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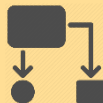
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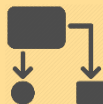
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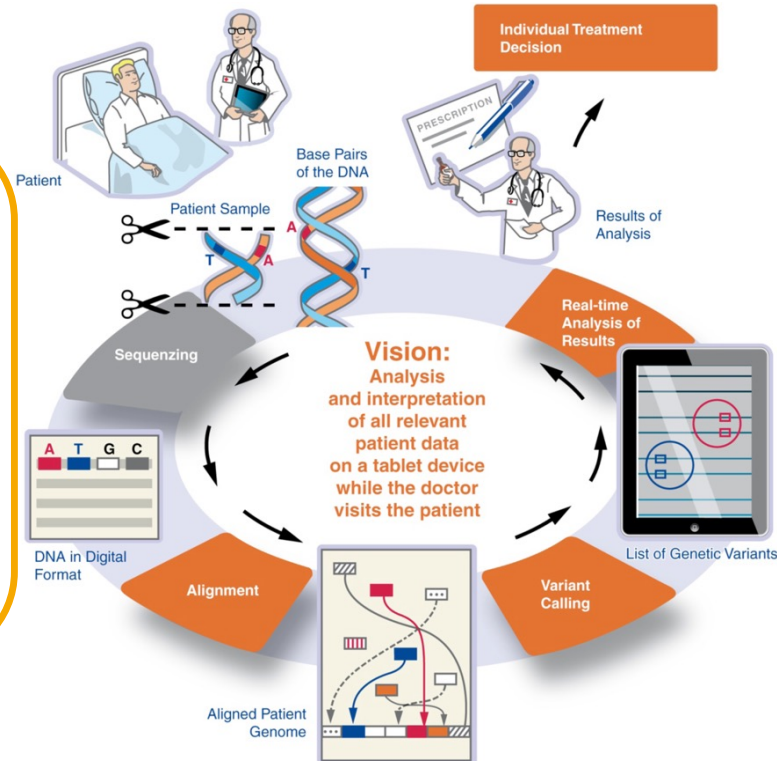
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From Raw Genome Data to Analysis

- **Sequencing:** Acquire digital DNA data (FASTQ)
- **Alignment:** Reconstruction of complete genome with snippets (SAM,BAM)
- **Variant Calling:** Identification of genetic variants (VCF)
- **Data Annotation:** Linking genetic variants with research findings



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Science Crisis

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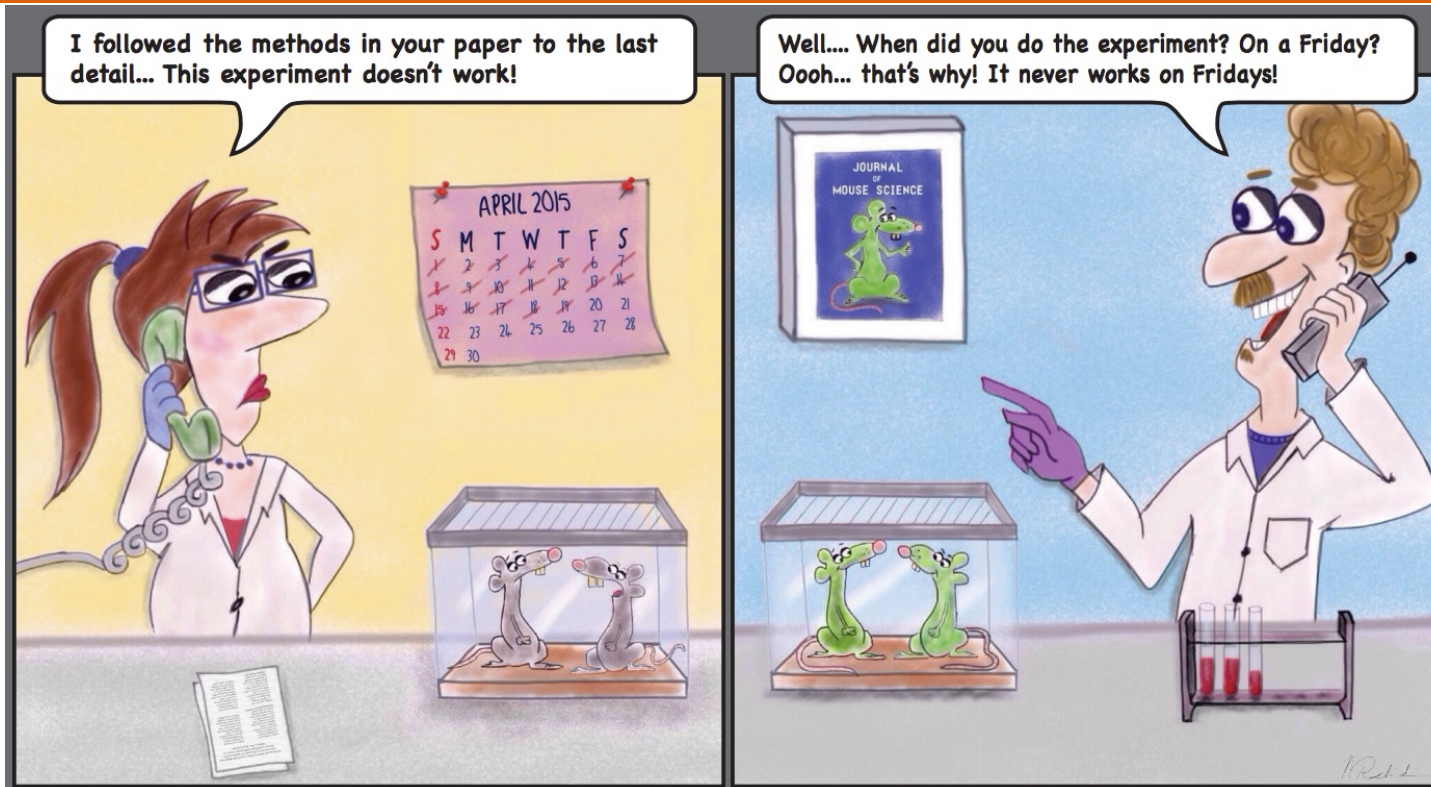
- What do you think is the most challenging aspect in science today?
 - A. Effects of COVID-19 pandemic
 - B. Salary of experts
 - C. Reproducibility of results
 - D. Missing subject-matter experts



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Challenge: Reproducibility Crisis of Science



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Challenge: Reproducibility Crisis of Science



- Reproducibility crisis is named to have its roots in the early 2010s
- Still an ongoing issue with latest initiatives addressing it



Most scientists 'can't replicate studies by their peers'

Effort to Reproduce Cancer Studies Scales Down to 18 Papers

The Reproducibility Project: Cancer Biology initially aimed to replicate the results of 50 high-impact research articles.



ELSEVIER

A manifesto for reproducible science

Marcus R. Munafò , Brian A. Nosek, Dorothy V. M. Bishop, Katherine S. Button, Christopher D. Chambers, Nathalie Percie du Sert, Uri Simonsohn, Eric-Jan Wagenmakers, Jennifer J. Ware & P. A. Ioannidis

Nature Human Behaviour **1**. Article number: 0021 (2017) | [Download Citation](#) ↓

How Elsevier is breaking down barriers to reproducibility

Virtual special issues highlight replication studies, and calls for papers encourage more

By Donna de Weerd-Wilson and William Gunn, PhD | January 31, 2017

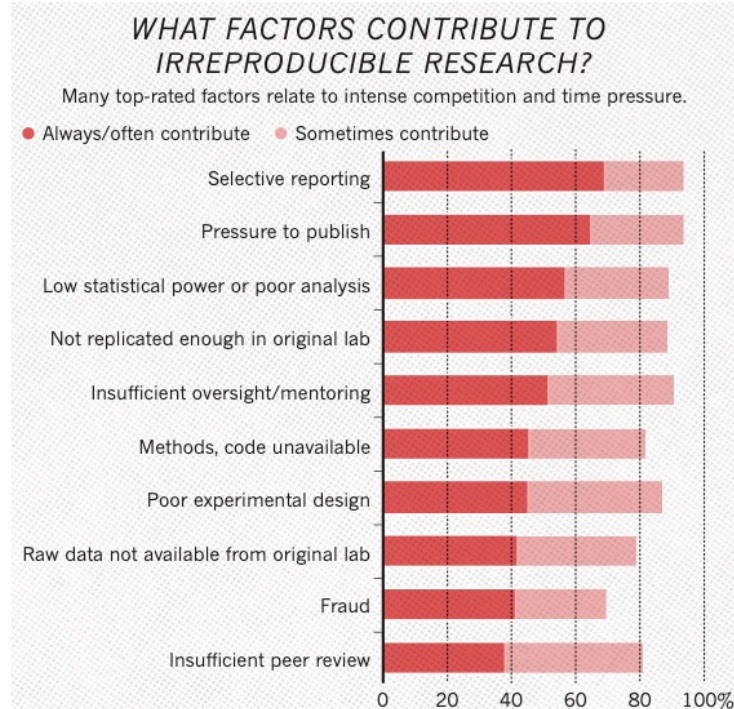
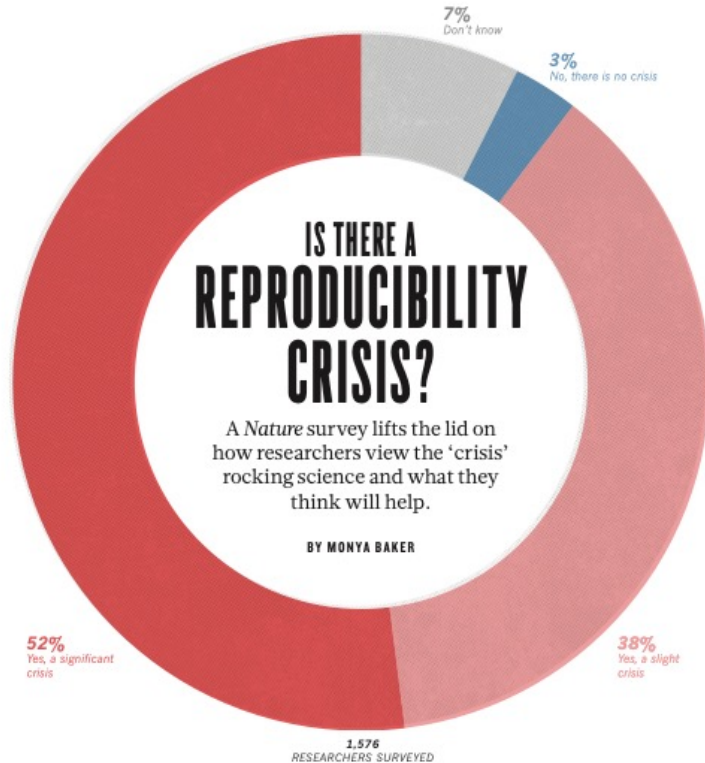
Reproducibility: science's consistency issue

What use are the scientific findings if they can't be reproduced?...

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Challenge: Reproducibility Crisis of Science

1,500 Scientists Lift the Lid on Reproducibility

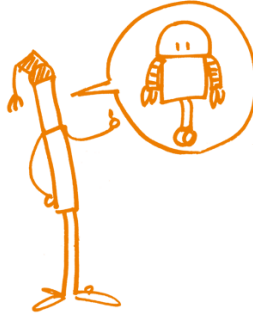


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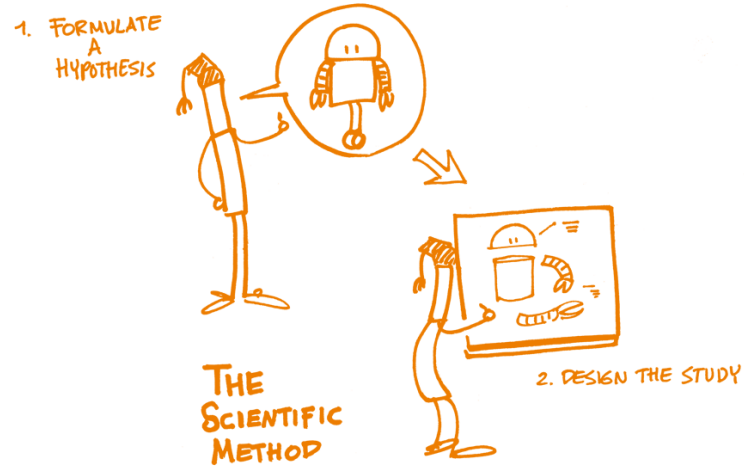
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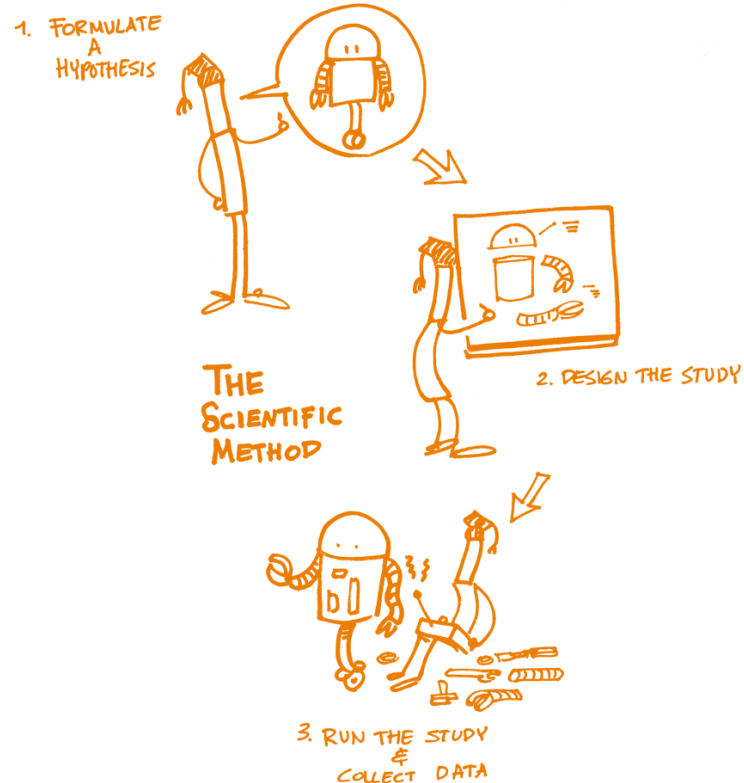
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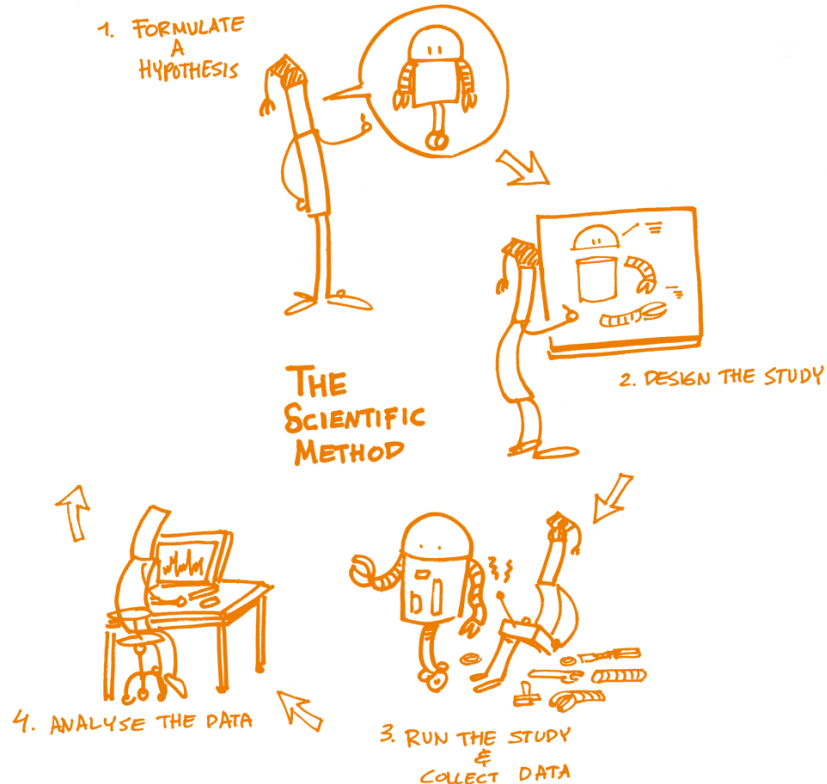


