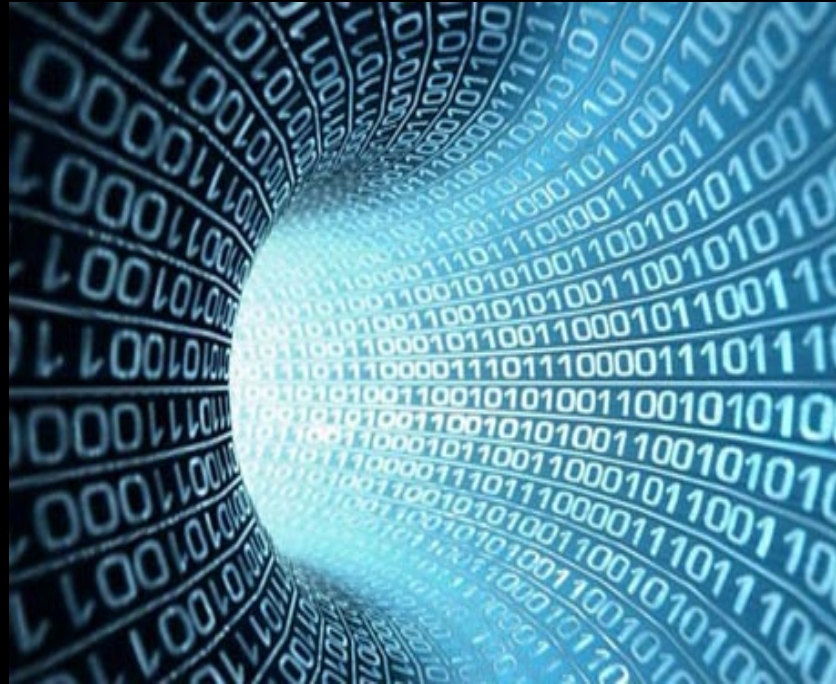


# ***Big Data, Data Science and AI: Architectural Considerations***



Daniel Crichton, Program Manager, Principal Investigator, Principal Computer Scientist  
Leader, Center for Data Science and Technology

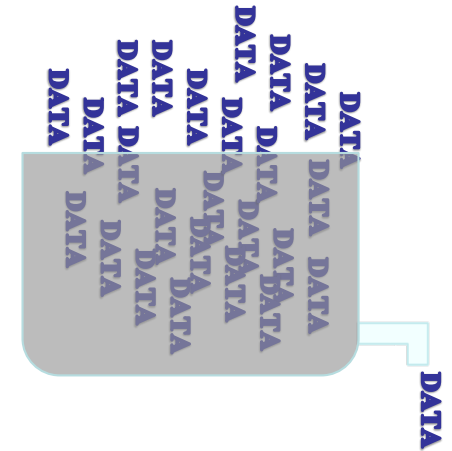
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# Terms: *Big Data and Data Science*

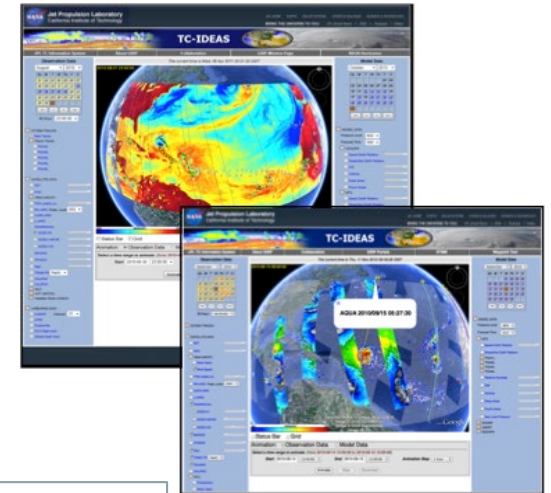
## **Big Data**

When needs for data collection, processing, management and analysis go beyond the capacity and capability of available methods and software systems



## **Data Science**

*Scalable* architectural approaches, techniques, software and algorithms which alter the paradigm by which data is collected, managed and analyzed

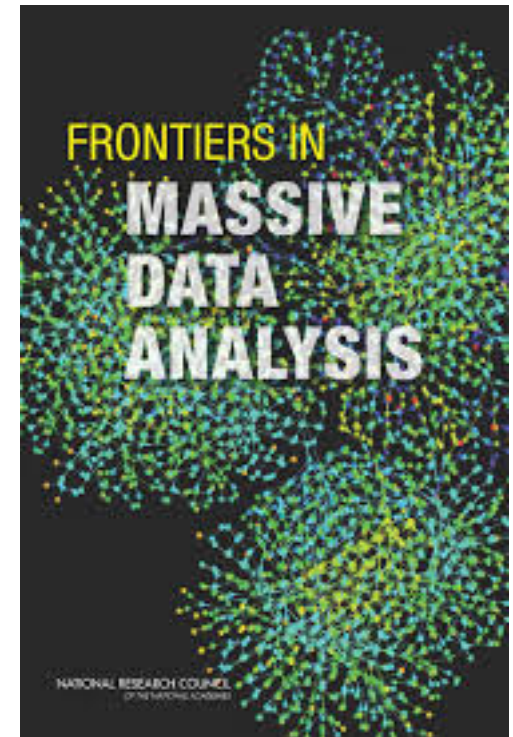


*The opportunities to use data are immense!*

# NRC Report

## *Frontiers in the Analysis of Massive Data*

- Chartered in 2010 by the National Research Council
- Chaired by Michael Jordan, Berkeley, AMP Lab (Algorithms, Machines, People)
- Co-author: Dan Crichton, JPL
- Consideration of the architecture for big data management and analysis
- Importance of systematizing the analysis of data
- Need for end-to-end lifecycle: from point of capture to analysis
- Integration of multiple discipline experts
- Application of novel statistical and machine learning approaches for data discovery



