

# VAMP IT UP!

## A PRAGMATIC APPROACH TO REUSABLE RESEARCH OUTPUTS

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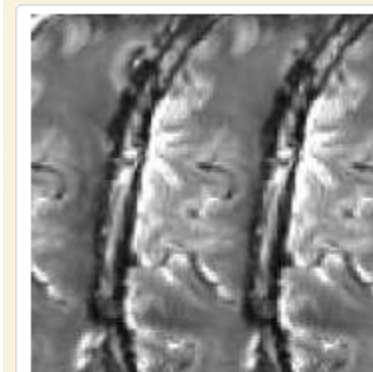


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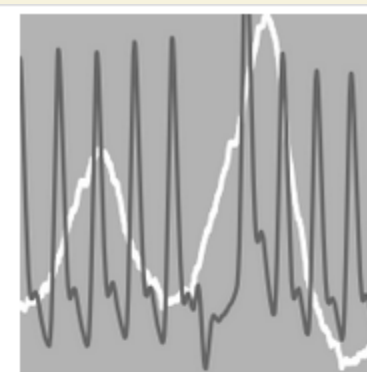


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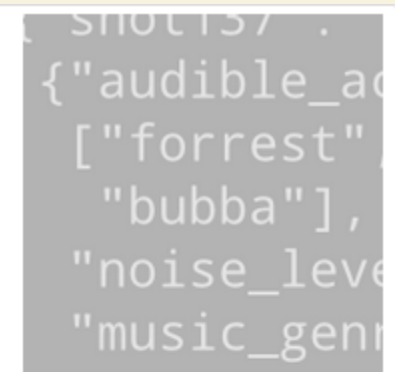
# OPEN, "NATURALISTIC" DATA: STUDYFORREST.ORG



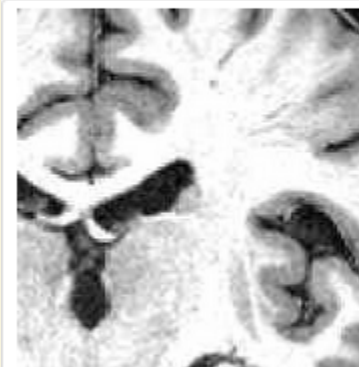
Functional MRI



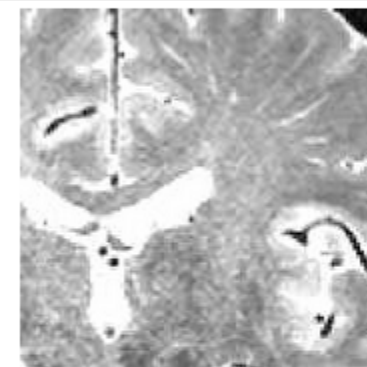
Physiological measurements



Annotations & surveys



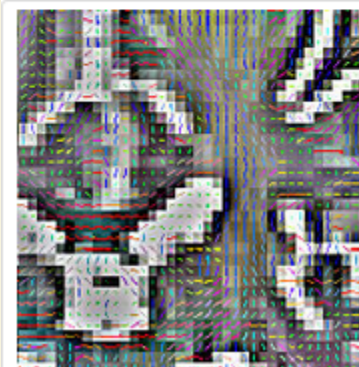
T1-weighted MRI



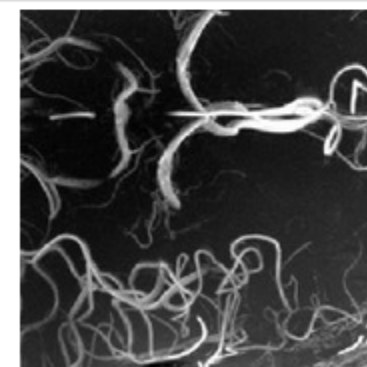
T2-weighted MRI



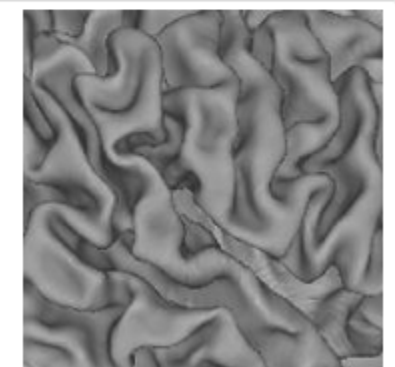
Susceptibility-weighted MRI



Diffusion tensor MRI



Angiography



Surface reconstruction

Hanke, Baumgartner, Ibe, Kaule, Pollmann, Speck, Zinke, & Stadler (2014) A high-resolution 7-Tesla fMRI dataset from complex natural stimulation with an audio movie. Scientific Data, 1:140003.  
<http://www.nature.com/articles/sdata20143>

