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Opening up to Open Science

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A NASA OPEN-SOURCE SCIENCE MISSION:
TOPS: TRANSFORM TO OPEN SCIENCE
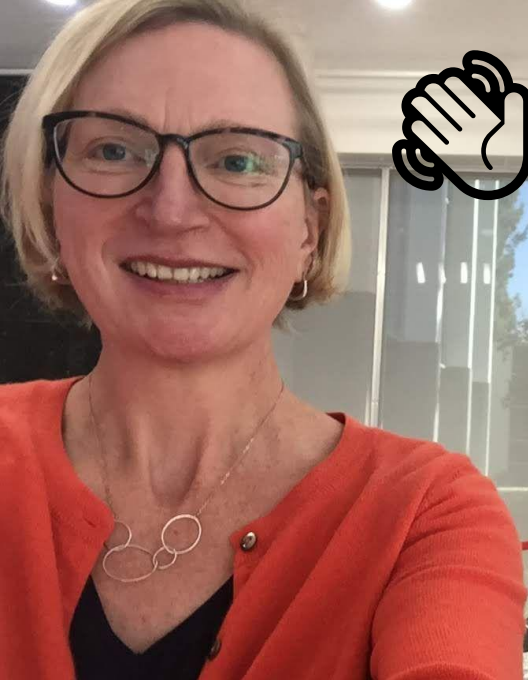
Who am I? Dr. Chelle Gentemann
Why am I here talking to you?
More: @ChelleGentemann

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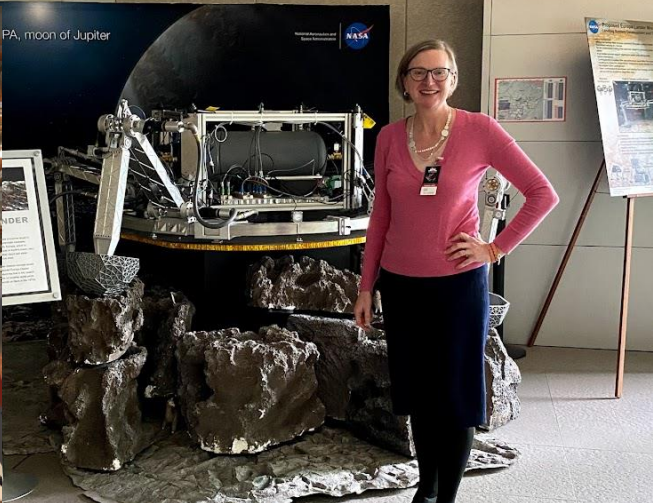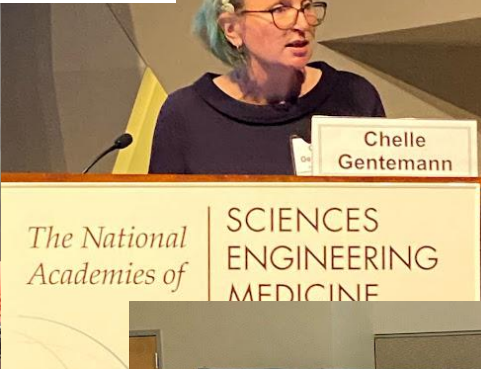
Closed Software

Redundant efforts

Error prone

Impedes advancements

Difficult to share, version, etc.

Reinforces institutional advantages

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Local Infrastructure

- Compiler-specific OS
- Unique environment
- Software restrictions
- Reinforces institutional advantages

Pay-wall Publishing

Restricts access to knowledge

Perpetuates exclusionary practices

Reinforces institutional advantages

How does who participates in science affect solutions?

Is a solution the *best* solution?

