

**Taverna**

Scientific Workflow Management System

**my** experiment



**BioCatalogue** <sup>beta</sup>   
"The Life Science Web Services Registry"

**Taverna, Biocatalogue, myExperiment,  
and the provenance of it all:  
forward-looking while looking back**

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## Part I: models and technology for e-science

1. Addressing the needs of the e-scientist:
  - Workflow as a model of experimental science
    - Taverna
    - Services as building blocks
    - Biocatalogue
2. Scaling up along the social dimension:
  - towards open, collaborative science
  - myExperiment

## Part II: Explaining and Preserving experimental outcomes

- Data provenance support in Taverna
- provenance for open science: the OPM vision

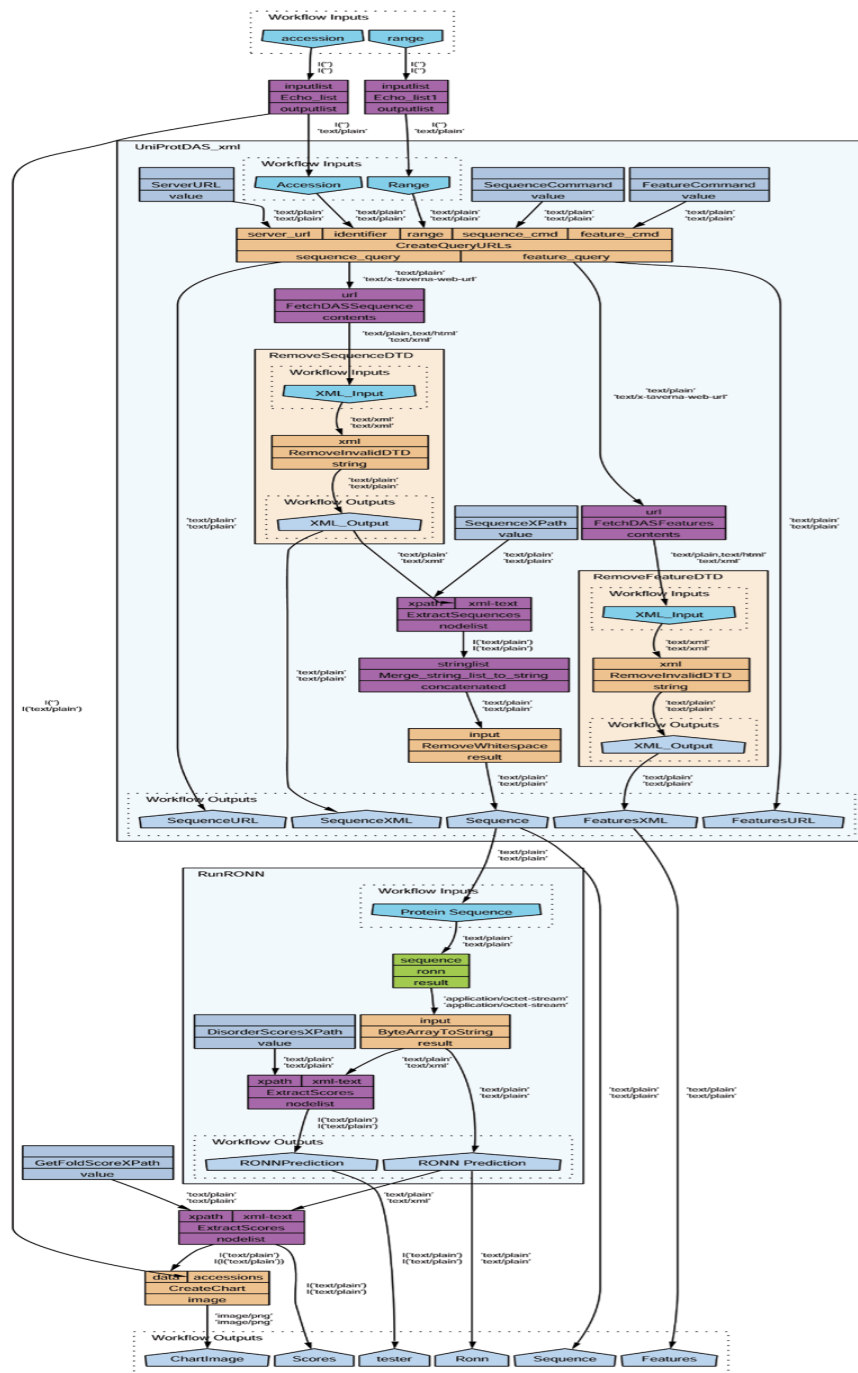
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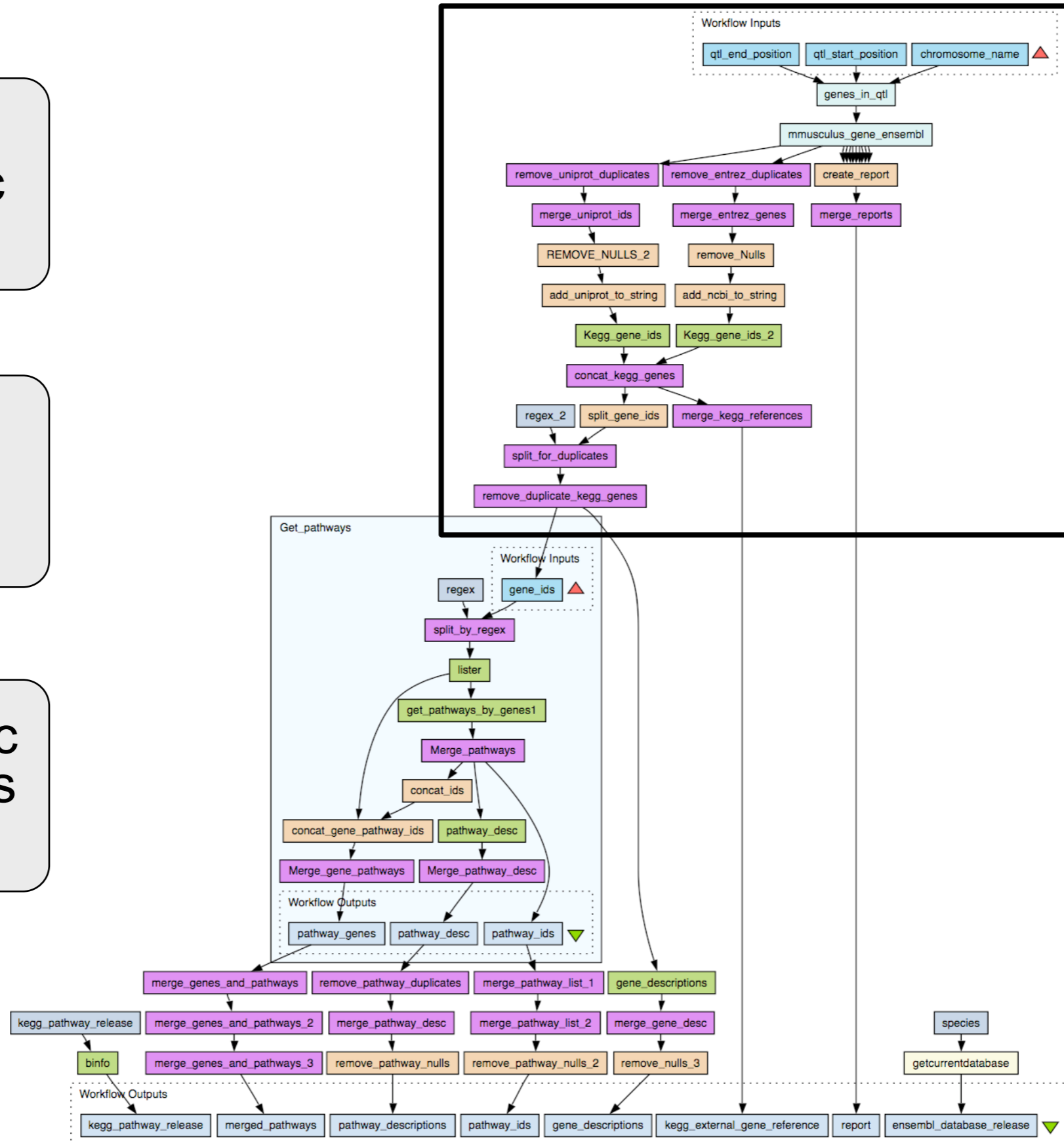
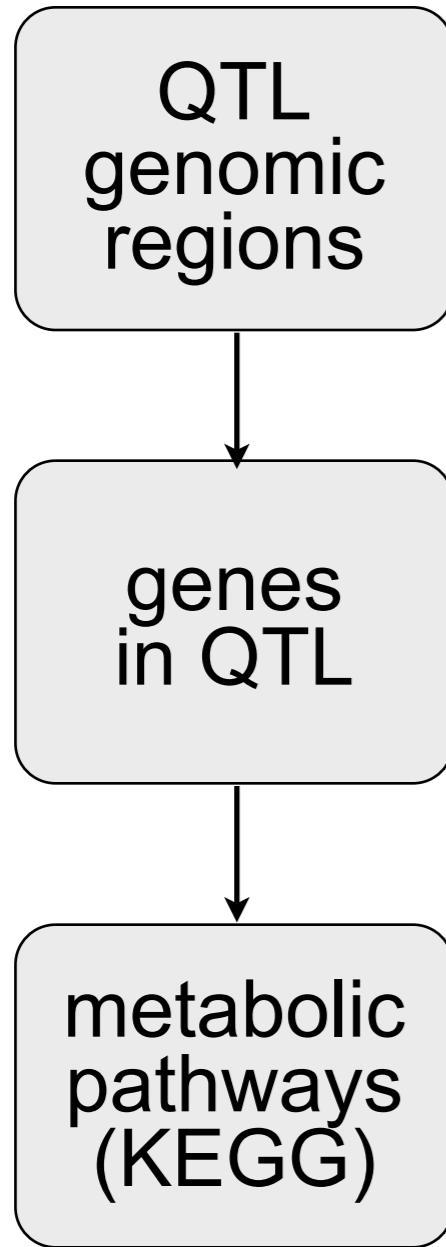
- UK e-Science pilot project since 2001.
- Centred at Manchester, Southampton and the EMBL-EBI
- Part of Open Middleware Infrastructure Institute UK <http://www.omii.ac.uk>.
- Mixture of developers, bioinformaticians and researchers
- An alliance of contributing projects and partners
- Open source development and content LGPL or BSD
- Infrastructure
- We don't own any resources (apart from catalogues)
- Or a Grid.

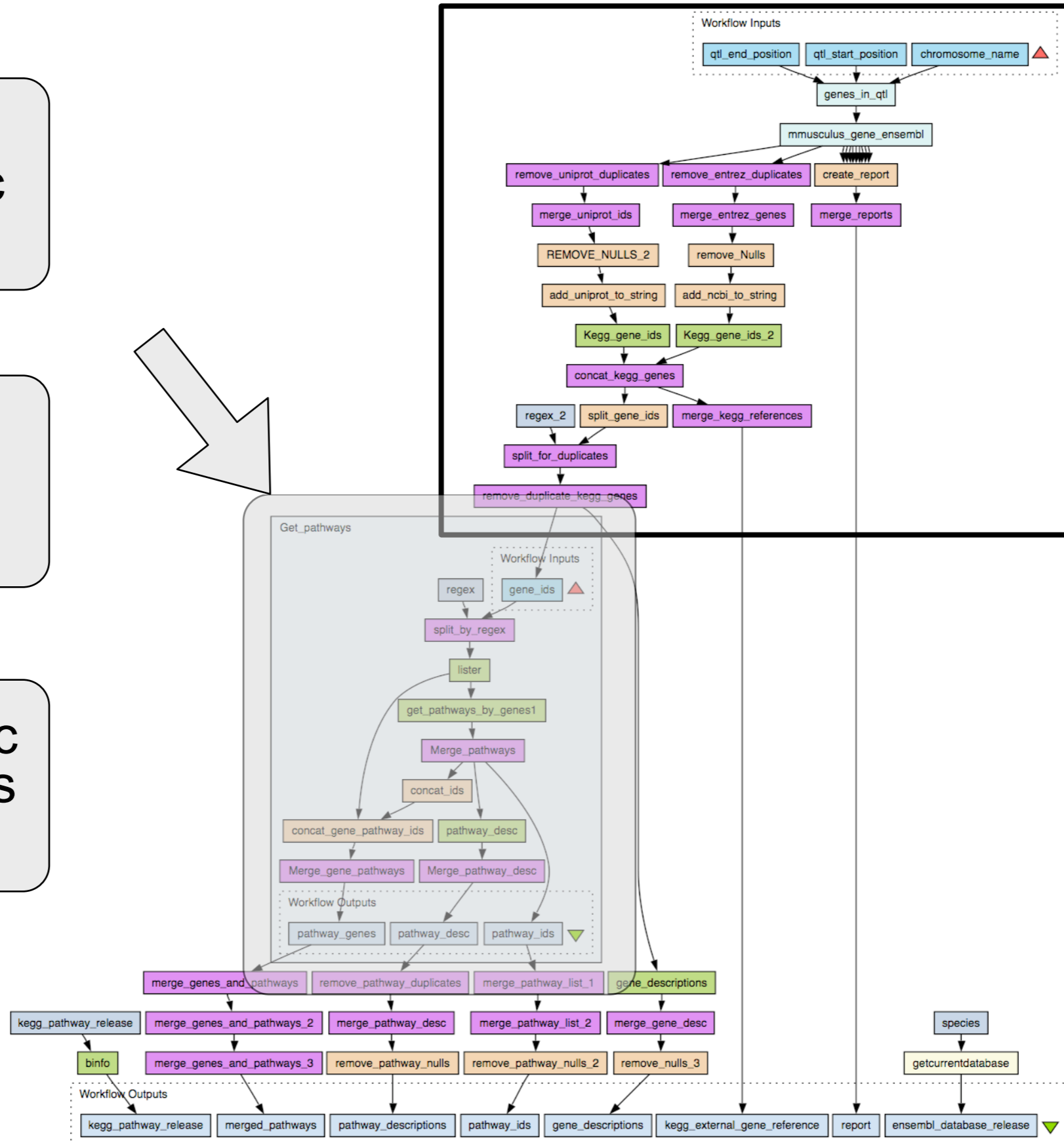
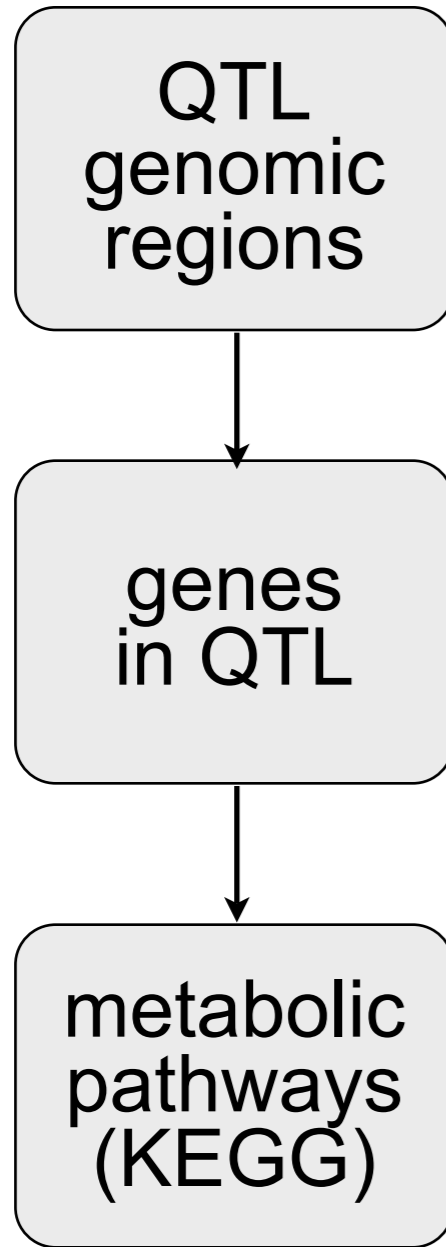


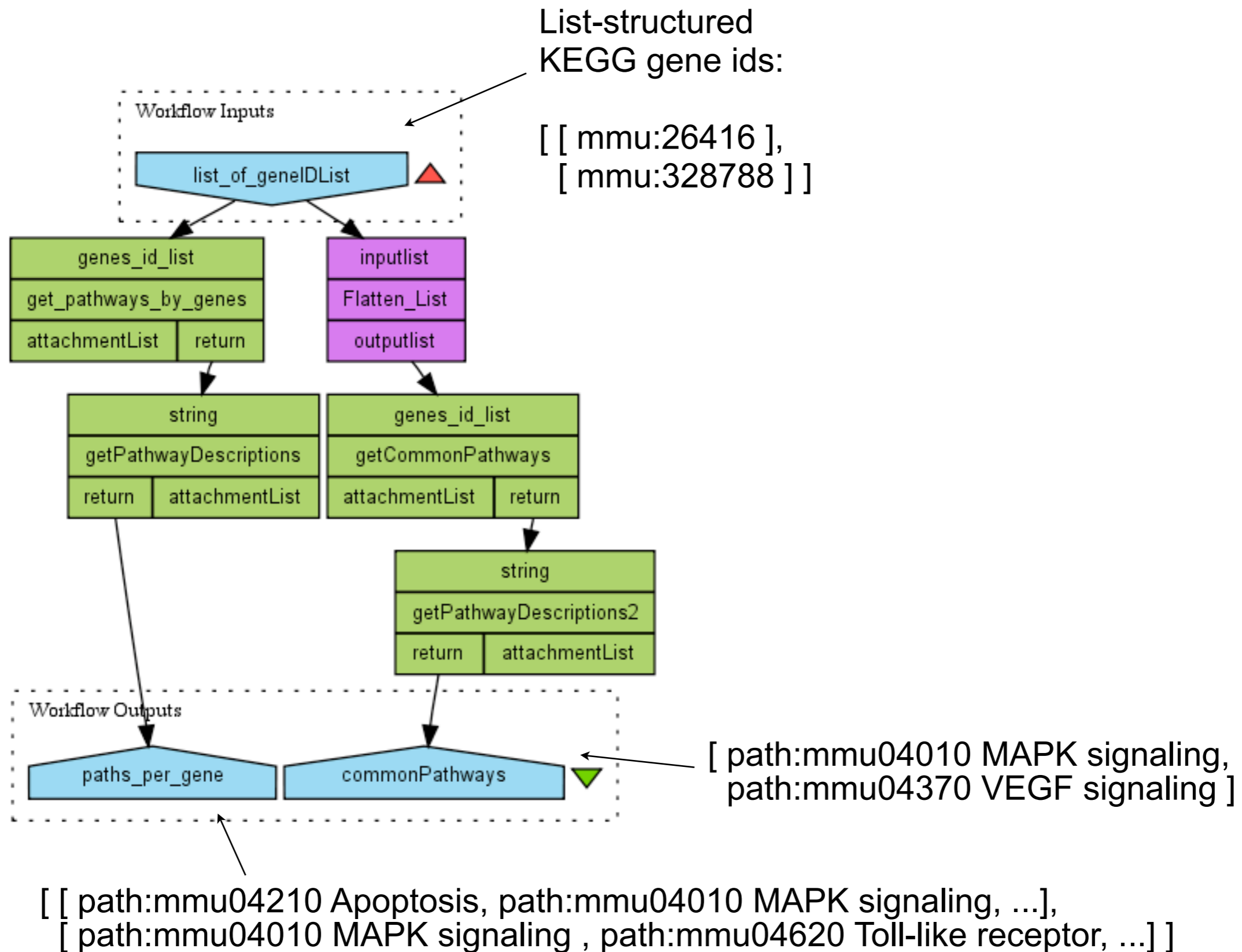
# Workflows: *E. Science laboris*

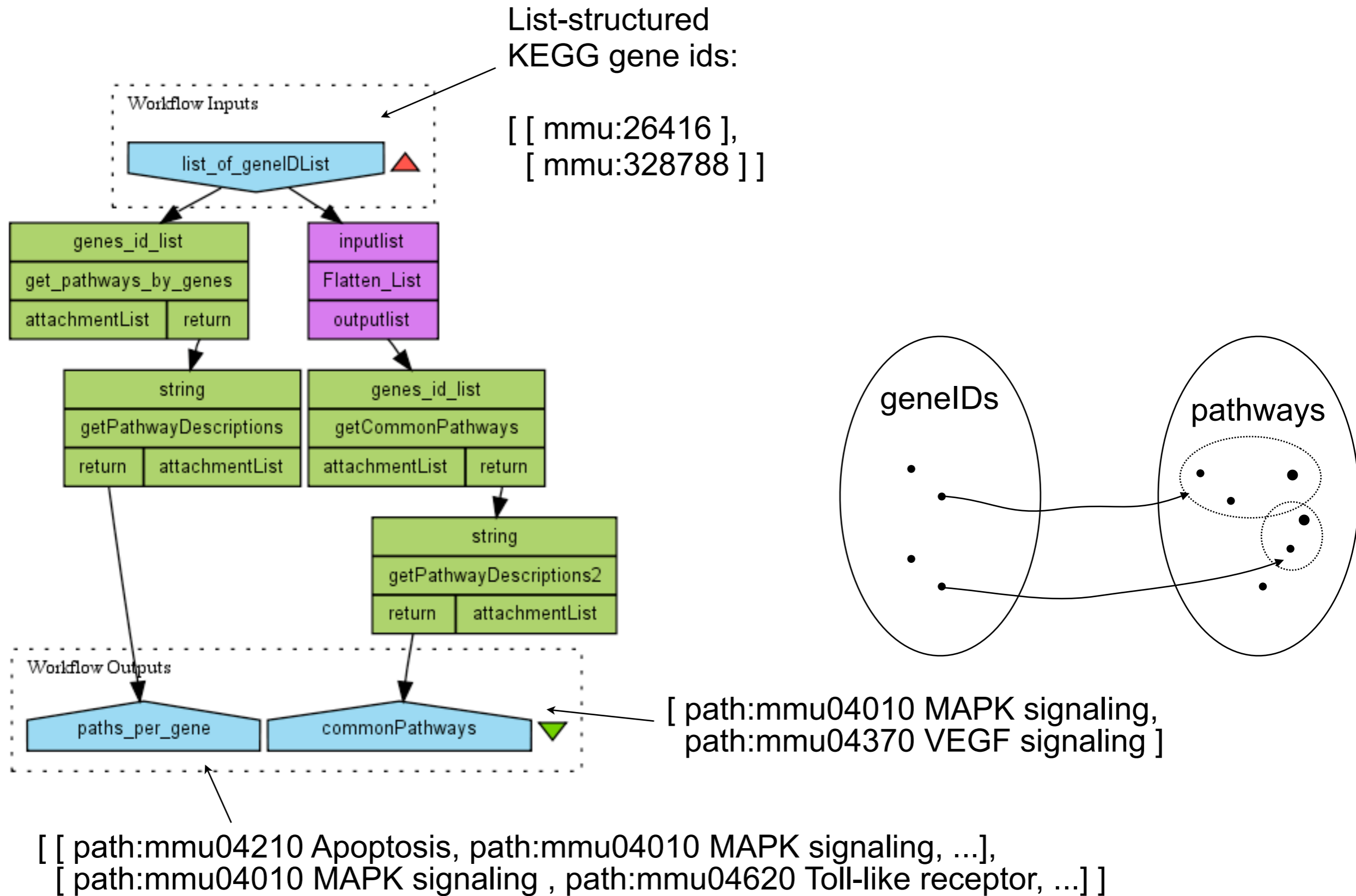
- Pipeline processing
- Automated processing
- Repetitive and mundane boring stuff made easier, reliable and adaptable.
- Shield interoperability horror
- Trackable results
- Agile software development
- Big science, small science & collaborative science



