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# Agile Big Data Analytics of High-Volume Geodetic Data Products for Improving Science and Hazard Response

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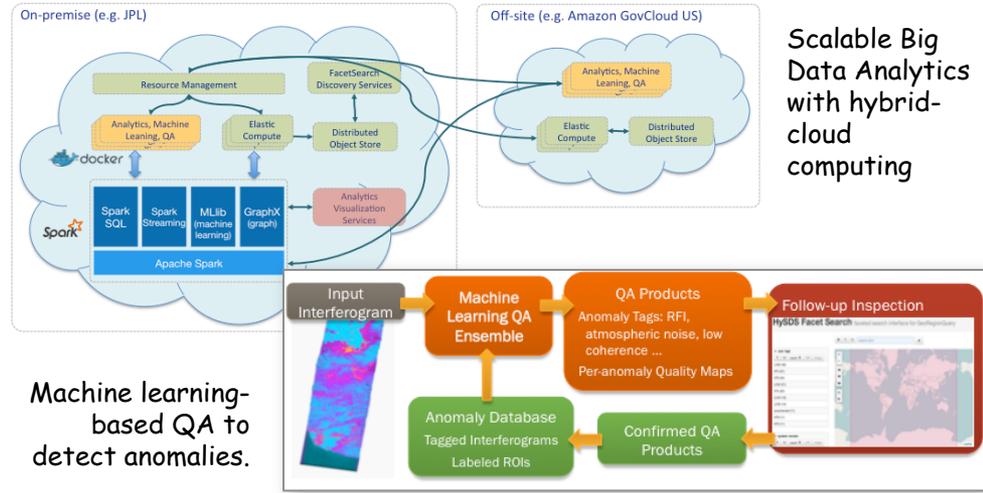
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## Objective

- Develop an advanced hybrid-cloud computing science data system for easily performing massive-scale analytics of geodetic data products. This includes:
  - Improving the quality of automated data product generation of high-volume and low-latency NASA Solid Earth science data products to support hazards monitoring.
  - Enabling end-user analysis to be performed on increasing collections of InSAR and GPS data in order to improve the understanding, quality, and features of the data



Scalable Big Data Analytics with hybrid-cloud computing

## Approach:

- Leverage prior AIST investments on our hybrid-Cloud Computing data system and augment with capabilities for Big Data Analytics for scaling up onto PB-scale datasets.
- Leverage metrics for testing and comparing different processing strategies and time series analysis on large and comprehensive data sets.
- Employ machine-learning approaches to automate QA on massive scales across our generated high-volume data products.

## Key Milestones

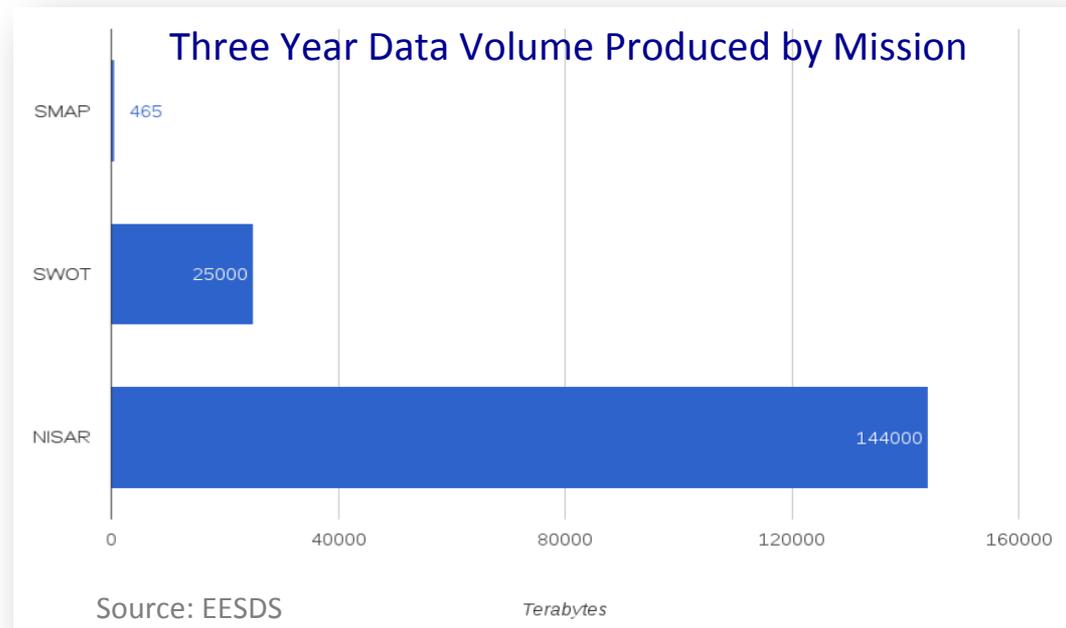
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| • Augment hybrid-Cloud Science Data System for running analytics.                | 12/15 |
| • Machine Learning-based Analytics for QA  | 06/16 |
| • Science Analytics for InSAR Coherence Time Series and Troposphere Corrections. | 12/16 |
| • Visualization of Analytics via faceted analytic metrics and fast browse        | 12/16 |
| • Expanded Machine Learning-based Analytics for QA                               | 06/17 |
| • Science Analytics for InSAR and GPS Timeseries Analysis                        | 06/17 |

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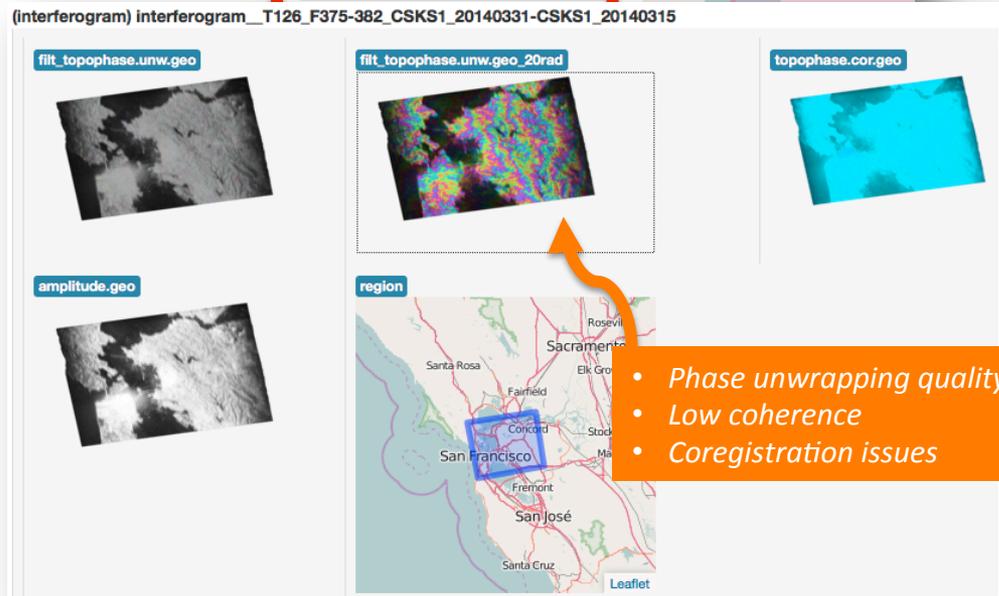
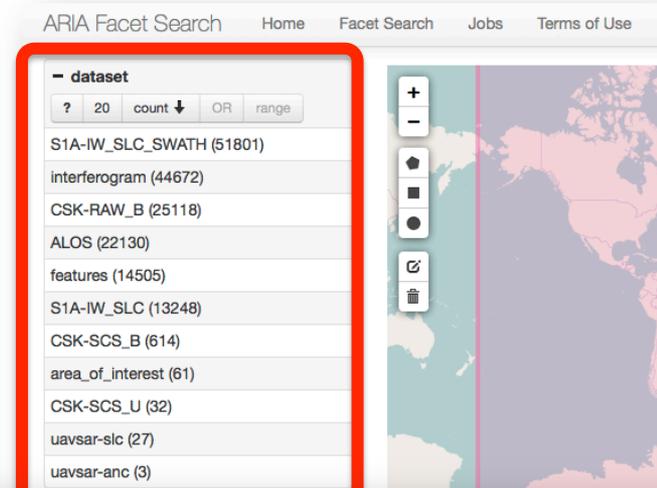
- Remote sensing SAR
  - ALOS PALSAR 1 and 2
  - RADARSAT 1 and 2
  - TerraSAR-X
  - COSMO-SkyMed (CSK)
    - CSK constellation of 4 satellites has acquisition capacity of 450 frames/day for each satellite
      - 1 frame = 40 x 40 km swath, 3m resolution, 1.2 Gb
  - Sentinel 1A/1B
    - C-band SAR
    - 1.8TB/day L0 data, each
  - NISAR (2021)
    - L-band SAR
    - Nominally **~95 TB per day**
    - Peak at **~150TB per day**
  - SWOT (2021)
    - Nominally **~16 TB per day**
    - Peak at **~71TB per day**
  - Etc.

