

“Ecosystem for Collecting and Connecting Rare Disease Data”

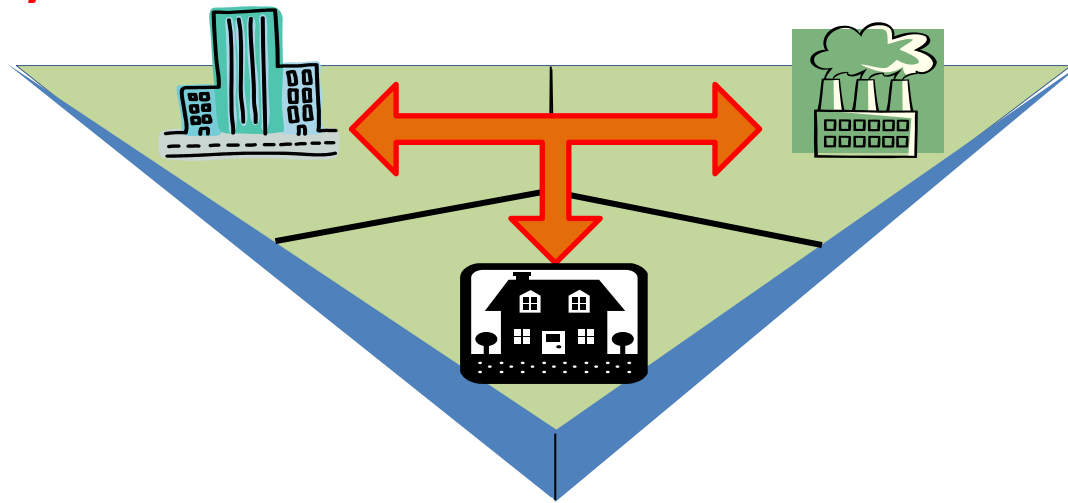
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Ecosystem...

