



# Engineered Resilient Systems (ERS) Architecture

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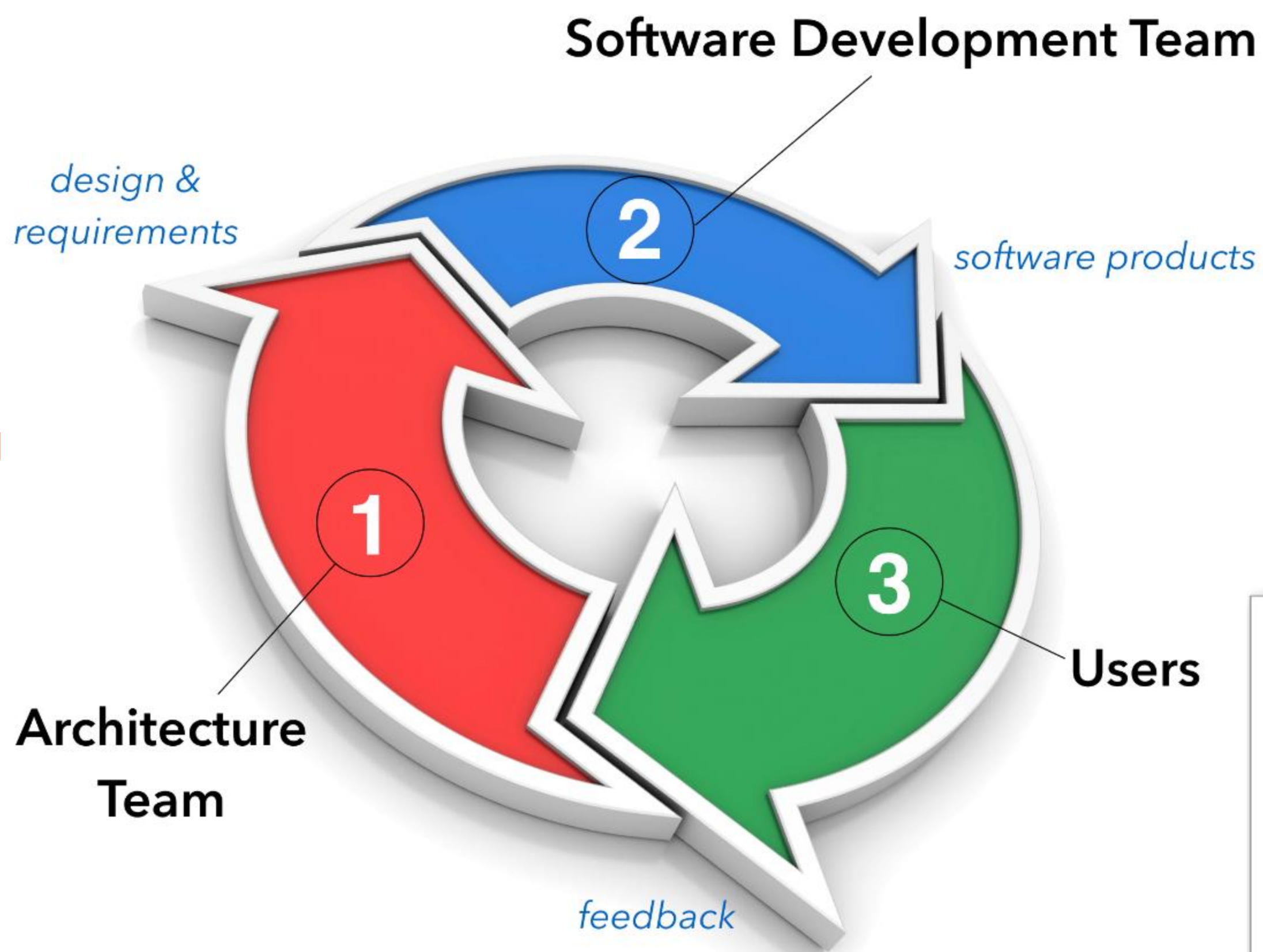
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# Architecture Approach

- ERDC
- Software Engineering Institute (SEI)
- BAE
- Advanced Coordination Technology (ACT)
- Raytheon
- Lockheed

- ERDC
- Kitware
- Georgia Tech Research Institute (GTRI)
- Mississippi State University



**US Navy N**  
ERS Ships Demonstrator  
**LX(R) AoA**  
22,000 alternatives analyzed in 6 weeks

**Small Surface Combatant**  
19M designs analyzed in 3 months resulting in 270K feasible alternatives

**Submarine Class**  
Virginia-class replacement - Currently preparing analysis tools

**US Air Force**  
AFLCMC/  
Performance and  
Demonstration  
**TX-Trainer:** High fidelity simulations for performance testing

**ISR Futures:**  
Powerful ISR Mission Assurance Analytics  
Across DoD sensor suite

**USAF Cost Capabilities Analytics:**  
Cost-modeling capability in ERS tradespace.

**US Army AMRDEC**  
ERS Rotorcraft Demonstration  
Evaluated Boeing's IRAD-produced, CH-47 rotor blades

**Full, accurate assessments achieved with ERS tools & CREATE Helios models.**

ERS and CREATE tools ready for transition to Future Vertical Lift program

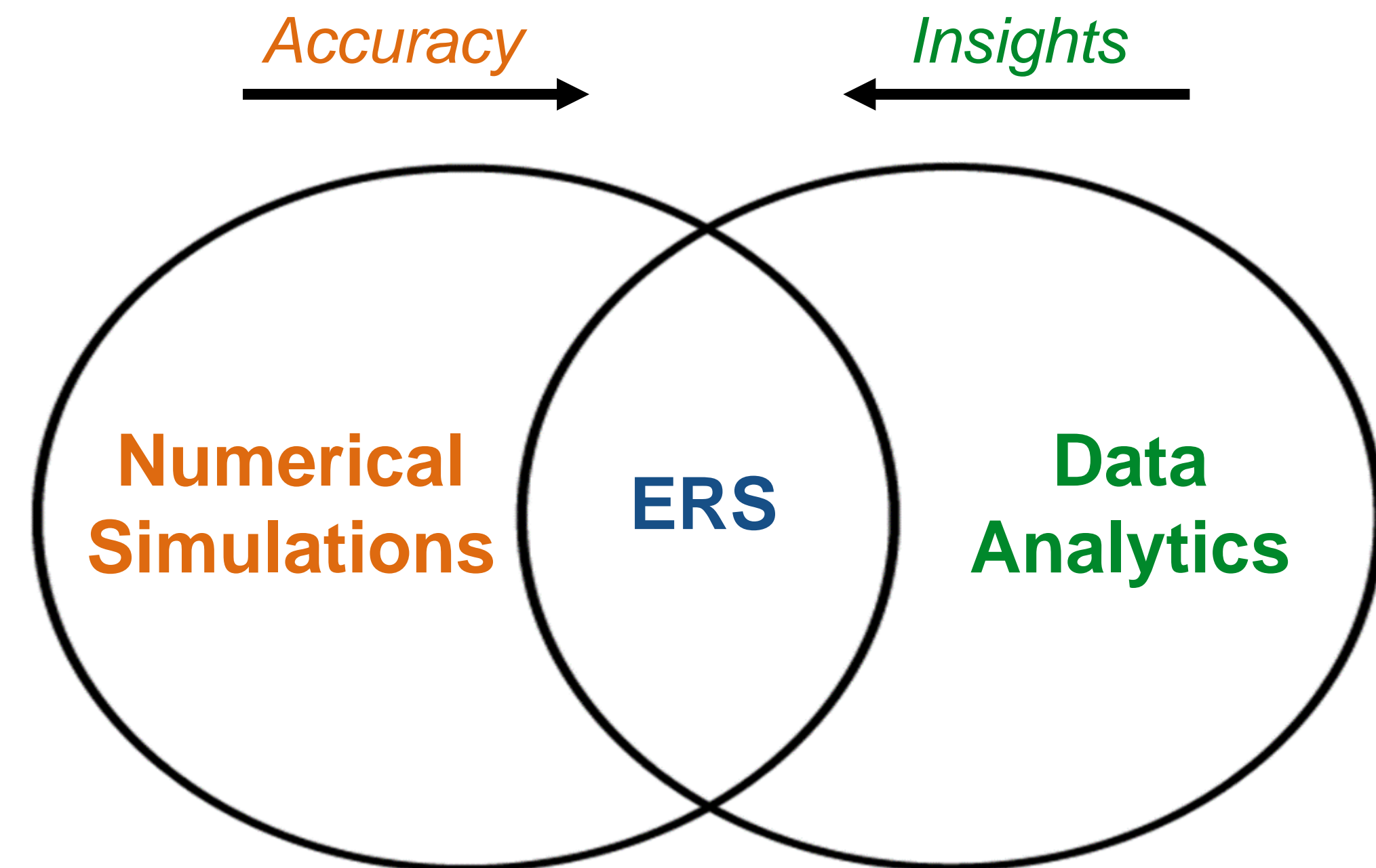


# Architecture Drivers



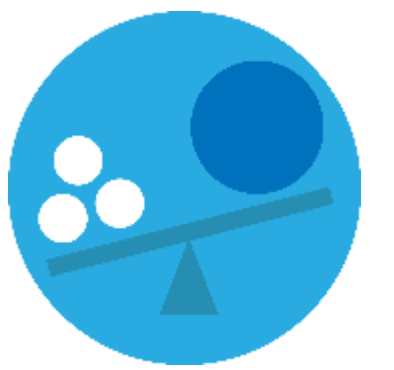
1. Apply advanced computing methods as a way to improve accuracy, depth, and breadth of decision making.
2. Improve the impact of ERS through early and continuous delivery of products.
3. Focus on building user acceptance early and adding new capabilities as users become more comfortable with the products (agile approach to development).
4. Enable an “Open” computing framework that supports capabilities spanning DoD and industry.
5. Integration with industry is key to success.

