

# The National Data Platform (NDP): Democratizing Data and Responsible Artificial Intelligence

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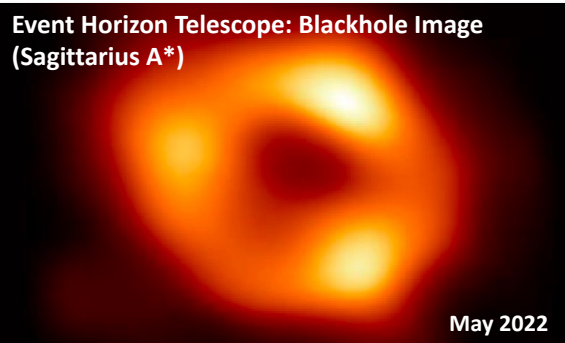
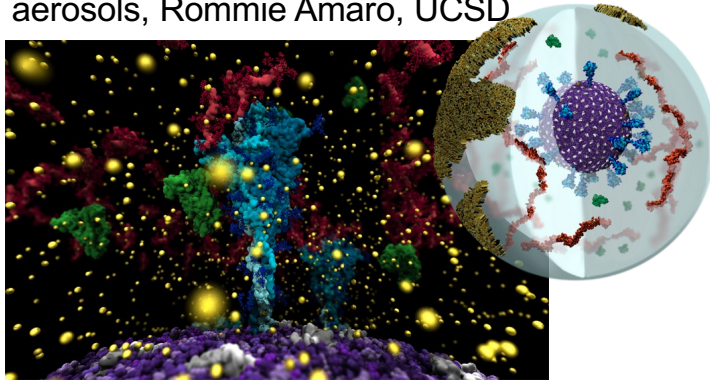


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# Science / Society Transformed by Data, Cyberinfrastructure

Modeling of the delta virus inside respiratory aerosols, Rommie Amaro, UCSD



Cyberinfrastructure is a key enabler of discoveries & innovations

## Data-driven Urgent Science



Earthquakes & Tsunamis

Extreme Weather

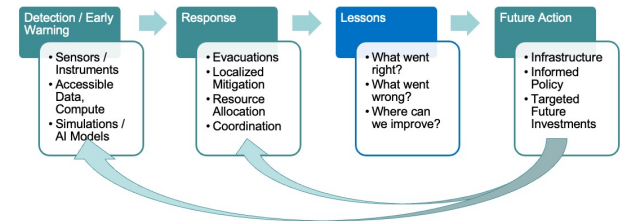


Cyber-Attacks

Pandemics



Industrial Disasters



**Detection / Early Warning**

- Sensors / Instruments
- Accessible Data, Compute Simulations / AI Models

**Response**

- Evacuations
- Localized Mitigation
- Resource Allocation
- Coordination

**Lessons**

- What went right?
- What went wrong?
- Where can we improve?

**Future Action**

- Infrastructure
- Informed Policy
- Targeted Future Investments



# The Transcendence of AI

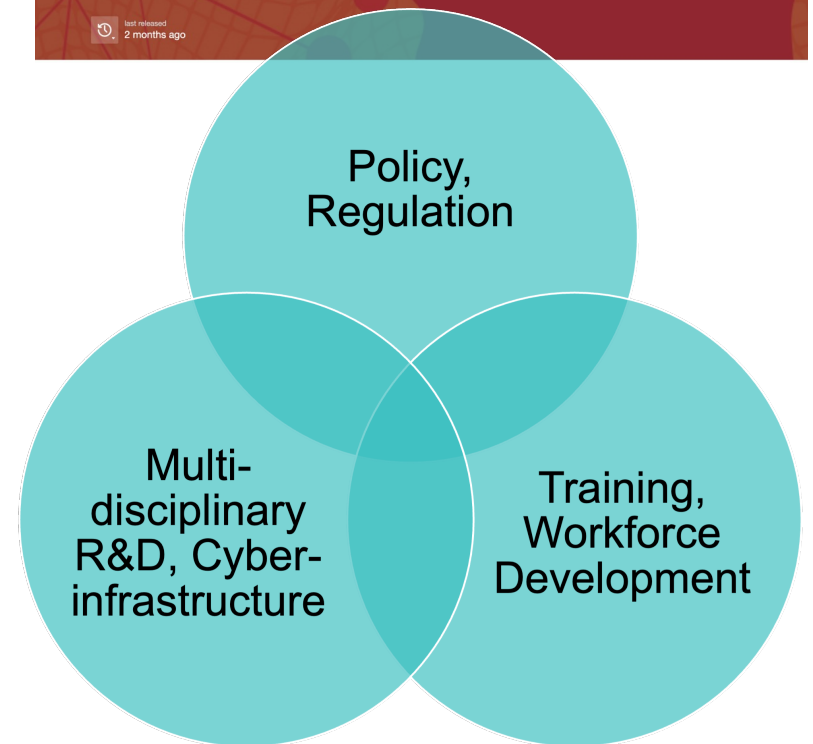
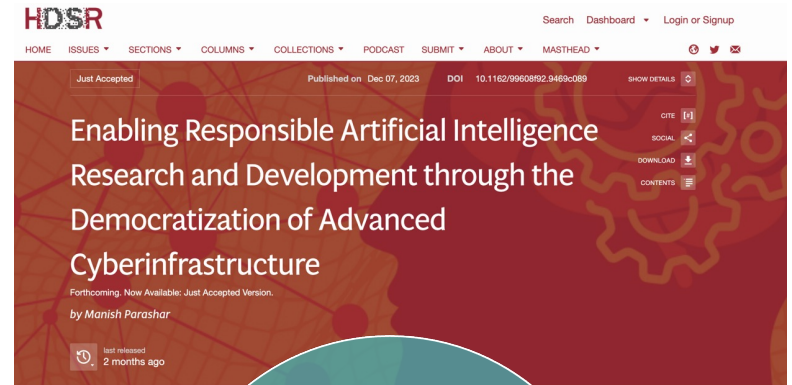


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# Democratizing Responsible Data, AI is important

- Key characteristics for responsible AI (NIST) *validity, safety security, accountability, privacy enhancement, fairness, and explainability.*
- The quality and impact of research and the pace of innovation are linked to the diversity of the contributions.
- Especially true for AI-enabled research
  - In case of AI, quality depends on who is developing and use AI, and where the data coming from
  - Greater inclusivity in contribution to research and development increases the diversity of approaches and the fairness of the results.
- Many barriers: awareness, ability, access, association, ...



# NAIRR: Democratizing the AI R&D Ecosystem

**Goals:** Strengthen and democratize the U.S. AI Innovation ecosystem in a way that protects privacy, civil rights, and civil liberties.



