

Introduction to Big Data

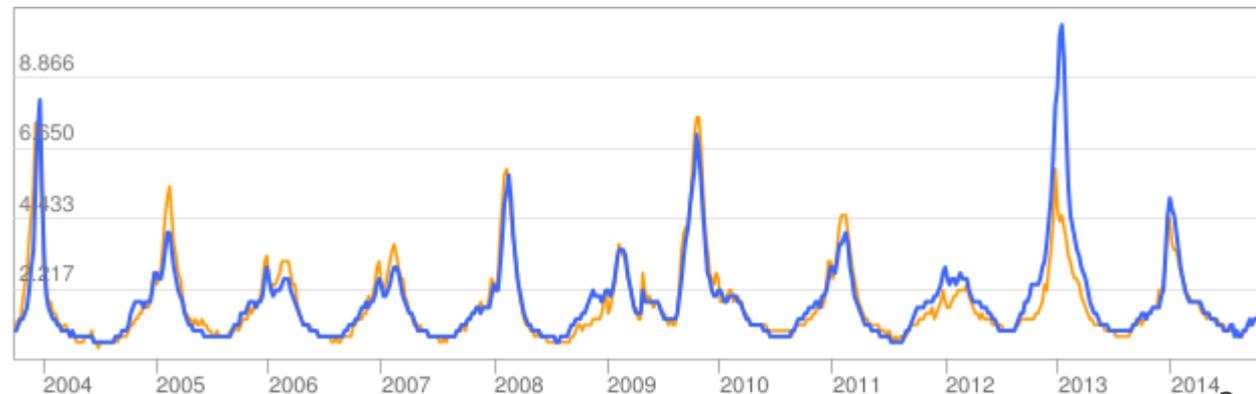
Based on "Big Data: Hype or Hallelujah?" by Elena Baralis

http://dbdmg.polito.it/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2010/12/BigData_2015_2x.pdf

Google Flu trends



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 - Based on the analysis of Google search queries



Google Flu trends

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Flu Trends

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Flu activity

Intense
High
Moderate
Low
Minimal

Explore flu trends around the world

We've found that certain search terms are good indicators of flu activity. Google Flu Trends uses aggregated Google search data to estimate flu activity. [Learn more](#)



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Nowcasting



Data on the Internet...

- Internet live stats

- <http://www.internetlivestats.com/>


4,485,508,861
Internet Users in the world


1,752,142,970
Total number of Websites


193,688,718,339
Emails sent *today*


5,222,289,027
Google searches *today*


4,990,992
Blog posts written *today*


572,159,945
Tweets sent *today*


5,348,093,035
Videos viewed *today*
on YouTube


62,832,046
Photos uploaded *today*
on Instagram


107,175,151
Tumblr posts *today*


2,435,900,914
Facebook active users


795,537,418
Google+ active users


357,398,865
Twitter active users


278,573,312
Pinterest active users


287,236,096
Skype calls *today*


110,341
Websites hacked *today*


5,664,059,486 GB
Internet traffic *today*


3,065,544 MWh
Electricity used *today*
for the Internet

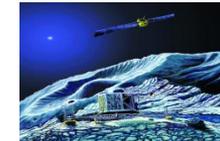

2,507,959 tons
CO₂ emissions *today*

Who generates big data?

- User Generated Content (Web & Mobile)
 - E.g., Facebook, Instagram, Yelp, TripAdvisor, Twitter, YouTube



- Health and scientific computing

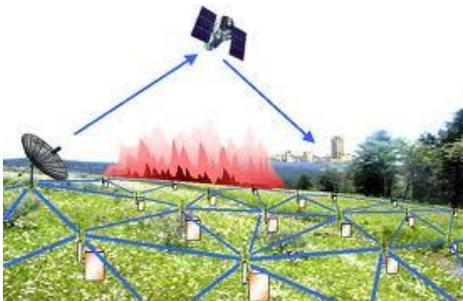


Who generates big data?

