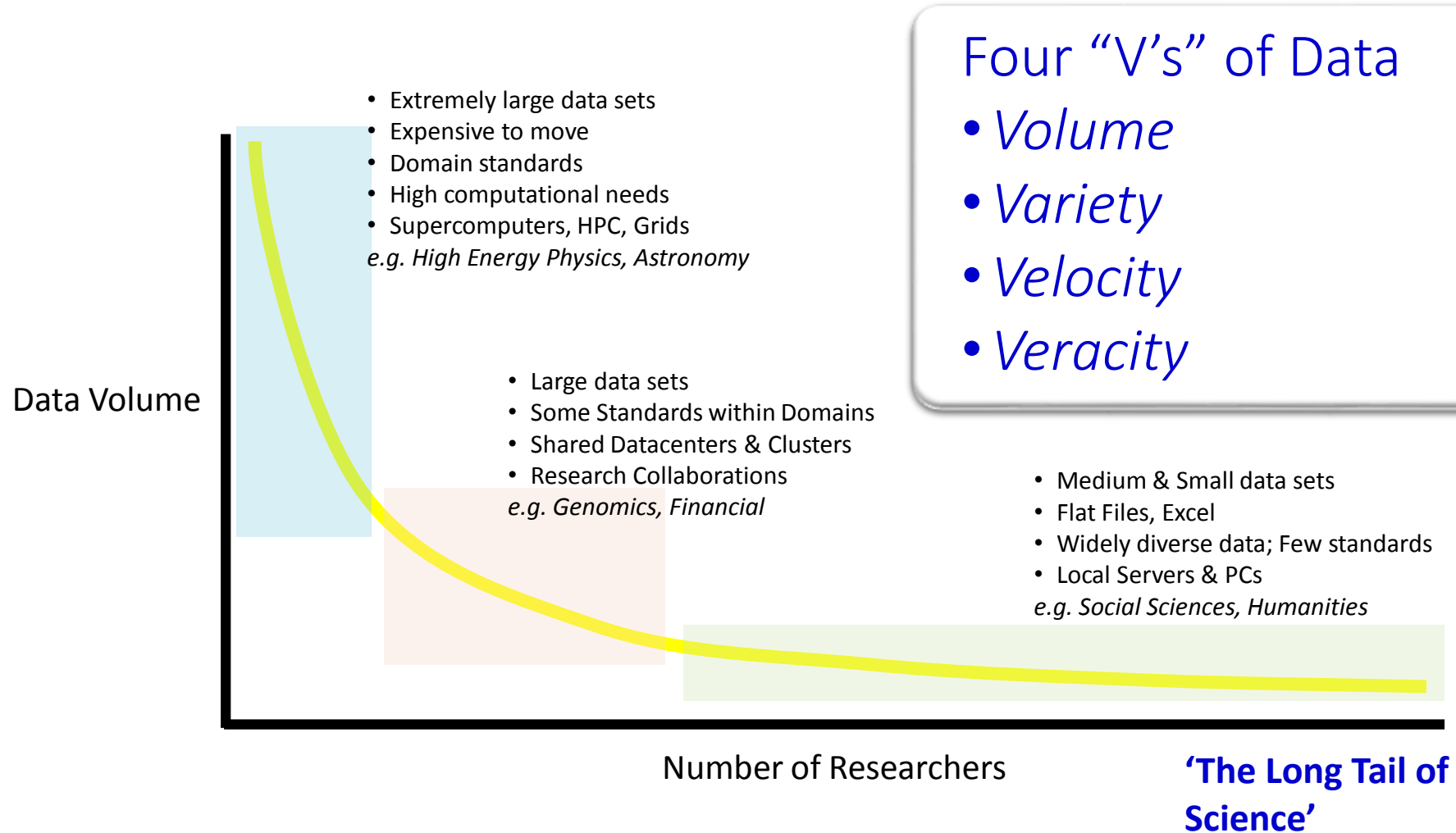


# **The Fourth Paradigm: Data-Intensive Scientific Discovery, Open Science and the Cloud**

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# **The Fourth Paradigm: Data-Intensive Science**

# Much of Science is now Data-Intensive



# Jim Gray, Turing Award Winner



# The 'Cosmic Genome Project': The Sloan Digital Sky Survey



- Two surveys in one
  - Photometric survey in 5 bands
  - Spectroscopic redshift survey
- Data is public
  - 2.5 Terapixels of images
  - 40 TB of raw data => 120TB processed data
  - 5 TB catalogs => 35TB in the end
- Started in 1992, 'finished' in 2008
  - SkyServer Web Service built at JHU by team led by Alex Szalay and Jim Gray

*The University of Chicago  
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The University of Washington  
New Mexico State University  
Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory  
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# Open Data: Public Use of the Sloan Data

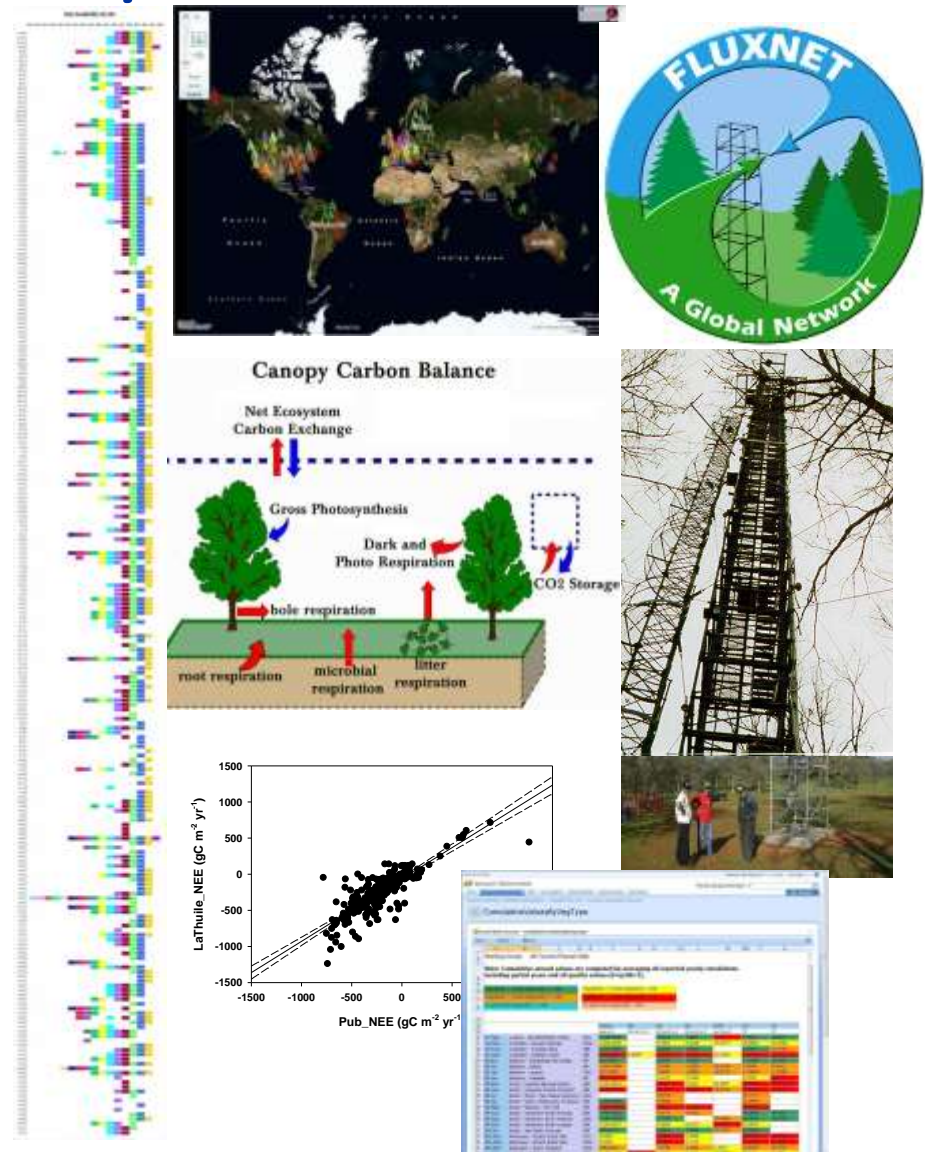
## Posterchild in 21st century data publishing

- SkyServer web service has had over 400 million web
- About 1M distinct users vs 10,000 astronomers
- >1600 refereed papers!
- Delivered 50,000 hours of lectures to high schools
- New publishing paradigm: data is published before analysis by astronomers
- Platform for 'citizen science' with GalaxyZoo project



# Carbo-Climate Synthesis

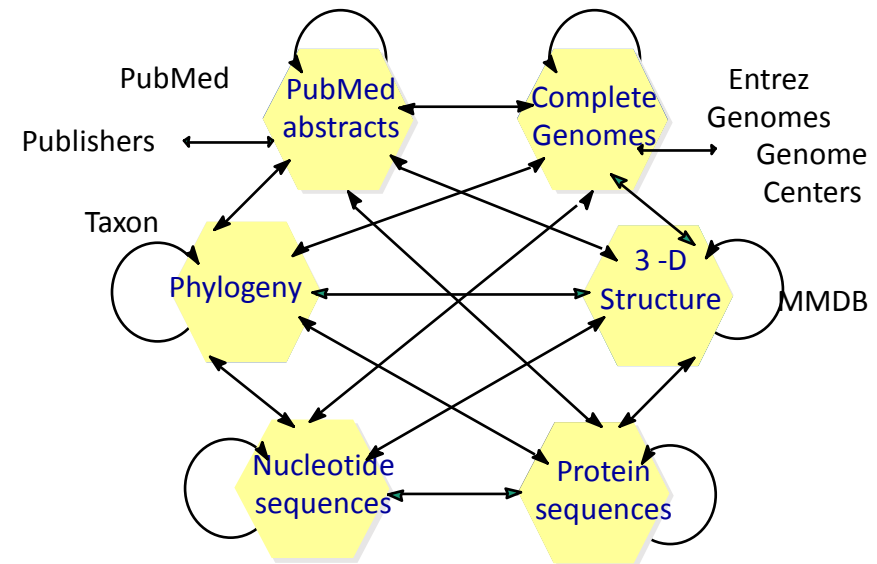
- Role of photosynthesis in global warming?
  - Measurements of CO<sub>2</sub> in the atmosphere show 16-20% less than emissions estimates predict
  - Difference is either due to plants or ocean absorption.
- Communal field science – each investigator acts independently.
  - Cross site studies and integration with modeling increasingly important
- Sharepoint site:  
[www.fluxdata.org](http://www.fluxdata.org)
  - 921 site-years of data from 240 sites around the world; 80+ site-years now being added
  - 60+ paper writing teams
  - American data subset is public and served more widely
  - Summary data products greatly simplify initial data discovery



(Dennis Baldocchi (Berkeley Water Center)  
And Catharine van Ingen (Microsoft Research))

# The US National Library of Medicine

- The [NIH Public Access Policy](#) ensures that the public has access to the published results of NIH funded research.
- Requires scientists to submit final peer-reviewed journal manuscripts that arise from NIH funds to the digital archive [PubMed Central](#) upon acceptance for publication.
- Policy requires that these papers are accessible to the public on PubMed Central no later than 12 months after publication.

