

European Genome phenome Archive at the European Bioinformatics Institute

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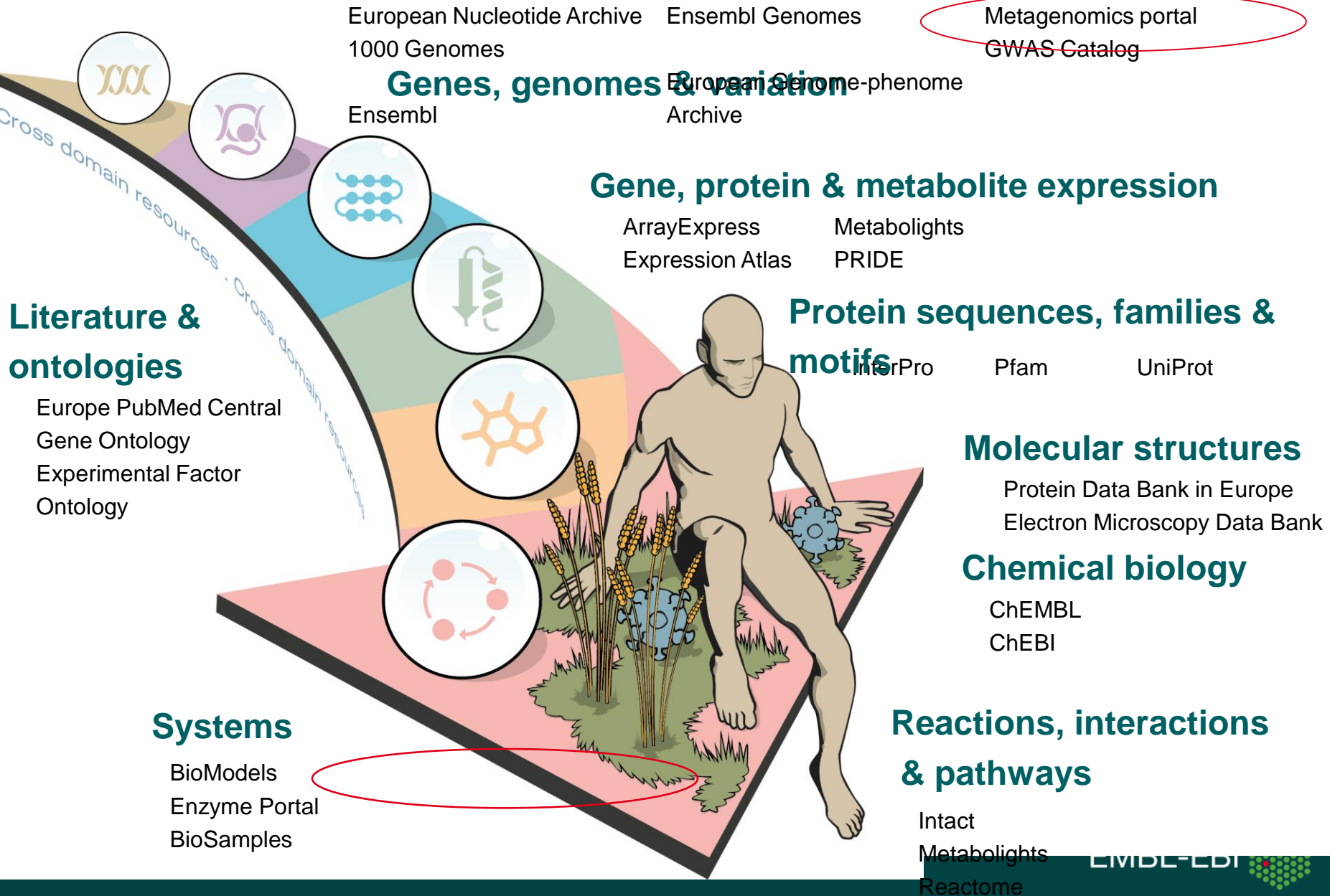
What is EMBL-EBI?

- International, non-profit research institute
- Part of the European Molecular Biology Laboratory
- Europe's hub for biological data services and research
- ~600 members of staff from 53 nations.



*70 Petabytes of storage
>40,000 CPU Cores
20 Gbit Internet connection*

Data resources at EMBL-EBI



EBI as a use case for 'data linkage'

... there are difficulties in defining boundaries around what is technically possible, what is legally permitted, and what should be done ethically. Indeed, linking data can also compromise the privacy of an individual's personal information, making them identifiable ...

