

Big Data Infrastructure

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Theme for Today:
How things work in the real world
(forget everything I told you...)

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From the Ivory Tower...



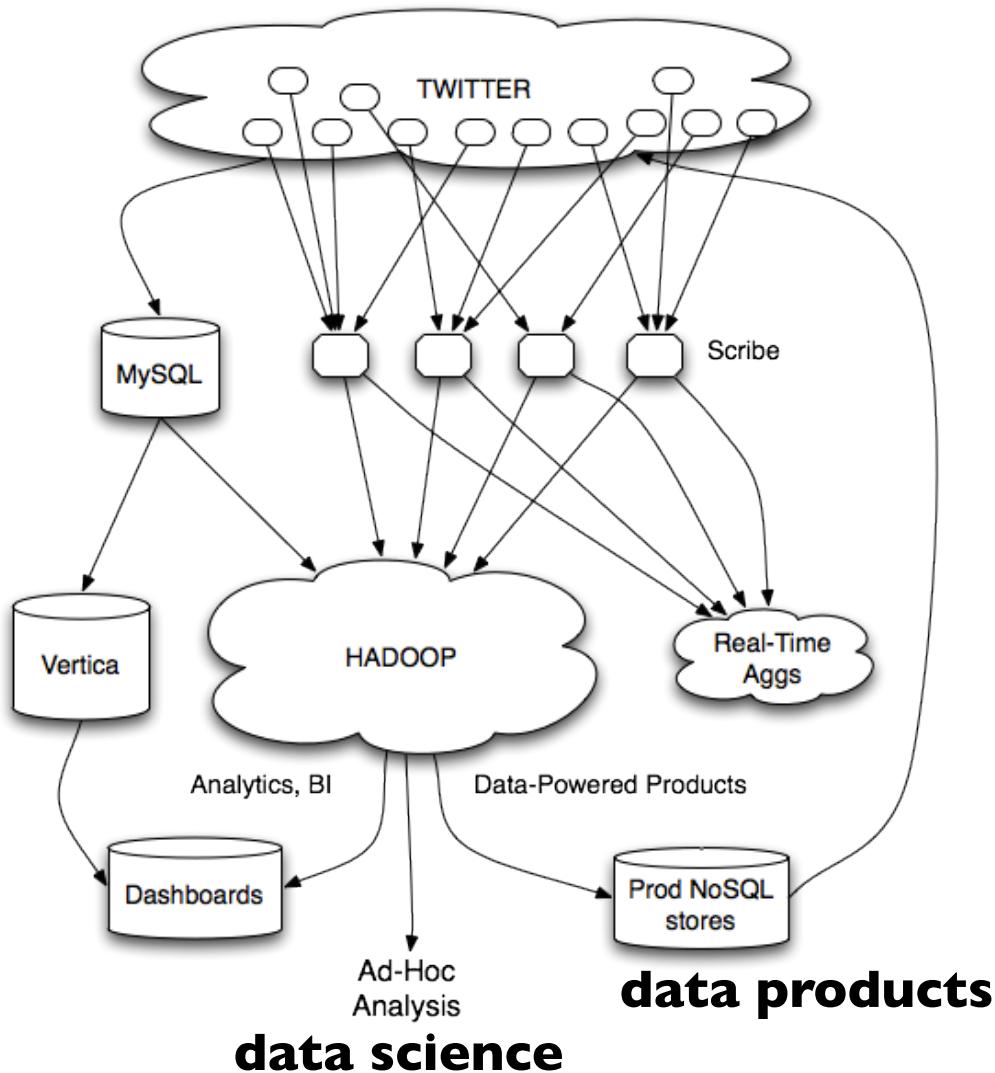
... to building sh*t that works



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... and back.



I worked on...

- **analytics infrastructure to support data science**
- **data products to surface relevant content to users**



Tweets

Mishne et al. Fast Data in the Era of Big Data: Twitter's Real-Time Related Query Suggestion Architecture. SIGMOD 2013.



TWEETS FOLLOWING FOLLOWERS

1,64 Leibert et al. Automatic Management of Partitioned, Replicated Search Services. SoCC 2011

Compose new Tweet...

Who to follow · Refresh · View all

plotly @plotlygraphs

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Brad Anderson @boorad

Followed by Florian Leibert ...

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I worked on...

- analytics infrastructure to support data science

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#SochiProblems

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Search all people for sochi

Gupta et al. WTF: The Who to Follow Service at Twitter. WWW 2013
Lin and Kolcz. Large-Scale Machine Learning at Twitter. SIGMOD 2012

View summary

More

Ukraine

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More



circa ~2010

~150 people total

~60 Hadoop nodes

~6 people use analytics stack daily

circa ~2012

~1400 people total

10s of Ks of Hadoop nodes, multiple DCs

10s of PBs total Hadoop DW capacity

~100 TB ingest daily

dozens of teams use Hadoop daily

10s of Ks of Hadoop jobs daily

WTF

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Launched summer 2010



MG Siegler @parislemon · Jul 27

@kevinweil @elizabeth OMG just seeing you secured @thirdweil for baby. Most amazing handle ever. Well played. (via @amy)

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Elizabeth Weil

@elizabeth

@parislemon Got it in January. Then Twitter recommended the account to my uncle. Family guessed we were pregnant. Oops. Denied it all. ;)

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RETWEETS
2

FAVORITES
20



3:39 PM - 27 Jul 2014

#numbers

(Second half of 2012)

~175 million active users

~20 billion edges

42% edges bidirectional

Avg shortest path length: 4.05

40% as many unfollows as follows daily

WTF responsible for ~1/8 of the edges

A talk in three episodes...

