

Big Data, Big Transformation:
Big Benefits for Large-Scale Engineering Products

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Aircraft

Aerostructures

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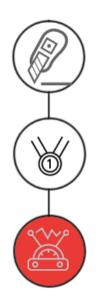
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Background: What and Why Big Data? 02 Our Solution: Technologies and Architecture 03 A Future Towards DataOps... AGENDA



Key Messages



Transformation | Then and Now - what does good look like?

Example of success | Technologies and Infrastructure

Future Looking | What will we do next?





Why Big Data?

Volume, Velocity, Value...



BIG DATA

Infrastructure / Techniques

Fuzzy transition point after which traditional storage and analysis techniques become inadequate

Investment

Data acquisition, storage,
maintenance and
exploitation is a business
investment and should be
treated as such

Value

The goal for Big Data is to extract and leverage the *value* from data



Backdrop - The Business is Changing

Next Generation Products 1

New technologies, new hardware and increased complexity means more data than ever

New Development Strategy 2

Data is now more valuable than ever with analysis for Model Driven Engineering favoured over costly experimental aircraft trials.

New Customer Environment 3

Modern technologies and products increase the demand for product flexibility and so extensibility.

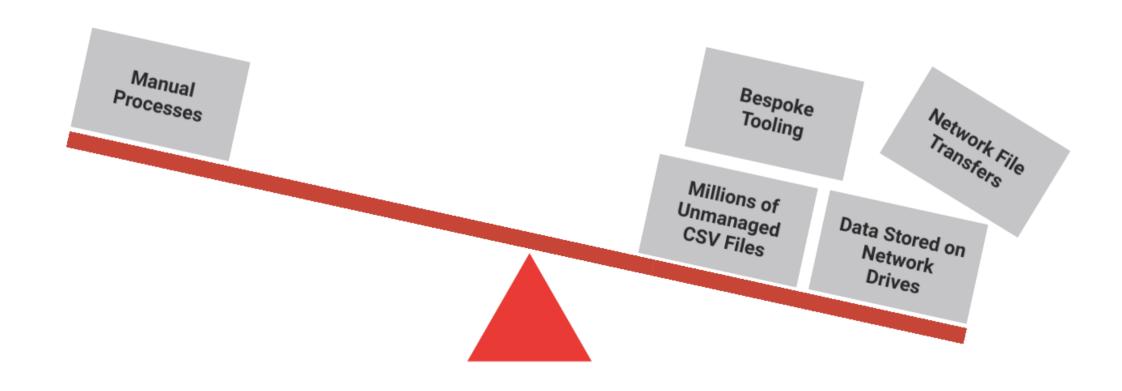
Multi-decade Programmes 4

Long term effective management and utilisation of data is key to unlocking the business investment in data





Project Analysis: what was the Status Quo?





What does this mean for an engineer?

One year on a single project...

Mouse Clicks

264,160

To process data - before adding value

Equivalent 15 page Word Documents...

23,765,923

This would take over **90 years** of continuous effort to read.

CSV Files

769,772

Of human readable radar data - i.e., not including the sensor data.



So what do we want?

Opportunities for improvement against traditional approaches.



Analytics

Make it easy for engineers to find the needle in the haystack...



Customise and Standardise

Make it easy for engineers to perform the modelling tasks they need to. Keep analytics DRY



Accessibility

Make it easy for engineers to get the data they need.





Our Solution

Use Cases, Data Architecture, Hardware, Software.



