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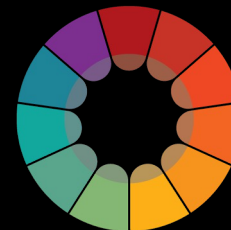
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WANTED:
**standard notation for
reusable chemical data**

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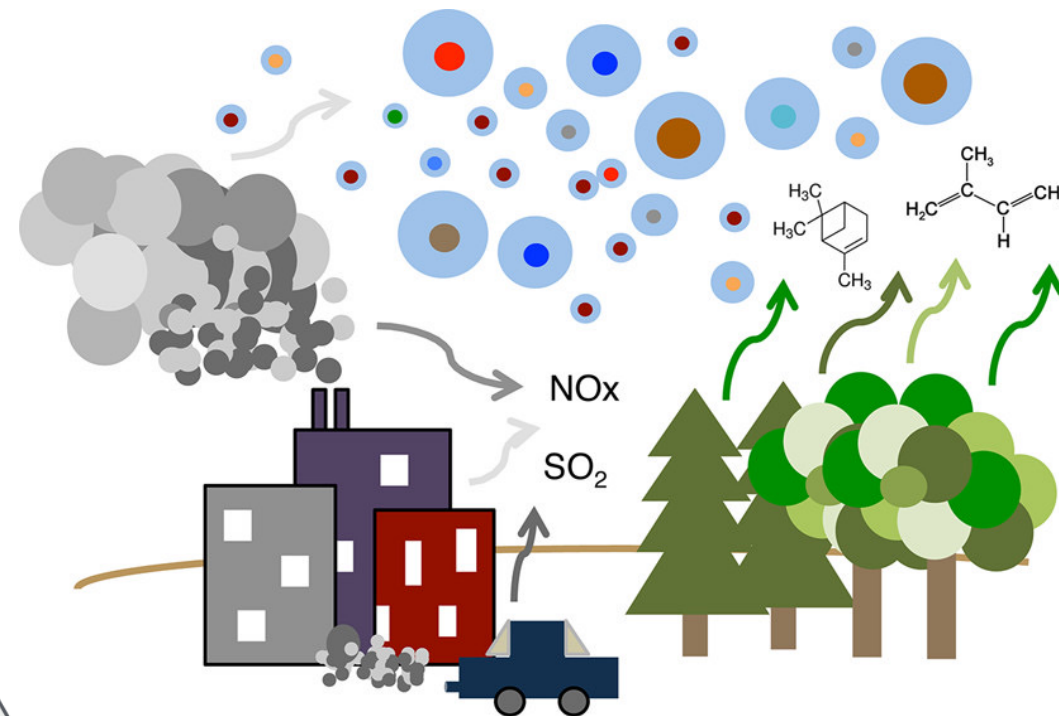
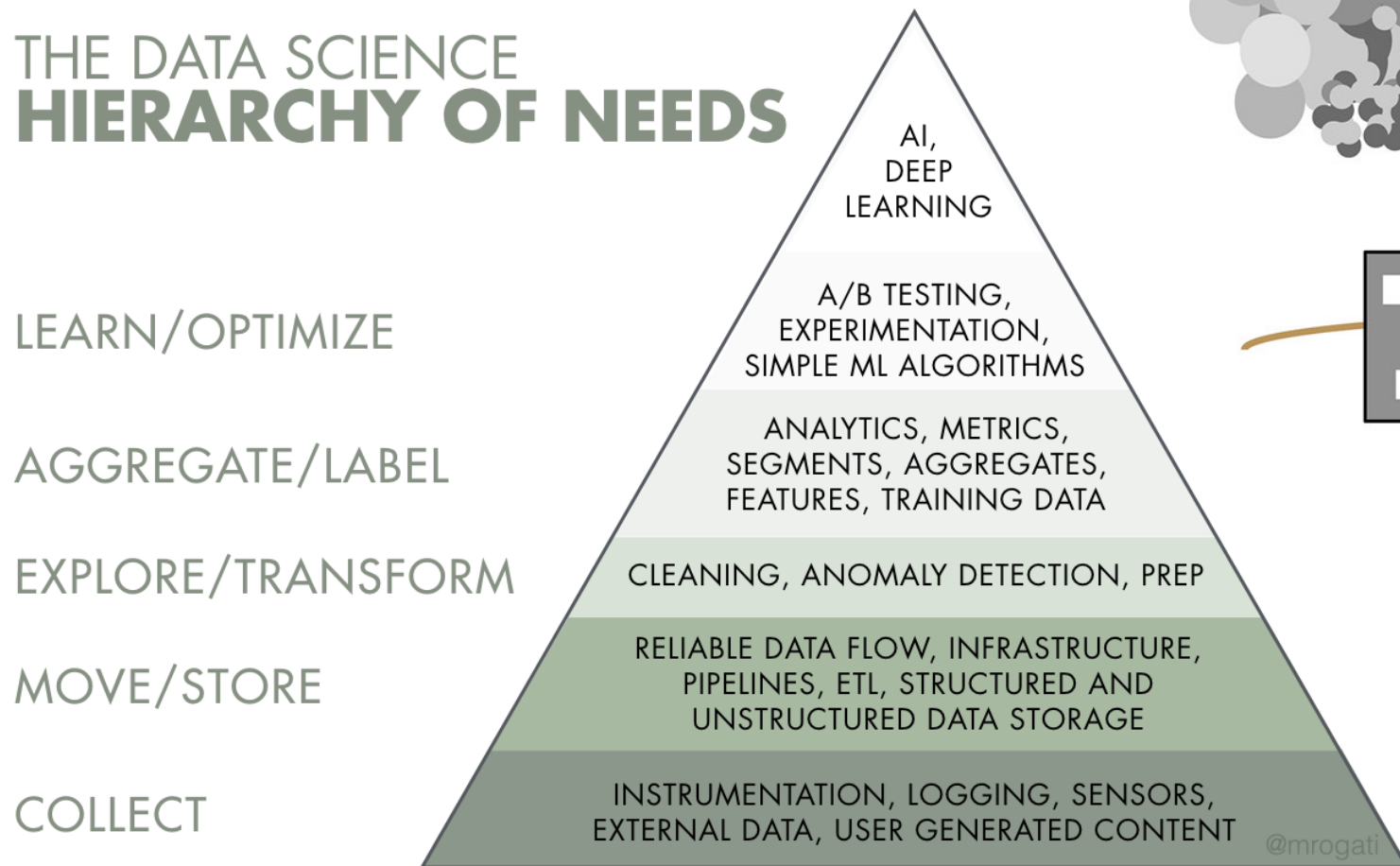
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Chemical data is useful

