

# Taming Big Data for Weather and Climate Application Needs

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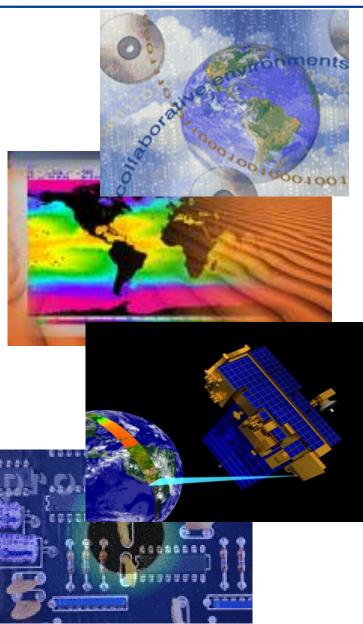
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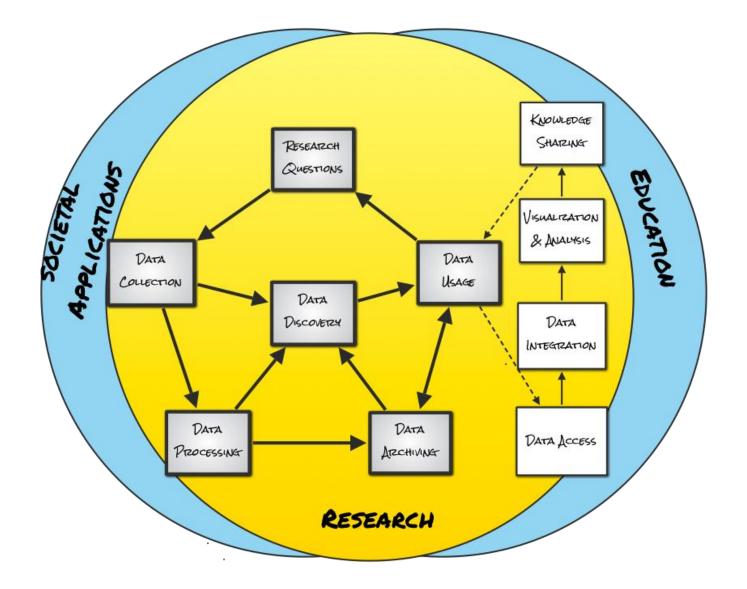
# Primary Research Focus Areas

- Data Mining and Knowledge Discovery
- Visual Analytics
- Geoinformatics
- Modeling and Simulation
- Systems Interoperability
- Knowledge Engineering and Semantic Web
- Information Management and Technologies for Big Data
- Asynchronous Collaboration Technologies / Web 2.0
- Decision Support Frameworks
- Cybersecurity/Information Assurance
- Real-time Processing
- Event-driven / On-demand Processing
- Geospatial Technologies
- Sensor Networking Analysis



# Innovative Cross-cutting Technologies







# Integrating Domain Science with Information Technology

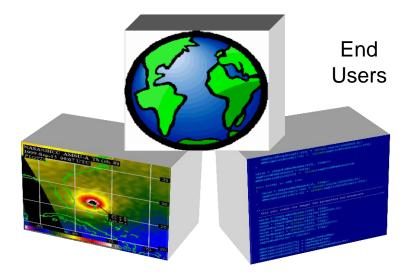
Collaborative research, with Information Technologists working closely with domain scientists to accelerate research

- What are the goals of scientific research?
- What are the unique challenges for scientific research?
- What are the operational requirements of the cyberinfrastructure?
- What data are needed?

Domain

Scientists

- How does the science community interact with the data?
- What capabilities are needed that do not currently exist?
- Use cases need to be developed.

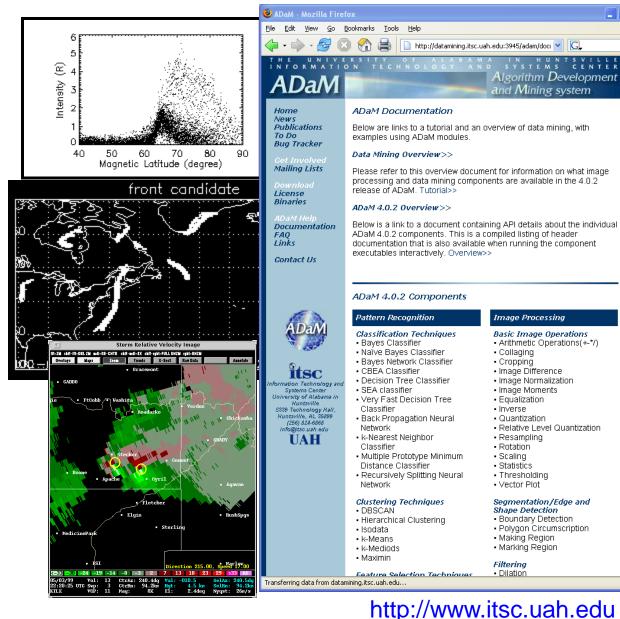


Information Technology Specialists



# Data Mining: Algorithm Development and Mining (ADaM) Toolkit

- UAHuntsville has been at the forefront of mining sensor data for over 15 years
- ADaM UAHuntsville developed toolkit with 100+ algorithms, used worldwide
- Automated discovery of patterns, signatures, anomalies
- Derived knowledge for decision making and response
- Allows learning and training for adaptation
- Most cited article in Elsevier Computers and Geosciences, 2005-2010



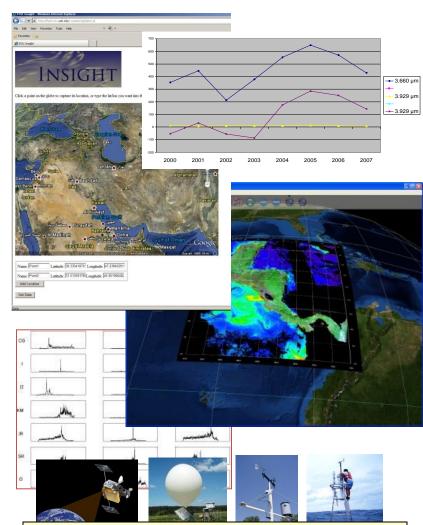
# Data Mining: Situational Awareness and Analysis

How do you get the right information to the right people at the right time?

