



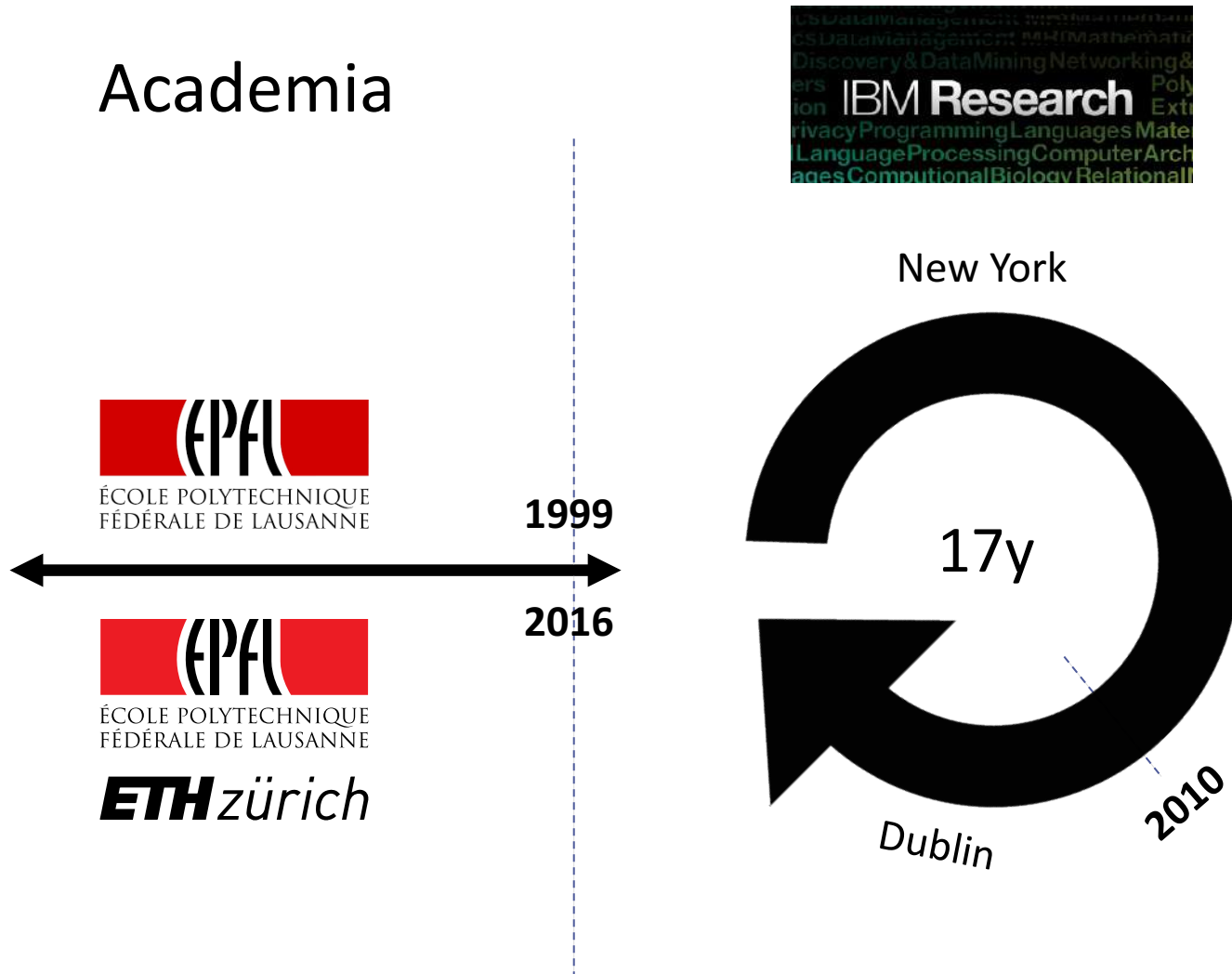
# SWISS DATA SCIENCE CENTER

A joint center between EPFL and ETH Zürich

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# About me

## Academia



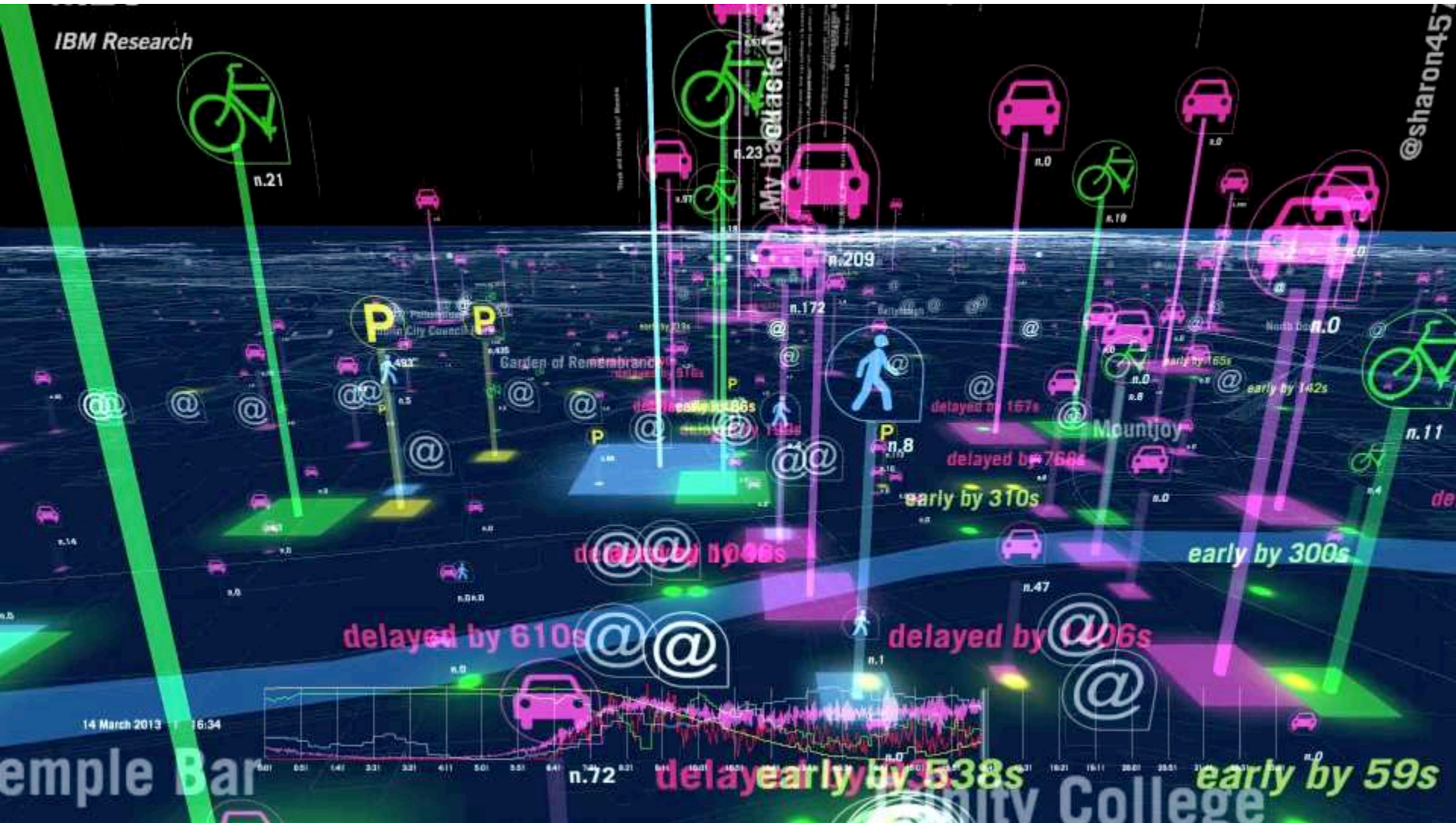
# What Do You See?



O'Connell Bridge / D'ollier St. Dublin City CCTV  
8 Apr 2013 18:31:50 GMT Daylight Time



# Dublin City Data Hub



# Big Data, Bad Data



"YEP... GOT MY CELLPHONE, MY PAGER, MY INTERNET LINK, MY WIRELESS FAX, AND THANKS TO THIS NIFTY SATELLITE NAVIGATION SYSTEM, I KNOW PRECISELY WHERE I AM AT ALL TIMES!"

BY LOWE FOR THE SUN-SENTINEL, FLO



# A fragmented ecosystem



**DATA SCIENCE**



Visual What is the hyperplane that best separates two classes of points in multidimensional space?

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**GAP**

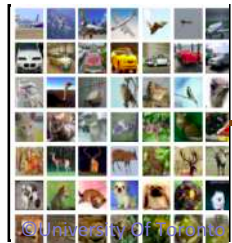


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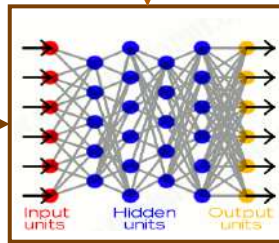
# Explainable AI – What Are We Trying To Do?

Today



Training Data

Learning Process



Learned Function

**This is a cat**  
( $p = .93$ )

Output



User with a Task

- Why did you do that?
- Why not something else?
- When do you succeed?
- When do you fail?
- When can I trust you?
- How do I correct an error?

