



Your database at the push of a button

MOLGENIS bioinformatics toolkit & XGAP

eXtensible Genotype And Phenotype platform

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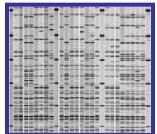
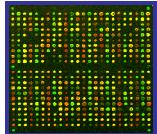
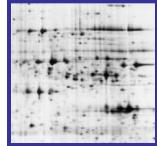
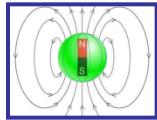
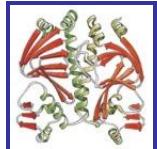
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Outline

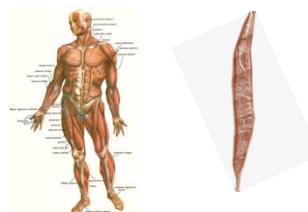
- MOLGENIS?
 - Flexible bioinformatics application toolkit
 - Demo: Model -> Generate -> Use
- XGAP?
 - eXtensible Genotype And Phenotype model
 - MOLGENIS generated xQTL & GWAS software
- Link to GMOD?
 - Chado? DAS? BioMART? Intermine? Gbrowse?

MOLGENIS

*Flexible bioinformatics
application toolkit for data
management and interfacing*

A vertical stack of genomic tracks with labels: ctg291, ctg5, ctg29, ctg29, ctg241, ctg102, ctg122, ctg15. To the right are labels S182, S55, S12, S6, S1, S178, S183, S89, S92, S85.

etc.



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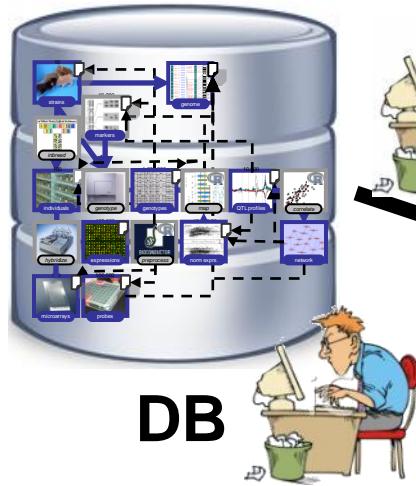


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Challenge



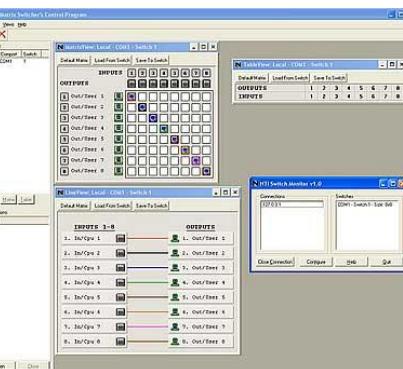
DB

Logic

```
static void main(String[] args) throws Exception
String path = args[0];
final String expr = args[1];

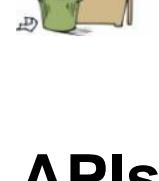
List l = new ArrayList();
findFile(new File(path), new F() {
    public boolean accept(String t) {
        return t.matches(expr) || isZip(t);
    }
}, l);

List r = new ArrayList();
for (Iterator it = l.iterator(); it.hasNext();)
    File f = (File) it.next();
    String fn = f + ".zip";
    if (fn.matches(expr)) r.add(fn);
    if (isZip(f.getName())) {
        findZip(fn, new FileOutputStream(f));
        boolean accept = true;
        for (int i = 0; i < r.size(); i++) {
            if (r.get(i).equals(f))
                accept = false;
        }
        if (accept)
            f.delete();
    }
}
```



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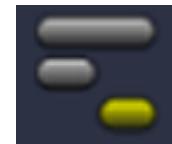
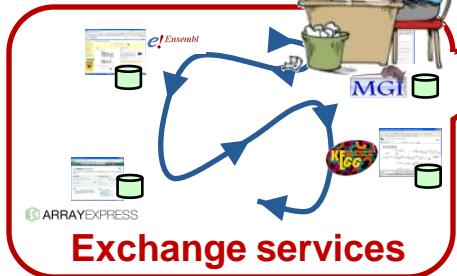
GUI



APIs



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Etc

Challenge multiplied by project

Biologist needs



NextGenSeq

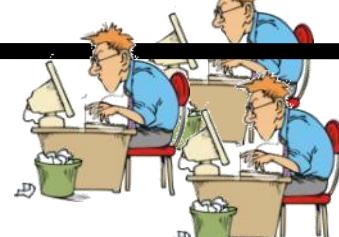
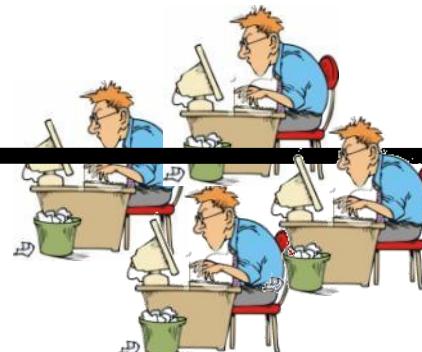


Mutation database



Model organisms

Work very hard



Use

Solexa Sequencer LIMS

A screenshot of the Solexa Sequencer LIMS software. It shows a sidebar with 'Sampling', 'Flowcell Preps', 'flowcells', 'recipes', 'sequence_primers', 'Genome Analyzer Runs', 'Pipeline Runs', and 'Admin'. The main area is titled 'flowcells' with a sub-area 'flowcells - Mozilla Firefox'. It shows a table with columns: id, flowcell_id, researcher_id, flowcell_date, reagent1, reagent2, primer, and comments. A modal window titled 'Add new record' is open, showing fields for id, flowcell_id, researcher_id, flowcell_date, reagent1, reagent2, primer, and comments. Below the table, it says 'The database 3.2.0-beta'.

database of COL7A1 mutations

A screenshot of a mutation database interface. It has a header with 'SearchDatabase', 'UploadData', 'Contact', 'References', 'Background', 'Help', and 'Login'. Below is a search form with fields for 'Variation', 'Nucleotide No.', 'Amino Acid No.', 'Exon/Intron', 'Select mutation type', 'Select protein domain', and 'Search term'. There are also buttons for 'Find a specific mutation/variation' and 'Find mutations/variations'.

Animal Observatory

A screenshot of the Animal Observatory software. It shows a 'Animals Present' list with items like 'All animals', 'Animals', and 'Events'. A detailed view of an animal record is shown: ID: 1, species: Human, sex: Male, born_at: 2007-02-27T11:21:17Z, location: null, details: Healthy. Below is a 'Selected animal: 0/1' section with fields for 'Type' (Rodent), 'Name' (Mouse), 'BornAt' (May 3, 2003), 'Received' (Yes), 'Species' (Mus musculus), 'Breed' (Trinity 12/16), 'Mutation' (none), 'Genotype' (heterozygote), 'Litter' (none), 'Location' (Haren, Nederland), 'Participating group' (Oefynders), and 'Remarks'. At the bottom, there are buttons for 'Apply event to selected animal', 'details', 'edit', 'food', 'group/treatment', 'move', 'sample', 'separate', 'submit', 'die', 'water', and 'wash'.

Needed alternative method

OPINION

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REVIEWS GENETICS

Beyond standardization: dynamic software infrastructures for systems biology

Morris A. Swertz and Ritsert C. Jansen

Abstract | Progress in systems biology is seriously hindered by slow production of suitable software infrastructures. Biologists need infrastructure that easily connects to work that is done in other laboratories, for which standardization is helpful. However, the infrastructure must also accommodate the specifics of their biological system, but appropriate mechanisms to support variation are currently lacking. We argue that a minimal computer language, and a software tool called a generator, can be used to quickly produce customized software infrastructures that ‘systems biologists really want to have’.

