

# Challenges of Networking, Security and Big Data in the IoT

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# Overview

- Founded 1996 by Prof Willie Donnelly and Eamonn de Leastar
- Funded research, industry partnerships, spin-out/in
- Research staff (scientists, engineers, designers), Interns and postgrad students
- Broadened to ICT centre of excellence in SE region
- International links: EU H2020, SFI Research Centres, Tech Committees
- 500 partners (140+ Irish)

## TSSG



TELECOMMUNICATIONS SOFTWARE & SYSTEMS GROUP



EMERGING NETWORKS LABORATORY  
ENL RESEARCH UNIT



DATA MINING & SOCIAL COMPUTING  
DM&SC RESEARCH UNIT



PROGRAMMABLE & AUTONOMOUS SYSTEMS  
PAS RESEARCH UNIT



AUGMENTED REALITY/VIRTUAL REALITY  
AR/VR RESEARCH UNIT



## Research highlights

- 1996-2009: telecoms network management, billing, making content available, personalisation, context awareness
- Consumer-facing research led to *mobile apps*, via App Store, Google Play, etc.
- Infrastructure research led to cloud and edge (IoT) computing
- New research themes include
  - zero-touch network management (adaptive, autonomous)
  - high data rate, low latency communication
  - smart agriculture: precision dairy, animal health
  - Security and privacy of pervasive computing, social media
  - the Brain Initiative: modelling neural processes
  - the Connected Human: in-body networks



# Network Evolution



## Growing Consumer Requirements

- More reliable connection
- Better Quality of Experience
- Lower usage charges
- Emerging needs

## Growing Operator Requirements

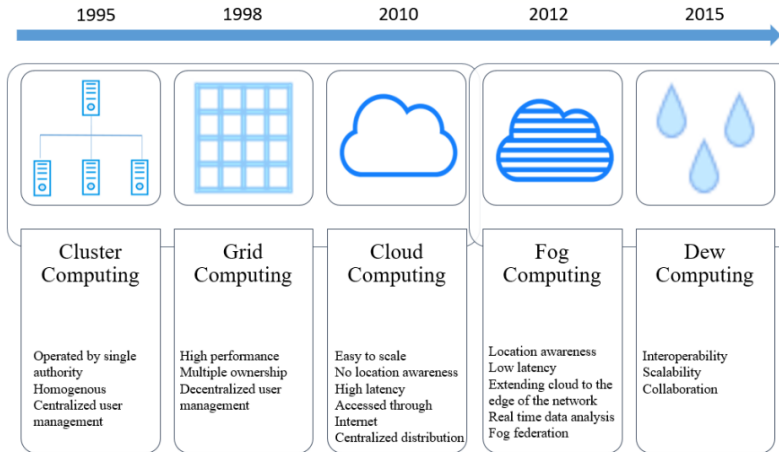
- Increase flexibility to meet demand
- Make more efficient use of existing resources
- Reduce CAPEX and OPEX
- Provide for new requirements

## Growing Domain Influences

Transport, Health, Agriculture/food, Media, ...