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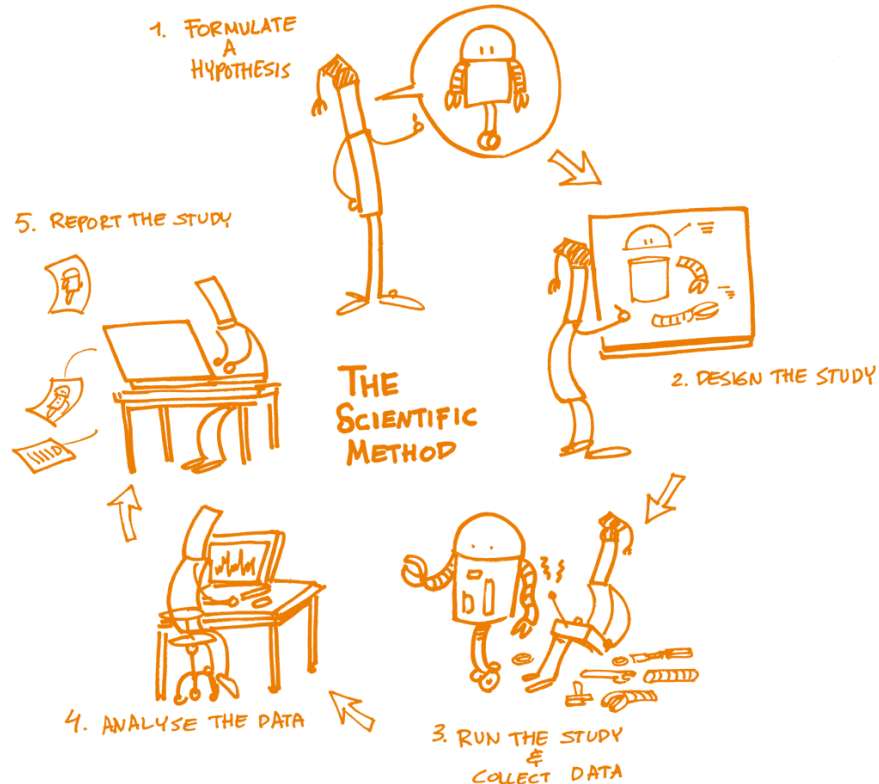
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Good Scientific Practices

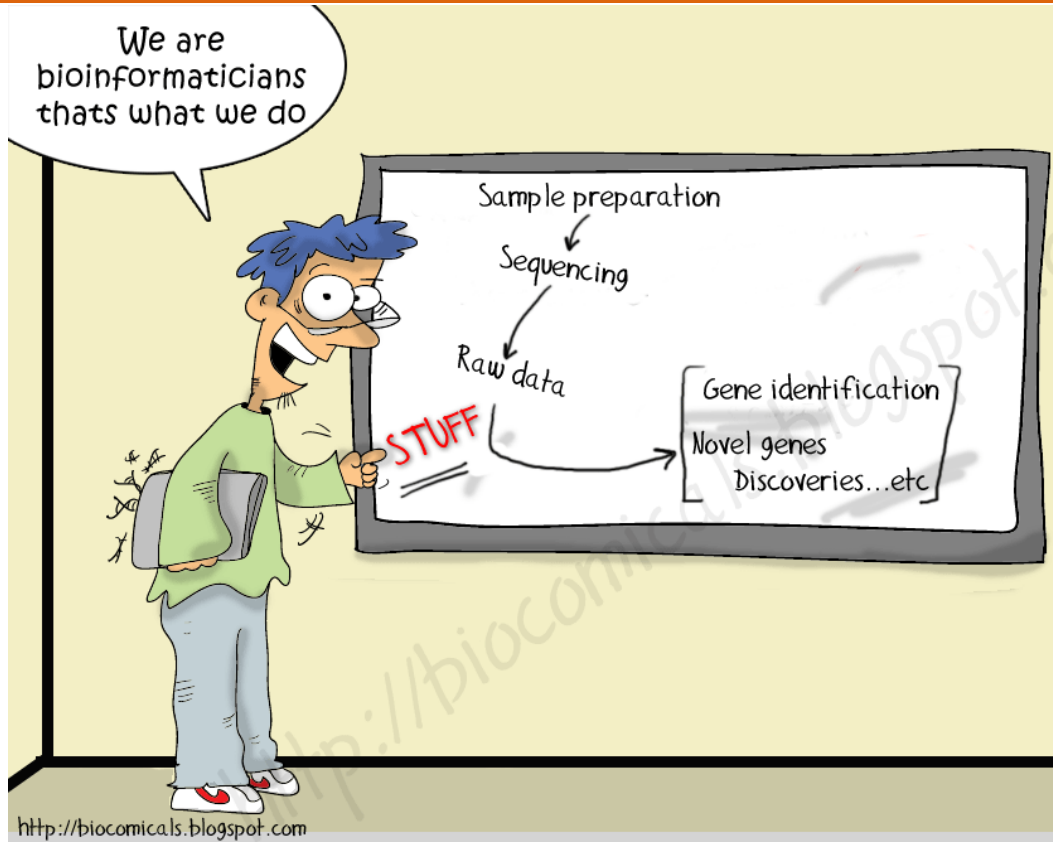
Approach	Description
Open Data	Share results + underlying data with other scientists in an open way
Collaboration	Working with other research groups, both formally and informally
Automation	Use technology to standardize processing, thereby reducing the probability for human error
Open Methods	Publicly publishing the detail of a study protocol
Post-publication Review	Continuing discussion of a study in a public forum after it has been published (most are reviewed before publication only)
Reporting Guidelines	Guidelines and checklists that help researchers to meet certain criteria for publishing results

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How to Find a Solution? Call a Bioinformatician



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Motivation: Ensure Reproducible through Genome Data Processing Pipelines

- **Genome Data Processing Pipelines (GDPPs)** := Structured processing of raw genome data, e.g. FASTQ, to provide meaningful insights, e.g. variants, annotations
- Objective: GDPPs should be...
 - Human- and machine-readable to support understanding, e.g. graphical modeling
 - Reproducible, i.e. generation of identical output for identical input
 - Exchangeable, i.e. other sites should be able to create identical results
 - Understandable, e.g. by non-IT experts, lab staff, etc.

Genome Data Processing Pipelines: State of the Art

```
bwa aln hg19.fa sample.fastq | bwa samse hg19.fa - sample.fastq | samtools view -Su - | samtools sort ...
```

- Concatenation of command line tools reading/writing files from/to hard disk
- Requires dedicated expertise for
 - Setup and configuration,
 - Error handling, and
 - Scalable processing
- Lack of
 - Standardization and exchangeability,
 - Understandability,
 - Maintainability, and
 - Reproducibility.

```
bwa aln -t 8 <reference> <fastq_1.fq.gz> > <sai_1.sai> &&  
bwa aln -t 8 <reference> <fastq_2.fq.gz> > <sai_2.sai> &&  
bwa sampe -r <read_group> <reference> <sai_1.sai> <sai_2.sai>  
<fastq_1.fq.gz> <fastq_2.fq.gz> | samtools view -Shb -o <output.bam> -
```

https://docs.gdc.cancer.gov/Data/Bioinformatics_Pipelines/DNA_Seq_Variant_Calling_Pipeline/

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- The BROAD is a joint institute of MIT and Harvard established 2004 in Cambridge, MA
- Genome Analysis Toolkit (GATK) focuses on variant detection
- Open-source tools and shared best-practices

✓ GATK Best Practices

Lots of workflows that people call Best Practices really aren't.

<https://software.broadinstitute.org/gatk/best-practices/>

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Best Practices I: Let us Make a Workflow!

1 Generate a small set of simulated reads for *E. coli*.

wgsim (optional step,
intermediate files
available for download)

2 Align the reads to the reference *E. coli* genome.

bowtie2 (optional step,
intermediate files
available for download)

3 Convert the aligned reads from the SAM file format to BAM.

4 Sort and index the BAM file.

5 Identify genomic variants.

samtools

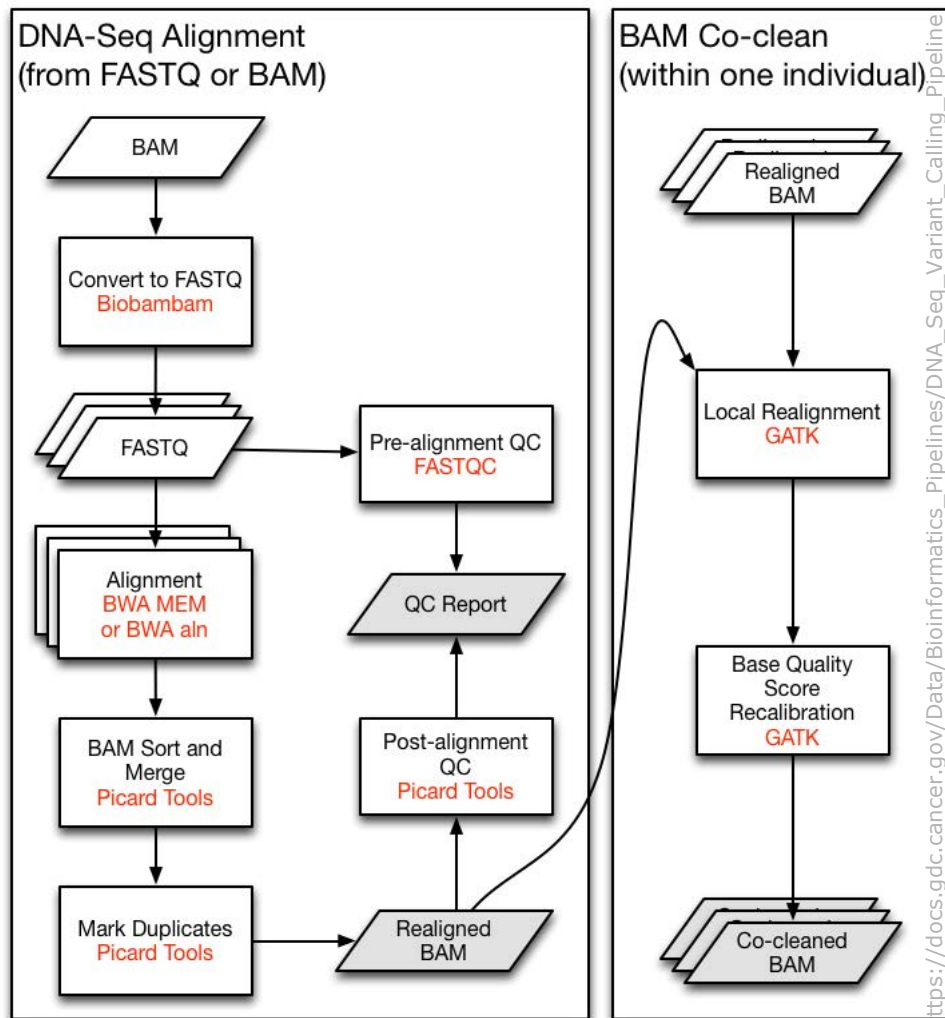
6 Visualize the reads and genomic variants.

