

Update: Genomic Analysis Workflow in the (Fire)Cloud

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Played Several Key roles in TCGA

- very large scale production analysis pipeline
- analytic forest-clearing for researchers & MDs
 - starting state or 2nd opinion for AWGs
- democratization for use beyond TCGA proper
- simplification for everyone
- pushing envelope for rigor @ scale, reproducibility, APIs

Helping TCGA to usher in era of large-scale science, and to serve as model for future ambitious initiatives such as the Genome Data Analysis Network (GDAN)

Not just a dumb, crank-turning automaton

Novel discoveries lurk in Firehose outputs

Example: APOBEC
cytidine deaminase(s)
are major source of
mutations in several
cancers

Code developed by Gordenin & Klimczak et al (NIH)

They wanted large-scale testbed, ideally all TCGA

We did not have algorithm expertise

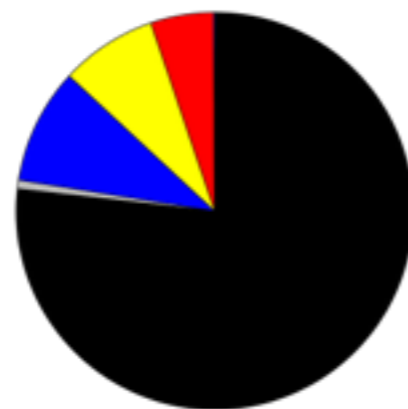
So we collaborated on Firehose install

Leading to numerous publications

Middlebrooks et al, Nat. Gen. 2016

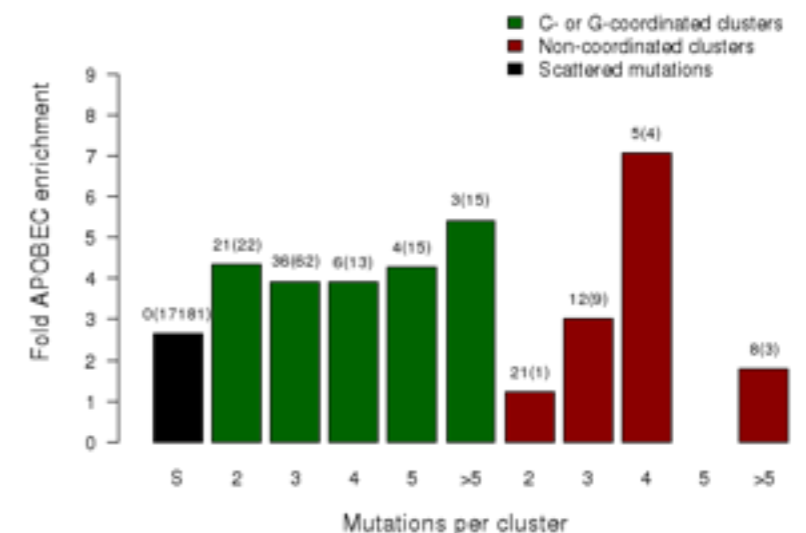
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q-value enrichment (count)

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>0.05	751
2	7
3	92
4	77
5	50
6	1



However

- The cancer community still lacked a **consensus, open-access and fully collaborative solution** for *extreme-scale integrative analysis* *
- Within AWGs, discrepancies between informatic systems, data and analyses often had to be reconciled—at significant time cost—to prevent faulty science
- Central data coordination not always nimble as project needs evolved (e.g. aggregate cohorts like COADREAD, GBM+LGG, KIPAN)
- Correlative studies linking molecular findings to patient outcome were limited by the heterogeneous nature of samples (e.g. clinical)
- While online sharing markedly increased during TCGA, results continued to be generated on local compute
- Often with discrepant sample sets and unpublished codes, leaving reproducibility a difficult and largely unsolved problem

* Firehose could only be enhanced & operated by Broadies

Things getting bigger, faster, more complex & integrated

NCI Genome Data Analysis Network (GDAN)

- Collect & analyze ~10K samples in ~2 years (2017→)
- This took TCGA 6-8 years
- **CPTAC3 & GTEX & Precision Medicine ...**
- Should be possible to do JUST IN TIME analyses (as sample trickle incrementally accrues)

There is *no fundamental reason* why these efforts need be conducted as *walled-off silos*, instead of learning & leveraging from & sharing with each other

Stockholm Syndrome: we do not have to be agreeable captives to volume & complexity

