



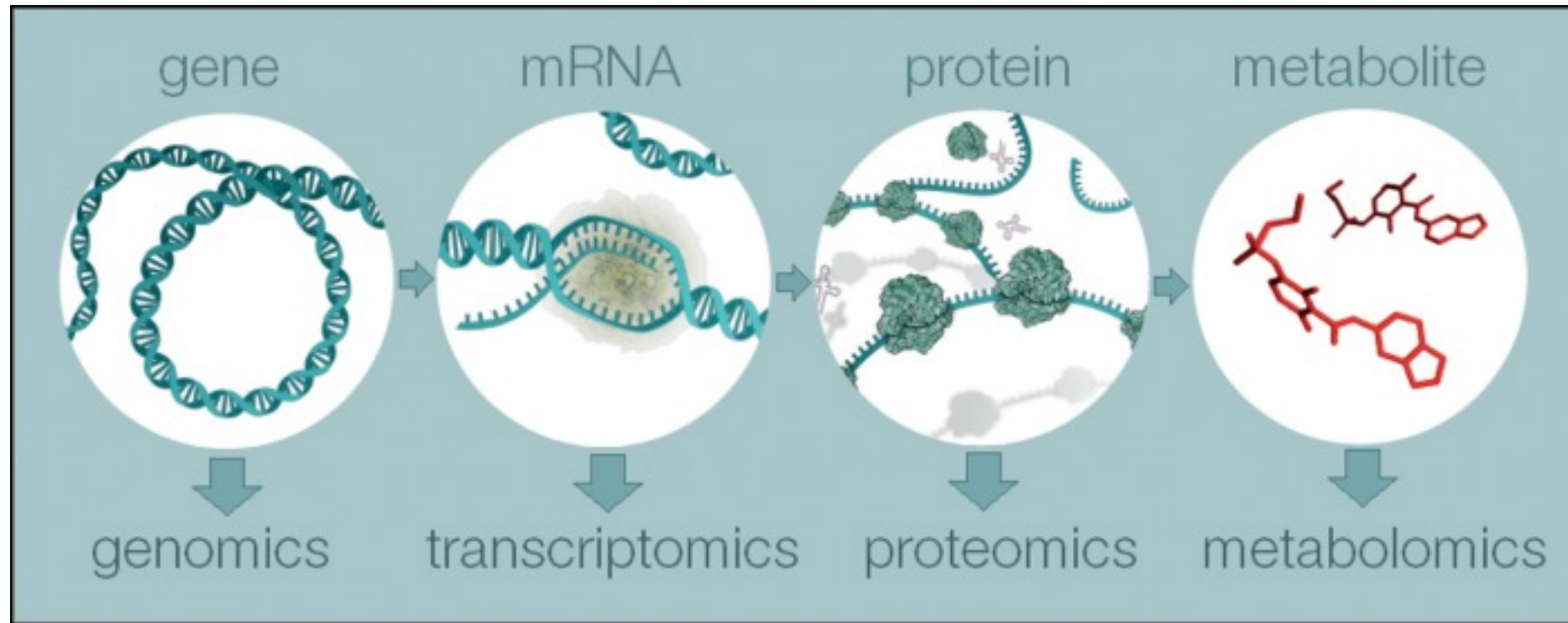
# ➤ Standardisation, modèles de données et ontologies en métabolomique

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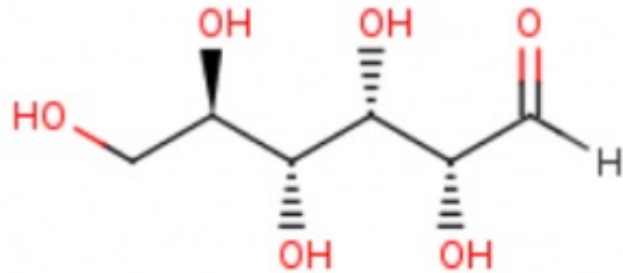
# Introduction - What is Metabolomics?

Metabolomics is the large-scale study of small molecules, commonly known as metabolites, within cells, biofluids, tissues or organisms. Collectively, these small molecules and their interactions within a biological system are known as the metabolome.

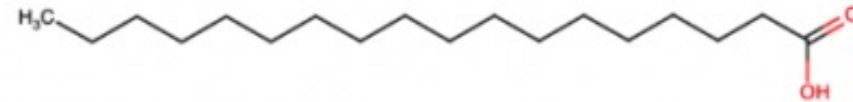


# Small molecules

A small molecule (or metabolite) is a low molecular weight organic compound, typically involved in a biological process as a substrate or product. Metabolomics usually studies small molecules within a mass range of 50 – 1500 daltons (Da).



glucose  
(a sugar)



stearic acid  
(a fatty acid)

Figures from [www.ebi.ac.uk/training/](http://www.ebi.ac.uk/training/)

Great deal variation in metabolites between biological species

200,000 across the plant kingdom, ... 50,000 for *homo sapiens*

Very large underestimation

# Metabolomics study

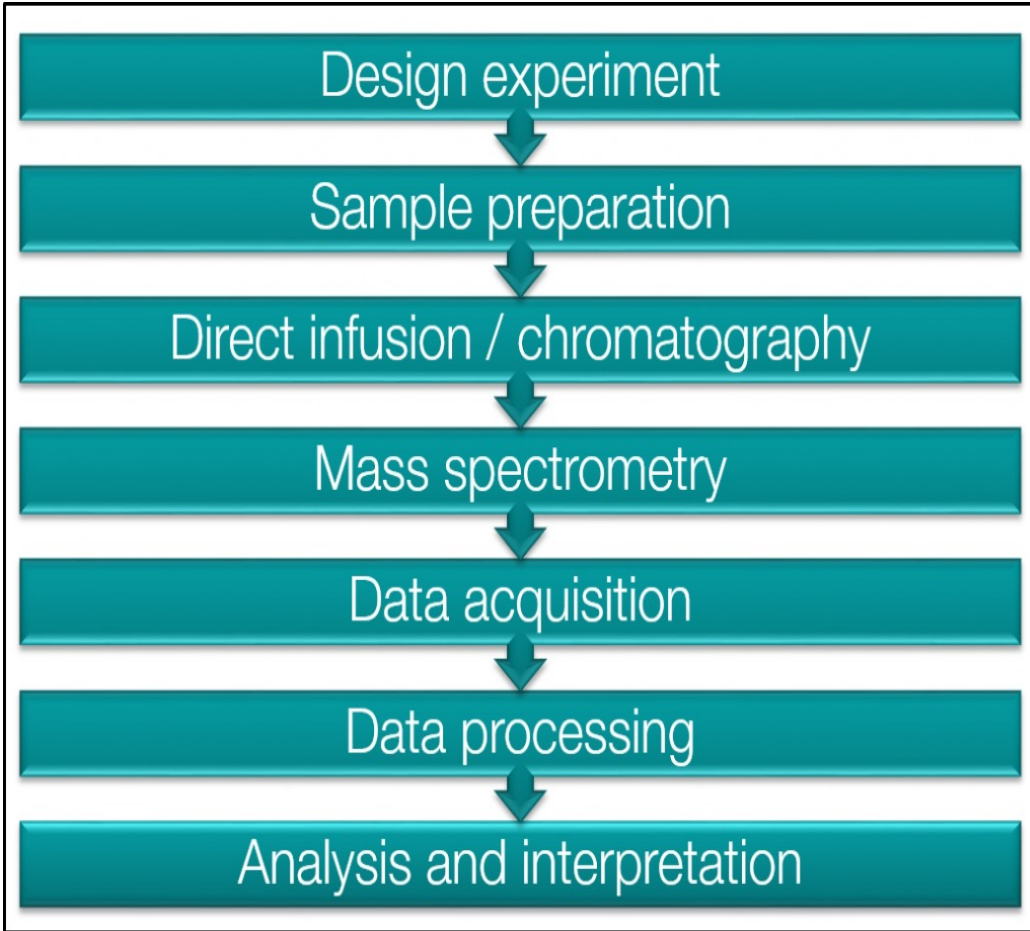


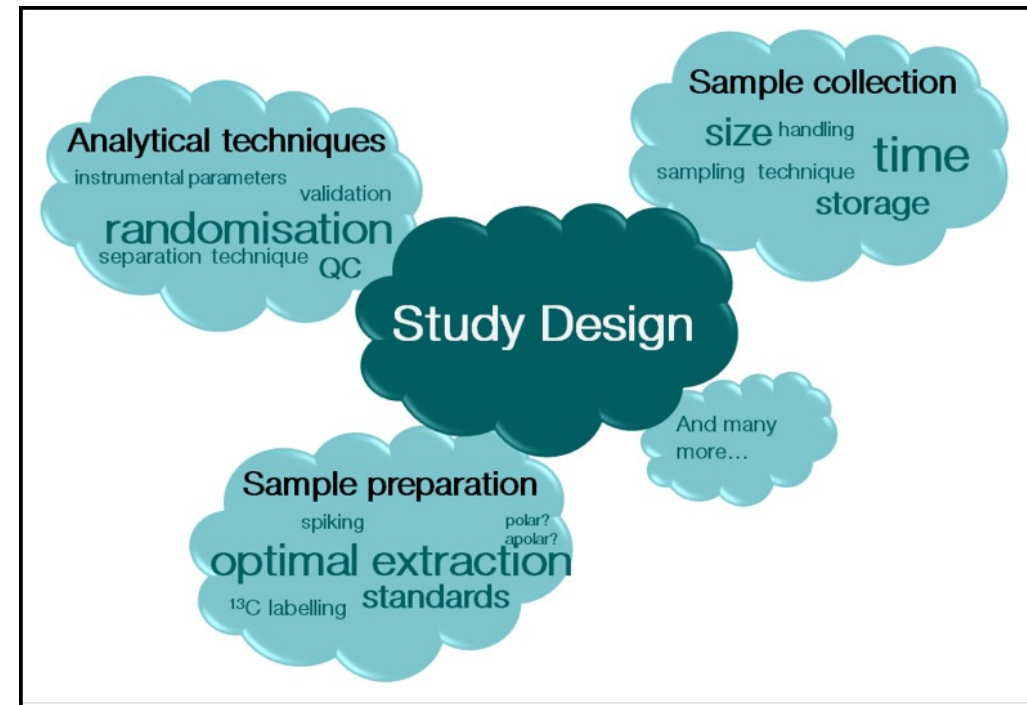
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## Targeted approach:

This method is used when you want to measure sets of metabolites and have a specific biochemical question that you want to answer.

