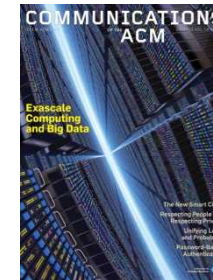
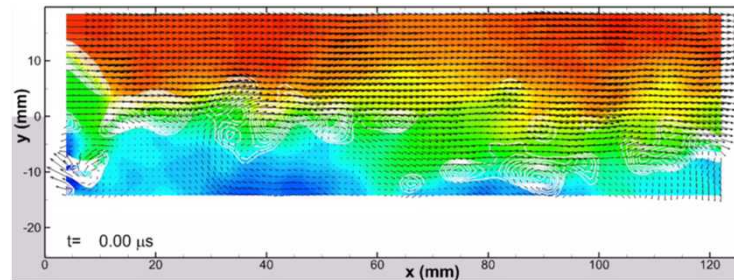
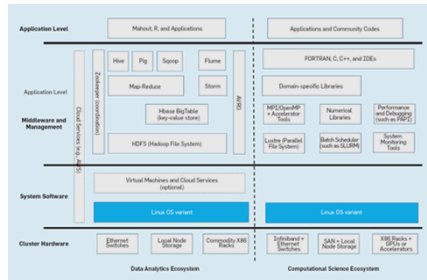


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Data Sciences Overview

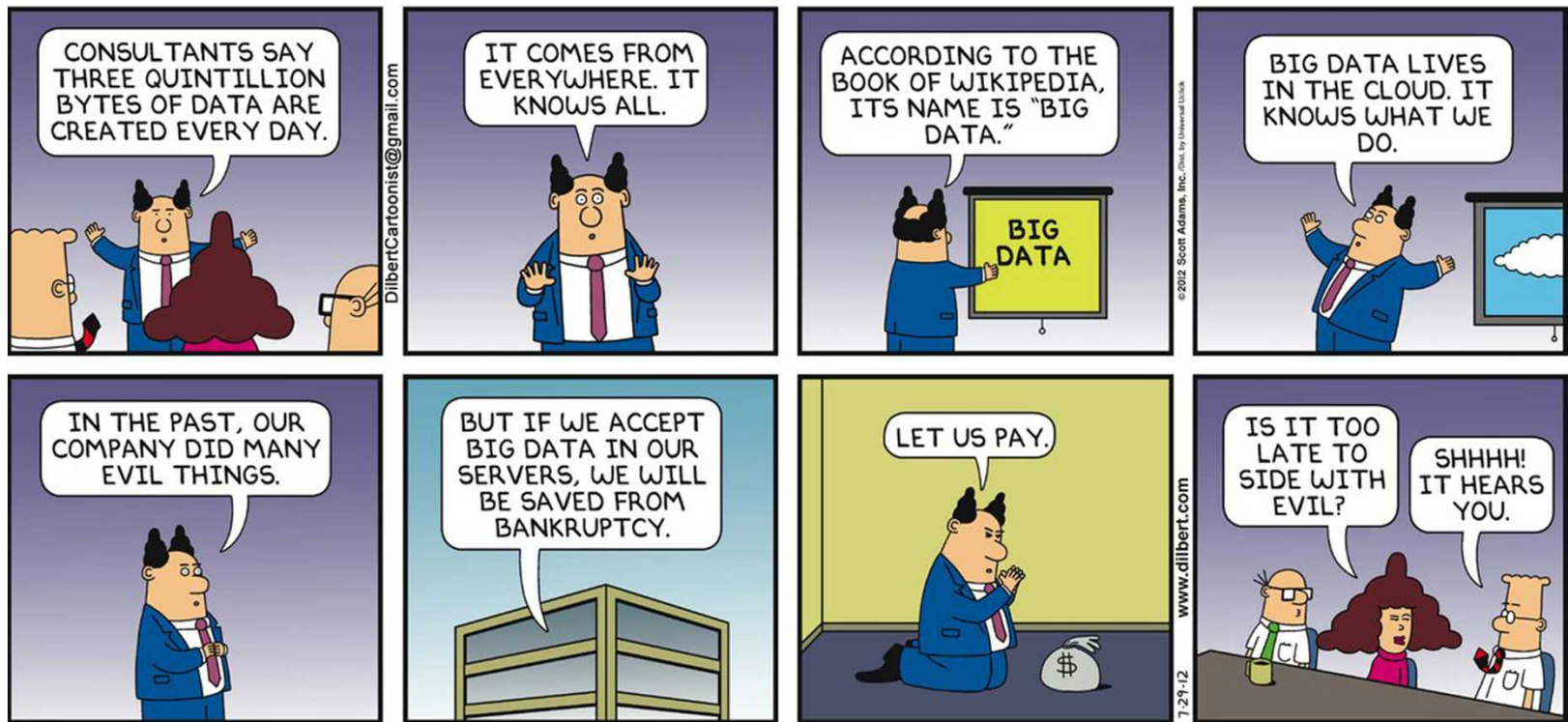
Engineering Sciences External Review Board