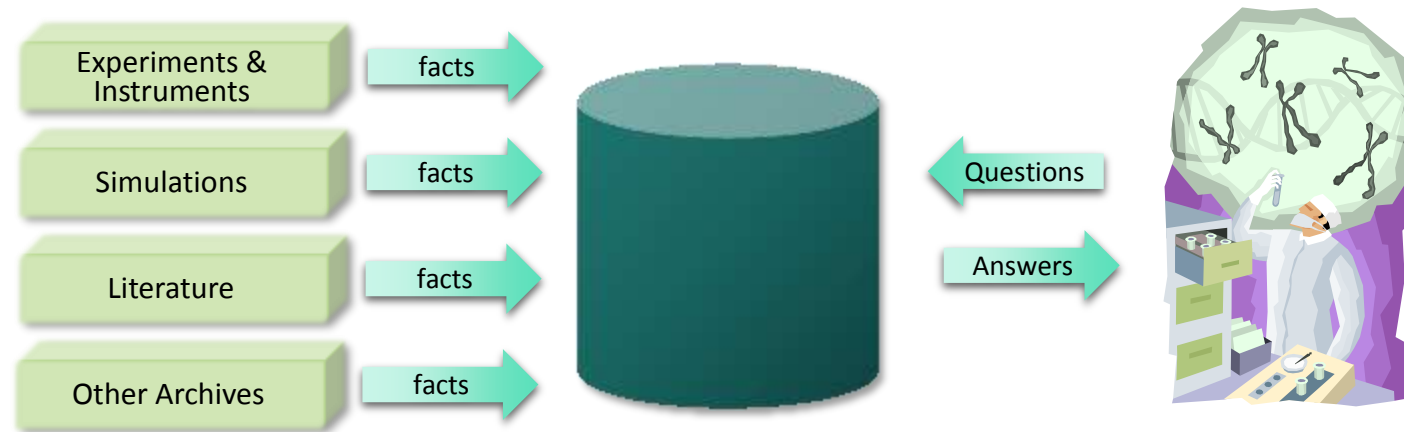


**Entrez cross-database search**



# X-Info

- The evolution of X-Info and Comp-X for each discipline X
- How to codify and represent our knowledge



## The Generic Problems

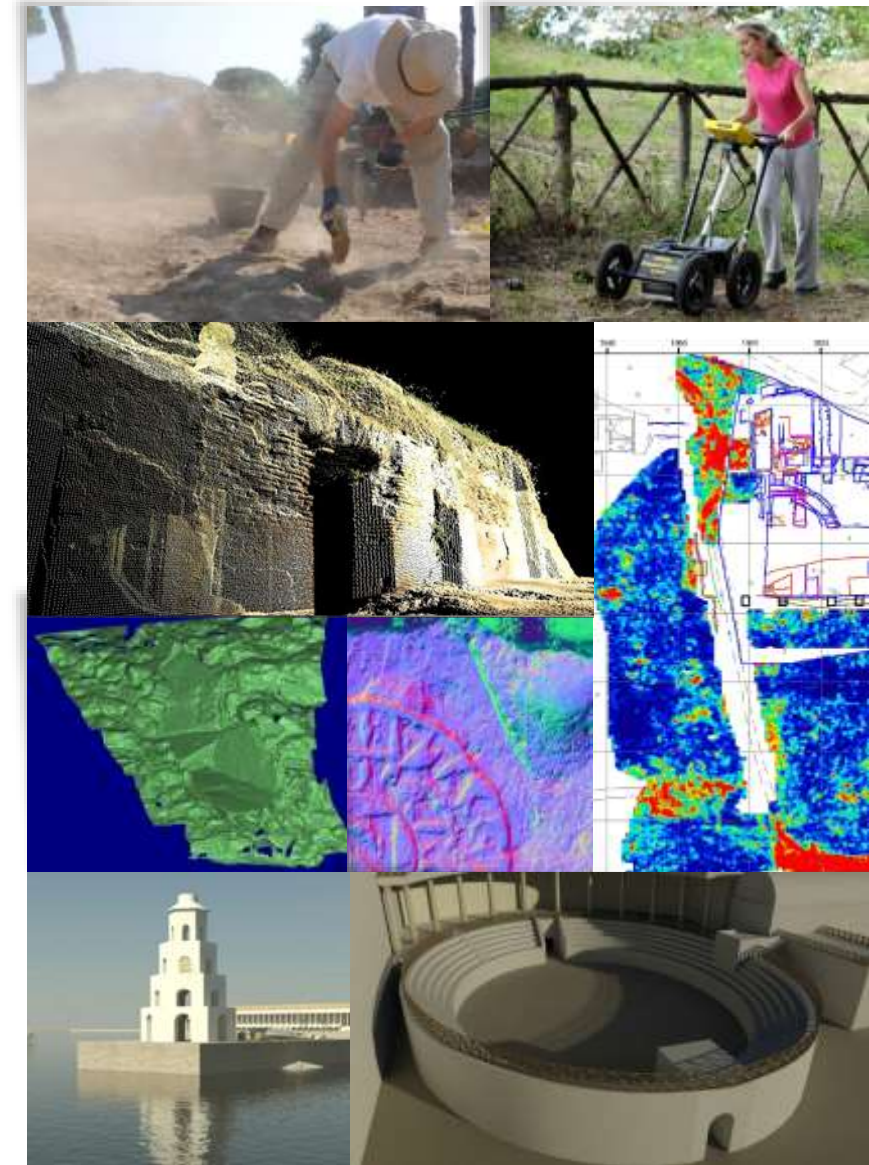
- Data ingest
- Managing a petabyte
- Common schema
- How to organize it
- How to *reorganize* it
- How to share with others
- Query and Vis tools
- Building and executing models
- Integrating data and Literature
- Documenting experiments
- Curation and long-term preservation



Keynote by Dan Fay, director of E3 at Microsoft Research Connections, on "The Rise of X-Informatics."

# Archaeo-Informatics

- Archaeologists must capture and organize artifacts and data
- Multiple sources, from excavation and hand sifting, to advanced geophysics and aerial surveying
- Context is everything, ultimately visualize and synthesize
- Advanced computational tools from data management and processing, to analysis and visualization
- Example is AHRC Portus Project examining early port of Rome



**PI: Graeme Earl**  
**University of Southampton**

# eScience and the Fourth Paradigm

## Thousand years ago – **Experimental Science**

- Description of natural phenomena

## Last few hundred years – **Theoretical Science**

- Newton's Laws, Maxwell's Equations...

## Last few decades – **Computational Science**

- Simulation of complex phenomena

## Today – **Data-Intensive Science**

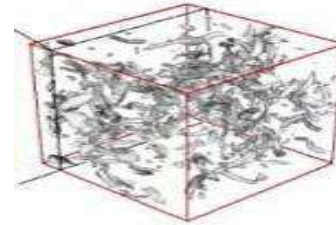
- Scientists overwhelmed with data sets from many different sources
  - Data captured by instruments
  - Data generated by simulations
  - Data generated by sensor networks

eScience is the set of tools and technologies to support data federation and collaboration

- For analysis and data mining
- For data visualization and exploration
- For scholarly communication and dissemination

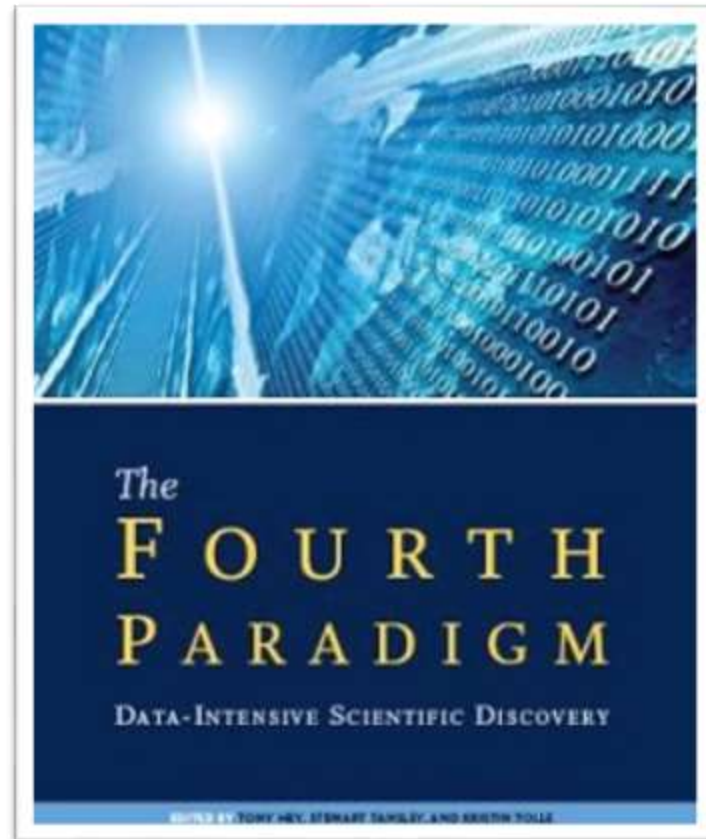


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*(With thanks to Jim Gray)*

# eScience and Data-Intensive Scientific Discovery



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**Open Access, Open Data,  
Open Science**

# Vision for a New Era of Research Reporting

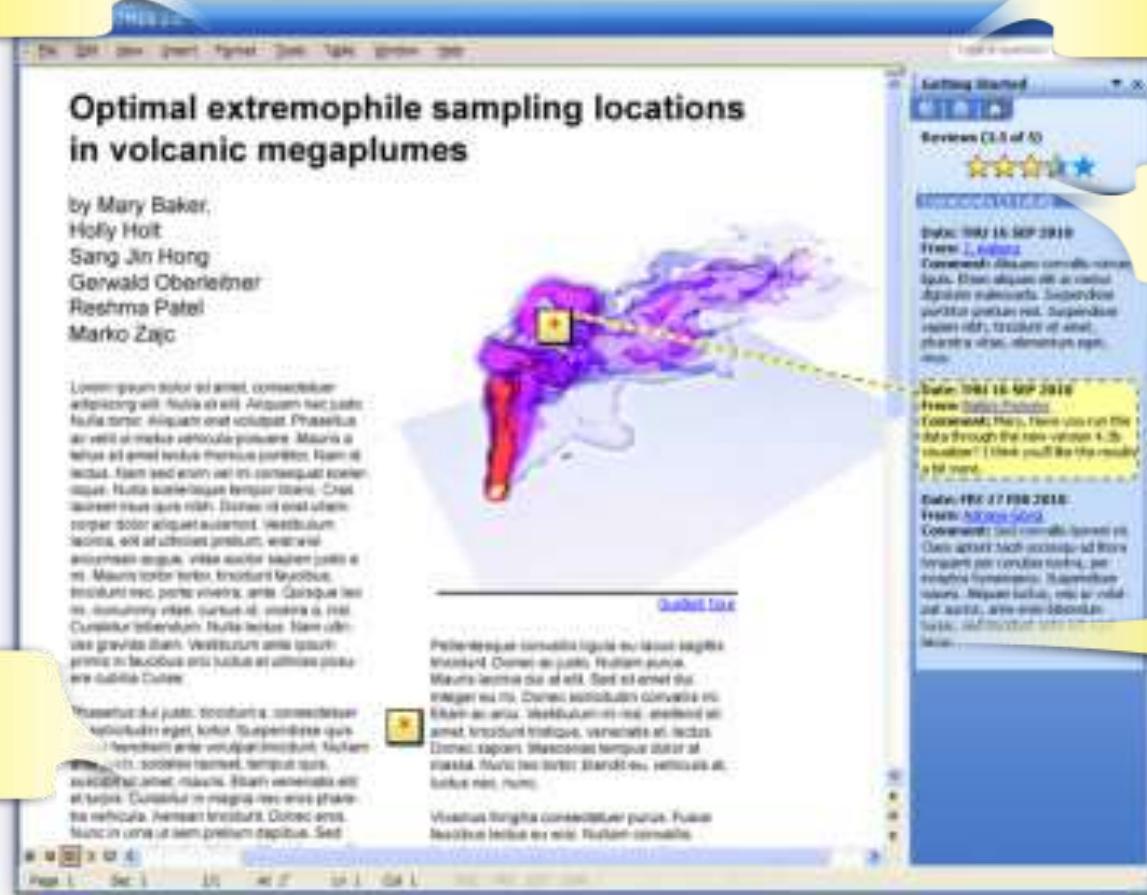
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Research

