An introduction to XELON

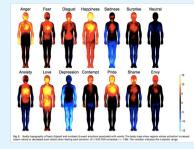
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We are an institute that provides **funding + RSEs** to research projects.



so far: ~130 projects

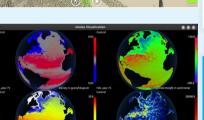
(on many different topics)

Humanities & Social Sciences

incl. SMART cities, text analysis, creative technologies

Physics & Beyond

incl. astronomy, high-energy physics, advanced materials

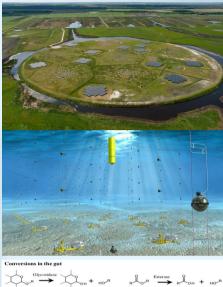


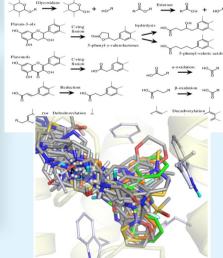
Sustainability & Environment

incl. climate, ecology, energy, logistics, water management

Life Sciences & eHealth

incl. bio-imaging, next generation sequencing, molecules





One of our goals: software re-use

We try to re-use research software between projects

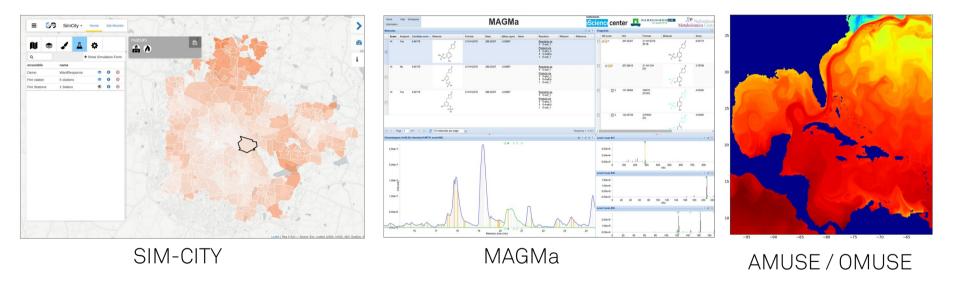
spreads cost of maintenance and development re-use expertise of the engineers increases user community **increases sustainability → more bang for buck!**

Works best for software low on the software stack

generic tools are easier to reuse



Examples applications



A recurring theme in many of our projects is easy access to (remote) compute and storage.



What is the problem ?

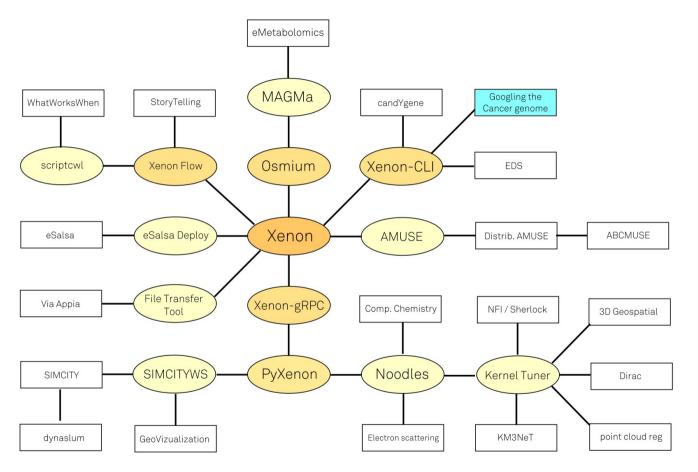
For many applications we need to copy data and submit jobs to remote systems. There are many ways to do this:

FTP, SFTP, WebDAV, S3, Hadoop, GridFTP, iRods, Slurm, GridEngine, PBS, Torque, Amazon-Batch, ...

There are libraries and CLIs for each of these, however:

- you have to figure out how they work
- picking one will lock-in your solution
- using all of them is way too much work!