Heart valves and seat belts are made that only fit men's bodies (significantly increasing mortality rates for women)

AI cropping algorithms for Twitter/Zoom have racial biases

Voice-recognition software only recognizes the voices of men

Murphy, M. C., Mejia, A. F., Mejia, J., Yan, X., Cheryan, S., Dasgupta, N., et al. (2020). Open science, communal culture, and women's participation in the movement to improve science. Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, 117(39), 24154–24164. https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.1921320117

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Gentemann, C. L., Holdgraf, C., Abernathey, R., Crichton, D., Colliander, J., Kearns, E. J., et al. (2021). Science storms the cloud. AGU Advances, 2, e2020AV000354. https://doi.org/10.1029/2020AV000354

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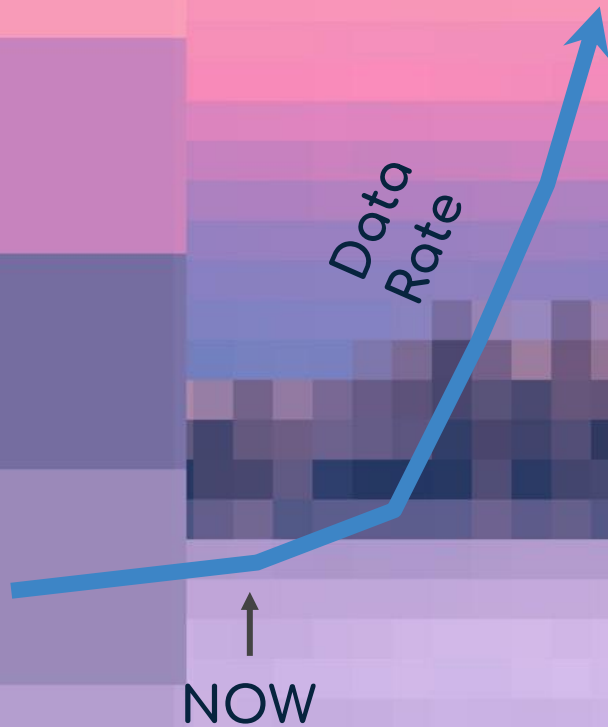
Cloud-based data

Easier to collaborate

Easier to reproduce and build on

Access not bandwidth-limited

More Interdisciplinary research

Broadens participation

NOW

Open Software

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Permissively licensed

Public on GitHub

Collaboratively built tools

More robust code

Source of increase in AI/ML

Speeds up science

PyTROLL

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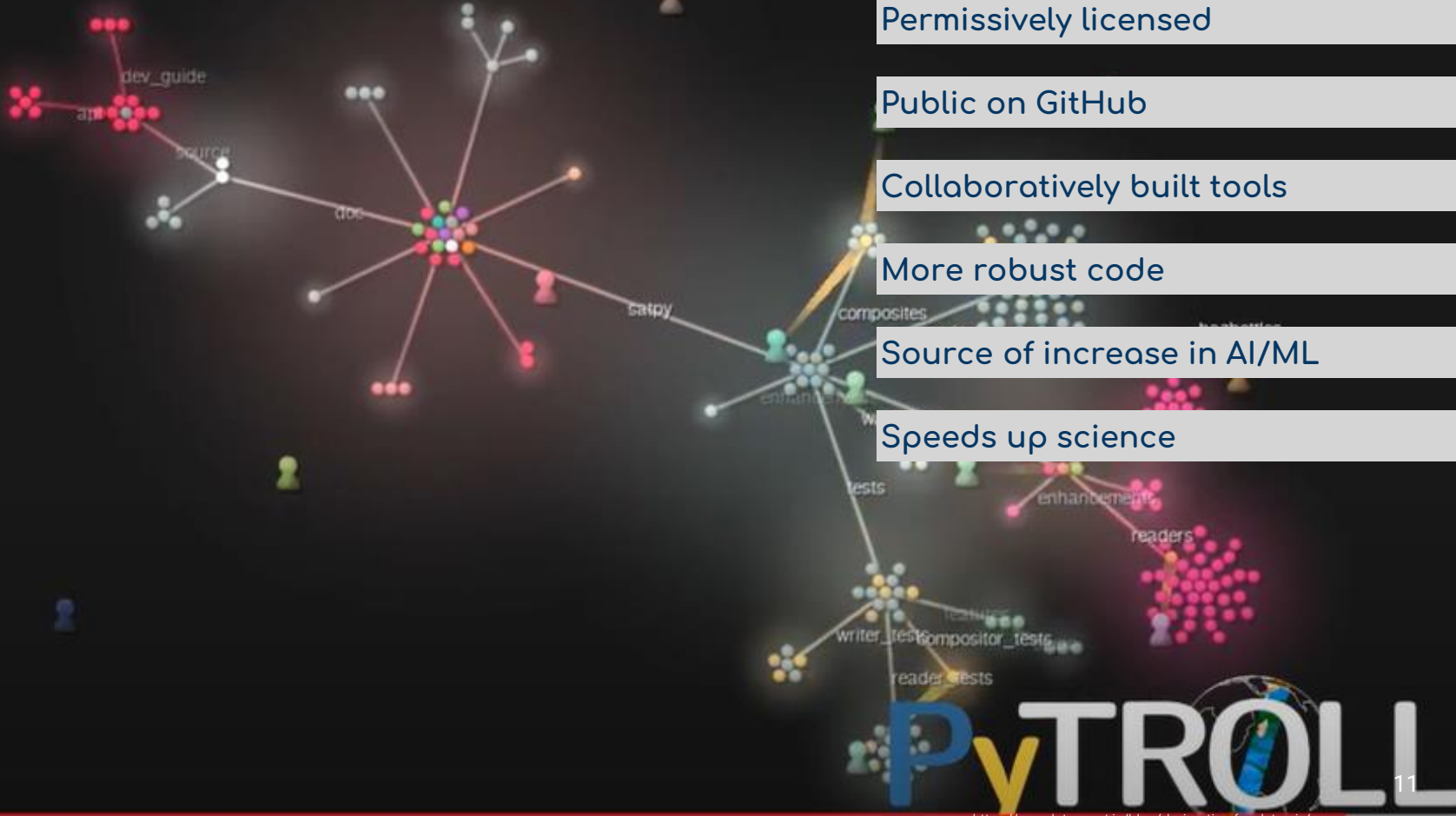
Open Cyberinfrastructure - Science Data Platforms

