ABSTRACT: The last few years have witnessed the coming of age of data-driven paradigm in various aspects of computing (partly) empowered by advances in distributed system research (cloud computing, MapReduce, etc). In this talk, we observe that the benefits can flow the opposite direction: the performance of networked systems, especially Quality of Experience (QoE) of Internet applications, can be improved by data-driven paradigm. To this end, I will present Data-Driven Networking (DDN), a new design framework for network protocols based on data-driven paradigm. We argue that DDN has the potential to achieve significantly better QoE through harnessing more data than one single flow. In particular, I will try to systematize existing instantiations of DDN, and shed light on the common challenges and reusable design principles. We believe that by systematizing this paradigm as a broader community, we can unleash the unharnessed potential of DDN for QoE optimization.

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