**F**indable

**A**ccessible

**I**nteroperable

**R**eusable

**F?** I already have it, it's right here!

**A?** I am working with it already, I made it!

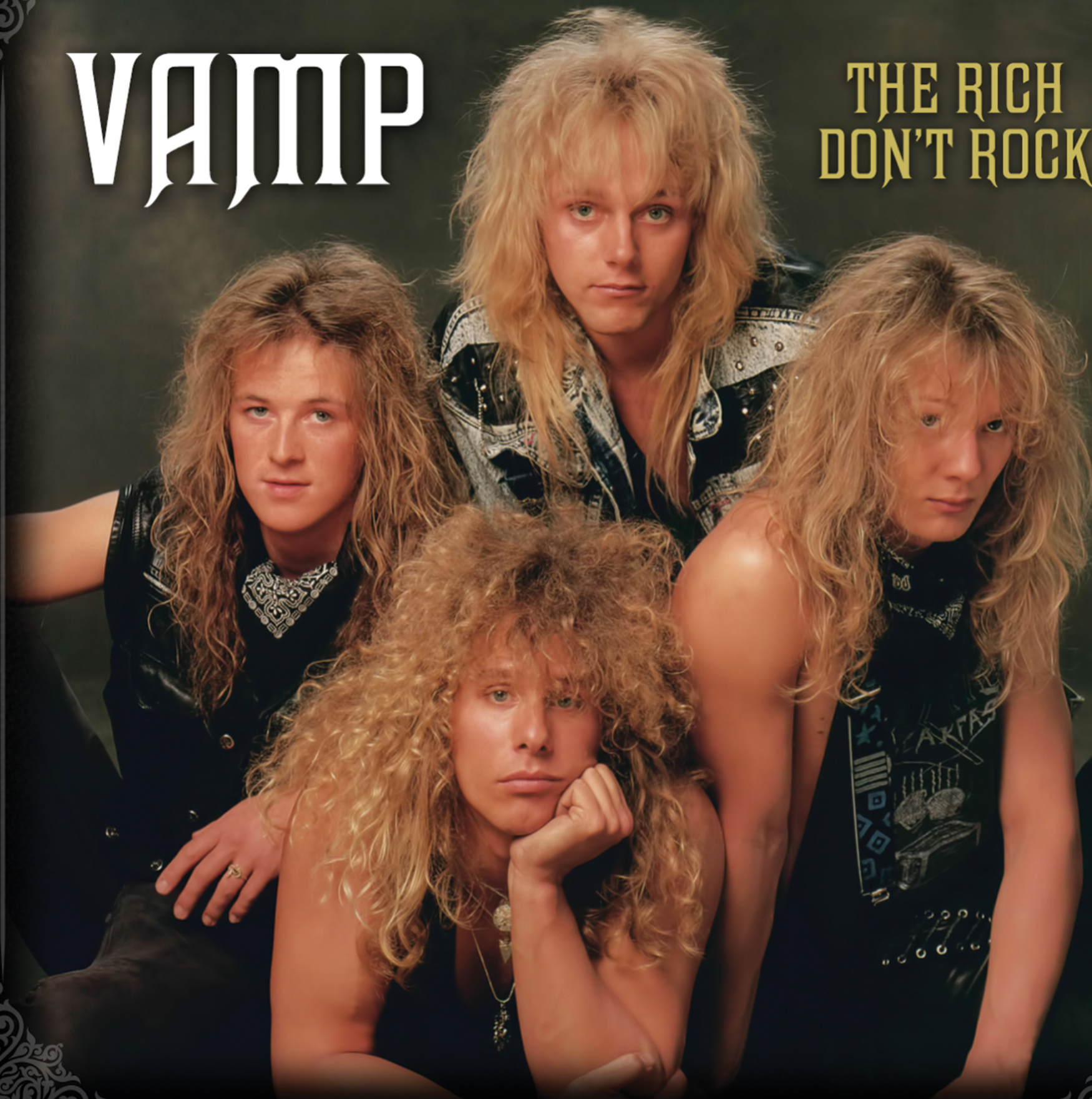
**I?** With what?

