

# **Distributed knowledge sharing and production** through collaborative e-Science platforms

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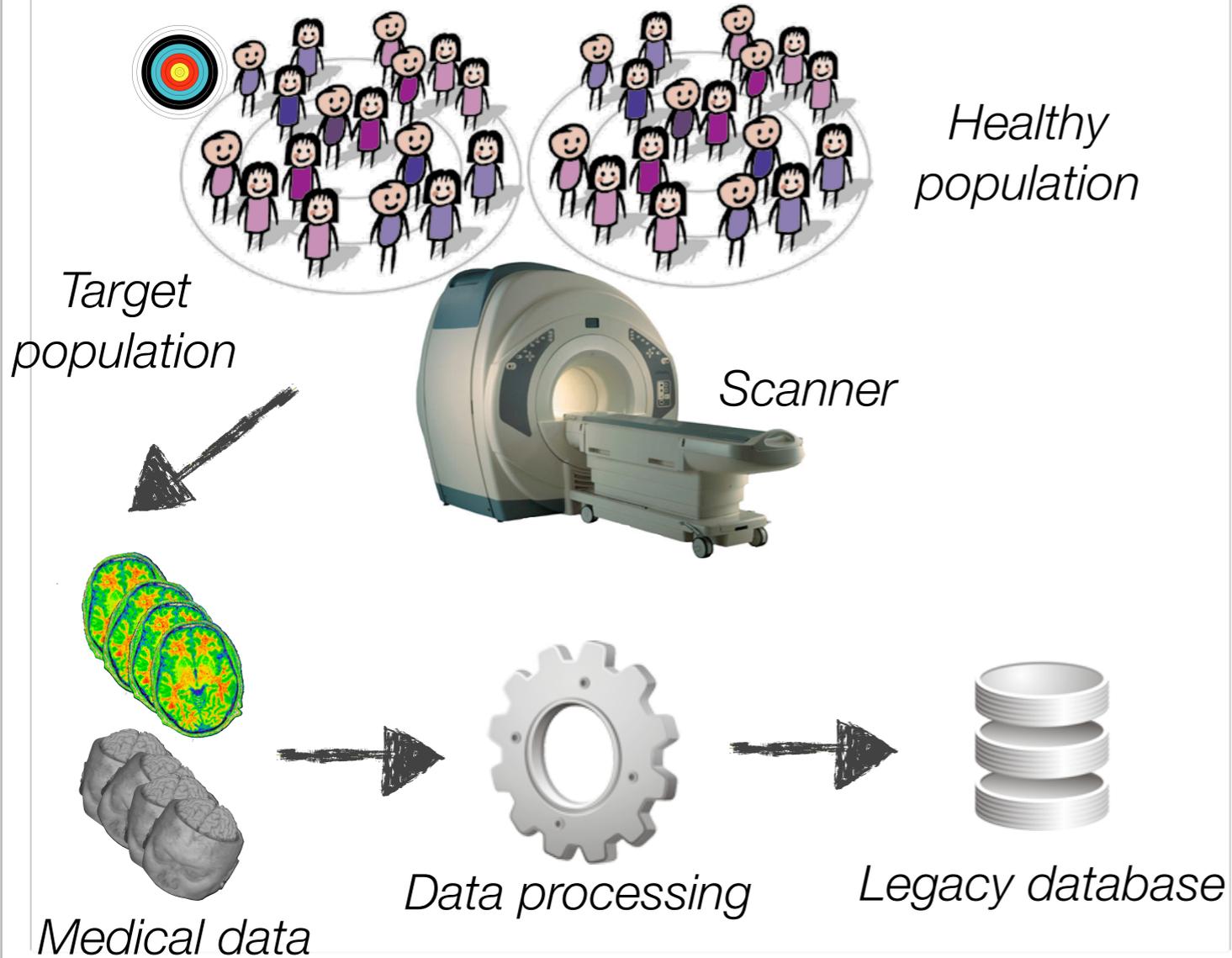
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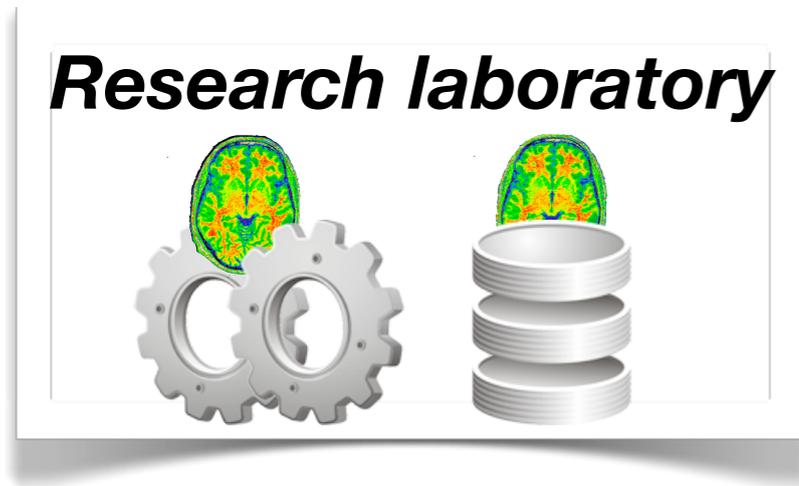
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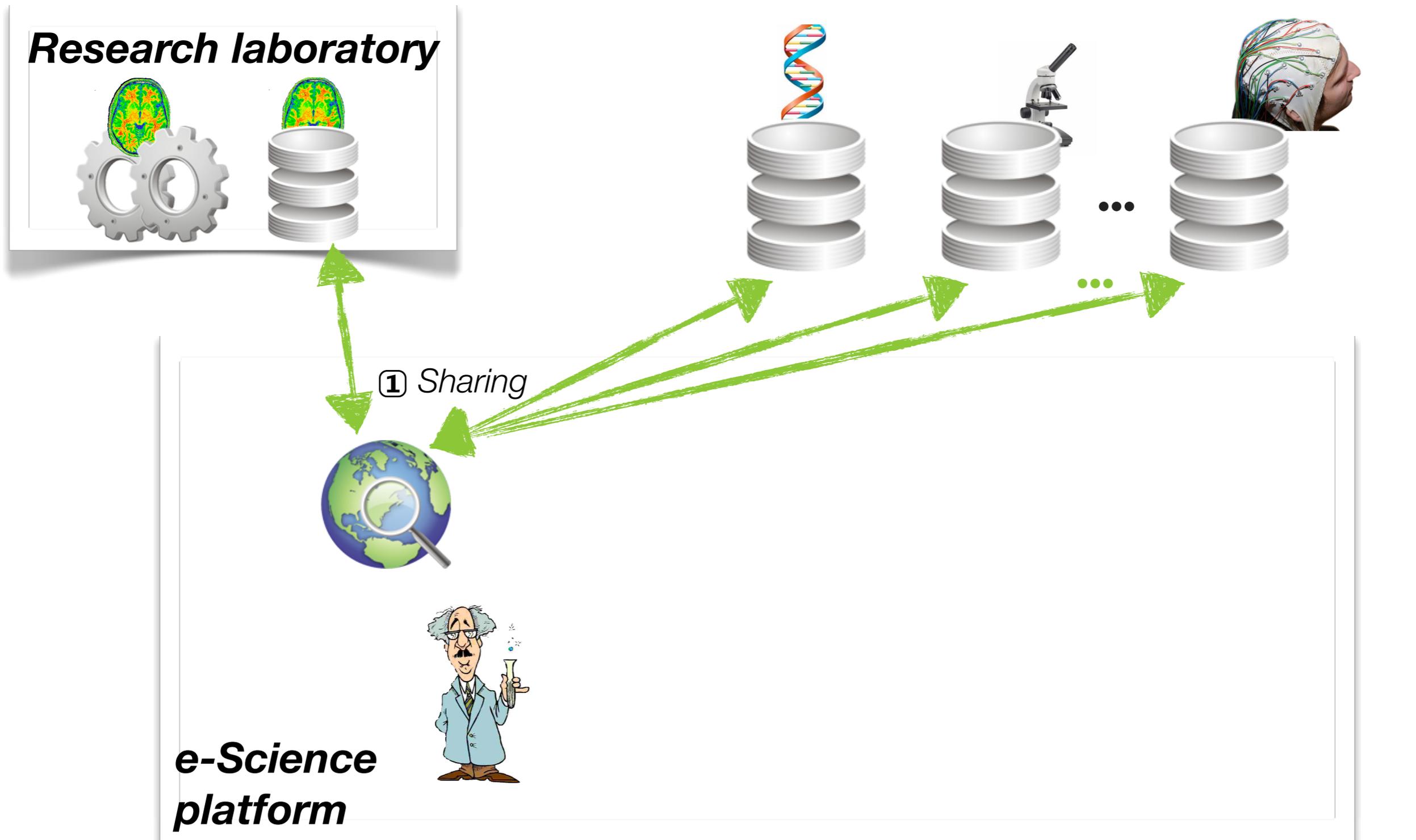
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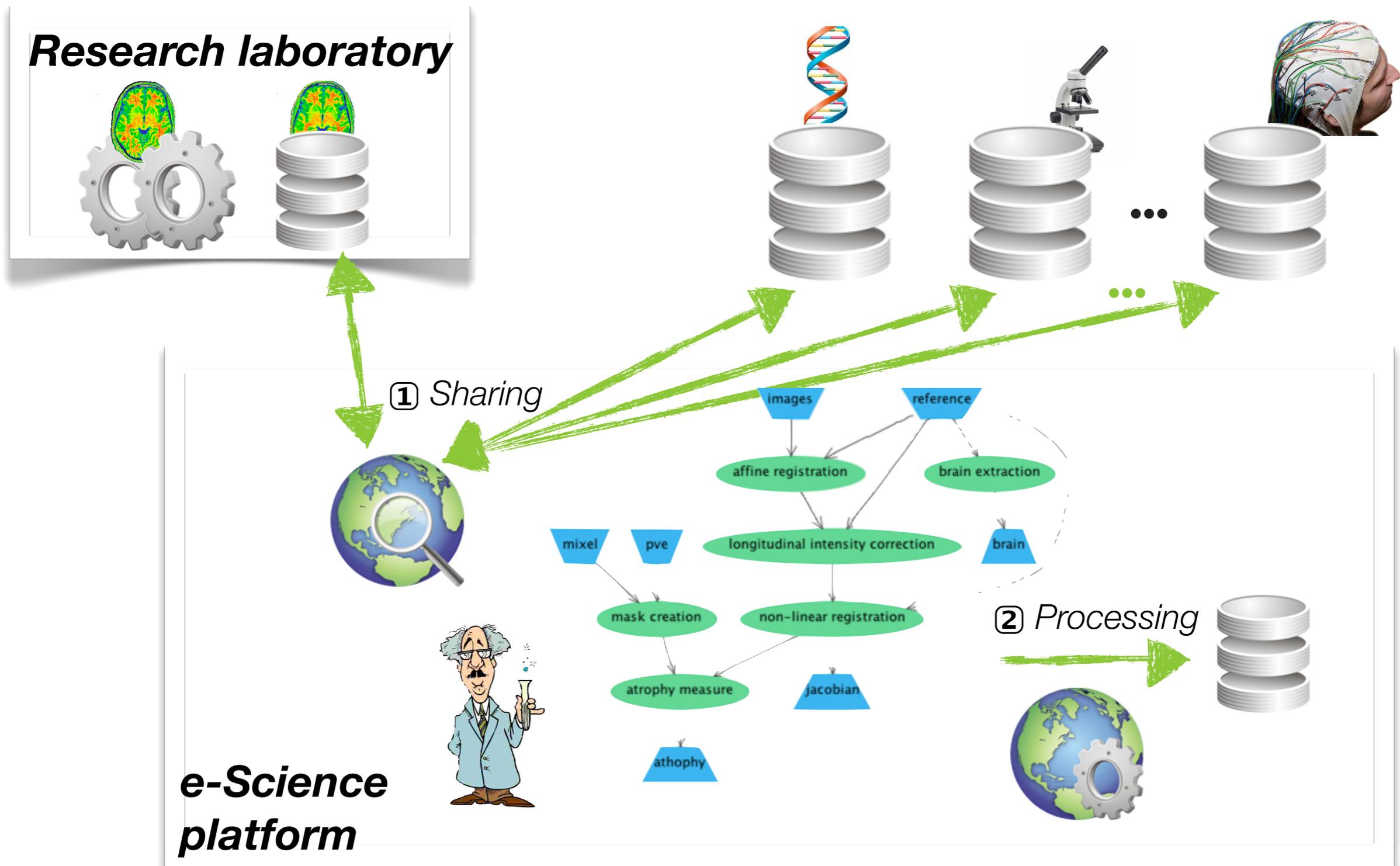
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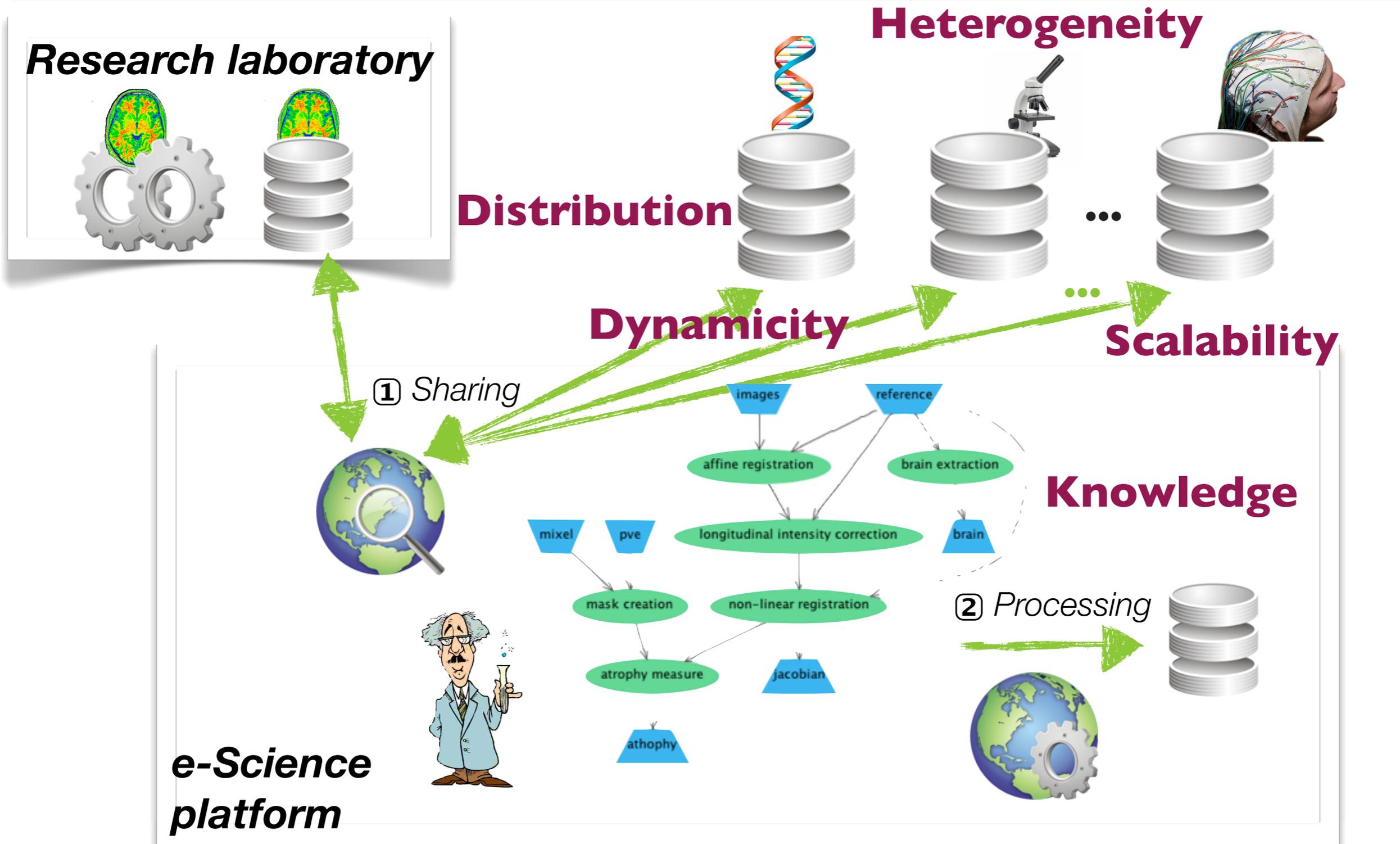
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**semantic e-Science** → reducing "time-to-discovery"

