



# luigi analysis workflow

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### ● Questions

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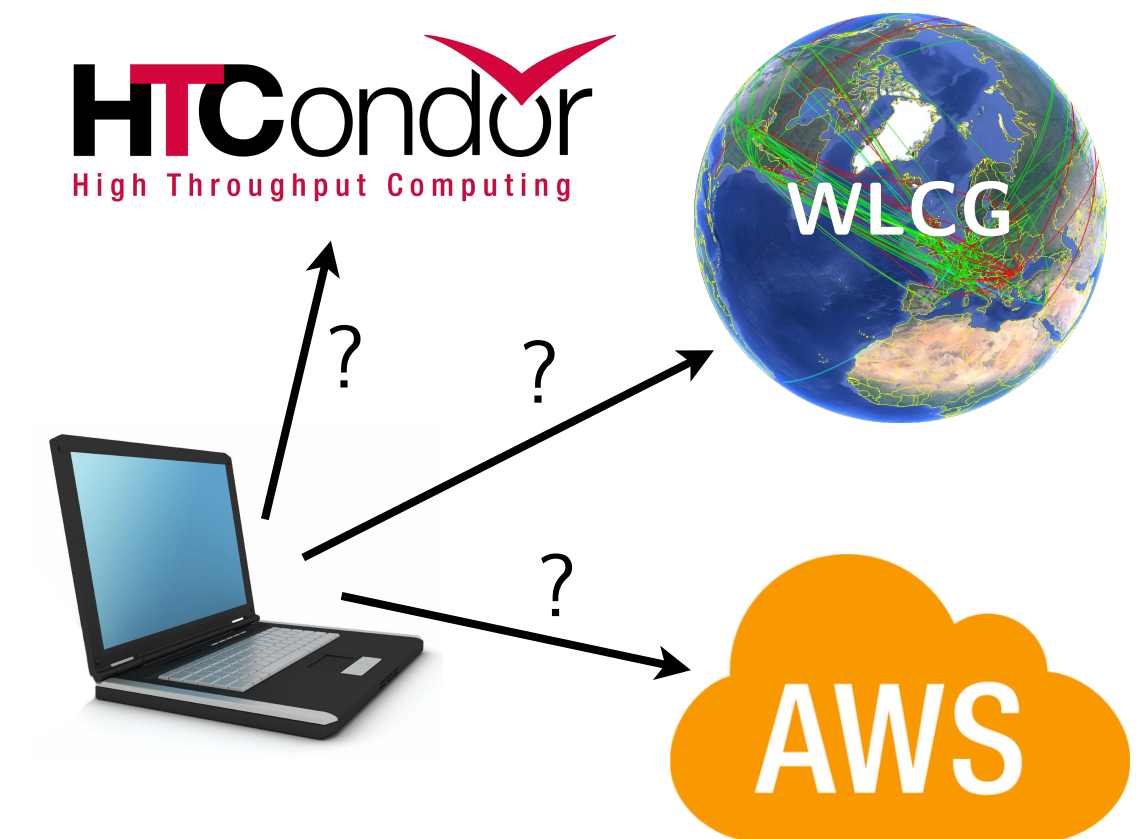
▷ Does the analysis depend on **where it runs** or **where it stores data**?

▷ It should **not**

#### ■ Reproducibility

▷ A Student / PostDoc is leaving soon ... can someone else run the analysis?

▷ Often **not** the case



### ● Familiar situations

■ "We couldn't produce updates, our local cluster is down for maintenance."

■ "We need to run things again, we forgot to change some paths in script XYZ."

■ "No updates from my side, I had to do job sitting the whole week ..."



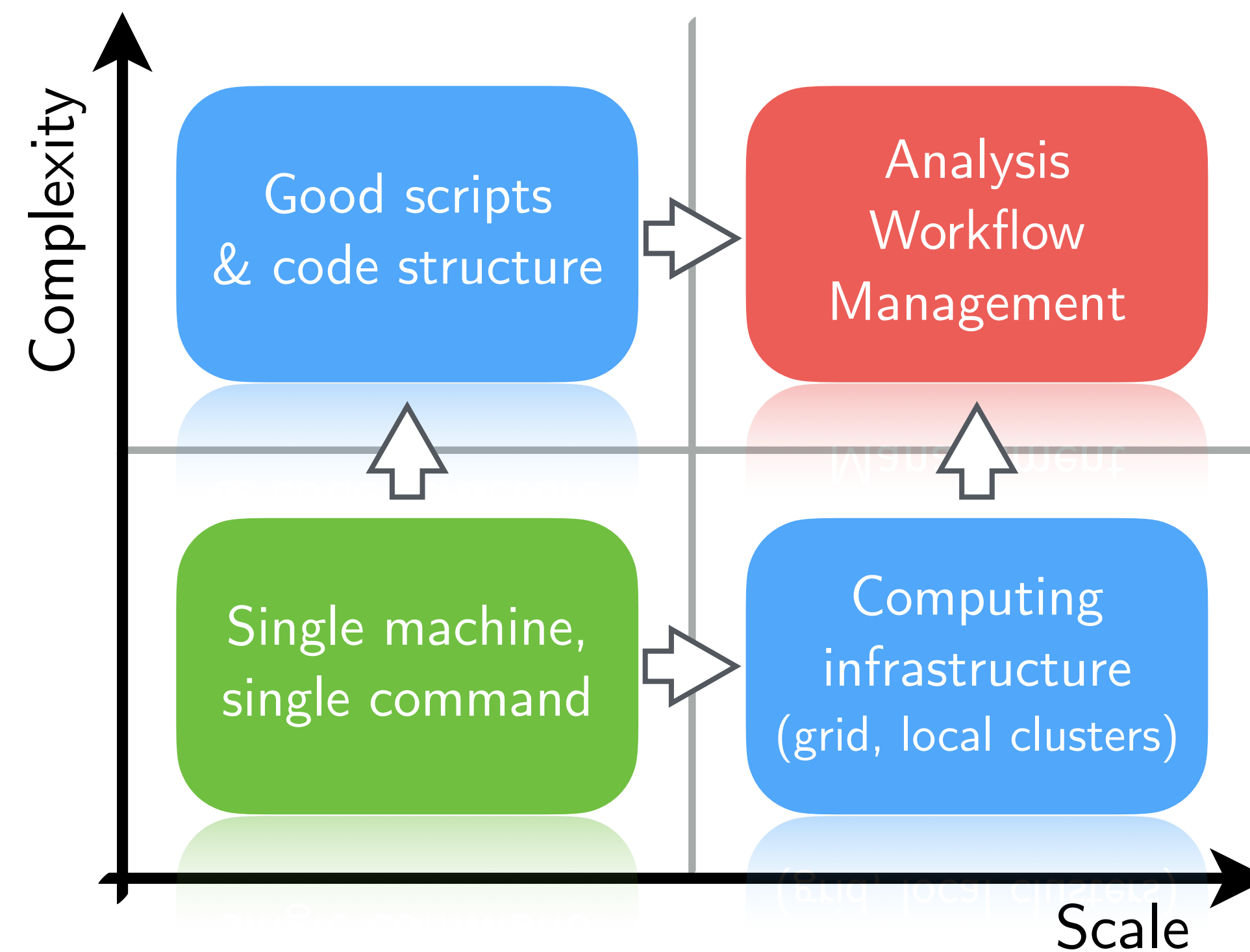
### ● From personal analysis experience

■  $\frac{2}{3}$  of time required for technicalities,  $\frac{1}{3}$  left for physics

→ **Physics output doubled if it was the other way round?**

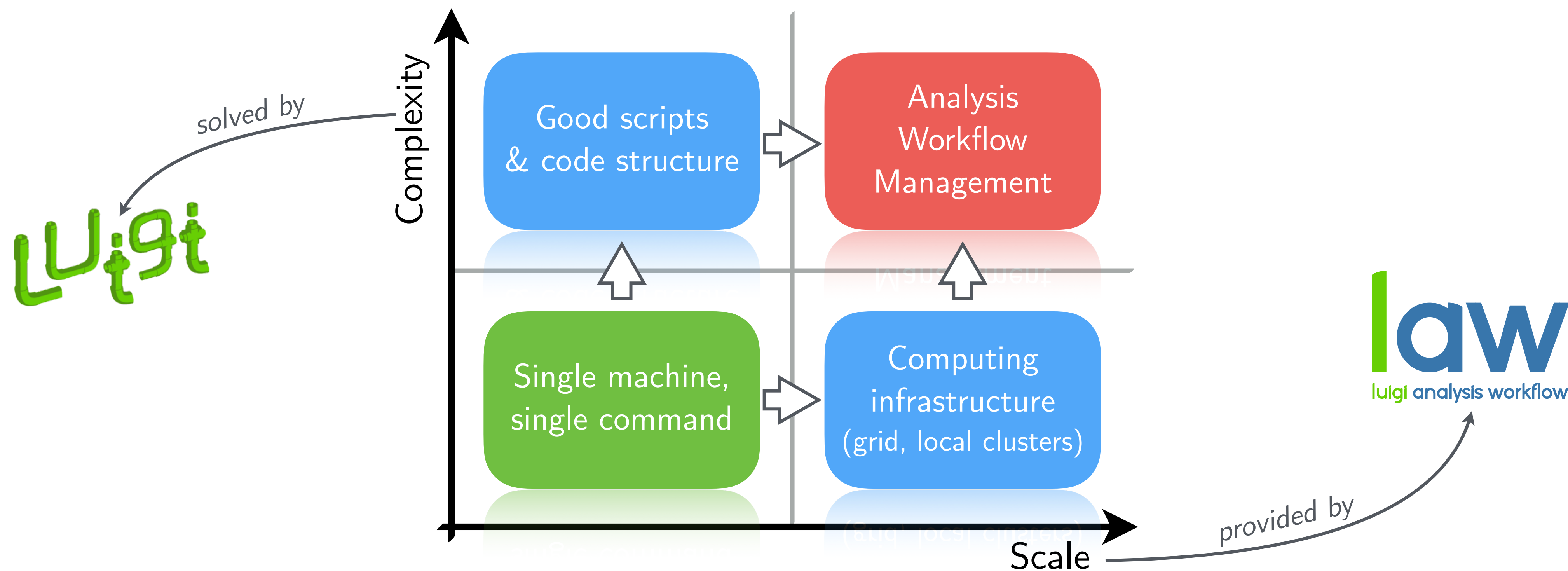


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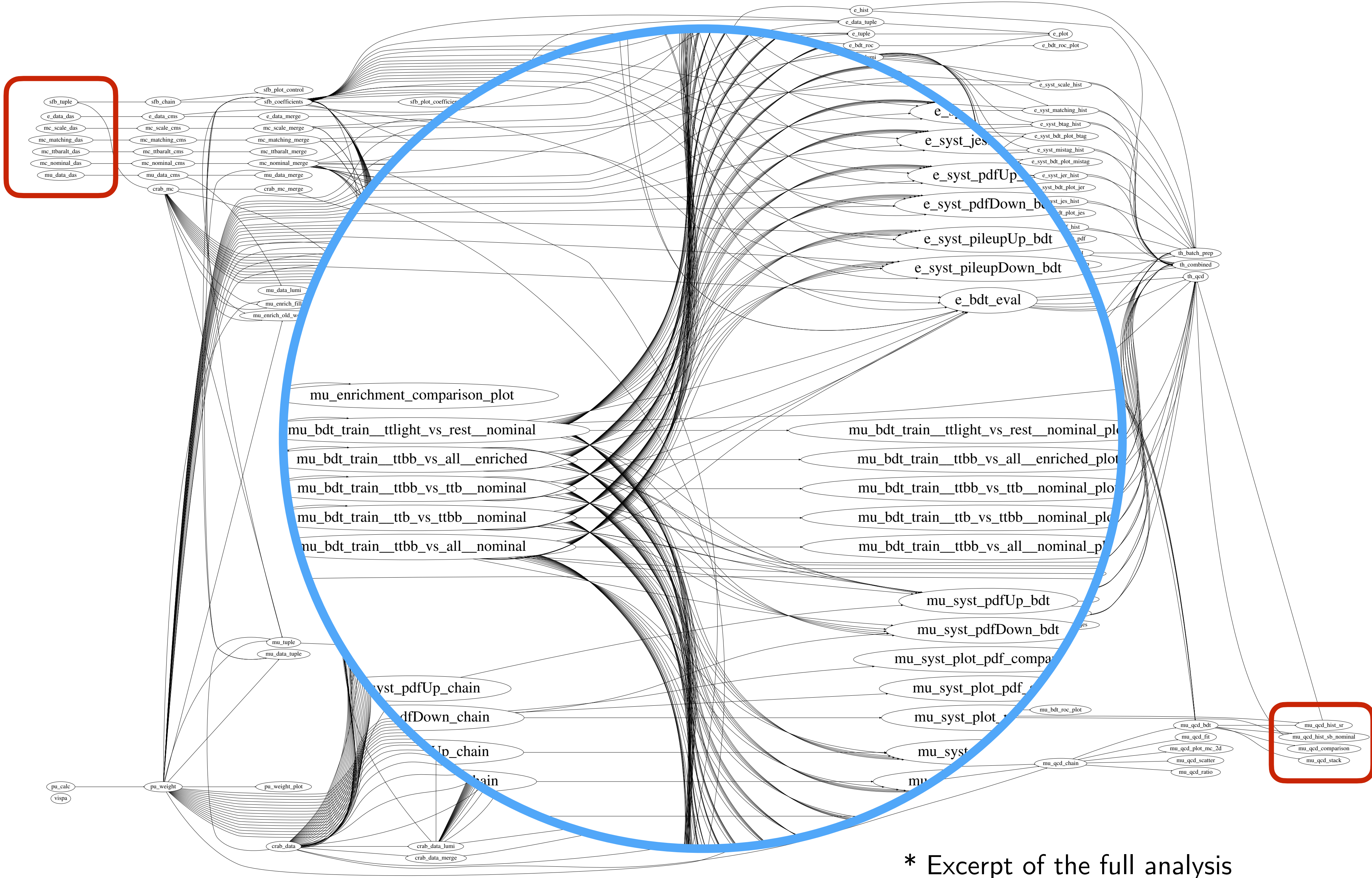


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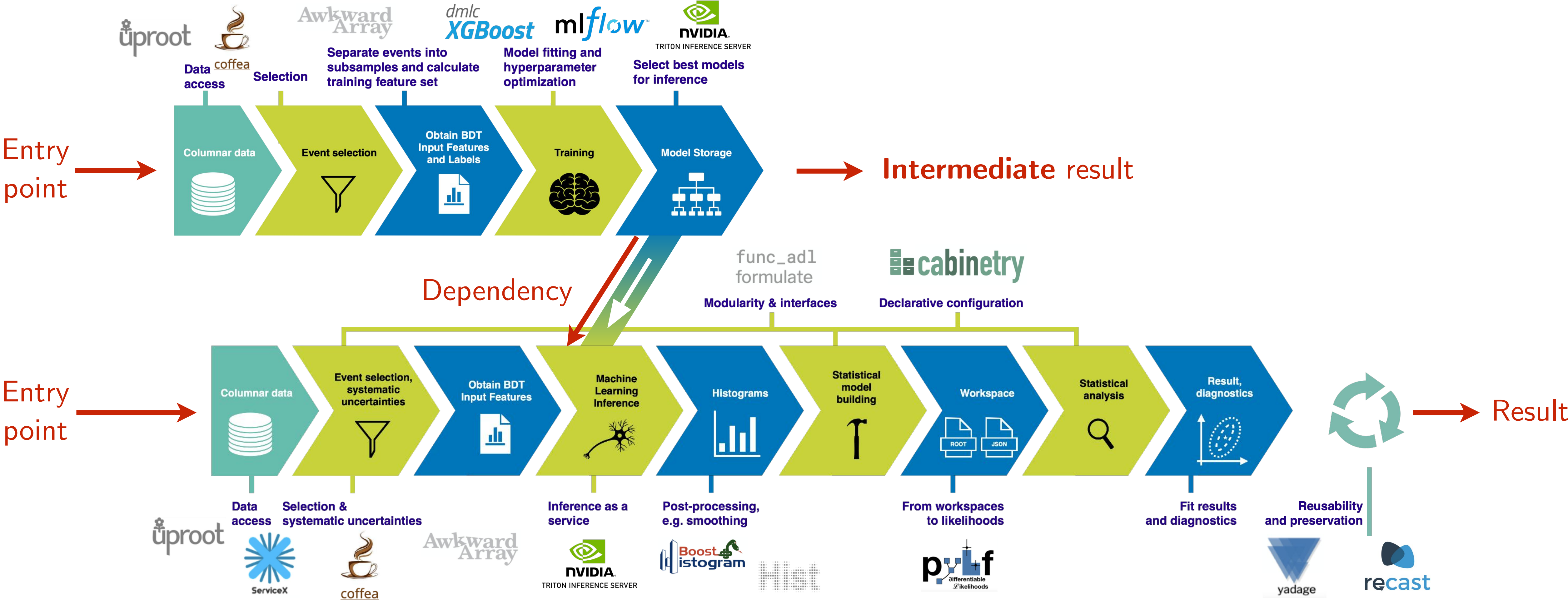