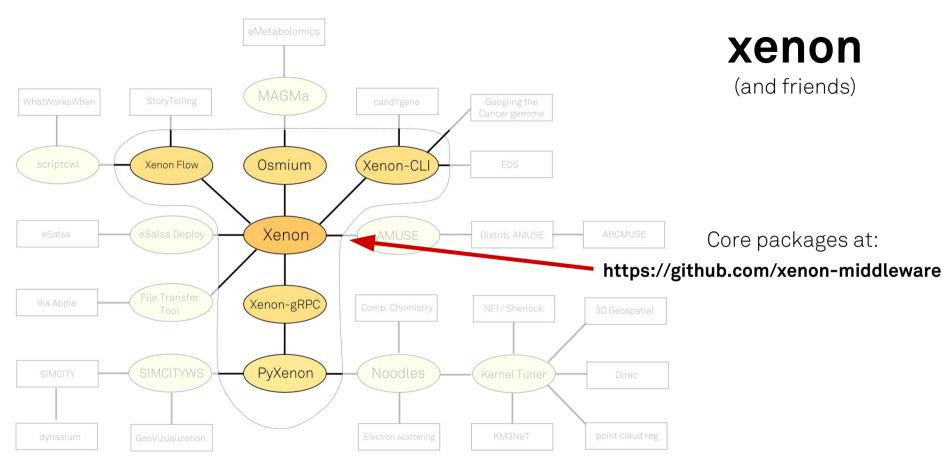


(and friends)

A collection of libraries and tools that provide easy access to (remote) compute and storage resources

Used via-via in many other tools and projects.





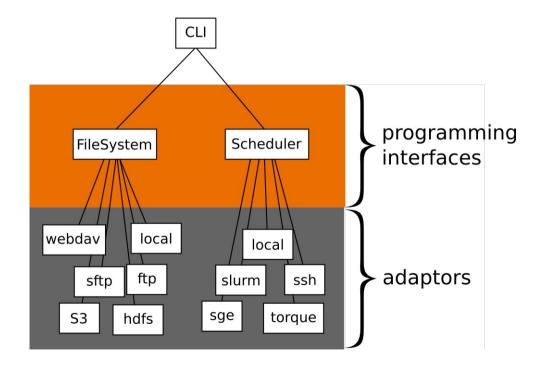


How does xenon help?

Xenon offers simple programming interfaces to access remote file systems and schedulers.

Adaptors implement the functionality for different backends.

A CLI allows for easy use in scripts.



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Xenon (the library)

Target audience is developers creating tools and (other) libraries.

Programming interface is kept simple, just focus on basic tasks:

> - submit a job - copy files

Good enough for 90% of the cases



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xenon-cli (the command line tool)

Target audience is users creating scripts and workflows

Offers uniform syntax to use different platforms with focus on basic tasks:

- submit a computation
- copy files

Good enough for 90% of the cases



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Combining filesystems and schedulers

So far, we've used xenon to manipulate files on the local filesystem, and to run system executables on the remote machine. In typical usage, however, you would use xenon to run executables or scripts of your own, which means that we need to upload such files from the local system to the remote system.

A typical workflow may thus look like this:

upload input file(s)
 submit job
 download generated output file(s)

Use an editor to create a file sleep.sh with the following contents (the virtual machine comes with a bunch of editors like gedit, leafpad, and nano, but you can install a different editor from the repositories if you like):

#!/usr/bin/env bash
echo `date`': went to bed'
sleep \$1
echo `date`': woke up'

You can test if your file is correct by:

last argument is the sleep duration in seconds
bash sleep.sh 5

We need to upload sleep.sh to the remote machine. We can't use xenon filesystem file like we did before, because we're copying between file systems, so let's look at what other options are available:

xenon filesystem --help

```
# let's try sftp protocol
xenon filesystem sftp --help
```

we're interested in 'upload' for now xenon filesystem sftp upload --help

We'll also need to tell xenon what location we want to connect to, and what credentials to use. The SLURM Docker container we used before is accessible via SFTP using the same location, username and password as before, so let's use that:



tutorial

https://xenon-tutorial.readthedocs.io

Explains how to use the

- Python API
- Java API
- Command Line Interface

Provide Linux VM image with

- pre-installed xenon
- docker containers (slurm, sftp)



