

Towards Applying Social Design Principles for Organic Data Science

A task centered approach to social collaboration

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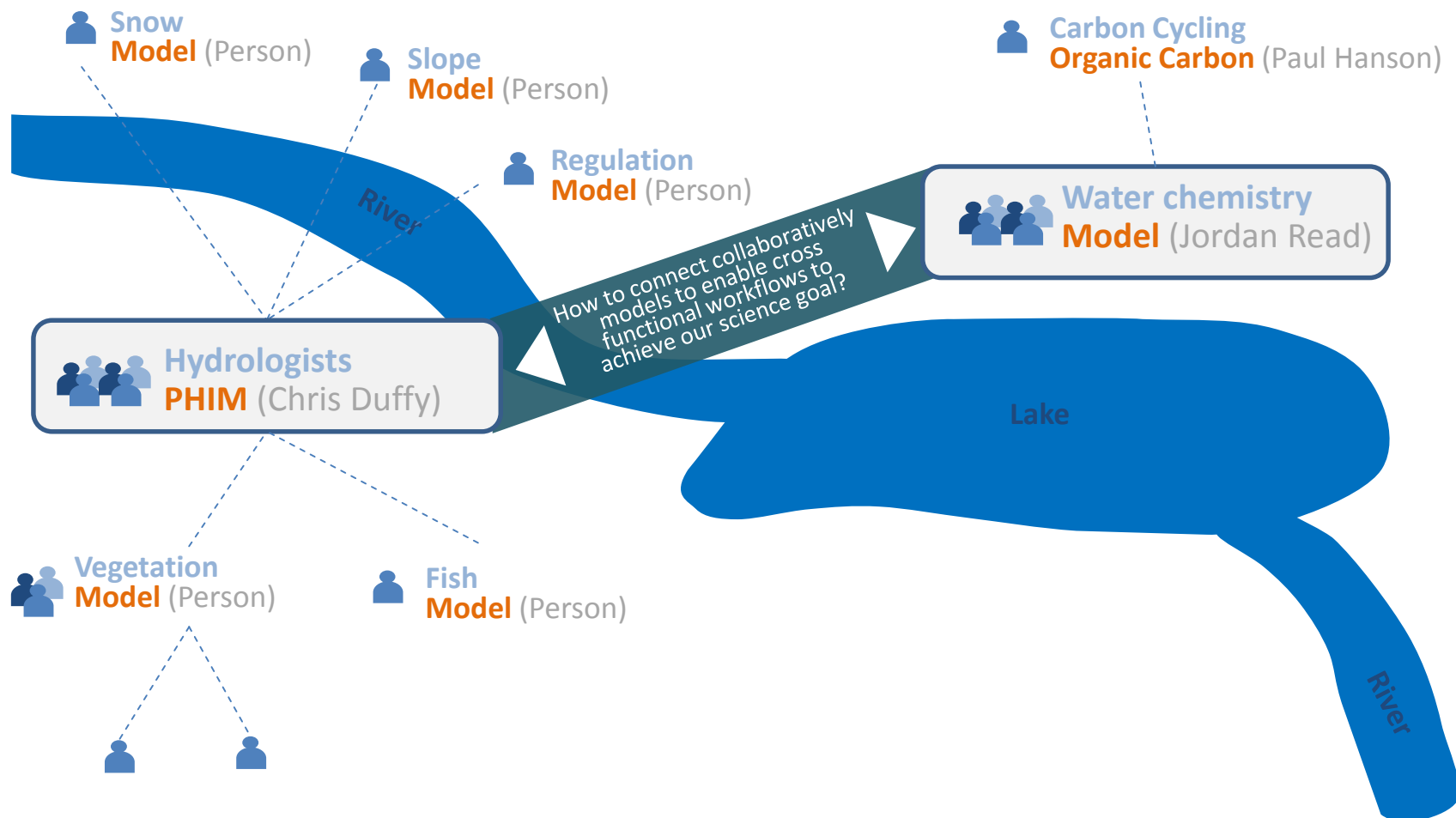
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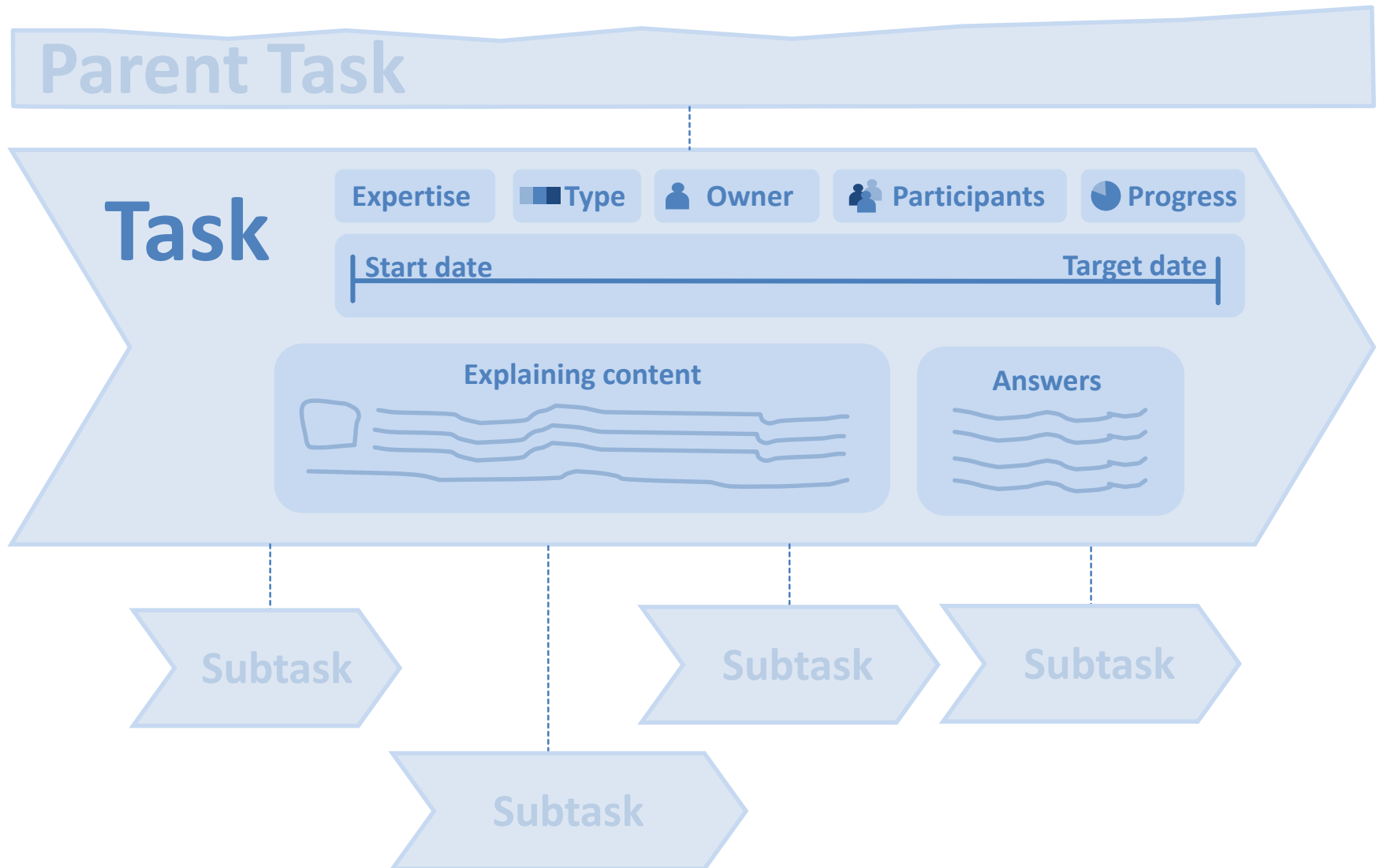
Science Goal: The Age of Water



