

FAIRmat Tutorial 8:

Using NOMAD as an Electronic lab notebook (ELN) for FAIR data

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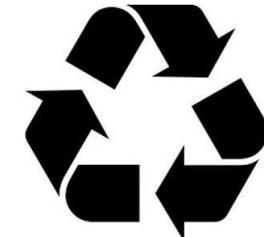
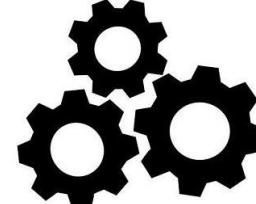


FAIRmat Area A: Synthesis

Why Structured Data?

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- the structure highlights relationships between data points
(semantic **interoperability**)
- machine-readable**
- ideal for classification, regression, and clustering with **AI**
- searchable**
- shareable** (using a community agreed structure)
- leads to data-driven decisions



Research Data Management

Raw Data

ELN

Data Analysis

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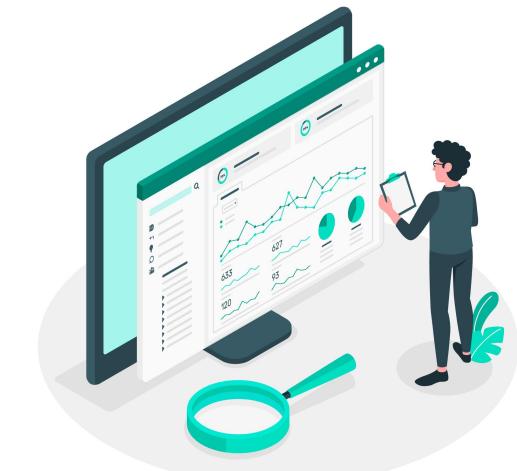
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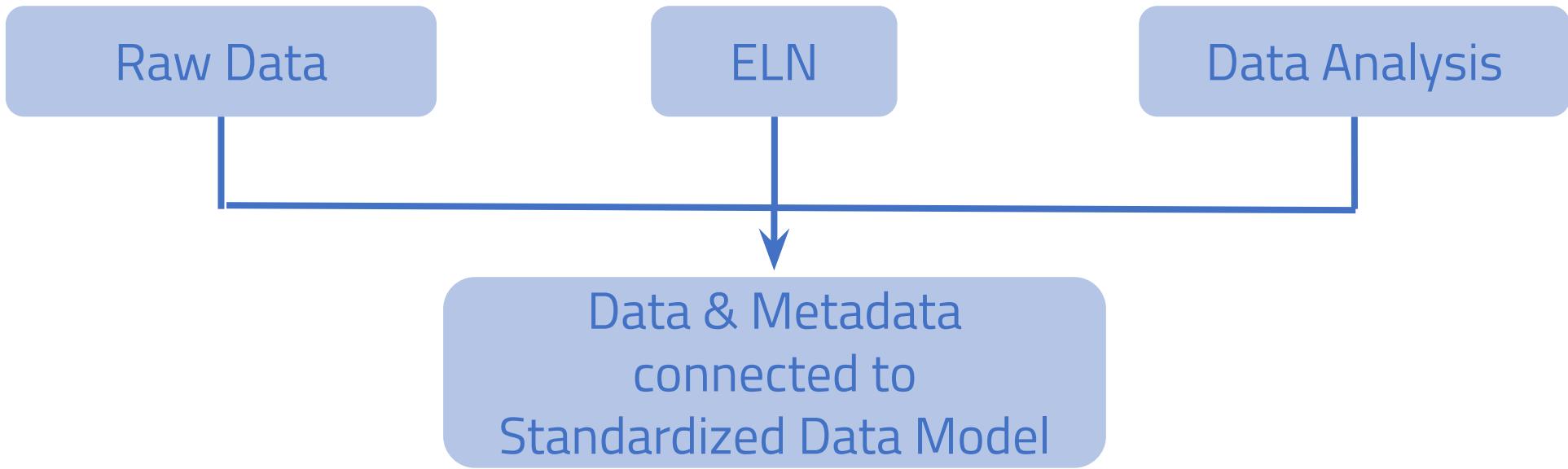
Data Analysis

