

Genomic Data Mining and The Case for Open Data Standards

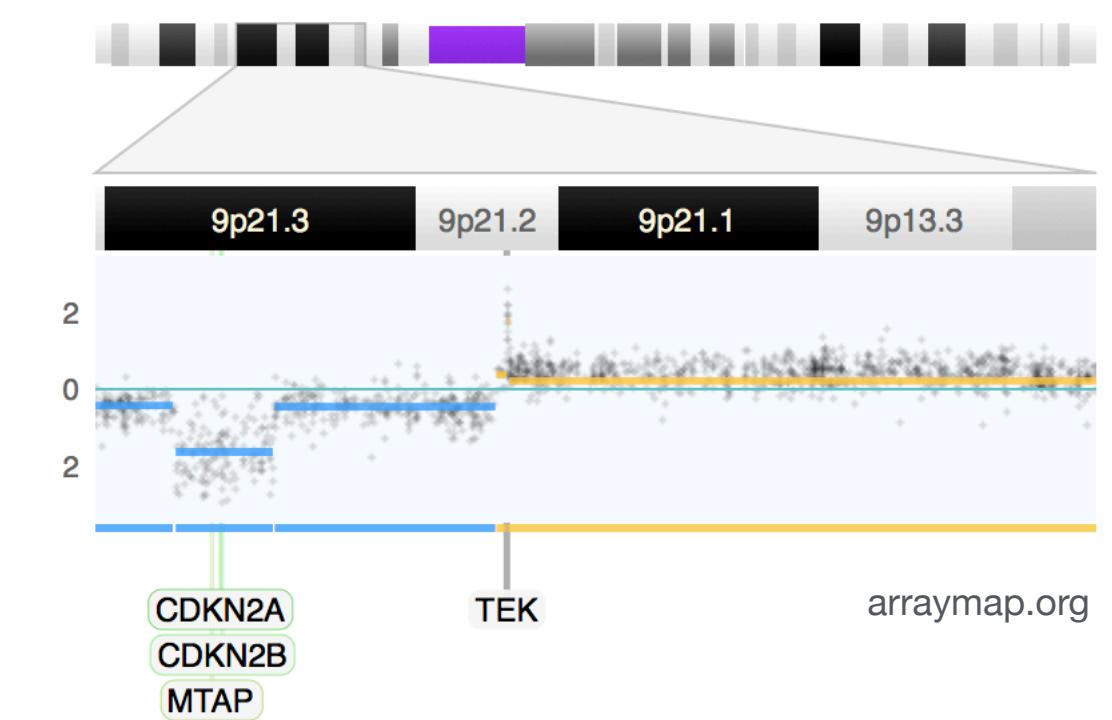
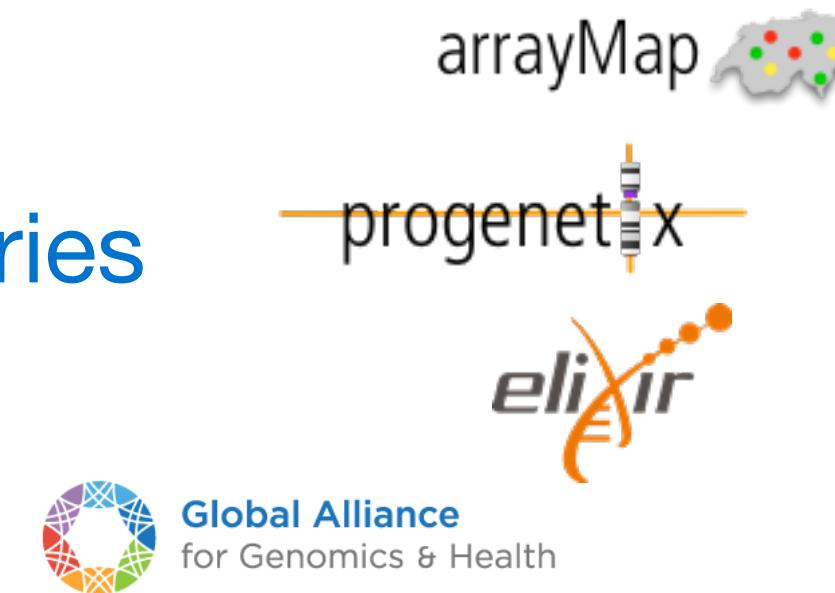
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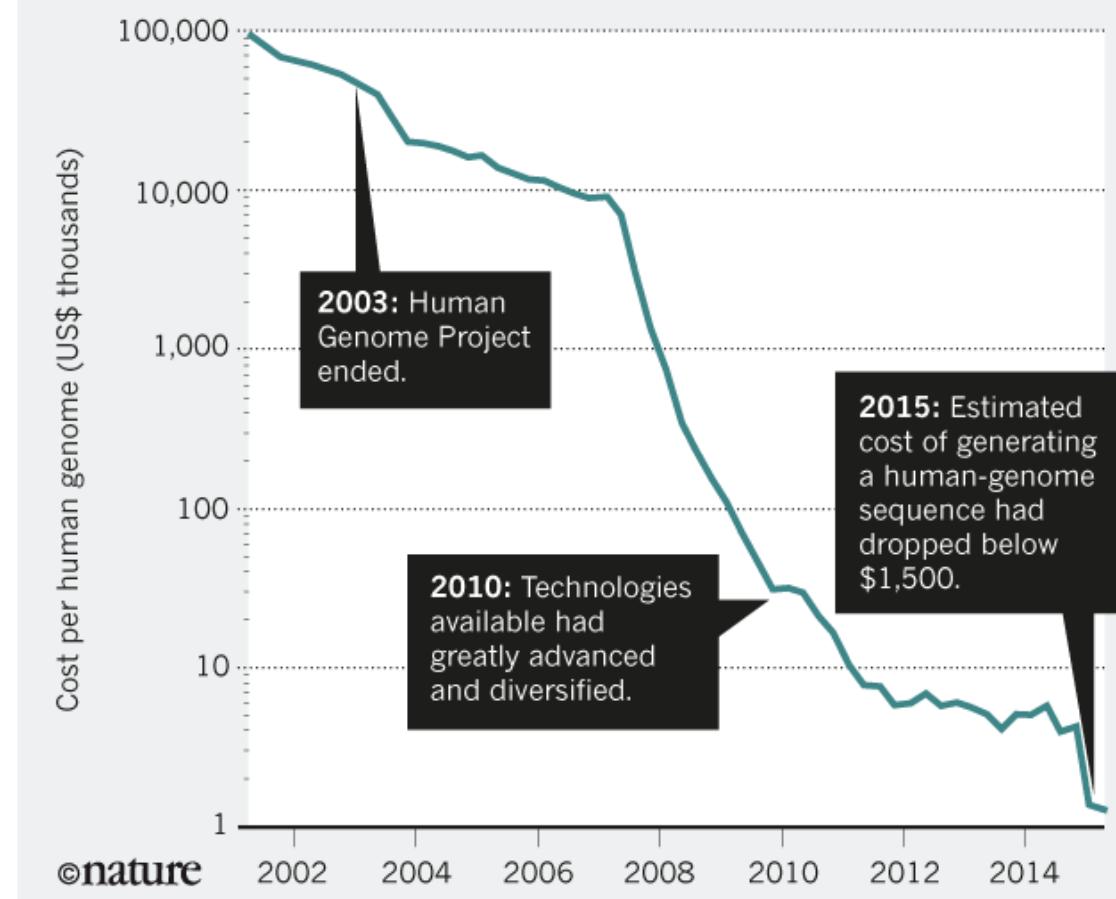


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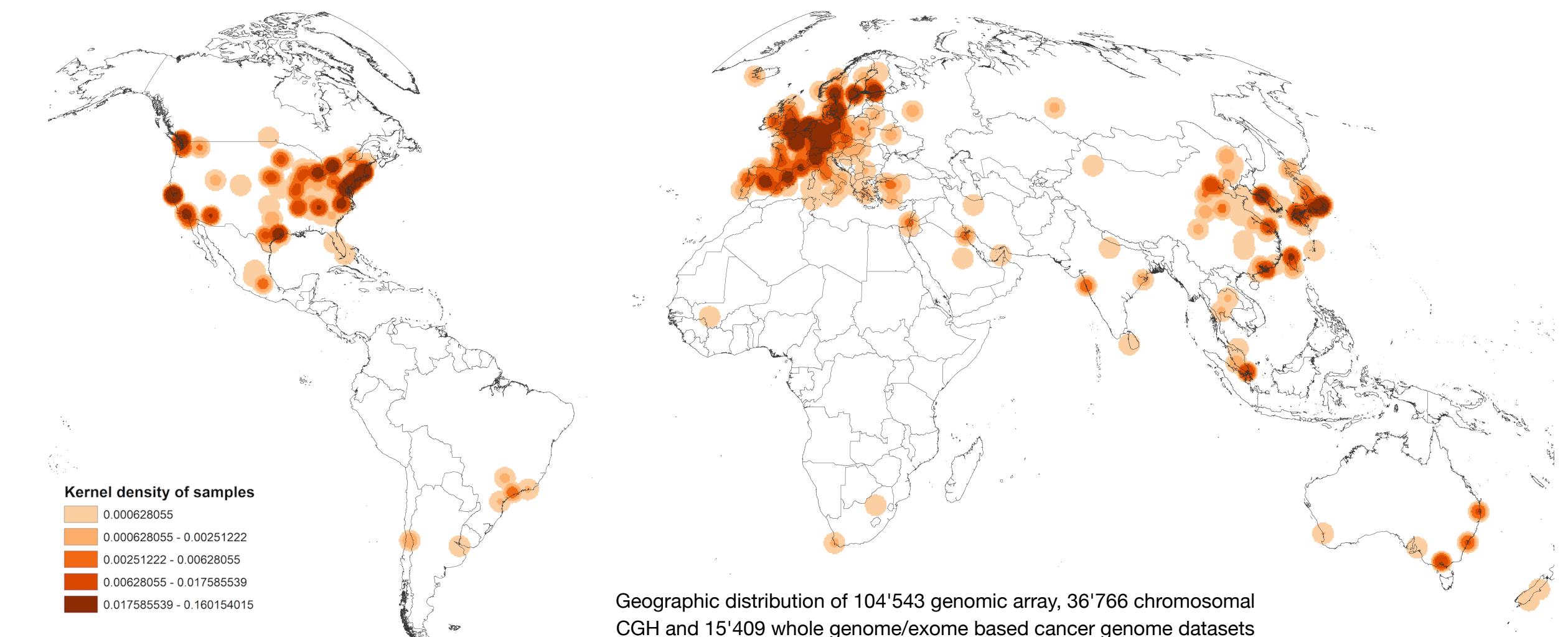
- ▶ **Genome analyses** (including transcriptome, metagenomics) are core technologies for Personalised Health™ applications
- ▶ The unexpectedly large amount of **sequence variants** in human genomes - germline and somatic/cancer - requires huge analysis efforts and creation of **reference repositories**
- ▶ **Standardized data formats** and **exchange protocols** are needed to connect these resources throughout the world, for reciprocal, international **data sharing and biocuration** efforts
- ▶ Our work @ UZH:
 - ▶ **cancer genome repositories**
 - ▶ **biocuration**
 - ▶ **protocols & formats**



BETTER, CHEAPER, FASTER
The cost of DNA sequencing has dropped dramatically over the past decade, enabling many more applications.



The future of DNA sequencing. Eric D. Green, Edward M. Rubin & Maynard V. Olson. Nature; 11 October 2017 (News & Views)



Theoretical Cytogenetics and Oncogenomics

Cancer Genomics | Data Resources | Methods & Standards for Genomics and Personalized Health

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for t in pars.keys():

    covs = np.zeros((cs_no, int_no))
    vals = np.zeros((cs_no, int_no))

    if type(callsets).__name__ == "Cursor":
        callsets.rewind()

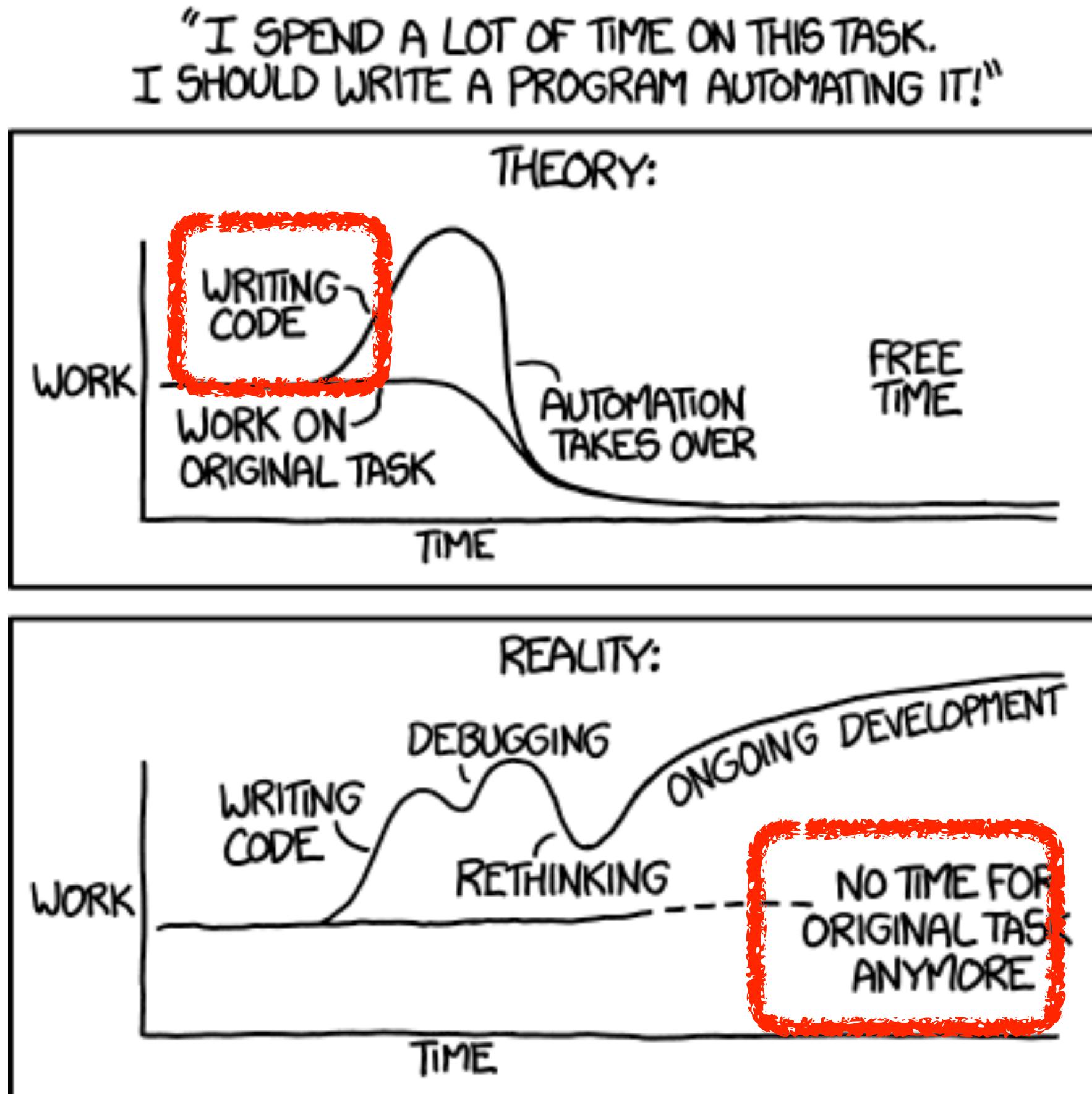
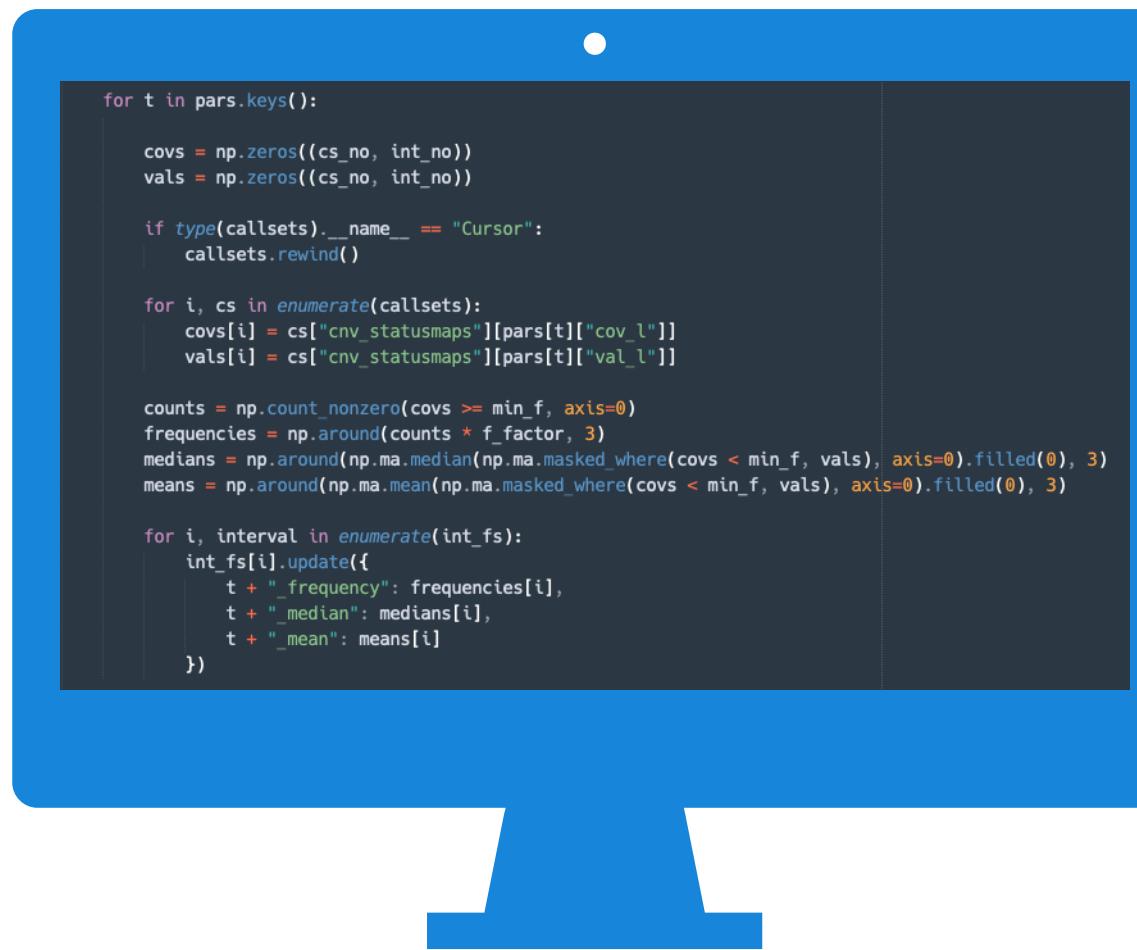
    for i, cs in enumerate(callsets):
        covs[i] = cs["cnv_statusmaps"][pars[t]["cov_l"]]
        vals[i] = cs["cnv_statusmaps"][pars[t]["val_l"]]

    counts = np.count_nonzero(covs >= min_f, axis=0)
    frequencies = np.around(counts * f_factor, 3)
    medians = np.around(np.ma.median(np.ma.masked_where(covs < min_f, vals), axis=0).filled(0), 3)
    means = np.around(np.ma.mean(np.ma.masked_where(covs < min_f, vals), axis=0).filled(0), 3)

    for i, interval in enumerate(int_fs):
        int_fs[i].update({
            t + "_frequency": frequencies[i],
            t + "_median": medians[i],
            t + "_mean": means[i]
        })
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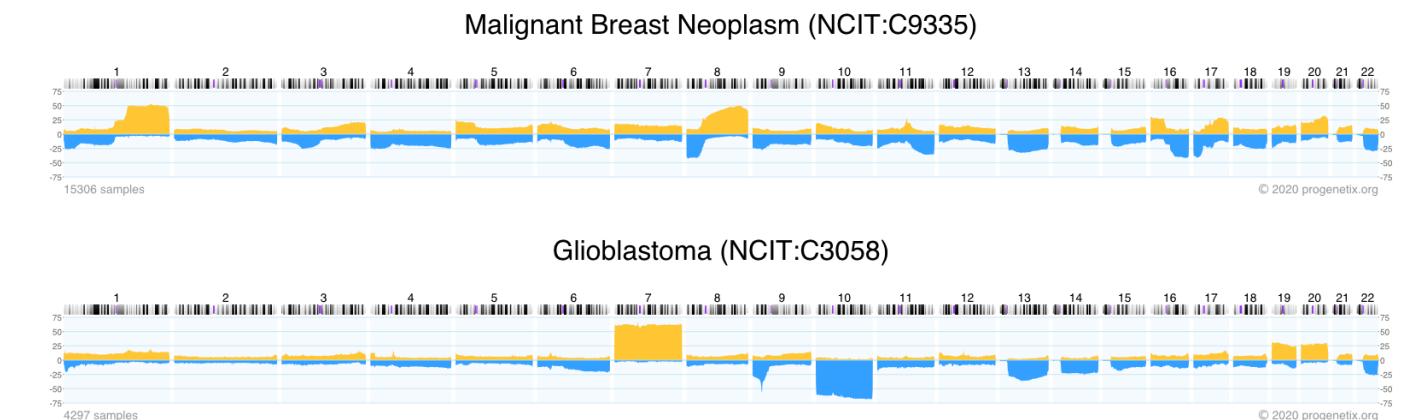
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Theoretical Cytogenetics and Oncogenomics

... but what does this entail @baudisgroup?

