Virtual Appliances, Cloud Computing, and Reproducible Research

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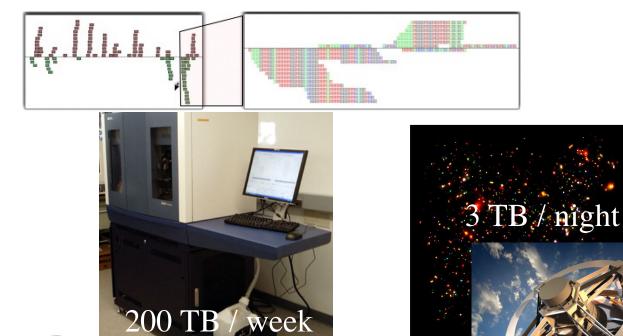
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eScience is about data

"Fourth Paradigm" Theory, Experiment, Computational Science Data-driven discovery







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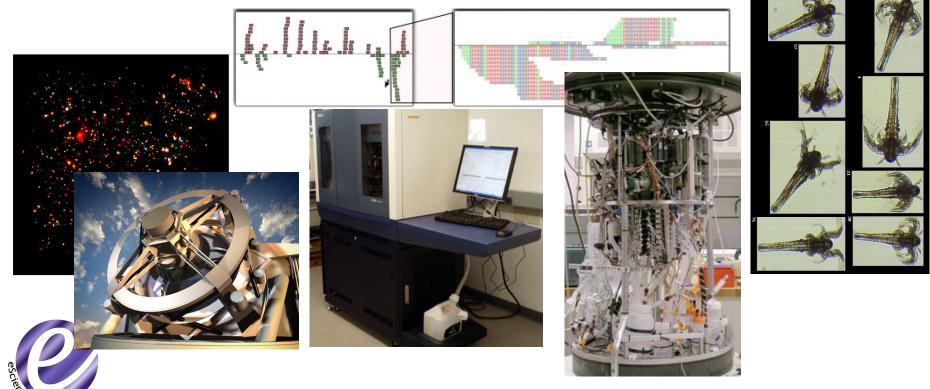
DATA-INTENSIVE SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERY

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eScience is about data

Old model: "Query the world" (Data acquisition coupled to a specific hypothesis) New model: "Download the world, query the DB" (Data acquired en masse, to support many hypotheses)

- Astronomy: High-resolution, high-frequency sky surveys (SDSS, LSST, PanSTARRS)
- Oceanography: high-resolution models, cheap sensors, satellites
- Biology: lab automation, high-throughput sequencing,



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Some projects

visualization + cloud
scientific data integration
scalable query processing

Analytics and Visualization with Hadoop (with Juliana Freire)

 \$380k (\$190k), 2/2009 - 2/2011, NSF Cluster Exploratory 2009 (joint with University of Utah)

eScience and Data-intensive computing (lead: Lazowska)

- \$750k, 10/2009 10/2011 Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation
- Cloud prototypes for the Ocean Observatories Initiative
 - \$107k, 9/2009 12/2009, Subcontract from SDSC/Woods Hole, NSF OOI
- Microsoft Research Jim Gray Seed Grant, 2008 and 2010
 - \$25k, \$40k

3D Visualization in the Cloud

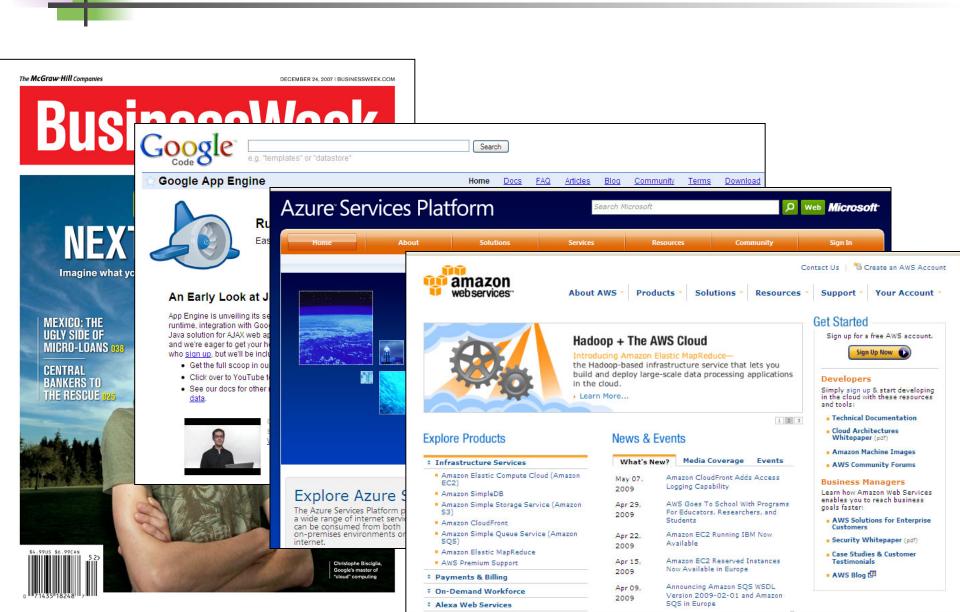
\$117k, 9/10 – 09/12, NSF EAGER through Computing in the Cloud (CiC)
 Hybrid Query Language for a Graph Databases

- \$150k, 9/10 9/12, PNNL XMT project
- SQLShare: Database as a Service with Long-Tail Science
 - \$800k, 3 institutions, NSF

Data Markets (lead: Balazinska)

~\$300k, 4/11 – 4/13, NSF Computing in the Cloud

eScience is married to the Cloud: Scalable computing and storage for everyone





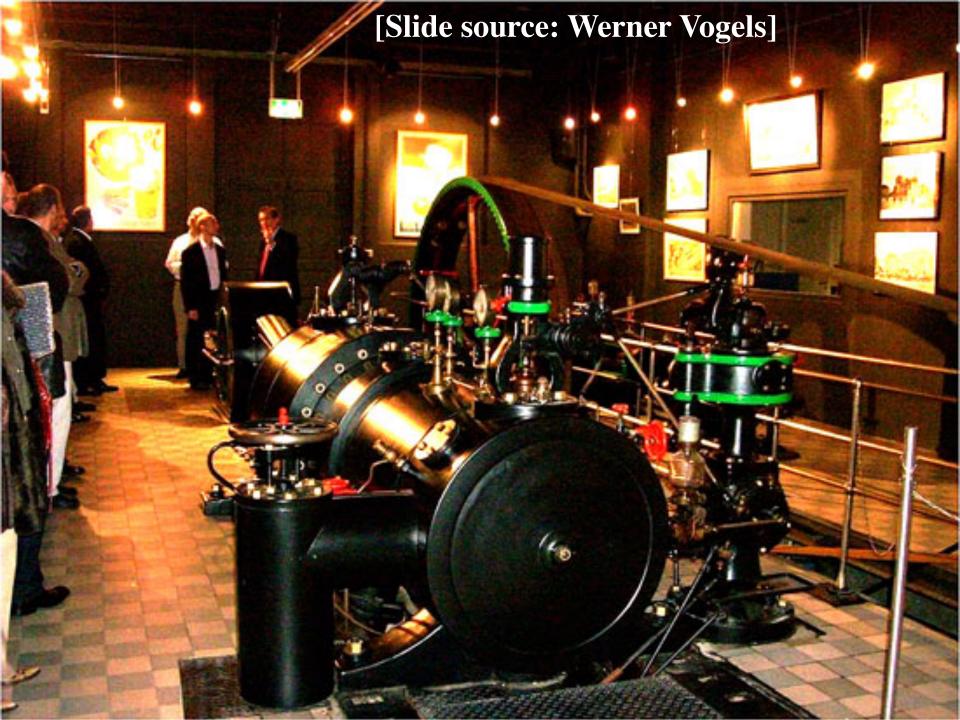
Explore the roles the cloud can play in reproducible research

