CONFESSIONS OF A DATA WRANGLER

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IS A JOURNEY (OF DISCOVERY) NOT A DESTINATION

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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

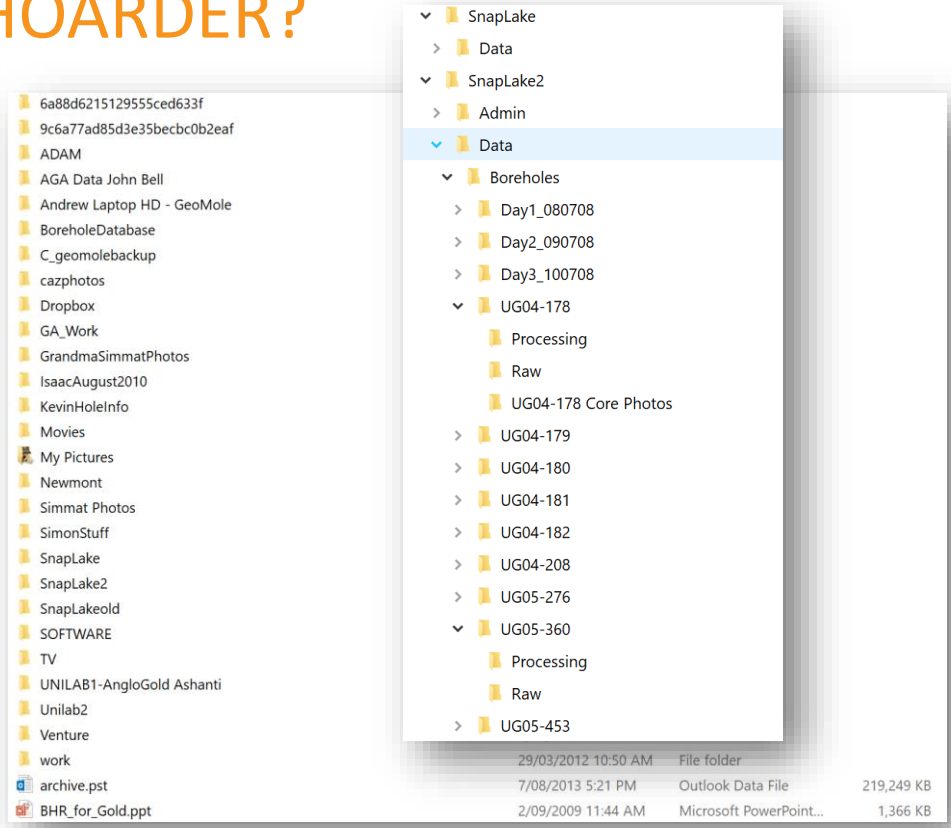
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Data_wrangling

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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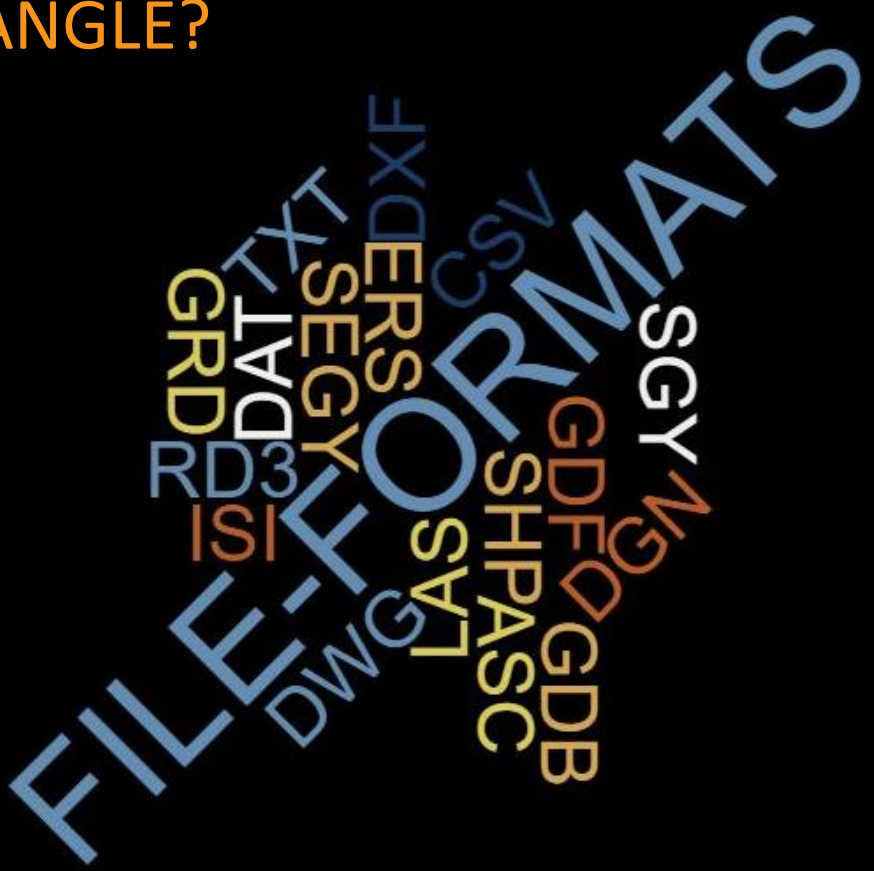

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THE DATA WRANGLING BEGAN…

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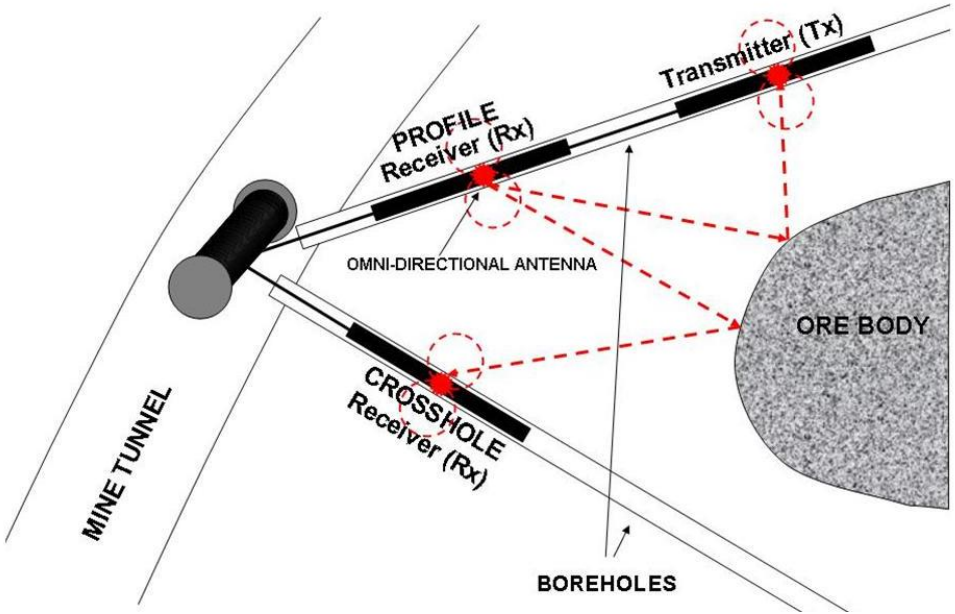
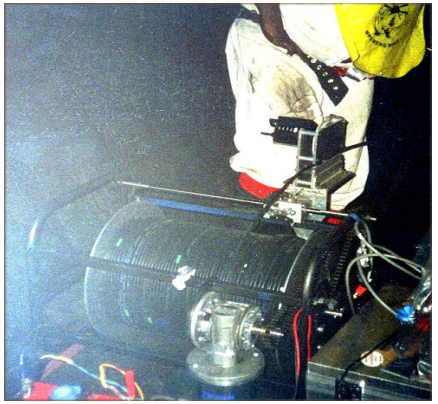
“MINE-SCALE THREE DIMENSIONAL BOREHOLE RADAR (BHR) IMAGING”





