

Provenance Data in the Context of Earth System Modelling

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1. Difference Metadata – Provenance Data
2. Why Provenance Data?
3. How to collect Provenance Data
4. Requirements => Luis' talk

1. Metadaten vs. Provenance Data

Metadata

- ... are structured data products
- ... describing the data itself
- ... becoming increasingly important with growing amount of data

Possible future demand

- ... extended machine readability of metadata
- ... and / or automatic evaluation processes of the metadata.

No data archiving without model metadata format

e.g. NetCDF as self describing

Provenance Data

“The provenance of a piece of data is the process that led to that piece of data”, Moreau, 2010

- ... describing the origin of results
- ... is more than an “annotation” to Metadata
- ... includes process details (history / used tools / methods / procedures /
- ... ideally representing the complete development process

No automatic self describing tool available

2. Why Provenance Data ?

- we have to - because of “Gute wissenschaftliche Praxis”

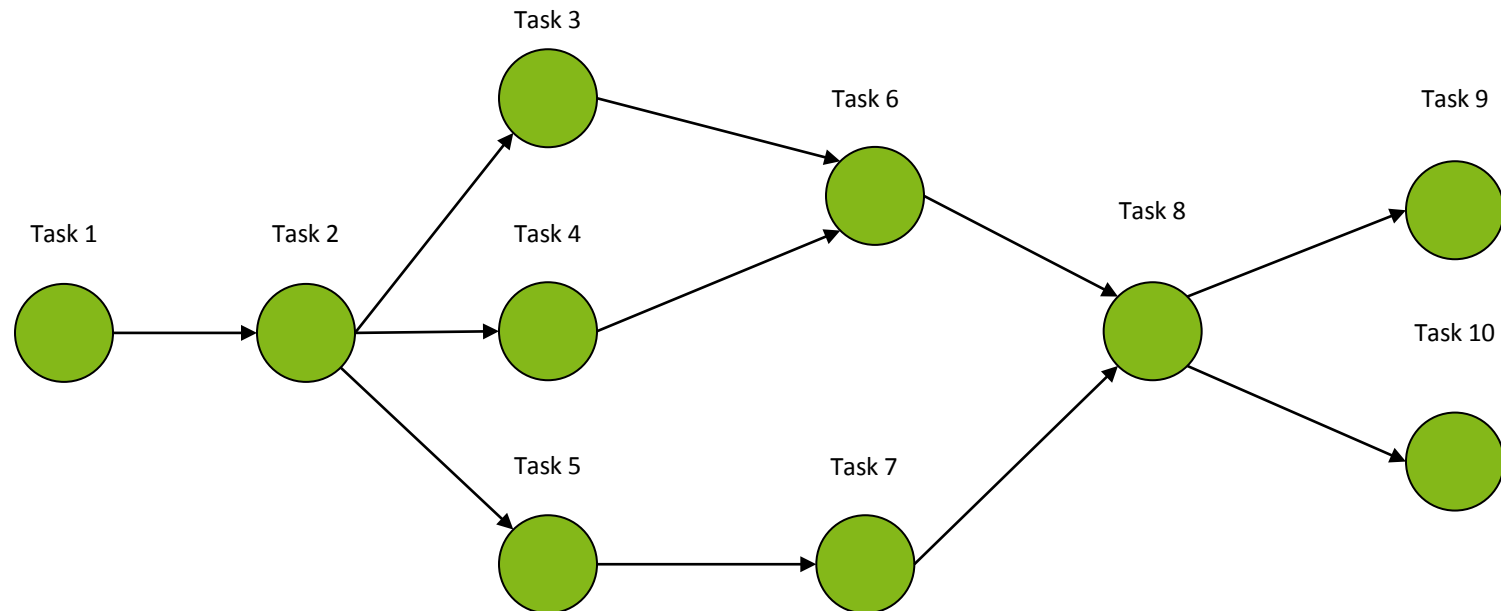
Benefit of Provenance Data – in addition to Metadata

- making Provenance data available
 - ... can help to evaluate quality of data
 - ... can document the scientific standard
 - ... enables error – tracking - *even years after data production and leave of the scientist*
- degree of reliability is documented and traceable (how / who / why / where /what...)
 - => *for possible discussions in future facts are available!*
- Provenance Data
 - ... enable reuseability of data *for a longer time*
 - ... enable runtime recovery
 - ✓ repeat / reproduce model runs

3. How to collect Provenance data?

We have a defined model **workflow**

... which describes a chain of chronological and logical connected data steps or processing steps - or both in combination



To perform the workflow, we need a model **framework**

... which is a transparent runtime environment, that drives the workflow and supports it during the entire lifetime of a model run or project

