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# Welcome and Introduction

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# Outline

- Data-Intensive thinking
- Projects / alliances
- Data-Intensive methods
  - Principles
  - Strategy
  - Implementation



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Cornish Coast Path

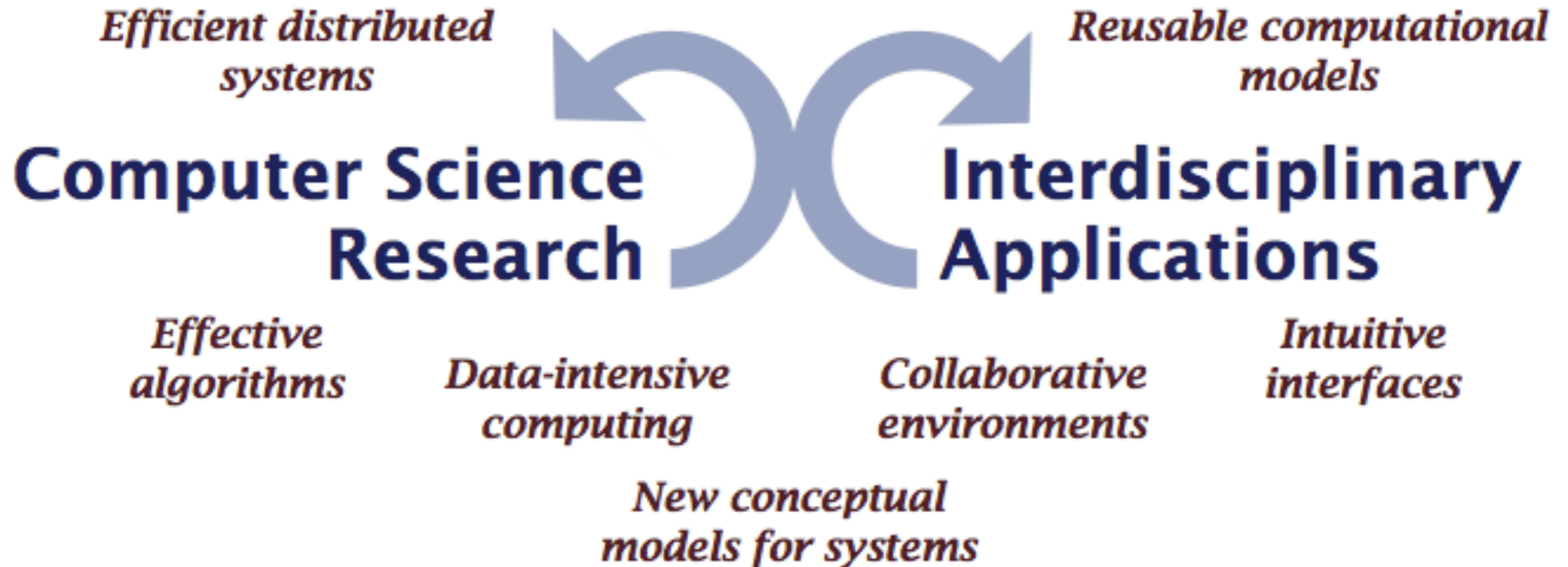
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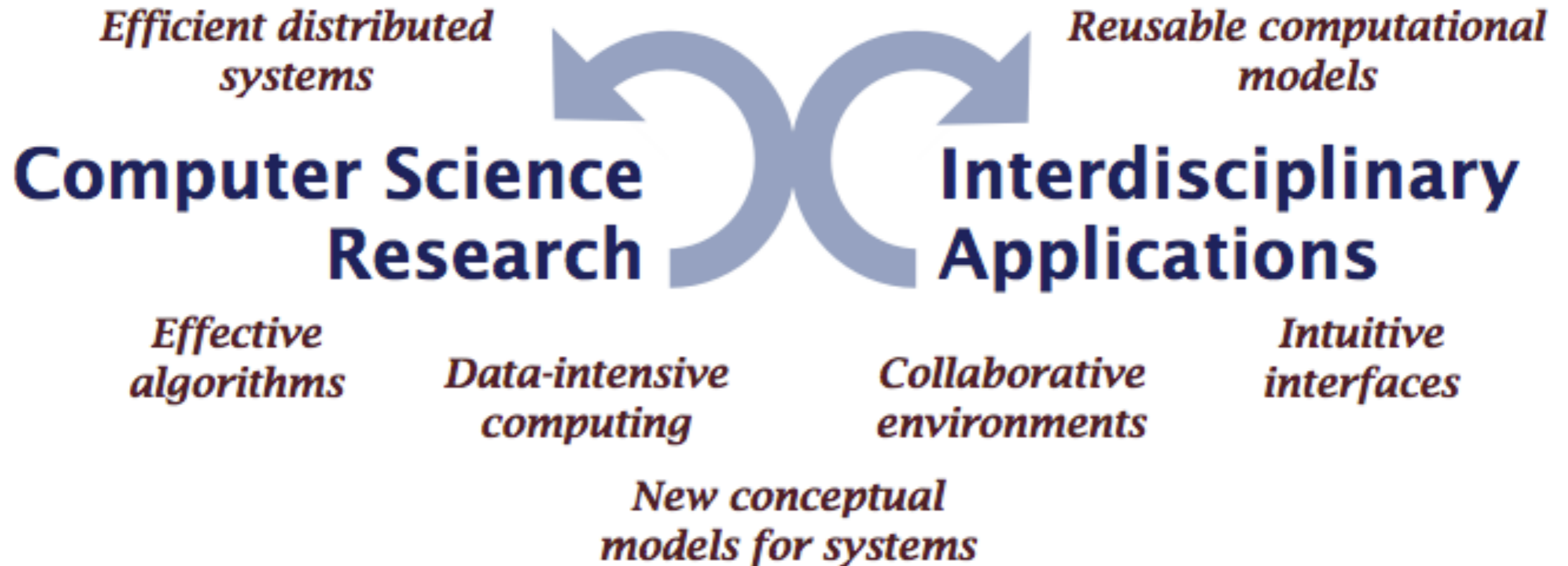