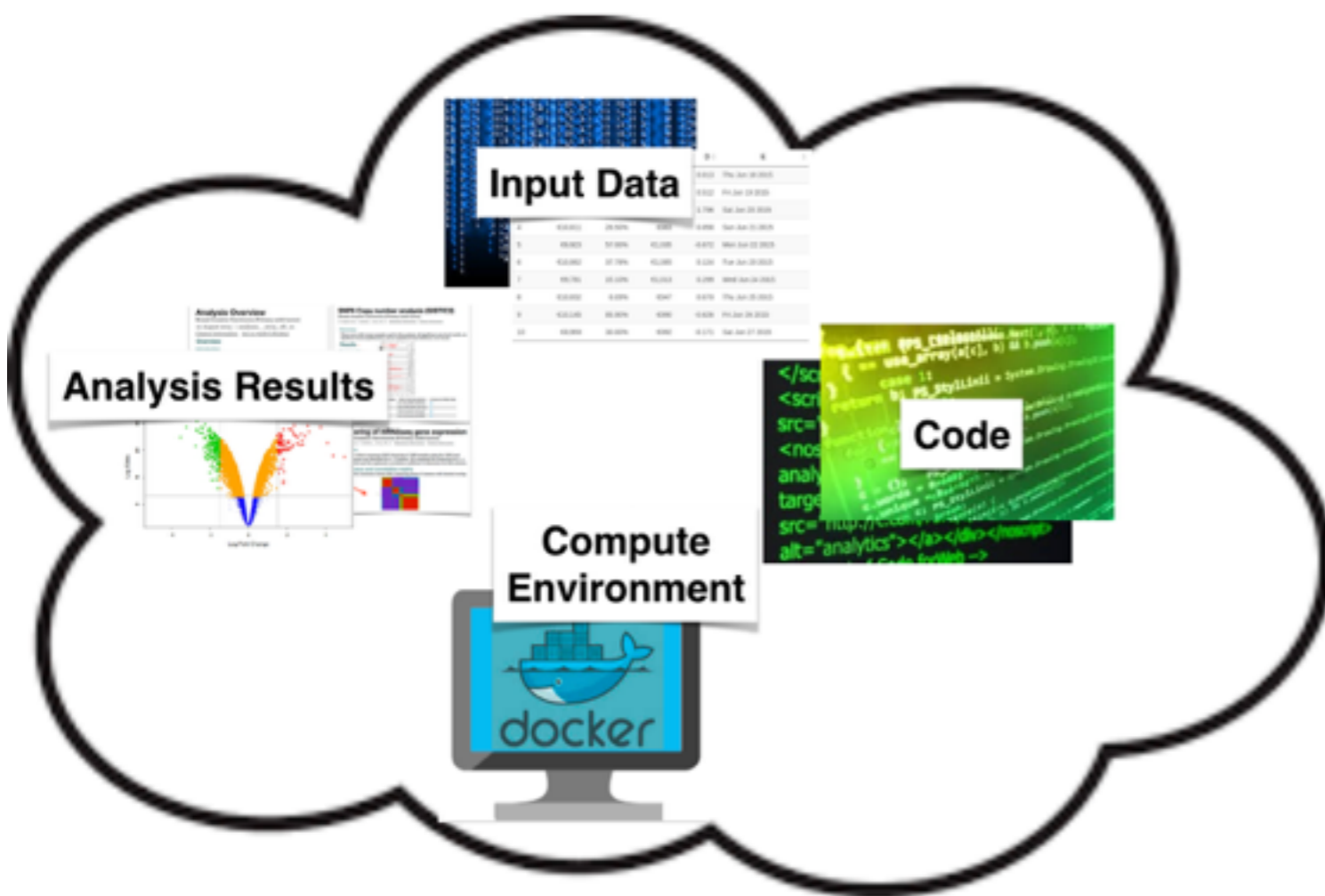
Global Infrastructure for Collaborative Extreme-Scale Scientific Analysis



- Collaborate via shared data, codes, analysis results & compute
- Like Google docs+drive already used to collaborate for papers
- **Trusted digital research assistant:** as samples accrue, perform mundane front line processing & analysis on our behalf, liberating our minds to synthesize the next wave of tools & theories

Ugh: WHY another system????

