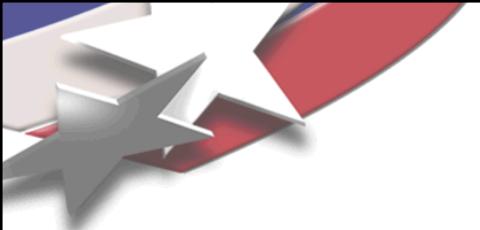


# **Network Algorithms for Information Analysis using the Titan Toolkit**

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# Outline

- **Introduction to the toolkit**
  - Toolkit provisions & data pipelines
- **Applications**
  - Text Corpora Analysis
  - Fun with Web Crawls
  - Network Packet Streaming
- **Coding Example**
  - Using Python to load a graph from disk

# What is Titan?

## Data Structures

- Table
- Tree
- DAG
- Directed Graph
- Undirected Graph
- Sparse N-way Array
- Dense N-way Array
- Unicode Text

## Database Drivers

- MySQL
- Postgres
- Oracle
- SQLite
- ODBC
- Netezza

## Readers

- Dimacs
- DOT
- GXL
- Chaco
- XML
- Tulip
- DelimitedText
- Unicode Delimited Text
- FixedWidth
- ISI, RIS
- Palantir XML

## Multidimensional Analysis

- TPP / PARAFAC
- Trilinos Integration

## Graph Algorithms

- Network Communities
- ST Search
- CSG Search
- Temporal Search
- Breadth First Search
- Connected Components
- Biconnected Components
- Brandes Centrality
- Subgraph Isomorphism

## MATLAB Integration

## R Integration

## Parallel Statistics Algorithms

- Descriptive
- Order
- Correlative
- Contingency

## Linear-Time Graph Layouts

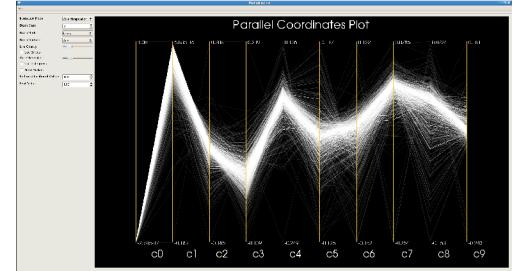
- GSpace
- Hierarchical
- Clustered
- Three tree-based variants

## Text Analysis

- Latent Semantic Analysis (LSA)
- Latent Dirichlet Allocation (LDA)

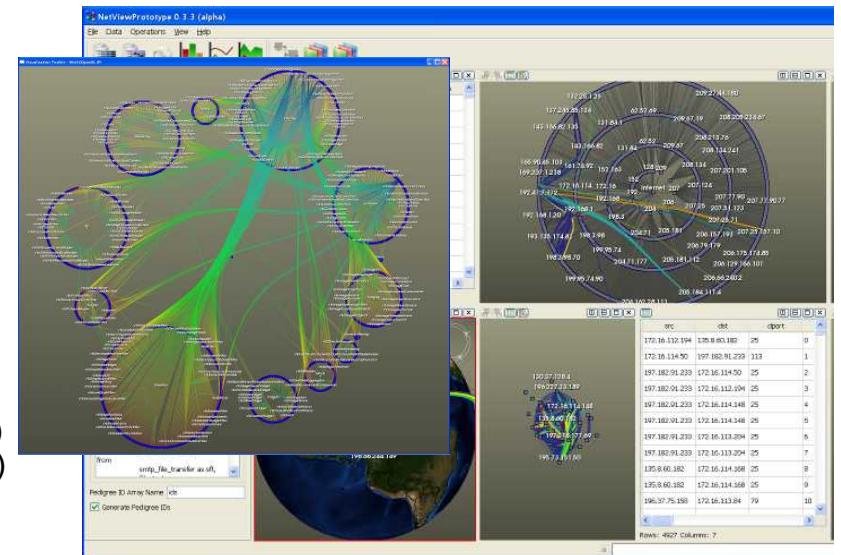
## Multiple View Types

- Render (3D)
- Graph
- Hierarchical Graph
- Tree
- Treemap
- Georeferenced
- Parallel Coordinates
- Radial Tree Ring



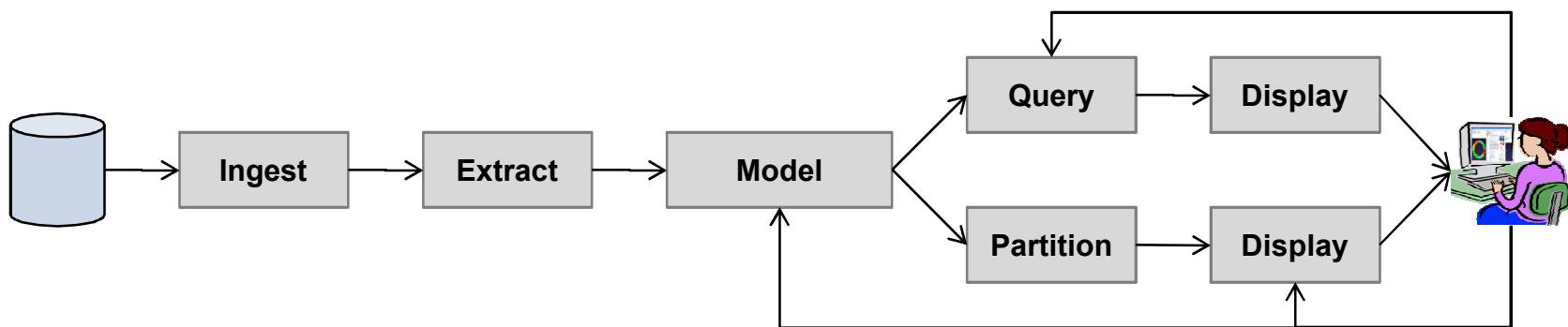
## Multiple Platforms / Languages

- Windows, Linux, OSX, HPC
- Write components in C++
- Use with C++, TCL, Python, Java, .NET, COM
- Use as OverView "plugins"



# Building Applications Using Pipelines

Applications are built by composing pipelines of filters.



Provides a direct mapping between whiteboard and code.

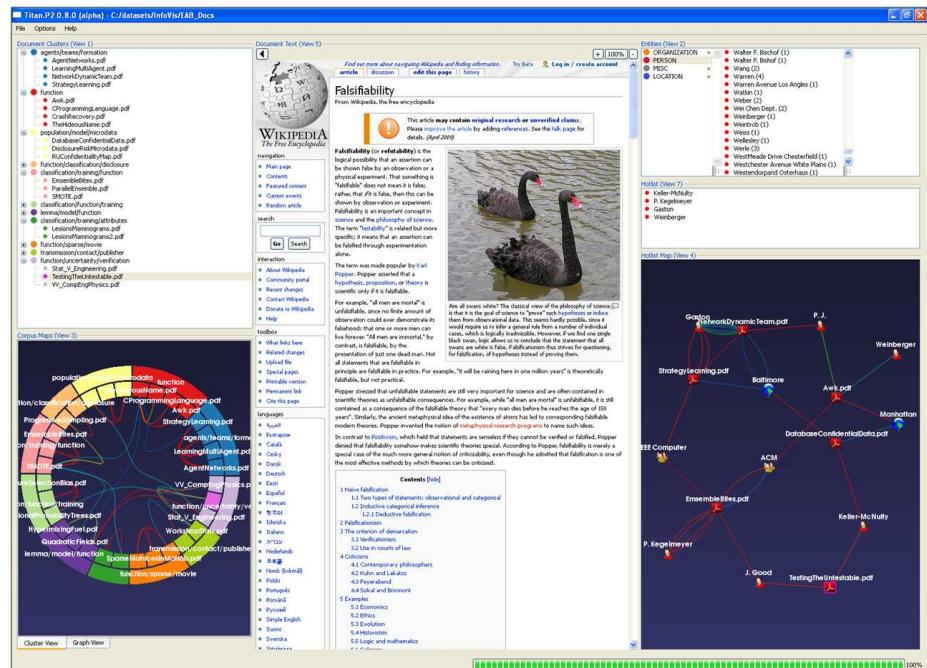
Provides flexibility / exploration (for developers!)

Manages execution:

- Manages the “flow” of data through components.
- In what order are components executed?
- What needs to be recomputed when parameters change?

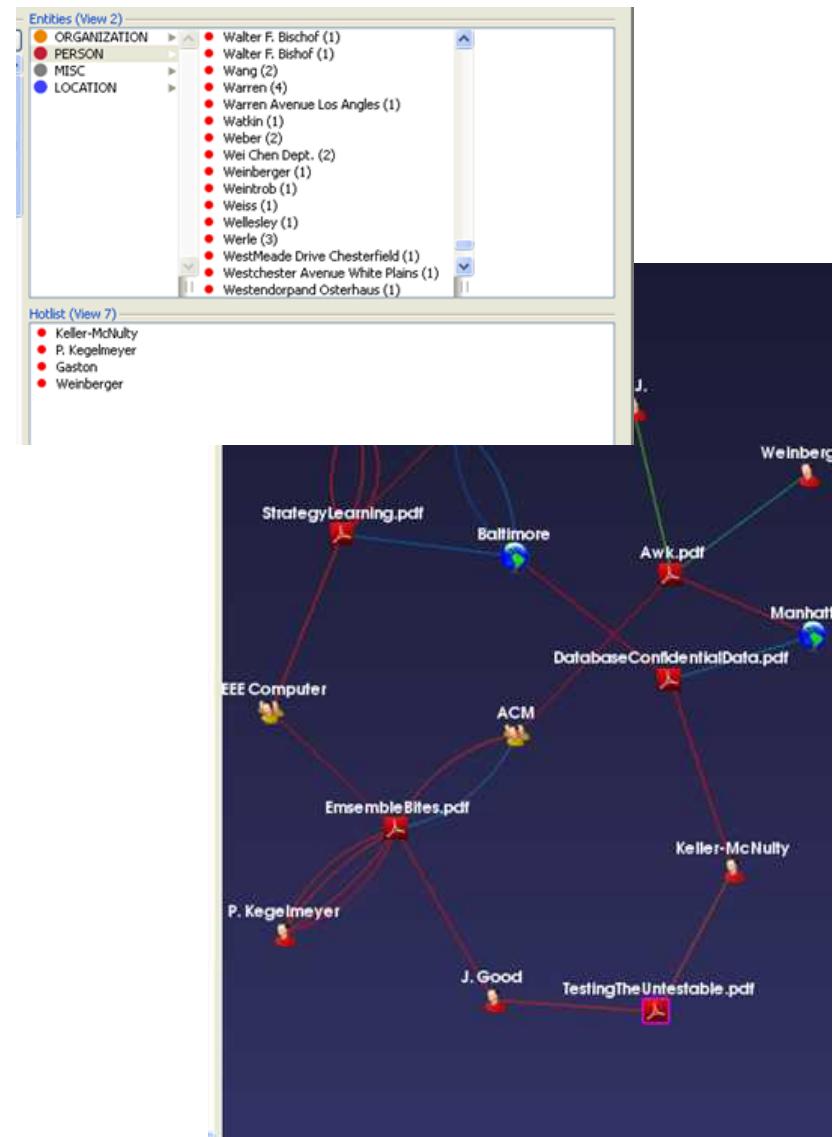
# Application: Text Corpora Analysis

- **Sense-making of a corpus of documents.**
- **Document-Document Similarity**
  - Computed using clustering algorithms (LDA, LSA, etc.)
- **Entity-Document Similarity**
  - Named Entity Recognition
  - Merged DD and DE graphs
  - Connection Subgraphs Searches