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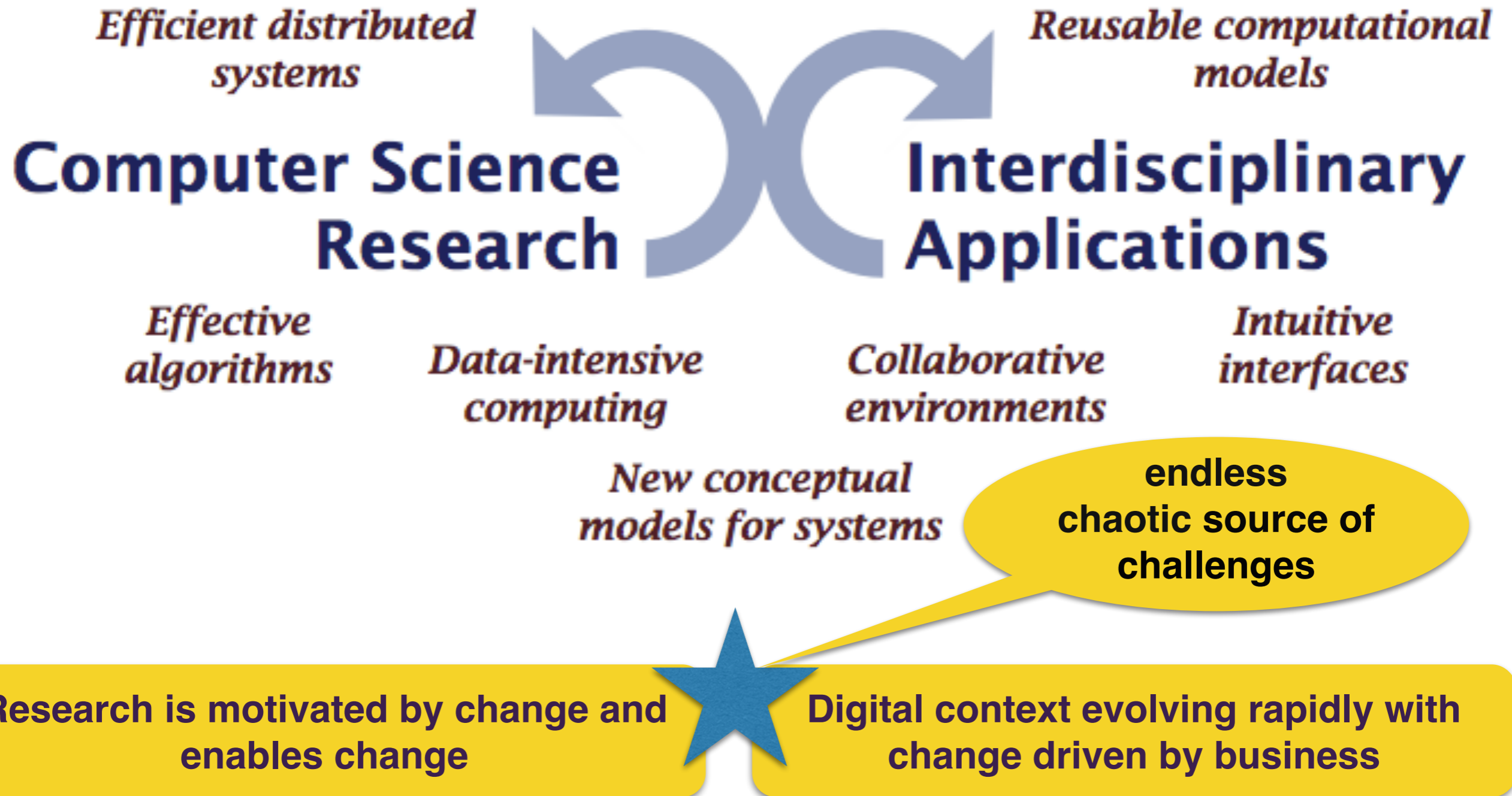


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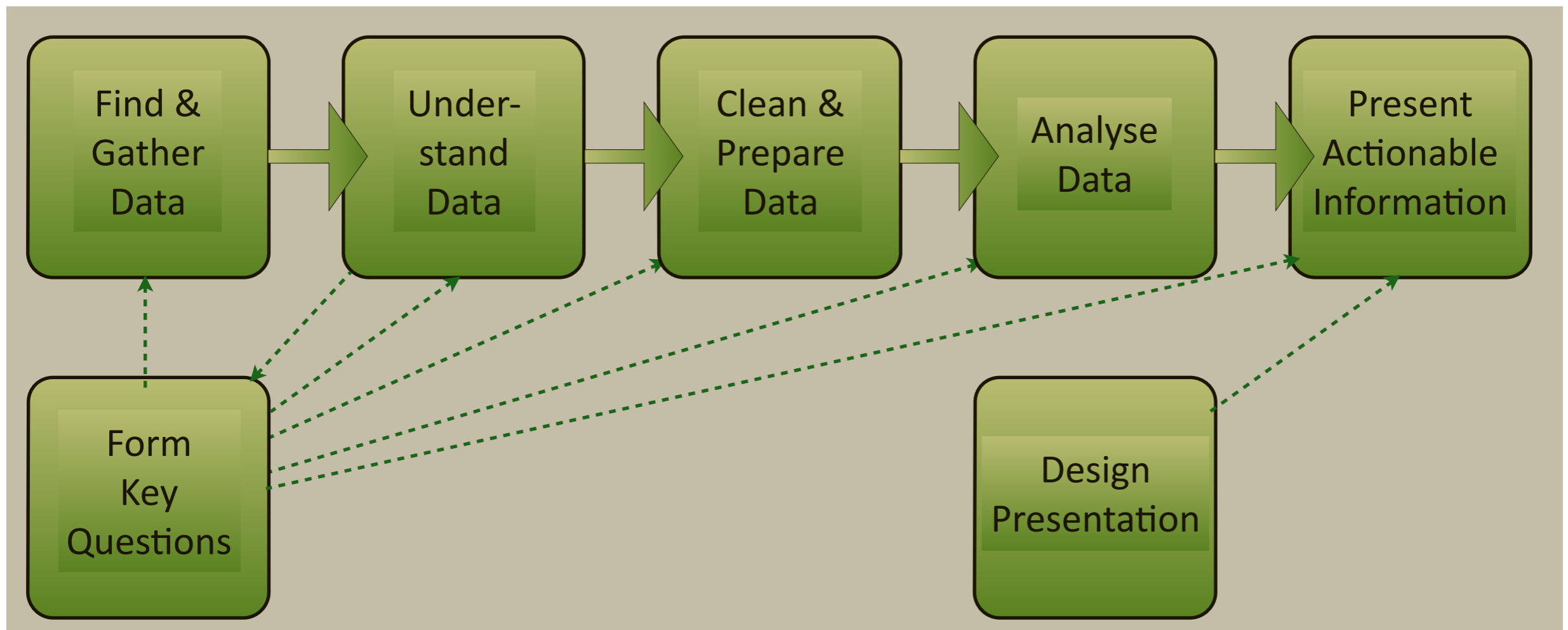
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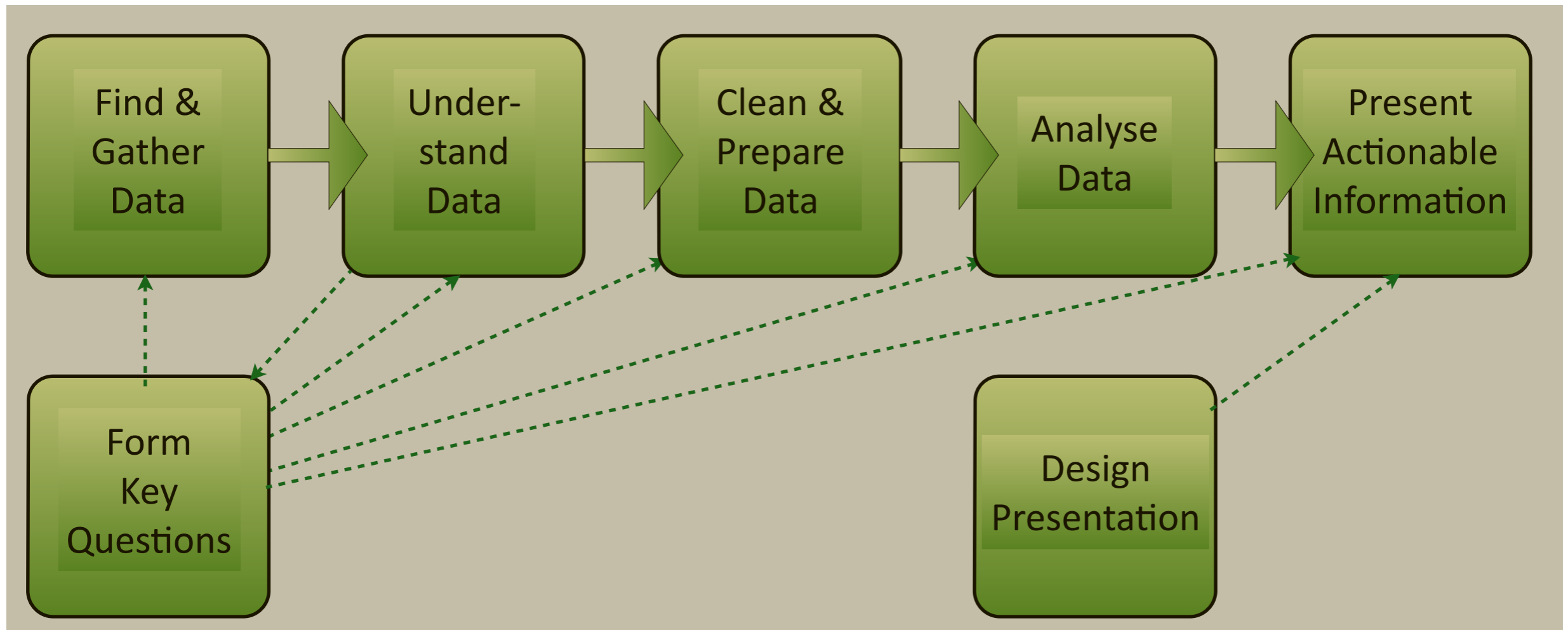
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- sub-specialists from mathematics and statistics to application-specific data-analysis
- trade-offs between data/computational cost and reliability and certainty
- favourite problem-solving environments
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- **Correctness** proven / tested ; clarity about scope of applicability / safety
- **Usability** how easily can the domain specialists grasp how to use a technique
- **Support** how much effort is there to sustain the technique and help get it used appropriately
- **Credit and blame** how do we attribute these fairly
- **Sustainability** dependencies and infrastructure independence
- **Relationship** with data-intensive engineering