- •Sensor Data Integration/Fusion
- Signature Analysis

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- Pattern Recognition
- •Real-Time Data Analysis
- ADaM Algorithm Development and Mining toolkit
- Remote Sensing Analysis
  - Thermal analysis of human activity
  - Evaluating environmental impacts on socioeconomic activities
  - Algorithm Development
  - Multi-source integration and fusion
- NASA/USAID sponsored SERVIR Environmental Data Products for Central America and Africa
  - Decision Support System for environmental analysis
- JCTD EUCOM Efforts
  - Providing data products for the Arctic region
- NSF Linked Environments for Atmospheric Discovery
  - Real-time mining and analysis
  - Adaptive processing

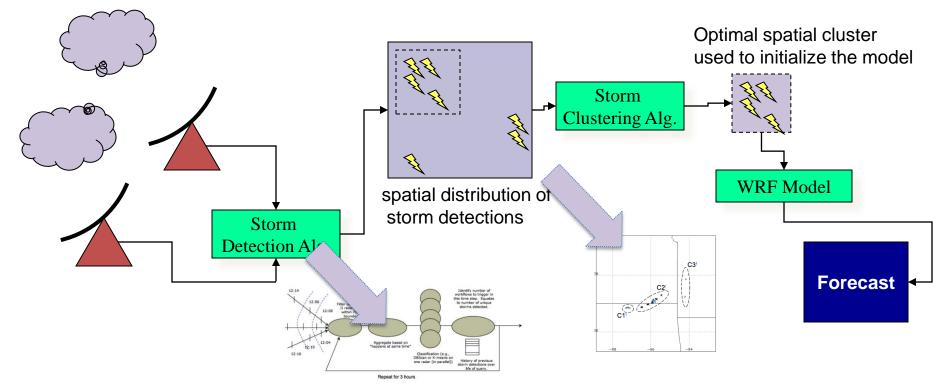


Sensor Data Integration is Critical for Meaningful Situational Awareness

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# LEAD : Storm Detection and Clustering for Dynamic Model Forecast Initialization



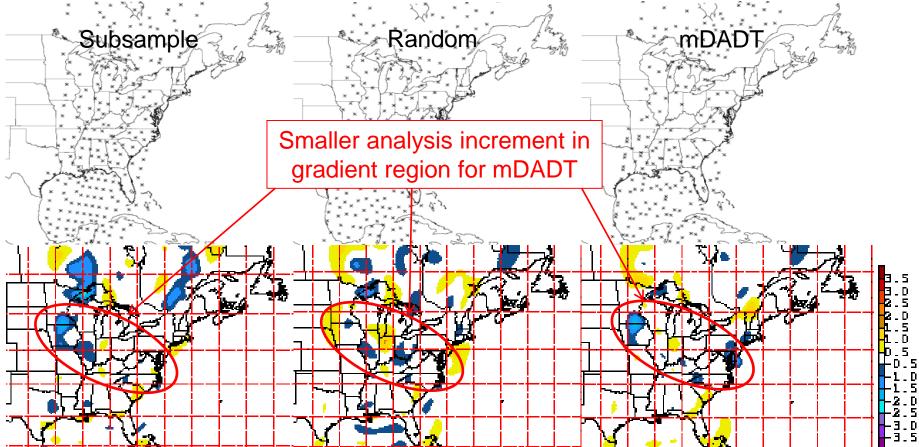
 Mining algorithms work within the LEAD framework for a dynamic and adaptive response by running a workflow of services (model forecasts) triggered by weather events

Li, X., B. Plale, N. Vijayakumar, R. Ramachandran, S. Graves, and H. Conover, 2008: Real-time Storm Detection and Weather Forecast Activation through Data Mining and Events Processing. Earth Science Informatics.



# Intelligent Data Thinning Algorithm

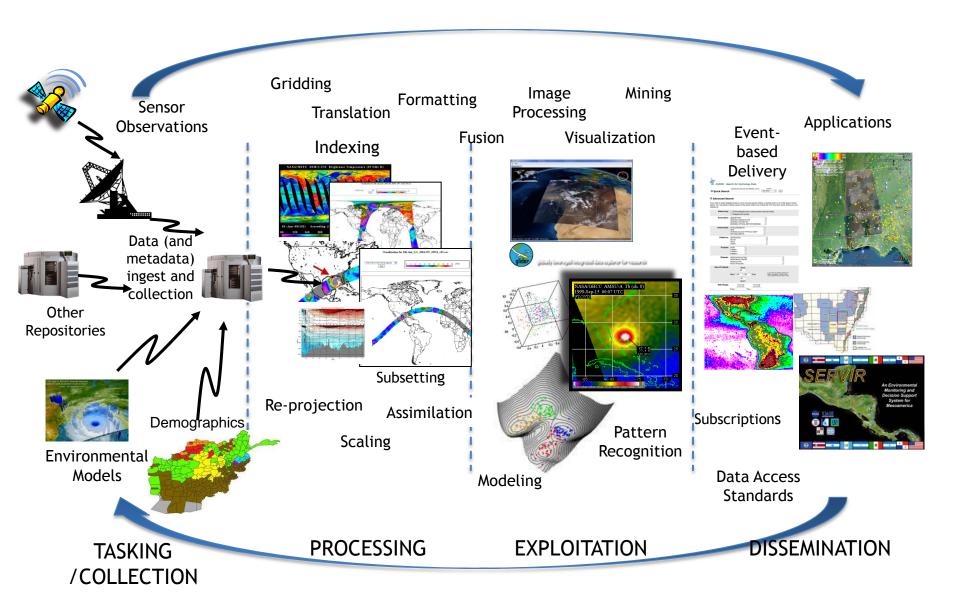
- Data Assimilation ingests observations into an analysis to provide the best possible representation of the atmospheric state to initialize a model forecast
- Ingesting high resolution observations is computationally very expensive



Lazarus, S. M., M. E. Splitt, R. Ramachandran, X. Li, S. Movva, and S. Graves: Evaluation of Data Reduction Algorithms for Real-time assimilation and analysis. *Weather Analysis and Forecasting.* 



