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# Advancing Environmental Understanding: the Role of eScience

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## MSR eScience Workshop 2011

Looking Back 8 yrs to the Beginning



## Scientific Data Intensive Computing Workshop 2004

- Keynote: 20 Questions to a Better Application Jim Gray
   Online Science the New Computational Science
- Talk: Data Explosion: Astrophysics with Terabytes of Data
   Alex Szalay

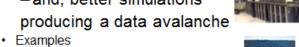




## Online Science the New Computational Science

#### **Information Avalanche**

- In science, industry, government,....
  - -better observational instruments and
  - -and, better simulations





- BaBar: Grows 1TB/day 2/3 simulation Information 1/3 observational Information
- CERN: LHC will generate 1GB/s .~10 PB/y
- VLBA (NRAO) generates 1GB/s today
- Pixar: 100 TB/Movie
- New emphasis on informatics:
  - Capturing, Organizing, Summarizing, Analyzing, Visualizing







#### **Publishing Data**

Roles Traditional Emerging Authors **Scientists** Collaborations **Publishers** Journals Project www site Curators Libraries **Bigger Archives** Consumers **Scientists** Scientists

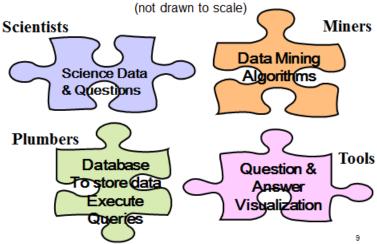
- · Exponential growth:
  - Projects last at least 3-5 years
  - Data sent upwards only at the end of the project
  - Data will never be centralized
- More responsibility on projects
  - Becoming Publishers and Curators
  - Often no explicit funding to do this (must change)
- Data will reside with projects
  - Analyses must be close to the data (see later)
- Data cross-correlated with Literature and Metadata

#### Global Federations

- Massive datasets live near their owners:
  - Near the instrument's software pipeline
  - Near the applications
  - Near data knowledge and curation
- · Each Archive publishes a (web) service
  - Schema: documents the data
  - Methods on objects (queries)
- Scientists get "personalized" extracts
- Uniform access to multiple Archives
  - A common global schema

**Federation** 

#### What's X-info Needs from us (cs)



#### How to Help?

- Can't learn the discipline before you start (takes 4 years.)
- · Can't go native you are a CS person not a bio,... person
- Have to learn how to communicate Have to learn the language
- · Have to form a working relationship with domain expert(s)
- · Have to find problems that leverage your skills

#### Call to Action

- X-info is emerging.
- Computer Scientists can help in many ways.
  - Tools
  - Concepts
  - Provide technology consulting to the commuity
- There are great CS research problems here
  - Modeling
  - Analysis
  - Visualization
  - Architecture



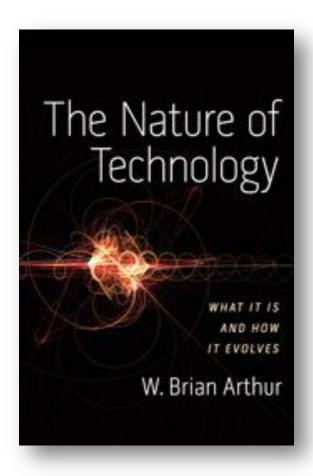
## A Tidal Wave of Scientific Data

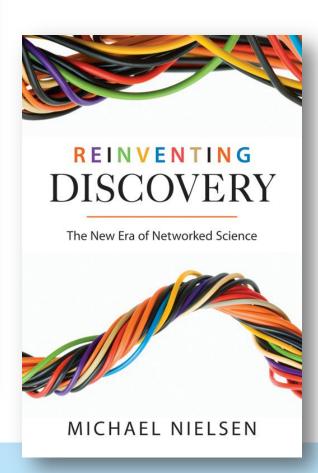


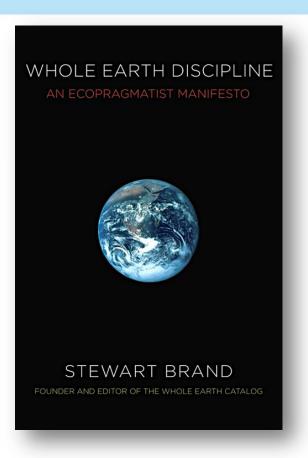
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## Interesting Thinking



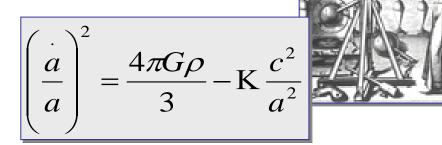


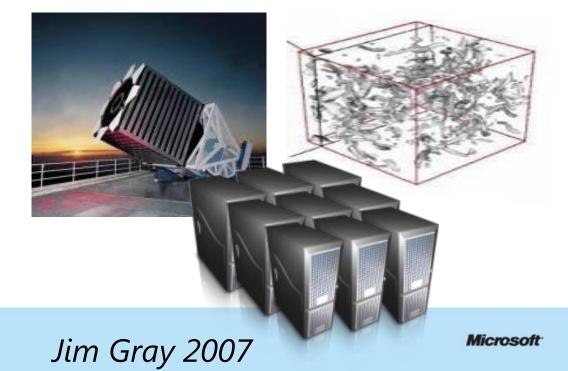




## Emergence of a Fourth Paradigm

- 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

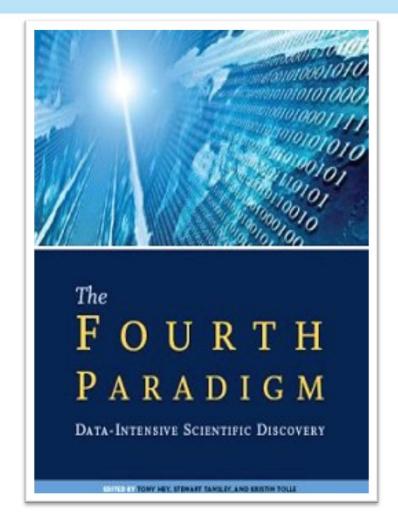






## Changing Nature of Discovery

- Complex models
  - Multidisciplinary interactions
  - Wide temporal and spatial scales
- Large multidisciplinary data
  - Real-time steams
  - Structured and unstructured
- Distributed communities
  - Virtual organizations
  - Socialization and management
- Diverse expectations
  - Client-centric and infrastructure-centric

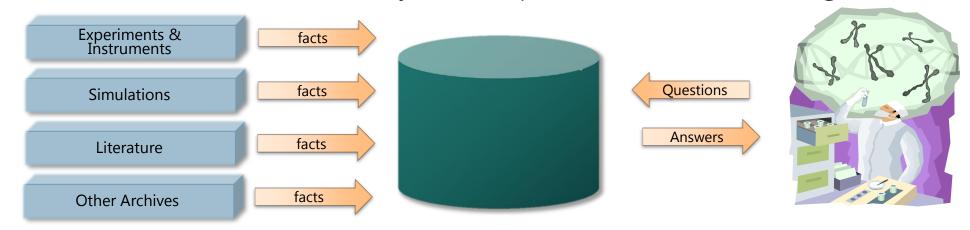






## The Problem for the e-Scientist

#### 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





## What is eScience?



Definition of eScience (Wikipedia)

**E-Science** (or **eScience**) is computationally intensive <u>science</u> that is carried out in highly distributed <u>network</u> environments, or science that uses immense <u>data</u> sets that require <u>grid</u> <u>computing</u>; the term sometimes includes technologies that enable distributed collaboration



Definition from Microsoft Research

How computing technologies can help address scientific challenges eScience efforts at Microsoft Research seek to further the understanding of these challenges, support the developing community, develop computational tools that will enable the advancement of scientific research, and catalyze discovery through funded collaborative research.