- Log files
 - Web server log files, machine system log files

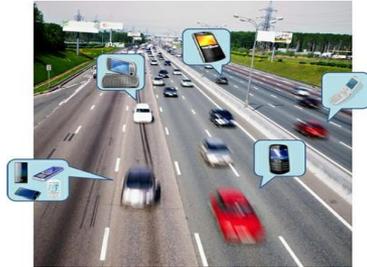


- Internet Of Things (IoT)
 - Sensor networks, RFIDs, smart meters



An example of Big data at work

Crowdsourcing



Sensing



Map data



Computing



Real time traffic info

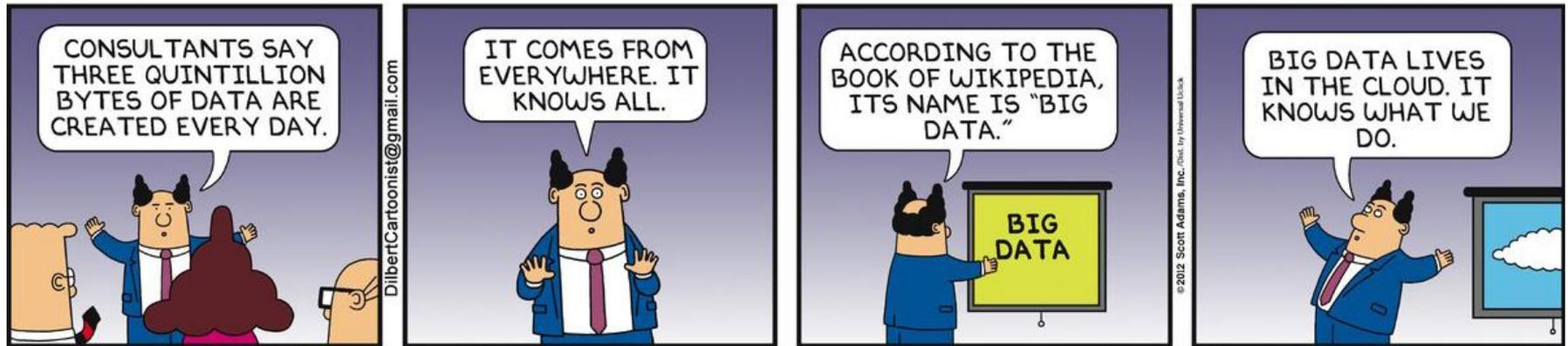
Travel time forecast/nowcast

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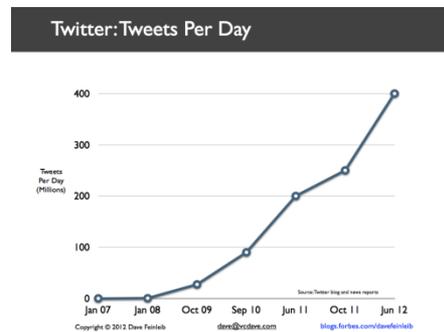
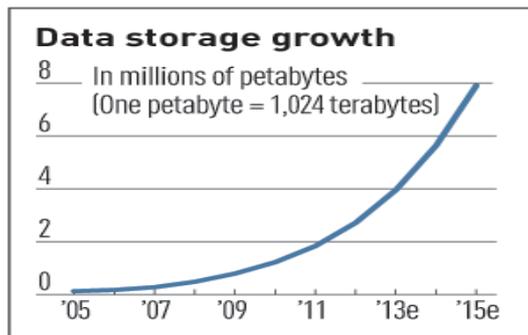
- The 3Vs of big data
 - **V**olume: scale of data
 - **V**ariety: different forms of data
 - **V**elocity: analysis of streaming data
- ... but also
 - **V**eracity: uncertainty of data
 - **V**alue: exploit information provided by data

The Vs of big data

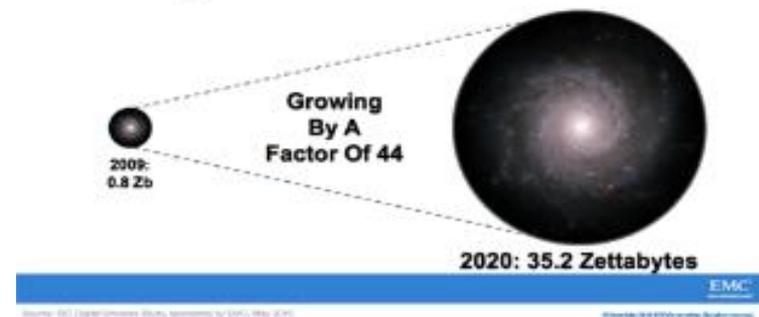
■ Volume



- Data volume increases exponentially over time
- 44x increase from 2009 to 2020
 - Digital data 35 ZB in 2020