KEY USE CASES

Data Management

Data volume - secure our investment in data for the long term

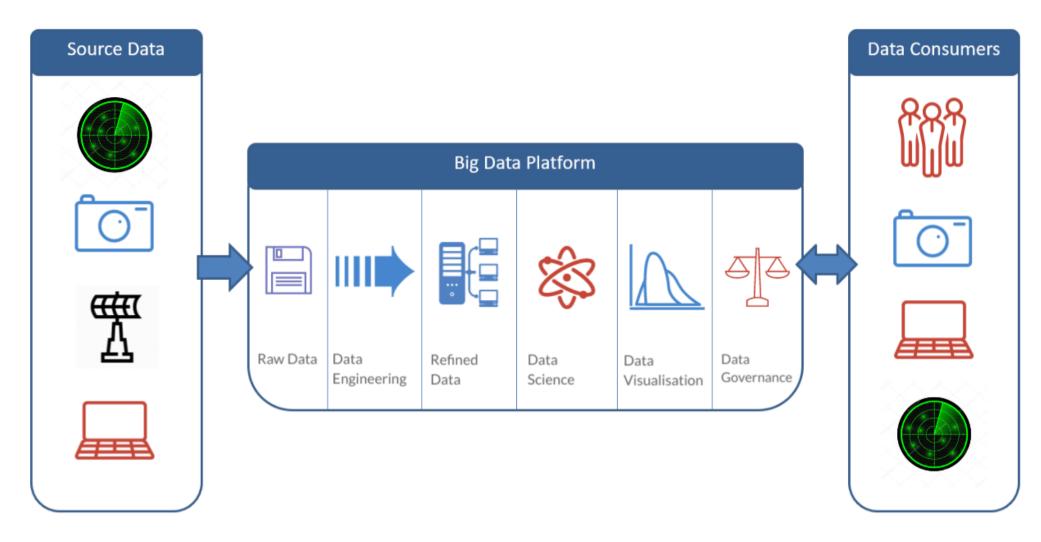
Advanced Search

Accessibility - right data for the right problem

Advanced Modelling

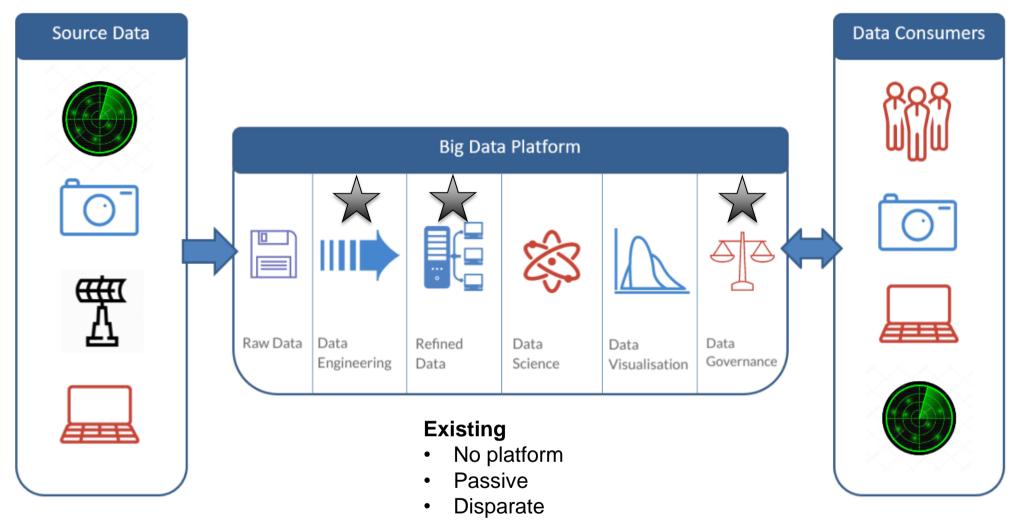
Deploy our <u>MATLAB and Simulink models</u> on large volumes of data - improved ability to **experiment** and **validate**