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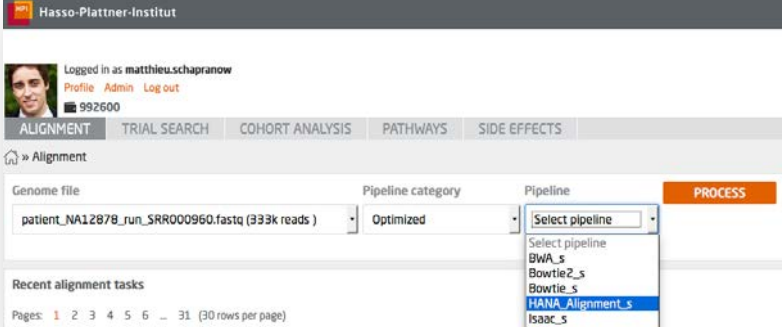
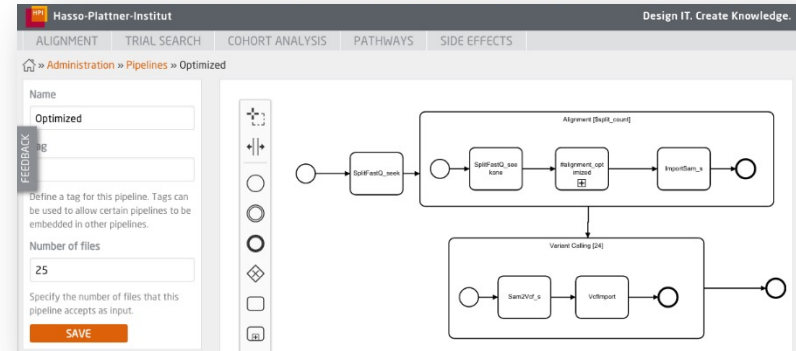
Best Practices II: Modeling

- Incorporate graphical modeling techniques to document and share knowledge
- Build on existing methods to benefit from existing tools or communities



Reproducibility at we.analyzegenomes.com: Modeling of Data Analysis Pipelines

1. Design time (researcher, process expert)
 - Definition of parameterized process model
 - Uses graphical editor and jobs from repository
2. Configuration time (researcher, lab assistant)
 - Select model and specify parameters, e.g. aln opts
 - Results in model instance stored in repository
3. Execution time (researcher)
 - Select model instance
 - Specify execution parameters, e.g. input files



Genome file	Pipeline category	Pipeline	PROCESS
patient_NA12878_run_SRR000960.fastq (333k reads)	Optimized	Select pipeline	

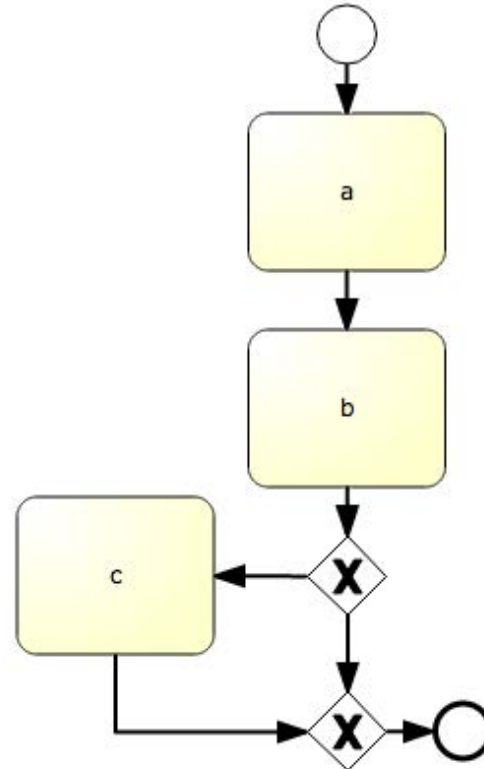
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Business Process Modeling and Notation (BPMN) 2.0

- Used for functional modeling of business processes and workflows
- Graphical notation addresses business and technical users → intuitive modeling and understanding
- Can be serialized and exchanged using XML Process Definition Language (XPD)

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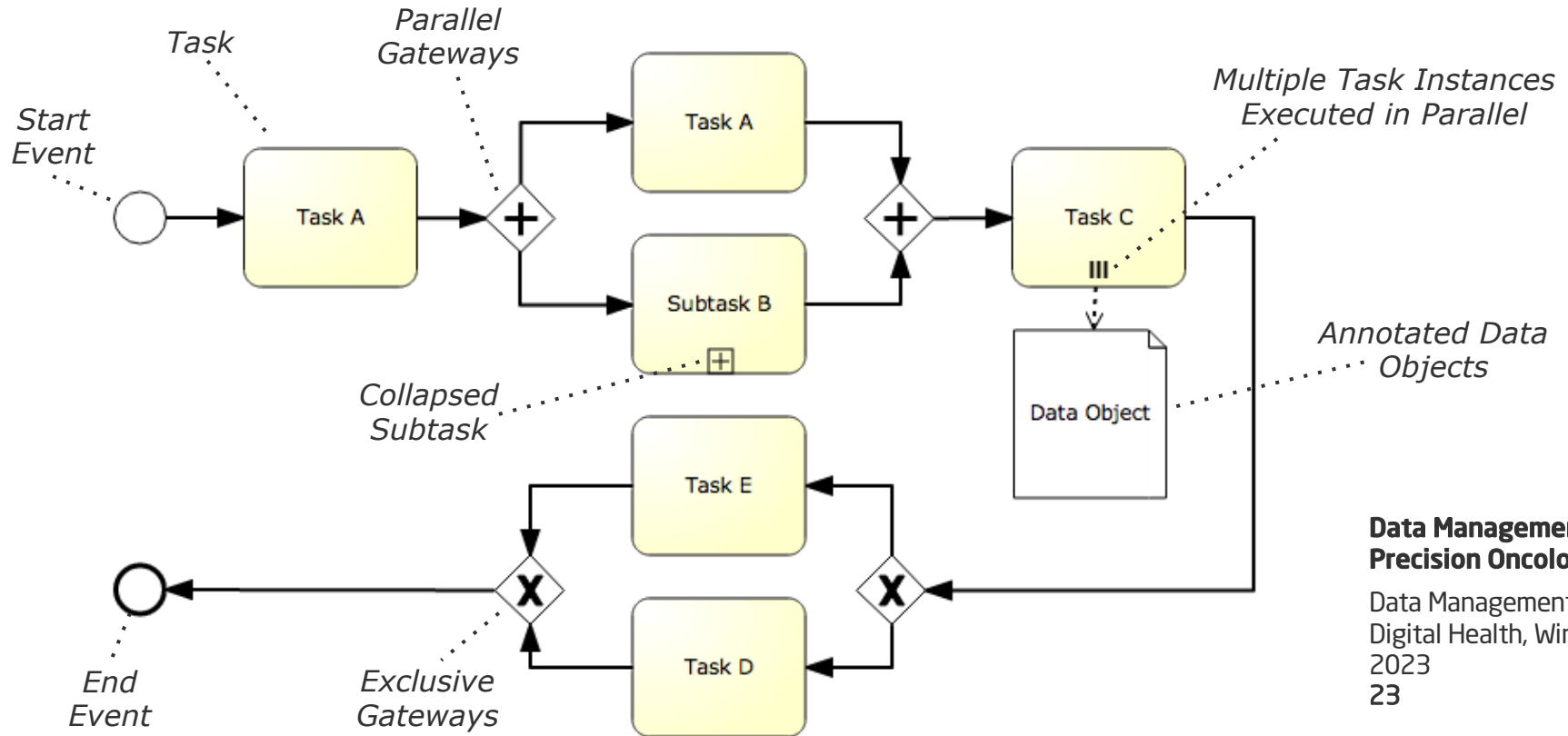


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BPMN 2.0: Cheat Sheet

Basic Notation Overview

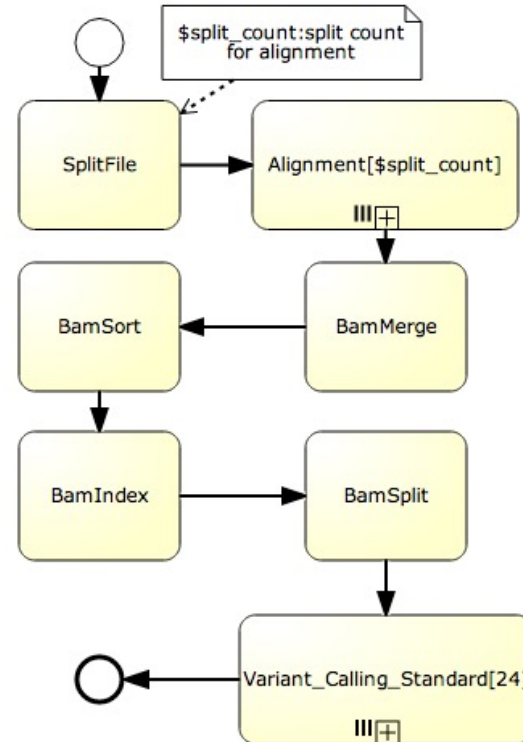


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Graphical Modeling of Genome Data Processing Pipelines

- Graphical modeling notation extends BPMN 2.0:
 - Modular structure
 - Parallelization annotations
 - Parameters and variables

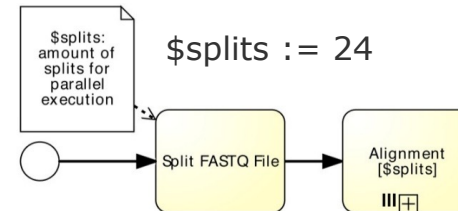
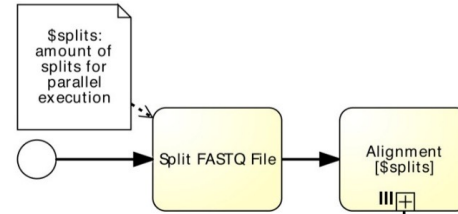


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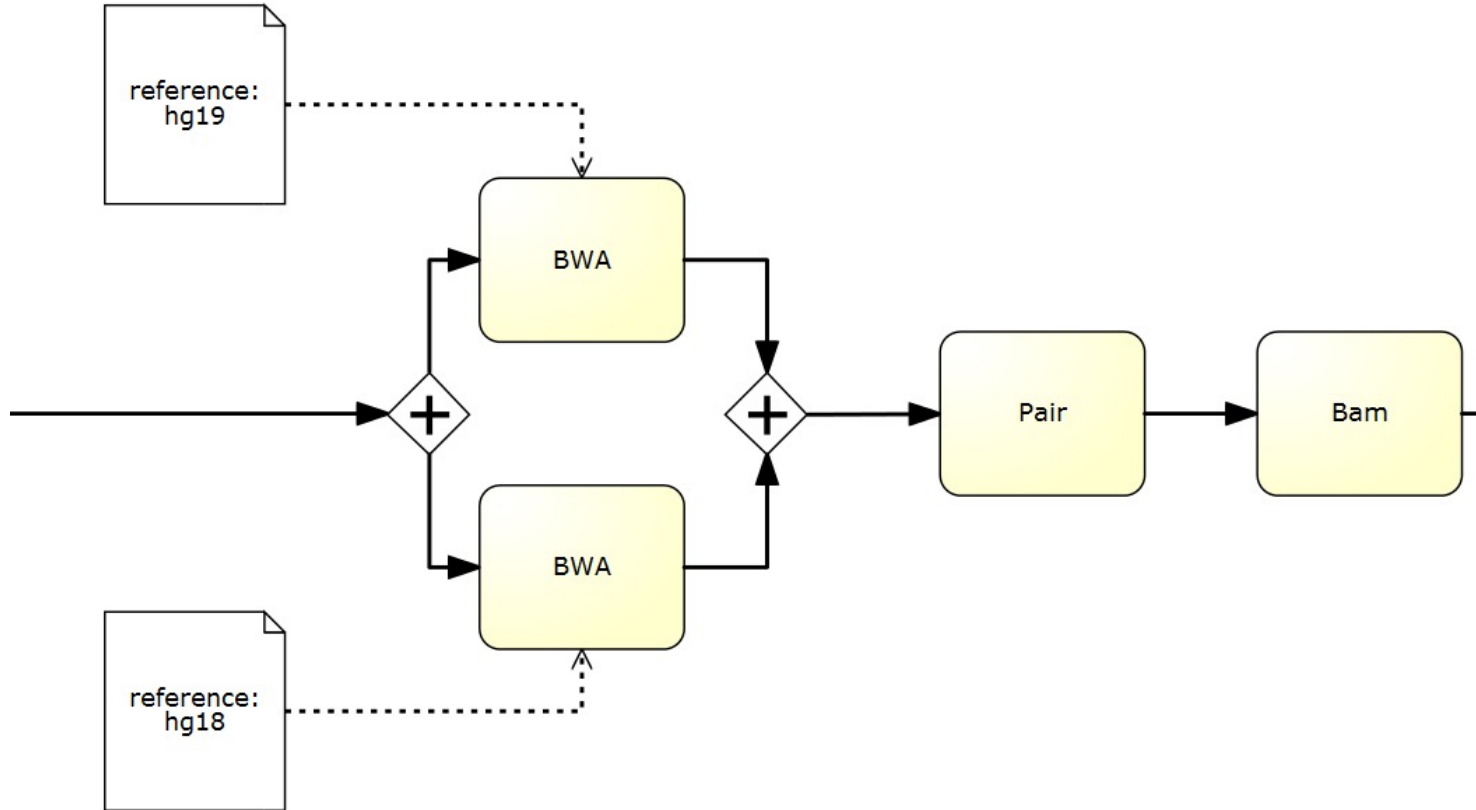
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Model vs. Model Instance

- **Model** := template for multiple instances, e.g. general description of all alignment processes
- **Model instance** := specific instance of a model, e.g. configured for a set of specific runs.
- Models and model instances are stored within the IMDB
- Model instances are translated into graph structure and executed by a dedicated runtime environment



BPMN Example



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Persisting Pipelines

XML Process Definition Language

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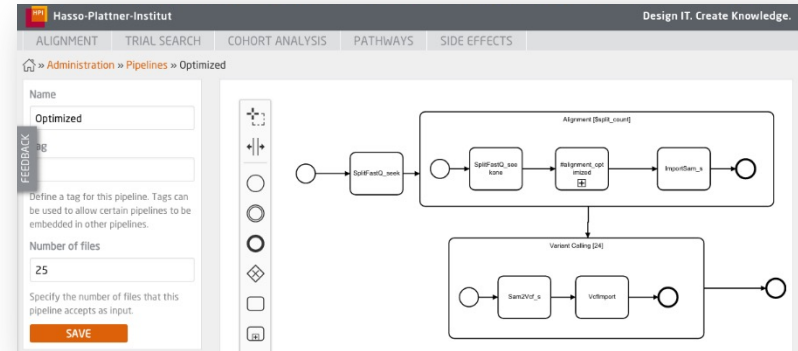
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What to take home?