What it really means

How can current and future products and technologies can be applied to scientific challenges to help with scientific insight in a easy to use system

Technology in support of Science



## EOS Article: Mountain Hydrology, Snow Color, and the Fourth Paradigm by Jeff Dozier

Eos, Vol. 92, No. 43, 25 October 2011



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hard-won, long-term data do show trends

#### Mountain Hydrology, Snow Color, and the Fourth Paradigm

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The world's mountain ranges accumulate substantial snow, whose melt produces the bulk of runoff and often combines with rain to cause floods. Worldwide, inadequate understanding and a reliance on sparsely distributed observations limit our ability to predict seasonal and paroxysmal runoff as climate changes, ecosystems adapt, populations grow, land use evolves, and societies make choices.

lation, melt, and runoff, scientists and community planners can take advantage of two emerging trends: (1) an ability to remotely sense snow properties from satellites at a spatial scale appropriate for mountain regions (10- to 100-meter resolution, coverage of the order of 100,000 square kilometers) and a daily temporal scale appropriate for the dynamic nature of snow and (2) The Fourth Paradigm [Hey et al., 2009], which posits a new scientific approach in which insight is discovered through the manipulation of large data sets as the evolutionary step in scientific thinking beyond the first three paradigms: empiricism, analyses, and simulation. The inspiration for the book's title comes from pioneering computer scientist Jim Gray, based on a lecture he gave at the National Academy of Sciences 3 weeks before he disappeared at sea.

#### Water From the Mountain Snowpack

Of the seasonal changes that occur on Earth's land surface, the most profound are accumulation and melt of snow, filling rivers and recharging aquifers that support downstream ecosystems and supply water for 20% of Earth's population. These high, miditativade snowpacks are at risk because a warming climate would change some snowfall to rainfall and deliver runoff months before demand. Management of this water for competing requirements (flood control, irrigation, hydropower, recreation, and habit tal) now uses assessments of the snow storage and the plastible rate of melt. Even in one. well-instrumented basins, seasonal forecasts are sometimes wrong, In the Sierra Nevada's American River, for example, the median error of the 1 April forecast of the April-July runoff is 18%; 1 year out of every 5 exhibits an error that reaches nearly 40%. Comparison between forecasts and river flows shows that the maximum error from 1990 to 2011 was 129% (Figure 1). Worldwide, mountain ranges like the Hindu Kush, Fine Shan, Karakoram, Himalayas, and Andes pose formidable difficulties even for roush estimates.

Manual and automated ground measurements of snow water equivalent—all on nearly flat ground and many in forest clearings—do not represent snow on the landscape. Historically, water managers assumed that ground measurements provide some index to the actual volume of water, but established forecasting methods depend on statistical relations developed while land use and climate have been changing, Rich, already, but statistical uncertainty will get worse as the past becomes less represent tive of the present [Milly et al., 2008]. Thus, scientists and water managers need physi cally based approaches that account for topographic heterogeneity and estimate th volume of water in basin-wide snow, relative to historical trends and extremes. Some mountain regions where snow falls contain austere infrastructure, meager gaug ing, challenges of accessibility, and emer ing or enduring insecurity related to water resources, Remote sensing, models, and data-intensive analyses offer opportunities to address this need. Similar methods can be applied to Earth's polar and subpolar

#### The Significance of the Color of Snow

If human eyes were sensitive to radiation through the whole solar spectrum, snow would be one of nature's most "colorful" surface covers, whose spectral reflectivity varies as snow crystals change size and shape and gather dust or soot [Dozier et al., 2009]. Satellite-borne sensors such as the Landsat

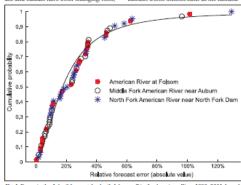
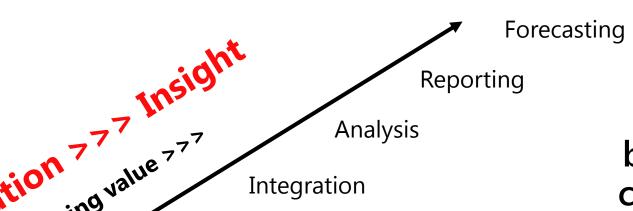


Fig. J. Errons in the 1 April Forecast for April-July runroll in the American Rices, 1900-2011, based on gauges at Aubum and Folsom, in California. Note that the median error is 18% and the 80th percentile (1 year in 5) error is 39%. The plot was generated from information from the California

Snow is one of nature's most colorful materials (Landsat Thematic Mapper snow & cloud) Spatially distributed snow water equivalent SWE, mm 4500 2500 1900 1300 600 (N. Molotch) Microsoft 04/10/05

## Information about water is more useful as we climb the value ladder





Done poorly, but a few notable counter-examples

Data 777 Information 777 In. Distribution Collation Monitoring

Done poorly to moderately, not easy to find

Sometimes done well, generally discoverable and available, but could be improved

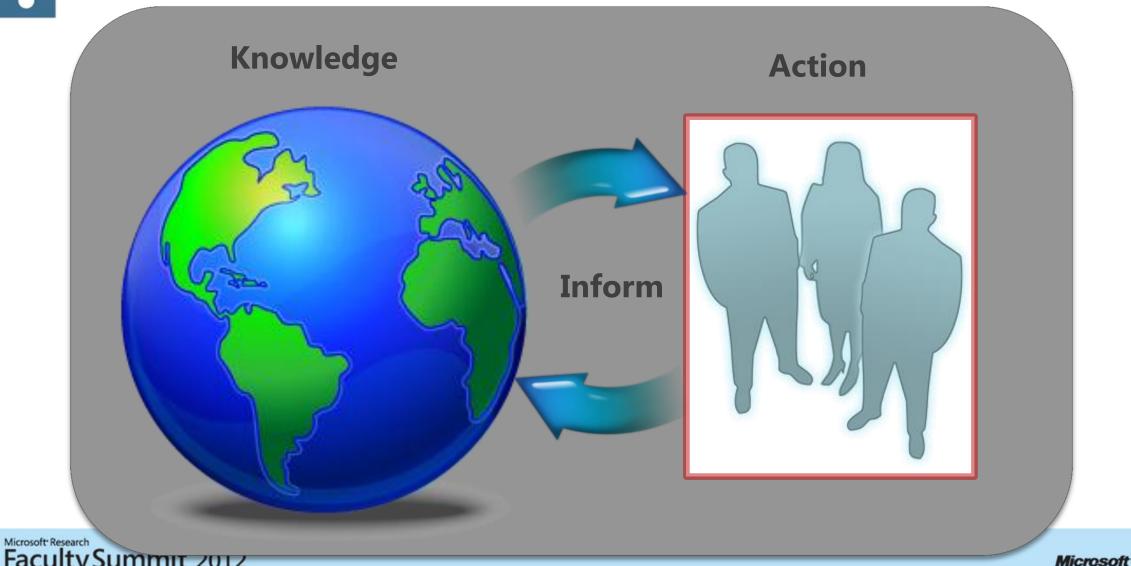






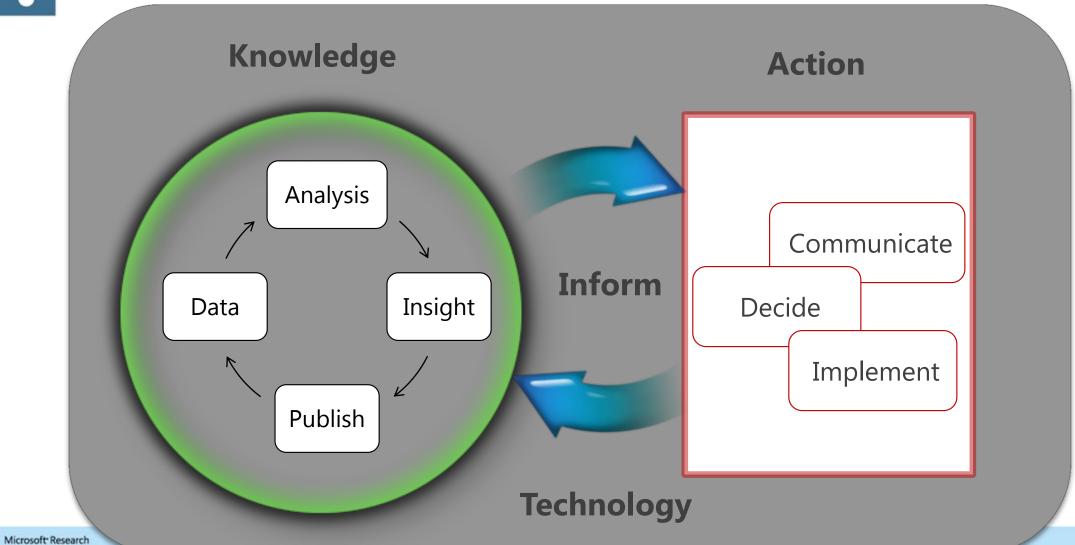
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## Environmental Ecosystem





