

Summary Points (mostly)

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FAIR is winning

- Easy to say, connotes a lot
- Harder to operationalize
 - For machines
 - Formats
 - Standards
 - ...
 - For humans
 - Incentives
 - Trust
 - Training
 - ...
- Need models, best practices, lessons learned, etc.

Cultural Differences in Science(s)

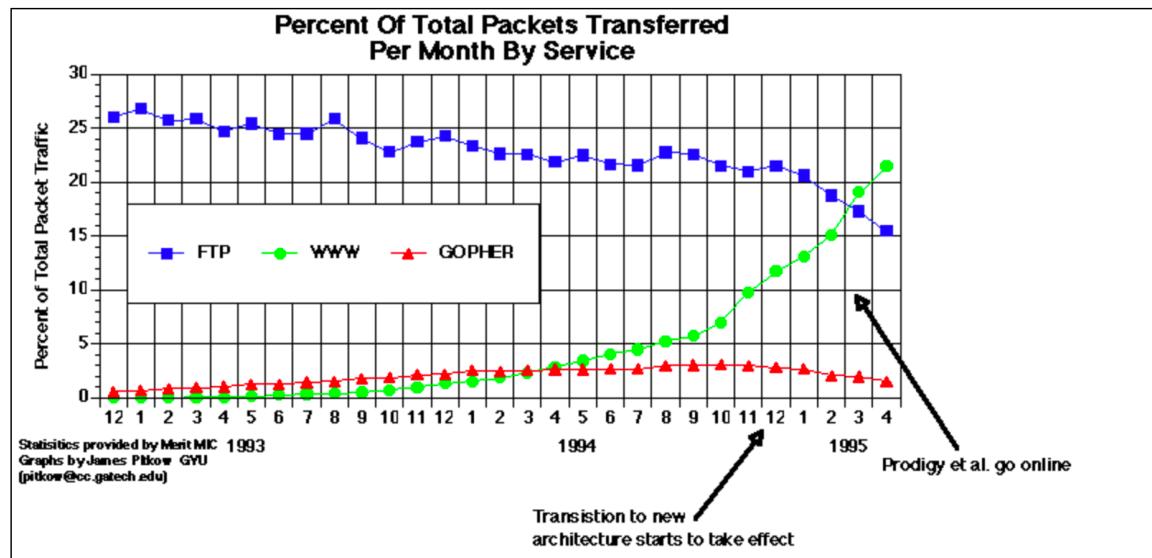
- In most countries, including US, over half of research funding comes from “health” (life sciences)
 - What about everyone else
- Biologists hate to admit it, but culturally biology is different from many other disciplines
 - (as is true for any other discipline in the above)
 - Astronomy, culture of sharing, lots of open data
 - Manufacturing, sharing materials information (common) but not process/device information (IP)
 - Etc, etc. etc
- Infrastructure to span disciplines must span cultures
 - Cultural change even harder than technological change
 - But technology change can drive cultural change (cf. WWW)

The big challenges are INTERDISCIPLINARY

- Example climate science
 - Best models span disciplines
 - People live in different departments at different universities
 - But compelling scientific challenge forcing function for people to work together
 - Created incentives
- Funding is still largely by discipline
 - Infrastructure for cross-discipline work: expensive
 - Infrastructure for interdisciplinary work: priceless
- Short- to mid- term solutions likely to require interoperability between discipline-funded efforts
 - But see previous slide: cultural differences

Interoperability

- One reason the Web beat its competitors...
 - Gopher
 - Archie
 - FTP
 - ...
- Provided a lightweight standard that allowed interoperability between these and more
 - Web was built on “coop-eration”
- How do we learn this lesson for data sharing?



Metadata Is Critical

Data Semantics Challenges

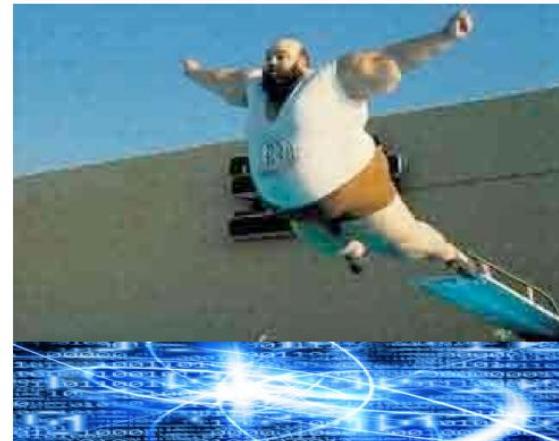
DIVE into data

Discover

Integrate

Validate

Explain



These needs live outside traditional
data/info architectures



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