- Airborne SAR
  - UAVSAR
  - AfraSAR
  - Etc.



- **Voluminous SAR Data**
  - Increasingly large collections of L0 to L2 interferograms
  - Derived L3 data products
    - Solid earth, ecosystems, cryosphere
- Various **quality issues** associated with data, processing, instrument, terrain

*Need for scalable and automated quality assessment in [SAR] science data systems*





# Scalable Hybrid Cloud Science Data System with Machine Learning-based QA



- **Agile and large-scale analysis**
  - End-to-end ML is a key analysis capability that was scaled up in cloud computing
  - Runs *on private cloud* (OpenStack) and *public cloud* (AWS)
  - Migration to *Containers*
- **Crowd sourced faceted labeling**
  - Used as “truth” training data
- **Machine Learning (ML) on SAR data**
  - Feature extraction, model training, prediction
  - Initially applied to CSK sensor data stream
- **Quality assessment (QA)**
  - phase unwrapping

Collaborative QA and Faceting

# COLLABORATIVE TAGGING FOR QUALITY ASSESSMENT

- Leverage user tagging of data products to help identify quality issues
- Identifies issue and intensity
- Ensure identification of both good and bad qualities
- Intensity Levels
  - 0: clean
  - 1: mild
  - 2: medium
  - 3: severe

Tag	Metric
UWE_{intensity}	unwrapping errors
TNS_{intensity}	troposphere noise - stratified
TNT_{intensity}	troposphere noise - turbulent
ION_{intensity}	ionospheric noise
ORB_{intensity}	orbital ramps
DME_{intensity}	DEM error
PML_{intensity}	process errors - missing lines
PMR_{intensity}	process errors - misregistration
PCE_{intensity}	process errors - chirp extension noise
RFI_{intensity}	radio frequency interference
COH_{intensity}	coherence

The screenshot shows the ARIA QA interface with several facets on the left and a main view of interferogram images. A red box highlights the 'user tags' facet, which lists various tags like ML\_QA2, EF-UWE\_3, ZL-UWE\_1, etc. A red arrow points from this box to a text box that says 'User tags as faceted constraints'. Another red box highlights the 'user tags' section at the bottom of the main view, which shows a list of selected tags: UWE\_3, ML\_QA2, EF-UWE\_3, EF-PCE\_3, and ZL\_PCE\_3. A red arrow points from this box to a text box that says 'User-contributed tags'.

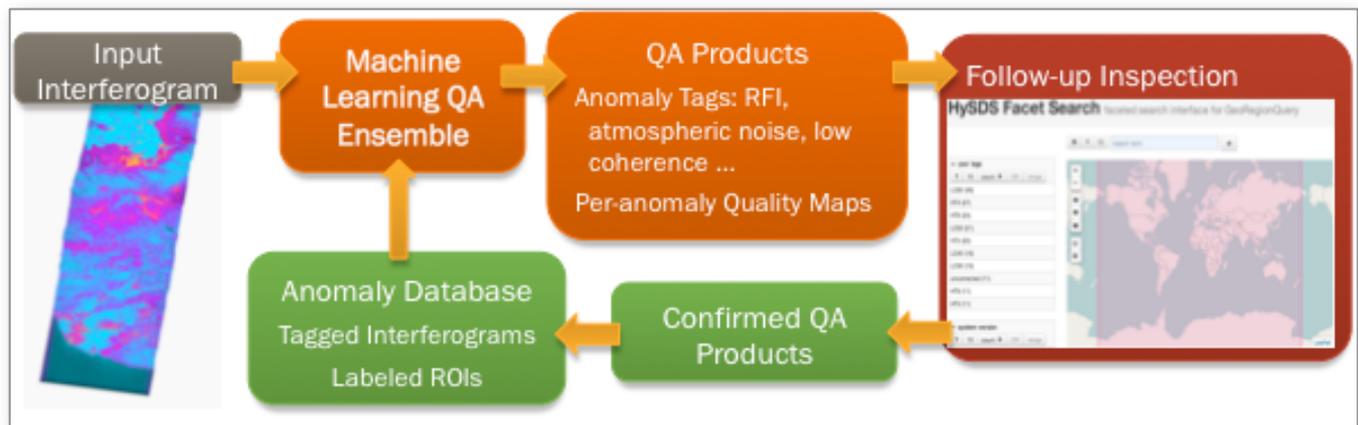
Tag	Count
UWE_0 (pristine)	613
UWE_1 (minor)	491
UWE_2 (major)	340
UWE_3 (severe)	70
<b>Total</b>	<b>1514</b>

Quality Assessment

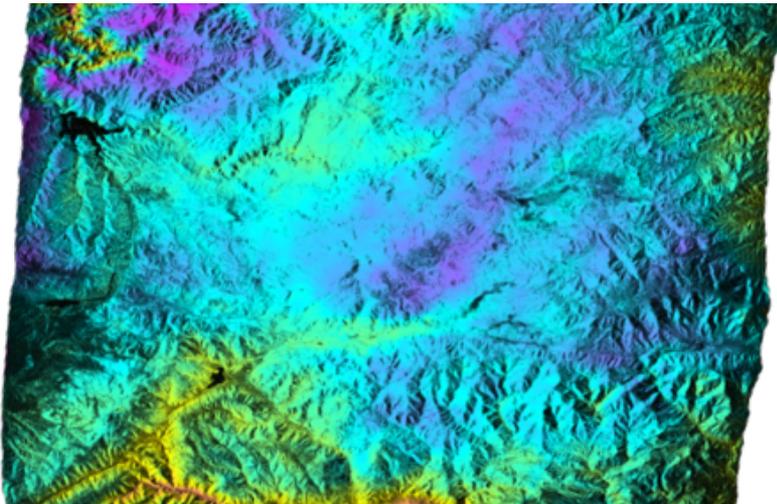
# MACHINE LEARNING

- An advanced hybrid-cloud computing science data system for easily performing massive-scale analytics of geodetic data products.
  - Enables end-user analysis to be performed on increasing collections of geodetic data in order to improve the understanding, quality, and features of the data
  - Employ machine-learning approaches to automate QA on massive scales across our generated high-volume data products.
- Novel capabilities
  - Large-scale and machine-learning-based analytics on QA

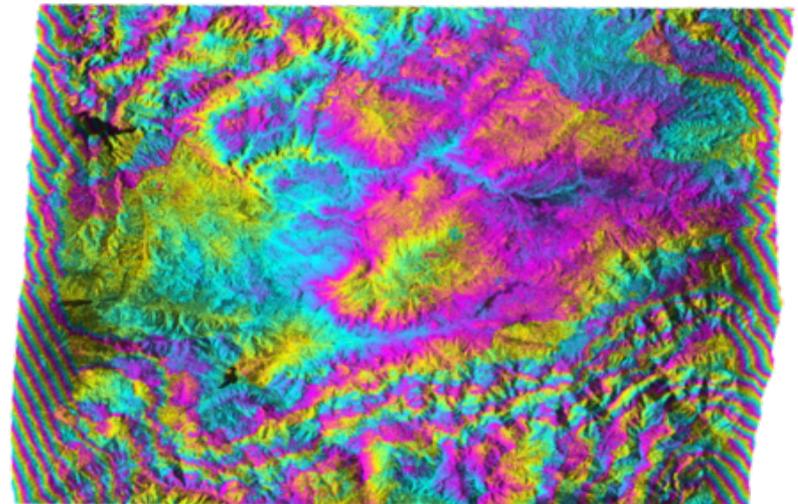
Machine learning-based QA to detect anomalies.



