

D1 – Demonstration of the developed functionalities

## **From photons to fish, from seconds to centuries; Generating FAIR data from high resolution sensors in the Western Channel Observatory**

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# Scope

Coming up over the next 20 minutes...

*“From photons to fish, from seconds to centuries;  
**Generating FAIR data from high resolution sensors  
in the Western Channel Observatory (WCO)”***

- Motivation
- Method
- Key Outputs

## Motivation

# The Western Channel Observatory

- The Western Channel Observatory (WCO) is an oceanographic time-series and marine biodiversity reference site in the Western English Channel.
- In situ measurements are undertaken from a range of costal stations in addition to research vessels from Plymouth Marine Laboratory and the Marine Biological Association.
- A UN Ocean Decade-recognized observation site, the WCO has data series dating from 1903.



## Motivation

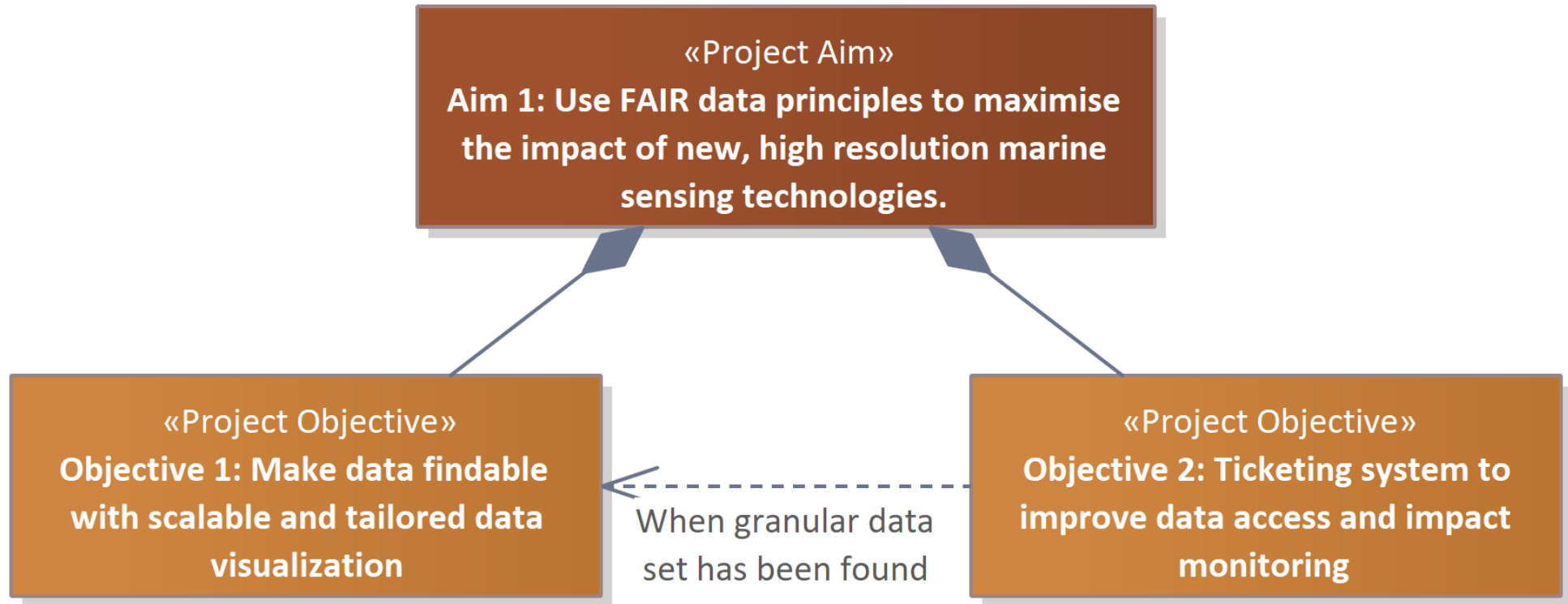
# Increasing the resolution of WCO data

- The majority WCO's long time-series of data have been sampled at a weekly resolution at fixed locations.
- While this approach has been successful in developing the current set of impactful WCO data, emerging sensor and platform technologies promise to increase both spatial and time resolution of these data.
- This high-resolution data provides a foundation to the development of digital twins and improved modelling capabilities as well as providing a valuable resource that can accelerate the development, test and training of artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML) applications.
- These higher-level capabilities are of significant value to scientific, policy making and business communities by supporting responses to acute events while better informing our understanding of long-term environmental change.