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innovation



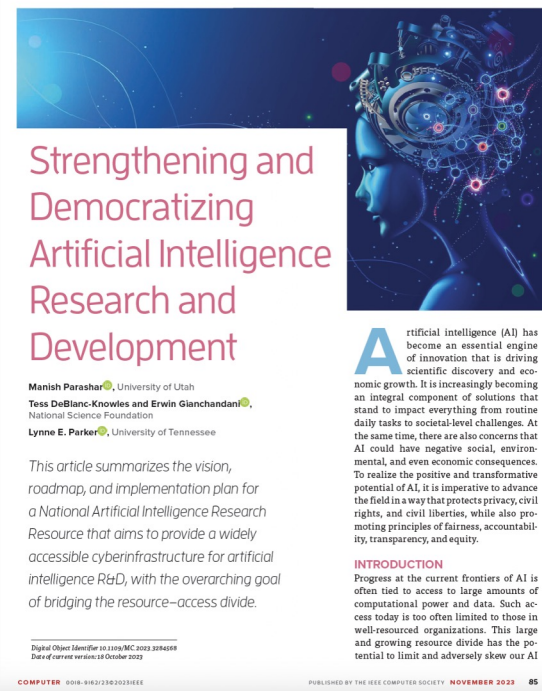
Increase the **diversity**  
of talent in AI



Improve U.S.  
**capacity** for AI R&D



Advance  
**trustworthy** AI



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Strengthening and Democratizing  
the U.S. Artificial Intelligence  
Innovation Ecosystem

An Implementation Plan for a  
National Artificial Intelligence Research Resource



<https://www.ai.gov/nairtff/>



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NATIONAL DATA PLATFORM  
Bridging the Data Gaps for AI

# National Data Platform - NDP

## Services for Equitable Open Access to Data

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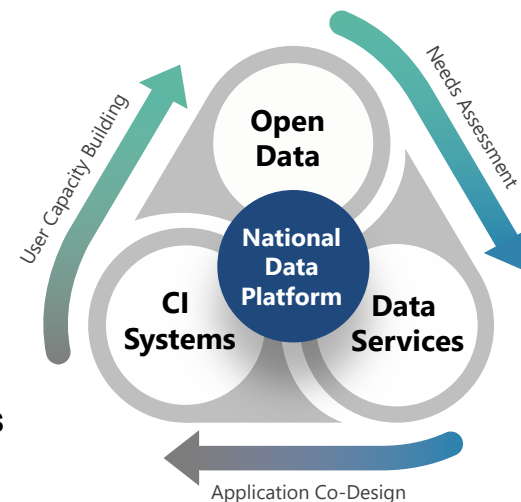


A **federated** and **extensible** data ecosystem to promote innovation and collaboration through the equitable use of data leveraging existing and future national cyberinfrastructure capabilities.

### FOCUS AREAS:

<https://www.nationaldatapatform.org/>

- **Platform** for data-enabled and AI-integrated workflows
  - Facilitates data registration and discovery via a **centralized hub**
  - Democratizes data access and use via **distributed points of presence**
  - Cultivates resources for **classroom education** and **data challenges**
  - Assists research and learning through **personalized workspaces**
- **Applications** in climate and AI with data diverse scientific data repositories including NSF facilities, NAIRR, NASA, USGS, NOAA and USDA
- **Partnerships** to foster scientific discovery, decision-making, policy formation and societal impact



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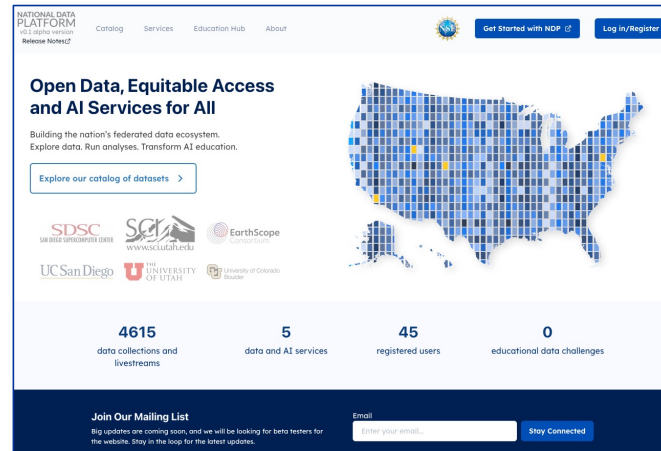
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Centralized portal for discovery through collaborative workspaces for research and education

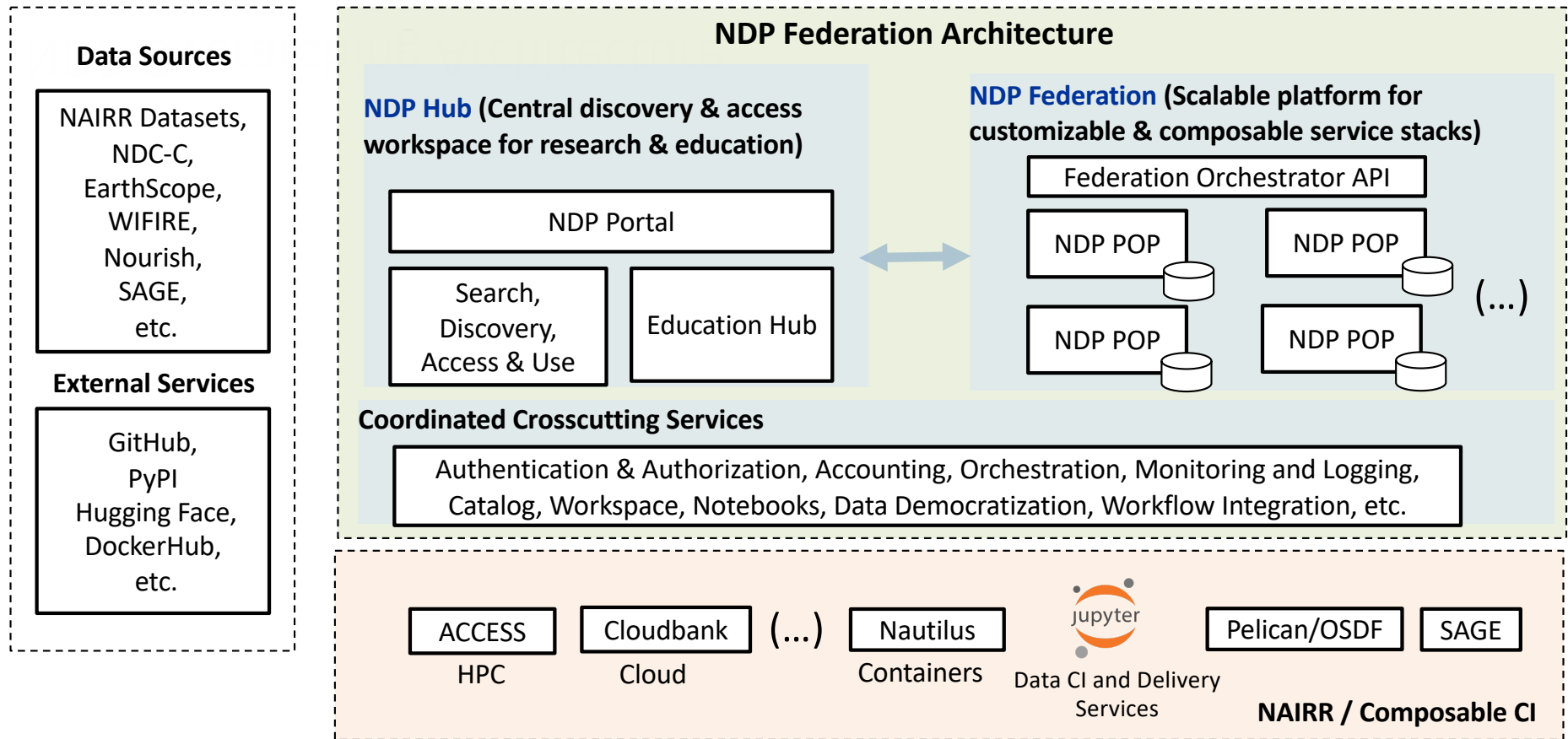


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A scalable platform for developing and deploying services at distributed points of presence

