



FOUNDATIONS of DATA CURATION

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Workflow and Provenance

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V1. Workflow

V2: Provenance

V3: Workflow systems

V1. Workflow

What is [data] workflow?

Why is workflow important?

Kinds of transformations.

What is data workflow?

Much of our work with data, especially in scientific applications,
consists in *transforming one data set into another*

In the abstract:
a software process embodying one or more algorithms
takes one dataset as input
and produces another as output

This process is what we mean (here) by workflow

These transformation scenarios range widely in kind and nature
and can be extremely complex.

They are fundamental to data science and a core focus of data curation

Data curation and data workflow

Data curation is concerned with transformations in *two* ways:

- managing and documenting transformations involved in data analytics

- performing transformation to realize data curation objectives.

 - (preservation, integration, format conversion, etc.)

Kinds of data transformations

Transformations where input and output datasets are **identical in propositional content**

transformation to a different data description language (or new version of a language)

transformation to a different serialization (or new version of a serialization)

Transformations where the input dataset **mathematically contains the output dataset**

transformation to a subset matching specific conditions
e.g. simple queries

transformation to a logically or mathematically entailed data of the same kind
e.g., summaries, statistics, visualizations

Transformations where the input dataset **scientifically contains in the output dataset**

transformation to scientifically entailed data of the same kind
here the resulting data set typically contains information different in kind
e.g., a data set about air pressure is transformed to a dataset about altitudes.

Workflow: Chaotic vs Organized vs Supported

There is always workflow.

even if it is an impenetrable, untrustworthy, chaotic mess

Organized workflows may be either

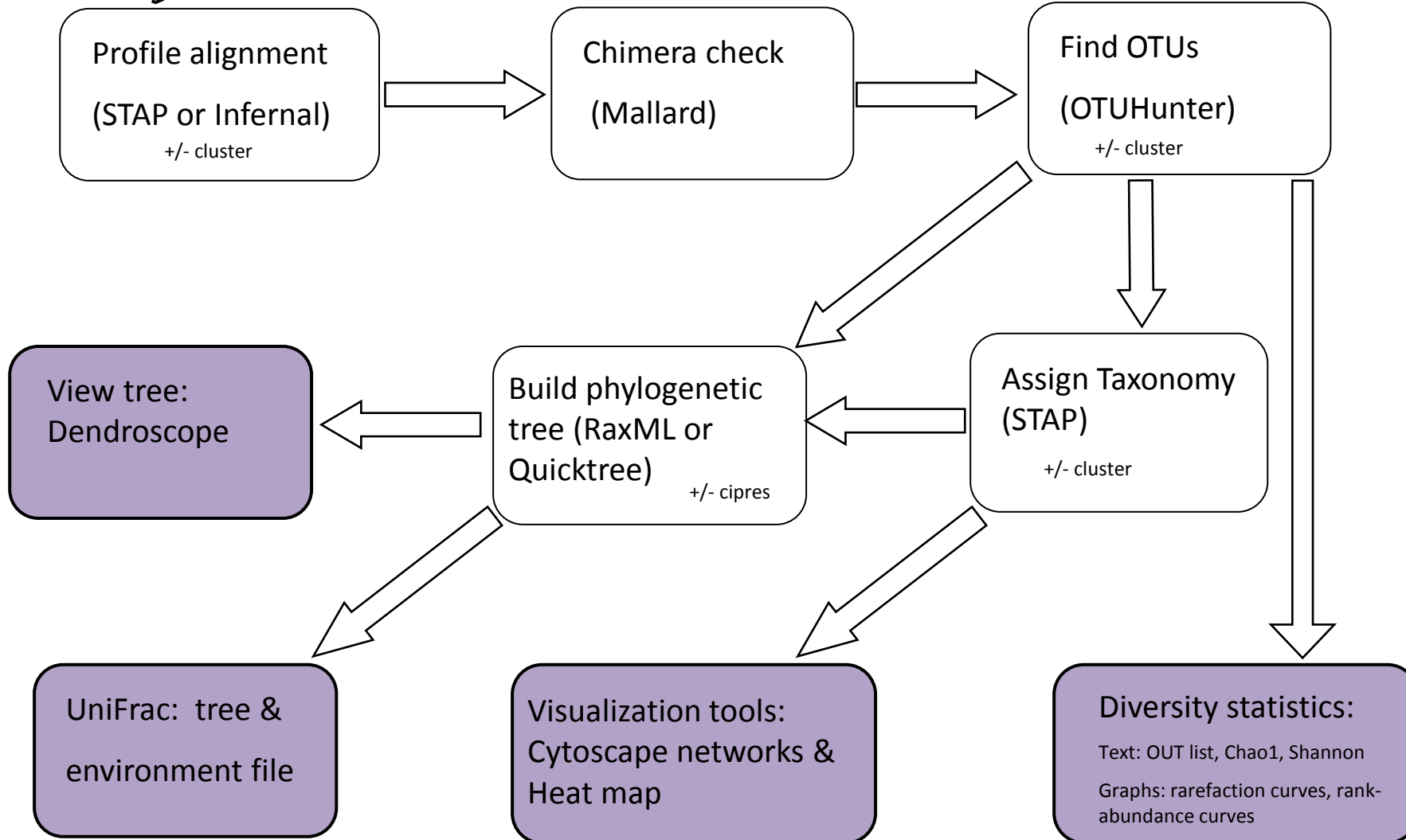
- 1) home grown (systems of documented scripts for instance)
- 2) supported by specialized workflow management systems (Kepler, Taverna, YesWorkflow, etc.)

