

# Science Discovery Engine

*Enabling Search and Discovery of NASA's Data and Information*

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# SMD Strategy for Data Management and Computing for Groundbreaking Science 2019 -2024



Science Mission Directorate's  
Strategy for Data Management and Computing for Groundbreaking Science 2019-2024

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**Vision:** To enable **transformational open science** through continuous evolution of science data and computing systems for NASA's Science Mission Directorate.

## Mission:

- Lead an **innovative and sustainable program** supporting NASA's unique science missions with academic, international and commercial partners to **enable groundbreaking discoveries with open science** .
- **Continually evolve systems** to ensure they are usable and support the latest analysis techniques while protecting scientific integrity.

**Goal 1:** Develop and Implement Capabilities to Enable Open Science

**Goal 2:** Continuous Evolution of Data and Computing Systems

**Goal 3:** Harness the Community and Strategic Partnerships for Innovation

# SMD Strategy for Data Management and Computing for Groundbreaking Science 2019 -2024

## Goal 1: Develop and Implement Capabilities to Enable Open Science

1.1

Develop and implement a **consistent open data and software policy** tailored for SMD

1.2

Upgrade capabilities at existing archives to **support machine readable data access using open formats and data services**

1.3

Develop and implement a SMD data catalog to support discovery and access to complex scientific data across divisions

1.4

Increase transparency into how science data are being used through a free and open unified journal server

## Goal 2: Continuous Evolution of Data and Computing Systems

2.1

Establish **standardized approaches for all new missions** and sponsored research that encourage the adoption of advanced techniques

2.2

Integrate investment decisions in High-End Computing with the strategic needs of the research communities

2.3

Invest in capabilities to use commercial cloud environments for open science

2.4

Invest in the tools and training necessary to enable breakthrough science through application of AI/ML

## Goal 3: Harness the Community and Strategic Partnerships for Innovation

3.1

Develop **community of practice and standards group**

3.2

Partner with **academic, commercial, governmental and international organizations**

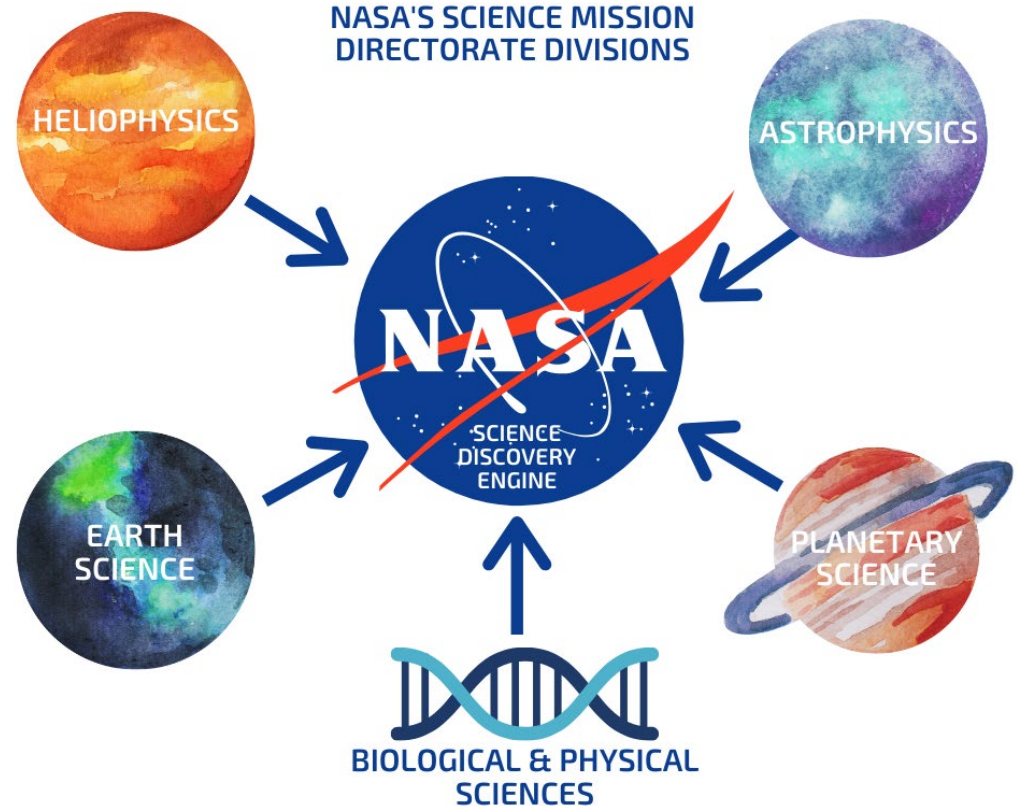
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Promote opportunities for continuous learning as the field evolves through collaboration



