

Reproducible Scientific Computing and Data Analysis

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Overview of today's workshop



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Interactive Computational Notebooks



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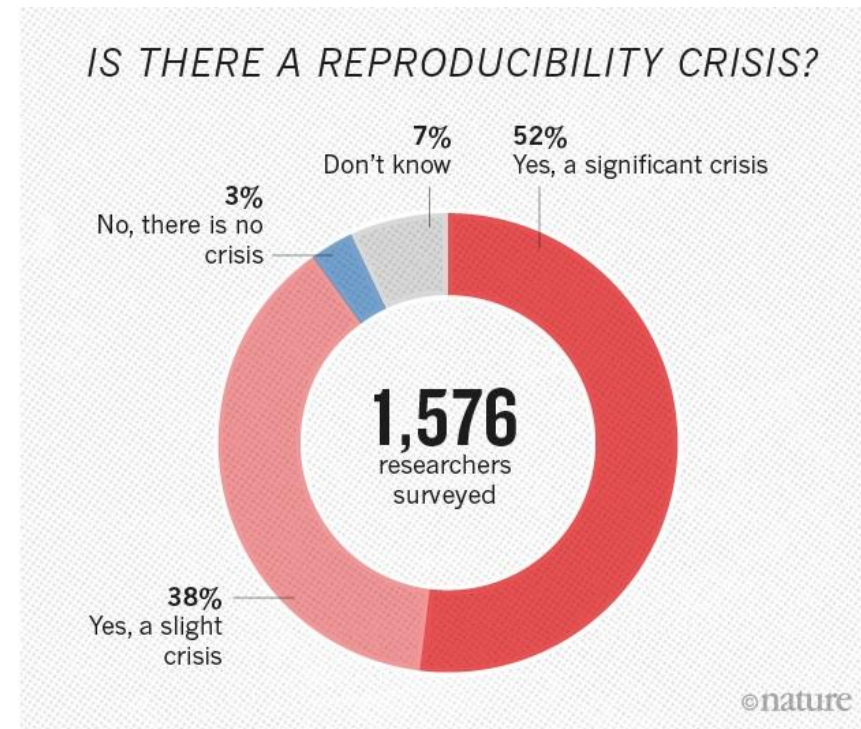
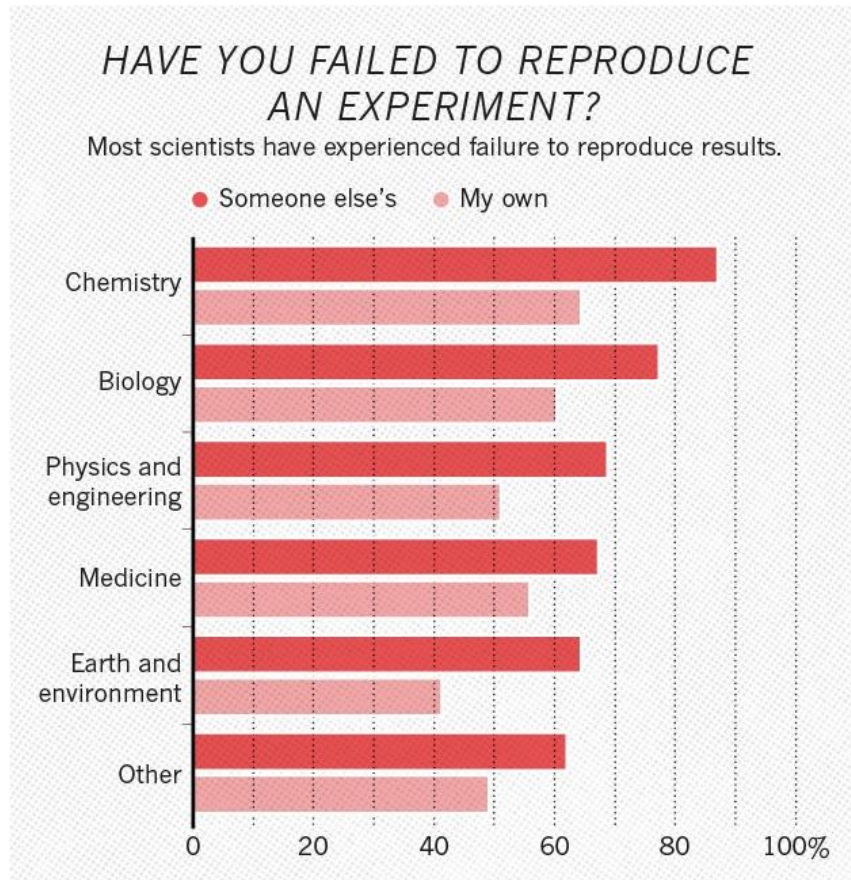


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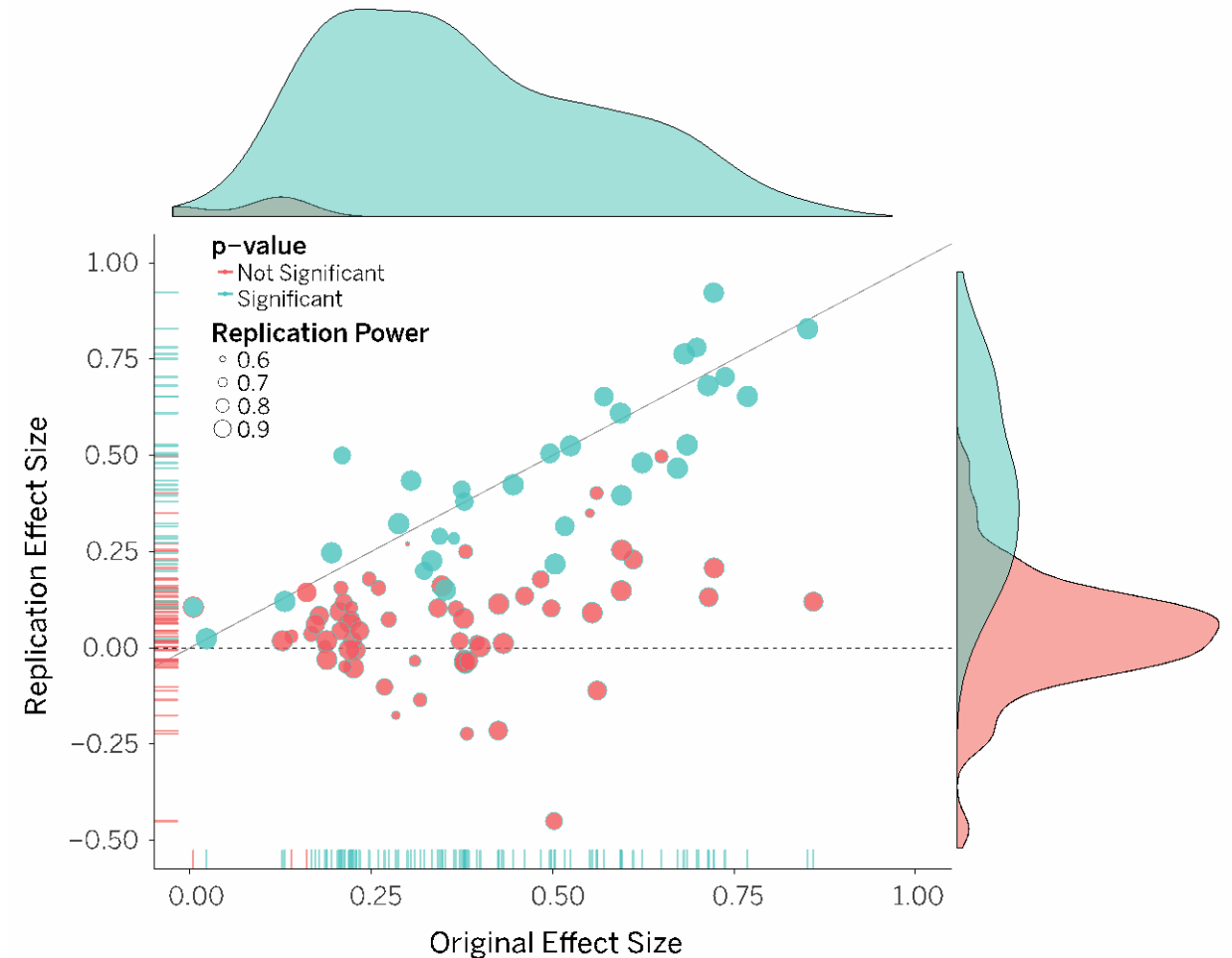
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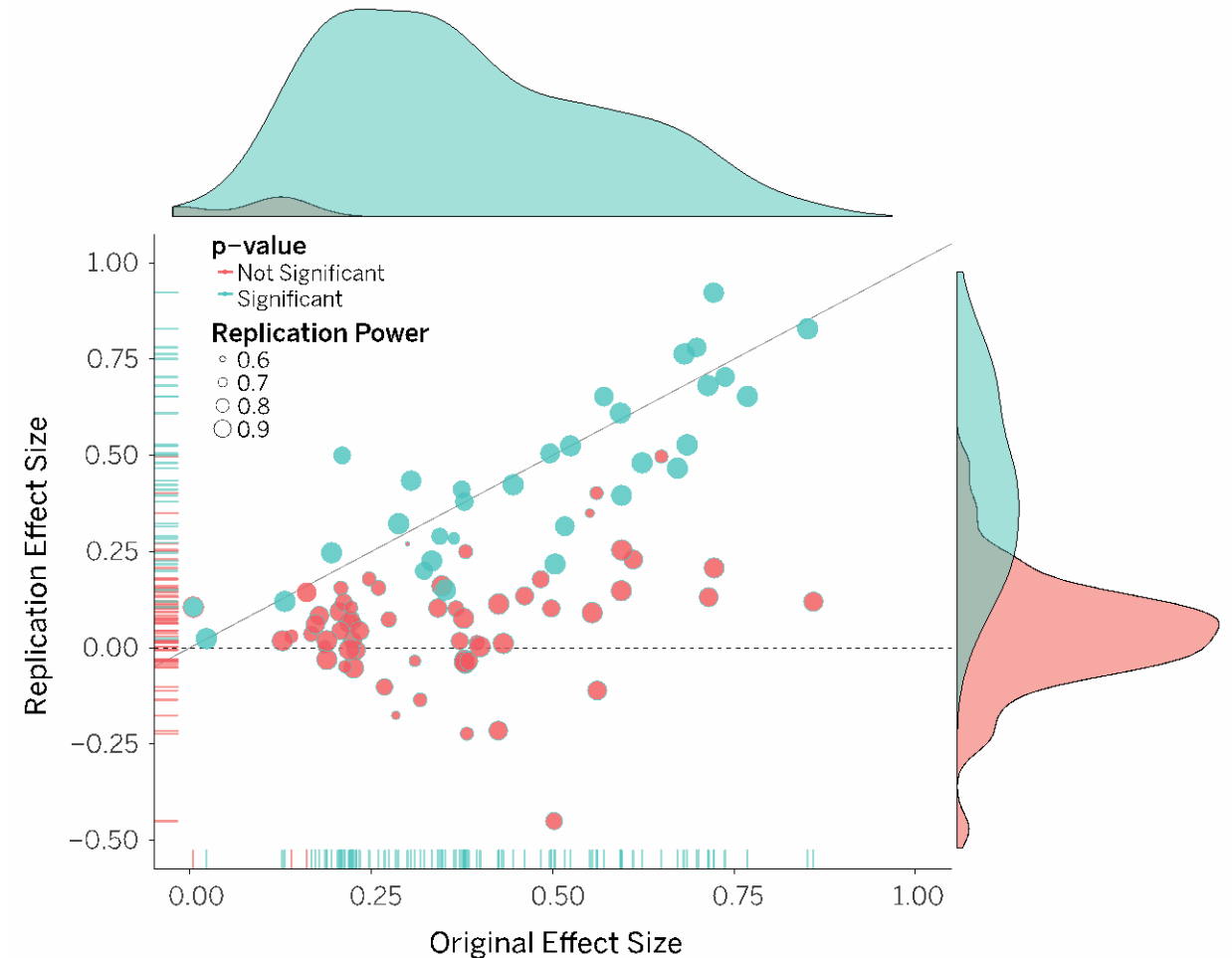
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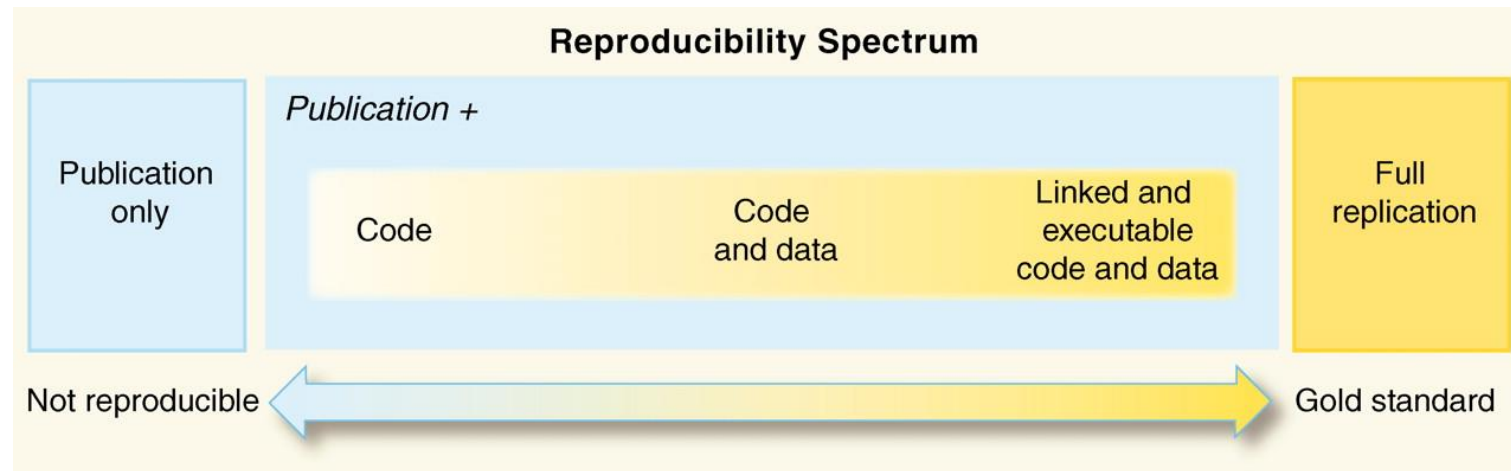
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Replication:

new data and / or new method in independent study = same finding

Reproducible research:

same data + same method = same results



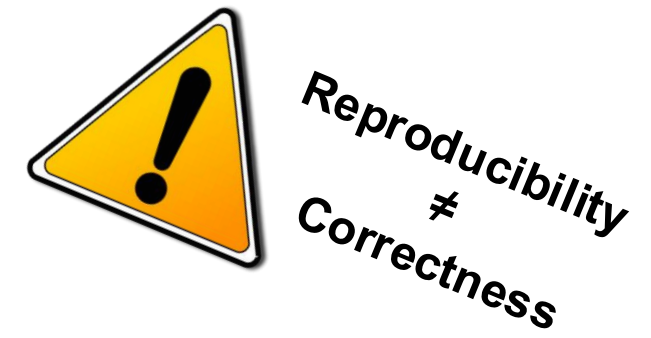
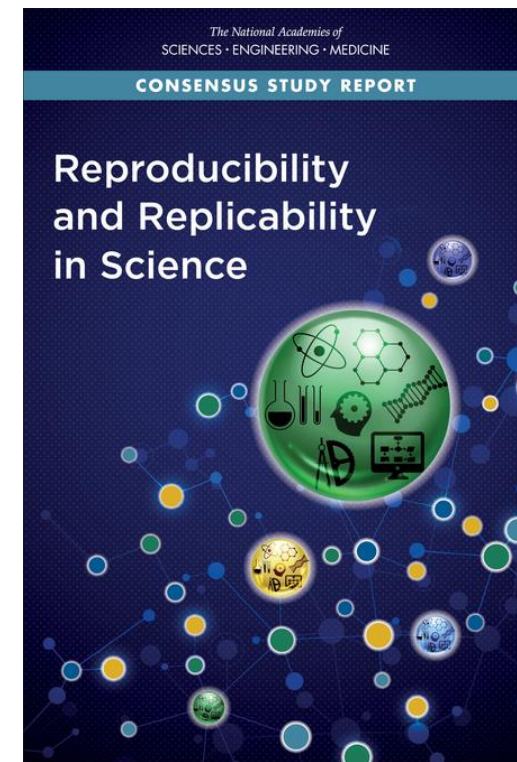
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Defining the Scope: Computational Reproducibility

«**Reproducibility** is obtaining consistent results using the same input data, computational steps, methods, and code and conditions of analysis. The term is synonymous with "computational reproducibility"... »

«To help ensure the reproducibility of computational results, researchers should **convey clear, specific, and complete information about any computational methods and data products that support their published results in order to enable other researchers to repeat the analysis**, unless such information is restricted by non-public data policies. That information should include the data, study methods, and **computational environment**. »

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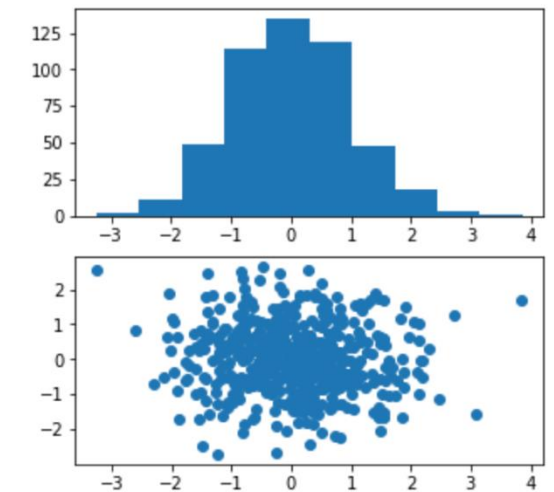
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```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import numpy as np

np.random.seed(42)
data = np.random.randn(2, 500)

fig, axs = plt.subplots(2, 1, figsize=(5, 5))
axs[0].hist(data[0])
axs[1].scatter(data[0], data[1])

plt.show()
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array([[2.10122596e-01, 7.89877404e-01],
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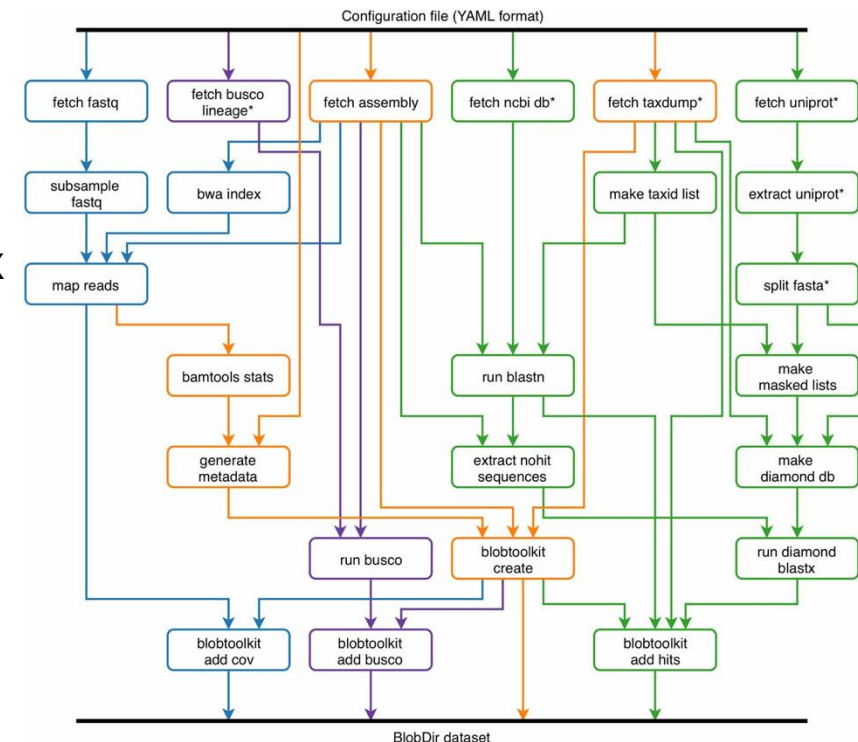
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```

See <https://numpy.org/doc/stable/release/1.19.0-notes.html#changed-random-variate-stream-from-numpy-random-generator-dirichlet>

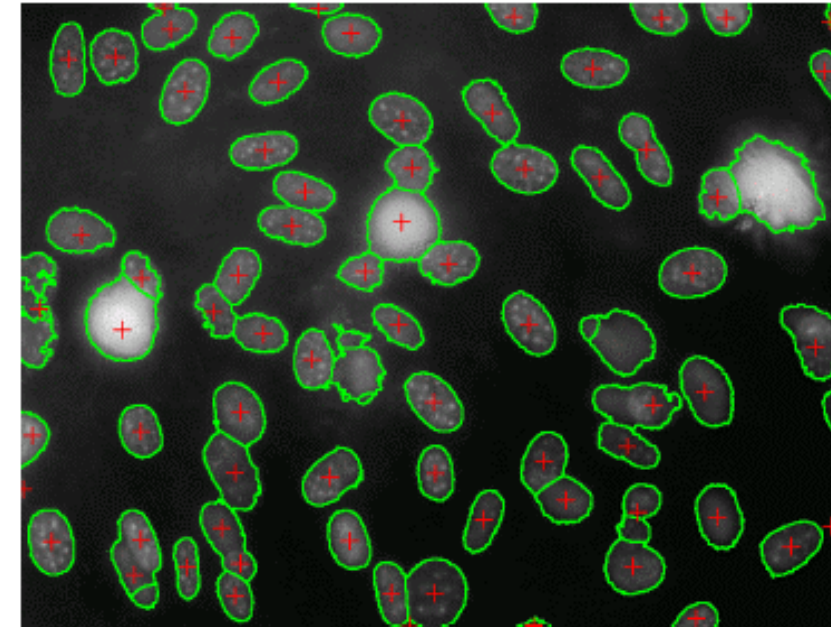
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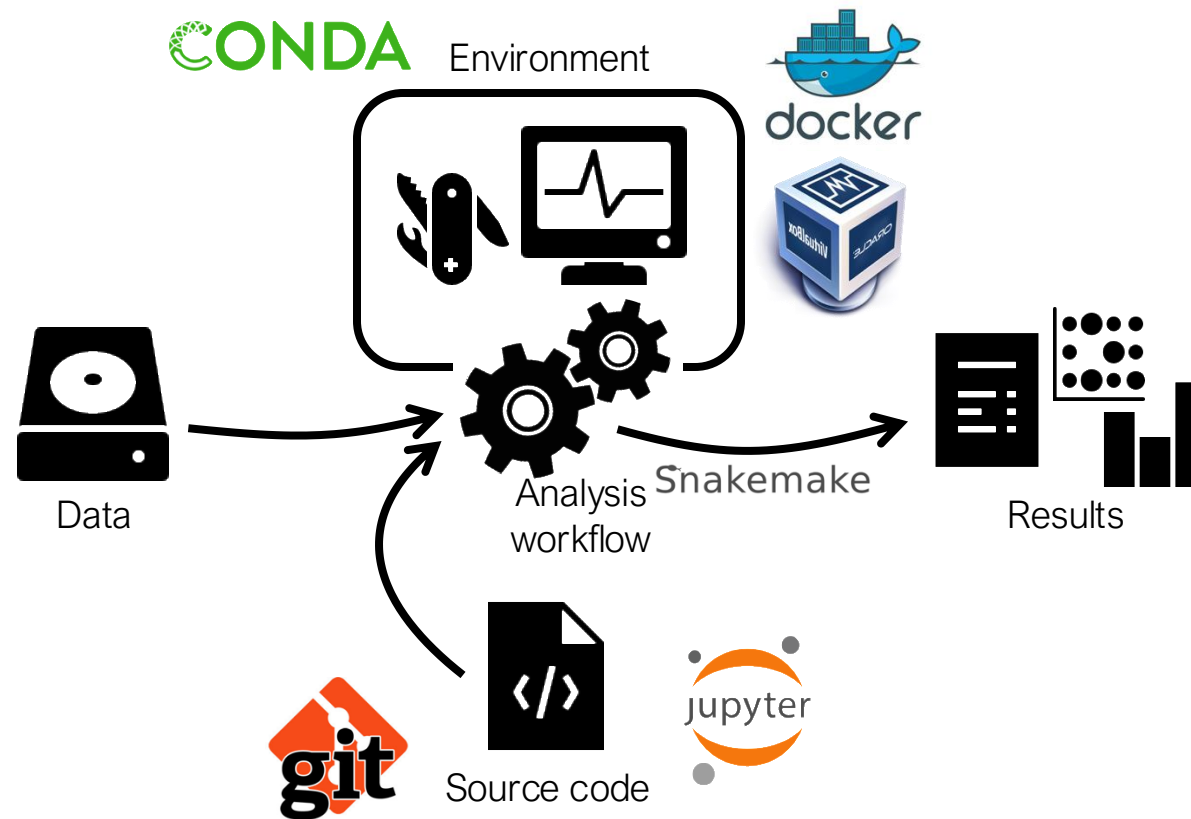
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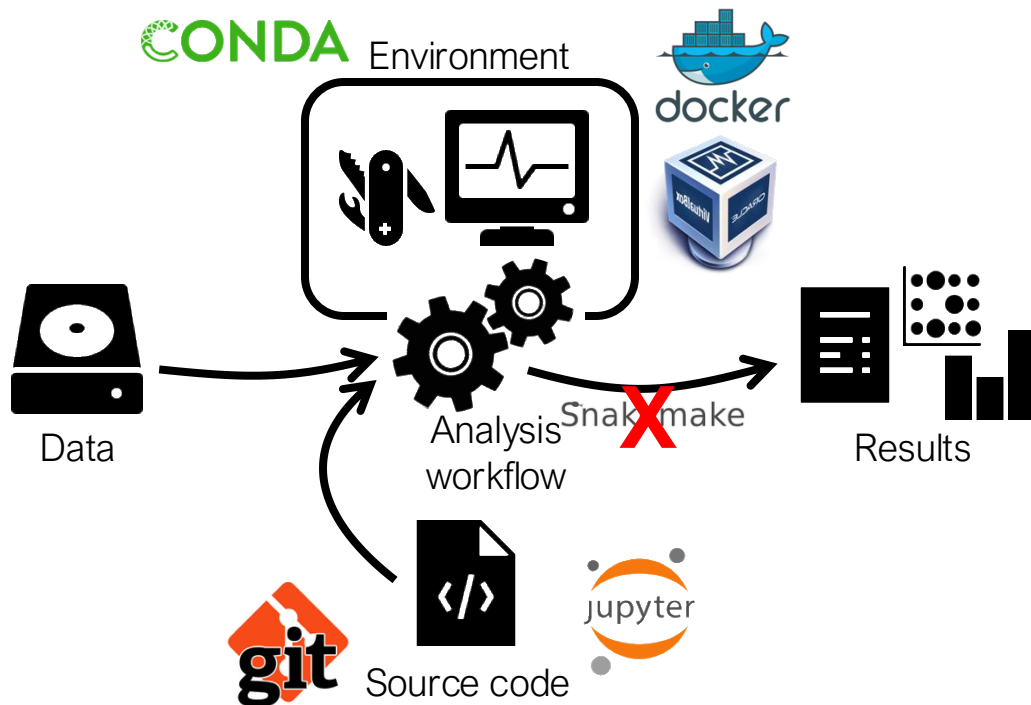
Computational Reproducibility: Pieces of the Puzzle

All parts of a computational analysis have to be reproducible!



Computational Reproducibility: Pieces of the Puzzle

What is covered in today's workshop?



Part 1

Version control

Track and backup your project history



Part 2

Environment management

Setup and manage your project environment



Part 3

Virtual machines / containers

Make your project self-contained and distributable



Part 4

Notebooks

Document your exploratory analysis



Part 5

Reproducible computing platforms

Out-of-the-box computational reproducibility



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Computational Reproducibility: Questions?