# Data-Intensive Engineering

- **Individuals**

- sub-specialists: data storage, data transport, data bases, data curation, ..., computation, software & hardware architectures,..., requirements capture, ..., human-machine interaction, ...
- software communities, language communities, development models, ...
- from demon coders to formalisation experts
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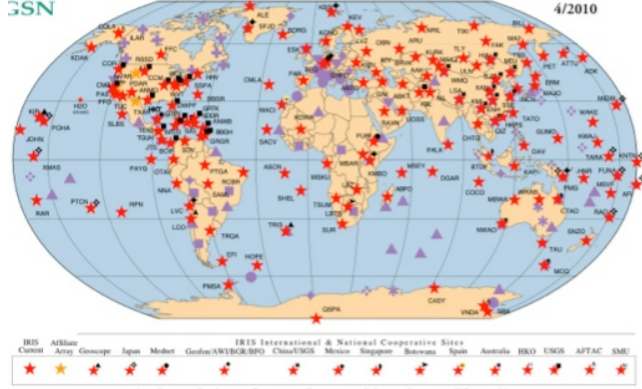
- **mapping** to existing and changing distributed computing platforms
- **exploiting** systems, architectures and components near optimally
- **Less energy** consumption
- **Sustainability**, how long can the investment survive?
- **Correctness** in the presence of diverse users and diverse infrastructures
- **Support** enabling users of all kinds and colleagues to use what they build



# Common issues

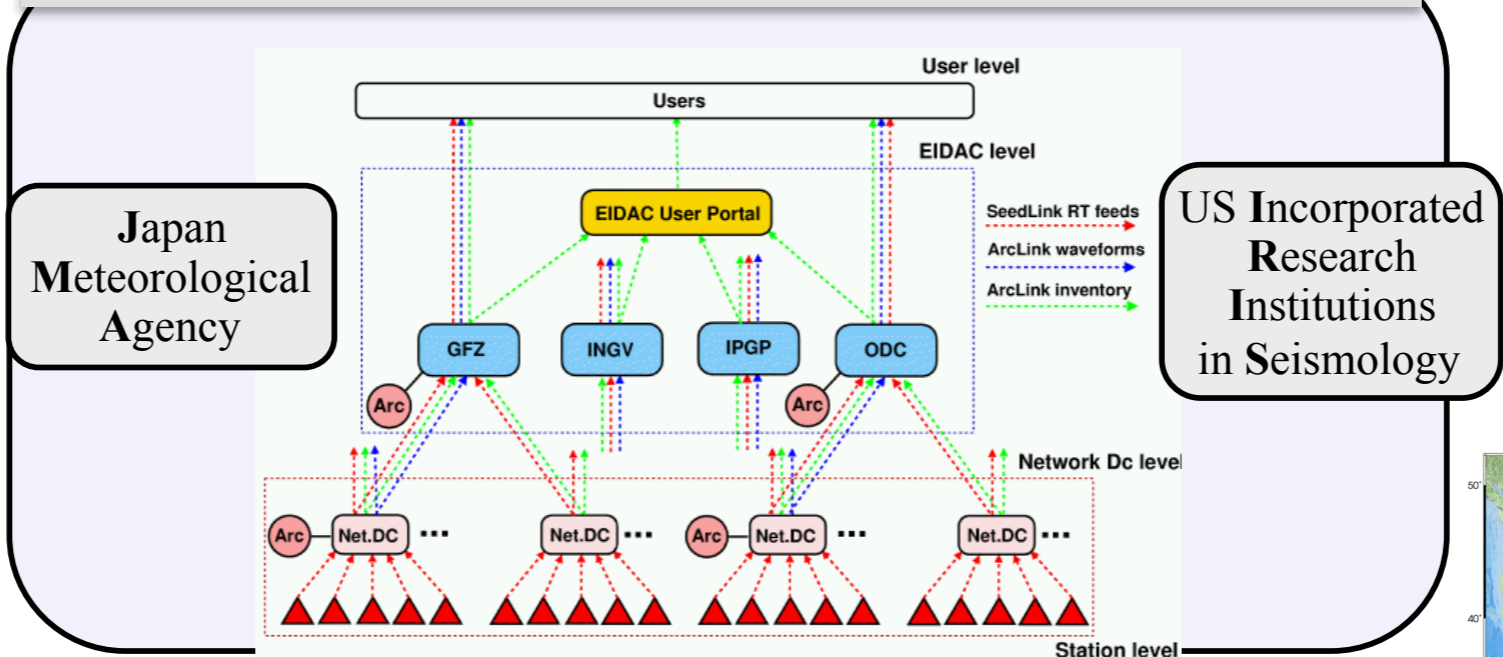
- Diversity
- Composability
- Longevity
- Correctness
- Scalability
- Extensibility
- Avoiding change >90% + Innovators <10%
- Individuals, groups, organisations, projects, communities

