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Open Discovery Workflows

Beyond Pipelining

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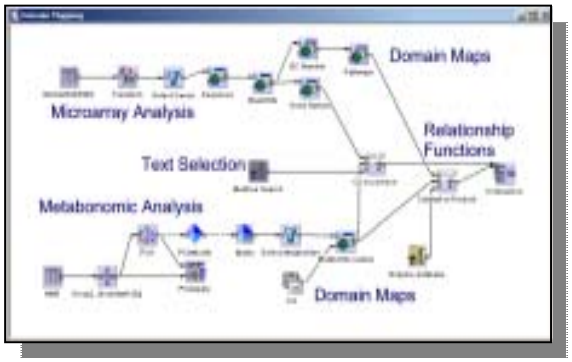
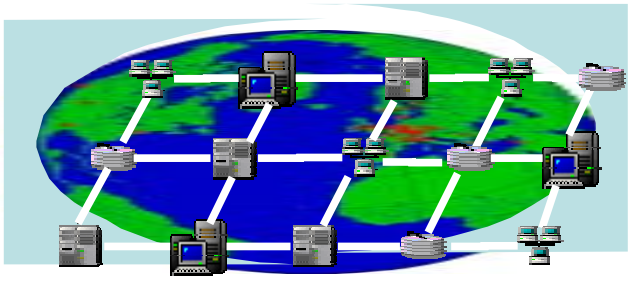
Workflow based portal building technology: Automatically deploying workflow composing services to an enterprise portal
BioWorld IT 2005 Best of the Show Award - Knowledge Management & Collaboration



Workflow technology : Building applications by composing services
IEEE Supercomputing 2002 : Most Innovative Award

Web Services based informatics infrastructure: Harness multi-domain distributed resources
IEEE Supercomputing 1998 : Most Innovative Award



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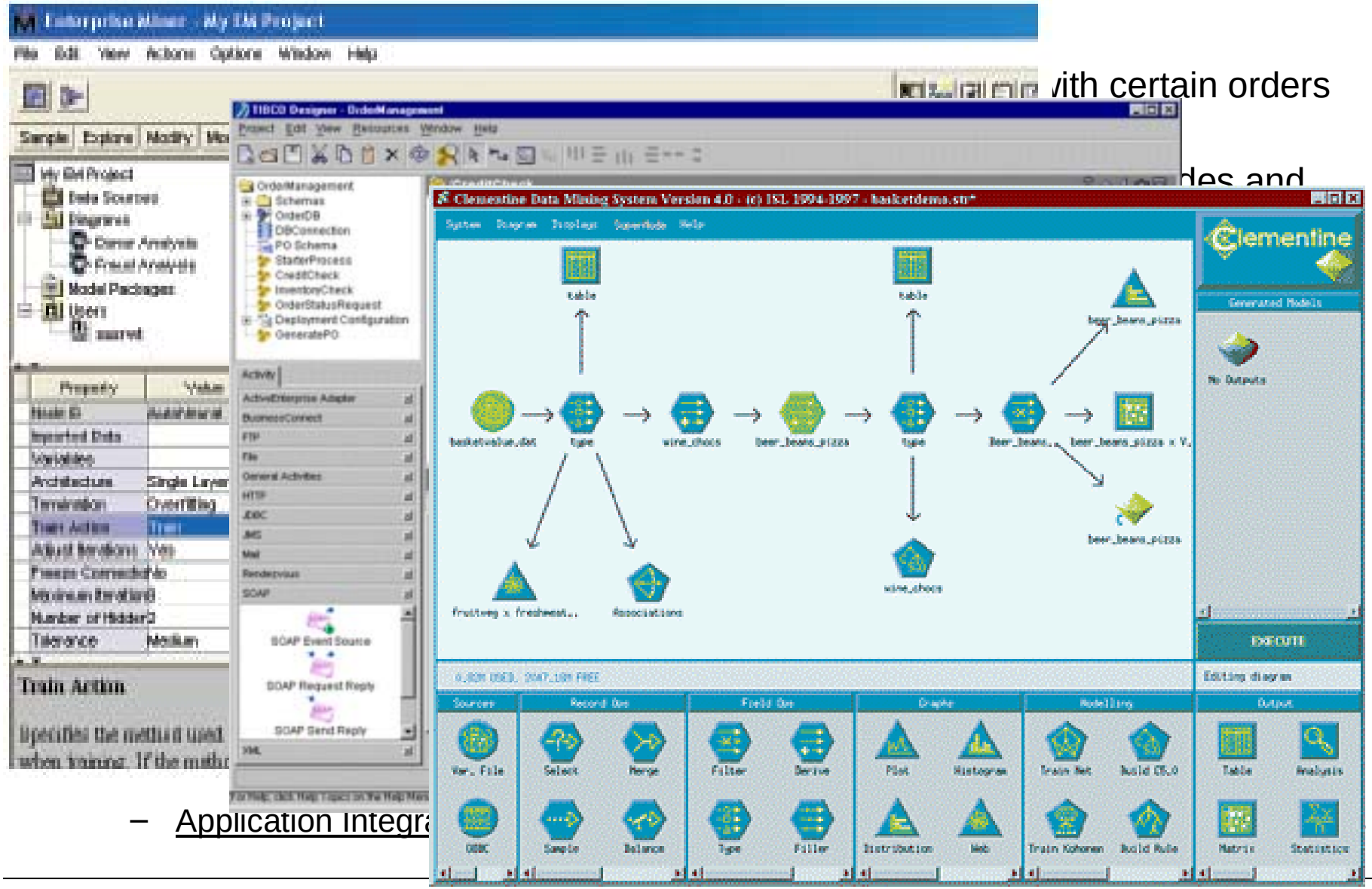
Workflow is not new…



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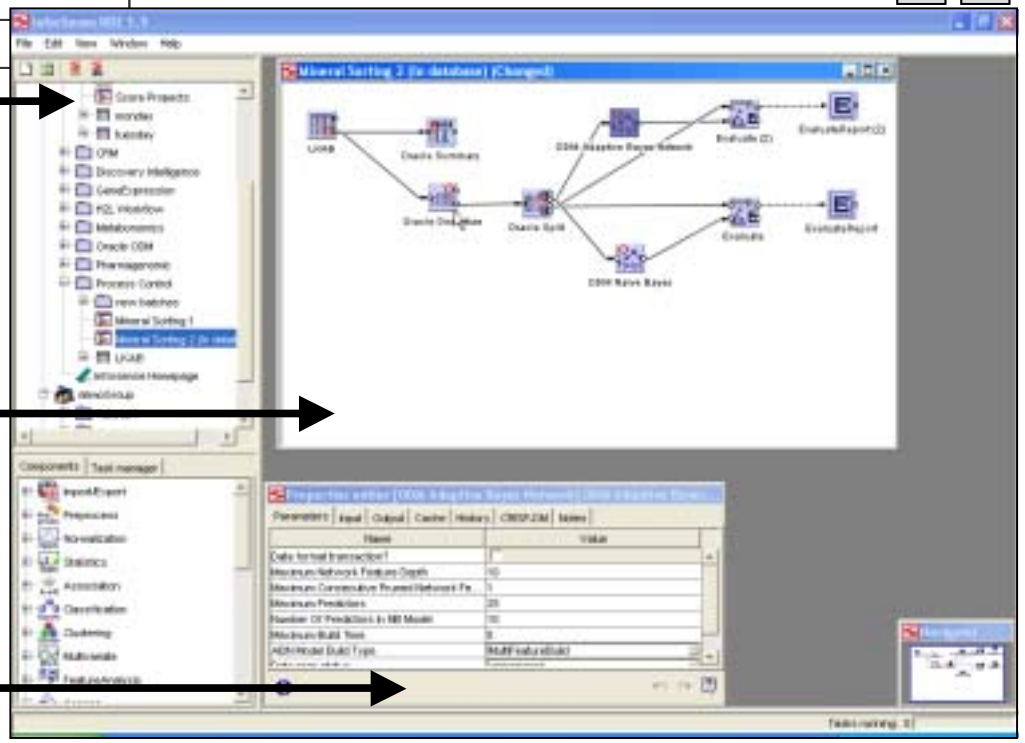
Building a workflow

1 Select:

- Data Sources
- Data Mining / Statistics
- Data Processing / Transformation
- SQL Functions
- Interactive data visualization / reporting



