

Information Appliances:

Targeted Support for High-throughput Laboratory Devices .

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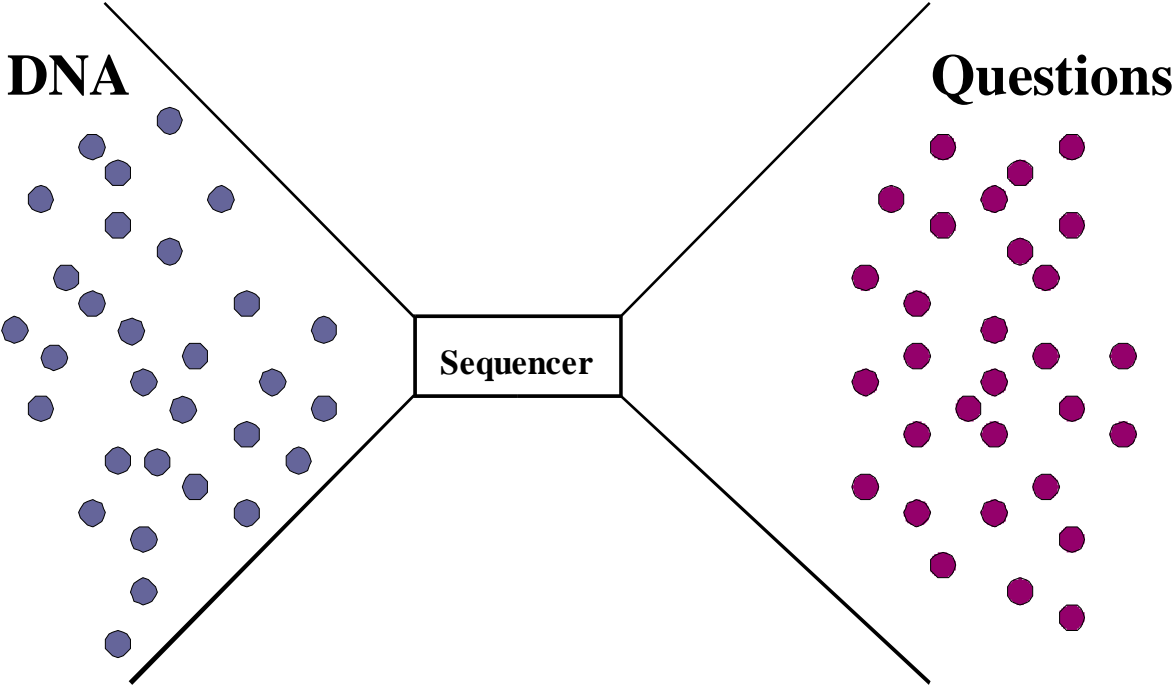
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Genetic diversity and genomics of the immune response-- future impact

- A patient's precise genetic blueprint can be applied to:
 - *Improving bone marrow and organ transplant outcome through better matching.*
 - *Tailoring medicines to a patient's genetic makeup.*
 - *Directing cancer treatment based on a tumors genetic makeup.*
 - *Predicting a person's immune response to infection or vaccination.*
 - *Anticipating disease, including cancer susceptibility, autoimmunity, heart disease.*
- **Proactive vs. Reactive** medical treatment using the predictive ability of genetics to anticipate disease and counsel health.

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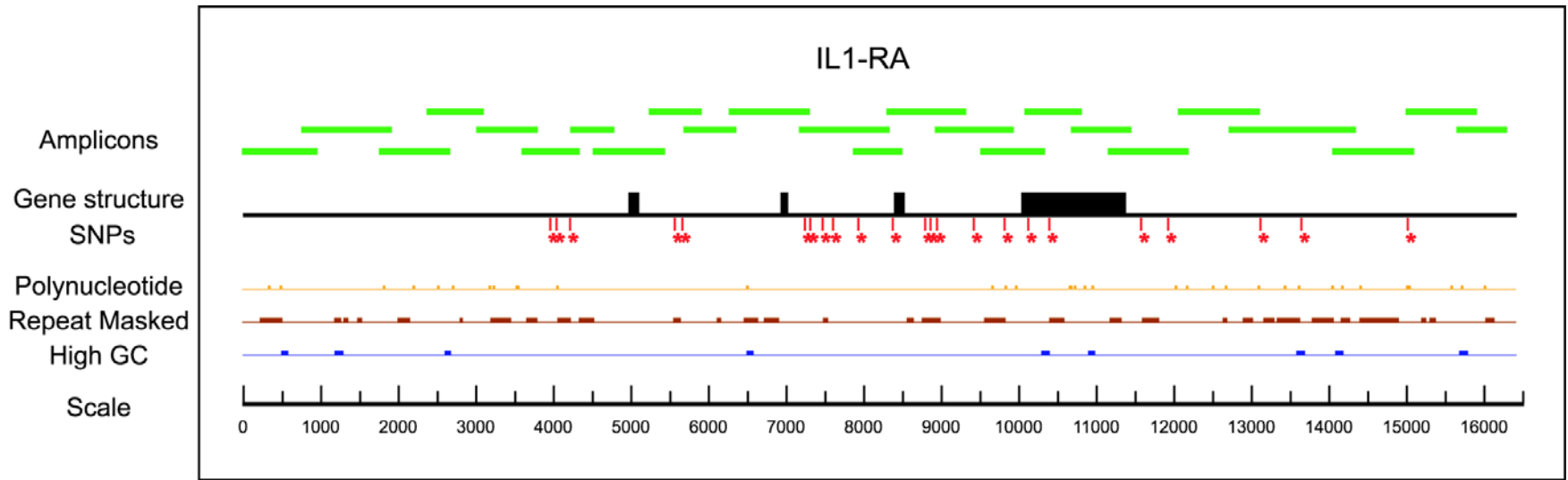
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Sequence-based discovery of new genetic data from panels of DNAs.
Includes resequencing genes with established sequences.

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1. Obtain sequence data from external databases
2. Analyze for the presence of certain data types
3. Use this information to identify primers
4. Generate sequence data from multiple individuals

Immune Response Gene Diversity Project: data accounting

-40 sequence traces for each of 40 individuals from 103 genes

164,800 chromatogram trace files from a total of 103 distinct subprojects.