# Projects & Alliances



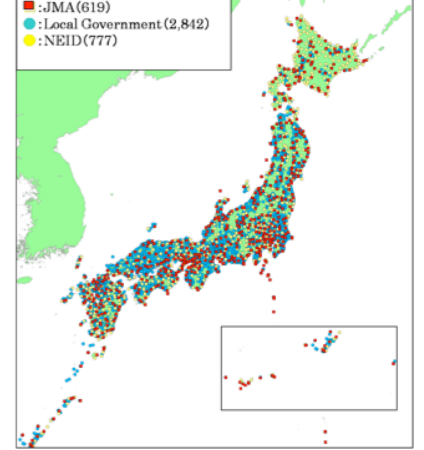
FDSN Global array

# EUROPEAN INTEGRATED DATA ARCHIVES (EIDA)



Japan Meteorological Agency

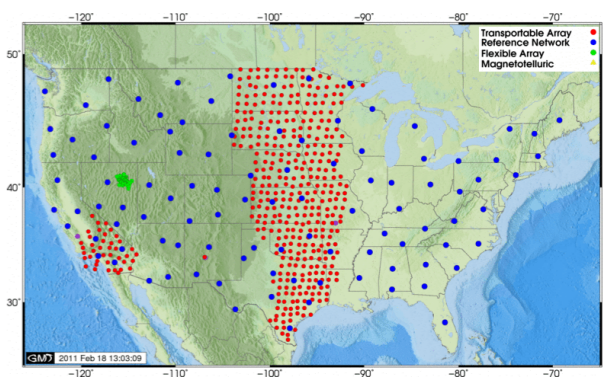
US Incorporated Research Institutions in Seismology



Japan array



European array



US array

## Data Intensive Research

- Visualization
- Data analysis / Data mining
- Simulation, inversion, HR imaging

## VERCE

*e-Science environment for data intensive research based on an extensive service-oriented architecture*

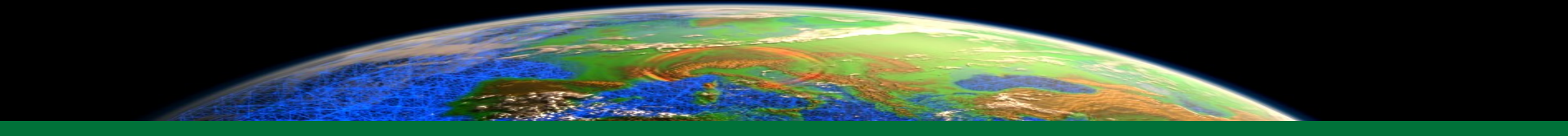
## HPC/GRID Infrastructures



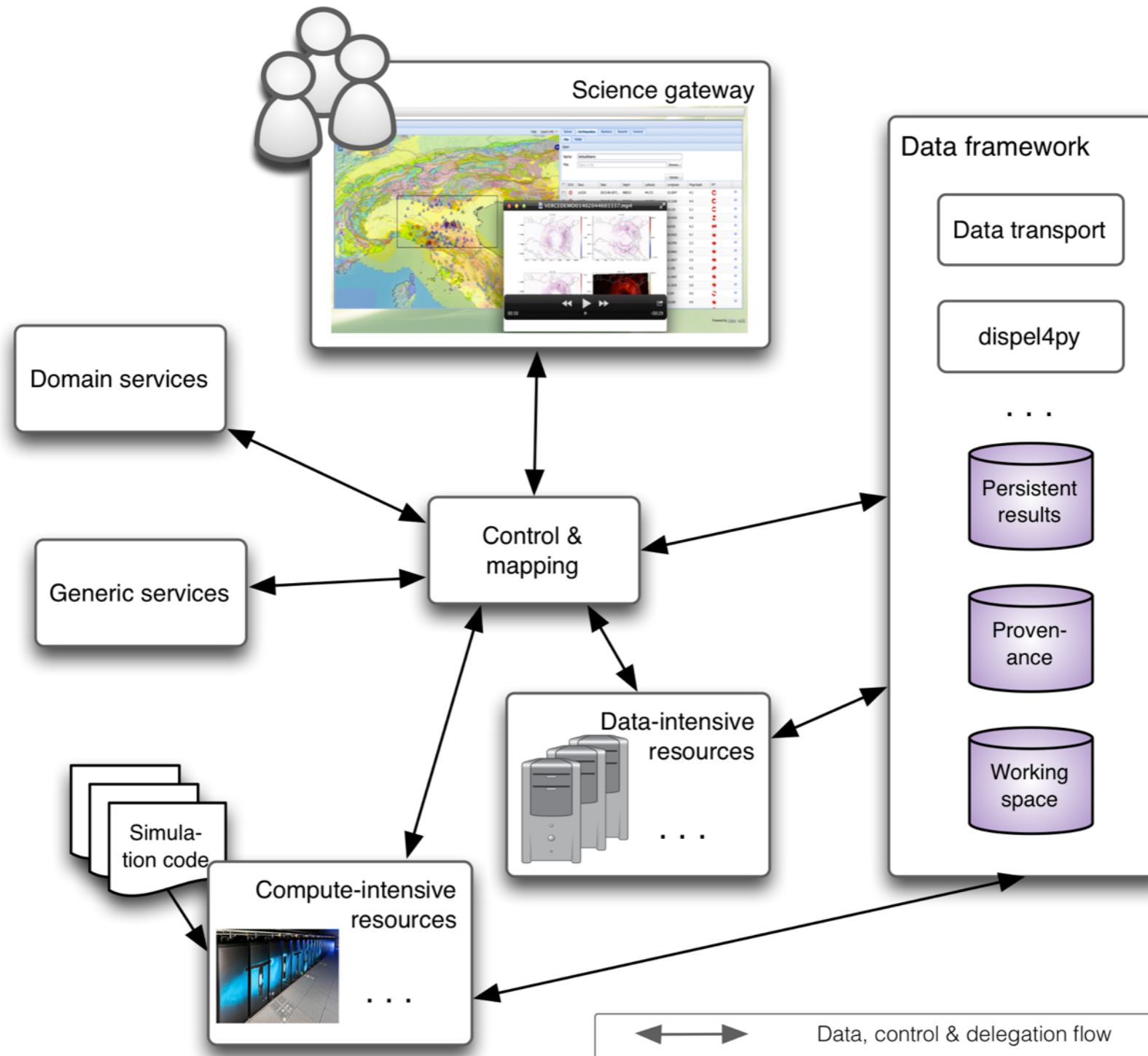
**Earth's interior imaging and dynamics: noise correlation, waveform analysis**