- Post processing software
- User-tailored scripts

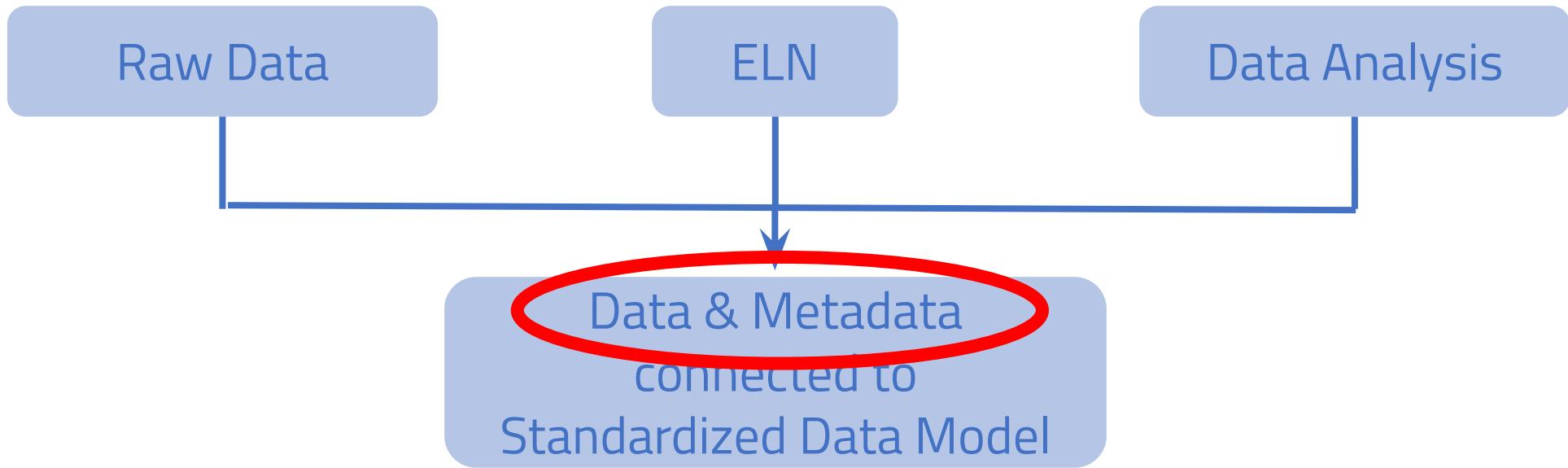


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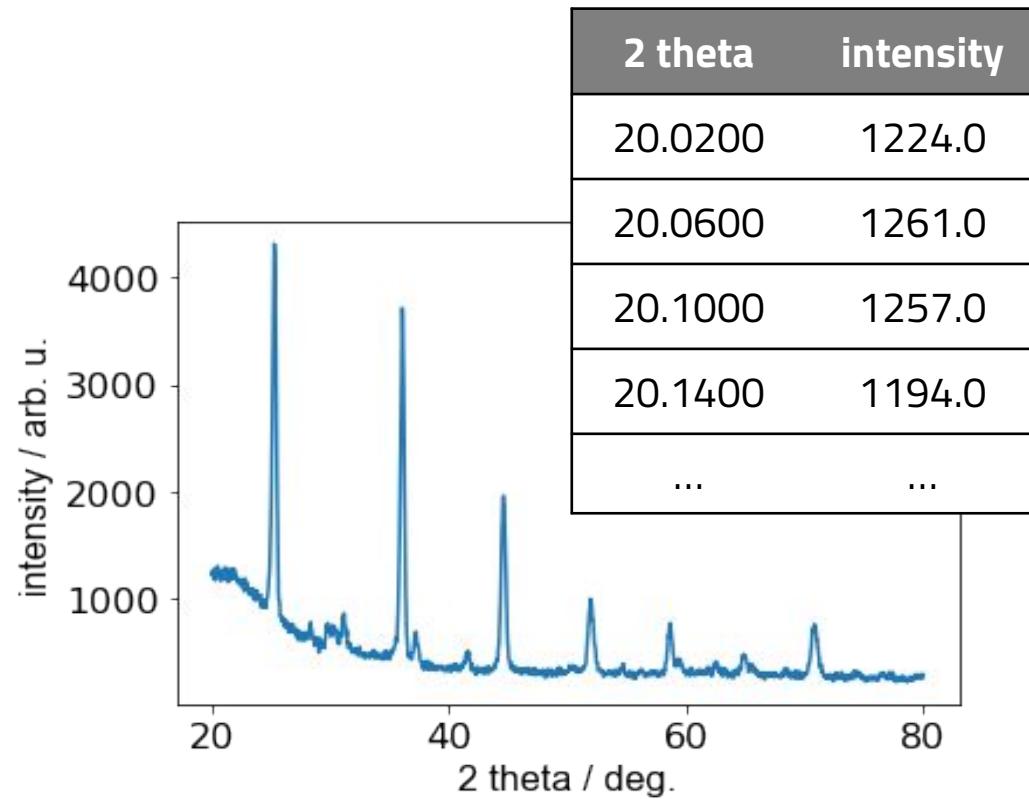
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Data & Metadata

Data:

actual content of information



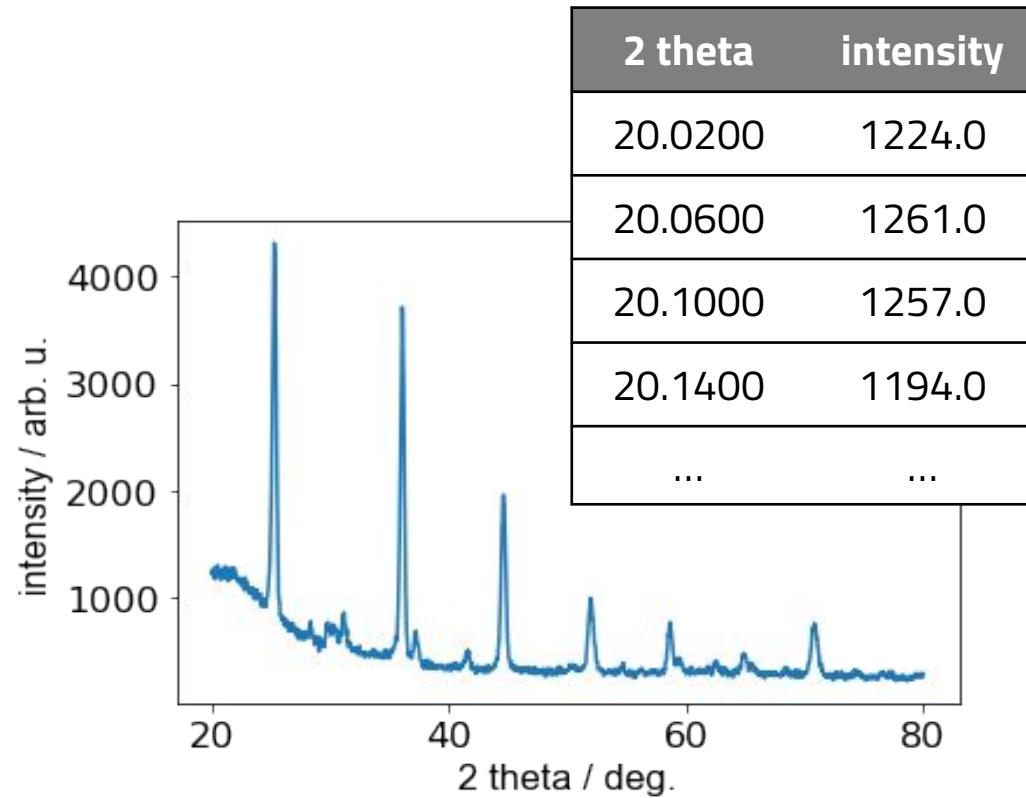
Data & Metadata

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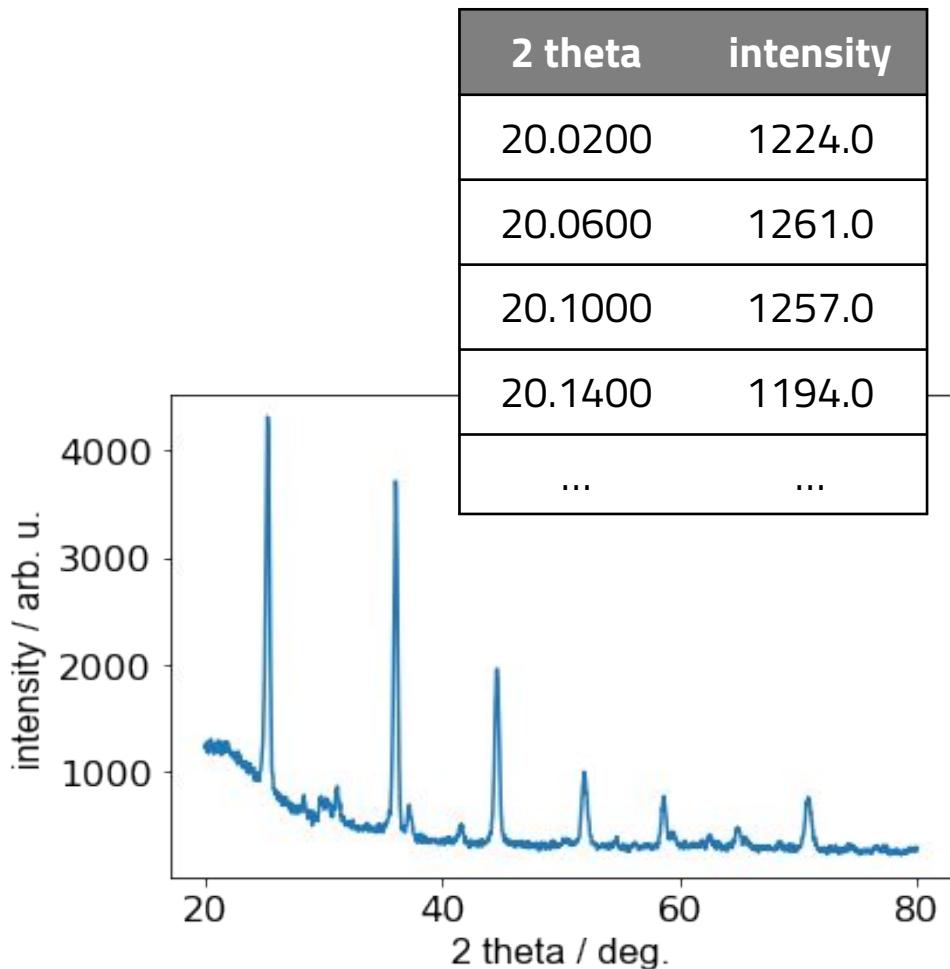
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Metadata:

data that provides information about other data



Data & Metadata



Data:

actual content of information

Structural Metadata:

provides information about
containers of data

XRD Measurement:

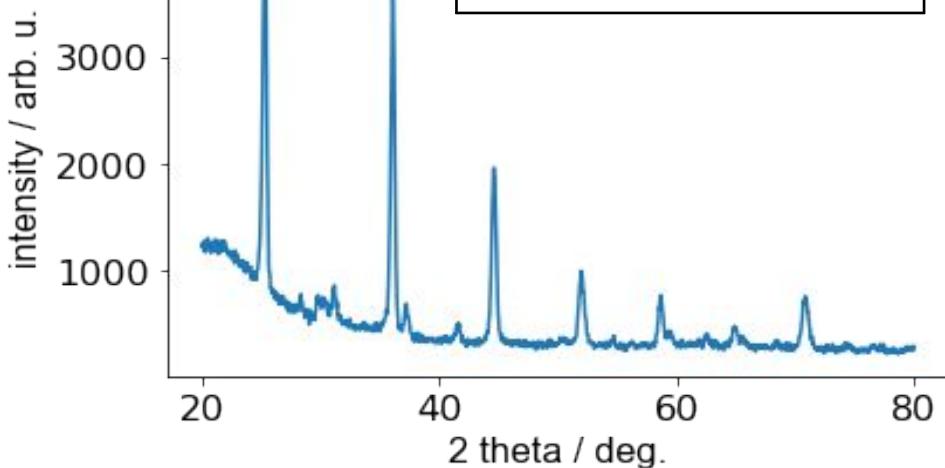
2 theta:

description: The 2-theta angle of the diffractogram.
unit: °
type: float

intensity:

description: The count at each 2-theta value.
unit: dimensionless
type: float

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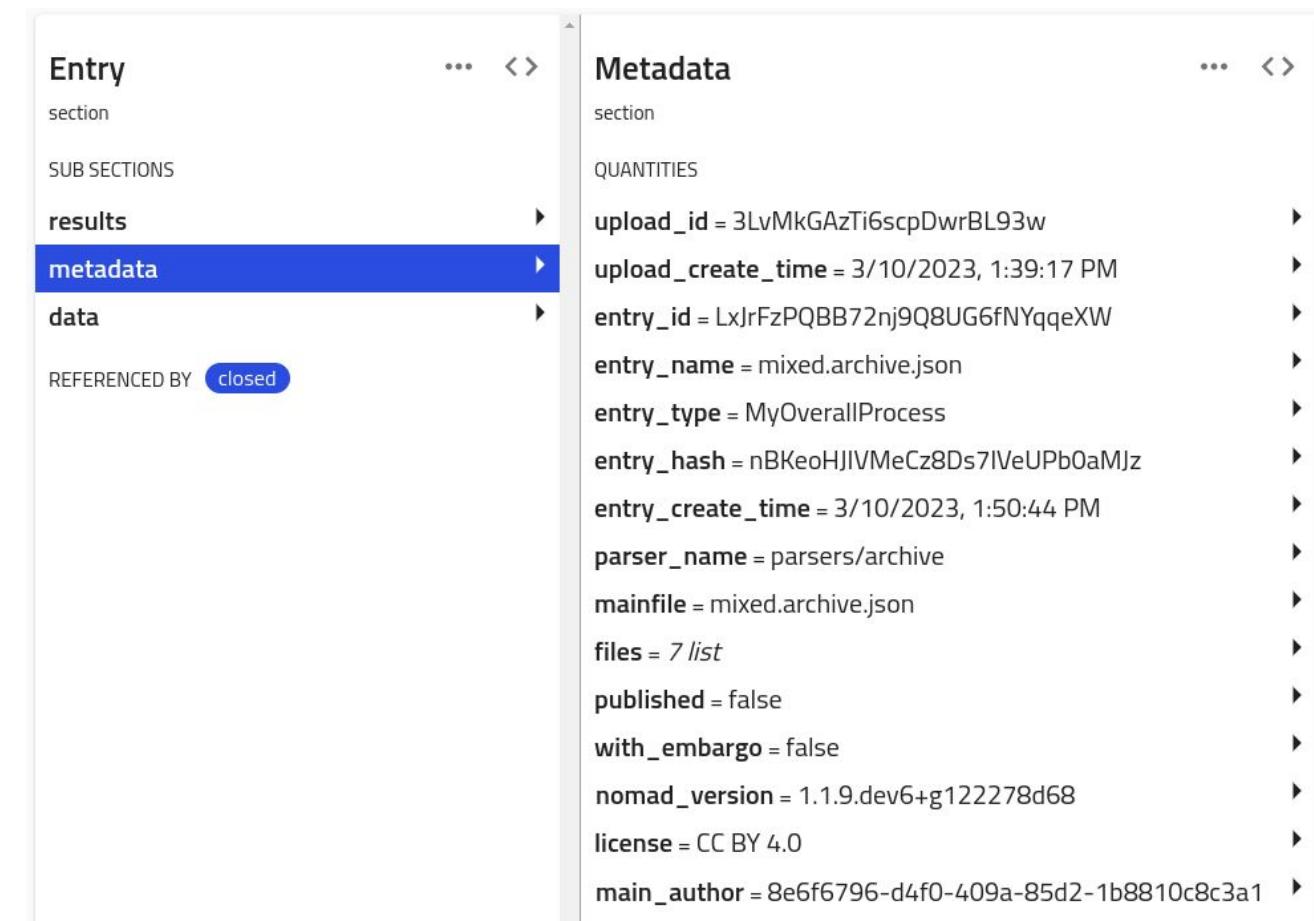
Data:

actual content of information

| 2 theta | intensity |
|---------|-----------|
| 20.0200 | 1224.0 |
| 20.0600 | 1261.0 |
| 20.1000 | 1257.0 |
| 20.1400 | 1194.0 |
| ... | ... |

Structural Metadata:

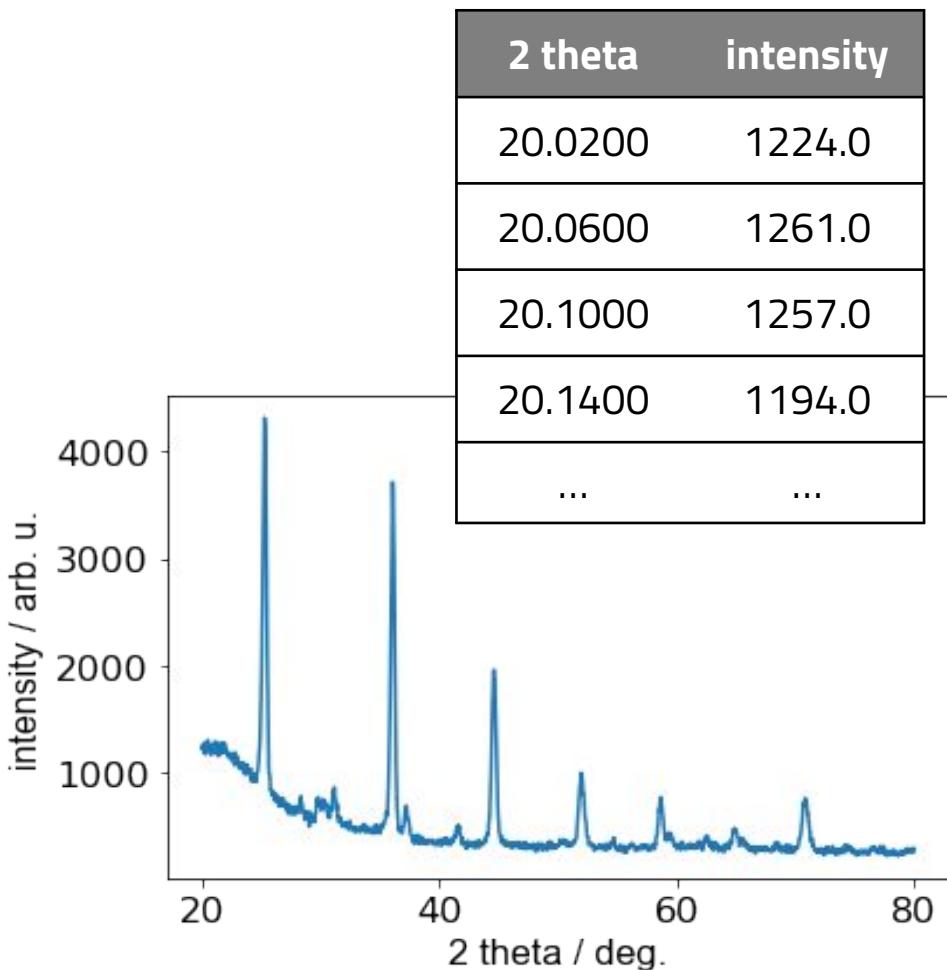
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Data & Metadata

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Descriptive Metadata:

provides important context
about data

Date of the experiment?

