

How Accurate is Item-Level Search for Digital Records?

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Digital Records

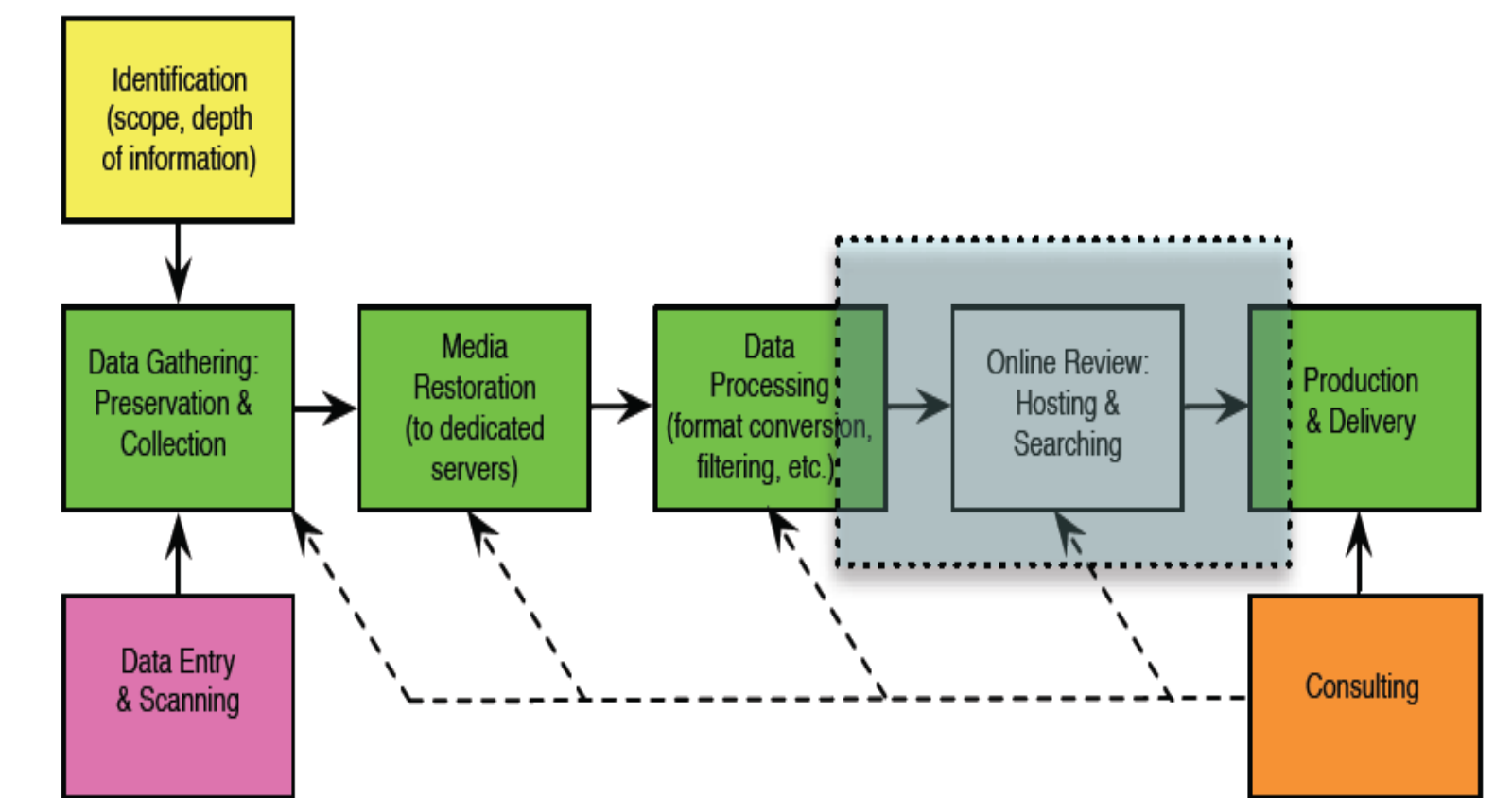
- Rapidly increasing scale
- Decentralized creation and management
- Somewhat “self-describing”
 - Content of individual items
 - Relationships between items

Key Questions

- How many “relevant” items exist?
- How many can practically be found?
- Which “methods” work best?
 - Which automated techniques?
 - Which ways of using those techniques?