## Untargeted (global) approach:

This method measures as many metabolites as possible from a range of biological samples without any (intended) bias.



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# Nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) / Mass spectrometry (MS)

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## TIMS TOF Pro LC-MS/MS System



**NMR** is an analytical technique that is used to measure organic and some inorganic compounds inside biological samples (as solid tissue or extracted metabolite). When a sample is exposed to a magnetic field and radio frequency (rf) pulse, the nuclei absorb and re-emit this electromagnetic radiation. The energy that is emitted has a specific resonating frequency, which depends on several factors including the magnetic properties of the atoms' isotopes and the strength of the magnetic field (usually referred to as chemical shifts). In the case of metabolomics, proton atoms from small molecules are usually investigated ( $^1\text{H-NMR}$ ).

**MS** is an analytical technique used to measure small molecules. The small molecules may be either directly injected into the mass spectrometer (direct infusion) or through a coupled chromatographic system. The analytes are ionised at an ion source before they can be detected in a coupled mass detector. The resulting data typically consists of mass-to-charge ( $m/z$ ), time, and intensity triplets that describe – for every detected ion mass – the strength of the ion beam and the time it is detected by the spectrometer.



Bruker AvanceCore solution

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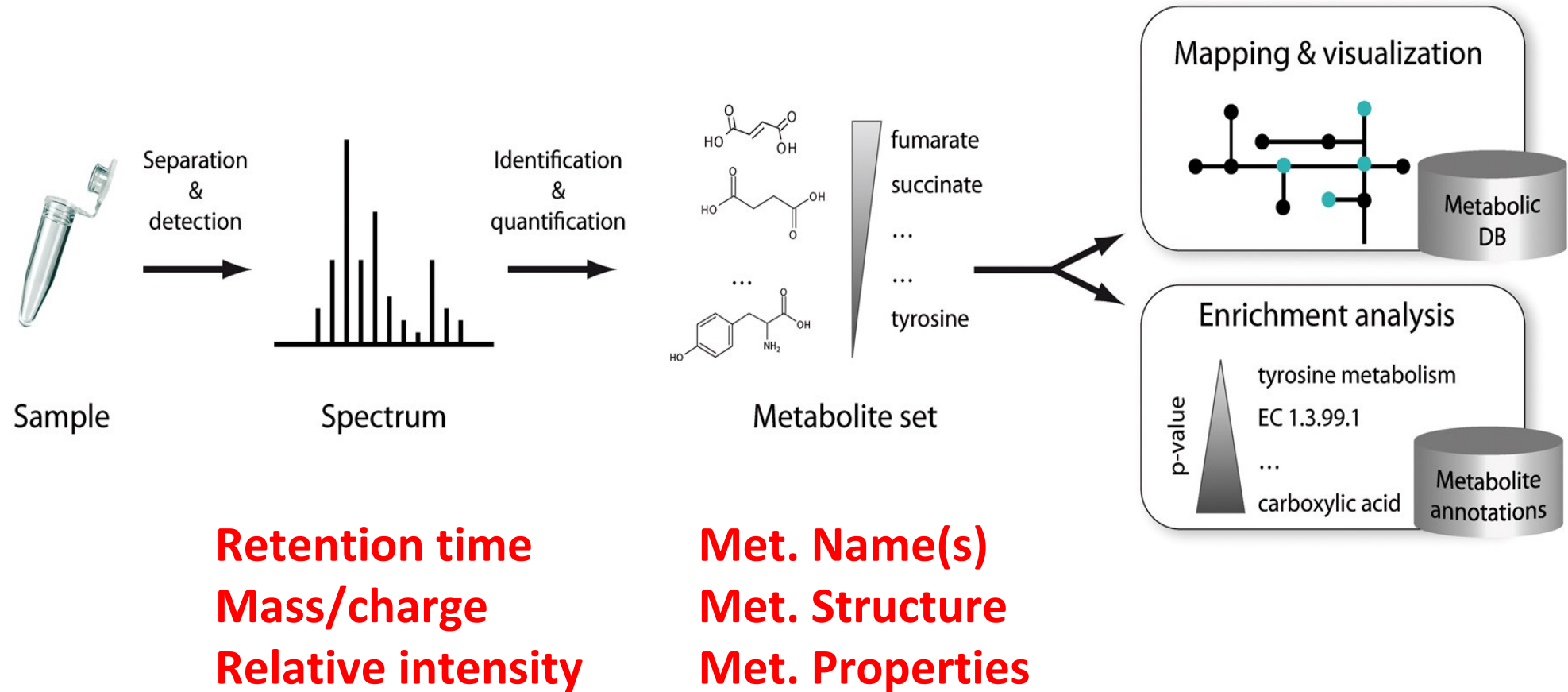
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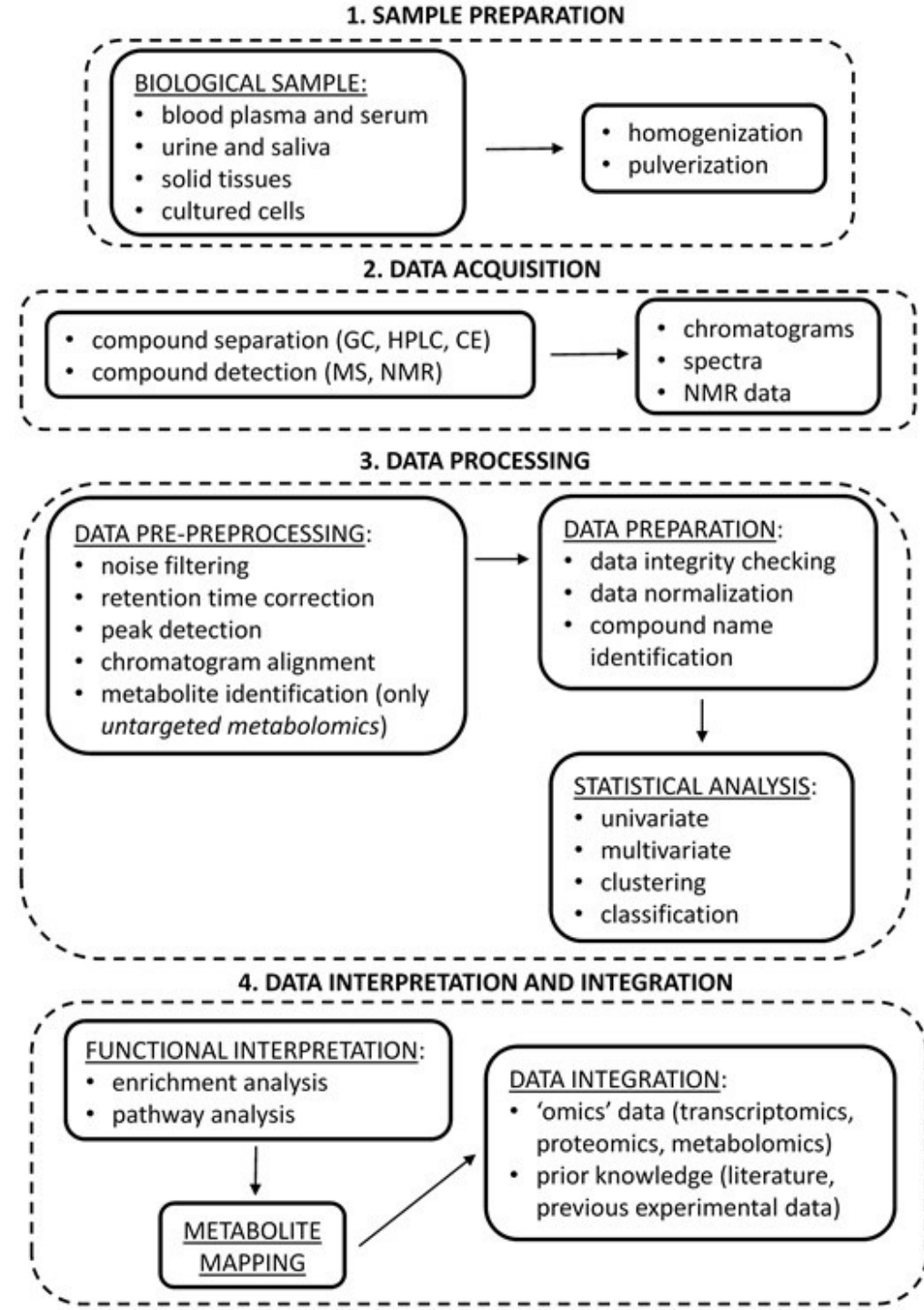
# Metabolomics data (MS example)

**Figure:** Metabolomics analysis workflow. A typical metabolomics experiment involves sample preparation, data ...



# Metabolomics data

Flowchart of a typical metabolomic study. After sample preparation, specific metabolic signals are acquired using heterogeneous analytical platforms (**DATA ACQUISITION**). Raw signals are then pre-processed to produce data in a suitable format for univariate and multivariate statistical analyses. For *untargeted* studies, metabolites have first to be identified from spectral information (**DATA PROCESSING**). Significantly expressed metabolites are then linked to the biological context, through enrichment and pathway analysis, and mapped into networks. Finally, metabolomic data are integrated with other 'omics' data and with prior knowledge to gain a comprehensive view of the molecular processes involved (**DATA INTERPRETATION AND INTEGRATION**).