**Natural hazards: new tools for monitoring earthquakes, volcanoes, and tsunami**

**Interaction of solid Earth with Ocean and Atmosphere: environment, climate changes**



# VERCE architecture







## *Virtual Earthquake and Seismology Research Community in Europe*

**Virtual Environment** for of **Earthquakes Simulations** and  
evaluation of **Earth Models**

<http://portal.verce.eu>

Combined access to **computing infrastructures** (EGI, PRACE, Local Clusters), for  
development and execution of large **HPC** computations

Access and use of **European data archives** and services adopting International  
standards (FDSN, GCMT, OneGeology, EFEHR, QuakeML)

**Adoption of Workflow Technologies, Data Management and Provenance  
System**

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# Human issues!

<http://www.nature.com/news/2011/110914/full/477264a.html>

Nature 14 Sept. 2011

The screenshot shows the top of a Nature website article. The header includes the 'nature' logo and navigation tabs for 'nature news home', 'news archive', 'specials', 'opinion', 'features', 'news blog', and 'nat'. Below the header, there is a 'comments on this story' section, a 'Published online' date of 14 September 2011, and a 'News Feature' label. The main title is 'Scientists on trial: At fault?' with a sub-headline: 'In 2009, an earthquake devastated the Italian city of L'Aquila and killed more than 300 people. Now, scientists are on trial for manslaughter.' The author is Stephen S. Hall. On the left sidebar, there are sections for 'stories by subject' (Earth Sciences, Environmental Science, Policy) and 'stories by keywords' (L'Aquila, Earthquake, Seismology, Law, Italy, Risk communication). At the bottom of the sidebar, there is a 'this article elsewhere' section with links to Connotea, Digg, Facebook, Newsvine, and Del.icio.us.



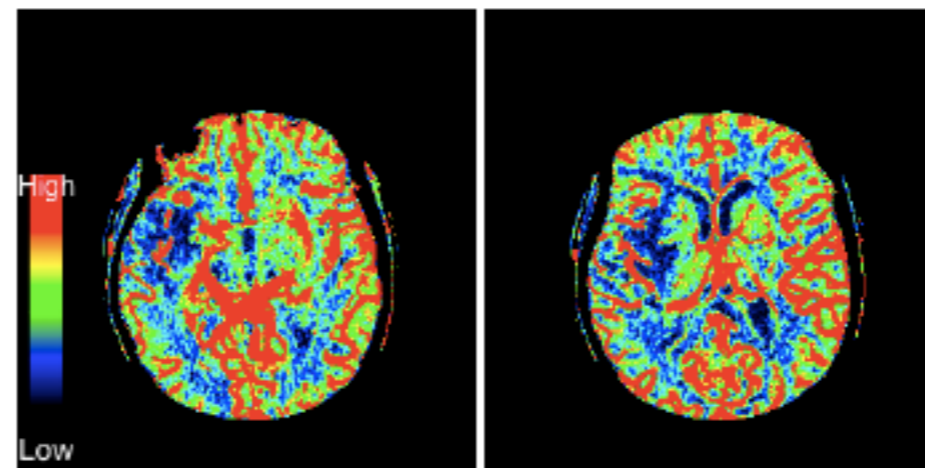
A. Nusca/Polaris/eyevine

From when he was a young boy growing up in a house on Via Antinori in the medieval heart of this earthquake-prone Italian city, Vincenzo Vittorini remembers the ritual whenever the

In a trial set to begin next week, an Italian judge will decide whether the symbolic death of L'Aquila — and, more specifically, the earthquake-related deaths of dozens of citizens included in the lawsuit, including Vittorini's wife and daughter — constituted a crime due to the negligence of six leading Italian scientists and one government official, who have been charged with manslaughter in connection with the case.

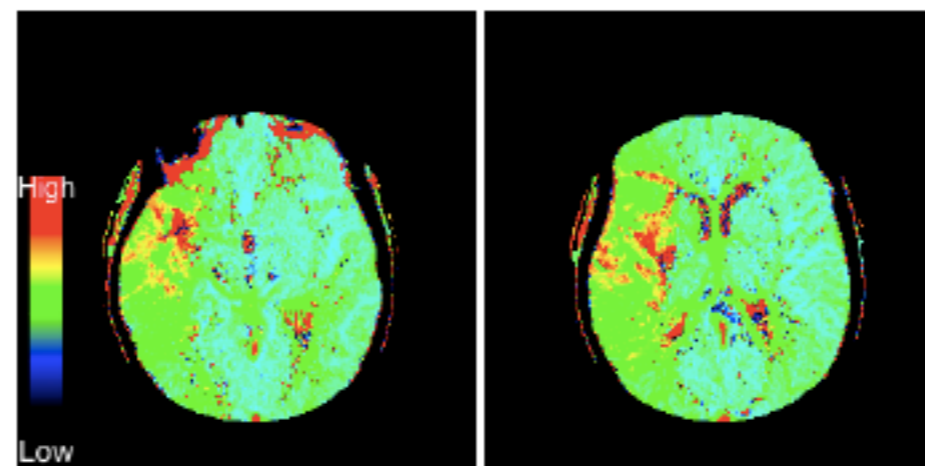
When the charges were first aired in June 2010 by public prosecutor Fabio Picuti, the case was likened to a frivolous attempt by overzealous local prosecutors to make scapegoats out of some of Italy's most respected geophysicists: Enzo Boschi, then-president of Italy's National Institute of Geophysics and Volcanology (INGV) in Rome; Franco Barberi, at the University of 'Rome Tre'; Mauro Dolce, head of the seismic-risk office at the national Department of Civil Protection in Rome; Claudio Eva, from the University of Genova; Giuseppe Selvaggi, director of the INGV's National Earthquake Centre in Rome; and Gian Michele Calvi, president of the European Centre for Training and Research in Earthquake Engineering in Pavia; as well as government official Bernardo De Bernardinis, then vice-director of the Department of Civil Protection. According to an open letter to the president of Italy, Giorgio Napolitano, signed by more than 5,000