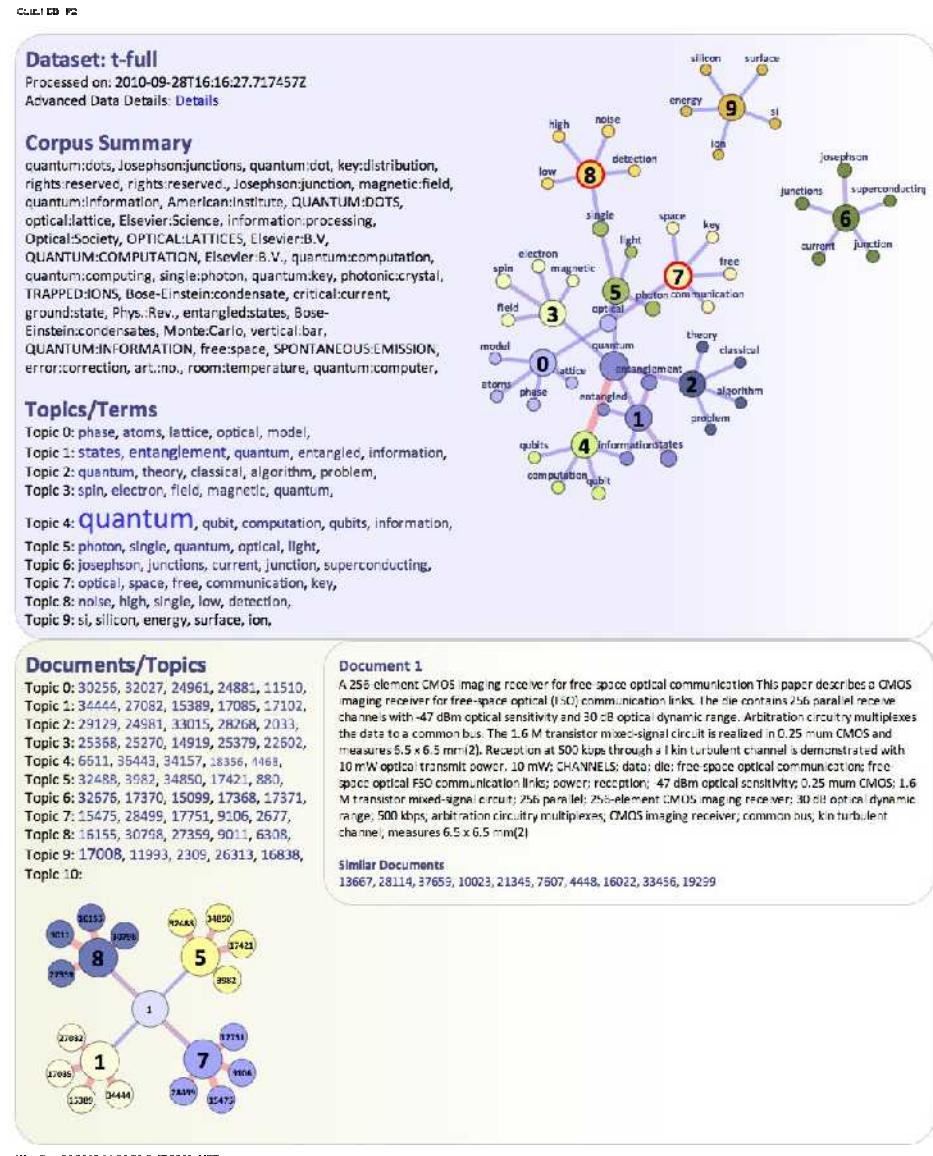
# Following a Soap Opera

- The “Hot List” is a subset of named-entities that are “interesting”...
- Generate a community graph that connects selected entities
- Why is this interesting?
  - Shows how entities are related and which documents the info came from



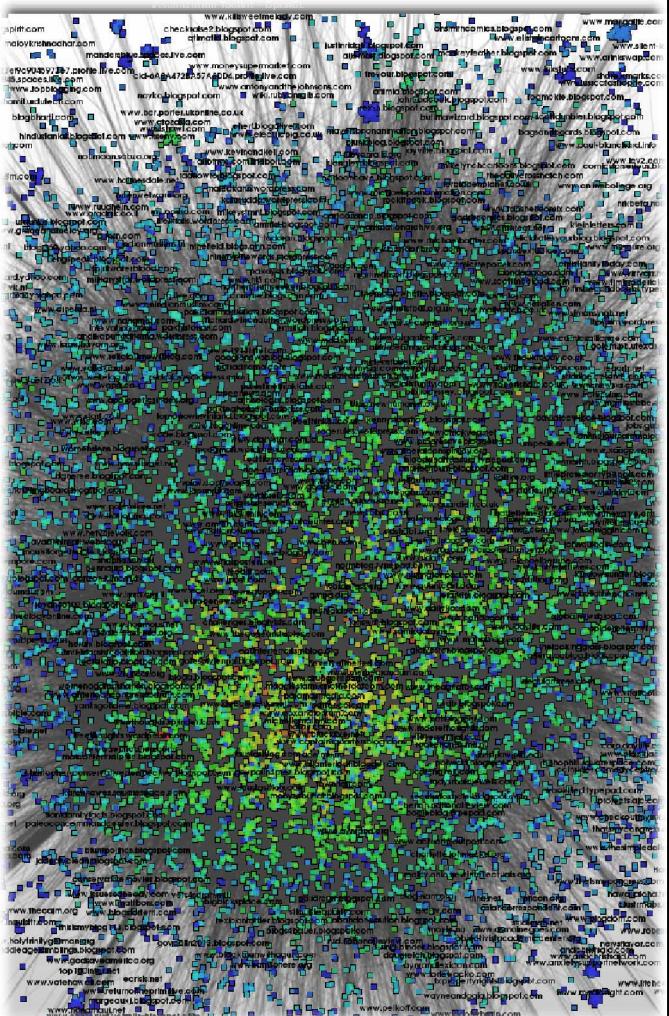
# More Corpora Analysis

- **Problem: Determine the topicality of a set of documents.**
- **Reuses many elements of the previous application data pipeline.**
- **Key differences:**
  - Implements a subset
  - Uses a web-delivery model (CouchDB)
  - 100% browser delivery
  - Developed by two people using 10% time over a couple weeks.



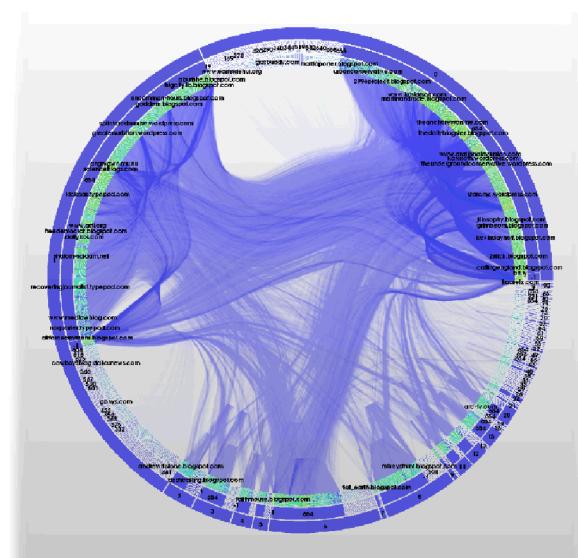
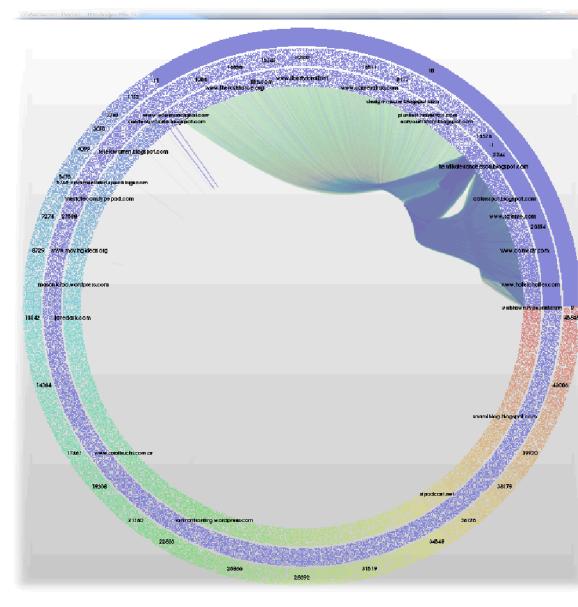
# Web-Crawl Data

- Web-crawl data project
- Analyze a targeted web-crawl to:
  - Identify topological ‘communities’ within the web network.
  - Perform text analysis on the page content (LSA, LDA) to pull topics of interest.
  - Cluster the pages around topics
  - Track the evolution of topics within communities over time.
  - Present results as an interactive set of charts and plots accessible through a common web browser.