- patterns & markers in cancer genomics, especially somatic structural genome variants
- bioinformatics support in collaborative studies
- reference resources for curated cancer genome variations
- bioinformatics tools & methods
- standards and reference implementations for data sharing in genomics and personalized health
- open research data "ambassadoring"

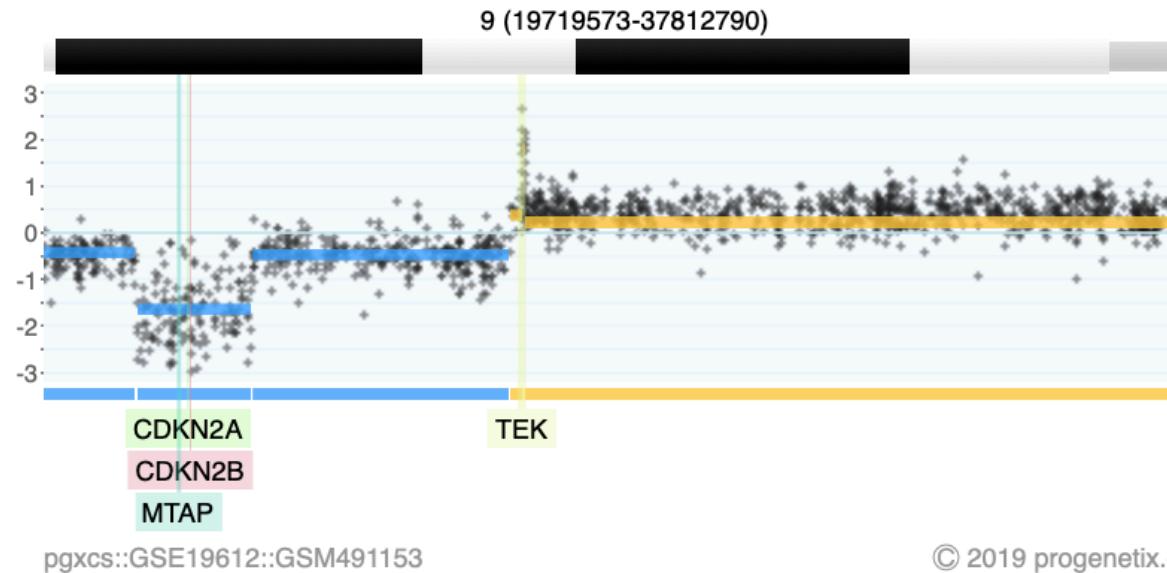


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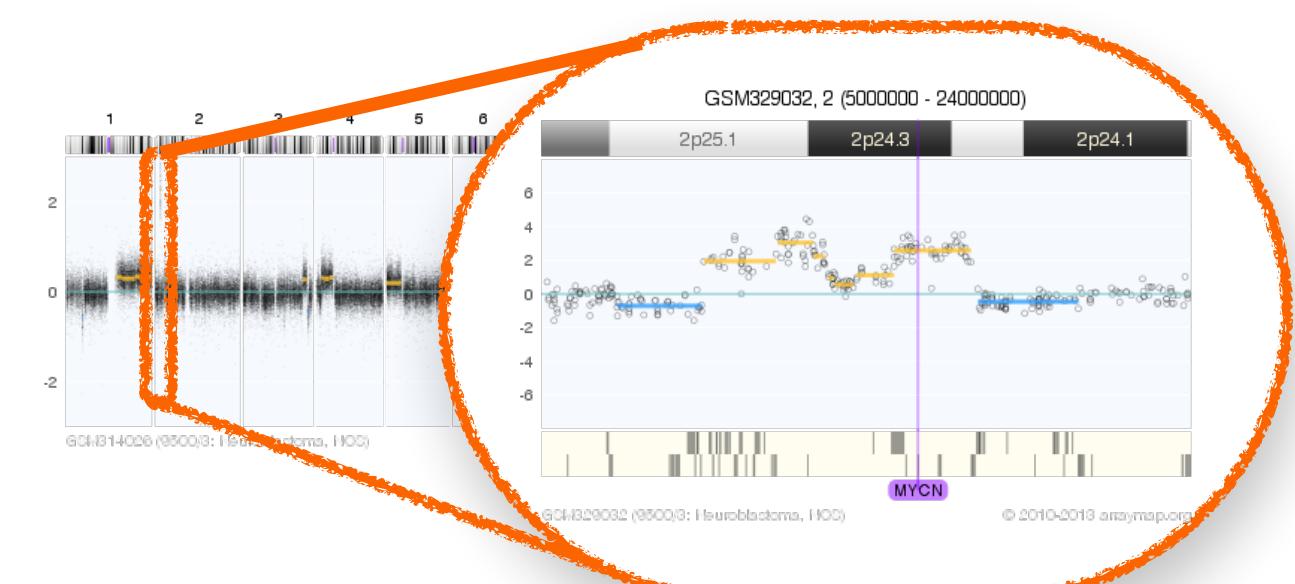
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Genomic Imbalances in Cancer - Copy Number Variations (CNV)

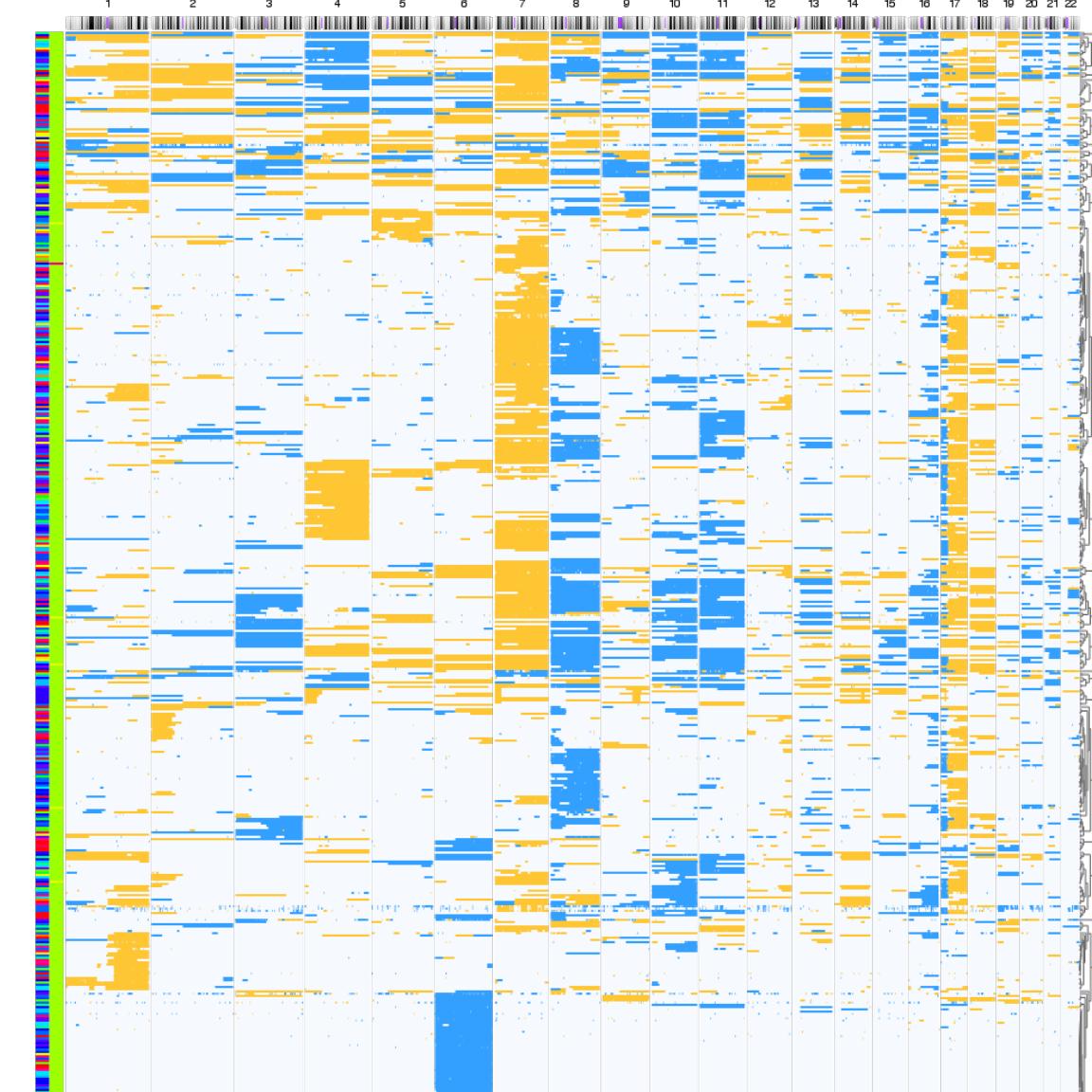
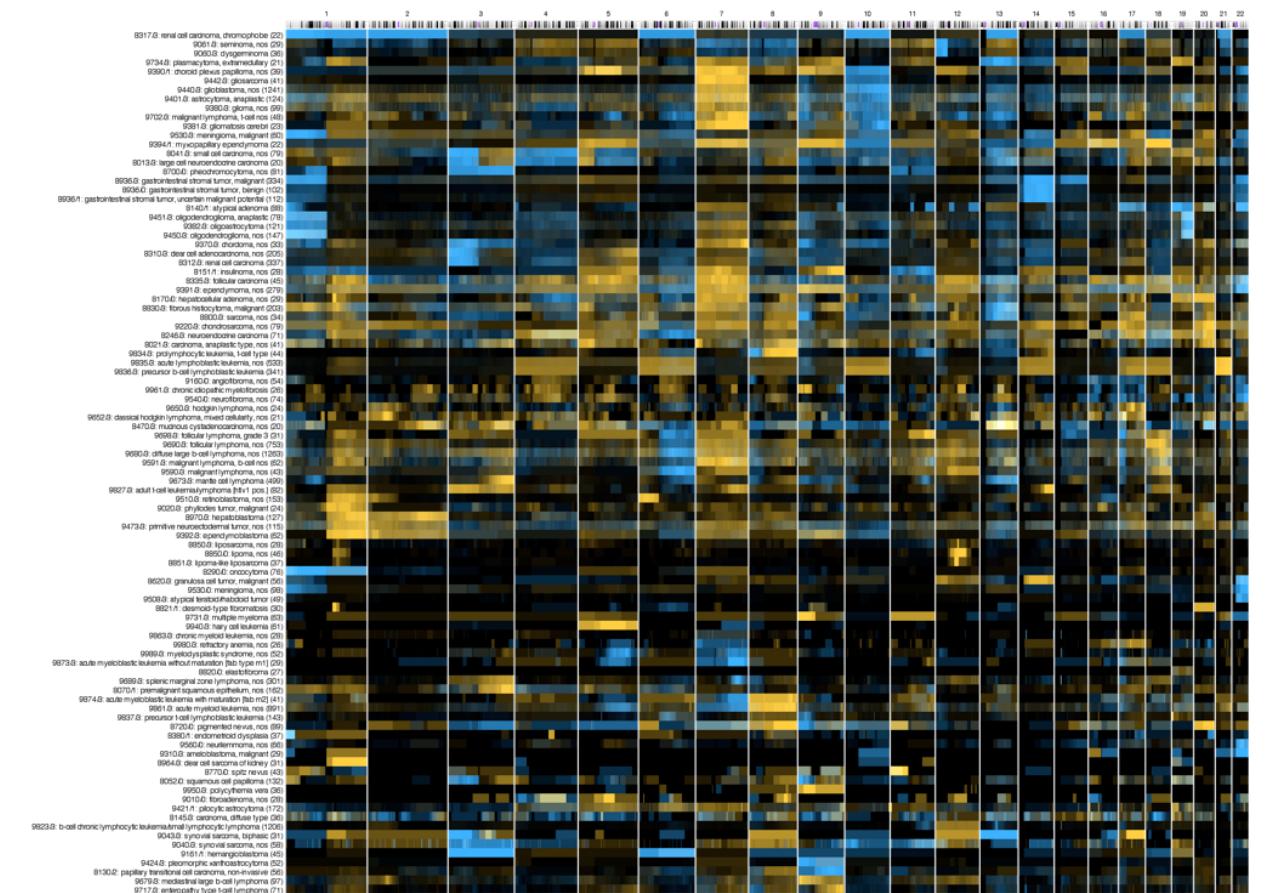
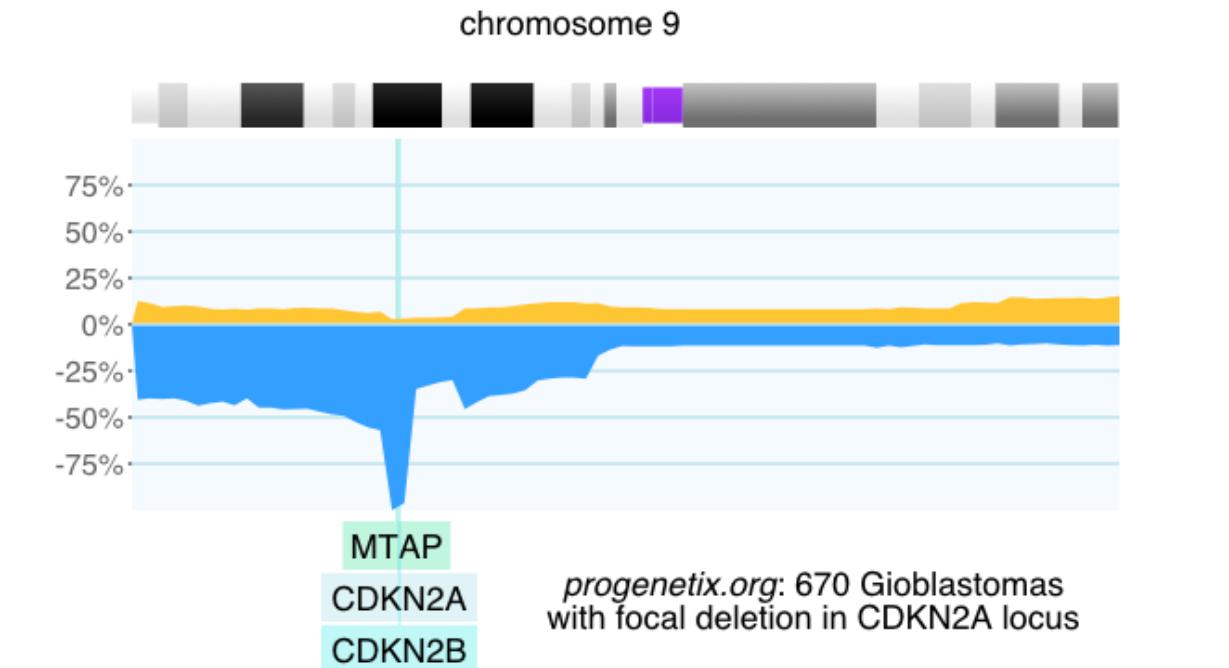
- Point mutations (insertions, deletions, substitutions)
- Chromosomal rearrangements
- **Regional Copy Number Alterations** (losses, gains)
- Epigenetic changes (e.g. DNA methylation abnormalities)



2-event, homozygous deletion in a Glioblastoma



MYCN amplification in neuroblastoma
(GSM314026, SJNB8_N cell line)



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Cancer CNV Profiles

ICD-O Morphologies
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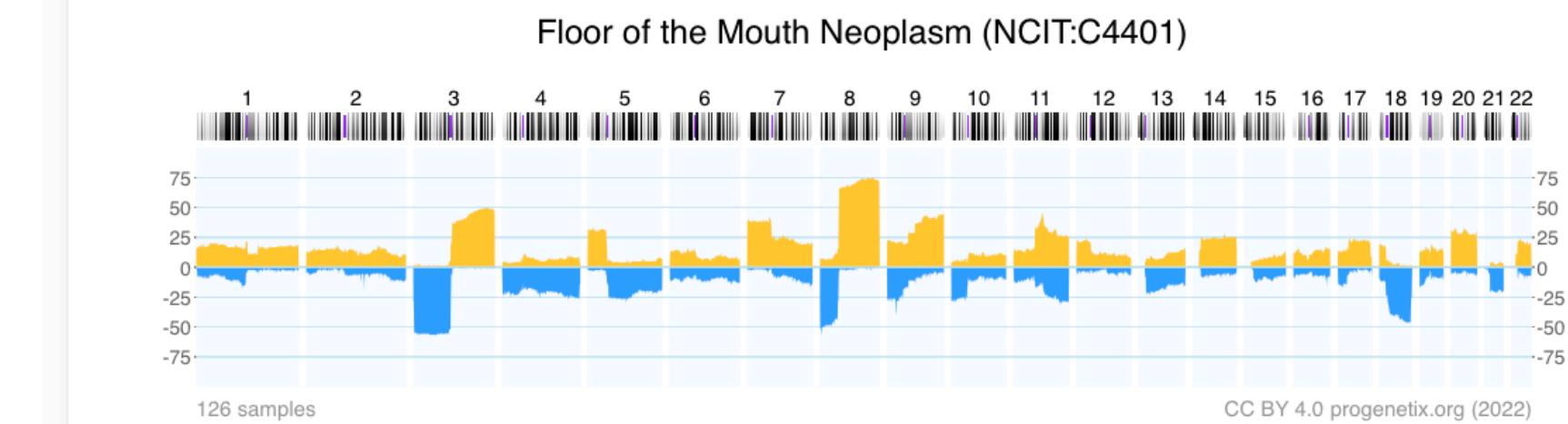
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Cancer genome data @ progenetix.org

The Progenetix database provides an overview of mutation data in cancer, with a focus on copy number abnormalities (CNV / CNA), for all types of human malignancies. The data is based on *individual sample data* from currently **142063** samples.



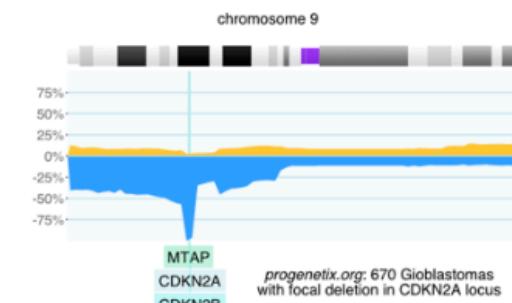
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Example for aggregated CNV data in 126 samples in Floor of the Mouth Neoplasm.
Here the frequency of regional **copy number gains** and **losses** are displayed for all 22 autosomes.

Progenetix Use Cases

Local CNV Frequencies

A typical use case on Progenetix is the search for local copy number aberrations - e.g. involving a gene - and the exploration of cancer types with these CNVs. The [\[Search Page \]](#) provides example use cases for designing queries. Results contain basic statistics as well as visualization and download options.



Cancer CNV Profiles

The progenetix resource contains data of **834** different cancer types (NCIt neoplasm classification), mapped to a variety of biological and technical categories. Frequency profiles of regional genomic gains and losses for all categories (diagnostic entity, publication, cohort ...) can be accessed through the [\[Cancer Types \]](#) page with direct visualization and options for sample retrieval and plotting options.

Cancer Genomics Publications

Through the [\[Publications \]](#) page Progenetix provides **4164** annotated references to research articles from cancer genome screening experiments (WGS, WES, aCGH, cCGH). The numbers of analyzed samples and possible availability in the Progenetix sample collection are indicated.

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Cancer Types by National Cancer Institute NCI Code

The cancer samples in Progenetix are mapped to several classification systems. For each of the classes, aggregated data is available by clicking the code. Additionally, a selection of the corresponding samples can be initiated by clicking the sample number or selecting one or more classes through the checkboxes.

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Filter subsets e.g. by prefix Hierarchy Depth: 4 levels

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Head and Neck Squamous Cell Carcinoma (NCIT:C34447)

Subset Type

- NCI Thesaurus OBO Edition NCIT:C34447 ↗

Sample Counts

- 2061 samples
- 57 direct NCIT:C34447 code matches
- 200 CNV analyses
 - Download CNV frequencies ↗

Search Samples

Select NCIT:C34447 samples in the [Search Form](#)

Raw Data (click to show/hide)

Download SVG | Go to NCIT:C34447 | Download CNV Frequencies

- NCIT:C6958: Astrocytic Tumor (5882 samples, 5896 CNV profiles)
- NCIT:C6960: Oligodendroglial Tumor (703 samples, 703 CNV profiles)
- NCIT:C8501: Brain Stem Glioma (2 samples, 2 CNV profiles)
- NCIT:C3716: Primitive Neuroectodermal T... (2213 samples, 2214 CNV profiles)
- NCIT:C4747: Glioneuronal and Neuronal Tumors (89 samples, 89 CNV profiles)
- NCIT:C6965: Pineal Parenchymal Cell Neoplasm (51 samples, 51 CNV profiles)

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Search Samples

CDKN2A Deletion Example MYC Duplication TP53 Del. in Cell Lines

K-562 Cell Line

Gene Spans

Cytoband(s)

This example shows the query for CNV deletion variants overlapping the CDKN2A gene's coding region with at least a single base, but limited to "highly focal" hits (here i.e. <= ~1Mbp in size). The query can be modified e.g. through changing the position parameters or diagnosis.

Dataset

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Gene Symbol i

Select...

Chromosome i

NC_000009.12

Variant Type i

EFO:0030067 (copy number deletion)

Start or Position i

21500001-21975098

End (Range or Structural Var.) i

21967753-22500000

Minimum Variant Length i

Maximal Variant Length i

Reference ID(s) i

Select...

Cohorts i

Cancer Classification(s) i

NCIT:C3058: Glioblastoma (4...

Clinical Classes i

Select...

Genotypic Sex i

Select...

Biosample Type i

Select...

Filters i

Filter Logic i

AND

Include Child Terms i

Select...

Response Limit / Page Size i

1000

Skip Pages i

0

City i

Select...

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Edit Query

Assembly: GRCh38 chro: refseq:NC_000009.12 Start: 21500001-21975098

End: 21967753-22500000 Type: EFO:0030067 Filters: NCIT:C3058

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Matched Samples: 657

Retrieved Samples:

Variants: 276

Calls: 659

UCSC region ↗

Variants in UCSC ↗

Dataset Responses (JSON) ↗

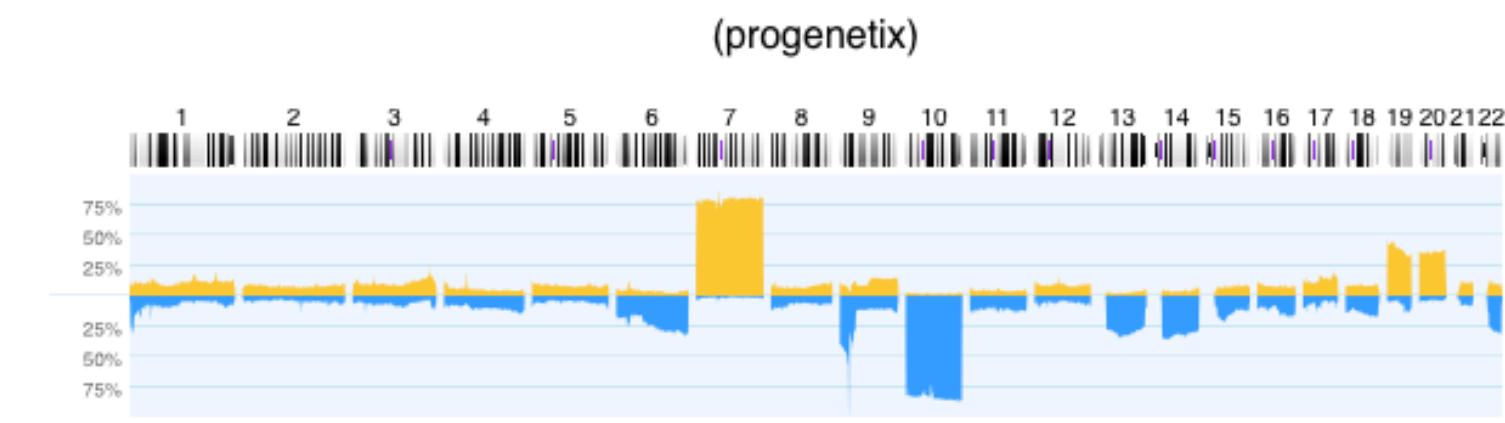
Visualization options

Results

Biosamples

Biosamples Map

Variants



Reload histogram in new window ↗

Matched Subset Codes	Subset Samples	Matched Samples	Subset Match Frequencies
pgx:icdot-C71.4	4	1	0.250
pgx:icdom-94403	4286	653	0.152
NCIT:C3058	4370	653	0.149
pgx:icdot-C71.1	14	2	0.143
pgx:icdot-C71.9	7204	640	0.089
NCIT:C3796	84	4	0.048
pgx:icdom-94423	84	4	0.048
pgx:icdot-C71.0	1714	14	0.008

Download Sample Data (TSV)

1-657 ↗

Download Sample Data (JSON)

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Progenetix Info

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Progenetix Publication Collection

The current page lists articles describing whole genome screening (WGS, WES, aCGH, cCGH) experiments in cancer, registered in the Progenetix publication collection. For each publication the table indicates the numbers of samples analysed with a given technology and if sample profiles are available in Progenetix.

Please [contact us](#) to alert us about additional articles you are aware of. The inclusion criteria are described in the documentation [↗](#).

New Oct 2021 You can now directly submit suggestions for matching publications to the [oncopubs](#) repository on [Github](#) [↗](#).