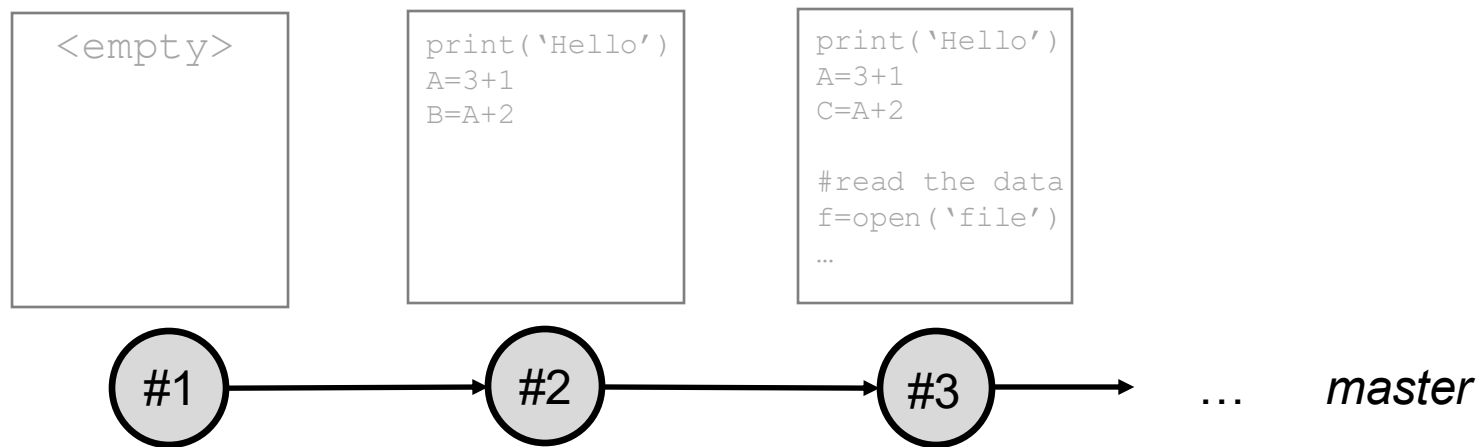
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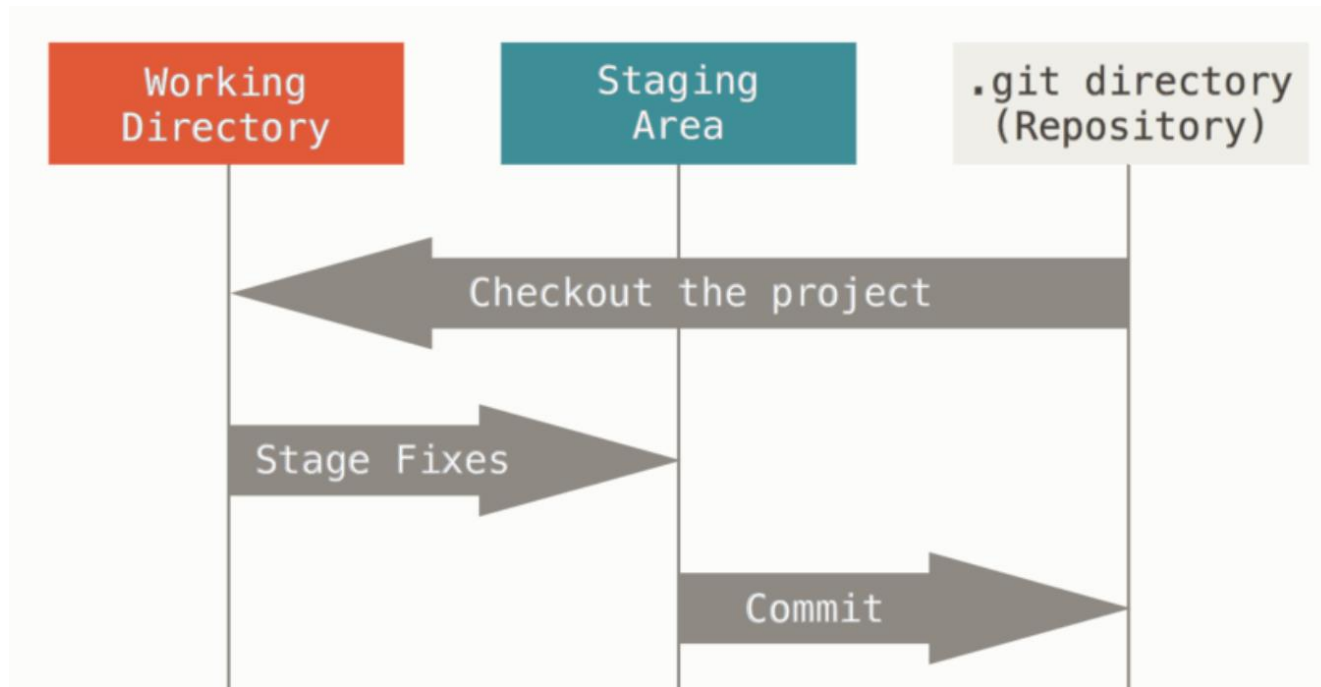
Managing your Source Code



- Code management is the process of handling changes in source code
- Proper code management is essential to ensure **reproducible results**
- Professional code management relies on **Version Control Systems (VCS)**
 - Version control: tracking changes made to text files over time
- **Git** is by far the most popular version control system used world-wide in the software community



How do I track the changes in my code with git?



The basic Git workflow

- Modify files in your working directory
- Selectively stage the changes you want to be part of your next commit, adding **only** those changes to the staging area
- Make a commit, which takes the files as they are in the staging area and stores that snapshot permanently to your .git directory

[demo]

Test case : a program that takes in three files and print their content.
Text_1.txt contains the string “one”, text_2.txt “two”, etc

```
git_demo 13:58:33 >>ls
```

```
total 32
```

```
-rw-r-xr-x  1 nmarounina  staff  49 Mar  7 13:57 print_all.sh
```

```
-rw-r--r--  1 nmarounina  staff   4 Mar  7 13:54 text_1.txt
```

```
-rw-r--r--  1 nmarounina  staff   4 Mar  7 13:54 text_2.txt
```

```
-rw-r--r--  1 nmarounina  staff   6 Mar  7 13:54 text_3.txt
```

```
git_demo 13:59:00 >>./print_all.sh
```

```
one
```

```
two
```

```
three
```

```
git_demo 13:59:02 >>
```

Start with git :

```
git_demo 13:59:20 >>git init #initialises git
```

```
Initialized empty Git repository in /Users/nmarounina/Desktop/git_demo/.git/
```

```
git_demo 13:59:24 >>
```

```
git_demo 13:59:34 >>git add * #adds all files to the staging
```

```
git_demo 13:59:40 >>git status #prints information about the current staging area
```

```
On branch main
```

```
No commits yet
```

```
Changes to be committed:
```

```
(use "git rm --cached <file>..." to unstage)
```

```
new file:   print_all.sh
```

```
new file:   text_1.txt
```

```
new file:   text_2.txt
```

```
new file:   text_3.txt
```

```
git_demo 13:59:50 >>
```


First commit :

```
git_demo 13:59:52 >>git commit -m "Initial commit" #creating the first commit/snapshot
```

```
[main (root-commit) d5badf3] Initial commit
```

```
4 files changed, 5 insertions(+)
```

```
create mode 100755 print_all.sh
```

```
create mode 100644 text_1.txt
```

```
create mode 100644 text_2.txt
```

```
create mode 100644 text_3.txt
```

```
git_demo 14:00:16 >>git log #lists all of the commits for this project
```

```
commit d5badf3593de0e511005eee061132d77cdde0823 (HEAD -> main)
```

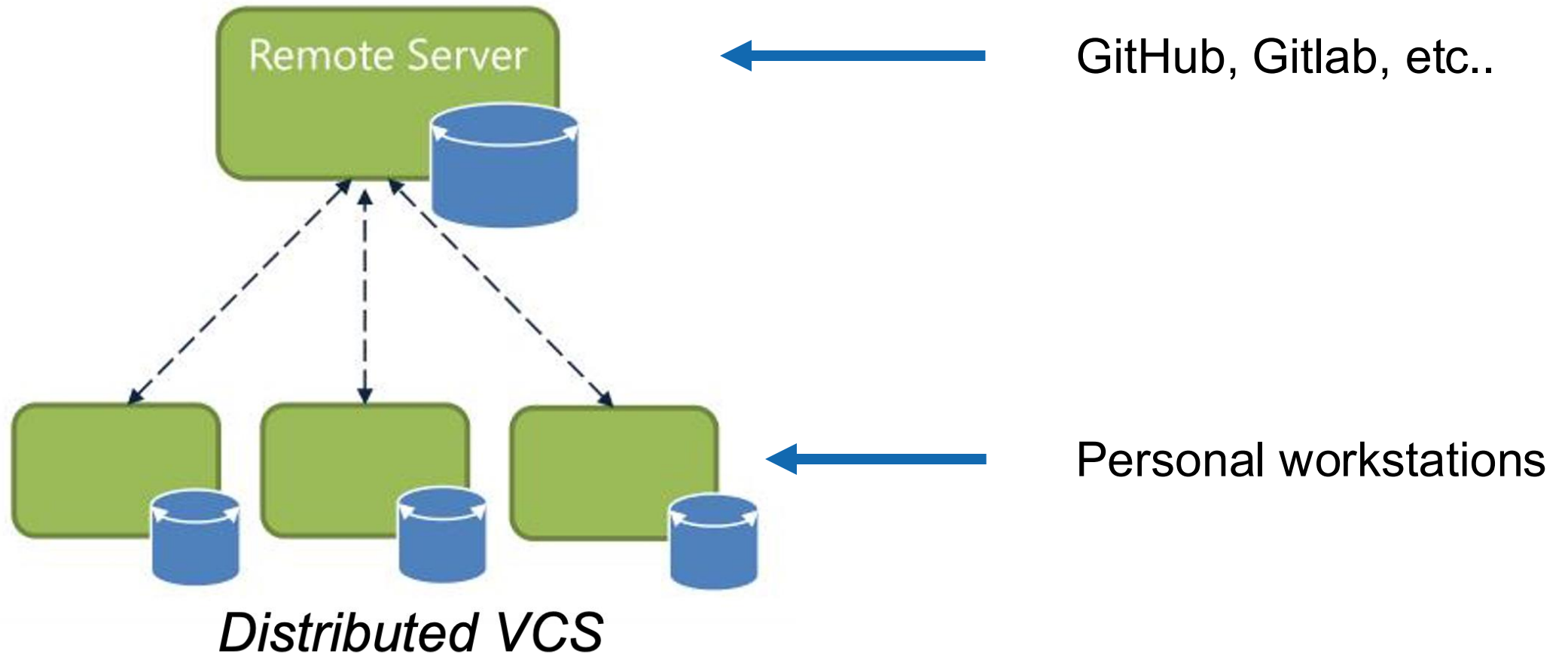
```
Author: Nadia Marounina <nmarounina@ethz.ch>
```

```
Date: Thu Mar 7 14:00:10 2024 +0100
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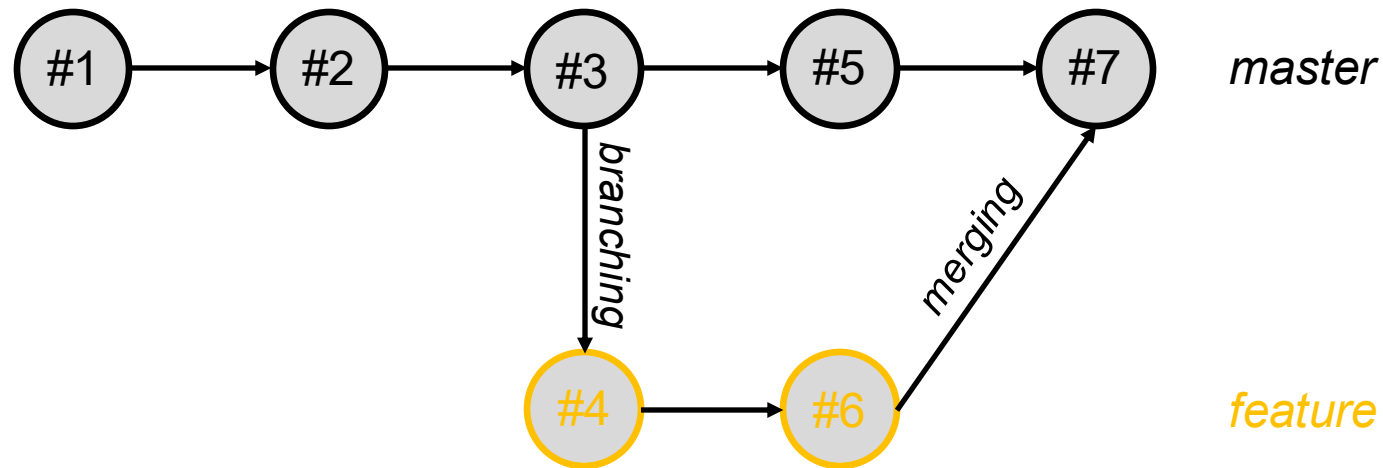
```
Initial commit
```

```
git_demo 14:00:20 >>
```

Git : How to share my code with others ?



Git branching & merging



Git branches & merges

- The initial / default branch is typically called *master* or *main*
- Git manages branches very efficiently
- When merging merging branches, conflicts must be resolved carefully

[demo]

Creating a new branch:

```
git_demo 14:03:15 >>git branch numbers #creates a new branch named "numbers"
```

```
git_demo 14:04:00 >>git status
```

On branch main

nothing to commit, working tree clean

```
git_demo 14:04:03 >>git branch #list all branches for the project
```

```
* main
```

```
    numbers
```

```
git_demo 14:04:35 >>git checkout numbers #switch to the new branch
```

Switched to branch 'numbers'

```
git_demo 14:04:53 >>
```


After changing the three text files in the new branch and committing it again :

