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Swiss Digital Botanical Gardens Initiative

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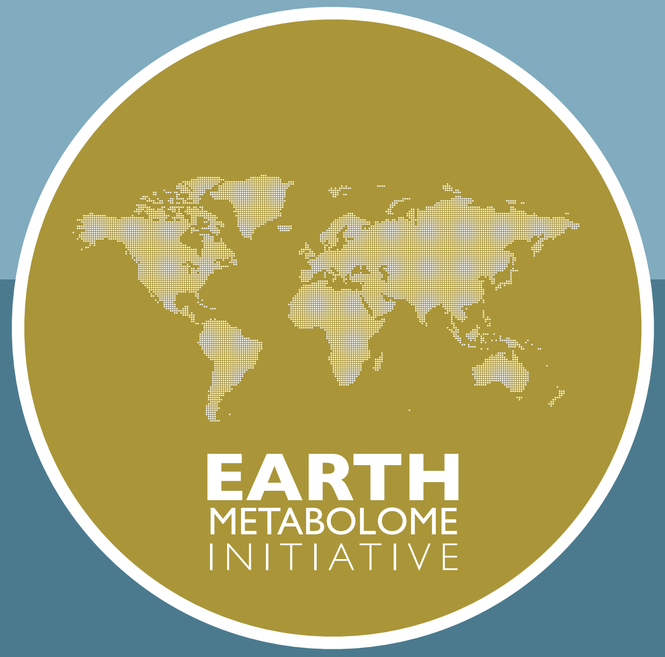

Profile the metabolic content of all currently known species on Earth.

... with three objectives

- *Protect biodiversity*
- *Benefit human society*
- *Explore and understand the chemical foundations of the biosphere*

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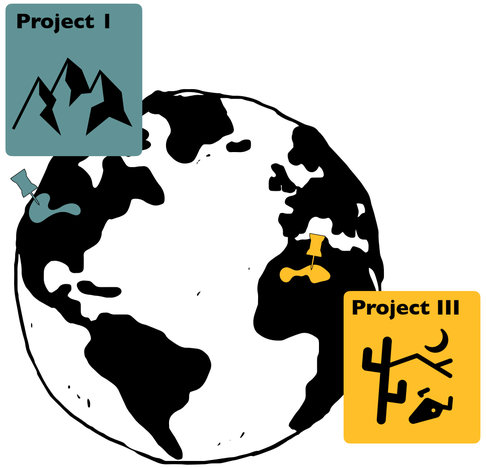
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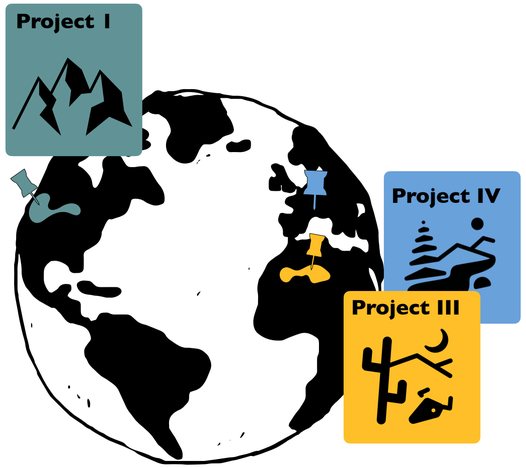
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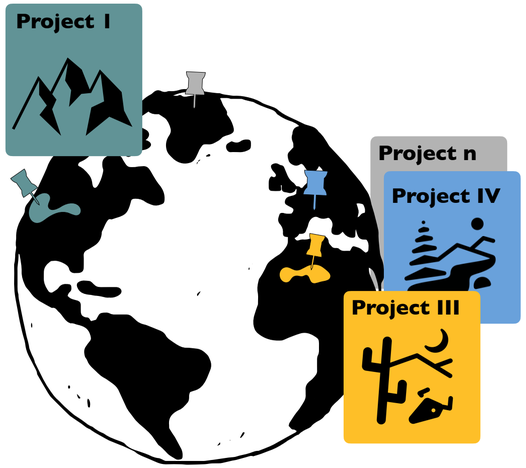
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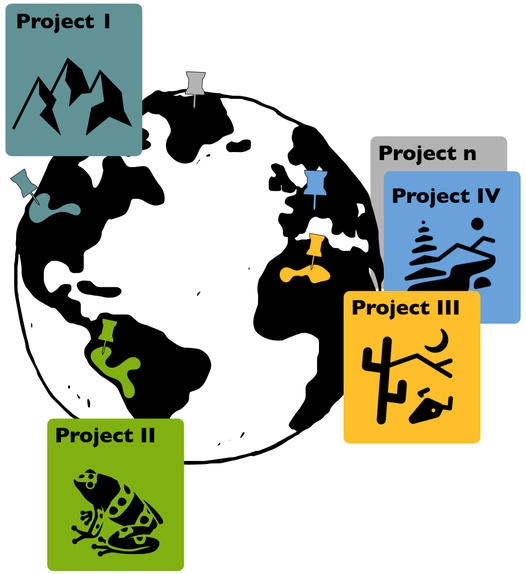
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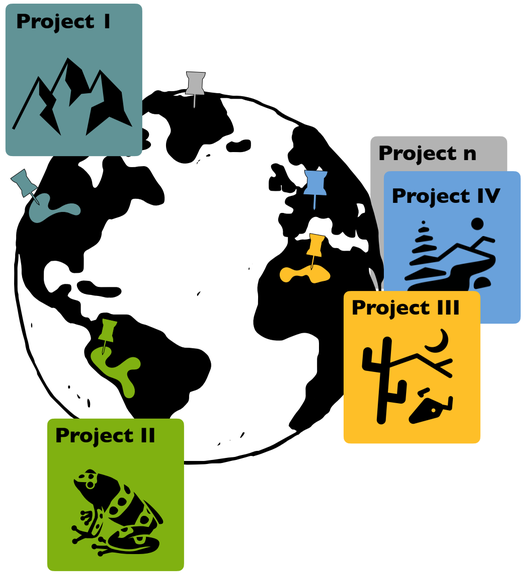
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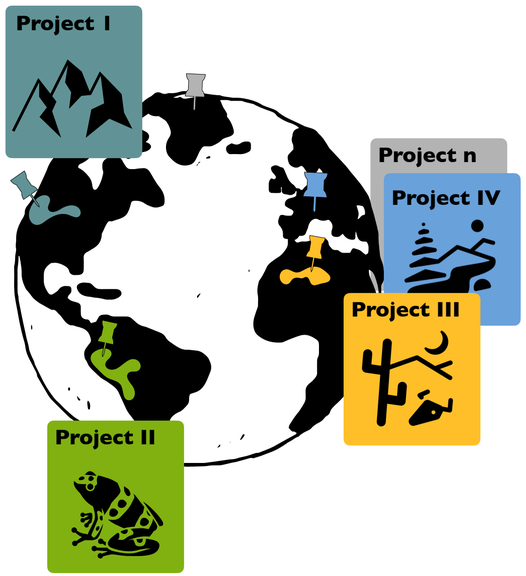

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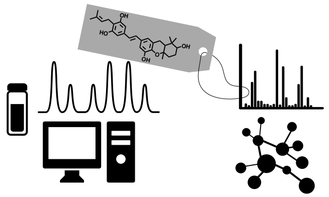

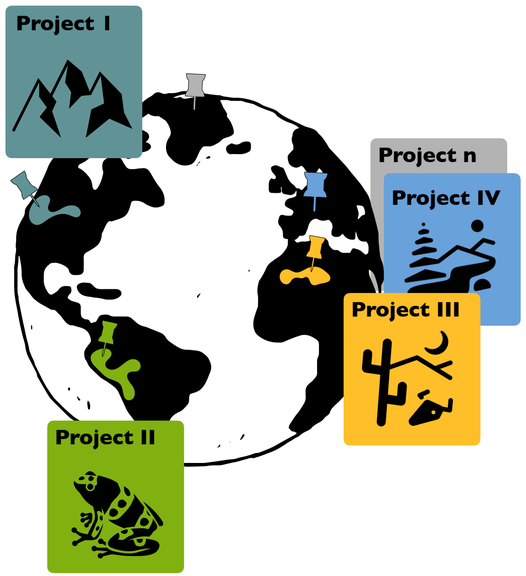

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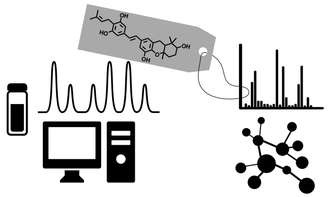

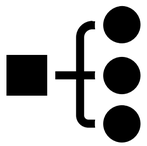

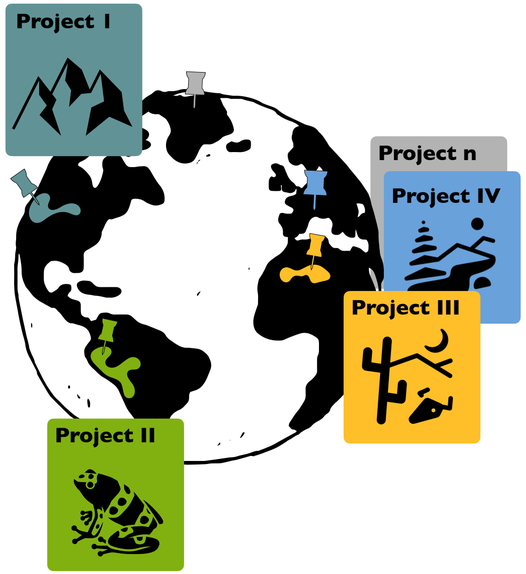

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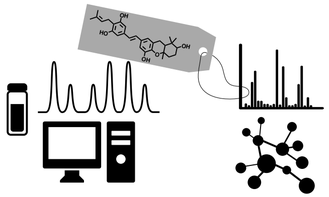

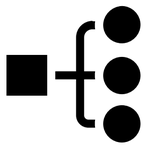

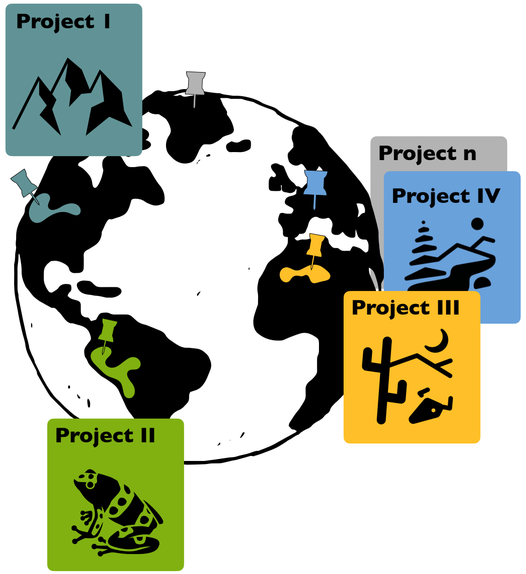

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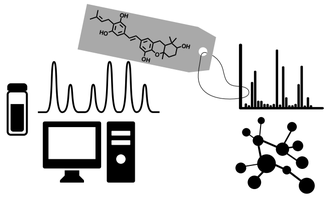

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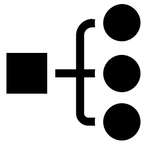

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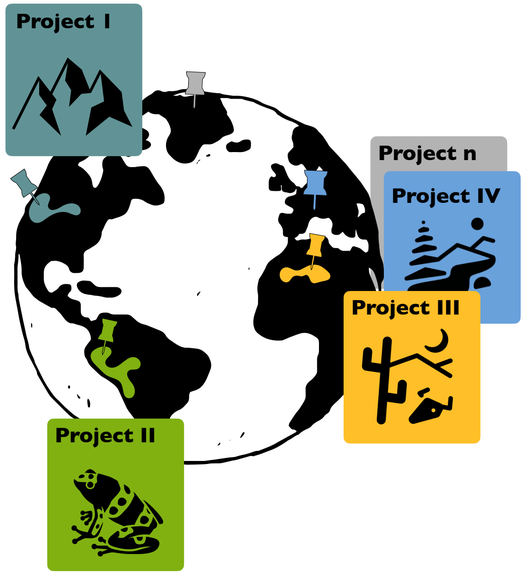

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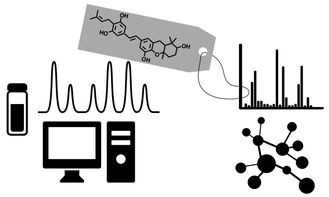

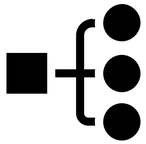

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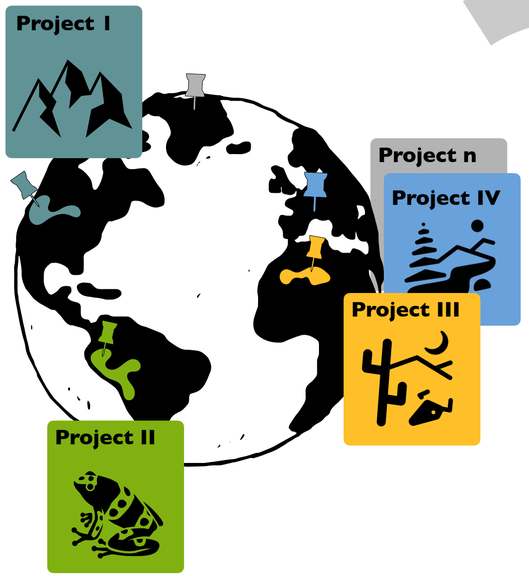

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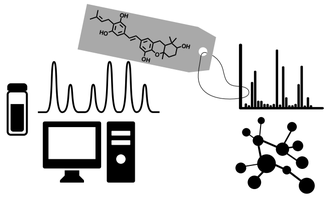

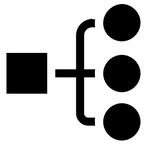

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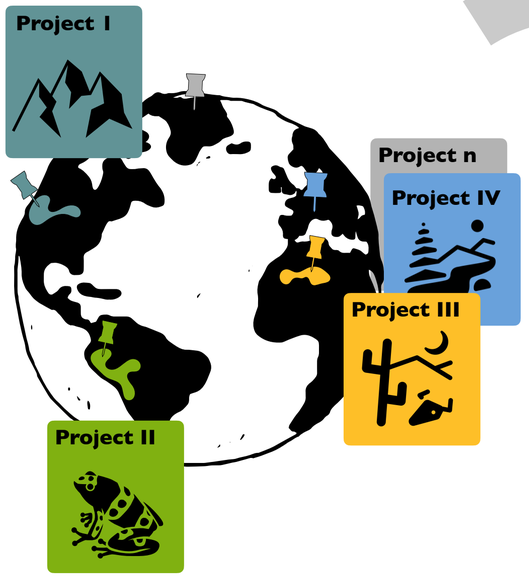

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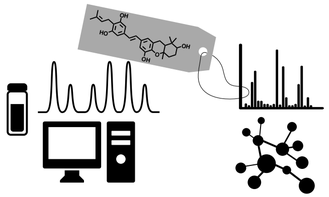

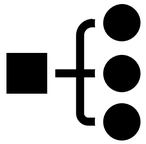

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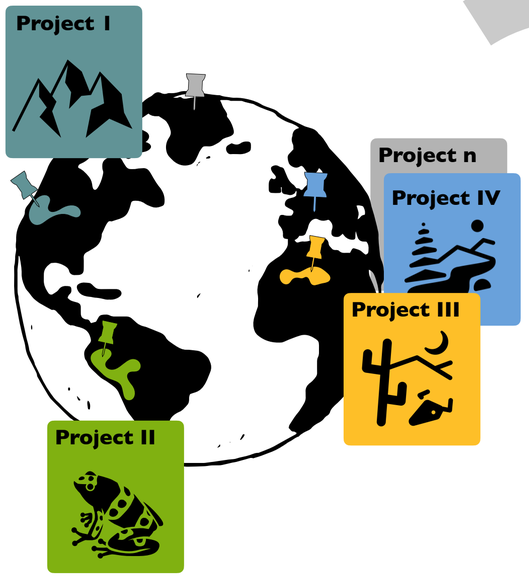

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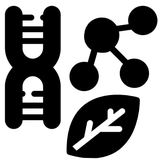

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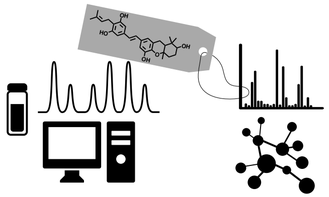

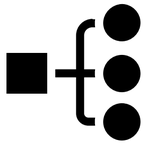

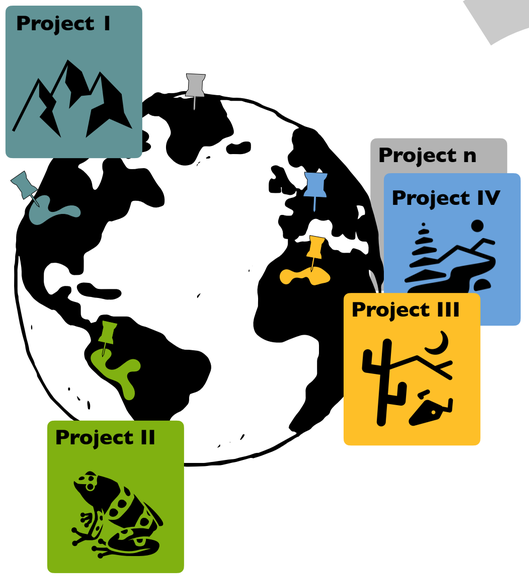

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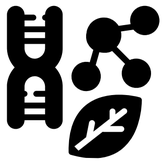

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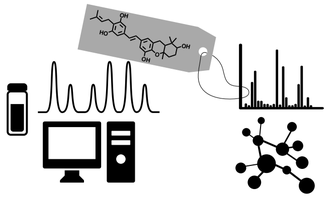

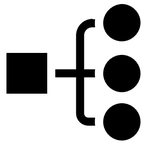

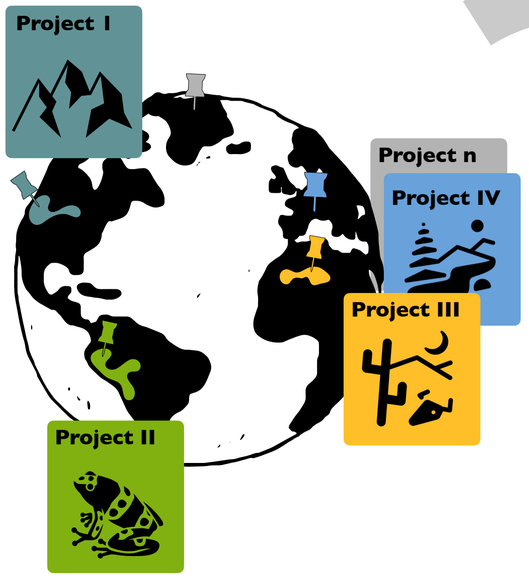

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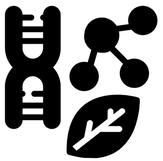

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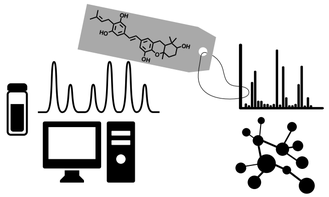

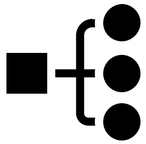

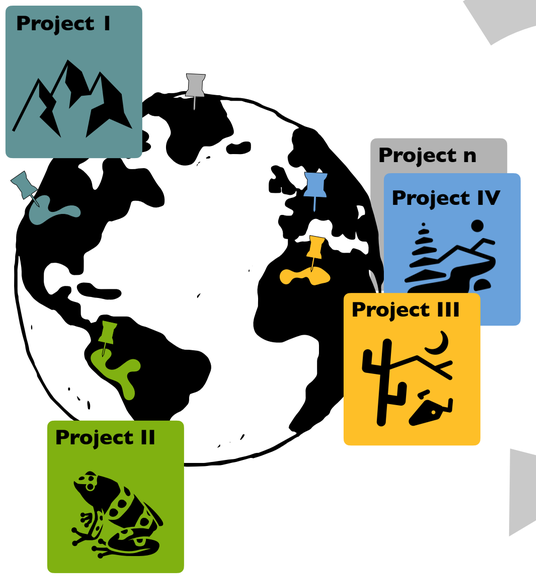

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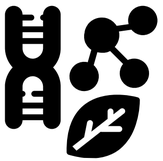

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How do we participate in conservation & restoration ?

- we document biodiversity at novel scales (through the metabolome)
- we develop "molecular arguments" for conservation
- we implement "pay to see" mechanisms for the private sector leading to conservation initiatives including protected areas and co-developed measures for land management
- we develop novel chemodiversity metrics to quantify the impact of conservation & restoration projects

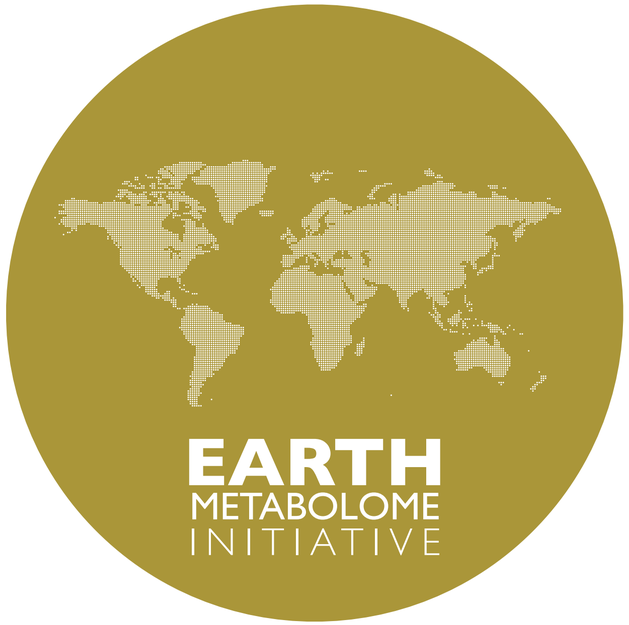
How do we benefit human society ?