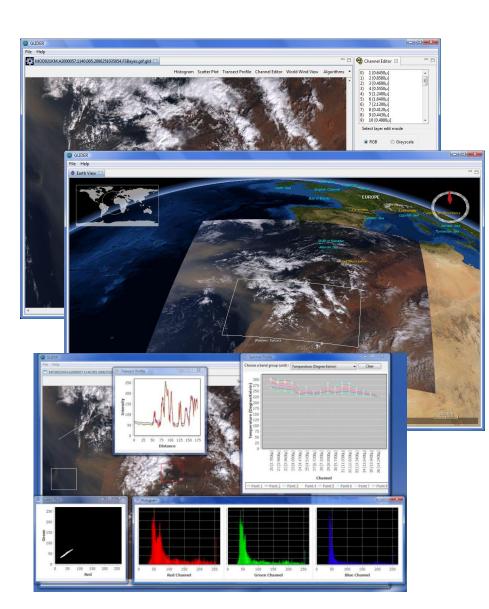
# Conceptual Framework for Multi-source, Multi-function Analysis





## GLIDER: Globally Leveraged Integrated Data Explorer for Research





#### Capabilities:

- Visualize and analyze satellite data in a native sensor view
- Apply *image processing algorithms* on the data
- Apply *pattern recognition/data mining algorithms* on the data
- **3D** Globe Visualization of satellite data, analysis/mining results, and additional layers
- Provides *multiple views* to manage, visualize, and analyze data

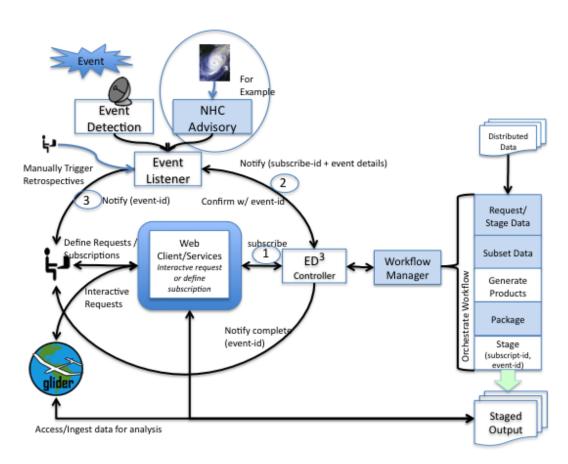
#### Integrates existing tools:

- ADaM: UAHuntsville's *Algorithm Development and Mining* Toolkit
- IVICS: UAHuntsville's *Interactive Visualizer* and Image Classifier for Satellites
- WorldWind: NASA's **3-D globe** *visualization* system

2010 winner NASA ESDSWG Software Reuse Award and also used by defense community



# Event-Driven Data Delivery (ED<sup>3</sup>):



- Automated and discrete access to remote sensing data (NASA, NOAA, DOD, etc.)
- Event-Driven Data Delivery based on user inputs or subscriptions
- Enables *adaptive processing*
- Can be integrated with GLIDER and other tools for *mining*, *analysis*, *and visualization*
- Can be integrated with analysis workflow management tools



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## **Disaster Response and Analysis Through** Event-Driven Data Delivery (ED3) Technology

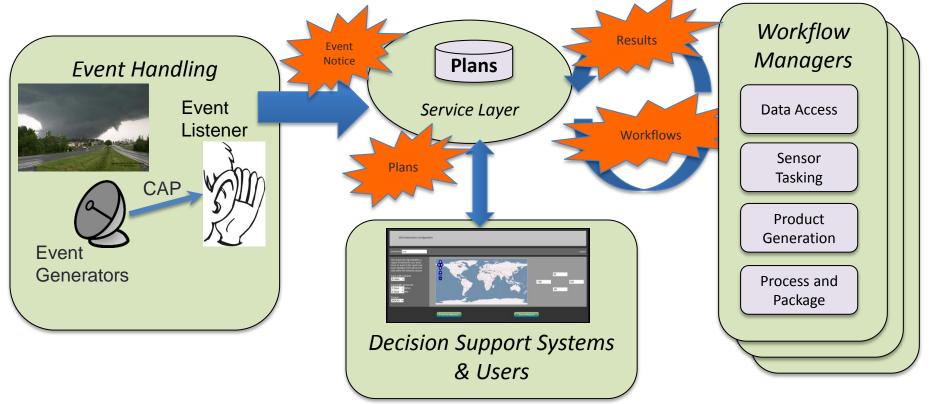
#### The ED3 Framework supports...

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- generation and management of Preparedness Event-Driven Data Delivery based on user Plans
- monitoring for events that match existing plans
- processing of event-driven workflows and
- rapid delivery of results to users and systems

#### **ED3** Capabilities

- inputs
  - Automated access to external data
  - adaptive processing
  - Integration with other tools for *mining*, analysis, and visualization

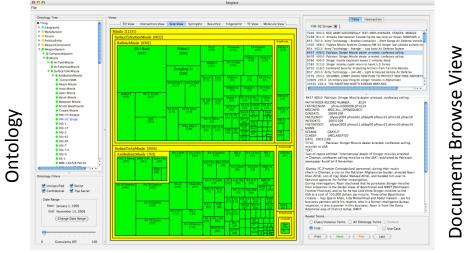


## Spyglass Ontological-Based Document Indexing Retrieval and Visualization System

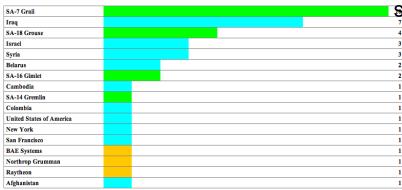
# analyze and search large text sources (structured/unstructured data, on-line

### Multiple Visualization Approaches etc.)

- Show distribution of documents across categories
- Show relationships between documents / categories

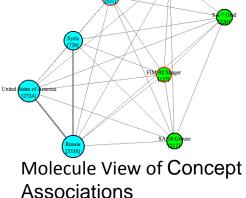


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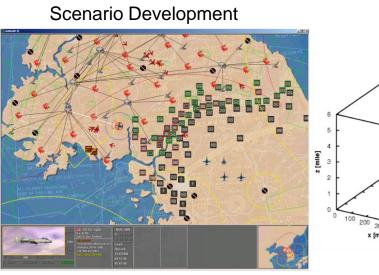
**Document Fingerprint View** 

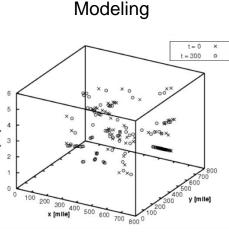
- Captures semantic information and contextual knowledge of analysts
- Ontology describes entities, concepts and relationships in a domain
- Constructs document index for each term, listing all documents where term occurs
- *Fast indexing and retrieval*, with high precision and recall
- Support for **multiple languages**
- Scores documents by number of relevant terms
- More powerful than simple keyword queries
- Possible to reason over ontological
  structures