<http://www.molgenis.org>

Swertz & Jansen (2007) *Nature Reviews Genetics* 8, 235-243
Swertz et al (2004) *Bioinformatics* 20(13), 2075-83

MOLGENIS

Model in DSL



NextGenSeq



Mutation database



Model organisms



Generator

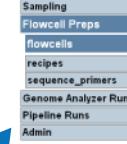


repeat often

Use generated software

Solexa Sequencer LIMS

About | Objectmodel | B-project API | HTTP API | Web Services API



database of COL7A1 mutations

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MOLGENIS: Reuse in light of large variation

Model in DSL



NextGenSeq



Mutation database



Model organisms

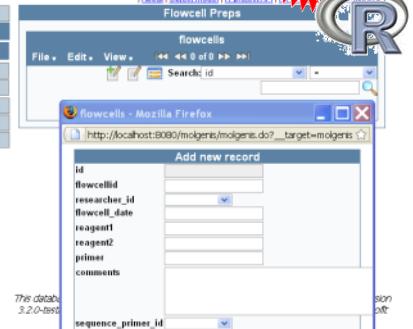


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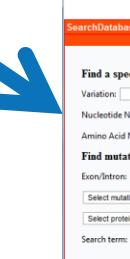


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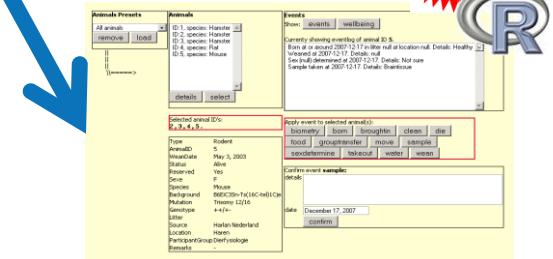
Solexa Sequencer LIMS



database of COL7A1 mutations



Animal Observatory



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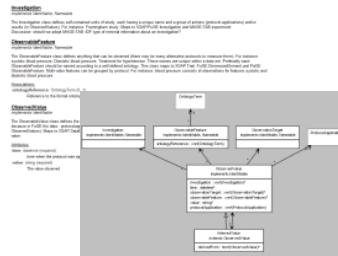
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Example output

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UML documentation of your model



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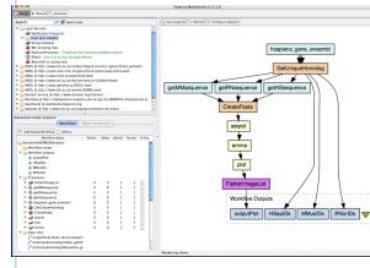
Connect to statistics



```
find.investigation()  
102 downloaded  
  
obs<-find.observedvalue()  
43,920 downloaded  
  
#some calculation  
add.inferredvalue(res)  
36 added
```

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Workflow ready web-services



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plugin your own scripts (eg OntologyBrowser)



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Edit & trace your data

- Report
- Investigations
- Observable Features
- Observation Targets
- Protocols
- Ontology Terms

3

Import/export to Excel

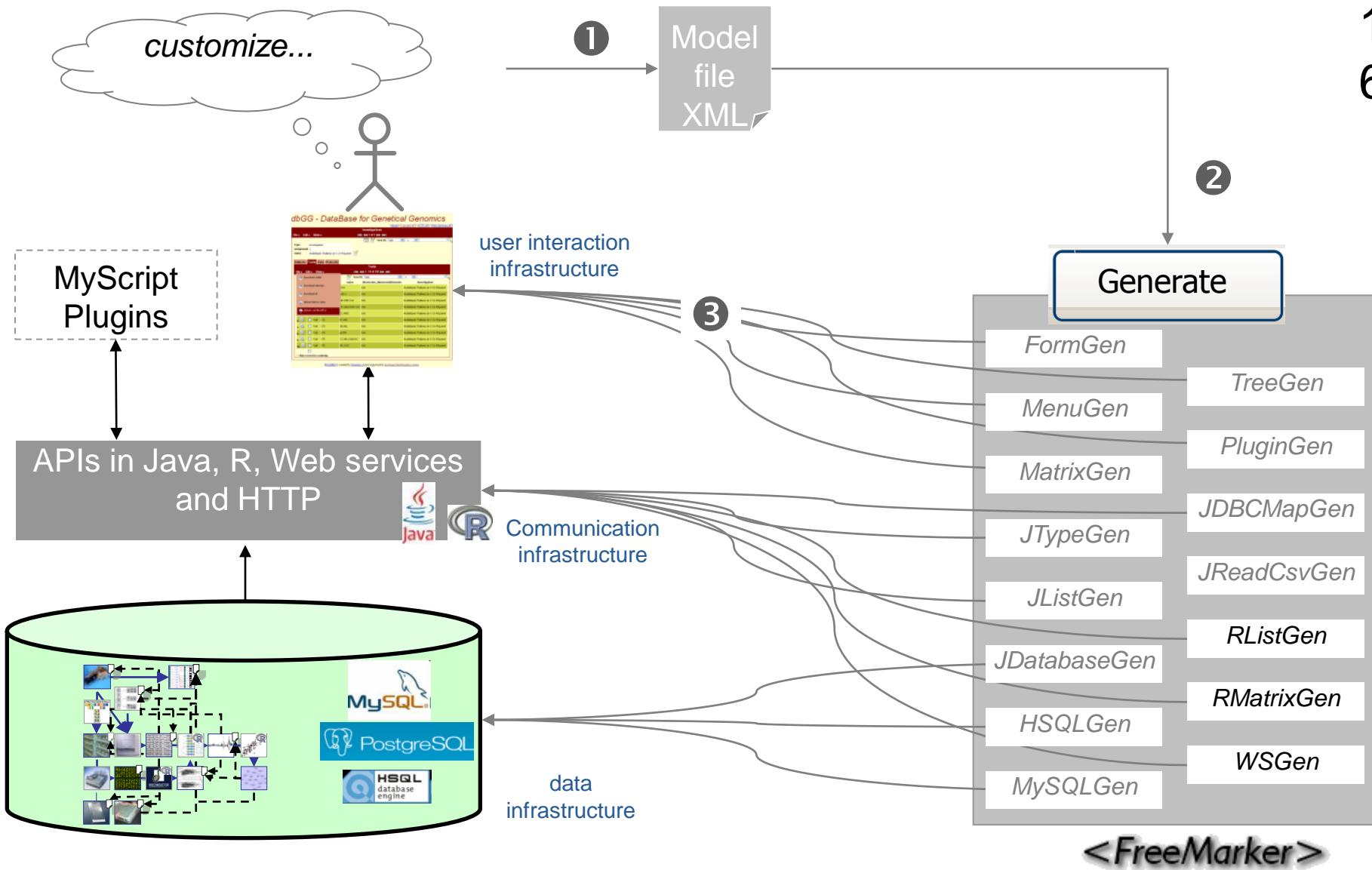
This database was generated using the open source [MOLGENIS database generator](#) version 3.3.0-testing.
Please cite Swertz et al (2004) or Swertz & Jansen (2007) on use.

