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PERSISTENT IDENTIFIERS AND THEIR USE CASES

IMPROVING FINDABILITY OF DATA

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Agenda

9:00 – 9:15am

Arrival and Coffee

9:15 – 10:45am

Persistent Identifiers

10:45 – 11:15am

Coffee

11:15 - 11:45am

Data sharing, publishing and archiving

11:45 - 12:00pm

Intro exercise Dataverse

12:00 - 12:30pm

Exercise Dataverse

12:30 – 1:30pm

Lunch

1:30 – 3:00pm

Data sharing, publishing and archiving



PIDs – Why?

- Managing increasing numbers of **data objects**
- **Sharing data from different sources** amongst researchers
- Data needs to be **(globally) identifiable and addressable** to ensure reuse of data
- Data citation
- Linking data from different sources
- Challenges
 - Object locations change over time
 - Object migration between repositories

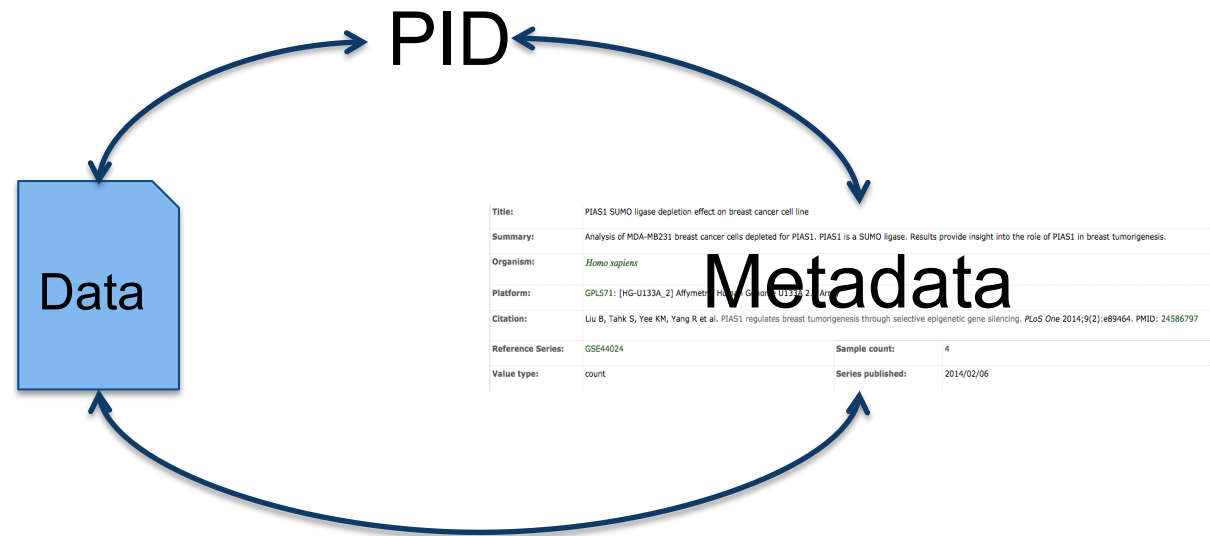


What do we want from data?

- Findable – Easy to find by both humans and computer systems
 - Expose Metadata
 - Accessible – Stored for long term, accessed and/or downloaded with well-defined license and access
 - Interoperable – Ready to be combined with other datasets by humans as well as computer systems;
 - Reusable – Ready to be used for future research and to be processed further using computational methods.
- Reference data and identify data
- Infrastructure should take care of some aspects

