Advanced Data Management (CSCI 640/490)

Reproducibility

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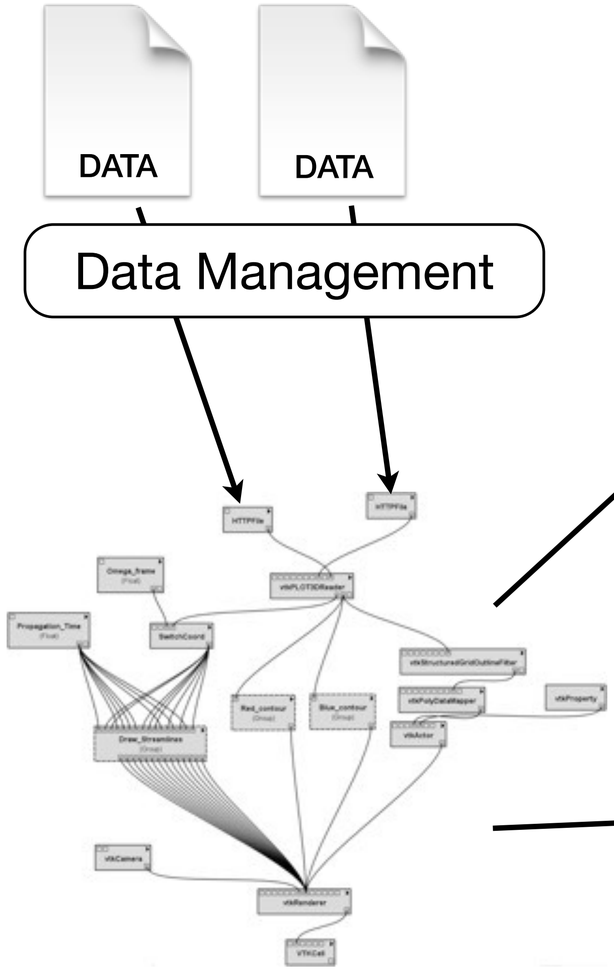
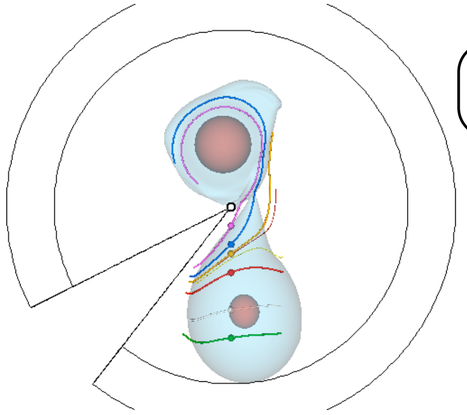
Provenance in Computational Science





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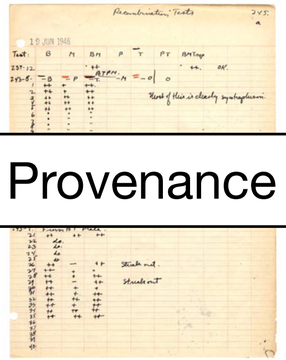
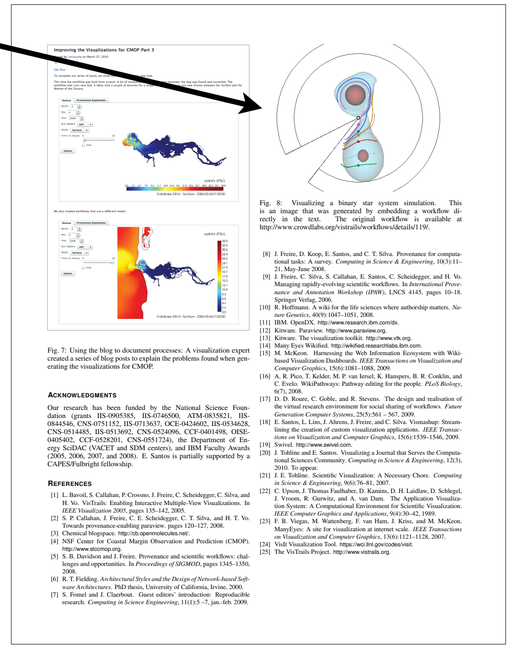


Provenance



Publishing

Provenance Capture Mechanisms

- **Workflow-based**: Since workflow execution is controlled, keep track of all the workflow modules, parameters, etc. as they are executed
- **Process-based**: Each process is required to write out its own provenance information (not centralized like workflow-based)
- **OS-based**: The OS or filesystem is modified so that any activity it does it monitored and the provenance subsystem organizes it
- Tradeoffs:
  - Workflow- and process-based have better abstraction
  - OS-based requires minimal user effort once installed and can capture "hidden dependencies"

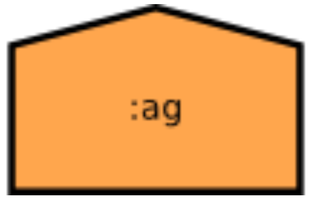
Prospective and Retrospective Provenance

- Prospective provenance is what was specified/intended
  - a workflow, script, list of steps
- Retrospective provenance is what actually happened
  - actual data, actual parameters, errors that occurred, timestamps, machine information
- **Do not need** prospective provenance to have retrospective provenance!
- Recipe for a cake vs. Baking a cake

PROV: Three Key Classes

An **entity** is a physical, digital, conceptual, or other kind of thing with some fixed aspects; entities may be real or imaginary.

An **activity** is something that occurs over a period of time and acts upon or with entities; it may include consuming, processing, transforming, modifying, relocating, using, or generating entities.



An **agent** is something that bears some form of responsibility for an activity taking place, for the existence of an entity, or for another agent's activity.

[Moreau et al., 2014]

More provenance

- Database Provenance
- Evolution Provenance
- Provenance for Data Science

Database Provenance

- Motivation: Data warehouses and curated databases
  - Lots of work
  - Provenance helps check correctness
  - Adds value to data by how it was obtained
- Three Types:
  - Why (Lineage): Associate each tuple t present in the output of a query with a set of tuples present in the input
  - How: Not just existence but routes from tuples to output (multiple contrib.'s)
  - Where: Location where data is copied from (may have choice of different tables)

[Cheney et al., 2007]

Why Provenance

Agencies

	name	based_in	phone
t_1:	BayTours	San Francisco	415-1200
t_2:	HarborCruz	Santa Cruz	831-3000

ExternalTours

	name	destination	type	price
t_3:	BayTours	San Francisco	cable car	$50
t_4:	BayTours	Santa Cruz	bus	$100
t_5:	BayTours	Santa Cruz	boat	$250
t_6:	BayTours	Monterey	boat	$400
t_7:	HarborCruz	Monterey	boat	$200
t_8:	HarborCruz	Carmel	train	$90

```
Q1:
SELECT a.name, a.phone
FROM Agencies a, ExternalTours e
WHERE a.name = e.name AND e.type='boat'
```

Result of Q_1:

name	phone
BayTours	415-1200
HarborCruz	831-3000

- Lineage of `(HarborCruz, 831-3000)`: `{Agencies(t2),ExternalTours(t7)}`
- Lineage of `(BayTours, 415-1200)`: `{Agencies(t1), ExternalTours(t5,t6)}`
- This is not really precise because we don't need both `t5` and `t6`—only one is ok

[Cheney et al., 2007]

How Provenance

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Q_2:

```
SELECT   e.destination, a.phone
FROM     Agencies a,
         (SELECT name,
              based_in AS destination
         FROM Agencies a
         UNION
         SELECT name, destination
         FROM ExternalTours ) e
WHERE    a.name = e.name
```

Result of Q_2:

destination	phone	
San Francisco	415-1200	$t_1 \cdot (t_1 + t_3)$
Santa Cruz	831-3000	t_2^2
Santa Cruz	415-1200	$t_1 \cdot (t_4 + t_5)$
Monterey	415-1200	$t_1 \cdot t_6$
Monterey	831-3000	$t_1 \cdot t_7$
Carmel	831-3000	$t_1 \cdot t_8$

- How provenance gives more detail about how the tuples provide witnesses to the result
- Prov of `(San Francisco, 415-1200)`: `{{t1}, {t1,t3}}`
- `t1` contributes **twice**
- Uses provenance semirings (the "polynomial" shown on the right)

[Cheney et al., 2007]

Where Provenance

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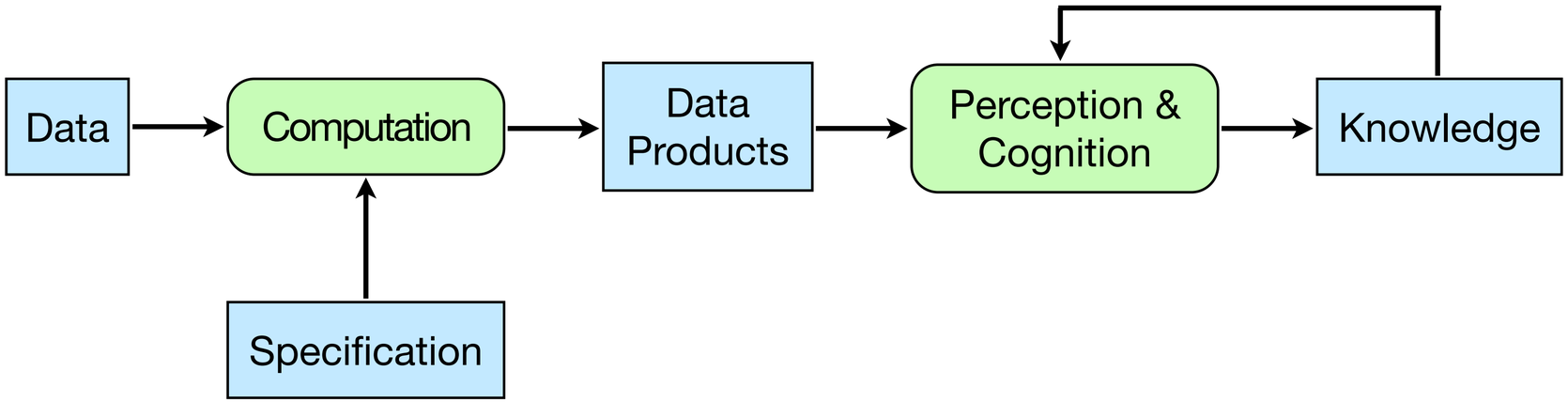
- Where provenance traces to specific locations, not the tuple values
- Q and Q' give the same result but the name comes from different places
- Prov of `HarborCruz` in second output: `(t2, name)`
- Important in annotation-propogation

