



# NEUROSCIENCE DATA IN THE CLOUD

A WORKSHOP

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# Definition of “cloud-based”

- *“Cloud computing is the on-demand availability of computer system resources, especially data storage and computing power, without direct active management by the user. The term is generally used to describe data storage and/or processing centers available to many users over the Internet”* adapted from Wikipedia
- Essential Characteristics from NIST report:
  - On-demand self-service
  - Broad network access
  - Resource pooling
  - Rapid elasticity
  - Measured Service
  - Can be private, community based, public or a hybrid of above





# Workshop Objectives

- Review the landscape of major neuroscience cloud-based initiatives and other uses of cloud technology within neuroscience research.
- Discuss aspirational goals for **maximizing benefit from neuroscience data** and compute in the cloud by empowering broad and meaningful data sharing and fostering open science.
- Consider **best practices and policies** that would increase efficiencies and data protection within and across cloud neuroscience resources, including around aspects such as: authorization by data sources for and accessibility to a variety of data types by a variety of users; protection of privacy; assignment of credit, ownership, and licensing; technical issues; and researcher support and training.
- Explore potential next steps to move the field forward and develop and deploy best practices and policies in the service of achieving the aspirational goals.



# Agenda Overview

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**Session I:** The Use of Cloud-Based Technology for Neuroscience Research – An Overview of Successes and Current Barriers

**Session II:** Breakout Discussions

## *Morning Session*

- Protection of Privacy
- Assignment of Credit, Ownership, and Licensing
- Data Management
- Platform Governance, Funding, and Sustainability

## *Afternoon Session*

- Clinical Trial and Research Data
- Genetic Data
- Neuroimaging
- Real-World Data

**Session III:** Future Directions

