

# ANALYTICS AND INNOVATION MANAGEMENT: DOES BIG DATA PLAY ANY ROLE?

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## Abstract

This particular analysis explores the connection between firms' application of data analytics (specifically its attributes) together with the revolutionary functionality of company. The other goal is assessing whether big amount of information is always better to get business innovation. The study collected information via questionnaire survey from control staffs of 250 businesses in both developed and developing economies. Statistical tools like Multiple regression methods and t-test were used to analyse the information. The study found suggestive evidence demonstrating that data analytics is a relevant determinant of a firm getting innovator and bring innovative services and products on the industry. The study even discovered that big volume of information isn't always better info to drive innovation. The results imply that firms are required to use big data analytics to remain imaginative and also have a competitive advantage. Unlike previous studies which approached large details as whole, this particular study addresses different ingredients of big data like variety, velocity, volume, and the individual impacts of theirs on innovation of organizations across the evolved economies.

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## Introduction

Technology has brought a groundbreaking change in the landscape of business development. With newer technology and tools, it's become extremely simple to collect information and look for insights coming from the information to push business management and originality initiatives. The newest scientific tests suggest that big data seems to have the possibility to correct innovation performance by, on average, approximately.

Big data has a huge effect on the development factor of businesses and altered the determinants of firms' innovation and competitiveness (Gobble, 2013). In fashionable economies, recognized as "knowledge based", development plays an important role in a business's performance in addition to competitiveness. Hence, companies need to adopt strategies which are innovation oriented to have the ability to produce and have a competitive edge in the globalized and highly changing atmosphere (Issa, & Dakshanamurthy, Byers, 2014). The transforming customer needs, specialized improvements, and the competitive strain are making innovation a crucial determinant of business's success. Therefore, the aim of the examination is investigating the mediating role of big data attributes (i.e., volume, velocity, and tight performance as well as variety) on development efficiency (Kayser, & Zubovic, Nehrke, 2018). As endorsed by several prior studies, internet business effectiveness is calculated utilizing many kinds of performance groups (i.e., financial returns, operational excellence, and also customer perspectives). Nevertheless, in this particular research, we control the company innovation to suggest that big data isn't always better data (Lee, & Yang, Kao, 2014). In order to explore the effect of big data on development, we collected information from 250 supervisors and empirically examined the connection in the suggested model.

The speed of improvement is changing rapidly following technological revolutions, reputable advancement of business strategies which are can, innovative, and new experience a competitive edge. The legitimate competitive energy of companies will be the power to gather data and develop useful insights. Big information is characterized as a major resource for small businesses to get different insights, existing extra value, and also foster brand new clothes, markets, and procedures. Big information is described with the 3 Vs: volume, variety velocity and.

- Volume details the dimensions of information that are very large, as evaluated in exabytes, 90 % of the present information was created in just the previous 2 years, on account of the substantial expansion of receptors and connected devices (Breidbach and Antons, 2018).
- Variety details heterogeneity of information kinds since specialized evolution allows companies to concentrate on various details sorts (unstructured, set up, and also semi structured) (Breidbach and Antons, 2018).
- Velocity pertains to the speed of the pace and data generation necessary for the analysis of theirs. The amazing expansion of smartphones plus receptors resulted in a significant rise in information development in addition to a growing demand for a quick choice as well as real time analysis making (Hao, & Song, Zhang, 2019).

The blend of these characteristics defines lots of data and offers organizations with a competitive advantage in the electronic economy (Calic and Ghasemaghaei, 2020). Nowadays, information is produced from every field, from agriculture, health, energy and infrastructure to economics and insurance, food, sports, and transportation. The financial impact of its is anticipated to be frustrating in the following years and it is the power to present services or products new, new and better operations in the production, better marketing, improved company management, much more efficient R&D and far better supply chain management are unquestionably important (Yang C., & Hu, Liu, Li, Huang, 2017).