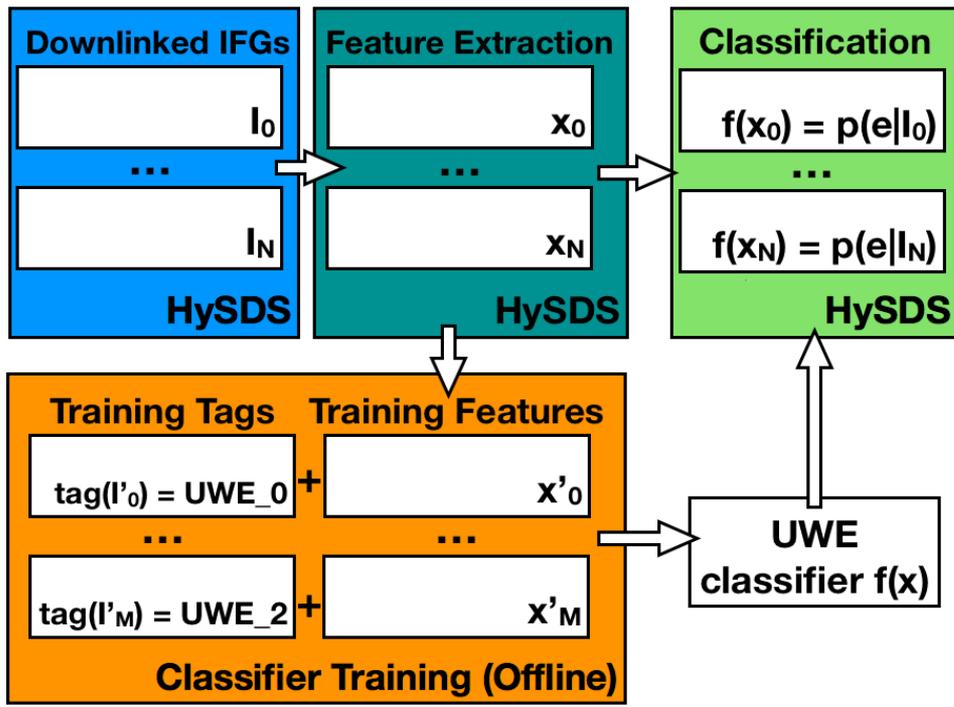
- **Goal:** provide scientists a tool to identify/filter out interferograms with phase unwrapping errors
- Unwrapping errors identified as most common / troublesome interferogram artifact
- Traditionally identified by manual (visual) inspection
- **Approach:** train machine learning classifier to predict  $p(\text{error} | I)$ : probability of unwrapping errors in interferogram  $I$



Accurate Unwrapping  
 $p(\text{error} | I) \rightarrow 0\%$



Severe Unwrapping Error  
 $p(\text{error} | I) \rightarrow 100\%$



- Classifier **training**
  - Offline with GPUs
  - Leveraging collaborative user tags
- Extract **features** from SAR interferogram data stream from science data system
- **Classification** on data stream to get **predictions**
- Online components are **scalable** in cloud computing environment

Quality Metric	Features
<b>Unwrapped phase smoothness</b>	Locations of rapid local changes in phase gradient, gradient values adjacent to discontinuities
<b>Unwrapping “Barriers” (connected components)</b>	# of connected components percentage of (high-coherence) pixels covered by the largest components
<b>Cyclic Residues</b>	% of (high-coherence) pixels with $2\pi$ cycles among their neighbors
<b>Topography Removal Quality</b>	Correlation between unwrapped phase & (SRTM DEM) topography

Mapped unwrapping quality metrics defined by science team to numerical features for training ML classifier

Feature extraction / prediction of  $P(\text{error} | I)$  automatically triggered upon downlink in HySDS system

- ML predictions of  $p(\text{error} | I)$  capture unwrapping error severity
- Potentially viable tool to speed up science return

Tag	Count	Mean P(error   I)	Accuracy
UWE_0 (pristine)	613	36.95	58%
UWE_1 (minor)	491	60.31	83%
UWE_2 (major)	340	69.46	92%
UWE_3 (severe)	70	70.65	90%

- >90% accuracy identifying major/severe errors (**red text**)
- Low UWE\_0 accuracy (**blue text**) due to confusion between UWE\_0 and UWE\_1 tags classes (lower priority filtering)

*Deep Neural Networks: state of the art for image classification tasks*

Input Data	Classifier	Precision	Recall	F1
Derived IFG Features (quality metrics)	Random Forest <b>(baseline)</b>	<i>75.0</i>	<i>86.9</i>	<i>80.5</i>
Browse Images (8bit, 3band RGB)	Neural Network (MLP) (2 layers)	71.2	96.0	81.6
	ConvNet (3 layers)	72.3	64.8	67.8
	ConvNet (6 layers)	73.8	80.0	76.3
Masked Interferogram (32bit, 1band)	Deep ConvNet (6 layers)	<b>75.3</b>	<b>91.2</b>	<b><u>82.5</u></b>
Masked Interferogram Tiles (250x250) (32bit, 1band)	Deep ConvNet (5+1 layers)	<b>76.1</b>	<b>89.4</b>	<b><u>82.75</u></b>

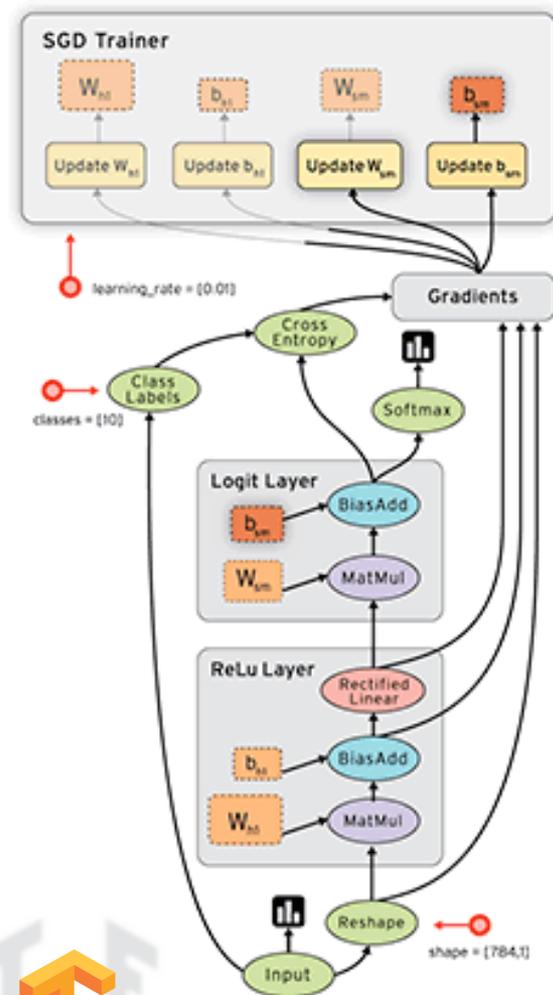
**Overall: marginal improvement in prediction accuracy over baseline (blue)**

In November 2015 Google open sourced its software for Machine Learning called Tensor Flow. The software is mostly meant for image recognition and classification using Convolutional Neural Networks (ConvNets), although the same approach has been used for other tasks such as speech recognition, **ontology**, text prediction etc.