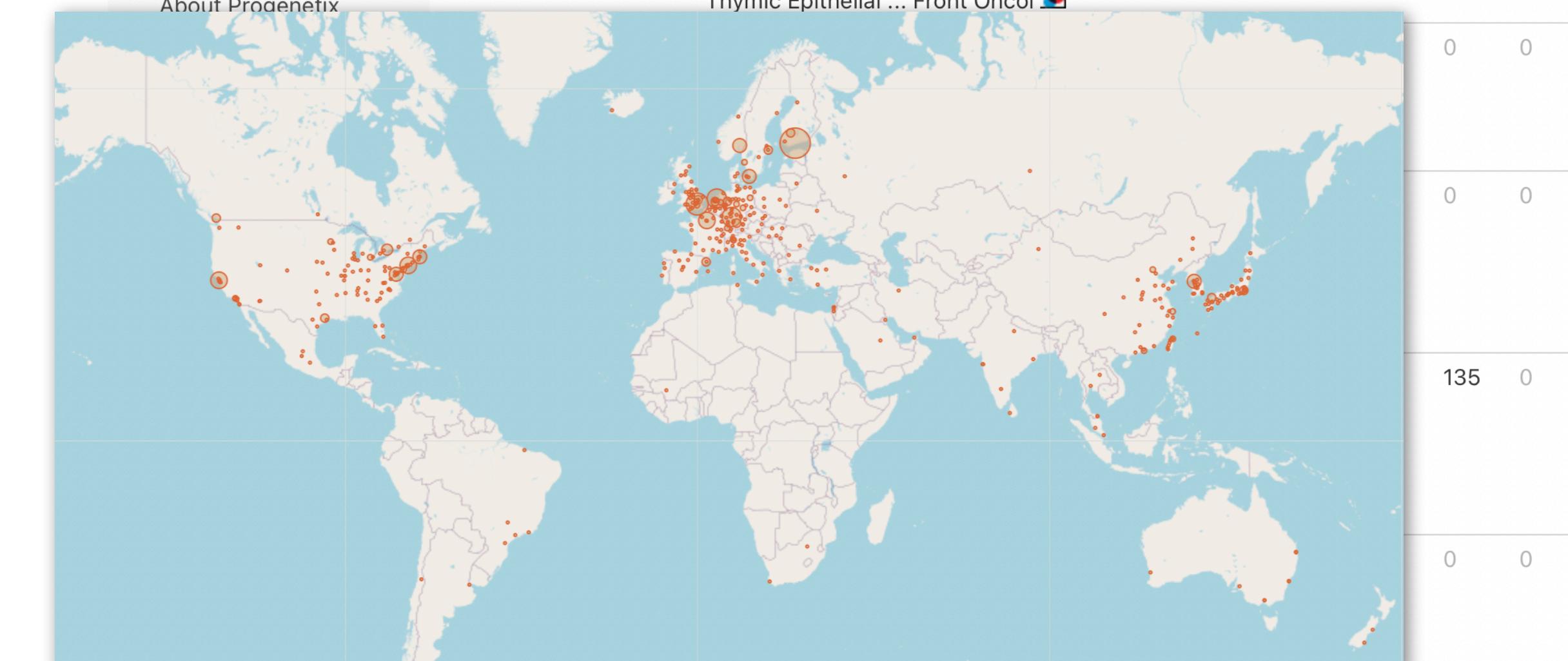
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Publications (3349)

id i ▾	Publication	Samples				
		cCGH	aCGH	WES	WGS	pgx
PMID:34604048	Dai J, Jiang M, He K, Wang H, Chen P et al. (2021) DNA Damage Response and Repair Gene Alterations Increase Tumor Mutational Burden and ... <i>Front Oncol</i>	0	0	122	0	0
PMID:34573430	Juhari WKW, Ahmad Amin Noordin KB et al. (2021) Whole-Genome Profiles of Malay Colorectal Cancer Patients with Intact MMR Proteins. ... <i>Genes (Basel)</i>	0	0	0	7	0
PMID:34307137	Xu S, Li X, Zhang H, Zu L, Yang L et al. (2021) Frequent Genetic Alterations and Their Clinical Significance in Patients With Thymic Epithelial ... <i>Front Oncol</i>	0	0	0	123	0



Cancer Cell Lines

Cancer Genomics Reference Resource

- starting from >5000 cell line CNV profiles
 - 5754 samples | 2163 cell lines
 - 256 different NCIT codes
- genomic mapping of annotated variants and additional data from several resources (ClinVar, CCLE, Cellosaurus...)
 - 16178 cell lines
 - 400 different NCIT codes
- query and data delivery through Beacon v2 API

→ integration in data federation approaches

cancercelllines.org

Lead: Rahel Paloots



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New Results

cancercelllines.org - a Novel Resource for Genomic Variants in Cancer Cell Lines

Rahel Paloots, Michael Baudis

doi: <https://doi.org/10.1101/2023.12.12.571281>

This article is a preprint and has not been certified by peer review [what does this mean?].

The screenshot shows the cancercelllines.org website. The header features a pink circular logo with three overlapping circles and the text "cancercelllines". Below the header is a navigation menu with the following items: "Cancer Cell Lines" (highlighted in red), "Search Cell Lines", "Cell Line Listing", "CNV Profiles by Cancer Type", "Documentation", and "News". Under "Documentation", there is a section titled "Progenetix" with links to "Progenetix Data", "Progenetix Documentation", and "Publication DB".

Cancer Cell Lines by Cellosaurus ID

The cancer cell lines in [cancercelllines.org](#) are labeled by their parentage hierarchically: Daughter cell lines are displayed below the primary cell line as a daughter cell line of **HeLa (CVCL_0030)** and so forth.

Sample selection follows a hierarchical system in which sample selection is done at the level of the parent cell line. For example, a search for HeLa will also return the daughter lines by default - but one can also search for a specific daughter line.

Cell Lines (with parental/derived hierarchies)

Filter subsets e.g. by prefix		Hierarchy Depth
No Selection		
<input type="checkbox"/>	> cellosaurus:CVCL_0312: HOS	(204 samples)
<input type="checkbox"/>	> cellosaurus:CVCL_1575: NCI-H650	(6 samples)
<input type="checkbox"/>	> cellosaurus:CVCL_1783: UM-UC-3	(9 samples)
<input type="checkbox"/>	▼ cellosaurus:CVCL_0004: K-562	(28 samples)
<input type="checkbox"/>	cellosaurus:CVCL_3827: K562/Ad	(1 sample)
<input type="checkbox"/>	> cellosaurus:CVCL_0589: Kasumi-1	(9 samples)

Assembly: GRCh38 Chro: NC_000007.14 Start: 140713328 End: 140924929

Type: SNV

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Retrieved Samples: 1000
Variants: 127
Calls: 1444

UCSC region
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Dataset Responses (JSON)

Visualization options

Results Biosamples Variants Annotated Variants

Digest	Gene	Pathogenicity	Variant type	Variant Instances
7:140834768-140834769:G>A	BRAF		Missense variant	V: pgxvar-63ce6abca24c83054b B: pgxbs-3DfBeeAC
7:140734714-140734715:G>A	BRAF		Missense variant	V: pgxvar-63ce6acda24c83054b B: pgxbs-3fB2a14B
7:140753334-140753339:T>TGTA	BRAF	Pathogenic		V: pgxvar-72d54b

Cell Line Details

HOS (cellosaurus:CVCL_0312)

Subset Type

- Cellosaurus - a knowledge resource on cell lines [cellosaurus:CVCL_0312](#)

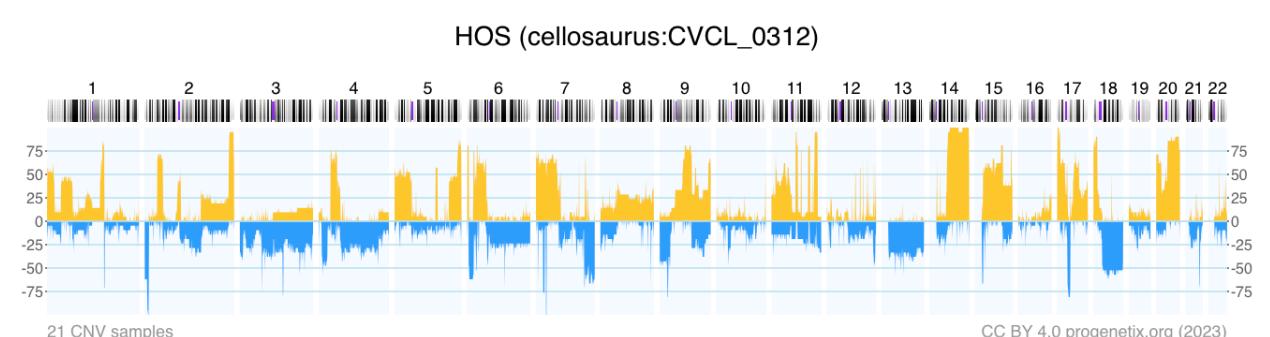
Sample Counts

- 204 samples
- 57 direct cellosaurus:CVCL_0312 code matches
- 21 CNV analyses

Search Samples

Select cellosaurus:CVCL_0312 samples in the [Search Form](#)

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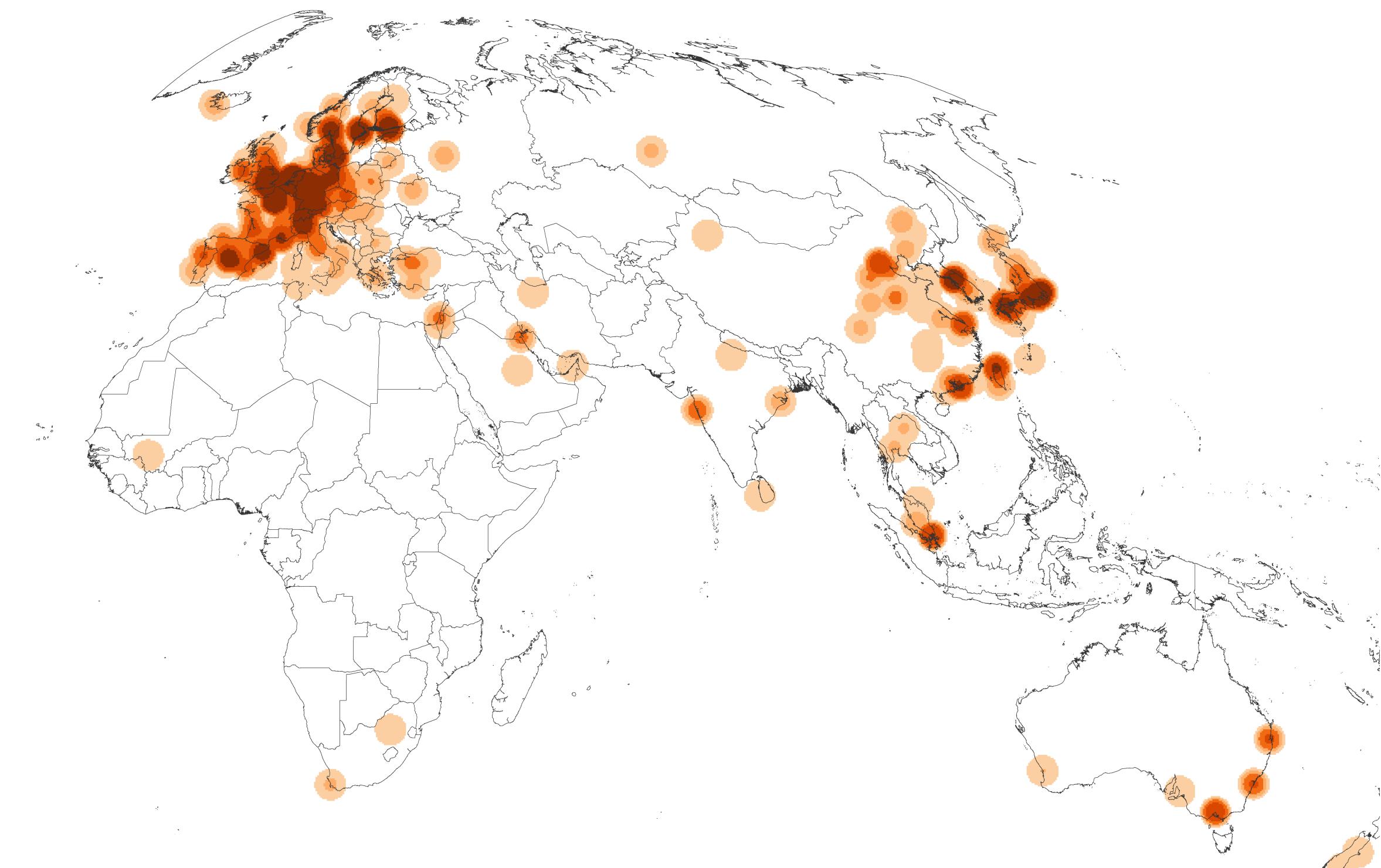
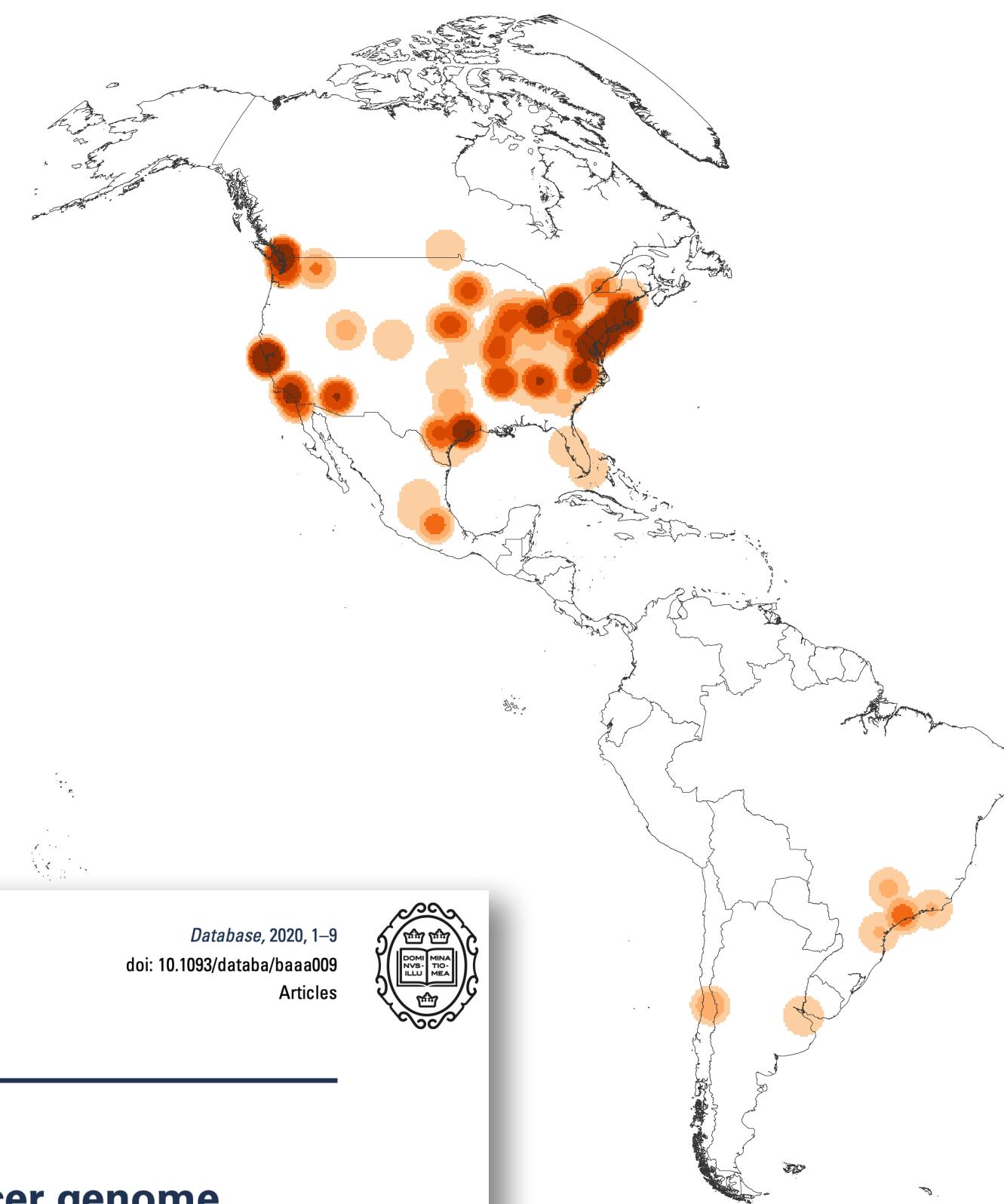
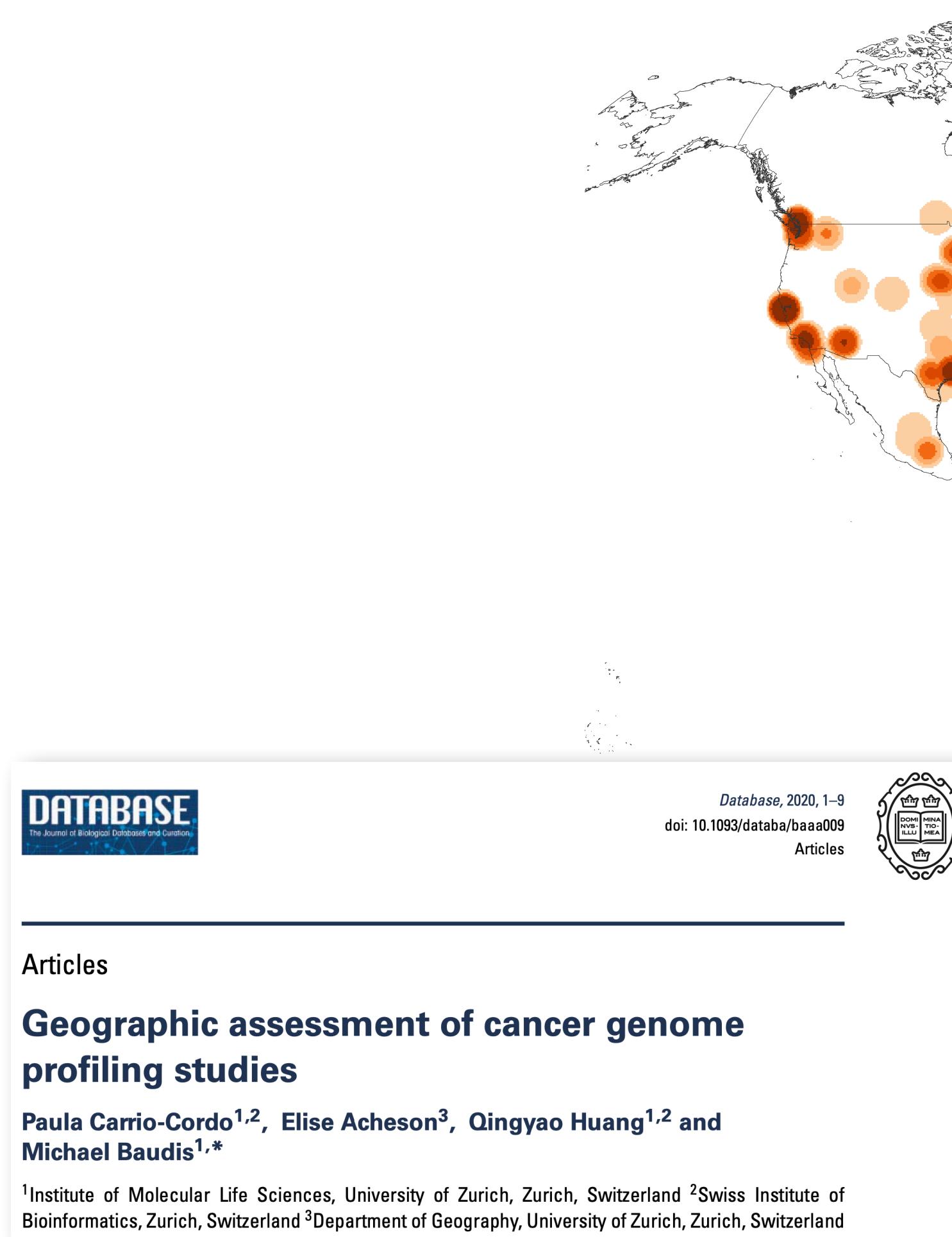


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Gene Matches	Cytoband Matches	Variants	Abstract
ALK	. ABC-14 cells harbored no ALK mutations and were sensitive to ... crizotinib while also exhibiting MNNG HOS transforming gene (MET)	Rapid Acquisition of Alectinib Resistance in ALK-Positive Lung Cancer With High Tumor Mutation Burden (31374369)	
AREG	crizotinib while also exhibiting MNNG HOS	Rapid Acquisition of Alectinib Resistance	ABSTRACT

Where does Genomic Data Come From?

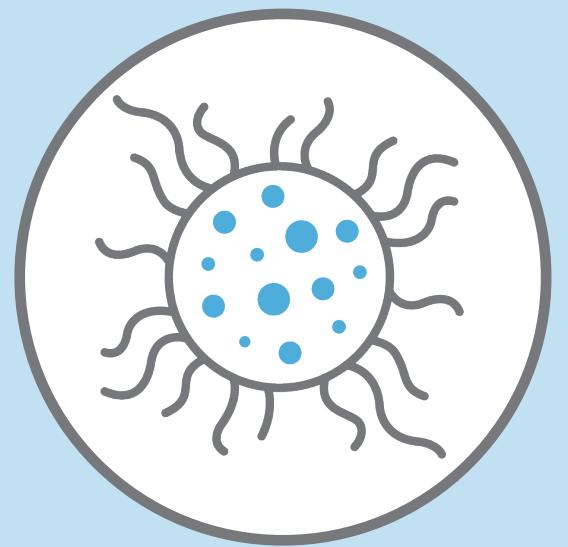
Geographic bias in published cancer genome profiling studies



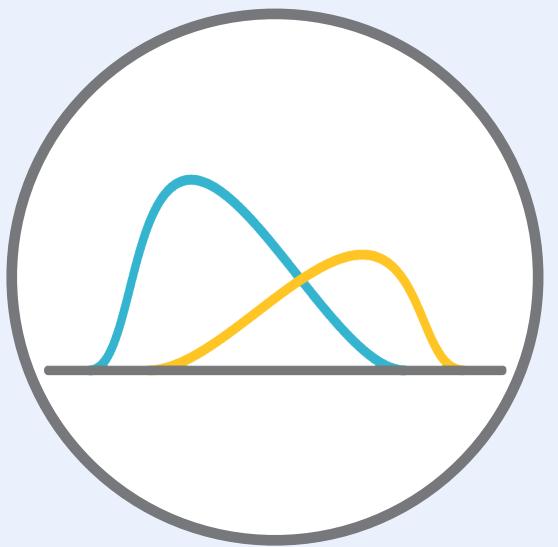
Map of the geographic distribution (by first author affiliation) of the 104'543 genomic array, 36'766 chromosomal CGH and 15'409 whole genome/exome based cancer genome datasets. The numbers are derived from the 3'240 publications registered in the Progenetix database.



