

Accio: A Location Privacy Framework and Tool

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What is Accio?

Accio is a scientific workflow management tool...
... designed towards spatio-temporal data...
... aimed at studying privacy.

Scientific workflow
management

Location privacy
algorithms

Scientific workflow management



A Survey of Data-Intensive Scientific Workflow Management. Liu, Ji and Pacitti, Esther and Valduriez, Patrick and Mattoso, Marta. *Journal of Grid Computing*, Volume 13, Issue 14, December 2015.

Location privacy study

- Only one work I am aware of!
- Implemented as an open source tool (C++).
- Quantification of privacy only (not utility).
- Strict probabilistic framework.

Quantifying Location Privacy. Shokri, Reza and Theodorakopoulos, George and Le Boudec , Jean-Yves and Hubaux , Jean-Pierre. *Security & Privacy*, May 2011.

Accio key features



Simple yet
powerful DSL



Easy results
analysis



Multi-tenant &
scalable



Battery-packed
for privacy study

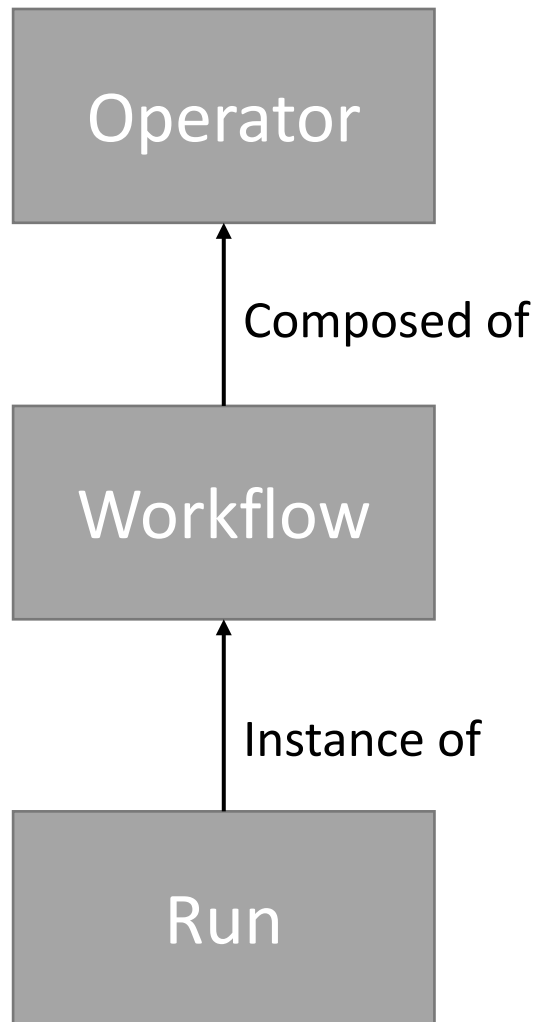
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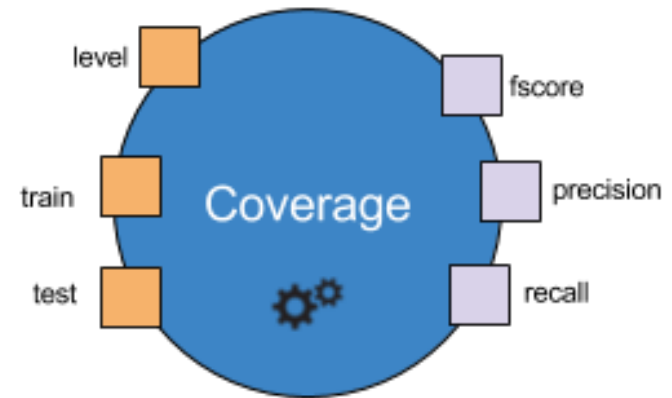
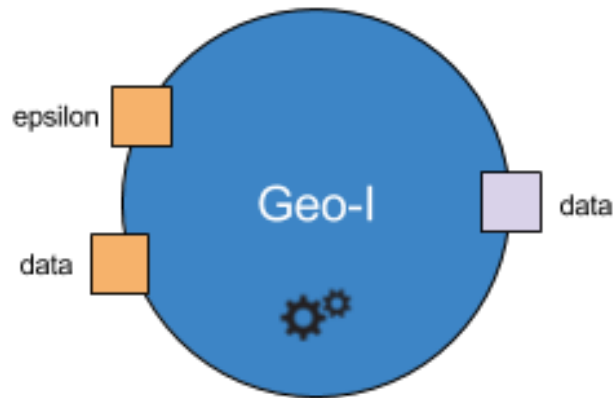
History

- **April 2016:** ALP, first configurable tool for a paper. Still very specific concepts.
- **September 2016:** Accio v1, direct successor of ALP. Sophie begins using it.
- **November 2016:** Accio v1.5, more generic concepts. Mohamed begins using it.
- **January 2017:** Accio v2, distributed version.

