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# **The European Nanotechnology Community Informatics Platform: Bridging data and disciplinary gaps for industry and regulators**



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# Adoption of OpenRisknet solutions by **NanoSafety community** and **NanoCommons** infrastructure

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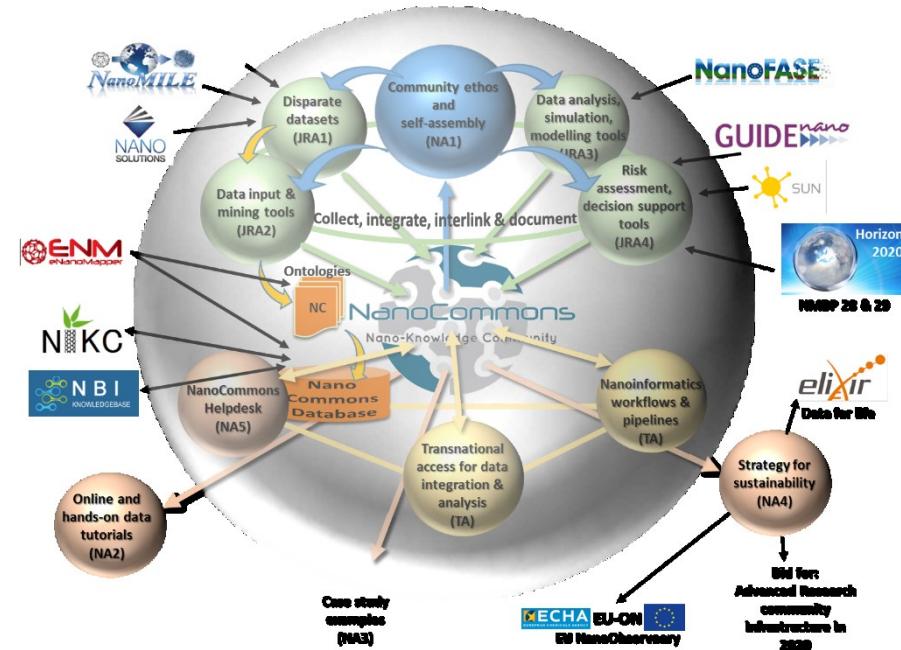
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RISK ASSESSMENT E-INFRASTRUCTURE

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# The idea

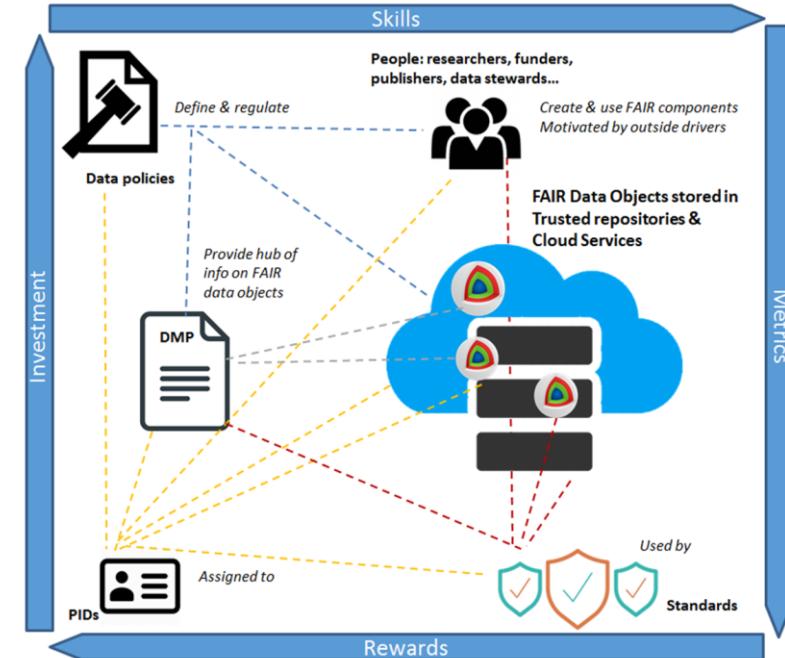
- Nanotechnologies are a major area of **investment & growth** for the European economy
- Knowledge and data remain fragmented and inaccessible hampering progress
- Read-across approaches are currently absent for NMs, but would reduce the cost of nanosafety research and regulation dramatically
- NanoCommons is creating an e-infrastructure for reproducible science, **enhancing data integration & enabling nanoinformatics workflows** to address these gaps.