# Fooling deep neural net classifiers

**Title:** Universal adversarial perturbations

**Authors:** [Moosavi-Dezfooli](#), [Seyed-Mohsen](#); [Fawzi, Alhussein](#); [Fawzi, Omar](#); [Frossard, Pascal](#)

**Publication:** eprint arXiv:1610.08401

**Publication Date:** 10/2016



This is not a woolen sock

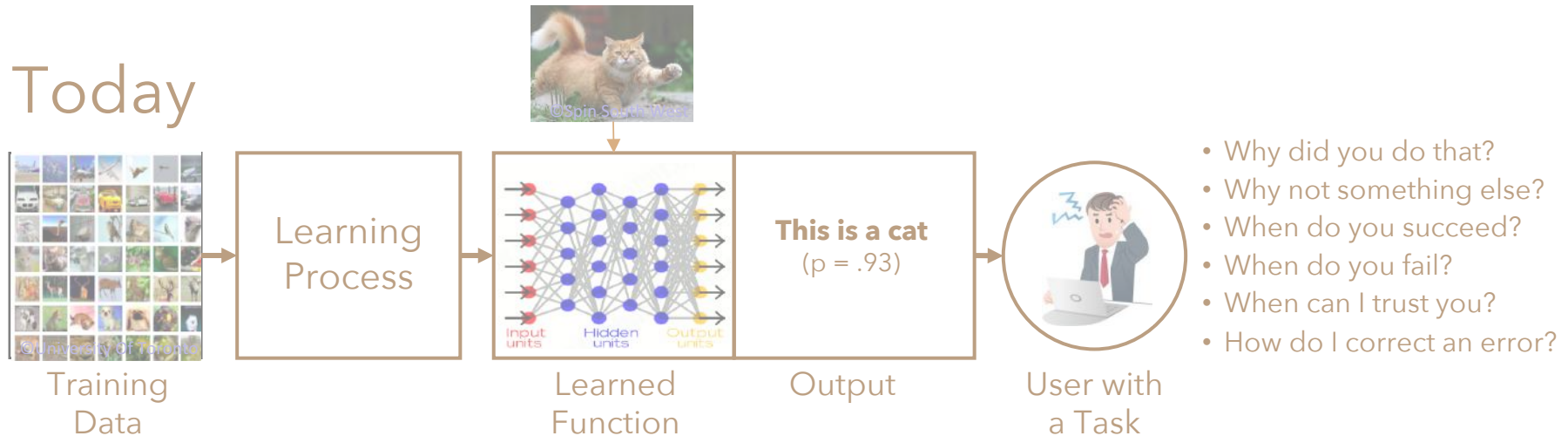
- It's an Indian elephant!
- At least after adding a universal noise to the image
- Deep learning models do not mimic brain activity