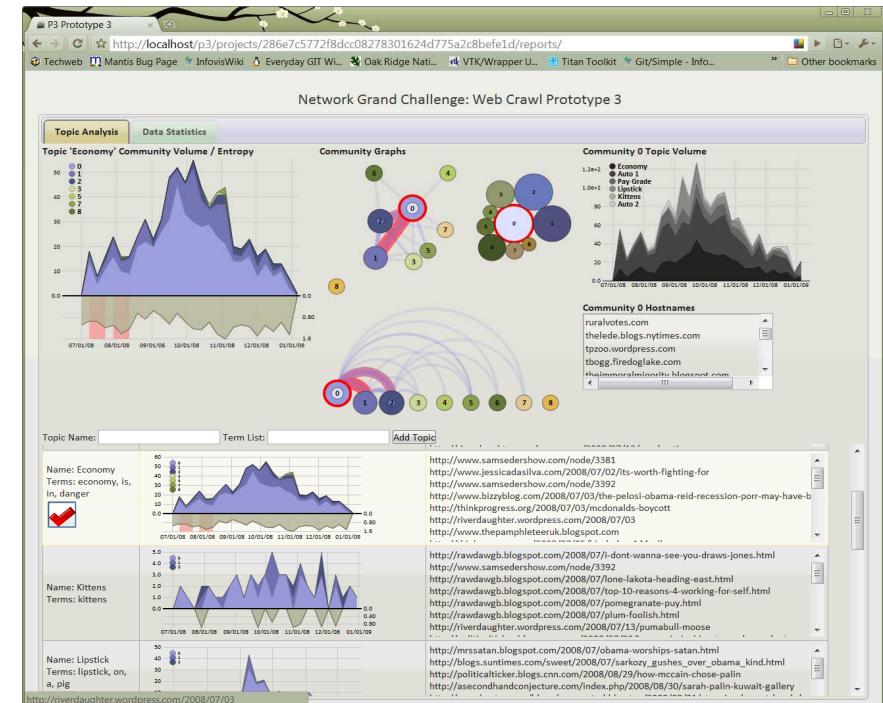
# Validating a Graph

- Often we receive data that we did not collect ourselves.
- We must validate the data
  - Real world data can be messy and/or incomplete.
  - If the data does not conform to expectations, we must discover why.
- In our web-crawl example, the initial data set was incorrect.
  - Turned out to be a bug in the post processing scripts that pushed the crawl into a database.



# The Web Analysis Application

- Toolkit breadth leveraged
  - Database Drivers
  - Web Server / Client tiers in Titan
  - Latent Semantic Analysis (LSA)
  - Document Clustering
  - Statistics
  - Graph Algorithms
  - Protopis for charts
- Results delivered using a browser.
- App developed in a short time period.





# Network Packet Streaming

Titan Toolkit Demo

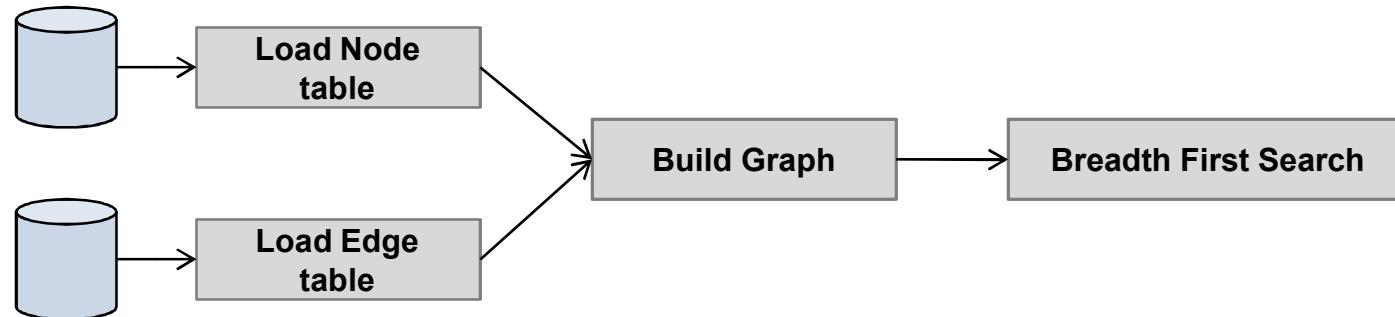
Realtime Network Packet  
Processing and Visualization

15k packets/sec UDP  
(using Google Protocol Buffers)

- **Real-Time Streaming App**
- **15k packets/second**
- **Combines monolithic app model with 'web' tech**
- **Real-Time modification of views by editing underlying javascript**

# Code Example: Loading a Network

- The following few slides walks through a quick example that loads a graph using Titan via Python.
  - Load a graph from two ‘CSV’ files
  - Run an algorithm on it, Breadth-First Search





# Load the Nodes Table

## csv\_to\_graph.py

```
from vtk import *

nodes = vtkDelimitedTextReader()
nodes.SetFieldDelimiterCharacters(",")
nodes.SetHaveHeaders(True)
nodes.SetDetectNumericColumns(True)
nodes.SetFileName("nodes.csv")
```

### nodes.csv

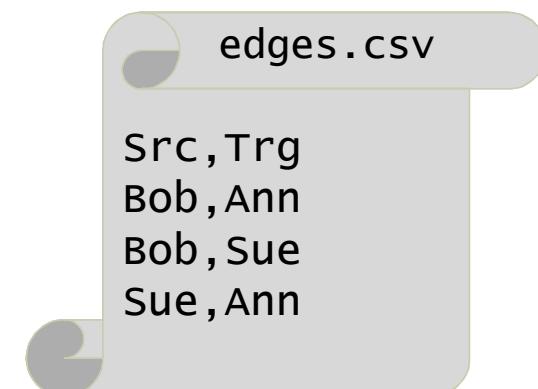
ID	Name	Age
1	Bob	12
2	Ann	25
3	Sue	72

- **Explanation**

- Loads the VTK libraries
- Load the file *nodes.csv* into the *nodes* pipeline object using *vtkDelimitedTextReader*.

# Load the Edges Table

```
edges = vtkDelimitedTextReader()
edges.SetFieldDelimiterCharacters(",")
edges.SetHaveHeaders(True)
edges.SetDetectNumericColumns(True)
edges.SetFileName("edges.csv")
```



- **Explanation**
  - Essentially same as previous slide, but we're loading the edges file this time.



# Construct Graph from Nodes & Edges

```
Graph = vtkTableToGraph()
Graph.SetDirected(True)
Graph.AddInputConnection(edges,GetOutputPort())
Graph.SetVertexTableConnection(nodes.GetOutputPort())
Graph.AddLinkVertex("src","Name",False)
Graph.AddLinkVertex("trg","Name",False)
Graph.AddLinkEdge("src", "trg")
```

- **Explanation**

- Uses `vtkTableToGraph`, which takes two tables (vertices, edges) as inputs.
- Vertices are created from the `nodes` table
- Edges are created by linking the “src” and “trg” entries in rows against `nodes` using the “Name” field.



# Run the BFS Algorithm

```
bfs = vtkBoostBreadthFirstSearch()
bfs.AddInputConnection(Graph.GetOutputPort())
bfs.SetOriginVertex("Bob")

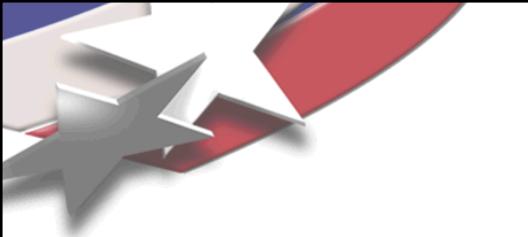
bfs.Update()
```

- **Explanation**

- Attaches `vtkBoostBreadthFirstSearch` to the pipeline.
- Computes a BFS ordering on the graph.

- **Pipeline Construction**

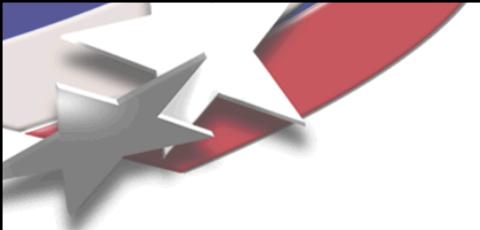
- The ‘output port’ from one filter is connected to the ‘input port’ of the next.
- Once we’ve got the pipeline started, we can add additional filters to operate on the data.



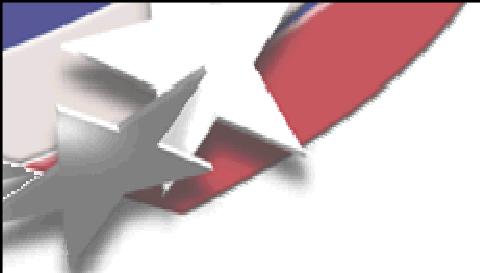
# Conclusion

- Titan is a toolkit which unifies many powerful toolkits around a flexible pipeline model.
- This flexibility allows development of applications to solve complex informatics problems with a small developer team.
- Multiple language support (Python, Java, etc.)
- The toolkit is fully open-source and available via Git.

<http://titan.sandia.gov>



# Questions / Discussion



# *Related Work*

## **Prefuse Visualization Toolkit**

A Java-based toolkit for building interactive information visualization applications.

## **Tulip Toolkit**

A C++ toolkit for building interactive information visualization applications.

## **GraphViz**

A set of libraries specifically for the visualization of many different types of graphs.

## **InfoVis Toolkit**

A Java-based toolkit for development of Information Visualization applications and components.

## **InfoVis Cyberinfrastructure**

It is a set of libraries that provide a simple and uniform programming-interface to algorithms using the Eclipse Rich Client Platform (RCP).