Entry  
points



Results

\* Excerpt of the full analysis



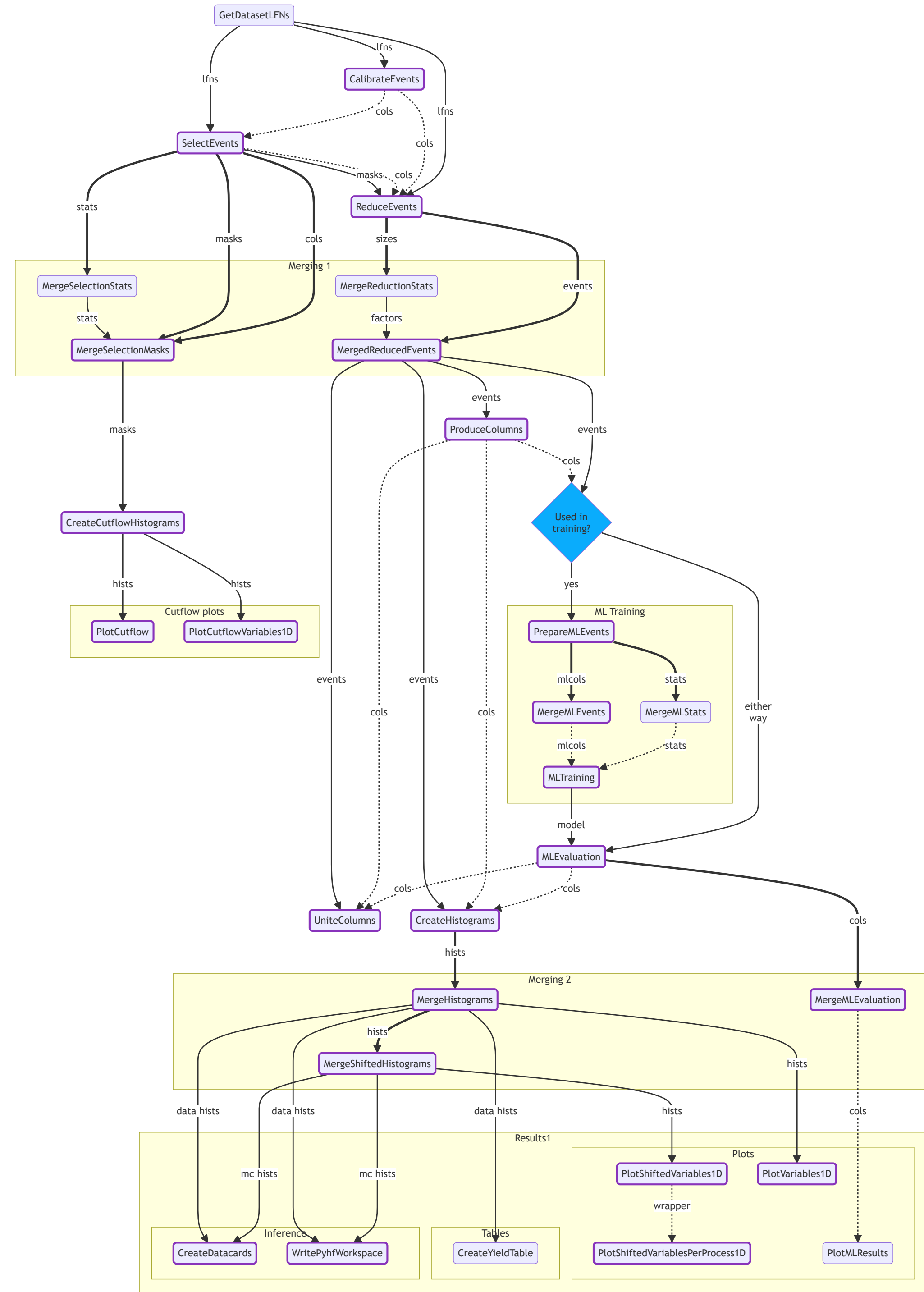
Event  
processing



workflow



Plots &  
inference



**Note:** this is a simplified, stylized view of the full workflow, which can easily consist of  $\mathcal{O}(1M)$  particular *workloads*





- Python package for building complex pipelines
- Development started at Spotify, now open-source and community-driven

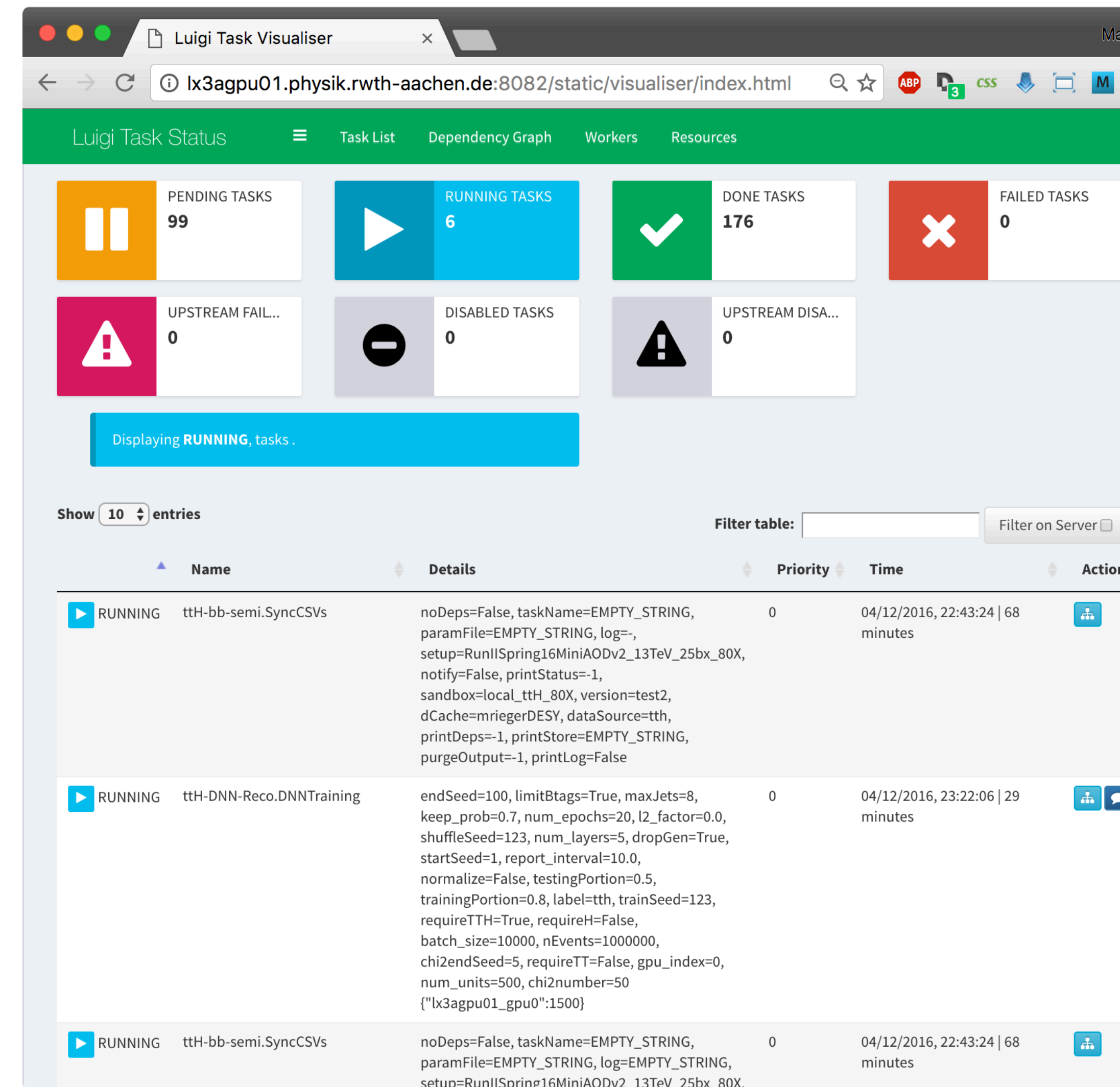
### Building blocks

1. Workloads defined as **Task** classes that can **require** other **Tasks**
2. Tasks produce output **Targets**
3. **Parameters** customize tasks & control runtime behavior

- Web UI with two-way messaging (task → UI, UI → task), automatic error handling, task history browser, collaborative features, command line interface, ...
- Great [documentation](#) 📖

[github.com/spotify/luigi](https://github.com/spotify/luigi)




 Watch ▼ 493
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The screenshot shows the Luigi Task Visualiser web interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs: Luigi Task Status, Task List, Dependency Graph, Workers, and Resources. Below these are several status cards:

- PENDING TASKS: 99
- RUNNING TASKS: 6
- DONE TASKS: 176
- FAILED TASKS: 0
- UPSTREAM FAIL...: 0
- DISABLED TASKS: 0
- UPSTREAM DISA...: 0

A blue bar indicates "Displaying RUNNING, tasks .". Below this, there is a table with columns for Name, Details, Priority, Time, and Action. The table shows two running tasks:

Name	Details	Priority	Time	Action
▶ RUNNING tth-bb-semi.SyncCSVs	noDeps=False, taskName=EMPTY_STRING, paramFile=EMPTY_STRING, log=-, setup=RunIISpring16MiniAODv2_13TeV_25bx_80X, notify=False, printStatus=-1, sandbox=local_tth_80X, version=test2, dCache=mriegerDESY, dataSource=tth, printDeps=-1, printStore=EMPTY_STRING, purgeOutput=-1, printLog=False	0	04/12/2016, 22:43:24   68 minutes	
▶ RUNNING tth-DNN-Reco.DNNTraining	endSeed=100, limitBtags=True, maxJets=8, keep_prob=0.7, num_epochs=20, l2_factor=0.0, shuffleSeed=123, num_layers=5, dropGen=True, startSeed=1, report_interval=10.0, normalize=False, testingPortion=0.5, trainingPortion=0.8, label=tth, trainSeed=123, requireTTH=True, requireH=False, batch_size=10000, nEvents=1000000, chi2endSeed=5, requireTT=False, gpu_index=0, num_units=500, chi2number=50 {"lx3agpu01_gpu0":1500}	0	04/12/2016, 23:22:06   29 minutes	
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class Reconstruction(luigi.Task):

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    def requires(self):
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        return luigi.LocalTarget(f"reco_{self.dataset}.root")

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Parameter object on class-level,  
translates to argument parser

string on instance-level

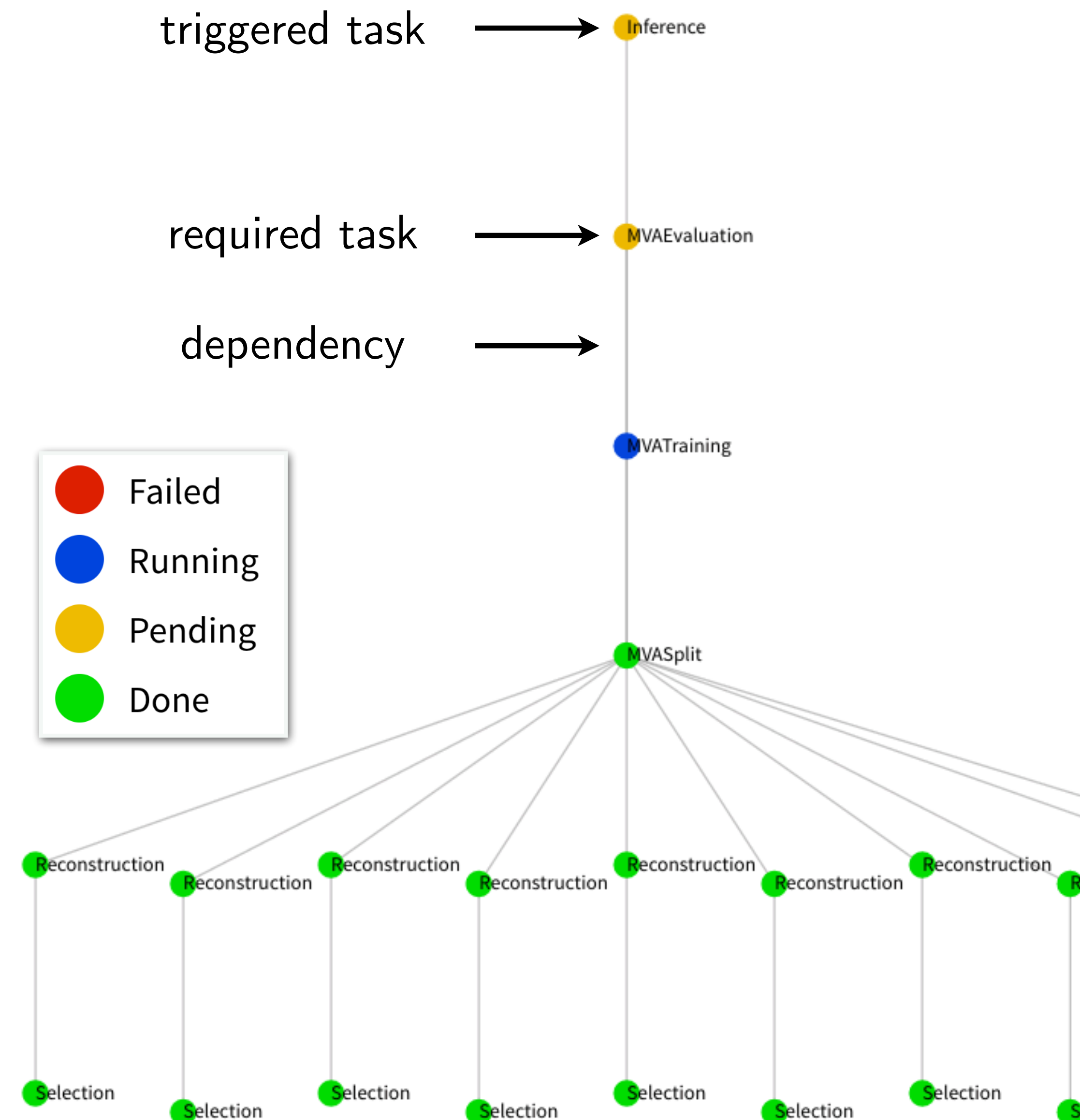
luigi's local file target:

- path: string
- exists(): bool
- remove()
- open(): fd
- ...

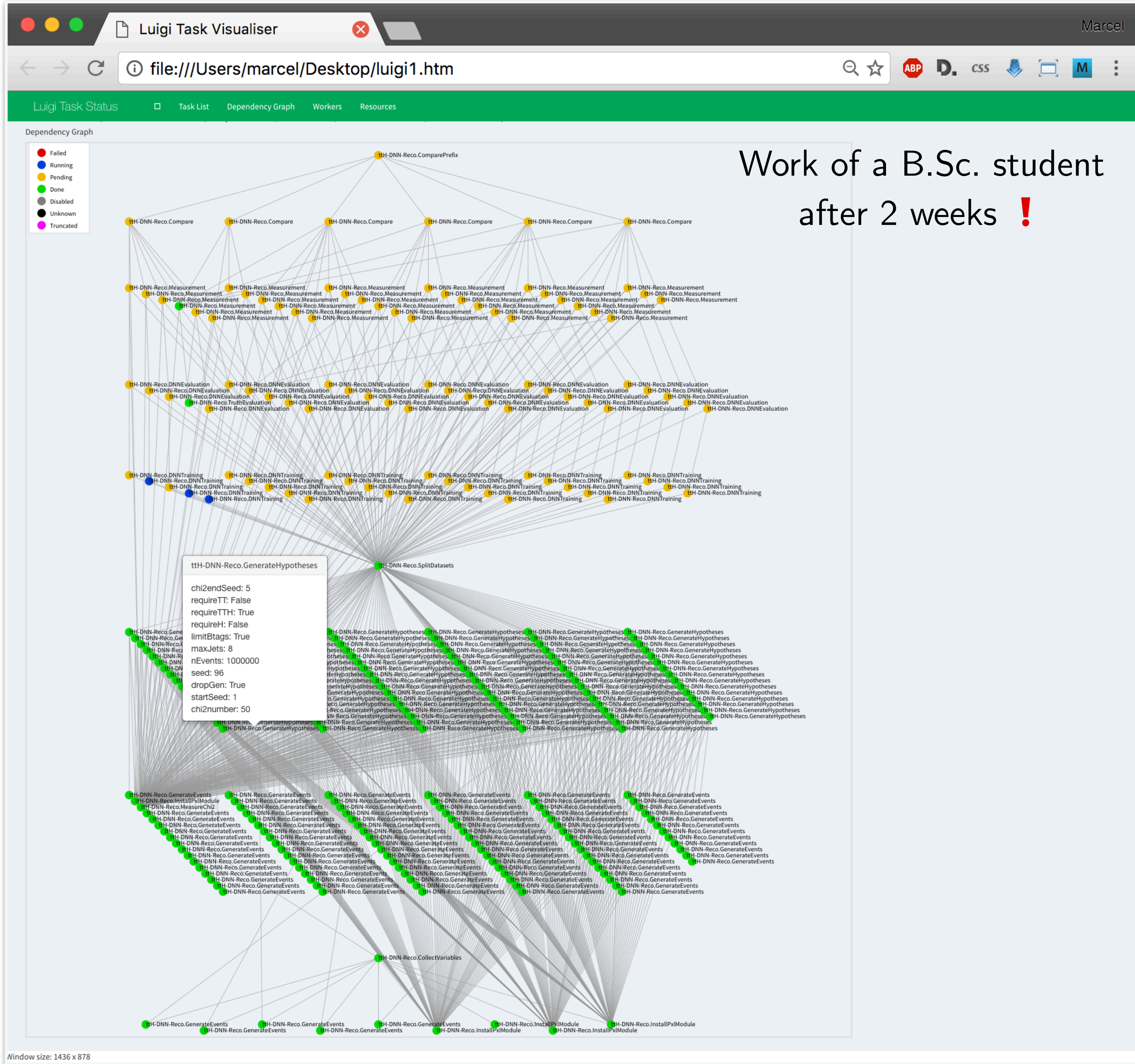
Encoding parameters into  
output target path

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- Luigi's execution model is make-like
  - Create dependency tree for triggered task
  - Determine tasks to actually run:
    - Walk through tree (top-down)
    - For each path, stop if all output targets of a task exist\*
- Only processes what is really necessary
- Scalable through simple structure
- Error handling & automatic re-scheduling



\* in this case, the task is considered complete



Work of a B.Sc. student  
after 2 weeks !

