

AI Systems Support with Databases on the LRZ Compute Cloud

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What is a Database and how can it be used with AI

- AI needs a lot of data (we know...)
- But what is data?
 - Images on your file system? *e.g.*, `file:///home/john/datasets/MNIST/*`
 - A zip file shared with you? *e.g.*, `https://www.dropbox.com/s/lrz%20Dataset.zip?dl=0`
 - A public dataset? *e.g.*, `ftp://io.erda.dk/dataset.h5`
 - A built-in dataset? *e.g.*, `from tensorflow.keras.datasets import fashion_mnist`
- DB can be used to store, manage, and retrieve data and can be specifically designed for a certain type of data: Tabular, Time series, Graphs
 - Bonus: Data pre-processing / feature engineering (80-90% of “AI” work)
 - Bonus: Version control, backup, and archiving
 - Bonus: concurrency: Many clients at the same time

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Clients (Your Python code)



```
mysql://steve@10.100.100.10  
SELECT age, gender FROM patients;
```

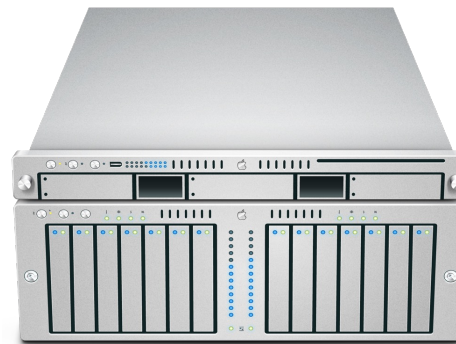


```
mysql://mark@10.100.100.10  
SELECT * FROM train_images;
```



```
mysql://bill@10.100.100.10  
DROP DATABASE do_not_delete;
```

The DB server (C, C++, Rust)



A physical server
Or a VM on cc.lrz.de

10.100.100.10

The DB file system



```
.  
├─ custom.cnf  
├─ databases  
│  ├─ aria_log.00000001  
│  ├─ aria_log_control  
│  ├─ ddl_recovery-backup.log  
│  ├─ ddl_recovery.log  
│  ├─ database  
│  ├─ ib_buffer_pool  
│  ├─ ibdata1  
│  ├─ ib_logfile0  
│  ├─ ibtmp1  
│  ├─ maria.err  
│  ├─ multi-master.info  
│  ├─ mysql  
│  ├─ mysql_upgrade_info  
│  ├─ performance_schema  
│  └─ sys  
└─ log  
    └─ mysql
```

Use case: Graph Database

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Usecase: Clinical Knowledge Graph

What is the best way to organize your data?

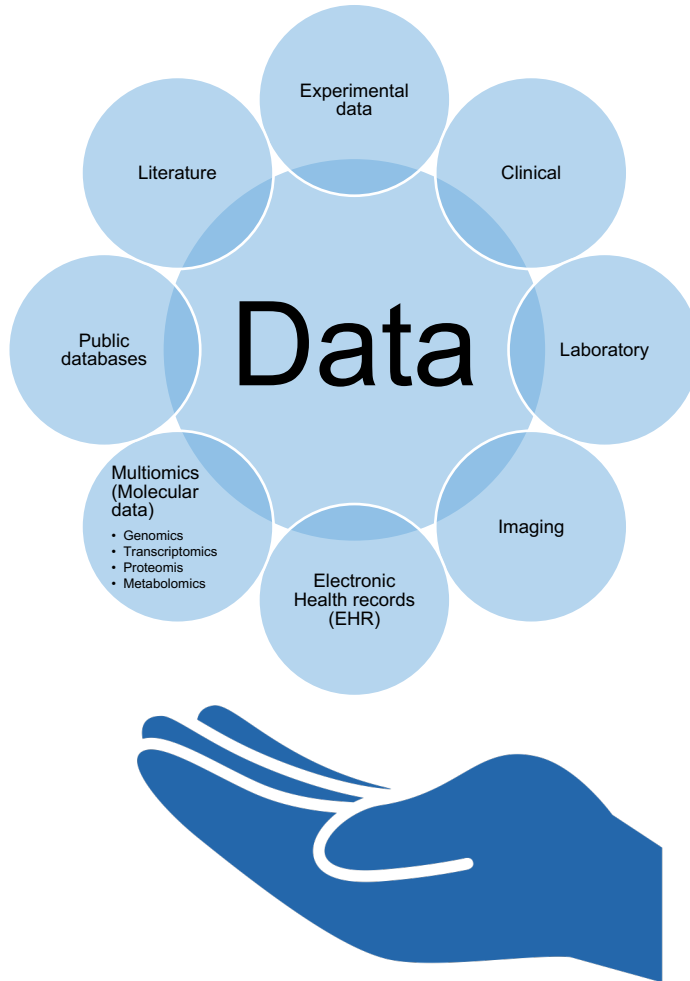
Idea: Use a DB that fits your data structure (relational, time series, vector etc.)

