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## The IUPAC FAIRSpec Metadata Object Model Specification, Version 0.1.0

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# This Document

This document describes a preliminary specification for data management of spectroscopic data in the area of chemistry that allows for a seamless process from generation of experimental data through analysis to publication and public archiving. Specifically, it describes the abstract model that underlies the metadata associated with an IUPAC FAIRData collection, including the IUPAC FAIRSpec extension of that model.

The GitHub repository for this project is at <https://github.com/IUPAC/IUPAC-FAIRSpec>, and a set of sample datasets with associated IUPAC FAIRSpec Finding Aids can be found in <https://chemapps.stolaf.edu/iupac/site/ifd4> with an interactive demo at <https://chemapps.stolaf.edu/iupac/site/ifd4/site/demo.htm>. A presentation of the principles associated with this work are elaborated upon in the *Pure and Applied Chemistry* article [IUPAC Specification for the FAIR Management of Spectroscopic Data in Chemistry \(IUPAC FAIRSpec\) - Guiding Principles](#) (accepted Mar 13, 2022)

The goal of the [IUPAC Project 2019-031-1-024](#) is to enable a standardized way of managing spectroscopic data digital collections. This document sets forth a set of standards for the description and cataloging of data and its associated metadata in ways that are practical, relatively simple to implement, modular, intuitive, easily extended, and flexible in terms of requirements for the data itself as well as format of the associated metadata.

The scope of the project is *spectroscopic* data within a *chemical* context, but what is described here is fully extensible to any sort of data, within any context, and is already being proposed in the area of materials science.

The proposed standards involve several aspects:

- a set of principles underlying what we mean by "FAIR" in relation to spectroscopic data.
- a detailed **metadata object model** for describing the contents of a "spectroscopic data collection" in terms of objects and relationships of objects as described by metadata,
- a standard for **describing properties** of digital objects within the metadata records of the finding aid,
- a standard for the **serialization of the finding aid** for a collection,
- a recommendation for the **organization** of digital objects within a collection,
- a proposal for and demonstration of methods of **data and metadata extraction** and the generation of IUPAC FAIRSpec Finding Aids.

This document focuses on the second of these bullet points, specifically describing the eleven metadata classes comprising the core of the metadata object model, along with twelve standard digital object-related metadata classes and several additional classes that are suggested for general use and are examples of how the model can be extended to specific applications.

# 1. IUPAC FAIRSpec Principles

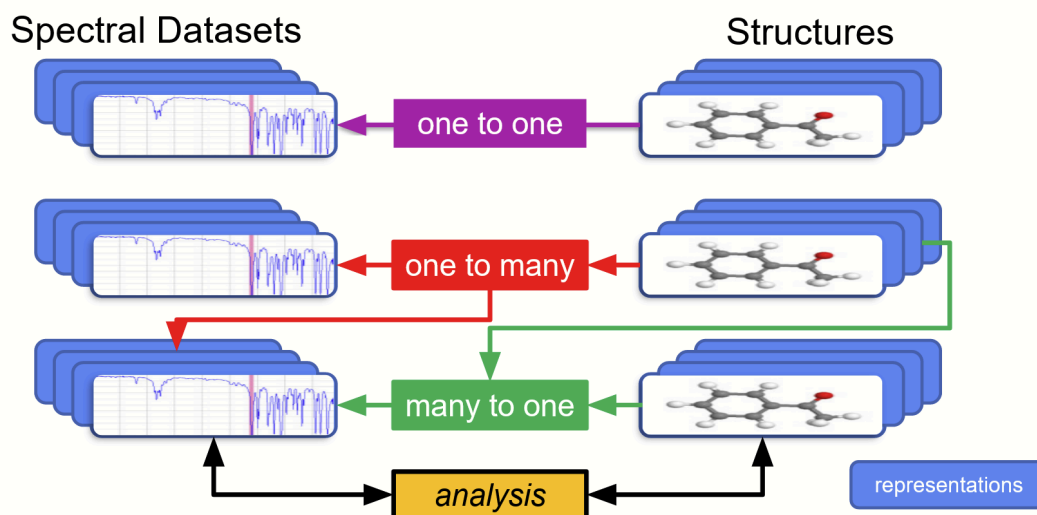
These Principles are elaborated upon in the *Pure and Applied Chemistry* article [IUPAC Specification for the FAIR Management of Spectroscopic Data in Chemistry \(IUPAC FAIRSpec\) - Guiding Principles](#) (accepted Mar 13, 2022). Only a brief summary is given here in order to provide the rationale for the data model.

Spectroscopic data in the area of chemistry are intimately connected to chemical structure. The purpose of carrying out spectroscopic measurements is most often to discover the identity of pure compounds, to identify and quantitate the relative amounts of chemical impurities in a mixture, and to determine the structure of new compounds.

In addition, there are contexts where it is more appropriate to refer to spectroscopic data in relation to "samples." We want to know the identity of a sample, but we don't yet know its chemical structure. Or, perhaps we are working with a material that is not characterizable *per se* as a chemical compound. These standards cover such cases as well.

Spectroscopy datasets can be complex. We make the distinction here between *Digital Entities* (sequences of bytes, for example "files"), which, through metadata association, become *Digital Objects*. [def reference] A key concept in the IUPAC FAIRSpec data model is the **IUPAC FAIRSpec Digital Collection**, which uses metadata to make useful connections between digital objects and allows for a variety of "representations" of those objects (Figure 1.1).

## One to One and One to Many FAIR Relationships



**Figure 1.1.** Key relationships among FAIRSpec Digital Objects.

Thus, the IUPAC FAIRSpec Standard data model is not about standardizing instrument data file formats (though it benefits from that) or requiring specific representations (though it might make specific recommendations in this regard). Rather, it is about providing a baseline common ground for the storage, transmission, and description of the contents of a digital collection derived from spectroscopic measurements or calculations. The ultimate goal is to be able to provide concise

descriptions of complex data sets associated with manuscripts, ongoing laboratory work, and teaching, that can be findable, accessible, interoperable, and reusable by machines and humans alike.

The following principles underlie our development of the IUPAC FAIRSpec standards:

**1. FAIR Management of data should be an ongoing concern.**

- A. FAIR management of data must be an explicit part of research culture.
- B. FAIR management of data should be of intrinsic value.
- C. Good data management requires distributed curation.
- D. Experimental work is by nature iterative.

**2. Context is important.**

- A. Digital objects are generally part of a collection.
- B. Chemical properties are related to chemical structure.
- C. Data relationships are diverse and develop over time.
- D. FAIR management of data should allow for validation.

**3. FAIR management of data requires curation.**

- A. Data reuse relies upon practical findability.
- B. Data has to be organized to be accessible.
- C. Data interoperability requires well-designed metadata.
- D. Value is in the eye of the reuser.

**4. Metadata must be standardized and registered.**

- A. Register key metadata.
- B. Assign a variety of persistent identifiers.
- C. Enable metadata crosswalks.
- D. Allow for value-added benefits.

**5. FAIR data management standards should be modular, extensible, and flexible**

- A. Modularity allows specialization.
- B. Allow for future needs.
- C. Respect format and implementation diversity.
- D. All data formats should be valued.

## 2. The IUPAC FAIRData Metadata Object Model

What follows is a detailed discussion of the metadata object model underlying the IUPAC FAIRSpec specification. We refer to this model as the "IUPAC FAIRData" model because it is a general model that is not specific in any way to spectroscopy. "IUPAC FAIRSpec" refers to the IUPAC FAIRSpec Extension of the IUPAC FAIRData model. The point here being that the model is easily extensible, and IUPAC FAIRSpec is just one example of how that can be accomplished.

The discussion is framed in the language of object-oriented programming in order to more clearly define the relational aspects, scope, and limitations of the model.