Extreme scale backend, already to 1000s WGS (*Broad GP*)
Simple URL access, oblivious to location of storage & compute
Pre-loaded with Open and Protected TCGA data
Point click ease, even for MDs, PIs & itinerant users
Eliminate TCGA bottleneck: Firehose for everyone, not just Broad



Manuscript analysis workspace

Slay Reproducibility Dragon

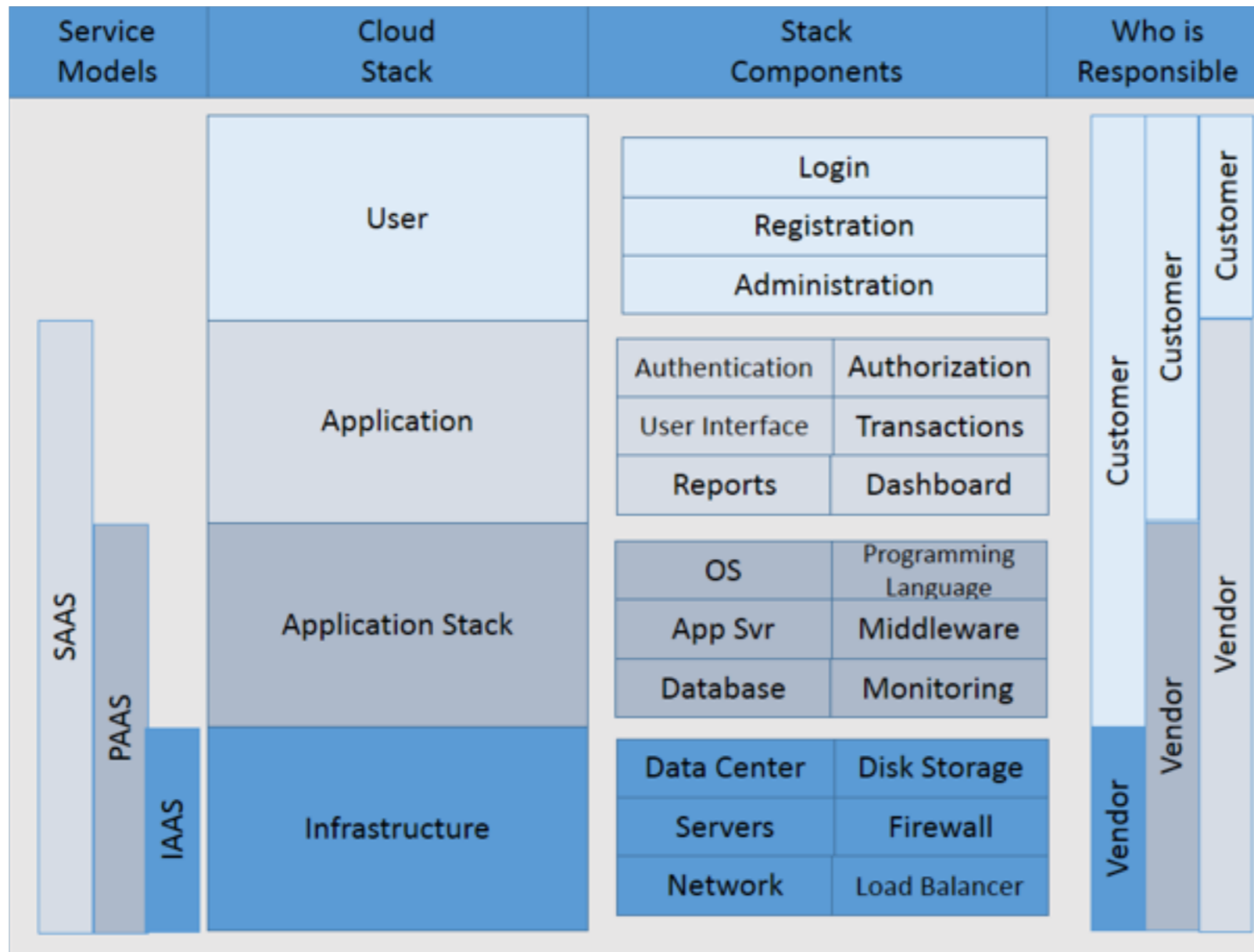
Freeze analysis workspace
Make public @ paper acceptance
Using DOIs as in Firehose runs
Paper cites URL to workspace
Contains everything in paper
**Including virtualized compute env
on which analyses were run**

With This Approach ...