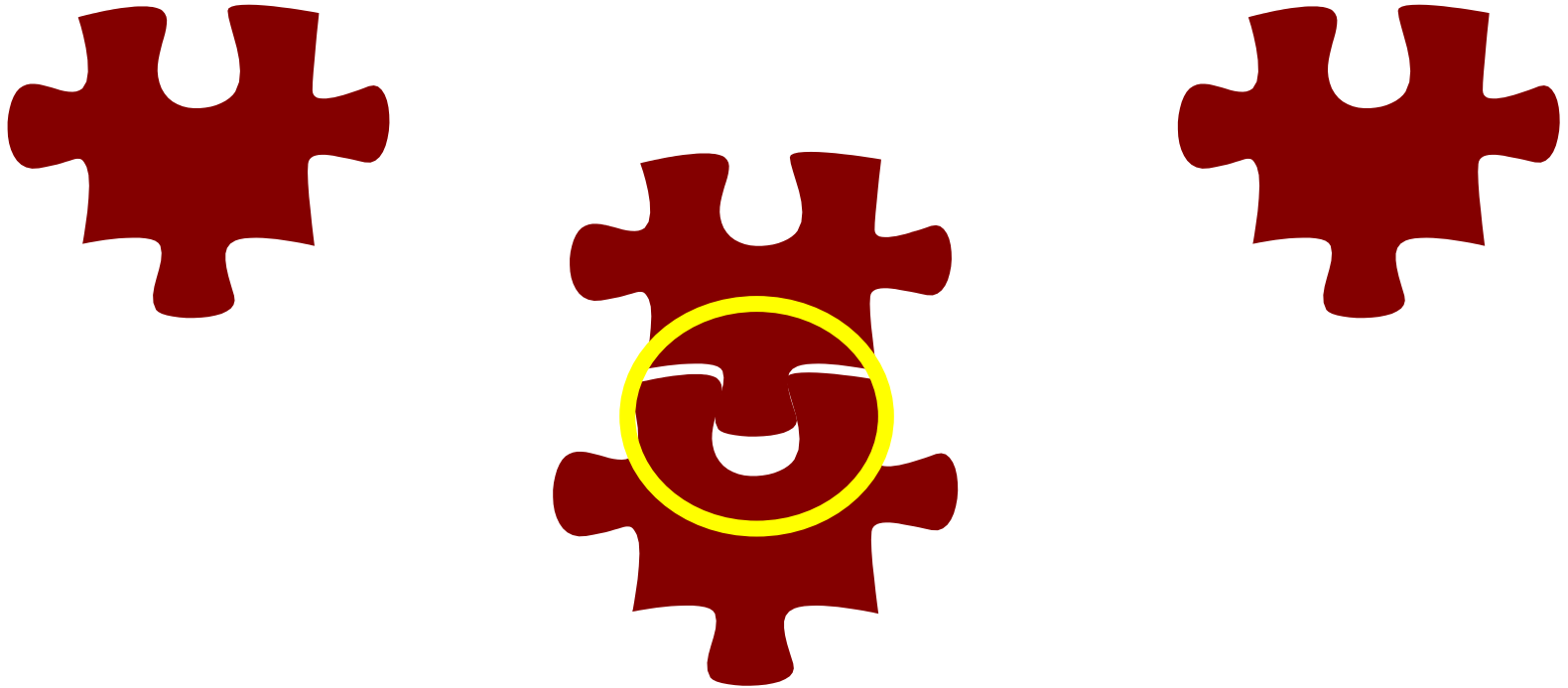
**Research
Data Systems**

**Diagnostics
Data Systems**



**Patient
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Ecosystem...

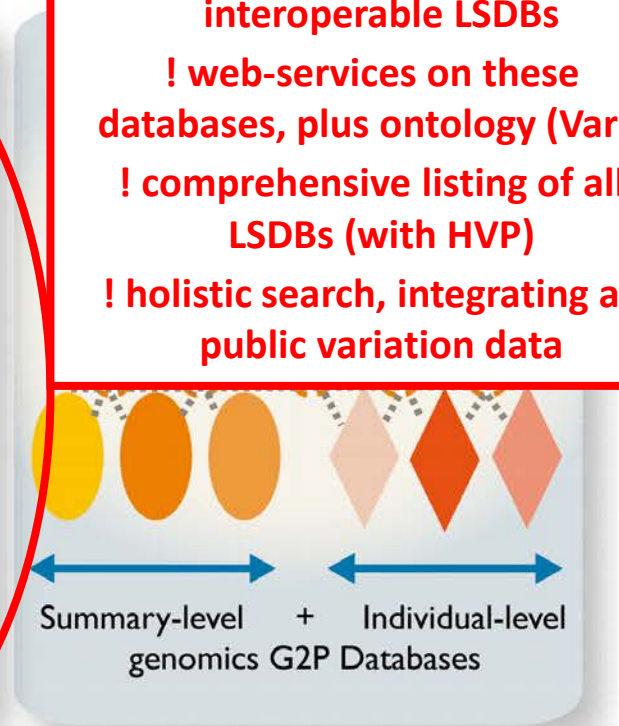
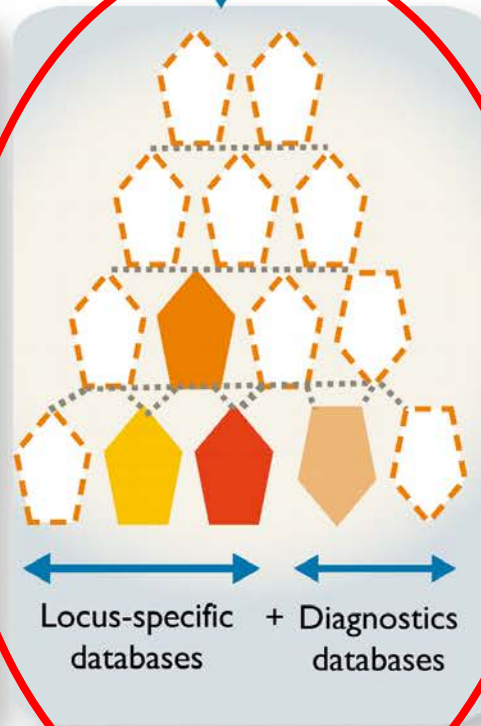
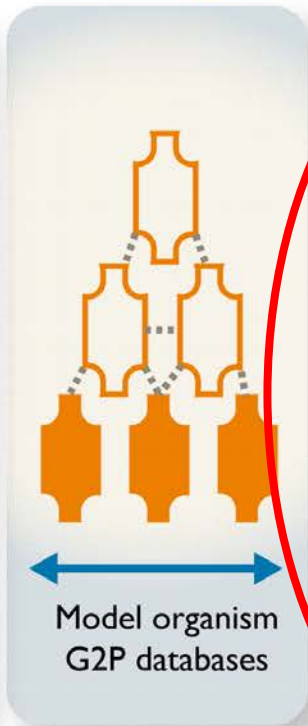


So...

concentrate on collaboratively defining and promoting 'connections'

