

# IceNet

Demonstrating data-driven climate  
science for real-world applications

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# What is IceNet?

1. A sea ice prediction system
2. An example of an environmental prediction system



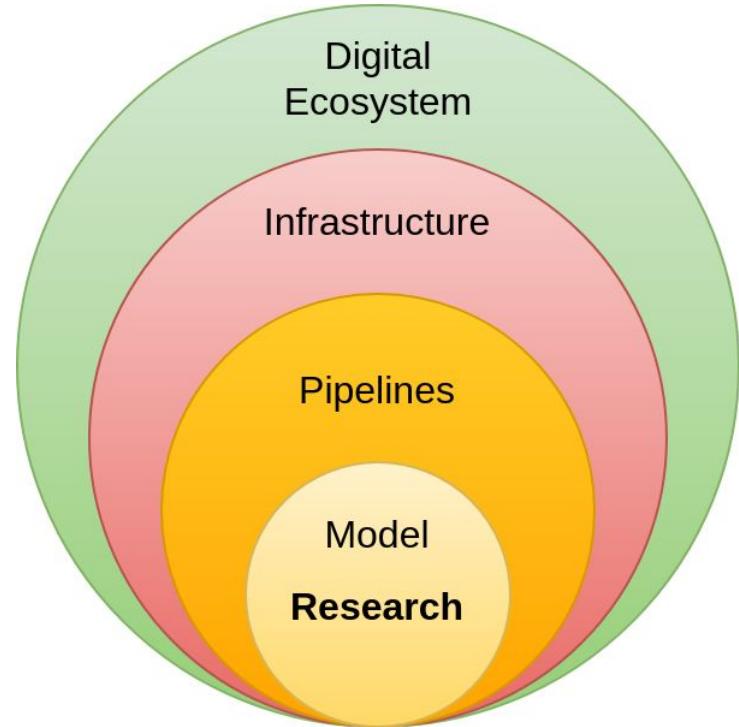
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# Alliums? Tree rings? TOR!? IceNet's built in layers using sustainable software...

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# What are these layers!?!

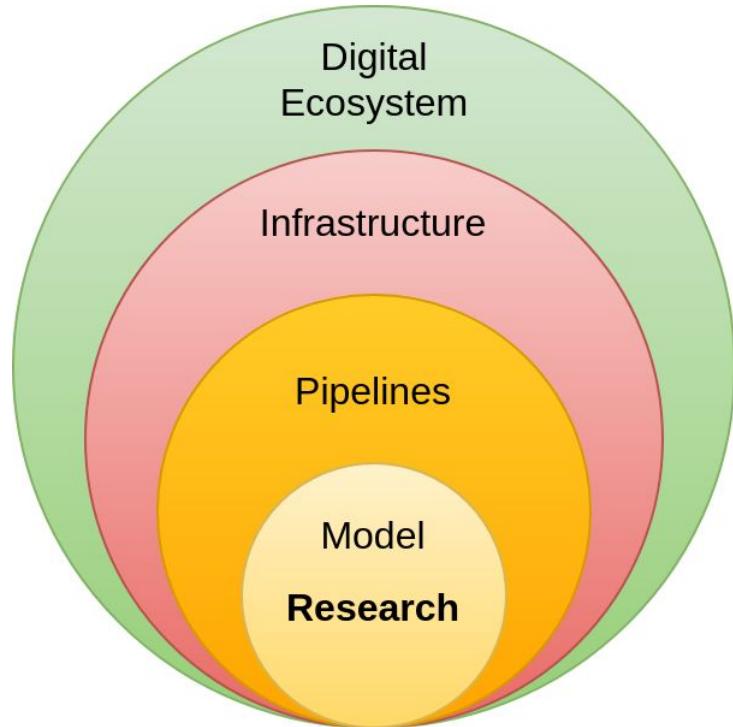
**Model:** The producer(s) of research data products.

**Pipelines:** The operational layer providing tooling, automation and simplifying model usage.

**Infrastructure:** Enabling access and to products and services providing by pipelines.

**Digital Ecosystem:** Building interaction through standardisation and FAIR access to infrastructure.

Researchers do **research**, which enables real world applications! IceNet is an example...



# IceNet: the model and research

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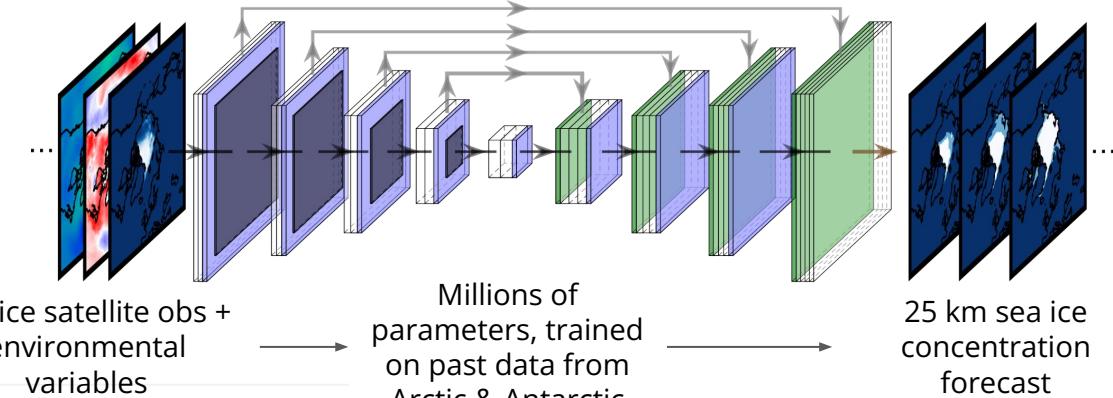
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## Seasonal Arctic sea ice forecasting with probabilistic deep learning

