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Reusable cross-calibration workflows

Dynamically composed unit tests for data and data analysis

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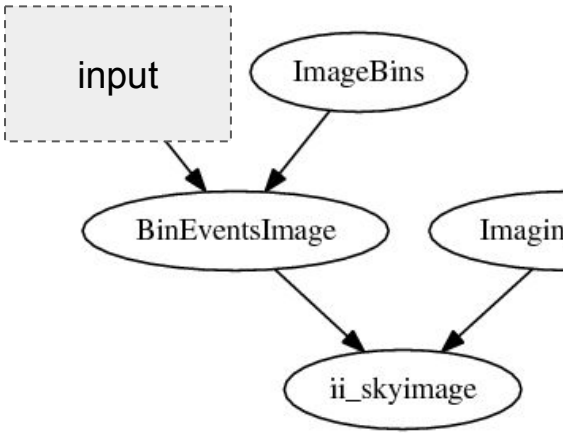
Outline of the problem

- Database of analysis results (IACHECdb), *the objects*
- Scientific software available and documented, *the arrows*:
  - Github, gitlab (almost no metadata)
  - ASCL (metadata includes domains)
- Goal - simplify **finding software**, feeding it with data and **executing** it, by adopting formal models for formulating and evaluating **data analysis workflows** *(~pipelines)*, to*:*
  - Allow to find (also **automatically**), define and execute **some calibration and verification workflows**
  - Help automating execution over diverse **distributed resources**
    - bring code to the data storage or data stream
    - code and data to the CPUs (cloud and grid)

Workflow with an input



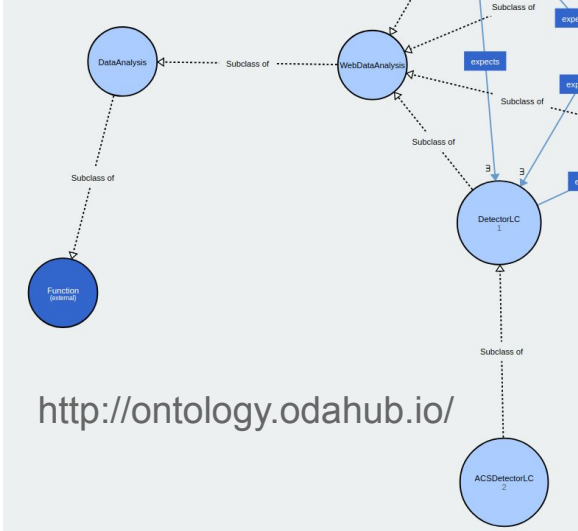
Example

- Crab : may be integrated into routine analysis pipeline
  a. INTEGRAL yields new spectrum
     - New observations
     - New software or calibration
     - New reference models
  b. The workflow composition engine identifies Crab cross-calibration workflow
  c. Fetches last available cross-calibration data e.g. from the **IACHEC db**
  d. Tries different workflows with different methods (**xspec, spex, 3ml**) and instruments, proliferating sharing and **re-use of good methods**
  e. Summarize and allow for review, public or private

- Vela X-1, Her X-1: variable sources with complex spectra, in addition, require adoption of source knowledge to extrapolate non-simultaneous data

What is needed to enable this

- Develop interfaces for adopting standards (VO, etc) wrapping data analysis methods in process model
- Define input/output type ontology: classify data entities
- Astronomers embed source knowledge in verification workflows
- Experts in methods (statistical, etc) help to define process