- Use of standardized modeling tools supports implementation / exchange
- Graphical modeling facilitates understanding (also for non-professionals)
- Process modeling is the foundation for reproducibility of results and scalable use

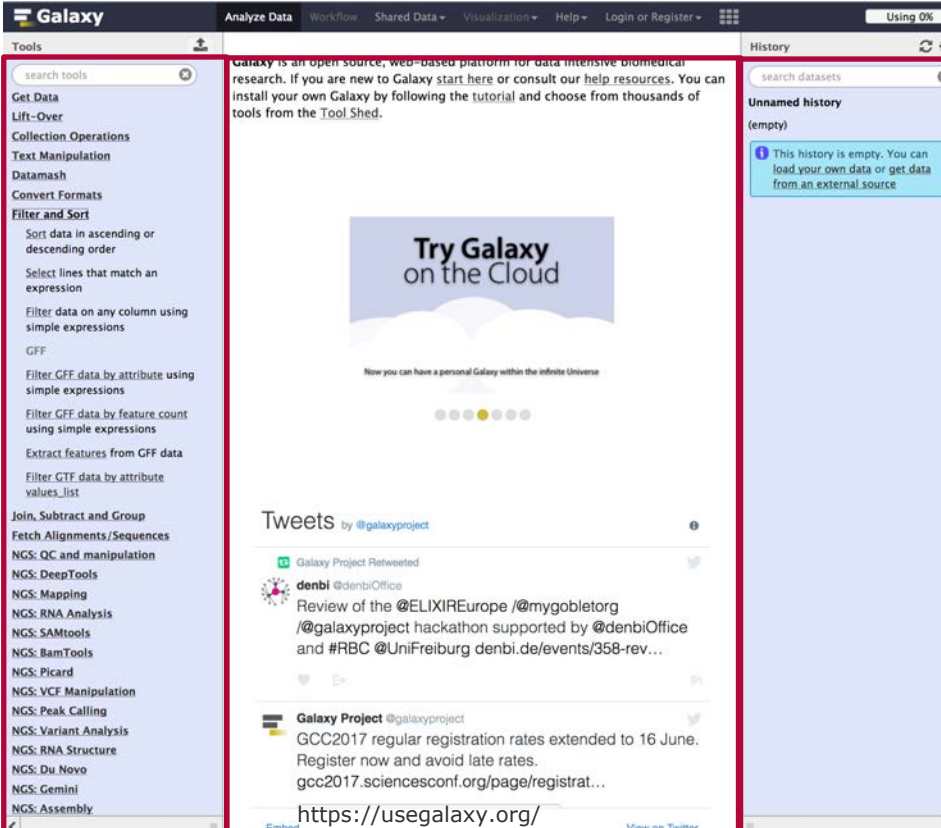


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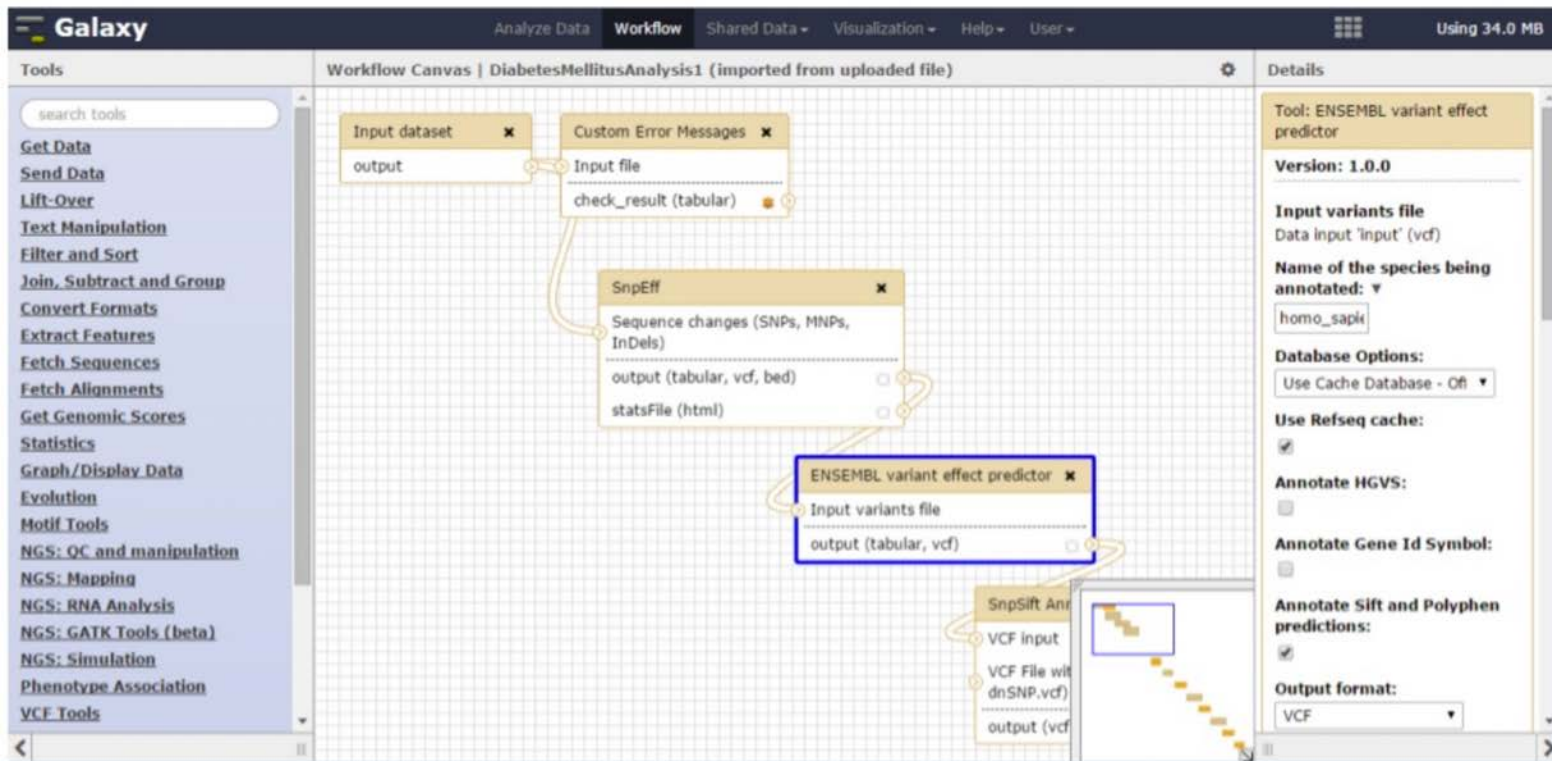
Galaxy Workbench

- Open-source, web-based platform
- Supports data-intensive research
- Focuses on process automation and high-throughput sequencing



The screenshot displays the Galaxy Workbench web interface. At the top, the navigation bar includes 'Galaxy', 'Analyze Data', 'Workflow', 'Shared Data', 'Visualization', 'Help', 'Login or Register', and a 'Using 0%' indicator. The left sidebar, titled 'Tools', contains a search bar and a list of tool categories: Get Data, Lift-Over, Collection Operations, Text Manipulation, Datamash, Convert Formats, Filter and Sort, Join, Subtract and Group, Fetch Alignments/Sequences, NGS: QC and manipulation, NGS: DeepTools, NGS: Mapping, NGS: RNA Analysis, NGS: SAMtools, NGS: BamTools, NGS: Picard, NGS: VCF Manipulation, NGS: Peak Calling, NGS: Variant Analysis, NGS: RNA Structure, NGS: Du Novo, NGS: Gemini, and NGS: Assembly. The main content area features a 'Try Galaxy on the Cloud' banner with a DNA helix graphic and the text 'Now you can have a personal Galaxy within the infinite Universe'. Below the banner is a 'Tweets' section by @galaxyproject, showing a retweet from denbi (@denbiOffice) and a tweet from Galaxy Project (@galaxyproject) about GCC2017 registration rates. The right sidebar, titled 'History', includes a search bar for datasets and a message: 'Unnamed history (empty) This history is empty. You can load your own data or get data from an external source'.

Galaxy Workflow Modeling



The screenshot displays the Galaxy workflow editor interface. The top navigation bar includes 'Galaxy', 'Analyze Data', 'Workflow', 'Shared Data', 'Visualization', 'Help', and 'User', with a memory usage indicator of 'Using 34.0 MB'. The main workspace is titled 'Workflow Canvas | DiabetesMellitusAnalysis1 (imported from uploaded file)'. On the left, a 'Tools' sidebar lists various categories such as 'Get Data', 'Text Manipulation', 'Convert Formats', 'NGS: QC and manipulation', and 'VCF Tools'. The central canvas shows a workflow with several steps: 'Input dataset' (output), 'Custom Error Messages' (input file, check_result (tabular)), 'SnpEff' (Sequence changes (SNPs, MNPs, InDels), output (tabular, vcf, bed), statsFile (html)), 'ENSEMBL variant effect predictor' (Input variants file, output (tabular, vcf)), and 'SnpSift An...' (VCF input, VCF File with dnSNP.vcf, output (vcf)). A blue box highlights the 'ENSEMBL variant effect predictor' tool. On the right, a 'Details' panel for the 'ENSEMBL variant effect predictor' tool shows version 1.0.0, input variants file 'Data input 'input' (vcf)', species 'homo_sapi', and output format 'VCF'. A small preview window shows a heatmap visualization.

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DKFZ One Touch Pipeline

dkfz. DEUTSCHES
KREBSFORSCHUNGSZENTRUM
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- IT process automation at DKFZ, HD
- Builds upon OpenStack to reduce setup time
- Workflow managed by SeqWare Pipeline Manager
- Special-purpose developed for DKFZ requirements



<https://seqware.github.io/docs/6-pipeline/>

OTP: processing pipeline

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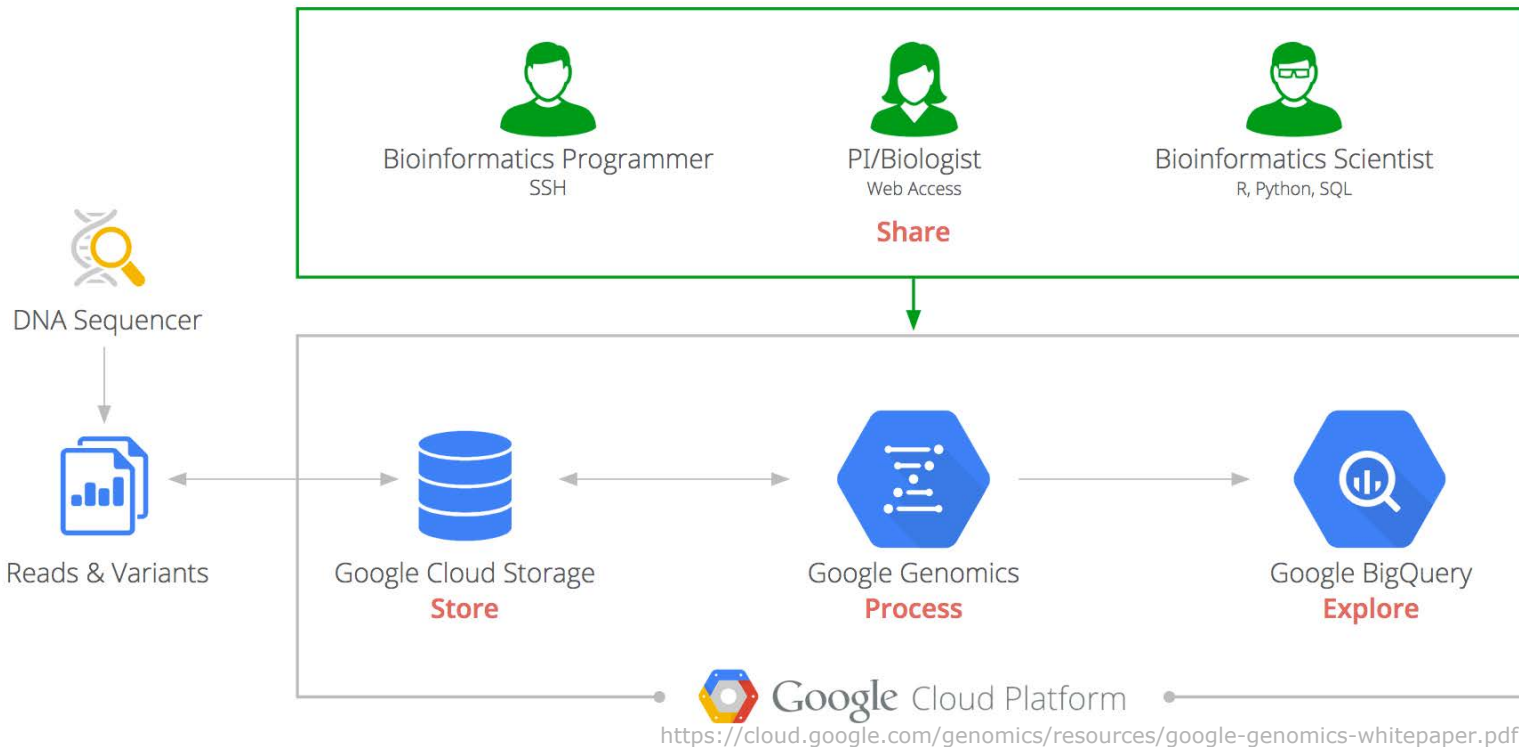
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■ Integration of existing Google services to genome data processing



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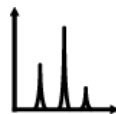
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Distributed Heterogeneous Data Sources



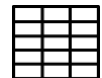
Human genome/biological data

600GB per full genome
15PB+ in databases of leading institutes



Human proteome

160M data points (2.4GB) per sample
>3TB raw proteome data in ProteomicsDB



Hospital information systems

Often more than 50GB



Cancer patient records

>160k records at NCT



PubMed database

>23M articles



Medical sensor data

Scan of a single organ in 1s
creates 10GB of raw data



Prescription data

1.5B records from 10,000 doctors and
10M Patients (100 GB)



Clinical trials

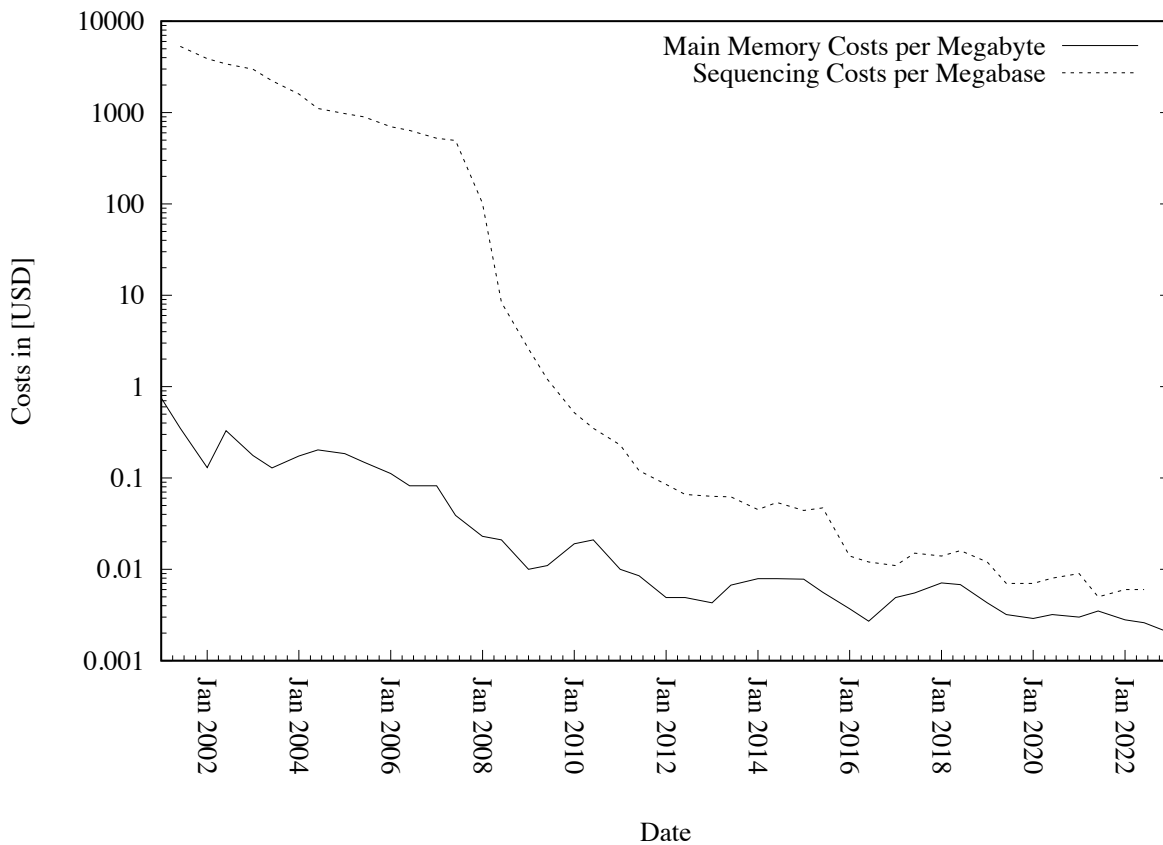
Currently more than 30k
recruiting on ClinicalTrials.gov

