



« National citizen science strategies »

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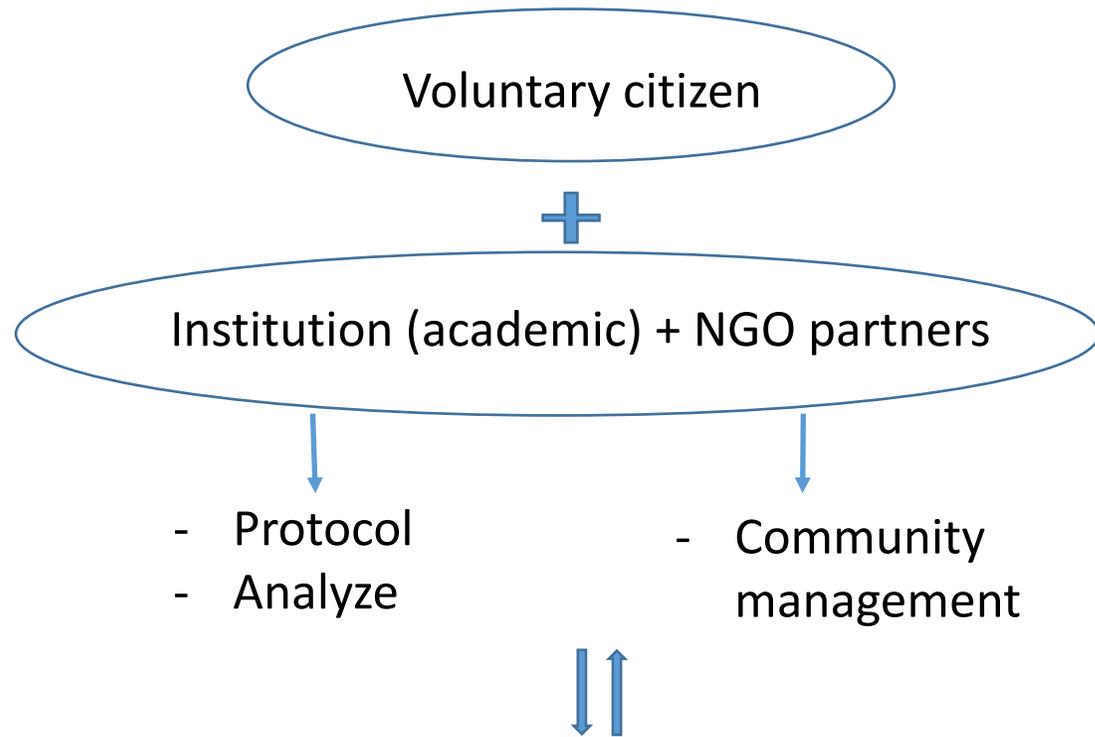
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“Institutional” citizen science:



Other stakeholders: State, local government and municipality, education, nature protection...

Structured data / based on protocol

- Data at spatial or temporal scales that need network of observers (« **big data** »)
- and/or*
- Situated data, enriched with participant local knowledge and own experience (« **quality data** »)

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Toward a national digital infrastructure for Citizen science projects



5 years: 2015-2019
4,3 millions € investment

1 year to record wishes and needs across 100 citizen science projects

⇒ **Web sites for facilitating coordination and improving participant experience**