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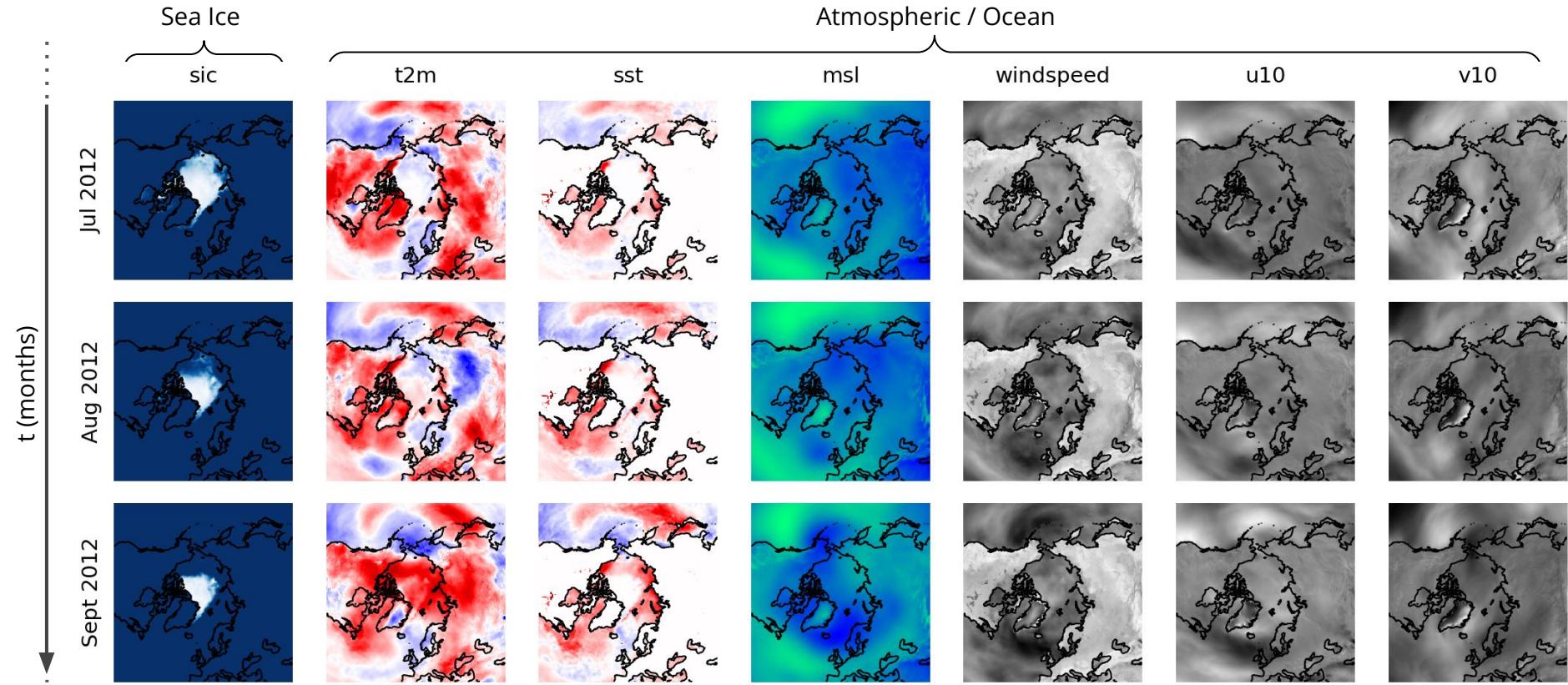


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# IceNet training data: learning from observations