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Numbers You Should Know

Comparison of Costs



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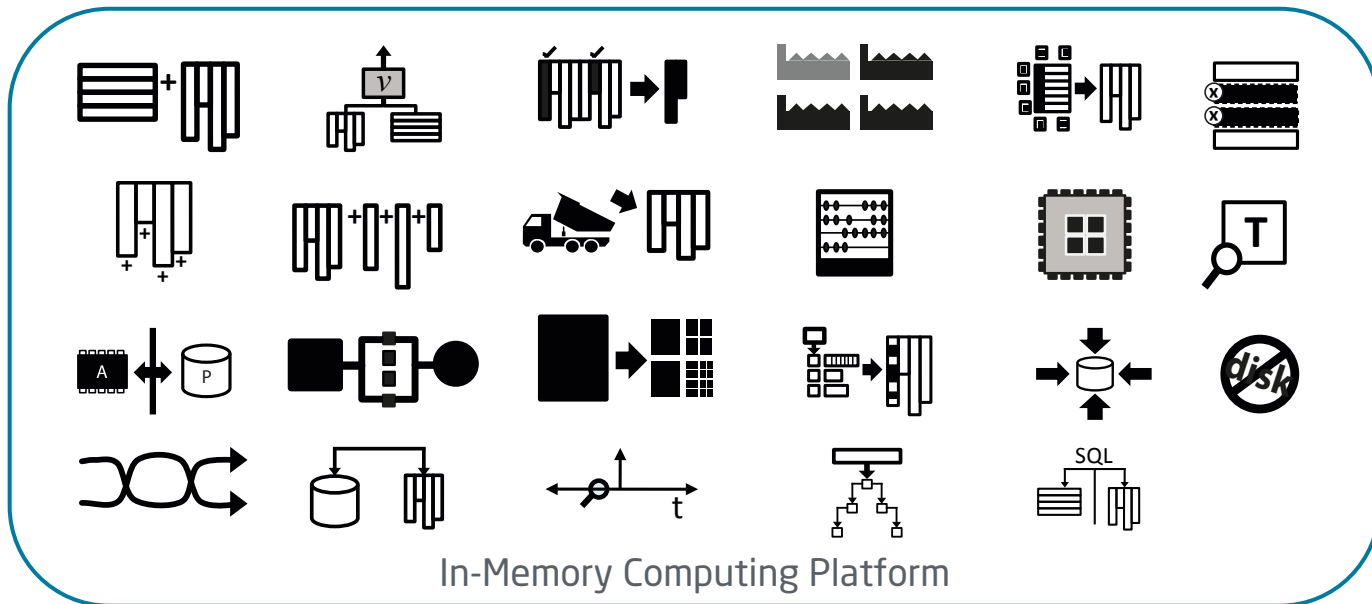
In-Memory Computing Platform for Big Medical Data

In-Memory Computing Platform

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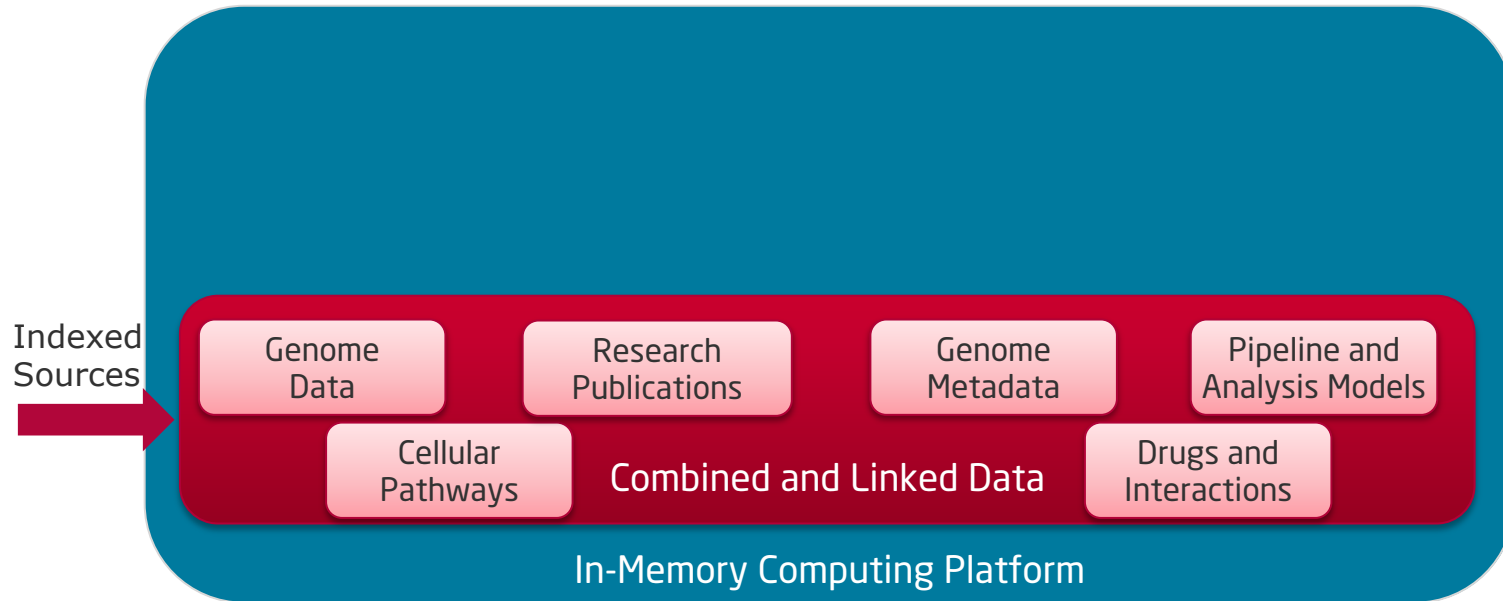
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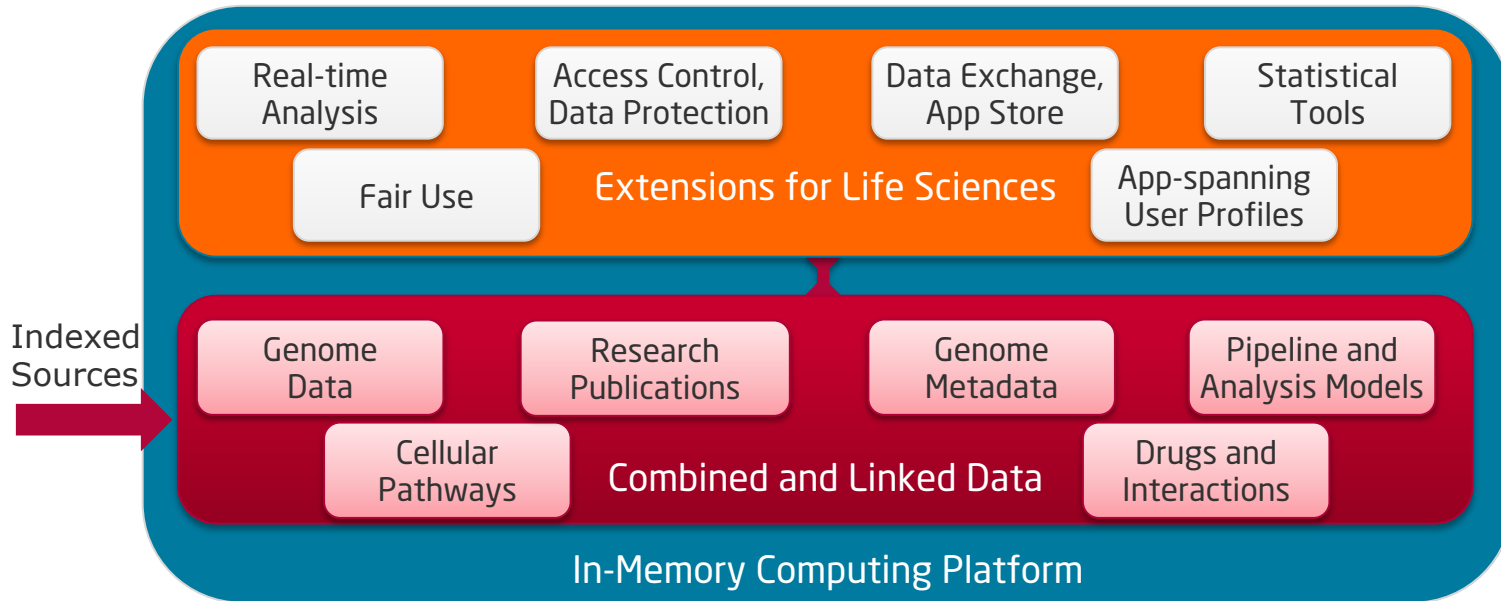


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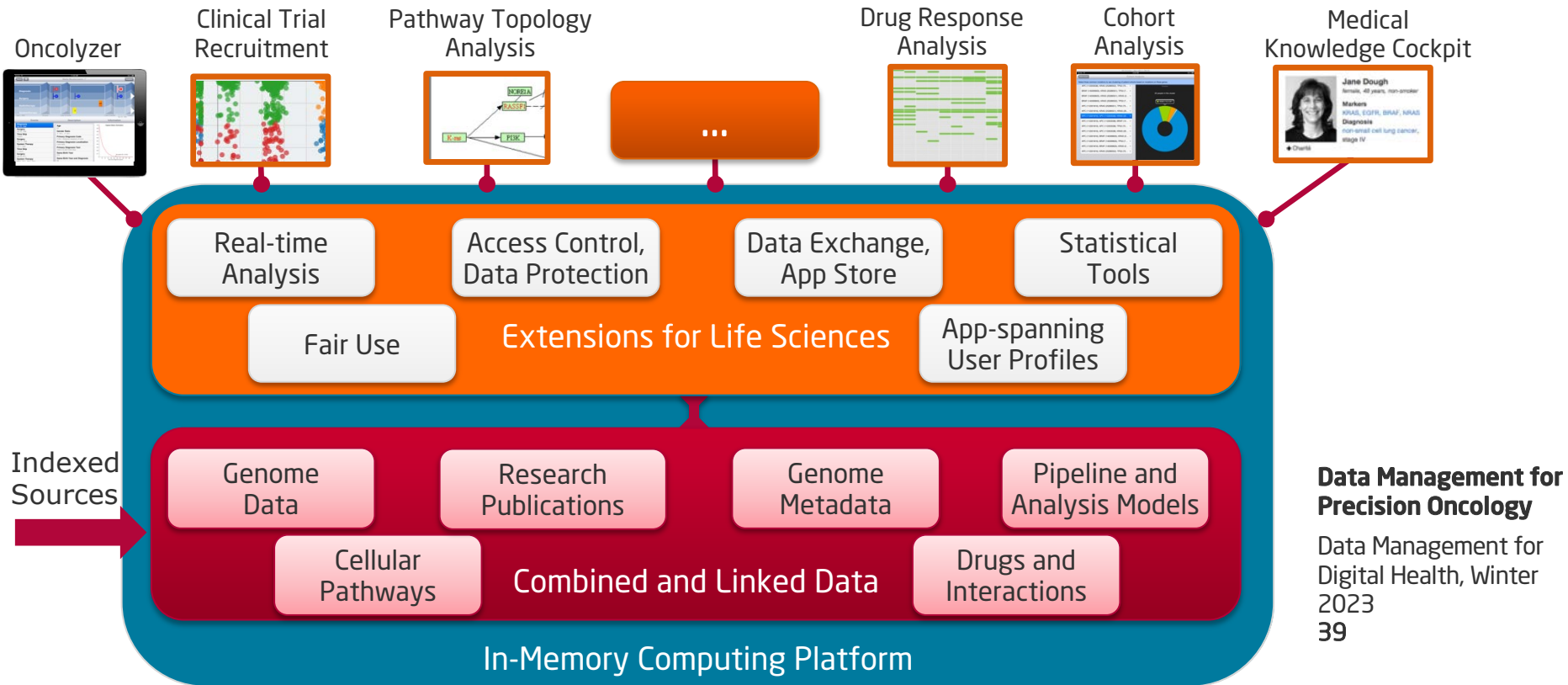
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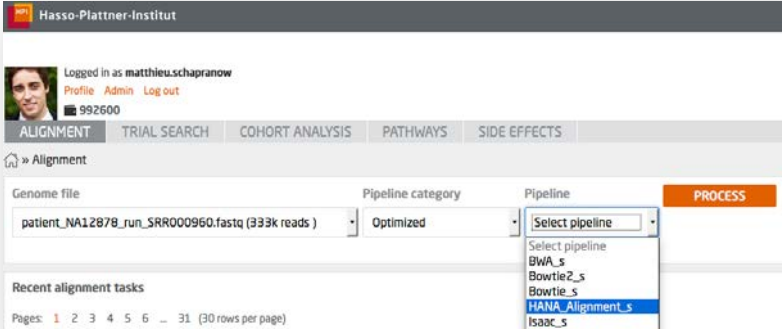
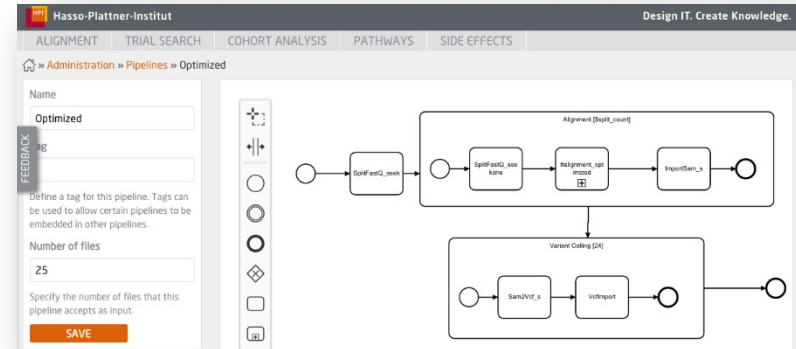