This particular analysis creates numerous important contributions to the literature. The findings from this particular study show the importance to differentiate among the primary key attributes of big data conceptually and operationally, rather than coping with big data as an entire idea (Cui, & Ooi, Mei, 2014). Particularly, the results suggest that while information velocity, in addition to an assortment, play an immensely important component in improving solid development effectiveness, information amount doesn't. Surprisingly, the results suggest that information velocity plays a much more essential component compared to various other major details attributes in enhancing firm innovation effectiveness (Bresciani, & Ferraris, Meli, Ciampi, 2021). This particular analysis plays a job in the company development literature by examining whether great details help businesses to create brand new concepts successfully and efficiently which result in enhancing the whole productivity of the tight. The study has results that are interesting due to the significance of the effect of efficacy as well as originality effectiveness on firm effectiveness (Yang C., & Hu, Liu, Li, Huang, 2017). Overall, the results of this particular analysis offer beneficial recommendations to help companies to recognize the primary key role of any main characteristic of big data in increasing the outcomes of theirs of theirs.

In the next region, we evaluate the correct literature on company innovation theory in addition to big data. Adopting the literature review, we present the research model of ours of ours and develop the hypotheses of ours of ours. Next, we discuss our sample and methods. In the results section, we look at the analysis model of ours with structural equation modelling (Lee H. L., 2018). As big data, innovation performance, and development are multivariate constructs, in the article hoc analysis, we analyse the outcome of any big piece of information distinct on three measures of firm efficiency, as mediated by innovation influence in addition to originality results. The variety of this particular examination is normally to present evidence about the significance of big data in improvement using information orientation of businesses and also the effect of its on businesses' effectiveness.

## **Literature review**

When new details will be the foundation for internet business innovation, big data provides a huge chance for businesses to study & consequently enhance the performance of theirs (Kayser, & Zubovic, Nehrke, 2018). Previous scientific studies show that information is an important business resource for creation in the era of big data. Innovation, knowledge development, effective knowledge management, and also the enhancement of inner technical capabilities improve the construction associated with a durable naturally competitive benefit that is converted into an excellent market job (Buganza and Trabucchi, 2018). The functionality of a firm is positively associated with the enhancement of inner abilities like engineering and a regular development and innovation strategy (Lee, & Yang, Kao, 2014).

The outcomes of originality, improvement of inner specialized capabilities in addition to accumulation of information by firms lead to companies getting increasingly competitive in domestic and international market segments. The connection between strong results and innovation has been the topic of numerous empirical studies. Majority of research has realized that innovation favorably influences the functionality of businesses with regards to market share, manufacturing effectiveness along with development, and also earnings. (Bresciani, Ciampi, Meli, & Ferraris, 2021) discovered that development has a good correlation with firm performance with regards to revenue development, utilizing information from European manufacturing companies. (Yang C., & Hu, Liu, Li, Huang, 2017) investigated the originality of organizations for 2 years working with a data of African production companies while in the economic downturn along with several financial improvement (Yang C., & Hu, Liu, Li, Huang, 2017).

Big data has likely applications in all consumer areas which could increase innovation including trouble recognition, understanding buy behaviour, and usage. Big data has enhanced the capabilities which companies have to have the ability to compete. Companies which collect brand new details are usually much more likely to achieve success, (Prescott, 2016) argued. Companies that will harness the potential of big data to boost the business processes of theirs may have the ability to increase the revenue of theirs as well as operating efficiency, respectively (Wright, & Aravopoulou, Stone, Robin, 2019).

It's found which academics, in addition to experts, are frequently spending a lot more focus on the important data and data driven technique as the analysis of big data leads to the promotion and useful insights of progressive activity which transforms the economy (Wright, & Aravopoulou, Stone, Robin, 2019). Large details insights offer a competitive advantage in the company through completely new ways of production, understanding growth, innovation, and consumer behaviour (Yang C., & Hu, Liu, Li, Huang, 2017). Since big details becomes a significant determinant of including value to companies, there's a requirement for information analytics capacity to actualize the full potential of its. According to the financial benefits of big data, private and public sector businesses in the Country will increase from USD thirty eight billion in 2012 to USD 752 billion in 2019 (Niebel, & Viète, Rasel, 2019).

