



# Work at ISI, Current Status, Next Steps

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- Creation of **abstractions** in scientific workflows
  - Workflow Traces and template **representation**
    - Provenance representation
    - Plan representation
  - Abstraction **catalog**
  - Find ways to link the definitions to the provenance traces **automatically**
- **Understandability and reuse** of scientific workflows

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- As a **designer: Discovery**

- Workflows with similar functionality fragments/methods
- Design based in previous templates.

- As **user/reuser: Understandability**

- Search workflows by functionality
- Commonalities between execution runs
- Component categorization

Abstraction definitions and categorization

Descriptions/  
PSMS/Ontologies

Algorithms for finding the different  
abstractions automatically

Data mining tools,  
graph analysis, etc.

Experiment publication

RDF Stores

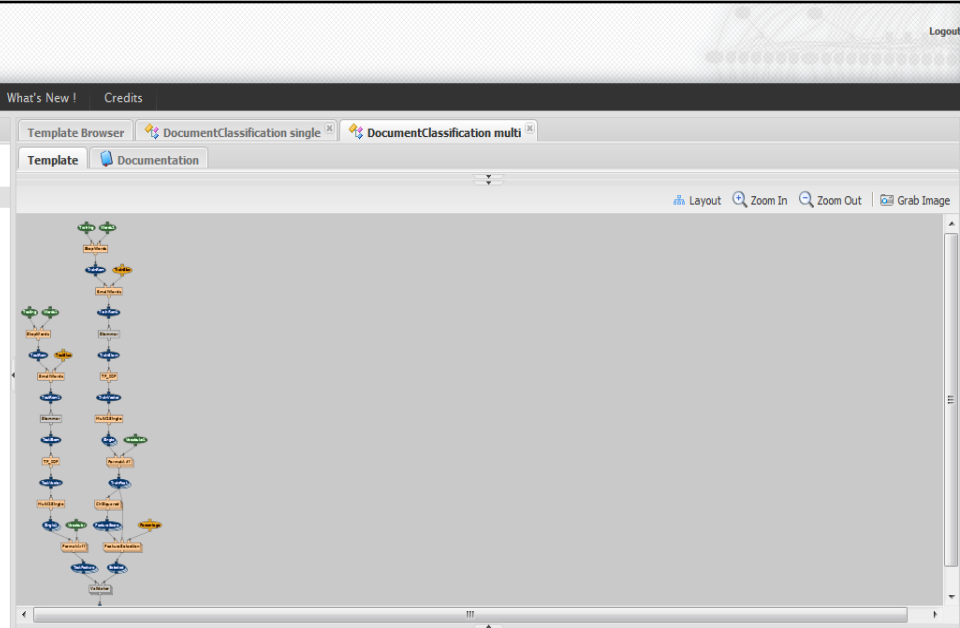
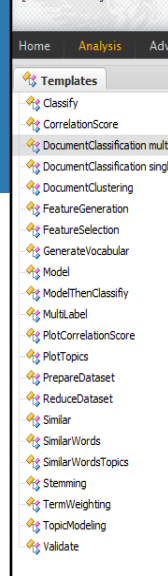
Provenance  
representation

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Vocabularies



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Abstractions definitions and categorization