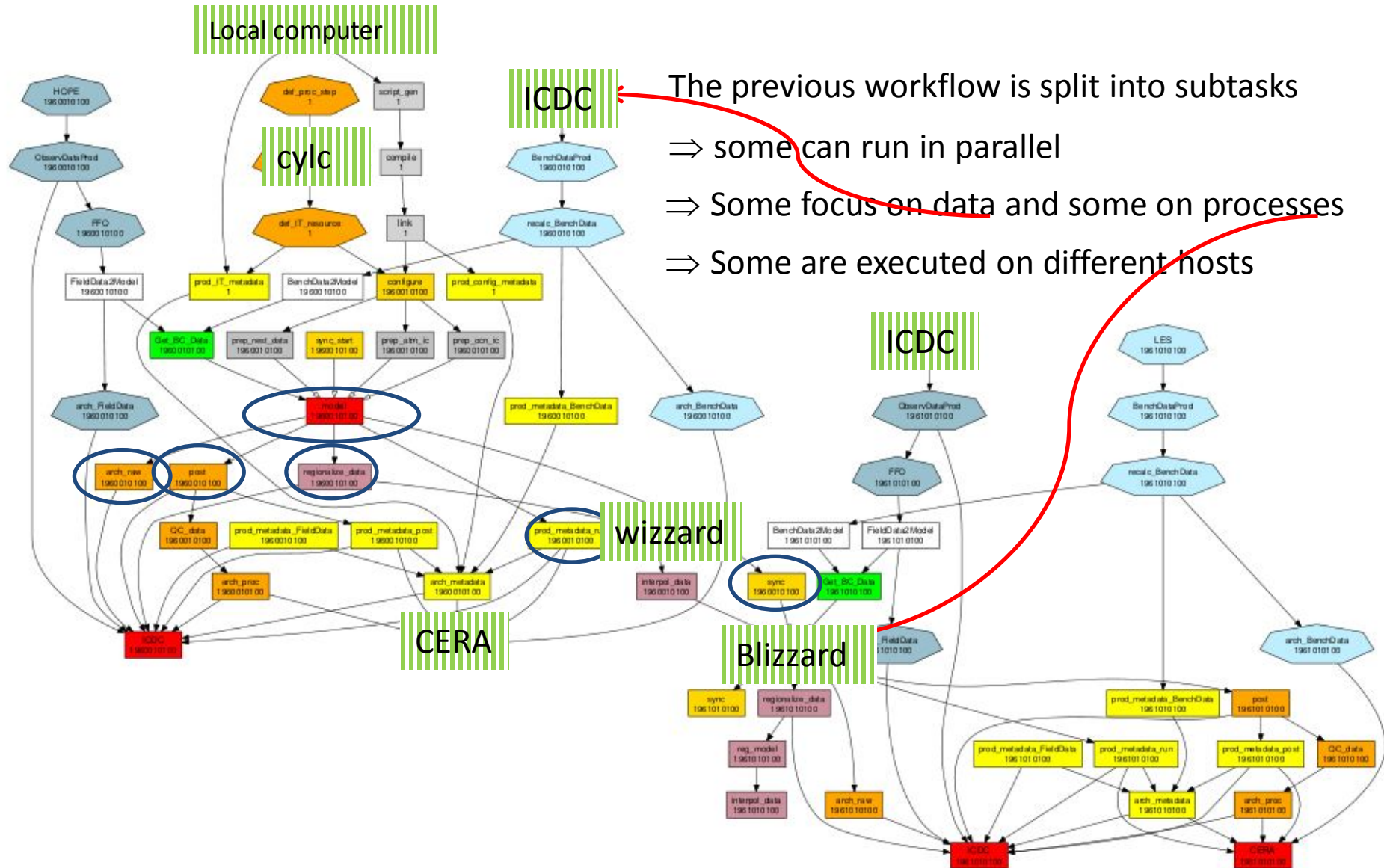
Complete Workflow in climate research context (= Reinhardt's graph)

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2. Set up components (site, machine, compiler)
3. Define experiment
4. Build model
5. Compute host directory structure and input file setup
6. Restart and time dependent input data preparation
7. Model run step
8. Restart and log handling
9. Archiving of raw data and restart
10. Post-processing
11. In-house quality control
12. Archiving of derived data products
13. Data publishing process (CIM, ESGF data publication)
14. ESGF (data and index nodes)
15. Data search and data access interface
16. Community analysis

What we try to cover (processing & data)

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=> No metadata, but a protocol of **all actions** leading to the final data is collected and stored



Wishlist for a tool , that can handle it all

General technical requirements:

- allow modularity / flexibility / portability
- allow user interaction / experiment configuration
- enable program portability
- allow general reproducibility of a task / result
- bundle / integrate
 - heterogeneous, distributed services / software tools
 - heterogeneous and distributed data management
- collect provenance data and / or metadata

Interface of data and process workflow



Our **frameworks** tool should ...

- schedule the individual subtasks of the process chain
- be platforms independent
- enable monitoring of processes
- support testing and quality checking (QC)
- ease failure handling
- enable restart / controlled repetition of an experiment
- deliver / produce provenance data(= “Gute wissenschaftliche Praxis ...”)

What are we using?

⇒ We selected CYLC as our Frameworks tool

What is CYLC?

- Cylc ("silk") is a **suite engine** and **workflow manager**, designed to manage suites of cycling tasks in weather and climate forecasting
- Using Python => platform independent
- Enables running of tasks and / or processes in parallel
- Developed by Met Office (UK) and NIWA, (NZ) under GNU Licence

H. Oliver will be in Hamburg for the
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CYLC

- ⇒ ... will be our new runtime environment for climate research (e.g. for projects like MIKLIP & HD(CP)2)
- ⇒ ... furthermore, will manage the collection of the Provenance Data

⇒ Data will be collected in a separate Provenance Data Base

Concept of a data base schema for provenance data by Deike Kleberg (MPI-M)

Target:

Develop a data base scheme to store all kind of Provenance data

- in an abstract and simple way
- flexible and easy expandable for possible future requirements

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