Alice Cambiaghi, Manuela Ferrario, Marco Masseroli, Analysis of metabolomic data: tools, current strategies and future challenges for omics data integration, *Briefings in Bioinformatics*, Volume 18, Issue 3, May 2017, Pages 498–510, <https://doi.org/10.1093/bib/bbw031>



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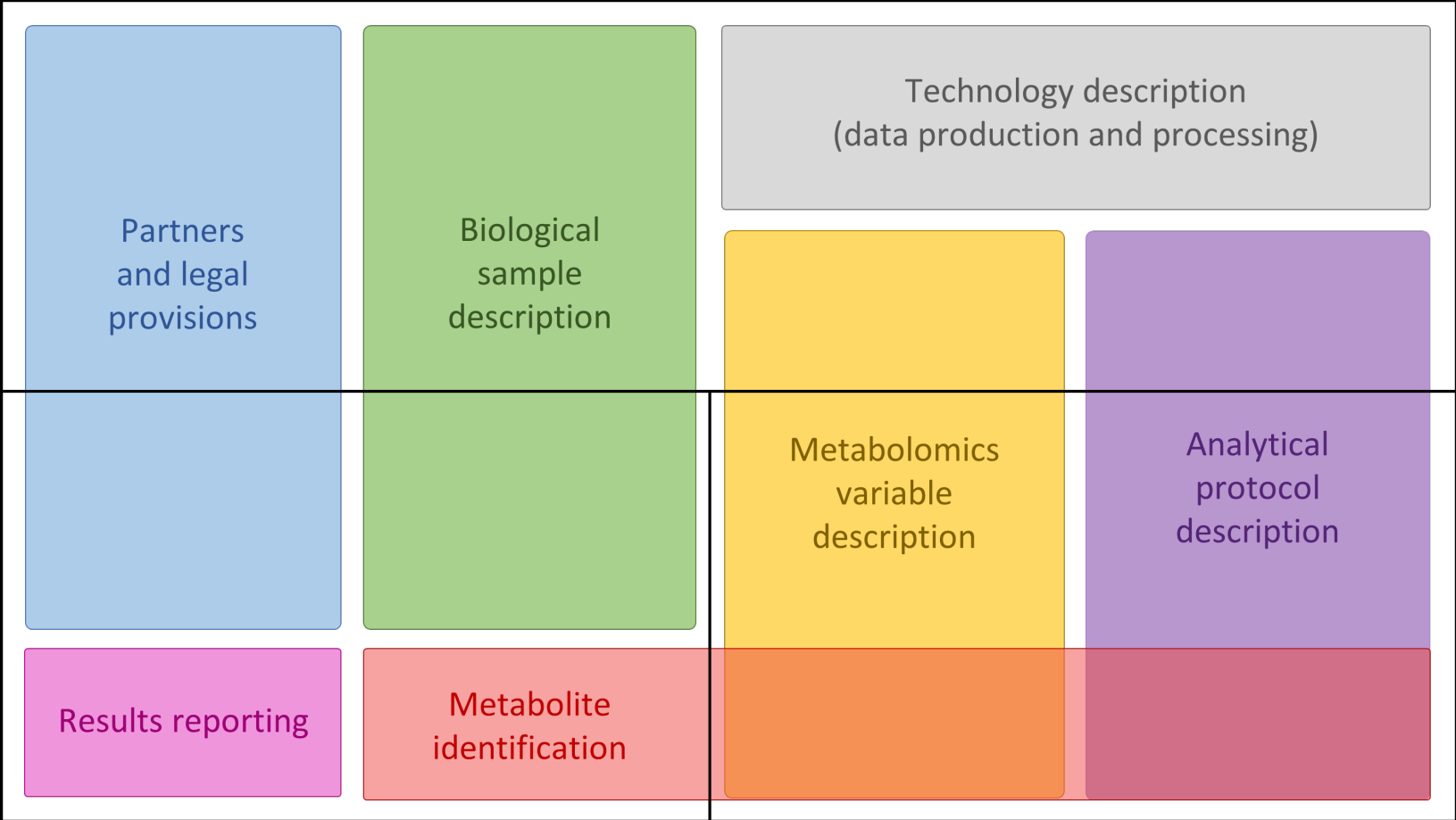
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# Metabolomics metadata

## When taking charge of the project

Based on poster “A project-scale map of metadata to improve future data management”



Post-analysis

During the analysis



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<https://hal.inrae.fr/hal-03776494/document>

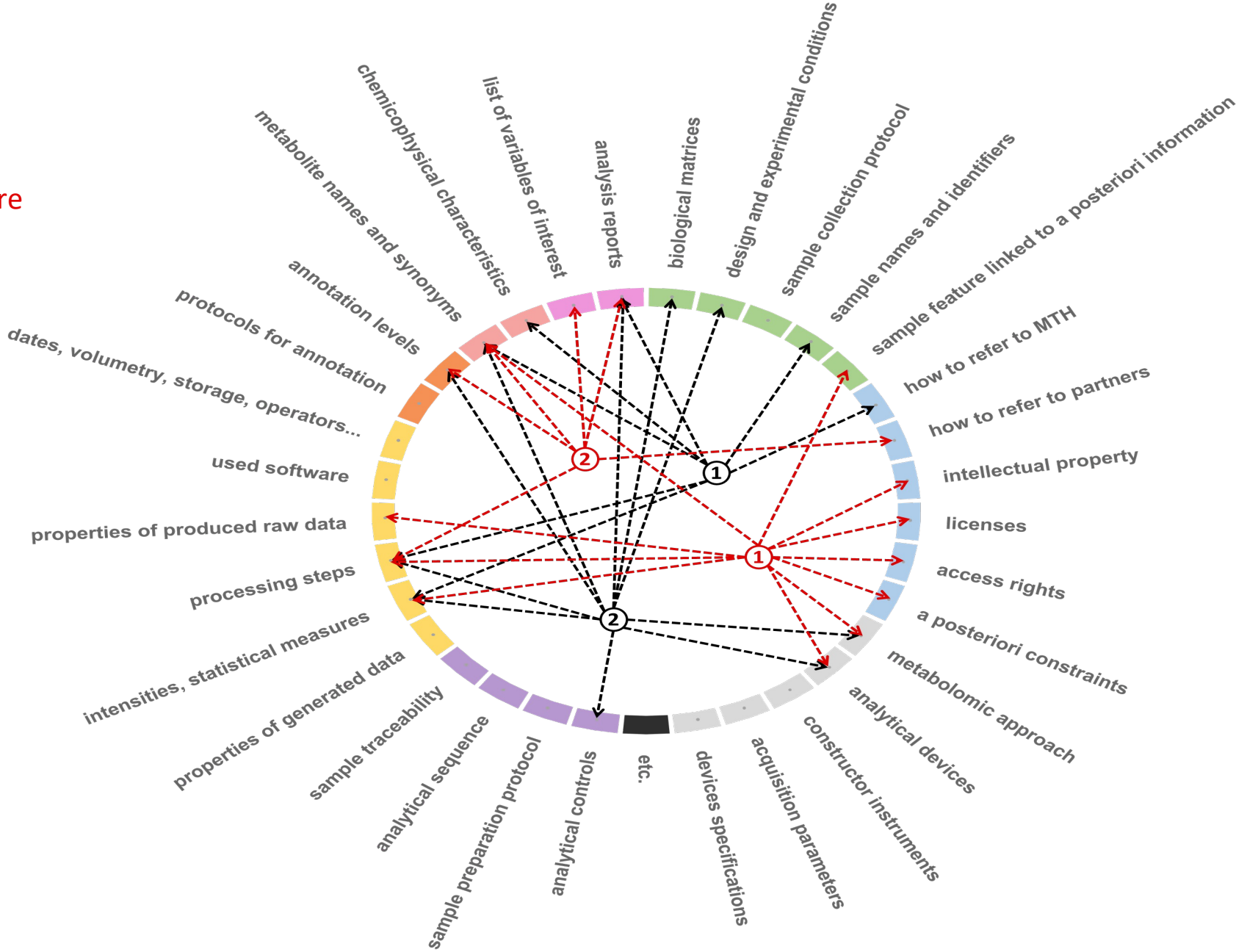


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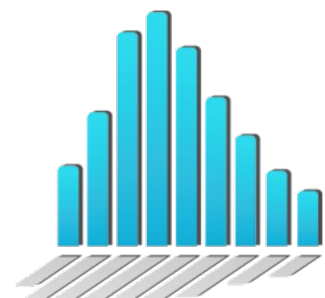
Examples of potential working topics:

- 1. Naming standards inside the infrastructure
- 2. Harmonised use of ontologies