2 Connect:

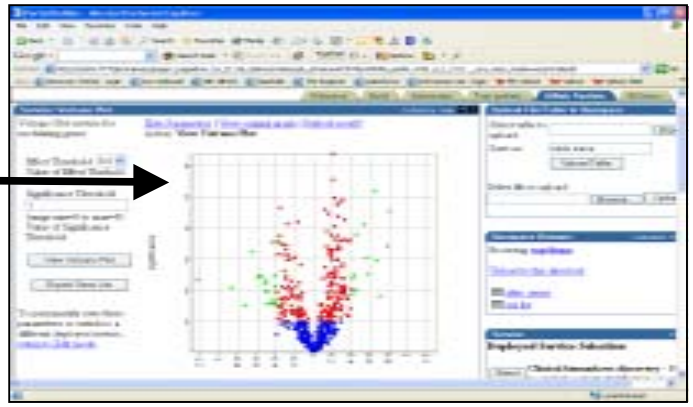
- Connect data and components in GUI
- Workflow describes complex data processing and analysis

3 Execute:

- "In database" processing & analytics

4 Deploy:

- Define parameters of workflow to expose
- Publish as: portlet, web application, SOAP service, command line app



5 Warehouse:

- Store workflows to capture ad-hoc querying and establish best practices

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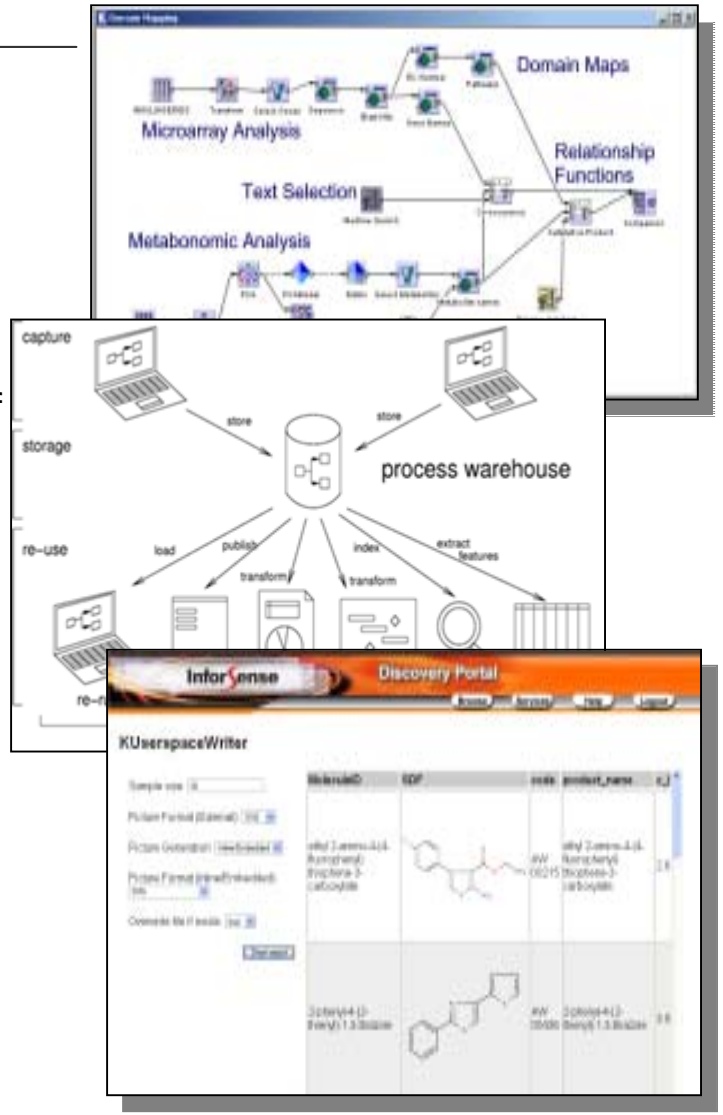
InforSense Workflow Life Cycle

- Constructing a ubiquitous workflow: ***by scientists***
  - Integrate your information resources/software applications cross-domain
  - Support innovation and capture the best practice of your scientific research
- Warehousing workflows: ***for scientists***
  - Manage discovery processes in your organisation
  - Construct an enterprise process knowledge bank
- Deployment workflow: ***to scientists***
  - Turn your workflows into reusable applications
  - Turn every scientist into a solution builder



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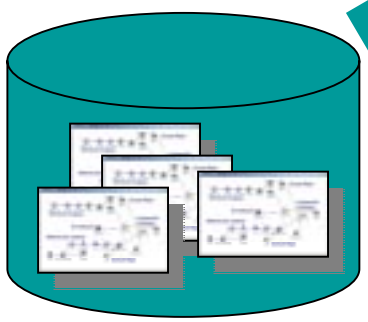
Ubiquitous workflows, warehouses and deployment engines

Domain specific tools

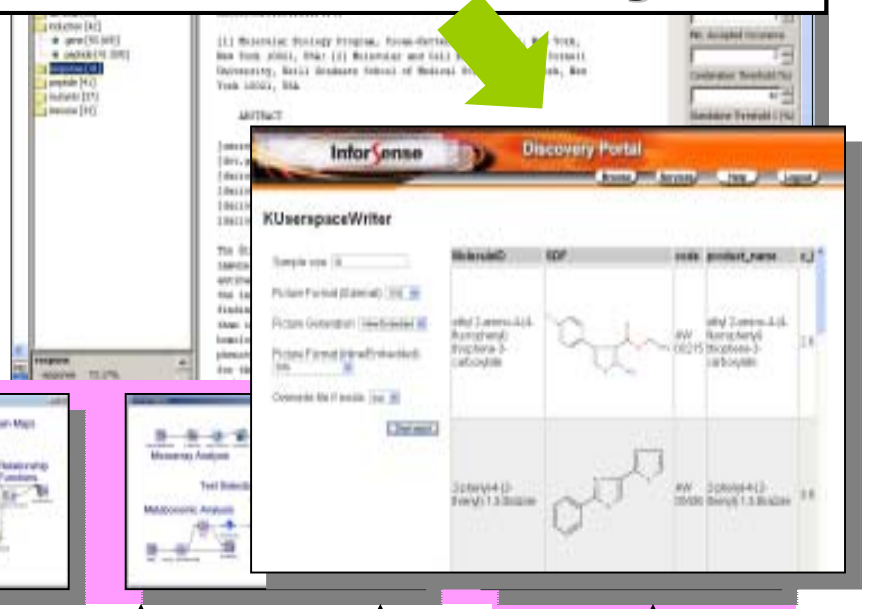
Workflows

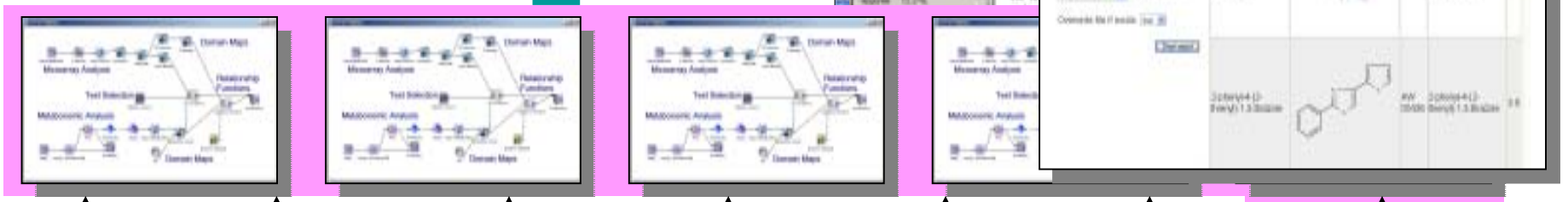
Warehousing

Deployment



Mine warehouse for provenance, information and knowledge





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Experiment & design	Enumeration & descriptors	Lab & analytical data	Compound & activity data	Database & documents	Visualization	InforSense analytical systems

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There is something new about the use of workflow in scientific informatics…