[Cheney et al., 2007]

Evolution Provenance

Data Exploration



[Modified from Van Wijk, Vis 2005]

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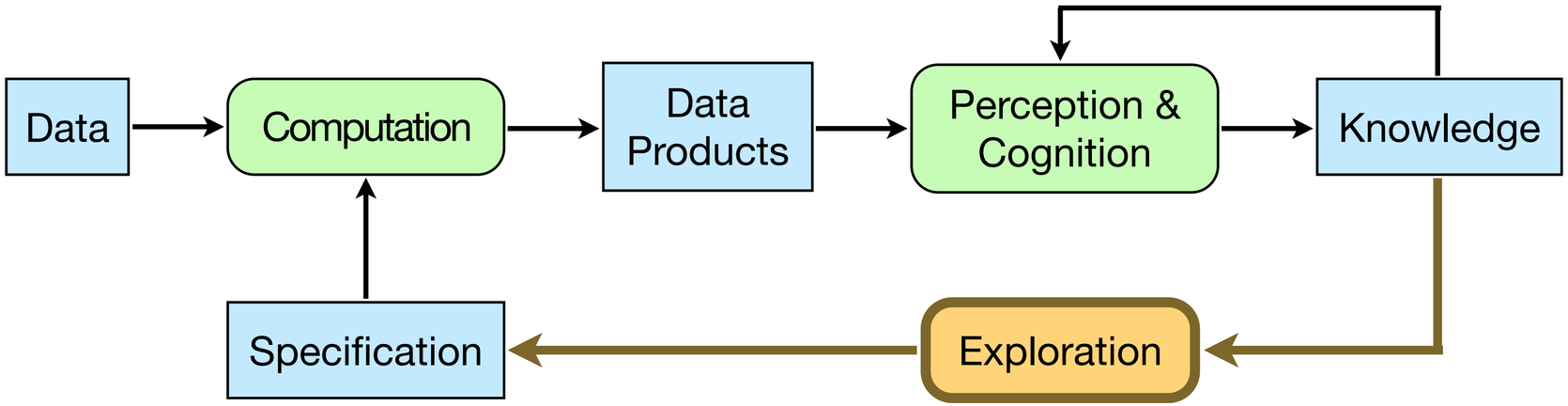

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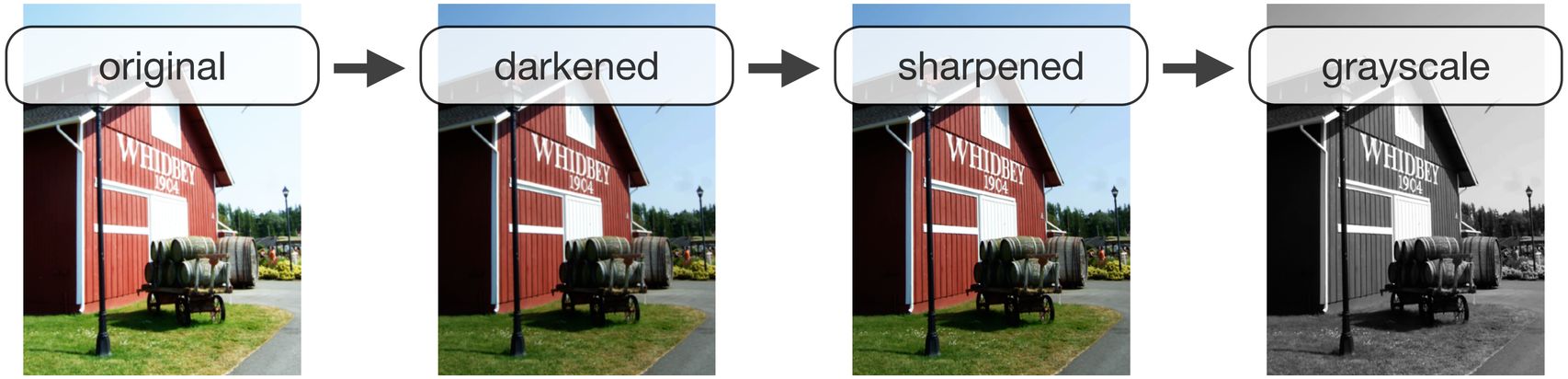
- Data analysis and visualization are iterative processes
- In exploratory tasks, change is the norm!

Exploration and Creativity Support

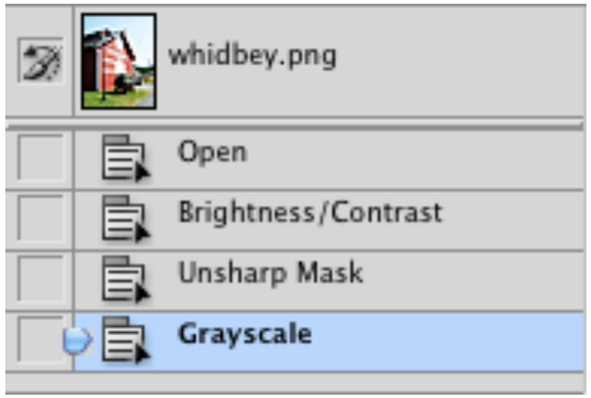
- Reasoning is key to the exploratory processes
- “Reflective reasoning requires the ability to store temporary results, to make inferences from stored knowledge, and to follow chains of reasoning backward and forward, sometimes backtracking when a promising line of thought proves to be unfruitful. …the process is slow and laborious” —Donald A. Norman
- Need external aids—tools to facilitate this process
  - "Creativity support tools" —Ben Shneiderman
- Need aid from people—collaboration