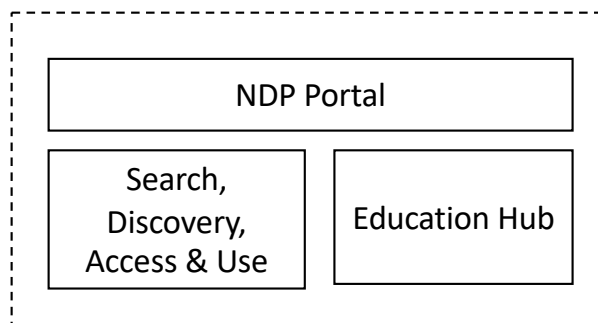
# NDP Overarching Architecture





# NDP Hub: Central discovery & access workspace for research & education

## NDP Hub



- NDP Portal (point of access)  
<https://nationaldatapatform.org>
- Metadata registration and indexing
  - Contributing organizations
  - Harvested metadata from NDP POPs
- Data search
  - String and conceptual search
  - Open Knowledge graphs / via LLMs

## NDP Standard Services

### Public:

- Extensible Data Catalog and Search Services
- Education Hub Informal Learning Modules

### Login-enabled:

- Keycloak Role-Based Access Service
- User Workspaces
- AI Gateway with Custom JupyterHub Service
- Data Catalog and OKN Ingestion
- External Model Ingestion
- Data Exploration Services
- MLFlow Dashboard Service
- Education Hub Classroom
- Education Hub Challenge
- Democratizing Data Dashboard

## Hub Capabilities Under Development

- Sage Data and Edge Code Integration Service
- Service Catalog and Discovery Service
- Educational Hub Expansion
- Streaming Data Services
- Pelican Registration Service
- Integrated Workflows

## Planned Future Work

- OKN Integration
- Data Curation
- Data Subsetting
- Data Provenance
- Educational Toolkits
- Open Science Chain Provenance Service
- Gateway Services

# NDP Hub: Data Search and Discovery

The image displays three overlapping screenshots of the National Data Platform (NDP) interface. The top screenshot shows the 'Data Catalog' search page with a search bar containing 'vegetation' and a 'Search' button. The middle screenshot shows the search results page, featuring a bar chart titled 'OH Matching' with 'Frequency' on the y-axis and 'EMO' and 'FOON' on the x-axis. The bottom screenshot shows an 'Annotations Network Graph' with a central node and numerous surrounding nodes connected by lines, representing relationships between different data annotations.

## Current Capabilities:

- Search capabilities to include not just text in metadata and ontology concepts but also time and location data.
- Ability to search time and time ranges within the data, such as from "27 September 2020" to "24 January 2021."
- Location-based searches can now be combined using specific location names (e.g., "San Luis Obispo") or boundary polygons.
- Support free-text search across "all metadata" without specifying particular fields.
- Utilize Lucene, a popular search syntax, to improve search functionality.

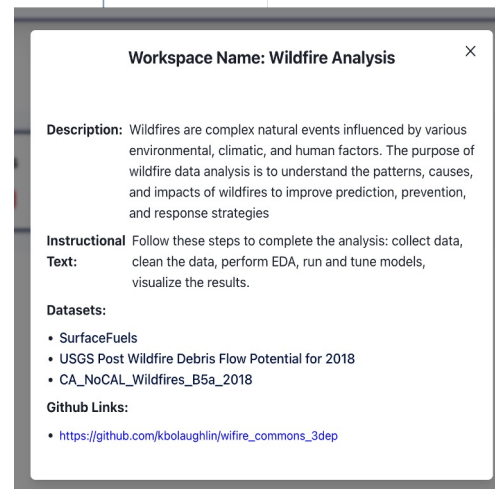
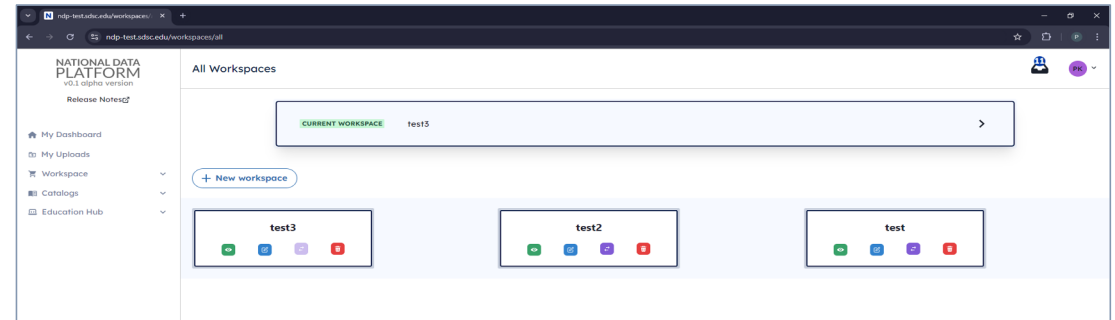
## Ongoing Work :

- Extract entity annotations from the metadata text and integrate them with the ontology to enhance search functionality.
- Create a vector store and develop a search pipeline that handles queries in natural language.
- Optimize the system's performance to ensure fast and accurate retrieval of relevant information.

# NDP Workspaces (Version 1 – September 2024)

**Goal :** Craft persistent and customizable workspaces with datasets and services to launch into a sandbox

- Create customized workspaces for varied use cases
- Search and add datasets to use in sandbox (HPC Env)
- Add github links for file access
- Launch packaged workspace into sandbox



Users can:

- view all their workspaces
- create new workspaces by clicking on the “New Workspace” button
- use workspace action buttons to preview, edit, switch and delete
- add datasets to their current workspace from the catalog page.

# NDP JupyterHub (Sandbox)

A compute environment for data analysis, machine learning training or any other computational tasks, built on top of NRP (Nautilus) cluster. Different datasets and tasks will require powerful compute resources (CPUs, GPUs, memory), which user can select and use seamlessly.

