

# NASA STRATEGY FOR CRITICAL DATA THROUGH KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT



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# CHALLENGES IN BUILDING KM SYSTEMS



- **Culture**
  - Getting people to share knowledge
- **Knowledge evaluation**
  - Assessing the worth of knowledge across the organization
- **Knowledge processing**
  - Turning tacit knowledge into explicit knowledge
- **Knowledge Implementation**
  - Organizing knowledge and integrating into your processes

# ORGANIZATIONAL LEARNING



Organizational learning incorporates the sharing of information, knowledge and good work practices that foster an organizational culture committed to continuous improvement.



# LEARNING TECHNIQUES AND TOOLS

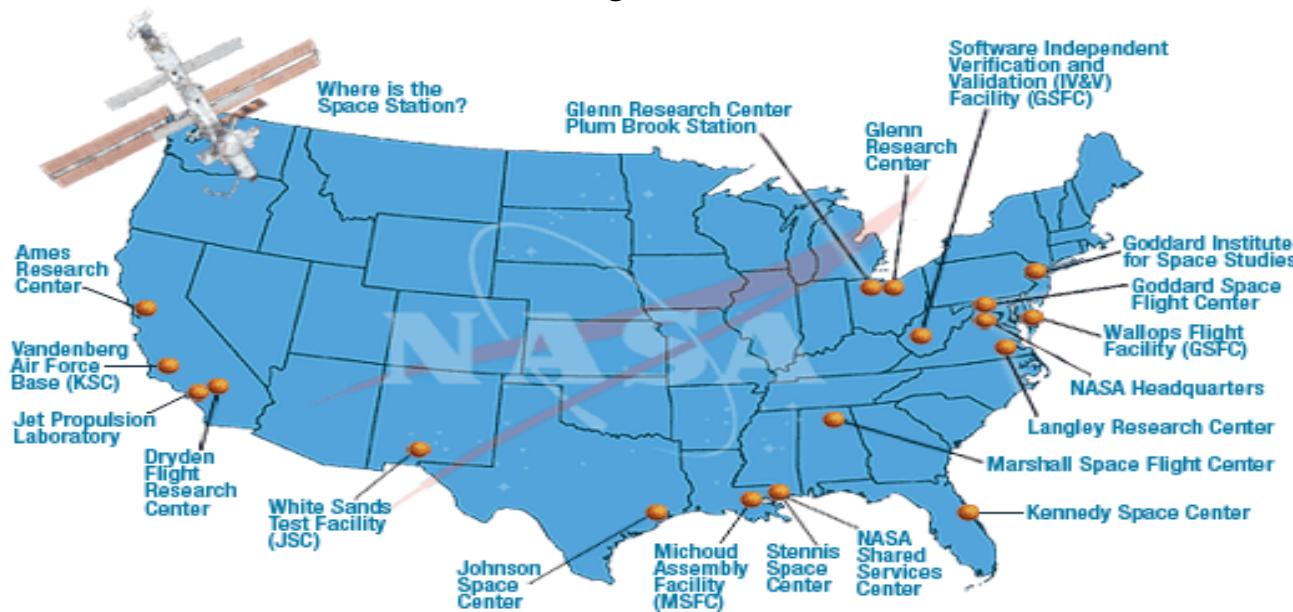


- Pause and Learn (PAL)
- CoP A community of practice
- Wiki
- Best Practice
- Peer Assist (learning before)
- After-action Review (AR) (learning during)
- Retrospect (learning after)
- Knowledge Asset



# Current Situation

- Hundreds of millions of documents, reports, project data, lessons learned, scientific research, medical analysis, geo spatial data, IT logs, etc., are stored nation wide
- The data is growing in terms of variety, velocity, volume, value and veracity
- Accessibility to Engineering data sources
- Visibility is limited
- Access to end users for use case development
- How do we turn the data into Knowledge?



# ACCESSIBILITY AND VISIBILITY



- Identify and Prioritize Agency Data types, repositories, uses and interaction
- Identify User search preference and habits
- Develop Search use cases
- **Review and evaluate search methods**
  - **Semantic**
  - **Faceted**
  - **Computational**
  - **Cognitive**
  - **Natural Language query**
- Explore Presentation Mechanisms

