

CONFESSIONS OF A DATA WRANGLER



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IS A JOURNEY (OF DISCOVERY)
NOT A DESTINATION





What is a data wrangler?



Why are we forced to be wrangers?



Technology?
Friend or enemy...



WHAT does this all mean?

WHAT IS A DATA WRANGLING

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Data_wrangling

Data wrangling, sometimes referred to as **data munging**, is the process of transforming and mapping data from one "raw" data form into another format with the intent of making it more appropriate and valuable for a variety of downstream purposes such as analytics. A **data wrangler** is a person who performs these transformation operations.

This may include further munging, data visualization, data aggregation, training a statistical model, as well as many other potential uses. Data munging as a process typically follows a set of general steps which begin with extracting the data in a raw form from the data source, "munging" the raw data using algorithms (e.g. sorting) or parsing the data into predefined data structures, and finally depositing the resulting content into a data sink for storage and future use.

ALL SCIENTISTS ARE DATA WRANGLER...

CONFESSIONS OF A DATA HOARDER?



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@CarinaKemp8 in full swing #datatransfer test, moving research data from #sneakernet to CloudStor #STEMdata - a scientist getting ready to work in the cloud.



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- AGA Data John Bell
- Andrew Laptop HD - GeoMole
- BoreholeDatabase
- C_geomolebackup
- cazphotos
- Dropbox
- GA_Work
- GrandmaSimmatPhotos
- IsaacAugust2010
- KevinHoleInfo
- Movies
- My Pictures
- Newmont
- Simmat Photos
- SimonStuff
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- Unilab2
- Venture
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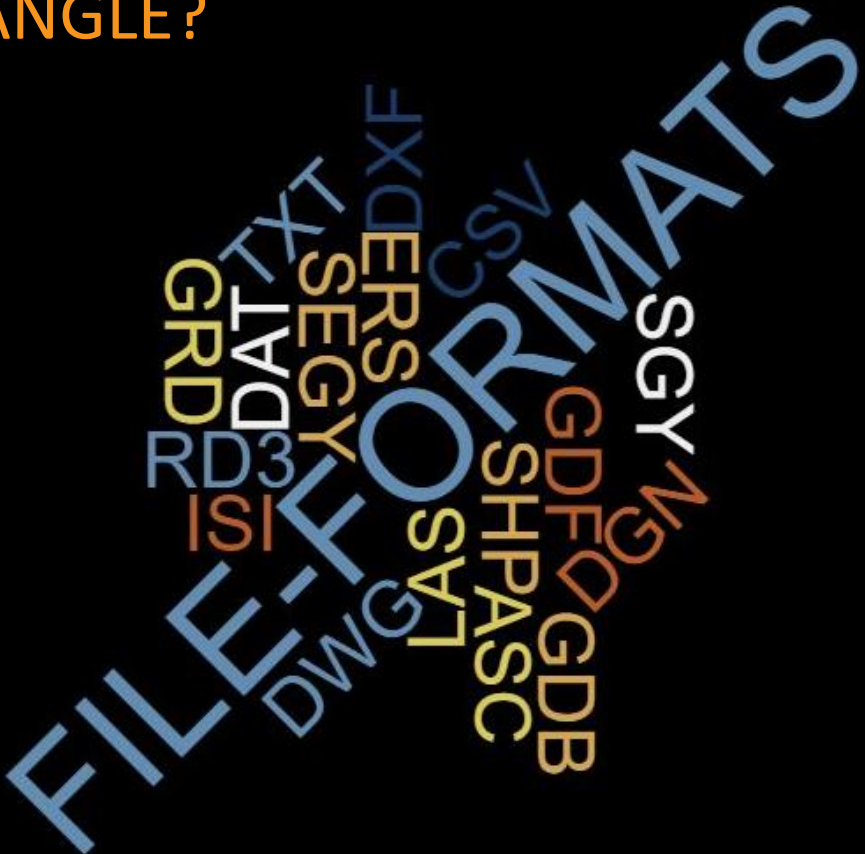
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WHY DO I WRANGLE?



Source: <https://www.wordclouds.com/>

WHAT DO I WRANGLE?



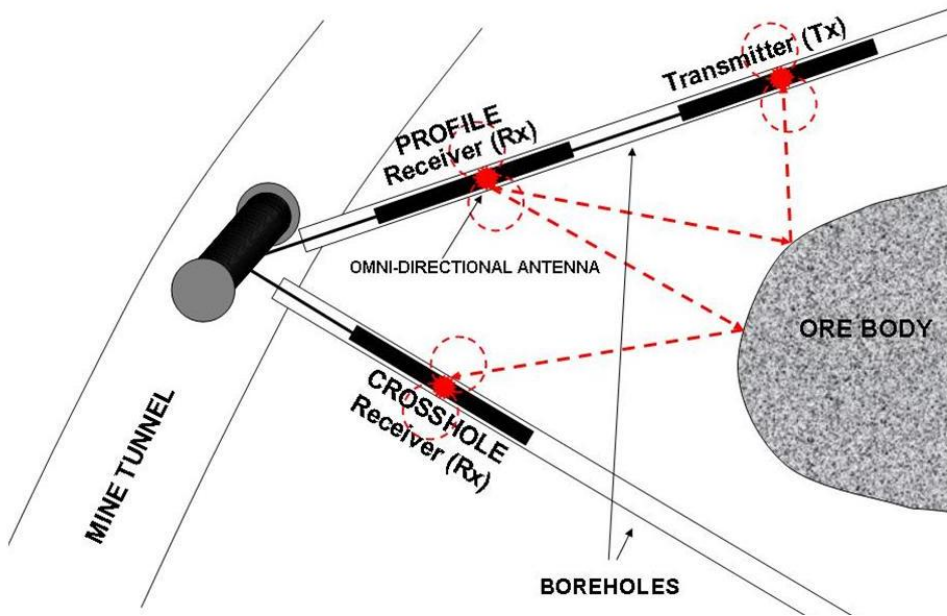
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THE DATA WRANGLING BEGAN...



“MINE-SCALE THREE DIMENSIONAL BOREHOLE RADAR (BHR) IMAGING”



What is Borehole Radar?

The borehole radar system can be deployed by winch or on the drill rods similar to a gyro survey