"What if everything was in the cloud?"



CLOUD IN 2 SLIDES







"Every day, Amazon buys enough computing resources to run the entire Amazon.com infrastructure as of 2001"

-- James Hamilton, Amazon, Inc., SIGMOD 2011 keynote



VIRTUALIZATION ANECDOTE



2007: The Ocean Appliance

Software

- Linux Fedora Core 6
- web server (Apache)
- database (PostgreSQL)
- ingest/QC system (Python)
- telemetry system (Python)
- web-based visualization (Drupal, Python)

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Hardware

- 2.6GHz Dual
- 2GB RAM
- 250 GB SATA
- 4 serial ports
- ~\$500
- ~1' x1' x1.5'



Responsibilities: Shipboard computing

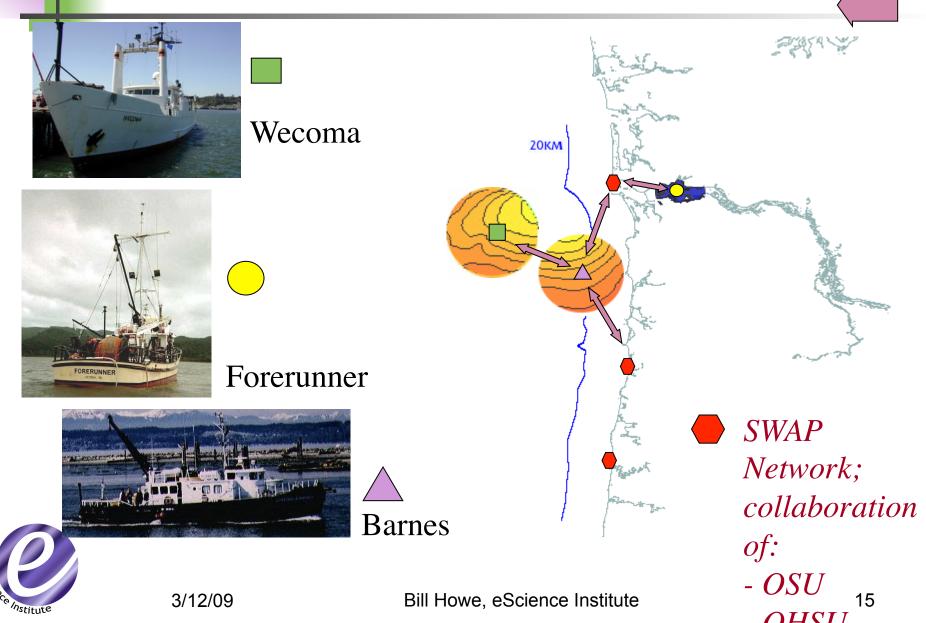
- -Data Acquisition
- -Database Ingest
- -Telemetry with Shore
- -Visualization
- -App Server

Deployment on R/V Barnes

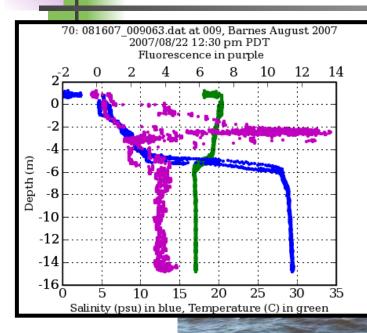




Ship-to-Ship and Ship-to-Shore Telemetry



Event Detection: Red Water











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Code + Data + Environment

 Easier, cheaper, and safer to build the box in the lab and hand it out for free than to work with the ships' admin to get our software running.

 Modern analog: Easier to build and distribute a virtual appliance than it is to support installation of your software.



Cloud + RR Overview

Virtualization = Code + Data + Environment

 Virtualization enables cross-platform, generalized, reliable ad hoc (and post hoc) environment capture

Cloud = Virtualization + Resources + Services

- any code, any data (more structure -> more services)
- scalable storage and compute for everyone
- services for processing big data, various data models
- services for managing VMs
- secure, reliable, available



Challenges

- Costs and cost-sharing
- Data-intensive science

- Offline discussion
 - Security / Privacy
 - Long-term Preservation
 - Cultural roadblocks



OBSERVATIONS ABOUT CLOUD, VIRTUALIZATION, RR



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An Observation (2)

- Code + Data + Environment + Platform
- "Download it to my laptop" is insufficient
- Ex: de novo assembly
 - 64 GB RAM, 12 cores
- So we need more than VMs we need a place to run them



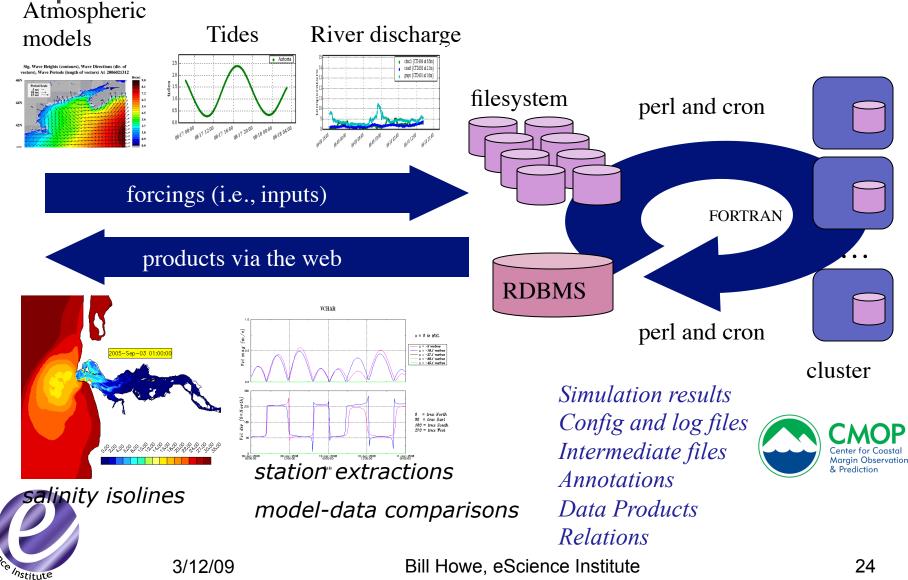
An Observation (3)