Change-based Provenance: Photo Editing

- User Actions



- Undo/Redo History



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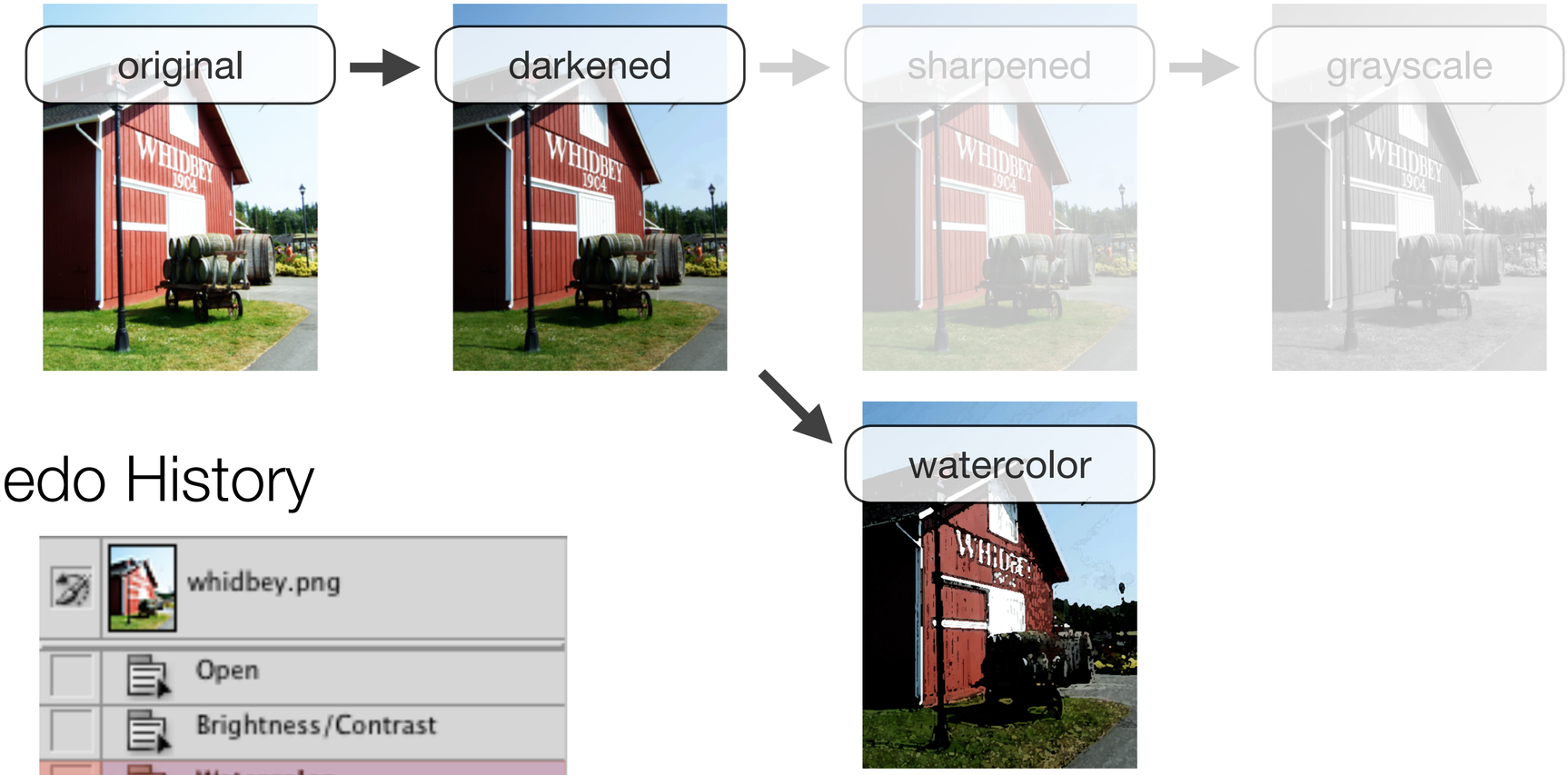
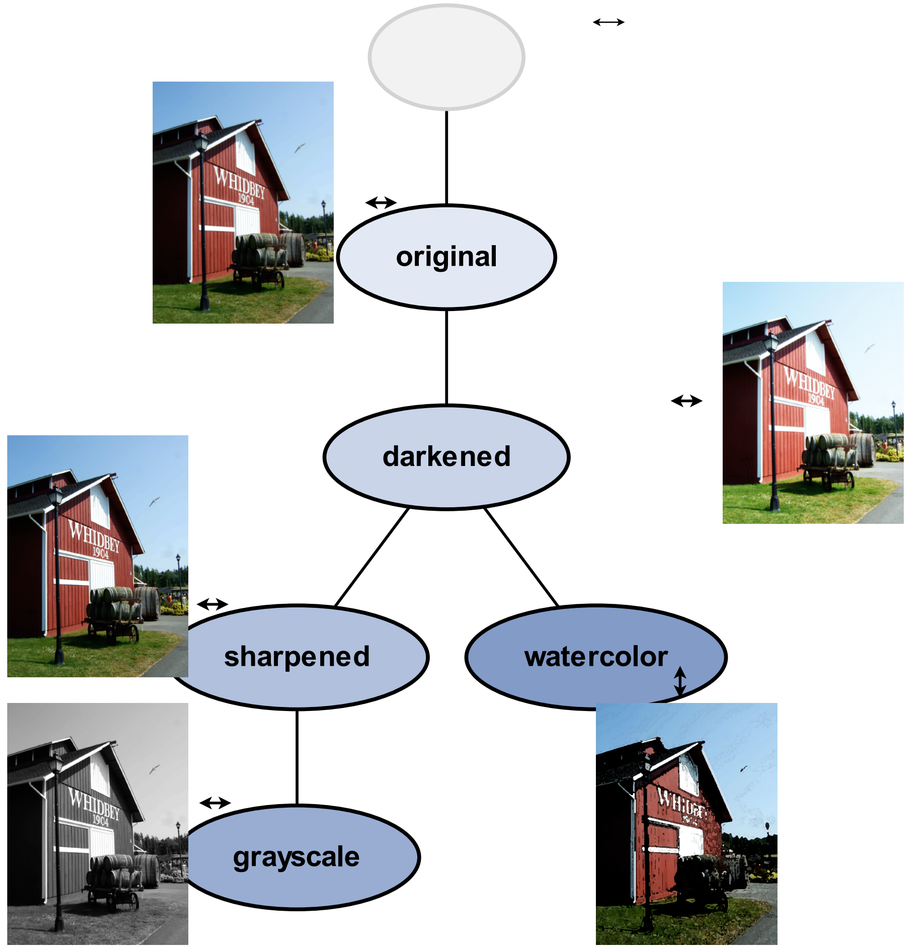


- Undo/Redo History

Version Trees

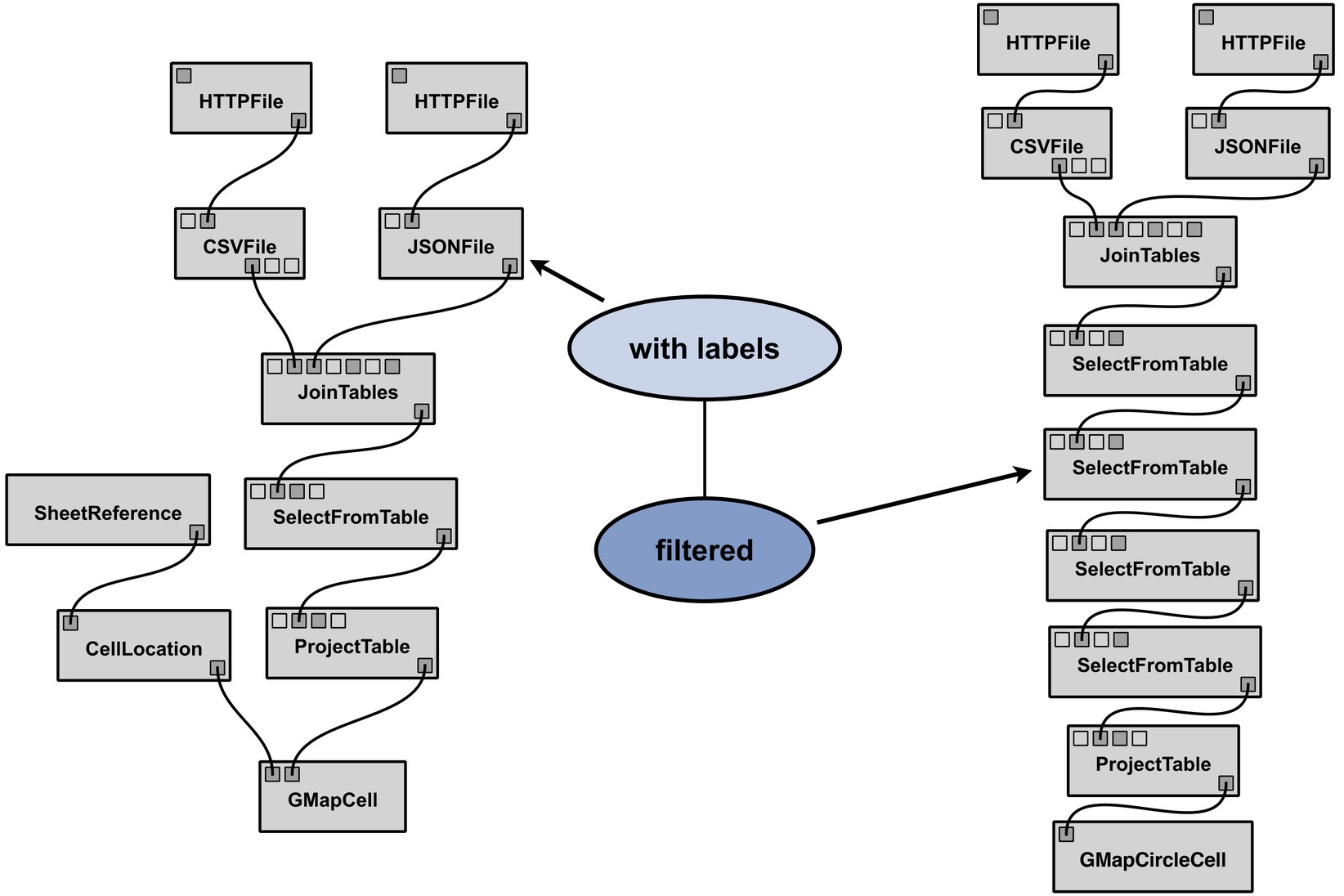
- Undo/redo stacks are **linear**!
- We **lose history** of **exploration**
- Old Solution: User saves files/state
- VisTrails Solution:
  - **Automatically** & **transparently** capture entire history as a **tree**
  - Users can tag or annotate each version
  - Users can go back to **any** version by selecting it in the tree



VisTrails

- Comprehensive provenance infrastructure for computational tasks
- Focus on exploratory tasks such as simulation, visualization, and data analysis
- Transparently tracks provenance of the discovery process—from data acquisition to visualization
  - The trail followed as users generate and test hypotheses
  - Users can refer back to any point along this trail at any time
- Leverage provenance to streamline exploration
- Focus on usability—build tools for scientists

Workflow Evolution Provenance



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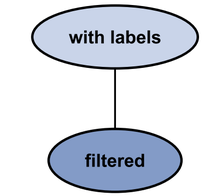

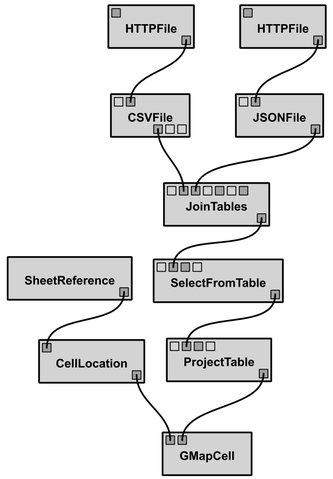

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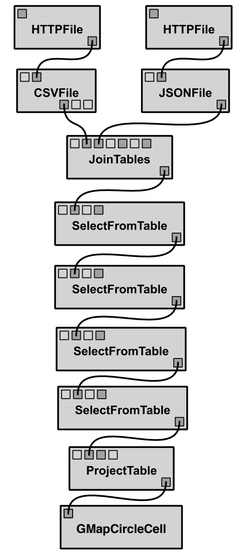