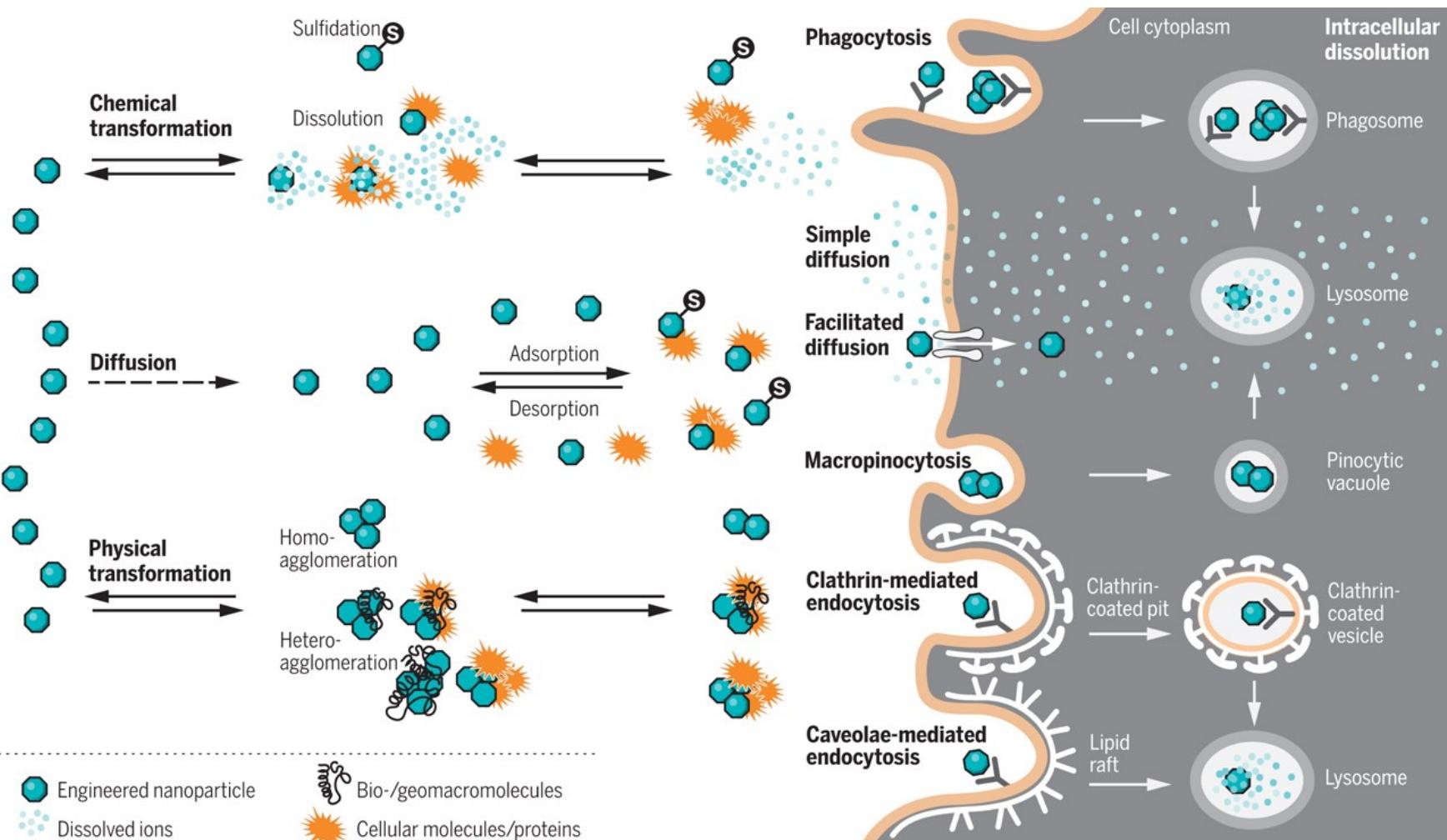


# The approach

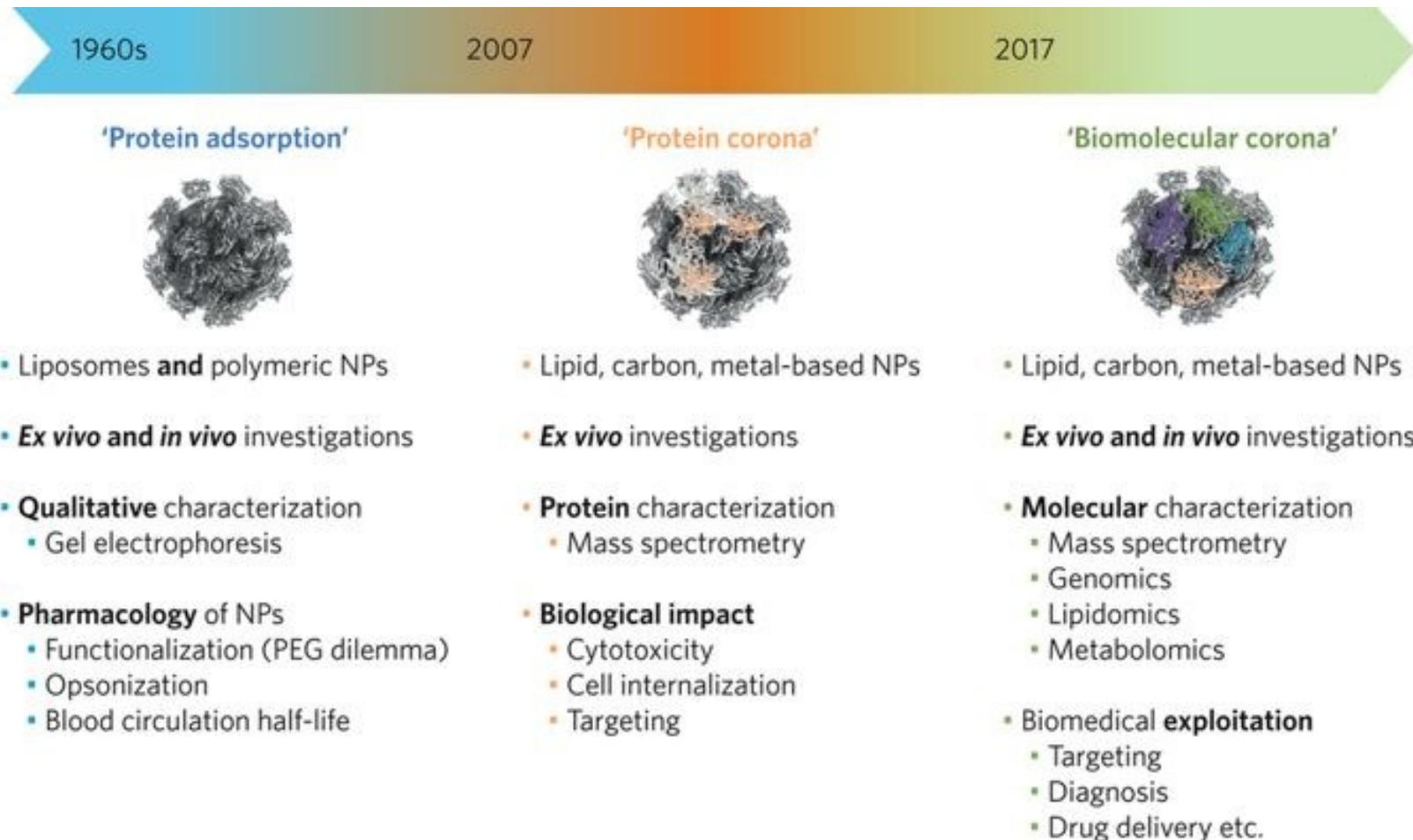
- Facilitate **identification** of potential NM-related risks
- Enable '**safe-by-design**' approaches
- **Support regulatory decision making** by ensuring data exploitation to assess “sameness”, allow read-across
- Create a **FAIR data ecosystem** for data integration, sharing, enrichment and **full exploitation**;
- Enhance **public and expert engagement** through open debate on the benefits, risks and safe use of nanotechnology.