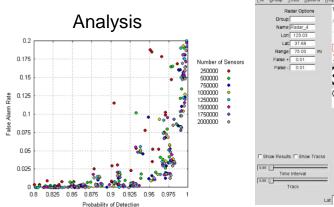


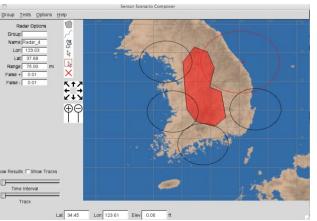


## Vantage Sensor Network Composition and Analysis









#### Visualization of Results

- Model large-scale networks of sensors
- Compose high-density sensor networks
  of heterogeneous sensors
- Analyze and/or determine sensor placement and effectiveness
- Detect and track targets over time (including error rates)
- Evaluate large passive sensor networks
  Defense
  - For detecting hostile aircraft
  - For vectoring interceptors
  - For activating SAM sites
  - For guiding SAMs (initial stage)
- Evaluate large passive sensor networks

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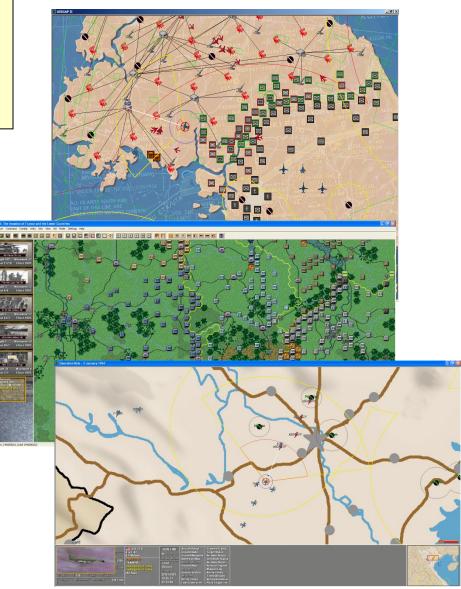
- How to best vector aircraft
- How best to select targets
- Aircraft detection probabilities and times
- Real-time integrated simulation
  - Modern Air Power or other simulation on front end
  - Sensor network on Linux cluster on back end
  - Good for interactive exploration / what if's
- Can be used for what-if analysis on communications, cyber-induced spoofing, etc.

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# Integrated Wargaming

- AI in Wargaming provides much needed insight into system interactions and human activities
- Simulation and Modeling of Large Systems
- Training
- Strategic and Tactical Planning
  - Warfare modeling and simulation development for the Air Force Research Laboratory
  - War Games deployed for training at the Air Force Squadron Officer College
    - Every officer uses the game to study strategic and tactical measures
  - Can be used for analyzing what-if scenarios including asymmetric warfare and the use of advanced weapons systems
  - War game Artificial Intelligence Development in conjunction with John Tiller Games
  - Many commercial titles published

# *The First Blitzkrieg* won the Wargamer Award for Excellence

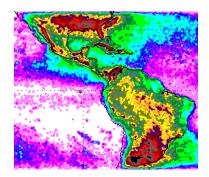


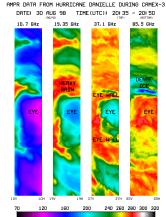


# Global Hydrology Resource Center

- Partnership between NASA and UAHuntsville to apply advanced information technologies to a variety of science data projects, thereby enabling research and scientific discovery
- One of twelve full service NASA data centers providing data ingest, routine and custom processing, archive, distribution, user support, and science data services
  - Passive Microwave Data
    - Fifteen-year inventory of satellite and aircraft based data
  - Lightning Imaging Sensor Science Computing Facility
    - National lightning data center for the TRMM Lightning Imaging Sensor and validation networks, satellite lightning observations back to 1973
  - AMSR-E Science Investigator-led Processing System
    - Generates swath, daily, and monthly products of precipitation, sea ice, water vapor, cloud water, sea surface temps, etc.
    - Near-real-time processing and distribution capability
  - Field Campaigns:
    - Web-based collaboration for science before, during, and after experiments. Data acquisition, integration, archive and distribution
    - CAMEX (1998, 2001), ACES (2002), TCSP (2005), NAMMA (2006), TC4 (2007), ARCTAS (2008), GRIP (2010), MC3E (2011), GCPEX (2012), IFloodS (2013)



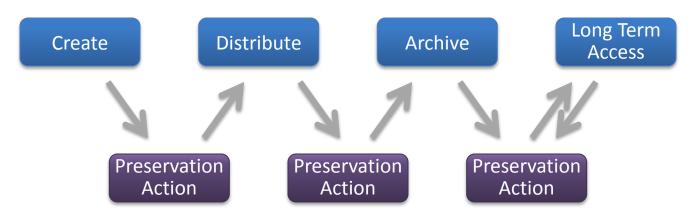




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 Archivists are traditionally responsible for curation (i.e., adding metadata and provenance) but not present at creation of scientific data. Moment of creation is where most knowledge about product is present.



• To be effective, provenance tools are required in earliest stages of data's life that help with preservation.

Diagram from Berman et al. "Sustainable Economics for a Digital Planet"



- Data lineage (data inputs, software and hardware) plus additional contextual knowledge about science algorithms, instrument variations, etc.
- Much information already available, but scattered across multiple locations
  - Processing system configuration
  - Data collection and file level metadata
  - Processing history information
  - Quality assurance information
  - Software documentation (e.g., algorithm theoretical basis documents, release notes)
  - Data documentation (e.g., guide documents, README files)