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Coherent **sharing** and **production** of **distributed knowledge** in Life-Science:

- ▶ Knowledge sharing: coping with semantic data **volume, distribution, heterogeneity**
- ▶ Knowledge production: **extracting meaningful & long-term data** from large & technical datasets

# Main contributions

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## 1. Knowledge base federation

- Transparent, efficient, and expressive semantic federated querying
- Abstract Knowledge Graphs
  - ▶ [Web Intelligence'12] [IC'12 workshop] [MICCAI'12 workshop]

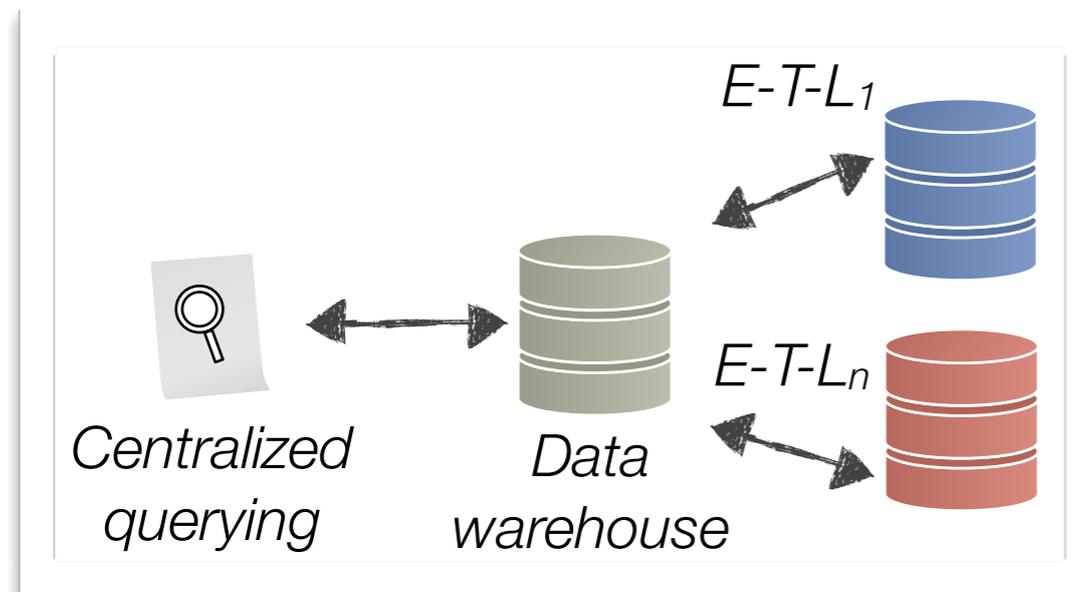
## 2. Semantic Workflows

- Characterization of semantically annotated services (Nature and Role)
- Semantic experiment summaries
  - ▶ [KEOD'11] [IC'10 workshop] [TMI'13] [CBMS'11]

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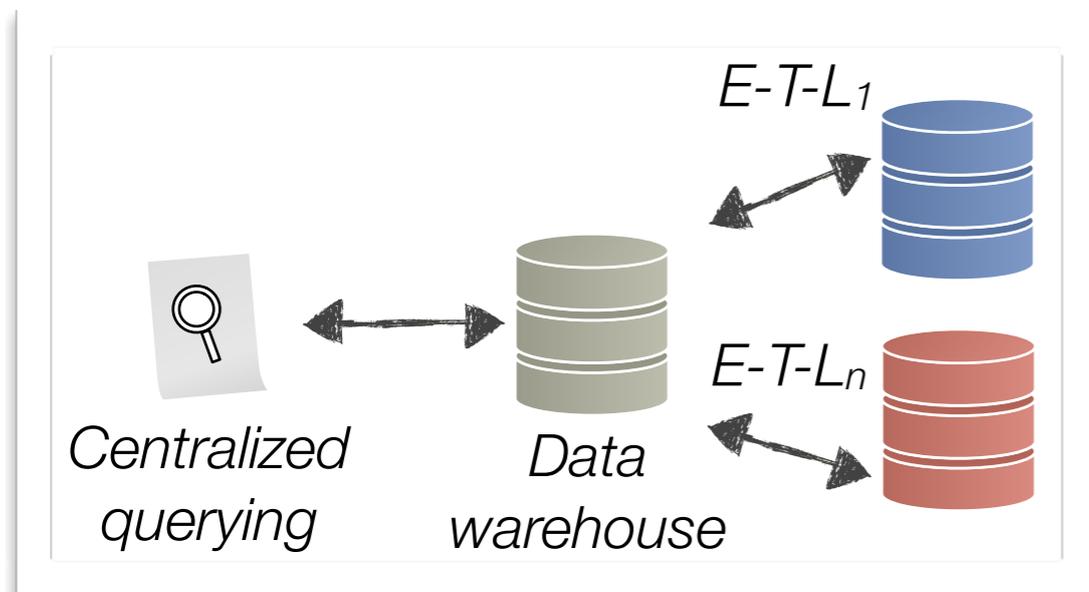
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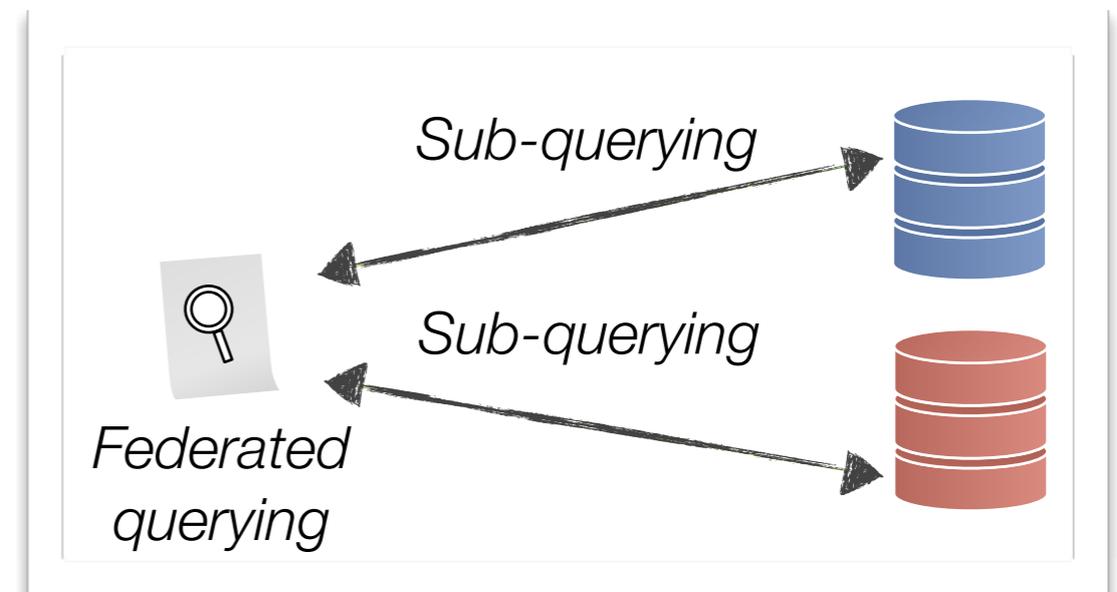
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- ⊕ Data kept at source

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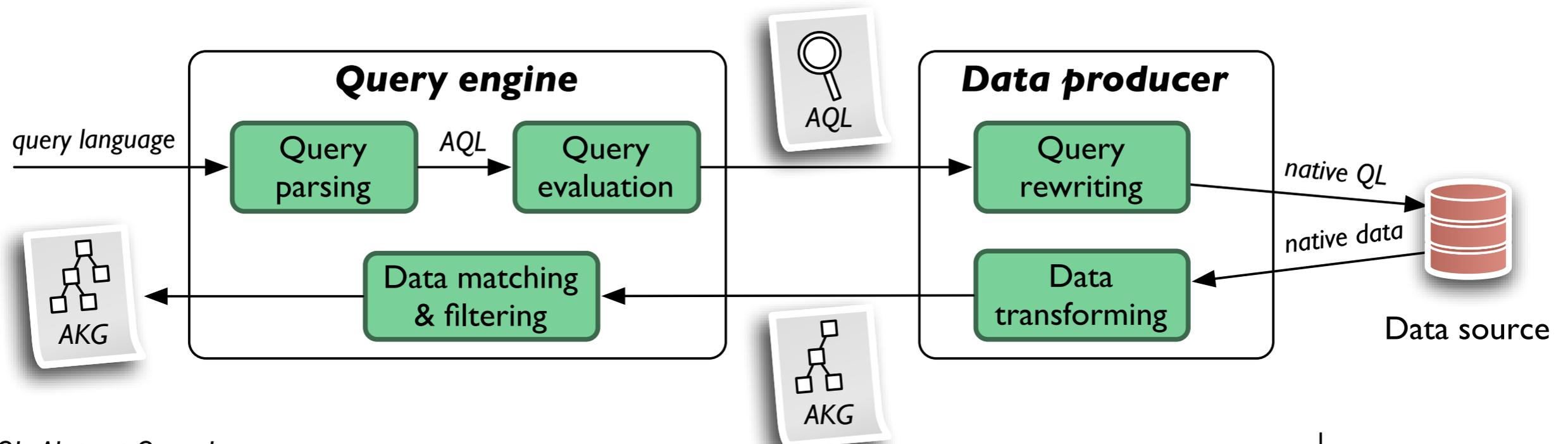
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**KGRAM abstract machine**