*Drive the integration of numerical simulations with the ability to analyze large sets of design alternatives.*

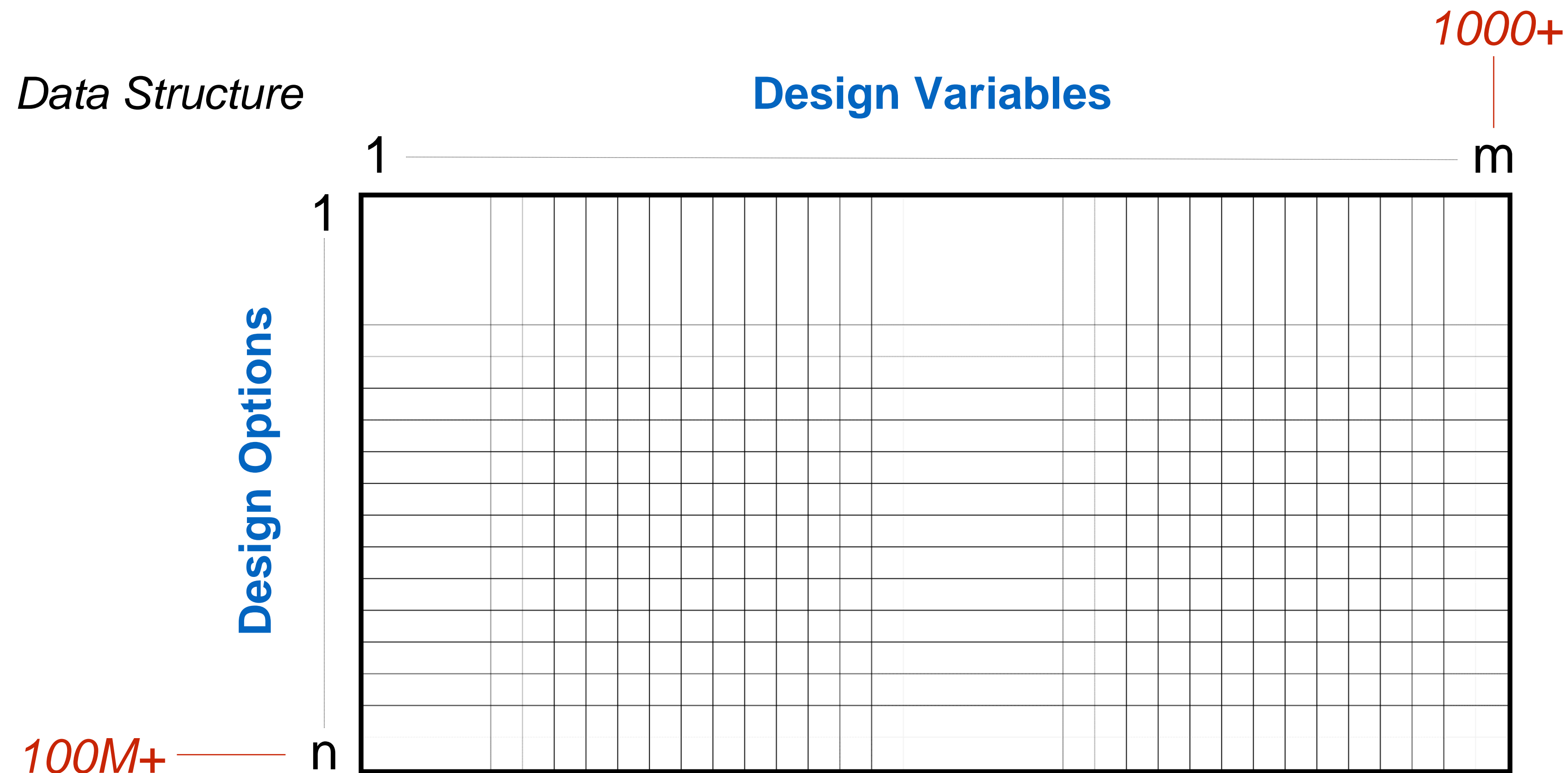


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# Options are organized into a tradespace

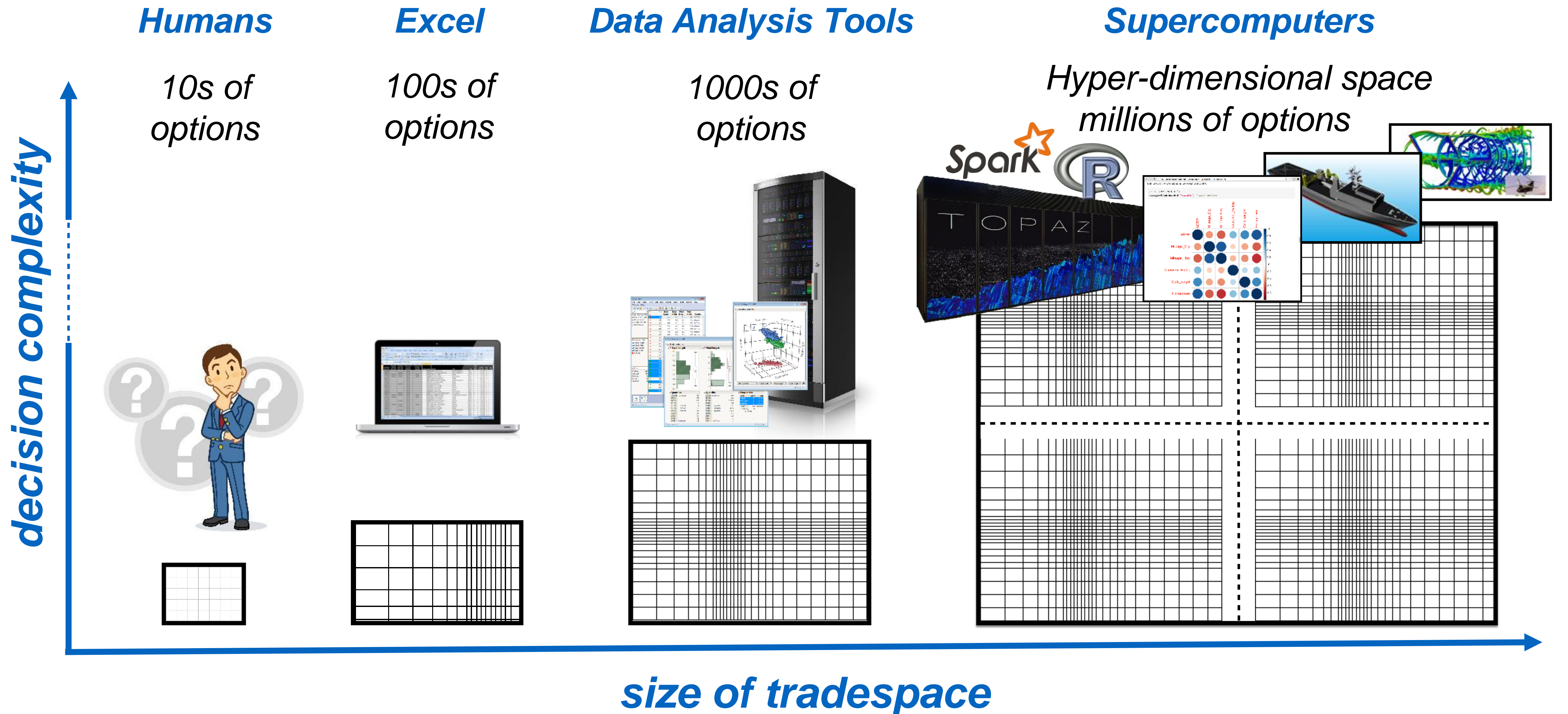


Given a set of **design variables**, the tradespace is the space of possible **design options**. - Ross and Hastings