Core concepts

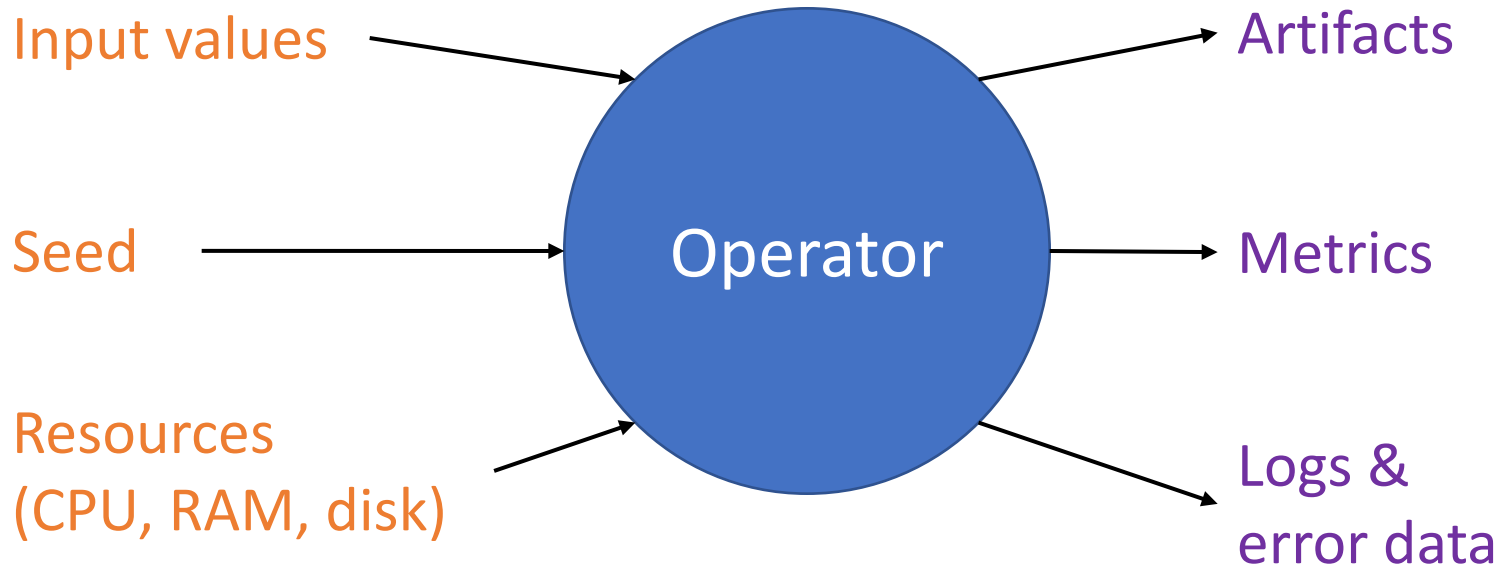


Operators



Input ports and Output ports

Operators



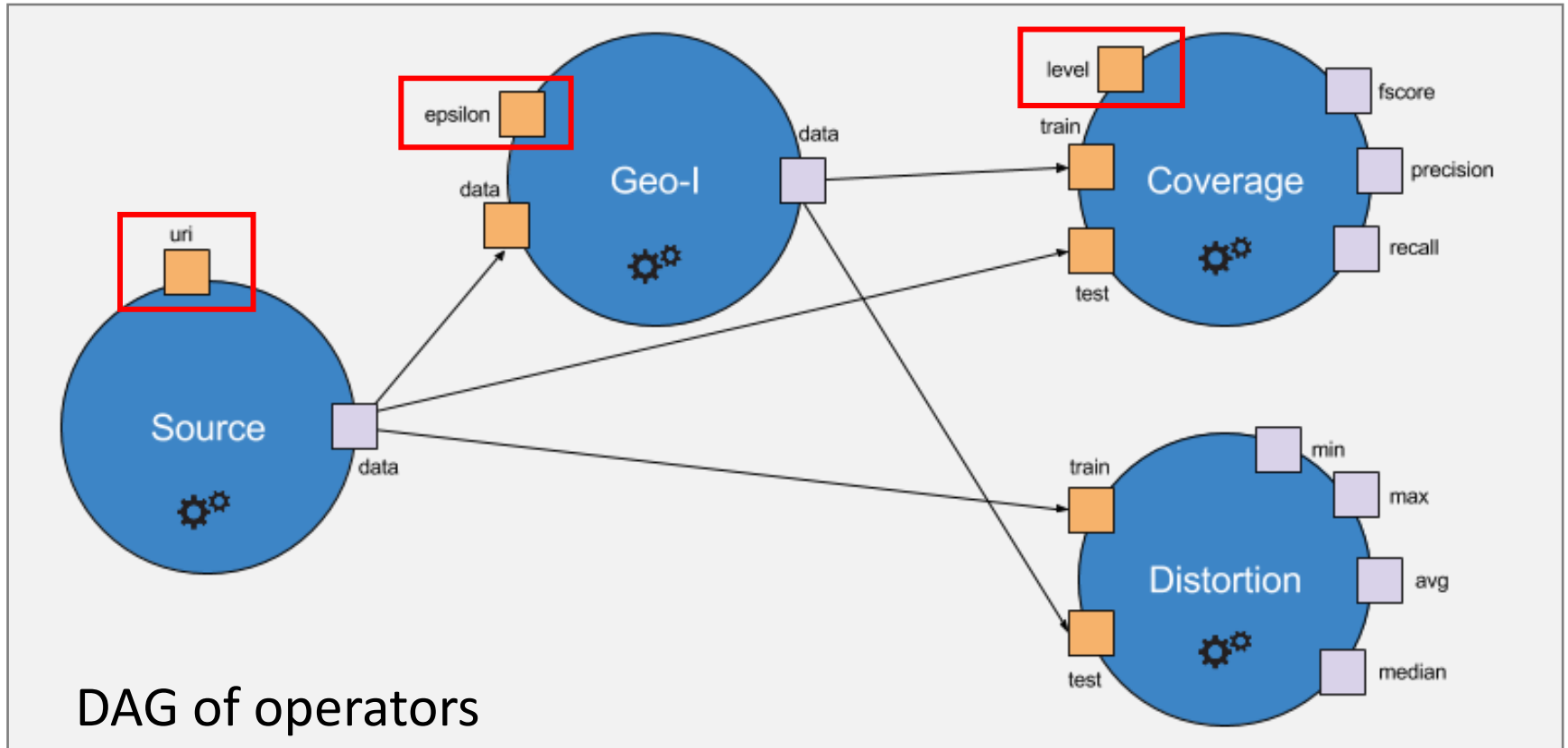
Type system

- Atomic types:
 - Numeric: byte, integer, long, double
 - Pseudo-numeric: **distance, duration**
 - Other: string, boolean, **location, timestamp, dataset**
- Collection types :
 - List (of atomic types)
 - Set (of atomic types)
 - Map (of atomic types)

Operator authoring

```
@Op(  
  category = "lppm",  
  help = "Enforce geo-indistinguishability guarantees on traces.",  
  unstable = true,  
  cpu = 4,  
  ram = "2G")  
class GeoIndistinguishabilityOp  
extends Operator[GeoIndistinguishabilityIn, GeoIndistinguishabilityOut] {  
  
  override def execute(in: GeoIndistinguishabilityIn, ctx: OpContext): GeoIndistinguishabilityOut = {  
    val input = read[Trace](in.data)  
    val rnd = new Random(ctx.seed)  
    val seeds = input.keys.map(key => key -> rnd.nextLong()).toMap  
    val output = input.map(trace => new Laplace(in.epsilon, seeds(trace.id)).transform(trace))  
    GeoIndistinguishabilityOut(write(output, ctx.workDir))  
  }  
}  
  
case class GeoIndistinguishabilityIn(@Arg epsilon: Double = 0.001, @Arg data: Dataset)  
case class GeoIndistinguishabilityOut(@Arg data: Dataset)
```