HEP concepts, constraints &  
peculiarities  
(aka "reality check")

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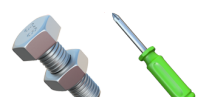
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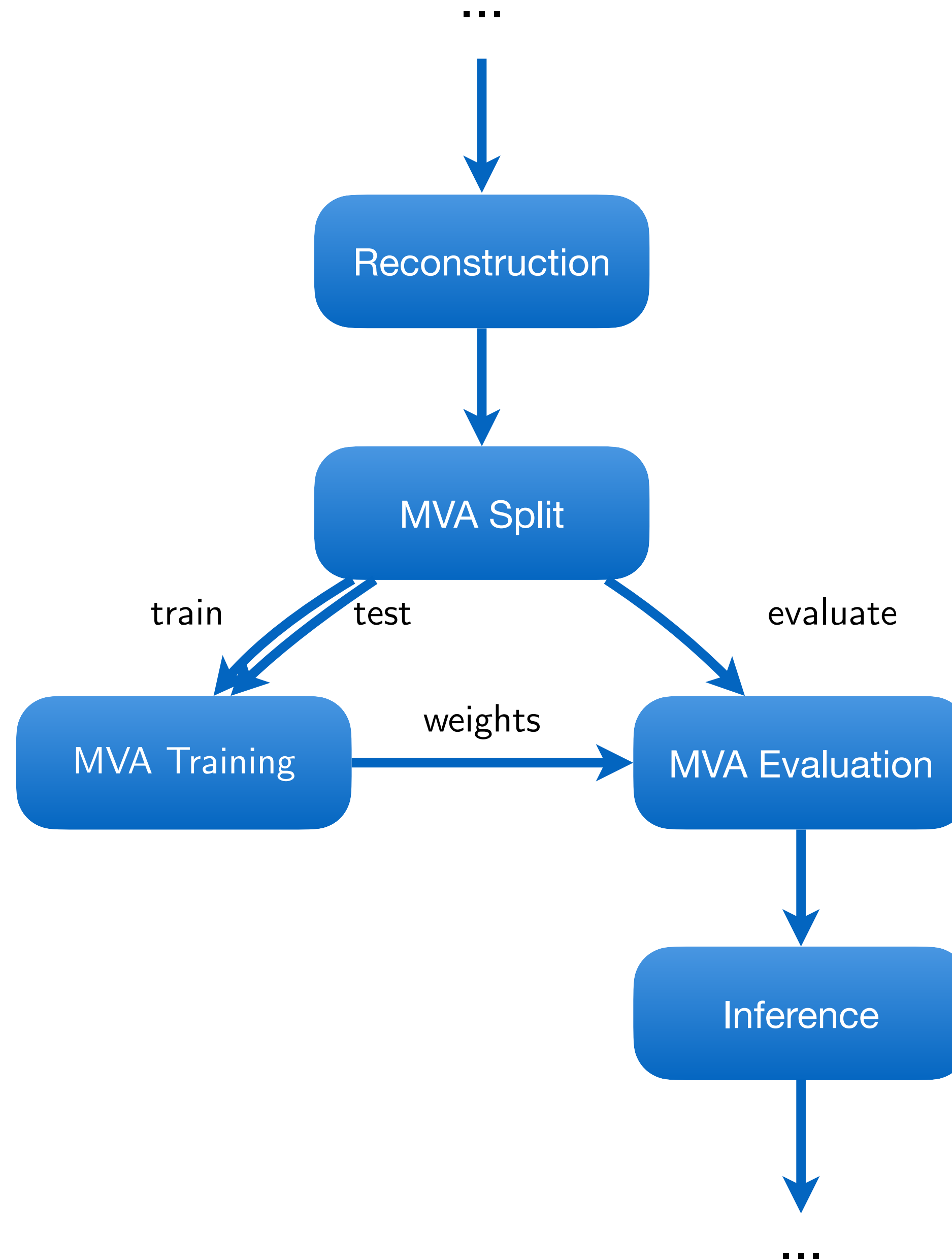
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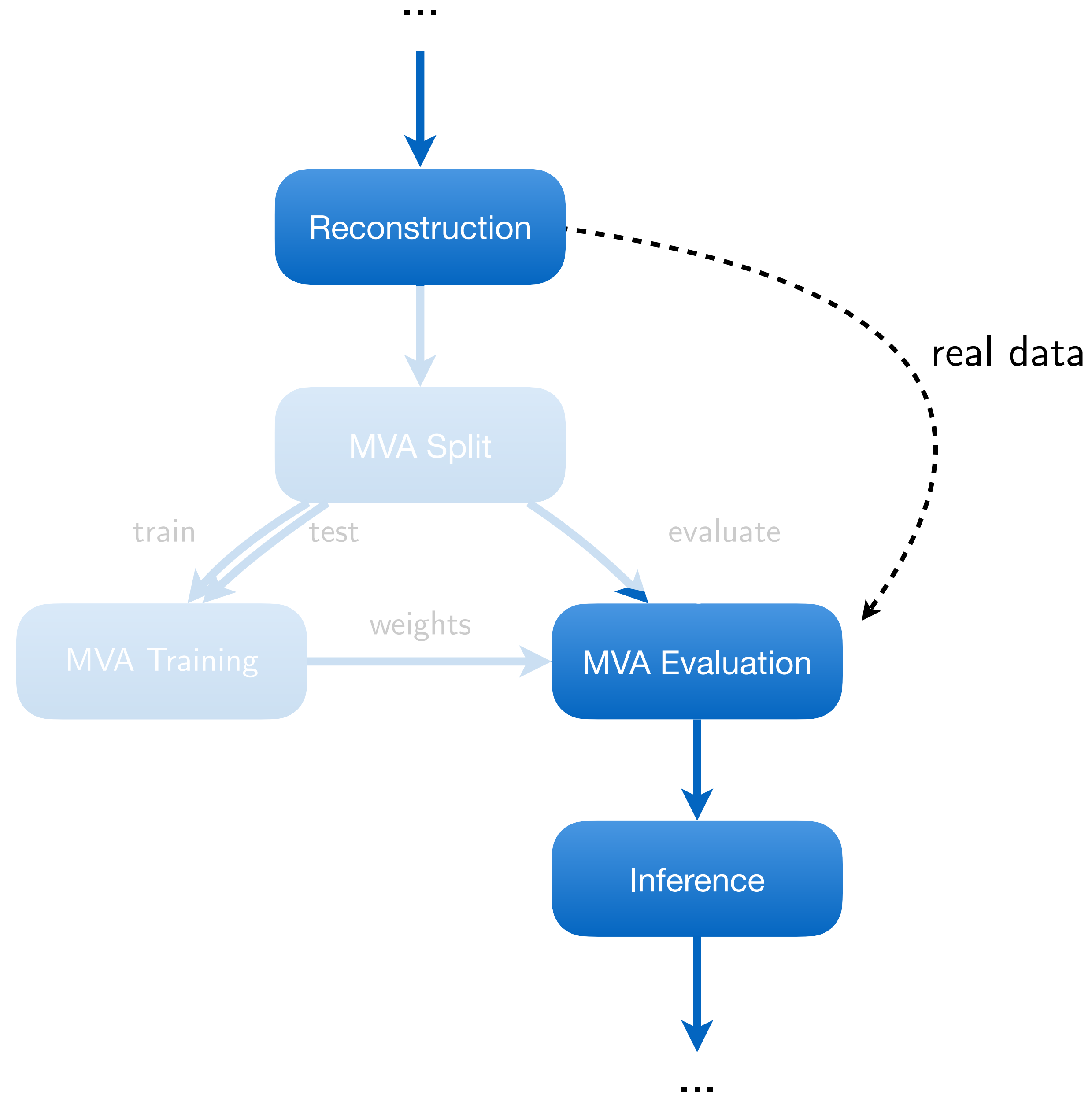
- **Typical usage**

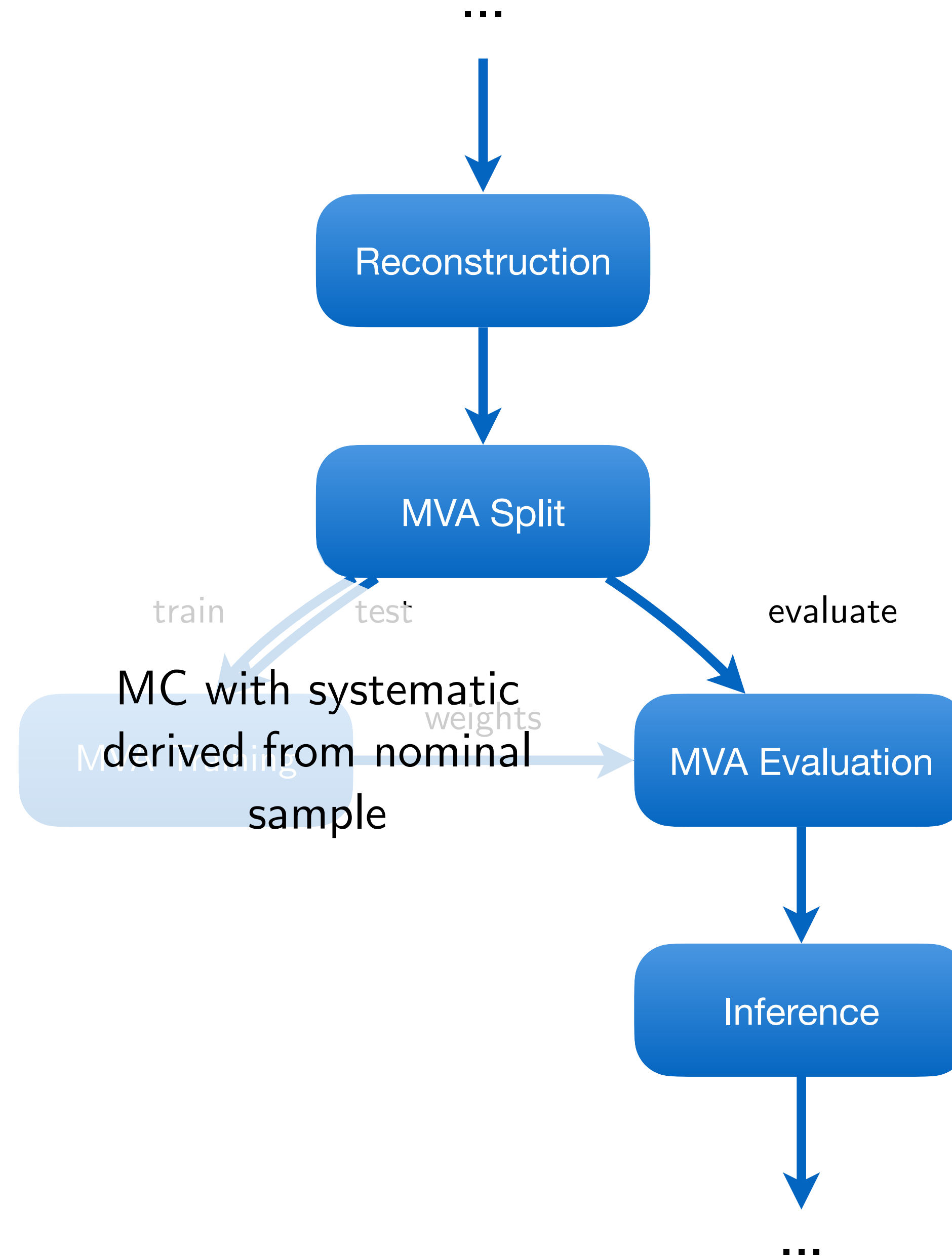
- Most analysis development is done by **PhD students** and **early PostDocs** (popular exception: "*framework devs*")
  - ▷ Structure of an analysis (workflow shape) might not be perfectly clear a-priori
  - ▷ Several stages in the course of an analysis that can cause perturbations
    - Commencing collaboration with other groups
    - Internal reviews and suggestions to restructure / repurpose an analysis
- A *typical* analysis cycle ...
  - ▷ Year 1: "Let's start from scratch and plan everything ahead. This is going to be great."
  - ▷ Year 2: "Ok, we didn't know we had to consider XYZ. But we can still make it happen ..."
  - ▷ Year 3+n: "  it! My contract is ending & I need that paper to apply for a job. Let's do workarounds ..."

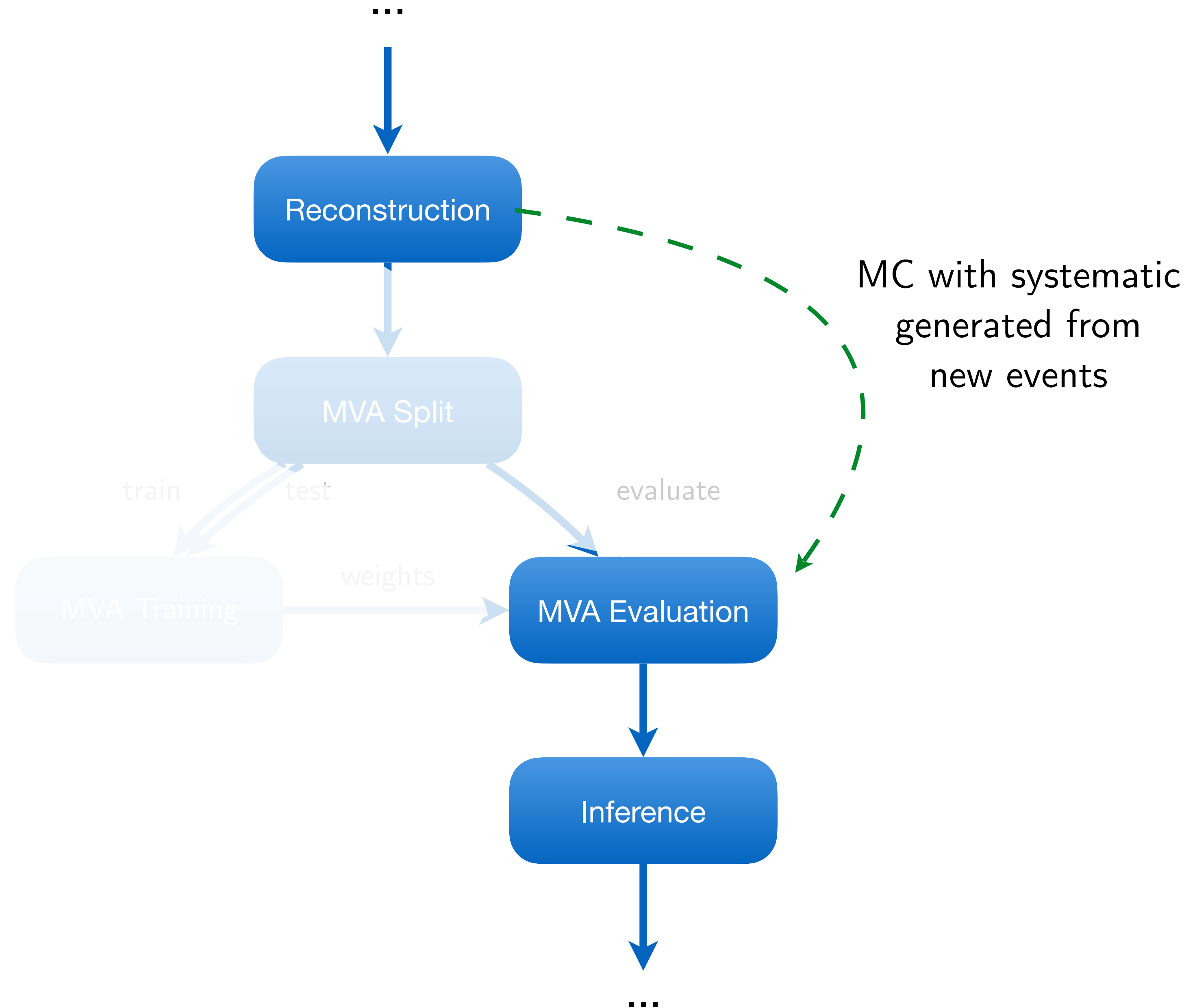
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**Nominal MC**

**Data**

**MC, Syst. I**

**MC, Syst. II**

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- Dynamic behavior can depend on **many ( ! )** aspects, categorized into three classes:
  - a) a-priori known: easy to consider into analysis design
  - b) a-priori **unknown**: potential for severe disruptions, especially in late stages
  - c) dynamic: the workflow shape is not fully determined at execution time but can depend on outcomes at runtime
- People are aware of potential risks and
  - ▷ hesitate to use new tools - while solving a **short-term** issue - might constrain them **long-term**
    - collaborative / centralized development and training!
  - ▷ avoid straying too far from their current point of expertise
  - ▷ **for defining workflows**, want to use a language they know
    - just to be equipped for what might come down the road

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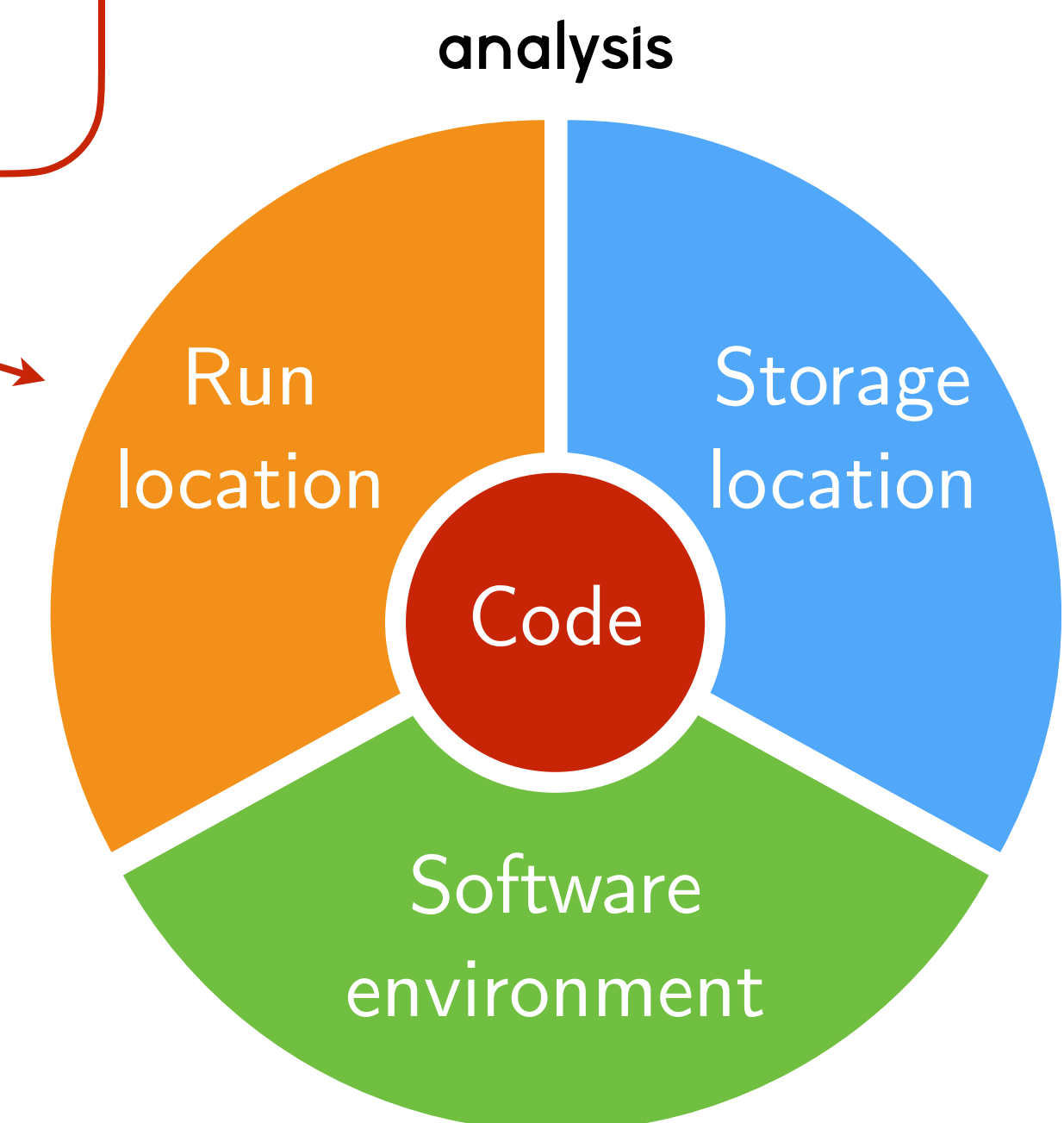
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- **Our IT infrastructure is (very) heterogeneous**