### 2.1 Definitions

For readers not familiar with object-oriented programming, we offer this brief set of definitions:

- *object*  
A construct having properties (or *fields*), which may include its relationships to other objects. An object may be *representable* in the form of bits and bytes (a *digital object*) or it may be an abstract set of properties (a *metadata object*).
- *class*  
An abstract description of an object's type, expressing its capabilities and limitations. We say that an object is an "instance of its class", or that "instantiation of a class" creates an object. All IUPAC FAIRData Metadata Object Model classes start with "IFD". IUPAC FAIRSpec extensions of the model (Section 3) start with "FAIRSpec"
- *subclass* and *superclass*  
The "child" of a *superclass* is a *subclass*. We say that a subclass *extends* its superclass so that it can "inherit" the superclass's properties. This efficient design allows general characteristics to be described in one class (a superclass) and propagated to a whole family of other classes (its subclasses). Subclassing allows for expansion and customization of the model without the need to change the core classes. So, for example, we will see that the core aspect of an *IFDCollection* (that it is a list of IFDObjects) is also true of its subclass *IFDStructureCollection*, but the *IFDStructureCollection* class is more restrictive. It must contain only *IFDStructure* objects.
- *abstract class*  
An abstract class is a class that can only be a superclass and can never be instantiated itself. It is basically a template that provides common properties for its various subclasses. In the IUPAC FAIRData Metadata Object Model, only the classes *IFDObject*, *IFDRepresentation*, *IFDRepresentableObject*, *IFDCollection*, *IFDDataObject*, and *IFDDataObjectRepresentation* are abstract classes. This ensures that, in each case, an object of one of these types must be more specifically defined. For example, while *IFDObject* could be just about anything, *IFDSample* and

IFDStructure are subclasses of type IFDRepresentableObject (itself a subclass of IFDObject) that have distinct representations characteristic of their type.

- *field*

An aspect of a class that has a data type, which is itself a reference to a class (String, Integer, Double, List (or array), Map, etc. – See Appendix A). Data types can be qualified. For example, a List of *Strings* will be expressed here as String[ ].

## 2.2 Overview

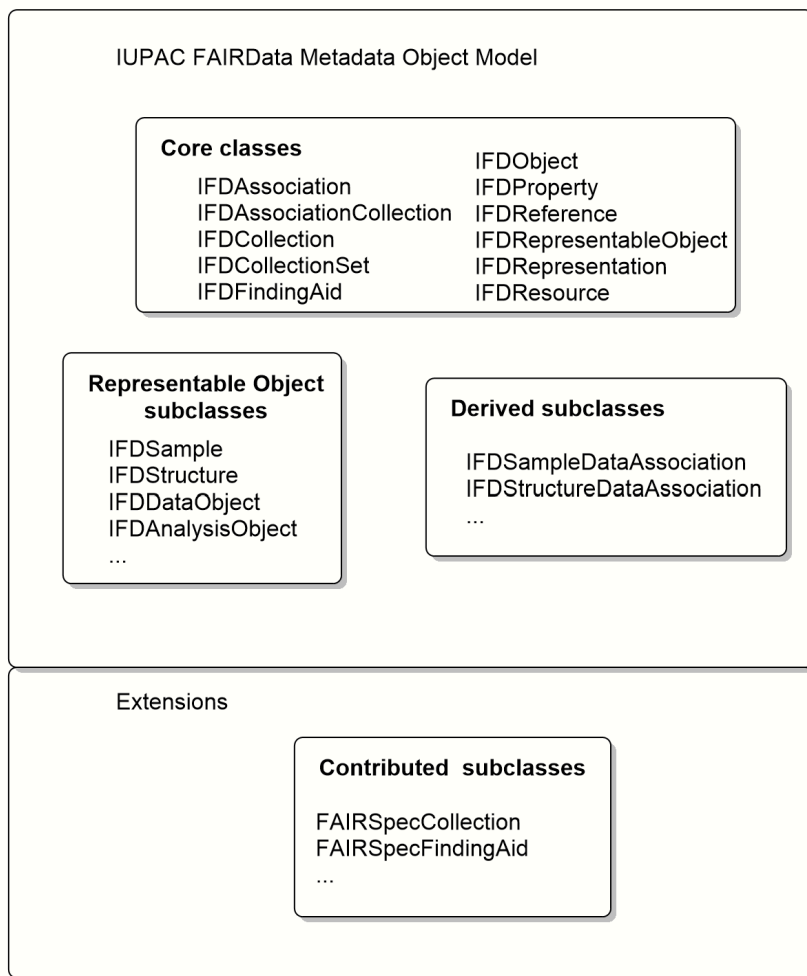
### 2.2.1 The core model

An overview of the classes in the model is shown in Figure XX. The model includes three primary groups of classes:

**Core classes** are classes that describe the basic elements of the model – metadata objects and their associations, digital representations and collections of digital objects, metadata structures including properties, references, and resource information that characterize these objects. An instance of IFDFindingAid class maintains a single IFDCollectionSet, which itself is a collection of collections of all of the other sorts of metadata objects.

**Representable Object subclasses** are specialized metadata objects that point to and describe the digital object of the actual digital collection – objects relating to physical samples, chemical structures, various digital objects acquired from experimental or computational work (collectively referred to as "data objects"), and post-acquisition analyses objects.

**Derived subclasses** are classes that associate two or more different types of representable objects – for example, a physical sample with one or more chemical structures, chemical structures with data objects such as NMR spectra, and detailed analyses that provide justification for those associations.



## 2.2.2 Extending the model – contributed subclasses and metadata specifics

Importantly, the model is designed to allow for customization in ways that go well beyond generic data. Any of the classes of the model or its extensions can be subclassed further to provide a variety of additional object types, allowing for collections of different sorts. All that is required by the model is that the model classes themselves are still identifiable, and that the subclassing itself is well described. Customization can be accomplished in any combination of the following three ways:

**Contributed subclasses** can be designed and added to the model. For example, a FAIRSpecFindingAid object (a subclass of IFDFindingAid) describes a FAIRSpecCollection (a subclass of IFDCollectionSet). The process of subclassing introduces specialized metadata properties and representations that are specific in this case to the area of spectroscopy. When serialized in a machine-readable form such as JSON or XML, the FAIRSpecFindingAid class produces the digital object we refer to as the *IUPAC FAIRSpec Finding Aid*, which describes the contents of an *IUPAC FAIRSpec Digital Collection*.

**Elaboration of metadata elements** provides another means of customization. Note that the model itself is largely independent of the details and format of the descriptive metadata key/value properties themselves that we traditionally associate with "metadata". This is by design. Though there are a few basic rules in the model as to how these keys in particular are constructed (see [ifd.properties](#)), the details of those keys and their associated values are left to extension contributors.

**Addition of nonstandard attributes** is also allowed. Nothing in the specification requires the *exclusive* use of IUPAC FAIRData metadata key/value pairs. The finding aid has two property-like categories: "*ifdProperties*" are metadata elements that have standardized IUPAC FAIRData (or its extensions') keys and allowed values; "*attributes*" are metadata of completely free format, or of a format described specifically by the implementor or by other standards.