Algorithms for finding the different  
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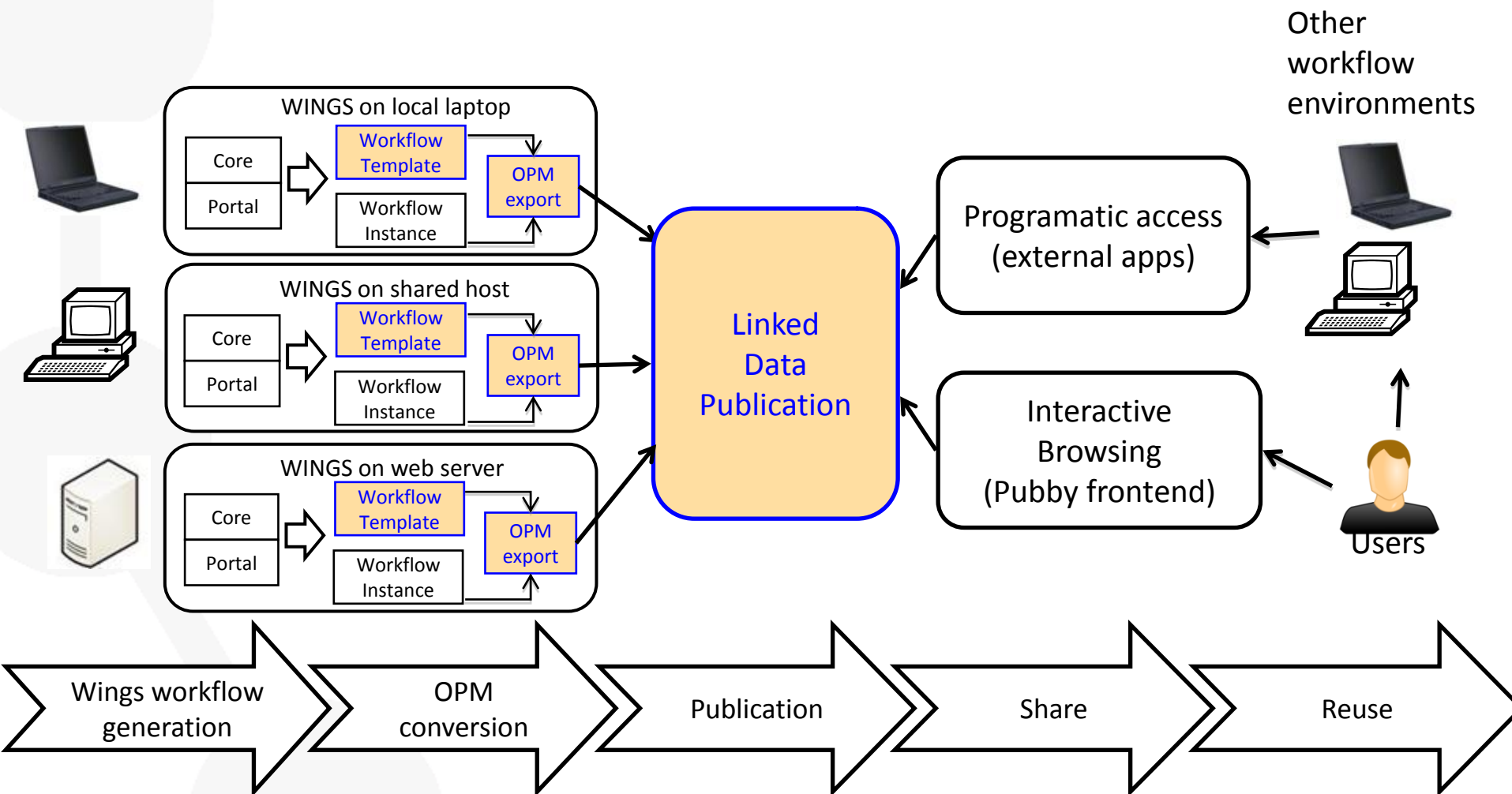
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