Applications

- eDiscovery
- FOIA
- End-user search



Jack G. Conrad, “E-Discovery Revisited: A Broader Perspective for Researchers,” DESI-1

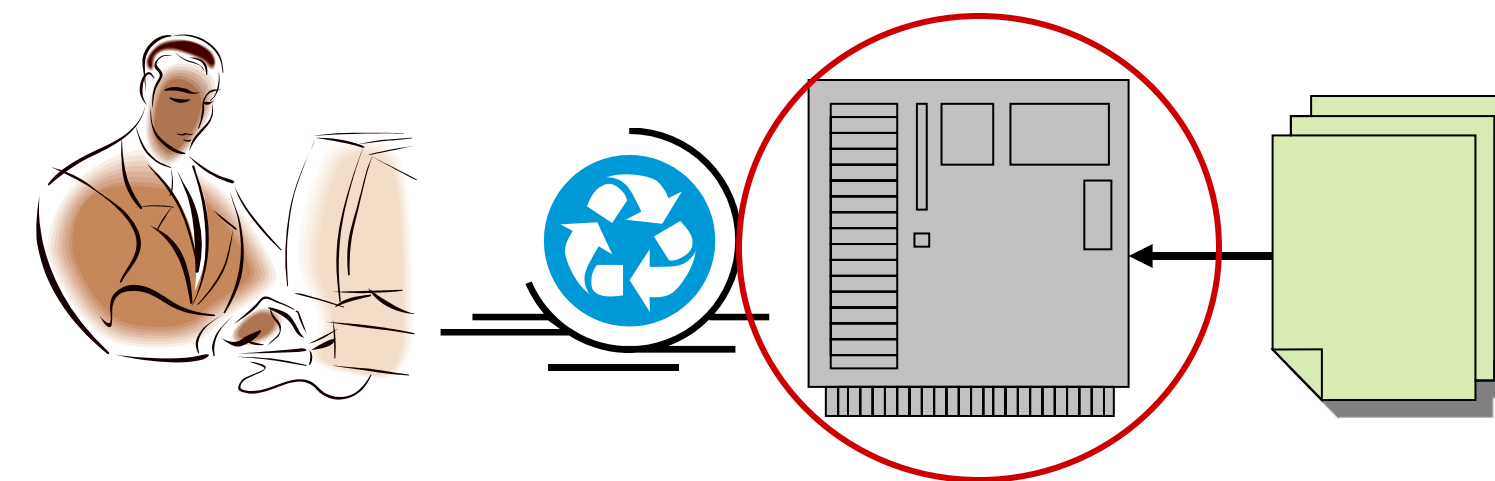
The TREC Legal Track (annually since 2006)

~7 Million Scanned Business Records (Tobacco MSA)

