

Data Science

Opportunities and Risks

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Data versus Information

- **Data**

- Elementary definition of a fact
 - E.g. temperature, exam grade, account balance, message, photo, transaction, etc.
- Can be complex
 - E.g. a satellite image
- Can also be very simple, and taken in isolation, not very useful
- But the integration with other data becomes useful

- **Information**

- Obtained by interpretation and analysis of data to yield sense in a given *context*
- Can be very useful to understand the world
 - E.g. climate evolution, ranking of a student, etc.

Les données en question

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Au cœur de la connaissance et de l'information, les données ont peu à peu pris une importance qui nous dépasse. Mais qu'entend-on exactement par données ? Quels sont les enjeux autour de leur gestion ou de leur analyse ? Quels impacts sur la société ?



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Une donnée est la description élémentaire d'une réalité ou d'un fait, comme par exemple un

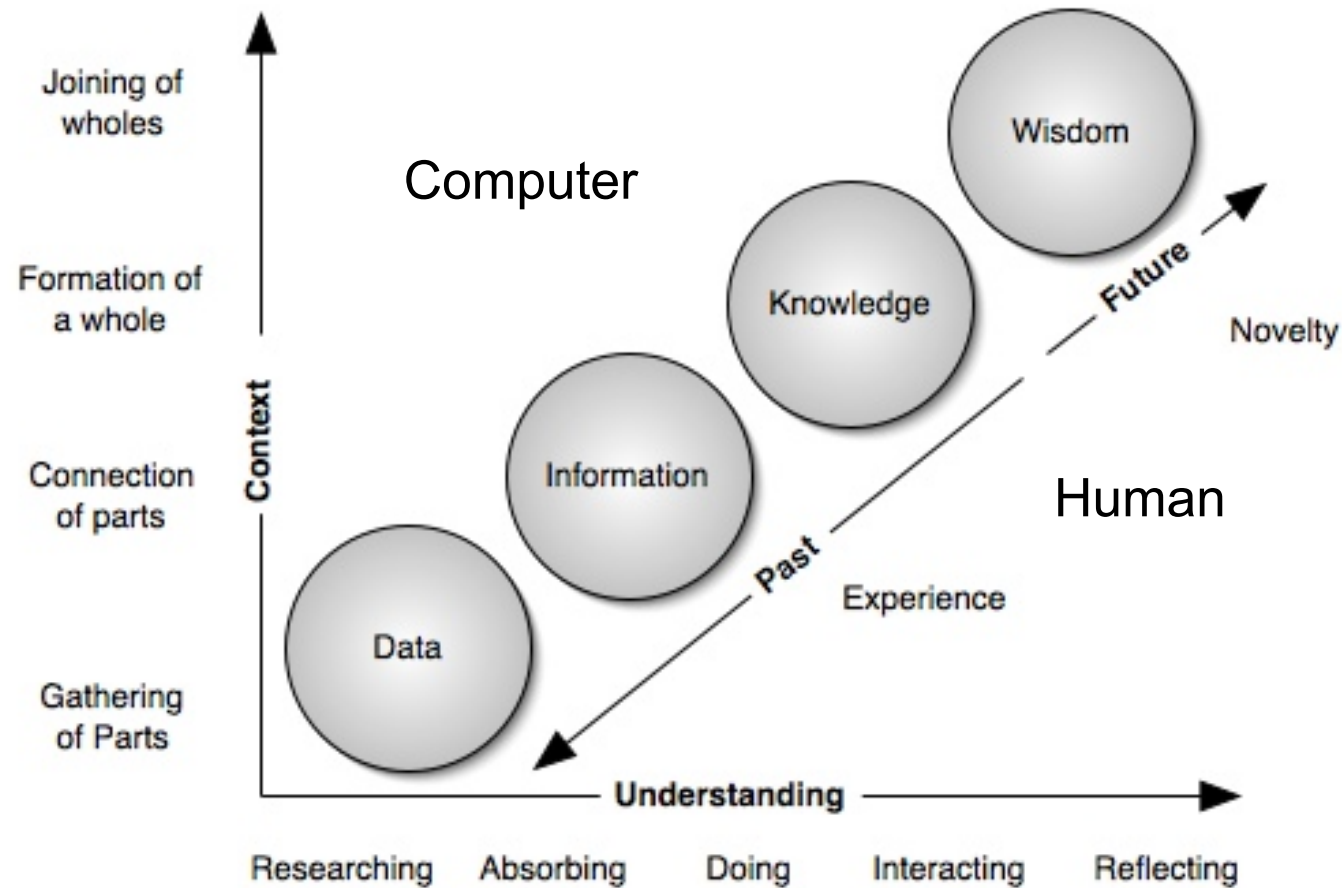
Data and Algorithm

"Content without method leads to fantasy,
method without content to empty sophistry."