- we build, for now and for the next generations, a fully Open Knowledge base documenting the chemistry of Life
- we facilitate the discovery of novel therapeutics from Nature
- we propose and support novel solutions for sustainable food production

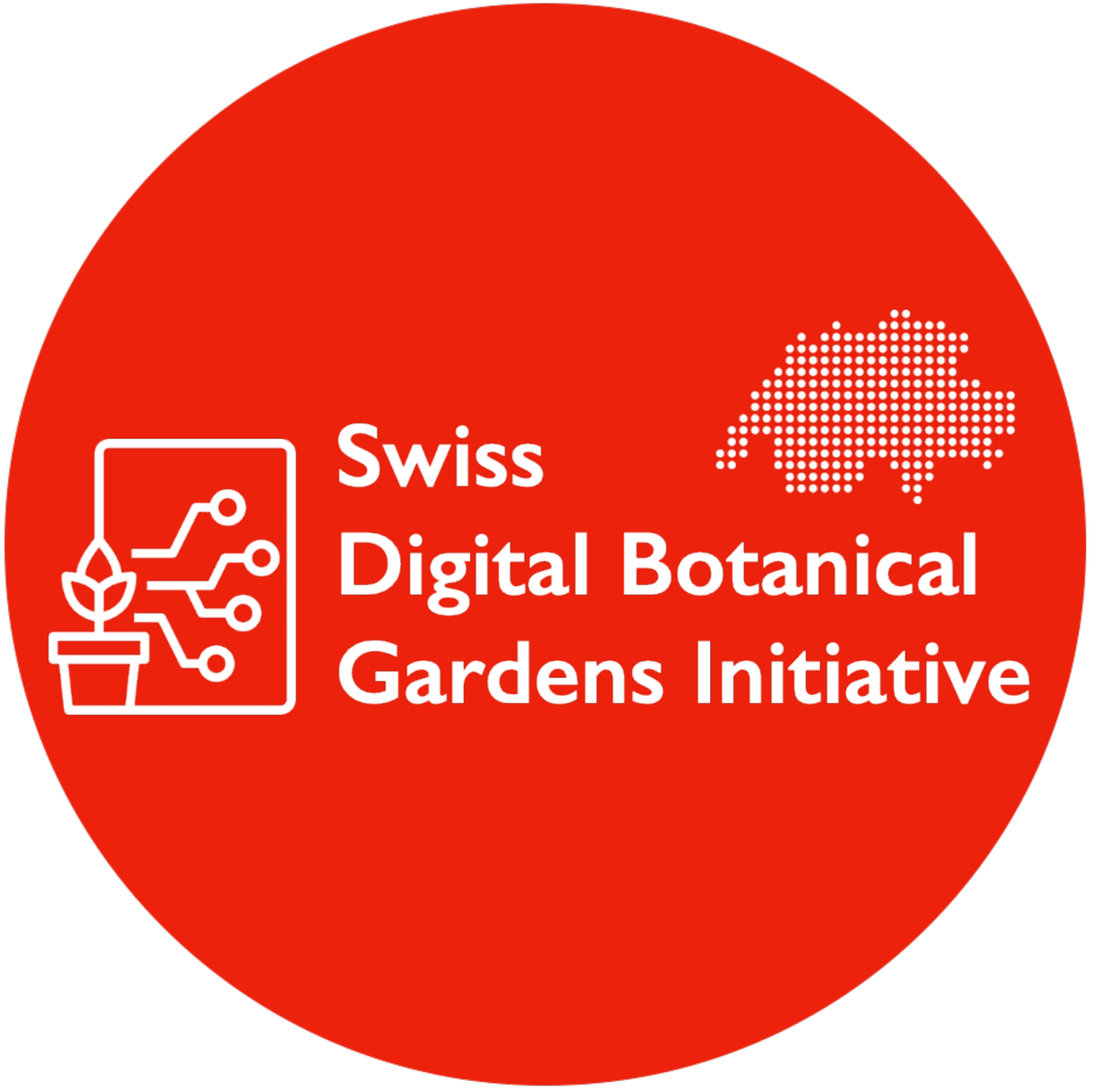
How do we uncover the chemical networks of the biosphere?

- we establish a global molecular map of the Earth's metabolome
- we interlink novel molecular knowledge with biological and ecological open research datasets (e.g. biotic interactions, species distribution, genomics, biological activities)
- we shape evolutionary models of the metabolome
- we anticipate unknown chemistries

So what is the EMI ?



An Open Science initiative and a global effort to profile the metabolic content of all currently known species on our planet (~2.3 million species). We are building the required computational, scientific and organisational architecture to establish the network of ressources and humans to advance in this massive undertaking. The EMI will explore the chemical foundations of Life for a better human society within a thriving biosphere.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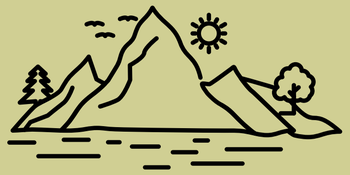

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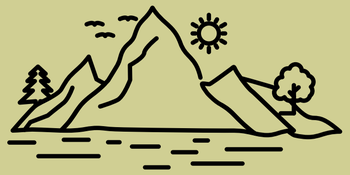

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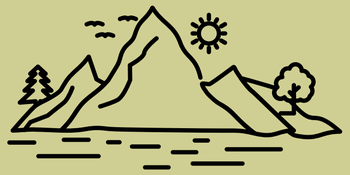

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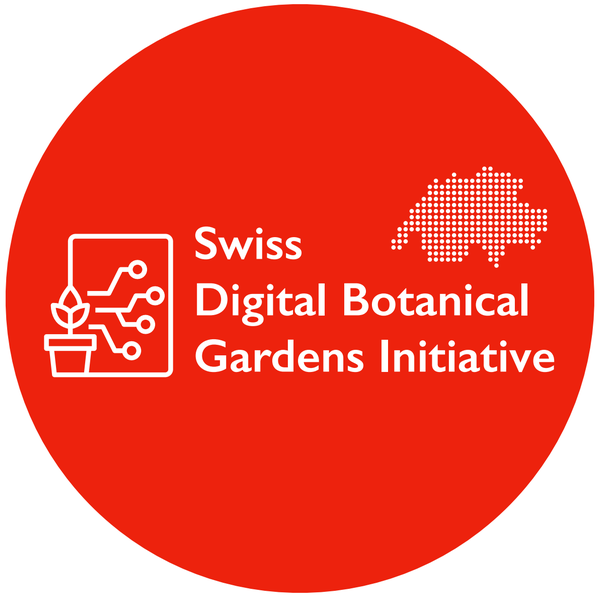
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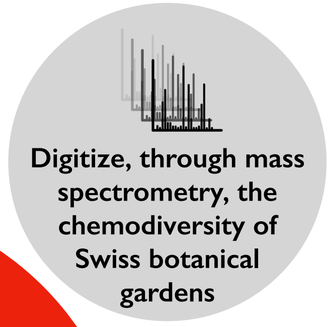

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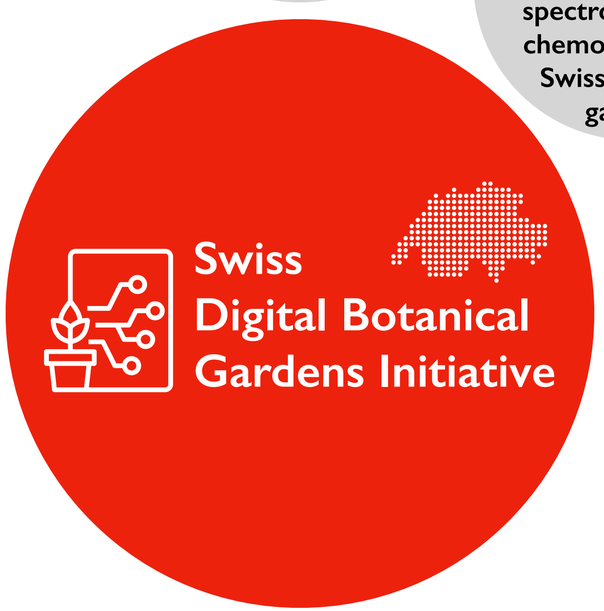

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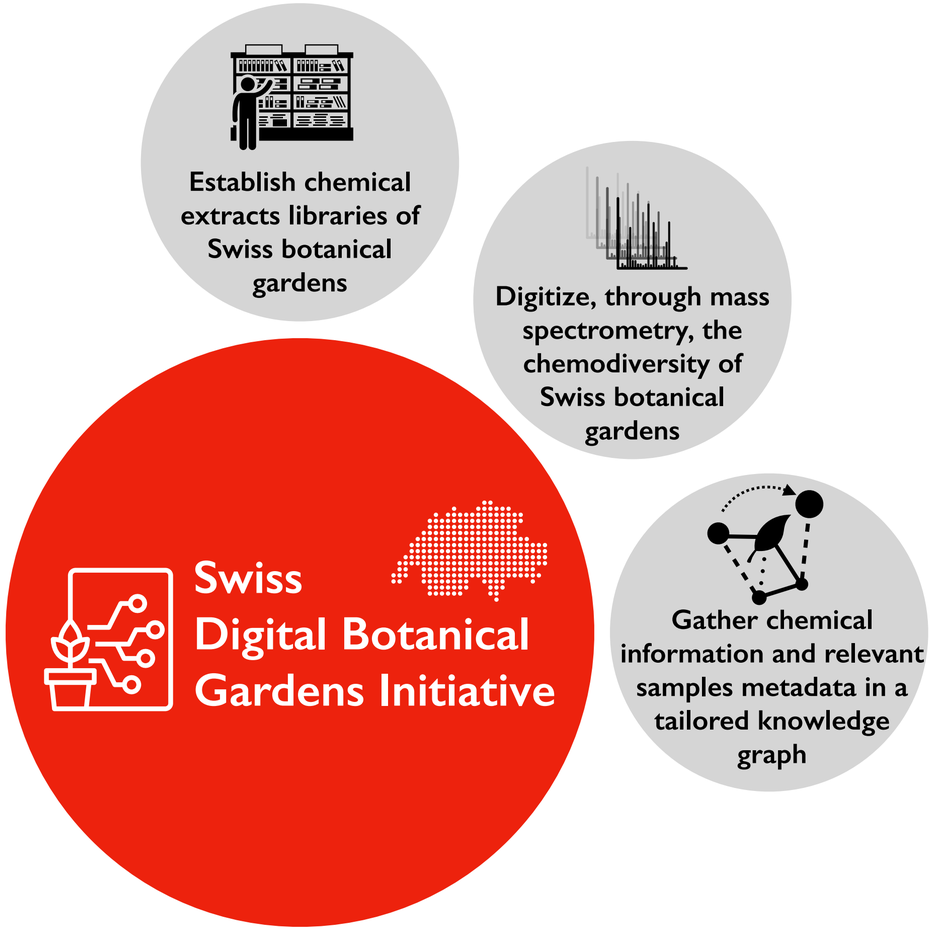
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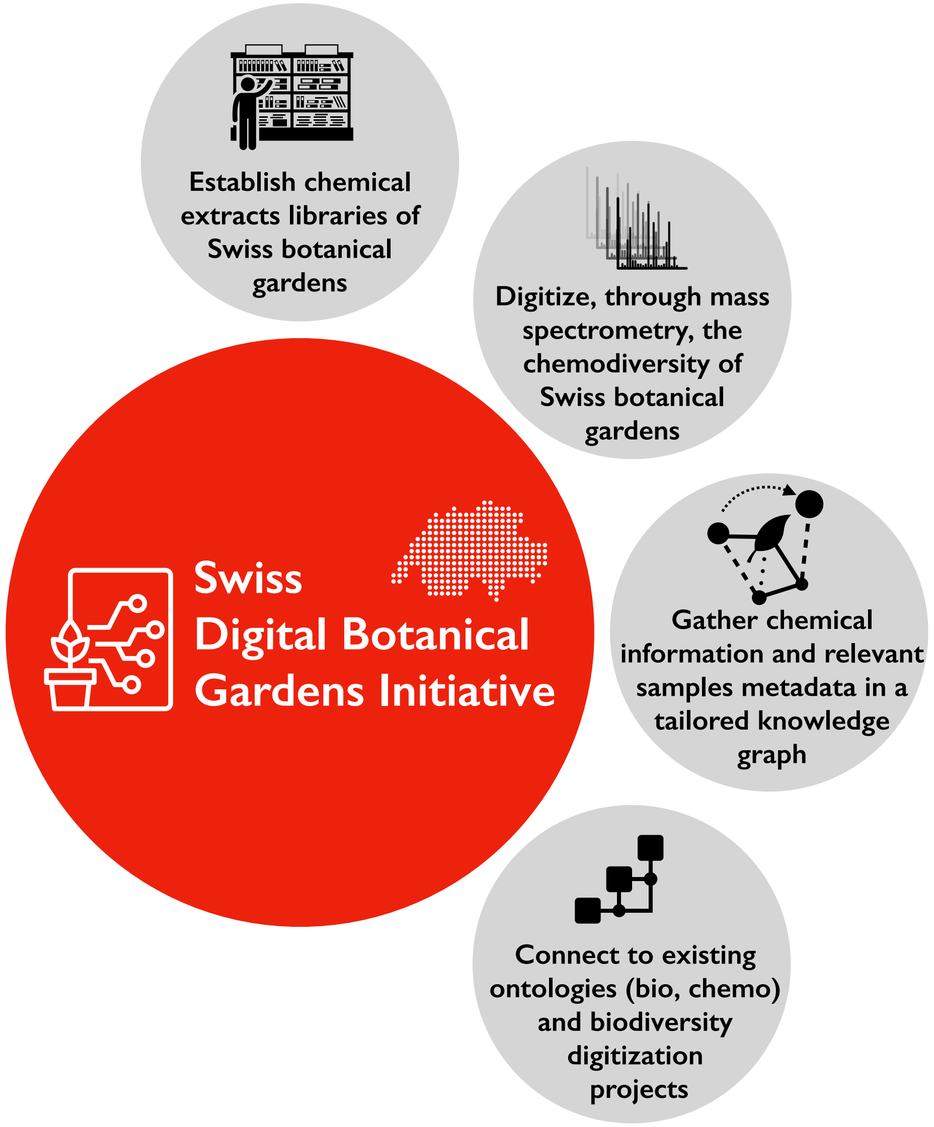
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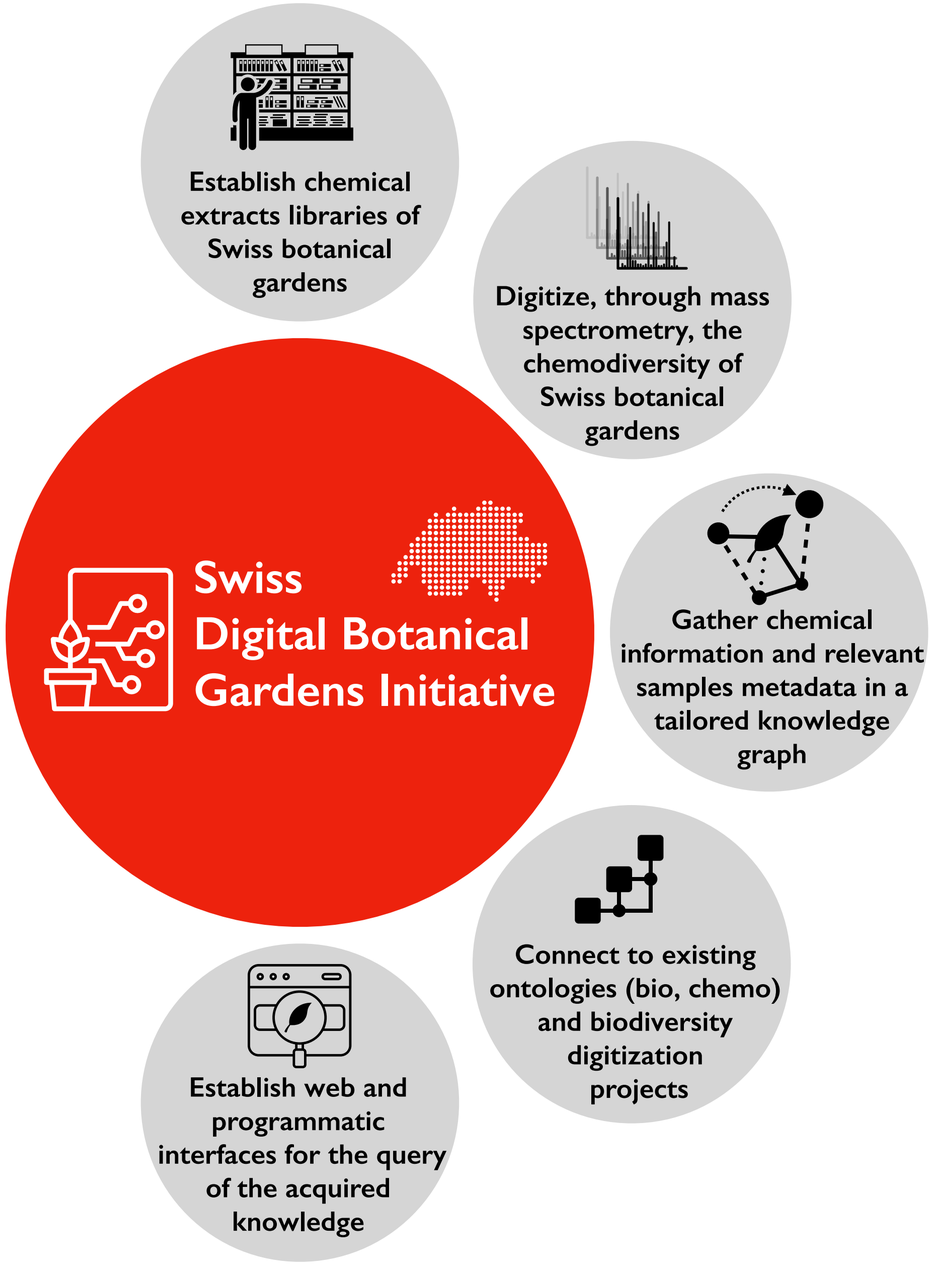
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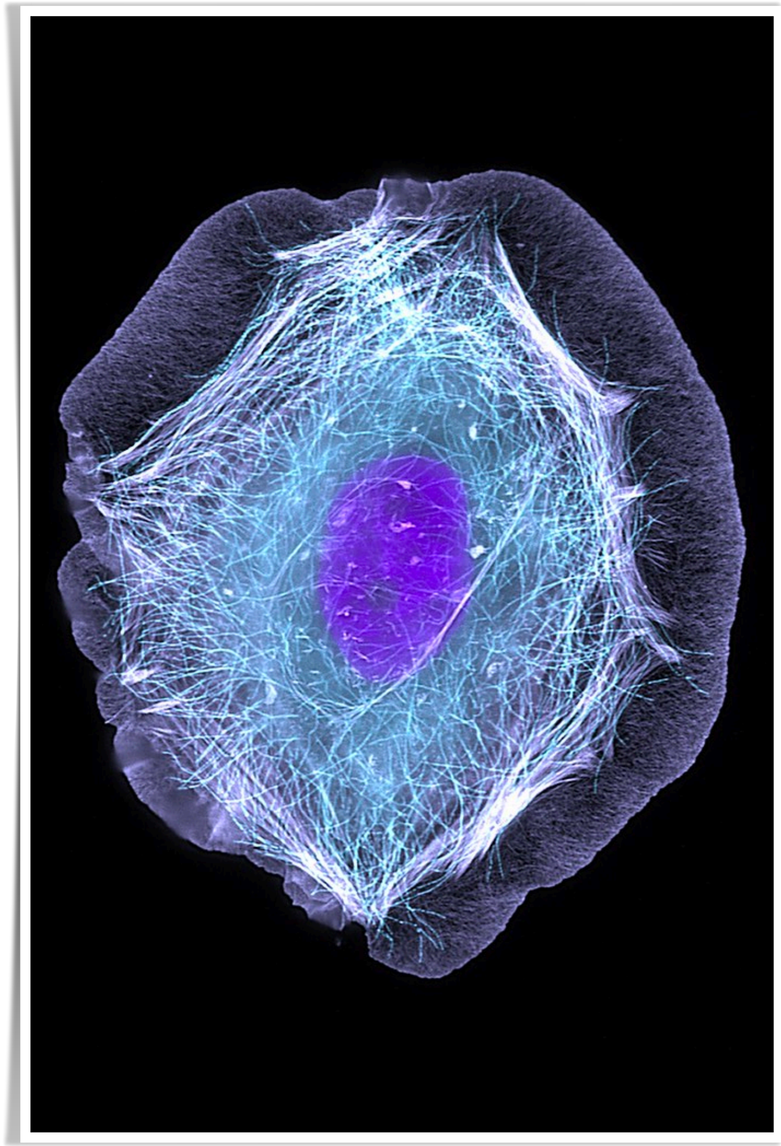