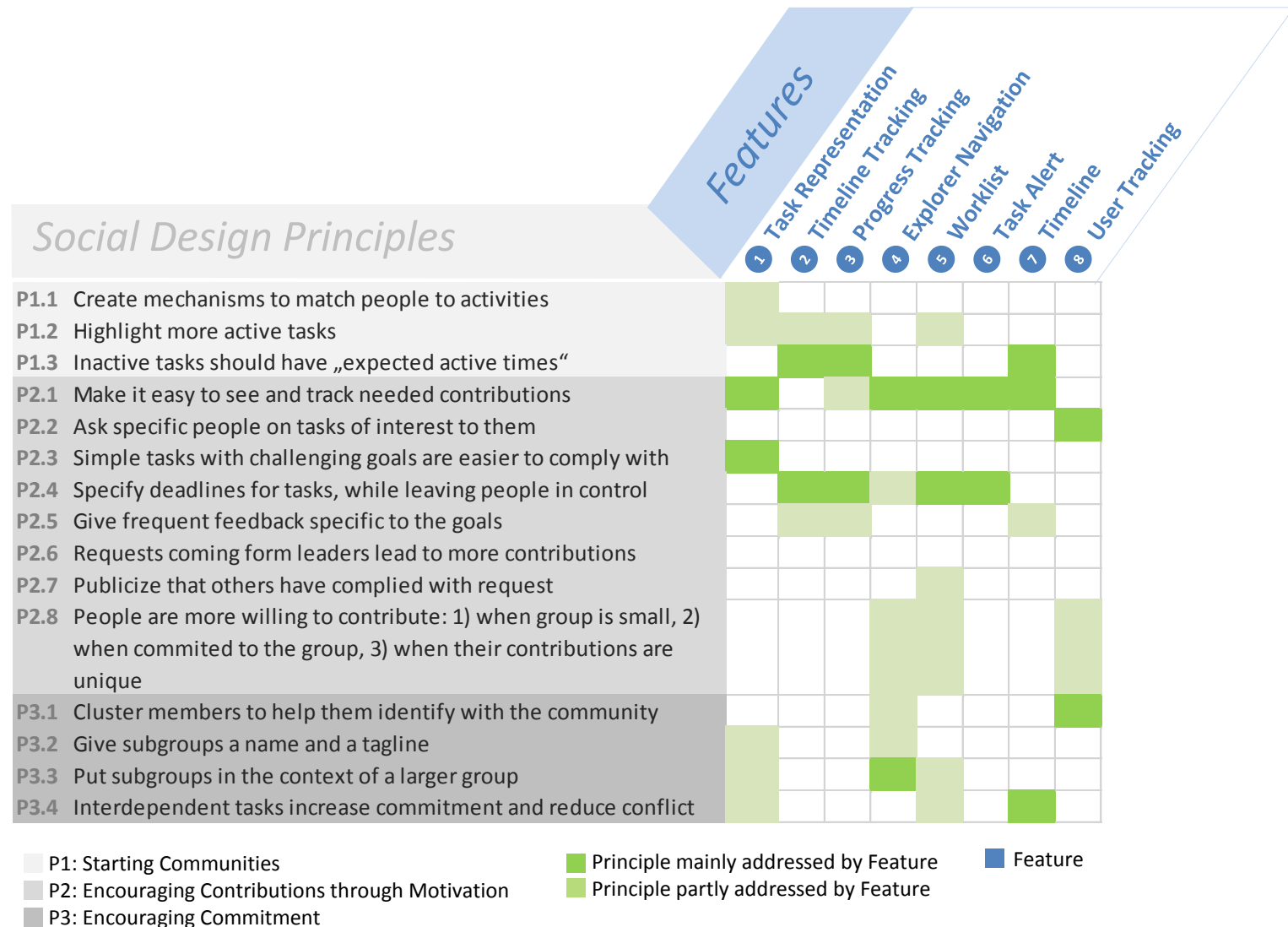


- 4 Accomplish tasks with results
- 5 Aggregating Knowledge
- 6 Models as software component