**The challenge:** making data findable, accessible, interoperable and reusable (FAIR) as the size, frequency and complexity of these data series increases.

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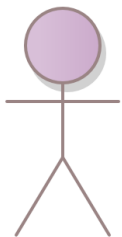
# The aims and objectives of this work



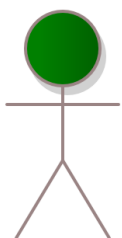
# Method

## Identify the key stakeholders and data interactions

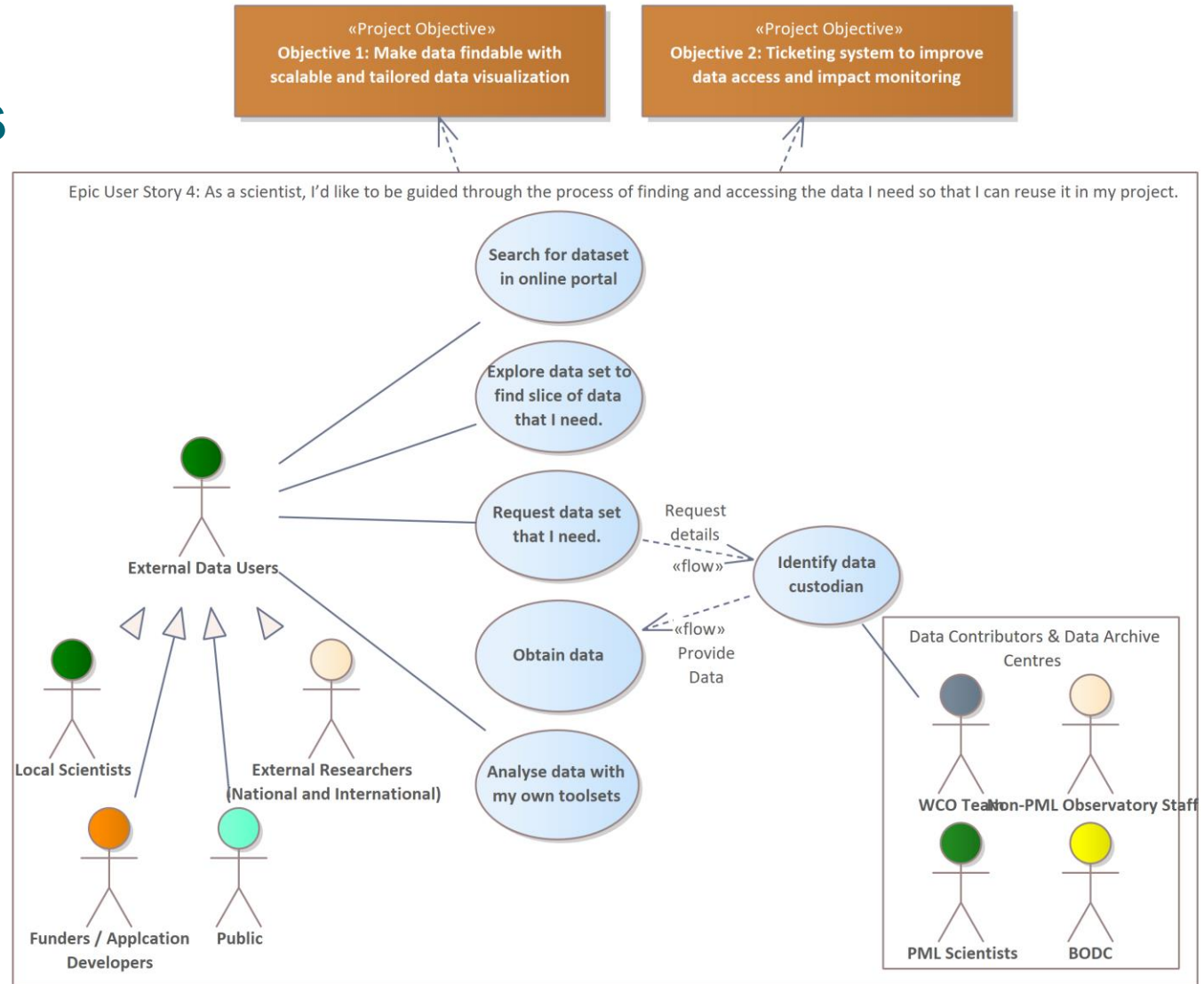
To meet the project's objectives, developed functionalities focus on:

  
Data Contributors

Mitigating barriers to the use of community standard metadata throughout the data pipeline.

  
Data Users

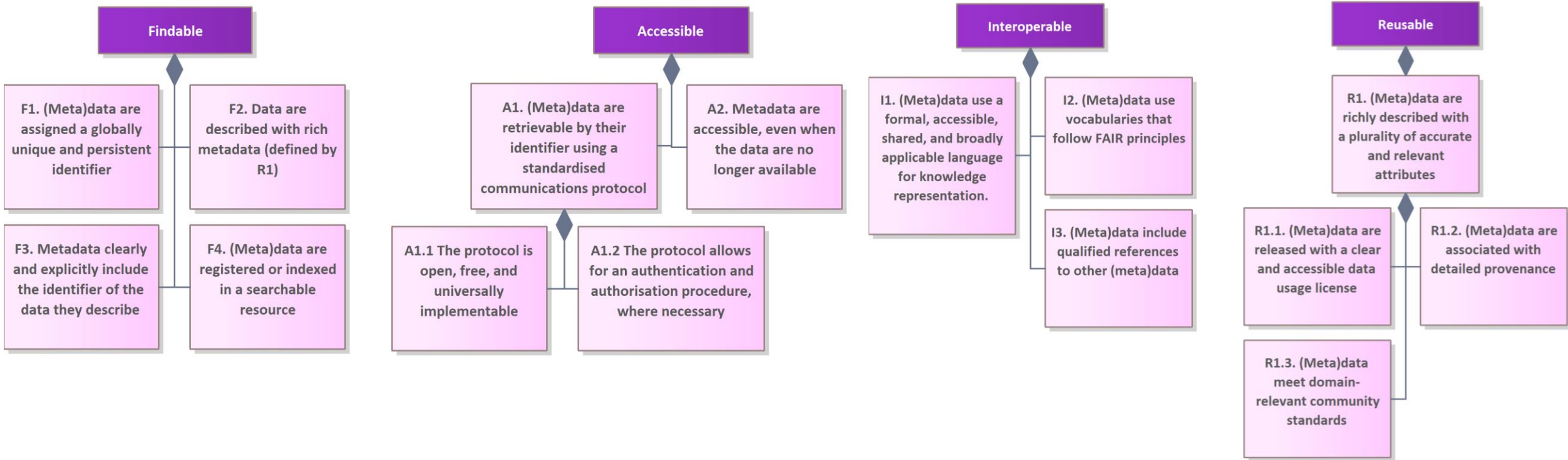
Encouraging the appropriate access and correct citation of data.



