

Code Hibernation and Survivability

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Hibernation?

Timescale of years to decades

Original author inaccessible

'Reviver' not a domain expert

No VMs/Containers

Hibernation?

Human-Scale solution

Comprehensibility

Simplicity

Context

Survivability?

Let's replace our archived data
with inputs and programs

(NOoooooo!)

First Model

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First Model



Resilience/Fragility

$$R = 1 / F$$

Industrial Engineering?

Defect Rate?

Drift defined as D

Statistical model like the Poisson
Distribution?

Industrial Engineering?

$$R \approx 1 / D$$

Magnitude of impact

$$R \approx 1 / M \cdot D$$

Magnitude of impact (Papers We Love)

Bound?

'Mathematical Limits to Software Estimation'

JP Lewis, Stanford

Applies Kolmogorov Complexity to Estimation

Worst case - completely replace the dependency
every time something changes

Linearly independent set of dependencies

$$R \approx 1 / \sum_{i=1}^n M_i D_i$$

(Linear? Yeah, Right!)



Great Pyramid of Giza, built 3rd millenium BC (?)



Symbols carved onto stone pillars at Gobekli Tepe between
10th - 8th millennium BCE



Chichén Itzá, Mexico, built sometime between 600 A.D. to the 1200s



'City of Workers', 3rd millenium BCE



Monumental statues called moai on Easter Island,
13th-16th century



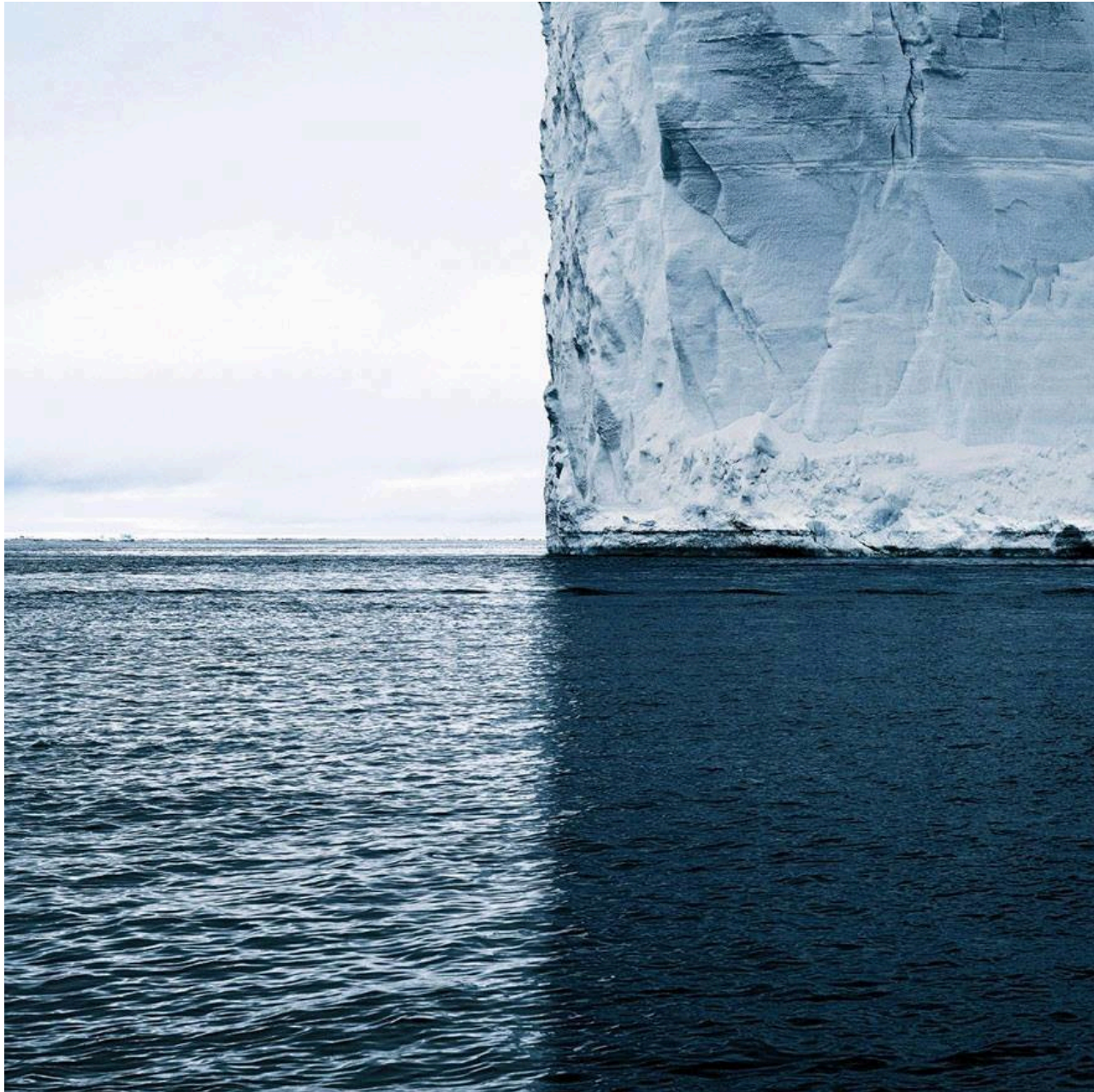
A civilization is defined by its monuments