NDP JupyterHub Server Options  
Available resources page

Region: Any  
GPUs: 0  
Cores: 1  
RAM, GB: 16  
GPU type: NVIDIA GeForce GTX 1080 TI  
 /dev/shm for pytorch  
Select Pre-Built Image: Minimal NDP Starter Jupyter Lab  
Or Bring Your Own Image (JupyterLab Compatible):  
Enter your custom image URL here, including the tag. For example: jupyter/r-notebook:latest  
Architecture: amd64  
Note: Please stop your server after it is no longer needed, or in case you want to launch different content image in order to stop the server from running Jupyter Lab, go to File > Hub Control Panel > Stop Server  
Note: /User-Persistent-Storage\_CephFS\_ is the persistent volume directory, make sure to save your work in it, otherwise it will be deleted

Start

- ✓ Integrated with NDP Single-Sign On
- ✓ Select your compute resources from NRP pool
- ✓ Select previously created image (environment) or bring yours

NDP JupyterHub Interface

Current folder: his-foundation-os

File Manager | GIT Extension

Current Folder: root/his-foundation-os

Install requirements.txt

1. Select your workspace.  
Select a workspace

2. Add datasets and resources from workspace.  
No workspace is selected  
No resources available

3. Clone GitHub repository into workspace.  
No workspace is selected

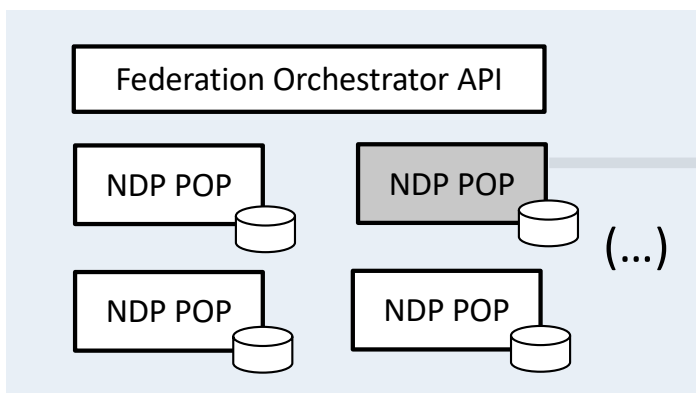
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- Download all or selected resources into your storage for further analysis

# NDP Data POP: Distributed Points of Presence with Customizable, Composable Service Stacks

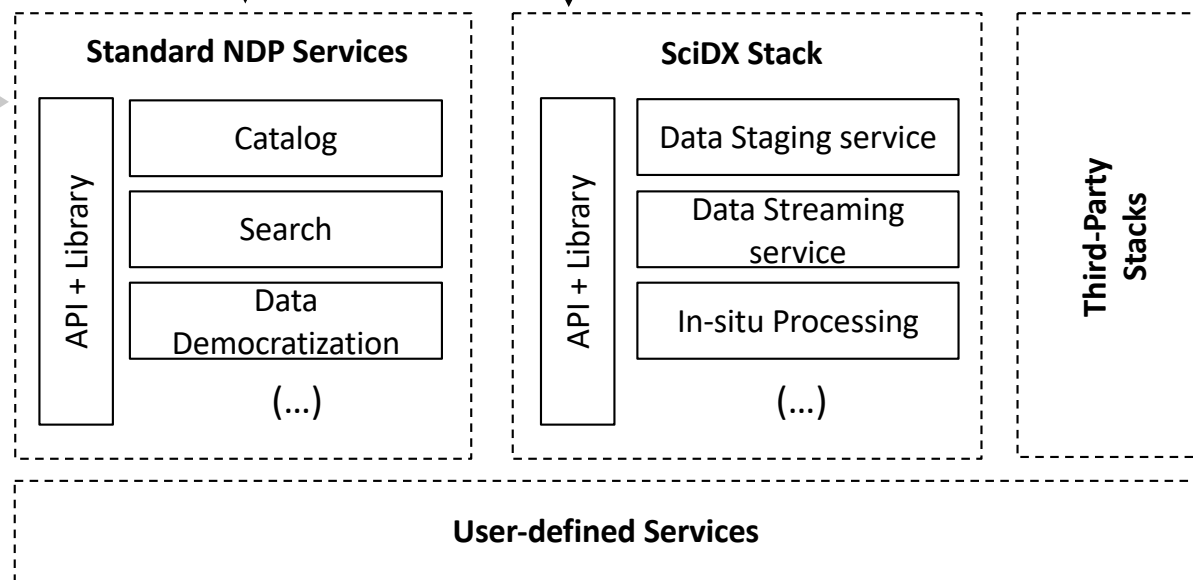
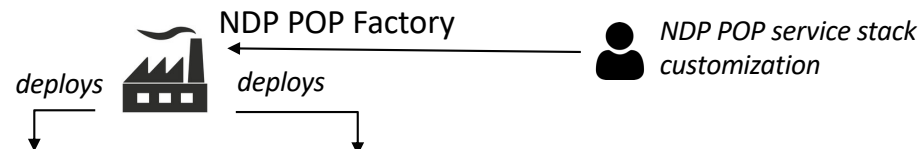
## NDP Federation



Workflow composition currently via API and/or Python client library

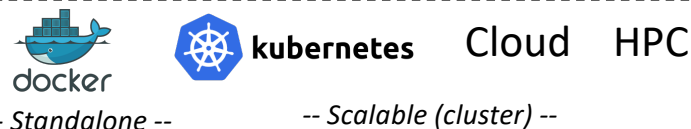


	<b>scidx 0.2.0</b> Python client library for interacting with the scidx API	Aug 2, 2024
	<b>scidx-tools 0.1.0</b> Python client library for complementing the scidx library	Jul 1, 2024



### User-defined Services

Deployment models:



# Science Data Exchanges (SciDx) Services

*A customizable Data-Pop software stack for in-situ data access & processing*

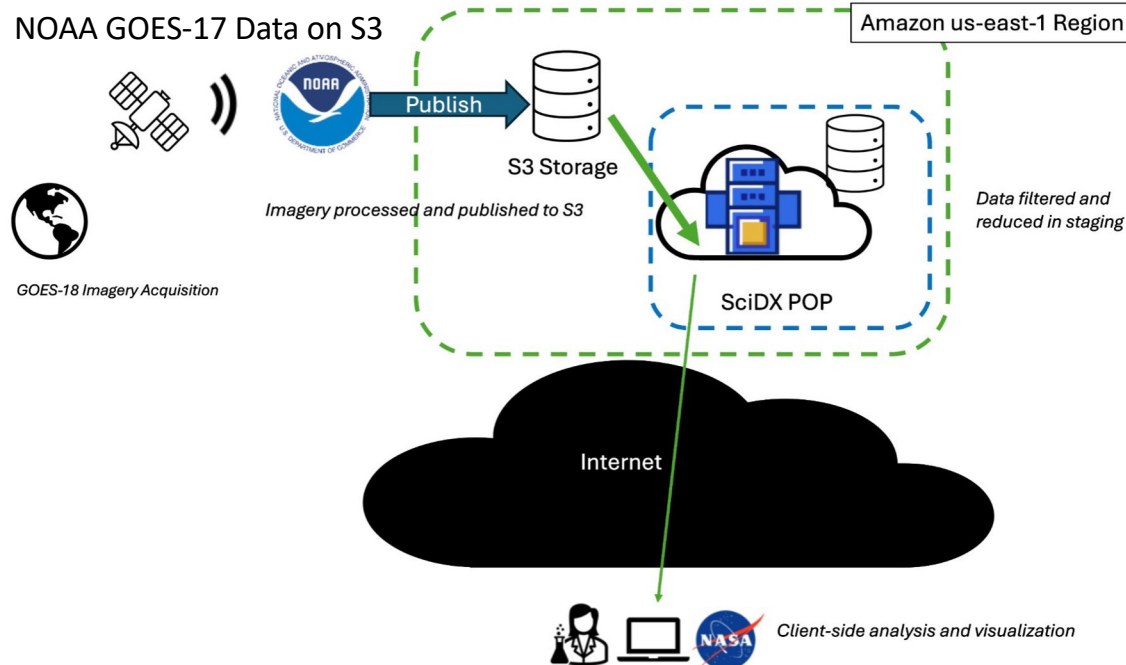


## SciDx Staging Services

- Transient resources for in-situ (close to the data) data processing and access
  - High-performance in-memory processing
  - Server-side data transformations (e.g., sub-setting, reduction, user-defined analysis, etc.)
  - Caching/sharing of data, results, and data-products
  - Registration of data-triggers
- Efficient management of data in-motion
  - Streamline workflows; minimize data transfers
  - Perform ETL operations at data source