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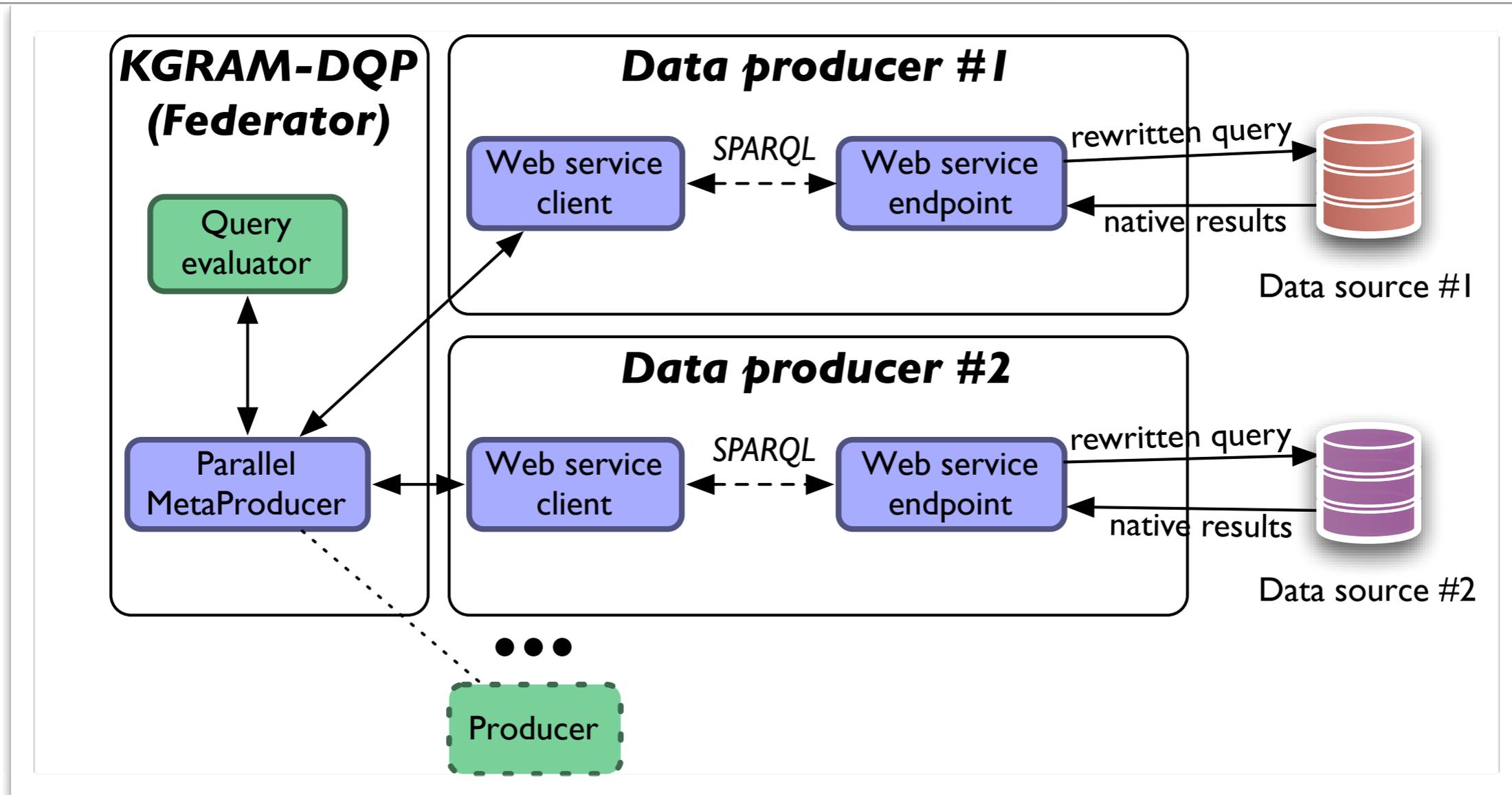
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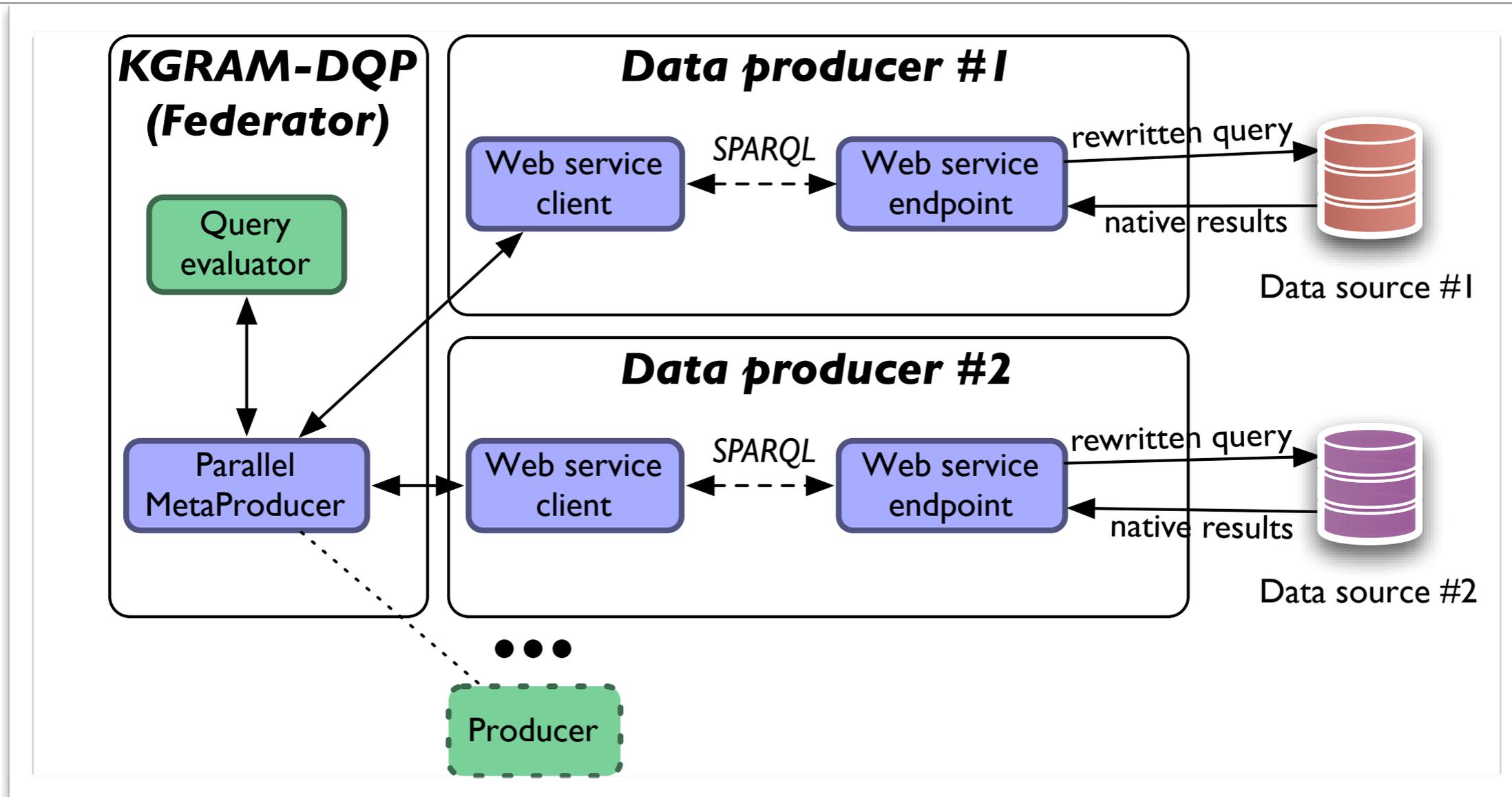
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- ▶ Distributed Query Processing techniques
- ▶ Static and dynamic optimization

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- ⊖ **Cost** of network communication
- Distributed query processing → **performance**
  - Service **parallelism** / **optimizations**

# KGRAM-DQP: parallel evaluation

**Data:** *Producers* the set of SPARQL endpoints,  
*EdgeReq* the set of edge requests forming the SPARQL query,  
*scheduler* a thread pool allowing parallel execution.