Workflows



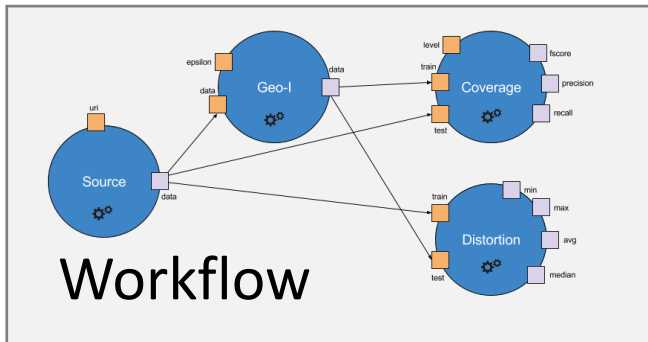
+ Parameters

+ Metadata: name, owner

Workflow DSL (JSON)

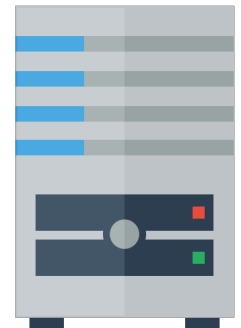
```
{
  "id": "geoind_workflow",
  "name": "Geo-indistinguishability workflow",
  "owner": "John Doe <john.doe@gmail.com>",
  "params": [
    { "name": "epsilon", "kind": "double" }
  ],
  "graph": [
    {
      "op": "GeoIndistinguishability",
      "inputs": {
        "epsilon": { "param": "epsilon" },
        "data": "/path/to/my/dataset"
      }
    },
    {
      "op": "PoisRetrieval",
      "inputs": {
        "diameter": "200.meters",
        "duration": "15.minutes",
        "threshold": "100.meters",
        "train": "/path/to/my/dataset",
        "test": { "reference": "GeoIndistinguishability/data" }
      }
    }
  ]
}
```

Runs



- + Parameters (possibly a sweep)
- + Repeat times
- + Seed
- + Metadata: name, owner, tags...

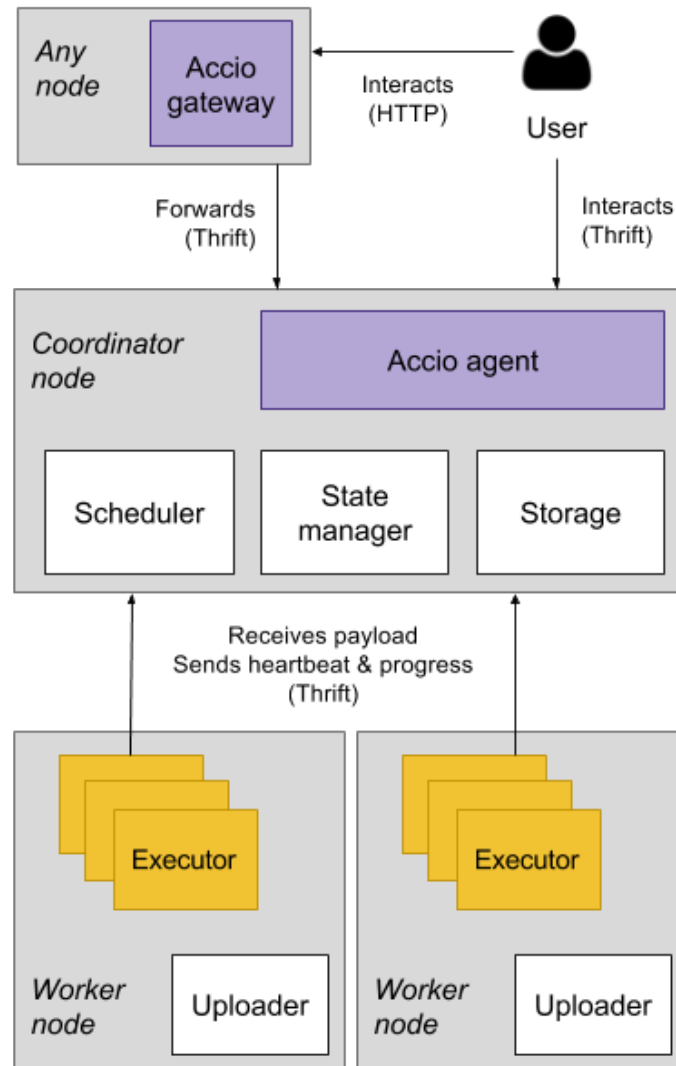
One or many runs, scheduled on a cluster