# KEY TAKEAWAYS

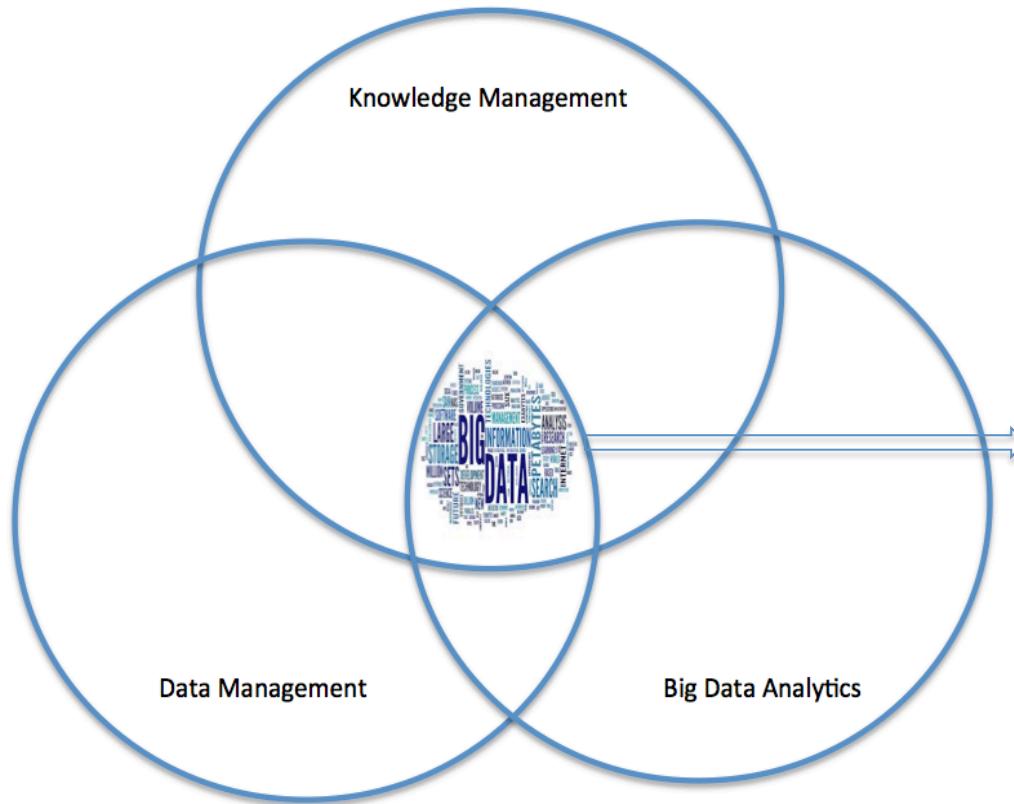


- There is No One Solution
  - Data Driven Visualization
- Master Data Management Plan is essential
  - Structure
  - Format
  - Metadata
- Identify Critical Data
- Develop Standards for Government and Contractor created data
  - Content Management
  - Storage
  - Accessibility
- We are losing vast amounts of critical data



# Approach

To convert data to knowledge a convergence of Knowledge Management, Data Management and Big Data Analytics is necessary





# Strategy

- Data Management
  - Framework for setting common procedures and formats for creating and storing data
- Big Data Analytics
  - Provides tools and methodology to convert data into knowledge
- Knowledge Management
  - Tacit to explicit, Search, Business Intelligence



# End User is the Priority

- Their primary concern is having access and visibility to critical data as near real time as possible
- Visualization is the KEY to meeting their needs



# Emphasis on Visual Analytics

- Visual Analytics shortens the time frame for end users to find information
- Helps users make connections between data
- Anticipating their needs through predictive modeling
- Improves Risk based decisions



# Available Tools

- MapReduce
- NoSQL databases
  - Neo4j (graph database), mongoDB (document database)
- Visibility
  - Semantic search, cognitive search, computational search, faceted search
- Analytics
  - Text Analytics, Natural language processing, R Statistical Programming, SAS, Mathematica, Probabilistic Graph Models
- Visualization
  - Visual Analytics, Shiny, D3, Tom Sawyer