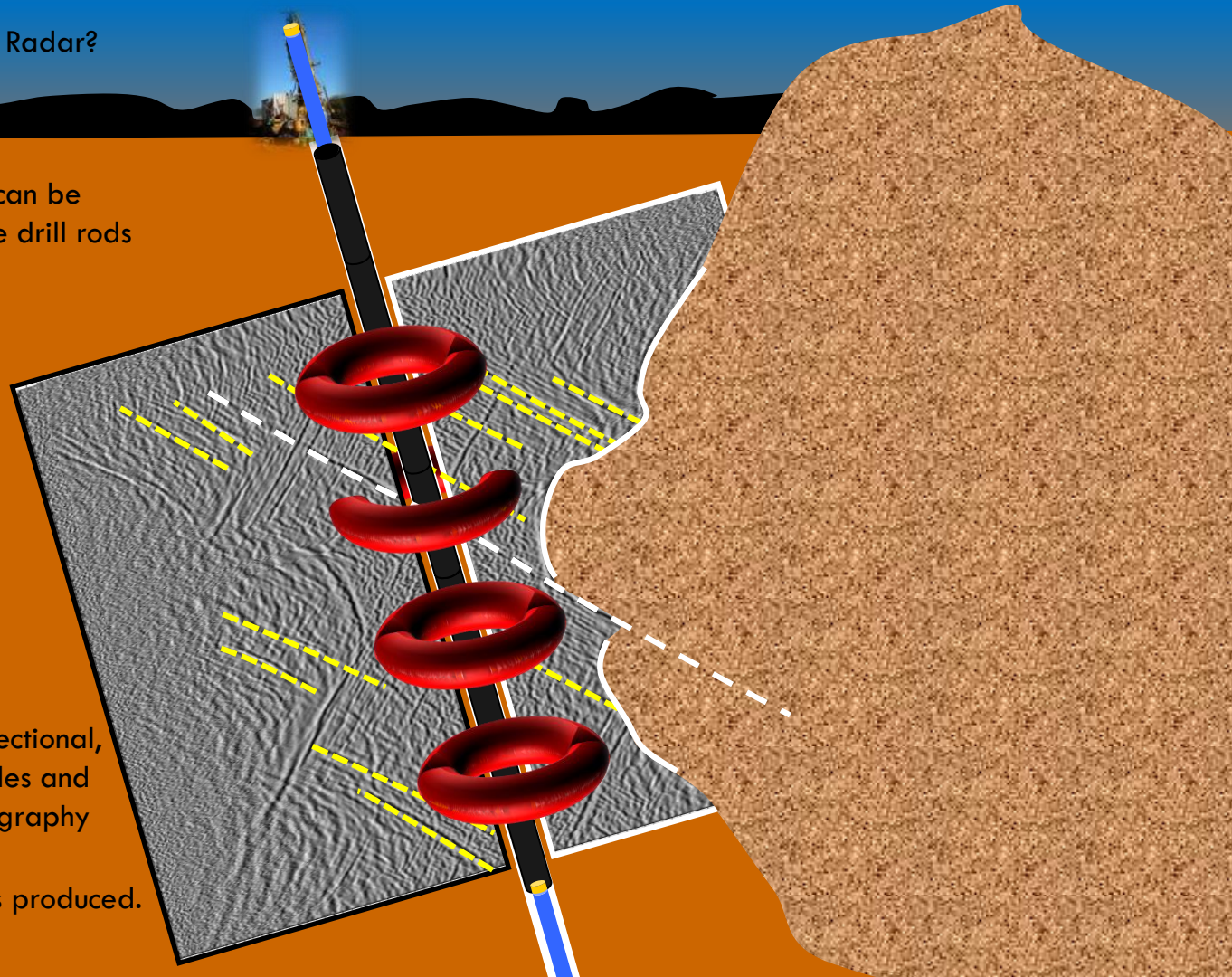
What is Borehole Radar?

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.

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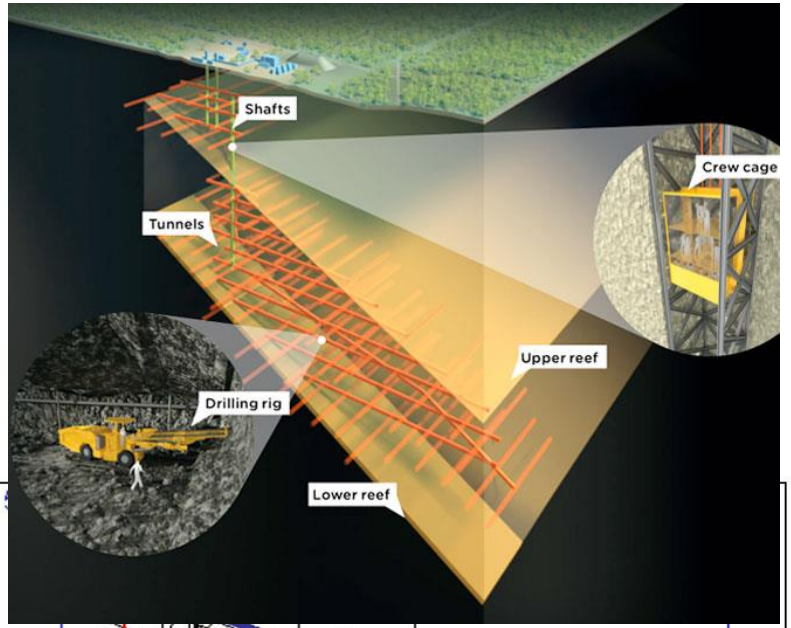

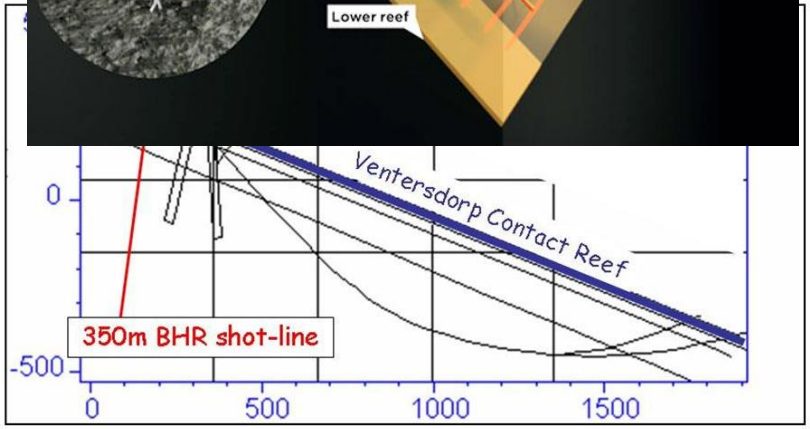

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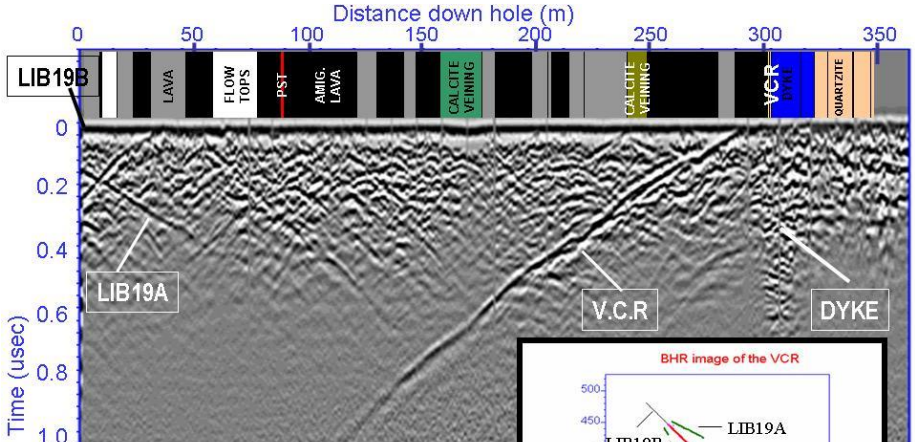