Bash	Java	Python			
xenon	filesystem	file list /home/travis/fixtu	ires		



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Java

age nl.es	ciencecenter.xenon.tutorial;
import nl.esc:	iencecenter.xenon.filesystems.FileSystem;
import nl.esc	lencecenter.xenon.filesystems.Path;
	<pre>iencecenter.xenon.filesystems.PathAttributes;</pre>
public class	DirectoryListing {
public sta	<pre>stic void main(String[] args) throws Exception {</pre>
Strin	; adaptor = "file";
FileS	<pre>/stem filesystem = FileSystem.create(adaptor);</pre>
Path (<pre>directory = new Path("/home/travis/fixtures");</pre>
Boolea	an recursive = false ;
Iteral	<pre>ole<pathattributes> listing = filesystem.list(directory, recursive);</pathattributes></pre>
for (PathAttributes elem : listing) {
i	f (!elem.isHidden()) {
	<pre>System.out.println(elem.getPath());</pre>
}	
}	
}	
}	



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```
Bash
                     Python
           Java
         import xenon
  1
         from xenon import Path, FileSystem
  2
  3
  4
         def run example():
  5
  6
  7
             xenon.init()
  8
  9
             filesystem = FileSystem.create(adaptor='file')
 10
             path = Path("/home/travis/fixtures")
 11
 12
             listing = filesystem.list(path, recursive=False)
