



SCIENCE-BASED AI/ML INSTITUTE

An Introduction to NETL's Science-based AI/ML Institute

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NETL's Science-based AI/ML Institute (SAMI)

Applied energy science and physics informed AI/ML solutions



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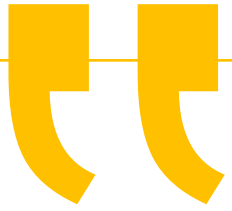
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- SAMI was established in 2020
- Combines the strengths of NETL's energy computational scientists, data scientists, and subject matter experts with strategic partners
- SAMI is innovating solutions to today's energy challenges

Learn more about SAMI:
<https://edx.netl.doe.gov/sami/>

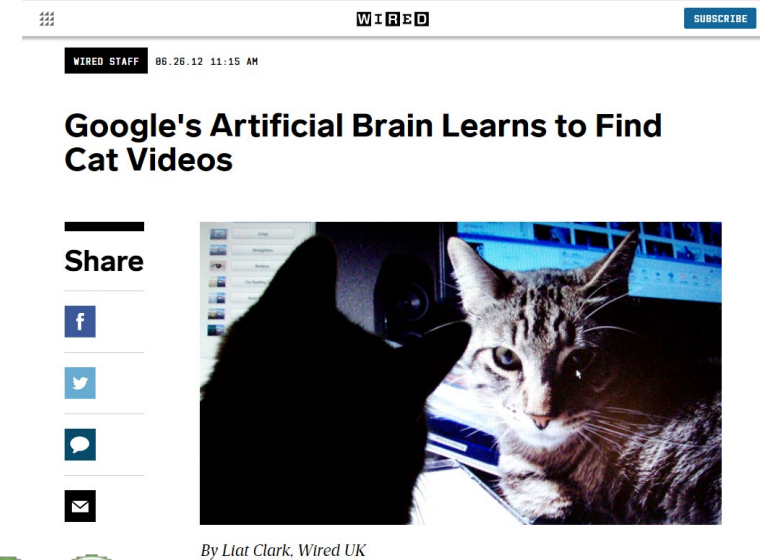


Leverage science-based models, AI/ML methods, data analytics, and high-performance computing to accelerate applied technology development for clean, efficient, and affordable energy production and utilization



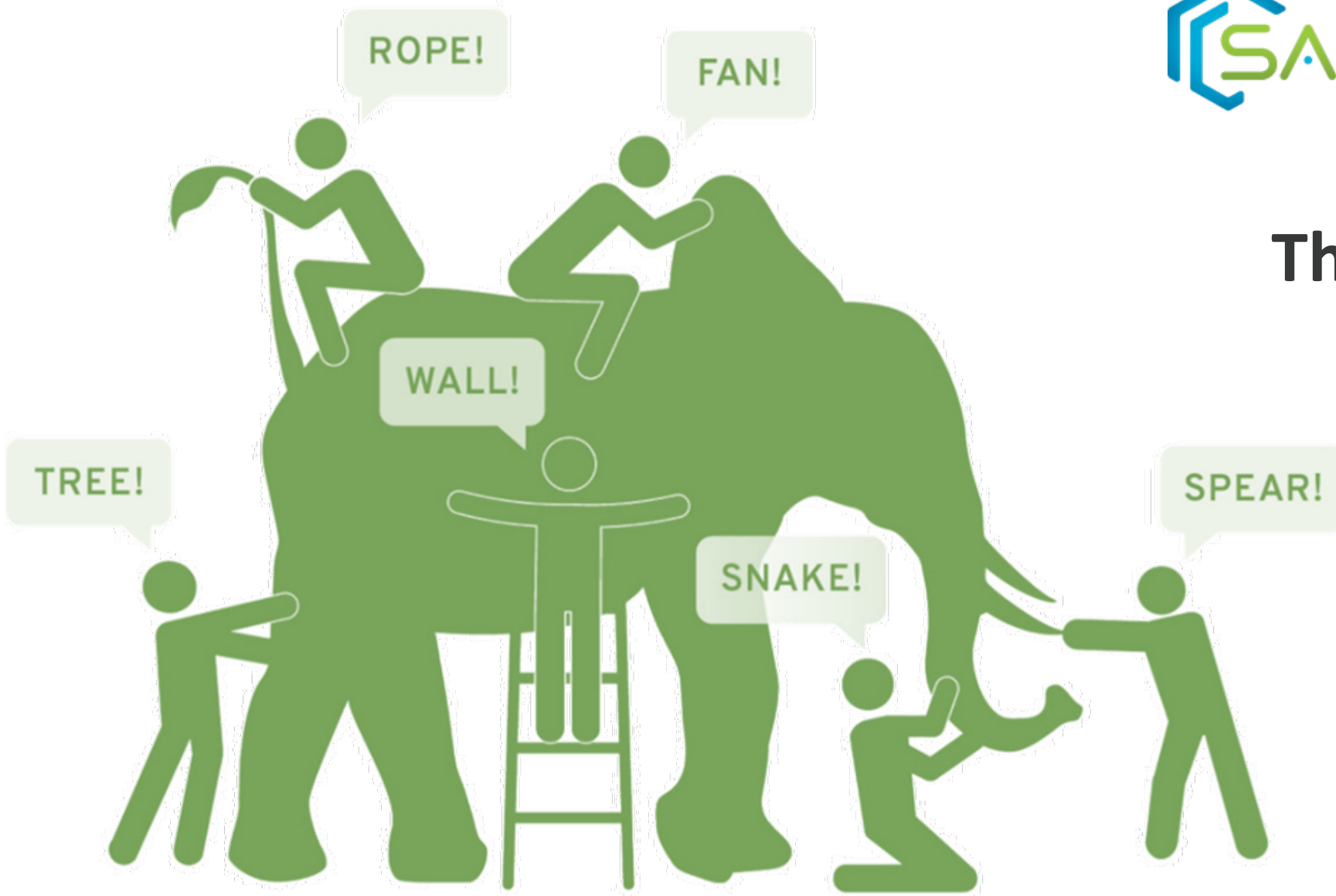
A few definitions...and why AI/ML Now?