Platform agnostic, open source infrastructure solutions

Developed by the community

Rapidly becoming default for science

Moving to NASA

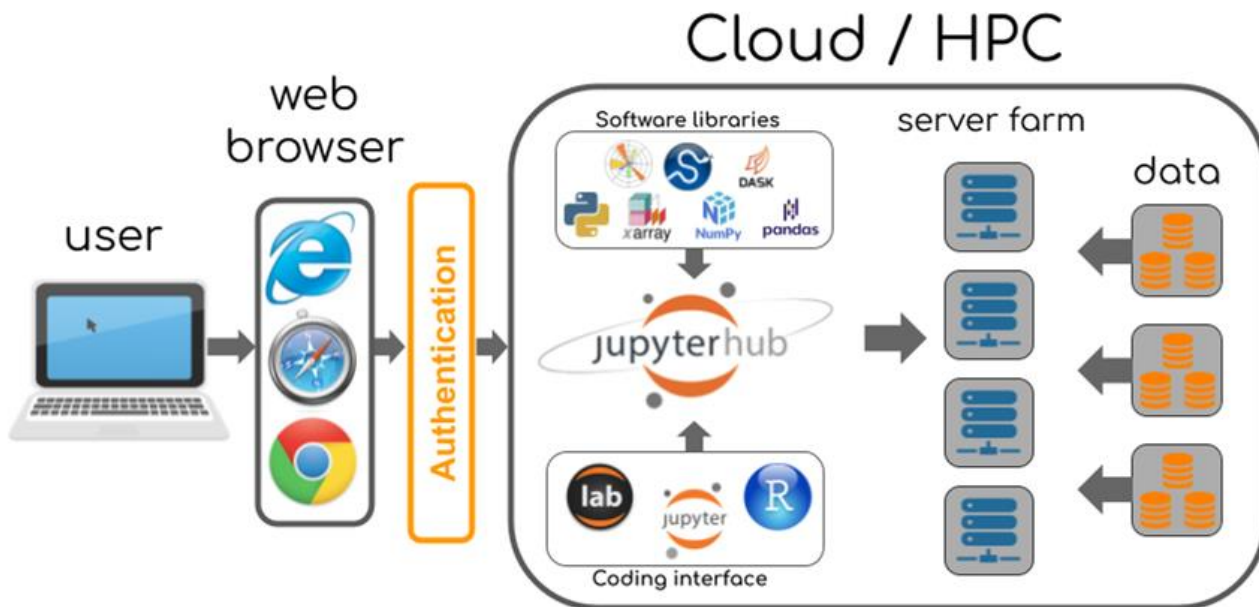More inclusive open science can help solve society's most pressing problems—and at a faster pace—but making it mainstream requires systemic institutional change.