Collaboration

Reputation  
& Influence

Dynamic  
Documents

Interactive  
Data



*(Thanks to Bill Gates SC05)*

# US White House Memorandum

- Directive requiring the major Federal Funding agencies *“to develop a plan to support increased public access to the results of research funded by the Federal Government.”*
- The memorandum defines digital data *“as the digital recorded factual material commonly accepted in the scientific community as necessary to validate research findings including data sets used to support scholarly publications, but does not include laboratory notebooks, preliminary analyses, drafts of scientific papers, plans for future research, peer review reports, communications with colleagues, or physical objects, such as laboratory specimens.”*

22 February 2013



# Open Access: 2013 as the Tipping Point?

- US White House Memorandum 22 February 2013
- Global Research Council Action Plan 30 May 2013
- G8 Science Ministers Joint Statement 12 June 2013
- European Union Parliament 13 June 2013

# University of California approves Open Access

- UC is the largest public research university in the world and its faculty members receive roughly 8% of all research funding in the U.S.
- UC produces 40,000 publications per annum corresponding to about 2 – 3 % of all peer-reviewed articles in world each year
- UC policy requires all 8000 faculty to deposit full text copies of their research papers in the UC eScholarship repository unless they specifically choose to opt-out

2 August 2013

# NIH Open Access Compliance?

- PMC Compliance Rate

- Before legal mandate compliance was 19%
- Signed into law by George W. Bush in 2007
- After legal mandate compliance up to 75%

- NIH have taken a further step of announcing that, 'sometime in 2013' they stated that they

*'... will hold processing of non-competing continuation awards if publications arising from grant awards are not in compliance with the Public Access Policy.'*

- NIH now implemented their policy about continuation awards

- Compliance rate increasing ½% per month
- By November 2014, compliance rate had reached 86%

# U.S. Department of Energy Increases Access to Results of DOE-funded Scientific Research

August 4, 2014 - 10:49am



## NEWS MEDIA CONTACT

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – The U.S. Department of Energy is introducing new measures to increase access to scholarly publications and digital data resulting from Department-funded research.

The Energy Department has launched the Public Access Gateway for Energy and Science – **PAGES** – a web-based portal that will provide free public access to accepted peer-reviewed manuscripts or published scientific journal articles within 12 months of publication.

“Increasing access to the results of research funded by the Department of Energy will enable researchers and entrepreneurs to capitalize on our substantial research and development investments,” said Secretary of Energy Ernest Moniz. “These new policies set the stage for increased innovation, commercial opportunities, and accelerated scientific breakthroughs.”

As it grows in content, PAGES will include access to DOE-funded authors’ accepted manuscripts hosted primarily by the Energy Department’s National Labs and grantee institutions, in addition to the public access offerings of publishers. For publisher-hosted content, the Department is collaborating with the publisher consortium CHORUS -- the Clearinghouse for the Open Research of the United States.

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# New Requirements for DOE Research Data

The Energy Department's Office of Science also has issued new requirements regarding management of digital research data by Office of Science-supported researchers. All proposals for research funding submitted to the Office of Science will be required to include a Data Management Plan that describes whether and how the digital research data generated in the course of the proposed research will be shared and preserved.

The new requirements regarding management of digital research data will appear in funding solicitations and invitations issued by the Office of Science beginning Oct. 1, 2014. A statement of the new requirements, including guidance on the development of a Data Management Plan, can be found on the [Office of Science website](#). Other Energy Department research offices will implement data management plan requirements within the next year.

# EPSRC Expectations for Data Preservation

- Research organisations will ensure that EPSRC-funded research data is securely preserved for a minimum of 10 years from the date that any researcher 'privileged access' period expires
- Research organisations will ensure that effective data curation is provided throughout the full data lifecycle, with 'data curation' and 'data lifecycle' being as defined by the Digital Curation Centre

# **Data Curation: State of the Art**

# Long Term Access to Large Scientific Data Sets: The SkyServer and Beyond

NSF ACI Data Infrastructure Building Blocks (DIBBS) Program

- \$7.6M project
- Started 2013 – end date 2018

Project goals

- Address curation issues arising from the data and service life-cycle
- Support small but complex data in the ‘Long Tail’ of science.

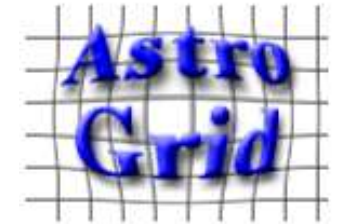
➤ Need to curate both Data and Services lifecycle



# What happened to Virtual Observatories?

- UK AstroGrid project

- Funding cancelled in 2008



- US Virtual Astronomy Observatory (VAO)

- Project funding discontinued in 2014



➤ But much of the infrastructure, tools and technology still lives on with participation in the International Virtual Observatory Alliance (IVOA)



# Astrophysics Data System ADS

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# Strasbourg CDS Datasets

The image shows the homepage of the Centre de Données astronomiques de Strasbourg (CDS). The header features the CDS logo and the text "Centre de Données astronomiques de Strasbourg" and "Strasbourg astronomical Data Center". Below the header, there are four main service buttons: "Entry point to all services" (with a CDS logo), "Object database" (with a SIMBAD logo), "Catalogs database" (with a VizieR logo), and "Interactive sky atlas" (with a Aladin logo). Each button has a corresponding search input field below it. The main content area is divided into several sections: "Other services" with icons for X-match, Dictionary, Sesame, and SimPlay; "Hosted services" with icons for ADS mirror, A&A, and TPTOPbase/INS; "Keep in touch" with RSS and social media icons; "Latest news" with a list of recent updates and a "More news" button; and "Featured news" with a large graphic celebrating the 40th anniversary of VizieR, Aladin, and Simbad, with the text "40 ans" and "Anniversaire".

**Centre de Données astronomiques de Strasbourg**  
*Strasbourg astronomical Data Center*

**Entry point to all services** **Object database** **Catalogs database** **Interactive sky atlas**

Objectposition    Objposition/bcode    Keywords, target, ...    Objectposition

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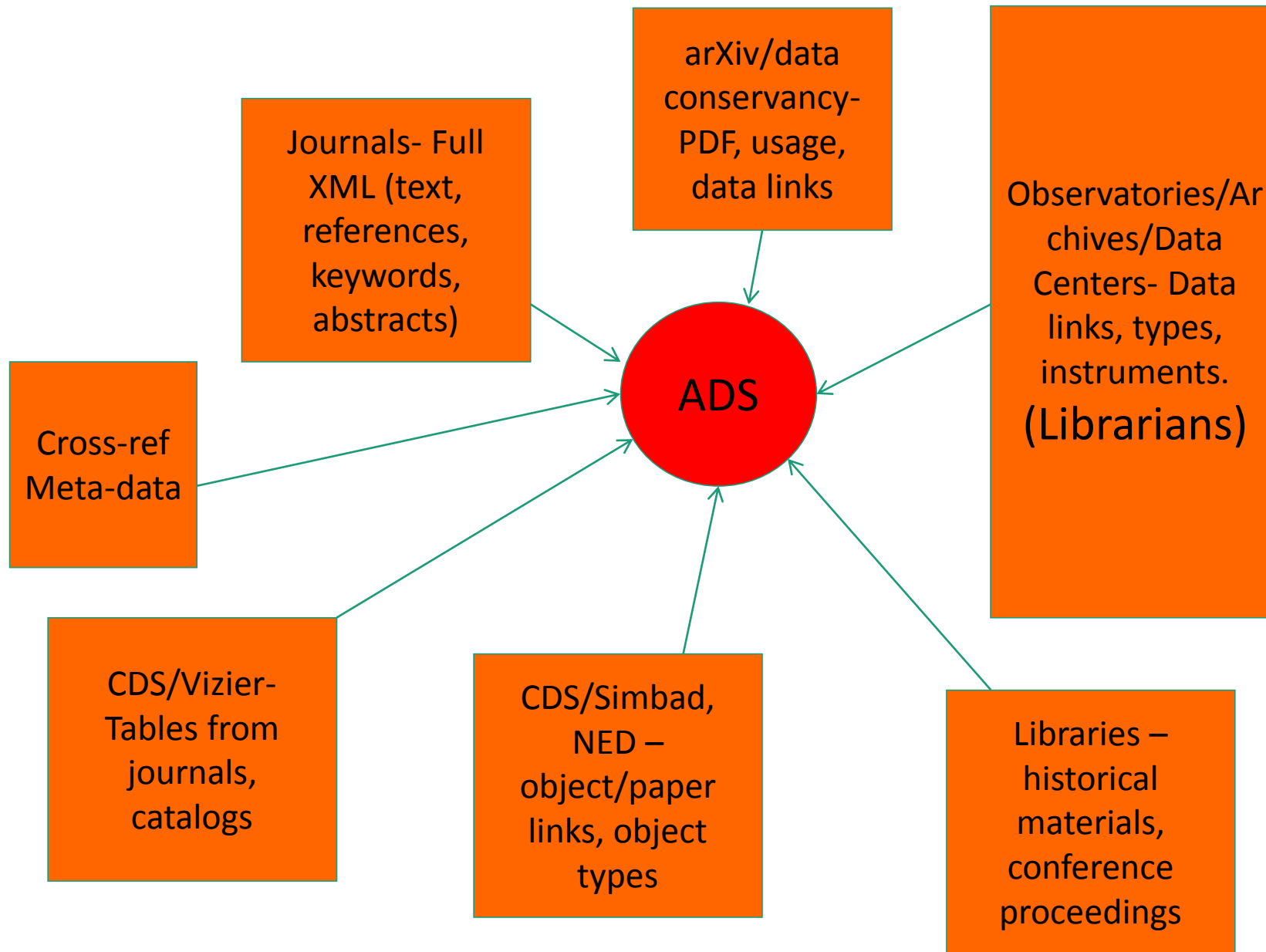
**Keep in touch**

**Latest news**

- Catalogs added between 07-Sep-2013 and 14-Sep-2013
- Catalogs added between 31-Aug-2013 and 07-Sep-2013
- CDS services down on September 09 and 13
- Catalogs added between 24-Aug-2013 and 31-Aug-2013
- Aladin Lite released!
- Use X-Match service for queries from coordinates
- Collaboration IAS / CDS
- PLANCK maps

**Featured news**

On September 18 2012, CDS celebrated **40 years**.