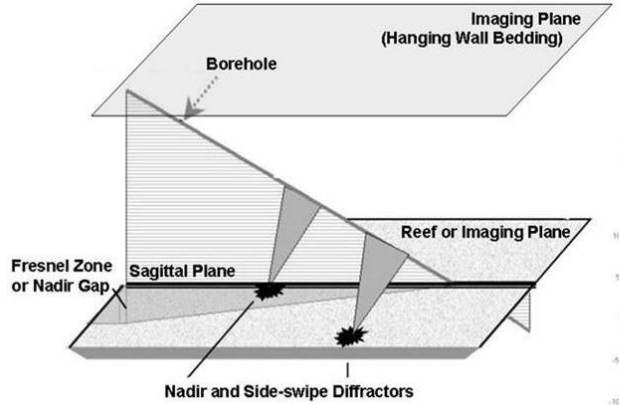

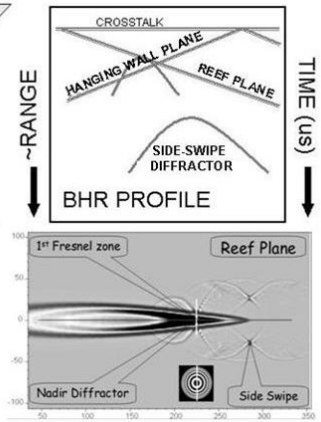

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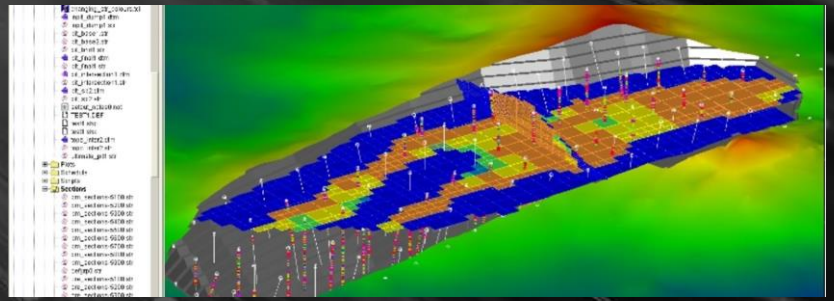

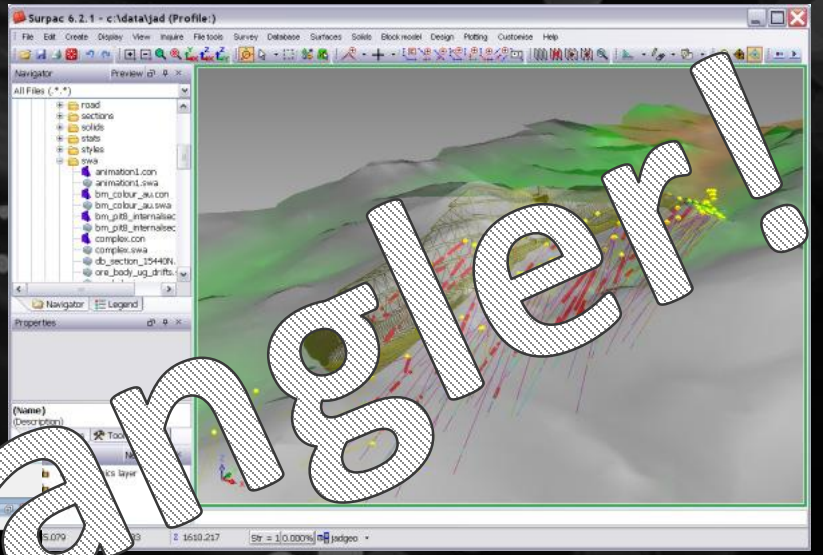

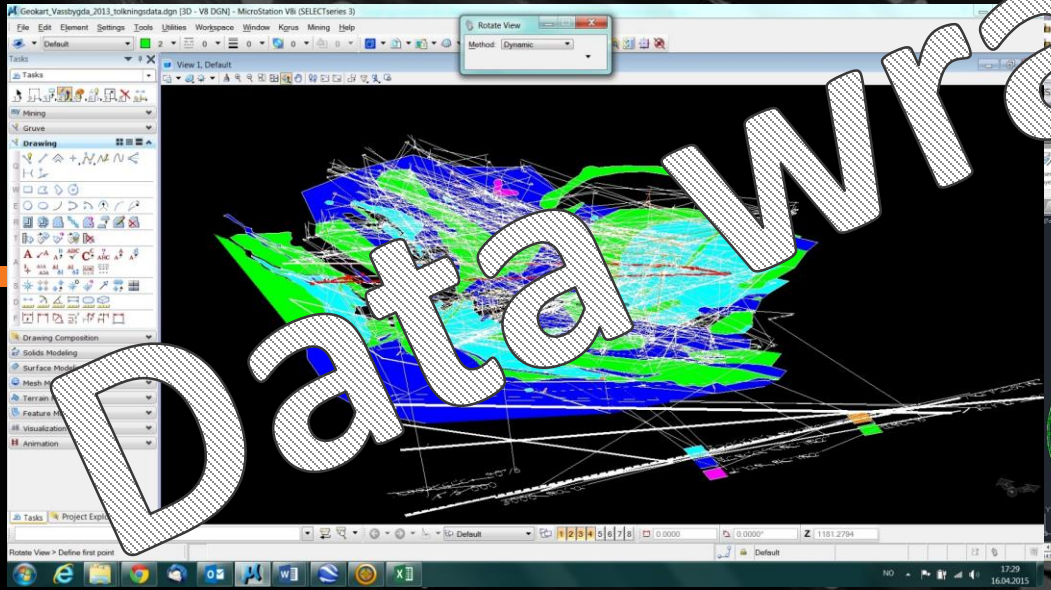

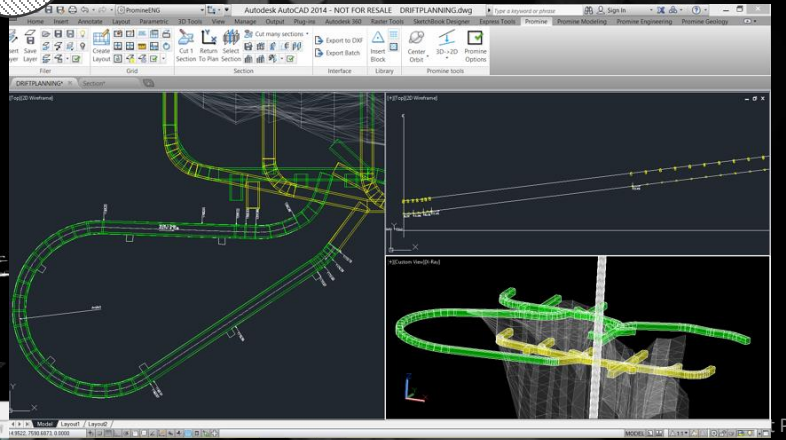

Data wrangler!