# Brain image processing



(a) Slice 1 - CBF

(b) Slice 2 - CBF

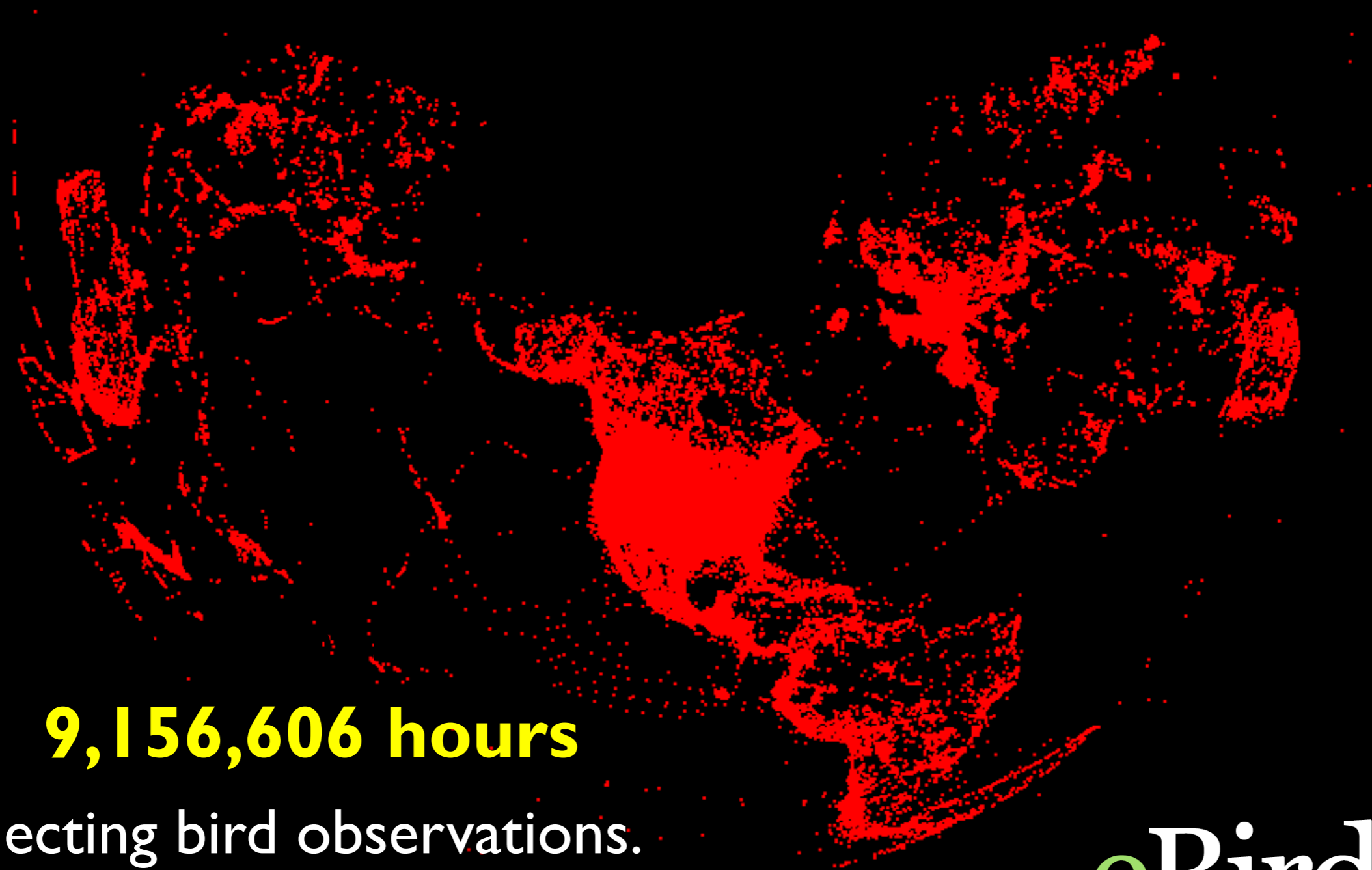


(c) Slice 1 - Peak Time

(d) Slice 2 - Peak Time

Lesion Area Detection Using Source Image  
Correlation Coefficient for CT Perfusion Imaging

Fan Zhu David Rodriguez Gonzalez Trevor Carpenter Malcolm Atkinson Joanna Wardlaw



