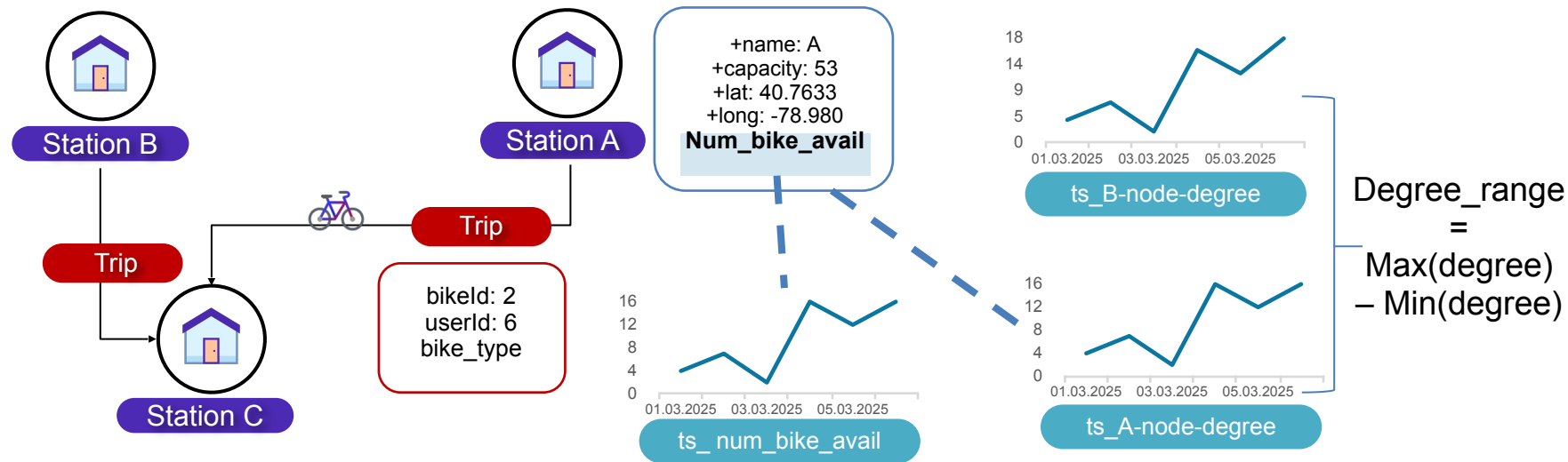
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Motivation – Why combining Graphs and Time Series ?

Bike sharing use case with stations and trips:

number of available bikes and degree of station nodes are in **continuous change** and can be represented as time series



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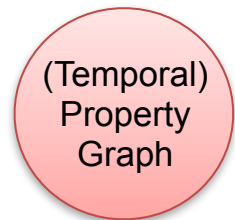
(Temporal)
Property
Graph

(Multivariate)
Time Series

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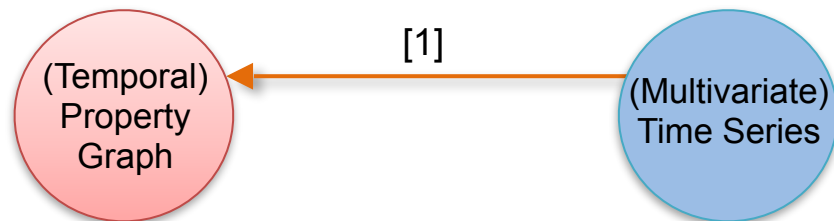
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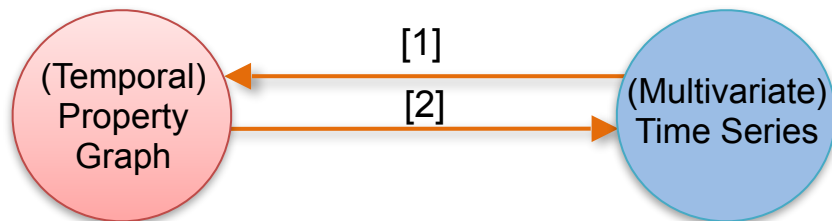


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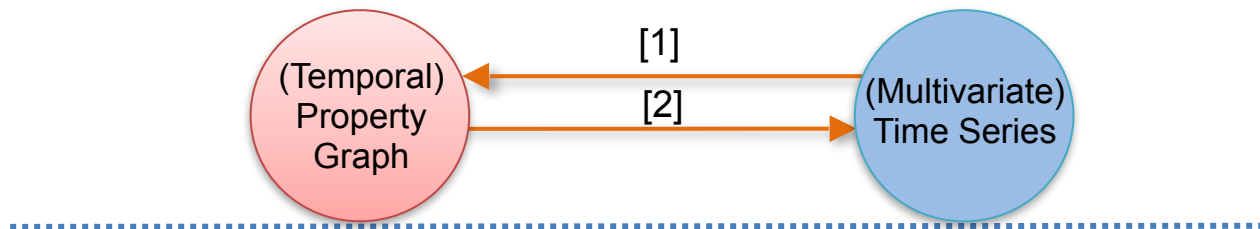


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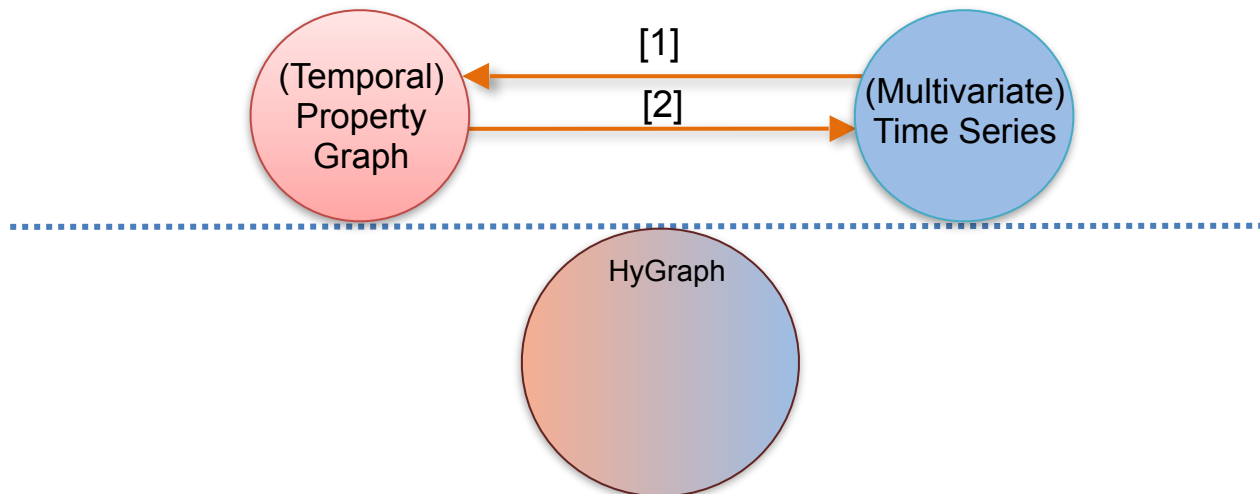