 13
 14
             for entry in listing:
                 if not entry.path.is_hidden():
 15
 16
                     print(entry.path)
 17
 18
             filesystem.close()
 19
 20
 21
         if name == ' main ':
 22
             run example()
```

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Portable HPC workflows based on Snakemake + CONDA + XELON

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Googling the cancer genome project



Identification and prioritization of cancercausing structural variants (SVs)

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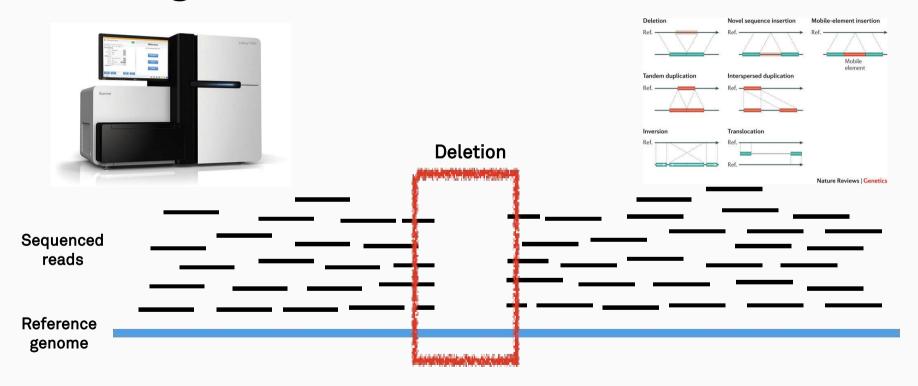
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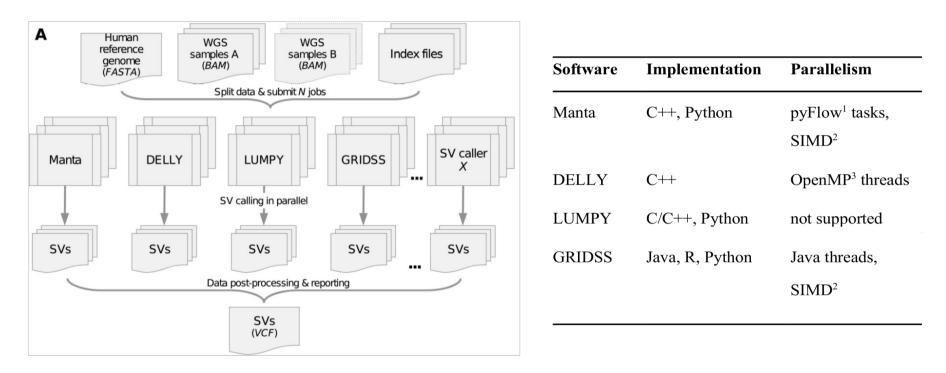




Challenge: reliable detection of SVs

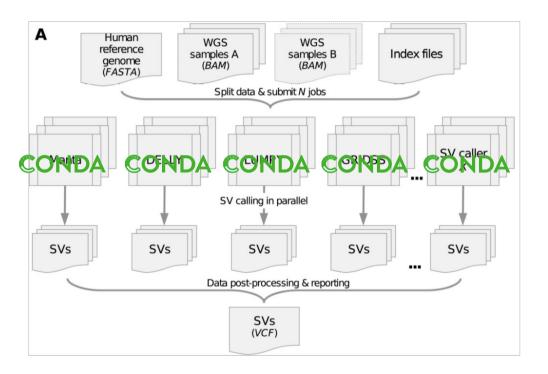


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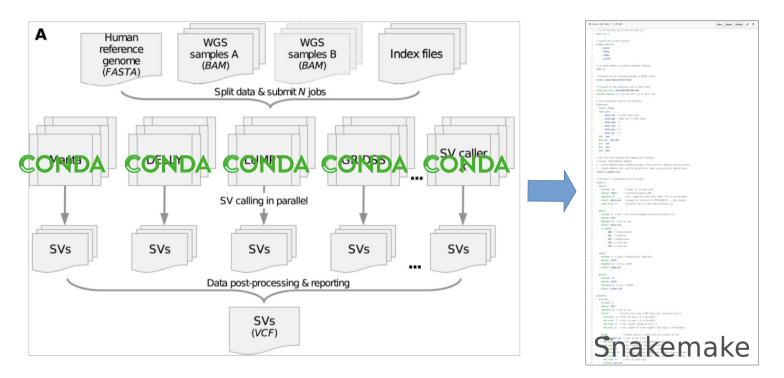
Combines existing SV detection tools into a portable HPC workflow





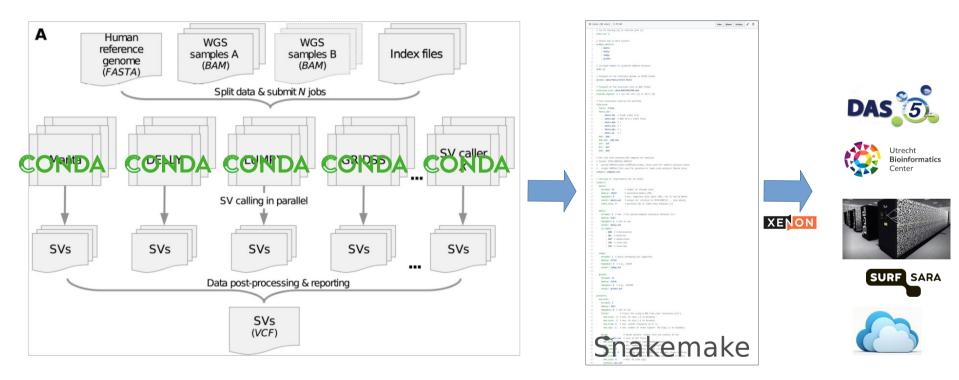
Conda is used to enable automatic install of the tools on the target system





Snakemake is used to define the overall workflow





Snakemake then uses xenon to deploy on the available resources



Snakemake \rightarrow Xenon \rightarrow GridEngine