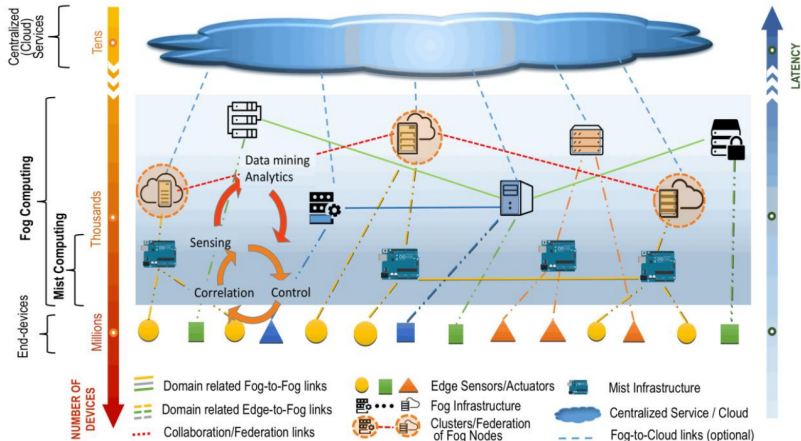
# Evolution of computing paradigms



Source: Loncar, Petra (2018). Data-Intensive Computing Paradigms for Big Data



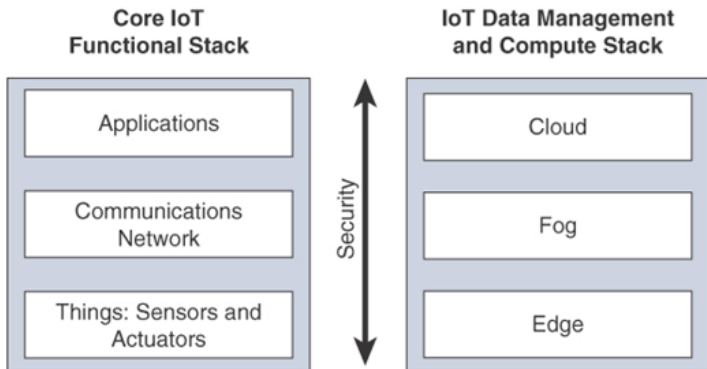
# Cloud, fog and Edge



Source: NIST SP 500-325. Fog Computing Conceptual Model



# Internet of Things as Two Stacks



*Source:* Yogesh Malik, medium.com. Sep 2017



# Security and Privacy

- In pairs, identify 3 ICT security “stories” of the past 5 years.



## Selected definitions

**Info security:** maintaining *appropriate* access by protecting the confidentiality, integrity and availability of data and its supporting infrastructure (Lundgren 2017).

**IoT:** Network of pervasive connected devices that exchanges data from embedded sensors, with supporting infrastructure and services. (Various)

**Big Data:** High volume, velocity and/or variety information assets that require new processing to enable enhanced decision making, insight discovery or process optimization. (Gartner 2012)

**Data Scientist:** ask the right questions, {generate} and consume the results of analysis of Big Data effectively.

(McKinsey 2011)  
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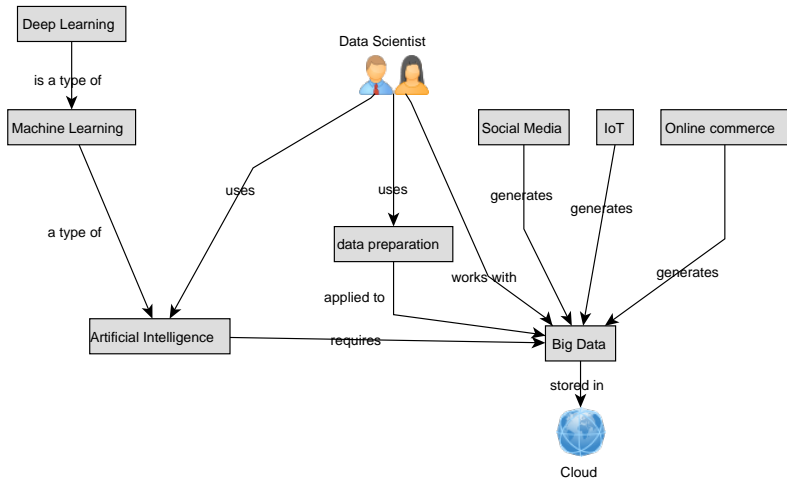
**Artificial Intelligence:** capability of a machine to imitate intelligent human behavior (Webster 2017)

**Machine Learning:** Branch of computer science {and related fields} that gives computers the ability to learn without being explicitly programmed. (Samuel 1959)

**Deep Learning:** Use of very large neural networks with many layers of “neurons” that can be trained to generate robust models of their input, whose classification performance scales with the amount of data supplied. (Various)