## **Piccolo Toolkit**

Piccolo is a layer built on top of a lower level graphics API. Currently supports Java and C# (Piccolo.Java Piccolo.NET)

## **GeoVista Studio**

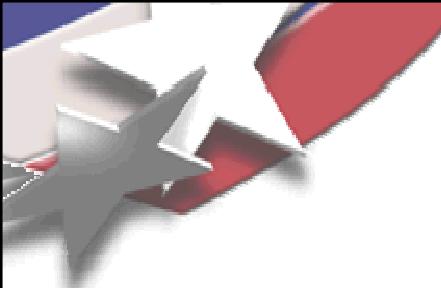
GeoVISTA Studio is an open software development environment designed for geospatial data.

## **Improvise**

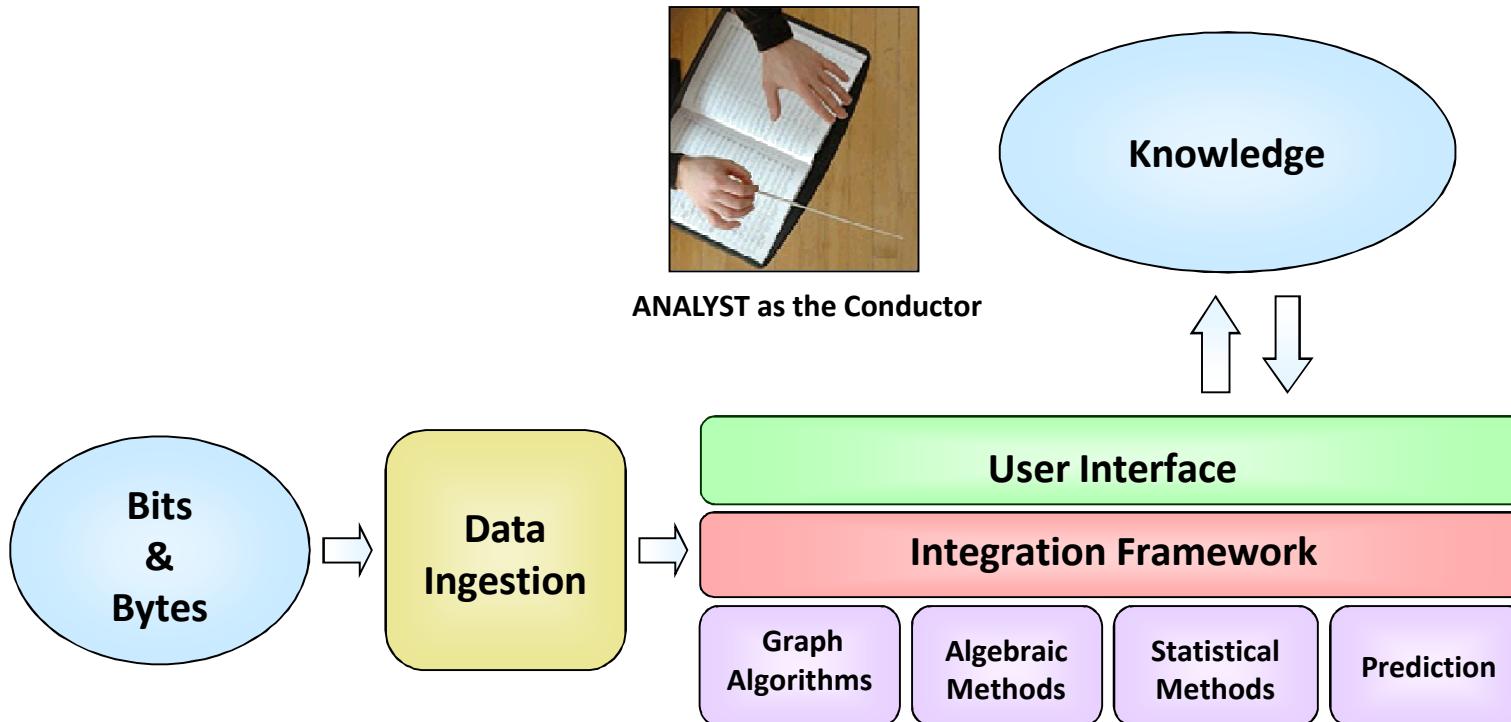
A coordinated multi-view, Java-based, open source (GPL) information visualization application for MacOS X, Linux, and Windows.

## **Protovis**

Open-source library using JavaScript and SVG for web-native visualizations; works with any modern web browser, no plugins required.

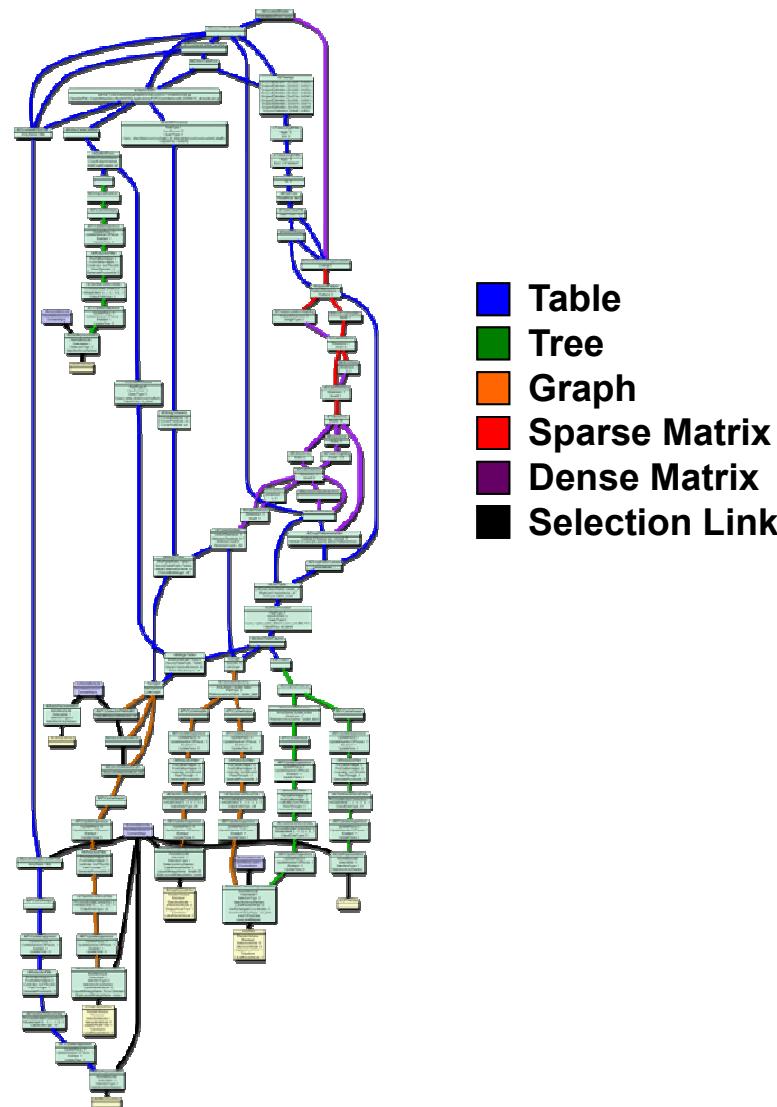


# *Titan Informatics Toolkit*



# What is Titan?

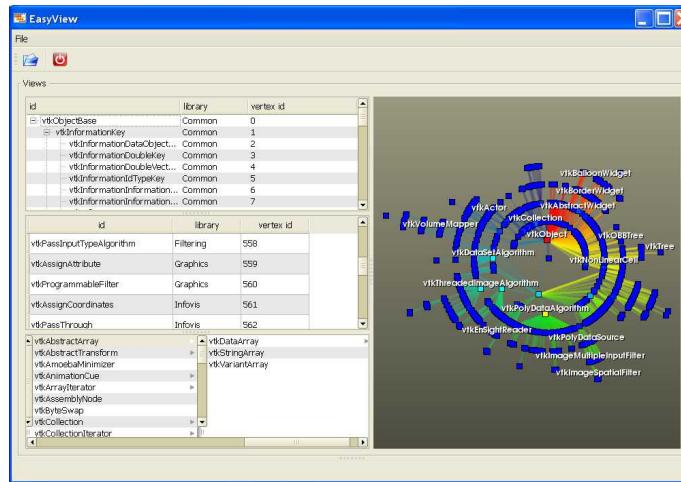
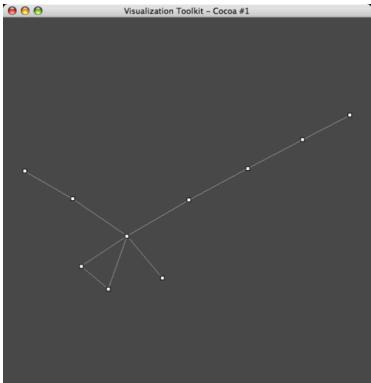
A flexible parallel pipeline architecture, written in C++



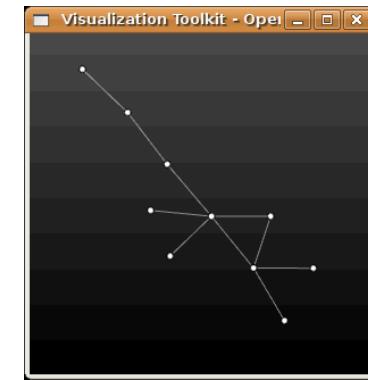
# Titan Language Bindings

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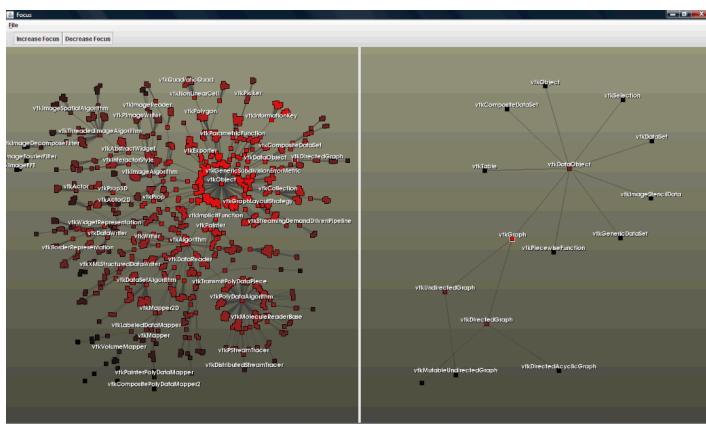
Python on OSX