# But Sustainability of Data Links?

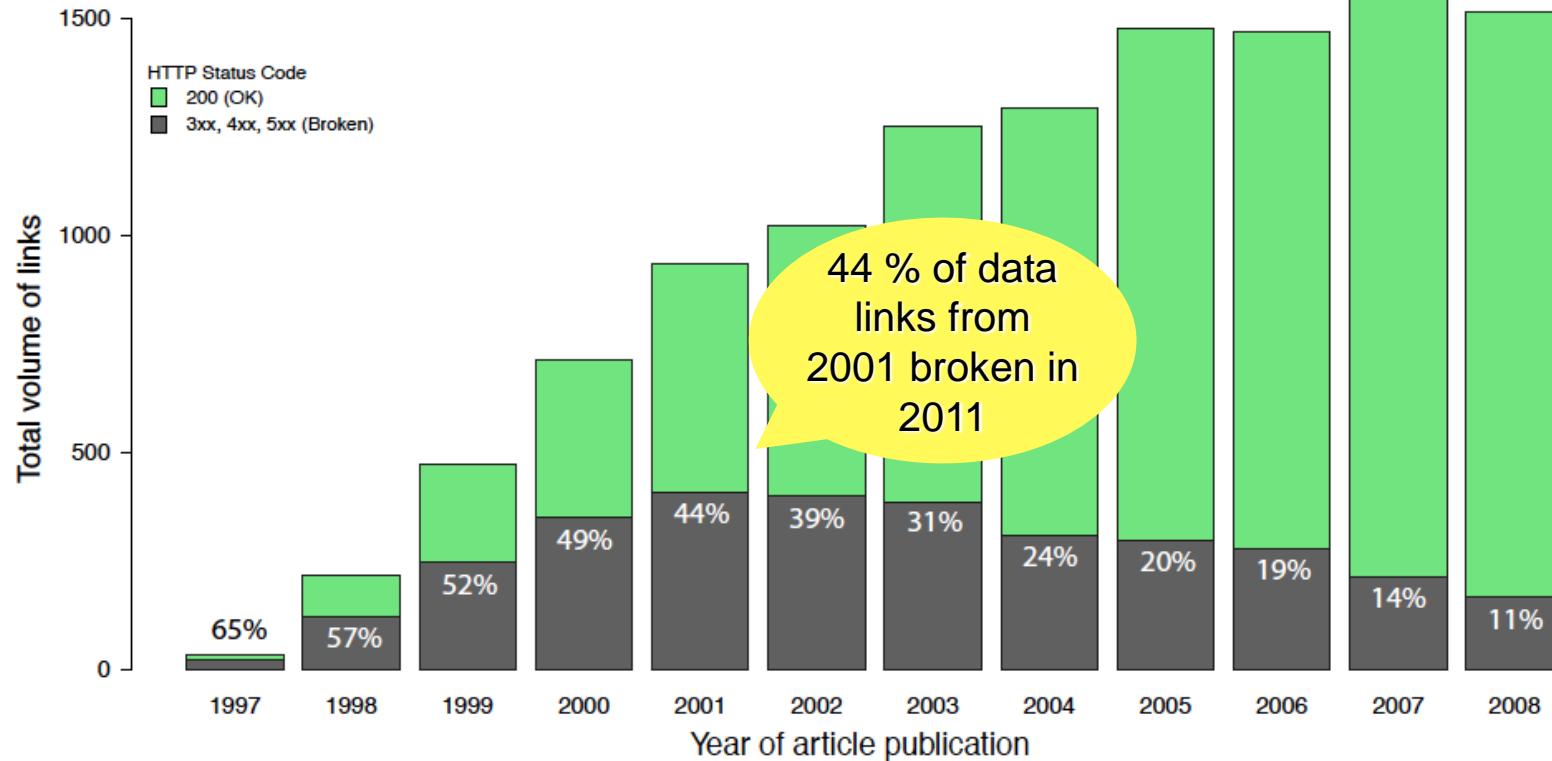


Figure 1. Volume of potential data links in astronomy publications. Total volume of external links in all articles published between 1997 and 2008 in the four main astronomy journals, color coded by HTTP status code. Green bars represent accessible links (200), grey bars represent broken links. .

# Progress since 2004?

## The View from ADS (Michael Kurtz)

### Comments:

- Does not see much progress in the last ten years: now one step back, waiting for the next two steps forward
  - Ten years ago concerned that the Virtual Observatory would suffocate itself with bureaucracy: unfortunately this has now happened ...
  - New large repositories (Zenodo, Dataverse) are creating an infrastructure of almost entirely uncurated data
- The problem with curation is that the funding is almost entirely local but in the digital world the use is mainly global. Leads to tragedy of the commons where no one will assume long-term obligation to curate and manage data which is mainly not from local sources.

# Progress since 2004?

## The View from CDS (Francoise Genova)

There are two major areas of progress:

- VO Framework
  - Interoperability framework with aspects on data description, formats, vocabularies, data models. Helps data producers share data so pay more attention to data curation and use elements of this framework.
- Long Tail Data
  - With the funding agency requirements on Data Management Plans and on making their data available, researchers more aware of importance of sharing data.
  - In astronomy, most original data from observations is in observatory archives, but at CDS we are seeing more data "attached to publications".



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## Scientists Seeking NSF Funding Will Soon Be Required to Submit Data Management Plans

**Government-wide emphasis on community access to data supports substantive push toward more open sharing of research data**

**May 10, 2010**

During the May 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of the [National Science Board](#), National Science Foundation (NSF) officials announced a change in the implementation of the existing policy on sharing research data. In particular, on or around October, 2010, NSF is planning to require that all proposals include a data management plan in the form of a two-page supplementary document. The research community will be informed of the specifics of the anticipated changes and the agency's expectations for the data management plans.

The changes are designed to address trends and needs in the modern era of data-driven science.

"Science is becoming data-intensive and collaborative," noted Ed Seidel, acting assistant director for NSF's Mathematical and Physical Sciences directorate. "Researchers from