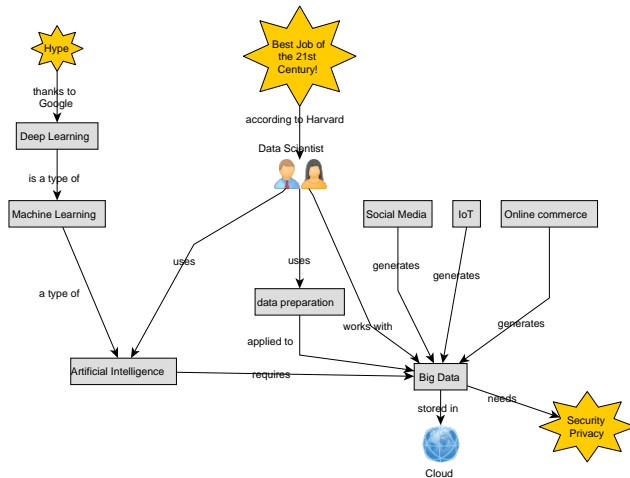


# Relationships between terms





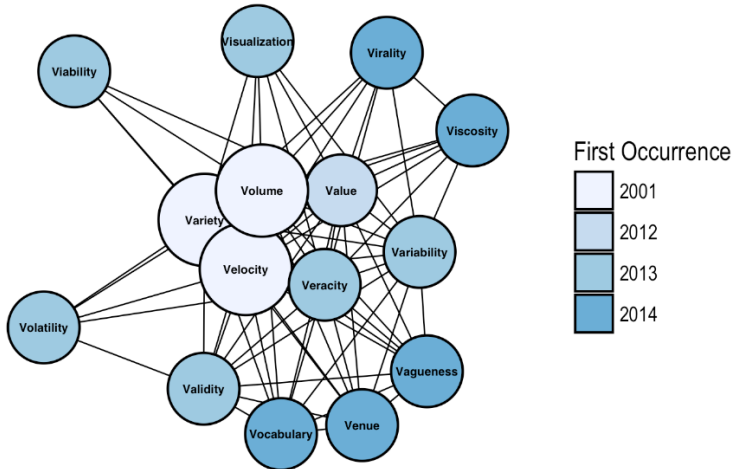
# Annotated Relationships between terms!





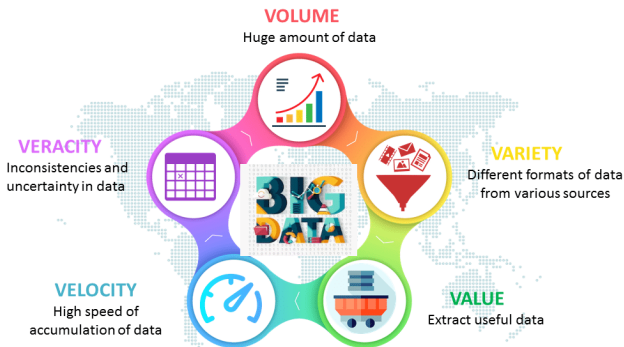
# The V's of Big Data

First there were 3: Volume, Variety, Velocity.  
Now...





# Most popular variant: 5 V's



Source: <https://www.edureka.co/blog/what-is-big-data/>



## Interlude: Examples of Big Data

### Exercise

In pairs, please consider (real world) processes generating *Big Data*. Can you come up with 3 examples in 2 minutes?



**Collecting  
Data**



**Processing  
Data**



**Exploring and  
Visualizing Data**



**Analyzing and  
Applying  
Learning**

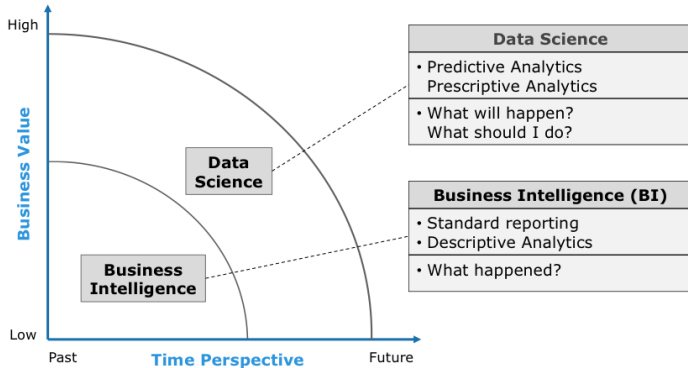


**Deciding based  
upon Insights**



# The growing scope of Data Analytics

## Evolution Of Analytics



Source: Bill Schmarzo "Big Data MBA" Course Curriculum



## Prehistory, or more than 10 years ago...

### Data Generation

- Transactions (bank, retail)
- Activity, e.g., texts
- Basic e-commerce

### Data Processing

- Databases, SQL, stored procedures
- Consultants, system integrators
- Proprietary statistical software

### Data Analysis

- Reporting: looking back
- Descriptive statistics
- Simple plots



## The first (batch) wave: 2007-2011

### Data Generation

- As before. . .
- Web activity: comments, etc.
- 360degree view

### Data Processing

- As before. . .
- NoSQL
- hadoop ecosystem (batch analytics)

### Data Analysis

- As before. . .
- Personalisation and recommendation
- Predictive Analytics



## The second (streaming) wave: 2012-2015



### Data Generation

- As before...
- Social Media!
- IoT (early adopters)

### Data Processing

- As before...
- Apache Spark
- R vs. python

### Data Analysis

- As before...
- Data understanding
- Weak AI: assistants, etc.