Open Science: Accessible, Reproducible & Inclusive...

Creates Research That Is:

Cited more

Creates a bigger impact

Increases transparency

Generates more scholarly collaborations

Inclusive Science means More:

Collaborative projects

Access to 'hidden knowledge'

Equitable Systems

Participation
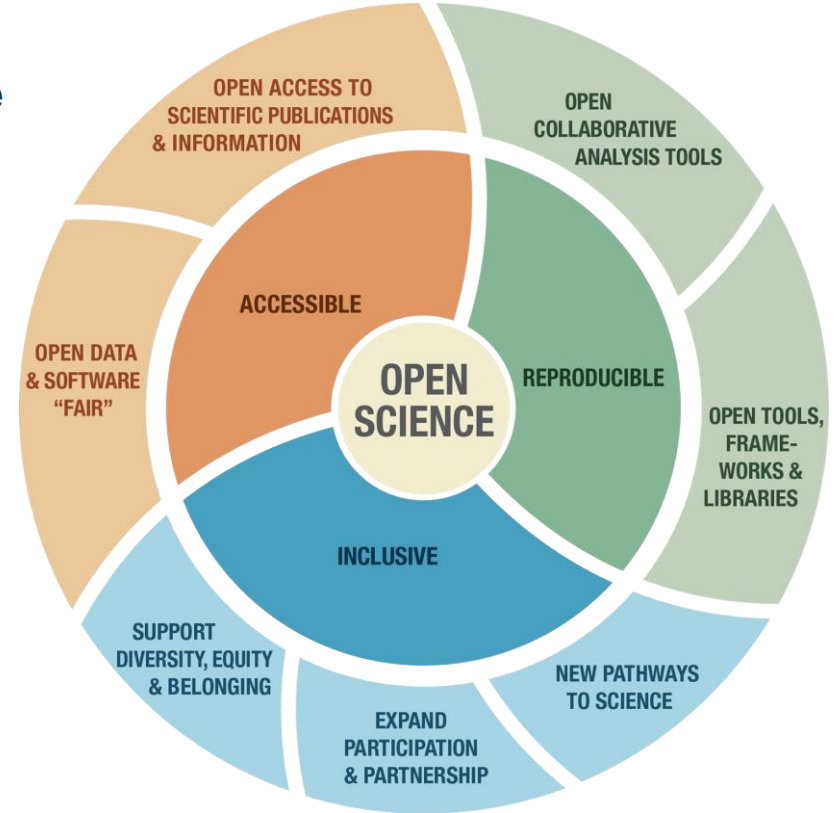
Why Now?

We **now** have the tools to make open science a reality. Advances in technology have created accessible, reproducible, inclusive science at a scale not possible a few years ago.

There is national and global momentum for the move to open science.

Equal and open access benefits the public

Why Open Science?

We are facing **Big** Challenges:
- Covid, Climate change, …

We need ***more*** people - more hands, more eyes, more brains - with diverse experiences to participate so that we ask the best questions and find the best solutions

Open Science:
- Accelerates the pace of science
- Increases the impact of science
- Expands applications of data and science
- Shares hidden knowledge & expands participation in science

Image credit: NOAA

Image credit: Twentieth Century Fox

NASA's Open-Source science is the _activation_ of an open science community

A continuum of open-source science

Data access ($$)
Accessible Publications ($$)
Siloed systems
Limited communication
Proprietary Software
"Closed-Tent" culture

Free unlimited data access
Fully documented open software and algorithms
Fully linked data and publications
Open Access Journal publications
Fully Transparent processes
Reproducible across platforms
"Teaching" culture
Open science meetings

FULLY CLOSED

FULLY OPEN

No public access data
No publications
No insight into processes
No reproducibility
"Black Box" culture

Free data access
Open software and algorithms
"Green" Journal publication
Documented processes
Reproducible in specific environments
"Open-Tent" culture

Leading the Path to Open-Source Science

Transform to Open Science (TOPS) is a $40 million*
5-year NASA Science Mission Directorate mission

Objectives:

★ Increase understanding & adoption of open science.
★ Accelerate major scientific discoveries.
★ Broaden participation by historically underrepresented communities.