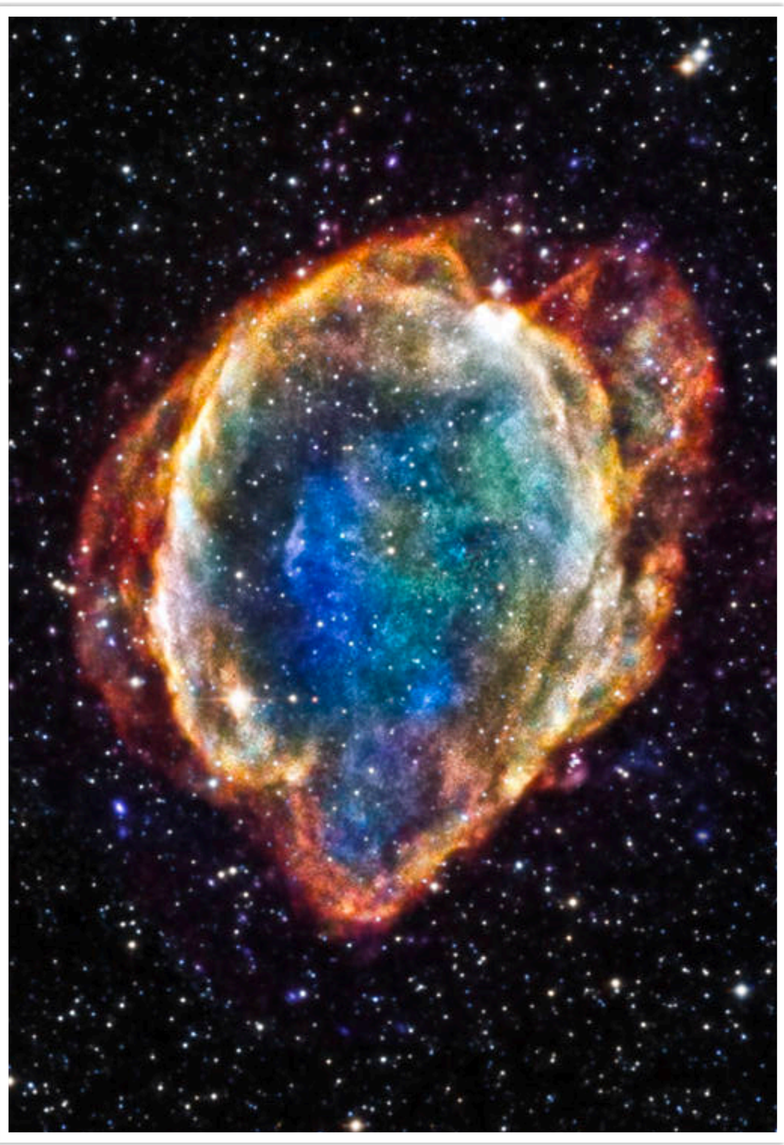

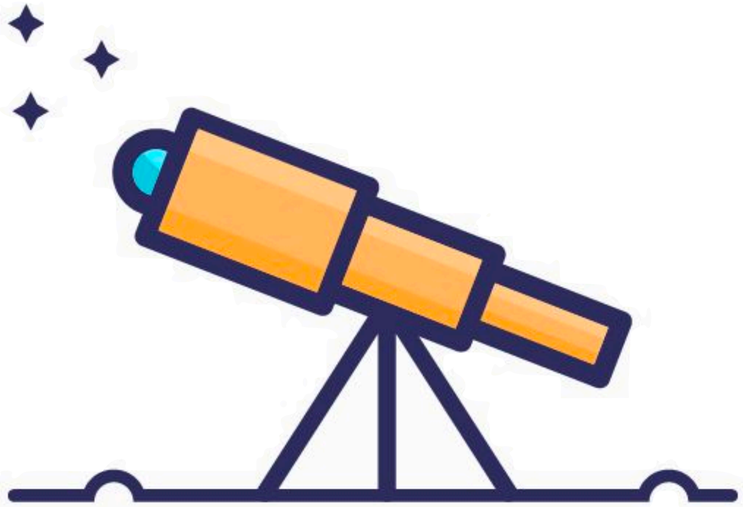

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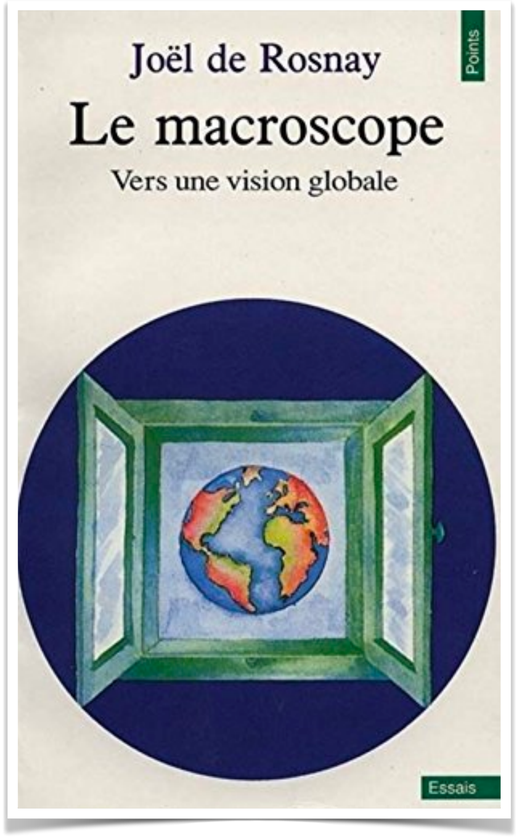

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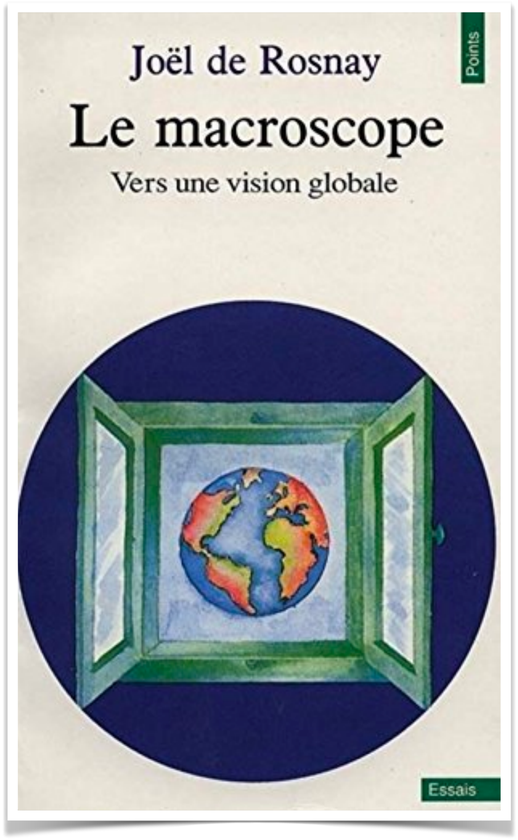

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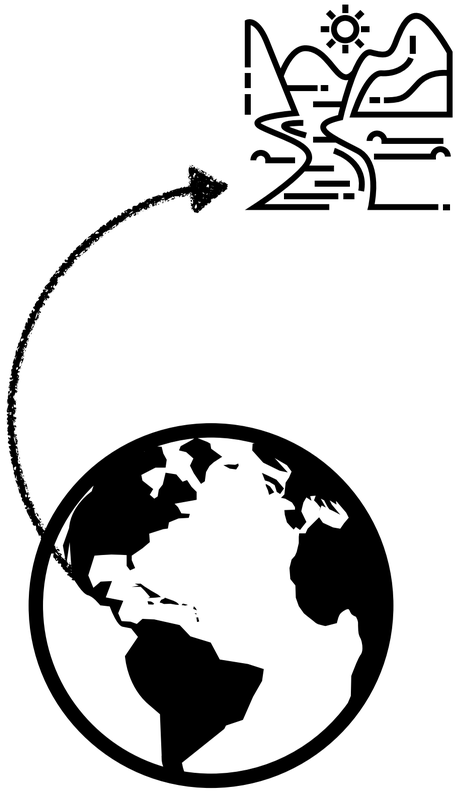

