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Loosely-Coupled/Tightly-Constrained (LCTC) Workflows for Inter-organizational, Compliance-Governed, Collaborative Computing for Multi-Tenant Cloud

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Taxonomy of Loosely Couple Tightly Constrained Workflows

Workflow

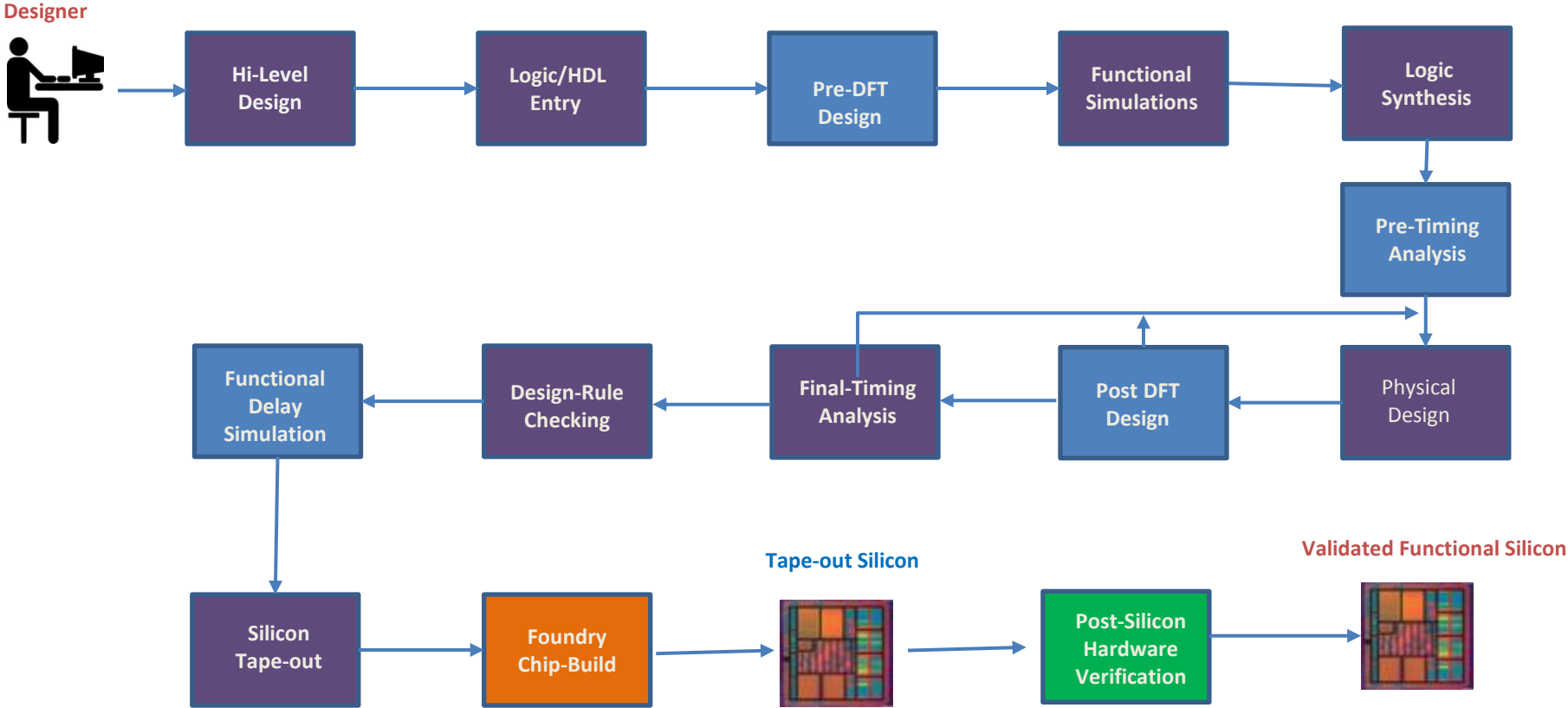
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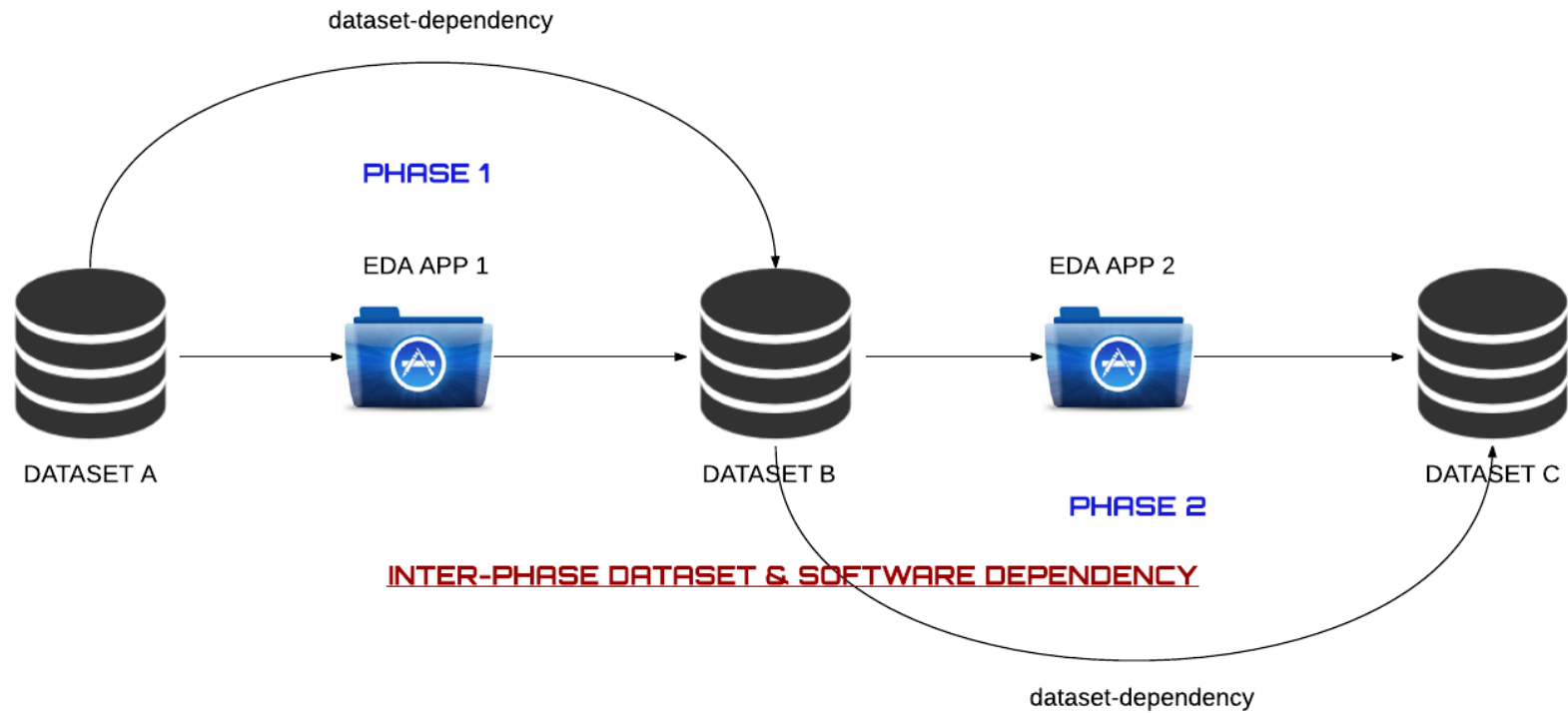
A **workflow** consists of an orchestrated and repeatable pattern of business activity enabled by the [systematic](#) organization of [resources](#) into processes that transform materials, provide services, or process information.^[1] It can be depicted as a sequence of operations, declared as work of a person or group,^[2] an organization of staff, or one or more simple or complex mechanisms.