Published in  
2013

**- A Major Shift from Compute-Intensive to Data-Intensive -**

# Using Data as a Strategic Asset to Transform “How We Work”

## Vision

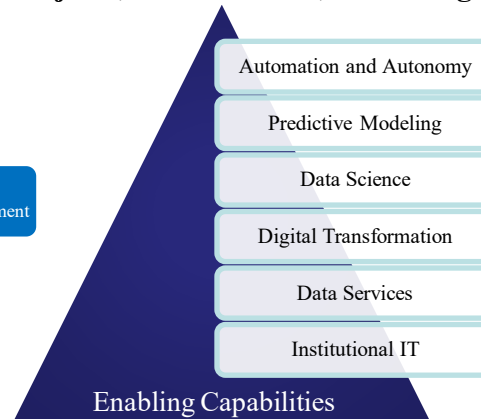
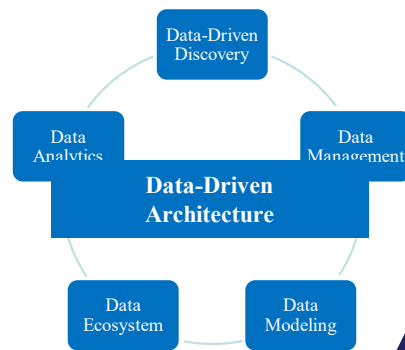
Establish a data-centric culture and competency for JPL using data and analytics to innovate and create the Lab of the future, transforming “what we do” and “how we do it.”

### Institutional, Business Data Lifecycles

- Data-driven business and project decisions
- Analytics and decision support leveraging all operational data
- Best practice management of JPL institutional data repositories



### Cross-Cutting People, Projects, Architectures, Technologies



Data is FAIR (Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, Reusable)



### Mission, Science Data Lifecycles

- Data-Driven Discovery from Archives
- Intelligent Ground Systems and Automated Mission Operations
- Integrated Model- and Data-Driven Methodologies

**Drive Decisions \* Create Knowledge \* Increase Efficiency \* Connect Community**

# From Data to Models to Enable Automation and Autonomy: An Enterprise View

**Automation and Autonomy** – Use robust models and data-driven methods to enable autonomous decisions and automated operations in all types of environments

**Predictive Modeling** – Embrace modeling across JPL for science, missions, engineering, and institutional activities

**Data Science** – Embrace AI, ML and data analytics for JPL science, missions and other areas

**Digital Transformation** – Capture the Laboratory's Digital Data Assets

**Institutional IT** – Provide a foundational set of services to support scalability in storage, computation, and networking



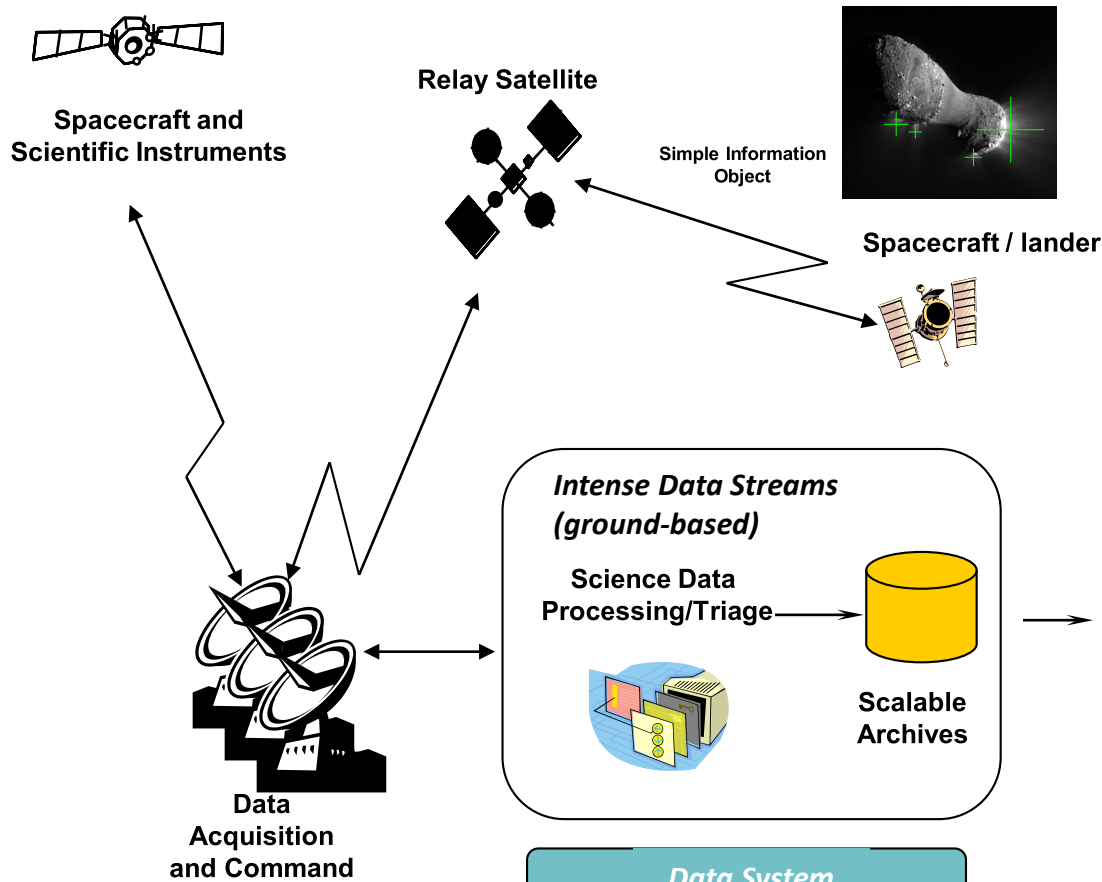
**Really, Really Big Data**  
NASA at the Forefront of Analytics