# Examples

# Find a Document...

# Find Experts...

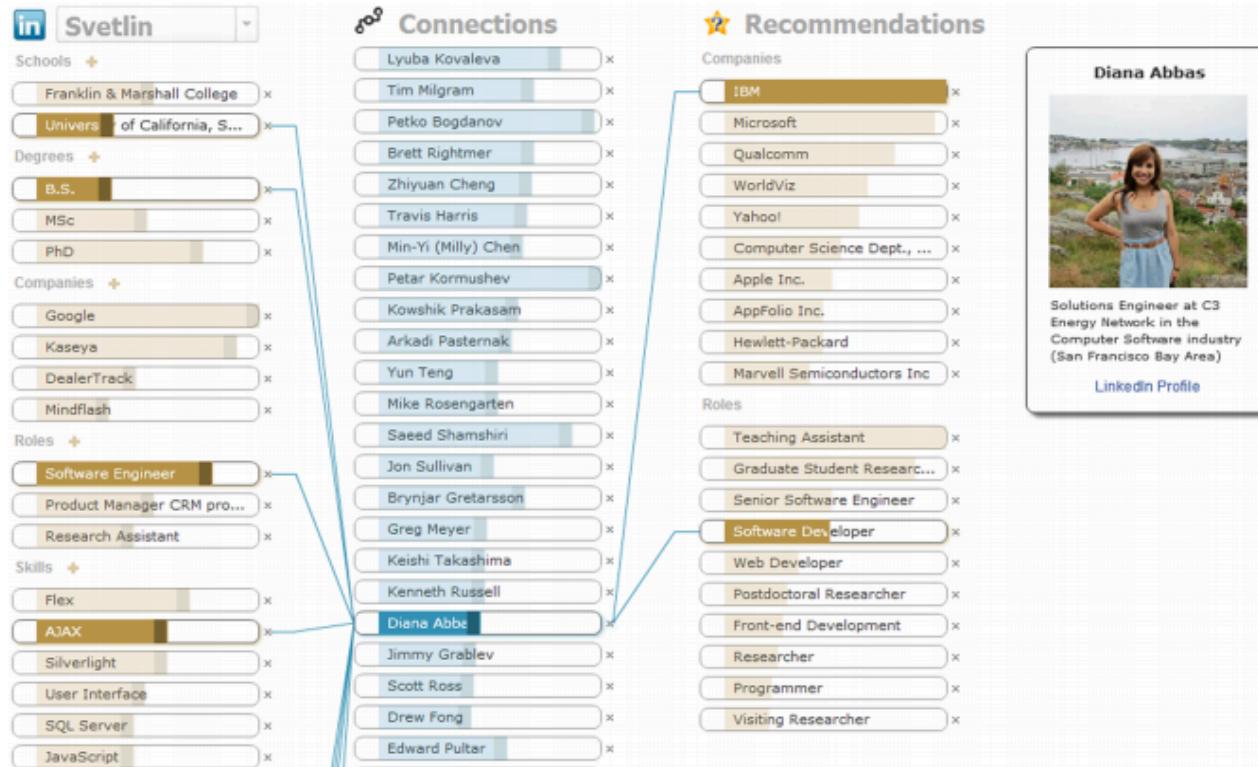
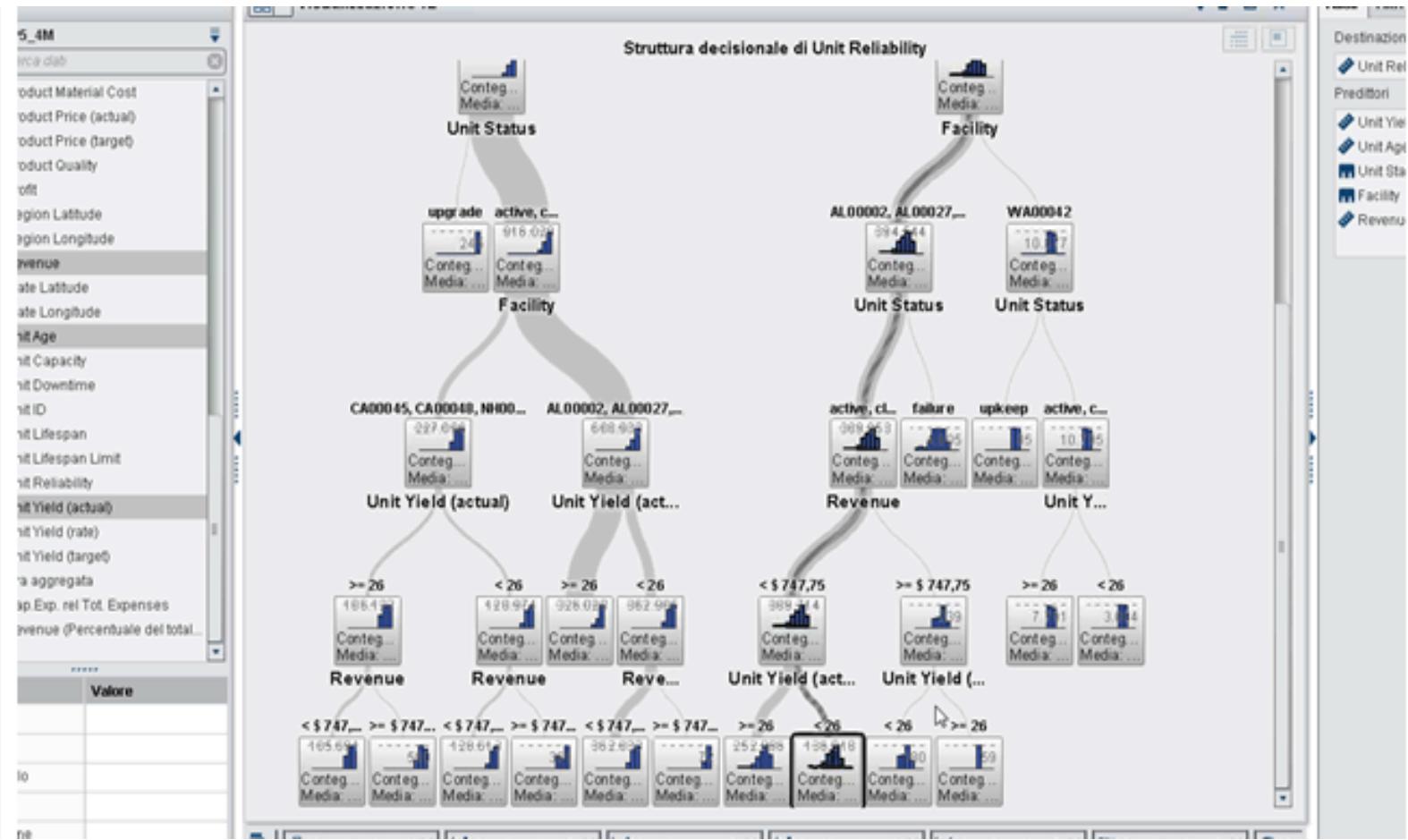


Figure 1. Screenshot of the LinkedVis Recommender System.