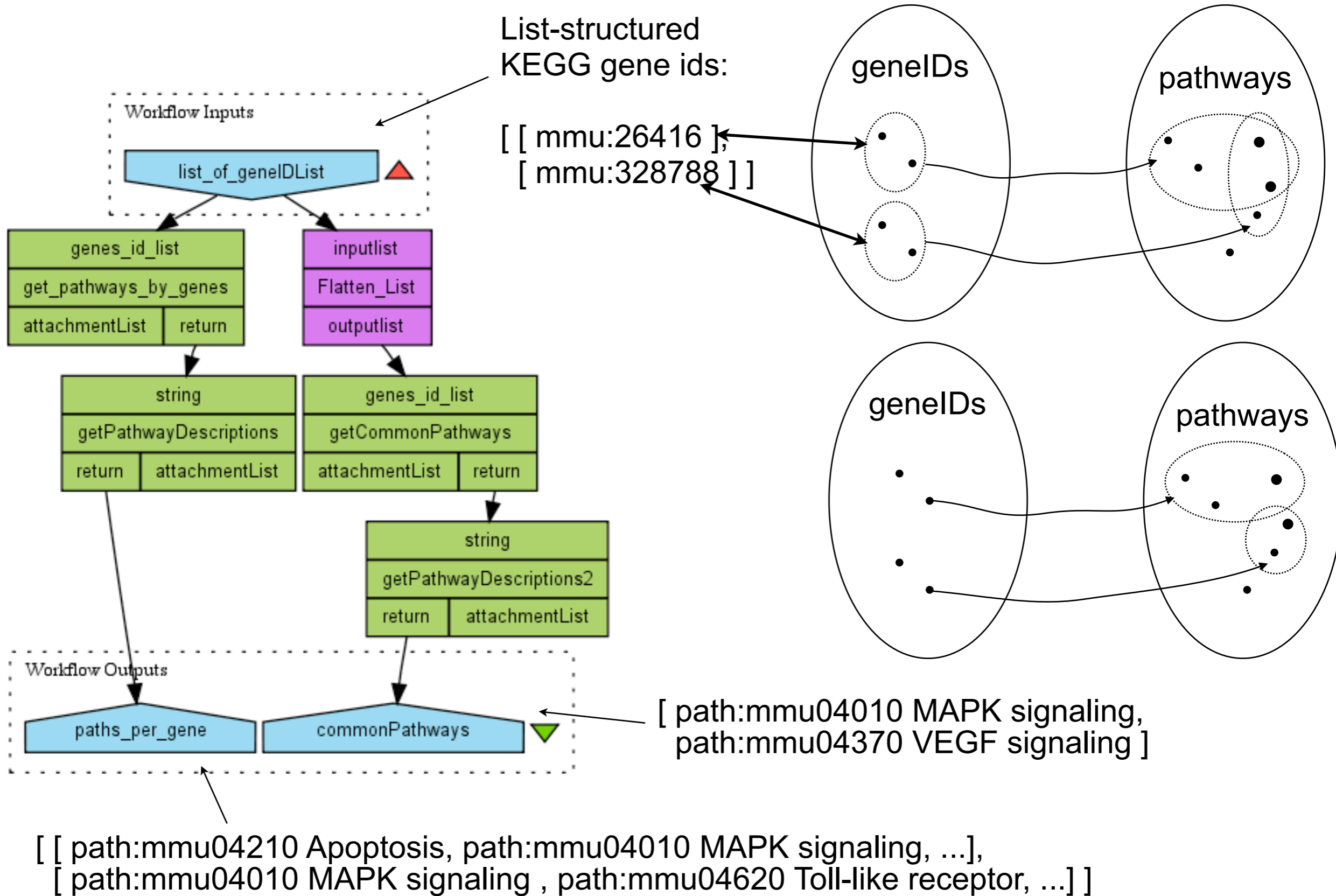












# What do Scientists use Taverna for?

Systems biology model building

Proteomics

Sequence analysis

Protein structure prediction

Gene/protein annotation

Microarray data analysis

QTL studies

QSAR studies

Medical image analysis

Public Health care epidemiology

Heart model simulations

High throughput screening

Phenotypical studies

Phylogeny

Statistical analysis

Text mining

Astronomy, Music, Meteorology

Netherlands Bioinformatics Centre

Genome Canada Bioinformatics Platform

BioMOBY

US FLOSS social science program

RENCI

SysMO Consortium

French SIGENAE farm animals project

ThaiGrid

CARMEN Neuroscience project

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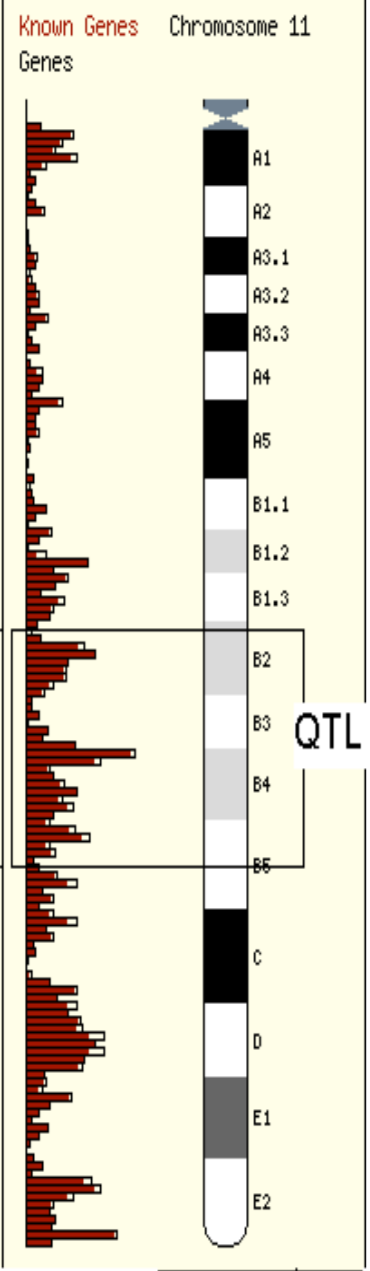
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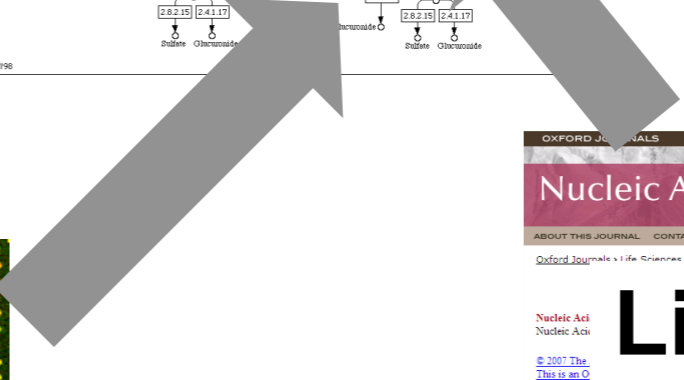
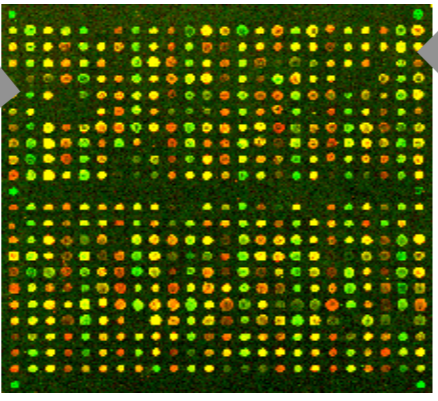
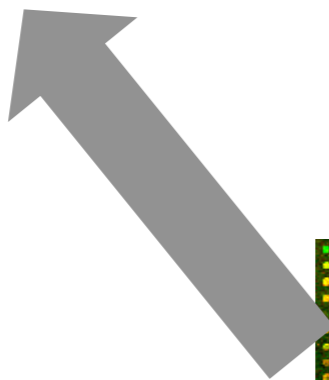
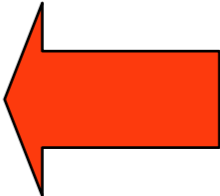
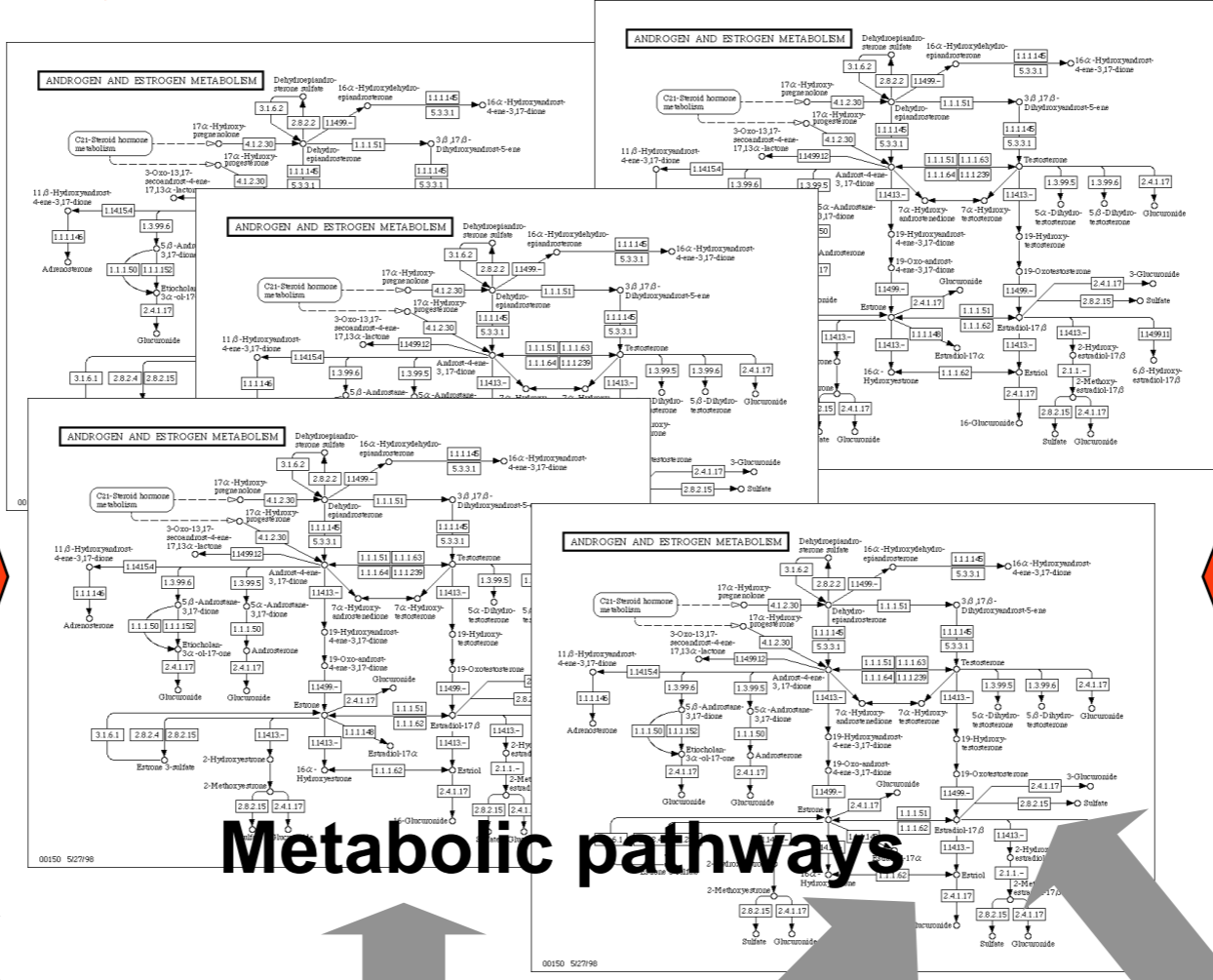
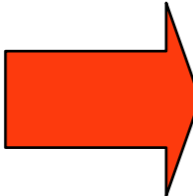
**30 USA academic and research institutions**

# Genotype

# Phenotype



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**Computational Biology**

**A systematic strategy for large-scale analysis of genotype-phenotype correlations: identification of candidate genes involved in African trypanosomiasis**

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ESIP meeting, Santa Barbara, CA, July 2009 - P. Missier



# Workflows operating over Grid Infrastructure



[KnowARC integrated with Taverna](#) application prototype to use Taverna as direct interface to Grid resources running ARC.

<http://www.knowarc.eu>



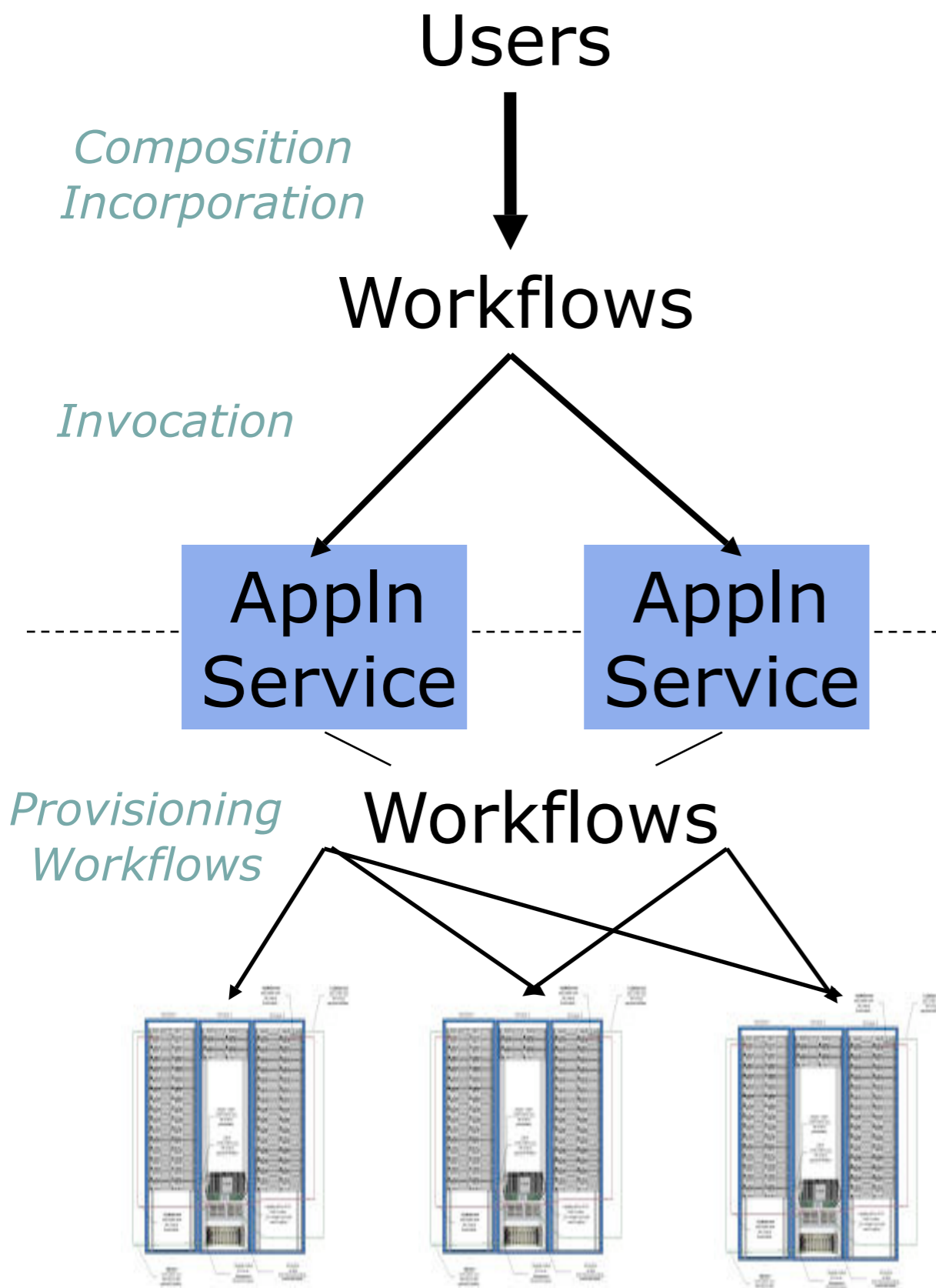
Open source grid software infrastructure aimed at enabling multi-institutional data sharing and analysis. Underpins caBIG. Taverna links together caGrid resources.

<http://cagrid.org/>



Europe's leading grid computing project, Piloted Taverna over EGEE gLite services

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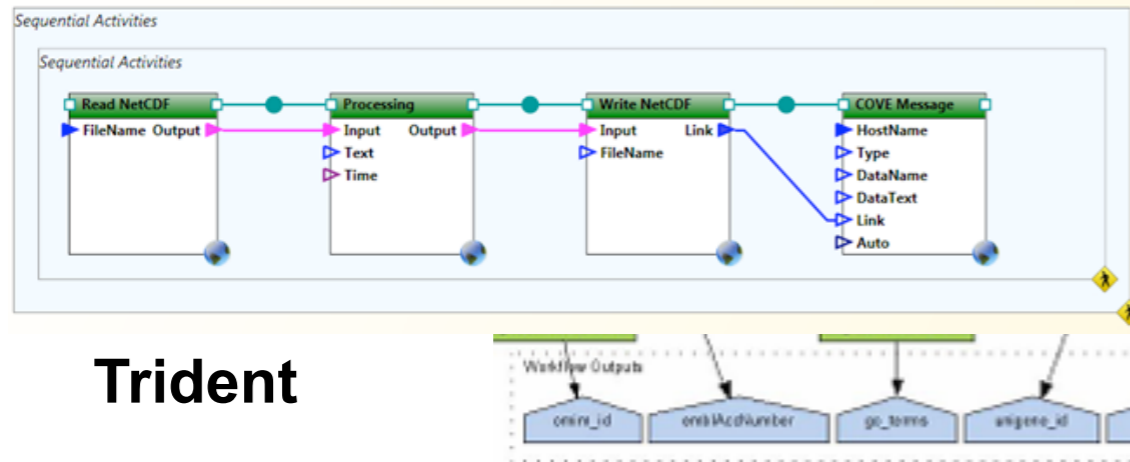
- Service-oriented **applications**

- Applications components of workflows
- Compose applications into workflows
- Incorporate workflows into applications

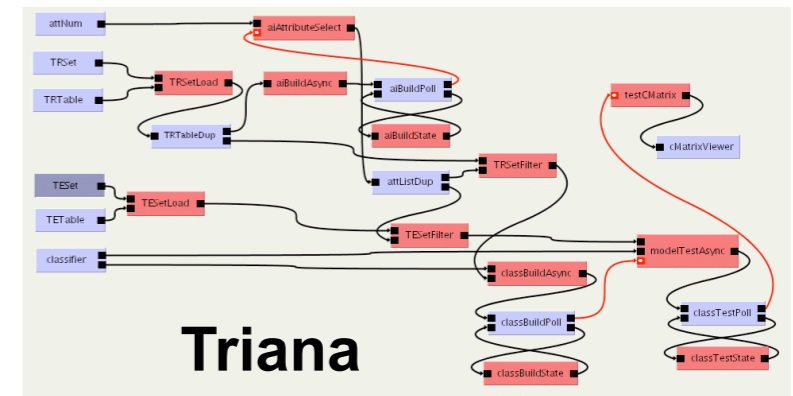
- Service-oriented **Grid Infrastructure**

- Provision physical resources to support application workflows
- Coordinate resources through workflows

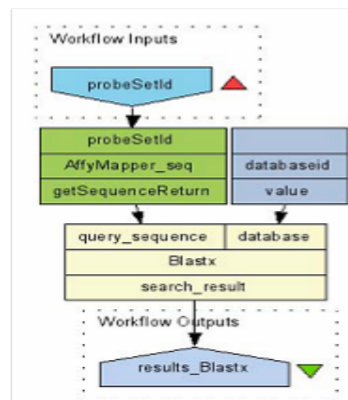
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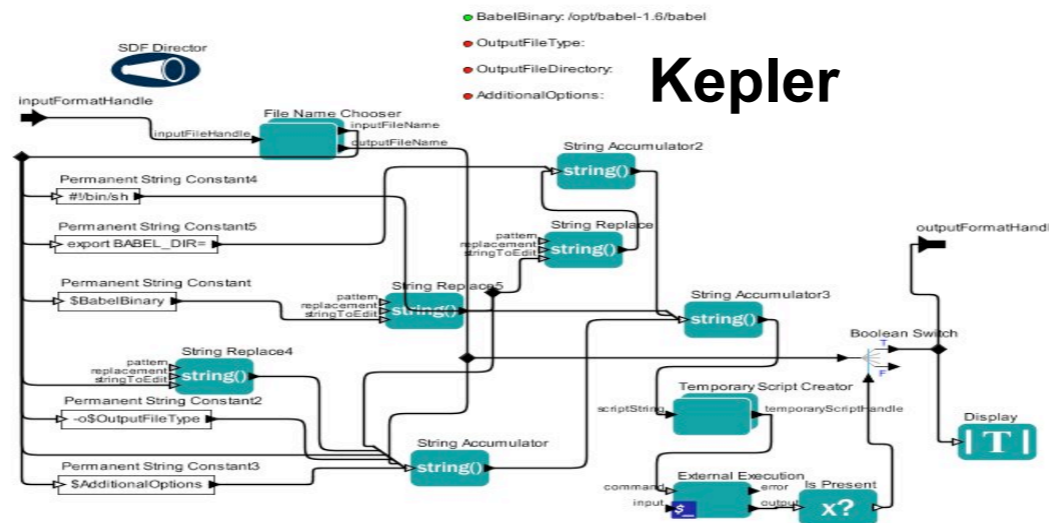
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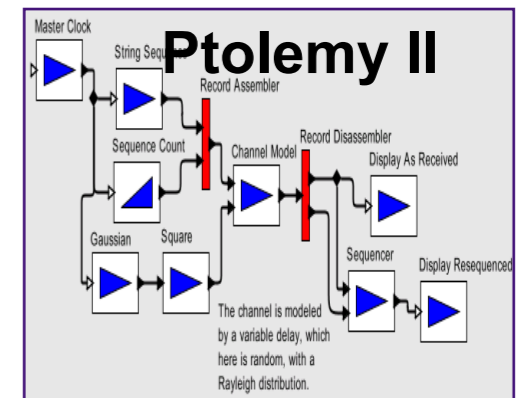
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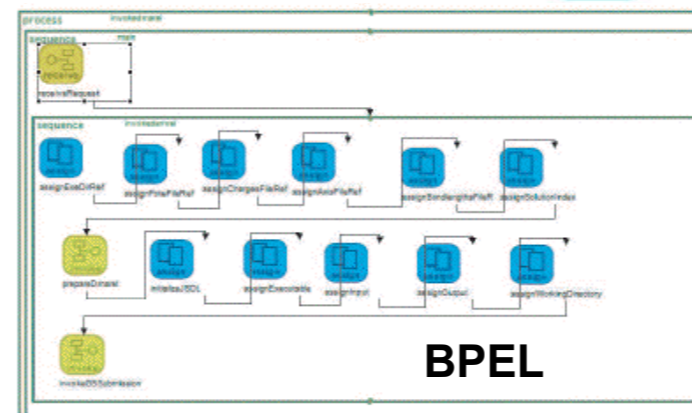
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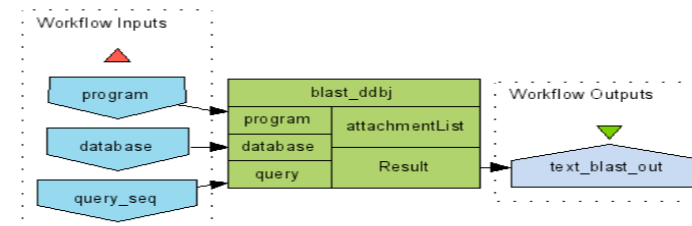
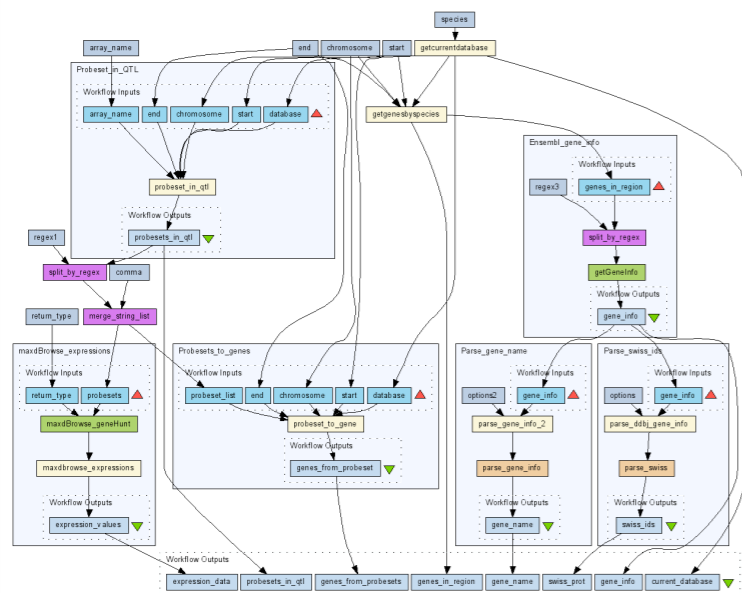
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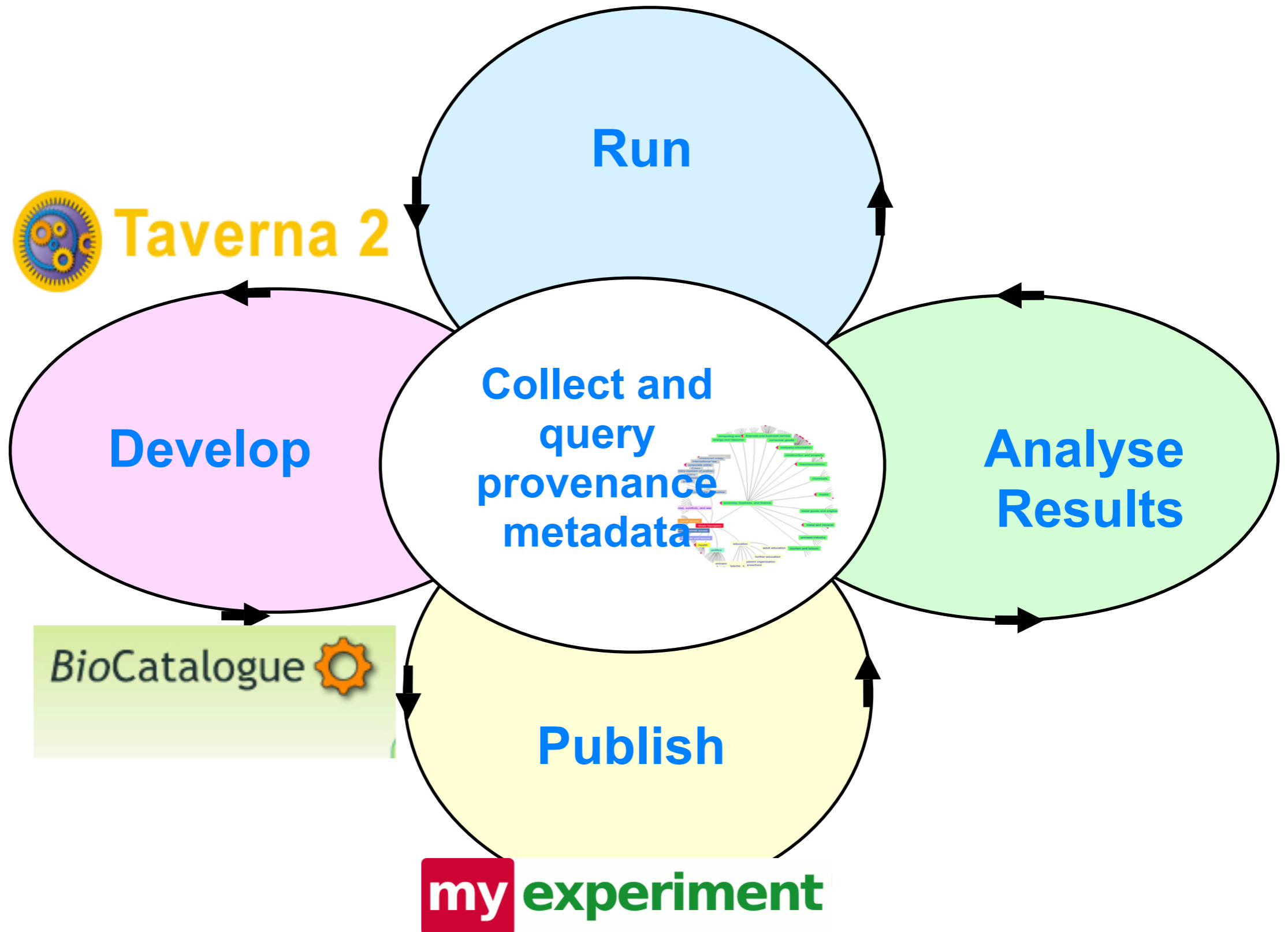