If it's a graph of relationships: use a graph database then!

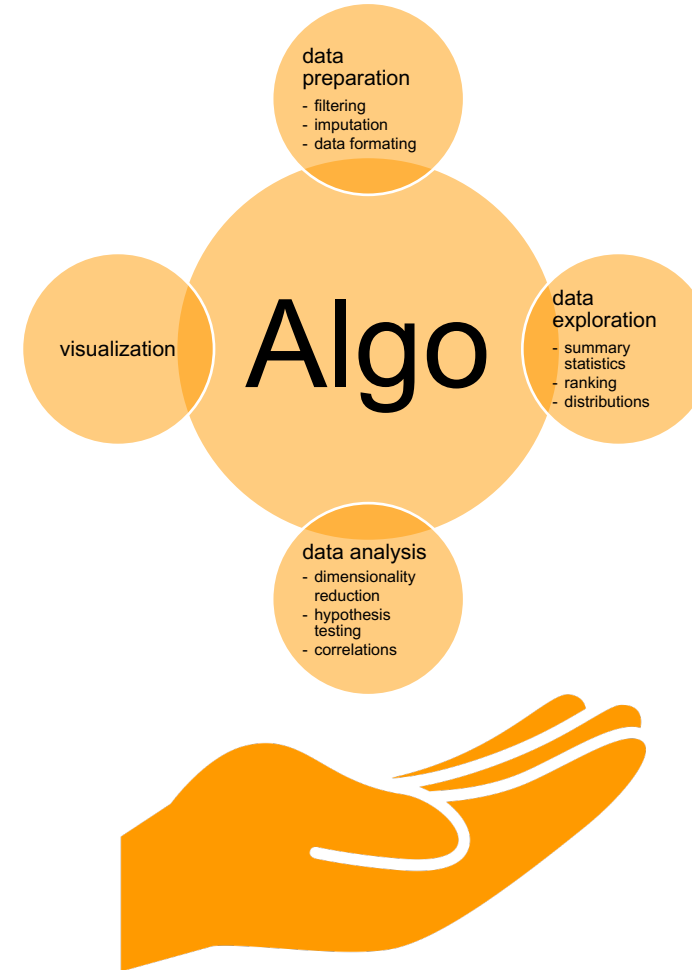


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Comprehensive representation of relevant data