Data was combined with microsatellite data from collaborating labs.

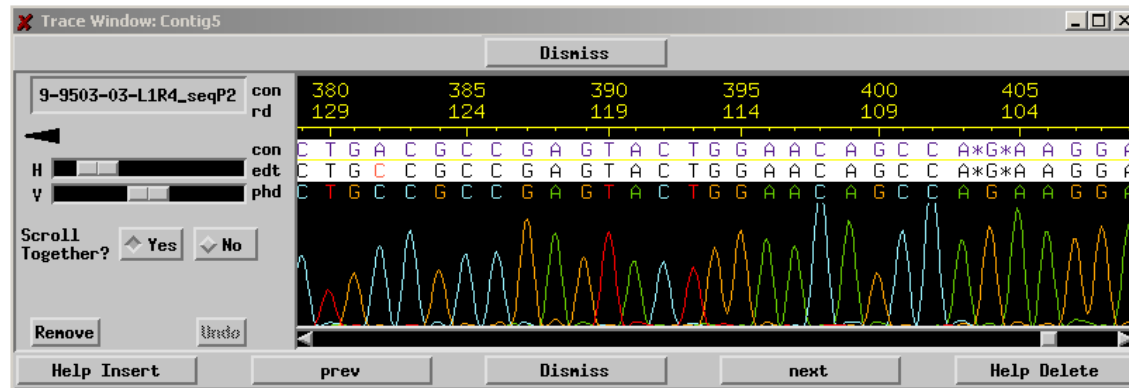
Data was used in derivative projects and submitted to public databases.

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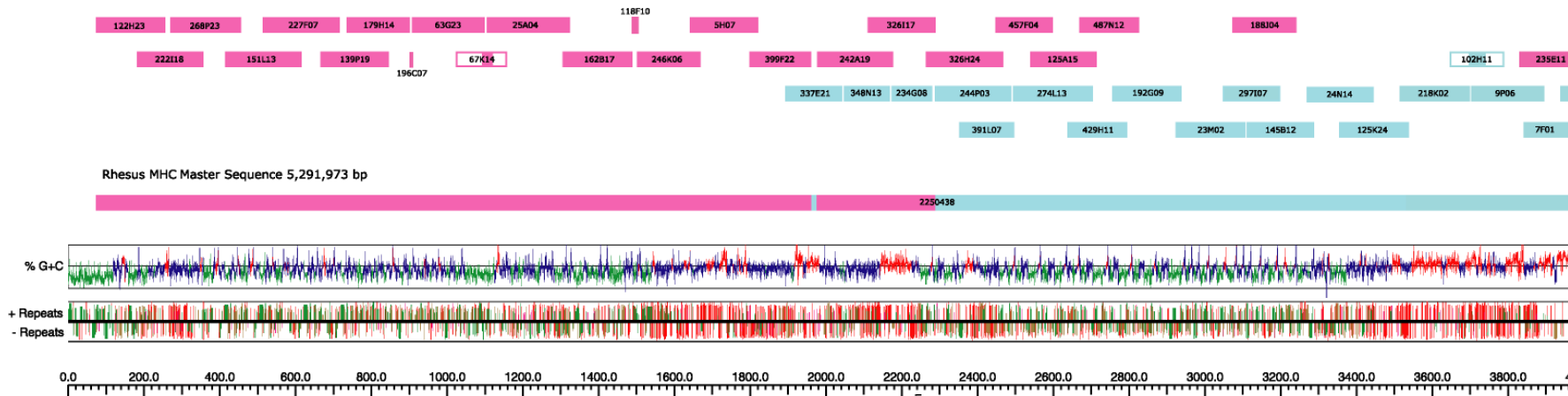
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Includes sequencing of novel loci, utilizes shotgun sequencing.

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The Rhesus Macaque Major Histocompatibility Complex (MHC) Sequence analysis and comparison

The rhesus macaque MHC: data accounting

59 BACs each ~180,000 bp

- 10x redundancy shotgun sequencing, one BAC requires ~2,500 traces.

~150,000 chromatograms generated for this project

Subdivided into 59 subprojects of ~2,500 chromatograms per BAC

Work was carried out over 6 months and between two laboratories, one here at the FHCRC and a second across Lake Union at the Institute for Systems Biology.

Group H Horizontal collaboration user group	Lee Rowen, the Institute for Systems Biology	Collaborative projects in basic genomic studies. Shotgun sequencing.
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Sequencing used as a genotyping method. Involves examining several to hundreds of genotypes within 1,000s of individuals DNAs.

Relationship between Host Genomic Polymorphisms and Immune Reconstitution during Antiretroviral Therapy in AACTG Protocol A5001

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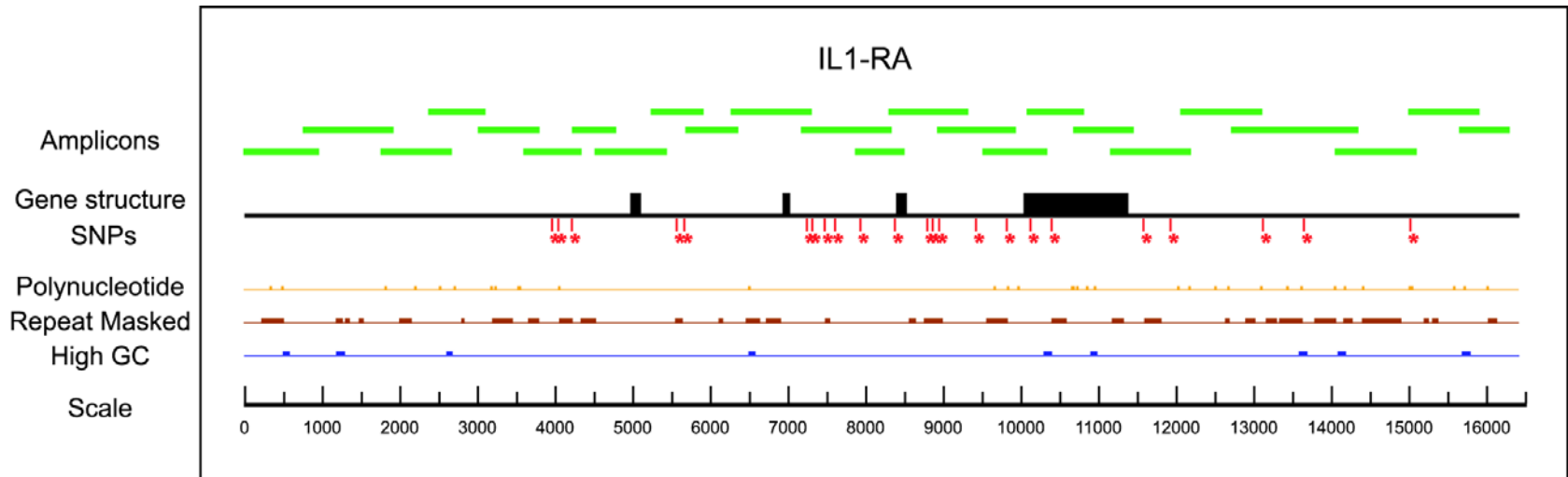
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STUDY RATIONALE

