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Figure 1

A hypothetical git workflow for a scientific collaboration involving three authors. Each circle represents a commit and colors denote author specific commits. Two way arrows indicate a sync (a push and pull in git terminology). One way arrows indicate an update to one branch from another. Horizontal arrows indicate development along a particular branch.

Figure 2

A list of contributions to a project on GitHub

Figure 3

git makes it easy to track individual contributions through time ensuring appropriate attribution and accountability. This screenshot shows subset of commits (colored dots) by four authors over a period spanning October 29th - November 11th, 2012.