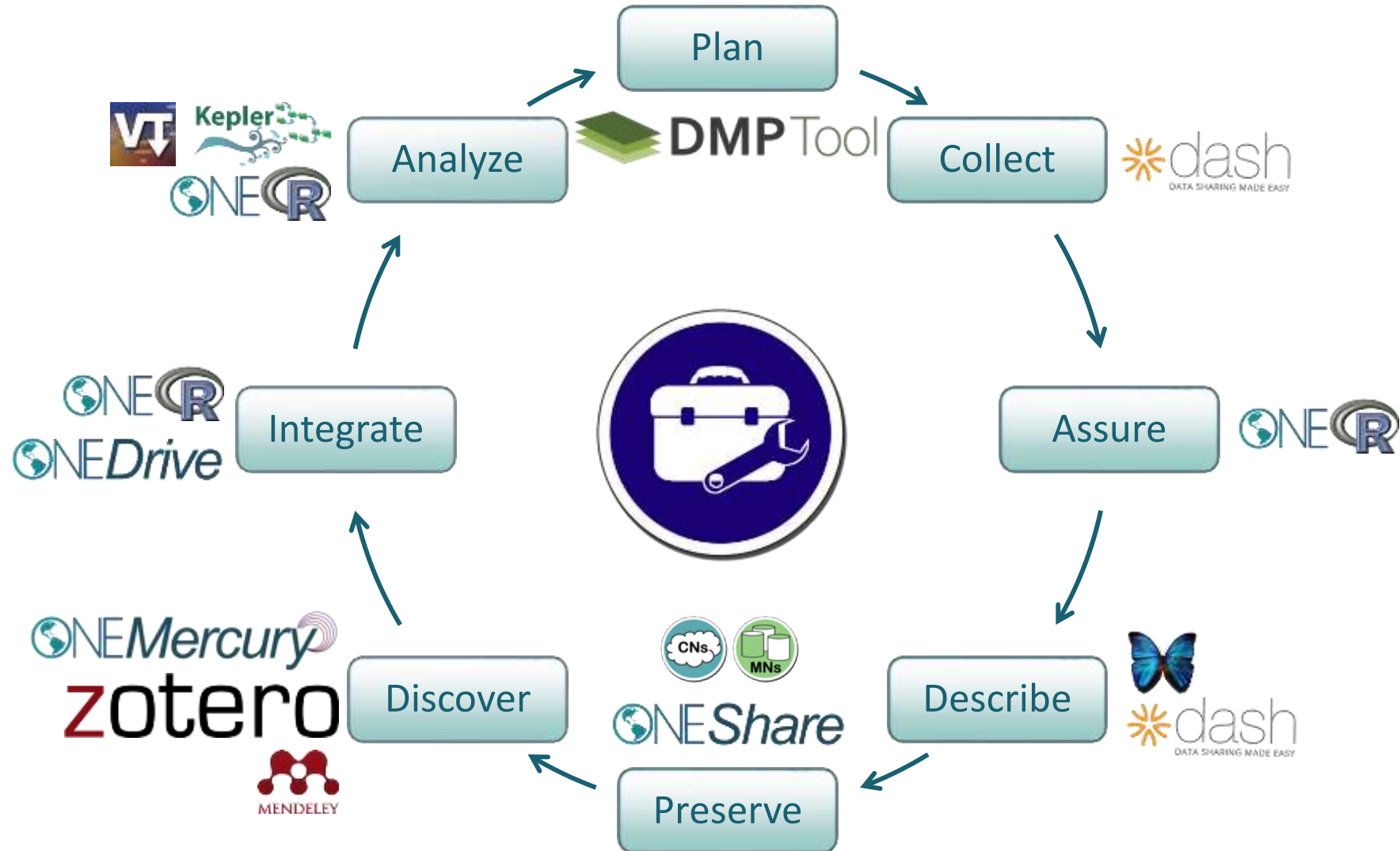


# Progress in Environmental Data Curation?

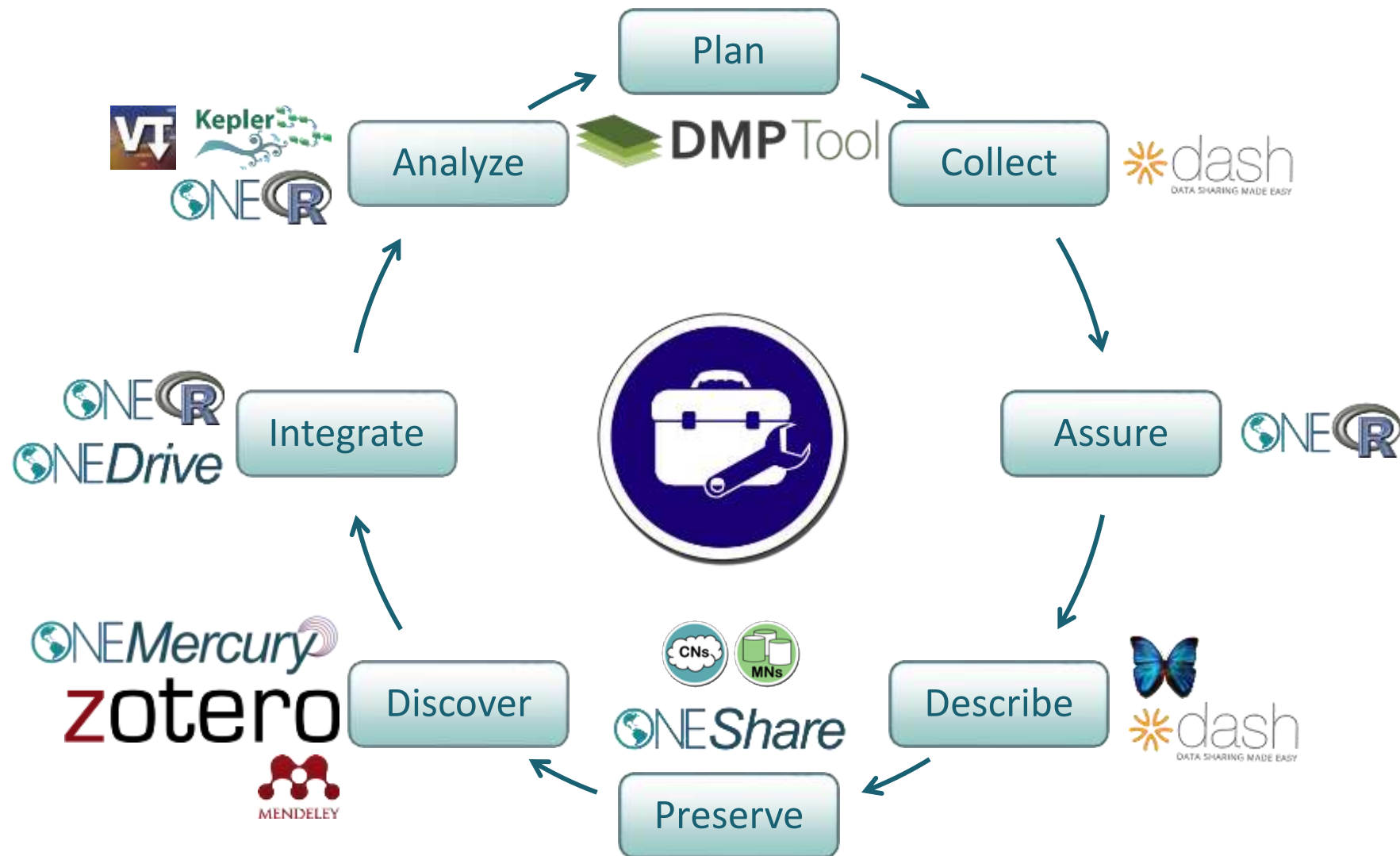
Professor James Frew (UCSB):

- Biggest change is funding agency mandate.
  - NSF's Data Management Plan for all proposals has made scientists (pretend?) to take data curation seriously.
  - There are better curated databases and metadata now - but not sure that quality fraction is increasing!
  - Frew's first law: scientists don't write metadata
  - Frew's second law: any scientist can be forced to write bad metadata
- 
- Should automate creation of metadata as far as possible
  - Scientists need to work with metadata specialists with domain knowledge

# Enabling Science through Tools and Services



# Enabling Science through Tools and Services



# DataONE: Data Management, Sharing and Publication



MENU



The screenshot shows the DataONE Mercury search tool interface. At the top, there is the DataONE logo and navigation links: About, Participate, Resources, Education, and Data. Below this is the 'EMercury' logo and the text 'A DataONE Search Tool for Scientific Data'. The main search area includes a 'Search For:' field with a dropdown menu set to 'ONE Mercury' and a 'Go' button. Below the search field are options for 'Field Search' and 'Data Search'. The 'Field Search' section has three input fields. The 'Data Search' section has radio buttons for 'Collection Date', 'Publication Date', and 'Other', with 'Collection Date' selected. There are also 'starting' and 'thru' date fields. At the bottom, there is a 'Geographic Search' section with a world map and a 'List Areas In:' dropdown menu set to 'USA'. The map shows the United States highlighted in blue.

The screenshot shows the DataONE website's 'Best Practices' section. At the top, there is the DataONE logo and navigation links: About, Participate, Resources, Education, and Data. Below this is the 'Best Practices' section header. The 'Resources' section lists: Investigator Toolkit, Data Management Planning, Best Practices, Software Tools Catalog, For Librarians, Publications, Ask DataONE, and Coffeehouse. The 'Featured Practice' section is titled 'Decide what data to preserve' and includes a paragraph about the scientific process and a link to 'Download All Best Practices'. The 'Find it Fast' section lists: Data, Data Management Planning, Best Practices, and Software Tools. On the right side, there is a 'Data Life Cycle' diagram with the following steps: Analyze, Plan, Collect, Assure, Describe, Preserve, Discover, and Integrate. Below the diagram is a 'View All Best Practices' link.

UTK and ORNL are partners in NSF DataONE Project  
Slides courtesy of Bill Michener

# Provenance tracking and display

The screenshot displays a dataset page on DataONE with several key elements:

- Source dataset:** A callout box on the left lists the authors: Condit R, Rahman Kassim A, Ashton P., and Supardi Mohd. Noor N. Condit et al. 2009. It also includes a DOI: 10.5063/F1DZ067F and shows 56 views.
- Dataset Title:** Historical CTD data from the Gulf of Alaska, 1970-2010. (doi:10.5063/F1JM27JF)
- AOOS Logo:** Alaska Ocean Observing System.
- Files in this dataset:** A table listing the dataset's contents:
 

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mappingScript.R	text/plain	5.05 KB	3 downloads	Download All	Download	Preview
- General Information:**
  - Title: Historical CTD data from the Gulf of Alaska, 1970-2010
  - Identifier: doi:10.5063/F1JM27JF
- Annotations:**
  - "From the AOOS DataONE Member repository derivations" points to the dataset.
  - "You are currently viewing this metadata document." points to the 'Download All' button.

# **Open Science and Research Reproducibility**

# Jon Claerbout and the Stanford Exploration Project (SEP) with the oil and gas industry

- Jon Claerbout is the Cecil Green Professor Emeritus of Geophysics at Stanford University
- He was one of the first scientists to recognize that the reproducibility of his geophysics research required access not only to the text of the paper but also to the data being analyzed and the software used to do the analysis
- His 1992 Paper introduced an early version of an 'executable paper'

## Electronic Documents Give Reproducible Research a New Meaning

*Jon Claerbout and Martin Karrenbach*

*This was an invited paper at the October 25-29, 1992 meeting of the Society of Exploration Geophysics and it appears in the program as this extended abstract.*

### ABSTRACT

A revolution in education and technology transfer follows from the marriage of word processing and software command scripts. In this marriage an author attaches to every figure caption a pushbutton or a name tag usable to recalculate the figure from all its data, parameters, and programs. This provides a concrete definition of reproducibility in computationally oriented research. Experience at the Stanford Exploration Project shows that preparing such electronic documents is little effort beyond our customary report writing; mainly, we need to file everything in a systematic way.

# Serious problems of research reproducibility in bioinformatics

- Review of 2,047 retracted articles indexed in PubMed in May of 2012 concluded that:
  - 21.3% were retracted because of errors,
  - 67.4% were retracted because of scientific misconduct
    - Fraud or suspected fraud (43.4%)
    - Duplicate publication (14.2%)
    - Plagiarism (9.8%)
- Study by pharma companies Bayer and Amgen concluded that between 60% and 70% of biomedicine studies may be non-reproducible
  - Amgen scientists were only able to reproduce 7 out of 53 cancer results published in Science and Nature



# Reducing our irreproducibility

Over the past year, *Nature* has published a string of articles that highlight failures in the reliability and reproducibility of published research (collected and freely available at [go.nature.com/huhbyr](http://go.nature.com/huhbyr)). The problems arise in laboratories, but journals such as this one compound them when they fail to exert sufficient scrutiny over the results that they publish, and when they do not publish enough information for other researchers to assess results properly.

From next month, *Nature* and the Nature research journals will introduce editorial measures to address the problem by improving the consistency and quality of reporting in life-sciences articles. To ease the interpretation and improve the reliability of published results we will more systematically ensure that key methodological details are reported, and we will give more space to methods sections. We will examine statistics more closely and encourage authors to be transparent, for example by including their raw data.

Central to this initiative is a checklist intended to prompt authors to disclose technical and statistical information in their submissions, and to encourage referees to consider aspects important for research reproducibility ([go.nature.com/oloqip](http://go.nature.com/oloqip)). It was developed after discussions with researchers on the problems that lead to irreproducibility, including workshops organized last year by US National Institutes of Health (NIH) institutes. It also draws on published concerns about reporting standards (or the lack of them) and the collective experience of editors at Nature journals.

The checklist is not exhaustive. It focuses on a few experimental and analytical design elements that are crucial for the interpretation of research results but are often reported incompletely. For example, authors will need to describe methodological parameters that can introduce bias or influence robustness, and provide precise characterization of key reagents that may be subject to biological variability, such as cell lines and antibodies. The checklist also consolidates existing policies about data deposition and presentation.

We will also demand more precise descriptions of statistics, and

we will commission statisticians as consultants on certain papers, at the editor's discretion and at the referees' suggestion.

We recognize that there is no single way to conduct an experimental study. Exploratory investigations cannot be done with the same level of statistical rigour as hypothesis-testing studies. Few academic laboratories have the means to perform the level of validation required, for example, to translate a finding from the laboratory to the clinic. However, that should not stand in the way of a full report of how a study was designed, conducted and analysed that will allow reviewers and readers to adequately interpret and build on the results.

To allow authors to describe their experimental design and methods in as much detail as necessary, the participating journals, including *Nature*, will abolish space restrictions on the methods section.

To further increase transparency, we will encourage authors to provide tables of the data behind graphs and figures. This builds on our established data-deposition policy for specific experiments and large data sets. The source data will be made available directly from the figure legend, for easy access. We continue to encourage authors to share detailed methods and reagent descriptions by depositing protocols in Protocol Exchange ([www.nature.com/protocolexchange](http://www.nature.com/protocolexchange)), an open resource linked from the primary paper.

Renewed attention to reporting and transparency is a small step. Much bigger underlying issues contribute to the problem, and are beyond the reach of journals alone. Too few biologists receive adequate training in statistics and other quantitative aspects of their subject. Mentoring of young scientists on matters of rigour and transparency is inconsistent at best. In academia, the ever increasing pressures to publish and chase funds provide little incentive to pursue studies and publish results that contradict or confirm previous papers. Those who document the validity or irreproducibility of a published piece of work seldom get a welcome from journals and funders, even as money and effort are wasted on false assumptions.