- ❑ We seek a computational framework for (1) IP DRM, (2) COMPUTATIONAL COMPLIANCE, (3) SECURE COLLABORATION (IP SHARING)
- ❑ **Engineering Workflows (EW)** dominate engineering design practices, e.g. semiconductor, FEA, engine analysis, tire design are well defined EWs.
- ❑ We distinguish **Engineering Workflows** from **Scientific Workflows (SW)**
 - SWs are “tightly-coupled” steps, EWs are “loosely-coupled” “phases”
- ❑ **Engineering Workflows** are classified as (1) **Design To Release Manufacturing (DTRM)** workflows, i.e. the computing activities that lead UP TO the point of releasing the product in contrast to (2) **Manufacturing To Deployment (MTD)** workflows.
- ❑ “sequence of operations” → EW “sequences” can be described as **PHASES** of a workflow.
- ❑ EACH **PHASE** of an workflow represents a *computational transformation* for an INPUT and OUTPUT dataset(s), i.e. hyper-complex function.
 - LINKED COLLECTION of PHASES constitute the EW

Semiconductor Design Workflow Example



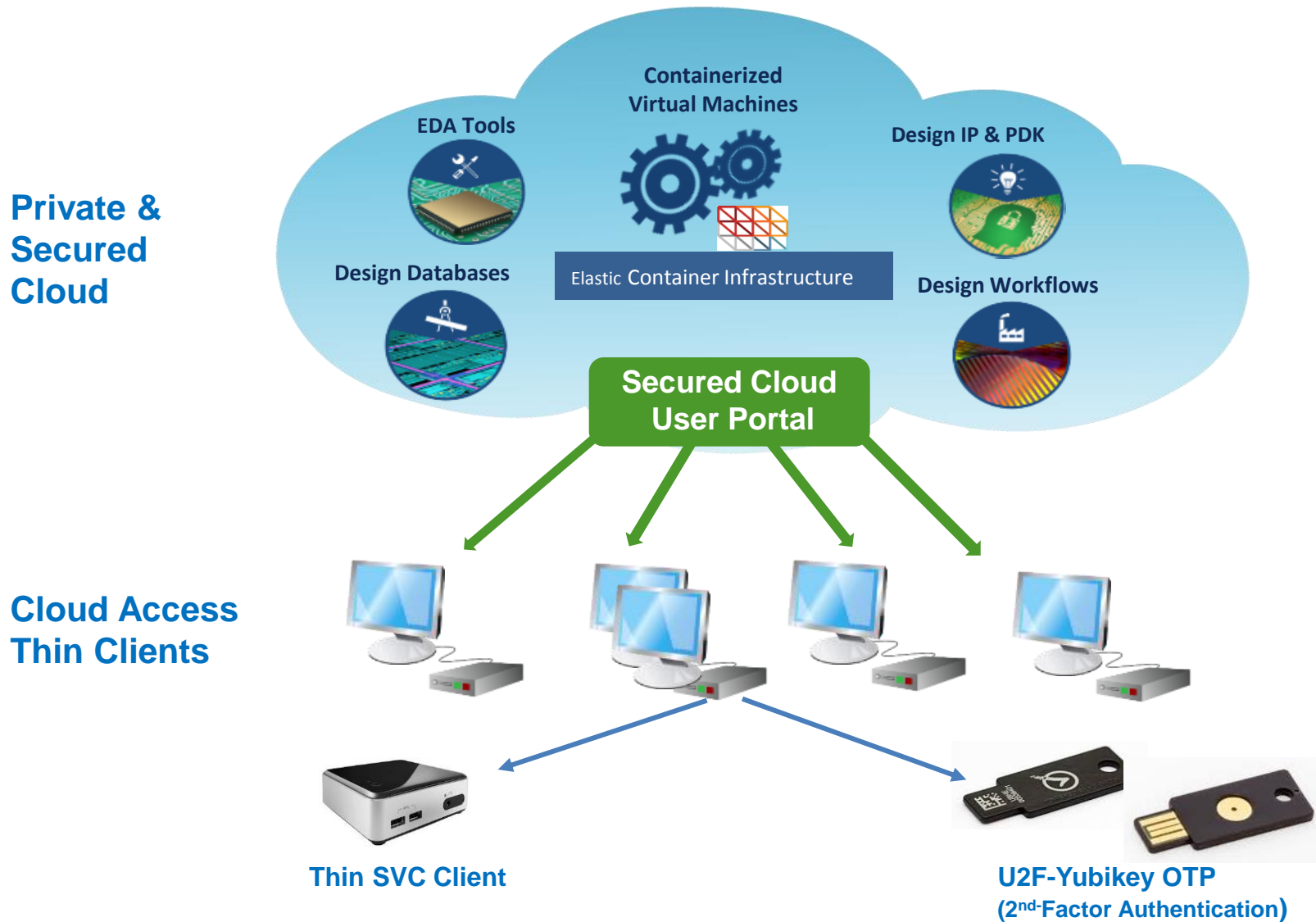
Workflow Inter-phase Dependencies



Silicon Cloud Overview

- ❑ EW **Intellectual Property** (IP) is represented as INPUT & OUTPUT DATASETS
 - We seek to track the “*transformational provenance*” of an IP’s progression through the phases of a workflow, i.e. the «*execution provenance*» of the IP
 - “*Execution Provenance*” of IP exemplifies the **DRM** component of the IP.
- ❑ A key and distinguishing characteristic of DTRM EWs from SWs...
 - The INTER-dependencies (“linked”) of the “*transformational provenance*” of IP BETWEEN PHASES that are **LOOSELY COUPLED**, but...
 - “**Transformational Provenance**” **TIGHTLY CONSTRAINS** the IP within the DTRM workflow
- ❑ “**TIGHTLY CONSTRAINED**” component DEFINES the **COMPLIANCE** aspect of an **Loosely-Coupled-Tightly-Constrained** (LCTC) workflow
- ❑ The multi-phase aspect of the workflow enables a *IP PHASE EXTRACTION/INSERTION POINT*
 - Exposes a SECURITY HOLE within the workflow
 - IP datasets can be “ejected” from the workflow
 - CON ➔ Destroys the IP security within the workflow
 - PRO ➔ Provide a mechanism for DRM through provenance record
 - EW execution often requires multi-person/roles
 - Demands a secure collaboration schema as EW phases are assigned through roles

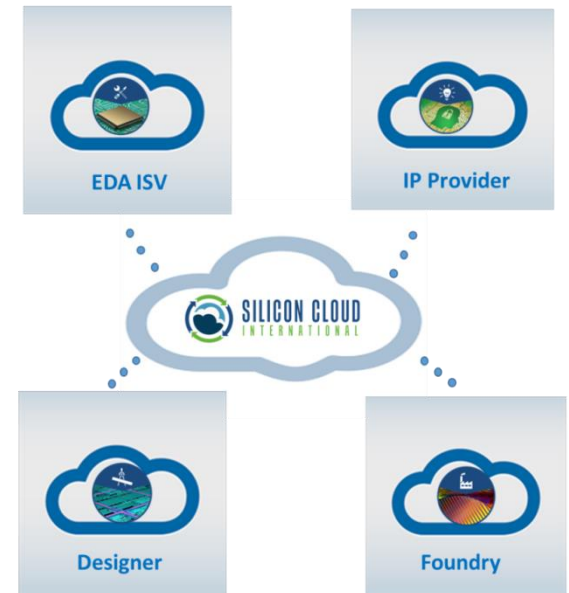
Silicon Cloud I2 Infrastructure Overview



SCI Cloud Secure Inter-Organization Collaboration

- **Workflow-engaged** inter-organizational collaboration through Role-Based-Access-Control (RBAC)
 - *Digital Rights Management* (DRM) scheme is enforced through a **“Vaulted Cloud”** graph model wherein digital IP is **“execution provenanced”** in real time in a graph database.
 - Graph database of multi-propertied nodes and edges
 - Resulting graph is mined for pattern matches that workflow and DRM rules of behavior
 - Enforcement, security, monitoring, compliance
 - VMs are **“execution provenanced”**
 - VMs do not exist as isolated computation engines, but have active database management during execution
 - Projects own VMs as **“computational objects”** that have life-cycled (cradle-2-grave) through a directed, acyclic graph-oriented workflow.
 - The **Silicon Cloud** encapsulates a **WorkFlow-as-a-Service** (WFaaS) and tightly-coupled **Digital-Rights-Management-as-a-Service** (DRMAaaS) architecture.
- **Ephemeral** inter-organizational collaboration through SDN
 - Projects are data isolated at VLAN, TCP/IP, and VPN layers
 - Inter-organizational collaboration is supported through a provenance VM with data-isolated, computational object (VM)