**Tradespace Complexity:  $O(X^M)$  where  $M$  is the number of design variables**

# Curse of Dimensionality



Capability Integration and Demonstration

Cybersecurity

Architecture Standards

Software Engineering

Knowledge Management

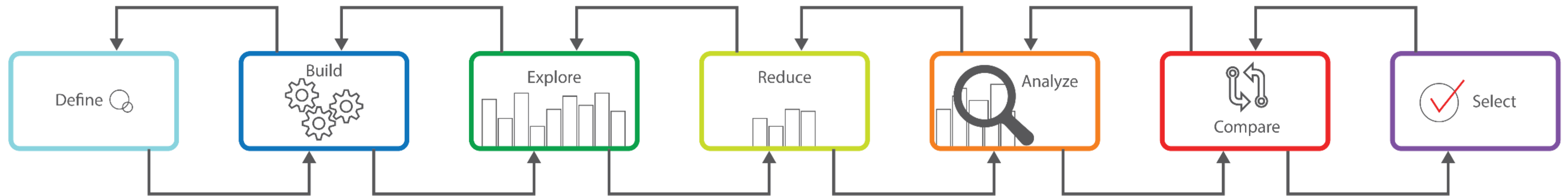
Decision Analysis

Modeling and Assessment

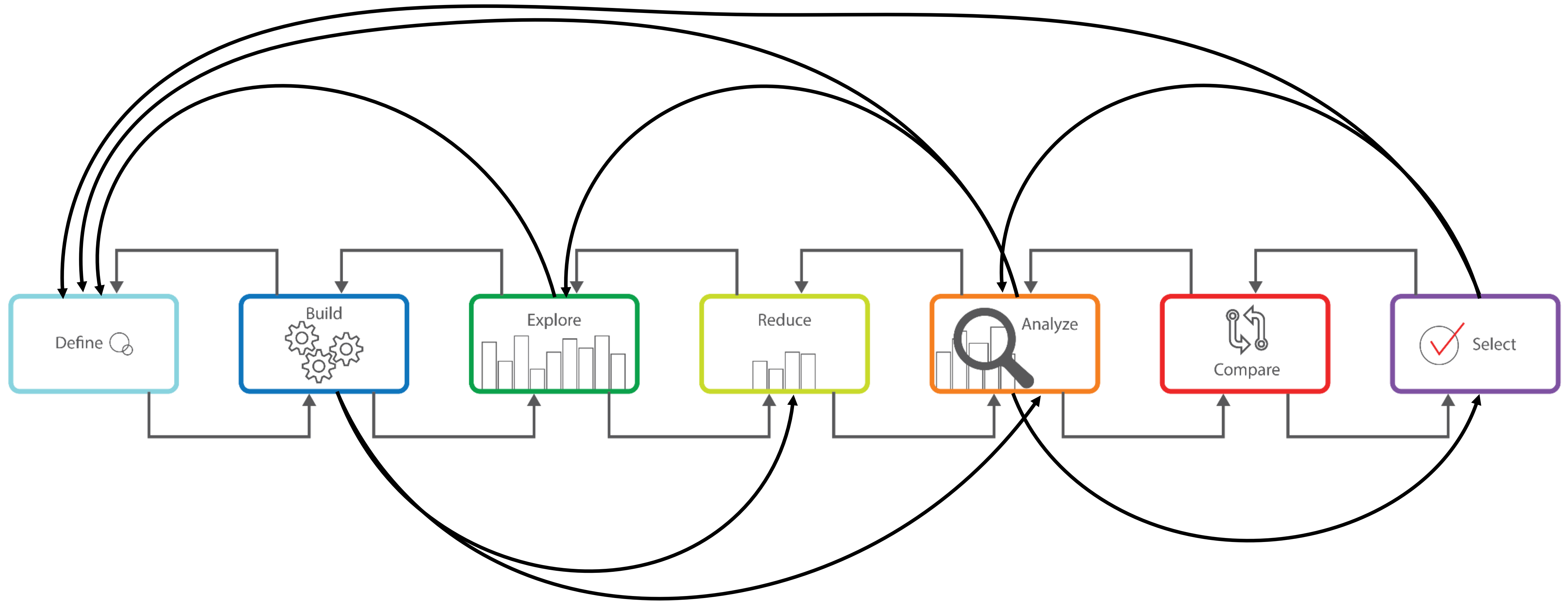
Data/Information

Infrastructure

# Workflow View

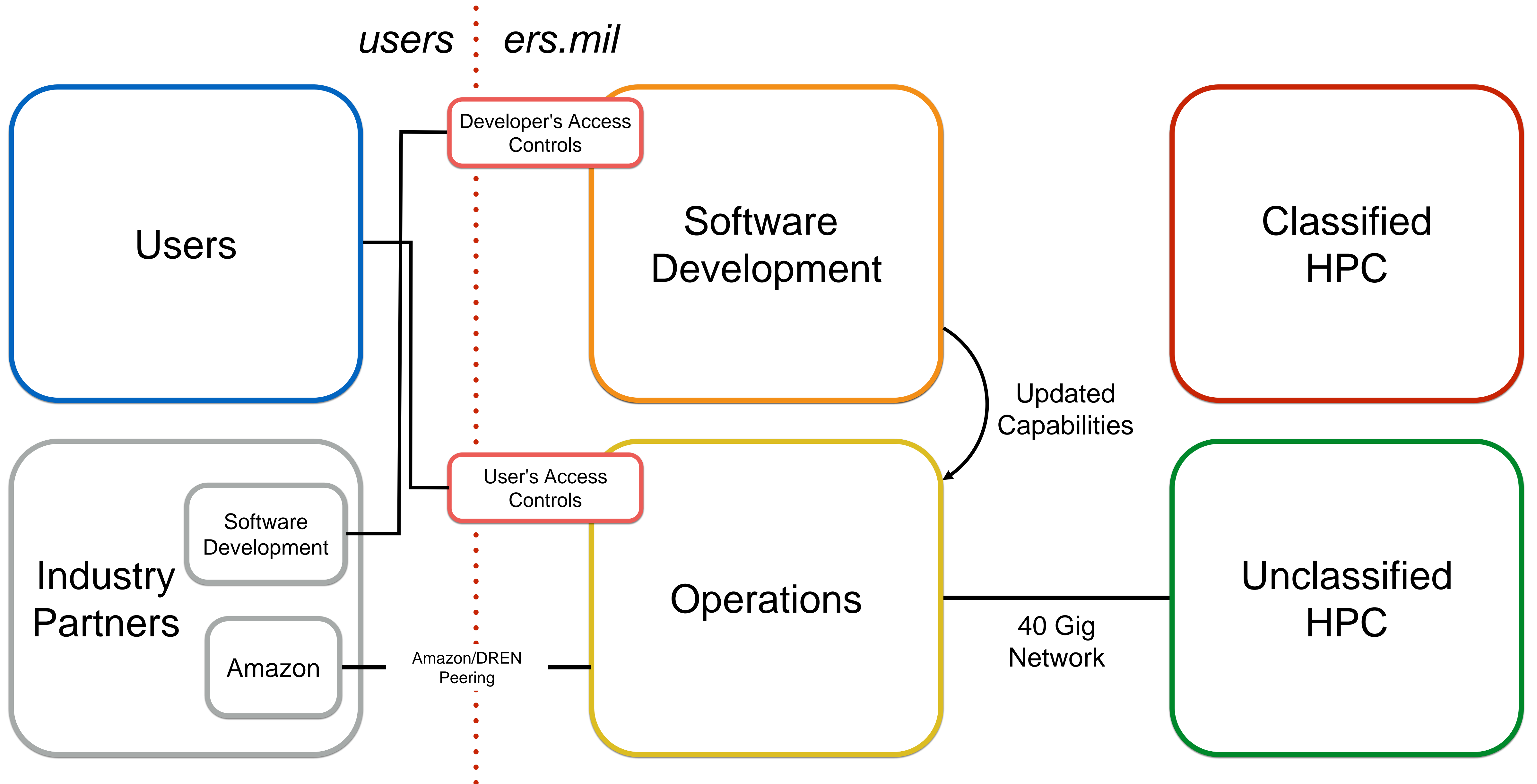


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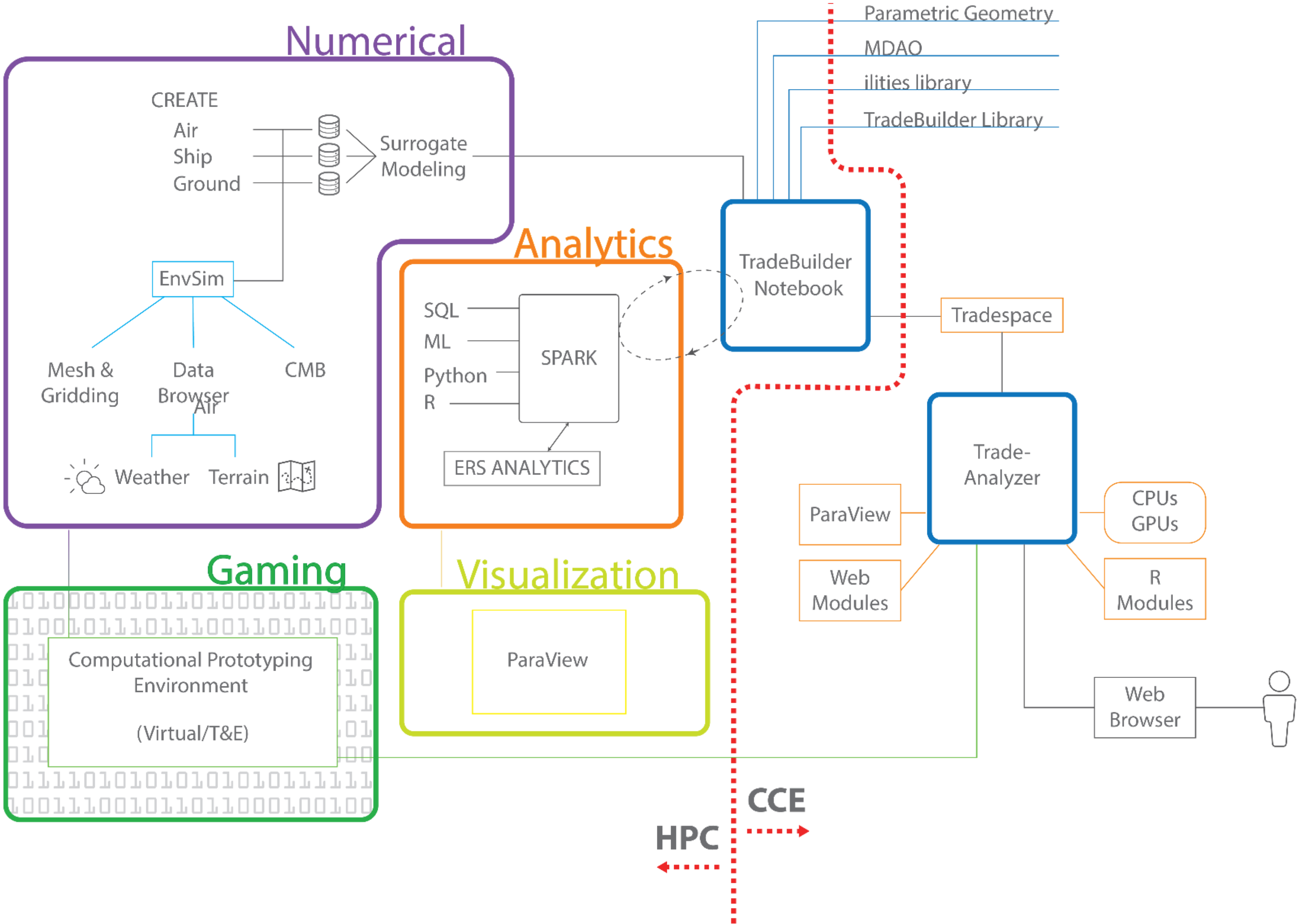




