

# UVA HPC & BIG DATA COURSE

---

## Introduction to Big Data

Adam Belloum

# Content

- General Introduction
- Definitions
- Data Analytics
- Solutions for Big Data Analytics
- The Network (Internet)
- When to consider BigData solution
- Scientific e-infrastructure – some challenges to overcome

# Jim Gray Vision in 2007

- “We have to **do better at producing tools** to support the whole research cycle—from data capture and data curation to data analysis and data visualization. Today, the **tools** for capturing data both at the mega-scale and at the milli-scale are just **dreadful**. After you have captured the data, you need to curate it before you can start doing any kind of data analysis, and we lack good **tools** for both data curation and data analysis.”
- “Then comes the **publication** of the results of your research, and the published literature is just the tip of the data iceberg. By this I mean that people collect a lot of data and then reduce this down to some number of column inches in Science or Nature—or 10 pages if it is a computer science person writing. So what I mean by data iceberg is that there is **a lot of data** that is **collected** but not curated or published in any systematic way.”

Based on the transcript of a talk given by Jim Gray  
to the NRC-CSTBI in Mountain View, CA, on January 11, 2007

# How to deal with Big Data

## Advice From Jim Gray

1. Analysing Big data requires **scale-out** solutions **not scale-up** solutions
2. **Move** the analysis to the data.
3. Work with scientists to find the most common “20 queries” and make them fast.
4. Go from “working to working.”