- Different systems (storage, batch) and expertise at different sites
- Random yet typical example
  - ▷ Accessing files on site  $X$  via `webdav://`, and on  $Y$  via `root://`
  - ▷ Site  $X$  updates their configuration, and now `mkdir_rec` requests are no longer supported
    - Switch to `root://` on site  $X$  for `mkdir_rec`
  - ▷ Site  $Y$  updates their caching database to accelerate `stat` requests through `root://`, and now `mtime`'s are gone
    - Your local cache just got invalidated ...
    - Switch to `gsiftp://` on site  $Y$  for `stat`

law  
luigi analysis workflow

- **law**: extension **on top** of *luigi* (i.e. it does not replace *luigi*)
- **Design follows three primary goals**
  1. Experiment-agnostic core (in fact, not even related to physics)
  2. Scalability on HEP infrastructure (but not limited to it\*)
  3. Decoupling of **run locations**, **storage locations** & **software environments**
    - ▷ Not constrained to specific resources, all components interchangeable
- Toolbox to follow an **analysis design pattern**
  - Not a *framework* (no language or data format constraints)
  - Serves as a **day-to-day working environment** allowing to prototype and automatically scale-out for free
- **Most used** workflow system for analyses in CMS
  - O(30) analyses, O(100) people
  - Central groups, e.g. HIG, TAU, BTM
- Also used outside CMS (e.g. LIGO) and outside HEP



## 1. Job submission



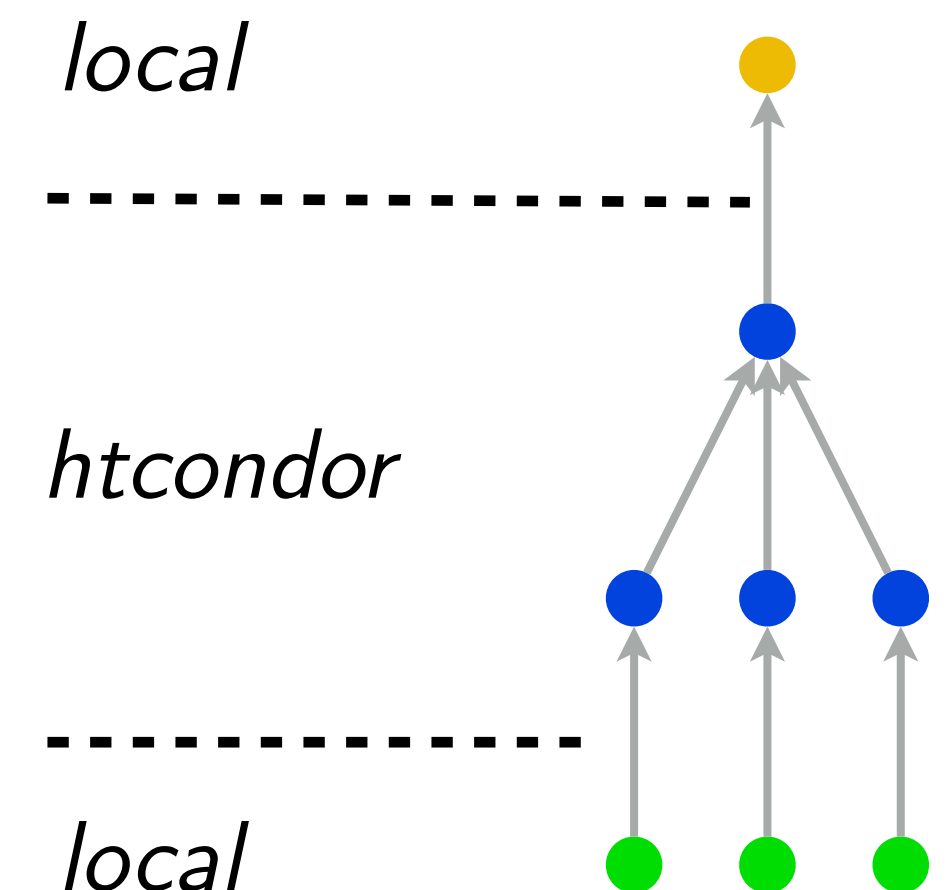
- Idea: submission built into tasks, **no need to write extra code**
- Currently supported job systems: HTCondor, SLURM, LSF, gLite, ARC, CMS-CRAB<sup>new</sup>
- Mandatory features such as automatic resubmission, flexible task ↔ job matching, job files fully configurable at submission time, internal job staging in case of saturated queues, ...
- From the [htcondor\\_at\\_cern](#) example:

```

lxplus129:law_test > law run CreateChars --workflow htcondor
INFO: [pid 30564] Worker Worker(host=lxplus129.cern.ch, username=mrieger) running
        CreateChars(branch=-1, start_branch=0, end_branch=26, version=v1)
going to submit 26 htcondor job(s)
submitted 1/26 job(s)
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14:35:40: all: 26, pending: 26 (+26), running: 0 (+0), finished: 0 (+0), retry: 0 (+0), failed: 0 (+0)
...
14:37:10: all: 26, pending: 0 (+0), running: 26 (+26), finished: 0 (+0), retry: 0 (+0), failed: 0 (+0)
14:37:40: all: 26, pending: 0 (+0), running: 10 (-16), finished: 16 (+16), retry: 0 (+0), failed: 0 (+0)
14:38:10: all: 26, pending: 0 (+0), running: 0 (+0), finished: 26 (+10), retry: 0 (+0), failed: 0 (+0)
INFO: [pid 30564] Worker Worker(host=lxplus129.cern.ch, username=mrieger) done!

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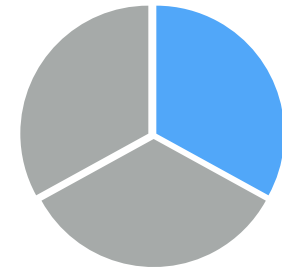
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## Job status polling from CMS HH combination

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16:04:23: all: 3321, pending: 2821 (+2821), running: 426 (+426), finished: 74 (+74), retry: 0 (+0), failed: 0 (+0)
16:04:37: all: 3321, pending: 2829 (+2829), running: 5 (+5), finished: 487 (+487), retry: 0 (+0), failed: 0 (+0)
16:06:15: all: 3321, pending: 2827 (-2), running: 6 (+1), finished: 488 (+1), retry: 0 (+0), failed: 0 (+0)
16:06:17: all: 3321, pending: 2813 (-8), running: 424 (-2), finished: 84 (+10), retry: 0 (+0), failed: 0 (+0)
16:08:11: all: 3321, pending: 2820 (-7), running: 8 (+2), finished: 493 (+5), retry: 0 (+0), failed: 0 (+0)
16:08:26: all: 3321, pending: 2810 (-3), running: 422 (-2), finished: 89 (+5), retry: 0 (+0), failed: 0 (+0)
16:09:44: all: 3321, pending: 2819 (-1), running: 9 (+1), finished: 493 (+0), retry: 0 (+0), failed: 0 (+0)
16:10:03: all: 3321, pending: 2808 (-2), running: 420 (-2), finished: 93 (+4), retry: 0 (+0), failed: 0 (+0)
16:12:26: all: 3321, pending: 2817 (-2), running: 5 (-4), finished: 499 (+6), retry: 0 (+0), failed: 0 (+0)
16:12:46: all: 3321, pending: 2802 (-6), running: 422 (+2), finished: 97 (+4), retry: 0 (+0), failed: 0 (+0)
16:15:11: all: 3321, pending: 2811 (-6), running: 7 (+2), finished: 503 (+4), retry: 0 (+0), failed: 0 (+0)
16:15:39: all: 3321, pending: 2796 (-6), running: 420 (-2), finished: 105 (+8), retry: 0 (+0), failed: 0 (+0)
16:17:18: all: 3321, pending: 2806 (-5), running: 10 (+3), finished: 505 (+2), retry: 0 (+0), failed: 0 (+0)
16:17:49: all: 3321, pending: 2792 (-4), running: 415 (-5), finished: 114 (+9), retry: 0 (+0), failed: 0 (+0)
16:19:34: all: 3321, pending: 2800 (-6), running: 11 (+1), finished: 510 (+5), retry: 0 (+0), failed: 0 (+0)
16:20:15: all: 3321, pending: 2788 (-4), running: 413 (-2), finished: 120 (+6), retry: 0 (+0), failed: 0 (+0)
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16:21:53: all: 3321, pending: 2784 (-4), running: 411 (-2), finished: 126 (+6), retry: 0 (+0), failed: 0 (+0)
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16:24:10: all: 3321, pending: 2779 (-5), running: 411 (+0), finished: 131 (+5), retry: 0 (+0), failed: 0 (+0)
16:26:05: all: 3321, pending: 2705 (-86), running: 92 (+78), finished: 524 (+8), retry: 0 (+0), failed: 0 (+0)
16:26:33: all: 3321, pending: 2683 (-96), running: 502 (+91), finished: 136 (+5), retry: 0 (+0), failed: 0 (+0)
16:29:08: all: 3321, pending: 2690 (-15), running: 87 (-5), finished: 544 (+20), retry: 0 (+0), failed: 0 (+0)
16:29:21: all: 3321, pending: 2647 (-36), running: 530 (+28), finished: 144 (+8), retry: 0 (+0), failed: 0 (+0)
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16:34:18: all: 3321, pending: 2597 (-11), running: 561 (+6), finished: 163 (+5), retry: 0 (+0), failed: 0 (+0)
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16:41:04: all: 3321, pending: 2566 (-11), running: 556 (-3), finished: 199 (+14), retry: 0 (+0), failed: 0 (+0)
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- Remote targets built on top of GFAL2 Python bindings
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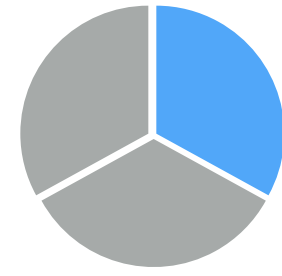
### “FileSystem” configuration

```
# law.cfg

[wlcg_fs]
base: root://eosuser.cern.ch/eos/user/m/mrieger

...
```

- Base path prefixed to all paths using this “fs”
- Configurable per file operation (stat, listdir, ...)
- Protected against removal of parent directories



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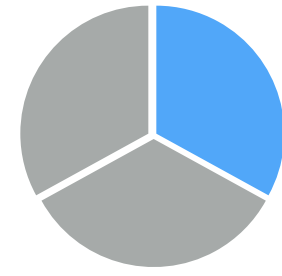
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```
# read a remote json file
target = law.WLCGFileTarget("/file.json", fs="wlcg_fs")

with target.open("r") as f:
    data = json.load(f)
```



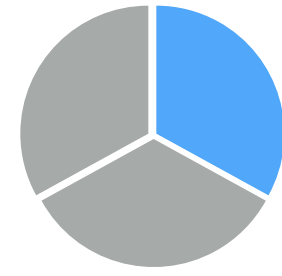


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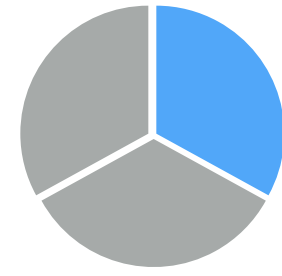
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Conveniently reading remote files

```
# same for root files with context guard
target = law.WLCGFileTarget("/file.root", fs="wlcg_fs")

with target.load(formatter="root") as tfile:
    tfile.ls()
```



## 2. Remote targets

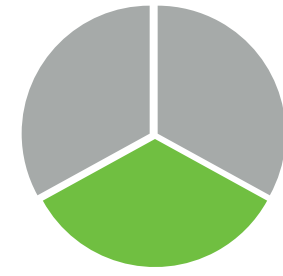
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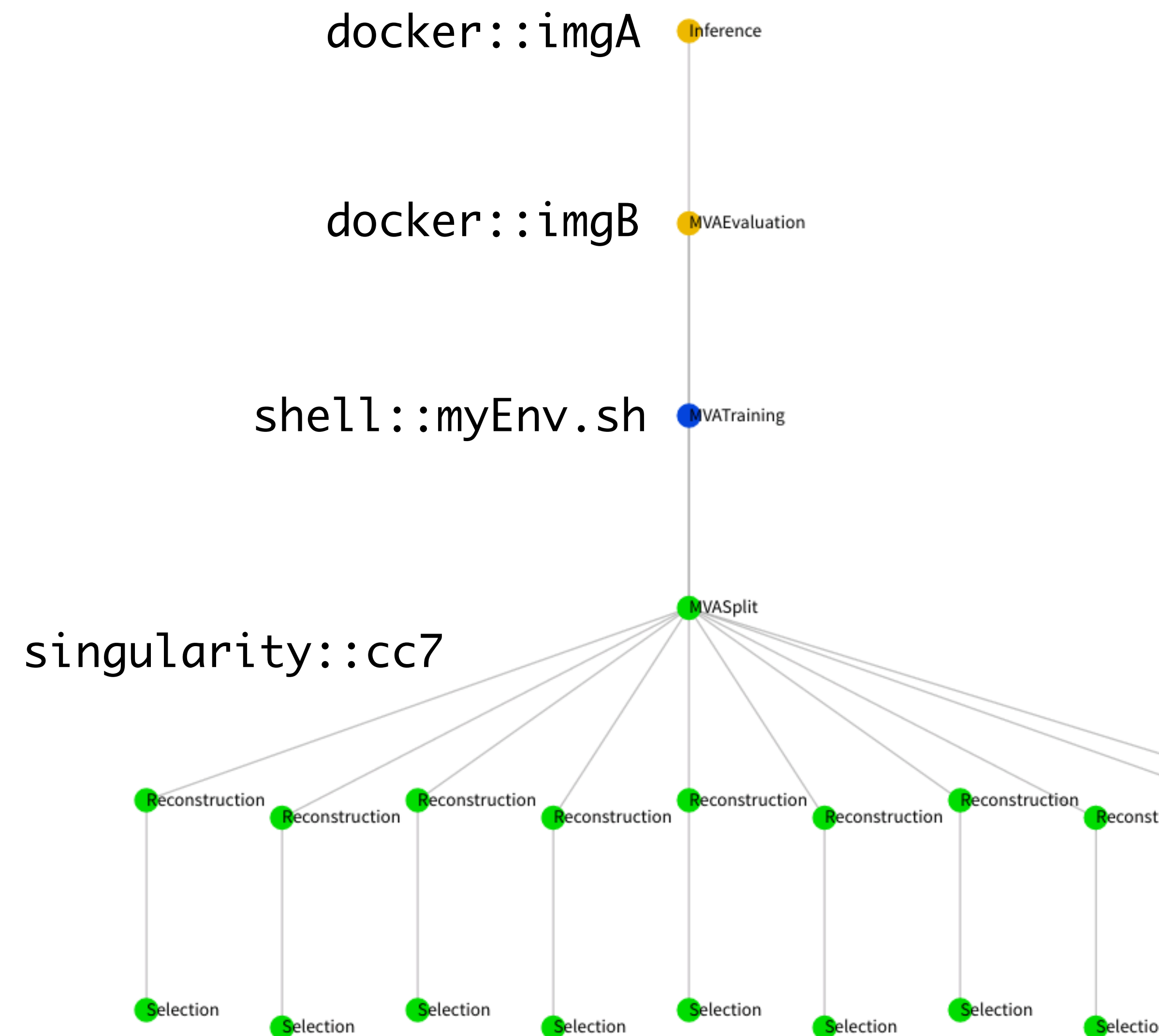
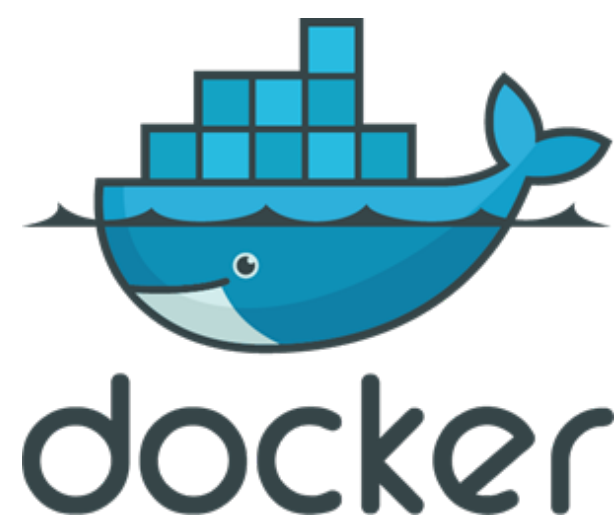
```
# multiple other "formatters" available
target = law.WLCGFileTarget("/model.pb", fs="wlcg_fs")

graph = target.load(formatter="tensorflow")
session = tf.Session(graph=graph)
```

### 3. Environment sandboxing



- Diverging software requirements between typical workloads is a great feature / challenge / problem
- Introduce sandboxing:
  - ▷ Run entire task in **different environment**
- Existing sandbox implementations:
  - ▷ Sub-shell with init file (e.g. for CMSSW)
  - ▷ Virtual envs
  - ▷ Docker images
  - ▷ Singularity images



```
# reco.py

import luigi

from my_analysis.tasks import Selection

class Reconstruction(luigi.Task):

    dataset = luigi.Parameter(default="ttH")

    def requires(self):
        return Selection(dataset=self.dataset)

    def output(self):
        return luigi.LocalTarget(f"reco_{self.dataset}.root")

    def run(self):
        inp = self.input() # output() of requirements
        outp = self.output()

        # perform reco on file described by "inp" and produce "outp"
        ...
```

- luigi task
- law task
- Run on HTCondor
- Store on EOS
- Run in docker

Example 

```
> python reco.py Reconstruction --dataset ttbar
```

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import law
from my_analysis.tasks import Selection

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Example 

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import luigi
import law
from my_analysis.tasks import Selection

class Reconstruction(law.Task, law.HTCondorWorkflow):

    dataset = luigi.Parameter(default="ttH")

    def requires(self):
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```
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```

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```
# reco.py

import luigi
import law
from my_analysis.tasks import Selection

class Reconstruction(law.SandboxTask, law.HTCondorWorkflow):

    dataset = luigi.Parameter(default="ttH")
    sandbox = "docker::cern/cc7-base"

    def requires(self):
        return Selection(dataset=self.dataset)

    def output(self):
        return law.WLCGFileTarget(f"reco_{self.dataset}.root")

    def run(self):
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Example 

```
> law run Reconstruction --dataset ttbar --workflow htcondor
```