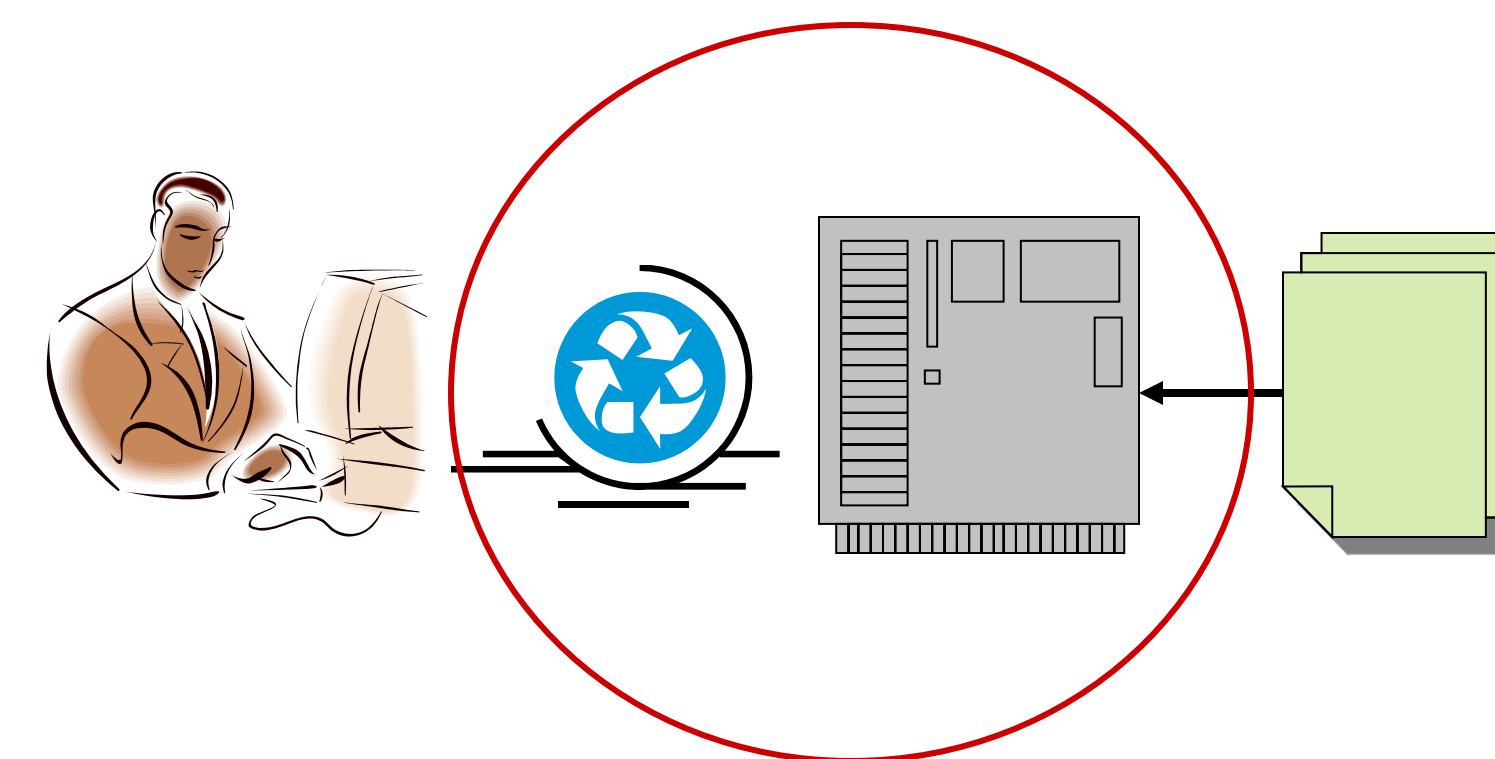
Two Types of Research Designs

Research Results from 21 Companies and Universities in 7 Countries