Source: <http://cs.ucsb.edu/~jod/papers/C-6-LinkedVis-IUI2013.pdf>

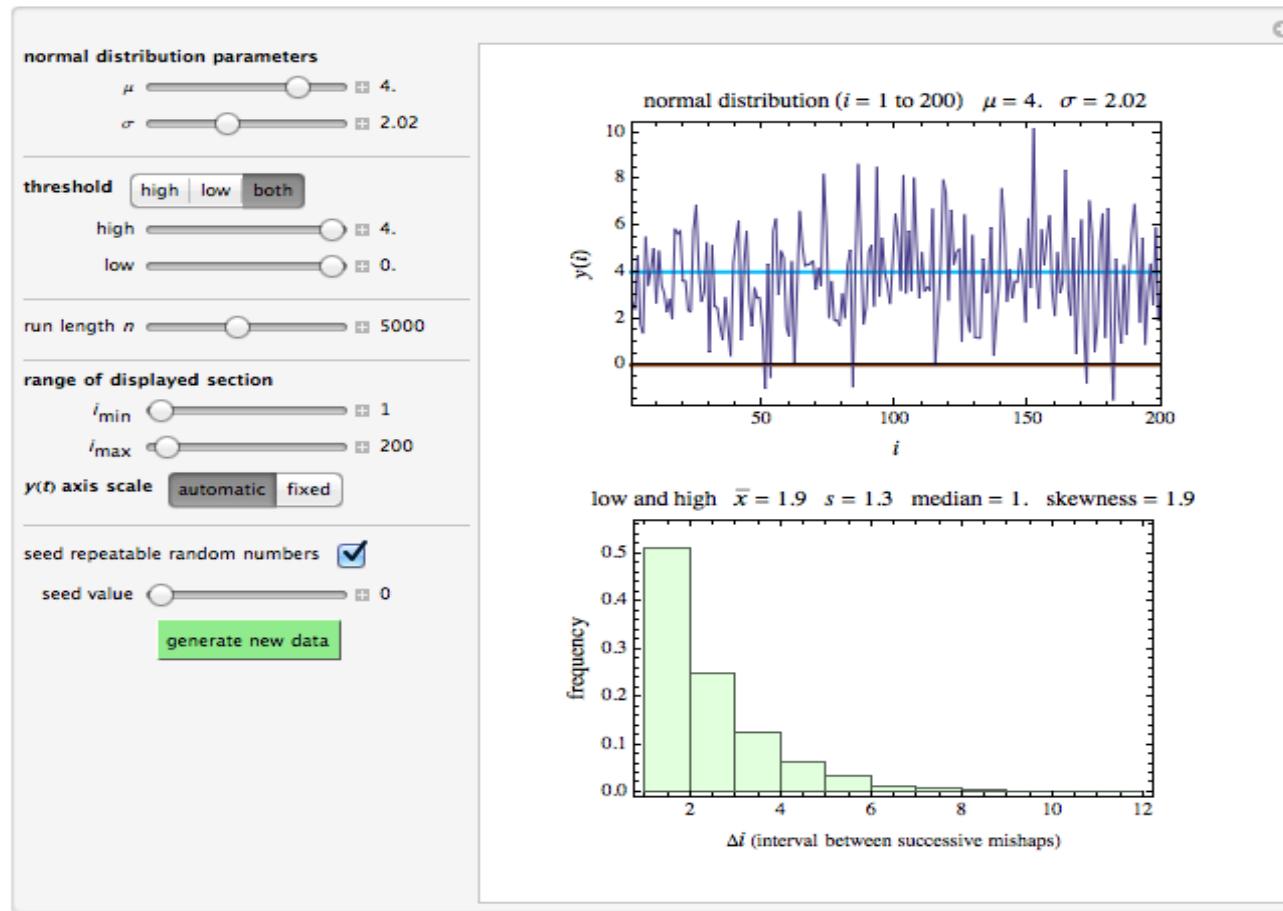
# Make decisions...



# INTERACTIVE DATA REPORTS



## Estimating the Time between Mishaps from Quality Control Data



# Knowledge Discovery Through Topic Modeling



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## LESSONS LEARNED

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### Latest Lessons Learned

**Lessons Learned from the Contracting Office on the Joint Base Operations Support Contract (J-BOSC) at KSC**

1845 12/17/2014 Bryce Collins KSC

Lessons Learned from the Contracting Office were identified involving Program Management, Administration, and Information Technology.

