

MIDWEST BIG DATA HUB

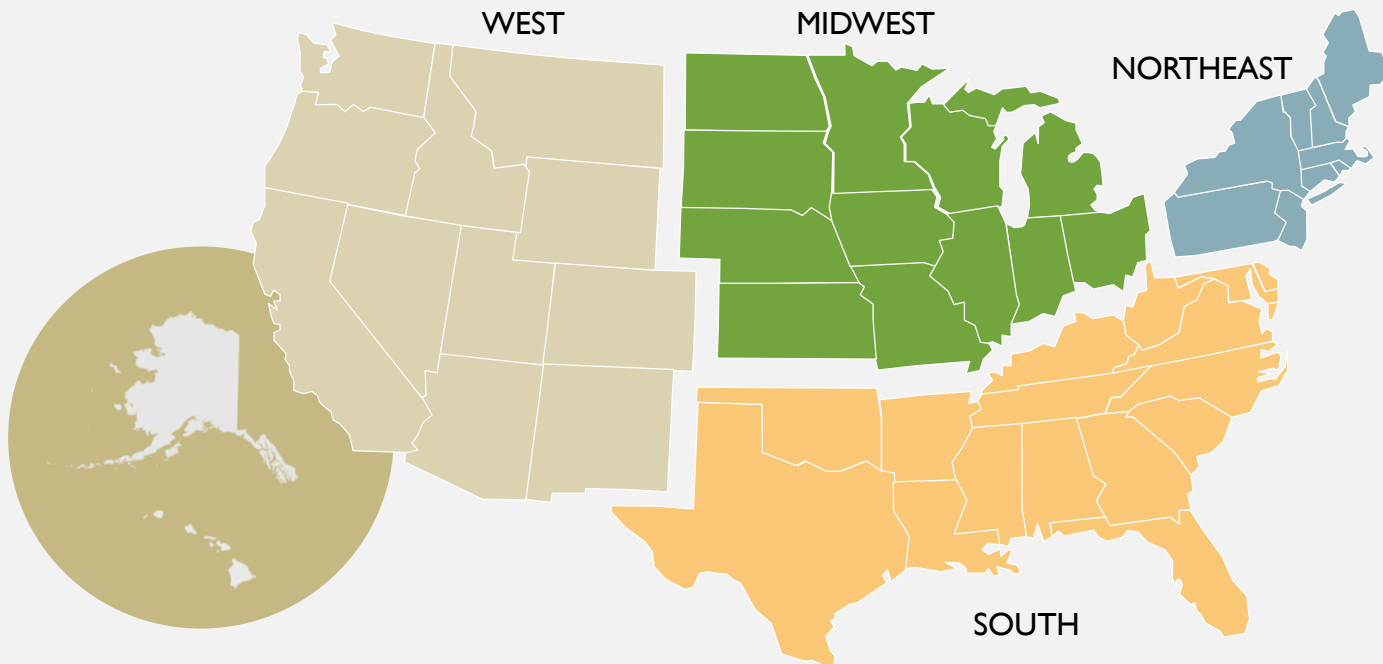
Accelerating the Big Data Innovation Ecosystem



OVERVIEW

- MBDH as a developing organization
- Thematic and Priority areas for the Midwest Hub
- Cross-cutting areas of interest
- Examples of projects and partnerships
- Opportunities and barriers for EU-US collaborations

REGIONAL BIG DATA INNOVATION HUBS



MBDh STRUCTURE & GOVERNANCE

- SEEDCorn grant (Seidel, \$1.5M) to support launch with initial consortia
 - Indiana University (Plale)
 - Iowa State University (Nusser)
 - University of Michigan (Athey)
 - University of North Dakota (McGimpsey)
- Steering Committee – monthly meetings
 - Pls form initial Exec Committee
 - Thematic community leads (8)
 - Cross-cutting groups (2)
 - At-Large (5 elected)
 - At-large (2 by appointment)
- Sub-committees (Sustainability; Governance)
- By-laws

THEMATIC COMMUNITIES IN THE MIDWEST HUB



Urban Science & Smart Cities



Business Analytics



Materials & Manufacturing



Agriculture



Health & Biomedicine



Neurosciences



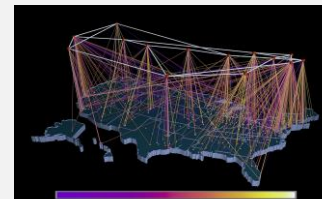
Community Resilience



F-E-W



Transportation



Network Sciences

CROSS-CUTTING “HORIZONTALS”

- Data, Tools, Services, and Methods
- Sensors, Robotics, Unmanned Systems
- Data science education, workforce development
- Data governance, sharing and use policies
 - Privacy, Security, and Ethics