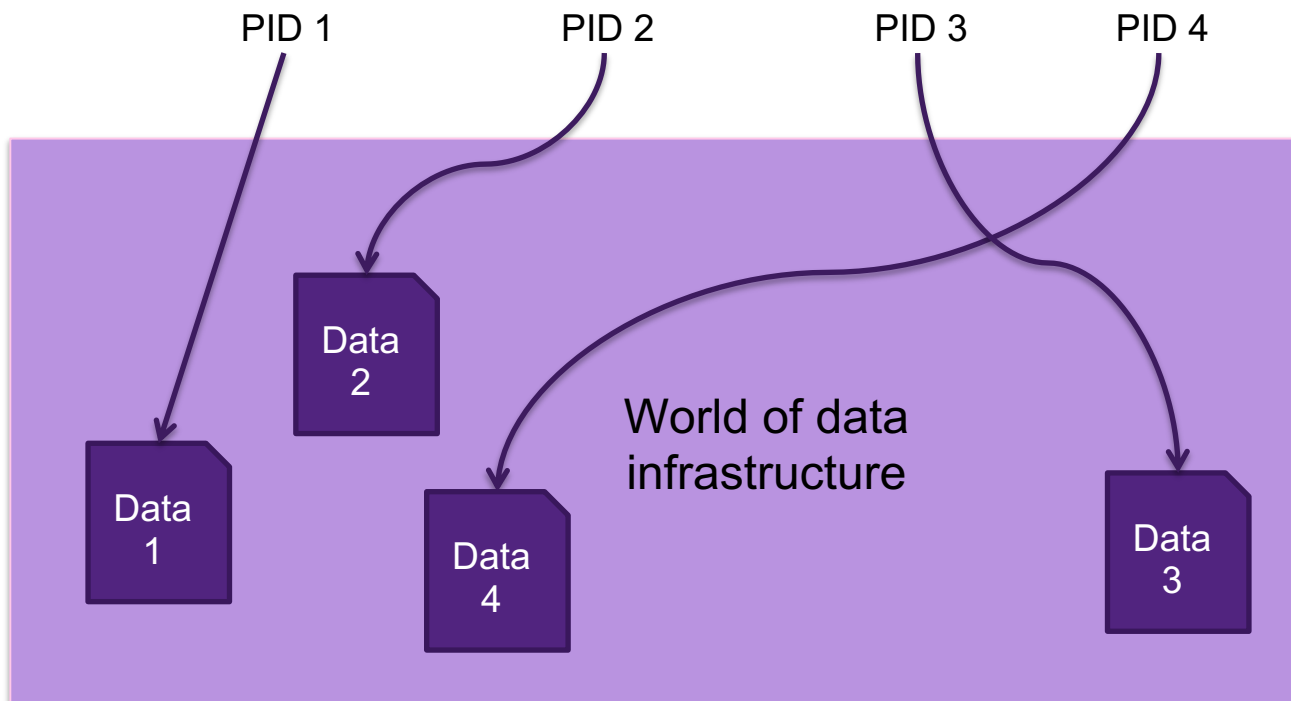
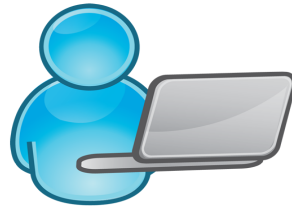


Digital Object (DO)



- Persistent Identifier: reference and identify object, either metadata or data object
- Synchronise PID, Data and Metadata during creation, maintenance, update and deletion of a digital object!

Pro: PIDs are static

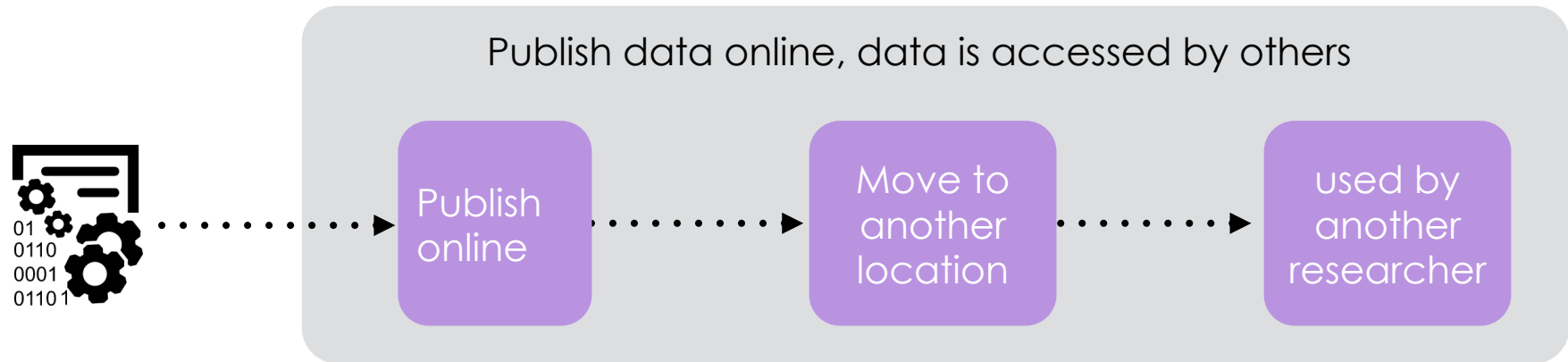


Data:

- Files
- Folders
- Webpages
- Sometimes even real world objects



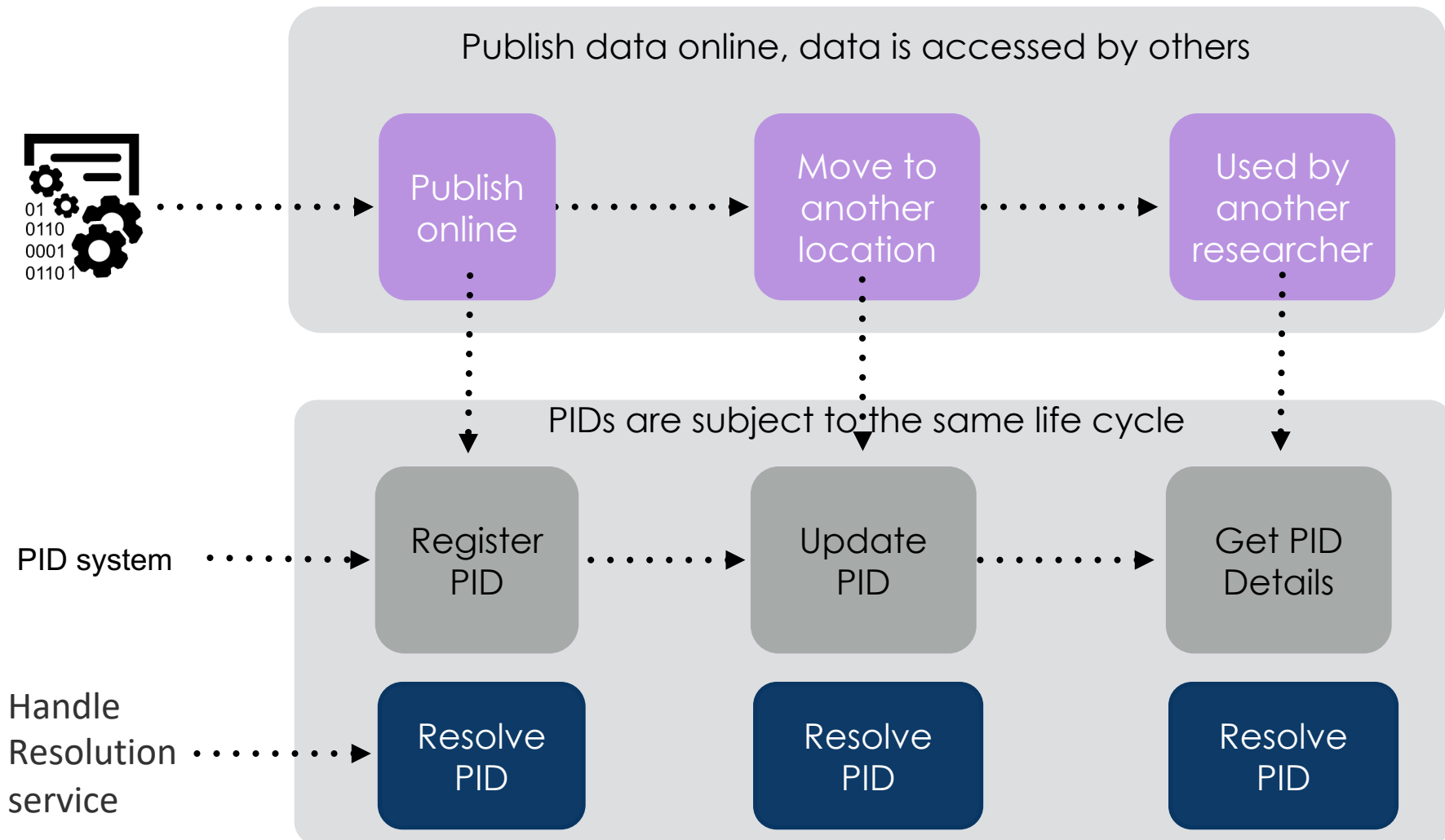
Simple example of data sharing



- Published online: <http://www.test.com/test.html>
- Other users may cite, access, re-use this url
- Relocate the resource at <http://www.example.com/>
- Other users are not informed -> 404