THE DATA SCIENCE HIERARCHY OF NEEDS



The more data you have, the richer your model

- Breadth (diverse coverage of chemicals)
- Depth (diverse coverage of properties)

FAIR: “Fully AI-Ready”

Fully AI Ready data are more than accessible digital dataset objects ...

- The better quality and precision you have, the stronger the model
- Integrating more data enables more robust discernment of effect from noise

Requirements

- Metadata completeness & consistency
- Data model & domain level description

“Chemically intelligent” notations can help

- Encapsulate formal theories and methods

Standard notations can help even more

DATA SHOULD BE

Findable

Accessible

Interoperable

Reusable

BY HUMANS AND MACHINES

Standard Identifiers

Standard Access Protocols

Standard Vocabularies

Standard Metadata Schemas

Indexed Repositories

Key enablers of FAIR

Standards allow us to ...

Ascertain fitness-for-purpose

- Dimensions & scope
- Quality & precision

Compile & integrate

Analyze & visualize

Compute & model

... more reliably, with less lossy-ness and tedious data cleanup

- *some curation still needed (to apply and validate implementations)*

“A quantitative representation of your subject, however simplified, even in its errors and omissions, is precise. You can think about it rigorously. You can manipulate it and experiment with it.”

~A. W. Crosby, The Measure of Reality

Are these data **RIPE** for reuse?