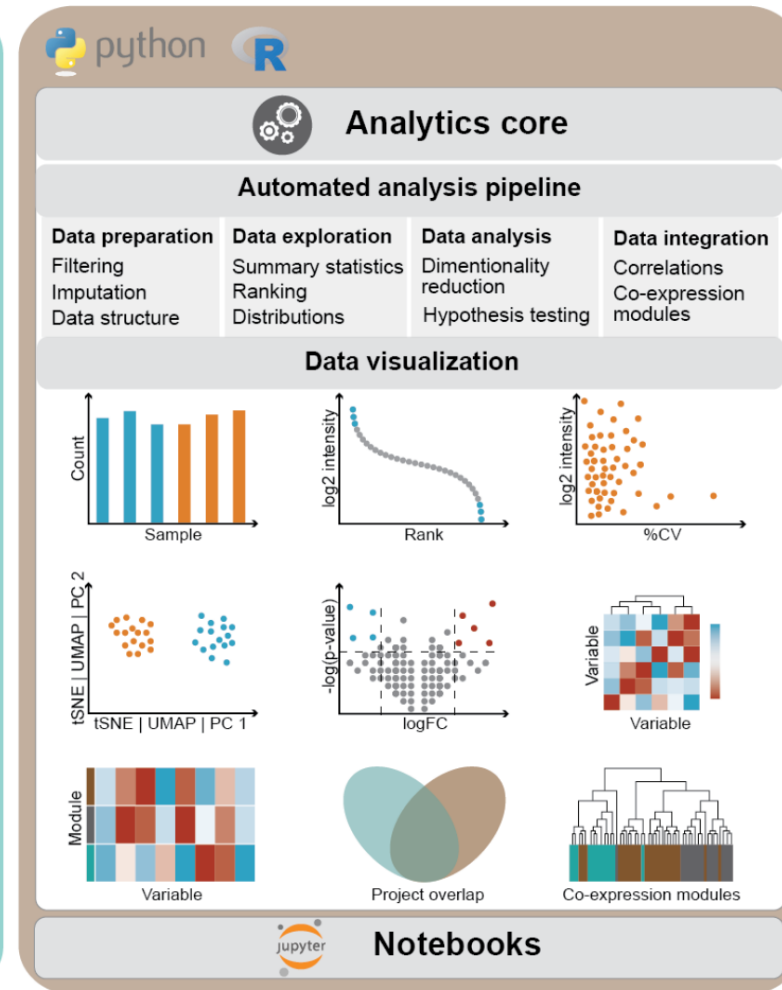
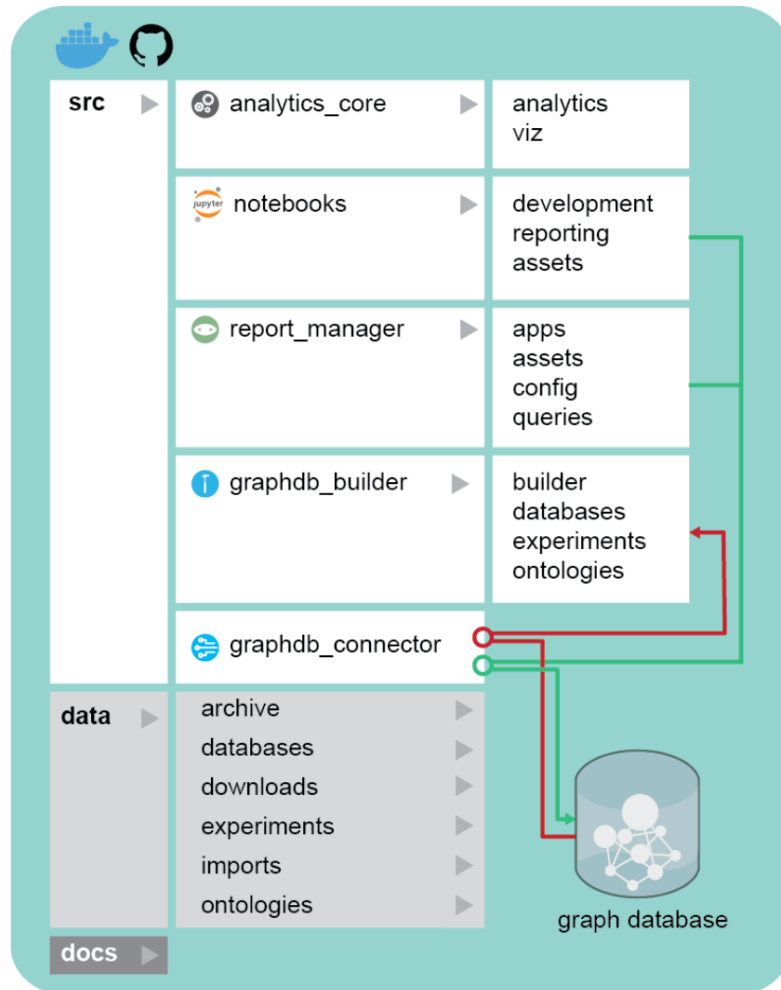