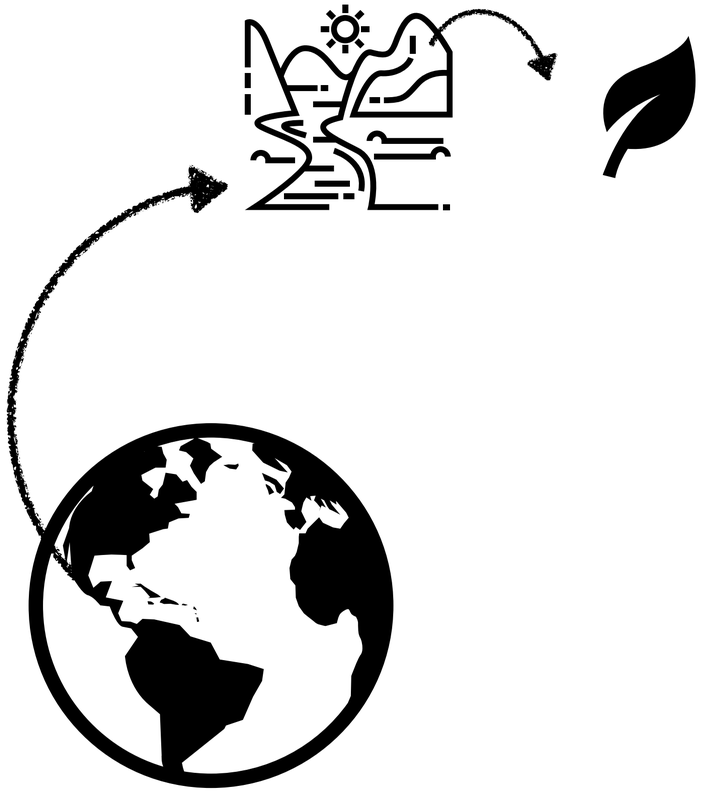

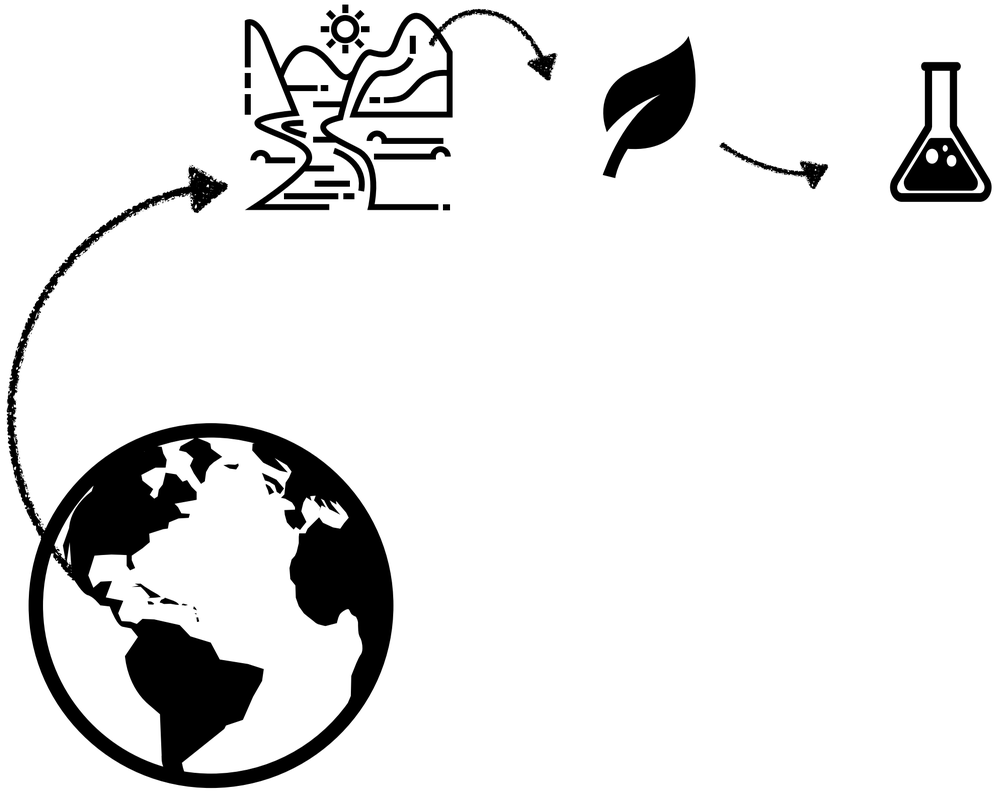

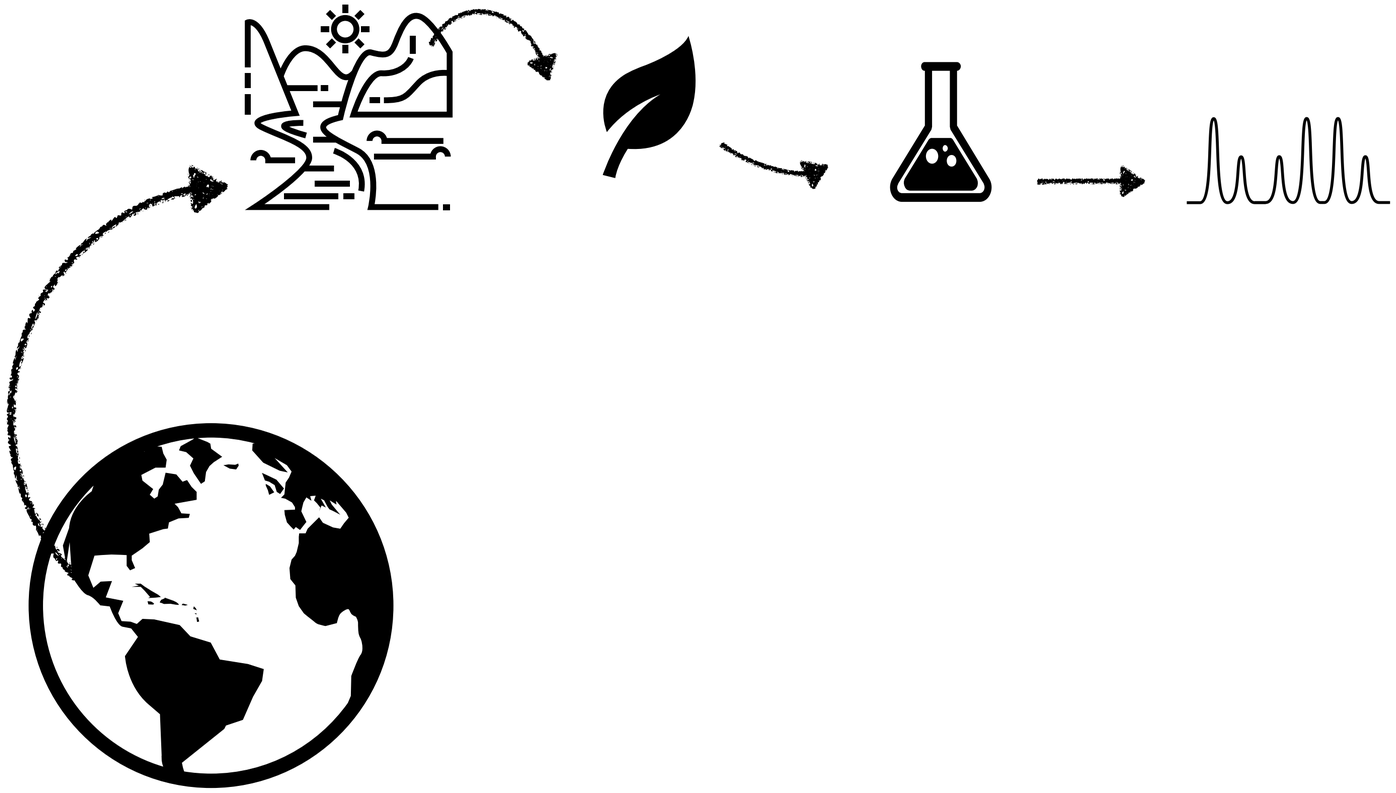

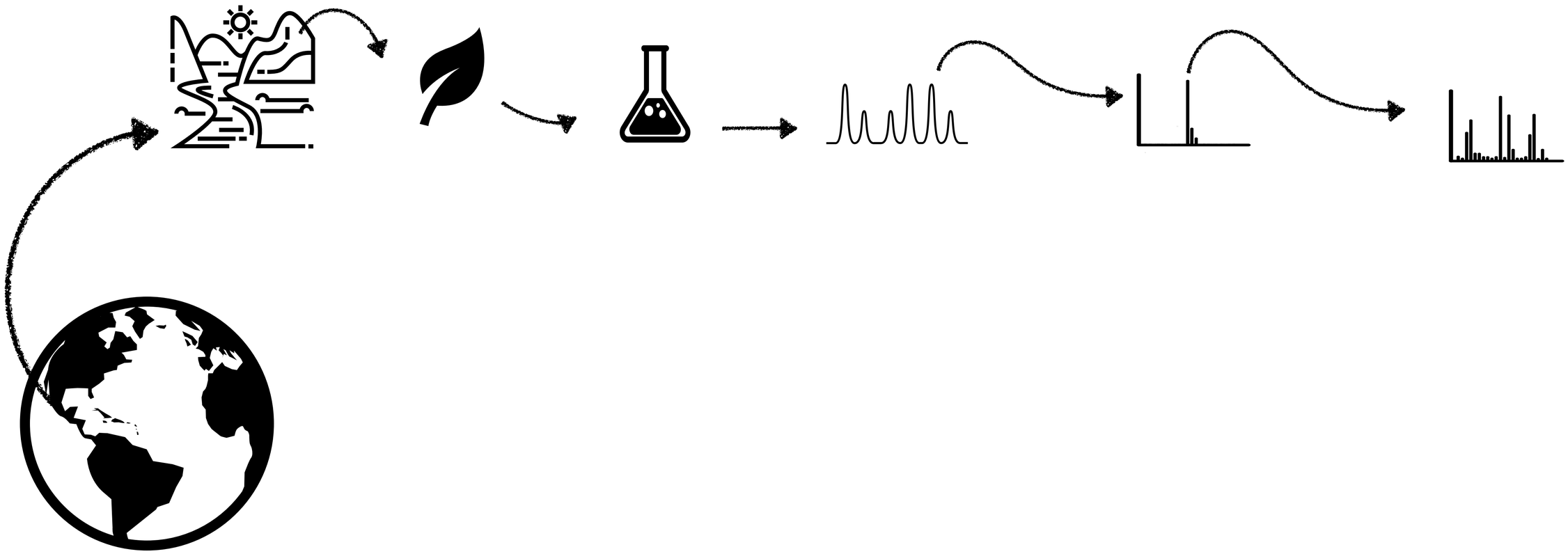

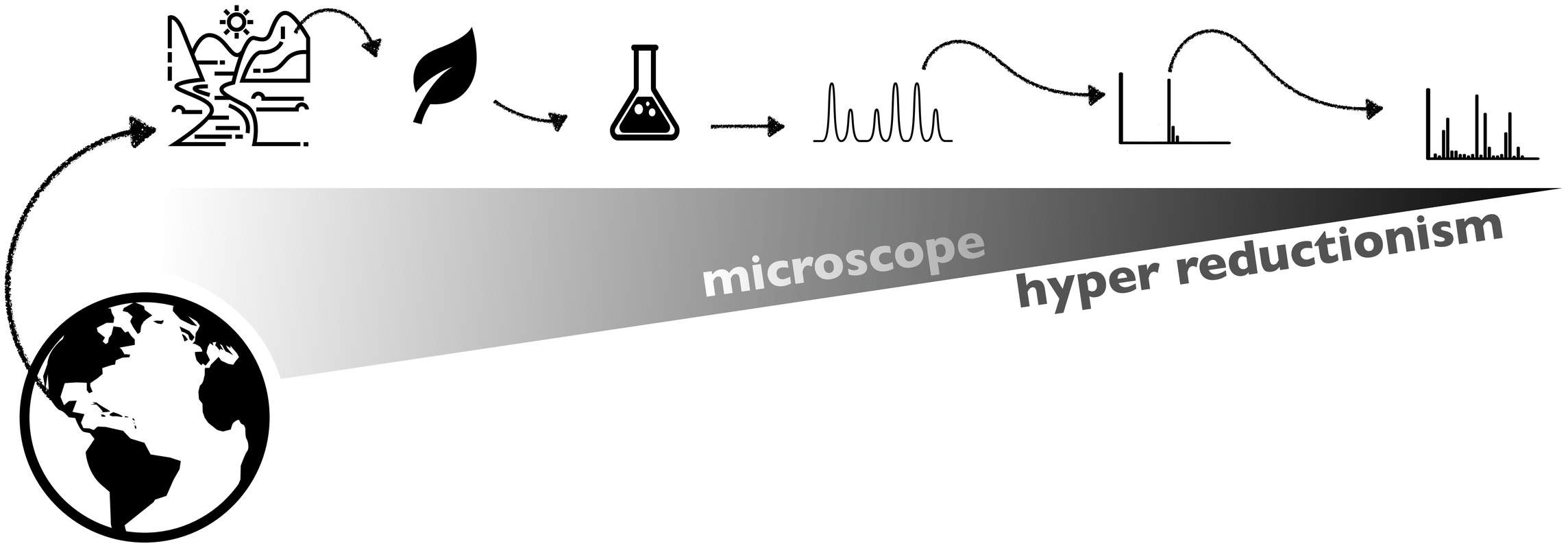
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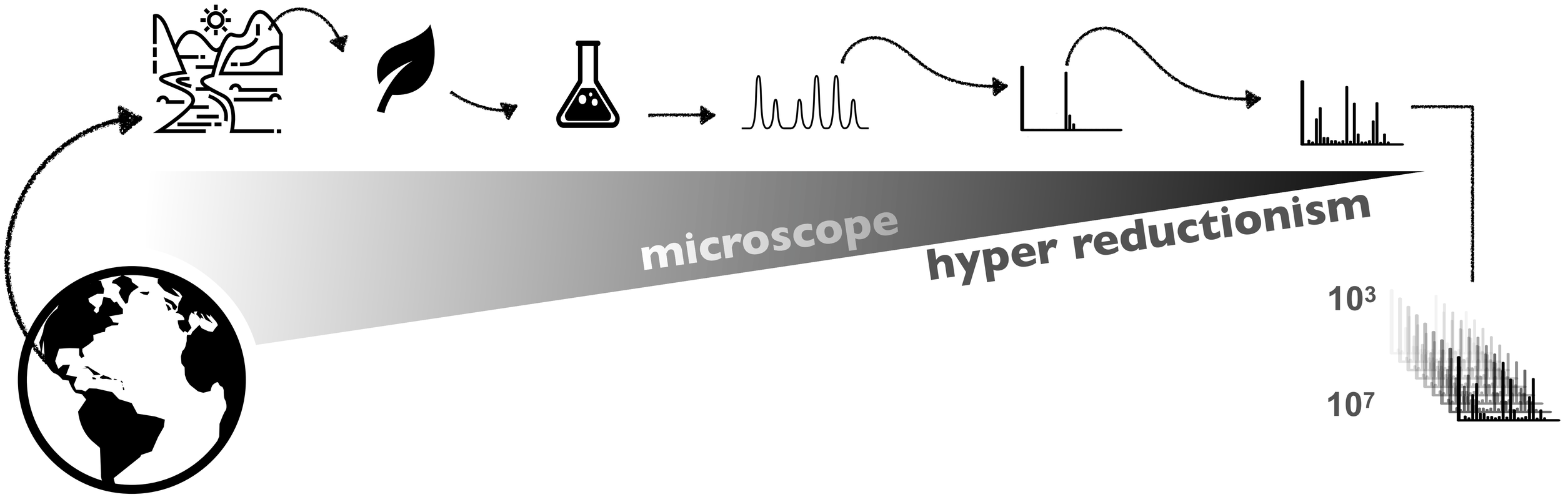
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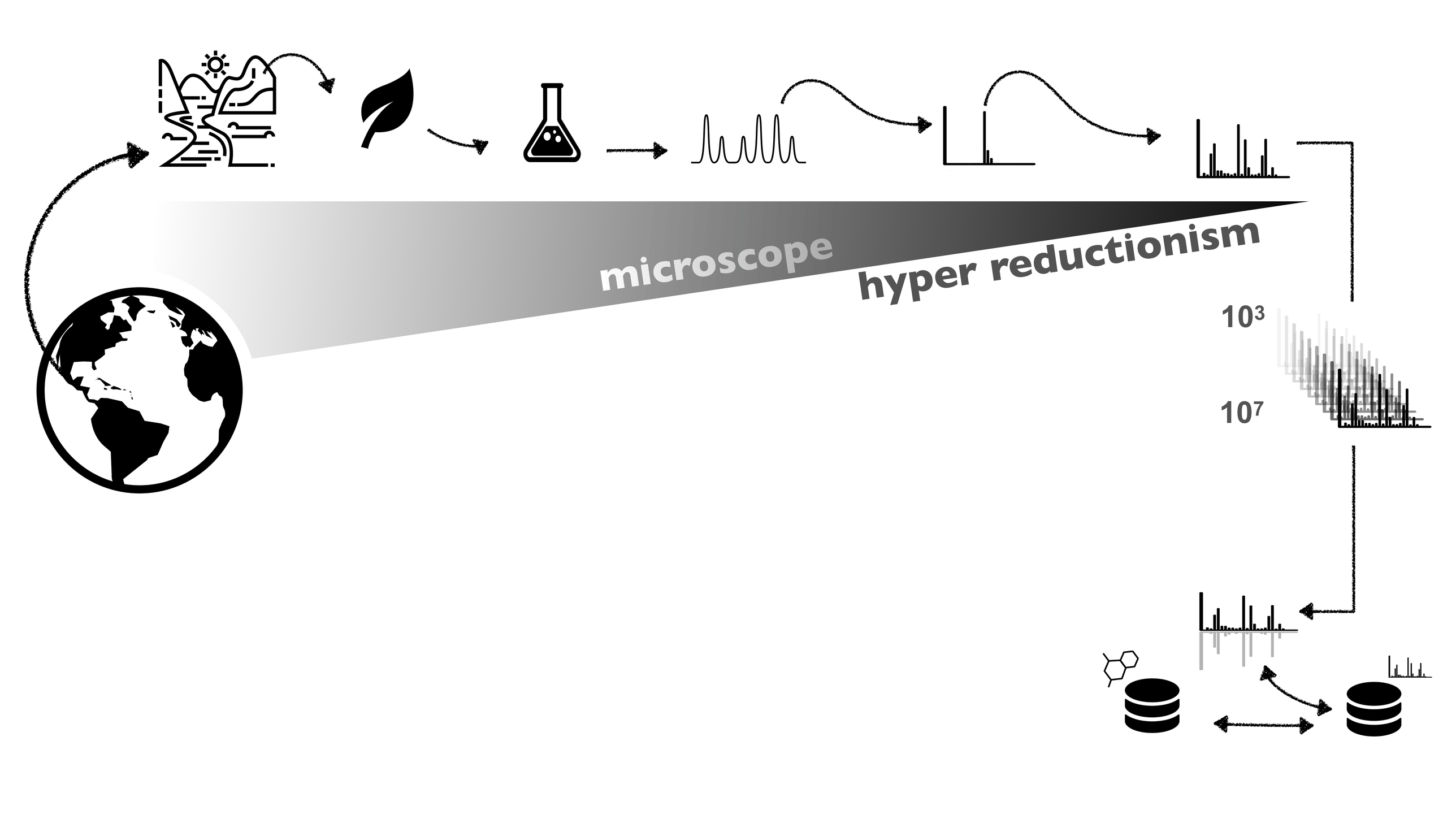
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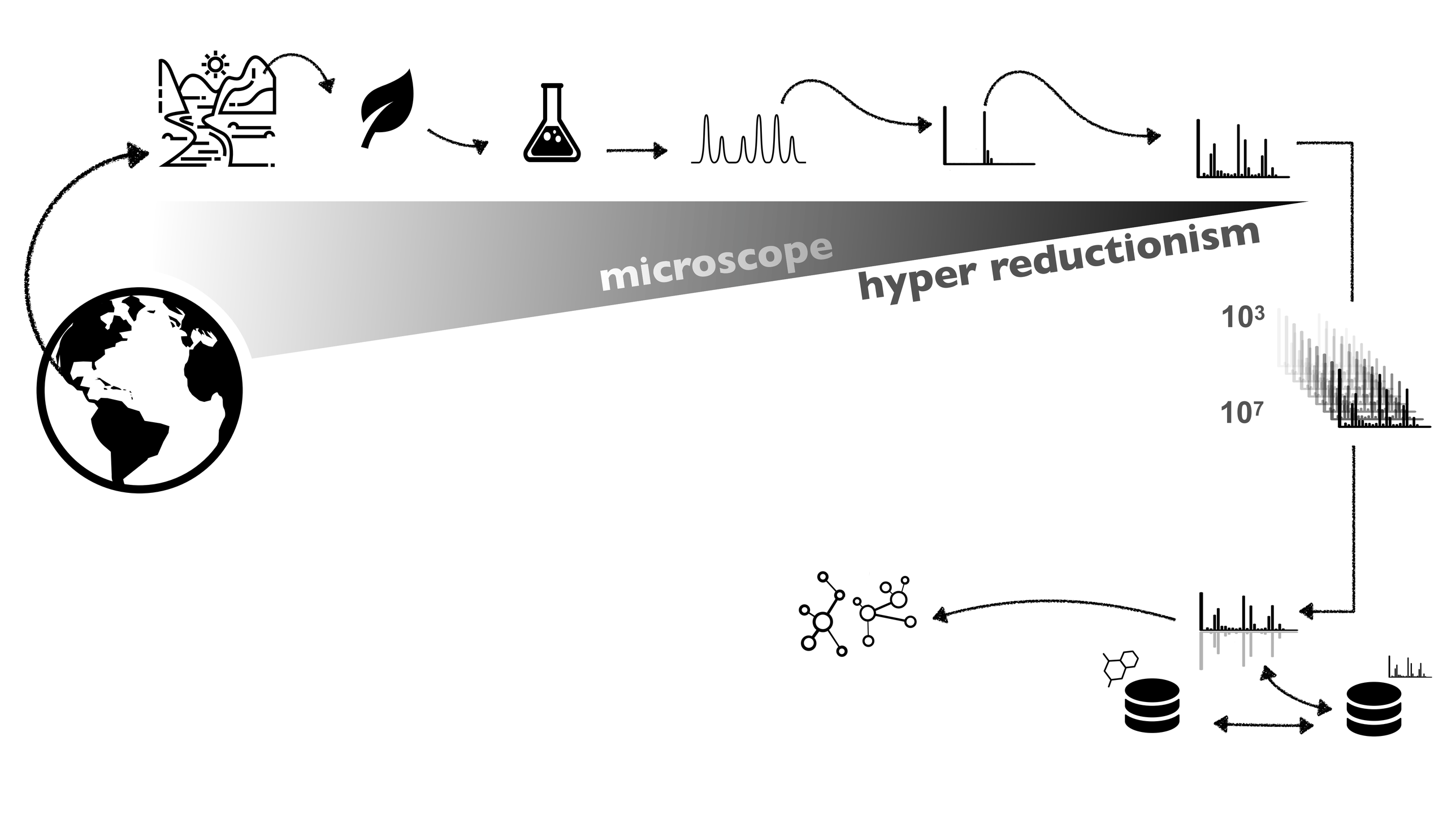
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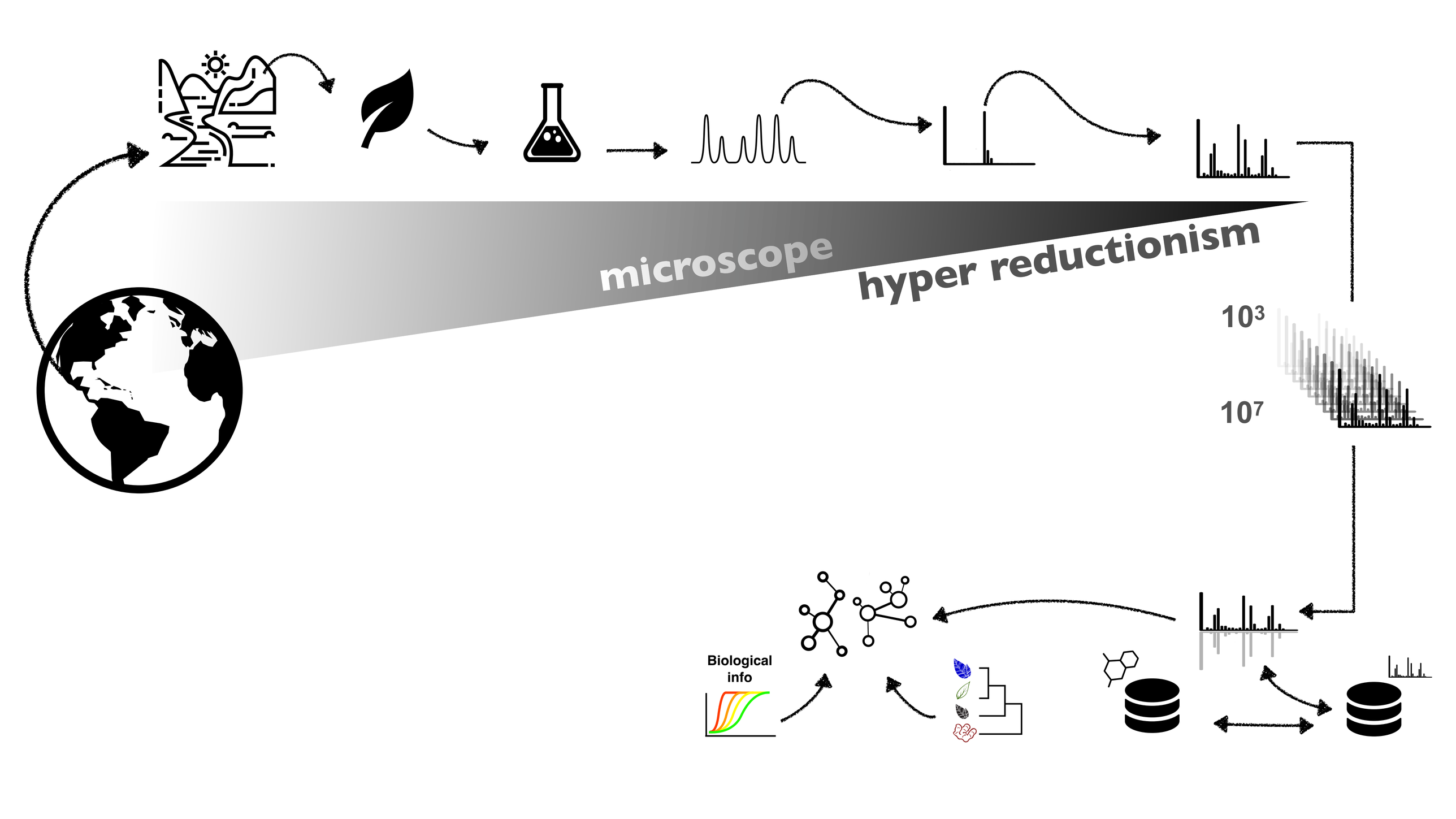
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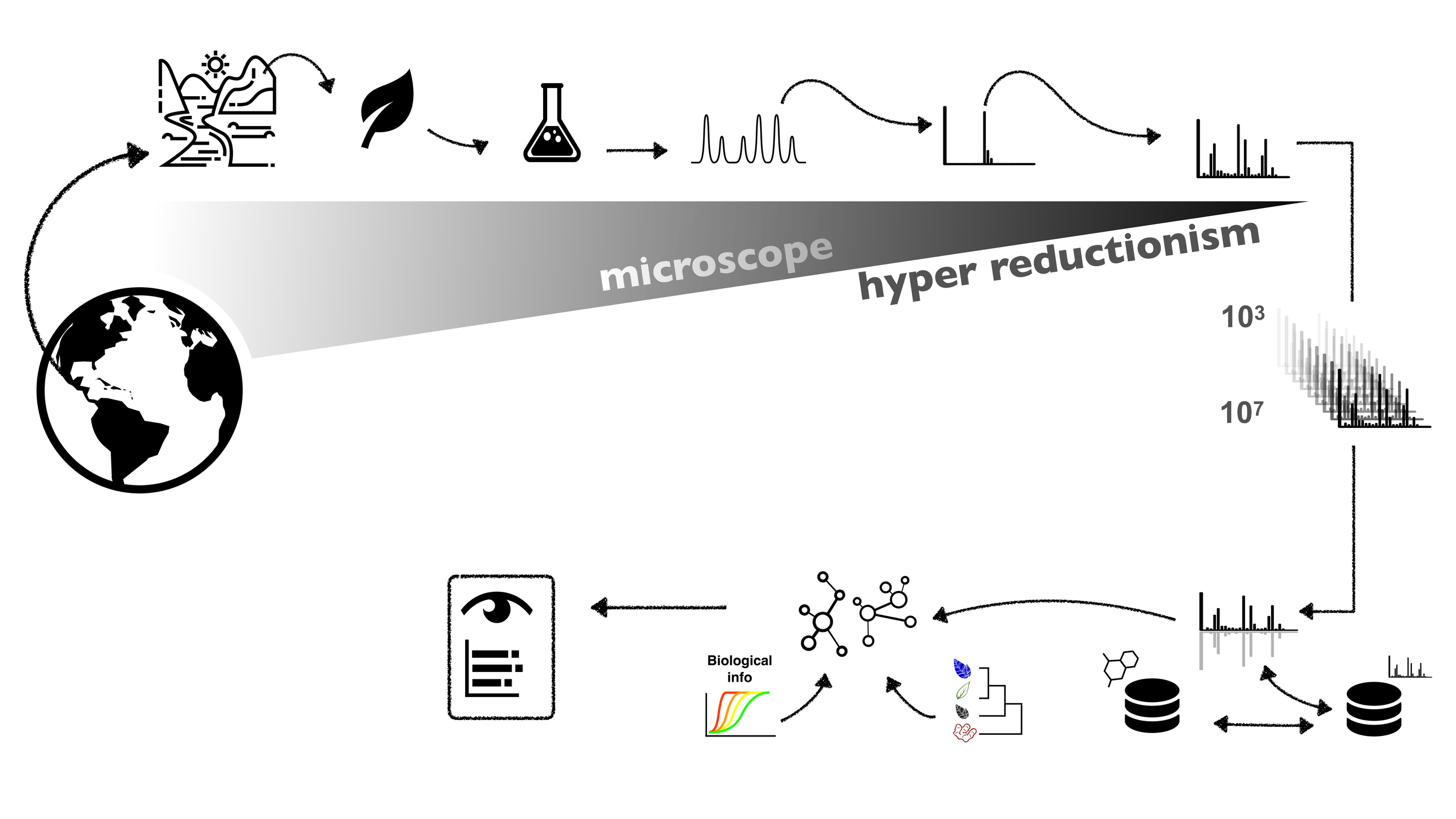
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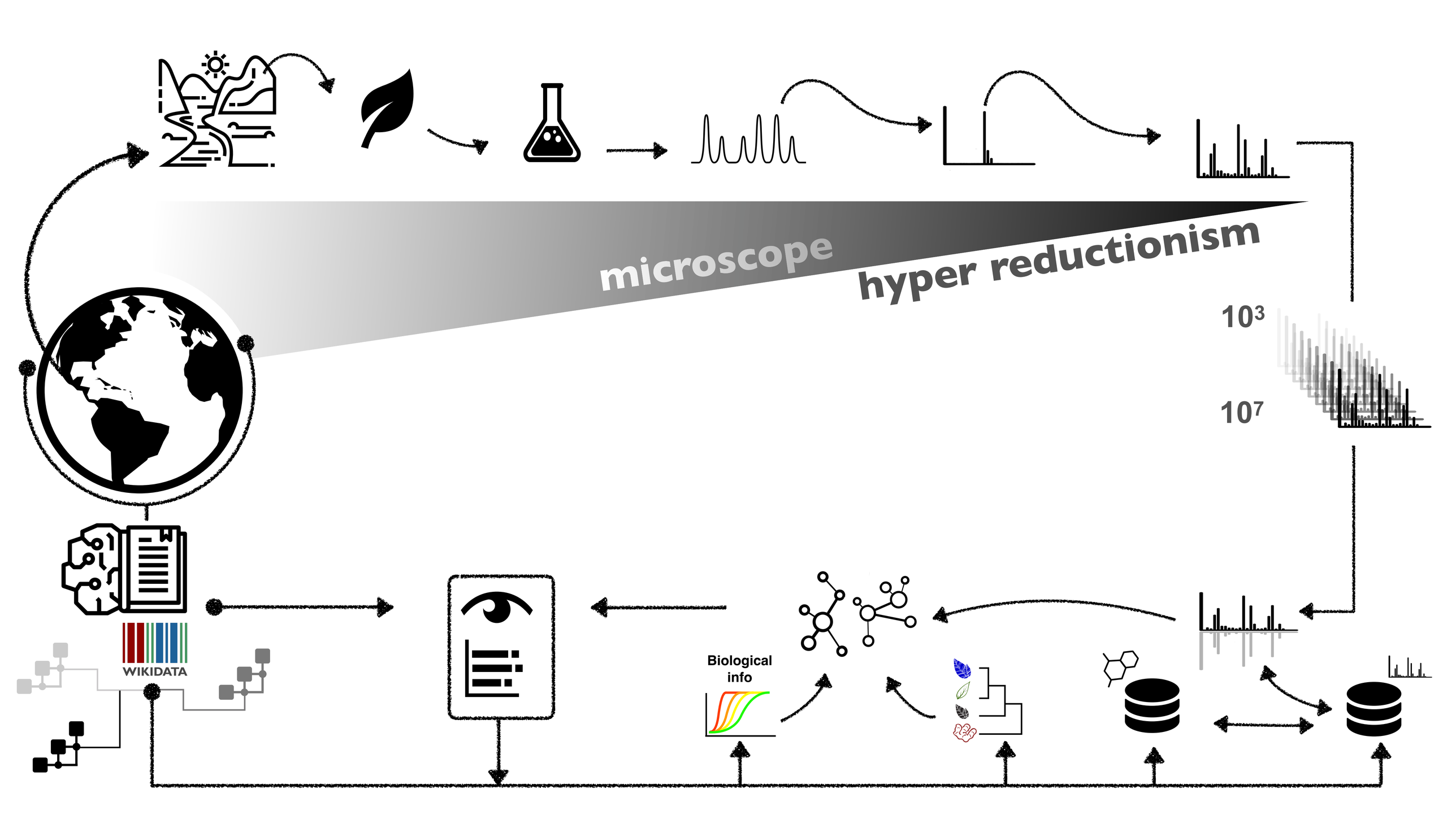
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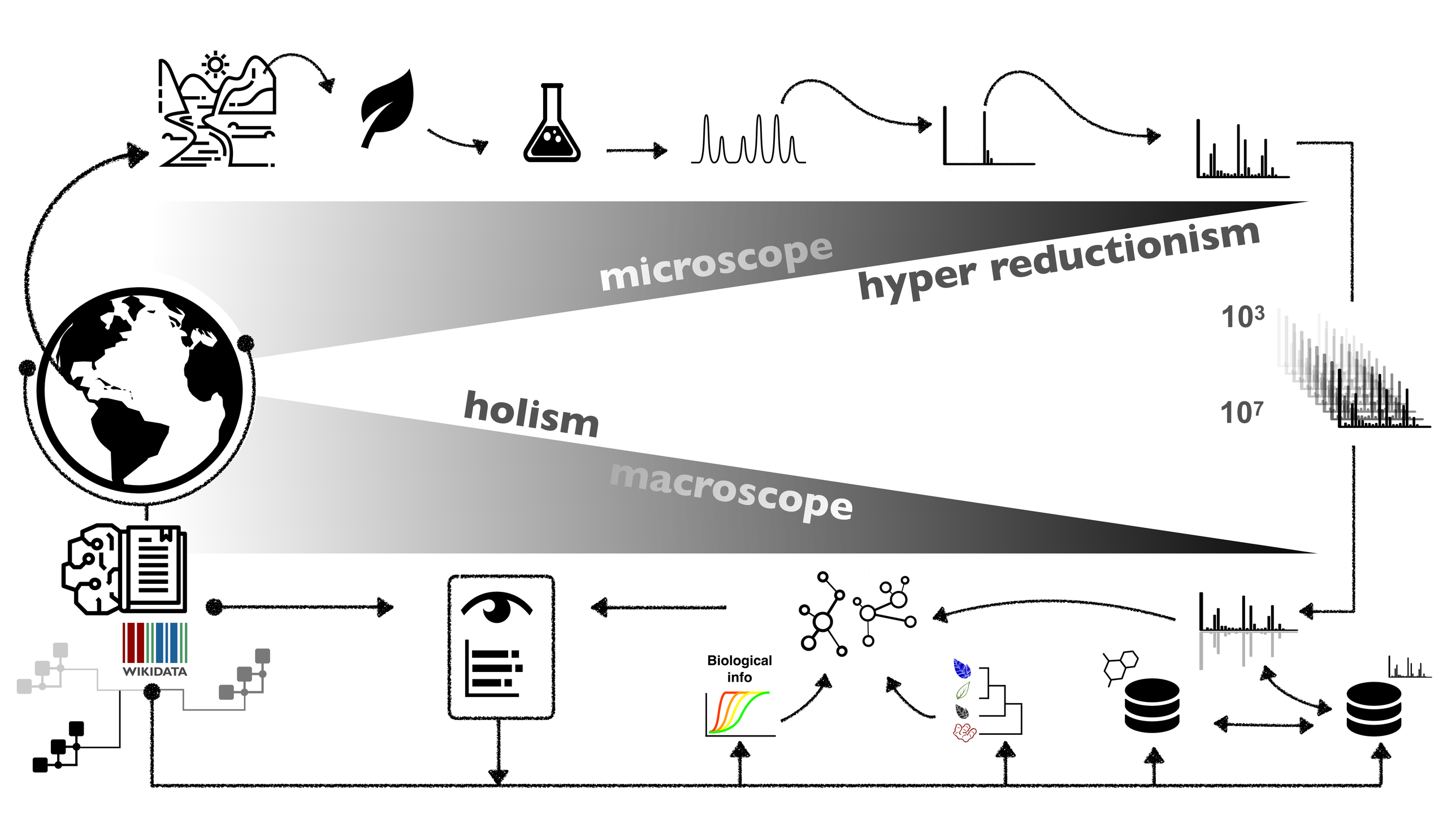
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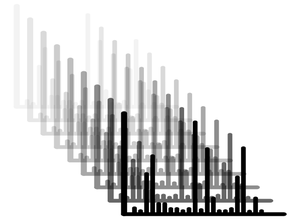