**A project-scale map of metadata to improve future data management**

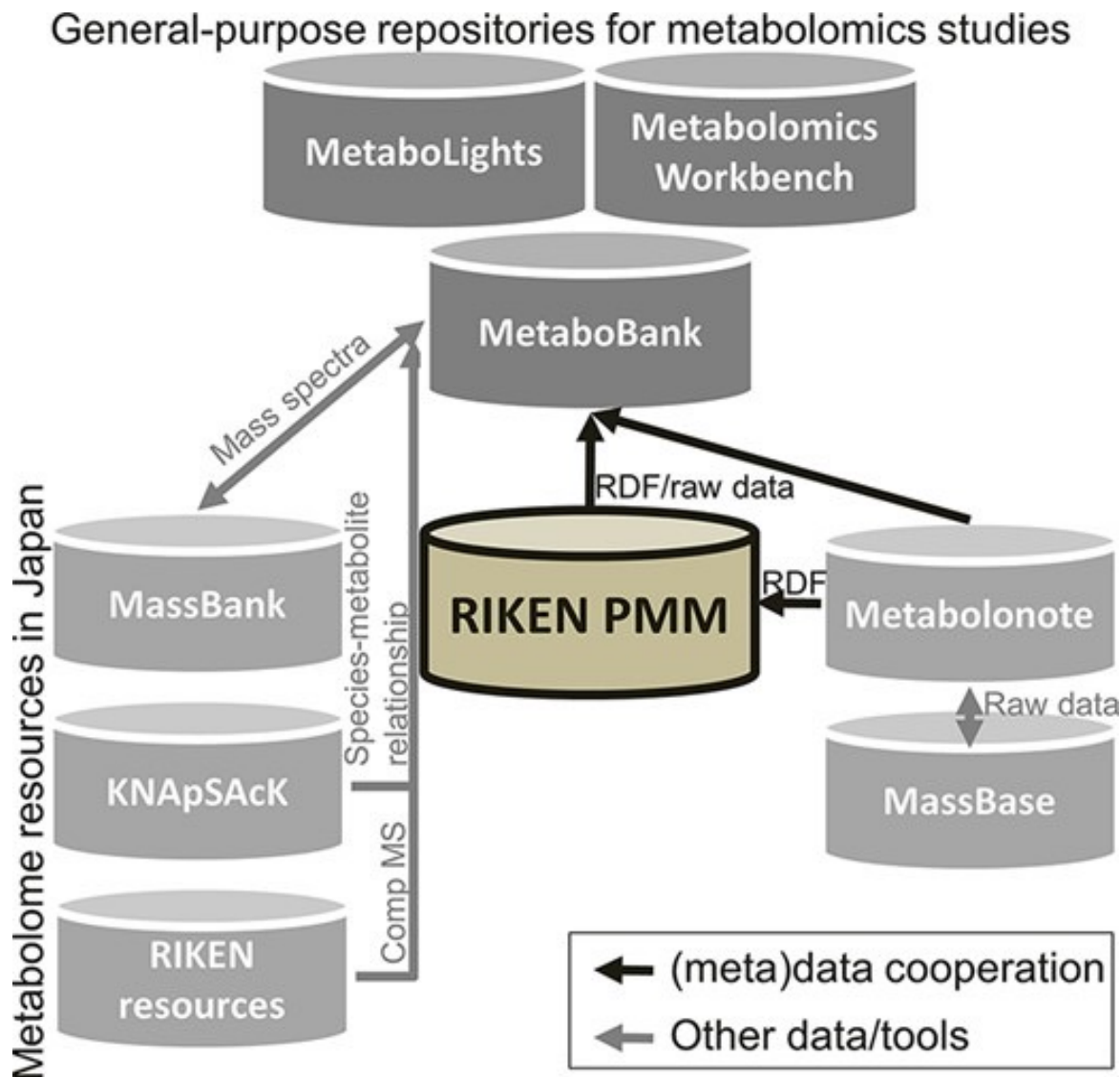


# Metabolomics Data & Information repositories



## EBI - MetaboLights

MetaboLights is a database for Metabolomics experiments and derived information. The database is cross-species, cross-technique and covers metabolite structures and their reference spectra as well as their biological roles, locations and concentrations, and experimental data from metabolic experiments.



## NHI – Metabolomics Workbench

The Metabolomics Workbench serves as a national and international repository for metabolomics data and metadata and provides analysis tools and access to metabolite standards, protocols, tutorials, training, and more.



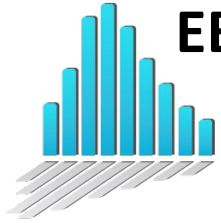
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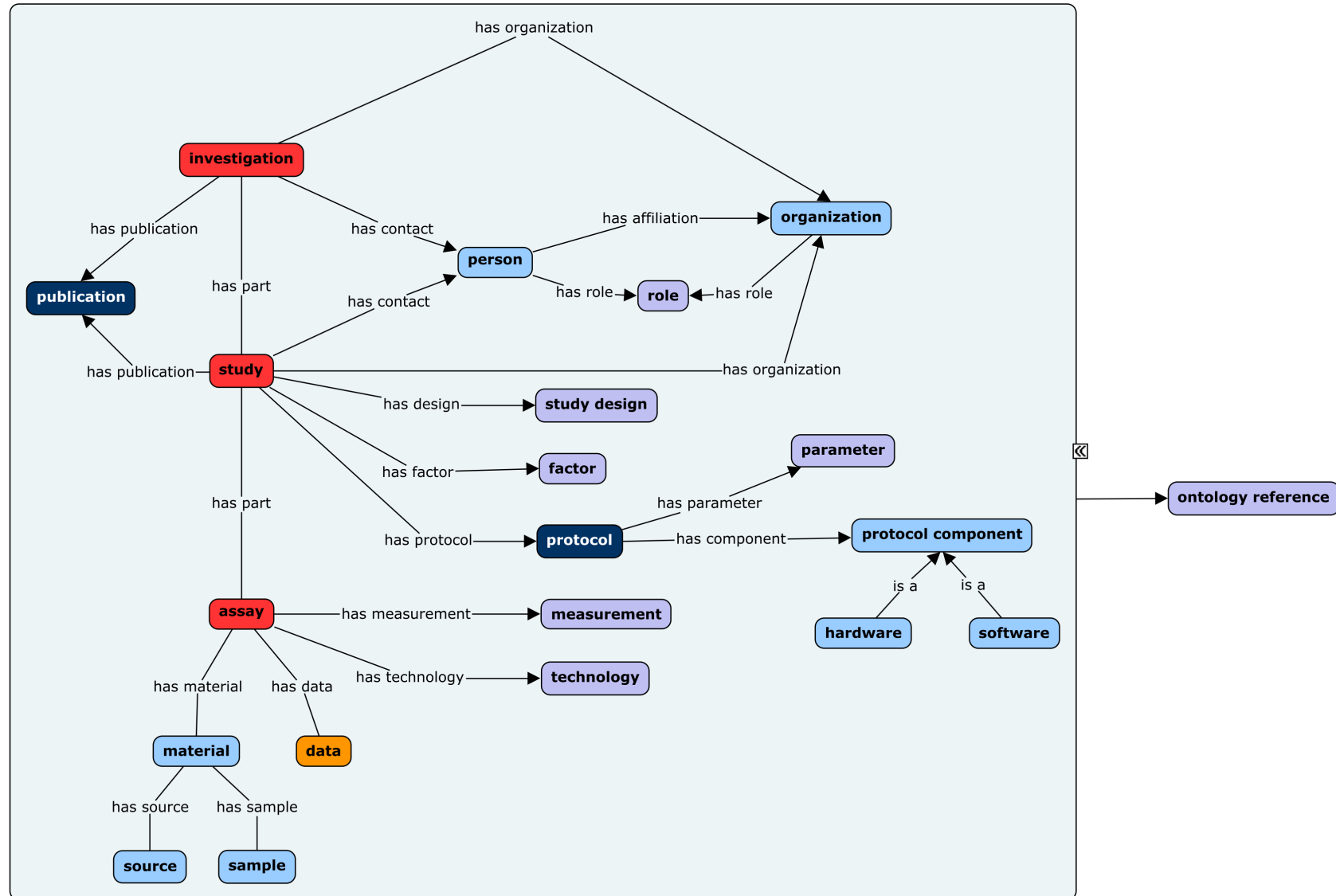
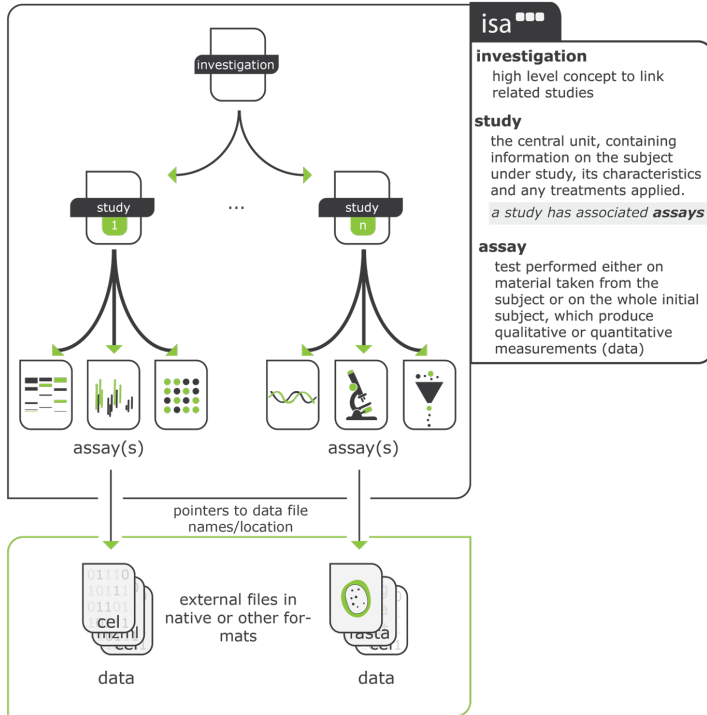
From Fukushima et al 2022 - <https://doi.org/10.1093/pcp/pcab173>

