

# Implicit Provenance Gathering through Configuration Management



# 1. Introduction and Background

Scientific experiments



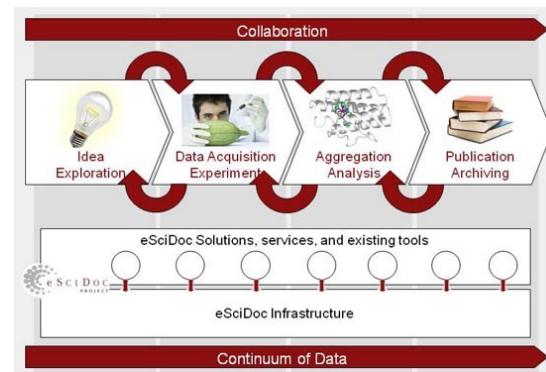
System simulations



Scientific workflows



Data transformation

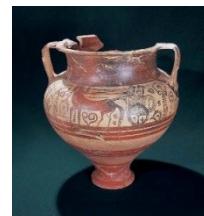


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What is Data  
Provenance ?

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- Provenance in arts



- Data provenance

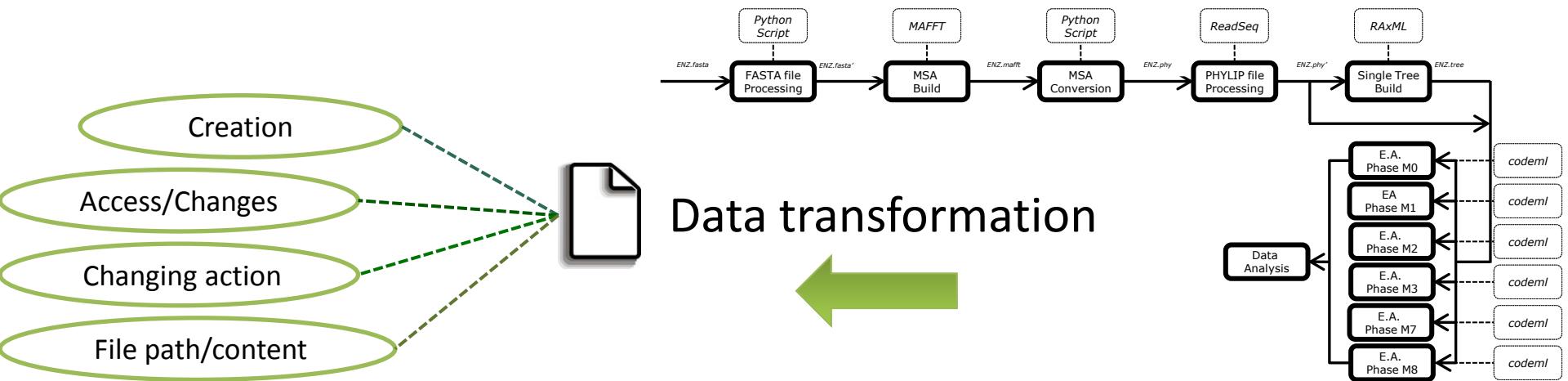
Historical information about data ownership  
and transformations