Tackling these issues is a long-term endeavour that will require the commitment of funders, institutions, researchers and publishers. It is encouraging that NIH institutes have led community discussions on this topic and are considering their own recommendations. We urge others to take note of these and of our initiatives, and do whatever they can to improve research reproducibility. ■

# 2012 ICERM Workshop on Reproducibility in Computational and Experimental Mathematics

- The workshop participants noted that computational science poses a challenge to the usual notions of ‘research reproducibility’
- Experimental scientists are taught to maintain lab books that contain details of the experimental design, procedures, equipment, raw data, processing and analysis (but ...)
- Few computational experiments are documented so carefully:
  - Typically there is no record of the workflow, no listing of the software used to generate the data, and inadequate details of the computer hardware the code ran on, the parameter settings and any compiler flags that were set

# Best Practices for Researchers Publishing Computational Results

- **Data must be available and accessible.** In this context the term "data" means the raw data files used as a basis for the computations, that are necessary for others to regenerate published computational findings.
- **Code and methods must be available and accessible.** The traditional methods section in a typical publication does not communicate sufficient detail for a knowledgeable reader to replicate computational results. A necessary action is making the complete set of instructions, typically in the form of computer scripts or workflow pipelines, conveniently available.
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# Open Science Decoded

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## Two Technologies:

- Machine Learning
- Cloud Services



# Machine Learning

# Machine Learning

computers are great **tools** for

storing	computing
managing	indexing
acquisition	discovery
aggregation	organization
correlation	analysis
interpretation	inference

huge amounts of **data**

we would like computers to also help with the **automatic**

of the world's **information** and **knowledge**

# Machine Learning or ML

ML is exciting the IT industry since it enables us to:

- Build computing systems that improve with experience
- Solve extremely hard problems
- Extract more value from Big Data
- Approach human intelligence

In Science, Bayesian ML techniques help us manage uncertainties in data and assign probabilities to model predictions



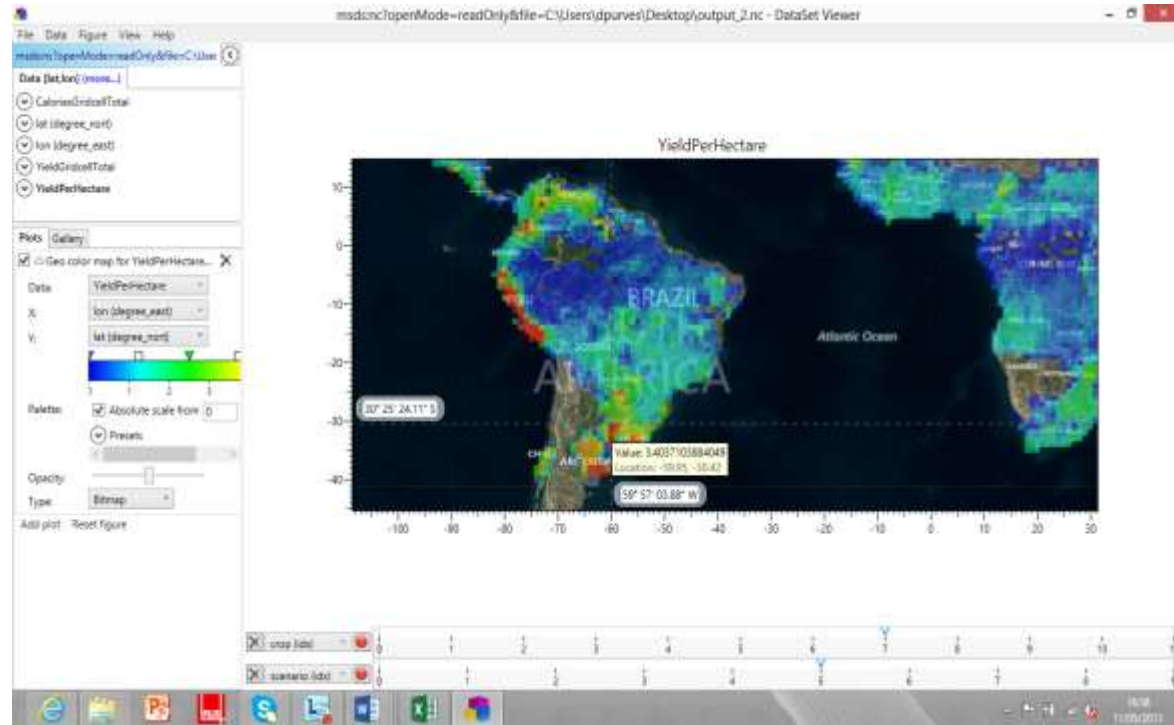
# Computational Ecology and Environmental Science

## Where environmental Questions meet Computer Science

Climate change: arguably greatest global challenge of the 21<sup>st</sup> century

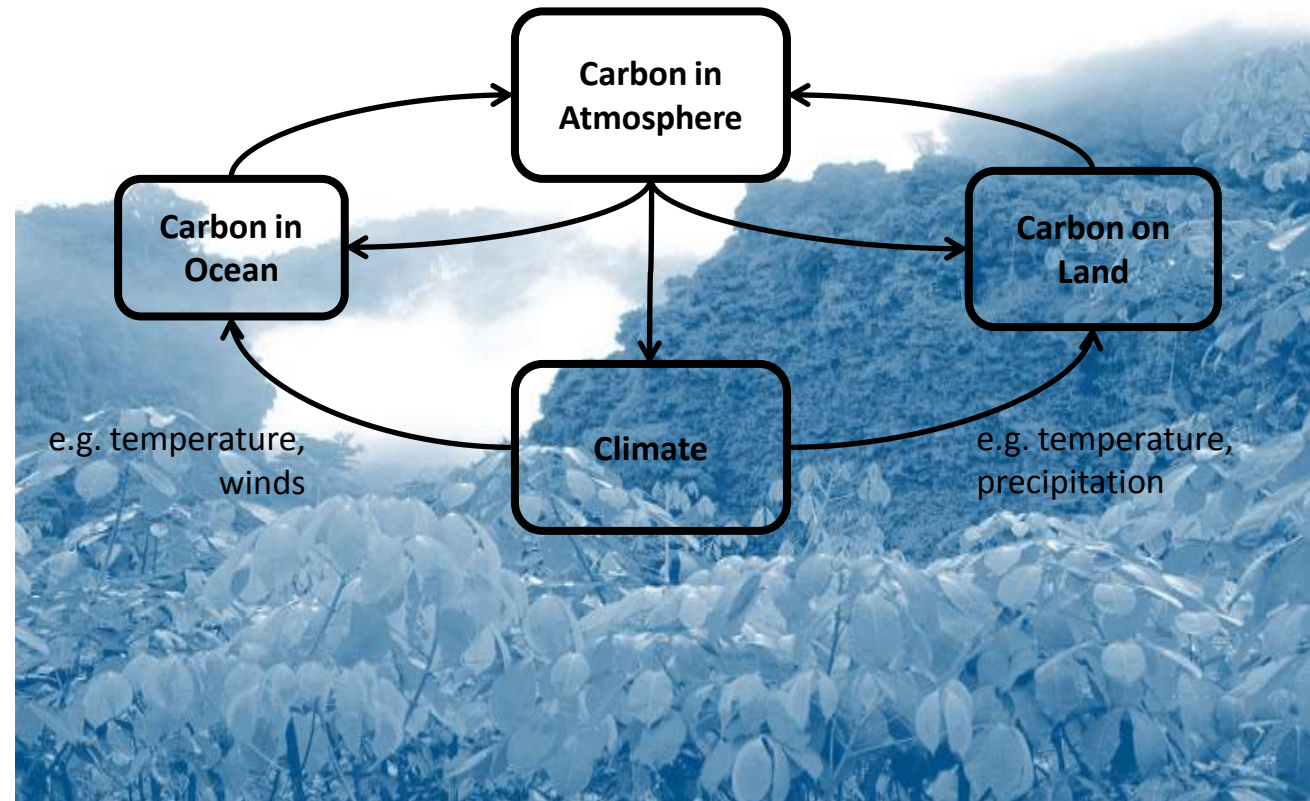
- What will be the impact of policy decisions and human actions?
- Will vegetation (mostly forests) continue to absorb 25% of human CO<sub>2</sub> emissions?

Computational Modeling seeks to create understanding from data sets that are distributed and diverse in time and space

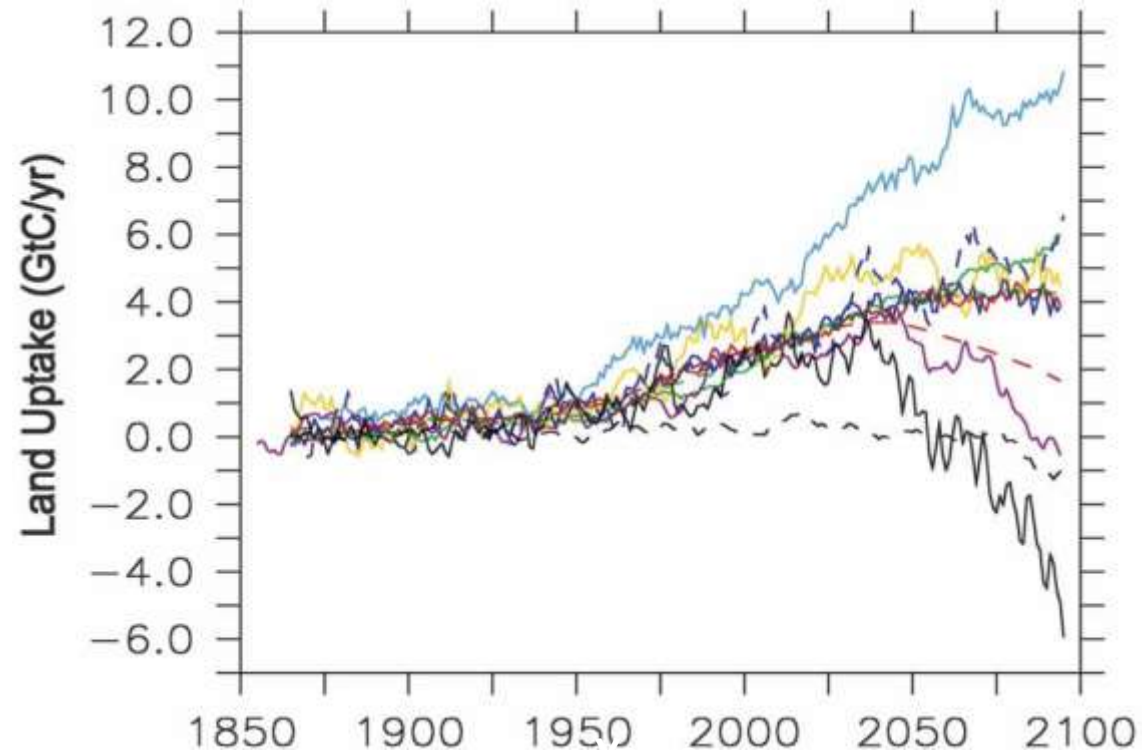


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# Global Carbon-Climate Feedback Model