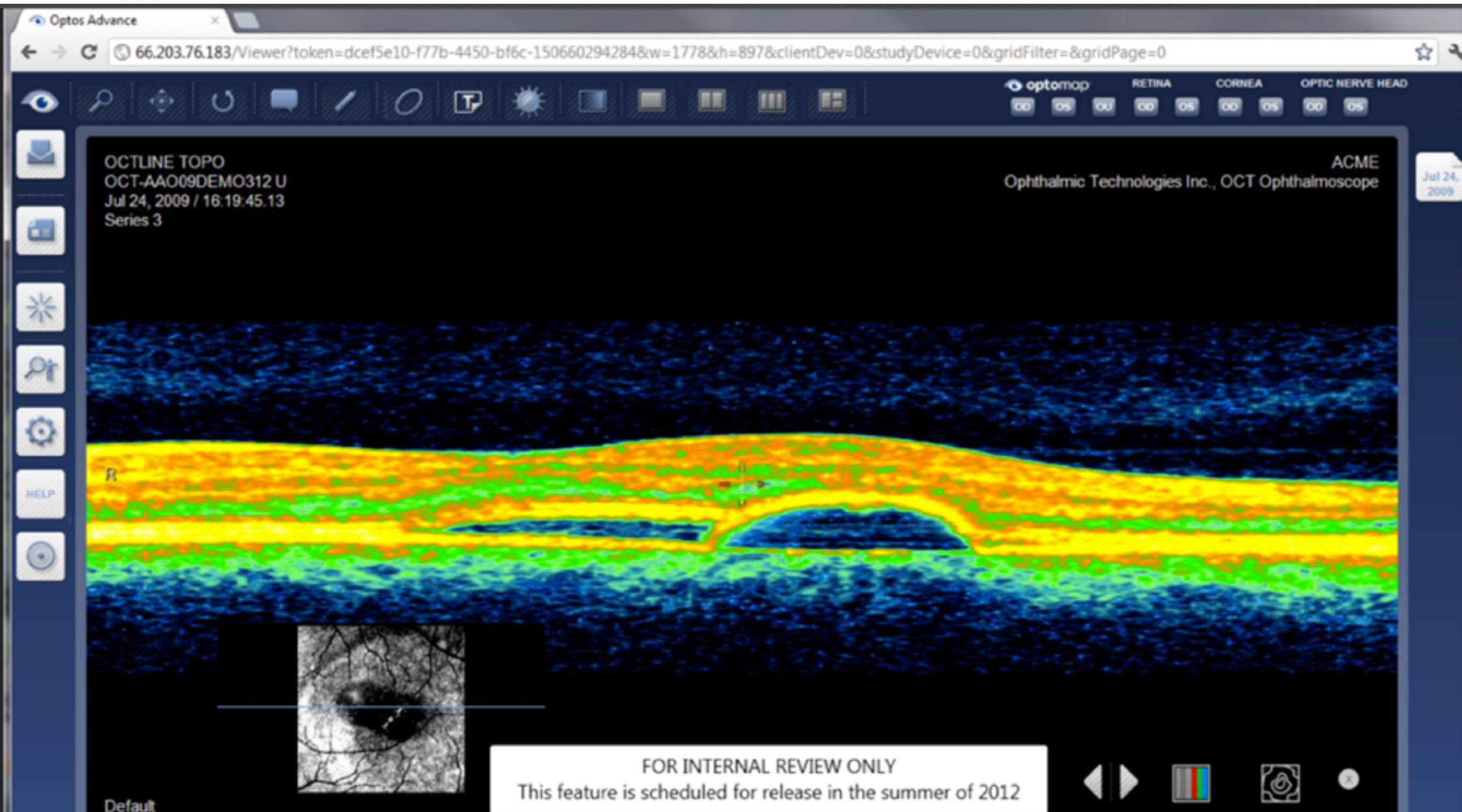
**9,156,606 hours**

collecting bird observations.

