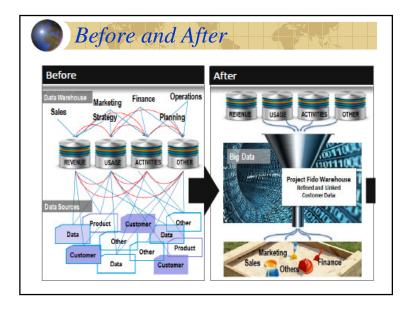




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#### Wikipedia—Big Data

A collection of data sets so large and complex that it becomes difficult to process using on-hand database management tools or traditional data processing applications. The challenges include capture, curation, storage, search, sharing, transfer, analysis and visualization.







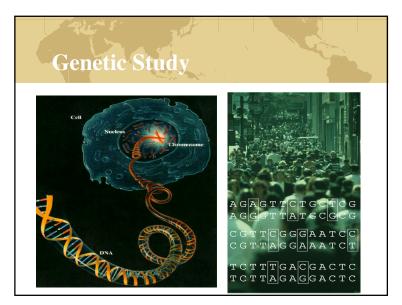
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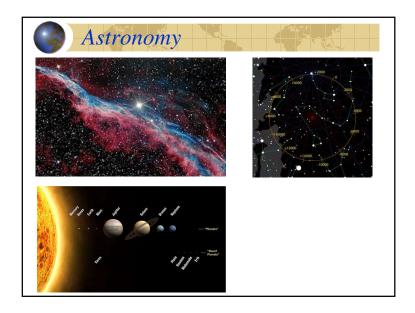
- 2.5 EB bytes of data is created every day.
  2,500,000,000,000,000,000 bytes
- More than 30 million sensors are being used.
- More than 4 billion people were using mobile phones in 2010.
- 90% of the total data was created in last two years.

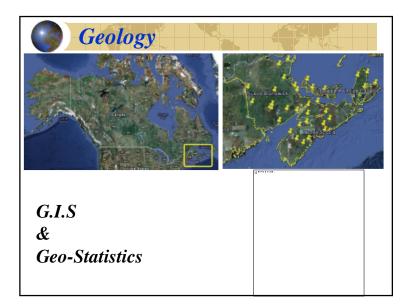
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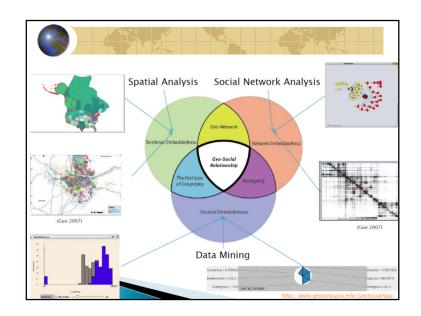


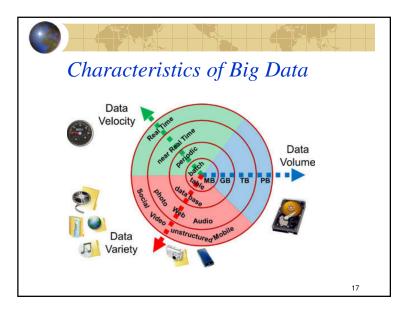


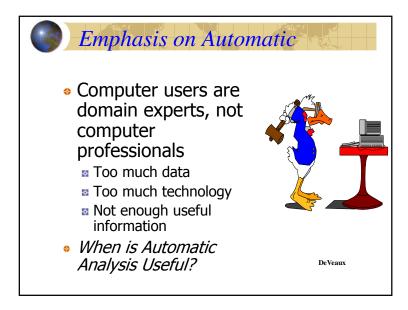




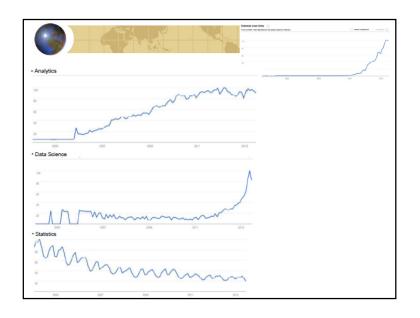














### Keep in mind

- Big data is not necessarily complete, accurate, or true!
- Value is in the eye of beholder, not the person crunching the numbers!
- Bigger does not always implies better!
  If there is "initial" bias...

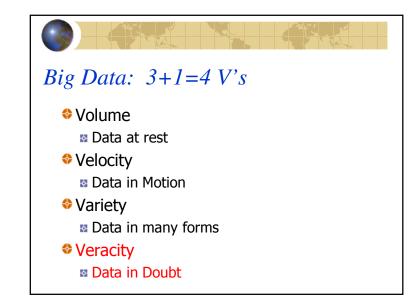
BIGdata typically may not have much Value at all: DRIP effect

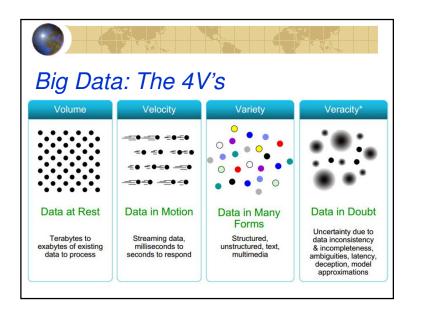
Data Rich Information Poor

### Challenges

- 87.5% global data hasn't been really developed and used.
- Large databases only used in data entry and query— statistics without deep analysis on big data.
- Structured databases are used to store data, resulting in distortion and missing of large amounts on unstructured data.









#### What kind of Stat is needed: General

- Prediction vs Estimation (Inference)
  Only Statistician talk about inference
- Common Belief
  - Big data is better than Small data
  - New Methodologies are so powerful and work well...
  - The death of p-value and the death of science
- Fundamental Theory
  - All theories with iid one population assumption—CLT, LLN, etc

#### What Statistics: Wish-List

- Seek out high-impact problems
- Provide structure for poorly defined problems
- Develop new theories for new (reality) BIG data world.

# Big Data: Basic concerns

- What to collect?
  - 🛚 Bias?
- How to collect?
- How to store?
- How to use?
- What to use?
- Analysis and potential risks?

## What Stat: Technical Details

- Statistics of (many descriptive) statistics
  how could we summarize thousands of correlations?
  How about thousands of p-values? ANOVA's? Regression models? Histograms?
- Classification and Clustering
- Low-dimension behavior
- Feature Extraction (for extremes) and pattern recognition (for norm)
- New type/structure of data
  How to build up a regression (say) model when both input and output variables are network?

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## Some Remarks

- "Data have complete meaning in themselves, no theory is required." cf.
   "Data has no meaning in themselves" (BH<sup>2</sup>, 1978)
- Using a "Scientific" approach, as oppose to an "Algorithm" approach, to Big data—including data collection, data analysis, mode selection, and feature interpretation.



- \* "Around the dawn of the 20th century, physicists discovered the basic building blocks of the universe; a "parts list", if you will. Engineers said "we can build something from this list," and produced the electronics revolution, and subsequently the computer revolution.
- More recently, biologists have discovered and mapped the basic "parts list" of life – the human genome. Engineers have said "we can build something from this list," and are producing a revolution in personalized medicine.
- Who is Building Something Meaningful from the Statistical Science Parts List of Tools?"