## 2.3 Core Classes

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class IFDAssociation extends IFDCollection
class IFDAssociationCollection extends IFDCollection
class IFDCollection extends IFDObject
class IFDCollectionSet extends IFDCollection
class IFDFindingAid extends IFDObject
class IFDObject extends ArrayList
class IFDAttribute
class IFDProperty
class IFDReference
class IFDResource
class IFDRepresentableObject
class IFDRepresentation
    
```

The eleven core model classes are fundamental classes that have no specific reference to spectroscopy. Thus, the core specification easily could be extended to non-spectroscopic FAIR data management applications.

### 2.3.1 IFDObject (abstract)

**IFDObject** is a superclass for nearly all IUPAC FAIRSpec Data Model objects.

- IFDObject
  - IFDCollection
    - IFDAssociation
    - IFDAssociationCollection
    - IFDCollectionSet
    - IFDSampleCollection
    - IFDStructureCollection
    - ...(several more)
  - IFDRepresentableObject
    - IFDAnalysisObject
    - IFDDataObject
    - IFDSample
    - IFDStructure
  - IFDFindingAid

Figure xxx. Subclasses of IFDObject in the IUPAC FAIRSpec Metadata Object Model.

org.iupac.fairdata.core.IFDObject		
field name	data type	description
description	String	an optional
doi	String	the full DOI reference to this digital object, including the protocol and host (for example,

		<a href="https://doi.org/10.14469/hpc/11741">https://doi.org/10.14469/hpc/11741</a> ); generally to an HTML landing page describing this object – for example, to a repository page for a collection. For an IFDRepresentableObject, each of the object's representations might have its own url. (See <b>IFDReference</b> .)
id	String	an optional unique identifier for this object; if present, must be unique within this finding aid
ifdType	String	required; the class name of this object, such as <i>org.iupac.fairdata.sample.IFDSample</i>
ifdTypeExtends	String	required for non-core classes; a semicolon-separated list of names of classes in the superclass hierarchy of this class, up to the first class name that is of the form <i>org.iupac.fairdata.core.*</i> (only present for non-core classes)
label	String	an optional short descriptive but not necessarily unique label for this object
note	String	an optional free text note, possibly relating to issues in the production of the finding aid or collection; not intended for general metadata indexing
attributes	Map<String, String>	an optional set of key/value pairs that are not part of the IUPAC FAIRData standard or its extension. Characters of the keys must be one of [A-Za-z0-9_] or the space character and must be trimmed of any space character.
ifdProperties	Map<String, Object>	an optional set of key/value pairs where the key is a fully qualified IUPAC FAIRData property name starting with "IFD." or just its associated short (underscore-separated) name, if the propertyPrefix field is also present. The value must be of the form specified by this standard or its extension
propertyPrefix	String	optional; a prefix starting with "IFD." that should be prepended along with a "." to each property key not already starting with "IFD." in order to produce a fully qualified IUPAC FAIRData property name as specified by this standard or its extension
timestamp	Date	a timestamp associated with this object
url	String	a URL string targeting this object's sole digital item. The URL field is only present if the doi field is empty and should not contain a DOI itself. For an IFDRepresentableObject, each of the object's representations might have its own url. (See <b>IFDReference</b> .)

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Note that properties and attributes both declare metadata properties as key:value pairs. The properties field is reserved for properties that are described by the standard, while the attributes field holds properties that are not (yet) part of the standard. This allows implementers to introduce properties that are important to their work without breaking the standard. Future versions of the standard may include those properties using standardized syntax, adding information about units and type. In addition, because IFDObject extends ArrayList (a Java class maintaining an array of objects that can be added to dynamically), all IFDObjects are inherently list-like.

IFDObject has three direct subclasses: IFDRepresentableObject, IFDCollection, and IFDFindingAid. An IFDRepresentableObject is a list of IFDRepresentation items, while an IFDCollection is a list of IFDRepresentableObject items. The IFDFindingAid is a special object that is not itself a collection but holds the IFDCollectionSet. These three subclasses are described in detail in section 2.3 *Core Classes*.

### [2.3.2 IFDRepresentation \(abstract\)](#)

**IFDRepresentation** is an abstract class with instances that either reference actual digital objects or contain byte sequence or string data themselves. These may be images, spreadsheets, complex analyses, discipline-specific or vendor-specific file formats – any digital format that data (in the broad sense, including chemical structure "data") can be represented. All actual digital objects in an IUPAC FAIRData Collection will be represented in the model as an IFDRepresentation of one type or another and serialized as part of a List<IFDRepresentation>, where each representation in the list is in the form of a Map<String, String>. Note that IFDRepresentation objects themselves are not IFDObject objects and are not list-like. As an abstract class, IFDRepresentation can only be "realized" as a more specific sort of representation, for example:

- IFDRepresentation
  - IFDAnalysisObjectRepresentation
  - IFDDataObjectRepresentation
  - IFDSampleRepresentation
  - IFDStructureRepresentation

Figure xxx. Subclassing IFDRepresentation differentiates distinctly different types of representations.

Subclassing IFDRepresentation provides a way of ensuring that the correct general type of digital object in an IUPAC FAIRData Collection corresponds with a given IFDRepresentableObject. For example, chemical structure-related metadata objects (IFDStructure objects) must be lists of structure representations (IFDStructureRepresentation objects, such as MOL files). We say that IFDStructure (which is a List) extends IFDRepresentableObject<IFDStructureRepresentation>.

org.iupac.fairdata.core.IFDRepresentation		
field name	data type	description

data	String or byte[]	<p>When the representation itself is suitably small in terms of bytes (in the opinion of the implementer), the representation can be serialized directly within the finding aid as a simple String when appropriate, for example, a SMILES string or InChI key.</p> <p>Alternatively, the value can take the form of a byte array and serialized as a base64-encoded String having the eight-character prefix <b>;base64,</b>. Base64 encoding is described in <a href="#">RFC 4648</a>.</p> <p>If the <i>data</i> field is not present or null, then the <i>ref</i> field must indicate an originPath or a localPath or a localName. If the <i>data</i> field is present and not null, then the <i>ref</i> field may or may not contain these references. For example, an InChI generated by a metadata extractor from a CDXML file will not have any local or origin path. An image stored within a Finding Aid may still have all of these.</p>
ifdType	String	the object type of the form <i>IFD.representation...</i> declared in the extension of the specification
key	String	the name of this representation, starting with "IFD.representation." and continuing with a dot-separated set of qualifiers that consist only of lower-case or digit [a-z0-9] characters; for example: <i>IFD.representation.dataobject.fairspec.nmr.image</i>
len	Integer	the byte length of the digital object associated with this representation
mediaType	String	the media type [rfc....] of this digital object
ref	IFDReference	the machine-followable reference to the digital object associated with this reference, or <i>null</i> (without quotes) or absent when there is no such reference and the <i>data</i> field is non-null.

### 2.3.3 IFDProperty

**IFDProperty** is the storage class for standardized metadata key/value pairs for all IFDObjects. This class can be serialized in-line as a key:value pair within a Map<String,String> serialization.

org.iupac.fairdata.core.IFDProperty		
field name	data type	description
(key)	String	The name of this property, starting with "IFD.property." and continuing with a dot-separated set of qualifiers that consist only of lower-case or digit [a-z0-9] characters; for example: <i>IFD.property.dataobject.spec.nmr.expt.offset_freq1</i>
(value)	(variable)	the value of this metadata object, serialized as the data type and declared by the standard or its extension, in the units specified by the standard or its extension

Properties, in principle, may have specified data types (String, Integer, Integer, Float64, ...), units (Hz, MHz, Kelvin, ...), values, value ranges ([1...]), or value formats (1H, 13C, ...) that are specified in the standard or its extension. Properties may be serialized as key:value pairs within a map (as in JSON) or as attribute declarations such as *key=value* (as in XML).

### 2.3.3 IFDAttribute

**IFDAttribute** is the storage class for non-standardized metadata key/value pairs for all IFDObjects. An IFDAttributes can use one name to refer to a single value or a list of values.

org.iupac.fairdata.core.IFDProperty		
field name	data type	description
name	String	The name of this attribute consisting of a dot-separated sequence referring to a class followed by a dot and a sequence of lower-case or digit or underscore [a-z0-9] characters; for example: <i>IFD.property.collectionset.source_data_uri</i>
value	(variable)	the value of this metadata object, serialized as a number, boolean, string, or a list of such values.

### 2.3.5 IFDCollection

**IFDCollection** is an abstract class designed to hold a set of objects of the same class or superclass. IFDCollection objects are not themselves IFDRepresentableObjects and thus have no digital representation themselves. Note that IFDCollection objects may be collections of IFDCollection objects. This allows for a nesting of collections in meaningful ways. For example, the subclass IFDStructureDataAssociation (a subclass of IFDCollection) maintains two specific collections: one for structures, and one for data objects.

<b>org.iupac.fairdata.core.IFDCollection</b> inherits fields of IFDObject		
field name	data type	description
itemsByID	Map<String, IFDObject>	a Map of the items in this collection keyed to their id field
itemType	String	class name of all items (present only for where all items are the same type, allowing for individual items to not declare their itemType)
itemTypeExtends	String	a semicolon-separated list of names of classes in the superclass hierarchy of this class, up to the first class name that is of the form <i>org.iupac.fairdata.core.*</i> (present only for where all items are the same type, allowing for individual items to not declare their itemType)

To be sure, an IFDCollection could represent a digital object in the form of a zip file (and usually does). Nonetheless, this does not make it "representable" in the sense that it is likely to have multiple distinctly different representations that characterize an IFDRepresentableObject. Instead, we would say that an IFDCollection is serializable, meaning it can be converted into string form.

### 2.3.6 IFDAssociation

**IFDAssociation** is a class that is a specialized "collection of collections." The collection is intended to be "immutable" in the sense that some initial set of collections are associated, and then the collection is fixed. The number of items in the association is entirely customizable.

<b>org.iupac.fairdata.core.IFDAssociation</b> inherits fields of IFDCollection and IFDObject		
field name	data type	description

itemsByID	Map<String, String[ ]>	Each entry is a Map with keys derived from the id values of the contained associated collections (for example, "structures" and "spectra"), and with values that are arrays of id values of the items in those collections that are part of this association.
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IFDAssociation is particularly used for metadata that relates one object to another – a sample to a set of spectra; a set of spectra to a structure. An IFDAssociation in its simplest serialized form is just a set of pointers to representable objects in other collections of the FAIRData Finding Aid. IFDAssociations are serialized as the items of an IFDAssociationCollection. Thus, in serialized form, an association of samples and their spectra might appear as shown below:

```
"compounds":{
  "ifdType":"org.iupac.fairdata.contrib.fairspec.FAIRSpecCompoundCollection",
  "ifdTypeExtends":"org.iupac.fairdata.derived.IFDStructureDataAssociationCollection;org.iupac.fairdata.core.IFDAssociationCollection",
  "id":"compounds",
  "itemType":"org.iupac.fairdata.contrib.fairspec.FAIRSpecCompound",
  "itemTypeExtends":"org.iupac.fairdata.derived.IFDStructureDataAssociation;org.iupac.fairdata.core.IFDAssociation",
  "itemsByID": {
    "3aa" : {
      "id":"3aa",
      "itemsByID": {
        "structures":["3aa"],
        "spectra":["3aa-C","3aa-H"]
      }
    },
    ...
  }
}
```

Thus, associations essentially provide the "edges" to a graph having IFDRepresentableObject nodes. The byID option is preferred, allowing for a much more human-readable finding aid.

### 2.3.7 IFDAssociationCollection (abstract)

**IFDAssociationCollection** objects are lists of IFDAssociation objects.

<b>org.iupac.fairdata.core.IFDAssociationCollection</b> inherits fields of IFDCollection and IFDObject		
field name	data type	description
collections	String[ ]	an array of the names of the finding aid's collections for which items are being associated, in the same order as the arrays in the IFDAssociation items
itemsByID	Map<String, IFDAssociation>	The associations in this collection, keyed by their id field

### 2.3.8 IFDRepresentableObject (abstract)

**IFDRepresentableObject** maintains a set of metadata relating to different ways a sample or structure or data object or analysis object might be represented. A class extending IFDRepresentableObject is expected to maintain a list of one or more distinctly different digital representations (byte sequences) that amount to more than just metadata.

<b>org.iupac.fairdata.core.IFDRepresentableObject</b> inherits fields of IFDObject		
field name	data type	description
representations	IFDRepresentation[ ]	an array of representations

Note that there is no mechanism within the model for these classes to refer to each other. This is a key aspect of the IUPAC FAIRSpec Data Model. The model is based on the idea of a collection of independent objects, and it is the IFDAssociation class that accomplishes this referencing. This allows for a relatively simple and flexible packaging of objects, with their relationships identified only in key metadata resources, separately from the objects themselves.

### 2.3.9 IFDReference

**IFDReference** is the storage class connecting IFDRepresentations to their original source Digital Objects and their unique local name within an IUPAC FAIRData Collection as well as a DOI link to a landing page for the representation or a URL to the digital object itself (as in a repository, perhaps)

<b>org.iupac.fairdata.core.IFDReference</b>		
field name	data type	description



doi	String	the full DOI reference, including the protocol and host (for example, <a href="https://doi.org/10.14469/hpc/11741">https://doi.org/10.14469/hpc/11741</a> ) generally to an HTML landing page describing this representation. (See also <b>url</b> .)
ifdType	String	the class name of this reference
ifdTypeExtends	String	a semicolon-separated list of names of classes in the superclass hierarchy of this class, up to org.iupac.fairdata.core.IFDReference
localName	String	A file name to associate with this digital object; Typically a simple name such as "35.mol"; not present if localPath is present
localPath	String	the path to the digital object within the associated IFD FAIRSpec Collection; not present if localName is present
originPath	String	the path within the originating resource, if applicable
resourceID	String	the <i>id</i> of the IFDResource originating this reference
url	String	the URL string targeting this representation (for example, a repository file reference; see also <b>doi</b> .)

When *origin* is a ZIP file entry, *origin* will contain a "pipe" vertical line symbol "|" to indicate "a file within a zip file." Directories are represented with the standard forward slash. Thus, *origin* might be something like

1.zip|1\_13C/pdata/1/thumb.png

indicating that the original digital item is an image several directories deep within the file *1.zip*. Note that this notation allows for resources that are from zip files that are themselves found within zip files.

Generally speaking, the *localName* will not be part of a zip file (other than perhaps the zip file used for the collection's delivery), and may even have no hierarchical directory structure, either. For example:

1.zip..1\_13C\_pdata\_1\_thumb.png

Note that an IFDRepresentation may or may not have an originating object, and its IFDReference may or may not have a *localPath* or an *originPath*. The lack of an *originPath* may indicate that an extractor has created this representation during the process of extraction as a "value-added" addition to the collection. For example, using just a SMILES string, the extractor may have created a 2D MOL file, a 3D MOL file, an InChI, and an InChIKey. The lack of a *localPath* indicates that a representation's byte data are being saved within the IFDRepresentation object itself, not separately, and serialized directly into the IUPAC FAIRData finding aid. In that case the *localName*, such as

"Compound 36.mol", just proves a parser or viewing tool the option to offer a file name to the user or save the file under a meaningful file name.

### 2.3.10 IFDResource

**IFDResource** is a general-purpose structure for holding the byte length and reference for an external resource digital object. It is specifically used in the description of data sources from which an IUPAC FAIRData Collection is derived.

Fields of org.iupac.fairdata.core.IFDResource		
field name	data type	description
id	String	a unique identifier of this resource in the finding aid's list of resources
len	Integer	the byte length of this resource
ref	String	the URL of this resource, preferably a persistent identifier
ifdType	String	the class name of this resource, typically org.iupac.fairdata.core.IFDResource
ifdTypeExtends	String	a semicolon-separated list of names of classes in the superclass hierarchy of this class, up to org.iupac.fairdata.core.IFDResource

### 2.3.11 IFDFindingAid and IFDCollectionSet

**IFDFindingAid** and **IFDCollectionSet** constitute the defining metadata objects for an IUPAC FAIRSpec Collection and its finding aid. The finding aid provides metadata relating to the entire collection. For example, details about a publication or thesis and source of data. In addition, it maintains one IFDCollectionSet. This collection itself is just a set of collections, consisting of a list of IFDRepresentableObject and IFDAssociation collections and associated metadata relating to the collection as a whole.

org.iupac.fairdata.core.IFDFindingAid inherits fields from IFDObject		
field name	data type	description
relatedItems	Map<String,?>[ ]	An array of map elements that describe a subset of metadata items drawn from the metadata records of registered digital objects. For example, an array

		containing two maps, one containing metadata pertaining to a related publication (DOI, journal citation, publication title, author information) registered with CrossRef and one pertaining to the originating dataset (DOI, dataset title, contributor information) registered with DataCite.
collectionSet	IFDCollectionSet	the set of collections in the IUPAC FAIRData collection described by this IUPAC FAIRData Finding Aid; this field is the serialized form of a single IFDCollectionSet
contents	Map<String, ?>	<p>a map outlining the contents of this finding aid, format specified by the implementor, primarily for human reference.</p> <pre> ▼ contents:   citationCount:      1   ▼ collections:     ▼ 0:       count:          30       name:            "samples"       type:            "org.iupac.fairdata.sample.IFDSampleCollection"       typeExtends:     "org.iupac.fairdata.core.IFDCollection"       ▶ 1:              {...}       ▶ 2:              {...}       ▶ 3:              {...}   resourceCount:      1 </pre>
created	Date	a timestamp indicating when this finding aid was created, in the ISO-8601 UTC format (for example, 2019-05-09T17:15:35-07:00)
createdBy	String	an identifier of the software used to generate this finding aid
resources	IFDResource[ ]	a list of originating resources for this finding aid's collection
version	String	a semicolon-separated list of one or more relevant version identifiers

Note that the *contents* guide is for human readability and convenience only. Nothing in this section is essential to the finding aid itself or standardized for machine readability. Some implementations may provide only this section as the result of a preview query prior rather than replying with a fully elaborated finding aid.

<b>org.iupac.fairdata.core.IFDCollectionSet</b> inherits fields of IFDCollection and IFDObject		
field name	data type	description

itemsByID	Map<String, IFDCollection>	the top-level IFDCollections; for example with keys <i>samples, structures, spectra, compounds, analyses</i> .
resourceID	String	the <i>id</i> of the IFDResource given in IFDFindingAid.resources pointing to the IUPAC FAIRData Collection associated with this IFDFindingAid.

## 2.4 Primary subclasses