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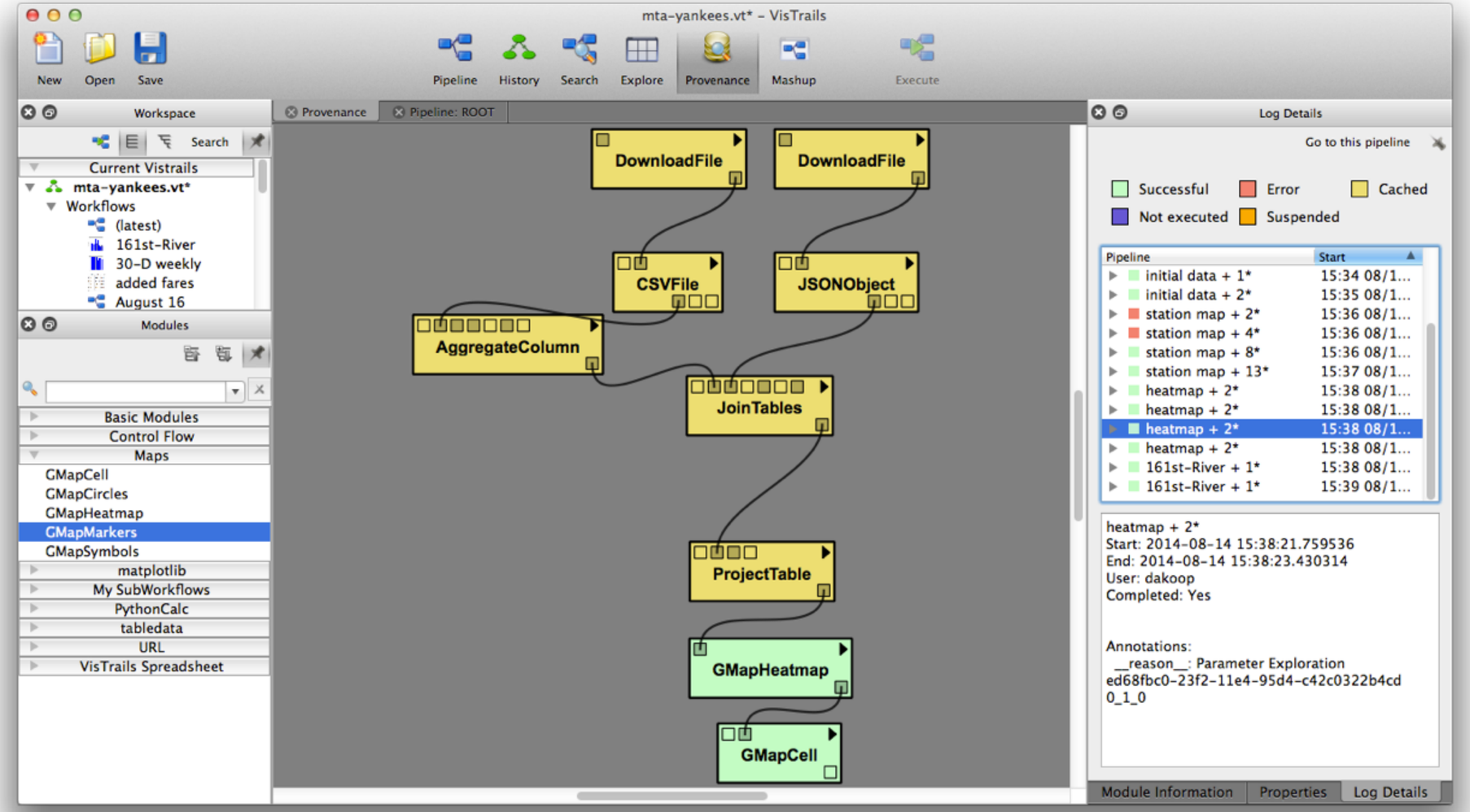

Execution Provenance

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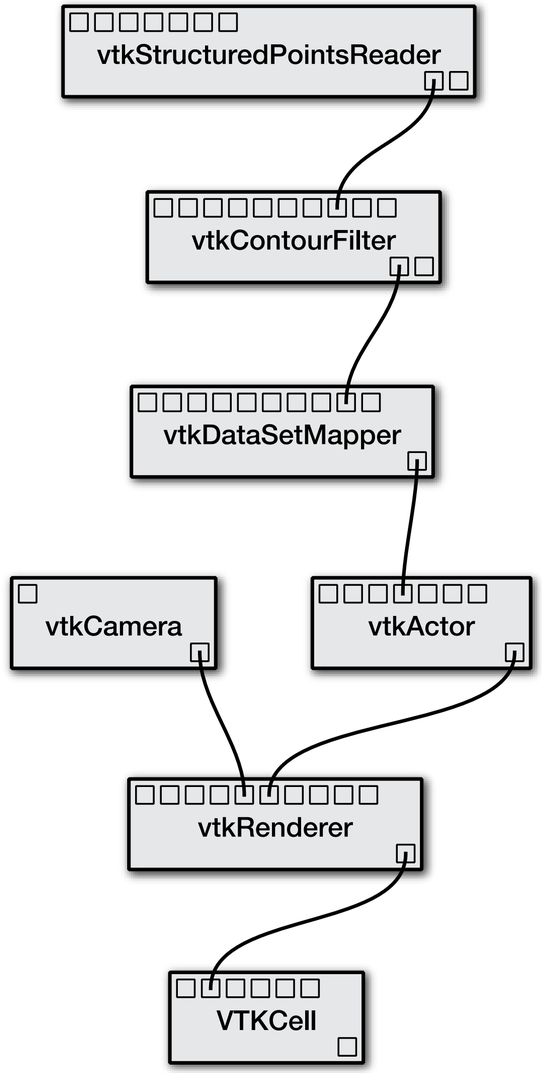
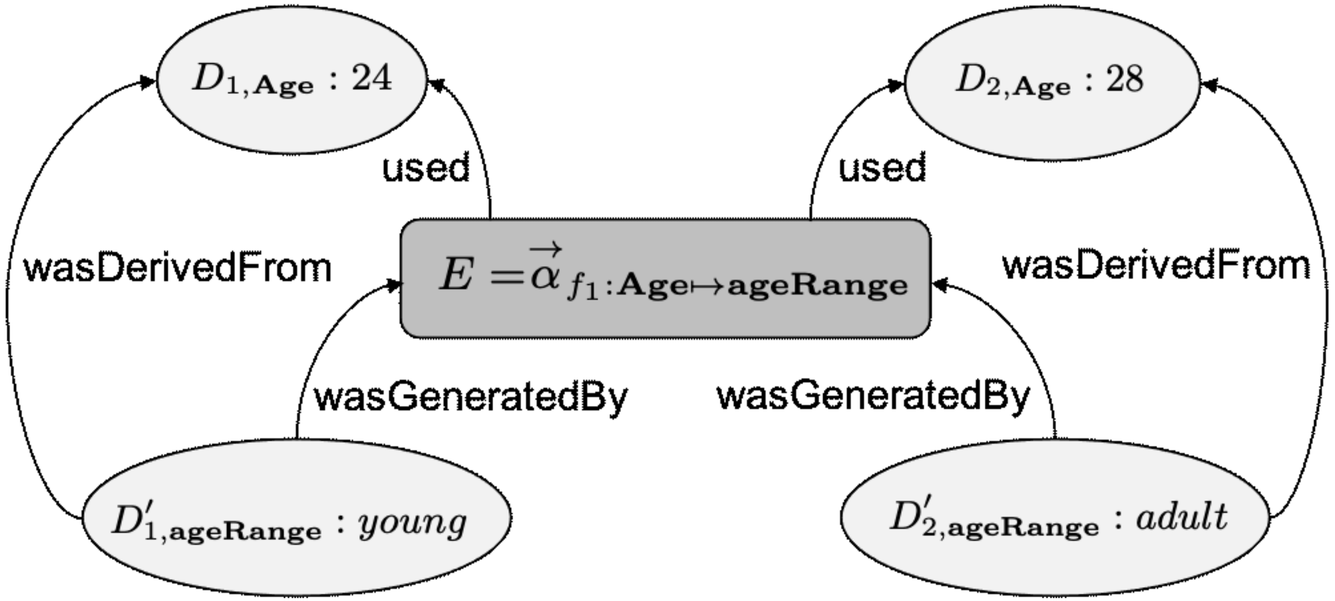


Capturing and querying fine-grained provenance of preprocessing pipelines in data science