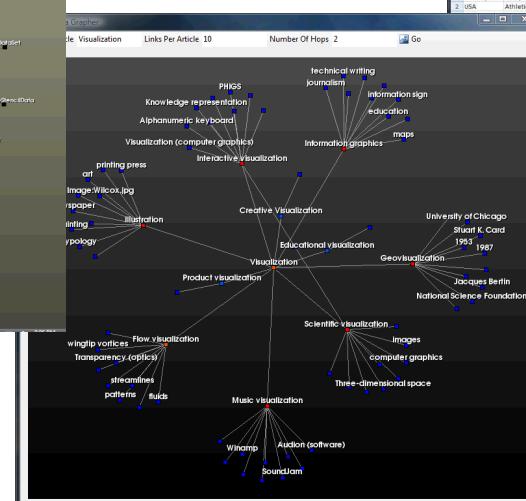
Tcl/Tk on Linux



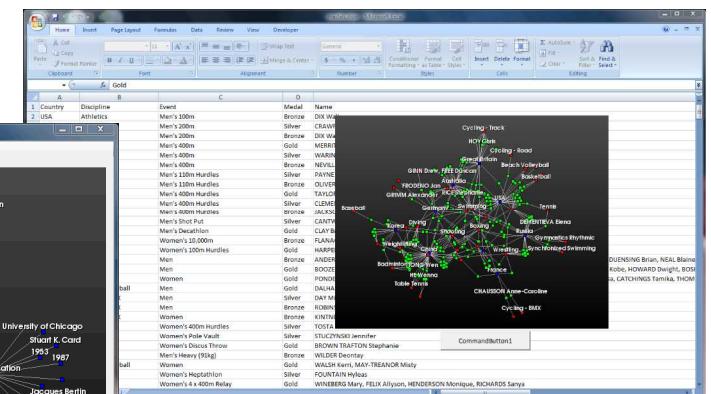
Java on Vista



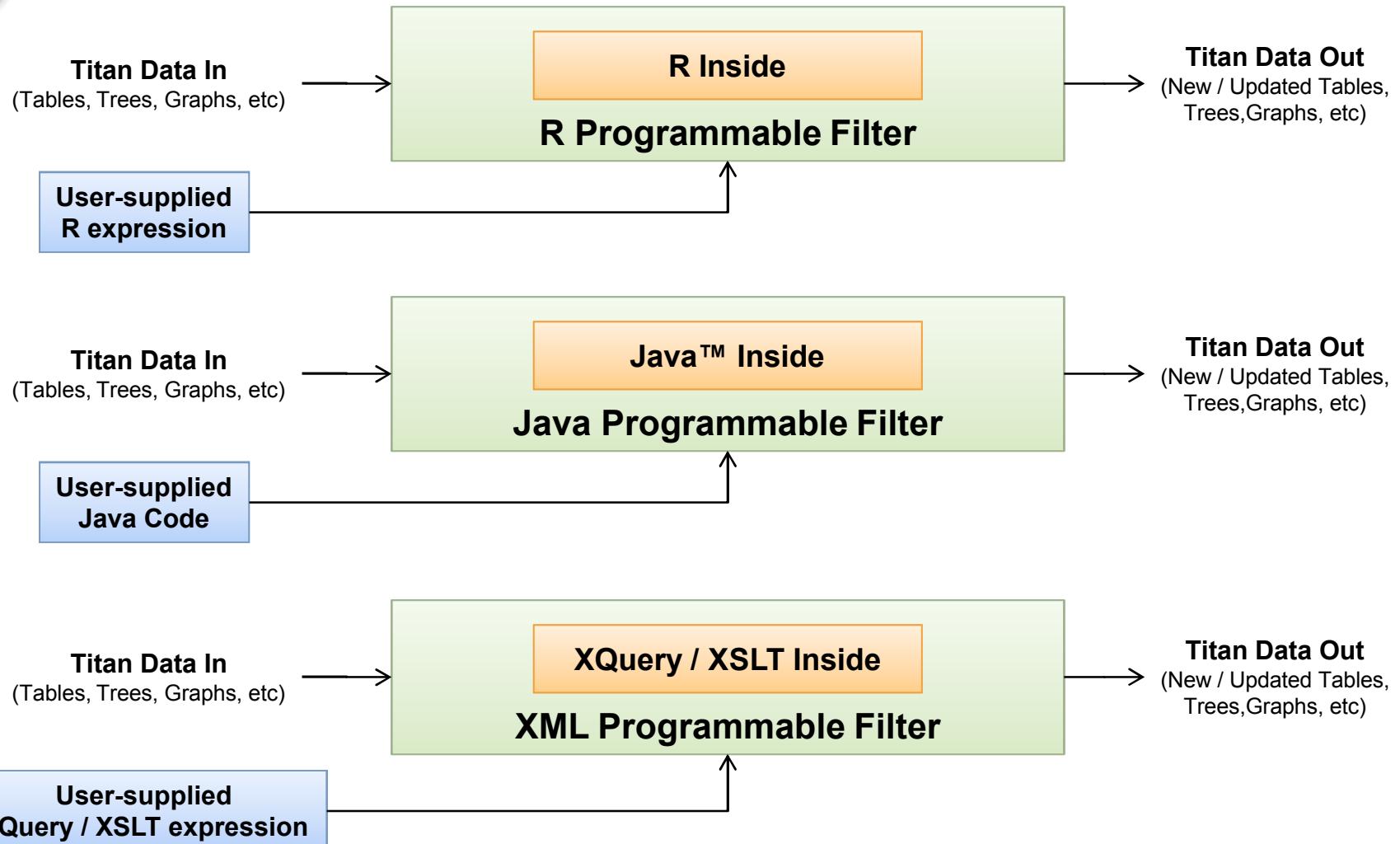
.NET on Vista



COM and Excel, on Vista



# Titan Programmable Filters



Not shown: Python & Matlab™ programmable filters ...

