

# Next Generation Cyberinfrastructure for Science: Cyberinfrastructure Center of Excellence Pilot for Large Facilities

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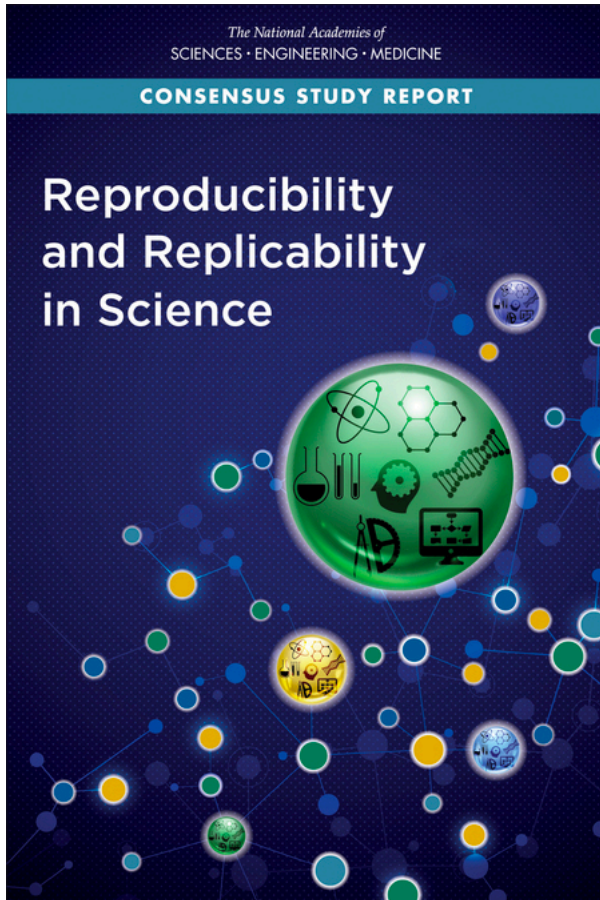
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Cyberinfrastructure “consists of computing systems, data storage systems, advanced instruments and data repositories, visualization environments, and people, all linked together by software and high performance networks to improve research productivity and enable breakthroughs not otherwise possible.”<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Craig A. Stewart, et al. 2010. “What is cyberinfrastructure?” SIGUCCS '10. ACM, New  
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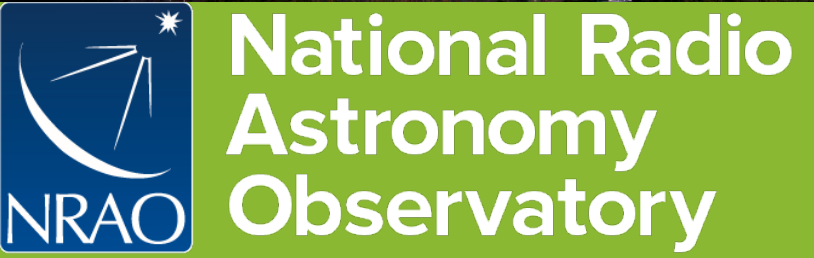




**RECOMMENDATION 6-3:** Funding agencies and organizations should consider investing in research and development of open-source, usable tools and infrastructure that support reproducibility for a broad range of studies across different domains in a seamless fashion. Concurrently, investments would be helpful in outreach to inform and train researchers on best practices and how to use these tools.

Victoria Stodden, Committee member

<https://www.nap.edu/catalog/25303/reproducibility-and-replicability-in-science>

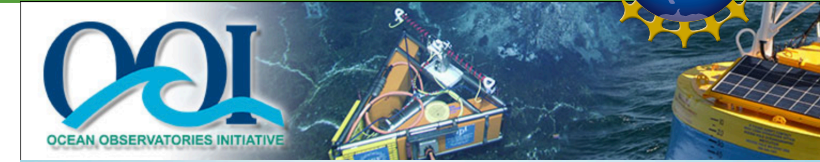


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Understanding ocean  
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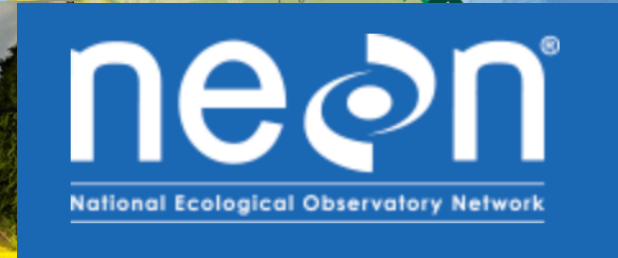
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#### THE INFRASTRUCTURE

89 PLATFORMS  
CARRYING OVER  
830 INSTRUMENTS  
PROVIDING OVER  
100,000 DATA  
PRODUCTS  
HAVE BEEN DESIGNED,  
BUILT, AND DEPLOYED.