- **Artificial Intelligence**
 - “Programmed” intelligence
- **Machine Learning**
 - **Supervised ML**, the machine is trained, taught
 - **Unsupervised ML**, the machine learns on it’s own (Google’s cat video experiment)
- **Big Data**
 - Large volumes, variety, variability, velocity of data
- **Big Data Computing**
 - Computing engineering & systems to handle big data



JOULE
NETL SUPERCOMPUTER

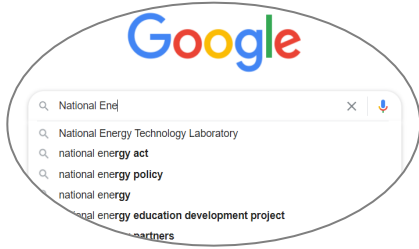
WATT
— The Power of AI



The Opportunity

AI/ML offers new
ways to explore
old problems

AI/ML use in daily life has sky rocketed



Auto-complete



Virtual Assistant



Online Shopping



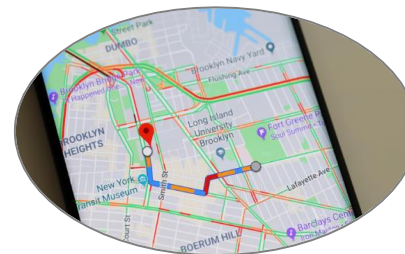
Image Recognition



Social Media Ads



Suggester Models for TV Shows



Driving Route Guidance

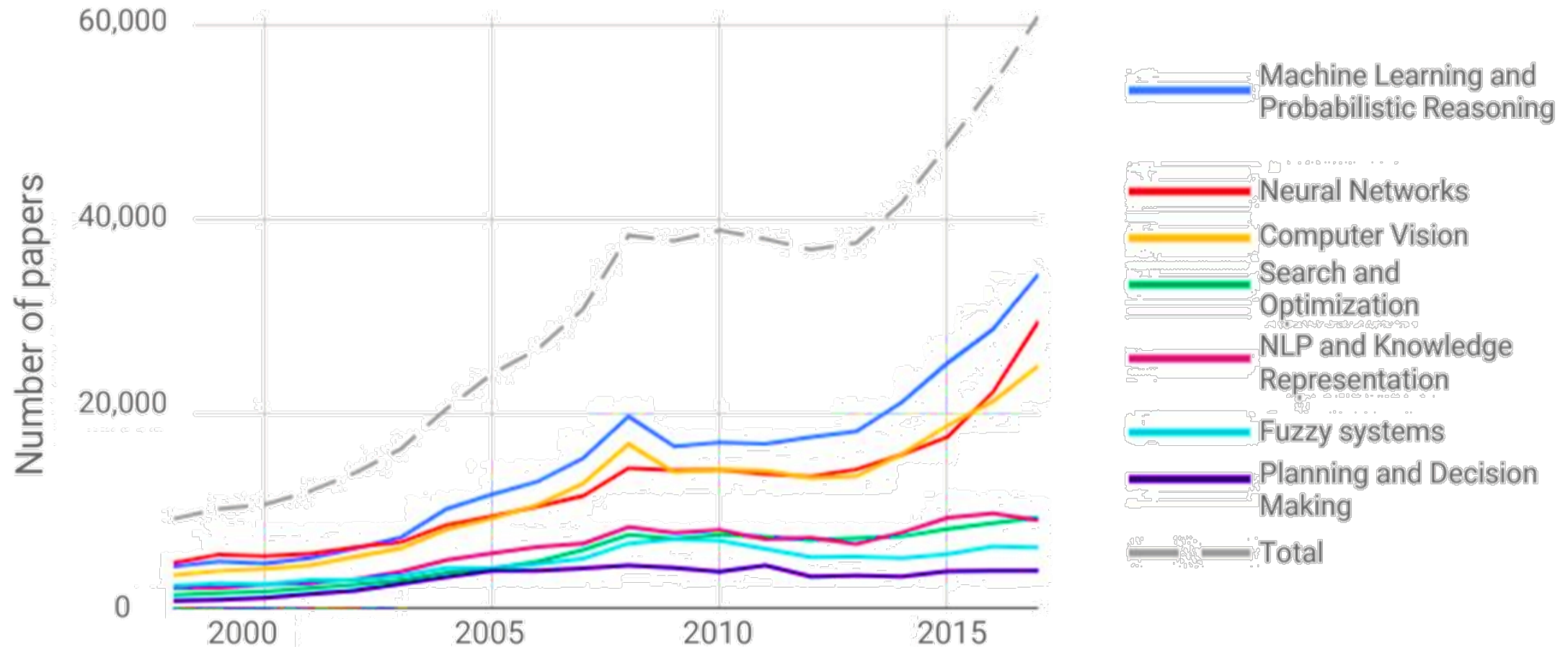


Self-driving Cars

AI/ML R&D Breakthroughs are Accelerating Too



Number of AI Papers on Scopus (1998-2017), Source: Elsevier



3 MAJOR CHALLENGES in Applying AI/ML



SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERY IS DEPENDENT ON DATA

Data offers significant opportunities to drive advanced AI/ML breakthroughs, but research is often impeded by data access, quality, formats, gaps, multi-source, multi-scale, and integration challenges.