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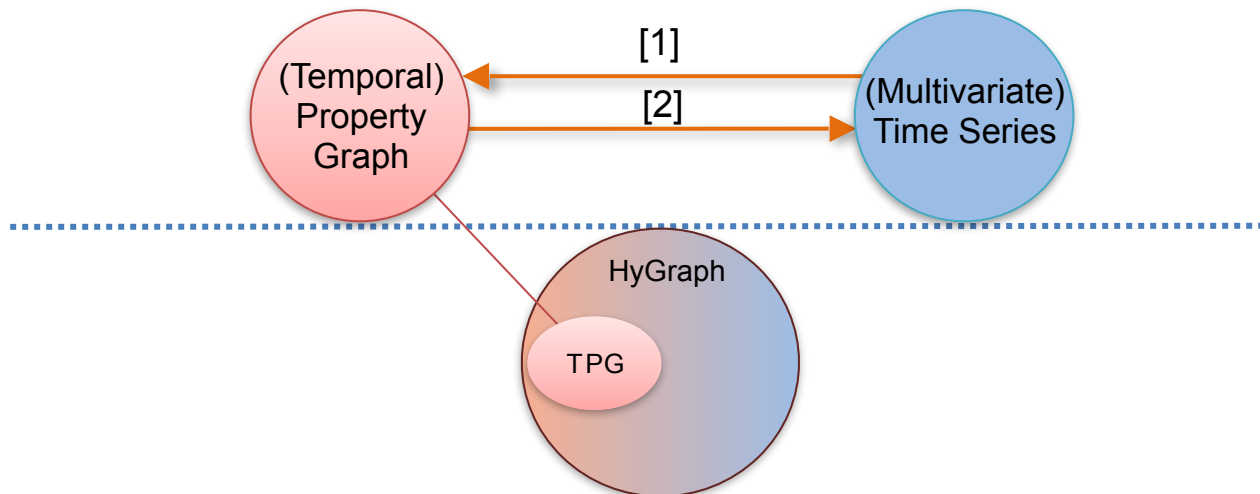


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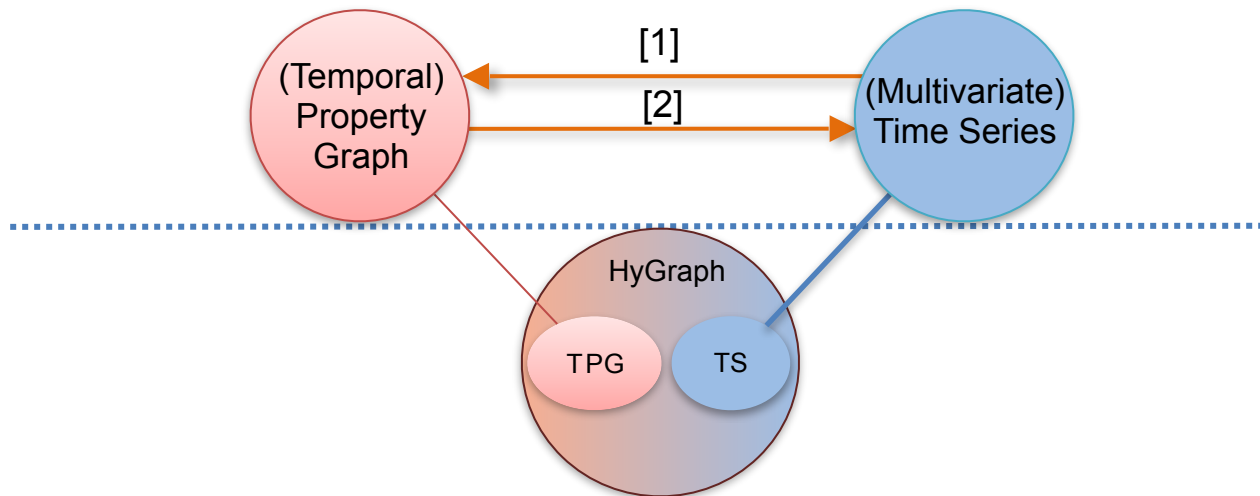


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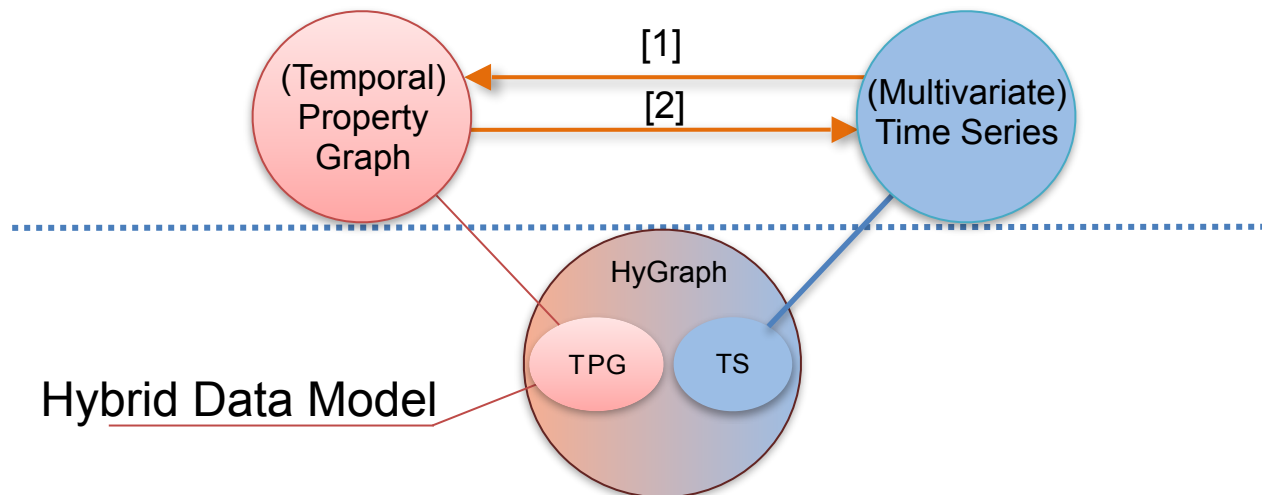