# What's special about nanomaterials?

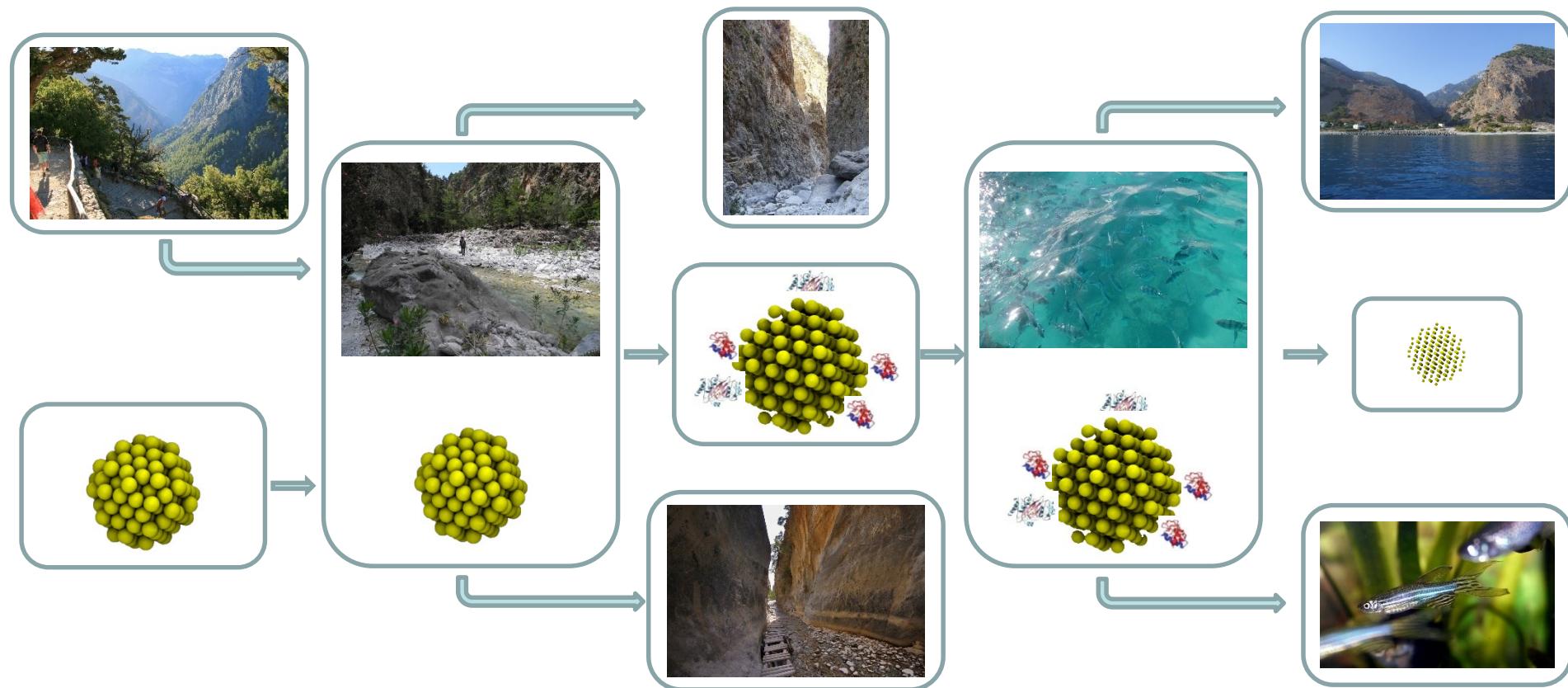


# What's special about nanomaterials?





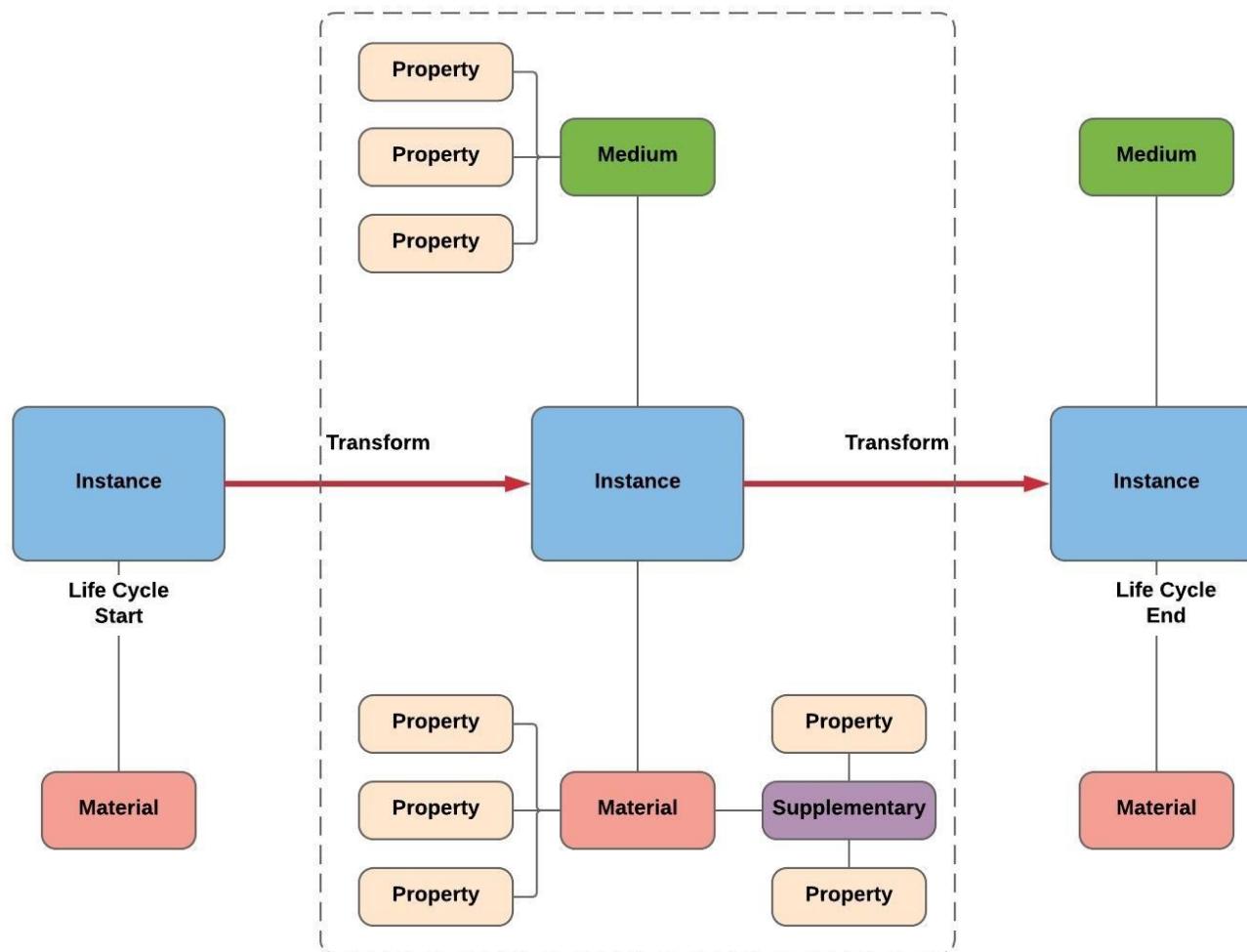
# Nanomaterials transformation



- A released nanomaterial will change itself and affect its surrounding environment



# Data Curation & NIKC Instance



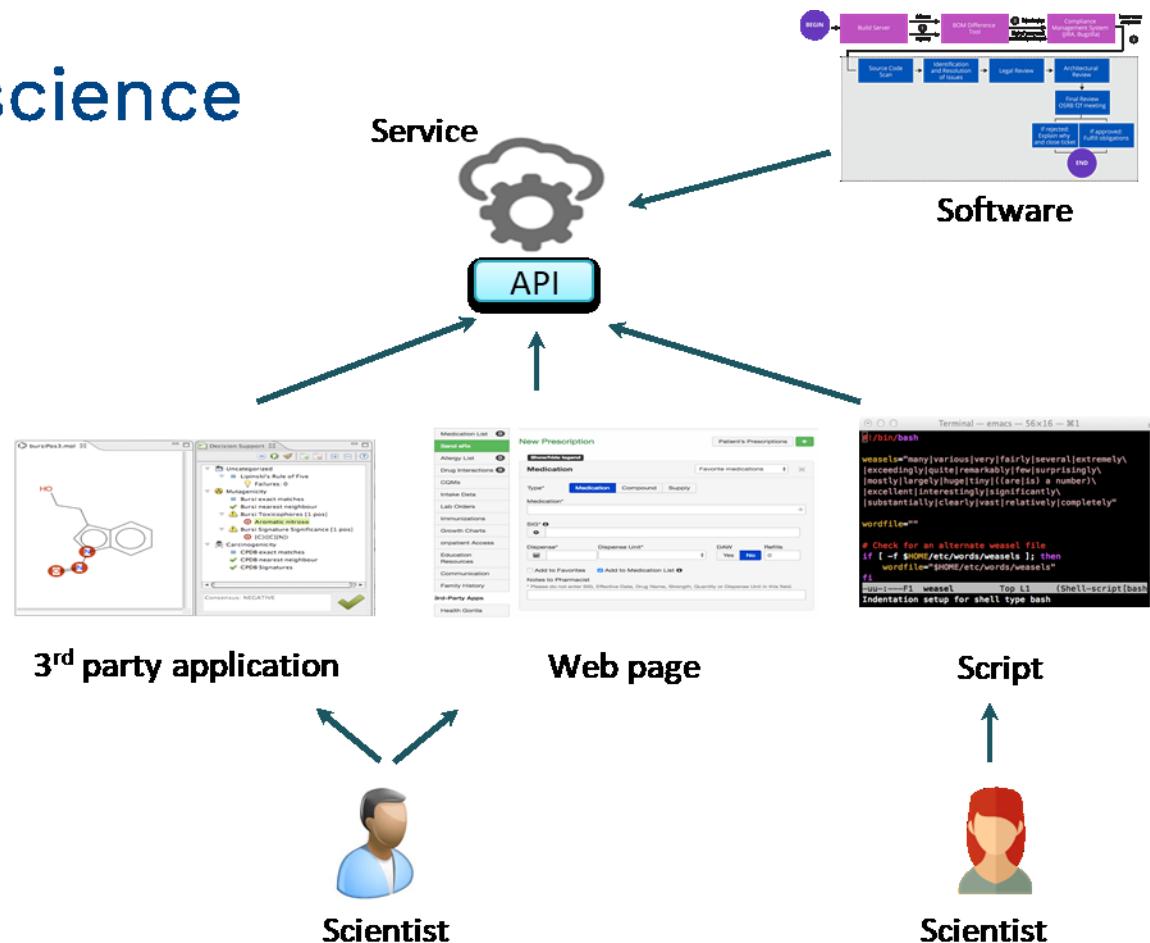
**Data Curation: The process of data collection and organisation**