We tried to combine the power of image classification of a ConvNet in Tensor Flow with the speed up resulting from pre-computed features.

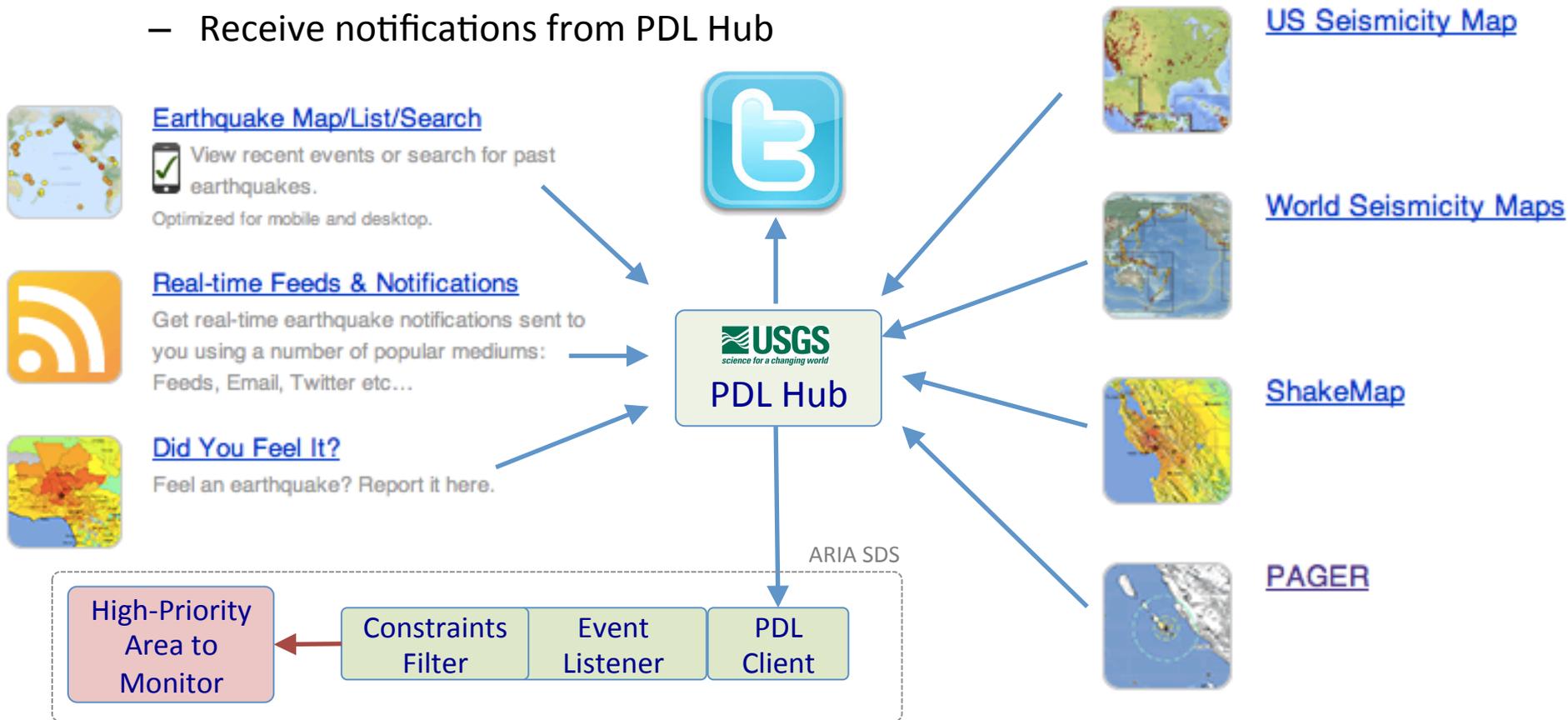
The features adopted in this approach are:

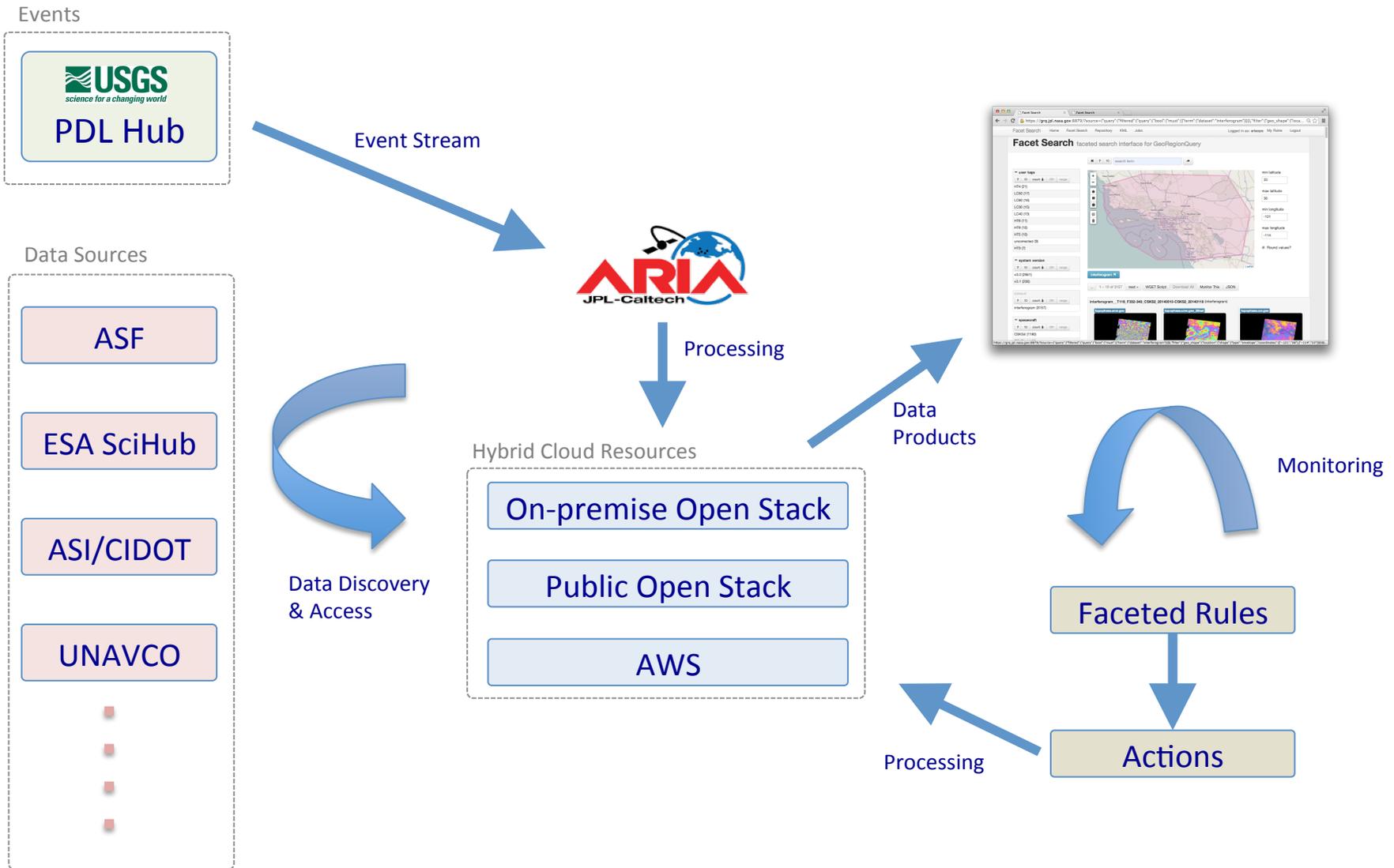
- Average and Standard Deviation of coherence (two values).
- Average and Standard Deviation of the phase gradient (two values).
- Number of connected components (regions that are consistently unwrapped) necessary to cover 50 % and 90 % of the image (two values).