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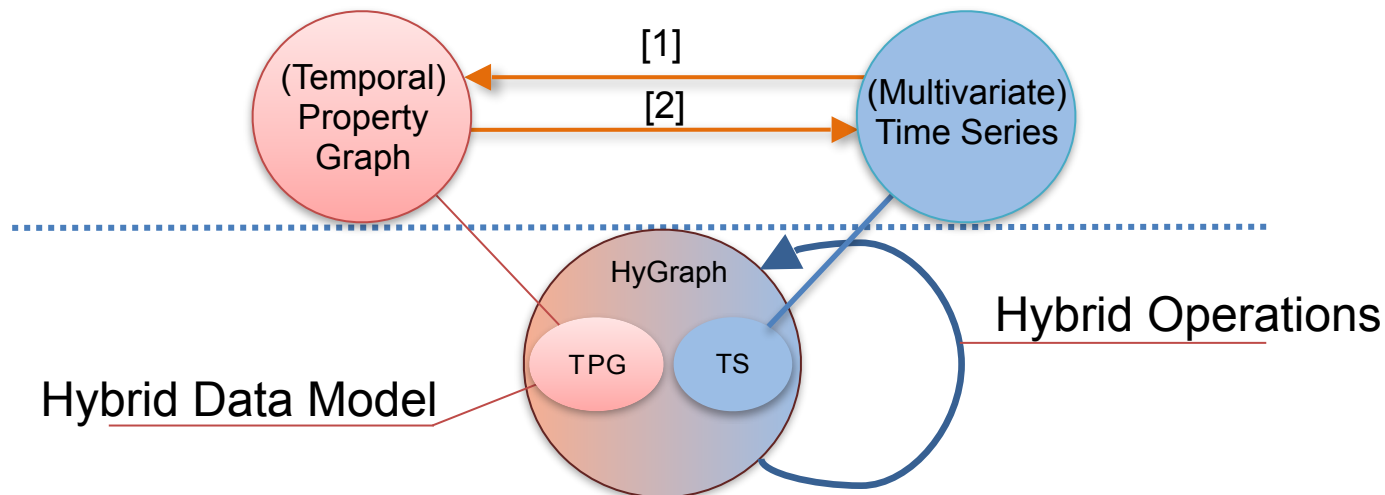


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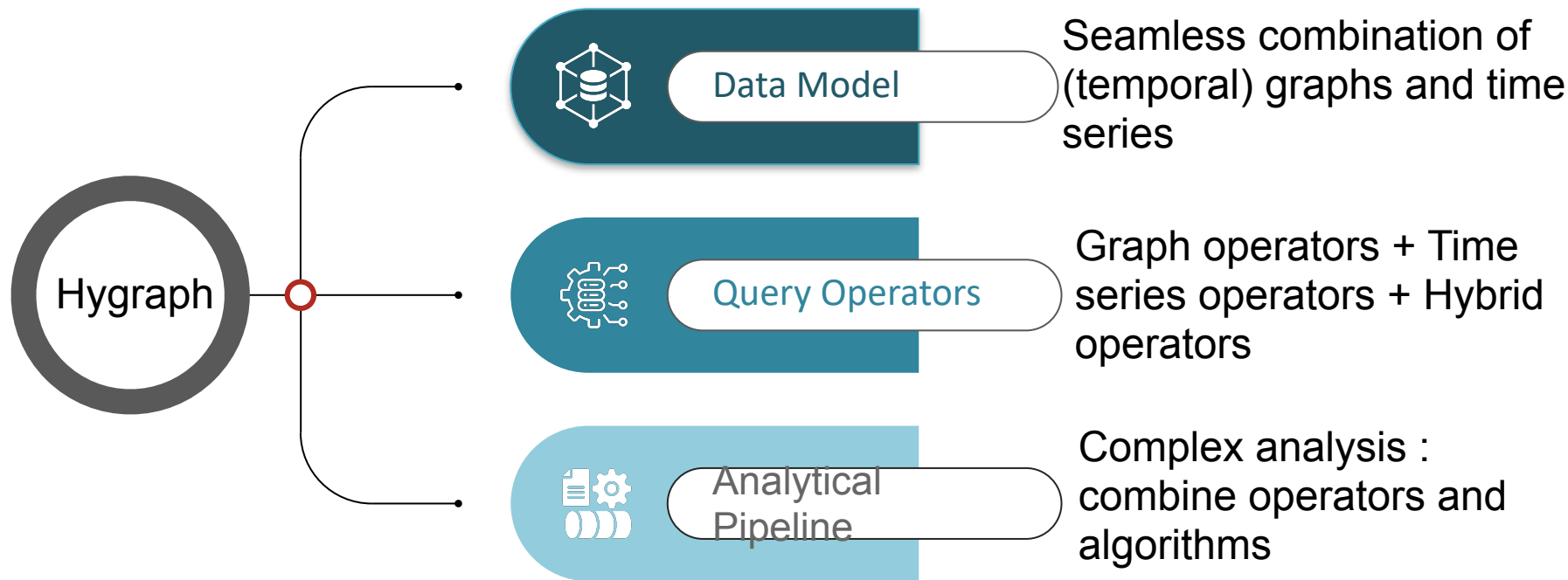
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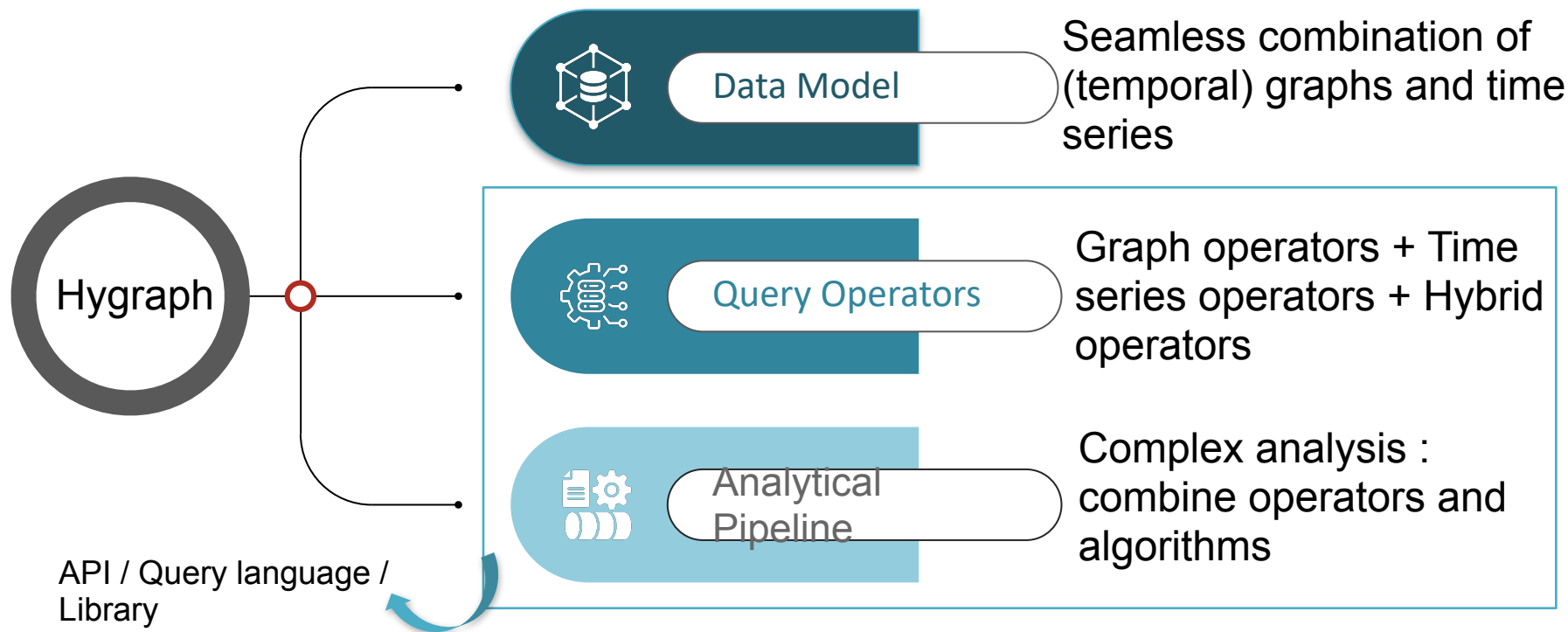
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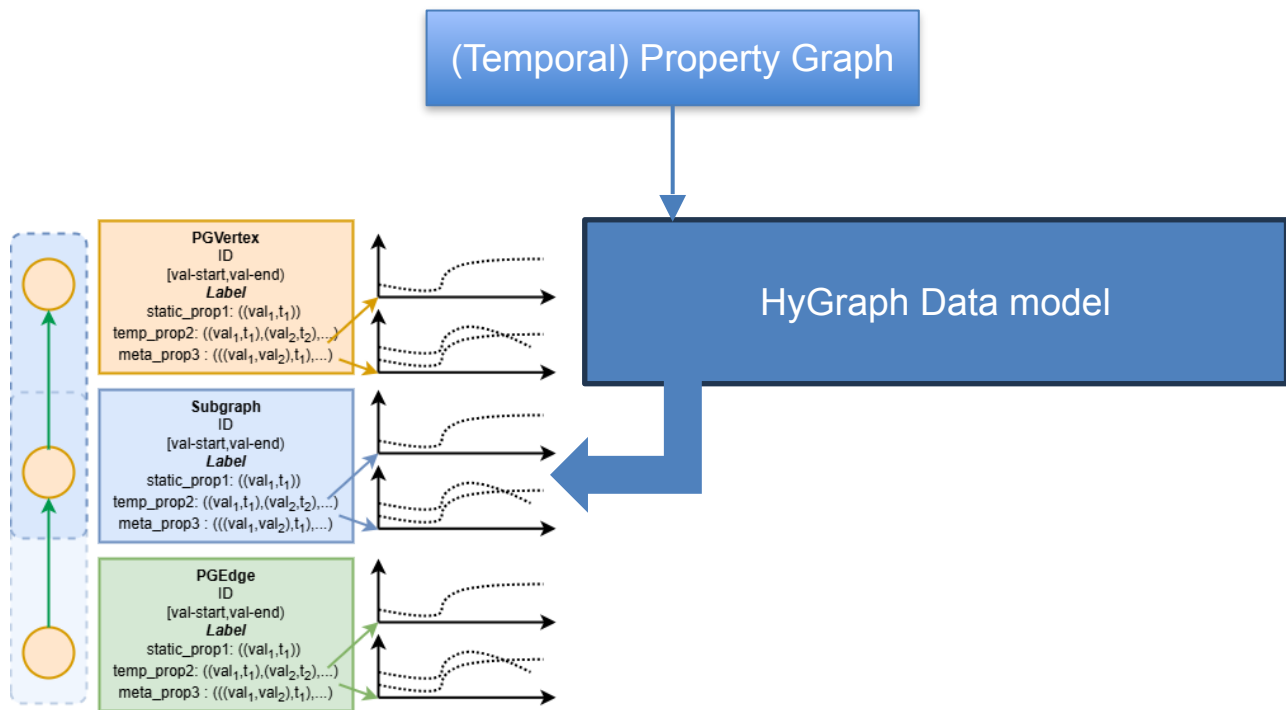
HyGraph's Data Model – extend temporal PG and TS