COMPLEX AI/ML MODELS CAN BE DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND

The logic of complex AI/ML, such as deep learning models, can be difficult to understand. It is critical to have explainable and trustworthy AI.

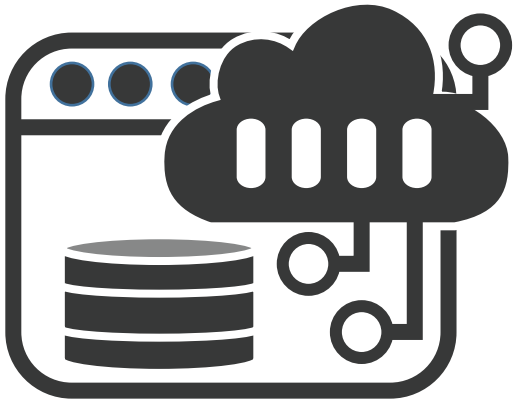


INCONSISTENT PRACTICES MAKE EVALUATION DIFFICULT

Even with training, validation, and testing processes, unnoticed incorrect workflow details can still significantly impact the results.

SAMI 3-PRONGED APPROACH

Injecting science and physics to guide AI/ML



SMART DATA PLATFORM (EDX++)

R&D data & knowledge refinery
with connectivity to computing
resources



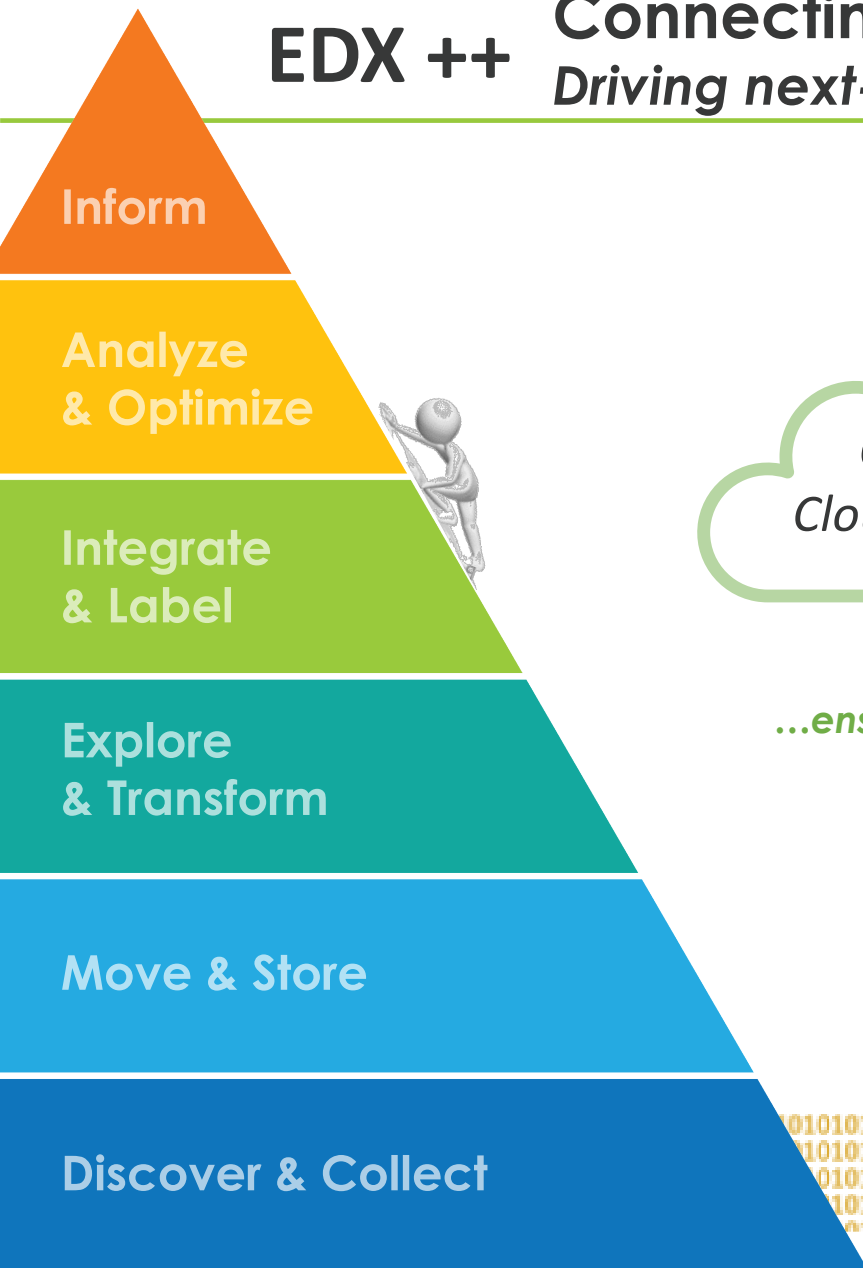
SCIENCE-BASED AI/ML MODELING

Address previously unanswerable
problems

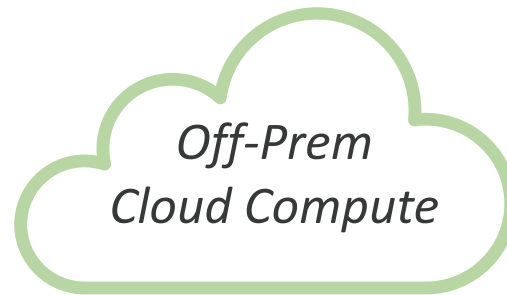


FOUNDATIONAL STANDARDS & PLATFORMS

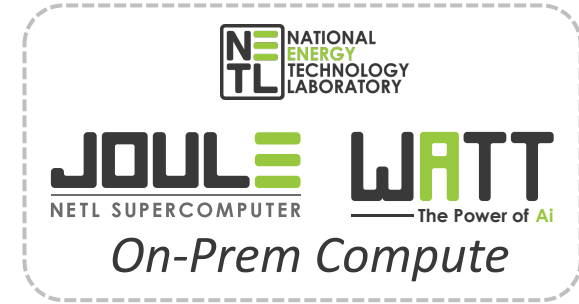
Establish responsible use of AI/ML



EDX++ FRAMEWORK



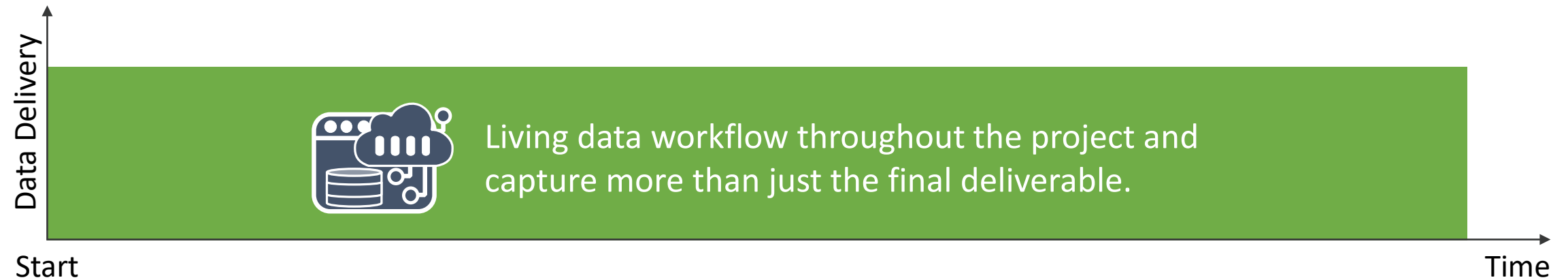
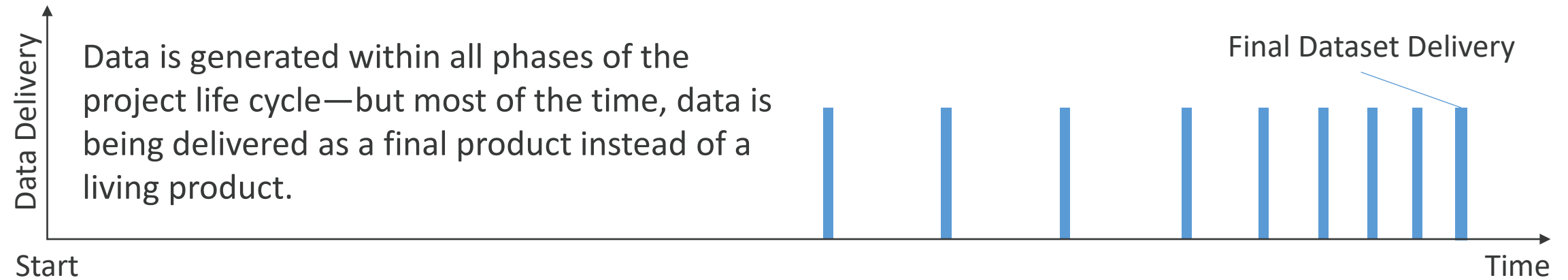
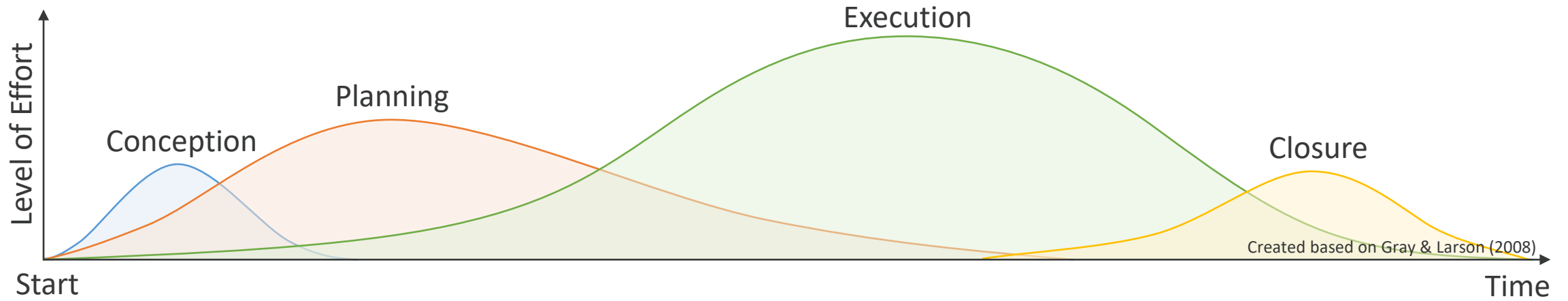
...ensuring compliance
with Federal/DOE
regulations