TECH JOURNEY: FRIEND OR ENEMY…

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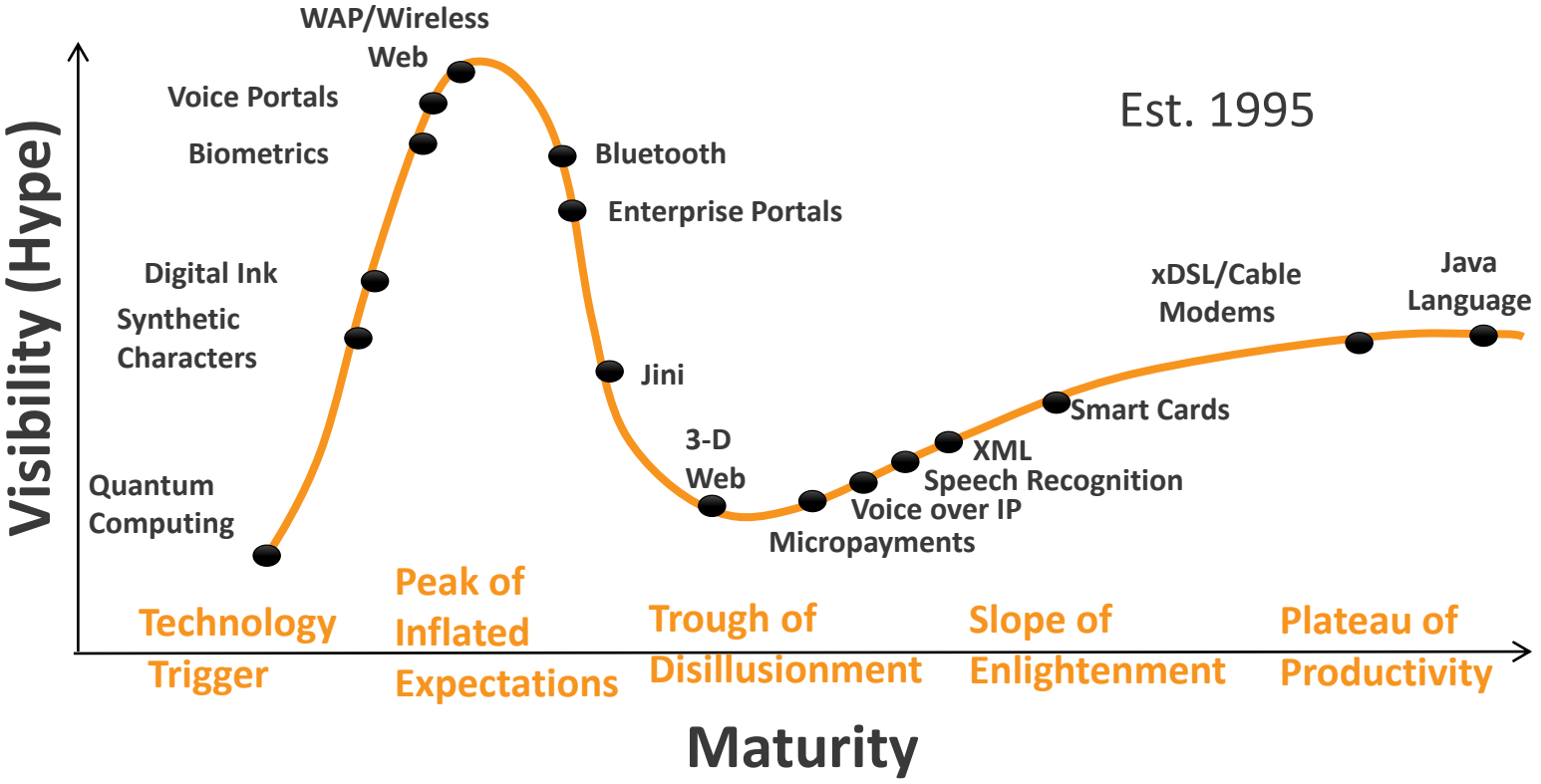
THE GARTNER HYPE CYCLE



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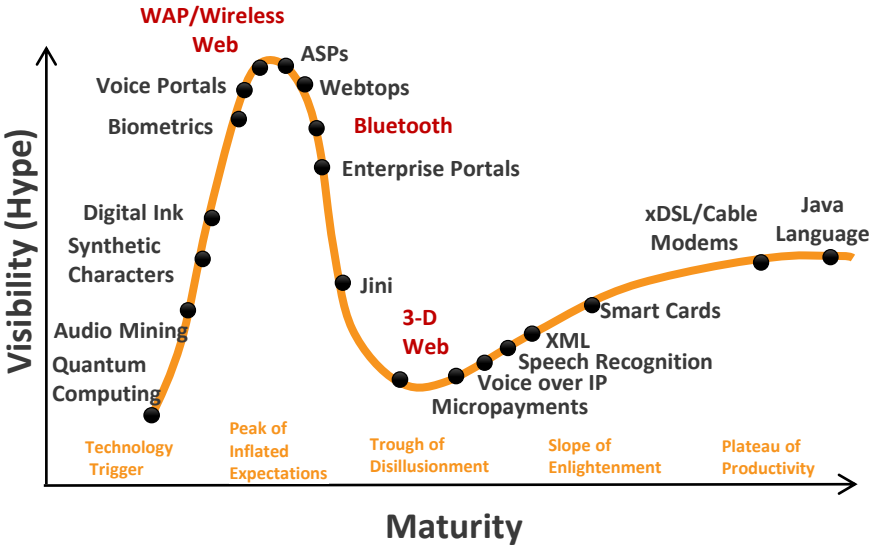

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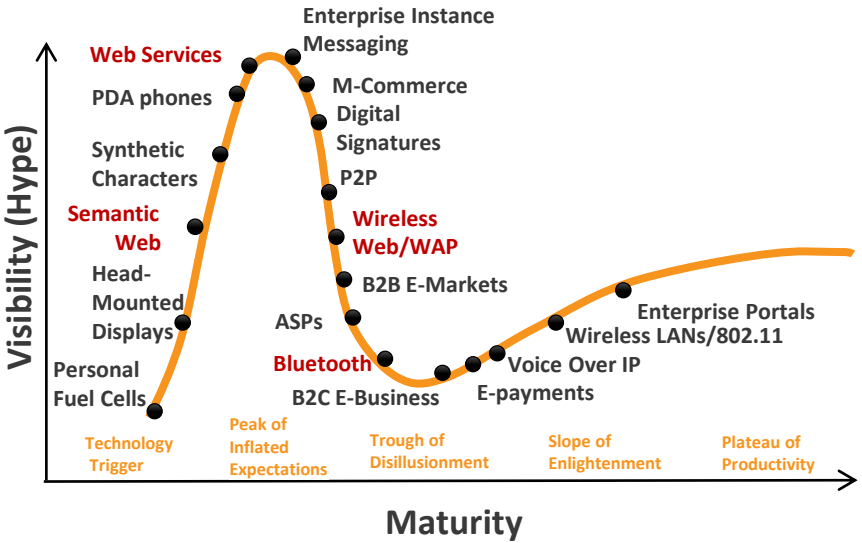