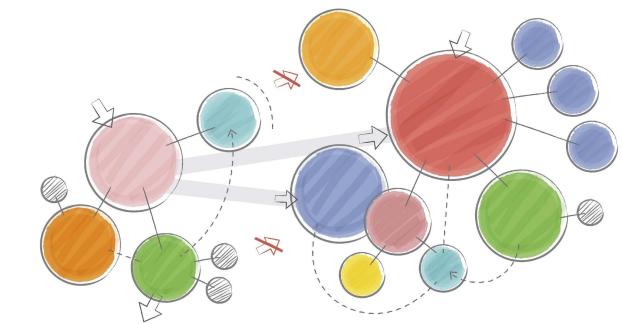
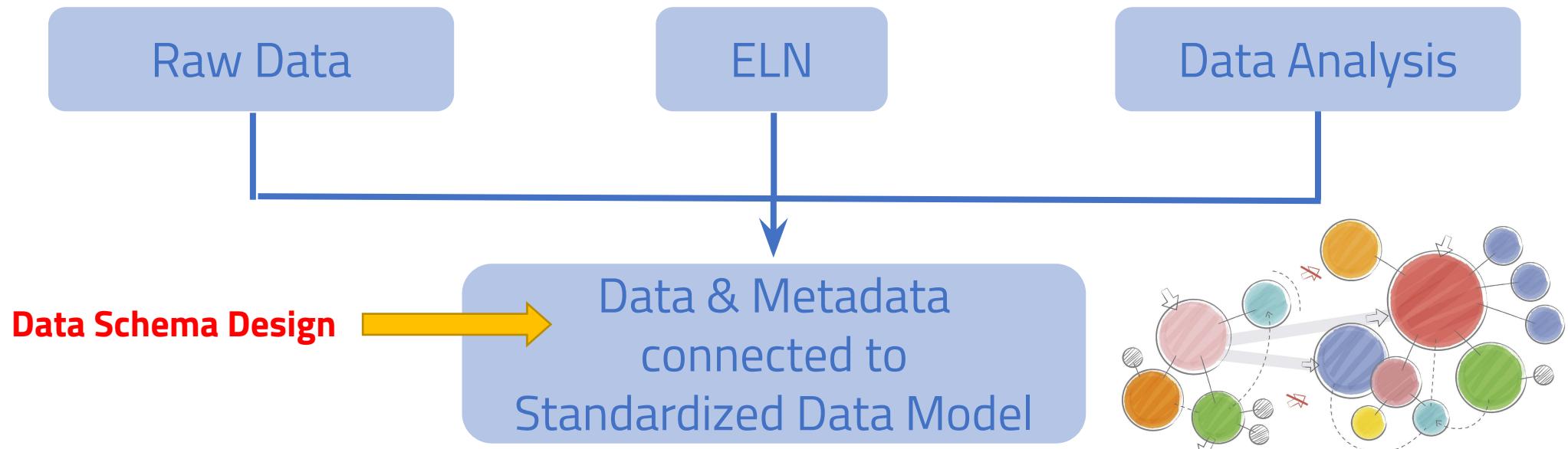
Temperature?

Instrument specifications?

Specimen specifications?

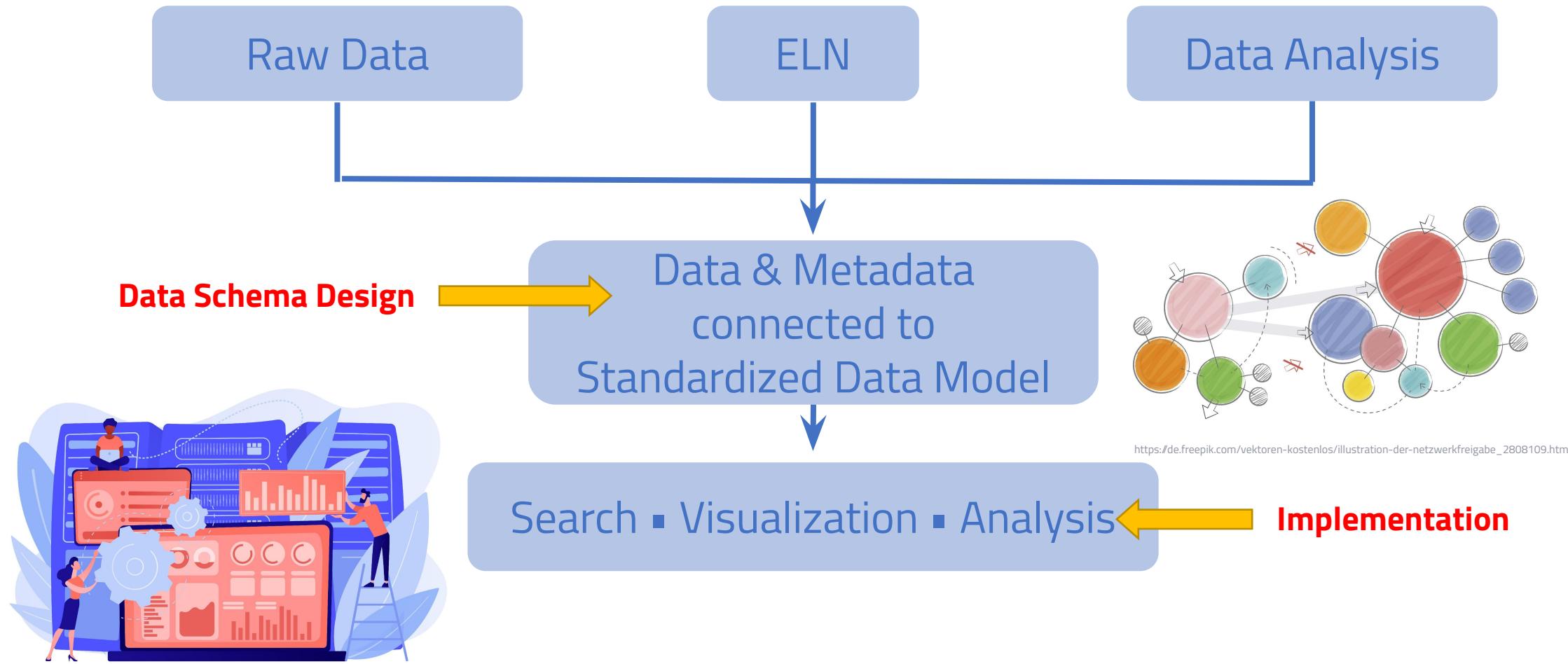
Humidity in the room?