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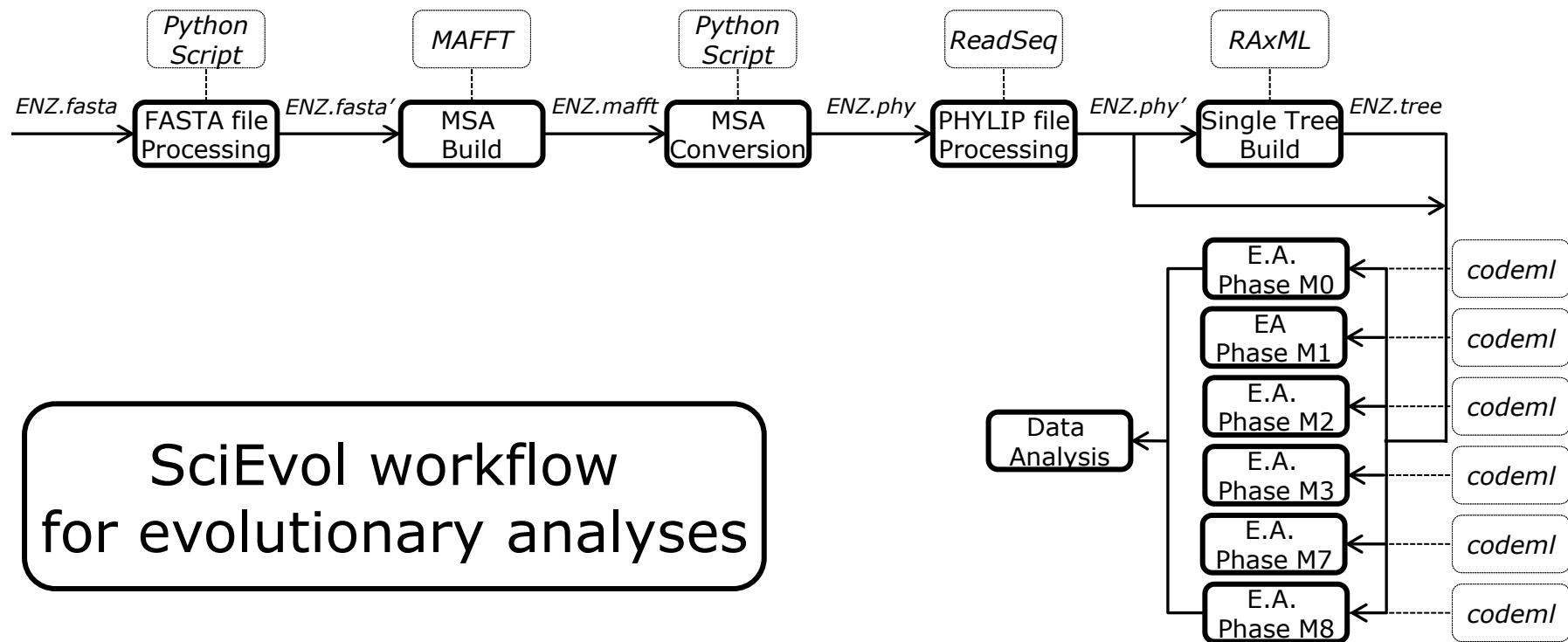
- Provenance in the Experiment context



## 2. Problem Statement

- Provenance gathering goals:
  - Identify the action responsible for data transformation during workflow execution.
  - **Gather data files transformations, even when not explicitly specified.**

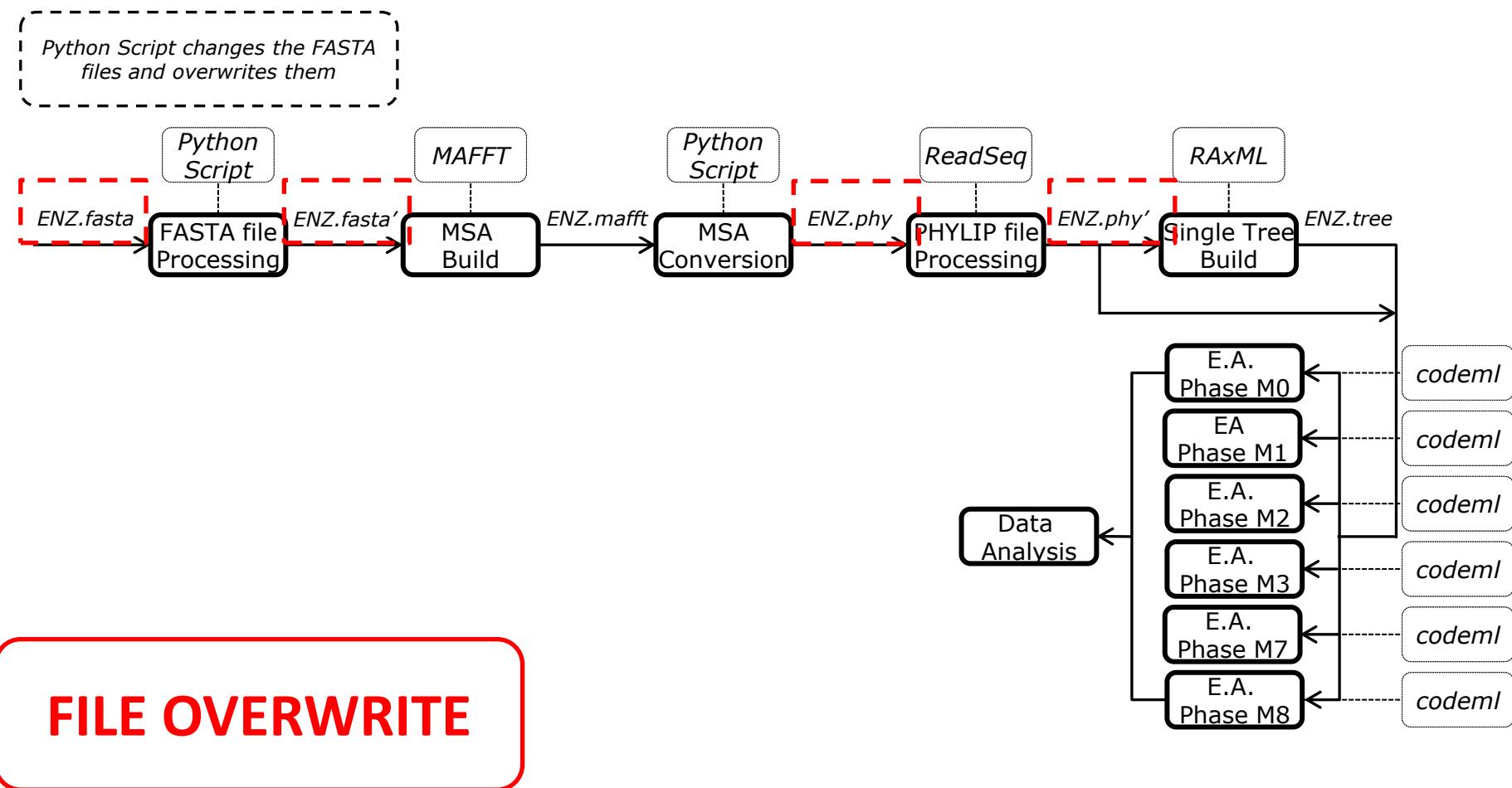
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SciEvol workflow  
for evolutionary analyses