```
snakemake -C echo_run=1 mode=p
enable_callers="['manta','delly','lumpy','gridss']"
--use-conda --latency-wait 30 --jobs 9
--cluster 'xenon scheduler gridengine
--location local:// submit --name smk.{rule} --inherit-env
--procs-per-node {threads} --start-single-process
--max-run-time 1 --max-memory {resources.mem_mb}
--working-directory . --stderr stderr-%j.log
--stdout stdout-%j.log' &>smk.log&
```



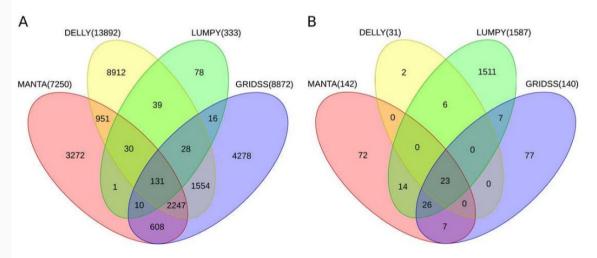
Snakemake \rightarrow Xenon \rightarrow Slurm

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```



Results

(A) Germline and (B) somatic SVs detected in the benchmark and in the cell lines samples, respectively, using Manta, DELLY, LUMPY and GRIDSS. Most SVs are caller-specific, followed by SVs common to three of the four callers. SVs detected by the callers were filtered and merged into one set (see the Methods section). Note: The Venn diagrams include the largest GRIDSS sets as the GRIDSS output varies slightly each run using the same input. Fig. S1-2 show the comparisons across sample copies.



https://github.com/GooglingTheCancerGenome/sv-callers

"sv-callers:

a highly portable parallel workflow for structural variant detection in whole-genome sequence data"

Arnold Kuzniar, Jason Maassen, Stefan Verhoeven, Luca Santuari, Carl Shneider, Wigard P. Kloosterman, Jeroen de Ridder

Accepted for publication in PeerJ



Xenon Roadmap

almost done: GridFTP, amazon-batch

in progress: azure-batch

ideas: iRODS (?), google storage (?), ... language bindings for C++, C#, Go, etc. better integration in snakemake,

suggestions are welcome!



Thanks!

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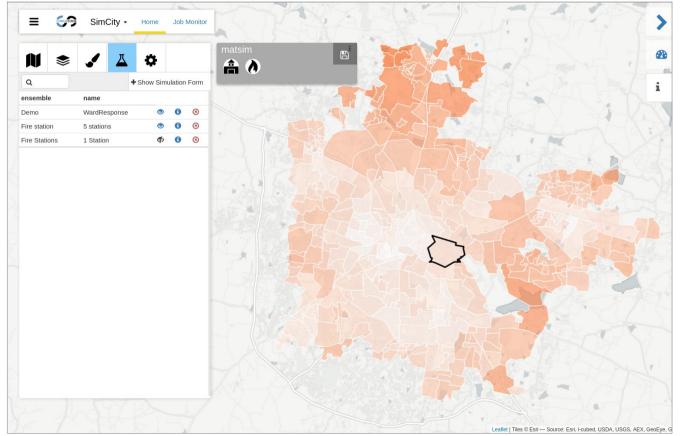
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SIM-CITY



Goal: decision support for urban social economic complexity

Run urban planning simulations from an interactive user interface.

Example: location of fire stations

Simulations must be started on a remote compute cluster.



eMetabolomics



Goal: computer assisted metabolite profiling.

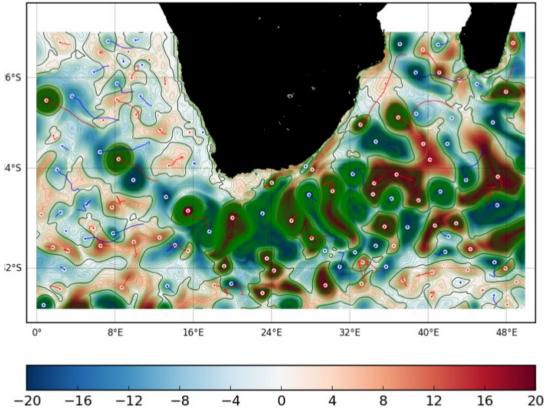
Determine how compounds are metabolized in the human body based on mass spectrometer data and metabolism rules.

Requires starting analysis computations on a server containing the metabolism database.

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AMUSE / OMUSE

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Goal: combine existing physics simulations into more complex models a simple python framework.

Originally for astrophysics (AMUSE), but now also for ocean modelling (OMUSE).

Requires starting simulations on multiple compute clusters and controlling them remotely.