Confidence in our institutional knowledge is a
cultural blind spot

Never underestimate the ingenuity inspired by necessity,



Baishampayan Ghose (BG!!)



Observations on the weather
Philadelphia 1776

July.	hour.	Thermom.	day	h. m.	°
1.	9-0 A.m.	81½	9	5-30 A.m.	75
	7- P.m.	82.		9	77½
2.	6. A.m.	78.		6-30 P.m.	81½
	9-40 A.m.	78		9-45	78.
	9. P.m.	74	10.	8. A.m.	75.
3.	5-30 A.m.	71½		9-15.	76½
	1-30 P.m.	76		2-0 P.m.	80.
	8-10.	74.		4-45	82.

Collective recognition of
the prevasive impact

Data collection was a
necessity and a passion

Telegraph

Systematic collection of
what they knew was
relevant at the time

ORIGINAL MONTHLY RECORD OF OBSERVATIONS at New York, N. Y., for the Month of December, 1907.
Number of Station barometer, 1687; sum of corrections, -.018 inch.

Date.	Barometer.			Thermometer.			Wind.			Precipitation.			Clouds.			Remarks.
	Observed reading.	Reduced to sea-level.	Station.	Observed reading.	Reduced to sea-level.	Station.	Max.	Min.	Dir.	Max.	Min.	Dir.	Max.	Min.	Dir.	
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26	1687.2	1687.2	1687.2	30.08	30.08	30.08	74	14	30	NE	20	14	NE	20	14	NE
27	1687.2	1687.2	1687.2	30.08	30.08	30.08	74	14	30	NE	20	14	NE	20	14	NE
28	1687.2	1687.2	1687.2	30.08	30.08	30.08	74	14	30	NE	20	14	NE	20	14	NE
29	1687.2	1687.2	1687.2	30.08	30.08	30.08	74	14	30	NE	20	14	NE	20	14	NE
30	1687.2	1687.2	1687.2	30.08	30.08	30.08	74	14	30	NE	20	14	NE	20	14	NE

Wait What?

(We have it easy!)

Already have a huge corpus of data

We are connecting the dots on how
pervasive classes of problems are in
practice

We created the problem and have far
greater control over the problem space

Creating a historical record

Go with the simplest taxonomy

Systematically add
a 'dependency' annotation to all relevant
checkins

Motivation at organizational scale

First test of our Model!

Motivation at organizational scale

Risk assessments are ultimately evaluated
(typically) by their financial impact

Code debt:

$\$_{\text{deps}} \approx$

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M is the historical
man-hours

D is a domain
expert
assessment of
likelihood

What else?

Build an Archive

Adapt git/source control system to
accommodate anonymized data

Carve up other domains with a simple
systematic taxonomy.

Code Archeology

Many Thanks!