Useful evidence is limited and scarce mainly in research for multinational companies associated with the effect of a data driven approach in addition to the impact of its on the functionality of businesses. Big data are able to alter the innovation landscape, efficiently and effectively improving the match among customer tastes as well as product features (Cui, & Ooi, Mei, 2014). By using large details offers companies in many business sectors, not only companies' useful resource allocation, but additionally decrease of waste, larger transparency, and facilitation of brand-new insights. The expansion of the Internet and digital services have converted all financial sectors (Lee, & Yang, Kao, 2014). Using information to drive innovation, just about all sectors have grown to be more service- oriented, agriculture, including retail, and manufacturing.

Big information is considered a driver for better profitability and decision-making in businesses. Based on a recently available American survey of 500 little and medium business organizations, information offers companies with a competitive edge whenever they evaluate and use information insights for growth. and competitiveness (Gobble, 2013) discovered the adoption of data driven decision producing induces firm performance by using a dataset of 210 publicly traded companies and determined that adoption of data driven decision making methods supplies companies with 6- seven % higher overall performance. These companies likewise provide far better overall performance in advantage utilization, return on equity, and market value.

Analysing information are able to offer considerable added value to organizations through data driven development in many regions of the company from manufacturing generation, resource allocation, buyers tastes, to business development, etcetera (Gobble, 2013). As if it, big data are able to provide considerable price reductions, smaller delivery times, enhanced R&D, along with new solutions, and goods. Hardly any evidence exists, nonetheless, on the return on investment for big data utilizes in companies. In past times, companies made choices with modest data sets and small analytics os's. Large data sets have made it easy for businesses making far better choices, as big data sets have made it possible for them to do with customers and also decreased the price of nearly twelve % of revenues of American companies (Lee H. L., 2018).

## Methods of research

Figure one shows the research version which maps the hypothesized connection between big details attributes (i.e., firm performance, innovation, variety) and, volume and velocity. Access to various types of customer info helps businesses understand customer needs better & create innovative solutions. In turn, that allows firms to exploit fresh market opportunities and also construct the materials needed to exploit those chances. Handling unstructured details and organized details will help businesses approach feature issues from different angles, allowing them to create faster and better suggestions to meet up with the requirements of the customers of theirs. Hence:

H1a: Innovation functionality is going to increase with more details variety.

This enormous amount of customer information collected from a few sources offers a great deal of knowledge into the requirements along with preferences of customers. Numerous companies, for instance, will attempt to get insight into their customers' habits by gathering consumer reviews and analysing them. The latest product strategies are proper. Companies nowadays is able to analyse information from many options (user generated information, receptors, etc.) to recognize the clients of theirs and create much more specific has with the assistance of technical advances. (Calic and Ghasemaghahi, 2020) argued that these advancements improve prior decision making tasks which were often grounded on intuition or maybe gut feelings instead of on evidence that is empirical. Large details thus allows businesses to create evidence-based and data-driven choice tasks which can improve the innovation performance of theirs by assisting them better understand consumers' preferences and build brand new ideas appropriately. Hence:

H1b: Innovation functionality is going to increase with increased information volume.

Companies which don't make decisions in time that is real will overwrite previous information. Companies should thus incorporate, evaluate, and act quick. Research indicates the capability to produce products that are new depends upon actual time insights. To benefit the customers of theirs, companies must promptly use the insights from integrating and analysing big data to continuously redefine the marketing activities of theirs and implement effective and efficient innovation. Real time data are able to help companies develop brand new ideas rapidly and transform them into leading edge products before the competition of theirs. Hence:

H1c: Innovation functionality is going to increase with increased information velocity.

Large details may play an important part in supplying businesses with huge opportunities to find out, improve the innovation competency of theirs and eventually improve the performance of theirs, as exploration of new details is the grounds for improving the learning capabilities of theirs. Hence:

H2: Big data are going to impact firm functionality through innovation performance.