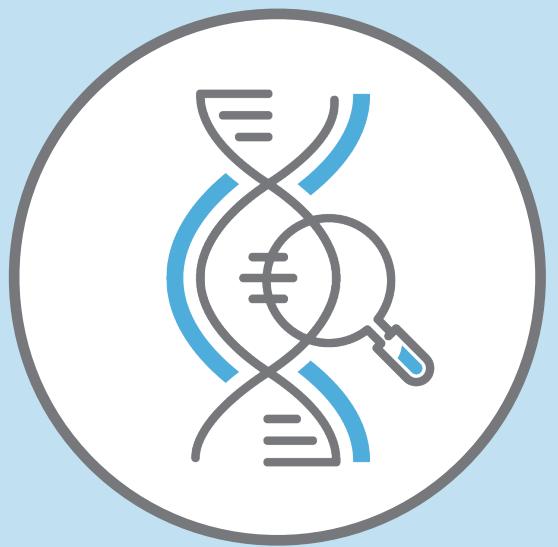
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Demonstrate
patterns in health
& disease



Increase statistical
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Lead to
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*A federated ecosystem for
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Silos of genome data collection are being transformed into
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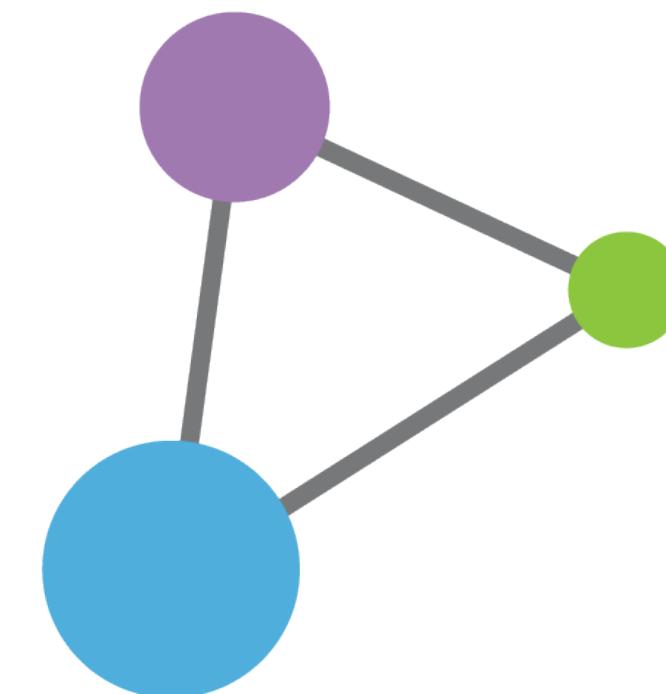
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Common data elements, access, and usage rules



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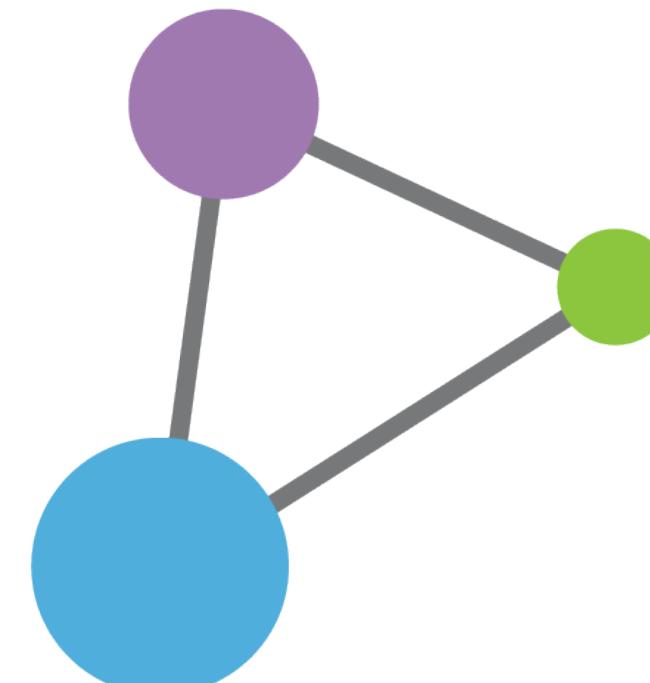
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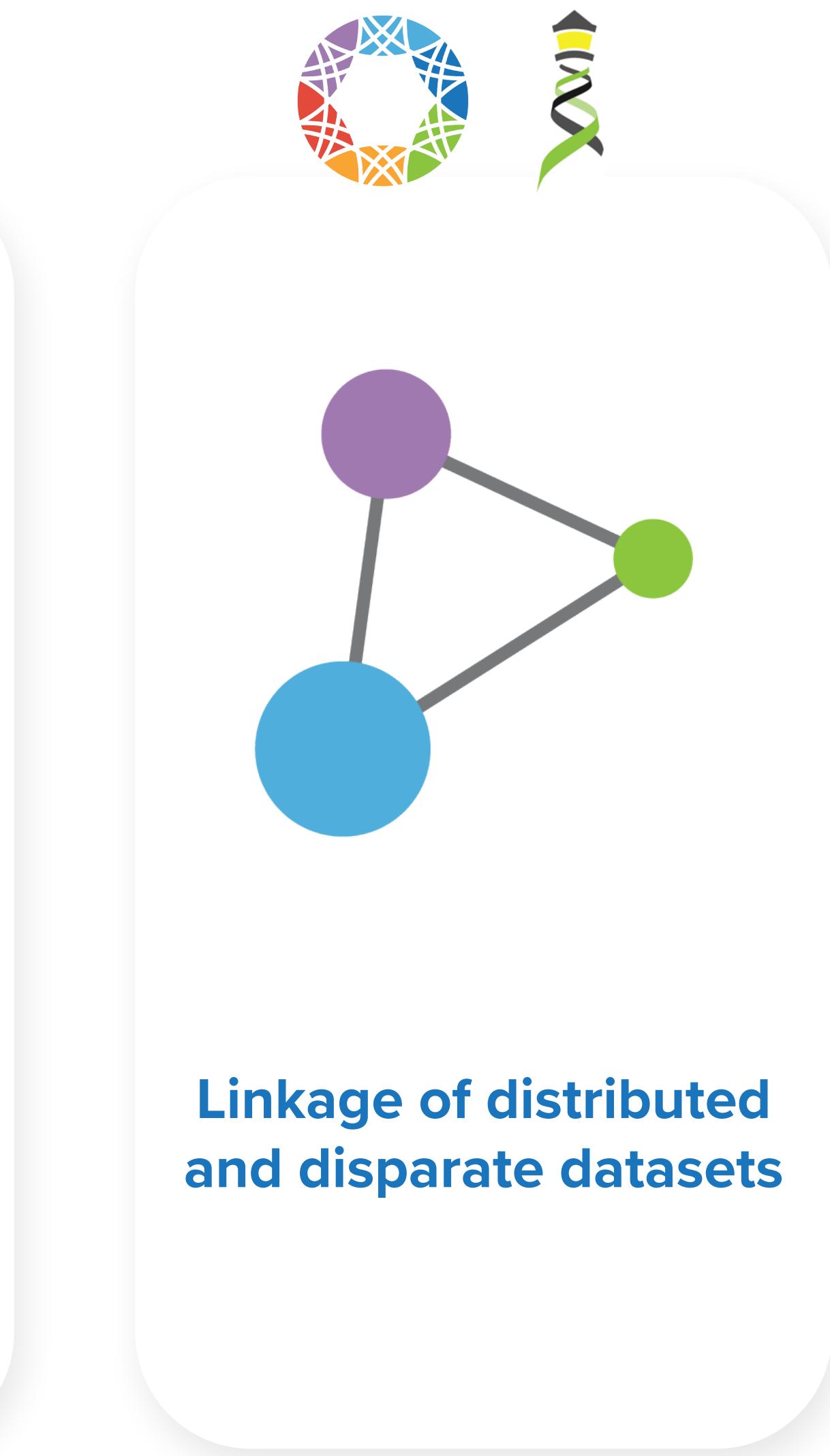
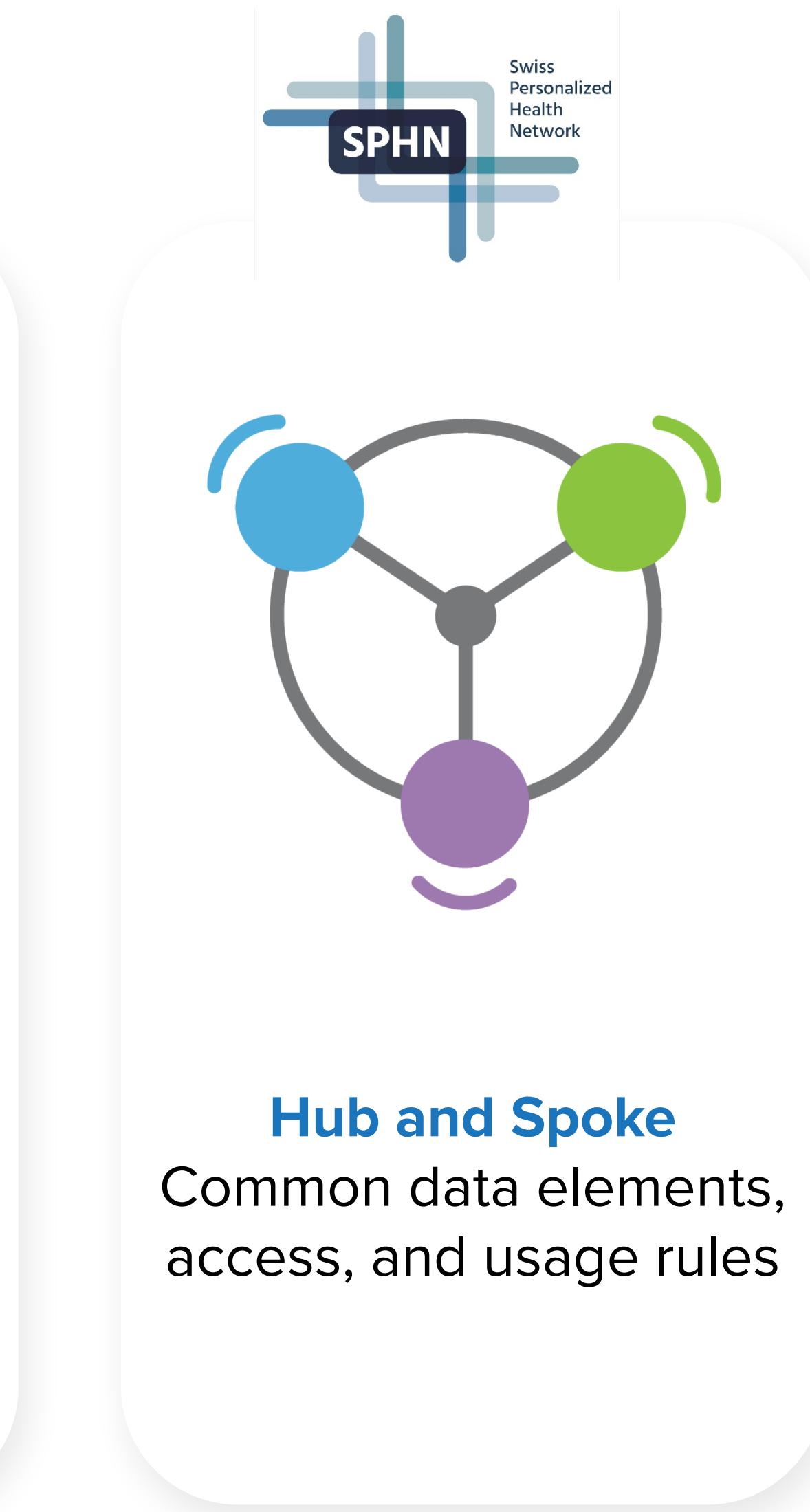
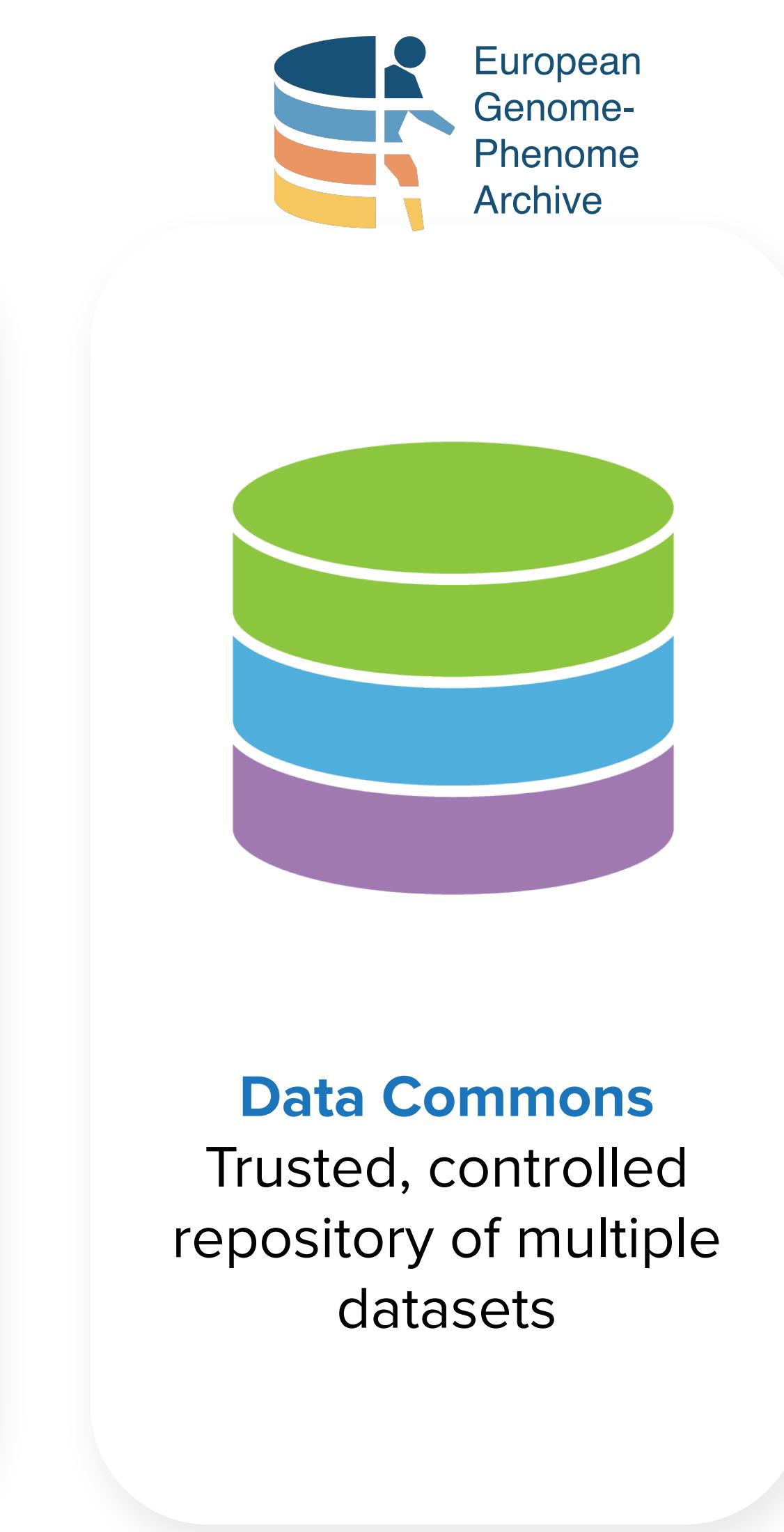


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Long term secure archive for human biomedical research sensitive data, with focus on reuse of the data for further research (or “*broad and responsible use of genomic data*”)

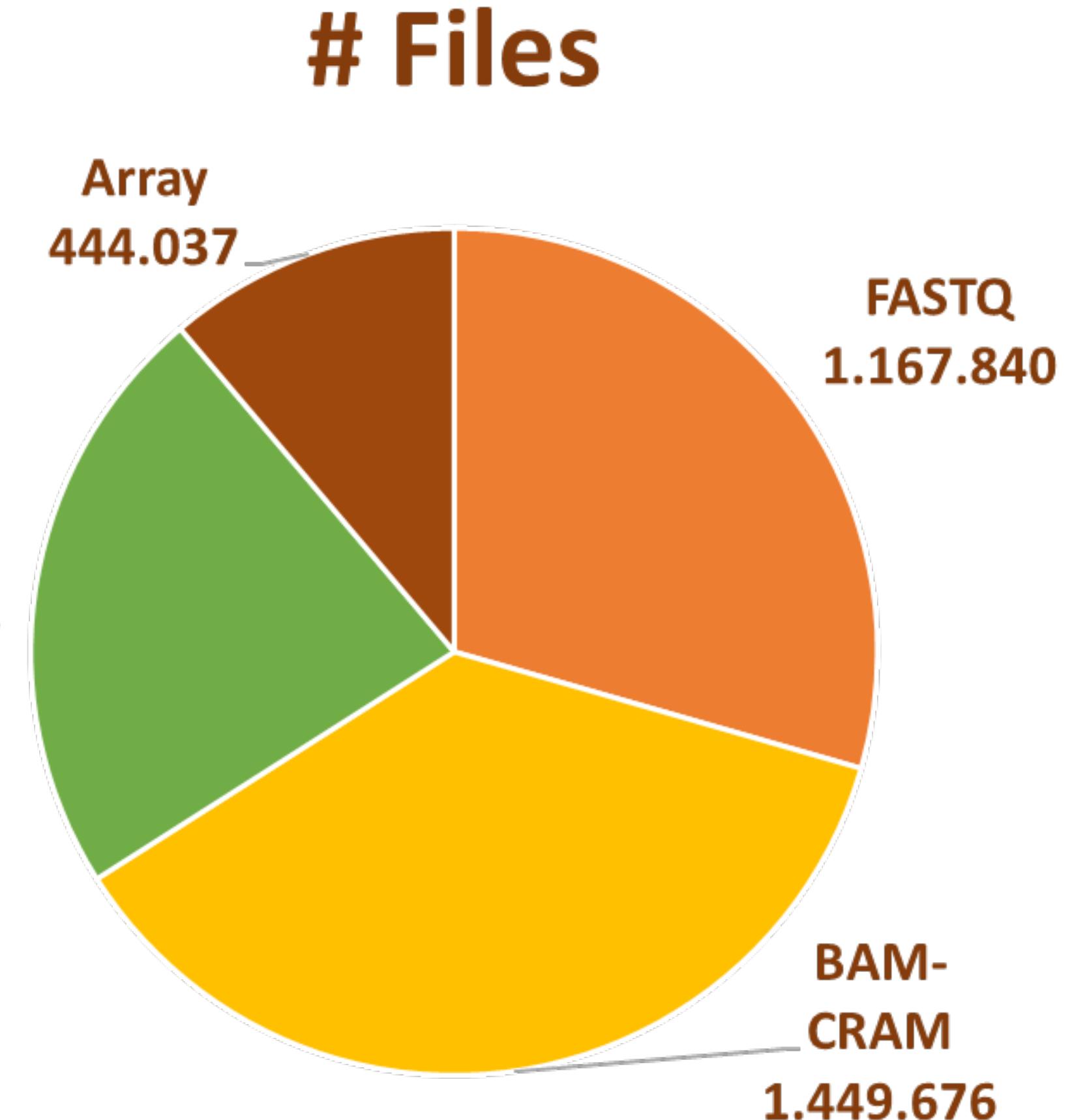


The EGA



- EGA “owns” nothing; data controllers tell who is authorized to access ***their*** datasets
- EGA admins provide smooth “all or nothing” data sharing process

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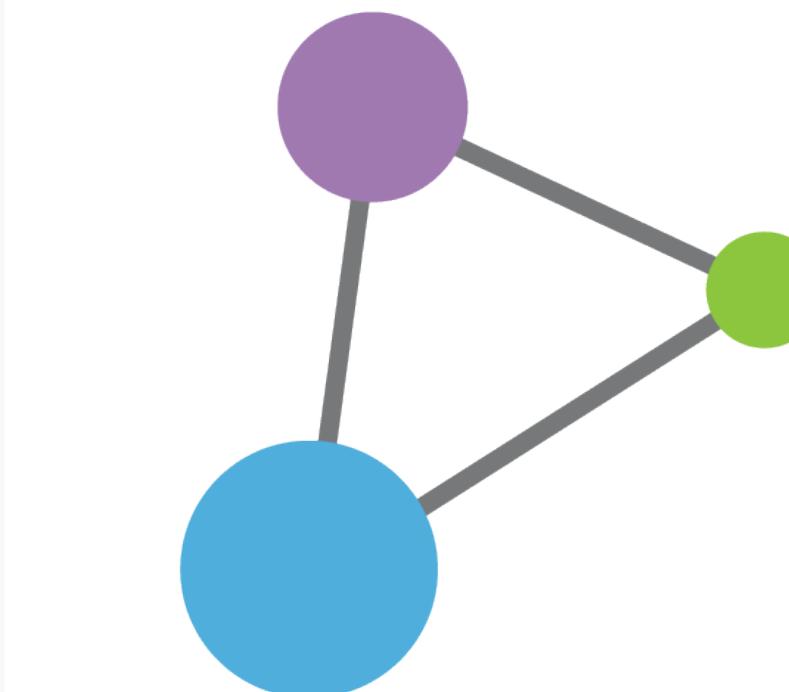
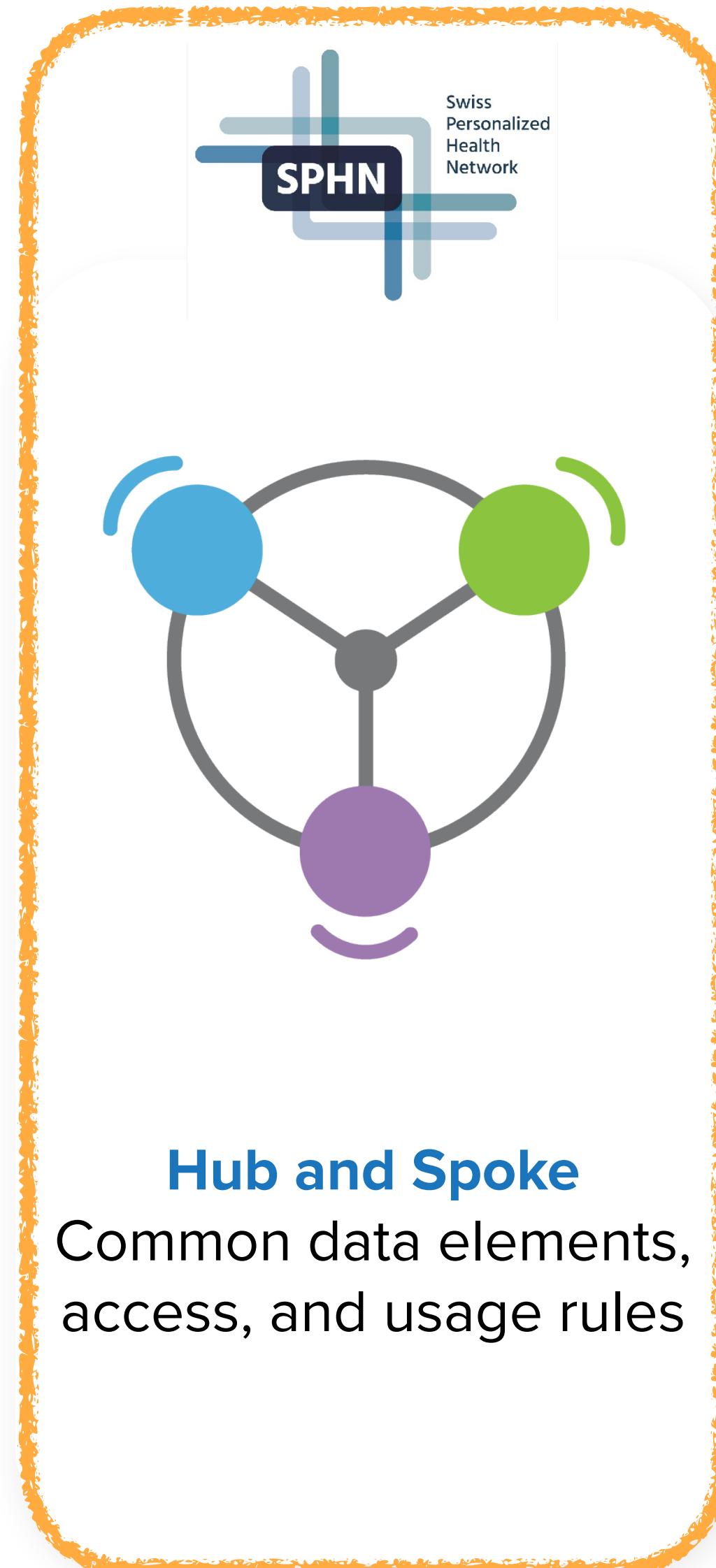
Different Approaches to Data Sharing