- Time series as a **Property** for Graph elements
- Time series as **Edge/Vertex** : **PG Vertex** and **TS Vertex**, **PG Edge** and **TS Edge** → Time series as a **first-class** citizen
 - TS Edge and TS Vertex can have label too
 - All edges and vertices are temporal (interval)
- **Multivariate** time series support
 - $ts = \{(t_1, y_1), (t_2, y_2), \dots, (t_n, y_n) | n \in N\}$, $y = (val_1, val_2, \dots, val_k)$.
- **Evolving** subgraphs
 - Mapping function of **subgraph** to a set of vertices and edges **per time**:

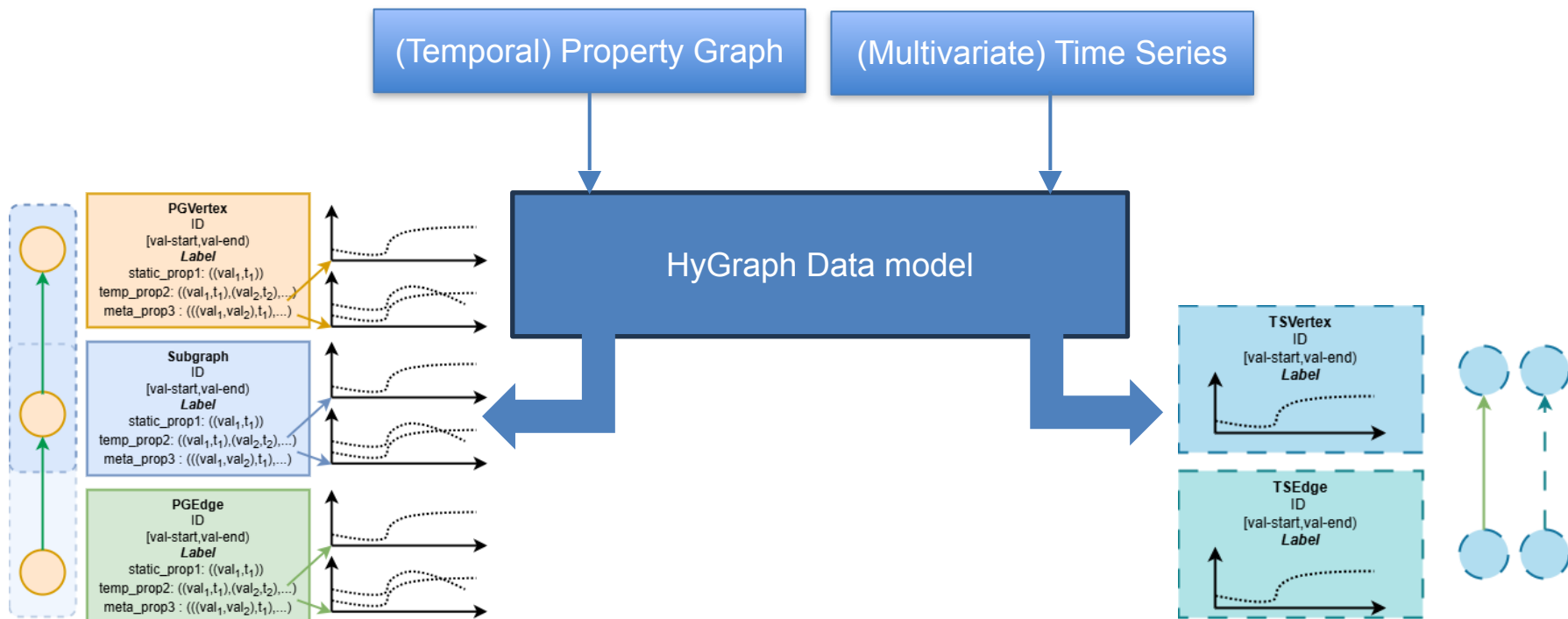
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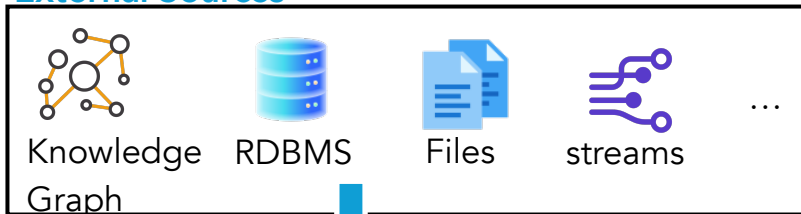


