HATHI TRUST RESEARCH CENTER

Text Mining HathiTrust as Big Data Exemplar in PRAGMA

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HathiTrust Digital Library

- HathiTrust is a partnership of academic & research institutions, offering a collection of millions of titles digitized from libraries around the world.
 - Founding members of HathiTrust along with
 University of Michigan are Indiana University,
 University of California, and University of Virginia



http://www.hathitrust.org

→ Distinguished from



http://www.hathitrust.org/htrc



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Collections

My Collections

Currently Digitized

- 10,796,403 total volumes
- 5,658,745 book titles
- 281,890 serial titles
- · 3,778,741,050 pages
- · 484 terabytes
- 128 miles
- 8,772 tons
- 3,450,939 volumes(~32% of total) in the public domain

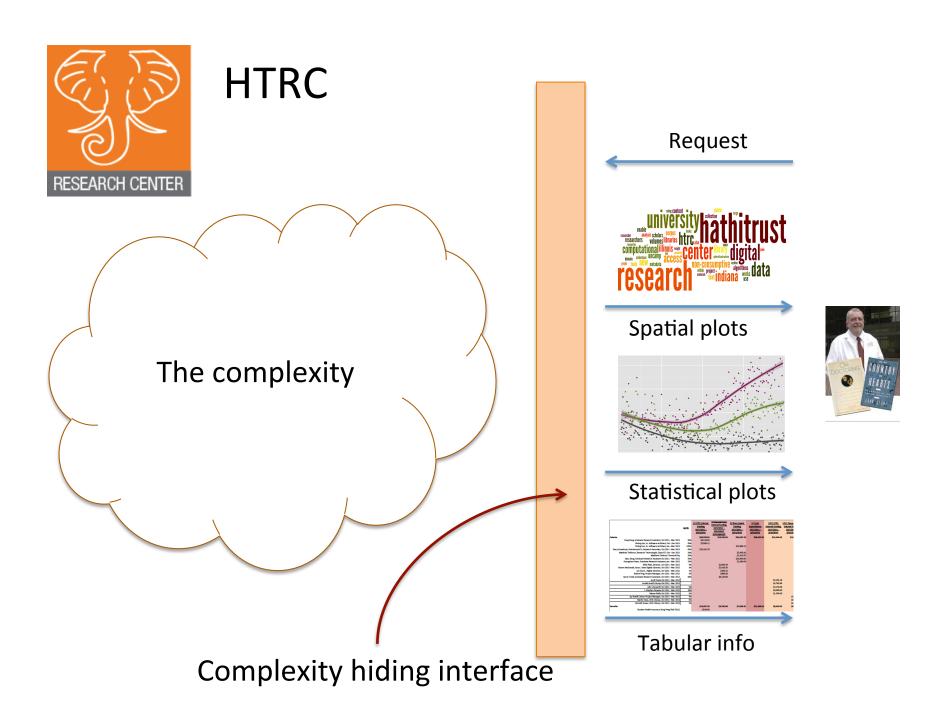
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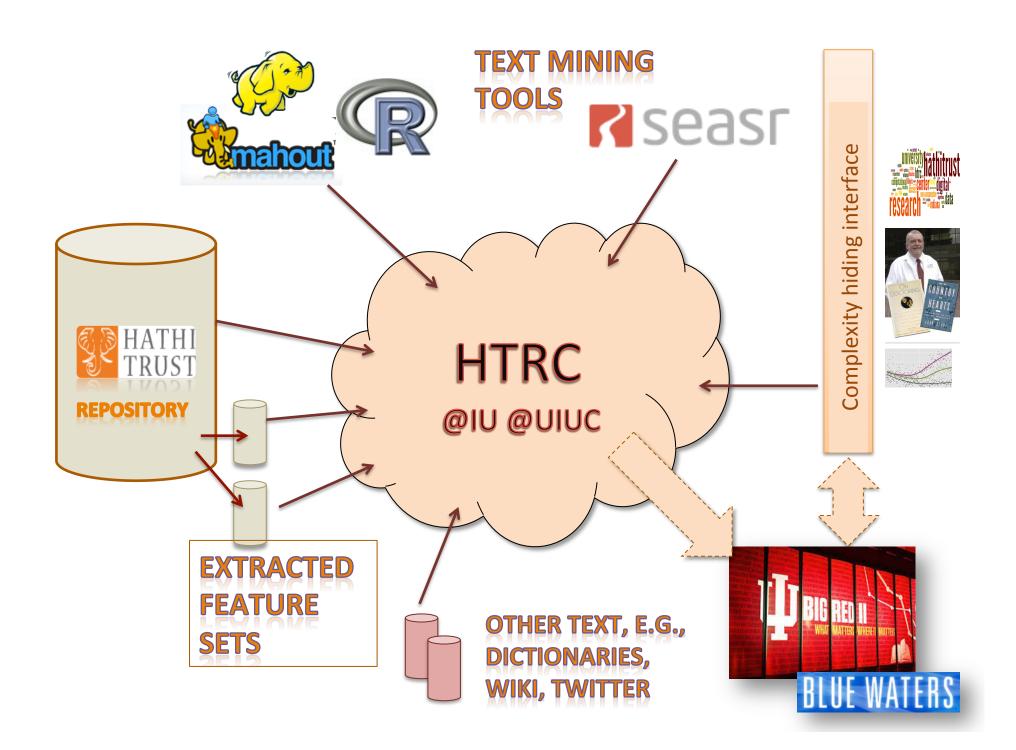
- → HathiTrust repository is a latent goldmine for text mining analysis, analysis of large-scale corpi through computational tools, and time-based analysis
- →Restricted nature of HT content suggests need for new forms of access that preserve intimate nature of research investigation while honoring restrictions
- → Paradigm: computation takes place close to the data



Mission of HT Research Center

- Research arm of HathiTrust
- Goal: enable researchers world-wide to carry out computational investigation of HT repository through
 - Develop model for access: the 'workset'
 - Develop tools that facilitate research by digital humanities and informatics communities
 - Develop secure cyberinfrastructure that allows computational investigation of entire copyrighted and public domain HathiTrust repository
- Established: July, 2011
- Collaborative effort of Indiana University and University of Illinois





HTRC architecture



- Philosophy: computation moves to data
- Web services (REST) architecture and protocols
- WS02 Registry for worksets and results
- Solr Indexes: full text, MARC, and new metadata
- noSQL (Cassandra) store as volume store
- Authentication using WS02 Identity Server
- Portal front-end, programmatic access
- Mining tools: currently SEASR

Big Data Research Challenges in HTRC

Integration:
Categorizational
and ontological
sources

Hooks to external collections / topical knowledge bases

e.g., Biodiversity Heritage Library

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Text analytics at scale: Support for novel mining and NLP uses and mining

Lifecycle issues in collection augmenting of data assets and services

"Non-consumptive" text mining

Big Data and PRAGMA

- Use PRAGMA member collections as anchor collections around which PRAGMA testbed could exercise experiments in data discovery and interoperability
- PRAGMA uses its testbed to exercise relevant activity of Research Data Alliance. RDA WG on Type Registries is about to deliver; assess usefulness in PRAGMA use cases
- Data on program for PRAGMA 27: devote time to address/expose policy and cultural issues in data sharing; are there tech solutions to policy issues that PRAGMA would be interested in?