Seth Earley, Earley Information Science



# Data Lifecycle Model for Space Missions

## Data Architecture (End-to-End)



## Data Providers

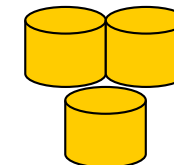
### Agile Science (flight-based)

Rapid Turnaround  
Science Planning  
(ground- and flight-based)

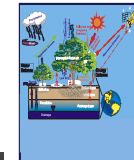
Onboard  
Feature and  
Event Detection

Massive, Distributed  
Data Archives of  
Observations and Models

Massive  
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Analytics  
(archive-based)



Massive  
Computation



Analysis of  
Massive,  
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Data



Applications  
Community



Research  
Community

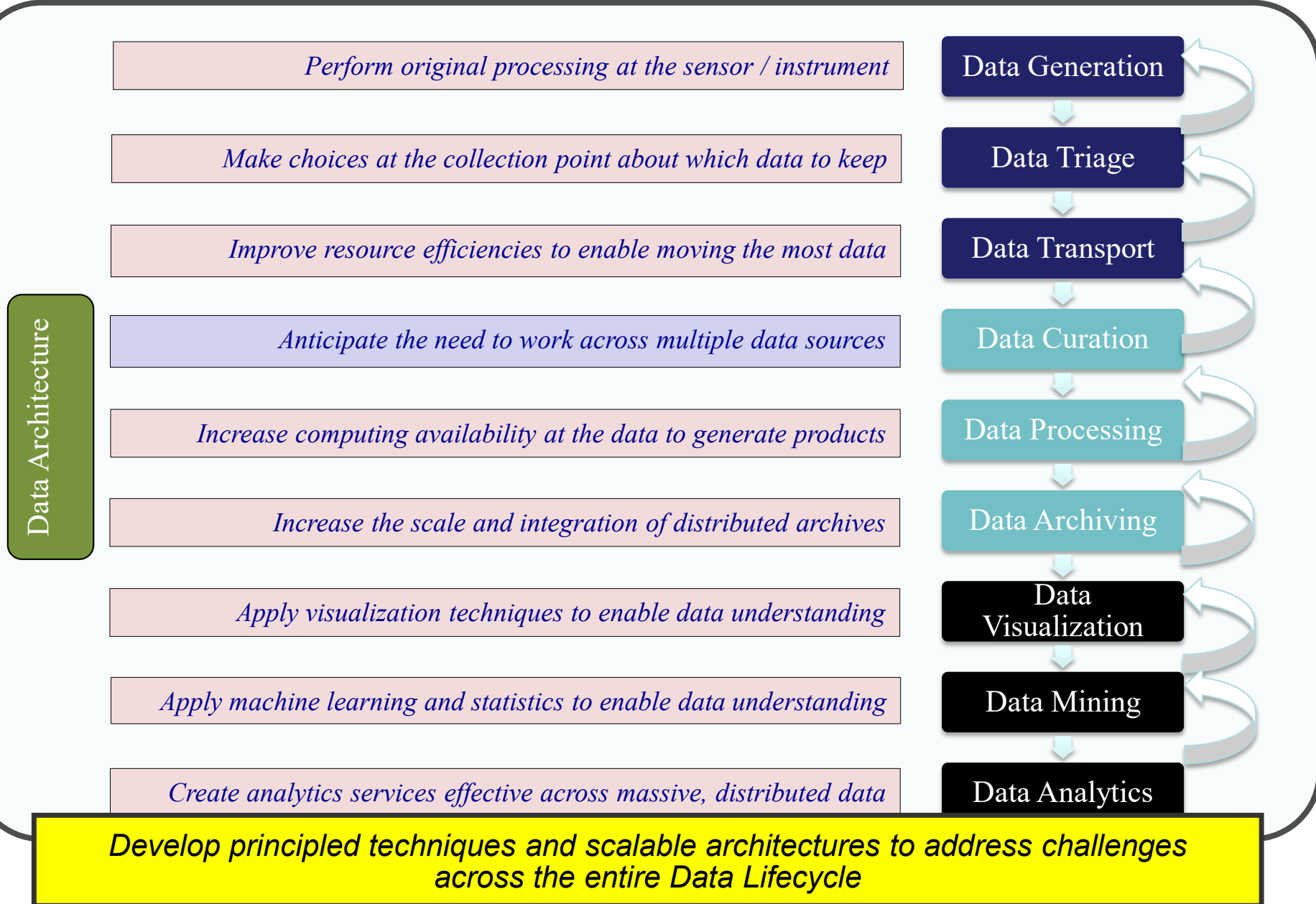


Science Teams

## Data Users

# Data Architecture

## Address Big Data Challenges Across the Full Data Lifecycle



# Unifying Steward and Analytics



Science Teams

*How do these connect?*

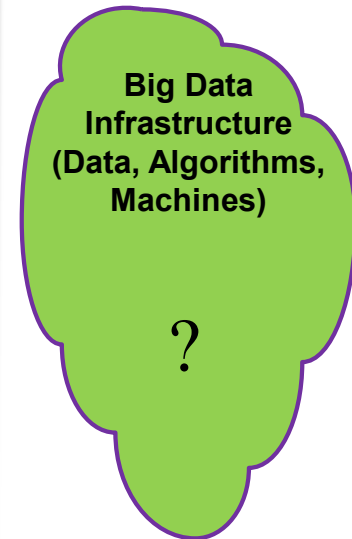
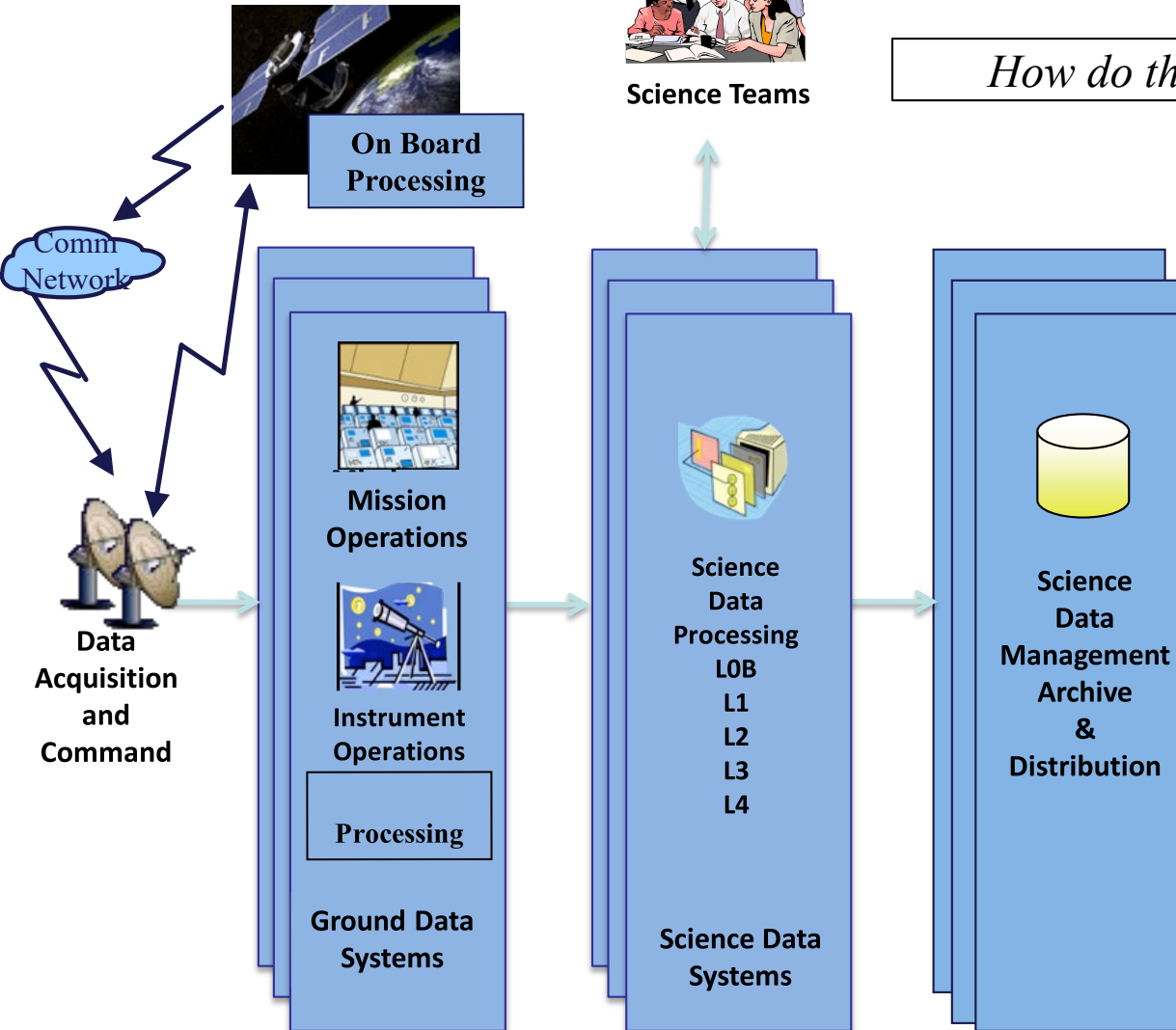
Research