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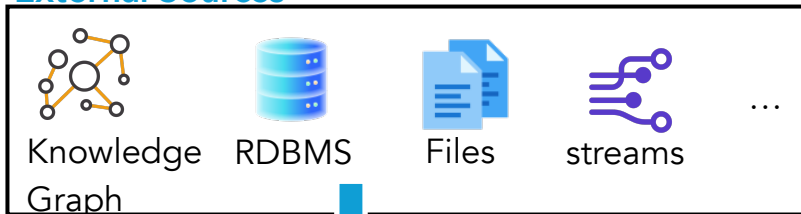
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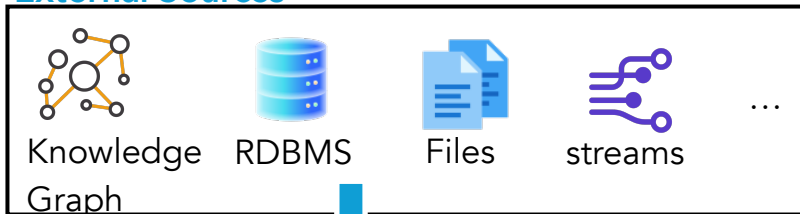


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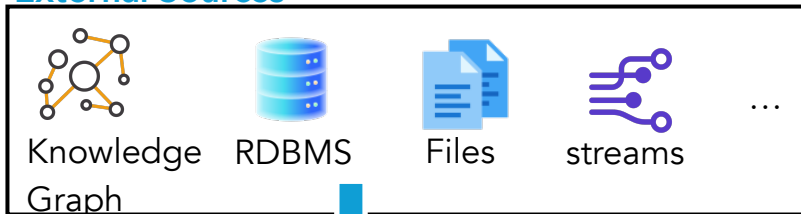


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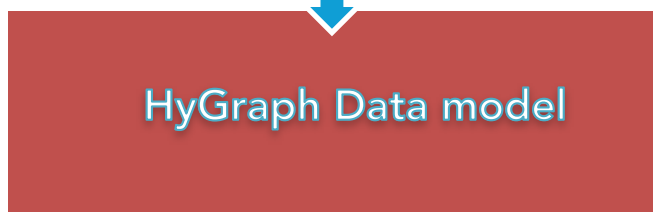


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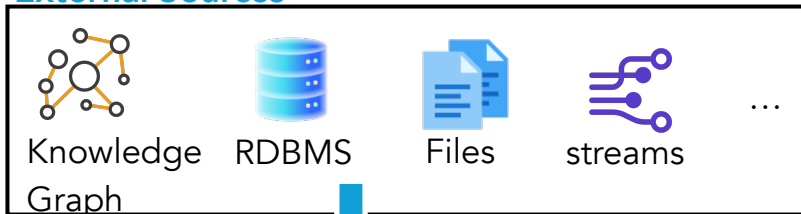
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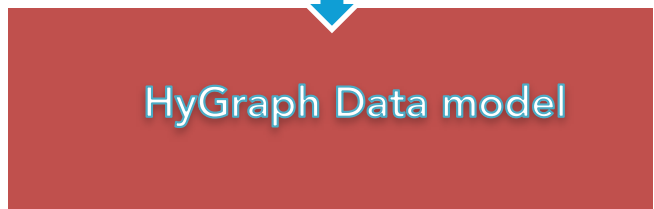
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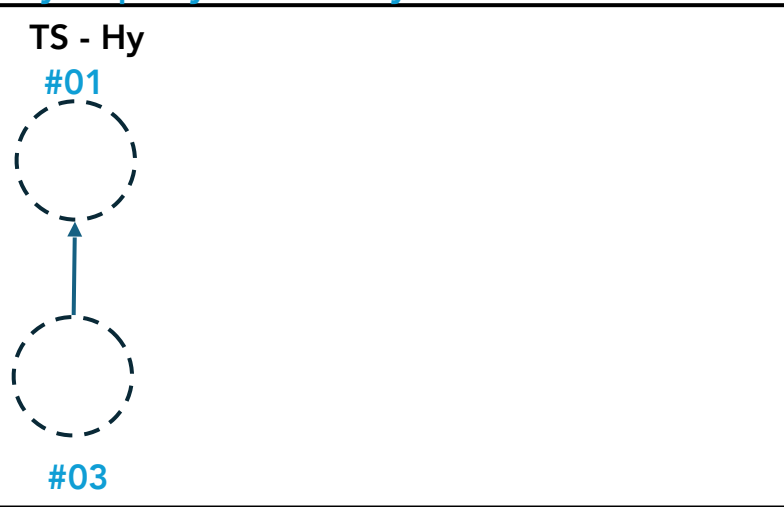
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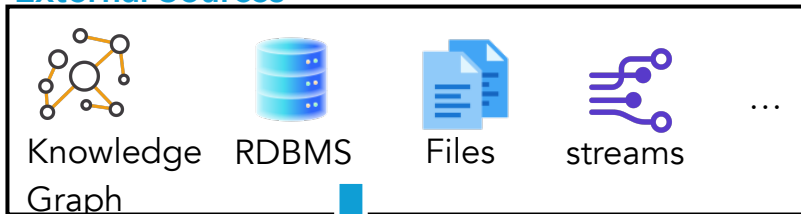


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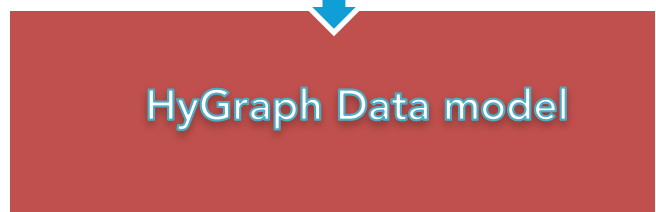