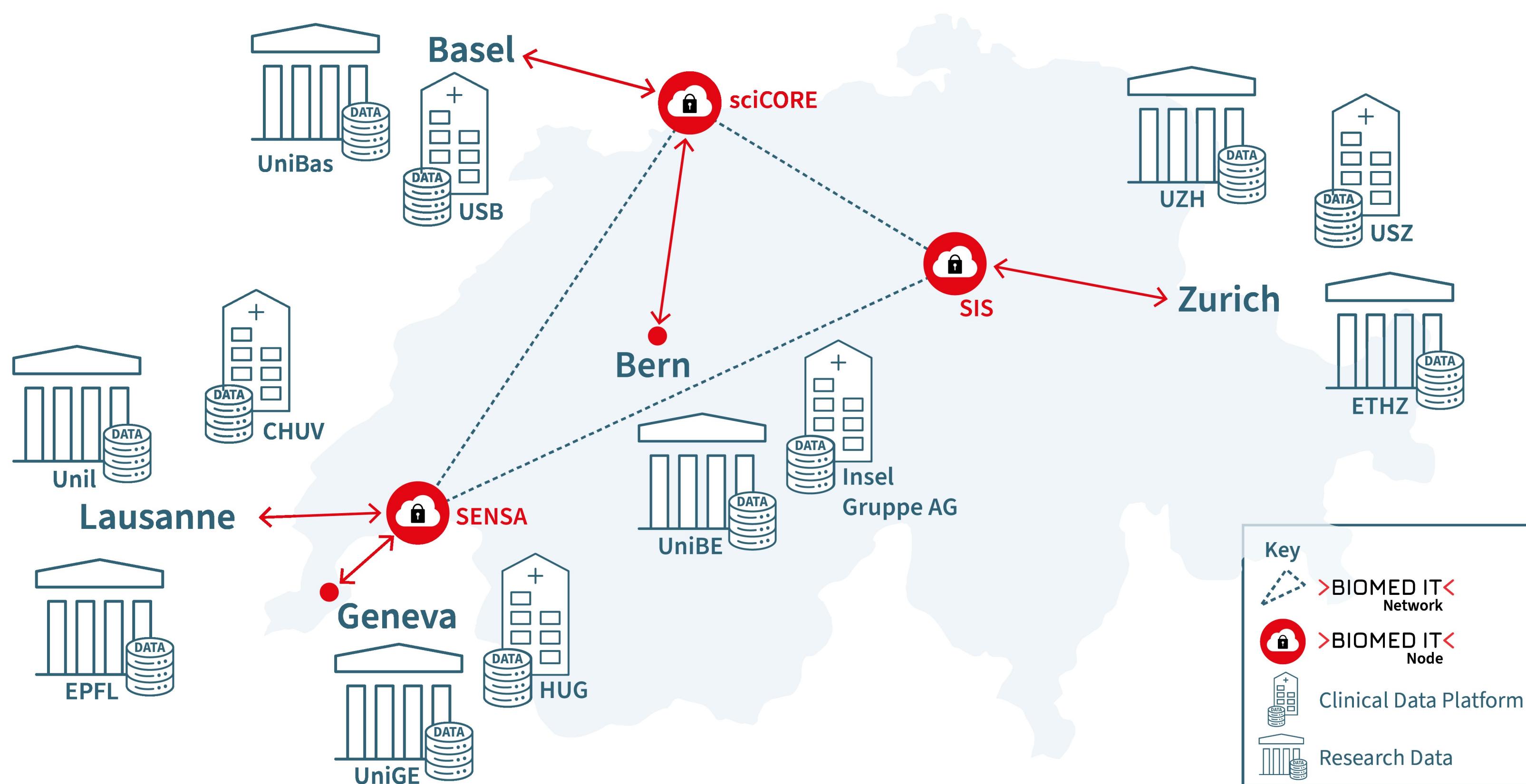
Centralized Genomic Knowledge Bases



Data Commons
Trusted, controlled repository of multiple datasets



The Swiss Personalized Health Network



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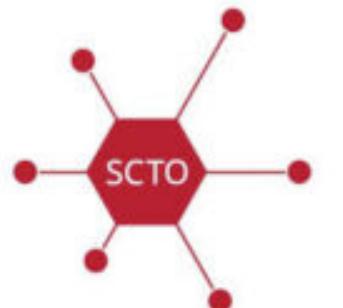
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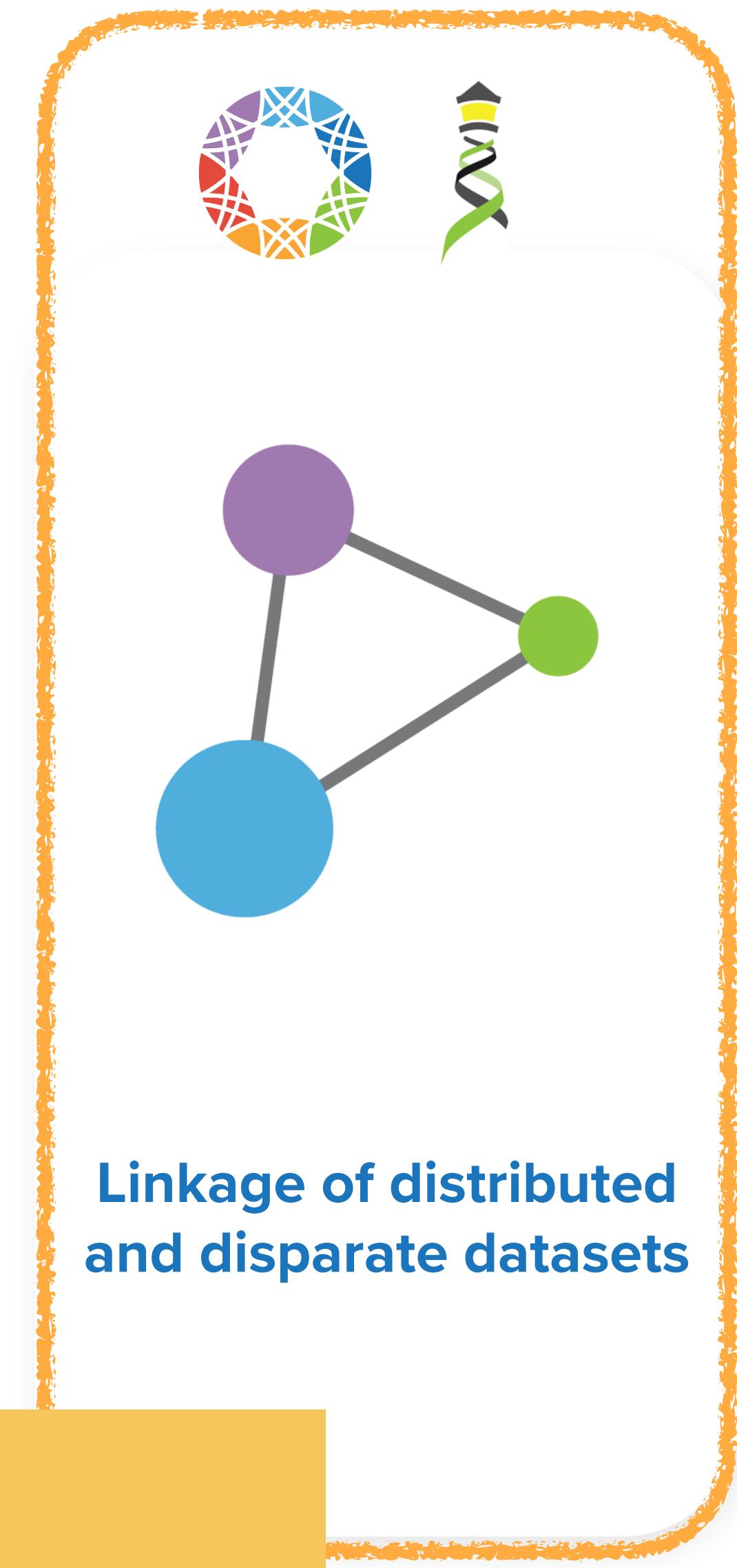
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Hub and Spoke
Common data elements, access, and usage rules



Linkage of distributed and disparate datasets

Federation

INFORMATICS

Beacon v2 and Beacon networks: federated data discovery in biome

Commentary

International federation of genomic medicine databases using GA4GH standards

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Cell Genomics

Technology

The GA4GH Variation Representation Specification A computational framework for variation representation and federated identification

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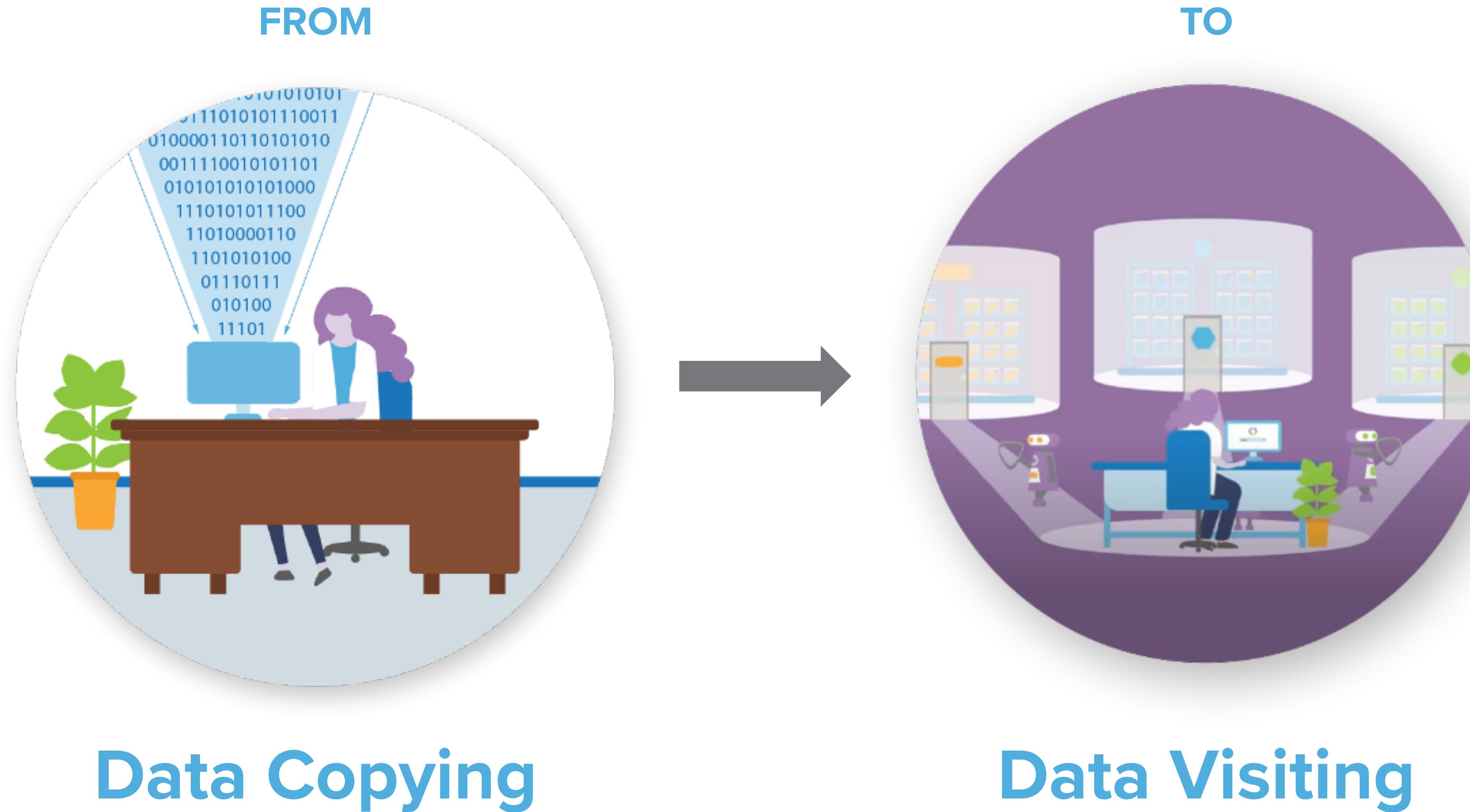
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GA4GH: International policies and standards for data sharing across genomic research and healthcare

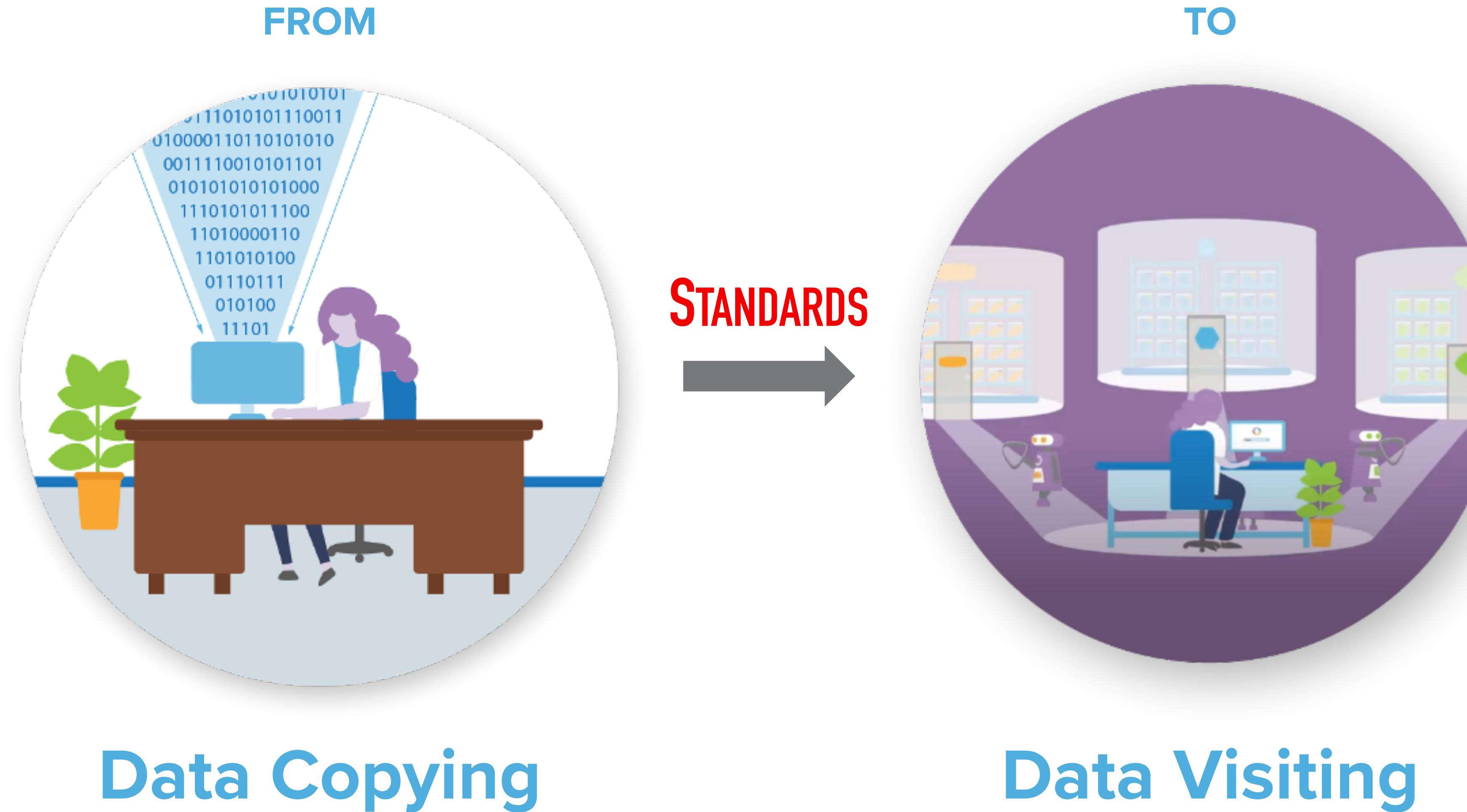
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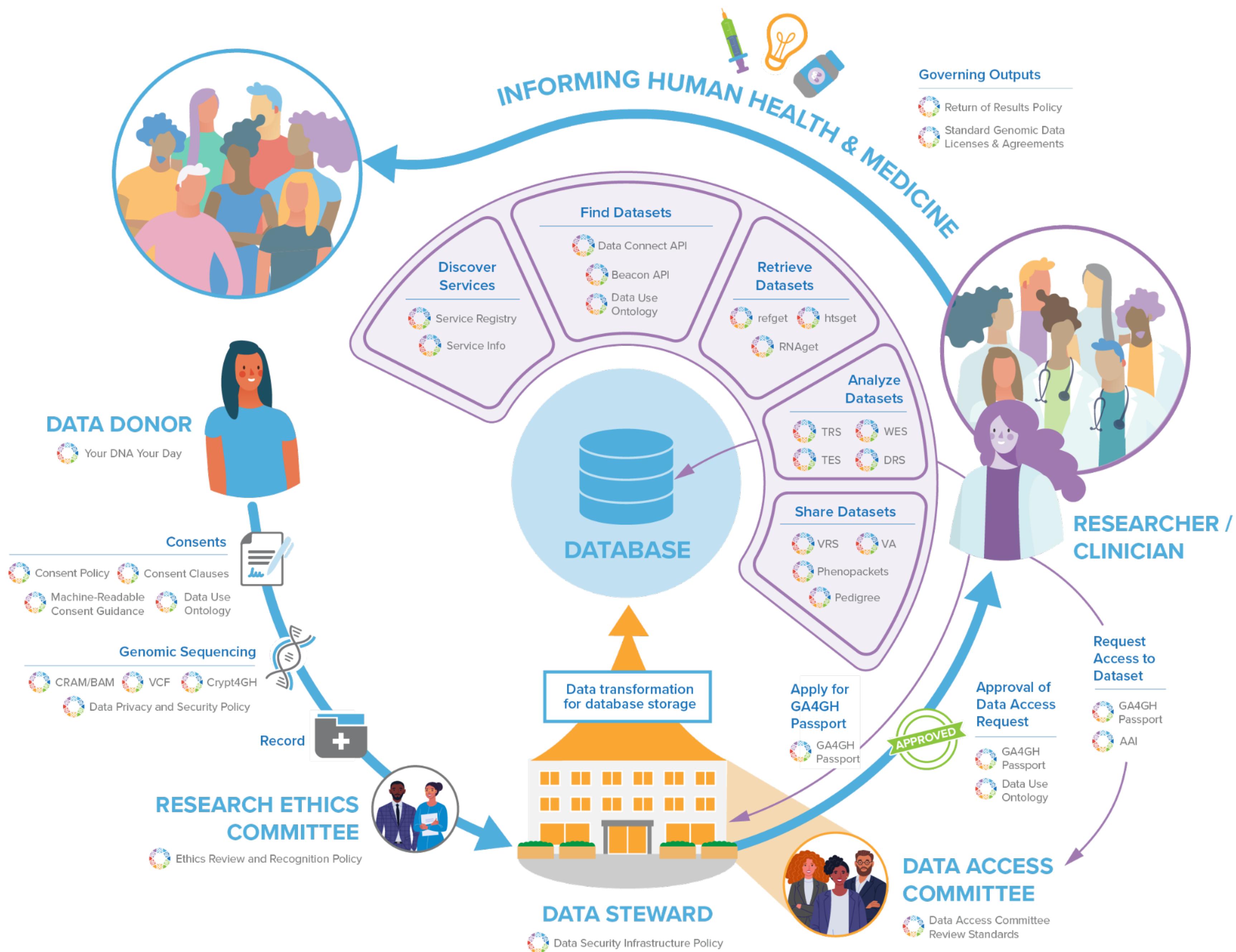
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A New Paradigm for Data Sharing

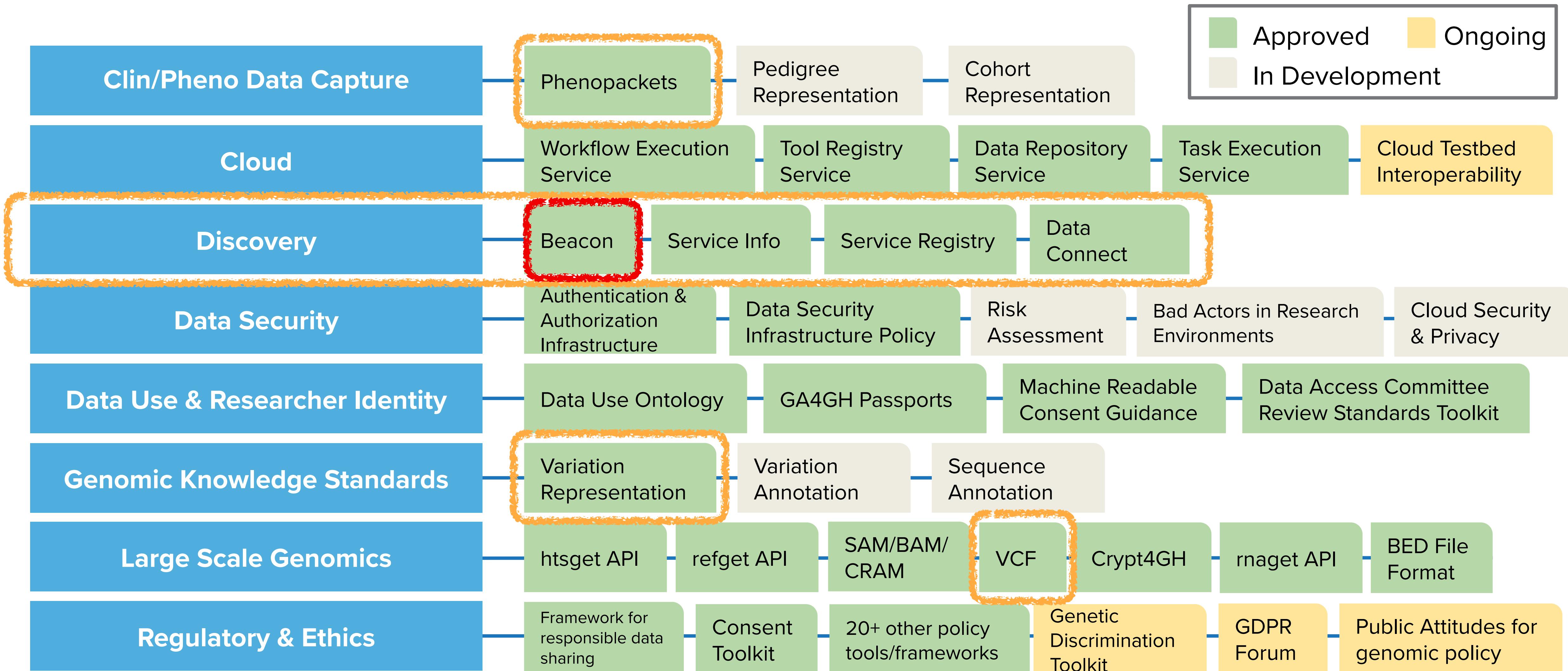


A New Paradigm for Data Sharing





Overview of GA4GH standards and frameworks

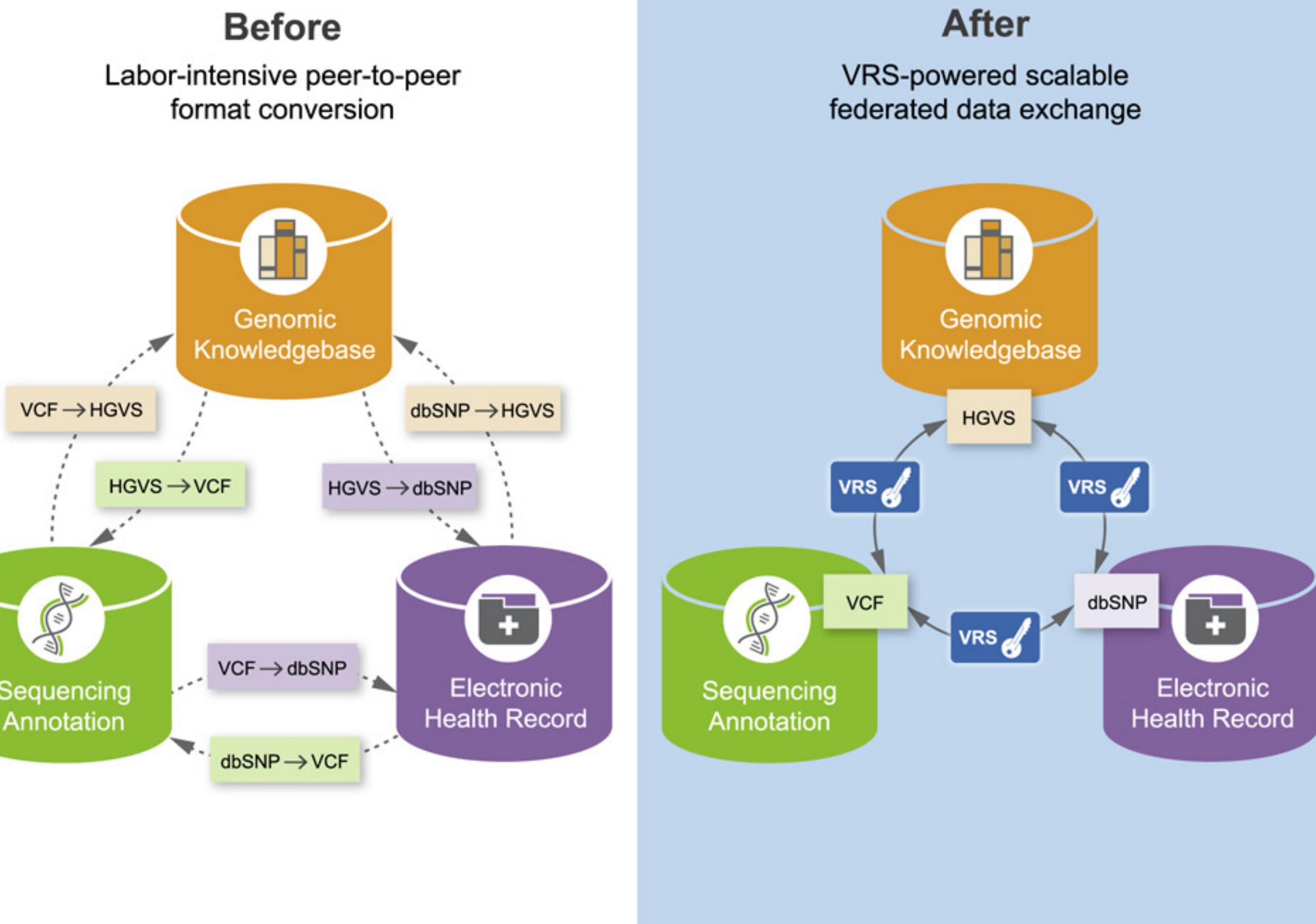
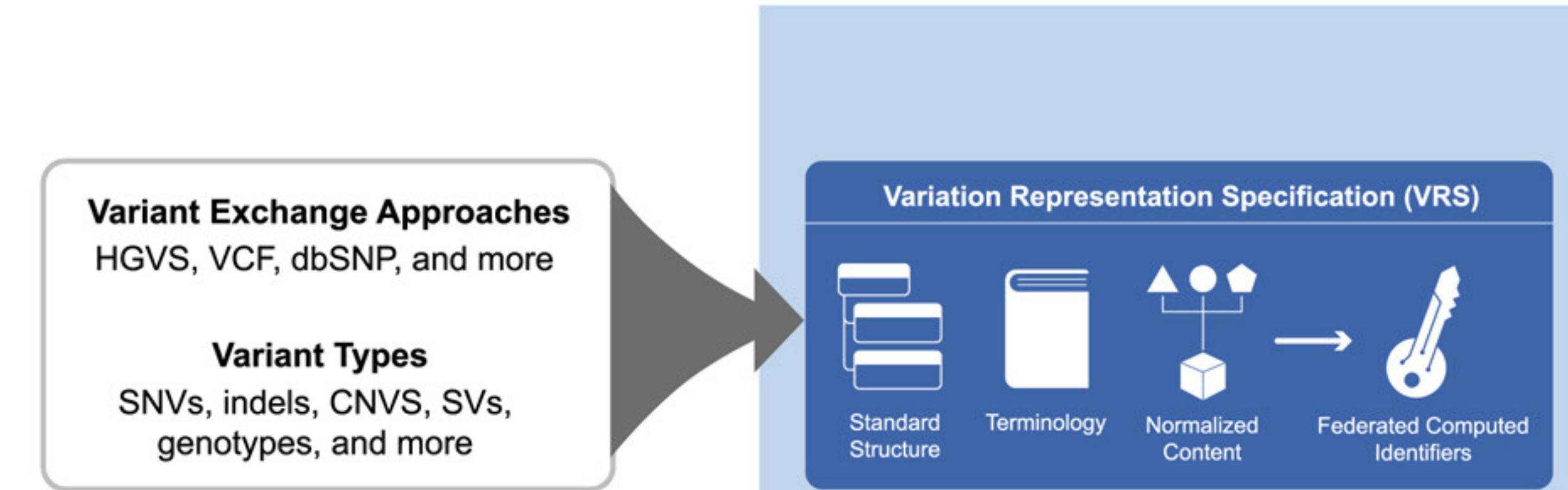