Why this is becoming feasible now

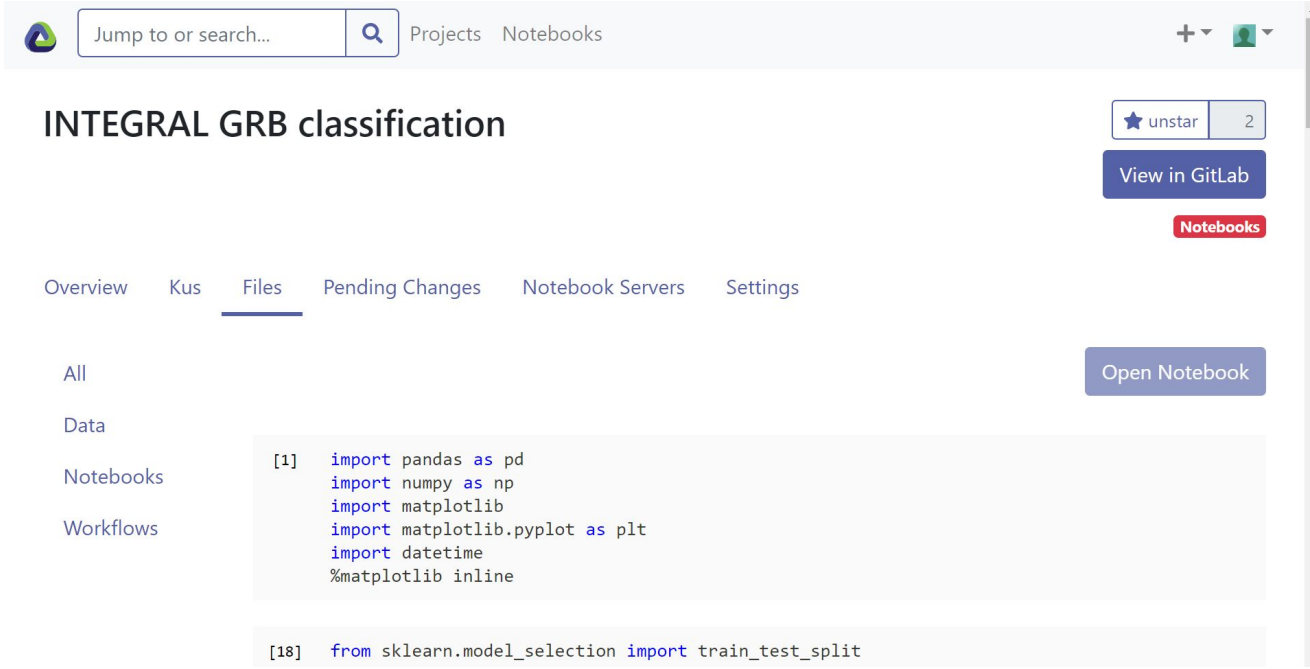
- Development of portable cloud-native technologies allows to execute easily
- Needs in systematic workflow and data management promoted new standards across the industry (CWL, OWL, ...)
- Process as first-class entity is becoming popular: serverless, cloud, etc

Platforms for sharing and exploiting Data Analysis

github/binder, Renku (SDSC/EPFL), KNIME, SEPP (ESA), ...