# MTBLS model



## EBI - MetaboLights

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**Abstract Model**



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<https://isa-specs.readthedocs.io/en/latest/>

# MTWB model

## NHI – Metabomics Workbench



Powered by **mwTab**  
**Format**



Version 1.5 (Mar,2022)

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MS:DRY\_GAS\_TEMP  
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MS:FRAGMENTATION\_METHOD  
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MS:HELIUM\_FLOW  
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MS:ION\_SPRAY\_VOLTAGE  
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MS:IONIZATION\_POTENTIAL

### MS fields

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MS:CDL\_TEMPERATURE  
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MS:DESOLVATION\_TEMPERATURE  
MS:INTERFACE\_VOLTAGE  
MS:IT\_SIDE\_OCTOPOLES\_BIAS\_VOLTAGE  
MS:LASER  
MS:MATRIX

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MS:MS\_RESULTS\_FILE

(required fields in red)

[https://www.metabolomicsworkbench.org/data/mwTab\\_specification.pdf](https://www.metabolomicsworkbench.org/data/mwTab_specification.pdf)

<https://mwtab.readthedocs.io/en/latest/>

# MassBank project



## MassBank Record Format 2.6.0 – MassBank Consortium (May 13, 2022)

<https://github.com/MassBank/MassBank-web/blob/main/Documentation/MassBankRecordFormat.md>

Tag	Mandatory/ Optional	Unique/ Iterative	Single line/ Multiple line	Description	Subsection in manual
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ACCESSION	M	U	S	Record identifier	<a href="#">2.1.1</a>
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DATE	M	U	S	Date of creation or last modification of record	<a href="#">2.1.3</a>
AUTHORS	M	U	S	Name and affiliation of authors	<a href="#">2.1.4</a>
LICENSE	M	U	S	Creative Commons License or its compatible terms	<a href="#">2.1.5</a>
COPYRIGHT	O	U	S	Copyright	<a href="#">2.1.6</a>
PUBLICATION	O	U	S	Bibliographic information of reference	<a href="#">2.1.7</a>
PROJECT	O	U	S	Information on a related project)	<a href="#">2.1.8</a>
COMMENT	O	I	S	Comments	<a href="#">2.1.9</a>
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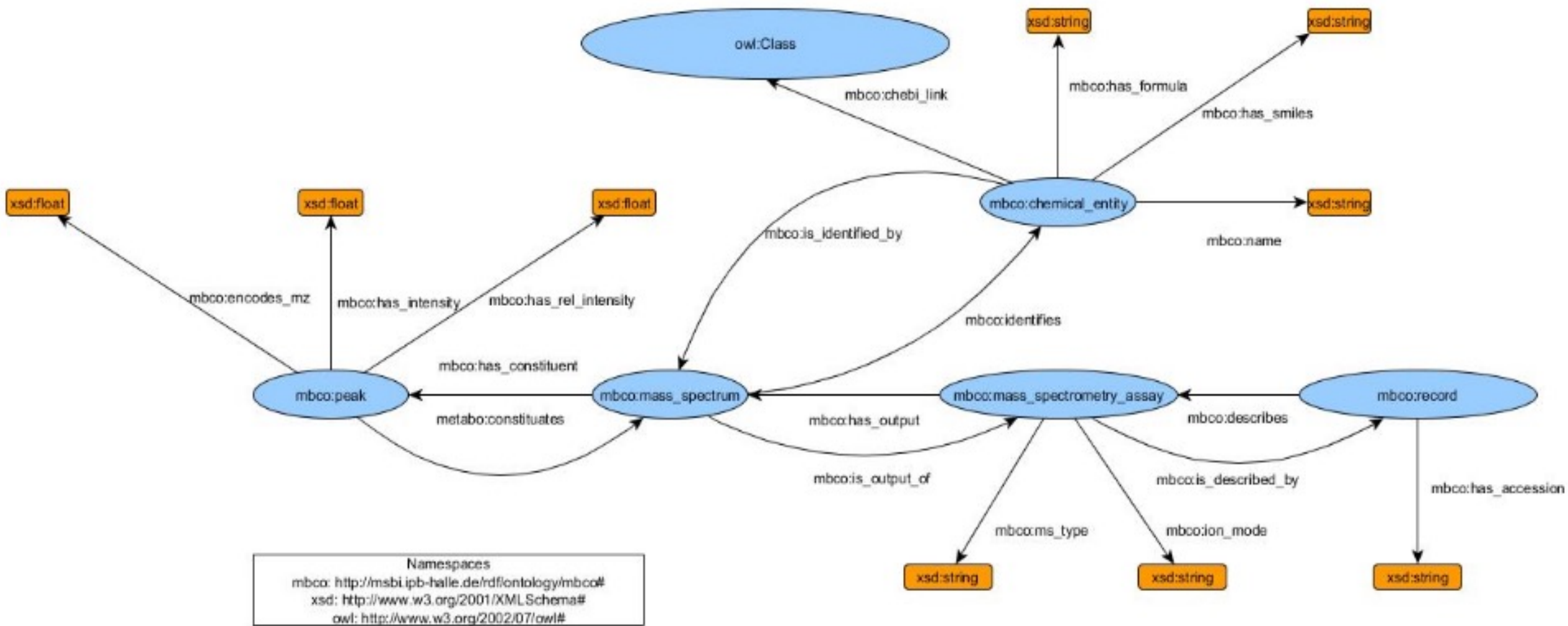
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# The « old » current state of RDF MassBank (From [source](#))



# Metabolomics standards advances

## MIAMET (Minimum Information About a METabolomics experiment) - 2004

Bino, RJ et al. Potential of metabolomics as a functional genomics tool, Trends in Plant Science, Volume 9, Issue 9, 2004, Pages 418-425, ISSN 1360-1385, [10.1016/j.tplants.2004.07.004](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.tplants.2004.07.004).

## The metabolomics standards initiative (MSI) – 2007

Fiehn, O., Robertson, D., Griffin, J. et al. The metabolomics standards initiative (MSI). Metabolomics 3, 175–178 (2007). [10.1007/s11306-007-0070-6](https://doi.org/10.1007/s11306-007-0070-6)

MSI Board Members: The Metabolomics Standards Initiative. Nat Biotechnol 25, 846–848 (2007). [10.1038/nbt0807-846b](https://doi.org/10.1038/nbt0807-846b)

## Proposed minimum reporting standards for chemical analysis Chemical Analysis Working Group (CAWG) Metabolomics Standards Initiative (MSI) – 2007 [<http://msi-workgroups.sourceforge.net/>]

Sumner LW, et al. Proposed minimum reporting standards for chemical analysis Chemical Analysis Working Group (CAWG) Metabolomics Standards Initiative (MSI). Metabolomics. 2007 10.1007/s11306-007-0082-2. PMID: 24039616;

## EU FP7 COordination of Standards in MetabOlomicS (COSMOS)

Salek, R.M. et al. COordination of Standards in MetabOlomicS (COSMOS): facilitating integrated metabolomics data access. Metabolomics (2015). [10.1007/s11306-015-0810-y](https://doi.org/10.1007/s11306-015-0810-y)

Schober D., et al. NmrML: A Community Supported Open Data Standard for the Description, Storage, and Exchange of NMR Data Ana.Chem. (2018) 10.1021/acs.analchem.7b02795

## EU H2020 Phenome and Metabolome aNalysis (PhenoMeNal)

## Opinions

Salek RM, Haug K, Steinbeck C. Dissemination of metabolomics results: role of MetaboLights and COSMOS. Gigascience. 2013 May 17;2(1):8. doi: 10.1186/2047-217X-2-8. PMID: 23683662;

Goodacre, R. Water, water, every where, but rarely any drop to drink. Metabolomics 10, 5–7 (2014). [10.1007/s11306-013-0618-6](https://doi.org/10.1007/s11306-013-0618-6)

Spicer RA, Salek R, Steinbeck C. A decade after the metabolomics standards initiative it's time for a revision. Sci Data. 2017 Sep 26;4:170138. doi: 10.1038/sdata.2017.138. PMID: 29989594;

Viant, M.R. et al. Use cases, best practice and reporting standards for metabolomics in regulatory toxicology. Nat Commun 10, 3041 (2019). [10.1038/s41467-019-10900-y](https://doi.org/10.1038/s41467-019-10900-y)