Bringing consistency to genomic variation representation

- The GA4GH Variation Representation Specification ("VRS"):

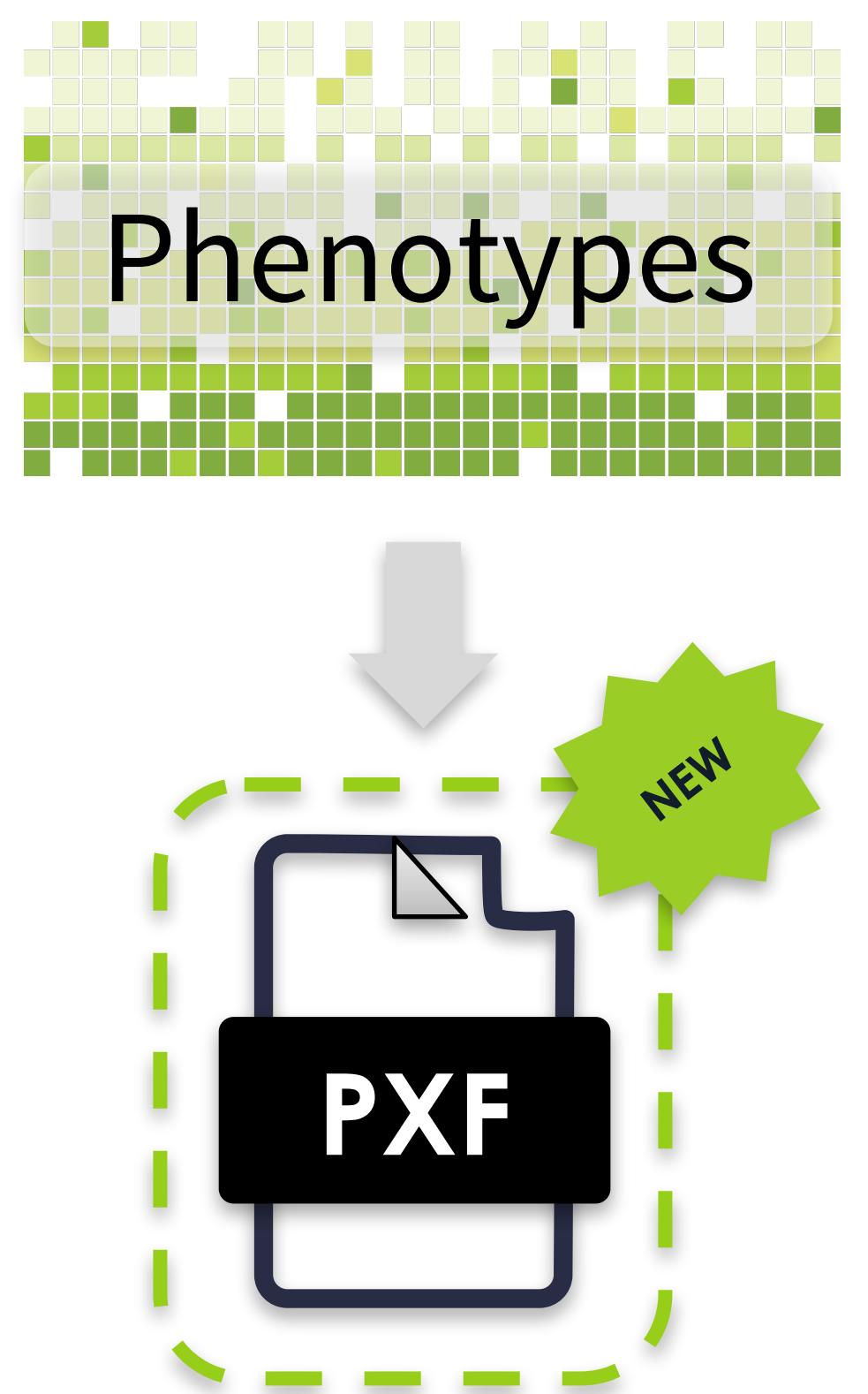
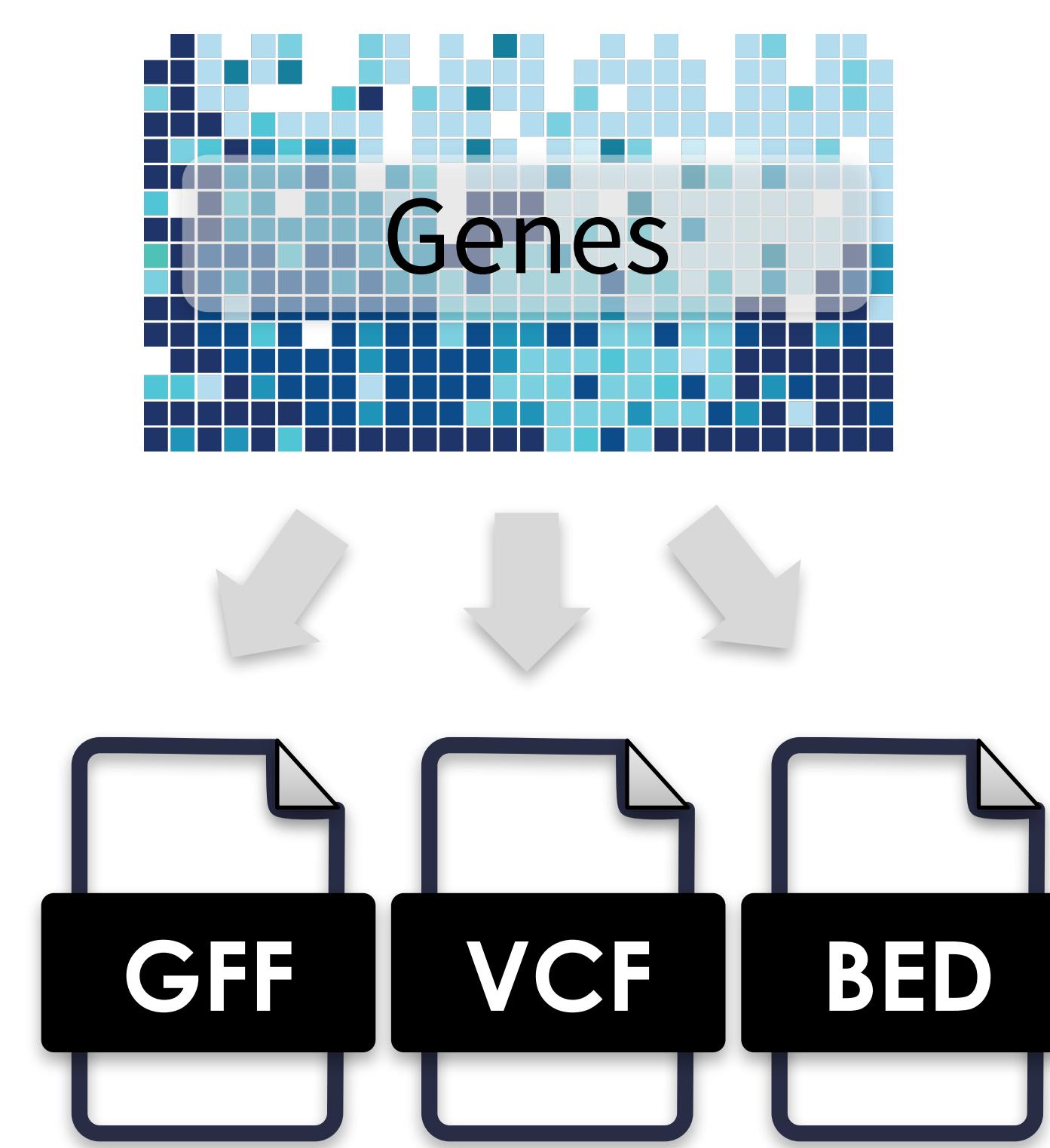
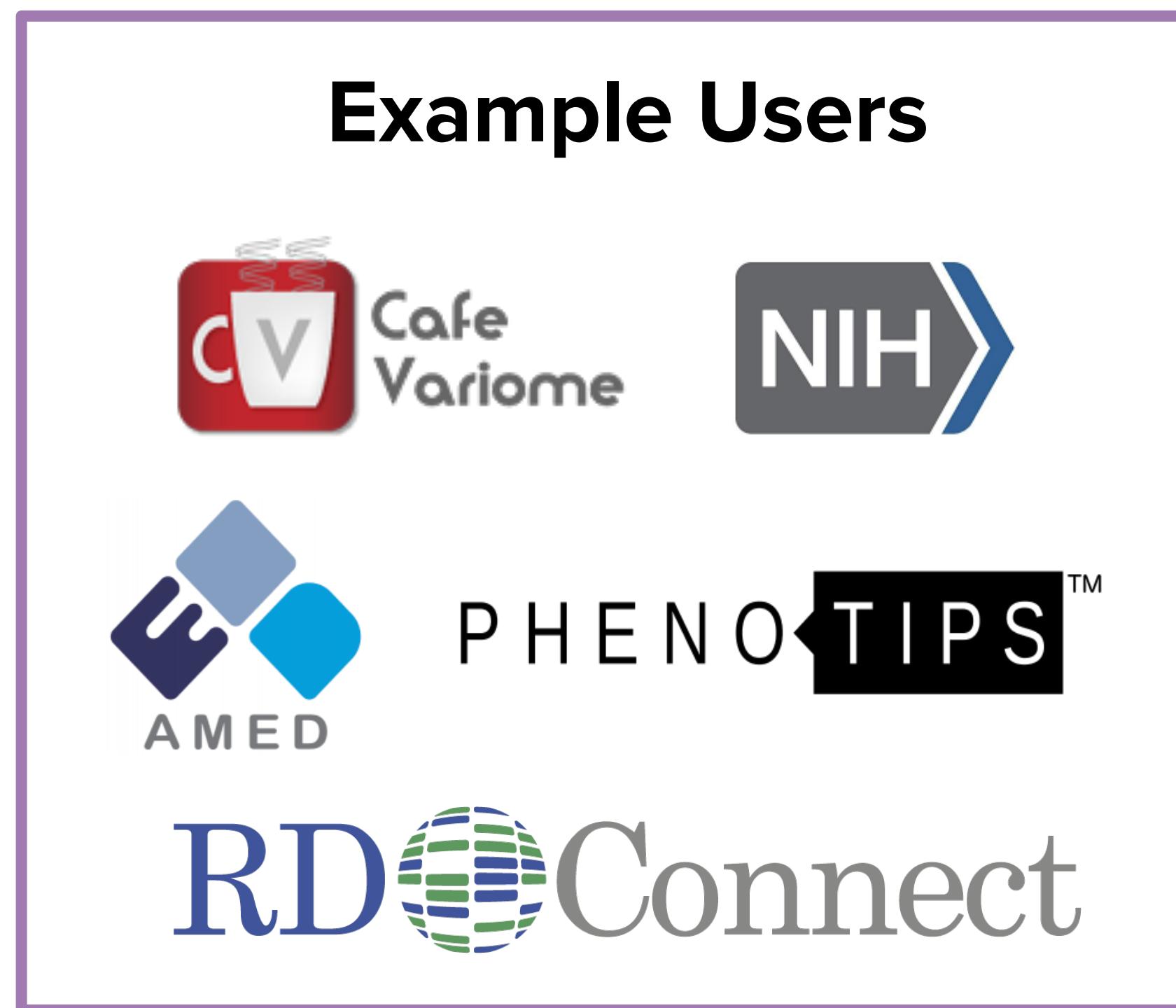
- ... is a computational framework for representing biomolecular variation
- ... enables computable identification of variation supporting federated data exchange
- ... continues to evolve as an open-source, community-driven standard of the GA4GH



Phenopackets v2

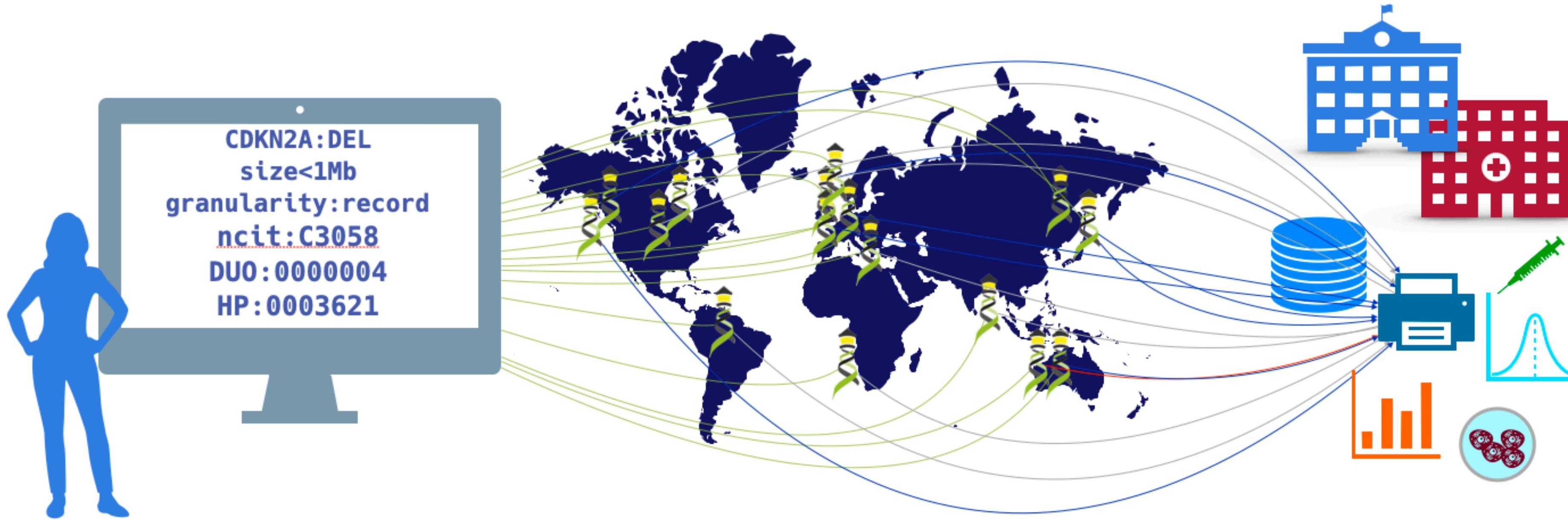
Phenopackets is a standard schema for sharing phenotypic information.

Approved: June 24, 2021



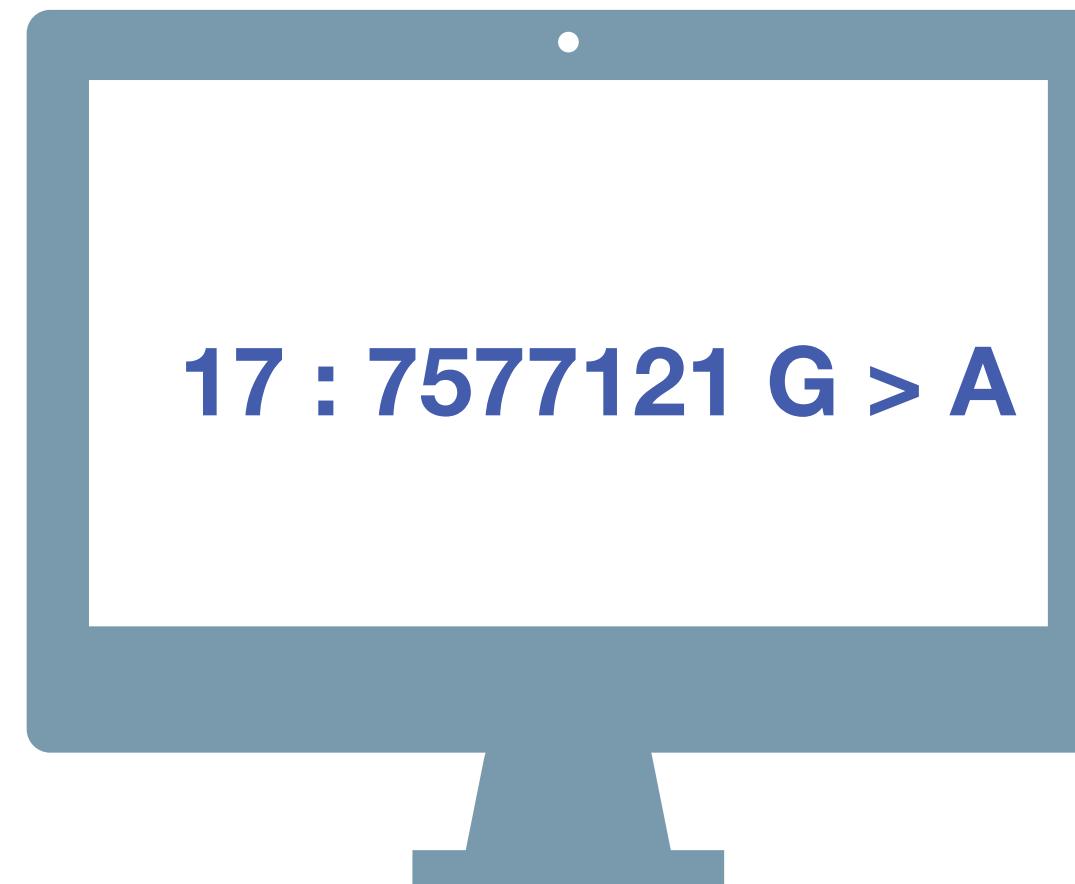


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The GA4GH Beacon Protocol

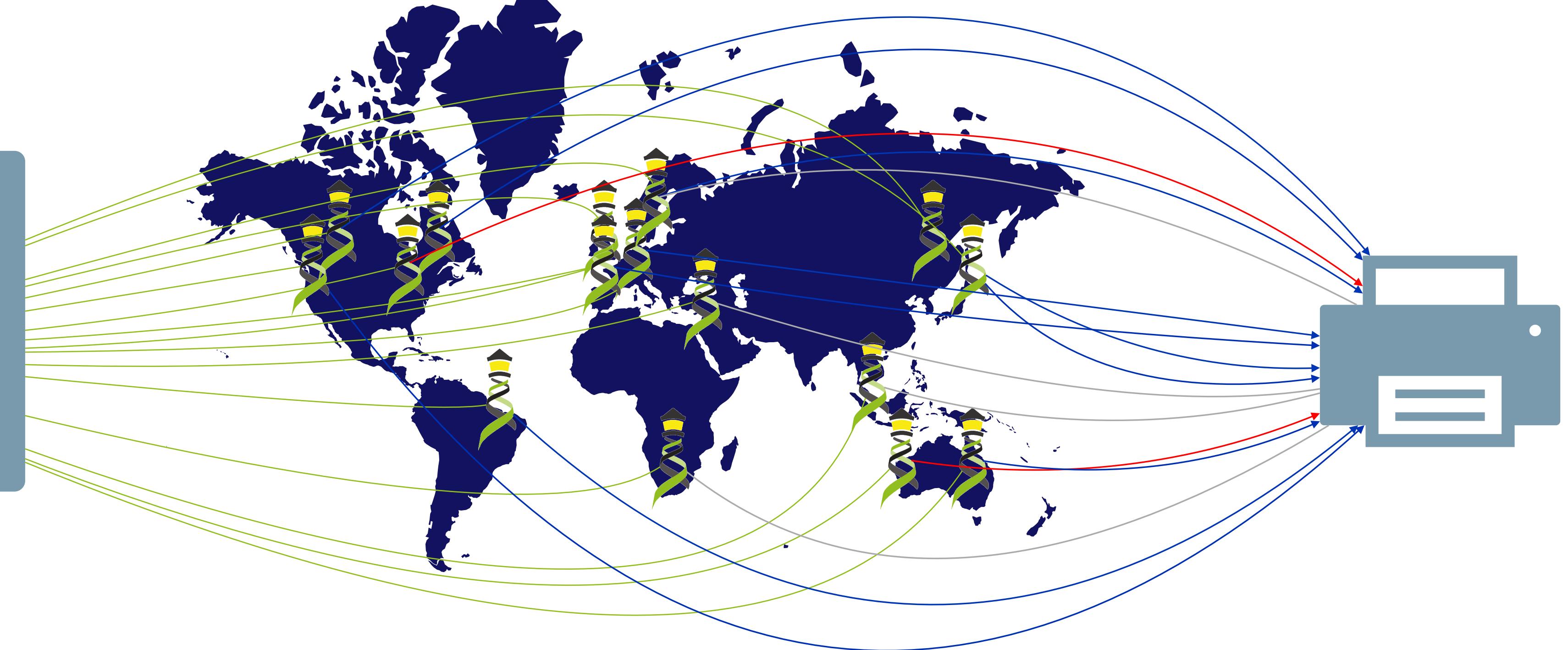
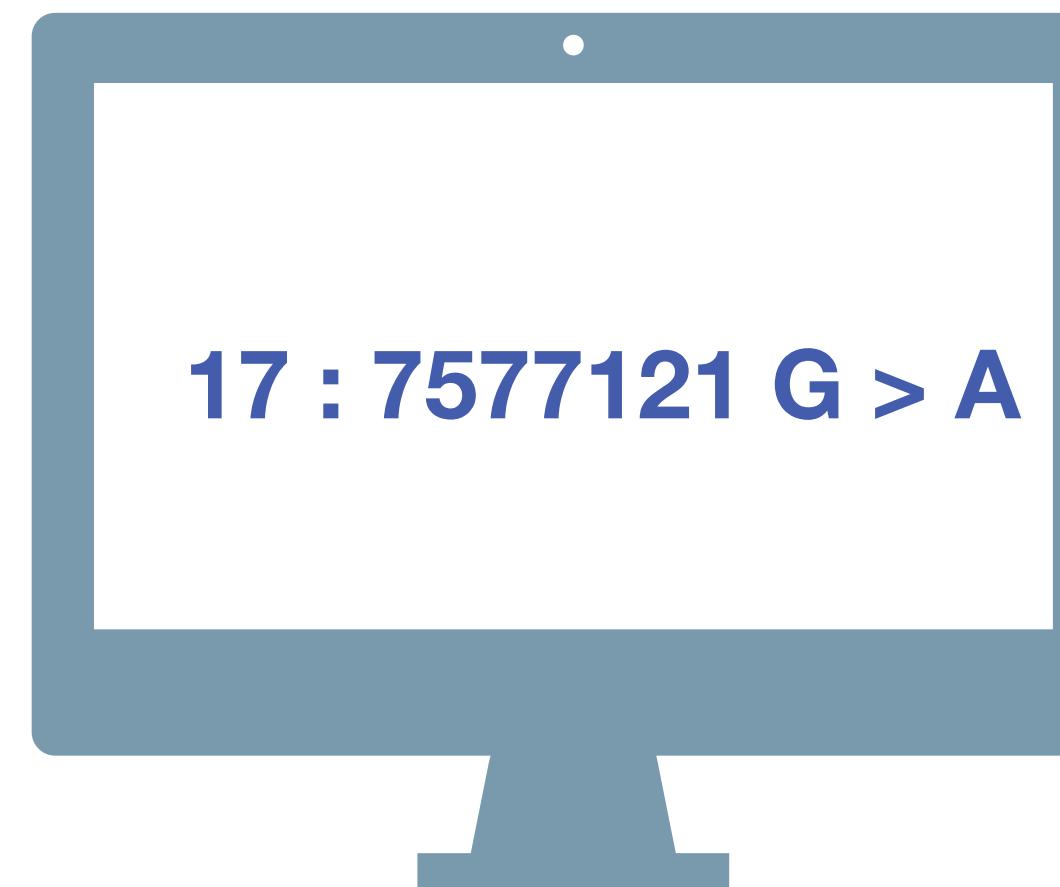
Federating Genomic Discoveries