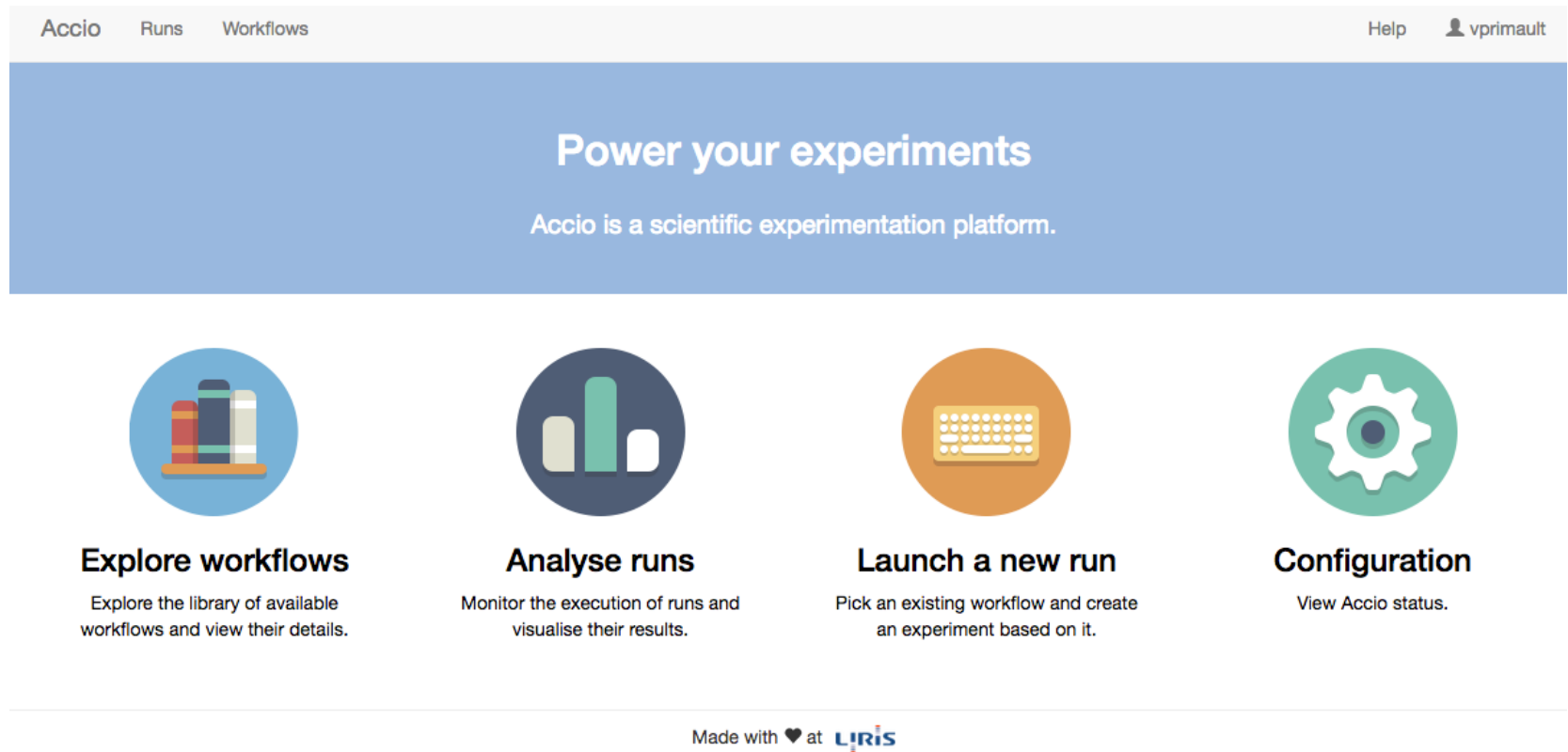
Run DSL (JSON)

```
{
  "workflow": "my_awesome_workflow",
  "repeat": 3,
  "name": "My brand new experiment",
  "tags": ["brand", "new"],
  "params": {
    "epsilon": {
      "from": 0.00001,
      "to": 1,
      "log": true
    },
    "duration": "10.seconds"
  }
}
```