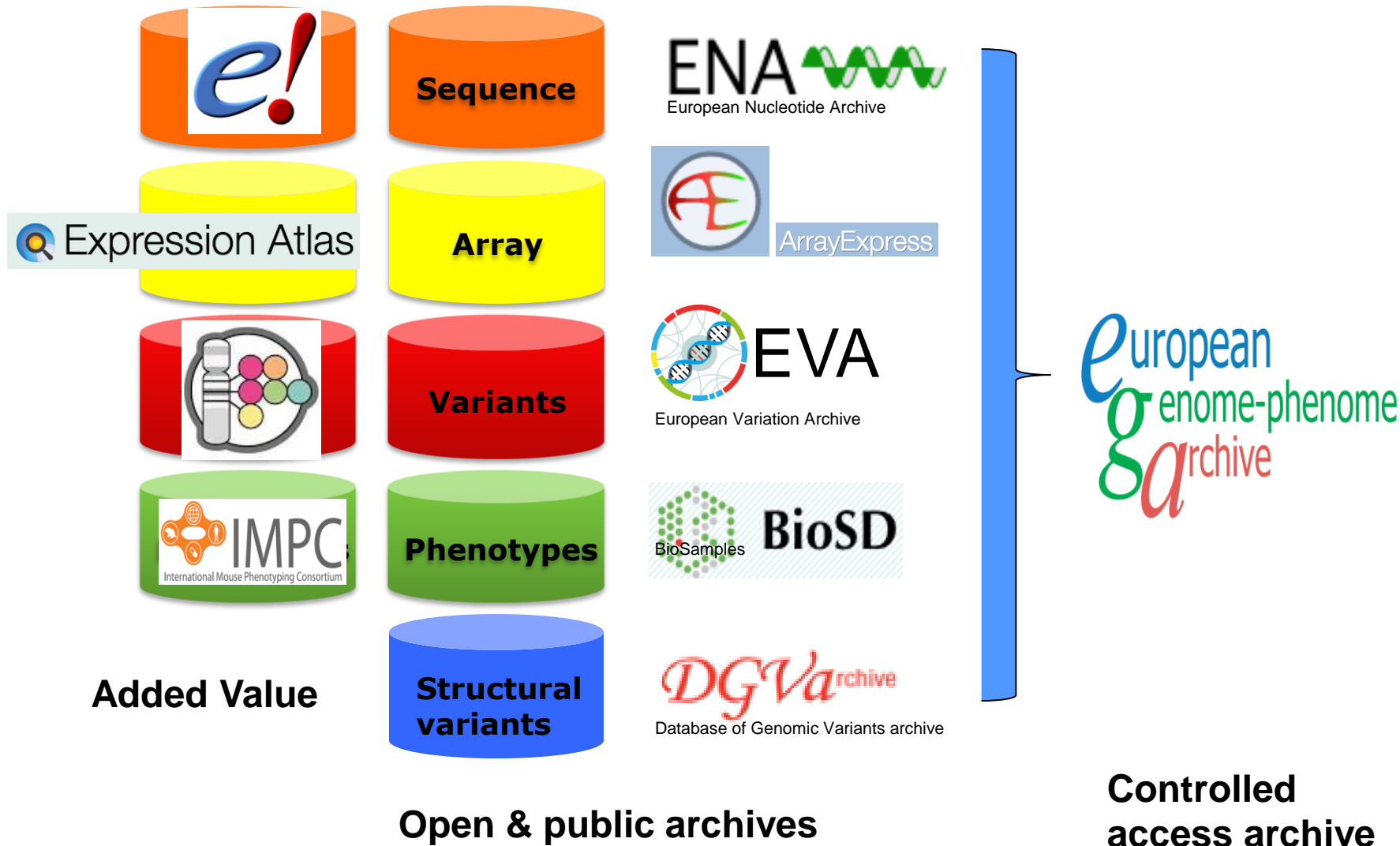
Use case

Ethical issues

Technical requirements

balancing the drive for automation against the need for human judgement

EBI's Data Sources






BioSamples Database at the EBI

- Repository of information about biological materials, or “samples” – 4.3 million samples, 2 million human
- Aggregates reference samples – such as HapMap, Coriell cell lines or samples from 1000 genomes – with sample data from EBI assay databases
- Enables cross linking of assay data to metadata about the samples from which they are derived
- Accepts direct submission of sample data

BioSamples results for *1000 genomes*

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Page 1 .. 3 4 5 6 7 .. 34					
Showing 101 - 125 of 842 Samples					
Page size 25 50 100 250 500					
Accession	Organism	Name	Description	Groups	Database
SAMN00779998	Homo sapiens	Human 1000 genomes individual HG02605			
SAMN00779989	Homo sapiens	Human 1000 genomes individual HG02723			
		Human 1000 genomes			

Summary vs. consented data

Study

WTCCC case-control study for Type 1 Diabetes



WTCCC
(PMID:
17554300)