Simple example of data sharing



Structure of a PID

11304/3265434c-4b34-11e4-81ac-dcbd1b51435e

Prefix:

- Denoting the owner of the PID
- One prefix → thousands of PIDs
- Unique in the world

Suffix:

- Specific for the thing that it identifies
- Prefix and Suffix together are unique in the world

Resolver:

- Maps PID to the target
- Web-browser compliant; HTTP redirect

<http://hdl.handle.net/11304/3265434c-4b34-11e4-81ac-dcbd1b51435e>



PID Use Cases



Use Case 1: Data publication

- PIDs point to landing page of the digital repository showing metadata
- “Real” data can be downloaded from this page with another link
- E.g. B2SHARE, FigShare, Zenodo, ...
- PID
<http://hdl.handle.net/11304/3265434c-4b34-11e4-81ac-dcbsd1b51435e>
- resolves to landing page

<https://b2share.eudat.eu/records/feafb12e810c489b9e878949c6c35345>





B2SHARE
Store and Share Research Data

Climate station Waldhaeuser

by [Unknown]

Apr 12, 2017

Description: Climate data

DOI: [10.23728/b2share.7a70f943dcdd48a0822f0f135b3ac2bc](https://doi.org/10.23728/b2share.7a70f943dcdd48a0822f0f135b3ac2bc) [Copy](#)

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The persistent identifier
for the **collection**



Files

Name

▼  Metadata_Meteodata WaldhNuser LTER database.xlsx

Checksum: md5:3cdeaba5f3e9d99cb228161578699668

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Resolve a DOI Name

doi:

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for **files**

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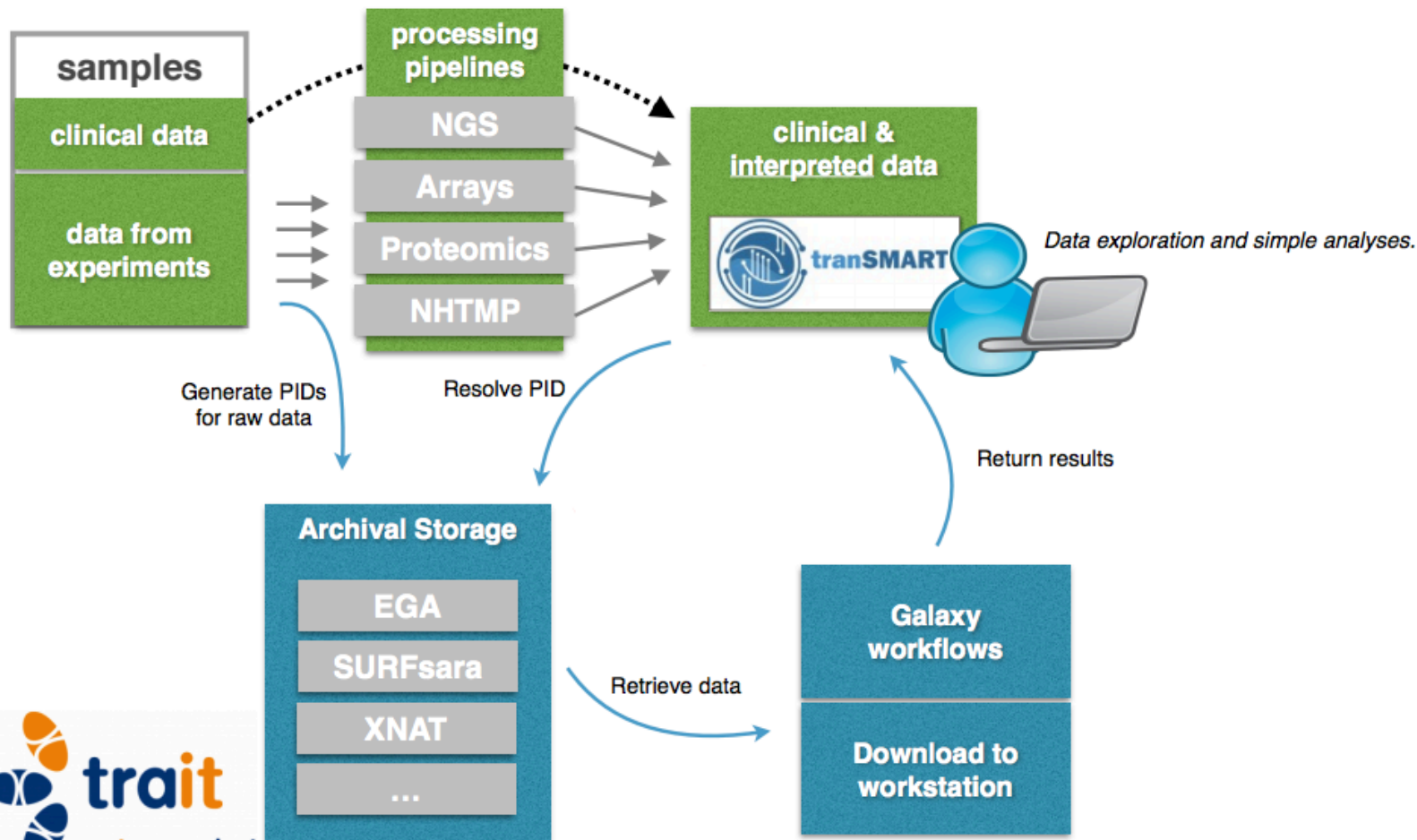
