





Free and open-source array database

Sparse/dense, multi-dimensional arrays

Distributed storage, parallel processing

Excels at parallel sparse/dense linear algebra

ACID, data replication, versioned data

# The NCBI 1K Genome Browser Runs on SciDB

The screenshot displays the NCBI 1000 Genomes browser interface. At the top, the NCBI logo and navigation links for 'Resources' and 'How To' are visible. The main header indicates '1000 Genomes Version 2.2.2' and a dropdown menu for 'All Databases'. On the left, a karyotype shows chromosomes 1 through 22, X, Y, and MT, with chromosome 1 highlighted in green. Below the karyotype is a search bar with the text 'Go Location, gene or phenotype' and a 'Subjects' section with a 'Tracks in view' table.

Sample	Bio Sample	Population

The main content area is titled 'Homo sapiens: GRCh37.p5 Chr 1 (NC\_000001.10): 0M - 249.26M'. It features a chromosome ideogram and a detailed view of chromosome 1 with a scale from 0 to 140 M. Below the ideogram is a 'Clinical Channel' and 'Association Results' track. The association results are shown as a series of colored bars (red, yellow, green) with numerical values. Below this is a 'Genes' track showing the locations of MTOR, MTHFR, NPPB, JUN, and GSTM1. At the bottom, there are tracks for 'GRCh37 genome-wide recombination rate from Phase 2 HapMap estimated from phased haploty', '1000 Genomes (all submissions)', and 'dbSNP submissions not present in 1000 Genomes'. Red text 'Zoom to see data!' is present next to the last two tracks.

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/variation/tools/1000genomes/>  
<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/variation/tools/get-rm/browse/>

# SciDB Arrays

Each cell in a SciDB array consists of a fixed number of typed values.

Here is an example cell:

x	y	z
3.141593	"When human"	2

Cells are ordered along coordinate axes.  
A 1-D array looks like an R data frame.