April 13th, 2016

Kim Mish; V&V, UQ, and Credibility Processes

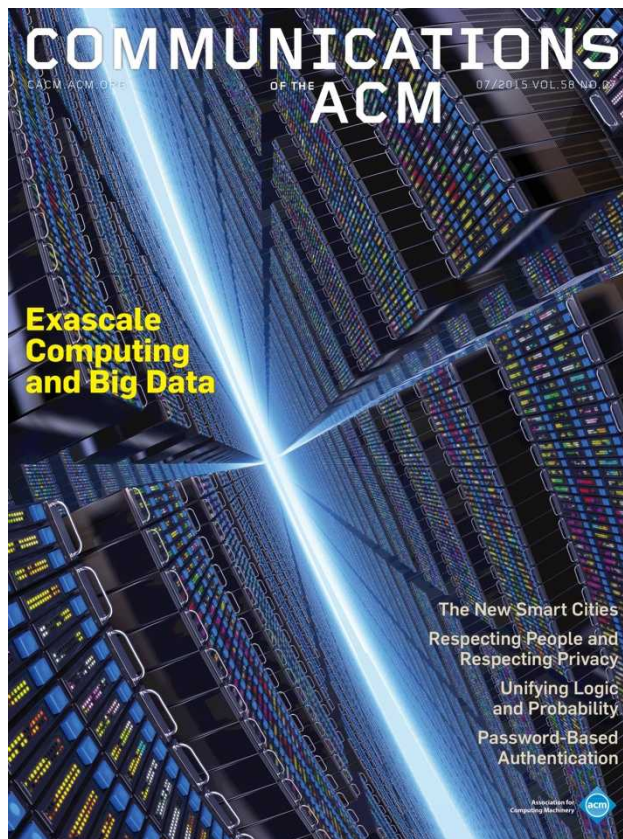
The Dilbert Technology Test

- You know that a technology has arrived when it has become the subject of a Dilbert cartoon !!



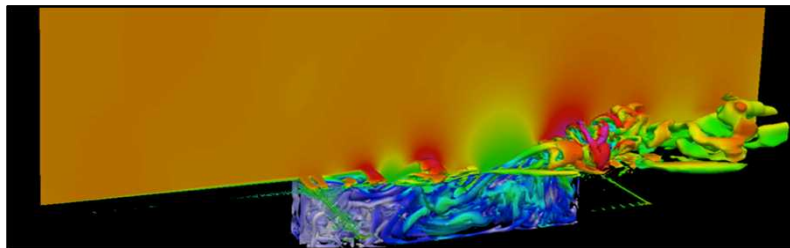
But Big Data R&D is Here to Stay

- And both the ACM and the IEEE are producing special volumes and new journals on the subject

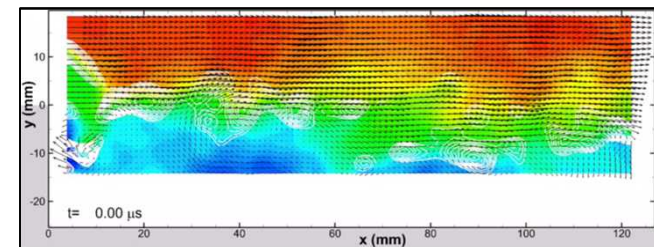


Our Mission Meets Data Science

- **Generation, movement, fusion, and archival of data has become of paramount importance at Sandia**
 - **Laboratory has initiated three data sciences campaigns**
 - Overseen by the new Data Sciences Leadership Team (DSLTL)
 - Geospatial Imaging Research Challenge (mission focus)
 - Streaming Data Research Campaign (mission focus)
 - Simulation and Experimental Data Analysis Campaign (ES focus)
 - Includes NW mission sensibilities, along with climate and energy foci
 - ES partnering with Computational and Information Sciences (CIS)
 - Includes the fusion of field, experimental, and computational data
 - **Our fundamental need in two pictures:**
 - We are up to our ears in big data, from both real-world and virtual realms



