

Australia's precision medicine powered by machine learning and cloud-computing

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Building a healthier world together



Precision medicine

... in Australia



Find Disease Genes

... using Apache Spark



VariantSpark
Machine Learning for
Genomic Variants



Share Disease Insight

... using serverless architecture



GT-Scan2
Computationally Guiding
Genome Engineering

CSIRO: Top 1% of global research agencies

- Invented **WiFi**, used in five billion devices globally.
- Developed the vaccine for the **Hendra Virus**.
- Developed the **Total Wellbeing** & Low-Carb Diets.



Credit <https://toolstotal.com/>

CSIRO's vision for the #FutureOfHealth

The health system will shift...



...from treating patient illness to managing consumer health and wellbeing



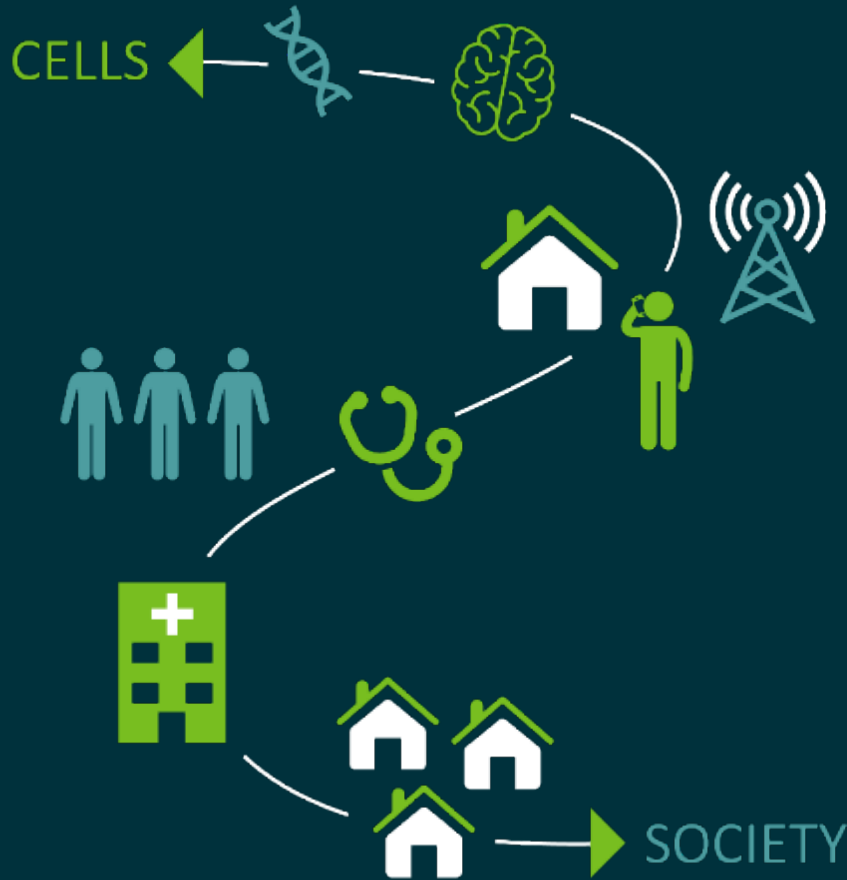
...from accepting one-size-fits-all to precision health solutions



...from a reactive system to a holistic and predictive approach



...from extending life to improving quality of life over a lifetime



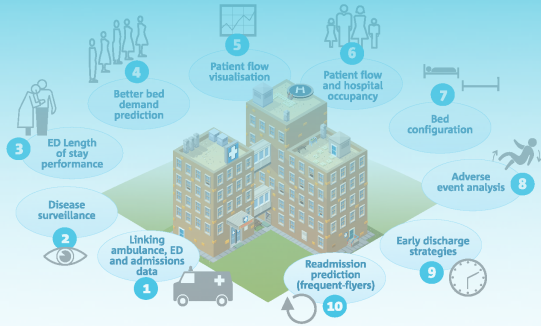
*AU's leading
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centre*