The central hypothesis of this study is that polymorphisms in host genes that regulate T cell proliferation, survival, and/or programmed cell death are associated with interindividual variability in CD4⁺ T cell increases during sustained control of plasma viremia by potent antiretroviral therapy.



1. Pick targeted amplicons
2. Generate sequence data from ~1,000 individuals
3. Interpret derived data
4. Export to collaborators for statistical analysis

ACTG data challenges

32 separate loci examined

1,000 individual DNAs

64,000 chromatogram traces generated over 6 weeks.

Data to be interpreted and delivered to several collaborators for a variety of data analyses.

Group E Export server collaboration user group	Watkins laboratory, University of Wisconsin	In support of basic research into vaccine efficacy using a primate model. Primer-based resequencing. Clinical typing lab – sequenced based mamu typing.
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The major experimental limitations.

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103 subprojects, 160,000 trace files, data analysis, submission of data to public databases.

- 2) Sequence analysis of uncharted genomic regions.

59 subprojects, 150,000 trace files, 2 collaborating labs.

- 3) Application of genetic information to correlate genotypes with interesting immunological phenotypes.

64,000 trace files, heterozygous data interpretation, >3 collaborating labs.

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The major experimental limitations.

- Data sharing
- **Collaboration: the need to easily share data in a secure manner.**
 - Pooling genetic data from common samples (1).
 - Labs at different localities collaborating on a project requiring real time data sharing (2).
 - Pooling resources and expertise among labs in order to answer new questions (3).
 - Publishing and delivering data to public databases (1, 2, 3)

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- **Data interpretation and analysis.**
 - Raw data made available for analysis as tools for analysis evolve.
 - New data types, new instruments.

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Although information appliances (IAs)* differ from each other as necessary to accomplish their individual tasks, nearly all IAs:

- are designed to support a specific activity, such as music, photography, or writing.
- combine powerful software applications with the ease of use of household appliances.
- are controlled by simple, intuitive user interfaces that require minimal training to use.
- can be used “out of the box”, without requiring complex configuration or set-up activities.
- connect to digital networks for the purpose of gathering or distributing information.
- manage data in standard formats and can share information easily with other similar systems.

***Norman, D. 1998. *The Invisible Computer: Why Good Products Can Fail, the Personal Computer Is So Complex, and Information Appliances Are the Solution.* MIT Press. Cambridge, Mass.**

Small sequencing and genotyping laboratories need IT solutions to help them deal with their sequencing and genotype data. These labs need data management systems that:

- are designed specifically to support sequencing and genotyping projects.
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Shared needs of the local (small) genetics data generator.

- Tracking laboratory throughput
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- Data sharing
- Cost tracking

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To address these needs we have built a Genetics Management Software suite (*GeMS*).

Geraghty Lab: GeMS Approach

- Wide area data integration is seen as stack of activities
- Focus on bringing full power of high throughput DNA sequencing instruments into hands of small (R01-funded) laboratory

Wide Area Collaborative Workspace

Integrated Ideas and Concepts

Integrated Data

Published Digital Data

Formally Structured Data Sharing

Formally Structured Data

Unstructured Local Data

Instruments

Lab reports

Clinical Care

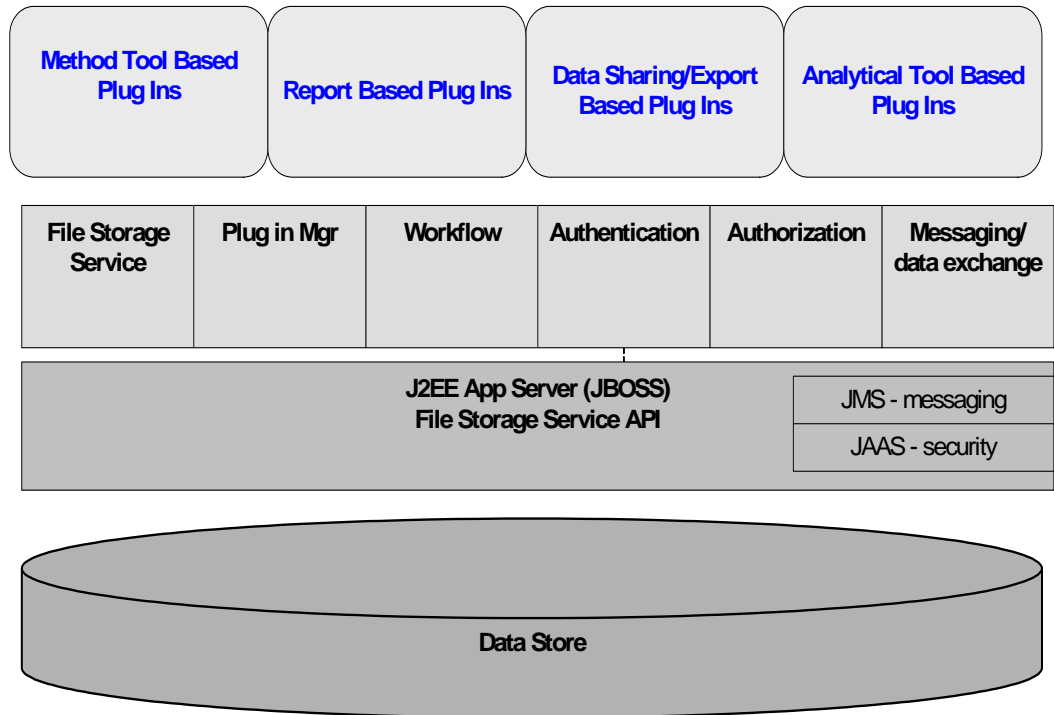
Data Flow ↑

GeMS Architecture

GeMS/IA uses a modular N-tier approach, making it easier to implement and giving it the flexibility necessary

- The data store is accessed through a service API.
- Core services are made available using a J2EE framework. These services are used by the plugins to carry out their functions.
- Plugins represent the functional components that use the core services.