Reliable

- can the data be unambiguously positioned relative to the scientific context with the available information provided?

Interpretable

- are data and metadata expressed in a way that is scientifically interpretable and agnostic across local systems (and/or can be converted)?

Processable

- are data and metadata in forms that are processable by common protocols, architectures and infrastructure utilized in the cloud?

Exchangeable

- are the metadata necessary for finding, accessing, retrieving and processing exposed to APIs via registries, repositories and other information systems?

Reliable & Interpretable

- ✓ Samples
 - ✓ Chemical composition
 - ✓ Physical state
- ✓ Quantities
 - ✓ Equation, symbol, units
 - ✓ Rules (variables, constraints, dependencies)
- ✓ Measurements
 - ✓ Principle, method, procedure
 - ✓ Conditions
- ✓ Uncertainty
- ✓ Provenance

| Name | Symbol | Definition | SI unit | Common units |
|----------------------|----------------|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Mass concentration | γ, ρ | $\gamma_i = m_i/V$ | kg m^{-3} | $\text{g/L} = \text{g dm}^{-3}$ |
| Volume concentration | σ | $\sigma_i = V_i/V$ | 1 | 1 |
| Amount concentration | c | $c_B = n_B/V$ | mol m^{-3} | $\text{mol/L} = \text{mol dm}^{-3}$ |
| Number concentration | C | $C_B = N_B/V$ | m^{-3} | cm^{-3} |

Concentrations

| | |
|----------------------|--|
| Mass concentration | $\gamma(\text{EtOH}) = 571 \text{ g/L}$ |
| Volume concentration | $\sigma(\text{EtOH}) = 0,723$ |
| Amount concentration | $c(\text{EtOH}) = 12,4 \text{ mol/L}$ |
| Number concentration | $C(\text{EtOH}) = 7,47 \times 10^{21} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ |

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| COMPONENTS: (1) Tetrabromomethane (Carbon tetrabromide); CBr_4 ; [558-13-4] (2) Water; H_2O ; [7732-18-5] | | ORIGINAL MEASUREMENTS: Gross, P. M.; Saylor, J. H. <i>J. Am. Soc. Soc.</i> <u>1931</u> , 53, 1744-51. | |
| VARIABLES: $T/\text{K} = 303$ | | PREPARED BY: A. L. Horvath | |
| EXPERIMENTAL VALUES: | | | |
| $t/^\circ\text{C}$ | $1000\ g_1/g_2$ | $100\ w_j$ (compiler) | $10^5\ x_j$ (compiler) |
| 30 | 0.24 | 2.4×10^{-2} | 1.30 |
| AUXILIARY INFORMATION | | | |
| METHOD/APPARATUS/PROCEDURE: An excess of tetrabromomethane in 500 g water was shaken for 12 hours in a thermostat bath. Samples were then withdrawn and read against water in an interferometer made by Zeiss (ref. 1). A detailed description of the complete procedure is given in a Ph. D. thesis (ref. 2). | | SOURCE AND PURITY OF MATERIALS: (1) Eastman Kodak Co., recrystallized from ethyl alcohol and petroleum ether before use. (2) Distilled. | |
| | | ESTIMATED ERRORS: Solubility: $\pm 8.0\%$. Temperature: $\pm 0.02\ \text{K}$. | |
| | | REFERENCES: (1) Gross, P. M. <i>J. Am. Chem. Soc.</i> <u>1929</u> , 51, 2362. (2) Saylor, J. H. <i>Ph. D. thesis</i> , Duke University, Durham, <u>1930</u> . | |

Expression of chemical data

Mass fraction of substance 1, w_1 or $w(1)$:

$$w_1 = g_1 / \sum_{s=1}^c g_s$$

Mole fraction of substance 1, x_1 or $x(1)$:

$$x_1 = n_1 / \sum_{s=1}^c n_s$$

| Name | Symbol | Definition |
|---|-----------|---|
| Mass fraction | w | $w_i = m_i / \sum m_j$ |
| Volume fraction | φ | $\varphi_i = V_i / \sum V_j$ |
| (Chemical) amount fraction, mole fraction, number fraction | x | $x_B = n_B / \sum n_j = N_B / \sum N_j$ |