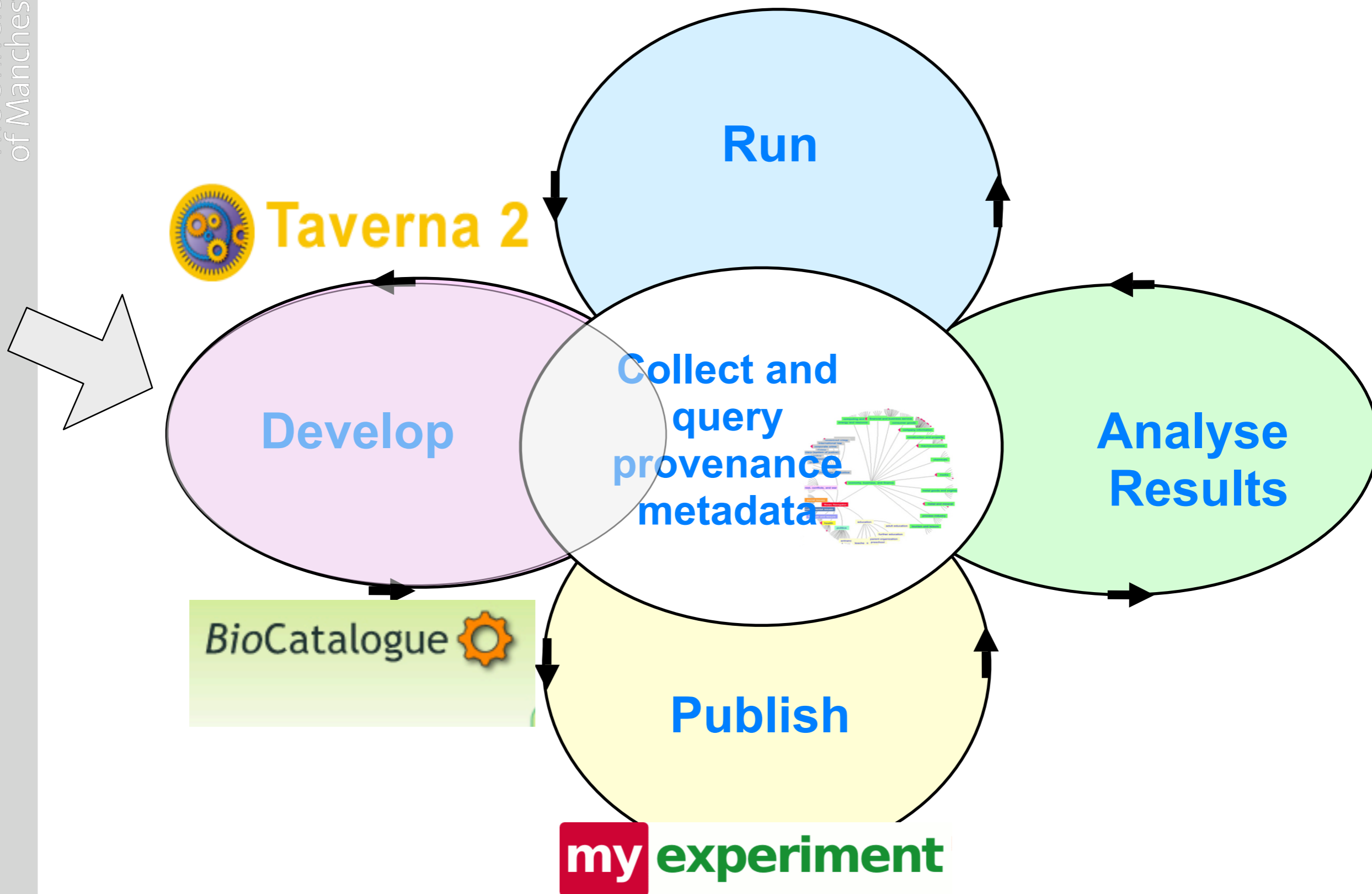
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BPEL





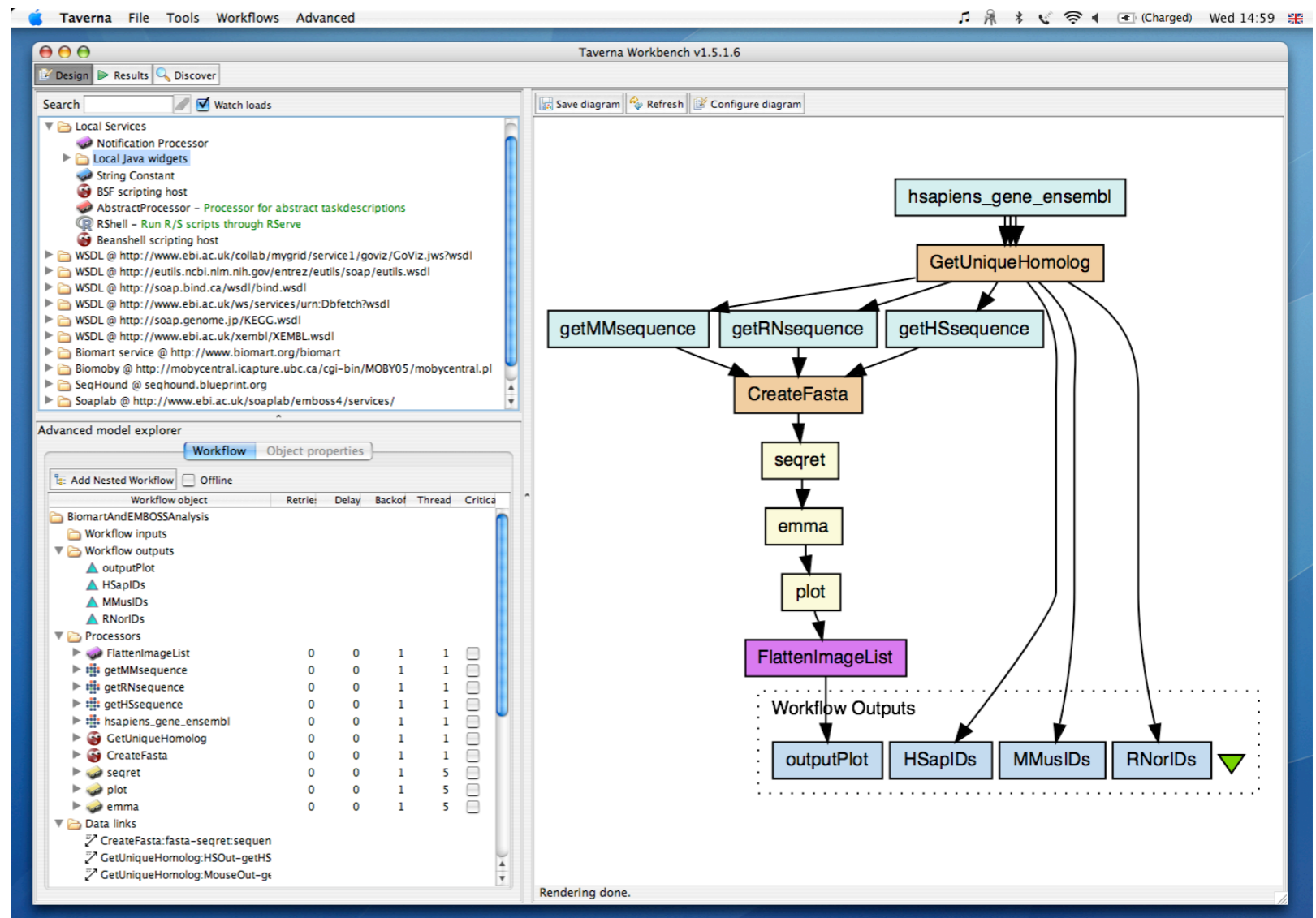






# Graphical Workbench For Professionals

Plug-in architecture  
Nested Workflows  
Drag and Drop  
Wiring together



**Rapidly incorporate new service without coding.**

**Not restricted to predetermined services**

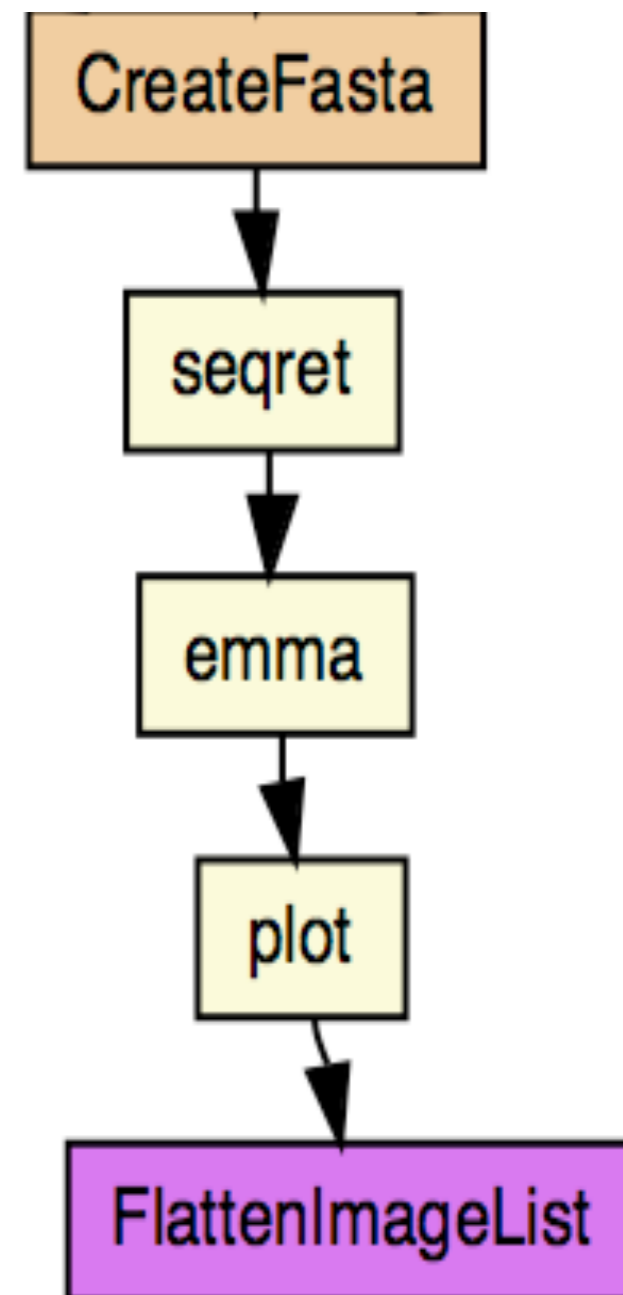
Access to local and remote resources and analysis tools

3500+ service operations available when start up

# Services Mutability

implications for  
sustainability, accountability and reproducibility

- Reliability and robustness of workflows depends on the reliability and robustness of the components
- In house service support
- Services in constant and (silent) change.
- Versioning.
- Workflow Decay
- Monitoring and Repair of wrappers, shims and service substitutions.





<http://www.biocatalogue.org>

<http://beta.biocatalogue.org>

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Director myGrid Consortium

28 April 2009, Boston MA

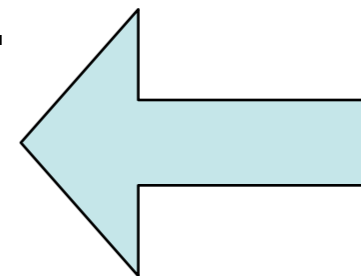
**Data curation + process curation = data integration + science**

Briefings in Bioinformatics, doi:10.1093/bib/bbn034 (Dec., 2008)

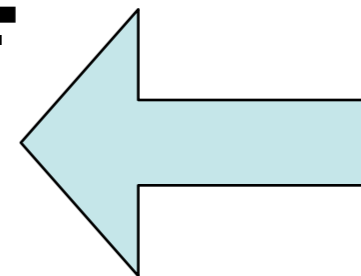
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- Register, Find, Curate Web Services
- Community-sourced annotation, expert oversee
- Open content
  
- Open platform with open REST interfaces
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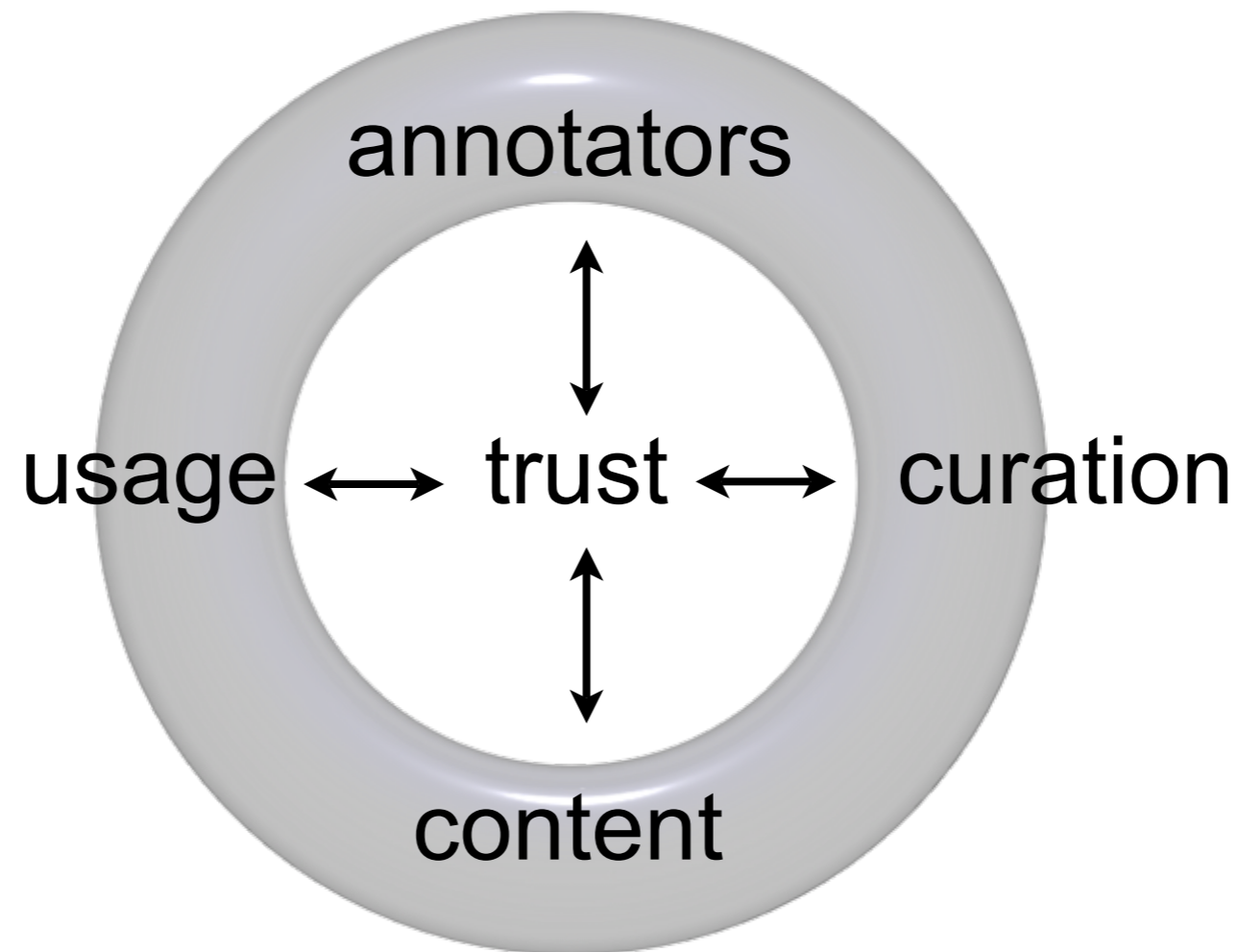


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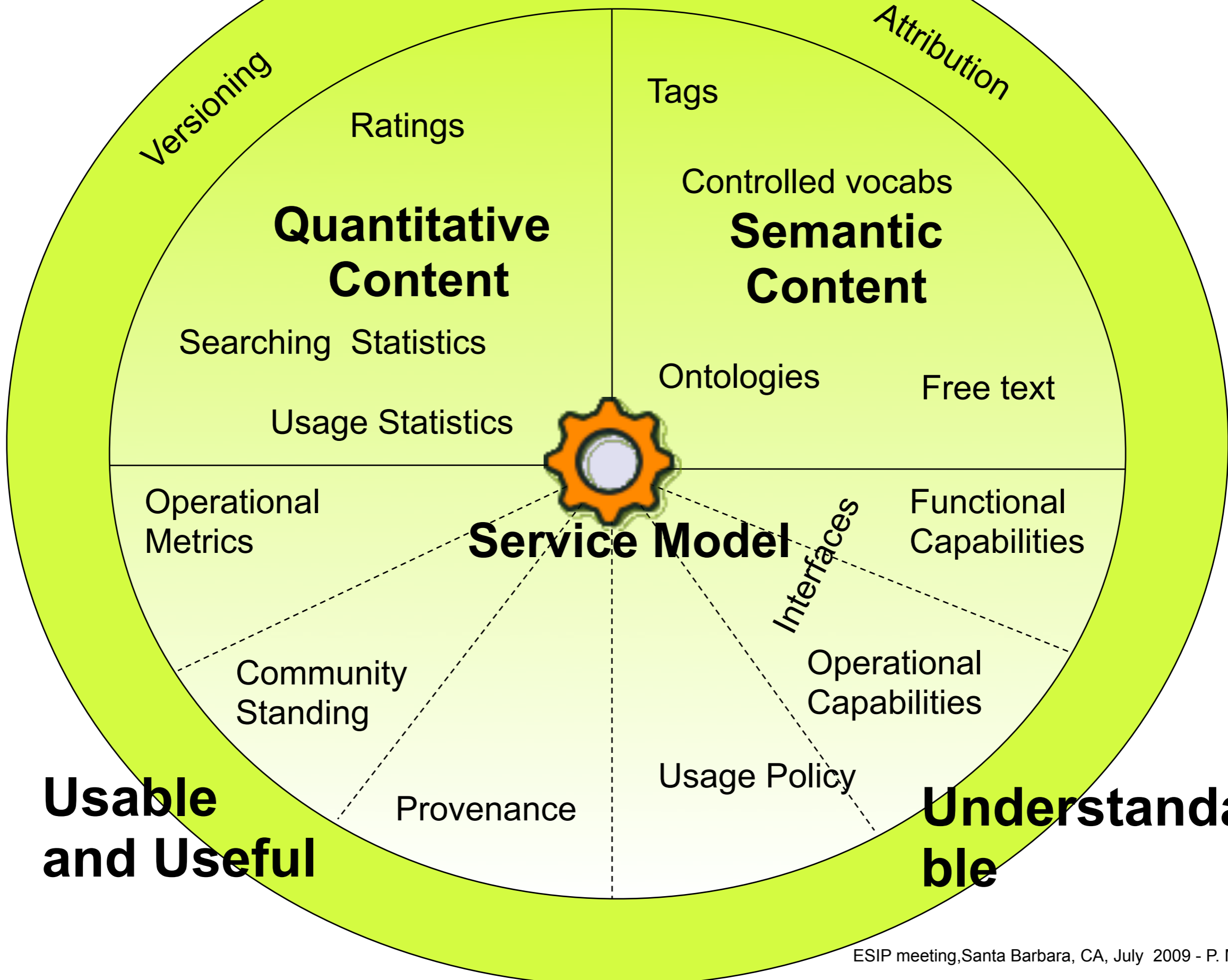
# A virtual circle

- curation involves substantial human effort  
why would it happen at all?





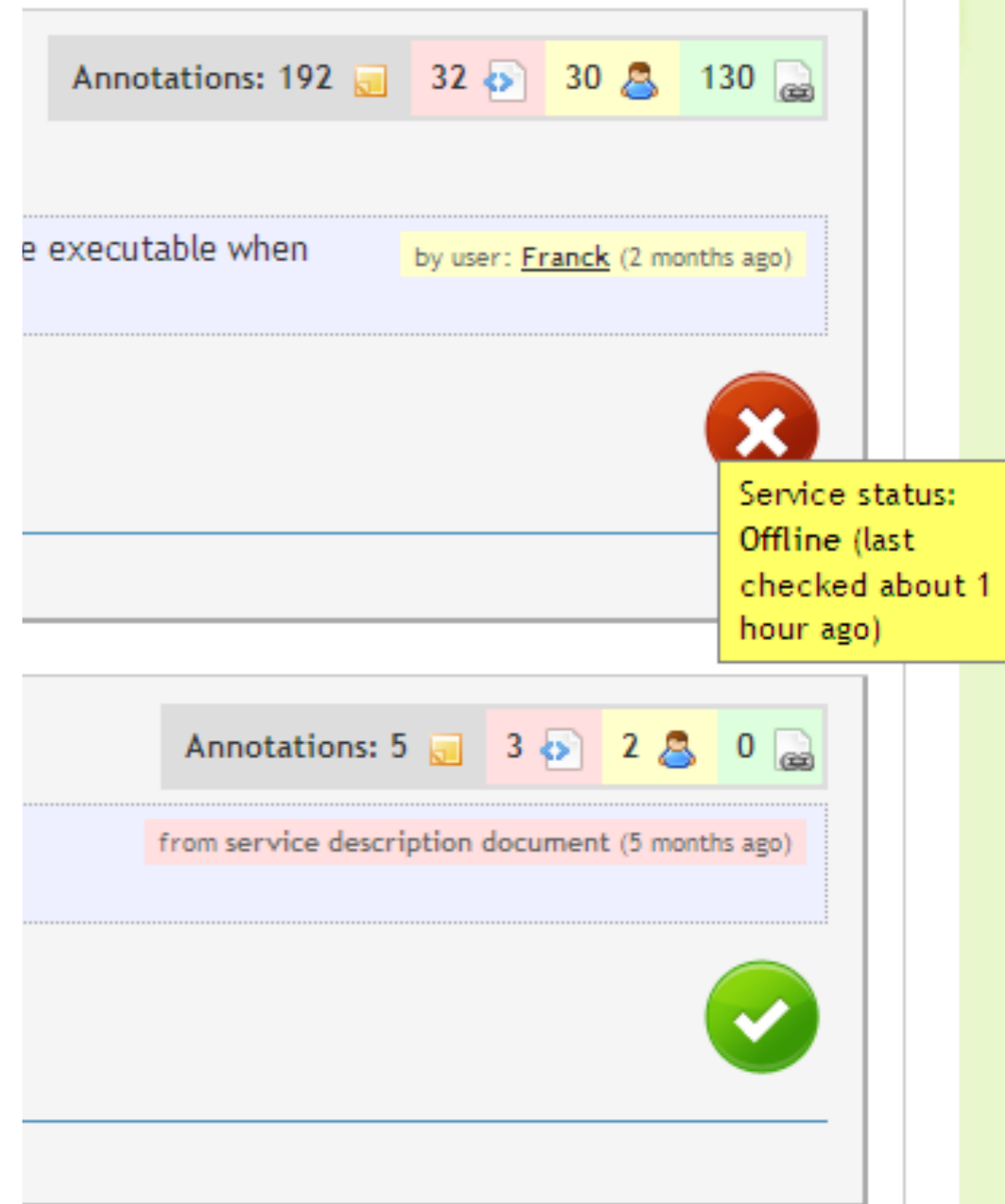
# Curation Model





# Curation

- Just enough just in time
- Universal annotation scheme
- Mixed: Free text, Tags, controlled vocabs, community ontologies
- Community sourced tags, comments, recommendations
- Expert curation ontology-based annotation. myGrid OWL Ontology
- Automated WSDL ripping and analytics
- Automated monitoring & testing
- Partner feeds (e.g. myExperiment)
- Update feeds to users



The screenshot displays two panels of annotation statistics. The top panel shows a total of 192 annotations, broken down into 32 from providers, 30 from users, and 130 from registries. Below this, a text box indicates a service is 'executable when' by user 'Franck' (2 months ago). A red 'X' icon is present, and a yellow tooltip box states 'Service status: Offline (last checked about 1 hour ago)'. The bottom panel shows 5 annotations, with 3 from providers, 2 from users, and 0 from registries. A text box below indicates the service is 'from service description document' (5 months ago). A green checkmark icon is visible in the bottom right corner of this panel.