Scale up

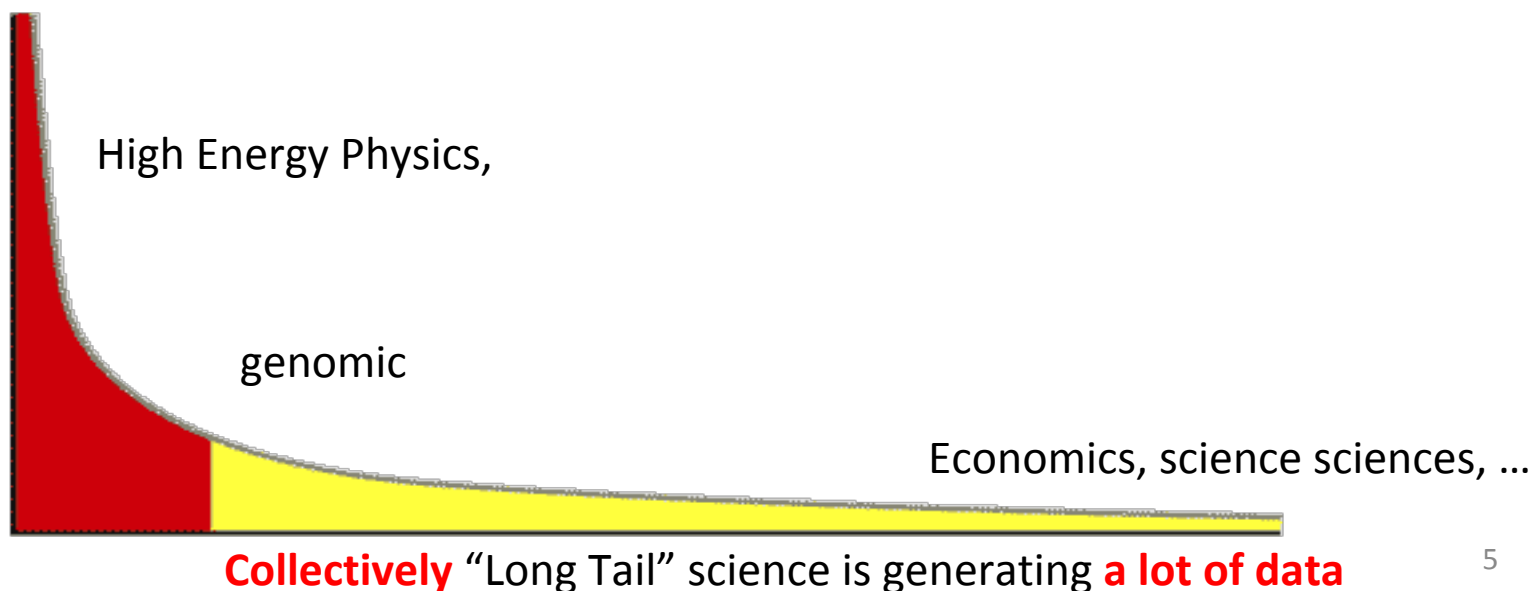
vs



Scale out

# Data keep on growing

- Google processes **20 PB a day** (2008)
- Wayback Machine has 3 PB + **100TB/month** (3/2009)
- Facebook has 2.5 PB of user data + **15TB/day** (4/2009)
- eBay has 6.5 PB of user data + **50TB/day** (5/2009)
- CERN's Large Hydron Collider (LHC) generates **15 PB/year**



# Data is Big If It is Measured in MW

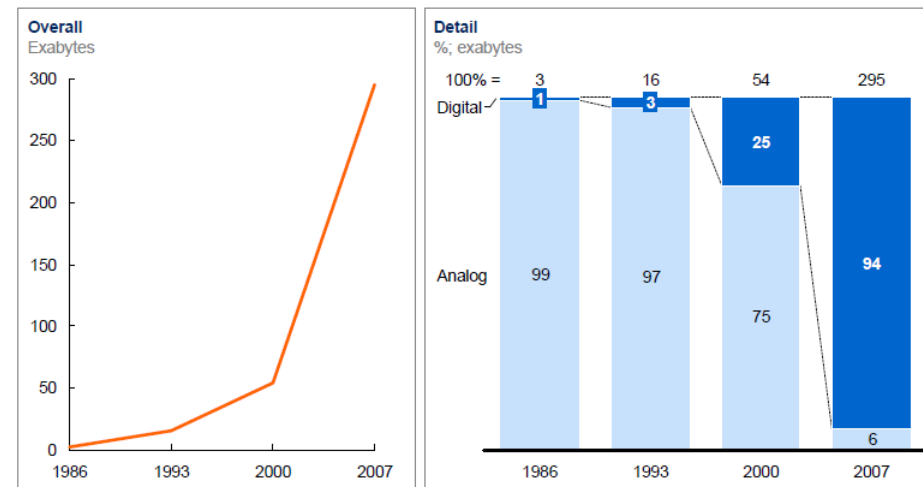
- A good sweet spot for a data center is 15 MW
- Facebook's leased data centers are typically between 2.5 MW and 6.0 MW.
- Facebook's Pineville data center is 30 MW
- Google's computing infrastructure uses 260 MW

# Big data was big news in 2012

- The Harvard Business Review talks about it as *“The Management Revolution”*.
- The Wall Street Journal *“Meet the New Big Data”*, *“Big Data is on the Rise, Bringing Big Questions”*.

Data storage has grown significantly, shifting markedly from analog to digital after 2000

Global installed, optimally compressed, storage



NOTE: Numbers may not sum due to rounding.

SOURCE: Hilbert and López, “The world’s technological capacity to store, communicate, and compute information,” *Science*, 2011