- Workflow is an "machine executable protocol" for in silico scientific activities
- Thus, a scientific workflow needs to be :
  - **Ubiquitous** : scientific data are heterogamous and scientific activities are rich in variety
  - **Integrative** : resources (data, software, instruments) need to be dynamically combined for scientific study
  - **Personal** : scientists need total freedom in defining and building their creative scientific process
  - **Interactive** : building a scientific workflow with a " trial and error" approach
  - **Open** : workflow should be able to integrate components from any vendors
  - **Reusable** : workflow should be reused by others in various form
  - **Manageable** : workflow represents process knowledge so it evolves overtime

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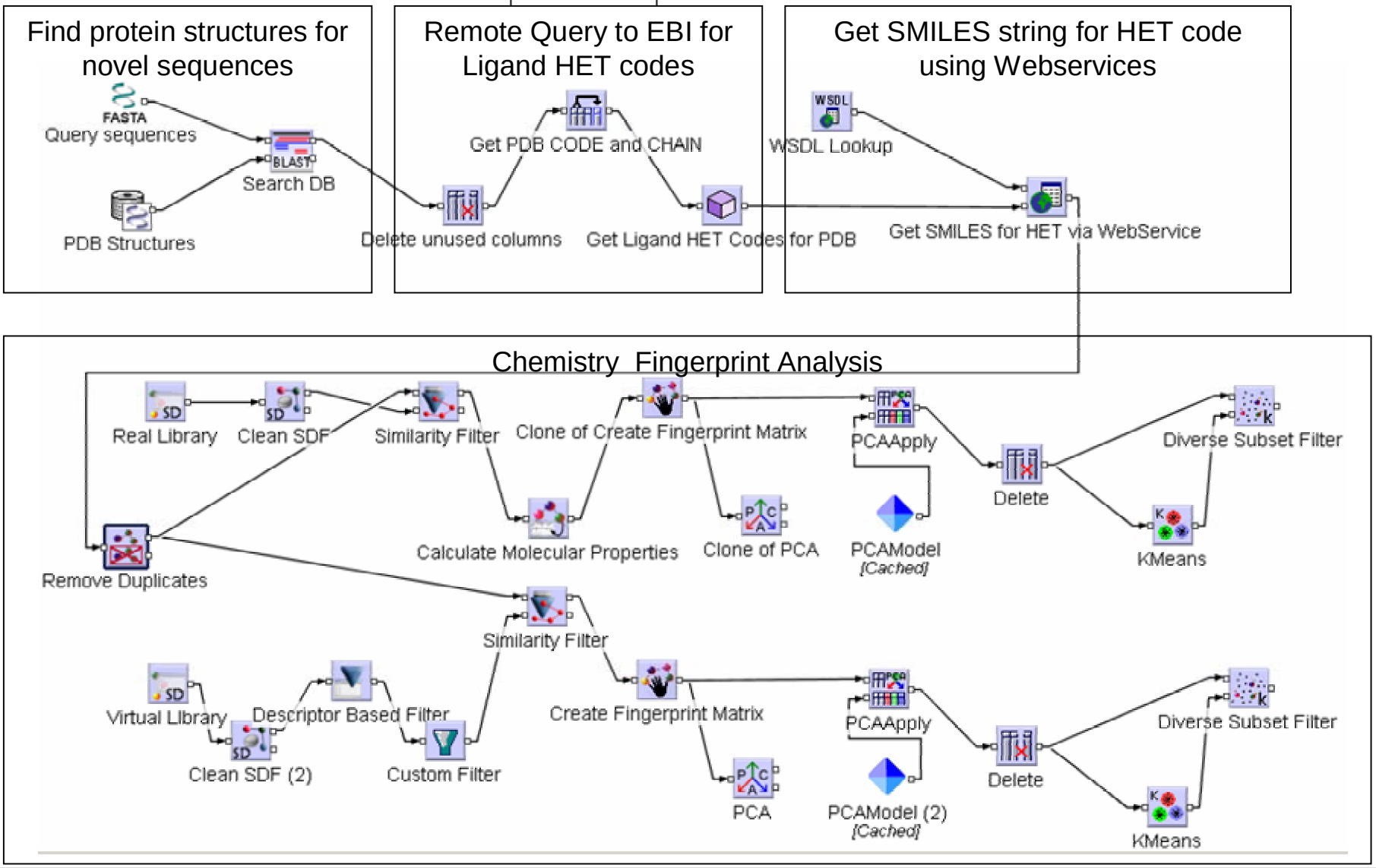
Ubiquitous : Manage the complete workflow of a project in one framework

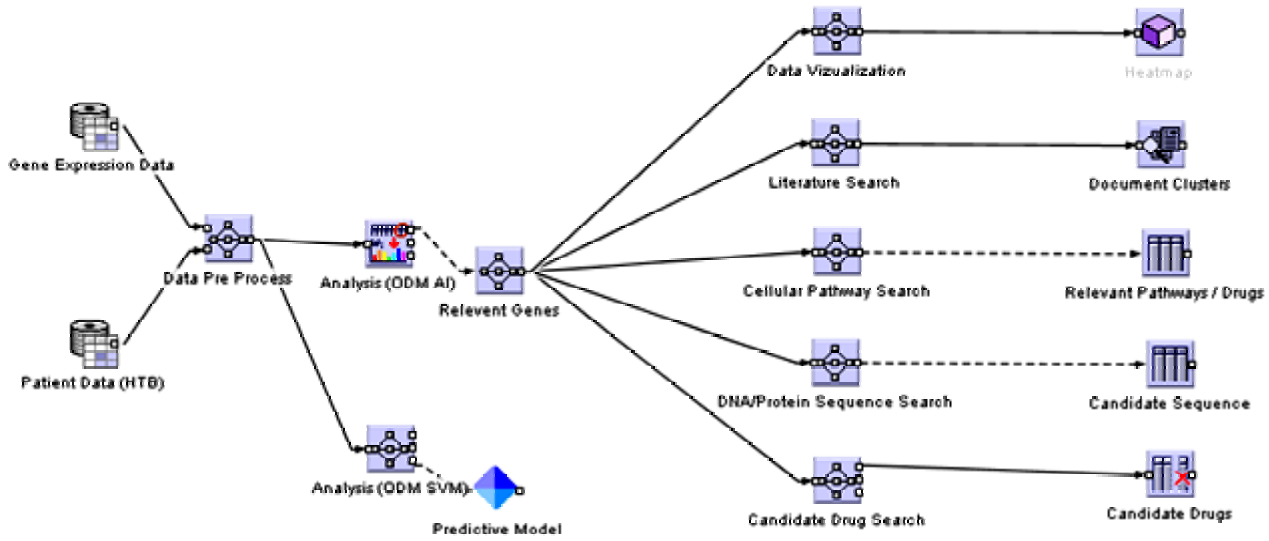


Integrative : Dynamic cross domain integration of databases & applications

- **Used Modules in KDE**
  - 60 nodes representing 5 x DBs[1] and Oracle components[2], 3 x 3rd party applications[3], 4 x public DBs[4] and 1 web service[5]
  - Gain: 27 times faster (10 vs. 270 Man Days), reusable and sharable

The Workflow

Data Acquisition | Multiple Types of Analysis | Relevant Results



[1] Gene Expression, Patient, [2] ODM (SVM, AI, BLAST, TEXT), [3] Chemical Editor, Blast Viewer, HeatMap, [4] ChemBank, PubMed, NCBI, Beilstein, [5] KEGG

