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The Data and Compute-Driven Transformation of Modern Science

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Abstract:

We all know that modern science is undergoing a profound transformation as it aims to tackle the complex problems of the 21st Century. It is becoming highly collaborative; problems as diverse as climate change, renewable energy, or the origin of gamma-ray bursts require understanding processes that no single group or community alone has the skills to address. At the same time, after centuries of little change, compute, data, and network environments have grown by 9-12 or-ders of magnitude in the last few decades. Moreover, science is not only com-pute-intensive but is dominated now by data-intensive methods. This dramatic change in the culture and methodology of science will require a much more inte-grated and comprehensive approach to development and deployment of hard-ware, software, and algorithmic tools and environments supporting research, education, and increasingly collaboration across disciplines.

Speaker's Bio:

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