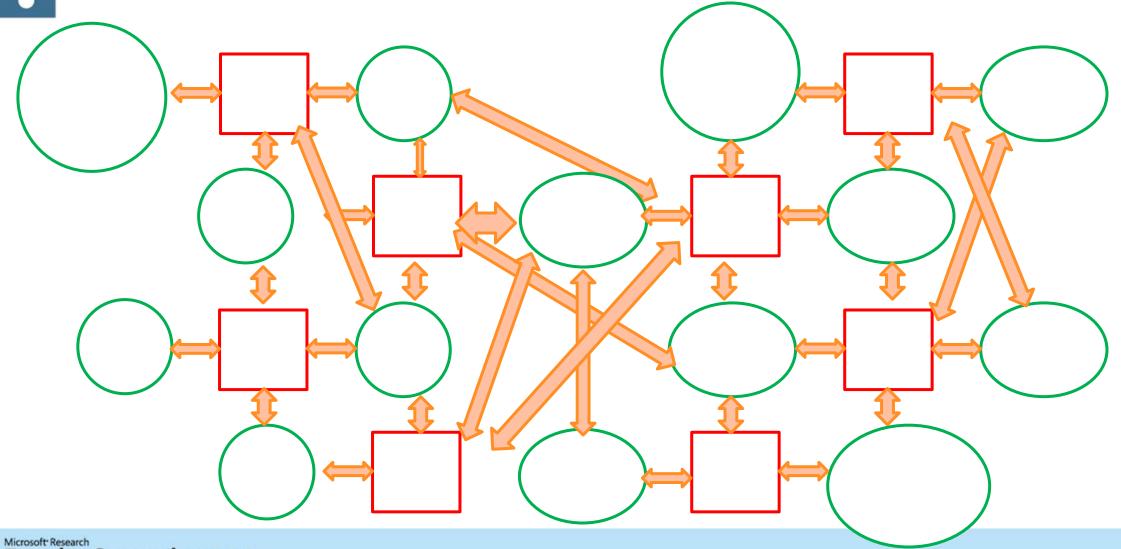
## Environmental Ecosystem





## Information ecosystem:

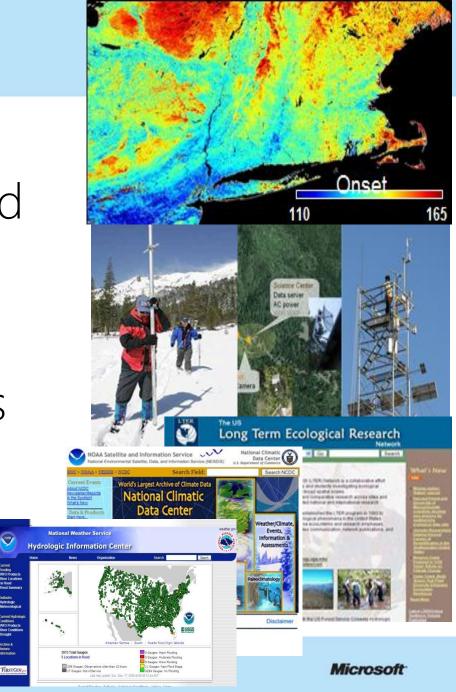
It is chaotic, unstructured and ad hoc





## The Ecological Data Flood

- We're living in a perfect storm of remote sensing, cheap ground-based sensors, internet data access, and commodity computing
- Yet deriving and extracting the variables needed for science remains problematic
  - Specialized knowledge for algorithms, internal file formats, data cleaning, etc, etc
  - Finding the right needle across the distributed heterogeneous and very rapidly growing haystacks



## Data Variety – The Spice of Life



Manual Measurement

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**Automated Measurement** 



Sample Collection



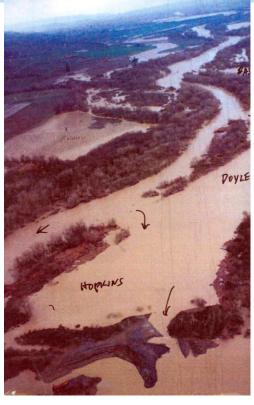
Typing



Model Output



Counting



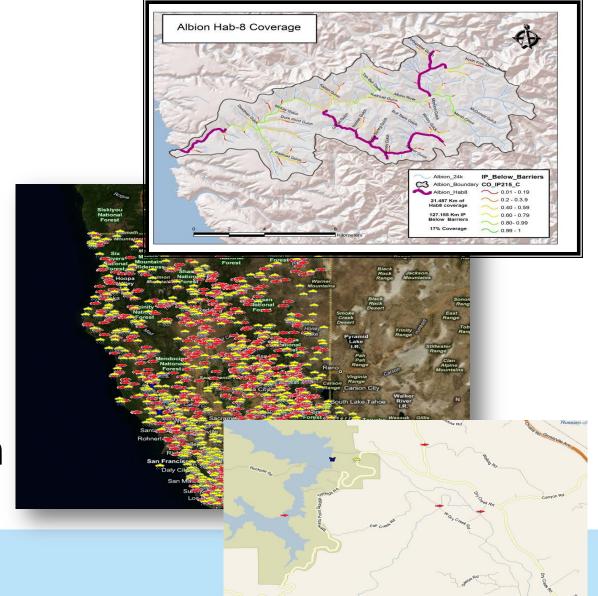
Historical Photographs





## Data Integration Challenges

- Regular rasters, points, and spatial features
- Time series and intermittent
- Vocabulary meanings (ontology)
- Sparse in time, duration, or location
- Science variable derivation
- Gaps
- Spatial/temporal harmonization

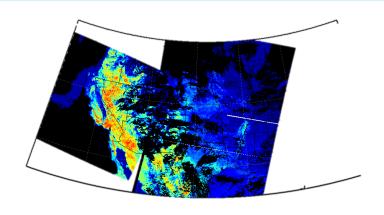




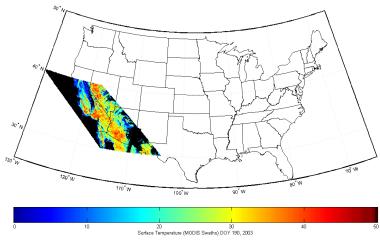


## Tiling: Do Scientists Have to be Computer Scientists?

- Reprojection
  - Converts one geo-spatial representation to another.
  - Example is converting from latitude-longitude swaths to sinusoidal cells.
- Spatial resampling
  - Converts one spatial resolution to another.
  - Example is converting from 1 KM to 5 KB pixels.
- Temporal resampling
  - Converts one temporal resolution to another.
  - Example is converting from daily observation to 8 day averages.
- Gap filling
  - Assigns values to pixels without data either due to inherent data issues such as clouds or missing pixels introduced by one of the above.
- Masking
  - Eliminates uninteresting or unneeded pixels.
  - Examples are eliminating pixels over the ocean when computing a land product or eliminating pixels outside a spatial feature such as a watershed.



#### Source Data (Swath format)





## Why Make this Distinction?



#### Provenance and trust widely varies

Data acquisition, early processing, and reporting ranges from a large government agency to individual scientists.

Smaller data often passed around in email; big data downloads can take days (if at all)

#### Data sharing concerns and patterns vary

Open access followed by (non-repeatable and tedious) pre-processing True science ready data set but concerns about misuse,

misunderstanding particularly for hard won data.