**Steel Pipe Handling Mishap**

11001 12/12/2014 Rick Parker KSC

A subcontractor employee was struck by a 16-inch ductile steel pipe trapping the employee's ankle/foot between the pipe and parking lot surface. The pipe was being maneuvered as part of a water main revitalization project and the employee attempted to secure the pipe using a 4x4 wooden Dunnage board as a support brace. The excavator operator released the tension on the lifting sling and the pipe rotated resulting in the mishap.

**Poor Coordination of Routine Maintenance Spoiled an Important Test**

10401 08/11/2014 Naomi Palmer, Robert Develle, Ibrahim Khayat JPL

Routine work performed by a facility maintenance contractor initiated a chain of events that resulted in a Type C mishap and early termination of a materials life test and loss of all test samples. This lesson learned discusses the need to highlight facilities that host critical operations, improve communication between the building users and infrastructure organizations, train personnel to recognize hazardous conditions, and institute adequate test safeguards.

**Have team in place before beginning requirements generation (don't build team at same time)**

10001 08/11/2014 Scott Wilson KSC

**Deep Impact Deadly Embrace: Beware of Register Overflow Conditions**

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# TOPIC MODELING

## Topics

gene 0.04  
dna 0.02  
genetic 0.01  
...

life 0.02  
evolve 0.01  
organism 0.01  
...

brain 0.04  
neuron 0.02  
nerve 0.01  
...

data 0.02  
number 0.02  
computer 0.01  
...

## Documents

### Seeking Life's Bare (Genetic) Necessities

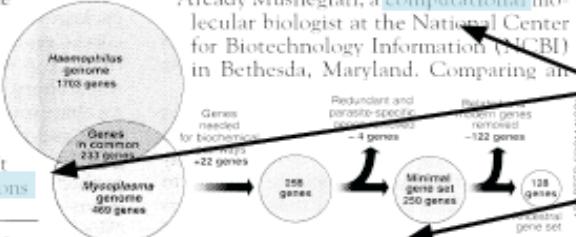
COLD SPRING HARBOR, NEW YORK—How many genes does an organism need to survive? Last week at the genome meeting here,<sup>8</sup> two genome researchers with radically different approaches presented complementary views of the basic genes needed for life. One research team, using computer analyses to compare known genomes, concluded that today's organisms can be sustained with just 250 genes, and that the earliest life forms required a mere 128 genes. The other researcher mapped genes in a simple parasite and estimated that for this organism, 800 genes are plenty to do the job—but that anything short of 100 wouldn't be enough.

Although the numbers don't match precisely, those predictions

\* Genome Mapping and Sequencing, Cold Spring Harbor, New York, May 8 to 12.

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"are not all that far apart," especially in comparison to the 75,000 genes in the human genome, notes Siv Andersson of Uppsala University in Sweden, who arrived at the 800 number. But coming up with a consensus answer may be more than just a genetic numbers game; particularly as more and more genomes are completely sequenced and sequenced. "It may be a way of organizing any newly sequenced genome," explains Arcady Mushegian, a computational molecular biologist at the National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI) in Bethesda, Maryland. Comparing all



**Stripping down.** Computer analysis yields an estimate of the minimum modern and ancient genomes.

## Topic proportions and assignments

### LDA Model from Blei (2011)

Topic models are based upon the idea that documents are mixtures of topics, where a topic is a probability distribution over words.

Blei, David M. 2011. "Introduction to Probabilistic Topic Models." *Communications of the ACM*. David Blei homepage - <http://www.cs.columbia.edu/~blei/topicmodeling.html>



# TOPIC MODELING PROCESS STEPS

- Create the Document Term Matrix
  - Store the word frequency per document
- Create the Model
  - Uses LDA to assign each document to a topic
- Explore your model
  - Uncover hidden associations

	Topic 1	Topic 2	Topic 3	Topic 4	Topic 5	Topic 6	Topic 7	Topic 8	Topic 9	Topic 10
1	human	fuel	check	damag	shuttl	technolog	tool	crew	loss	chamber
2	task	water	leak	pump	abort	vendor	heat	iss	command	optic
3	unit	valv	electron	air	main	higher	radiat	comput	fault	delay
4	weight	technician	fluid	vacuum	extens	recommend	exposur	pilot	status	ignit
5	core	cell	leakag	improp	ssme	procur	align	upgrad	sequenc	fiber

Using the tm package, create the corpus from the source

Create the document term matrix, reducing to words occurring in at least five documents