...ensuring preservation and
access to DOE FE knowledge
and data resources



Big Data



EDX is more than just a data repository



Search

Submissions within the public search on EDX provide access to many forms of information including but not limited to **presentations**, **publications**, **tools**, and **data**.

Sort

Submissions within the public search on EDX can be sorted **spatially**, by **keyword**, and **file format** connecting users to the appropriate data and information quickly and efficiently.

Groups

Submissions within the public search on EDX can be clustered into Groups of related data. Some popular EDX Groups include the **Kimberlina Data Group**, **Appalachian Basin Data Group**, and various **RCSPs**.



Tools

EDX Tools provide access to, management of, and interaction with data through a collection of tools including **SmartSearch**, **Natcarb Viewer 2.0**, **CSIL** and **NRAP Tools**.

Spatial

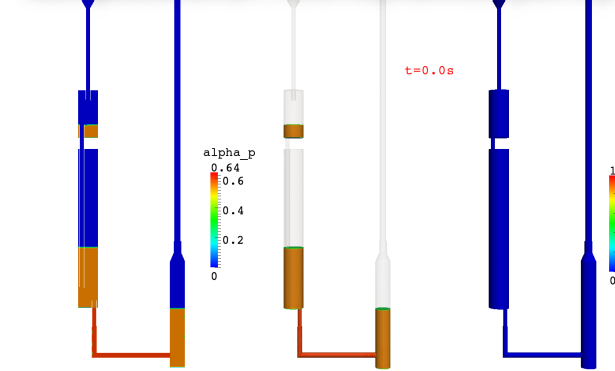
EDX Tools like **Geocube**, **Natcarb Viewer**, and **Blosom** allow users to find, sort, visualize, and interact with geospatial data.

Visualize

EDX Tools provide visualization of data through various tools including **ParaView**, **Papaya**, and **RokData** (coming soon).



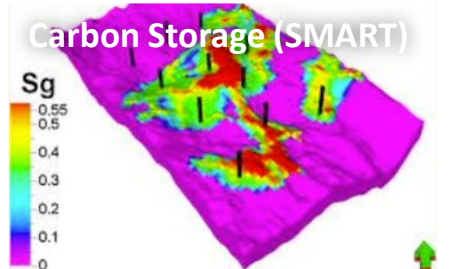
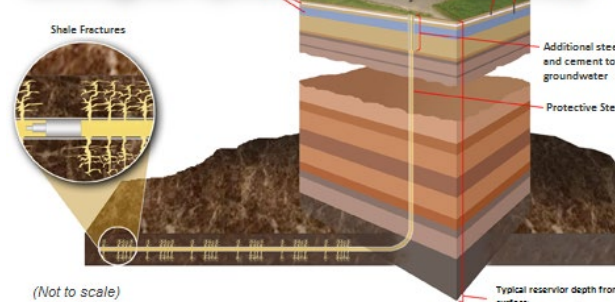
Computational Fluid Dynamics (MFIX)



Material (ExtremeMat)



Geological System (Unconventional)



There are two ends on the machine learning problem spectrum

Data Driven

- Object Detection and Classification
- Spam Identification
- Recommendation Systems
- Autonomous Driving
- Natural Language Processing
- More...

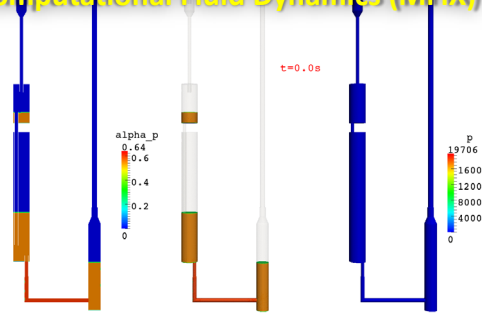
With Scientific and Physics Prior Knowledge

- Computational Science and Engineering
- Computational Fluid Dynamics
- Geological and Environmental Systems
- Material Engineering and Manufacturing
- Energy Conversion Engineering
- More...