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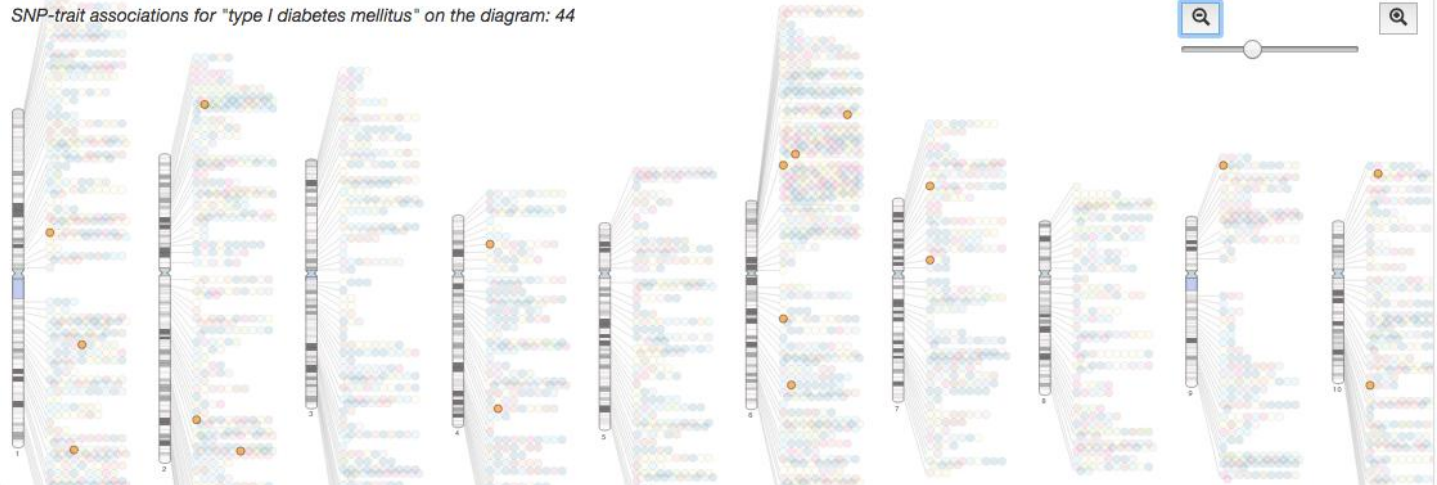
Nature

Genome-wide association study of Type 1 diabetes
14,000 cases of seven common
diseases and 3,000 shared
controls.

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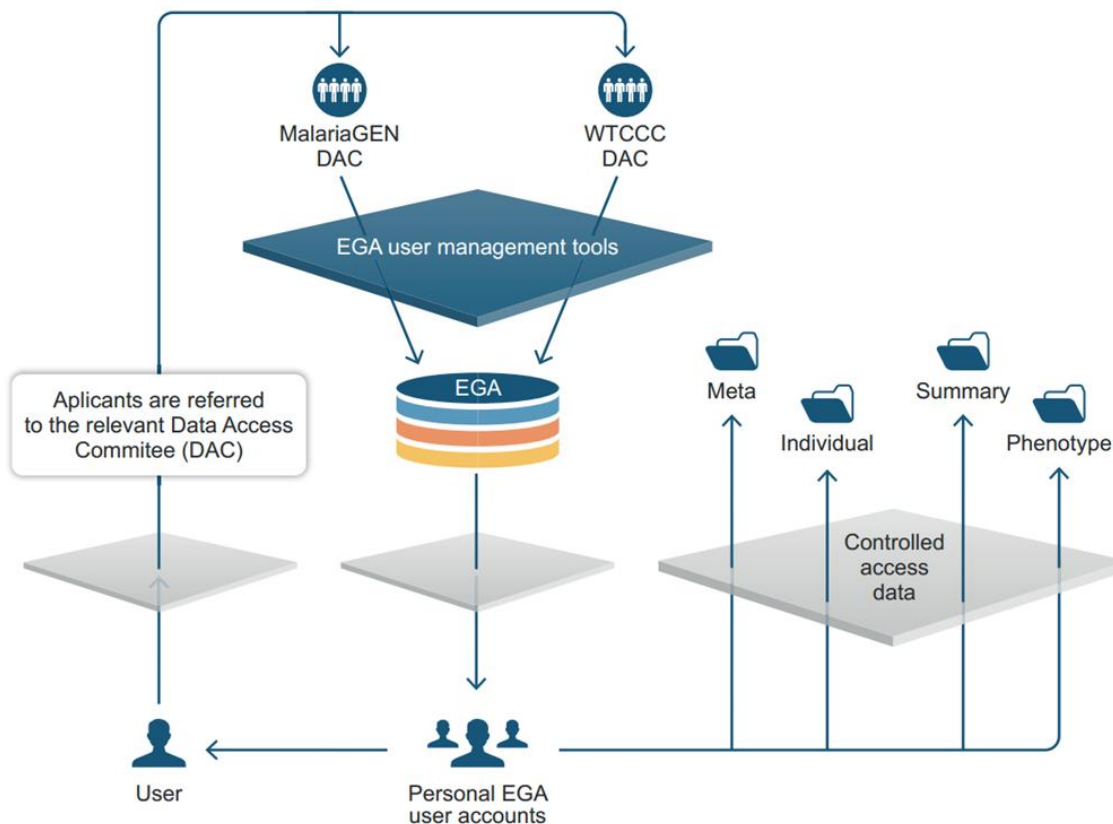


SNP-trait associations for "type 1 diabetes mellitus" on the diagram: 44



What is the EGA?

The EGA is a resource for permanent secure archiving and sharing of all types of potentially identifiable genetic and phenotypic data resulting from biomedical research projects..



Data is provided by research centers and health care institutions.

