# Understanding the Impact of Video Quality on User Engagement

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#### Before we get started...

Conviva provides real time streaming optimization and performance measurement for content providers to maximize their online video business.

#### **Optimized Video for Every Viewer**





CONVIVA® THE PULSE OF ONLINE VIDEO











#### Insights<sup>sм</sup>

If it's not real time, it's too late. Conviva Insights monitors each viewer, every second, and empowers content owners with actionable insights to make quick decisions that extend viewer engagement.

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#### What we do



Conviva helps content owners and rights-holders increase engagement and build stronger relationships with consumers by delivering an optimized and personal video experience to each and every viewer — every single time.

#### How we do it

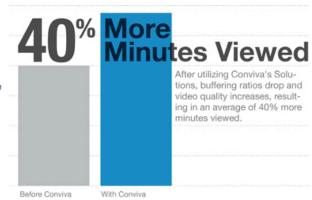
Our solutions allow media companies to:

Optimize every video stream

View real-time audience metrics

Compare timely indicators of performance against critical business goals

Read more: Case Studies





# Video streaming today

- Streaming live events (sports, concerts, presidential debates...)
- Content delivery is cheaper, easier
- Provided by a variety of groups
  - Hulu, Netflix, YouTube
  - Revenue via subscriptions and ads

#### Aims

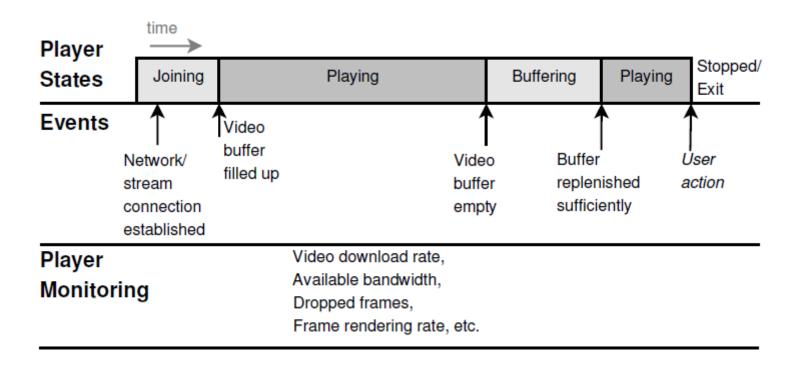
#### Observe interplay among

- Video quality
- User engagement
  - Per video, per user
- Content types
  - Short VOD, long VOD, live content

#### Answering three questions

- How much does quality matter?
- Do metrics vary in how much they impact engagement?
- Do the critical quality metrics vary across genres?

### Video lifecycle



# Analyzing quality on engagement

- Quality metrics
- ▶ Time-scales of user engagement
  - View level (single user, single video: play time)
  - Viewer level (single user, all videos: views, total play time)
- Types of video content
  - ► Long VOD (15~60 minutes)
  - ▶ Short VOD ( 2~5 minutes)
  - Live content (smaller buffers, synchronized viewing)

# Collecting data

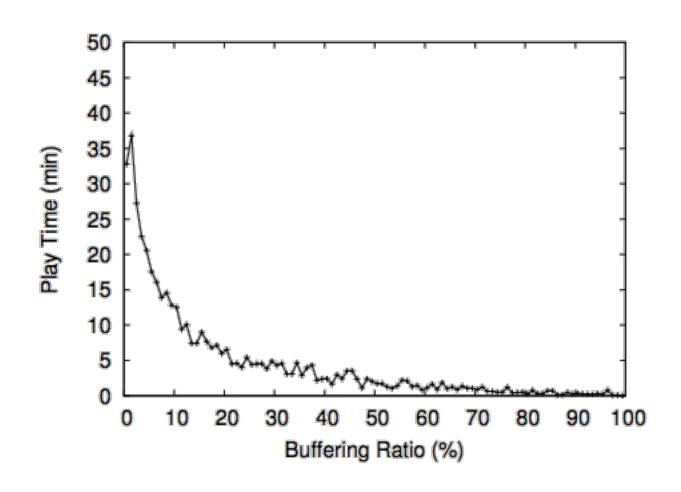
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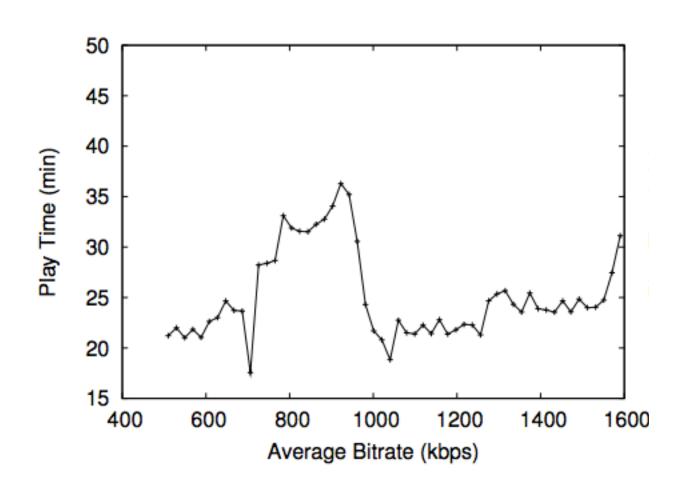
Insights monitors the experience of each viewer, every second providing an ongoing audit and independent analysis of the complete video ecosystem.