- CLI

- > law run Reconstruction --dataset ttbar --workflow htcondor

- Full auto-completion of tasks and parameters

- Scripting

- Mix task completeness checks, job execution & input/output retrieval with custom scripts
  - Easy interface to existing tasks for prototyping

```
from analysis.tasks import Selection
import awkward as ak

# create the task and ensure it's complete
task = Selection(dataset="ttH_bb", version="v3", shift="nominal")
task.law_run()

# read the selected events (a .parquet file)
events = task.output().load(formatter="awkward")

# get the number of jets per event
n_jets = ak.num(events.Jet, axis=1)
print(n_jets)
```

- Notebooks

```
In [5]: %law run ShowFrequencies --print-status -1
```

```
print task status with max_depth -1 and target_depth 0
```

```
0 > ShowFrequencies(slow=False)
```

```
├─1 > MergeCounts(slow=False)
│   LocalFileTarget(fs=local_fs, path=$DATA_PATH/chars_merged.json)
│   existent
```

```
├─2 > CountChars(file_index=1, slow=False)
│   LocalFileTarget(fs=local_fs, path=$DATA_PATH/chars_1.json)
│   existent
```

```
└─3 > FetchLoremIpsum(file_index=1, slow=False)
    LocalFileTarget(fs=local_fs, path=$DATA_PATH/loremipsum_1.txt)
    existent
```



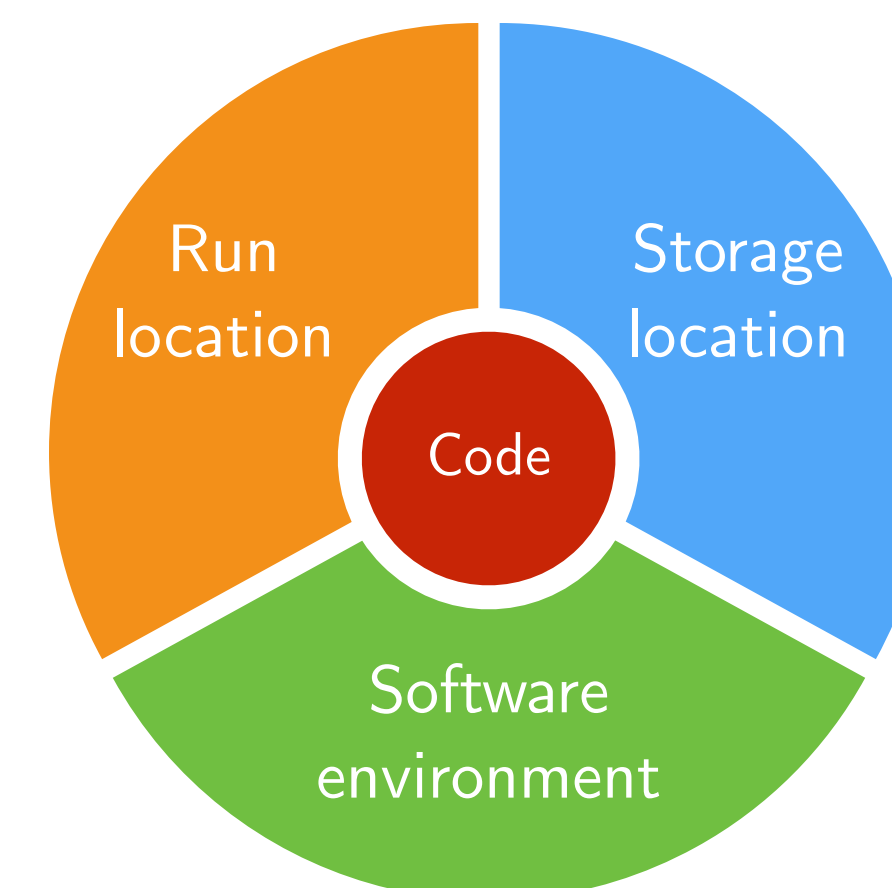
- Resource-agnostic workflow management **essential** for large & complex analyses  
→ Need for a flexible **design pattern** to automate arbitrary workloads



- **End-to-end automation** of analyses over distributed resources
- Full decoupling of **run locations**, **storage locations** & **software environments**
- Allows to build frameworks that check every point in the **CMS analysis wishlist**
- Currently working on full documentation and type annotations for next release

- [github.com/riga/law](https://github.com/riga/law), [law.readthedocs.io](https://law.readthedocs.io)
- [github.com/spotify/luigi](https://github.com/spotify/luigi), [luigi.readthedocs.io](https://luigi.readthedocs.io)

**Collaboration & contributions welcome!**



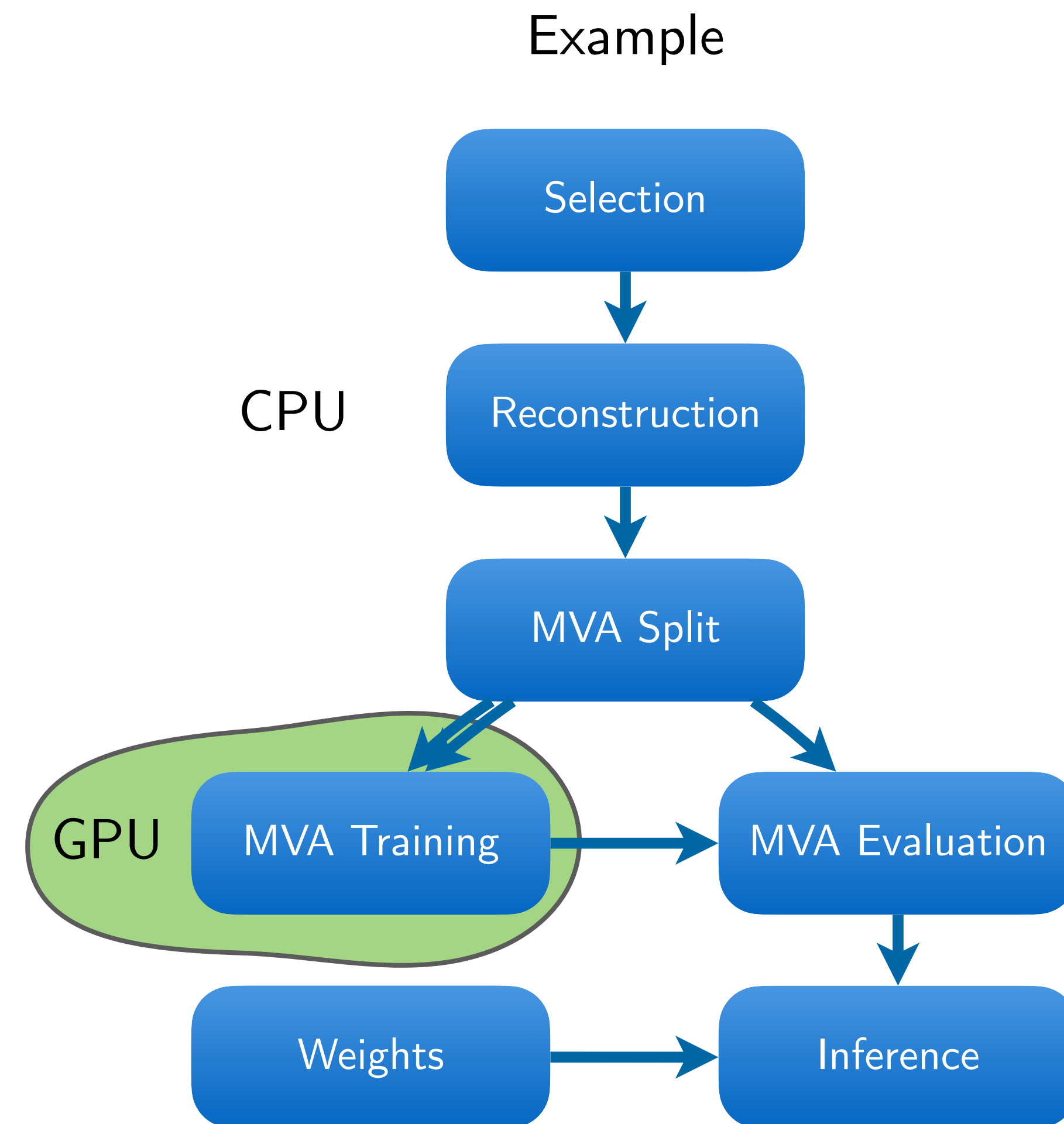
from Matthew's slides

## HEP-orientated questions to consider for discussion

- Need each step of a workflow to **run in bespoke software environment** (Linux container support is required. What runtimes are supported? E.g. Docker, Podman, Apptainer/Singularity)
- Workflow engine needs to be **isolated from analysis code** – how can we best separate the two while still making use of workflow commands natural during analysis development process?
  - e.g. avoid including workflow tooling in analysis software
  - Anything that needs to be changed in analysis software?
- Workflow scheduling: **where can workflows be executed using typical HEP resources** (HTCondor, SLURM, WLCG, Kubernetes...)
  - Can there be some generic solutions to this that don't need implementations for each engine?
- **Dynamics graphs**
  - Number of files could be unknown in advance of runtime
  - Want to be able to control processes that call task graph builds (e.g. Dask). How is balance created?

Backup

- Workflow, decomposable into particular workloads
- Workloads related to each other by common interface
  - In/outputs define directed acyclic graph (DAG)
- Alter default behavior via parameters
- Computing resources
  - Run location (CPU, GPU, WLCG, ...)
  - Storage location (local, dCache, EOS, ...)
- Software environment
- Collaborative development and processing
- Reproducible intermediate and final results



→ Reads like a checklist for analysis workflow management



### Tailored systems

- Structure known in advance
- Workflows static & recurring
- One-dimensional design
- Special production infrastructure
- Homogeneous software requirements

### Wishlist for end-user analyses

- Structure “iterative”, a-priori unknown
- Dynamic workflows, fast R&D cycles
- DAG with arbitrary dependencies
- Incorporate *any* existing infrastructure
- Use custom software, everywhere

→ Requirements for HEP analyses mostly orthogonal

- **Consider this example again**

- `law run Reconstruction --dataset ttbar --workflow htcondor`

- $\mathcal{O}(500 - 4k)$  files, stored either locally or remotely

- Any workflow engine will first check if things need to be rerun

- ▷  $\mathcal{O}(500 - 4k)$  file requests (**via network**)!

- ▷ Prepare for admins to find you 🙄

- *What law does*

- ▷ Reconstruction is a workflow

- ▷ Workflows output a so-called **TargetCollection**'s, containing all outputs of its branch tasks

- ▷ **TargetCollection**'s can check if their files are located in the same directory

- ▷ If they do, perform a single (remote) **listdir** and compare basenames → **single request**

- **There is no free lunch**

- Our HEP resources (clusters, grid, storage elements, software environments) are very **inhomogeneous**

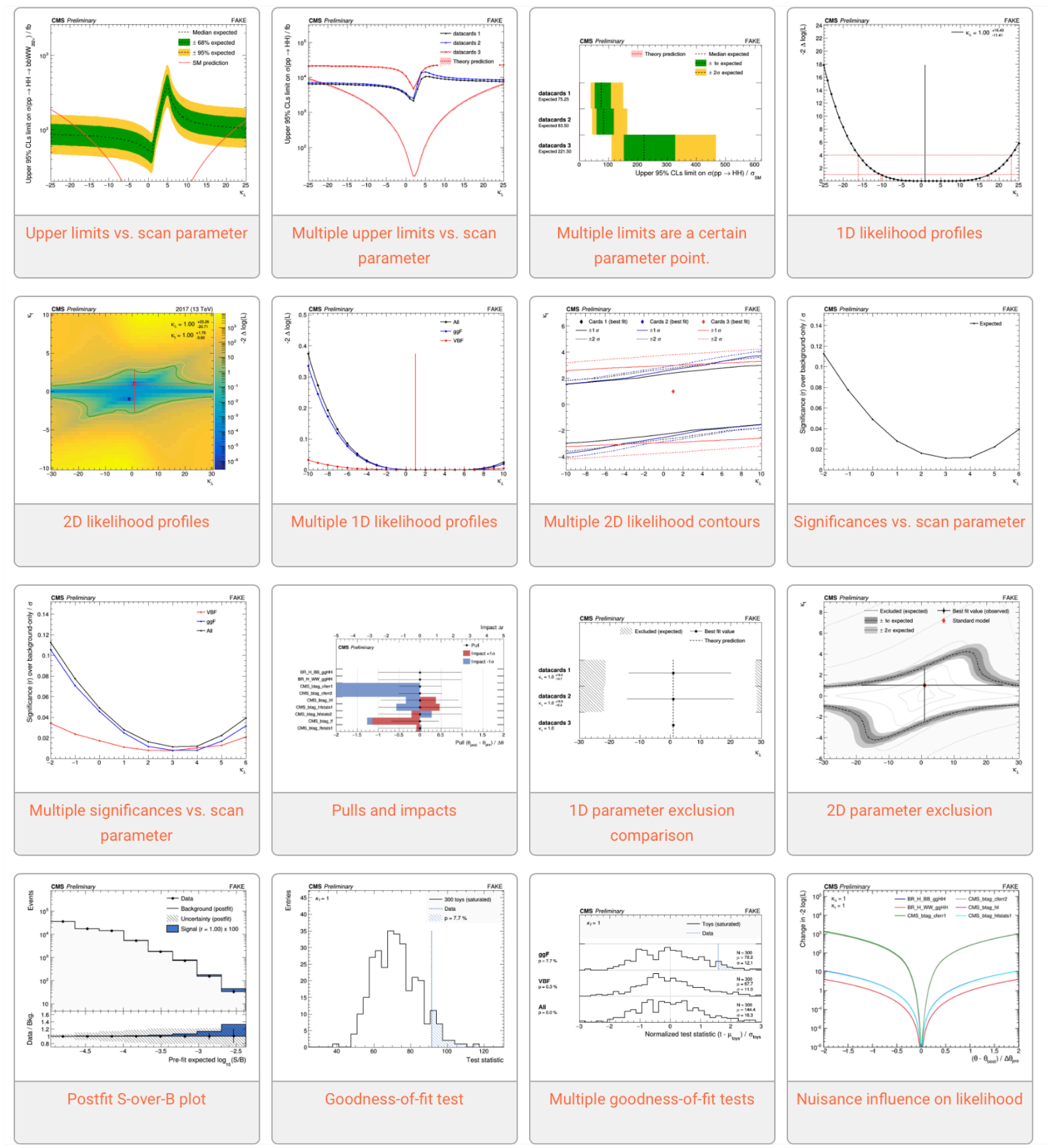
- A **realistic** workflow engine

- ▷ can make some good, yet simple assumptions based on known best-practices

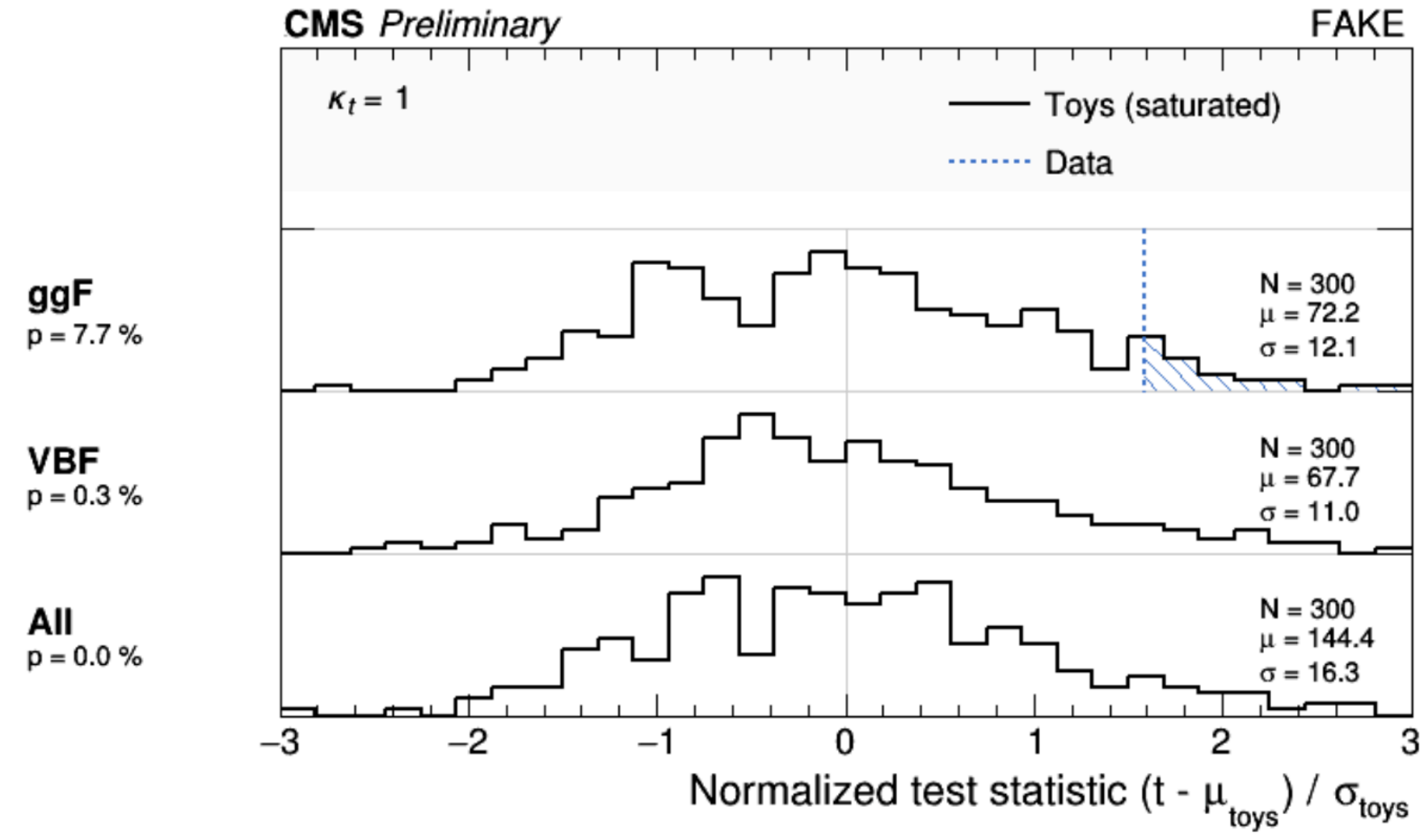
- BUT**

- ▷ it should **always** allow users to transparently **change decisions & configure every single aspect!**



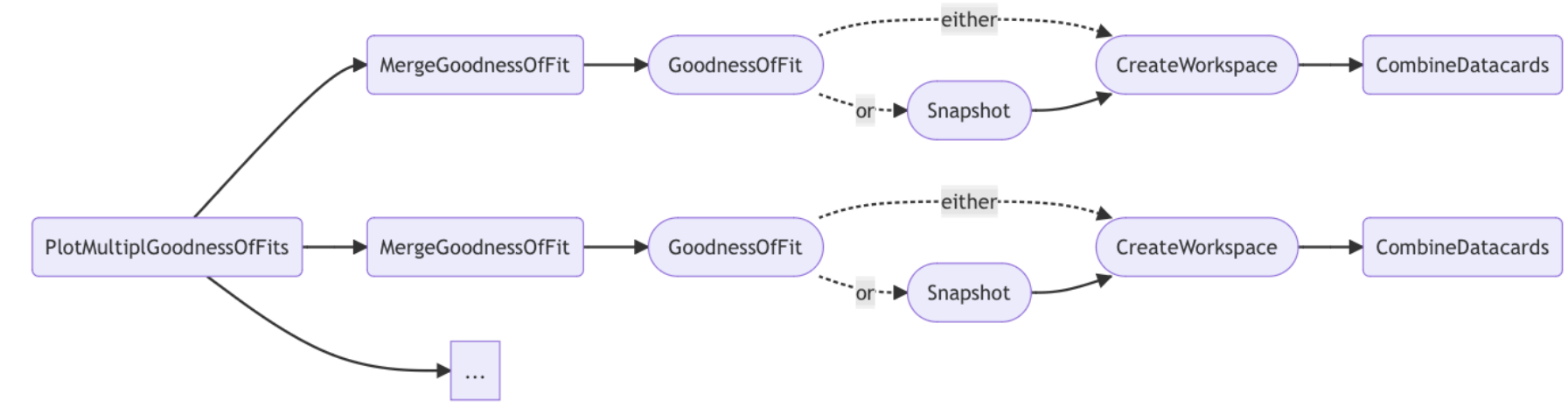


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Dependencies



Rounded boxes mark workflows with the option to run tasks as HTCondor jobs.