# EVENT RESPONSE

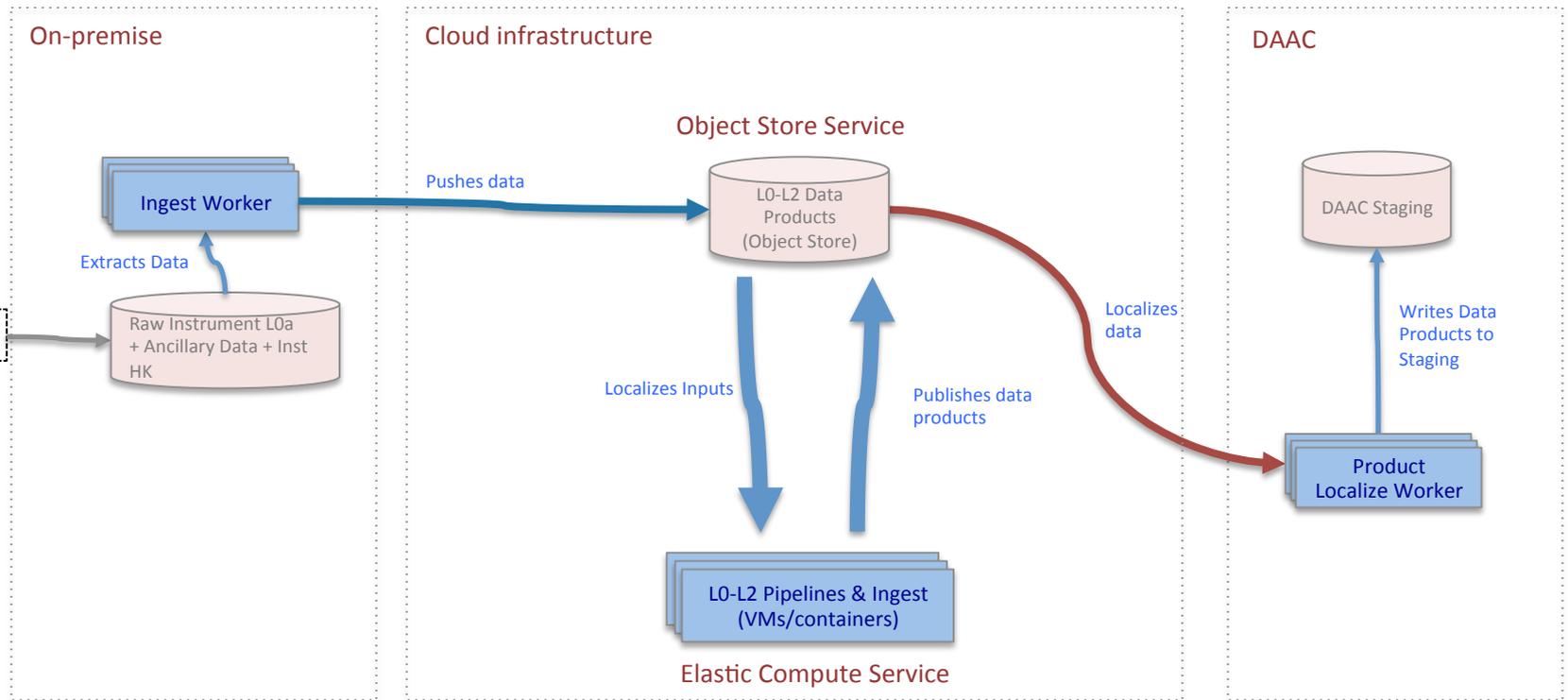
- Leverage USGS National Earthquake Information Center (NEIC)'s Product Distribution Layer (PDL)
  - Pub-sub notification of events and data products
  - Publish events/data to PDL Hub
  - Receive notifications from PDL Hub



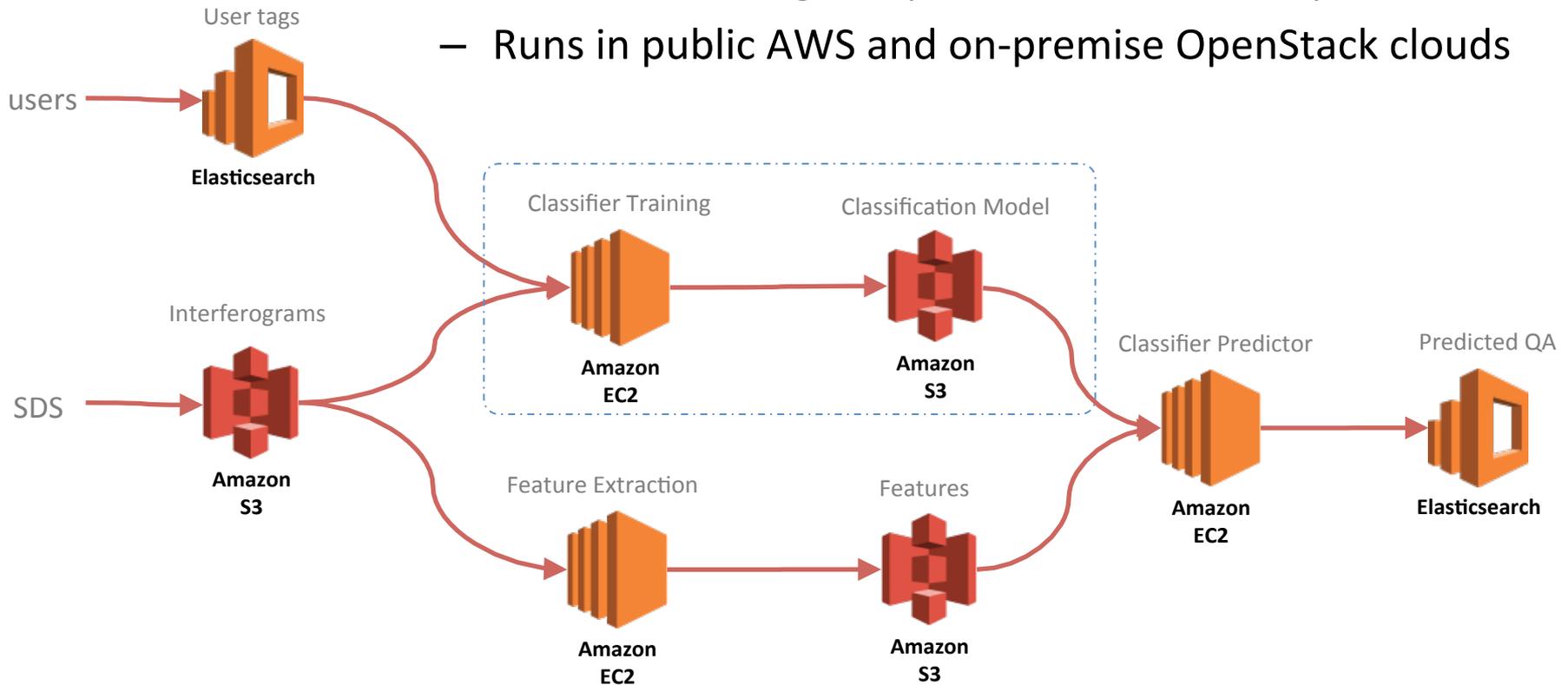


# AGILE BIG DATA HANDLING

- Stream input data into AWS S3 object storage
- Scale up compute nodes to run in AWS EC2
- Internal SDS data throughput needs are scalable via cloud architecture
  - **Compute** instances can scale up to demand
  - Object storage can scale up **data volume** and **aggregate data throughput** to demand
- Asynchronously move results from AWS S3 back to on-premise facility
- Architectural components can be **collocated**