At the base, we have developed a Linux-based “turn-key server” to provide an easy to administer foundation. The GeMS-IA core consists of a PostgreSQL database, a J2EE/JBoss application server



- ***Estimates of ~ 5,000 small laboratory efforts in need of software support for sequencers in the U.S..***

Commercially available software in support of sequence analysis.

Applied Biosystem's SQL-GT and Sequence Collector: \$250,000 for the whole set-up.

Sierra Laboratory workflow system: \$145,000 plus 18% per year maintenance, plus unknown customization fees.

Geospiza finch server: Costs for various packages from \$60,000 plus \$24,000 per year to over \$100,000 plus 28% of cost/year.

Quotes from survey respondents:

“After we obtain the raw sequence data, it is sent on to our users.”

“Traces are databased haphazardly by individuals.”

“As far as I know, there are no low-cost commercial sequence managers available.”

“We have also 'rolled our own' software here.”

“Unfortunately, there isn't much out there to the best of my knowledge.”

“...download into Microsoft Access”

“There is an in-lab, home constructed, FileMaker Pro database of text files.”

GeMS-IA Technical Implementation Open Source Components

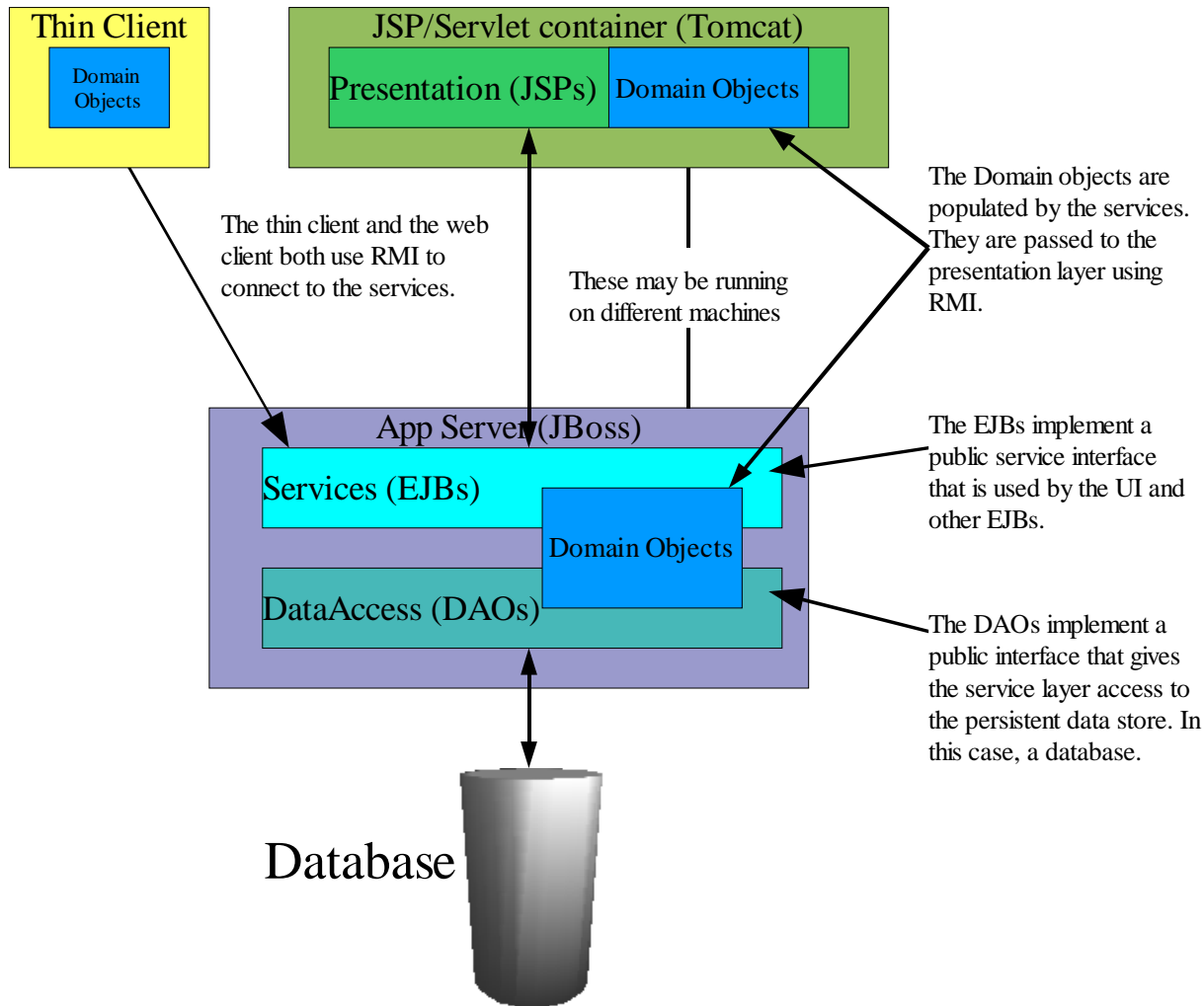
To maximize its cost-effectiveness and extensibility, GeMS/IA has been designed and implemented using open source systems and tools. Specifically,

Operating system:	Linux
System Admin Support:	WebMin
Database:	Postgres
Web server:	Tomcat
J2EE Server:	JBoss
Client Development:	Java

Currently GeMS-IA has 850 classes, and about 140,000 lines of code.

The database has 98 tables.

J2EE Application Layers



Current GeMS Application J2EE Application Layers Software Architecture.