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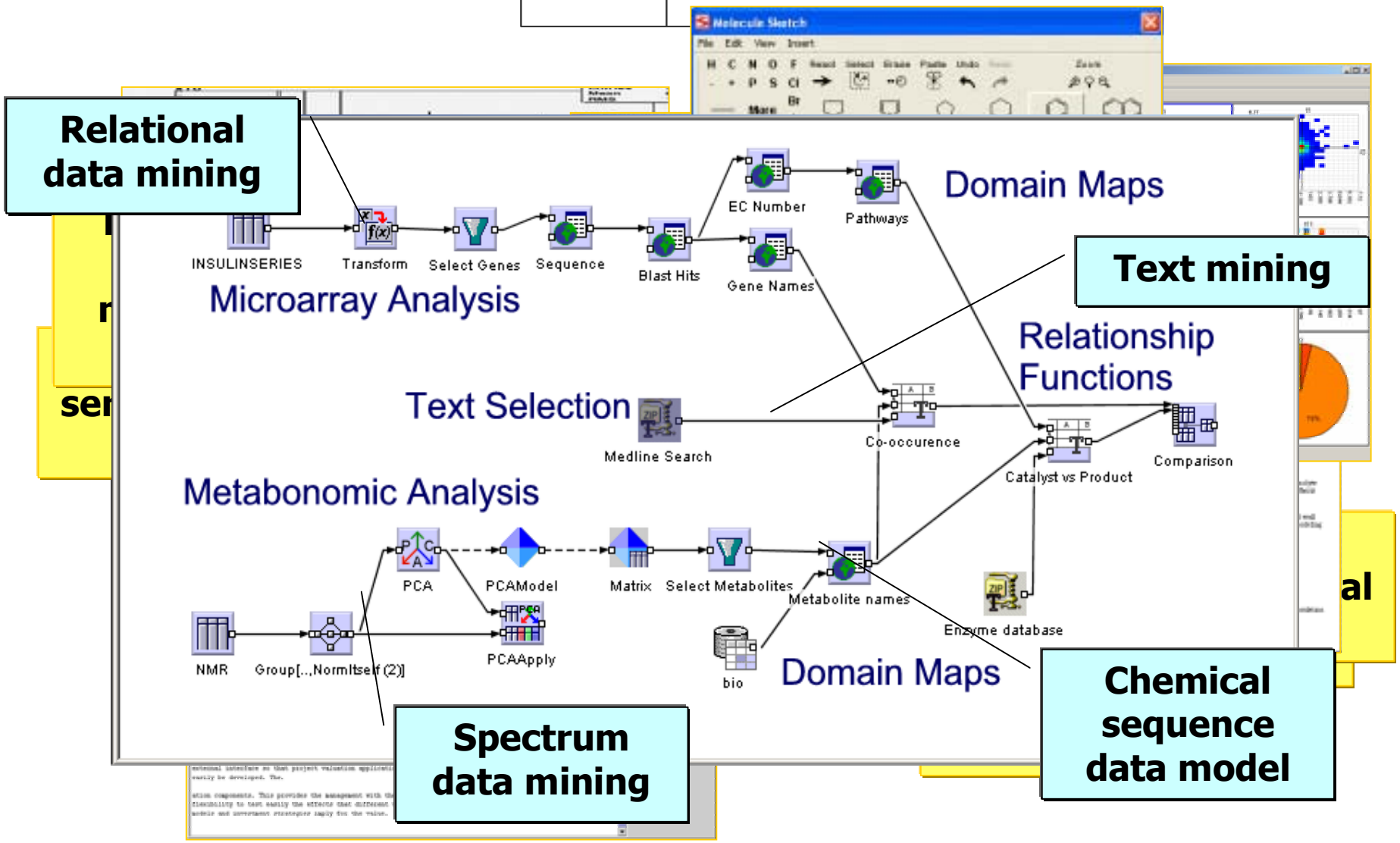
Interactive : Building Complex Discovery Process with Visualisation



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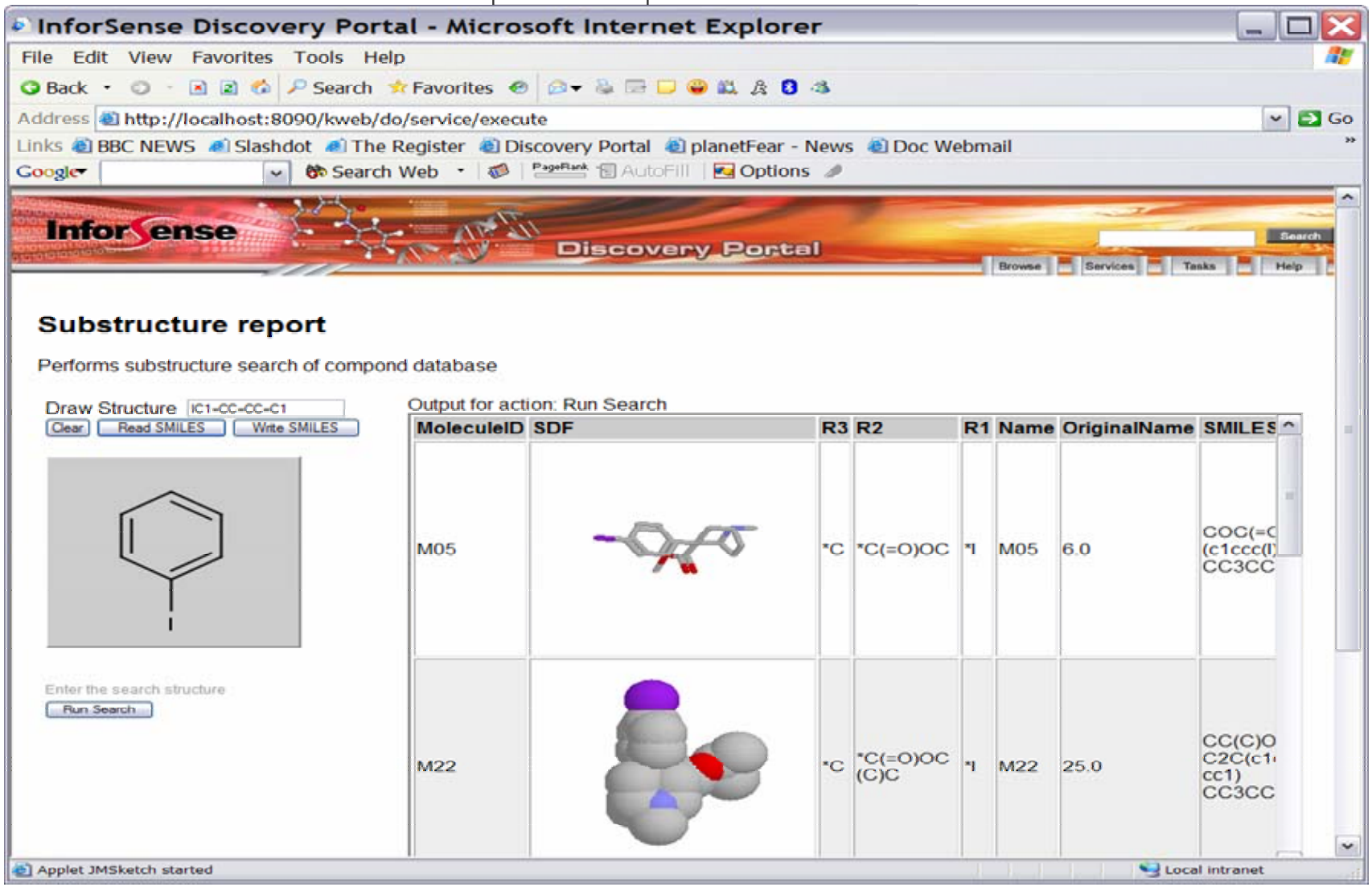
Personal : Building and deploying personal applications