# BigData is the new hype

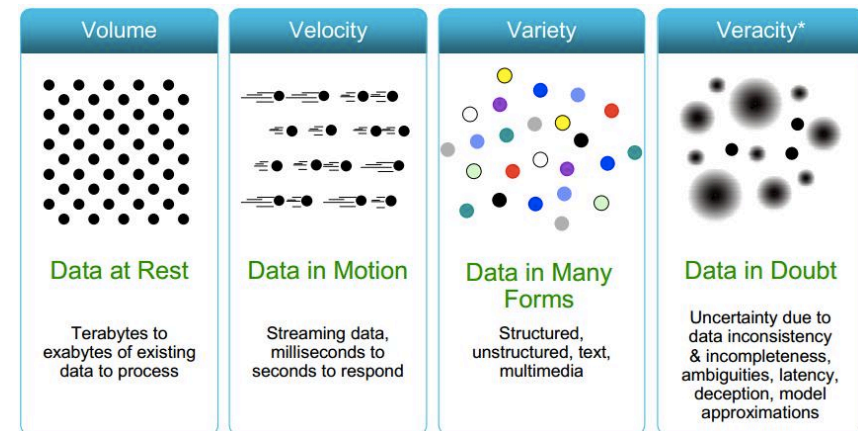
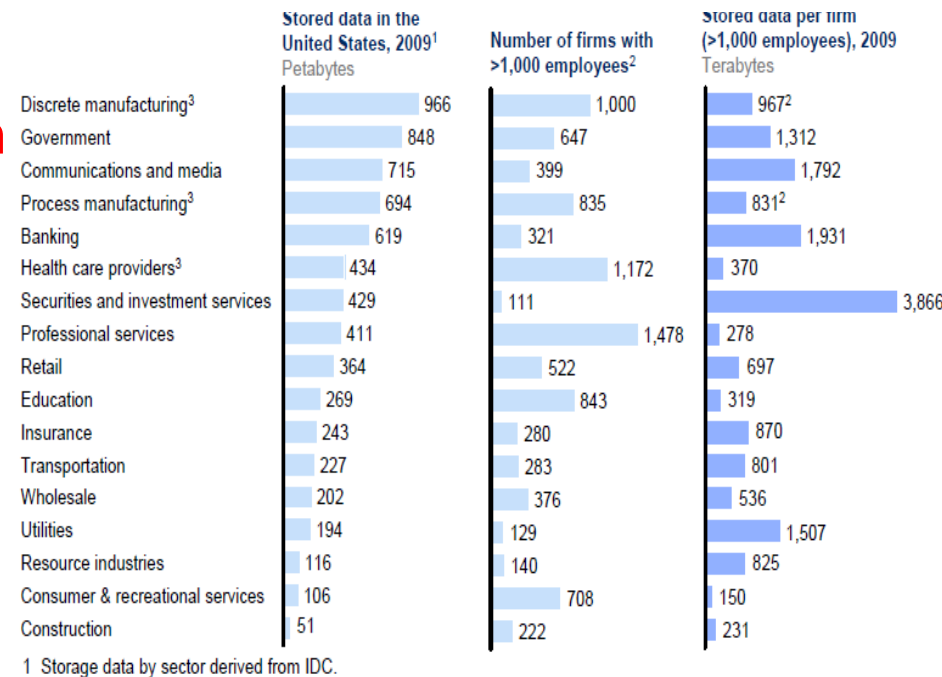
Figure 1. Hype Cycle for Emerging Technologies, 2015





# Where Big Data Comes From?

- Big Data is not **Specific application type**, but rather a **trend** –or even a collection of Trends- napping multiple application types
- Data growing in multiple ways
  - More data (**volume** of data )
  - More Type of data (**variety** of data)
  - Faster Ingest of data (**velocity** of data)
  - More Accessibility of data (internet, instruments , ...)
  - Data Growth and availability exceeds organization ability to make intelligent decision based on it