- Zero data need be downloaded to local compute
- Zero code need be installed or executed on local compute
- Instead, manuscript results can be regenerated:
- Directly from browser:
 - ✓ Readers merely clone the workspace (lightweight operation)
 - ✓ Then execute the relevant tasks as desired
 - ✓ Explore follow up hypotheses by customizing params
 - ✓ Even adding new codes or data as desired

Simplest and most complete solution to computational reproducibility yet available

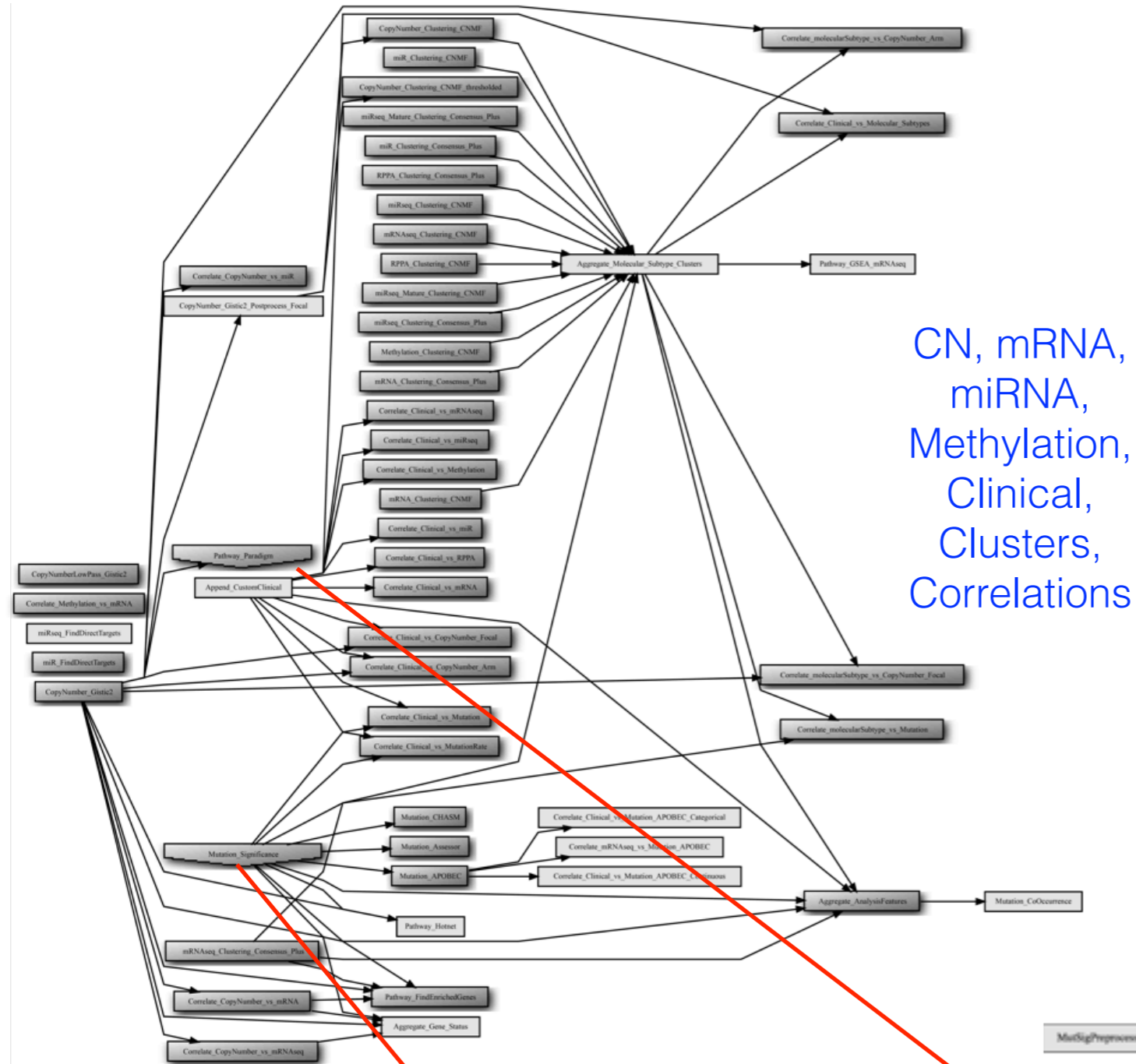
In principle ...