Tech

Semantic Web / Web Services / WAP / Bluetooth

Me

Started my PhD – data collection

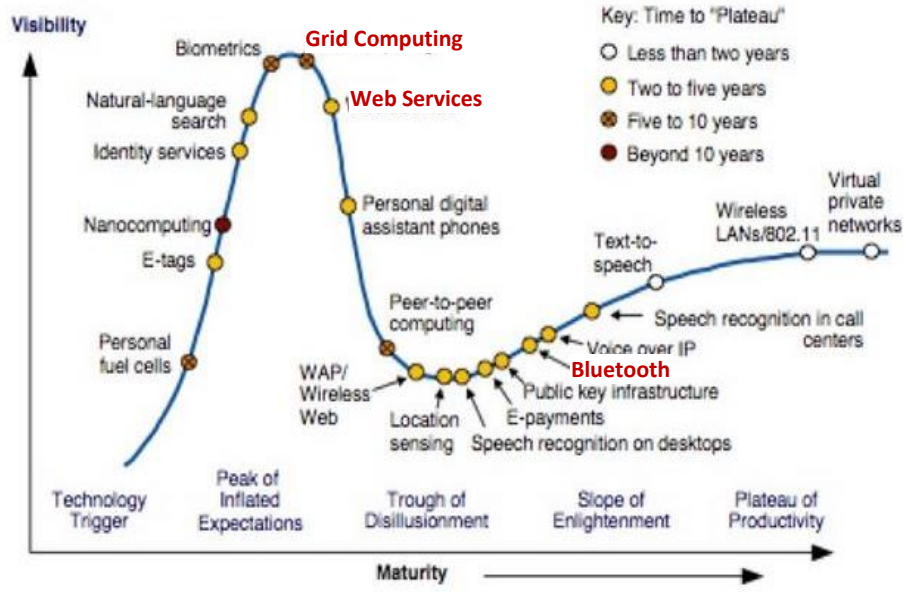
Some coding – Fortran / Matlab / C

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

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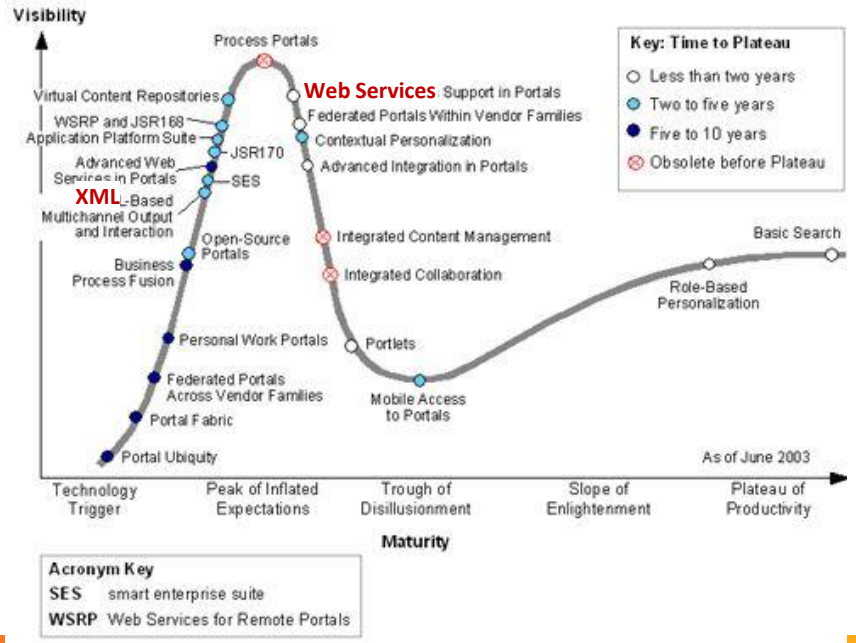

Tech

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

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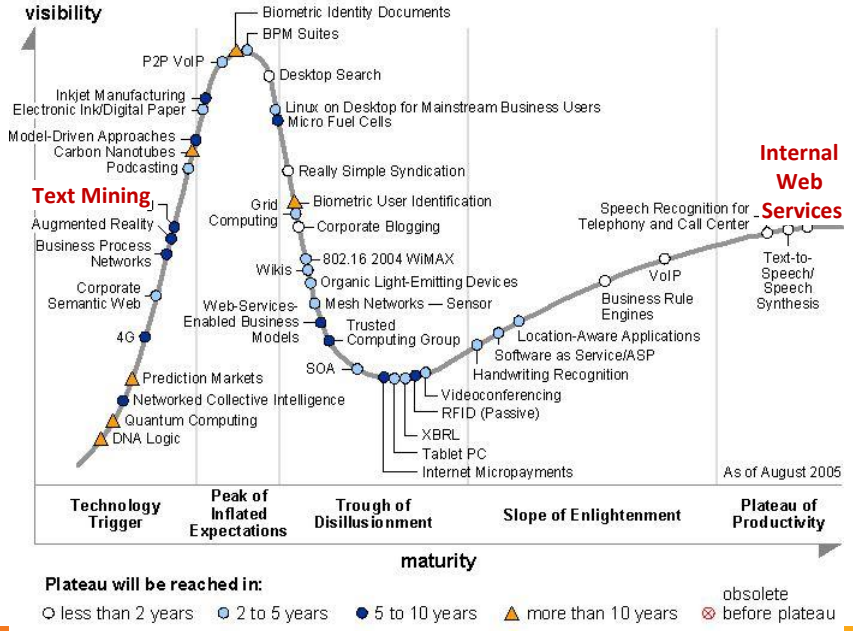


Tech

Text Mining…

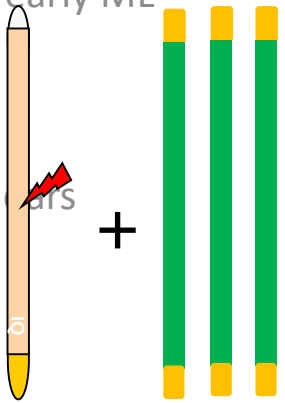
Me

Started Postdoc

Data Fusion Project, early ML

BHR / Geophysics

Mature Bluetooth radars



PDA

Drill Attachment

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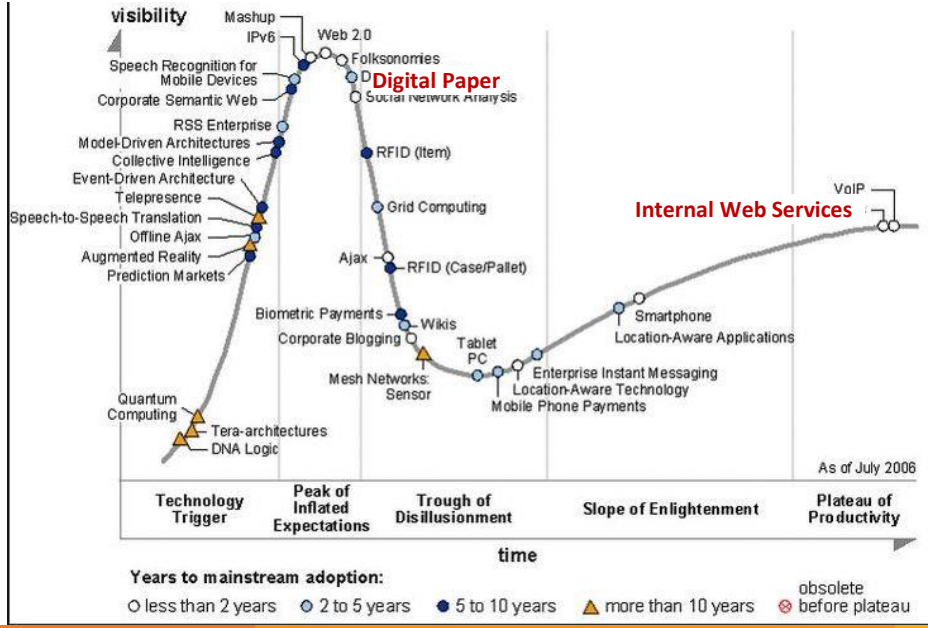

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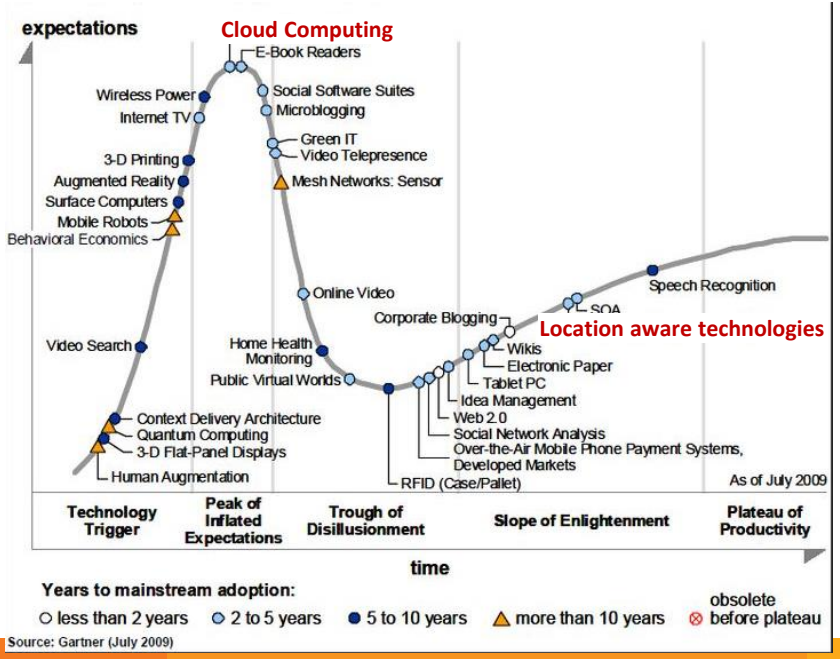