Today: 14902 annotations  
(provider, user, registries)  
KEGG: 1433 annotations

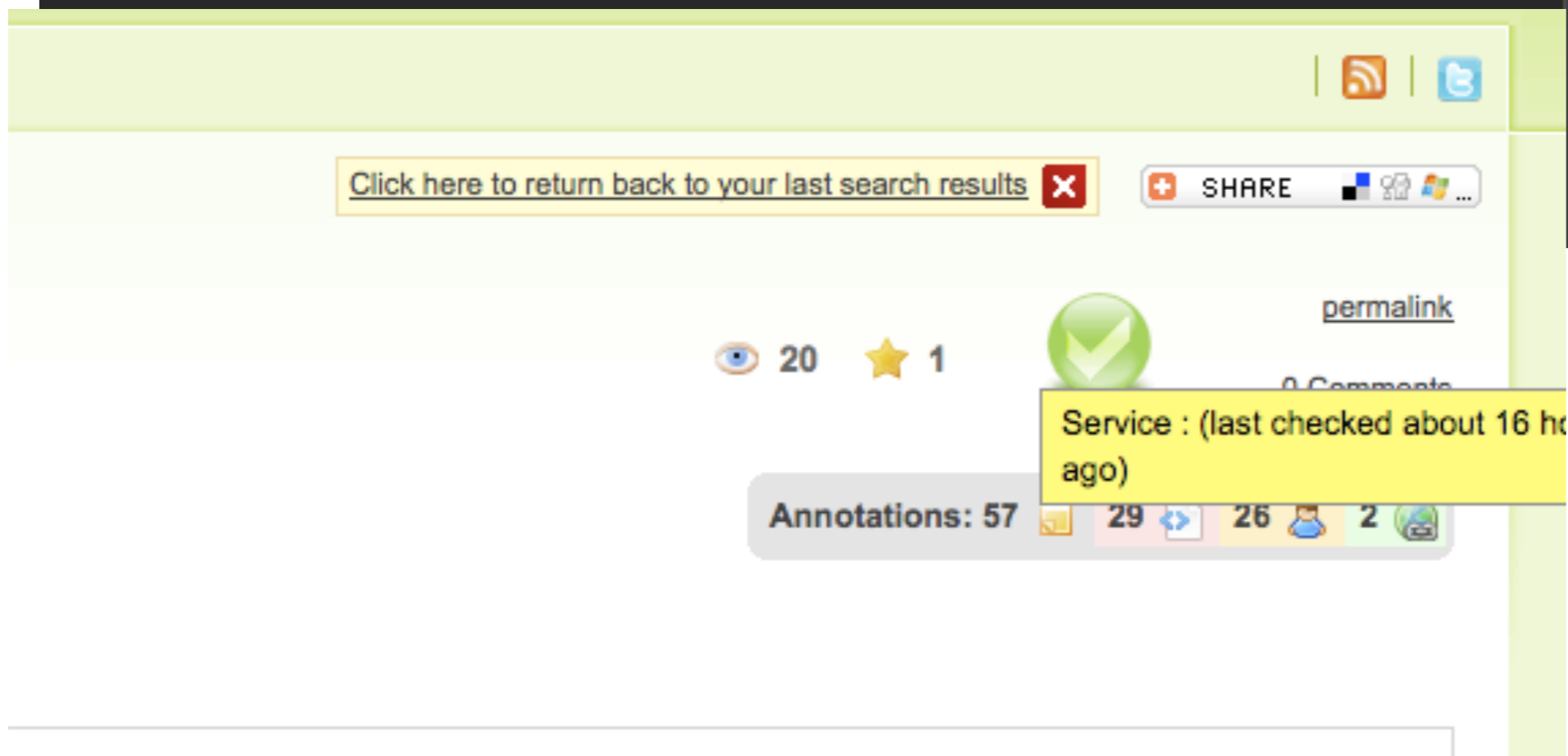
# Service monitoring

The EMBRACE Service Registry is a collection of life-science web services with built-in service testing.

This site is a prelude to the internationally supported BioCatalogue system that will collect, store, validate, and make available web-services in the biosciences. This registry is mainly meant for the EU projects EMBRACE, BioSapiens and ENFIN, but other users are welcome too. As a potential web service user, you can search or browse the registry for services that match your needs. Furthermore, each entry includes live test data, showing

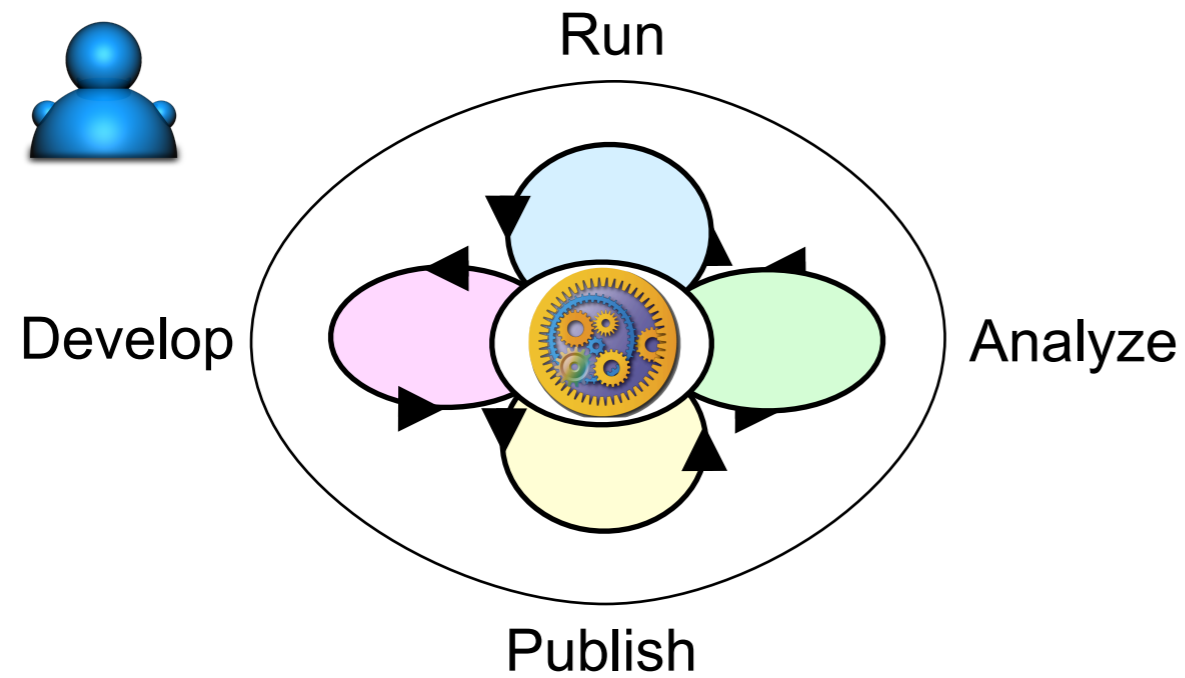
**Latest service updates**

- INB:inb.bsc.es:runWUTBlas**  
3 hours ago  
status changed to FAILED 
- INB:inb.bsc.es:runWUBlas**  
6 hours ago  
status changed to FAILED 
- INB:inb.bsc.es:getPDBIDsFi**  
8 hours ago  
status changed to FAILED 

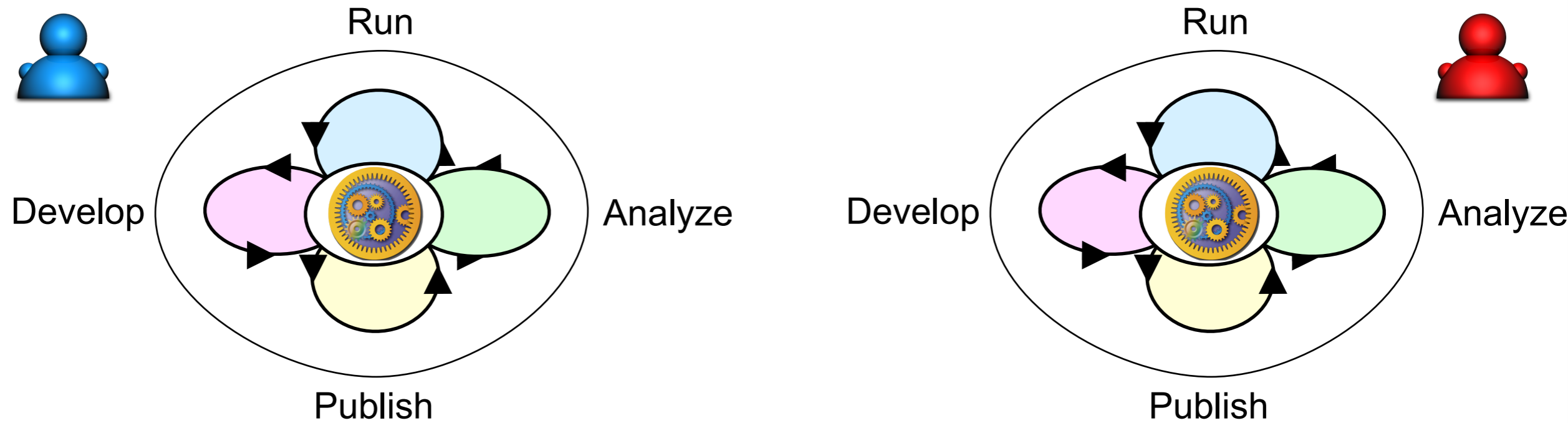


The screenshot shows a web interface for a service entry. At the top, there are social media icons for RSS and Twitter. Below that is a navigation bar with a link to return to search results and a 'SHARE' button. The main content area shows service statistics: 20 views, 1 star, and 0 comments. A tooltip is displayed over a green checkmark icon, containing the text: "Service : (last checked about 16 hours ago)". At the bottom, there are icons for annotations (57), a document icon (29), a person icon (26), and a globe icon (2).

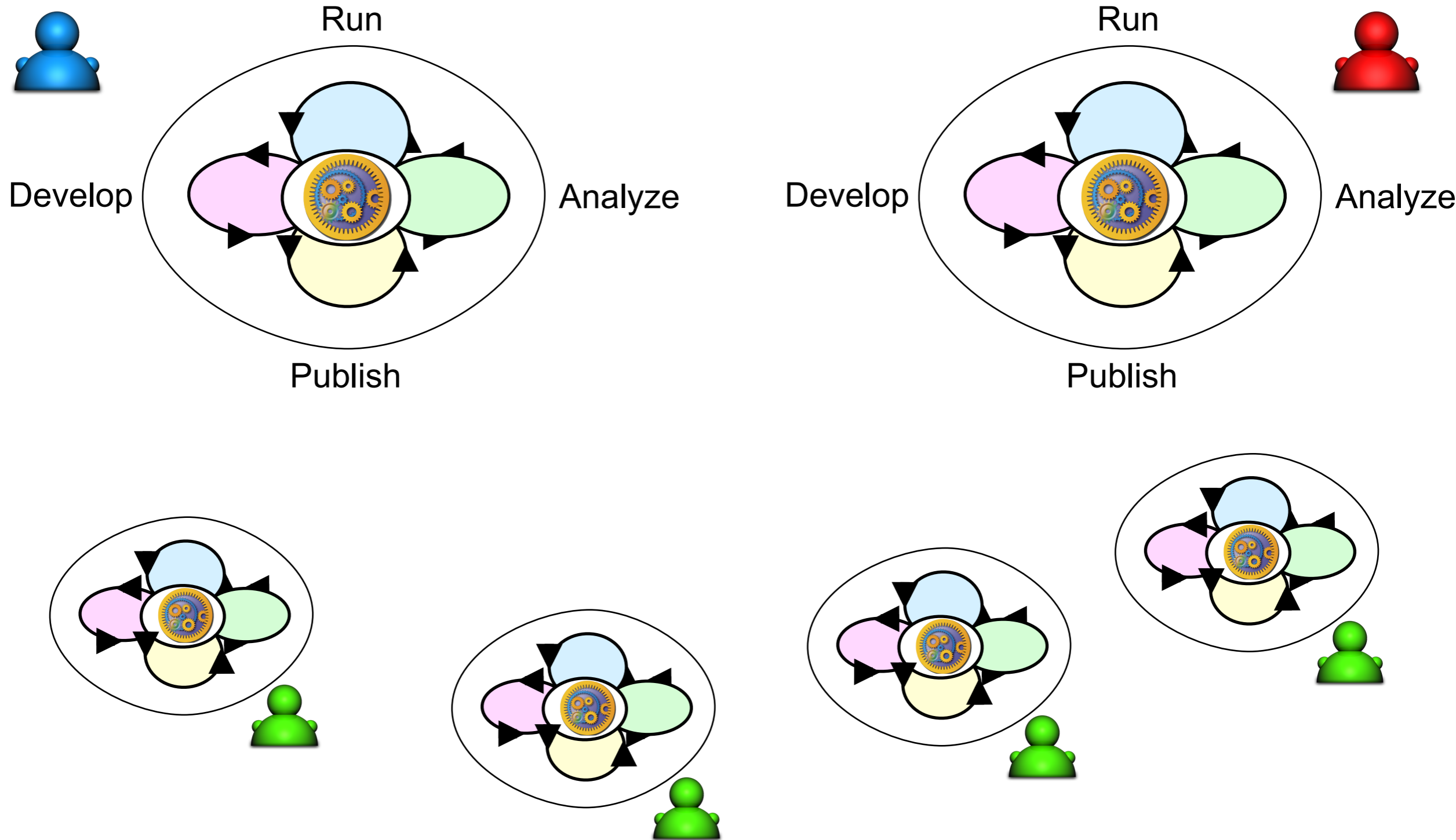
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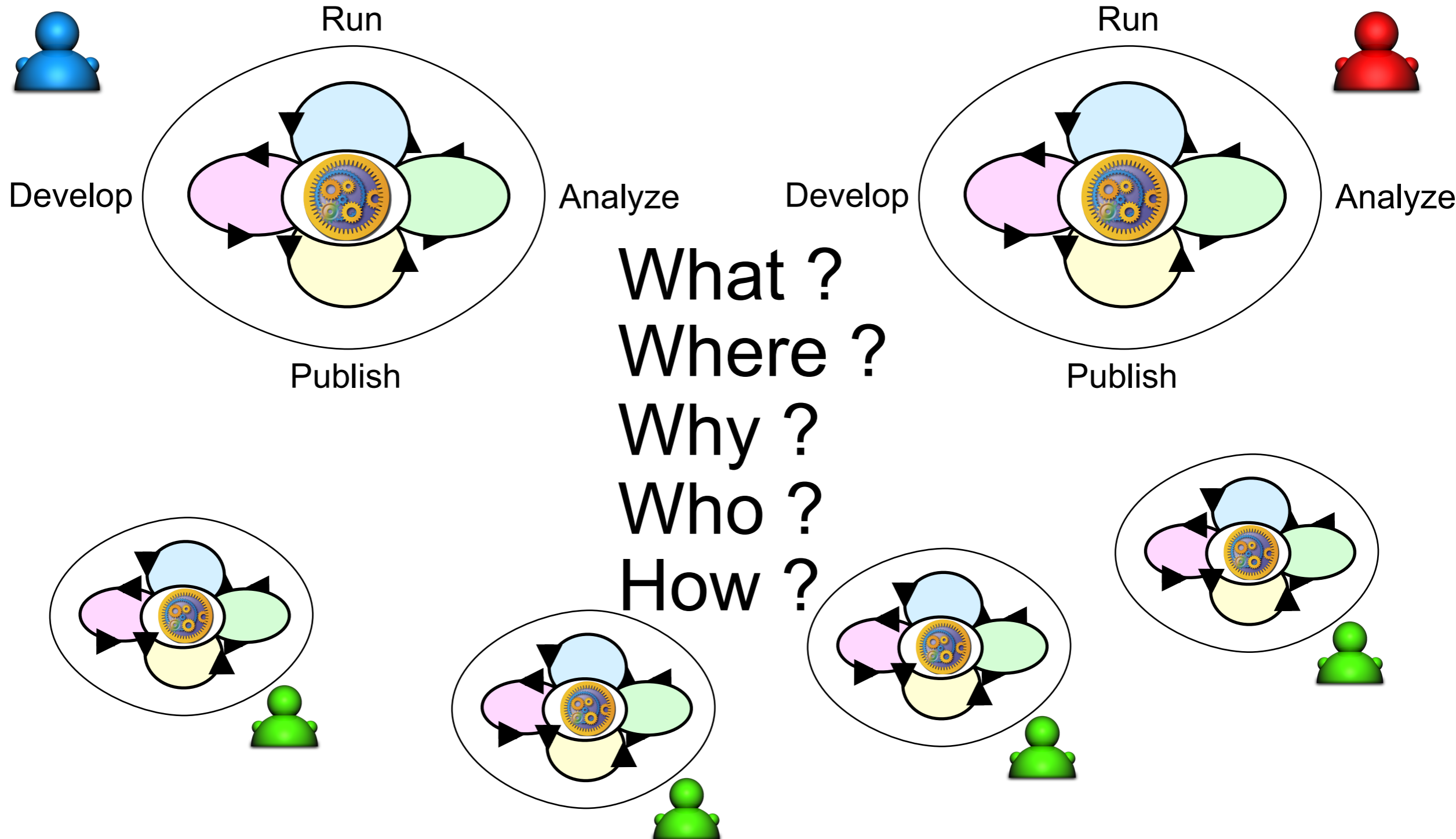
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## Scientific Collaboration Requirements

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- Shared goals
  - Establishes focus of research
- Shared research resources
  - Both social and artifactual
  - Social aspects include training and community socialization



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# Historical Research Artifacts

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- Letters, Books, Journals, Lectures
- Also technologies: methods, instrumentation
- Sharing?
  - Recordkeeping is not always a researcher's main priority
  - Without records, there's not much to share except the research outputs



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## Today's Research Artifacts

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- Large scale datasets, scripts, software, workflows, papers, images, video, audio, annotations, ephemera, web sites...
  - “Research objects” - bundling all the pieces together
  - Hybrids of boundary objects and touchstones
- Technologies -> scientific revolution!
  - Open science



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## The Selfish (or Self-interested) Scientist

“A biologist would rather share their toothbrush than their gene name”

Mike Ashburner and others  
Professor Genetics,  
University of Cambridge, UK



“Data mining: my data’s mine and your data’s mine”

- **What:**
  - processes: “materials and methods” → workflows
  - data: unlikely, and certainly not until published
  - metadata (annotations, provenance traces...): ??
- **When:**
  - for contributors: part of publication process
    - some publishers demand public data and repeatable experiments
  - for consumers: reuse as part of experiment design
- **Where and how:**
  - a meeting point for a virtual community
  - Web 2.0 style of interaction
  - voluntary, incentive-based contributions

## Traditional sharing is asymmetric:

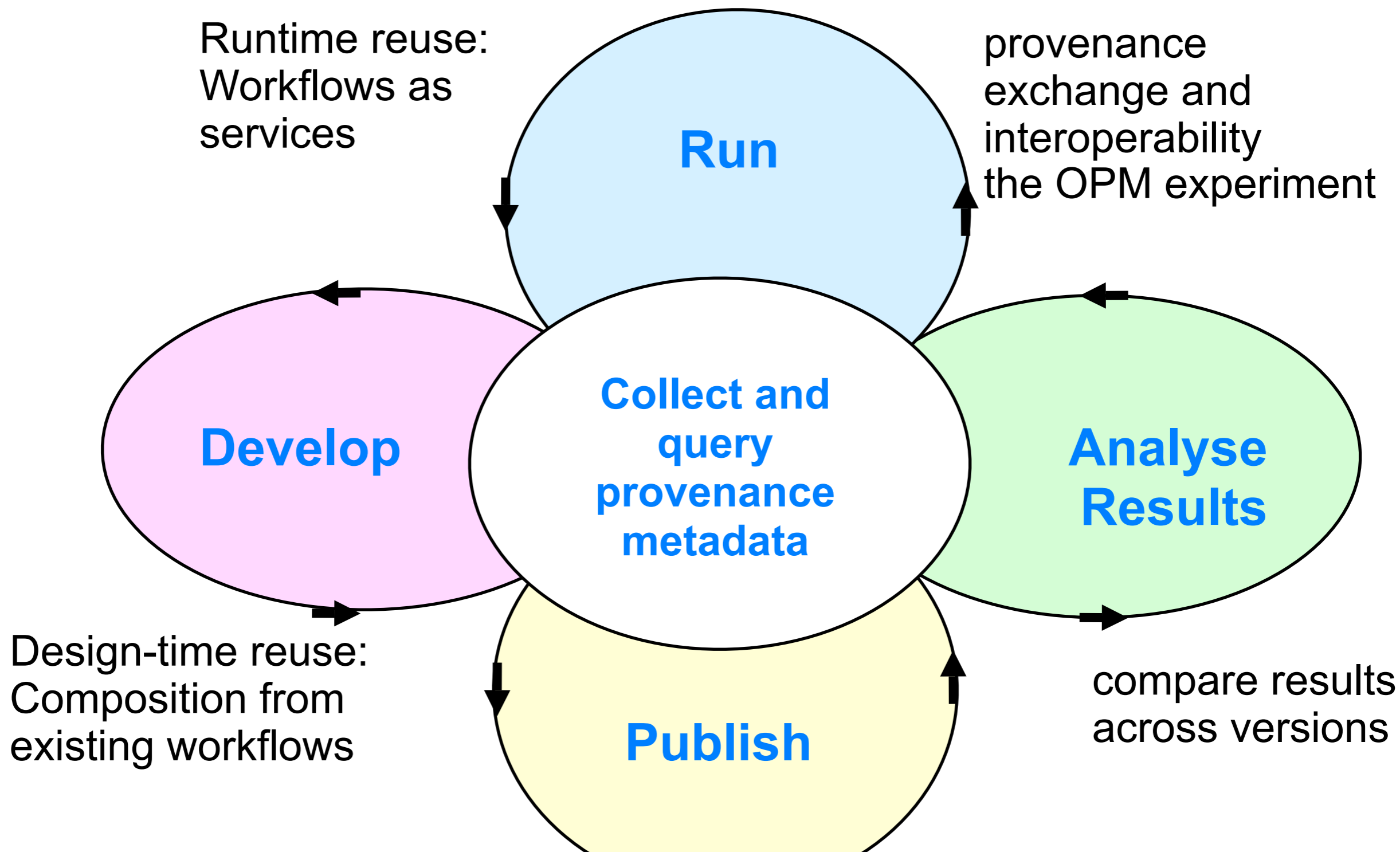
- Producer-consumer:
  - from service providers to workflow designers
  - Biocatalogue

## Open science is symmetric:

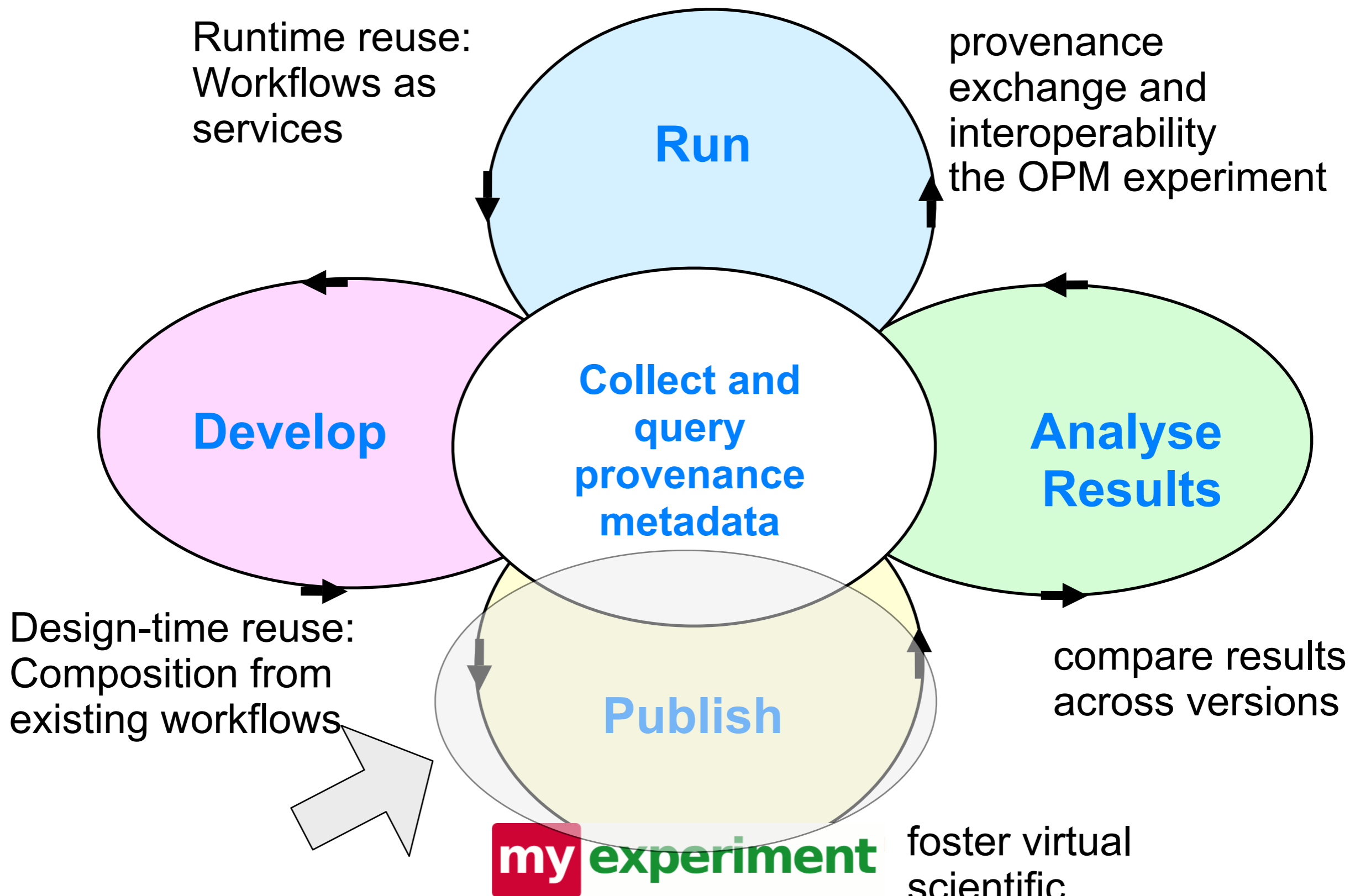
- Peer-based
  - sharing of workflows as complex processes
  - myExperiment