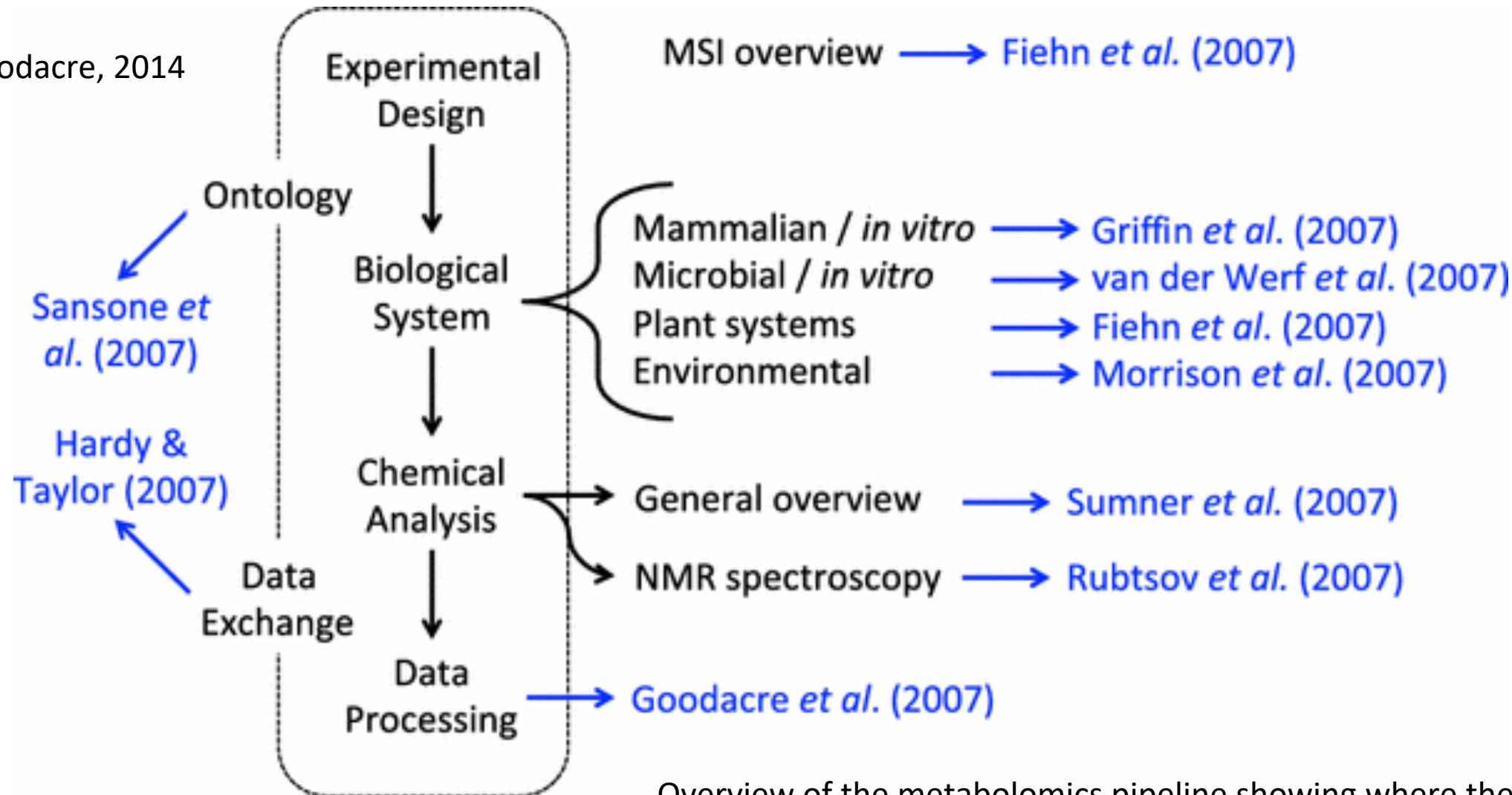
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# Aiming of MSI reporting standards

From Goodacre, 2014



Overview of the metabolomics pipeline showing where the MSI reporting standards are aimed (*highlighted in blue*) (Color figure online)



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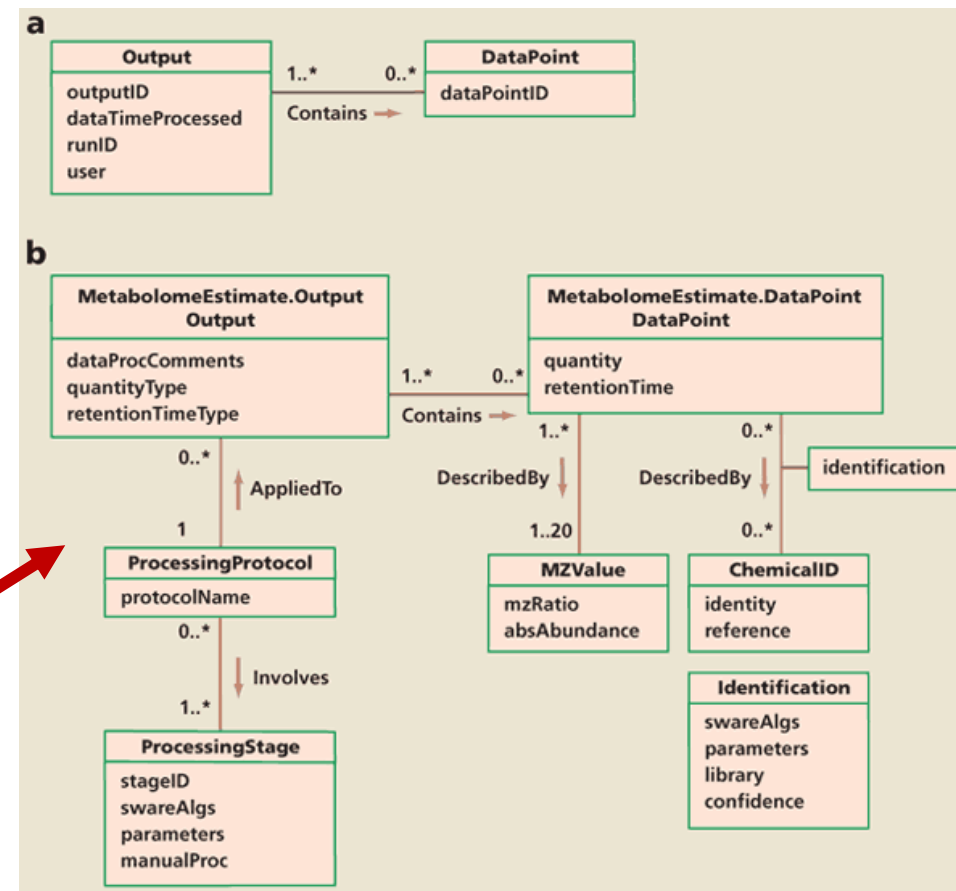
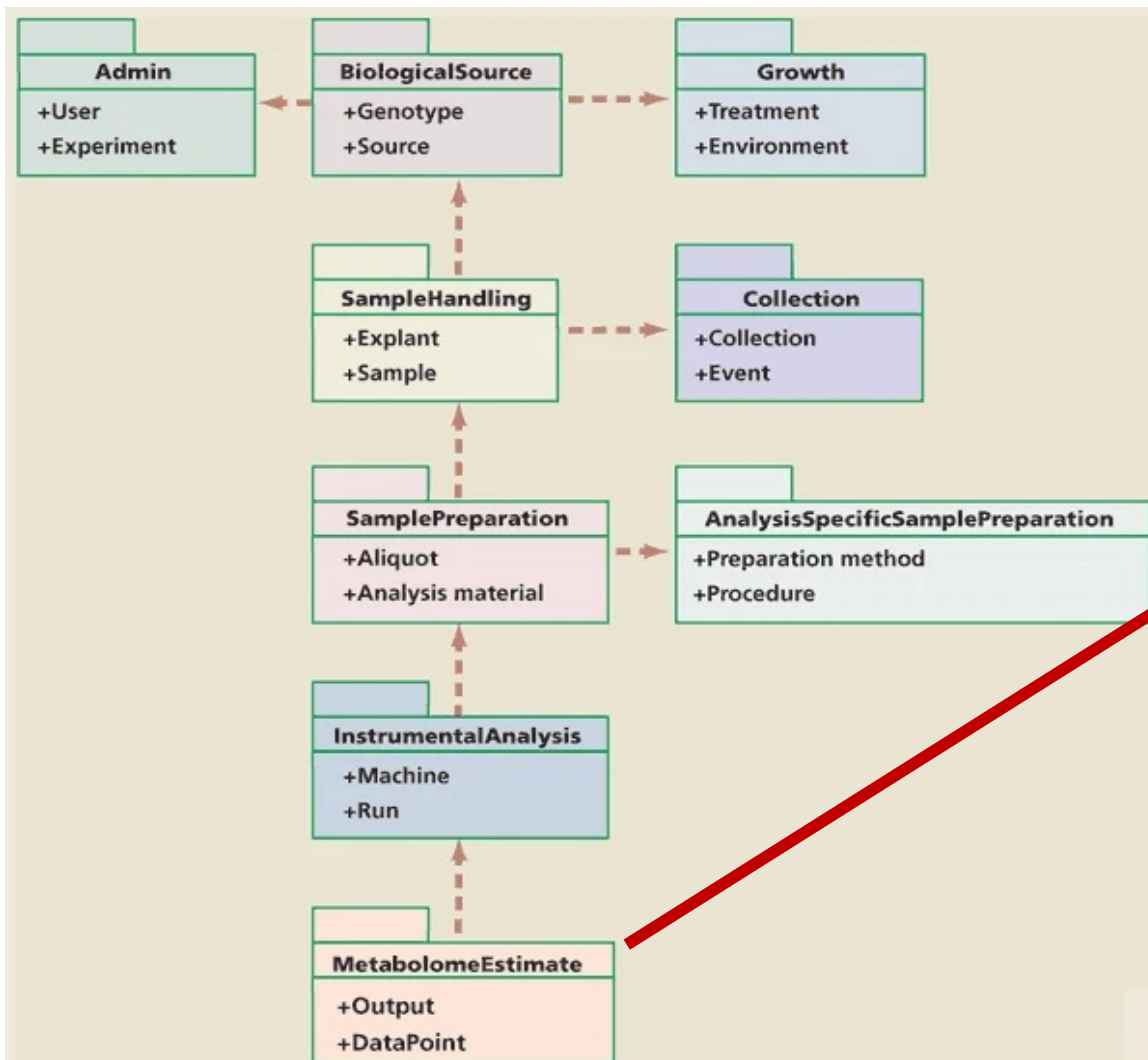
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# Designed data metabolomics models

- **Summary recommendations for standardization and reporting of metabolic analyses**
  - The Standard Metabolic Reporting Structures working group. Nat Biotechnol 23, 833–838 (2005). <https://doi.org/10.1038/nbt0705-833>
- **ArMet: A proposed framework for the description of plant metabolomics experiments and their results**
  - Jenkins H, Hardy N. Nat Biotechnol. **2004** doi: 10.1038/nbt1041. PMID: 15583675.

