# ACQUISITION OF AND ACCESS TO RESEARCH OMICS DATA

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## Omics Data

- "Omics" originally derived from "genomic", but now includes several kinds of comprehensive, "totality" measurement sets
  - Whole genome sequencings (DNA)
  - RNA transcript sequencing, messenger RNA: transcriptomics
  - All detectable metabolites: metabolomics
  - + 255 others: Metagenomics, proteomics, epitranscriptomics, etc.
- Variety of measurement types and formats
- Frequently large data volumes
- (Commonly) several levels of data processing yielding...
- ...tens to hundreds of physical files in a complex logical organization





# NASA Policy Directive for Genetic Data

- NPD 7170.1 governs storage and access to all "human genetic testing data" gathered for research purposes
  - Applicable to identifiable data (does not include aggregated or otherwise nonidentifiable data)
  - Storage separated from Electronic Medical Record systems (unless otherwise authorized by subject)
  - Access to the data by certain personnel (e.g., NASA employment or duty managers) is prohibited
  - Storage of such data in NLSP would conform to this directive
- HRP DMP details the impacts of NPD 7170.1
  - "...Omics data are very broad in nature and may be abstracted and aggregated in a variety of ways which may remove any risk of identifiability. Additionally, omics data may represent information constitutional to a research subject, or may represent data that changes over time, based on environmental exposure. NPR 7170.1 places limitations on the control and use of omics data...



# Data archiving

- DMP further specifies HRP Omics Data archival locations
  - "Human omics data should reside within the LSDA, while non-human omics data may be directed to GeneLab."
  - Investigators may opt to deposit omics data into additional repositories (certain research communities and/or publishers require such depositions)









## Omics Data Archival Transfer

- Sources: Data systems used by
  - HRP Funded Investigator
  - HRP-contracted Facilities
  - Investigator-contracted Facility
- Destination:
  - NLSP Cloud Data Storage (currently AWS S3)
- Design Concerns:
  - Security, Reliability, Accessibility, Flexibility
- Submitters choose from a configurable list of transfer mechanisms







### Omics Data Archival Transfer Options

Data Transfer Option	Maximum Single File Size	NLSP Release
Web Browser Upload	5 TB	3.4
Integrated Large File (Box) Transfer	150 GB	3.5
Integrated AWS S3 API Transfer	5 TB	4.0
AWS Snowball Device Transfer	20 TB (this will not fit in an AWS bucket)	4.5





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### Options for Omics Transfer: Web Browser

#### Web Browser Upload

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## Options for Omics Transfer: Large File Transfer

### Using NASA ATO Large File Transfer application (currently Box)











### Options for Omics Transfer: AWS S3 API Transfer

Direct copying of files to NLSP AWS S3 data storage





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## Use of Controlled data in NLSP Workspaces

- It is anticipated that transferred (submitted) omics data will be a key target in the use of NLSP Workspaces
  - NLSP Release 4.0 to include Galaxy Analysis Environment
    - Configured to support Omics analyses
  - Access controls are in place within analytical systems, congruent with the NLSP Role Based Access Controls.
  - These can be configured to conform with NPD 7170.1
  - As specified by the HRP DMP
    - "To support analysis of controlled data within the NLSP workspace, role-based access must be extended to the workspace to ensure sensitive data are not exposed to users lacking the appropriate authorizations."



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### Summary

- The NLSP Data Submission Portal design supporting omics data transfer
  - Complies with NASA direction to restrict access to research genetic testing data
  - Leverages cloud-based storage for optimum data reliability and integrity
  - Provides data submitters with several options tailored to their skill level and available resources
  - Supports a wide range of transfer volumes and complexities
  - Is extensible by design to adapt existing or include additional transfer options when they become available
  - Enables data validation via integrated workspaces



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