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From Model to Execution

1. Design time (researcher, process expert)
 - Definition of parameterized process model
 - Uses graphical editor and jobs from repository
2. Configuration time (researcher, lab assistant)
 - Select model and specify parameters, e.g. aln opts
 - Results in model instance stored in repository
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 - Select model instance
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Genome file	Pipeline category	Pipeline	PROCESS
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Execution of Genome Data Processing Pipelines

- Uses workflow, which is...
 - Predefined by a subject-matter expert
 - Preconfigured for a specific run or set of experiments
- Requires only minimal configuration whilst enabling reproducibility

New alignment task

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Choose pipeline

Configure execution

Select file(s)

Pipeline #alignment_speed

BWA_s

Variable \$split_count

10

Variable \$reference

hg19

SELECT FILES >

New alignment task

2

Choose pipeline

Configure execution

Select file(s)

Genome file #1

Choose a file

or upload a new one

Choose a file

User files

CMV2_d15_cDNA_hTCRAAlpha_454.fastq (6k reads)
CMV2_d9_cDNA_hTCRAAlpha_454.fastq (44k reads)
CMV2_enriched_cDNA_hTCRBeta_454.fastq (8k reads)
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ERR031969.filt.fastq (107k reads)
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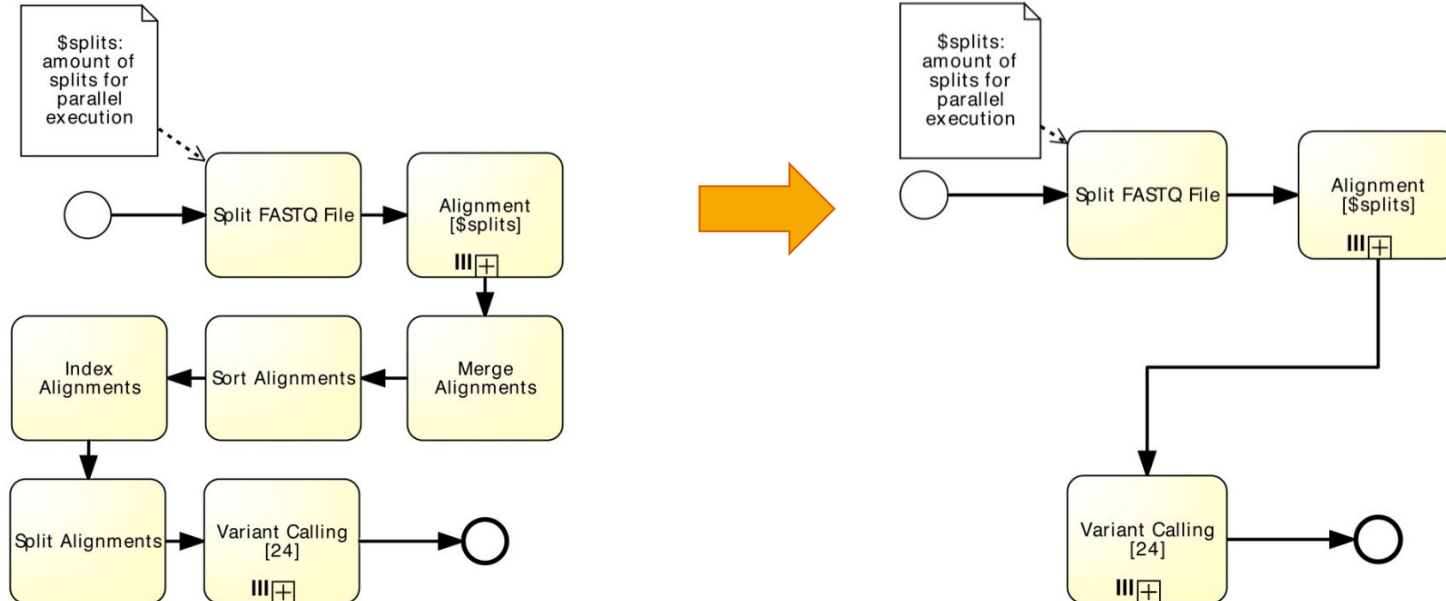
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Bridging Gaps: From File-based to IMDB-based GPPs

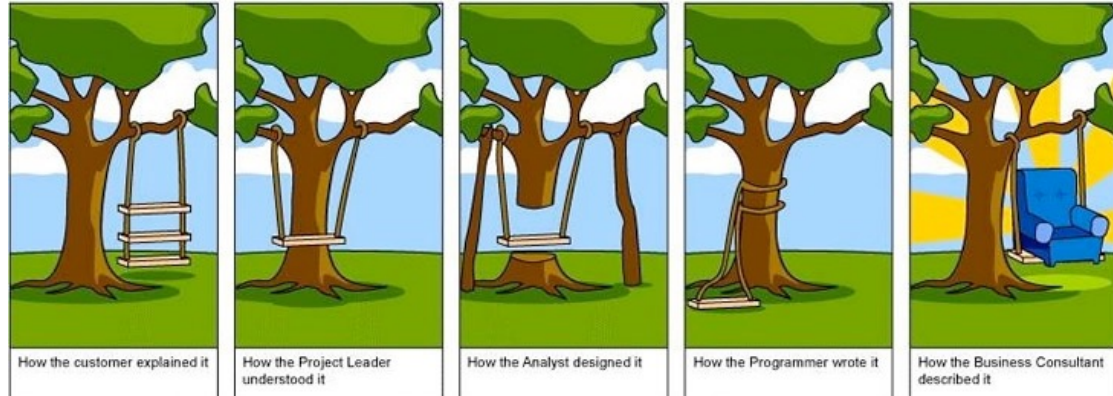
- Processing is performed and results are kept within IMDB
- Eliminated media breaks and time-intensive file I/O
- Optimization reduced execution time by >50%



Execution Environment for GDPPs

Software Requirements in Life Sciences

- Requirements
 - Managed services
 - Reproducibility
 - Real-time data analysis of big data
- Restrictions
 - Data privacy
 - Data locality
 - Volume of big medical data
- Solution?
 - Federated In-Memory Database System vs. Cloud Computing



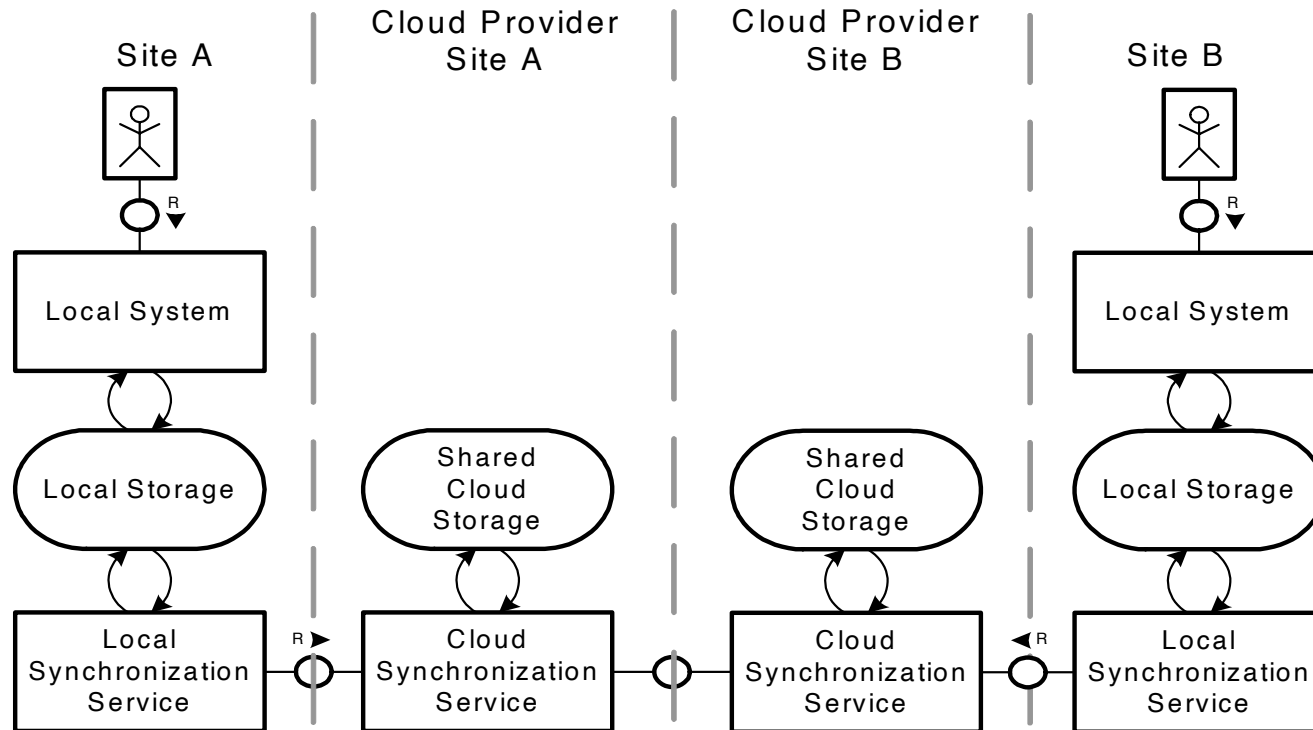
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Multiple Cloud Service Providers

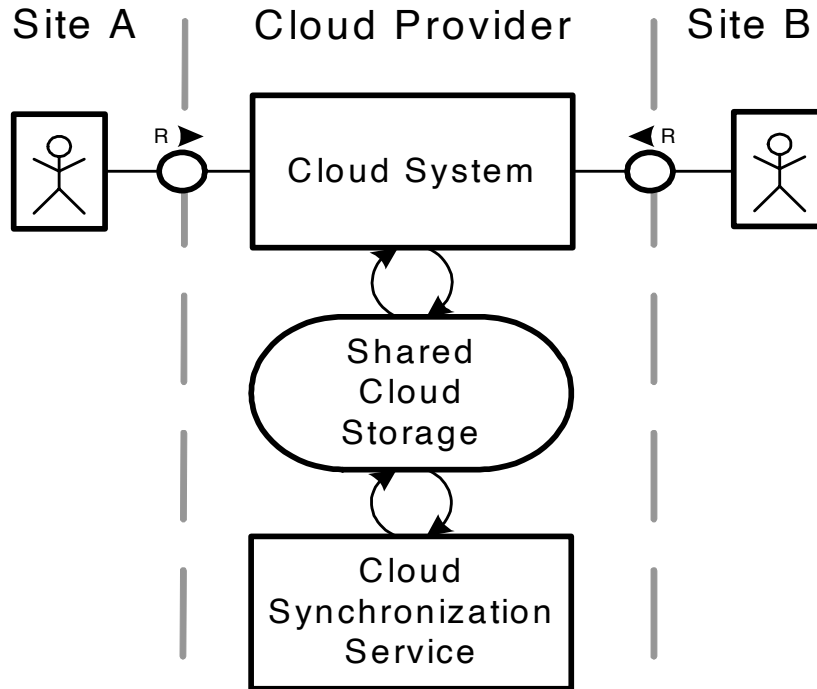


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A Single Service Provider

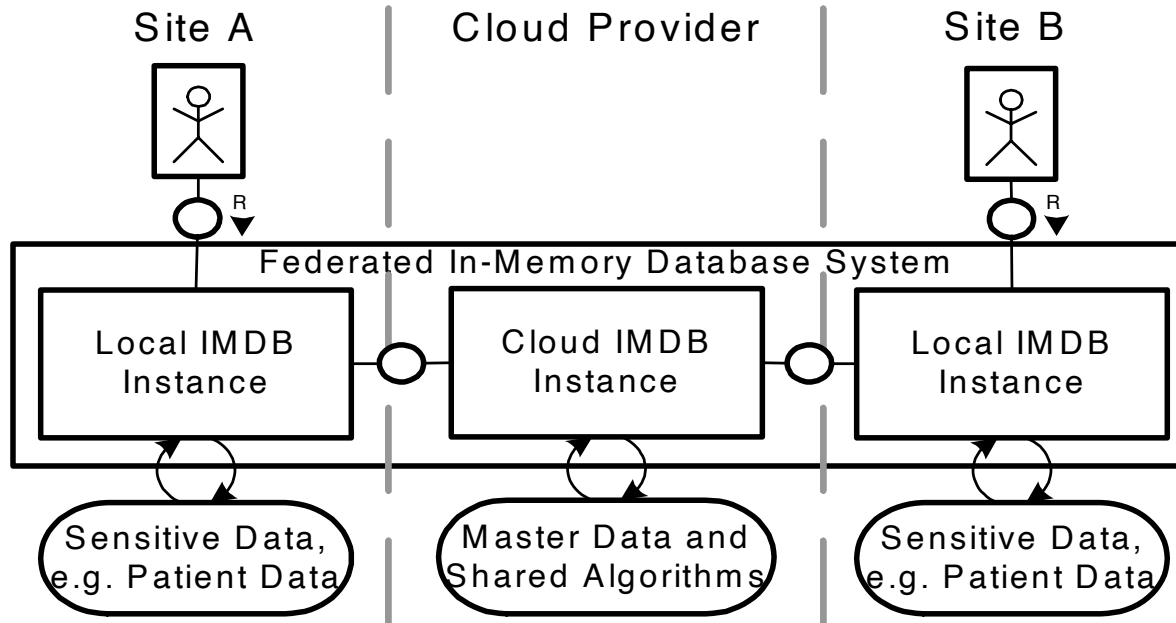


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Multiple Sites Forming the Federated In-Memory Database System