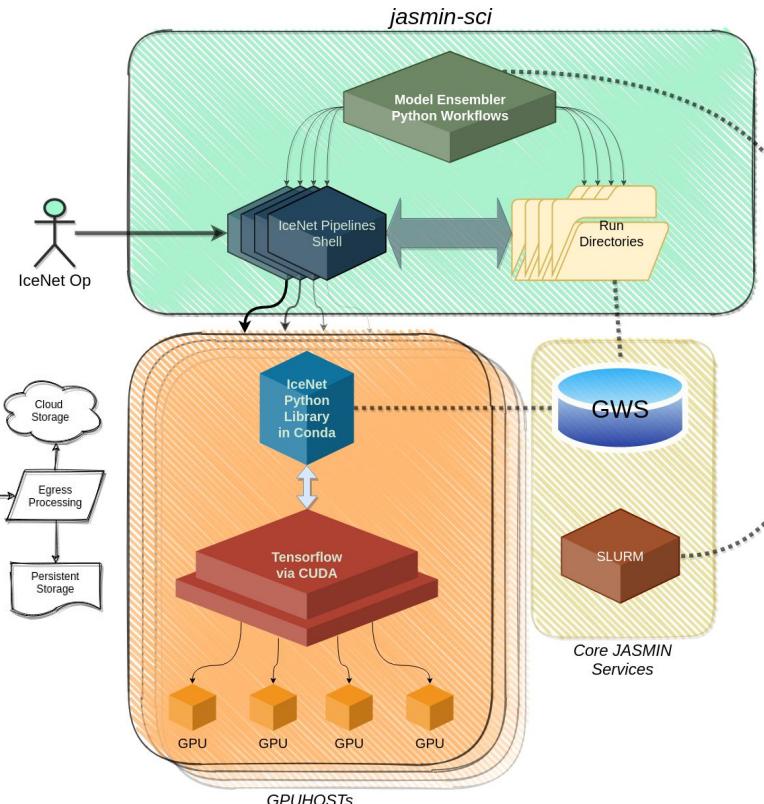
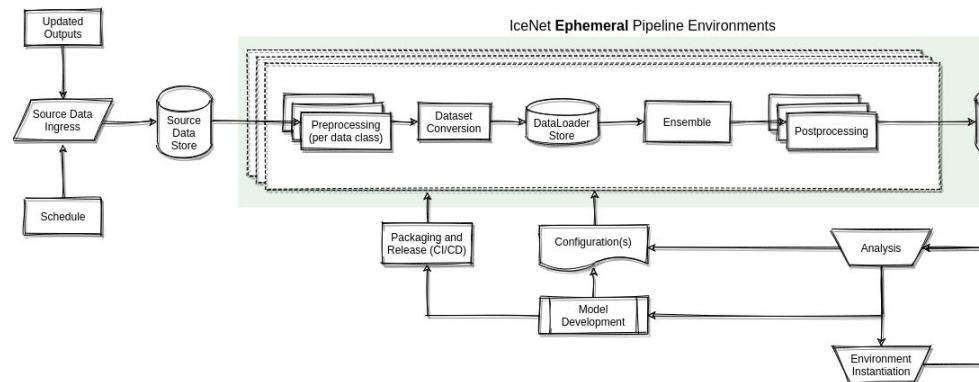
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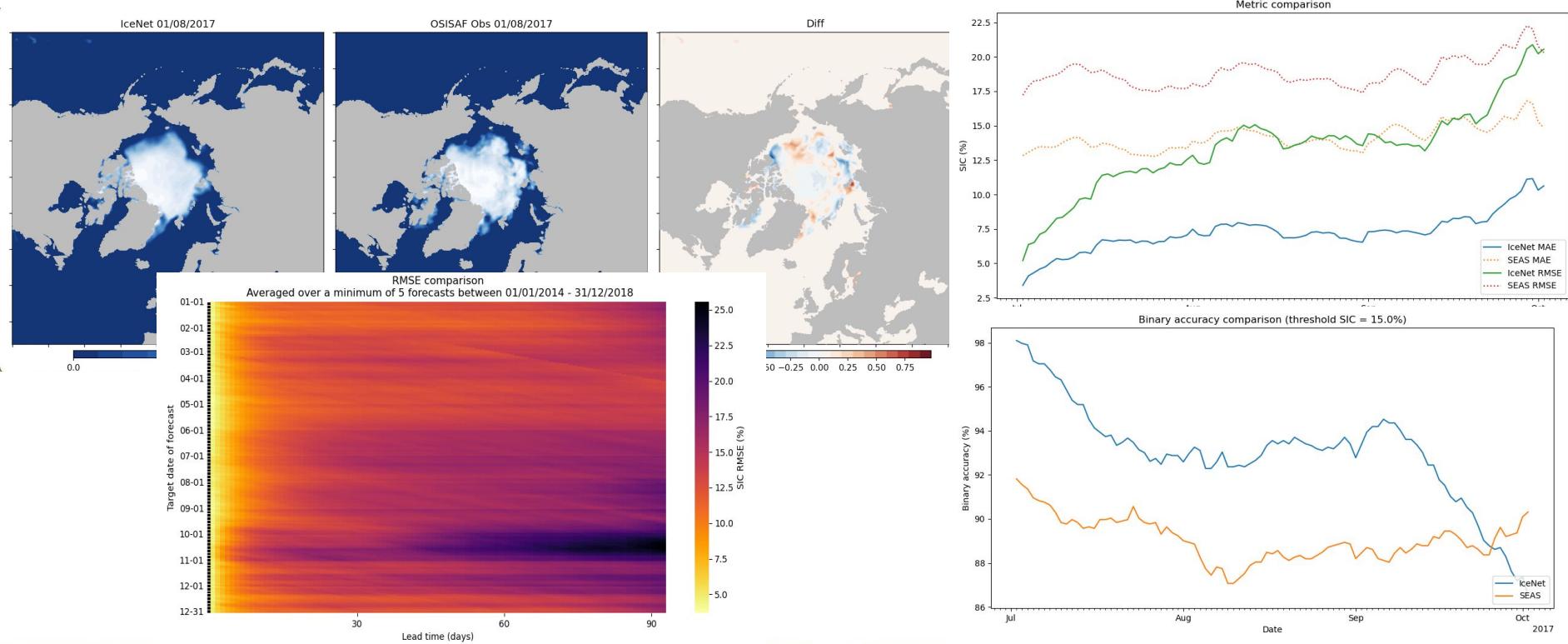
# Pipelines facilitating research and operational use