# Infrastructure View

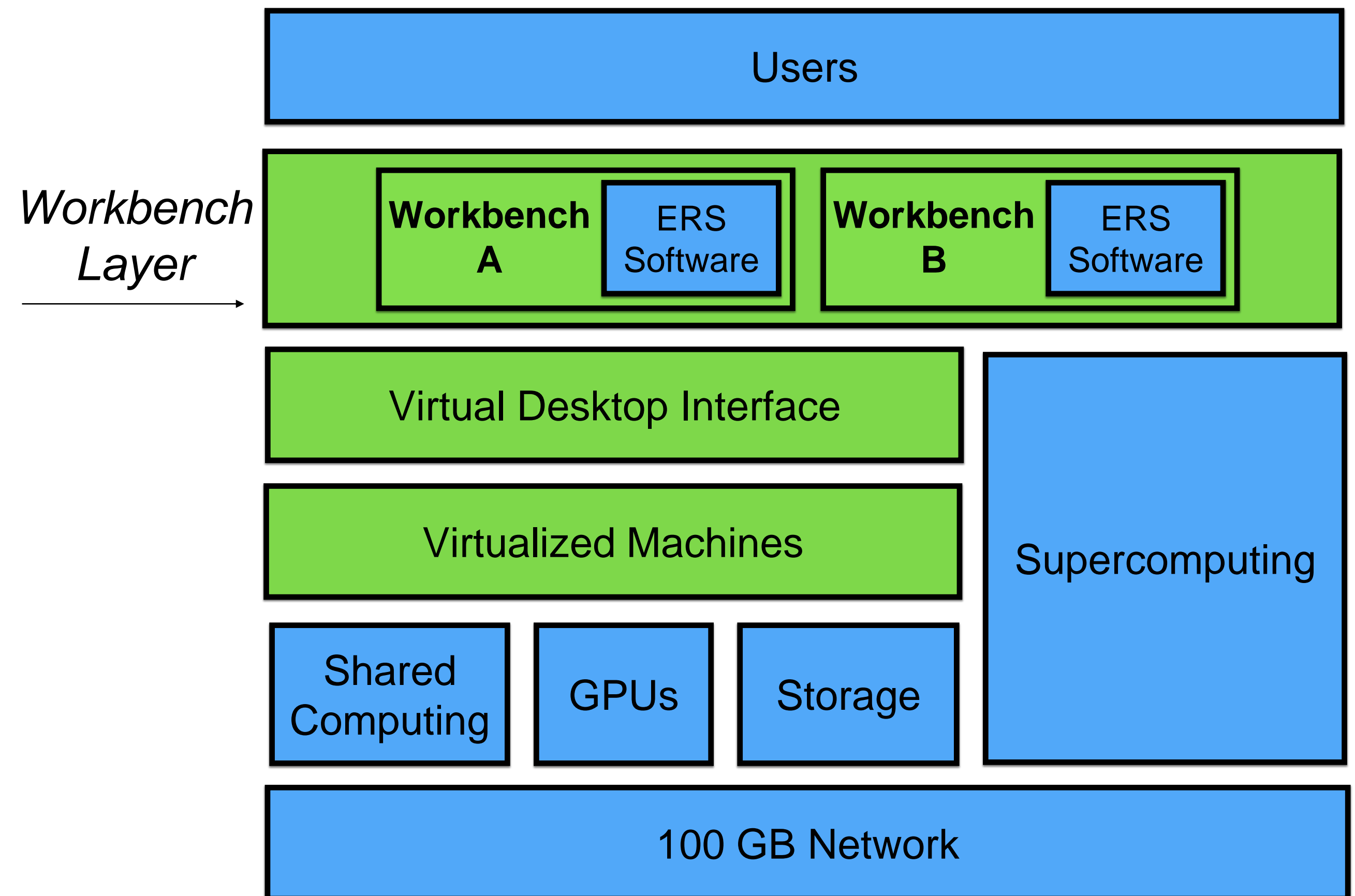


# System View



# ERS Workbenches

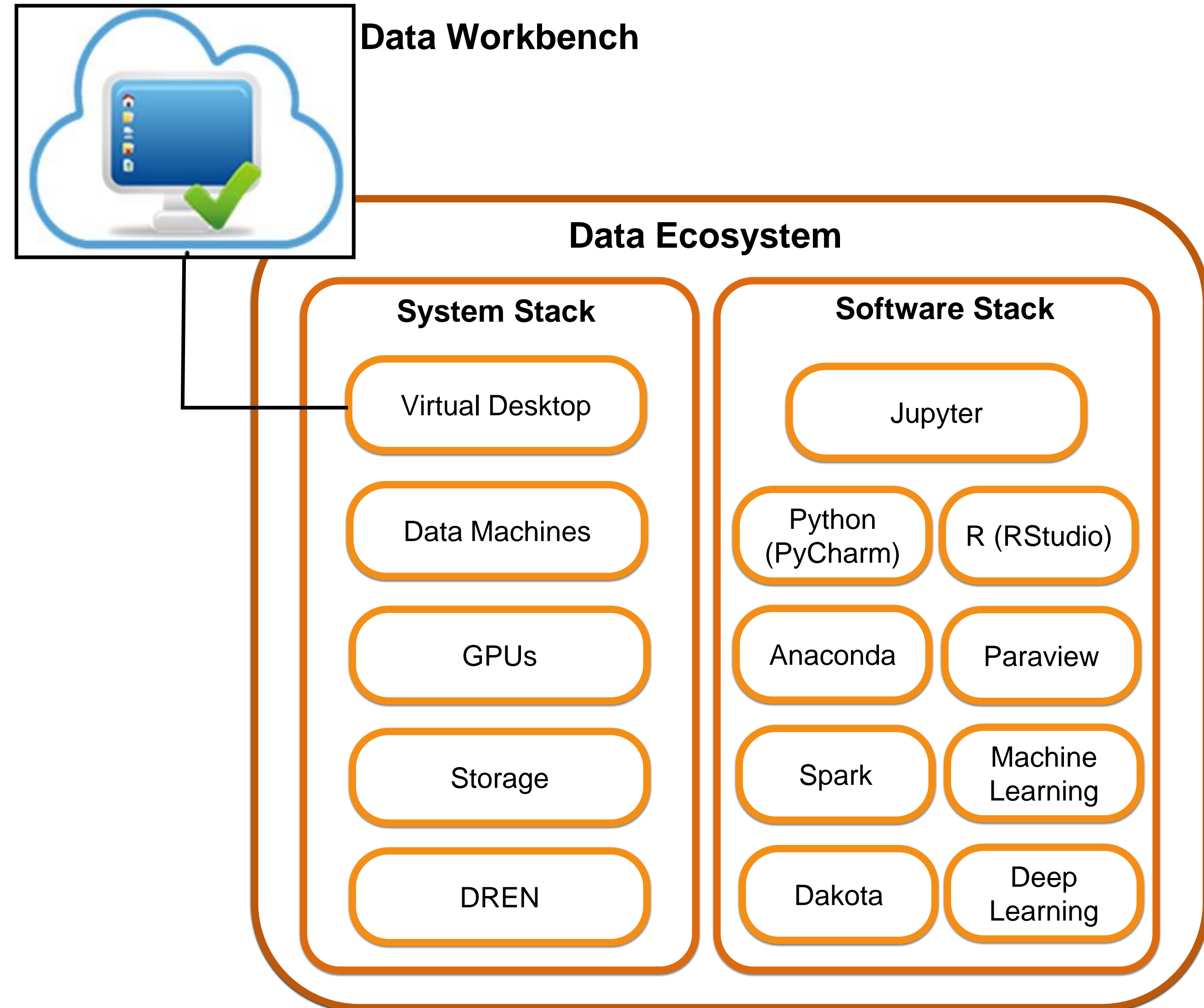
- Workbenches include preconfigured instantiations of ERS tools
- Simplifies usability – *one-click access* to preconfigured desktops of ERS tools
- Workbenches can be uniquely tailored to a problem domain (e.g., airplanes, ships, ground vehicles, etc.)
- Training is tailored to a specific Workbench
- Workbenches leverage HPC resources