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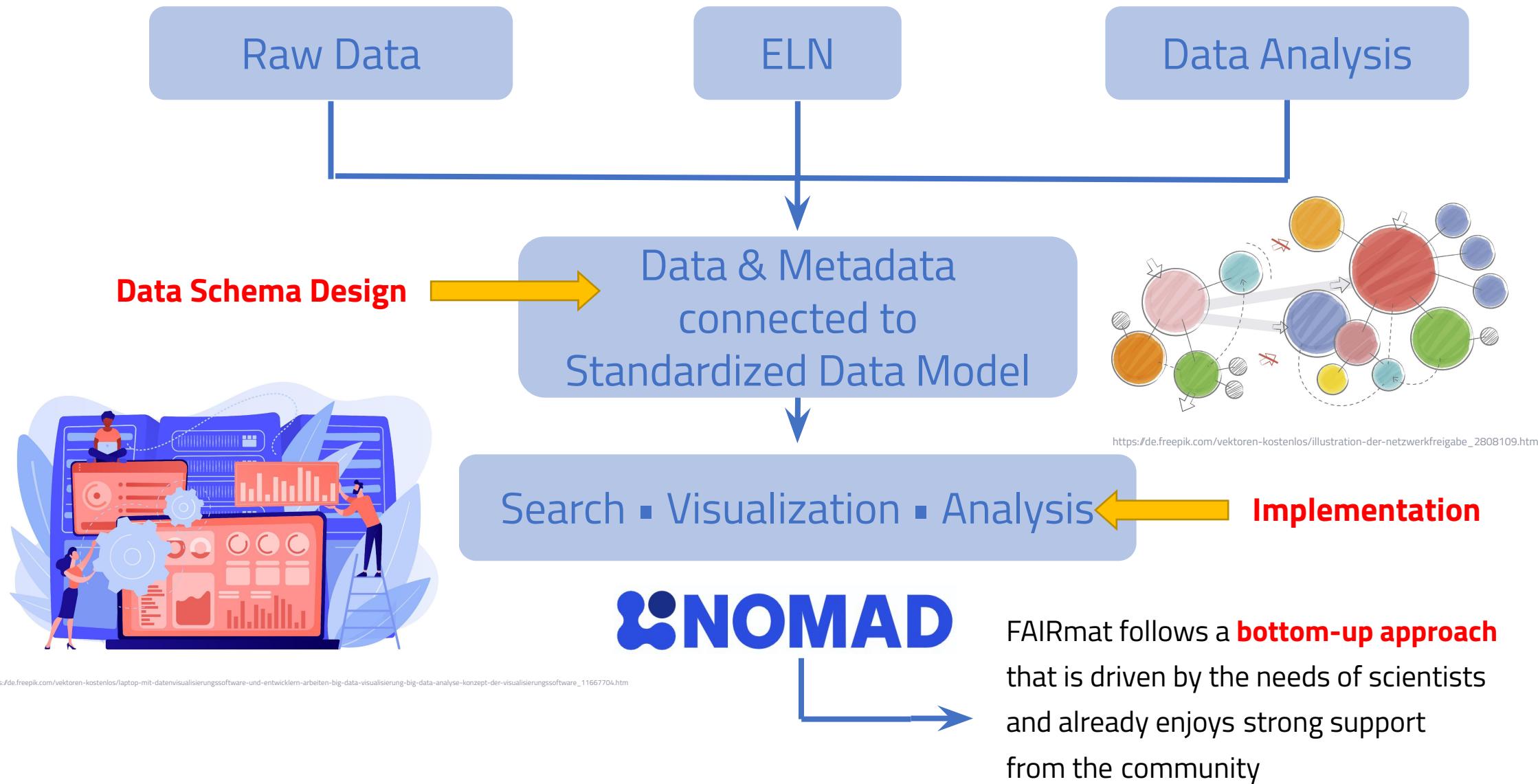
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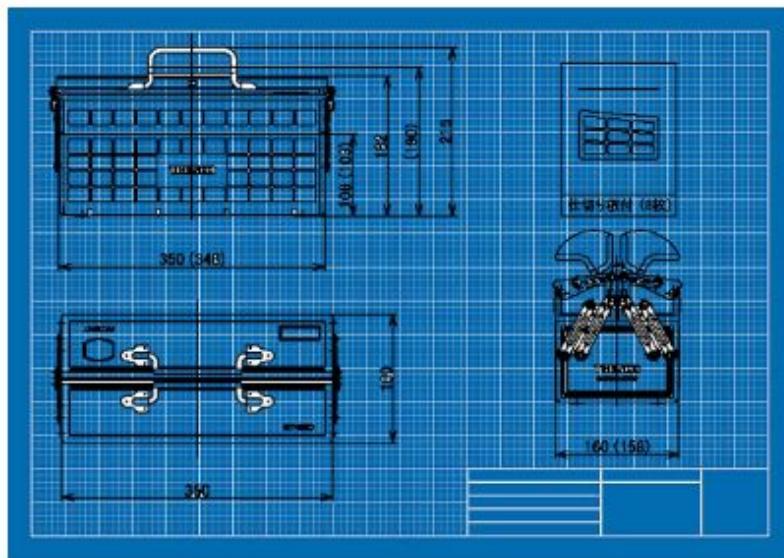
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Schema and Template Concepts

Schema:

A formal description of data, data types, and data file structures, such as XML files.



The blueprint of a toolbox

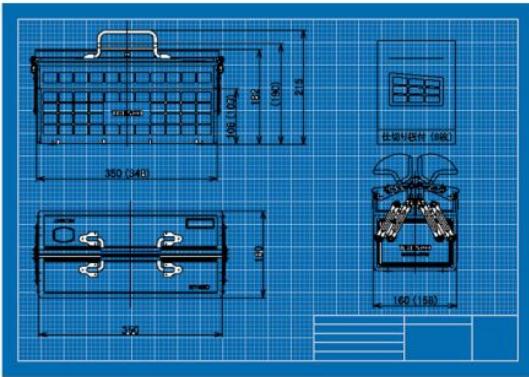
Template:

A physical object from which other objects are based or derived.



A toolbox made for a specific set of tools

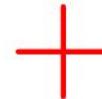
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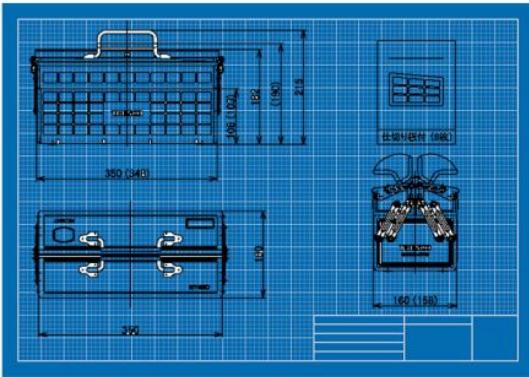
Structured Archive File



