



# SZ4D ML/AI Virtual Workshop

Session 2

Theme: Making Predictions with ML/AI

August 3, 2023 (9am-11:30am PDT)

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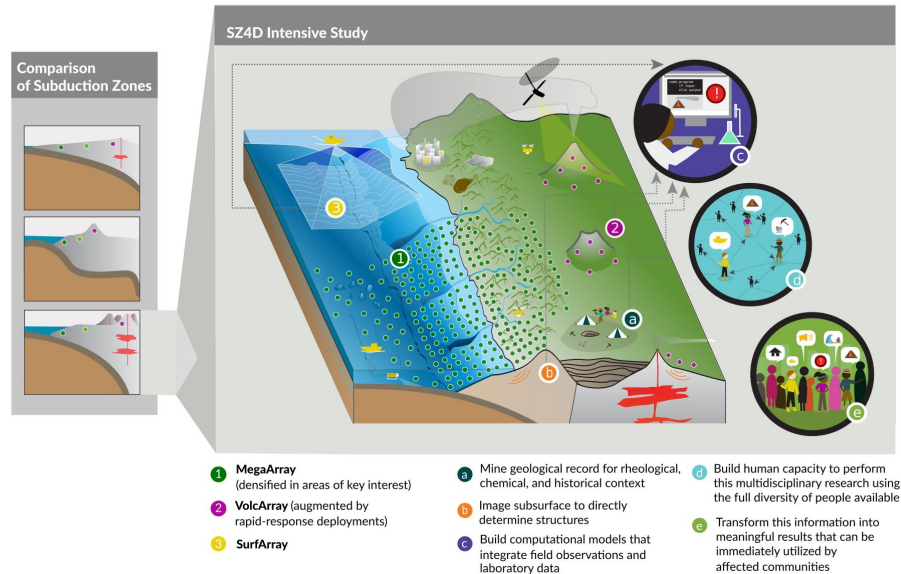
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**... with tons of help  
from Anaïs Férot!**

# What is SZ4D?

SZ4D or Subduction Zones in Four Dimensions, is a community-driven initiative for a long-term, interdisciplinary research program to understand the limits and possibilities of predicting geohazards. The group utilizes subduction zones as the ideal natural laboratories for these efforts and works together to create the infrastructure and resources needed to enable new discoveries. SZ4D brings together a diverse community of scientists from a wide range of disciplines and backgrounds who study earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, and surface processes.



SZ4D Working Groups  
define science goals  
and strategies



Faulting & Earthquake  
Cycles Working Group  
(FEC)

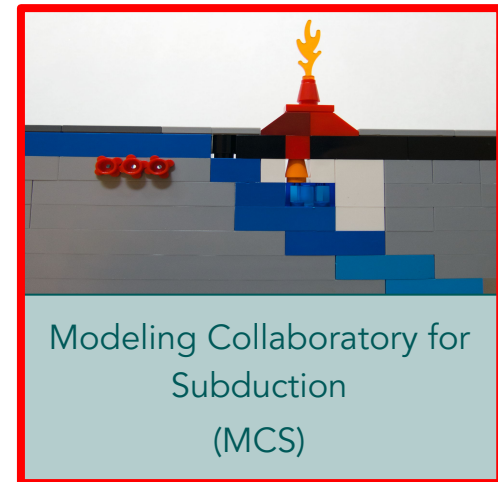
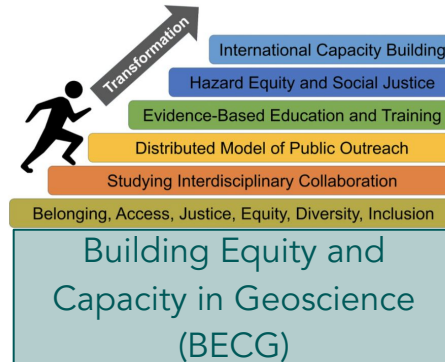


Magmatic Drivers of  
Eruption Working  
Group (MDE)

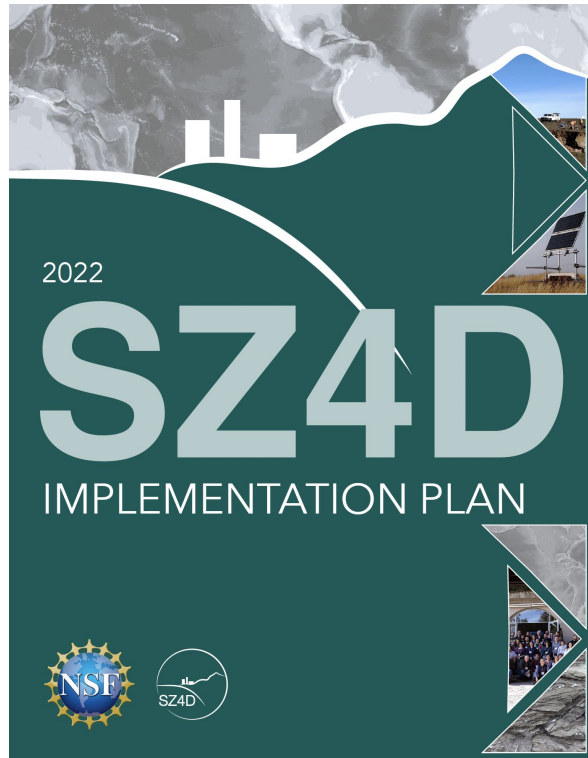


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Seascapes Working  
Group (L&S)

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# Overview and Objectives for the Workshop

Motivation from the SZ4D Implementation Plan: “Given that the initial planning phase of the MCS RCN was focused primarily on physics-based modeling, it will be important to carry out similar efforts for data-driven computational science applications like ML in the next phase of SZ4D. Workshops and other community-building activities are needed to identify community needs, opportunities for open-source software development, and training and educational activities.”