- Experiment environments span multiple machines
- Databases, models, web server

1 VM may not be enough



CMOP: Observation and Forecasting



Amazon CloudFormation

- Ensembles of Virtual Machines
- Launch and configure as a unit

The following template is a simple example that shows how to create an EC2 instance:

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Observation (3): "Google Docs for developers"

- The cloud offers a "demilitarized zone" for temporary, lowoverhead collaboration
 - A temporary, shared development environment outside of the jurisdiction of over-zealous sysadmins
 - No bugs closed as "can't replicate"
- Example: New software for serving oceanographic model results, requiring collaboration between UW, OPeNDAP.org, and OOI





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Waited two weeks for credentials to be established
Gave up, spun up an EC2 instance, rolling within an hour



Similarly, Seattle's Institute for Systems Biology uses EC2/S3 for collaborative development of computational pipelines



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COSTS AND COST-SHARING



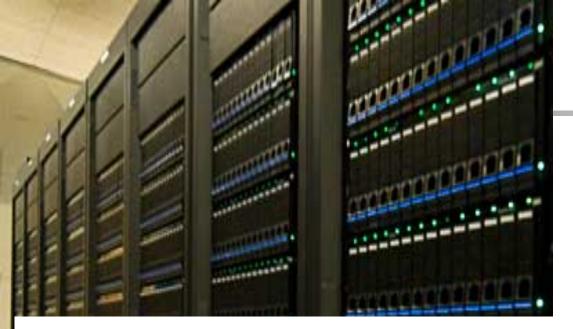
Who pays for reproducibility?

- Costs of hosting code?
- Costs of hosting data?
- Costs of executing code?

Answer: you, you, them

Is this affordable?



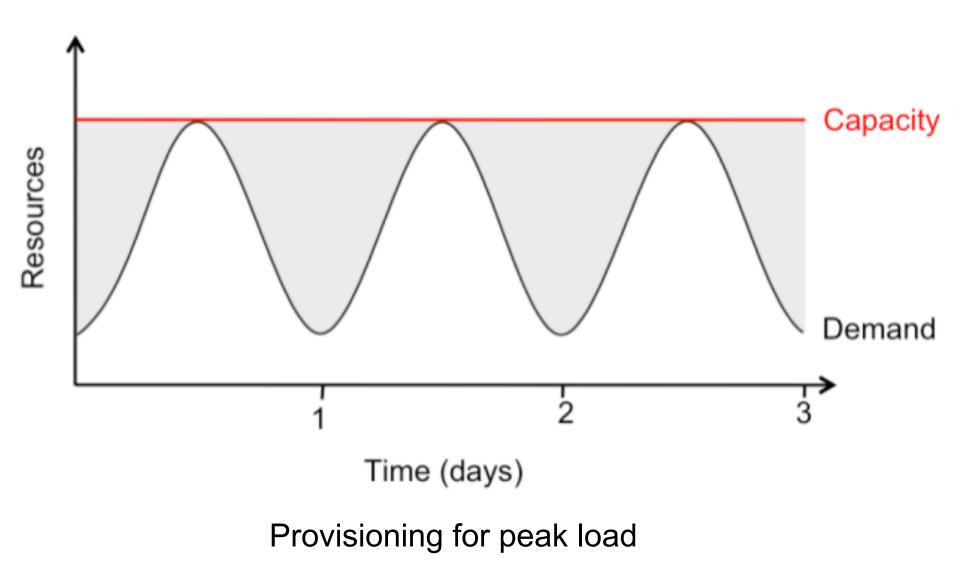


Economies of Scale

Technology	Cost in Medium-sized DC	Cost in Very Large DC	Ratio
Network	\$95 per Mbit/sec/month	\$13 per Mbit/sec/month	7.1
Storage	\$2.20 per GByte / month	\$0.40 per GByte / month	5.7
Administration	³ 140 Servers / Administrator	>1000 Servers / Administrator	7.1

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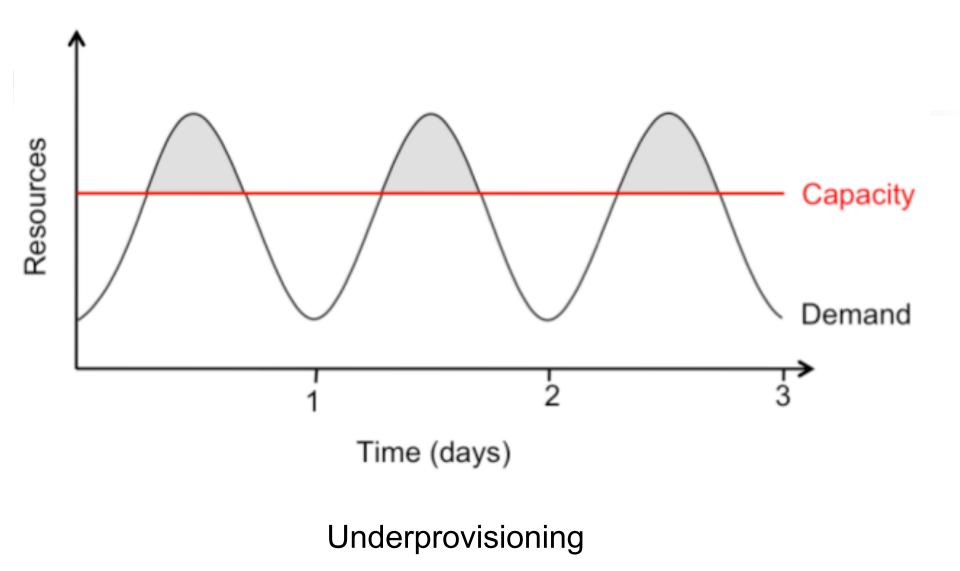
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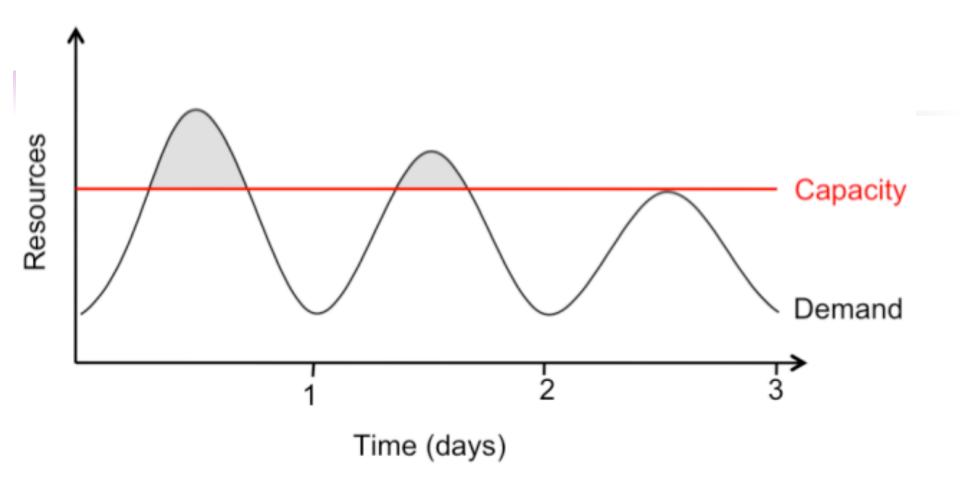