*World-first clinical
substantiated
mobile health app*

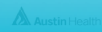
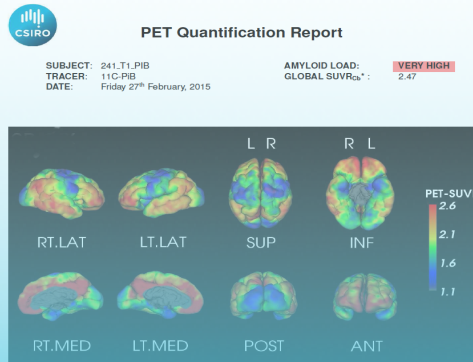
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Precision medicine is at the heart of our research

Hospital forecasts



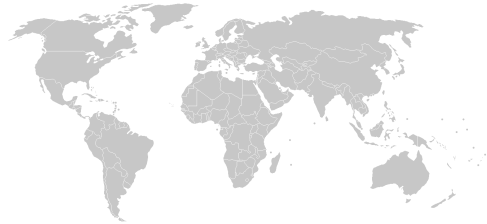
Quantitative Imaging



Disease risk prediction



Precision medicine is enabled by genomics

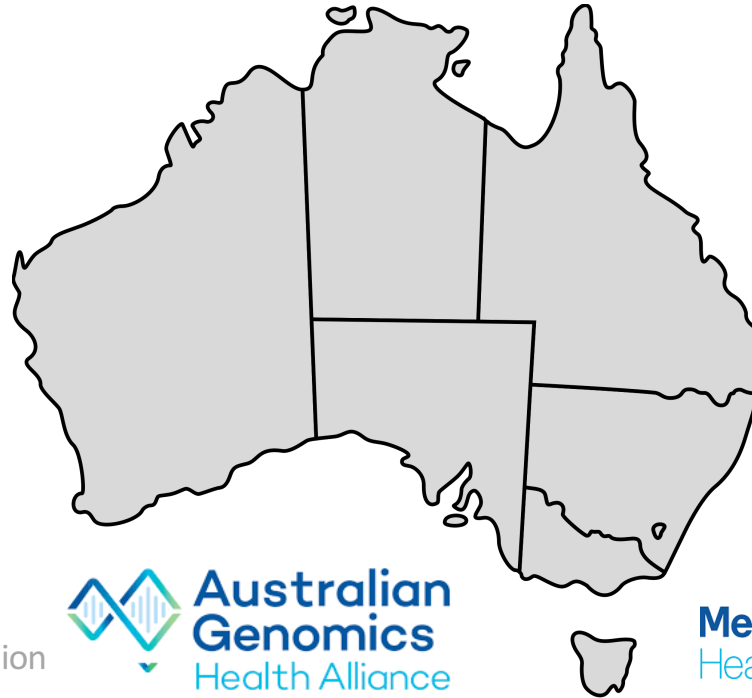


 **project Mine** \$70 Million
Make it yours

 **Global Alliance**
for Genomics & Health

\$25 Million

 **Australian Genomics**
Health Alliance



 **Queensland Genomics**
Health Alliance \$25 Million

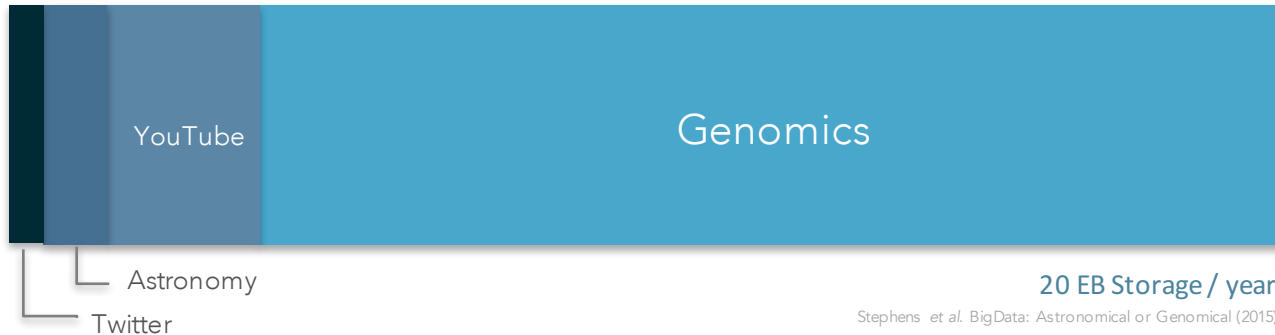
 **NSW GOVERNMENT** | Genomics Strategy
Health \$25 Million

Melbourne Genomics
Health Alliance \$25 Million

By **2025** it is estimated that **50%** of the world population will have been sequenced.