Beacon

A **Beacon** answers a query for a specific genome variant against individual or aggregate genome collections

YES | NO | \0



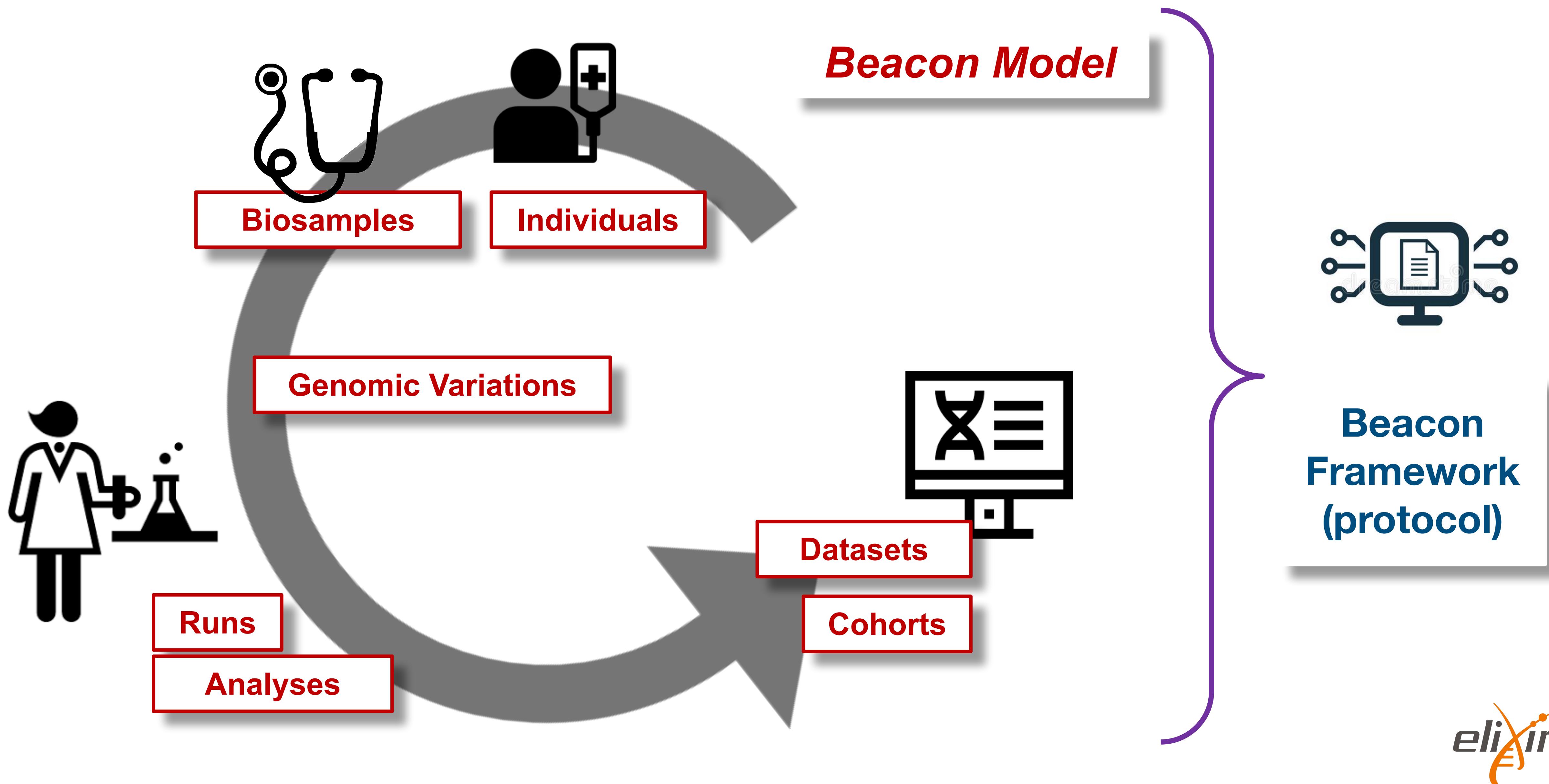
Have you seen this variant?
It came up in my patient
and we don't know if this is
a common SNP or worth
following up.

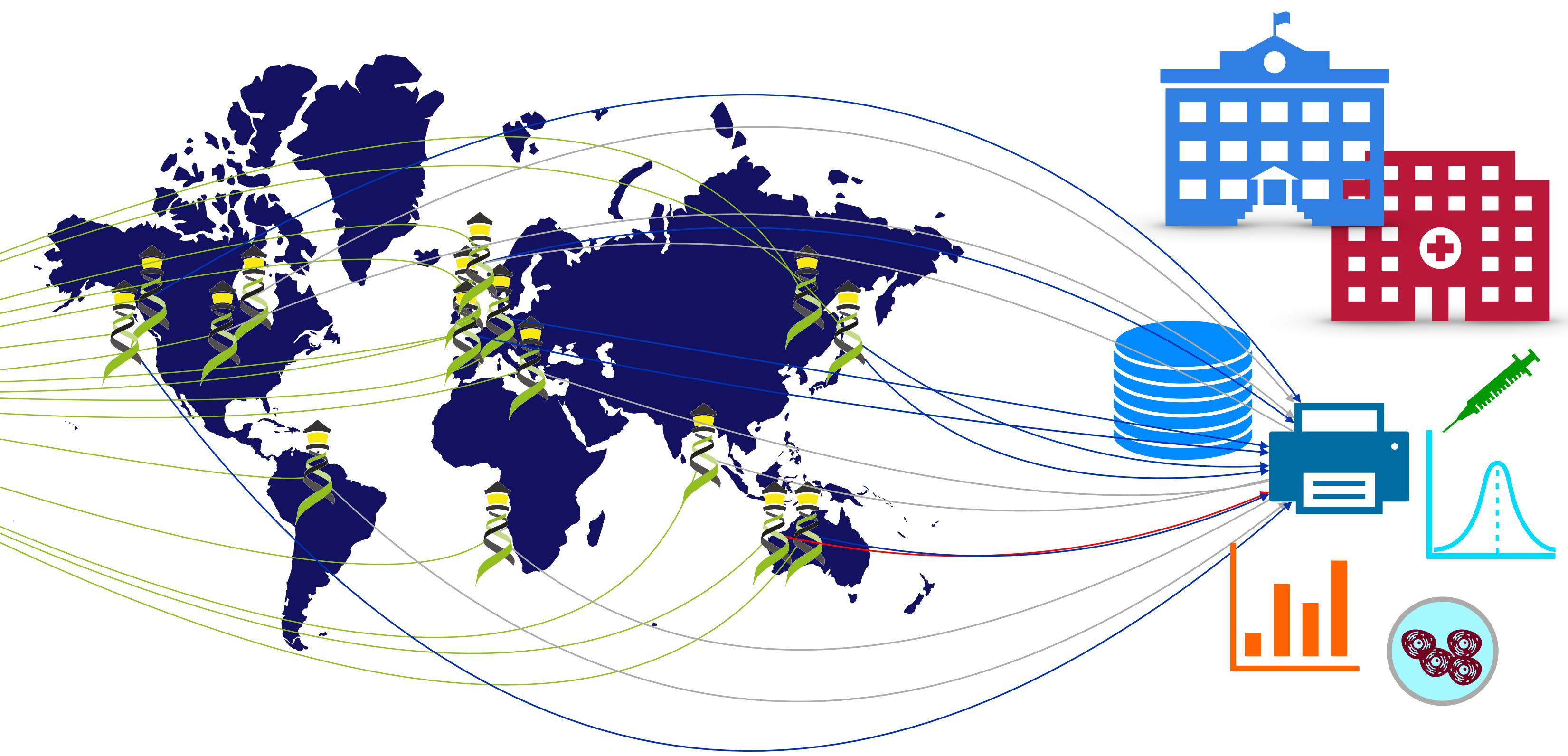
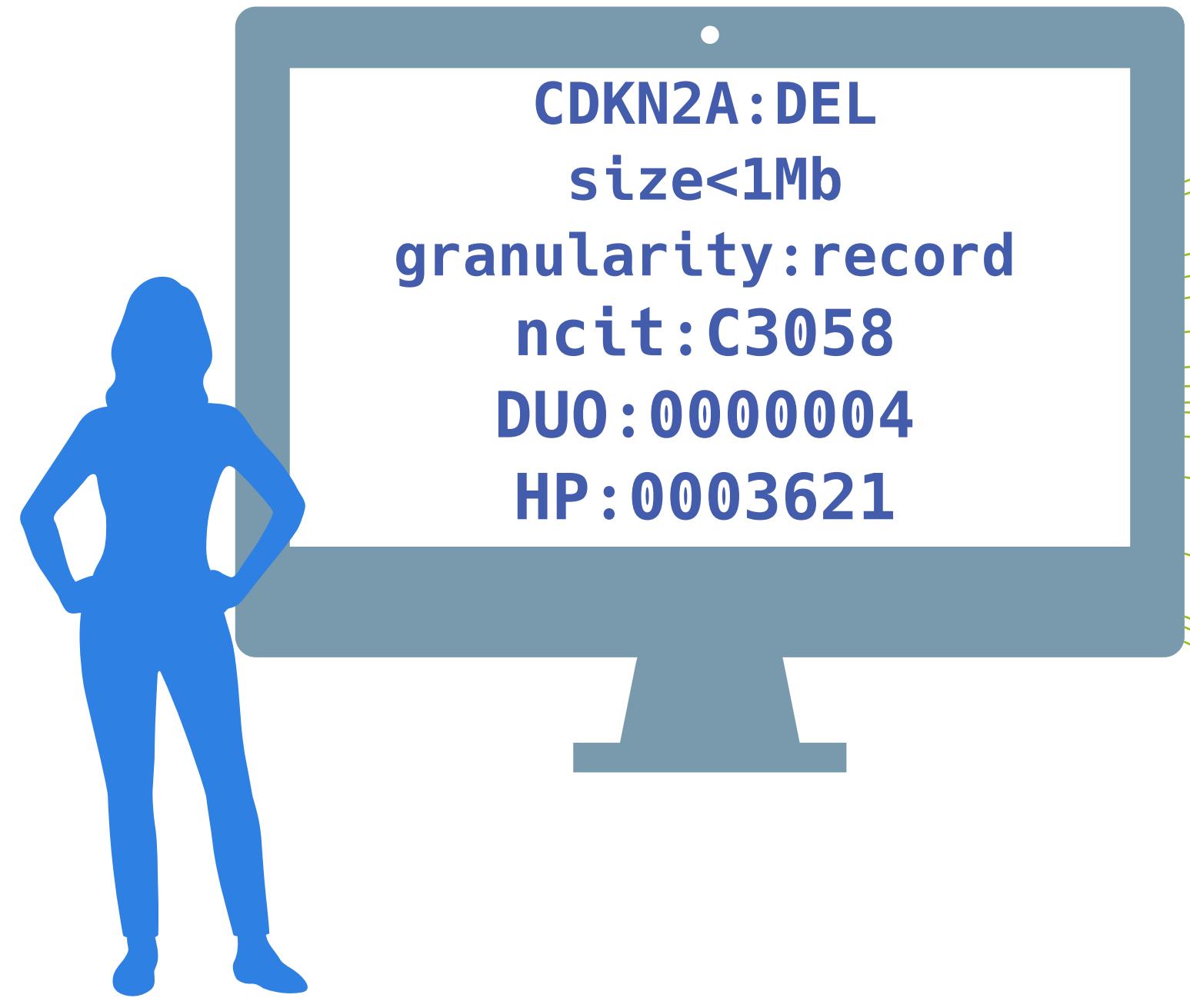
A Beacon network federates
genome variant queries
across databases that
support the **Beacon API**

Here: The variant has
been found in **few**
resources, and those
are from **disease**
specific **collections**.

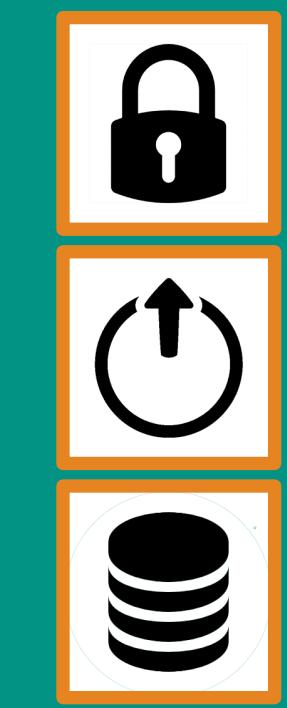
Beacon v2

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Can you provide data about focal deletions in CDKN2A in Glioblastomas from juvenile patients with unrestricted access?

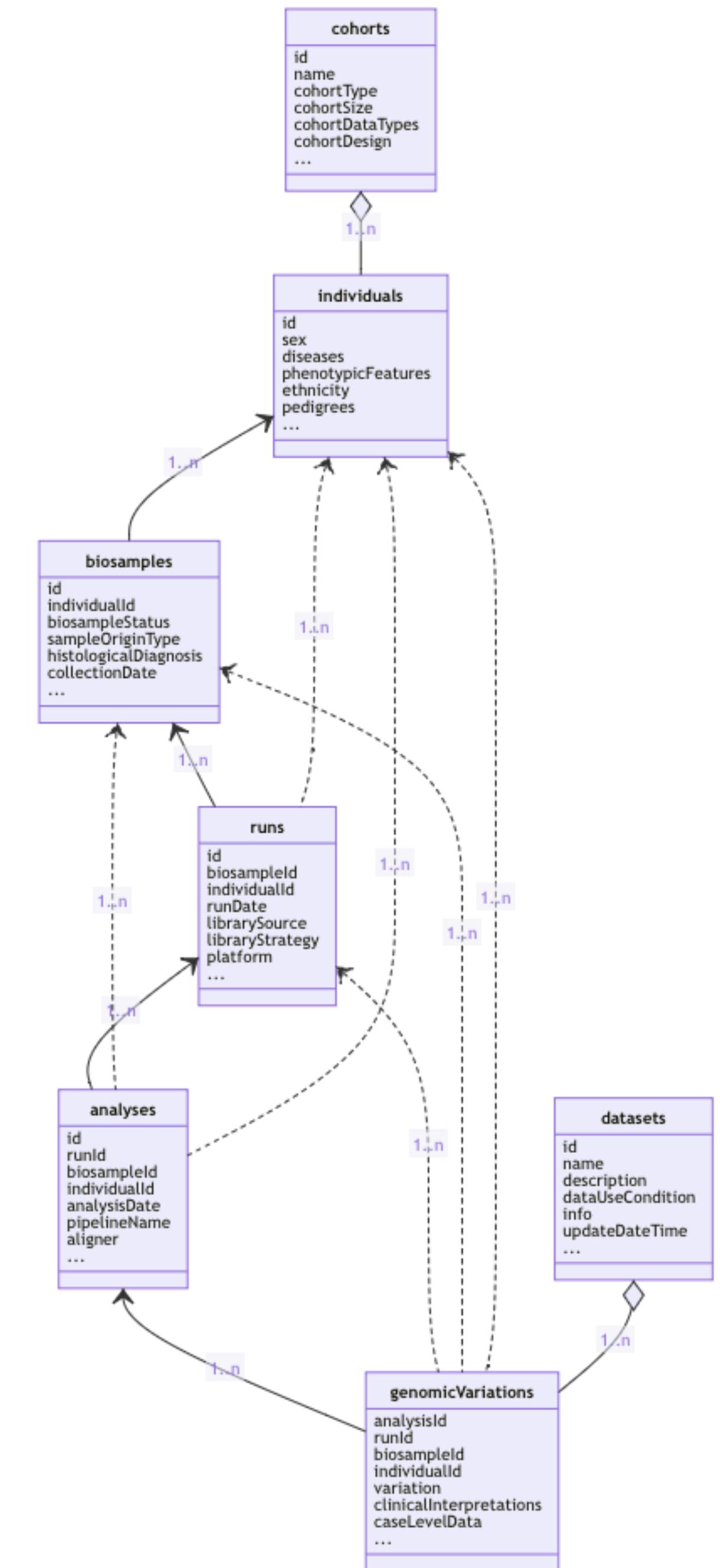


Beacon v2 API

The Beacon API v2 represents a simple but powerful **genomics API** for **federated** data discovery and retrieval

Beacon Default v2 Model

- The Beacon **framework** describes the overall structure of the API requests, responses, parameters, the common components, etc.
- Beacon **models** describe the set of concepts included in a Beacon, like individual or biosample, and also the relationships between them.
- Besides logical concepts, the Beacon **models** represent the schemas for data delivery in “record” granularity
- Beacon explicitly allows the use of *other models* besides its *version specific default*.
- Adherence to a shared **model** empowers federation
- Use of the **framework** w/ different models extends adoption