# CATEGORIES



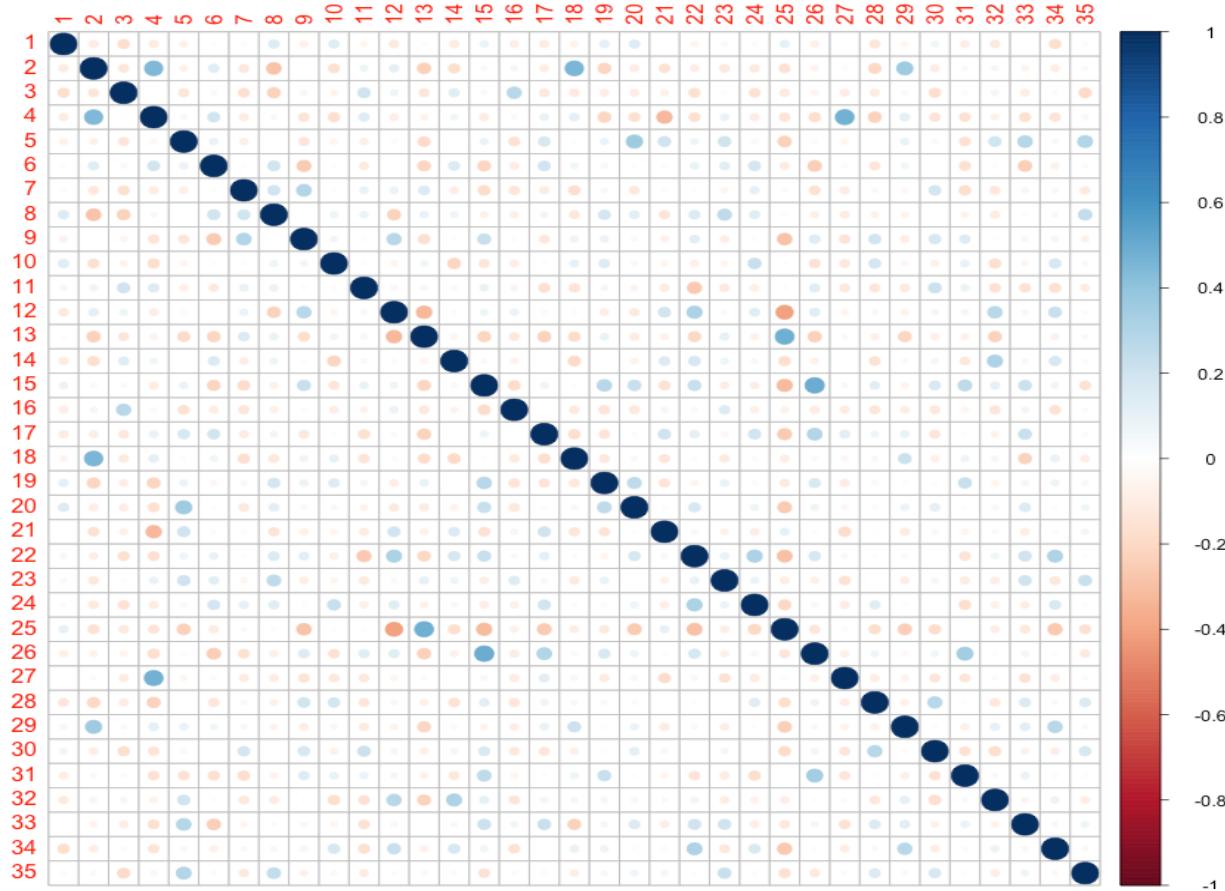
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head(table(FirstCategoryByYear))
```

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##                                     Year
## Category                2006 2007 2008 2009 2010
## Categories               12    5    6    5    5
## Engineering Design        2    5    6    2    2
## Integration and Testing   2    2    1    2    4
## Manufacturing and Assembly 2    0    3    1    3
## Missions and Systems Requirements Definition 1    1    0    0    2
## Program Management        1    3    0    0    7
##                                     Year
## Category                2011 2012 2013 2014
## Categories               9    0    0    0
## Engineering Design        2    0    0    0
## Integration and Testing   9    8    4    2
## Manufacturing and Assembly 0    4    0    0
## Missions and Systems Requirements Definition 3    0    1    0
## Program Management        8    0    0    0
```

```
tally(group_by(FirstCBY_tbl, Year))
## Source: local data frame [9 x 2]
##
##   Year     n
## 1 2006  22
## 2 2007  17
## 3 2008  30
## 4 2009  28
## 5 2010 158
## 6 2011  82
## 7 2012  24
## 8 2013  18
## 9 2014   3
FirstCBY_tbl %>% count(Category) # Count of Category
## Source: local data frame [74 x 2]
##
##                                     Category n
## Categories                         Categories 42
## Engineering Design                  Engineering Design 19
## Integration and Testing            Integration and Testing 34
## Manufacturing and Assembly         Manufacturing and Assembly 