MOLGENIS demo

Model -> Generate -> Use

Model -> Generate -> Use

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A generator = template

e.g. \${Name(entity)} } -> ExperimentMapper

(A) Generator Template

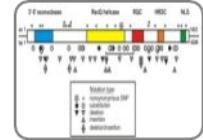
```
public class ${Name(entity)}Mapper  
extends DataMapper<${ Name(entity)}> {  
public String addSql(${Name(entity)} e) {  
    return String.format(  
        "insert into ${ Name(entity)} ( "  
        +"${csv(entity.Fields, "name($i)")}"  
        +") values ("  
        +"${csv(entity.Fields, "'%s'")}"  
        + ") ",  
        ${csv(entity.Fields,  
"e.get${Name(i)}()")}  
    );  
} ...
```



(B) Generated source file

```
public class ExperimentMapper  
extends DataMapper<Experiment> {  
public String addSql(Experiment e) {  
    return String.format(  
        "insert into Experiment ( "  
        +"ID,Name,Medium,Stress,Log,  
        visibleToGroup"  
        +") values ("  
        +'%'s','%'s','%'s','%'s','%'s','%'s'  
        +") ",  
        e.getID(), e.getName(),  
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        e.getLog(),e.getVisibleToGroup()  
    );  
} ...
```

Usage examples in Life Sciences



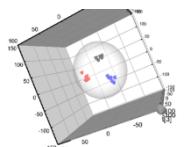
Mutation



Phenotype



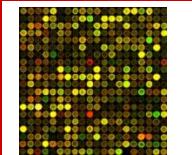
Sequencing LIMS



Proteo/Metabolomics



Animal LIMS



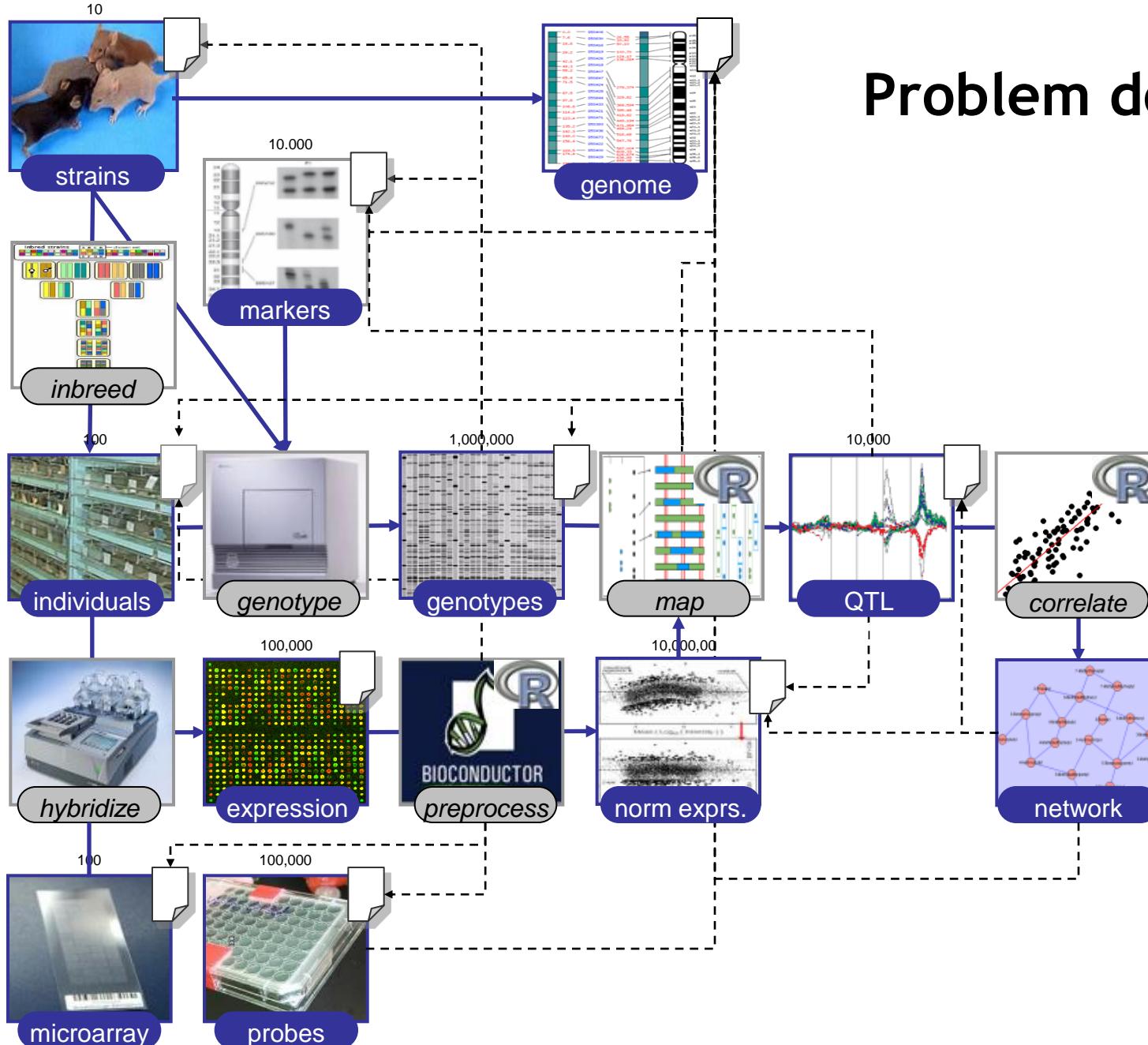
GWAS / GWLS

<add your project here>

The screenshot shows a web-based LIMS application for the Solexa Sequencer LIMS. The main interface includes a navigation bar with links to Home, Finnish Disease Heritage, About, and Links. Below the navigation is a search bar and a "Pheo-OM reference implementation" link. The main content area displays a sampling event log for animal ID 5. On the left, there are dropdown menus for "Presets" and "Animals", which lists animals by ID and species: ID 1 (Hamster), ID 2 (Hamster), ID 3 (Hamster), ID 4 (Rat), and ID 5 (Mouse). A "details" button is next to the list. On the right, a section titled "Events" shows the current event log for animal ID 5, detailing its birth, weaning, sex determination, and sample collection. A red box highlights a "sample" button in a "Apply event to selected animal(s)" section. Below this, a "Confirm event" dialog box is open, asking for "sample" details and a date of "December 17, 2007". A "confirm" button is at the bottom of the dialog.