# SMD Science Discovery Engine (SDE) Goals

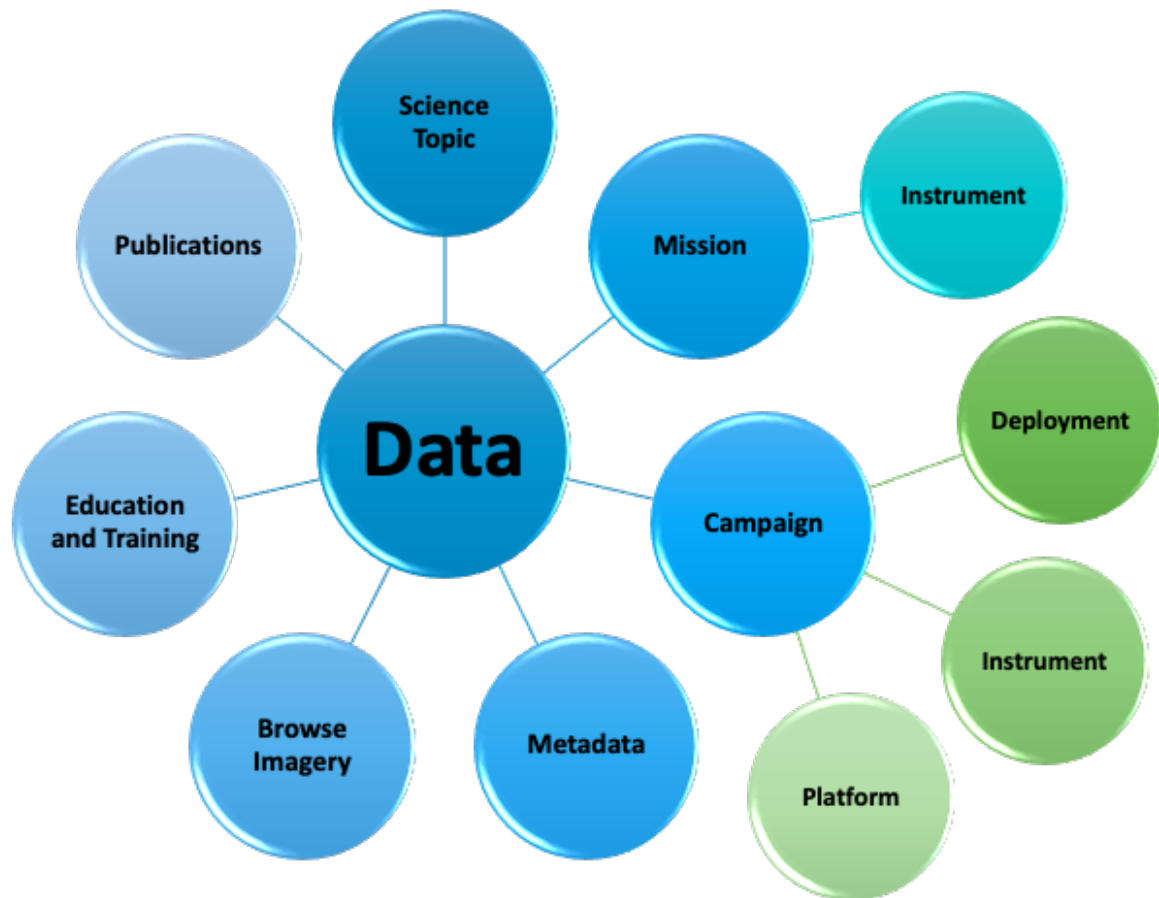
- Enable discovery of open science objects including
  - Data, software, models, images and documentation
- Beta SDE released in December 2022
  - Curation & inclusion of additional content is ongoing
  - New features added quarterly





## Use Case

Enable the discovery of SMD data, software, code, publications, models, documentation and other relevant information in context to make research more efficient.







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# SCIENCE DISCOVERY ENGINE

Empowering open science, the Science Discovery Engine allows you to explore the universe, from the tiniest of cells to the vastness of space, through discovery of NASA's science data, documentation, and code.

Search for...