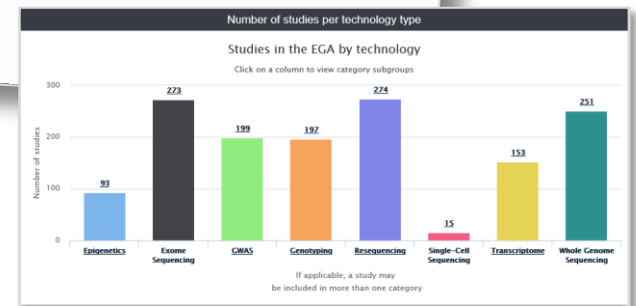
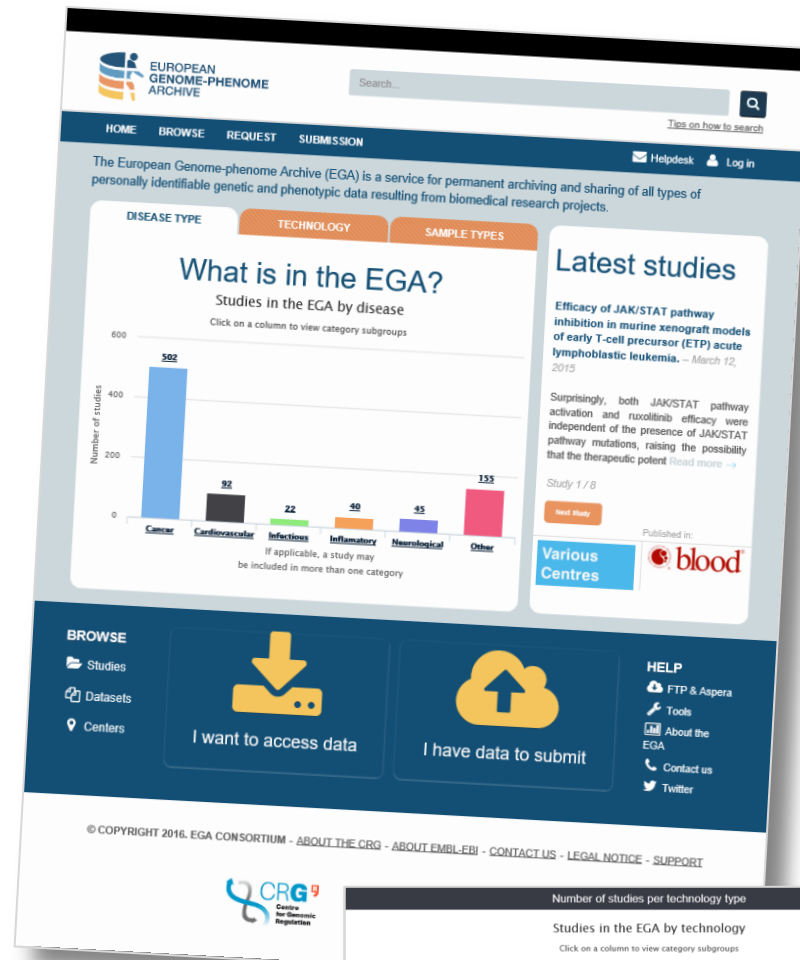
Access is controlled by Data Access Committees.

Data requesters are researchers from other research or health care institutions.

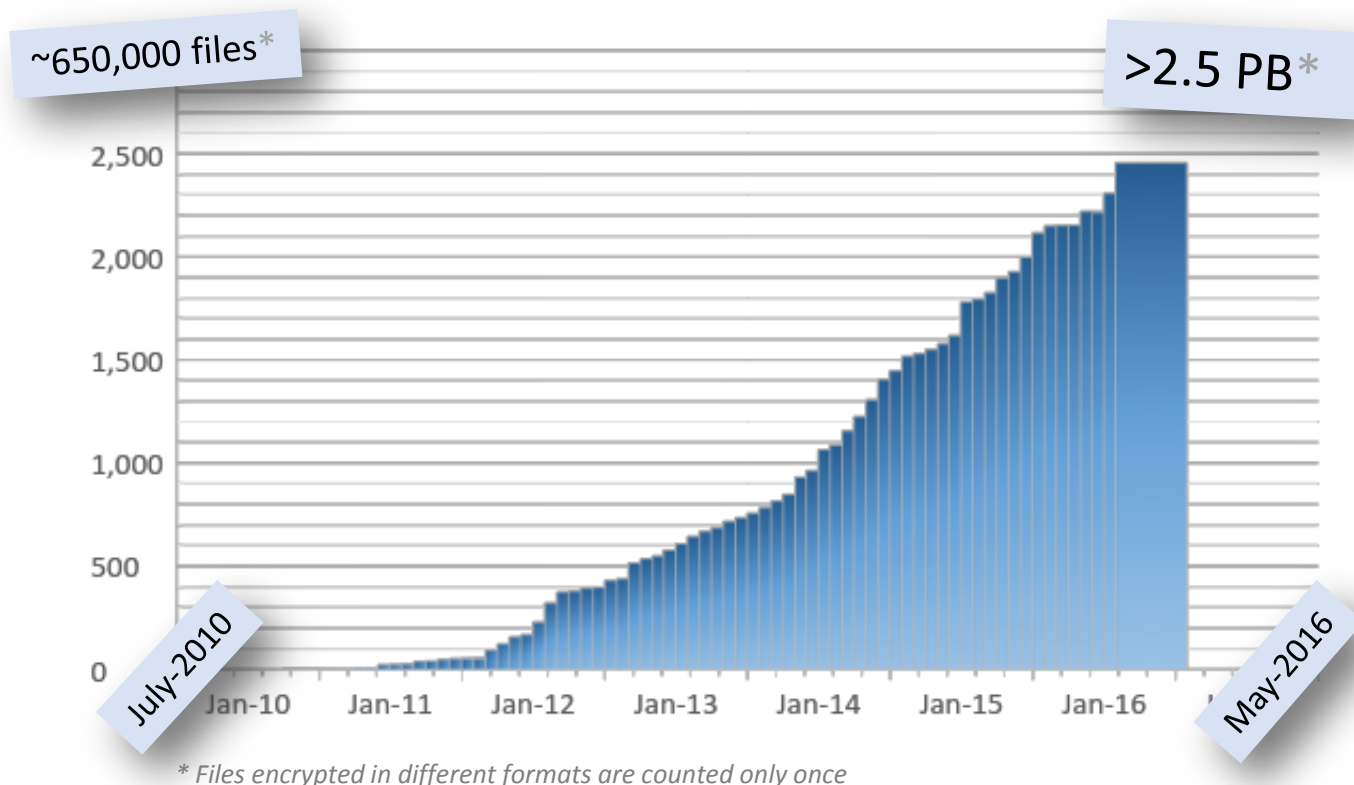
Data and services and Federated between CRG and EBI