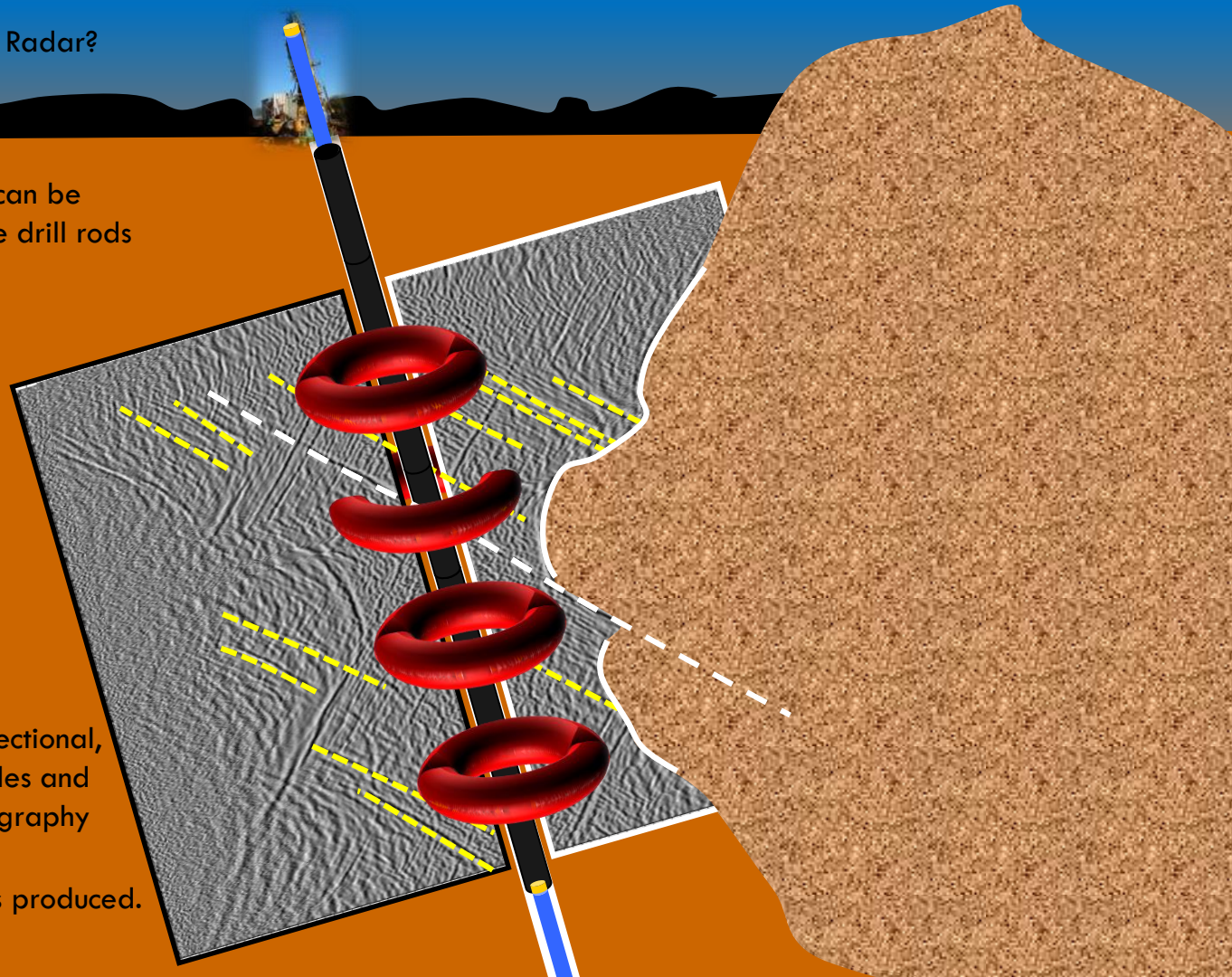
Data is acquired continuously as the rods are pulled and the radar ascends the drillhole

Signal is sent radially outwards into the surrounding rock

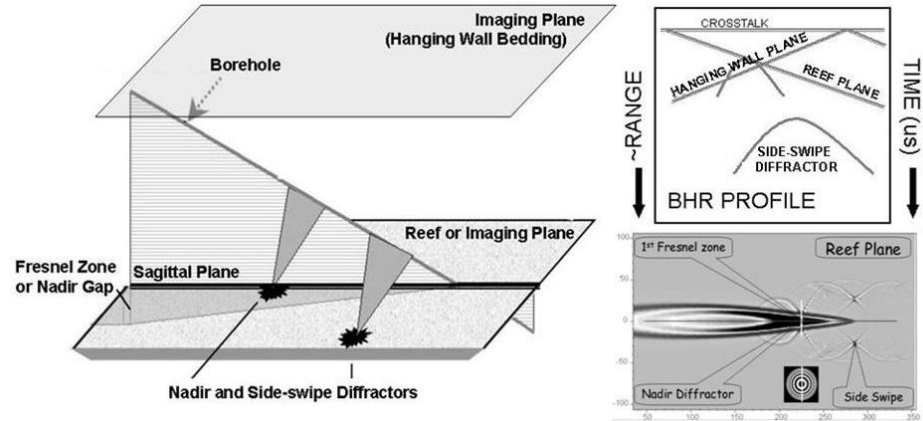
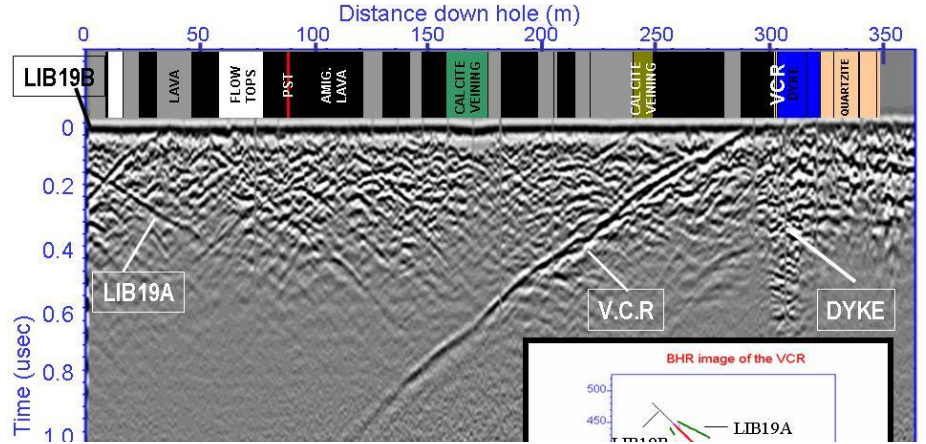
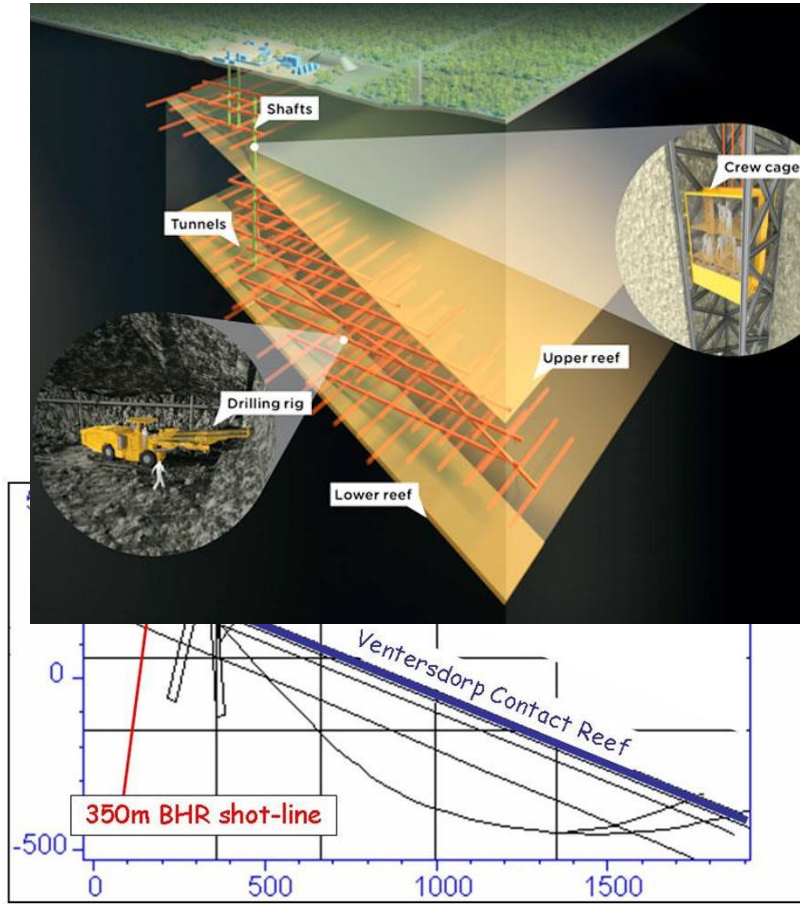
The radar images the rock surrounding the drillhole.

The radar is not directional, Neighboring drillholes and knowledge of stratigraphy aids interpretation.