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe (Maxims and Reflections, 1892)

- The better the datasets, the better the machine learning algorithms
- Milestones
 - 1997: IBM Deep Blue defeats Chess world champion Garry Kasparov
 - Negascout planning algorithm (1983)
 - Dataset of 700 thousands of chess games (1991)
 - 2016: Google Alphago defeats Go master Lee Sedol (4-1)
 - Monte Carlo method based algorithm (from the 1940's) and neural network
 - Dataset of 30 millions of go moves

The Continuum of Understanding



- The more the data, the better the understanding
 - If we (humans) do a good job

Outline

1. Data science
2. The good, the bad and the ugly
3. Technologies for data science
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5. Opportunities and risks

Data Science



Data Science: definition

- Data science

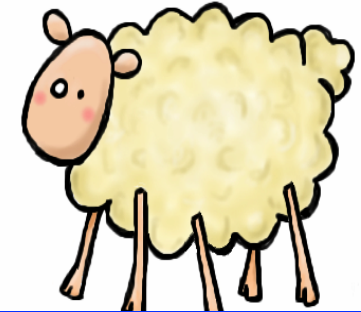
- The science of making sense of data
- The use of data management, statistics and machine learning, visualization and human-computer interactions to collect, clean, integrate, process, analyze and visualize big data
- Ultimate goal: create data products and data services

- Data scientist

- Strong skills in statistics, data analysis and machine learning
- AND strong knowledge of the business domain, to interpret the analysis results and draw meaningful conclusions

Data Science: definition

Hard to find data scientists !



New training programs all over the world

Should we all be teaching “Intro to Data Science” instead of “Intro to Databases”?

ACM SIGMOD panel 2014

Big Data: what is it?

- A buzz word!
 - With different meanings depending on your perspective
 - E.g. 10 terabytes is big for an OLTP system, but small for a web search engine
- A definition (Wikipedia)
 - Consists of data sets that grow so *large* that they become awkward to work with using on-hand data management tools
 - *But size is only one dimension of the problem*
- How *big* is big?
 - Moving target: terabyte (10^{12} bytes), petabyte (10^{15} bytes), exabyte (10^{18}), zetabyte (10^{21})
 - Landmarks in DBMS products
 - 1980: Teradata database machine
 - 2010: Oracle Exadata database machine

Why Big Data Today?

- **Overwhelming amounts of data**
 - Exponential growth, generated by all kinds of programs, networks and devices
 - E.g. Web 2.0 (social networks, etc.), mobile devices, computer simulations, satellites, radiotelescopes, sensors, etc.
- **Increasing storage capacity**
 - Storage capacity has doubled every 3 years since 1980 with prices steadily going down
 - 1 Gigabyte (HDD): \$400K in 1980, \$10K in 1990, \$1K in 1995, \$10 in 2000, \$0.02 in 2015
- **Very useful in a digital world!**
 - Massive data => high-value information and knowledge

Big Data Dimensions: the V's

- **Volume**
 - Refers to massive amounts of data
 - Makes it hard to store and manage
- **Velocity**
 - Continuous data streams are being produced
 - Makes it hard to process online
- **Variety**
 - Different data formats, different semantics, uncertain data, multiscale data, etc.
 - Makes it hard to integrate
- **Other V's**
 - Validity: is the data correct and accurate?
 - Veracity: are the results meaningful?
 - Volatility: how long do you need to store this data?