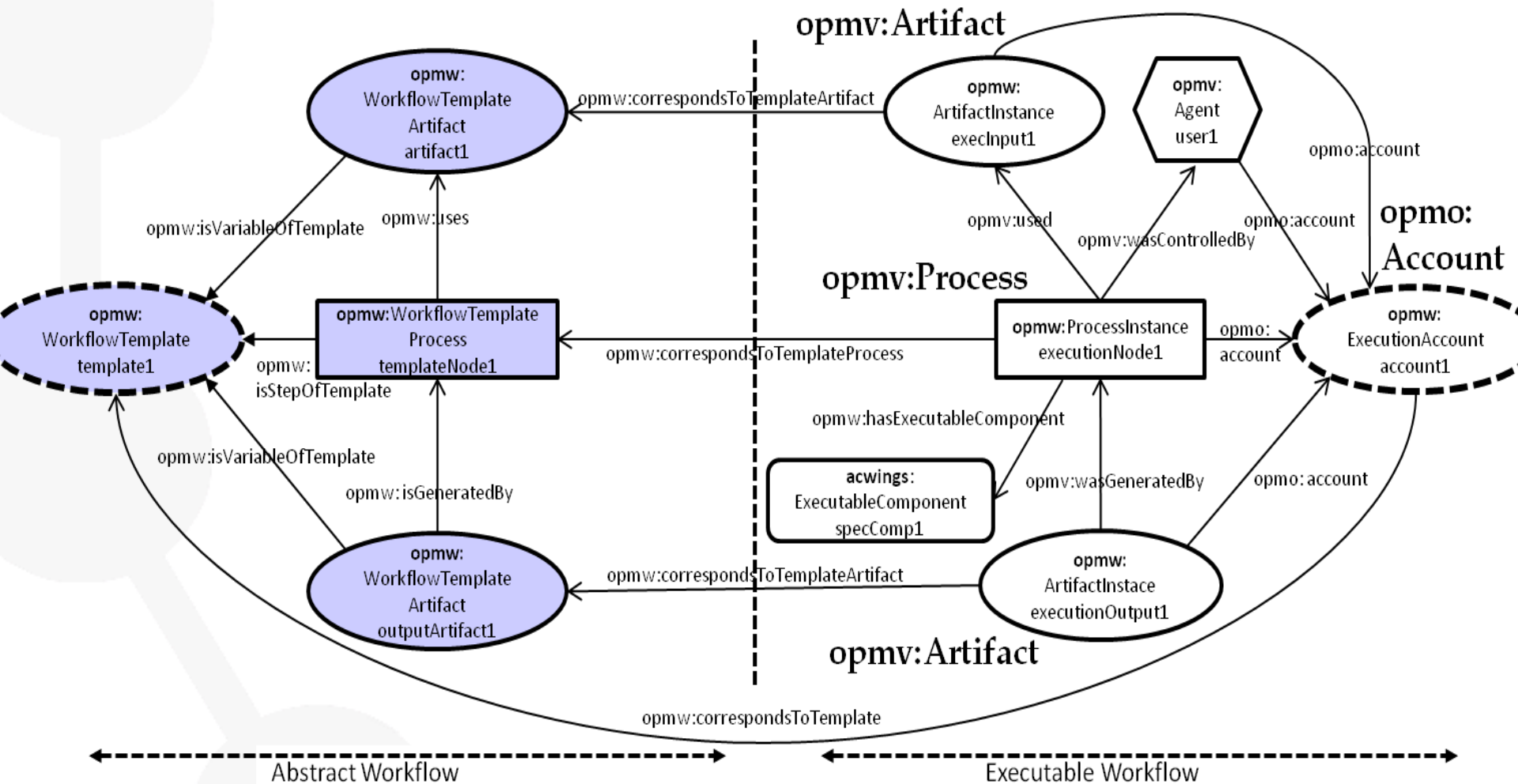
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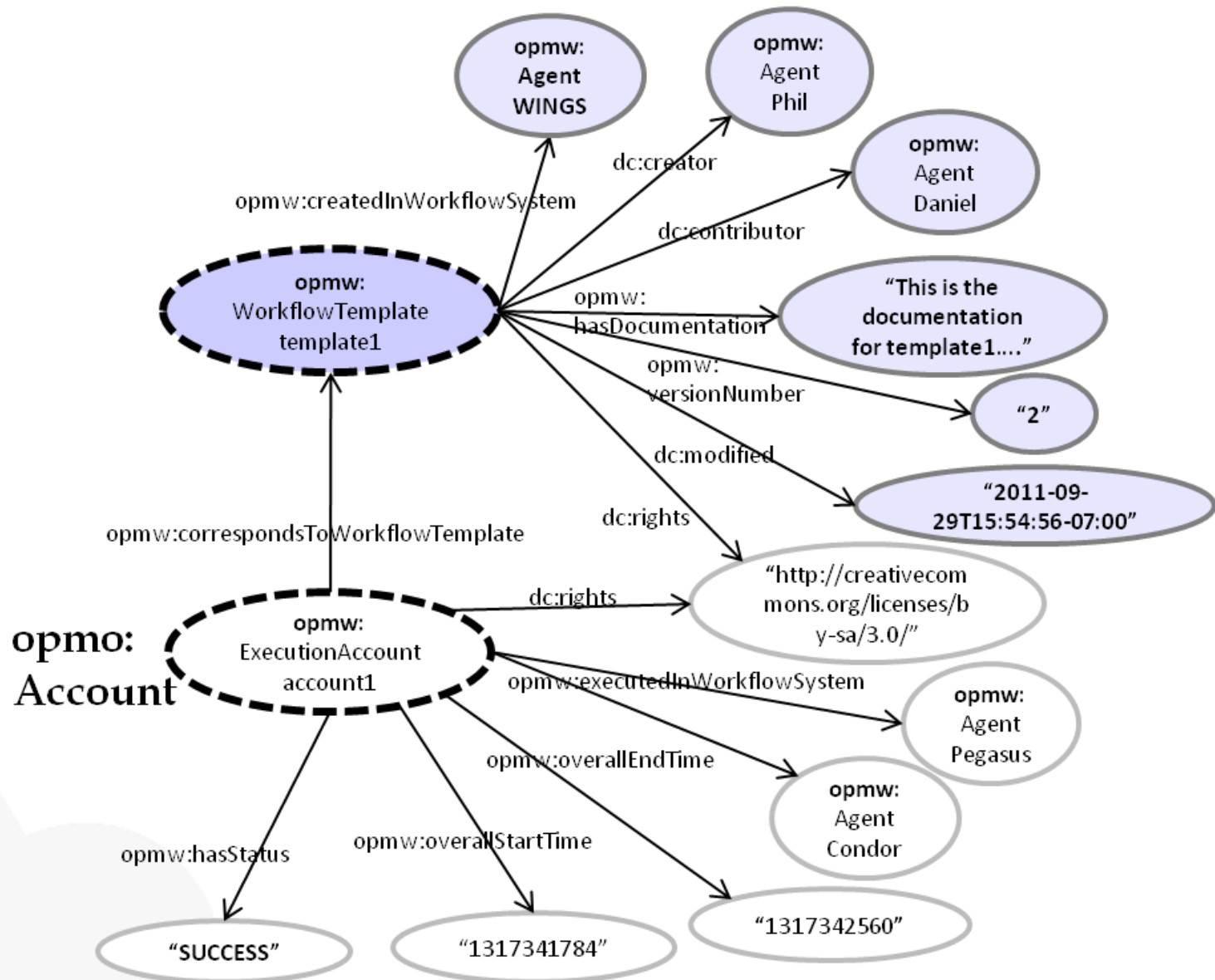
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