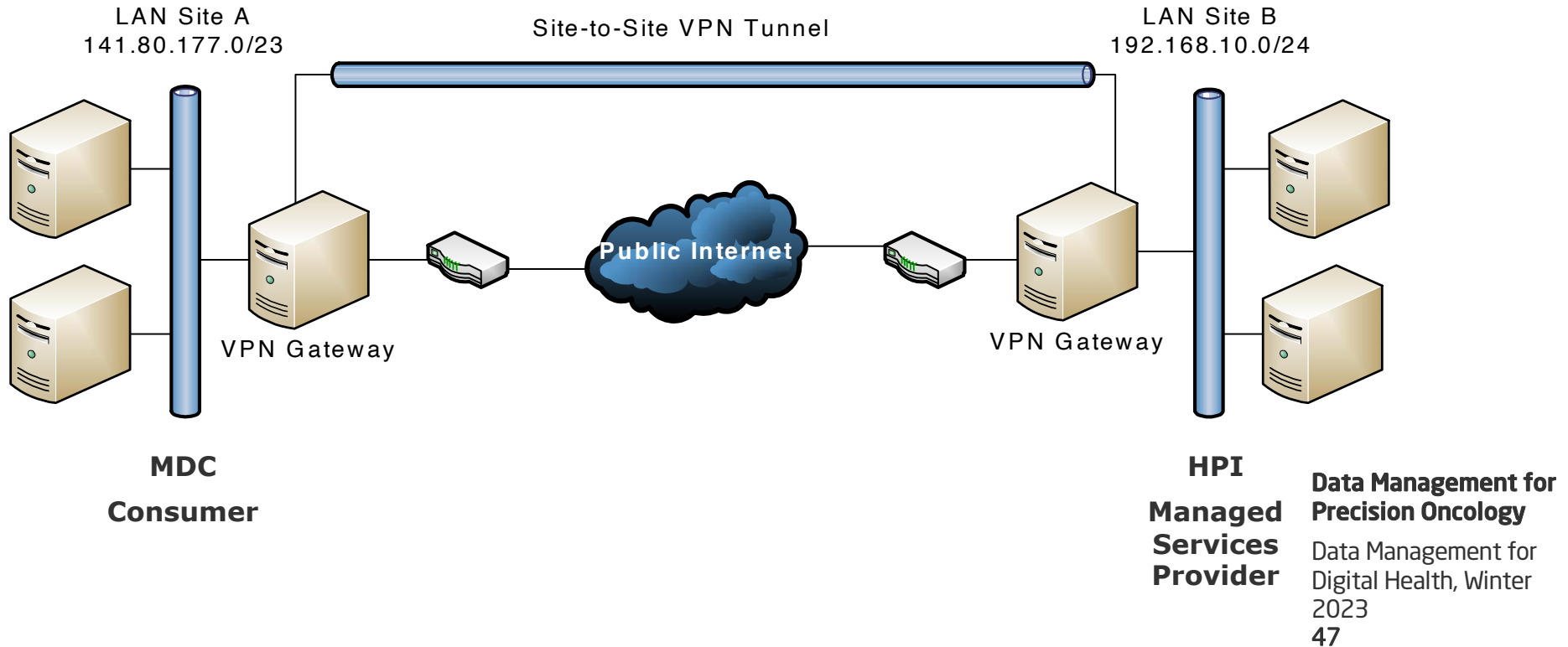


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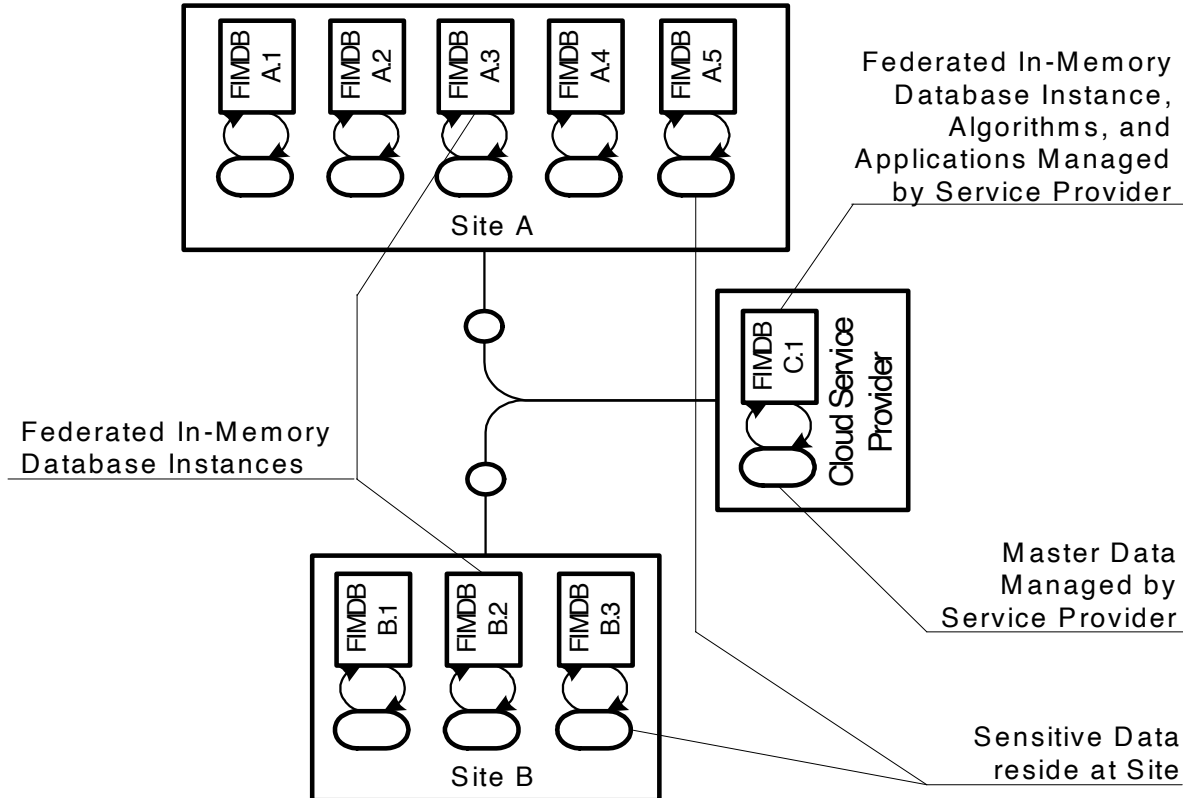
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Network Setup

Site-to-Site VPN



Federated In-Memory Database (FIMDB) Incorporating Local Compute Resources



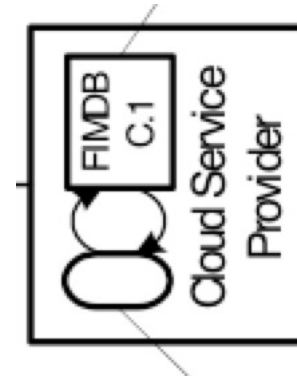
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Provided by the Cloud Service Provider

- File System
 - Managed services directory
 - OS binaries statically compiled for individual platforms
- Database
 - In-memory database landscape
 - Stored procedures and database algorithms
 - Master application data

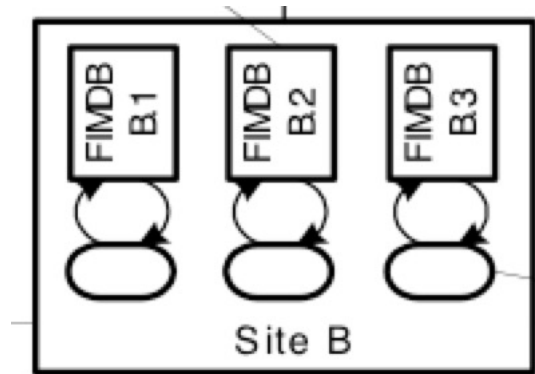


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Setup of a New Client

1. Establish site-to-site VPN connection b/w site and cloud service provider
2. Mount remote services directory
3. Install and configure local IMDB instance from services directory
4. Subscribe to and configure selected managed service



Data Partitioning

- Supports parallel query execution
- Protects sensitive data
- Brings algorithms to data

Details for Table

Parts	Columns		
Host:Port/Partition	Record Count	Total Size (KB)	
▼ node-01:30203			
16	85,286	2,675	
▼ node-02:30203			
15	128,417	15,577	
▼ node-09:30203			
2	78,873	2,489	
▼ node-10:30203			
8	184,010	5,436	
▼ node-11:30203			
21	112,729	3,252	
▼ node-14:30203			
13	43,296	1,765	
▼ node-15:30203			
5	93,507	3,075	
▼ node-17:30203			
7	175,184	5,347	
▼ node-18:30203			
10	270,924	28,734	

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NephroCAGE: German-Canadian Consortium on AI for Improved Kidney Transplantation Outcome



- Applying AI technology for improved donor-recipient matching of kidney transplants
- Initial funding period: 2021-2023
- Funding: > 1.5 MEUR
- German partners supported by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action



Real-world Demonstrator



Learning Systems and Federated Learning



Data Providers and Clinical Experts



NEPHRO CAGE

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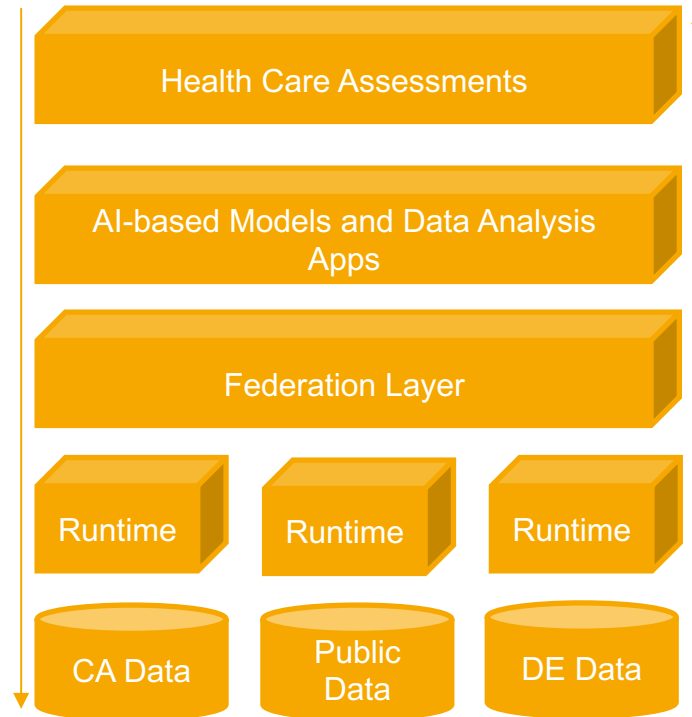
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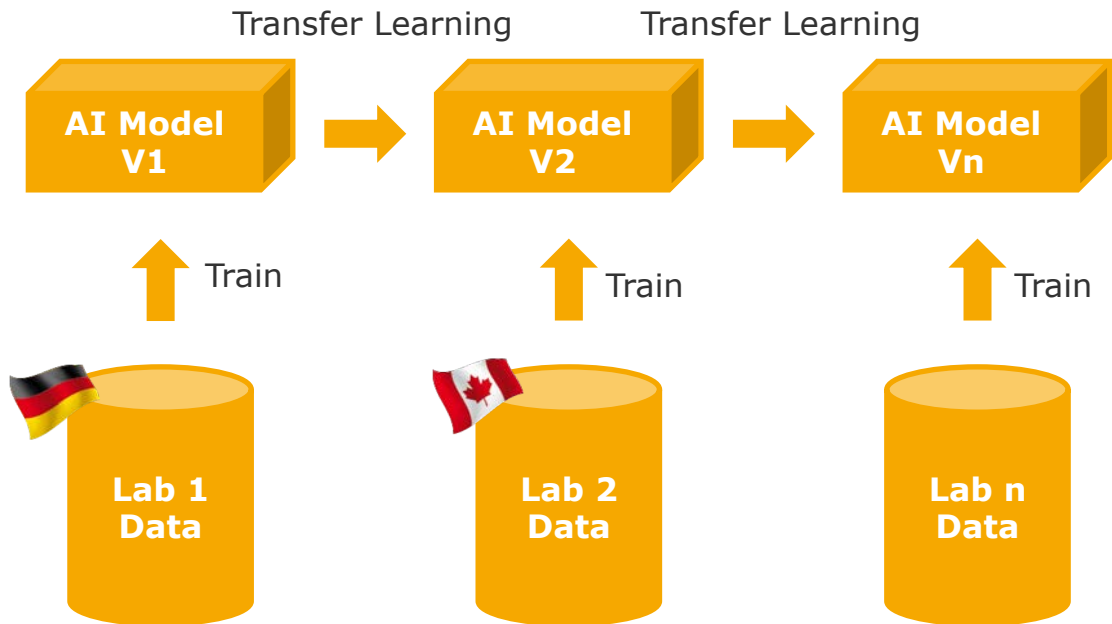
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NephroCAGE Federated Learning Software Architecture

- Assess real-world transplant data from German and Canadian medical centers
- Access to 10yrs+ transplant data
- Healthcare data remains protected
- AI algorithms travel to data
- Federated learning enables data analysis whilst keeping data protected



NephroCAGE Federated Learning Software Architecture (cont'd)



Runtime Environment

Scheduling and Execution of GDPPs

1. Trigger task execution

Webservice

Tasks

2. Schedule subtasks

Scheduler

In-Memory Database

3. Execute subtasks

Worker

Worker

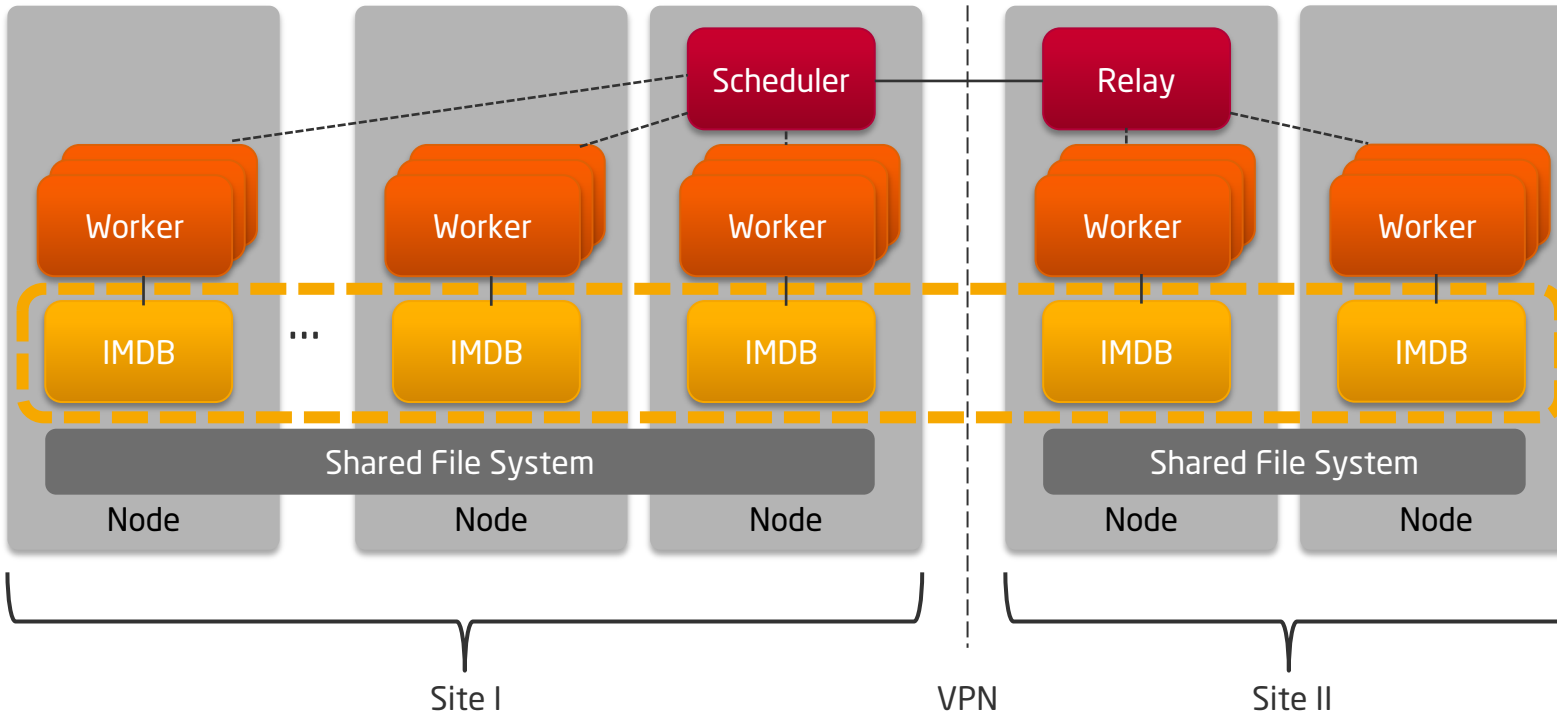
Subtasks

Task	ID	Job	Status	Params
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12	98	Import	todo	abc.vcf
12	98	Import	done	abc.vcf