#### Computational tools differ.

Not everyone can get an account at a supercomputer center Very large computations require engineering (error handling) Space and time aren't always simple dimensions







Complex shared detector

Simple instrument (if any)

Science happens when PBs, TBs, GBs, and KBs can be mashed up simply

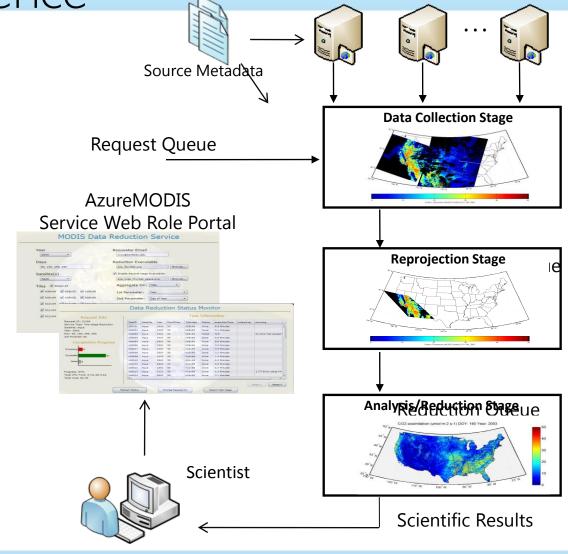
Complex and Heavy process by experts

Ad hoc observations and models



AzureMODIS – Azure Service for Remote Sensing Geoscience

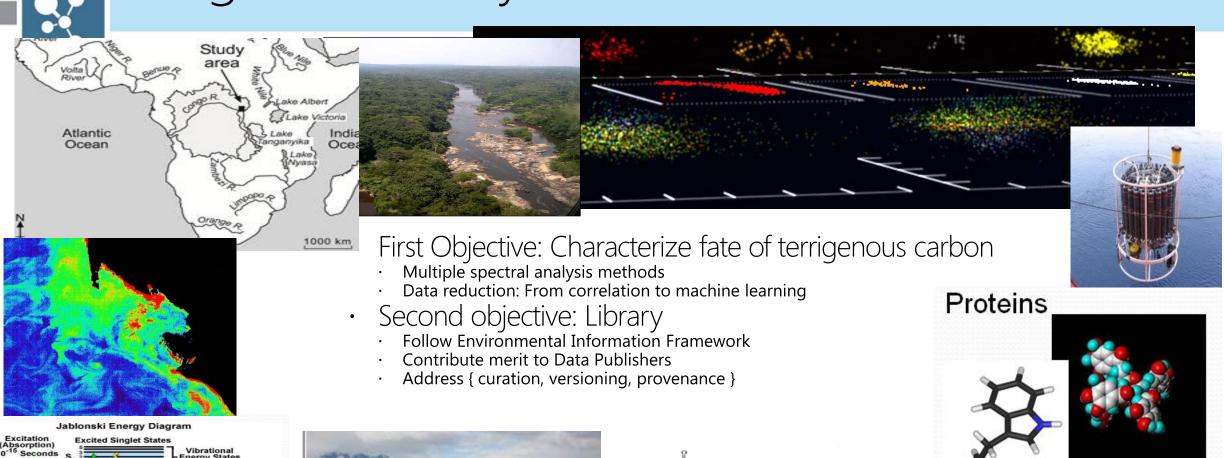
- Science pipeline for download, initial processing, and reduction of satellite imagery. Developed by MSR, UVa, UCB.
- Dramatically lowers resource and complexity barriers to use satellite imagery for terrestrial hydrology and geoscience.
  - Common imagery location determination and upload from diverse sources
  - Optional scientist-provided reduction algorithm (.NET, Java, or MatLab)
  - On-demand scalability beyond local desktop or cluster
- In use now to compute 10 year continental scale water balance for North America. Per year:
  - 500 GB (~60K files) upload of 9 different source imagery products from 15 different locations
  - 400 GB reprojected harmonized imagery consuming ~3500 cpu hours
  - 5 GB reduced science result leveraging reported field data aggregates consuming ~60 cpu hour

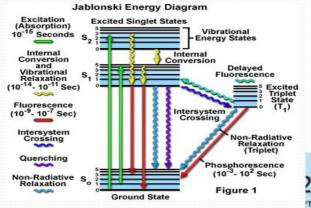


**Source Imagery Download Sites** 

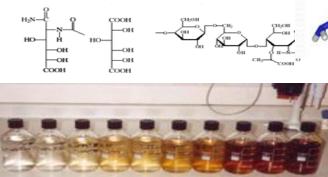
## Micrometeorology Pilot study "R1": 2009 20 million observations **Engineering success** Collaborators: Humberto da Rocha (USP) $\frac{\partial \overline{c}}{\partial t} + \overline{u} \frac{\partial \overline{c}}{\partial x} + \overline{w} \frac{\partial \overline{c}}{\partial z} + \overline{c} \left( \frac{\partial \overline{u}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \overline{w}}{\partial z} \right) + \frac{\partial \overline{u'c'}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \overline{w'c'}}{\partial z}$ Andreas Terzis (JHU) Juliana Salles, Rob Fatland (MSR) Brito Cruz (FAPESP) Continuation "R2": 2012+ Science and engineering objectives "Solve the carbon balance problem" "Build an interoperable data system" Microsoft

## Biogeochemistry: Carbon+

















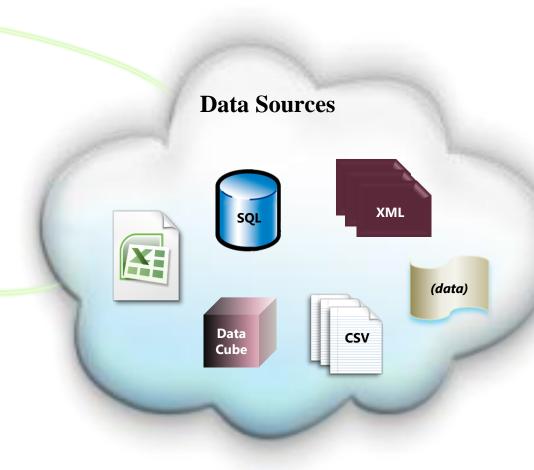




## Environmental Informatics Framework (EIF)

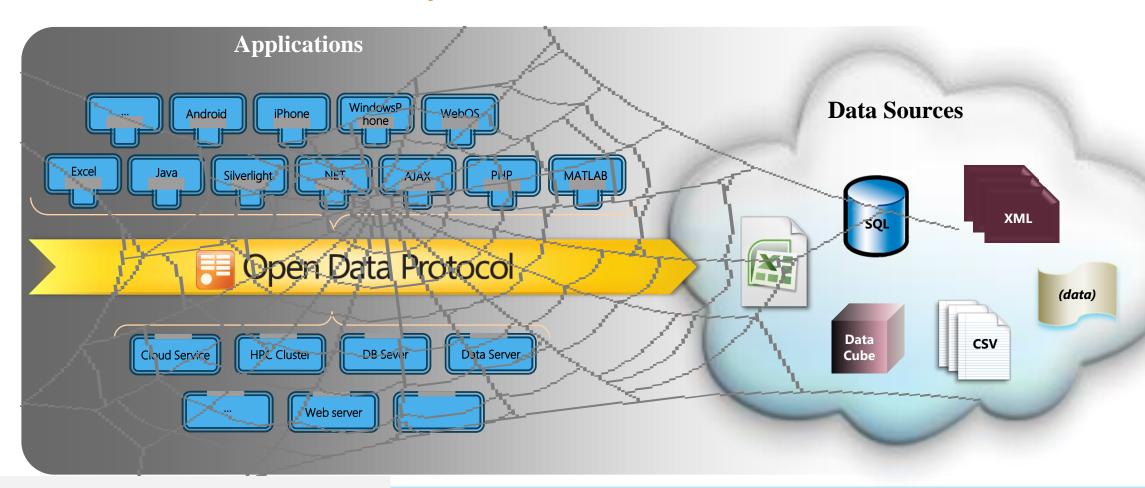
#### **Common Problems with Data**

- > To use data from different sources
  - Non-standard formats, scales, and units
  - Lack of data quality control
  - Lack of metadata
  - Difficult to repurpose data for different (my) tools
- > To share data
  - Lack of incentive (no credit)
  - Need extra resources and toois
- > Hidden problems, seldom addressed
  - Versioning
  - Provenance
  - Curation