System architecture



Web UI



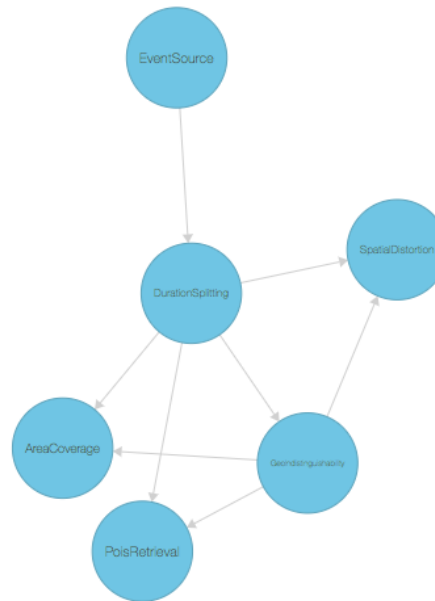
Web UI

Workflow details

Name	Geo-I Cab nominal workflow
Created	Jan 26th 2017, 01:03pm
Owner	Sophie Cerf < sophie.cerf@gipsa-lab.fr >

Workflow parameters

Operators graph



Web UI


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 **Runs**

Search by name, workflow, owner or tags...

Compare

Create run

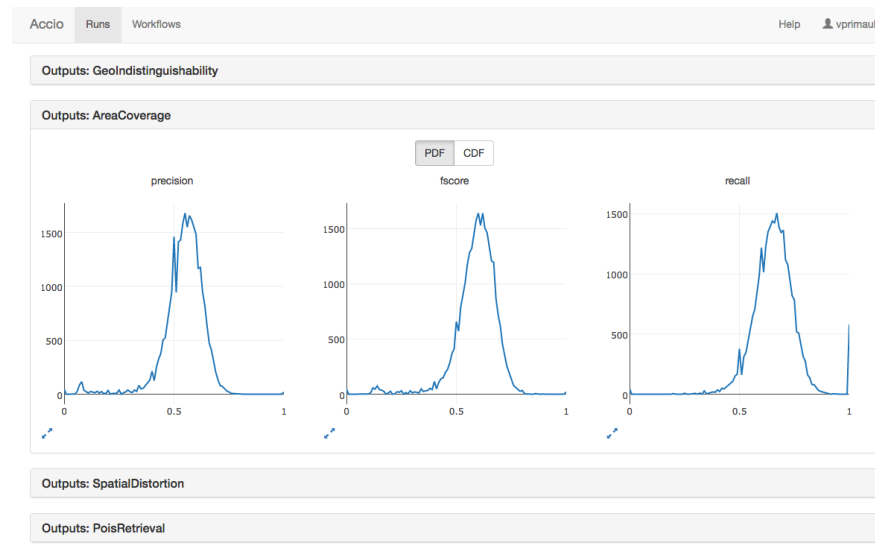
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<input type="checkbox"/> Untitled run #74b0fb4932104c4f809c56b0123d8639	workflow_Geo-I	vprimault	<div>100%</div>	14 hours ago	
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Results analysis

- Monitoring and results preview via CLI.
- Export of artifacts and metrics via CLI.
- Monitoring and interactive analysis via web UI.
- REST API for more advanced usages.



Implementation notes

- Scala (backend & client): 10,840 LOC.
- NodeJS (web UI): 1,700 LOC.



- Storage: Local, Elasticsearch.
- State manager: Local, Zookeeper.
- Scheduler: Local, GridEngine (TBD), Nomad (TBD).
- Uploader: Local, SCP (TBD), S3 (TBD).

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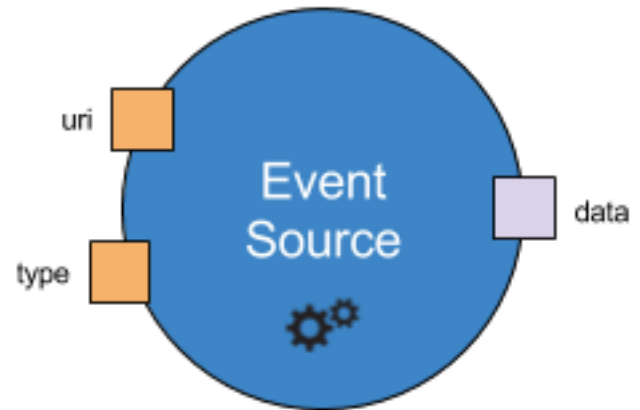
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Data model

- Event: A triplet (user, location, timestamp).
- Trace: An ordered sequence of events belonging to the same user.
- Traces are written as CSV.
- Sparkle library for parallel processing of traces.