A. Chapman, P. Missier, L. Lauro, R. Torlone

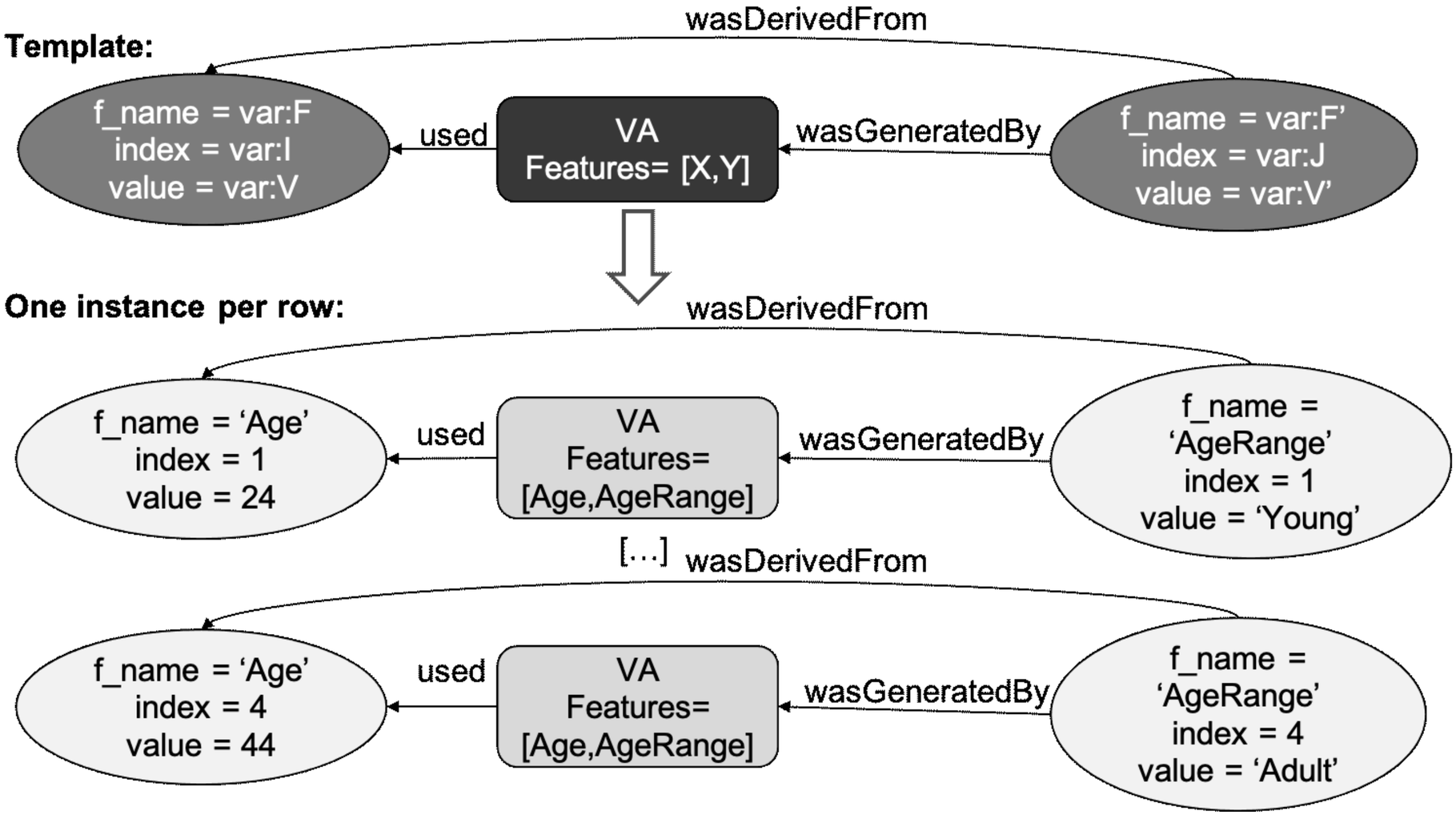
Data Provenance for Data Science

	CId	Gender	Age	Zip	ageRange
1	113	F	24	98567	*young*
2	241	M	28	$\perp$	*adult*
3	375	C	$\perp$	32768	$\perp$
4	578	F	44	32768	*adult*



[A. Chapman et al., 2020]

Provenance Templates



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Assignment 5

- Divvy Bikes Data
- Spatial, Graph, and Temporal Data Processing
- Use pandas, geopandas, neo4j, (modin for extra credit)

Final Exam

- Wednesday, May 8, **8:00**-9:50pm, PM 252
- Similar format
- More comprehensive (questions from topics covered in Test 1 & 2)
- Will also have questions from graph/spatial/temporal data, provenance, reproducibility, machine learning

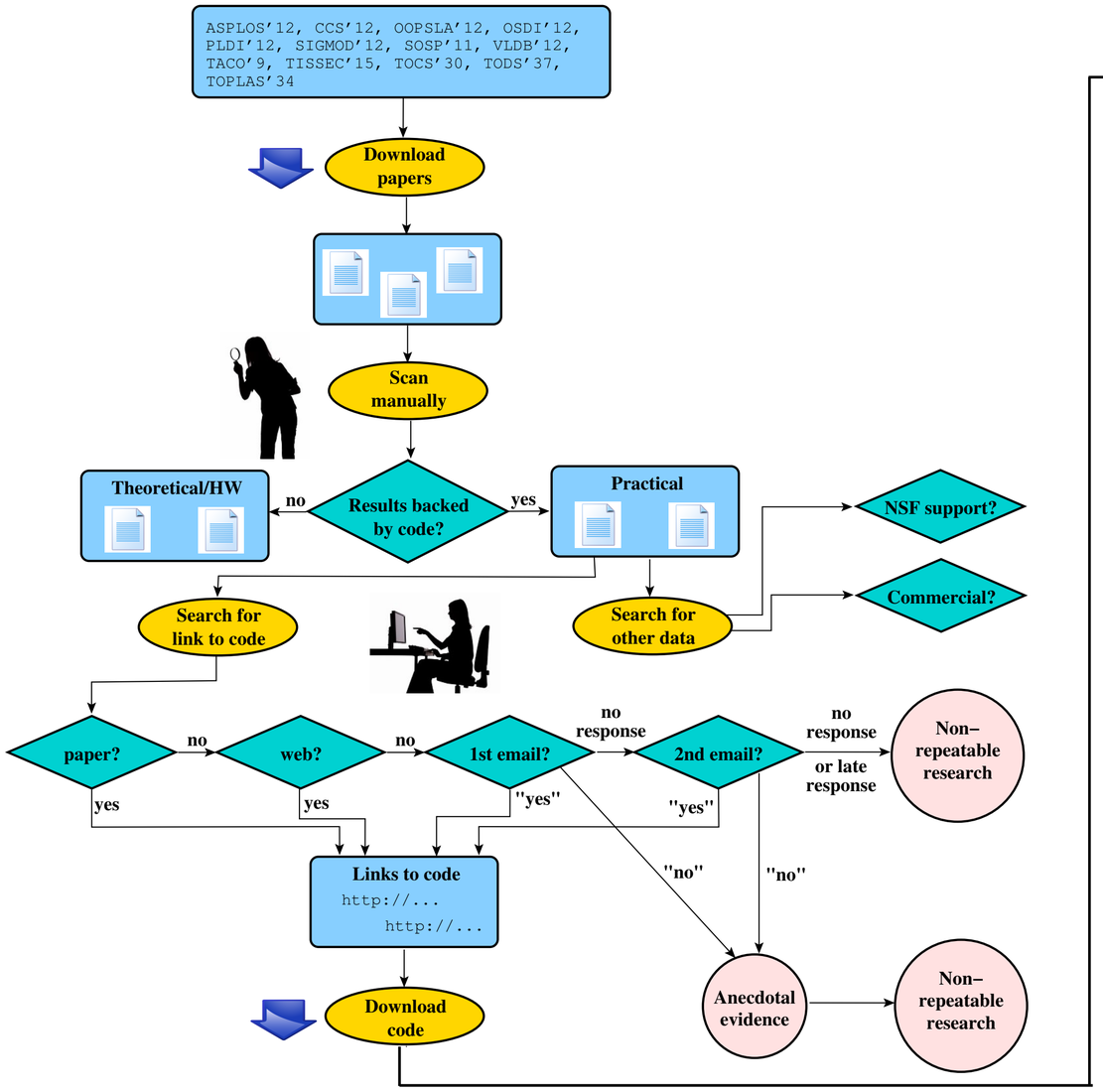
The State of Repeatability in Computer Systems Research