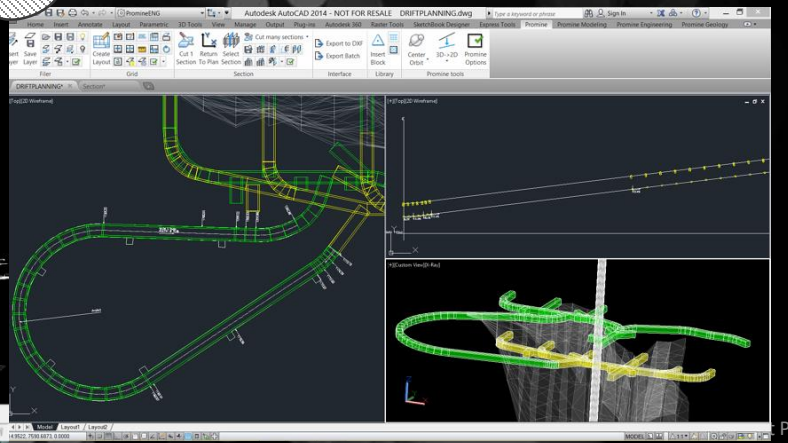
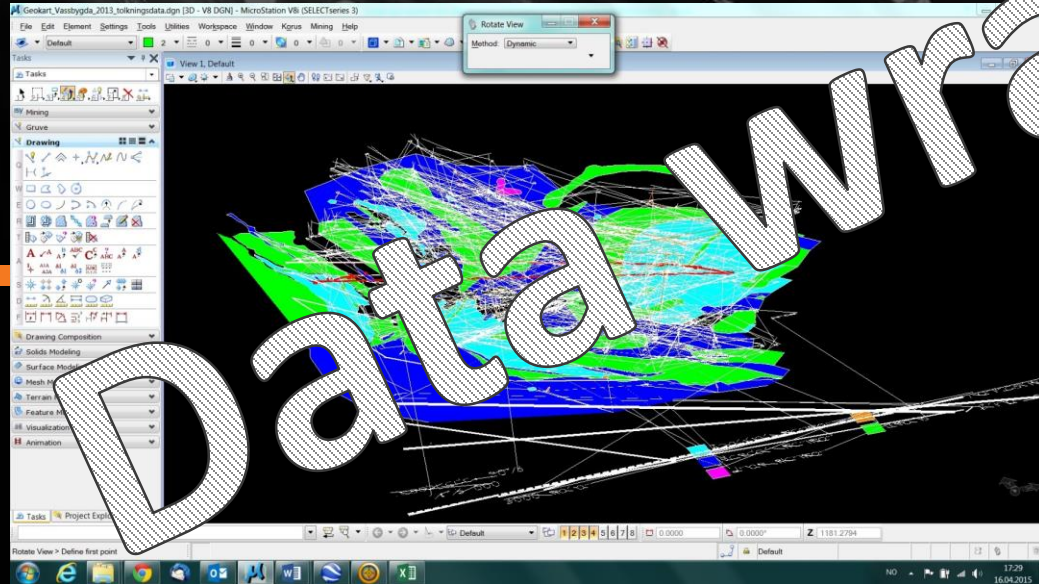
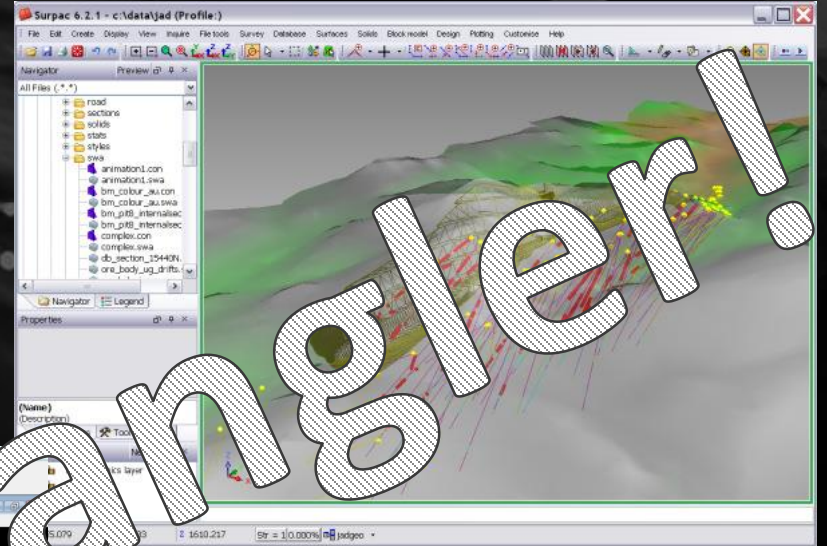
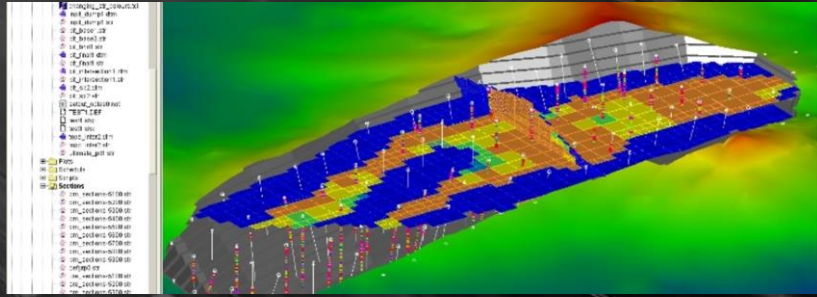
Final interpretation is produced.



THE DATA...



THE SOFTWARE...



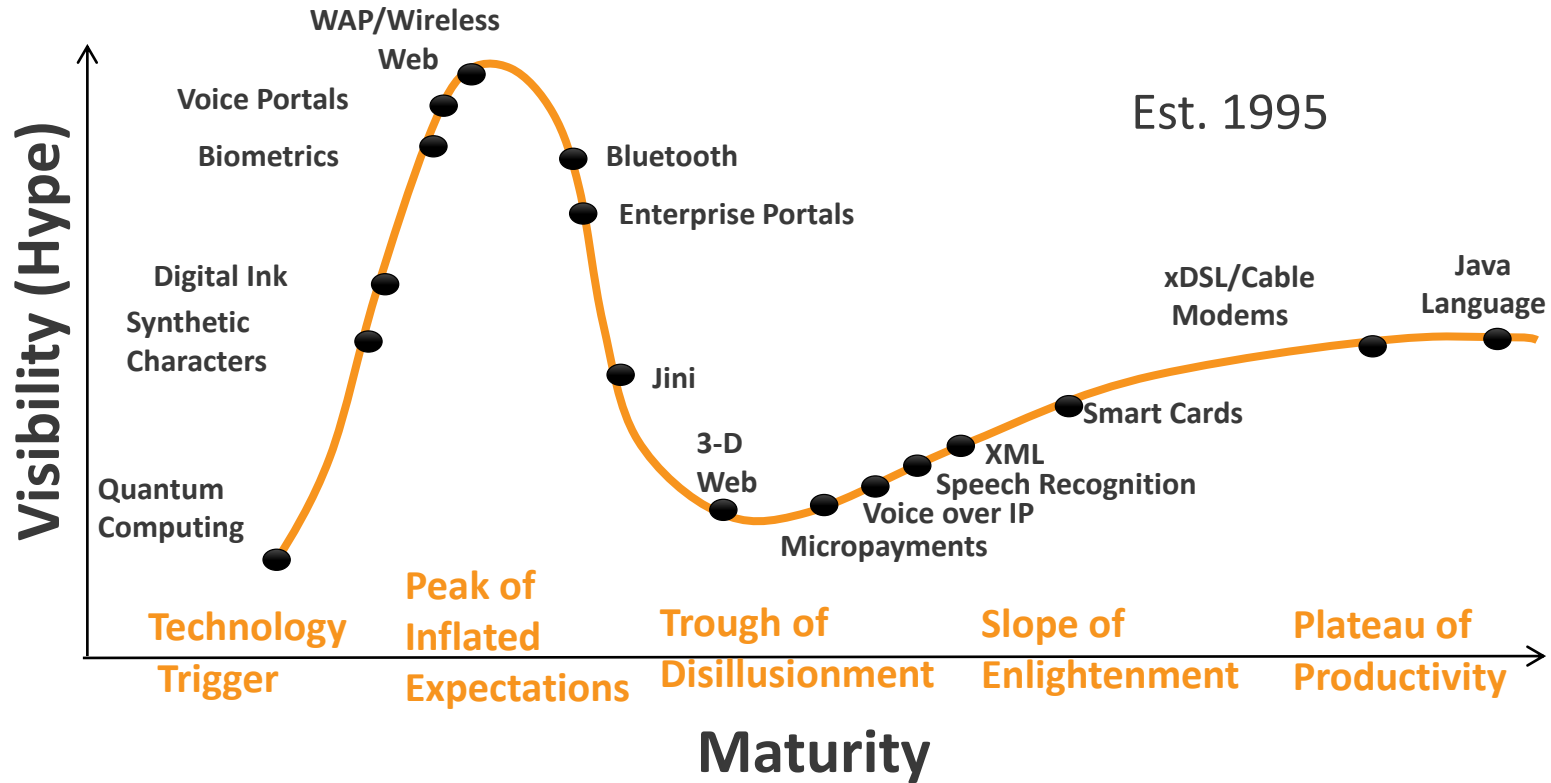
Data wrangler!