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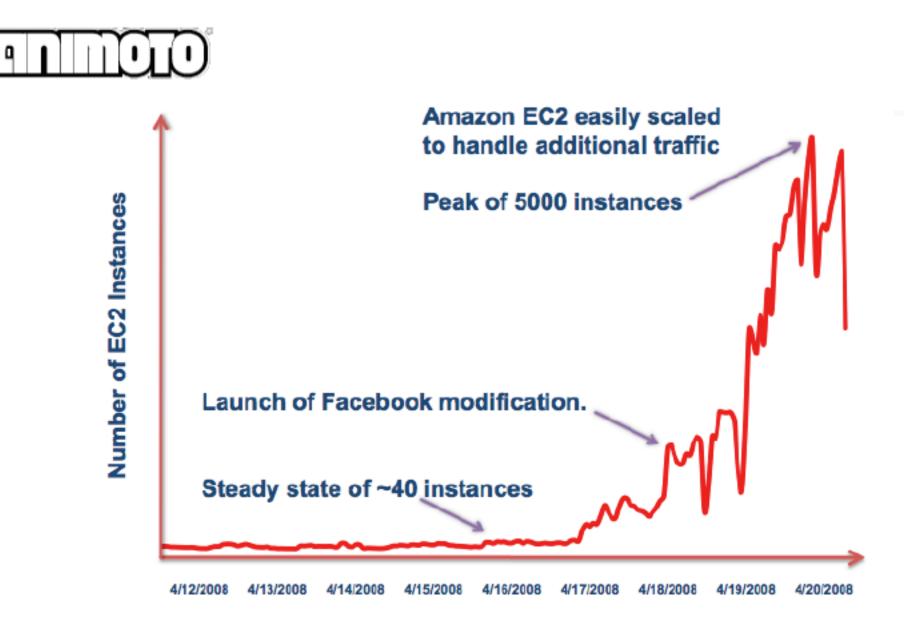


Underprovisioning, more realistic

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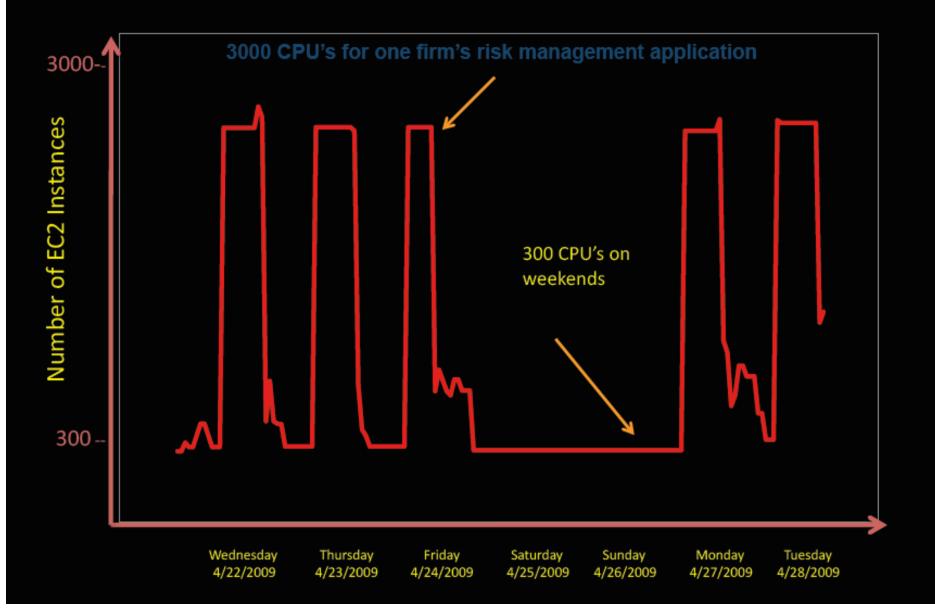
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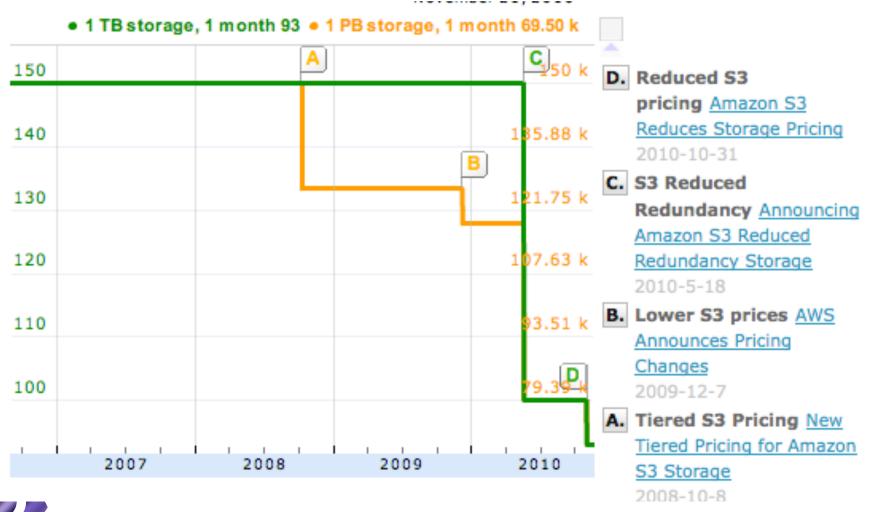
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Change in Price: compute and RAM

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Change in price: Storage (1TB, 1PB)





Aside: Fix the funny money

Computing equipment incurs no indirect costs

- "Capital Expenditures"
- Power, cooling, administration?
- "Services" are charged full indirect cost load
 Ex: 54% at UW; 100% at Stanford
- So every dollar spent on Amazon costs the PI \$1.54
- Every dollar spent on equipment costs the PI \$1.00, but also costs the university ~\$1.00



Bottom line?