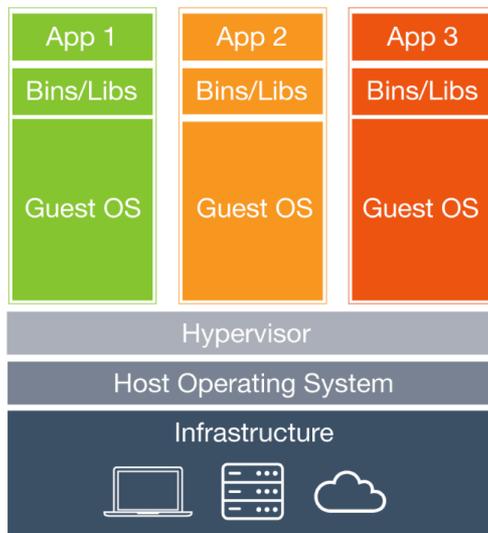


- Bringing machine learning on science data products to cloud-scales
  - Machine Learning components scalable in HySDS
  - Runs in public AWS and on-premise OpenStack clouds



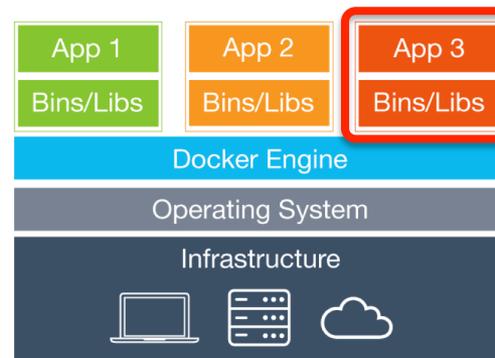
- Run SDS and PGEs in private and public cloud compute instances
- Containers run in compute instances
- Snapshots state of SDS services and PGEs

- SDS and PGEs can be packaged up into orchestrated Containers
- PGEs as Containers
  - L0-L3 PGEs
- Analytics as Containers too



## Virtual Machines

Each virtual machines includes the application, the necessary binaries and libraries and an entire guest operating system - all of which may be tens of GBs in size.



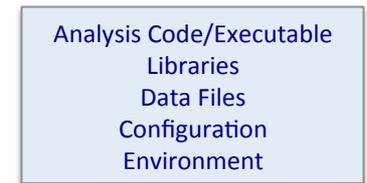
Algorithms deployed in Containers

## Containers

Containers include the application and all of its dependencies, but share the kernel with other containers. They run as an isolated process in userspace on the host operating system. They're also not tied to any specific infrastructure – Docker containers run on any computer, on any infrastructure and in any cloud.

- **Containerizing**
  - Encapsulating analysis steps into more portable and self-contained Docker Containers
- **Agility**
  - Foster agility through rapid development and deployment of analysis steps
- **Portability**
  - Deploy analysis steps in private and public clouds
- **Scalability**
  - Large-scale deployment of Containers to compute fleet
- **Provenance**
  - Archive PGE Containers in AWS/S3
  - Reproduce all existing and prior versions of data analysis and production
  - *“use what you store, and store what you use”*
  - Re-run analysis by data system and DAAC

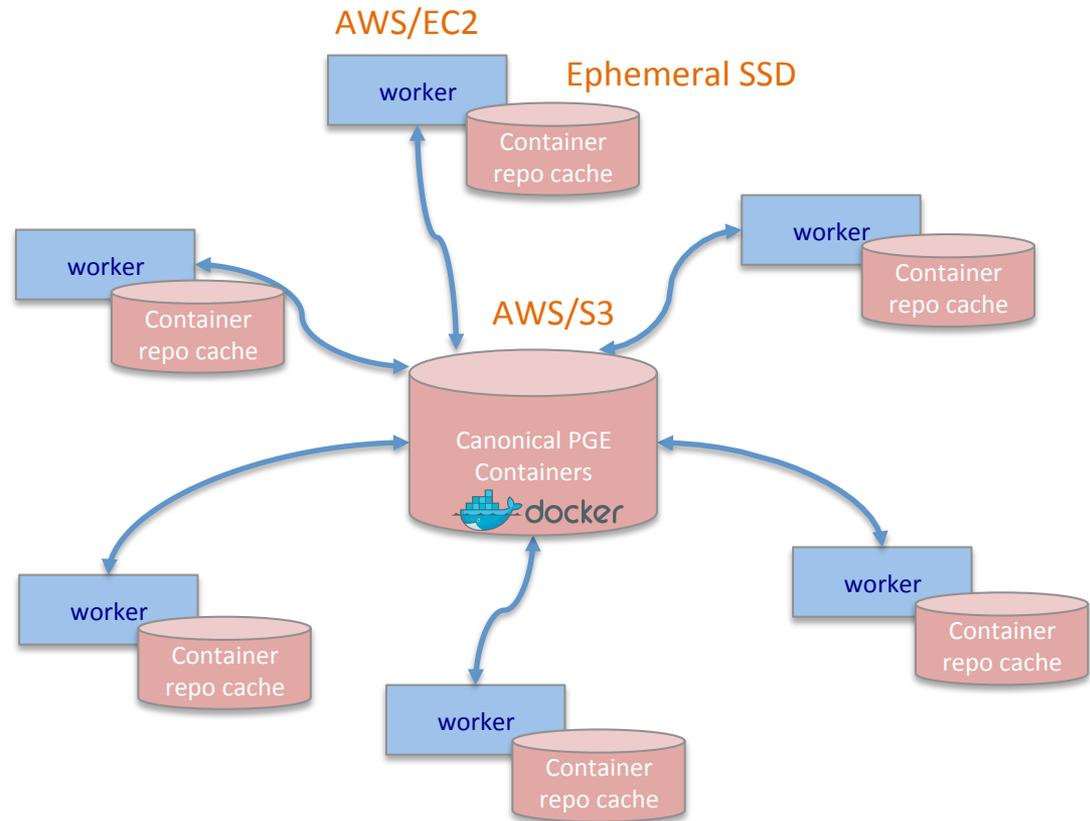
*“Docker containers wrap up a piece of software in a complete filesystem that contains everything it needs to run: **code, runtime, system tools, system libraries** – anything you can install on a server. This guarantees that it will always run the same, regardless of the environment it is running in.”*



Export to / load from container tarballs in AWS/S3



- Concept
  - PGEs developed in Containers
  - PGE Containers managed by SDS
  - PGE Containers deployed at scale to compute workers
- SDS-DAAC scenarios
  - Addresses SDS to DAAC deliverable of PGEs
  - Enables any released PGEs to run *on-demand*
    - Retrieve, instantiate, and run all current and prior PGEs
- Big Data Scales
  - S3 object store archives *all versioned* PGE Containers
  - Use of Docker repo to *cache* PGEs—on each worker
    - Faster load times
  - ***Scales up to thousands of compute workers @ 100K+ cores***



Why is this important?