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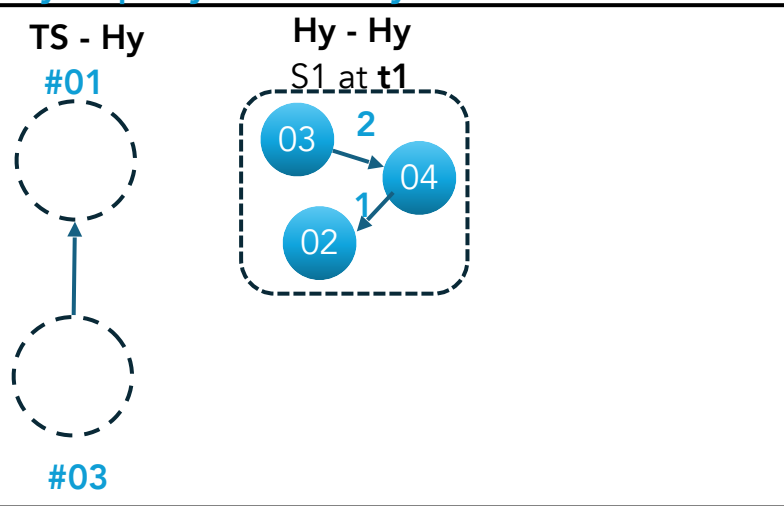
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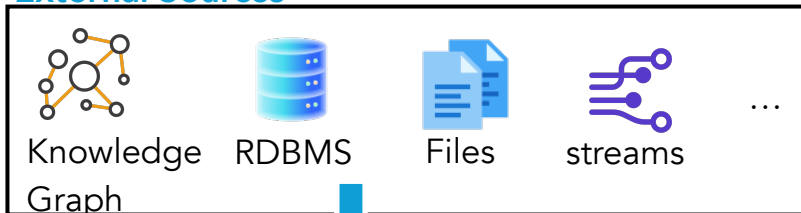


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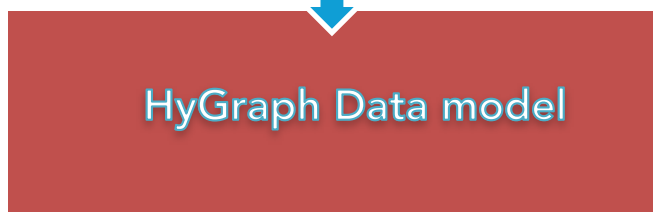