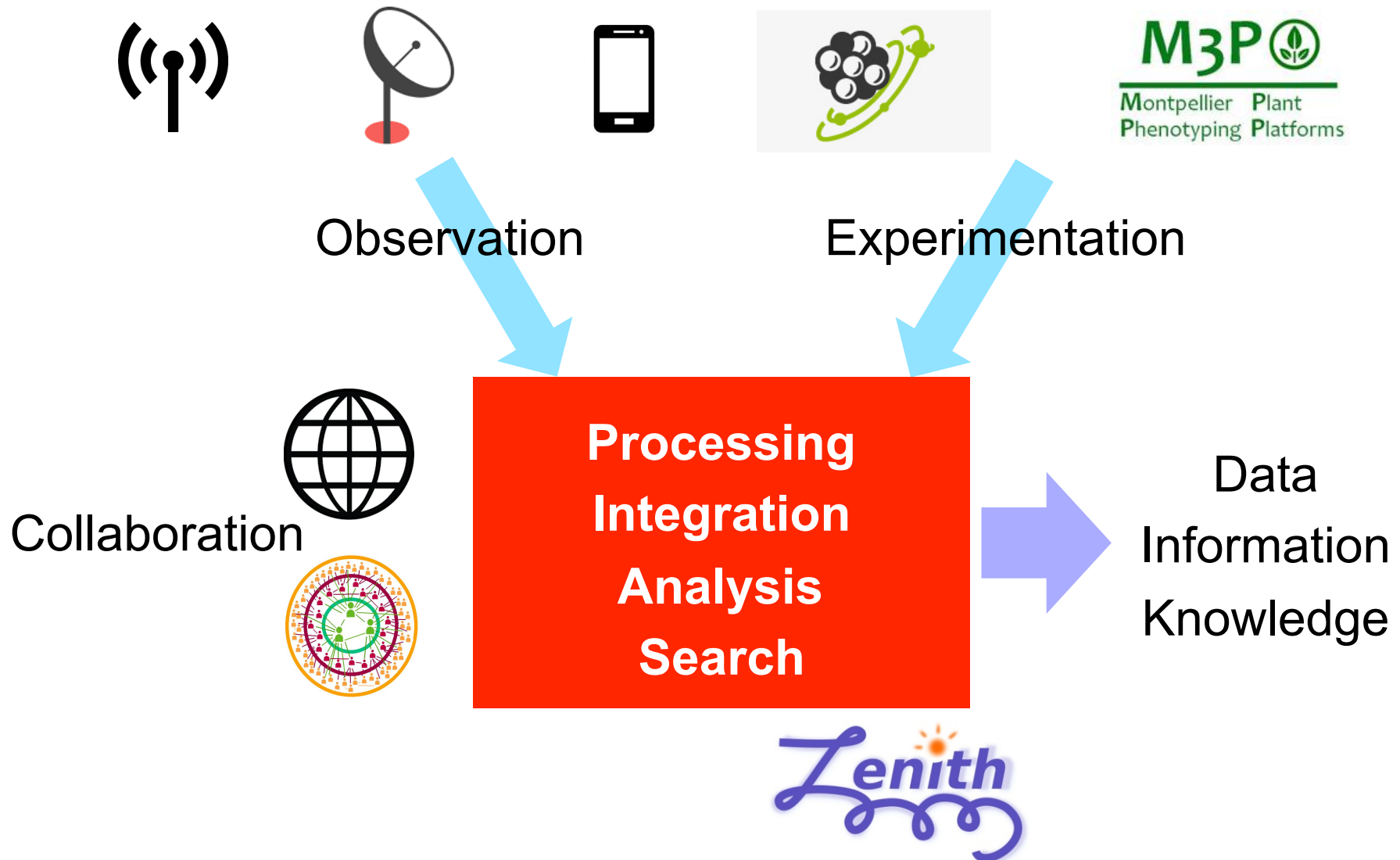
Big Data Analytics (BDA)

- Objective: find useful information and discover knowledge in data
 - Typical uses: forecasting, decision making, research, science, ...
 - Techniques: data analysis, data mining, machine learning, ...
- Why is this hard?
 - Low information density (unlike in corporate data)
 - Like searching for needles in a haystack
 - External data from various sources
 - Hard to verify and assess, hard to integrate
 - Different structures
 - Unstructured text, semi-structured document, key/value, table, array, graph, stream, time series, etc.
 - Hard to integrate
 - Simple machine learning models don't work
 - See next: "When big data goes bad" stories