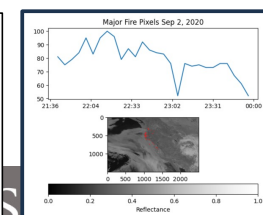
# SciDX Staging Service: Wildfire Monitoring Usecase

- Monitor fire hotspots based on satellite data that updates every 5 minutes
- Not interested in the entire data product, just pixels that reach severity threshold
- Per-pixel evaluation as a user-defined transformation is performed on each new data update
- The user subscribes to the results of the transformation
- Reduction in data cost, latency, time to solution



```

result =
client.query_array(source='goes18-radc',
var_name='Rad',
lb=(0,2500),
ub=(2499,4999),
timestamp='2024-08-02T00:35:00',
time_direction=PAST)
    
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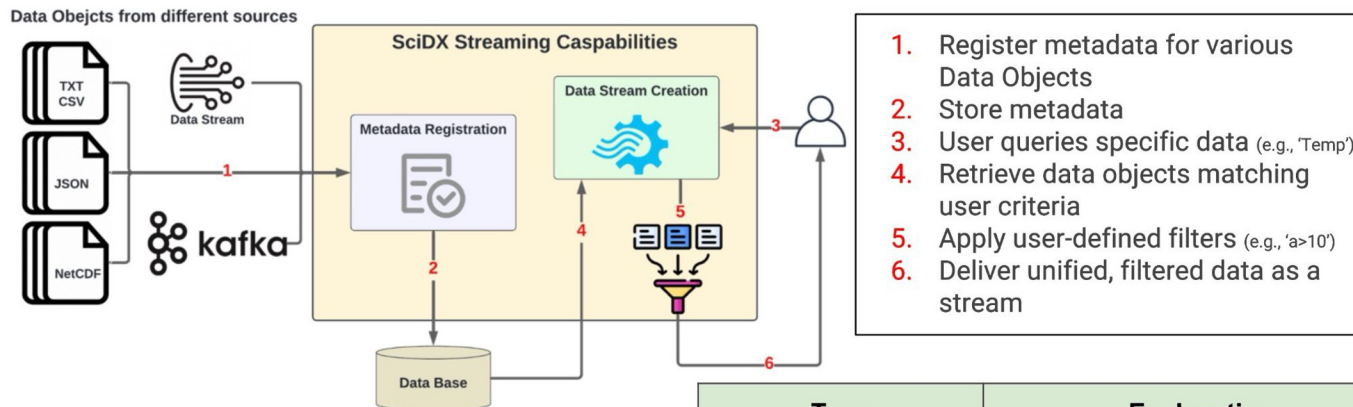
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## SciDx Streaming Service

- Streams registration, curation/archival for discovery and access
- User-defined operations/filters on streaming; containerized execution
- Combine streaming data with archived/playback data
- Mechanism for online data product generation (i.e., new data streams)



# SciDx Streaming Service



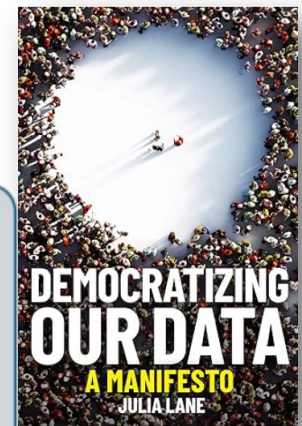
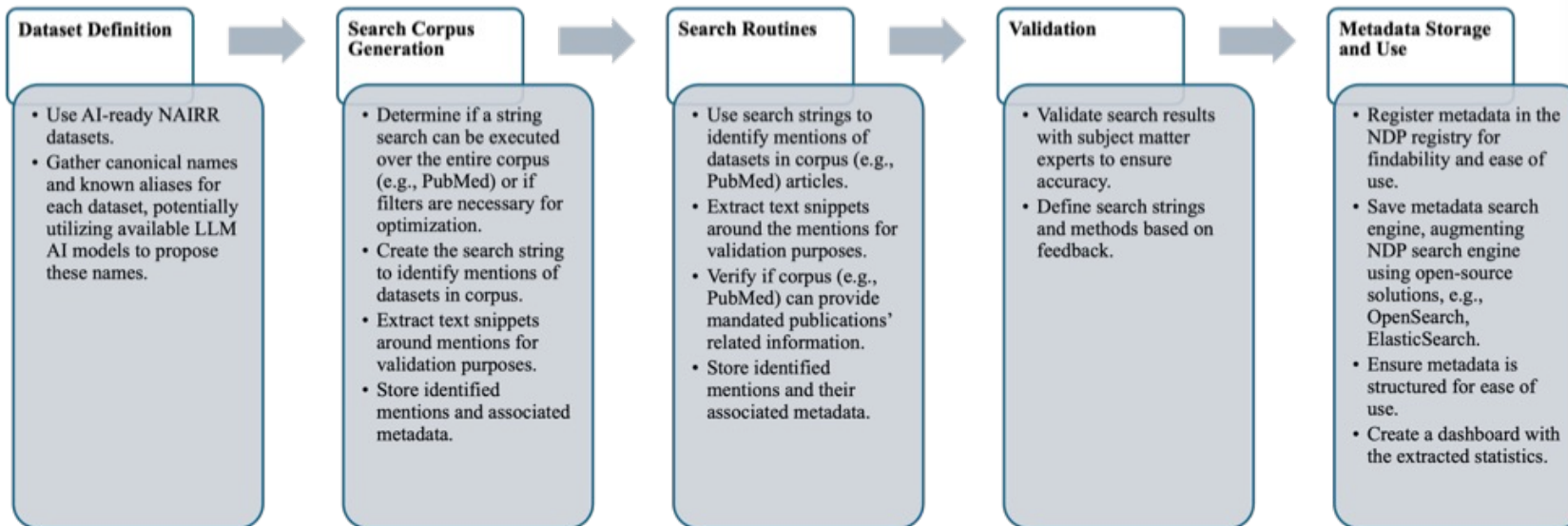
1. Register metadata for various Data Objects
2. Store metadata
3. User queries specific data (e.g., 'Temp')
4. Retrieve data objects matching user criteria
5. Apply user-defined filters (e.g., 'a>10')
6. Deliver unified, filtered data as a stream

Type	Explanation	Example
<b>Column Comparisons</b>	Column-to-column comparisons	$x > y$
<b>Mathematical Operations</b>	Addition, subtraction, multiplication and division	$x > 10*y$
<b>IN Operator</b>	Check if values are in a list	<code>station IN ['A', 'B']</code>
<b>Conditional Logic (IF-THEN-ELSE)</b>	Apply rules based on conditional statements	<code>IF x &gt; 20 THEN alert = High ELSE y = 10</code>