Frost&Sullivan

Data acquisition of BigData disciplines in 2025



Stephens et al. BigData: Astronomical or Genomical (2015)

Overview



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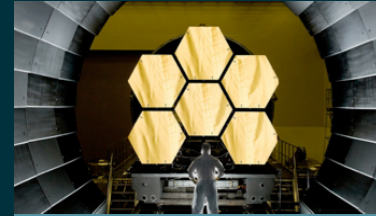


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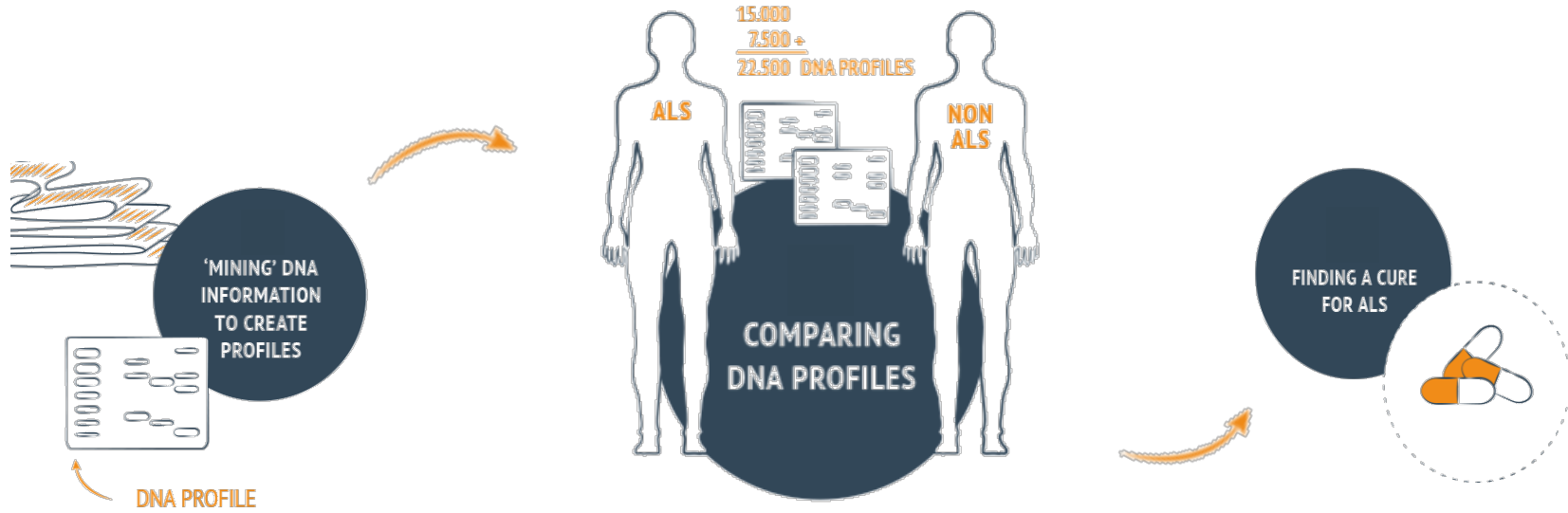
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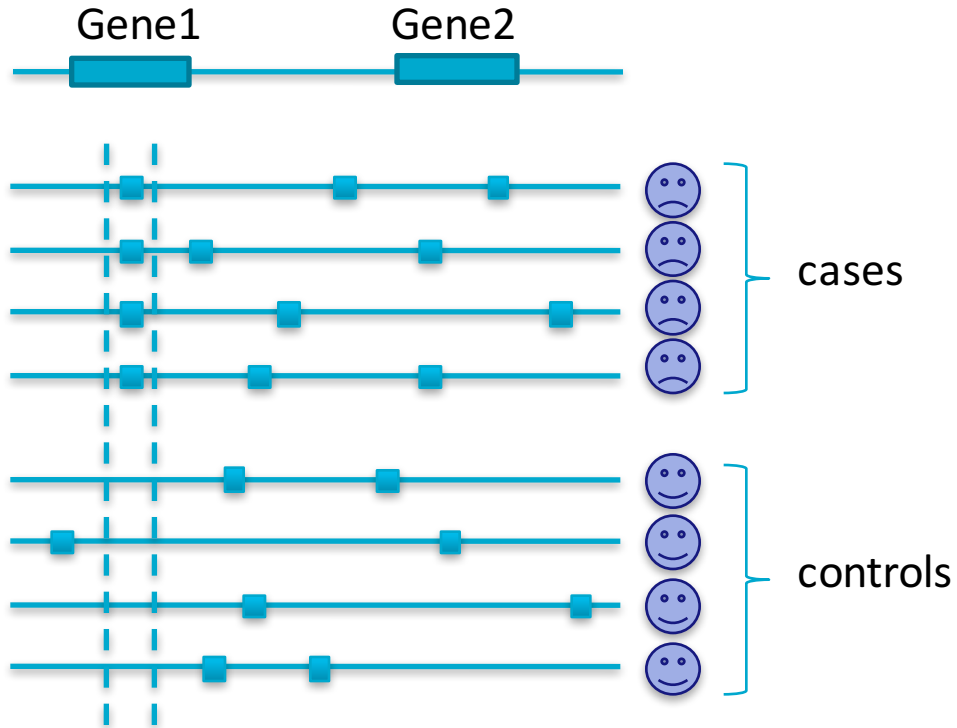