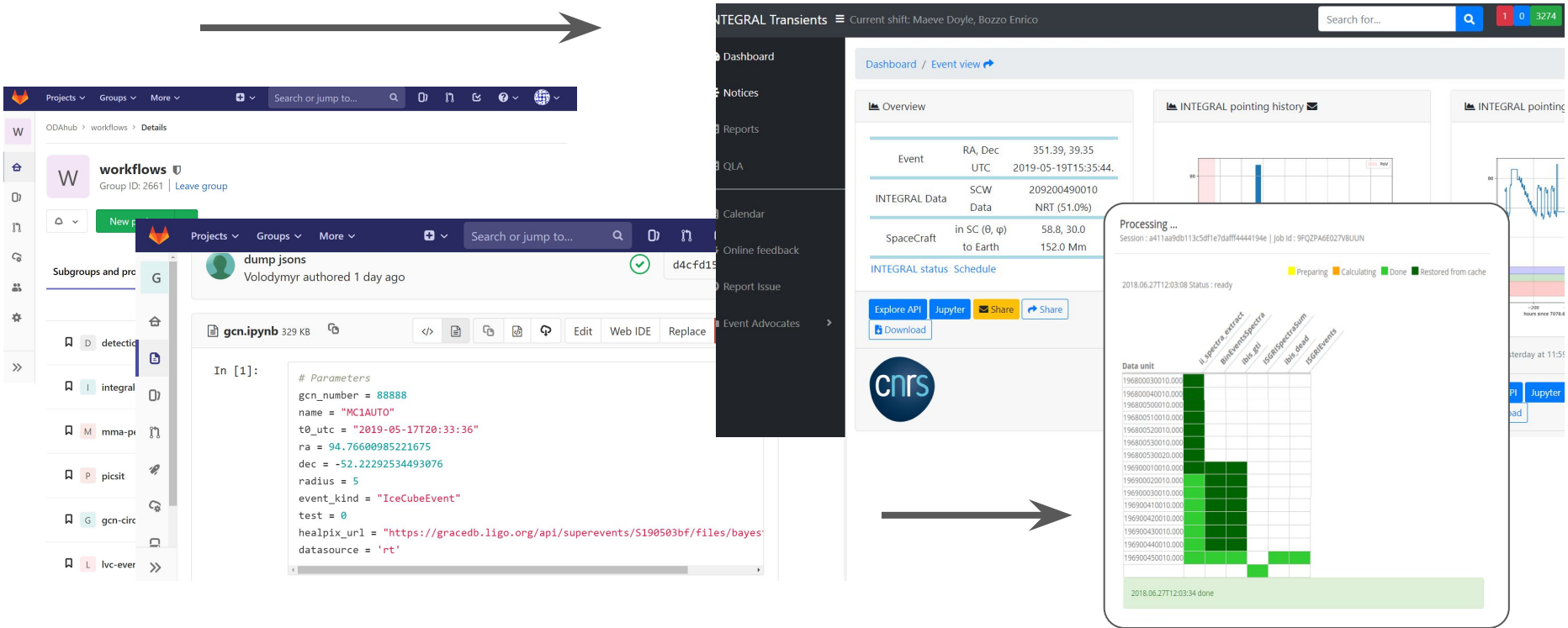
https://renkulab.io/

- Sharing
- Searching
- Executing
- reusing (building from) workflows



Simple example: INTEGRAL transient analysis

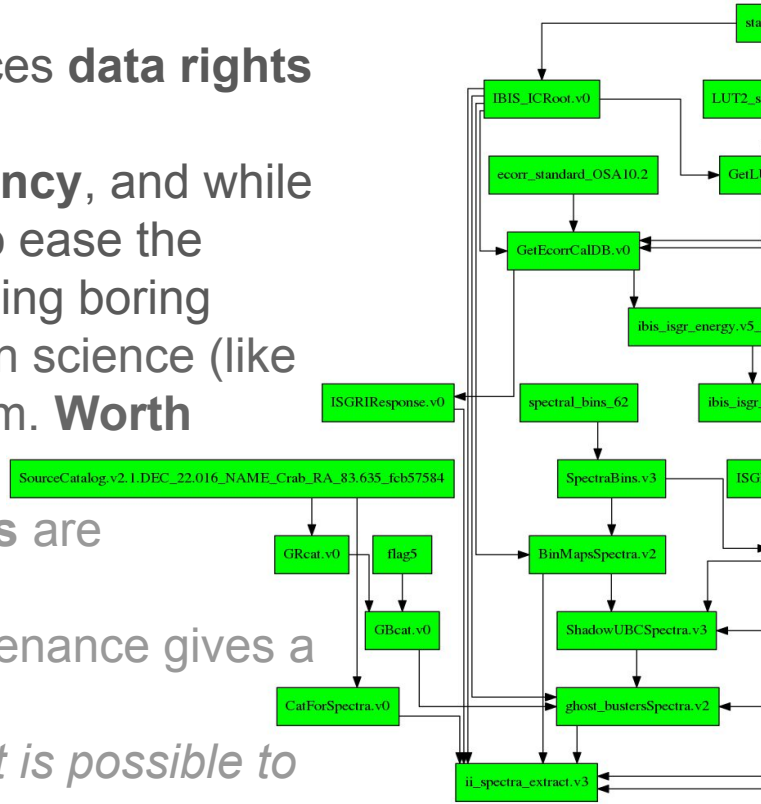
A collection of transient analysis workflows is defined by instrument and domain experts, single interface allows shift to get the best results fast



Many benefits of managed workflows

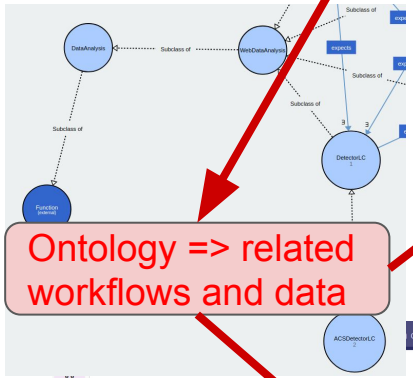
- **Provenance derived from the workflows** induces **data rights and credits** for data and calibrations
- **Automation of verification promotes consistency**, and while it does not replace specialist analysis, it allows to ease the routine and enable processes discouraged by being boring
- Failed regular automated check might even mean science (like variable hard X-ray Crab), but more likely problem. **Worth checking if it costs almost no man-hours**.
- **Adapters between data formats and interfaces** are implemented with workflow
- Meaningful sharing/open impies explaining, provenance gives a perspective on explaining calibration
- *If **calibration** itself can be embedded workflow, it is possible to track impact of **cross-calibration impact on the informativeness** of the results*