# Building on OpenRiskNet approaches

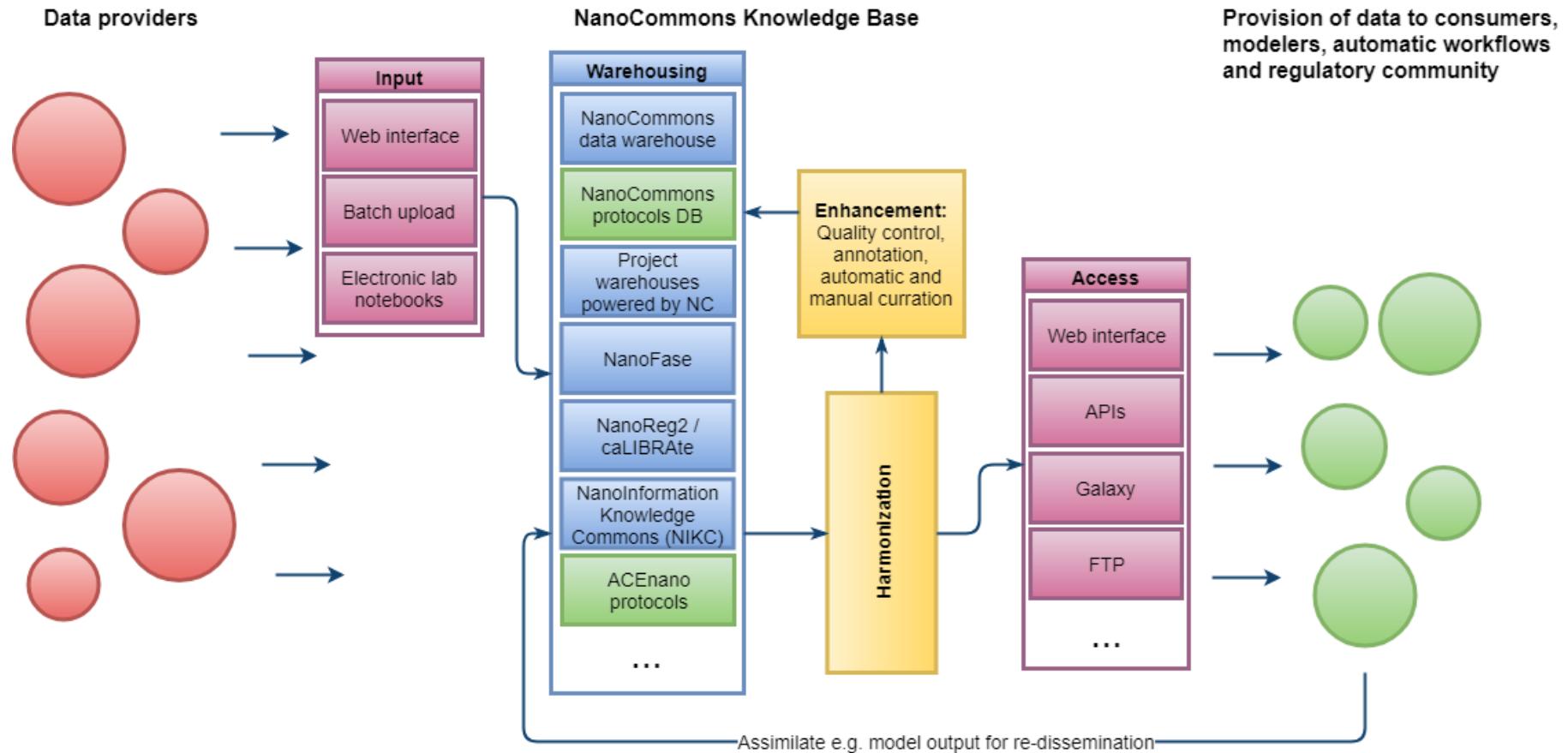
## Service-oriented science

- Standardize
  - Agree on e.g. interfaces, data formats, protocols etc.
- Decompose and compartmentalize
  - Experts (scientists) provides services
  - Achieve interoperability by exposing data and tools as Web services via APIs