**Result:** *Results* the set of SPARQL results.

```
1 foreach ( $e \in EdgeReq$ ) do  
2   foreach ( $p \in Producers$ ) do in parallel  
3      $scheduler.submit(p.getEdges(e))$  ;  
4   wait for scheduler ;  
5   foreach ( $task \in scheduler.getFinished()$ ) do  
6      $Results \leftarrow task.getResults()$  ;
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(a) Synch. barrier  
(b) Pipelining

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- **Objective:** performance assessment
- **Material and Methods**
  - ▶ FedBench from the FedX team (50M triples ; 7 life-science SPARQL queries)
  - ▶ Grid'5000 Computing Infrastructure
    - ▶ FedX + Fuseki endpoints
    - ▶ KGRAM-DQP

*FedBench Life-Science datasets*

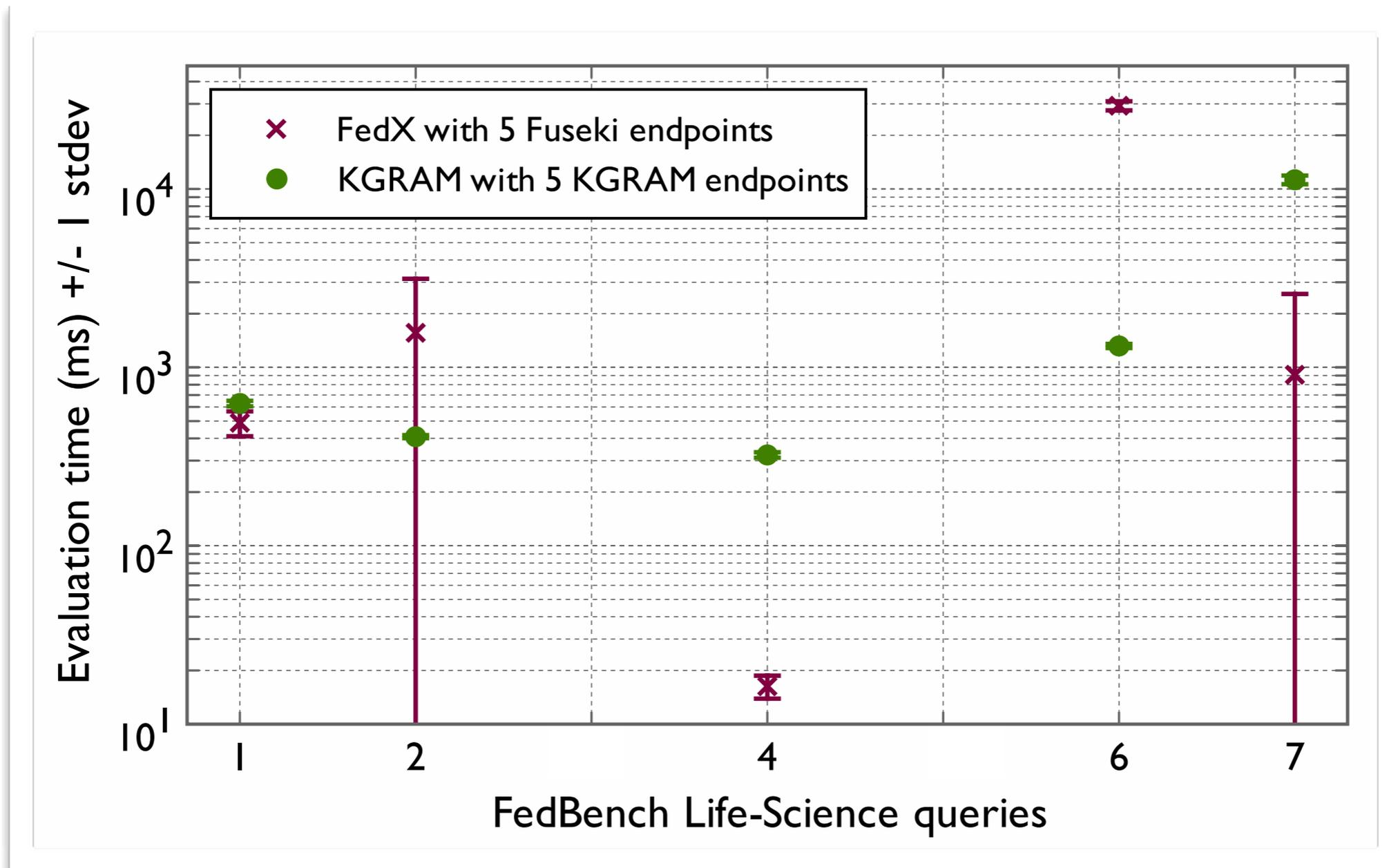
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*FedBench Life-Science query #7*

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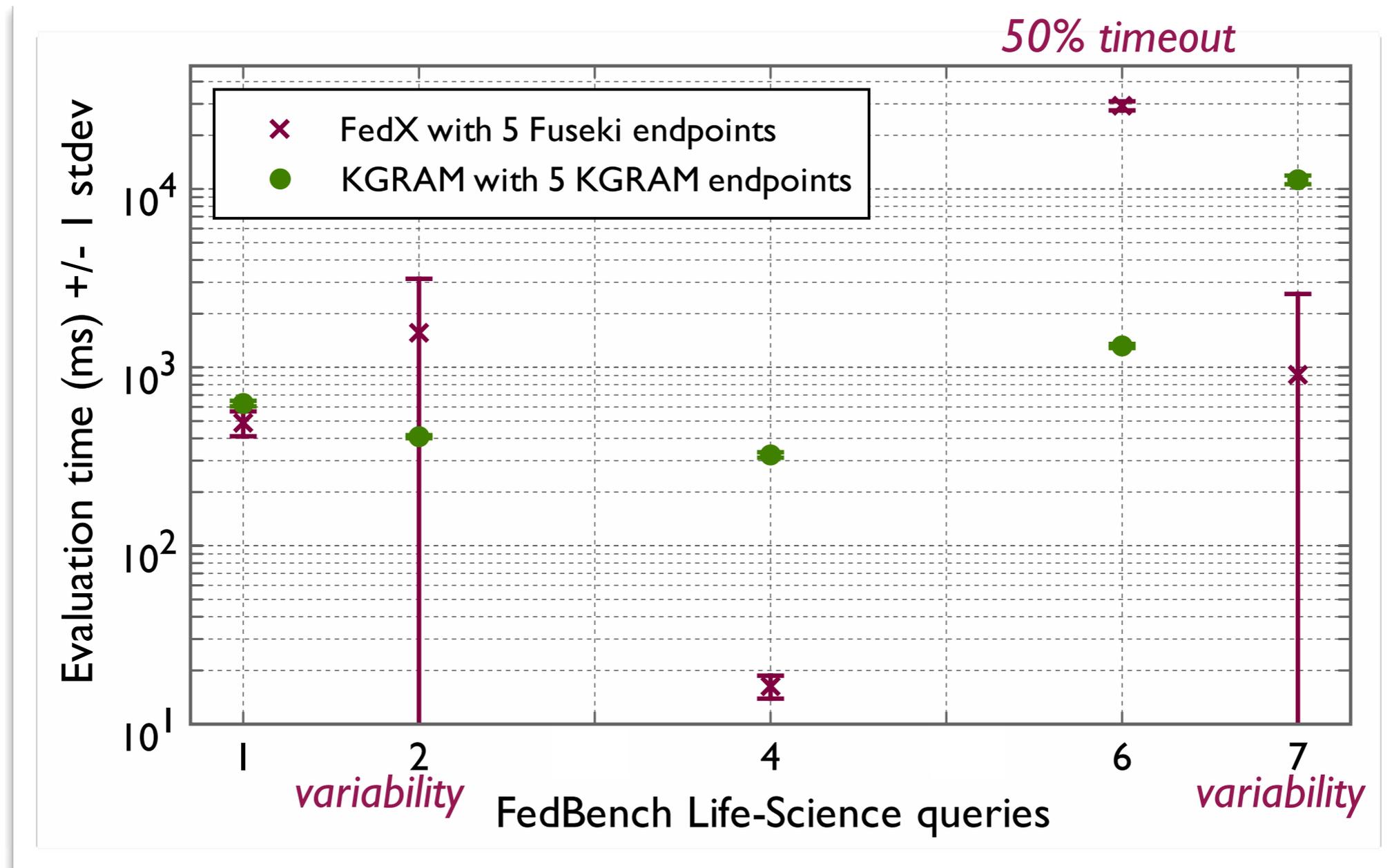
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  - No prior knowledge on data source content
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- Expressive approach: SPARQL I.I support (Optional, Negation, Property path, aggregates) **[Knowledge]**