- Buy the equipment if
 - Utilization over 90%
 - You need big archival storage ("data cemetery")
- Otherwise, you probably shouldn't
- Check the pricing calculator

http://calculator.s3.amazonaws.com/calc5.html



Aside: Quantifying the Value of Data

- Ex: Azure marketplace http://www.microsoft.com/windowsazure/marketplace/
- New NSF grant to study data pricing
 - Early results: proof that there is no non-trivial pricing function that can prevent arbitrage and respects monotonicity
- Unpopular idea: Can we sell access to data to fund its preservation?
 - Might be required it's becoming clear we can't keep everything
 - Important data (heavily used data) is "worth more." Which means: easier to amortize the cost of storage.
- Beyond money: Value models may be useful to formalize attribution requirements.
 - If I use your data in my research, I am "charged."
 - Minimal usage is free
 - At some threshold, citation is expected
 - At some theshold, acknowledgement is expected



At some threshold, co-authorship is expected

DATA-INTENSIVE EXPERIMENTS



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An Observation on Big Data

The days of FTP are over

- It takes days to transfer 1TB over the Internet, and it isn't likely to succeed.
- Copying a petabyte is operationally impossible
- The <u>only</u> solution: Push the computation to the data, rather than push the data to the computation
 - Upload your code rather than download the data



Another Observation

- RR tends to emphasize computation rather than data
- Re-executing "canned" experiments is not enough
- Need to support ad hoc, exploratory Q&A, which means:
- Queries, not programs
- Databases, not files



Database-as-a-Service for Science

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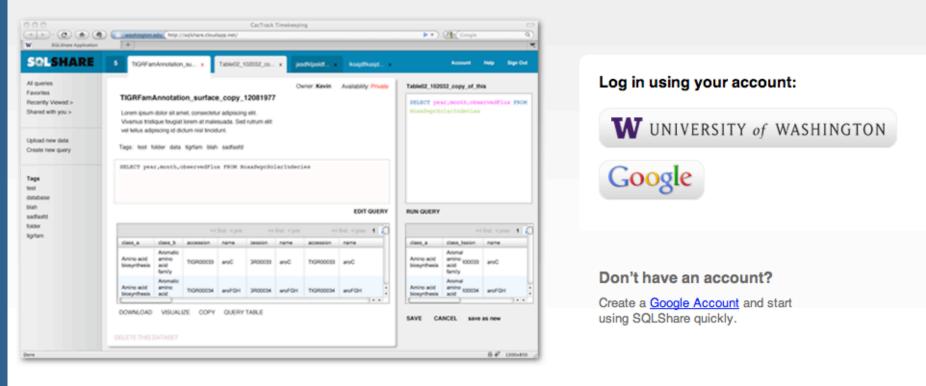


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Upload any tabular data and start analyzing instantly. No need to install, configure, or design a database.

Modify

Exercise the full power of SQL even with zero programming experience: joins, subqueries, set operations.

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SQLShare Extension Projects

- SQL Autocomplete
 - (Nodira Khoussainova, YongChul Kwon, Magda Balazinska)
- English to SQL
 - (Bill Howe, Luke Zettlemoyer, Emad Soroush, Paras Koutris)
 - Automatic "Starter" Queries
 - (Bill Howe, Garret Cole, Nodira Khoussainova, Leilani Battle)
 - VizDeck: Automatic Mashups and Visualization
 - (Bill Howe, Alicia Key)
- Personalized Query Recommendation
 - (Yuan Zhou, Bill Howe)
- Crowdsourced SQL authoring
 - (nobody)
- Info Extraction from Spreadsheets
 - (Mike Cafarella, Dave Maier, Bill Howe)
- Data P





SSDBM 2011 SIGMOD 2011 (demo)

SSDBM 2011



Usage

- About 8 months old, essentially zero advertising
- 8-10 labs around UW campus and externally
- 51 unique users (UW and external)
- ~1200 tables (~400 are public)
- ~900 views (~300 are public)
- ~5000 queries executed.
- ~40 GB (these are SMALL datasets!)
- largest table: 1.1M rows
- smallest table: 1 row



Big Data (2)

- Distributed computation is hard
 - VMs aren't enough
- Need native services for big data, not (just) storage
- Elastic MapReduce
 - Integrated with S3 any data in S3 can be processed with MapReduce
- Languages over MapReduce
 - Pig (Relational Algebra, from Yahoo)
 - HIVE (SQL, from Facebook)



Cloud Services for Big Data

Product	Provider	Prog. Model	Storage Cost	Compute Cost	IO Cost
Megastore	Google	Filter	\$0.15 / GB / mo.	\$0.10 / corehour	\$.12 / GB out
BigQuery	Google	SQL-like	Closed beta	Closed beta	Closed beta
Microsoft Table	Microsoft	Lookup	\$0.15 / GB / mo.	\$0.12 / hour and up	\$.15 / GB out
Elastic MapReduce	Amazon	MR, RA-like, SQL	\$0.093 / GB / mo.	\$0.10 / hour and up	\$0.15 / GB out (1 st GB free)
SimpleDB	Amazon	Filter	\$0.093 / GB / mo.	1 st 25 hours free, \$0.14 after that	\$0.15 / GB out (1 st GB free)



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Recommendations (last slide)

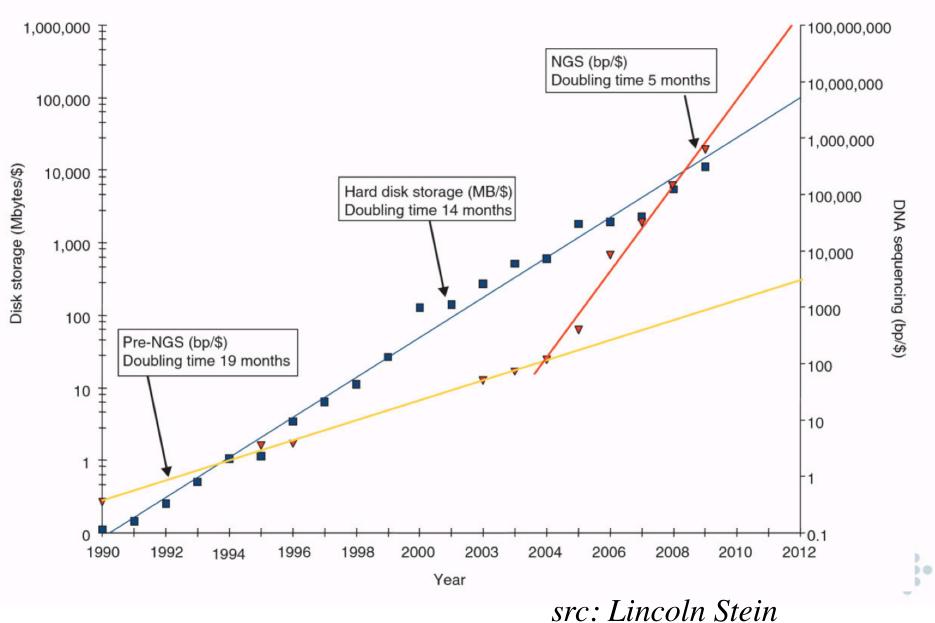
- Cloud is absolutely mainstream
- Try it. Get your computing out of the closet.
- Create VMs. Cite them. (If cost is the issue, contact me)
- For data-intensive experiments, data hosting is still expensive, but you're not likely to do better yourself.
- Prices are dropping, new services are released literally monthly
- Tell your university to stop charging overhead on cloud services
- My opinion: In 10 years, everything will be in the cloud
 - "I think there is a world market for maybe 5 computers"