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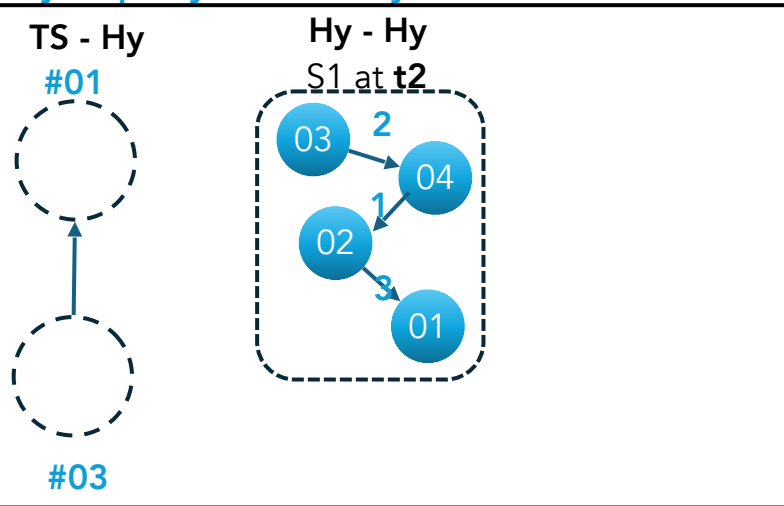
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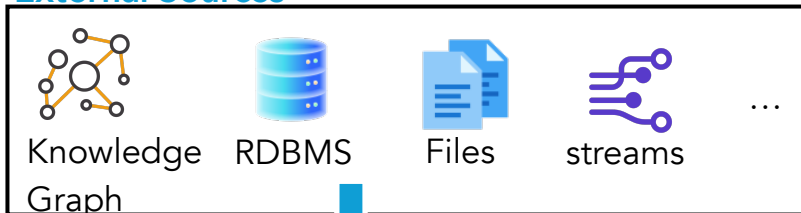
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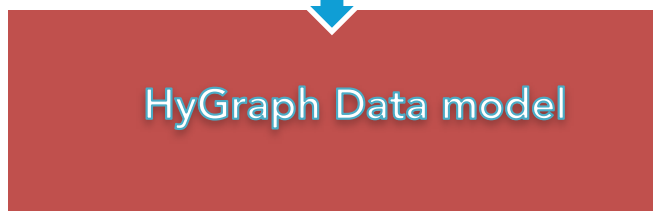
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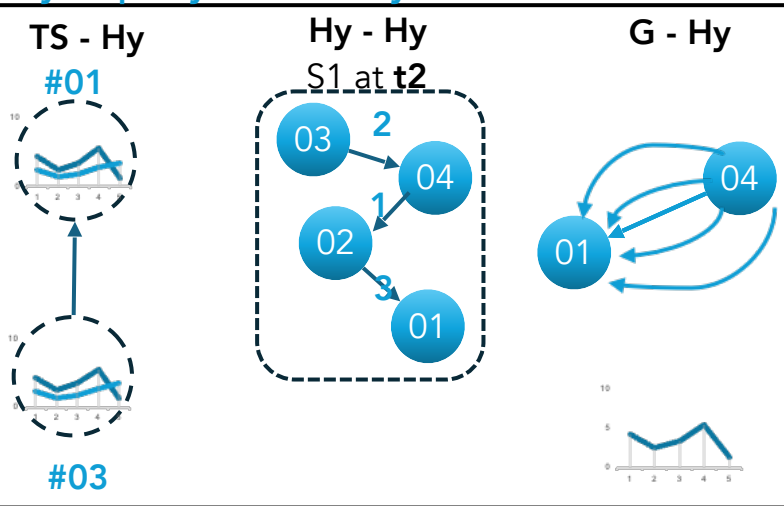
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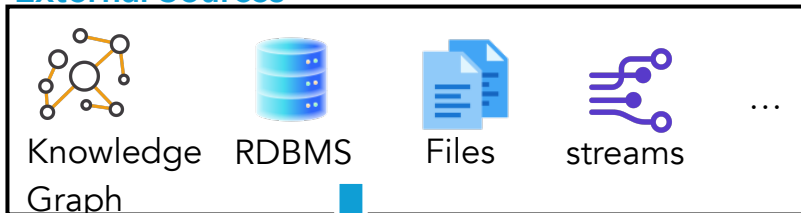
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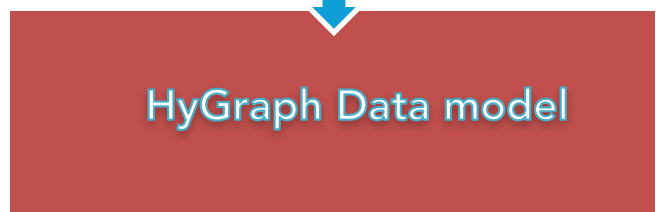
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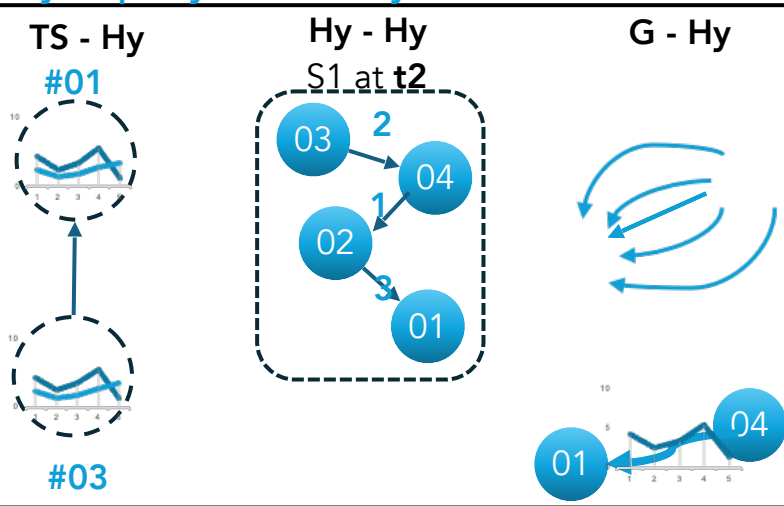
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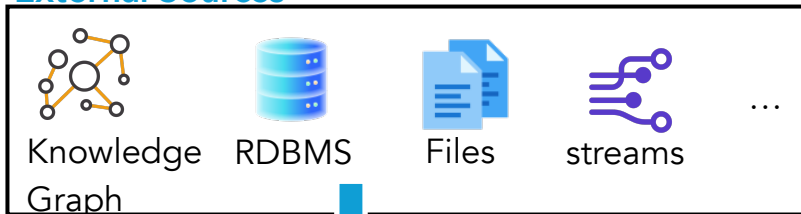
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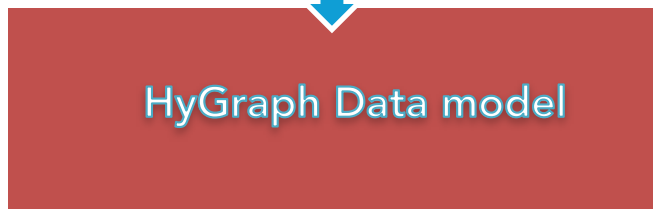
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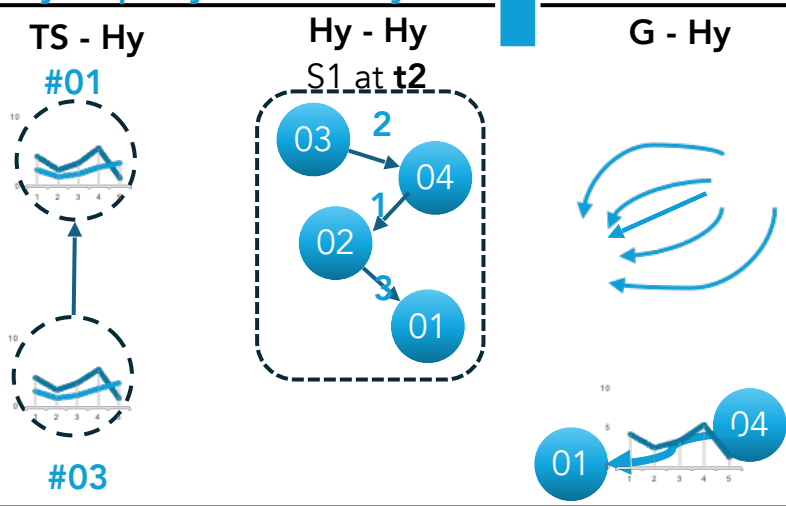
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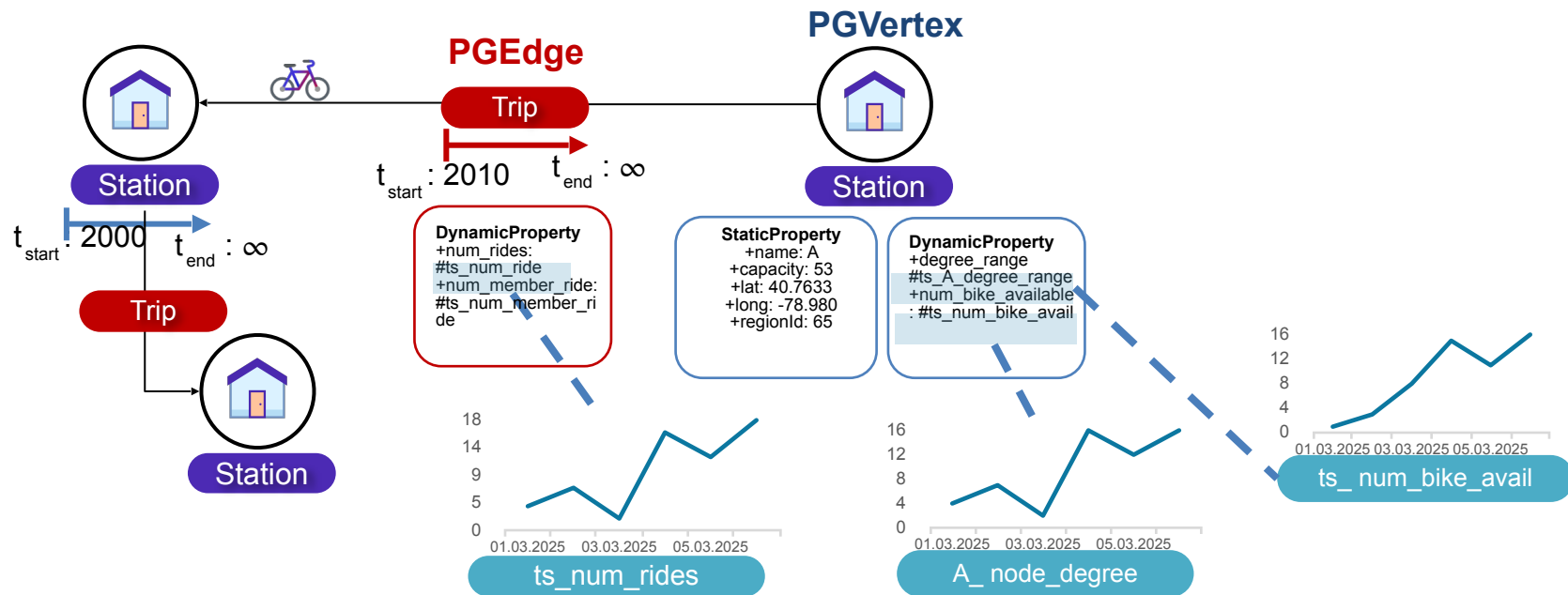
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HyGraph Operators (selection)

- Data Import & Export
 - Ingesting hybrid / single data into HyGraph
 - Extracting time series / graphs from HyGraphs
- Hybrid Pattern Matching
 - Querying both graph structures and time-series patterns in unified way
- Generating time-series data from evolving graph metrics
 - E.g., node degree evolution, clustering evolution
- Generating a graph from similar time series patterns