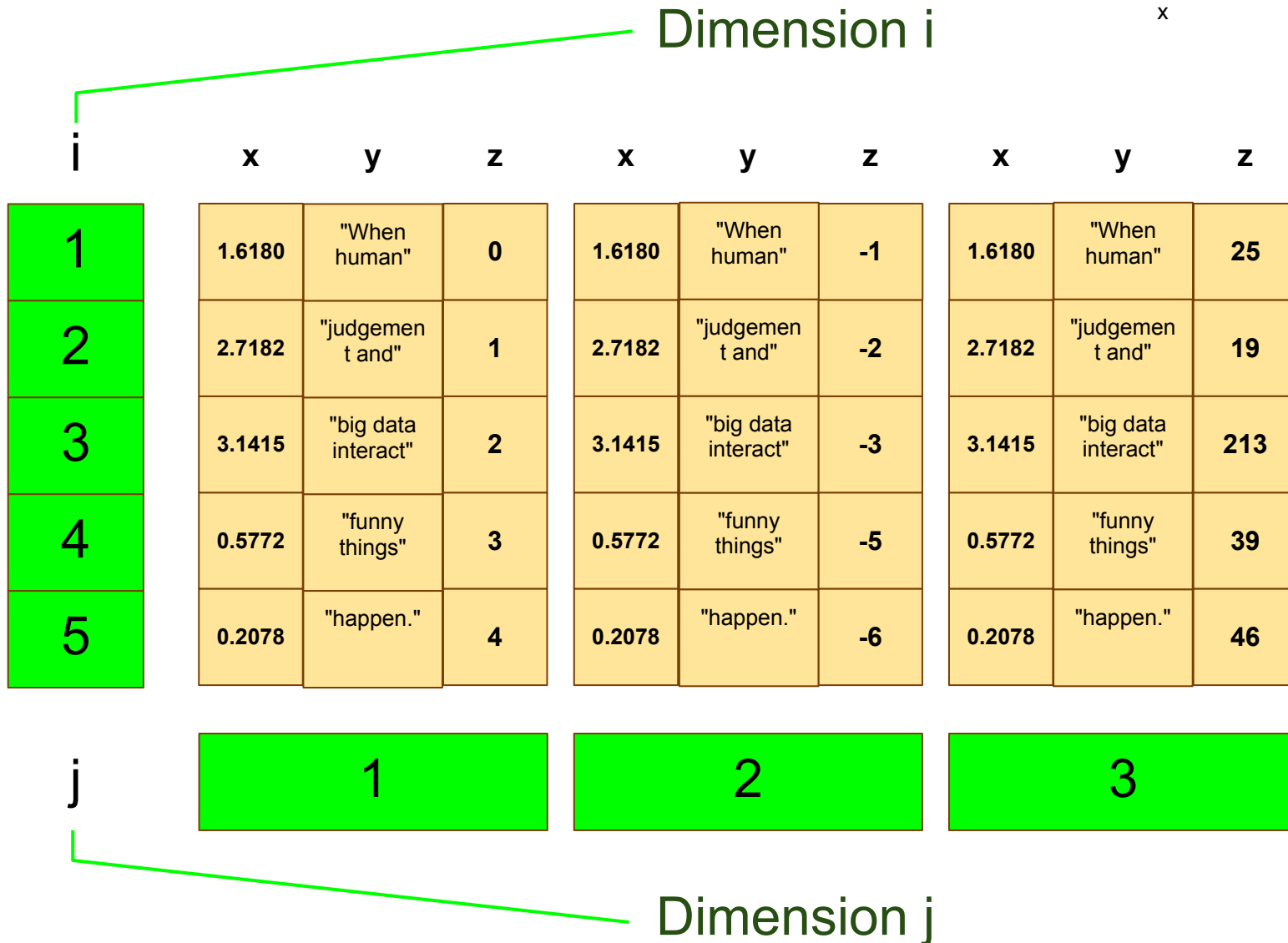
Dimension i

Variables

i x y z

1	3.1412654	"When human"	2
2	2.718282	"judgement and"	1
3	1.41421	"big data interact"	2
4	0.577215	"funny things"	3
5	0.207879	"happen."	4

# SciDB arrays can be multi-dimensional



Arrays can be sparse and values may be explicitly marked missing in several ways.

i	x	y	z
1	NA	"When human"	0
2			
3	Missing(1)	"big data interact"	Missing(7)
4	0.577215	"funny things"	3
5	0.207879	"happen."	4



# Arrays can be joined along common dimensions (like R's *merge*):

i	z	x	y		z	w	
1	0	1.618034	"When human"	$\times$	1	false	=
2	1	2.718282	"judgement and"		2	true	
3	2	3.141593	"big data interact"		3	true	
4	3	0.577215	"funny things"		4	true	
5	4	0.207879	"happen."				

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4	3	0.577215	"funny things"	true
5	4	0.207879	"happen."	true

# SciDB array partitioning and overlap

0.02	0.01	0.01	0.02
0.01	0.01	0.5	0.02
0.01	0.02	0.01	0.01
0.02	0.01	0.02	0.02

0.02	0.01	0.01	0.02
0.01	0.01	0.5	0.02
0.01	0.02	0.01	0.01
0.02	0.01	0.02	0.02

0.02	0.01	0.01	0.02
0.01	0.01	0.5	0.02
0.01	0.02	0.01	0.01
0.02	0.01	0.02	0.02

0.02	0.01	0.01	0.02
0.01	0.01	0.5	0.02
0.01	0.02	0.01	0.01
0.02	0.01	0.02	0.02

# Array chunks are distributed

0.02	0.01	0.01	0.02
0.01	0.01	0.5	0.02
0.01	0.02	0.01	0.01
0.02	0.01	0.02	0.02

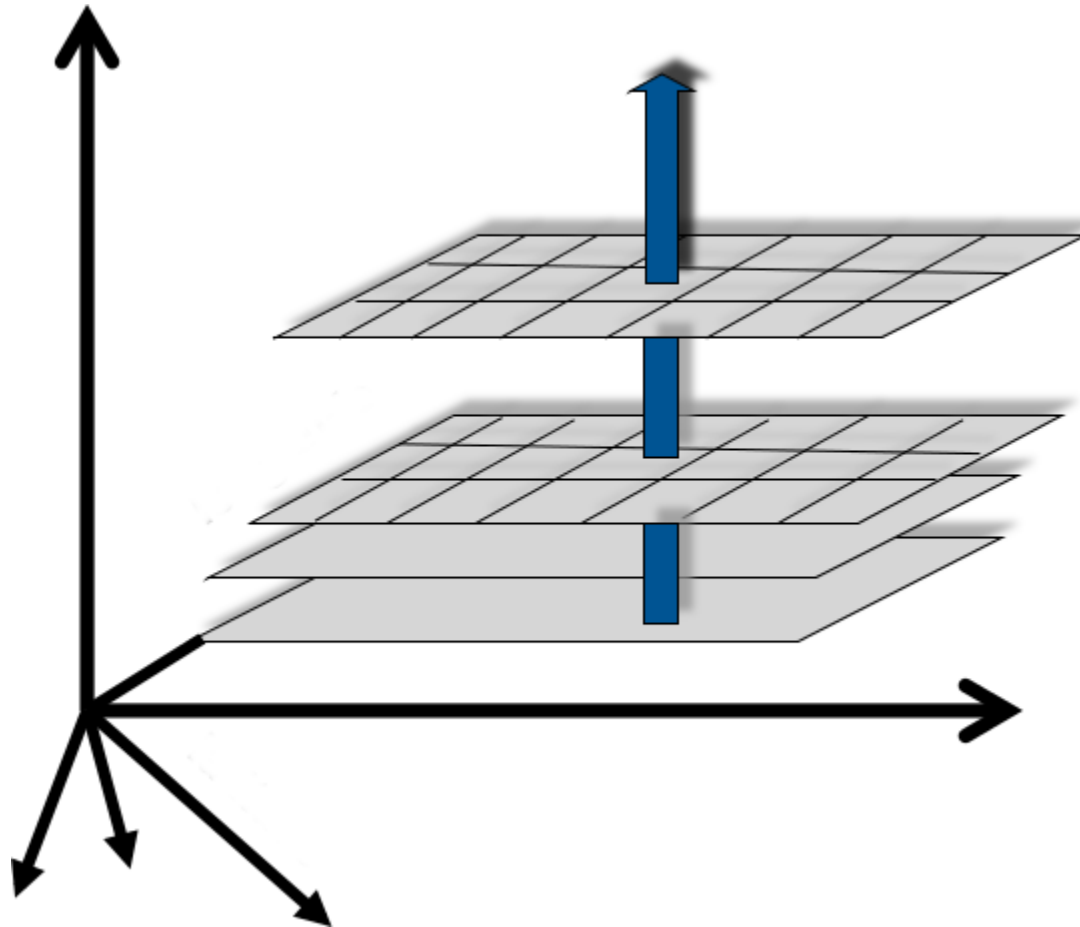
0.02	0.01	0.01	0.02
0.01	0.01	0.5	0.02
0.01	0.02	0.01	0.01
0.02	0.01	0.02	0.02