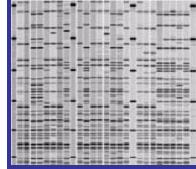
XGAP

*extensible genotype and
phenotype data model for xQTL*



Problem domain: xQTLs GWAS

Data in practice



Data in matrices

Genotype data

Subjects: PANELS

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DATA ELEMENTS

TRAIT × SUBJECT

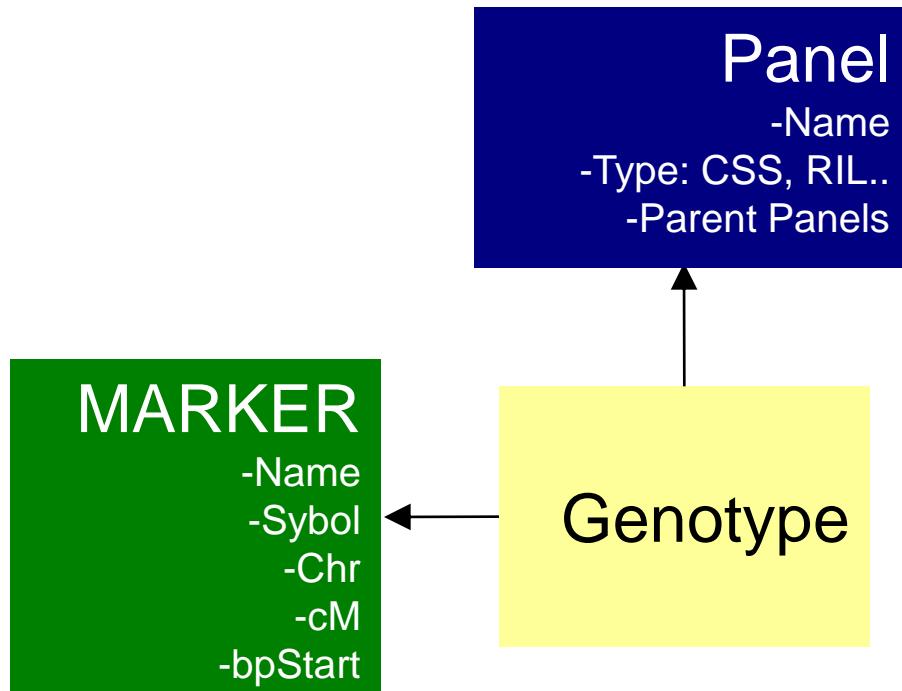
Annotations in practice

- Annotations in tables, e.g. Marker

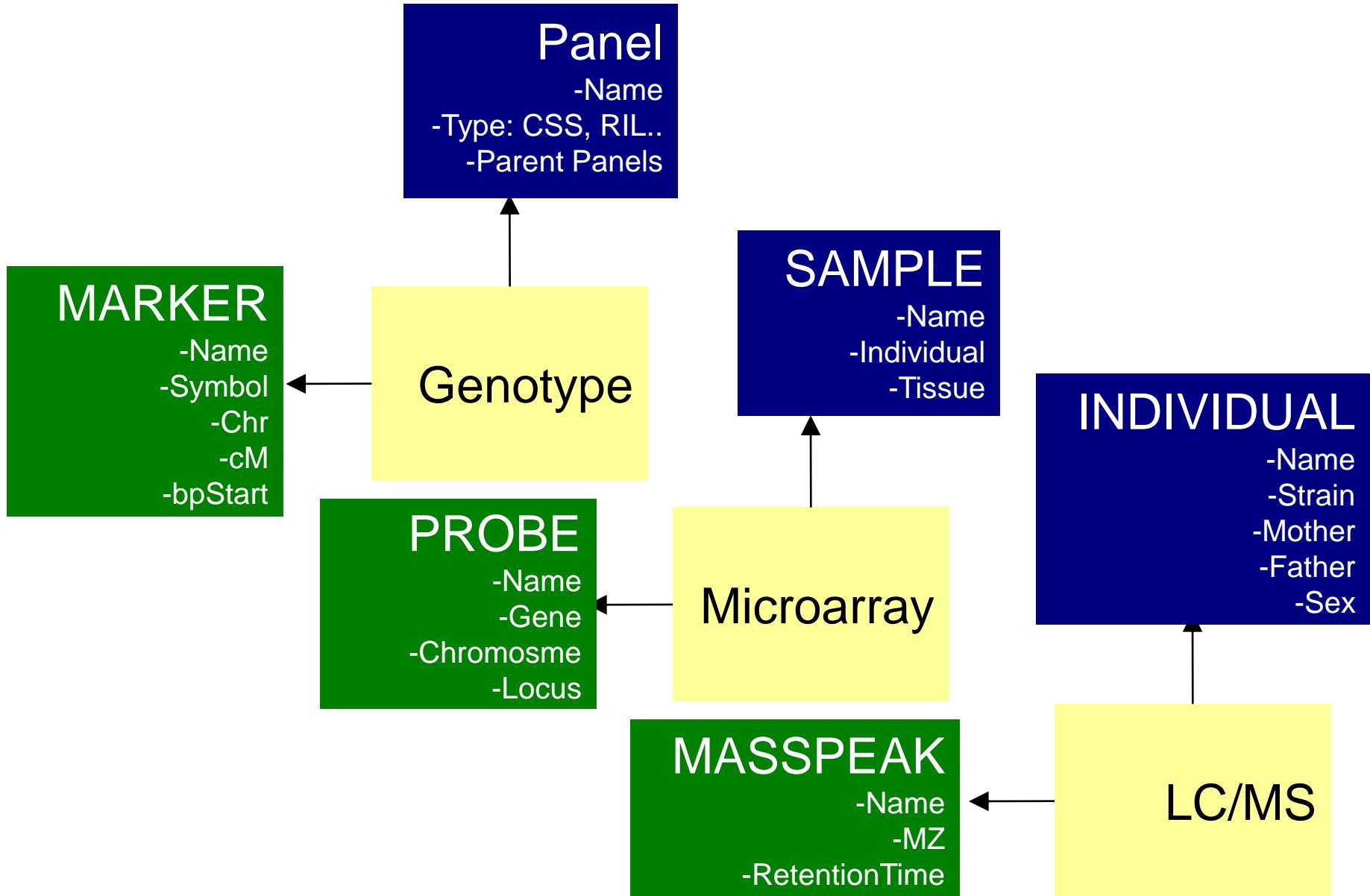
MARKER
-Name
--Symbol
-Chr
-cM
-bpStart

Name	Symbol	Chr	cM	bpStart	mb
C1M1	I_1_pkP1050	1	-18.2603	168807	0.168807
C1M2	I_2_pkP1101	1	-17.2825	992188	0.992188
C1M3	I_3_pkP1103	1	-11.959	1884415	1.884415
C1M4	I_4_pkP1052	1	-6.1004	2818973	2.818973
C1M5	I_5_egPE107	1	-3.5488	3502476	3.502476
C1M6	I_6_egPF101	1	-1.4887	4338254	4.338254
C1M7	I_7_pkP1054	1	-0.6162	4845515	4.845515
C1M8	I_8_egPH102	1	0.4597	5893622	5.893622
C1M9	I_9_pkP1057	1	0.9366	6359867	6.359867
C1M10	I_10_pkP1116	1	2.1576	7589863	7.589863
C1M11	I_11_egPK103	1	2.4087	7894081	7.894081
C1M12	I_12_pkP1059	1	2.9456	8654360	8.65436
C1M13	I_13_pkP1122	1	3.7959	9569914	9.569914
C1M14	I_14_egPN104	1	4.7801	10259909	10.259909
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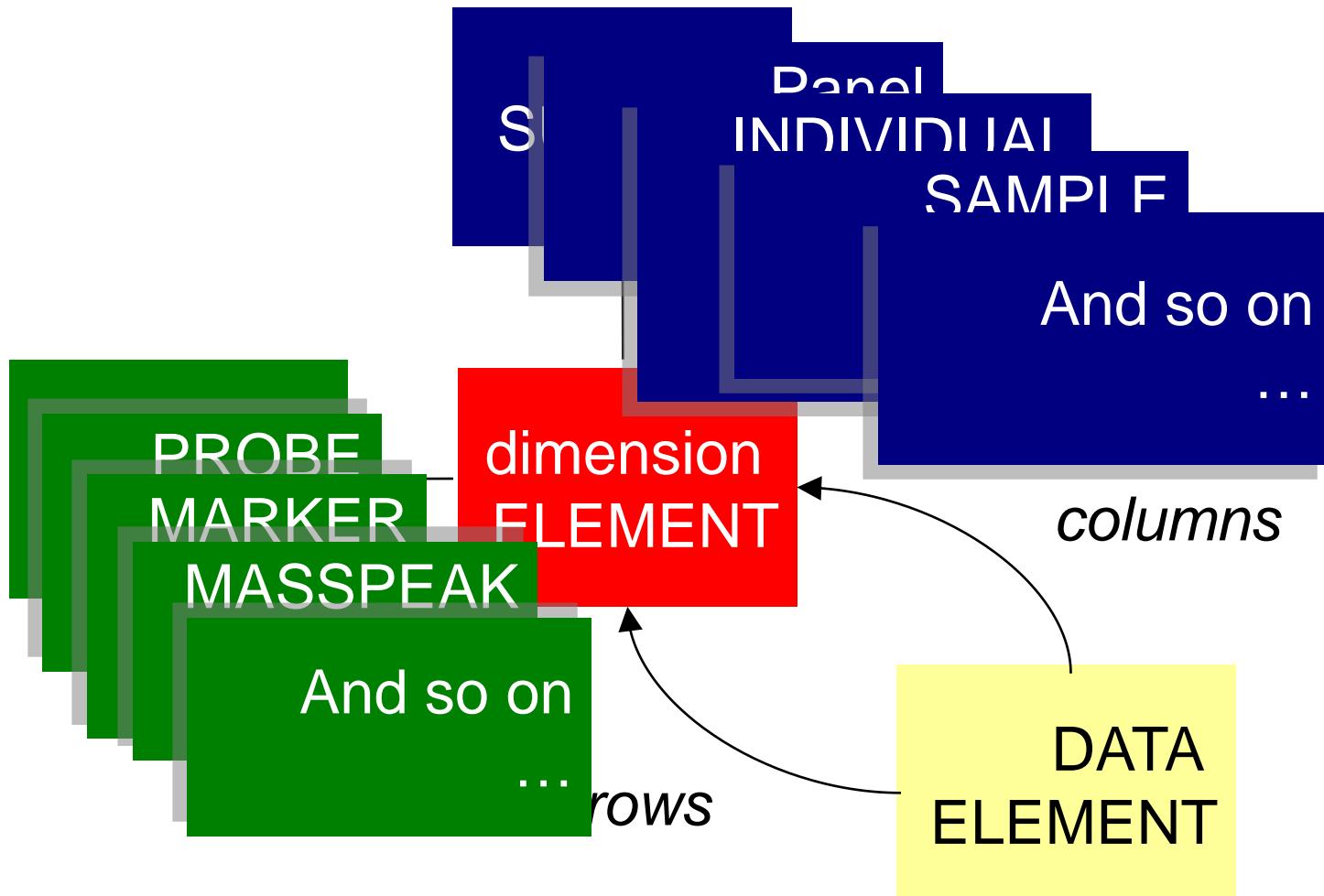
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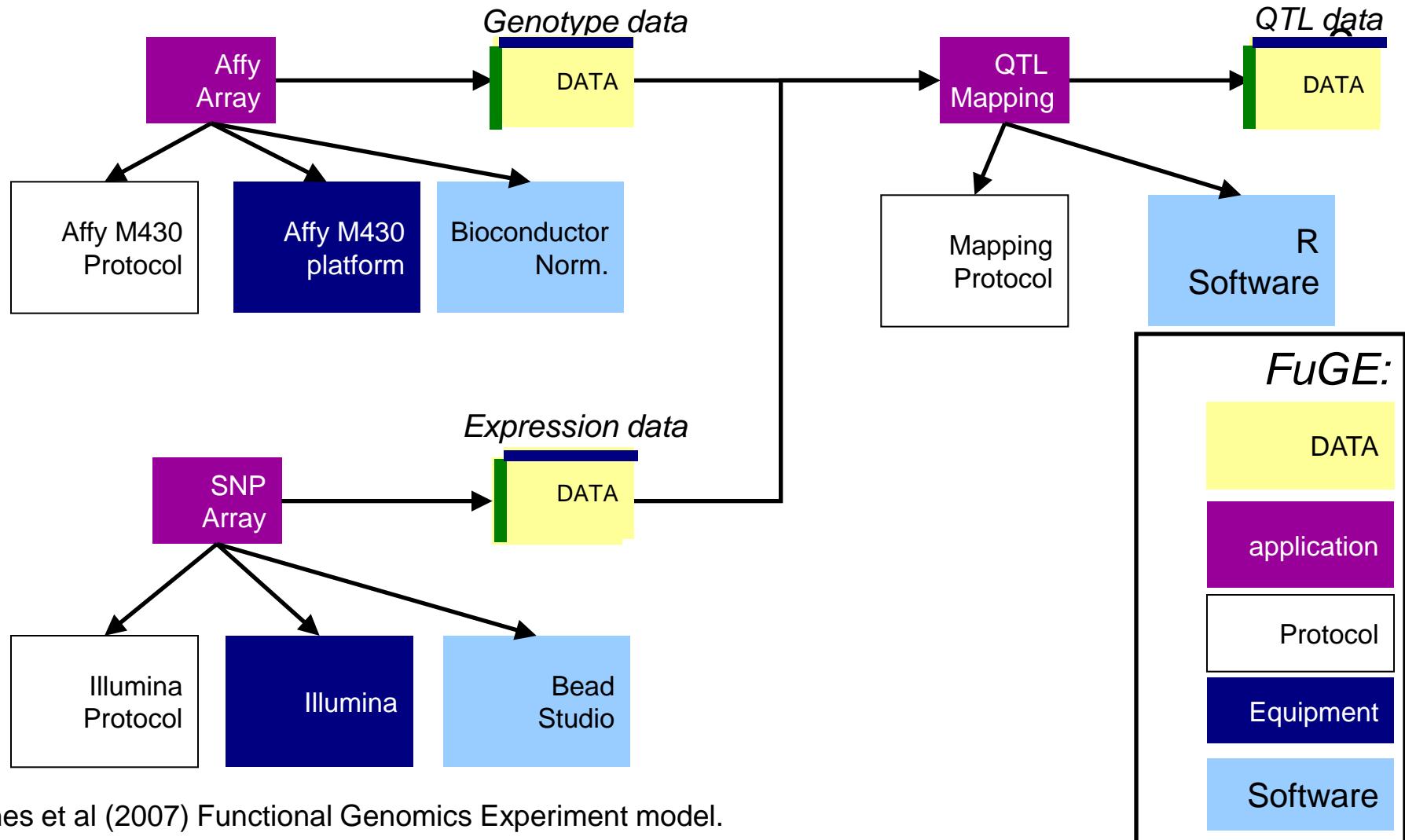
But...



XGAP model: <any trait> X <any subject>



Extending on FuGE



XGAP

*extensible genotype and
phenotype software platform for xQTL*