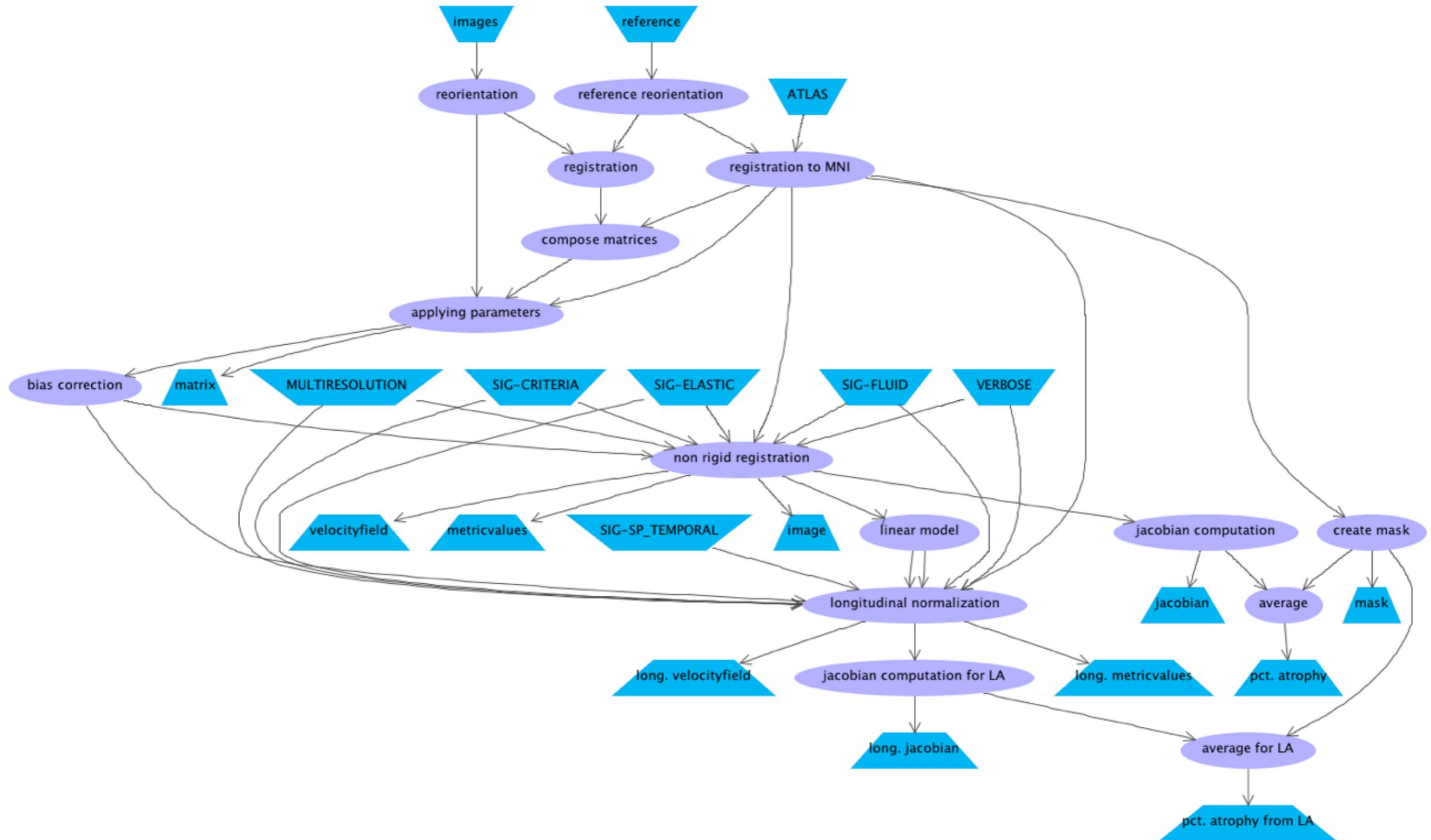
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- Coarse-grain DQP (dynamic triple pattern grouping in SERVICE clauses)
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- Relational database mediation
  - Prototype SQL data producer in KGRAM-DQP **[Heterogeneity]**

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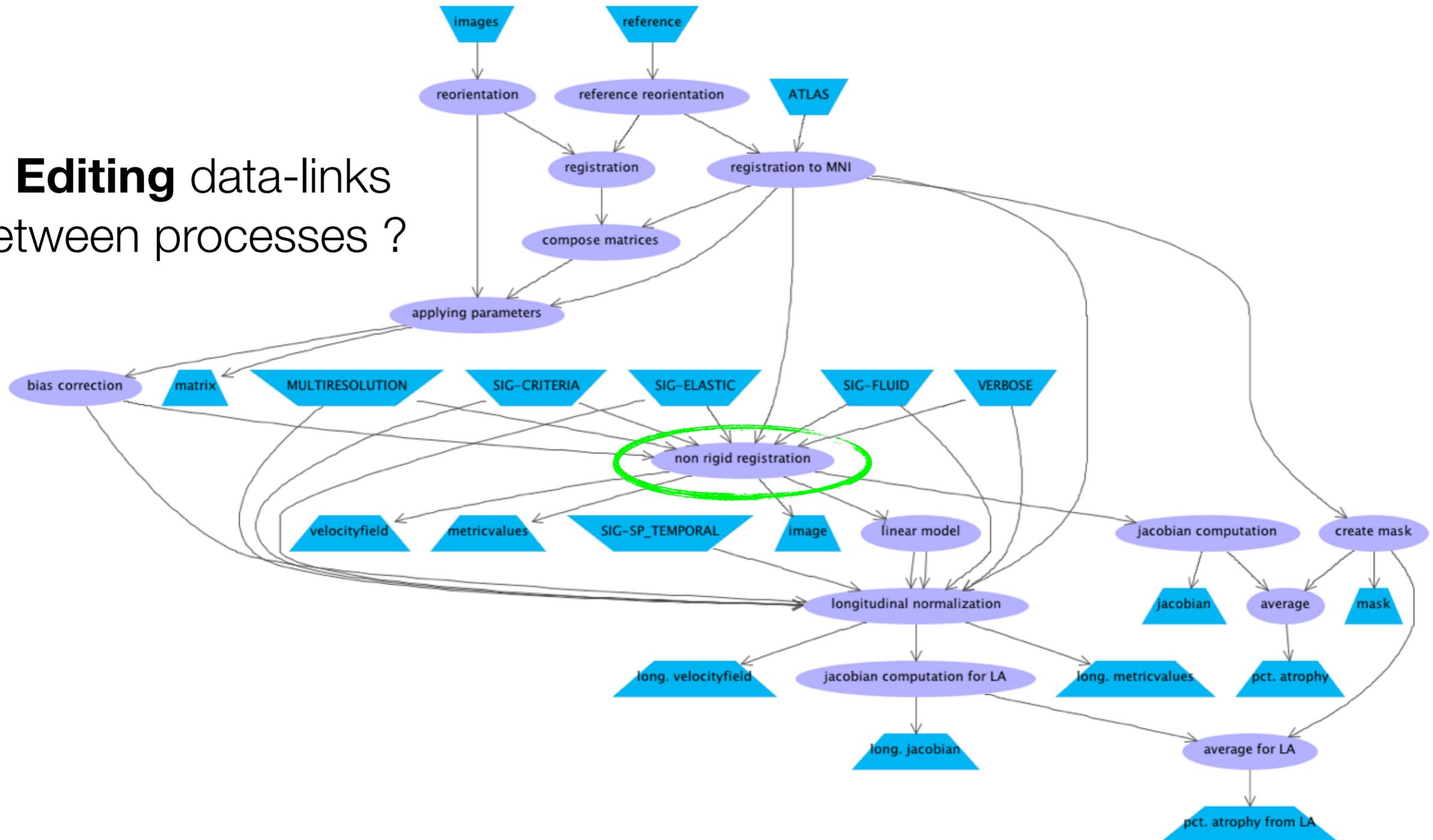
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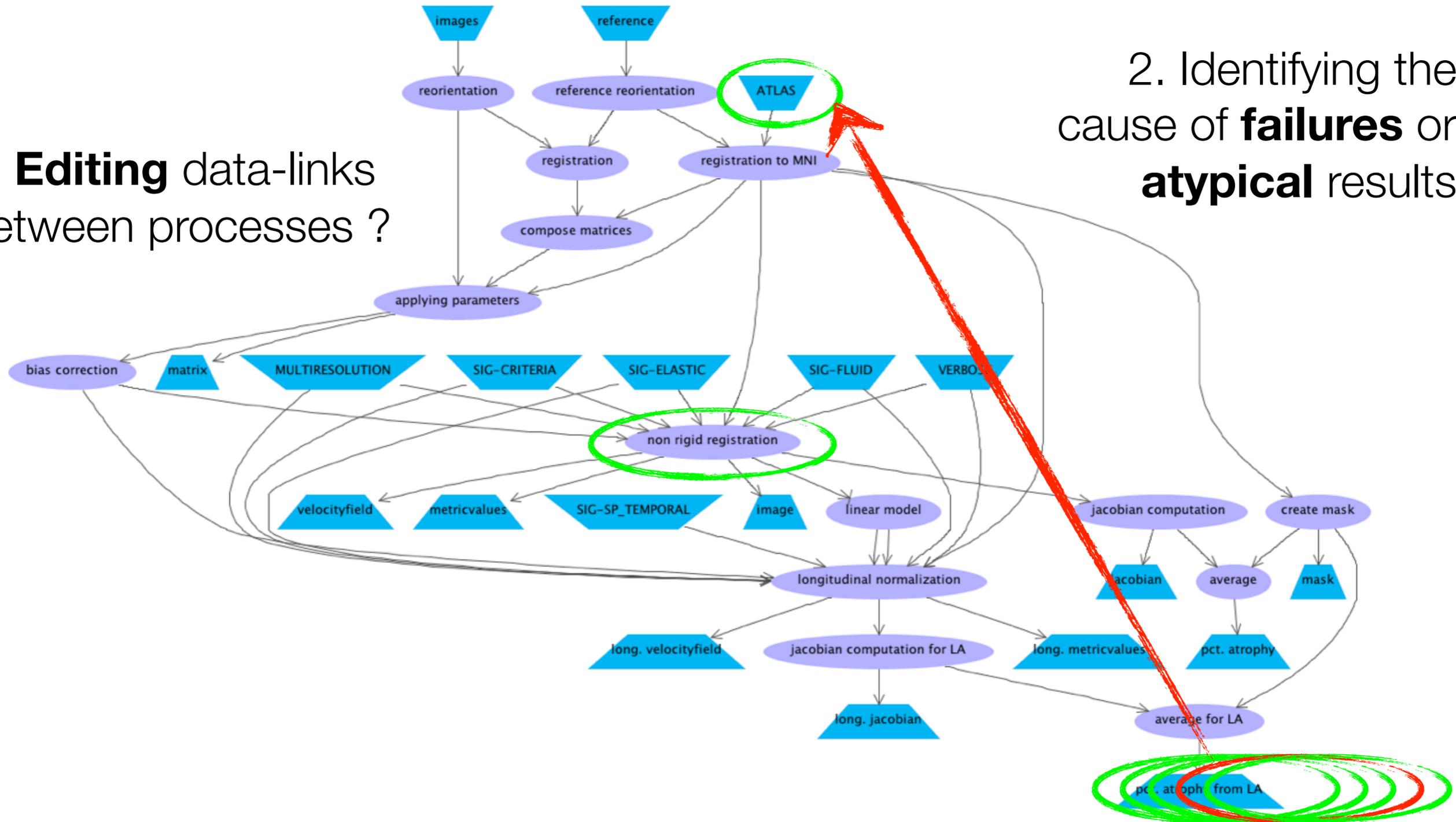
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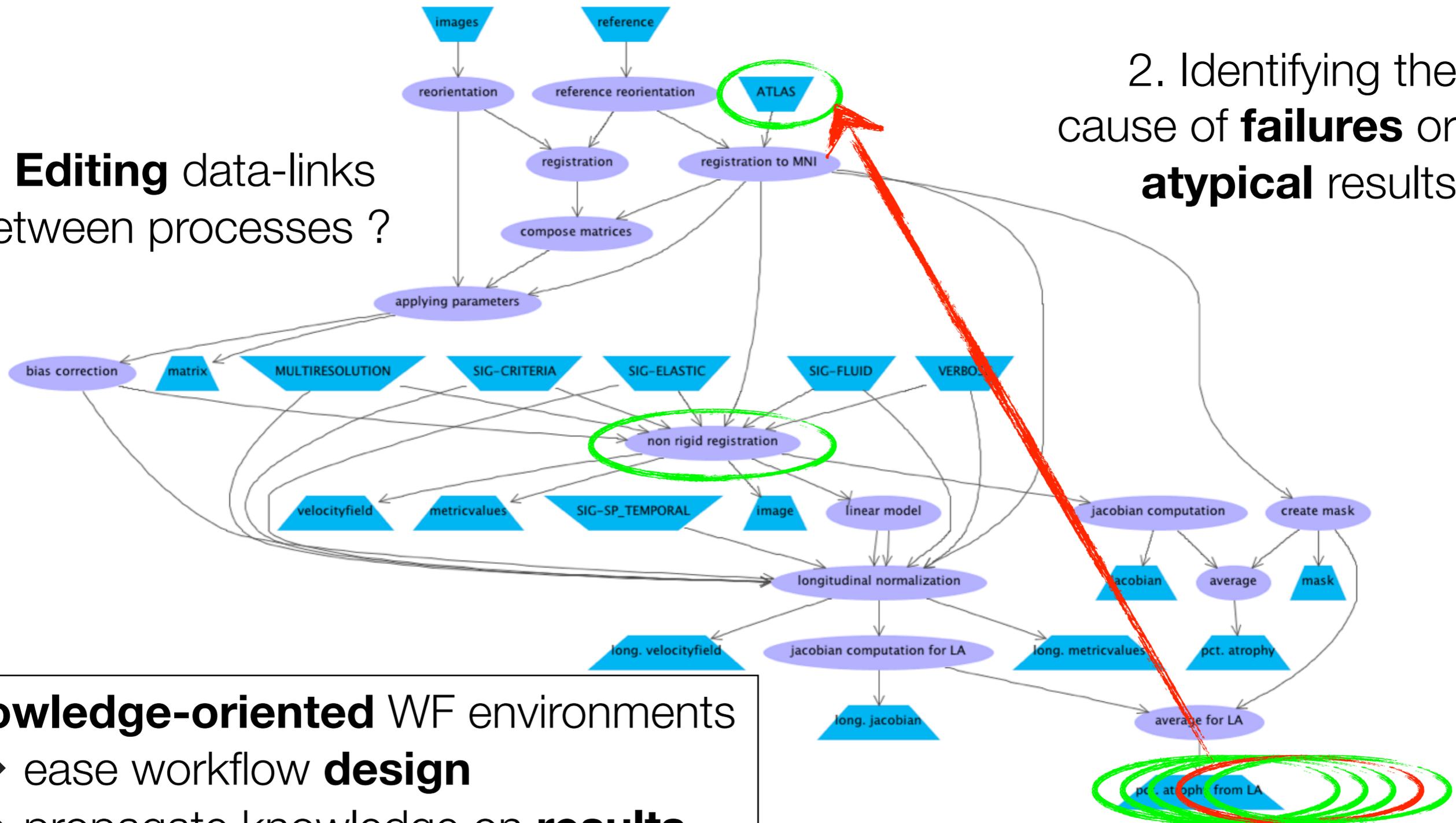
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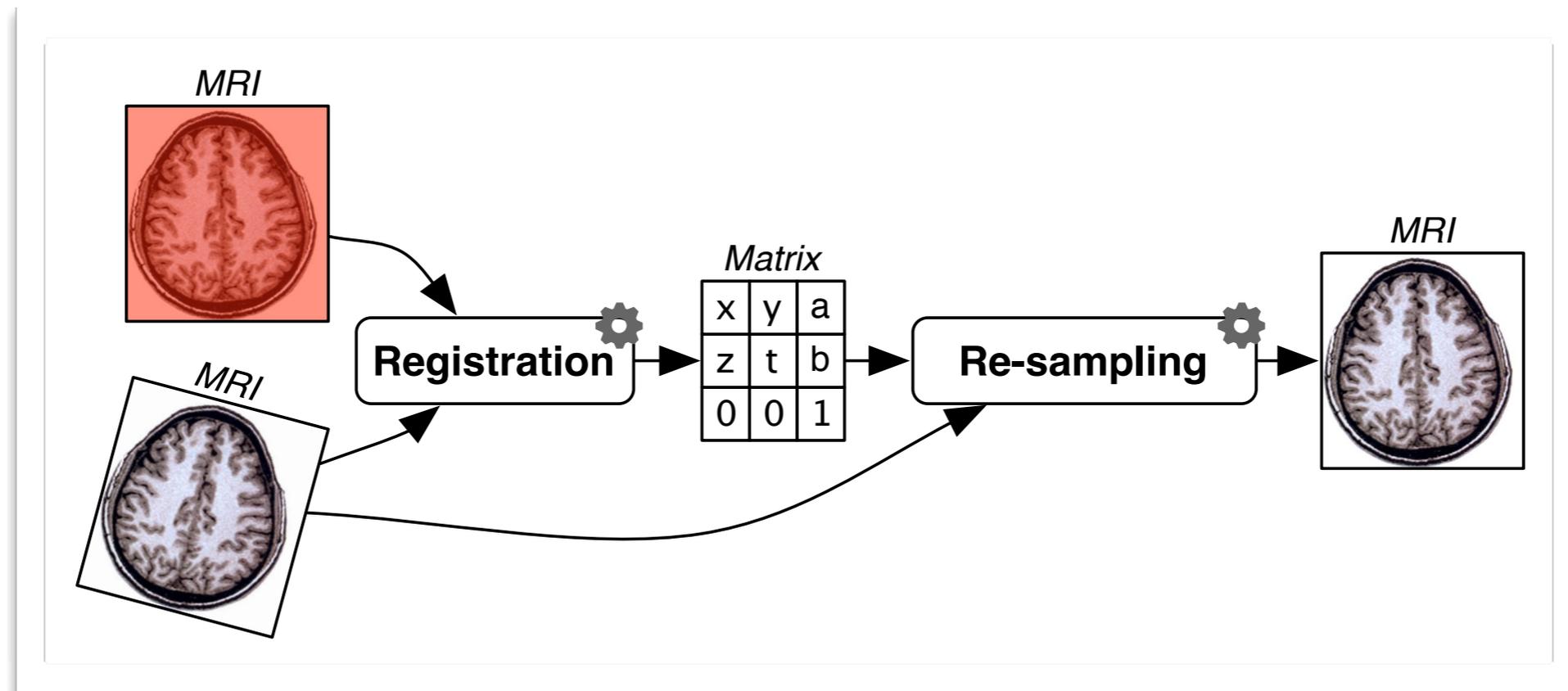


**Knowledge-oriented** WF environments

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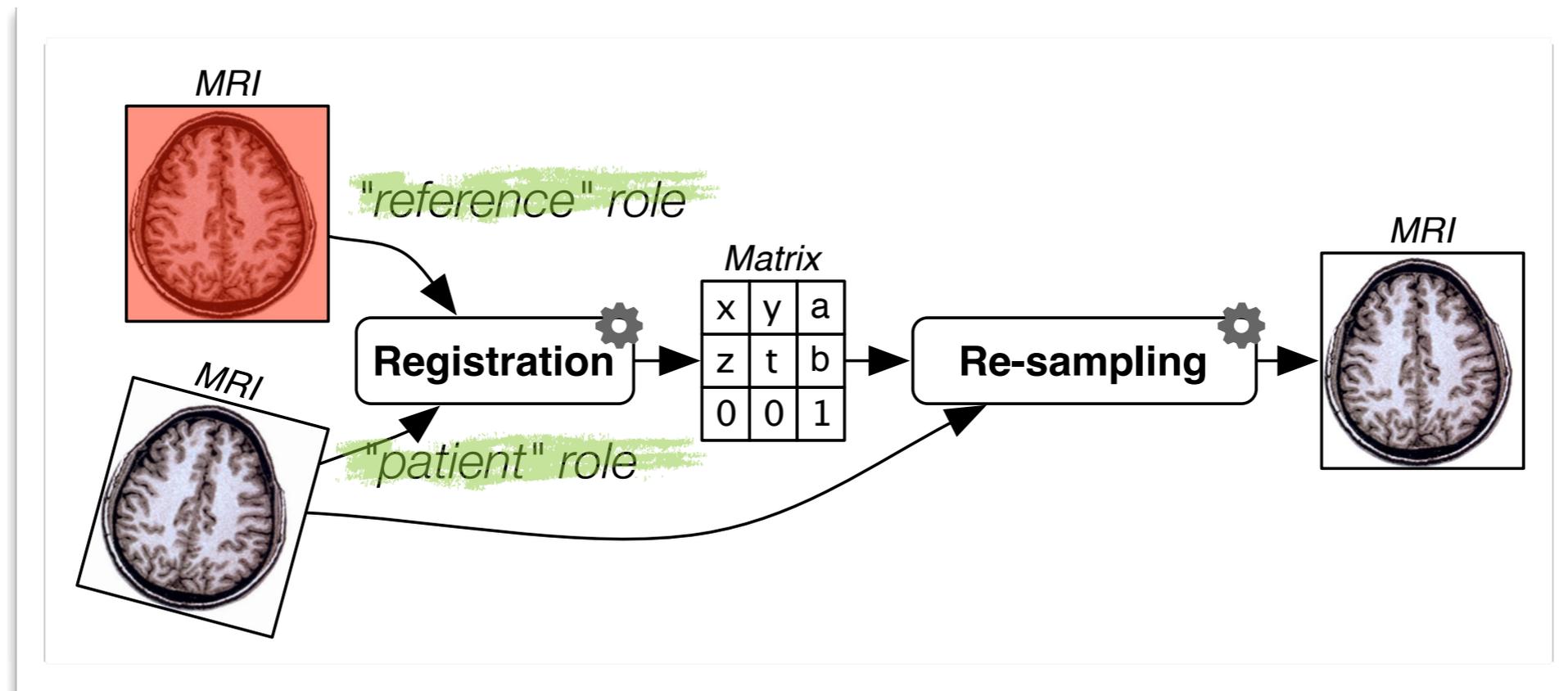
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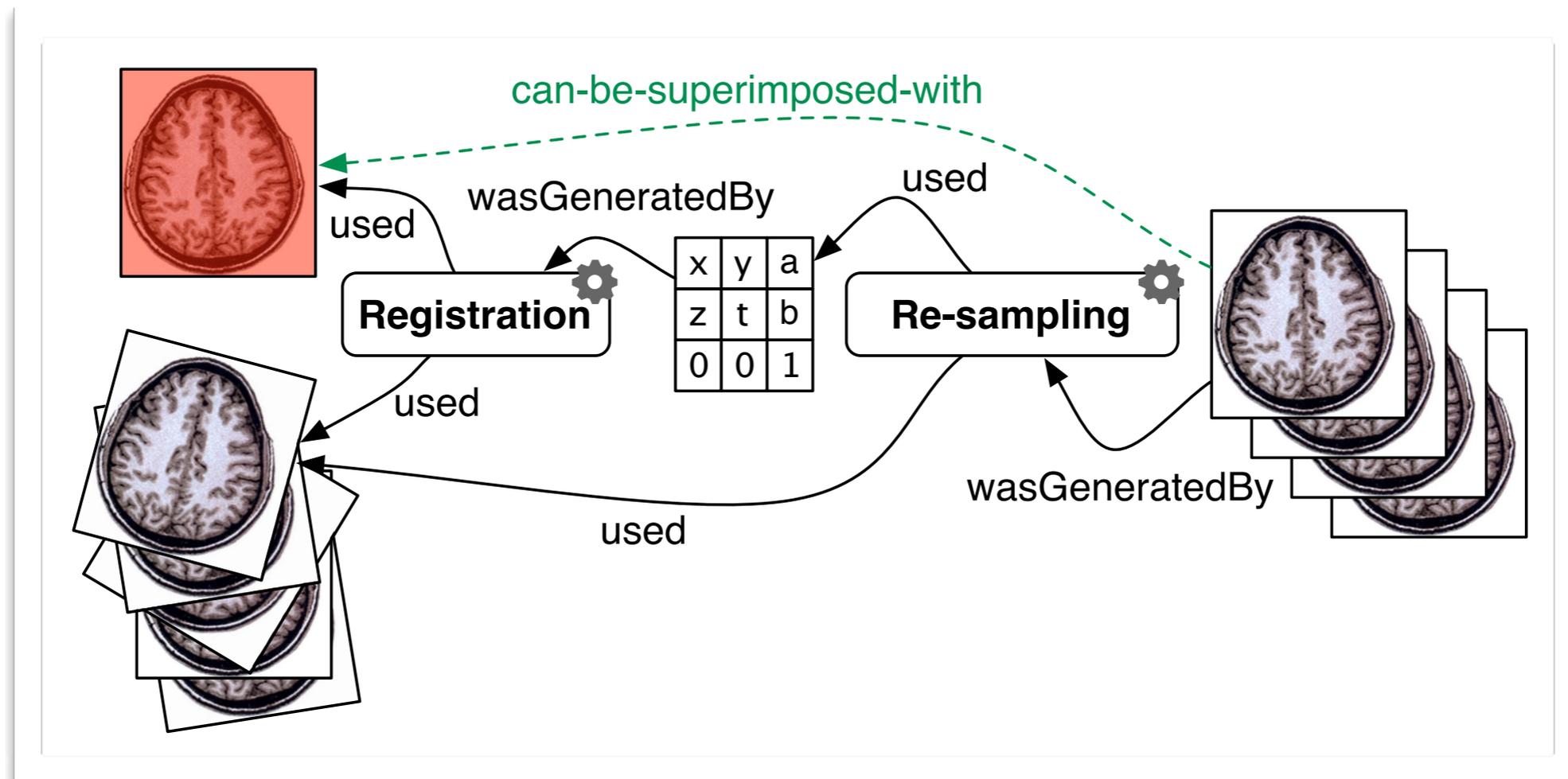
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# Runtime issues

- **Results exploitation** issue, close-up:



Need for **non-ambiguous** service annotations to **produce new domain-specific** statements

# Issues & Objectives

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## Issues:

- (i) How to **explicit** the **semantics** of data processing ?
- (ii) How to **benefit** from this **knowledge** ...
  - at experiment **design-time** ?
  - at experiment **runtime** ?

## Objectives:

- (i) ↘ complexity of **designing** an e-Science experiment (workflow) ;
- (ii) ↗ exploitation of **results** produced during data-intensive experiments.

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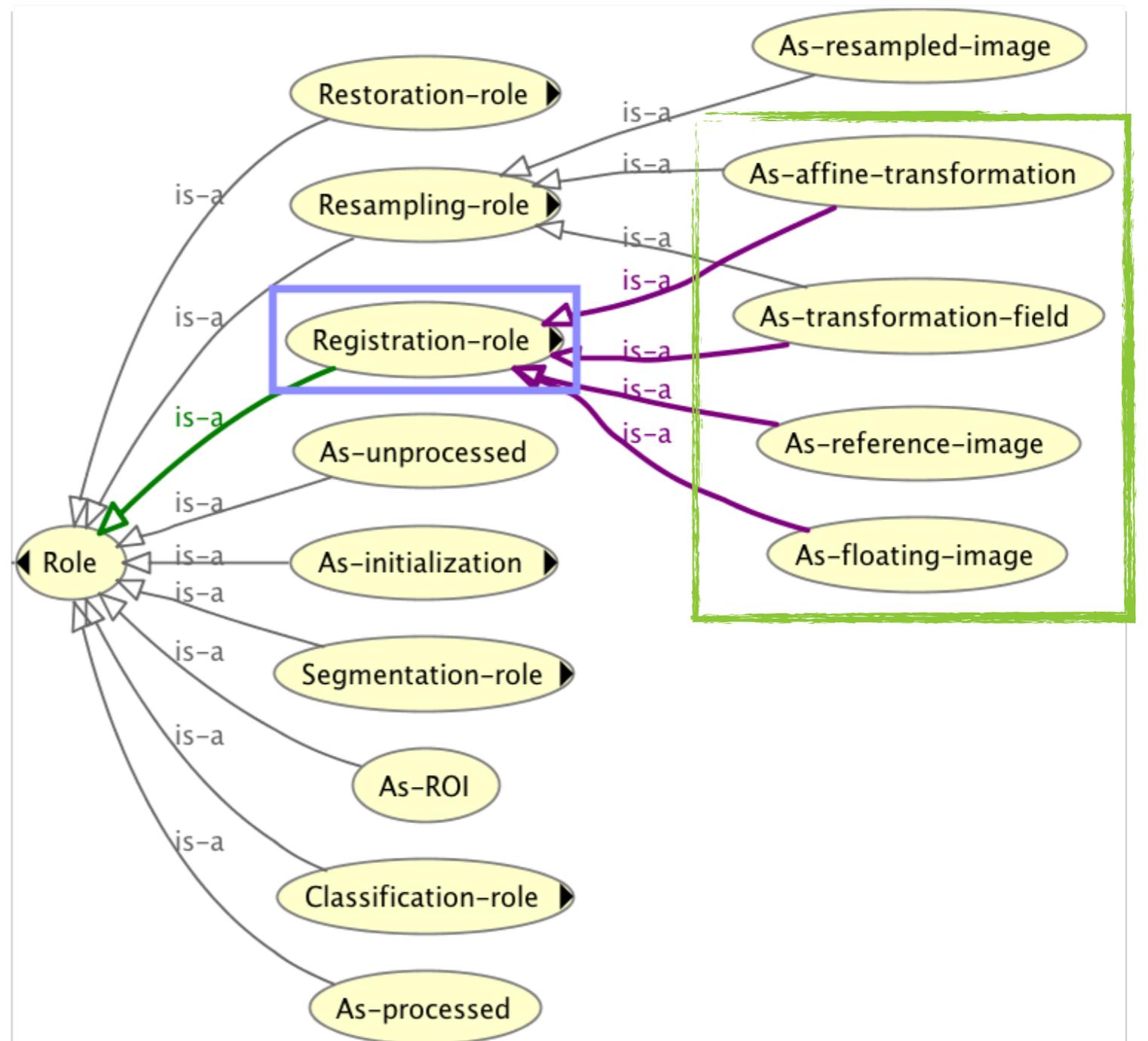
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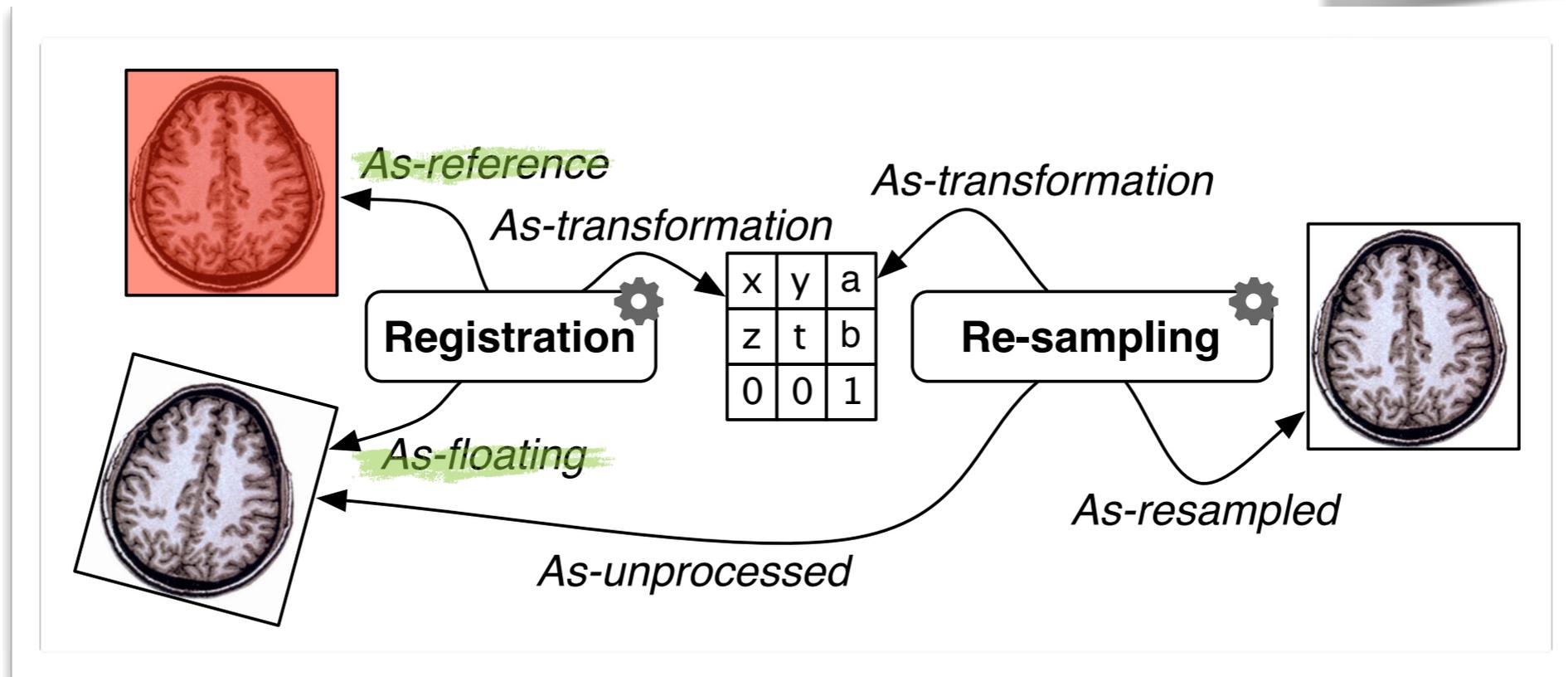
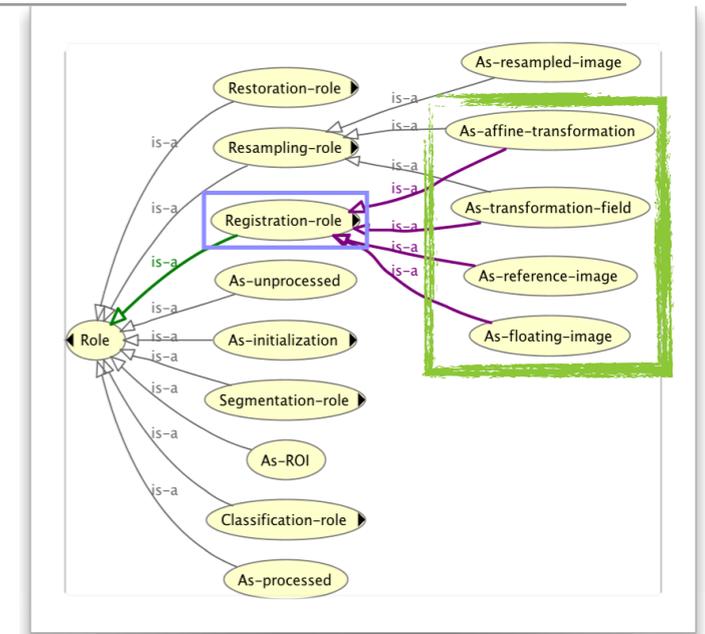
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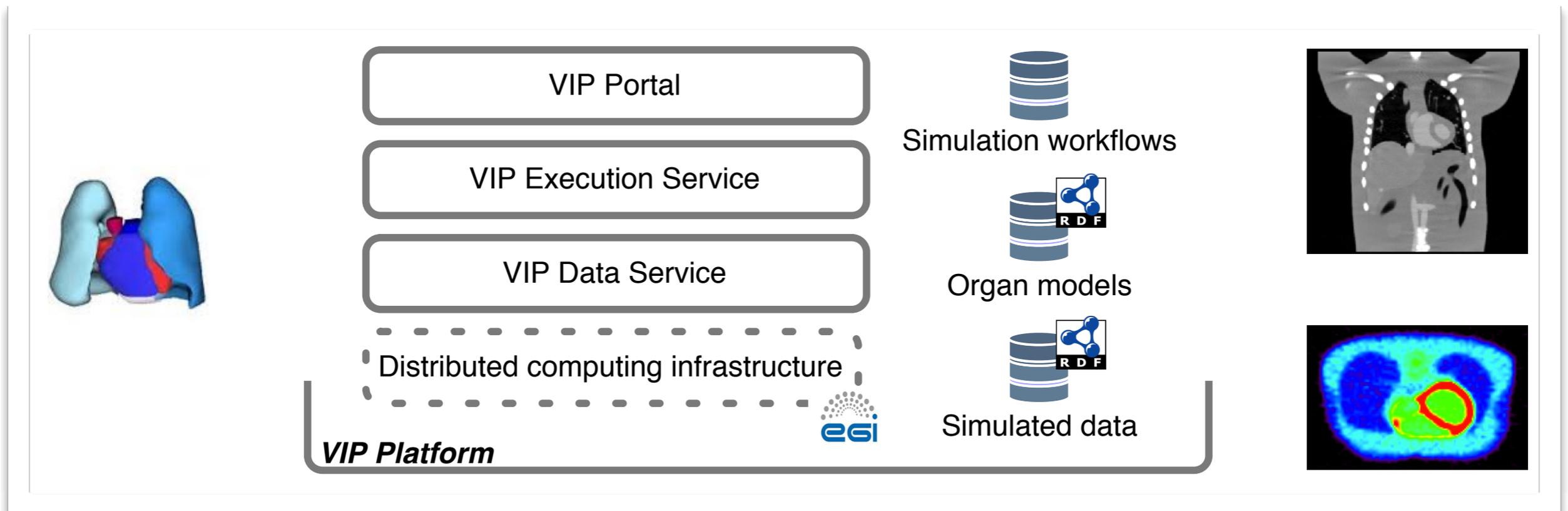
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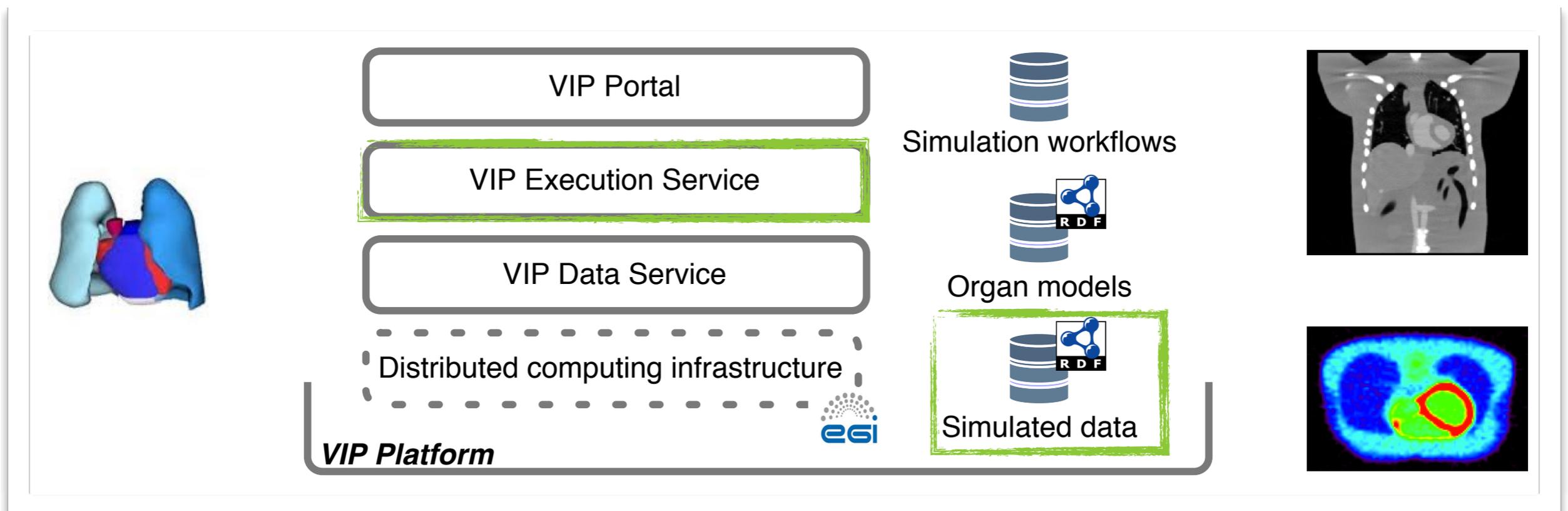
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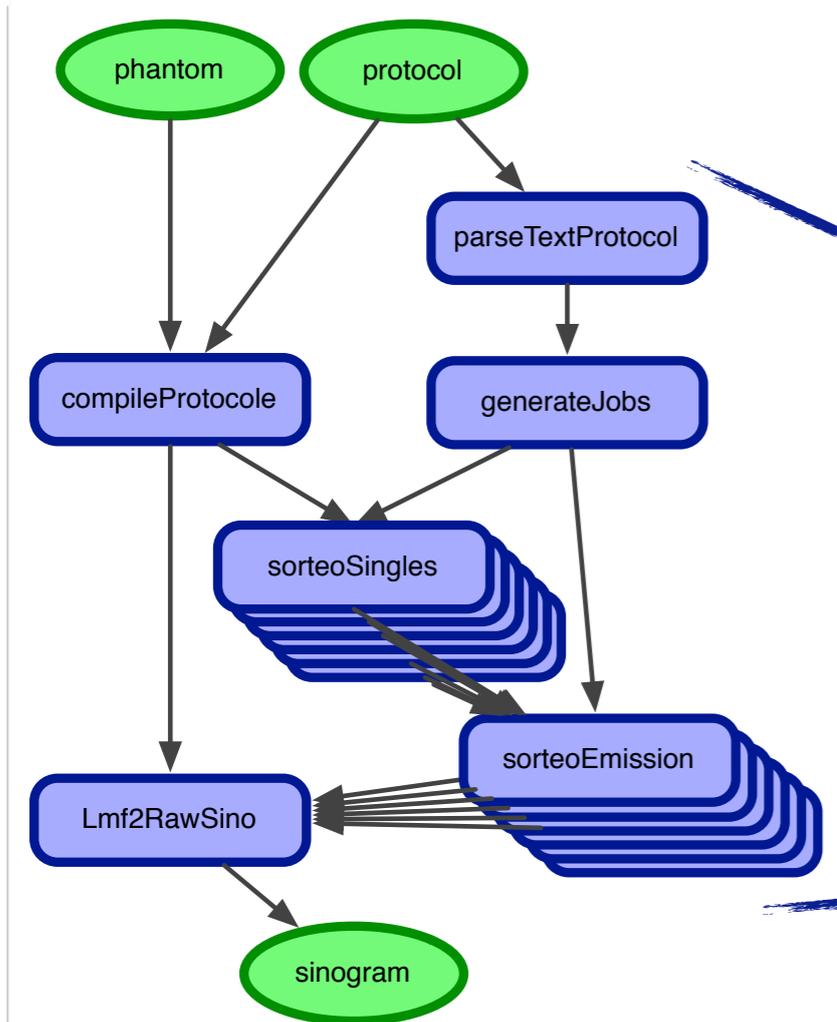
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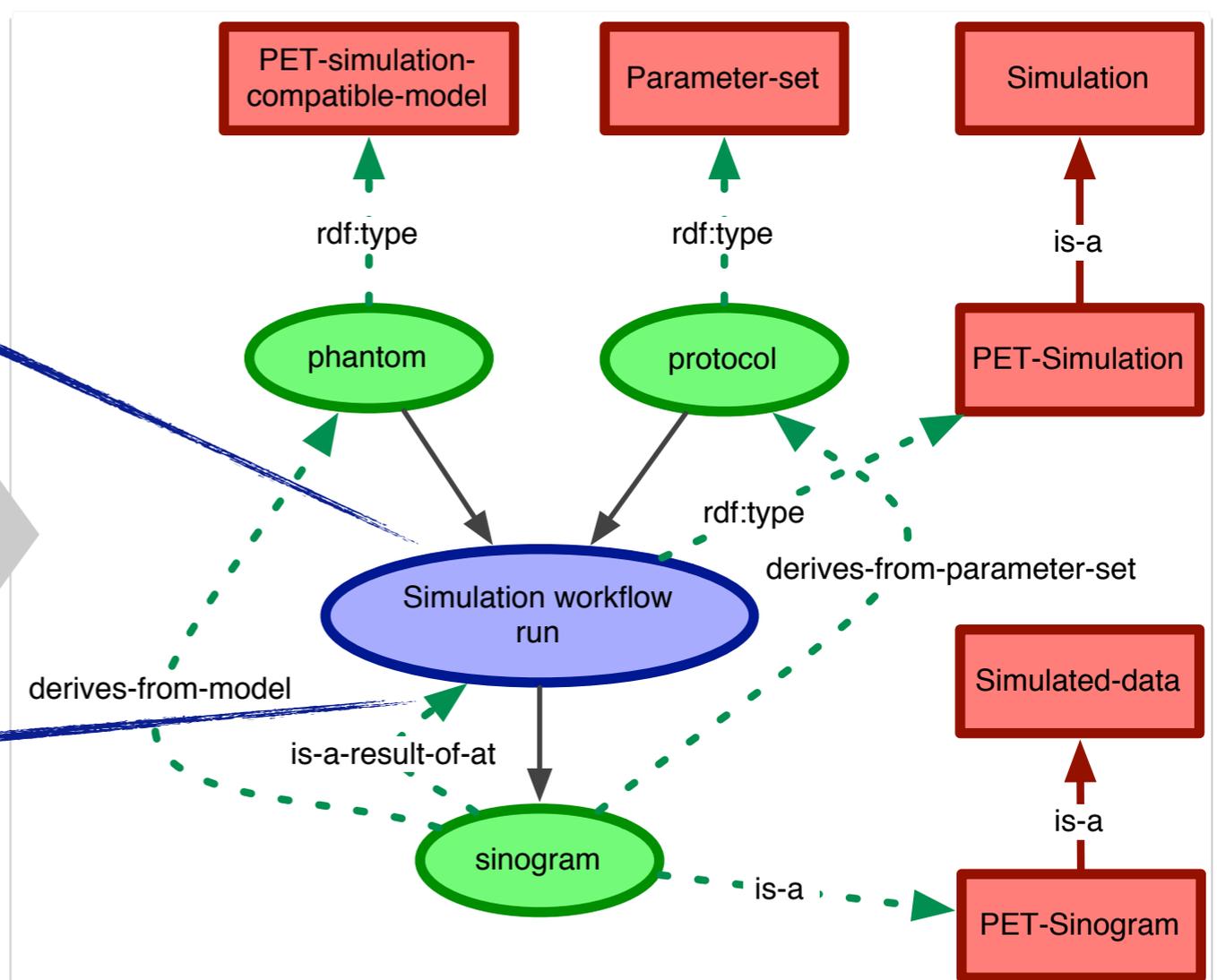
# Inferring VIP experiment summaries (real-life)

Fine-grained & technical provenance



*Inference rules*

Coarse-grained & meaningful provenance



# Inferring VIP experiment summaries: **material & methods**

## Inference rule:

```

CONSTRUCT {
  ?out vip-model:derives-from-model ?inPhantom
  #...
} WHERE {
  ?agent (iec:refers-to/rdf:type)
    vip-simulation:image-reconstruction-simulator-component .
  ?wcb opmo:cause ?agent .
  ?wcb opmo:effect ?x .
  ?x rdf:type opmv:Process .
  ?wgb opmo:cause ?x .
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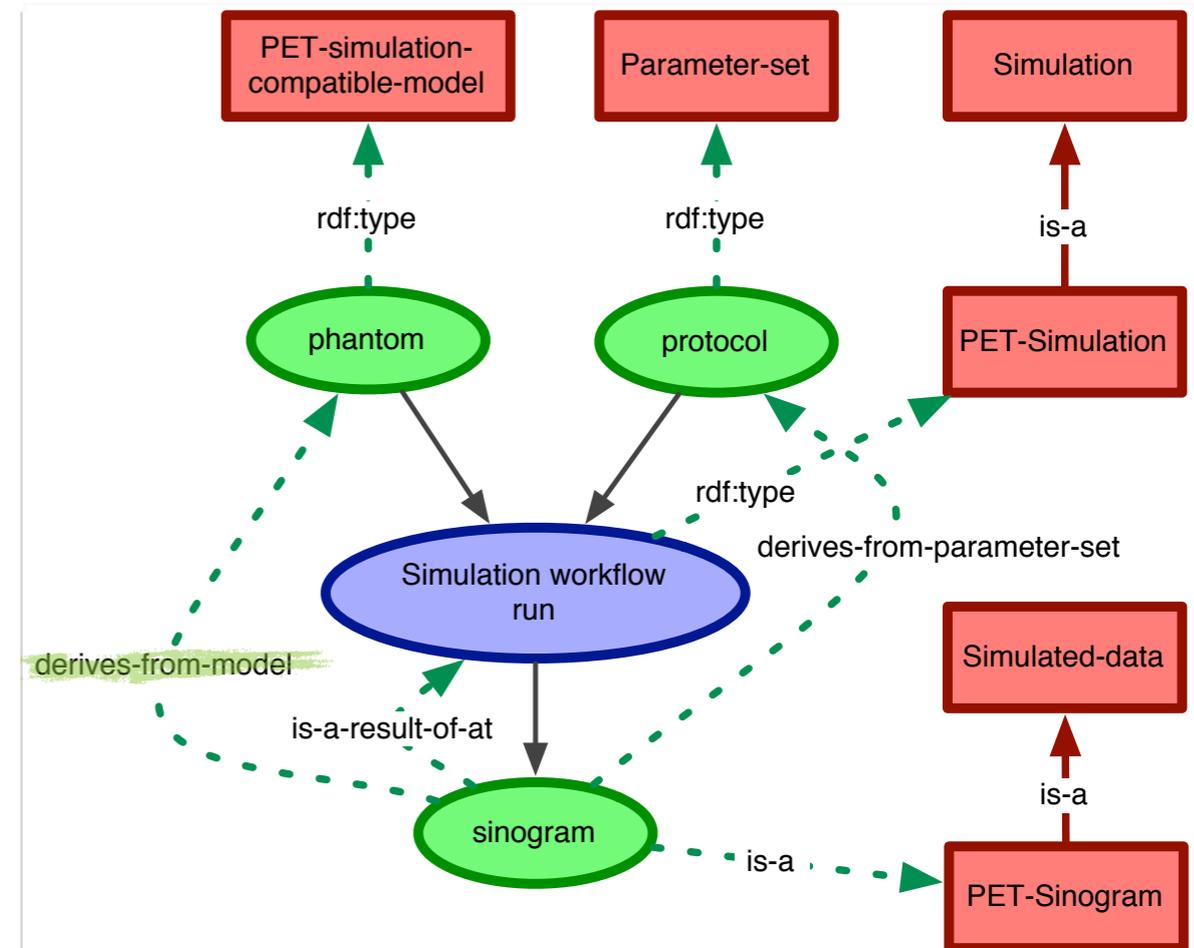
  ?agent2 (iec:refers-to/rdf:type)
    vip-simulation:parameters-generation-simulator-component .
  ?wcb2 opmo:cause ?agent2 .
  ?wcb2 opmo:effect ?y .
  ?y rdf:type opmv:Process .

  ?used1 opmo:cause ?inPhantom .
  ?used1 opmo:effect ?y .
  ?used1 opmo:role/rdfs:label ?techRolePhantom .

  ?agent2 ws:has-input ?inPortPhantom .
  ?inPortPhantom (iec:refers-to/rdf:type)
    vip-model:geometrical-phantom-object-model .
  ?inPortPhantom rdfs:comment ?techRolePhantom .