Conceptual Task Attributes



Social Design Principles Addressed





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- ✓ Answer 1
- ✓ Answer 2
- ✓ Answer 3

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Task Representation

P2.1: Make it easy to see and track needed contributions

P2.3: Simple tasks with challenging goals are easier to comply with



All Tasks My Tasks 3

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Timeline Tracking

P1.3: Inactive tasks should have „expected active times“

P2.4: Specify deadlines for tasks, while leaving people in control

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Help track progress, suggest changes in owner

Can Change Owner

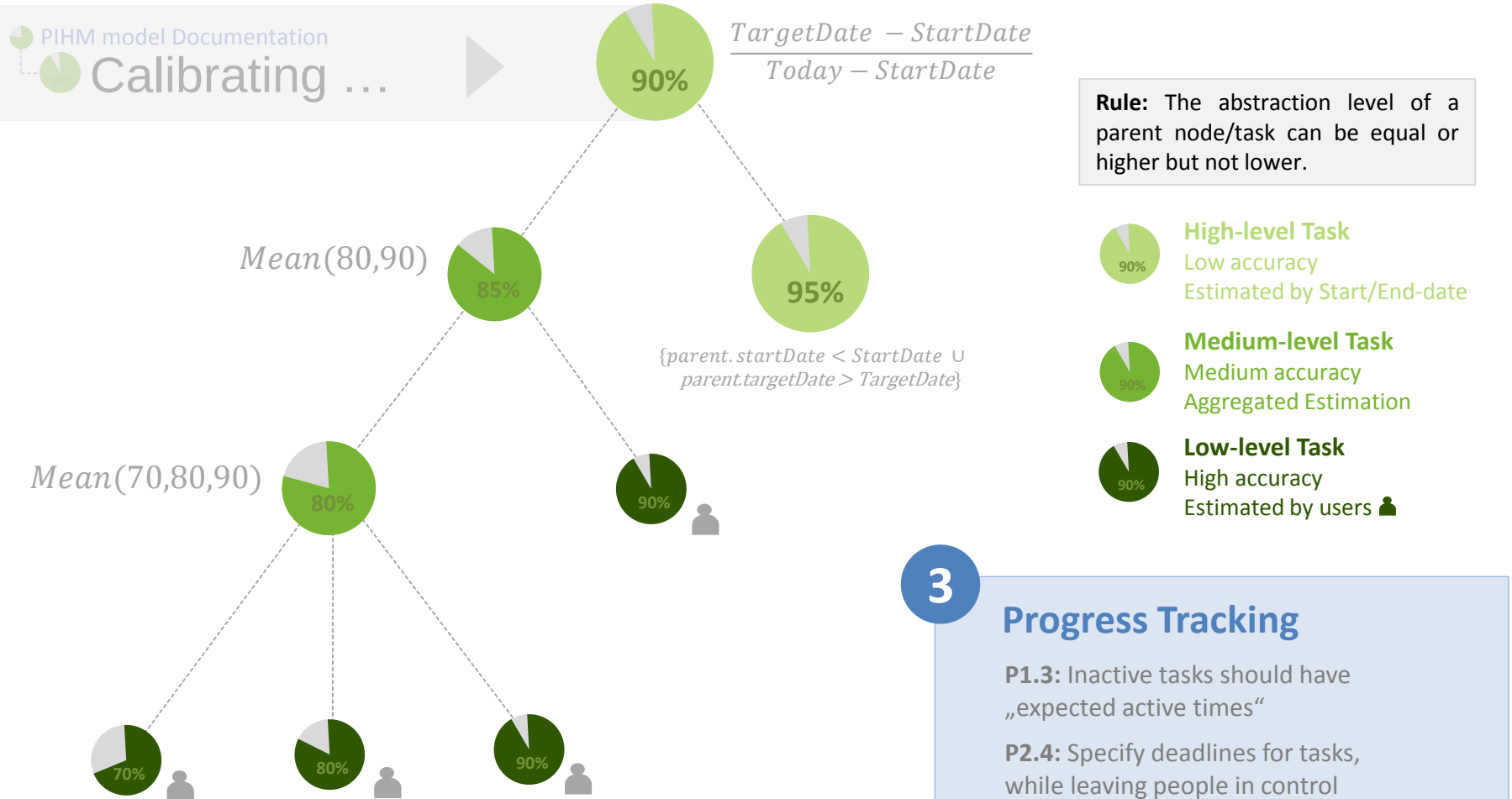
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Active Time Interval