Generated: user interfaces

XGAP - eXtensible Genotype and Phenotype platform



| About | Object model | R-project API | HTTP API | Web Services API

The screenshot displays two windows of the XGAP application:

- Investigations Window:** This window shows a sidebar with "OntologyBrowser", "Wizard", "Archiver", and "Miscellaneous". The main area contains fields for "type" (set to "Investigation"), "name" ("Identification of QTL for *"), and "start" and "end" fields. Below these are tabs for "Overview", "Subjects", "Traits", **Data**, "Protocols", "Software", "Publications", and "Ontologies". A toolbar at the bottom includes "MatrixViewer", "Remove", "Rplot", and "DEV".
- Data Window:** This window shows a sidebar with "File", "Edit", and "View". The main area displays a table titled "Phenotype 1-8 of 8" with columns: PCTT10, TOTDIST, TOTREAR, AMBEPIS, AVGVELO, PCTREST, ACTFACT, ANXFACT. The table rows represent individuals, with the first row being "Individual 1-10 of 362". The data values are as follows:

	PCTT10	TOTDIST	TOTREAR	AMBEPIS	AVGVELO	PCTREST	ACTFACT	ANXFACT
138422	35.35	3,818.8	57	138	43.16	54.47	-0.01	1.92
138423	18.82	3,741	67	115	37.48	48.83	0.18	0.05
138424	17.2	3,569	108	117	33.49	53.63	0.11	-0.49
138425	19.93	3,466.4	70	113	35.45	52.67	-0.12	-0.07
140942	20.38	5,296.4	123	136	35.46	38.47	1.78	-0.29
140943	17.57	2,689.8	91	91	37.29	56.25	-0.79	0.08

<http://www.xgap.org>

Swertz, van der Velde et al (2010) Genome Biology 9;11(3): R27.