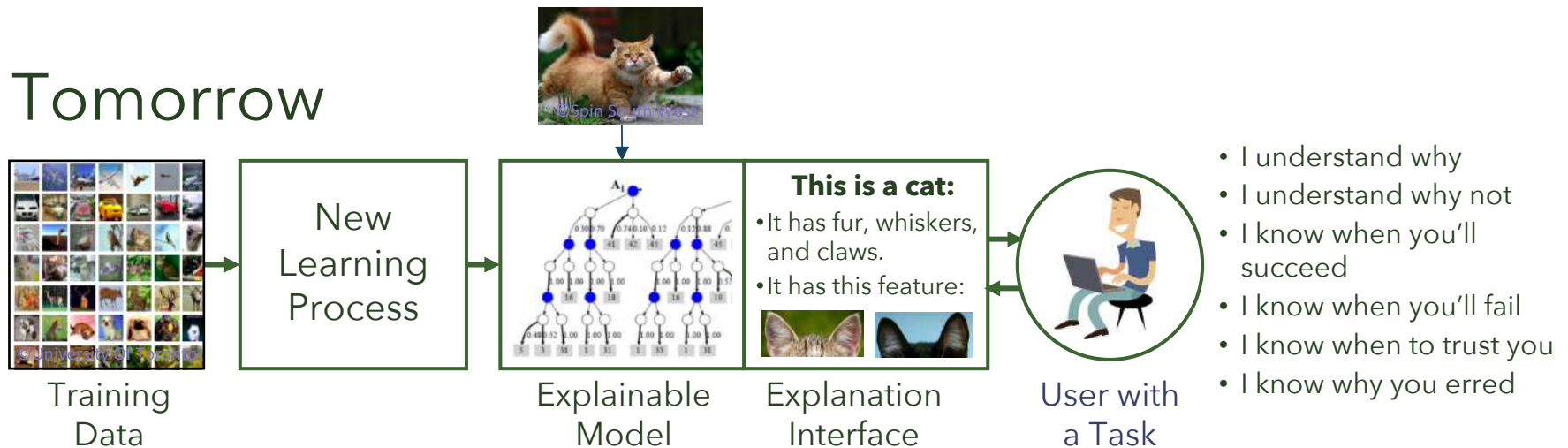


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## Today



## Tomorrow

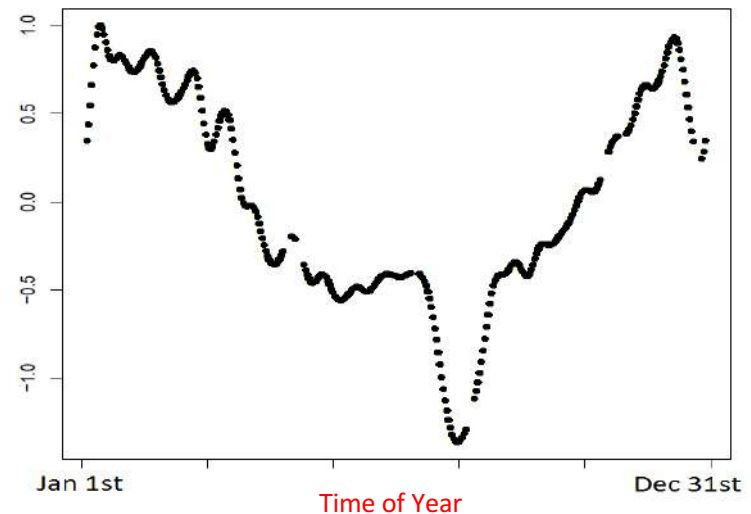
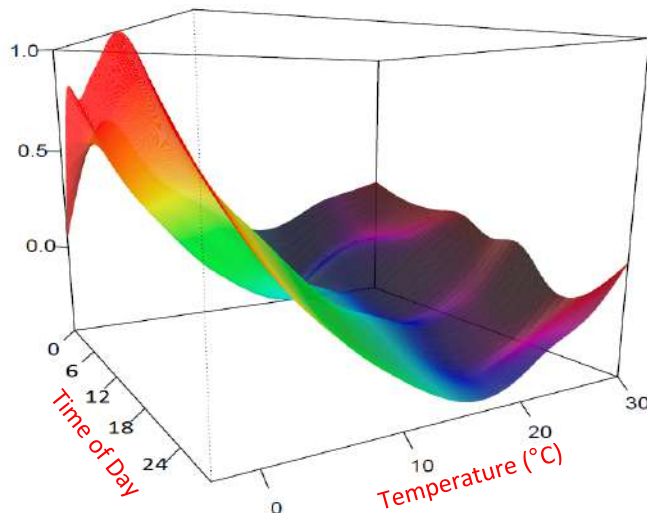


# Anecdotal digression

- Forecasting demand in electricity (France)

$$\begin{aligned}
 y_k = & \beta^{\text{Intercept}} + \overset{\text{Trend}}{f^{\text{Trend}}(k)} + \overset{\text{Lag load}}{f^{\text{LagLoad}}(y_{k-48})} + \overset{\text{Day-type specific daily pattern}}{\sum_{l=1}^6 \mathbf{1}(x_k^{\text{DayType}} = l)(\beta_l^{\text{DayType}} + f_l^{\text{TimeOfDay}}(x_k))} \\