Reproducible data processing

Evidence based precision medicine

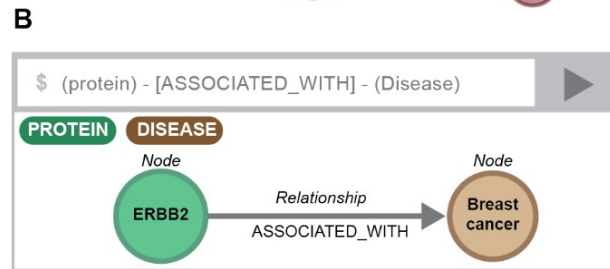
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Experiments (6)

Databases (26)

Ontologies (9)

neo4j

19,405,058 Nodes	35 Node types	217,341,612 Relationships	57 Relationship types
190 Property Keys	291.11 MB Node store	7.69 GB Relationship store	5.59 GB Property store

Use case: Vector Database

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Vector DBs

Fichier Édition Affichage Insertion Format Données Outils Extensions Aide

Menus 100% Lecture seule

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L
1		Startups and purpose-built offerings							Incumbents			
2		Pinecone	Weaviate	Qdrant	Milvus/Zilliz	Chroma	LanceDB	Vespa	Vald	Elasticsearch	Redis VSS	pgvector
3	Open source?	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
4	Roughly when was it founded?	2021	2019	2022	2018	2023	2023	2017	2023	2022	2022	2023
5	Funding (USD) and/or lead investor	\$138M Series B	\$68M Series B	\$11M Seed	\$113M Series B	\$20M Seed	Venture	Yahoo	Yahoo Japan	N/A	N/A	N/A
6	What programming language is it built on?	Rust	Go	Rust	Go	C++ (Python-wrapper)	Rust	Java	Go	Java	C	C
7	What underlying indexing algorithm(s) are used?	Proprietary composite index	HNSW, DiskANN on the roadmap	HNSW	Flat, IVF, HNSW, RHNSW (Flat/PQ), DiskANN	HNSW	IVF (PQ), DiskANN on the roadmap	HNSW	NGT (Neighbourhood graph & tree)	HNSW	Flat, HNSW	IVF (Flat)
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9	Source of funding information: https://objectbox.io/vector-database/											

Use Case: Vector Databases

- **Definition:** Databases optimized for storing and querying high-dimensional vectors.
- **Use Cases:**
 - Similarity search in embedding spaces.
 - AI model feature storage and retrieval.
 - Content-based recommendation systems.
- **Efficiency:** Enables near real-time search for the nearest vectors in large-scale datasets.
- **Indexing Mechanisms:** Utilizes specialized data structures to allow efficient similarity searches.
- **Integration with ML Frameworks:** Compatible with vector embeddings from popular AI frameworks like TensorFlow, PyTorch, and more.
- **Scaling:** Supports distributed architectures for handling billion-scale vector datasets

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3	Ursula	Ottovordemgentschenfelde	DE
4	Jun	Wang	CN

Relational database

Vector database

text	embedding
“Ceci n’est pas une pipe”	[0.665, 0.874, 0.002 ... 0.873, 0.112]
“Aimer c’est décevoir un peu”	[0.865, 0.004, 0.542 ... 0.887, 0.136]
“Paris c’est magique pour ceux qu’ont du biff de té-cô”	[0.963, 0.774, 0.102 ... 0.830, 0.812]
“Les silences comptent aussi”	666, 0.174, 0.082 ... 0.425, 0.999]