PUBLIC DOMAIN GENOME BROWSERS

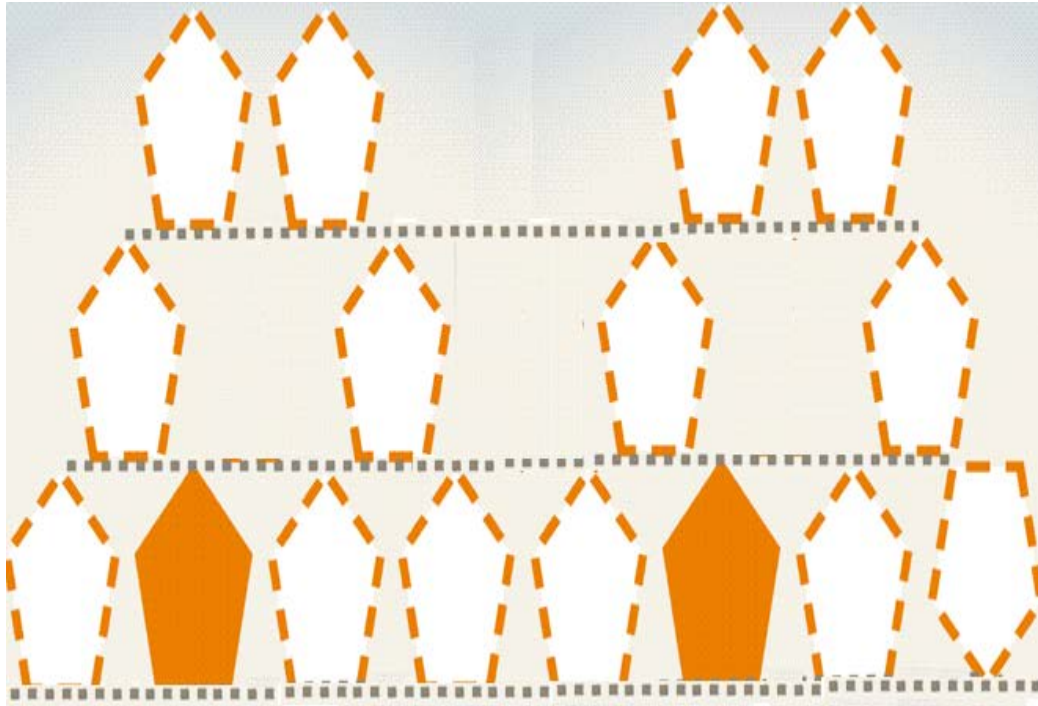
e.g. Ensembl



GEN2PHEN:

- ! common data model & exchange format for LSDBs
- ! stable gene ref seqs (LRG) & mutation naming (HGVS)
- ! approx. 2000 standardised & interoperable LSDBs
- ! web-services on these databases, plus ontology (Vario)
- ! comprehensive listing of all LSDBs (with HVP)
- ! holistic search, integrating all public variation data

Architecture



CENTRAL DBs

Safe core info, summaries
ClinVar, HGMD, JRC Registry

'INTEGRATION' DBs

Disease/ethnic focus, networks & consortia, external data federation
HVP nodes, DMuDB, PathoKB

SOURCE DBs

Expert curation, sensitive data
Research & diagnostic Labs,
LSDBs, patient registries

ENTITY IDENTIFIERS

Data IDs

- The 'Data Object Identifier' (DOI) system, managed by DataCite. Covers a very broad concept of a 'data object' (much more than just traditional publications). Essential for creating the 'web of data'.

Database IDs

- The BioDBCore project by which database IDs can be assigned. Essential if webservice are to start connecting resources effectively.

Human IDs

- The 'Open Researcher Contributor Identifier' (ORCID) system. Launched late 2013, has already issued many tens of thousands of ORCIDs. Soon to be a required author detail when submitting manuscripts. Removes ambiguity over all 'contributors', thereby enabling incentive/reward systems for data sharing, improved knowledge discovery options, and automation of data access control.

Biobank IDs

- Pilot system emerging from GEN2PHEN & BioShaRE, operated by P3G, as a basis for developing BioResource Impact Factor (BRIF) metrics.