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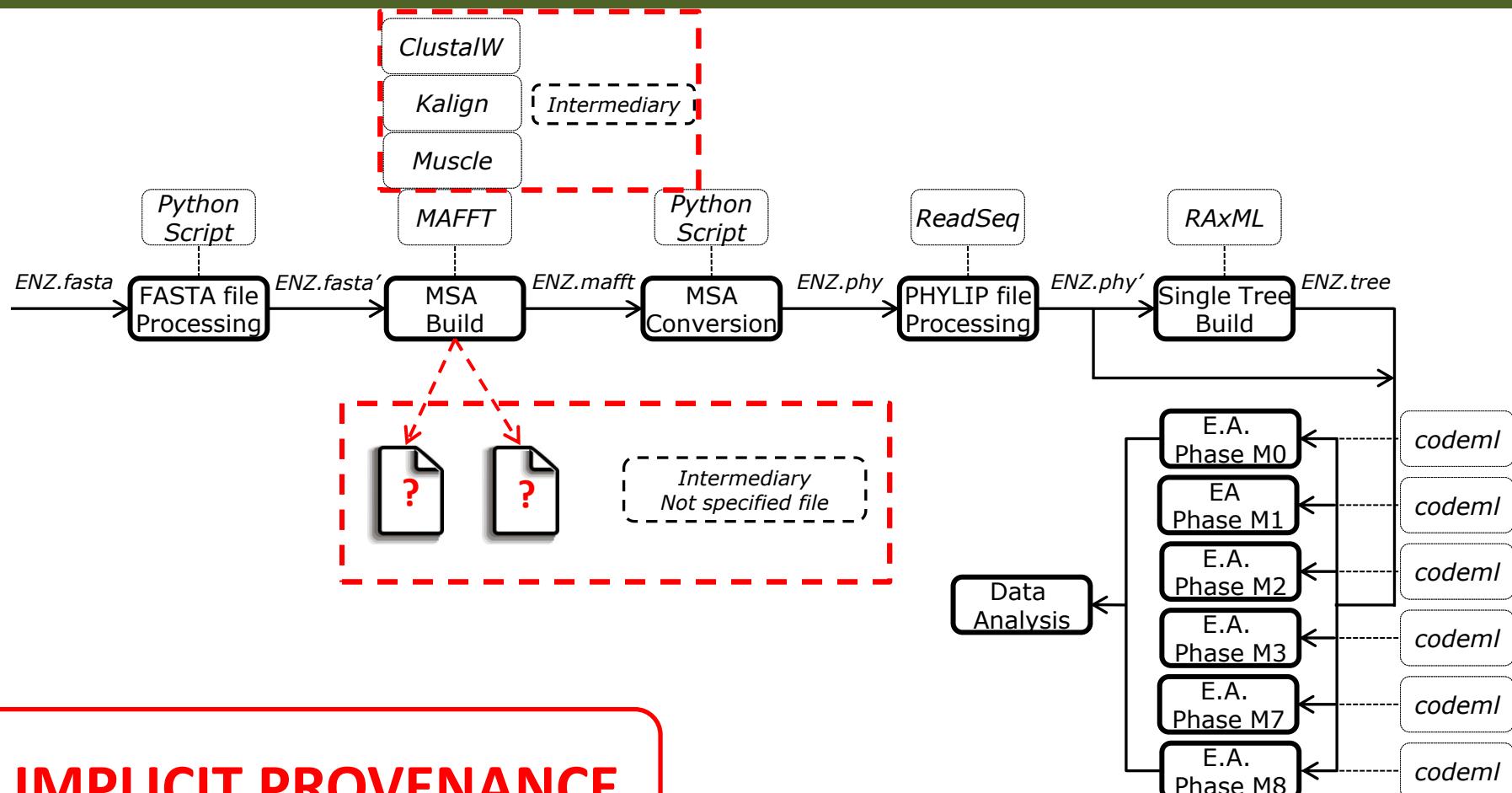
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