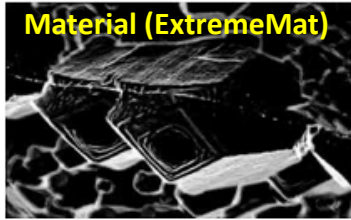
Challenges with this end of the spectrum



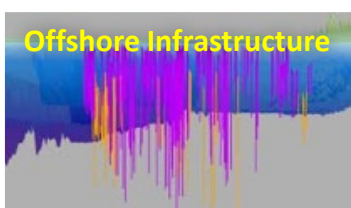
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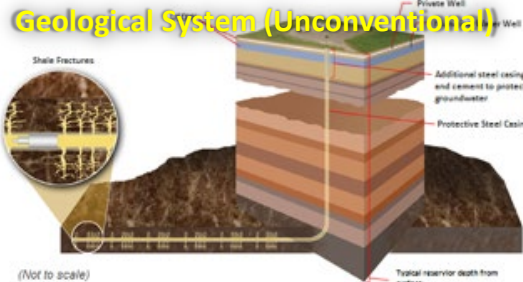
Material (ExtremeMat)



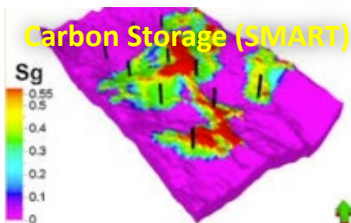
Offshore Infrastructure



Geological System (Unconventional)



Carbon Storage (SMART)



With Scientific and
Physics Prior Knowledge

- Data acquisition can be costly and time-consuming, resulting in limited available data for AI/ML training
- Complex and high-dimensional space (with many variables)
- Multi-scale tasks (e.g., time, geospatial, atom-to-process)
- Complex AI/ML models can be difficult to understand and thus trust



Science-based AI/ML Modeling

Address previously unanswerable problems

Incorporate Science/Physics into AI/ML



Generate synthetic data to overcome the challenge of limited observation data based on scientific simulations



Enhance AI/ML loss functions with scientific knowledge

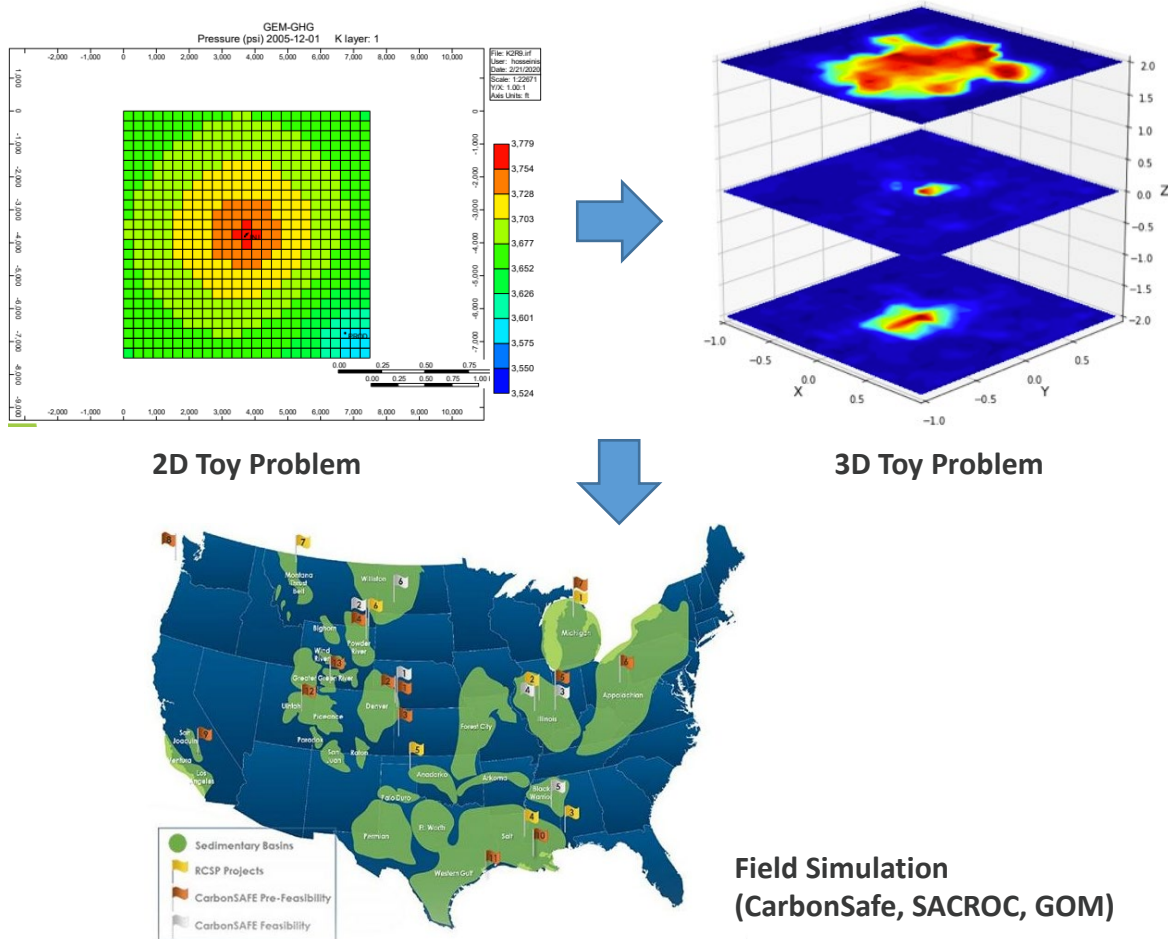
- **Loss = Prediction Data Fitness + Physics Fitness**

Benefits

- Use less data to guide model training
- With the same amount of data, improve the overall accuracy
- Increase the confidence with the results

