

# Introduction to Big Data

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

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# Big data



# Google Flu trends



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  - Based on the analysis of Google search queries



# Google Flu trends

google.org 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

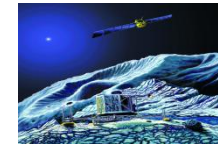
  
**2,507,959 tons**  
CO<sub>2</sub> emissions *today*

# Who generates big data?

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



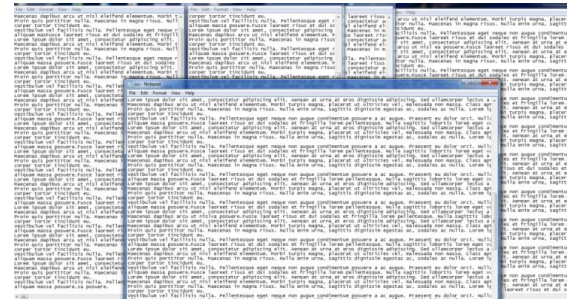
- Health and scientific computing



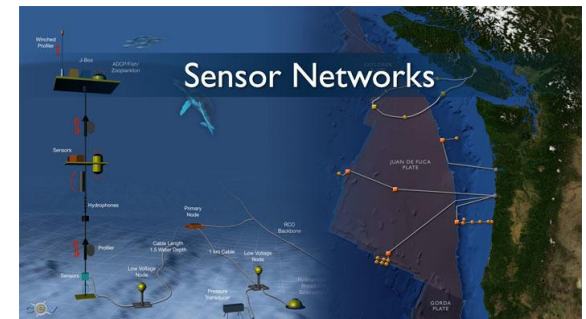
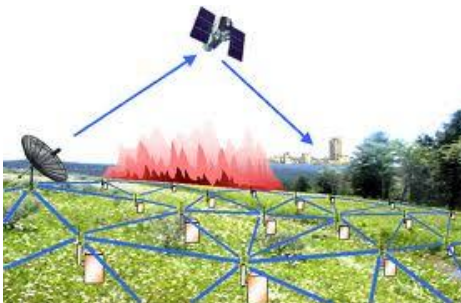