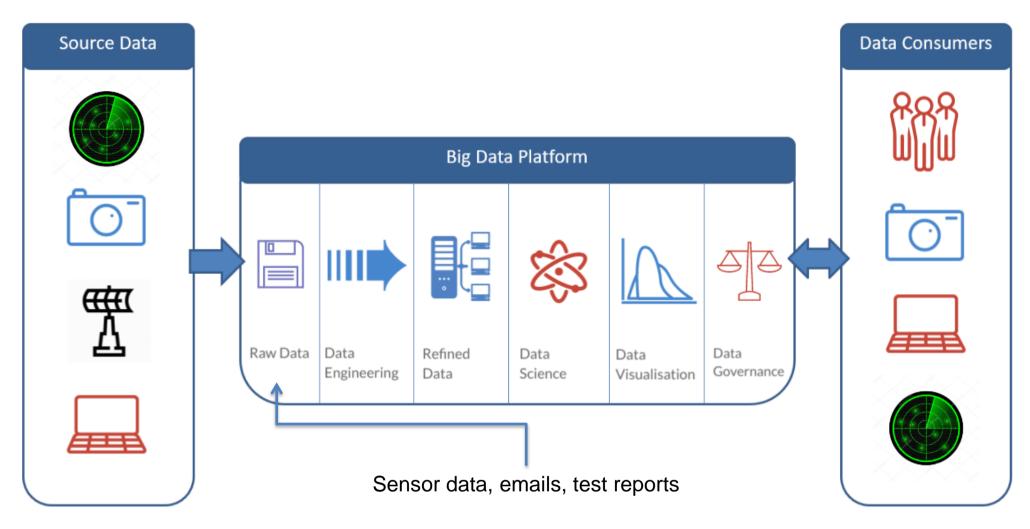


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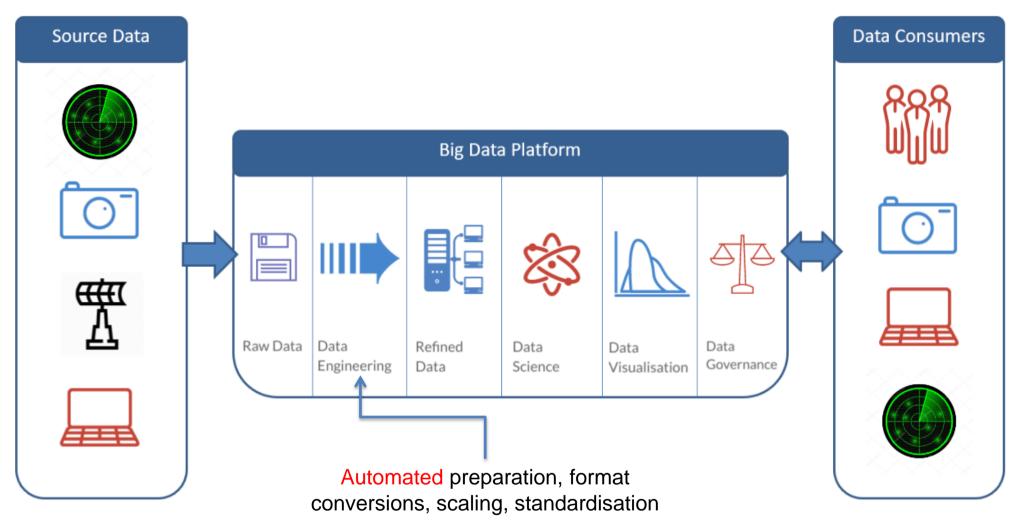