2027

2026

2025

2024

2023

Goals for 2027:

★ 20K earn Open Science Badge
★ 5+ major discoveries
★ Increase participation of underrepresented groups by 2x

Year of Open Science

*pending appropriations

2023 is NASA's Year of Open Science

TOPS will be energizing and uplifting open science across the scientific community through:

Engagement

Capacity Sharing Resources

Incentives

Moving towards openness

Open Data

Open Software

Open Access

Community

Engagement:
- ## *High level support and visibility*
- ## *Community building*
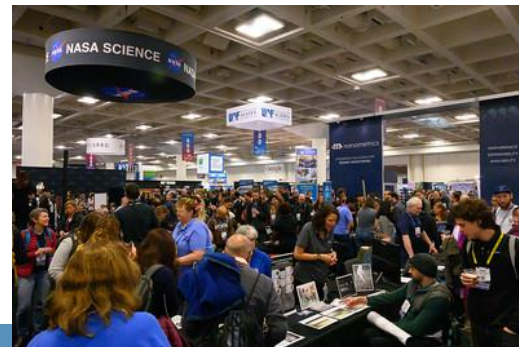

Community building
> Outreach
> Monthly Community Forums
> TOPS Community Panel
> Email list
> GitHub (discussions enabled)
> Website

Conference **Visibility**
> Annual 2023 Meeting: Open Science theme
> Promote & Launch the TOPS Open Science Course
> Booths, Events, Workshops, Plenary Talks, Comms
>
> AGU, AMS, AAS, AAAS, and more….

Capacity Sharing - Resources: Open Science Curricula
5 Modules Organized as a Scientific Workflow

What is open science, why does it benefit me, and why does it benefit the greater scientific community?

How to share software

Best practices for sharing all results and analysis, as well as peer reviewing

| ETHOS OF OPEN SCIENCE | OPEN TOOLS & RESOURCES | OPEN SOFTWARE | OPEN DATA | OPEN RESULTS |

How to use popular open science tools

How to effectively use and share open data

Earn Badges at Each Level

Complete All 5 & earn TOPS Open Science Badge & Certification

Capacity Sharing : Resources

- Open Science Course in Open edX
  - High quality, interaction Open Online Course
  - Free, public, open - for in-person, virtual, and independent learners
  - Videos / quiz / interactive activities/workbooks
  - Fast-pass option for experienced open science practitioners
  - Open edX LMS tracks learners, completion of modules, data analytics

- Incentivize completion of course
  - Gamification: Certification / badges
  - Prizes, challenges, and bootcamps

- Make it easy & everywhere
  - Workshops at all big meetings
  - Workshops at science team meetings
  - Workshops through virtual cohorts
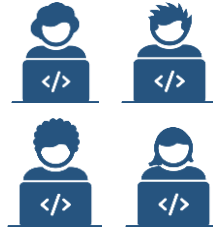
Capacity Sharing within the Community

TOPS Champions

Scientists to help teach modules at events and act as Open Science champions

Cohorts

Engage with learners through a virtual cohort model to increase Open Science Badge achievement

Summer Schools

Institutions selected to run 8-12 weeks of teaching the 5 modules to selected science teams + open competitive student/early career researchers

Curriculum Expansion

Groups funded to migrate/create discipline specific modules and data science skills modules to Open edX TOPS platform