Runtime Environment

Software Components and Communication

----- UDP
—— TCP

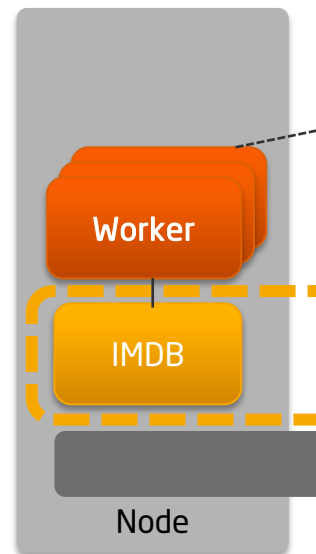


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Runtime Environment Workers

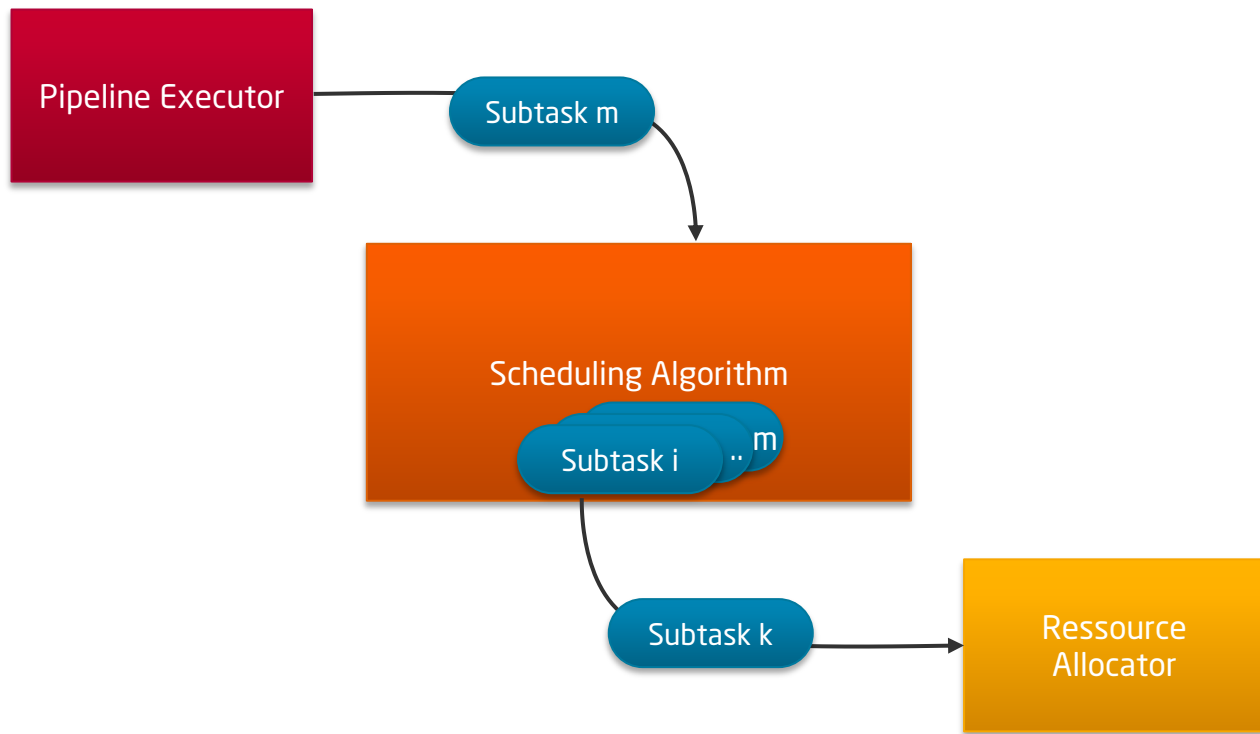
- Workers execute jobs one by one
- Subtask execution status in IMDB:
 - Ready (0),
 - In Progress (1),
 - Done (2), or
 - Erroneous (3).
- Jobs implemented as Python modules/classes
 - Can contain arbitrary code
 - Have access to IMDB
 - Can read/write to shared working directory



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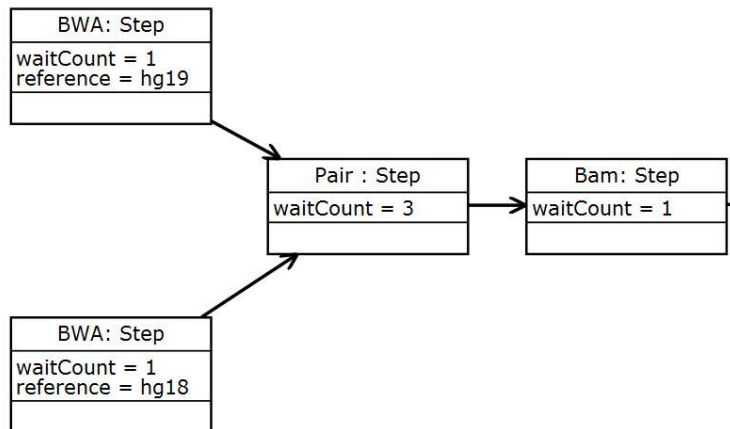
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Runtime Environment Task Scheduler



Runtime Environment Pipeline Execution

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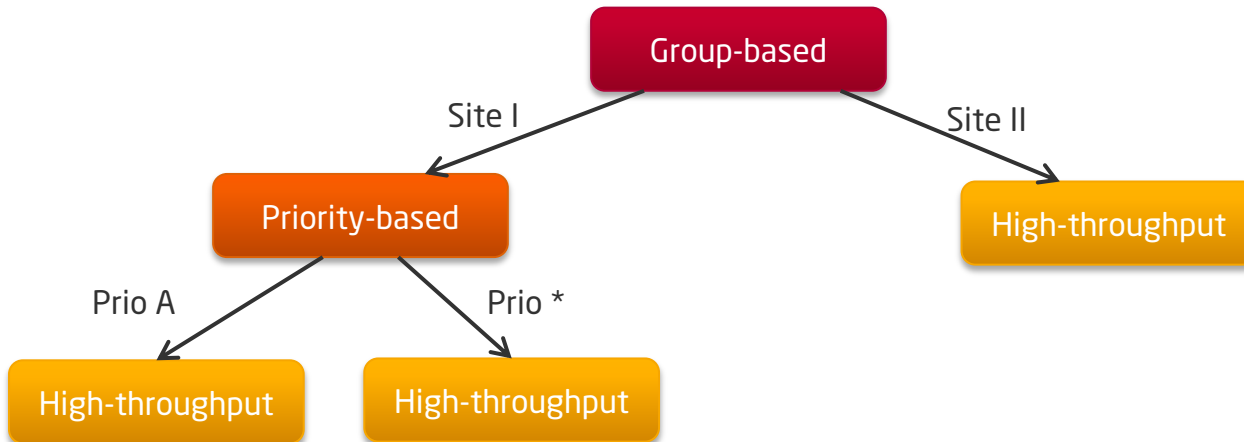


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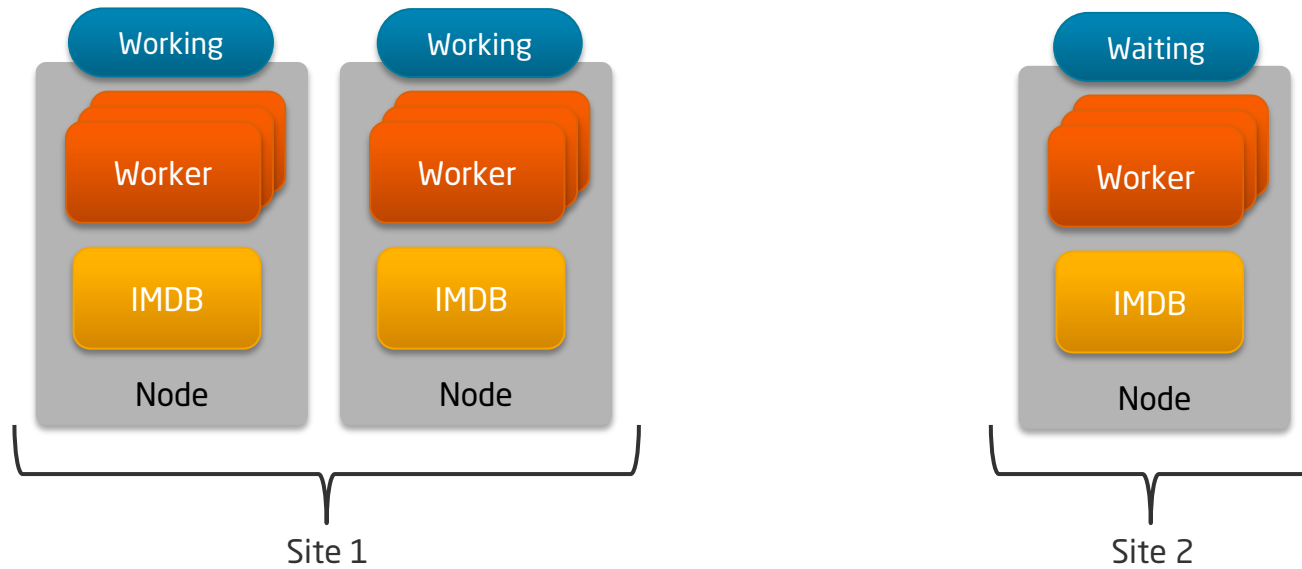
Runtime Environment Scheduling Algorithms

- Scheduling algorithms are plug-in software modules
 - “User-/Group-based” to let users execute their tasks on their local site only
 - “Priority First” to prefer important users
 - “High Throughput”, i.e. “shortest task first” to deal with high load
- Scheduling algorithms can also be composed hierarchically



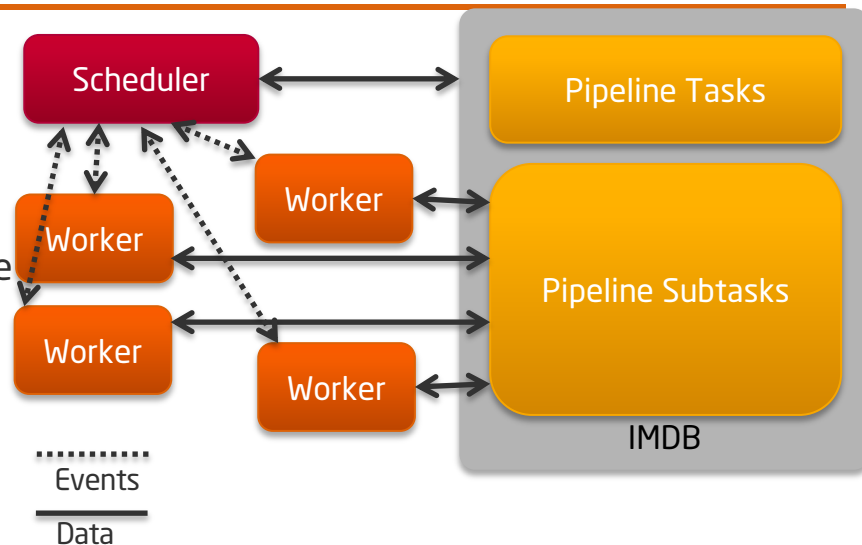
Runtime Environment Resource Allocator

- Maintains lists of running and idle nodes
- Idle worker requests new sub task for its assigned groups
- If there is no matching sub task, it sleeps until a new sub task gets ready



Runtime Environment Recoverability

- All execution data is stored in IMDB
- Temporary files on a shared file system
- In case of any failure, the system-wide state can be restored



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2015-11-04 18:01:30 INFO [ContinuingCoordinator] will start task with ID 1860
2015-11-04 18:01:30 INFO [ContinuingCoordinator] Will continue old but unfinished task 1969 with 52 already done subtasks.
2015-11-04 18:01:31 ERROR [ContinuingCoordinator] Timeout (most recent call last):
```

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Federated Data Processing Comparison

- (Smaller) algorithms travel to (larger) data sets
- Forms a single virtual database (FIDMB) across sites and locations
- Master data managed by service provider whilst sensitive data resides locally

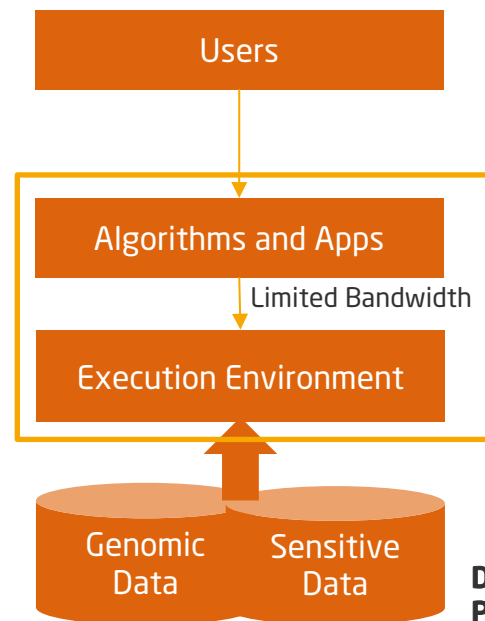
Pros	Cons
Single database license	Complex operation
Easy to consume services	Single setup required
Query propagation by IMDB	

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What to take home?

- Modeling is key for reproducible research
- Use of standards can accelerate adoption
- Federation of data/algorithms facilitates data protection
- Move algorithms to data if $\text{size_of}(\text{data}) \gg \text{size_of}(\text{algorithms})$ by far
- Decentralized execution environment req., e.g., for execution of algorithms and results assembly
- Build on existing knowledge, e.g., resource scheduling



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