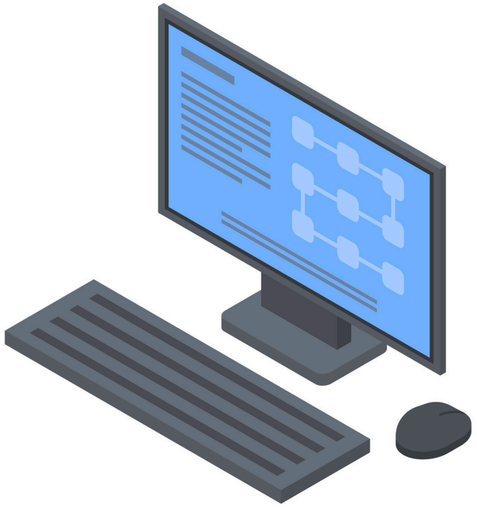

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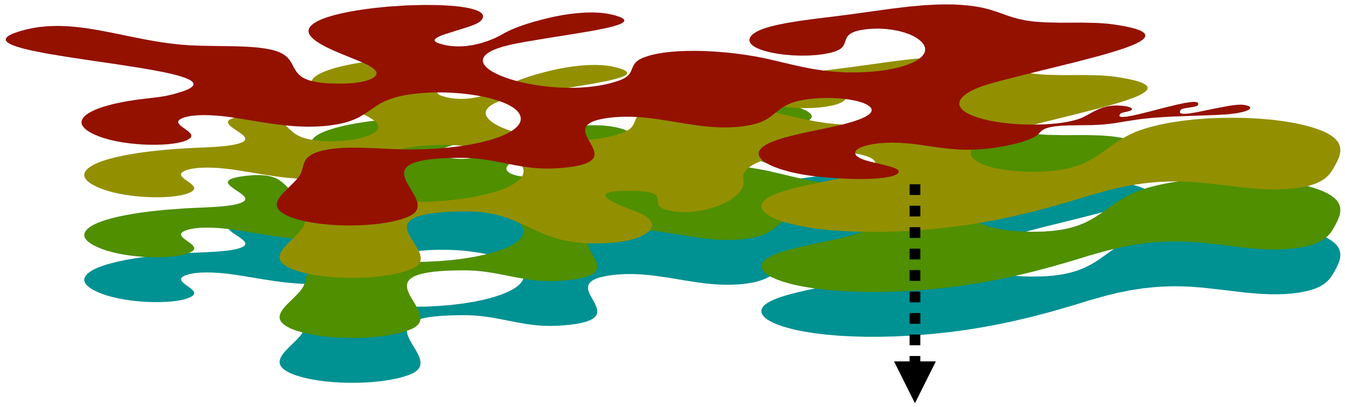


Specimen sampled in several conditions (e.g. environmental conditions, organ, life stage)

Challenges

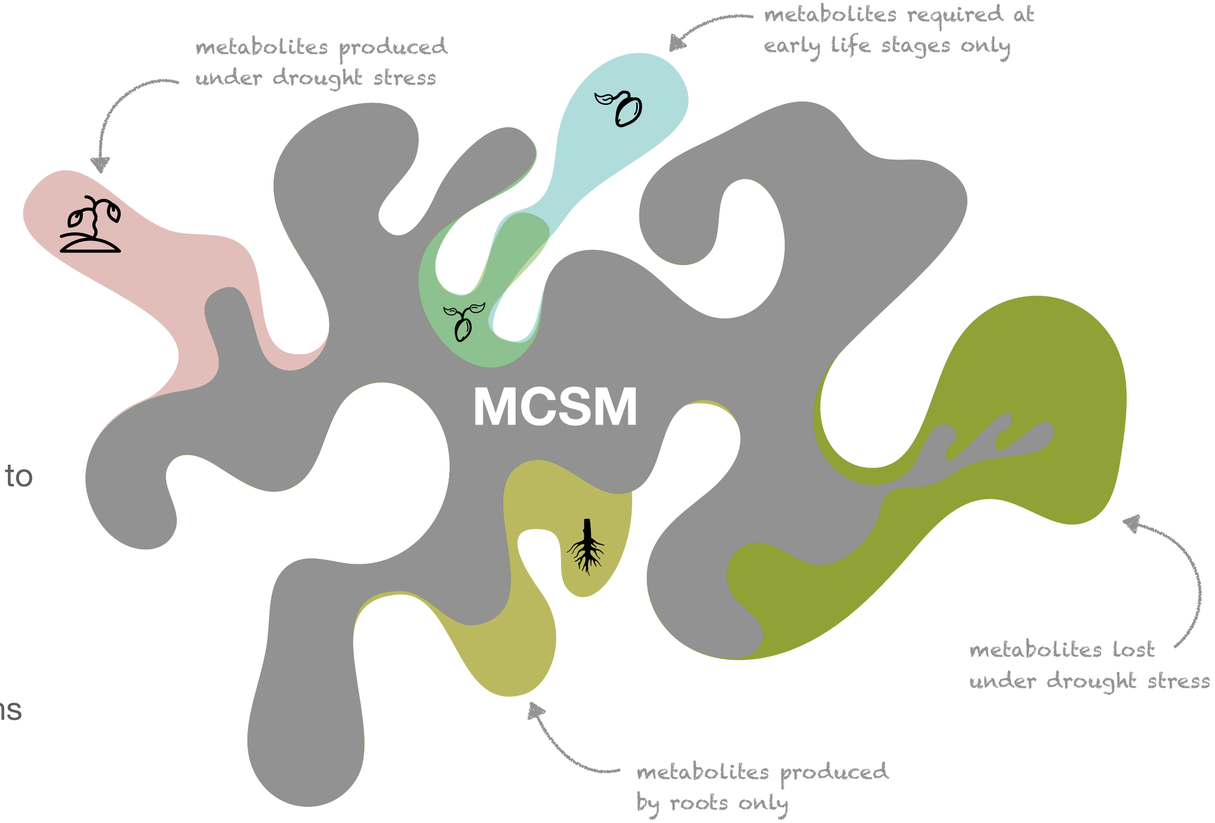
In large scale sequencing initiative ***one*** sequenced sample is enough to capture the genetic potential of the whole species.
In metabolomics, sampling at different life stages, different organs or in different environmental conditions will lead to different metabolic profiles. This is both a weakness (in terms of required experiments) and an incredible strength.

Opportunities

Concept of **MCSM**
Maximum **C**ommon **S**ub-**M**etabolome and its branches

Just like Maximum Common Substructures calculations in chemoinformatics, we propose the concept Maximum Common Sub-Metabolome. This is possible thanks to *i)* Knowledge Graph based structure *ii)* unconventional alignement approaches (e.g vectorizing spectral information at the sample level)

This MCSM will:
- capture the most stable metabolic fingerprint of a species
- inform on biosynthetic pathways invested in or shut down under several conditions
- the higher the number of layers, the more robust the MCSM
- can be applied at any taxa levels an even across the total Earth Metabolome
- can be compared across conditions



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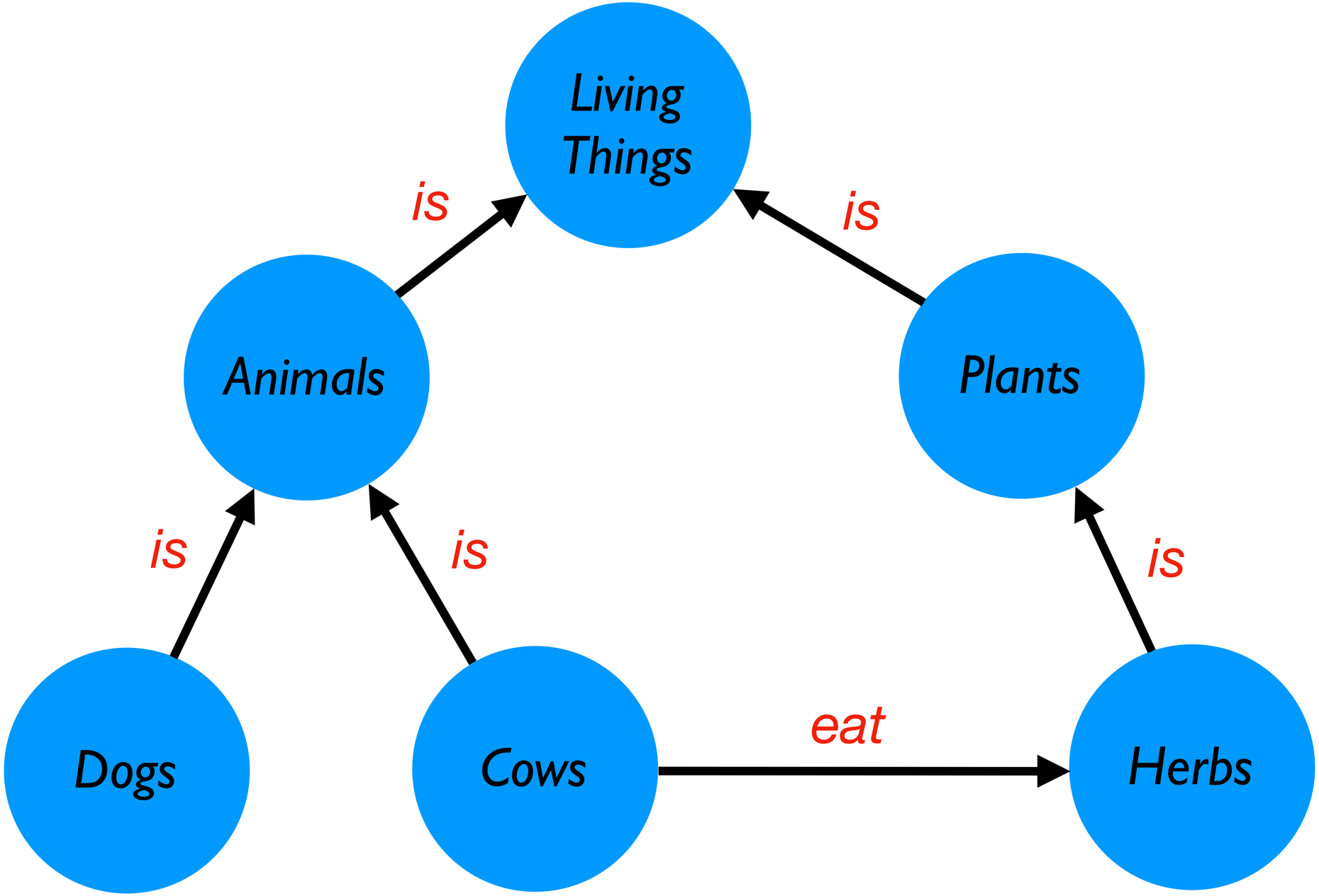
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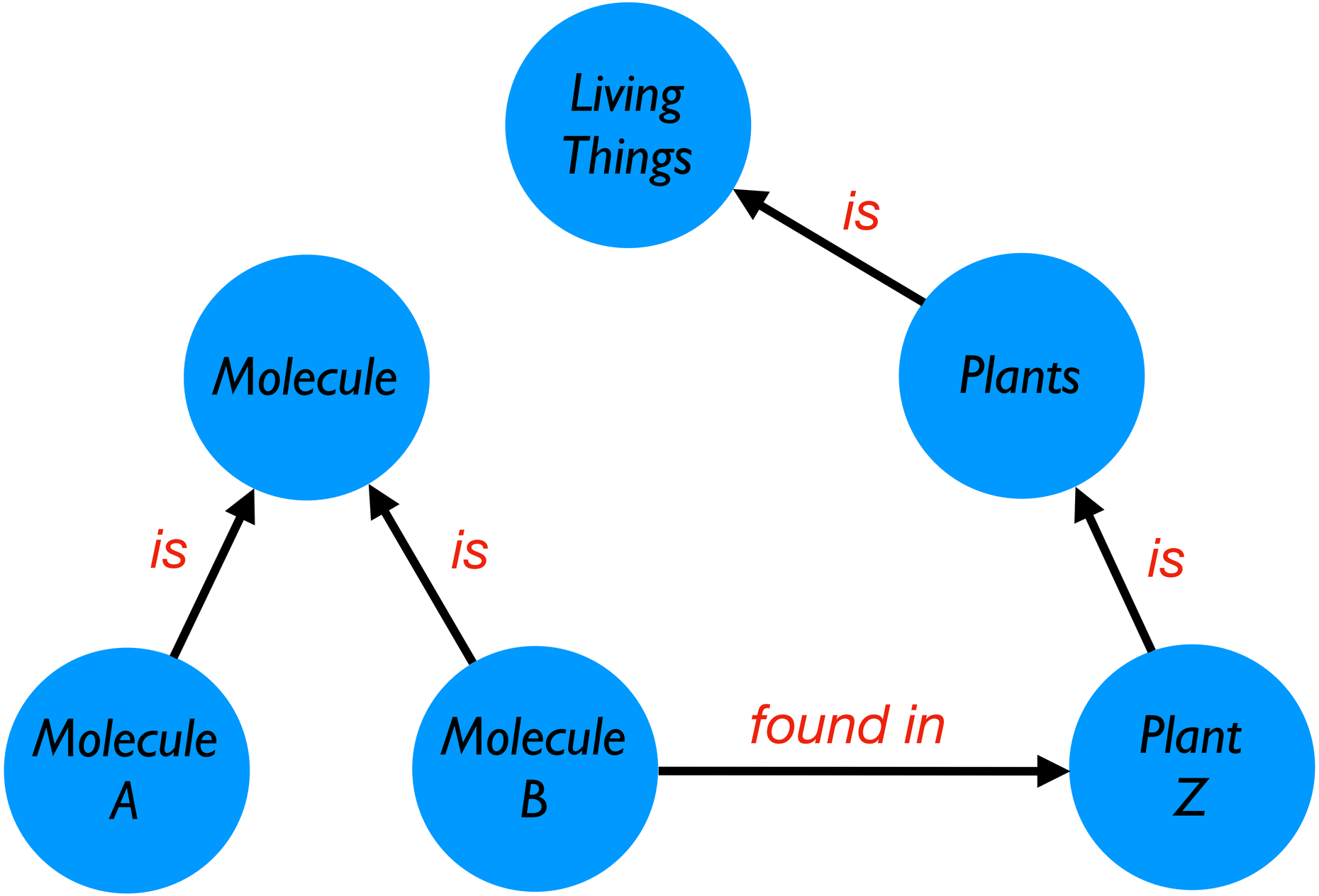
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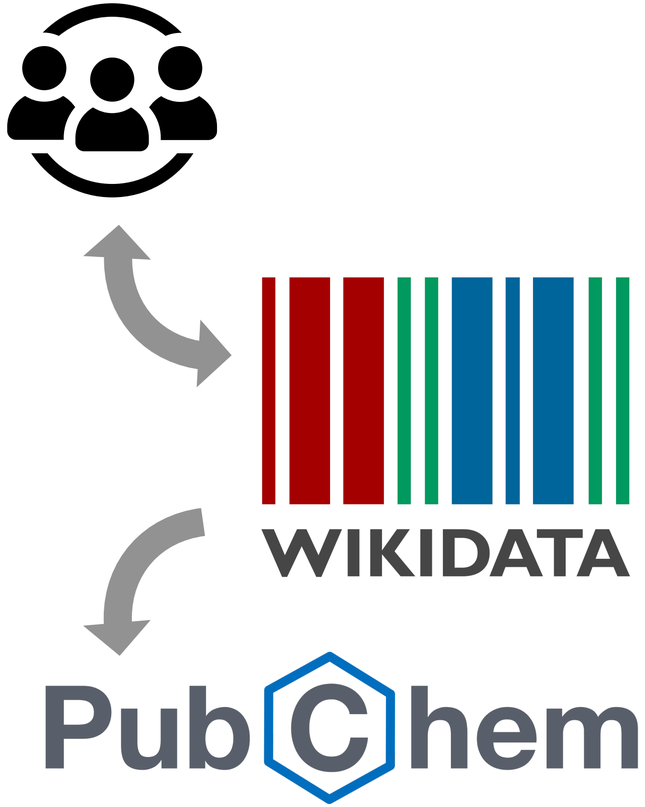