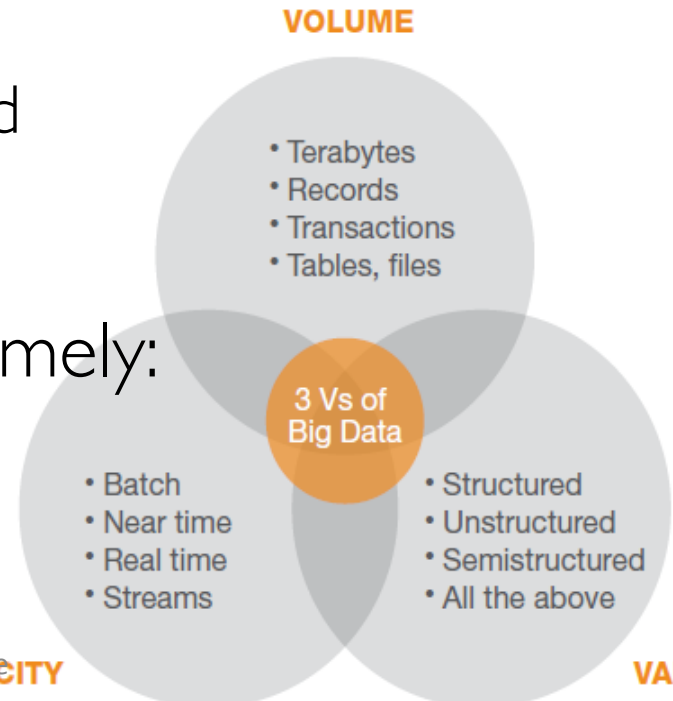


# content

- General Introduction
- Definitions
- Data Analytics
- Solutions for Big Data Analytics
- The Network (Internet)
- When to consider BigData solution
- Scientific e-infrastructure – some challenges to overcome

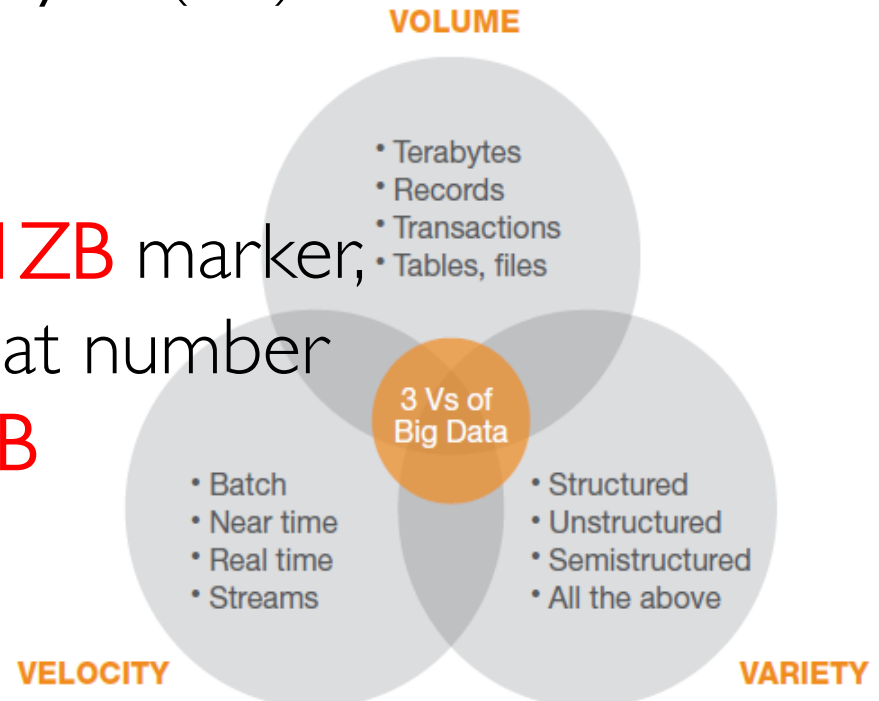
# How do We Define Big Data

- **Big** in Big Data refers to:
  - Big **size** is the primary definition.
  - Big **complexity** rather than big volume. it can be small and not all large datasets are big data
  - size matters... but so does **accessibility, interoperability** and **reusability**.
- define Big Data using 3 Vs; namely:
  - volume, variety, velocity