Task progress measurement concept

Different measurement levels are used to ensure a simple and sufficiently accurate measurement.





Hierarchical and List Views

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Explorer Navigation I - View

P2.1: Make it easy to see and track needed contributions

P3.3: Put subgroups in the context of a larger group

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User selects Expertise $\triangleq$ „Software“

Non-Matching Parent Tasks are shown for context

Highlight Tasks Matching
with Expertise selected

TODAY

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Explorer Navigation II - Filter

P2.1: Make it easy to see and track needed contributions

All Tasks
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Hierarchical View

Worklist I – Hierarchical View

P2.1: Make it easy to see and track needed contributions

P2.4: Specify deadlines for tasks, while leaving people in control

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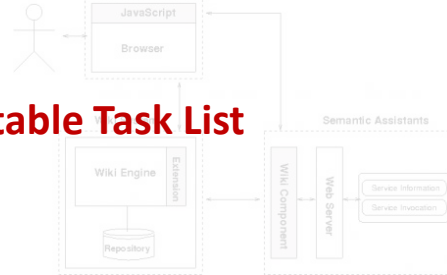
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Sort Category and Option

Sortable Task List



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Worklist II – List View

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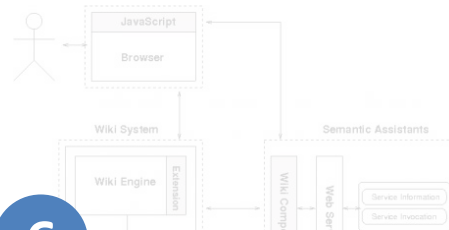
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Task Alert