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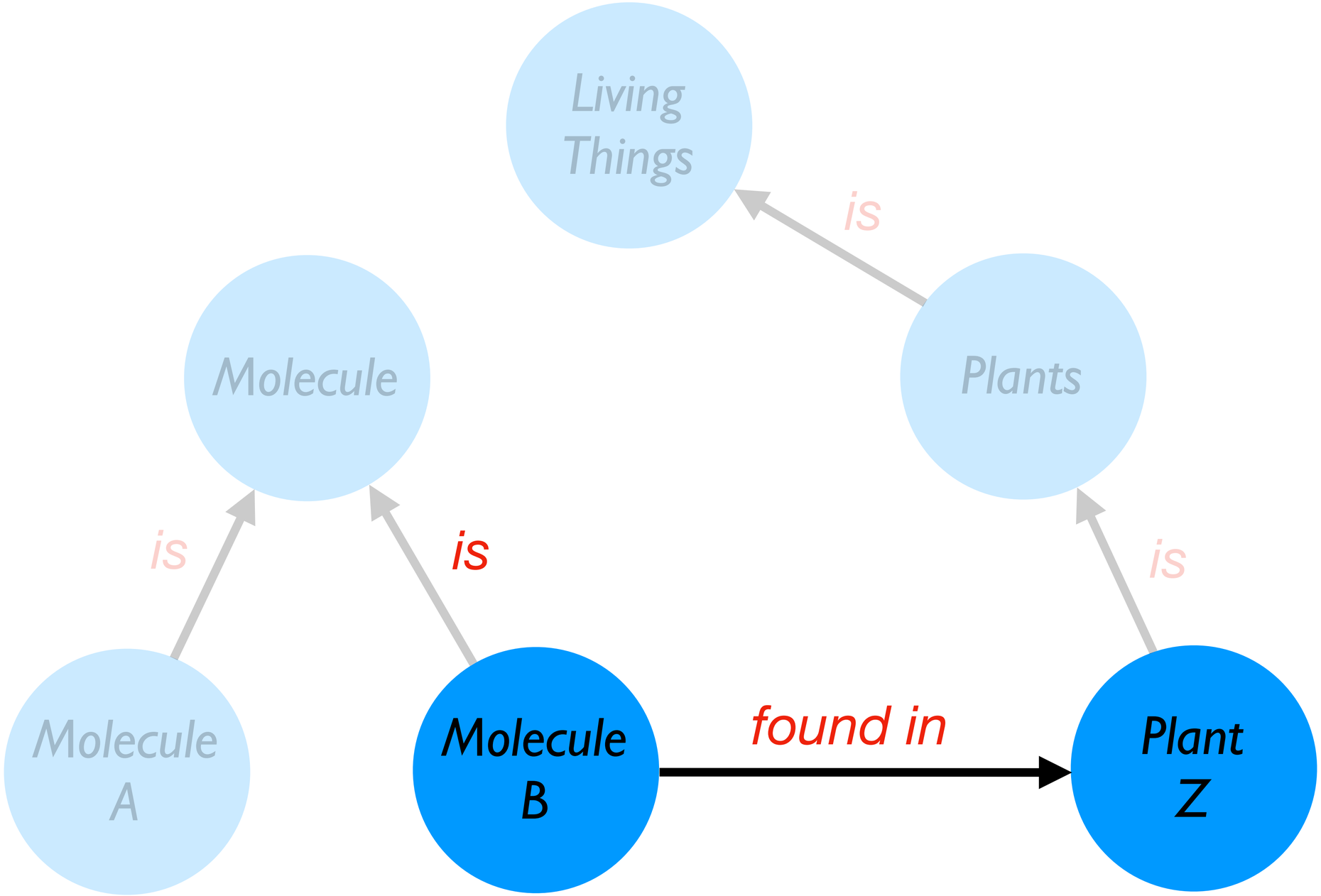
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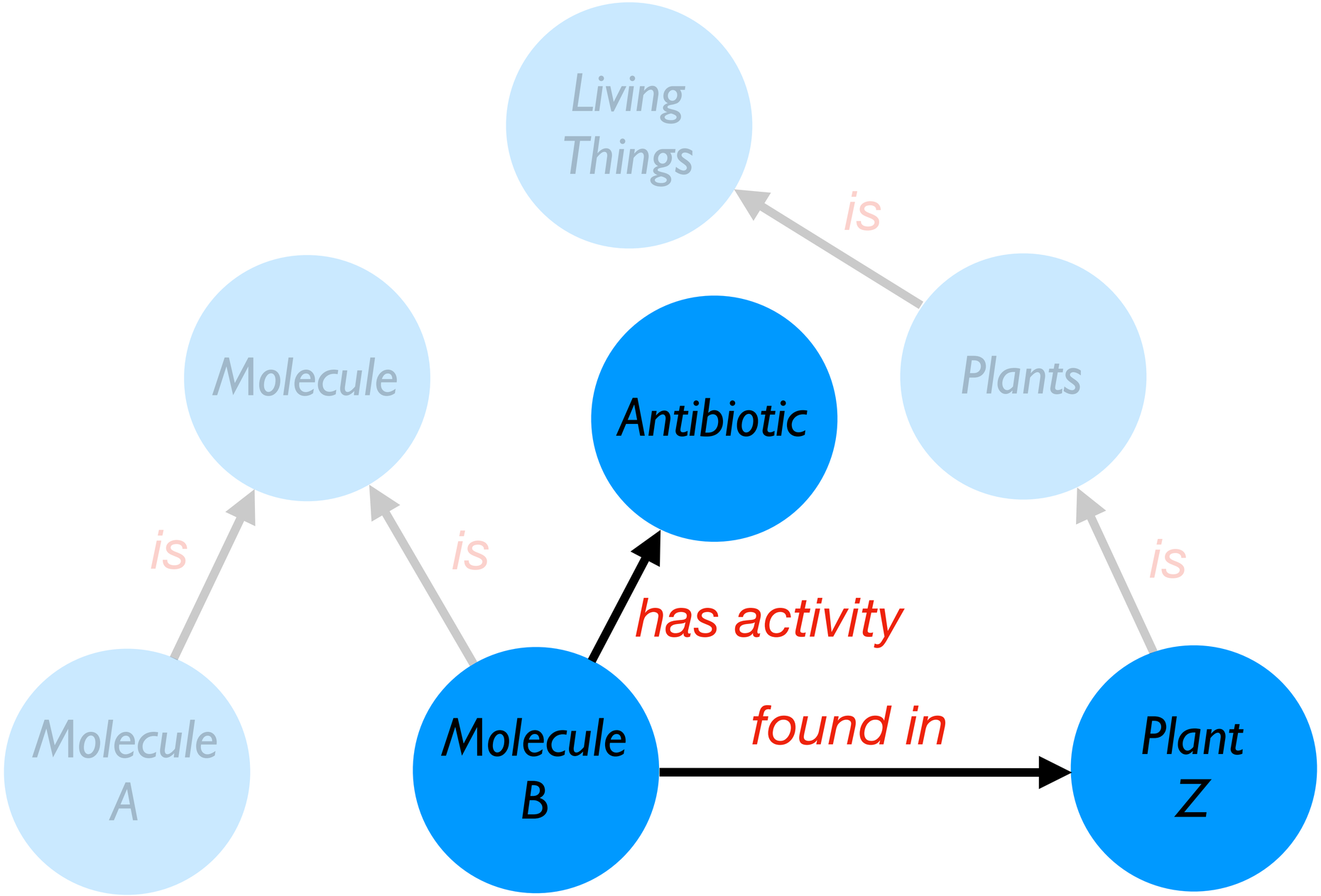
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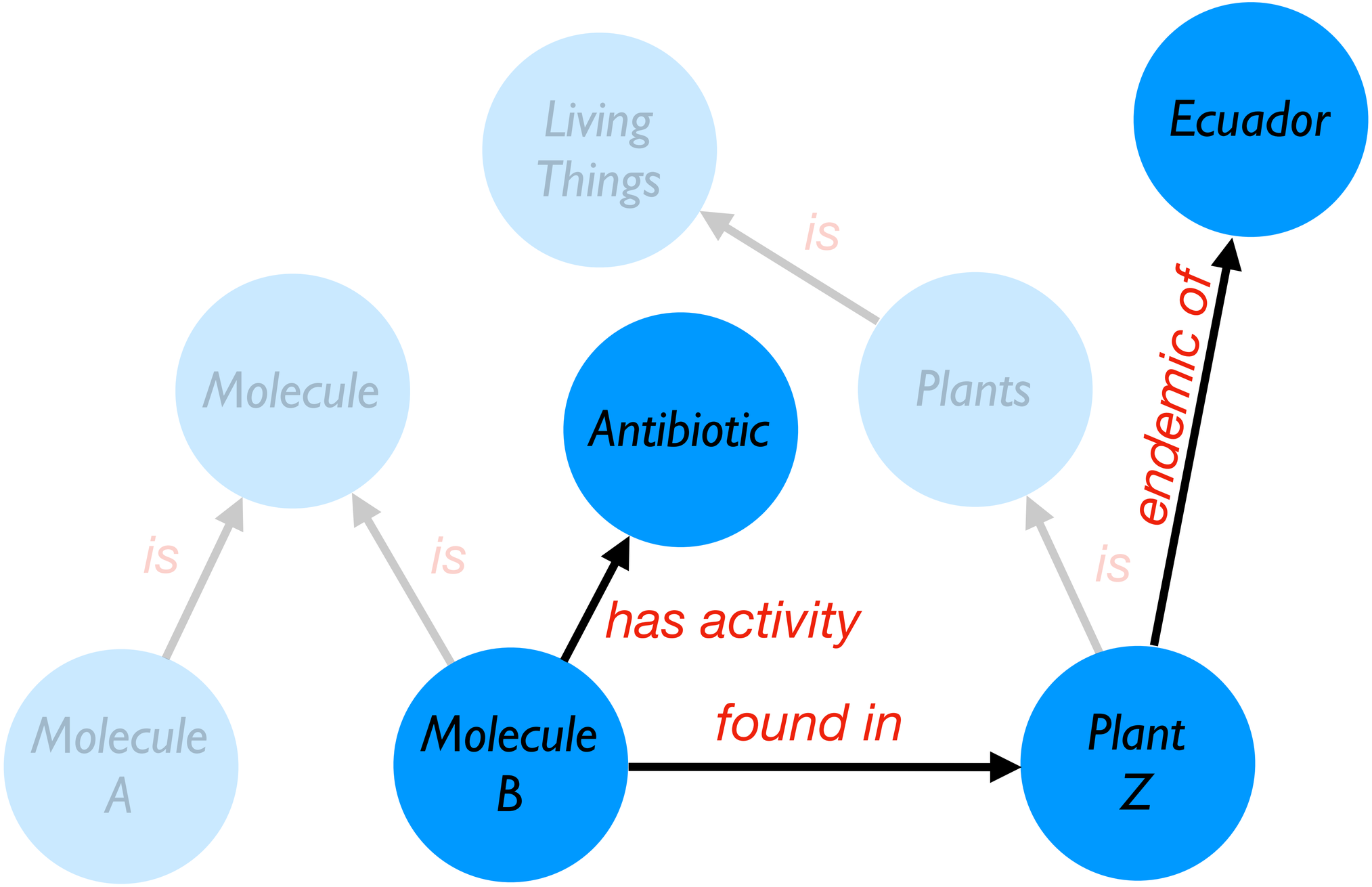
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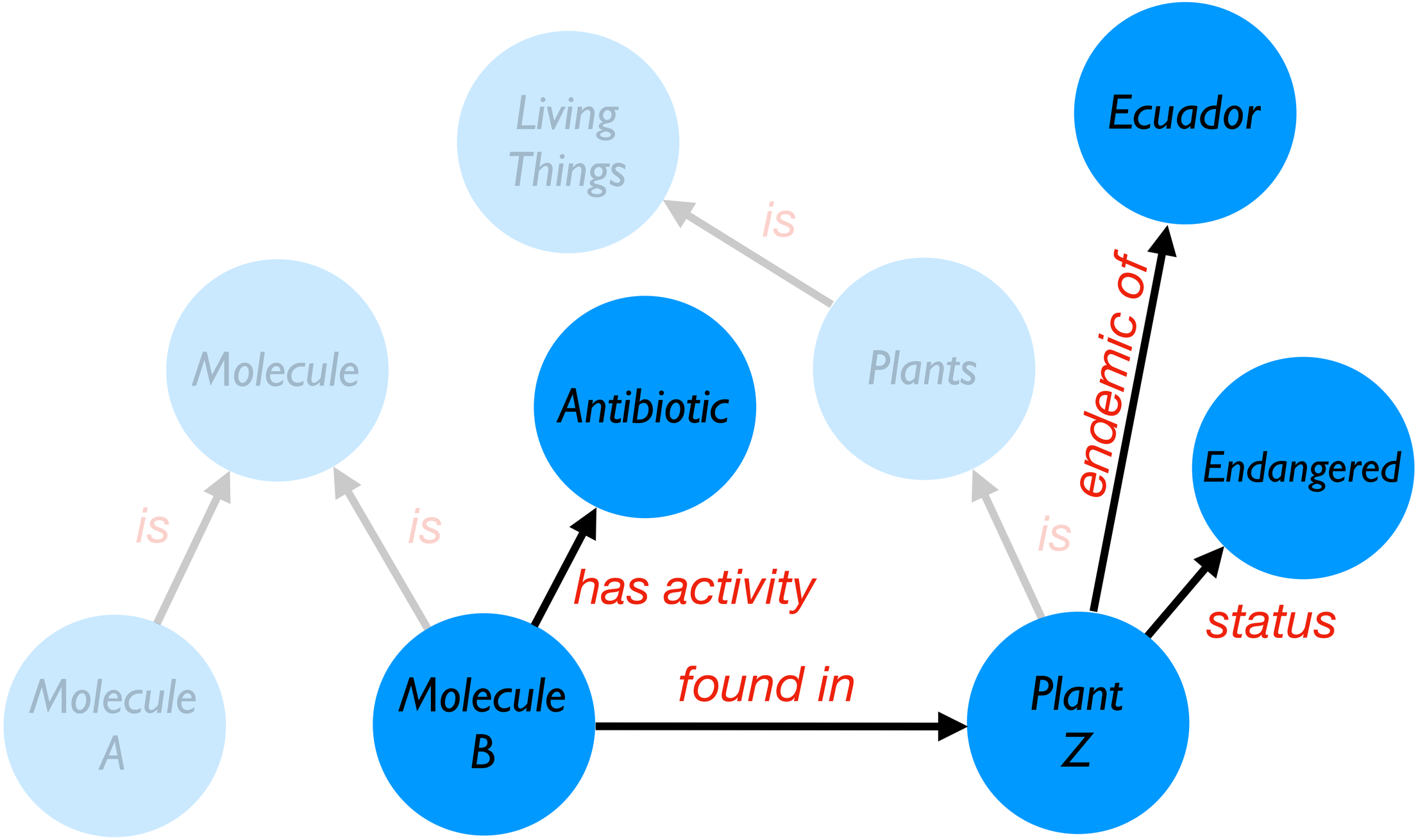
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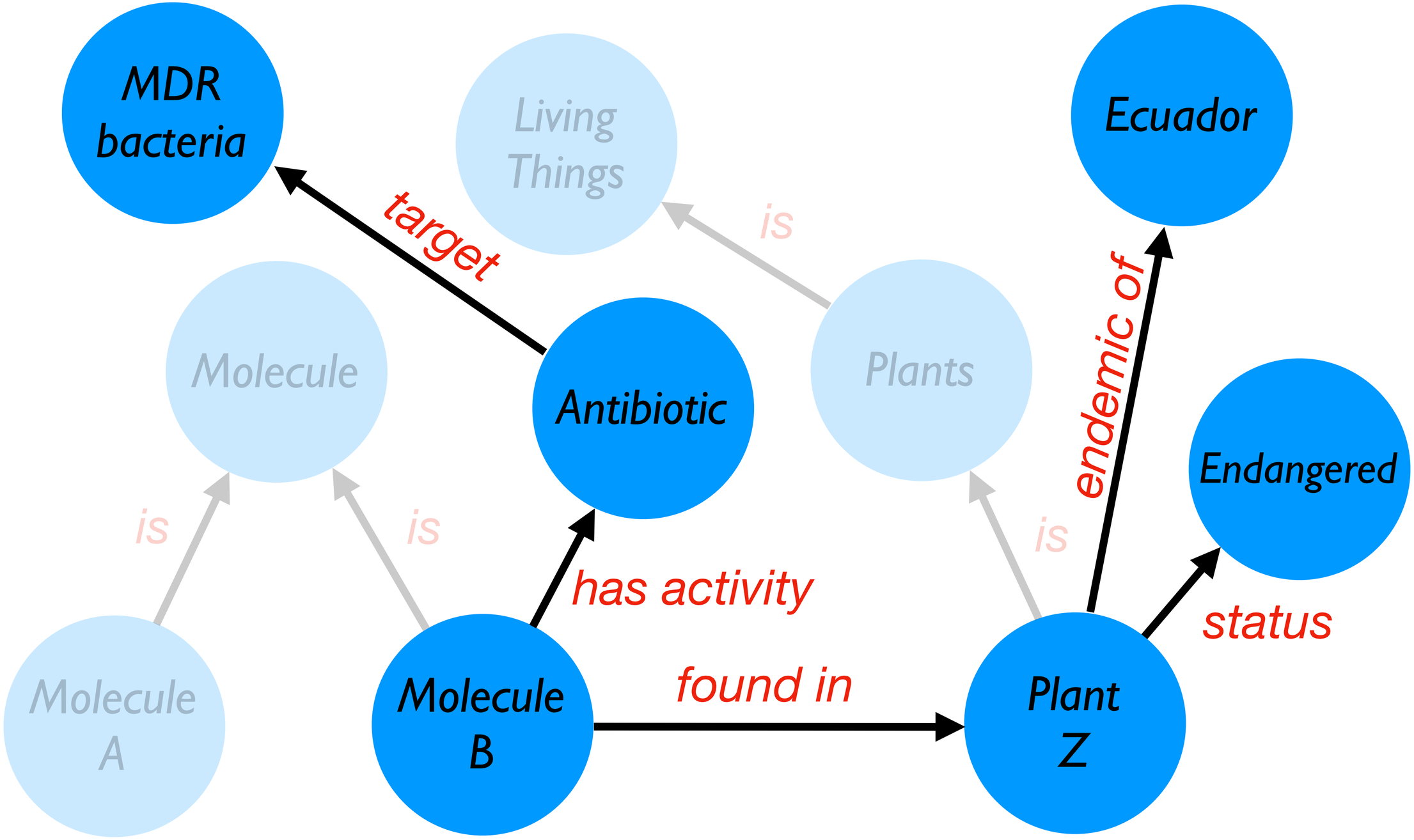
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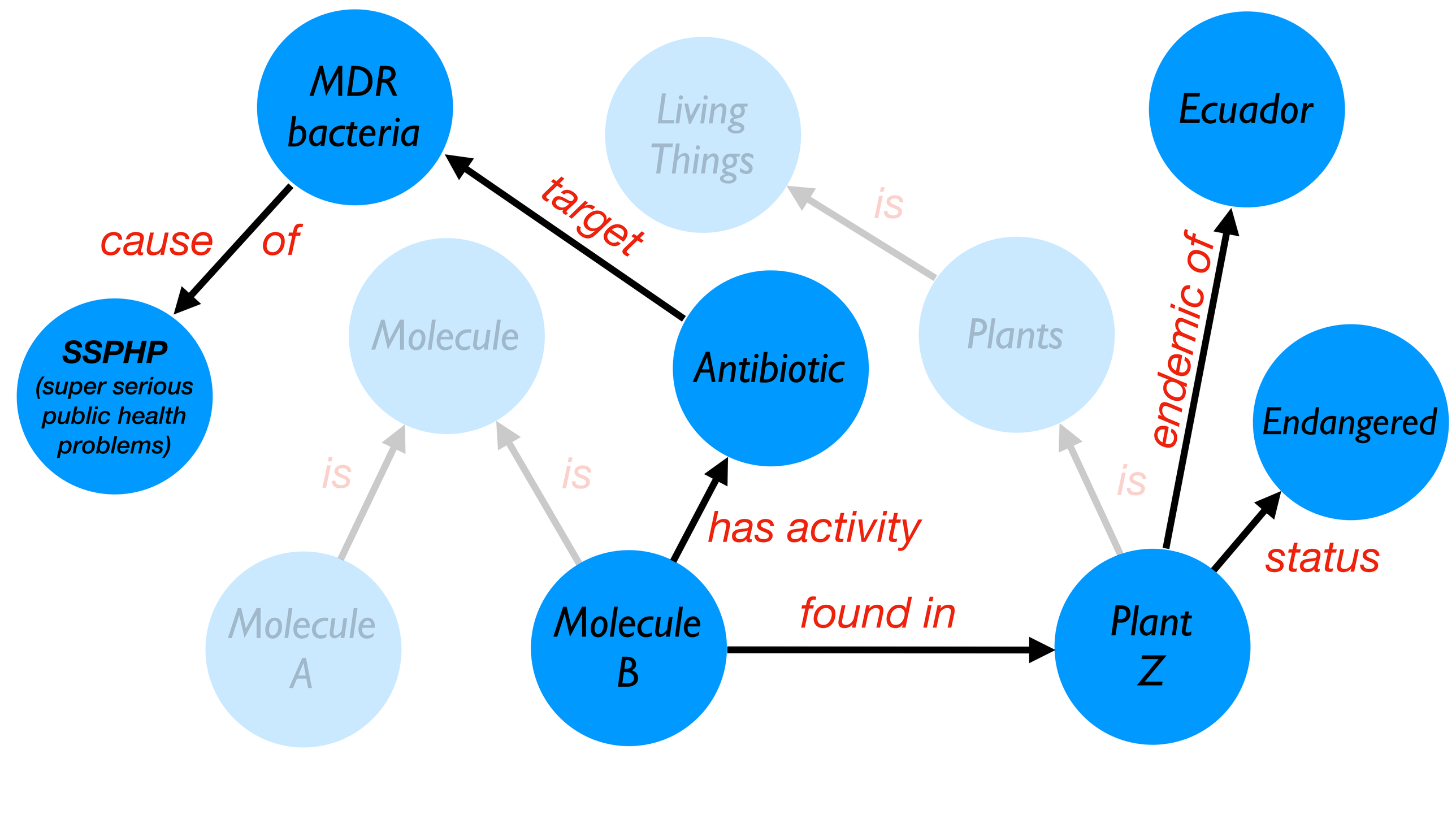
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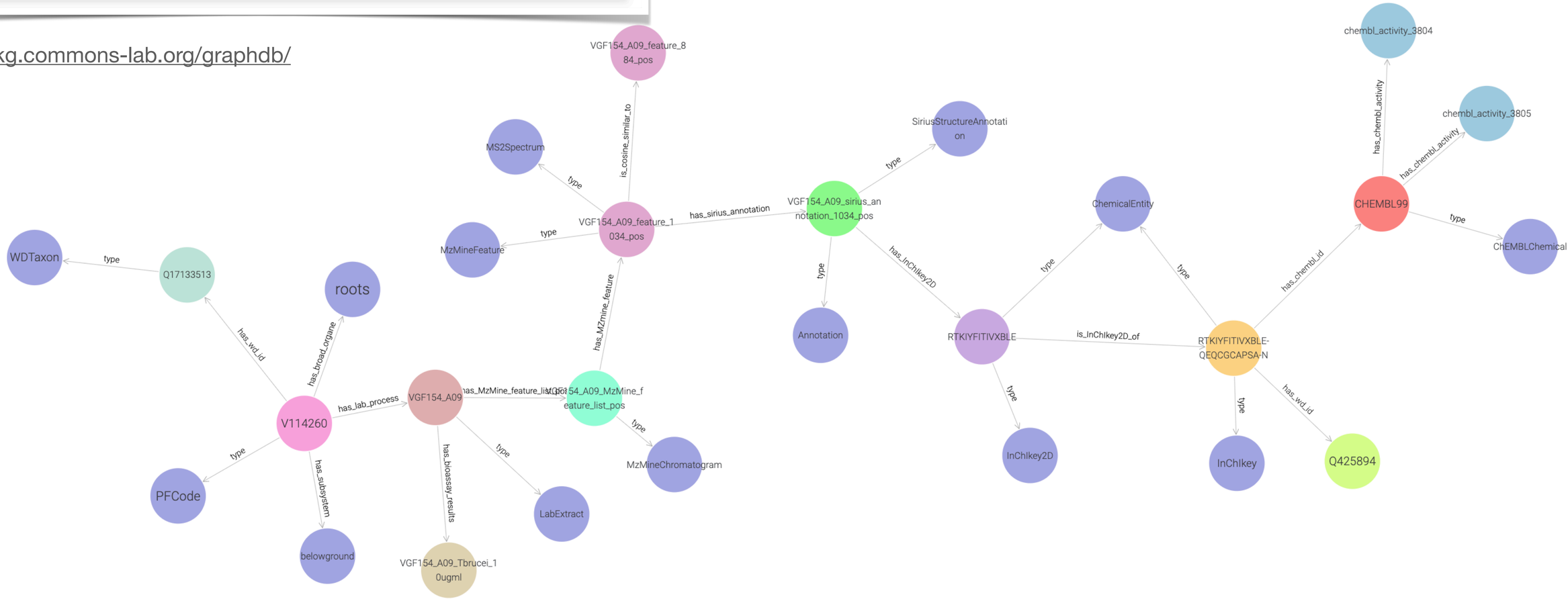

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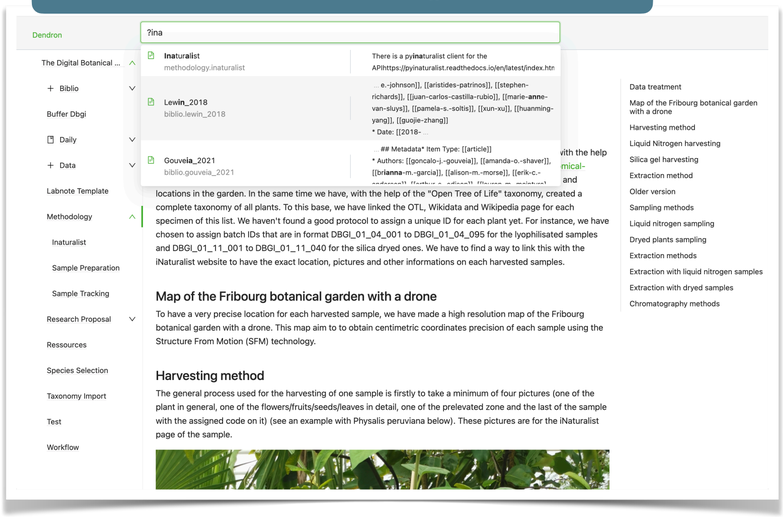

DENDRON

Notes organization via Dendron

- shareable across collaborators
- versioned on Github
- published as website

👉 https://www.dbgi.org/dendron-dbgi/

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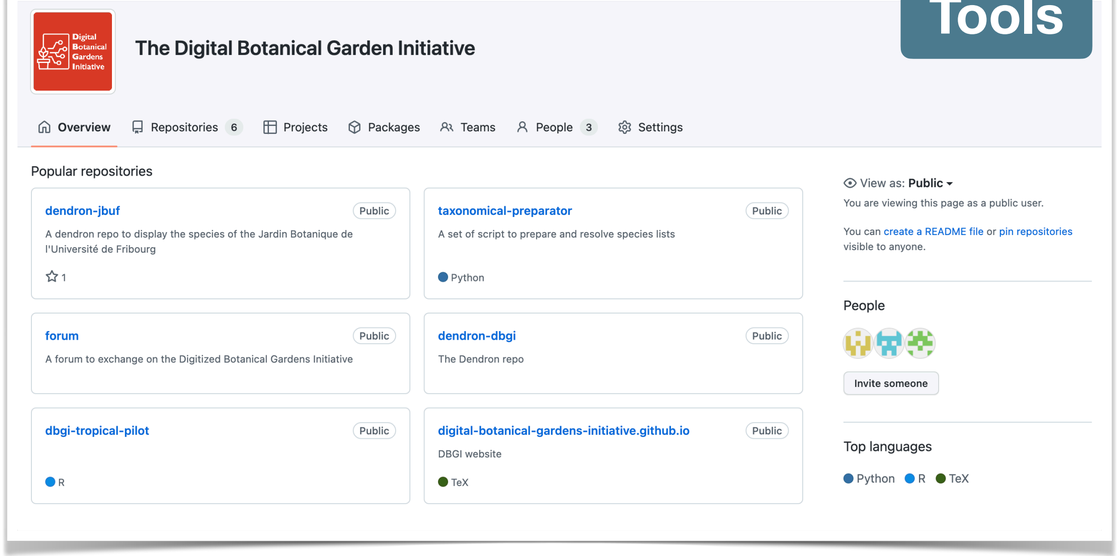


Code versioning on Github

👉 https://github.com/digital-botanical-gardens-initiative

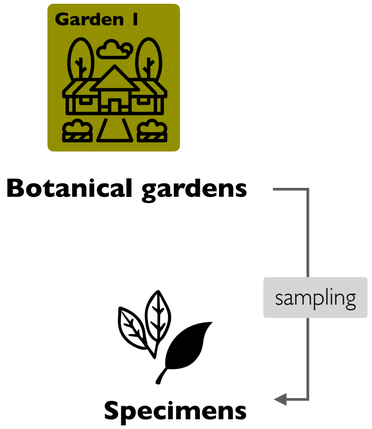
Data and research outcomes

👉 https://zenodo.org/communities/earth-metabolome/

Note: most links are now for the DBGI (a pilot of EMI focussing on botanical gardens)

In practice, how did we start ?