This is a computational simulation



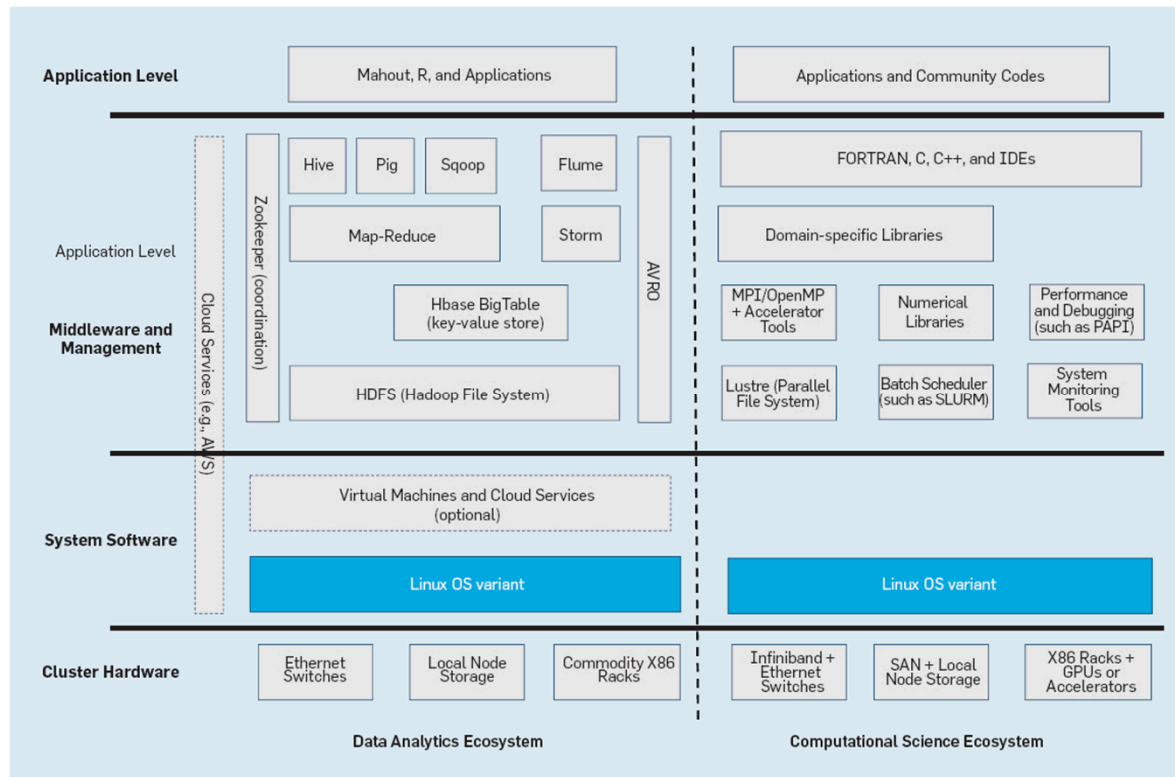
This is an experiment

Sandia Data Strength and Weakness

- **The good news**
 - **Pockets of world-class R&D exist at the laboratory**
 - **Broad expertise in virtually all areas of big-data R&D**
 - Primarily found in mission organizations (e.g., Defense and Systems Assessments Division), with some support from ES and other centers
 - **Lab has thus formed strong intellectual cadre of SMEs**
 - Many of these are members of the lab's DSLT
- **The not-so-good news**
 - **Expertise is exactly that: it is found in pockets!**
 - **Need to develop a broader lab-wide strategy for data R&D**
 - **ES is appropriate venue for this lab-wide education**
 - ESRF-related organizations help form the S&T basis for Sandia
 - I am the chair of the ES education council, so well-poised for success here
- **But here's some more good news**
 - **Scalable data sciences is closely related to scalable HPC**
 - **And ES/CIS organizations are very, very good at scalable HPC**

Reed & Dongarra on Big-Data HPC

- A picture is worth a thousand words: by leveraging our HPC expertise, we can show leadership in big-data R&D



Don't need to examine details here: just note that the left column (data analytics) has much in common with the right column (computational science)

Daniel A. Reed and Jack Dongarra
Communications of the ACM, Vol. 58 No. 7, Pages 56-68

Towards a Data Sciences Community

- Our objective is to build a community of data-science practitioners from within our ranks
- Implementation plan has three motivating goals:
 - **Goal #1: Consciousness-Raising**
 - Bring in experts from outside the lab to help us learn and grow
 - Become part of the national community in data sciences
 - **Goal #2: Grow Our Data Sciences Teams**
 - Build on success of internal projects (including LDRDs)
 - Fill in gaps as needed via help from Goal #1, e.g., repositories
 - **Goal #3: Outreach to Other Agencies**
 - We are part of a federal community of practice in data sciences
 - Seeking outreach opportunities with academic and agency partners