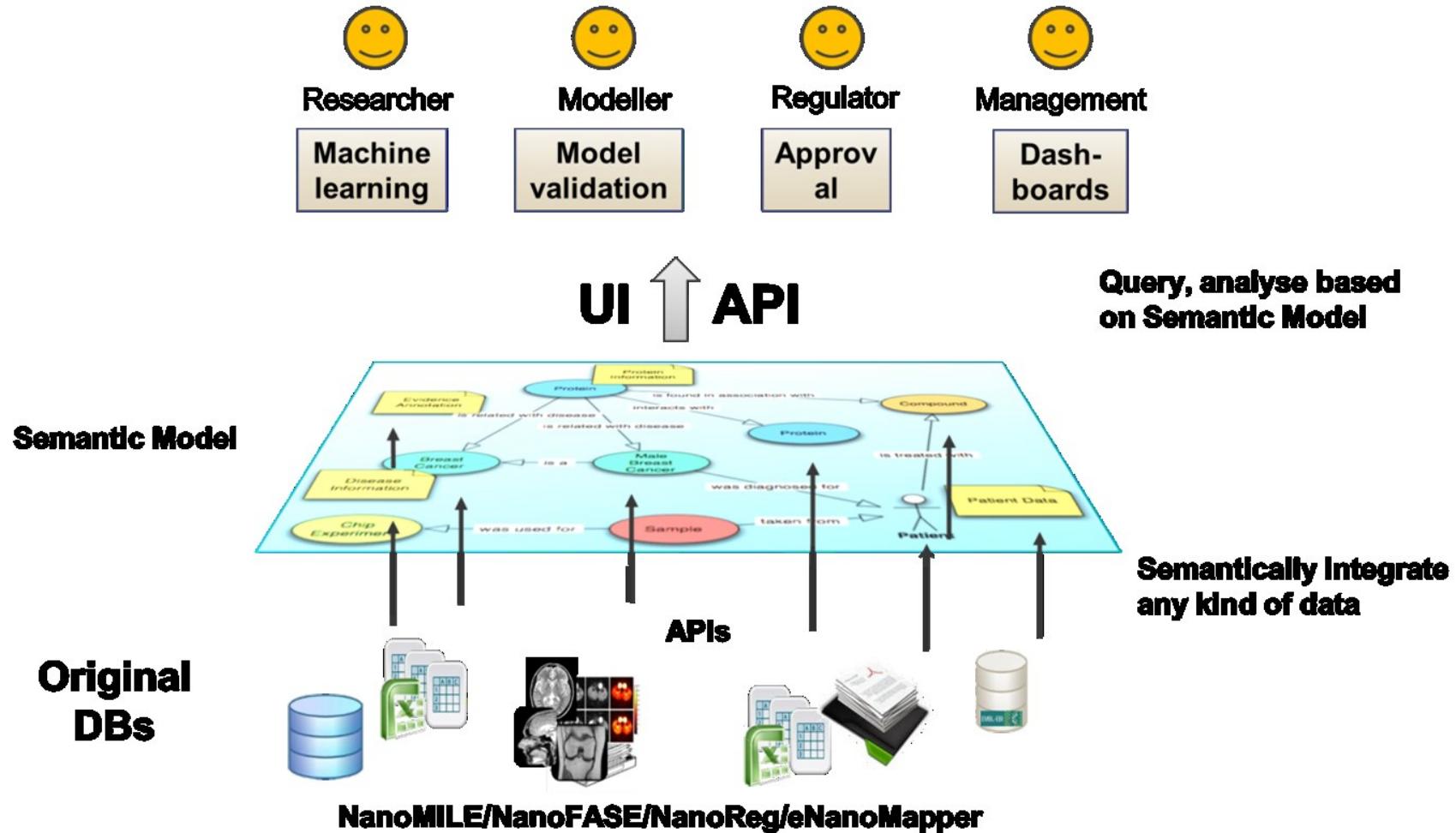


# NanoCommons data management tasks



**Using multiple APIs** – federating databases and semantic mapping layer on top – flexibility for data providers  
**Using Jupyter notebooks** – data pulling, data pushing, modelling, standardised reporting templates etc.

# Semantic interoperability





# Key lessons from OpenRiskNet

- Data licensing and data ethics statements as condition of (*in vivo*) data integration
- Ethical approval / animal licence etc. as part of the metadata linked to the dataset
- Protocols integrated as data / metadata



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**"Lately I've been feeling ethical.  
Can you prescribe something for that?"**



# Service descriptions & discovery

- The catalogue provides a detailed description of the services, and provides direct links to the service environment, their APIs and to all related support resources.
- The catalogue supports the users in filtering the information on services offered offerings and the corresponding tools based on predefined descriptors.

The screenshot shows the NanoCommons Services catalogue interface. At the top, there is a search bar with dropdowns for Category, Service type, Targeted users, and a Filter button. To the right of the search bar is a green 'Submit a service' button. Below the search bar, there are four service cards:

- eNanoMapper database**: Described as part of the computational infrastructure for toxicological data management of engineered nanomaterials. It provides support for upload, search and ... . Provided by Maastricht University. Type: Database / data source. Applicability domain: Toxicology, Bioinformatics. Topic: Chemical properties, Nano safety, Information extraction.
- Jaqpot GUI**: Described as a user-friendly web-based e-infrastructure containing many data analysis and modelling microservices integrated under harmonised APIs. Jaqpot GUI is a user interface that allows the end-user to use most ... . Provided by National Technical University of Athens. Type: Workflow, Application, Visualisation tool, Analysis tool, Processing tool, Trained model, Model generation tool, Model, Data mining tool, Service. Applicability domain: Computational modelling, Predictive toxicology. Topic: Predictive modelling.
- Jaqpot API**: Described as a user-friendly web-based e-infrastructure containing many data analysis and modelling microservices integrated under harmonised APIs. Jaqpot allows the user to build applications that preprocess data, compute ... . Provided by National Technical University of Athens. Type: Analysis tool, Processing tool, Trained model, Model generation tool, Model, Data mining tool, Service. Applicability domain: Computational modelling, Predictive toxicology. Topic: Biokinetics, Predictive modelling.
- ACEnano knowledge infrastructure**: Described as a collection and sharing of physicochemical characterisation protocols, structured metadata and data. The knowledge infrastructure (KI) supports the activities related to data collection and method optimisation related to the physicochemical characterisation of nanomaterials and aims to further disseminate this knowledge to the ... . Provided by Edelweiss Connect GmbH. Type: Database / data source. Applicability domain: Computational modelling, Predictive toxicology. Topic: Chemical properties, Nano safety, Risk assessment.

Each service card has 'DETAILS →' and 'VISIT SERVICE →' buttons at the bottom.

- Web: <https://infrastructure.nanocommons.eu/>

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Biological area
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Targeted users
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Documentation center
References

# Service descriptions and discovery

General description

Direct URLs to the service

Service identification

Training and user support

Contact and additional information on licence, TRLs, etc.

**NanoCommons Services**

## Jaqpot GUI

Generate, store and share predictive statistical and machine learning models

Jaqpot is a user-friendly web-based e-infrastructure containing many data analysis and modelling microservices integrated under harmonised APIs. Jaqpot GUI is a user interface that allows the end-user to use most Jaqpot functionalities, empowering the user to build applications that preprocess data, compute descriptors from raw data (such as electronic images), create, validate, store and share predictive machine learning models and generate reports in standard formats. Jaqpot has been developed by the Unit of Process Control and Infromatics in the School of Chemical Engineering at the National Technical University of Athens.

[Go to service →](#) [API definition →](#)

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Type: Workflow, Application, Visualisation tool, Analysis tool, Processing tool, Trained model, Model generation tool, Model, Data mining tool  
 API Type: Based on Jaqpot API that uses REST under OpenAPI2 specification  
 Categories: Knowledge bases, Processing and analysis, Visualisation and reporting  
 Applicability domain: Computational modelling, Predictive toxicology  
 Topic: Predictive modelling  
 Targeted industry: Chemicals, Nanotechnology  
 Targeted users: Data managers, Risk assessors, Researchers, Students

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Support service: <https://github.com/KinkyDesign/jaqpot-web/issues>  
 Documentation: <https://github.com/KinkyDesign/jaqpot-web/>  
 References and training materials:

- Chomenidis et al, 2017 (<https://pubs.acs.org/doi/abs/10.1021/acs.jcim.7b00223>)
- Video: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-j4T5s5i4iMm7AAOij7w>

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Provided by: National Technical University of Athens  
 Contact: [hsarimv@central.ntua.gr](mailto:hsarimv@central.ntua.gr)  
 Licence: GNU Lesser General Public License 3 (LGPLv3.0)  
 Login required: Yes  
 Implementation status: Graphical user interface available  
 Technology readiness level: TRL 7 – system prototype demonstration in operational environment

# Services tailored by stakeholder / user

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## Resources & Training

This page contains resources and training materials to support OpenRiskNet users in getting familiar with the services and tools available in the e-infrastructure. On top of tutorials and video demonstrations, you will also find information on our publications (e.g. peer-review articles, presentations, posters) that may help you further in learning about OpenRiskNet concepts and implementations.