# The current (machine) wave: 2016-?

## Data Generation

- As before...
- Machine-generated (e.g., fake news)
- IoT (mainstream)

## Data Processing

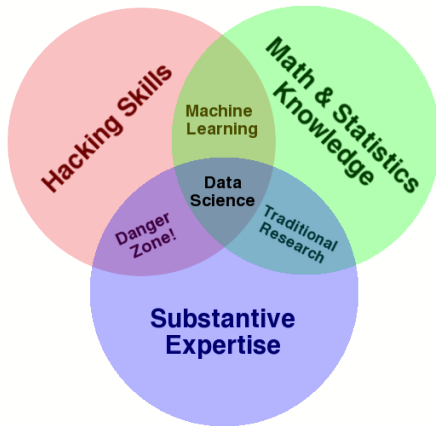
- As before...
- Microservices: move function to data
- Decoupled databases with schema-on-read

## Data Analysis

- As before...
- Deep learning inflection point
- Visualisation



# Drew Conway's 3-set Venn Diagram of Data Science Expertise

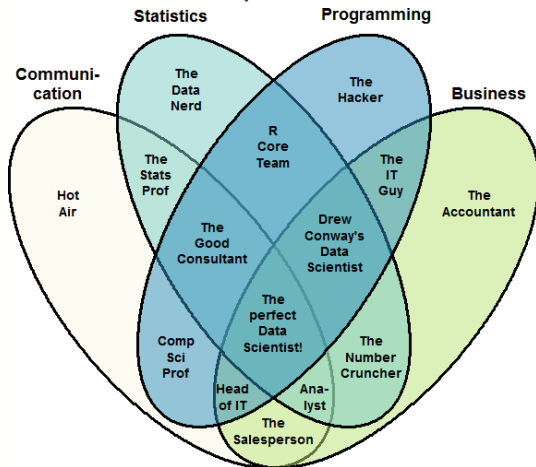


*Source:*

<http://drewconway.com/zia/2013/3/26/the-data-science-venn-diagram>



# Stephan Kolassa's 4-set Venn Diagram of Data Science Expertise



Source: <https://datascience.stackexchange.com/a/2406>



# Gartner suggests the need for a *Citizen Data Scientist*

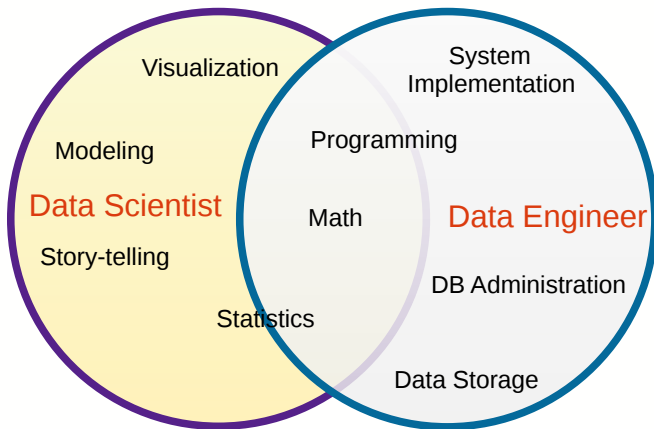


Source:

<http://www.kdnuggets.com/2016/03/cartoon-citizen-data-scientist.html>



# Data Scientist vs Data Engineer



Source:

<http://101.datascience.community/2014/07/08/data-scientist-vs-data-engineer/>

Also the traditional roles of *Data Analyst* and *Software Engineer*...





## Complete the following disadvantages of IoT and Big Data

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And those disadvantages are...

mass surveillance

identity theft

device botnets

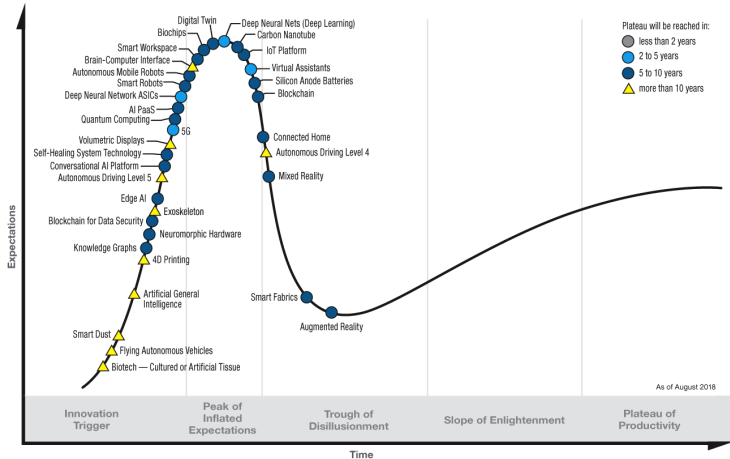
denial of service

bias

lack of transparency



# Where will your career take you?



Source: Gartner Hype Cycle for Emerging Technology, August 2018



# Conclusions



- Computing is becoming more interdisciplinary
- Research challenges: how to do things better: faster, more accurate, less energy, ...
- Societal challenges: how to use these new devices, services, interactions, ...; ethical use
- Many computing jobs to be filled - so good luck!



## Thank You

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