```
class IFDSample extends IFDRepresentableObject
class IFDSampleCollection extends IFDCollection
class IFDSampleRepresentation extends IFDRepresentation
```

```
class IFDStructure extends IFDRepresentableObject
class IFDStructureCollection extends IFDCollection
class IFDStructureRepresentation extends IFDRepresentation
```

```
class IFDDataObject extends IFDRepresentableObject
class IFDDataObjectCollection extends IFDCollection
class IFDDataObjectRepresentation extends IFDRepresentation
```

```
class IFDAnalysisObject extends IFDRepresentableObject
class IFDAnalysisObjectCollection extends IFDCollection
class IFDAnalysisRepresentation extends IFDRepresentation
```

### 2.4.1 IFDSample, IFDStructure, IFDDataObject (abstract), and IFDAnalysisObject

**IFDSample** corresponds to a specific physical sample that may or may not (yet) have a chemical structure, spectroscopic data, or representations associated with it. An IFDSampleRepresentation could include a photographic image of the solid, for example. Its properties are minimal, including just at this time just a unique id and a label (such as a laboratory notebook reference).

**IFDStructure** is a class that corresponds to a chemically-related structural object, which may have several representations in its list, such as a 2D or 3D MOL file, an InChI, one or more chemical names, one or more SMILES strings, or even just a PNG image of a drawn structure. Each of these representations serves a purpose. Some are more "interoperable" than others, but each in its own way may be more useful in a given context. An implementer would have the option to include these representations as data within the finding aid or as an IFDRepresentation reference to a resource within the collection.

**IFDDataObject** is an abstract class that provides a data structure for maintaining a list of one or more IFDDataObjectRepresentation instances -- what a scientist would call their "data" -- such as a full vendor experiment dataset (a Bruker NMR experiment), a PNG image of a spectrum, a JCAMP-DX or nmrML file, or a peaklist. The model is fully extendable to cover a wide variety of data formats and experimental or calculated techniques.

**IFDAnalysisObject** instances maintain a list of one or more representations of a relatively detailed post-acquisition analysis. The object provides some sort of description of the rationale for why one particular spectrum, for example, is reasonably associated with one particular structure. The analysis itself is not the structure or the spectrum. This object would normally be part of an IFDAnalysisObjectCollection that is connected to one IFDStructureCollection and one IFDDataObjectCollection via an IFDStructureDataAnalysis metadata object..

**org.iupac.fairdata.dataobject.IFDAnalysisObject**  
**org.iupac.fairdata.dataobject.IFDDataObject**  
**org.iupac.fairdata.sample.IFDSample**  
**org.iupac.fairdata.structure.IFDStructure**

inherits fields of IFDRepresentableObject and IFDObject  
adds no additional fields

#### 2.4.2 IFDSampleCollection, IFDStructureCollection, IFDDataObjectCollection, and IFDAnalysisObjectCollection

These classes group objects of the same general type – sample, structure, data, or analysis, respectively. Each collects distinctly different metadata relating to samples, structures, data, and analysis, respectively.

**org.iupac.fairdata.analysisobject.IFDAnalysisObjectCollection**  
**org.iupac.fairdata.dataobject.IFDDataObjectCollection**  
**org.iupac.fairdata.sample.IFDSampleCollection**  
**org.iupac.fairdata.structure.IFDStructureCollection**

inherits fields of IFDCollection IFDObject  
adds no additional fields

#### 2.4.3 IFDSampleRepresentation, IFDStructureRepresentation, IFDDataObjectRepresentation (abstract), and IFDAnalysisObjectRepresentation

These classes refer to actual digital objects within an IUPAC FAIRData Collection. Subclassing of IFDRepresentation ensures that the representations of an object match.

**org.iupac.fairdata.analysisobject.IFDAnalysisObjectRepresentation**  
**org.iupac.fairdata.dataobject.IFDDataObjectRepresentation**  
**org.iupac.fairdata.sample.IFDSampleRepresentation**  
**org.iupac.fairdata.structure.IFDStructureRepresentation**

inherits fields of IFDRepresentation  
adds no additional fields

## 2.5 Derived subclasses

These classes listed in this section supply the connecting links among samples, data objects, chemical structures, and post-acquisition data analysis. Whereas an association can have any (fixed) number of elements (in the form of IFDCollection objects), the associations presented here involve only two or three elements. Only representative examples of these classes are described below.

### 2.5.1 two-element IFDSample-IFDStructure-IFDDataObject associations

class IFDSampleDataAssociation extends IFDAssociation

class IFDSampleDataAssociationCollection extends IFDAssociationCollection

class IFDStructureDataAssociation extends IFDAssociation

class IFDStructureDataAssociationCollection extends IFDAssociationCollection

class IFDSampleStructureAssociation extends IFDAssociation

class IFDSampleStructureAssociationCollection extends IFDAssociationCollection

#### 2.5.1.1 IFDSampleDataAssociation

This class links an experimental sample with its associated data without any explicit association with a chemical structure. It contains two collections, an IFDSampleCollection and an IFDDataObjectCollection. (Typically the sample collection would consist of only one IFDSample object, but we allow for the possibility that, for example, multiple samples have contributed to the linked data object collection.

#### 2.5.1.2 IFDStructureDataAssociation

This class is the key class for connecting a chemical structure with its spectroscopic data, containing two collections, an IFDStructureCollection and an IFDDataObjectCollection. In the simplest case, this would be one structure and its associated spectrum, but it can represent all possible relationships: one-to-one (the structure associated with a spectrum), one-to-many (a set of spectra associated with a give structure), many-to-one (a set of structures describing a mixture associated with a spectrum), and many-to-many (a set of spectra associated with a mixture of compounds).

### 2.5.1.3 IFDSampleStructureAssociation

This class indicates the connection between (one or more) physical samples and (one or more) chemical structures. It is intended to be used specifically when there is no data object in the collection that links a given sample with a given structure, or when there is no such data *needed* to make that association. For example, the sample is a commercial sample, and the quality of that sample can be ensured. Or the sample's chemical identity is known, but the linking data are not available. or the way the digital entities were ingested into the collection made the logical connection between a "sample" (perhaps the "compound number" of a journal article") and one or more chemical structures (drawn by the author and given that specific compound number).

### 2.5.2 three-element "analysis" associations

class IFDStructureDataAnalysis extends IFDAssociation

class IFDStructureDataAnalysisCollection extends IFDAssociationCollection

#### 2.5.2.1 IFDStructureDataAnalysis

This class is intended to represent a detailed correlation between chemical structure for a compound and its related experimental or calculated spectroscopic data. It contains three collections, an IFDStructureCollection, an IFDDataObjectCollection, and an IFDAnalysisObjectCollection. For instance, it might correlate specific atoms or groups of atoms of a chemical structure with specific signals in a spectrum or other sort of data object. The analysis object's representations would hold the analysis itself. Some analyses will need to involve specific representations of a structure in order to identify specific atoms in the structure by name or number. (We note that Jmol SMARTS selection syntax could also be used in this respect to describe a specific atom in a structure without regard to any particular numbering system.)

**org.iupac.fairdata.derived.IFDSampleDataAssociation**  
**org.iupac.fairdata.derived.IFDSampleStructureAssociation**  
**org.iupac.fairdata.derived.IFDStructureDataAssociation**  
**org.iupac.fairdata.derived.IFDStructureDataAnalysis**

inherits fields of IFDAssociation and IFDObject  
adds no additional fields

**org.iupac.fairdata.derived.IFDSampleDataAssociationCollection**  
**org.iupac.fairdata.derived.IFDSampleStructureAssociationCollection**  
**org.iupac.fairdata.derived.IFDStructureDataAssociationCollection**  
**org.iupac.fairdata.derived.IFDStructureDataAnalysisCollection**

inherits fields of IFDAssociationCollection, IFDCollection, and IFDObject  
adds no additional fields

### 3. The IUPAC FAIRSpec extension of the IUPAC FAIRData Metadata Object Model

Note that nothing described above limits IUPAC FAIRData Metadata Object Model to spectroscopy. The IUPAC FAIRData Metadata Object Model is designed to handle any sort of data and their associations to physical samples and chemical structures. Extensions of the model can be accomplished in two ways. First, the objects of the model can be subclassed to add additional components and relationships. Second, the metadata keys and values themselves can be extended. The IUPAC FAIRSpec extension involves both of these types of extensions.

#### 3.1 FAIRSpec Metadata object extensions

##### 3.1.1 FAIRSpecFindingAid and FAIRSpecCollection classes