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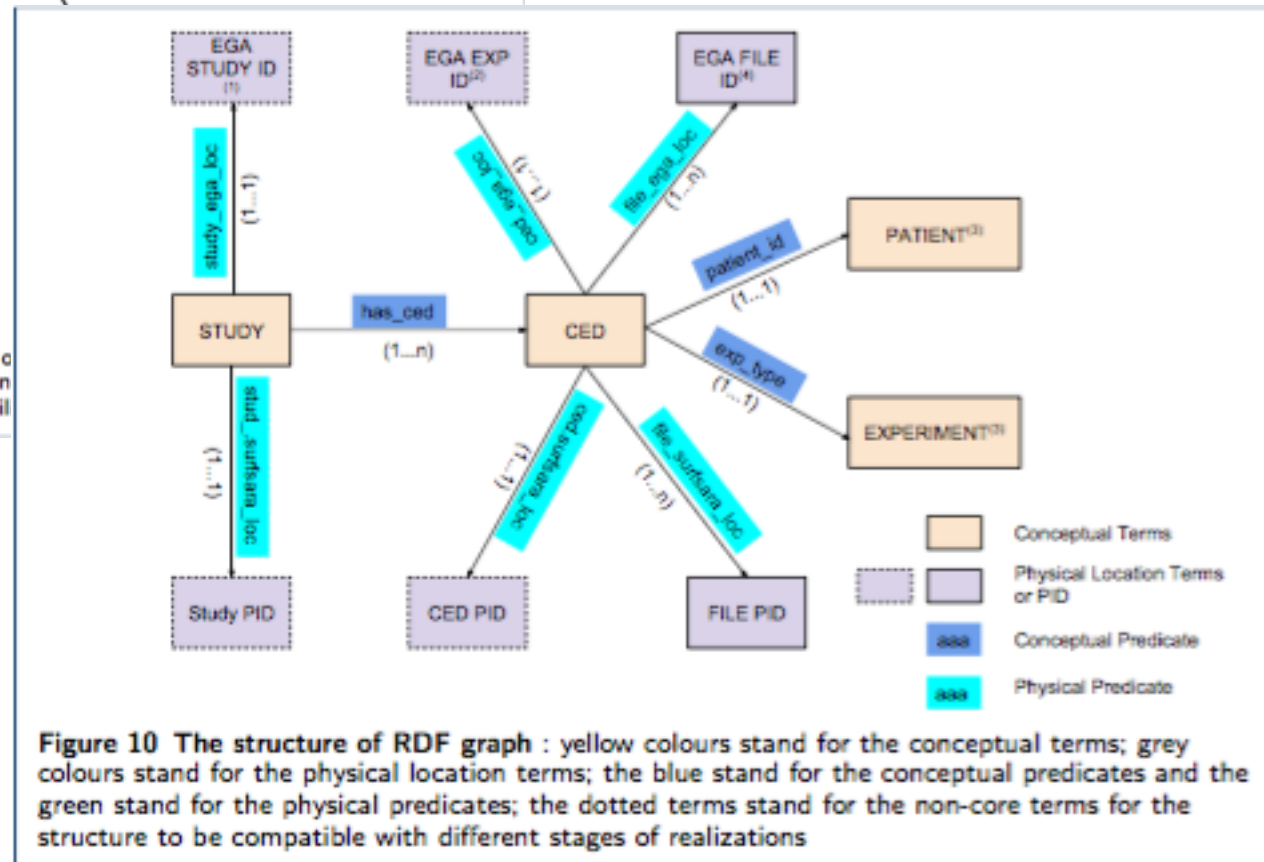
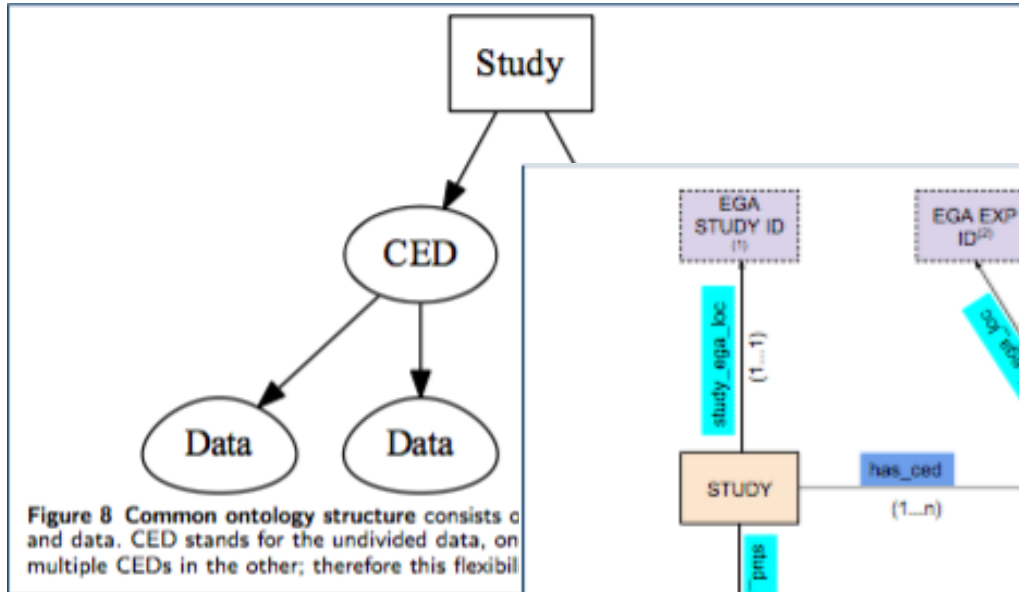