Secure Multi-Organization Collaboration Cloud

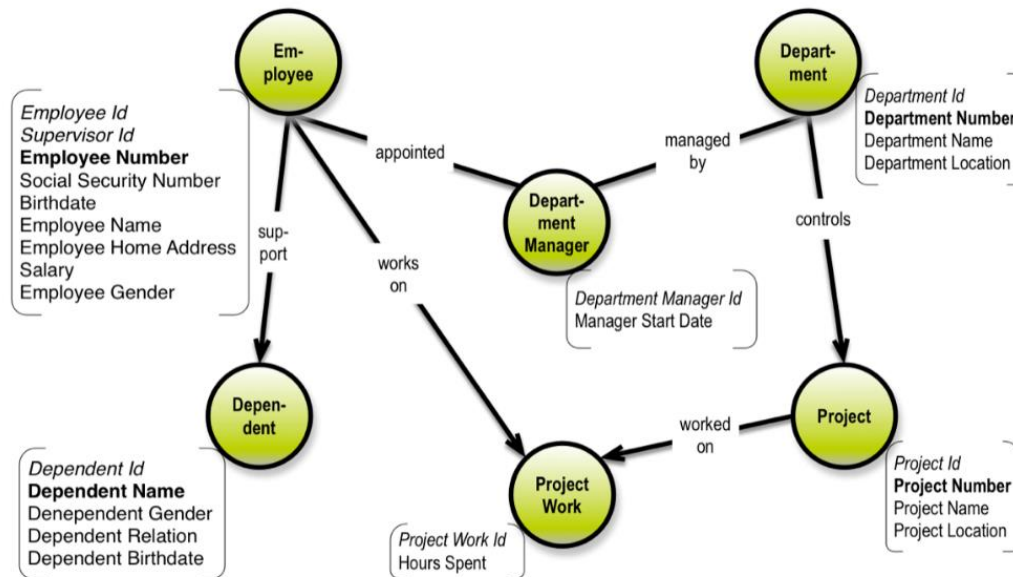


Graph Data Model For Workflow Compliance & IP Secure Collaboration (1)

In computing, a **graph database** is a **database** that uses **graph structures** for **semantic queries** with **nodes**, **edges** and properties to represent and store data. A key concept of the system is the *graph* (or *edge* or *relationship*), which directly relates data items in the store. The relationships allow data in the store to be linked together directly, and in many cases retrieved with one operation.

Graph databases, by design, allow simple and fast retrieval^[citation needed] of complex hierarchical structures that are difficult to model^[according to whom?] in relational systems. Graph databases are similar to 1970s **network model** databases in that both represent general graphs, but network-model databases operate at a lower level of abstraction^[1] and lack easy traversal over a chain of edges.^[2]

- ❑ Workflows resemble Directed Acyclic Graphs (**DAGs**), which are by name, **GRAPHS**, with associated **NODES** and **EDGES**
- ❑ Assigning «*property-attributes*» to NODES & EDGES results in a “*property graph*”
- ❑ LCTC workflows are easily modeled as “*property graphs*”
 - NODES → Workflow PHASE with «*node-properties*» as app used in that phase
 - EDGES → IP transformation relationships between phases with «*edge-properties*» as dependency metadata



Graph Data Model For Workflow Compliance & IP Secure Collaboration (2)

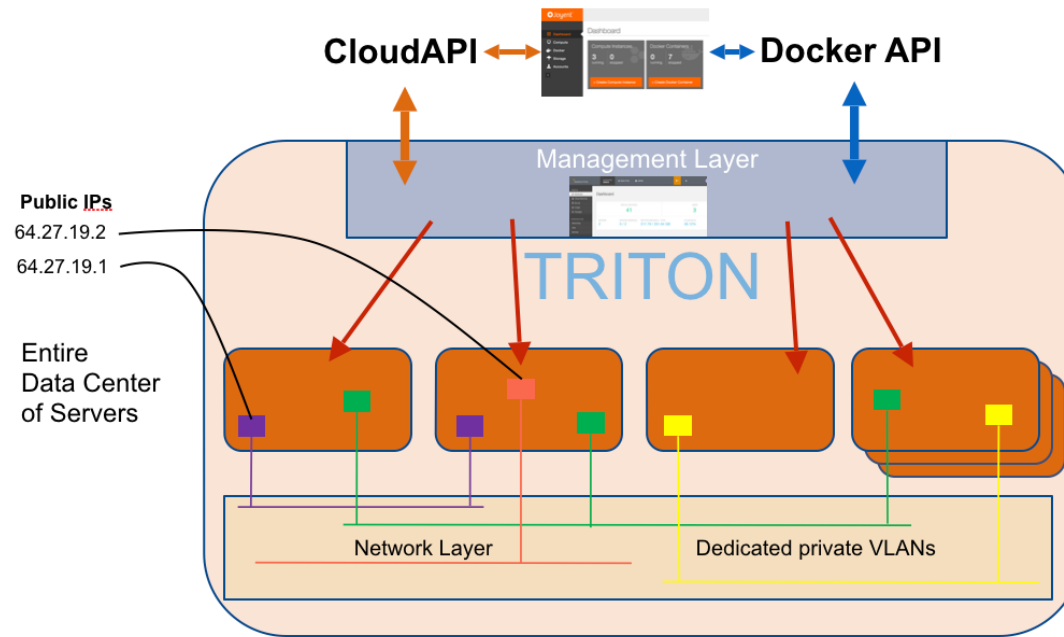
- ❑ DEFINE the *workflow-reference-graph (WRG)* as the BASELINE for...
 - ❑ *Workflow Compliance Patterns (WCP)*
- ❑ «*execution provenance*» is transactionally recorded as a node-edge relationships in a graph database (***Titan*** and next ***DSE-Graph***)
- ❑ PROVENANCE TRAIL is created that TRACKS IP transformations across multi-phase workflow
- ❑ Repeated cycling of PHASES of the LCTC workflow can be defined as the “annealing” process of the workflow, i.e. the design is maturing...
 - ❑ (1) WITHIN a phase and (2) ACROSS ALL phases of the workflow
- ❑ Key element visibly apparent within the reference workflow DAG is the opportunity for IP PHASE EXTRACTION & INSERTION
- ❑ Encapsulating the entire workflow execution is a fundamental premise for cloud-based...
 - (1) workflow compliance, (2) IP collaboration, & (3) IP security
- ❑ Use Tinkerpop’s ***Gremlin Query Language*** to search for relevant WCPs

Leveraging Virtualized & Software-Defined Infrastructure For Workflow Execution, Process & IP Provenance, & Security (1)

Defining Characteristics

- ❑ Engineering workflow applications are...
 - (1) Performance-driven, (2) large memory footprint, (3) I/O intensive
- ❑ Infrastructure is embodied through bare-metal server farms
- ❑ Compute workloads are (1) dominantly batch-oriented & (2) interactive graphics (2D & 3D)
- ❑ Primarily SINGLE-threaded apps...MULTI-threaded apps are increasingly important
 - Multi-threaded apps are more difficult to optimize performance across multi-core processors and INTER-server in generically networked server farms
- ❑ Linux desktops, e.g. Gnome, KDE, running an application's X-Windows GUI
- ❑ NFS file shares for inter-PHASE data sharing...**Object Store**?? ← What is that?
- ❑ Data security is the FIREWALL appliance...INTERNAL data security (**RBAC**)? ← What is that?
 - **CHALLENGES FOR TRADITIONAL WORKFLOWS IN GENERALIZED PUBLIC CLOUDS**
- ❑ Transition of BATCH compute loads
 - FIXED bare-metal server farm with **LSF** → DYNAMICALLY provisioned & DYNAMICALLY-powered (vCPUs) Linux containers
- ❑ Move away from VNC desktop to JavaScript HTML-rendered <canvas> bitmap

Leveraging Triton Cloud Middleware & Cisco ACI Fabric Infrastructure For Security