Standard Metabolic Reporting Structures (SMRS)  
Architecture for metabolomics (ArMet)



The 'MetabolomeEstimate' component.

(a) The core definition. (b) An example subcomponent to support metabolomics data, as produced by GC-MS

# Ontologies | controlled vocabulary

**OWG** - Sansone, SA., Schober, D., Atherton, H.J. *et al.* Metabolomics standards initiative: ontology working group work in progress. *Metabolomics* **3**, 249–256 (2007). [10.1007/s11306-007-0069-z](https://doi.org/10.1007/s11306-007-0069-z)

## Experimental metadata

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Taxonomy/>

<http://www.plantontology.org/>

<http://environmentontology.org/>

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## Analytical metadata

...

## Spectral data

...

## Compounds

...



1,017 entries



277 entries

<https://www.ebi.ac.uk/ols/ontologies>

March 24, 2022

Philip Strömert\*, Johannes Hunold, André Castro, Steffen Neumann and Oliver Koepler

## Ontologies4Chem: the landscape of ontologies in chemistry

<https://doi.org/10.1515/pac-2021-2007>



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# How to « class » ontologies – A try with the « ontologies-framework » project

<https://pfem.clermont.inrae.fr/ontologies-framework/>

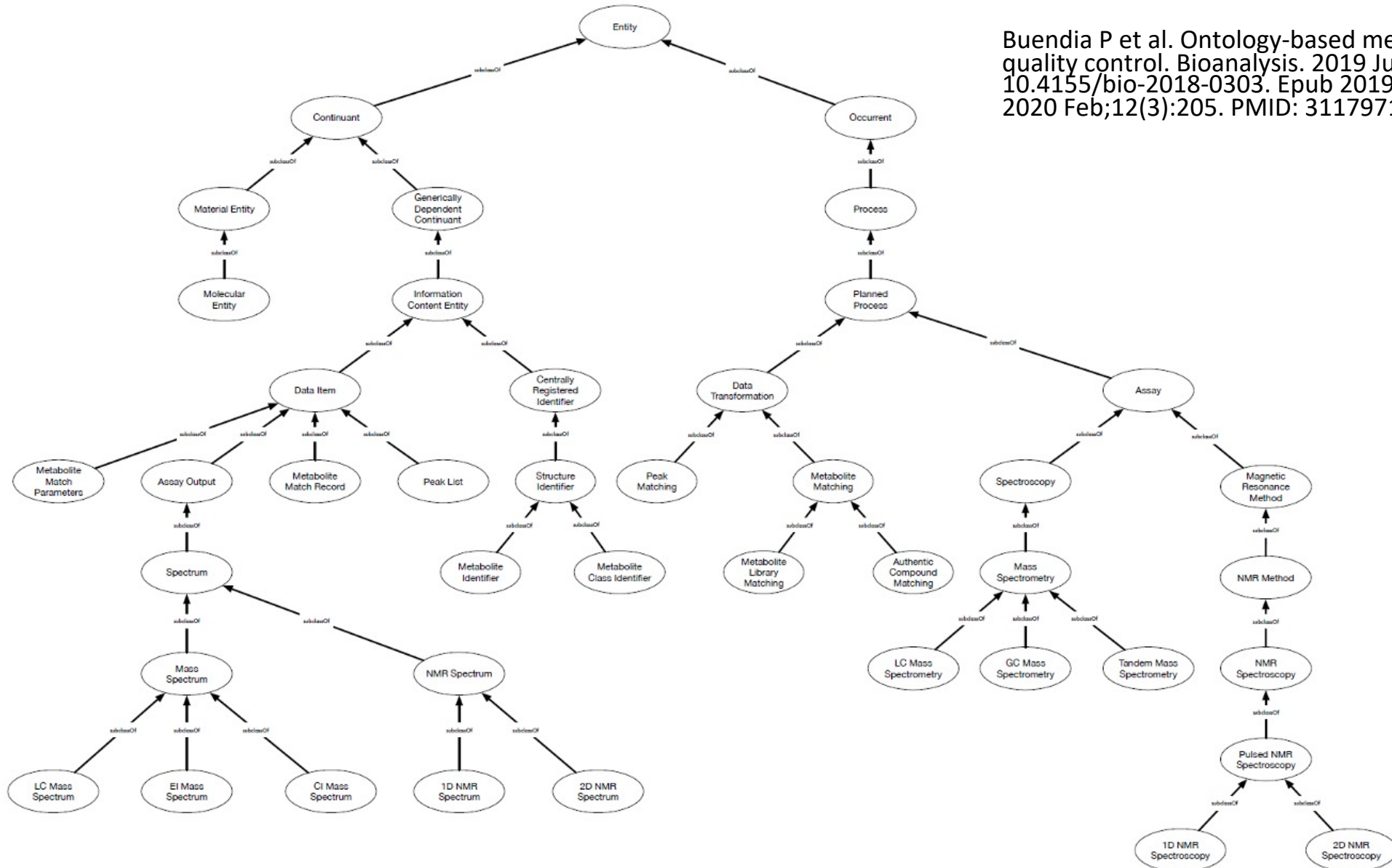
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# MODIS, a prototype implementation of a minimum reporting standard for collecting information about a metabolomics experiment (2019)

Buendia P et al. Ontology-based metabolomics data integration with quality control. *Bioanalysis*. 2019 Jun;11(12):1139-1155. doi: 10.4155/bio-2018-0303. Epub 2019 Jun 10. Erratum in: *Bioanalysis*. 2020 Feb;12(3):205. PMID: 31179719; PMCID: PMC6661928.



# Landscape of ontologies in chemistry (Strömert et al, Pure and Applied Chemistry, 2022, 10.1515/pac-2021-2007)

Ontology	Domain	License	Modularity	Used in
<b>ChEBI</b>	Chemistry	CC-BY 4.0	BFO & OBO based	YMDB, HMDB, PubChem, MassBank, KNApSAcK, UM-BBD, GMD, SMID-DB
<b>CHIRO</b>	Chemistry	CC0 1.0	BFO & OBO based	Unknown
<b>ChemOnt</b>	Chemistry	Custom OA license	Subsumable under BFO's <i>Material entity</i>	YMDB, HMDB, T3DB, ECMDB, DrugBank, PubChem, ChEBI, LIPID MAPS, MoNA
<b>CHEMINF</b>	Chemistry	CC-BY 3.0	BFO & OBO based	PubChem, Open PHACTS
<b>CHMO</b>	Chemistry	CC-BY 4.0	BFO & OBO based	Chemotion, Allotrope™
<b>MOP</b>	Chemistry	CC-BY 4.0	BFO & OBO based	RXNO
<b>RXNO</b>	Chemistry	CC-BY 4.0	BFO & OBO based	NameRXN, Wikipedia, Chemotion
<b>OntoKin</b>	Chemistry	Unknown	OntoCAPE upper level & modules	J-Park Simulator
<b>AFO</b>	Chemistry	CC-BY 4.0	BFO classes & relations, many AFO- some custom OBO-modules	Allotrope™
<b>PROCO</b>	Chemistry	CC-BY 4.0	AFO & OBO based	Allotrope™
<b>MS</b>	Chemistry	CC-BY 4.0	BFO & OBO mapping possible	mzML
<b>nmrCV</b>	Chemistry	Public Domain Mark 1.0	BFO & OBO mapping possible	MetaboLights, HMDB
<b>BFO</b>	Upper level (classes only)	CC-BY 4.0	OBO backbone	¿300 ontologies & ¿50 organizations, PubChem
<b>RO</b>	Upper level (relations)	CC0 1.0	BFO & OBO based	Monarch Initiative, OBO Foundry, Gene Ontology, PubChem
<b>IAO</b>	Information artifacts	CC-BY 4.0	BFO & OBO based	OBO Foundry, Allotrope™, PubChem, ISA tools
<b>OBI</b>	Biomedicine	CC-BY 4.0	BFO & OBO based	OBO Foundry, Allotrope™, PubChem
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<b>QUDT</b>	Scientific units	CC-BY 4.0	BFO & OBO based mapping possible	Open PHACTS
<b>PATO</b>	Phenotypic & physical qualities	CC-BY 3.0	BFO & OBO based	OBO Foundry, Allotrope™
<b>SIO</b>	Upper level	CC-BY 4.0	BFO alignment	PubChem, Bio2RDF, SADI Semantic Web Services, DisGeNET's gene-disease associations, EBI's Gene Expression Atlas, Graph4Code
<b>EDAM</b>	Life-sciences & data management	CC-BY 4.0	BFO & OBO mapping possible	EMBOSS, Bio-jETI
<b>OntoCAPE</b>	Upper level & engineering	GNU GPLv2	Provides upper level concepts	J-Park Simulator