Some BDA Killer Apps

- Social network analysis
 - Modeling, simulation, visualization of large-scale networks
- Online fraud detection across massive databases
 - Applicable in many domains (e-commerce, banking, telephony, etc.)
- National security
 - Signal intelligence, cyber analytics
- Real-time processing and analysis of raw data from high-throughput scientific instruments
 - E.g. to detect changing external conditions
- Health care/medical science
 - Drug design, personalized medicine

Example: data-intensive science



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The problem

"Scientists are spending most of their time manipulating, organizing, finding and moving data, instead of researching. And it's going to get worse"

The Office Science Data Management Challenge
(USA DoE 2004)

In bioinformatics, the time to deal with data can be well above 50% (IBC annual review 2017)

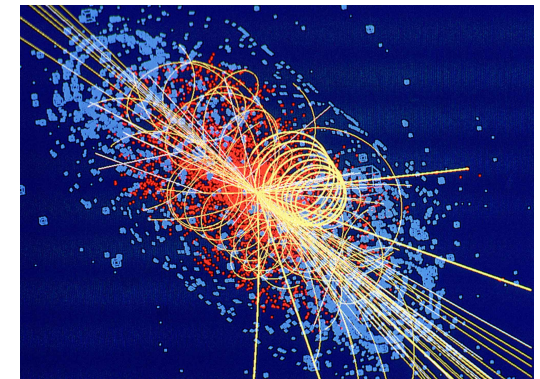
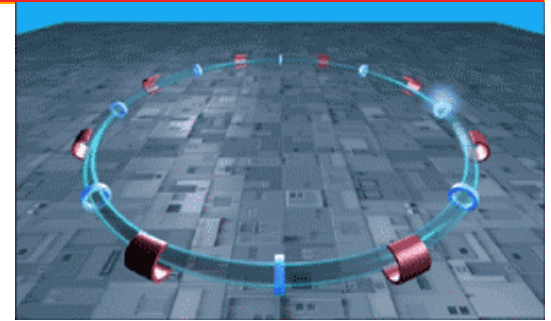
Data Science

the good, the bad and the ugly



The good: Higgs Boson @ CERN

- **LHC (Large Hadron Collider)**
 - Instrument to study the properties of fundamental particles in physics
 - Produces 15 petabytes / year
 - Made available through the LHC Computing Grid to several computing centers, e.g. CC-IN2P3, Lyon
 - Up to 200,000 simultaneous analyses
- **High Boson discovery**
 - 2012: CERN announces that it had discovered a particle that was probably a Higgs boson particle as predicted by the Standard Model of particle physics
 - 2014: CERN confirms the discovery



The good: Google Sponsored Search Links

- Google Adwords and Adsense programs
 - Revenue around \$50 billion/year from marketing
 - The user defines its maximum cost-per-click bid (max. CPC bid), the most she's willing to pay for a click on her ad
- Sponsored search uses an auction
 - A pure competition for marketers trying to win access to consumers, i.e. a competition for **models** of consumers – their likelihood of responding to the ad – and of determining the right bid for the item
- There are around 30 billion search requests a month, perhaps a **trillion events** of history between search providers

When Big Data goes bad

FORTUNE

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The Bad



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The Bad

- Excerpts:

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Once a day profnath would raise their price to x times bordeebok's listed price. Several hours later, bordeebok would increase their price to y times profnath's latest amount.

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**Problem: over simplified models,
but reality is complex!**

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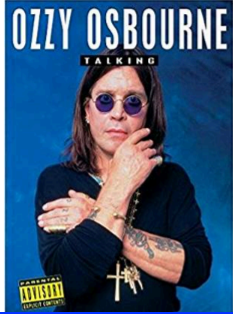
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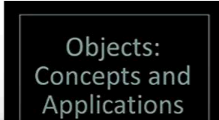
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The Ugly



A tiny company in Worcester, Mass., has paid the ultimate price for posting offensive T-shirts for sale online.

Fierce public backlash brought down [Solid Gold Bomb](#), which made [headlines](#) in March for offering shirts that said "Keep Calm and Rape a Lot." The company closed its doors last week and let go its remaining three employees.