“SPOKE” & PLANNING AWARDS FROM NSF

7 Awards - \$3.3M

- Digital Agriculture - Unmanned Aircraft Systems, Plant Sciences and Education (UND; IA State; GPN; UN-L)
- Collaborative: Advanced Computational Neuroscience Network (ACNN) (UM; OSU; CWRU; UI)
- Collaborative: Integrative Materials Design (IMaD) - Leverage, Innovate, and Disseminate (UC; UIUC; UM; UW-M; NWU)
- Big Data Innovations for Bridge Health (UN-O; UN-L)
- Cyberinfrastructure to Enhance Data Quality and Support Reproducible Results in Sensor Originated Big Data (Purdue)
- Networked Resilience of Communities Facing Natural and Social Emergencies (Illinois)
- EAGER: Incorporating Citizen Science into Real-Time Sensor-Based Estimates of Traffic-Related Air Pollution Exposure (OSU)

FOSTERING THE BIG DATA COMMUNITY

- **Industry engagement**
 - Digital Agriculture All-Hands meeting (Ames, IA)
 - Data Science for Food, Energy, and Water workshop @ KDD 2016 (San Francisco, CA)
 - Big Data for Health and Medicine (Omaha, NE)
 - Big Data & Business Analytics Symposium (Detroit, MI) - Annual Event led by Wayne State University
- **Developing expertise and building capacity in Data Science**
 - Midwest Big Data Summer School (Ames, IA)
 - Data Quality in an Era of Big Data (Bloomington, IN)
 - Midwest Workshop on Big Neuroscience Data, Tools, Protocols & Services (Ann Arbor, MI)
 - Interdisciplinary Workshops of Big Data in Healthcare Outcome and Workflow for Early Career Researchers (Milwaukee, WI)
 - Food and Data: Interoperability through the food pipeline (Champaign)
- **Hackathons, Training and Travel Support**
 - Univ. of North Dakota BD Summit and Hackathon (Grand Forks, ND)
 - Students to Software Carpentry (Kansas City, MO)
 - Health Data Matters & LiveStories (Cleveland, OH)
 - Midwest Big Data Hackathon (Iowa City, IA)

EXAMPLES OF PROJECTS AND PARTNERSHIPS

- Microsoft Azure Cloud Services Partnership (all hubs)
 - providing \$ 3M in credits across Hubs + technical support + training
 - Projects underway at Indiana Univ. (2) and Univ. of Minnesota (1)
- Open Commons Consortium-Adv. Center for CyberGIS
 - Demonstration project with the ROGER CyberGIS resource on opening ~200TB of NOAA environmental data
- Internet²
 - Best practices for distributed teams sharing large data
- National Data Service
 - MBDH community access to hardware/software test-bed environments
 - Inclusion in the NDS Labs Workbench catalogue
- International Food Security at Illinois
 - Machine Learning: Farm-to-Table
- MBDH Data Science Meet-up Groups (Omaha; Fargo)

WHAT IS THE NATIONAL DATA SERVICE?

National effort to bring together infrastructure supporting the **publication**, **discovery**, and **reuse** of data

→ From the Internet to the “Datanet”

1. Large-scale Data Service Interoperability

- Distributed cloud and compute
- Innovation in the gaps: services, software, integration

2. Incubator of Data Projects & Pilots

- Quick start sandbox
- Choose services based on features (not time to install)



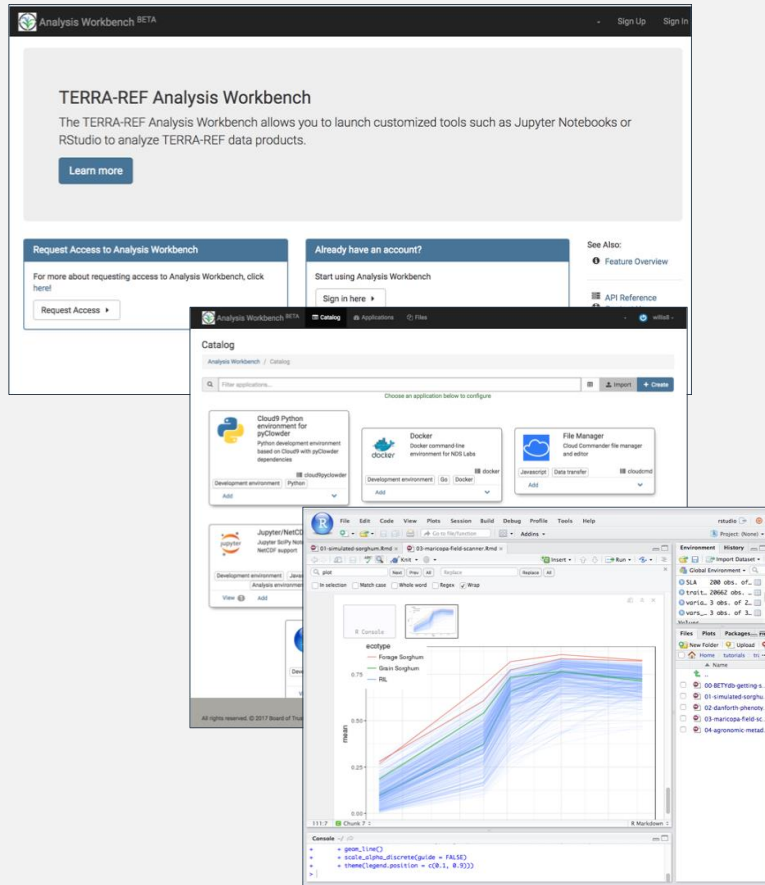
NDS LABS WORKBENCH (BETA)

