

Motivation

- The world's technological per-capita capacity to store information doubled every 40 months
 - As of 2012, 2.5 exabytes (2.5×1018) of data/day
 - Relational database management systems and desktop statistics and visualization packages often have difficulty handling big data.
 - Big Data: new driver for digital economy&society
 - Gartner: hundreds of billions of GDP by 2020.
 - Intangible factor after labor and capital
 - Data Science: The fourth paradigm

The Power of Big Data

 Big Data can bring "big values" to our life in almost every aspects.



- Technologically, Big Data is bringing about changes in our lives because it allows diverse and heterogeneous data to be fully integrated and analyzed to help us make decisions.
- Today, with the Big Data technology, thousands of data from seemingly unrelated areas can help support important decisions. This is the power of Big Data.
- · Areas of Applications
 - Health and Well being
 - Policy making and public opinions
 - Smart cities and more efficient society
 - New online educational models: MOOC and Student-Teacher modeling
 - Robotics and human-robot interaction
- Much of this power hinges on Research on Analytics

Hong Kong needs Big Data Research

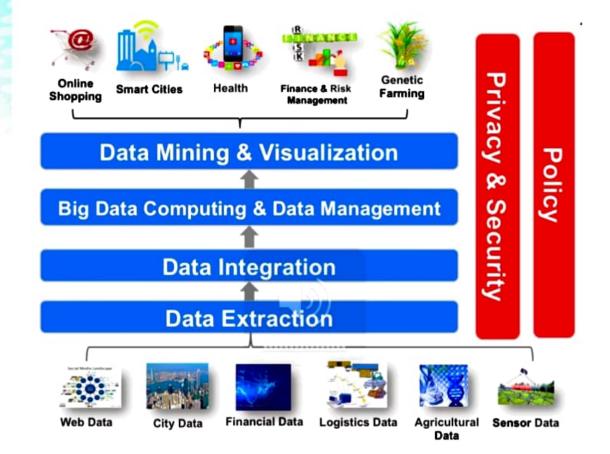
to develop state-of-the-art Big
 Data platform in research,
 education and industrial
 applications, and open it to the
 Hong Kong society and the world
 at large, and



 to make a difference in Smart Cities, Health and Well-being (including supporting aging populations), and modernizing Finance, Education and Logistics in Hong Kong.



Big Data Analytics Objectives



Relation to Smart Cities and IoT

- World economic forum ranking HK's infrastructure: #1
 - Maintain the lead in IT Infrastructure
- East Kowloon Project: Energizing Hong Kong via Smart Cities
- Big Data:
 - IoT provides the infrastructure for collecting the data
 - Smart Cities as important application goal





2015 Policy Address

".....to use Kowloon East as a pilot area to explore the feasibility of developing a Smart City."

2015/16 Budget Speech

".....free online government information will be released in digital formats to encourage development of more applications by start-ups.

Research Objectives

- Big Data Analytics: data mining and machine learning
 - Large-scale machine learning, data mining and data visualization
- Big Data Computing: data center support for Analytics
 - Big data collection and transformation, integration and distributed data management and computing
- Big Data Theory, Privacy&Security issues on Analytics
 - Big data sampling and statistical theory, Big data security and privacy
- Big Data Science: 4th Paradigm Analytics for Science and Engineering
 - Big Data and Multi-disciplines (Bio, Chemistry, Engineering, Social)







Why Hong Kong is Ready for the Theme

- We have the best researchers in machine learning, data mining, data management, sensor networks, statistics, and multidisciplinary research such as bioinformatics
 - China National 973 Projects on Big Data
 - IEEE Transactions on Big Data: EiC
 - ACM KDD Conferences: PC and Conference Chairs
 - Winner of Big Data related international competitions
- New industries based on lots of data
 - Financial industry, logistics industry, education sector, government services, etc.
- We have many potential collaborators and partners
 - Huawei, Tencent, Baidu, Alibaba, Google, Microsoft, etc.





Big Data Analytics Workflow

Data Extraction

- HKUST
- CUHK
- Baptist
- · HSBC
- Astri



Data Integration

- HKUST
- HKU
- · City U
- Alibaba
- Astri



Big Data Computing &Data Management

- · CUHK
- HKUST
- HKU
- PolyU
- · City U
- · Baptist U

Applications

- · Biology and Genetics
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Government Policies
- Social Sciences
- General Health
- Logistics
- Finance
- Business



Data Mining & Visualization

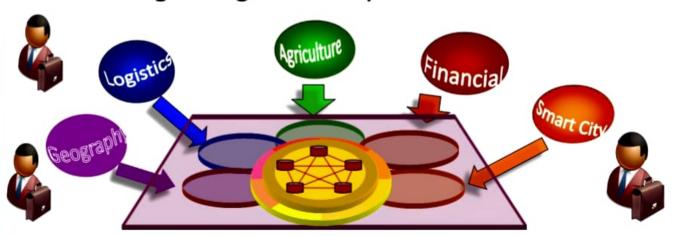
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- · CUHK
- · City U
- Huawei
- Tencent



Multi-disciplinary Big-data Analytics

Objectives:

 Interdisciplinary, multi-university, multi-team research on heterogeneous scientific and technological big data analytics



Why Big Data needs Team Work?

- Big data analytics is necessarily a joint effort by researchers from academic institutions, government and society and industry.
 - The government and industry are sources of Big Data, and providers of problems and challenges,
 - The academic researchers are solution providers.
 - When it comes to package the solutions from university labs to transfer to the real world, universities and industry must work together to build scalable and robust solutions.