- BAS & JASMIN HPCs equipped with GPUs
- Python open source software infrastructure
- Cloud infrastructure for the wider ecosystem
- Sustainable software design & development

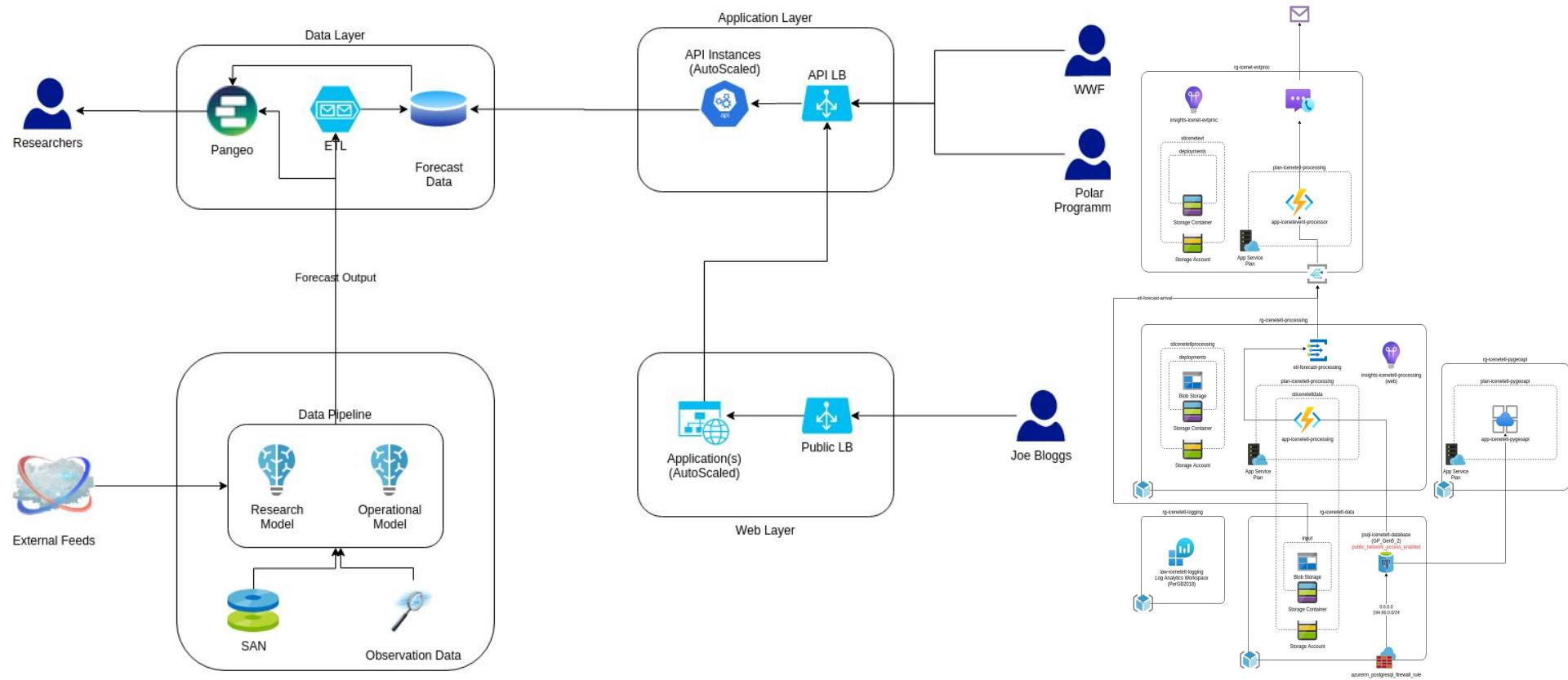


# Question: How can we validate / evaluate our forecasts?

Compare IceNet SIC predictions against the **ground truth OSISAF** and other **numerical predictions**.