Parameters

PlotMultipleGoodnessOfFits
MergeGoodnessOfFit
GoodnessOfFit
CreateWorkspace



```
import law

from my_analysis import SomeTaskWithROOTOutput, some_executable

law.contrib.load("wlcg")

class MyTask(law.Task):

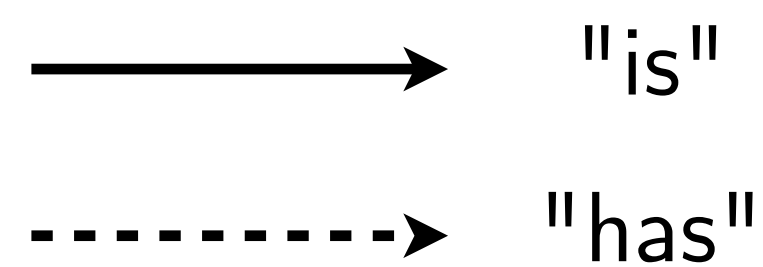
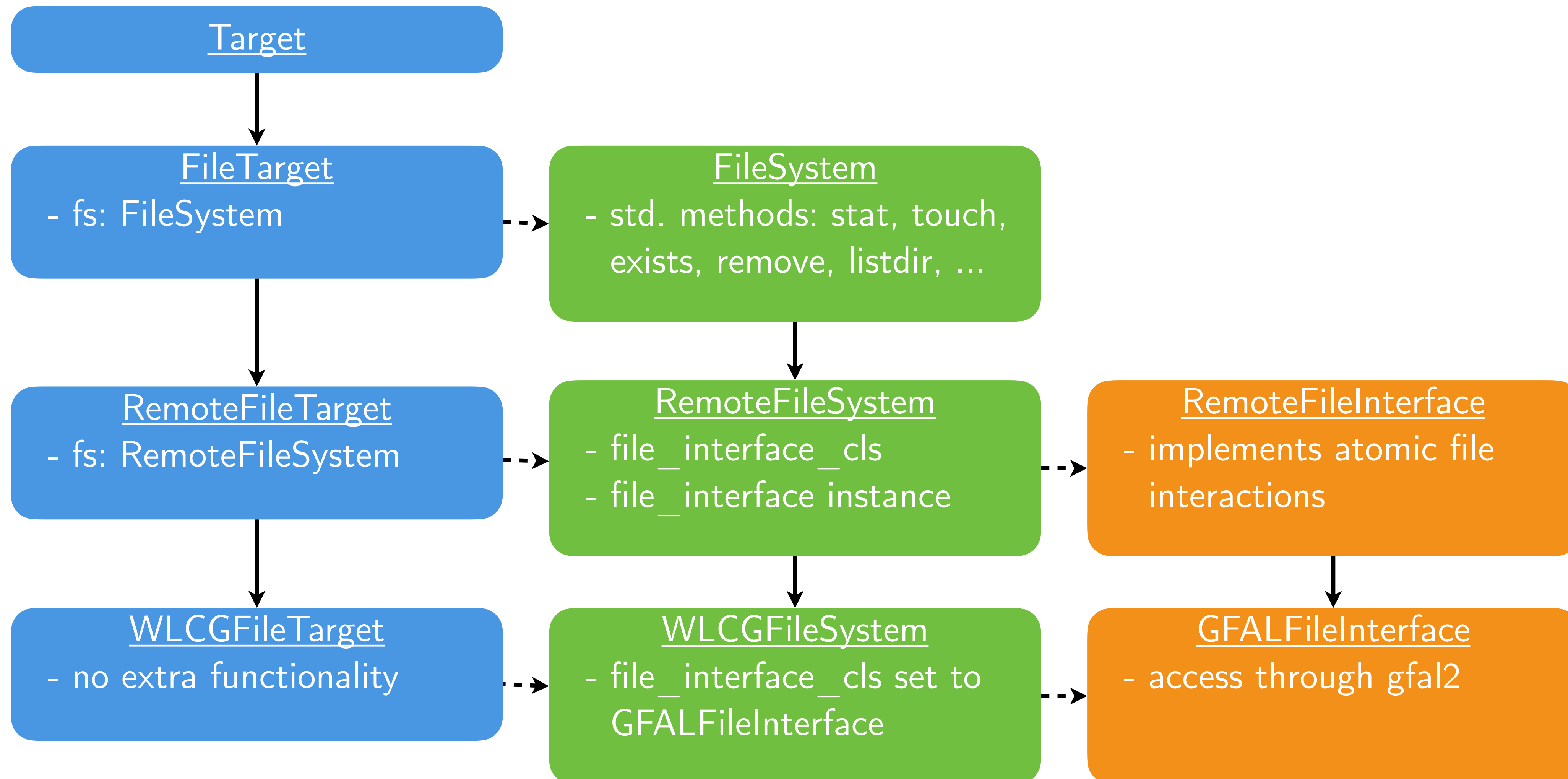
    def requires(self):
        return SomeTaskWithROOTOutput.req(self)

    def output(self):
        return law.wlcg.WLCGFileTarget("large_root_file.root")

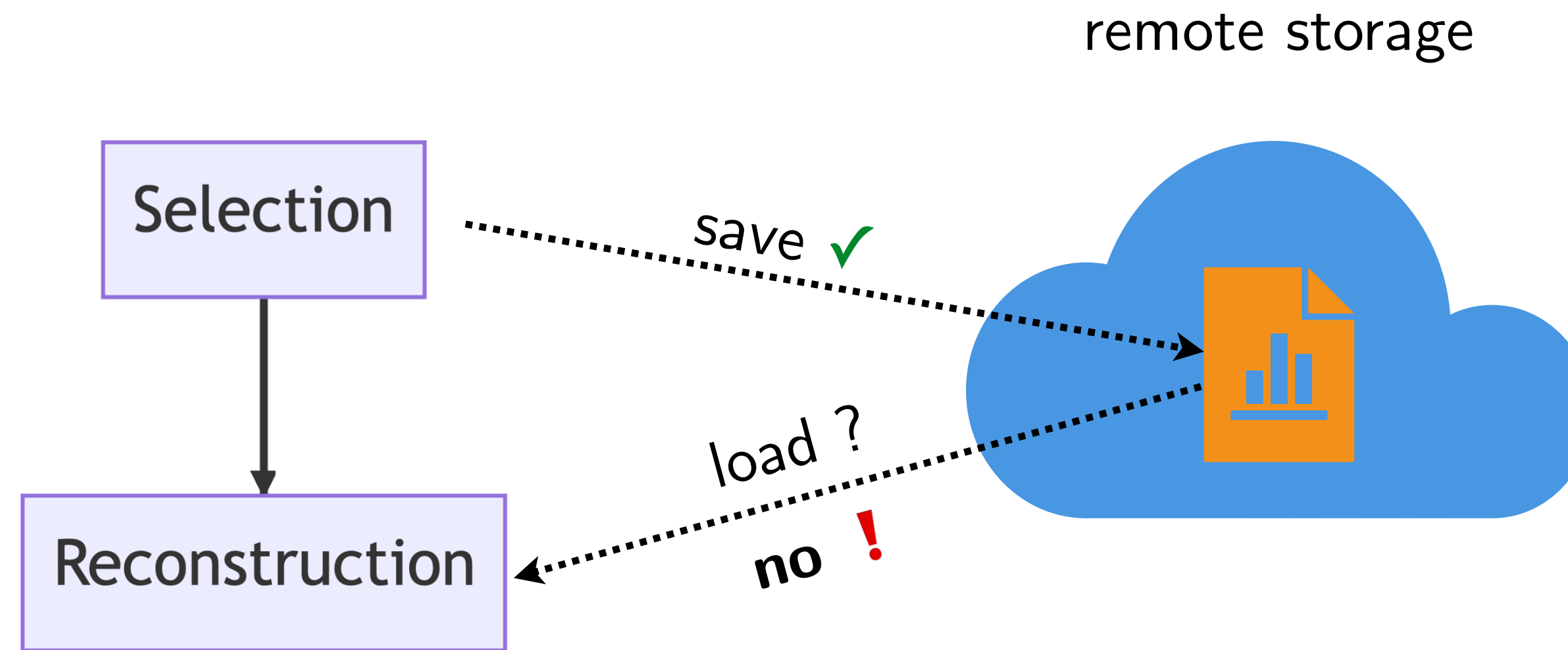
    def run(self):
        # using target formatters for loading and dumping
        with self.input().load(formatter="uproot") as in_file:
            with self.output().dump(formatter="root") as out_file:
                ...

        # using localized representation of (e.g.) output
        # to use its local path for some executable
        # (the referenced file is automatically moved to the
        # remote location once the context exits)
        with self.output().localize("w") as tmp_output:
            some_executable(tmp_output.path)

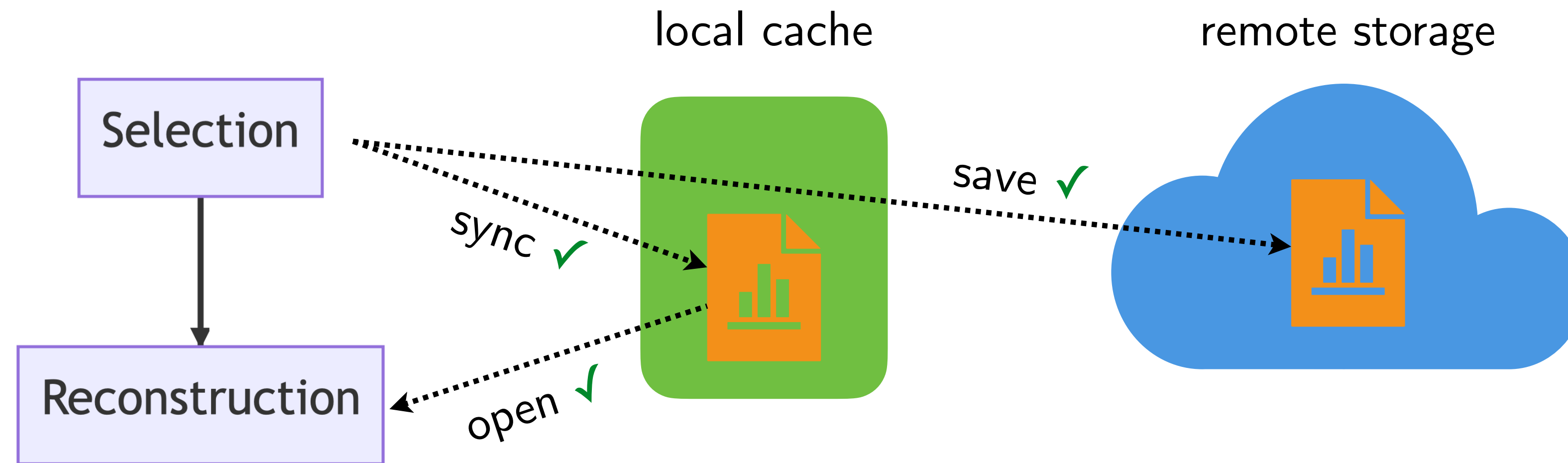
@law.decorator.localize
def run(self):
    # when wrapped by law.decorator.localize
    # self.input() and self.output() returns localized
    # representations already and deals with subsequent copies
    some_executable(self.output().path)
```



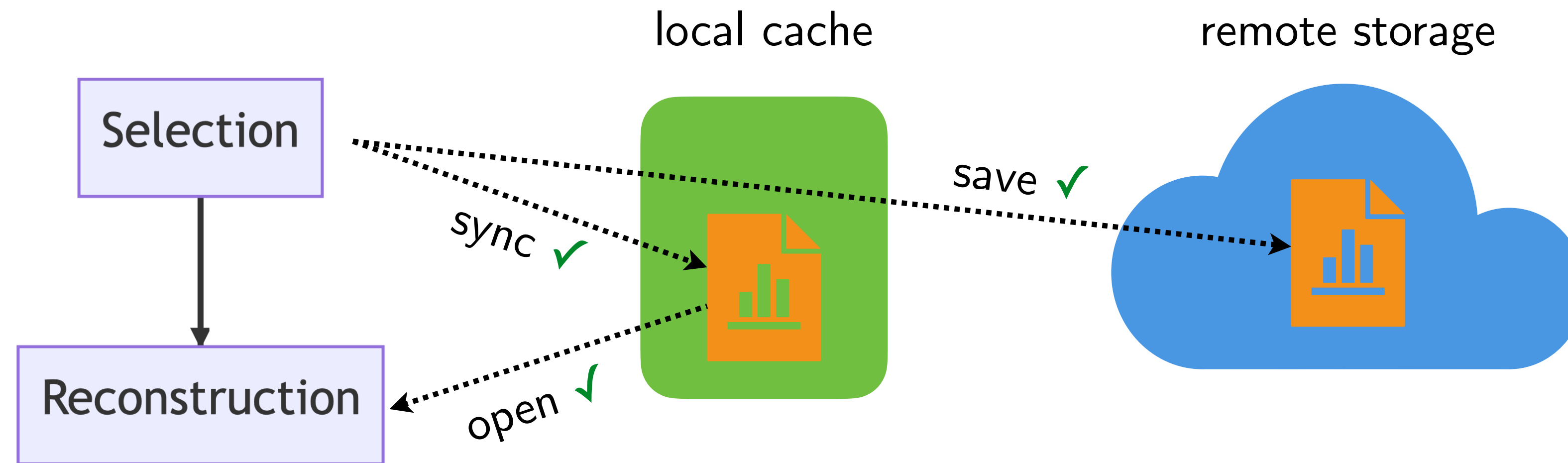
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- Simple configuration

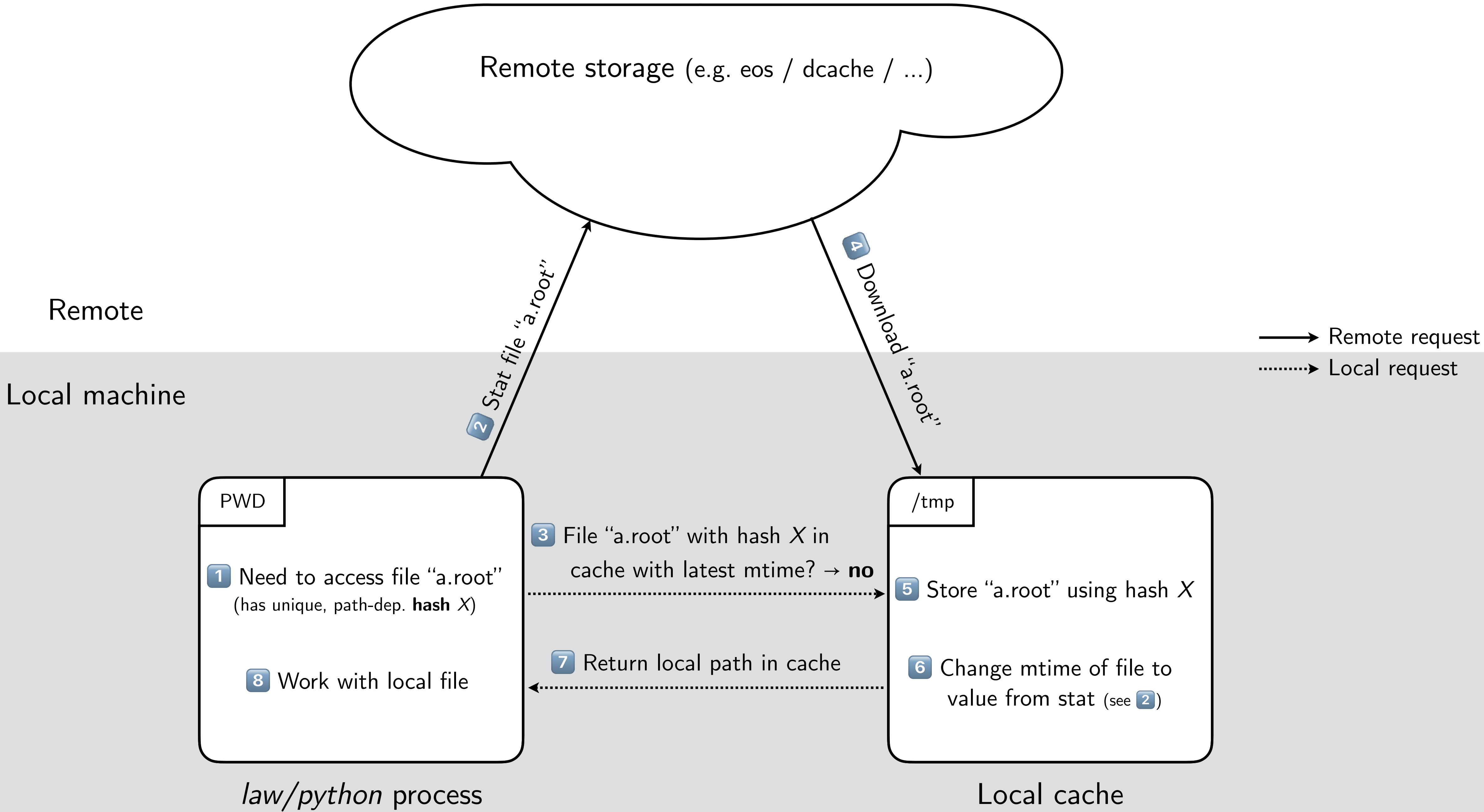
- When enabled, all operations on remote targets are cached