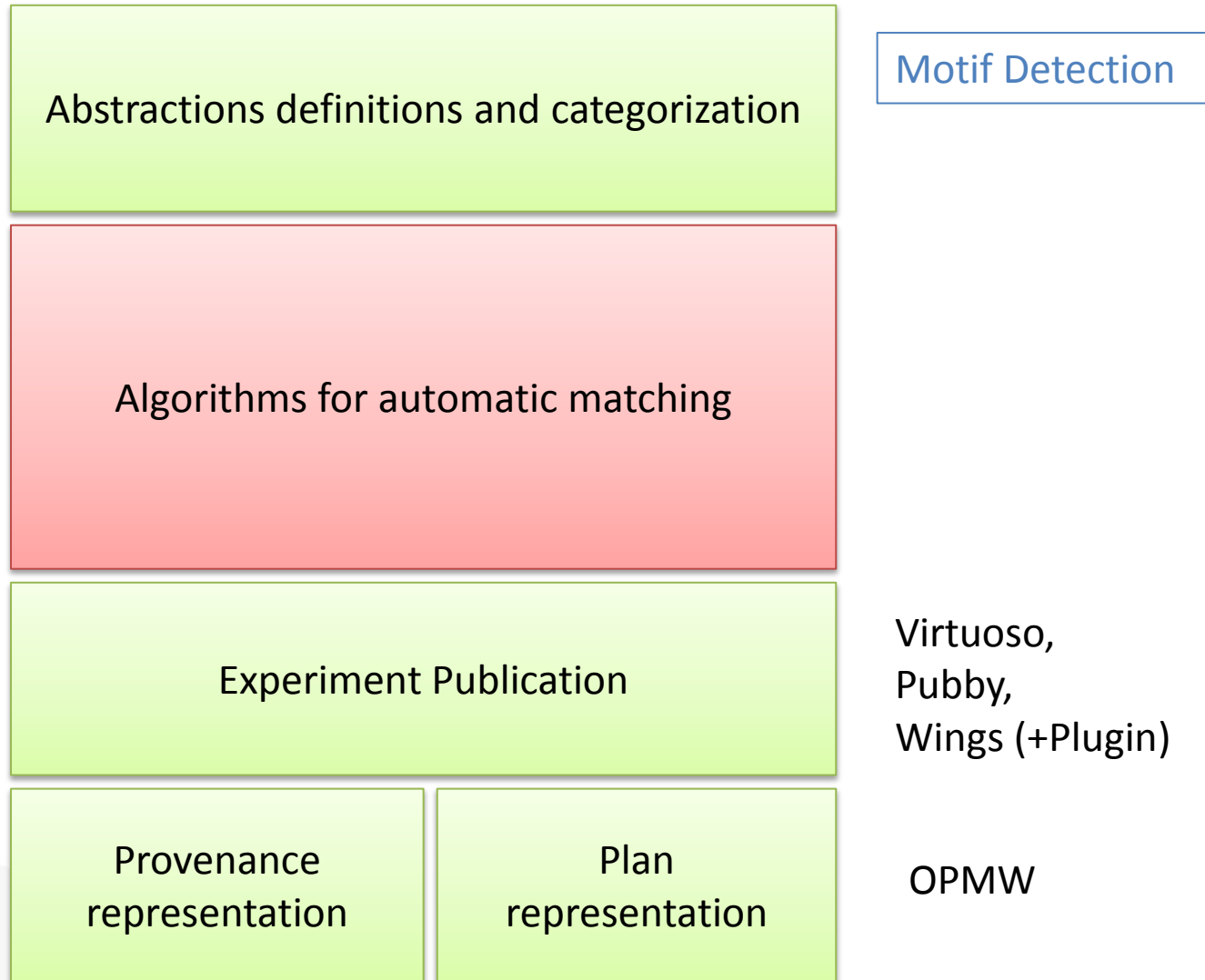
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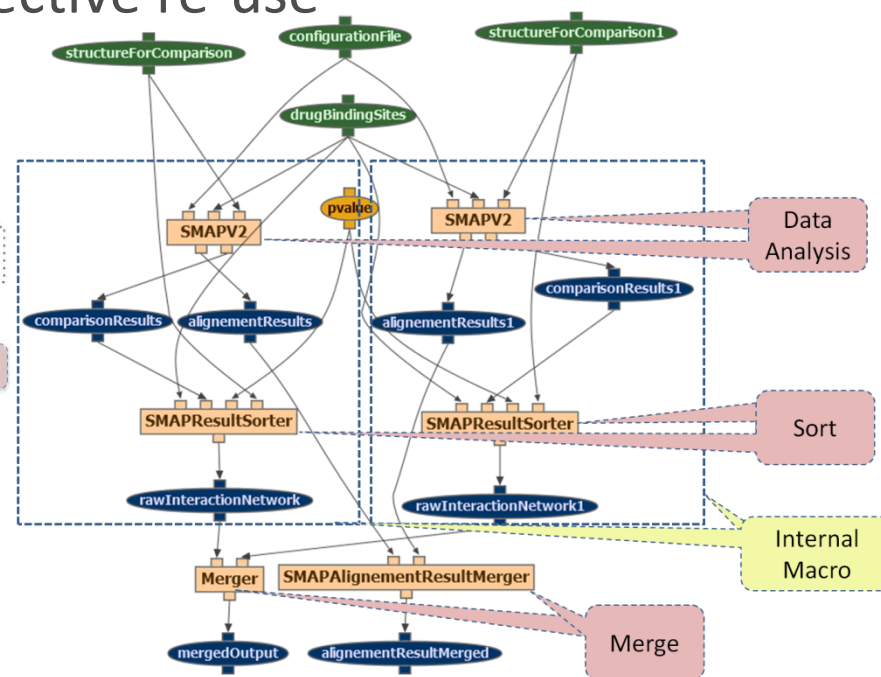
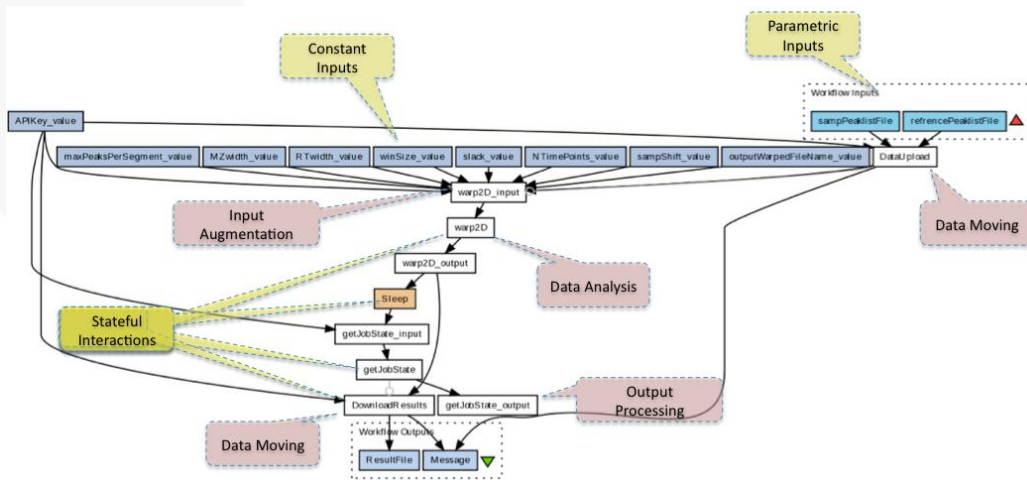