Botanical gardens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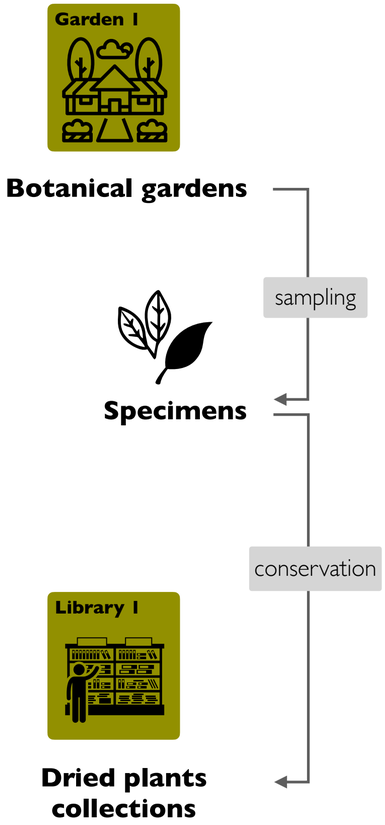
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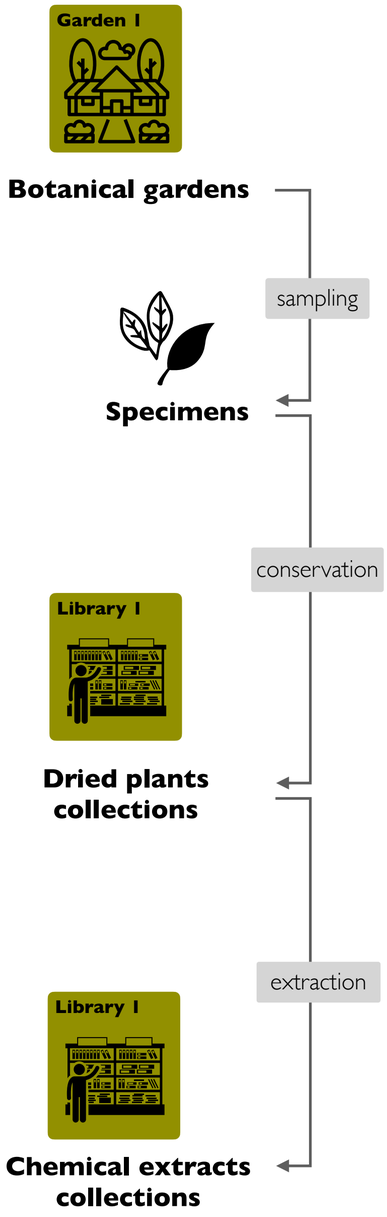
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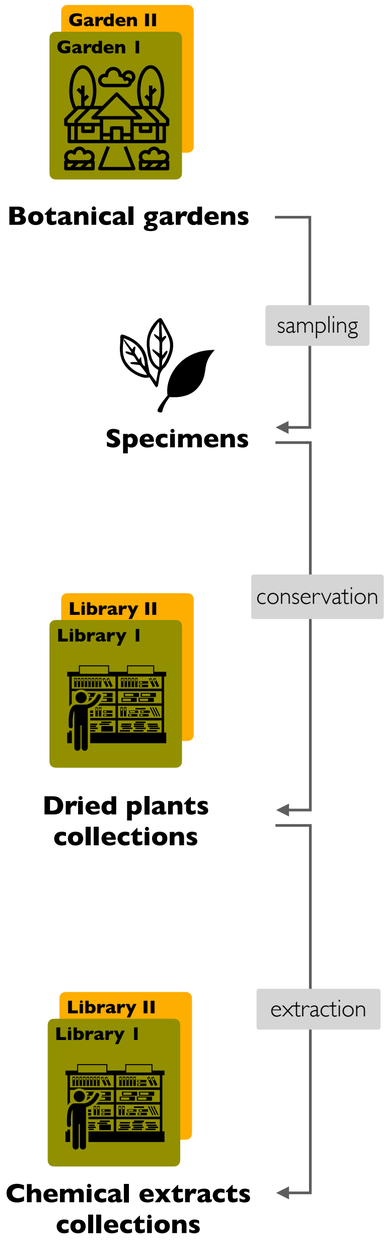
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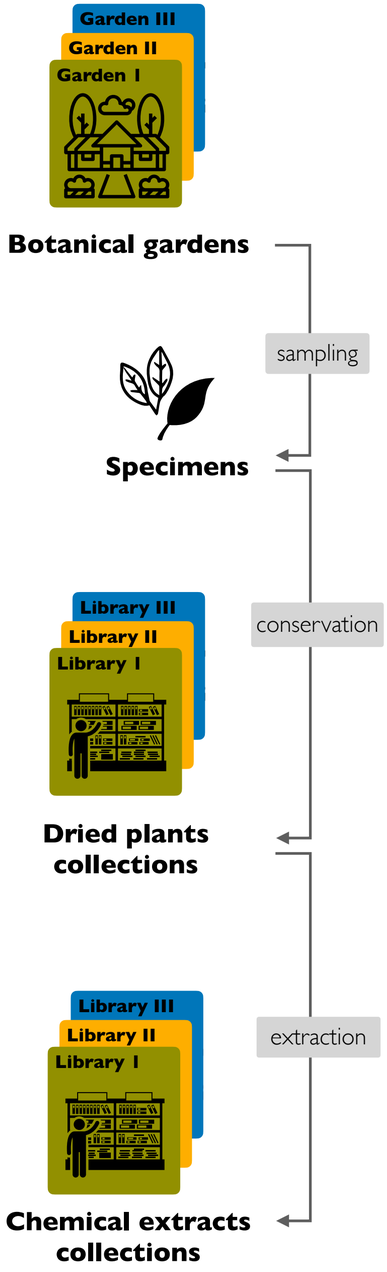
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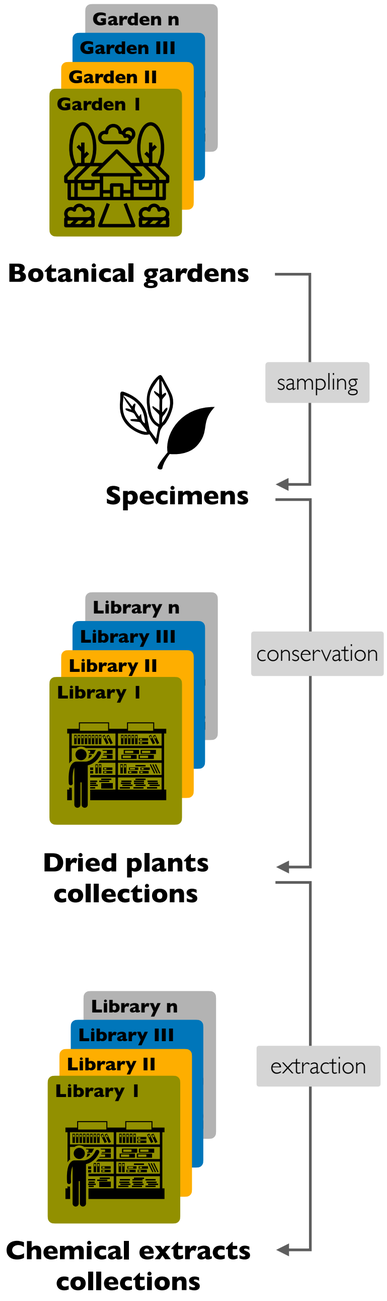
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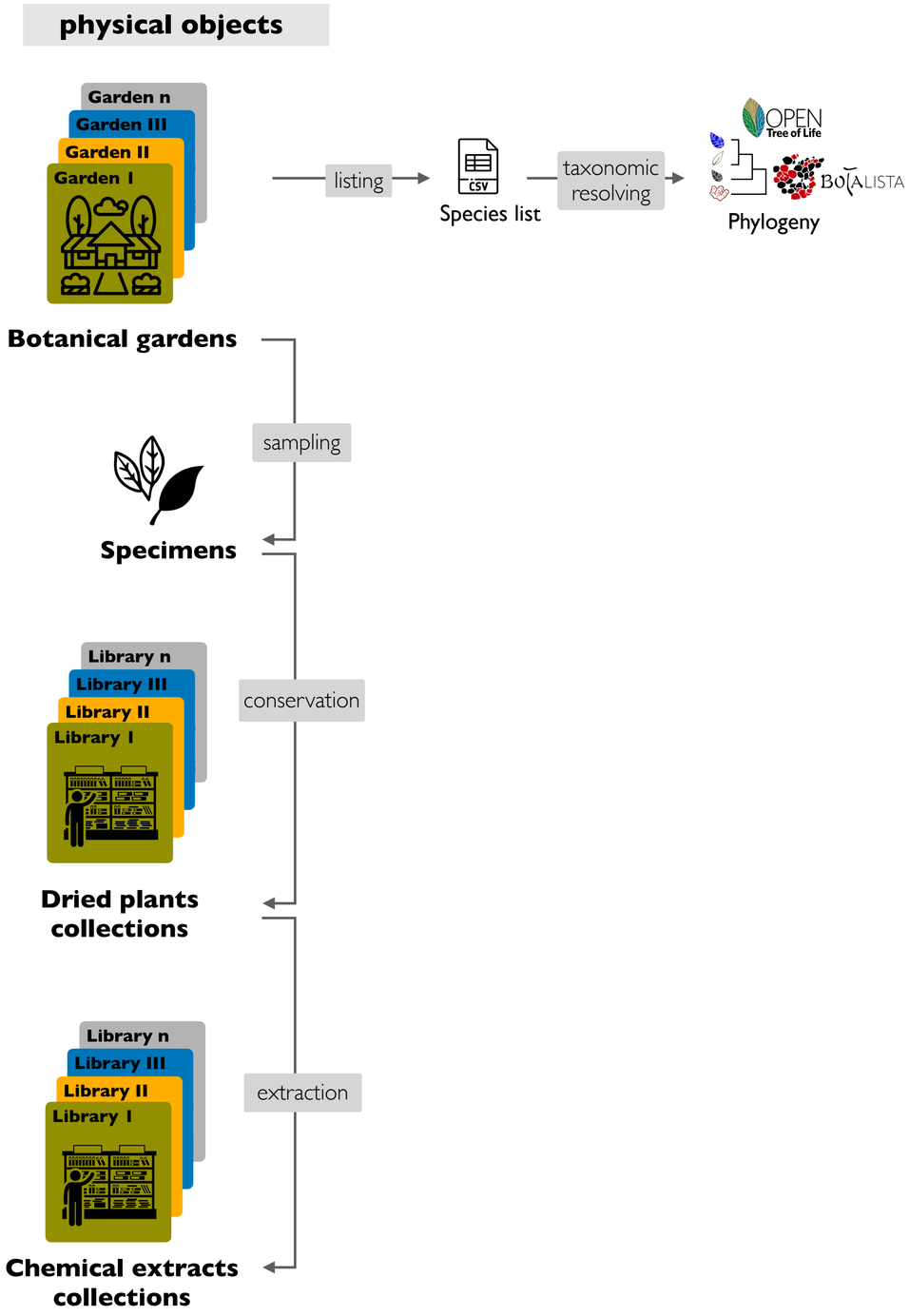
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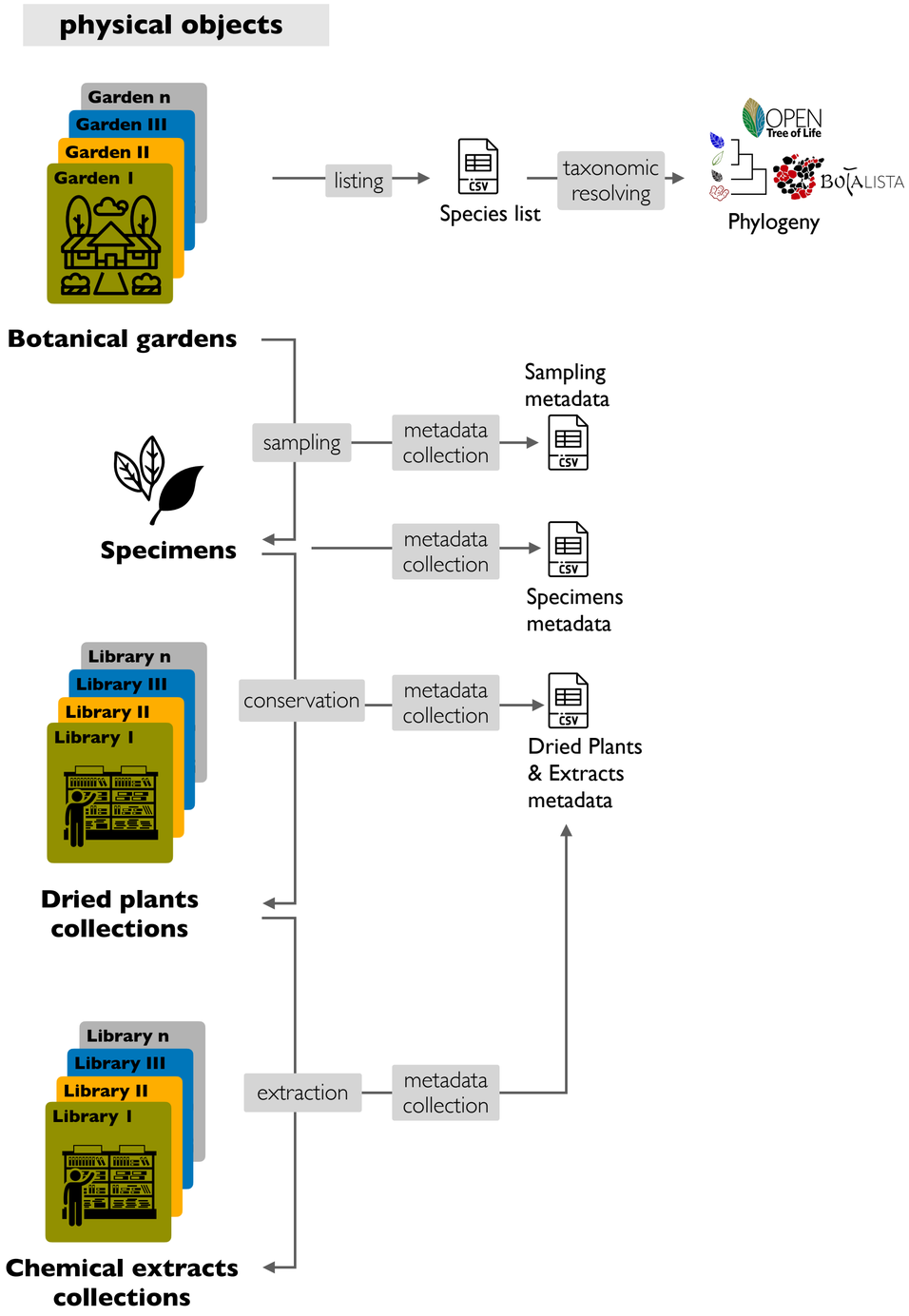