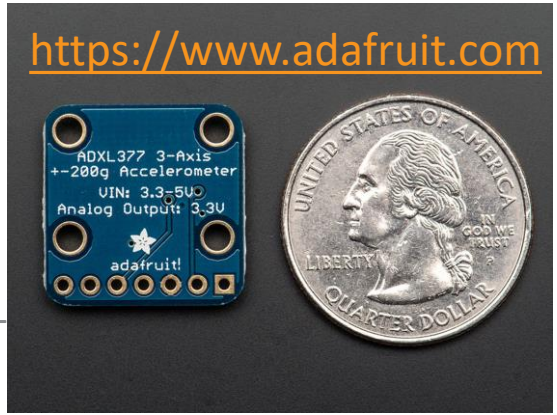

Tech

Cloud Computing –

Me

BHR Business Development

GOLD / PLATINUM / NICKEL / DIAMONDS

BHR / Geophysics

Downhole surveying tools with accelerometers

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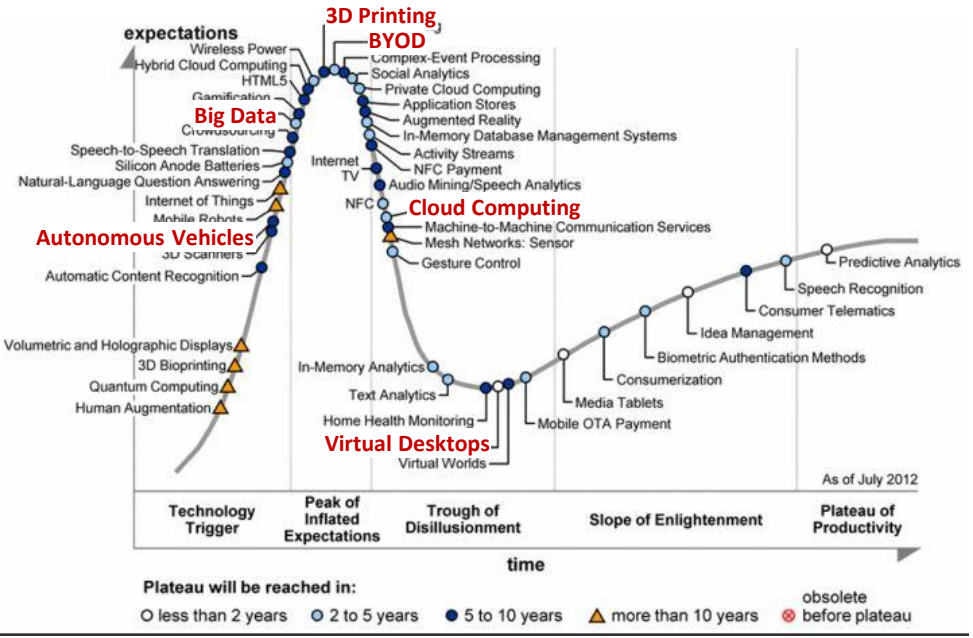

Tech

Big Data is emerging

Virtual Desktops…

Me

Moved to Canberra

Started playing with BIGish Geophysics Data

Virtual Geophysics Exploration Laboratory (VEGL)

Python

~~BHR~~ / Geophysics

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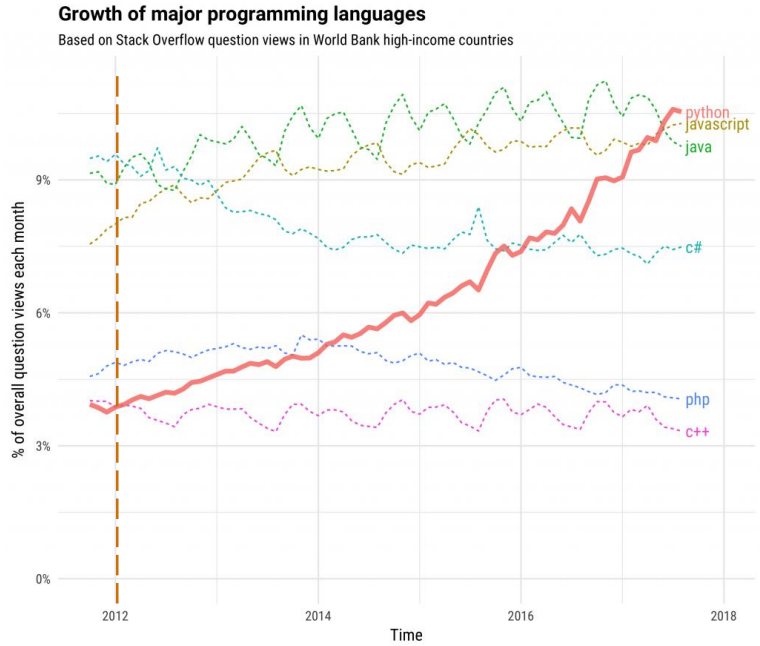
ASEG-ESF for Electrical Surveys published

ASIDE – PYTHON GROWTH…



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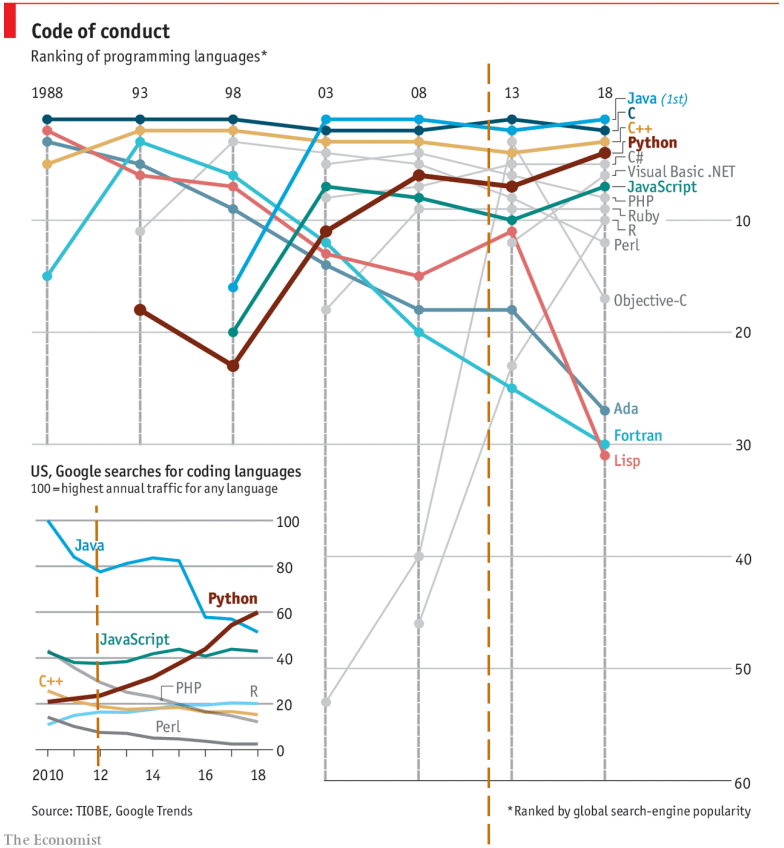