In order to assess investigate hypotheses, we utilized a survey technique to obtain information from top- and middle-level supervisors getting info about the effect of big data on firm innovation. To deal with for the potential effect of bias, the characteristics of the school, together with work, survey participants are already restricted to managers in the United States. The survey was delivered by email to 1200 individuals throughout two weeks of March and February 2022.

To make sure that participants had related publicity, we requested them about the range of the insights of theirs with great data utilization in the companies of theirs. All those individuals which have been new to the subject had been excluded from the dataset. Furthermore, we removed responses that (one) are completed in under 5 minutes (since the survey was believed to draw around 15 minutes), (two) had been incomplete, (three) have been terminated in the beginning of the survey, and also (four) had the identical resolution to various other issues (e.g., all 5s). In total, we have 250 purposeful responses, representing a response rate of twenty two %. We also performed the marker-factor technique suggested by previous scientific studies with a hypothetically not linked create a this the marker variable) to fix the associations with the primary key constructs in the analysis.

To be ready to model the benefits of big data to companies, a firm level design is gon na be designed to identify the effect of big data utilization to companies development effectiveness and productivity. In that context, things of utilizing big data are divides in 2 phases: information management & data evaluation. The extremely first relates to the methods along with ways for data generation, storage, mining and preparation for analysis, while the second details the strategies in addition to ways to assess as well as get helpful insights from big information.

## Results

As found in Fig. 2, the results suggest that whereas information variety as well as information velocity substantially effect innovation performance ( $\beta = 0.27, 0.001$ ;  $\beta = 0.42, 0.001$ , respectively), providing proof for H1a and H1c; amazingly, information amount doesn't significantly influence advancement effectiveness ( $\beta = 0.034, 0.05$ ), not rejecting H1b. The results as well demonstrate that advancement effectiveness extremely impacts solid efficiency ( $\beta = 0.662; 0.001$ ). We additionally assessed whether the consequences of the basic information attributes on firm productivity were fully or partially mediated by innovation effectiveness. To look for mediation, we tested the immediate effect of big data qualities on firm general functionality in the absence of the potential mediator. The outcomes suggested that, despite the fact that the paths from information variety as well as information velocity were a lot of ( $\beta = 0.241, 0.01$  as well as  $\beta = 0.472, 0.001$ , respectively), the insights from information amount weren't substantial enough ( $\beta = 0.015, 0.05$ ).

Then, we included innovation effectiveness as a mediator between big details characteristics and also solid overall performance. The results showed that, despite the fact that the effect of information bunch on firm performance was not significant, with a coefficient of 0.121 (0.05), the impact of information velocity on firm performance was nonetheless significant, with a coefficient of 0.284 (0.01). Moreover, the effect of information amount was but not significant ( $\beta = 0.031, 0.05$ ).

These results suggest that, while solid innovation totally mediates the connection between information variety and also innovation performance, it simply partly mediates the effect of information velocity on innovation effectiveness. Interestingly, information volume impacts neither solid feature neither solid results. These outcomes provide assistance for H2 regarding the mediating role of innovation expertise on the effect of big data on innovation effectiveness. Big data utilization explains around 66.2 % of the variance in innovation effectiveness.

To investigate immediate effect of big data characteristics on effectiveness as well as originality efficacy separately, an analysis was performed. As is generally found in Fig. 3, the results suggest that, while information variety in addition to information velocity possess a serious beneficial effect on innovation efficacy ( $\beta = 0.287, 0.001$ ;  $\beta = 0.362$ , respectively), p, the effect of information amount on innovation effectiveness isn't substantial ( $\beta = 0.011, p < 0.05$ ). What this means is which, while using different details sorts on time that's genuine helps firms innovate efficiently, the dimensions of the information doesn't play an important role. Moreover, the results show that, while information velocity in addition to information variety have extensive good impacts on innovation effectiveness ( $\beta = 0.431, 0.001$ ;  $\beta = 0.231, 0.01$ , respectively), the effect of information amount isn't considerable ( $\beta = -0.083, 0.05$ ). What what this means is is which, while using different data types in time that's genuine considerably reduces a firm's function in attaining successful innovation, utilizing large sizes of information doesn't enhance firm effectiveness.