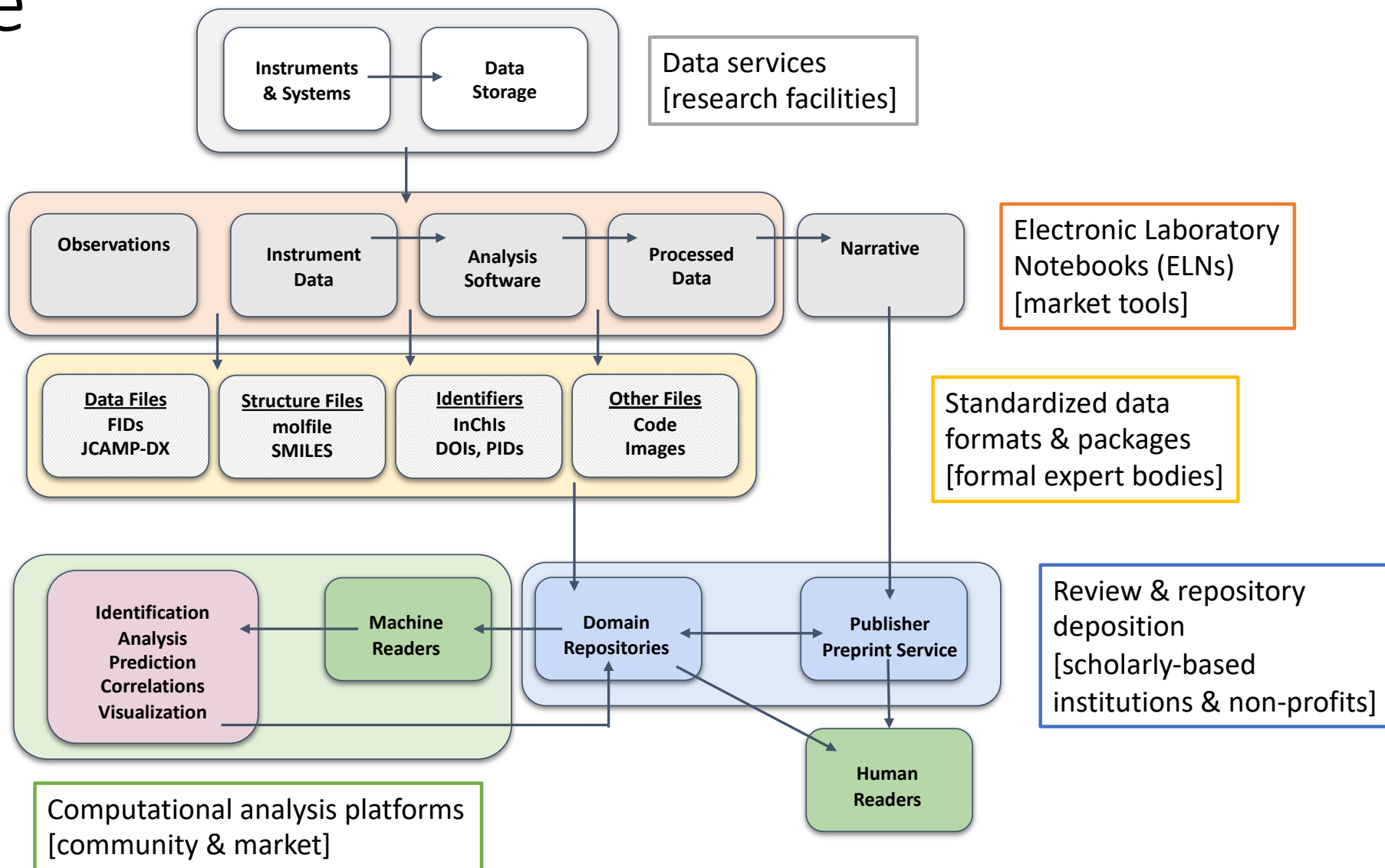
Processable

Chemical
entities

Chemical data
formats

Semantic
terminologies

Data models



Exchangeable

Domain metadata in APIs and DOIs

- PIDs and notations

Chemical entities