PROLOGUE

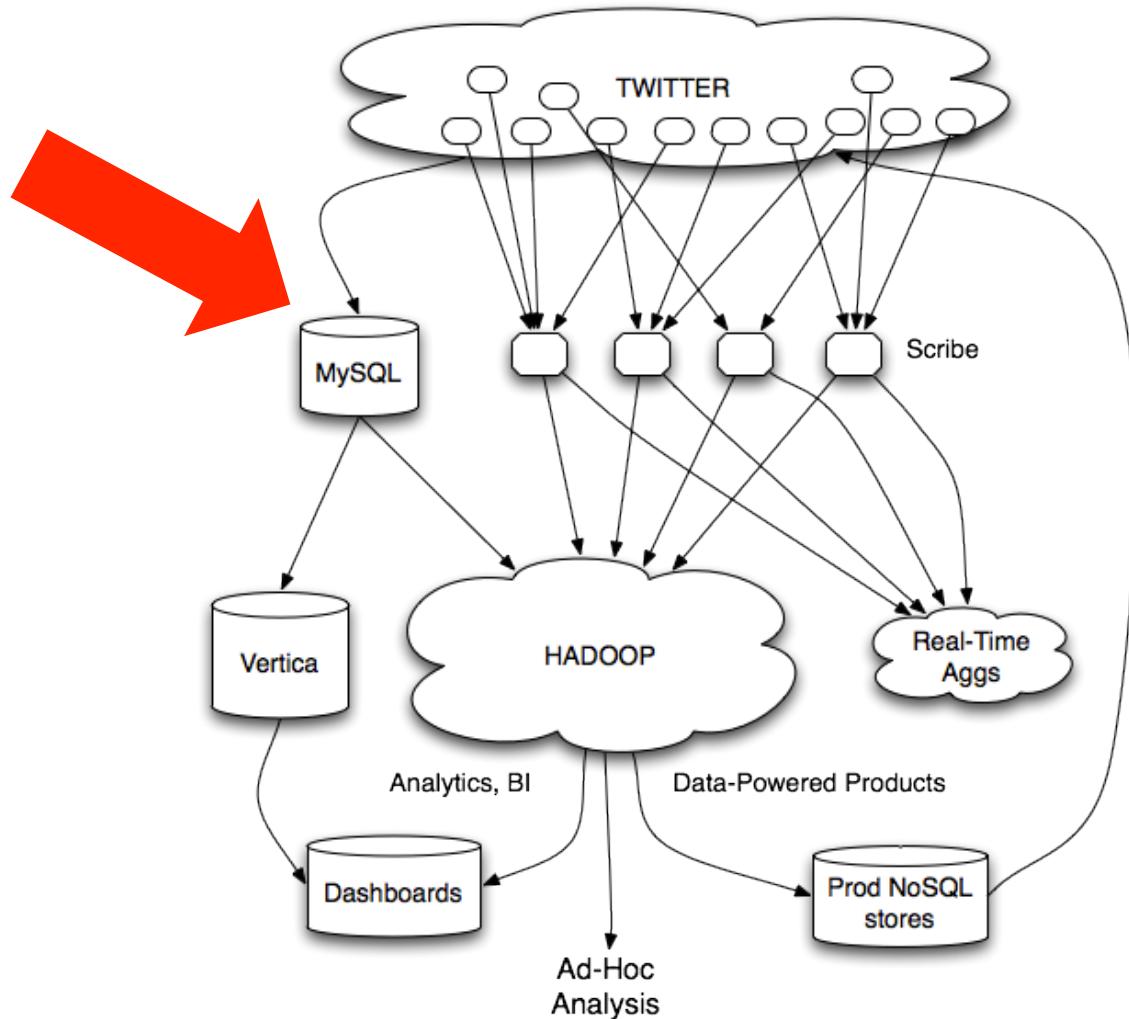


flockDB

(graph database)

Simple graph operations
Set intersection operations

Not appropriate for graph algorithms!



Use Hadoop!

MapReduce sucks for graph algorithms...

Java verbosity

Long task startup

Stragglers

Needless graph shuffling

Frequent checkpointing

What about?

HaLoop (VLDB 2010)

Twister (MapReduce Workshop 2010)

Pregel/Giraph (SIGMOD 2010)

Graphlab (UAI 2010)

PrIter (SoCC 2011)

Datalog on Hyracks (Tech report, 2012)

Spark/GraphX (NSDI 2012, arXiv 2014)

PowerGraph (OSDI 2012)

GRACE (CIDR 2013)

Mizan (EuroSys 2013)

...

A LONG TIME AGO IN A GALAXY FAR FAR AWAY...



CIRCA 2010

**MapReduce sucks for graph algorithms...
Let's build our own system!**

Key design decision:
Keep entire graph in memory... on a single machine!

Nuts!

Why?

Because we can!

Graph partitioning is hard... so don't do it
Simple architecture

Right choice at the time!

The runway argument



Suppose: 10×10^9 edges
(src, dest) pairs: ~ 80 GB

18×8 GB DIMMS = 144 GB

18×16 GB DIMMS = 288 GB

12×16 GB DIMMS = 192 GB

12×32 GB DIMMS = 384 GB

Cassovary

In-memory graph engine

Implemented in Scala

Compact in-memory representations

But no compression

Avoid JVM object overhead!

Open-source



PageRank

“Semi-streaming” algorithm

Keep vertex state in memory, stream over edges

Each pass = one PageRank iteration

Bottlenecked by memory bandwidth

Convergence?

Don't run from scratch... use previous values

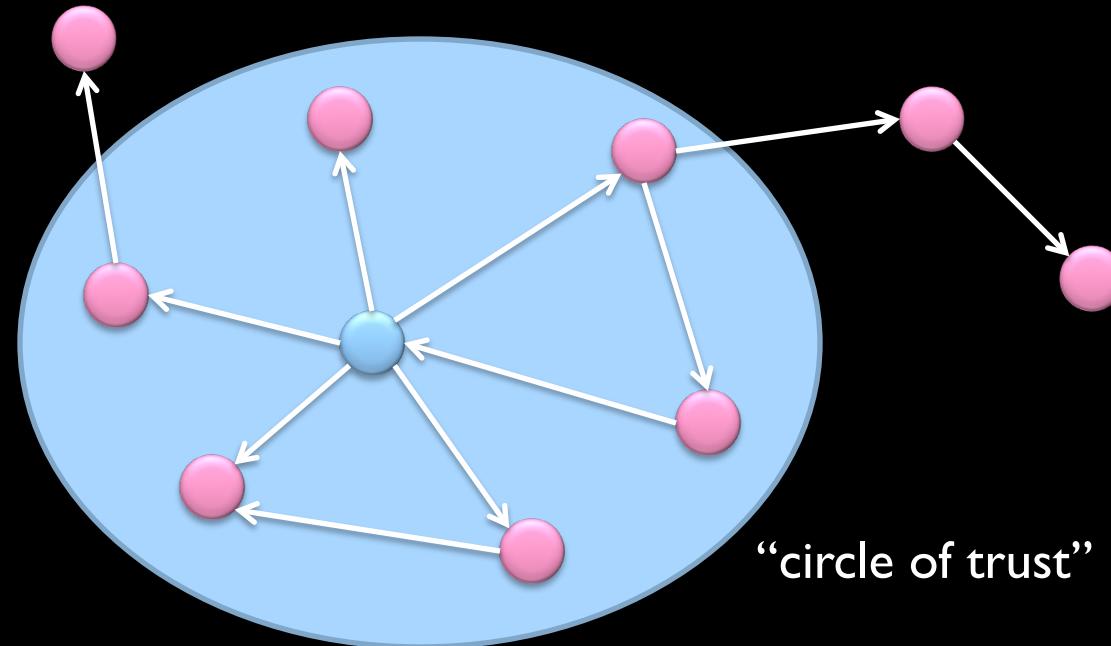
A few passes are sufficient

“Circle of Trust”