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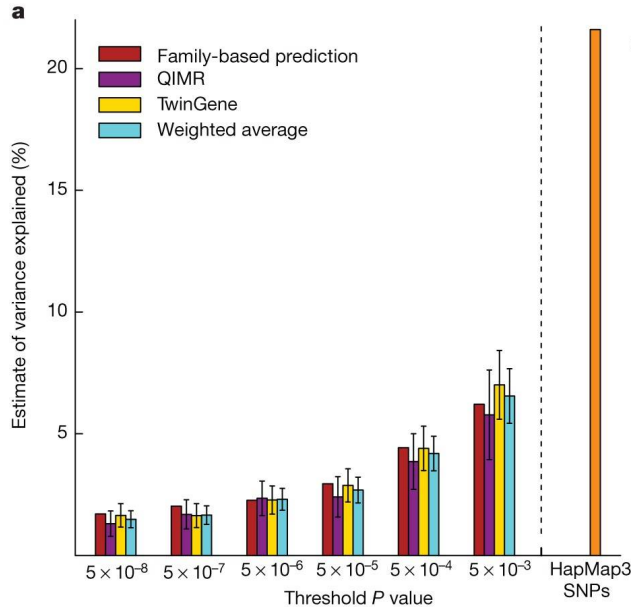
Finding the cure for ALS



Finding the disease gene(s)