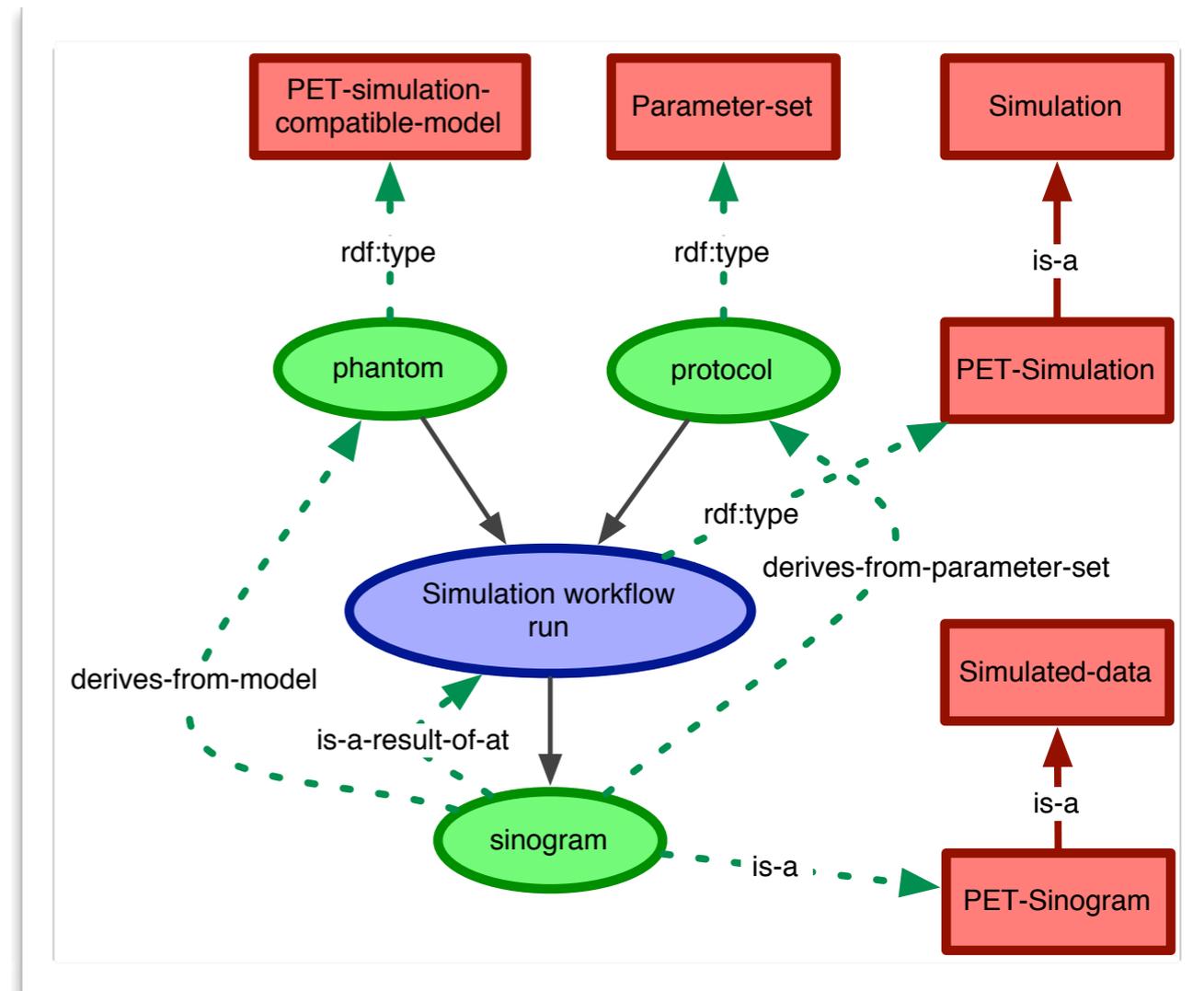
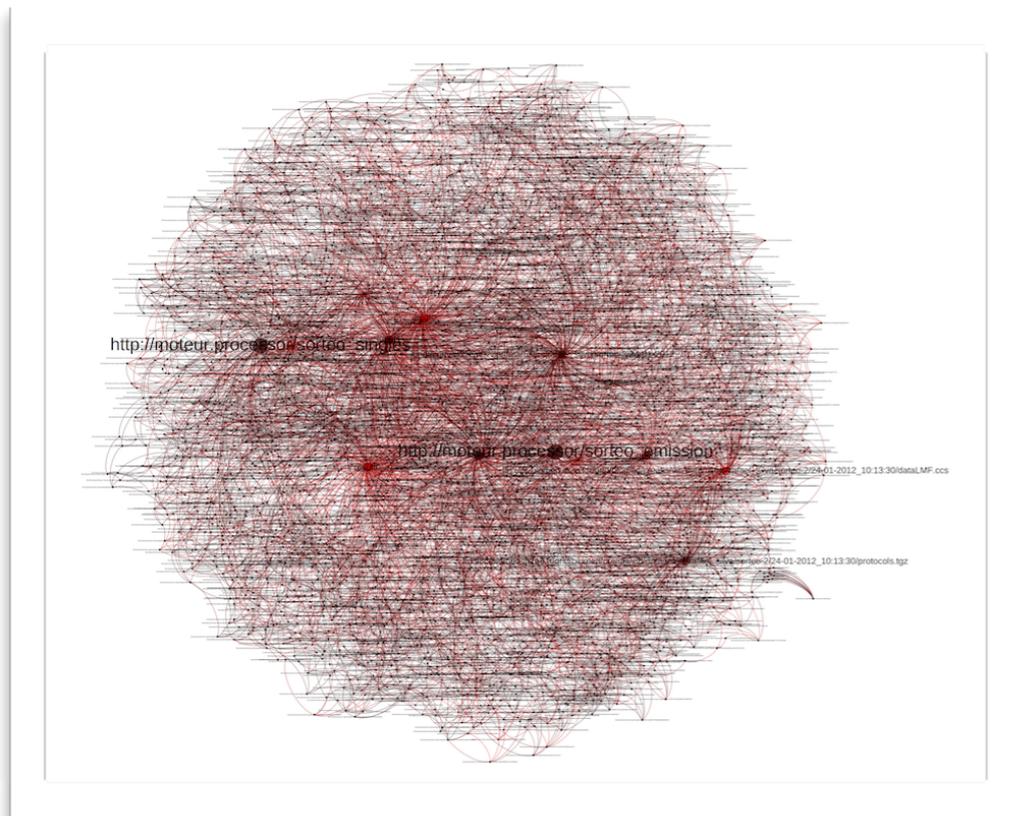
  ?inPhantom opmo:avalue ?vInPhantom .
  ?vInPhantom opmo:content ?cInPhantom .
  #...
}
    
```

## Inferred meaningful experiment summary:



# Inferring VIP experiment summaries: **results**

- Semantic experiment summaries :



*BIG fine-grained, **meaningless** provenance*

*FEW **meaningful** statements*  
results **Interpretation**

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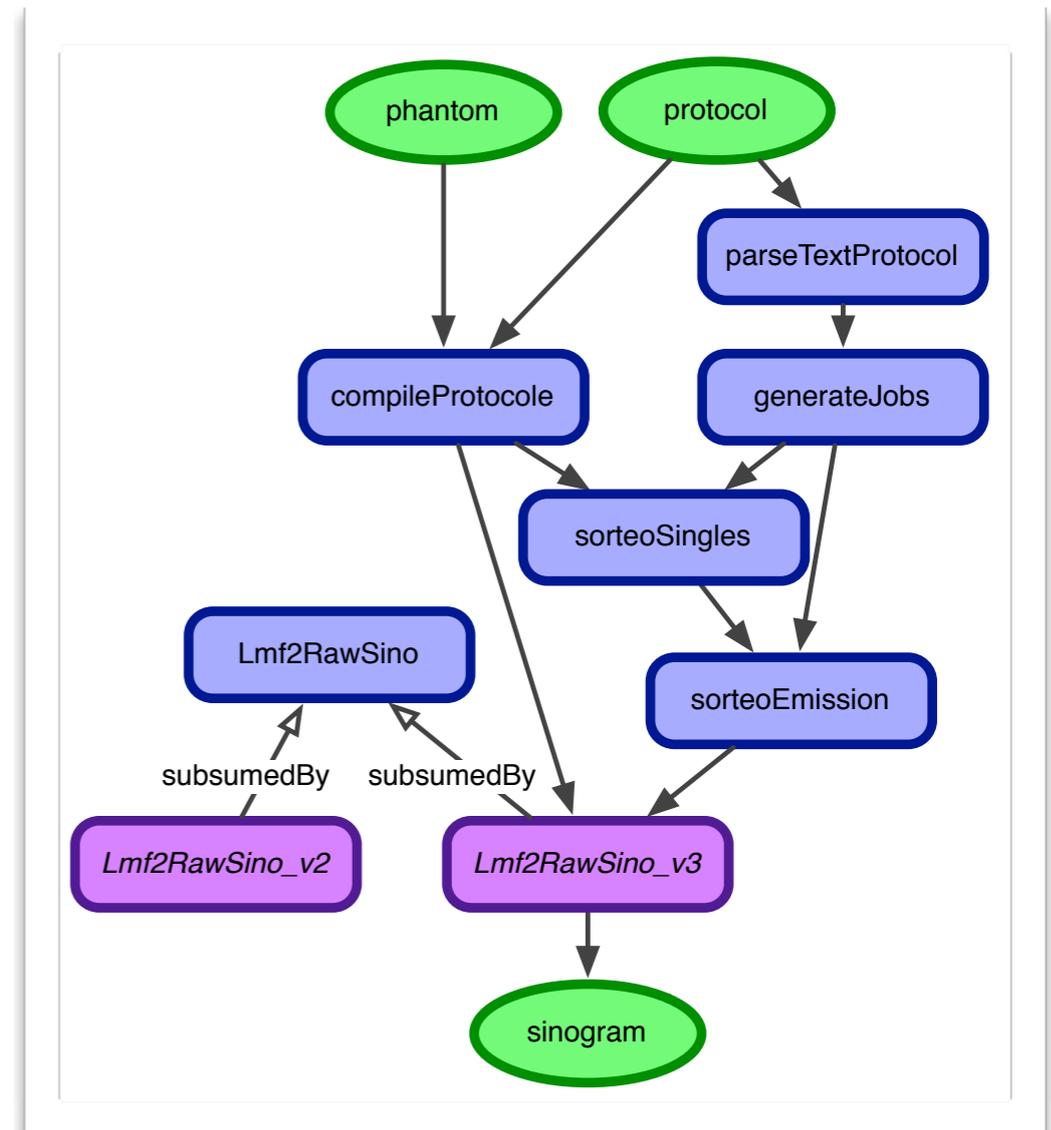
✓ Distributed **linked** provenance **data & inference rules**

▶ Grid'5000 infrastructure (3 OPM data sources) + KGRAM-DQP

✓ **Reusable** inference rules

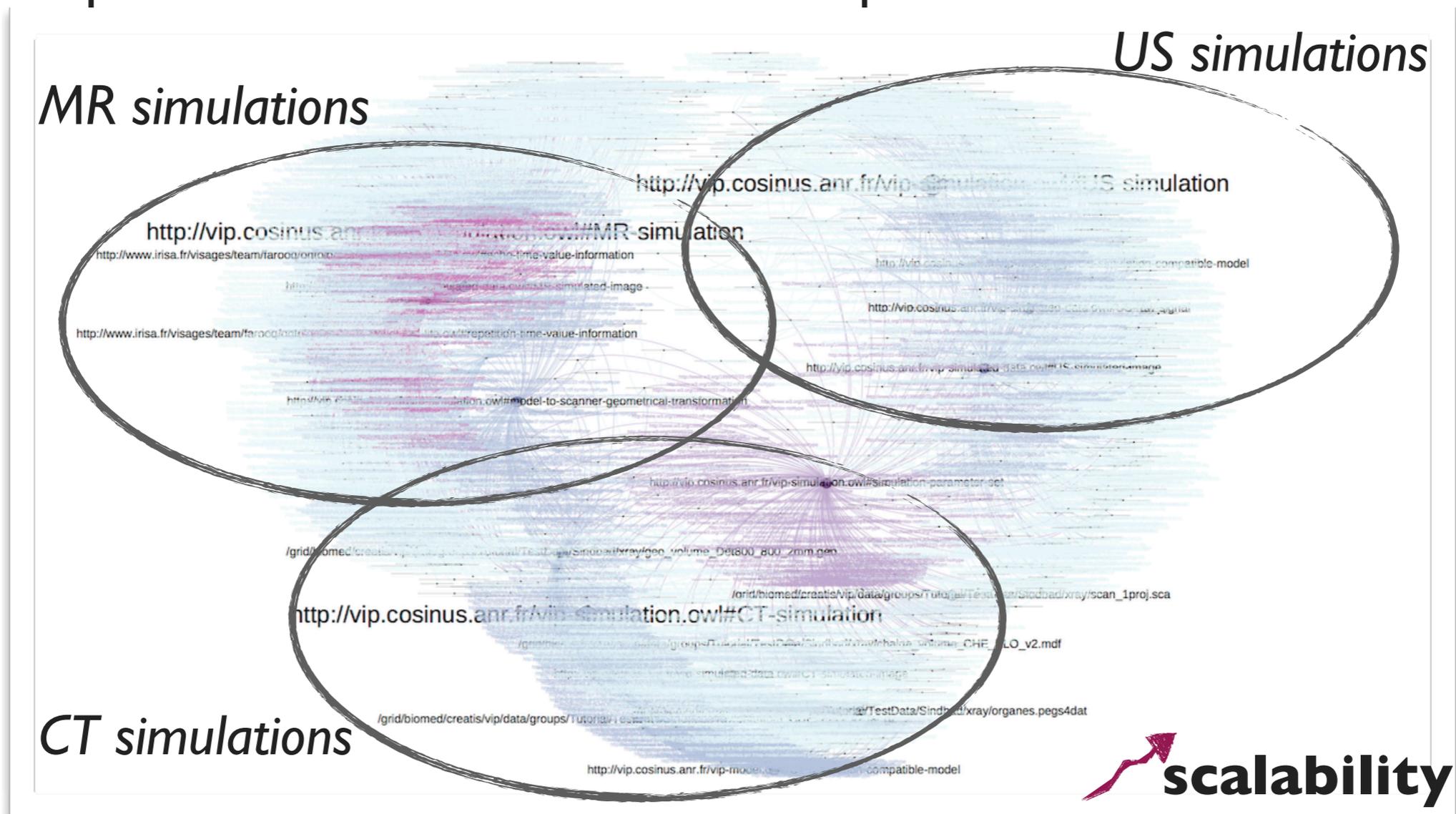
✓ adapt to simulator component evolutions

- do not adapt to workflow structure evolutions



# Inferring VIP experiment summaries: **results**

- 1 week of VIP operation / 18 possible inference rules:
  - ▶ 118 Simulations (15K triples each) → 1.7 M triples
  - ▶ 118 Experiments summaries → 2656 triples



# Highlights & short-term perspectives

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- **Highlights**

- Clear delineation between **Role** and **Natural concepts**
- Domain ontology at **workflow design-time** and **run-time**
- **Scalable annotation** of analyzed data through **semantic experiment summaries**
- **Reusable** inference rules

- **Short-term perspectives**

- Integration of neuro-imaging roles in a sound domain ontology
- From OPM ontology to PROV-O
- Publishing experiment summaries as Linked Open Data

# Summary

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- Enhance **e-Science platforms** with **Knowledge Engineering** (and **Semantic Web** technologies)
  - ▶ **Scalable** and **expressive Knowledge Sharing** approach through distributed query processing techniques and abstract knowledge graphs
  - ▶ **Smart Knowledge Production**: "few but meaningful data"
- **Deployment** into real-life platforms
  - ▶ **2 softwares**: NeuSemStore and KGRAM-DQP  
in production in **2 ANR projects** : NeuroLOG and VIP

# Future directions

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1. Towards high **performance** federated semantic querying:
  - ▶ triple pattern grouping & query planning
  - ▶ "Elastic" SPARQL endpoint for massive knowledge graphs
2. Towards highly **expressive** federated semantic querying
  - ▶ FedBench extensions with more expressive queries
  - ▶ Towards distributed reasoning (optimal plan for inferences ? materialization ?)
3. Towards **versatile** and **reliable** knowledge base federations
  - ▶ R2RML-based mediation of SQL databases
  - ▶ generalized provenance, from processed data to the originating data sources (explanation)
4. Towards reduced **information overload** in e-Science
  - Semantic experiment summaries & (goal-driven) conceptual workflows [Cerezo *et al.*, 2011]
    - ▶ Eased inference rules design by relying on WF goals
    - ▶ Annotated data to help in WF design

# Merci !

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