# Current Terrestrial Carbon Models are limited



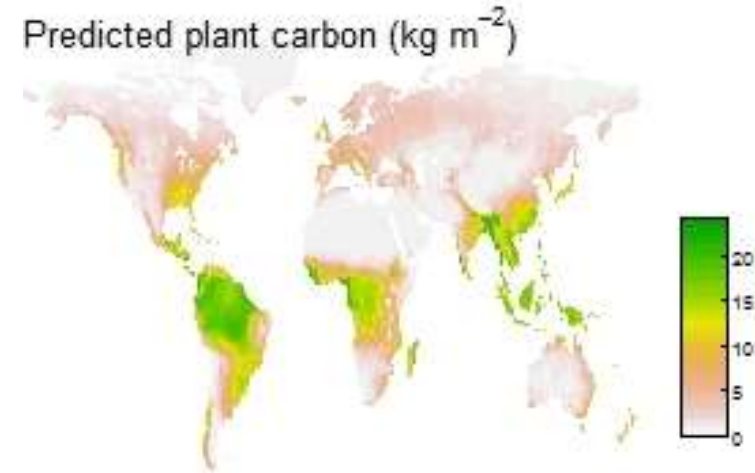
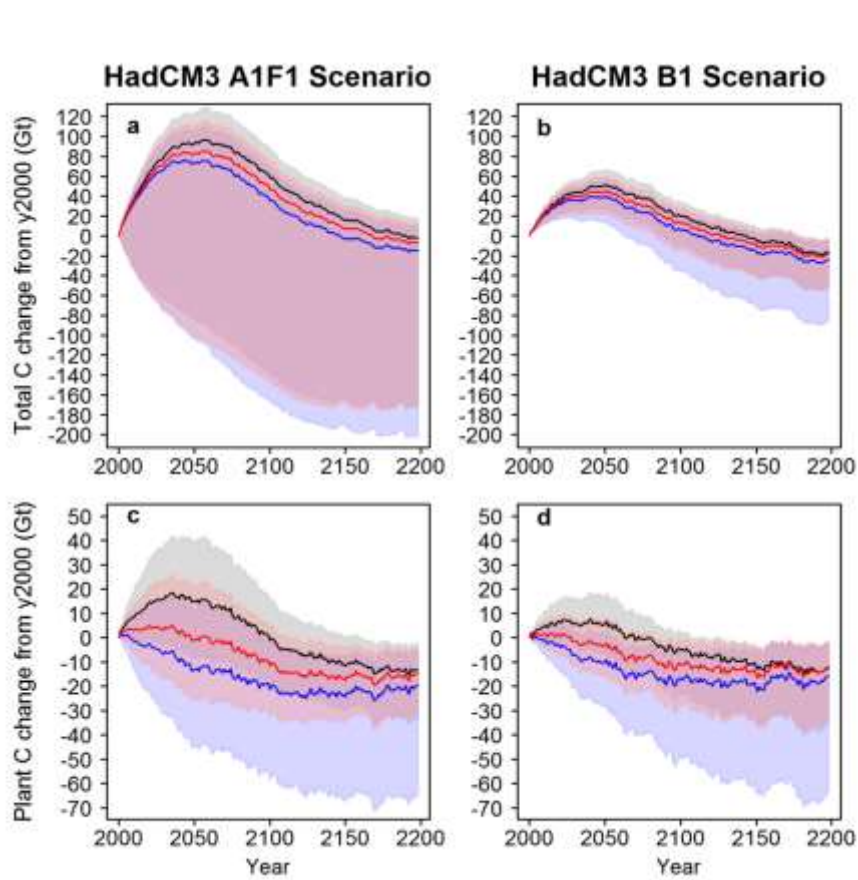
# Dealing with Uncertainty

- Characterize and evaluate the component models of the Carbon-Climate feedback cycle
- Use Bayesian inference to characterize missing data and uncertainty in predictions
  - Constrain parameters of component eco-physiological processes of a Dynamic Global Vegetation Model (DGVM) using 12 global empirical data sets
  - See paper by Matthew Smith et al. :

**“The climate dependence of the terrestrial carbon cycle; including parameter and structural uncertainties”**

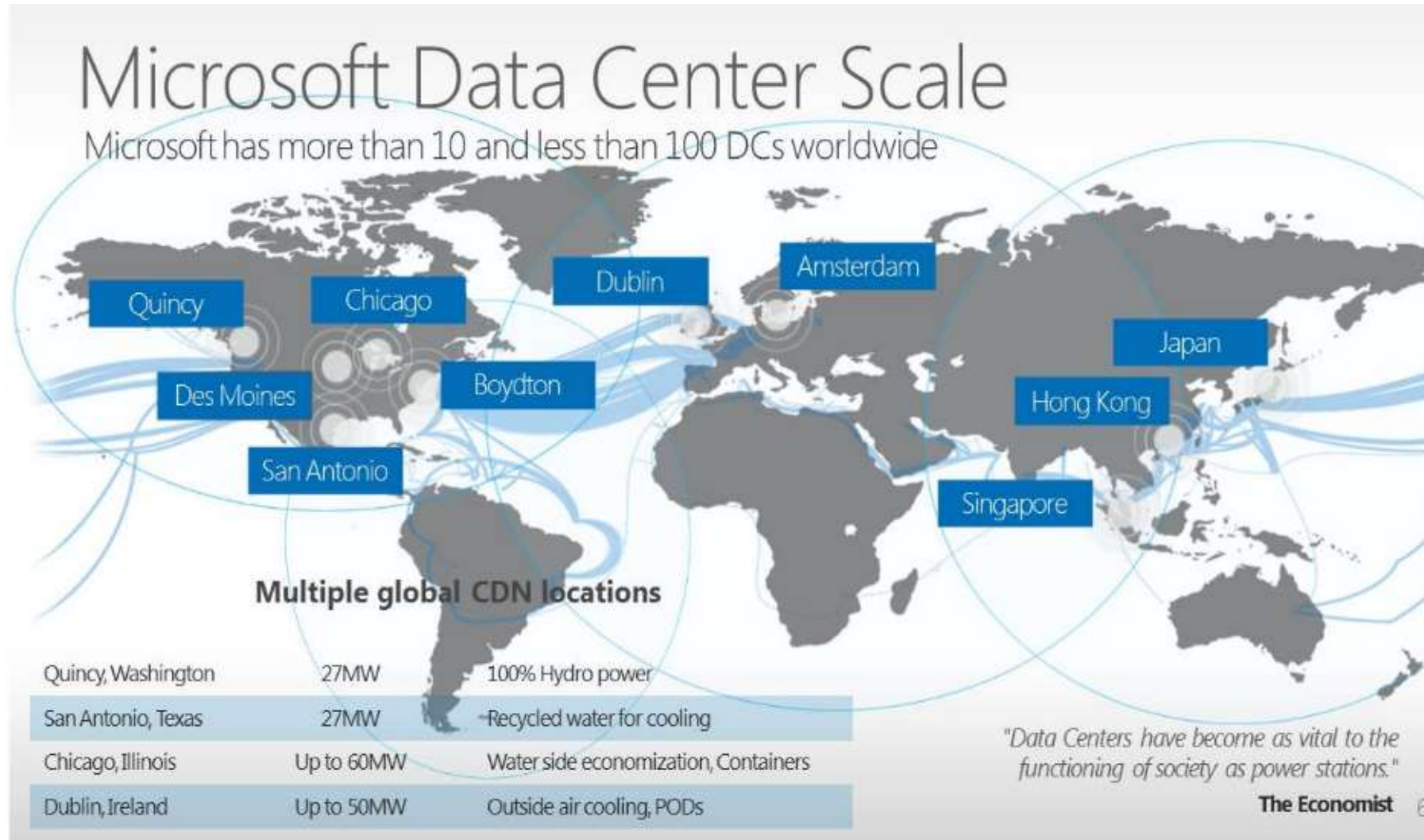
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# Future Global Changes Predicted with Uncertainty Ranges

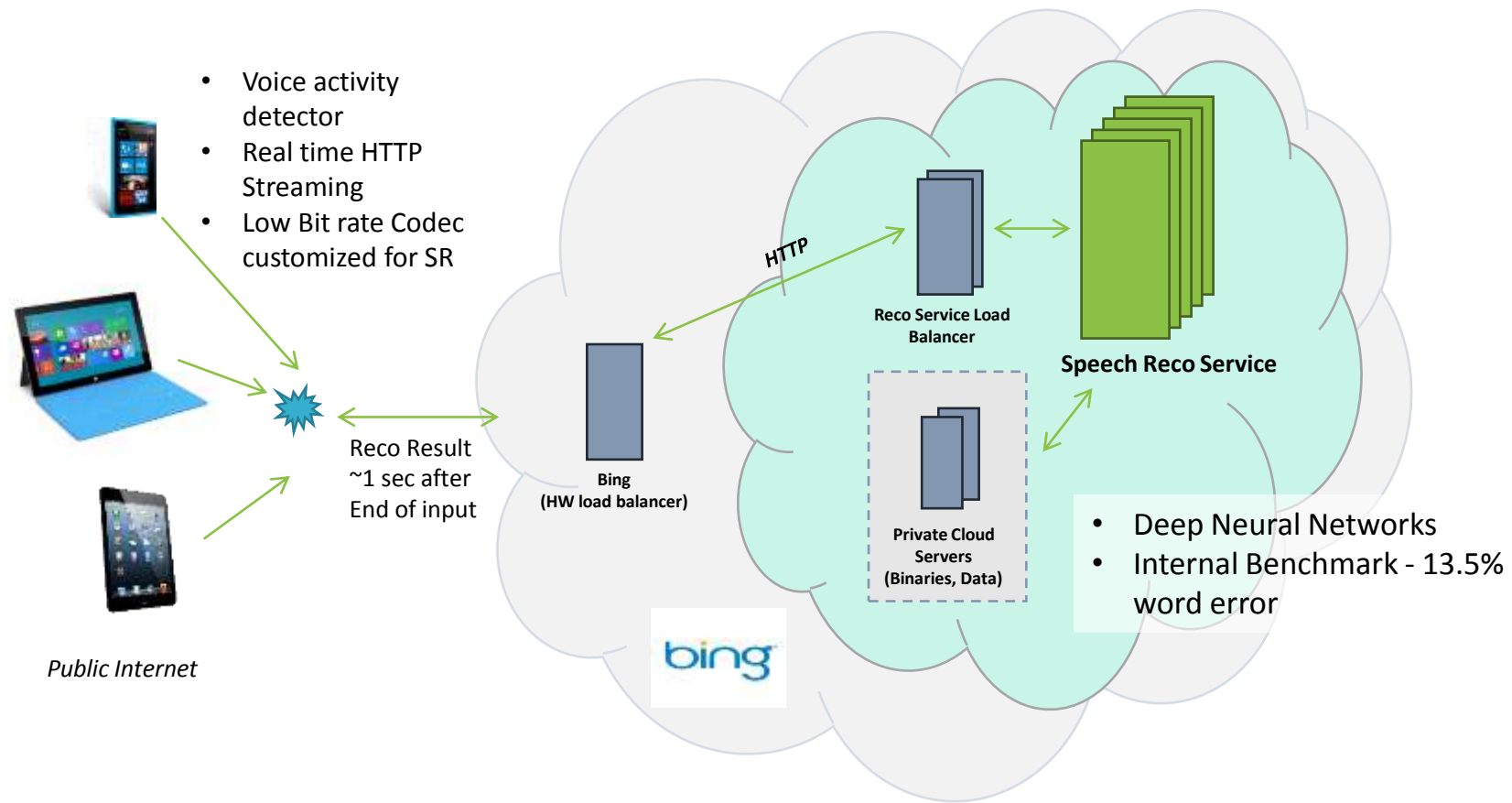


# Cloud Services

# Industry is building out massive Infrastructure



# Bing Speech Recognition Service Architecture





# The Cloud Advantages

## Omnipresent Services

- Uploading data
- Download commands
- Streaming signals
- Network between Devices

## Accelerates Collaboration

- Sharing data
- Sharing algorithms
- Co-authoring
- Reproducible Research

## Compute and Storage Elasticity

- Lower barriers to adoption
- Lower barriers to scaling
- Lower overheads

## Cloud is not High-End Supercomputing

- Cloud offers modest HPC services
- Supports Hadoop, Apache Spark, ...
- Machine Learning services for Big Data

# An Example of Cloud Power: Genomics and Personalized medicine

Use genetic markers to...