Ordered set of important neighbors for a user

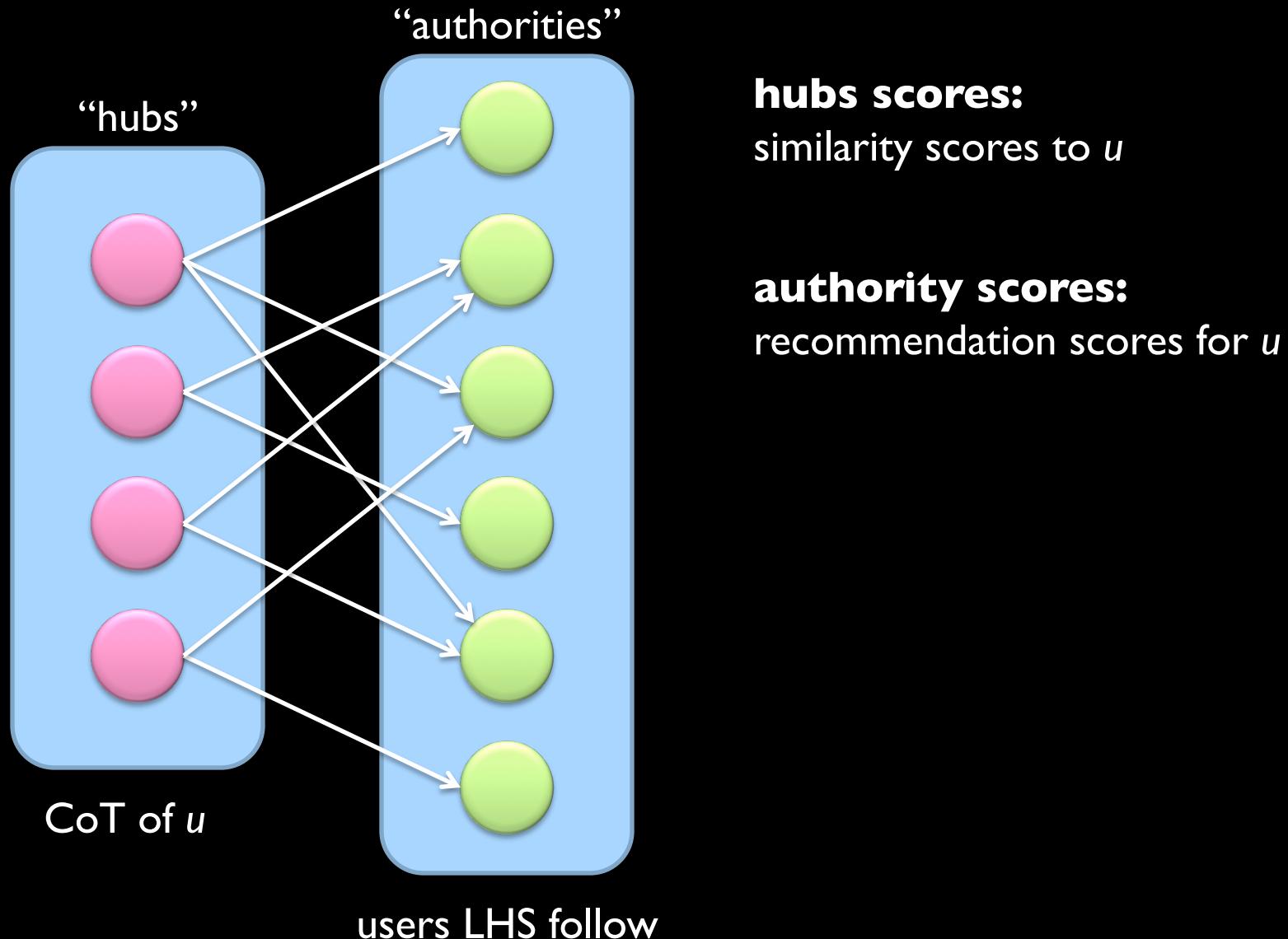
Result of egocentric random walk

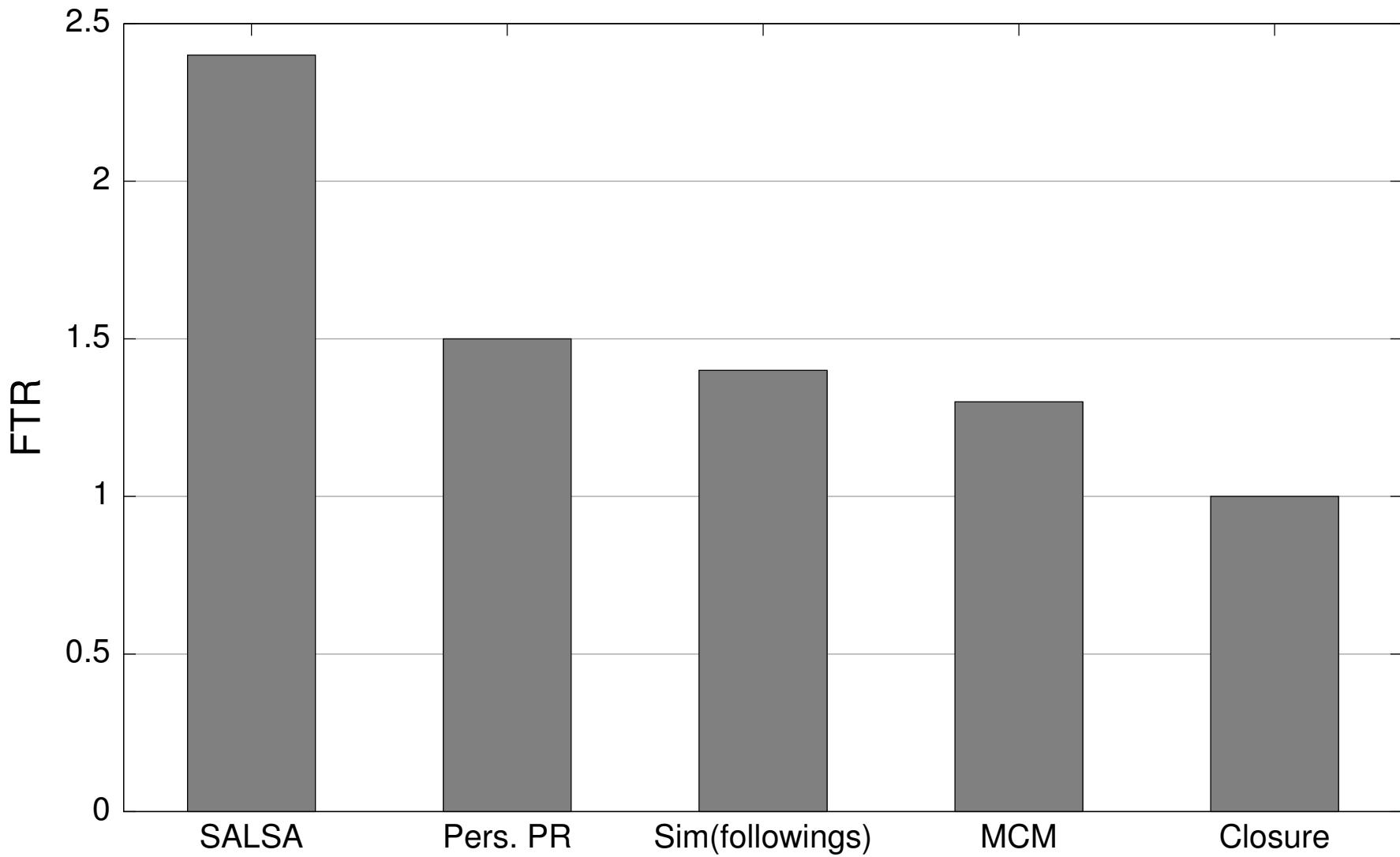
Computed online based on various input parameters