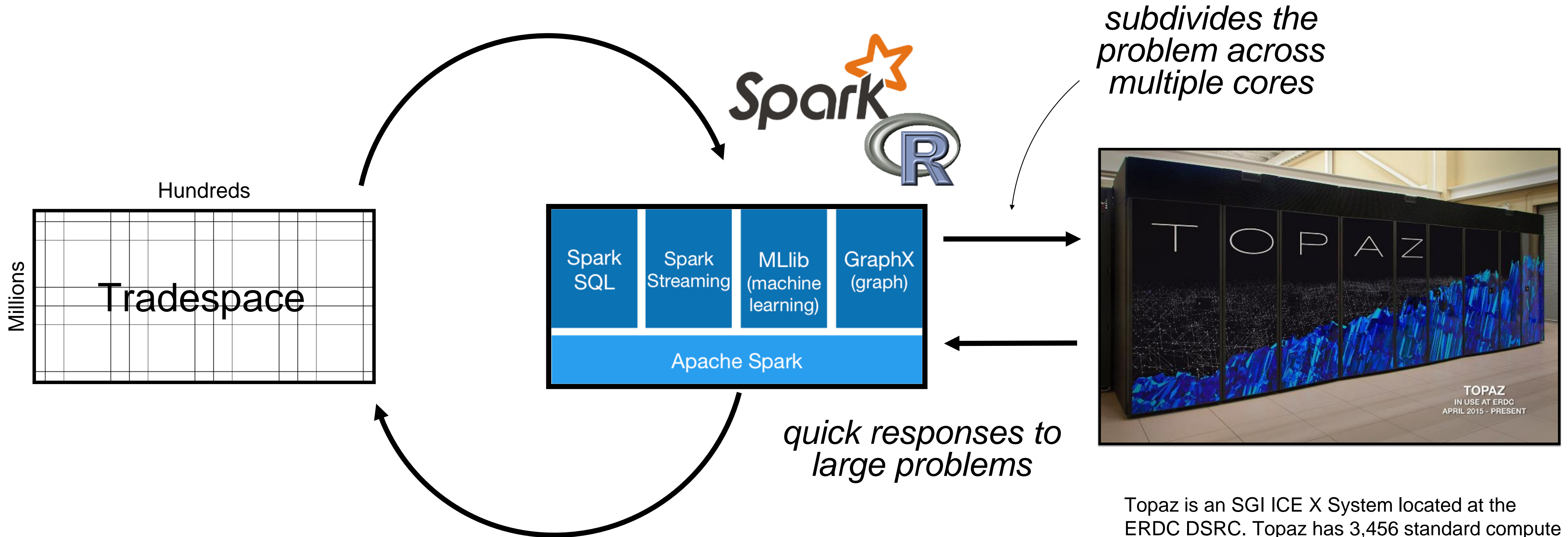
# Data Analysis View

## High Performance Data Analytics Workbench

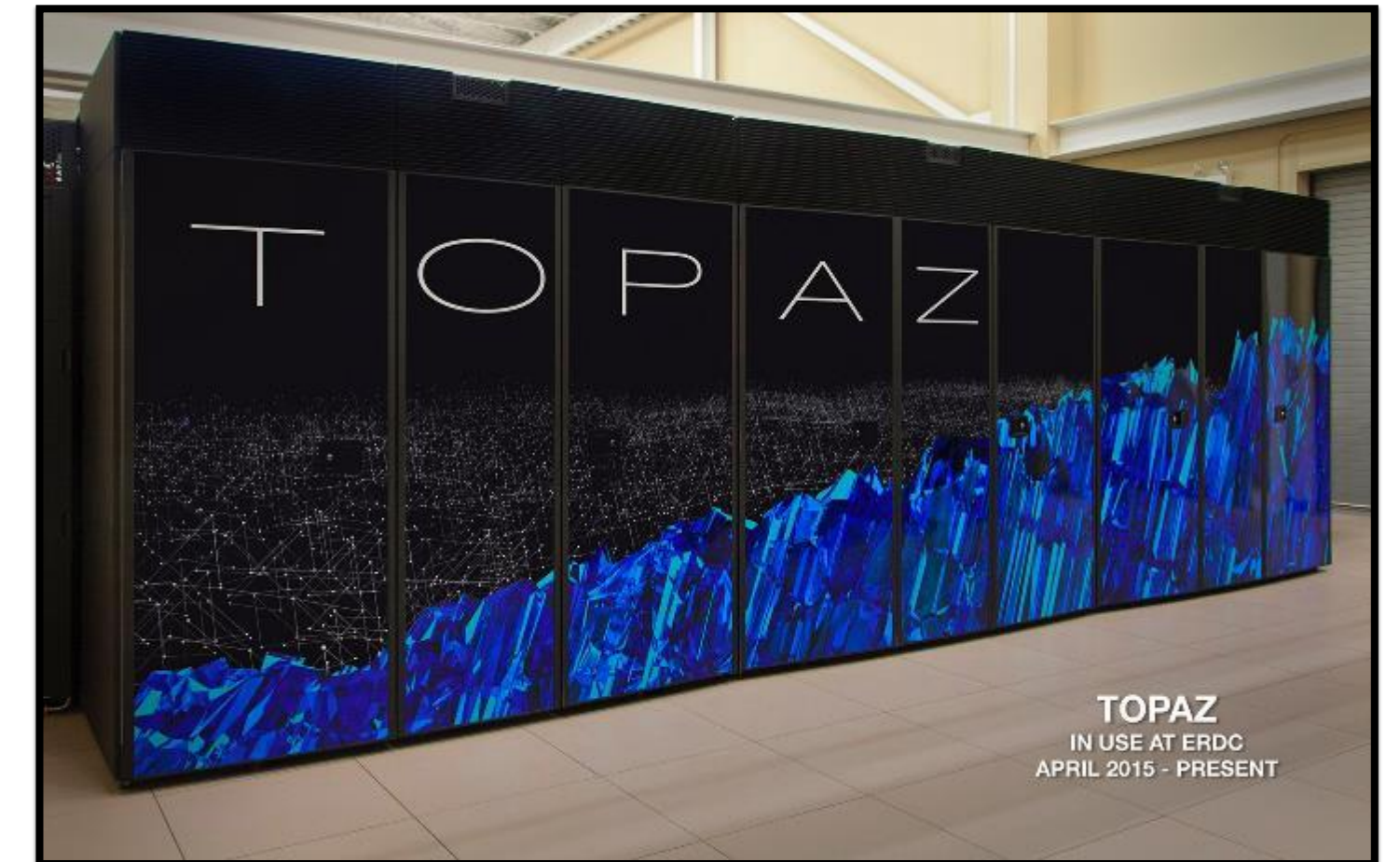
- Provides a DoD ecosystem for conducting large-scale data analytics
- Extends existing DoD investments in HPC to include data-intensive computing
- Provides users remote desktop access to *Workbench*
- Allows for the development of data analytics training curriculum based on *Workbench*
- Enables the deployment of *Workbench* on designated HPCMO machines



# High-Performance Data Analytics

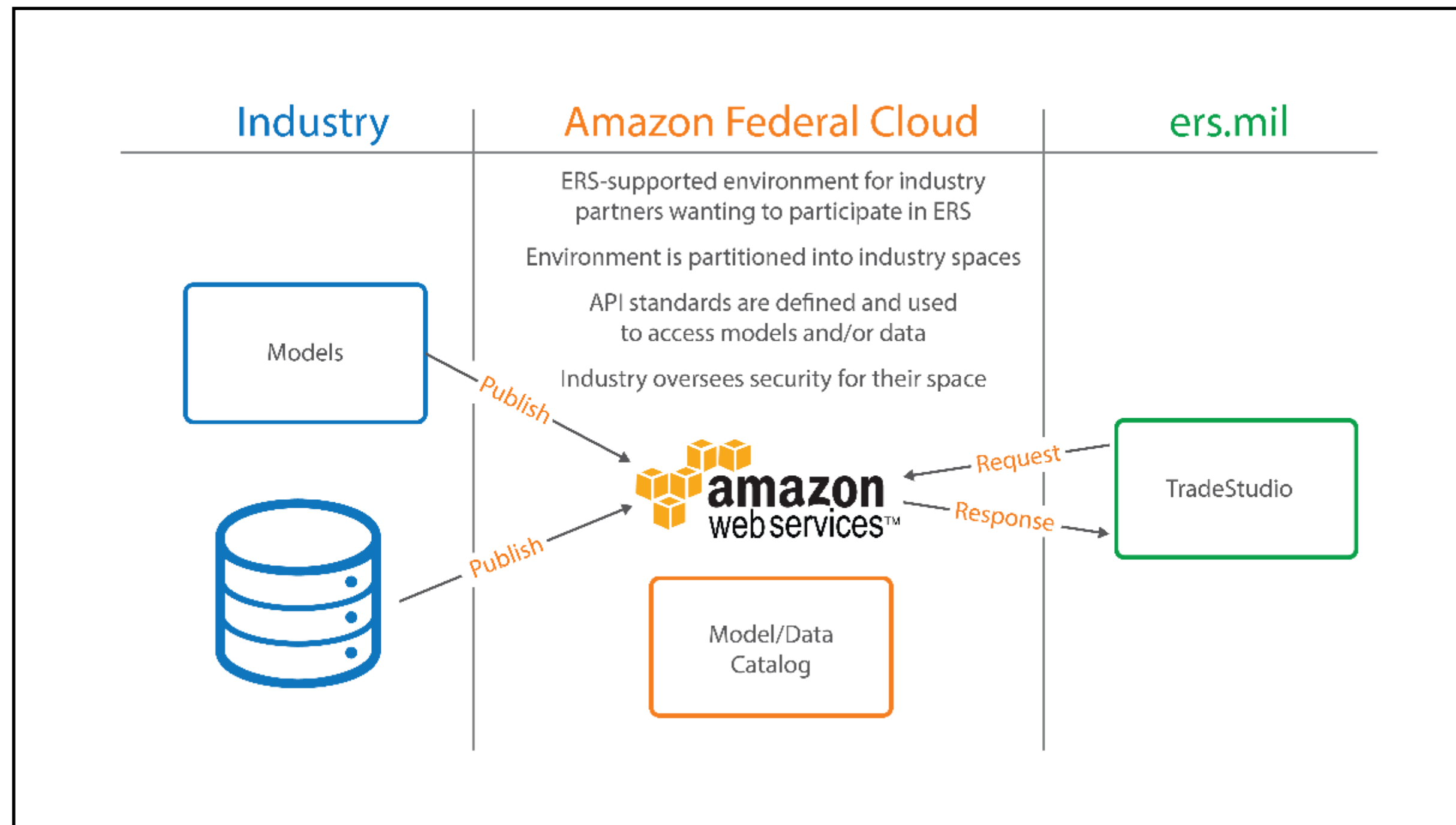


*subdivides the problem across multiple cores*



Topaz is an SGI ICE X System located at the ERDC DSRC. Topaz has 3,456 standard compute nodes each with 36 cores (124,416 total compute cores), 442.37 TBytes of memory, and is rated at 4.62 peak PFLOPS.

