

BIG DATA



The Age of Data Deluge

Internet: the unprecedented information collector

- May 2012: 200m Web servers [Yahoo]
- estd 50+b static pages [Yahoo]
- 40 b photos [Facebook]
- 2012: 31b searches/m [Google]

Typical Big Data:

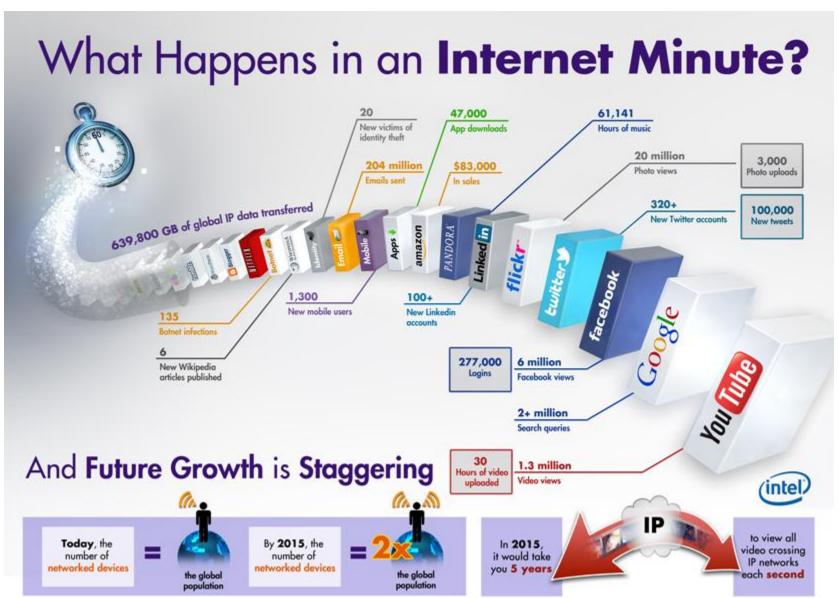
- Business Intelligence
- Social networks: Facebook, Twitter, GPS, ...
- Life Science: patient data, imagery, genetics, ...
- Geo Sci: Satellite imagery, weather data, crowdsourcing, ...
 - Petrol industry: "more bytes than barrels"



Ex: Facebook Graph









"The 4th Paradigm"

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Science Paradigms

- Thousand years ago: science was empirical describing natural phenomena
- Last few hundred years: theoretical branch using models, generalizations
- Last few decades:
 a computational branch simulating complex phenomena
- Today: data exploration (eScience)
 unify theory, experiment, and simulation
 - Data captured by instruments or generated by simulator
 - Processed by software
 - Information/knowledge stored in computer
 - Scientist analyzes database/files using data management and statistics









"Big Data": The 4+ Vs

"data too big to transport",
 but also "too complex to process"

- Volume ngEO plannings: 10^12 images under ESA custody
- Velocity NASA EOSDIS: 5 TB/d; LOFAR: 25 TB/h; phones: 1+ PB/d
- Variety grids; point clouds; general meshes; vectors; text; graphs; ...
- Veracity Quality, provenance, trust
- ...plus more in blogs: Value, Verisimilitude, Variability, Visualization, ...



Technology Responses

- Novel programming paradigms
 - Massive parallelization on distributed networks: MapReduce / Hadoop
 - Fixed paradigm: map() input to different nodes, then reduce() to result
 - Distribute algorithms over heterogeneous hw/sw: Apache Flink, Spark
- Database support for missing datatypes ("NoSQL")
 - Document DB (MongoDB), Graph DB (Neo4j), Array DB (rasdaman)
- Statistical & Machine Learning approaches

Big Data Analytics in a nutshell: Databases + Machine Learning