But cloud tech stack **very** thick

Complexity still seeps through

Esp for those who think [bi-ology](#) more than [techn-ology](#)

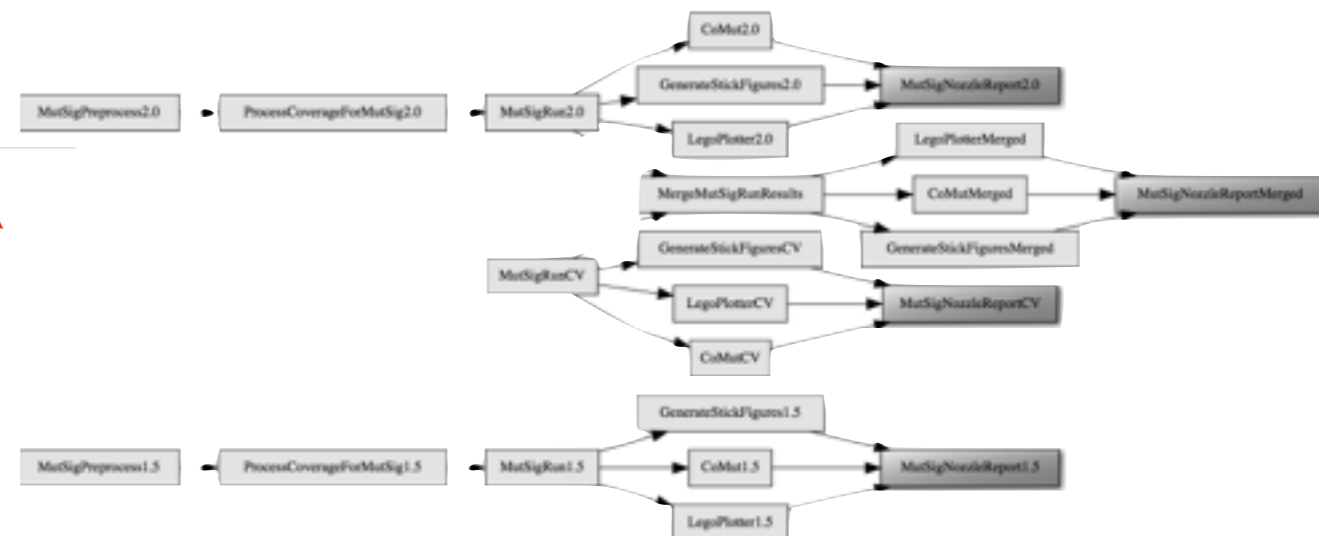


CN, mRNA,
miRNA,
Methylation,
Clinical,
Clusters,
Correlations

**But like Rome,
this was not built
in a day**

**July 2016
Firehose
Workflow**

Mutation Significance



Pathways

Broad GDAC Firehose Dec 2010 Run

Tumor Type	Analyses Completed	Not Completed	Percentage
OV	25	0	100%
GBM	15	10	60%
BRCA	8	17	32%
COAD	8	17	32%
LUSC	8	17	32%

Analysis Status for 5 Most Populous Tumor Cohorts

Few pipelines, run on few cohorts, mostly failures
~ 1/10th of ~84K data aliquots were accrued at this point

http://gdac.broadinstitute.org/runs/analyses__2010_12_23/

But Grew To: 62 GDAC runs/year, on live data stream
runs executed >1500 pipelines on ~84K aliquots

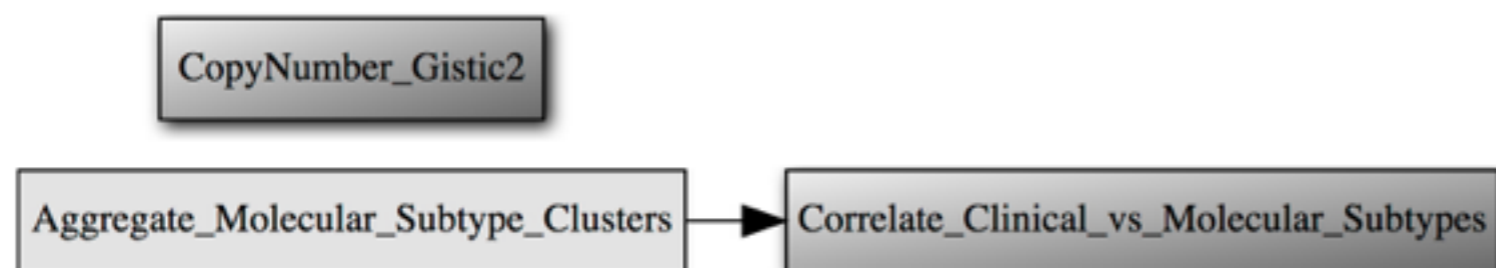
Compressing ~50TB of heterogeneous input to ~10GB results