**R?** First let me finish this PhD and then we talk, OK?



# VAMP

THE RICH  
DON'T ROCK



**V**ersion-controlled

**A**ctionable metadata






**M**odular

**P**ortable



# EXHAUSTIVE TRACKING OF RESEARCH COMPONENTS








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-  source code
-  binary file
-  regular file
-  file reference:  
identity and  
availability

Well-structured datasets (using community standards), and portable computational environments — and their evolution — are the precondition for reproducibility

# CAPTURE COMPUTATIONAL PROVENANCE



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Which data was needed at which version, as input into which code, running with what parameterization in which computational environment, to generate an outcome?

# EXHAUSTIVE CAPTURE ENABLES PORTABILITY



Precise identification of data and computational environments, combined for provenance records form a comprehensive and portable data structure, capturing all aspects of an investigation.

# REPRODUCIBILITY STRENGTHENS TRUST



Outcomes of computational transformations can be validated by authorized 3rd-parties. This enables audits, promotes accountability, and streamlines automated "upgrades" of outputs

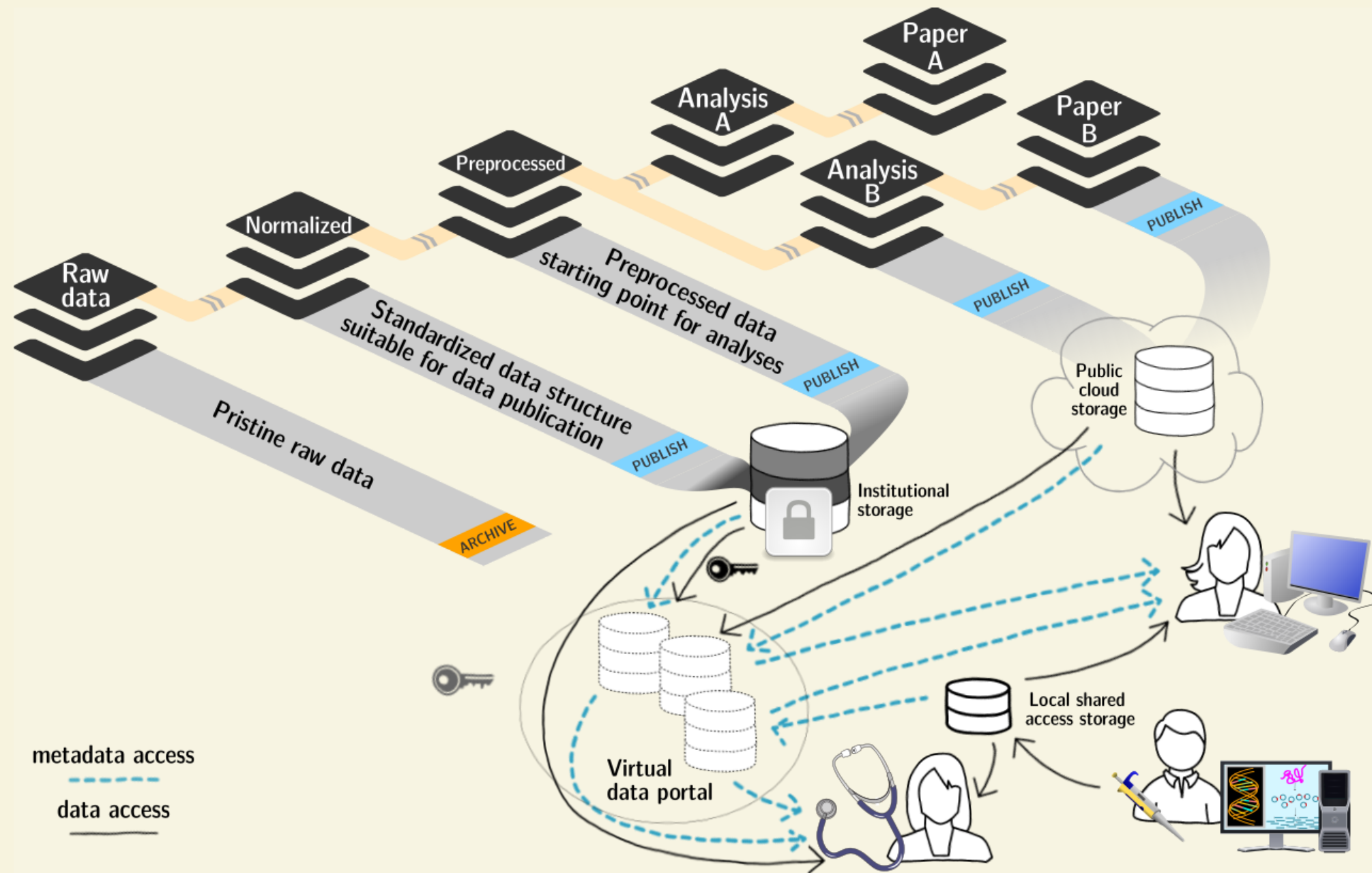
# ULTIMATE GOAL: (RE-)USABILITY



Verifiable, portable, self-contained data structures that track all aspects of an investigation exhaustively can be (re-)used as modular components in larger contexts — propagating their traits



# DATALAD: MANAGE EVOLUTION OF DIGITAL OBJECTS



Consume, create, curate, analyze, publish, and query data with full provenance capture and "universal" metadata support.

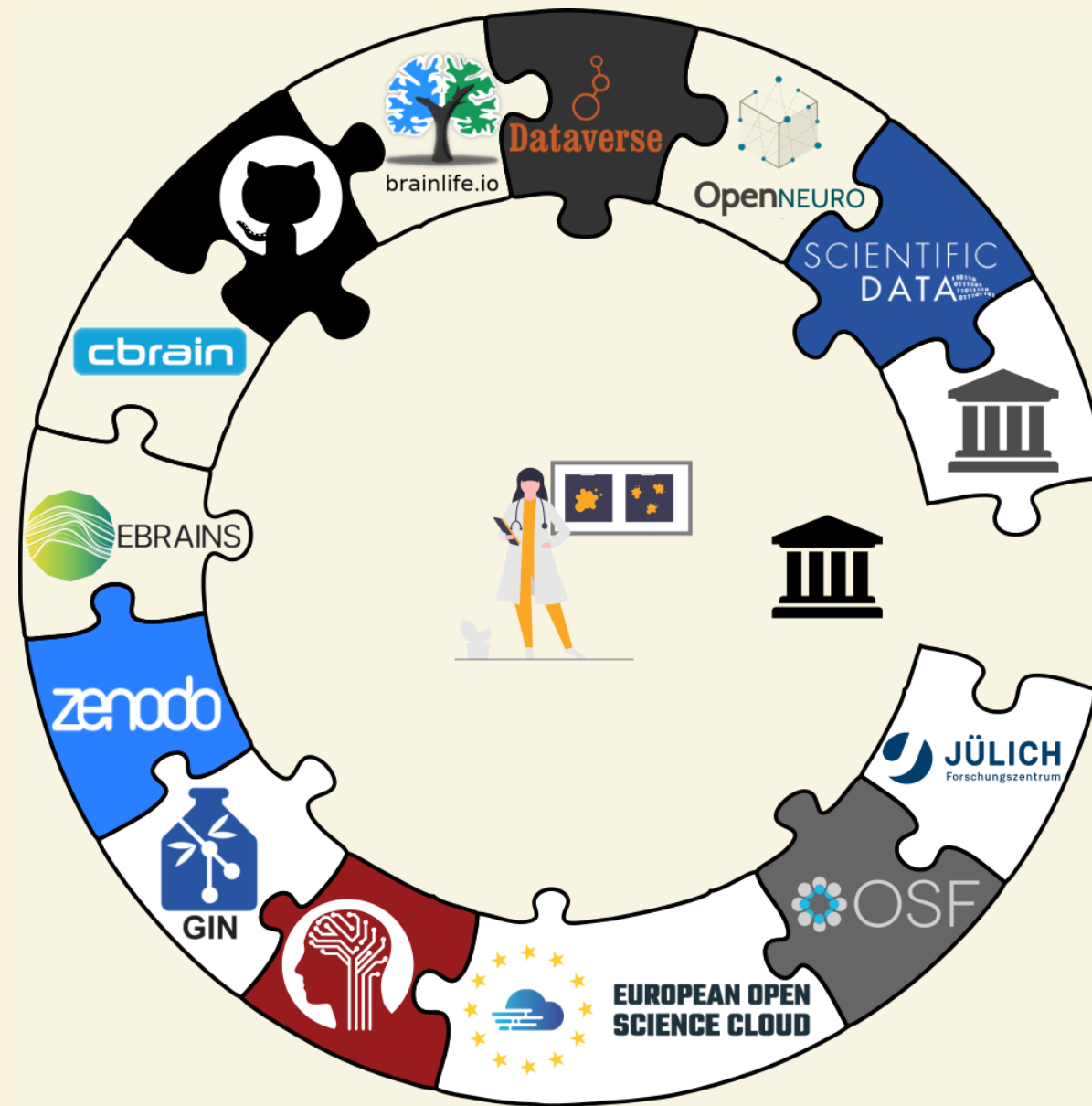
DataLad is free and open source (MIT-licensed).