GeMS core components

Authentication

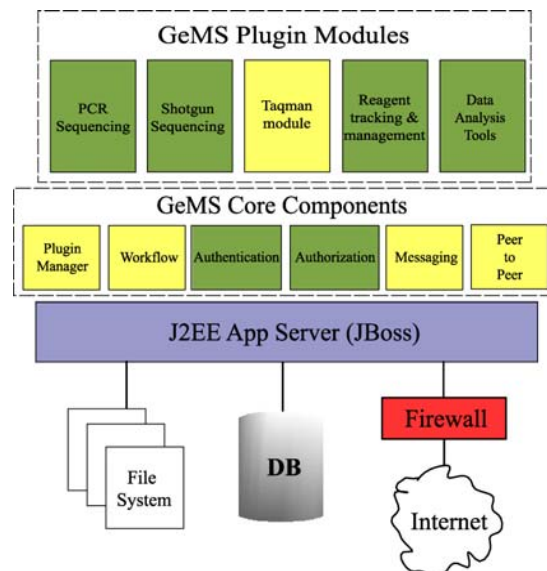
Authentication will be implemented using the J2EE Pluggable Authentication Module (PAM) mechanism.

Authorization

The security requirements of this project require much more flexibility than the standard user/group security model. The requirements specify that access control apply to individual data elements

GeMS-IA Messaging

The messaging component will allow users of the GeMS system to communicate easily and effectively. Users will be able to send and receive messages via email, secure file transfer, adding a message or URL to a web page, and by instant messaging. Recipients may be specified as an individual user or group of users.



GeMS core components

GeMS-IA Work Flow

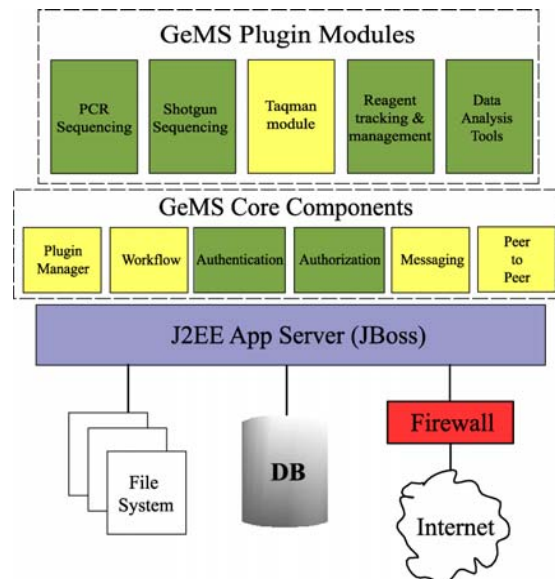
The work flow component will allow users of the GeMS system to collect a series of different tasks into a “work flow.” This will free up the user to perform other work since they will not have to monitor the system as each individual task is completed.

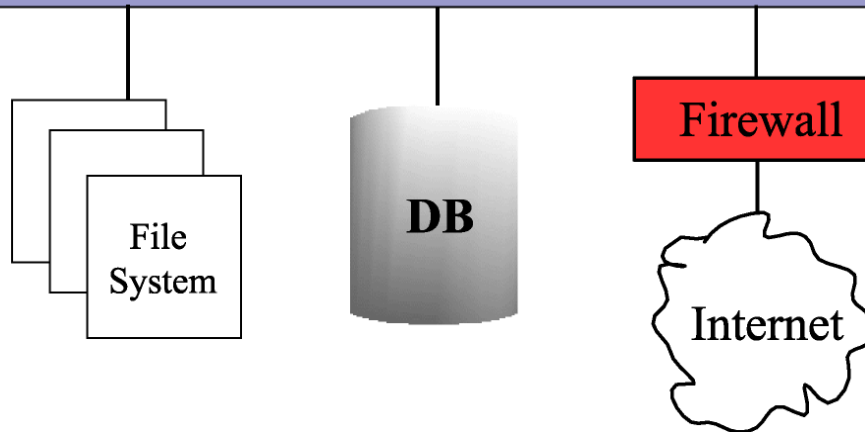
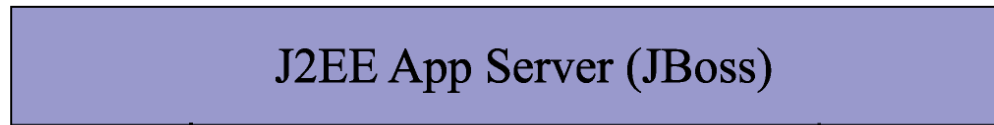
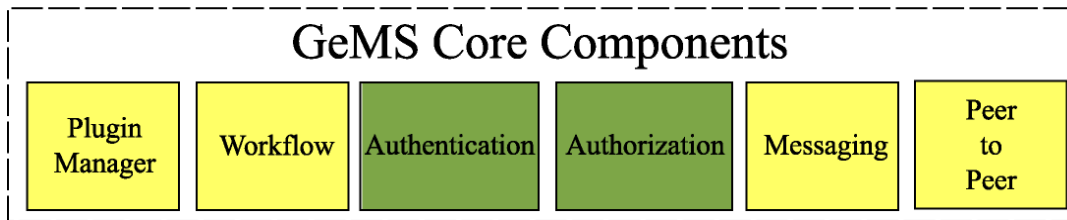
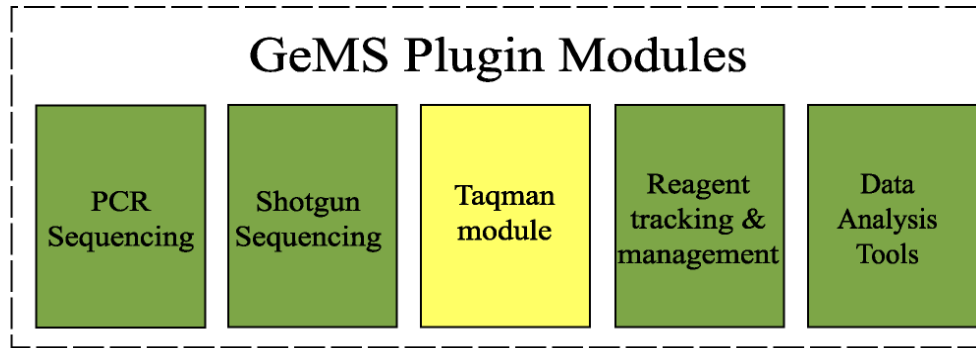
Plug-in management

Support for different protocols and analysis tools will be provided in pluggable modules. These modules are basically J2EE EARs (Enterprise Archives) that build upon the services provided by the platform.