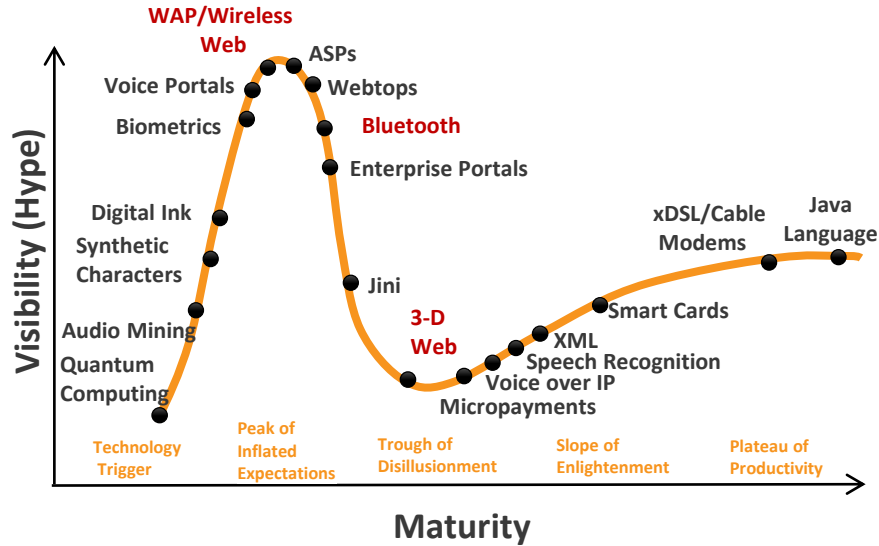
TECH JOURNEY: FRIEND OR ENEMY...



THE GARTNER HYPE CYCLE



GARTNER HYPE CYCLE 2000

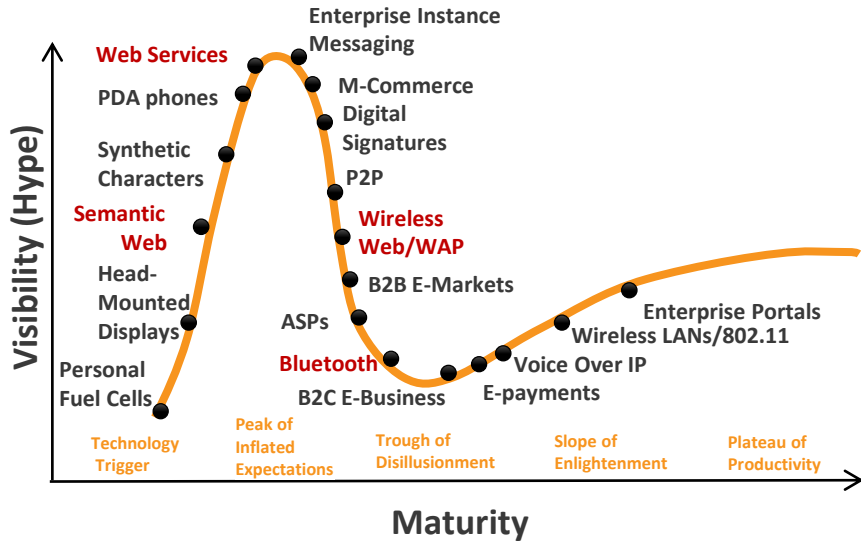


UNDERGROUND MINES The 10 deepest

COMPILED BY
RICHARD JANSEN VAN VUUREN



GARTNER HYPE CYCLE 2001



Tech

Semantic Web / Web Services / WAP / Bluetooth

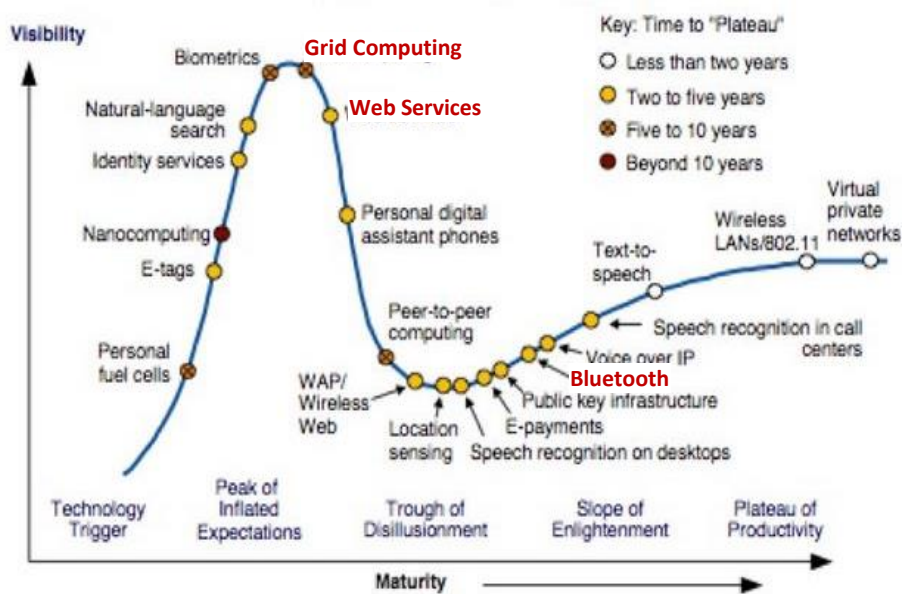
Me

Started my PhD – data collection
Some coding – Fortran / Matlab / C

BHR /Geophysics

Begin Testing wireless technologies
Data Standard...?