<http://datalad.org>

# ADVANTAGES OF THE VAMP ATTITUDE

- *Overlay data structure* hides away peculiarities of (current) environment choices for storage and computation
  - focus on content, not infrastructure
- Self-contained units that are *valid and complete without any external services*
  - federation-ready for improved resilience
- Metadata plurality puts *focus on metadata validity* (for your own work) without becoming a problem for global standardization efforts
  - ability to verify detailed metadata is more useful than today's choice of terminology and minimal description standard
- Promotes *long-term curation and stewardship* for flexibly reusable unit
  - yields proven and trusted resources for incremental science

# "AUTOMATIC" INTEROPERABILITY WITH 3RD-PARTY SOLUTIONS



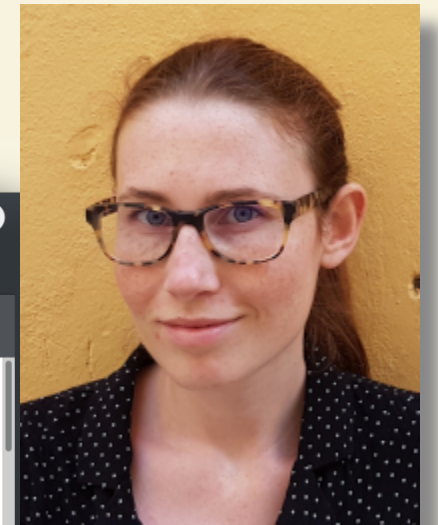
- Technology directly used by OpenNeuro, CBRAIN platform, BrainLife.io, and compatible with AWS/S3, GIN, Dropbox, etc. (optional strong encryption)
- 100+TB of research data, homogenously accessible regardless of hosting choices (datasets.data-lad.org)

# REPRODUCIBLE PAPER - A MAGIC TRICK?



- See for yourself: [https://youtu.be/\\_I3JFhJJtW0?t=861](https://youtu.be/_I3JFhJJtW0?t=861)
- Get step-by-step instructions: <http://handbook.data-lad.org/usecases/reproducible-paper.html>

# OPEN SCIENCE EDUCATION



<http://handbook.data-lad.org>

- **educational materials** on technologies — **targeting scientists**, not developers (executable paper, student supervisor workflow, ...)
- handbook with 400+ pages on concepts, workflows, and use cases (work in progress, led by Adina Wagner)



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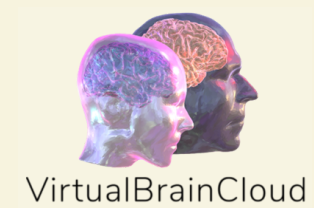


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