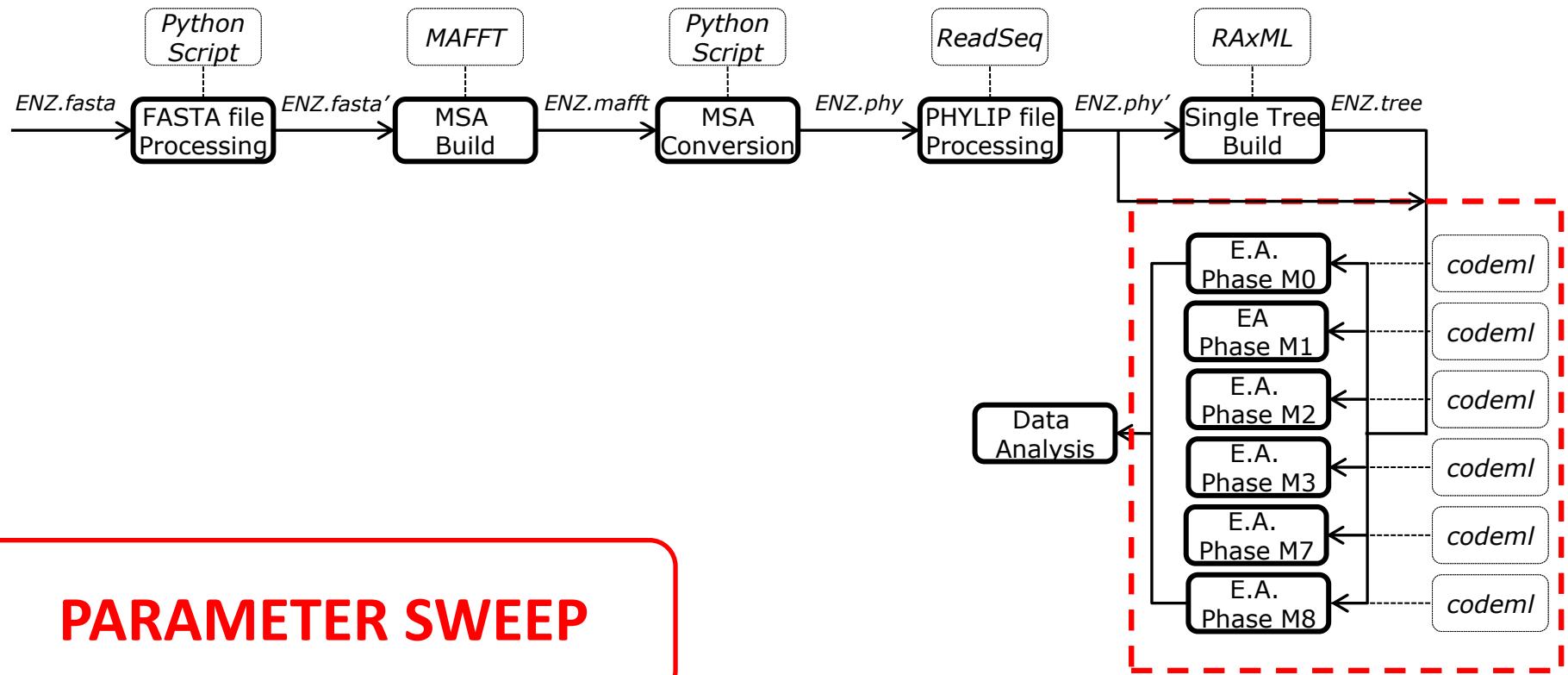
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### 3. The ProvMonitor Approach