Data exploration

Individuals

1 - 10 of 362

name	Strain	Identifi
138422	C57BL/6J (B6) + C58/J	Identifi
138423	C57BL/6J (B6) + C58/J	Identifi
138424	C57BL/6J (B6) + C58/J	Identifi
138425	C57BL/6J (B6) + C58/J	Identifi
140942	C57BL/6J (B6) + C58/J	Identifi
140943	C57BL/6J (B6) + C58/J	Identifi
140944	C57BL/6J (B6) + C58/J	Identifi
141427	C57BL/6J (B6) + C58/J	Identifi
141428	C57BL/6J (B6) + C58/J	Identifi
141429	C57BL/6J (B6) + C58/J	Identifi

Phenotypes

1 - 8 of 8

name	Description	Identifi
PCTT10	Percent time spent in center of arena (interval of 10 min)	Identifi
TOTDIST	Total distance	Identifi
TOTREAR	Total rearing	Identifi
AMBEPI	Ambulatory episodes	Identifi
AVGVELO	Average velocity	Identifi
PCTREST	Percent resting	Identifi
ACTFACT	Activity factor	Identifi
ANXFACT	Anxiety factor	Identifi

File ▾

Individual 1-10 of 362

Panspeed 10
Width 15
Height 10

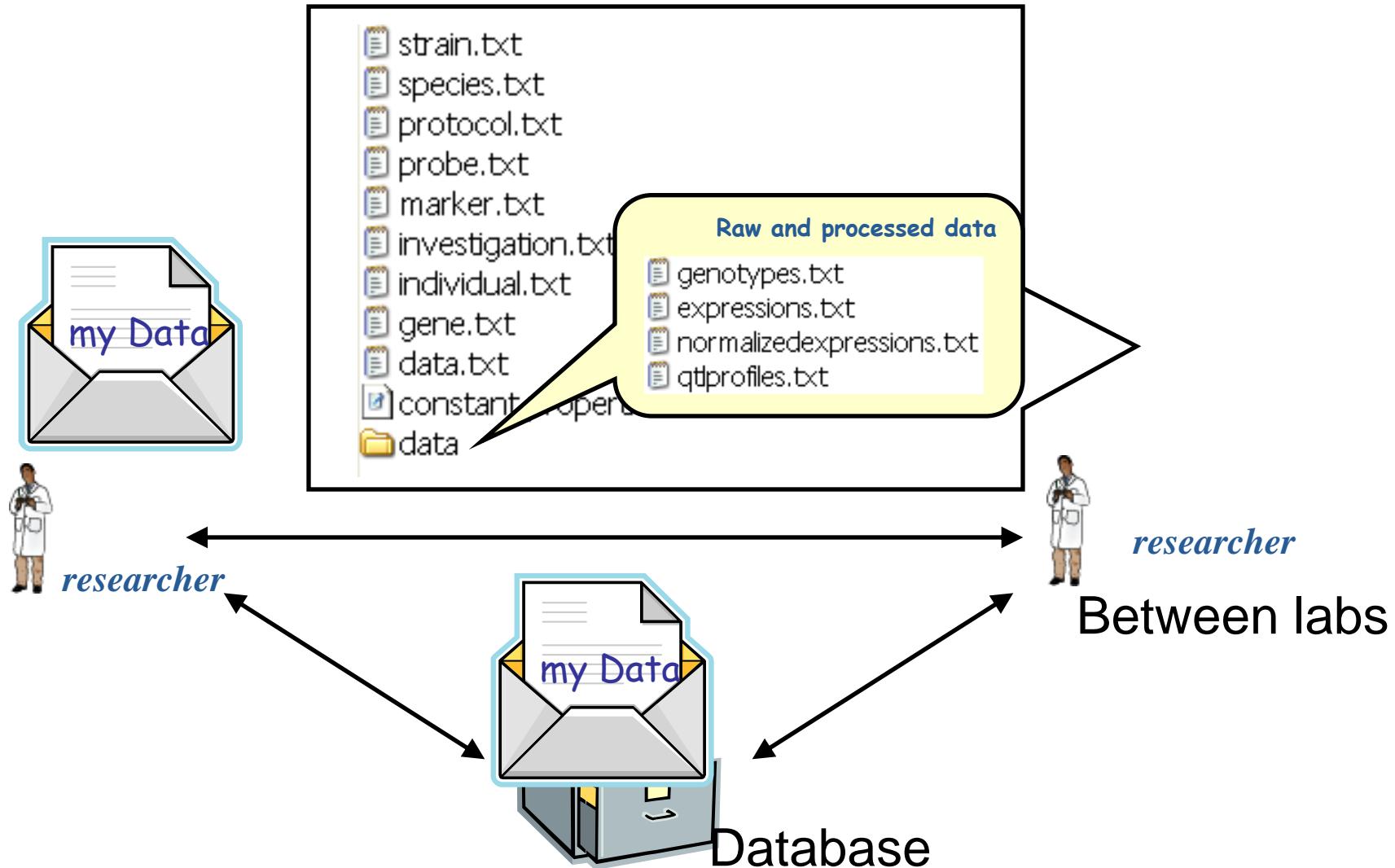
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140944	30.27	4,108.2	63	141	41.64	46.38	0.61	1.29
141427	28.97	3,466.5	112	127	36.14	48.17	0.33	0.59
141428	13.25	2,391.7	83	76	29.55	60.18	-1.2	-1.1
141429	22.12	3,140.5	62	107	35.48	52.55	-0.37	0.11

Generated: common database/format

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Simple text based format



Generated: common database/format

The screenshot shows a Microsoft Excel file named "xgap.xls" open in OpenOffice.org Calc. The spreadsheet contains 13 rows of data with columns labeled A through K. The data includes fields such as chromosome, cM position, bpStart, bpEnd, sequence, symbol, type, annotation, name, description, and investigator. A large black arrow points from the bottom right of the spreadsheet area down towards the "Data import wizard" dialog.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
1	chromosome	cM	bpStart	bpEnd	seq	symbol	Type	annotation	name	description	investigator
2			0	0			Marker		ageimsxs		testInvestig
3			0	0			Marker		dhlfcinu		testInvestig
4			0	0			Marker		znsqvcuq		testInvestig
5			0	0			Marker		gckoiemqws		testInvestig
6			0	0			Marker	w			testInvestig
7			0	0			Marker		agmk		testInvestig
8			0	0			Marker		pvipltxp		testInvestig
9			0	0			Marker	x	b		testInvestig
10			0	0			Marker	in			testInvestig
11			0	0			Marker		uyxqwa		testInvestig
12			0	0			Marker	i			testInvestig
13			0	0			Marker		nufd		testInvestig

Data import wizard

Upload Excel file with your data
C:\Users\Joeri\Desktop\ Bladeren... Upload

Plugin: import wizard

GenericWizard

Import prognosis

Sheets

Sheet name	Importable?
Data	Yes
Investigation	Yes
MassPeak	Yes
BogusSheet	No
Individual	Yes
Marker	Yes

Fields of importable sheets

Import order	Sheet name	Importable fields	Unknown fields
1	Investigation	<code>Type, annotations_name, name, description, start, end</code>	No unknown fields
2	Data	<code>Type, annotations_name, name, description, investigation_name, rowType, colType, valueType, source</code>	No unknown fields
3	Individual	<code>Type, annotations_name, name, description, investigation_name, strain_name, mother_name, father_name</code>	No unknown fields
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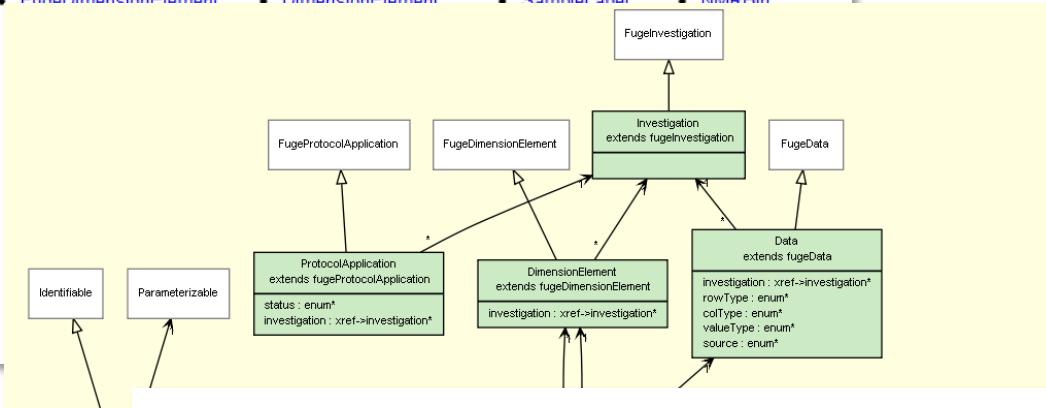
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Inherited attributes:

annotations, id, name, description, start, end,

Constraints:

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Field id is unique within an Investigation.

unique(name):

Name is unique.