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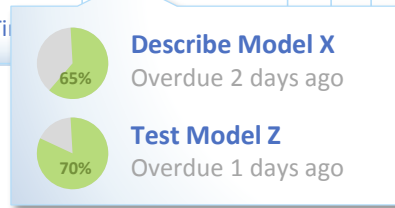
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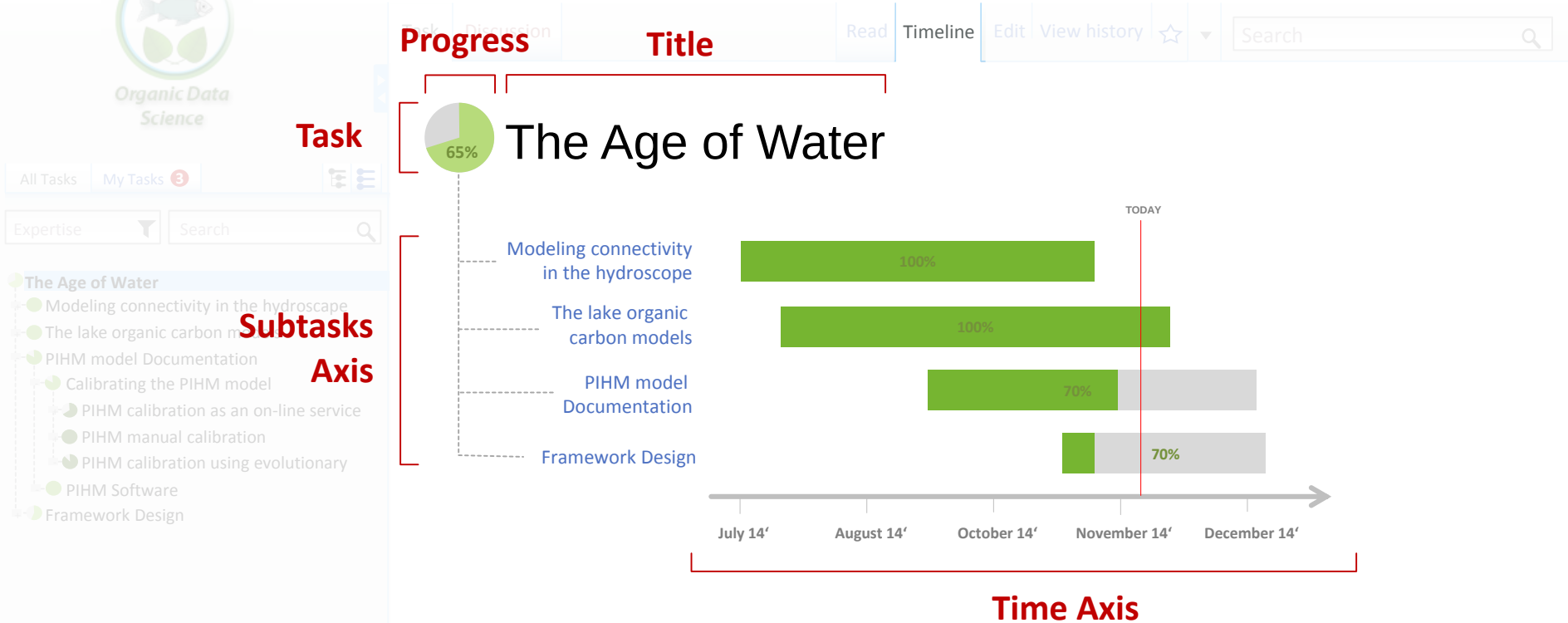
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Alarm Bell

Overdue Task List





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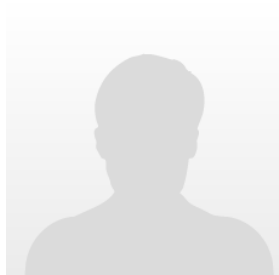
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User Tracking I

P2.2: Ask specific people on tasks of interest to them

P3.1: Cluster members to help them identify with the community

Current Tasks 4



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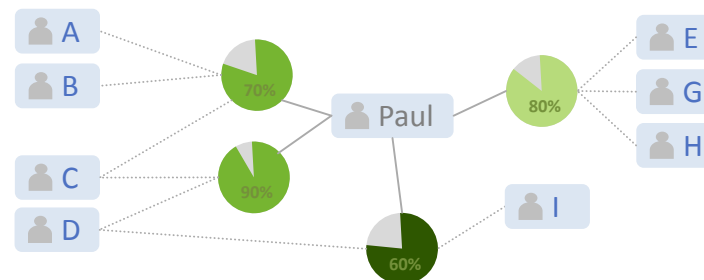


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Task-Person Visualization

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- ✓ Discuss presented concept

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- ✓ Iteratively implement presented concept