Practical workflow support systems are usually more or less language independent, allowing the use of R, Python, XSLT, MATLAB, etc.

Assembled
contigs

WATERS:

Workflow for Alignment, Taxonomy, Ecology of Ribosomal Sequences (Amber Hartman; Eisen Lab; UC Davis)



Example Bioinformatics Workflow: Motif-Catcher

Marc Facciotti *et al.*
UC Davis Genome Center

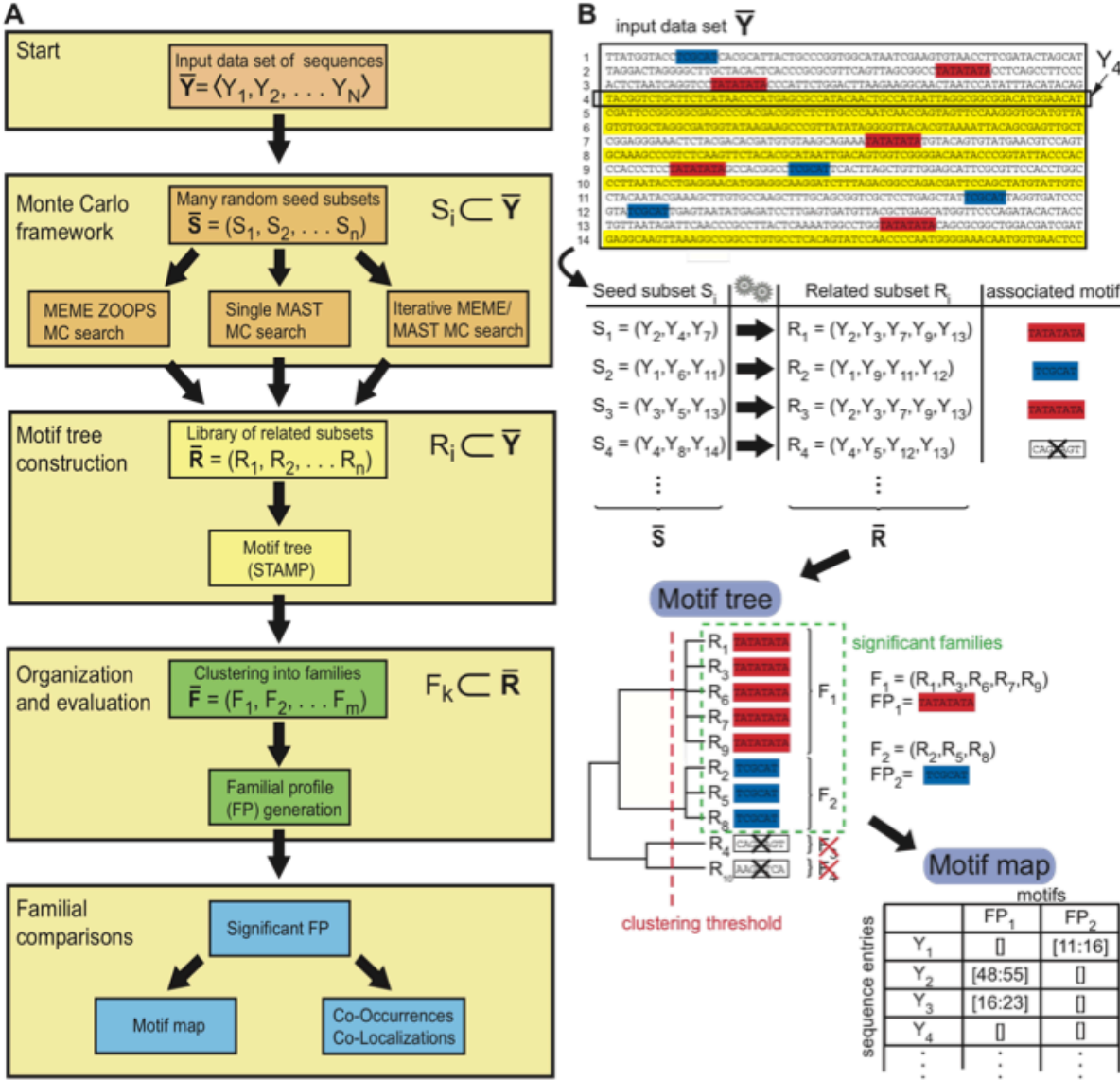
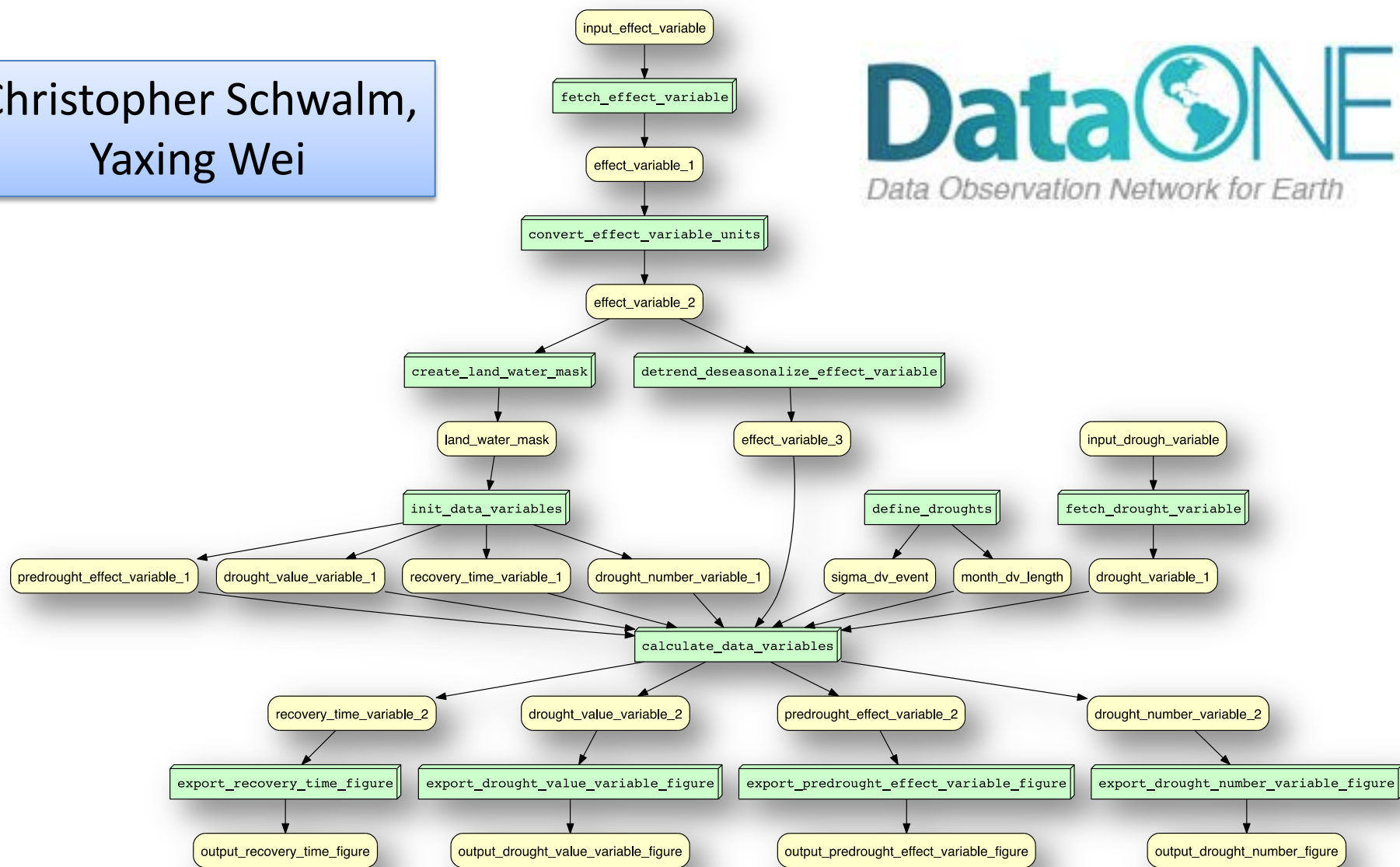