Main objectives for this workshop: get community input, buy-in, and feedback regarding what AI/ML approaches are most promising, and what specific steps are needed, to achieve SZ4D goals:

- Connect useful techniques across domains to enable multi-disciplinary science
- Determine and prioritize focus areas for future proposals
- Understand community needs for ML/AI training and community software

# Three virtual sessions with different themes

WEDNESDAY - Session 1 | Making Sense of Data with ML/AI (talk slides will be available online on the workshop page)

TODAY - Session 2 | Making Predictions with ML/AI

FRIDAY - Session 3 | Facilitating Process-Based Modeling w/ ML/AI

Confirmed Invited Speakers:

Zongyi Li (Caltech) - LS/MDE

Qingkai Kong (LLNL) - FEC

Hamed O'Ghaffari (MIT) - MDE/FEC

*Still time to register!*



SESSION 3



# Session 2 (August 3rd, 9am-11:30am PDT)

## Theme: Making Predictions with ML/AI

### Topics and Focus Areas:

- Forecasting / time series datasets
- Data assimilation
- Causality and causal inference
- Transfer learning across domains/regions
- Generative models
- Optimal experimental design

### Invited Speakers (span all SZ4D working groups):

- Chaopeng Shen (Penn State University): Landscapes and Seascapes (LS)
- Christelle Wauthier (Penn State University): Magmatic Drivers of Eruption (MDE)
- Diego Melgar (University of Oregon): Faulting and Earthquake Cycles (FEC)

# Schedule for Today [all times PDT, UTC-7]

9:00am - 9:10am | Overview and Meeting Objectives

9:10am - 9:25am | Chaopeng Shen: Differentiable modelling to unify machine learning and physical models for hydrology and geosciences

9:25am - 9:40am | Christelle Wauthier: Signal extraction and characterization from geodetic datasets using AI approaches

9:40am - 9:55am | Diego Melgar: Early warning for great earthquakes from characterization of crustal deformation patterns with deep learning

9:55am - 10:10am | Q & A discussion for all the speakers

10:10am - 10:15am | Break

10:15am - 11:00am | Breakout Discussions

11:00am - 11:30am | Report Back and Synthesis



# Breakout Session (45 min)

Following the three science talks, participants will be randomly assigned to breakout rooms to discuss key points relevant to current and future ML/AI connections to SZ4D

- Each breakout group will select two discussion leaders to keep the conversation on track and to record key talking points
- Find the breakout documents for your group in the shared Google Drive folder [[see links in the chat](#)]
- The document will include instructions, guidelines, and possible discussion topics [the leader or scribe can add more]

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## Guidelines and ground rules (following SZ4D's Code of Conduct):

- Listen attentively and be respectful.
- Do not interrupt. Apologize if you do and return the floor to the speaker.
- Be generous in how you interpret what others are saying.
- Limit your speaking time and avoid dominating the conversation.
- Encourage participation from everyone, especially early career scientists!

# Report back & Synthesis (30 min)

- Following the breakout session, discussion leader/designated person from each breakout group will select briefly summarize the key points from the group's discussion
- The ideas and discussion points from this workshop will be synthesized into a publicly available report aimed at guiding future SZ4D proposals and activities in the realm at ML/AI associated with SZ4D & MCS

# Outcomes and Next Steps

Main workshop objectives: get community input, buy-in, and feedback regarding what AI/ML approaches are most promising, and what specific steps are needed, to achieve SZ4D goals

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- If you are interested in being involved in this process, please let us know!
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**Thank you for coming, and have a great workshop!**

...and don't forget to register for the session on Friday!

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Workshop Feedback Survey - We will send out a survey to all the participants to get feedback on the workshop and future activities that SZ4D/MCS should organize with regards to ML/AI

**Thank you for coming**

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# SZ4D Code of Conduct



## EXPECTED BEHAVIOR

- Treat all participants with respect, valuing a diversity of views and opinions.
- Be considerate, respectful, and collaborative.
- Acknowledge the contributions of others.
- Contribute to an accessible and inclusive environment for all participants.
- Do not make audio/visual recordings of presentations unless permission is specifically approved.

## UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOR in all environments includes but is not limited to:

- Verbal abuse, including bullying, harassment, intimidation, or discrimination in any form.
- Sexual attention or advances, or inappropriate sexual references.
- Other conduct which could reasonably be considered inappropriate in a professional setting.

## CONSEQUENCES

- Anyone requested to stop unacceptable behavior is expected to comply immediately.
- SZ4D meeting organizers may take action deemed necessary and appropriate, including:
  - Immediate removal from the event,
  - Prohibiting attendance at a future event, online gathering, conference, workshop or field project.
  - Sending notification to a Home Institution and funding agencies supporting SZ4D
- Reporting contacts: SZ4D Program Manager: Anaïs Férot ([aferot@ucsc.edu](mailto:aferot@ucsc.edu)), Chair of the Collective Impact Committee: Mike Brudzinski ([brudzimr@miamioh.edu](mailto:brudzimr@miamioh.edu))