# **GHRC Field Campaign Data Collections**



## Data from Hurricane Science Campaigns

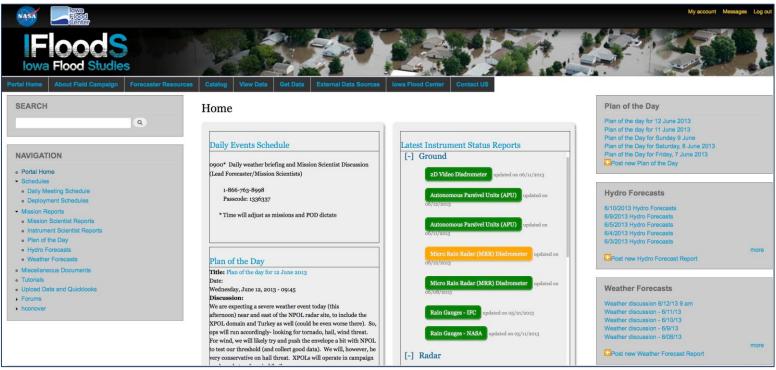
AMPR Products (8 datasets) CAMEX-3 Products (20 datasets) CAMEX-4 Products (41 datasets) GRIP Products (22 datasets) Geostationary Satellite Products (4 datasets) Lightning Products (8 datasets) NAMMA Products (22 datasets) Passive Microwave Products (8 datasets) Radar Products (11 datasets) TC4 Products (2 datasets) TC5P Products (12 datasets)

# **GPM Ground Validation Campaigns**

- Light Precipitation Evaluation Experiment (*LPVEx*), Gulf of Finland in autumn 2010, to study *rainfall in high latitude environments*
- Midlatitude Continental Convective Clouds Experiment (*MC3E*), central Oklahoma spring and early summer 2011, to develop a *complete characterization of convective cloud systems, precipitation and the environment*
- GPM Cold-season Precipitation Experiment (*GCPEx*), Ontario, Canada winter of 2011-2012, collected microphysical properties, associated remote sensing observations, and coordinated model simulations of *precipitating snow*
- Iowa Flood Studies (*IFloodS*) hydrology-oriented experiment, Iowa, spring and early summer 2013, to study the relative roles of rainfall quantities and other factors in *flood genesis*



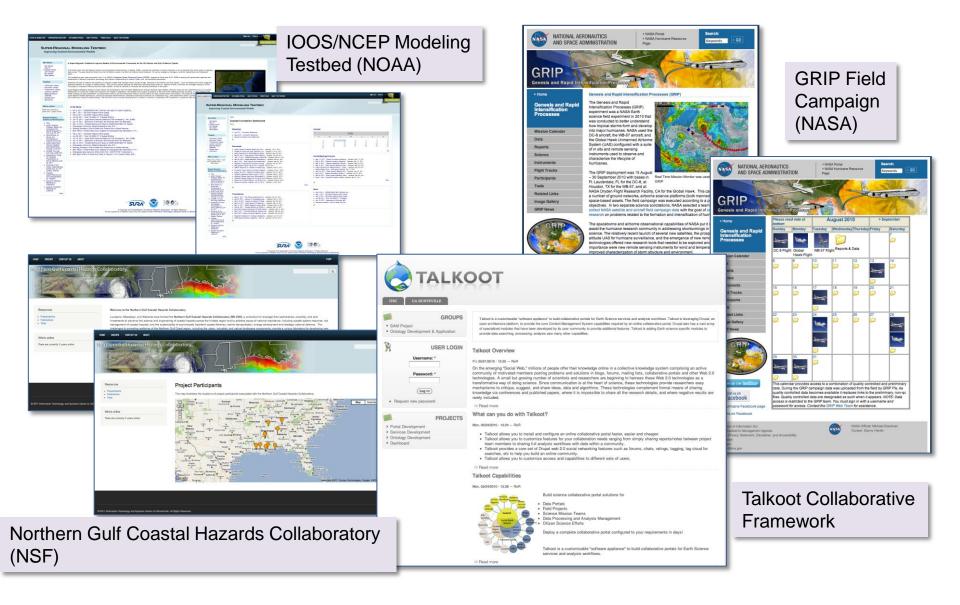
# Data and Collaboration Portals for Field Campaigns



- Collaboration and Planning Tools
  - Current instrument status, weather forecasts, plan of the day
  - Corporate knowledge (meeting minutes, presentations, etc.)
  - Space to upload and share flight plans, mission reports and other documents



# **Community Portal Technology**



#### **SERVIR** An Environmental Monitoring and Decision Support System for Central America, Kenya and Nepal

#### Earth Observatories



SERVIR Node<sup>\*</sup>@ NSSTC

Ingest Data

Generate Products

Source Data Product

Archive

Archive

SERVIR Partners

(NASA/MSFC and U. Alabama in Huntsville)

**Product** 

System

Web Server

Visualization

System

Data &

Algorithms

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**Central American Commission** for Environment and **Development** 

Environmental Data from

**Central American countries** 

#### Environmental Monitoring & **Decision Support Products**

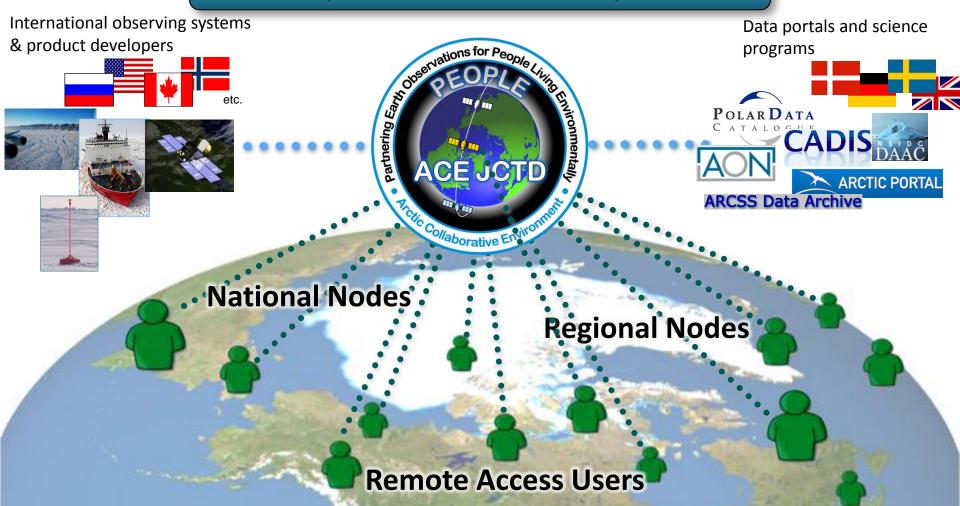


- Better Living Conditions
- Policy Changes



# Links with other efforts: PEOPLE-ACE JCTD

An open source, web-based, multi-national environmental monitoring, research, and decisions support system to enable development of advanced value-added products