## Discussion

In a data driven world, business organizations have chance to cultivate lasting competitive advantage from the opponents via development stemming from data analytics. Big data are able to alter the innovation landscape by efficiently bridging the connection between consumers' personal preferences as well as, product features which might enhance firm functionality (Hao, & Song, Zhang, 2019).

Research has focused largely on anecdotal evidence; as an outcome, there's an insufficient knowledge of the consequences of big data on firms' innovation ability. As suggested by previous scientific tests, the effect of big data on firm efficiency could be mediated by intermediate variables (Gobble, 2013). Innovation capability is among the primary key determinants in just how well firms leverage various online resources, including big data, to increase general firm 's efficiency. Nevertheless, there's nevertheless an incomplete understanding about the relationships together with big data, total firm efficiency, along with firm innovation efficiency. This's the problem we explored in this research. To cope with this particular independent element, we used information collected from supervisors and utilized company innovation concept to better understand the impacts of big data attributes (i.e., volume, velocity, then simply variety) on development effectiveness, which eventually affects solid functionality (Cui, & Ooi, Mei, 2014).

The study gives revolutionary theoretical insights. Contrary to the majority of scientific research which happen to have deemed large details as a holistic construct, this particular study suggests that each large information attribute may have different impacts on firm shows, moreover consequently there's a requirement to distinguish among the primary key characteristics of big data operationally and conceptually, rather than dealing with big details as an entire component. Originating from a company innovation view, this particular paper implies that a firm 's potential to use big data is an important element for development (Gobble, 2013). Particularly, the results suggest that, while velocity as well as information variety play an important part in improving innovation effectiveness, interestingly, information volume doesn't. This might be due to the stage that bigger data isn't usually better data. Collecting extensive quantities of information that are noisy or maybe not reflective of what businesses are searching for won't enhance decision making and could worsen it. So, although a little studies have thought the proportions of information as the primary key attributes of big data, among the primary contributions of ours is showing that many other main details main attributes (i.e., selection, and velocity) play more critical functions in enhancing firm.

## Conclusion

The main goal of this particular study was handling a significant gap in the literature regarding the impacts of the primary key characteristics of big data (i.e., variety, volume, and velocity) on feature which ultimately affects performance. We used company feature principle for describing how large details utilization is able to boost firm 's development capabilities concerning the growing brand new ideas, that could improve monetary return, the customer satisfaction, and operational excellence.



So, among the main contributions of this particular research is the evaluation of the mediating role of big data attributes on the firm development as well as originality effectiveness. The results show the advantages of conceptually and operationally accomplishing principal characteristics of big data (i.e., variety, velocity, and volume) instead of coping with big details like a holistic adjustable. While velocity as well as information variety positively enhance innovation efficiency, information volume doesn't have significant influence. Consequently, focusing exclusively on collecting extensive quantities of information won't help firms enhance the innovation functionality of theirs. They have to also integrate different data sorts in a prompt fashion. Worn together, the results from this study suggest that big data isn't always improved information. Notably, the findings show that to increase firm development performance information velocity plays a much more substantial role compared to several other main characteristics of big data. To sum up, the results suggest that big data attributes may have different impacts on tight performances. Knowing the result of every giant information distinctive on firm performances enables firms to properly allot the materials of theirs to enhance the general functionality of theirs.

Innovation with information depends upon the context of knowledge based capital related to electronic details, innovative capacity, and economic aspects. The insights by leveraging big details demonstrate a competitive advantage of small business through innovative ways of productivity, innovation, consumer surplus, and growth. The information originates from great details processes provides the decision makers the capability to innovate and improve the overall performance of theirs gaining a competitive edge from rivals. Consequently, big data is recognized as a major aid for small businesses getting brand new insights, existing added worth and foster brand new clothes, markets, and procedures. Extra examination is needed in results of big data utilization of SMEs and also the earnings of investments in information driven procedures.

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