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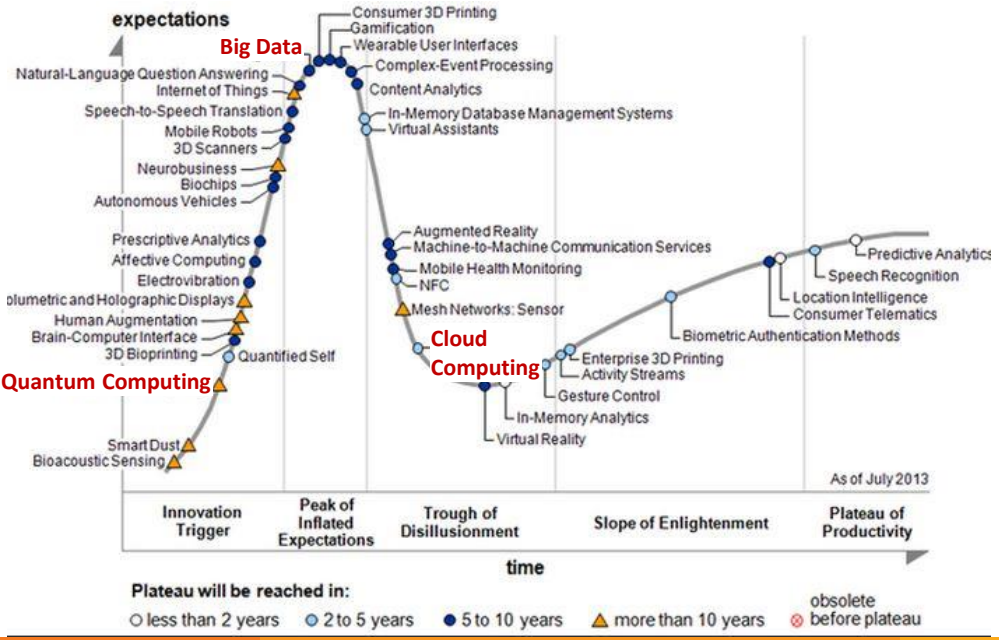

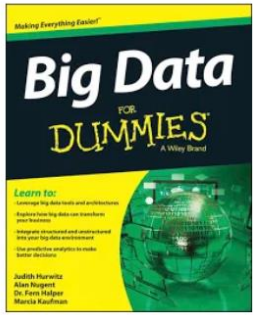

Tech

Big Data hits its peak of HYPE…

Quantum Computing still emerging

Cloud Computing in the dumps..

Me

Maternity Leave

Virtual Geophysics Laboratory (VGL)

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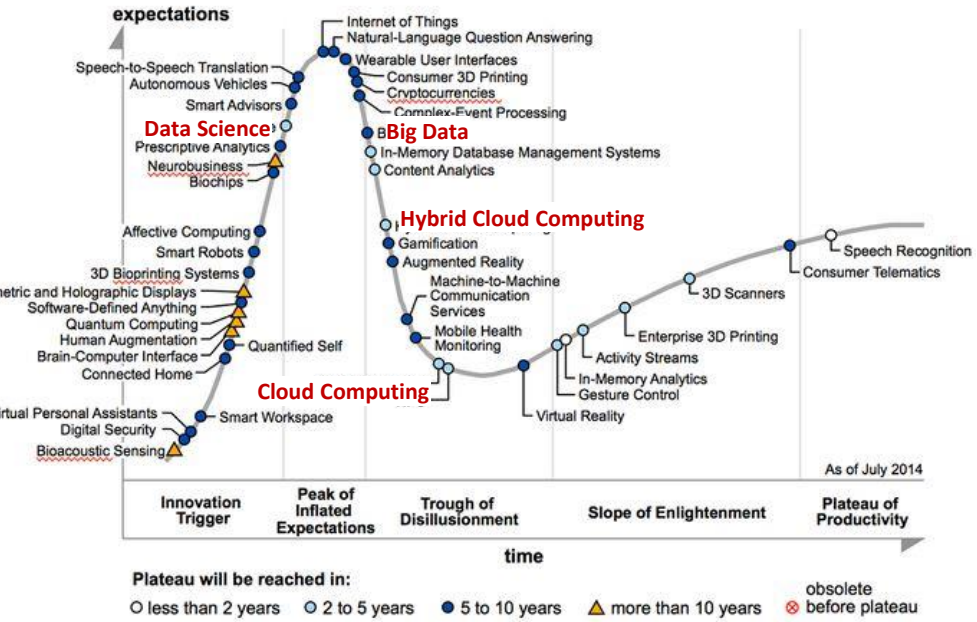

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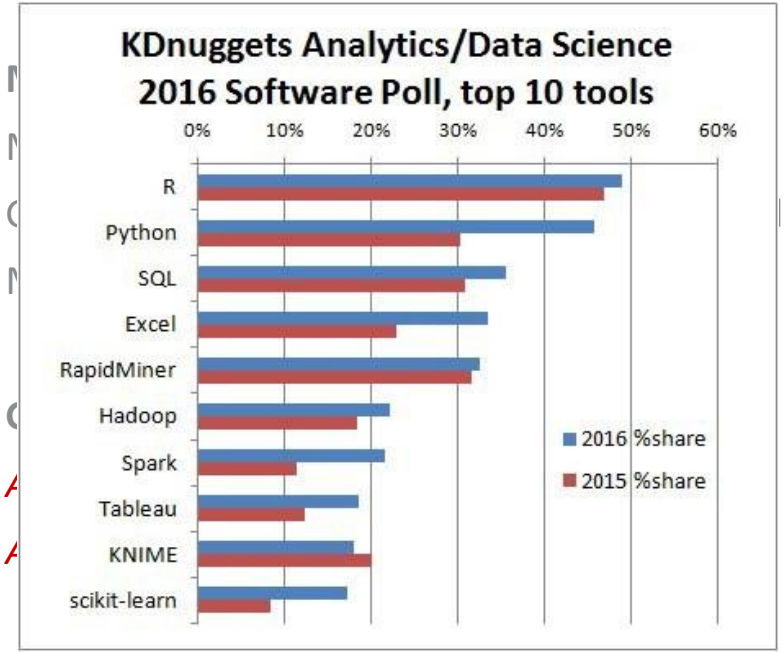
Data Science Appears



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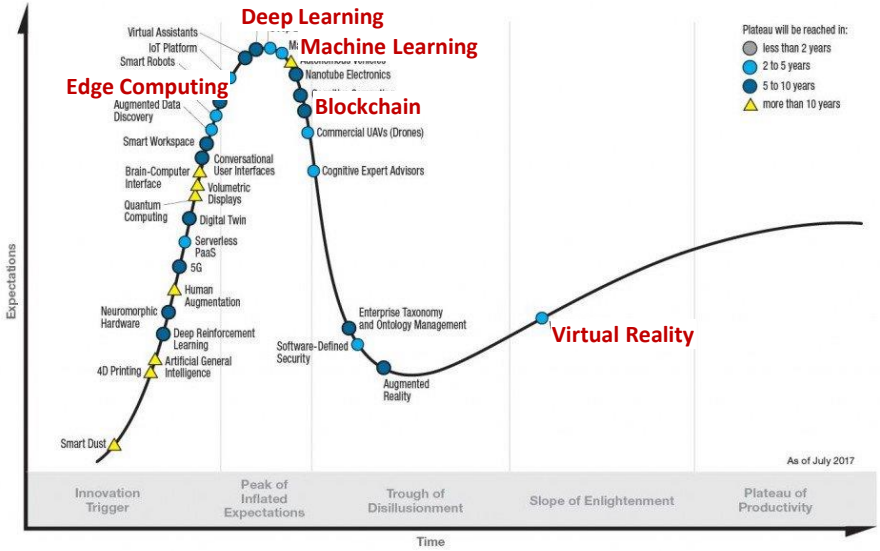