EGA Numbers

- 911 Studies (31% growth in 2015)
- 1,966 Datasets (46% growth)
- 492 Data providers (92% growth)
- >8,000 Data requesters (20% growth year on year)
- 200 helpdesk tickets per month



The EGA contains a growing amount of data



Data Sharing and Access

- EGA operates at two sites EBI and CRG, Barcelona
- All data hosted at EBI – highly accessed data stored at CRG
- Study level meta data is shared between dbGAP (USA) and in future DDBJ
- Study level data is shared in the BD2K funded Data Discovery Index
- GA4GH Beacon provides variant level

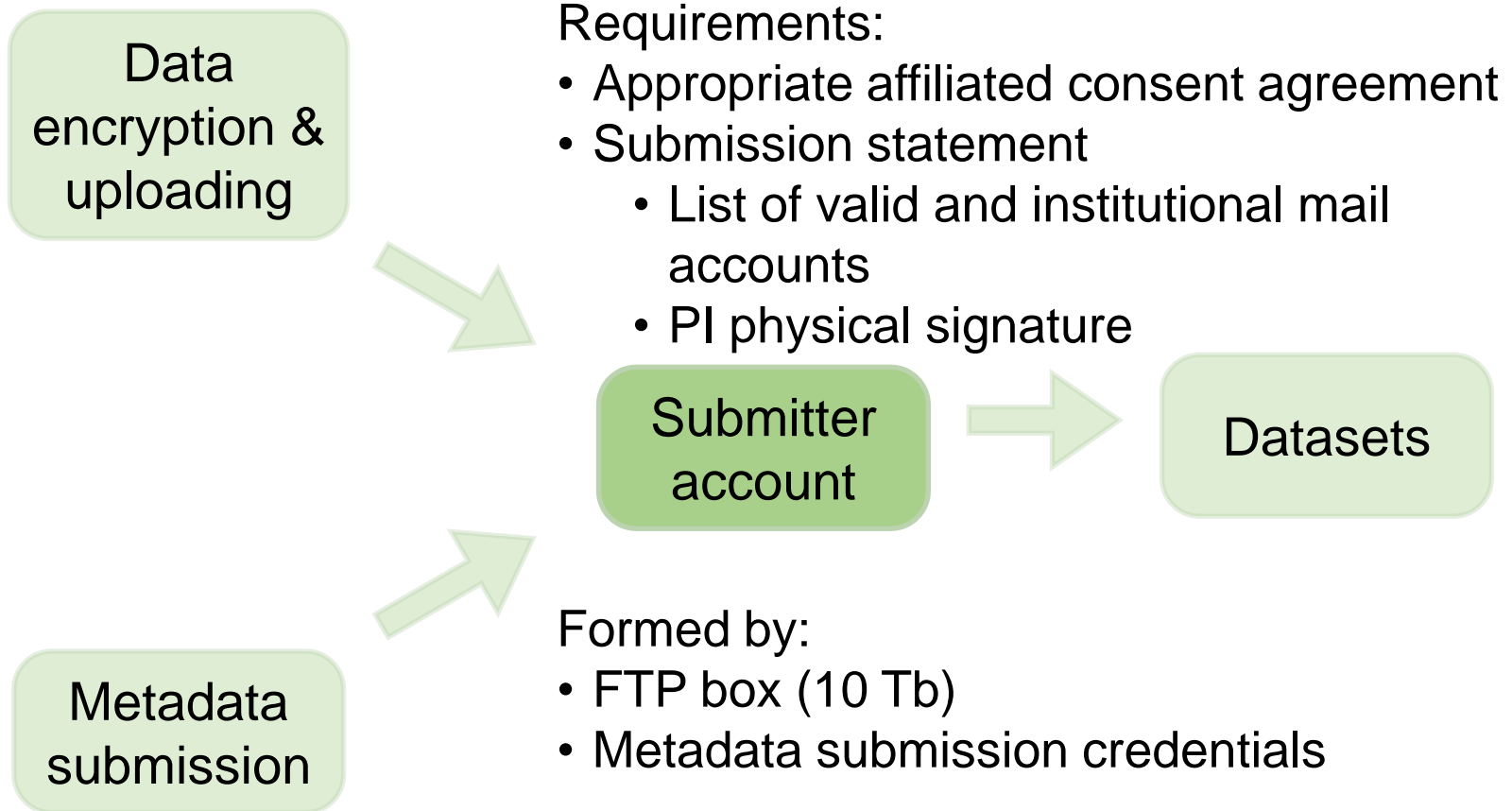


Since January 1, 2015

- 1921245 files distributed
- 4.5 PB in Data Volume distributed

The screenshot shows the Omics Discovery Index search results for the term 'gabriel'. The page has a blue header with the logo and navigation links (Home, Browse, API, Databases). Below the header, it displays '753 Q Results for search term: gabriel'. There are filters for 'Show results