Request Components

Deparsing the Beacon v2 Example

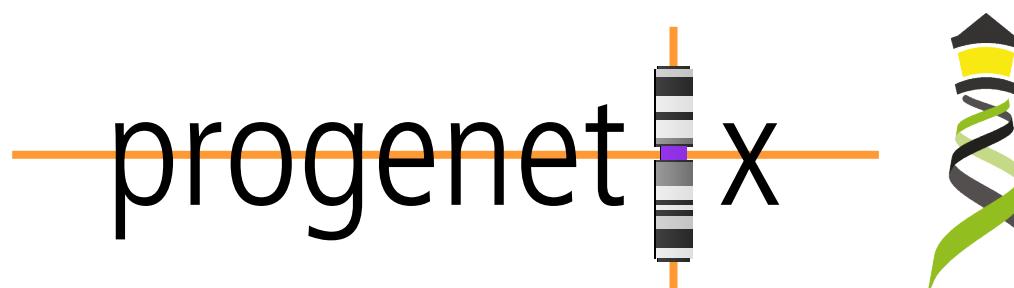
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CDKN2A:DEL  
size<1Mb  
granularity:record  
NCIT:C3058  
DUO:0000004  
HP:0003621
```

- query against genomic variations, no matter how they are stored
- copy number deletion, as indicated through the VCF symbolic allele **DEL** expression
- a combination of **genId** (server side gene data)
OR
- a range query and **variantMaxLength**, or positional (**start**, **end**)
- a filter for the Glioblastoma diagnosis, as NCIT term **NCIT:C3058**
- as an HPO term for "juvenile" **HP:0003621**
- full data access as per **DUO:0000004**

Beacon v2 Filters

Example: Use of hierarchical classification systems (here NCI ICD neoplasm core)

- Beacon v2 "filters" assumes inclusion of child terms when using hierarchical classifications
 - implicit *OR* with otherwise assumed *AND*
 - implementation of hierarchical annotations overcomes some limitations of "fuzzy" disease annotations



Beacon+ specific: Multiple term selection with OR logic

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	> NCIT:C4914: Skin Carcinoma	213
<input type="checkbox"/>	> NCIT:C4475: Dermal Neoplasm	109
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	> NCIT:C45240: Cutaneous Hematopoietic and Lymphoid Cell Neoplasm	310

Filters: NCIT:C4914, NCIT:C4819, NCIT:C9231, NCIT:C2921, NCIT:C45240, NCIT:C6858, NCIT:C3467, NCIT:C45340, NCIT:C7195, NCIT:C3246, NCIT:C7217



progenetix

Variants: 0 *f*alleles: 0 Callsets Variants ↗ UCSC region ↗ Calls: 0 Legacy Interface ↗ Samples: 523 [Show JSON Response](#)

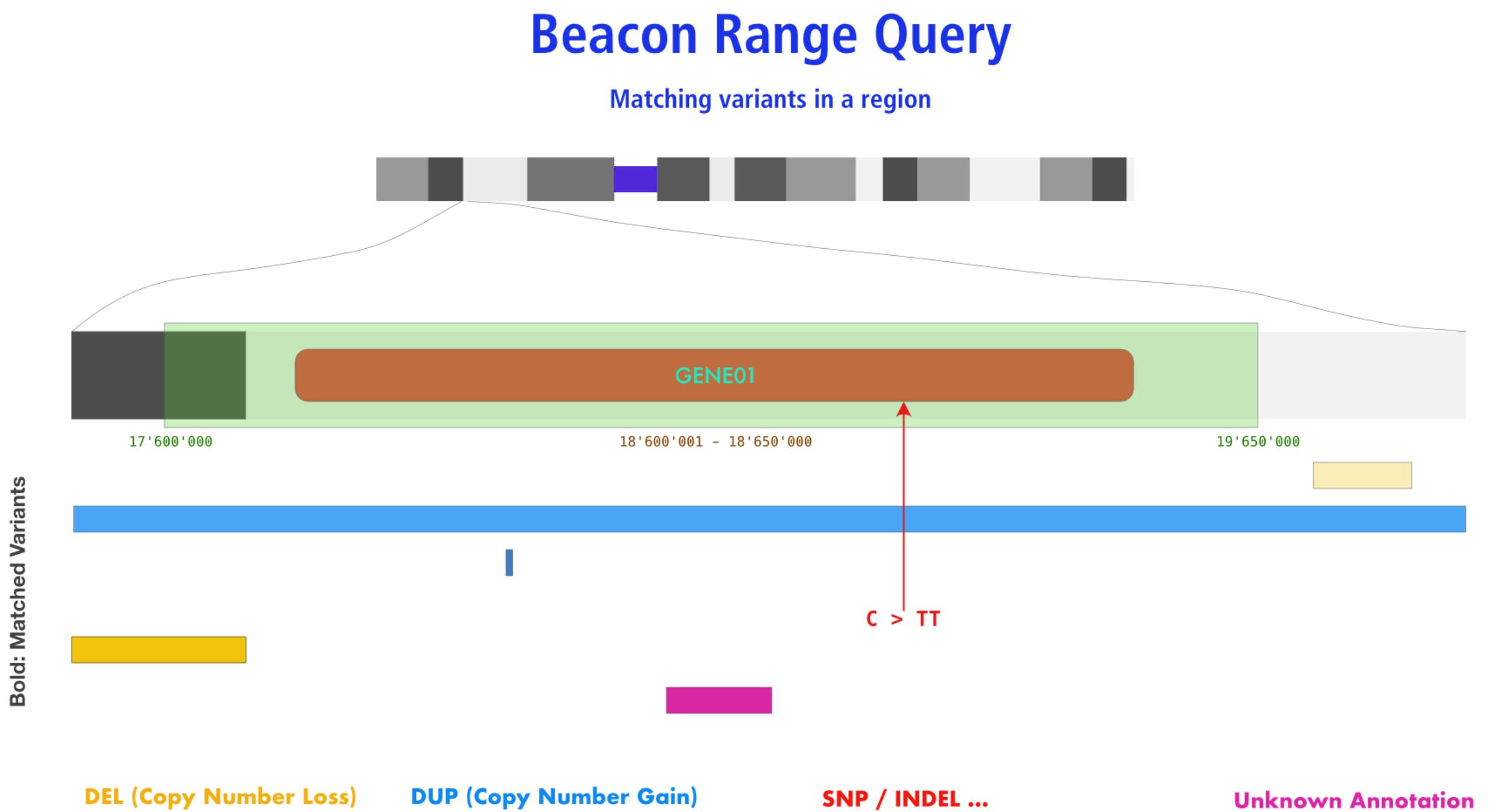
Results **Biosamples**

Id	Description	Classifications	Identifiers	DEL	DUP	CNV
PGX_AM_BS_MCC01	Merkel cell carcinoma	icdot-C44.9 Skin, NOS icdom-82473 Merkel cell carcinoma NCIT:C9231 Merkel Cell Carcinoma	PMID:9537255	0.116	0.104	0.22
PGX_AM_BS_MCC02	Merkel cell carcinoma	icdot-C44.9 Skin, NOS icdom-82473 Merkel cell carcinoma NCIT:C9231 Merkel Cell Carcinoma	PMID:9537255	0.154	0.056	0.21
PGX_AM_BS_MCC03	Merkel cell carcinoma	icdot-C44.9 Skin, NOS icdom-82473 Merkel cell carcinoma NCIT:C9231 Merkel Cell Carcinoma	PMID:9537255	0.137	0.21	0.347
PGX_AM_BS_MCC04	Merkel cell carcinoma	icdot-C44.9 Skin, NOS icdom-82473 Merkel cell carcinoma NCIT:C9231 Merkel Cell Carcinoma	PMID:9537255	0.158	0.056	0.214
PGX_AM_BS_MCC05	Merkel cell carcinoma	icdot-C44.9 Skin, NOS icdom-82473 Merkel cell carcinoma NCIT:C9231 Merkel Cell Carcinoma	PMID:9537255	0.107	0.327	0.434

Beacon Queries

Range ("anything goes") Request

- defined through the use of 1 start, 1 end
- any variant... but can be limited by type etc.



Beacon Query Types

Sequence / Allele CNV (Bracket) **Genomic Range** Aminoacid Gene ID HGVS Sam

Dataset

Test Database - examplez X

Chromosome

17 (NC_000017.11)

Variant Type

SO:0001059 (any sequence alteration - S...)

Start or Position

7572826

End (Range or Structural Var.)

7579005

Reference Base(s)

N

Alternate Base(s)

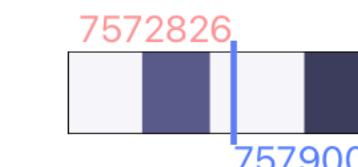
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Select Filters

Select...

Chromosome 17

7572826
7579005



Query Database

Form Utilities

Gene Spans Cytoband(s)

Query Examples

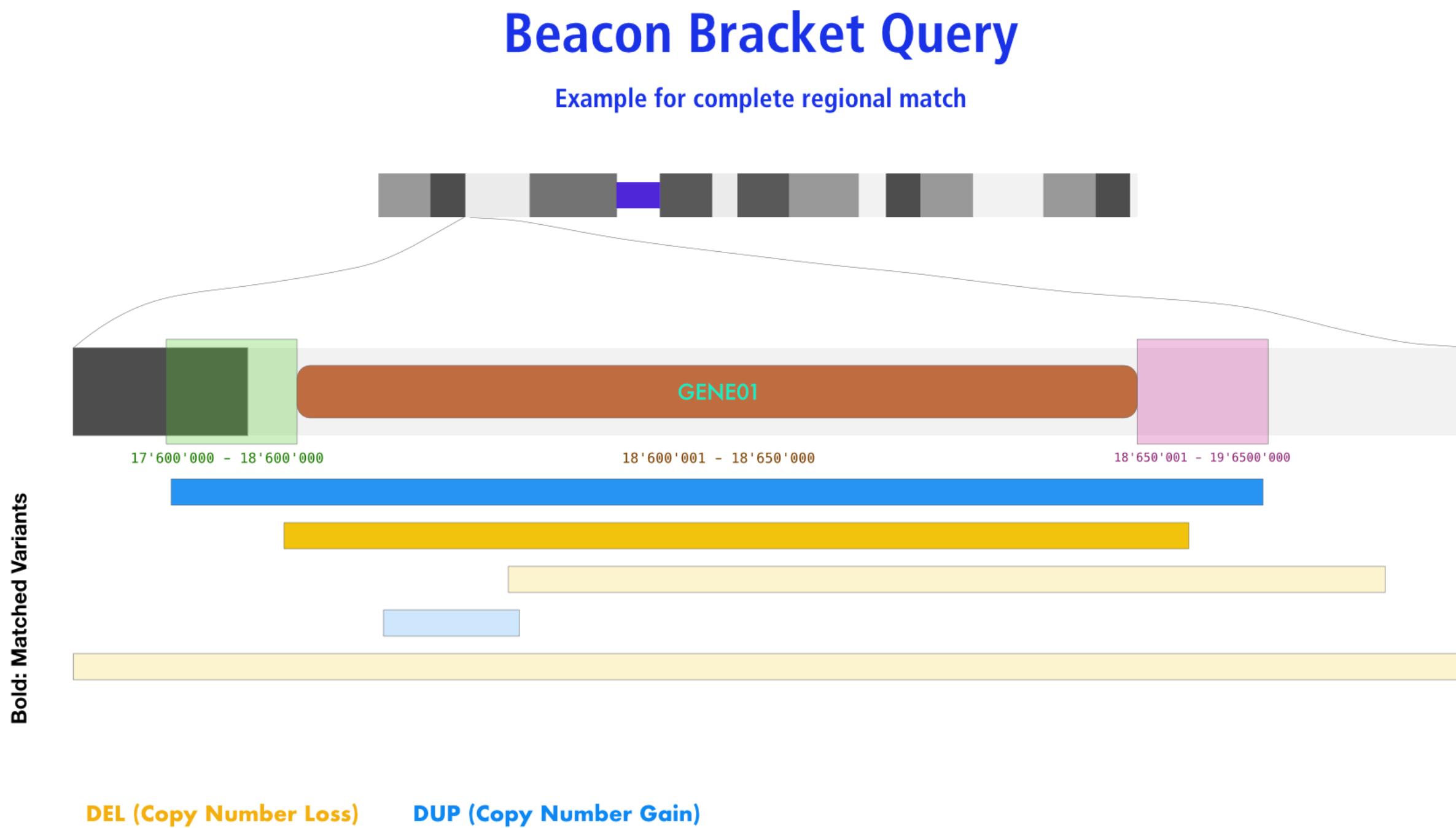
CNV Example SNV Example Range Example Gene Match
Aminoacid Example Identifier - HeLa

As in the standard SNV query, this example shows a Beacon query against mutations in the EIF4A1 gene in the DIPG childhood brain tumor dataset. However, this range + wildcard query will return any variant with alternate bases (indicated through "N"). Since parameters will be interpreted using an "AND" paradigm, either Alternate Bases OR Variant Type should be specified. The exact variants which were being found can be retrieved through the variant handover [H->O] link.

Beacon Queries

Bracket ("CNV") Query

- defined through the use of 2 start, 2 end
- any contiguous variant...



Beacon Query Types

Sequence / Allele **CNV (Bracket)** Genomic Range Aminoacid Gene ID HGVS Sam

Dataset

Test Database - examplez x | v

Chromosome

9 (NC_000009.12) | v

Variant Type

EFO:0030067 (copy number deletion) | v

Start or Position

21000001-21975098

End (Range or Structural Var.)

21967753-23000000

Select Filters

NCIT:C3058: Glioblastoma (100) x | v

Chromosome 9

21000001-21975098



21967753-23000000

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Query Examples

CNV Example

SNV Example

Range Example

Gene Match

Aminoacid Example

Identifier - HeLa

This example shows the query for CNV deletion variants overlapping the CDKN2A gene's coding region with at least a single base, but limited to "focal" hits (here i.e. <= ~2Mbp in size). The query is against the examplez collection and can be modified e.g. through changing the position parameters or data source.

CNV Term Use Comparison

in computational (file/schema) formats

EFO	Beacon	VCF	SO	GA4GH VRS1.3
EFO:0030070 copy number gain	DUP or EFO:0030070	DUP SVCLAIM=D	SO:0001742 copy_number_gain	EFO:0030070 gain
EFO:0030071 low-level copy number gain	DUP or EFO:0030071	DUP SVCLAIM=D	SO:0001742 copy_number_gain	EFO:0030071 low-level gain
EFO:0030072 high-level copy number gain	DUP or EFO:0030072	DUP SVCLAIM=D	SO:0001742 copy_number_gain	EFO:0030072 high-level gain
EFO:0030073 focal genome amplification	DUP or EFO:0030073	DUP SVCLAIM=D	SO:0001742 copy_number_gain	EFO:0030072 high-level gain
EFO:0030067 copy number loss	DEL or EFO:0030067	DEL SVCLAIM=D	SO:0001743 copy_number_loss	EFO:0030067 loss
EFO:0030068 low-level copy number loss	DEL or EFO:0030068	DEL SVCLAIM=D	SO:0001743 copy_number_loss	EFO:0030068 low-level loss
EFO:0020073 high-level copy number loss	DEL or EFO:0020073	DEL SVCLAIM=D	SO:0001743 copy_number_loss	EFO:0020073 high-level loss
EFO:0030069 complete genomic deletion	DEL or EFO:0030069	DEL SVCLAIM=D	SO:0001743 copy_number_loss	EFO:0030069 complete genomic loss

Progenetix and GA4GH Beacon

Implementation driven development of a GA4GH standard

Beacon v1 Development

2014

GA4GH founding event; Jim Ostell proposes Beacon concept including "more features ... version 2"

2015

- beacon-network.org aggregator created by DNAstack

2016

- Beacon v0.3 release
 - work on queries for structural variants (brackets for fuzzy start and end parameters...)

2017

- OpenAPI implementation
- integrating CNV parameters (e.g. "startMin, statMax")

2018

- Beacon v0.4 release in January; feature release for GA4GH approval process
- GA4GH Beacon v1 approved at Oct plenary

2019

- ELIXIR Beacon Network

2020

2021

2022

Beacon v2 Development

Related ...

- ELIXIR starts Beacon project support

- GA4GH re-structuring (workstreams...)
- Beacon part of Discovery WS

- new Beacon website (March)

- Beacon publication at Nature Biotechnology

- Phenopackets v2 approved

- docs.genomebeacons.org

- Beacon+ concept implemented on progenetix.org
- concepts from GA4GH Metadata (ontologies...)
- entity-scoped query parameters ("individual.age")

- Beacon+ demos "handover" concept

- Beacon hackathon Stockholm; settling on "filters"
- Barcelona goes Zurich developers meeting
- Beacon API v2 Kick off
- adopting "handover" concept
- "Scouts" teams working on different aspects - filters, genomic variants, compliance ...
- discussions w/ clinical stakeholders

- framework + models concept implemented
- range and bracket queries, variant length parameters
- starting of GA4GH review process
- further changes esp. in default model, aligning with Phenopackets and VRS
- unified beacon-v2 code & docs repository
- Beacon v2 approved at Apr GA4GH Connect

Progenetix & Beacon

Implementation driven standards development

- Progenetix Beacon+ has served as implementation driver since 2016
- prototyping of advanced Beacon features such as
 - structural variant queries
 - data handovers
 - Phenopackets integration

Beacon protocol response verifier at time of GA4GH approval Spring 2022

Beacon v2 GA4GH Approval Registry

Beacons:    

EGA	progenetix	Theoretical Cytogenetics and Oncogenomics group at UZH and SIB
Visit us	Visit us	Visit us
Beacon API	Beacon UI	Beacon API
Contact us	Contact us	Contact us
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European Genome-Phenome Archive (EGA)		
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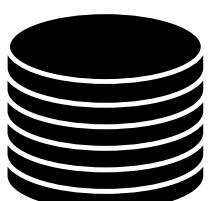
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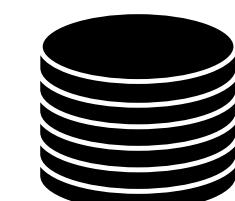
Progenetix Stack



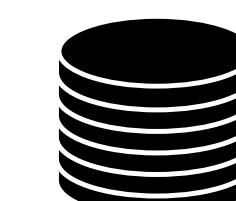
- JavaScript front-end is populated for query results using asynchronous access to multiple handover objects
 - ▶ biosamples and variants tables, CNV histogram, UCSC .bed loader, .pgxseg variant downloads...
- the complete middleware / CGI stack is provided through the *bycon* package
 - ▶ schemas, query stack, data transformation (Phenopackets generation)...
- data collections mostly correspond to the main Beacon default model entities
 - ▶ no separate *runs* collection; integrated w/ analyses
 - ▶ *variants* are stored per observation instance



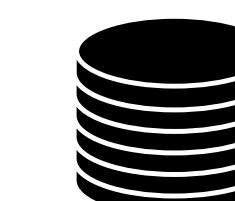
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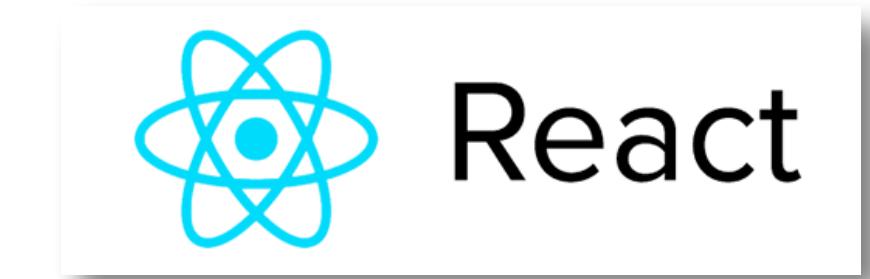
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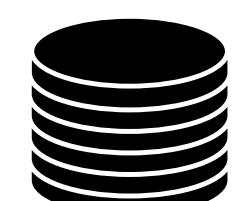


Entity collections

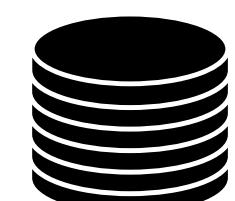


- *collations* contain pre-computed data (e.g. CNV frequencies, statistics) and information for all grouping entity instances and correspond to **filter values**
 - ▶ PMID:10027410, NCIT:C3222, pgx:cohort-TCGA, pgx:icdom-94703...
- *querybuffer* stores id values of all entities matched by a query and provides the corresponding access handle for **handover** generation

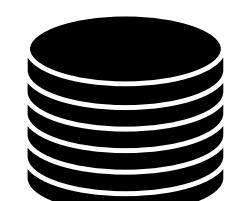
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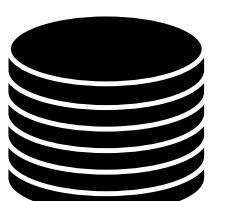
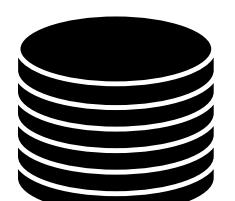
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qBuffer

Utility collections

Beacon v2 Conformity and Extensions in *bycon*

Putting the ⁺ into Beacon ...

- support & use of standard Beacon v2 PUT & GET variant queries, filters and meta parameters
 - ➡ variant parameters, genelid, lengths, EFO, SO & VCF CNV types, pagination
 - ➡ widespread, self-scoping filter use for bio-, technical- and id parameters with switch for descending terms use (globally or per term if using POST)
- **extensive use of handovers**
 - ➡ asynchronous delivery of e.g. variant and sample data, data plots
- ⁺ optional use of OR logic for filter combinations (global)
- ⁺ extension of query parameters
 - ➡ **geographic queries** incl. \$geonear and use of GeoJSON in schemas
 - ➡ testing of **cytogenetic events**
 - ➡ **multi-variant queries**, i.e. option to supply multiple variant queries of same or different types which are **intersected at the biosample level**
- ↗ ↘ ↛ ↙ ↜ ↚ only rudimentary/test implementation of authentication on this open dataset

bycon provides additional services and output formats through **byconaut** & /services path and are not considered Beacon extensions (though they follow the syntax where possible).



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pgxRpi

An interface API for analyzing Progenetix CNV data in R using the Beacon+ API

GitHub: <https://github.com/progenetix/pgxRpi>

README.md

pgxRpi

Welcome to our R wrapper package for Progenetix REST API that leverages the capabilities of [Beacon v2](#) specification. Please note that a stable internet connection is required for the query functionality. This package is aimed to simplify the process of accessing oncogenomic data from [Progenetix](#) database.

You can install this package from GitHub using:

```
install.packages("devtools")
devtools::install_github("progenetix/pgxRpi")
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For accessing metadata of biosamples/individuals, or learning more about filters, get started from the vignette [Introduction_1_loadmetadata](#).

For accessing CNV variant data, get started from this vignette [Introduction_2_loadvariants](#).

For accessing CNV frequency data, get started from this vignette [Introduction_3_loadfrequency](#).

For processing local pgxseg files, get started from this vignette [Introduction_4_process_pgxseg](#).

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DOI: [10.18129/B9.bioc.pgxRpi](https://doi.org/10.18129/B9.bioc.pgxRpi)

This is the **development** version of pgxRpi; to use it, please install the [devel version](#) of Bioconductor.

R wrapper for Progenetix

Bioconductor version: Development (3.19)

The package is an R wrapper for Progenetix REST API built upon the Beacon v2 protocol. Its purpose is to provide a seamless way for retrieving genomic data from Progenetix database—an open resource dedicated to curated oncogenomic profiles. Empowered by this package, users can effortlessly access and visualize data from Progenetix.

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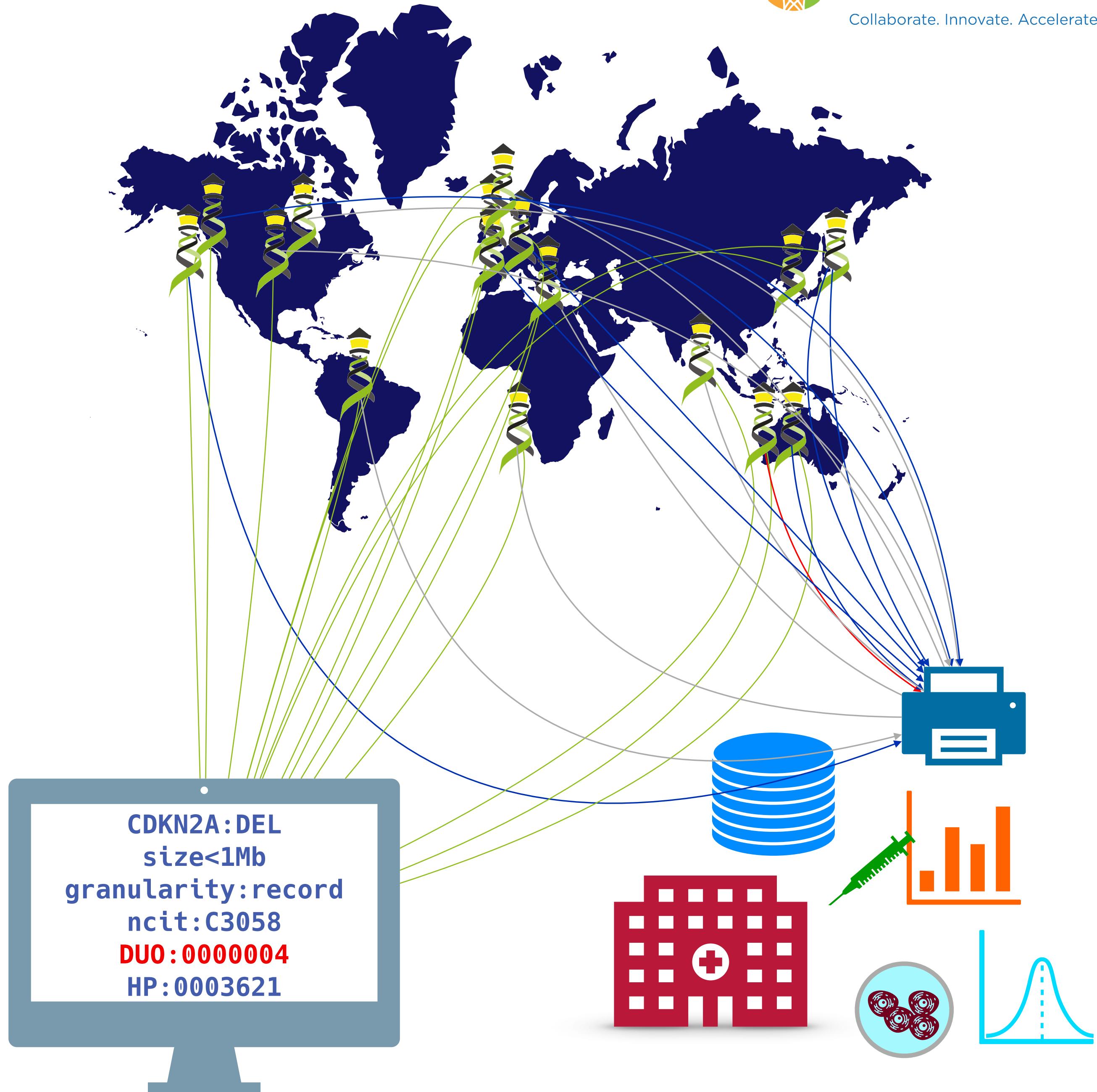
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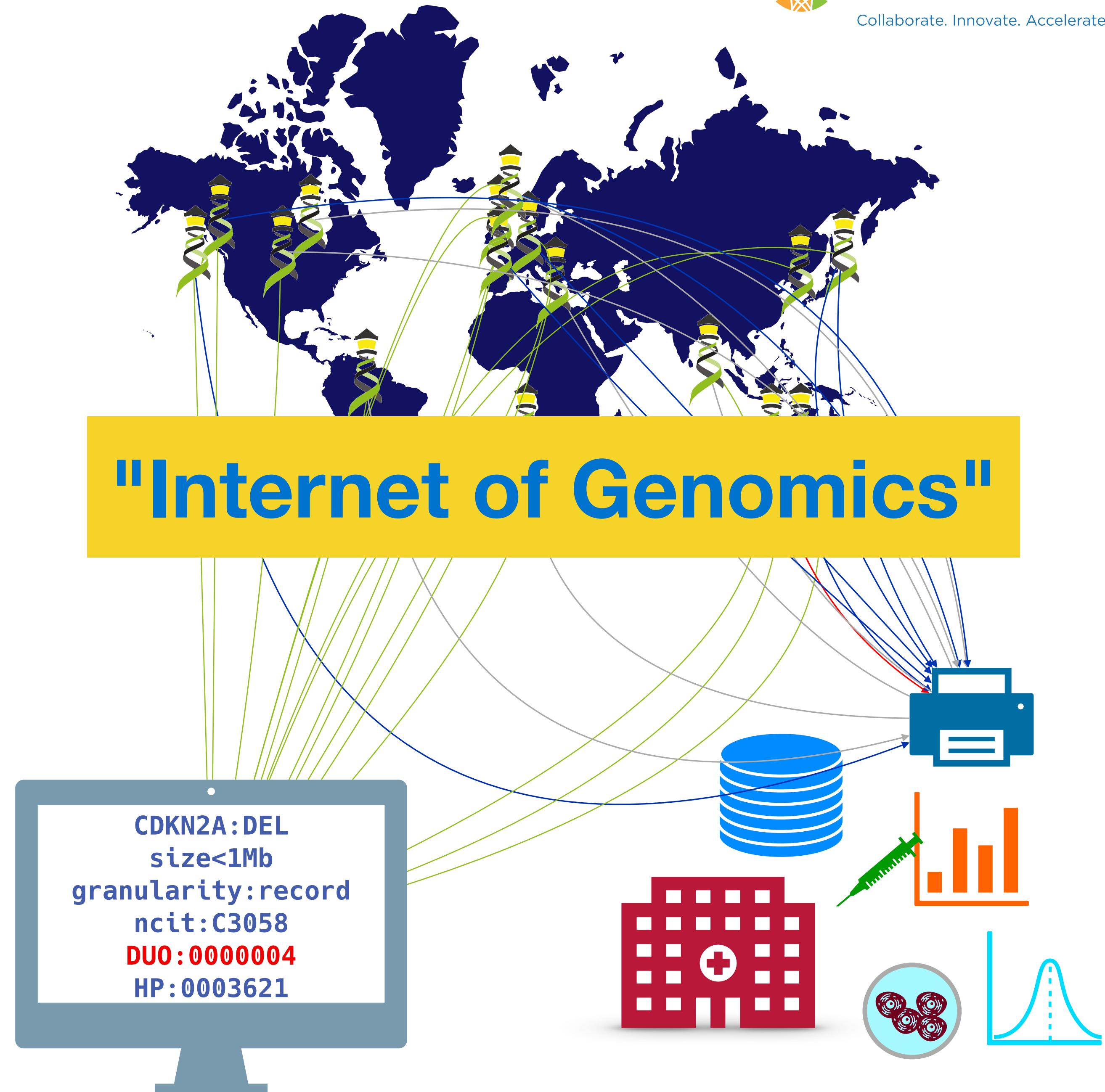


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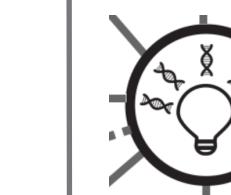
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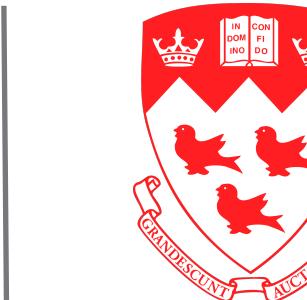


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