## myGrid combines both paradigms:

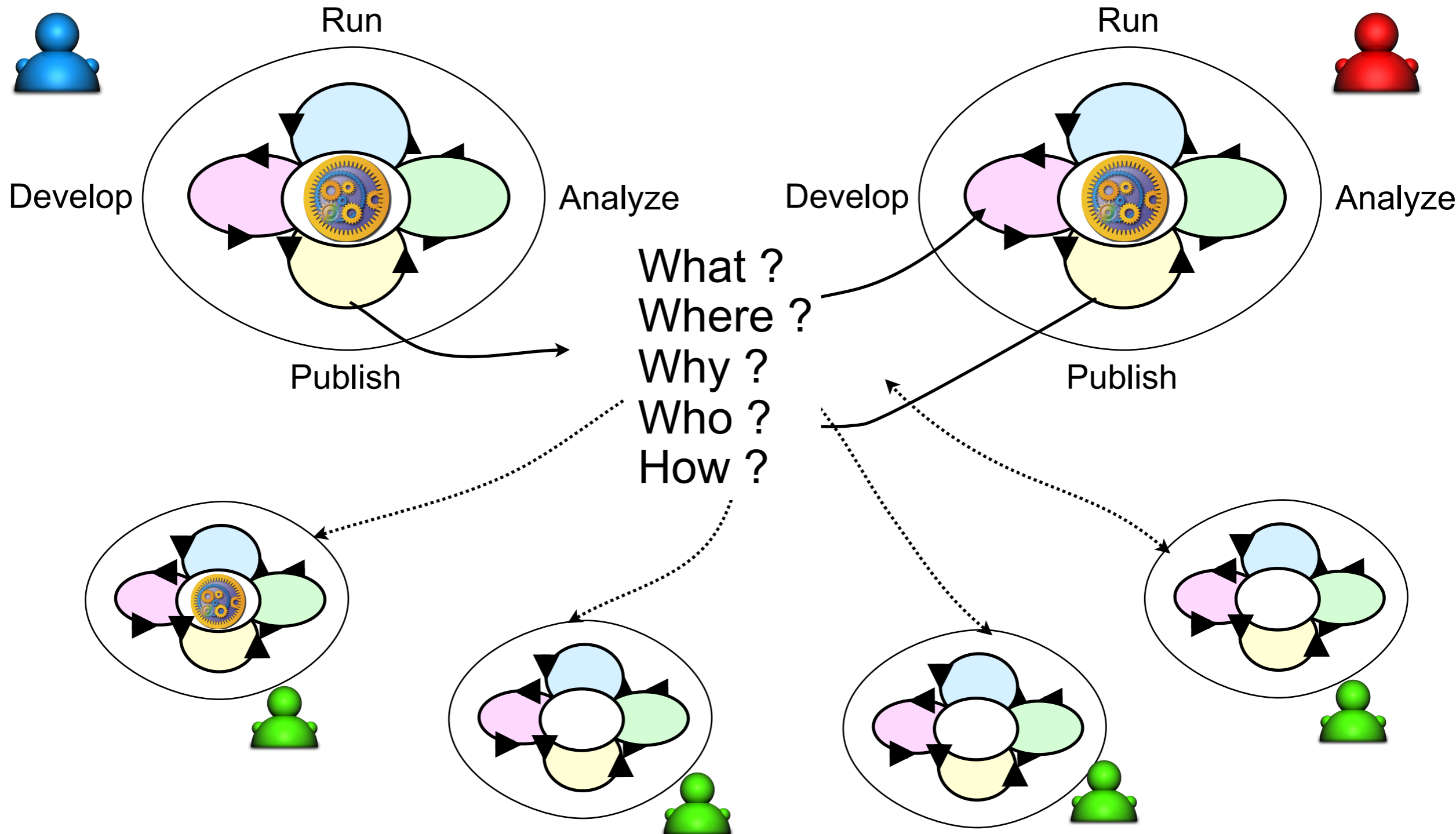
- Service space “closed under composition”:
  - workflows are compositions of services
  - ... and they are services themselves
- Scientists become providers
  - of conceptual process models
  - and of executable services, as well!

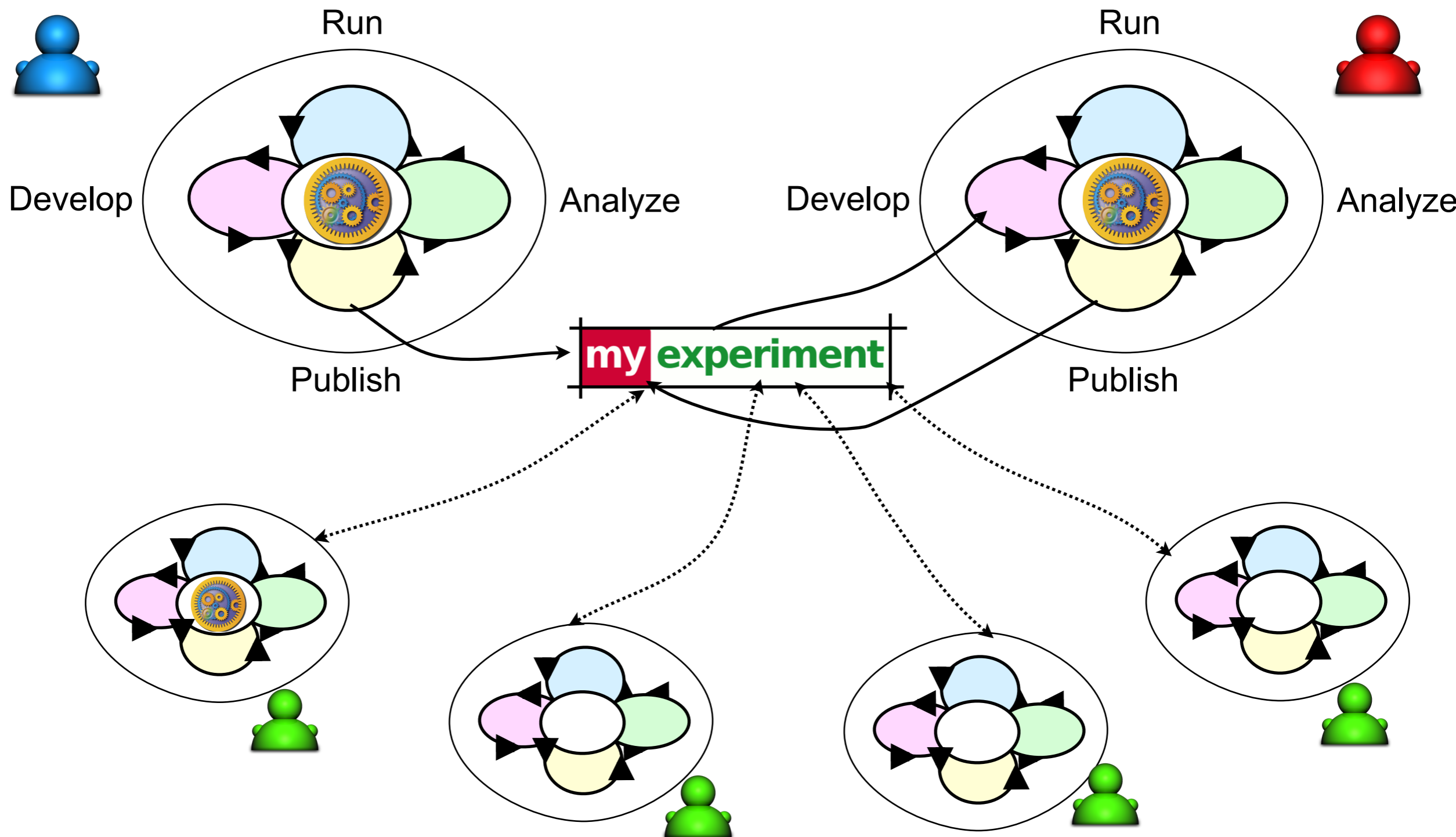


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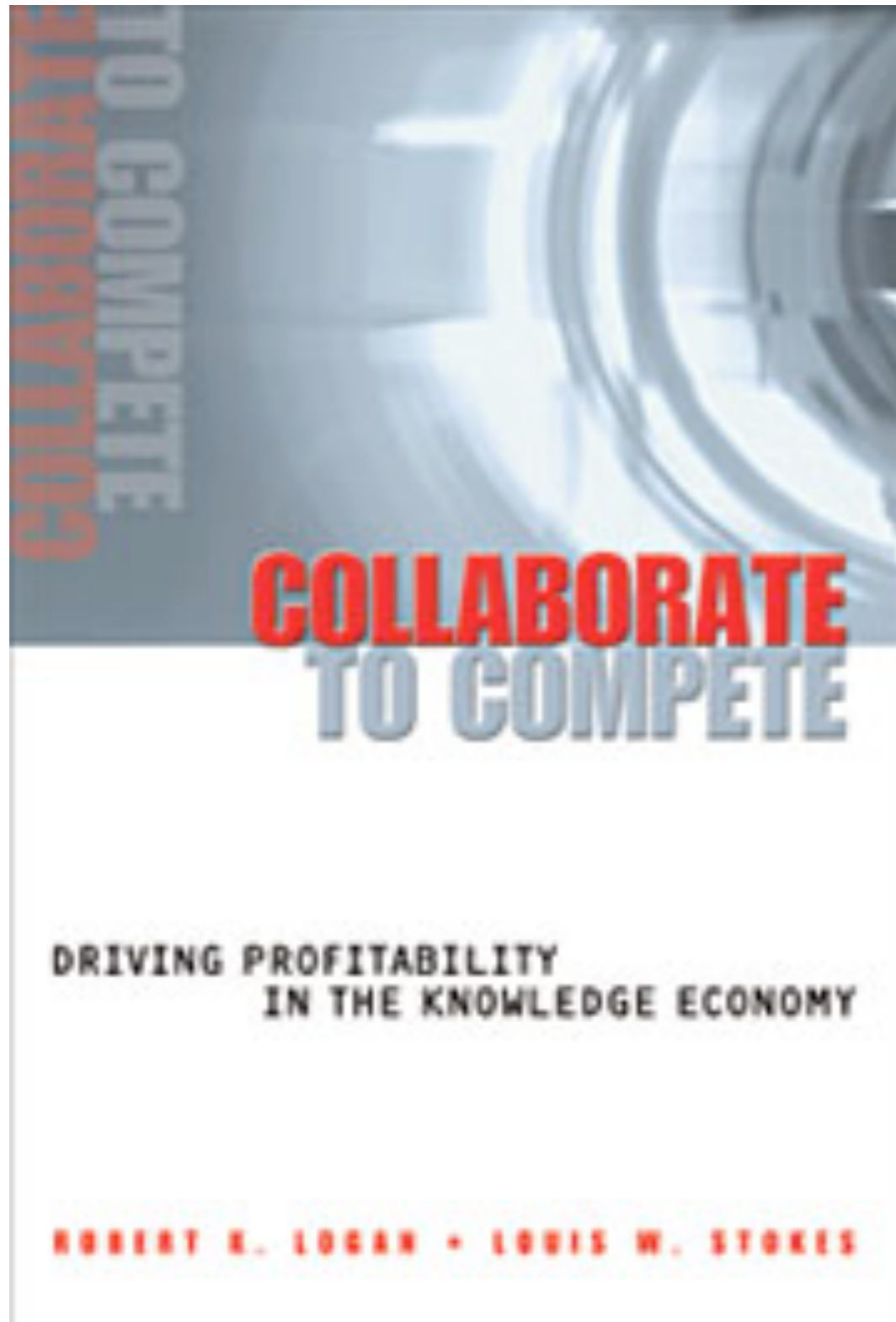


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Competitive advantage.

Academic vanity.

Adoption.

Reputation.

Scrutiny.

Being scooped.

Misinterpretation.

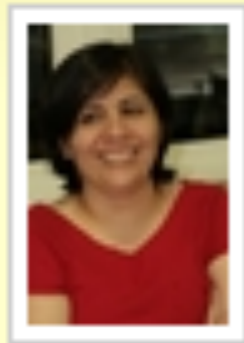
Reputation.

Rewards

Fears

## Taverna 1 workflow

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HUMAN Microarray CEL file to candidate pathways

### **i** Tags (5)

Original Uploader tags

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| pathways | pubmed

- Getting author to take credit!
- Creating a culture of attribution.
- Attribution and credit chains.
- Licensing and rights protection

# Incentive and reputation

- Strong sense of persistent identity.
- Building reputation and boasting opportunities.
- Cult of the individual.
- High visibility to the participant and the community.
- Downloads & Views.
- Instrumentation and automated analysis.
- Feedback.
- Liability policy.

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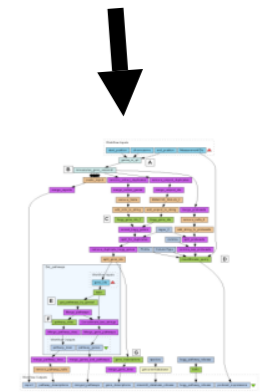
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# Reuse, Recycling, Repurposing Cross-fertilization

- Paul writes workflows for identifying biological pathways implicated in resistance to Trypanosomiasis in cattle
- Paul meets Jo. Jo is investigating Whipworm in mouse.
- Jo reuses one of Paul's workflow **without change**.
- Jo identifies the biological pathways involved in sex dependence in the mouse model, believed to be involved in the ability of mice to expel the parasite.
- Previously a manual **two year study** by Jo had failed to do this.





# my experiment

www.myexperiment.org

Socially share,  
discover and reuse  
workflows and  
other methods.

Cooperative bazaar.

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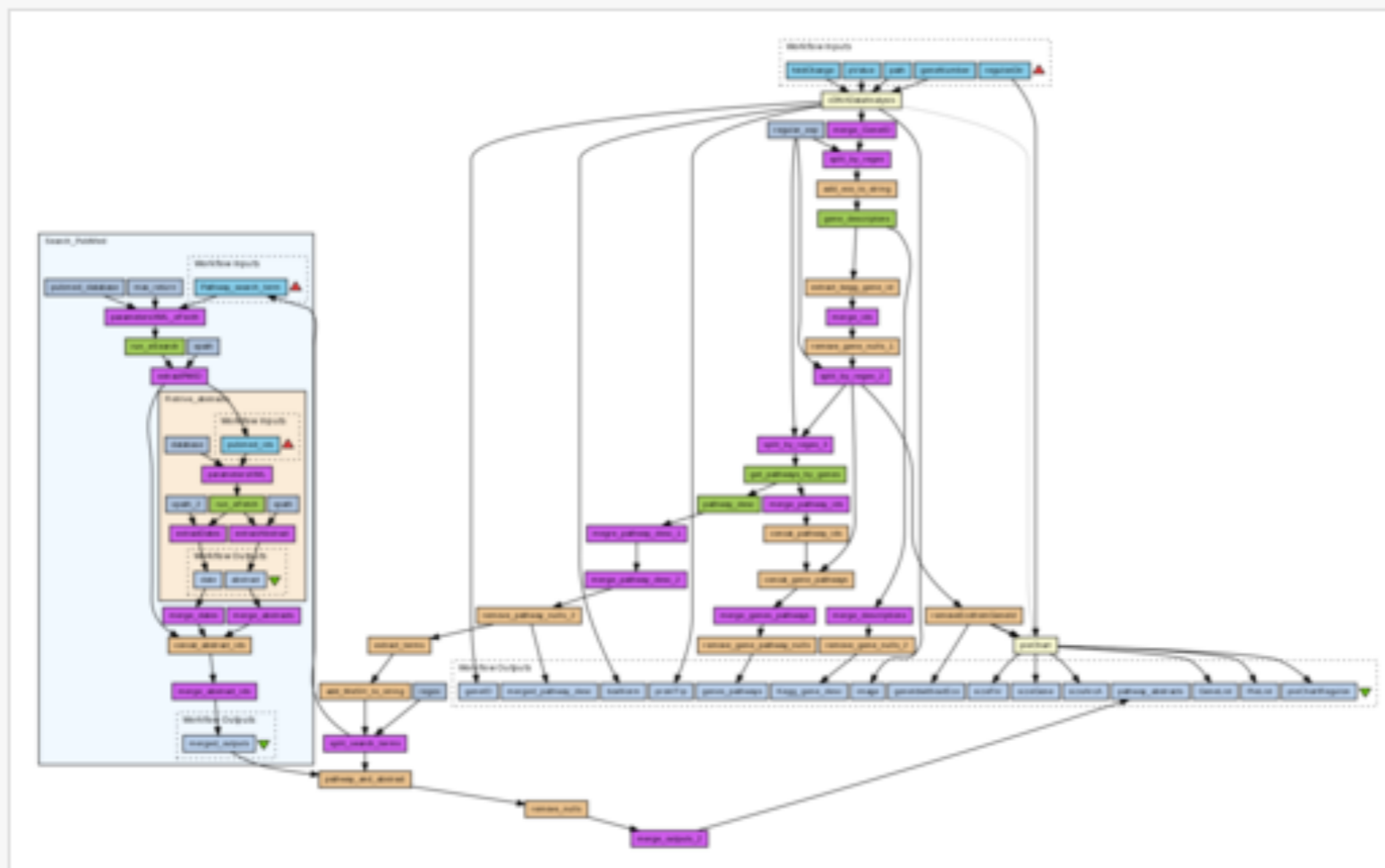
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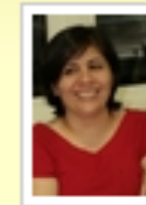
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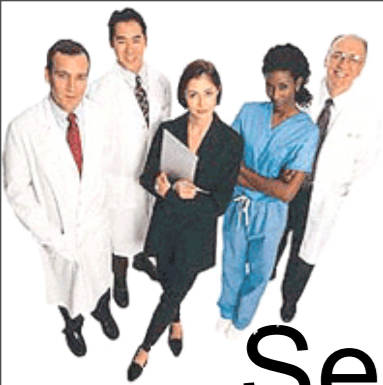


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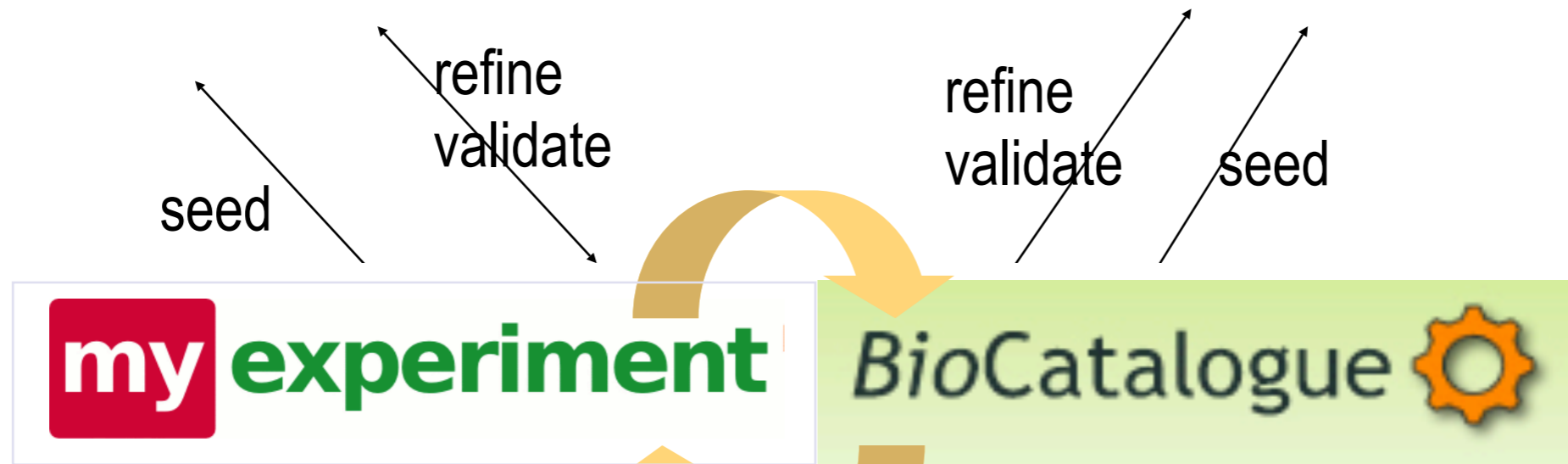
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**my** experiment

BioCatalogue 

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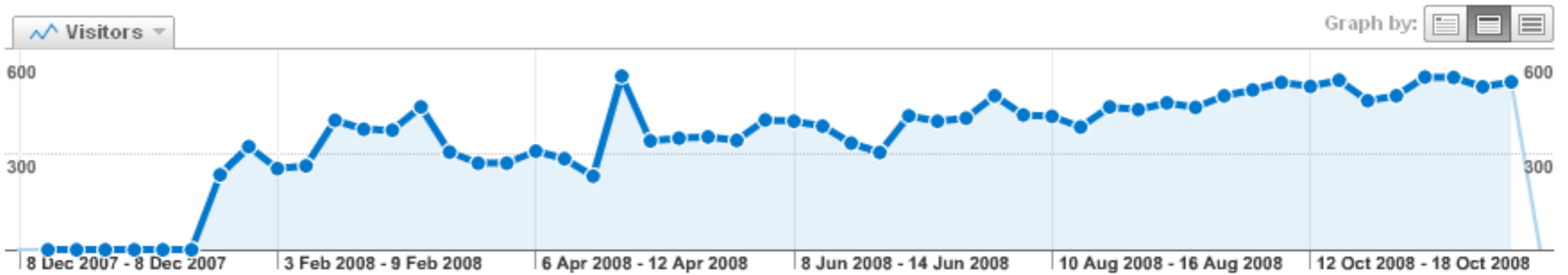
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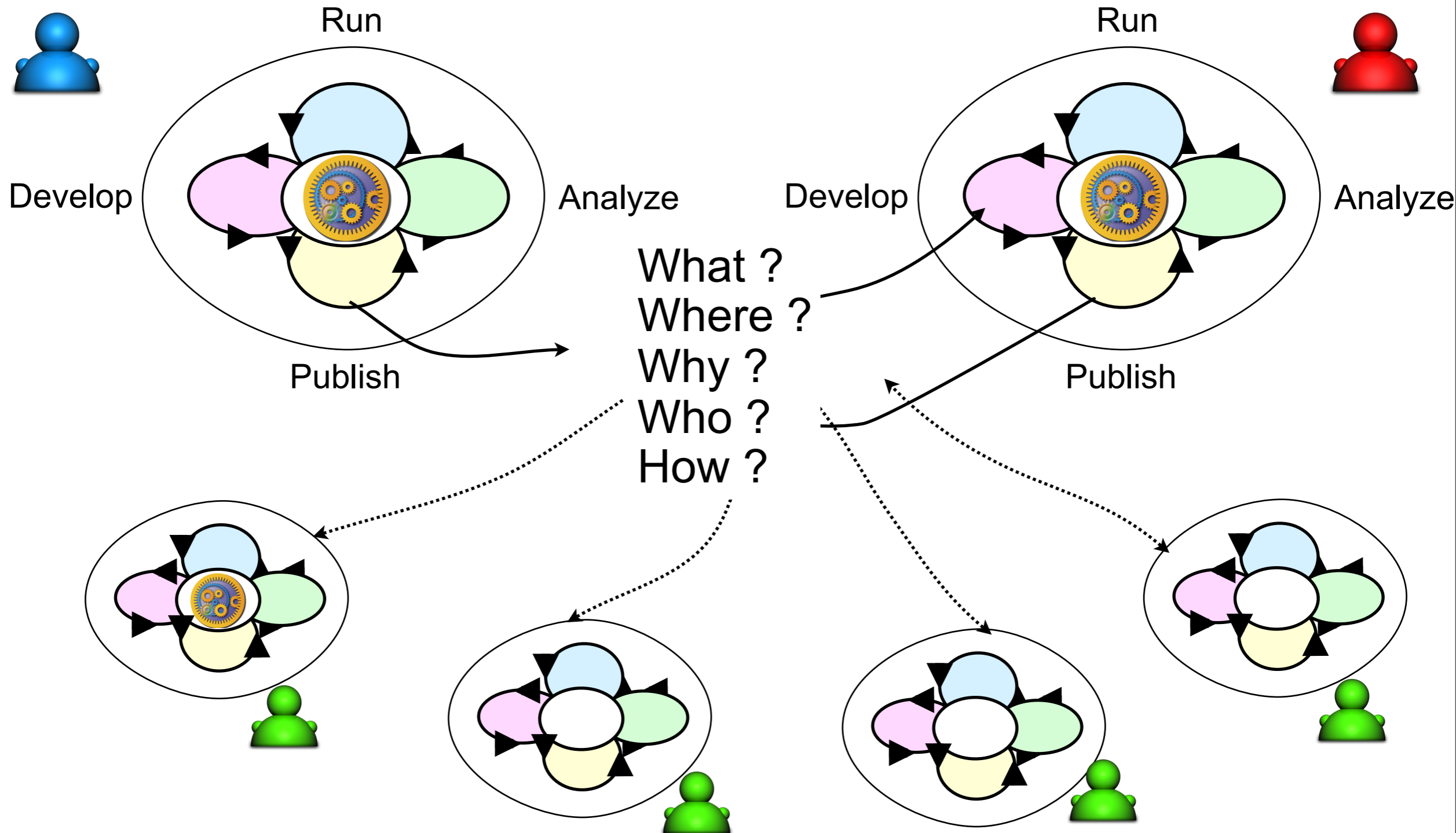
Carole Goble's 2008 keynote talks that feature myExperiment, in PowerPoint 97-2003 format. All myExperiment presentation can be found on the wiki on <http://wiki.myexperiment.org/index.php/Presentations>