The SDE is frequently updated. We welcome your [feedback!](#)



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Science Knowledge Sources

Science Data Repositories

Platforms

Instruments

Missions

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531 results Relevance

**InSight IFG Mars Bundle**

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**Mars InSight Lander Document Archive**

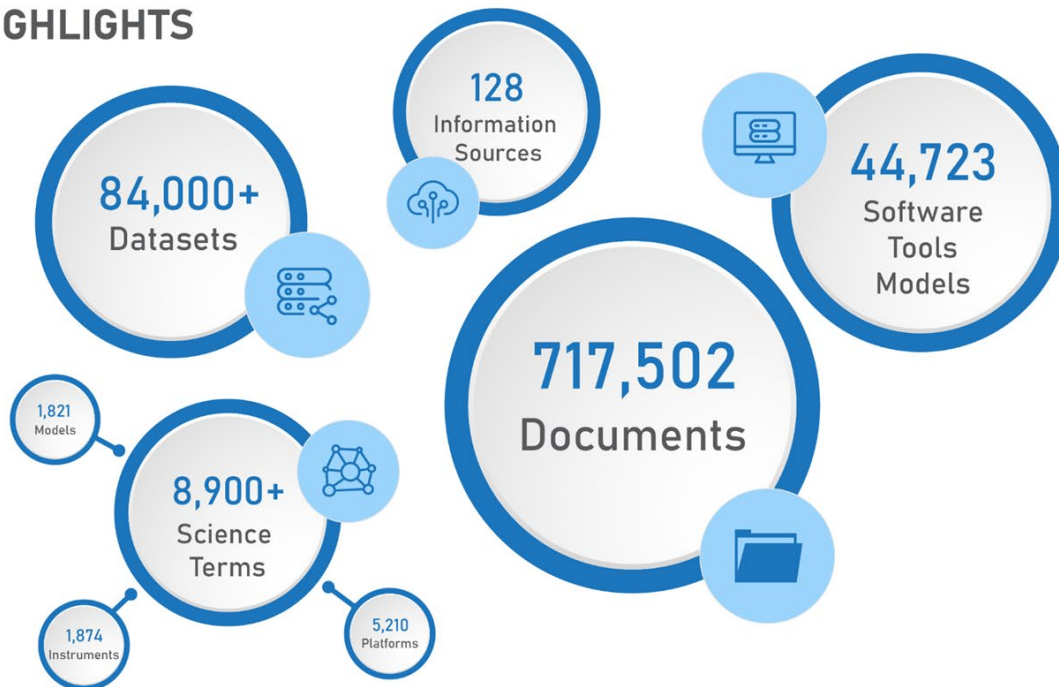
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# SDE Beta Highlights

## Science Discovery Engine HIGHLIGHTS





## SDE Alignment with Workshop Goals

“Embracing new technologies to implement AI/ML in their workflows to advance their analyses for new science discoveries”



# Implementing AI/ML into SDE Workflows

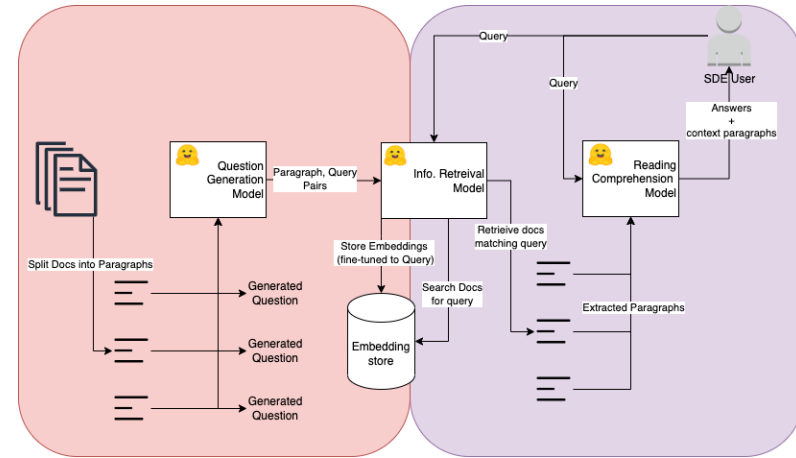
- We can leverage LLMs to automate curation workflows into the SDE. This could include:
  - Thematic area content curation
    - Automatically classify documents into thematic areas such as 'climate change,' 'space weather' etc
  - Content type curation
    - Automatically classify documents into appropriate category types such as data, images, documentation, software, models etc.
  - Acronym / Word Disambiguation
    - Disambiguate acronyms or words based on context
  - Entity Recognition