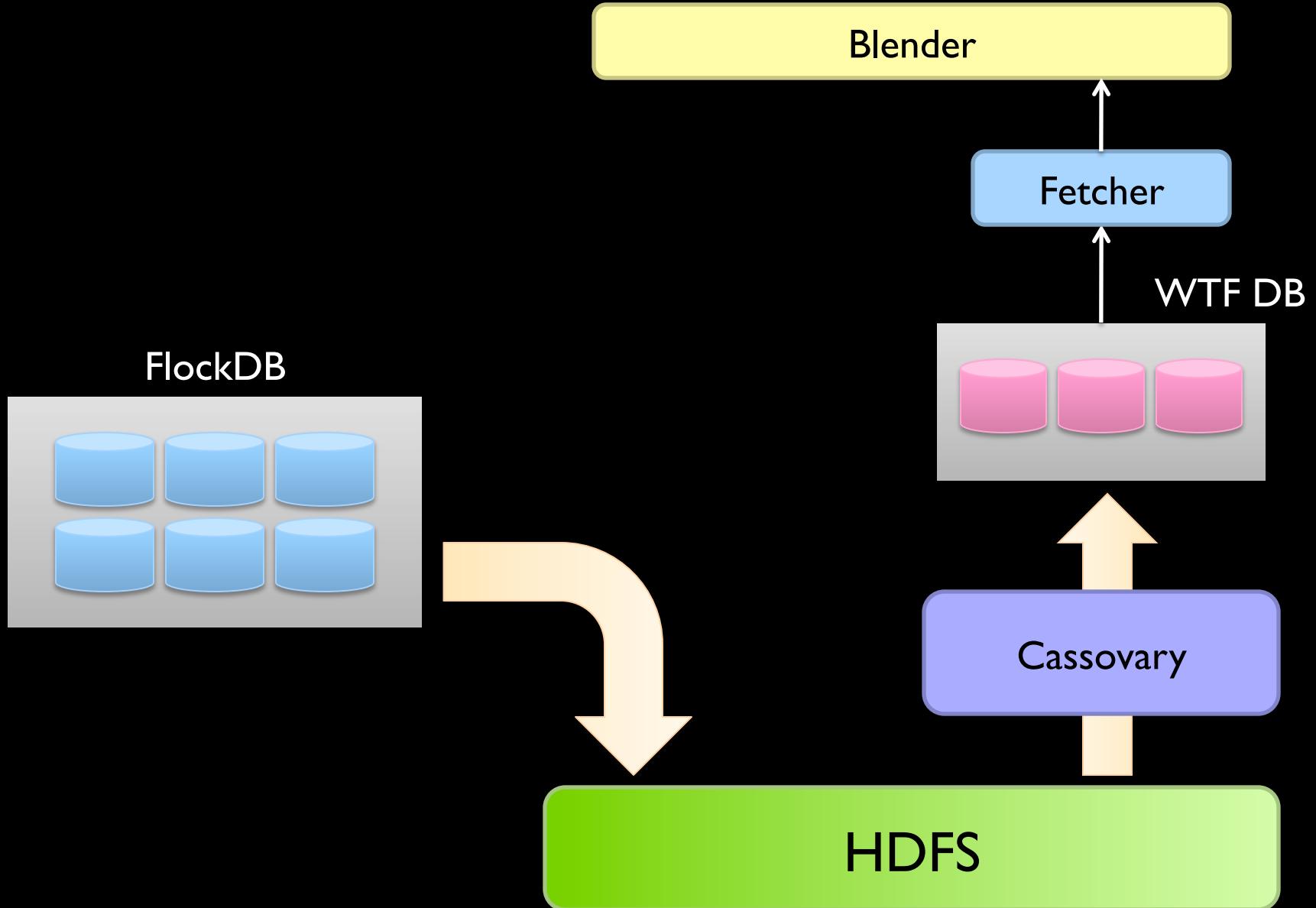


One of the features used in search

SALSA for Recommendations

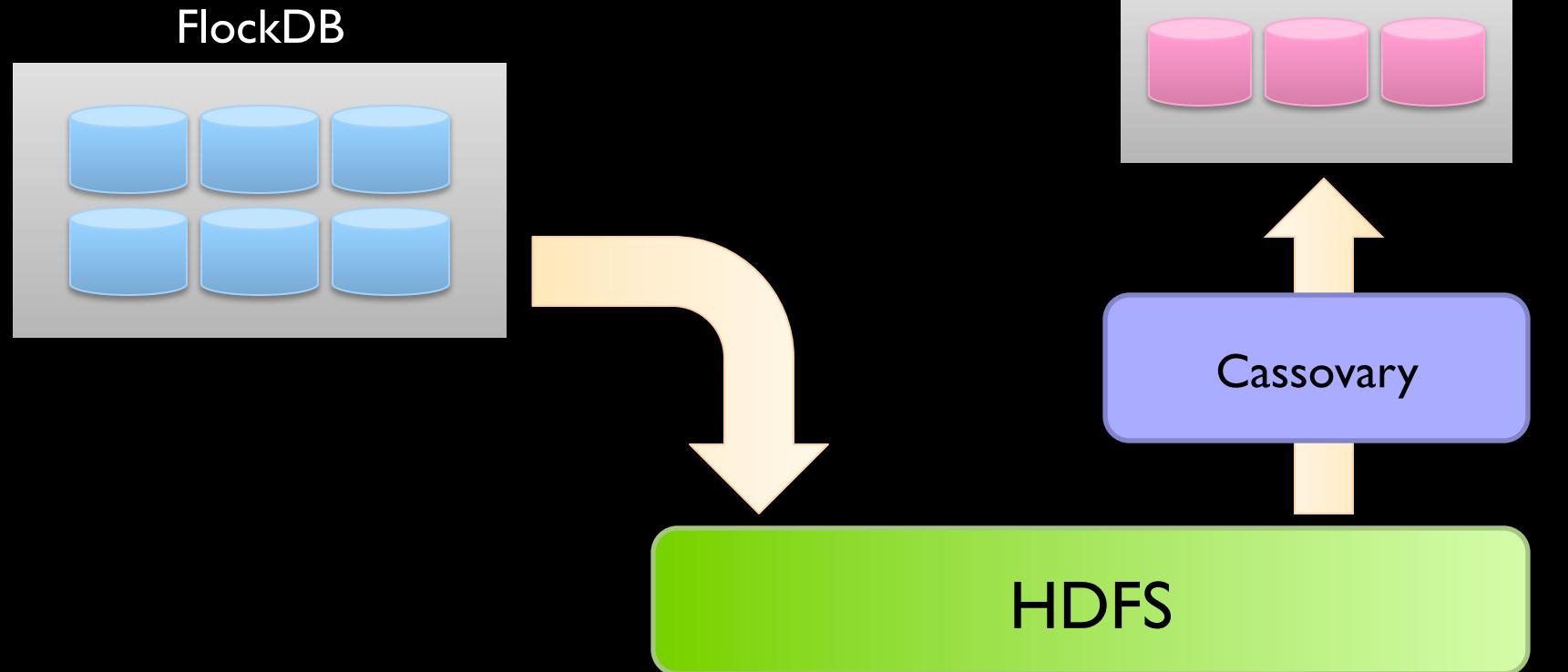


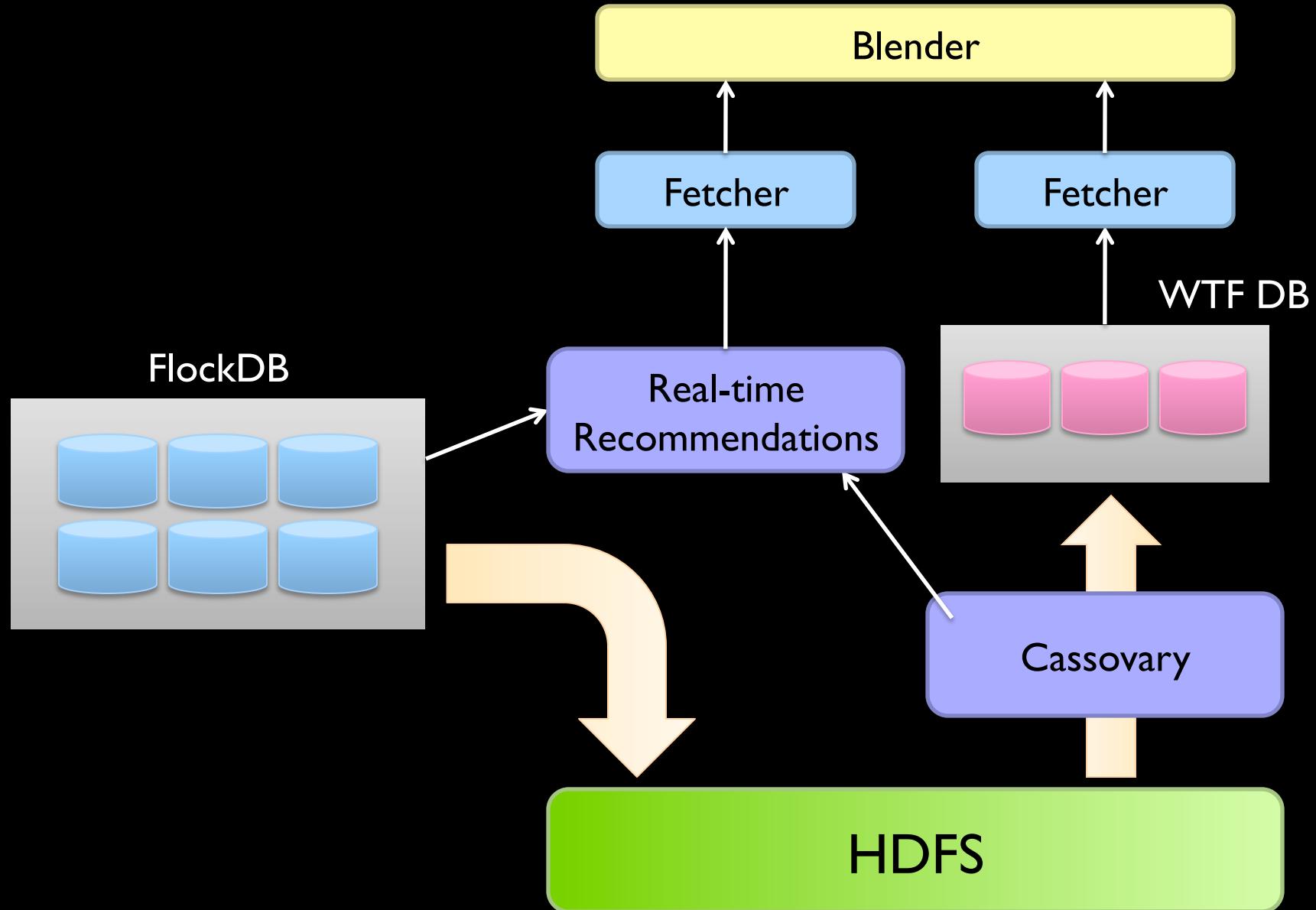




What about new users?

Cold start problem: they need recommendations the most!





Spring 2010: no WTF
seriously, WTF?

Summer 2010:WTF launched

THE STAR WARS SAGA CONTINUES...



CIRCA 2012



Another “interesting” design choice:
We migrated from Cassovary back to Hadoop!

Whaaaa?

Cassovary was a stopgap!

Hadoop provides:

- Richer graph structure

- Simplified production infrastructure