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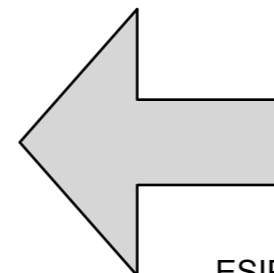


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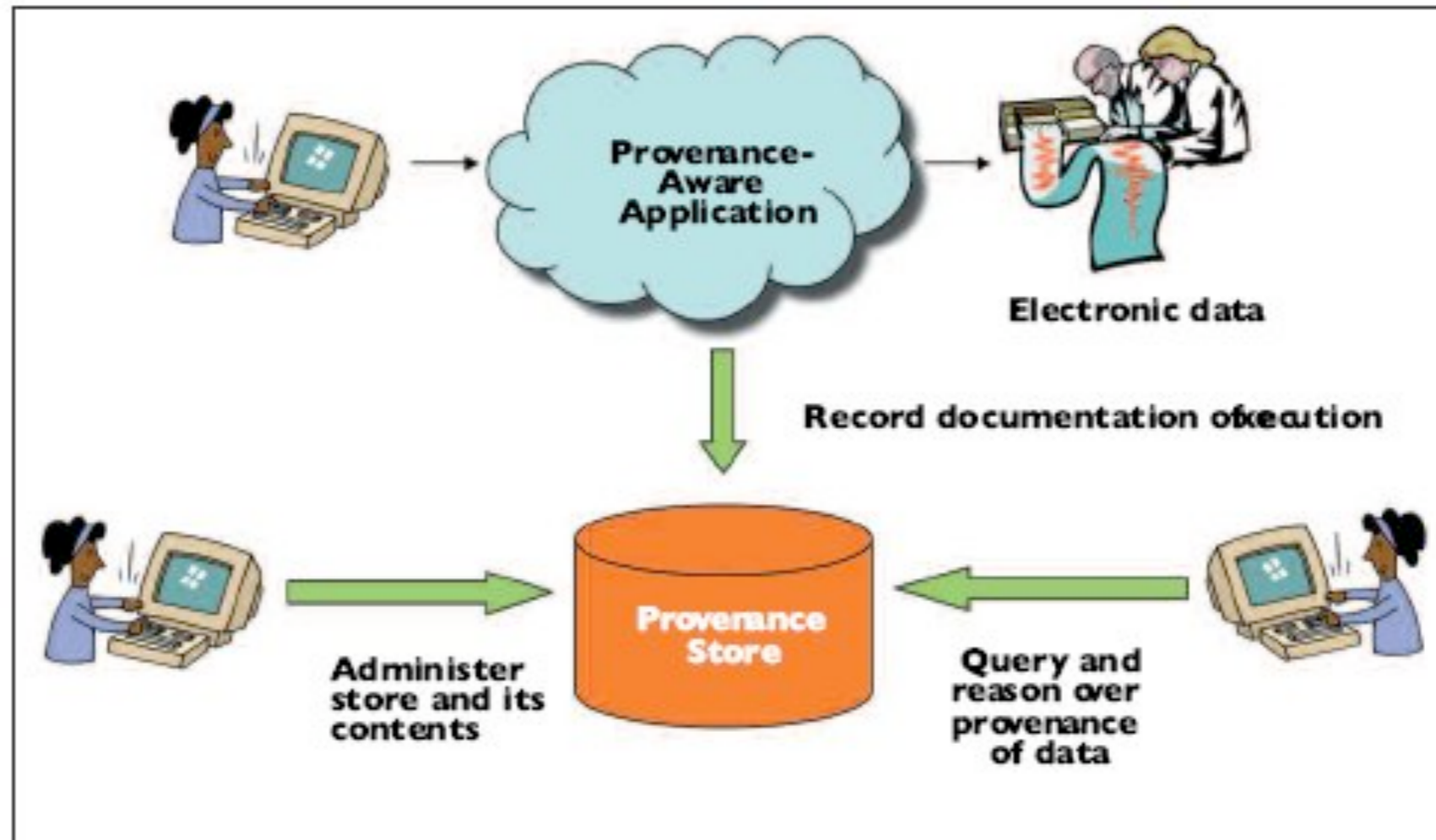
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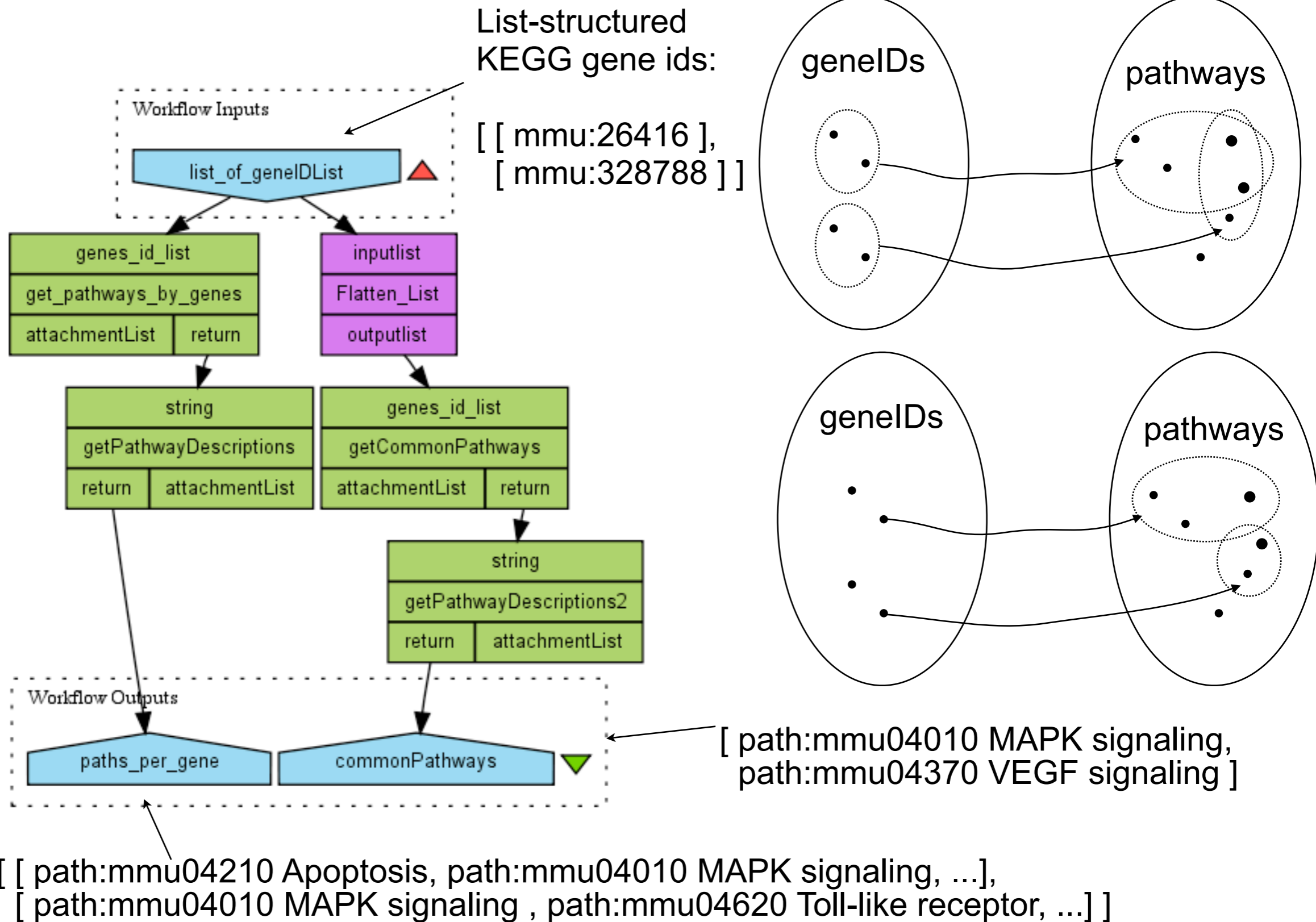
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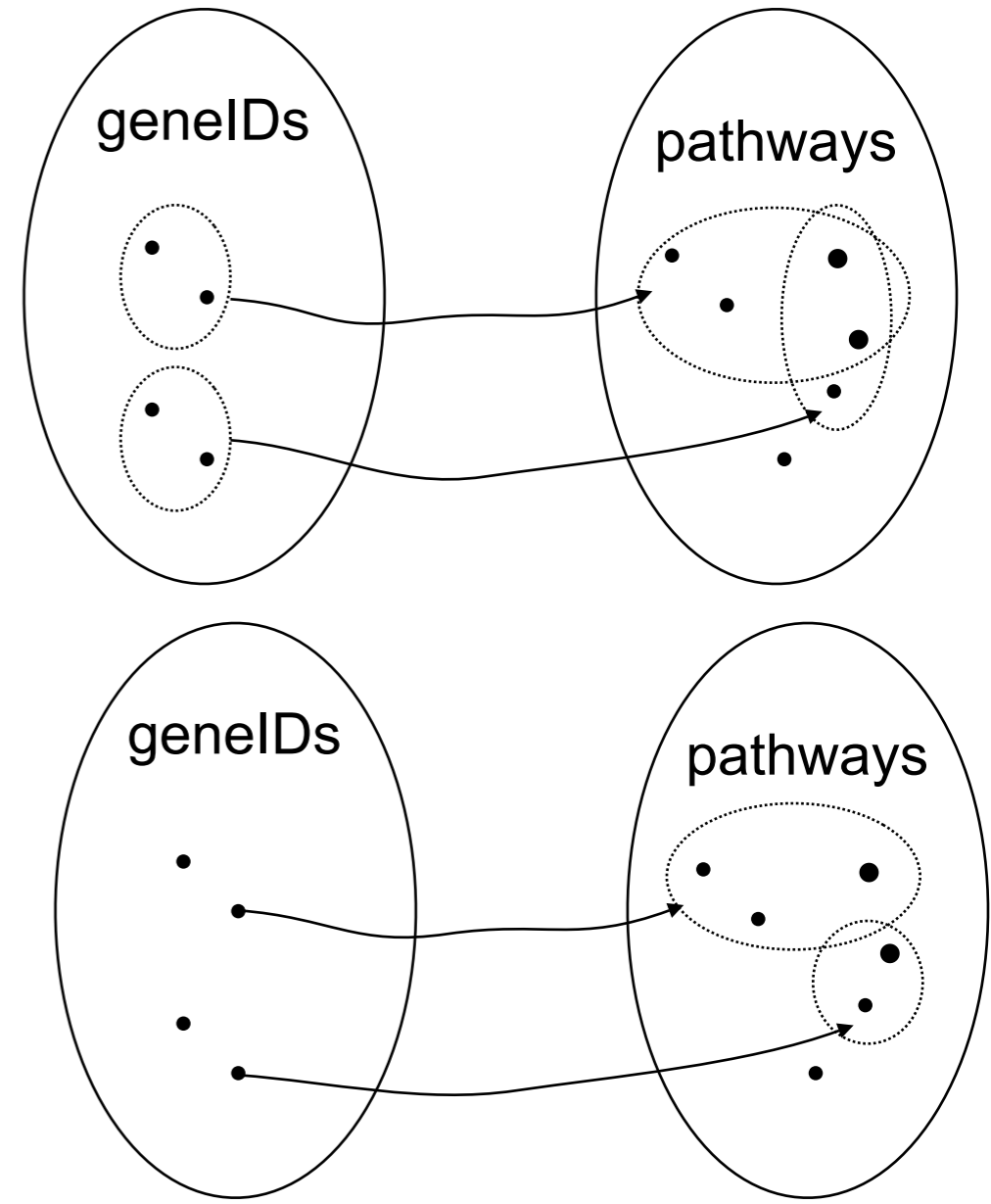
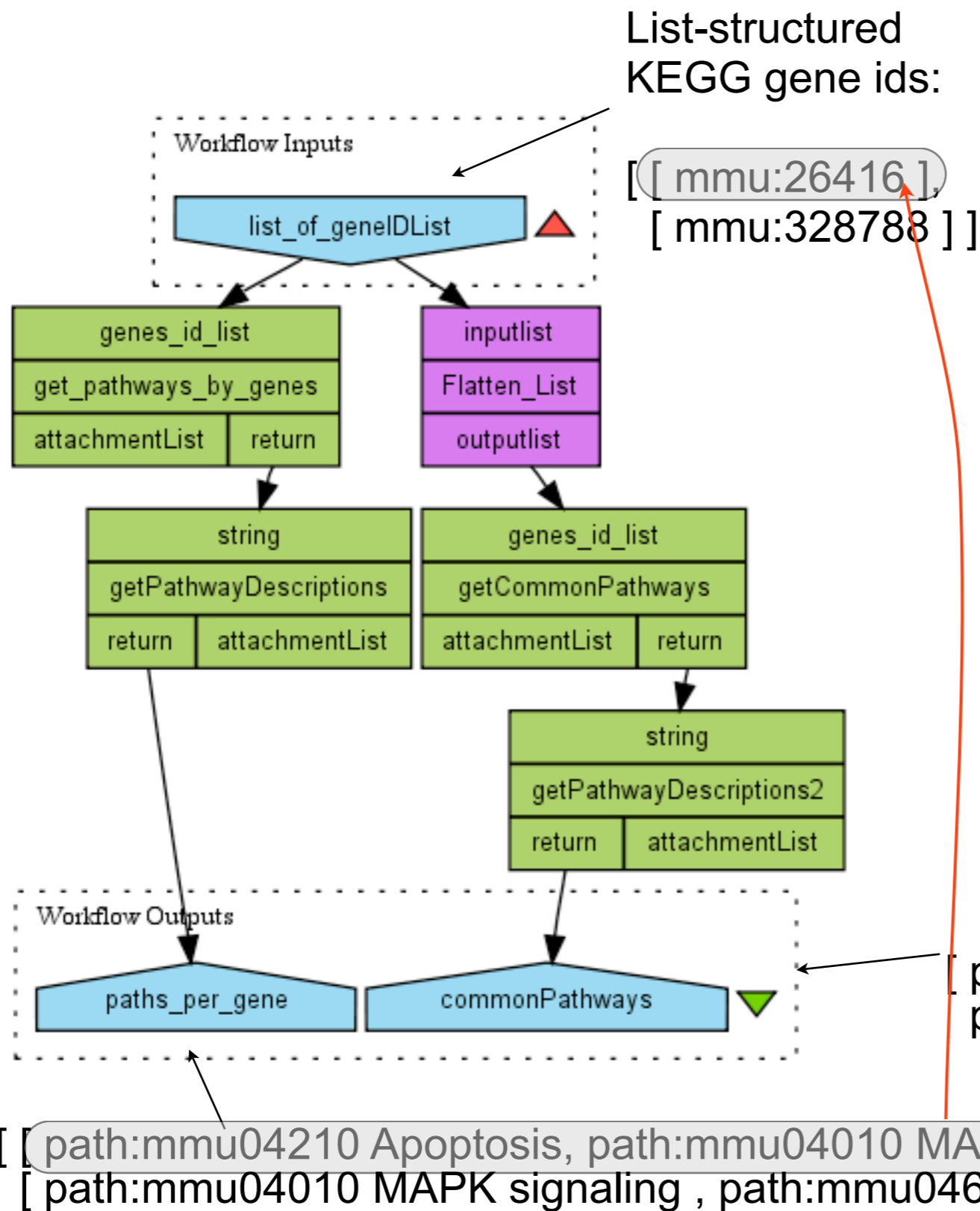
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- Causal relations:
  - which pathway sets come from which gene sets?
  - which processes contributed to producing this image?
  - which process(es) caused this data to be incorrect?
  - which data caused this process to fail?
  
- Process and data analytics:
  - show me the variations in output in relation to an input parameter sweep (multiple process runs)
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    - on what inputs?
  - who produced this data?
  - how often does this pathway turn up when the input genes range over a certain set  $S$ ?

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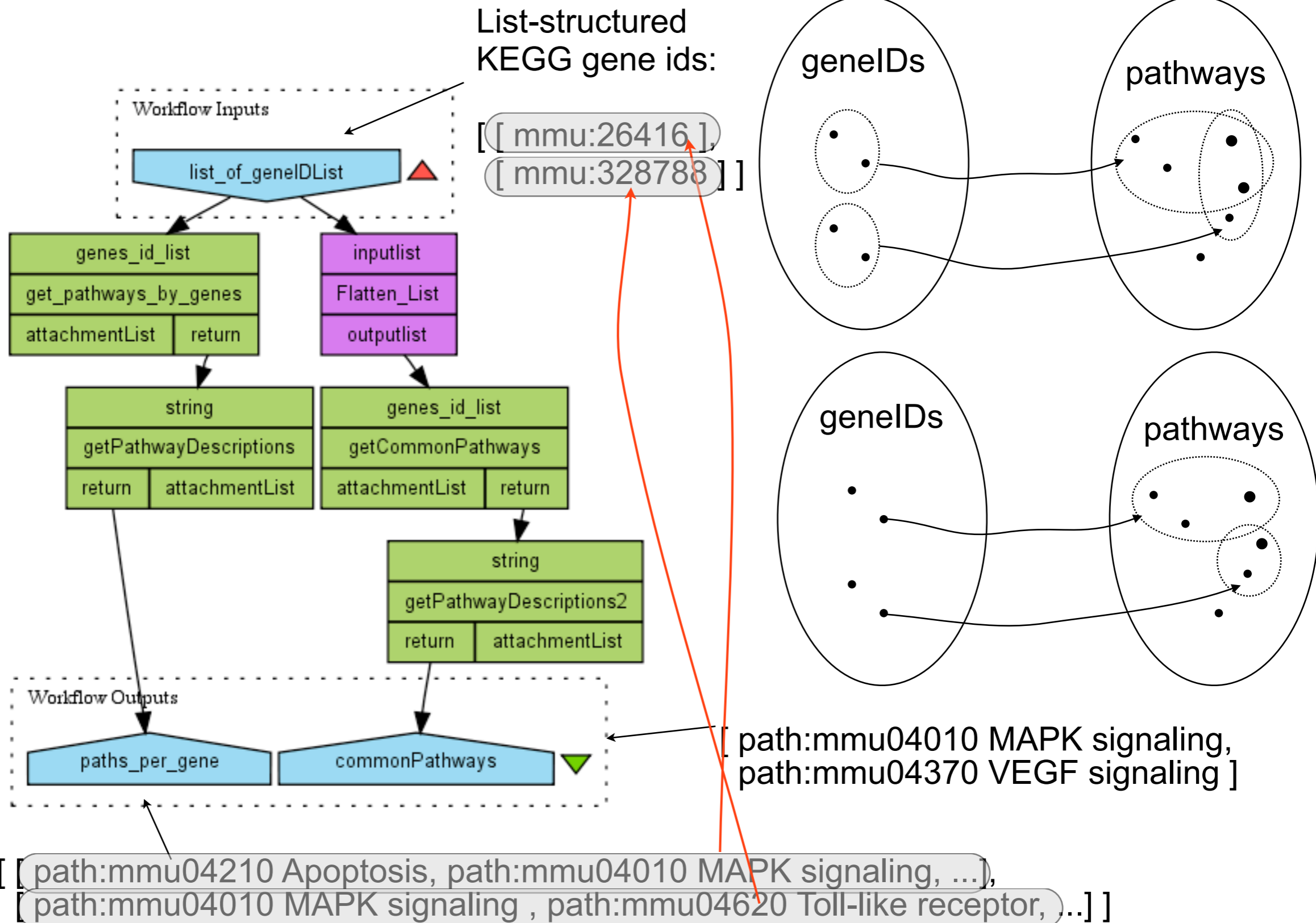


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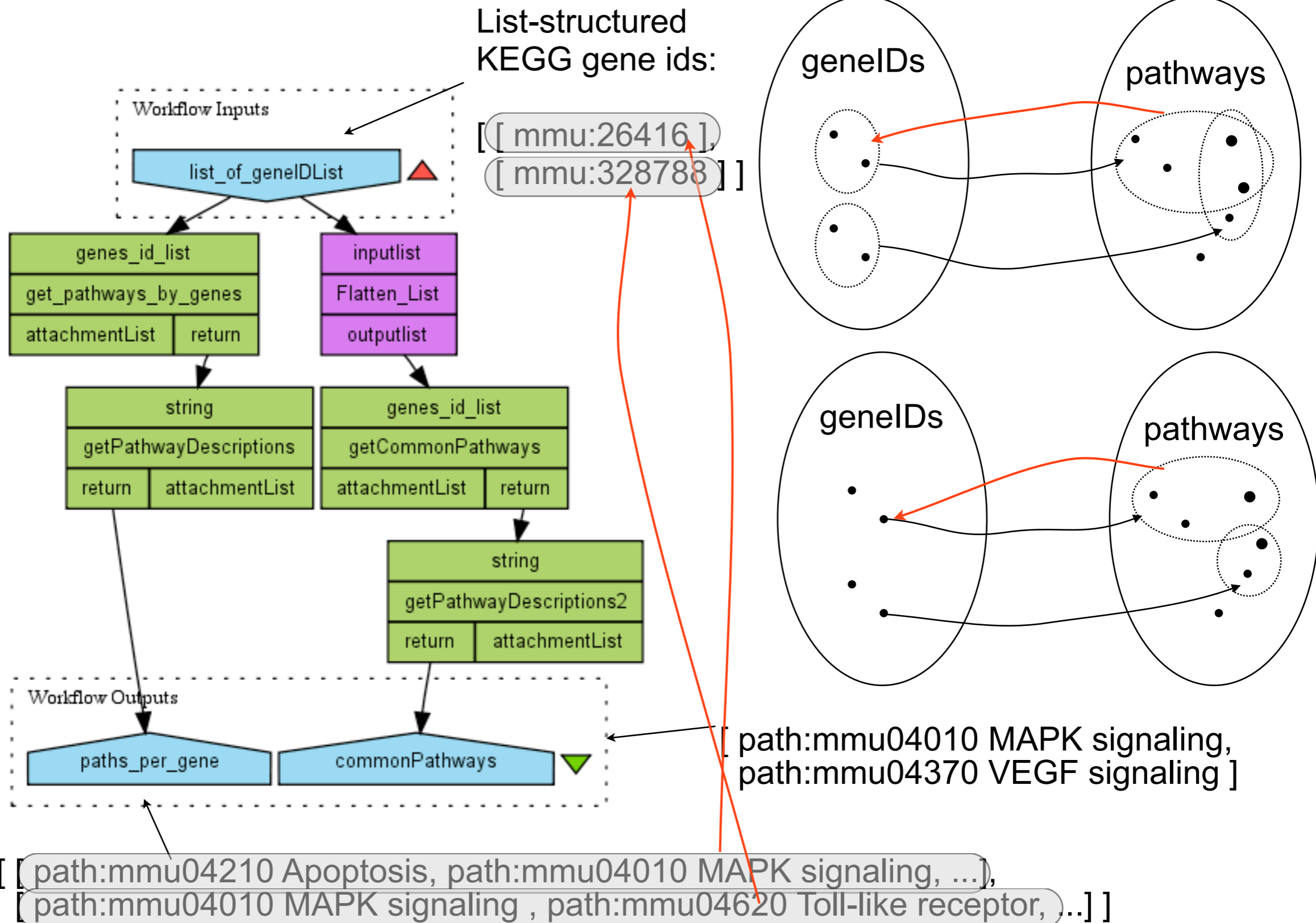