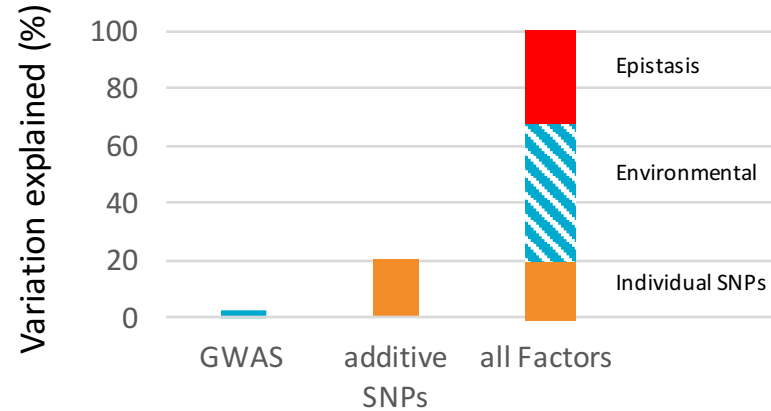
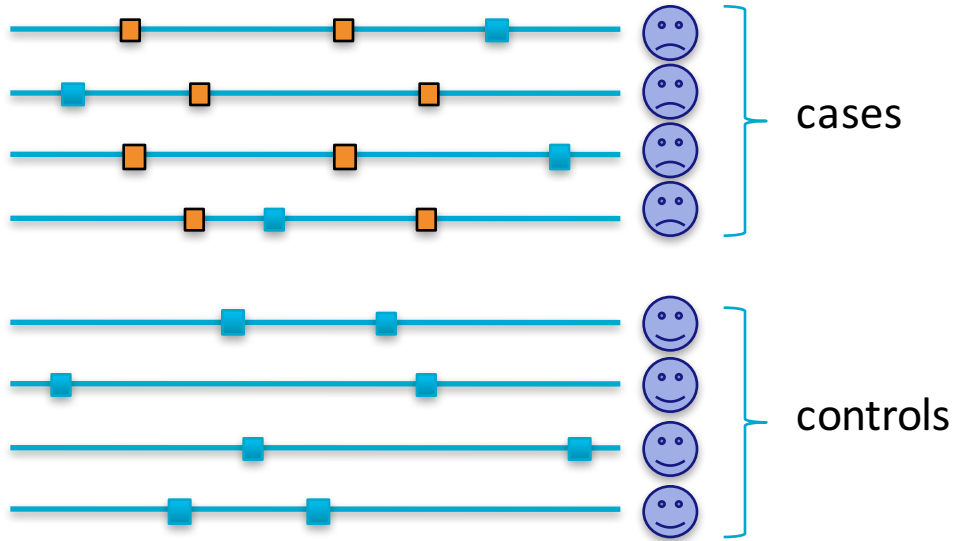
Complex diseases have polygenic risk factors



Polygene analyses suggest that SNPs with P -values **well below GWS add significantly** to [obesity] variance explained.