## Environmental Informatics Framework (EIF)

#### **Current State of Data Ecosystem**





## Environmental Informatics Framework (EIF)

#### Advance data discoverability, accessibility, and consumability



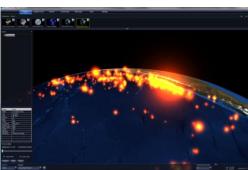
Open Data Protocol (OData)

http://www.odata.org

It allows you to form URLs based on what you know about the underlying data

- > A Web protocol for querying and updating data
  - provides a way to unlock your data and free it from data silos
  - does this by building upon Web technologies such as <u>HTTP</u>, <u>Atom Publishing Protocol</u> (AtomPub) and <u>JSON</u> to provide access to information from a variety of applications, services, and stores.
- In Open Source/Specifications Promise
- > An application of a set of internet standards:
  - □ HTTP.
  - □ Atom (RFC 4287),
  - □ AtomPub (RFC 5023),
  - REST semantics
- Existing standards + easy data access API
- > Adding Geospatial data support -
  - □ Feedback from the Community encouraged www.odata.org







## "Data Explorer"

- A new SQL Azure Lab that provides a new way to organize, manage, mashup and gain new insights from your data.
- Data Explorer provides capabilities for data curation, collaboration, classification and mashup, opening new capabilities and opportunities around the data that you own or want to work with.





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**PUBLISH** 

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## Microsoft Codename "Data Explorer" capabilities

## DISCOVER



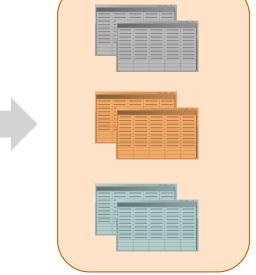
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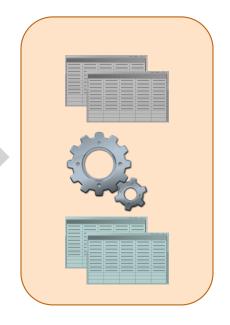
### **PUBLISH**







Classify Understand Recommend



Transform
Mash up
Cleanse



Snapshot Publish Sell



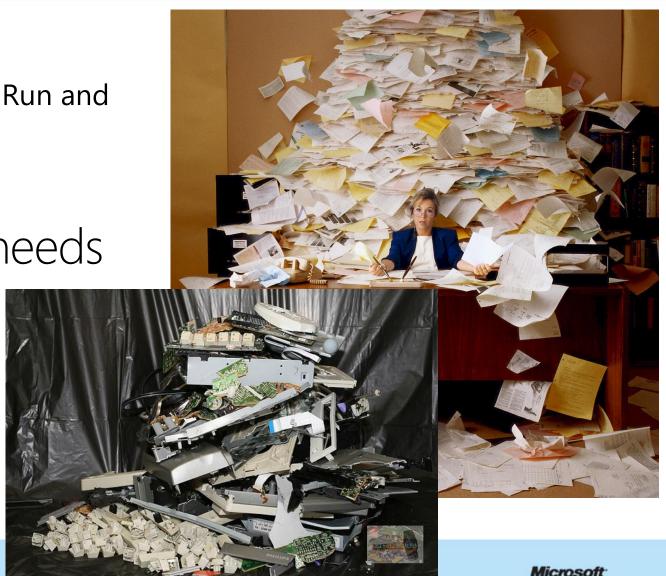
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## Data Tsunami or Scientific Data Hording

- Technology Trends
  - Compute and Storage make it easy to Run and Keep
  - · Does it get used? Could it be mined?
- Data Collaboration reuse needs
- Discoverability
  - · Catalogs, etc
- Accessibility
  - · Protocols
- Consumability
  - · Tooling support



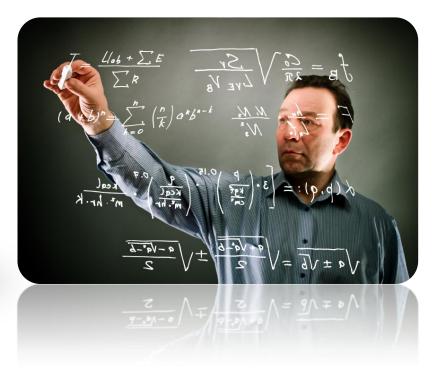




## New ways to analyze and communicate data

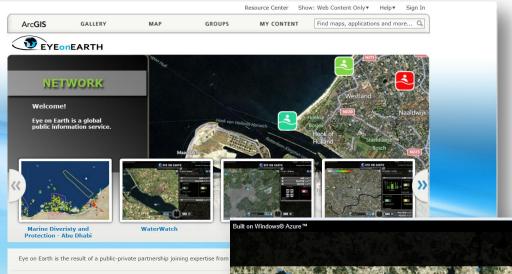












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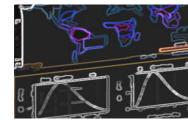
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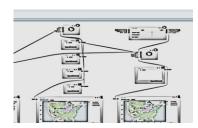
## Computational Ecology and Environmental Science Group

- Developing new concepts, methods and tools to enable better information and predictions about our planet
- Joining up theory, with data, via statistics, to produce useful predictive models
- Targeting predictive models at key policy requirements to help develop better informed solutions