[ path:mmu04010 MAPK signaling,  
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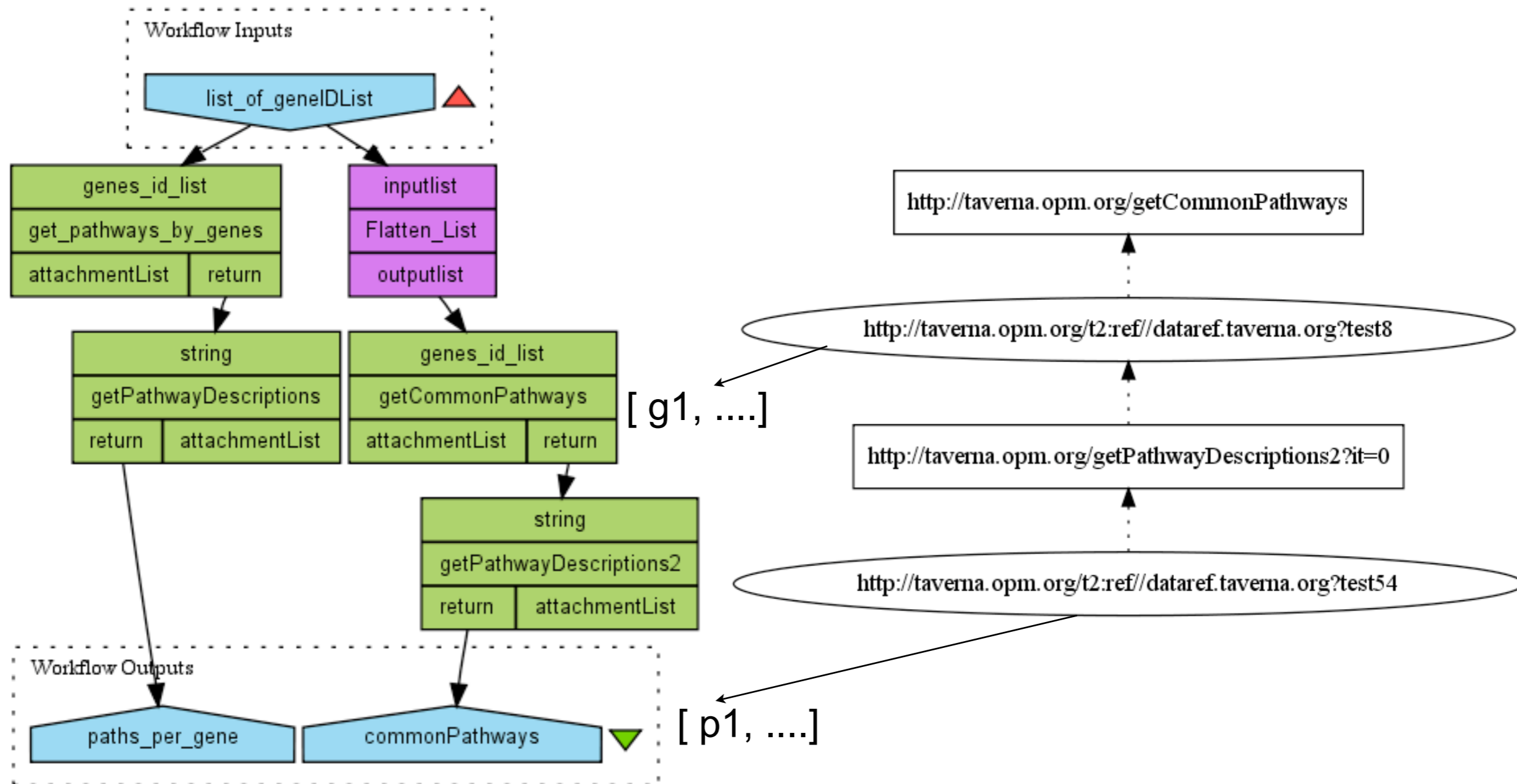
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- In most approaches, the originating process are not used for querying
- consequence: query requires provenance graph traversal
  - large traces → computationally complex
  - view materialization used in practice to get around the computational complexity

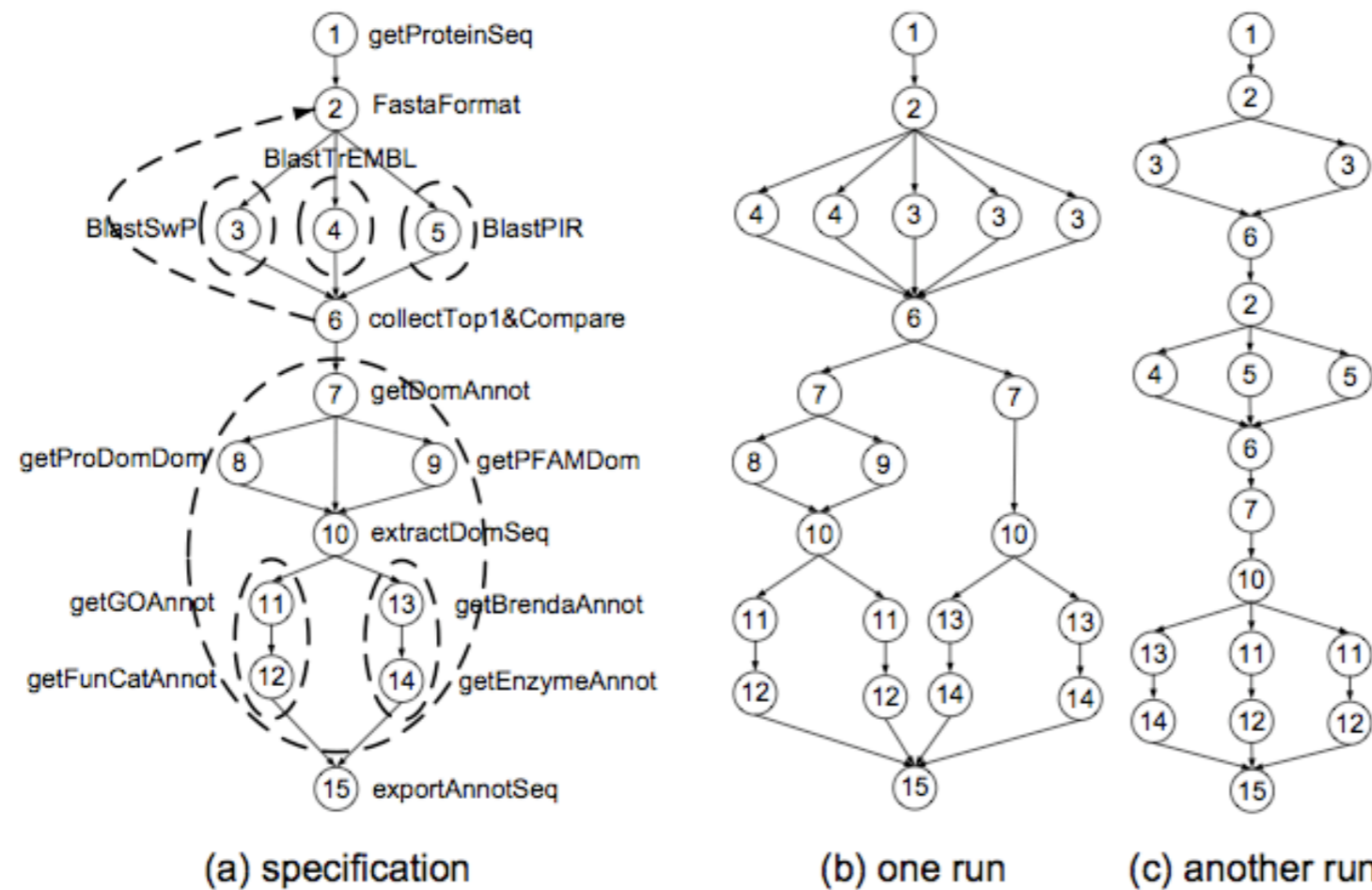
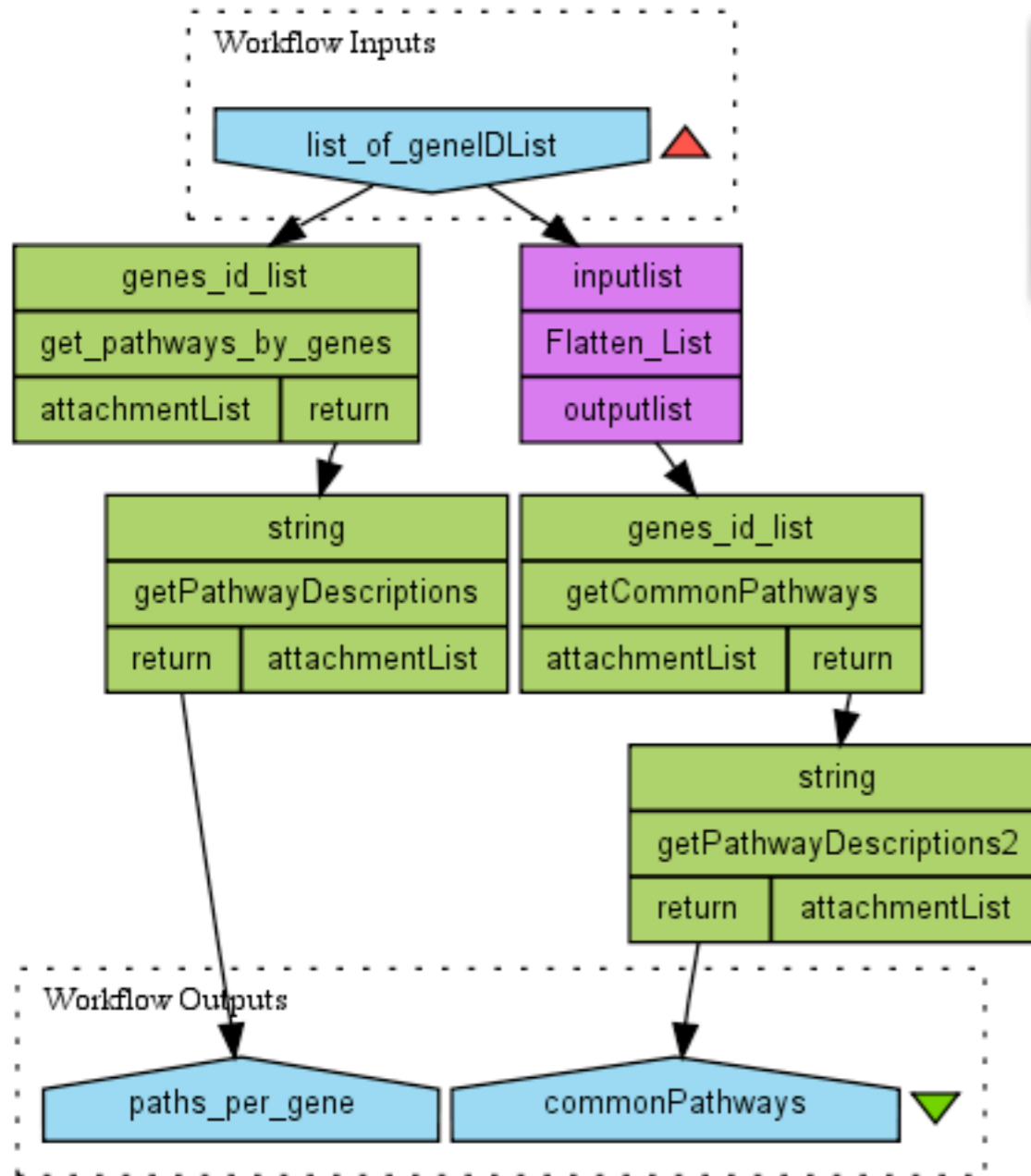


Fig. 1. Pro

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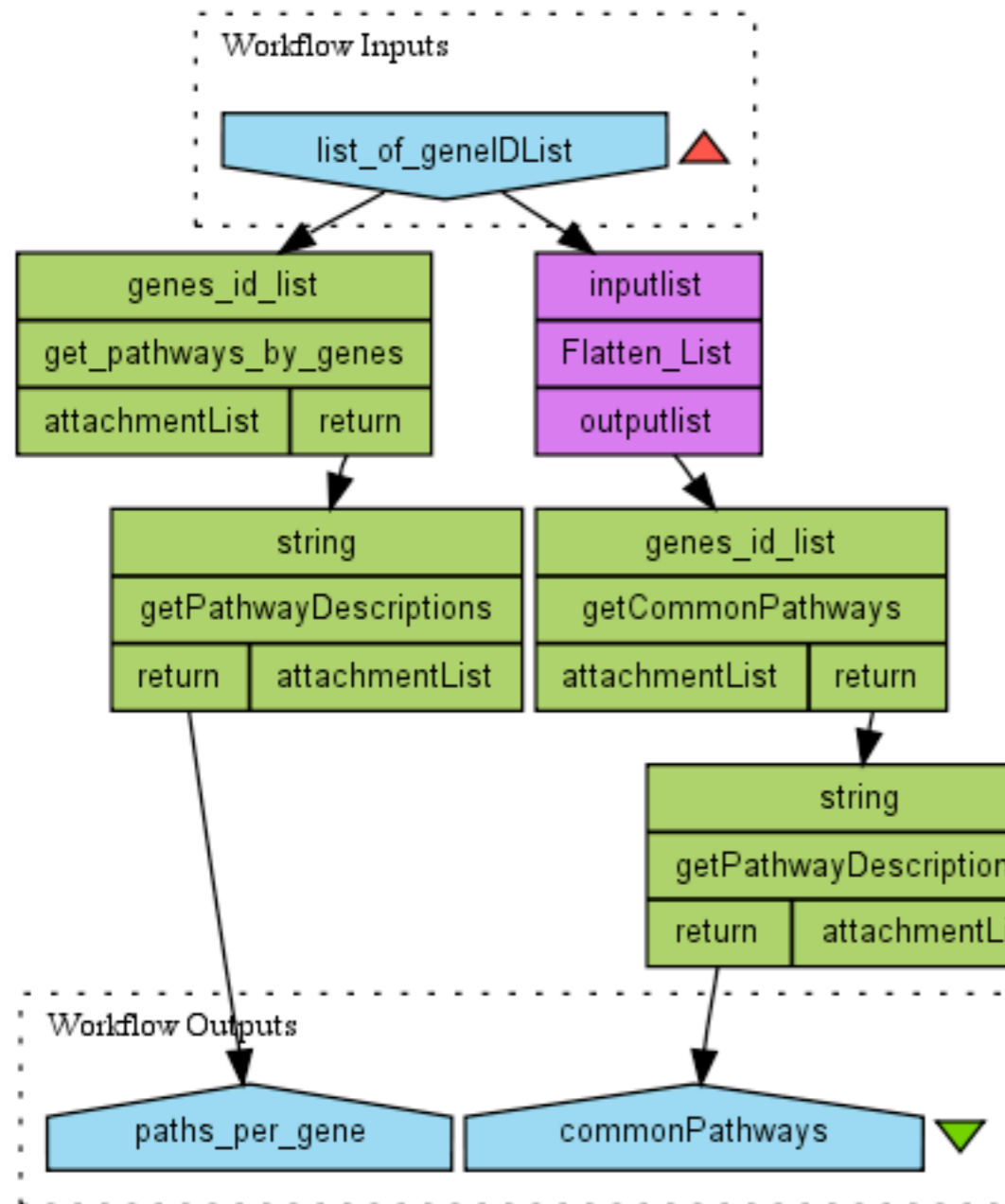


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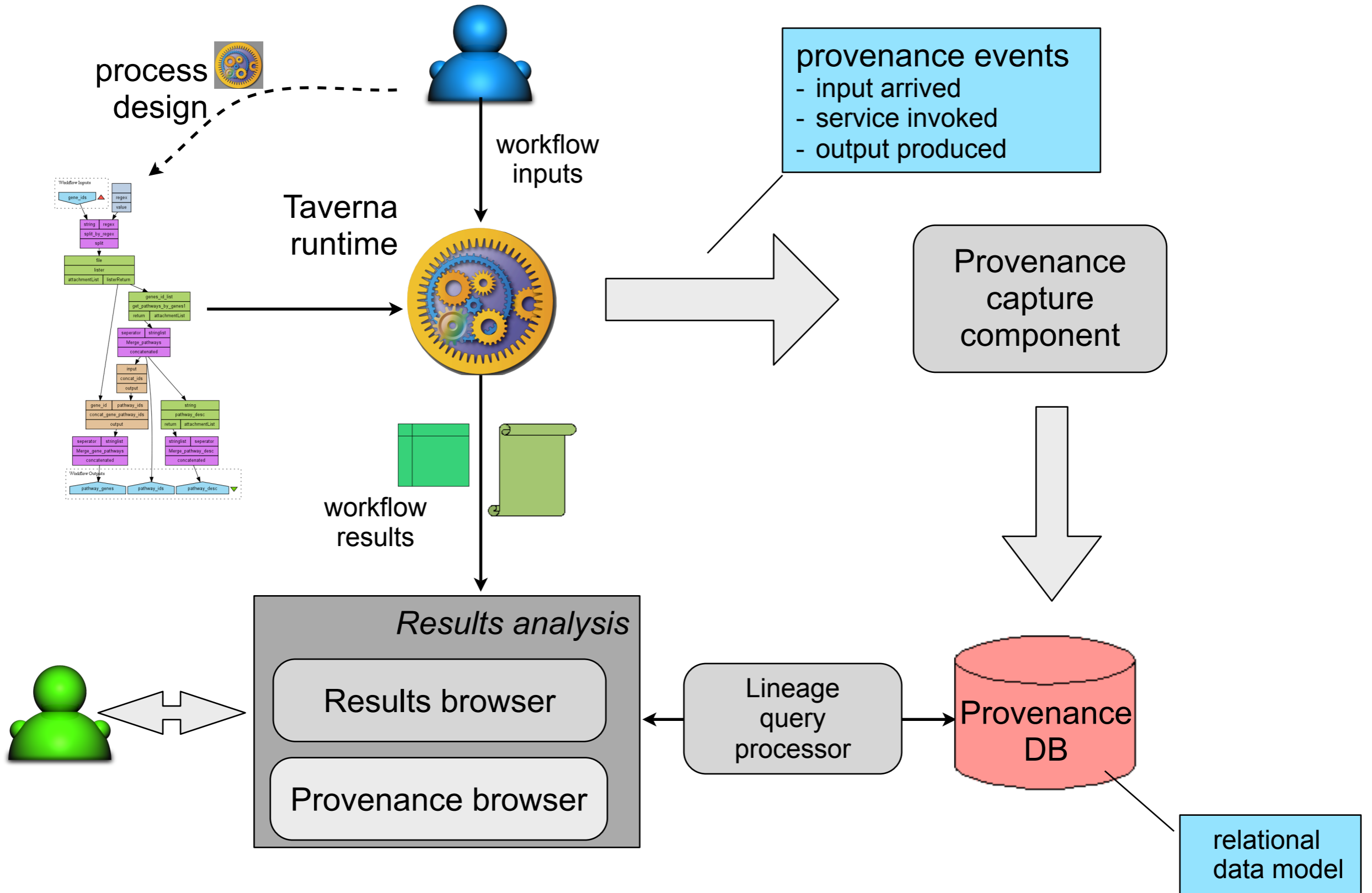
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AT get\_pathway\_by\_genes

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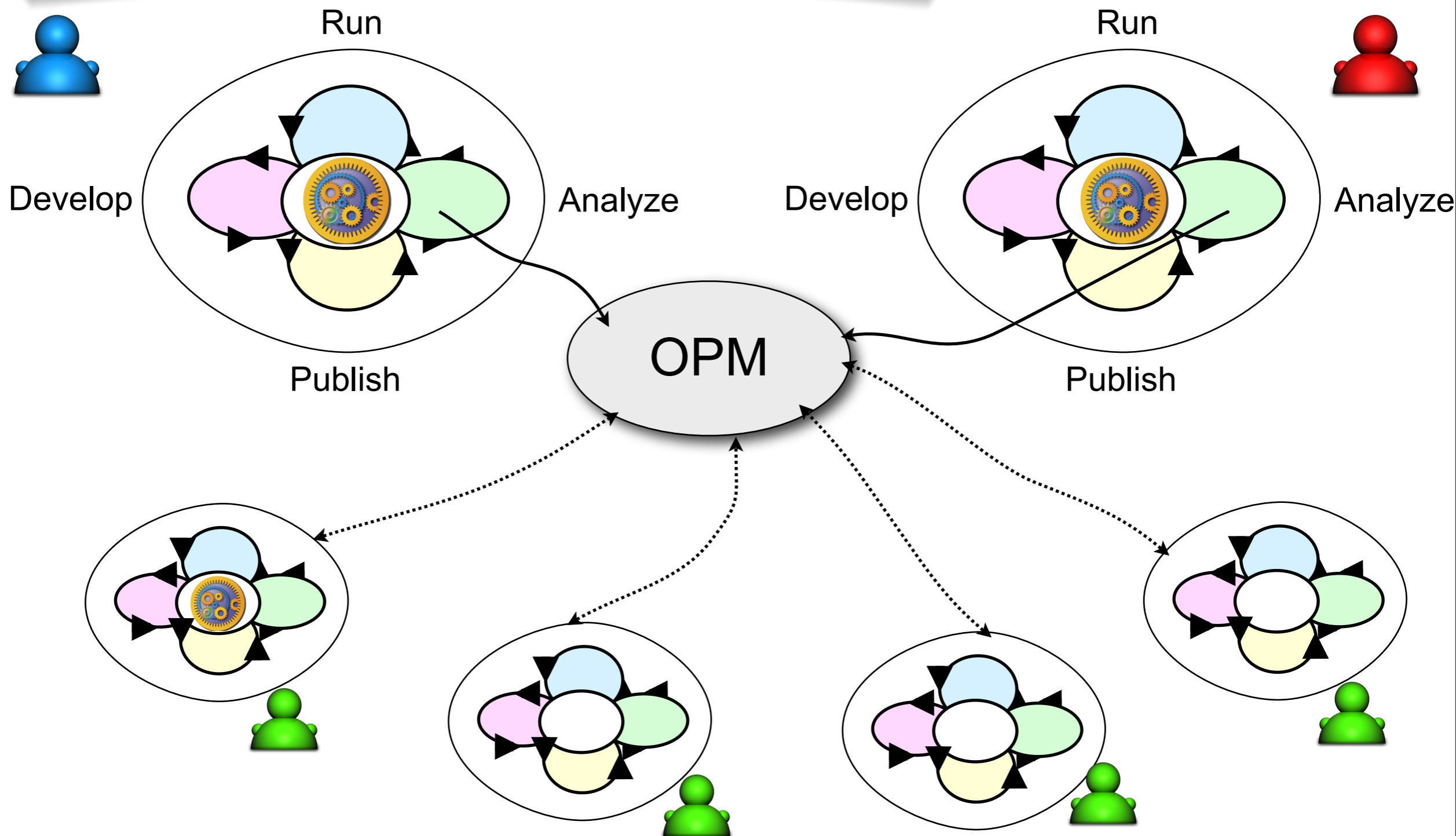
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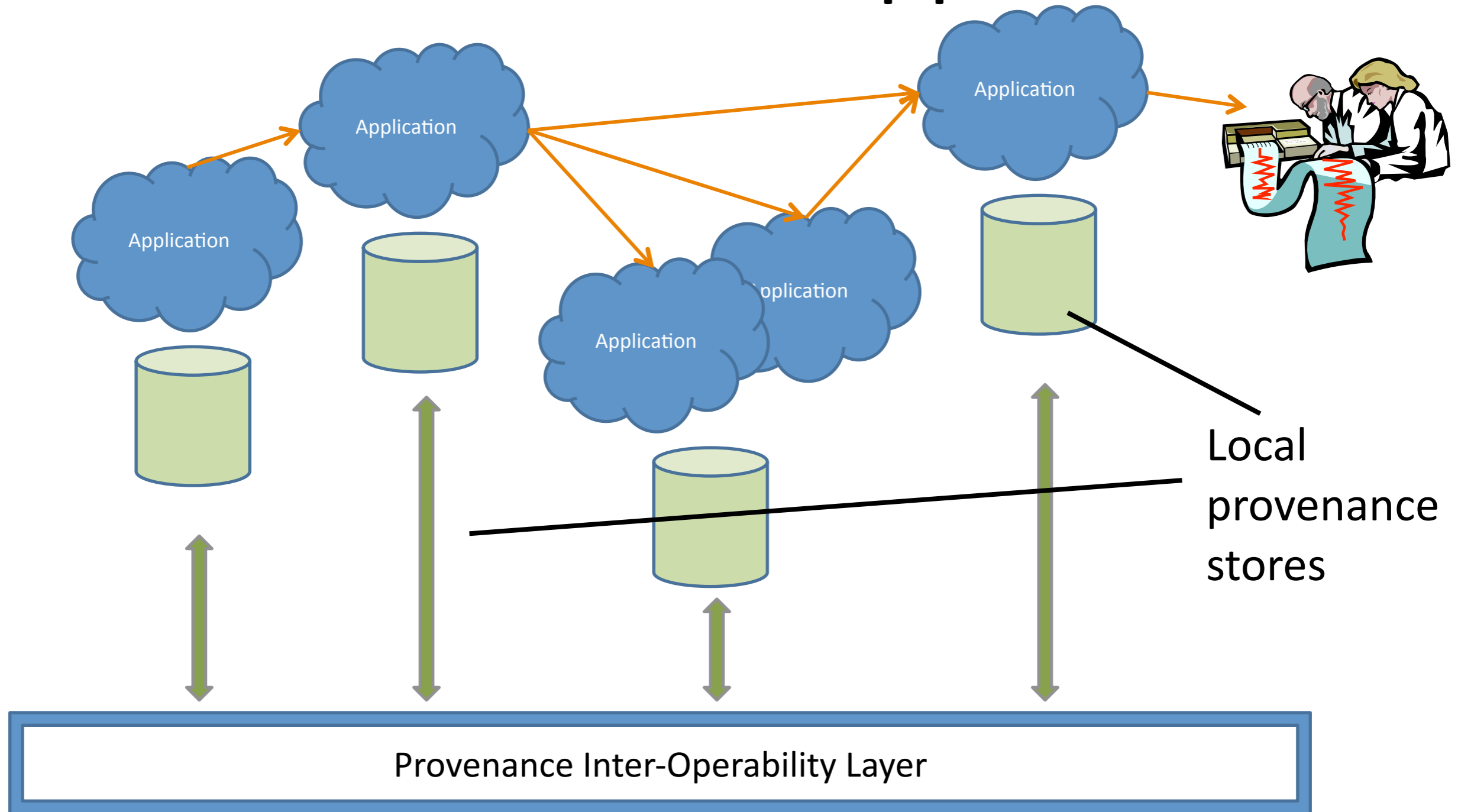