Category	▼	Risk assessors	▼	Organisations involved	▼	Filter	Reset
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Identification and Linking of Data related to AOPs of AOP-Wiki [AOPLink]

Marvin Martens and Egon Willighagen (Maastricht University, Department of Bioinformatics - BiGCaT)

7 Oct 2019

Report



# The NanoCommons offer

- NanoCommons **integrates the nanomaterials communities** around an agreed set of approaches for **data generation, data management and nanoinformatics** to support the risk and hazard assessment of NEMs.
- NanoCommons is **integrating and developing tools and services** for use by the nanomaterials communities
- These tools and services can be **accessed through the NanoCommons Transnational Access scheme**



**Experimental Workflows**  
Design & Implementation



**Data Processing & Analysis**



**Data Visualisation & Predictive Toxicity**

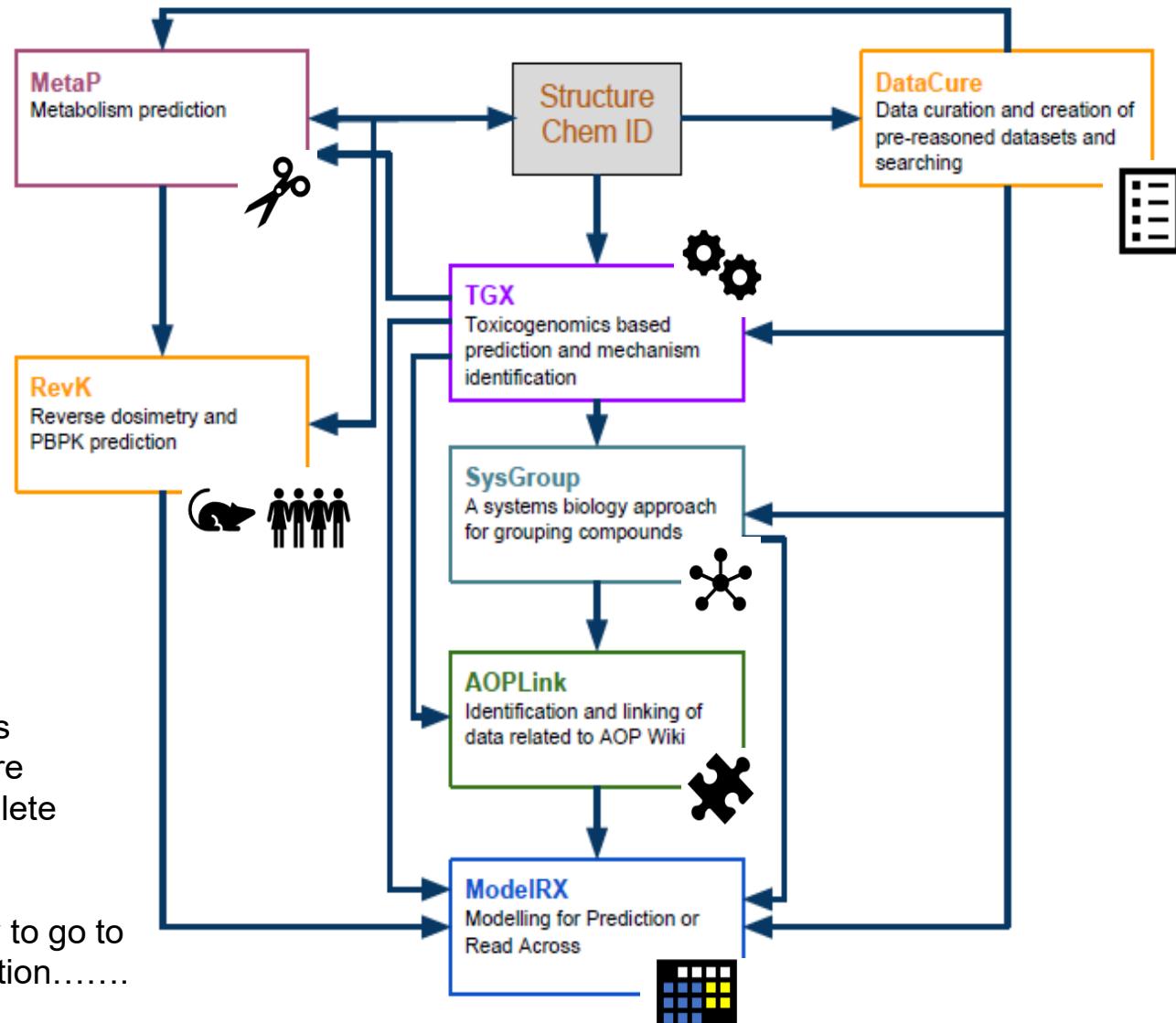


**Data Storage & Online Accessibility**

# OpenRiskNet case study approach

## Key requirements:

- Extensible
  - Interoperable
  - Scalable



Coherent vision of what each is demonstrating and how they are interlinked and provide a complete computational workflow.....

NanoCommons has some way to go to achieve this level of sophistication.....



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# NanoCommons case studies

## Dataset curation & integration



Jaqpot models



Enalos tools

NanoPHEAT



Knowledgebase utilisation

## Services & Sustainability





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# NanoCommons Knowledge Infrastructure