- NDSC initiative started in January 2016
- Community-driven platform to share, discover, evaluate, develop, and test research data management and analysis tools
- Open platform -- community members recommend and/or contribute tools



USE CASE: TERRA-REF ANALYSIS WORKBENCH

<http://www.terraref.ndslabs.org>



The screenshot displays the Terra-Ref Analysis Workbench interface. At the top, it says "Analysis Workbench BETA" and "Sign Up". Below this, a section titled "TERRA-REF Analysis Workbench" explains that it allows users to launch customized tools like Jupyter Notebooks or RStudio to analyze Terra-REF data products. A "Learn more" button is provided. Below this, there are sections for "Request Access to Analysis Workbench" and "Already have an account?". The main area shows a "Catalog" of applications, including "Cloud9 Python environment for JupyterLab", "Docker", and "File Manager". A Jupyter Notebook is open, showing a line plot with multiple colored lines representing different data series. The plot has a y-axis labeled "mean" and an x-axis labeled "time". The legend indicates that the lines represent "Fouge Singh" and "Gaur Singh". The notebook code shows a plot function with parameters for "geom_line()", "aes(x=year, y=mean)", and "theme(legend.position = 'right')".

- Initially used for workshop tutorial to provide consistent environments, scaling to support ~50 participants.
- Customized Labs Workbench instance hosted as part of TERRA-REF infrastructure at NCSA.
- Custom analysis and development environments with direct access to TERRA-REF data. Used by collaborators and alpha users.

MODELS AND OPPORTUNITIES

- CODATA (1966)
 - Committee on Data, International Council for Science (ICSU)
- NSF and Research Councils UK (RCUK) MOU (2014)
 - Directorate for Biological Sciences (NSF/BIO) and the Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC) pilot
 - “reciprocal acceptance of peer review through unsolicited mechanisms ...to help reduce ...barriers to working internationally.”
- Joint-Laboratory on Extreme Scale Computing (2009)
 - International collaboration on software challenges found in extreme scale high-performance computers
 - Partners: University of Illinois, INRIA, Argonne Nat'l Lab, Barcelona Supercomputing Center, Jülich Supercomputing Centre, and RIKEN AICS

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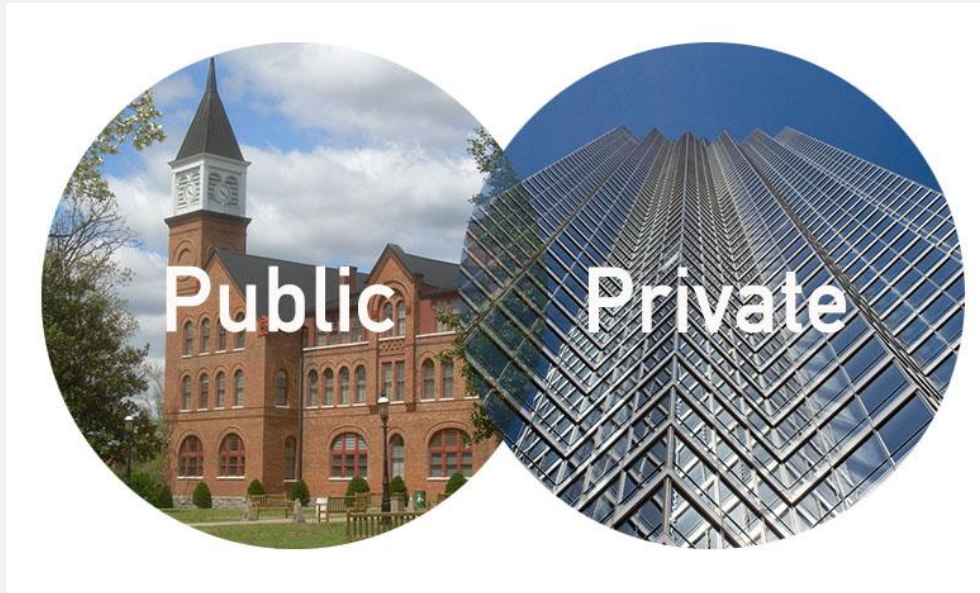


Start-up award from the National Science Foundation (NSF #I550320).

SAVE THE DATE!

- MBDH: Big Data and City Mobility in the Midwest
 - June 22-23 – Ann Arbor
- Sept. 30 – MBDH event :Transportation Data Challenge
Lincoln, NE
 - Nebraska Transportation Center & Mid-America Transportation Center
- All Hands meeting – Oct. 2-3 – Omaha, NE
 - Partnering with Kiewit Corp, UN-L, UN-O, Creighton Univ., and local MeetUp groups
 - Oct. 4 – Bridge Health workshop
- MBDH Partners' Big Data Summit (Minneapolis, Oct. 26-27, 2017)

build and strengthen **partnerships**
across industry, academia, nonprofit and
civic groups, government



**to address societal challenges,
spur economic development,
and foster a national big data ecosystem**