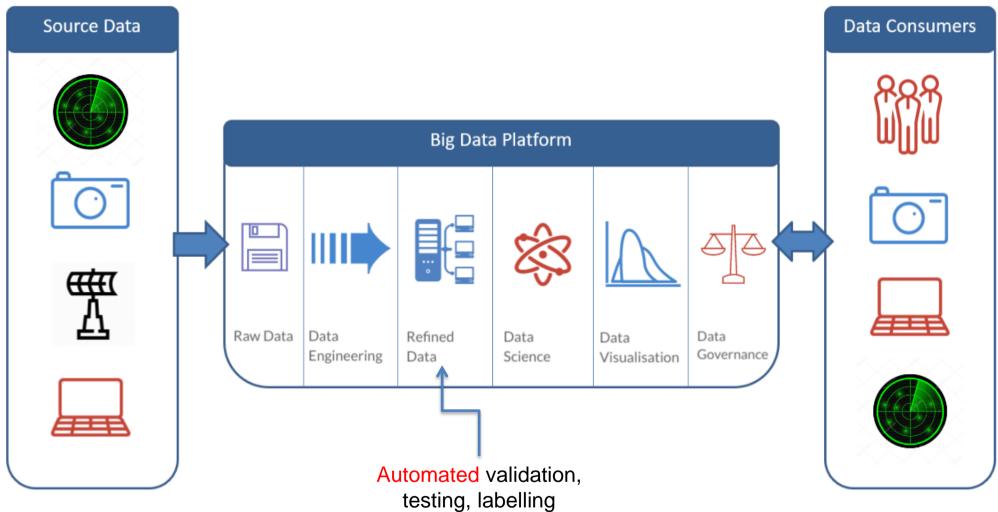




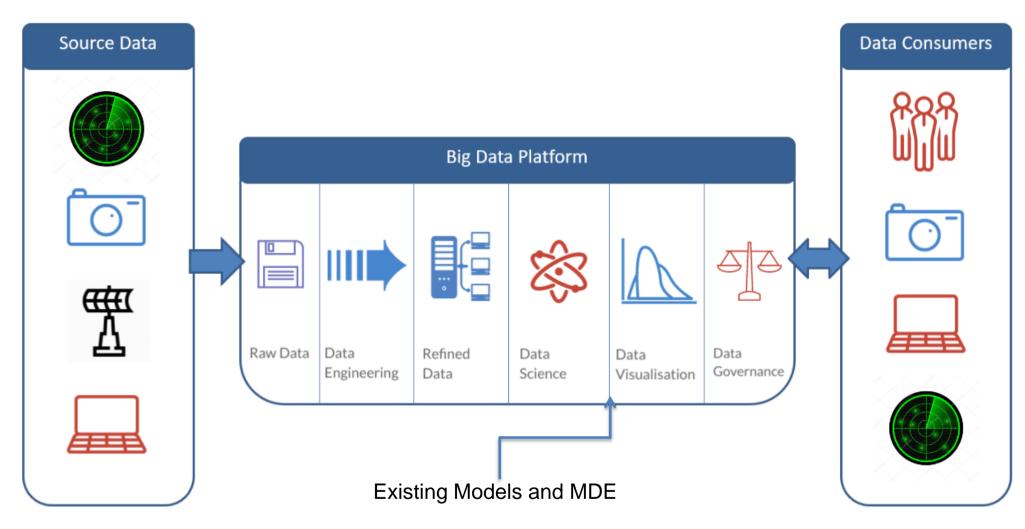




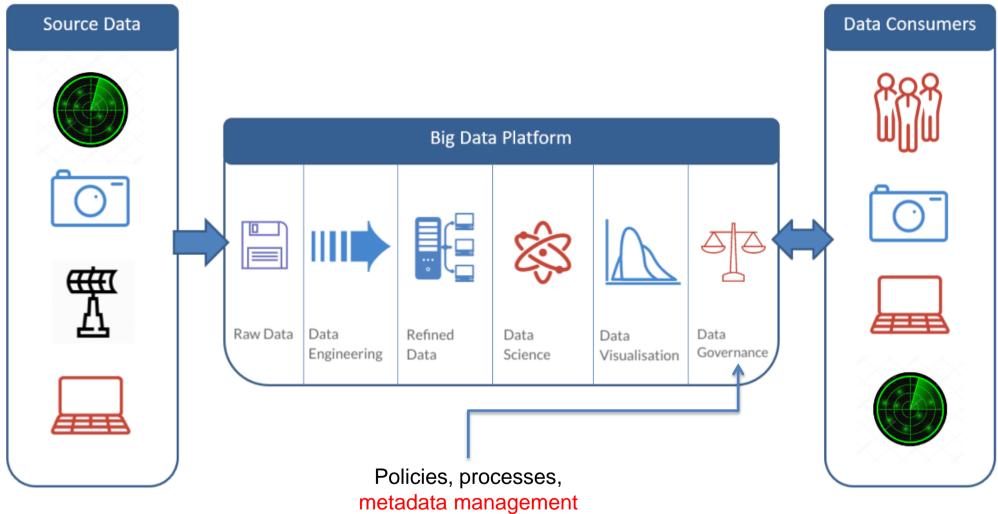














Solution: BigData Platform as a Service

Leonardo Big Data Platform

Number of Server Racks

Space for expansion with COTS hardware.

Number of Processing Nodes

3 management nodes, 2 edge, 15 workers

TB of Total Installed Storage

300TB of usable storage after accounting for distributed file system 900



TB Memory

384GB of memory per processing node



Technology Stack

Extensible technology stack acting as a data and processing hub.





Distributed file system for efficient **storage** access and **processing**.



Managed solution to rapidly introduce the paradigm





Graphical interface to create **dashboards** - edit and search.





Search and indexing engine for documents and **data exploration**.



Core products in our **Model Driven Engineering** strategy and analytics

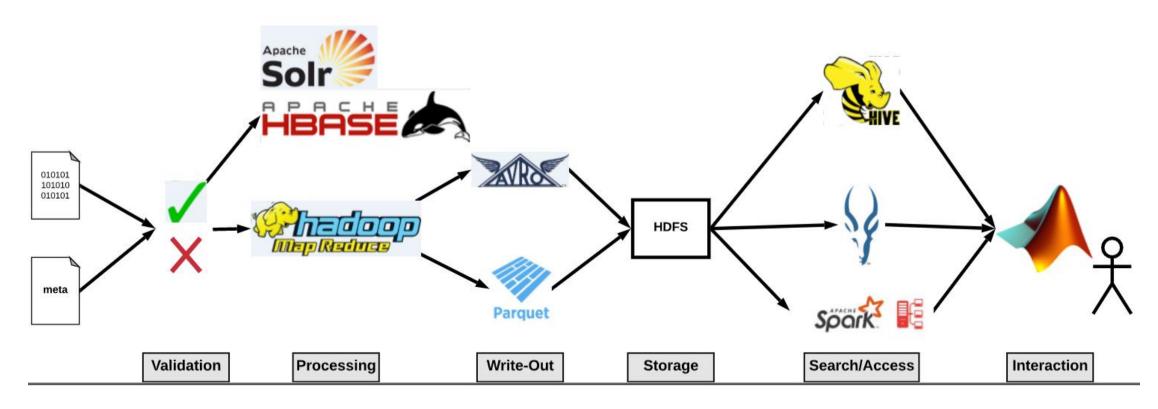


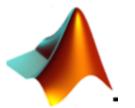


Processing engine optimised for distributed processing in MATLAB, python, scala.



