

Grid computing and computational statistics

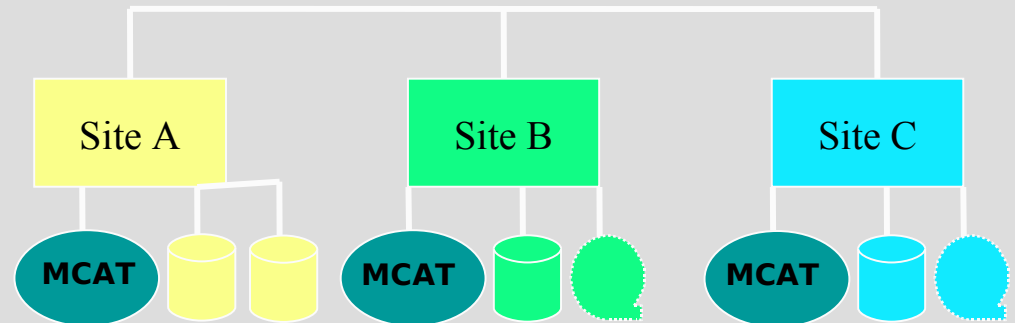
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Three focuses

- Data Grid library
 - PGL
- Computational infrastructure
 - Grid Agents
- Data mining:
 - Ensembles
 - Permutation testing

The Data Grid

- Federation between sites
- Meta data directly attached to data
- Multiple data locations
- Virtualisation!



Personal Grid Library

- Implementation of a web-based digital library
- Provides an interface to templated metadata manipulation
 - Define object classes (Images, reports, datasets...)
 - Define appropriate metadata tags
 - Define metadata display template
- Exists by placing a metadata template file in a directory – used by interface to render library

Personal Grid Library cont...



James Cook University HPC Portal

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Welcome, Nigel Sim

Welcome Administration SRB administrative portlets Personal Grid Library Marine Arch Database

PGL Libraries PGL Browser (Admin) About PGL

SRB Browser

Location:

Basic Search Advanced Search File Upload New Directory

Search string

Search

Folders

- ←
- CimajCURepository
- Documents
- Folder name
- Marine Arch
- New dir
- Papers
- TestCaseDirectory

Objects

- AG Fit Out
- CIMA Sites.gif
- Canberra_CIMA.swf
- Concise Writing.doc
- Dialog4220_22En.pdf
- Grid Hour glass.jpg
- Questnet.ppt
- SimpleText
- TESTCASE
- TestCaseFile
- VerG Overview
- annotationTest
- archetypes_plone_tutorial.pdf

Name: Grid Hour glass.jpg
Size: 21 kB
Metadata:

Key	Value
Benthos	sea floor
Substrate	Ian Atkinson
subject	globus
type	Underwater camera images

SRB User Meta Data

Object name:

Rename

Size: 21 kB

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MetaData Annotations

Object class: Underwater camera images

Metadata:

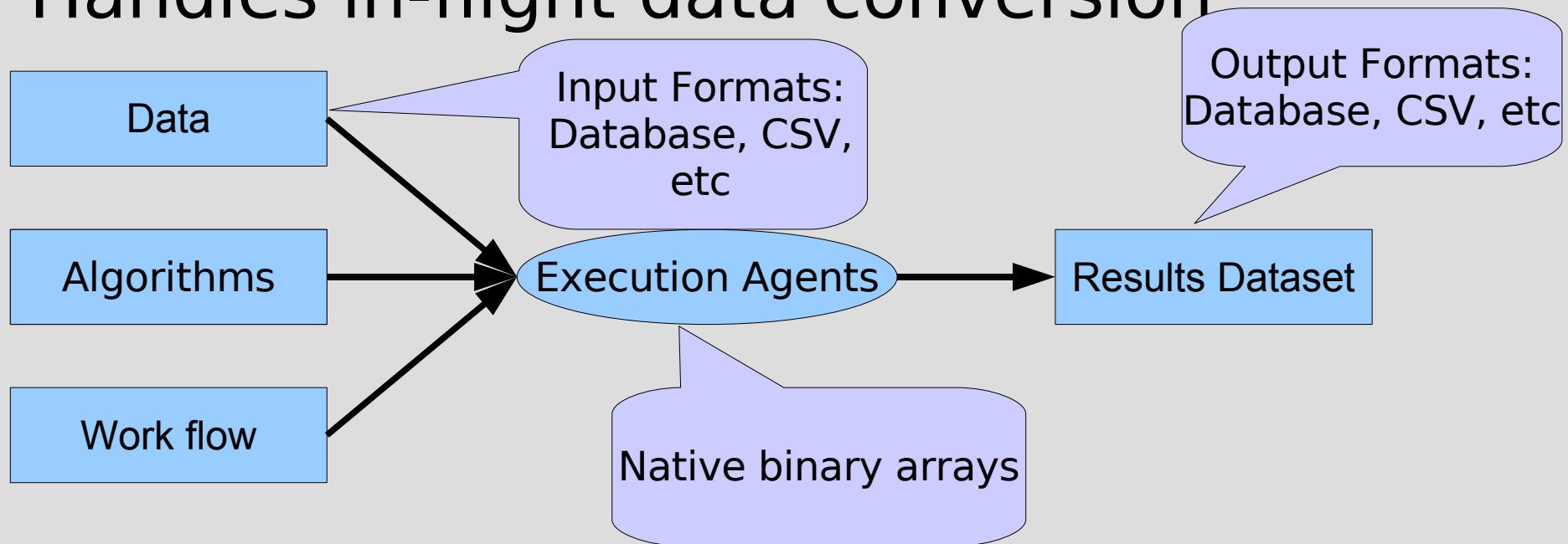
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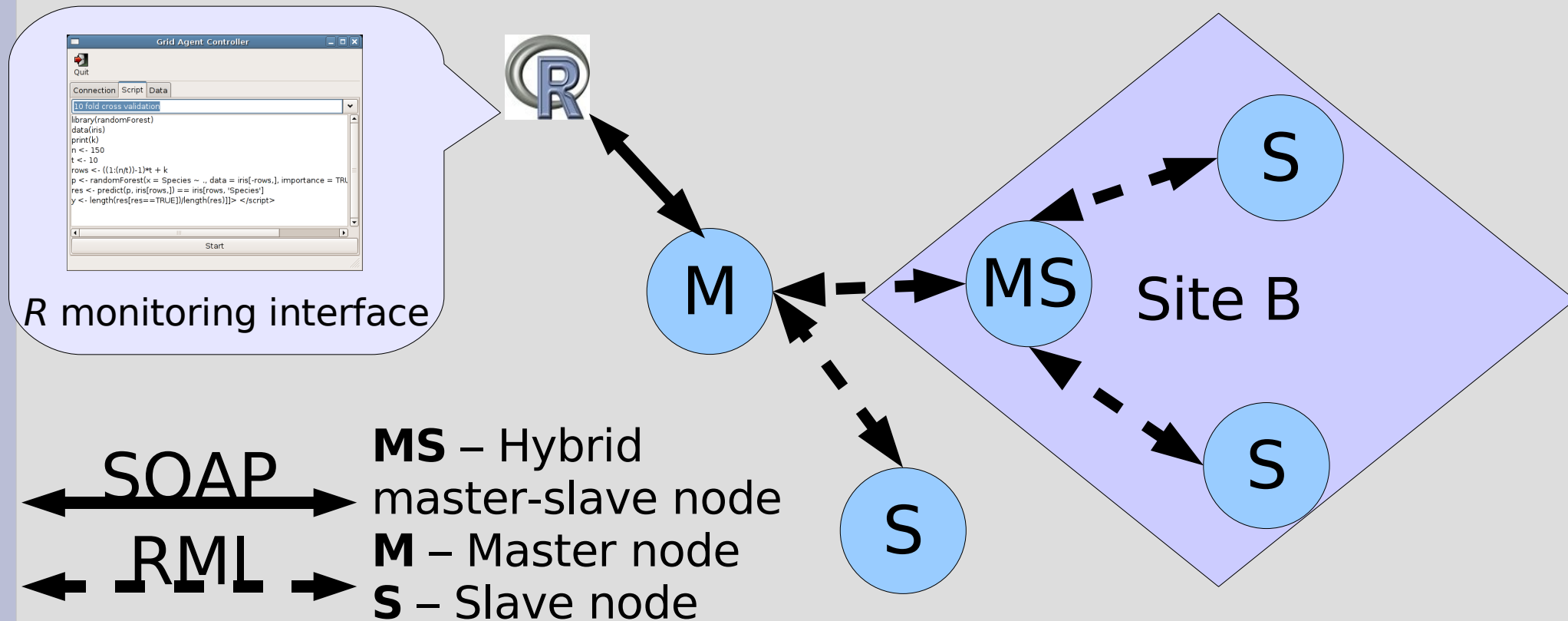
Grid Agents