GARTNER HYPE CYCLE 2002



Tech

Grid Computing

Web Services maturing

Bluetooth stabilising

Me

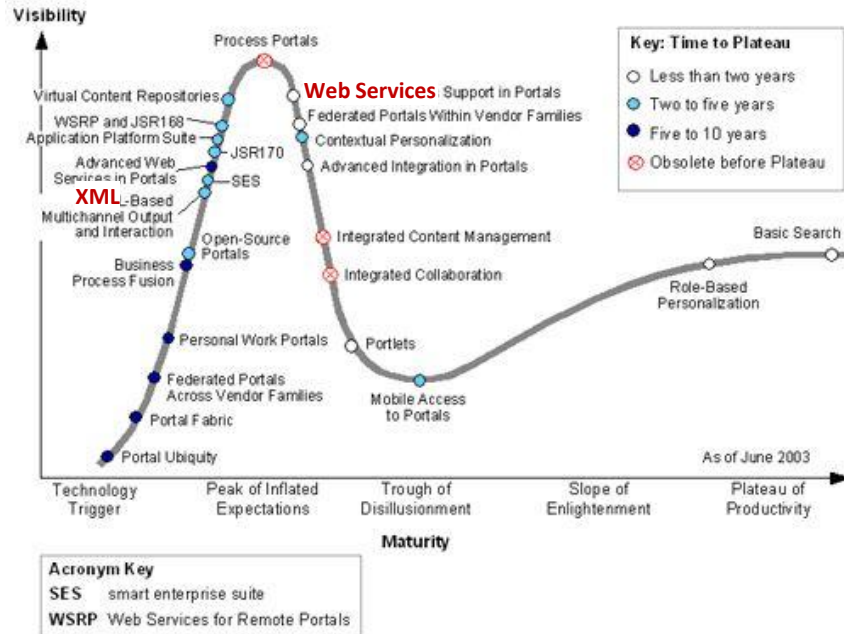
PhD Year 2 – more data collection

coding – Matlab / C

BHR / Geophysics

Flash memory / Bluetooth tests

GARTNER HYPE CYCLE 2003



Tech

XML Based Multi-channel Output and Interaction

Web Services

Me PhD...

BHR

Single stick wireless radar tests

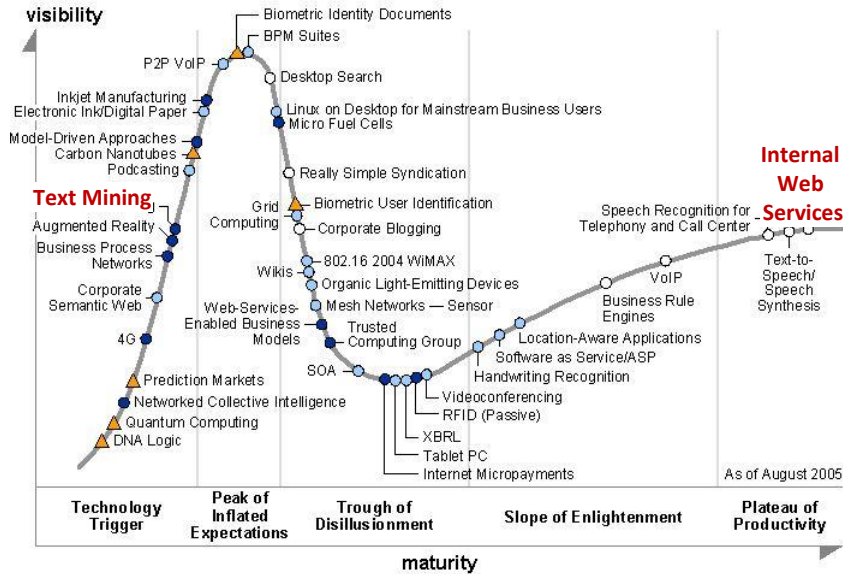
Geophysics

ASEG-GDF2 published – A standard for point located data exchange



Australian Society of
Exploration Geophysicists

...GARTNER HYPE CYCLE 2005



Plateau will be reached in:

- less than 2 years
- 2 to 5 years
- 5 to 10 years
- ▲ more than 10 years
- ⊗ obsolete before plateau

Tech

Text Mining...

Me

Started Postdoc

Data Fusion Project, early ML

BHR / Geophysics

Mature Bluetooth radars



Radar

+



Spacers



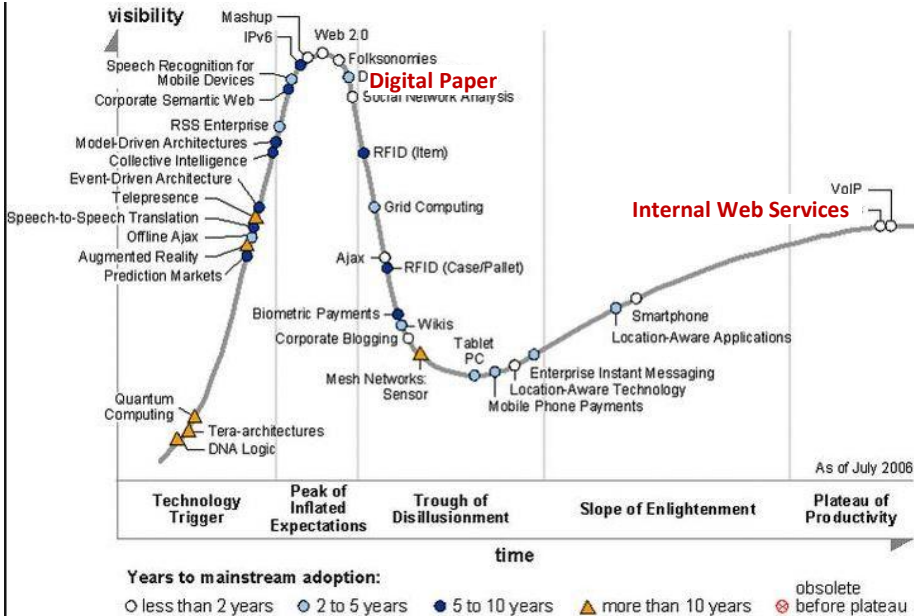
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Drill

Attachment

GARTNER HYPE CYCLE 2006

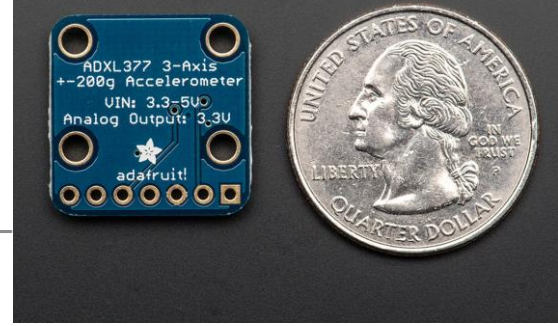


Economist.com

<https://www.economist.com/asia/2017/03/09/the-end-of-a-mining-boom-leaves-australias-economy-surprisingly-intact>

...GARTNER HYPE CYCLE 2009

<https://www.adafruit.com>



Tech

Cloud Computing —

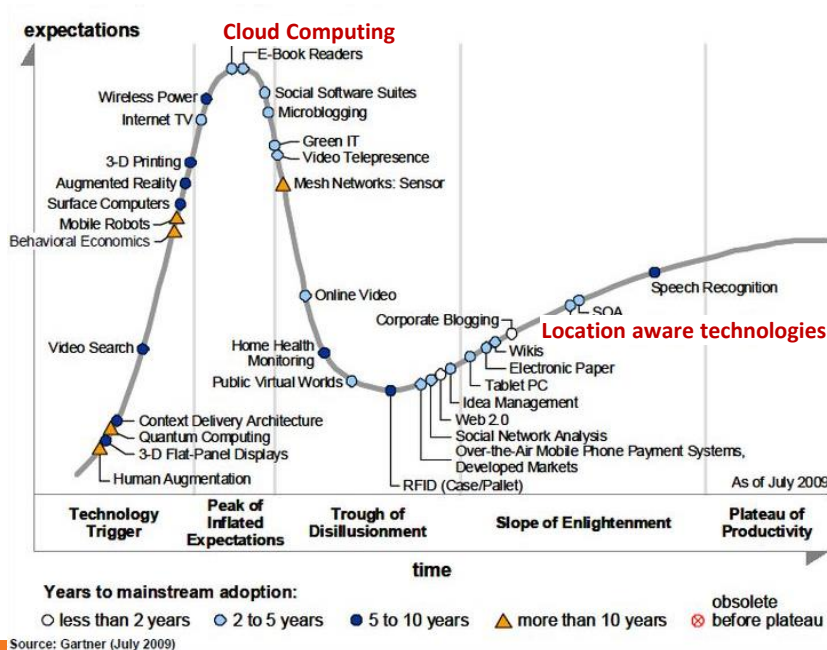
Me

BHR Business Development

GOLD / PLATINUM / NICKEL / DIAMONDS

BHR / Geophysics

Downhole surveying tools with accelerometers



Source: Gartner (July 2009)