Outreach



Applications



*Focus on generating, capturing, managing big data*

*Focus on using/analyzing big data*



# Systemizing the Analysis: Integrating Data Archiving and Analytics/AI/ML

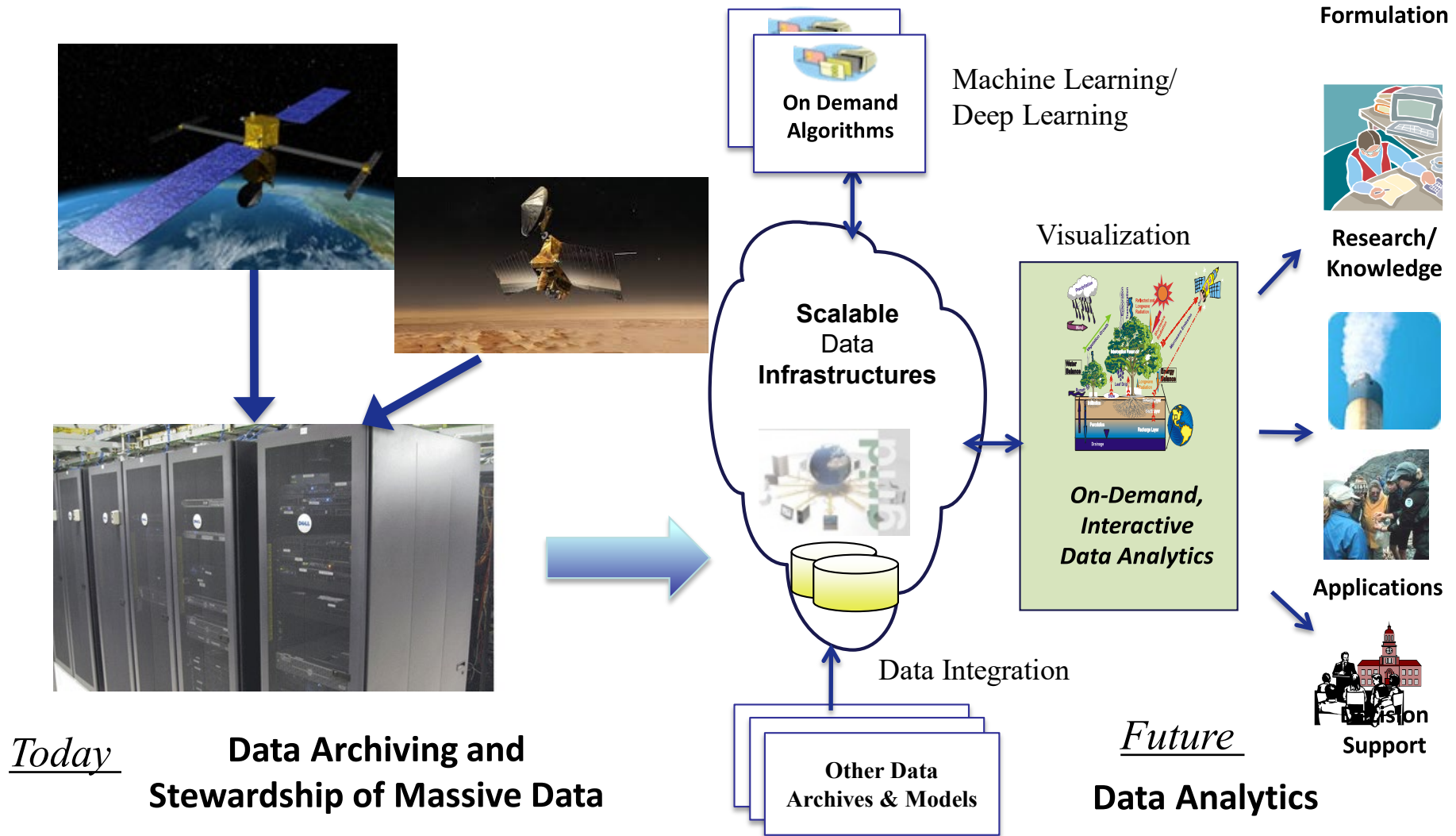
- **Scalable Data Management**

- Define the data lifecycle for different domains in science, engineering, business
- Capture well-architected and curated data repositories based on well-defined data/information architectures
- Architect automated pipelines for data generation and capture

- **Scalable Data Analytics**

- Create analytics ready data sources; new data results
- Develop computational capabilities at the data sources
- Develop analytical methods
  - Novel statistical approaches for data integration and fusion
  - Machine Learning/AI for data extraction, prioritization, reduction, pattern recognition, etc

# Enabling Data-Driven Analysis



Separate analysis ready data from archive formatted data for data-driven approaches

# Enabling Technical Capabilities Exist Today

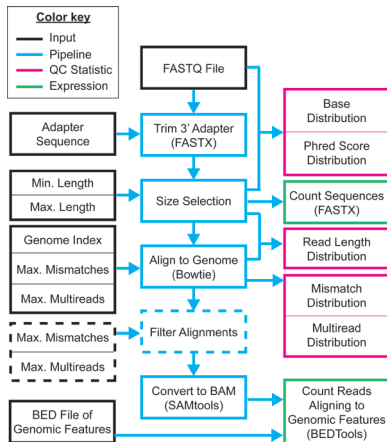


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**Cloud, Open Source,  
and Big Data  
Infrastructures**