 & + f^{\text{CloudCover}}(x_k) + \underbrace{f^{\text{Temperature/TimeOfDay}}(x_k)}_{\text{Lag temperature (accounting for thermal inertia)}} + f^{\text{LagTemperature}}(x_{k-48}) \\
 & + \underbrace{f^{\text{TimeOfYear}}(x_k)}_{\text{LoadDecrease}} + x_k^{\text{LoadDecrease}} f^{\text{LoadDecrease}}(x_k) + \epsilon_k.
 \end{aligned}$$

Transfer functions learned from data:



# Swiss Data Science Center (SDSC)

Fast adoption of data science by both academia and data industry scientists, and domain experts

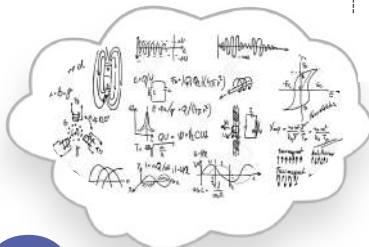


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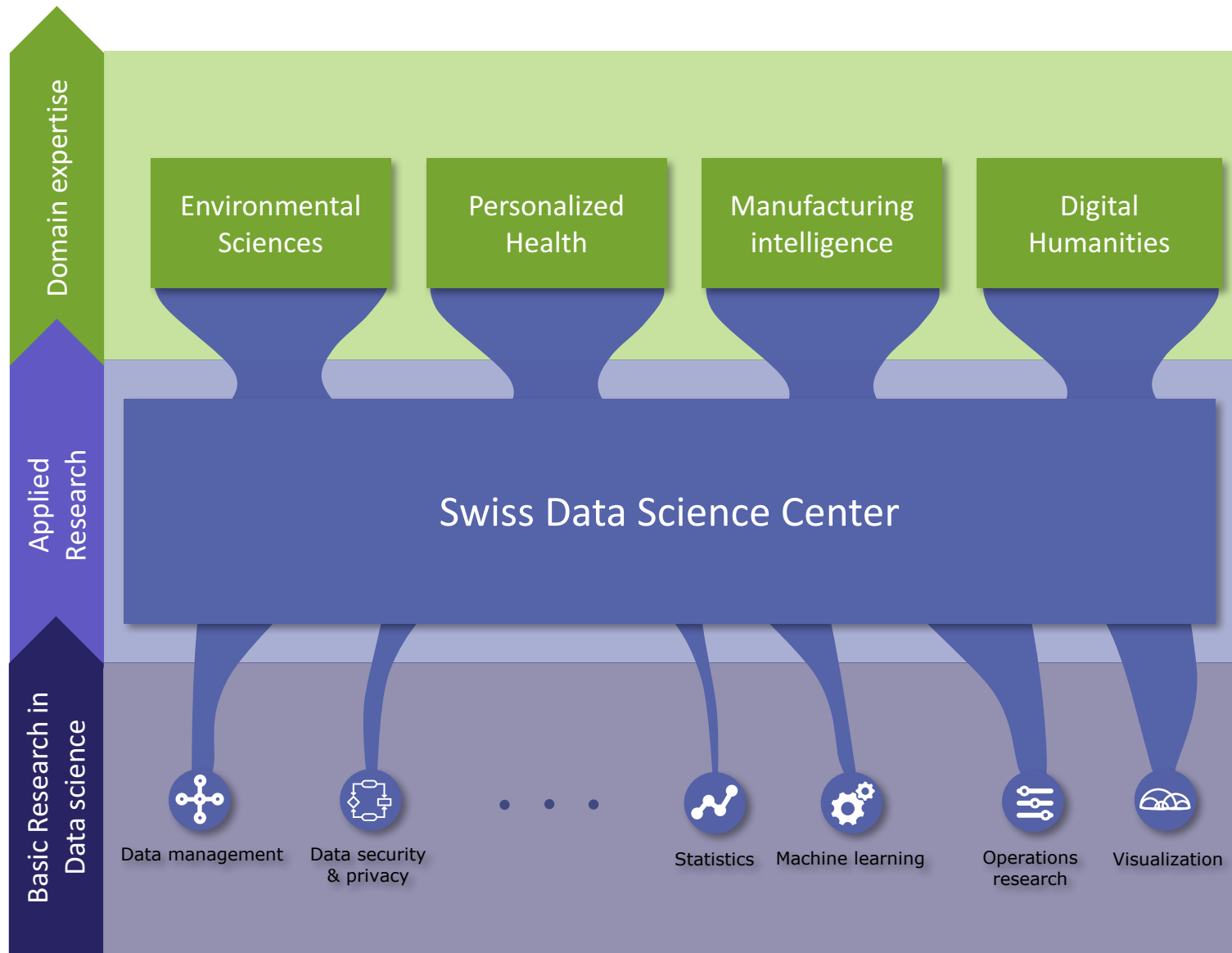
Data scientists