The Ugly

- Excerpts:

Solid Gold Bomb, the company that made the shirt, wasn't necessarily aware that it was even selling it. Solid Gold Bomb's business isn't in artfully designing T-shirts. Instead, **it writes code that takes libraries of words that slot into popular phrases** (such as "Keep Calm and Carry On," which enjoyed a brief mimetic popularity online) to make derivations that **get dropped onto a template of a T-shirt and automatically get posted as an Amazon item for sale.**

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**Problem: context-independent model,
but context does matter!**

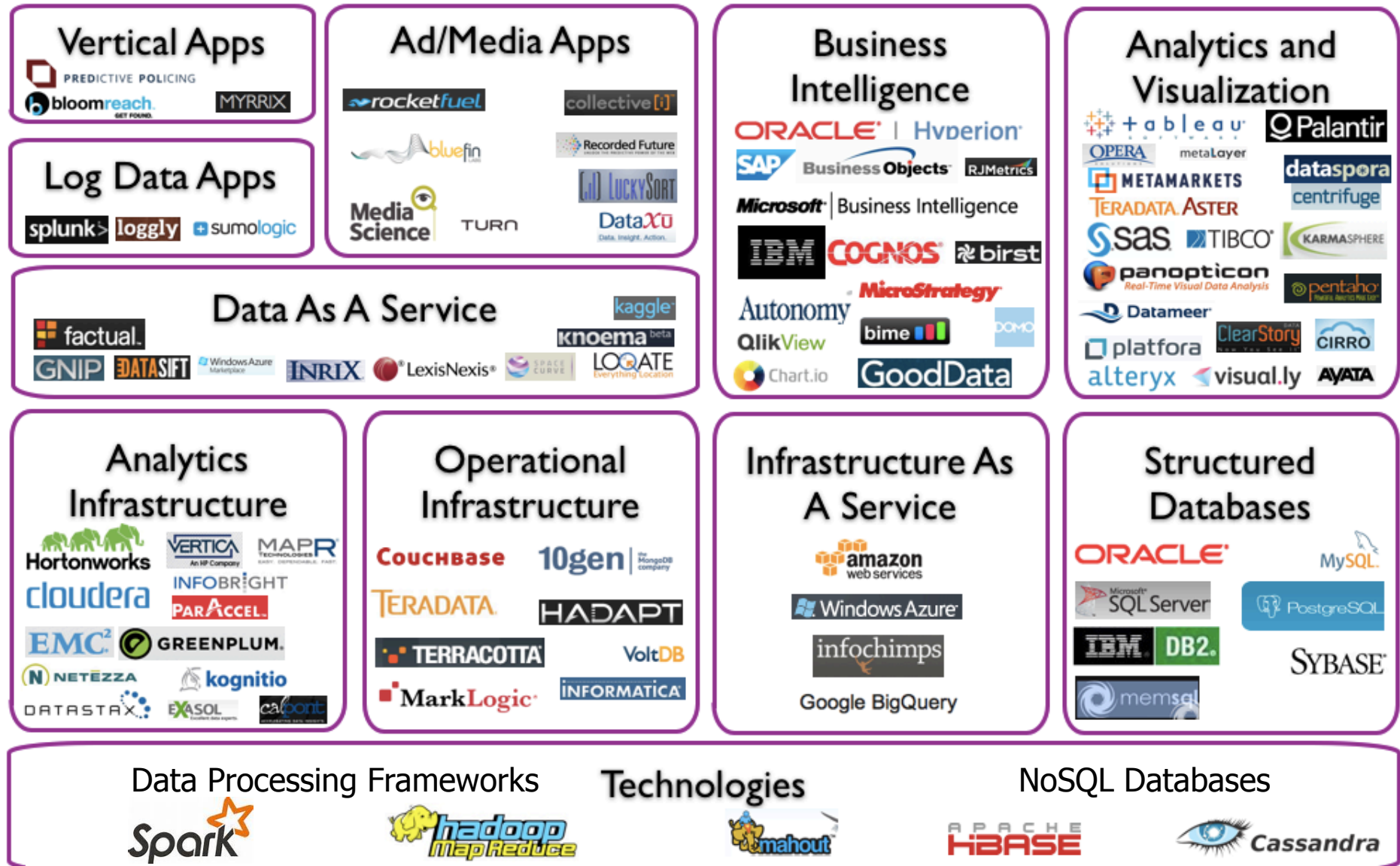
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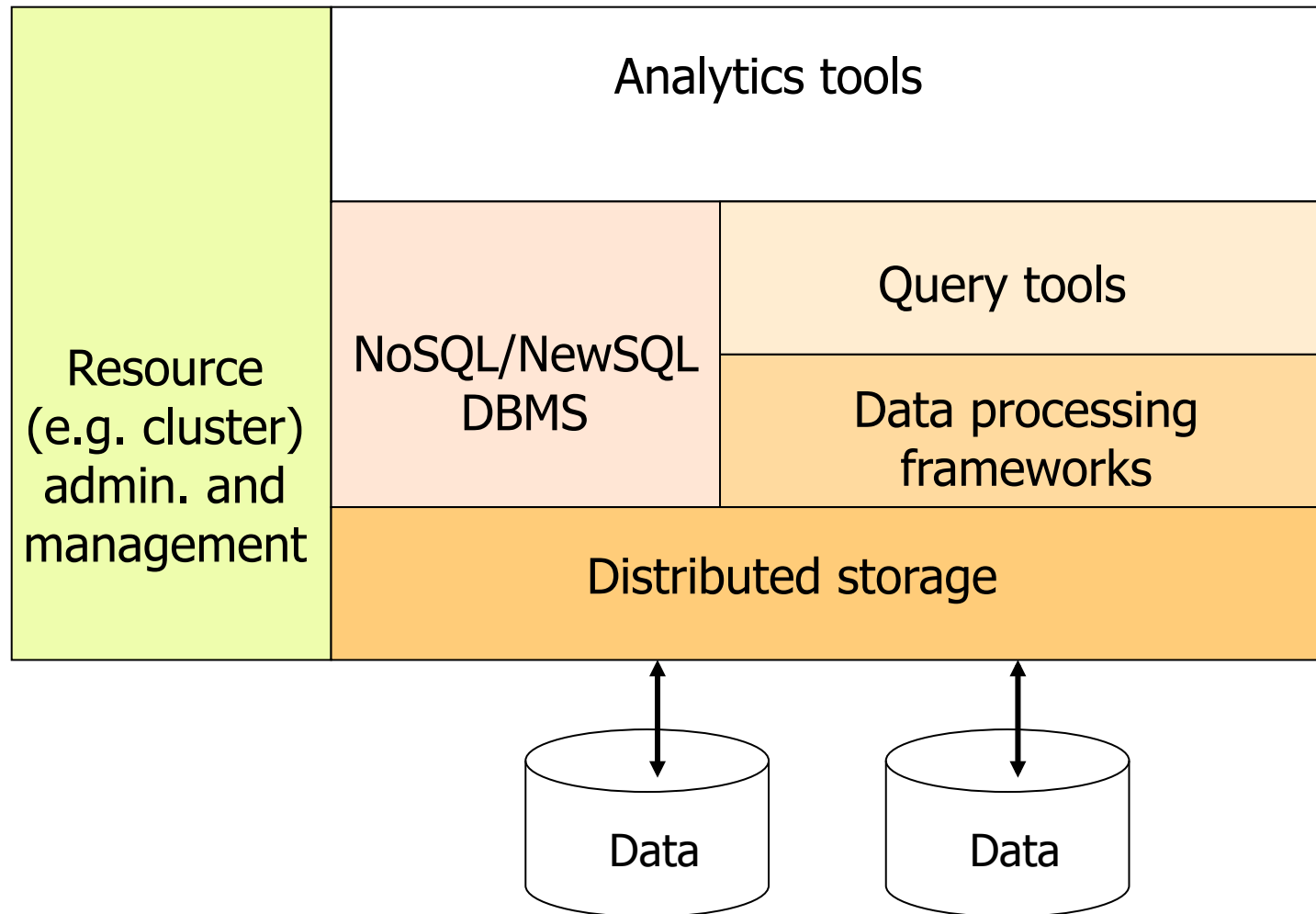
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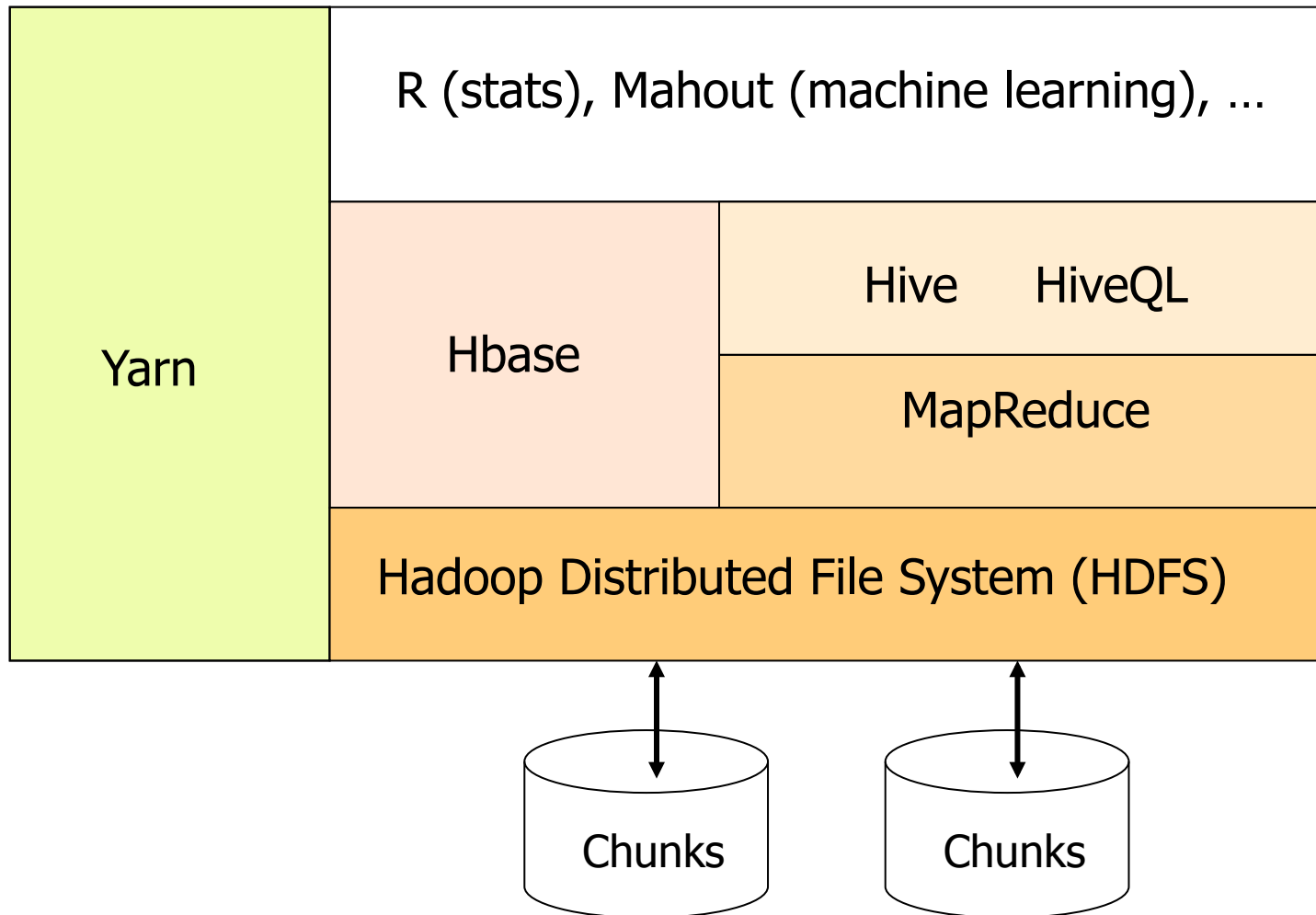
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A New Software Stack