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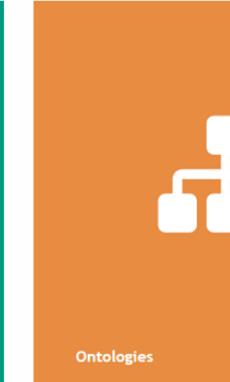
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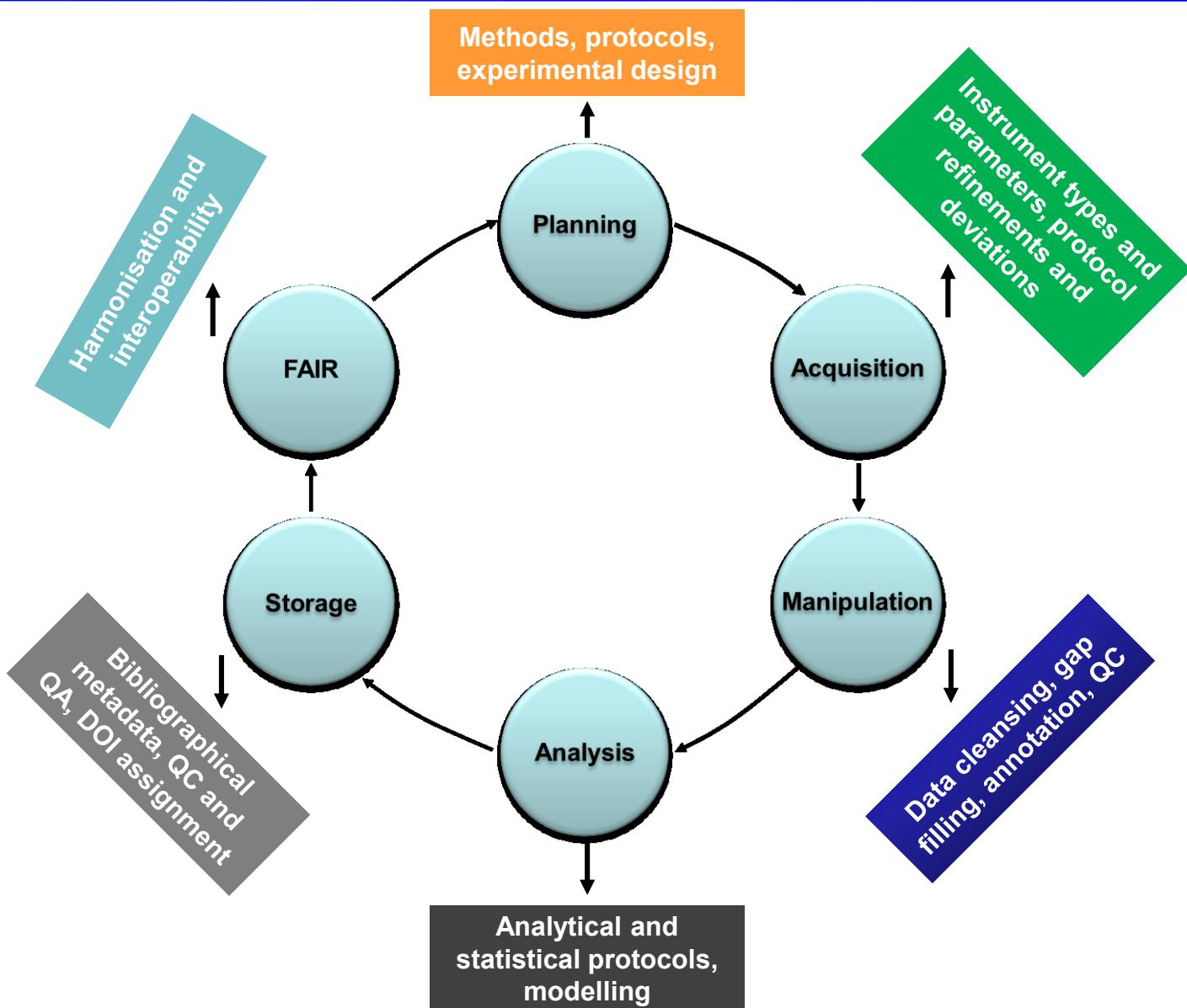
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 Upload Data

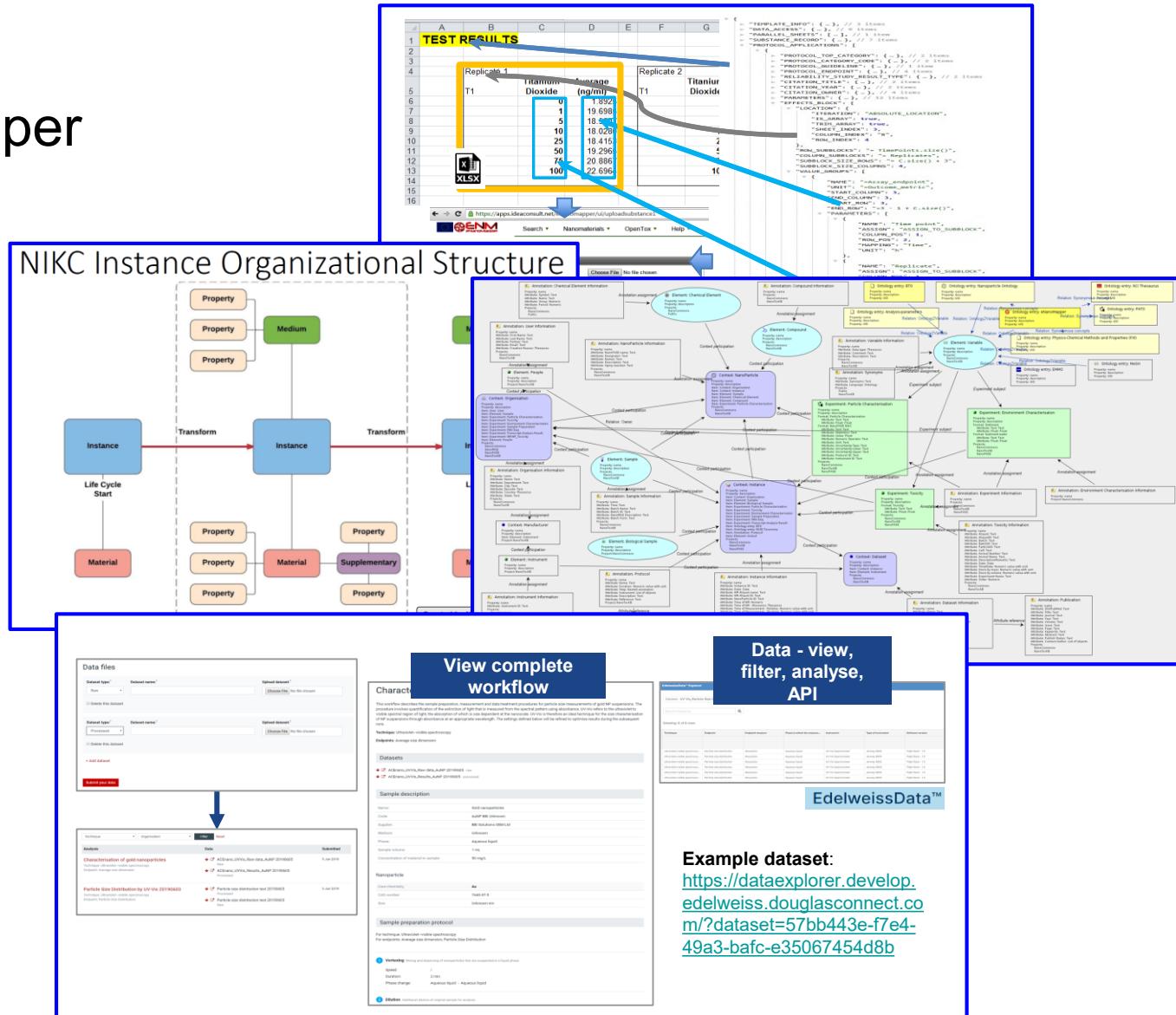
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# Data management, data lifecycle & metadata