Two lessons from our experience



Suivi Photographique des Insectes POLLinisateurs

ASTER 2010

PRÉCÉDENT SUIVANT RETOUR À LA LISTE



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2010-09-17
 Nom de la fleur: Taxon inconnu de la clé (aster)
 Il s'agit d'une fleur : plantée
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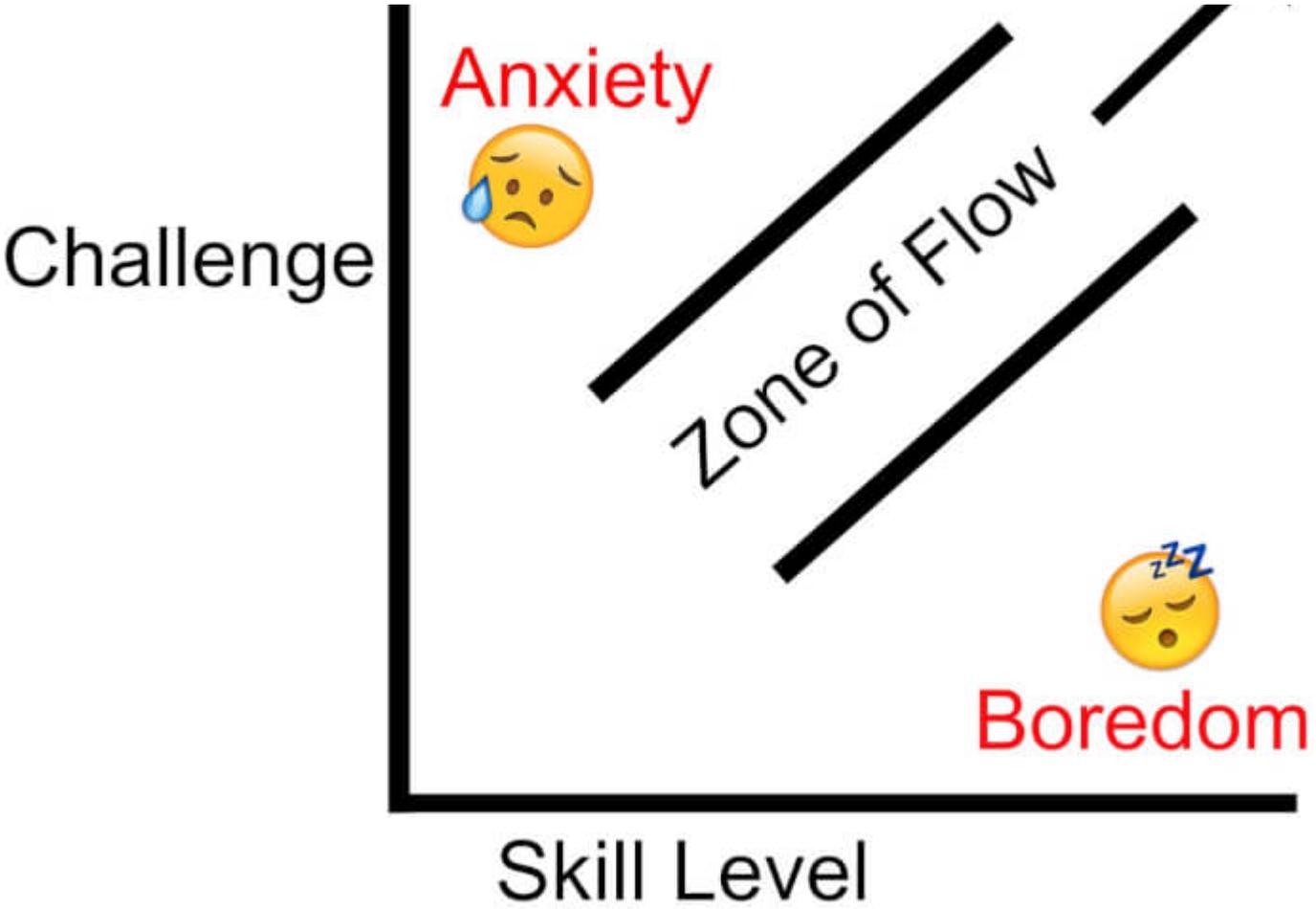


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Find the optimal Optimal experience
(Csíkszentmihályi Mihály) :





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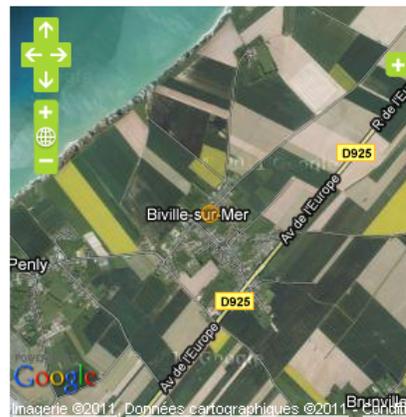
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COMMENTAIRES DES INTERNAUTES

par : cybelle 2011-04-23

Superbe votre collection Etamines, les insectes se bouscuaient pour vous faire plaisir, vous avez dû vous régaler.

par : Fernand 2011-04-23

Très belles photos. Les fleurs sont magnifiques et les insectes également. Beau travail étamines .