# Who generates big data?

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

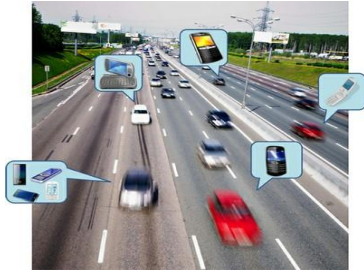


- Internet Of Things (IoT)
  - Sensor networks, RFIDs, smart meters



# An example of Big data at work

Crowdsourcing



Sensing



Map data



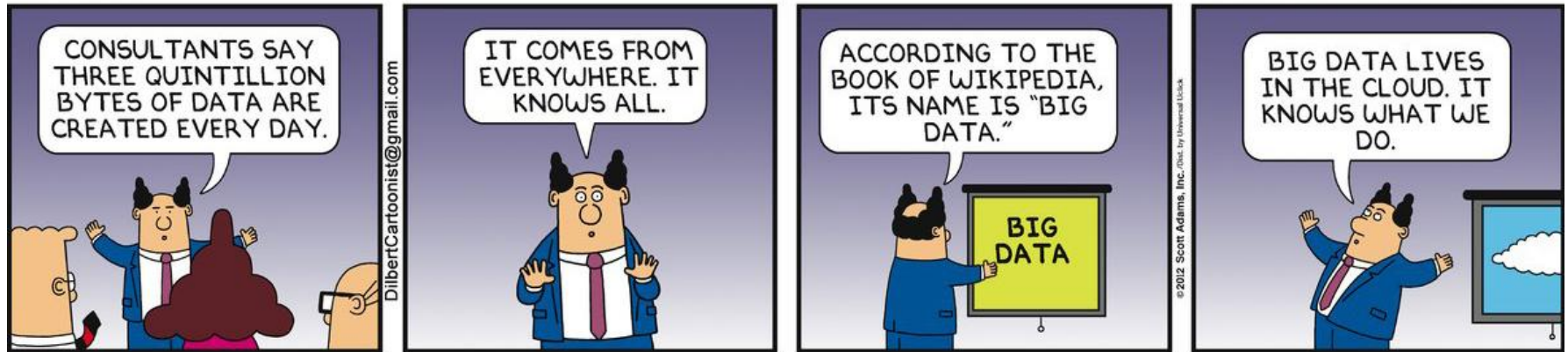
Computing



Real time traffic info  
Travel time forecast/nowcast

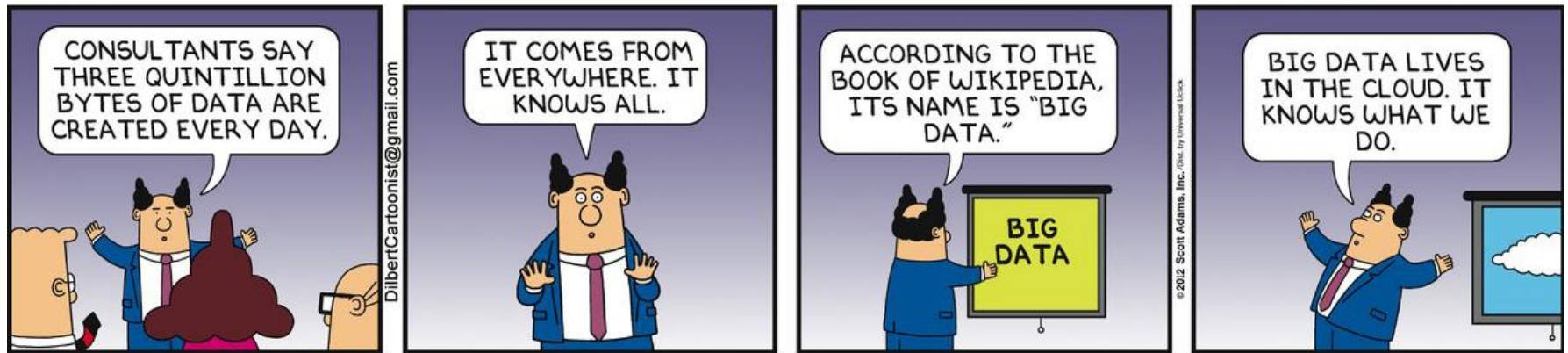


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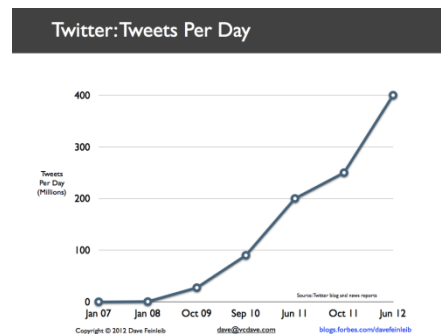
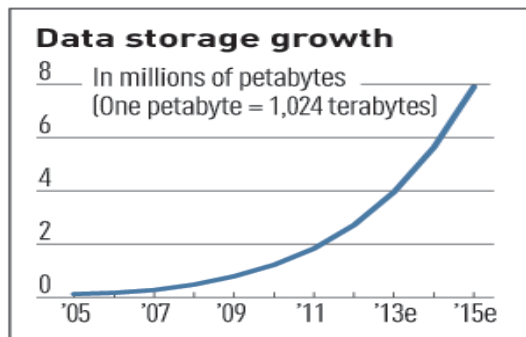
# The Vs of big data

- 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

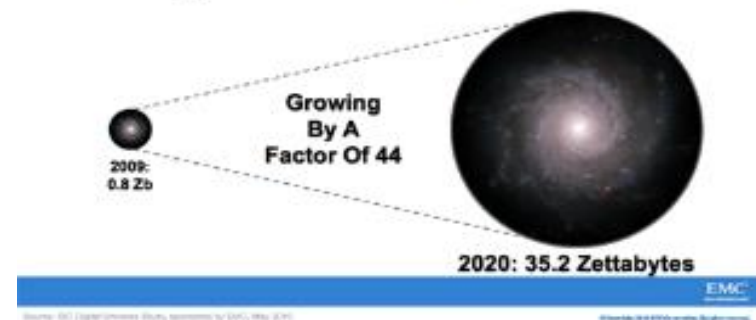
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## ■ Volume