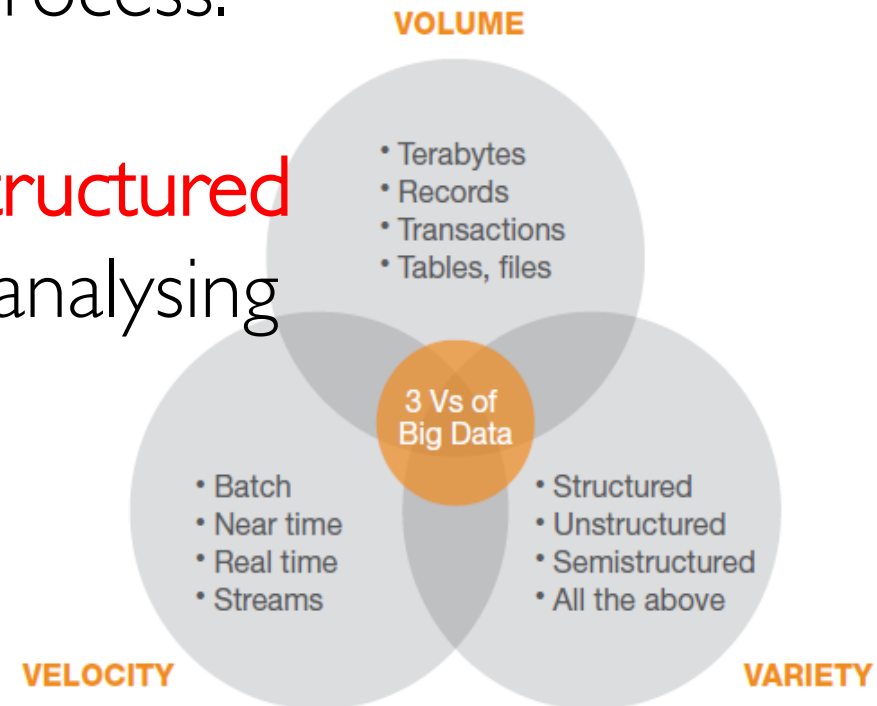
# volume, variety, and velocity

- Aggregation that used to be measured in petabytes (**PB**) is now referenced by a term: **zettabytes (ZB)**.
  - A zettabyte is a trillion gigabytes (GB)
  - or a billion terabytes
- in 2010, we crossed the **1ZB** marker, and at the end of 2011 that number was estimated to be **1.8ZB**



# volume, **variety**, and velocity

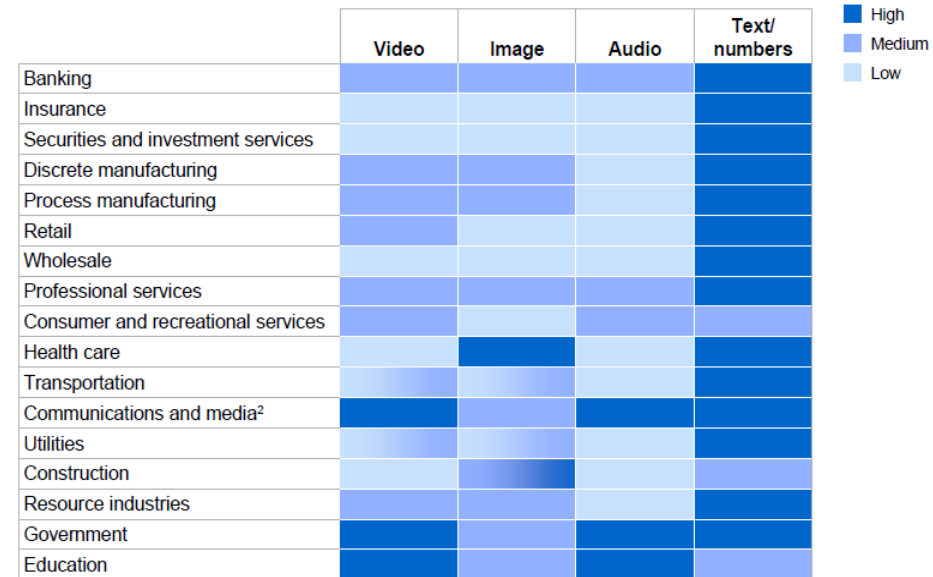
- The variety characteristic of Big Data is really about trying to **capture all** of the data that pertains to our **decision-making** process.
- Making sense out of **unstructured** data, such as **opinion**, or analysing images.