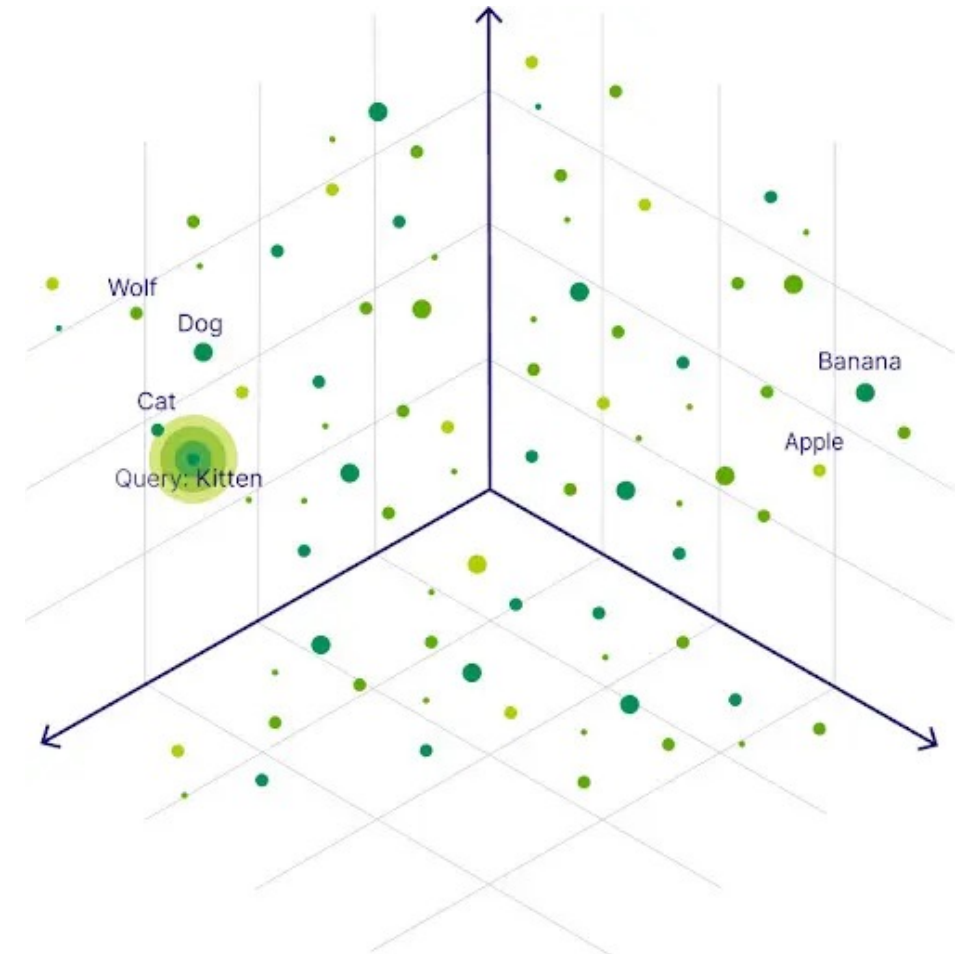


Vector databases store and provide access to structured and unstructured data, such as text or images, alongside their vector embeddings.

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- Vector embeddings are the data's numerical representation of its semantic meaning.
- Idea: use ML model to generate the vector embeddings (feature extraction)
- Similar objects are close together in vector space → can be calculated based on the distance between the data object's vector embeddings



<https://weaviate.io/blog/what-is-a-vector-database>

Demo time

How to perform image similarity search?

1. Acquire images
2. Acquire a ML model(ResNet18 for us)
3. Feed it our images = for each we get a vector representing the image
4. Index images along with their vectors in a database (milvus for us)
5. Leverage database for similarity search



What images are semantically similar to this bad boi in my dataset?

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1. Create security group, VM, floating IP
2. git clone <https://github.com/flrntdfr/milvus-demo.git>
3. cd milvus-demo
4. sudo bash run.sh
5. open URL

<https://github.com/dshvimer/milvus-up-and-running>