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

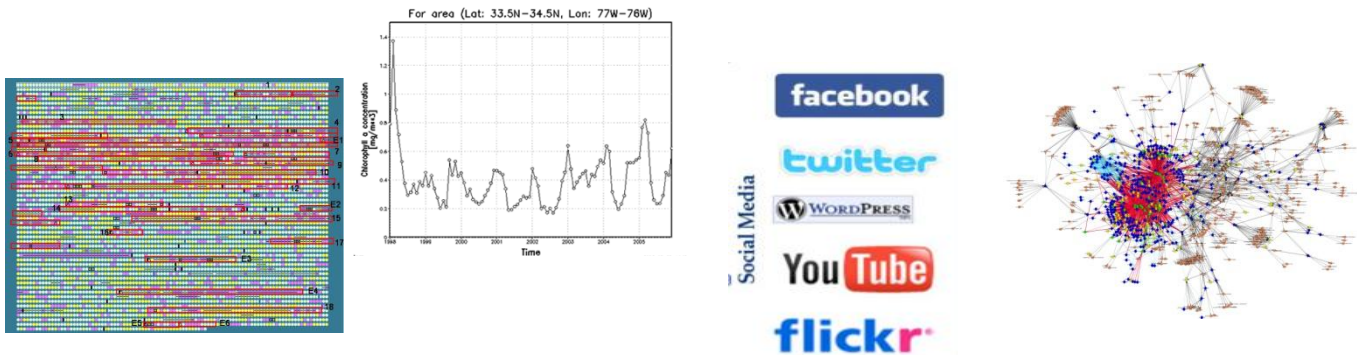


## The Digital Universe 2009-2020



# The Vs of big data

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

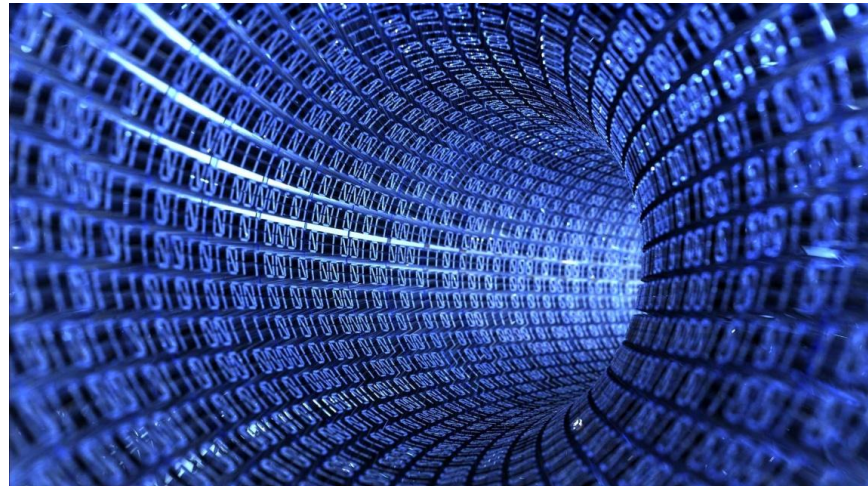


- A single application may generate many different formats
  - Heterogeneous data
  - Complex data integration problem



# The Vs of big data

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



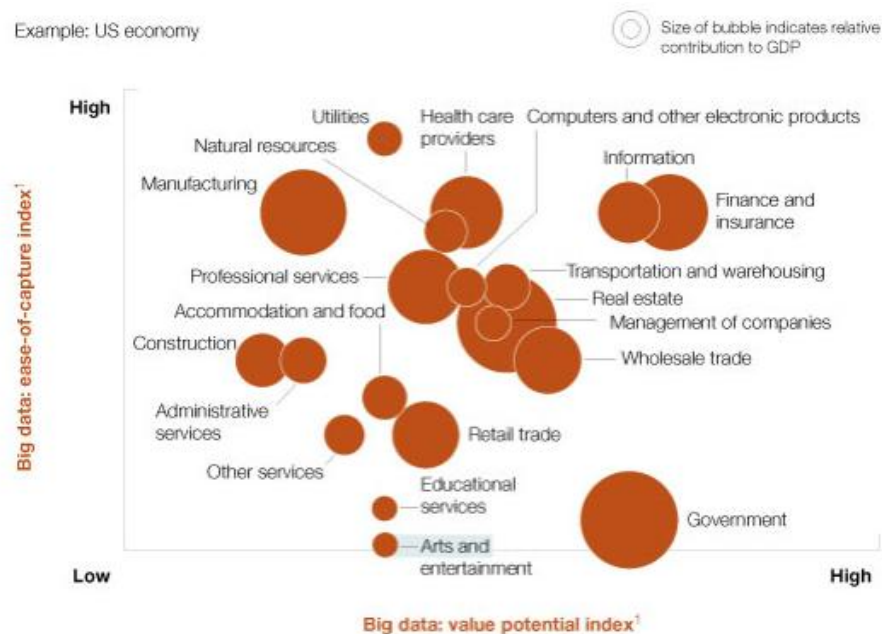
# The Vs of big data

- Veracity
  - Data quality



# The Vs of big data

- Value
  - Translate data into business advantage



<sup>1</sup> For 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](http://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
  - MapReduce, stream processing, graph processing




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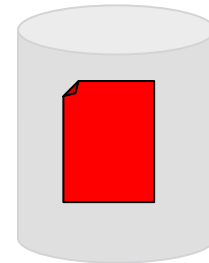
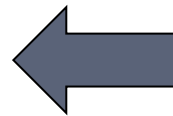
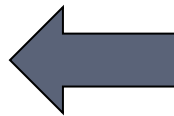
- Analysis
  - Objectives
    - Descriptive analytics, predictive analytics, prescriptive analytics
  - Methods
    - Statistical analysis, data mining, text mining, network and graph data mining
    - Clustering, classification and regression, association analysis
  - Diverse domains call for customized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