- Scaling and fault-tolerance “for free”

Right choice at the time!

Wait, didn't you say MapReduce sucks?

What exactly is the issue?

Random walks on egocentric 2-hop neighborhood
Naïve approach: self-joins to materialize, then run algorithm

The shuffle is what kills you!

Graph algorithms in MapReduce

Tackle the shuffling problem

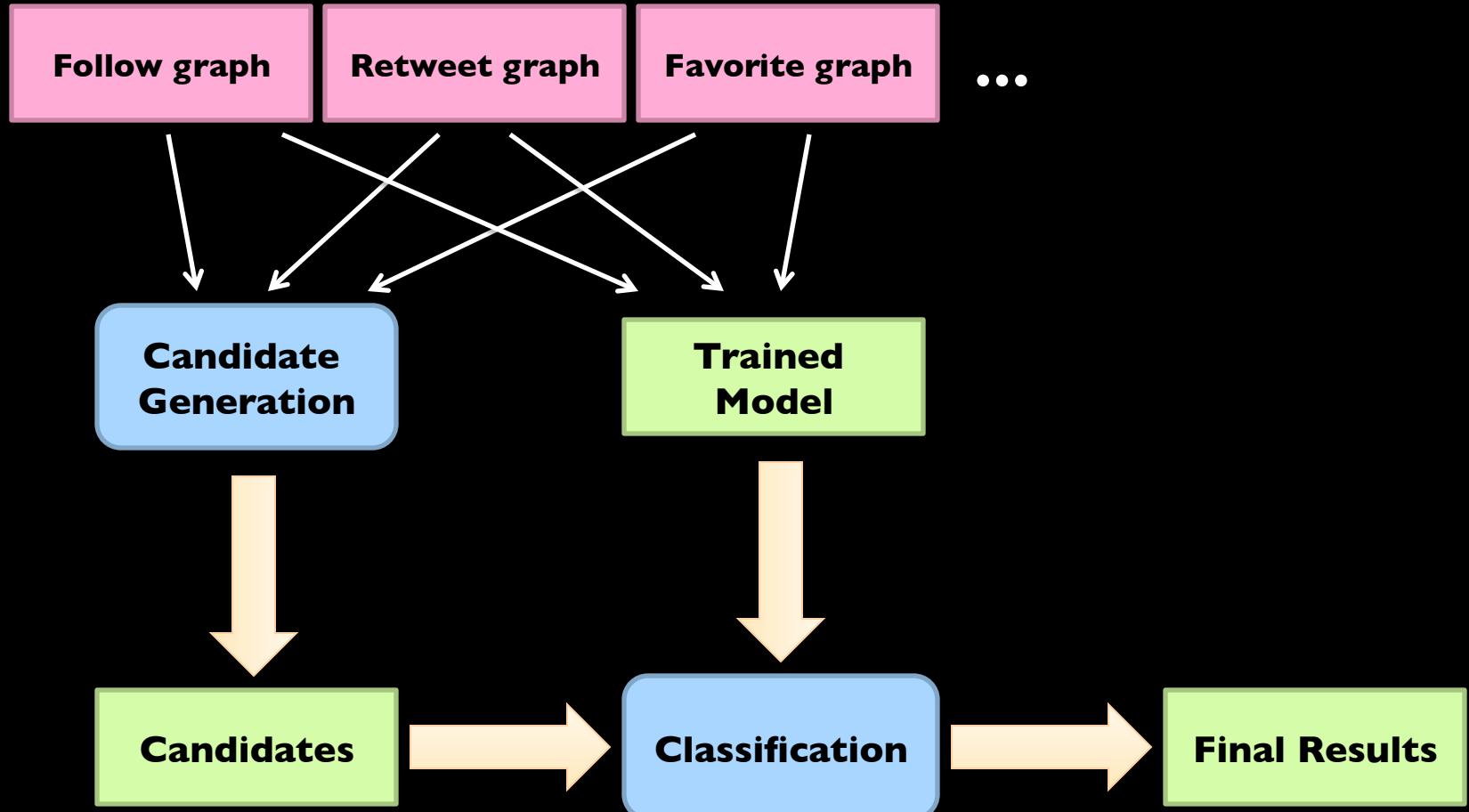
Key insights:

Batch and “stitch together” partial random walks*

Clever sampling to avoid full materialization

* Sarma et al. Estimating PageRank on Graph Streams. PODS 200
Bahmani et al. Fast Personalized PageRank on MapReduce. SIGMOD 2011.