- Empirical analysis on 177 workflow templates from Taverna and Wings
- Catalog of recurring patterns: scientific workflow *motifs*.
  - Data Oriented Motifs
  - Workflow Oriented Motifs
- Understandability and reuse



- Reverse-engineer the set of current practices in workflow development through an analysis of empirical evidence
- Identify workflow abstractions that would facilitate understandability and therefore effective re-use



- Workflow motif: Domain independent **conceptual abstraction** on the workflow steps.

1. Data-oriented motifs: **What** kind of manipulations does the workflow have?

- E.g.:

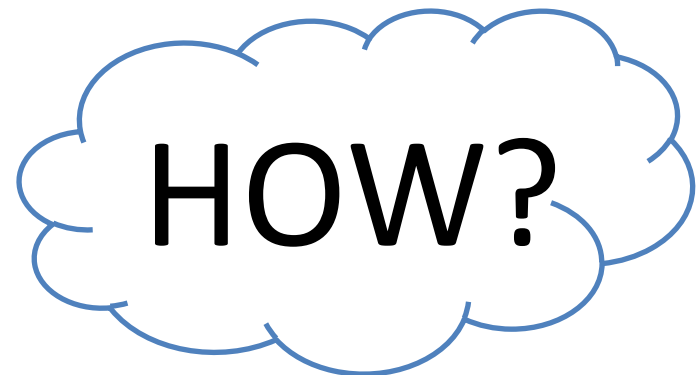
- Data retrieval
- Data preparation
- etc.



2. Workflow-oriented motifs: **How** does the workflow perform its operations?

- E.g.:

- Stateful steps
- Stateless steps
- Human interactions
- etc.