...GARTNER HYPE CYCLE 2012



Tech

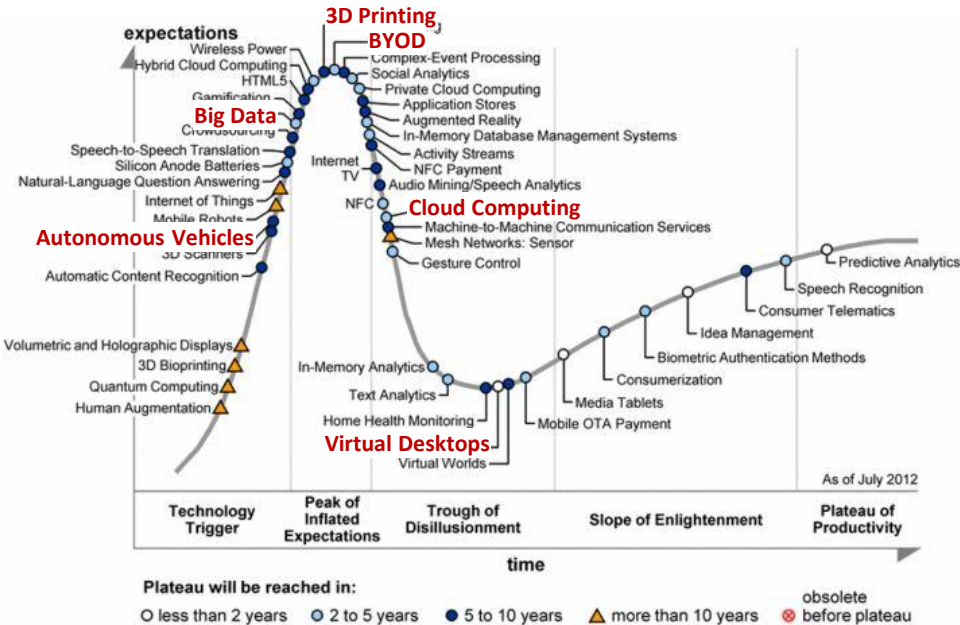
Big Data is emerging
Virtual Desktops...

Me

Moved to Canberra
Started playing with BIGish Geophysics Data
Virtual Geophysics Exploration Laboratory (VEGL)
Python

BHR / Geophysics

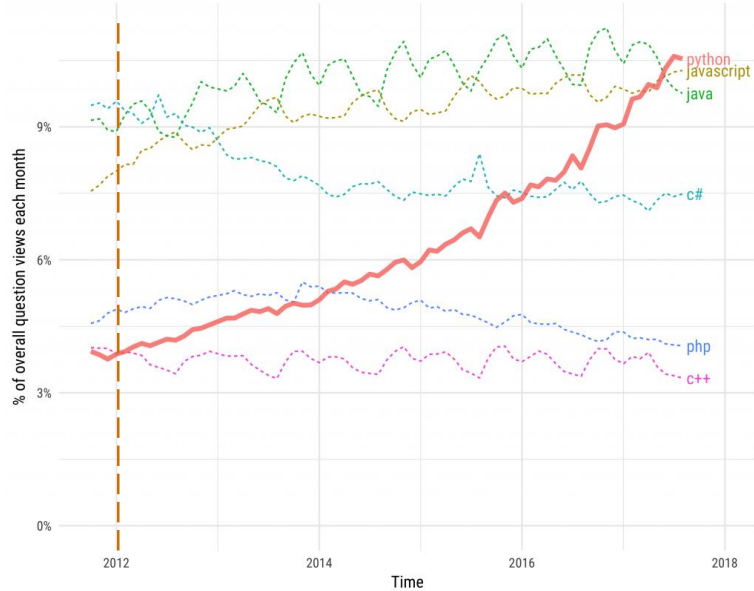
ASEG-GDF2 still the same since 2003...
ASEG-ESF for Electrical Surveys published



ASIDE – PYTHON GROWTH...

Growth of major programming languages

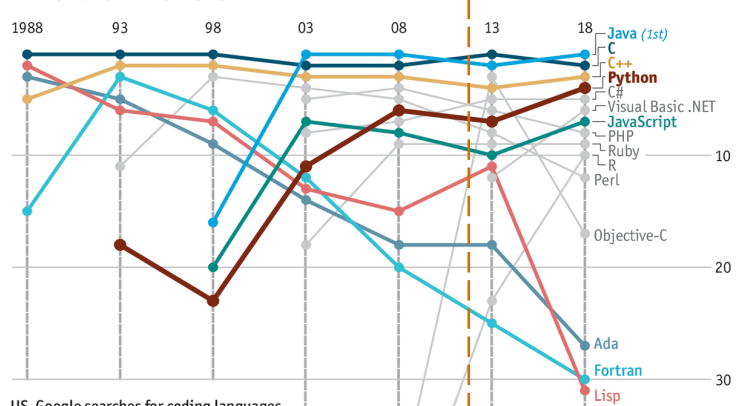
Based on Stack Overflow question views in World Bank high-income countries



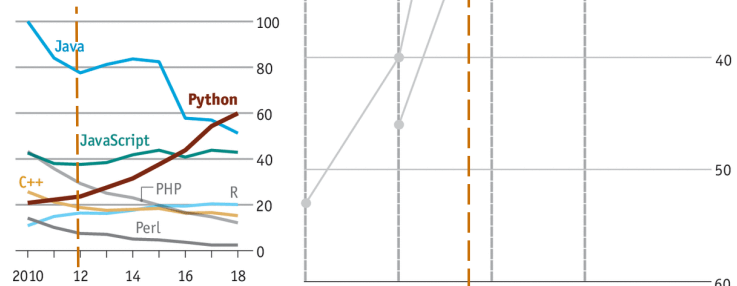
<https://stackoverflow.blog/2017/09/06/incredible-growth-python/>

Code of conduct

Ranking of programming languages*



US, Google searches for coding languages
100 = highest annual traffic for any language



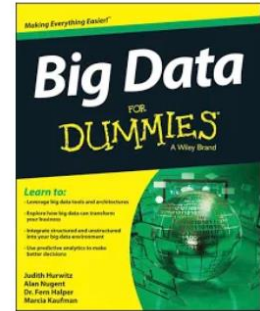
Source: TIOBE, Google Trends

The Economist

* Ranked by global search-engine popularity

<https://www.economist.com/graphic-detail/2018/07/26/python-is-becoming-the-worlds-most-popular-coding-language>

GARTNER HYPE CYCLE 2013



Tech

Big Data hits its peak of HYPE...