- Understand causes of disease
- Diagnose a disease
- Infer propensity to get a disease
- Predict reaction to a drug



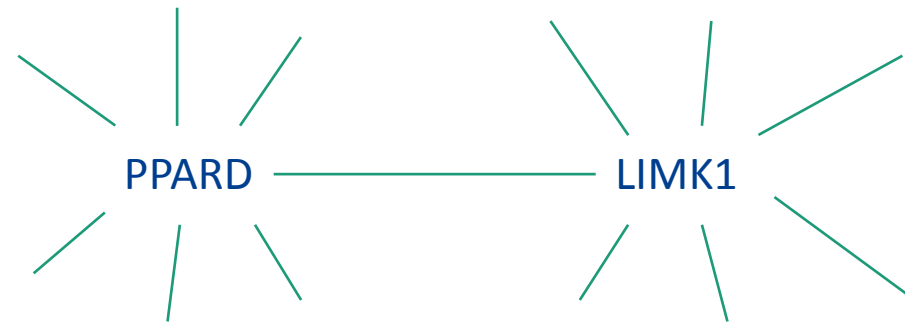
# 'Moondog' Azure Cloud Project

- Wellcome Trust data for seven common diseases
- With FaST-LMM and Azure, can look at all SNP pairs (about 60 billion of them)
- 1,000 compute years; 20 TB output
- Using 27,000 Azure compute cores analysis was completed in just 13 days



# Moondog project with Azure: First Results

In coronary artery disease...



SCIENTIFIC REPORTS

An Exhaustive Epistatic SNP Association Analysis  
on Expanded Wellcome Trust Data

Christoph Lippert, Jennifer Listgarten, Robert I. Davidson, Jeff Baxter, Hoifung Poon, Carl M. Kadie & David Heckerman

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As I jumped from room to room on Turntable.fm last night my eyes caught a glimpse of a rare room titled "AOKIxSOLREPUBLIC" . I clicked it with a fury.

# What is a Data Scientist?

## Data Engineer



### People who are expert at

- Operating at low levels close to the data, write code that manipulates
- They may have some machine learning background.
- Large companies may have teams of them in-house or they may look to third party specialists to do the work.

## Data Analyst



### People who explore data through statistical and analytical methods

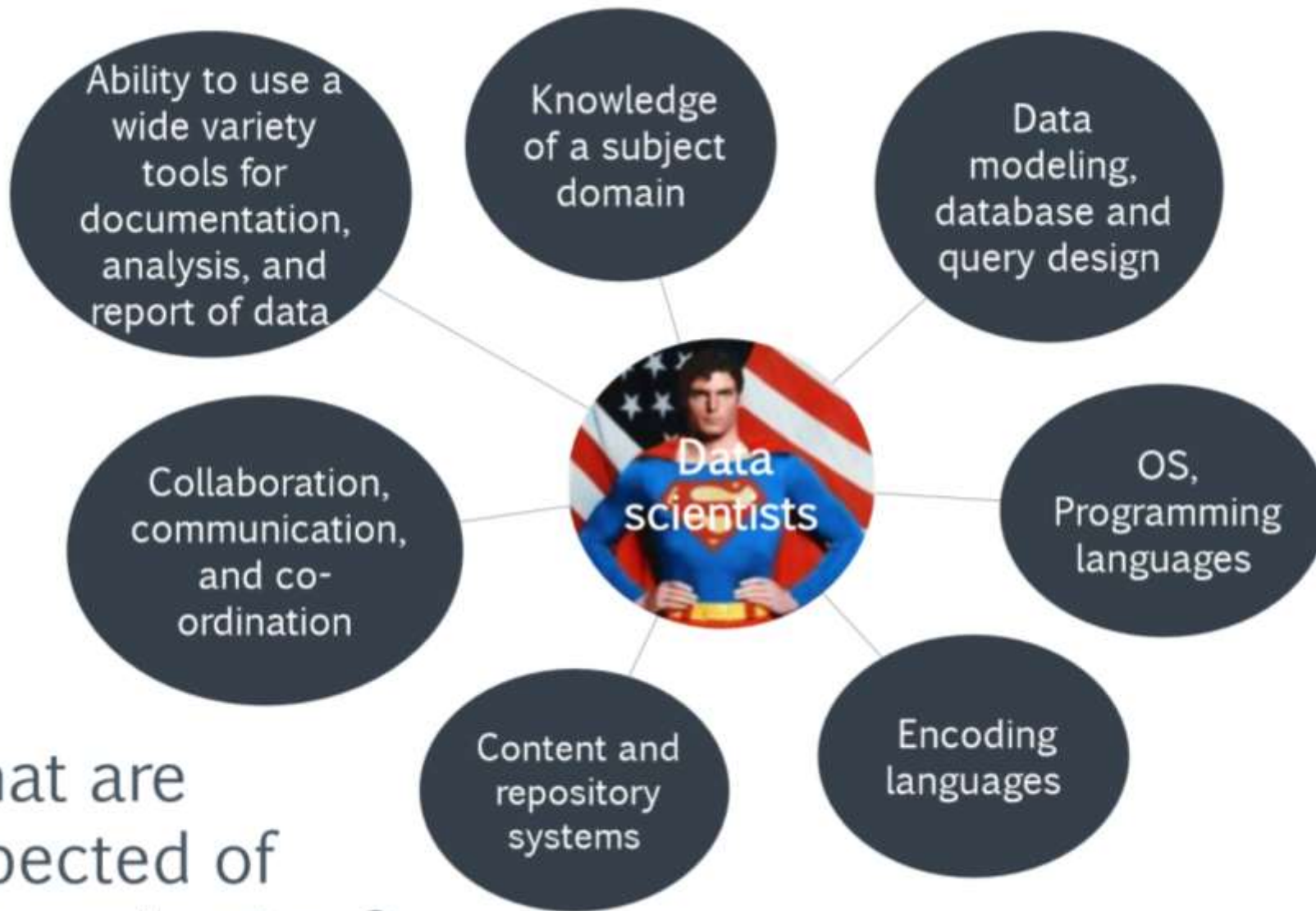
- They may know programming; May be an spreadsheet wizard.
- Either way, they can build models based on low-level data.
- They eat and drink numbers; They know which questions to ask of the data. Every company will have lots of these.

## Data Steward



### People who think to managing, curating, and preserving data.

- They are information specialists, archivists, librarians and compliance officers.
- This is an important role: if data has value, you want someone to manage it, make it discoverable, look after it and make sure it remains usable.



What are expected of data scientists?



# Microsoft – new roles for Data Scientists

## DATA & APPLIED SCIENTIST

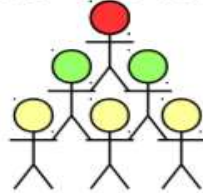
### 3 ROLES:

- DATA SCIENTIST
- MACHINE LEARNING SCIENTIST
- APPLIED SCIENTIST)

Apply rigorous scientific methodology to data to discover and frame relevant problems, hypotheses, or opportunities, and drive actionable insight, tools, technology, or methods into the device/ product/service development process to achieve customer and business goals.

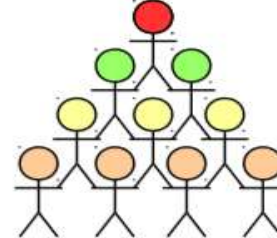
# How do we work?

## How we worked



PI stands on the shoulders of her postdocs and students (and as Newton would have said, the giants.)

## How we work

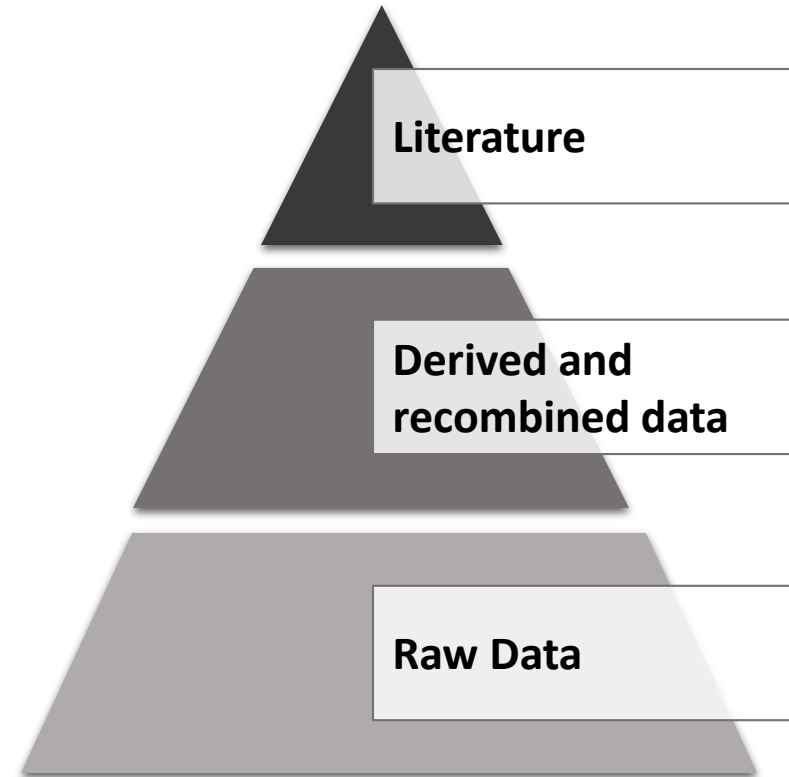


PI stands on the shoulders of her postdocs, students, software engineers and data scientists. (Are the giants down with the turtles?).

- ▶ It's fair to say that our institutions have not really caught onto the necessity to have careers for everyone in that stack.
- ▶ From the people managing vocabularies and manually entering metadata, to the software engineers and data scientists, we have new careers appearing, and we're not really ready for it.
- ▶ Mercifully we're not alone, bioinformatics is blazing a similar trail, but we have much to do.

# Jim Gray's Vision: All Scientific Data Online

- Many disciplines overlap and use data from other sciences.
- Internet can unify all literature and data
- Go from literature *to* computation *to* data *back to* literature.
- Information at your fingertips –  
For everyone, everywhere
- Increase Scientific Information Velocity
- Huge increase in Science Productivity



*(From Jim Gray's last talk)*