law.cfg

```
[wlcg_fs]

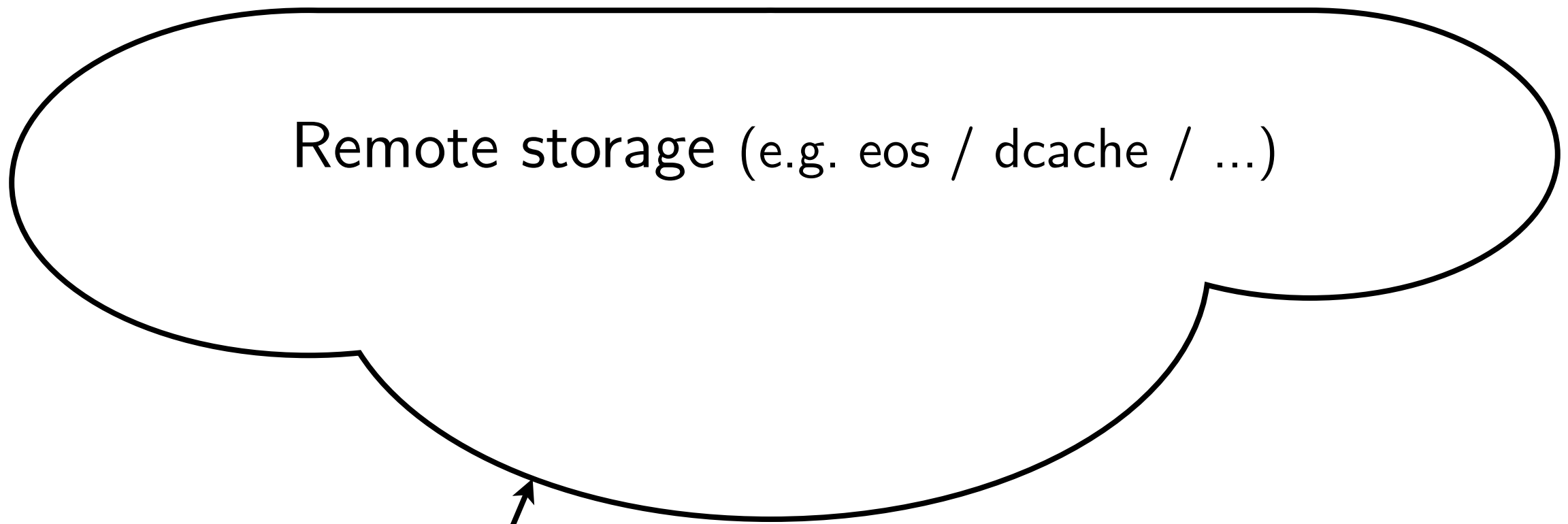
base: root://eosuser.cern.ch/eos/user/m/mrieger/myproject
use_cache: True
cache_root: /tmp/mrieger/wlcg_fs_cachhe
cache_max_size: 10GB
```

[Configuration](#) 





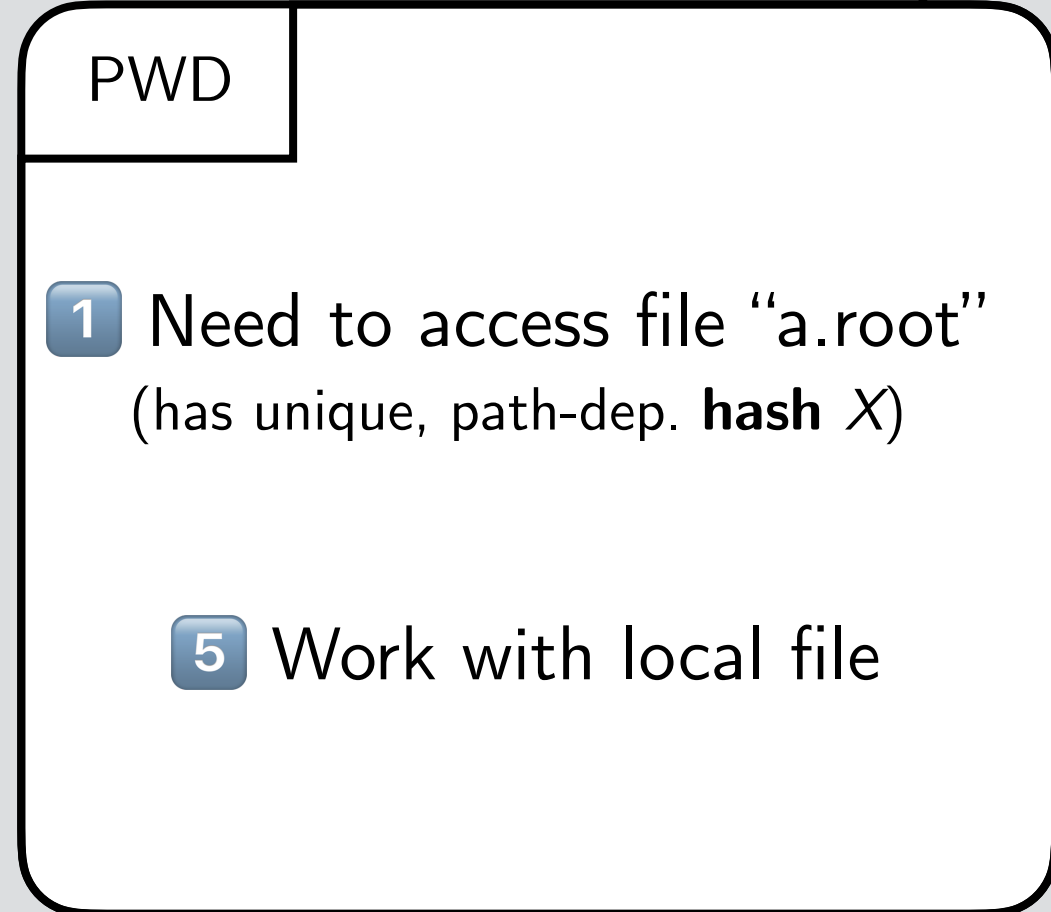
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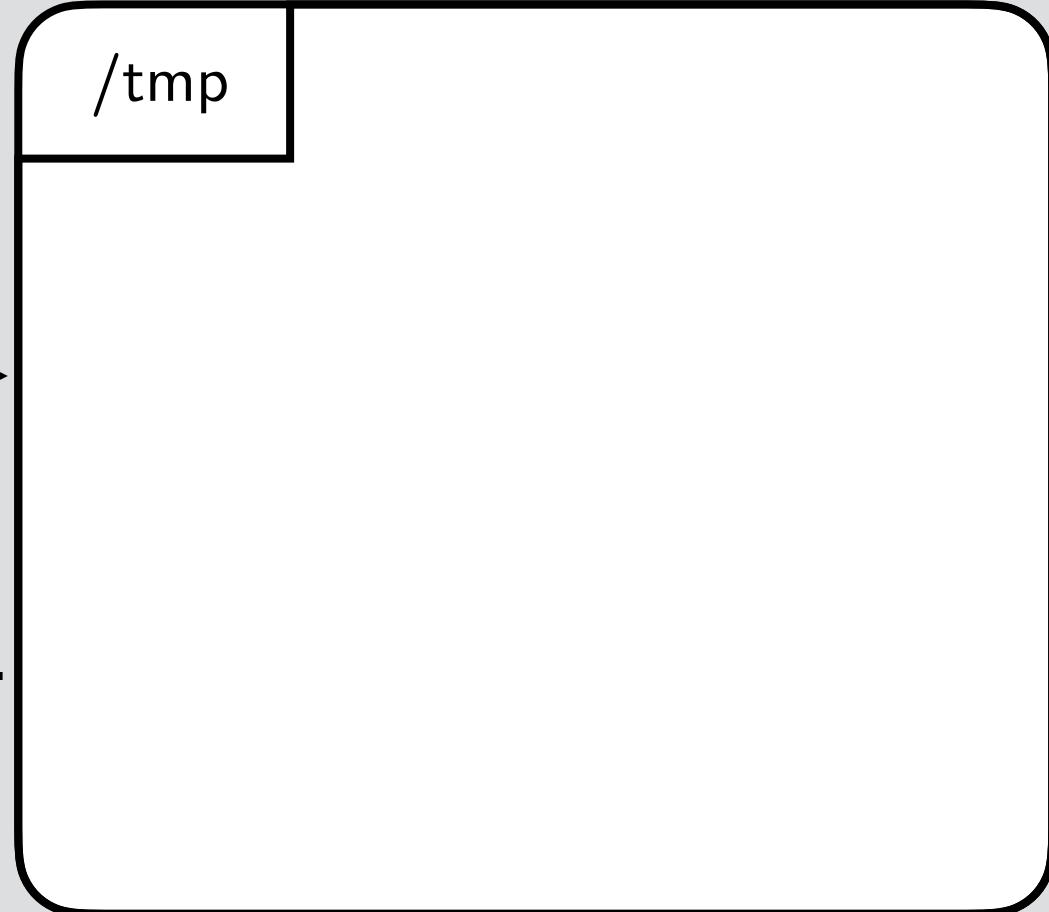
Remote

Local machine

→ Remote request  
⋯ Local request



*law/python process*



Local cache

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3
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5  import law
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8  from my_analysis.algorithms import awesome_reconstruction
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11 ✓ class Reconstruction(law.Task):
12     |
13     |     def requires(self):
14     |         |     return Selection.req(self)
15     |
16     |     def output(self):
17     |         |     return law.wlcg.WLCGFileTarget("/some/remote/path.parquet")
18     |
19 ✓     def run(self):
20     |         |     # !!!
21     |         |     # awesome reconstruction is expecting local paths
22     |
23 ✓         |     with self.input().localize("r") as inp:
24 ✓         |         |     with self.output().localize("w") as outp:
25         |         |         |     awesome_reconstruction(inp.path, outp.path)
26
```

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24     |         |     # but that's ok since the decorator does the localization
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```



- **Many tasks exhibit the same overall structure and/or purpose**
  - *"Run over N existing files" / "Generate N events/toys" / "Merge N into M files"*
  - All these tasks can **profit from the same features**
    - ▷ *"Only process file x and/to y", "Remove outputs of "x, y & z",*
    - "Process N files, but consider the task finished once  $M < N$  are done", "..."*
- Calls for a generic container object that provides guidance and features for these cases
- **Workflow "containers"**
  - Task that introduces a parameters called `--branch b` (`luigi.IntParameter`)
    - ▷  $b \geq 0$ : Instantiates particular tasks called "branches"; `run()` will (e.g.) process file b
    - ▷  $b = -1$ : Instantiates the workflow container itself; `run()` will run\* all branch tasks
  - \* How branch tasks are run is implemented in different workflow types: local or several remote ones
- **Practical advantages**
  - Convenience: same features available in all workflows (see next slides)
  - **Scalability and versatility for remote workflows**
    - ▷ Jobs: Better control of jobs, submission, task-to-job matching ... (see next slides)
    - ▷ Luigi: Central scheduler breaks when pinged by  $O(10k)$  tasks every few seconds
    - ▷ Remote storage: allows batched file operations instead of file-by-file requests

Common

```
class Workflow(law.BaseTask):

    branch = luigi.IntParameter(default=-1)

    @property
    def is_workflow(self):
        return self.branch == -1

    def branch_tasks(self):
        return [self.req(self, branch=b) for b in self.create_branch_map()]
```

Workflow  
specific

```
def workflow_requires(self):
    """ requirements to be resolved before the workflow starts """

def workflow_output(self):
    """ output of the workflow (usually a collection of branch outputs) """

def workflow_run(self):
    """ run implementation """
```

When "is\_workflow",  
seen by luigi as  
requires(), output()  
and run()

Implemented  
by task

```
def create_branch_map(self):
    """ Maps branch numbers to arbitrary payloads, e.g.
        ``return {0: "file_A.txt", 1: "file_C.txt", 2: ...}``
        To be implemented by inheriting tasks.
    """
    raise NotImplementedError

def requires(self):
    """ usual requirement definition """

def output(self):
    """ usual output definition """

def run(self):
    """ usual run implementation """
```

- Tasks that each write a single character into a text file
- Character assigned to them though the branch map as their "branch data"

```
import luigi
import law

from my_analysis.tasks import AnalysisTask

class WriteAlphabet(AnalysisTask, law.LocalWorkflow):

    def create_branch_map(self):
        chars = "ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ"
        return dict(enumerate(chars))

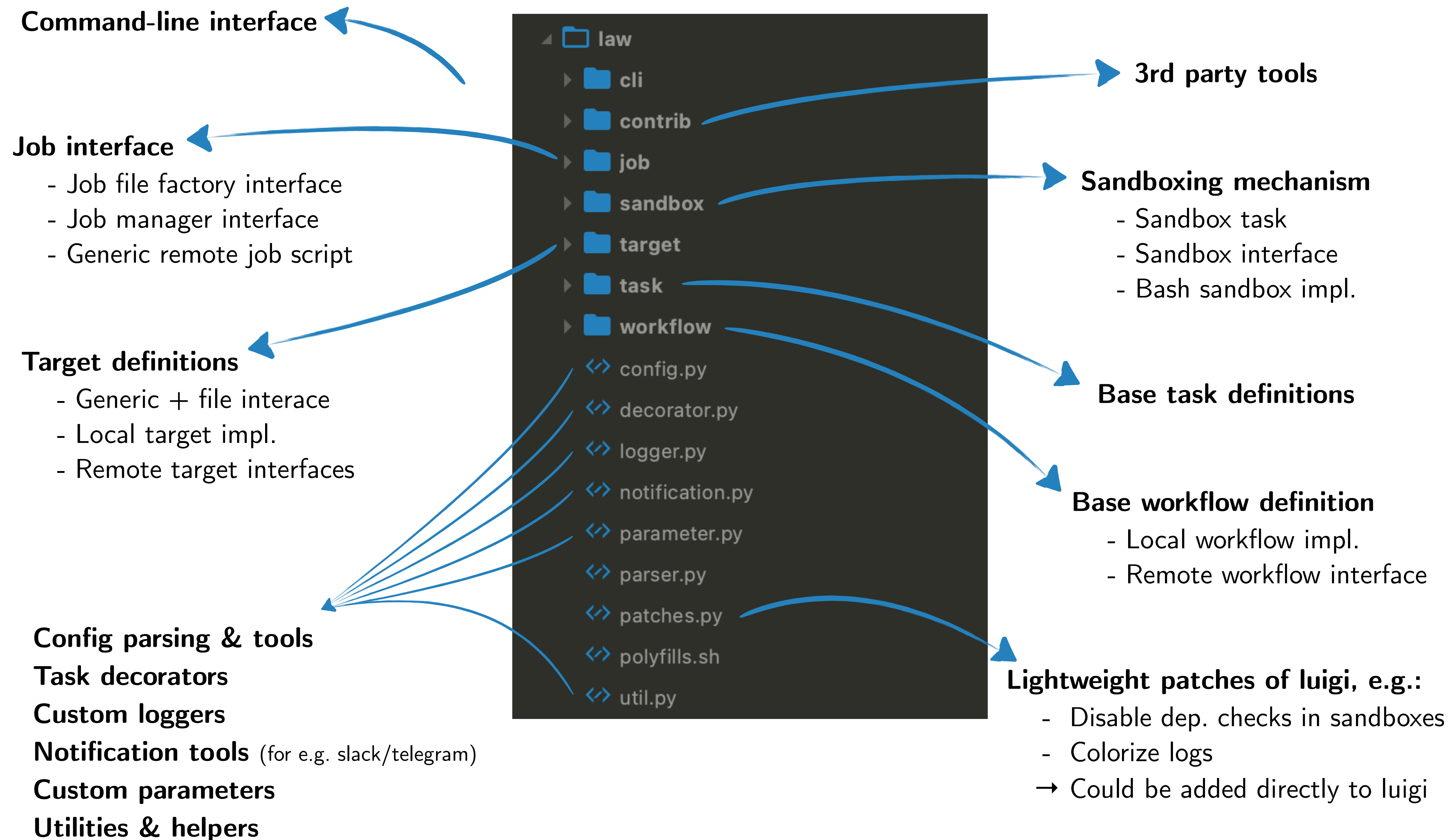
    def output(self):
        return law.LocalFileTarget(f"char_{self.branch}.txt")