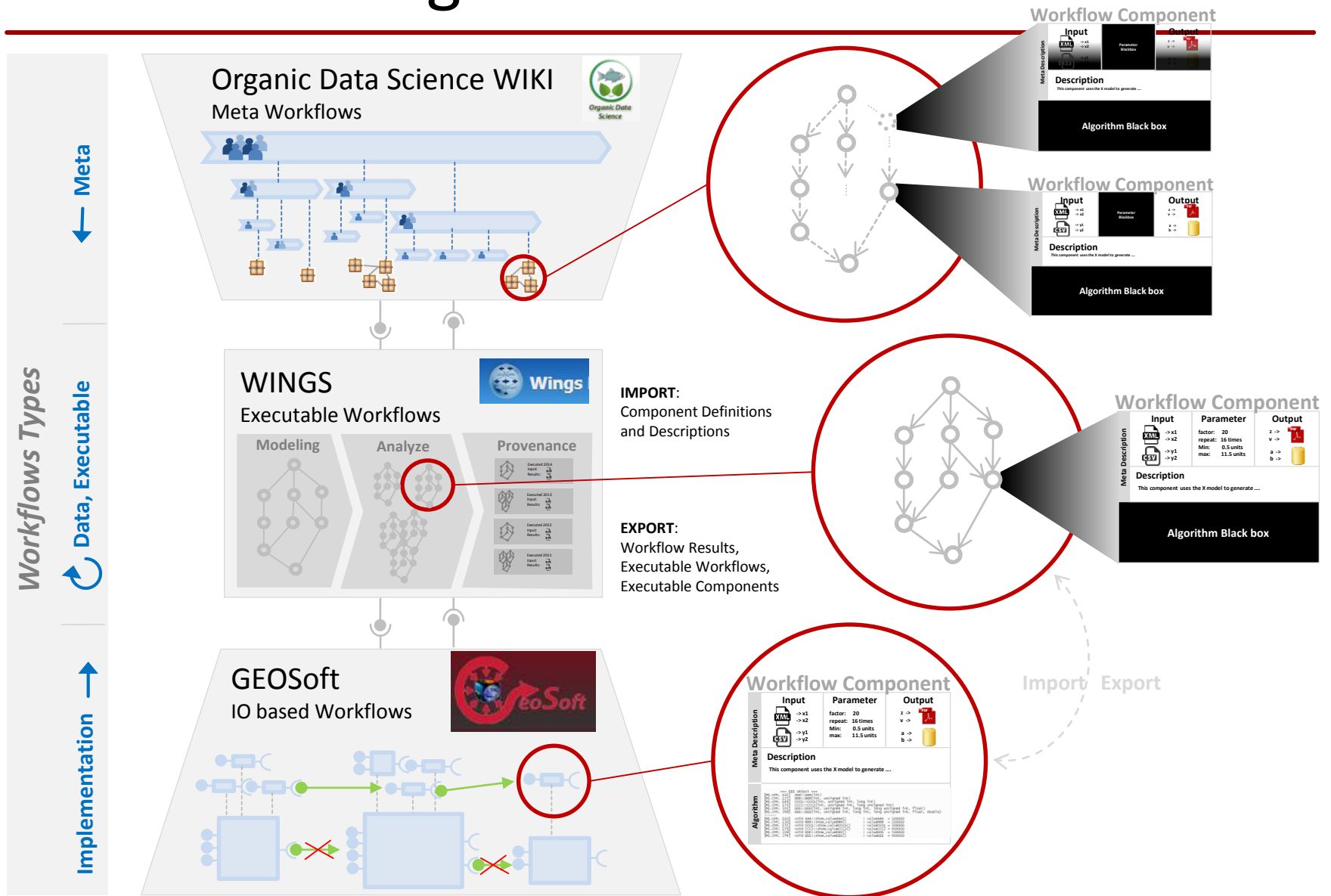
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- ✓ Evaluate Implementation