Provenance



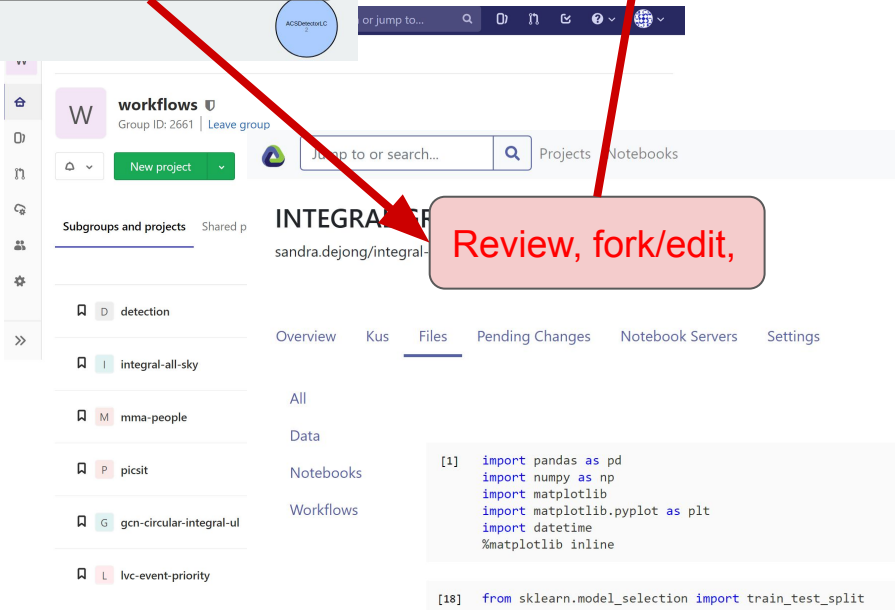
What could it look like

New software, method, data, idea



Ontology => related workflows and data

Review, fork/edit, execute, deploy



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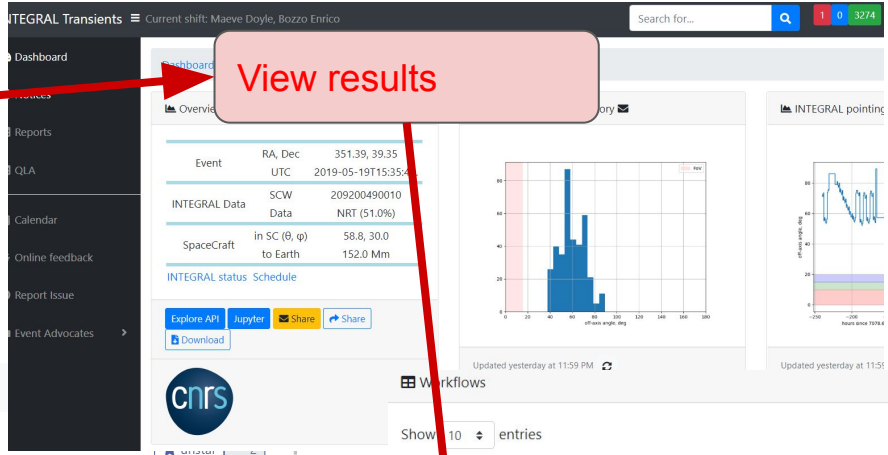
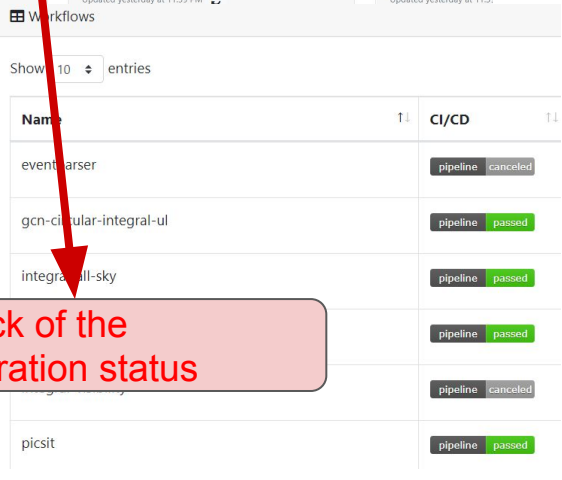
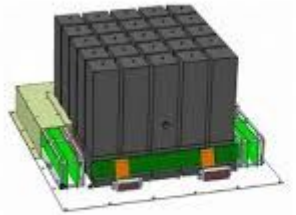
View results





Keep track of the intercalibration status

Open (Online) Data Analysis / CDCI



Online analysis s implemented for INTEGRAL (IBIS, JEM-X) and POLAR: serves as source of INTEGRAL data for the calibration as well as for executing (cross)calbration workflows stored in github

https://astro.unige.ch/cdci/astrooda_

ISDC Quick-Look Analysis

As INTEGRAL data arrives to ISDC, Quick Look Analysis is performed, including checks of calibration sanity. It could use more elaborate cross-calibration

What is a workflow

1. Workflow is an arrow in the process category, a morphism of the data
2. Workflow may be a composition of other workflows