for' (Proteomics, Metabolomics, Genomics) and 'Repository' (EGA, GPMDB, Metabolights, PRIDE). The main content area shows two results for the 'Gabriel Consortium'. The first result is 'EGAO00000000021 | EGA' and the second is 'EGAC00000000014 | EGA'. Both results include a brief description of the consortium and its focus on asthma research.

Submitter accounts




DAC Demographics

- 322 DACs
- Oversight of some 1966 datasets
- Created 8056 individual user accounts
- Our biggest DAC is Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute – which has 664 datasets
- WTSI has 3 DACs in top ten with 4 K users accessing them
- DACs creating >5 accounts per month provided with secureID key



Consent Codes

Consent Codes: Upholding Standard Data Use Conditions

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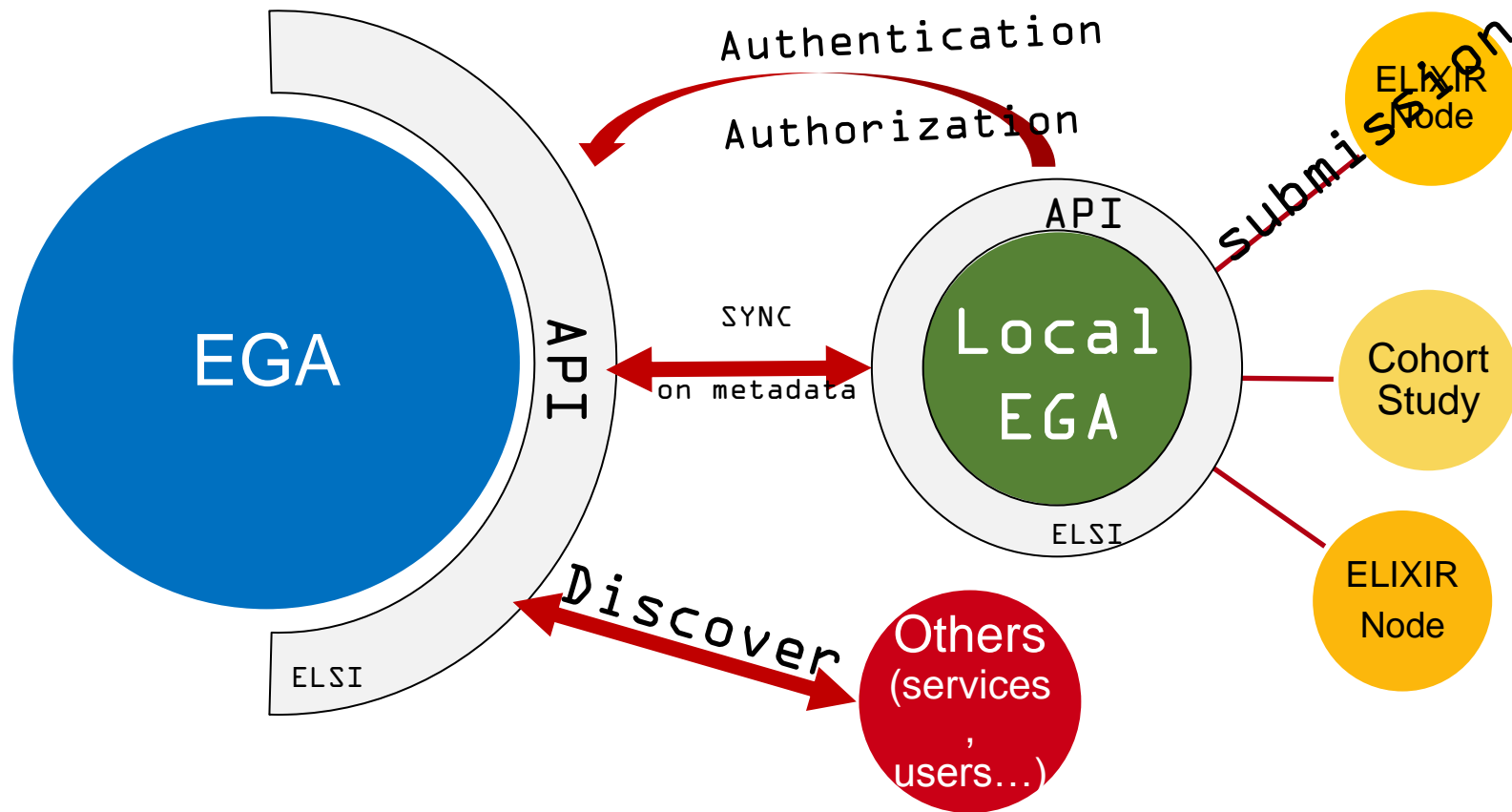
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Table 1. Data use categories and requirements (Consent Codes): definition and abbreviation.