GeMS-IA Peer to peer

The peer to peer component will allow users of the GeMS-IA system to invoke services on other GeMS-IA instances that are set up as collaborators.





GeMS Plug-in modules

1) PCR sequencing and 2) Shotgun sequencing.

In the current GeMS, the PCR and Shotgun modules are packaged together in the GemsSequencing Module.

Chromatogram quality reporting

Sequence assembly reporting

Retrieval of chromats

3) GeMS sequence analysis tools

The programming is now broken down into four modular functions, with three directly used for primer design for PCR sequencing.

Assemble/View Chromats:

RepeatMasker utility:

Primer3 utility:

Blast Primer utility.

4) Cost accounting and reagent tracking.

The primary function of cost tracking is to determine the cost of running a particular protocol. Compares expected costs with inventory reports.

PCR Experiment Design

Project	ACTG
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Record Machines	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



Generate Report for PCR Sequencing

Sequencing Date MM-DD-YYYY
 MM-DD-YYYY*MM-DD-YYYY for ranges
 % and _ wildcards not supported

Amplicon Name Cell Line Name

Sequencing Primer Project Name

Primer Designer
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PCR Operator
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PCR Machine
 Thermalcycler_01
 Thermalcycler_02
 Thermalcycler_03

Sequencing Machine
 ABI3730_Hephaestus
 OLD_ABI3700

Good chromat min length

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Plate	#of Chromats	#of Good Chromats	Read Length		Operators		Sequencers	PCR Machines
			Q20	Q40	PCR	Sequencing		
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990694	64	10	156	148		qvu	ABI3730_Artemis	
990772	64	10	157	149		qvu	ABI3730_Artemis	
992009	80	39	141	136		scnelson	ABI3730_Artemis	
992642	96	92	665	620		mmccormi	ABI3730_Artemis	
994772	54	49	742	711		rdaza	ABI3730_Artemis	
994882	54	51	742	708		rdaza	ABI3730_Artemis	
999404	64	52	514	494		rdaza	ABI3730_Artemis	
999514	64	52	496	463		rdaza	ABI3730_Artemis	
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Immediate gains from the implementation of GeMS in the Geraghty lab.

Parameter	Improvement
Homologies Mapping	time reduced four fold (estimated 20 hours/year).
Primer Quality	eliminated design errors (start/end pos.) from 5% of all primers to none. reduced strand errors from 1% of all primers to none (combined estimated 100 hours/year including laboratory time saved).
Primer Ordering	automation saved one hour per plate (40 hours/year).
Sample Sheet Creation	automation saved 5 minutes per plate (200 hours/year).
PCR/Seq plate map creation	shows user which cell lines, primer(s), go in each well. Reduces user errors and save time setting up experiments (estimated 400 hours/year including laboratory time saved).
Chromatogram Quality Reports	saved 30 minutes per quality output summary (estimated 100 hours/year) eliminated naming errors – saved variable time depending on number and complexity of naming errors (estimated total 200 hours/year including laboratory time saved).
Data Organization	Able to easily group together chromats based on a list of criteria. (e.g. group all chromats from one cell line, or all chromats from one amplicon, etc.) Saved variable time and reagent cost checking quality criteria depending on the size of the project. (estimated \$10,000 reagent costs and 100 hours/year laboratory time saved).
Managing assemblies	GeMS saves chromats in a centralized place and can dynamically create assemblies in any combination desired. This avoids data duplications and saves both space and analysis time (estimated 200 hours/year).
Cost Tracking	Improved from general estimation to detailed tracking that related work effort and reagent cost to a specific protocol being run over time (saved 20% reagent costs or \$30,000 annualized).

Total 1360 hrs + \$40,000 reagent costs/yr

Immediate gains from widespread implementation of GeMS.

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We are very much at the beginning of an emerging science that, for some time to come, will require the flexibility and innovation that only a multitude of investigator initiated research efforts can provide.

In this arena not only must small efforts individually use the technology effectively and efficiently, but they must also be in a position to take advantage of the collective value of data exchange and sharing.

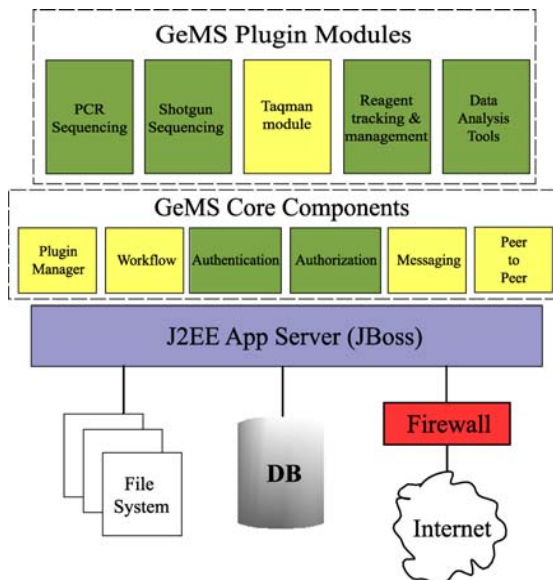
Data Analysis

An example of a plug-in module for GeMS:

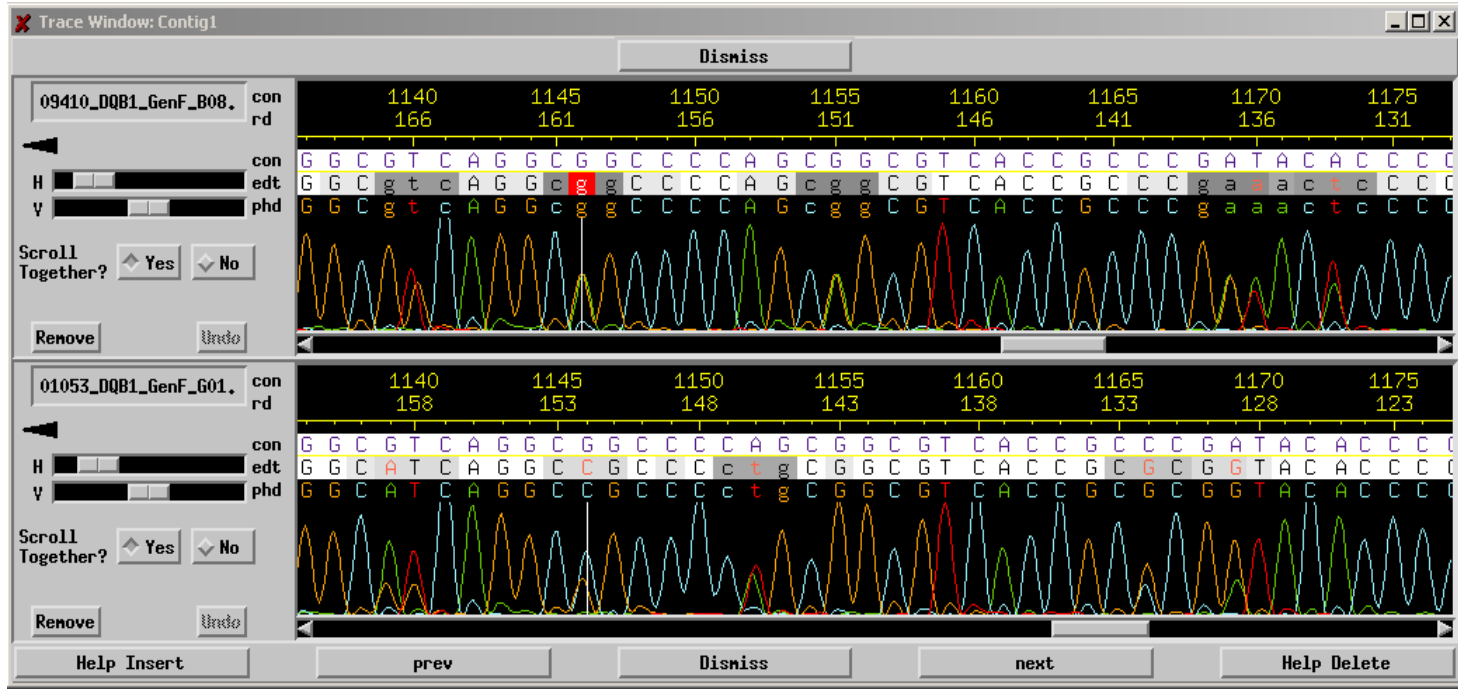
There is a substantial need for high throughput and *inexpensive* HLA typing.

The need arises from marrow transplants but extends now to a multitude of clinical networks and ongoing clinical trials.

Many methods for HLA typing are used, the gold standard being sequence-based typing.



The main limitation for sequence based typing is:



2 cell lines, 9 polymorphic positions,
1146 is trimorphic

Heterozygous Trace Resolution software (HTR)

- Interprets heterozygous DNA sequence data directly from the chromatogram without manual interpretation.
- Written in Java
- Current implementation does not have user interface.
- Undergoing upgrades to improve accuracy and to deliver data quality metrics.

ATCG								
Program	Amps	CLs	Snps Conf	Snps Called	genotype errors	%genotype errors	FP Calls	FN Calls
HTR script	71	20	199	204	53	1.3	44	4
Polyphred 80	71	20	199	298	759	12.7	406	105
SoftGenetics 20_0	69	20	194	201	448	11.1	35	308
MHC								
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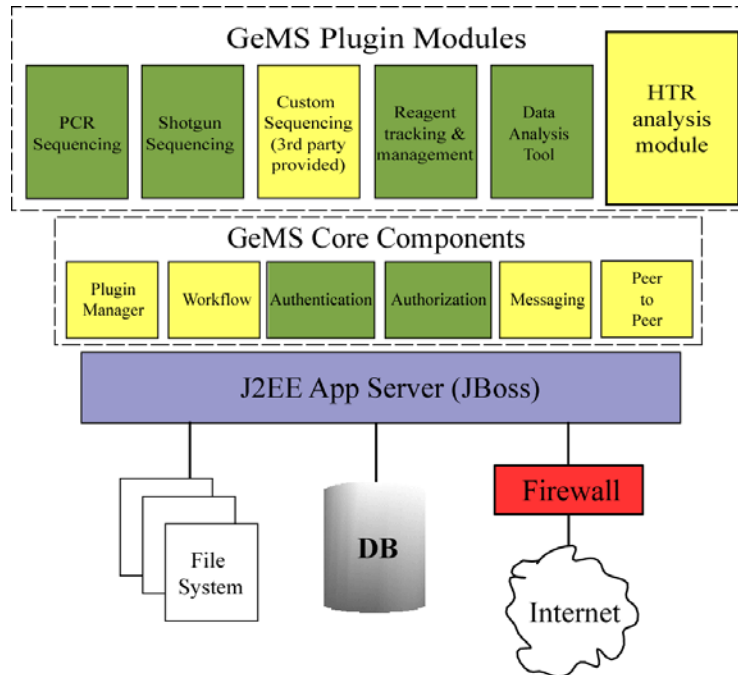
Low and medium complexity heterozygous data

DQB1 generic						
	right	wrong	no call	right	wrong	no call
HTR script	182	4	6	95%	2%	3%
polyp 80	145	21	26	76%	11%	14%
softg_20_20	93	64	35	48%	33%	18%
HTR script						
	right	wrong	no call			
DQB1	211	0	2			
DPB1	57	0	0			

High complexity heterozygous data HLA class II

Heterozygous Trace Resolution software:

An advanced plug-in for GeMS.



HTR software works best when provided with knowledge of

- 1) The method that produced the sequence data.
- 2) The machine on which the data was produced.
- 3) When the data was produced.
- 4) Details about primers used, amplicon sequence, etc.

All of these data are already part of the GeMS database, affording the use of considerable existing programming.

A major goal of GeMS is to improve researchers' ability to share appliance-generated high-throughput biological data.

Using the Information Appliance model we can address a basic data sharing problem.

Collaboration among labs using different custom solutions can be difficult, as different data models require the pair wise development of custom data exchange systems.