Hackathons

More hackathons that advance data science skills and open science

Incentives: Open Science Awards
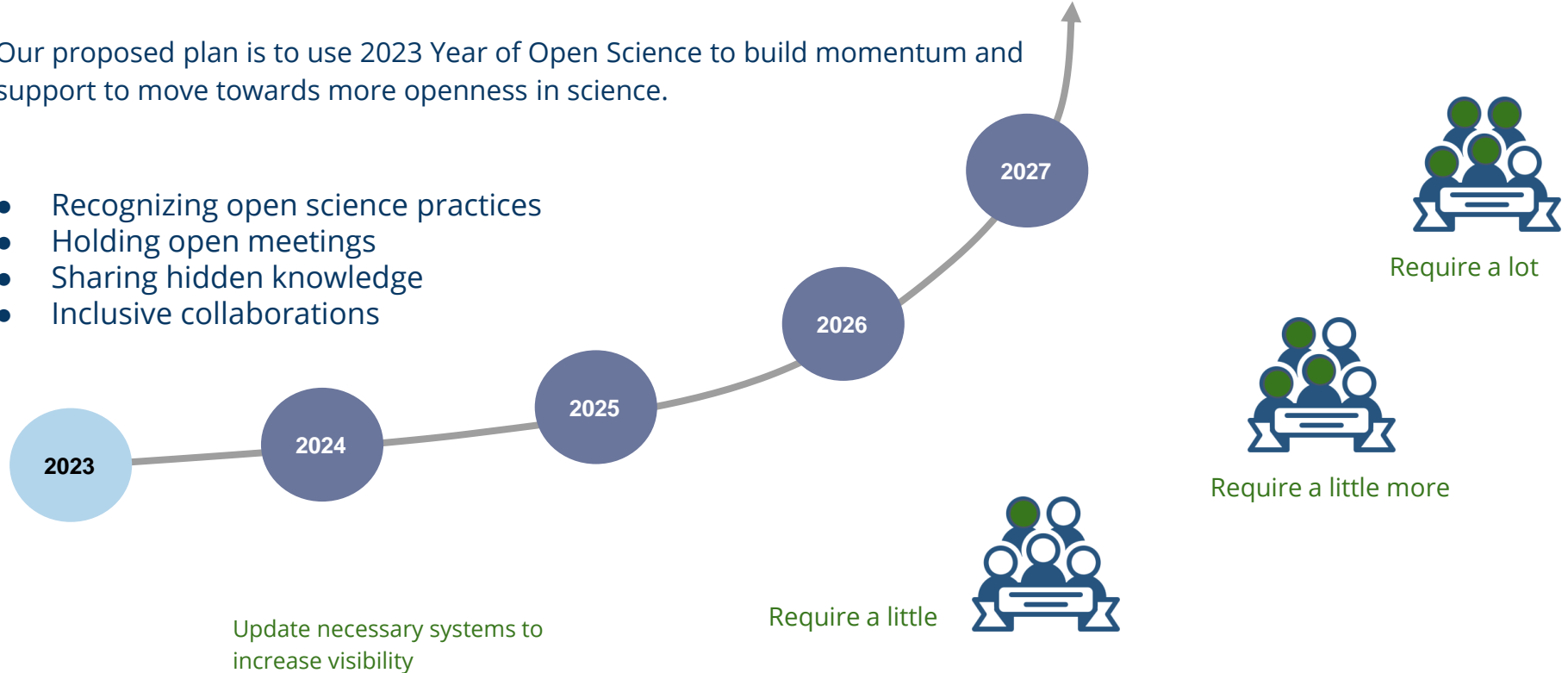
- Societies create & manage TOPS Open Science Prizes & Awards programs
  - Award Purpose: To reward significant leadership and progress toward open science and showcase the benefits of open science
- Work with societies to evaluate and update their existing awards and recognitions to:
  - Include open science activities as review criteria
  - Where possible allow for team nominations

Moving towards openness: Year of Open Science and the Future

Our proposed plan is to use 2023 Year of Open Science to build momentum and support to move towards more openness in science.

- Recognizing open science practices
- Holding open meetings
- Sharing hidden knowledge
- Inclusive collaborations

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Update necessary systems to increase visibility

Require a little

Require a little more

Require a lot

Open Science Results Speak for Themselves..

"We're deeply grateful to all the open source contributors who made our work possible." –Dr. Katie Bouman
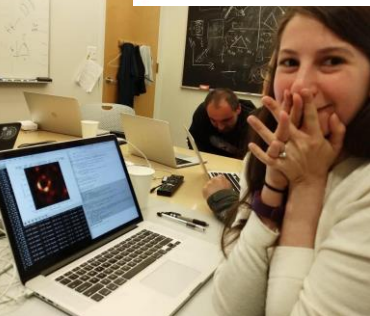
"The open source community is very important for scientists; imagine if we had to do everything from scratch every single time." –Dr. Chi-Kwan Chan

We "greatly improve[d] our own work by adopting well-tested community packages that contain the collected wisdom of many other projects." –Dr. Lindy Blackburn

"with the open source projects in NumFOCUS, we were able to iterate our algorithms so fast that they enabled us to finish our work in two years"

First image of black hole

Dr. Julia Stewart Lowndes
@juliesquid
Replying to @ChelleGentemann and @theNASEM
Congrats Chelle!
The welcoming, inclusive, collaborate-and-reuse culture of the #rstats community is something that changed my science-life and my life-life. Hard to distill but here are a few attempts:
openscapes.org/blog/2020/02/2...
openscapes.org/blog/2019/02/1...
openscapes.org/blog/2019/08/2...
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Scott Collis (He/Him)
@Cyclogenesis_au
Replying to @ChelleGentemann @openscience and @theNASEM
Being an open scientist has:
1) accelerated my career. It has allowed me to choose projects which benefit more people.
2) Has created long lasting collaborations and friendships. When you are open you are... open!
3) Made me a better scientist. "Show your working!"