Consent Codes

Name	Abbreviation	Description
Primary Categories (I ^{ry})		
No restrictions	NRES	No restrictions on data use.
General research use and clinical care	GRU(CC)	For health/medical/biomedical purposes, including the study of population origins or ancestry.
Health/medical/biomedical research and clinical care	HMB(CC)	Use of the data is limited to health/medical/biomedical purposes; does not include the study of population origins or ancestry.
Disease-specific research and clinical care	DS-[XX](CC)	Use of the data must be related to [disease].
Population origins/ancestry research	POA	Use of the data is limited to the study of population origins or ancestry.
Secondary Categories (II ^{ry}) (can be one or more extra conditions, in addition to I ^{ry} category)		
Other research-specific restrictions	RS-[XX]	Use of the data is limited to studies of [research type] (e.g., pediatric research).
Research use only	RUO	Use of data is limited to research purposes (e.g., does not include its use in clinical care).
No “general methods” research	NMDS	Use of the data includes methods development research (e.g., development of software algorithms) ONLY within the bounds of other data use limitations.
Genetic studies only	GSO	Use of the data is limited to genetic studies only (i.e., no “phenotype-only” research).
Requirements		
Not-for-profit use only	NPU	Use of the data is limited to not-for-profit organizations.
Publication required	PUB	Requestor agrees to make results of studies using the data available to the larger scientific community.
Collaboration required	COL-[XX]	Requestor must agree to collaboration with the primary study investigator(s).
Ethics approval required	IRB	Requestor must provide documentation of local IRB/REC approval.
Geographical restrictions	GS-[XX]	Use of the data is limited to within [geographic region].

Federated 'Local' EGA



“Offers solutions if data cannot leave the submitter facilities”

Local EGA

- Docker based Virtual Machine (infrastructure independent)
 - Database container
 - Data Archive container
 - API Access container
 - FTP server container
- Allows FTP upload of files, re-encryption, archiving, and distribution via downloader
- <https://github.com/elixir-europe/human-data-local-ega>

EGA Future

- Consent codes at data acquisition – transparency of consent
- EGA Local – for use as a country level EGA
- Shared meta data back to core for data discovery
- AAI Access – authentication, access, identification provides access to multiple resources with a common user id and AAI profile
- EGA in the cloud
- Addressing DAC scaling issues
- Improved usability of data – visualisation/slicing/query/input to analysis tools
- Improved streaming technology via GA4GH
- Improved submission tools - efficiency and helpdesk, content

The EGA Beacon

- GA4GH Beacons are a discovery service:
 - which datasets include genomes with allele of interest?
 - 60 Beacons, 160 datasets, 25 organisation
- ELIXIR Objectives:
 - Provide ELIXIR reference implementation
 - Provide an example on capacity build across ELIXIR Nodes
- ELIXIR pilot project with partners from the Netherlands, Sweden, Finland, France, Belgium



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EGA Beacon

By use of this Beacon Service, I agree to forego any attempt to re-identify individuals represented in Beacon Service Replies, except where expressly authorized by law or by a written prior permission from the respective DAC. ([more details](#))

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Log

Query available datasets

Select a dataset:

All GRCh37 (83173850 variants)

Reference genome:

GRCh37

Chromosome

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Position:

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This Beacon is based on the GA4GH Beacon API 0.2. Please, keep in mind that Indel queries are not supported yet.

Find

Beacon search history

Clear results

There were no previous searches yet. Please, perform a search query by using the form at left side.

Note: The EGA archives a large number of datasets, some of which are **Publicly** available. If you have an account on this website, you can access to **Registered** datasets. To access **Controlled** datasets can be done by contacting the relevant Data Access Committee (DAC), whose details are displayed on the Dataset description page under "Who controls access to this dataset" (click on the Dataset ID to go to the Dataset page). Once you have access to a dataset, you will be able to query it at EGA Beacon.