http://research.microsoft.com/ecology/



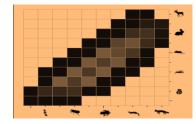
Global Carbon Model



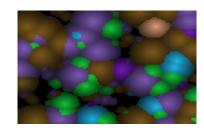
Food security



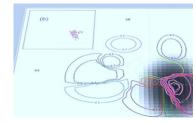
Threats to biodiversity



**Ecosystem function** 



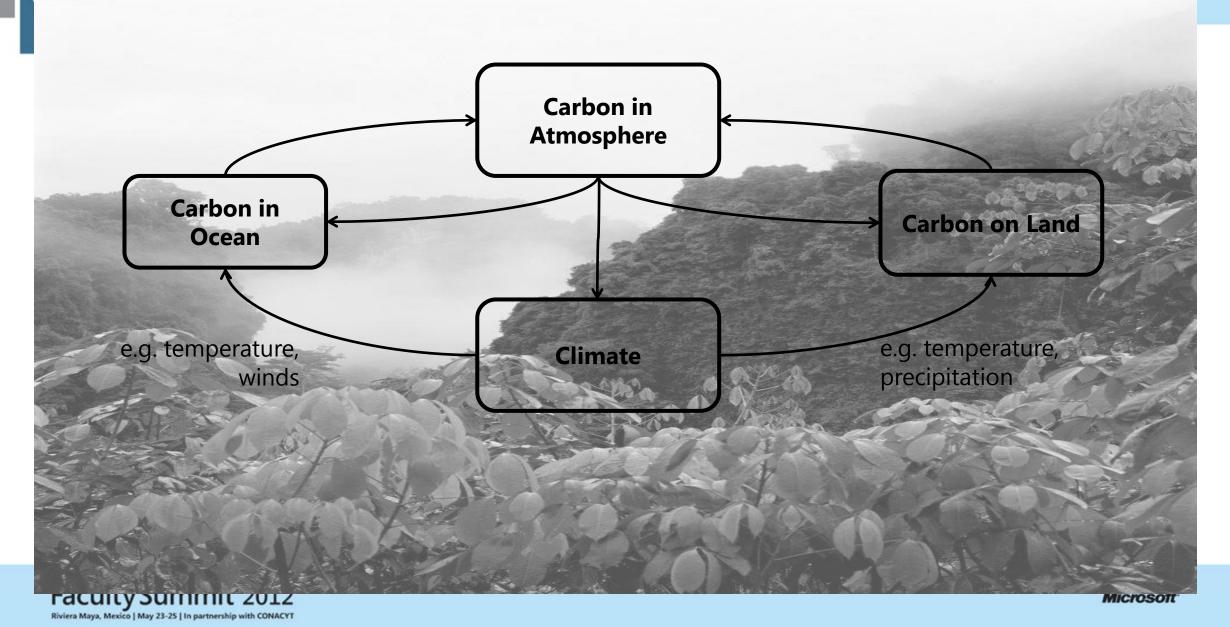
Forest dynamics



Species distributions

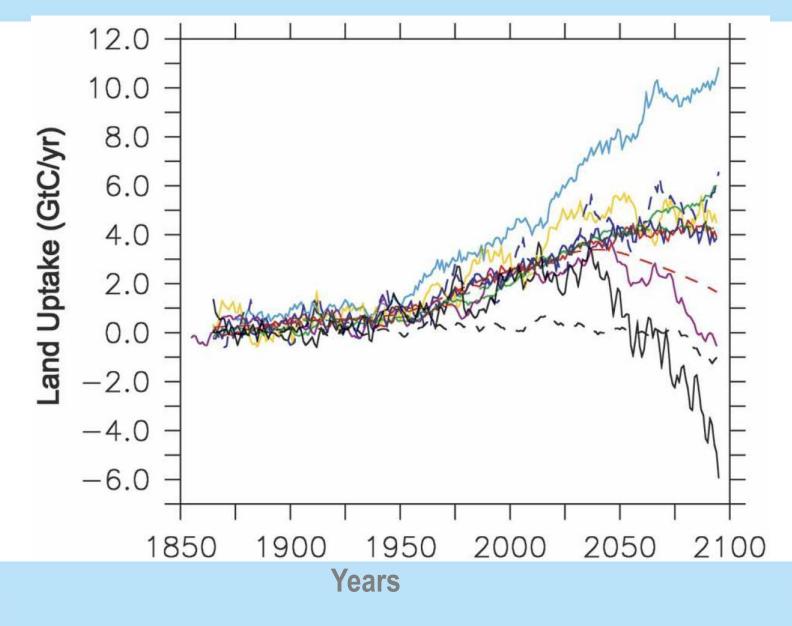


## Global Carbon-Climate Feedback Model



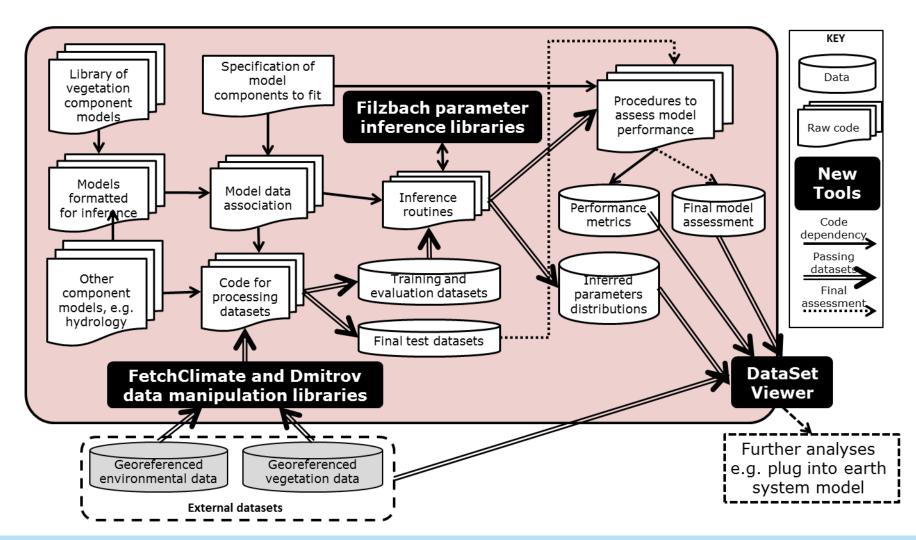


## Current models are limited



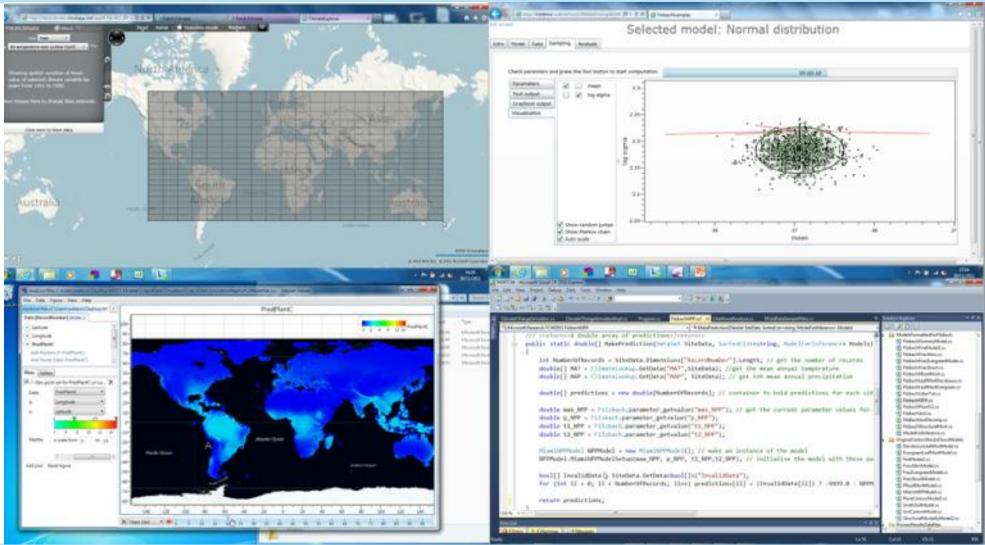


## Multi-Component Model Framework





# Bringing Together Data for Models





# Complex event processing

- Event-driven computations
- Reason about time
- Detect interesting patterns
- Connect to and correlate heterogeneous sources
- Process late data
- Process lots of data
- Re-use existing functions and algorithms





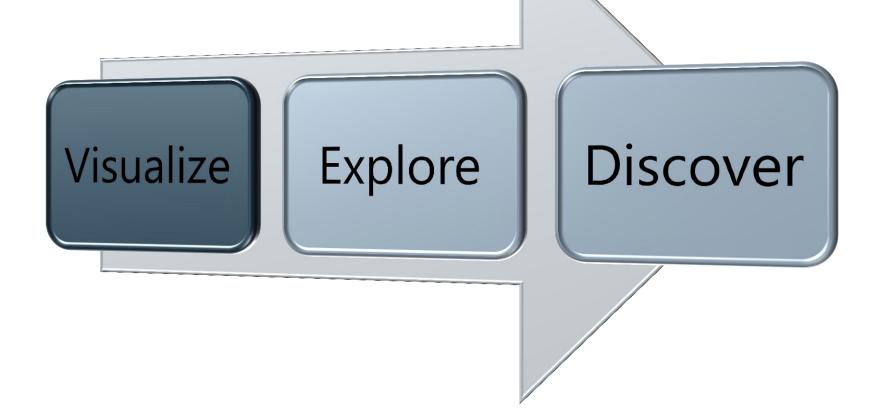


# Microsoft StreamInsight

- API to build CEP applications
- Development in .NET & LINQ
- Maturing tool support
  - · Event Flow Debugger
  - · LINQPad
- Flexible integration of data sources / sinks
- Extensibility model
- Needs a SQL Server 2008 R2 License

#### StreamInsight Platform StreamInsight Application Development StreamInsight Application at Runtime **Event sources** Event targets Standing Queries