Example model-based use case diagram

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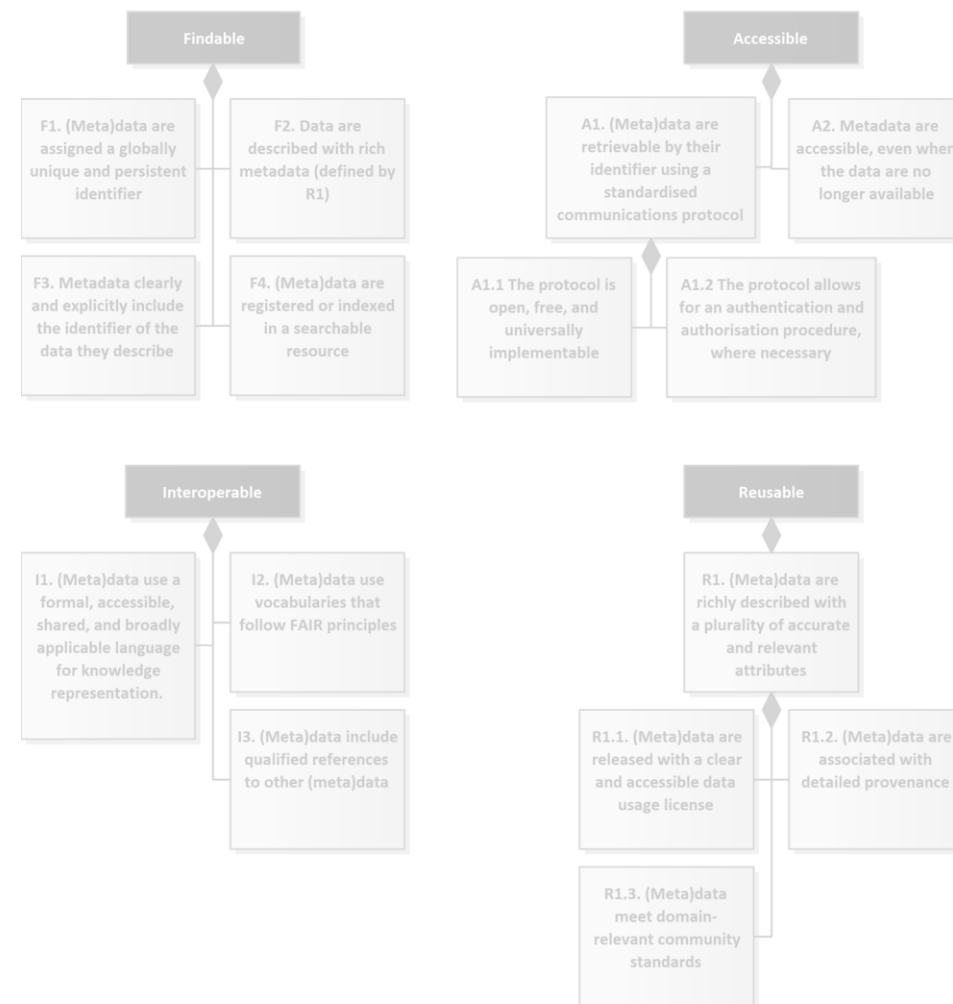
# A recap of the FAIR principles\*



\*M. Wilkinson, et. Al, "The FAIR Guiding Principles for scientific data management and stewardship", Nature, 15<sup>th</sup> March 2016.