EGA ID	Short title	Access type
EGAD0000100...	This sample set comprises cases of schizophrenia with addition...	CONTROLLED
EGAD0000100...	This sample set of UK origin consists of clinically identified subj...	CONTROLLED
EGAD0000100...	The sample selection consists of subjects with schizophrenia (S...	CONTROLLED
EGAD0000100...	Low-coverage whole genome sequencing, variant calling, genot...	PUBLIC
EGAD0000100...	The MGAS (Molecular Genetics of Autism Study) samples are fr...	CONTROLLED
EGAD0000100...	Two groups of samples with diagnosis of schizophrenia or schiz...	CONTROLLED
EGAD0000100...	The BioNED (Biomarkers for Childhood onset neuropsychiatric d...	CONTROLLED
EGAD0000100...	The Tampere Autism sample set consists of samples from Finni...	CONTROLLED
EGAD0000100...	The entire sample collection consists of 2756 individuals from 4...	CONTROLLED
EGAD0000100...	Samples from three sources: the Genetics and Psychosis (GAP)...	CONTROLLED
EGAD0000000...	Procardis study for coronary artery disease. GWAS study. 3352 ...	REGISTERED
EGAD0000100...	Summary statistics from Haemgen RBC GWAS (Anemia)	REGISTERED
EGAD0000000...	Aggregate results from a case-control study on stroke and ische...	REGISTERED
EGAD0000000...	WNT-signaling and Dupuytren's Disease. GWAS analysis. 856 c...	CONTROLLED
EGAD0000100...	These samples are a subset of a nationwide collection of Finnis...	CONTROLLED
EGAD0000100...	These Finnish schizophrenia samples have been collected from ...	CONTROLLED
EGAD0000100...	These affected schizophrenia families have been diagnosed usi...	CONTROLLED
EGAD0000100...	This is an Irish sample set of individuals with ASD (approximate...	CONTROLLED
EGAD0000100...	This sample set consists of subjects with schizophrenia recruit...	CONTROLLED

https://ega.crg.eu/beacon_web/#/

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Beacon Challenges

Privacy Risks from Genomic Data-Sharing Beacons

Suyash S. Shringarpure  , Carlos D. Bustamante  

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COMPETITION TASKS

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Three tracks of competition tasks

Track 1: Practical Protection of Genomic Data Sharing through Beacon Services (privacy-preserving output relays)

Given a sample Beacon database, we will ask participating team to develop solutions to mitigate the Bustamante attack. Each algorithm is evaluated based on the maximum number of correct queries that it can respond before any individual can be identified by the Bustamante attack. ([data link](#))

Summary

EBI has data linkage use cases for both open and controlled access data

Likely that secure and summary data access mode will persist

Ethical issues - largely determine the shape of our implementation

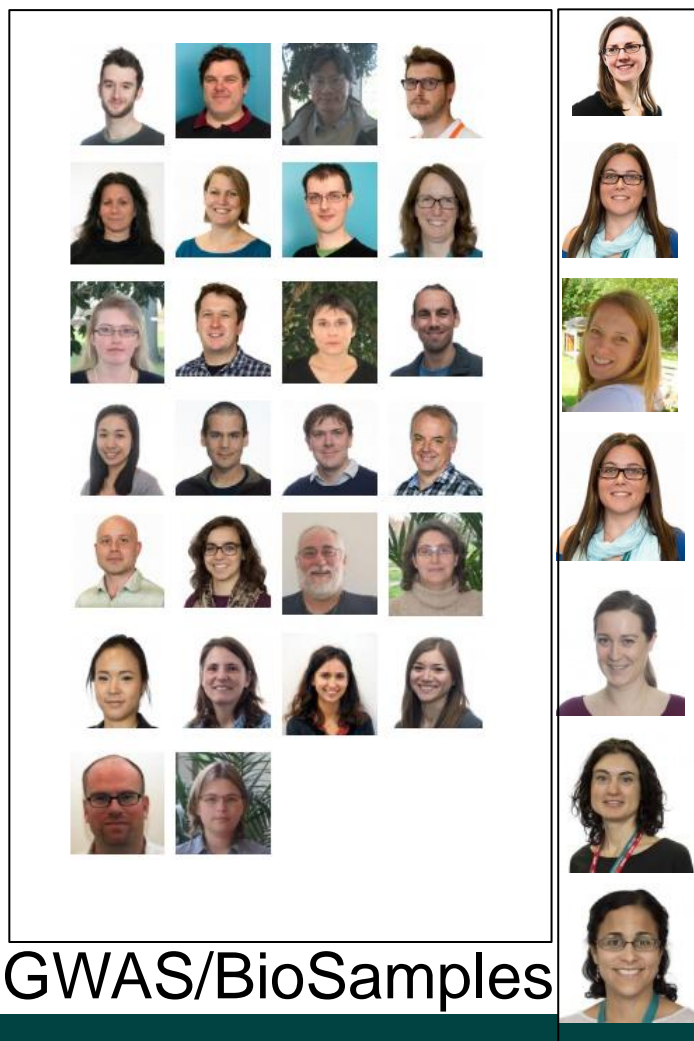
Technical requirements – federation, automation of access control, AAI, scaling

Ethics and policy around secure cloud sharing of EGA data

Balancing the drive for automation against the need for human judgement

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