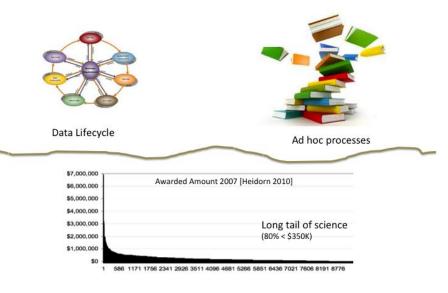
- Arctic Collaborative Environment (ACE) Office of Secretary of Defense (OSD) Joint Capability Technology Demonstration (JCTD)
  - COCOM Sponsor: USEUCOM and NORAD-USNORTHCOM
  - Oversight Executive: Elmer Roman, OSD
  - Operational Manager: Steve Spehn, USEUCOM
- Field Campaign Mission Management
- Coastal Hazards Collaboratory



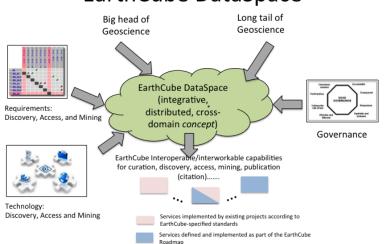
## NSF EarthCube: Data Discovery, Mining and Access Community Activity

### Vision

To transform the conduct of geosciences research by supporting the development of communityguided cyberinfrastructure to integrate data and information for knowledge management.



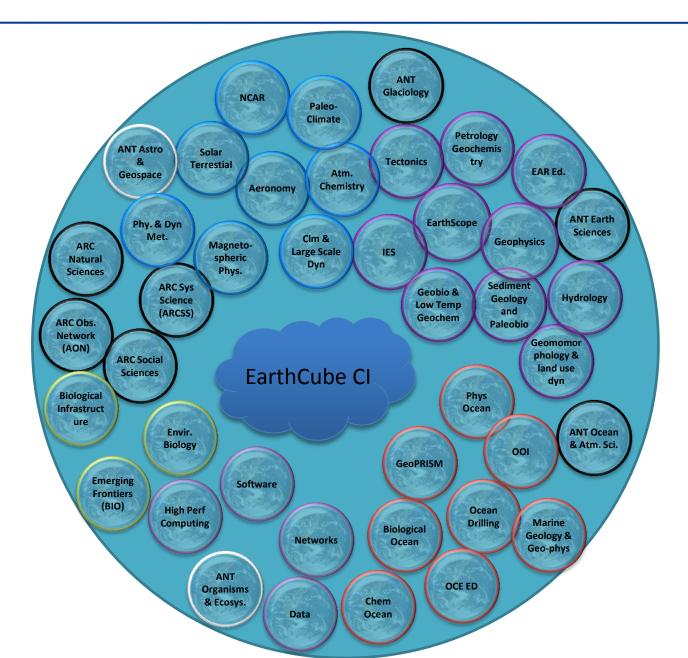
- Purpose of EarthCube: To understand more deeply the planet and its interactions will require the geoscience to take an increasingly holistic approach, exploring knowledge coming from all scientific and engineering disciplines.
- CALL TO ACTION: "Over the next decade, the geosciences community commits to developing a framework to understand and predict responses of the Earth as a system – from the space-atmosphere boundary to the core, including the influences of humans and ecosystems."



#### EarthCube DataSpace

# EarthCube Supports the Geosciences

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# Integrating Real-time Data into the EarthCube Framework June 17-18, 2013

Boulder, CO





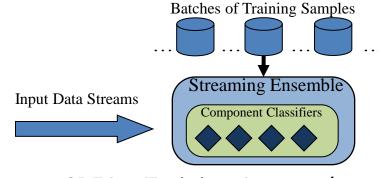
## Signature Identification/Characterization using UAH's Coverage Based Ensemble Algorithm(CBEA)

#### A new ensemble classification method for streaming data developed by UAH

#### **Motivation: Constraints on Streaming Data**

- Cannot make multiple passes through all training data
- May only save a small subset of the available samples
- Must make best use of available samples
- Must not forget information provided by old samples
- Can only keep a small number of classifiers
- Must adapt to changing conditions or concepts

#### **Characteristics of CBEA**



CBEA – Training Approach

- General purpose ensemble classification method capable of *incremental learning* from *streaming data* and performing classifications in *real time* to provide adaptability
- Handles multiple types of data at *different resolutions* of spatial, temporal and other types of information
- Handles *uneven sampling* of the classes of interest and the pattern space
  - e.g., if there are not enough truth samples for a particular class or if we are trying to detect a rare event such as nuclear detonations
- Adapts to *features that change over time*
  - e.g., if the enemy tries to mask or change the weapon signature such as modifying missile propulsion system

CBEA outperforms Streaming Ensemble Algorithms (SEA) on classification problems with uneven sampling of the pattern space.



## Data Prospecting - a new approach to address "big data" challenges

#### Science Analysis/Visualization KNOWLEDGE Desktop Tools {Statement about a hypothesis} Data Visualization INFORMATION Data Analysis {Measure of uncertainty towards Engines a hypothesis} Data Processing Data Center Services DATA Discovery Data Access { Observable (Simulation), Data Prospecting Measurable and Factual} Metadata

Data Search

Catalogs

### **Big Data Challenges**

- Limited access to big data can create new digital divides
- "Data is the new oil" Andreas Weigend (former chief scientist @Amazon)
  - Messy, needs extraction Analytics

# **Data Prospecting** Concept

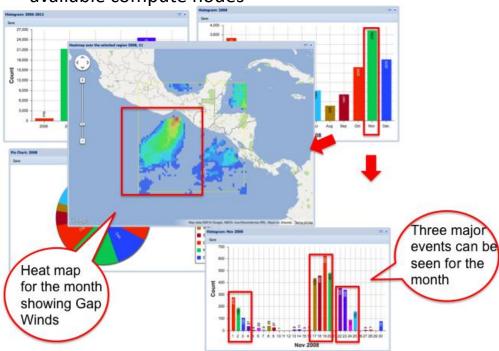
- Focuses on finding the right subset of data amongst all the data files based on the content stored in the file
- Similar to locating the site within the vast land and determining the type of deposit that is located at that site
- Supports Data Driven interactive exploration of large data sets