- Cross platform data flow execution system
- Can utilise R, compiled libraries, legacy apps, etc
- Handles in-flight data conversion



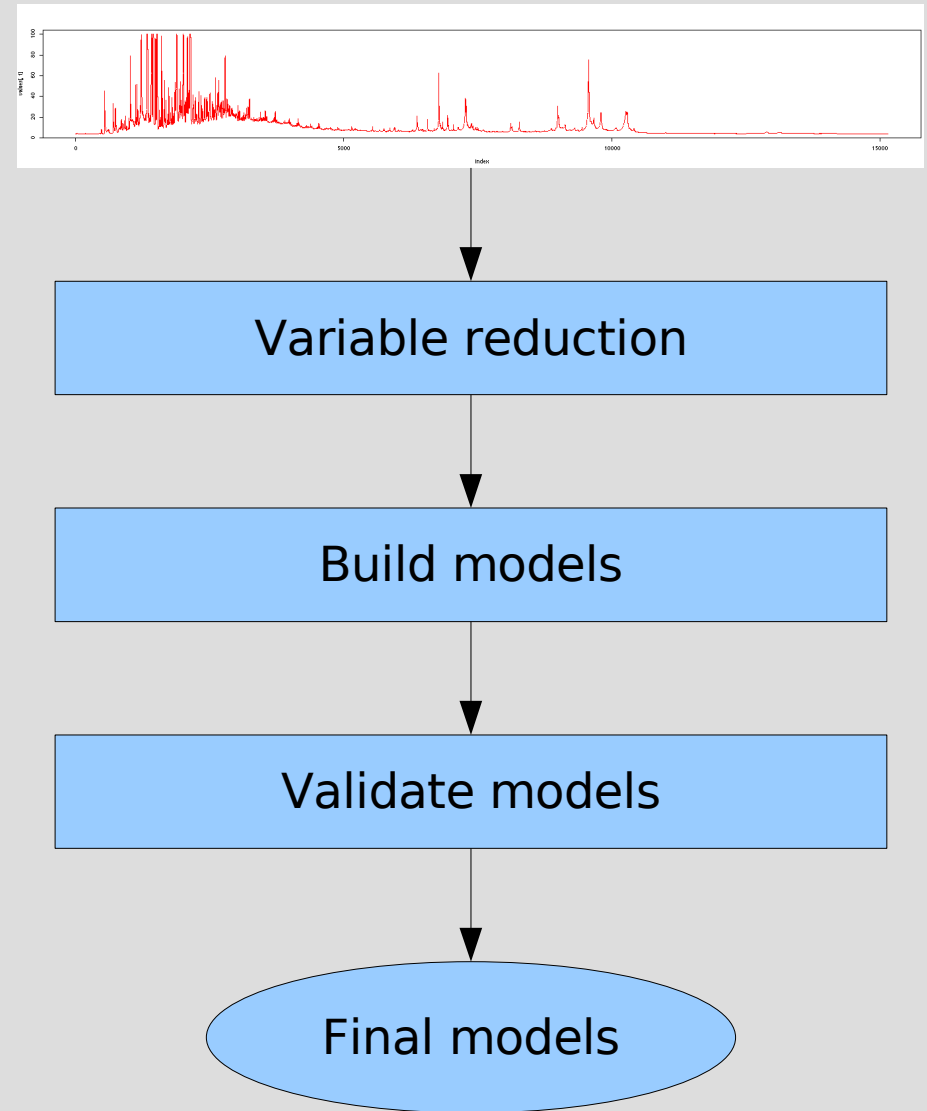
Grid Agents cont...

- Scalable work placement
 - Master-slave using workflows
- Utilise multiple CPUs on multiple machines