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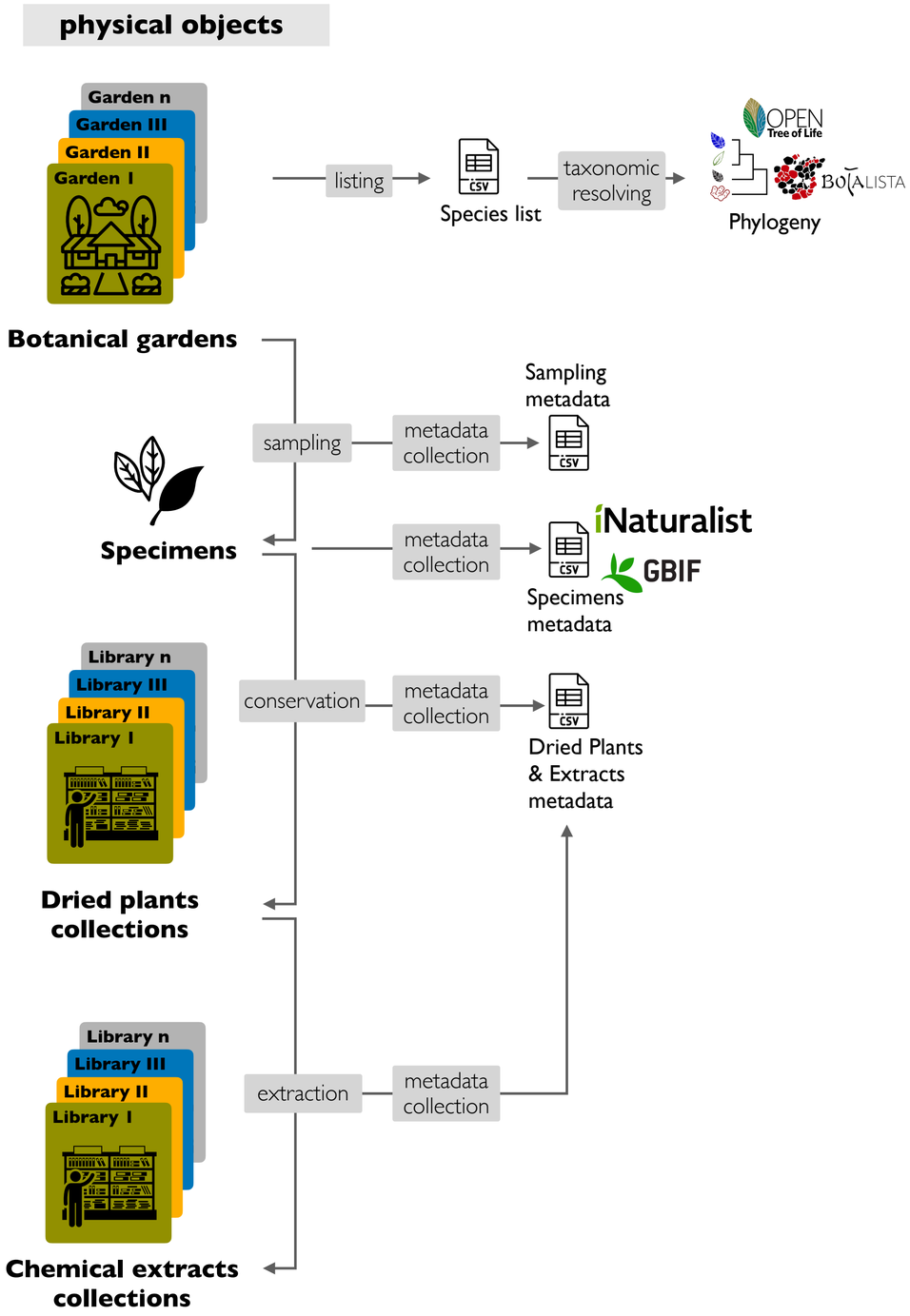
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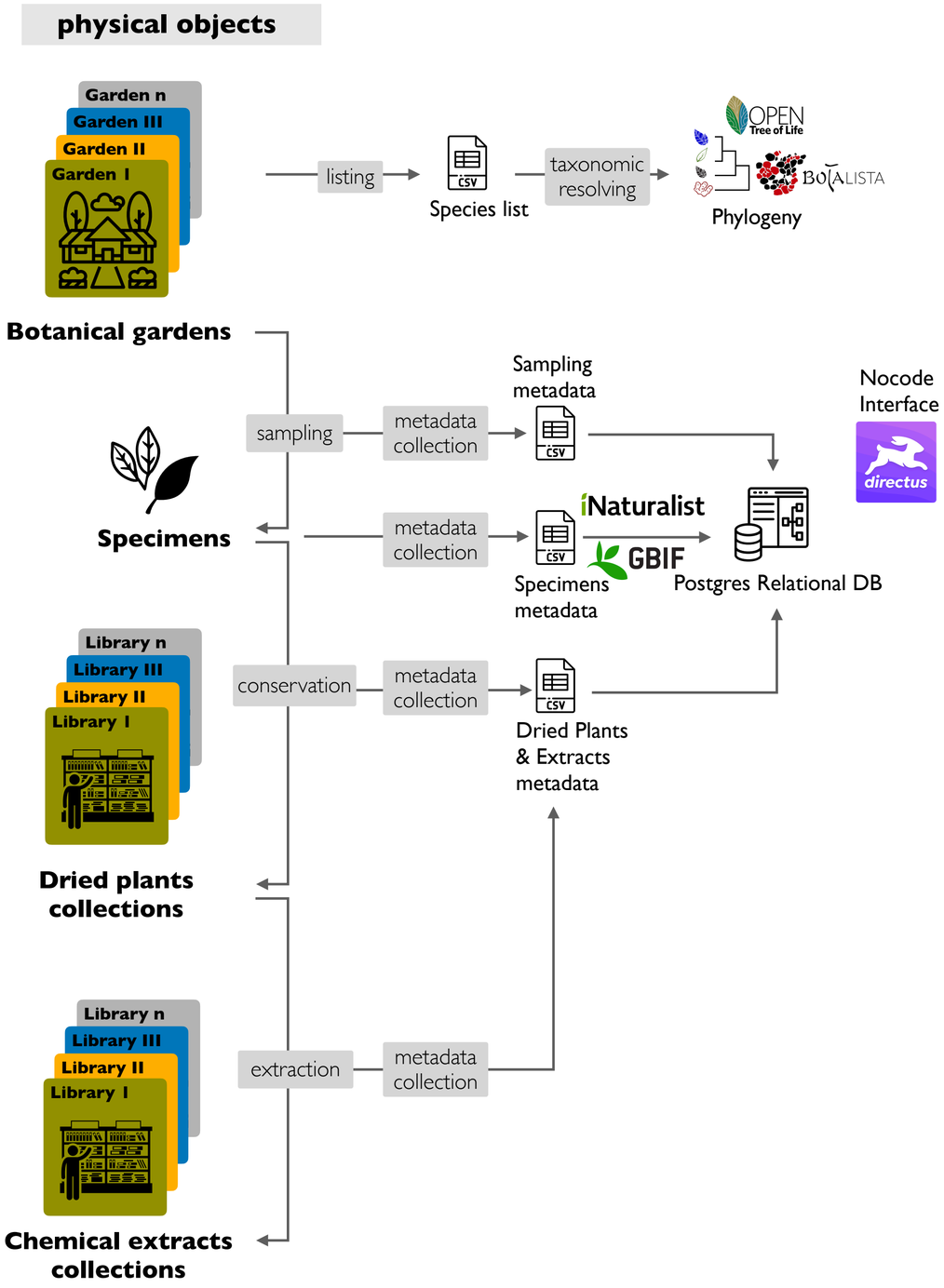
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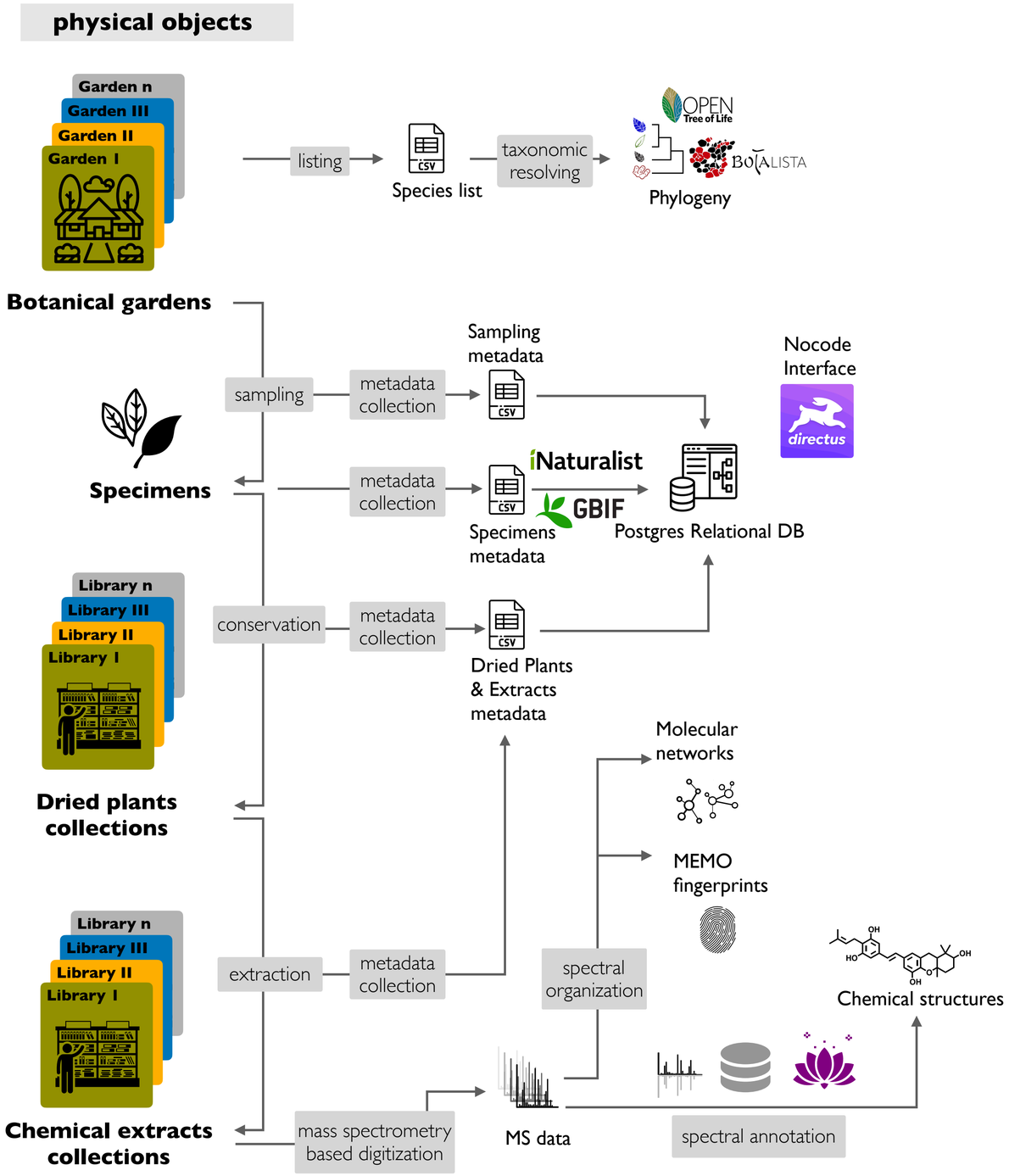
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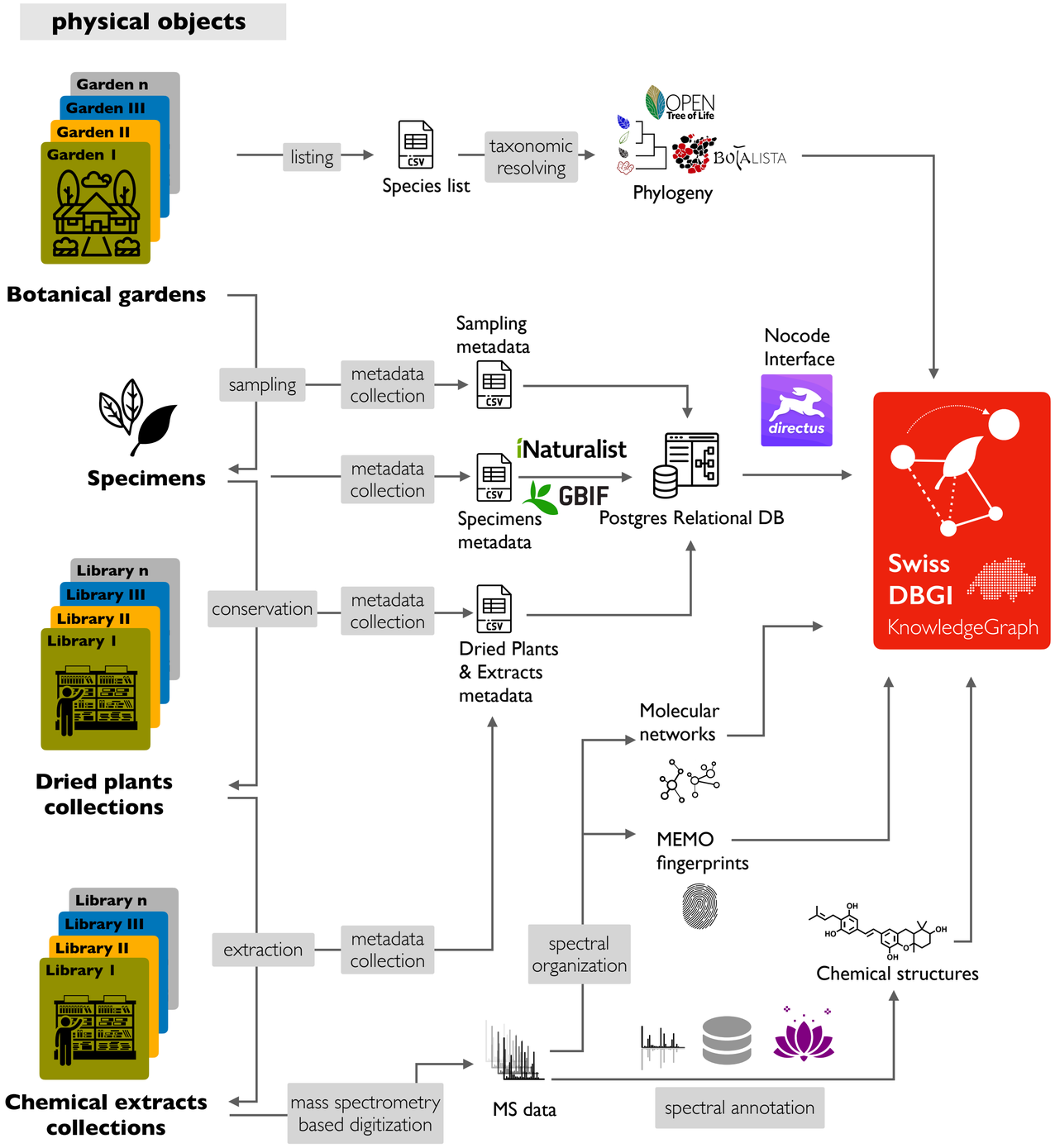
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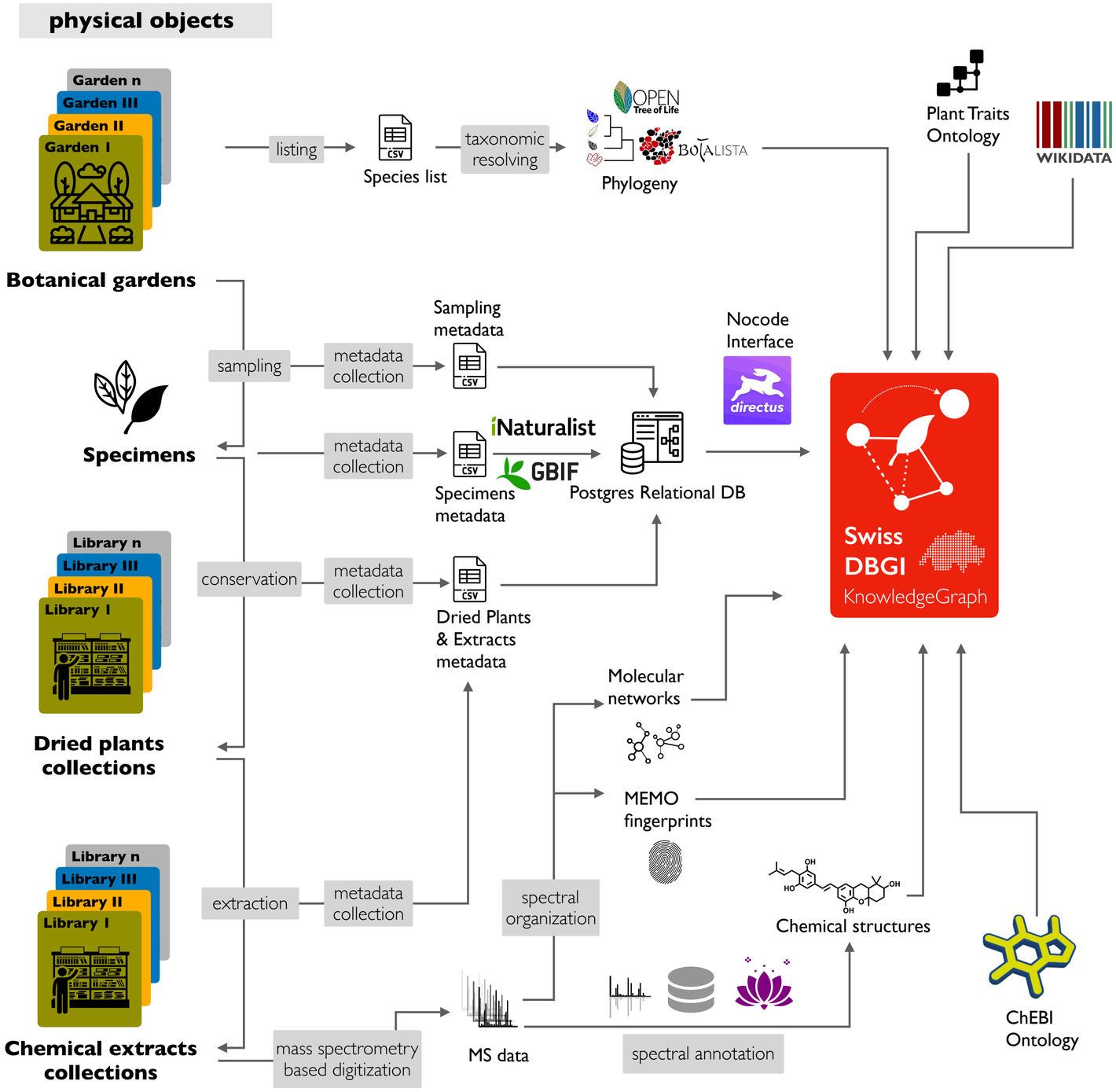
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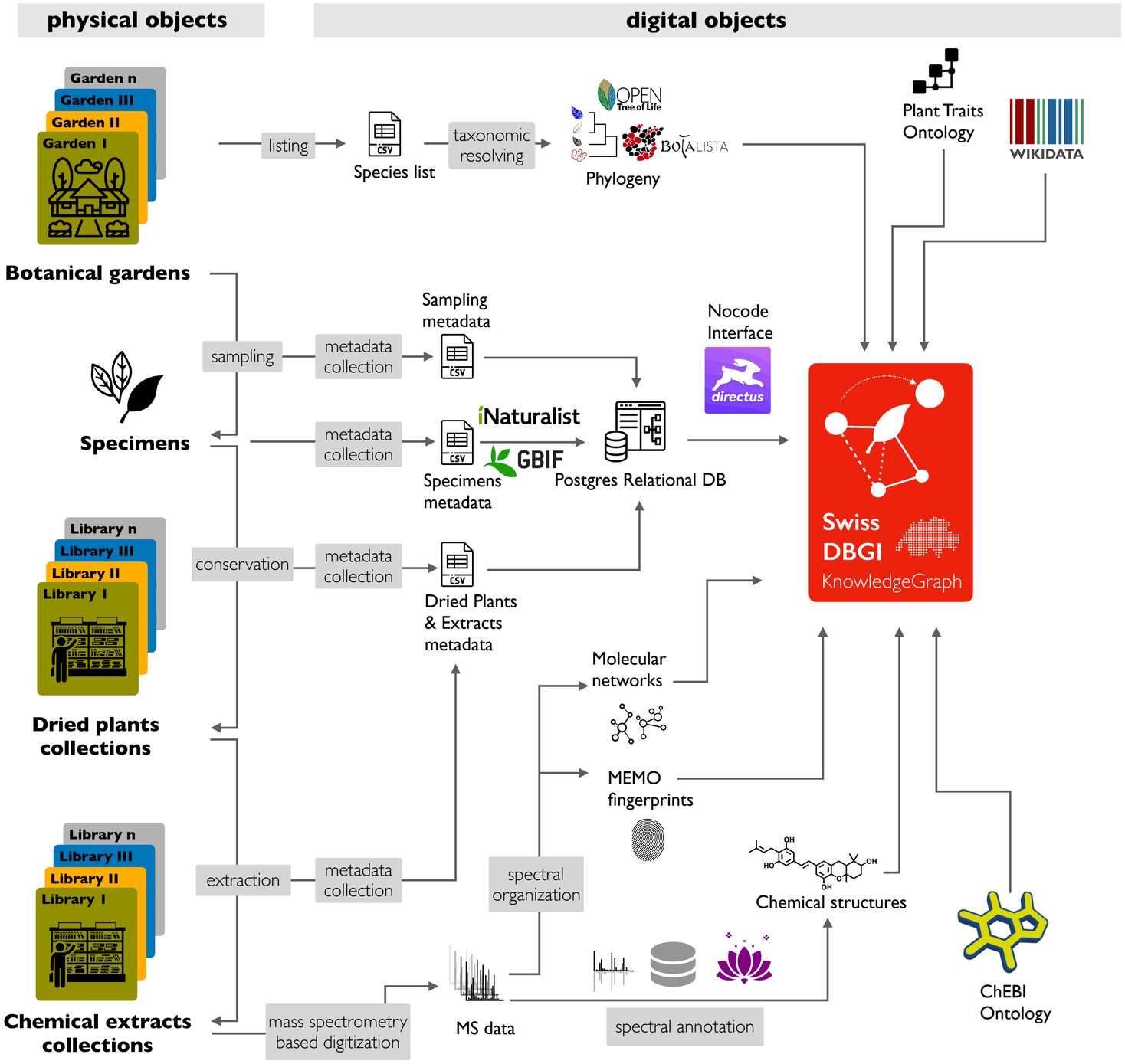
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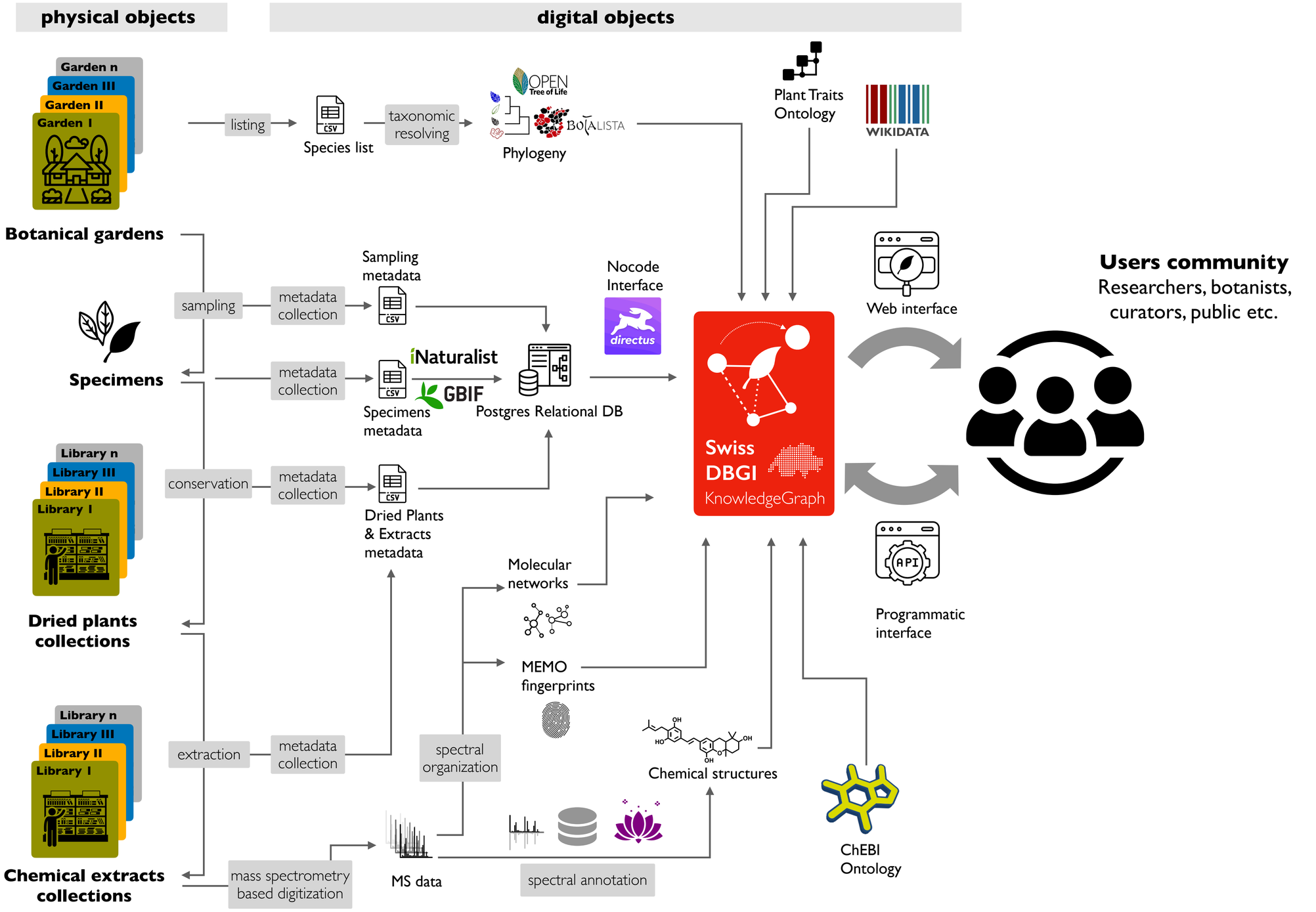
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