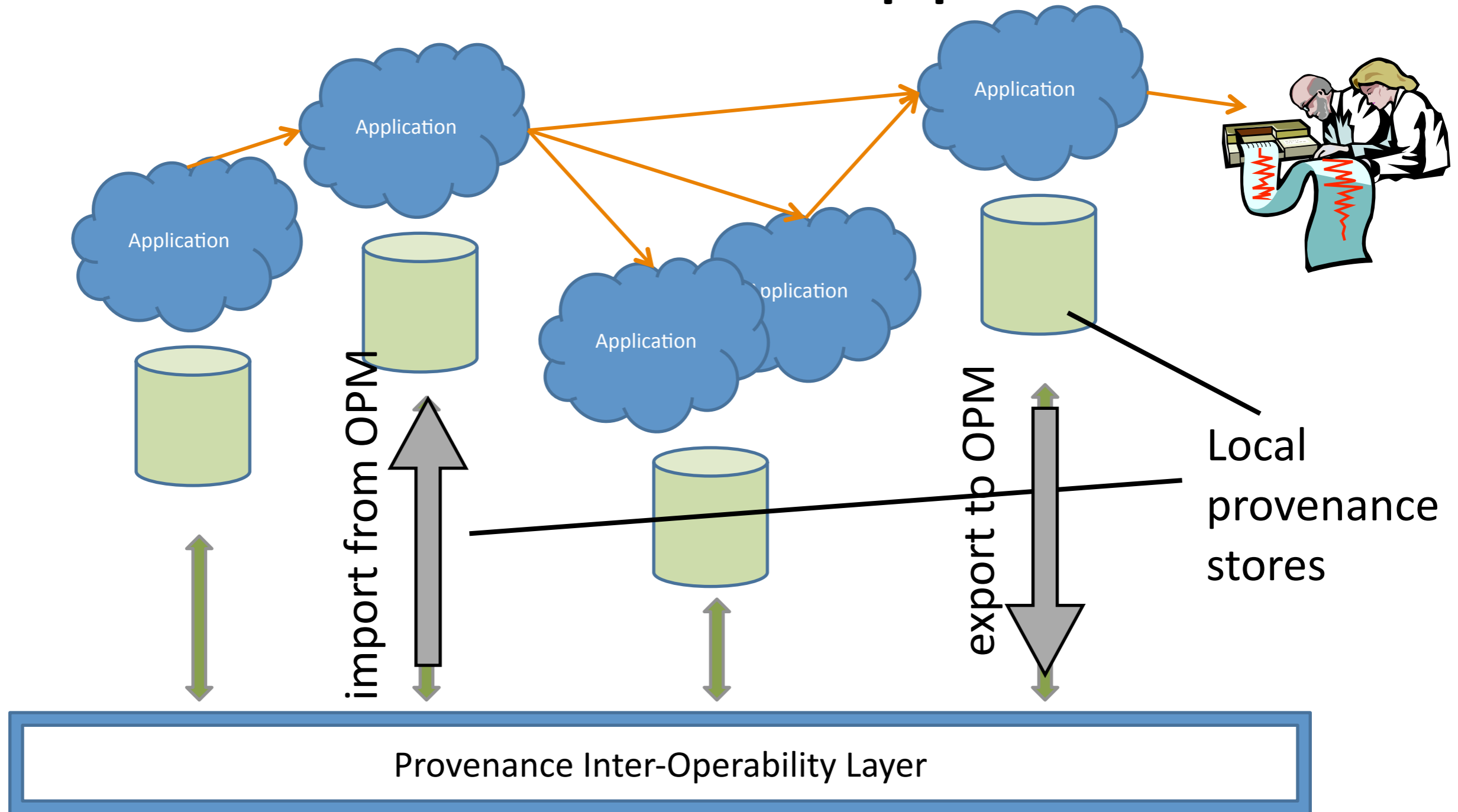
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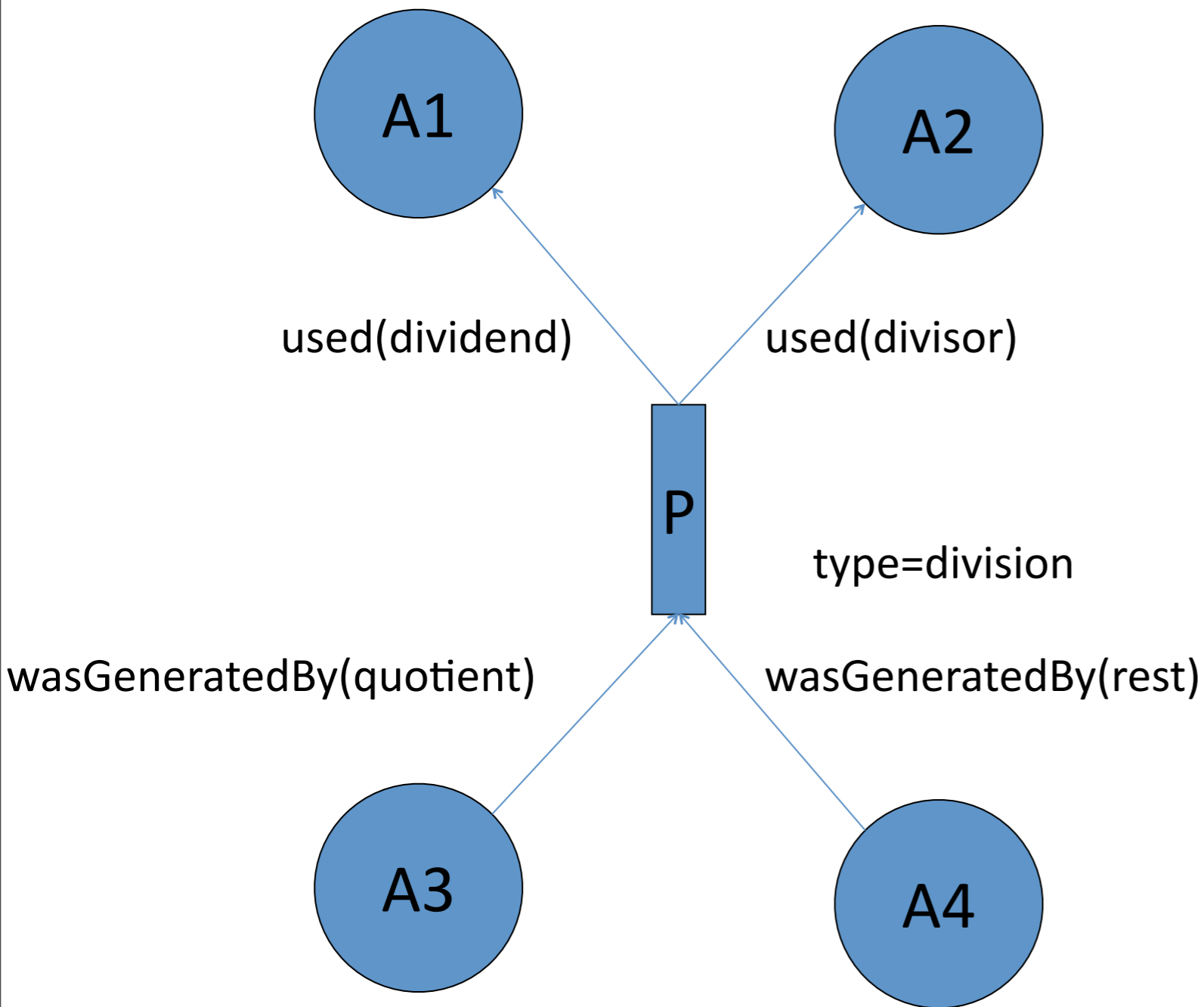
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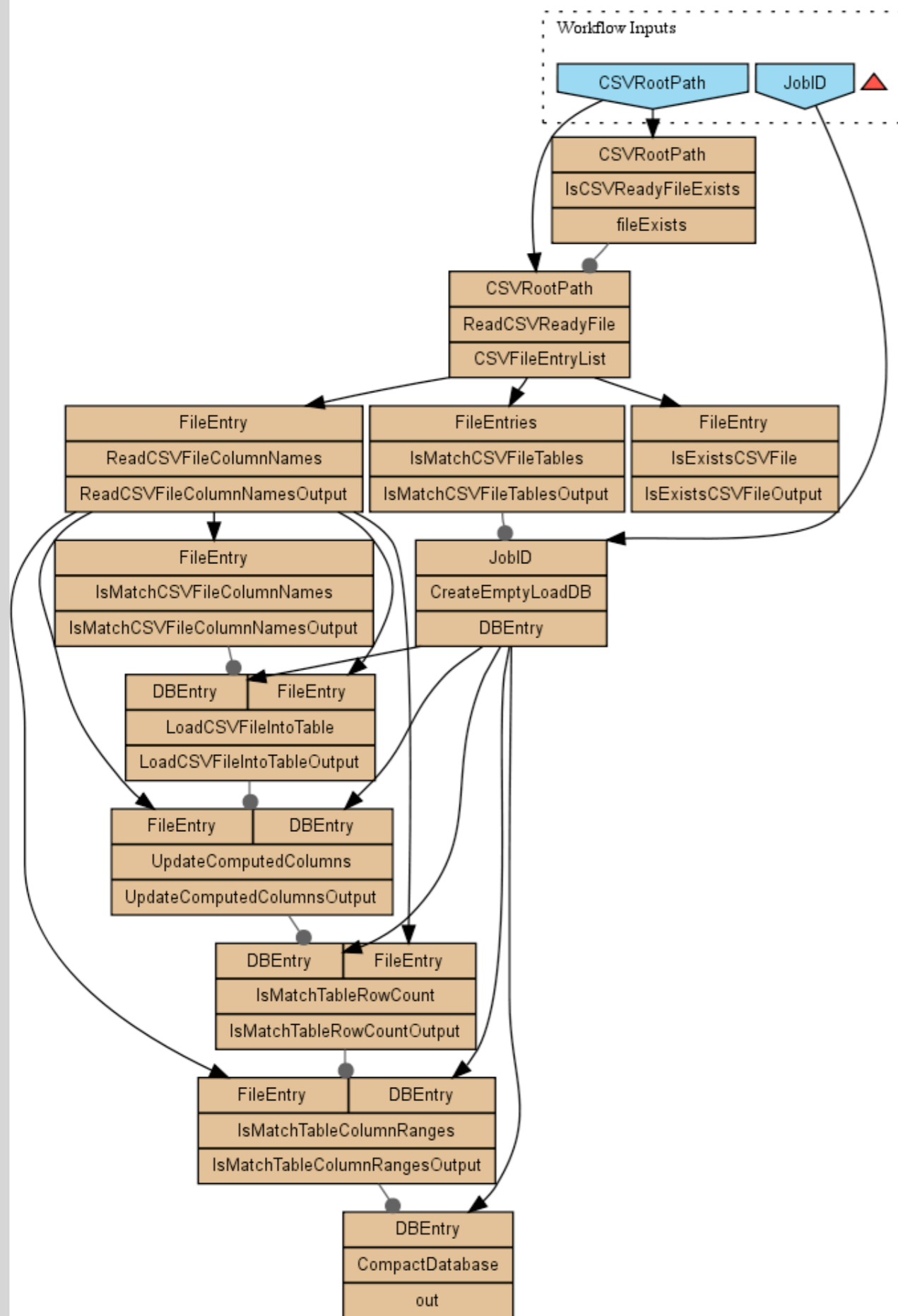
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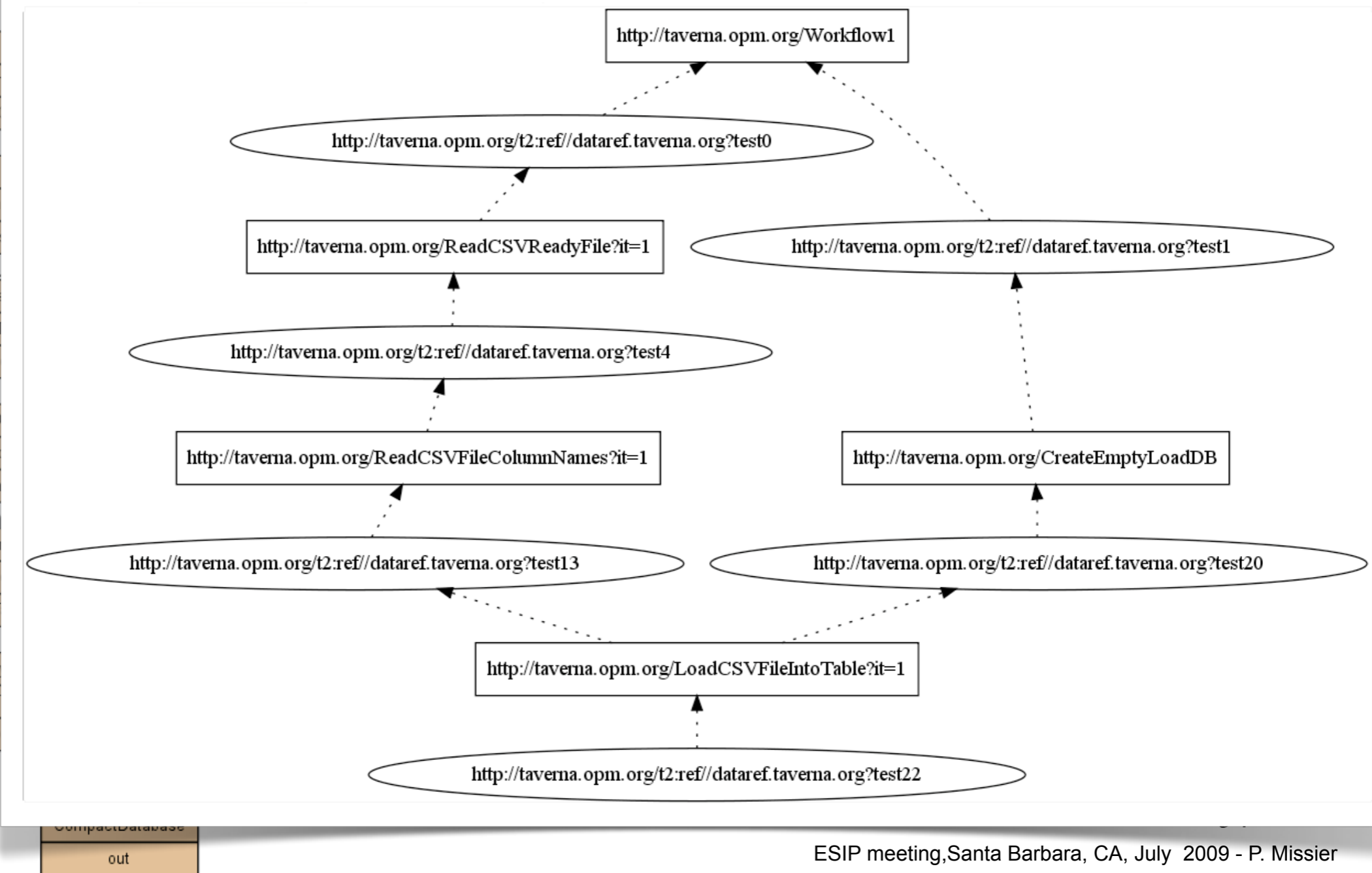
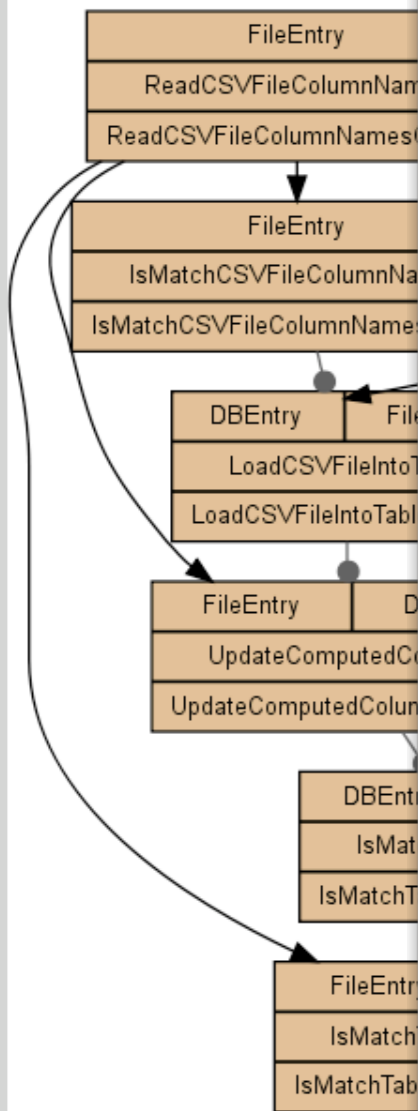
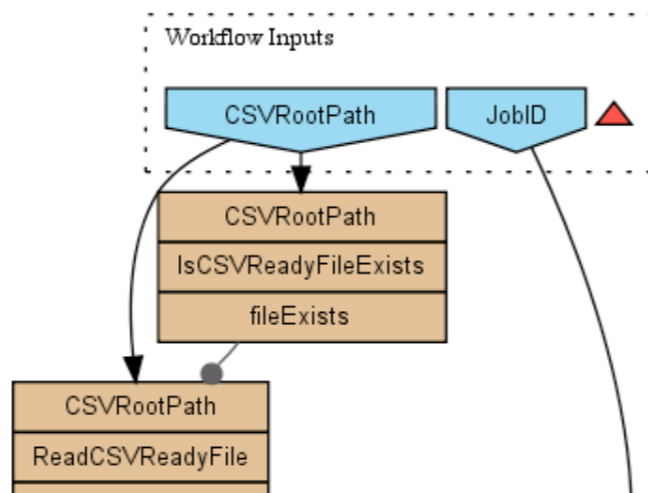


- Process “used” artifacts and “generated” artifact
- Edge “roles” indicate the function of the artifact with respect to the process (akin to function parameters)
- Edges and nodes can be typed

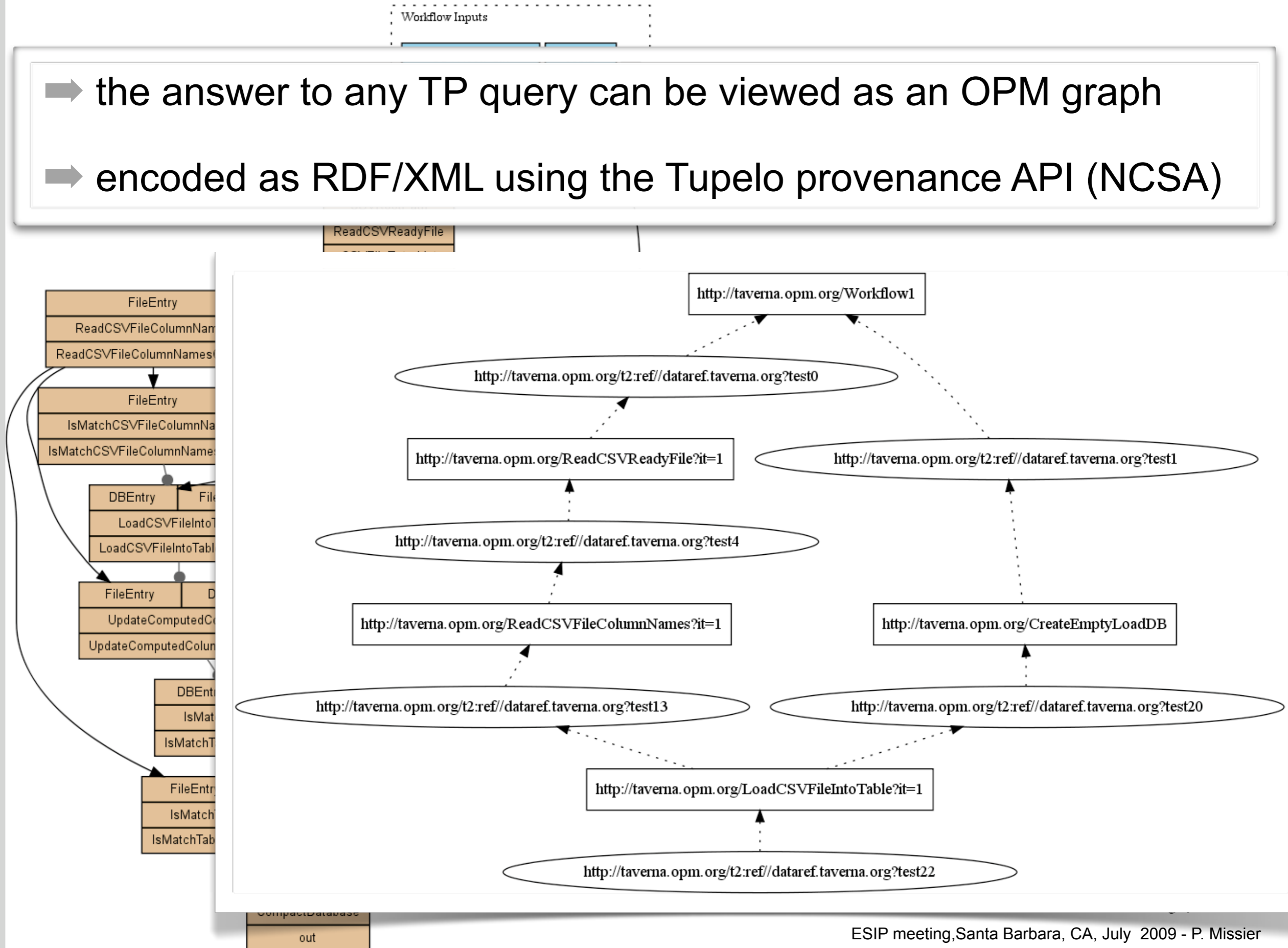
## Causation chain:

- P was caused by A1 and A2
- A3 and A4 were caused by P
- Does it mean that A3 and A4 were caused by A1 and A2?





- ➔ the answer to any TP query can be viewed as an OPM graph
- ➔ encoded as RDF/XML using the Tupelo provenance API (NCSA)





- The OPM wiki:
  - <http://twiki.ipaw.info/bin/view/OPM/>
    - open to discussions and contributions
    - please read the governance doc
- The 3rd provenance challenge:
  - produce and export OPM graphs
    - interoperable XML and RDF serializations
  - import and query third party graphs
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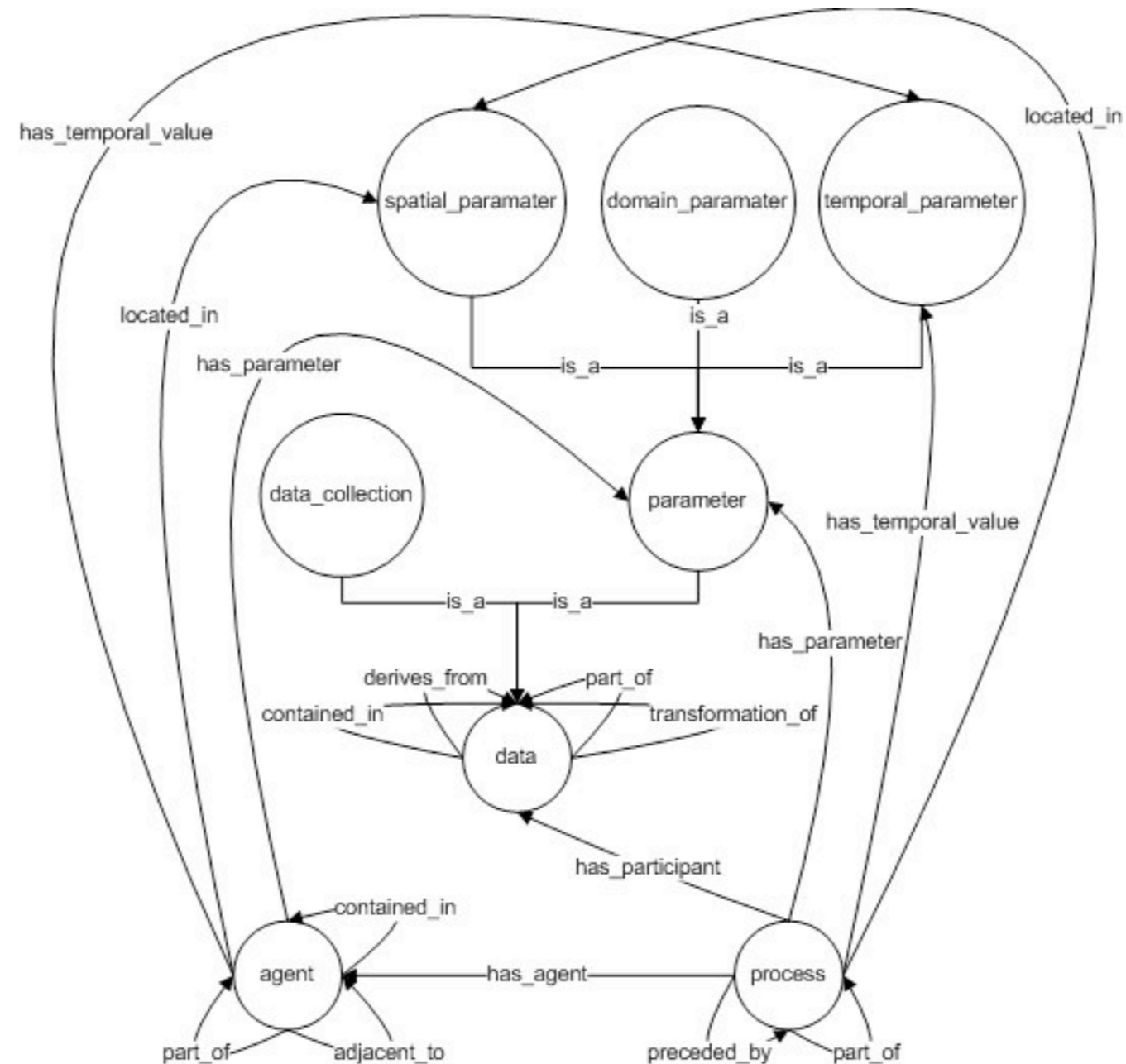
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**(Semantic) provenance analytics**

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## Provenance:

- automated metadata collection and processing
- 1. data management angle: “logs with a proper data model”
  - storage and query issues
  - interoperability
- 2. **social angle**: attribution chain for experimental artifacts
  - processes, data, annotations
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