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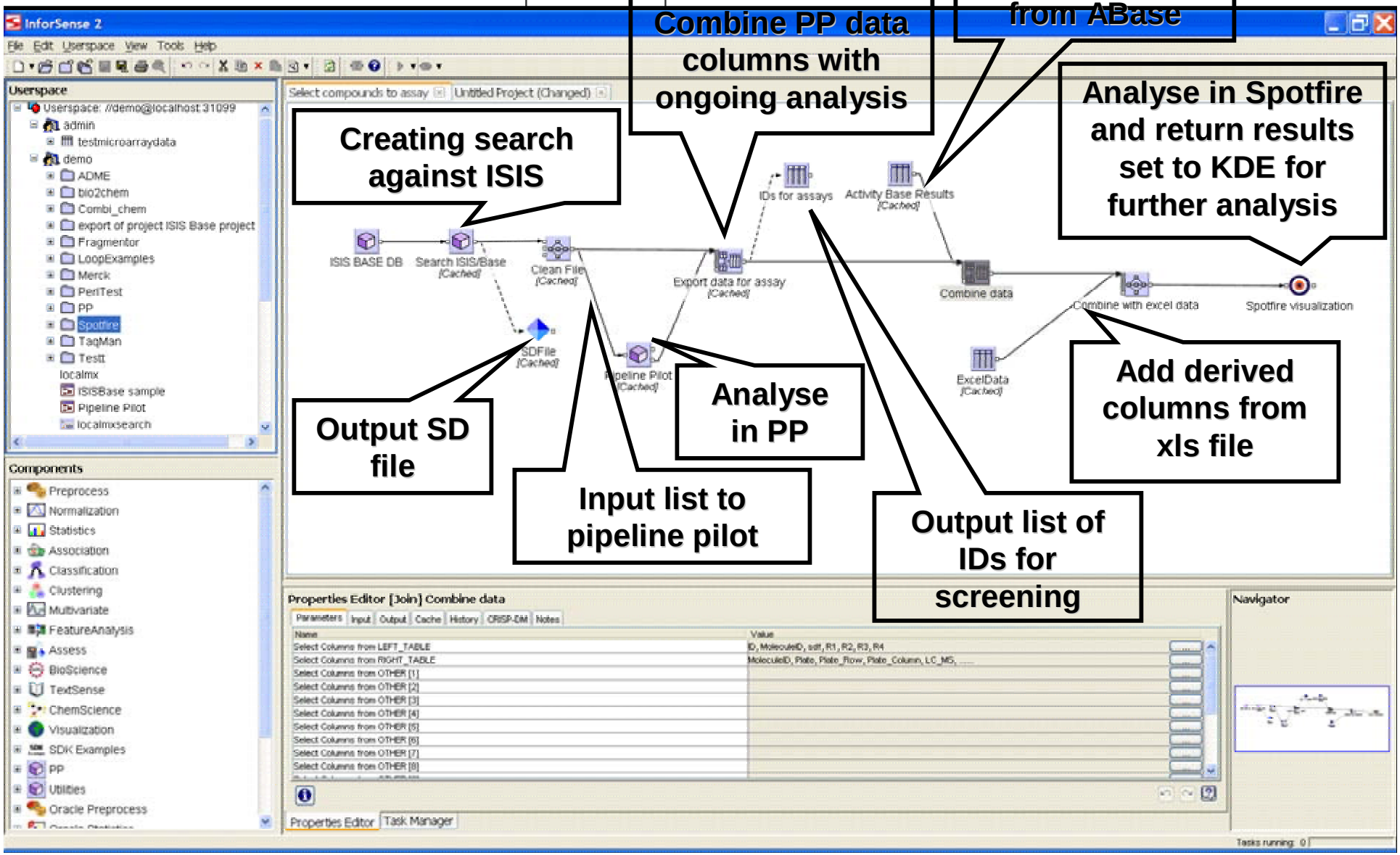
Open : Working with any vendor



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Some other must have features…

- Higher level orchestration of workflows
  - conditional execution, loops..
- ‘Useful’ error reporting
  - exactly what has broken !
- Cached results
  - resilience, debugging
- Asynchronous jobs
  - long running processes

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Some other must have features…

- In database execution
  - speed, security
- Audit trial
  - who, what, when
- Meta data level consistency & error checking
  - construction of workflows with compatible data types
- Support for SOA
  - web services
- Enterprise infrastructure
  - cluster support, server admin tools

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Case Study: Library design

Collaboration with GSK Cheminformatics

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History of the “Industrial” pharma (1)

- **Historically**
  - Low volume
    - 30-50 cmpds/yr/chemist: 10,000s assay wells/yr
  - Low information diversity
    - scientists generally dealt with limited types of data
  - Reductionist approach
    - limited information per experiment
      - Interpretation critical for next step
    - scientists required:
      - simple systems to assist in information monitoring
      - decision making resides with the scientist

gsk Slides from their e-science presentation at the EPSRC, April 2005.

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History of the "Industrial" pharma (2)

- **What happened in the last 5 years?**
  - "Industrialisation" - Application of "principles of industrialisation" to drug discovery
    - high volume
      - 10,000 cmpd/yr/chemist/100+ million wells/yr
  - Biology revolution
    - Human genome
      - "system biology" – holistic view and interpretation
      - high content data --- images
      - multiple result types from each experiment – bio-markers, pathways
  - Knowledge integration
    - scientific discipline integration
  - Scientists required
    - complex systems, algorithms, statistics…….
    - decision making shared between systems and scientists
    - "Informatics" essential – partnership not service

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How has pharma IT tackled the transition?

- Business as usual
  - problem centric view
    - build applications
    - integrate applications
- Educate scientists in the realms of IT
  - “Now I need to be an IT expert alongside chemistry, biology, genetics, robotics, engineering ……”
  - interesting time scale - generations
- Technology is our saviour!
  - client server, web services, java, C#, Corba, OO programming, extreme programming, grid computing, …..

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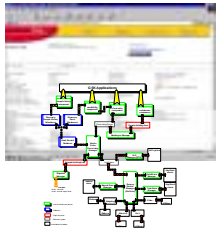
What are the results?

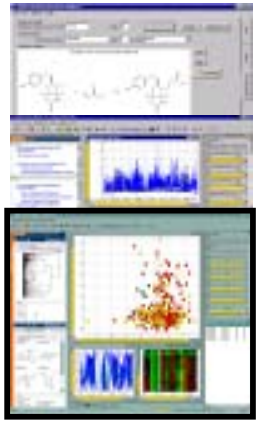
Chemistry

samples



screening

data



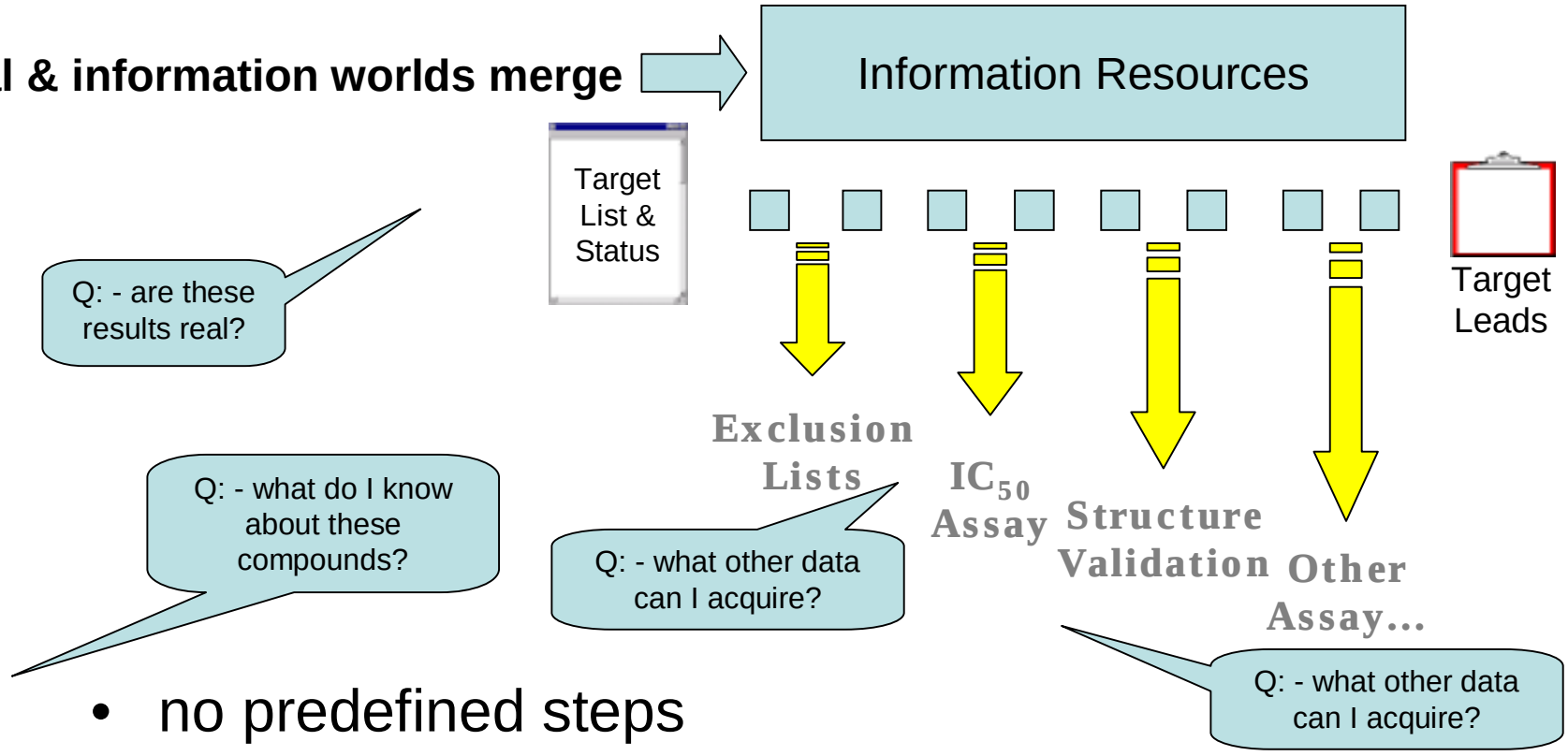
"library" design

infrastructure

- "islands" or "silos" of process & data
  - *complex integration problem*
    - *"spaghetti" joins our worlds - unsustainable - cost*
- *control with "IT"*
  - *mismatch in cycle time to change*
  - *engineered out serendipity*
  - *service role reversed*