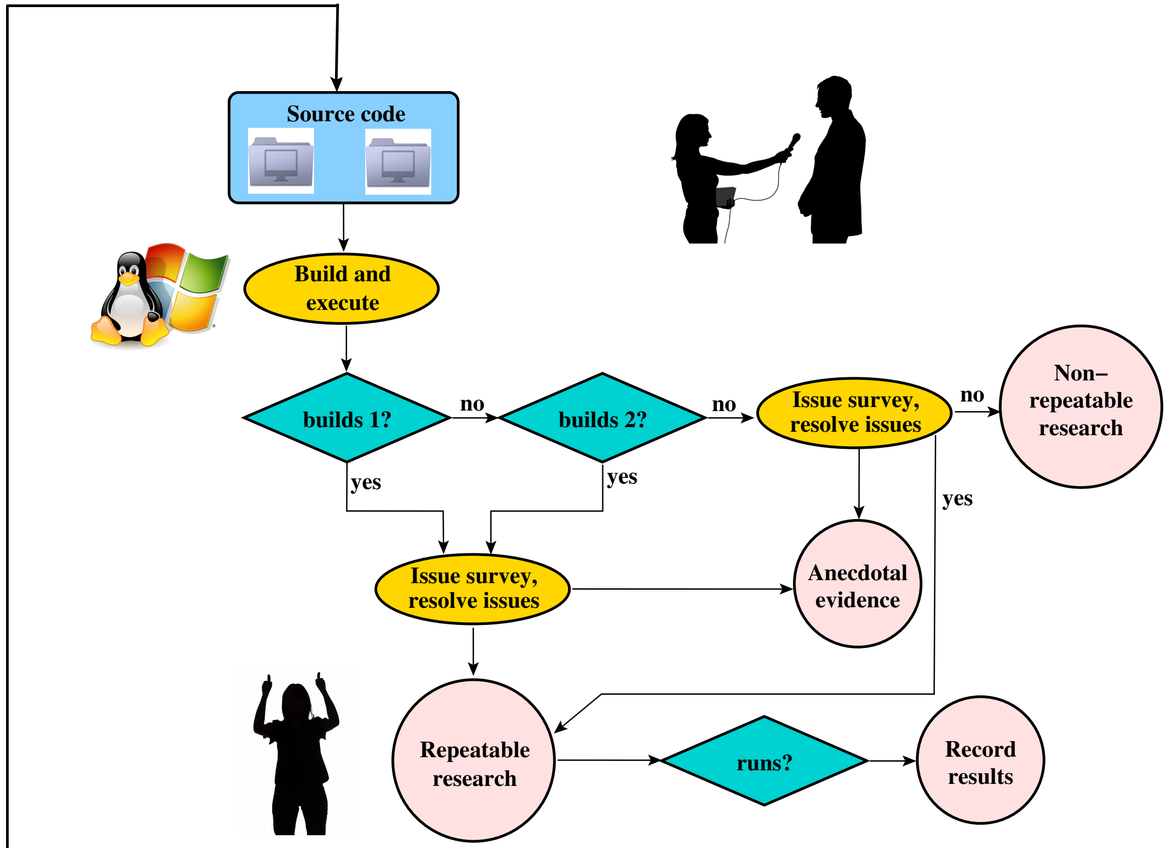
C. Collberg and T. Proebsting
CACM 2016

State of Repeatability in Computer Systems

- "Cool paper! Can you send me the system?"
- How hard is it to just re-execute published experiments
- Most people say they will share their code and data are available…
- Weak repeatability: Do authors make the source code used to create the results in their article available, and will it build?

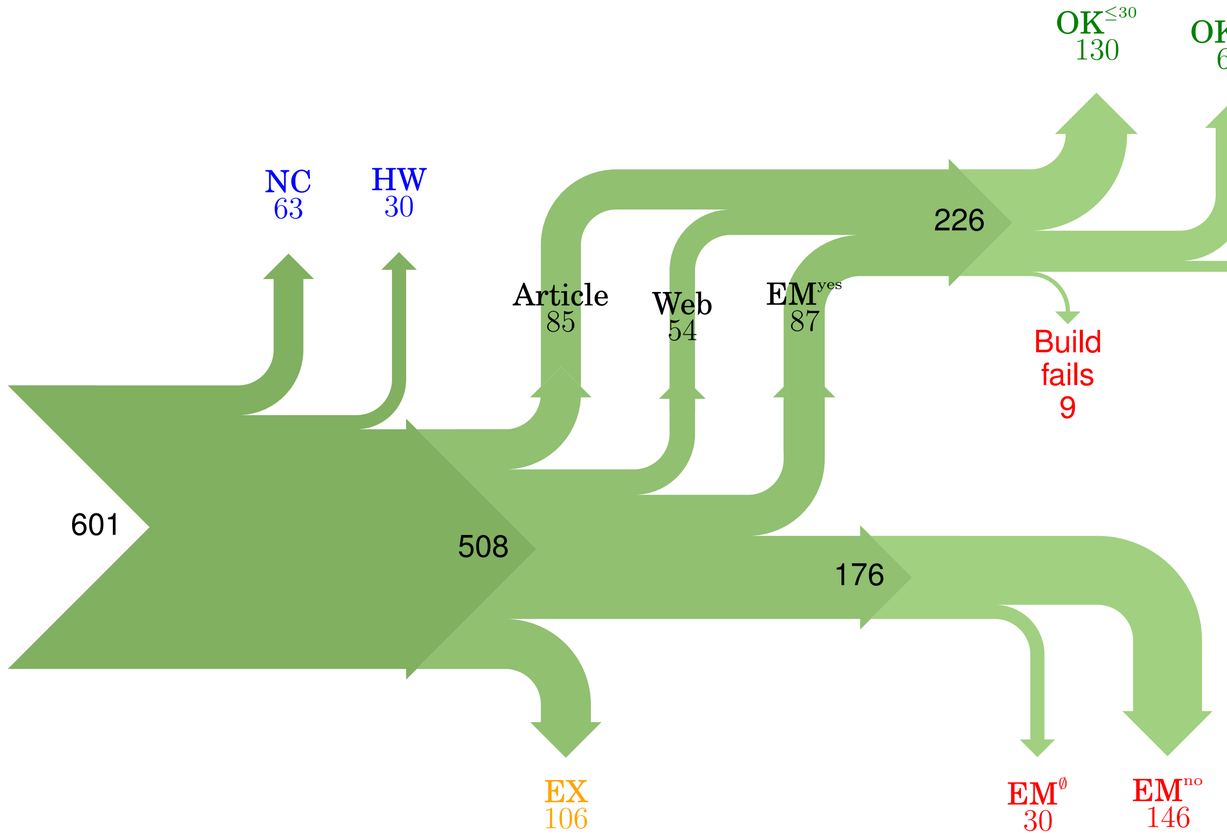
Experiment





[Collberg and Proebsting, 2015]

Repeatability Results



Notation	Number of papers ...
HW	excluded due to replication requiring special hardware
NC	excluded due to results not being backed by code
EX	excluded due to overlapping author lists
BC	where the results are backed by code
Article	where code was found in the paper itself
Web	where code was found through a Web search
EM^{yes}	where the author provides code after receiving an email message
EM^{no}	where the author responds to an email message saying code cannot be provided
$EM^{\emptyset}$	where the author does not respond to email requests within two months
$OK^{\leq 30}$	where code is available and we succeed in building the system in ≤30 minutes
$OK^{>30}$	where code is available and we succeed in building the system in >30 minutes
OK^{Auth}	where code is available and we fail to build, and the author says the code builds with reasonable effort
Fails	where code is available and we fail to build, and the author says the code may have problems building

Figure 11: Study result. Blue numbers represent papers that were excluded from consideration, green numbers papers that are weakly repeatable, red numbers papers that are non-weakly repeatable, and orange numbers represent papers that were excluded (due to our restriction of sending at most one email to each author).

[Collberg and Proebsting, 2015]

Excuses

- "Unfortunately the current system is not mature"
- "The code was never intended to be released so it is not in any shape for general use"
- "[Our] prototype included many moving pieces that only [student] knew how to operate… he left"
- "… the server in which my implementation was stored had a disk crash … three disks crashed… Sorry for that"

[Collberg and Proebsting, 2015]

Excuses

- "…when we attempted to share it, we [spent] more time getting outsiders up to speed than on our own research"
- "… we can't share what [we] did for this paper. … this is not in the academic tradition, but this is a hazard in an industrial lab"
- "… based on earlier (bad) experience, we [want] to make sure that our implementation is not used in situations that it is not meant for"

[Collberg and Proebsting, 2015]

Excuse Classification

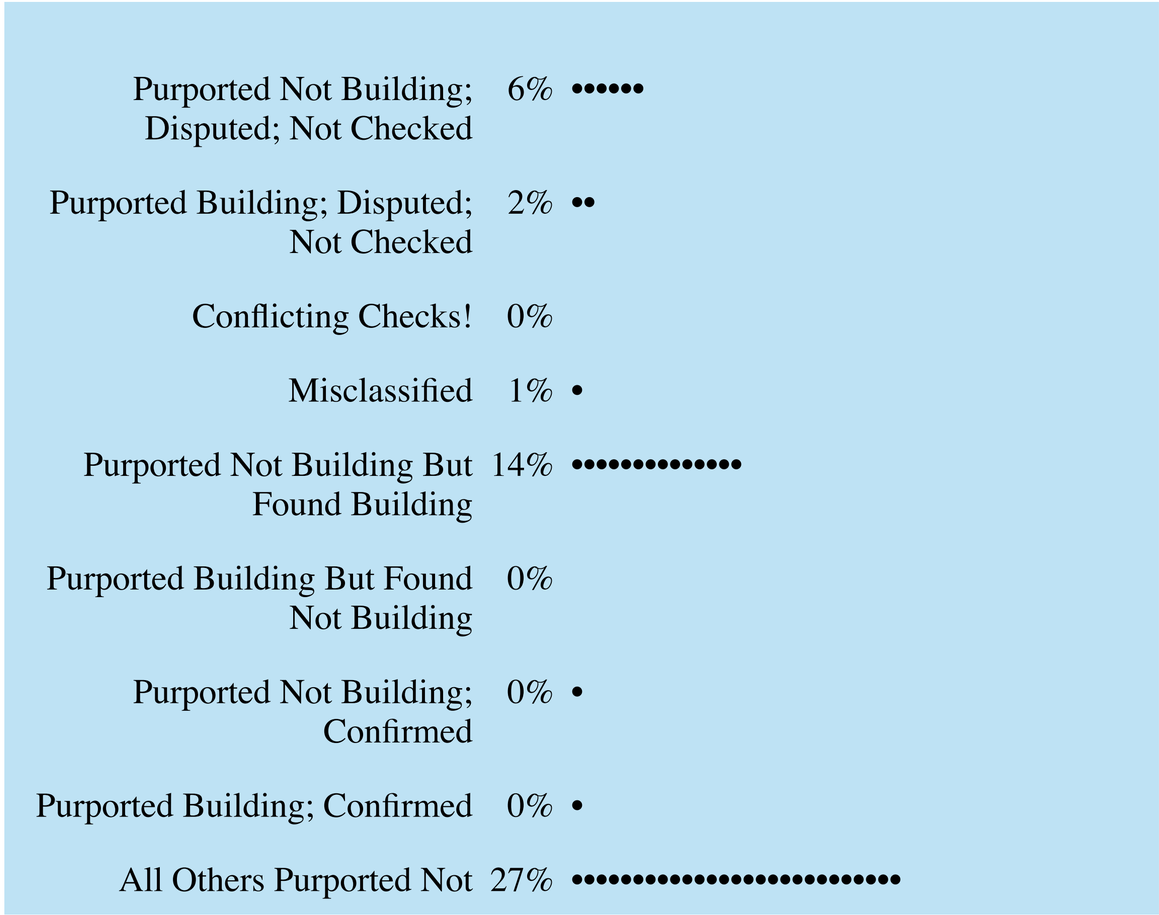
- Versioning
- Available Soon
- No Intention to Share
- Personnel Issues
- Lost Code
- Academic Tradeoffs
- Industrial Lab Tradeoffs
- Obsolete HW/SW
- Controlled Usage
- Privacy/Security
- Design Issues

[Collberg and Proebsting, 2015]

Some of these are (partially) people problems, not technical problems

Examining 'Reproducibility in Computer Science'

- Repeat the experiment in reproducibility!
- Differences from original
- Shows issues with trying to classify experiments



[S. Krishnamurthi et al.]