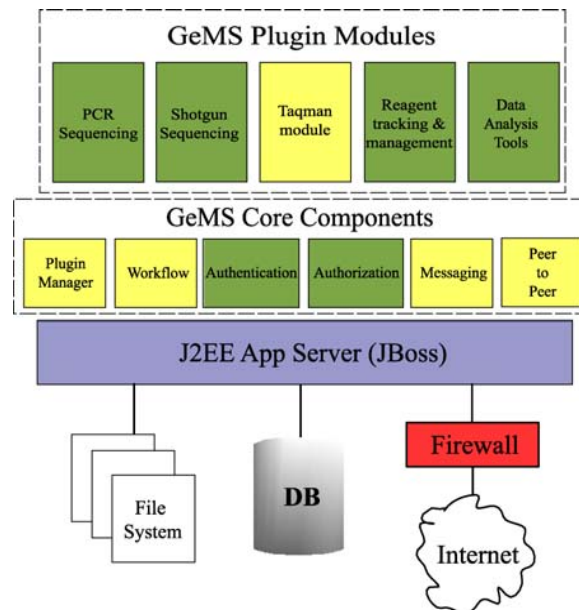
This is required in order to define and translate common data elements (CDEs), and can be the major expense of such an effort.

Simplifying data sharing is central to the information appliance model, because it implies user *adoption* of CDEs that automatically goes along with use of the information appliance.

We propose this solution is best suited to high throughput devices common to basic and clinical research.

Peer to Peer implementation:

- A clearly defined API that encapsulates all security, translation, and transport protocols so that application developers only need to understand the GeMS API that they want to remotely execute.
- This model allows for both data and computational sharing.
- Uses existing GeMS authentication and authorization security model.
- All communication is exchanged as compressed XML over HTTPS/SSL.



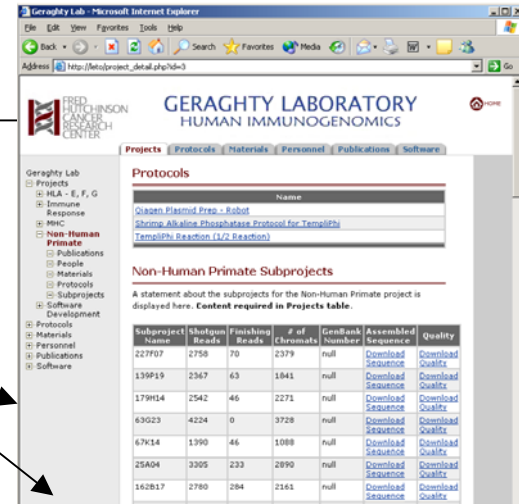
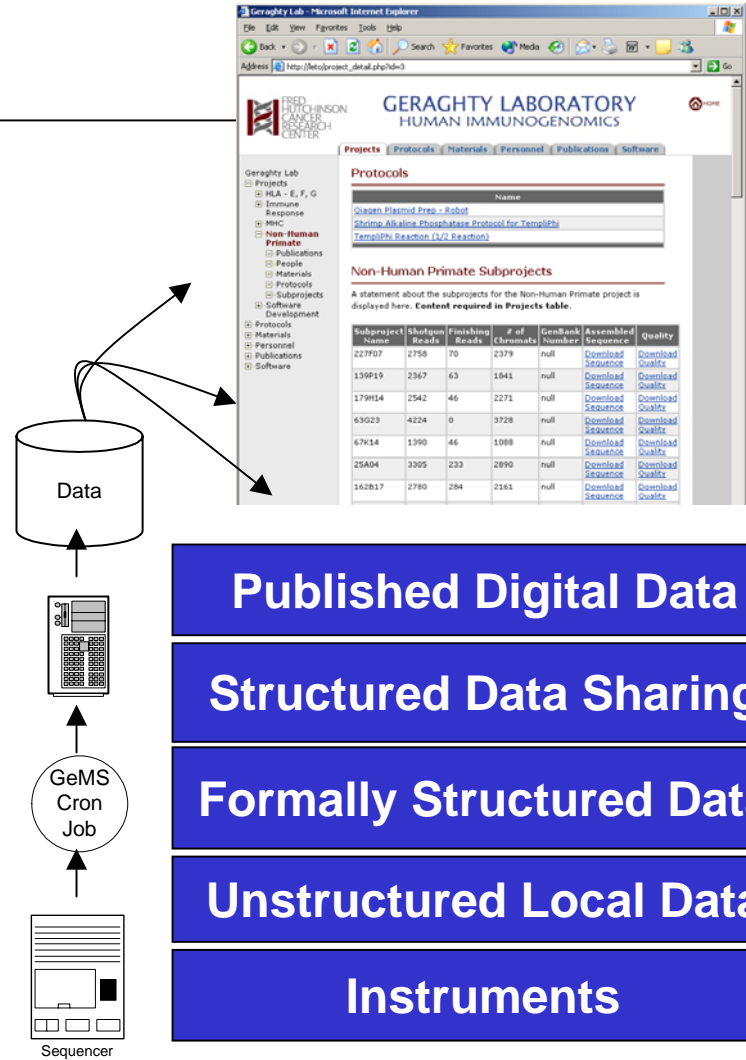
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Future plans for GeMS-IA

1. To adapt the GeMS server engine towards wider applicability. Working with collaborators to test and improve GeMS.
2. To develop a GeMS operating client tool with the capability of allowing different labs to share data between and among themselves (peer to peer *plus*).
3. To use the tools developed in aims 1 and 2 as a framework for the establishment of software and database structures that will constitute an 'export server' capable of platform-independent data exchange and interoperability.

From Data Generation to Data Publication

- Nightly Data pick up by system
- Unstructured and unrelated data sent to GeMS server for processing
- Data related to associated parameters
- Subset of data made available to the Geraghty website



more Future plans for GeMS-IA

1. To build a new module for an additional genetics data generating instrument (Taqman).
2. To create and maintain the ability to connect distributed installations supporting the two distinct types of genetics instruments (sequencers and Taqman).

Many of the problems associated with data sharing between labs *simply disappear* if the labs employ common informatics systems and common data models.

3. To create and maintain an adaptation of the existing EDRN Research Network Exchange (ERNE using OODT) that will assist Import/export functions for distributed GeMS installations with other widely available databases containing genetics data.

Genetic diversity and genomics of the immune response.

Immune response genes

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HTR software package

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