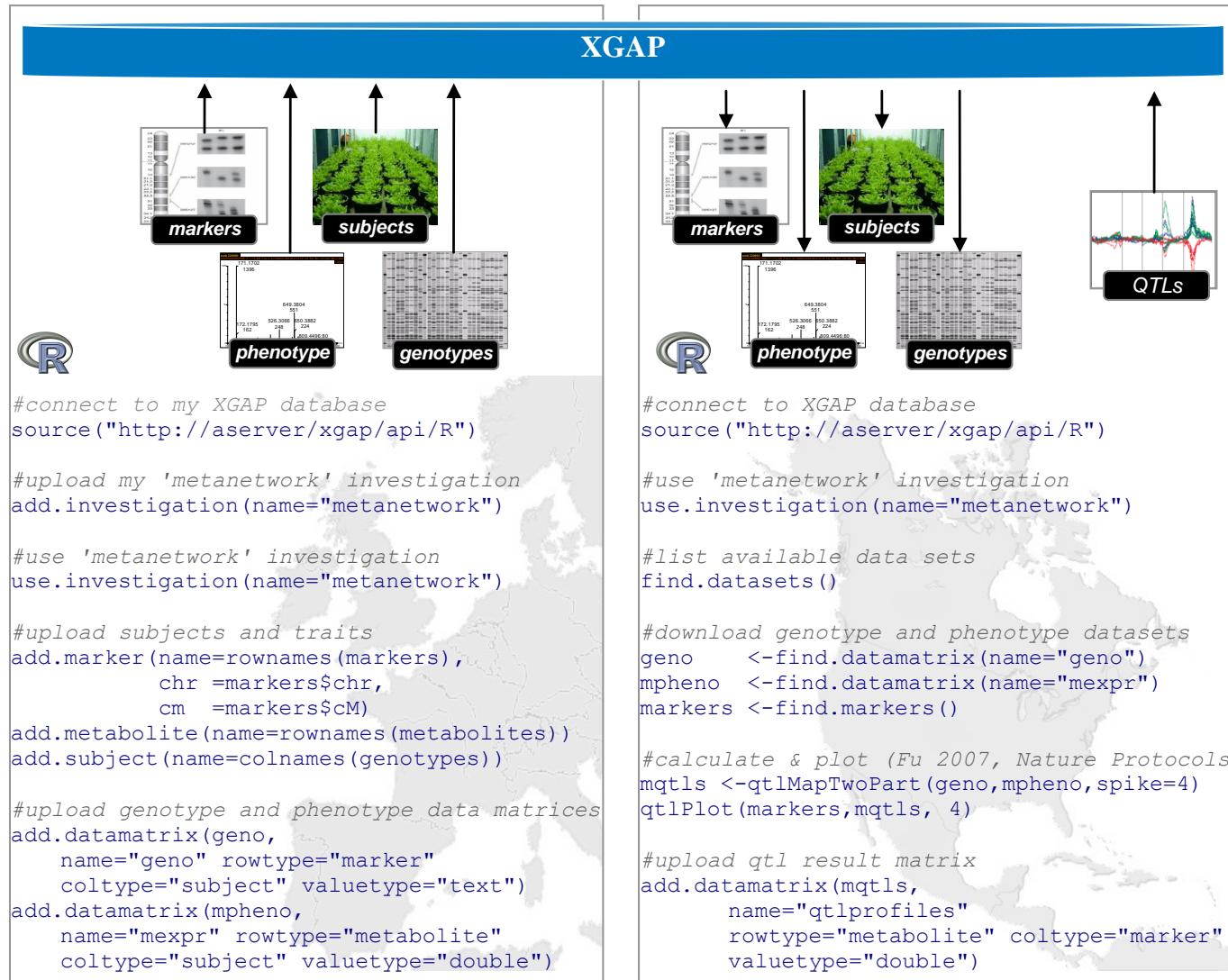
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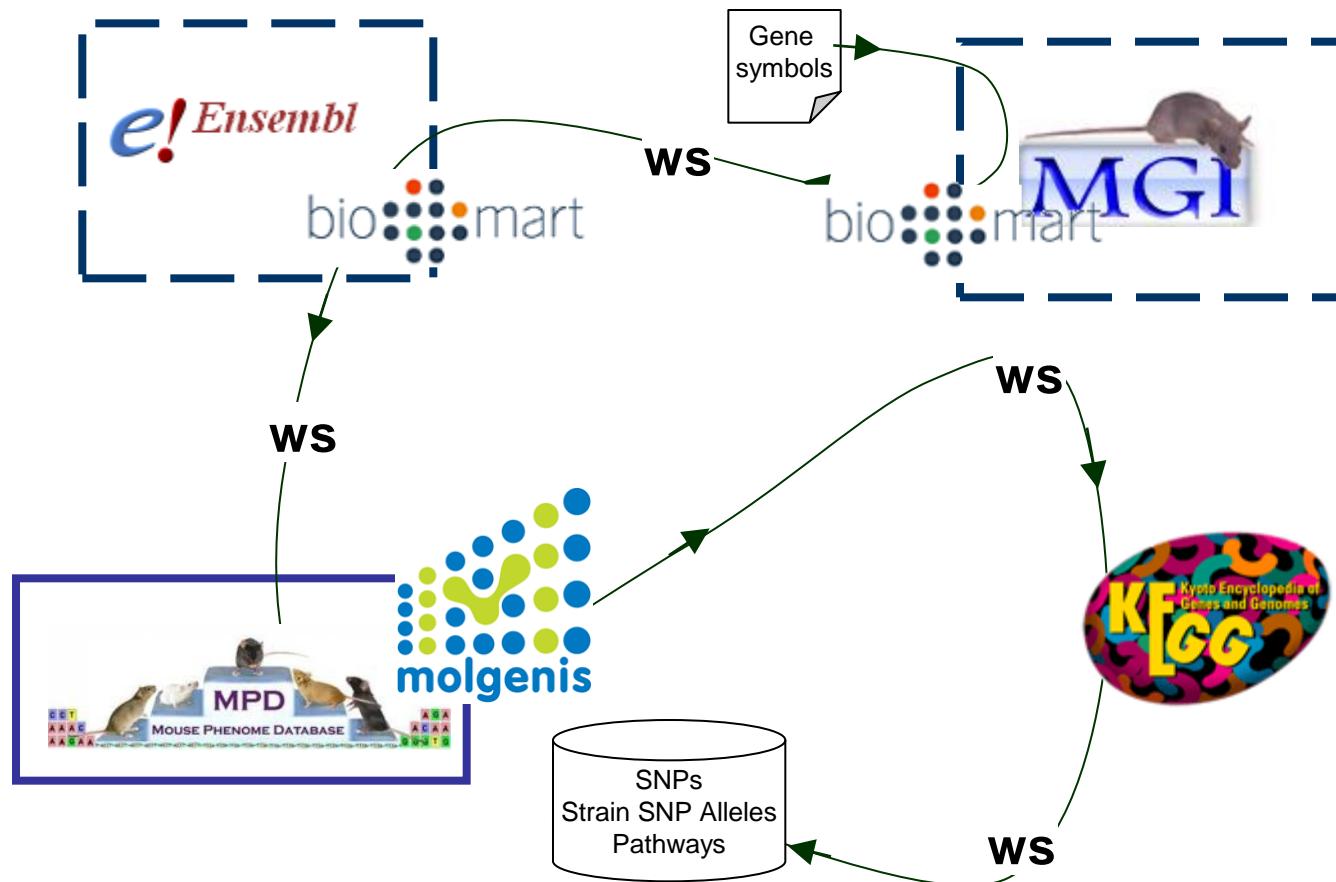
Scientist A uploads raw data

Scientist B uploads analysis results

Swertz et al (2010) XGAP: a uniform and extensible data model and software platform for genotype and phenotype experiments. Genome Biology 11(3).