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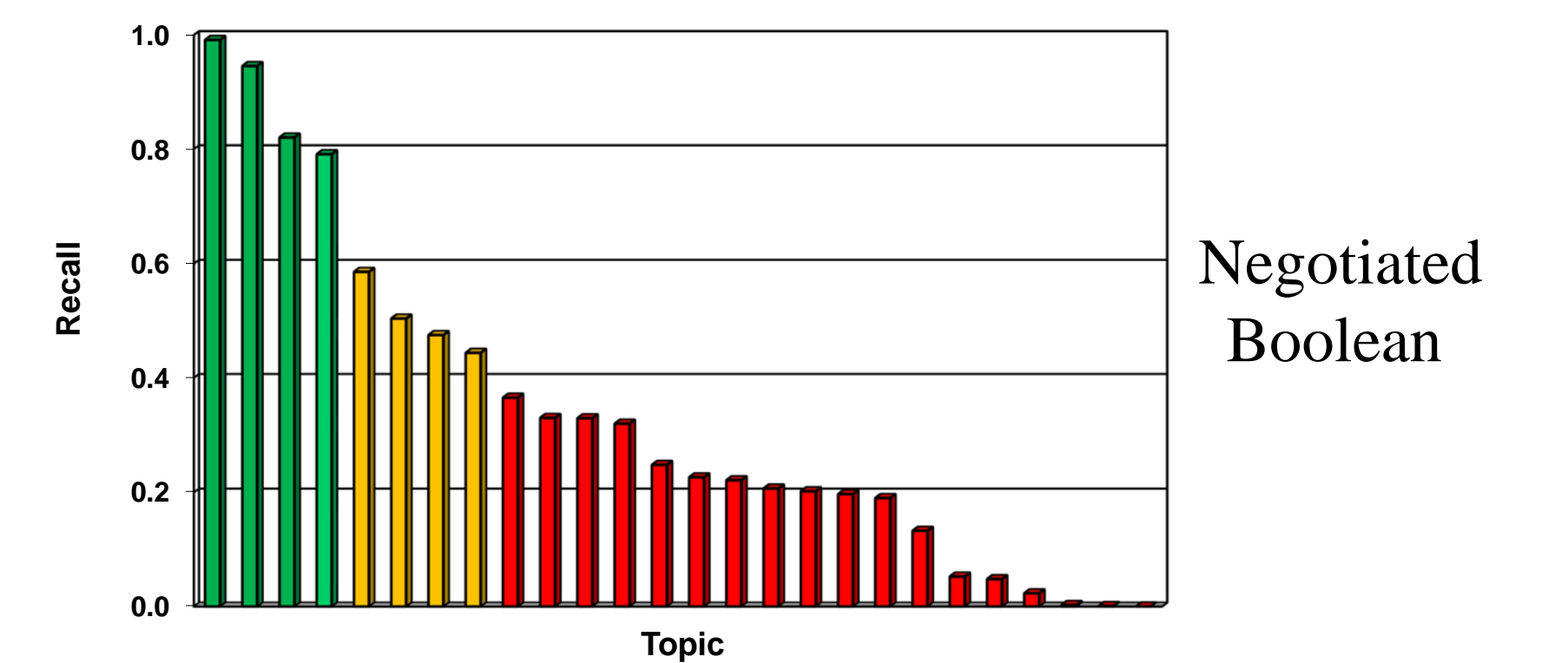
“Automatic” Task:
Boolean, Ad Hoc, Relevance Feedback, Batch, Learning