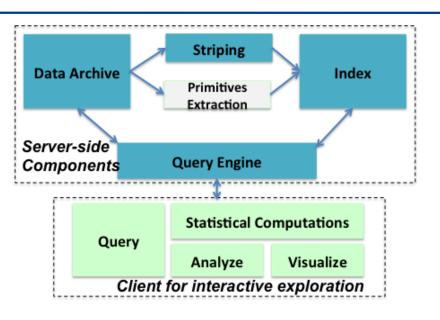
Ramachandran et al., IEEE JSTARS Paper



# Polaris: Data Exploration Engine

- All Special Sensor Microwave / Imager ( / Sounder; SSM/I and SSMIS) gridded data files of 1440x720 pixels staged on the cluster
- Data sets Rain Rate, Surface Wind Speed, Atmospheric Water Vapor, Cloud Liquid Water
- Total volume is less than 1 Tb
- Cluster with 70 compute nodes consisting of two single core processors each used
- Data was preprocessed by striping it across the available compute nodes



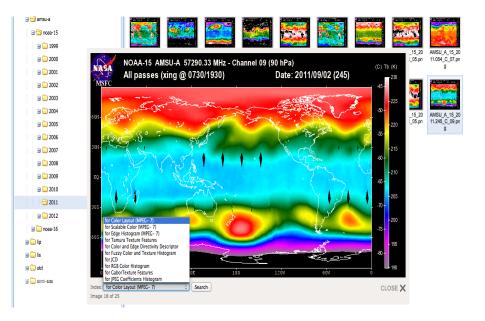


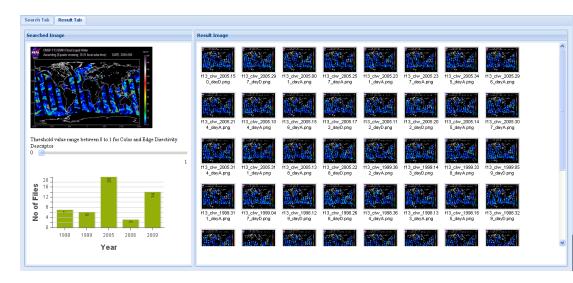
- Initial evaluations by researchers has clearly demonstrated the value of such a tool
- Polaris has been adopted by a joint project with NASA GSFC National Center for Climate Simulations
- Exploring opportunities to make the tool operational at NASA DAACs and NASA's Earth Exchange (NEX).



# NASA Science on Drupal

- Content Based Image Retrieval Module
- Allows users to interactively query a large database of browse images based on image contents.
- Search service provides confidence scores for the matching images and filters the images based on the scores
- Basic analytics on the results are available via histogram on the count of number of matching results for years, months, and days.

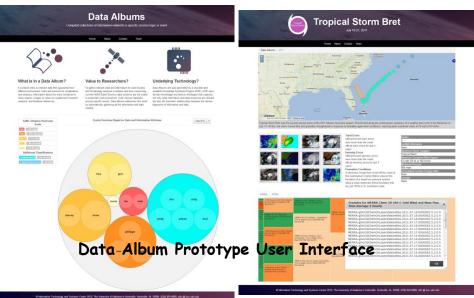






### Curated Data Albums for Earth Science Case Studies

 Build curated "Data Albums" - compiled collections of information related to a specific science topic or event, containing links to relevant data files (granules) from different instruments; tools and services for visualization and analysis; information about the event contained in news reports, images or to supplement research analysis; and literature references



- Reuse current Noesis semantic aggregation technology to provide semi-automated creation and interactive curation of Data Albums for Earth science case studies.
- Enable scientific community participation and collaboration.
- Implement Data Albums for two science focus areas
- Catalog of Hurricane Case Studies for hurricane events
- Case study generator at NASA's SPoRT Center to help automate the selection of weather events

- Noesis 2.0 initial implementation (aggregation based on data feeds)
   10 mon
- Catalog of hurricane case studies at GHRC 13mon
- Noesis 2.0 enhancements (user driven aggregation)
  18mon
- Case study generator for SPoRT 20mon
- Enhancements as needed 24mon
- Final report 24mon



# Motivation

- Case study analysis and climatology studies commonly used in Atmospheric Science research are instances where the focus is on a significant *event*
- Wide *variety* of data and information needed to support such studies is stored in *distributed* repositories in many of forms
- Design of current Earth Science data systems assumes researchers search data primarily by instrument or geophysical parameter
  - Requires prior knowledge on what to datasets to look for
  - Does not support new/interdisciplinary researchers

Bottom line: Gathering relevant data and information from distributed sources is *tedious* and *time consuming* 



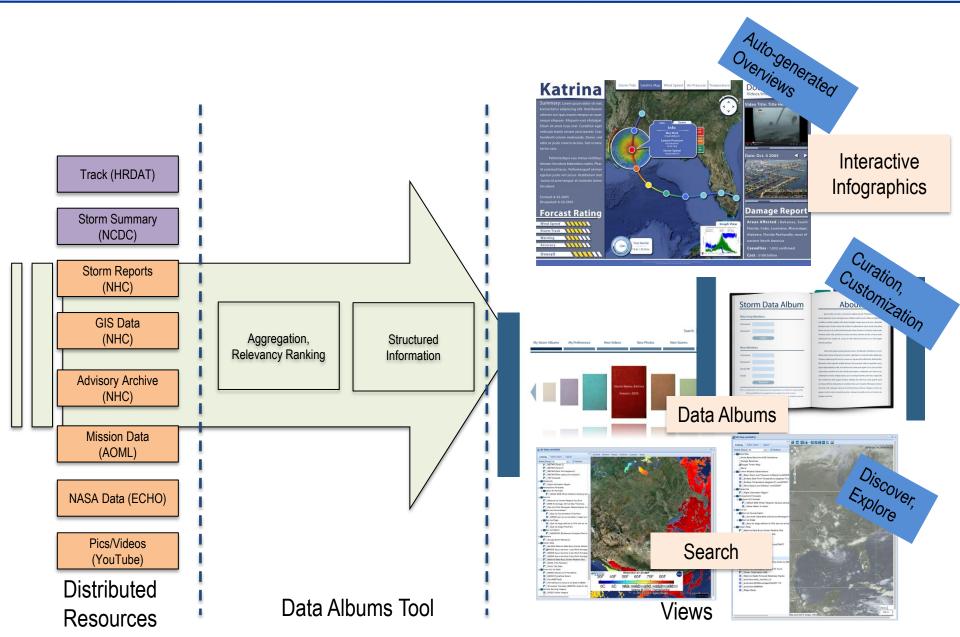
- Need for tools to automate gathering of data and other *relevant* information from distributed resources for significant events of interest
- Tools should sift through large volumes of online content and gather only the *relevant resources* based on user's science needs (event of interest)
- Tools should *collate* the aggregated data information and present it in a *meaningful manner* for a wide range of users not just domain researchers

THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA IN HUNTSVILLE Example Science Driver: Hurricane Science

- Many hurricane researchers are familiar with limited, but specific datasets, but often are unaware of or unfamiliar with a large quantity of other resources.
- Finding airborne or satellite data relevant to a given storm often requires a time consuming search through web pages and data archives.
- Background information related to damages, deaths, and injuries requires extensive online searches for news reports and official storm summaries.