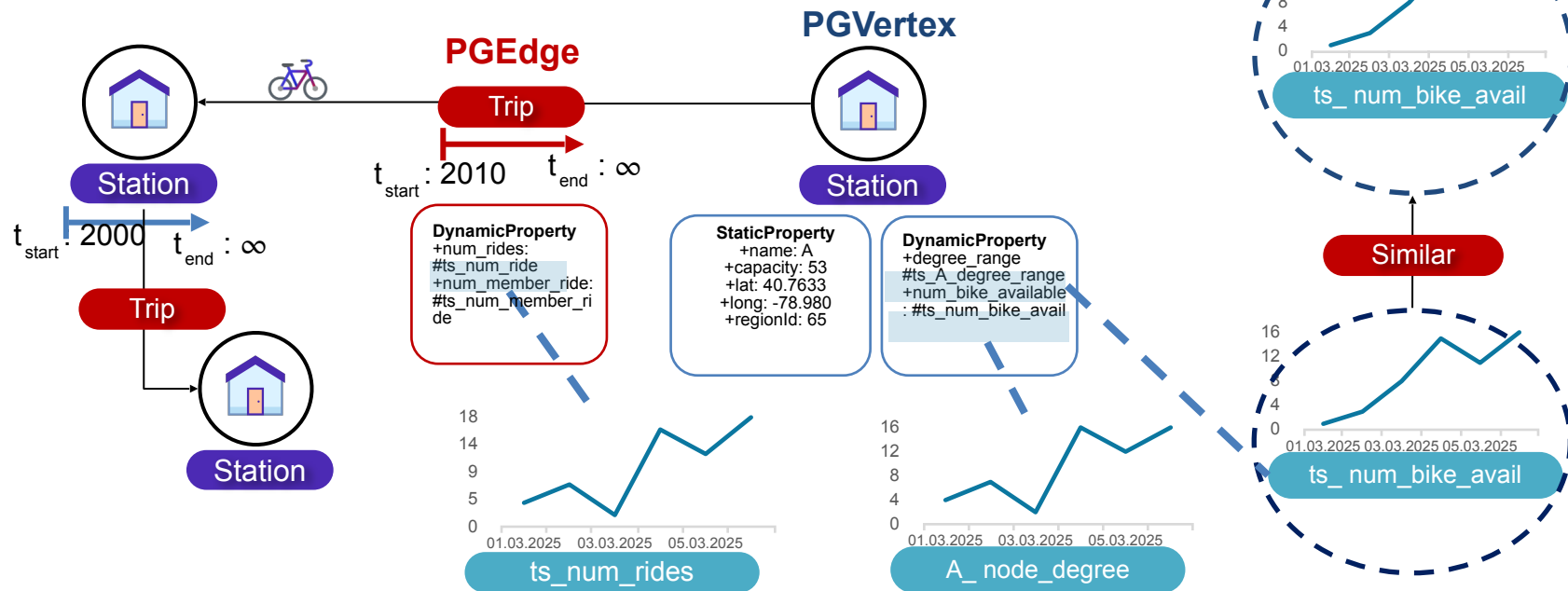
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Preliminary Work & Open Challenges

HyGraph open source python Library <https://pypi.org/project/hygraph-core/>

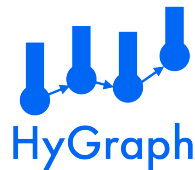
- Handling Graph and Time series storage and processing in-memory
- Libraries: NetworkX (graph operations), Xarray (for time series data)

Open Challenges:

- ✓ Extending the hybrid analytics possibilities,
- ✓ Hybrid learning models over structural and temporal features,
- ✓ Scalable storage and indexing of hybrid operators



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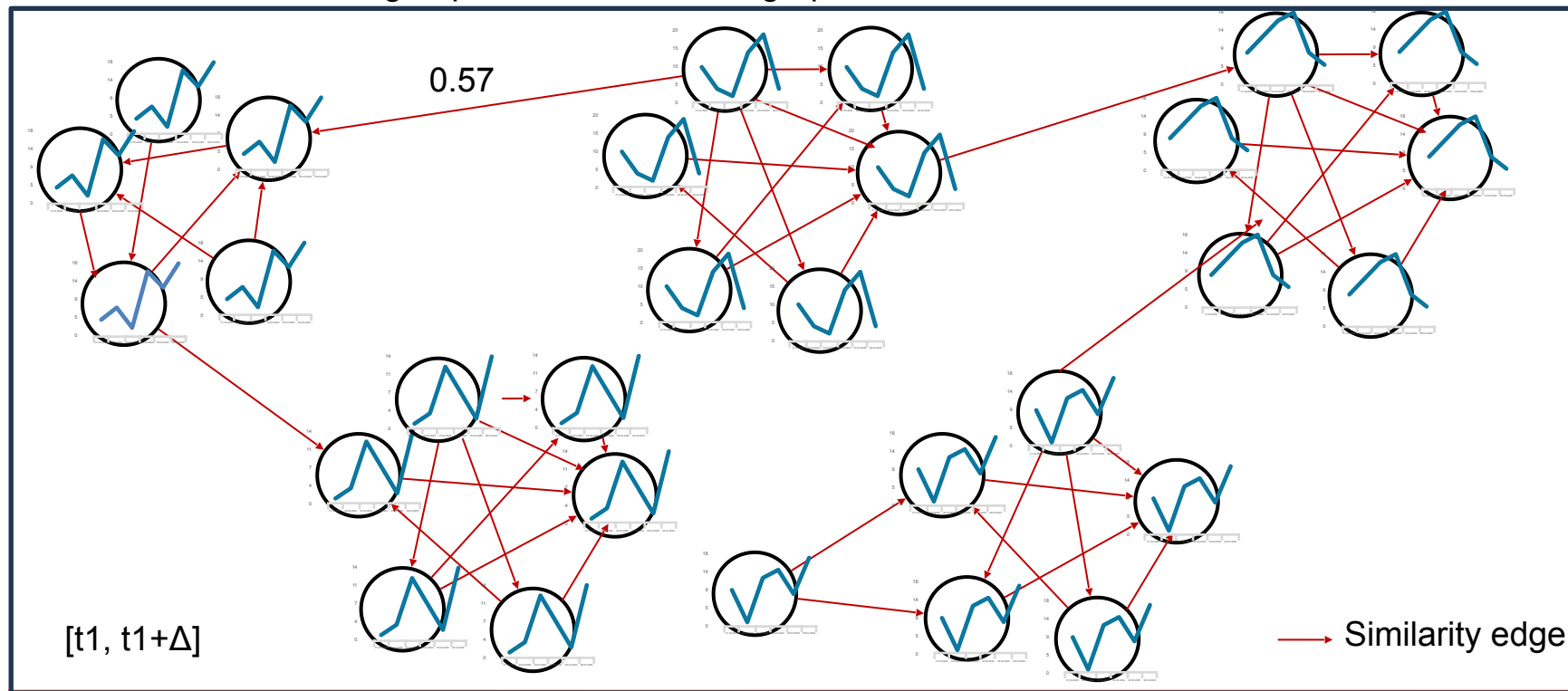
Comparing between All-in-Graph and Polyglot approach « TimeTravelDB »

	Neo4j		TTDB	
QUERIES	MRT(s)		MRS	
Q1	0.0034		4.33	
Q2	41.47		7.02	
Q3	56.09		20.48	
Q4	31109		71.86	
Q5	73814		62.85	
Q6	73446		64.95	
Q7	48299		48.39	
Q8	54494		48.61	



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