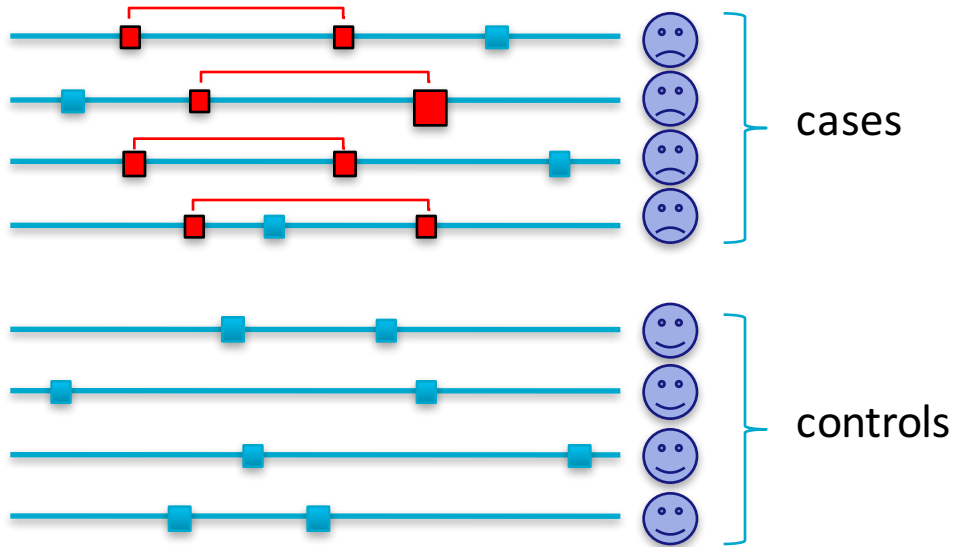
Locke *et al.* Nature 2015

Complex diseases are driven by multiple genes



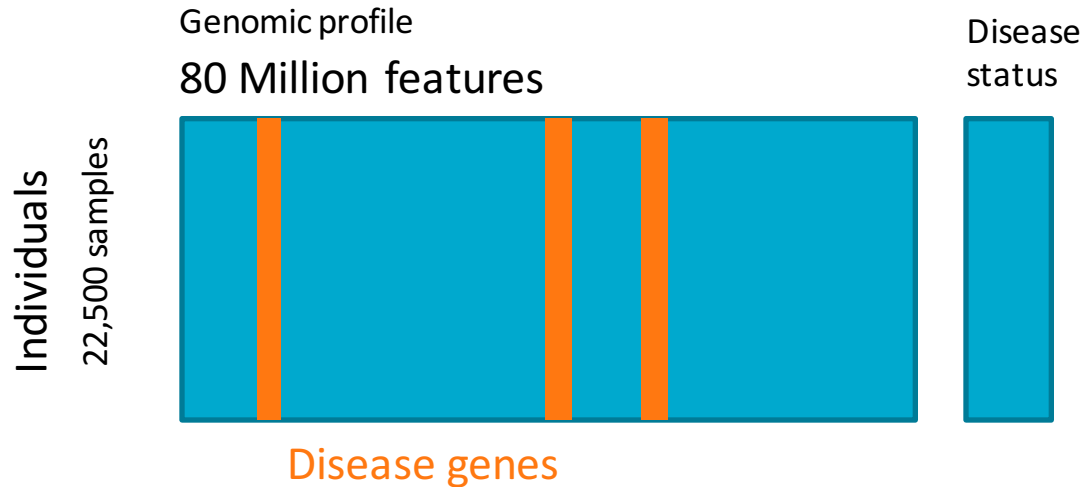
Complex diseases are driven by

multiple interacting genes with variable contribution



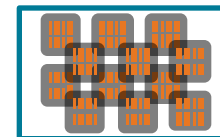
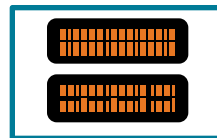
Need a more sophisticated ML approach, such as **Random Forest**

Machine learning on 1.7 Trillion datapoints



Population-scale genomic data analysis requires BigData solutions

	Desktop compute	High-performance compute cluster	Hadoop/Spark compute cluster
Focus	small data	Compute-intensive	Data-intensive
Node-bound	Yes	Yes	No
Parallelization	10 CPU	100+ CPU	1000+ CPU
Parallelization procedure	bespoke	bespoke	standardized

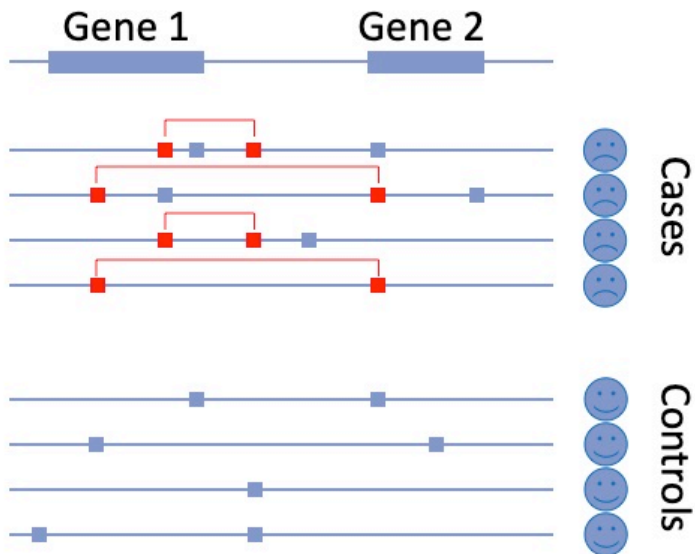


CSIRO solution



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VariantSpark: Machine Learning to find markers for complex diseases



Faster

“Analyzes 3000 individuals with 80M features in 30 minutes”



Smarter

“Requires 80% fewer samples to detect statistical significant signal”

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Compute sovereignty becomes of growing importance