**Machine Learning  
and Deep Learning**

**Ontologies and  
Information Models**



**Computational  
Pipelines/HPC**



**Great Opportunities for  
Methodology Transfer and Collaboration**

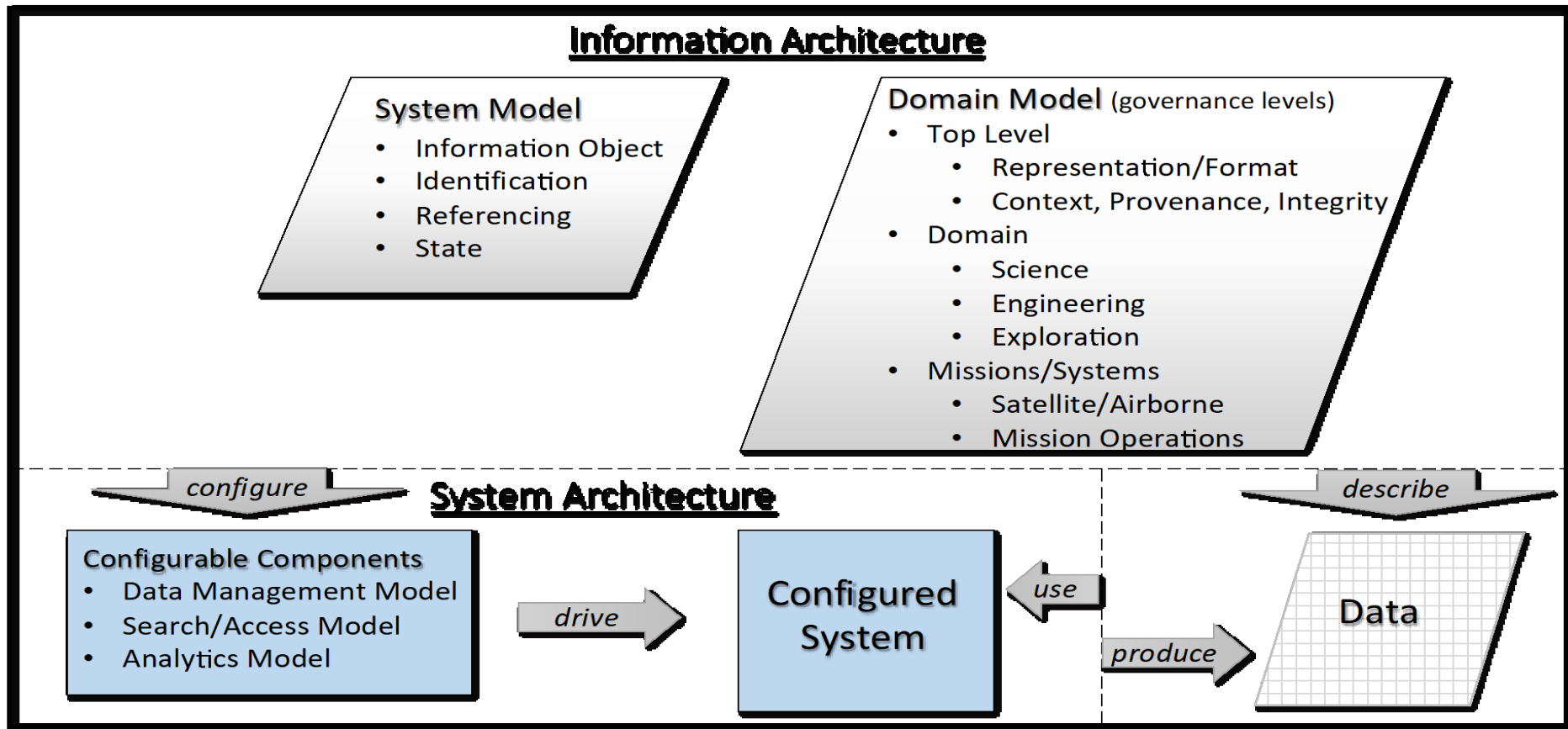


**Visualization and  
HCI Techniques**

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# Models of Data: An information model-driven approach

## Information System Architecture



Crichton, D. Hughes, J.S. ; Hardman, S. ; Law, E. ; Beebe, R. ; Morgan, T.; Grayzeck, E.

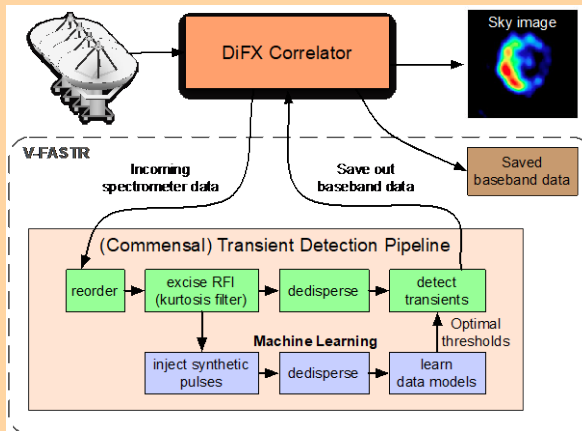
A Scalable Planetary Science Information Architecture for Big Science Data.

IEEE 10th International Conference on e-Science, October 2014.