# R Programmable Filter Example

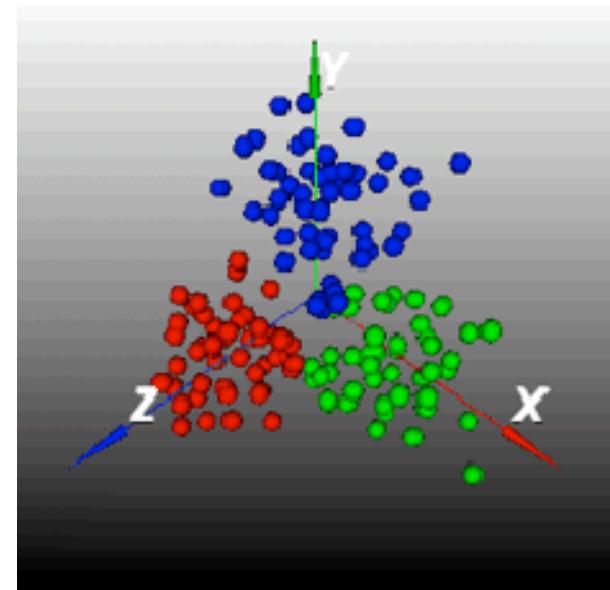
```
vtkRcalculatorFilter* rcf = vtkRcalculatorFilter::New();

rcf->SetInput(source->GetOutput());
rcf->PutTable("x");

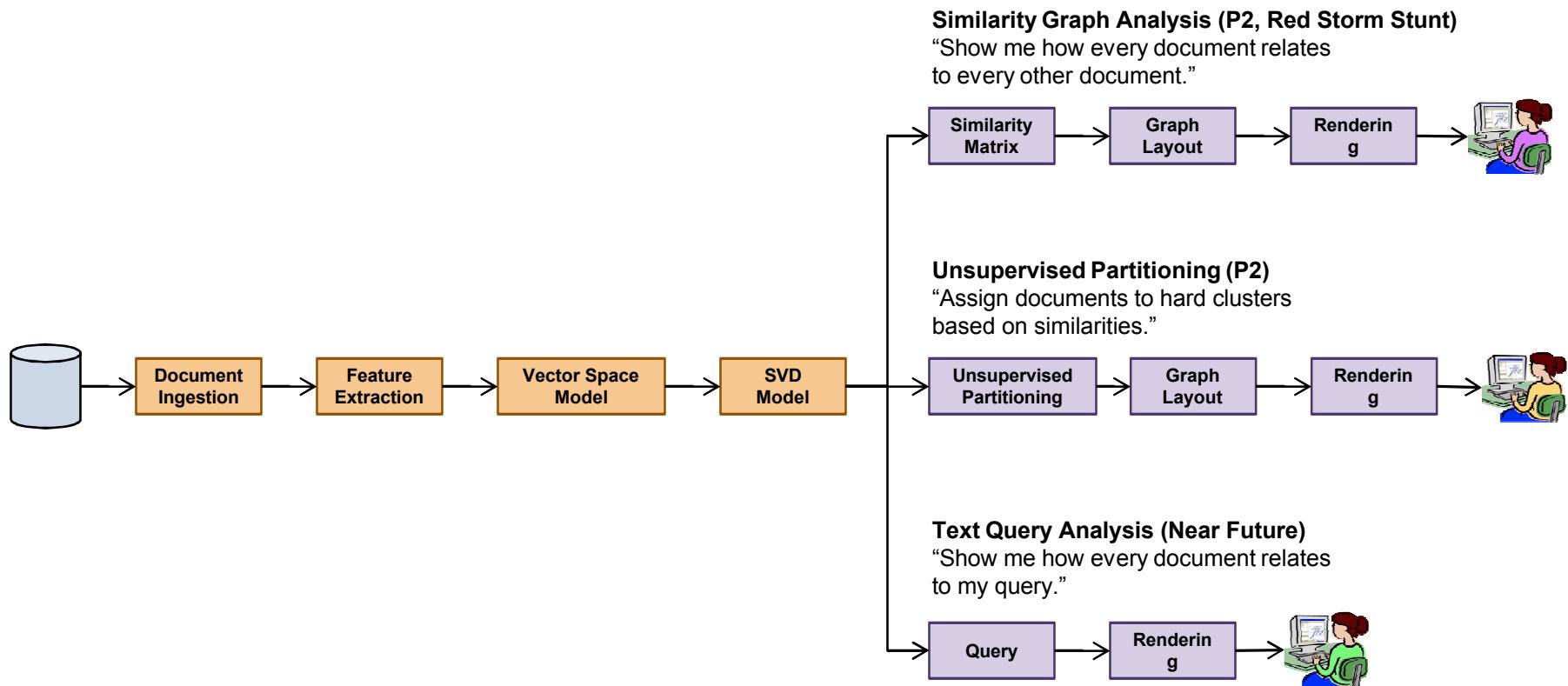
rcf->SetRscript("m = do.call(cbind,x)\n \
                 cl <- kmeans(m,3)\n \
                 m = cbind(m,cl$cluster)\n \
                 colnames(m) [4] = \"cluster\"\n");

rcf->GetTable("m");

sink->SetInput(rcf->GetOutput());
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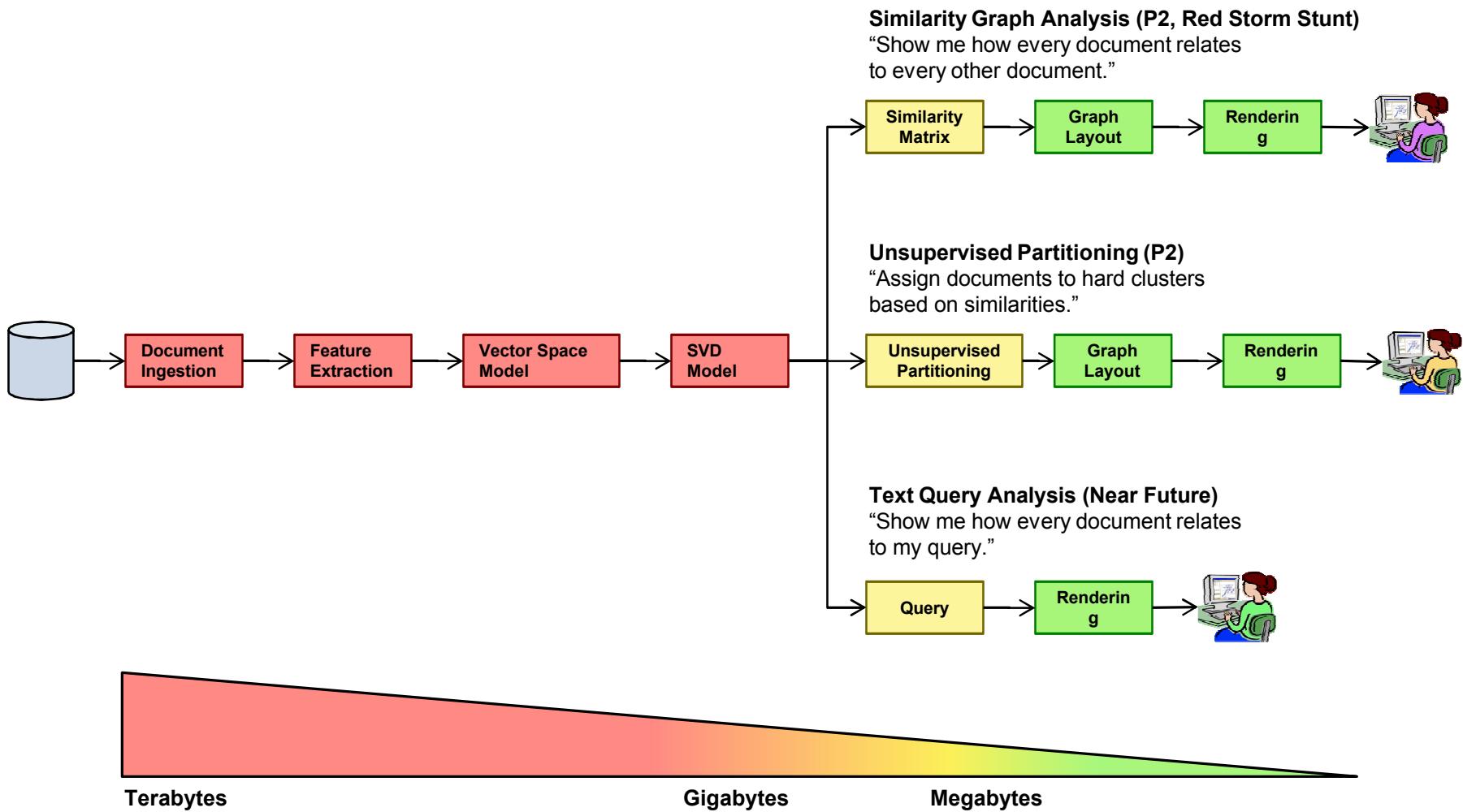


# Representative Titan Modeling + Analysis Pipelines





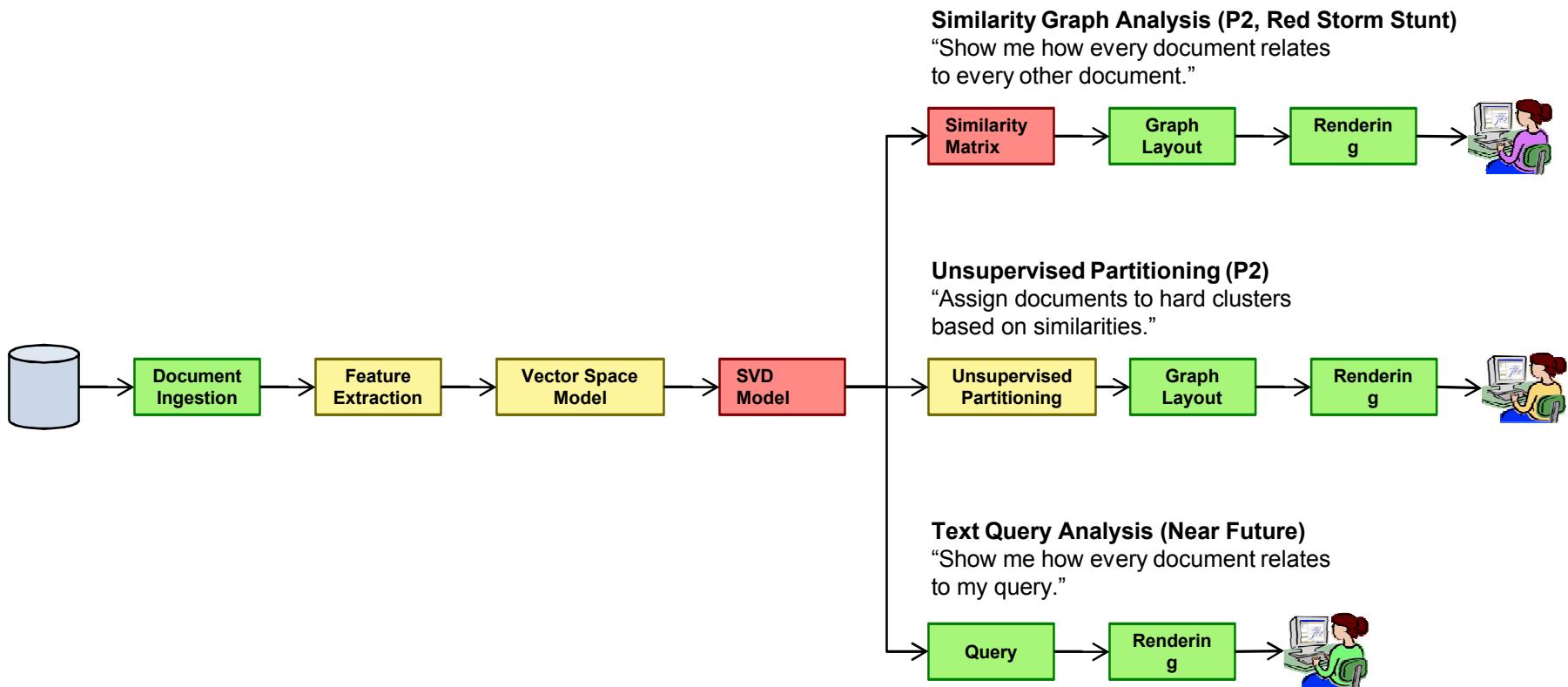
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**“Data Reduction / Aggregation”**



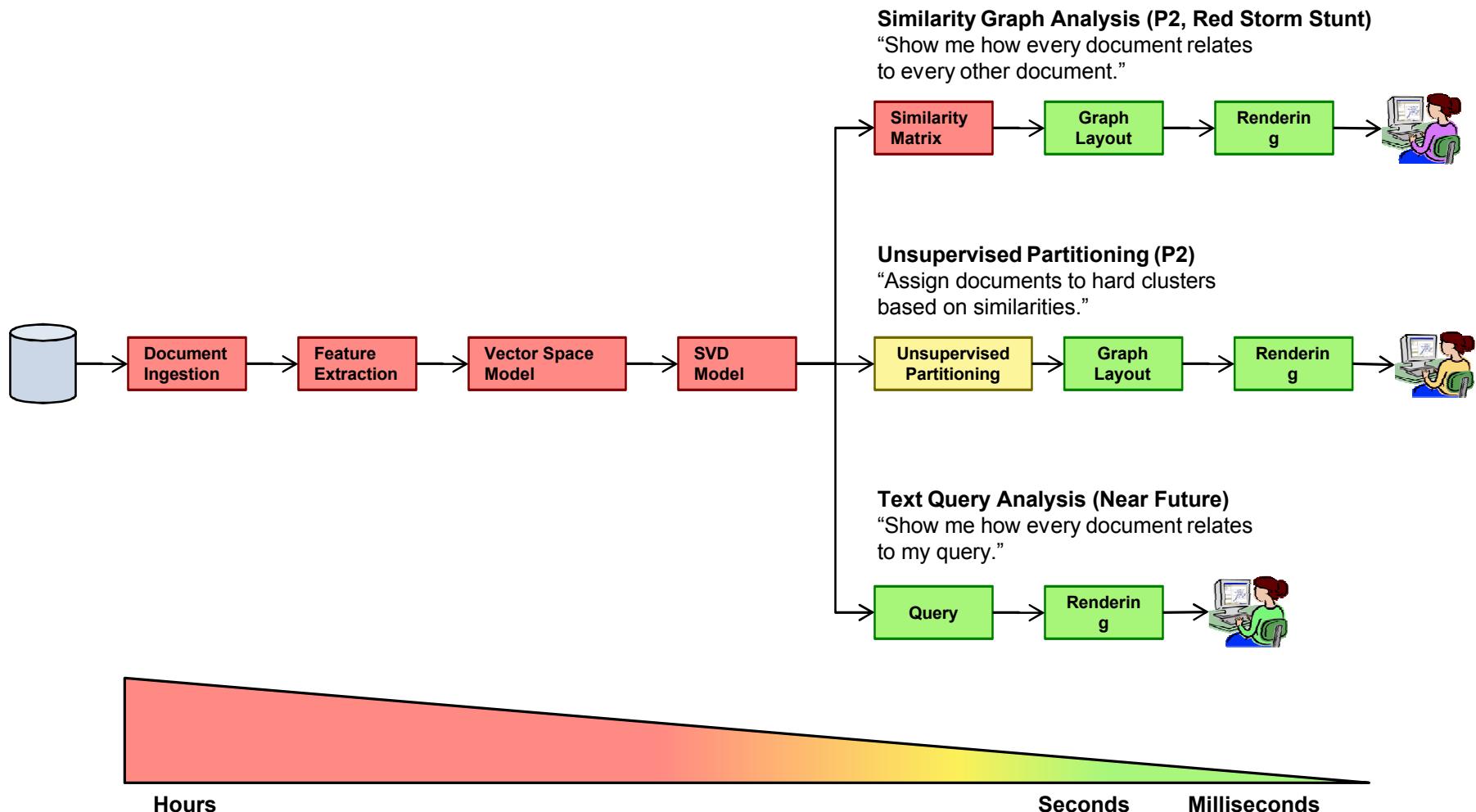
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“Computational Complexity”

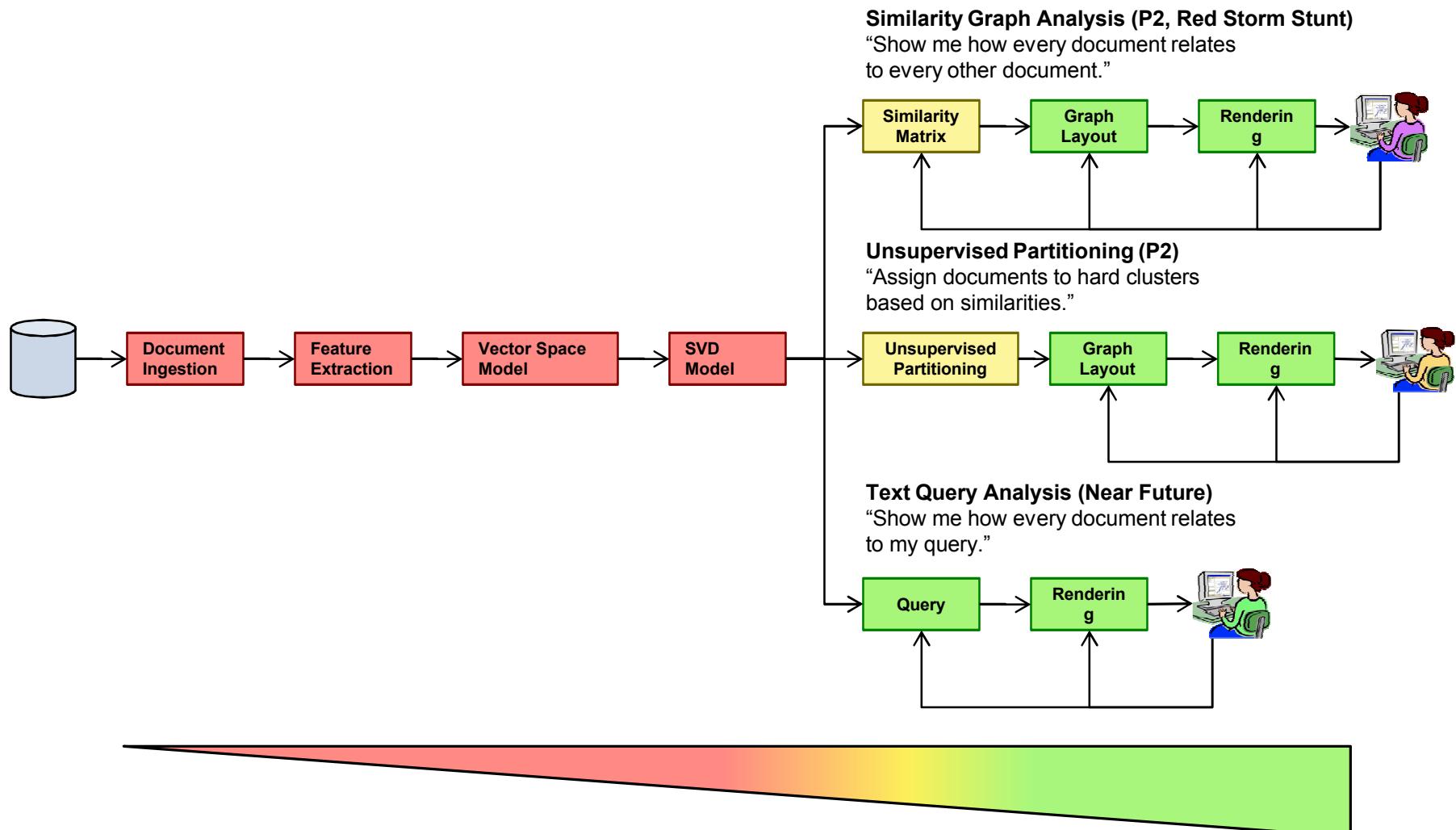


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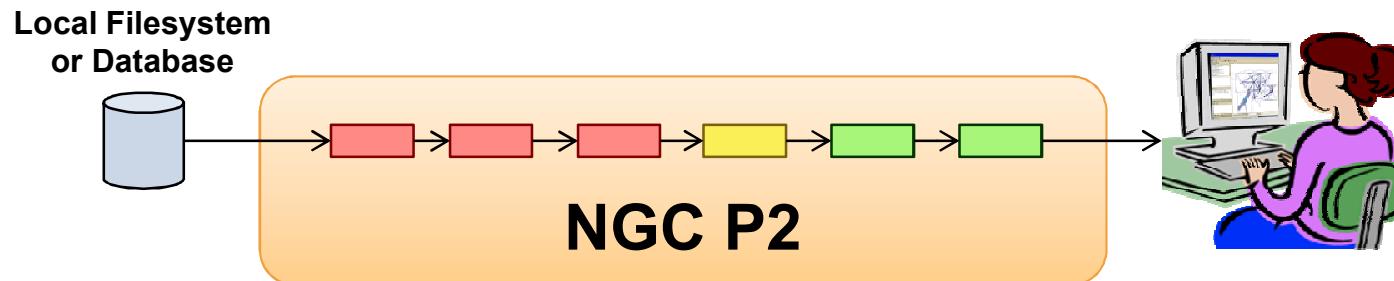
## “Latency”

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**“Interaction & Feedback”**

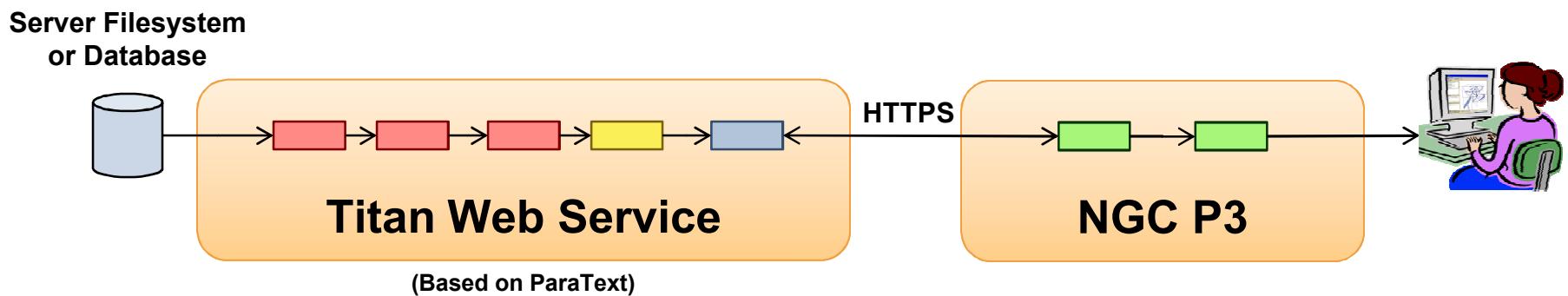
# Where We Are Today



**Serial Option: put the entire pipeline in one process (P2)**

Zero administration, easy to use, online computation, small data.

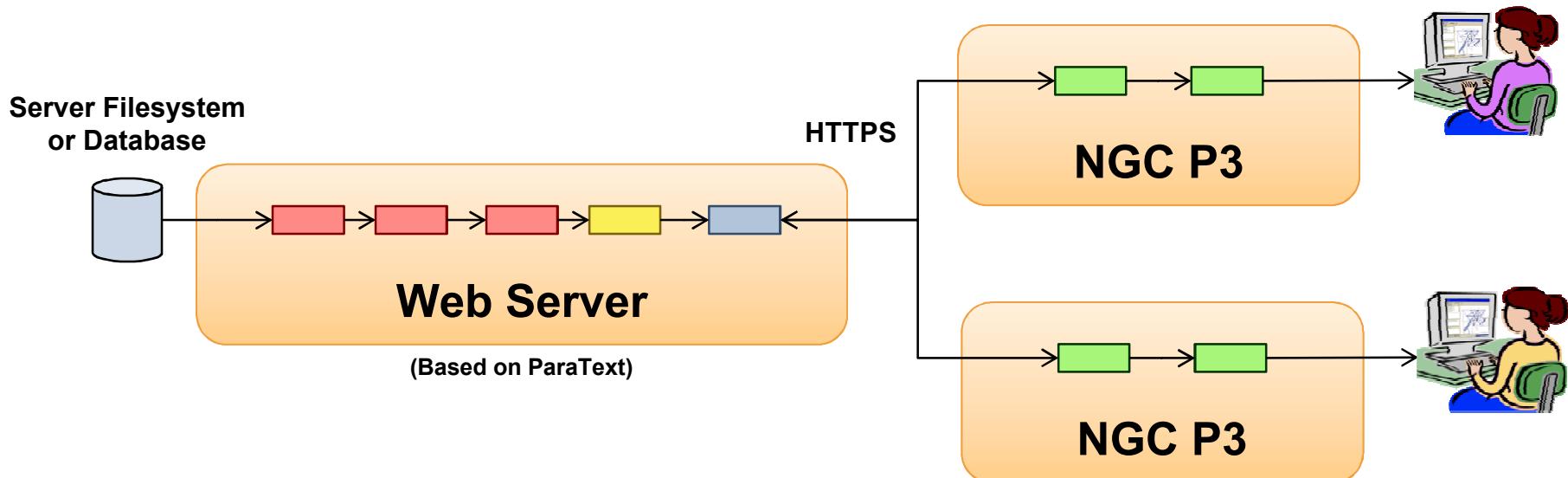
# Modest Client / Server Capability for Organizations without HPC



**Client / Server Option: model generation and some analysis on server, remaining analysis in client (P3)**

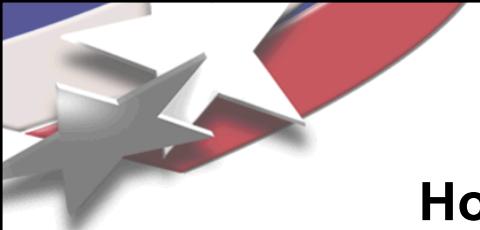