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NextGen Sequencing a Game-Changer





Software as a Service



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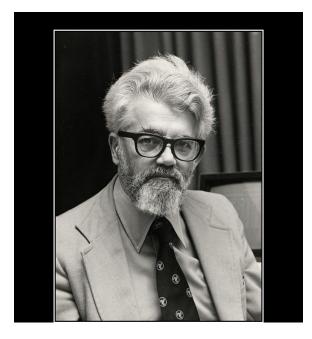


Infrastructure as a Service





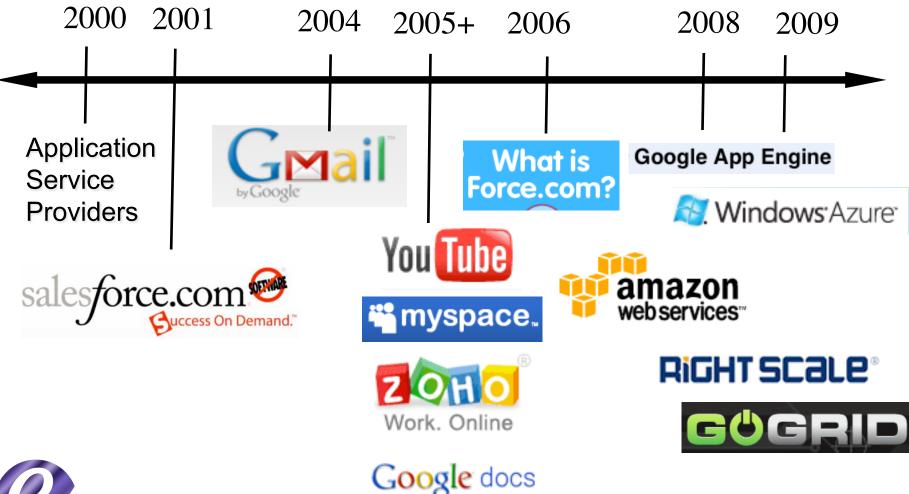
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-- John McCarthy Emeritus at Stanford Inventor of LISP

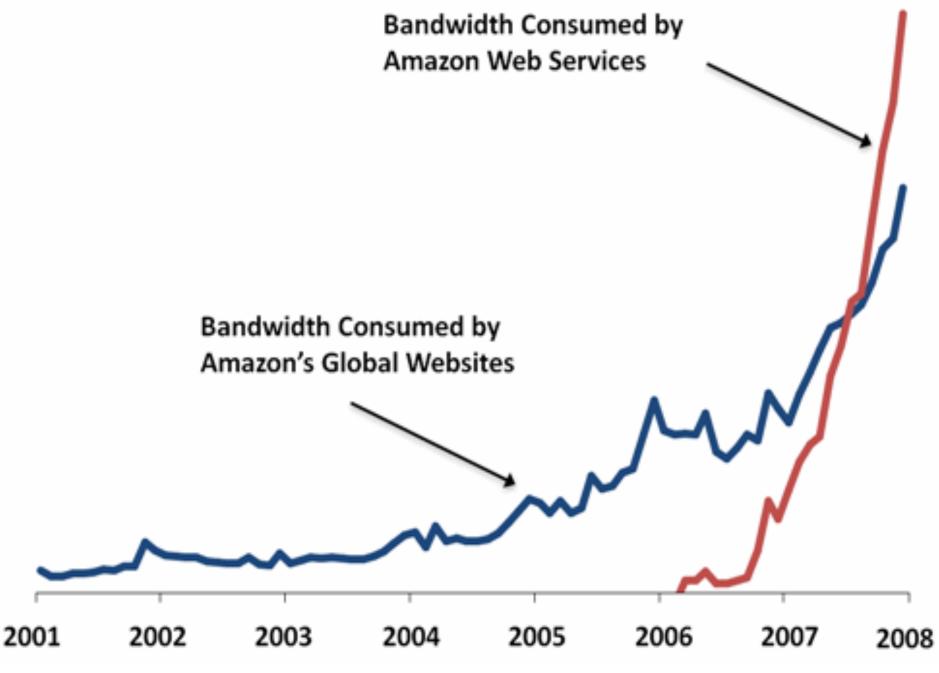
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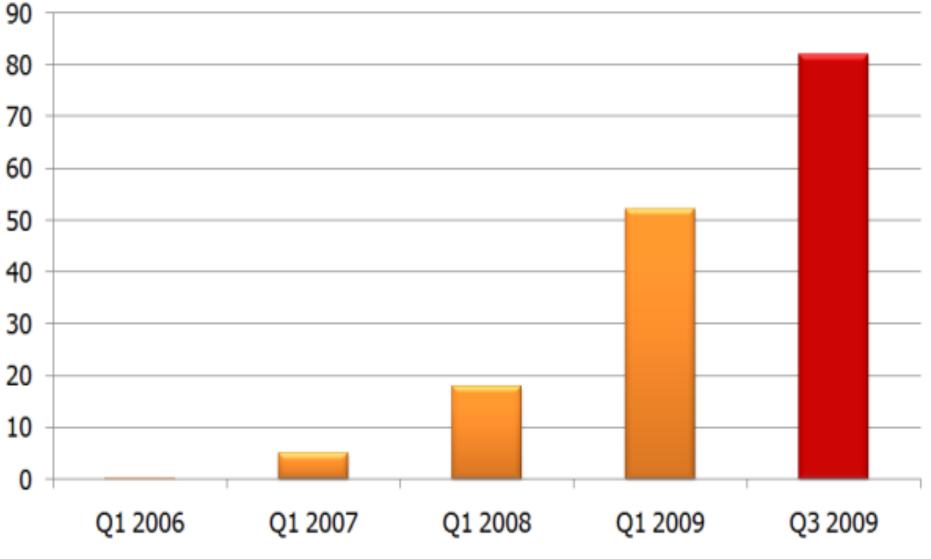


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82 Billion Objects in Amazon S3



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The University of Washington eScience Institute