# Triage, Analysis, and Understanding of Massive Data using Machine Learning

- Detection: fast identification of signals of interest (triage)

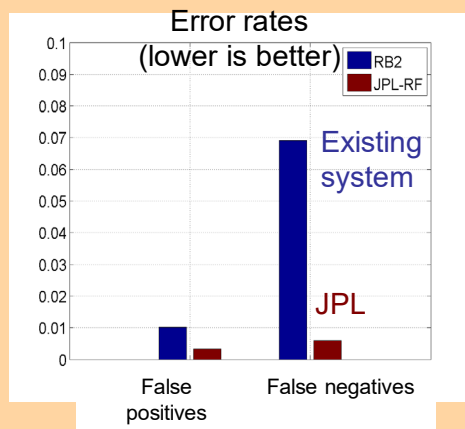
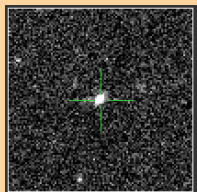
Radio astronomy:  
V-FASTR  
realtime system at the VLBA



- Classification: online, real-time source type classification

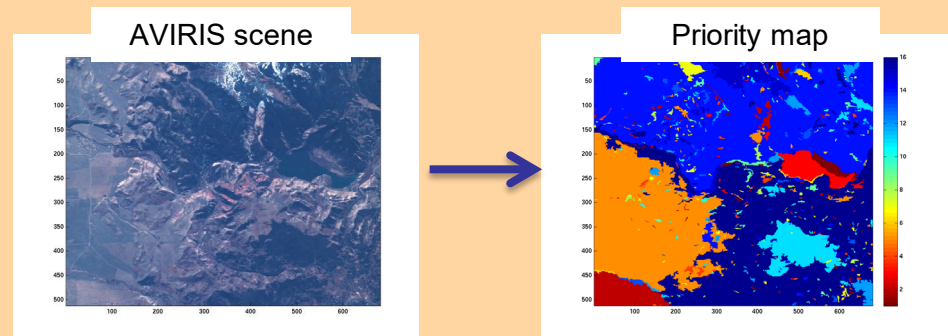
Optical astronomy:  
Reducing false positives for the Palomar Transient Factory

Real or spurious?



- Prioritization: use triage decisions to inform adaptive data compression

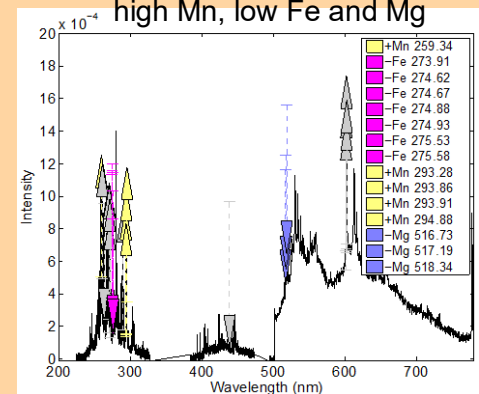
Earth science:  
Onboard content-sensitive data compression



- Understanding: generate human-understandable explanations for decisions

Planetary science:  
Anomaly detection in ChemCam emission spectra from Mars, with content-sensitive “explanations” indicated with arrows (higher than expected vs. lower than expected)

Rhodochrosite explanations:  
high Mn, low Fe and Mg

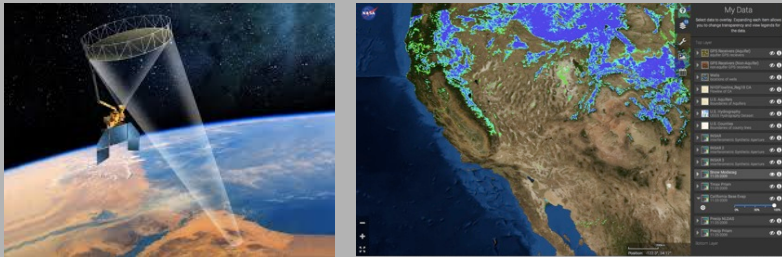




# Driving Data Science into JPL's Fabric

- ~50 pilots launched 2017-2020
  - Spanning science, mission and DSN operations, and formulation
  - Building towards a data science vision of full utilization of data and agile application of analytics