Doodling in knowledge and experiment space

physical & information worlds merge



- no predefined steps
  - capture what was done, don't restrict what can be done?
    - don't restrict the non-obvious

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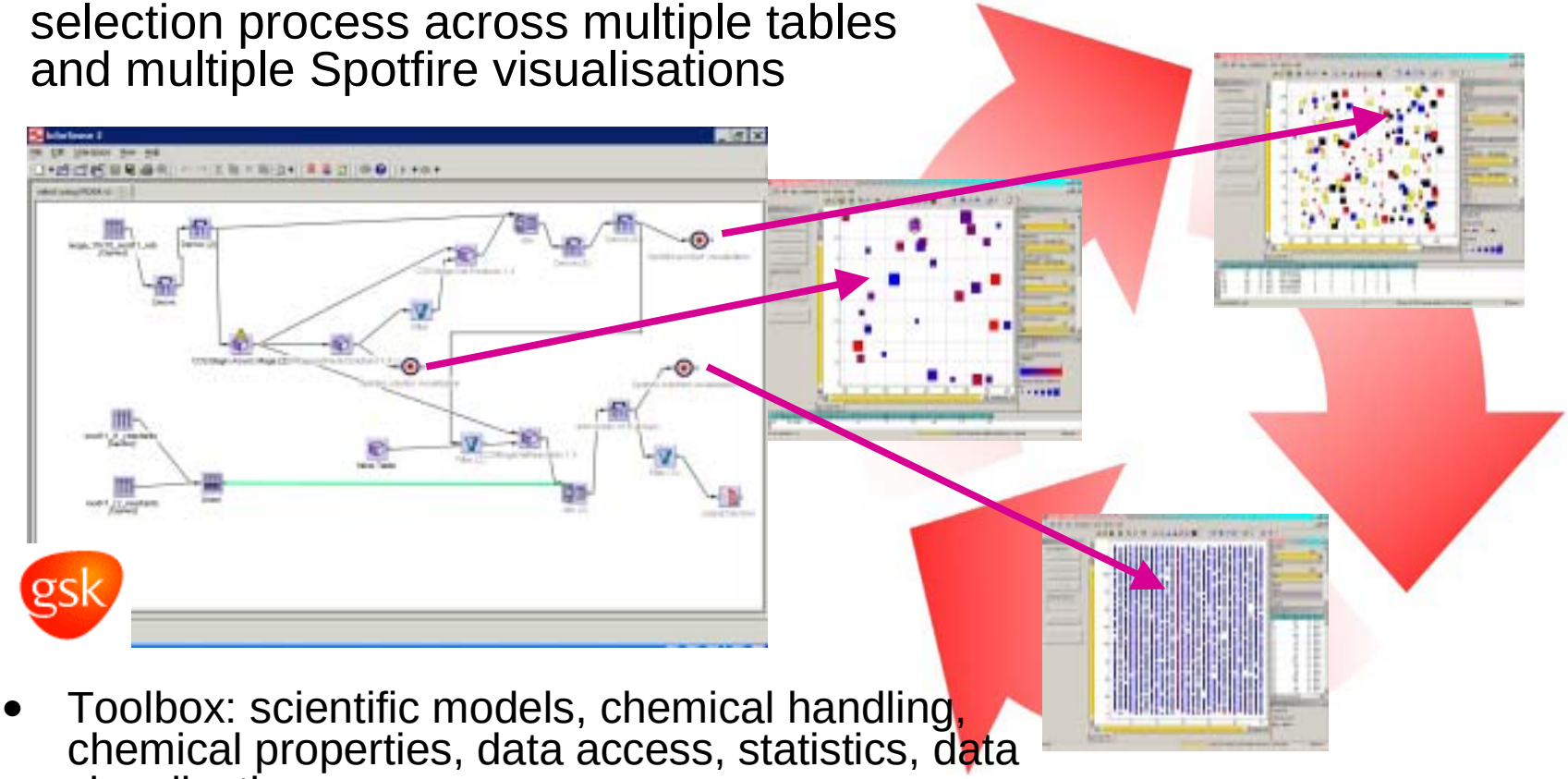
Integrative Analytics for Life Sciences: Building an Informatics Infrastructure

- **Objective:**
  - Dynamic cheminformatics infrastructure
- **Specification:**
  - Access to world-class scientific algorithms and tools
  - Access to disparate data sources, multiple locations
  - An intuitive GUI for medicinal chemists – not just IT experts
  - Build and deploy “just-in-time” applications
  - Capture and dissemination of “best practice”
- **Solution:**
  - InforSense KDE + IOE open SOA, integrating services, data, tools
  - OWPN partner integrations
  - Spotfire collaboration -> integrative visual analytics

Library design @ GSK

KDEs Visual Network orchestrates the selection process across multiple tables and multiple Spotfire visualisations



- Toolbox: scientific models, chemical handling, chemical properties, data access, statistics, data visualisation, ...
- Scientists can doodle in chemical space
  - Capture how scientists made decisions
- New algorithms, data sources added in < 1 hour

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Case Study:
Mapping the evolution of SARS

Collaboration with the Shanghai Center for Bioinformation Technology (SCBIT)

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SARS

- By 2003, SARS was rapidly developing into a pandemic
- The WHO needed to quickly find a way to:
  - Rapidly establish the relationship between genomic variations and the biology of SARS
  - Characterise genomic variations (deletions, single nucleotide variations) during the epidemic
  - Rapidly aggregate and analyse multiple data sources using many different tools, requiring different analysis techniques, from multiple research groups world-wide, in multiple formats on multiple platforms
  - Publish and inform research and treatment groups world-wide to enable appropriate treatment regimes for each patient

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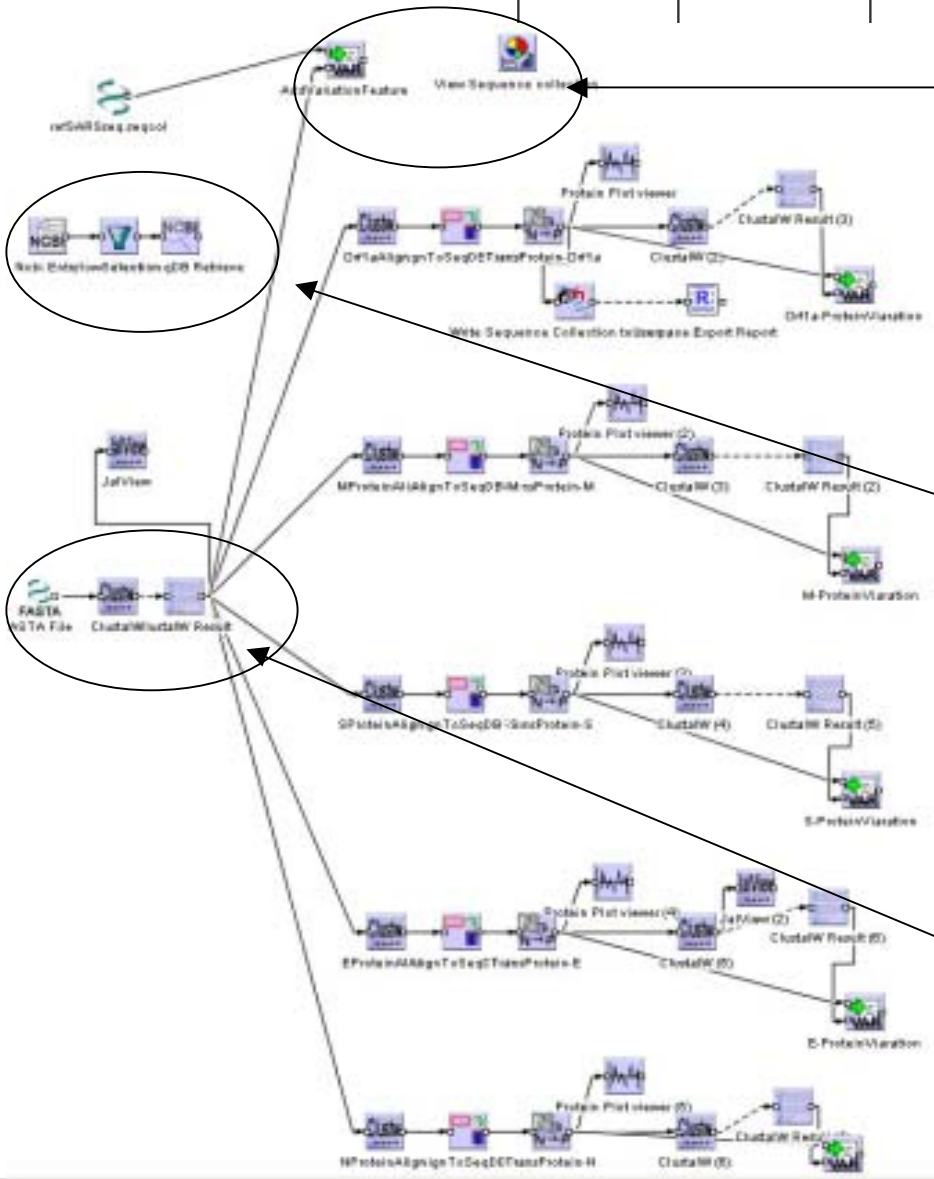
SARS: Genomic Analysis