## Develop a model and a plan for a Cyberinfrastructure Center of Excellence

- Dedicated to the enhancement of CI for science
- Platform for knowledge sharing and community building
- Key partner for the establishment and improvement of Large Facilities with advanced CI architecture designs
- Grounded in re-use of dependable CI tools and solutions
- Forum for discussions about CI sustainability and workforce development and training
- Pilot a study for a CI CoE through close engagement with NEON and further engagement with other LFs and large CI projects.

1. Recognize the expertise, experience, and mission-focus of Large Facilities
2. Engage with and learn from current LFs CI
3. Build on existing knowledge, tools, community efforts
  - Avoid duplication, seek providing added value,
4. Prototype solutions that can enhance particular LF's CI
  - Keep a separation between our efforts and the LF's CI developments
5. Build expertise, not software, *this expertise includes recommendations for supporting transparency, reproducibility*
6. Work with the LFs and the CI community on a blueprint for the CI CoE

**Build partnerships:**

- Trusted CI (identity management, trustworthy data): share personnel, common working groups
- Open Science Grid (data and workload management): share expertise
- Campus Research Computing Consortium (CaRCC): workforce development



# National Ecological Observatory Network Mission

neon  
Operated by Battelle



NEON provides a coordinated national system for monitoring critical ecological and environmental properties at multiple spatial and temporal scales.

...transformative science  
development

...workforce

## 20 ecoclimatic domains

distinct landforms,  
vegetation, climate, and  
ecosystem dynamics.

### Terrestrial sites:

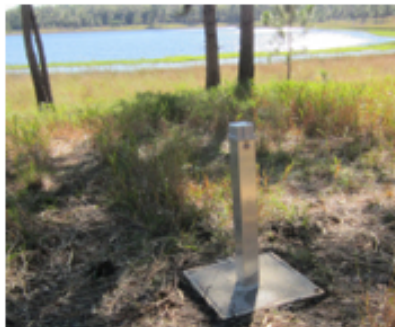
terrestrial plants, animals, soil,  
and the atmosphere,

**Aquatic sites:** aquatic  
organisms, sediment and  
water chemistry,  
morphology, and hydrology.

**Data collection over 30  
years**

27 Relocatable terrestrial  
sites

13 Relocatable aquatic sites



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## Data Storage, Curation and Preservation

### Goals:

The goals of this working group is to compare and be able to consult on different data storage, curation and preservation technologies. **Current effort includes helping with metadata and applying schema.org schemas to data from large facilities.**



Charles Vardeman, UND

### Team Members:

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NEON: Christine Laney, Steve Jacobs, Tom Gulbransen, Jeremy Sampson



1. Implementation of Schema.org vocabulary markup within data portal landing pages to enable broader data discovery by search engines, mainly Google. Creation of templates based on ESIP science-on-schema.org best practice example in collaboration with Earthcube P418/P419 projects
2. Extension of schema.org vocabularies for earth sciences through ESIP/Earthcube P418/P419 geoschemas.org similar to bioschemas.org for the life sciences
3. Joint modeling -- “Vocamps” to extend out needed vocabularies to be published as linked data resources

Working group	Goals	Products
<b>Data Capture</b>	Develop demonstrators and comparisons of the multiple architectures for data capture at the sensor to data deposition in a repository	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Prototype:</b> architecture demo on github: <a href="https://github.com/cicoe/SensorThingsGost-Balena">https://github.com/cicoe/SensorThingsGost-Balena</a></li> </ul>
<b>Data Life Cycle &amp; Disaster Recovery</b>	Develop a general set of DR requirements and policies that can inform the LFs about best practices for DR and how those can be adapted for specific facilities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Document:</b> Disaster recovery template</li> <li>• <b>Document:</b> Filled out template example (IceCube)</li> <li>• <b>Webinar:</b> Best Practices for NSF Large Facilities: Data Life Cycle and Disaster Recovery Planning</li> </ul>
<b>Data Processing</b>	Provide support and distill best practices for workflows and services related to the processing of data.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Paper:</b> "Exploration of Workflow Management Systems Emerging Features from Users Perspectives"</li> </ul>
<b>Data Storage, Curation, &amp; Preservation</b>	Compare and be able to consult on different data storage, curation and preservation technologies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Document:</b> Competency questions based on scenarios that domain experts may use Google dataset search for NEON dataset discovery</li> <li>• <b>Presentation:</b> at ESIP on schema.org</li> <li>• Small containerized <b>prototype</b> of publishing neon vocabularies as linked data and linked data connection</li> </ul>