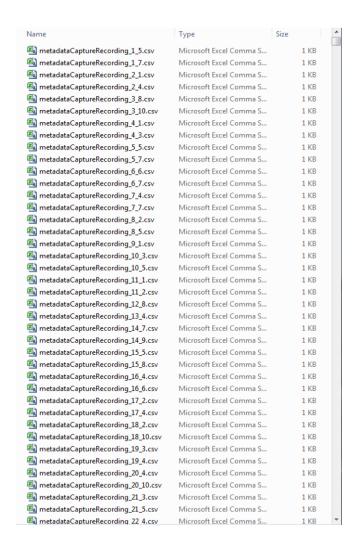
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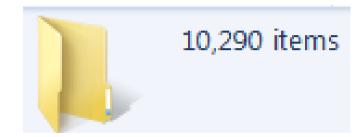
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How do I load lots of files?

what about different data formats?

how do I process huge volumes?





To this...

Easy to change data location...Local, HDFS...

Easy to change processing environment

Local, Local-Parallel, Distributed...

```
function errorCode = mapReduceFramework(binaryFile, configFolder, outputFolder, varargin)
- % Input options
 % 'RunAsLocal' - true/ false specify running the framework as a compiled
 % local job (runs as LocalMapReduce by default)
 % 'DefineJavaHome' - Override the path set for JAVA HOME with a user specified value
 %% Handle any optional arguments passed in
 iParse = inputParser():
 addParameter(iParse, 'RunAsLocal', 'false', @ischar)
 addParameter(iParse, 'DefineJavaHome', '/usr/java/jdk1.8.0 191-amd64', @ischar)
 addParameter(iParse, 'IntermediateFolder', '/data staging 2/IntermediateFolder', @isfolder)
 parse(iParse, varargin(:))
 ingestionFolder = fileparts(binarvFile);
 %% Setup Data Access Laver & Logging
 dal = setup dal(binaryFile, ingestionFolder, configFolder, iParse.Results.IntermediateFolder, outputFolder);
 dal.LogLocation = setup logging(ingestionFolder,binaryFile);
 print dal debug info(dal);
 %% Set Environment variable settings up
 Logger.TRACE('mapReduceFramework:EnvironmentSetup'.'Setting Up Hadoop Environment');
 setupHadoopEnv(iParse.Results.DefineJavaHome);
 if isdeployed && strcmpi(iParse.Results.RunAsLocal, 'false')
     isDistributed = true:
     fileSizeInMb = computeYarnContainerSize(dal.IngestionFolder,'.bin');
     Logger.DEBUG('mapReduceFramework:config setup', 'Hadoop Map Container Size set to %d', fileSizeInMb)
     config = setup hadoop config(fileSizeInMb);
     % Temporary files can be written to HDFS if this a deployed Hadoop application
     [~,name] = fileparts(binaryFile);
     tmpFolder = fullfile('hdfs://nsprod1/tmp',name);
     isDistributed = false:
     config = 0;
```



What was the experience like with MATLAB?

Use Existing Models and Tools

A lot of our existing models and tools are written in MATLAB







Engineers can work on their environment of choice and relatively easily transition



Datastore abstraction

As well as deploying code, we can be flexible with data sources - local, HDFS...





Data Format Support

In 2019a and in 2020a, ability to write to the **parquet** file format



Key Challenges for the Project

01

Data Structures + Schema Evolution

Traditional development process results in rapidly changing data schemas/definitions

02

Knowledge and Skills

Data is not core competency - domain specialist engineers are extended to data management + manipulation.

03

Data Governance

Data owners are not always formalised, metadata capture is often not part of the workflow so is *extra*.

04

Encourage Thinking Globally

Traditional usage patterns for data involve massive data reduction at each stage.