```
git_demo 14:04:56 >>vi text_1.txt #vi is a text editor. Here I change 'one' to '1'...
git_demo 14:05:07 >>vi text_2.txt #... 'two' to '2'
git_demo 14:05:16 >>vi text_3.txt #... 'three' to '3'
git_demo 14:05:29 >>./print_all.sh
1
2
3
git_demo 14:05:37 >>git commit -m "Changed from text to number" #the change has been
committed
[... output excluded ...]
git_demo 14:05:51 >>
```

By switching branches, you change your files in your folder:

```
git_demo 14:06:39 >>git checkout main
```

```
Switched to branch 'main'
```

```
git_demo 14:07:29 >>./print_all.sh
```

```
one
```

```
two
```

```
three
```

```
git_demo 14:07:40 >>git checkout numbers
```

```
Switched to branch 'numbers'
```

```
git_demo 14:07:45 >>./print_all.sh
```

```
1
```

```
2
```

```
3
```

```
git_demo 14:07:46 >>
```

ETH Zurich GitLab Service



Screenshot of the GitLab interface for the project **experimental-project-1** on the **ETH zürich** GitLab instance.

The interface shows the project details page, including the project name, ID (6107), and various statistics (7 Commits, 1 Branch, 0 Tags, 9.5 MB Files). The project description is "My first experimental project".

The left sidebar contains navigation links for Project, Details, Activity, Releases, Cycle Analytics, Repository, Issues (1), Merge Requests (0), CI / CD, Operations, Wiki, Snippets, and Settings.

The main content area displays the commit history for the **master** branch. The latest commit is titled **change** by Henry Luetcke, authored 4 months ago, with the commit hash **657f9d3a**.

Below the commit history, there are buttons to add various files and configurations: Add README, Add CHANGELOG, Add CONTRIBUTING, Enable Auto DevOps, Add Kubernetes cluster, and Set up CI/CD.

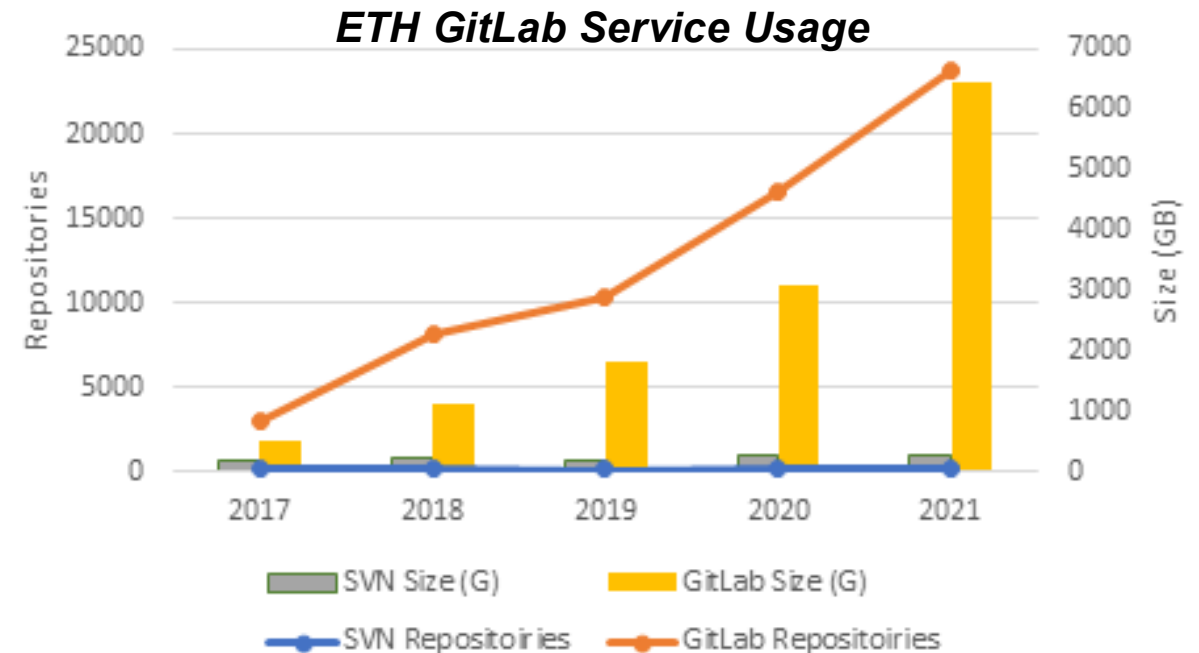
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data	change image file size	4 months ago
.gitattributes	my first commit	5 months ago
analysis_code.py	change	4 months ago

<https://gitlab.ethz.ch>

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- Integrated file, task and documentation management for individuals and / or groups
- Private, group and public repositories
- Built-in light-weight Wiki (protocols, list of materials etc.)
- Free for small repositories (< 2GB), otherwise yearly price of 250 CHF / TB / year
- Local and remote copies (off-site backup)
- Data can be exported (e.g. to Github)
- Built-in Container registry



Git – General Recommendations & Resources

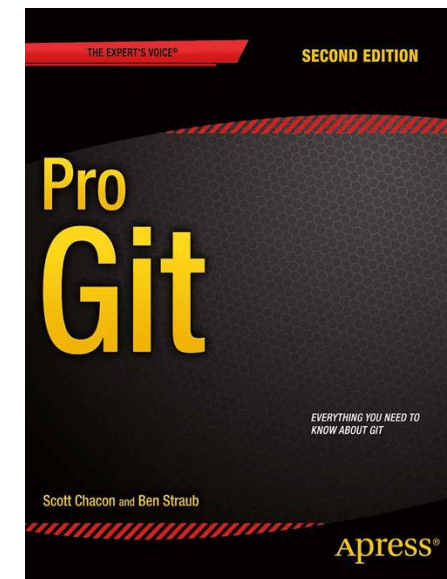


Recommendations for working with Git

- Commit early & often
- Provide short but meaningful commit messages
- Do not store large data files in Git repositories
 - e.g. images, movies, binary files
 - Use `.gitignore` file to exclude
 - Or consider tools such as [git-lfs](#) or [git-annex](#)
- Beware when resolving conflicts during *merge* or *pull* operations
 - A successful merge for Git may not be a successful merge for you

Resources for getting started with Git

- SIS can provide hands-on Git tutorials / workshops
- [Pro Git book](#) by S. Chacon & B. Straub
- Numerous tutorials available on the web / YouTube
 - [W3Schools Git tutorial](#)
 - [Software Carpentry Git course](#)
 - [Git tutorial for scientists](#)
- [List of Git GUI clients](#)



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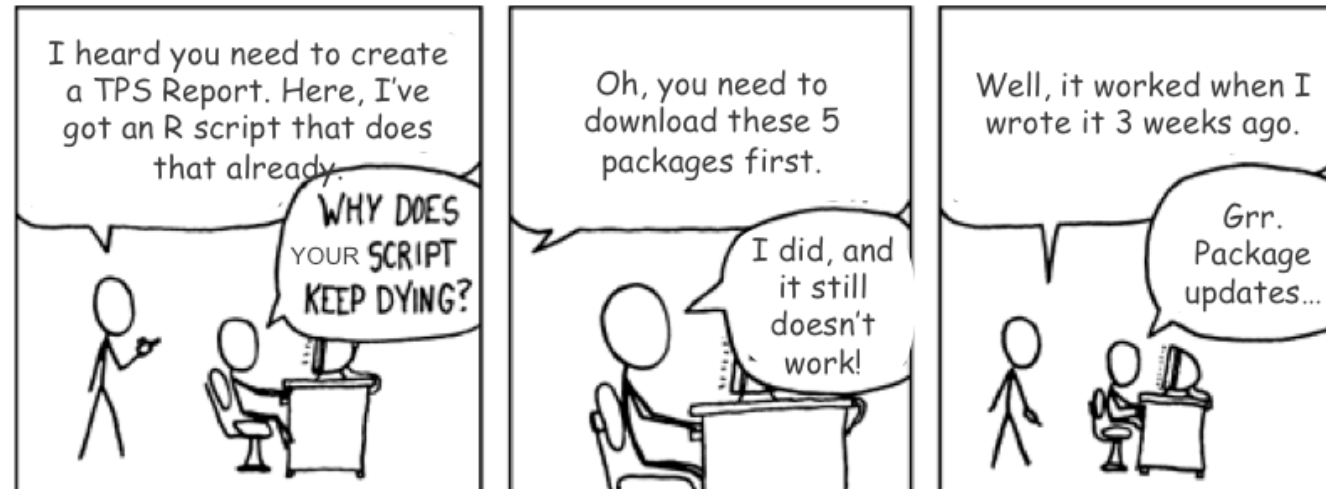
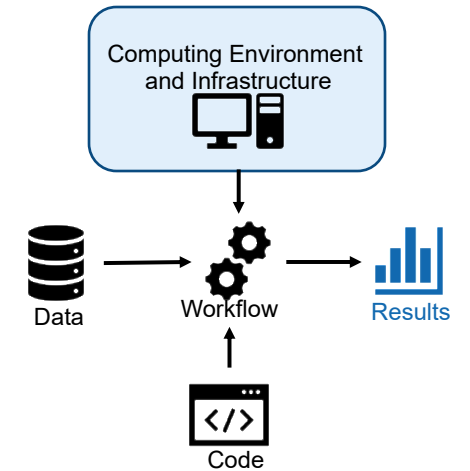
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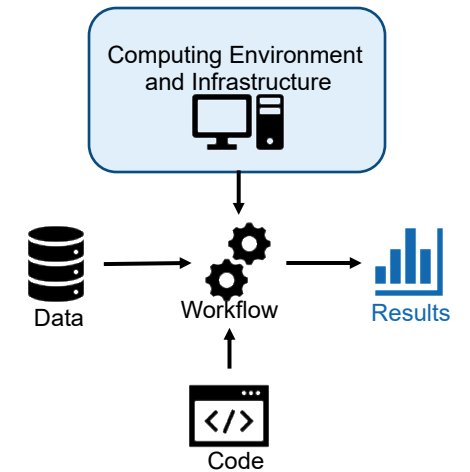
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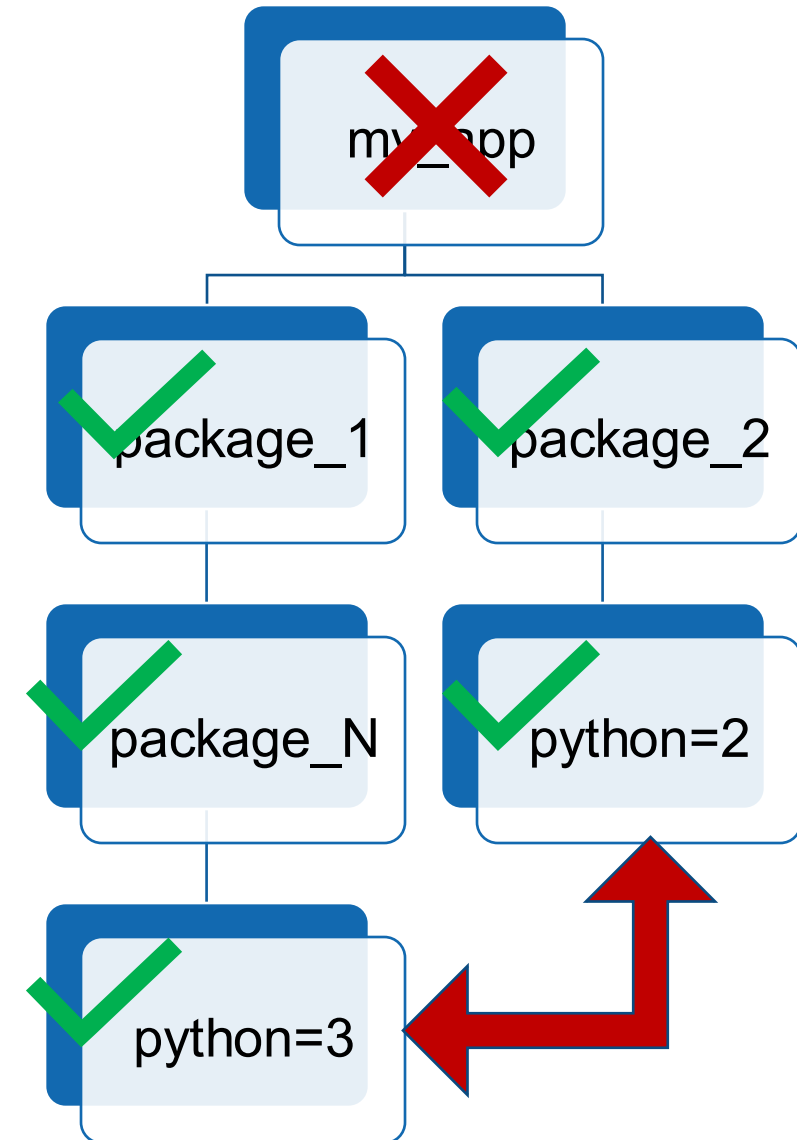
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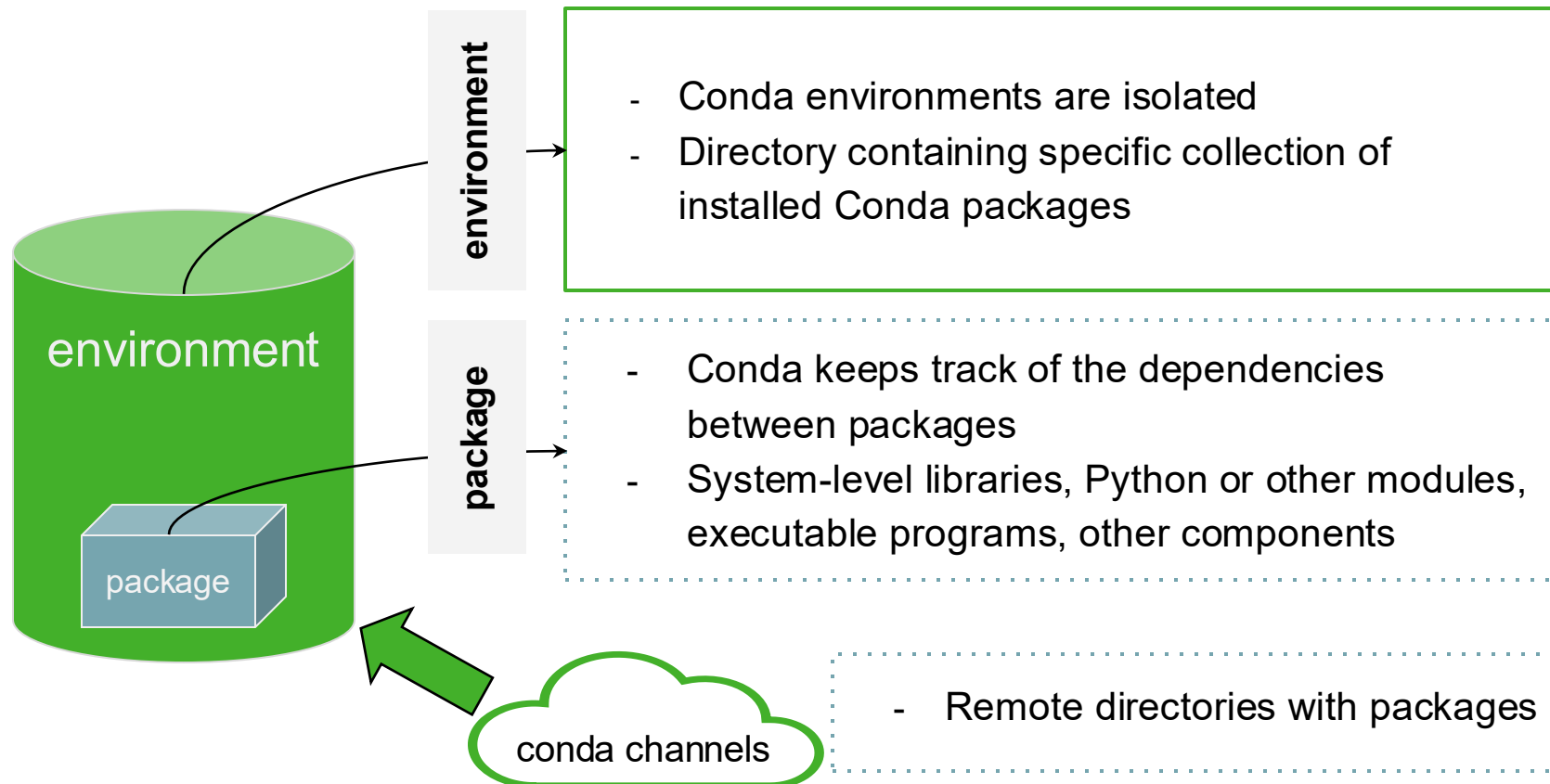
Reproducible Environment for R and Python



- Open source: Anaconda, Miniconda, Miniforge
- Commercial support: Anaconda Enterprise
 - **Note:** *certain functionality requires a paid license outside education / academia*
- Multi-platform: Windows, macOS, Linux
- Environment Management System
 - Isolated computing environments on the same system
 - Documentation of the computing environment
- Package Management System
 - Supported programming Languages: Python, R, ...
 - System libraries shipped in binary format
 - Resolve dependencies & conflicts between packages



Conda in a Nutshell



environment.yml