Data



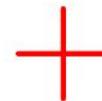
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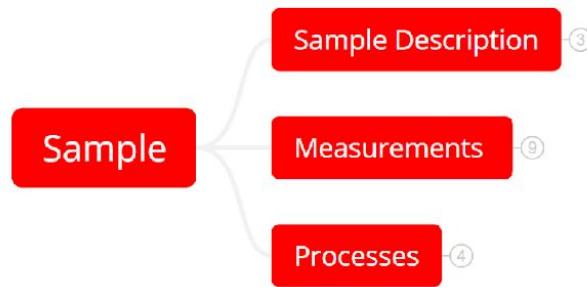
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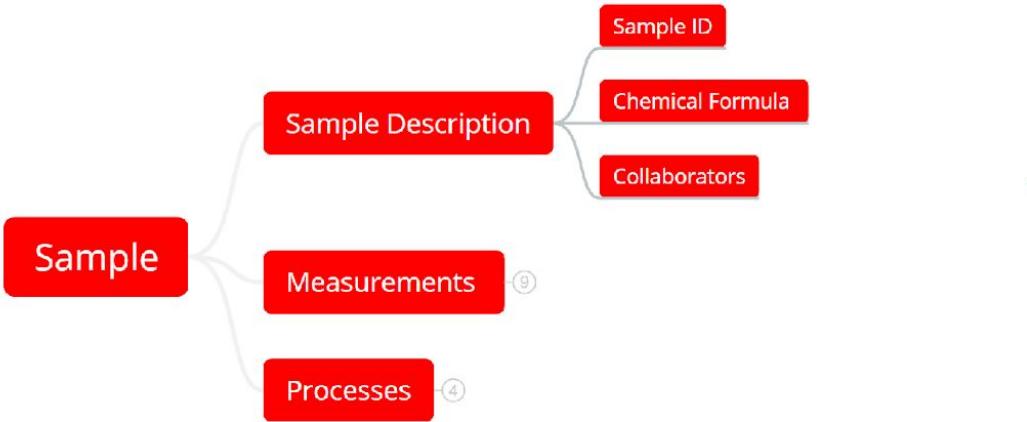
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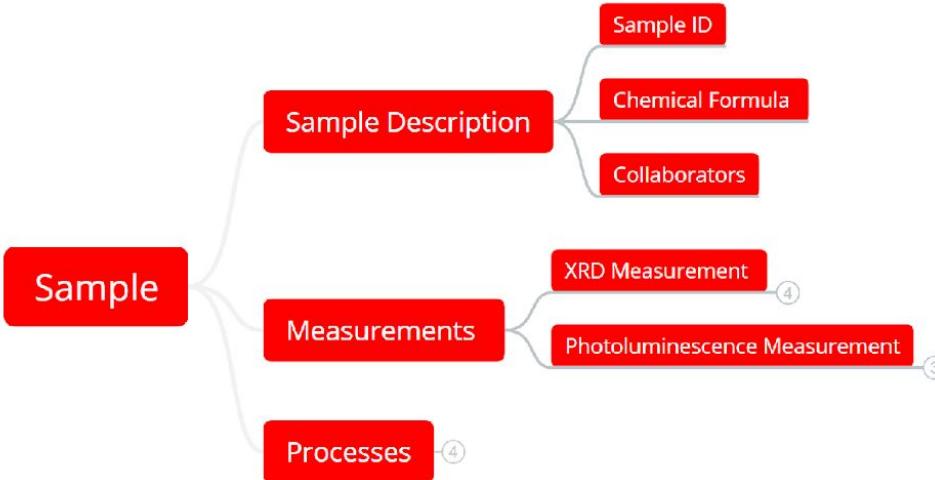
Data



Example of file formats: **XML, JSON, YAML, or HDF5**

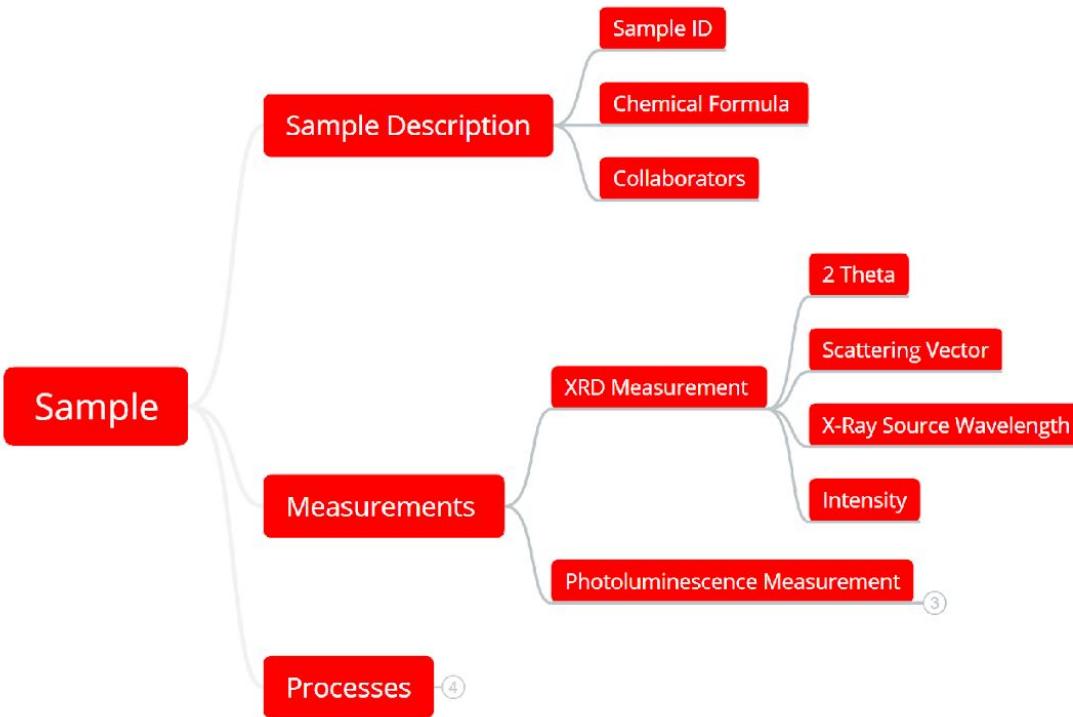


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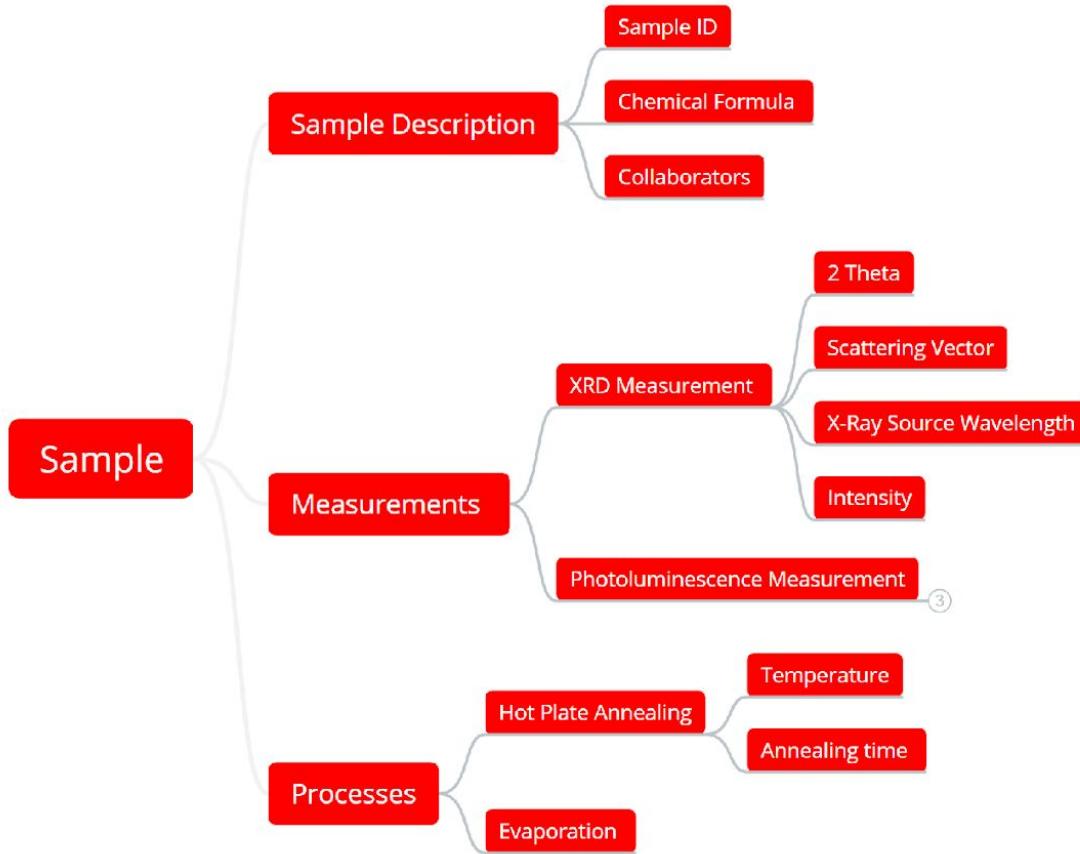
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YAML files to describe data structures