# Industry Computing View



# Product View

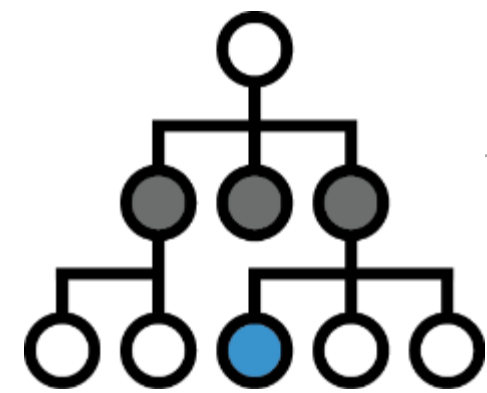
## TRADESTUDIO



1

### DEFINE

*Define the system & its requirements in SysML*



- SysML Authoring Tools

2

### BUILD

*Construct accurate & complete tradespaces*



- Numerical Simulation
- Environmental Simulation
- Data Analytics
- Legacy Models and Data
- M&S Integration
- Industry Models and Data

3

### ANALYZE

*Visualize & explore the tradespace*



- Tradespace Exploration
- Tradespace Reduction
- AoA
- Mission Context Analysis
- Trade-off Analytics

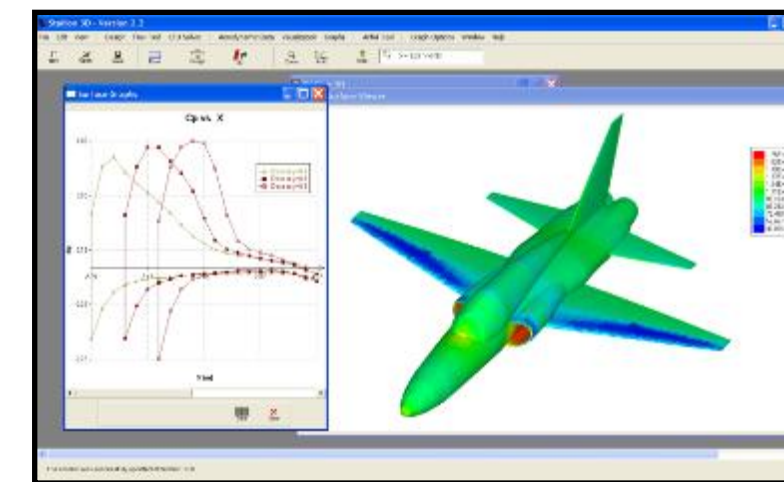
# TradeBuilder (Model Integration Framework)

## Models to Tradespace

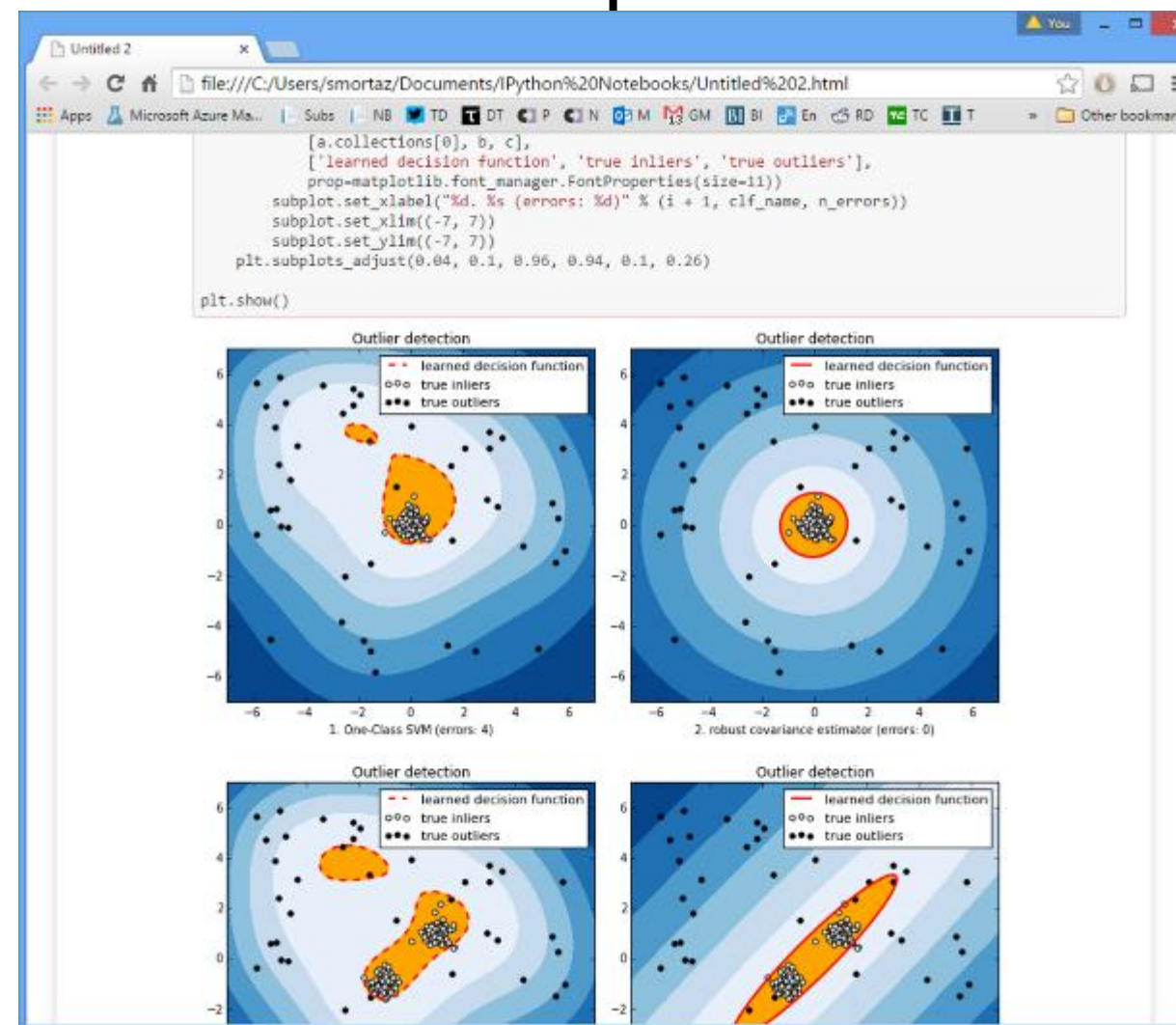
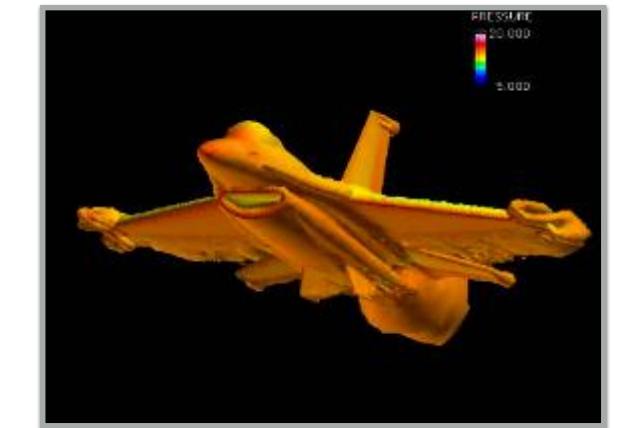
- Built using open source Jupyter framework
- Jupyter provides a user-friendly way for stitching codes constructing tradespaces
- Notebooks are developed specific to each acquisition problem
- Notebooks interface with HPC to conduct large-scale calculations
- ERS provides a set of intrinsic functions that speed-up notebook development
- Notebooks are reusable
- Users can easily modify model parameters and rerun tradespace