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<b>Data Visualization &amp; Dissemination</b>	Understand the access, visualization and user interaction workflows in large facilities. Distill best practices and provide solutions to improve the access and usability of the available data.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Document</b> describing AOP data visualization cyberinfrastructure</li> <li>• <b>Online demo and video:</b> Visualizing AOP Data-- <a href="https://cert-data.neonscience.org/data-products/DP3.30010.001">https://cert-data.neonscience.org/data-products/DP3.30010.001</a></li> </ul>
<b>Identity Management</b>	Understand current practice in authentication and authorization and help mature practice across the NSF Large Facilities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Production deployment:</b> Connection to CI Logon NEON data download (using existing university / organization credentials) <a href="https://cert-data.neonscience.org/home">https://cert-data.neonscience.org/home</a></li> <li>• <b>Paper:</b> <a href="#">NEON IdM Experiences</a> (NSF Cybersecurity Summit)</li> </ul>
<b>Engagement with Large Facilities</b>	Engage with Large Facilities and other large cyberinfrastructure projects to foster knowledge and effective practice sharing; 2) define avenues of engagement, modes of engagement, and plan community activities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Document:</b> LF engagement template</li> <li>• <b>Presentations:</b> SCIMMA project meeting, 2019 LF meeting, PEARC'19, LF CI Workshop, Cybersecurity Summit'19</li> <li>• <b>Paper:</b> Invited e-Science 2019 paper</li> </ul>

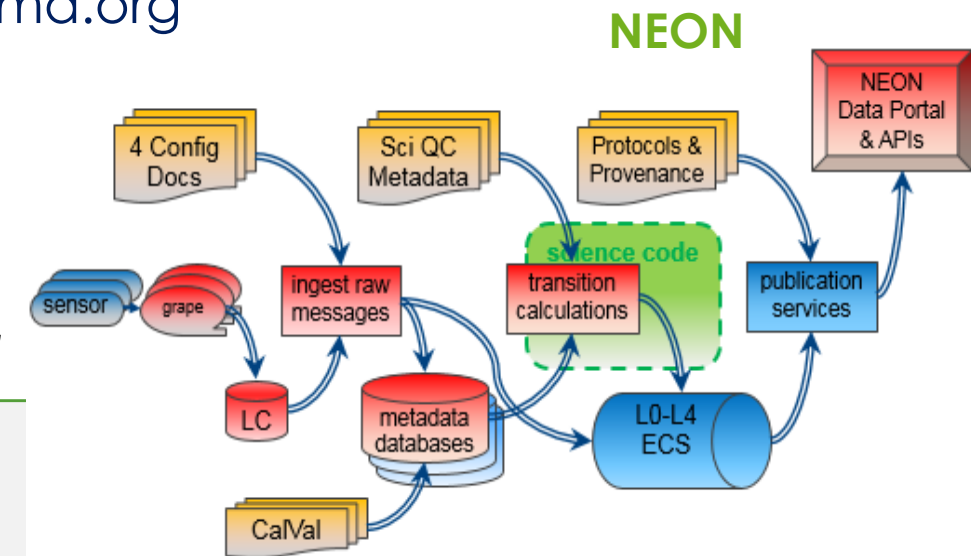
## CI CoE Pilot Benefits to NEON Thus Far

- Short ramp-up due to receptivity/readiness to change
- Broadened network of expert CI colleagues
- Major upgrade to Data Portal's remote sensing visualization
- Accelerated Data Portal completion plan
- Affirmed strategies for workflow, messaging, & DR
- Raised critical mass of attention on semantics & schema.org
- Excited software developers
- Escalated accountability of CI
- More coming