## Data-Oriented Motifs

Data Retrieval

Data Preparation

Format Transformation

Input Augmentation  
and Output Splitting

Data Organisation

Data Analysis

Data Curation/Cleaning

Data Moving

Data Visualisation

## Workflow-Oriented Motifs

### Intra-Workflow Motifs

Stateful (Asynchronous) Invocations

Stateless (Synchronous) Invocations

Internal Macros

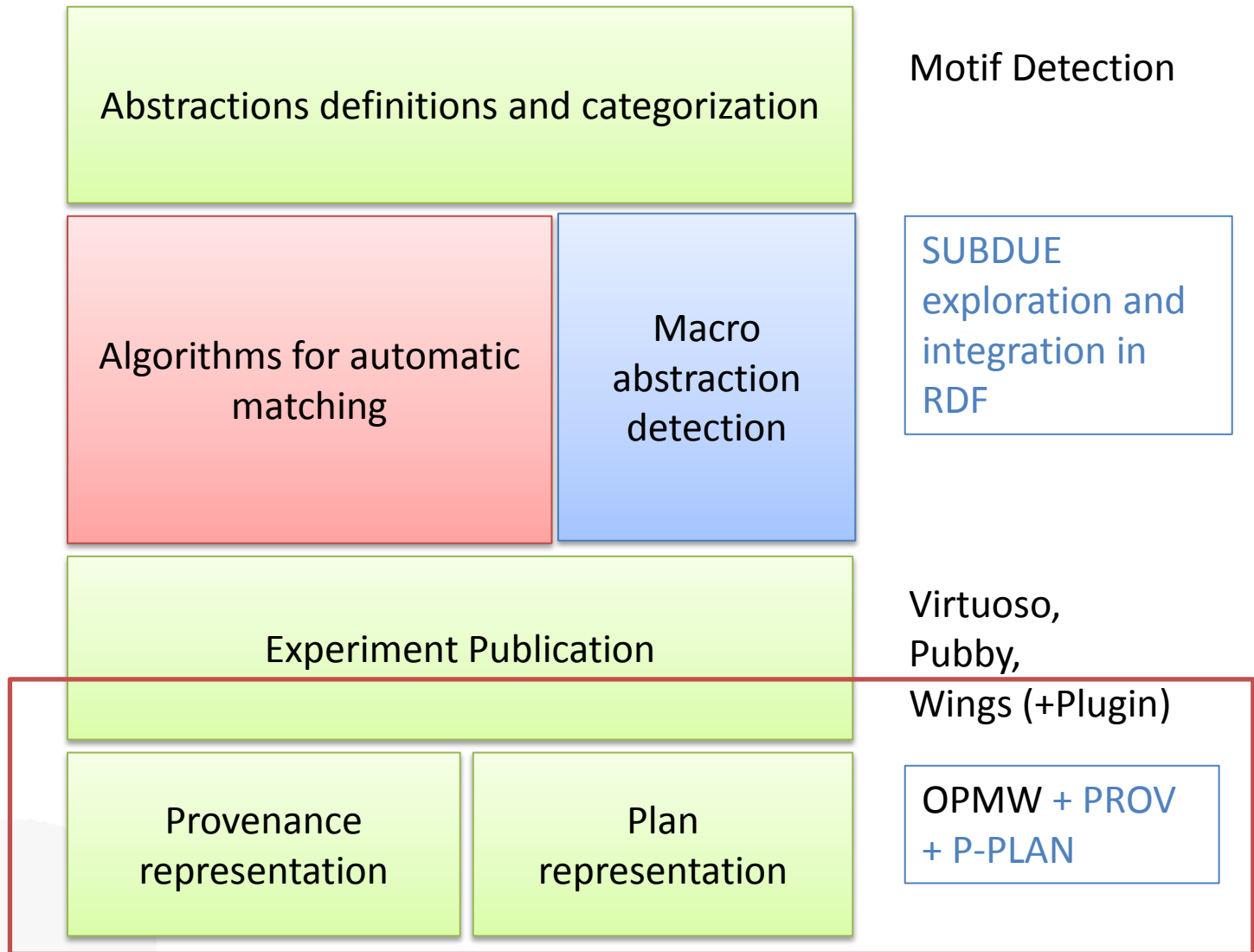
Human Interactions

### Inter-Workflow Motifs

Atomic Workflows

Composite Workflows

Workflow Overloading





OPMW concept	Mapping	PROV Concept	Rationale
WorkflowExecutionArtifact	rdfs:subclassOf	prov:Entity	A Workflow Execution Artifact is an immutable resource. Thus, it is a TYPE of entity.
WorkflowExecutionProcess	rdfs:subclassOf	prov:Activity	A Workflow Execution Process is an activity that uses and generates Workflow ExecutionArtifacts. Since they are more specific than entities, WorkflowExecutionProcess is a type of Activity
WorkflowExecutionAccount	rdfs:subclassOf	prov:Bundle	A Workflow Execution Account is a set of provenance assertions representing the system "view" of the execution. Therefore, it can be considered as a type of Bundle. It is more specific, because it only contains assertions about the execution of a workflow.
WorkflowTemplate	rdfs:subclassOf	prov:Plan	A workflow template can be seen as a general plan that contains all the assertions of the template of the workflow. We choose to not associate it with any activity, although we could create one representing the execution of the whole workflow. This corresponds to the plan followed to execute the whole workflow, not every single subactivity.
executedInWorkflowSystem	rdfs:subPropertyOf	prov:wasAttributedTo	This property is used to assert in which system where the accounts executed. The workflow system is attributed some credit for the creation of the provenance assertions (i.e., the bundle).
hasSpecificComponent	rdfs:subPropertyOf	prov:used	This property links a workflow execution process with the code used in the actual execution. Therefore, we can say that the activity used the code. This could also be modeled as the code being the plan of the association between the executor and the process. Since plans are entities, it is consistent to infer that they are used by the activities, according to prov.
createdInWorkflowSystem	rdfs:subPropertyOf	prov:wasAttributedTo	This property is used to track the provenance of the PLAN. Thus it should be attributed to the system where it was designed (and also the user)
hasLocation	rdfs:subPropertyOf	prov:hasLocation	The problem here is that there is a mismatch: OPMW maps the property to xsd:AnyURI and PROV considers it prov:Location
hasValue	rdfs:subPropertyOf	prov:value	The property links an execution artifact with its value. This is normally used for parameter values. Prov:calue is intended for this very purpose as well.
hasOriginalLogFile	rdfs:subPropertyOf	prov:hadPrimarySource	Original log file from which the account was built. Could be considered as the original source from which the bundle was obtained.
hasNativeSystemTemplate	rdfs:subPropertyOf	prov:hadPrimarySource	Links a WorkflowTemplate to its original template (Wings template, for example). The original template was used to build the WorkflowTemplate, so it is the primary source.
OPM concept	mapping	PROV concept	Rationale
opmv:used	rdfs:subpropertyOf	prov:used	All resources in OPMW are linked through opmv:used and opmv:wasGeneratedBy edges.
opmv:wasGeneratedBy	rdfs:subpropertyOf	prov:wasGeneratedBy	Thus we need to map these relationships to prov in order to infer the equivalent conenctions
opmv:wasControlledBy	rdfs:subpropertyOf	prov:wasAssociatedWith	Same as the previous one
opmv:Agent	rdfs:subClassOf	prov:Agent	Both agents denote some kind of responsibility or attribution for having run the workflow. Since the process being linked are more specific, we consider that opmv:Agents are also more specific than prov's

## •OPMW fits naturally into PROV

- Same usage-generation structure
- Extension for the scientific workflow with PROV

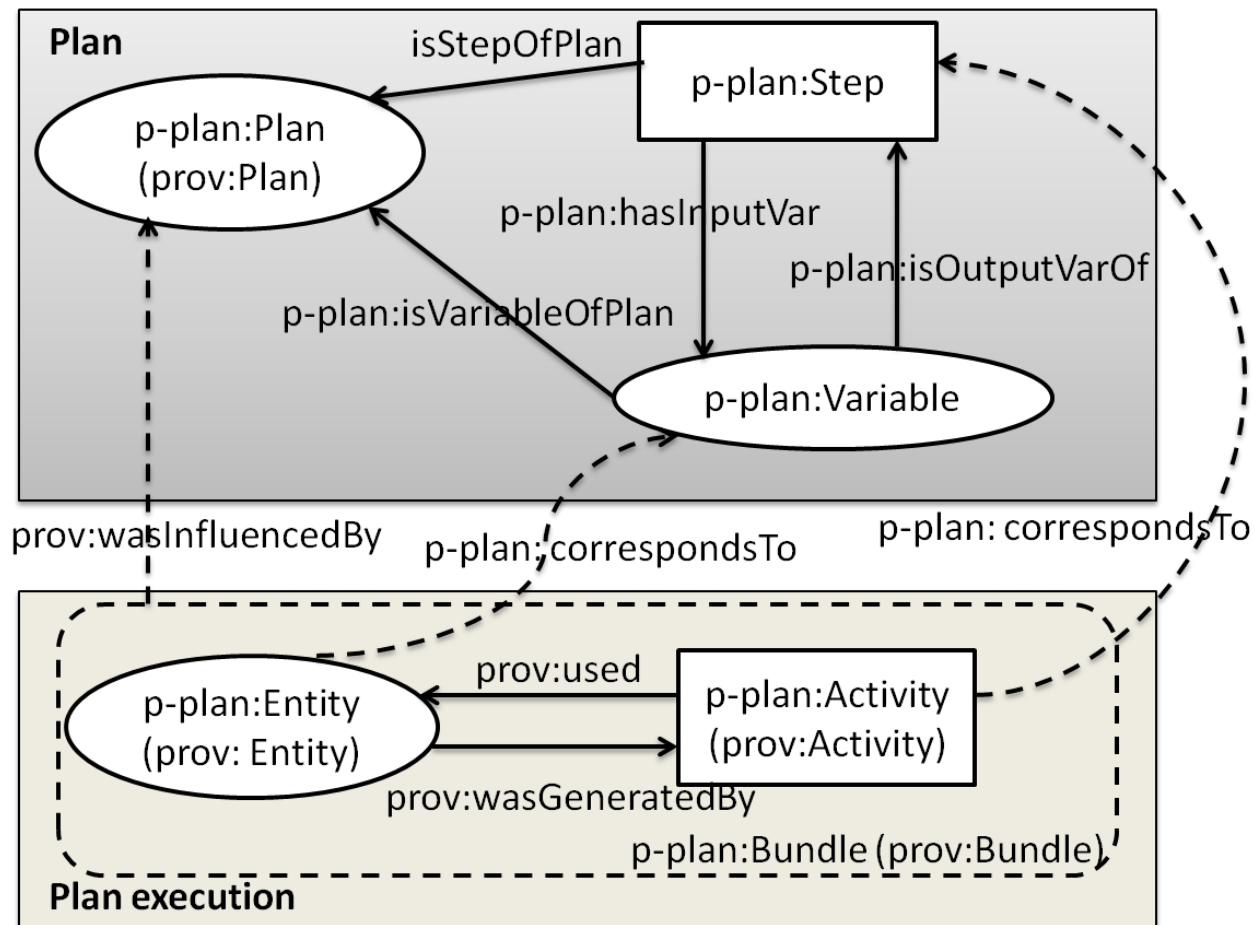
## •Binary relationships (no n-ary patterns used).