# volume, **variety**, and velocity (Type of Data)

- Relational Data (Tables/Transaction/Legacy Data)
- Text Data (Web)
- Semi-structured Data (XML)
- Graph Data
  - Social Network, Semantic Web (RDF), ...
- Streaming Data
  - You can only scan the data once

The type of data generated and stored varies by sector<sup>1</sup>



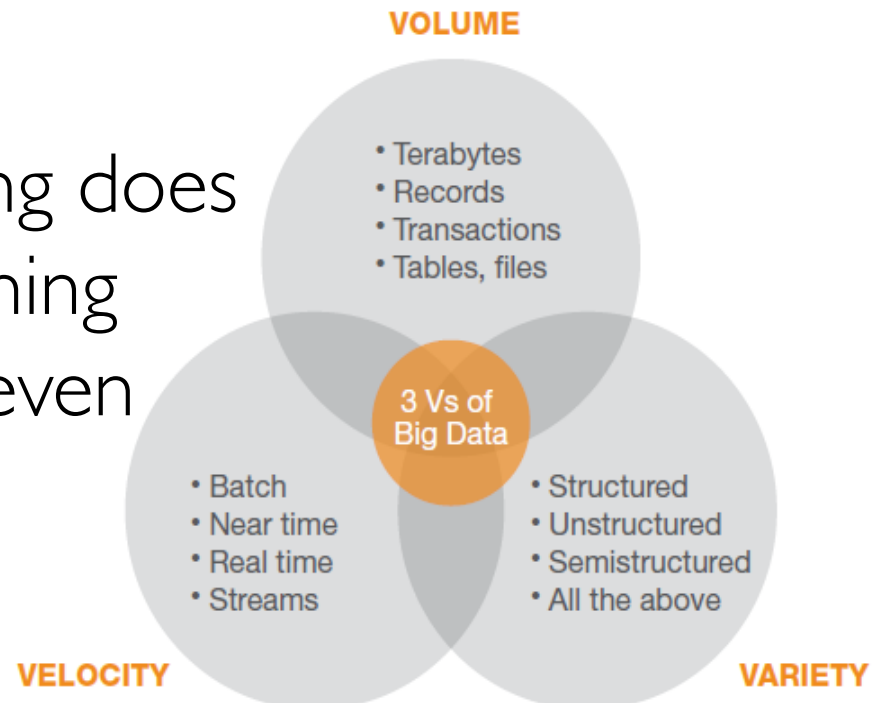
<sup>1</sup> We compiled this heat map using units of data (in files or minutes of video) rather than bytes.

<sup>2</sup> Video and audio are high in some subsectors.

SOURCE: McKinsey Global Institute analysis

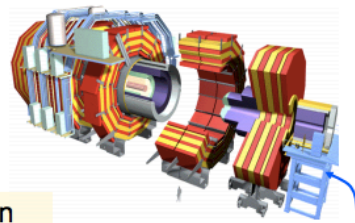
# volume, variety, and velocity

- velocity is the **rate** at which data arrives at the enterprise and is **processed** or **well understood**
- In other terms “How long does it take you to do something about it or know it has even arrived?”

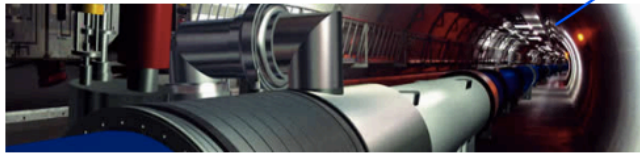



# volume, variety, and **velocity**

CERN ... generate lots of data ...



The accelerator generates 40 million particle collisions (events) every second at the centre of each of the four experiments' detectors



Today, it is possible using **real-time analytics** to optimize  buttons across both website and on Facebook.

FaceBook use anonymised data to show the number of times people:

- saw Like buttons,
- clicked Like buttons,
- saw Like stories on Facebook,
- and clicked Like stories to visit a given website.