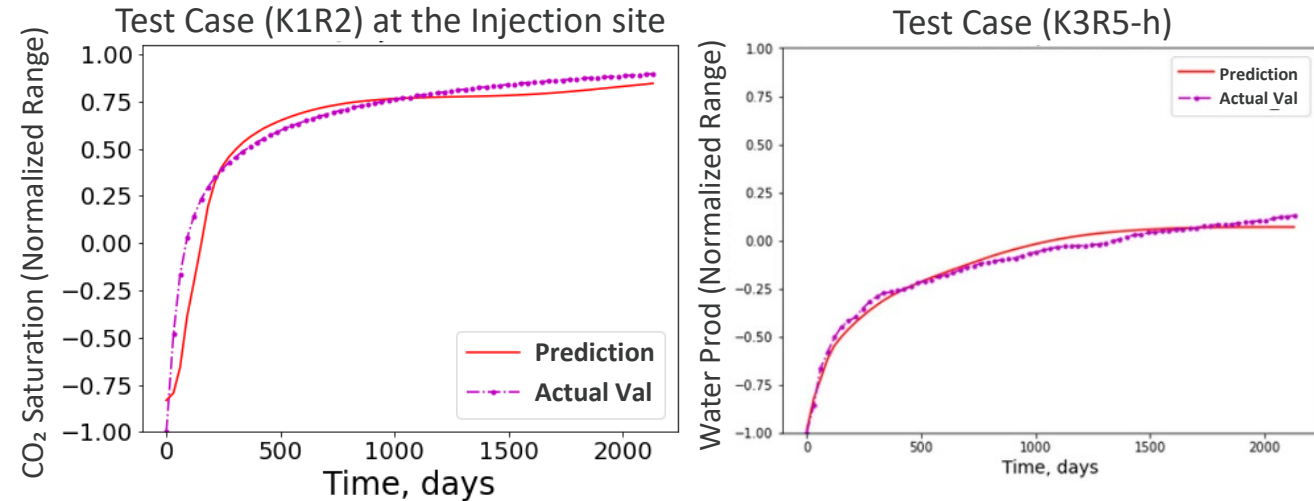
Part of the SMART Initiative to build a learning system to predict CO₂ storage behaviors

Dataset Dev w/ Scientific Simulations



Approach & Preliminary Results

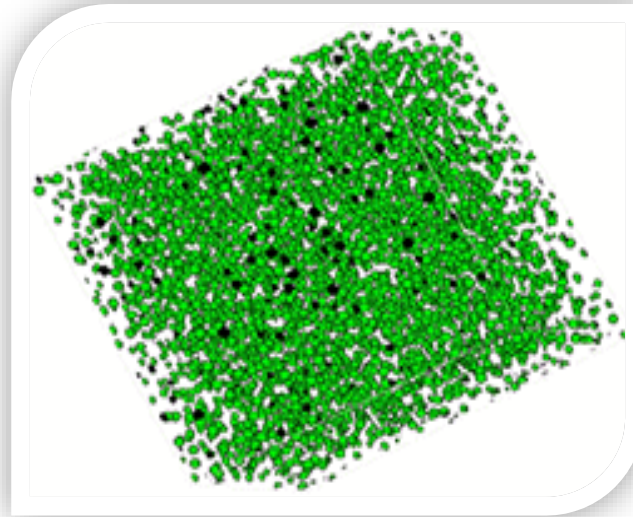
- Designed deep learning models to capture the spatiotemporal changes of CO₂ saturation, pressure, and water production
- Leveraged NETL's High Performance Computers (Joule and Watt)
- Constraints and regularizations are essential
- Started to incorporate physics into models



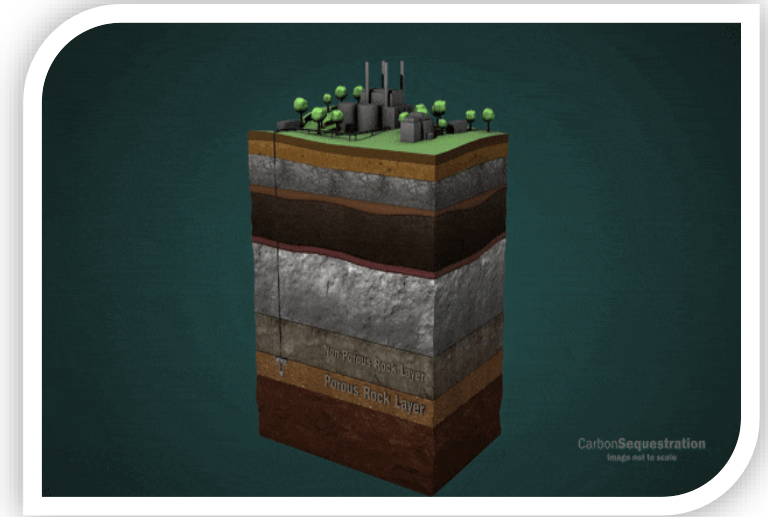
AI/ML Combined with Science-based Models is Enabling Breakthroughs in Applied Energy R&D