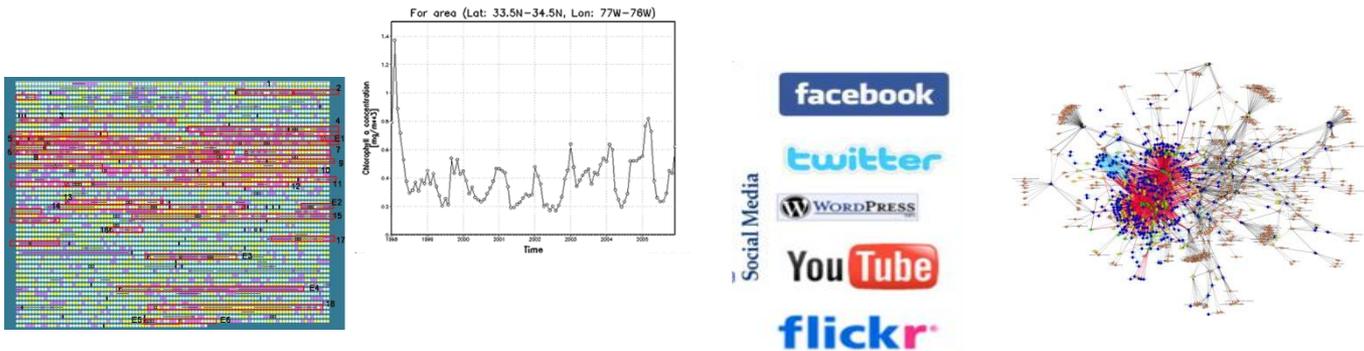


The Digital Universe 2009-2020



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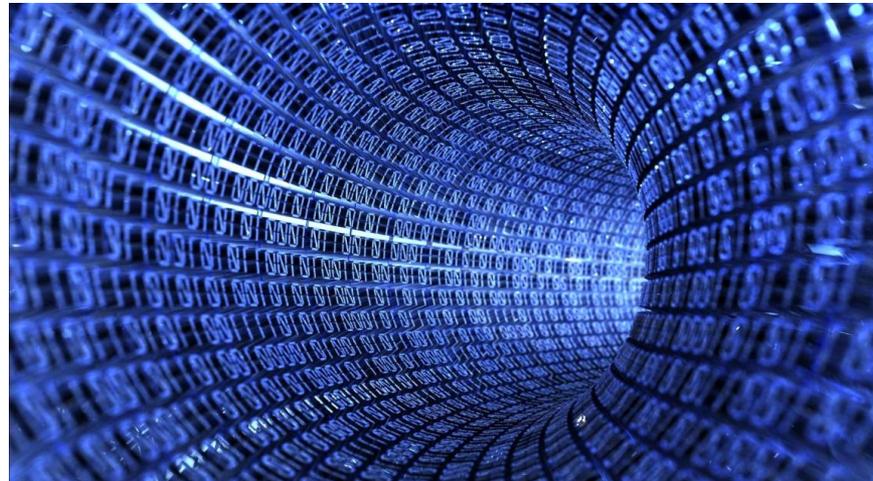
- **V**ariety
 - Various formats, types and structures
 - Numerical data, image data, audio, video, text, time series



- A single application may generate many different formats
 - Heterogeneous data
 - Complex data integration problem

The Vs of big data

- **V**elocity
 - Fast data generation rate
 - Streaming data
 - Very fast data processing to ensure timeliness