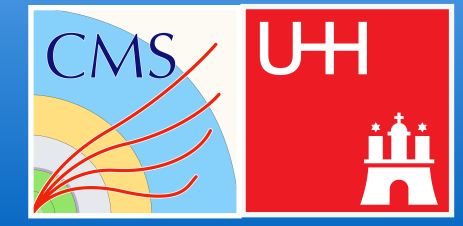
    def run(self):
        # branch_data refers to this branch's value in the branch map
        self.output().dump(f"char: {self.branch_data}", formatter="txt")
```

- **6 remote workflow implementations come with law**
  - htcondor, glite, lsf, arc, slurm, cms-crab (in [PR#150](#))
  - Based on generic "job manager" implementations in contrib packages
- **Job managers fully decoupled from most law functionality**
  - Simple extensibility
  - No "auto-magic" in submission files, rather minimal and configurable through tasks
  - Usable also without law
- **Most important features**
  - Job submission functionality "declared" via task class inheritance
  - Provision of software and job-specific requirements through `workflow_requires()`
  - Control over remote jobs through parameters:
    - ▷ `--branch`            `--branches`            : granular control of which tasks to process
    - ▷ `--acceptance`        `--tolerance`            : defines when a workflow is complete / failed
    - ▷ `--poll-interval`    `--walltime`            : controls the job status polling interval and runtime
    - ▷ `--tasks-per-job`    `--parallel-jobs`        : control of resource usage at batch systems









**Command-line interface**

**Job interface**

- Job file factory interface
- Job manager interface
- Generic remote job script

**Target definitions**

- Generic + file interface
- Local target impl.
- Remote target interfaces

**Config parsing & tools**

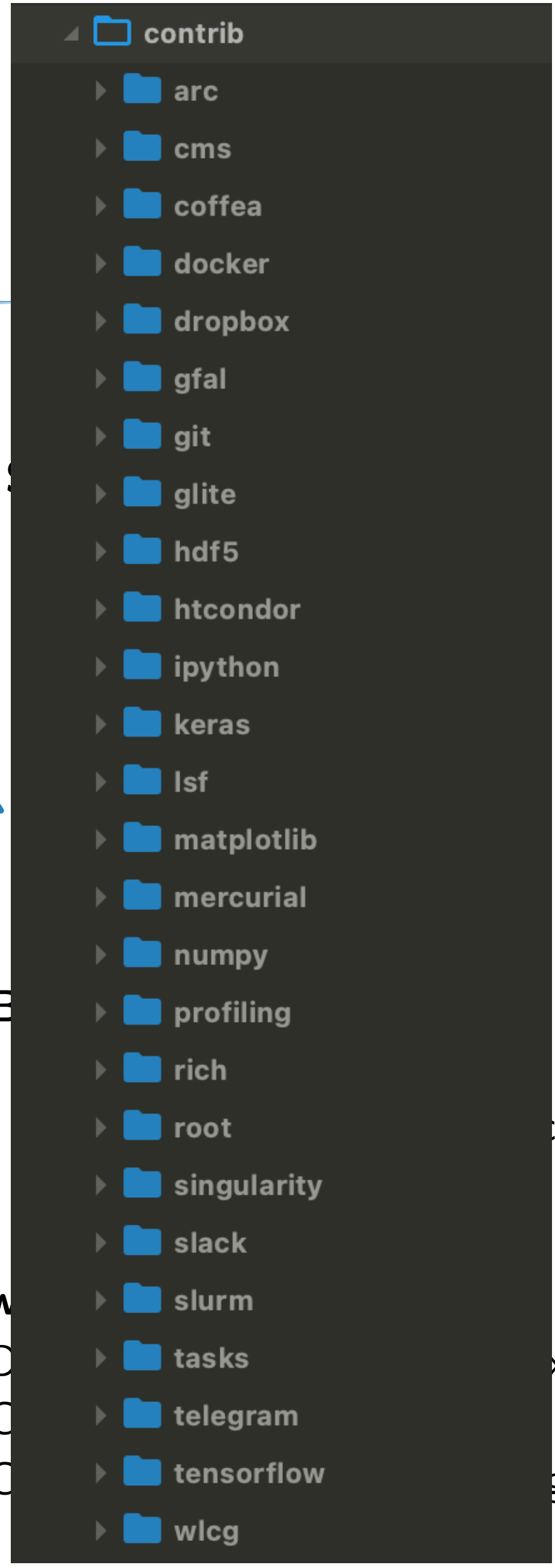
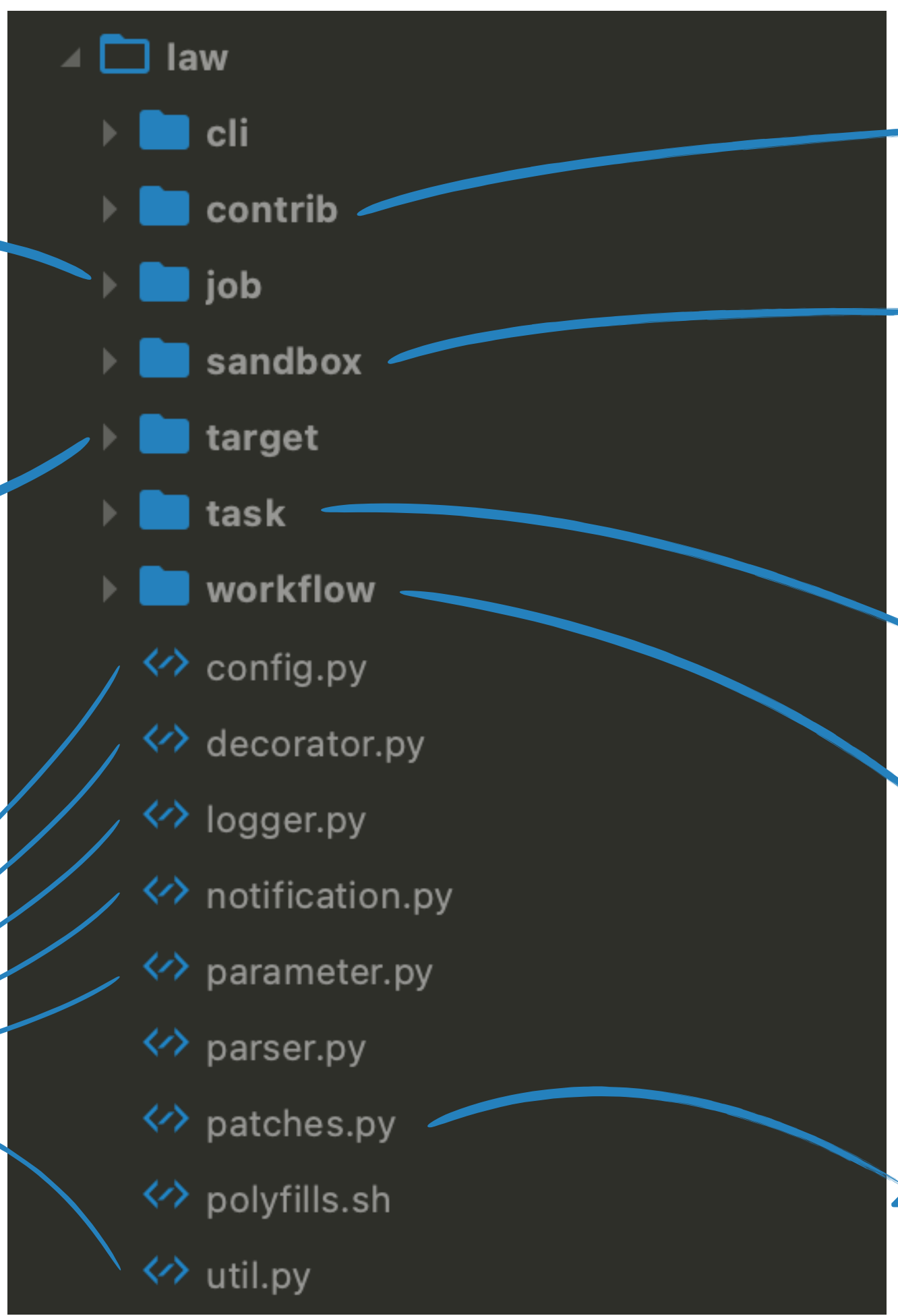
Task decorators

Custom loggers

Notification tools (for e.g. slack/telegram)

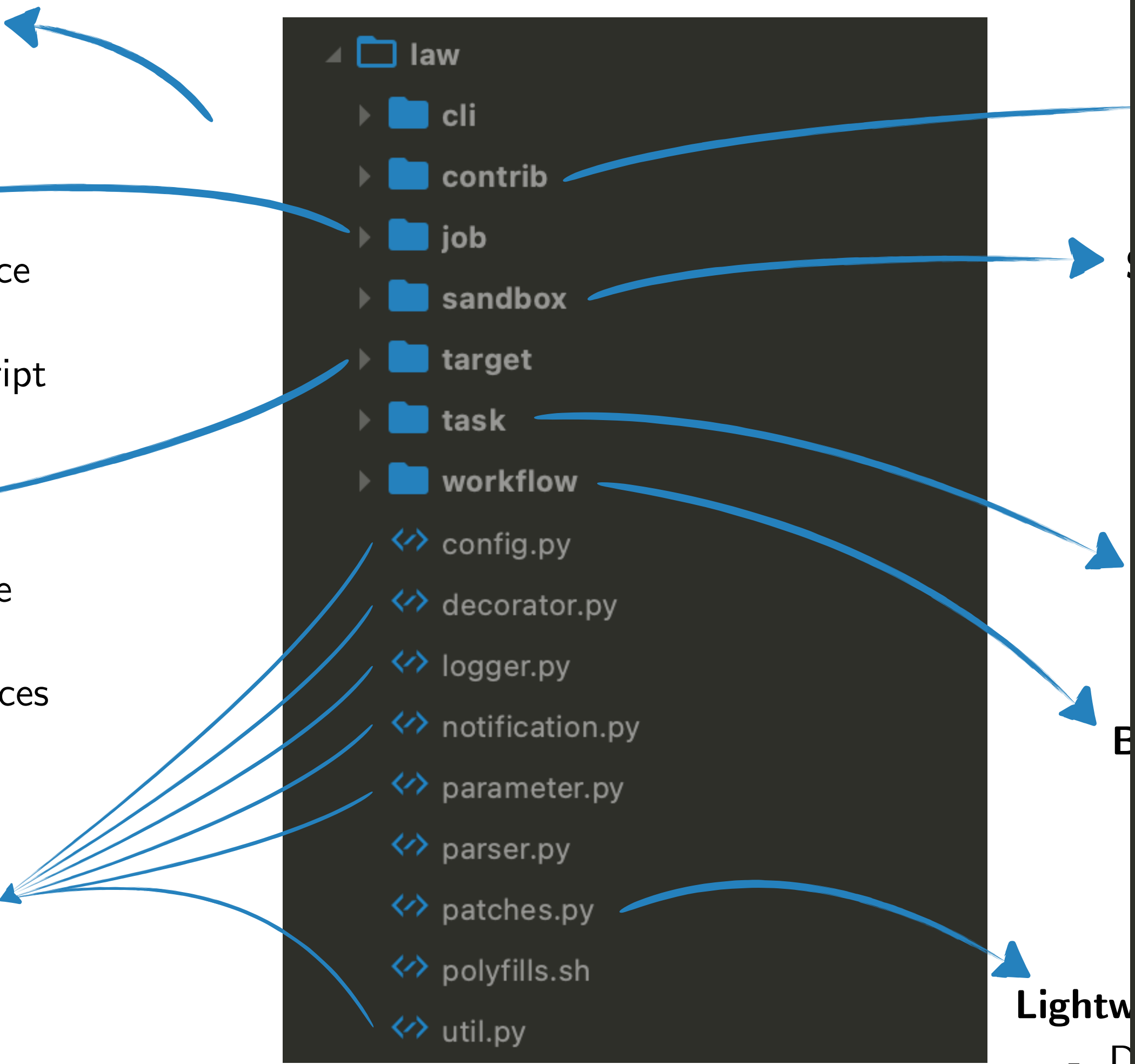
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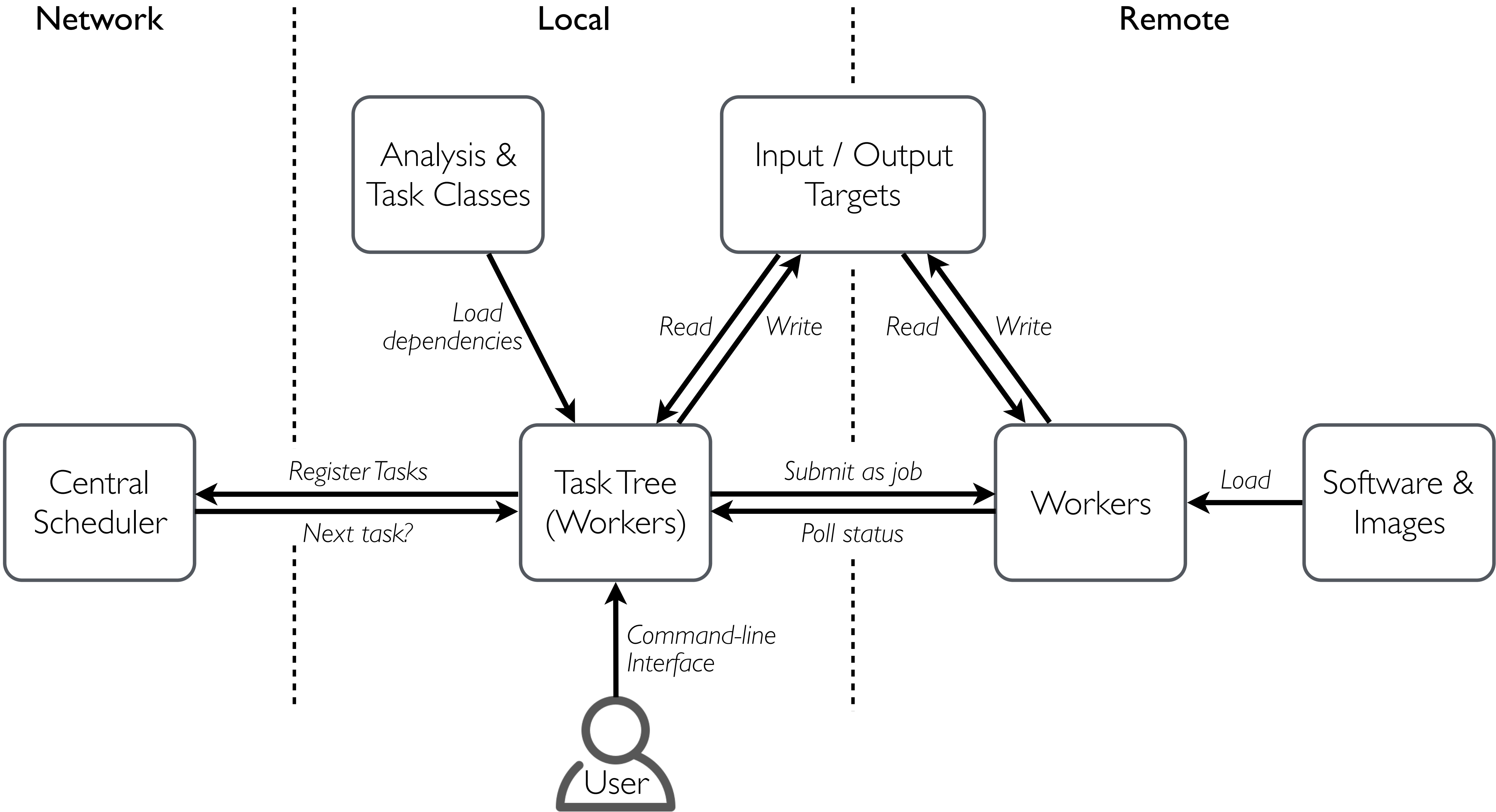
Utilities & helpers

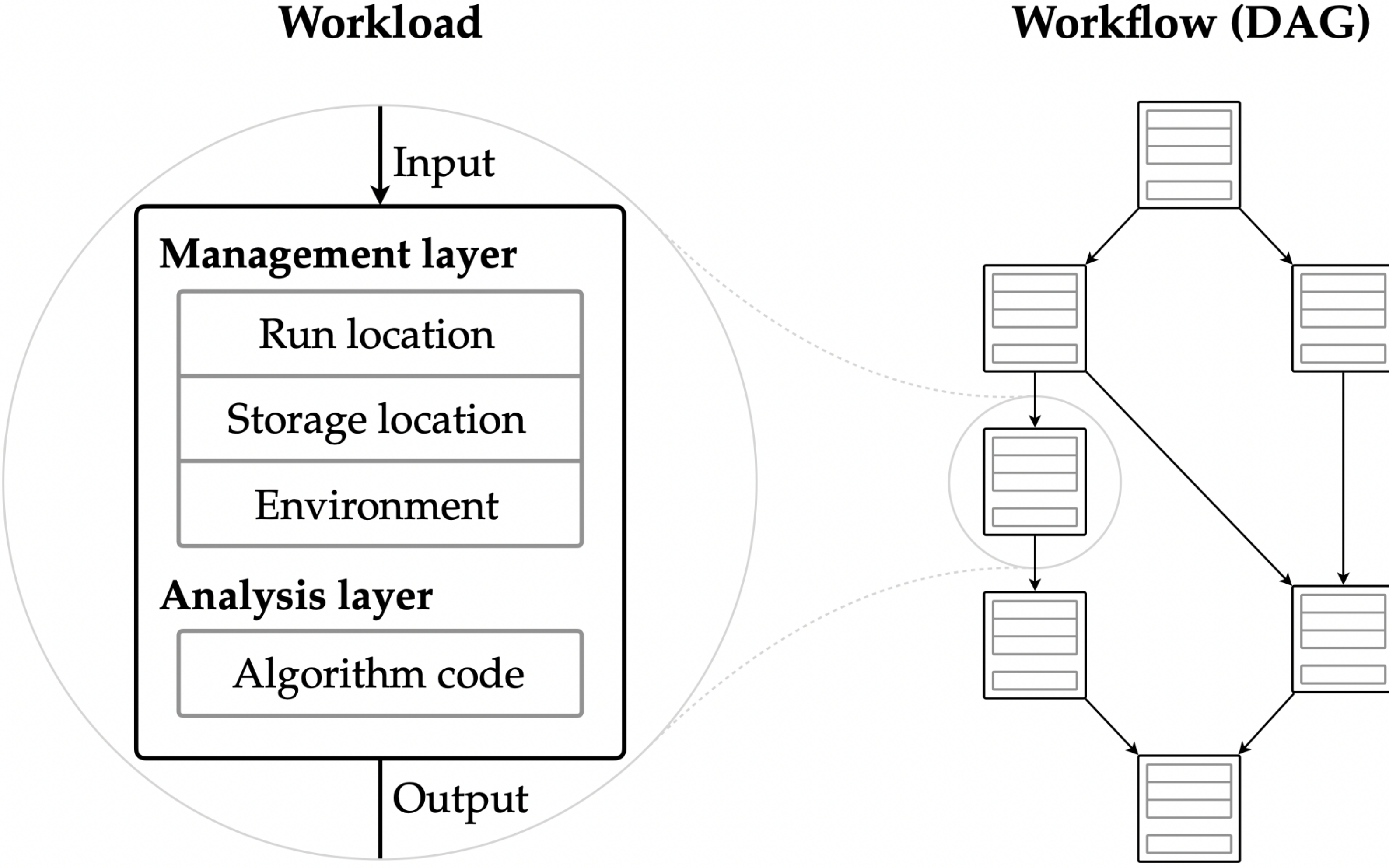


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- *law* - *luigi* analysis workflow
  - Repository [👉 github.com/riga/law](https://github.com/riga/law)
  - Paper [👉 arXiv:1706.00955](https://arxiv.org/abs/1706.00955) (CHEP16 proceedings)
  - Documentation [👉 law.readthedocs.io](https://law.readthedocs.io) (in preparation)
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  - Repository [👉 github.com/spotify/luigi](https://github.com/spotify/luigi)
  - Documentation [👉 luigi.readthedocs.io](https://luigi.readthedocs.io)
  - “Hello world!” [👉 github.com/spotify/luigi/blob/master/examples/hello\\_world.py](https://github.com/spotify/luigi/blob/master/examples/hello_world.py)
- Technologies
  - GFAL2 [👉 dmc.web.cern.ch/projects/gfal-2/home](https://dmc.web.cern.ch/projects/gfal-2/home)
  - Docker [👉 docker.com](https://docker.com)
  - Singularity [👉 singularity.lbl.gov](https://singularity.lbl.gov)