- Simplicity

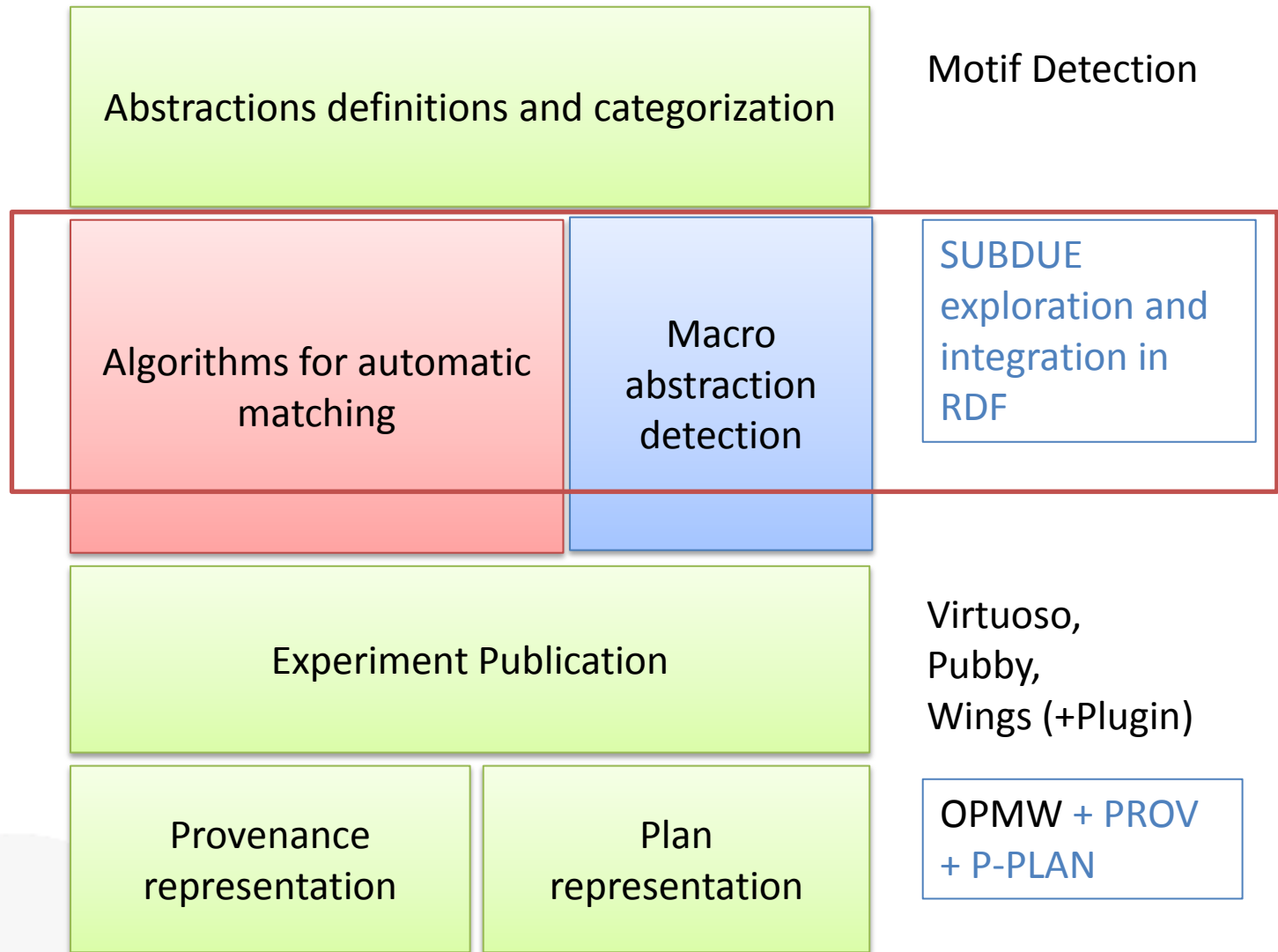
## •Publication of PROV as well as OPMW.

- Queries can be answered in both languages.
- Flexibility.