- Container virtualization and orchestration through open-source **Triton/SmartOS** Cloud Middleware
- Compute nodes → Cisco C240 M4 (20C) Servers
- L2/L3/L4 Switching Fabric →
- **Cisco ACI** (Nexus 9K)
 - 40G fabric backplane



Leveraging Virtualized & Software-Defined Infrastructure For Workflow Execution, Process & IP Provenance, & Security (2)

TOWARDS HIGH PERFORMANCE VIRTUALIZATION

- ❑ Applications are virtualized through “application” & “multi-process” **Linux Containers (Docker API)**
- ❑ Containers as MICRO-serviced, MICRO-networked, MICRO-clustered *“compute-shire”*
 - Provide a deterministic, flexible, socket-based micro-cluster for MULTI-threaded apps
 - 20x compute density improvement over fully virtualized OS VMs
- ❑ From bare metal server to **NON-hypervisor, OS-Virtualization** with **Linux Containers**
- ❑ FIXED bare-metal server farm with **LSF** → DYNAMICALLY provisioned & DYNAMICALLY-powered (vCPUs) Linux containers
 - 7 sec container provisioning
- ❑ Move from process-isolation to OS-user space isolation
- ❑ No virtio, containers have direct access to kernel-mode device drivers & adapters, e.g. **GPUs**
- ❑ Applications are virtualized through **Linux Containers (Docker API)**
- ❑ Containers as MICRO-serviced, MICRO-networked, MICRO-clustered *compute-shire*
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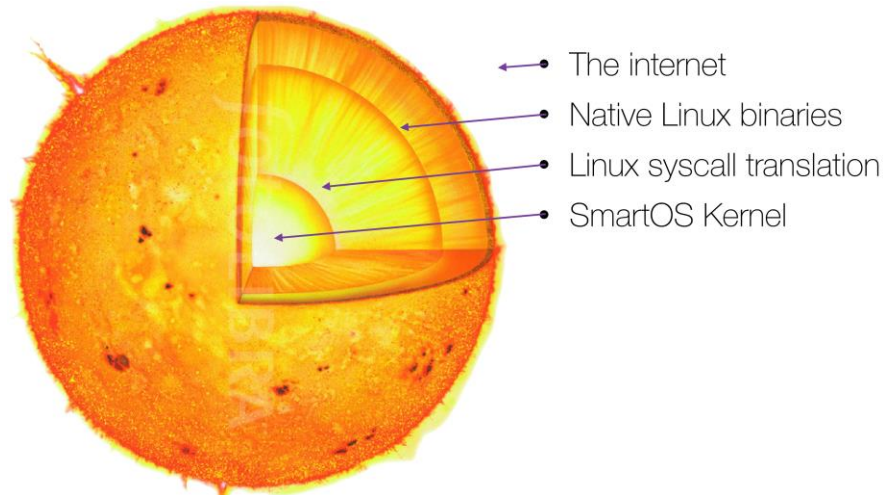
TOWARDS SOFTWARE-DEFINED-DATA-CENTER (SDDC)

- ❑ From fixed, DHCP-based networking → *Software-Defined-Network (SDN) (Cisco ACI)*
 - VM-2-VM micro-networked, contract-oriented TCP flows
- ❑ Foundational *Software Defined Data Center (SDDC) VXLAN*, project-network isolation
- ❑ Integrate the container-orchestration with Cisco's leaf-spine ACI network
- ❑ ACI provides a RESTful, single point of control that is integrated with the container provisioning,
- ❑ "*Project SDDCs*" exist within a "*Tenant-of-Tenants*" (ToT) ACI architecture, i.e. *project-tenant*
- ❑ "*Project Access Containers*" (PACs) or are assigned as "computing identity" for EACH user
- ❑ PACs can only "*project connect*" to ONE *project-tenant* at a time and PACs are "*morphed*" with a project-owned PAC-filesystem that prevents removal of *project-owned IP* and *cross-project IP contamination*.
- ❑ Project IP sharing is facilitated through object-storage with ACI "*contracts*" between the object-store application and a project-network/VLAN.
- ❑ Node-Edge transactions are generated and recorded in graph database and **Process or IP** Compliance Violation Policies (CVP) are monitored against all IP Object Stores

Leveraging Virtualized & Software-Defined Infrastructure For Workflow Execution, Process & IP Provenance, & Security (4)

TOWARDS SOFTWARE-DEFINED-DATA-CENTER (SDDC)

- ❑ FIXED bare-metal server farm with LSF → DYNAMICALLY provisioned & DYNAMICALLY-powered (vCPUs) Linux containers
- ❑ Applications are virtualized through Linux Containers (Docker API)
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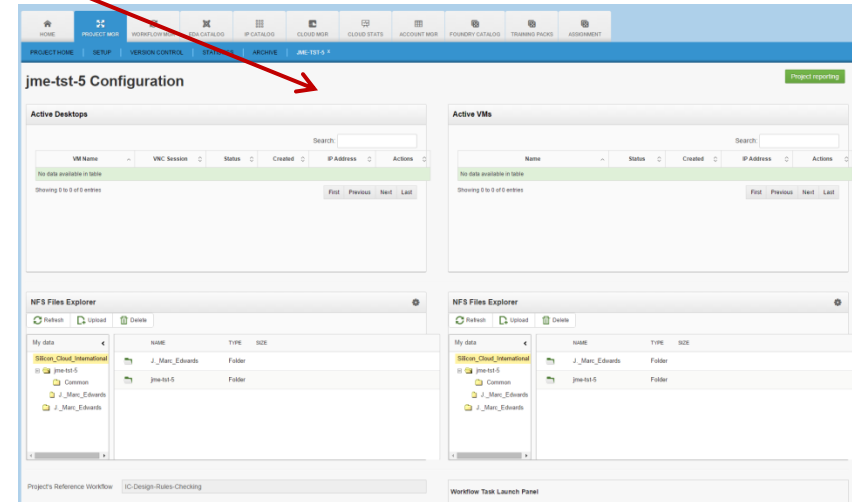
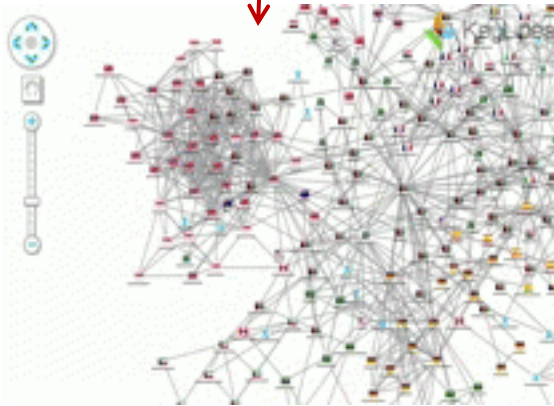
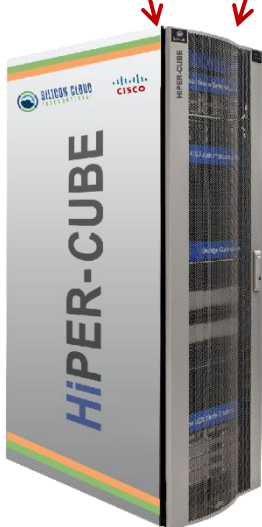
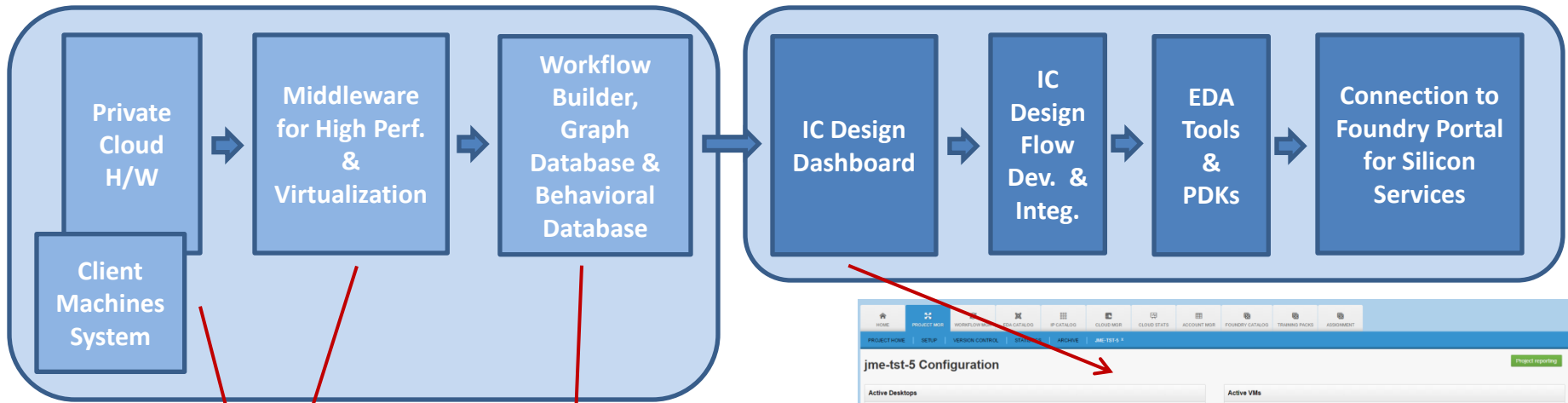