Entire multimodal analyses summarized in a single figure

Interact with and manipulate figures, directly from online publication

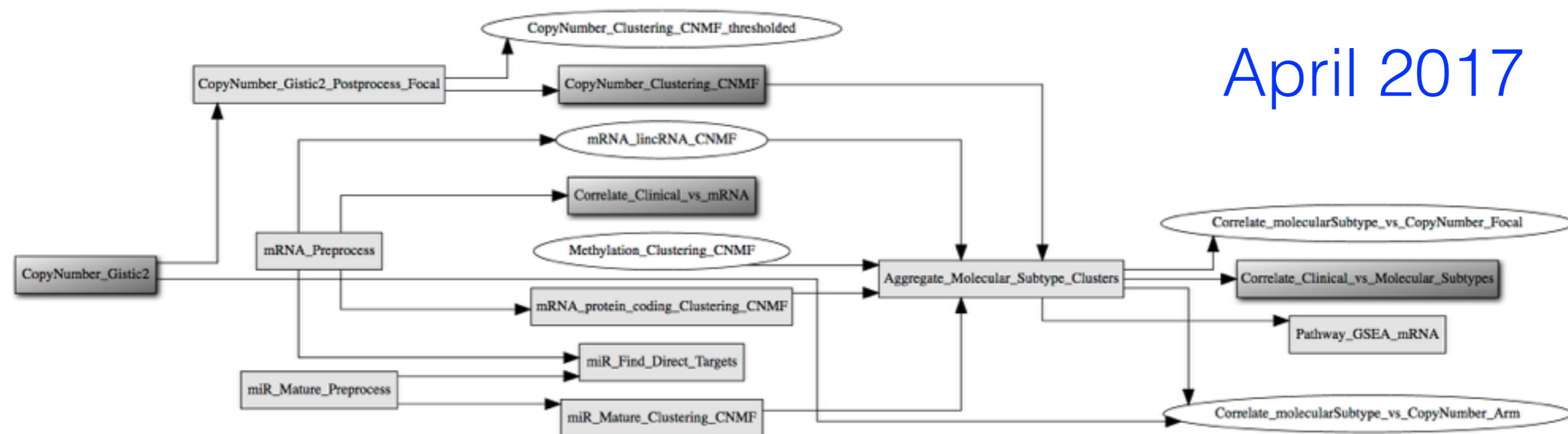


Porting Genomic Analyses —> FireCloud



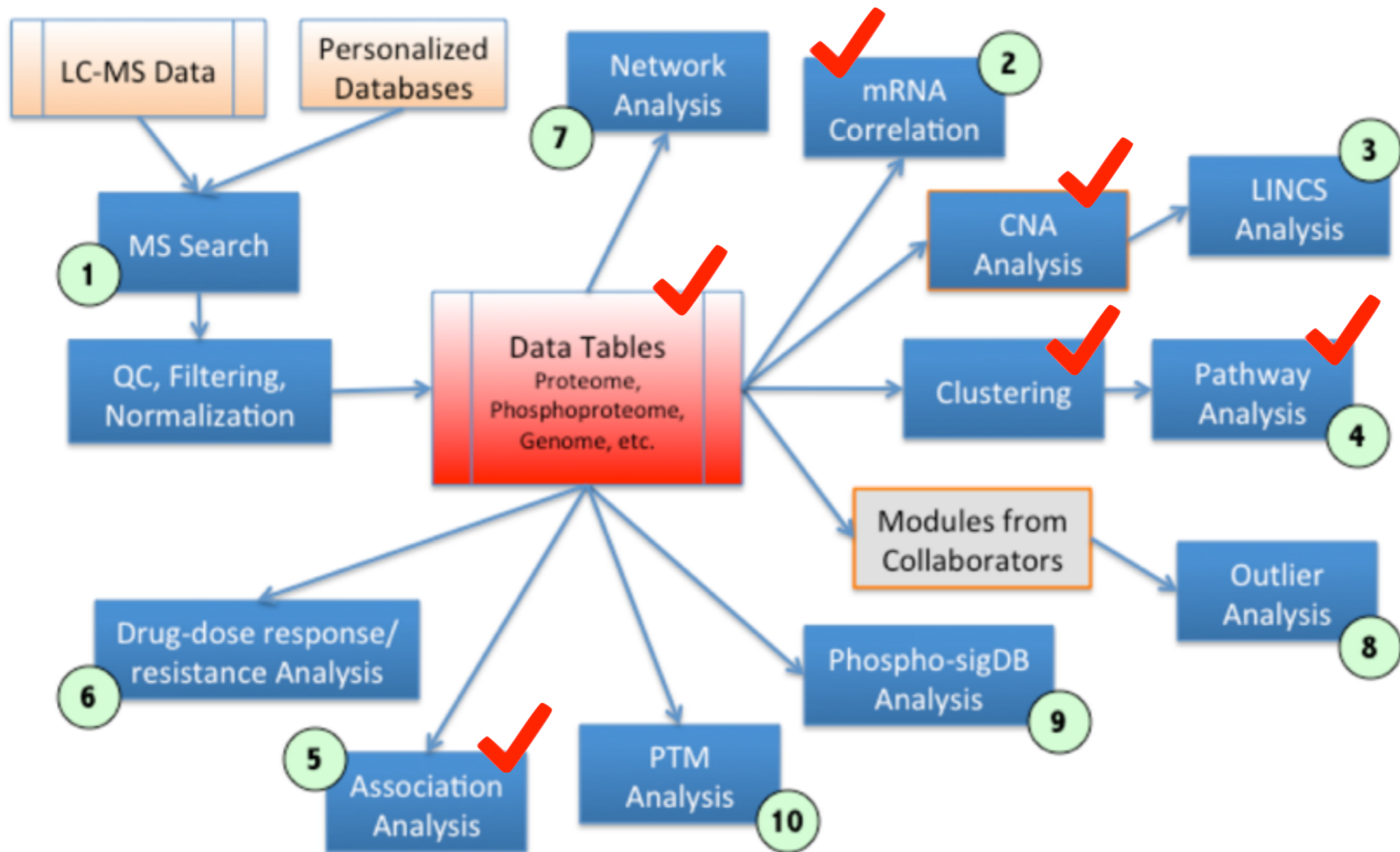
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Data: all open-access HG38 from GDC

From Mani's v1 PGDAC Timeline



In the next 3-5 months, we expect components #1-6 to be available and functional.

Open-Source Ecosystem of Tooling has emerged

FISS: load & control FC via API & simple Python/UNIX CLI

Firecloud dev toolkit : more easily create Google VMs, interact with Google storage, dockerize codes, etc

GDCtools

- Simplify search & retrieval of data from GDC
- Directly from UNIX command line / Python
- Automate tasks common to data-driven science
- Mirror *legacy* or *harmonized* data
- Sample reports

<https://github.com/broadinstitute/fiss>

https://github.com/broadinstitute/firecloud_developer_toolkit

<https://github.com/broadinstitute/gdctools>

These are gradually streamlining use of FireCloud, e.g.

When CPTAC genomic data at GDC, we will have it at Broad within hours (maybe even in FireCloud)

But as we heard from Nathan Edwards yesterday:

Develop locally, iteratively experiment

Then deploy to production on cloud

For running at scale

Connect to other tools & data in ecosystem

Collaborate globally, publish

Proteomic Data & Analyses: More Needed

[P-CDAP](#) further along: how to leverage?

Better Aspera auto-download from DCC

More experiments with MSGF docker (PNNL)

[BioContainers](#): leverage and contribute

FireCloud Pipeline Differentiators

Seamlessly combine proteogenomic data & analyses in one platform

HUGE corpus of TCGA protected data already in FC, no copying

Automated connection to GDC ... not sure P-CDAP?

API-driven analyses & data querying (e.g FireBrowse, GDCtools)

Persistent Sandbox (workspace): DOI attached to publication,

Push-button reproducibility

Exploratory visualization

But as Marcin Cieslik noted: schedule realities
strongly influence the chosen path

Registering for FireCloud is free. This gives read-only access to public spaces.

But you need a FireCloud Billing Project to create a new workspace.

Two ways to gain access to a FireCloud Billing Project:

- 1. Existing billing project OWNERS can authorize you to an existing FireCloud Billing Project.**
- 2. You create your own FireCloud Billing Project, by first setting up a Google Billing Account.**

FireCloud team @ Broad happy to set up workshop for CPTAC

Will reach out when construction noise quiets a little more

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