```
class FAIRSpecFindingAid extends IFDFindingAid
class FAIRSpecCollection extends IFDCollectionSet
```

**FAIRSpecFindingAid** adds a "brand" to an IFDFindingAid by declaring its type to be *org.iupac.fairdata.contrib.FAIRSpecFindingAid*. This indicates that this particular IFDFindingAid will contain metadata specific to the area of spectroscopy. When serialized, an object of this class becomes the IUPAC FAIRSpec Finding Aid digital object that ultimately distinguishes an IUPAC FAIRSpec Collection from other sorts of digital collections. The serialization of a FAIRSpecFindingAid object might be the target of a persistent identifier such as a DOI (Digital Object Identifier) for the collection (if XML) or interpreted by that DOI's landing page (if JSON). Or, it could be dynamically created in response to a query, allowing standardized programmatic access to the collection. A JSON serialization example is illustrated below and can be found at <https://github.com/IUPAC/IUPAC-FAIRSpec/raw/main/examples/v4-preliminary/acs.joc.0c00770/IFD.findingaid.json>

In all cases, serialization of the finding aid must follow the guidelines of the context (either JSON or XML).

**FAIRSpecCollection**, like FAIRSpecFindingAid, brands the collection as utilizing spectroscopic-specific properties, reporting its type as *org.iupac.fairdata.contrib.FAIRSpecCollection*.

org.iupac.fairdata.contrib.fairspec.FAIRSpecFindingAid inherits fields from IFDFindingAid and IFDObject		
field name	data type	description
ifdType	String	"org.iupac.fairdata.contrib.fairspec.FAIRSpecFindingAid" or the class name of a subclass of this class.



ifdTypeExtends	String	"org.iupac.fairdata.core.IFDFindingAid" or a semicolon-separated list of superclass names of the ifdType terminating with <i>org.iupac.fairdata.contrib.fairspec.FAIRSpecFindingAid</i> ; <i>org.iupac.fairdata.core.IFDFindingAid</i>
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### **org.iupac.fairdata.contrib.fairspec.FAIRSpecCollection**

inherits fields of IFDCollectionSet, IFDCollection, and IFDObject  
adds no additional fields

## 3.1.2 FAIRSpecDataObject and Instrumental technique-specific subclasses

class FAIRSpecDataObject extends IFDDataObject

The **FAIRSpecDataObject** is an abstract class that serves as the superclass identifying its subclasses as being spectroscopy related.

```
class FAIRSpecCOMPData extends FAIRSpecDataObject
class FAIRSpecCOMPDataRepresentation extends IFDDataObjectRepresentation
class FAIRSpecIRData extends FAIRSpecDataObject
class FAIRSpecIRDataRepresentation extends IFDDataObjectRepresentation
class FAIRSpecNMRData extends FAIRSpecDataObject
class FAIRSpecNMRDataRepresentation extends IFDDataObjectRepresentation
class FAIRSpecMSData extends FAIRSpecDataObject
class FAIRSpecMSDataRepresentation extends IFDDataObjectRepresentation
class FAIRSpecHRMSData extends FAIRSpecDataObject
class FAIRSpecHRMSDataRepresentation extends IFDDataObjectRepresentation
class FAIRSpecRamanData extends FAIRSpecDataObject
class FAIRSpecRamanDataRepresentation extends IFDDataObjectRepresentation
class FAIRSpecUVVISData extends FAIRSpecDataObject
class FAIRSpecUVVISDataRepresentation extends IFDDataObjectRepresentation
```

These technique-specific classes declare an IUPAC FAIRSpec object with additional technique-specific properties but do not add any new fields. Each subclass is associated with its related subclassed IFDDataObjectRepresentation (an actual spectrum, a PDF document, an image, etc.).

**org.iupac.fairdata.contrib.fairspec.dataobject.ir.FAIRSpecCOMPData**  
**org.iupac.fairdata.contrib.fairspec.dataobject.ir.FAIRSpecIRData**