Modest administration, slightly more complex, some computation offline, modest data sizes.

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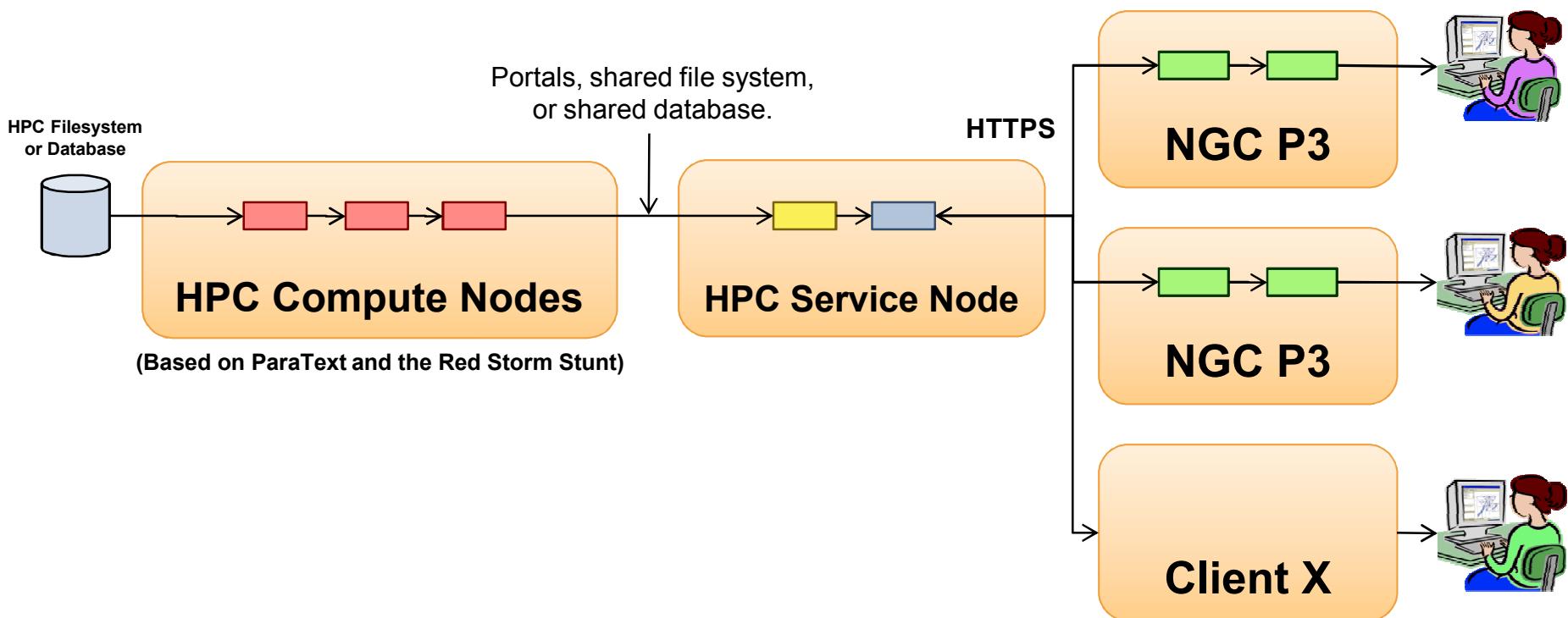


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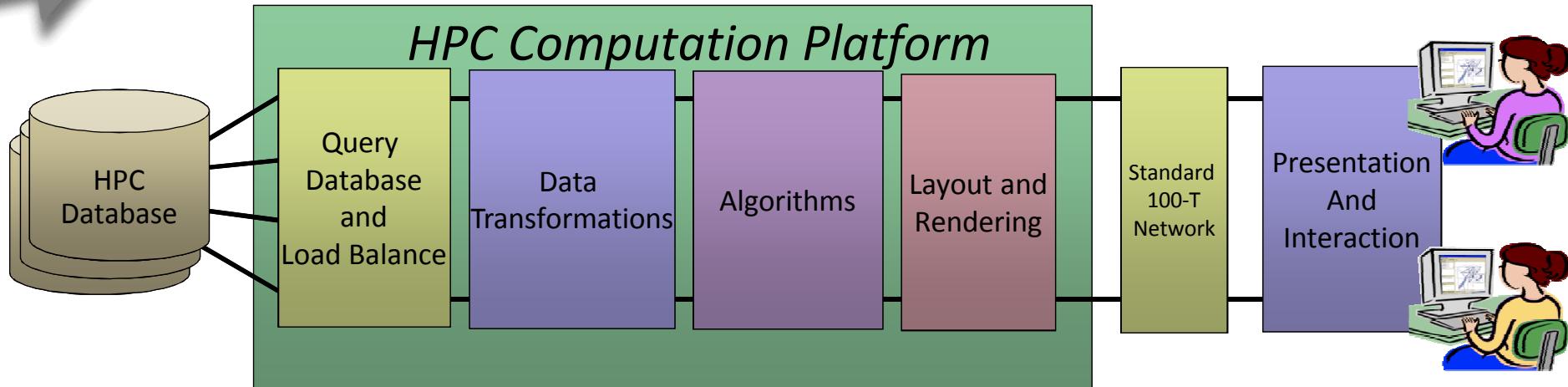
## How the NGC will deliver “HPC informatics capabilities that are both *usable* and *useful* to analysts.”



**HPC Option: model generation on HPC compute nodes, some analysis on a service node, remaining analysis in client (P3)**

More administration, more offline computation, largest data sizes.

# HPC Informatics for Intelligence Analysis



## Query

- *Select \* from network\_packet\_table where date > 7/1/2008 and date < 7/8/2008*

## Data Transformations

- *vtkTableToTree*
- *vtkTableToGraph*
- *vtkTableToSparseArray*
- *vtkTableToDenseArray*

## Algorithms

- *Statistics*
- *Linear Algebra*
- *Tensor Methods*
- *Graph Algorithms*
- *Matlab and "R"*
- *MapReduce*

## Layout and Rendering

- *Tree Layout*
- *Tree Map*
- *Graph Layout*
- *Hierarchical*
- *Geodesic*

## Presentation and Interaction

- *Client/Server*
- *Geometry and Image Delivery*
- *Windows/Unix/MAC cross platform UI*
- *Linked Selection*

# Web Interfaces

**P3 Mockup - Mozilla Firefox**

File Edit View History Bookmarks Tools Help  
<http://localhost:8080/P3Mockup/>

Most Visited Getting Started Latest Headlines  
 P3 Mockup Diamond Force

**Network Grand Challenge: Web Crawl 3/10/2010 - 12:53**

**User Defined Topics**

Topic	Volume Over Time	Entropy Over Time
Sports dangers		
Olympic		
Entertainment		
UK, O		
Odd		
Delta		
Auto		

Console HTML CSS Script DOM Net