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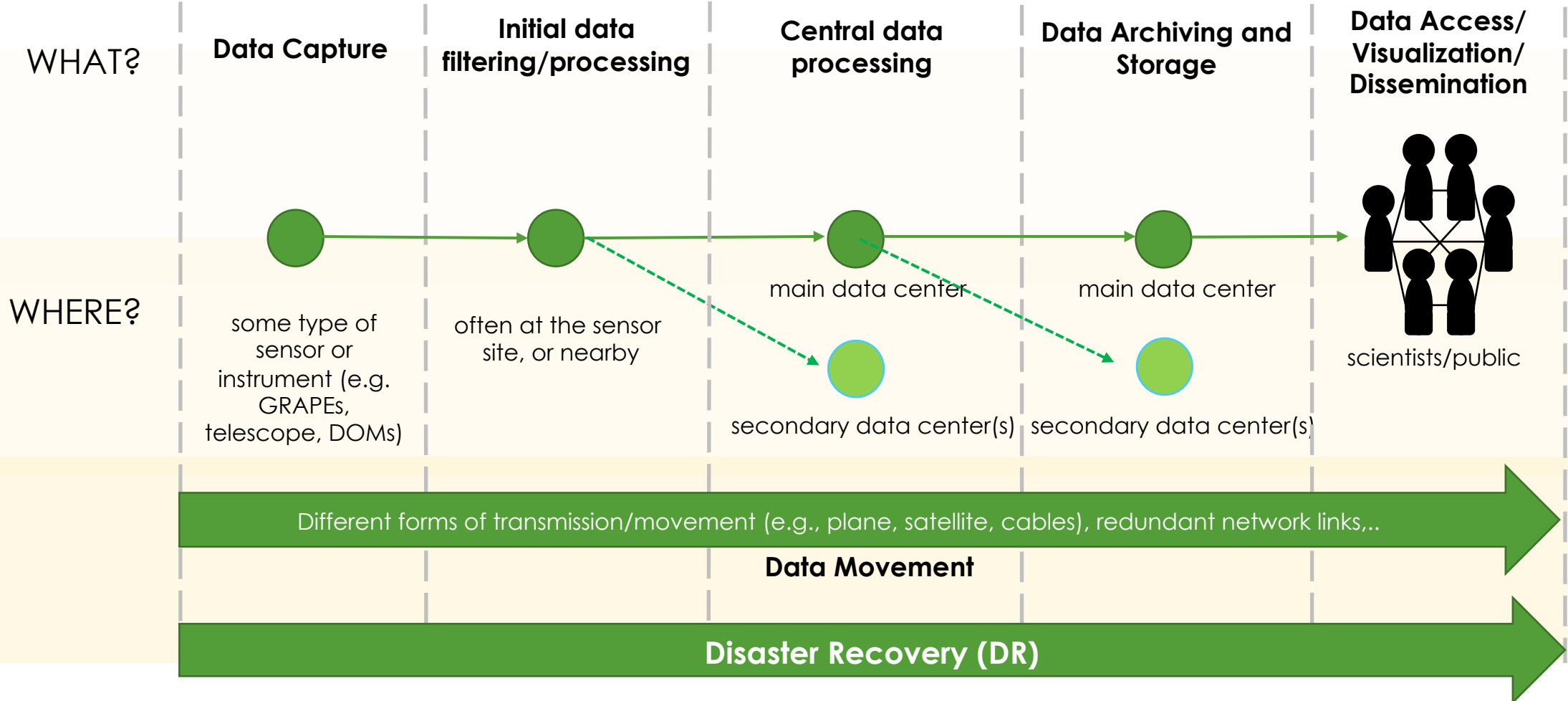
**Tom Gulbransen**







Anirban Mandal, lead



What services correspond to the data lifecycle stages?

- Examining issues of reproducibility in the context of the data lifecycle
  - What are the challenges and approaches to reproducibility within the LFs?
  - What services are used today to enhance reproducibility?
  - What CI services or service behavior are needed to support reproducibility?
  - Potentially set up a working group to share ideas and experiences

- **Deep engagement:**
  - Identify a topic that is important and not-yet fully solved by the LF,
  - Conduct focused discussions, mix of virtual and in-person presence, hands-on work
  - Includes an engagement template that defines scope, sets expectations, identifies products
  - Work products: documents/papers, prototypes, schema implementations, demos
- **Topical discussions:**
  - Identify a topic that is important to a number of LFs: **identity management, trustworthy data calls (with Trusted CI)**
  - Facilitate virtual discussions, sessions at conferences, collect and share experiences, distill best practices
  - Discover opportunities for shared infrastructure
- **Community building:**
  - Identify related effort
  - Collect information and disseminate information about the broad community activities
  - Maintain a living resource for community information
- **Each engagement has a working group with a leader and a set of work products.**



1. Developing a blueprint for the CI CoE:
  - a. Community needs
  - b. Areas of focus
2. Reaching out to other large facilities
3. Gathering feedback on the data lifecycle abstraction
4. Mapping the data lifecycle to CI capabilities and services
5. Defining new working groups and discussion topics
  - Identity management (in collaboration with Trusted CI)
  - CI workforce enhancement, training

“.. aims to provide guidance on data security for open science, to improve scientific productivity and trust in scientific results.

Open science relies on data integrity, collaboration, high performance computing, and scalable tools to achieve results, but currently lacks effective cybersecurity programs that address the trustworthiness of scientific data.”

- Open group, calls every Monday 1pm PT/4pm ET
- Community survey

Led by Trusted CI: <https://trustedci.org/2020-trustworthy-data>



- Create opportunities for CI discovery and sharing of existing solutions, services, training resources amongst the LFs as well as CI projects.
- Create a common location of knowledge about CI best practices with system descriptions, architectures, use cases, and core system tools.

<http://facilitiesci.org>



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Connecting LF CI workshop, 2019: <http://facilitiesci.org>

Trustworthy Data WG: <https://trustedci.org/2020-trustworthy-data>