```
org.iupac.fairdata.contrib.fairspec.dataobject.nmr.FAIRSpecNMRData
org.iupac.fairdata.contrib.fairspec.dataobject.ms.FAIRSpecMSData
org.iupac.fairdata.contrib.fairspec.dataobject.hrms.FAIRSpecHRMSData
org.iupac.fairdata.contrib.fairspec.dataobject.raman.FAIRSpecRamanData
org.iupac.fairdata.contrib.fairspec.dataobject.uvvis.FAIRSpecUVVISData
```

inherits fields of IFDDataObject, and IFDObject  
adds no additional fields

```
org.iupac.fairdata.contrib.fairspec.dataobject.comp.FAIRSpecCOMPDataRepresentation
org.iupac.fairdata.contrib.fairspec.dataobject.ir.FAIRSpecIRDataRepresentation
org.iupac.fairdata.contrib.fairspec.dataobject.nmr.FAIRSpecNMRDataRepresentation
org.iupac.fairdata.contrib.fairspec.dataobject.ms.FAIRSpecMSDataRepresentation
org.iupac.fairdata.contrib.fairspec.dataobject.hrms.FAIRSpecHRMSDataRepresentation
org.iupac.fairdata.contrib.fairspec.dataobject.raman.FAIRSpecRamanDataRepresentation
org.iupac.fairdata.contrib.fairspec.dataobject.uvvis.FAIRSpecUVVISDataRepresentation
```

inherits fields of IFDDataObjectRepresentation  
adds no additional fields

### 3.1.3 FAIRSpecCompoundAssociation and FAIRSpecCompoundCollection classes

class FAIRSpecCompoundAssociation extends IFDStructureDataAssociation

class FAIRSpecCompoundCollection extends IFDStructureDataAssociationCollection

**FAIRSpecCompoundAssociation** represents an abstract association specifically involving one or more structures with zero or more spectra. The FAIRSpecCompoundAssociation is like all IFDAssociations in that it is a purely metadata object that has no direct representations as such. It provides the ability to associate multiple structures (isomers of "Compound 3a", for example) with multiple spectra (1H NMR, 13C NMR, etc.). It allows for use of the term "compound" in its less restrictive common use in the literature as "one or more isomerically related compounds"). It could have a property that expresses this relationship, such as a `molChI`, but this is not established in this version.

If there are no spectra, then the FAIRSpecCompoundAssociation becomes simply an association of isomerically related structures, much the same way a PubChem "compound" CID 21508 (2,3-dibromobutane) [<https://pubchem.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/compound/2,3-dibromoButane>] is ambiguous, describing any one of four stereoisomers, or some mixture of them. However, the FAIRSpecCompoundAssociation contains an IFDStructure for each component, including one or more representations for each, individually. Additional context can be provided by the addition of properties or attributes that express the relationship and relative amounts of the related structures within the association.

In the case where the FAIRSpecCompoundAssociation includes one or more associated spectra, a single IFDCompoundAssociation can express a mixture of constitutionally unrelated chemical compounds that are associated with a set of spectra, "Compounds 3 and 4", for example,

where 3 was the reactant and 4 was the product in a chemical reaction, and both are present in an NMR sample. In this case, the structures would have different properties or representations that unambiguously identify them as distinctly different chemical compounds. Future versions of the specification could add a property to FAIRSpecCompoundAssociation that would allow a quantitative description of the associated chemical compounds along the lines of a mInChI (mixture InChI).

The **FAIRSpecCompoundCollection** is a collection of FAIRSpecCompoundAssociations and forms a key element of an IUPAC FAIRSpec Collection, along with an IFDStructureCollection and an IFDDataObjectCollection.

**org.iupac.fairdata.contrib.fairspec.FAIRSpecCompoundAssociation**

inherits fields of IFDStructureDataAssociation, IFDAssociation, IFDCollection, and IFDObject  
adds no additional fields

**org.iupac.fairdata.contrib.fairspec.FAIRSpecCompoundCollection**

inherits fields of IFDStructureDataAssociationCollection, IFDCollection, and IFDObject  
adds no additional fields

### 3.1.4 Instrumental technique-specific properties

The IUPAC FAIRSpec extension adds a growing list of metadata key/value pairs specific to particular instrumental techniques. These definitions will evolve; current definitions can be found in the [IFD.properties file](#) at the IUPAC GitHub site. As of this version, for example, NMR properties include:

```
IFD.property.dataobject.fairspec.nmr.expt_dim
IFD.property.dataobject.fairspec.nmr.expt_offset_freq1
IFD.property.dataobject.fairspec.nmr.expt_offset_freq2
IFD.property.dataobject.fairspec.nmr.expt_offset_freq3
IFD.property.dataobject.fairspec.nmr.expt_nucl1
IFD.property.dataobject.fairspec.nmr.expt_nucl2
IFD.property.dataobject.fairspec.nmr.expt_nucl3
IFD.property.dataobject.fairspec.nmr.expt_pulse_prog
IFD.property.dataobject.fairspec.nmr.expt_solvent
IFD.property.dataobject.fairspec.nmr.expt_solvent_InChI
IFD.property.dataobject.fairspec.nmr.expt_solvent_InChIKey
IFD.property.dataobject.fairspec.nmr.expt_solvent_common_name
IFD.property.dataobject.fairspec.nmr.expt_thermodynamic_temperature
IFD.property.dataobject.fairspec.nmr.expt_title
IFD.property.dataobject.fairspec.nmr.instr_manufacturer_name
IFD.property.dataobject.fairspec.nmr.instr_probe_type
IFD.property.dataobject.fairspec.nmr.instr_proton_freq
IFD.property.dataobject.fairspec.nmr.instr_nominal_freq
```

## Appendix A. Recognized IUPAC FAIRData Data Types

Data Type	Java Equivalent	Python Equivalent	C++ Equivalent
Byte	byte	byte	char
Integer	int or long*	int	int
Double	double	float	double
Boolean	boolean	bool	bool
String	String (UTF-8)	string (UTF-8)	std::string
byte	byte	byte	char
array	List or array*	list	array
Map	Map	dict	std::map

Date**	String	string	std:string
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\*The model does not make a distinction between specific implementations of data types such as int/long or List/array. In this specification, we will use them synonymously.

\*\* Dates are Strings in the ISO-8601[<https://www.iso.org/iso-8601-date-and-time-format.html>] format (for example, 2019-05-09T17:15:35-07:00).

## Appendix B. Full list of IUPAC FAIRData MetaData-Related Classes

### B.1 core classes (11)

org.iupac.fairdata.core.IFDAssociation  
org.iupac.fairdata.core.IFDAssociationCollection  
org.iupac.fairdata.core.IFDCollection  
org.iupac.fairdata.core.IFDCollectionSet  
org.iupac.fairdata.core.IFDFindingAid  
org.iupac.fairdata.core.IFDObject  
org.iupac.fairdata.core.IFDProperty  
org.iupac.fairdata.core.IFDReference  
org.iupac.fairdata.core.IFDRepresentableObject  
org.iupac.fairdata.core.IFDRepresentation  
org.iupac.fairdata.core.IFDResource

### B.2 primary subclasses of IFDRepresentableObject, and related classes (12)

org.iupac.fairdata.analysis.IFDAnalysisObject  
org.iupac.fairdata.analysis.IFDAnalysisObjectCollection  
org.iupac.fairdata.analysis.IFDAnalysisObjectRepresentation

org.iupac.fairdata.dataobject.IFDDataObject  
org.iupac.fairdata.dataobject.IFDDataObjectCollection  
org.iupac.fairdata.dataobject.IFDDataObjectRepresentation

org.iupac.fairdata.sample.IFDSample  
org.iupac.fairdata.sample.IFDSampleCollection  
org.iupac.fairdata.sample.IFDSampleRepresentation

org.iupac.fairdata.structure.IFDStructure

org.iupac.fairdata.structure.IFDStructureCollection  
org.iupac.fairdata.structure.IFDStructureRepresentation

### B.3 derived associations and related classes (8)

org.iupac.fairdata.derived.IFDSampleDataAssociation  
org.iupac.fairdata.derived.IFDSampleDataAssociationCollection

org.iupac.fairdata.derived.IFDSampleStructureAssociation  
org.iupac.fairdata.derived.IFDSampleStructureAssociationCollection

org.iupac.fairdata.derived.IFDStructureDataAnalysis  
org.iupac.fairdata.derived.IFDStructureDataAnalysisCollection

org.iupac.fairdata.derived.IFDStructureDataAssociation  
org.iupac.fairdata.derived.IFDStructureDataAssociationCollection

## Appendix C. Current list of IUPAC FAIRData Property and Representation Metadata Keys

This list is derived from the two Java property files, [ifd.properties](#) and [fairspec.properties](#). They take the form property definitions:

<property\_name>=<metadata key>

These definitions can be used by an extractor to generate an IUPAC FAIRSpec Finding Aid.

### # collection set and structure properties

IFD\_PROPERTY\_COLLECTIONSET\_BYID=IFD.property.collectionset.byid  
IFD\_PROPERTY\_COLLECTIONSET\_SOURCE\_REPOSITORY\_URI=IFD.property.collectionset.source\_repository\_uri  
IFD\_PROPERTY\_COLLECTIONSET\_SOURCE\_PUBLICATION\_URI=IFD.property.collectionset.source\_publication\_uri  
IFD\_PROPERTY\_COLLECTIONSET\_SOURCE\_DATA\_URI=IFD.property.collectionset.source\_data\_uri  
IFD\_PROPERTY\_COLLECTIONSET\_SOURCE\_DATA\_LICENSE\_URI=IFD.property.collectionset.source\_data\_license\_uri  
IFD\_PROPERTY\_COLLECTIONSET\_SOURCE\_DATA\_LICENSE\_NAME=IFD.property.collectionset.source\_data\_license\_name  
IFD\_PROPERTY\_COLLECTIONSET\_REF=IFD.property.collectionset.ref  
IFD\_PROPERTY\_COLLECTIONSET\_LEN=IFD.property.collectionset.len

IFD\_PROPERTY\_STRUCTURE\_INCHIKEY=IFD.property.structure.inchikey  
IFD\_PROPERTY\_STRUCTURE\_MOLECULAR\_FORMULA=IFD.property.structure.molecular\_formula  
IFD\_PROPERTY\_STRUCTURE\_EMPIRICAL\_FORMULA=IFD.property.structure.empirical\_formula  
IFD\_PROPERTY\_STRUCTURE\_CELL\_FORMULA=IFD.property.structure.cell\_formula

IFD\_PROPERTY\_DATAOBJECT\_ORIGINATING\_SAMPLE\_ID=IFD.property.dataobject.originating\_sample\_id  
IFD\_PROPERTY\_DATAOBJECT\_TIMESTAMP=IFD.property.dataobject.timestamp

### # core structure representations

IFD\_REP\_STRUCTURE\_MOL=IFD.representation.structure.mol  
IFD\_REP\_STRUCTURE\_SDF=IFD.representation.structure.sdf  
IFD\_REP\_STRUCTURE\_CDX=IFD.representation.structure.cdx  
IFD\_REP\_STRUCTURE\_CDXML=IFD.representation.structure.cdxml  
IFD\_REP\_STRUCTURE\_CML=IFD.representation.structure.cml

IFD\_REP\_STRUCTURE\_MOL\_2D=IFD.representation.structure.mol\_2d  
IFD\_REP\_STRUCTURE\_MOL\_3D=IFD.representation.structure.mol\_3d  
IFD\_REP\_STRUCTURE\_SDF\_2D=IFD.representation.structure.sdf\_2d  
IFD\_REP\_STRUCTURE\_SDF\_3D=IFD.representation.structure.sdf\_3d

IFD\_REP\_STRUCTURE\_PNG=IFD.representation.structure.png  
IFD\_REP\_STRUCTURE\_UNKNOWN=IFD.representation.structure.unknown  
IFD\_REP\_STRUCTURE\_SMILES=IFD.representation.structure.smiles  
IFD\_REP\_STRUCTURE\_INCHI=IFD.representation.structure.inchi  
IFD\_REP\_STRUCTURE\_STANDARD\_INCHI=IFD.representation.structure.standard\_inchi  
IFD\_REP\_STRUCTURE\_FIXEDH\_INCHI=IFD.representation.structure.fixedh\_inchi  
IFD\_REP\_STRUCTURE\_CIF=IFD.representation.structure.cif

### # current and proposed media types

IFD\_MEDIATYPE\_CDX=chemical/x-cdx  
IFD\_MEDIATYPE\_CDXML=chemical/x-cdxml  
IFD\_MEDIATYPE\_CIF=chemical/x-cif  
IFD\_MEDIATYPE\_INCHI=chemical/x-inchi  
IFD\_MEDIATYPE\_JDX=chemical/x-jcamp-dx  
IFD\_MEDIATYPE\_JPF=application/octet-stream;chemical/x-nmr-jeol # (proposed)  
IFD\_MEDIATYPE\_MNOVA=application/octet-stream;chemical/x-mnova # (proposed)

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IFD\_MEDIATYPE\_MOL=chemical/x-mdl-molfile  
IFD\_MEDIATYPE\_SDF=chemical/x-mdl-sdfile  
IFD\_MEDIATYPE\_SMILES=chemical/x-daylight-smiles  
IFD\_MEDIATYPE\_SMI=chemical/x-daylight-smiles  
IFD\_MEDIATYPE\_CML=chemical/x-cml

IFD\_MEDIATYPE\_GJF=chemical/x-gjf # (proposed) Gaussian input file  
IFD\_MEDIATYPE\_FCHK=chemical/x-fchk # (proposed) Gaussian check file

IFD\_MEDIATYPE\_JPG=image/jpeg  
IFD\_MEDIATYPE\_PNG=image/png  
IFD\_MEDIATYPE\_LOG=text/plain  
IFD\_MEDIATYPE\_TXT=text/plain  
IFD\_MEDIATYPE\_OUT=text/plain  
IFD\_MEDIATYPE\_PDF=application/pdf  
IFD\_MEDIATYPE\_ZIP=application/zip

# fairspec properties

# actionable IFDDataObject types

DATAOBJECT\_FAIRSPEC\_HRMS\_FLAG=.dataobject.fairspec.hrms.  
DATAOBJECT\_FAIRSPEC\_IR\_FLAG=.dataobject.fairspec.ir.  
DATAOBJECT\_FAIRSPEC\_NMR\_FLAG=.dataobject.fairspec.nmr.  
DATAOBJECT\_FAIRSPEC\_RAMAN\_FLAG=.dataobject.fairspec.raman.  
DATAOBJECT\_FAIRSPEC\_UVVIS\_FLAG=.dataobject.fairspec.uvvis.  
DATAOBJECT\_FAIRSPEC\_COMP\_FLAG=.dataobject.fairspec.comp.  
DATAOBJECT\_FAIRSPEC\_XRAY\_FLAG=.dataobject.fairspec.xray.  
DATAOBJECT\_FAIRSPEC\_UNKNOWN\_FLAG=.dataobject.fairspec.unknown.

# properties

IFD\_PROPERTY\_DATAOBJECT\_FAIRSPEC\_NMR\_EXPT\_THERMODYNAMIC\_TEMPERATURE=IFD.property.dataobject.fairspec.nmr.expt\_thermodynamic\_temperature  
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IFD\_PROPERTY\_DATAOBJECT\_FAIRSPEC\_NMR\_EXPT\_FREQ\_2=IFD.property.dataobject.fairspec.nmr.expt\_offset\_freq2  
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