Throw in ML while we're at it...



RETURN TO A GALAXY FAR FAR AWAY...



CUSTOM ARCHITECTURES

CIRCA 2013



Isn't the point of Twitter real-time?
So why is WTF still dominated by batch processing?

From batch to real-time recommendations:

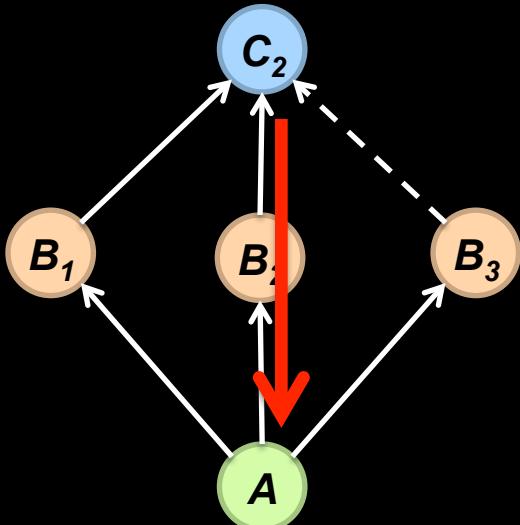
Recommendations based on recent activity

“Trending in your network”

Inverts the WTF problem:

For this user, what recommendations to generate?

Given this new edge, which user to make recommendations to?



Why does this work?

A follows B's because they're interesting
B's following C's because “something's happening”
(generalizes to any activity)

Scale of the Problem

$O(10^8)$ vertices, $O(10^{10})$ edges

Designed for $O(10^4)$ events per second

Naïve solutions:

Poll each vertex periodically

Materialize everyone's two-hop neighborhood, intersect

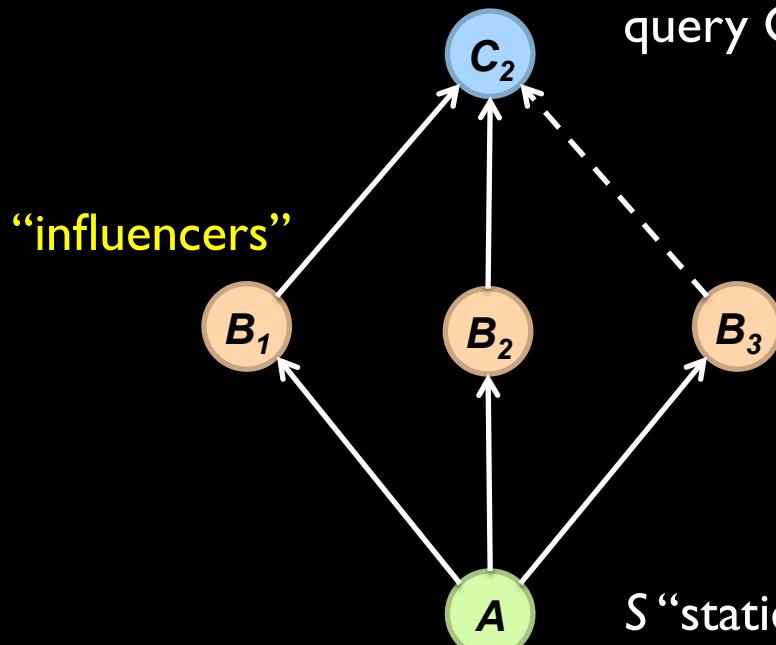
Production solution:

Idea #1: Convert problem into adjacency list intersection

Idea #2: Partition graph to eliminate non-local intersections

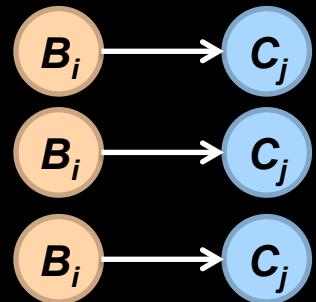
Single Node Solution

Who we're recommending



Who we're making the recommendations to

D “dynamic” structure:
stores inverted adjacency lists
query C, return all B's that link to it

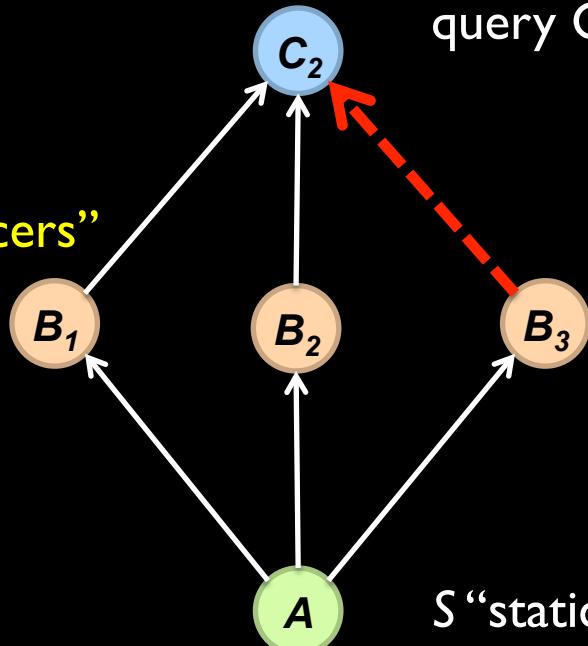


S “static” structure:
stores inverted adjacency lists
query B, return all A's that link to it

Algorithm

Who we're recommending

“influencers”



Who we're making the recommendations to

D “dynamic” structure:
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query C, return all B's that link to it

1. Receive B_3 to C_2
2. Query D for C_2 , get B_1, B_2, B_3
3. For each B_1, B_2, B_3 , query S
4. Intersect lists to compute A's

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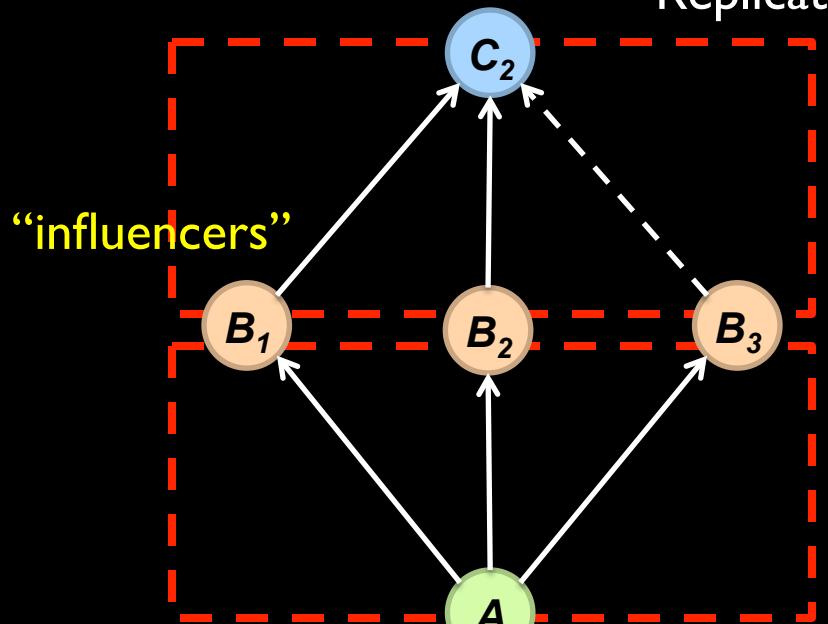
Idea #1: Convert problem into adjacency list intersection