# IMPACTS

- **Automated QA can now be done for L2 interferogram production—at large-scales**
  - Model training on labeled interferograms
  - Feature extraction of interferograms generated
  - Generate prediction of quality based on pretrained model and features
- **Scenarios**
  - On-demand
  - Forward stream (keep up) data processing
  - Bulk reprocessing
  - Urgent response
    - Generating param sweep of coseismic ifg

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**- phase unwrapping error (predicted)**

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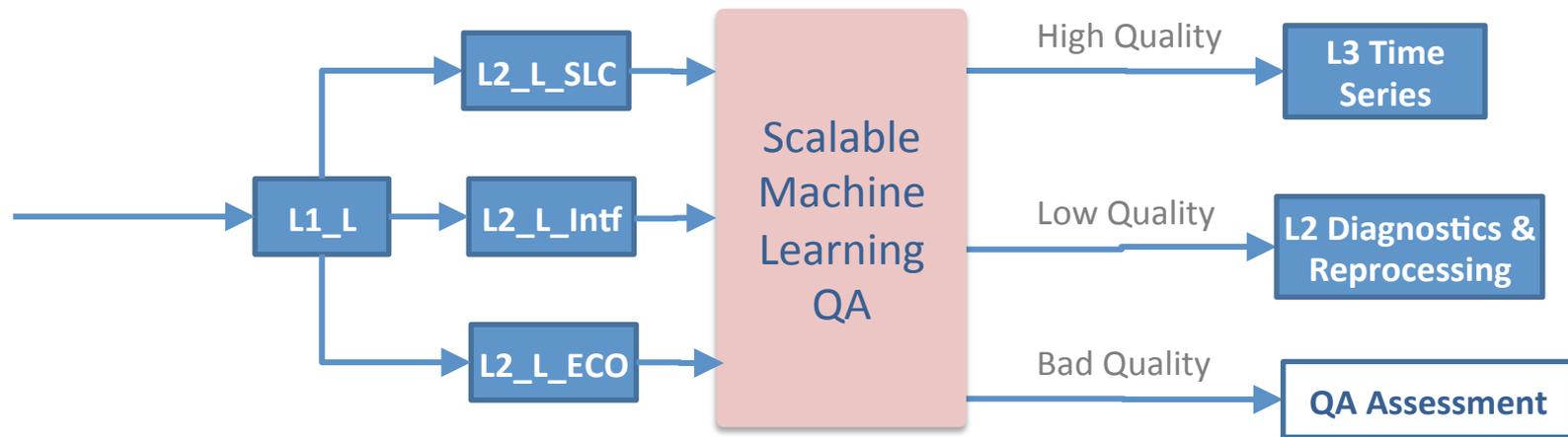
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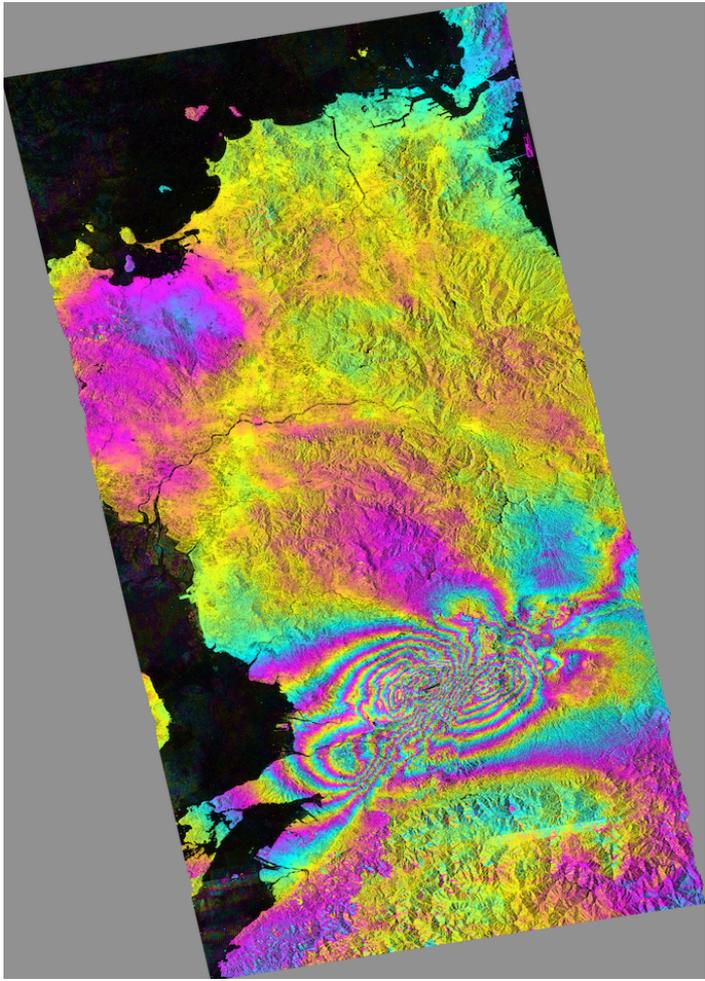
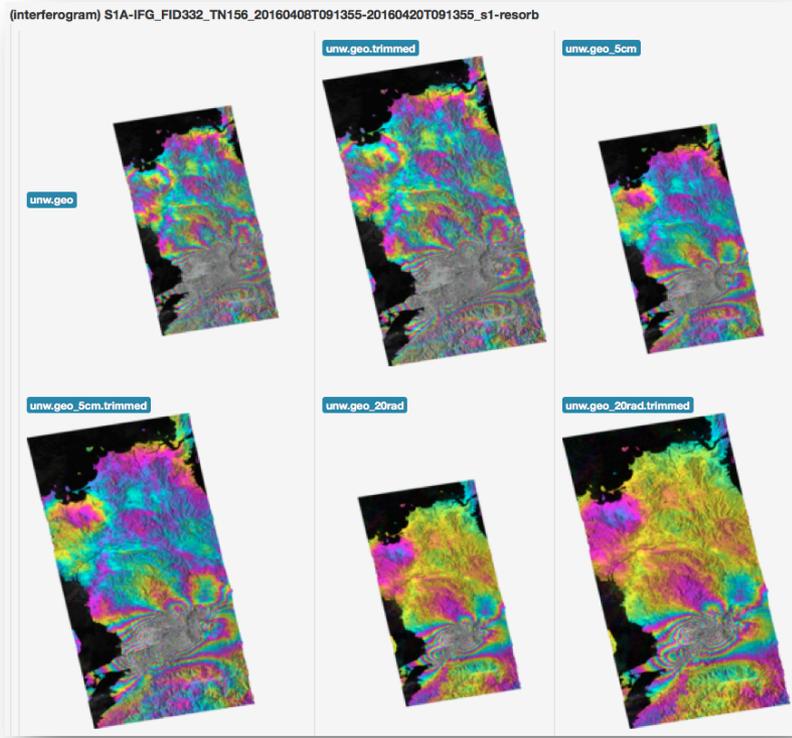
Machine learning-based predictions exposed as facets

- Sensors
  - CSK
  - Sentinel-1A (next)
- Labeling / tagging / social crowdsourcing
  - Thousands of user QA tags as training
- Classifiers
  - Random Forest, Convnet, Tensor Flow
- Feature extraction
- Modeling training
- Prediction: Integrated into faceted search
- *Use Case: Selection of only high-quality interferograms for time series generation*

- **Prioritize** accurate products, scientists can focus on science rather than filtering bad data or finding good/interesting data
- **Automatically schedule reprocessing** for inaccurate products (e.g., bad unwrappings)
- Automated **diagnostics** of issues in processing pipeline issues



- Urgent response of Sentinel-1A L2 interferograms were **automatically processed—all in AWS**
  - 2-hour latency on cheaper m3.xlarge instances
  - ~30-40 minutes on larger c3.8xlarge instances
- Integration with **USGS NEIC PDL** earthquake event streams