# Building infrastructure provides access to products and services

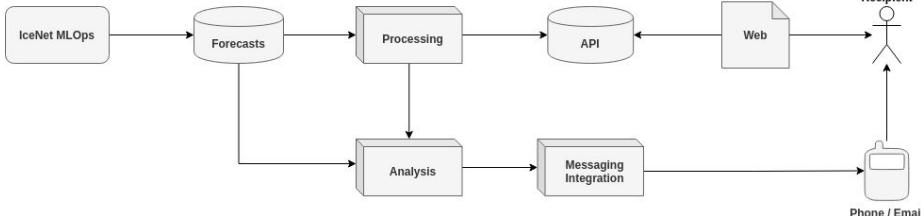
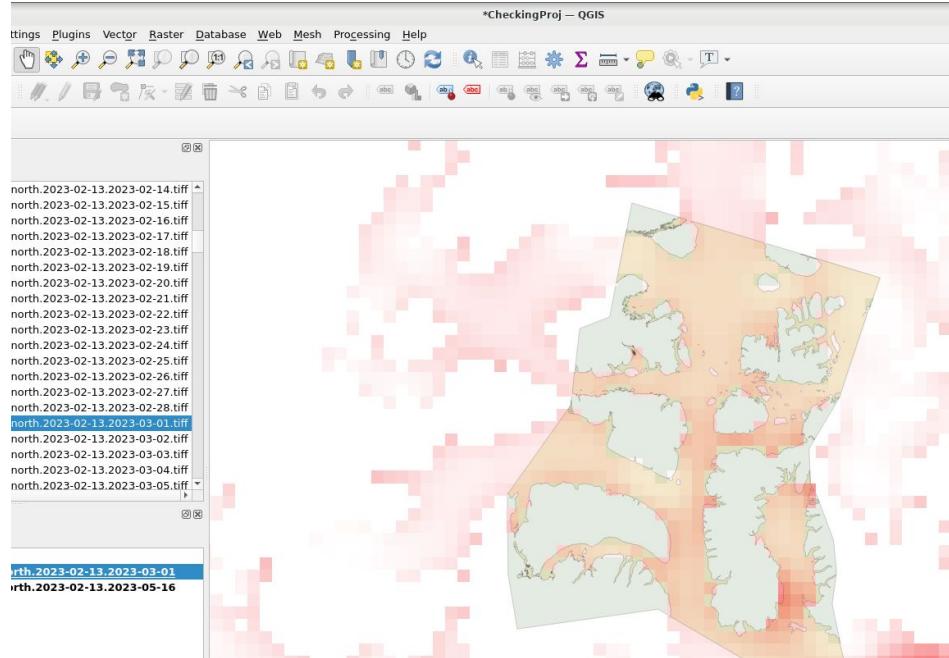
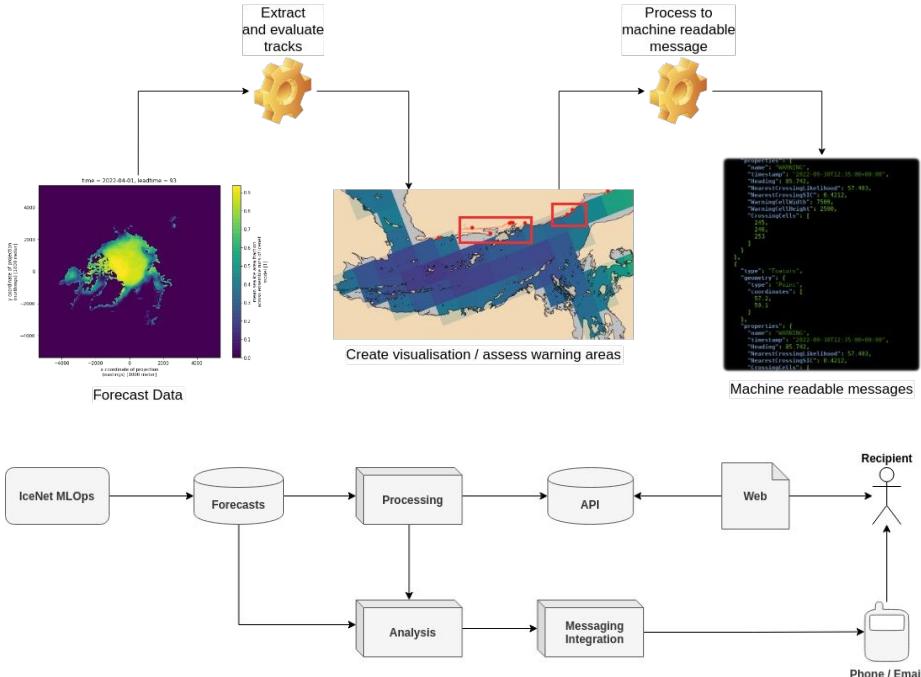


