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**BACKGROUND & MOTIVATION**

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**INNOVATION**

Advancing the Training Dialog and the Training Vocabulary moves machine learning into end-user environments. Interactive Machine Learning maximizes user input to provide more accurate data analysis with less work from the user.

**DESCRIPTION**

Our machine learning advances make better use of end-users in two main ways:

**Dialog:** Interaction is more important than data.

- Our framework enables end users to provide training data iteratively which requires less work and outperforms the traditional approach that uses all the data.
- **Vocabulary:** Relationships are more expressive than labels.

**Finding relationships on MARS**

Our framework enables end users to discover and learn from examples of relationships. These semantic interactions contain more information than labels and are often more intuitive and easier for users to understand.

**ANTICIPATED IMPACT**

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**PATH FORWARD**

**Current Phase – LDRD:**
- Develop theory and algorithms for interactive machine learning and demonstrate anticipated impact.

**Phase 2 – Image Quantification:**
- Identify new image application domains and work with end-users to tailor and evaluate tools on their specific problems.

**Phase 3 – Signature Discovery:**
- Identify multi-sensor, multi-modal applications and end-users that would benefit from interactive data exploration.

**Potential End Users:** Analysts who spend too much time annotating and analyzing unstructured data such as image and video.

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**Current Technology Readiness Level (TRL) 3**

- We have used our framework to develop research prototypes in image analysis and data fusion.