```
channels:  
- conda-forge  
  
dependencies:  
- python=3.8  
- jupyterlab
```

Conda automatically creates an environment file with packages and dependencies

Environment and Package Management Systems

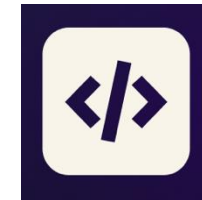
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R	renv, conda	renv, conda	only conda can install different R versions
Julia	Pkg, conda	Pkg, conda	conda provides outdated Julia versions
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Alternatives to Conda are emerging!

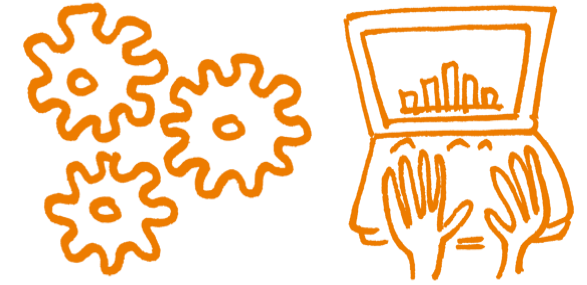


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✓ babel	○	Utilities to internationalize and localize python applications	2.4.0
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✓ beautifulsoup4	○	Python library designed for screen-scraping	4.6.0
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200 packages available

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Reproducible Environment – Virtual Machines



- A virtual machine (VM) is an operating system (“guest”) that runs inside another computing environment (“host”).
- **Advantages:**
 - Allows multiple OS environments on a single physical computer
 - VMs are widely available and are easy to manage, maintain and distribute
 - Offers application provisioning and disaster recovery options
- **Drawbacks:**
 - They are not as efficient as a physical computer because the hardware resources are distributed in an indirect way.
 - Multiple VMs running on a single physical machine can deliver unstable performance

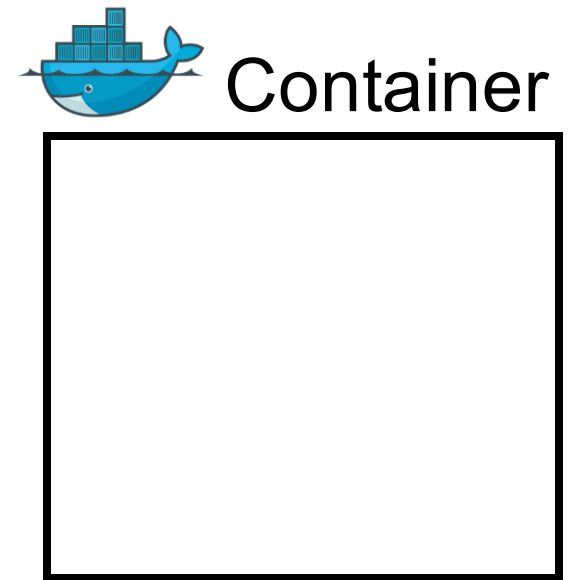
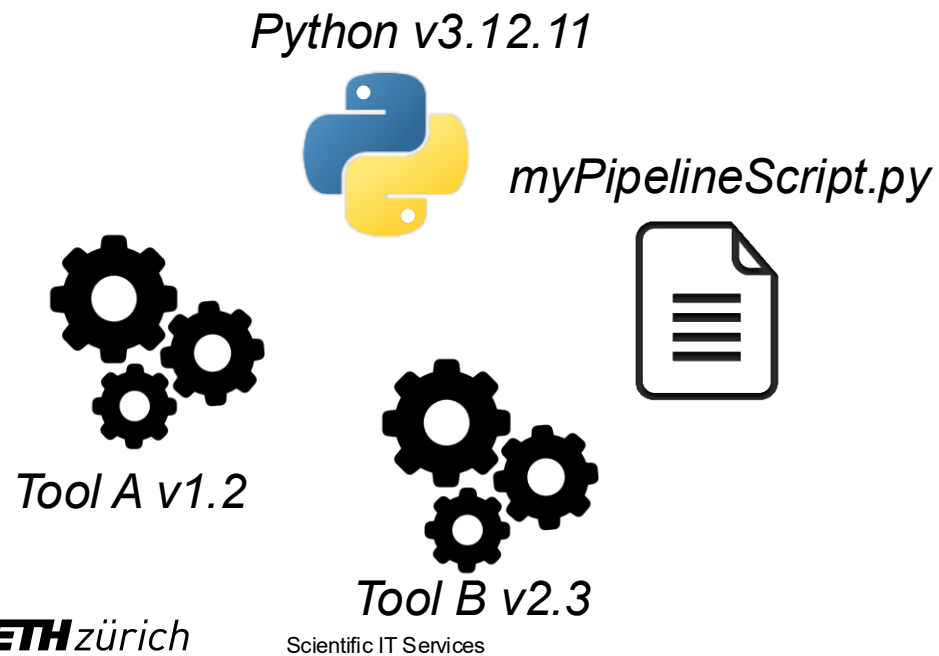
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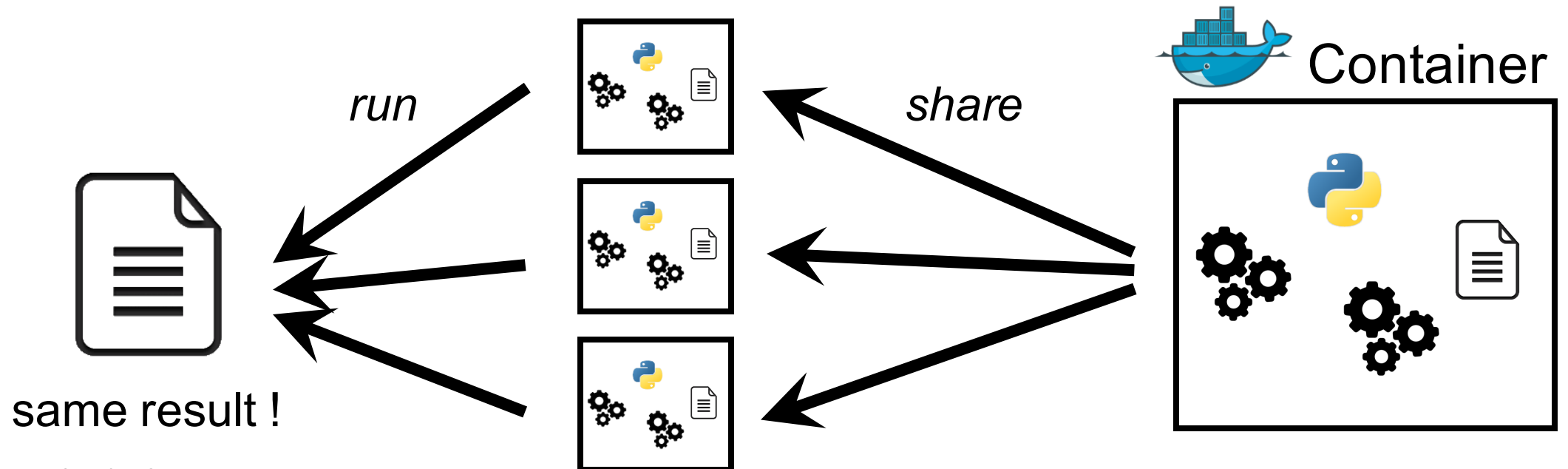
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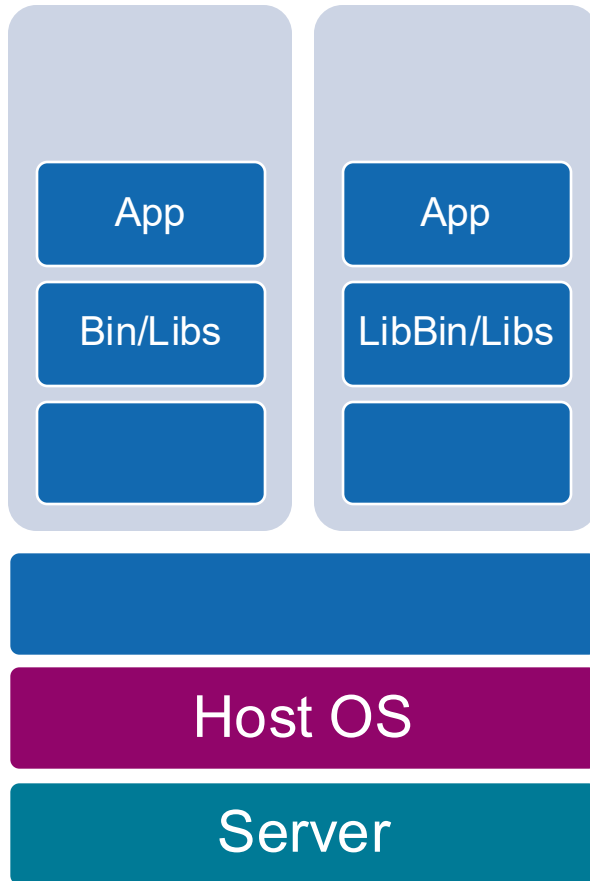
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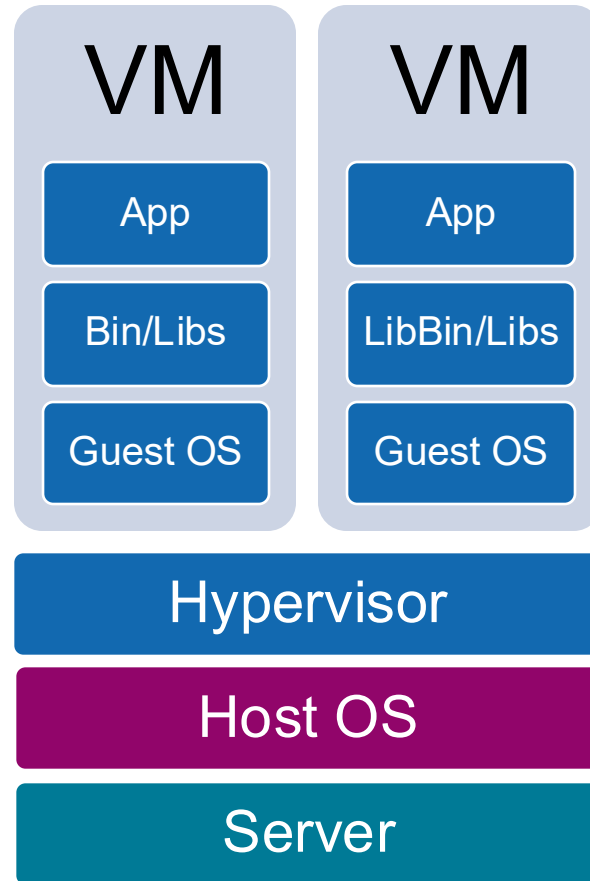


Bare Metal, Virtual Machine (VM) and Container (Docker)

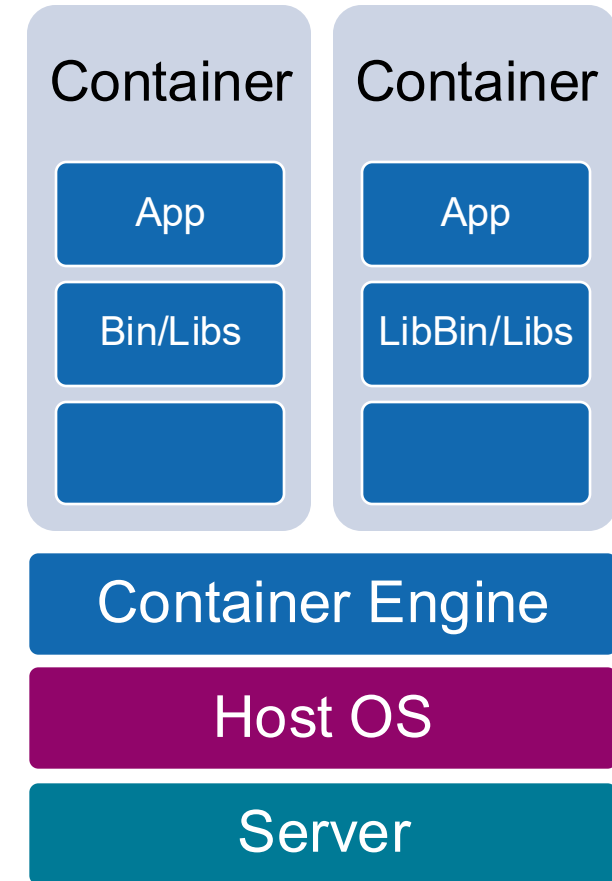
Bare Metal



VM Based



Container Based Shared Host OS kernel

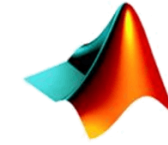
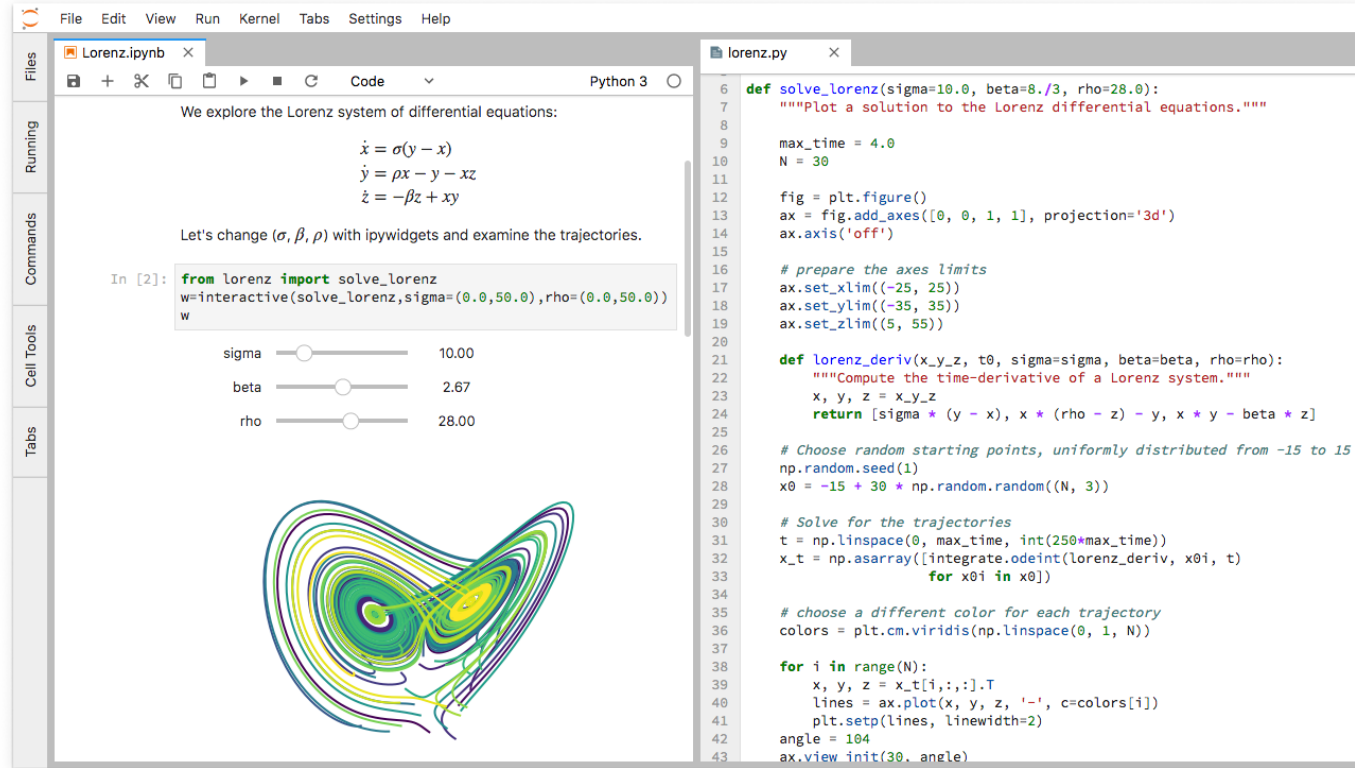


Virtual Machines vs Containers

	VMs (Virtual Box)	Containers (Docker)
Use case	Complex Apps (GUI, ...)	Data Analysis Scripts, Simple Apps, Microservices, Continuous Integration
Virtualization	Hardware-level	OS-level
Size	GB	MB
Startup time	Minutes	Seconds
Guest OS	Windows, macOS, Linux	Primarily Linux-based
Host OS	Windows, macOS, Linux	Linux, Windows 10 / macOS with hypervisor
Overhead (RAM, CPU)	High - reduced performance	Low - close to native performance
Security	Better (fully isolated)	Poorer (shared kernel)
How to use	Easy if you know to install OS	New things to learn
Getting started	www.virtualbox.org/manual/ch01.html	https://docs.docker.com/get-started/

Reproducible computational environment: Questions?





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Interactive Computational Notebooks



Interactive Notebooks

- Applications that combine documentation, code, input and output generated by the code, e.g. graphs, plots ([Nature 515, 151–152](#))
- Useful for exploratory data analysis, sharing and reproducibility



- Open source + commercial edition
- Mainly for development in R but other languages supported



- Open source
- > 40 languages supported (Python, R, Julia, Matlab, IDL, etc.)



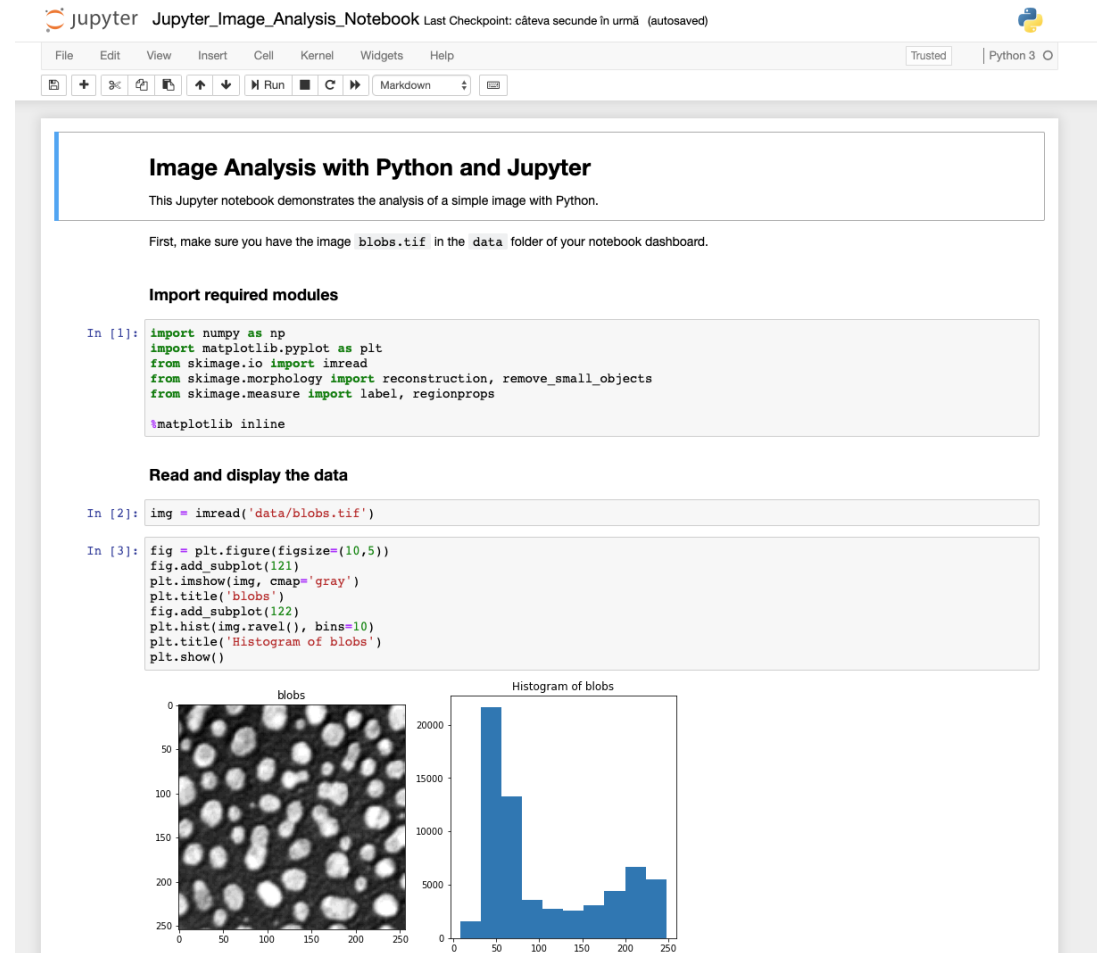
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Interactive Notebooks: Jupyter

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- **JupyterLab:** web-based interactive development environment for notebooks, code, and data

The screenshot displays the JupyterLab web interface. On the left is a file browser showing a directory structure with files like 'data', 'README.md', and 'requirements.txt'. The main area is a code editor titled 'Image Analysis with Python and Jupyter'. It contains Python code for importing modules, reading an image, and displaying it with a histogram. The code is as follows:

```
[1]: import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from skimage.io import imread
from skimage.morphology import reconstruction, remove_small_objects
from skimage.measure import label, regionprops

%matplotlib inline

[2]: img = imread('data/blobs.tif')

[3]: fig = plt.figure(figsize=(10,5))
fig.add_subplot(121)
plt.imshow(img, cmap='gray')
plt.title('blobs')
fig.add_subplot(122)
plt.hist(img.ravel(), bins=10)
plt.title('Histogram of blobs')
plt.show()
```

Below the code, the output is shown: a grayscale image of blobs and a histogram of the blob intensities. The histogram shows a distribution of intensities from 0 to 250, with a peak around 50.

On the right side of the interface, there is a 'requirements.txt' file with the following content:

```
# This file may be used to create an environment using:
# $ conda create --name <env> --file <this file>
# platform: osx-64
matplotlib
numpy
pandas
scikit-image
scipy
```

Below the requirements.txt file, there is a 'README.md' file with the following content:

```
# Jupyter-Demo-RDM
Demo of Jupyter notebook for ETH ARDM workshops
[[Binder](https://mybinder.org/badge_logo.svg)]
(https://mybinder.org/v2/gh/hluetck/Jupyter-Demo-RDM/master)
```


Interactive Notebooks: Jupyter

- **Jupyter notebook:** web-based interactive computational environment
- **JupyterLab:** web-based interactive development environment for notebooks, code, and data
- Dozens of programming languages supported (core: Julia, Python, R)
- Extensions to build simple user interfaces (sliders, buttons etc.)
- Notebook export in various formats (HTML, PDF, Python ...)
- Integration with ETH scientific computing infrastructure
(see <https://jupyter.euler.hpc.ethz.ch/hub/>)
- **JupyterHub:** multi-user version of the notebook for research labs

Interactive Notebooks: Jupyter [demo]

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soumide1102 Update contour plots adding boundary bias code, add skymap notebook

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Posterior samples of the parameters of binary black holes from Advanced LIGO, Virgo's second observing run

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To plot Fig. 2 of the paper : mass ratio---effective spin ($q - \chi_{\text{eff}}$) posteriors

```
In [36]: fig, ax = pyplot.subplots(figsize=(9.5, 9.5))

handles = []
colors = itertools.cycle(["C{}".format(i) for i in range(10)])

ndim = 2
# read samples
params = [None] * ndim
params[0] = "(primary_mass(mass1, mass2))/(secondary_mass(mass1, mass2))"
params[1] = "chi_eff_from_spherical(mass1, mass2, spin1_a, spin1_polar, spin2_a, spin2_polar)"

for filename, label in zip(files, labels):
    with InferenceFile(filename, "r") as fp:
        # Read samples from the inference output file
        samples = fp.read_samples(params)
        color = colors.next()

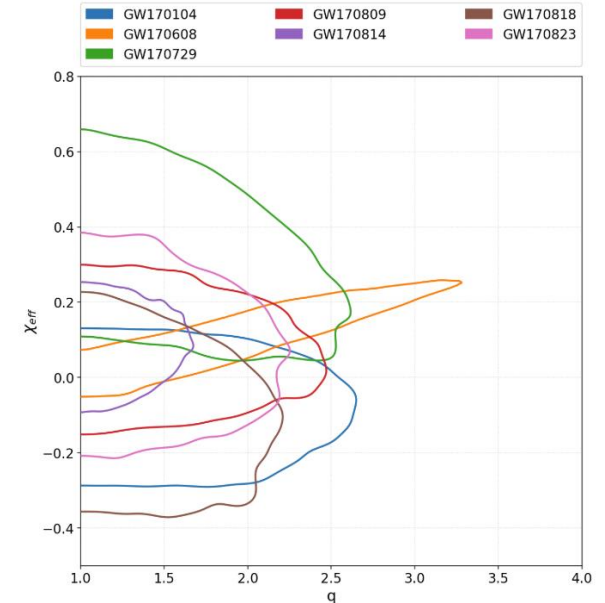
        # Bounds on the domain for evaluating KDE
        xlow_bc, xhigh_bc = 1.0, None
        ylow_bc, yhigh_bc = -1.0, 1.0

        # Make density plot
        create_contour_plot(params[0], params[1], samples, xlow_bc, xhigh_bc,
                           ylow_bc, yhigh_bc, fig=fig, ax=ax, plot_contours=True,
                           xmax=4.0, ymin=-0.5, ymax=0.8, contour_color=color)

        handles.append(patches.Patch(color=color, label=label))

