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# Building Research Data Infrastructure in Libraries: the Impact of Culture and Values

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## Data sharing policies

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- Japan Science and Technology Agency
- U.S. Federal research policy
- European Union
- Research Councils of the UK
- Australian Research Council
- And others



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## Reasons to share datasets

- Enhance research integrity
  - Reproducibility
  - Transparency
- Facilitate new science
  - Answer new questions
  - Integrate with other datasets

## Who might reuse datasets?

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- The researcher who produced the data
- Other members of the research team
- Other researchers
  - In the same discipline
  - In other disciplines
- Others outside the academy



## Aspiration (FAIR) vs. reality

- Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, Reusable
- Reality:
  - Lack of planning
  - Lack documentation (records, standards)
  - Lack of understanding of data reusers' needs
  - Lack of support
  - Lack of infrastructure
- Challenges start early on in research cycle

## Knowledge Infrastructures (KI) project

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- What new infrastructures, divisions of labor, knowledge, and expertise are required for data-intensive science?
- How are the infrastructures of multi-disciplinary, data-intensive scientific endeavors established and how are they dismantled?
- How do data management, curation, sharing, and reuse practices vary among research areas?

# Knowledge Infrastructures (KI) project

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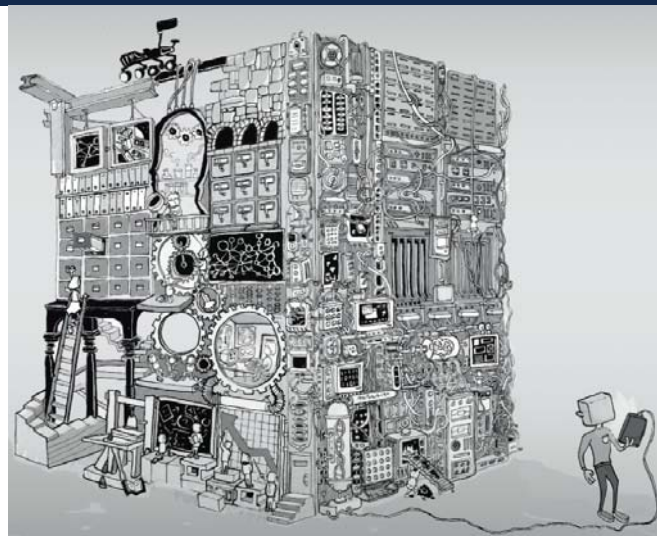
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## Infrastructures are complex



<https://knowledgeinfrastructures.gseis.ucla.edu/>

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# Research methods

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- Ethnography
  - Observing on site (offices, laboratories, meetings) and online
  - Embedded for weeks or months at a time
- Interviews
  - Questions based on research themes
  - Compare multiple sites over time
- Document analysis
  - Public and private documents and artifacts
  - Official and unofficial versions of scientific practice

# KI research sites

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Domain	Focus	Topic
Astronomy sky surveys	Place: sky and universe	Survey of night sky
Deep seafloor biosphere	Place: under ocean floor	Microbial life and environment
Biomedical collaboration	Problem: data sharing and reuse in an interdisciplinary context	Genomics of four model organisms
Computational science	Problem: Data analysis at scale	Computing in physical and life sciences
Astronomy phenomena	Place: sky and universe	Orbits, black holes, gravity

# Sloan Digital Sky Survey (SDSS-I/II)

- Ground-based telescope
- Decades-long project
  - Planning 1990s
  - Data collection phases I and II from 2000-2008
  - Subsequent projects continue today



# Sloan Digital Sky Survey (SDSS-I/II)

- 160+ terabytes data total
- Open data
- As 2008 approached:
  - Potential loss of funding
  - Potential loss of expertise
- What to do to ensure data remained available?



## Library infrastructure and data reuse

- What constitutes the infrastructure upon which digital services are built for research data curation?
- What decisions do stakeholders make when building these services?
- What factors shape these decisions?

## Library infrastructure and data reuse

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# SDSS Data Transfer Process

- SDSS stakeholders partnered with two university libraries
- SDSS stakeholders' goal was a dataset available:
  - Over the long-term
  - To astronomers
  - To produce new science and to reproduce existing science

(Interviews and observation primarily carried out by Dr Ashley Sands)



# SDSS Data Transfer Process

- The two libraries diverged in terms of:
  - The materials they curated
  - The services they implemented to support access and use
  - **The reuse possibilities afforded by their activities**
- Institutional factors account for divergence



## SDSS Data Transfer Process

	Blue University Library	Red University Library
Data archive server (DAS)	X	X
Catalog archive server (CAS)	X	X
Administrative archive	X	-
Help desk	X	-
Raw data	-	X
Software	-	X



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# Blue University: Administrative Archive

- Traditional university library
  - Concerned with visibility
  - Special Collections Unit
  - Service orientation



<https://www.houseandgarden.co.uk/gallery/university-libraries>

- Library suggested inclusion of Administrative Archive
- Reuse potential for historians and sociologists



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# Blue University: Administrative Archive

- **Strategic objectives**
  - Articulate a new purpose for existing infrastructure
- **Mission, values, and internal culture**
  - Help users understand data
  - Archive university records and preserve faculty papers
- **Organizational structure**
  - Fit into existing, rigid structure
- **Infrastructure and capacity**
  - Leverage extant Special Collections Unit infrastructure
  - Leverage extant history of science expertise



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# Red University: Data Archive Server

- Transfer handled by autonomous unit in Red University library
  - *Institute for Innovation in Digital Curation (IIDC)*, pseudonym
  - Largely dependent on soft money
    - Research & development orientation
    - *Guardianship of Data (GD)* project
  - Agile culture of software development
- Data Archive Server (DAS)
  - Included at suggestion of IIDC during negotiation phase
  - Prioritized by IIDC during implementation phase
  - Enhanced reuse potential for reproducibility



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# Red University: Data Archive Server

- **Strategic objectives**
  - Reinforce work of GD project
- **Mission, values, and internal culture**
  - Boost research and development mission of the IIDC
- **Organizational structure**
  - Could be prioritized at discretion of the team (Agile structure)
- **Infrastructure and capacity**
  - Leverage staff expertise and GD infrastructure for an “easy win”



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# Conclusions

- Institutional factors intersected to produce outcomes
  - Strategic objectives
  - Mission, values, and internal culture
  - Organizational structure
  - Infrastructure and capacity
- Variations in factors produced variations in terms of:
  - The scholarly purposes for which the data could be used
  - The scholarly communities who found the dataset useful
- Divergent pathways led to different prospects for data reuse



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