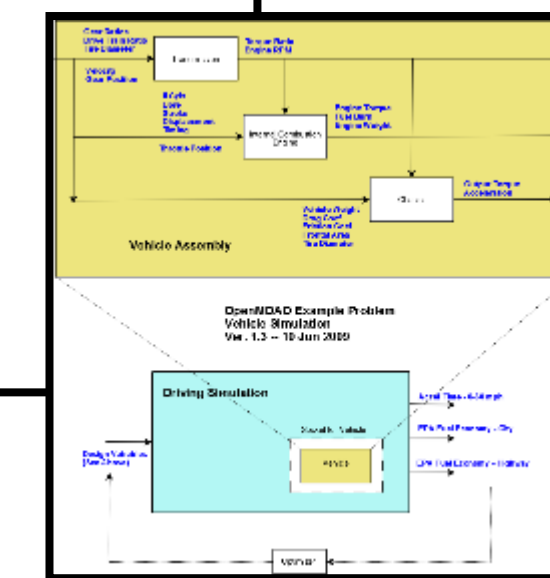
Parametric Modeling



CREATE



Notebook



Galaxy

HPC

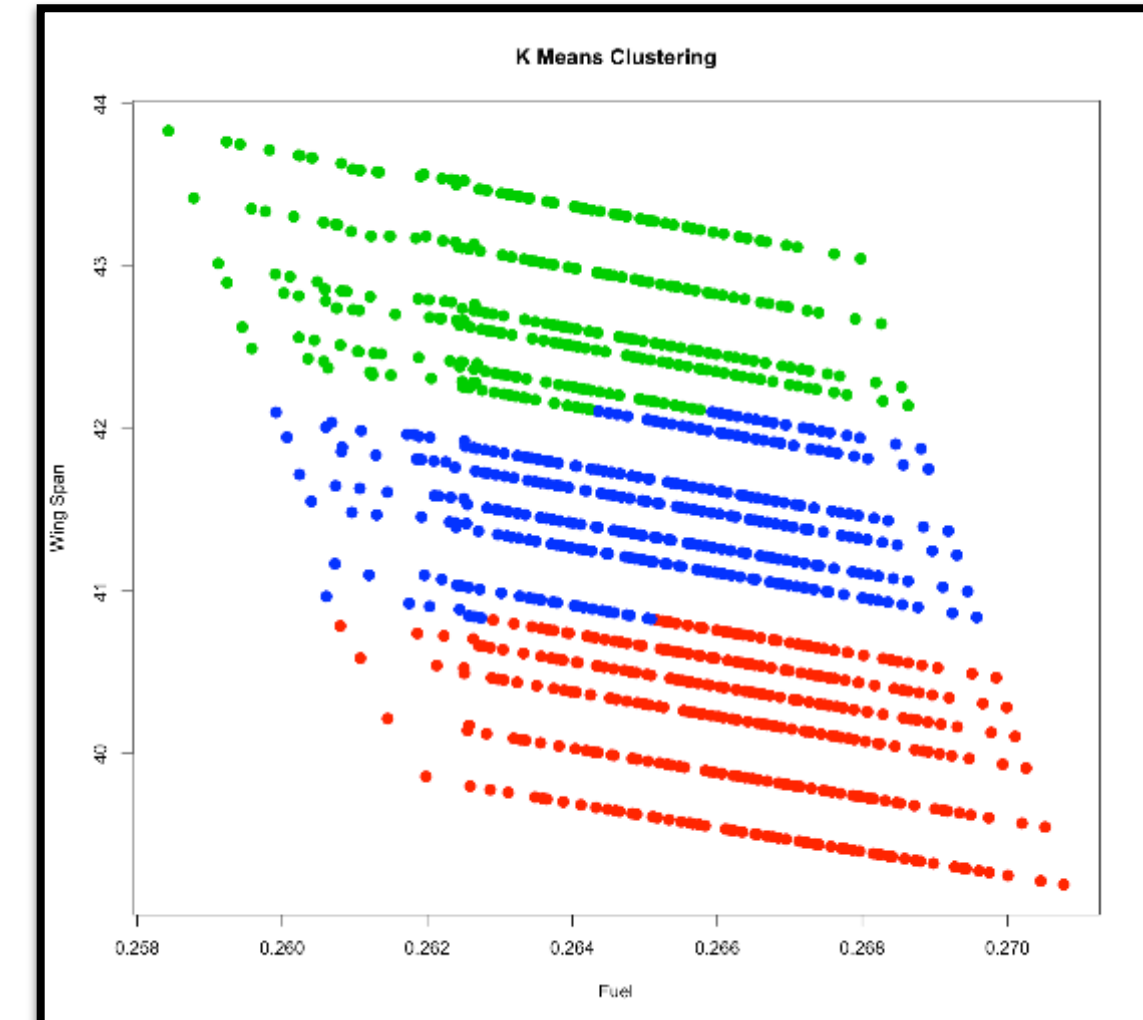
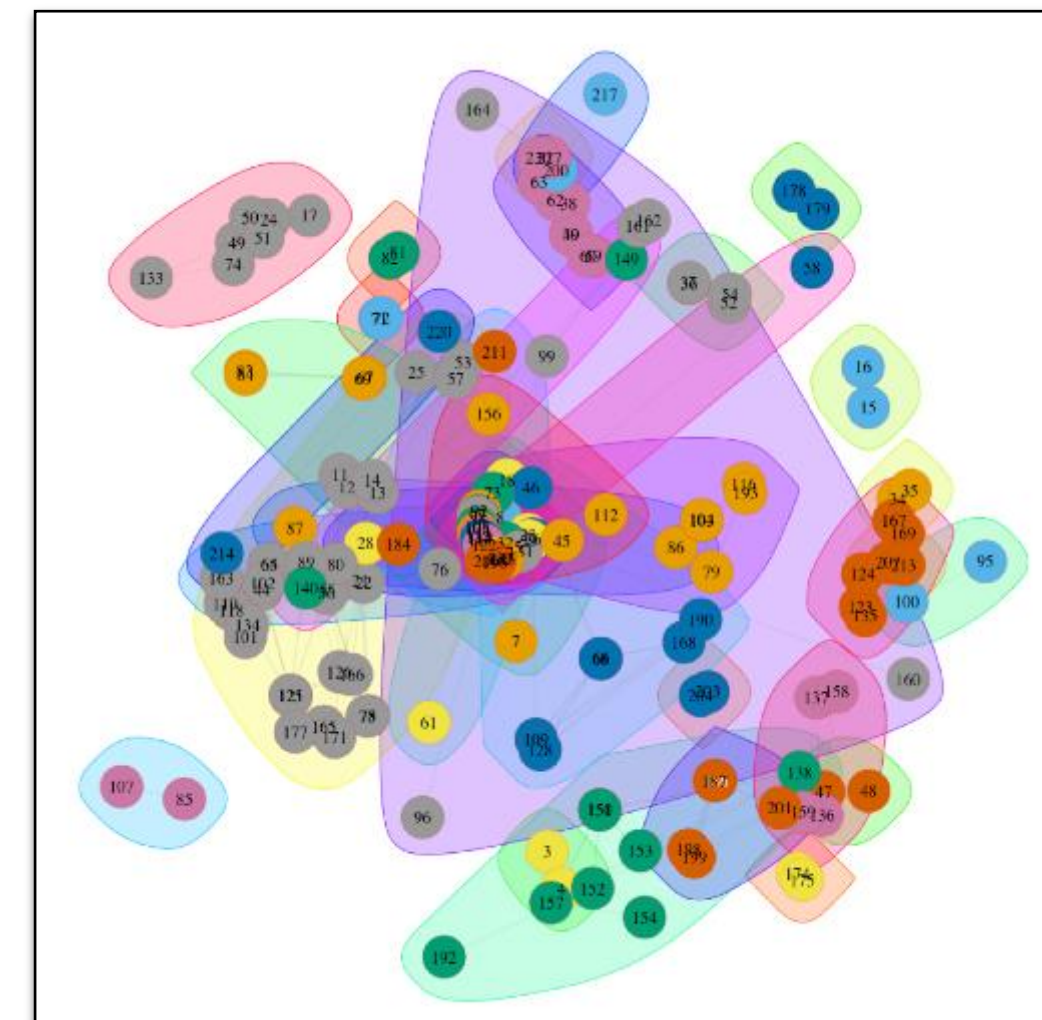
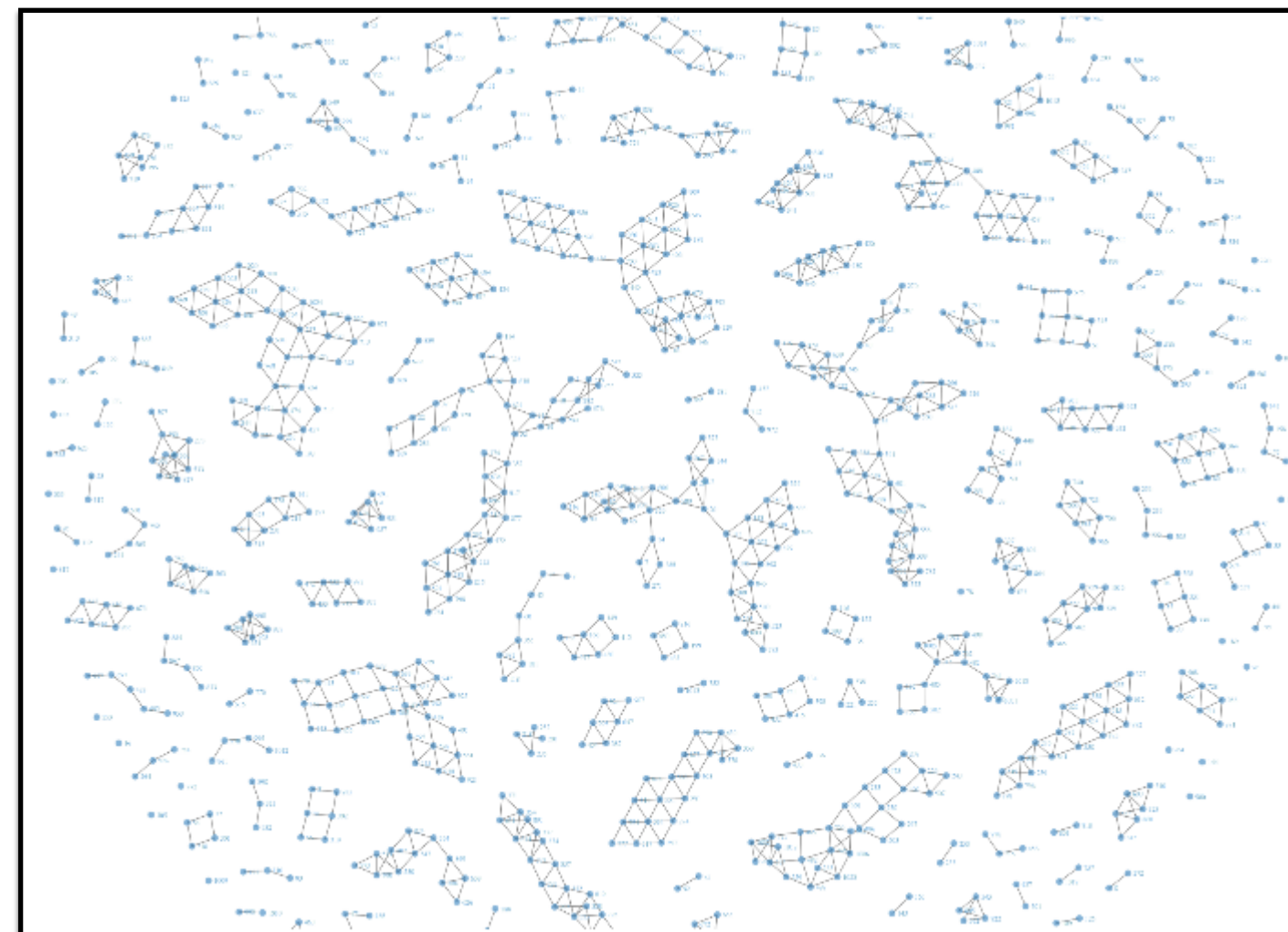
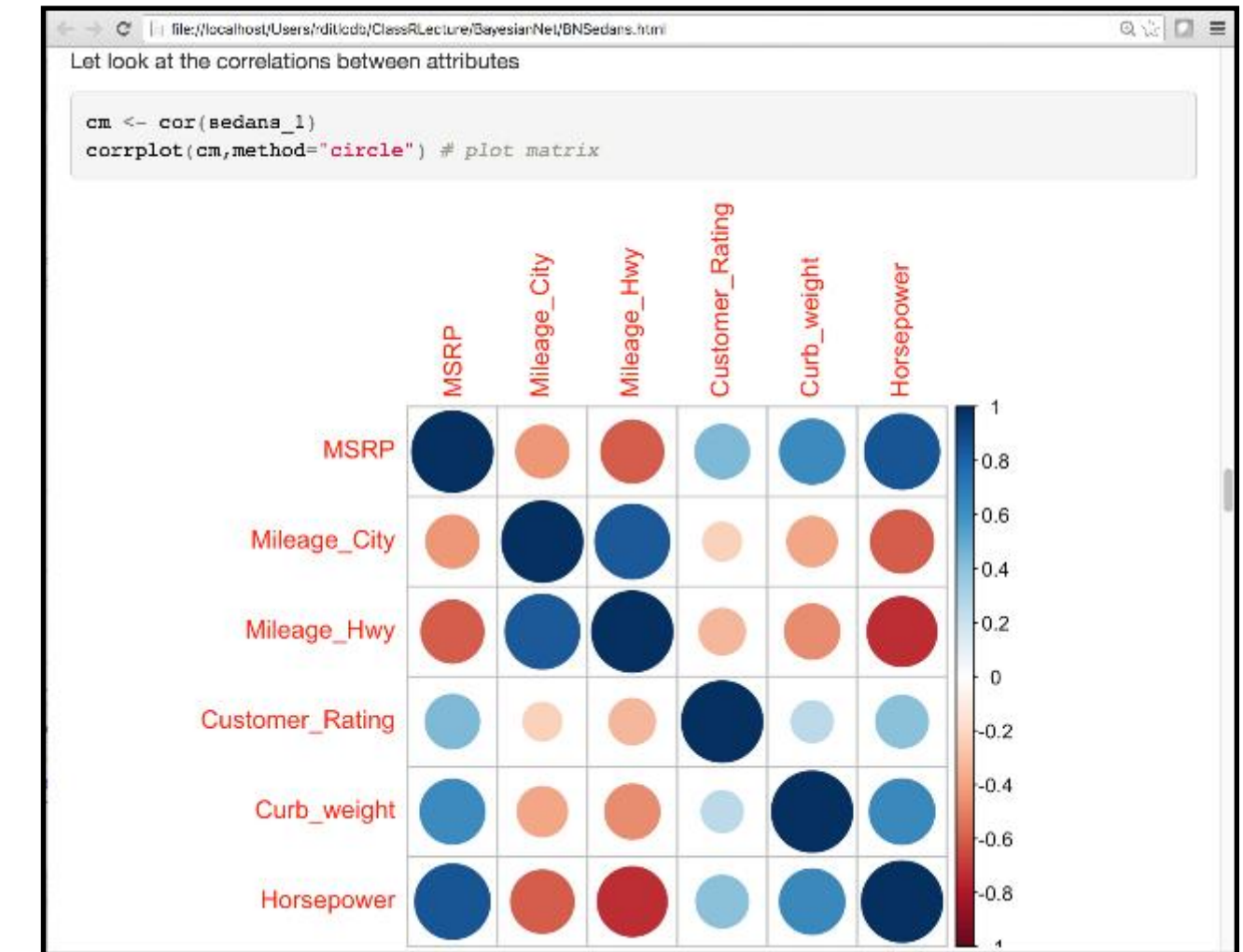
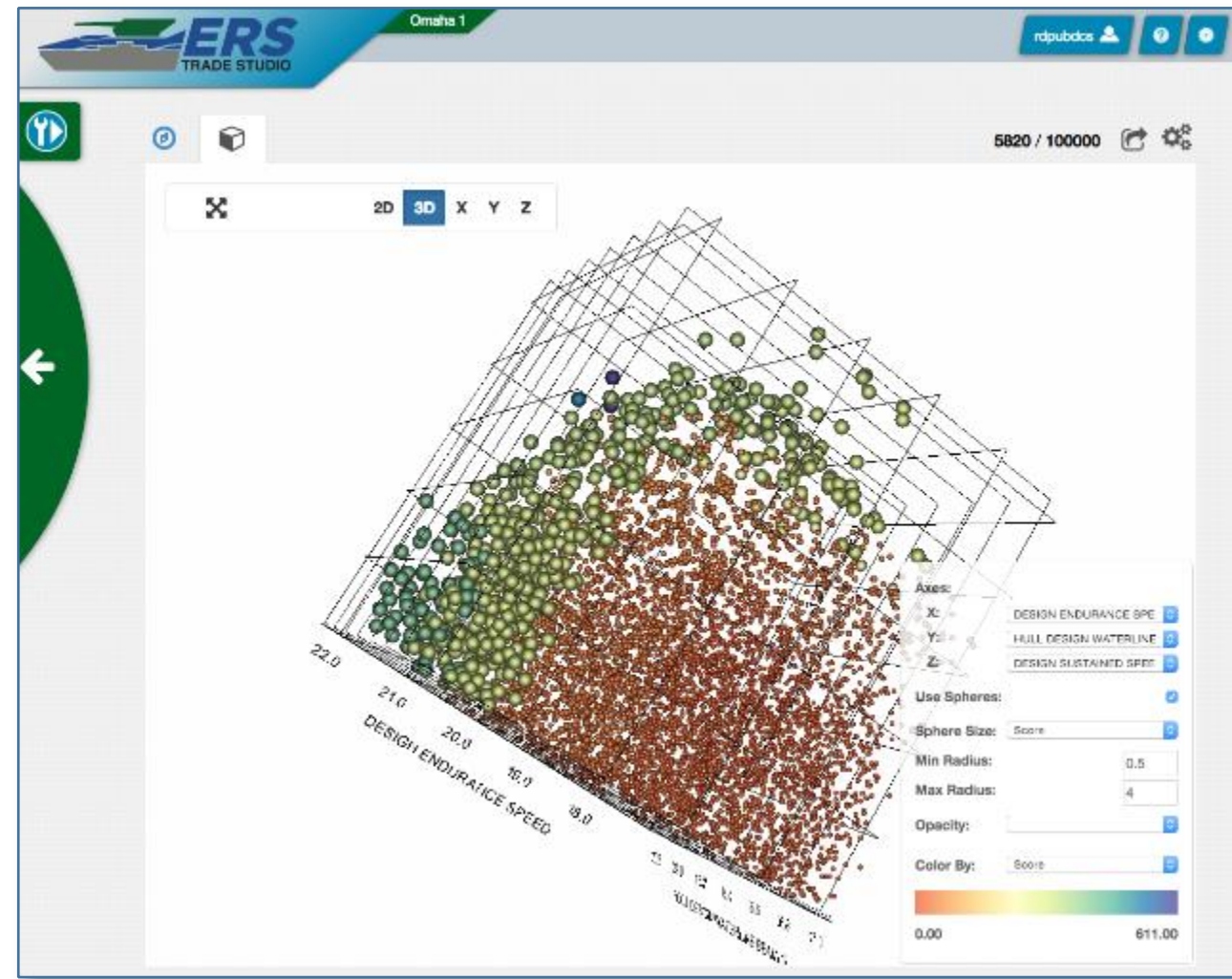