- Provenance and CM analogy
  - CM perspective
    - ❖ What and Why: issue -> commit
    - workflow activity = issue to be tracked
    - experiment data = configuration item
  - Provenance perspective
    - ❖ workflow activity -> provenance  $\approx$  issue -> commit

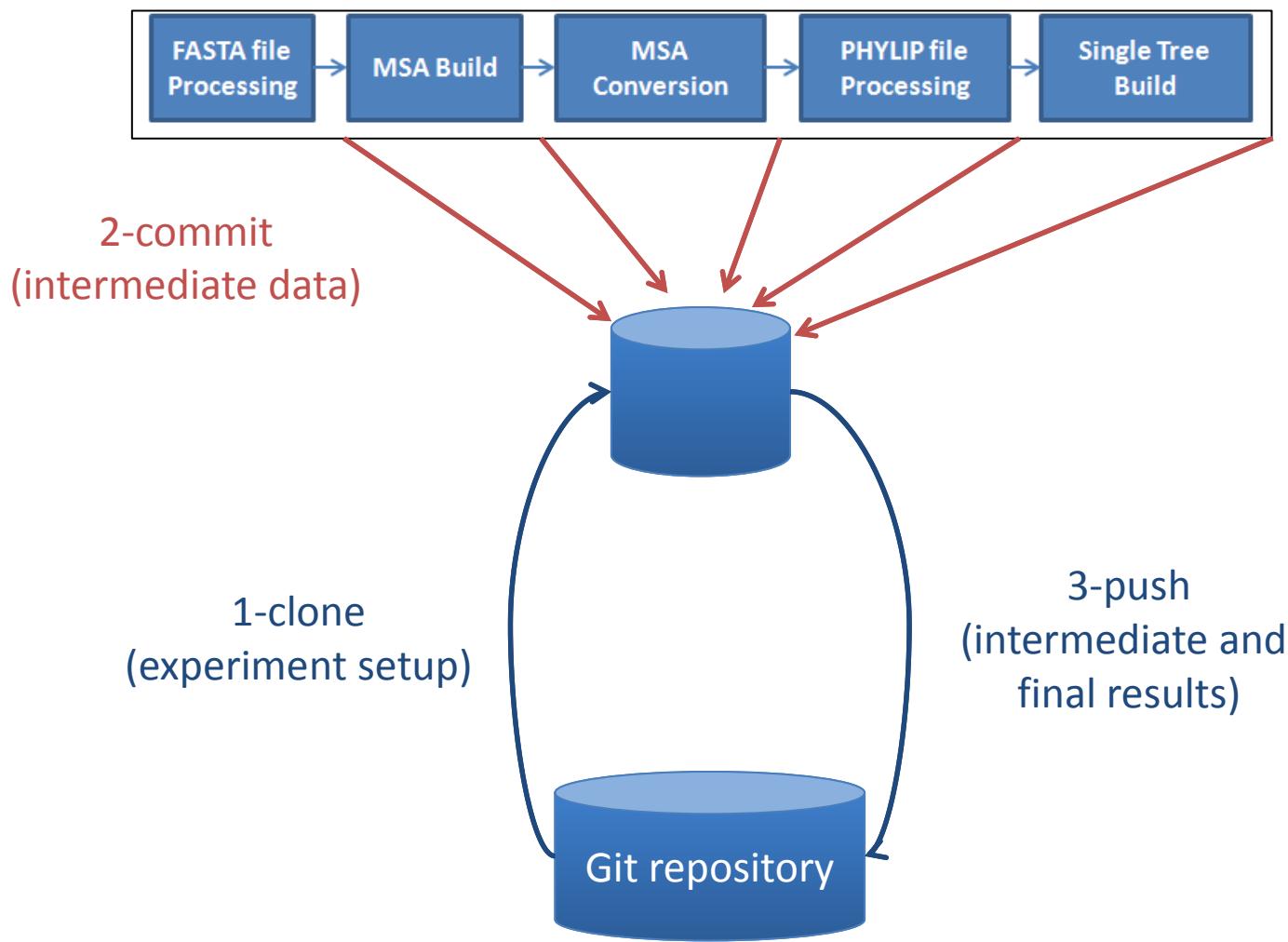
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#### ➤ Our strategy:

- Gather Provenance through a Configuration Management perspective.