- Client-resident instrumentation library
  - At "edge"
  - At scale
- Data aggregation and processing in data centers
  - ➤ ~ 0.5 TB/day from affiliates

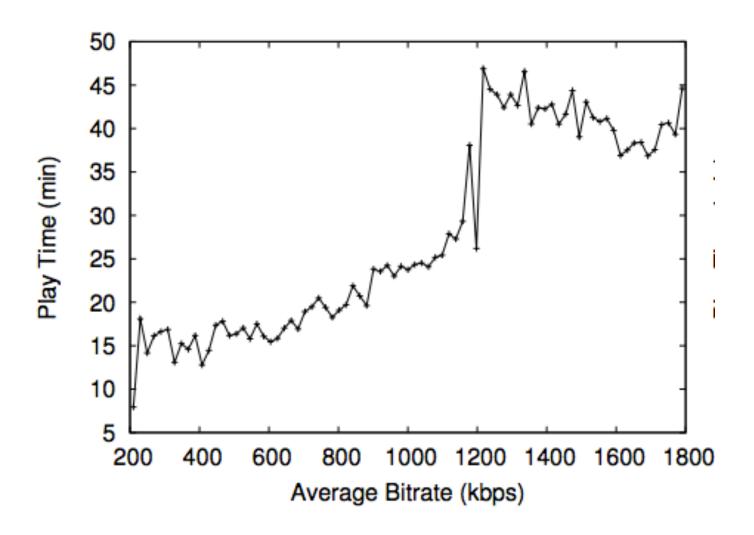
# Buffering ratios can really hurt



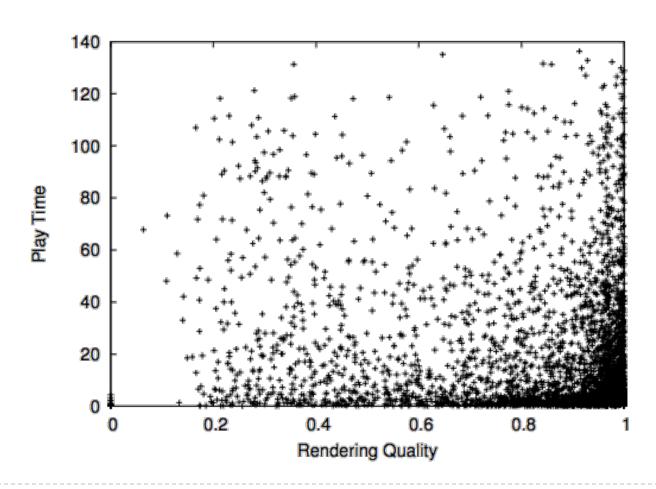
### Average bitrate isn't critical to engagement



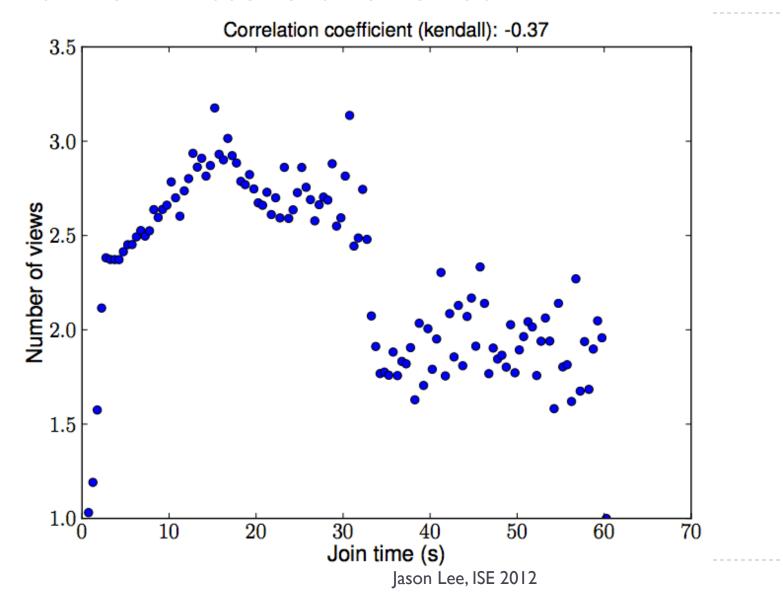
### But is more important for live video



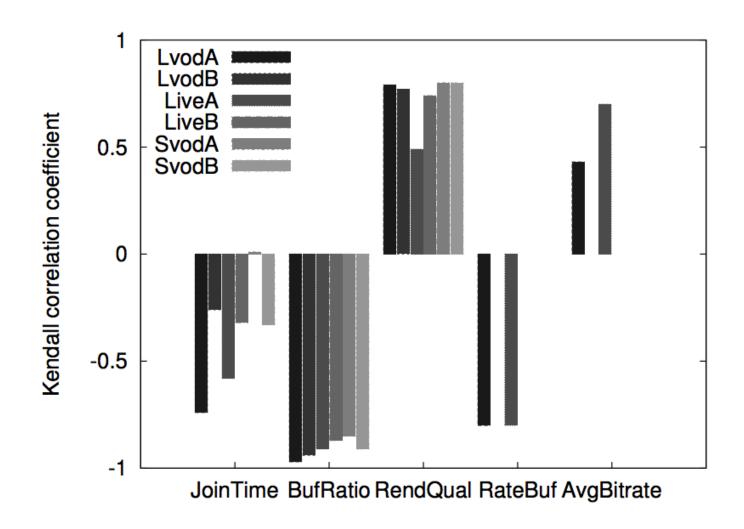
#### Rendering quality doesn't have to be great



#### Join time matters the least



### All together now



# Wrapping up

- Blind men + elephant
  - Complementary analysis techniques are good!
- Lies, damned lies, and statistics
  - Don't just rush to conclusions, look at context
- Ultimate goal?
  - Video quality index

#### Video AdVantage<sup>sм</sup>



Providing a high quality viewing experience that keeps your audience captive means more ad completions and ultimately, more revenue per viewer.