Examining the variations in different strains

Retrieval of publicly available knowledge

Alignment performed on the Grid

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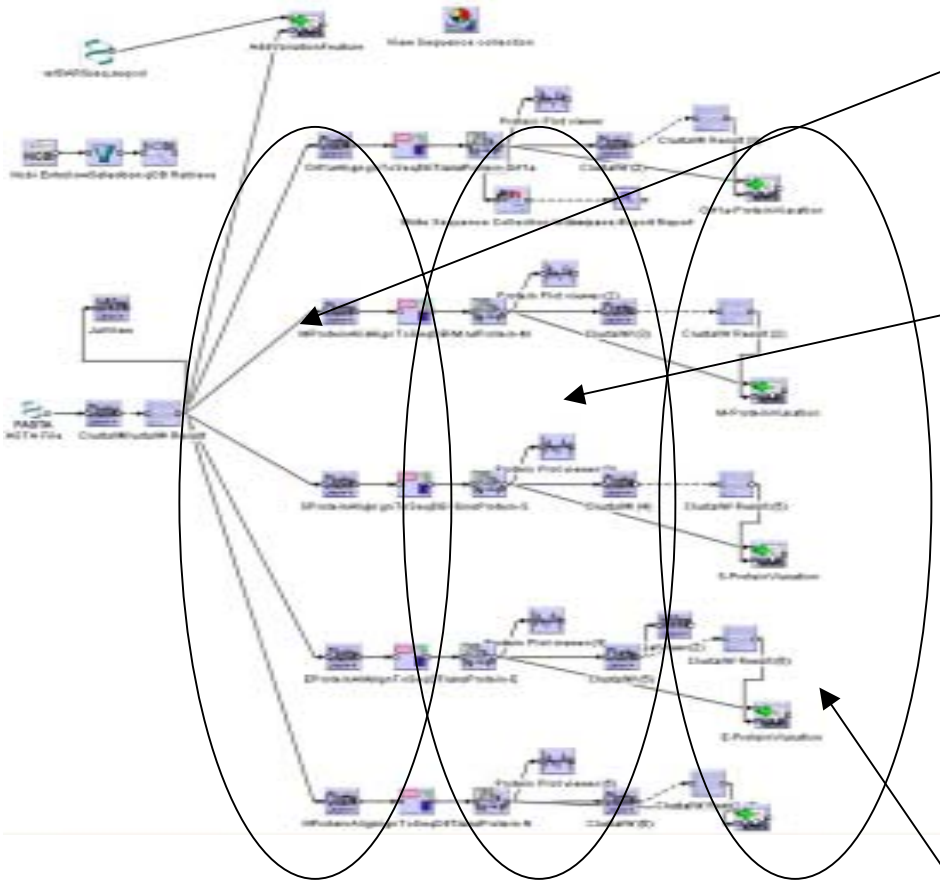
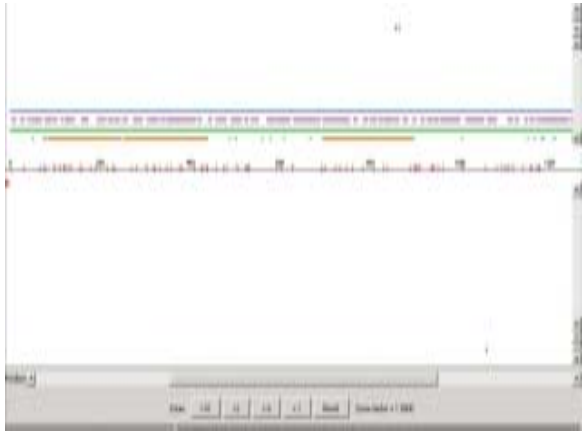
SARS: Proteomic Analysis



Isolating interesting genomic regions

Identifying relevant protein sequences



Observing the variations in the resulting protein

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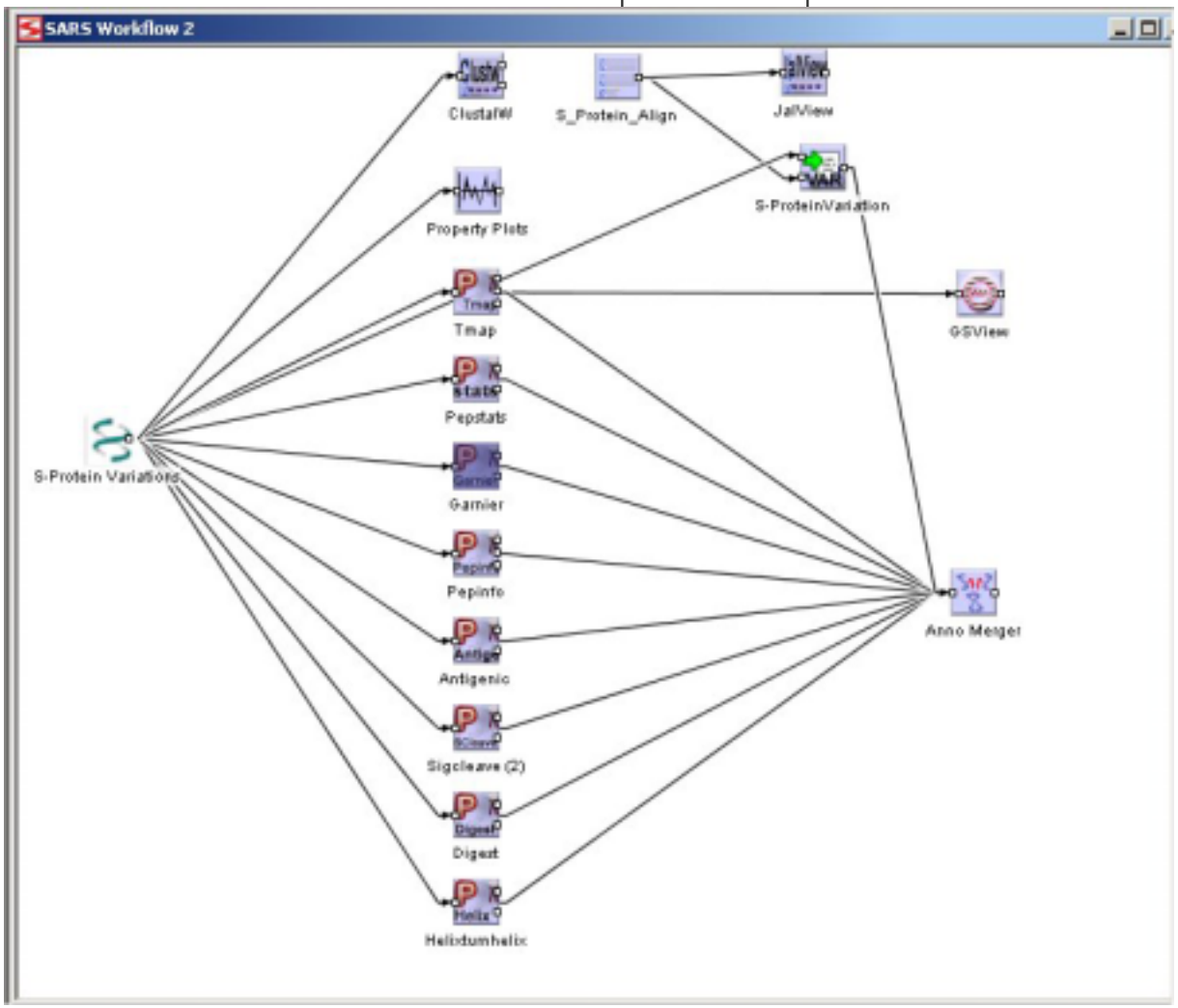
SARS: Protein Annotation