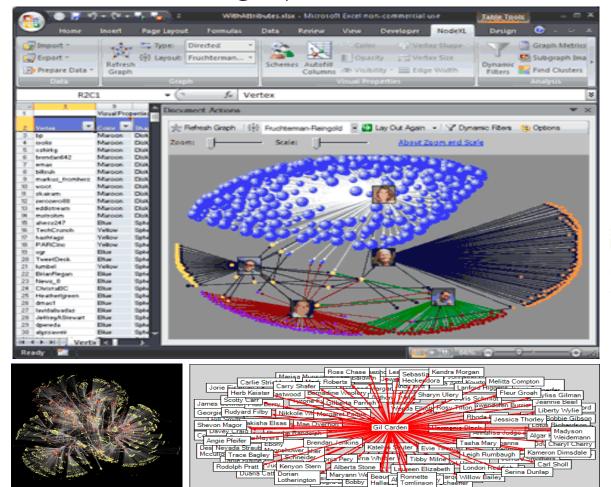


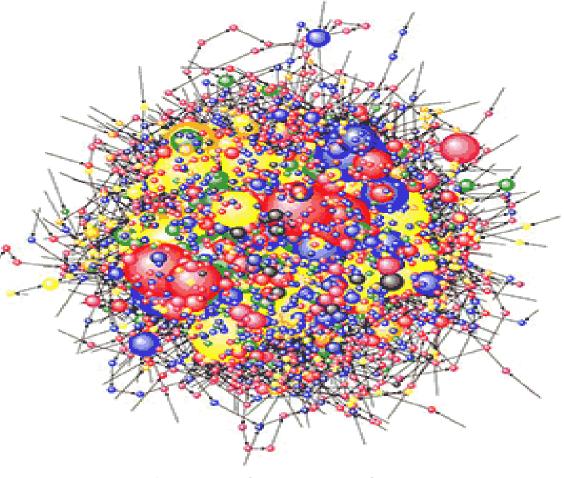




## NodeXL

#### Network graph visualization



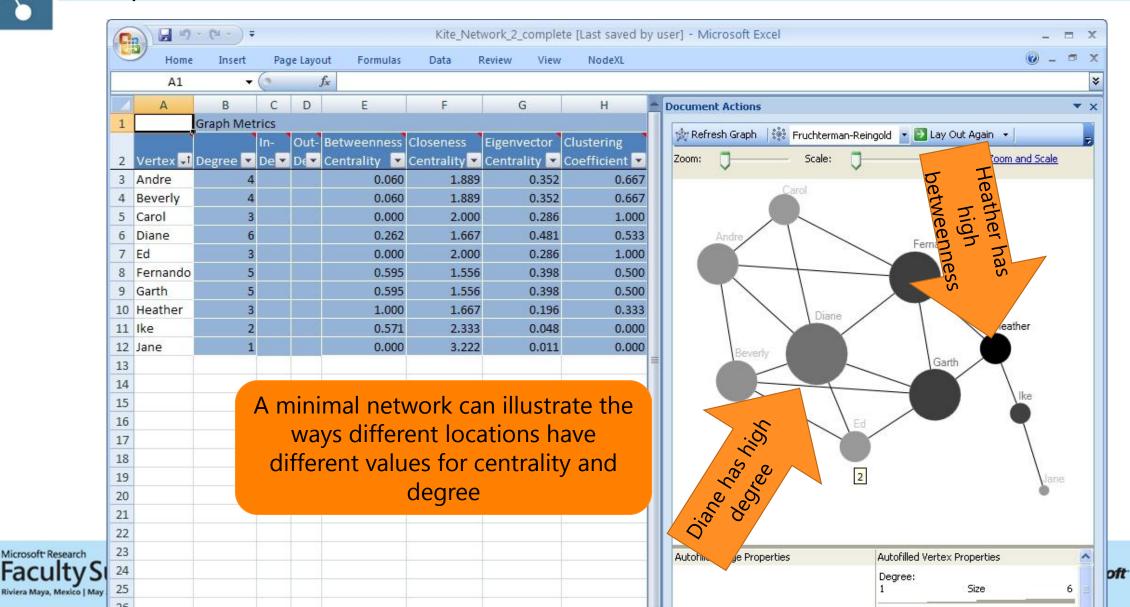


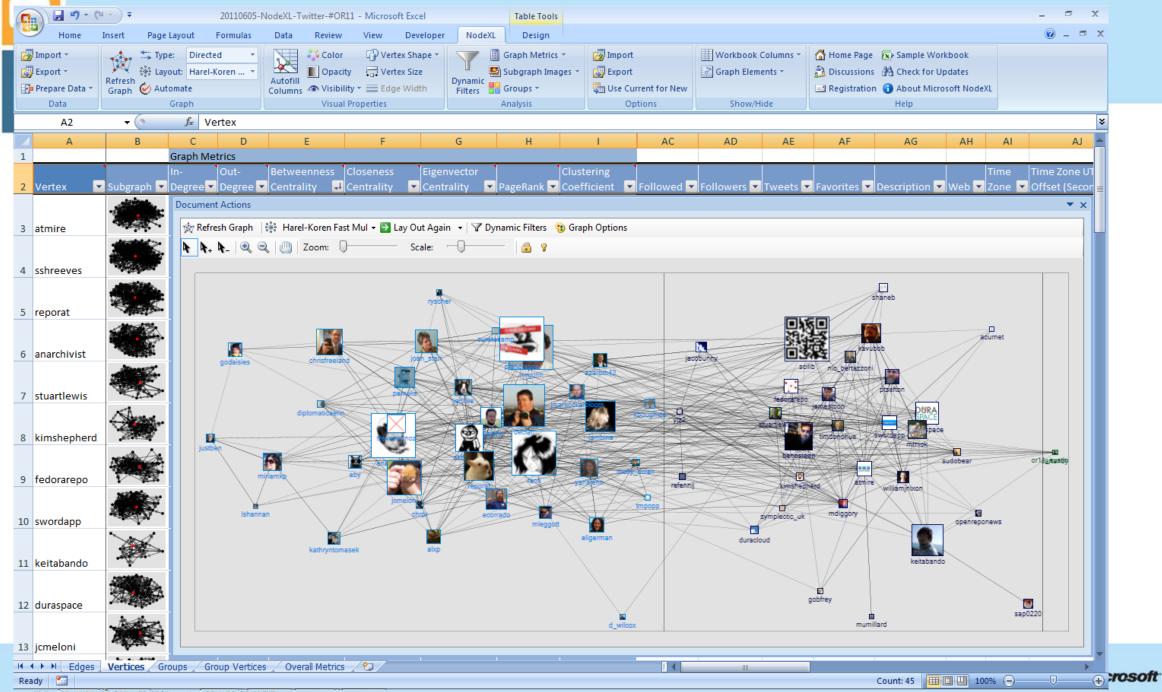
Binary and source code: <a href="http://nodexl.codeplex.com">http://nodexl.codeplex.com</a>





# NodeXL - Network Overview Discovery and Exploration add-in for Excel 2007/2010





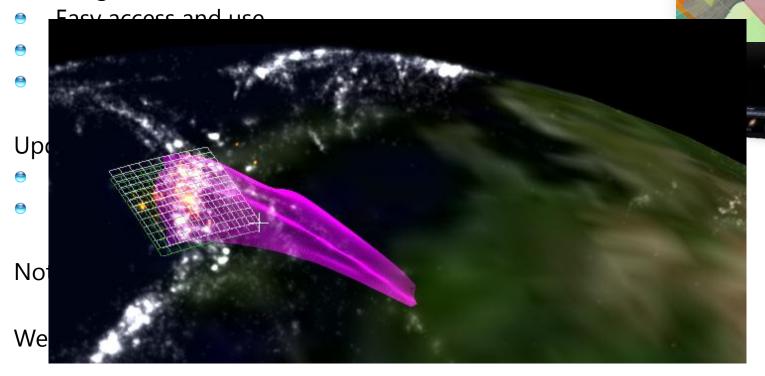


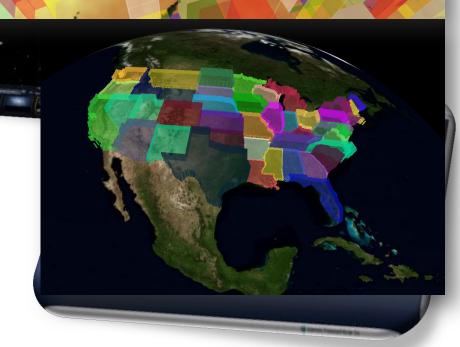
# World Wide Telescope

Seamless Rich Social Media Virtual Sky and I Web application for science and education

#### Goals

• Integration of data sets and one-click contextual access







#### www.layerscape.org

Powered by WorldWide Telescope

 Community Site for WWT Tours and Layers (Data)

Top Categories

\*\*\* Solid Earth

Rating: \*\*\*\*\* (1)