- Retain domestic HPC capability but enable **cloud-like flexibility** (e.g. multi-tenancy)
- **Connect international** datasets without lag
- -> **SuperCloud**

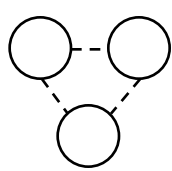
Technical details: **March 13th 1630 – 1700**

SuperCloud – The evolution of HPC to Software Defined Computing

Mr. Jacob Anders, CSIRO and

Mr. Garry Swan, CSIRO

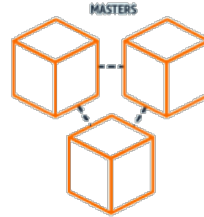
Deploying cloud-like workflows on HPC



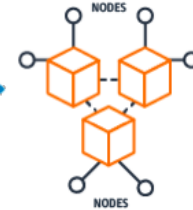
Access to
bare metal
instances



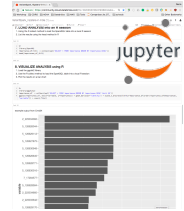
Create
Docker for
VariantSpark



Enable
instances
to run
docker



Provision
Spark-
cluster



Connect
Jupyter to
trigger runs
and capture
output

Demo

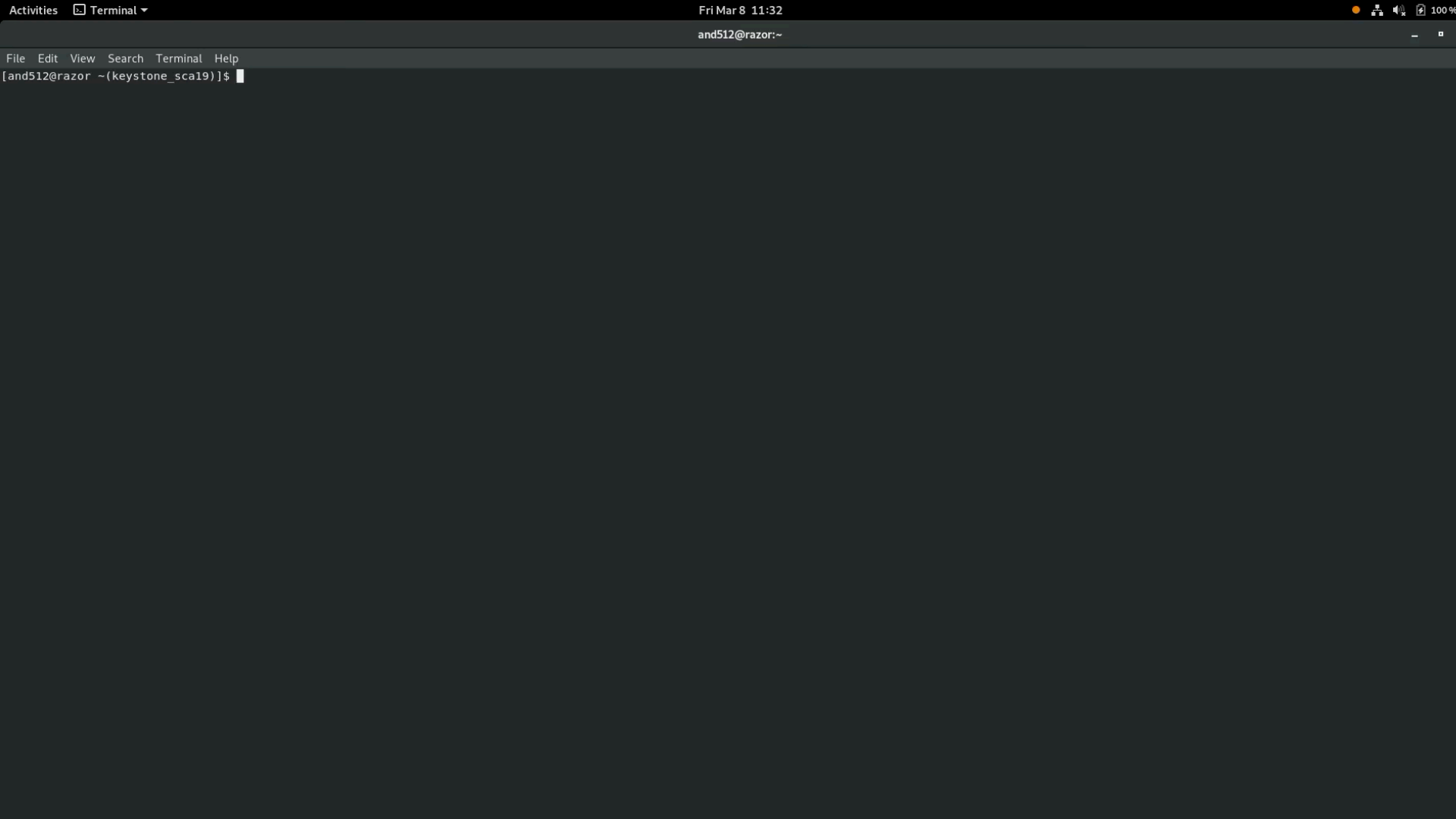


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Hipster-Index

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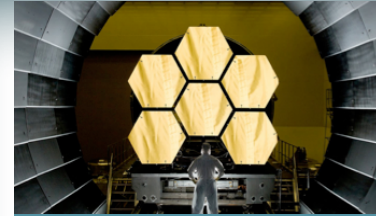


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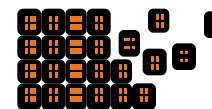
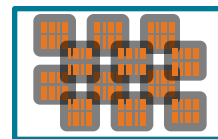
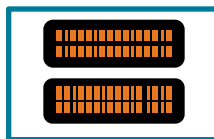
Beacon:

sharing genomic data

- Today, **70 Beacon** are **lit** to share information about rare genetic diseases.