<b>Logical Operators (AND, OR)</b>	Combine multiple conditions using AND and OR operators	<code>IF x &gt; 10 OR z = 20 THEN alert = High ELSE alert = Low</code>
<b>Window-Based Filtering</b>	Calculate aggregates (mean, sum, max, min) over sliding windows	<code>IF window_filter(9, sum, x &gt; 20) THEN alert = High</code>

# SciDx: Advanced Search & Discovery



<https://democratizingdata.ai/>



# NDP+NRP: Use the NDP widget to import datasets and conduct analysis within NRP.

The screenshot displays the National Data Platform (NDP) interface. On the left, the NDP widget is visible, showing a list of educational modules. A red box highlights the first step: "1. Select your workspace or educational module." The "Exploring Field Data" module is selected. A red arrow points from this text to the "Exploring Field Data" module in the list. Below the list, there are options to "Add resources to Current Folder" and "Clone into Current Folder".

In the center, a text box states: "Students select a module to work on. They load it to JHub, cloning the attached repository and loading the data using the NDP Widget". A red arrow points from this text to the "Exploring Field Data" module in the NDP widget.

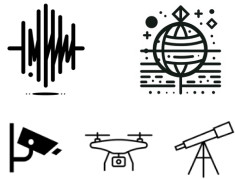
On the right, a text box states: "A reminder for students to save their work in a persistent storage directory". A red arrow points from this text to a notification box at the bottom right of the interface. The notification box contains the text: "Remember to save your final work in a persistent storage folder!".