# Implementing AI/ML into SDE Workflows

We can increase the relevancy of results in the SDE using question answering and dense information retrieval with language models (Neural Search)

- **Dense IR models encode the query and the document collection into a vector space**, where the similarity between the query and each document can be computed. The resulting dense vectors can be used to retrieve a set of candidate documents that are most likely to be relevant to the query. This approach is effective for complex queries and long documents, where traditional retrieval methods may struggle to capture the full meaning and context of the text.
- **Question-Answering**, on the other hand, is a task that aims to provide direct and concise answers to natural language questions based on retrieved / relevant documents
- Performance of the models depend on underlying transformer model and will be improved by pre-training on domain specific corpus



**Dense Retrieval and Question Answering**



# Implementing AI/ML into SDE Workflows

We can increase the relevancy of results in the SDE using document/web page summarization

On the results page, language models can be used for summarizing documents and webpages, which can help user in identifying the relevant content faster.

NASA BETA HEASARC calibration

> Filters

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2,008 results

IF Relevance

The Organization of the HEASARC Calibration Database

Astrophysics > Documents > Reports > CALDB Documentation

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The Organization of the HEASARC Calibration Database

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# Advancing Analyses for New Science Discoveries

The SDE can accelerate analyses for new science discoveries by allowing users to discover SMD AI/ML

- Models
- Datasets
- Documentation

In addition to all of the other relevant data and information available across SMD.

However, in order to do this, AI/ML models and datasets must be

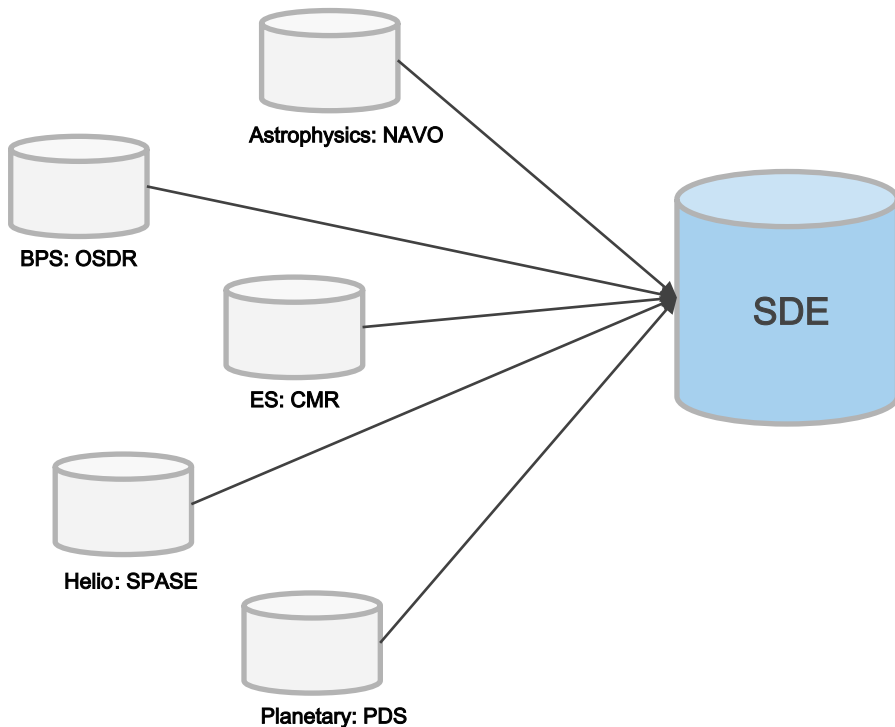
- Described using a common yet extensible metadata model
- Cataloged into a centralized location(s)

So that the SDE and other capabilities can index the content.



## Advancing Analyses for New Science Discoveries

Currently the SDE indexes dataset metadata from centralized repositories. Incorporation of AI/ML datasets and models into a centralized repository would streamline integration into capabilities like the SDE.



\*Code & documentation comes from a variety of other sources.





## Discussion



**How can we develop a cohesive strategy for creating and managing AI/ML metadata across SMD?**

**How do we identify or curate AI/ML resources across SMD?**

- There's a risk of information sprawl
- To enable discovery, developing a centralized repository of AI/ML models and datasets would be helpful
- This can be at the division level or SMD level– requires community discussion



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# Thank you!

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