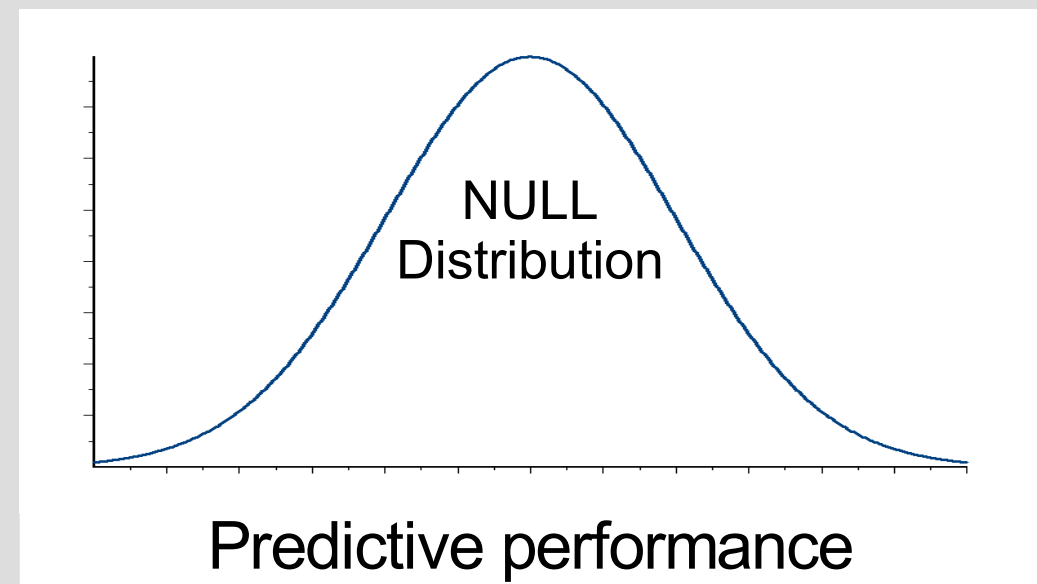
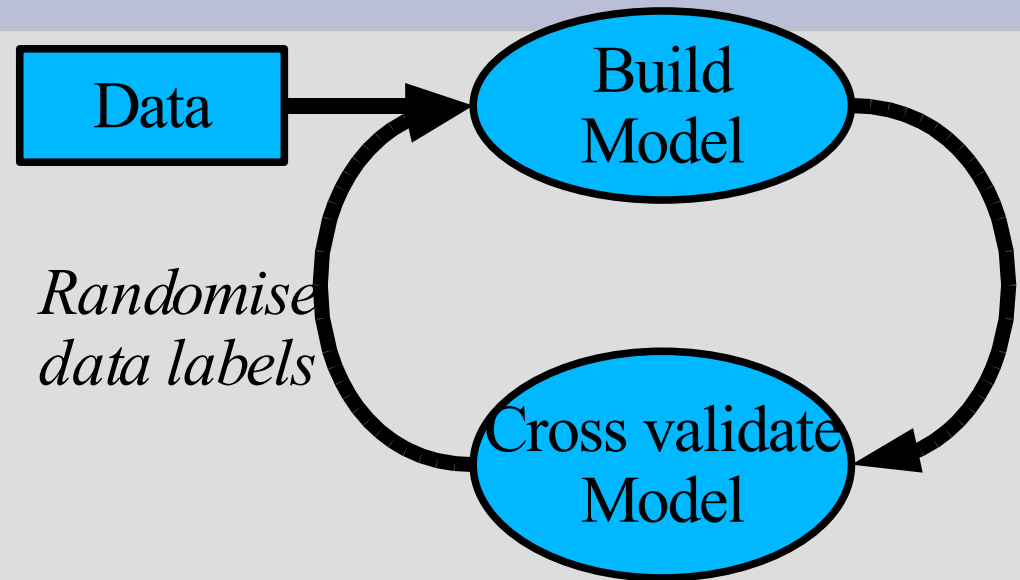
Data mining

- Mainly focusing on spectral data
 - NIR (Quality control)
 - Mass spec (blood proteins)
- Computationally intensive
 - Cross validation
 - Permutation test
 - Optimisation (EA)



Permutation tests

- A non-parametric test
- Can be adapted to many situations
 - Model testing
 - Variable testing



Ensembles

- Linear combination of many models
- Bootstrap using Lasso
- Optimise using evolutionary algorithms

$$F(x) = \sum_{i=1}^N w_i f_i(x)$$

$f(x)$ = Any model

- Stepwise regression
- Some coefficients may end up zero

	age	sex	bmi	map	tc	ldl	hdl
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	60.12	0	0	0	0
2	0	0	361.89	0	0	0	0
3	0	0	434.76	79.24	0	0	0
4	0	0	505.66	191.27	0	0	-114.1
5	0	-74.92	511.35	234.15	0	0	-169.71
			
11	-7.01	-237.1	521.08	321.55	-580.44	313.86	0
12	-10.01	-239.82	519.84	324.39	-792.18	476.75	101.04

Combined use case

1) Ingest raw data files

2) Start a Grid Agents workflow

3) Results stored as metadata

4) Viewed using PGL