Goal #1: Consciousness-Raising

- **Lab-wide educational efforts for FY2016**
 - **These are proposed as near-term activities (2 or 3 years)**
 - **Track 1: Seminar series**
 - **External speakers brought here to raise consciousness about data sciences in general, and big data in particular**
 - Purpose is to bring in speakers who have strengths in the fundamentals of data science and in their practical application
 - **Track 2: Community-building workshops**
 - **Short (1-day) workshops on topics with a Sandia-specific focus**
 - Purpose is to consolidate the growth of expertise in data science within the laboratory community
 - Topics include DIC, repository design, and data fusion
- **And there's more, too, including speed-dating!**
 - **LDRD PI event: interact with lab's data science PIs**
 - **Official Title/Date: LDRD PI Roundtable, April 25th, 2016**

Initial FY2016 Seminar Speakers



Vipin Kumar (May)

Topic: Fundamentals of Scalable Data Science

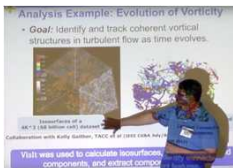
- William Norris Chair in Computer Science & Engineering, University of Minnesota
- Author/co-author of over 300 research articles and over 10 books, including “Introduction to Parallel Computing” and “Introduction to Data Mining”
- Director (1998-2005) of DoD HPC Research Center



Cherri Pancake (June)

Topic: Usability of Large Data Archives

- Professor of Electrical Engineering & Computer Science, Oregon State University
- Intel Faculty Fellow and Director of NACSE (Northwest Alliance for Computational Science and Engineering)
- Fellow of both the ACM and the IEEE



Hank Childs (July)

Topic: Exascale Visualization

- Associate Professor in Computer and Information Science Department, University of Oregon
- Architect of Lawrence Livermore's VISIT project, a highly-scalable visual analysis tool used worldwide
- Over a decade of experience managing big-data visualization projects within the DOE complex



Hank Jenkins-Smith and Carol Silva (Aug)

Topic: Tools for Big-Data Policy Analysis

- Professors and Co-Directors, Center for Energy, Security, and Society at the University of Oklahoma
- Long history of policy collaboration with Sandia's nuclear power R&D organizations
- Specialization in textual analysis of document streams affecting public policy decisions

Goal #2: Grow Data Sciences Teams

- **Start with existing projects that are leading-edge R&D activities, using these as exemplars**
 - **Essential to find these successful examples, and to help them become the nucleus of a long-term R&D initiative**
 - **Will see two examples today:**
 - **Matt Barone: Turbulent Flow UQ Using ML Techniques**
 - **Ed Jimenez: Multi-Energy Iterative Volumetric Reconstruction**
 - Presented by Elizabeth Lopez due to travel constraints
 - **Many others exist that will not be presented, including:**
 - **Philip Reu: Digital Image Correlation LDRD**
 - **“Born Qualified” Grand Challenge LDRD**
 - **Topological optimization R&D activities**
 - **Hardening of inverse methods technologies**
 - **In contrast with Goal #1, this is a long-term enterprise**

Goal #3: Outreach to Other Agencies

- **President's federal big-data initiative provides opportunities for interagency cooperation**
 - **DoD CREATE All-Hands (May 3rd-5th)**
 - **CREATE program is the DoD's ASC equivalent**
 - We have been invited to brief DoD on SNL big-data initiative and to host a session on big-data applications
 - Ultimate goal is a DoD/DOE collaboration on big data
 - **Outreach to federal agencies**
 - Visits in works for FY16/17 to NSF, NASA, NOAA and others
 - Include both exploratory and mission agencies in outreach
 - DOE is lead agency for HPC under NSCI (National Strategic Computing Initiative)
 - **Outreach to universities**
 - Laboratory's new Academic Alliance program is one example

- **We are in the data sciences business**
 - **Data sciences is a cross-cutting technology that underlies virtually all fields of science and engineering**
 - Dilbert, ACM, and IEEE agree: big data is here to stay
 - **Sandia possesses a unique combination of physical resources and leading-edge computational resources**
 - Sandia is indeed a “national laboratory”, with an incredible variety of world-class laboratory facilities, each serving our mission as an instrument of national policy
 - Sandia and its cousin laboratories in the DOE complex lead the federal effort in next-generation supercomputing
 - **All that is missing at present is for Sandia to join the larger community of scholarship on data sciences**
 - We hope that the ESRF review panel can help us with this!