Recommendations

- Fund repeatability engineering
- Require sharing contracts

Location	• email address and/or web site
Resource	• **types**: code, data, media, documentation • **availability**: no access, access, NDA access • **expense**: free, non-free, free for academics • **distribution form**: source, binary, service • **expiration date** • **license** • **comment**
Support	• **kinds**: resolve installation issues, fix bugs, upgrade to new language and operating system versions, port to new environments, improve performance, add features • **expense**: free, non-free, free for academics • **expiration date**

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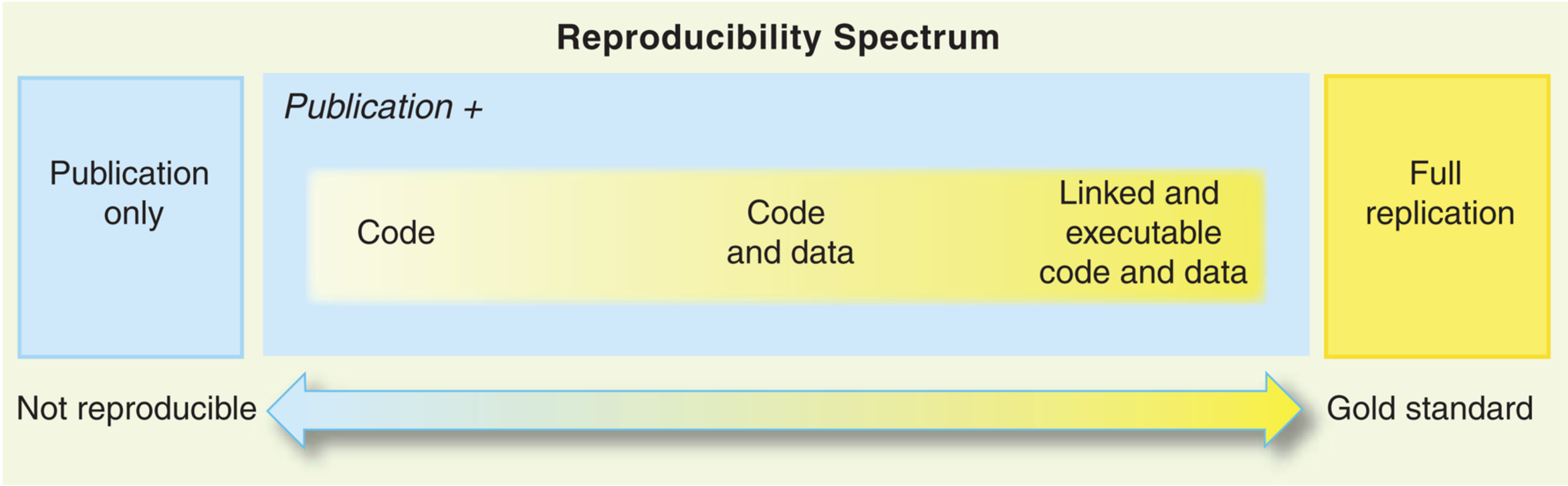
Reproducible Research

- Science is verified by replicating work independently
- Replication Issues:
  - Requires many resources to replicate (Sloan Digital Sky Survey)
  - Requires significant computing power (Climate Model Simulation)
  - Requires too much time or very specific circumstances (Environment Epidemiology)
- Reproducibility
  - Replication of the analysis based on the collected data (not replicating the data collection itself)
  - Better if we have the actual code or available executables

[R. D. Peng]

Reproducibility Spectrum



[R. D. Peng]

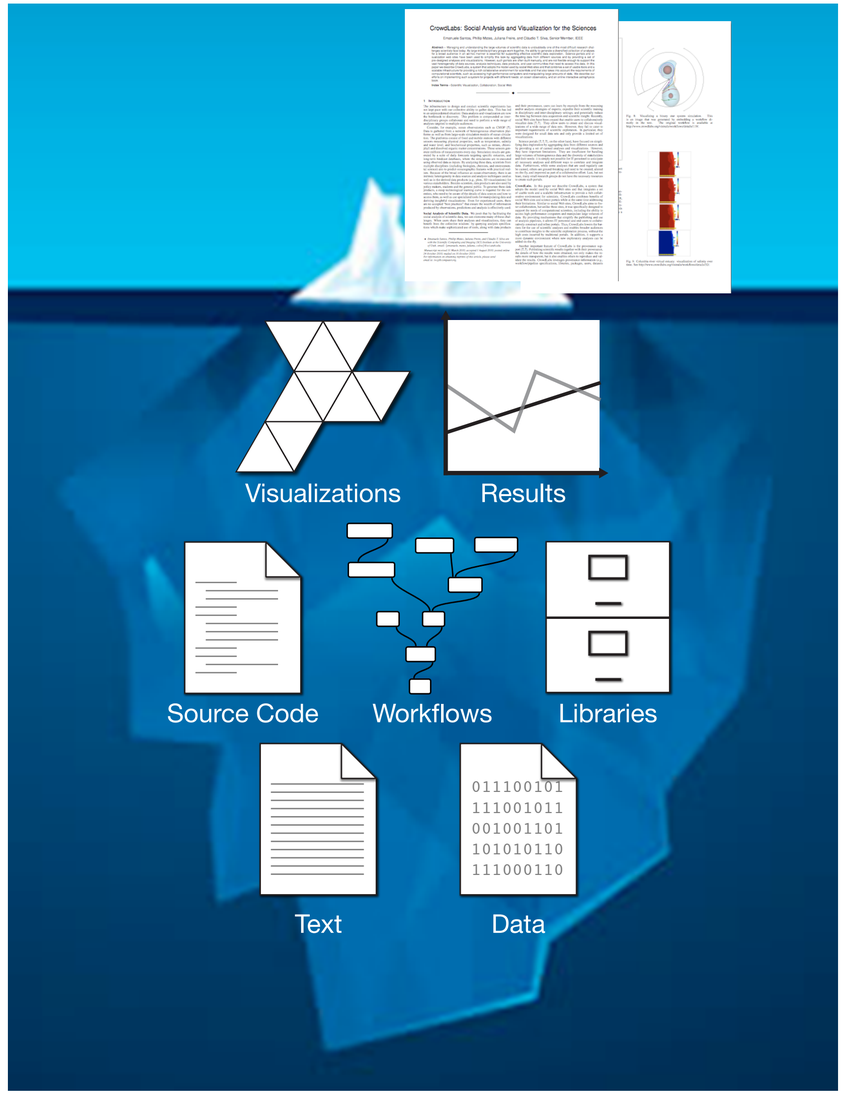
Published Papers

- “It’s impossible to verify most of the results that computational scientists present at conference and in papers.” [Donoho et al., 2009]
- “Scientific and mathematical journals are filled with pretty pictures of computational experiments that the reader has no hope of repeating.” [LeVeque, 2009]
- “Published documents are merely the advertisement of scholarship whereas the computer programs, input data, parameter values, etc. embody the scholarship itself.” [Schwab et al., 2007]

Problem: Incomplete Publications

- A paper cannot include all relevant details of the science
  - Large volumes of data
  - Complex processes
  - Code dependencies

- This makes publishing complete results more difficult!



Reproducible/Executable Papers

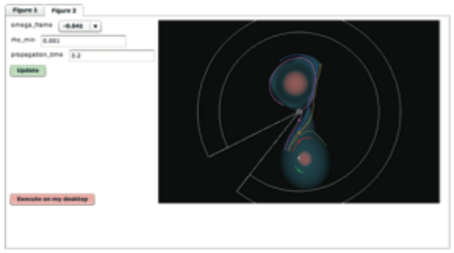


Figure 2. The VisMashup window that displays when users select the "Figure 2" tab (see www.vistrails.org/index.php/User:Tohline/IVAJ/Levels2and3). The window displays an image generated by a customized VisTrails workflow using the indicated values of the three variable parameters, `Omega_frame` (= $\Delta\Omega$), `rho_min`, and `Propagation_time`. The VisMashup App generates a new image in the online article (in accordance with the workflow shown in Figure 1) if the reader selects a different set of parameters and clicks the green "Update" button. Clicking on the red "Execute on my desktop" button downloads the Figure 1 workflow to the reader's computer system for local execution.