Data providers

How is my data protected?  
How private is it?  
How exactly is it used?



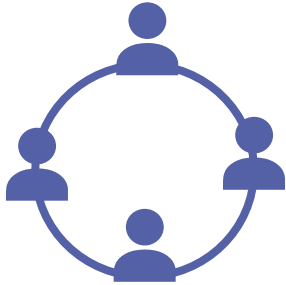
# Where does SDSC fit?





# What will the SDSC offer?

Excellence in academic research backed by strong industrial experience



## Embedded R&D collaboration

We engage in academic and industrial collaborations requiring large-scale distributed data processing (Big & Fast Data) and/or advanced analytics (machine learning & statistics) combined with an in-depth knowledge in select domains



## Domain-specific Insights as a Service

We provide secure access to our cloud-hosted analytics platform - the Open Insights Factory, a highly scalable open software platform offering a one-stop-shop for hosting and exploring curated, calibrated and possibly anonymized data at scale, at-rest or in-motion.



## Open (Data) Science

The Insights Factory offers user-friendly tooling and services to help with the adoption of Open Science, fostering research productivity and excellence.

# Answering Researchers Challenges

- A data lake, not a data swamp!
  - Where can I upload my data, and make it available?
  - What other data is available? And where is it?
  - How was this data created? Who created it?
  - How trustful is it? Can I build my research on it?

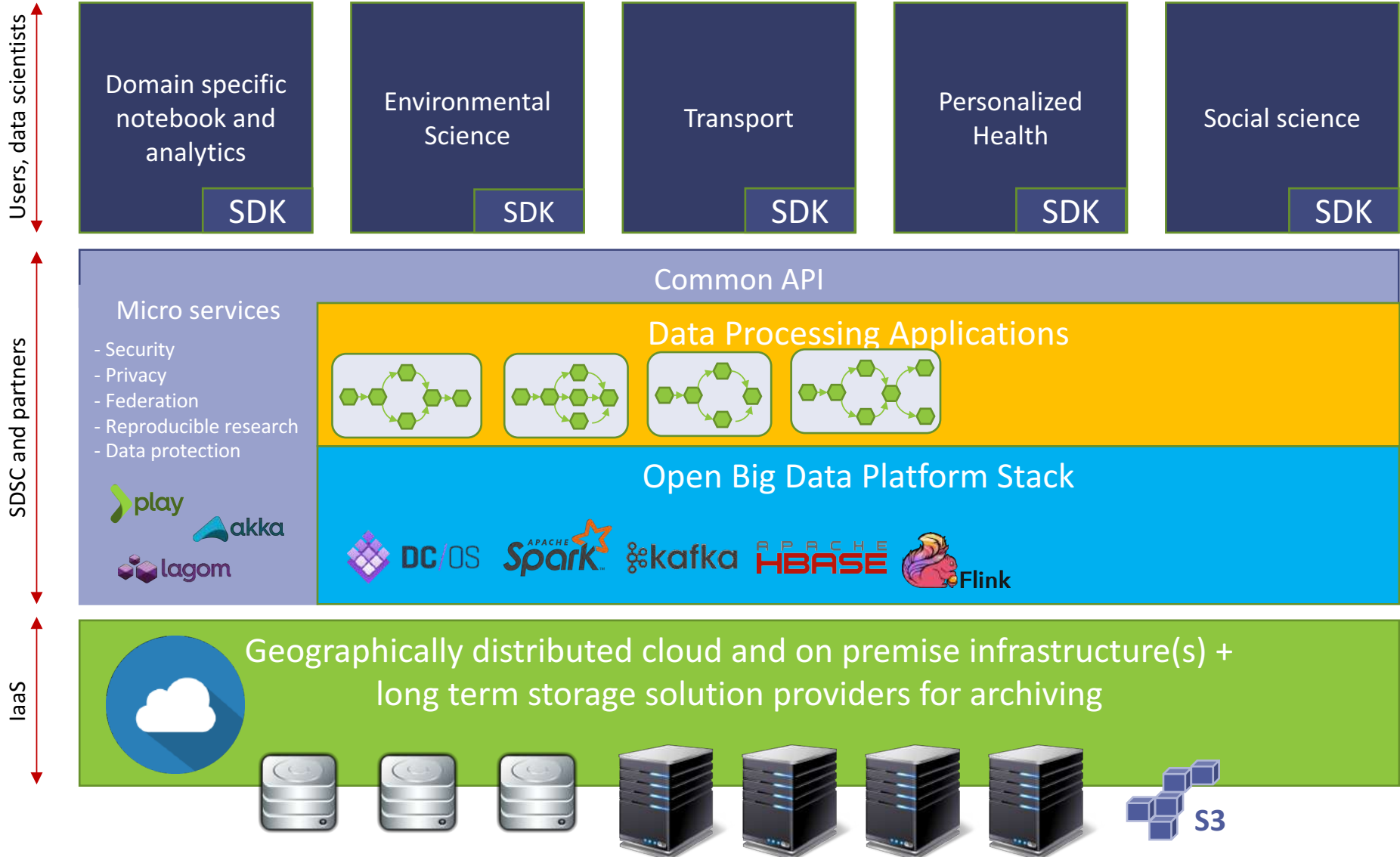
... impedes **collaboration** between scientists, and **reusability** and **reproducibility** of research