- **Reduce cost** to enable more sharing.
- Using **serverless (FaaS)** technology.

Recruiting instantaneous appropriately powered compute

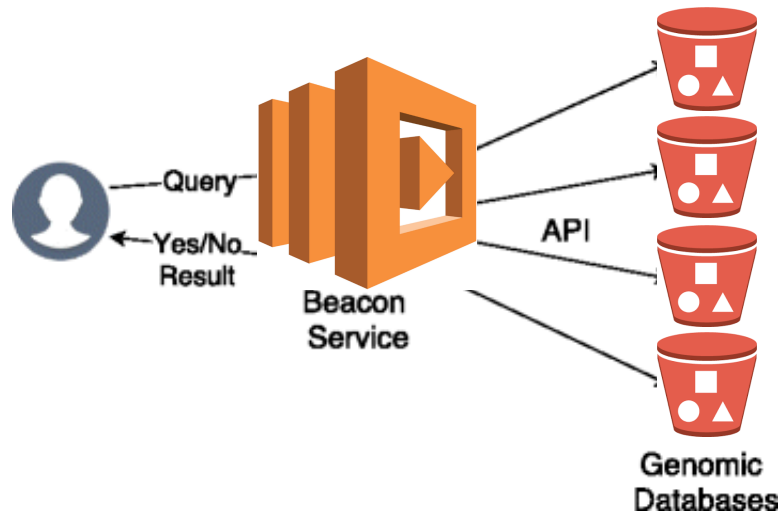
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Parallelization	10 CPU	100+ CPU	1000+ CPU	1-1000+ CPU
Parallelization procedure	bespoke	bespoke	standardized	standardized
Overhead in the cloud	NA	spin-up lag	spin-up lag	instantaneously



CSIRO solution



Serverless-Beacon to scale up discovery across continents



Powerful

“Scaling up to large volumes of distributed variant data.”



Cheaper

“Only pay for the resources consumed – zero downtime cost.”

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Beacon
Serverless lookup of genotypes and frequency

Three things to remember

- Complex multigenic diseases should be studied using **'wide' ML** (VariantSpark).
- **Serverless architecture** makes even data-intensive web-apps affordable (Serverless Beacon).
- SuperCloud offers an exciting and potentially cheaper supplement to public cloud providers: **let's build a healthier future together!**



Let's build a healthier world together

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