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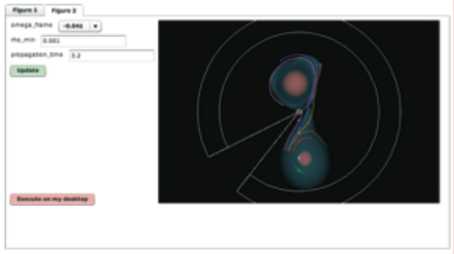

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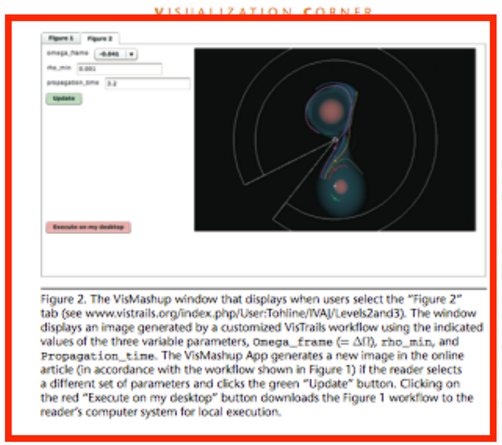

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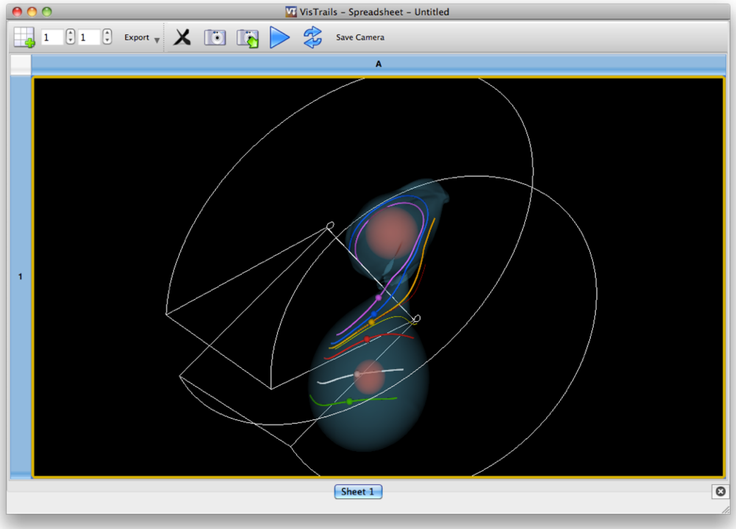

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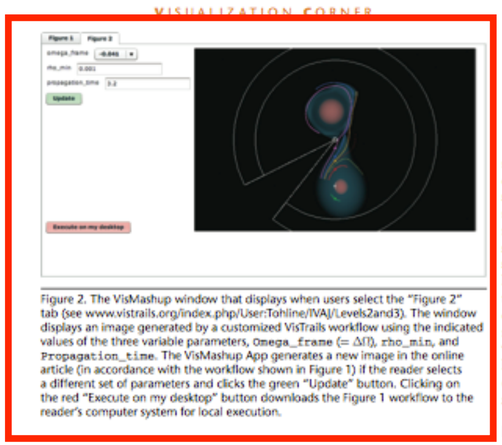

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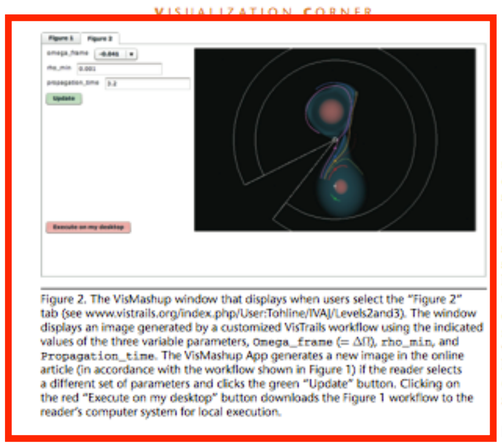

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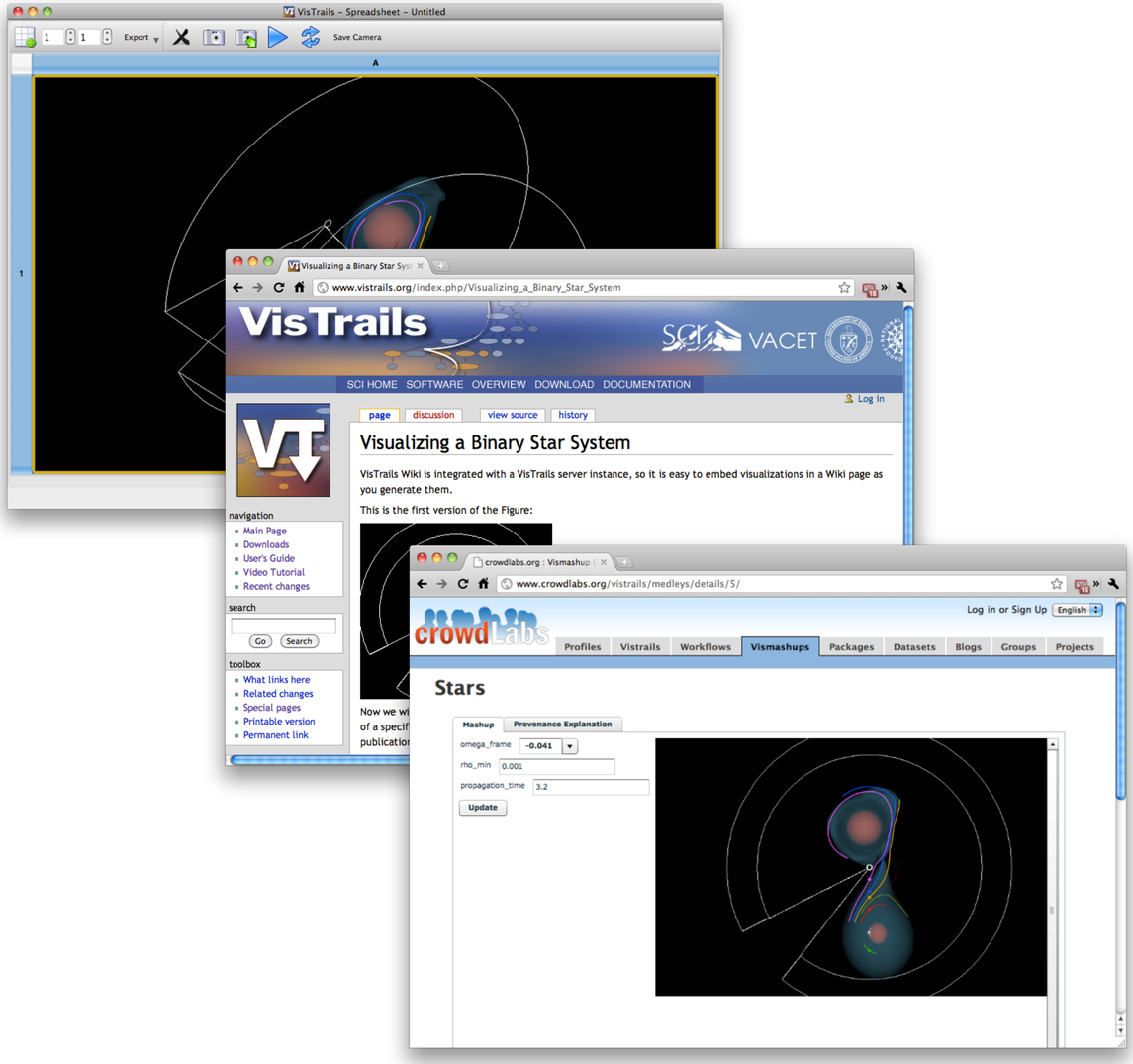

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- Re-using results
- Adding results to publications
- Obtaining results, computations, and input from publications
- Publishing interactive experiments
- Searching executable paper collections
- Reviewers: execution environments, checking different parameters
- Longevity/maintenance
- Resource constraints:
  - analyses run on supercomputers
  - large datasets
  - privacy or intellectual property concerns

General Strategies for Reproducibility

- Preserving the Mess:
  - Just save a virtual machine
  - Trace dependencies
- Encouraging Cleanliness:
  - Use a system (e.g. Umbrella, VisTrails)
  - Use literate programming environments
  - Use code and data repositories
  - Use packaging system (ReproZip)

[Categories from H. Meng et al., 2016]

Literate Programming

- Knuth's WEB system
- Mathematica
- Code this is well-documented using comments
- Jupyter Notebooks

Data and Code Availability

- Code Repositories:
  - GitHub
  - GitLab
  - ...
- Data Repositories:
  - figshare, freebase, dryad, DataONE
  - Also many domain-specific repositories
  - http://oad.simmons.edu/oadwiki/Data_repositories

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- Rule 5: Record All Intermediate Results, When Possible in Standardized Formats

[Sandve et al., 2013]

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Rules or Benefits?

- Laws to make sure people don't cheat or lie or steal
- Is that a good incentive? You won't be mislabeled as a criminal?
- Benefits of Reproducibility
  - Reproducible programs can be compared
  - Reproducible software and results are documented
  - Reproducible software is portable
  - Reproducible experiments are cited

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Reproducible Experiments Classification

- Depth: how much is available?
  - figures
  - scripts
  - raw data
  - experiments
  - software system
- Portability: what machine specs are necessary?
  - same machine
  - similar machine
  - different OS
- Coverage: how much can be reproduced?

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