The importance of the social platform

- Imitation

- Advices

- Social control

*The power of social
interaction among
participants for developing
data quality control*

=> structured data (participations) are **visible by all** (they then serve as tutorial for new comers), **commentable by participants**, and may be eventually **modified by the author** (a new version is then created and old ones stored)

1 project = 1 web site

Coordinator space:
News edition;
newsletter

Administrator space :
Dashboard (participants and
data)

News, etc.

Recent
participations

DataViz directly
connected to the
CS-DBMS

Public space

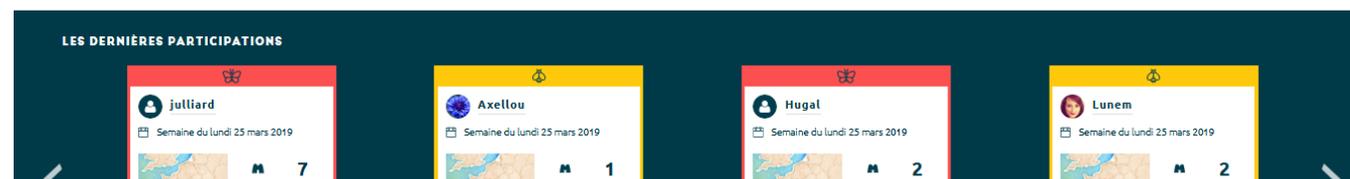
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New data (online form)

Commenting each-others
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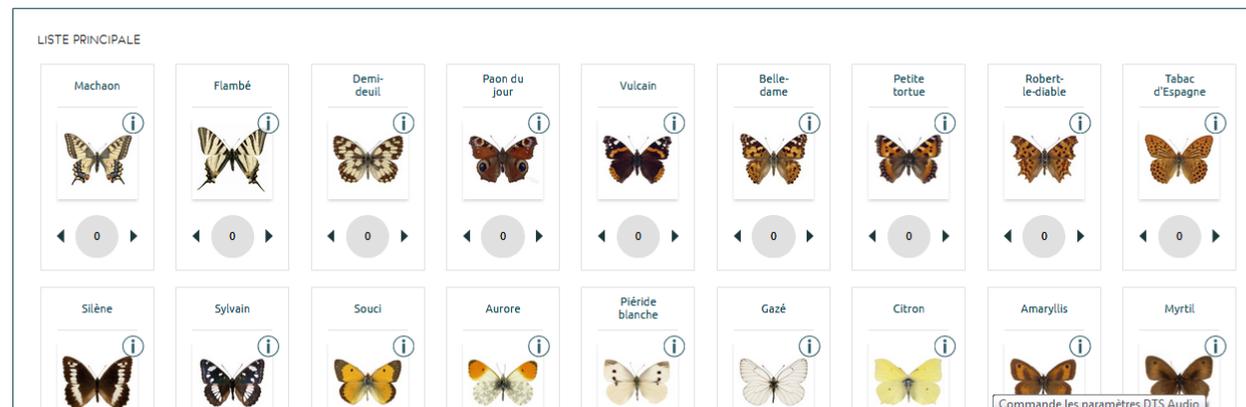
My data: modification of
commented participations

Private space



COMPTABILISEZ VOS OBSERVATIONS

N'hésitez pas à soumettre votre participation même si vous n'avez pas observé de papillons cette semaine !