Data Sharing & Access

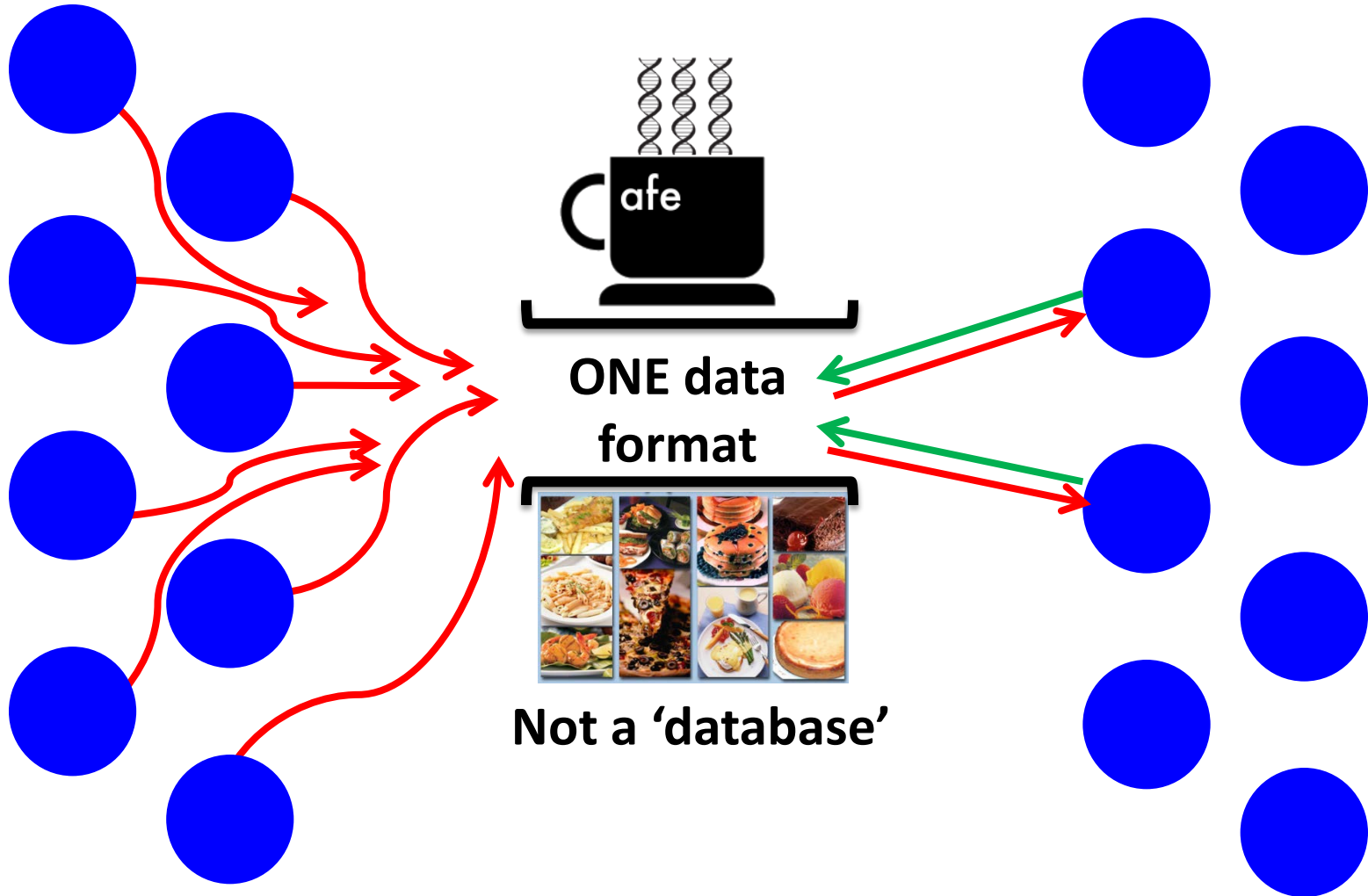


*Openly share the 'existence' rather than
the 'substance' of the data
....thereafter variably manage data access*

'Cafe Variome'

DONORS

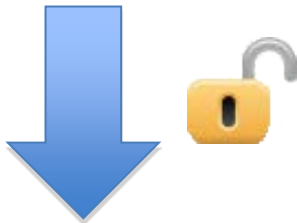
USERS



Data Sharing Models (controlled access)