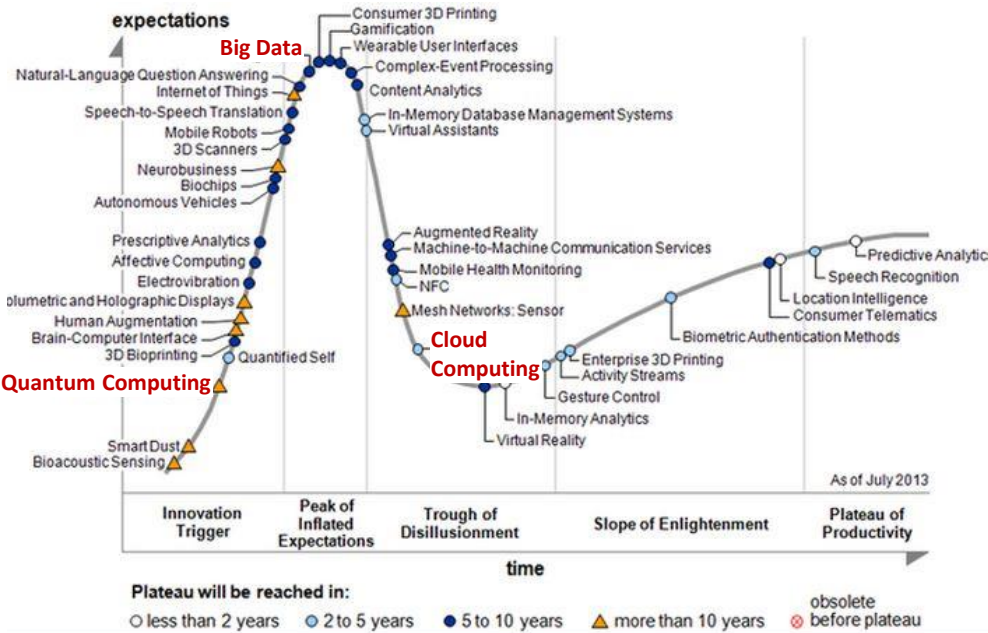
Quantum Computing still emerging

Cloud Computing in the dumps..

Me

Maternity Leave

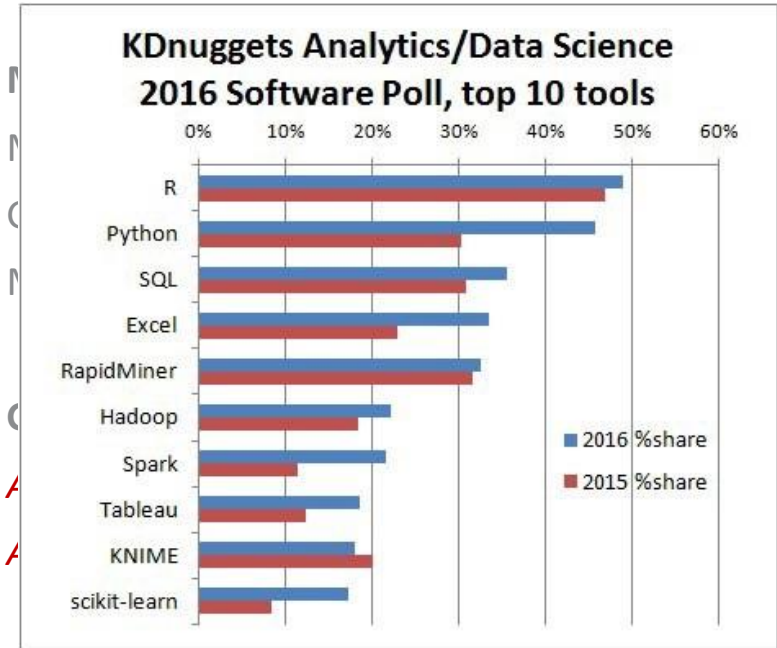
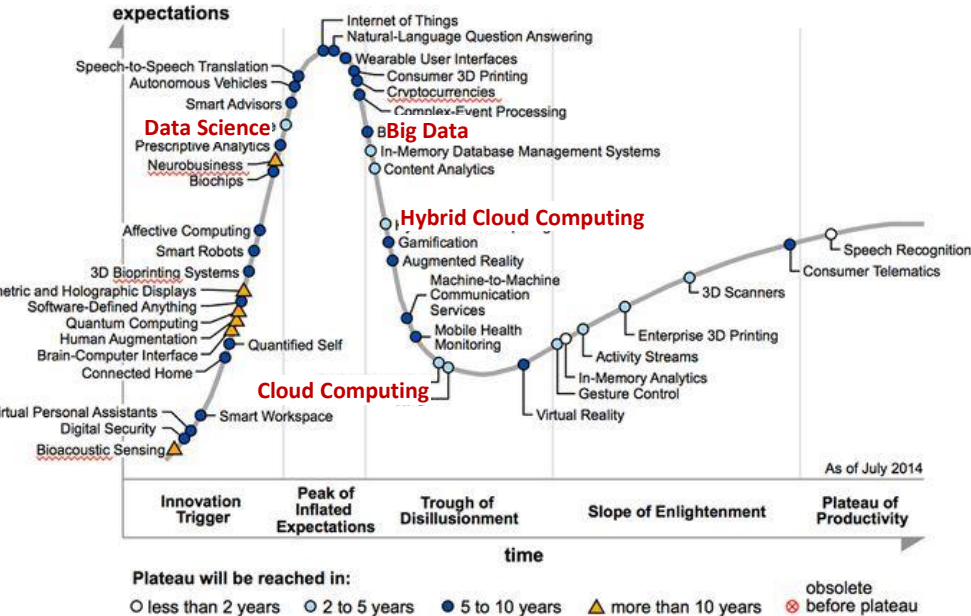
Virtual Geophysics Laboratory (VGL)



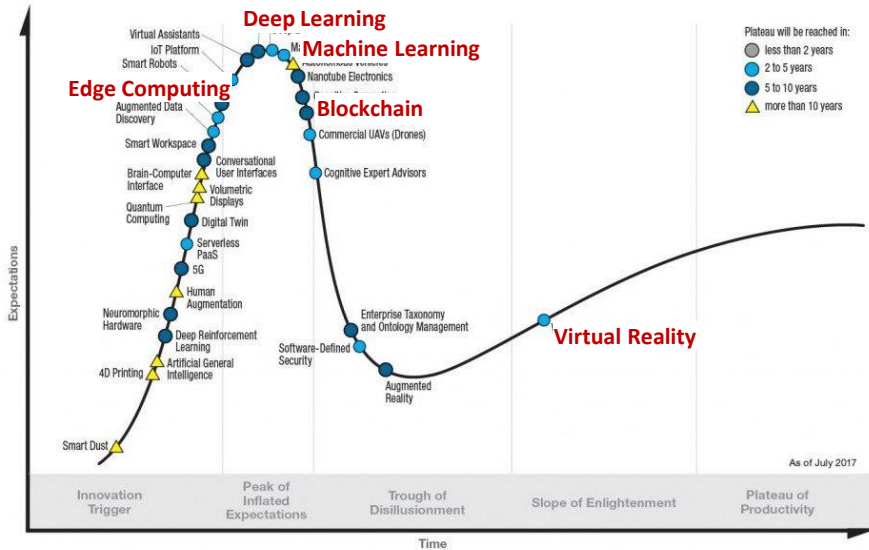
GARTNER HYPE CYCLE 2014

Tech

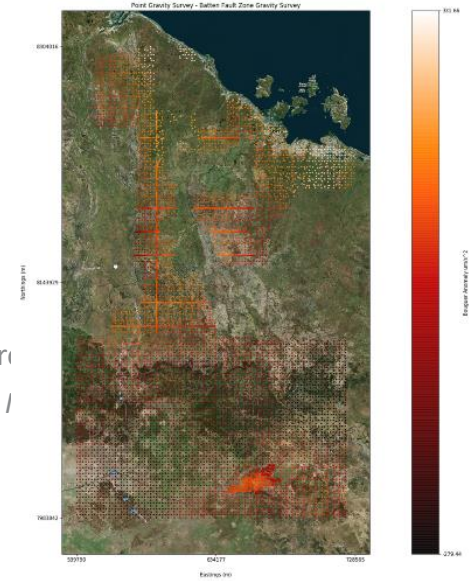
Data Science Appears



GARTNER HYPE CYCLE 2017



Source: Alex Ip, Geoscience Australia



Tech

Deep Learning Hype

Machine Learning Hype

Blockchain heading for the trough
Semantics and Web Services I

Me

ANVGL in the Cloud in 2015

National Geophysical Collection Maturity – NetCDF-CF

Geophysics

ASEG-GDF2 still the same since 2003...