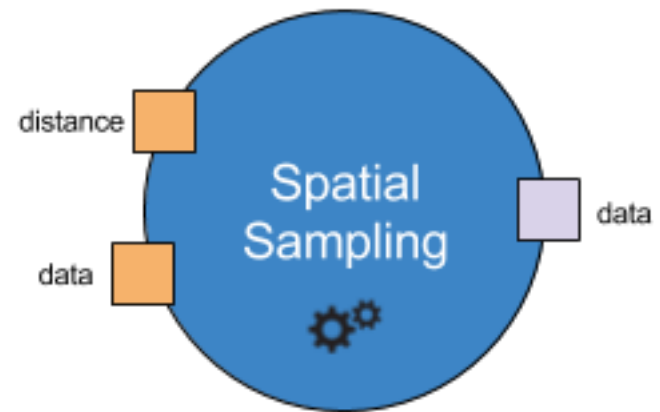
Source operators

- EventSource



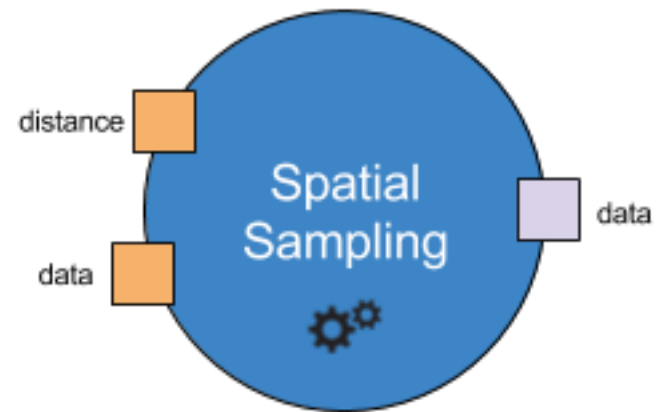
Transform operators

- CollapseTemporalGaps
- DurationSplitting
- EnforceDuration
- EnforceSize
- GaussianKernelSmoothing
- ModuloSampling
- SequentialSplitting



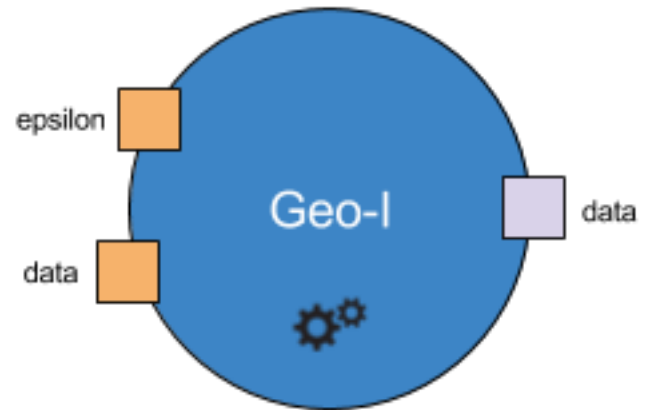
Transform operators (cont'd)

- SizeSplitting
- SpatialGapSplitting
- SpatialSampling
- TemporalGapSplitting
- TemporalSampling
- UniformSampling
- **PoisExtraction**



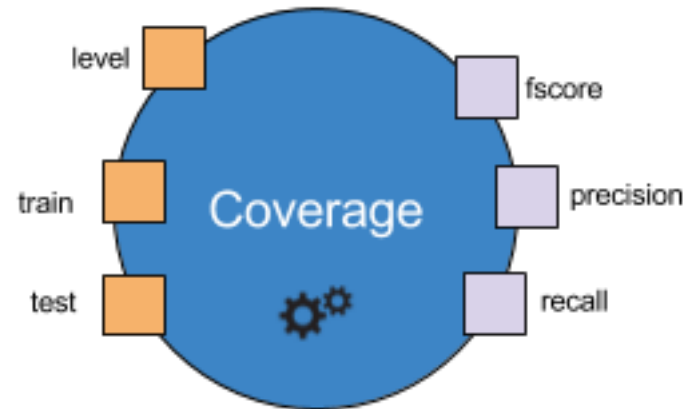
LPPM operators

- GeoIndistinguishability
- Promesse
- Wait4Me



Metric operators

- AreaCoverage
- CountQueriesDistortion
- DataCompleteness
- PoisReident
- PoisRetrieval
- SpatialDistortion
- TransmissionDelay



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