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- ✓ Component Mockup

Context of Organic Data Science Wiki





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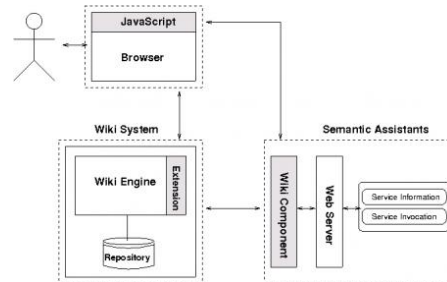
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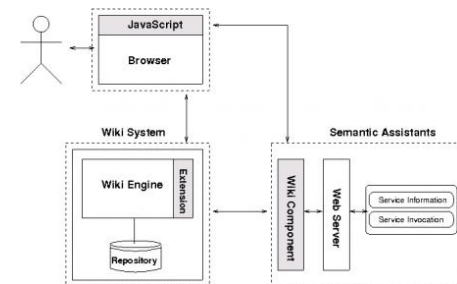
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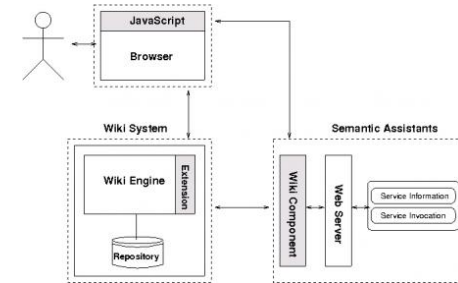
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Describe Model X

Overdue 2 days ago



Test Model Z

Overdue 1 days ago

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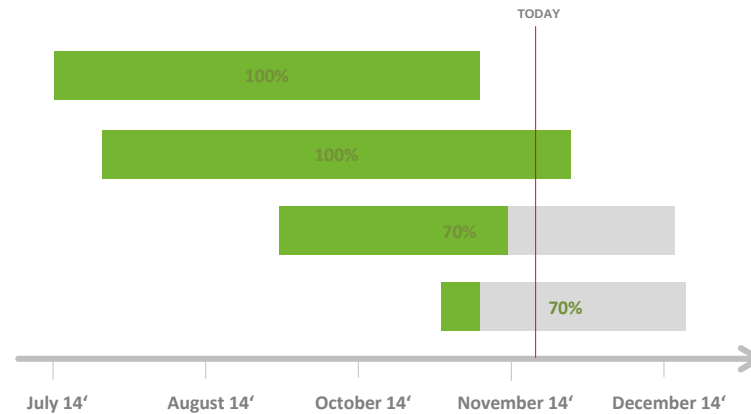


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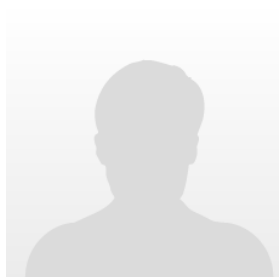
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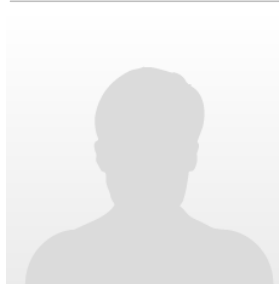
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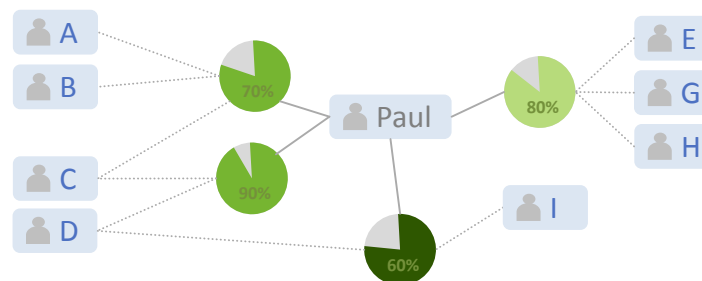
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Conceptual Input Variables

Name	Type	File
x1	float	TextToAnalyze
x2	float	TextToAnalyze
y1	integer	germanWords

Input files

Name	Type
TextToAnalyze	PDF
germanWords	CSV

Conceptual Output Variables

Name	Type	File
z1	integer	resultset
z2	float	resultset
z3	integer	resultset

Output files

Name	Type
report	PDF
resultset	CSV