ASEG-ESF still the same since 2012...

GARTNER HYPE CYCLE 2018



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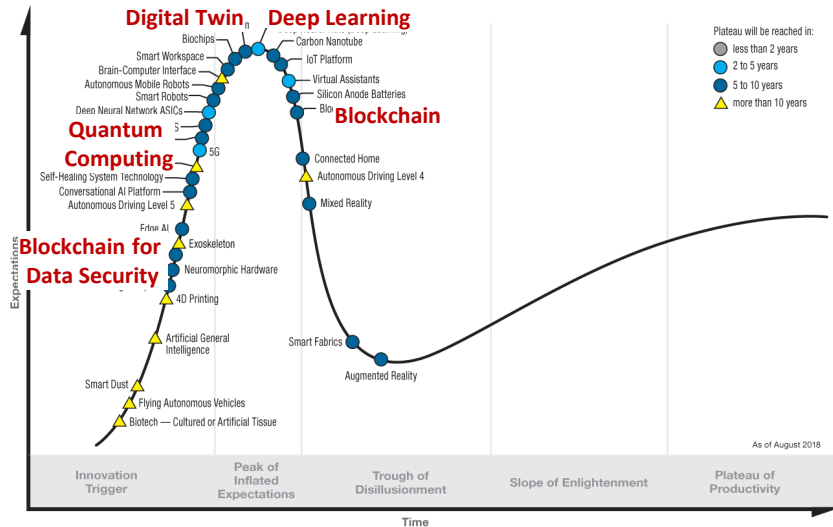
- Blockchain for Data Security
- Quantum Computing is getting closer
- Digital Twins??
- Deep Learning
- Semantics and Web Services Matured??*

Me

- Management... Acting CIO...
- Digital Transformation

Geophysics

- ASEG-GDF2 still the same since 2003...*
- ASEG-ESF still the same since 2012...*





WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM THE HYPE?



CONFESSION 1.

**I am a bad data manager
naturally**



**But good practice can be
learned over time and with
good collaborators..**

CONFESSION 2.

**I was a Data Wrangler and
now I enable Data
Wranglers..**



**But leveraging technologies
can make it easier..
Efficient.. Repeatable..
FAIR...**

CONFESSION 3.

**Web-services to enable
Machine actionable FAIR
Data has been possible since
200#
But where are we now?**

**The Geophysical
Community standardized
early for interoperability
but not machine to
machine actions...**

CONFESSION 4.

Change is hard



**But we must be patient
and work together across
our communities to
promote the benefits of
change.**

CONFESSION 5.

**Change is hard
(especially in Silos)
Hindsight is easy**



**But we must be patient
and work together to
promote the benefits.**

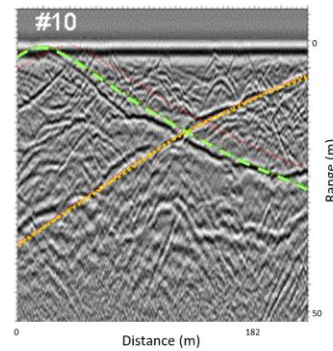
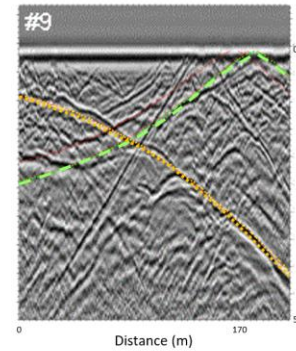
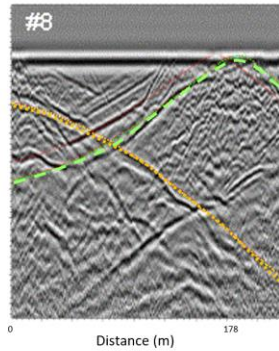
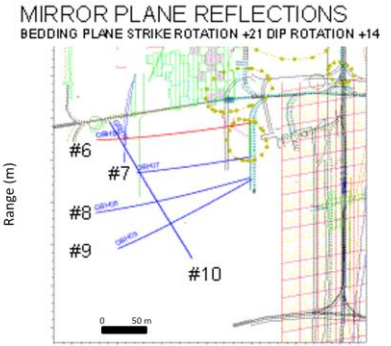
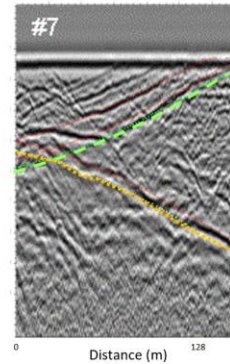
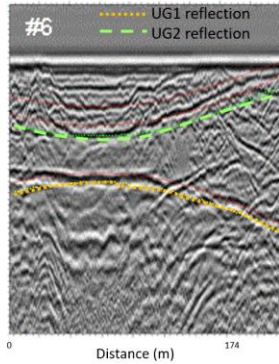
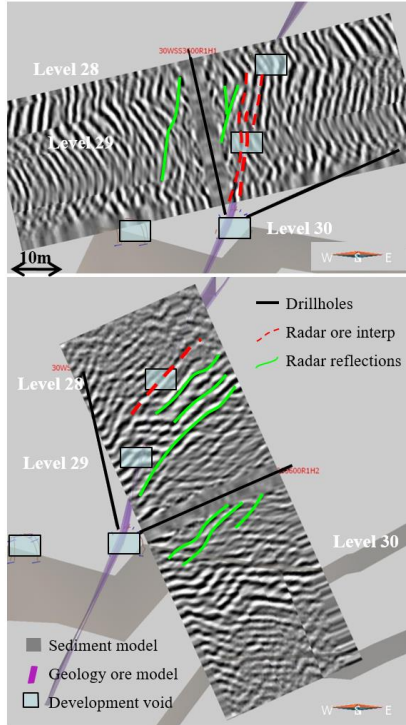


MORE RESCUED DATA...



GOLD

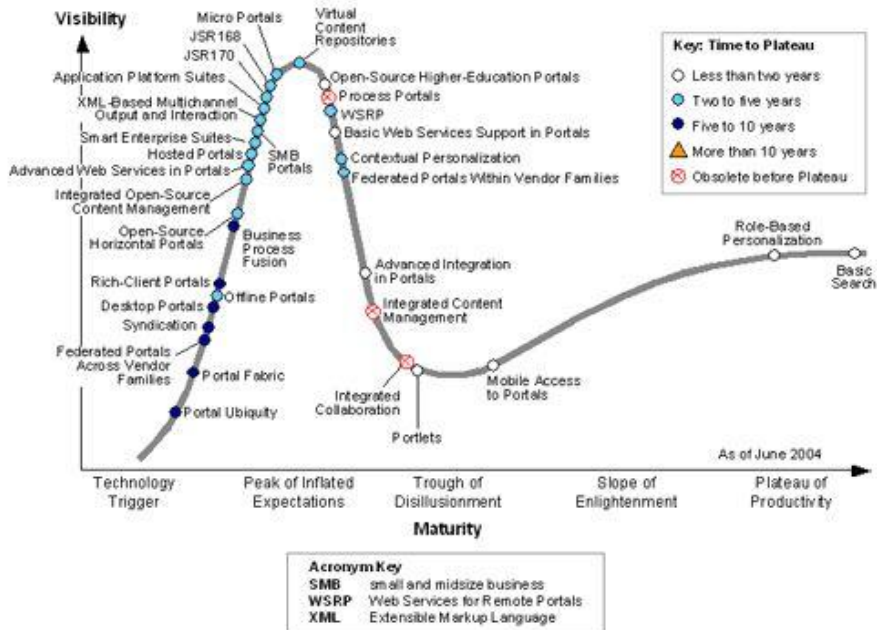
PLATINUM



THANK YOU

GARTNER HYPE CYCLE 2004

Gartner Hype Cycle 2004



Me

BHR

Geophysics