## Use Cases: Science



## Use Cases: Mission Ops



## Use Cases: Formulation



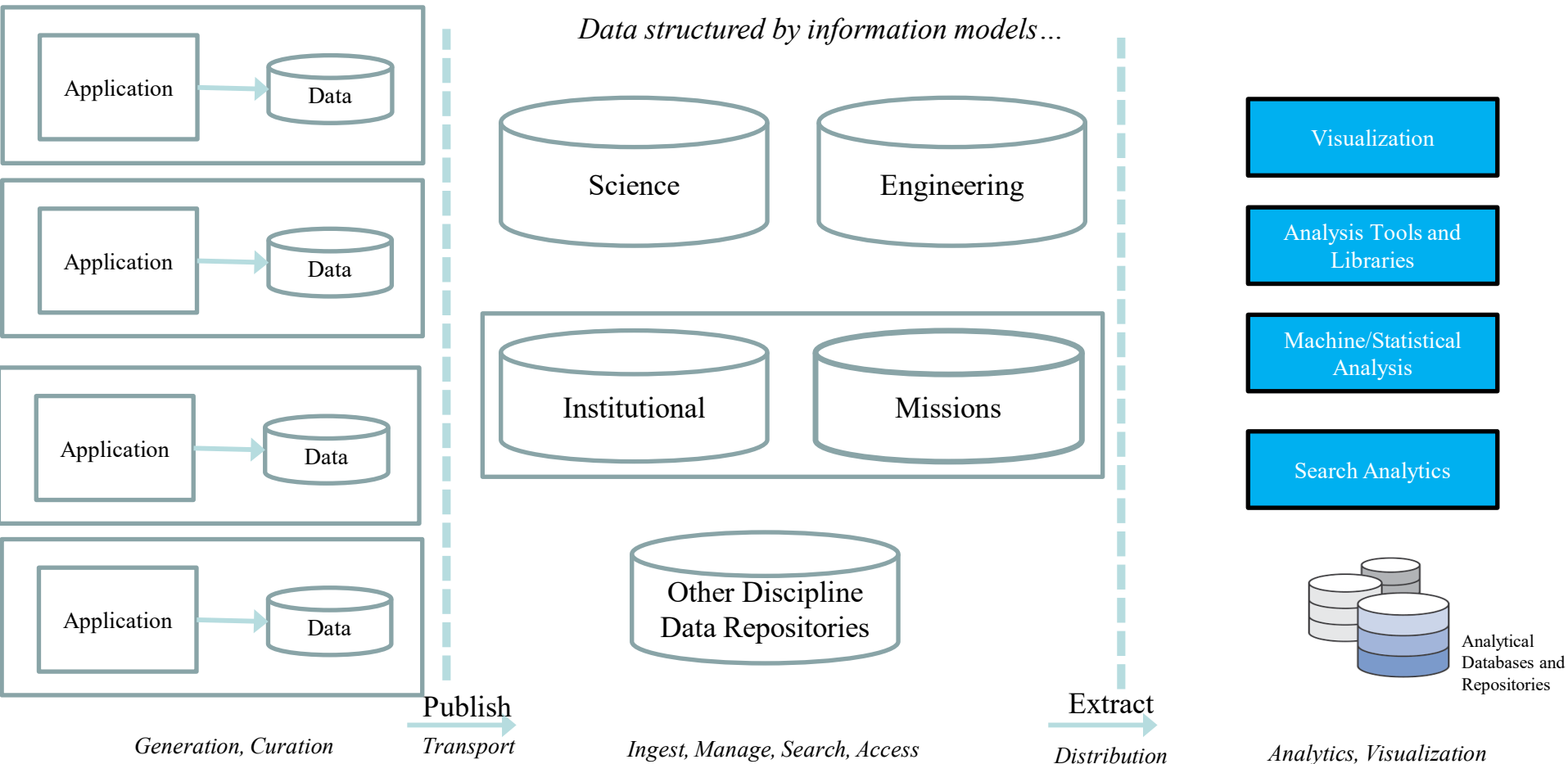
## Use Cases: Institution



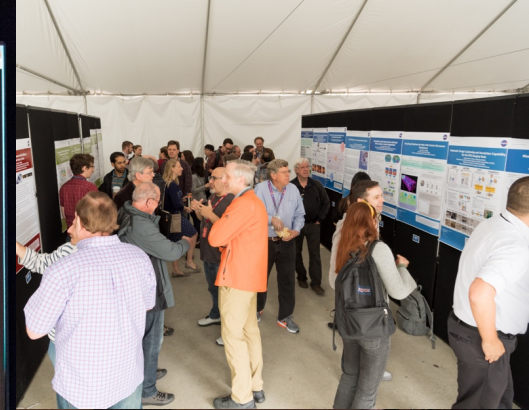


# JPL's Emerging Enterprise Data and Analytics Strategy

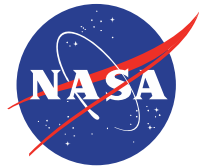
## *From Applications to Data-Driven Discovery and Analytics*



# Capacity building across JPL: Driving a Lab-wide Data Strategy



*This is our future!*



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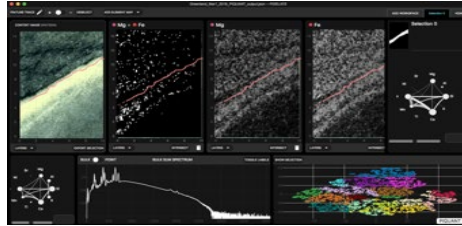
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# Data Science Pilots: Direct Infusion now into the Fabric of JPL

## 1) Astrobiology (Mars 2020)

**S. Davidoff**

- **Machine Learning:**  
Increased performance for identifying geochemical similarity in images by 10,000% (days to seconds)
- **Missions:** Mars 2020 for PIXL Science Ops in FY2020



## 2) Autonomous Spectral Mapping Instrumentation (SOFIA)

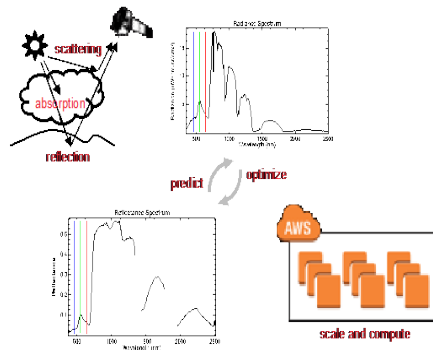
**J. Pineda**

- **Machine Learning:**  
techniques to identify data anomalies in spectral line mapping instruments in real time.
- **Missions:** SOFIA



## 3) Mission-Ready Prototype Level 2 for SBG D. Thompson

- **Machine Learning:**  
multiple orders of magnitude improvement in analyzing atmospheric radiative transfer models (RTMs)
- **Missions:** EMIT, SBG, and Geology Decadal Observable



## 4) Automatic Per-Pixel Classification of UAVSAR Imagery M. Denbina

- **Machine Learning:**  
Increased automated flood detection accuracy from 76% to 87%
- **Missions:** JPL UAVSAR processing group for faster disaster response.