Distributed Solution



Who we're recommending

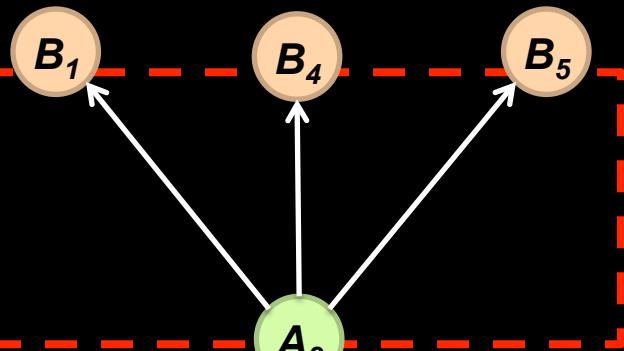
Replicate on every node



1. Fan out new edge to every node
2. Run algorithm on each partition
3. Gather results from each partition

Who we're making the recommendations to

Partition by A

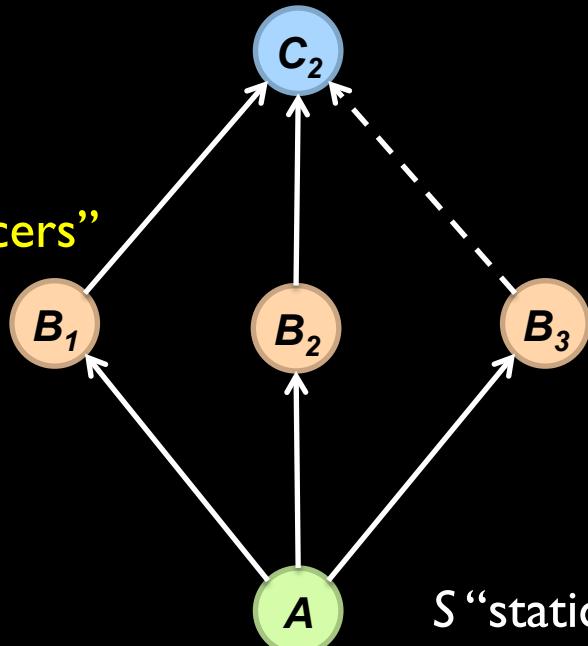


Idea #2: Partition graph to eliminate non-local intersections

Notes

Who we're recommending

“influencers”



Who we're making the recommendations to

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stores inverted adjacency lists

Memory pressure?

Why?