Standard websites for CS local coordination

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Recent
participations from
the local network

DataViz directly
connected to the
CS-DBMS, from the
local coordination
area of interest

Public space

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Project selection

New data (online form)

Commenting each-others
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Private space

Many local stakeholders may use CS as a tool for engaging citizen, with various aims (producing data, education, contributing to creating social links, contribution to a local project...).

The diversity is large: municipalities, local government, local NGO, sport or cultural clubs, private company...).

CS local coordination are very efficient to find and engage people, but need their own web site to manage their network of participants.

Local coordination do not have their own CS project, but may propose a selection of existing CS projects to their network.

Participants recruited by a local network may access project's main website they are participating to.

Local coordination may access through the CS-DBMS to data collected on their area of interest (e.g., county) by participants not registered in their local network.

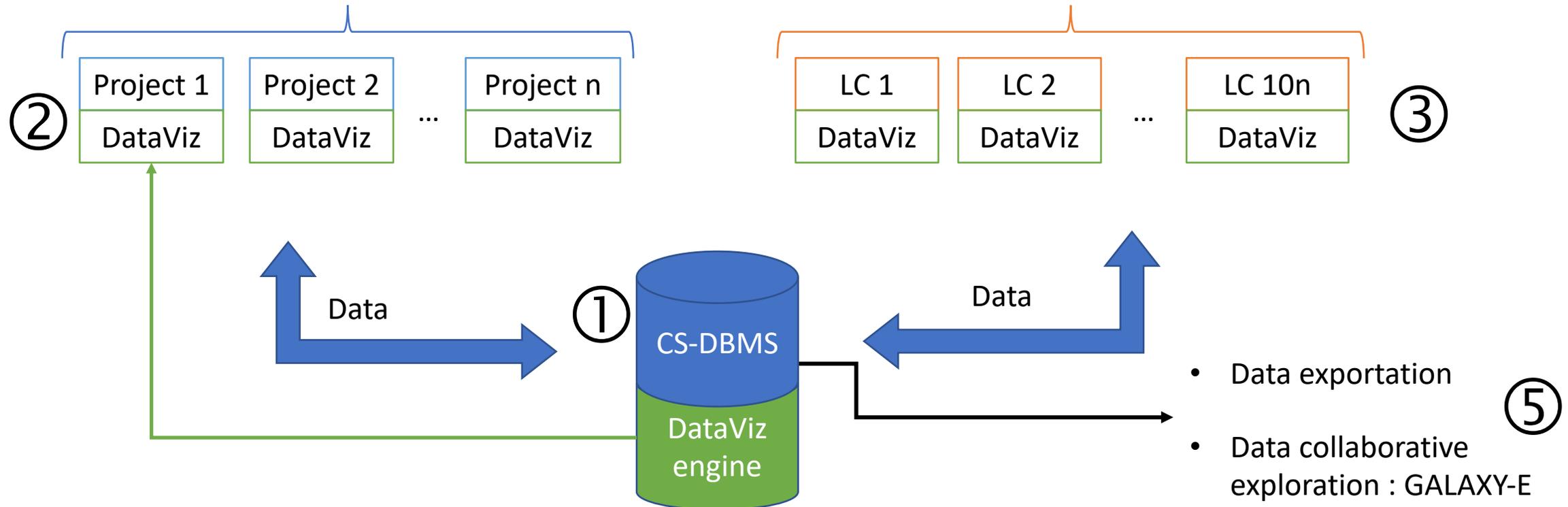
A web infrastructure for citizen science projects



- ④ CS projects portal : shared communication ; resource center ; search facilities, mapping projects and local coordination ; some **dataViz** from the DBMS ; redirection to individual CS web sites

n CS (large scale) projects functionally independent with dedicated coordination.
1 project = specific protocol(s) = 1 web site

~10 x n local coordination (LC) for CS projects, typically promoting several existing projects (i.e. protocols)