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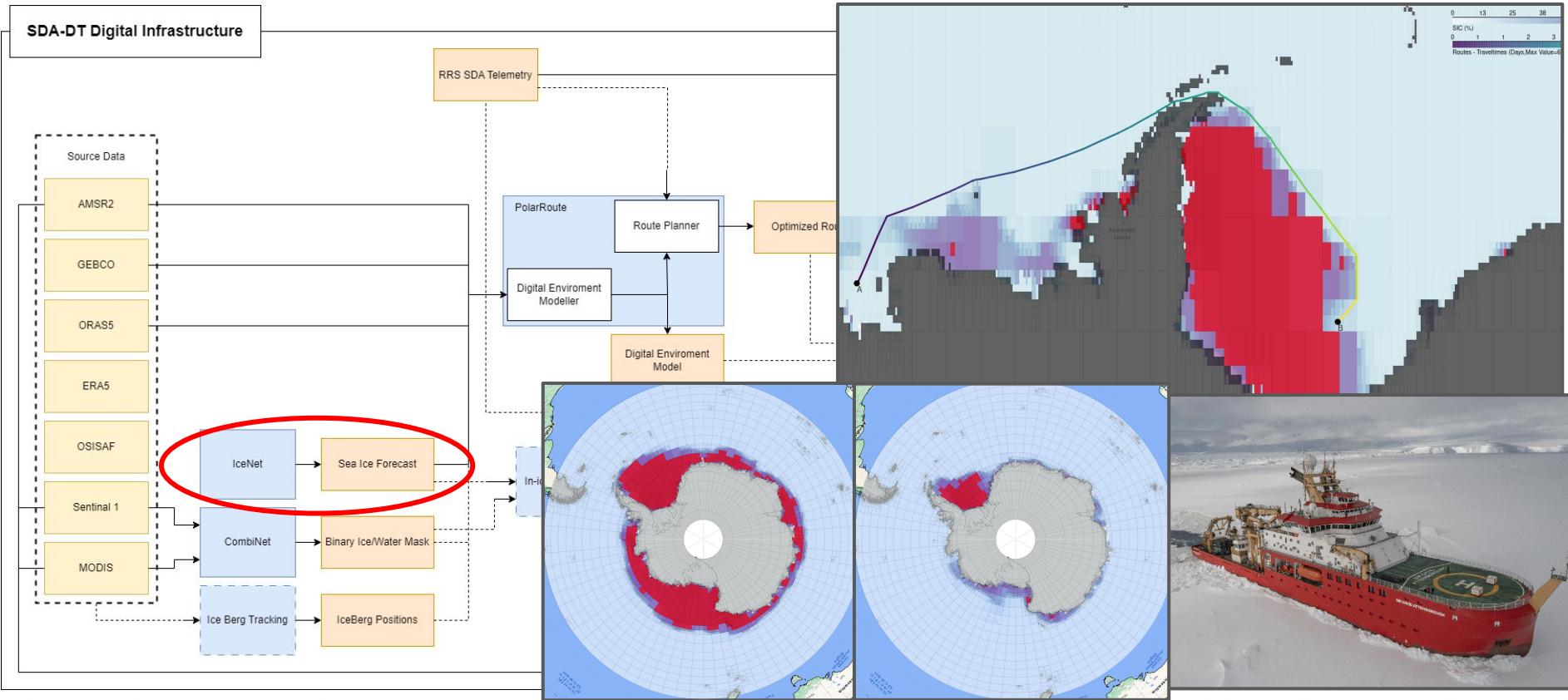
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# Infrastructure requirements driven by conservation use cases