Hadoop Architecture

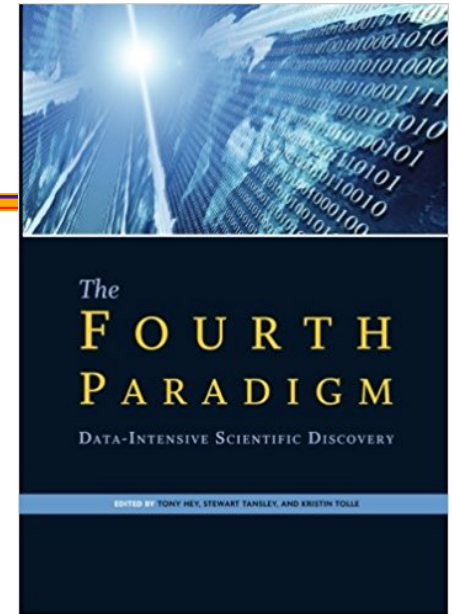


HPC & Big Data Analysis



Context: data-intensive science

- Modern science such as astronomy, biology and computational engineering must deal with overwhelming amounts of data
 - Generated by sensors, scientific instruments or simulation
- Increasingly, scientific breakthroughs will be powered by advanced computing capabilities that help researchers manipulate and explore these massive datasets
- Requires the integration of two paradigms
 - High-performance computing (HPC)
 - From high-end supercomputers to compute clusters
 - Data-intensive scalable computing (DISC)
 - Hadoop, Spark, Pregel, Giraph, NoSQL, NewSQL



HPC versus DISC

Dimensions	HPC	DISC
Focus	Compute-centric	Data-centric
Applications	Science, engineering	Web, business
Target	Simulation	Data management, data analysis
Objectives	High-performance	Scalability, fault-tolerance, availability, cost-performance
Programming models	Low-level (MPI, OpenMP) Operator libraries	High-level operators (Map, Reduce, Filter, ...)
Programming languages	C, C++	Java, Python, Scala
Parallel architectures	Shared-disk and specific hardware	Shared-nothing clusters of commodity hardware

Approaches



- **Postprocessing analysis**
 - Performs analysis after simulation, e.g. by loosely coupling a supercomputer and a DISC cluster (possibly in the cloud)
 - Simple, non intrusive but is restricted to batch analysis
- **In-situ analysis**
 - Runs on the same compute resources as the simulation, e.g. a supercomputer
 - Intrusive, but makes it easy to perform interactive analysis
- **In-transit analysis**
 - Offloads analysis to a separate partition of compute resources, e.g. using a single cluster with both compute nodes and data nodes
 - Less intrusive than in-situ, but requires careful synchronization of simulation and analysis

SciDISC

*Scientific data analysis using Data-Intensive
Scalable Computing*

Project coordinators: Marta Mattoso & Patrick Valduriez
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Opportunities



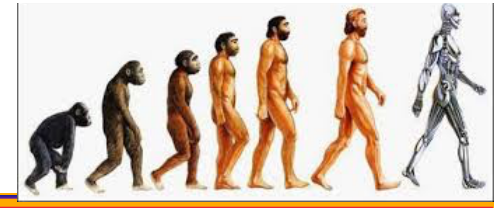
- **Cost reduction (vs. traditional data warehousing)**
 - New open source technologies (Hadoop, Spark, etc.)
 - Cloud services
- **Faster, better decision making**
 - Realtime data processing (e.g. online fraud detection)
 - Data crowdsourcing to produce timely, precise data
- **Better knowledge discovery**
 - Virtuous circle between machine learning and big data
- **New data products and services**
 - Two-sided markets (Uber, Airbnb, Leboncoin, etc.)
 - Digital health, digital agriculture, etc.

Risks



- **Data security**
 - The bigger your data, the bigger the target it presents to attackers
- **Data privacy**
 - Personal data can be misused by people who have responsibility for analytics, and may violate data protection laws
- **Cost**
 - Data collection, aggregation, storage, analysis, and reporting
 - Data security and privacy
- **Bad analytics**
 - Oversimplified or wrong models (see "when big data goes bad")
 - Misinterpreting the patterns shown by the data and drawing wrong conclusions
- **Bad data**
 - Many projects start off wrong by collecting irrelevant, out of date, or erroneous data

Impact on Homo Sapiens



- More and more intelligent tools
 - Self-driving cars, autonomous robots, digital assistants, drones, terminators, ...
 - Questions
 - Responsibility in case of problem (failure, collateral damage, ...)
 - Towards a job-less society
 - Freedom and privacy
- Transhumans (augmented humans)
 - Human enhancement through natural or artificial means
 - Questions
 - The end of natural selection
 - A new human species
 - Immortality, e.g. replacing a dead person by an AI



Thanks

