An Infrastructure for Reproducible Exposomic Research

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Introduction

- Understanding effects of the modern environment on human health requires a complete picture of environmental exposures, behaviors, and socio-economic factors.
- *Exposome*: encompasses life-course of environmental exposures & lifestyle beginning prenatally; complements the genome by providing a comprehensive description of exposure history[1].
- Exposomic research requires integrating diverse data types to support different research use-cases.
- Data gaps and sparseness are common with exposure monitoring and challenge generation of sufficiently complete exposomes.
- Systematically using available data with an understanding of their limitations could enable research reproducibility.

Conclusion

- A generalizable and metadata-driven platform for integrating multi-scale and multi-omics data provides a robust pipeline for reproducible research data.
- Informs end-user not only of the specifics about the data but also its limitations.

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Genome ↔ Phenome ↔ Exposome

Exposome: Totality of human environmental exposures from conception onwards, complementing the genome[4].

$$Exposure = f\left(\begin{array}{c} Quantity\ of\ Air\ Pollutant, \\ Duration, \\ Frequency, \\ Person\ and\ Biological\ Charateristics \end{array}\right)$$

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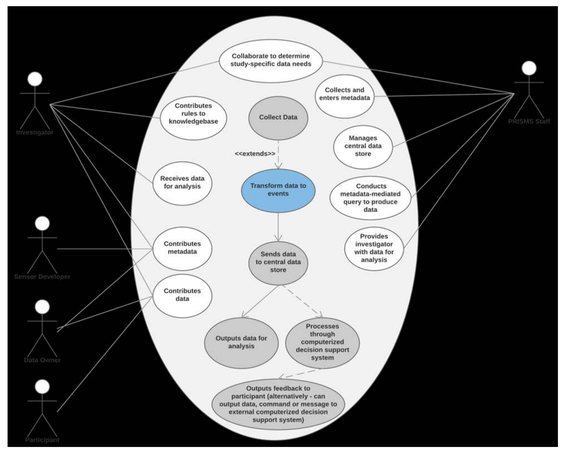
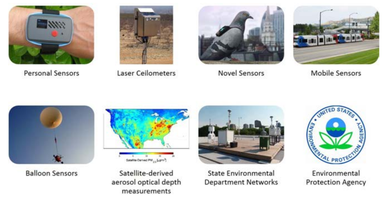
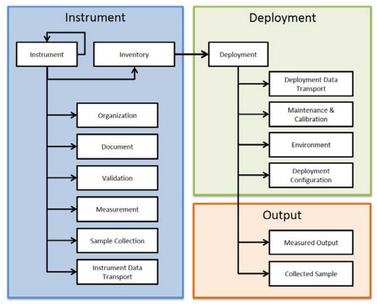
- Selection of Relevant Sensor Data Sources
- Modeling for a High Spatio-temporal Grid
- Characterizing Uncertainty
- Data Integration to Support Ease of Use



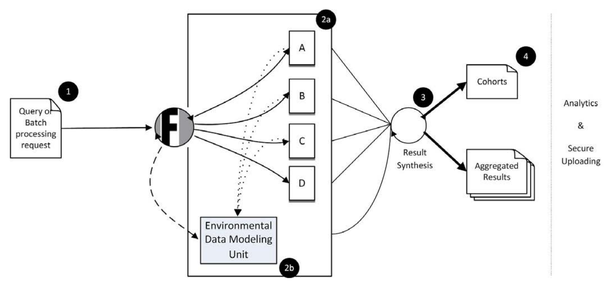
Use-case Archetypes

Air Quality Sensors

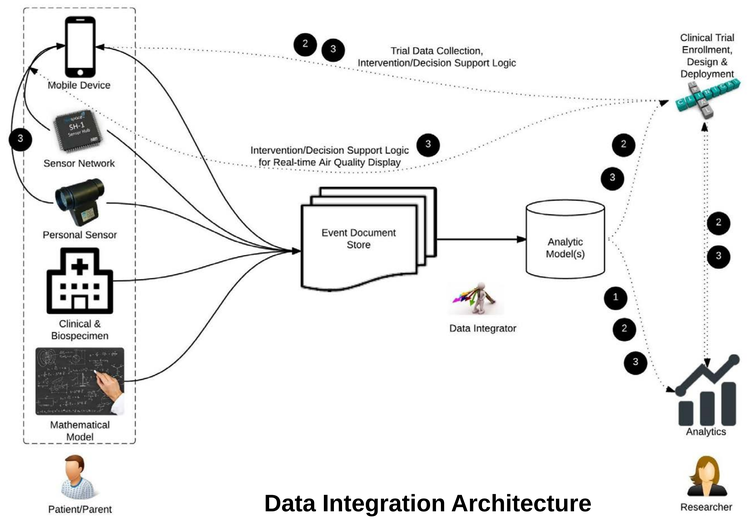




Sensor Common Data Model



Data Integration Workflow



Data Integration Architecture

Informatics Infrastructure

We are developing a scalable computation infrastructure in order to systematically generate air quality exposomes for the NIH Pediatric Research using Integrated Sensor Monitoring Systems (PRISMS) program.

- **Use cases**: Research use-cases clarify requirements and work flows.
- **Data Models**: Conceptual data models integrate diverse sensor data as related to individuals and populations. Standards support integration across centers.
- **Metadata Management**: Graph implementation of OpenFurther’s Metadata Repository[2] for authoring and storage of metadata to support proper use of heterogeneous data.
- **Integration Platform**: A metadata-driven big data infrastructure based on the OpenFurther[2] (OF) platform.
- **Integrated Data Store**: OF generates an event-document store (EDS) to support different use-cases. EDS captures spatio-temporal variations of events (e.g. air pollutant concentrations, asthma symptoms), and locations of the individuals and populations.
- **Mathematical Modeling**: Fills gaps in measurements and characterizes uncertainties in the data.

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