S “static” structure:
stores inverted adjacency lists

Production Status

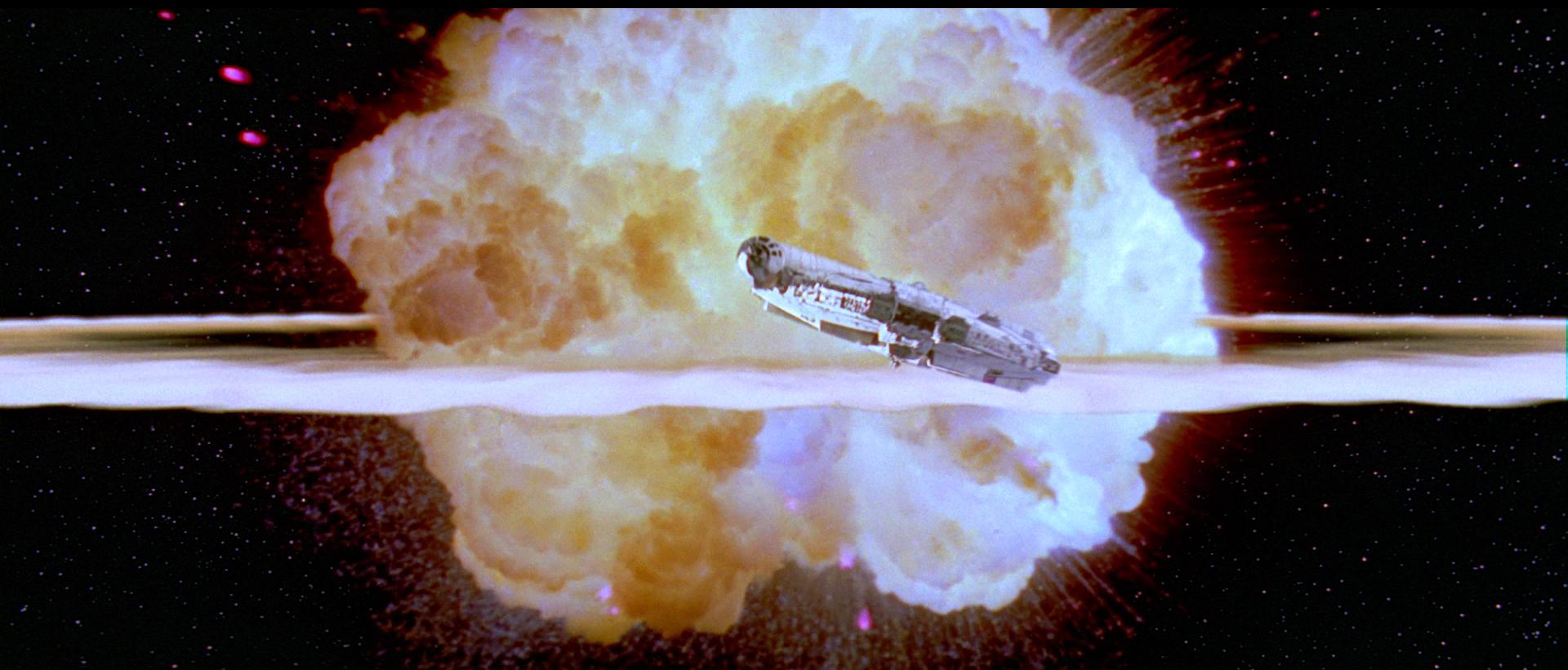
Launched September 2013

Push recommendations to Twitter mobile users

Billions of raw candidates, millions of push notifications daily

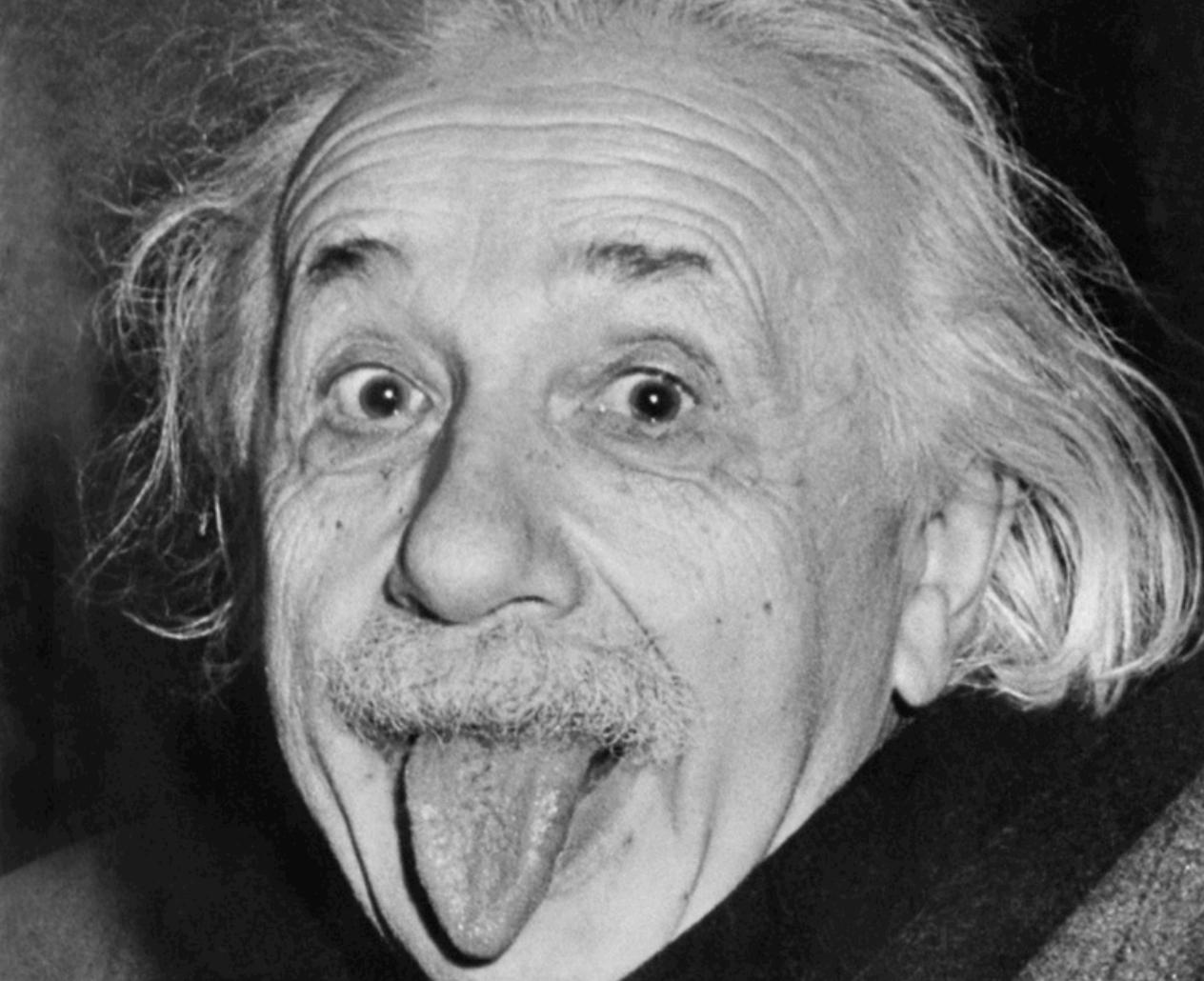
Performance

End-to-end latency (from edge creation to delivery):
median 7s, p99 15s



Takeaway lesson #01:

Make things as simple as possible, but not simpler.



With lots of data, algorithms don't really matter that much
Why a complex architecture when a simple one suffices?



Takeaway lesson #10:
Constraints aren't always technical.

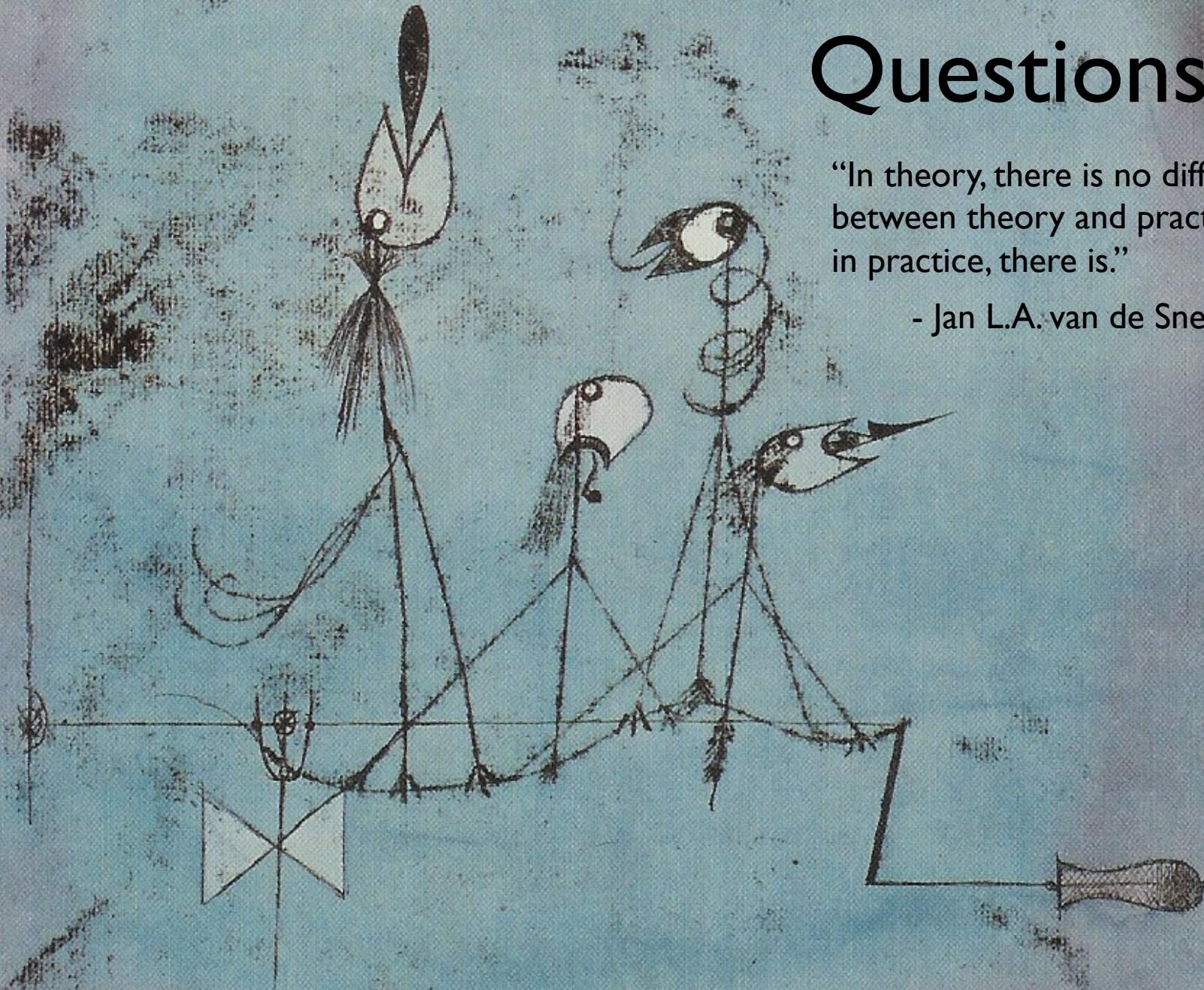
A photograph showing a complex network of pipes and valves in a basement or crawlspace. The pipes are made of various materials, including white PVC and larger, yellowish-brown metal or thick-walled plastic pipes. Some pipes are painted red or blue. Numerous valves, fittings, and connectors are visible, some with wires attached. The ceiling is made of drywall, which appears aged and slightly peeling. The lighting is somewhat dim, coming from an off-camera source, creating shadows and highlights on the pipes.

Takeaway lesson #11:
Plumbing matters. A lot.

Questions?

“In theory, there is no difference between theory and practice. But, in practice, there is.”

- Jan L.A. van de Snepscheut



Twittering Machine. Paul Klee (1922) watercolor and ink