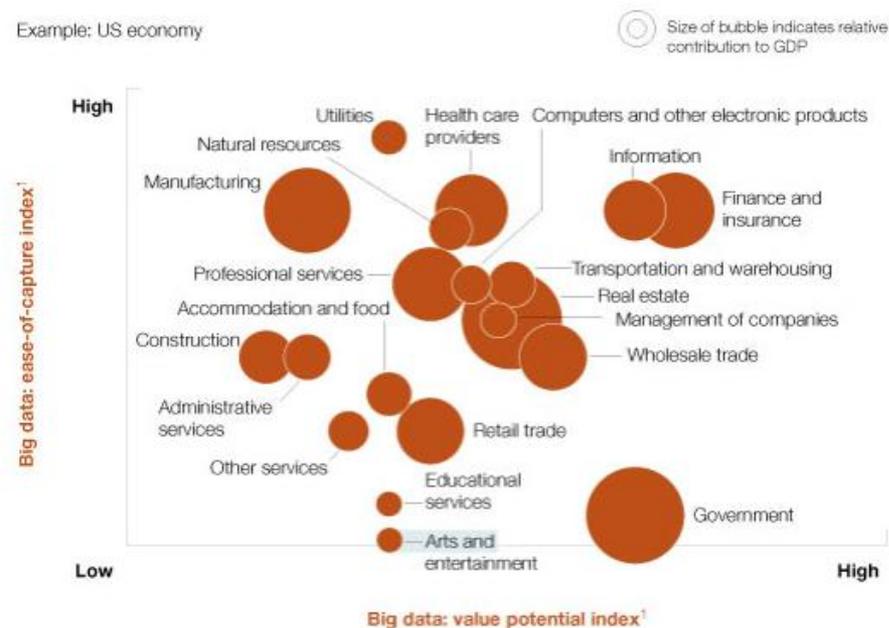
The Vs of big data

- **V**eracity
 - Data quality



The Vs of big data

- Value
 - Translate data into business advantage



¹For detailed explication of metrics, see appendix in McKinsey Global Institute full report *Big data: The next frontier for innovation, competition, and productivity*, available free of charge online at mckinsey.com/mgi.

Source: US Bureau of Labor Statistics; McKinsey Global Institute analysis

Big data value chain



■ Generation

- Passive recording
 - Typically structured data
 - Bank trading transactions, shopping records, government sector archives
- Active generation
 - Semistructured or unstructured data
 - User-generated content, e.g., social networks
- Automatic production
 - Location-aware, context-dependent, highly mobile data
 - Sensor-based Internet-enabled devices

Big data value chain



- Acquisition
 - Collection
 - Pull-based, e.g., web crawler
 - Push-based, e.g., video surveillance, click stream
 - Transmission
 - Transfer to data center over high capacity links
 - Preprocessing
 - Integration, cleaning, redundancy elimination

Big data value chain



■ Storage

■ Storage infrastructure

- Storage technology, e.g., HDD, SSD
- Networking architecture, e.g., DAS, NAS, SAN

■ Data management

- File systems (HDFS), key-value stores (Memcached), column-oriented databases (Cassandra), document databases (MongoDB)

■ Programming models

- Map reduce, stream processing, graph processing

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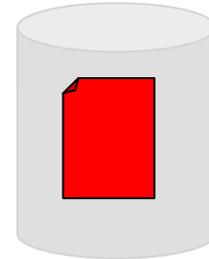
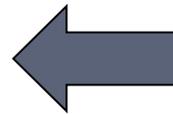
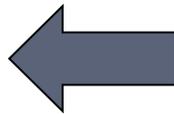
- Analysis
 - Objectives
 - Descriptive analytics, predictive analytics, prescriptive analytics
 - Methods
 - Statistical analysis, data mining, text mining, network and graph data mining
 - Clustering, classification and regression, association analysis
 - Diverse domains call for customized techniques

Big data challenges

- Technology and infrastructure
 - New architectures, programming paradigms and techniques are needed
- Data management and analysis
 - New emphasis on “data”
 -  **Data science**

The bottleneck

- Processors process data
- Hard drives store data
- We need to transfer data from the disk to the processor



The solution

- **Transfer the processing power to the data**
- Multiple distributed disks
 - Each one holding a portion of a large dataset
- Process in parallel different file portions from different disks

