# Chances and Marketing: On-line Conversation Analysis for Creative Scenario Creation

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## **DISCUS** Project

- Innovation technology for creative collaboration, and decision-making.
- Combine HHC (human-human collaboration) and HMC (human-machine collaboration) to form powerful system.
- Envision both synchronous and asynchronous collaboration for continuous innovation.
- Overcome superficiality of online interaction through augmented reflection



#### **DISCUS Overall Picture**



## The DISCUS Methodology





## **Marketing Scenarios**

- Marketing scenario creation
- Scenarios: short descriptions of future hypothetical situations
- Identifying chances → anticipate:
  - market need
  - new product
  - ...
- Some data is usually available
  - objective: surveys, questionnaires...
  - subjective: discussions, brainstorming sessions...





## **On-line Scenario Analysis**

- A group of marketing researchers
- Discus about a particular topic: "single women and cell phone usage"
- A big amount of raw information was available (questionnaires)
- They want to bootstrap a discussion of women interests using KeyGraphs
- Identify relevant chances on the scenario discussion



#### The Creative Chance Discovery Process

- A first test of the methodology:
  - (1) Data gathering (*objective data*)
  - (2) Data processing and mining (*objective data*)
  - (3) Initial scenario creation (*objective data*)
  - (4) Free discussion and reflection using the initial scenario (*subjective data*)
  - (5) Creation of new scenarios (subjective data)





## Initial Scenario Creation

- Approximately 900 questionnaires were available
- Cover three major US cities (New York, Chicago, Los Angeles)
- A data cube was generated using D2K
- Relevant rules were extracted using D2K's rule association miner
- Marketing researchers examined the rules and selected the relevant data subset they were interested (single women group)
- An initial KeyGraph was built using the filtered data







#### **Initial Scenario**





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### **On-line Scenario Discussion**

- Using the DISCUS infrastructure, the marketing researchers engage a discussion about the chances in the initial scenario
- The conversation was analyzed on-line
- The analysis was available at two levels:
  - Message level
  - Discussion level
- KeyGraphs of the current discussion was available





#### Chance Discovery and Creativity Support: Final Remarks

- On-line analysis enables fast feedback
- KeyGraphs provide:
  - a visual map of the discussion
  - an externalization of the main topics and relations
  - provide a common tools for reasoning about chances
- Fast feedback speedup the creative process
  - cluster consolidation (convergent thinking)
  - cluster connection (divergent thinking)
- Fatigue fighting (game like approach)





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