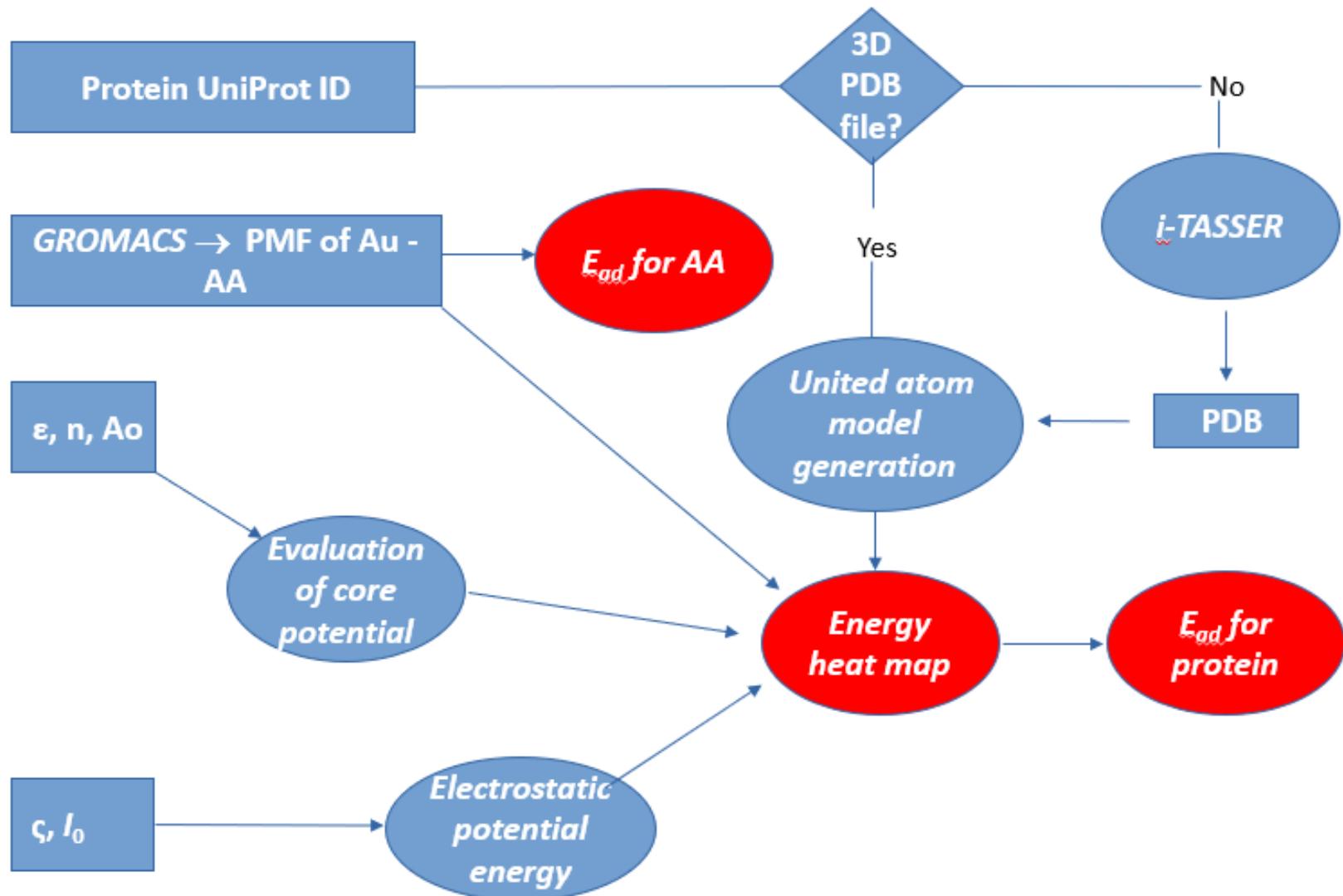
# Data warehousing: external data sources

- eNanoMapper





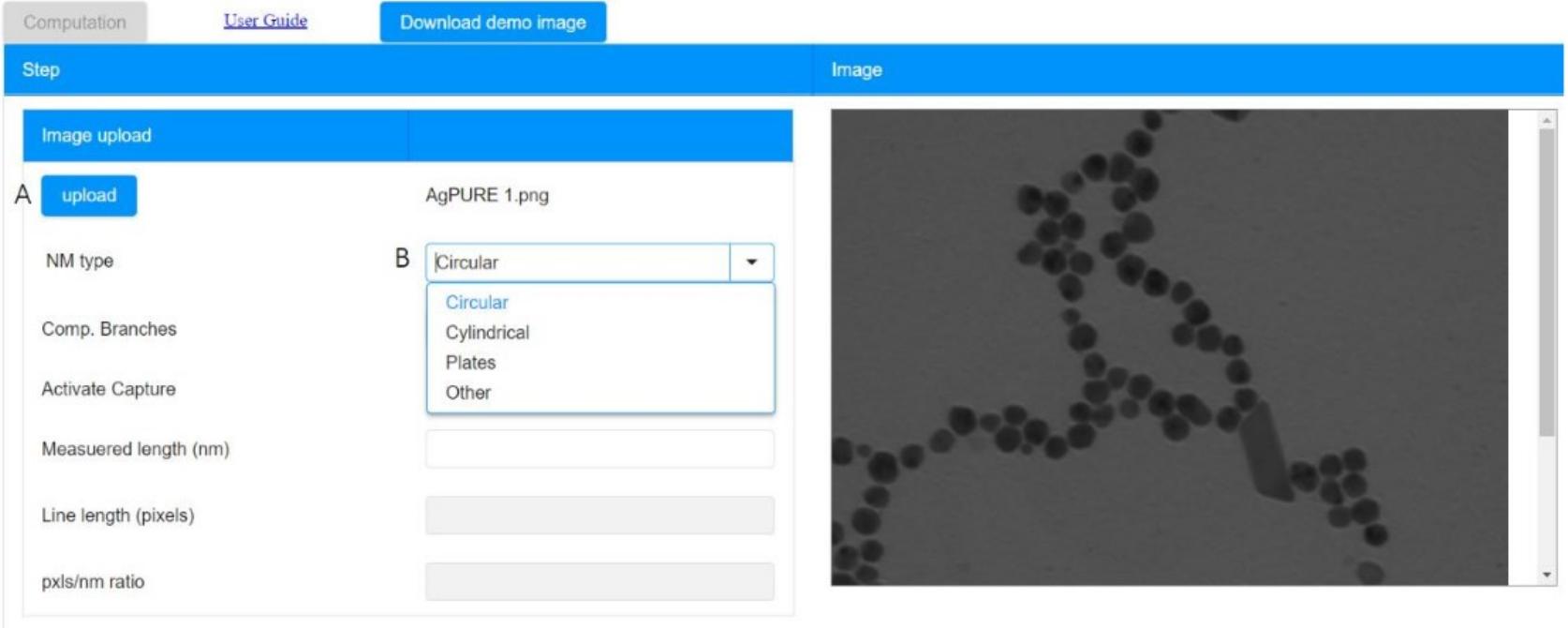
# NanoCommons Corona prediction Tool



# Nanomaterials image analysis tools



## NanoXtract: Nanomaterials Image Analysis Tool Powered by Enalos Cloud Platform



The screenshot shows the NanoXtract interface. At the top, there are tabs for 'Computation' (selected), 'User Guide', and a button to 'Download demo image'. Below this is a blue header bar with 'Step' on the left and 'Image' on the right. The main area is divided into two columns: 'Image upload' (left) and 'Image' (right).

**A. Image upload:** Contains a 'upload' button (labeled 'A') and a file name 'AgPURE 1.png'. Below it are input fields for 'NM type' (set to 'Circular'), 'Comp. Branches', 'Activate Capture', 'Measured length (nm)', 'Line length (pixels)', and 'pxls/nm ratio'.

**B. Nanomaterial type list:** A dropdown menu showing 'Circular' as the selected option, with other choices: Circular, Cylindrical, Plates, and Other.

**Image:** On the right, a grayscale image shows a chain-like structure composed of dark circular particles against a lighter background.

Figure 1: Image upload parameters. [A] Browse button. [B] Nanomaterial type list: Circular/Cylindrical/ Plates/Other.



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# Nanomaterials image analysis tools



NANO-IMAGE

## Extracting data from microscopy images

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