```

all -> http://js
1 var HTTP = {};
2
3 HTTP_factories = [
4   function() { return new XMLHttpRequest(); },
5   function() { return new ActiveXObject("Microsoft.XMLHTTP"); },
6   function() { return new ActiveXObject("MSXML2.XMLHTTP.3.0"); },
7   function() { return new ActiveXObject("MSXML2.XMLHTTP"); }
];
8
9
10 HTTP_factory = null;
11
12 var CreateRequest = function() {

```

Done

**P3 Prototype 3**

http://localhost/p3/projects/286e7c5772f8dcc08278301624d775a2c8bef1d/reports/

Techweb Mantis Bug Page InfovisWiki Everyday GIT Wi... Oak Ridge Nati... VTK/Wrapper U... Titan Toolkit Git/Simple - Info... Other bookmarks

**Network Grand Challenge: Web Crawl Prototype 3**

**Topic Analysis** **Data Statistics**

**Topic 'Economy' Community Volume / Entropy**

**Community Graphs**

**Community 0 Topic Volume**

**Community 0 Hostnames**

- ruralvotes.com
- thelede.blogs.nytimes.com
- tpzoo.wordpress.com
- tbogg.firedoglake.com
- theimmortalminority.blogspot.com

**Topic Name:** **Term List:** **Add Topic**

**Name: Economy Terms: economy, is, in, danger**

**Name: Kittens Terms: kittens**

**Name: Lipstick Terms: lipstick, on, a, pig**

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