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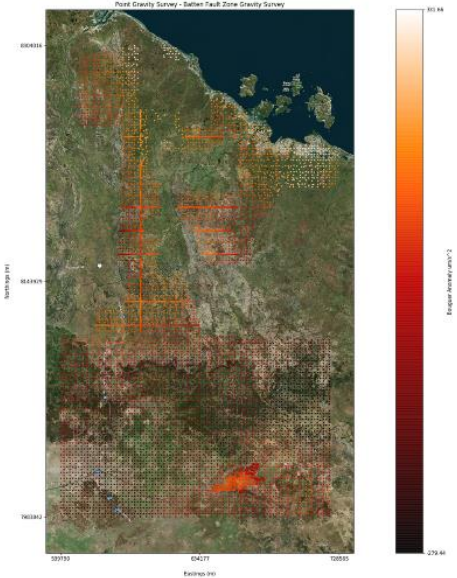

Tech

Deep Learning Hype

Machine Learning Hype

Blockchain heading for the tr

Semantics and Web Services I

Me

ANVGL in the Cloud in 2015

National Geophysical Collection Maturity – NetCDF-CF

Geophysics

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ASEG-ESF still the same since 2012…

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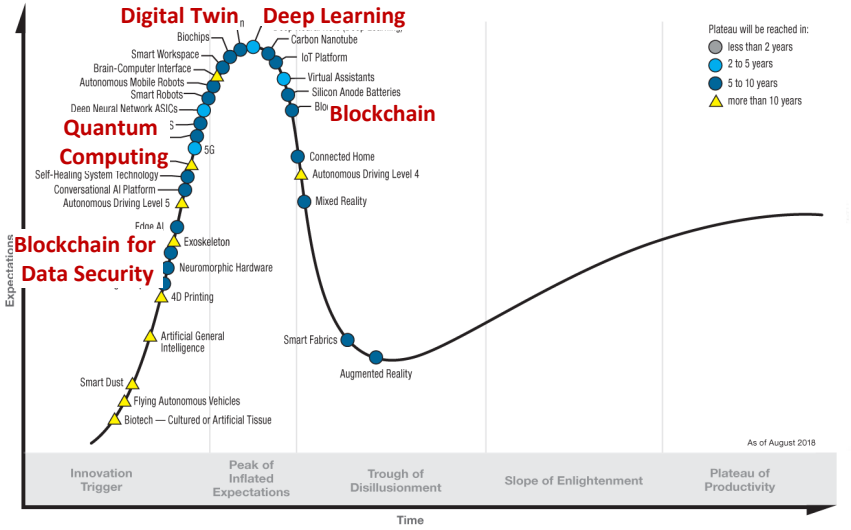

Tech

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

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WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM THE HYPE?

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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…

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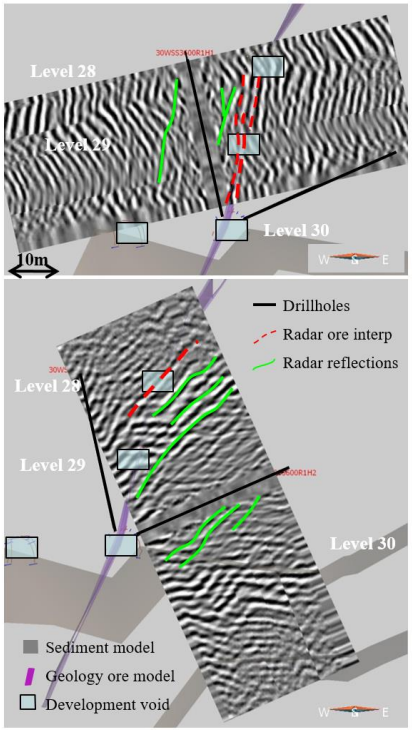
GOLD



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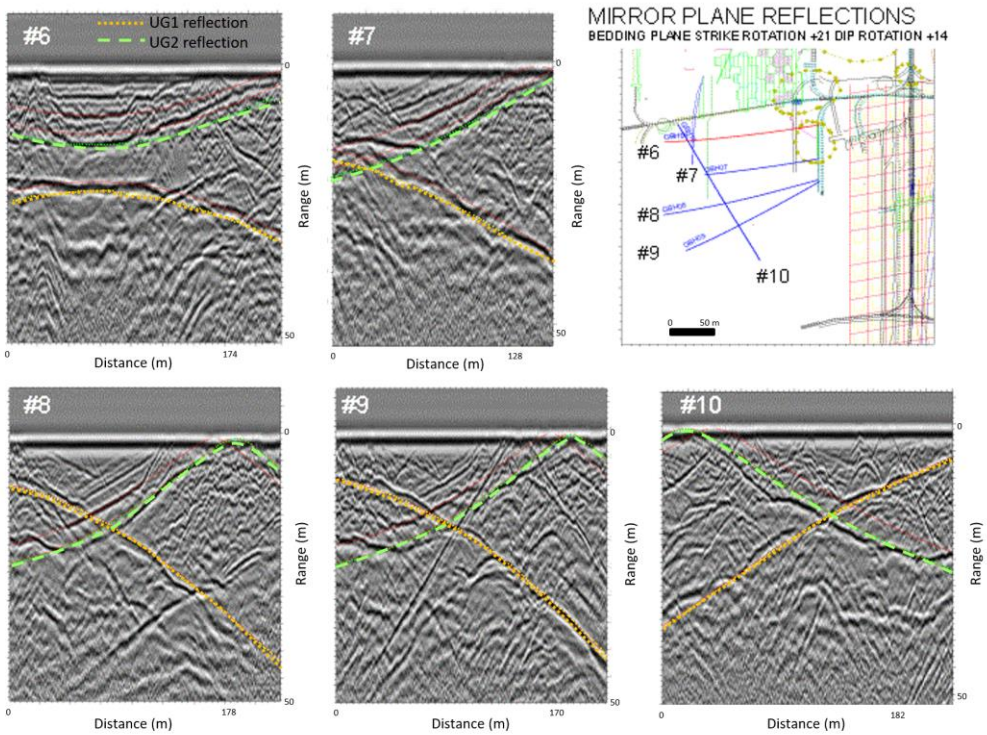

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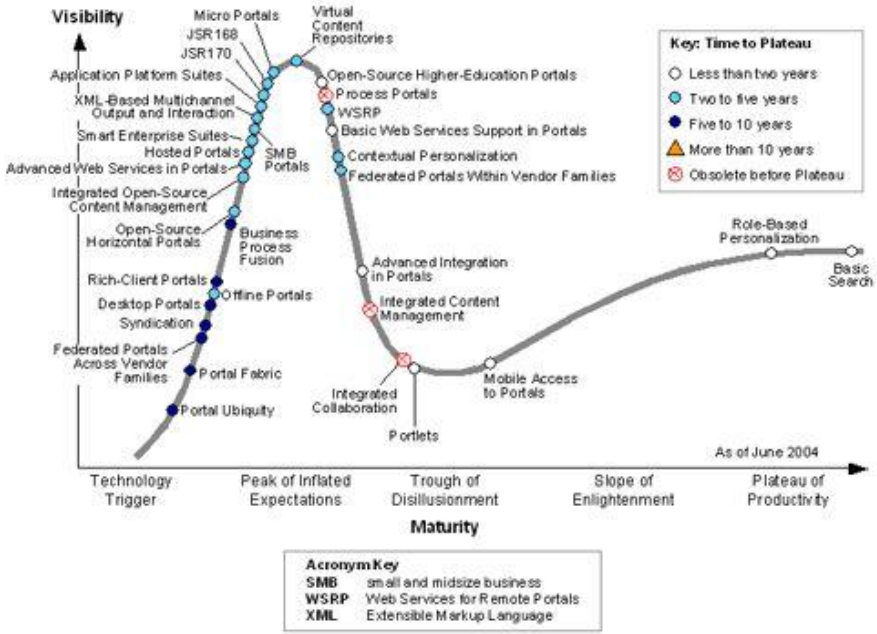

Me

BHR

Geophysics