Open Access

Variants are made publically available for user



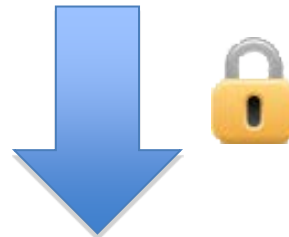
Public variants

Cafe Variome ID	Gene	HGVSp	Reference	Phenotype(s)	Source ID
vs1	FB	c.598T>C	NM_001132.3	Hemophilia A	gensearch
vs2	FB	c.585T>A	NM_001132.3	Hemophilia A	gensearch
vs3	MTN1	c.205C>T	NM_005392.2	Myotubular myopathy, 3-basal	gensearch
vs4	BRCA2	c.1020C>T	NM_000059.3	Breast-ovarian cancer, familial, 2	gensearch
vs5	SN1	c.141C>T	NM_004309.2	Myopathy, centronuclear, autosomal recessive	gensearch
vs6	CAPN3	c.225T>T	NM_173287.1	Muscular dystrophy, limb-girdle, type 2A	gensearch
vs7	OMD	c.452A>G	NM_042012.2	NA	gensearch
vs8	CAPN3	c.550A>A	NM_173287.1	Muscular dystrophy, limb-girdle, type 2A	gensearch
vs9	ALPL	c.330T>C	NA	NA	gensearch
vs10	BRCA2	c.450G>A	NA	Breast-ovarian cancer, familial, 2	gensearch

Export/view in multiple formats

Restricted Access

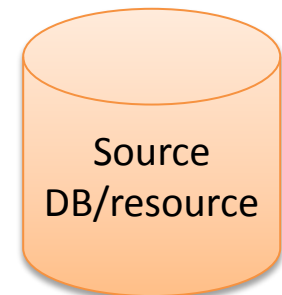
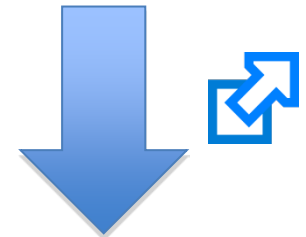
Enable permission to be conveniently sought from the data owner



Data owner easily approves/denies request. If approved, then data passed onto user

Linked Access

Variant is reported as a link to data source



Access managed via source db

Knowledge Engineering...

SPECIAL ARTICLE

Human Mutation

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Knowledge Engineering for Health: A New Discipline Required to Bridge the “ICT Gap” Between Research and Healthcare

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- presentation & discussion at many international meetings and forums
 - 1/2 day workshop as satellite to ESHG (6 invited speakers)
 - workshop session at MIE2011 (3 invited speakers, audience discussion)
 - I-Health 2011 workshop in Brussels, 3-4 Oct 2011
- growing community, currently >150 academics, companies, healthcare providers



Integration and Interpretation of Information for Individualised Healthcare

<http://www.i4health.eu/>

A **subjective list** of goals ranging from improving RD patient care (most important), over translational to basic research

- 1 Reliably identify pathogenicity of variants in known disease genes
- 2 Quickly identify remaining Mendelian disease genes
- 3 Basis for Differential diagnosis and clinical decision support systems
- 4 Basis for deep phenotype analysis to characterize natural history of RDs and discover clinically actionable complications and risks
- 5 Basis to include clinical aspects in integrative basic science research on disease pathophysiology
- 6 Improved ability to perform computational analysis of human disease manifestations

Inferring Pathogenicity for DNA Variants

HOW TO INFER PATHOGENICITY...

- Allele frequency in controls (matched population?)
- Relevant publication (listed in HGMD)
- Presence or absence in variant databases (LSDB, dbSNP, ClinVar)
- Co-segregation with the disease in the family
- Cross-Species conservation
- Protein structure predictions
- *In silico* prediction of pathogenic effect
(e.g., Align GVGD, PolyPhen-2, SIFT, MutationTaster)
- *In silico* splice site prediction
(e.g., SSF, MaxEnt, NNSPLICE, GeneSplicer, HSF)
- Functional Studies - human context
- Functional Studies - model organism context

PATHOGENICITY

- **'Pathogenicity'** = two related concepts:

(a) whether a variant has 'caused' a phenotype in a particular patient/family

(b) whether a variant can 'cause' a phenotype in anyone in a population

- **'Pathogenicity Score, or Non-Irrelevance Score'**

= degree of certainty that a genetic variant is not completely benign

irrespective of *e.g., environment, nutrition, gender, age, genetic/metabolome/epigenetic background, zygosity, copy number, mosaicism, etc*

..also

- **'Penetrance Score'** = range and distribution of likelihood that phenotype will result, in a specified situation (e.g., age, gender, population, environment...)

- **'Expressivity Score'** = range and distribution of severity of phenotype caused, in a specified situation (e.g., age, gender, population, environment...)

- **Evidence base** = types, reliability, and quantitative weighting of items of evidence that inform the pathogenicity metrics

- **Phenotype** = pathogenicity is only meaningful in the context of a properly define phenotype

- **Actionability** = determined by all extremes of 'pathogenicity', 'penetrance' & 'expressivity'

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