- Rationale
 - The exponential increase in physical and virtual sensing tech is transitioning all fields of science and engineering from *data-poor to data-rich*
 - Techniques and technologies include
 - Sensors and sensor networks, data management, data mining, machine learning, visualization, cluster/cloud computing
 - If these techniques and technologies are not widely available and widely practiced, UW will cease to be competitive
- Mission
 - Help position the University of Washington and partners at the forefront of research both in modern eScience techniques and technologies, and in the fields that depend upon them.
- Strategy
 - Bootstrap a cadre of Research Scientists
 - Add faculty in key fields
 - Build out a "consultancy" of students and non-research staff
- Funding
 - \$650/year direct appropriation from WA State Legislature
 - augmented with soft money from NSF, DOE, Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation



eScience Data Management Group

**Bill Howe, Phd (databases, visualization, data-intensive scalable computing, cloud)

Staff and Post Docs

- Keith Grochow (Visualization, HCI, GIS)
- **Garret Cole (cloud computing (Azure, EC2), databases, web services)
- Marianne Shaw, Phd (health informatics, semantic web, RDF, graph databases)
- Alicia Key (visualization, user-centered design, web applications)

Students

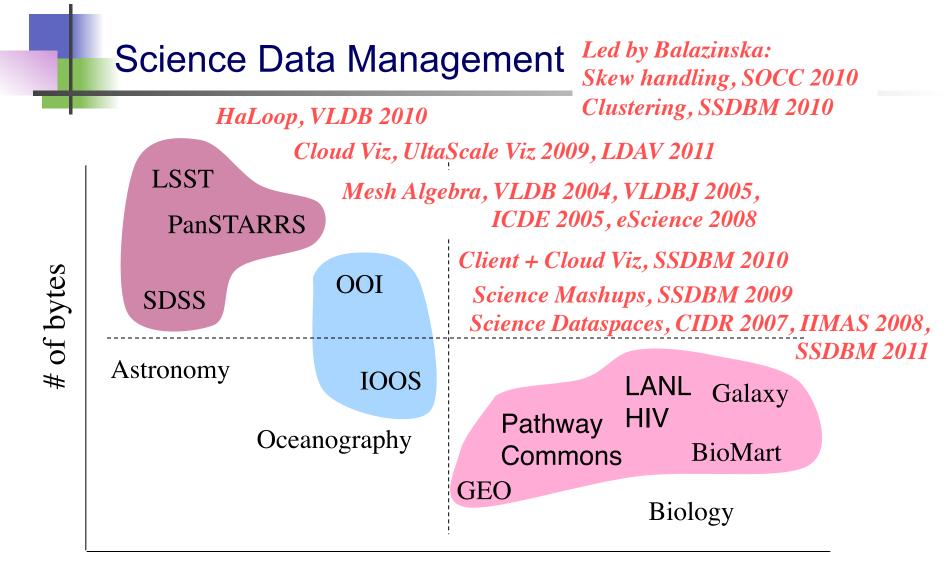
- Nodira Khoussainova (4th yr Phd), databases, machine learning
- Leilani Battle (undergrad), databases, performance evaluation
- Yuan Zhou (masters, Applied Math), machine learning, ranking, recommender systems
- YongChul Kwon (4th yr Phd), databases, DISC, scientific applications
- Meg Whitman (undergrad)

Partners

- **UW Learning and Scholarly Technologies (web applications, QA/support, release mgmt)
- **Cecilia Aragon, Phd, Associate Professor, HCDE (visualization, scientific applications)
- Magda Balazinska, Phd, Assistant Professor, CSE (databases, cloud, DISC)
- Dan Suciu, Phd, Professor, CSE, (probabilistic databases, theory, languages)



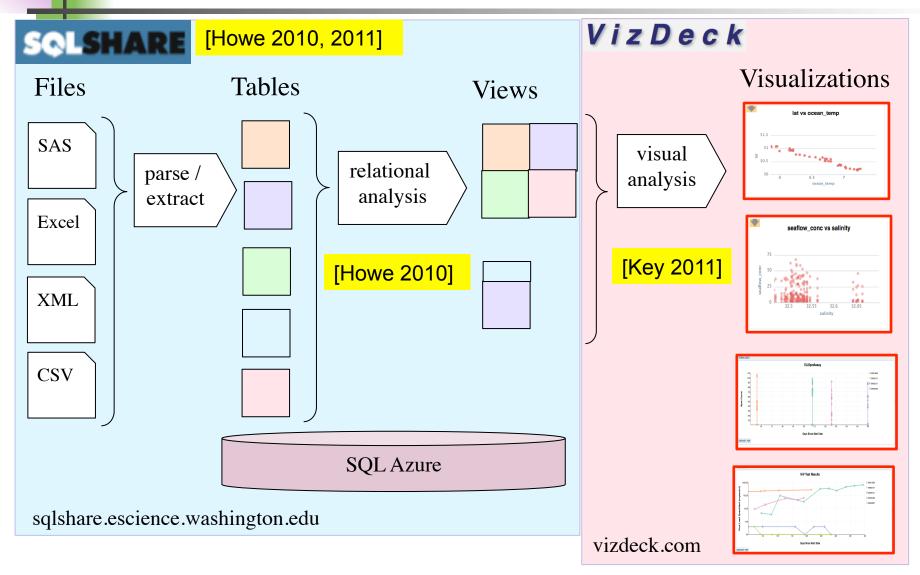
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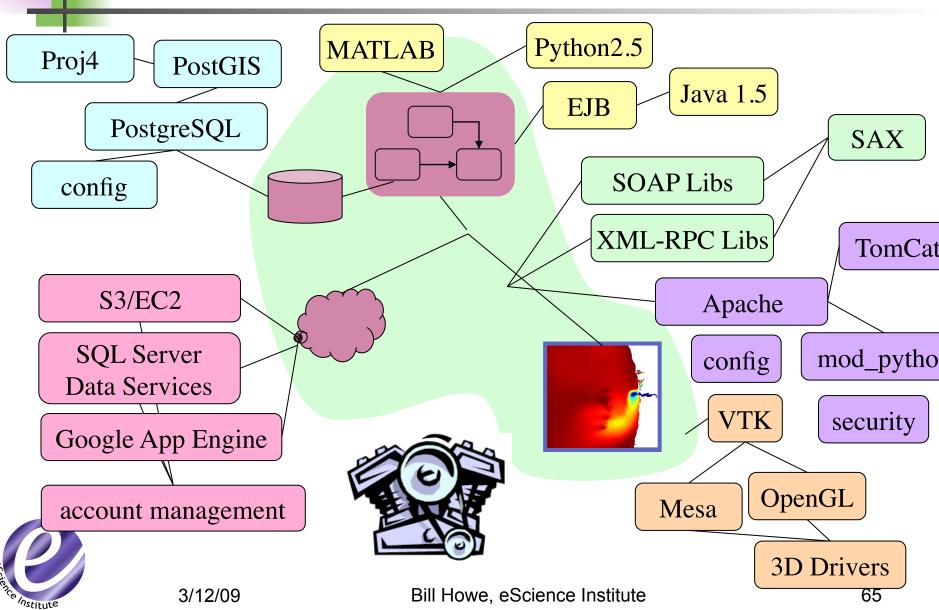
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Integrative Analysis



Why Virtualization? (1)



Division of Responsibility

Q: Where should we place the division of responsibility between developers and users?