- Data science made simple & trustable
  - Combining human expertise and machine intelligence
  - Making learning methods robust against uncertainties
  - Designing methods for interpretable machine learning

# Hosted Analytics Platform

- Highly-scalable open software platform offering domain-specific insights as a service, featuring:
  - Data protection and digital rights management
  - Secure computing across (semi-)autonomous entities
  - Reusable research data and reproducible science
  - Agile data science via interactive IDE for rapid R&D
  - Domain-specific analytics SDK and frameworks

# The Software Stack

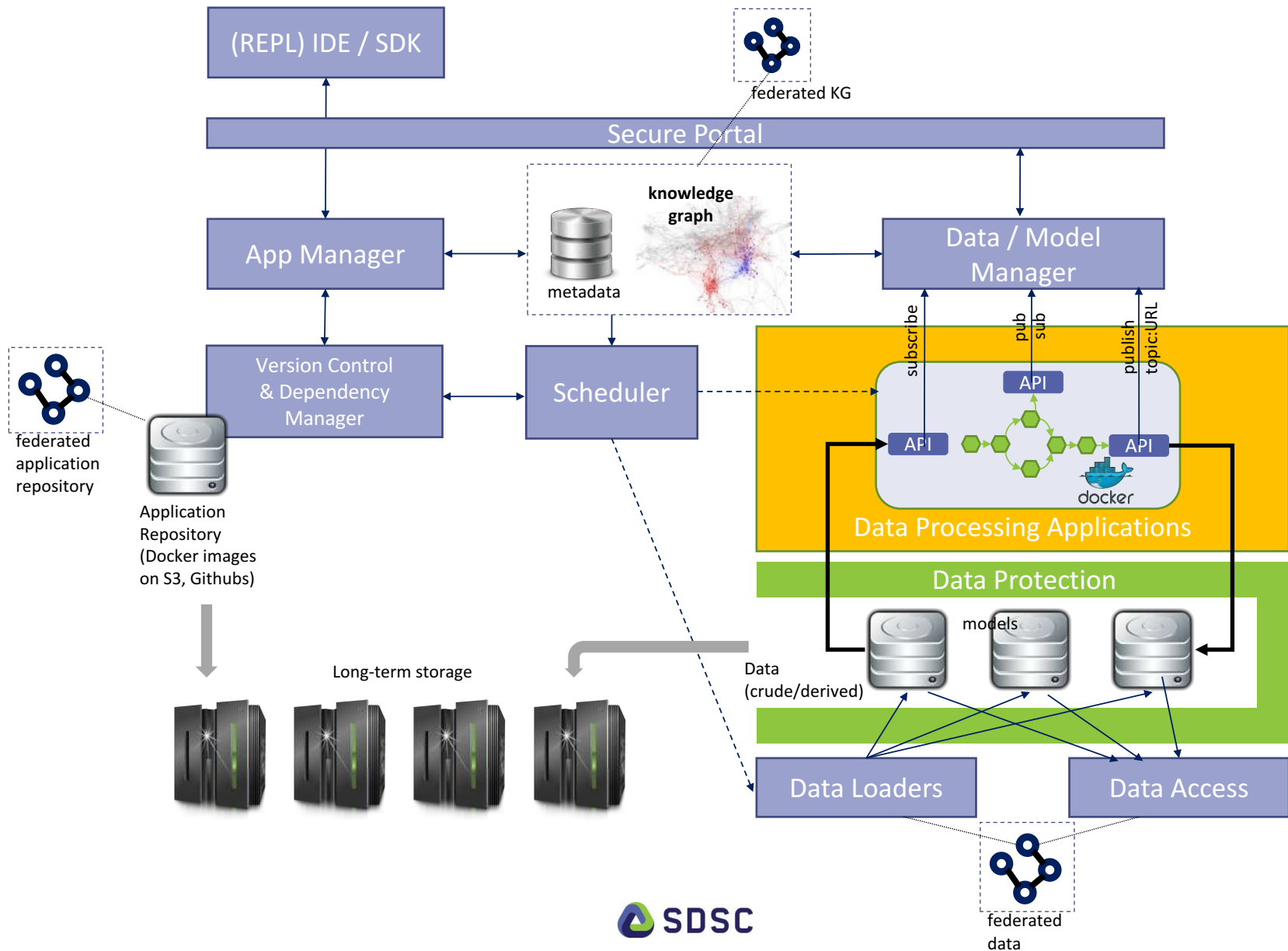




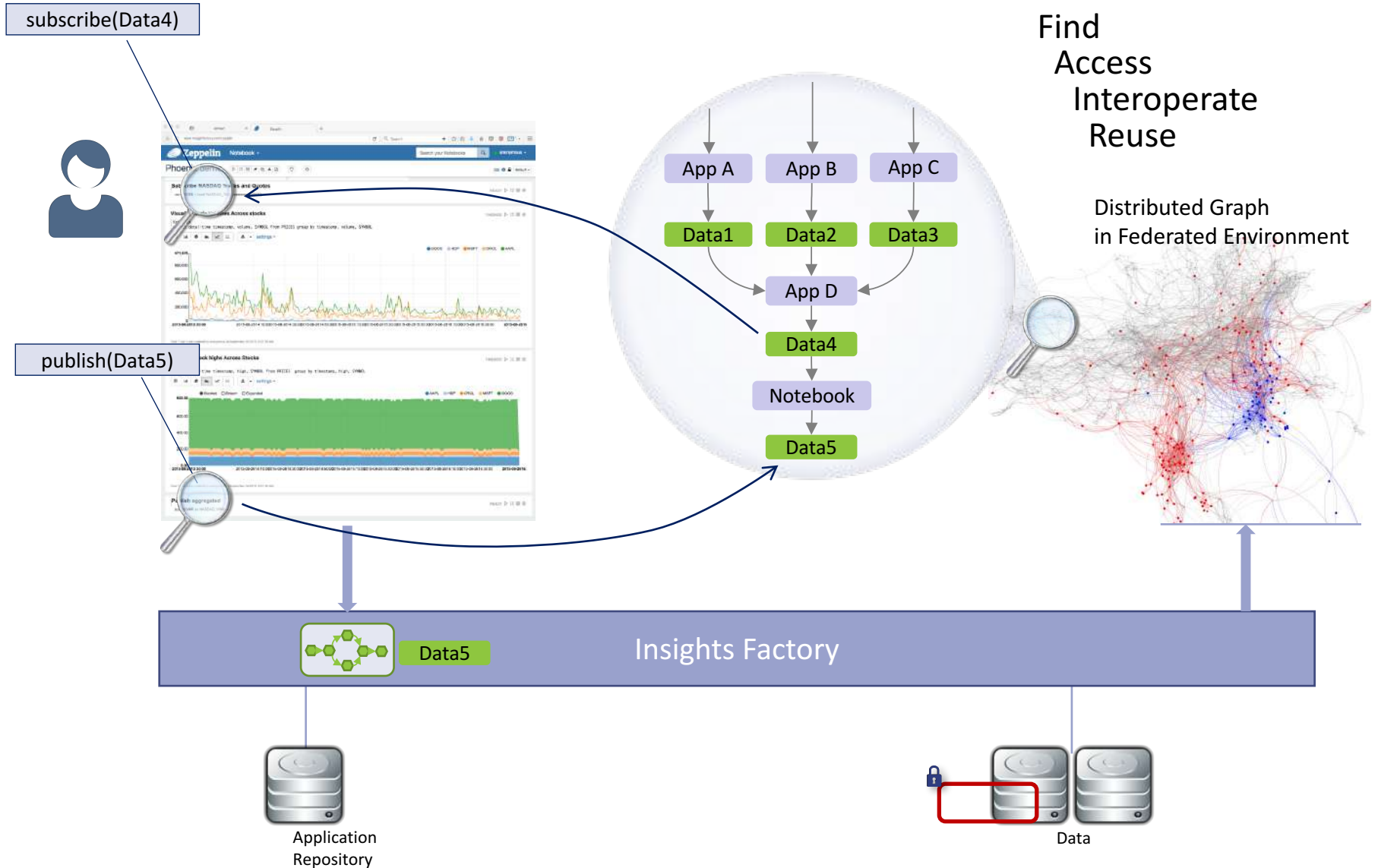
# Use Cases in Environmental Science

- Addressing several data science challenges
  - From data ingest to insights discovery
  - Dealing with complex data
    - Network of physical sensors
    - Mix of streaming & historical data
  - Physics-informed machine learning
  - Reusability of research data
  - Reproducibility of science
- Demonstrators
  - [CarboSense](#) with Empa & Swisscom (Nano-Tera Gateway)
  - Grassland Science with Nina Buchmann (ETH Zurich)
  - ecoHydrology with Tom Battin (EPFL)