Community: Climate

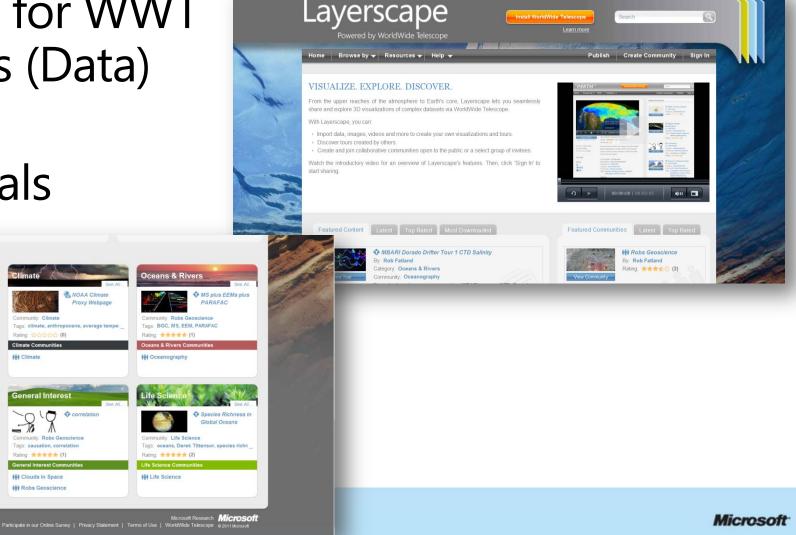
General Interest

**†††** Clouds in Space **###** Robs Geoscience Rating \*\*\*\*\* (2)

 Sharing by groups/individuals

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# Natural User Interfaces (NUI) Kinect SDK and WWT

- Rethinking ways in which people will interact with computers/technologies of the future
- Re-evaluating everything from their (non-) physical design to the human needs and interaction models
- Revolutionize the way we think about technology and what it can do on our behalf









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# Data Storage Sustainability?

- Digital Data can be open who should pay the cost?
- Spinning Disks, Bandwidth, Cooling, etc





# No Silver Bullet - What is needed?

- Algorithms that scale
- Data Management from the Start
- Automatic Ancillary Data capture
- Thinking about the Data, and retention
- Data sharing is natural from the start
- Visualization for everyone
- Best practices insights and challenges shared amongst domains
  - · Ie. eScience Workshop, etc





# Challenges

- Balancing
- · Data Acquisition | Bandwidth | Storage/Processing
- Cross Discipline Collaboration Knowledge sharing
- The data deluge How to manage and analyze information?
- New types of Scientists:
  - · Data Collectors & Data Analysis
- Riding the commodity curve
- Technology/Computing in support of Science



# eScience in Action Microsoft eScience Vorkshop 2012

October 8–9, 2012 | Chicago, Illinois, United States <a href="http://research.microsoft.com/events/escience2012">http://research.microsoft.com/events/escience2012</a>

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# Presentation Fonts/Typography

#### What are the font choices and sizes?

Any font size 28pt or larger should use Segoe UI Light Any type that is less than 28pt should use Segoe UI On one slide, try to use a maximum of 3 font sizes

#### Where to start?

Control focus by using scale versus bullets
Use color to draw focus when necessary
Start with main topic at 40pt and subtopics at 20pt

#### Title/sentence casing and periods

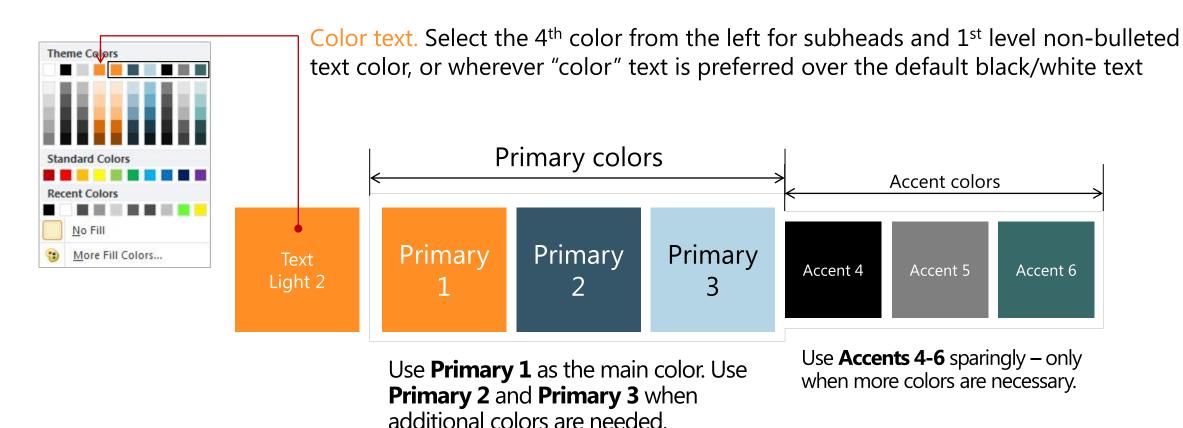
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Periods should only be used on the title & main topics for complete sentences





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## Main topic 3: size 40pt

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# Same Color Text Layout (No Bullets)

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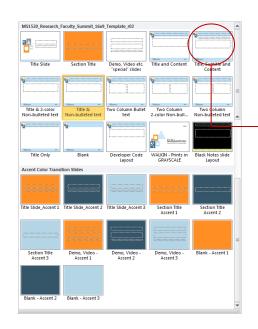
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- Click on Layout. A drop down list similar to the one shown on the left will appear. Notice that the layout for the slide you are on is highlighted. This slide uses a layout called "Title & Non-bulleted text"
- 3. Try clicking on the Layout to the left of it, called "Title & 2-color Non-bulleted text". Notice how the 1<sup>st</sup> level subheads change to a color.
- 4. Next try clicking on the layout called "Title and Content" layout. This is a the bulleted layout used on the next slide.
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# Adjusting List Levels

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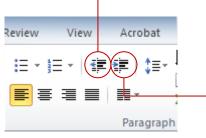
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Size 20pt for the subtopics Size 20pt for the subtopics Use the "Increase List Level" and "Decrease List Level" tools on the Home Menu to change text levels.

#### Try this:

- 1. Place your cursor in any row of text to the left that says "Size 20pt for subtopics"
- Next click the Home tab, and then on the "<u>Decrease List level</u>" tool. Notice how the line jumps up a level in size.
- 3. Now try placing your cursor in one of the "Main topic..." lines of text. Click the "Increase List Level" tool and see how the text is pushed down one level

Use these 2 tools to adjust your text levels as you work





# Preferred Two Column Layout

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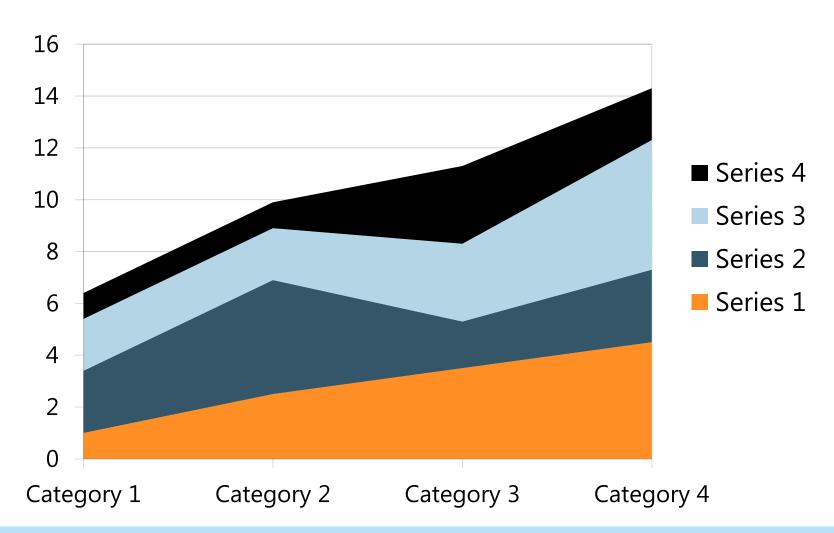
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