Generated: tool integration interfaces

- REST, SOAP, RDF



Plugin: Data analysis using cloud/cluster

The figure illustrates the workflow for performing QTL analysis using a cloud/cluster plugin. It consists of four main panels:

- Left Panel:** A sidebar menu with options: Investigations, Subjects, Traits, Matrices, Protocols, Ontologies, Publications, ClusterTasks (highlighted in dark grey), ClusterAdvanced, and Wizard.
- Top Center Panel:** The "Cluster task menu" window. It contains a "Create new task" button and a "Task manager" button. A blue arrow points from this panel to the "Step 1" configuration window.
- Step 1 Configuration Window:** This window is titled "Step 1". It includes fields for "Enter name of output datamatrix" (set to "QTL_nutri_nmr"), "Select analysis type" (set to "R/qtl analysis"), and "Number of used cluster nodes" (set to "5"). It also features "Previous" and "Next" buttons.
- Step 2 Configuration Window:** This window is titled "Step 2". It includes sections for "Select input data" (genotypes set to "Nutriomics genotypes", phenotypes set to "Nutriomics NMR") and "Select parameters" (map set to "Scanall", method set to "Hailey Knott", model set to "Normal distribution"). It also features "Previous" and "Start" buttons.
- Bottom Left Panel:** A plot showing LOD scores across chromosomes 1 through 5. A blue arrow points from this plot to the "Task / JobNr" table below.
- Bottom Center Panel:** A table titled "Task / JobNr" listing seven tasks with their corresponding job numbers and descriptions. To the right of the table is a 11x11 grid of colored cells representing cluster assignment or status. A blue arrow points from the bottom left panel to this grid.

Task / JobNr	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
93034, R/qtl qtlscan, CelticTest...	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1
93003, R/qtl qtlscan, MyOutput_1...	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
92985, R/qtl permutation..., MyOutput_1...	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
92972, R/qtl permutation..., phaut_1245...	3	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1					
92954, R/qtl permutation..., goed_12453...	3	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1
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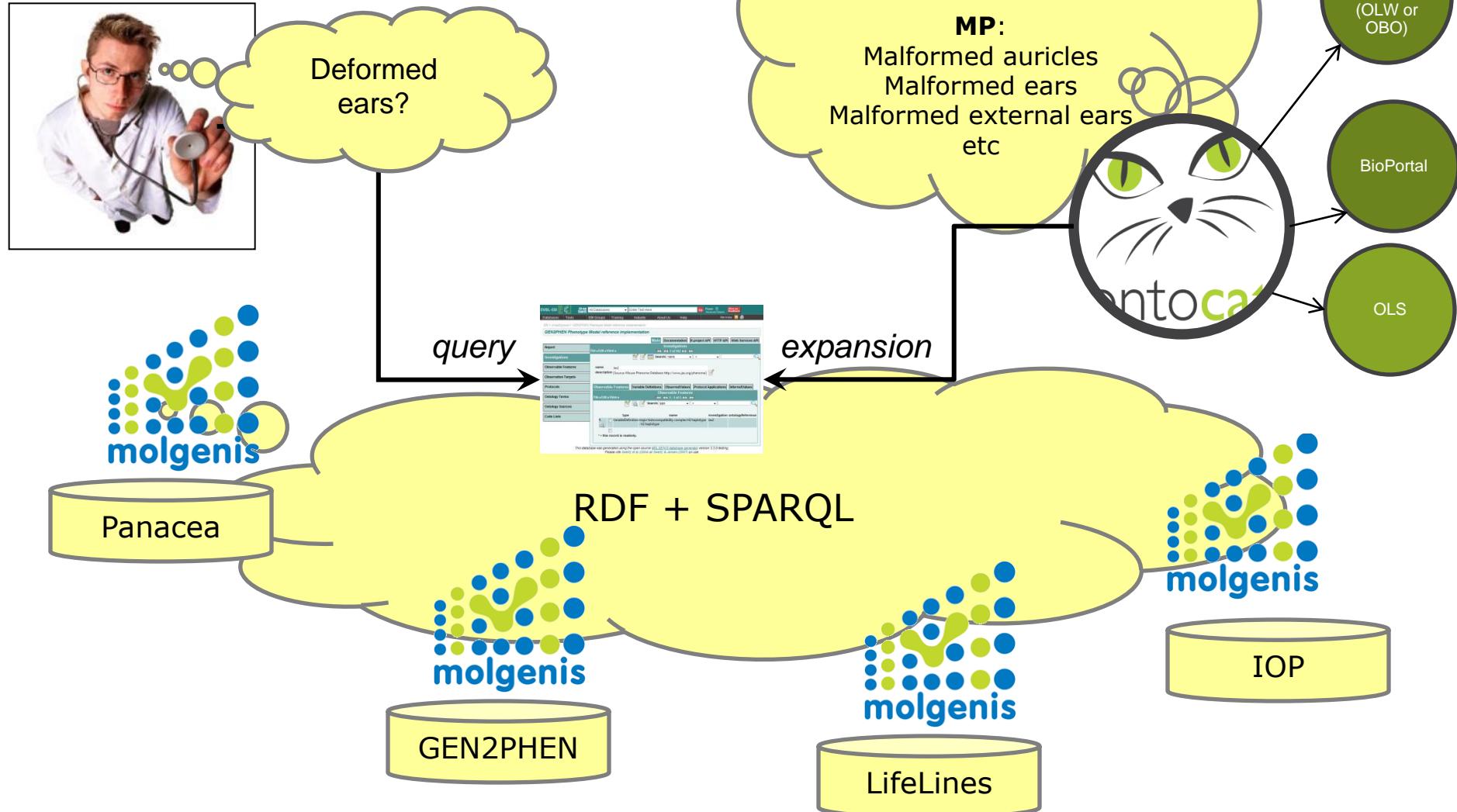
Discussion & Conclusion

GMOD links?

GMOD link ideas

- Chado
 - XGAP harmonization towards Chado?
 - MOLGENIS 4 Chado?
- Gbrowse & DAS
 - Have XGAP data projected on genome browser?
 - Serve XGAP data as custom tracks?
- BioMART/InterMine
 - Consume BioMART data to auto-annotate experimental data?
 - Export XGAP experiments into MART/MINE query environments?

Ontologizing....



OntoCAT – Ontology common API tasks

<http://www.ontocat.org> and <http://precedings.nature.com/documents/4666>

Getting started

<http://www.molgenis.org>



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- Software needed
 - Java
 - Tomcat
 - MySql/Postgresql
 - Eclipse
 - MOLGENIS (svn or zip)
- Model + Generate
 - New database
 - Existing databases
- Use
 - Web interface
 - R, REST, SOAP, JAVA interfaces



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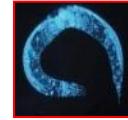
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