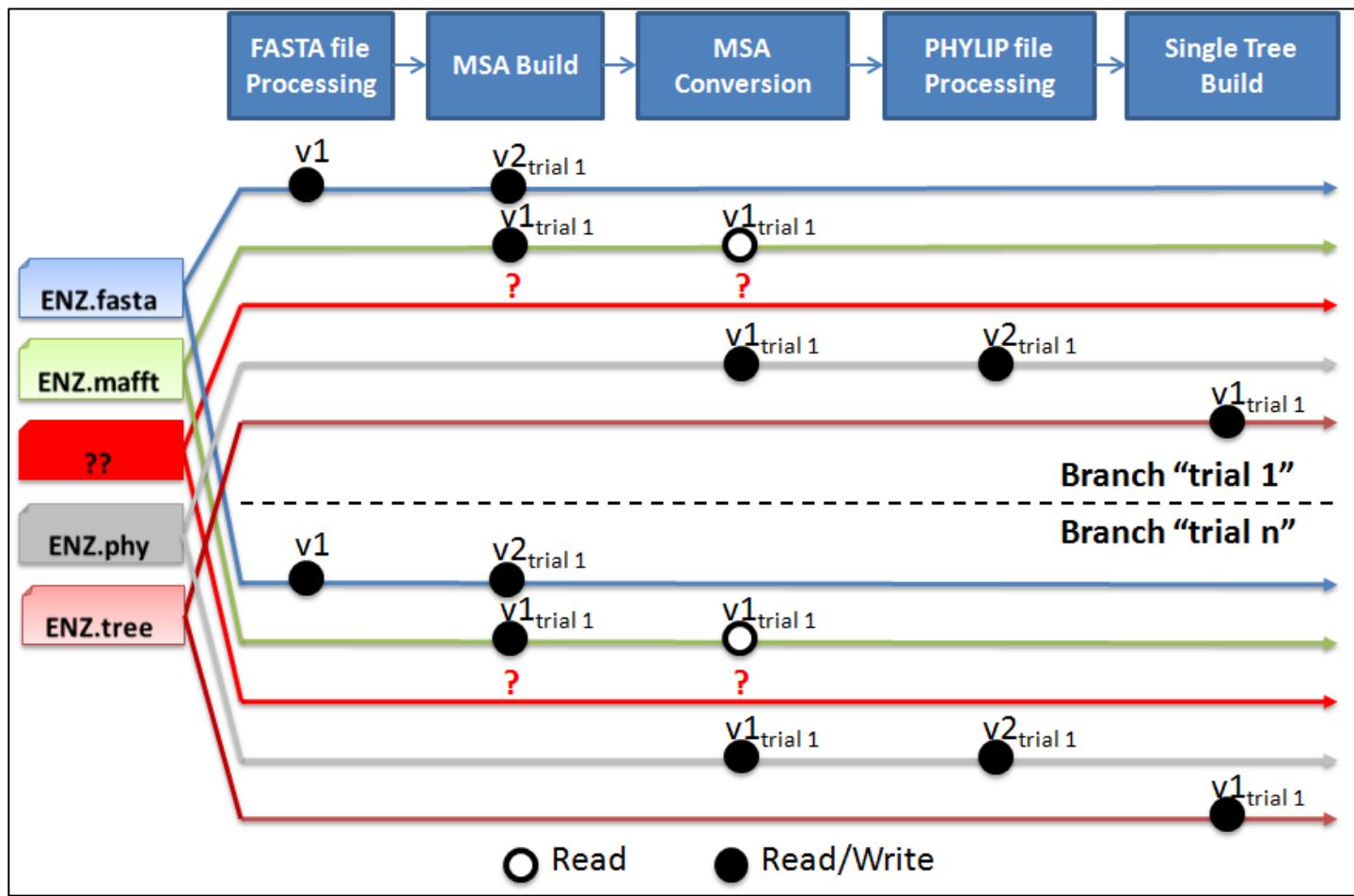
Provenance x CM	
Provenance problem	CM feature
File overwrite	Versioning
Implicit provenance	Workspace management
Parameter sweep	Branches

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- Approach gathering and analysis perspective



## 4. Conclusion

- Main contributions:
  - Implicit provenance definition;
  - Provenance perspective through Configuration Management;
  - Implicit provenance gather mechanism;

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- Ongoing work:
  - Experiments;
  - New analysis opportunities:
    - Inter-trial;
    - Intra-trial;

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