Power Plant Resiliency and Reliability



Advanced Materials Discovery



Spatial and Subsurface Analysis, Prediction, and Visualization



eXtremeMAT

NETL SmartSearch

MFS MFiX

Nodeworks

COMPUTATIONAL SCIENCE & ENGINEERING

CCSI²

IDAES Institute for the Design of Advanced Energy Systems

NETL SmartParse

EDX Energy Data exchange

VISUALIZATION CENTER

JOULE NETL SUPERCOMPUTER

WATT The Power of AI



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AI/ML Scientific Computing

AI/ML must be applied appropriately



BIG DATA

The Parable of Google Flu: Traps in Big Data Analysis

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In February 2013, Google Flu Trends (GFT) made headlines but not for a reason that Google executives or the creators of the flu tracking system would have hoped. *Nature* reported that GFT was predicting more than double the proportion of doctor visits for influenza-like illness (ILI) than the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), which bases its estimates on surveillance reports from laboratories across the United States (1, 2). This happened despite the fact that GFT was built to predict CDC reports. Given that GFT is often held up as an exemplary use of big data (3, 4), what lessons can we draw from this error?

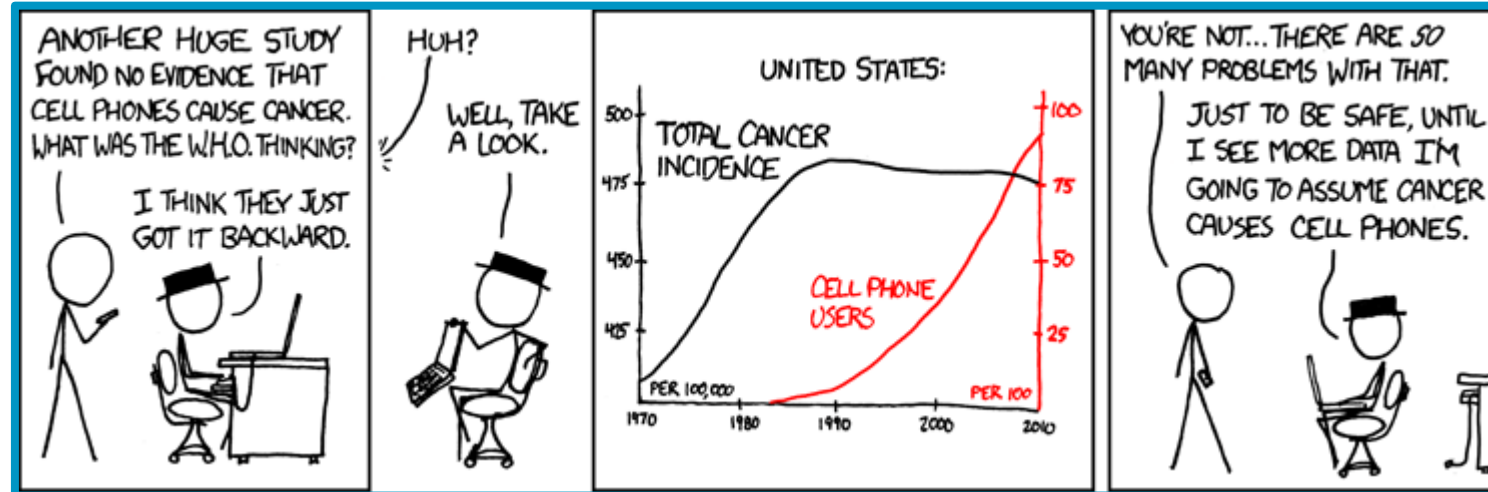
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Large error avoidable of big data

Lazer et al 2014, the parable of google flu: traps in big data analysis, *Science*

- AI/ML methods & technologies must be **appropriate for the goal**
- Results need to be **explainable & validated**



- **Correlation does not equal causation**
 - Just because you have an analysis doesn't mean the results are meaningful
- **Uncertainty is critical**
 - Capture, reduce if possible, represent, utilize, quantify



Accelerating FE R&D with AI and ML

FECM formed an internal AI Guidance Team* to examine existing gaps in AI capabilities and untapped opportunities for AI to broadly accelerate FECM research.

*Team included staff and PMs from FE HQ, NETL, LLNL, and LANL.

CROSSCUTTING BENEFITS

COMMUNICATE

Share the latest AI news and breakthroughs



CREATE

Design critical foundational models, platforms, and standards to be applied to various fields



CATALYZE

Act as a hub with AI/ML experts to help SME's R&D
Enhance work force AI/ML fluency



CONNECT

Coordination with partnerships, IT, communication, and others to benefit the SAMI community



Catalyzing Opportunities & Recognition

<https://edx.netl.doe.gov/sami>



EDX selected as the first DOE geospatial data repo by OCIO, elevating EDX and SAMI brand

Development of hi-fidelity 3D real-time models for improving prognostics and diagnostics in advanced power system with Cerebras

Join the Watt User Group meetings and virtual (EDX-based) Watt community
<https://edx.netl.doe.gov/workspace/dashboard/watt-users>

SMART Support – Providing HPC lesson-learned and information, software engineering, and AI/ML capabilities

Workshops and Trainings: AI4CM, NVIDIA bootcamp; Summer Seminar Series “How NETL is using AI/ML to...”

Supporting proposal teams for AITO, DOE SC (BER), EERE, ARPA-e, and others (working with intramural and extramural researchers and partners)

Funding AI/ML IT for (1) Supporting Watt enhancements, (2) AI computing expert to work with R&D teams, (3) Get WATT ready for hosting services (e.g., Jupyter Notebook)



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