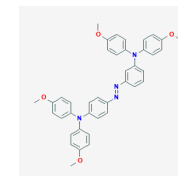
- Searching
- Integration

Navigating differences and ambiguity

- Resolving
- Mapping

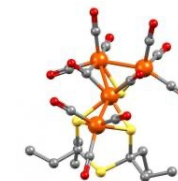
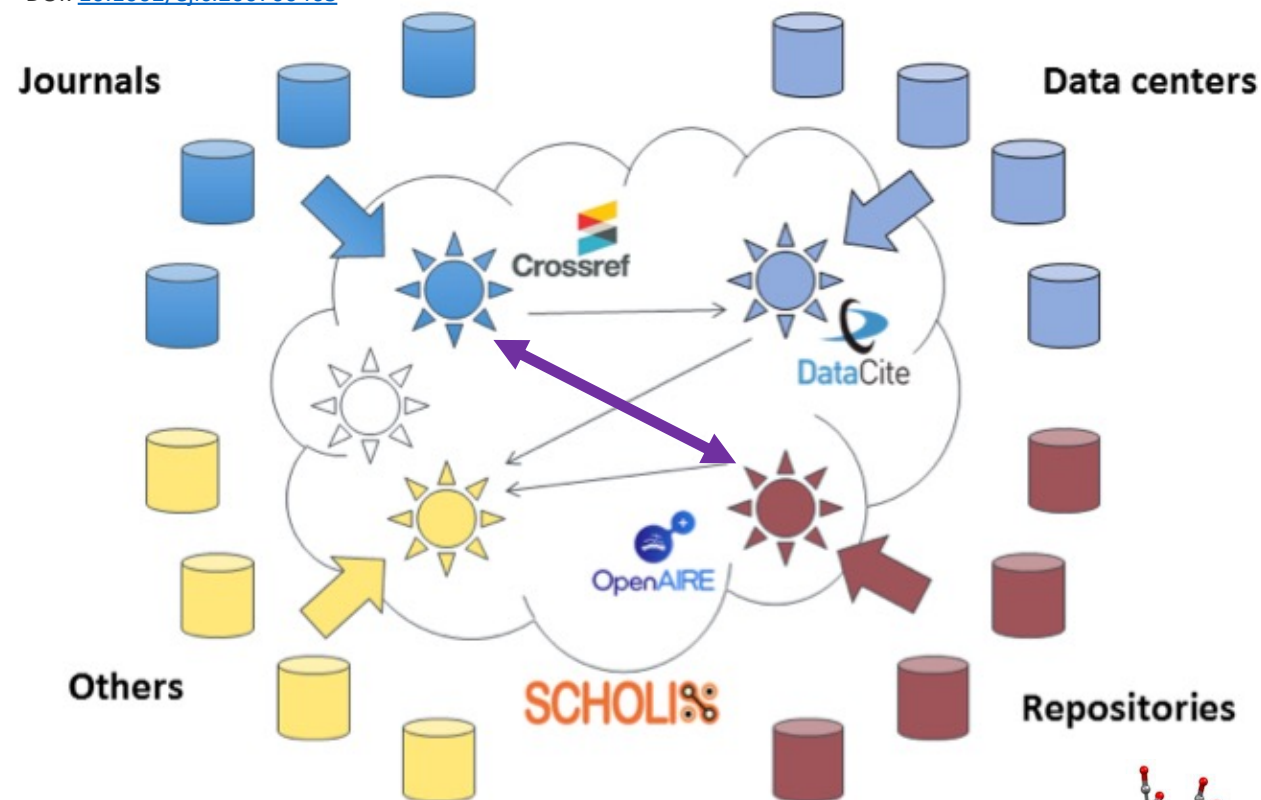