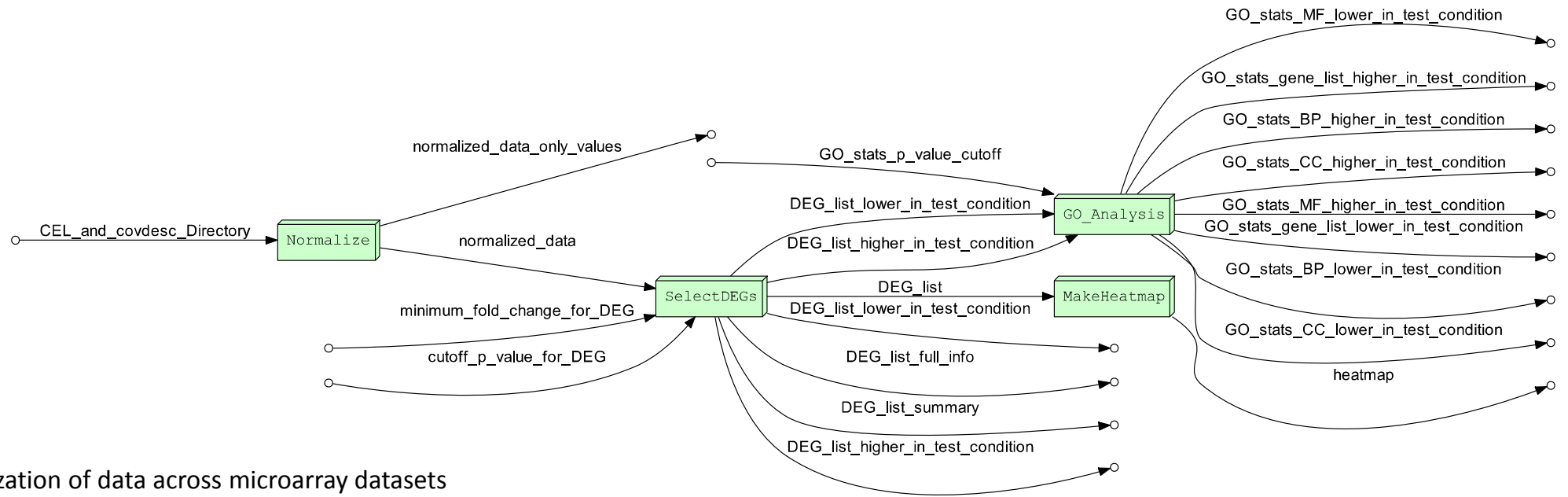
Figure 1: Concept of Monte-Carlo based detection and interpretation of motifs. A) Abstract description of MotifCatcher process. B) Examples illustrating the process with sample data.

Multi-Scale Synthesis and Terrestrial Model Intercomparison Project (MsTMIP)

Christopher Schwalm,
Yaxing Wei



Gene Expression Microarray Data Analysis



- **[Normalize]**
 - Normalization of data across microarray datasets
- **[SelectDEGs]**
 - Selection of differentially expressed genes between conditions
- **[GO Analysis]**
 - determination of gene ontology statistics for the resulting datasets
- **[MakeHeatmap]**
 - creation of a heatmap of the differentially expressed genes.

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Why is workflow important

Thoughtfully designed organized workflows support:

Efficiency

Reliability

Modifiability

Reuse

Reproducibility

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