Need to consider skillsets

- Can they install packages?
- Can they compile code?
- Can they write DDL statements?
- Can they configure a web server?
- Can they troubleshoot network problems?
- Can they troubleshoot permissions problems?

Frequently the answer is "No"



Plus: Tech support is hard. Usually easier to "fix it yourself."

Division of Responsibility

Is there anything your peers **are** willing to do to get your software working?



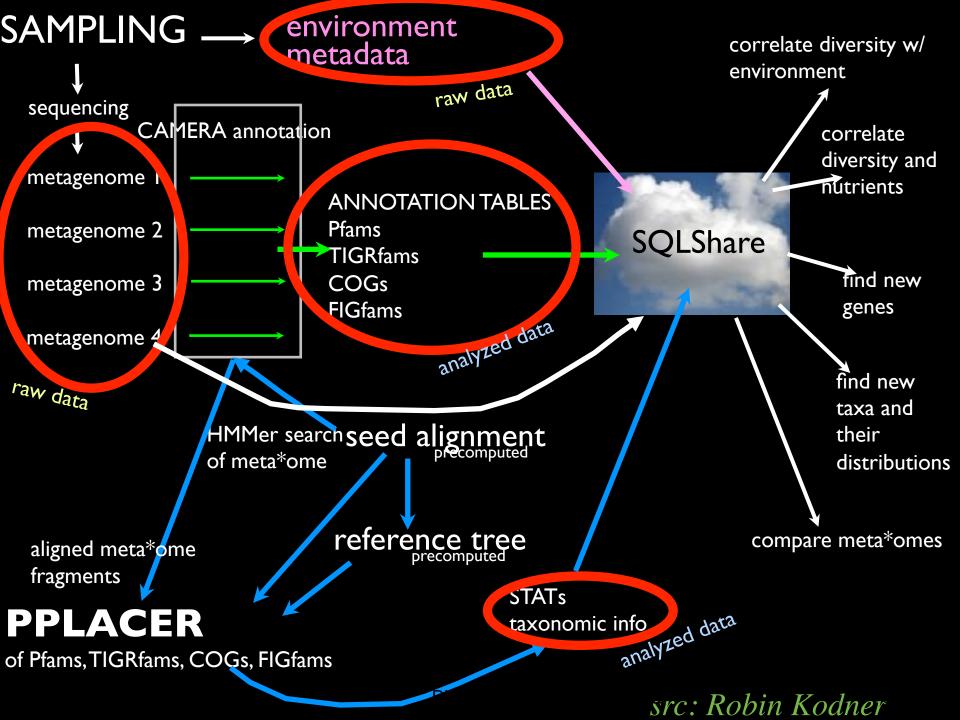


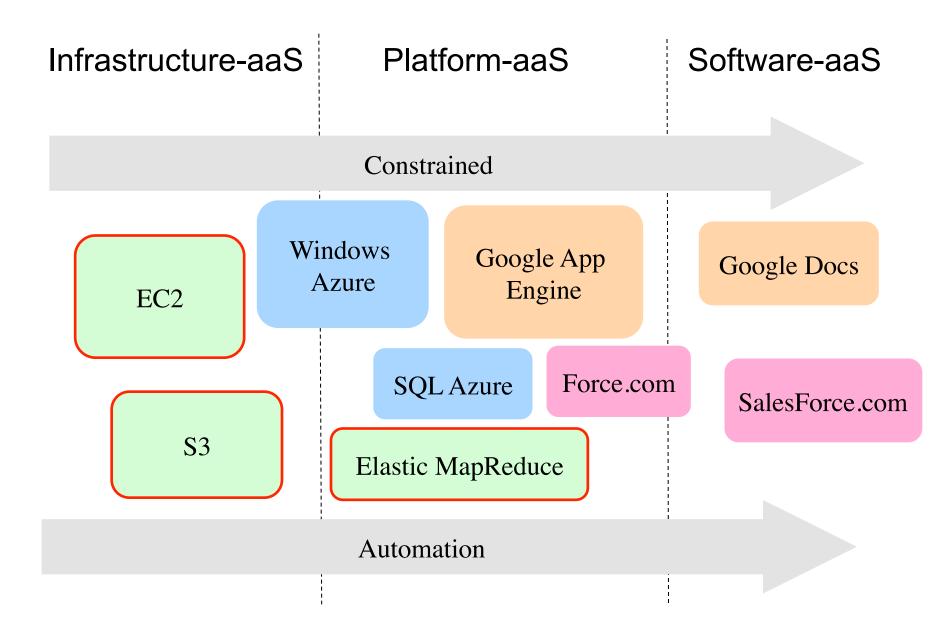


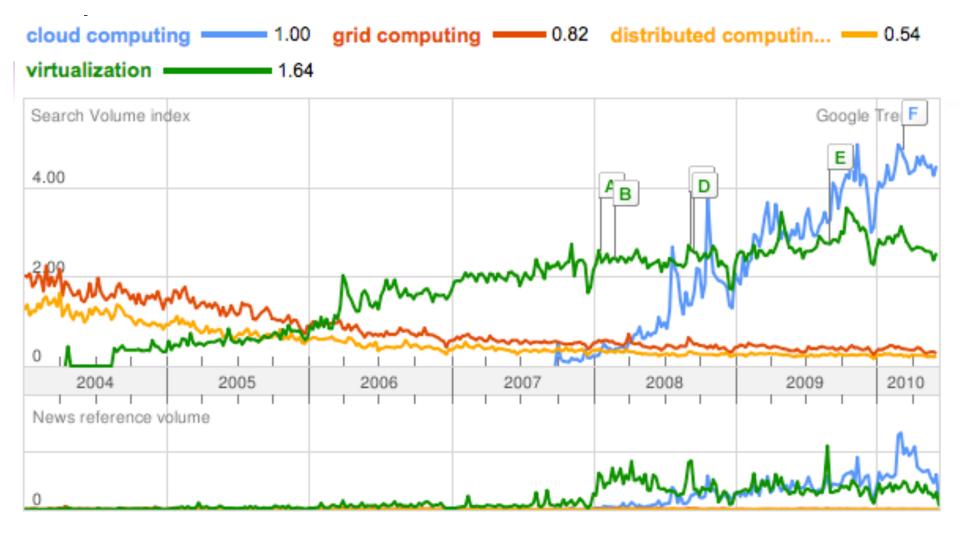
Gold standard

- Your experimental procedures are completely unaffected.
- Others use your exact environment as it was at the time of the experiment.











Economies of Scale