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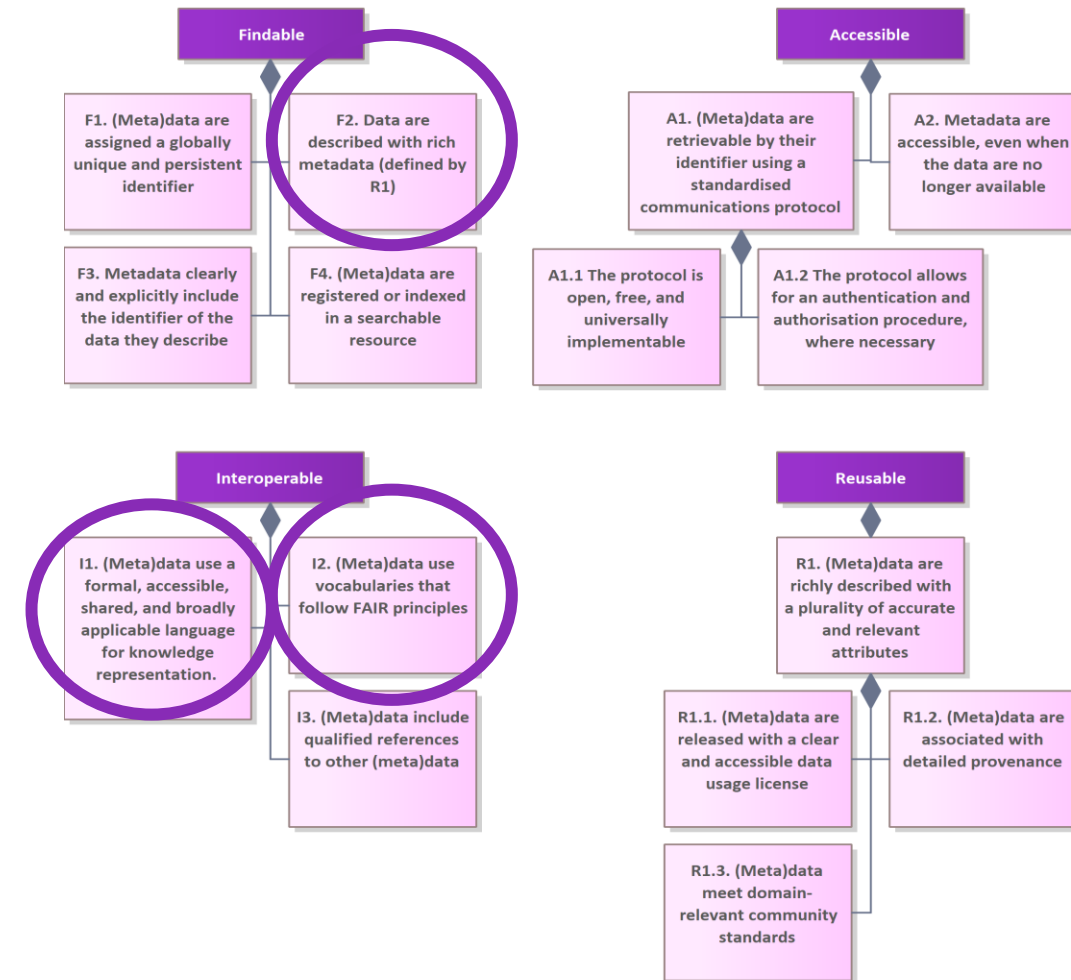
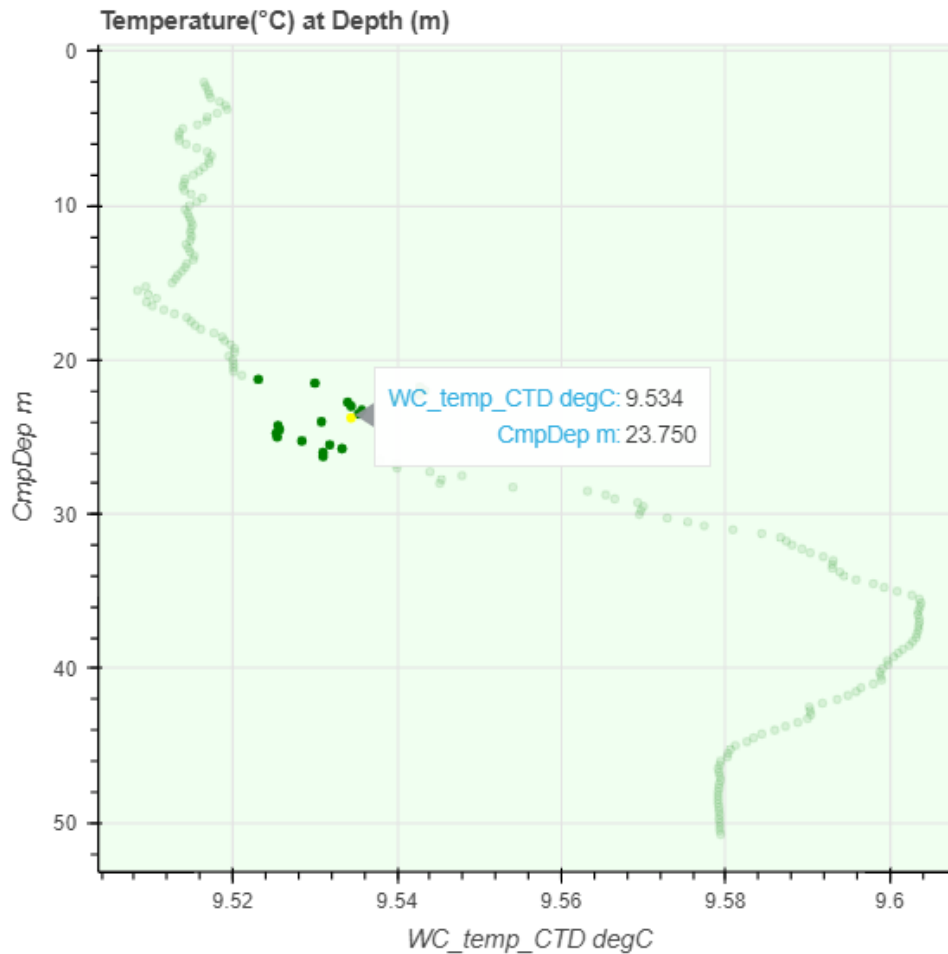
## Interactive Data Exploration