OBJECT STORAGE WITH COMPUTE

❑ CHALLENGES FOR TRADITIONAL WORKFLOWS IN GENERALIZED PUBLIC CLOUDS

- ❑ Transition of BATCH compute loads
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- ❑ Move from NAS to object-store-with-compute
- ❑ CLI phase/pipe processing for mapping & reducing *Data At Rest*

Summary of the SCI Cloud Technology Innovations



Key Technology Innovation

- Modern design workflows with user-execution-behavior database
- High performance compute hardware virtualization
- Advanced security & Workflow Management features

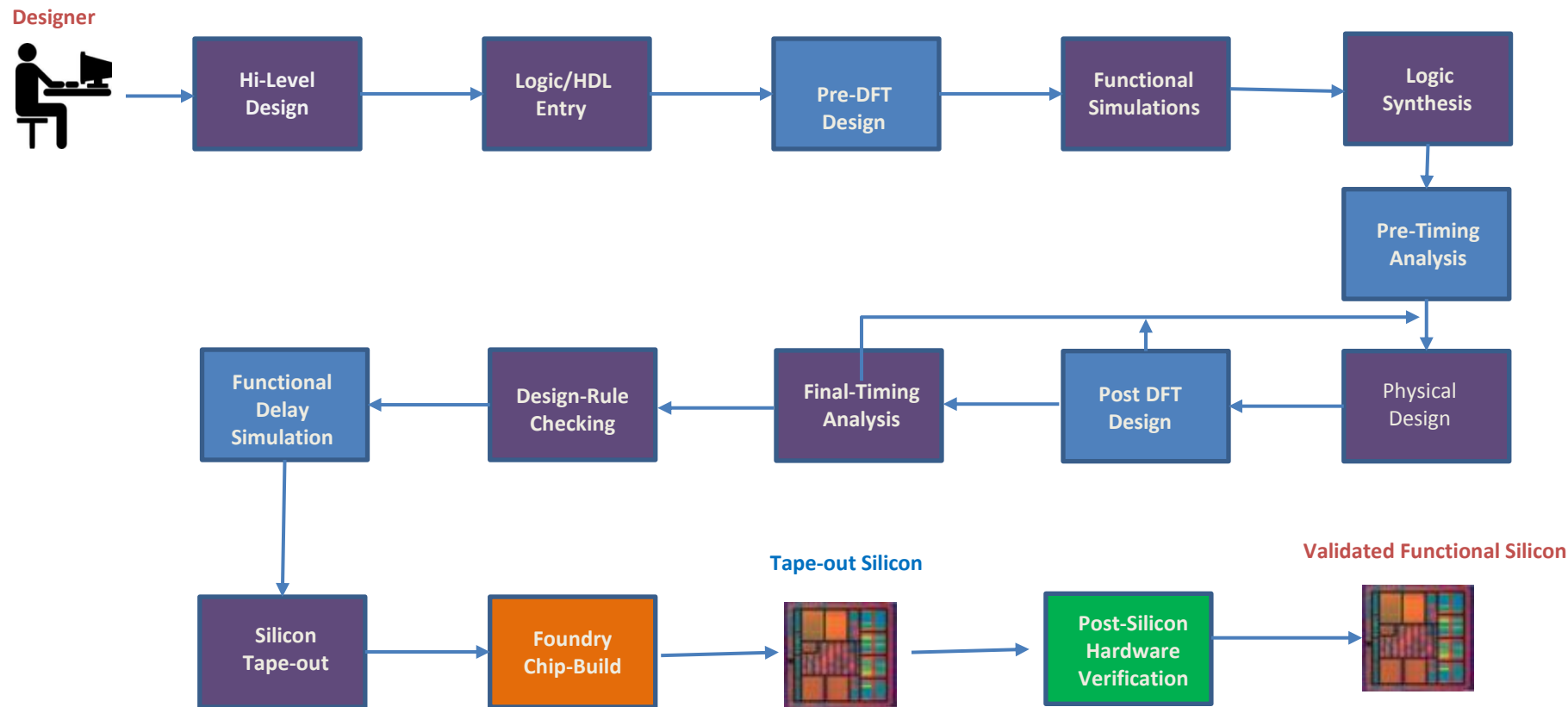
Workflow Compliance Example-1

NCSU Semiconductor design Workflow Application

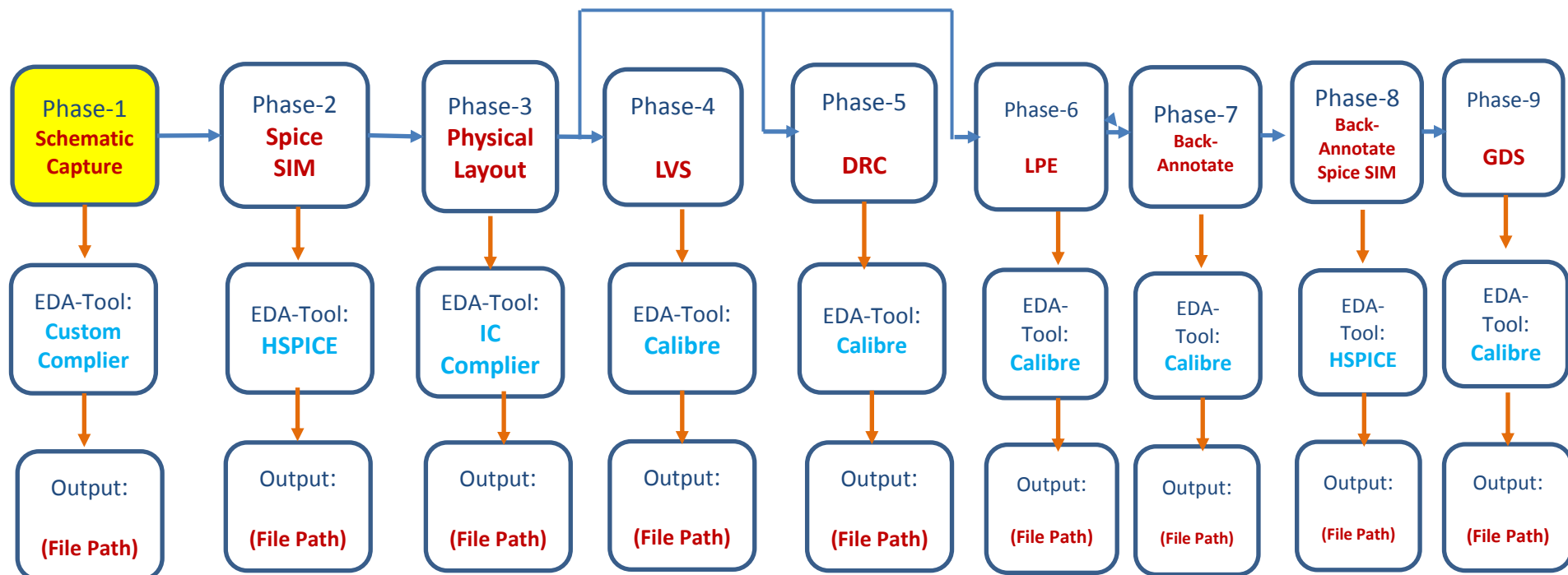
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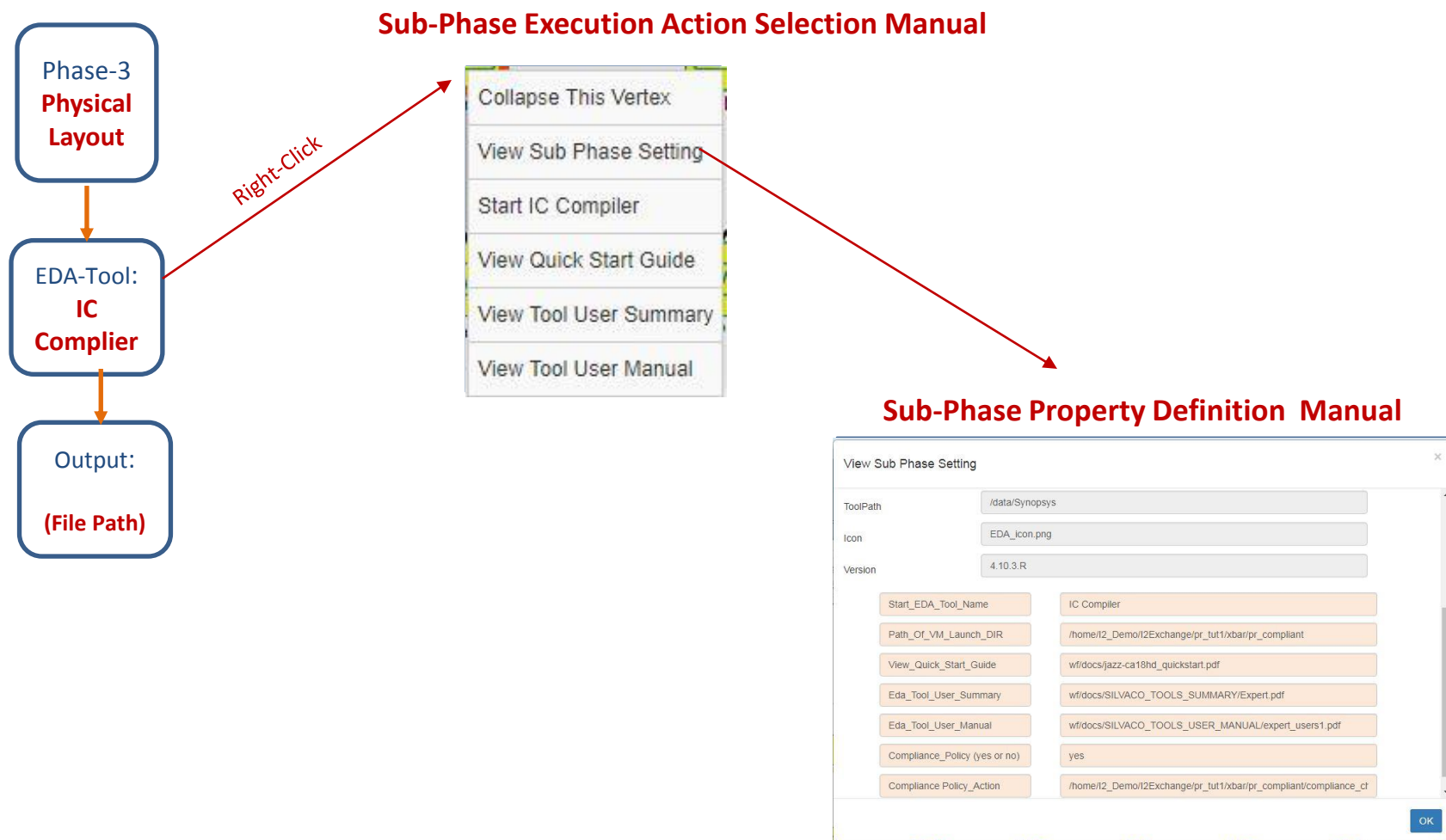
Semiconductor Design Workflow Example