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 69714 participants

 146 observatoires

JE RECHERCHE UN OBSERVATOIRE

 RÉGION   THÈMES   ESPÈCES   NIVEAUX 

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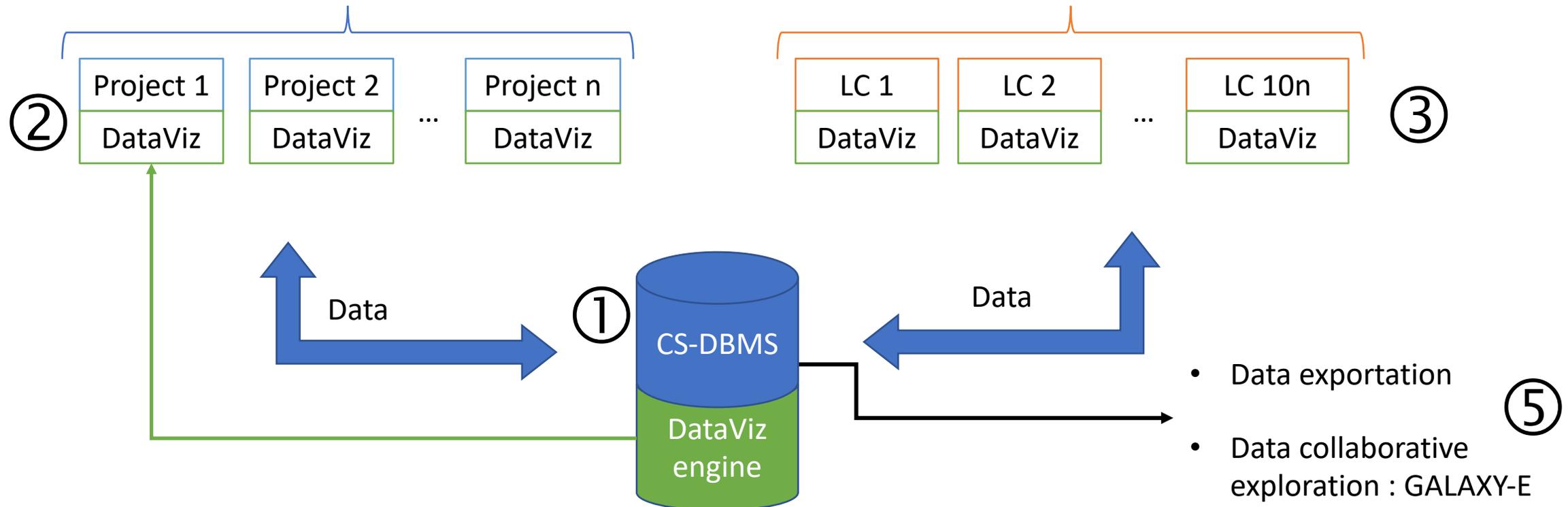
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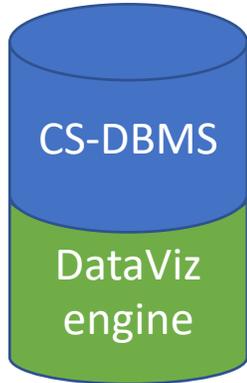
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The DataBase Management System for Citizen Science projects



CS = Structured data are collected according to a protocol, that is a set of rules on how to collect and report data in a standardized way

=> Our CS-DBMS allows to describe such rules and to check that stored structured data are indeed in conformity with the rules imposed by the protocol.

This has many virtues: (1) it allows a permanent quality control on the data allowing to re-distribute standardized structured data ; (2) it allows to pool data collected through different interfaces but with the same protocol into a common database ; (3) it is a necessary condition for stabilizing protocols, a key issue for any monitoring purpose.

Because there is so many ways to document biodiversity and environmental settings, adopting a common referential for all possible protocols is a nightmare.

The CS-DBMS has been designed to store specific referential for each protocol whenever necessary.

The DBMS has an internal data visualization device allowing to generate maps, histograms, graphs that are dynamically synchronized with the data stored in the DBMS. These DataViz can be directly implemented on any web sites, with some interactions with users (ex., data filter, contextualization of DataViz to user attributes).