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RIPE: well-defined chemical data are broadly reusable

| RIPE 4 sharing | Chemical data | Standard definitions (examples) |
|---|---|---|
| Reliable information for samples & measurements | Samples: identity of substance(s), sample description (provenance, purity, state) | nomenclature (Blue/Red/Purple books), graphical representation, InChI |
| | Measurements: techniques, conditions, calibrations, uncertainties | Terminology for analytical chemistry (Orange book), metrology (VIM) |
| Interpretable scientific expression | Results: quantities, units, calculations, dependencies, processing/derivation | Notations, symbols, terminology for physical chemistry (Green book) |
| Processable formatted for machines | File formats, validation | SDF, CIF, ThermoML, JCAMP-DX, mzML |
| | Referrable terms, ontologies | Gold Book, CHMO, RXNO, ChEBI |
| | Data models, metadata schema | FAIRSpec, <i>Solubility</i> , <i>Periodic Table</i> |
| Exchangeable metadata online | Registered metadata for indexing chemicals | InChIs, standard terms/notations |
| | Standardized exchange APIs for chemicals | <i>Chemical structure API specification</i> |

(items in italics are in progress)

Integrating data across domains

Chemical substance: integration by chemical identification

→ *standard chemical identifier*

Chemical property: integration of property values

→ *standard property terms*

Measurement: integration by technique, by conditions

→ *standard definitions*

Units: integration of quantities → *standard units of measure*

Material sample: integration by composition, state of matter, space group → *standard classifications/descriptions*

Origin of sample: integration by location, source (e.g., species), named reactions

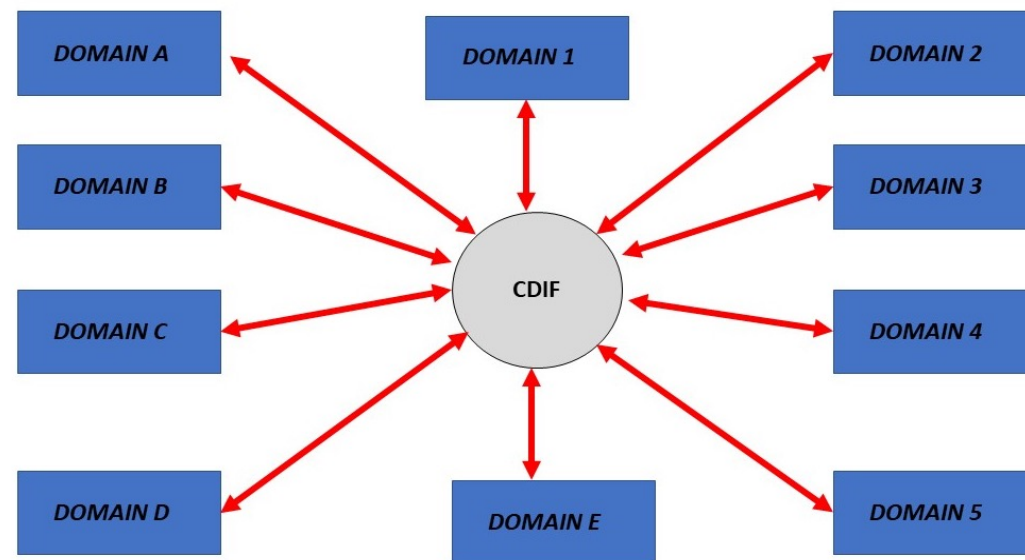
→ *standard location metadata, species classification, reaction classification*

Origin of measurement: integration by analyst or lab, by instrument

→ *PIDs: ORCID, ROR, etc.*

Temporal: integration by date of sample collection, date of measurement

→ *standard date format*



WorldFAIR: data standards for digital reuse



Digital motifs of scientific standards

- Aligned with FAIR principles
- Aligned with common high-level protocols and architectures in the cloud

Best practice

- How to use in data management tools and workflows
- Guidance for policy development

Engagement with broader community

- Case studies in chemistry and neighboring disciplines
- Modeling data integration