- Legacy models and data
- OpenVSP (parametric geometry)
- OpenMDAO or HPC Galaxy (model orchestration)
- CREATE (performance models)
- System utilities
- Surrogates (simplified models)
- Jupyter Notebooks (tradespace development environment)



# TradeAnalyzer

## Tradespace to Insights





# Open Architecture



## 1. TradeBuilder

- Open development environment for creating tradespaces
- Bring your own models and data
- Common set of reusable functions reduce time needed to build tradespaces
- Designed to leverage CREATE and HPC resources
- Embed your own R or Python code

## 2. TradeStudio Modules

- Modular back-end in Node.js
- REST services integration through Node modules
- Project data structures in easy to read MongoDB JSON
- Front-end tools added through AngularJS directives
- Client-side services available for most operations

## 3. Tradespace Data (ERS Data Packaging)

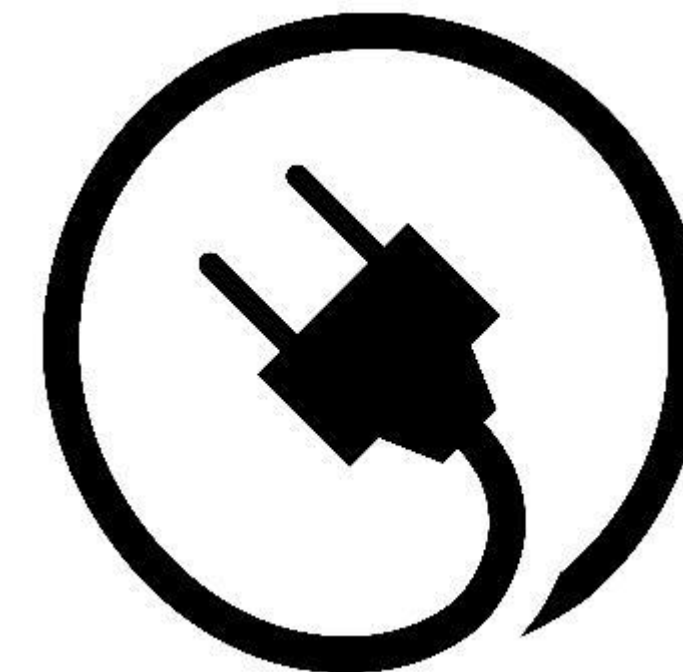
- Comprehensive REST API for project and tradespace access
- Low-level API for direct tradespace access for tools needing high performance

## 4. R Analytics

- Custom R analysis needed with no web programming necessary

## 5. Authentication/Authorization

- Leverages the open SAML standard





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