# BAS real world use case: Sir David Attenborough Route Planning

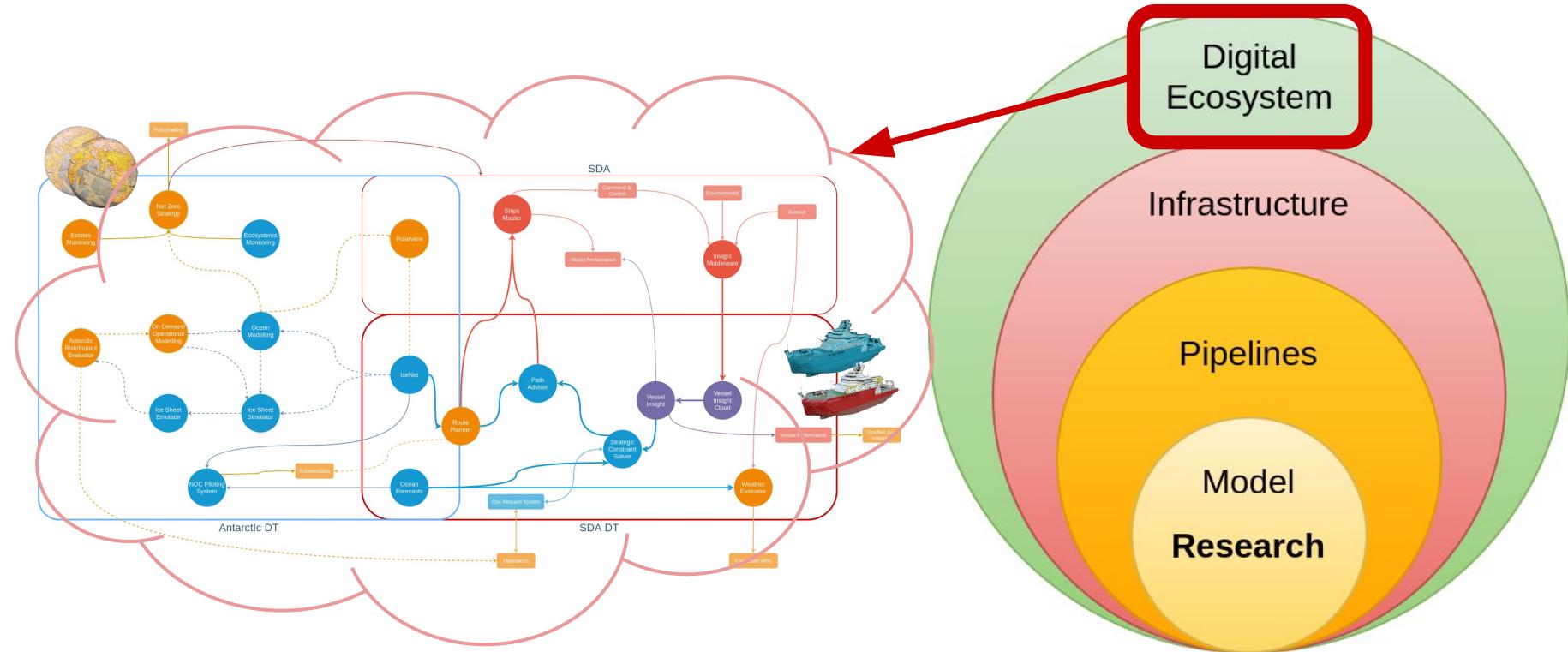


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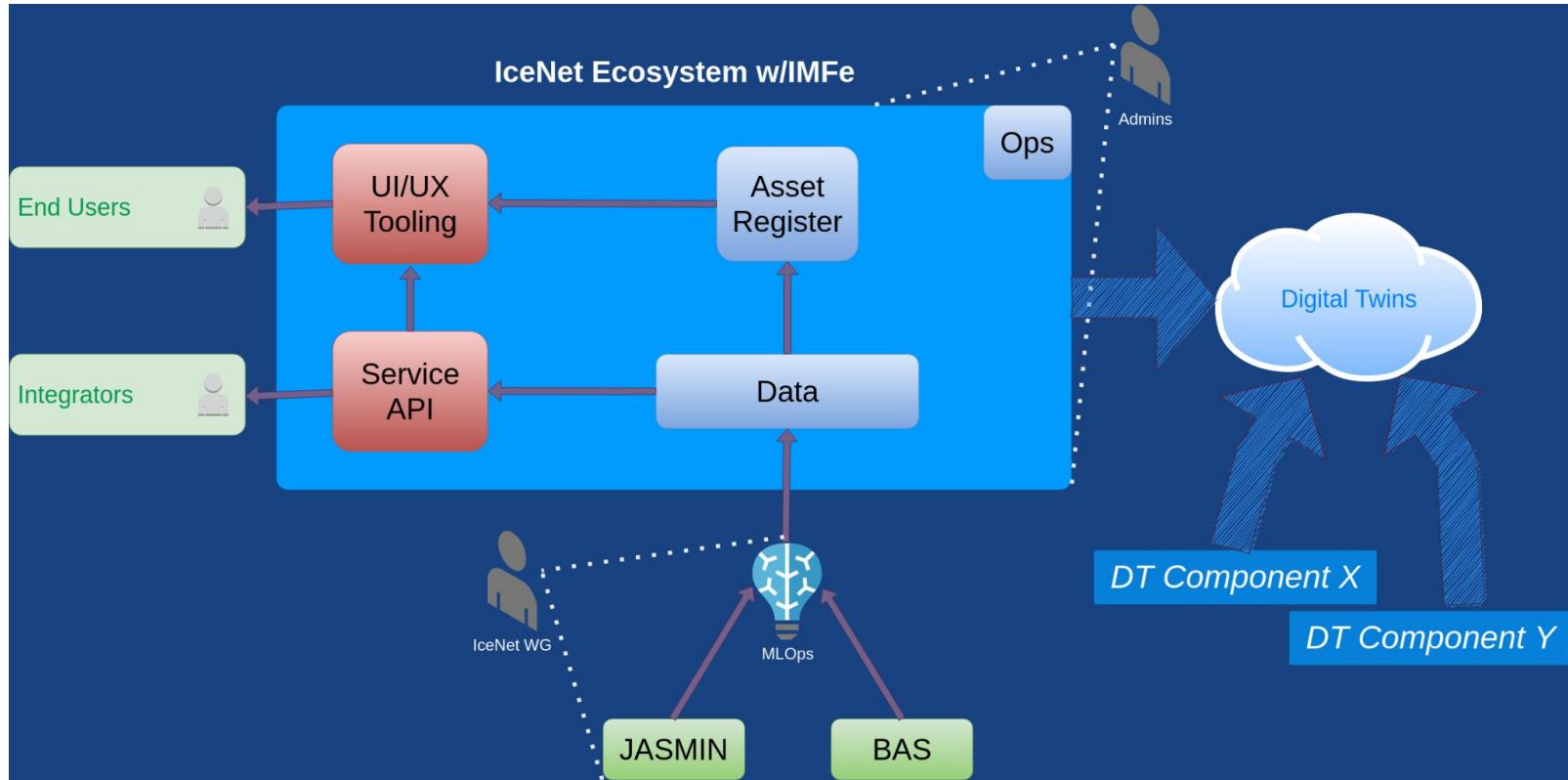
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# **Infrastructures as part of Digital Ecosystems**