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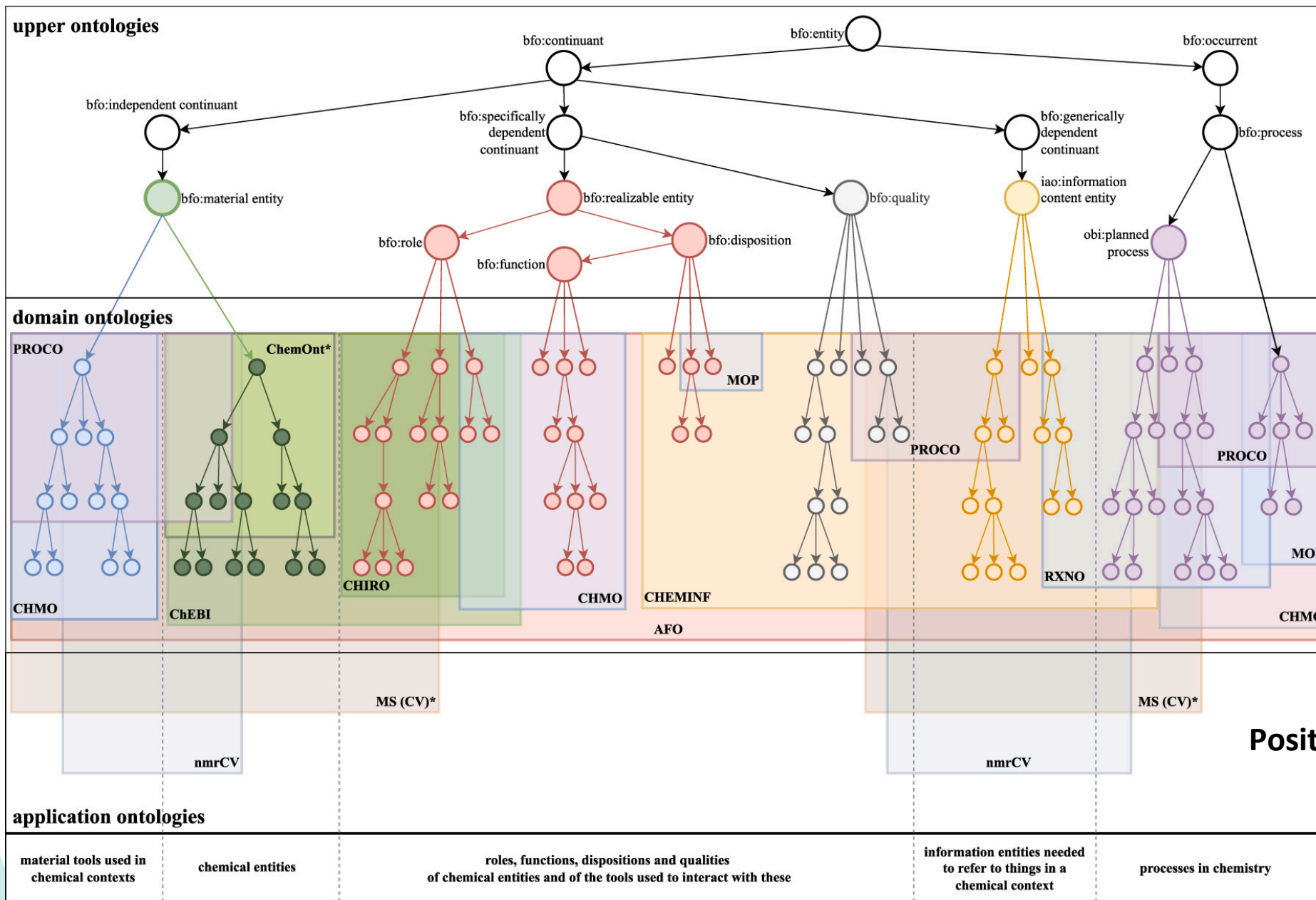
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OntoCAPE Upper level & engineering

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# Landscape of ontologies in chemistry (Strömert et al, Pure and Applied Chemistry, 2022, 10.1515/pac-2021-2007)



10 ontologies that cover general scientific domains and 12 chemistry domain-specific ontologies (see [Table 1](#)). Of these 12, 10 are domain ontologies and two are application ontologies.

**Position in the OBO framework.**

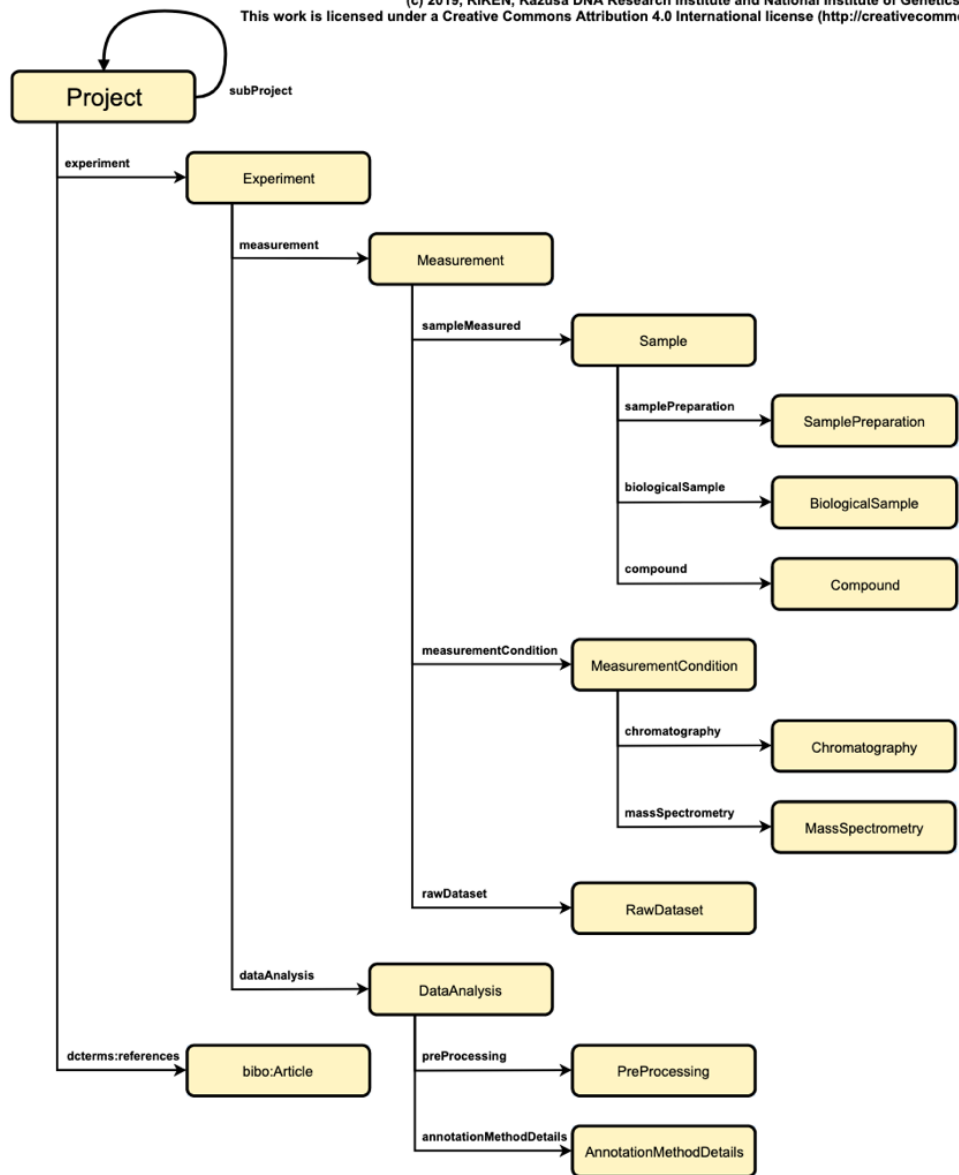
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# RIKEN Plant Metabolomics Metadata (RPMM)

(Fukushima A, et al. Development of RIKEN Plant Metabolome MetaDatabase, *Plant and Cell Physiology*, Volume 63, Issue 3, March 2022, Pages 433–440, <https://doi.org/10.1093/pcp/pcab173>)

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<https://github.com/afukushima/rpmm-metadata>

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RIKEN-DKO typo修正

1 contributor

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3 @prefix rdf: <http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#> .
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5 @prefix xsd: <http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#> .
6 @prefix rdfs: <http://www.w3.org/2000/01/rdf-schema#> .
7 @base <http://metadb.riken.jp/ontology/plantMetabolomics/> .
8 @prefix expType: <http://metadb.riken.jp/ontology/plantMetabolomics/0.1/ExperimentType/> .
9 @prefix techType: <http://metadb.riken.jp/ontology/plantMetabolomics/0.1/TechnologyType/> .
10 @prefix expFac: <http://metadb.riken.jp/ontology/plantMetabolomics/0.1/ExperimentFactor/> .
11 @prefix meaType: <http://metadb.riken.jp/ontology/plantMetabolomics/0.1/MeasurementType/> .
12 @prefix techPlat: <http://metadb.riken.jp/ontology/plantMetabolomics/0.1/TechnologyPlatform/> .
13 @prefix massAys: <http://metadb.riken.jp/ontology/plantMetabolomics/0.1/MassAnalyser/> .
14 @prefix obo: <http://purl.obolibrary.org/obo/> .
15 @prefix bibo: <http://purl.org/ontology/bibo/> .
16 @prefix foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/> .
17 @prefix dcterms: <http://purl.org/dc/terms/> .
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19 @prefix org: <http://www.w3.org/ns/org#> .
20 @prefix cc: <https://creativecommons.org/ns#> .
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based on the semantic web technology



## \* Resources

- <https://www.ebi.ac.uk/training/online/courses/metabolomics-introduction>
- <http://www.rsc.org/learn-chemistry/collections/spectroscopy/introduction#MassSpectrometry>
- <https://edu.rsc.org/resources/collections/analytical-chemistry-introductions#NMRspectroscopy>
  
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