13
## Missions and Systems Requirements Definition 8
## Program Management                 Program Management 19
## Safety and Mission Assurance      Safety and Mission Assurance 3
## Emergency Preparedness            Emergency Preparedness 3
## Administration / Organization     Administration / Organization 5
## Computers                           Computers 3
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The original data frame had additional metadata, Category, Project Phase, Safety Issue, and others.

# CORRELATION BY CATEGORY



To find the per-document probabilities we extract theta from the fitted model's topic posteriors

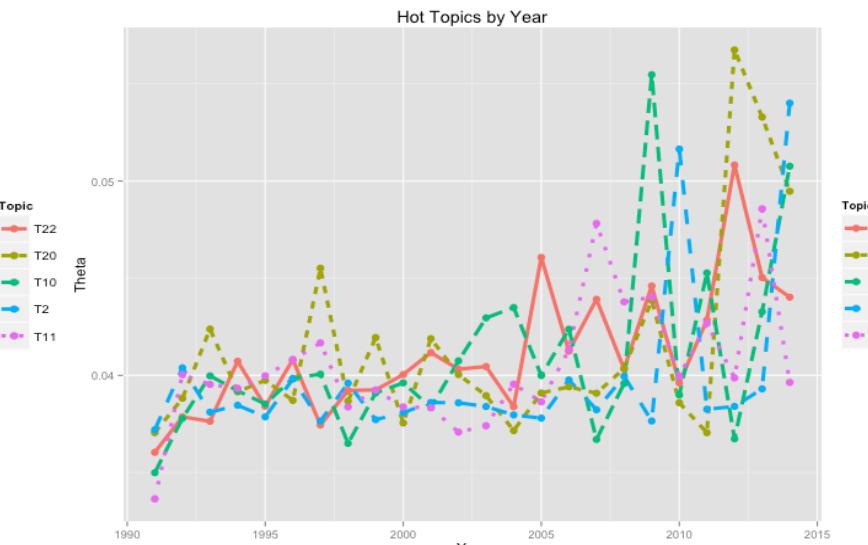
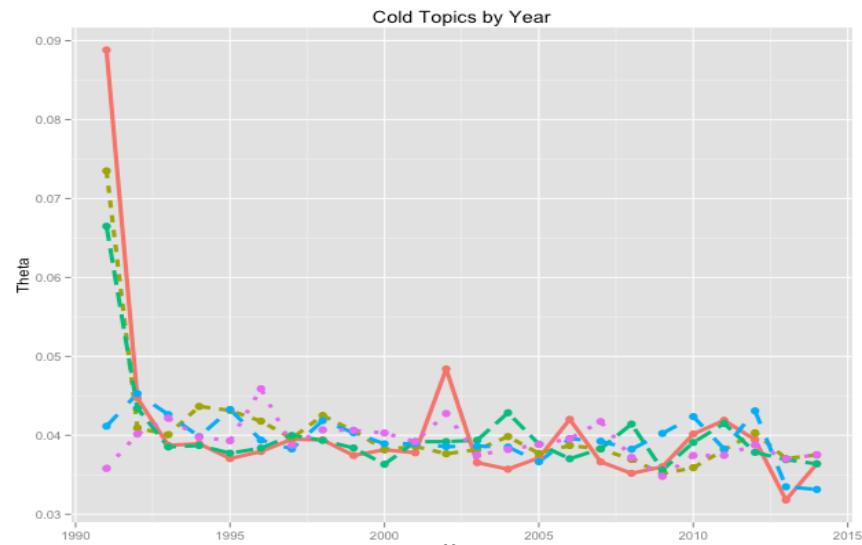


# TOPICS FOR CATEGORIES

Energy	2	Integration and Testing	3
Missions and Systems Requirements Definition	26	Mission Operations and Ground Support Systems	13
Flight Equipment	28	Flight Operations	24
Program and Project Management	24	Facilities	17
Review boards	32	Pressure Vessels	10
Administration / Organization	31	Security	17
Program level review processes	7	Aerospace Safety Advisory Panel	25
Requirements critical to costing and cost credibility	10	Disposal	21
NASA Standards	17	Manufacturing and Assembly	21
Communication Systems	17	Independent Verification and Validation	28

With mean theta available, it is possible to select the most representative topics of each category.

# TOPIC TRENDS



Topic 22	Topic 20	Topic 10	Topic 2	Topic 11
fuel	circuit	access	damag	pump
valv	payload	posit	electr	chamber
gse	rocket	stop	connector	air
water	electr	platform	wire	ignit