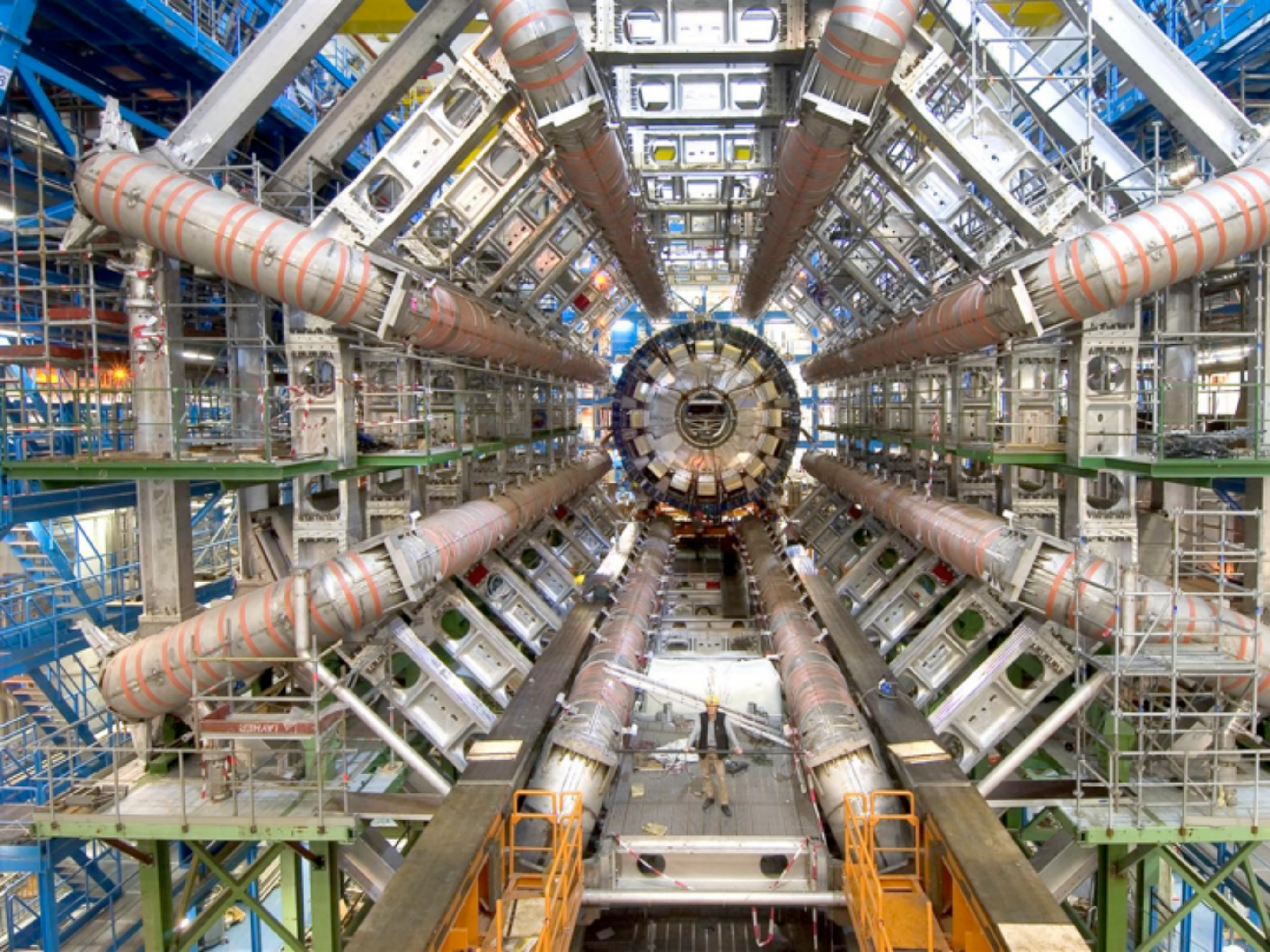
eBird



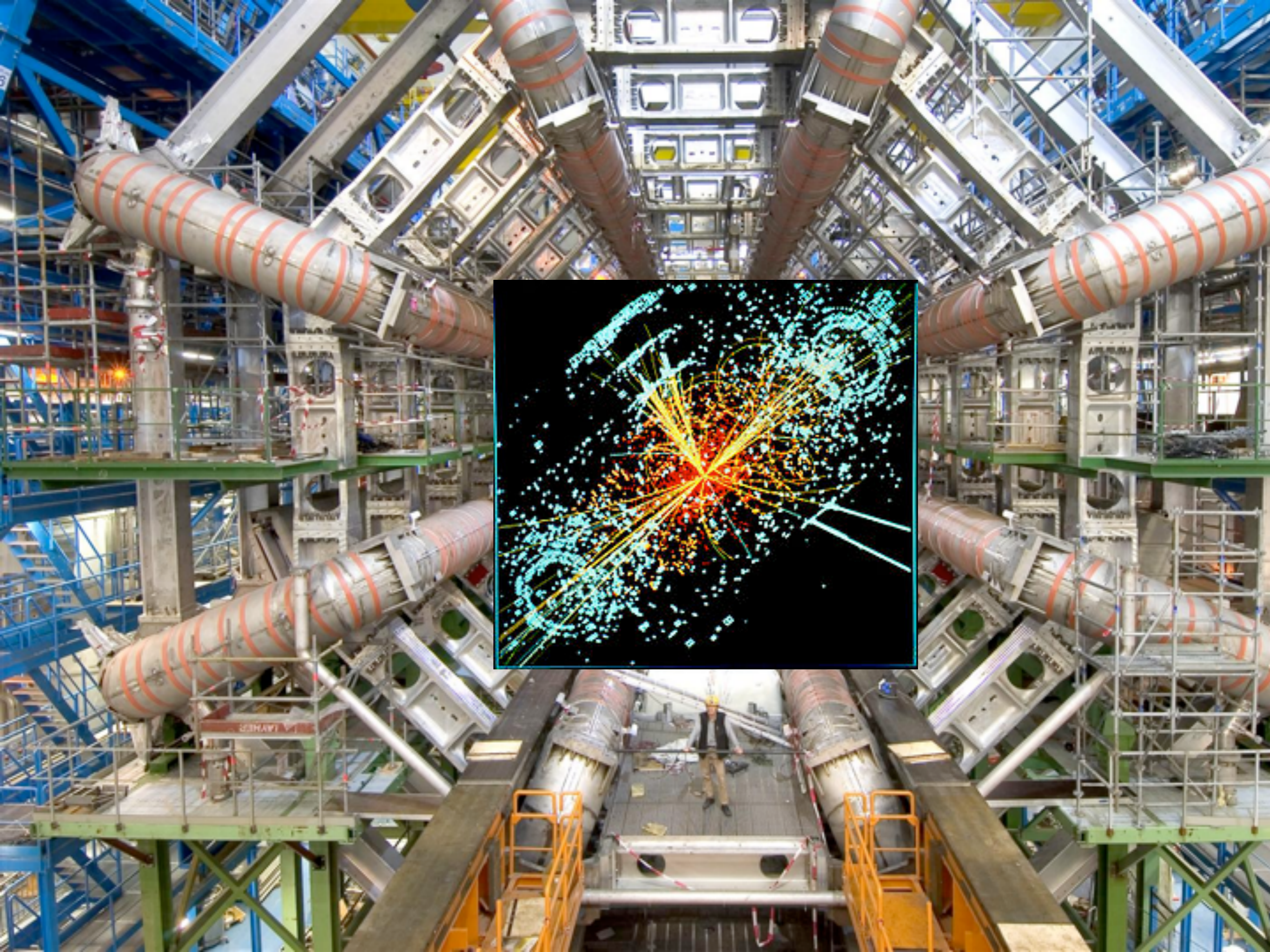
# Optos retinopathy diagnosis



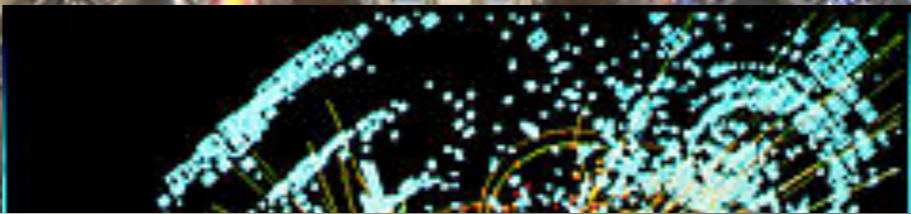
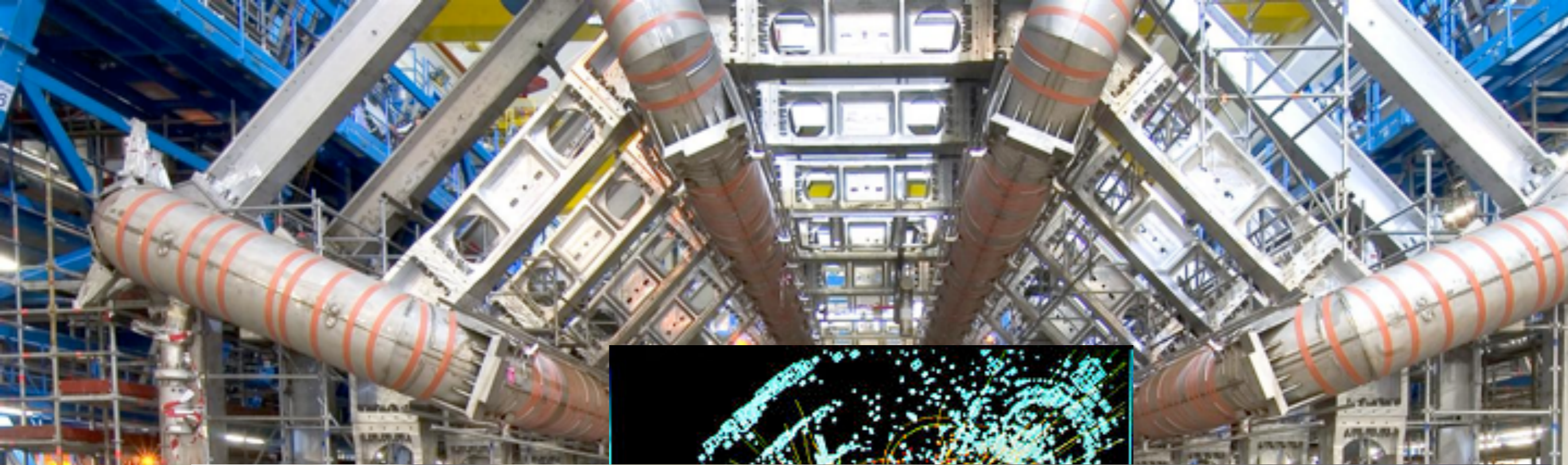














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- Data as a source
  - from specialised data sources
  - from scattered data sources
  - from citizen data sources
  - as by-products of “data as a messenger”

**We are already dependent on data, its quality, movement & curation**

# Workflows as a DI strategy

## What is a workflow?

A **composition** of steps

to make a data-handling + data-analysis+  
simulation journey

Many ways of forming steps

Require good libraries of ready made steps

Learn to add your own

Many ways of combining steps

Running in many computing environments

Recursive — a journey can be a step in another journey

## Why use a workflow?

**Rapid prototyping and experiment**  
**Saving labour and repeated drudgery**  
**Reducing error rates**

**Empower the  
*domain experts***

Saving you from doing your own housekeeping  
Returning resources such as file space  
Gathering all your results

**Acceleration due to workflow optimisation,**  
e.g. parallelisation

**Sharing** & getting credit for methods

**Incrementally improving** methods

**Combining methods** developed by different experts



There are many workflow languages - why invent **dispel**?

### **Raising the level of discourse**

Removing much technology specific information - technology changes  
Relieving users from concerns about optimisation

### **Improving the logical description**

Streams of data with auto-iteration over data units  
Multiple streams in & multiple streams out  
Behaviour, data interpretation & data representation

### **Covering existing models**

Distributed query  
Optimisation based on avoiding IO & characterising operators  
Real-time processing  
Task-based batch processing

### **Achieving scalability**

## What is dispel4py good for?

That is what you will learn today

Embedding Dispel in **Python** combines their strengths

Everything ....

but investment in libraries is needed for each new topic  
plus common libraries for shared activities, such as data handling

Everything ....

but the dispel4py engineering team need to  
make it perform at the scales you need  
make it excel on the DCIs you use  
- laptop to cloud via supercomputers & clusters  
make it reliable

So I will hand you over to Rosa's tender mercies

# Summary and Conclusions

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