IUPAC standard definitions and properties

| Chemical representation | Chemical terminology | Chemical properties |
|---|--|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nomenclature<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Blue Book (organic)• Red Book (inorganic)• Purple Book (polymer)• Graphical representation (structures, stereo, reactions) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Orange Book (analytical)• Silver Book (clinical)• White Book (biochemical)• Green Book (physical) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Periodic Table (CIAAW tables)• Solubility Data Series• Atmospheric kinetics datasheets• Polymerization kinetics dataset• Stability constants dataset |
| Machine-processable (<i>to some degree</i>) | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• InChI notations<ul style="list-style-type: none">• InChIKey• RInChI• <i>MInChI</i>• <i>NInChI</i>• <i>SMILES+ notation</i>• HELM notation<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Glycans notation</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gold Book (compendium)• NPU terminology for clinical chemistry• <i>Green book digital quantities & symbols</i>• <i>DRUM digital units</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• JCAMP-DX spectra format• ThermoML format• <i>AIF adsorption format</i>• <i>FAIRSpec metadata principles</i>• <i>MAPT metadata schema</i>• <i>Solubility metadata schema</i>• <i>Dissociation constants dataset</i>• <i>Atmospheric kinetics dataset</i>• <i>Polymerization kinetics database</i> |

IUPAC standards: analog to digital workflows



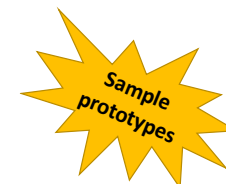
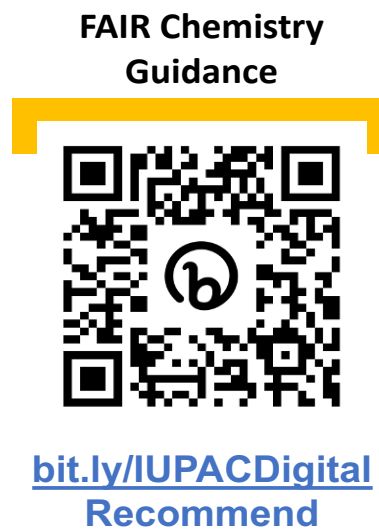
Users & applications in data context

- Researchers documenting and reporting data
- Repositories aggregating chemical data
- Large databases of chemical substances
- Cheminformatics toolkits
- Chemical drawing and naming programs
- Electronic lab notebooks
- Modelers and data scientists
- Other developers and enablers
- Digital data projects in cognate disciplines

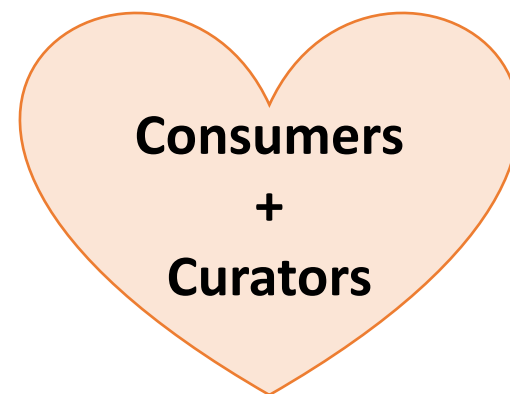
Gaps & challenges

- Gaps: FAIR access to evaluated property datasets, quantity models, semantic classifications
- Challenges: validation, harmonization provenance, licensing, sustainable development, outreach & adoption support

How-to-use support



Community challenges in chemistry



Where are our data?

- Are they sustainably hosted and curated?

Can we establish cross-community consensus around data standards?

- Best practices? Adoption? Validation?

What are we willing to pay for? (to sustain data & standards curation)

- Workflow tools? Value add AI & modeling tools?

Can we enable open, crowd funded and supported tools that evolve with the needs of the community?

How are we introducing digital data principles and management to young and early career chemical professionals and other scientists?

Collaborations



Digital exchange already predominates scientific communication and is rife for improvement and advancement – lets collaborate!

- WorldFAIR Chemistry team (iupac.org/project/2022-012-1-024)
- IUPAC Secretariat & volunteers
- Community collaborators (chemical sciences & beyond)
- WorldFAIR project collaborators
- WorldFAIR project funders



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