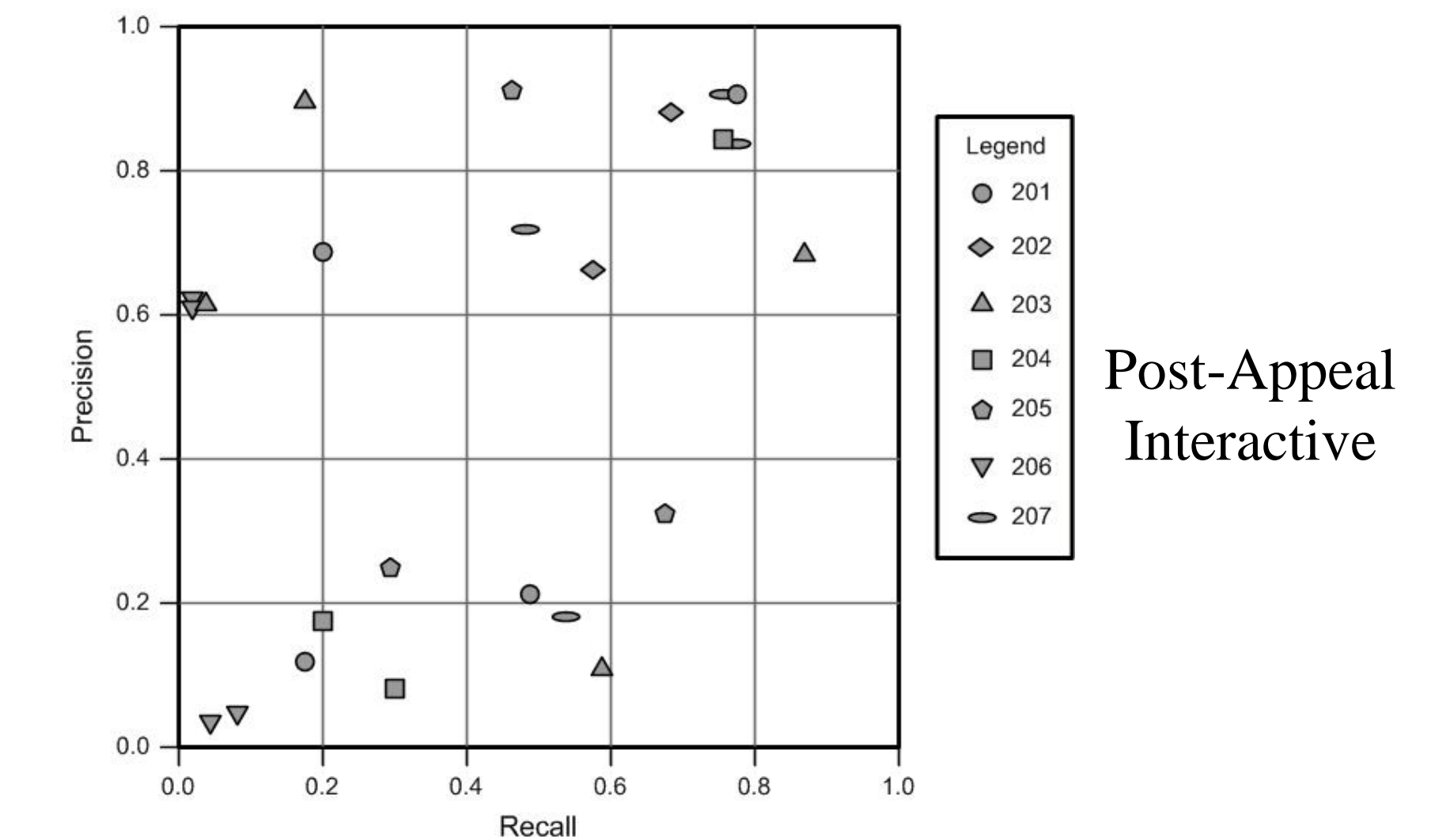
“Interactive” Task

Answer Keys for 116 eDiscovery “Production Requests”