Overall X-Bar Design Workflow Graph



Sub-Phase Action & Property Setting Manuals



Sub-Phase Property Setting Manual (details)

View Sub Phase Setting

ToolPath	/data/Synopsys
Icon	EDA_icon.png
Version	4.10.3.R
Start_EDA_Tool_Name	IC Compiler
Path_Of_VM_Launch_DIR	/data/user-project/TJ-CA18HD-Flow/1.2.0.R/expert
View_Quick_Start_Guide	wf/docs/jazz-ca18hd_quickstart.pdf
Eda_Tool_User_Summary	wf/docs/SILVACO_TOOLS_SUMMARY/Expert.pdf
Eda_Tool_User_Manual	wf/docs/SILVACO_TOOLS_USER_MANUAL/expert_users1.pdf
Compliance_Policy (yes or no)	yes
Compliance Policy_Action	Action script path

EDA Tools Name

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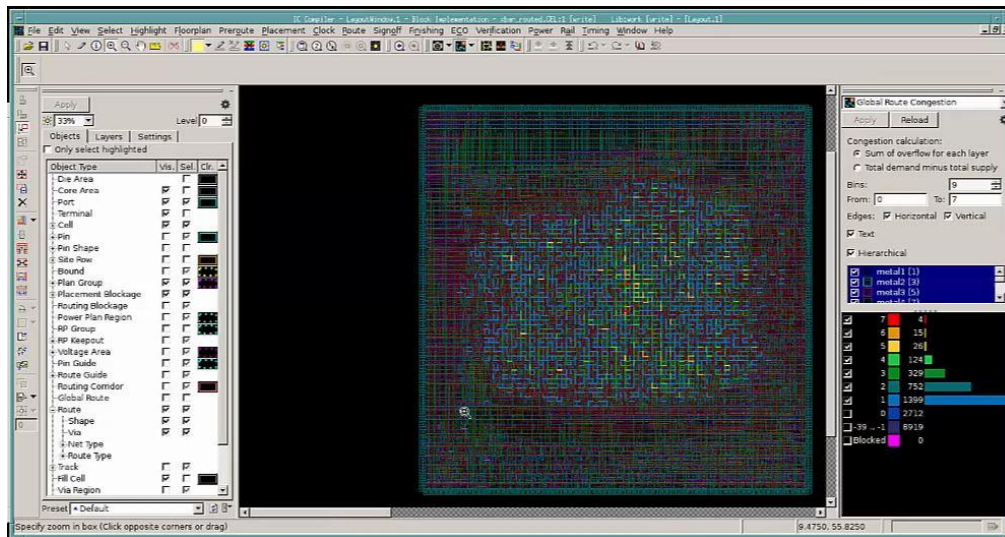
Compliance Policy (YES or NO select)

Compliance Policy Action (script path)

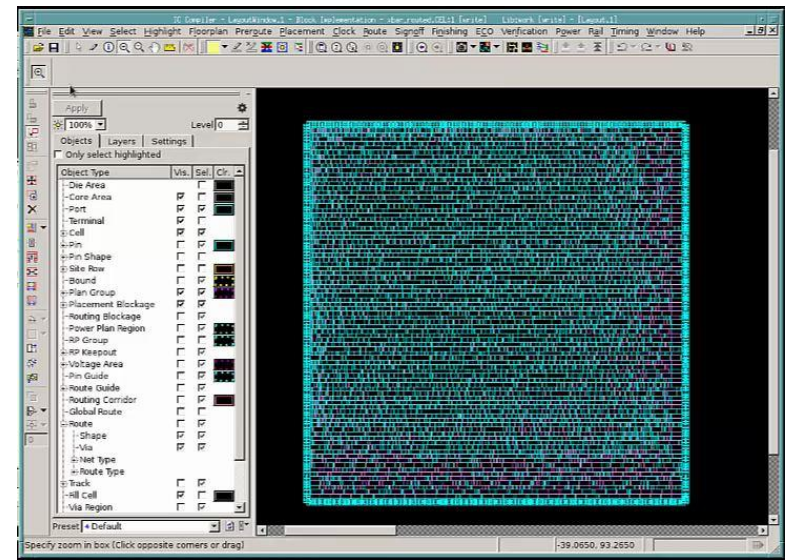
Design Process Compliance Check Example:

- ☐ To show a non-compliant design process case
 - Design cell layout placement and routing in conflict result
- ☐ To show a compliant design process case
 - Design cell layout placement and routing in non-conflict result

Non-Compliant Layout Case



Compliant Layout Case



HSPICE Simulation Model Standard Compliance Check Example:

- ❑ To show a non-compliant simulation model case
 - Result device leakage current 2% above standard specification
- ❑ To show a compliant simulation model case
 - Result device leakage current within the standard specification

Non-Compliant Result Case

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File Edit View Search Terminal Help
current 4.640102e-08 -4.214924e-08 0.000000e+00 -1.006083e-07
power 0.000000e+00 2.107452e-08 0.000000e+00 5.034414e-08

subckt
element 0:vpwne 0:vs
volts 0.000000e+00 0.000000e+00
current 1.869556e-08 7.764903e-08
power 0.000000e+00 0.000000e+00

total voltage source power dissipation= 7.141876e-08 watts

***** job concluded
***** HSPICE -- K-2015.06-2 linux64 (Jun 25 2015) *****
*****
* test simulation for public bsim-soi models
***** job statistics summary tnom= 25.000 temp= 0.000 *****

***** Machine Information *****
CPU:
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cpu MHz : 3591.601
OS:
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***** HSPICE Threads Information *****
Command Line Threads Count : 1
Available CPU Count : 8
Actual Threads Count : 1

***** Circuit Statistics *****
# nodes = 30 # elements = 11
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# curr_srcs = 0 # diodes = 0 # bjts = 0
# jfets = 0 # mosfets = 0 # U elements = 0
# T elements = 0 # W elements = 0
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Compliant Result Case

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subckt
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total voltage source power dissipation= 6.870533e-08 watts

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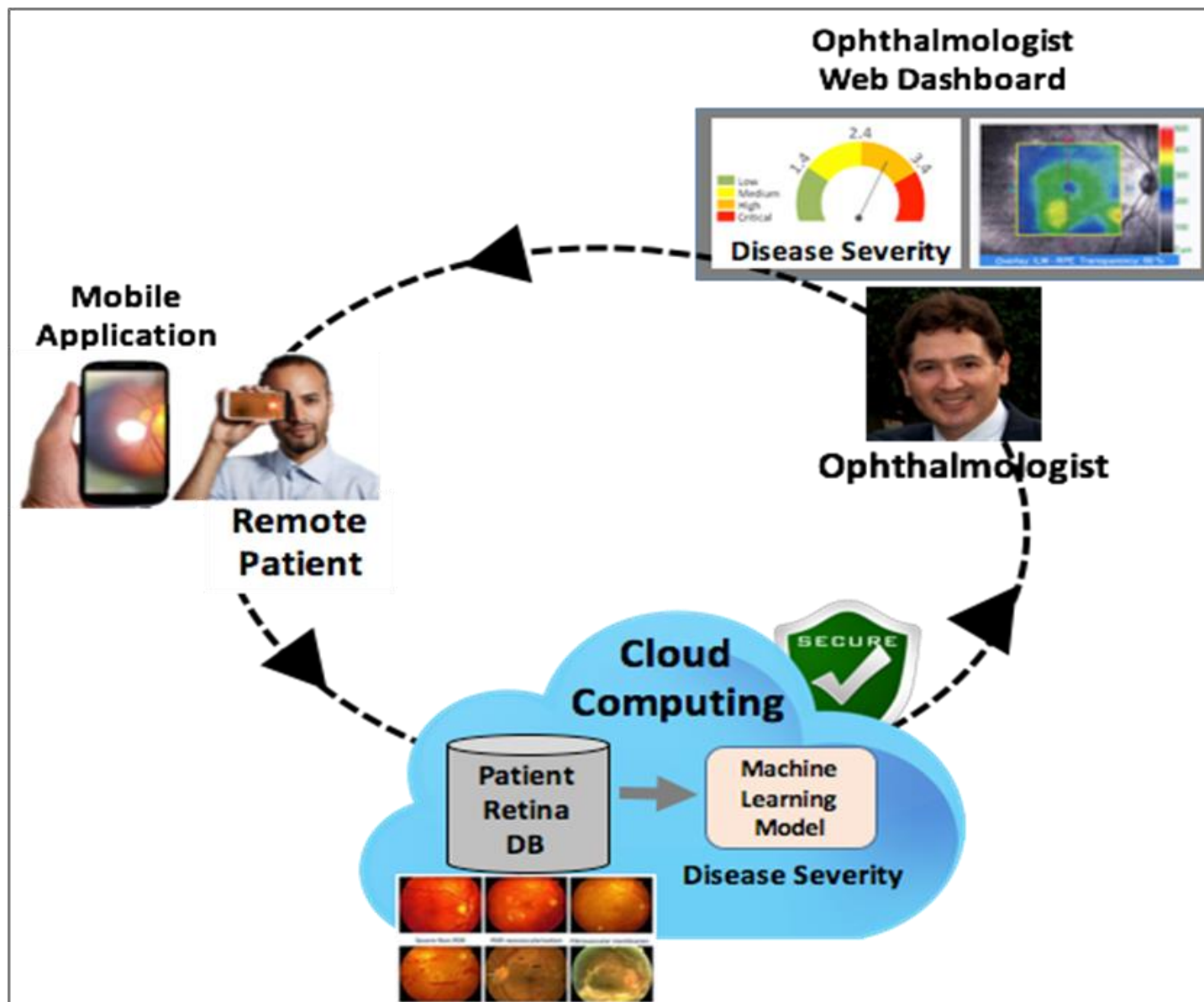


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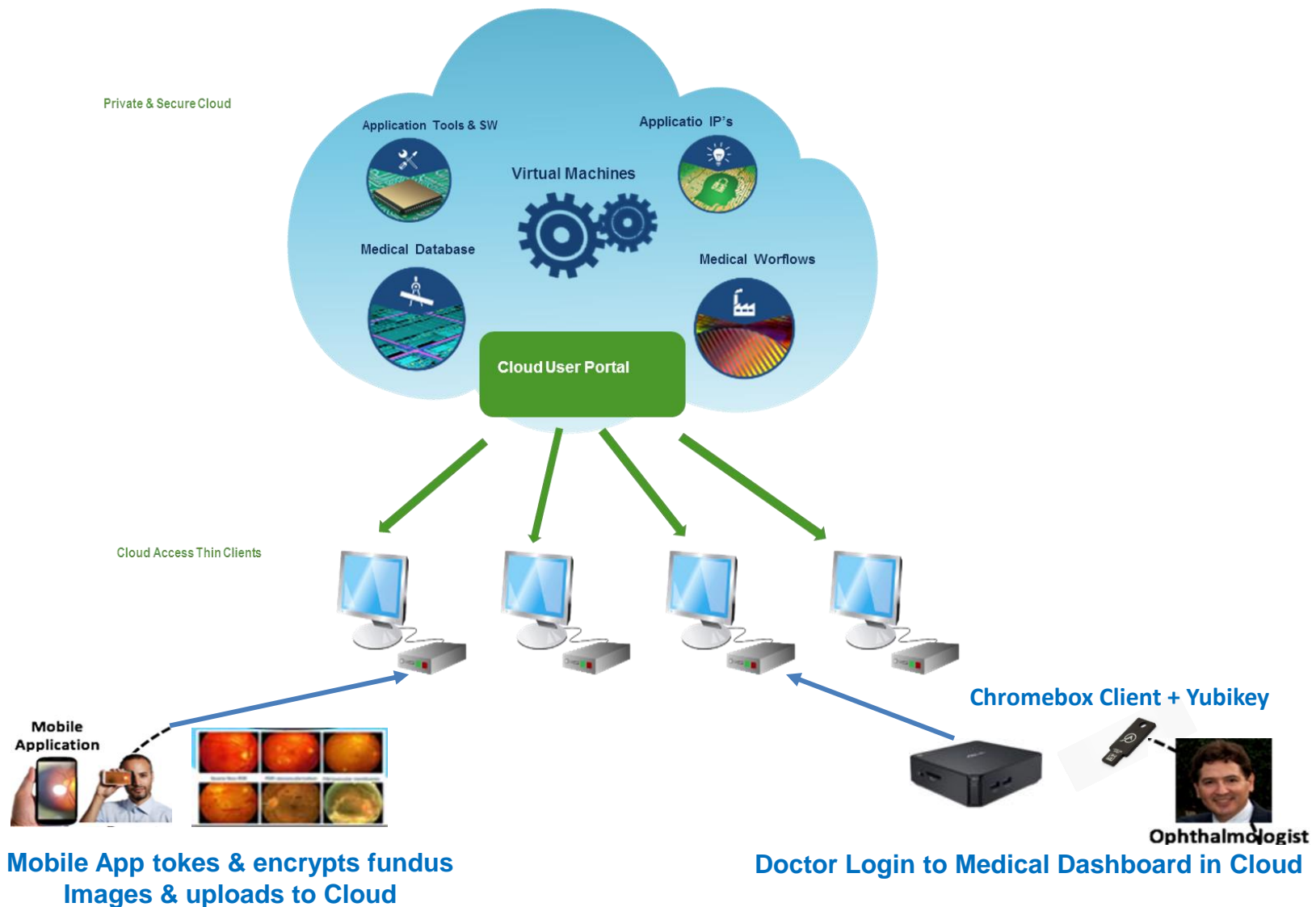
UTSA Cloud-Based Secure Mobile Teleophthalmology Healthcare Application