Achievements

Benefits so far

Supporting Multiple
Programmes with
different needs

Processing Times of Minutes, not days Improved Model Driven
Engineering capability
with deployment of
MATLAB models





Future

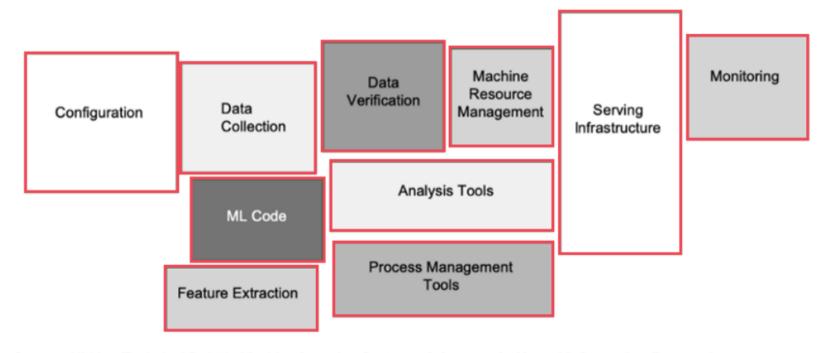
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A great model isn't enough...

End to end solution to support a data-driven workflow

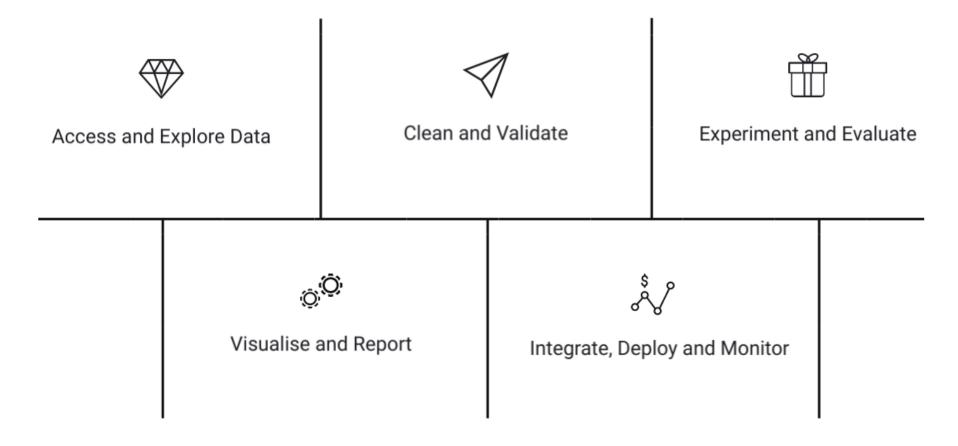


Source: Hidden Technical Debt in Machine Learning Systems, Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems 28 (NIPS 2015)



Towards DataOps

DataOps is an automation methodology,used to improve the quality and reduce the cycle time of data analyics.



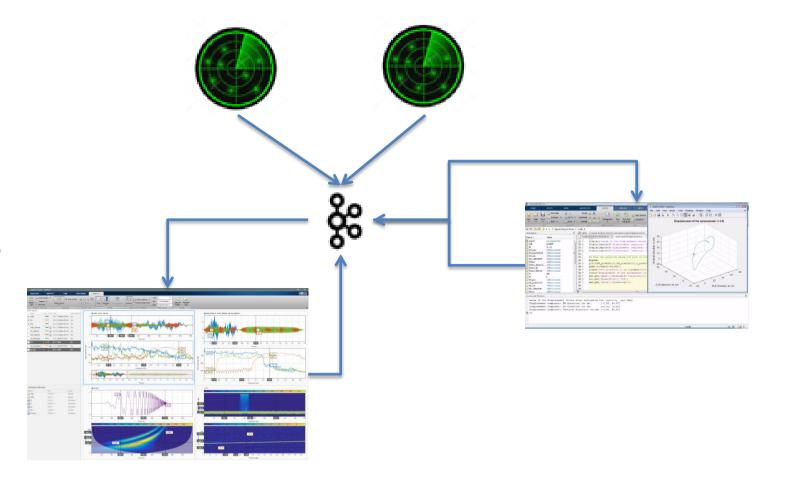


Future Technologies...

& kafka

Streaming

Live Stream testing events from our lab facilities to engineers PCs





Points to take away...

Foundation for model driven engineering workflows.

1

MATLAB
Abstractions are
powerful to get
us going

2

Engineers can
work in their
preferred
environment and
deploy to scale

3

Spark &
streaming are the
future for
interactive
engineering
development

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