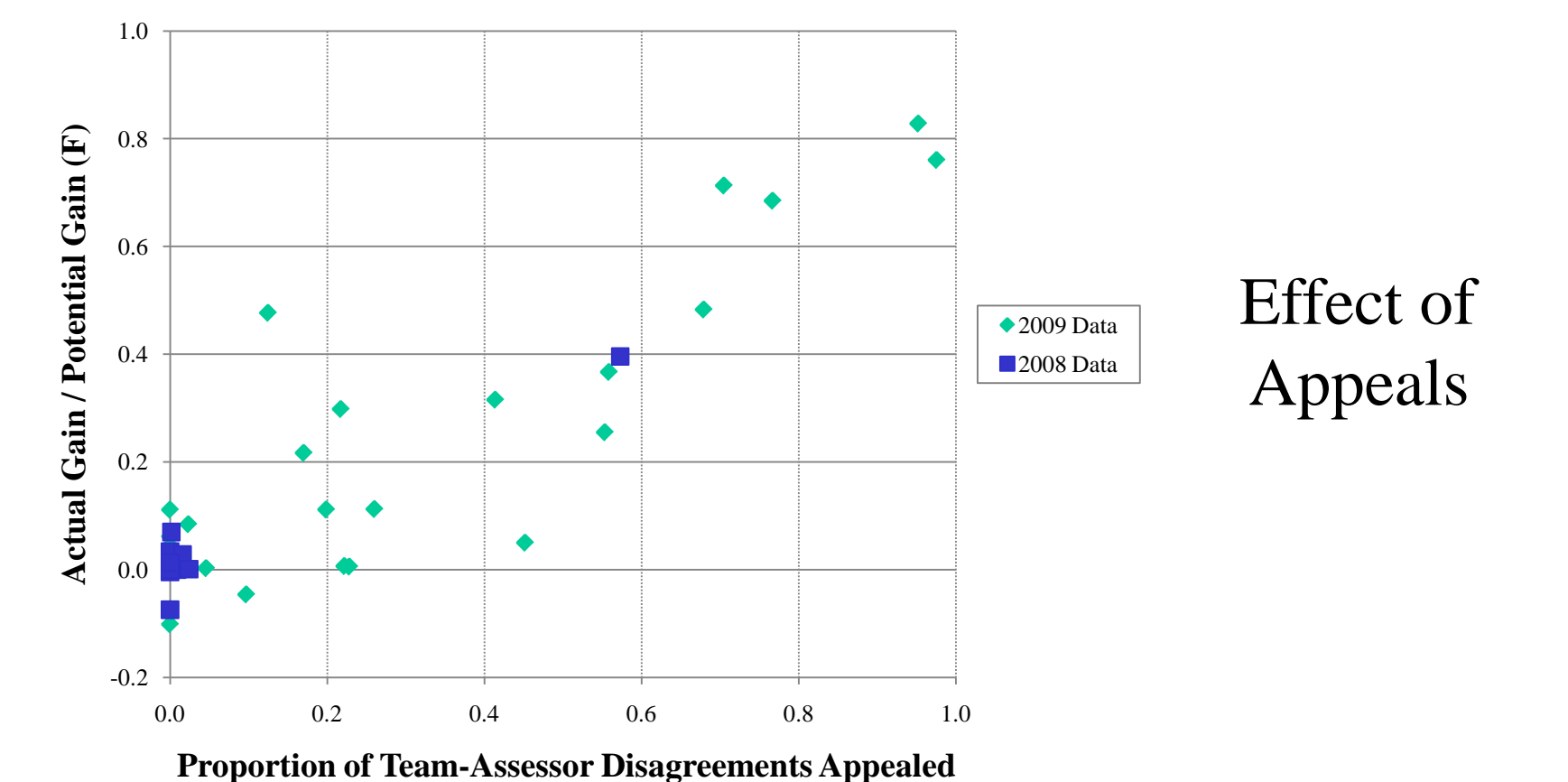
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Negotiated Boolean



Post-Appeal Interactive



Effect of Appeals

~0.5 Million Corporate Emails w/attachments (Enron)

Enron Corp. CEO: Core Businesses Are In 'Great Shape'
Dow Jones News Service, 03/23/01

Enron Says \$3.1 Bln Portland General Sale Probably Won't Close
Bloomberg, 03/23/01

USA: Broadband unit in strong shape, says Enron CEO.
03/23/2001
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HOUSTON, March 23 (Reuters) - Enron Corp.'s broadband unit will execute nearly twice as many trades in the first quarter of 2001 as it did in the fourth quarter of 2000, Enron President and Chief Executive Officer Jeff Skilling said on Friday.
"My expectation is that we will see over 400, maybe over 500 transactions this quarter which shows this business is absolutely developing, it is ahead of plans," Skilling said in a conference call that sought to assuage investor fears about Enron's stock and its broadband unit specifically.
That is more than all 321 transactions done last year, and about twice the 236 done in the last quarter of 2000, he said.
Skilling also said long supply and a weak telecom market is offering Enron