The main interface shows the "Launcher" window with the current folder set to "pedro-melissa-Shared-Storage/field\_data\_notebook". It includes a filter search bar, a "Create Empty" button, and buttons for "Notebook", "Terminal", "Console", "Markdown File", "Text File", and "Python File". Below these buttons, there are options to "Launch New Notebook" and "Launch New Console". A table shows the current kernel configuration:

Kernel	Debugger	Last Used
Python 3 (ipykernel)	true	50 seconds ago

The bottom of the interface shows the "Simple" view, a progress bar, and the "Launcher" window with a notification icon.

# Example NDP-NAIRR AI in Science Workflow



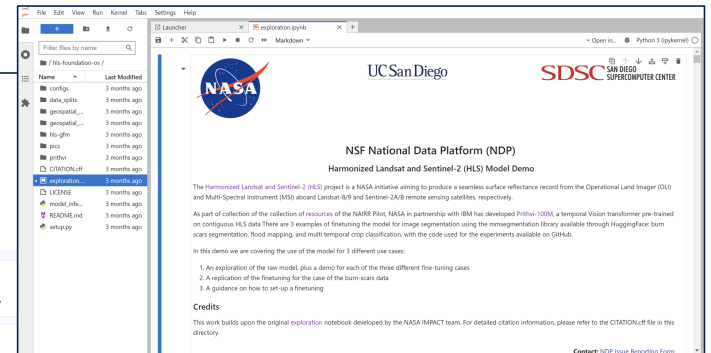
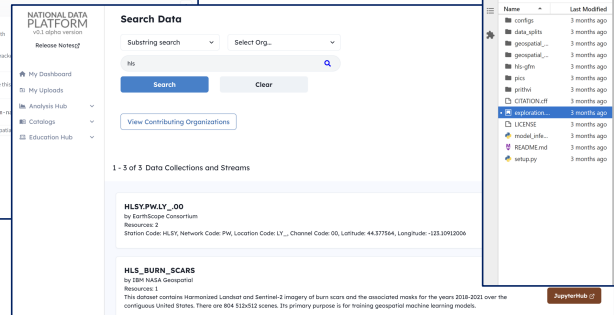
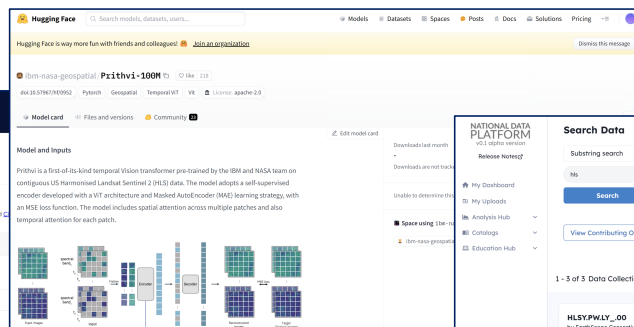
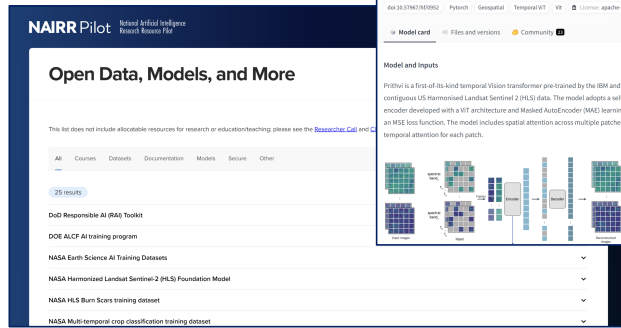
- Data and Models are identified as part of the Open NAIRR Resources.
- Resources are collected from HuggingFace

- Data and Models are registered into NDP catalog (CKAN)
- Data origin is created in OSDF to optimize data transfer

- Data and Models are included into user's workspace, along with the necessary libraries, services and files to work on a new project.

- Analysis and AI/ML workflow is supported by AI Gateway (JupyterHub), using NRP's Nautilus.
- High Performance processing for new resource(s) development (Models, Data).

- Final products pushed to OSDF/HuggingFace/GitHub and registered into NDP's catalog .

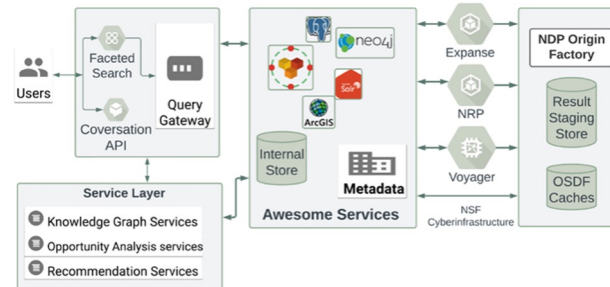
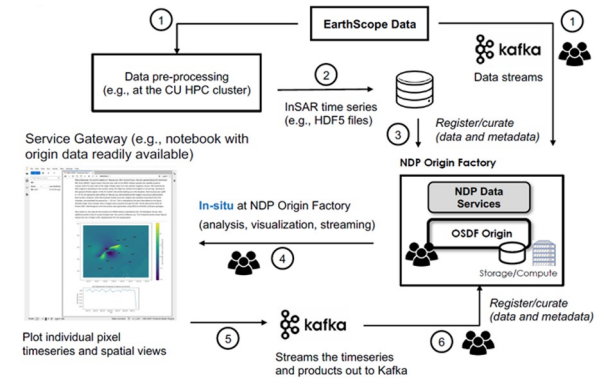
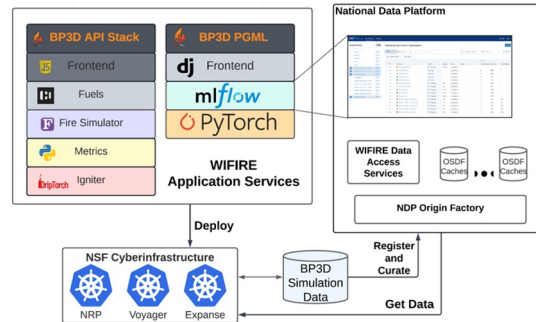




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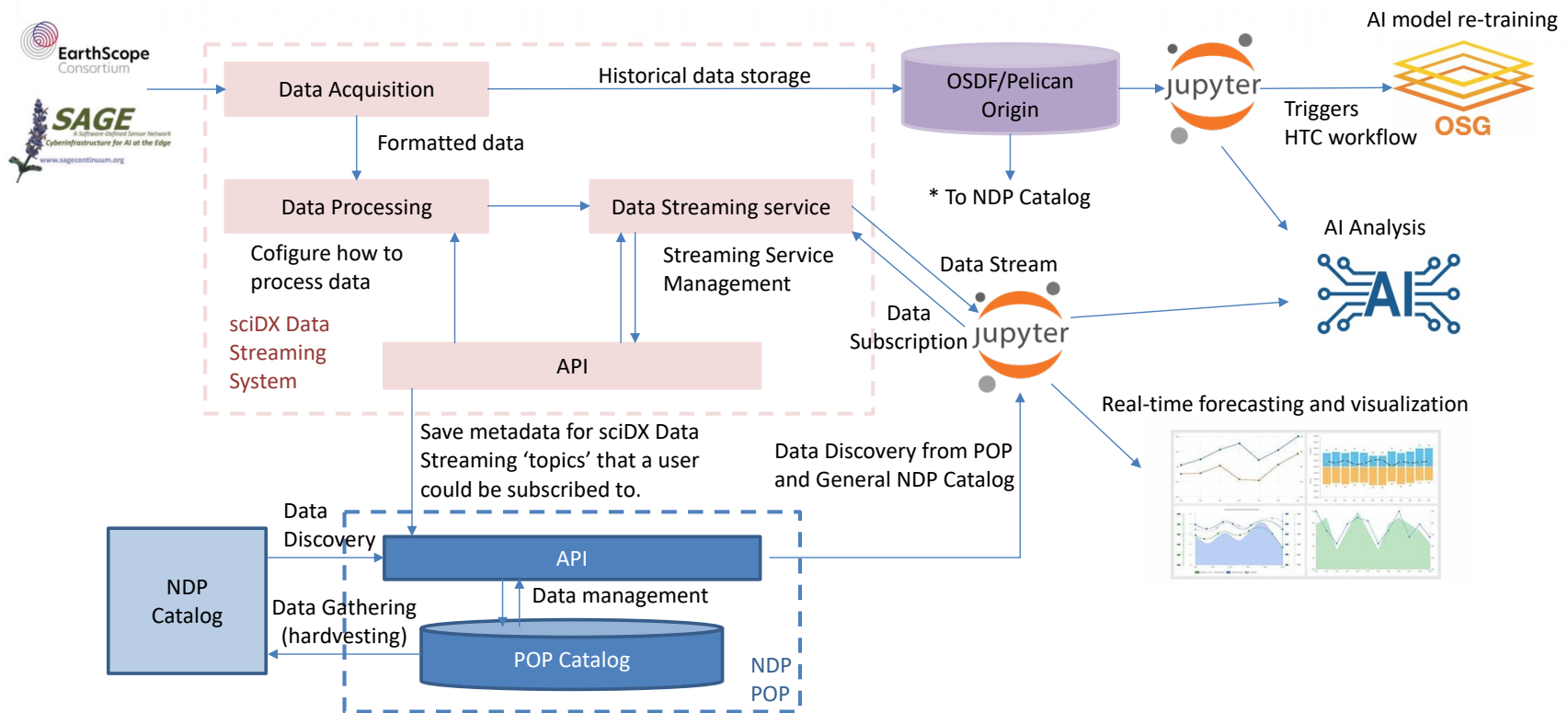
# Case Studies for Generalizable Workflows

- **Representative examples** of important patterns that exist in science today for working with
  - large datasets
  - streaming data from facilities
  - graph data from open knowledge networks