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Paola Masuzzo 🦖
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Replying to @ChelleGentemann and @theNASEM
An aspect we should talk more about, open research practices as a driver to a real reform in the research endeavour. I try to depict it in this image :)

there is more to open science than meets the eye

recognize that formal papers and manuscripts are not the only units of scientific knowledge

redefine research excellence towards values: leadership, diversity work, mental health support

invest in tools, services, and community-driven initiatives to help move science better by engaging more people

tell it like it is: redefine failure, nurture slower, responsible science, shift the focus from the outputs to the practice

**Belize GEO** 🌎 @BzGEO · Mar 11
Replying to @ChelleGentemann and @theNASEM
Our friends @SERVIRGlobal have many examples of how algorithms + code from one region have been customized for use in another. An example is gold mining monitoring, where Amazonia + W. Africa have collaborated in an #OpenScience context, leveraging #GEE. 🤝

🟢 simonestaiger @simonestaiger · Apr 8, 2020
Reducing illegal gold mining in the tropical forests of Ghana and Peru: A forthcoming collaboration across the Atlantic #SERVIRamazonia servir.ciat.cgiar.org/illegal-gold-m...
@USAIDPeru @SERVIRGlobal @CERSGIS_GH @NovoaSidney @amazonacca @sig_gis @BiovIntCIAT_eng
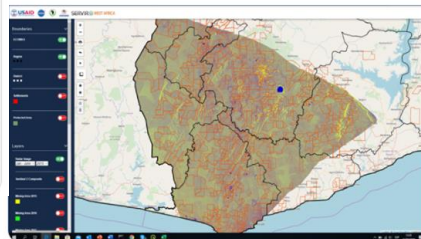
Lucas Sterzinger
@lucassterzinger
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Probably the most common answer, but using @xarray_dev, @dask_dev, @ProjectJupyter, and @matplotlib has been the backbone of my research since day 1. Working with these tools also motivates me to make the data and code for my plots open source, making my science more reproducible
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Pierre de Buyl
@pdebuyl
Replying to @ChelleGentemann and @theNASEM
In remote sensing: using @PyTrollOrg satpy as a comparison point for reading geostationary satellite data, @scitools_iris and panoply from @NASA for plotting said data.
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Sam Ehrenstein
@elasticsnake
Replying to @ChelleGentemann and @theNASEM
In computer science, research moves very fast. It would not be possible to keep up with the latest work if not for the arXiv and open-access conferences.
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Ricardo Barros Lourenço
@rblourenco
Replying to @ChelleGentemann and @theNASEM
I've briefly returned to the public-private sector (between 2019-21) and the nicest thing about working with OSS during all my career was the ability to show new methods to be applied in that company, which was of clear understanding, helping auditing efforts.
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Max Grover @mgroverwx · Mar 11
Replying to @ChelleGentemann and @theNASEM
Here's a great use-case of @Py_ART, which is funded by @doescience @armnewsteam ! Over 200 citations so far, with many including awesome code like this paper which enables #OpenScience !

🟢 Milind Sharma @Gewitter_Blitz · Mar 11
The power of open source software! The authors (@jehcssou and @deeplycloudy) also provide a clean code to encourage reproducible science. I could apply their technique to my dataset within a few hours. Neat! Yes to #OpenScience !

How YOU can Get Involved:

To implement a cultural shift, we need community engagement from the broad spectrum across the scientific community!

We are looking for the community to co-develop with us

  Help out on GitHub

  Join the discussions

  Advocate for open science within your institution, company, agency, community

  Build resources and community together

Learn more and collaborate with us - we're working on GitHub!

- https://github.com/nasa/Transform-to-Open-Science
- Contact Yvonne Ivey (yvonne.ivey@nasa.gov)

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