## •<http://www.opmw.org/node/8>



- Plans are **not provenance**
- **P-PLAN**: Simple plan model for binding traces to template representations
- Aligned with **OPMW and PROV**
- Documentation in progress

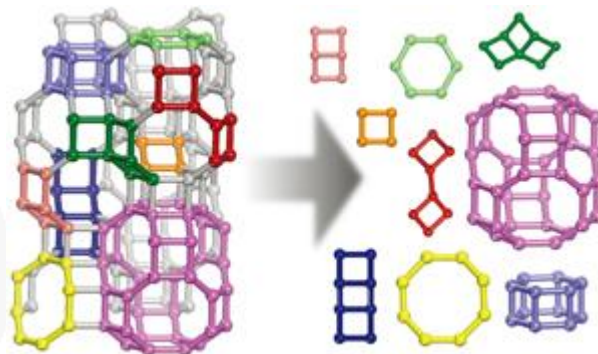


Problem statement:

*Given a **repository of workflow templates (either abstract or specific) or workflow execution traces, what are the workflow fragments I can deduce from it?***

Useful for:

- Systems like [Taverna and Wings](#): (Many templates, little annotation to relate them)
  - Finding relationships between workflows and sub-workflows.
  - Most used fragments, most executed, etc.
- Systems like [GenePattern and Galaxy](#): (Many runs, nearly no templates published)
  - Proposing new templates with the popular fragments.



- **Work in Progress** (implementation and evaluation)
  - WINGS traces
- Similar to Sub-graph Isomorphism
- Kind of “Graph Clustering”
- **Early results**
  - Tool for finding common sub-graphs
    - Sequential graphs
    - Efficient
    - Scalable.
  - Integration with RDF (by me)
- **TO DO:**
  - Finish implementation: **inference**.
  - **Evaluation!!**





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- Thesis:

- Finish up implementation.
- How to evaluate results?

- Publications:

- Workshop:
  - Provenance Corpus (with Taverna Team). To have something citable
- Conference:
  - KCAP: Macro detection implementation and evaluation.
- Journal
  - Decay analysis publication in journal (January)
  - OPMW - PROV -P-PLAN publication in journal (December)
  - Motif extension publication in journal (Invited by special issue)  
(Now)

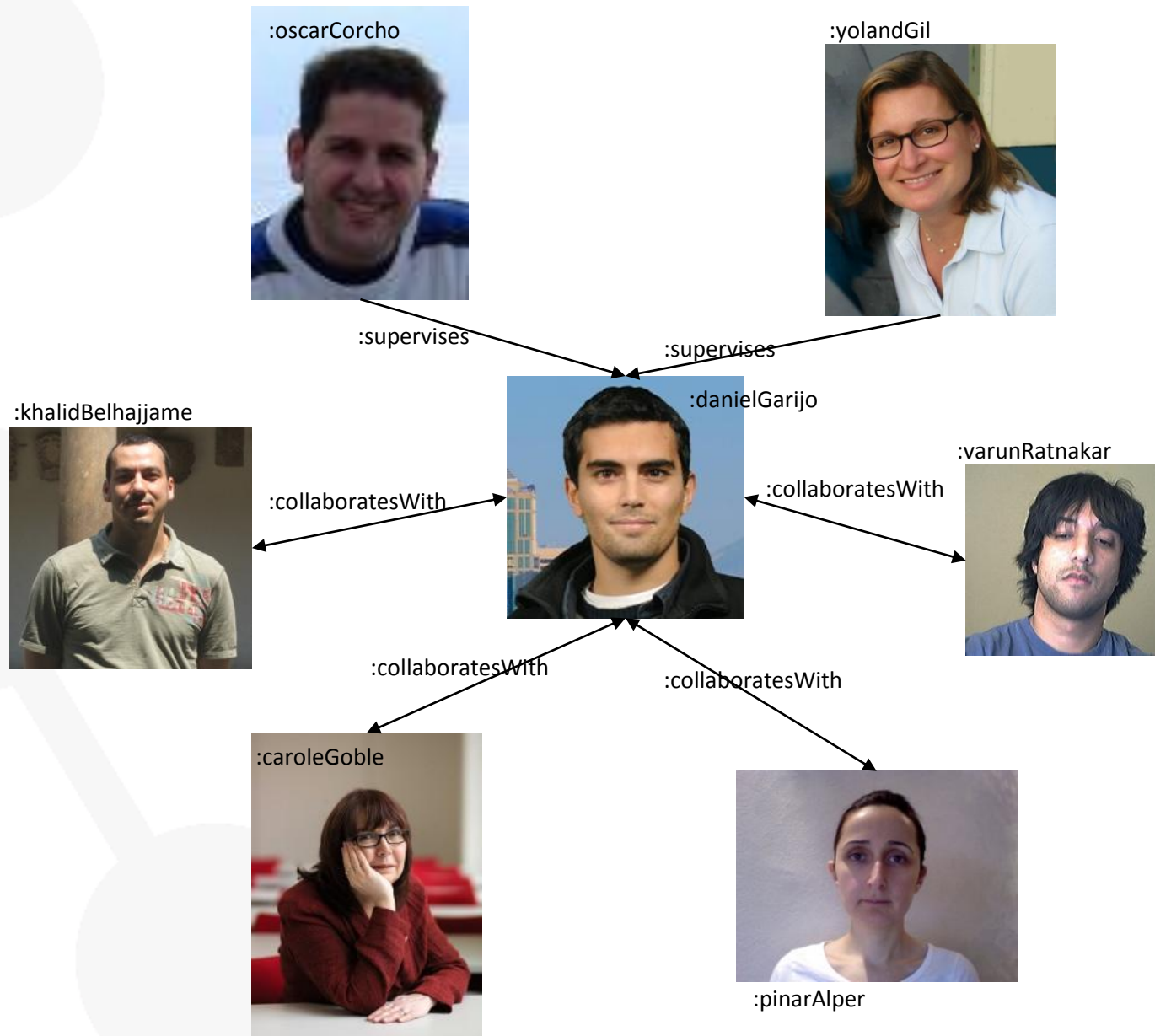
### •Thesis:

- Other methods for detecting workflow abstraction automatically
  - Metadata and file analysis (diff, etc.): Filter, merge, etc.
  - Provenance reconstruction.

### •Project:

- RO model specifications
- Testcases
- Workflow abstraction with Isoco







# Work at ISI, relation with wf4Ever, future steps

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