cell	connect	switch	improp	surface
technician	termin	secur	inadvert	delay
bay	fire	extens	pin	vacum
sting	solid	transport	mate	filter
angl	short	deploy	catastroph	oxygen
opf	measur	door	shown	failures
delug	power	supervisor	esd	source
emerg	electrostat	bridg	har	combust

Topic 12	Topic 14	Topic 4	Topic 7	Topic 21
lesson	materi	human	install	fire
hazard	thermal	task	vent	jpl
prime	excess	research	panel	batteri
oversight	contamin	protect	blanket	drive
analysis	temperatur	hose	bring	serious
satellit	clean	weight	back	display
care	properti	visual	post	emerg
bolt	hot	flex	brspan	mar
performed	margin	higher	fit	damage
plate	coat	spaceflight	sound	backup
crew	materials	carri	caviti	late
handl	spot	short	see	msl

Using mean of theta by years to trend topics

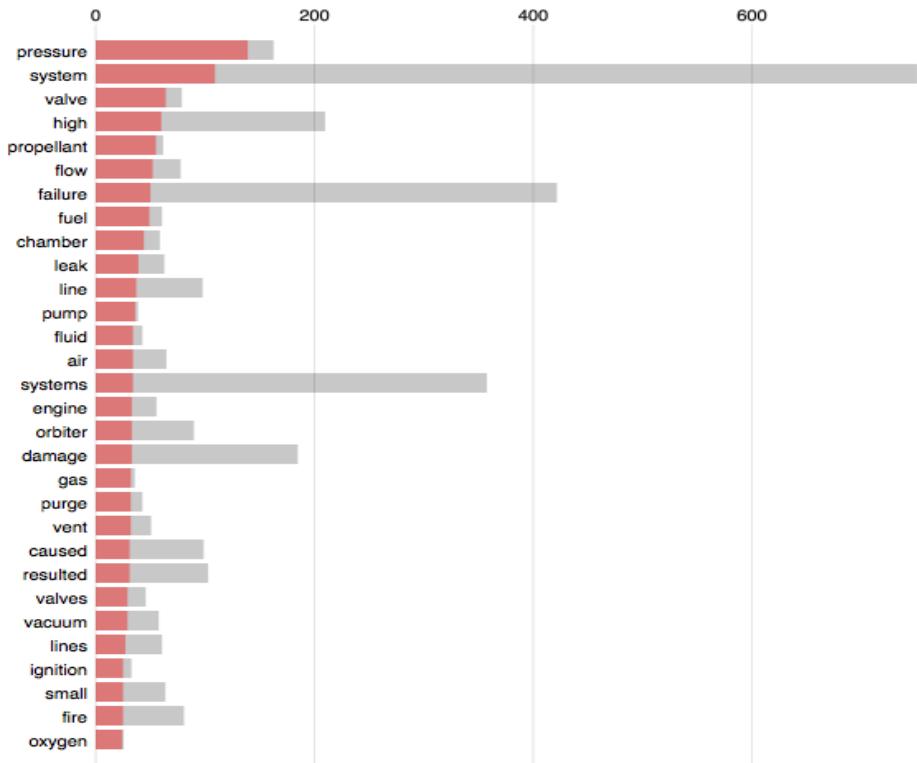
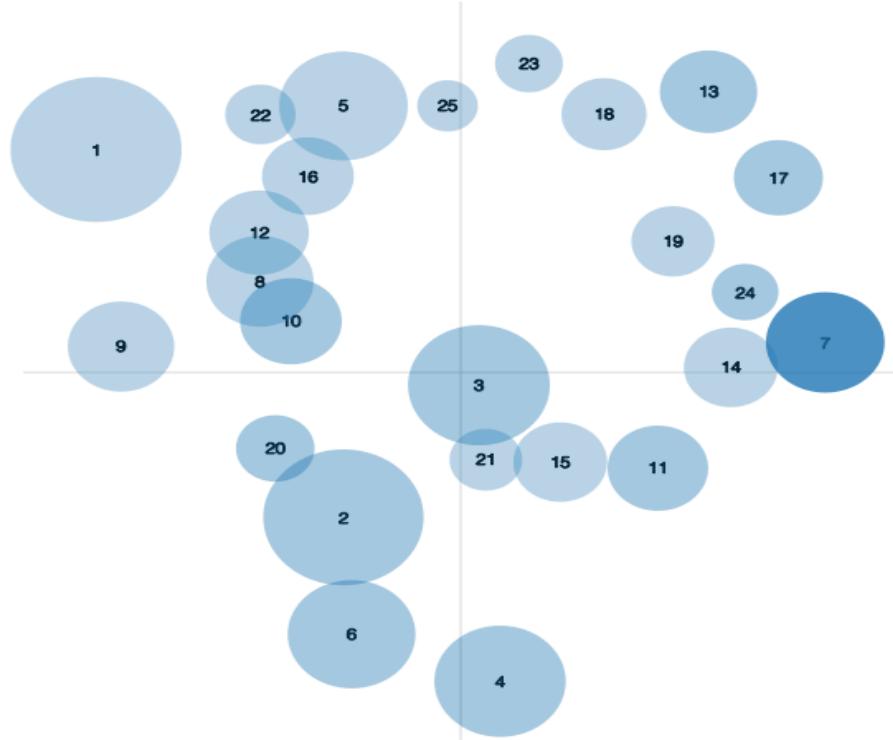


# TOPIC VISUALIZATION

Selected Topic: 7

Lambda = 1

5% of tokens come from topic 7



Next Phase in the process, to provide users an easy method to search through the lessons.  
Visualization created using LDAvis and Shiny package



# QUESTIONS?

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Type to search nodes... 

1 SELECTED NODES

- Fuel and Oxidizer Storage Tank Relief Valves. #6202

Lesson

 Select...  Deselect  Hide  Expand... 

PROPERTIES

Find a property...

abstract

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lesson Lack of relief valve isolation has resulted in excessive toxic vapor releases to the environment.

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VISUALIZE GRAPH DATA EASILY

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