It is a Markup Language defining hierarchy with indentation

```
definitions:  
  name: My Custom Schemas  
  sections:  
    MyProcess:  
      base_sections:  
        - nomad.datamodel.metainfo.eln.BasicEln  
      quantities:  
        data_file:  
          type: str  
        m_annotations:  
          browser:  
            adaptor: RawFileAdaptor  
          eln:  
            component: FileEditQuantity  
      sub_sections:  
        MyProcessesCollection:  
          section:  
            quantities:  
              sample_id:  
                type: str  
              m_annotations:  
                eln:  
                  component: StringEditQuantity
```

- extensible
- structured
- plain text
- human readable

```
definitions:  
  name: My Custom Schemas  
  sections:  
    MyProcess:  
      base_sections:  
        - nomad.datamodel.metainfo.eln.B  
      quantities:  
        data_file:  
          type: str  
        m_annotations:  
          browser:  
            adaptor: RawFileAdaptor  
          eln:  
            component: FileEditQuantity  
      sub_sections:  
        MyProcessesCollection:  
          section:  
            quantities:  
              sample_id:  
                type: str  
              m_annotations:  
                eln:  
                  component: StringEditQuantity  
              roughness:  
                type: np.float64  
                unit: nm  
              m_annotations:  
                eln:  
                  component: NumberEditQuantity  
                  defaultDisplayUnit: nm
```

The screenshot shows the NOMAD interface with the following components:

- Top Bar:** PUBLISH, EXPLORE, ANALYZE, ABOUT.
- Left Sidebar:** Your uploads / Upload / Entry / Data
- Central Area:** OVERVIEW and FILES tabs. The FILES tab is active, showing a tree structure of data entries.
 - Entry:** A root entry with sections: section, SUB SECTIONS, results, metadata, and data (which is currently selected).
 - MyProcess:** A section under Entry, containing data_file (process_data_row.csv) and SUB SECTIONS (MyProcessesCollection).
 - MyProcessesCollection:** A section under MyProcess, containing entries 0, 1, 2, and aa (which is currently selected).
- Right Area:** A detailed view of the aa entry under MyProcessesCollection. It shows:
 - Myprocessescollection:** section
 - QUANTITIES:**
 - Sample id: aa
 - Roughness: 24 (Unit: nm)
 - Thickness: 45 (Unit: nm)

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          type: str
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          section:
            quantities:
              sample_id:
                type: str
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                  component: StringEditQuantity
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              type: np.float64
              unit: nm
              m_annotations:
                eln:
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The screenshot shows the NOMAD interface with the following structure:

- Entry**: Contains fields: section, SUB SECTIONS, results, metadata, and data.
- MyProcess**: Contains fields: section, QUANTITIES, and SUB SECTIONS.
- MyProcessesCollection**: Contains fields: section, QUANTITIES, and REFERENCE BY.

Specific values shown:

- data_file**: process_data_row.csv
- sample_id**: aa
- roughness**: 24 (Unit: nm)
- Thickness**: 45 (Unit: nm)

Main elements:

- Quantities (data fields int, float, str, datetime)
- Attributes (type, shape, unit, annotations)



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        - nomad.datamodel.metainfo.sections.MyProcess
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Using Schemas in Nomad

The screenshot shows the NOMAD interface with the following structure:

- Entry**: Contains sections like **section**, **SUB SECTIONS**, **results**, **metadata**, and **data**.
- MyProcess**: A section under **Entry**.
- MyProcessesCollection**: A sub-section under **MyProcess**, containing items 0, 1, 2, and aa.
- Quantities**: A panel on the right showing **Sample id** (aa), **Roughness** (24 nm), and **Thickness** (45 nm).

Main elements:

- Quantities (data fields int, float, str, datetime)
- Attributes (type, shape, unit, annotations)
- Sections (or Classes, collections of Quantities)

```

definitions:
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The screenshot shows the NOMAD interface with the following details:

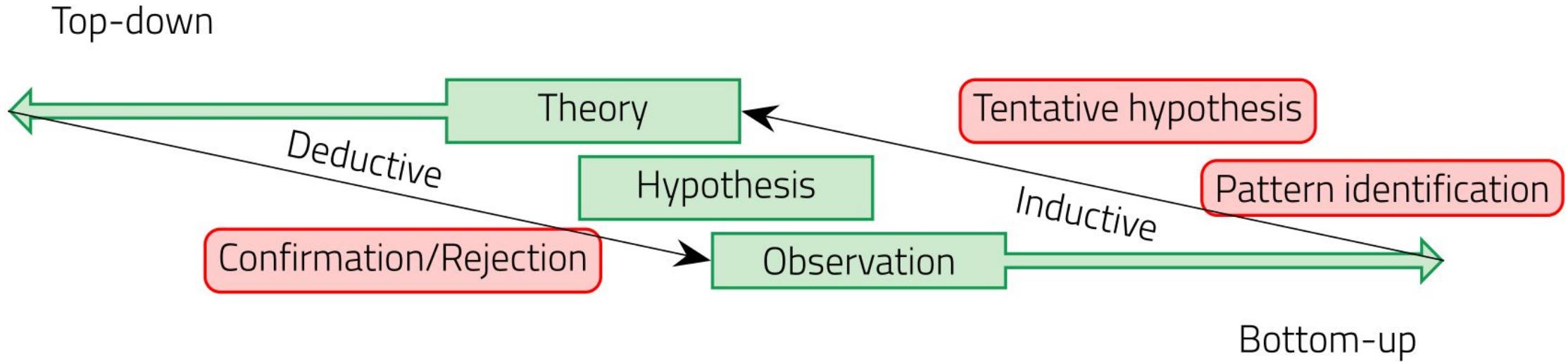
- Top Bar:** PUBLISH, EXPLORE, ANALYZE, ABOUT.
- Left Sidebar:** Your uploads / Upload / Entry / Data
- Entry Overview:**
 - Section:** MyProcess
 - Quantities:** data_file (process_data_row.csv)
 - Sub Sections:** MyProcessesCollection (0, 1, 2, aa)
- Right Panel (FILES):**
 - Section:** Myprocessescollection
 - Quantities:**
 - Sample id: aa
 - Roughness: 24 (Unit: nm)
 - Thickness: 45 (Unit: nm)

Several examples are already public:

[github.com/FAIRmat-NFDI/AreaA-data
modeling and schemas](https://github.com/FAIRmat-NFDI/AreaA-data-modeling_and_schemas)

Towards a Standard / an Ontology

Towards a Standard



An iterative exchange among scientific communities
is necessary to acquire generality, consistency, usefulness

“Base Classes” approach

Boil down the data structure to elemental building blocks:

Instrument

Sample

Steps

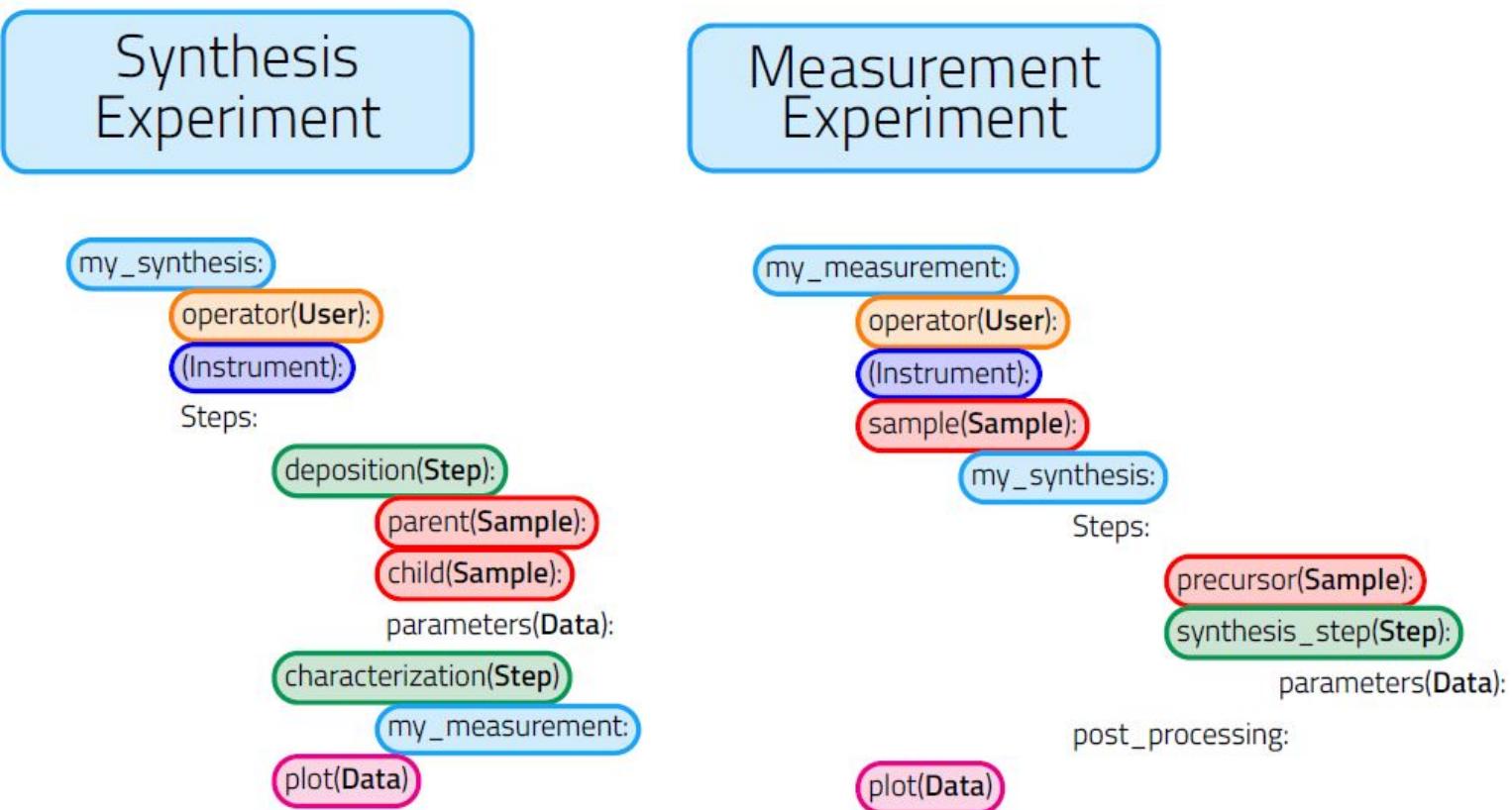
User

Each Base Class contains a set of properties (Quantities)

Allows for additional searchability and processing capabilities in Nomad!

Modularity and Flexibility

Combine base classes into complex structures, depending on single user needs

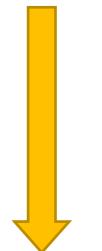


Representing Hierarchy: Coding a Schema

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Inheritance

My Gaussmeter



“is a”

Instrument

“My Gaussmeter”

inherits

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&

Composition

Experiment



“has a”

My Gaussmeter

“Experiment”

is composed by

an “Instrument”

(a “User”, a “Sample”, etc.)

How it looks like in Nomad YAML files:

Inheritance

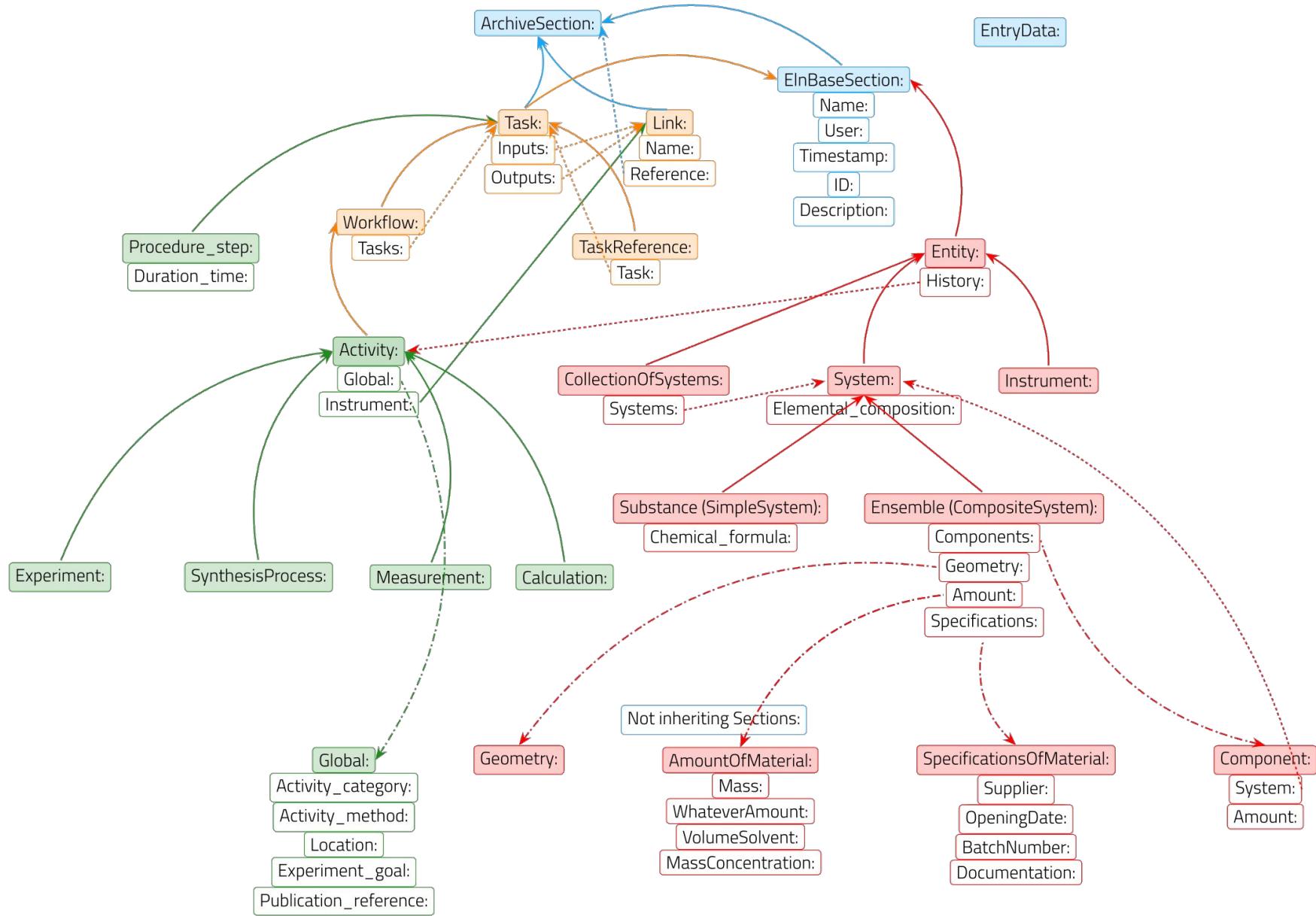
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          type: np.float64  
          unit: s  
    MySpecifiedProcess:  
      base_sections:  
        - '#/MyProcess'  
      quantities:  
        carrier_gas:  
          type: str  
      sub_sections:  
        MyProcessesCollection:  
          section:  
            quantities:  
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"MySpecifiedProcess"
is a
"MyProcess"

"MySpecifiedProcess"
has
quantities
and
sub_sections

Experimental data model is under development



Get Involved

Developed by FAIRmat



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[github.com/FAIRmat-NFDI/AreaA-data modeling and schemas](https://github.com/FAIRmat-NFDI/AreaA-data_modeling_and_schemas)

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