# Building the Knowledge Graph

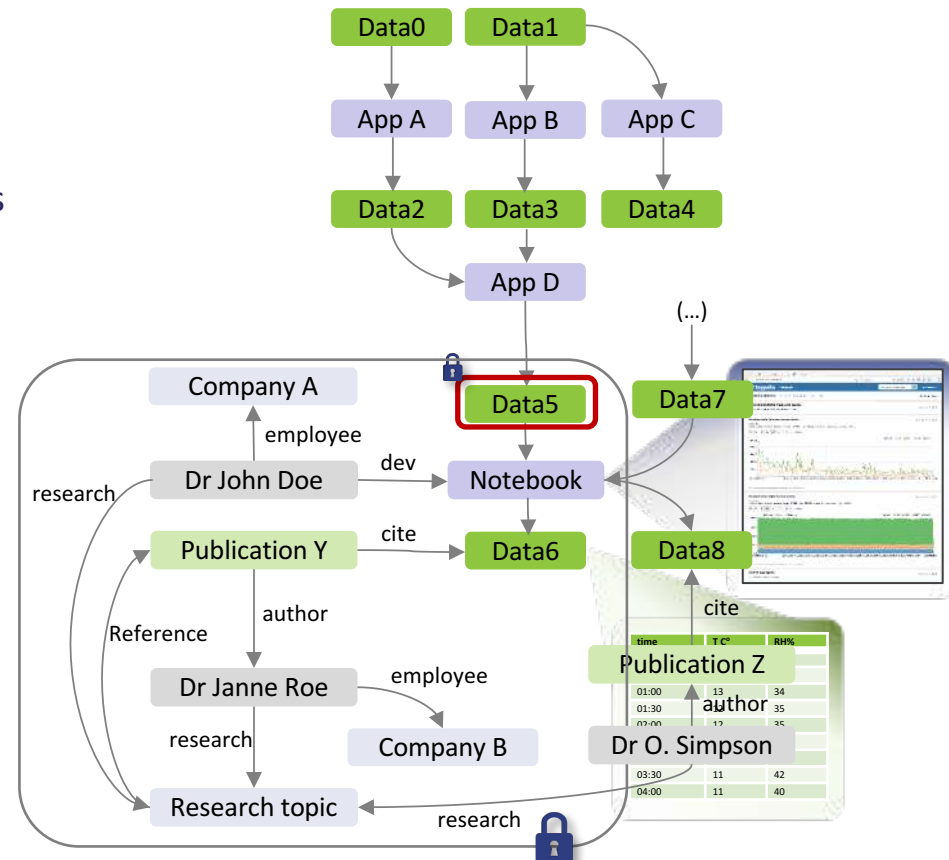


# Data Science Governance



# Automated Open Science

- Reproducible Research
  - See the (versioned) algorithms
  - See the data
  - Replay a workflow
  - Compare workflows, validate robustness
- Reusability
  - Reuse data on new workflows
  - Clone and modify workflows
- Knowledge Graph
  - Data popularity, H-index
  - Who is using the data?
  - For what?
- IP Protection
  - Decide who sees the data,
  - The algorithms,
  - The data I use,
  - And how I use it





# Platform Development Milestones

- **2017.06** – Beta (limited functionality, no guarantee for forward compatibility)
  - Data manager with meta-data, data lineage for data provenance graph
  - Versioned application repository with dependency manager
  - Semantic search on data and algorithms
  - Semantic pub/sup pluggable analytics
  - Automated orchestration of pluggable analytics and data movement
- **2018.01** – Early release for internal use
  - Federated platform
  - Notebook IDE (in collaboration with *Data Fellas*)
  - SDK extension(s) for selected domain(s)
  - Reproducible research
  - Social network services (data H-Index, who works with whom and on what data, ...)
- **2018.06** – Open source release
  - (Free) Public license: without 3<sup>rd</sup> party/partners technology, community support only
  - (Pay-for) Enterprise license: extended features
- **Post-open source release**
  - Roll out of new domain-specific SDK extensions
  - Contribute additional data science algorithms
  - Continuous support to maintain advantage of state of the art and evolving technology

# Current Status & Next Steps

The center is fully operational as of January 2017

## Center set-up

## Call for Academic Research Proposals

## SDSC Industry Day

In progress

March 2017

October 2017

- Hiring R&D staff
- Developing hosted platform
- **Collaborating across the Swiss academic community**
  - Personalized health
  - Environmental science
- **Engaging with industry**
  - Preventive maintenance

### Motivations

- Foster and accelerate the adoption of data science across the ETH Domain
- Promote Open Science

### Research themes

- Data science meets domain science
- Data science methods for the real-world

### Objectives

- Showcase R&D activities of the center
- Offer a platform for industry to engage with SDSC

# Current SDSC Staff





THANK YOU!

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