0.02	0.01	0.01	0.02
0.01	0.01	0.5	0.02
0.01	0.02	0.01	0.01
0.02	0.01	0.02	0.02

0.02	0.01	0.01	0.02
0.01	0.01	0.5	0.02
0.01	0.02	0.01	0.01
0.02	0.01	0.02	0.02



Regular chunk distribution across arrays  
= fast n-dimensional join/merge



Values can be **aggregated**, along dimensions optionally over **windows**

Functions can be **applied** over values in arrays

Arrays can be sparse

Linear algebra operations and matrix decompositions are available for matrices and vectors.

# The scidb package for R

## List/Dataframe-like

RObjectTables, g.data, filehash, ff, DBI and many database interfaces (RPgSQL, RMySQL, ROracle, ...), Vertica/R, Netezza/R, rredis, **scidb**, RBerkeley, RCassandra, LaF, lazy.frames

## Hadoop

rmr, HadoopStreaming, RHIPE

## Array-like

ff, bigmemory, pbdR, **scidb**, Netezza

## Other

rdsmlite, forthcoming from Simon, flexmem

# The package defines two main ways to interact with SciDB:

1. Iterable data frame interface using SciDB query language directly
2. **N-dimensional sparse/dense array class for R backed by SciDB arrays**



```
library("scidb")  
scidbconnect(host="localhost")
```

```
# An example reference to a SciDB matrix:
```

```
A <- scidb("A")
```

```
dim(A)
```

```
[1] 50000 50000
```

# Subarrays return new SciDB array objects

```
A[c(0,49000,171), 5:8]
```

Reference to a 3x4 SciDB array

Use `[]` to materialize data to R

```
A[c(0,49000,171), 5:8][[]
```

	<code>[,1]</code>	<code>[,2]</code>	<code>[,3]</code>	<code>[,4]</code>
<code>[1,]</code>	0.9820799	-0.4563357	-1.2947495	-0.8085465
<code>[2,]</code>	-1.5090126	0.1547963	-0.2435732	-0.1836875
<code>[3,]</code>	1.3296710	-1.5006536	-0.5980172	0.3752186

# Arithmetic

```
X <- A %*% A[,1:5]
```

```
dim(X)
```

```
[1] 50000      5
```

# Mixed **SciDB** and **R** object arithmetic

```
Z <- A[c(0,49000,171), 5:7]
```

```
(0.5*(Z + t(Z)) %*% rnorm(3) [, drop=FALSE])
```

```
      [,1]
```

```
[1,]  3.707263
```

```
[2,] -2.833560
```

```
[3,]  3.518370
```

# Basic aggregation (scidbdf class)

```
A <- as.scidb(iris)
```

Warning message:

```
In df2scidb :Attribute names have been changed
```

```
aggregate(A, Petal_Length ~ Species, "avg  
(Petal_Length) as mean")
```

```
      Species  mean  
1      setosa 1.462  
2 versicolor 4.260  
3  virginica 5.552
```

# SVD and principal components

```
S <- svd(A, nu=3, nv=3)
```

```
dim(S)
```

```
[1]      4 50000 50000
```

```
# Result is a 3-D array containing U,  
  S (sparse), and V
```

It is sometimes possible to use SciDB arrays in R packages with little modification.

```
library("biclust")
library("s4vd")
data(lung)
A <- lung
x <- biclust(A, method=BCssvd, K=1)

# Now with SciDB arrays:
library("s4vdp4")
X <- as.scidb(A)
x1 <- biclust(X, method=BCssvd, K=1)

# Compare the results:
sqrt( x@info$res[[1]]$u - x1@info$res[[1]]$u )

      [,1]
[1,] 5.202109e-16
```





Virtual machines and EC2 images ready to roll (including Rstudio) available from:

**[www.scidb.org](http://www.scidb.org)**

R package on CRAN and development version at:

**[github.com/Paradigm4](https://github.com/Paradigm4)**