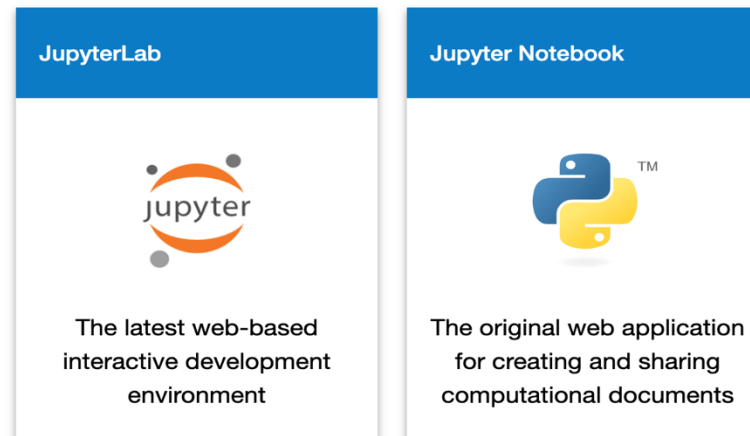
pyplot.xlabel(r"q", fontsize=16)
pyplot.ylabel(r"$\chi_{\text{eff}}$", fontsize=16)
pyplot.xlim(right=4.0)
pyplot.ylim(-0.5, 0.8)
pyplot.tick_params(axis='both', which='major', labelsize=16)
pyplot.legend(bbox_to_anchor=(0, 1, 0, 0), loc='bottom',
              handles=handles, labelmode="expand", borderaxes=False)