- Implemented as production-quality specialized value-added services
- Domains of wildland fire, earthquakes, and food security
- Will be generalized for replication by external communities.

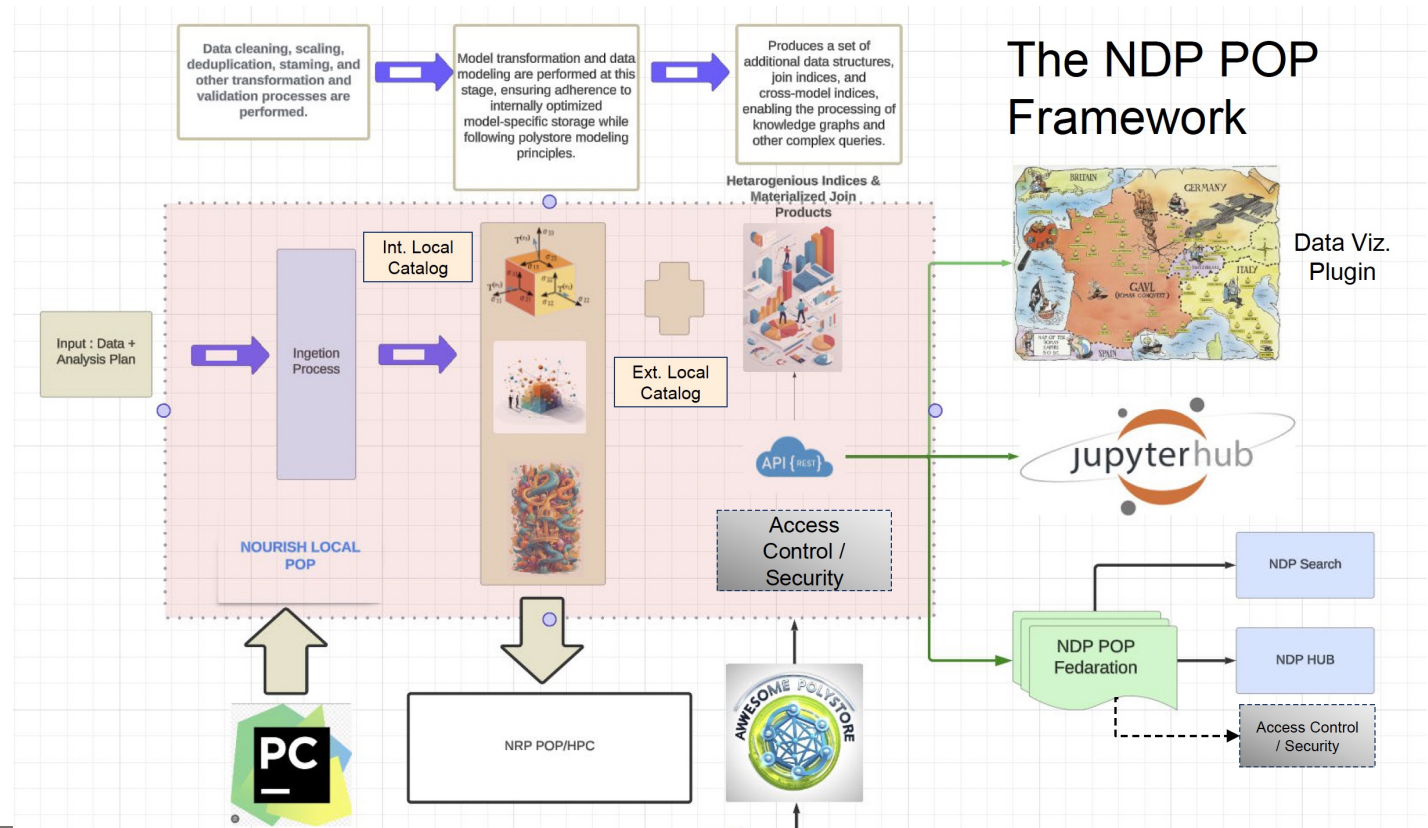


# EarthScope/SAGE data streaming/analysis enabled by NDP POP

- Real-time high-precision GNSS stations and SAGE data streams



# NDP + NDR: Nourish NDF POP





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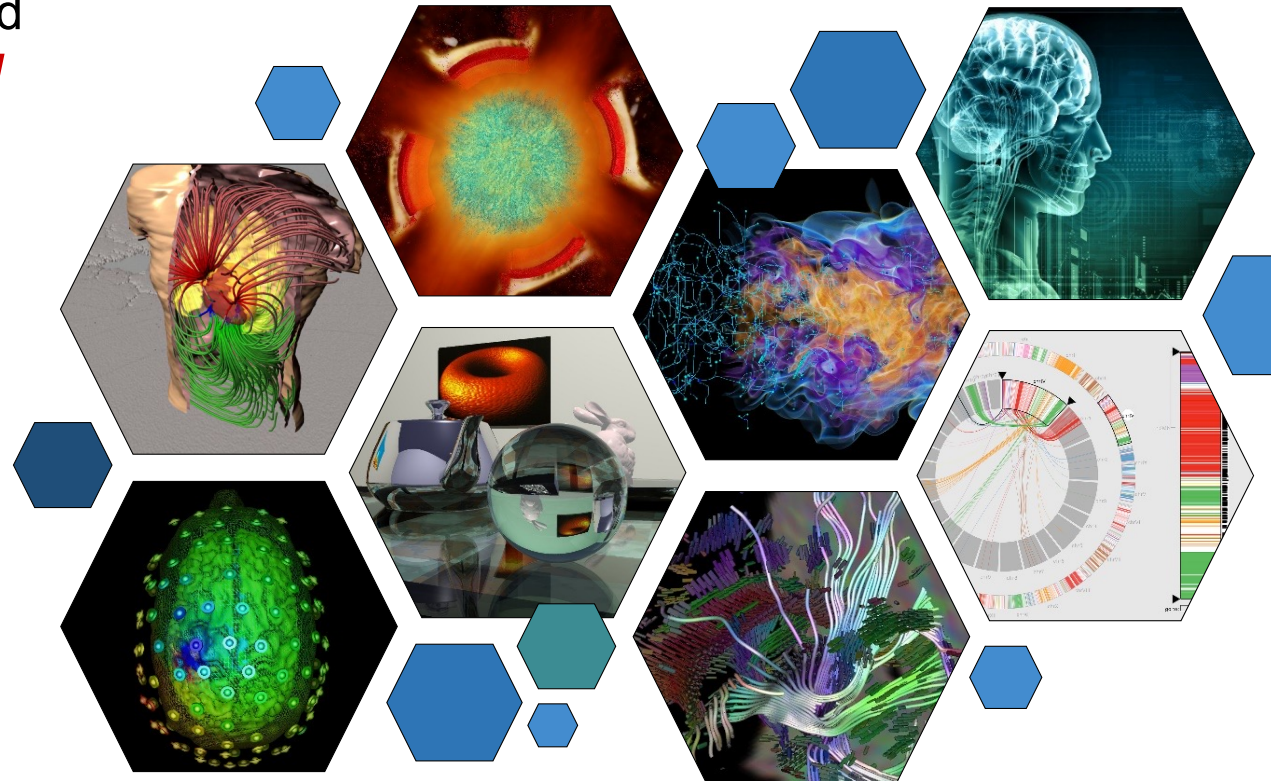


# SCI Institute



Transformation of science and society through *translational research and innovation*

- Inter/transdisciplinary, collaborative, convergent
- Core strengths in: Visualization & imaging; Scalable analytics; Advanced computing & data
- Software/system development and distribution integral to our research processes



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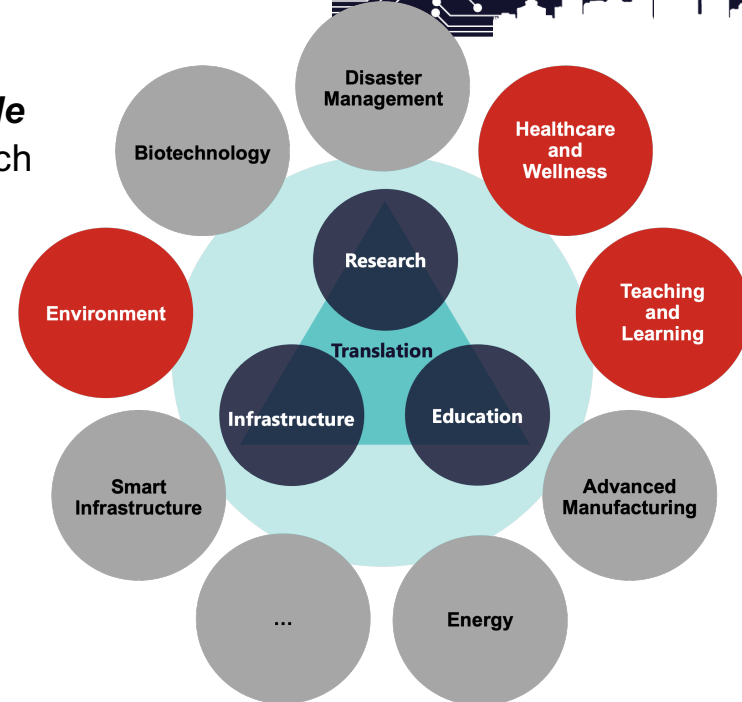
## University of Utah's \$100M AI Research Initiative Led by SCI

Responsibly advance *translational AI* to achieve societal good

Catalyze *transdisciplinary excellence in responsible AI* to bring together the use-inspired/applied AI research and technological expertise, advanced cyberinfrastructure, and translational workforce

Initial research focus on regionally important applications

1. Environment
2. Healthcare, societal wellness, and public services
3. Future of teaching and learning

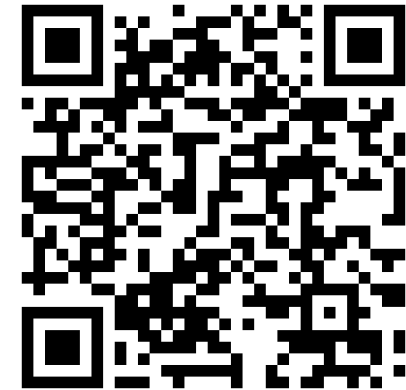


# Thank you!



## One-U RAI Opportunities

- **Distinguished Visitors Program:** Supports visits from a few days to a full year for faculty, up to two years for postdoctoral fellows.
- **Postdoctoral Fellows Program:** Supports postdocs in areas related to responsible AI for up to 2 years.



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