- Annotation using applications from EMBOSS package
- Execution on different physical resources
- Annotations merged

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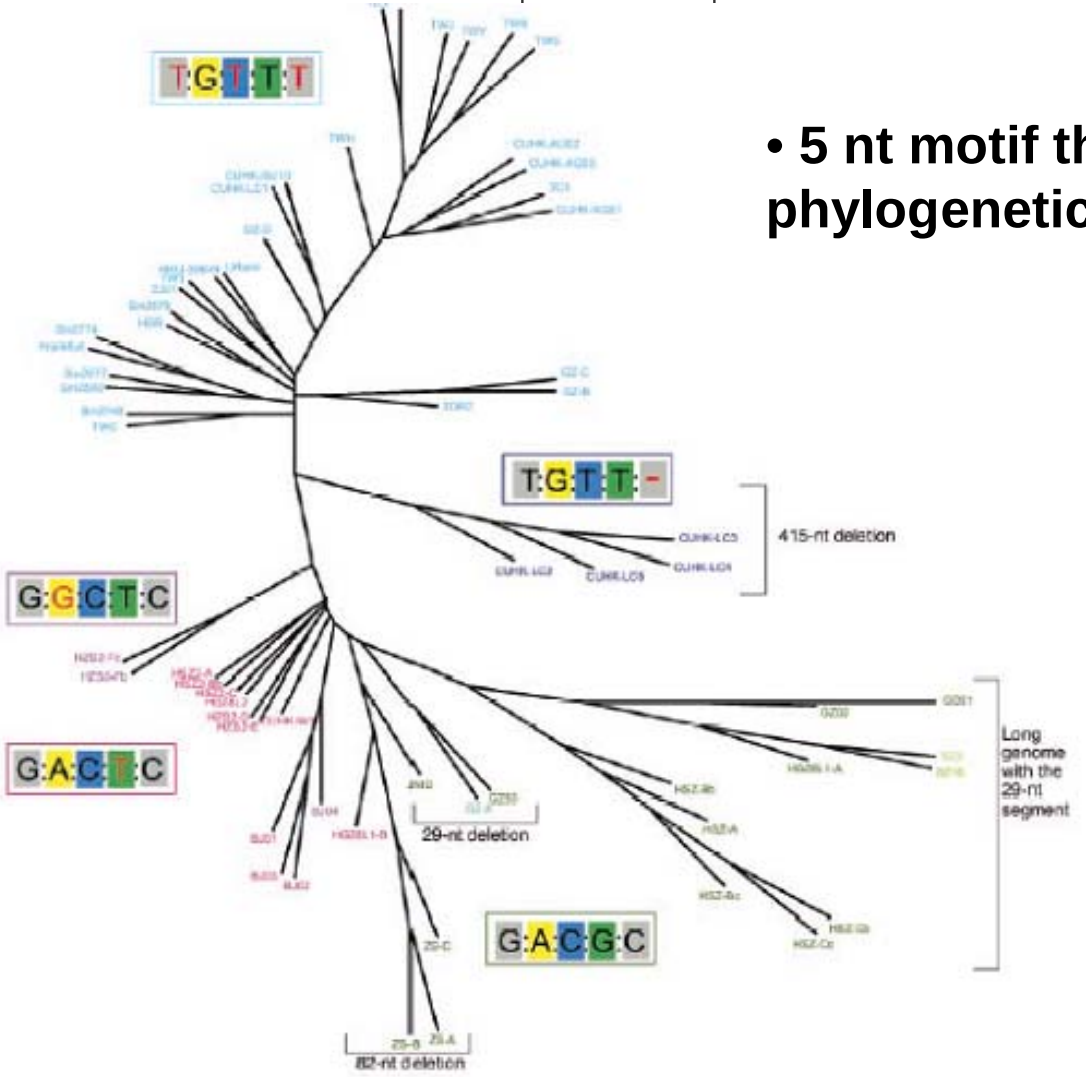
SARS: Genotype Clustering



- **5 nt motif that characterises the phylogenetically related genotypes**

He J-F *et al* (2004)
Science **303**, 1666-1669

SARS: Delivering the knowledge

- **Access functions via the web**
- **Rapidly deploy workflows as web applications**
  - ***No programming required!***

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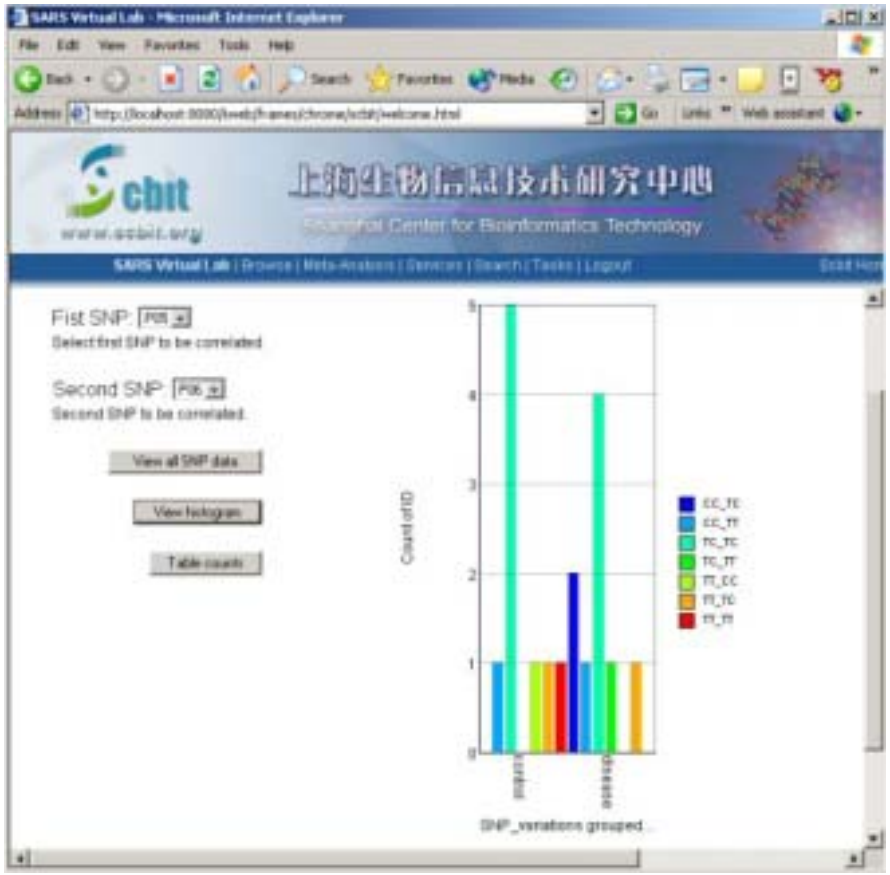

- **Updated as new datasets and analytical techniques become available**
- **Virtual Grid based research environment**

SARS: What InforSense provided

- The ability to rapidly integrate multiple, disparate data services, available on the net
- The ability to integrate over 200 required compute services, including grid service infrastructure for compute intensive tasks
- Enable the knowledge and insights gained to be rapidly and automatically deployed as new web services and portals
- Minimise the investment required in tools and services – maximising the reuse of existing resources

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One integration platform from Discovery to Clinic, and bench to boardroom