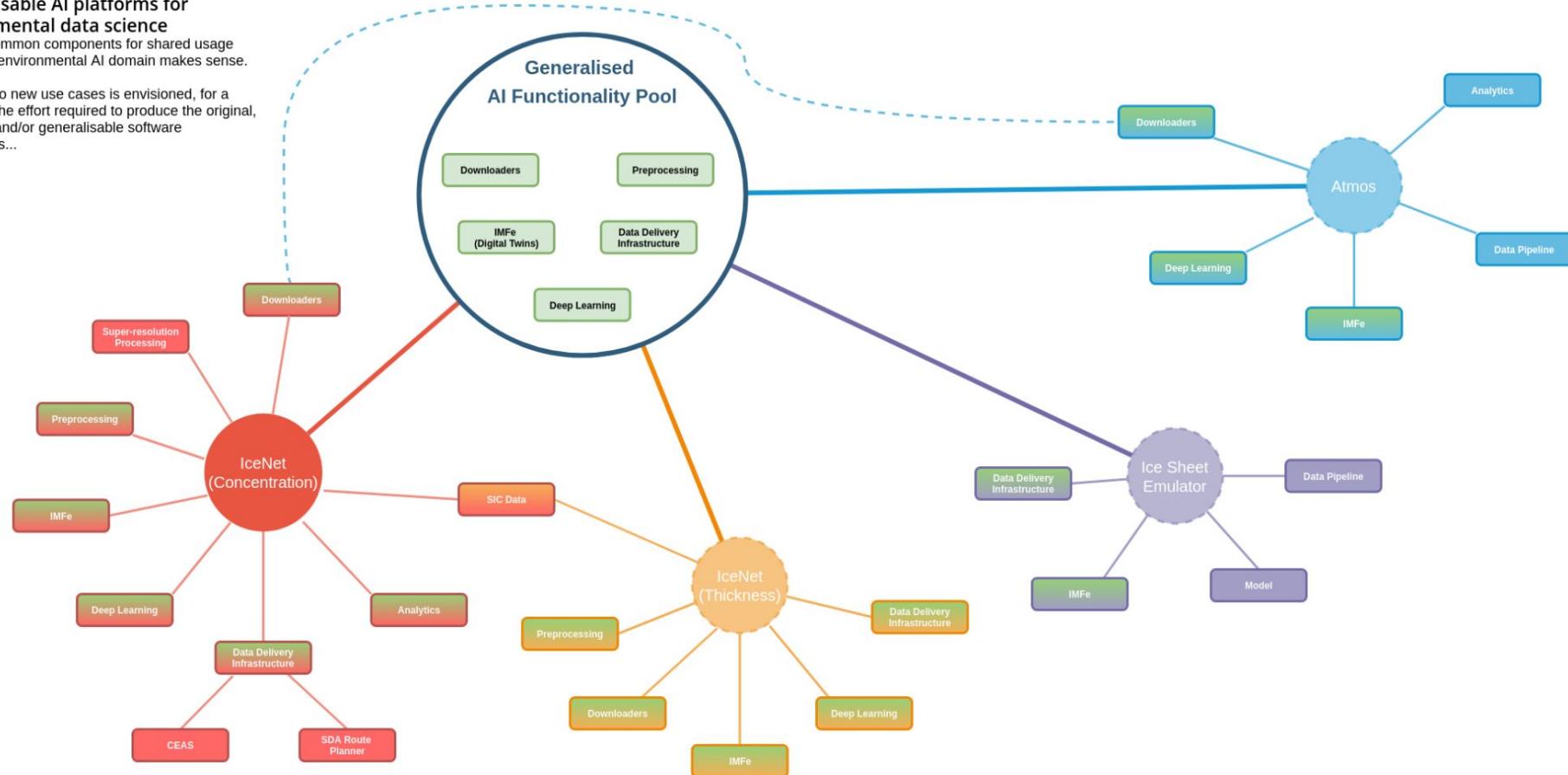
# Information Management Frameworks for environmental Digital Twins



## Generalisable AI platforms for environmental data science

Creating common components for shared usage across the environmental AI domain makes sense.

Extending to new use cases is envisioned, for a fraction of the effort required to produce the original, adaptable and/or generalisable software components...



# Takeaways...

1. Develop your **research** responsibly!
2. Develop **pipelines** and **infrastructure** to support your users (real or imaginary, research or operational!)
3. Layered approaches promote reuse, adaptability, interoperability. The core concepts for a **digital ecosystem**.



# Questions?



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