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Cloud-Based Secure Mobile Teleophthalmology Workflow



Silicon Cloud Integration of the Teleophthalmology Workflow



Teleophthalmology Workflow Processes

Step 1: Taking Picture from Patient's Fundus in different locations

Step 2: The mobile-cloud App will encrypt the Taken Fundus Image and will send the encrypted image to the secure multitenant cloud storage

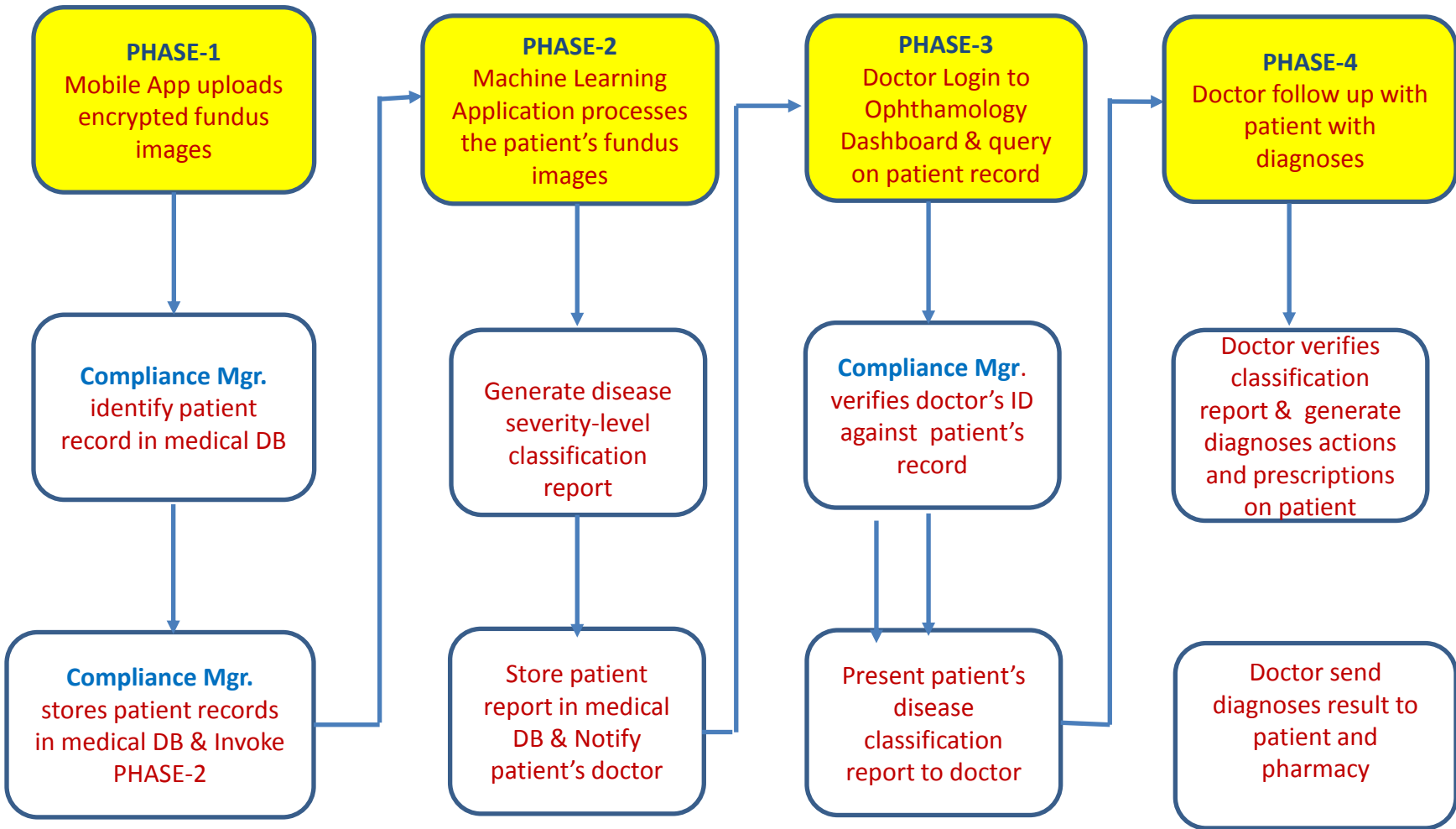
Step 3: The Machine Learning Algorithm that is designed to identify patient disease severity level runs on all collected fundus images stored in the secure multitenant cloud storage.

Step 4: System will classifies patients based on their disease severity level and results will be send to the Ophthalmologist dashboard.

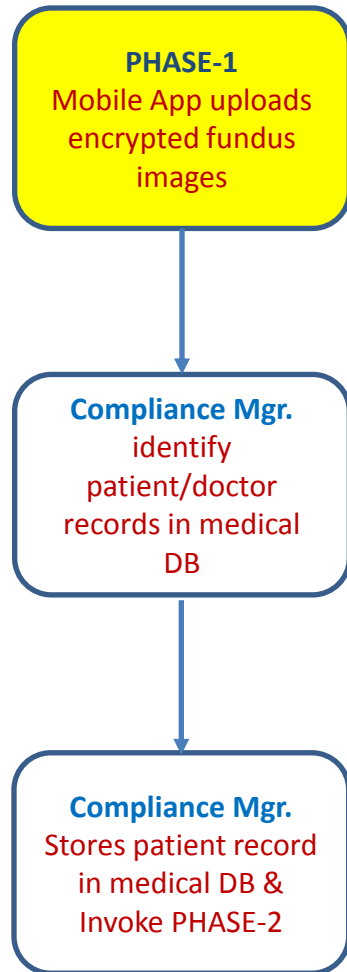
Step 5: When Ophthalmologist login to his cloud dashboard, list of patients and their disease severities as well as their fundus image is presented.

Step 6: Ophthalmologist can follow up with patients on follow ups and diagnoses

Teleophthalmology Workflow Execution Graph (with AI-Compliance Management)



Phase-1 & Sub-Phase Property Definition Example



Phase-Property Definition Manual

The screenshot shows the 'Edit Vertex' form with the following fields:

- Vertex Type: Phase
- Name: Schematic-Capture
- Phase Name: Schematic-Capture-SII-CA18hd
- Icon: Phase-1_icon.png
- Path_Of_EDA_Tool_Binary: /data/eda-tools/Silvaco/eda-tool
- Path_Of_VM_Launch_DIR: /data/Project-User/TJ-CA18hd
- Path_Of_Output_File: /data/schematic-capture-output
- View_Quick_Start_Guide: wfidocs/jazz-ca18hd_quickstart

Buttons: Add more field, Cancel, Save

Phase-Property Action Definitions:

- Identify patient's name & ID
- Search Patient's file in DB
- Identify patient's doctor
- Compliance Manager verify patient /doctor association records
- Compliance Manager stores patient 's images in his DB record.
- Invoke next Phase action path