- Collaborative data exploration platform: GALAXY-E

There is a high political and social demand for opening data. It is an implicit promise of CS (data produced by the crowd should go back to the crowd). Yet, the matter is not only accessing data but also accessing data analytic tools.

Another issue is to share data analysis, not only the final output, but also the data analysis workflow. This allows to built on previous experiences (e.g. avoid pointless analysis already done).

Based on the existing international open-source GALAXY project, developed by and for bio-informatics (genomic), we developed GALAXY-E(cology). [It offers an online workspace with data access and data analysis tools facilities \(workflows\). Everything can be stored and shared.](#)

The current workspace needs statistical skills. It is particularly useful for analyzing datasets from different origins (a posteriori interoperability).

We are developing a user-friendly interface for a wider community of participant (POC: end 2019)



Perennation : toward a national resource centre « methods and tools » for citizen science



A team of 15 people covering all needed IT skills:

- *Data-base management and administration (3)*
- *Web design UX/UI (2)*
- *Product Owner (2)*
- *web Développement PHP (2)*
- *web Développement React (4)*
- *projet Coordination (2)*



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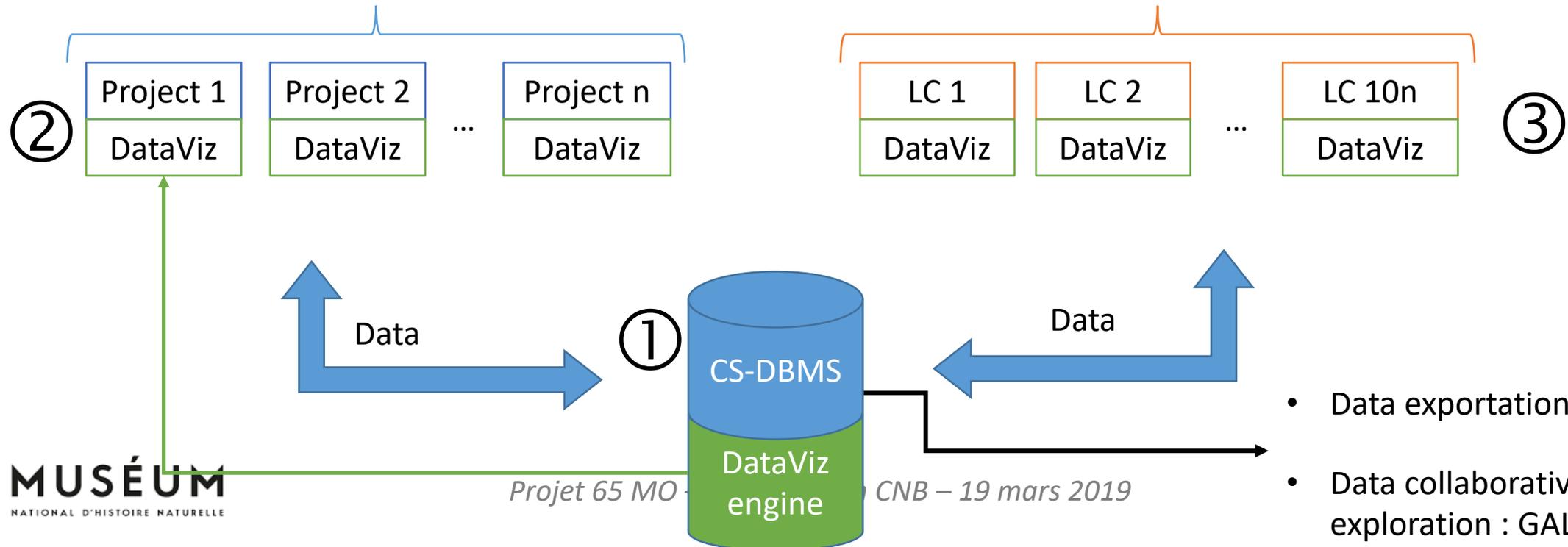
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- Data exportation
- Data collaborative exploration : GALAXY