Use Case 2: Enabling compute workflows

Molecular profiling dataflow in TraIT



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Use Case 3: Labelling code

- Execute program hidden behind a PID
- A way to refer to workflows → reproducibility
- Example: Identification and resolving:

```
In [16]: prefix = "841"
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In [17]: suffix = "/5f6fb451-5841-11e4-9665-14109fe83170"
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In [18]: ec.getValueFromHandle(prefix, "URL", suffix)
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Out[18]: '/Users/christines/PIDs/helloWorld.py'
```

```
In [19]: pid = subprocess.Popen([sys.executable, ec.getValueFromHandle(prefix, "URL", suffix)])
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In [20]: Hello World!
```



PID systems



Hands-on: Resolution

- Resolve the PIDs
- What happens if you resolve a PID with a foreign resolver?

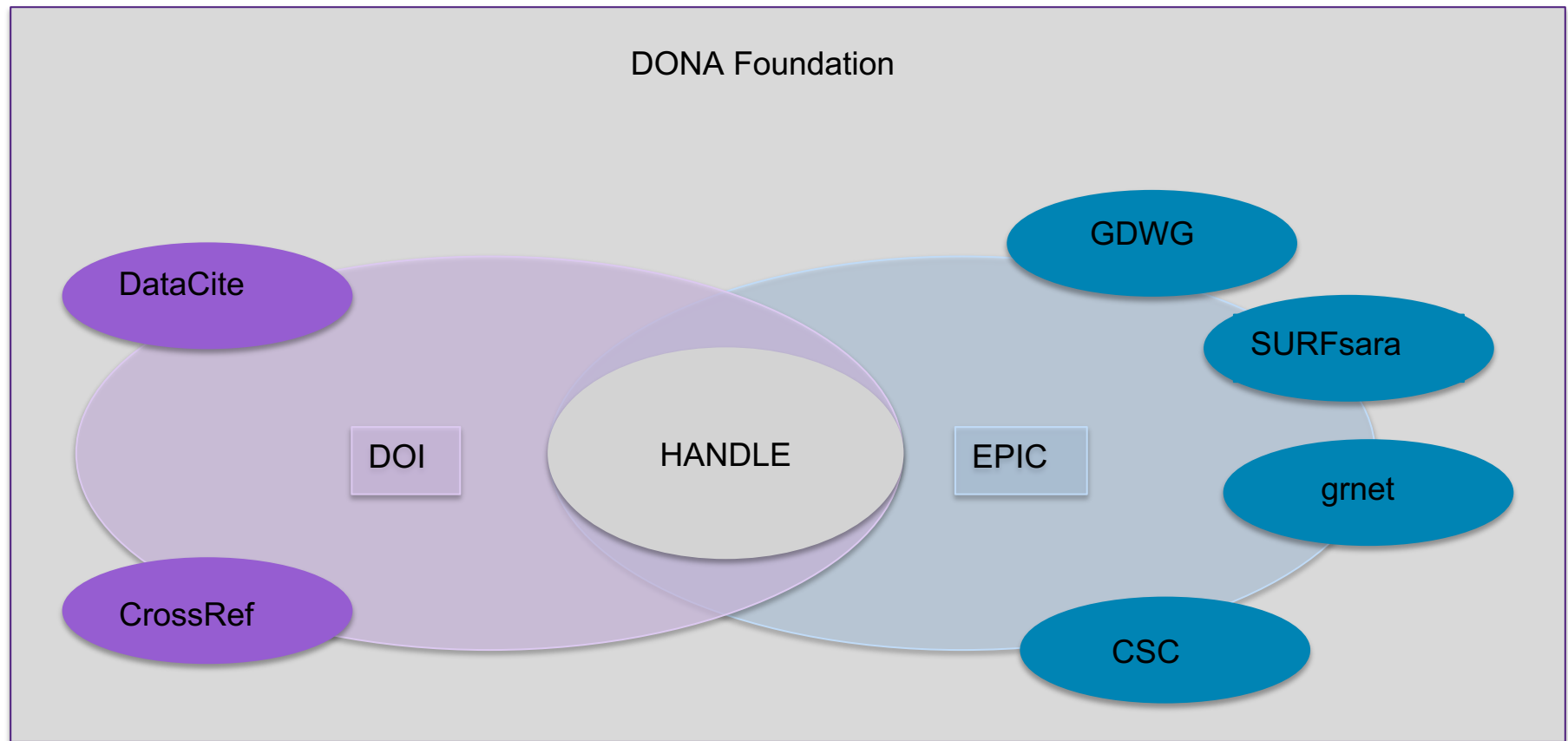


<http://hdl.handle.net/21.T12995/PID-training>

Exercise: Warming up!



PID systems and issuing authorities



PID systems and issuing authorities

- URN:NBN
 - Policies: PID is persistent and the data it is dereferenced to
 - Wants to be independent from transfer protocols
 - Currently all identifiers are compliant with http
- DOI
 - Policies: PID is persistent, data not
 - Based on the handle system
 - Datacite, Crossref are prefix issuing authorities
 - Requires extra metadata, stored in another database
- Both:
 - PIDs point to a landing page, not the file itself
 - Tailored towards data citation
 - User needs to provide a **minimum set of metadata** (Dublin Core)



PID systems and issuing authorities

- ePIC (European PID consortium)
 - Policies: PID is persistent, data is not
 - PIDs can point to anything
 - Based on the handle system
 - Tailored towards data identification and resolving
- DONA foundation (www.dona.net)
 - Maintains global handle registry
 - Partners:
 - CNRI (developer of the handle system)
 - GDWG (main partner in ePIC)
 - International DOI foundation (IDF)



The Handle system – For whom?

- Metadata: You can create your own keyword-value pairs and store them with the PID
 - PIDs allow to make a **distinction between data users and data managers**
 - **Data users get a PID** and can directly access the data, or the metadata stored with the PID
 - Pipelines can programmatically access the metadata and start specific applications
 - **Requires some serious thoughts** about data organisation and developing the **code to put data policies into practice**, including code maintenance
- For **bigger research groups or consortia** working in a distributed data environment
- For **repositories** who are in need of a host for their PIDs



Demo: Step-by-Step minting PIDs

- Register data with a Handle
- GET the details of a Handle
- Modify a Handle record
- Link two files on PID level
- Reverse look-up