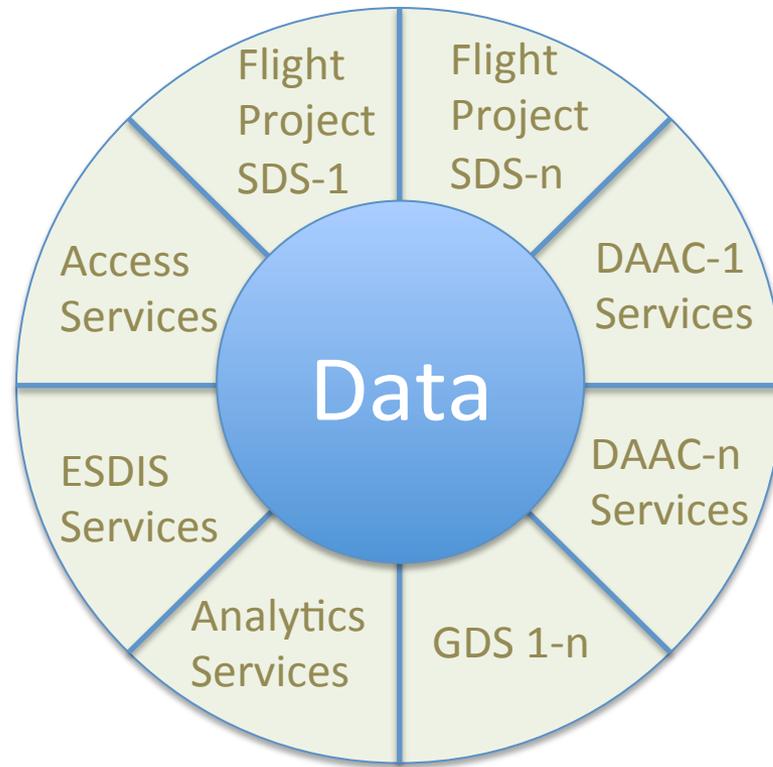
- All cloud computing approach for SDS
- Multiple SDS venues (dev, I&T, ops fwd, ops bulk, on-demand)
- Forward processing in AWS
- Bulk processing in AWS
- On-demand processing in AWS
  - Virtual Data Products: not storing L1 data, regenerate on-demand
- Automated and scalable QA of science data products
- High volume data product generation
  - ~95TB/day for NISAR
- PGEs as Containers
  - Re-run any (current and prior) production pipelines
  - Post-mortem delivery to DAAC
- Cloud-based development
- IT Security

- HySDS (funded under AIST 2011 and 2014) is the **leading approach selected** for NISAR and SWOT
  - HySDS is the generic “core” SDS software
- HySDS adaptations
  - ARIA and SAR SDP Foundry are adaptations of HySDS
  - NISAR and SWOT SDSes will also be adaptations

- **Machine Learning**
  - Expand to Sentinel-1A and Sentinel-1B
  - Additional QA metrics
- **Additional Analytics**
  - Coherence time series
  - Troposphere corrections
  - Fast browse of results
- **SDS for Big Data mission needs**
  - Dynamic **hot data caching** for improved scaling and cloud economics
  - High-availability (HA) support
  - Expand usage on *AWS spot market*

# “Data Lake”-extended

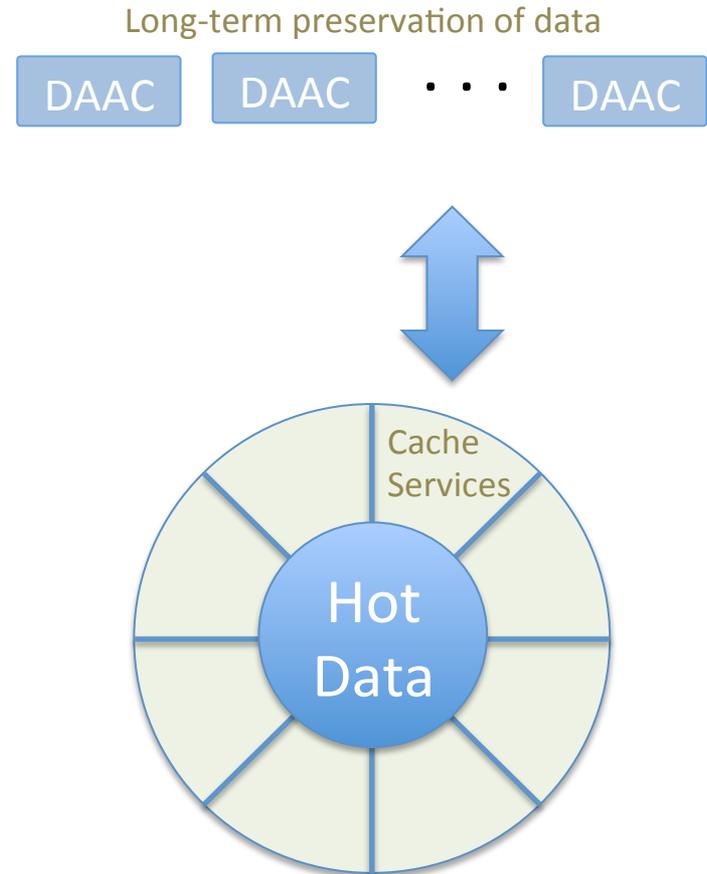
- It’s about collocation!
- Minimize data movement
- Maximize user services
- Run on *public cloud provider* or at an *on-premise data center*



Reduce redundancy and foster ESDIS-wide services

Enabling multi-disciplinary data approach for analysis

- Long-term **public cloud storage is expensive** at PB-scales
  - ...Unless we can negotiate deals with cloud vendors
- Use object store data lake for **“hot data”**
  - SDSes generate data into object stores
  - Object stores contain “fresh” / “hot” data as rolling storage
  - Offline moving of older data to DAAC for permanent storage
  - Automate caching of “hot data” back from DAACs



# BACKUP

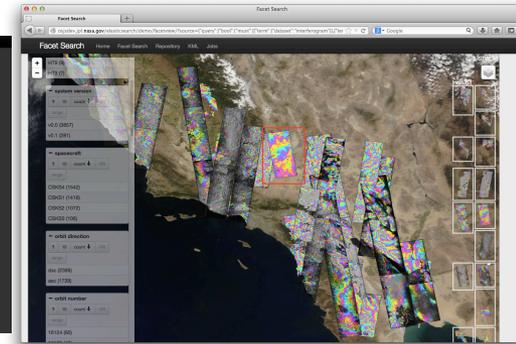
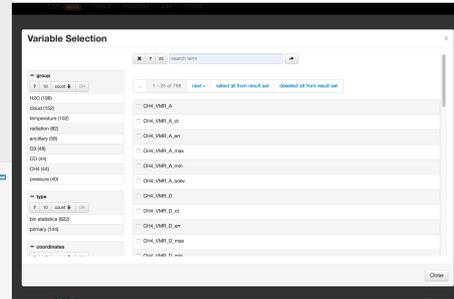
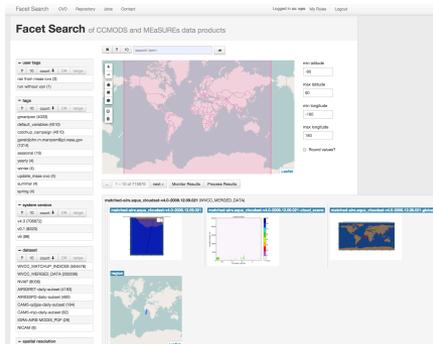
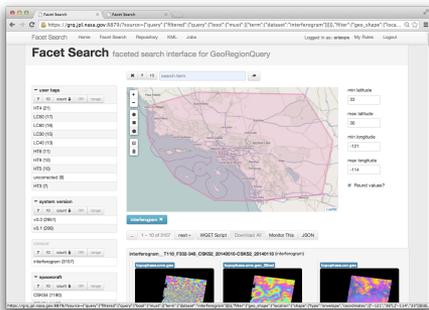
- AOI-based automated data discovery, access, and ingestion
  - ASI/CIDOT (CSK)
  - ESA SciHub (Sentinel)
  - ASF (ALOS, Sentinel, etc.)
  - UNACVO, GEO Supersites (CSK, ALOS, Sentinel, etc)
- AOIs in Faceted Search
  - Enables users to interact with AOIs
  - Supports reverse lookups of AOIs
    - Finds all data within an active AOI
    - Finds all AOIs within a certain region
- **Monitoring** data streams of AOIs
- **Actions** to automatically trigger processing to L2 interferograms

ARIA Facet Search Data Products

AOI as facet constraint

Monitoring & Actions

- Science Data Products Faceted search and browse



- Science Data System Faceted Metrics and PROV-ES provenance