# **Conceptual Architecture**





### **Overview Page**



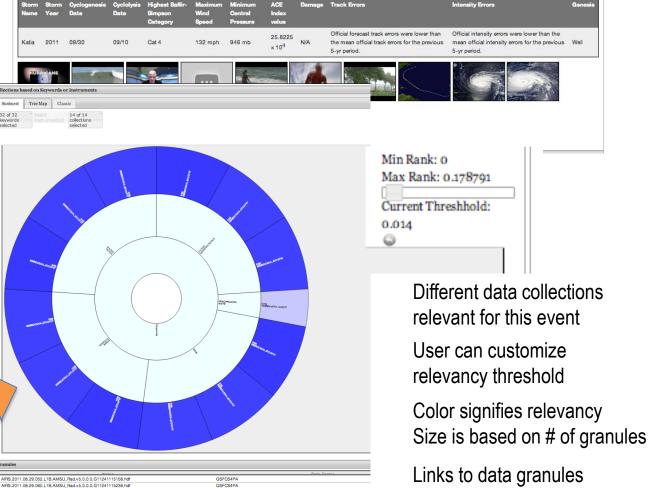
http://wwwdev.itsc.uah.edu/dataalbums/



### Aggregated Information from reports, websites

#### Storm Statistics & Multimedia Hurricane Katia was a long-lived and intense tropical cyclone that caused minor damage primarily throughout the Lesser Antille-Back Data Album for Katia (201 September 10, Katia transitioned into an extratropical cyclone while persisting hurricane-force winds. 25.8225 2011 08/30 132 mph 946 mb x 10<sup>4</sup> Sunburst Tree Map Classic 32 of 32 14 of 14

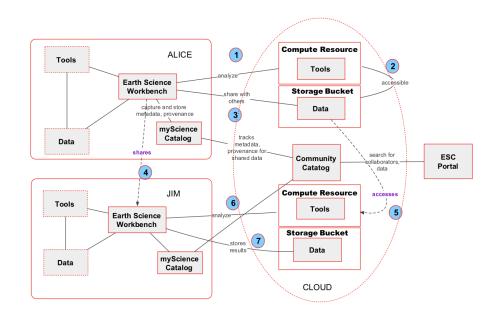
cyclone and eleventh named storm, as well as the second hurricane and major hurricane of the unusually active 2011 Atlantic hurricane season. Originating from a tropical wave southwest of Cape Verde on August 29, Katia tracked generally west-northwest while gradually strengthening. The system intensified to a Category 1 hurricane on the SaffirâSimpson hurricane wind scale on August 31, and further to a Category 3âa major hurricaneâby September 5. That afternoon, Katia attained its peak intensity as a Category 4, with sustained winds reaching 140 mph (220 km/h) and a minimum barometric pressure of 942 mbar (hPa; 27.82 inHg), while located several hundred miles north of the Lesser Antilles. The combined effects of higher wind shear from an approaching trough, interaction with a cold front, and increasingly cool sea surface temperatures thereafter gradually weakened the storm as it passed well west of Bermuda, and on





### Collaborative Workbench (CWB) to Accelerate Science Algorithm Development

- This effort supports the vision of Earth Science research as a community enterprise and provide building blocks for the ESC.
- Leverage the evolving technology landscape to design an architecture for scalable collaboration
  - Collaborations can scale from individuals sharing science resources, to sharing within groups such as science mission teams, to sharing with the entire science community.
- Design and build software components that fit the way researchers currently perform scientific analysis.
  - These new components should work as part of researchers' current analysis tools.
- Investigate different science collaboration modalities:
  - 1. Shared Resources, Local Computation
  - 2. Shared Resources, Cloud Computation
  - 3. Shared Virtual Machine
- Build core components required for an Earth Science Collaboratory:
  - Collaborative Workbench (CWB),Cloud-Service-Neutral Interfaces, myScience Catalog, Community Catalog



- CWB core components implementation and integration: myScience Catalog, Apache Libcloud, Analysis Tools
- Prototype 1 (Shared Resources, Local Computation) deployed and tested (10 months)
- Prototype 2 (Shared Resources, Cloud Computation) deployed and tested (16 months)
- Prototype 3 (Shared Virtual Image) deployed and tested (22 months)
- Final architecture, documentation, publications (24 months)



- Next meeting 24th CODATA International Conference, November 2014 in New Delhi, India, *"SciDataCon* 2014"
- International Council for Science (ICSU) Committee on Data for Science and Technology (CODATA)
- Data Science Journal
- Works closely with the World Data System a globally interoperable distributed data system







# Information Technology and Systems Center

## Data Mining

- Clustering
- Classification
- Anomaly Detection
- Association Rules
- Pattern Recognition
- Feature Selection
- Image Processing
- Text
- Texture
- Ontology driven

#### Advanced Computational Methods

- Artificial Intelligence for Wargaming
- Semantics
- Training Systems
- Path Determination
- Knowledge Networking
- Data Exploitation
- Adaptive Processing



#### Cybersecurity

- IA Center of Excellence
- Identity Management
- Metrics
- Trustworthy Systems
- Policy Development
- Risk Management
- Vulnerability Analysis
- Situational Awareness
- Privacy
- FISMA compliance

### On-Demand Processing

- Real-time operations
- MultiSensor Fusion
- Signature Intelligence
- Unmanned Systems
- Sensor Networks







Strategic and Tactical Coordination

- Collaborative Environments
- Remote Mission Management
- Information Acquisition and Integration
- Urban Environments
- Emergency Response