fig.show()
```



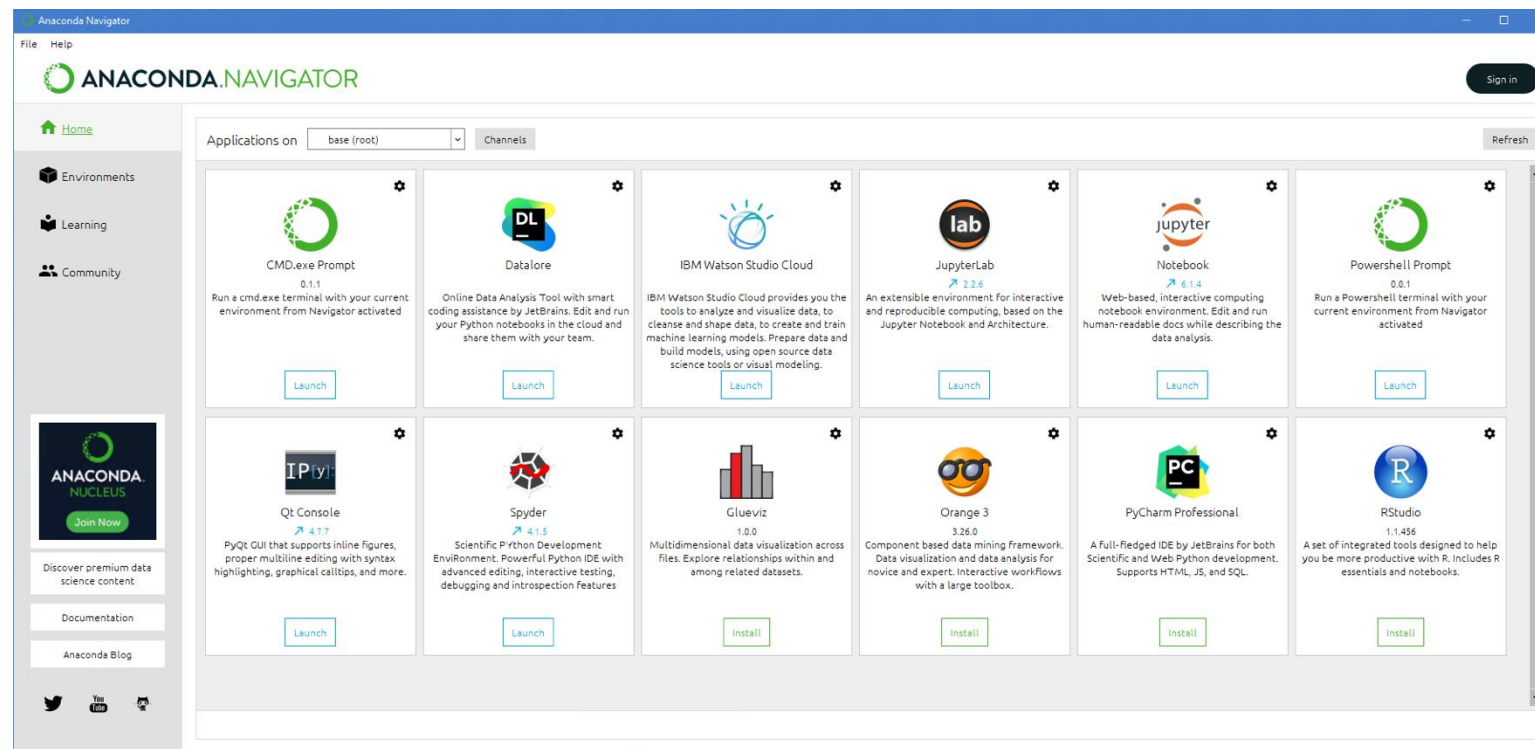
Options for running Jupyter

- Local installation on your computer
- Dedicated JupyterHub server (e.g. running on virtual machine in the cloud or on Euler)
- Public cloud-based offerings
 - Renku: <https://renkulab.io/>
 - MyBinder: <https://mybinder.org/>
 - Google cloud: <https://colab.research.google.com/notebooks>
- To get started
 - <https://jupyter.org/try>



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- **Option 2: [Miniconda](#)**
 - `conda install -c conda-forge jupyterlab`
 - Start JupyterLab: `jupyter-lab`
 - Start Notebook: `jupyter-nbclassic`
- **Option 3: [Python](#) only**
 - `pip install --upgrade pip wheel`
 - `pip install --upgrade jupyterlab`
 - Start Lab / Notebook: `jupyter-lab` / `jupyter-nbclassic`

Interactive Notebooks – what can go wrong?

- **Versioning**

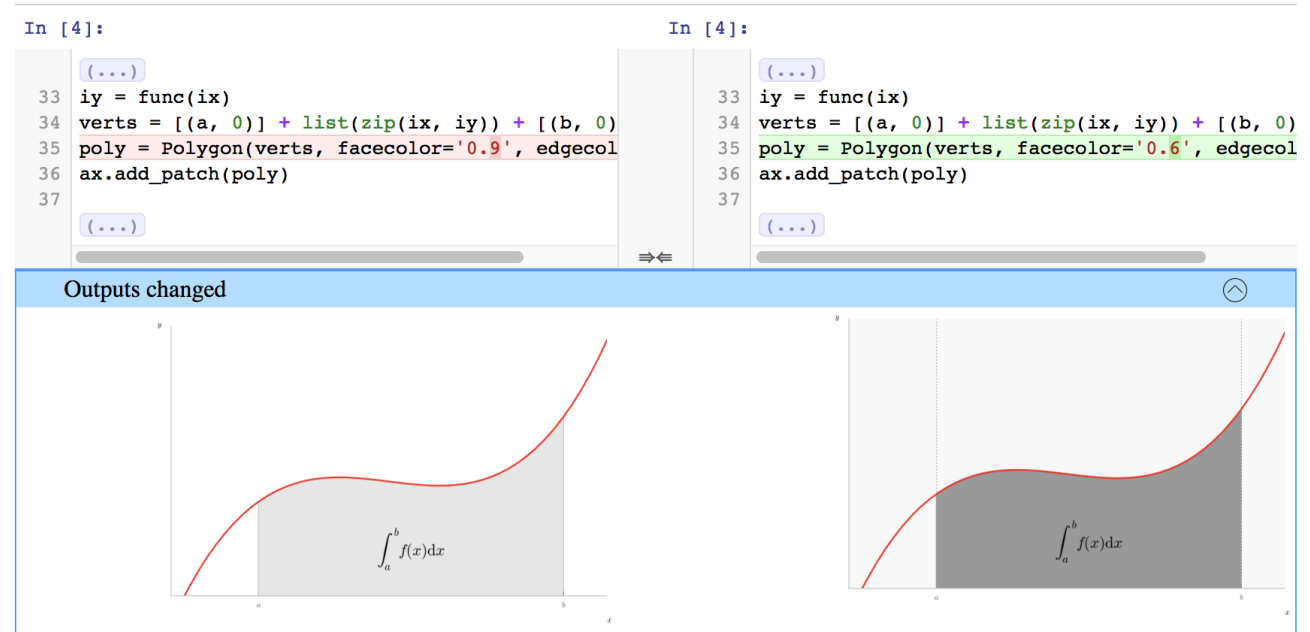
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- **Reproducibility**

- Interactive working mode can result in hard-to-reproduce notebooks
- Discipline is needed! Regular pruning & refactoring; “*Restart kernel & Run all*” is your friend

- **Collaboration**

- Collaborative editing : has not been possible [until recently](#). Must be done in JupyterHub or cloud.

- **Security**

- Data confidentiality & access controls may be problematic



Reproducible Computing Platforms

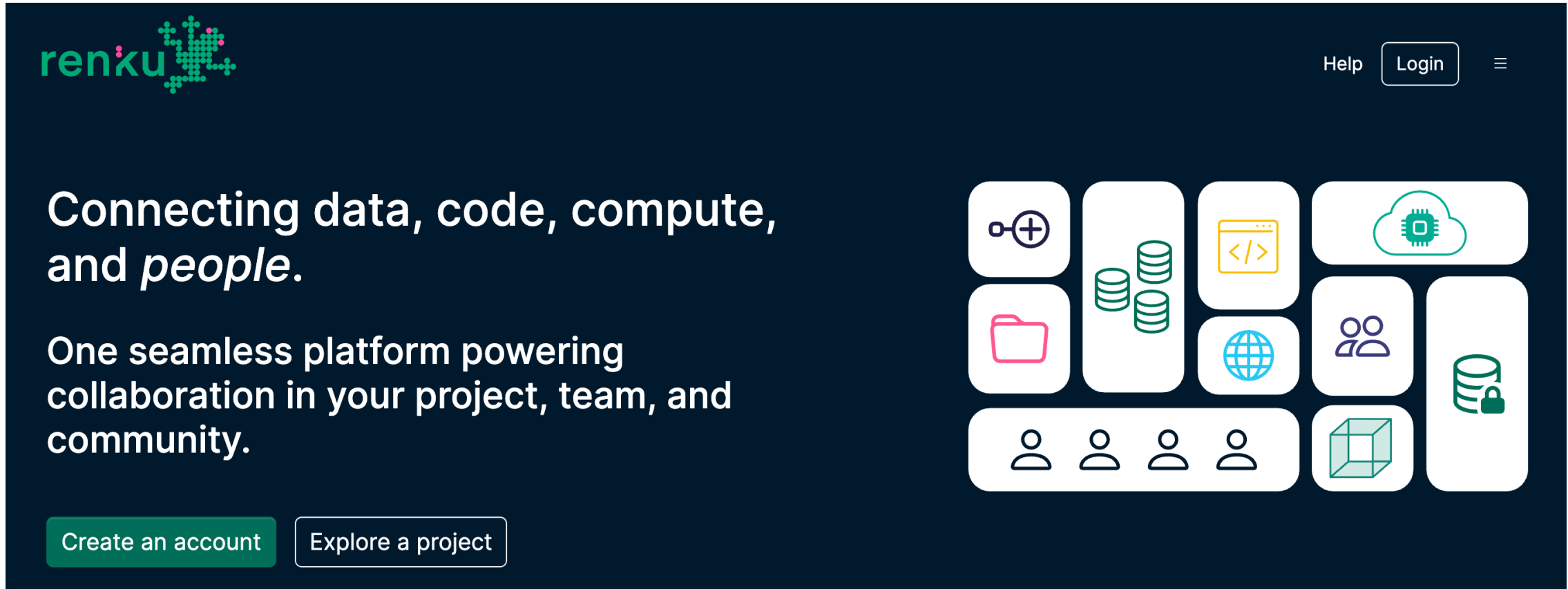


Reproducible Computing Platforms

- Integrated, **web-based** solutions for **reproducible** and **collaborative** data analysis and **computing**
- Usually built upon **proven open-source technologies** (Git, Conda, Docker etc.)
- Technical **complexity hidden** from user (or made easily accessible)
- Platforms provide **low entry barrier** access to fully reproducible computing
- **Commercial platforms**
 - Examples: [Code Ocean](#), [Google Colaboratory](#), ...
 - Costs are incurred by usage of underlying cloud infrastructure (storage, compute, data transfer!)
 - Beware of data ownership, licensing issues and general T&Cs
- **Community platforms**
 - Examples: [mybinder](#), [Renkulab.io](#)
 - Usually free of charge but resources are limited

Reproducible Computing Platforms: *renkulab.io*

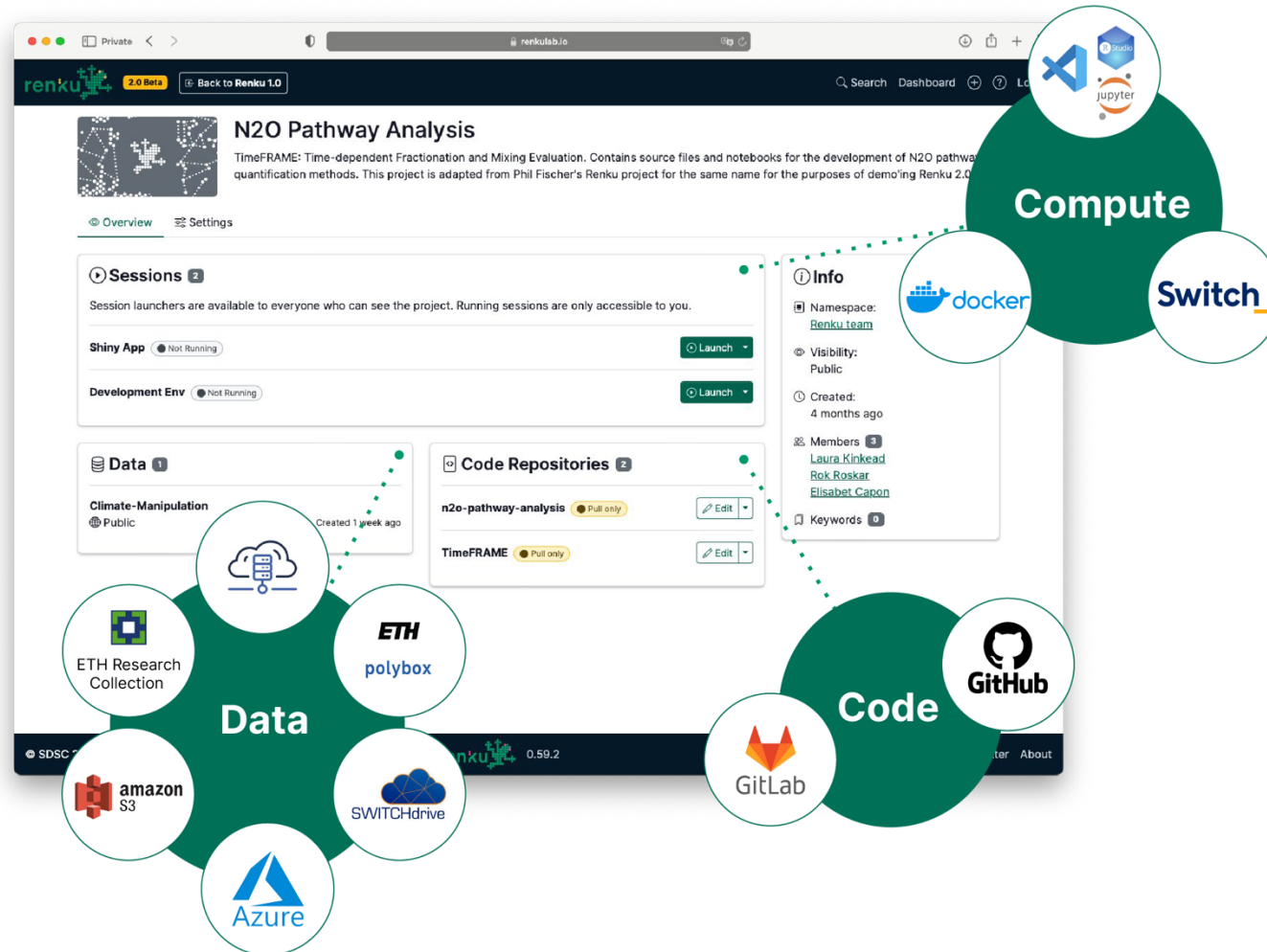
- [Renkulab](#) is a **platform for collaborative data science** from the [Swiss Data Science Center](#) (SDSC)



The screenshot shows the Renkulab.io homepage with a dark blue background. In the top left is the 'renku' logo in green. In the top right are links for 'Help' and 'Login', and a hamburger menu icon. The main text reads: 'Connecting data, code, compute, and *people*. One seamless platform powering collaboration in your project, team, and community.' Below this are two buttons: 'Create an account' (green) and 'Explore a project' (white with a green border). On the right side, there is a grid of icons representing various features: a key with a plus sign, a folder, a stack of disks, a code editor icon, a globe, a group of people, a cloud with a chip, a 3D cube, and a database icon.

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Learning more about Renkulab

- Login with your Switch edu-ID (or create a new account)
- [Getting Started Tutorial](#)
- More [Renku Tutorials](#)
- Renku [How-To Guides](#)

Reproducible Computing Platforms: *mybinder.org*

- [Binder](#) converts a Git repository into a collection of interactive notebooks
- Notebooks open in an executable environment → code becomes reproducible by anybody, anywhere


Build and launch a repository

GitHub repository name or URL

GitHub ▾ example: binder-examples/requirements or <https://github.com/binder-examples/requirements>

Git ref (branch, tag, or commit) File to open (in JupyterLab)

HEAD eg. index.ipynb File ▾ launch

Fill in the fields to see a URL for sharing your Binder. 

Badges for your README [show](#)

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How it works

1

Enter your repository information

Provide in the above form a URL or a GitHub repository that contains Jupyter notebooks, as well as a branch, tag, or commit hash. Launch will build your Binder repository. If you specify a path to a notebook file, the notebook will be opened in your browser after building.

2

We build a Docker image of your repository

Binder will search for a dependency file, such as requirements.txt or environment.yml, in the repository's root directory ([more details on more complex dependencies in documentation](#)). The dependency files will be used to build a Docker image. If an image has already been built for the given repository, it will not be rebuilt. If a new commit has been made, the image will automatically be rebuilt.

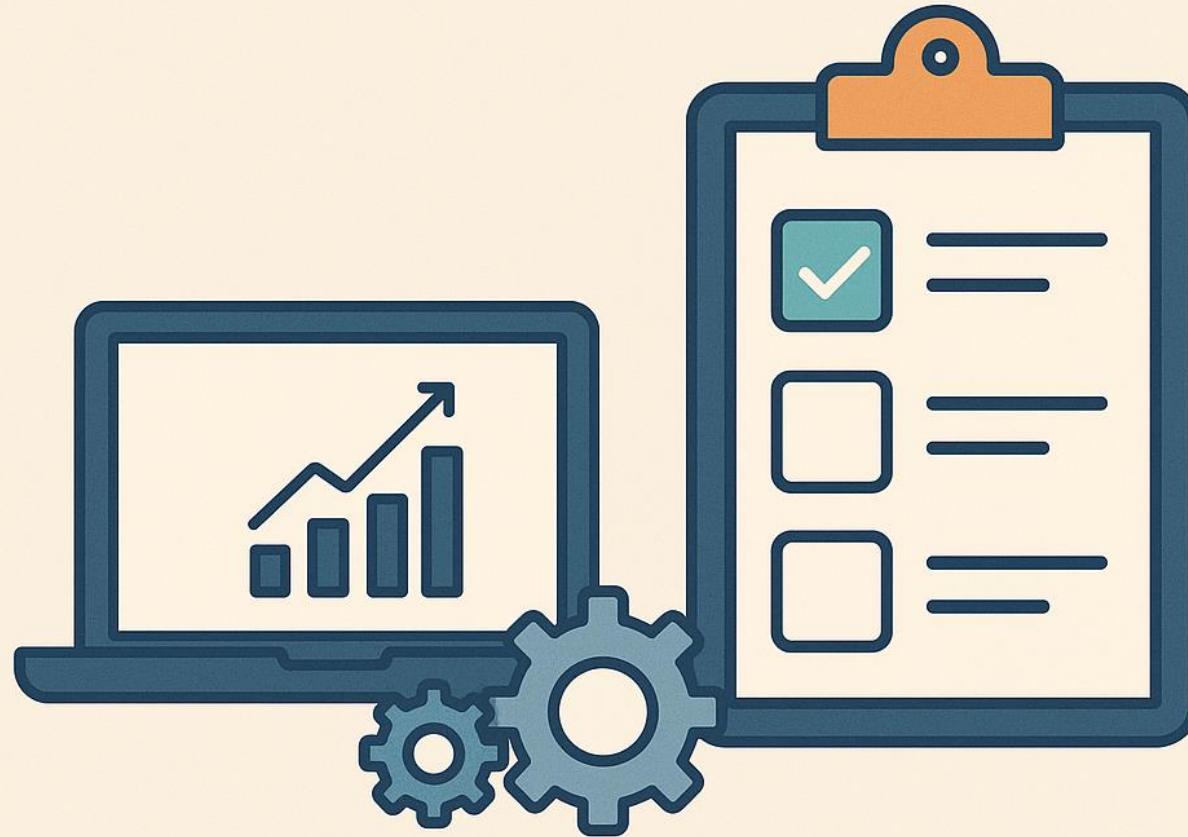
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Interact with your notebooks in a live environment!

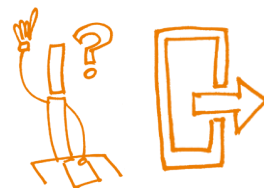
A [JupyterHub](#) server will host your repository's contents. We offer you a reusable link and badge to your live repository that you can easily share with others.

- Live example: <https://github.com/hluetck/mybinder-demo-project>

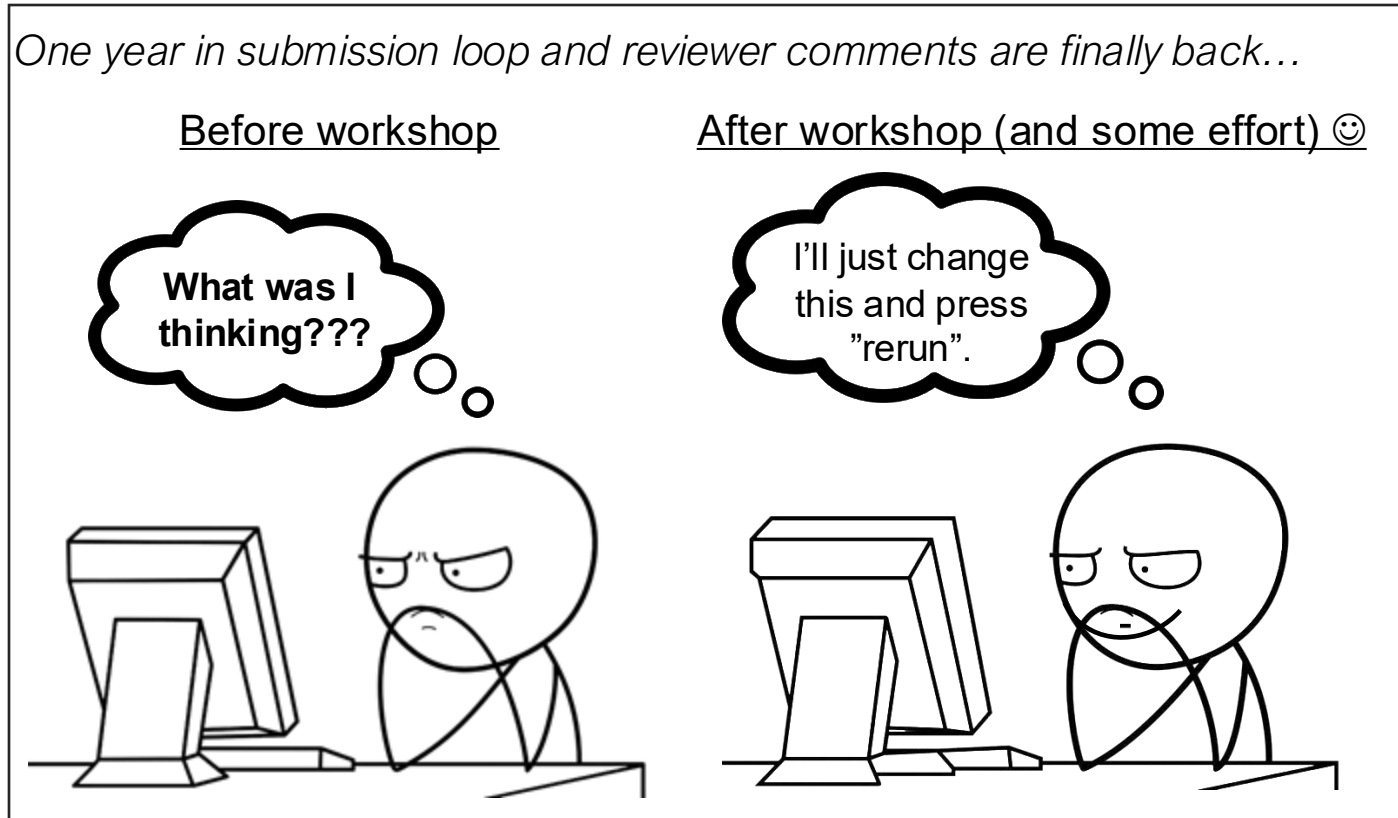
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Wrap-up & Discussion



What's in it for me?



At the start of the project

- Forced to think about scope and limitations
- Improved structure and organization

During the project

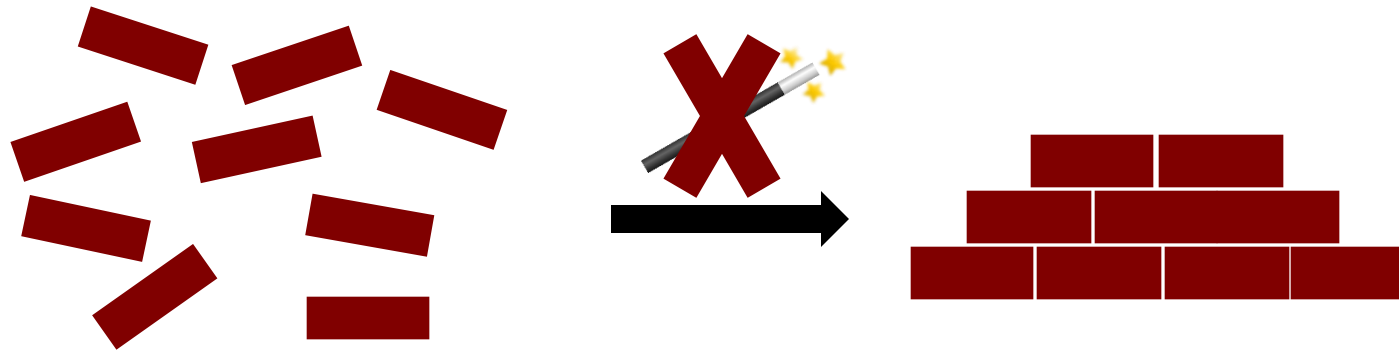
- Easier to rerun experiments and analysis
- Closer interaction between collaborators
- Much of the manuscript "writes itself"

After the end of the project

- Faster resumption of research by others (or your future self), thereby increasing the impact of your work
- Increased visibility in the scientific community

What's in it for me?

- Aim for improvement, not perfection!
- RDM requires **WORK & TIME**, but the time spent on this is an **investment** for the future!



Contact us for consultations / trainings on data management, version control, reproducible computational workflows or data science support

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