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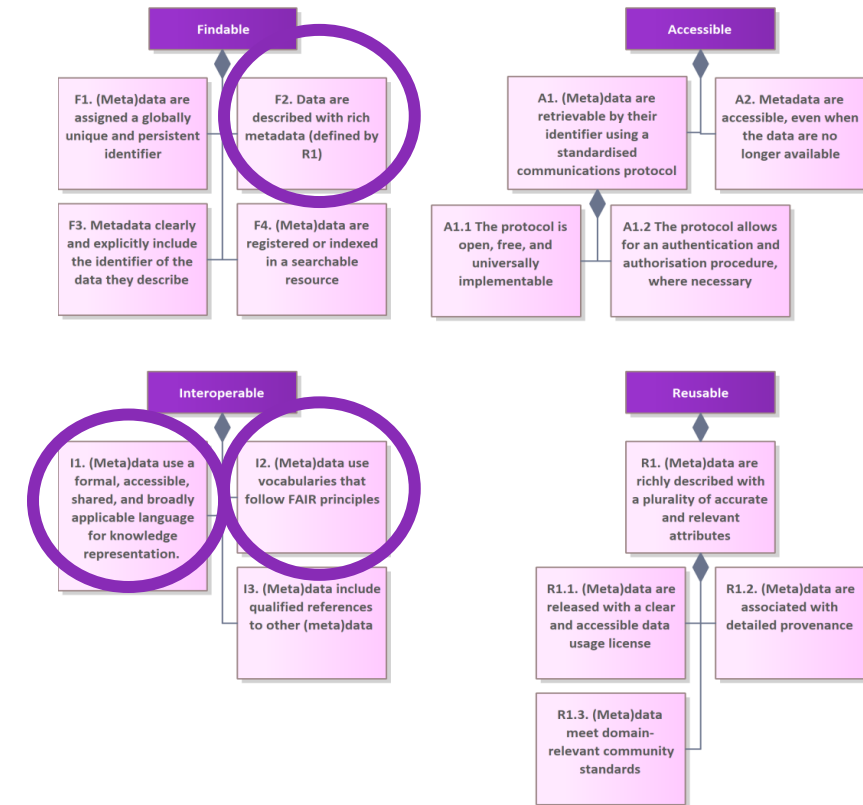
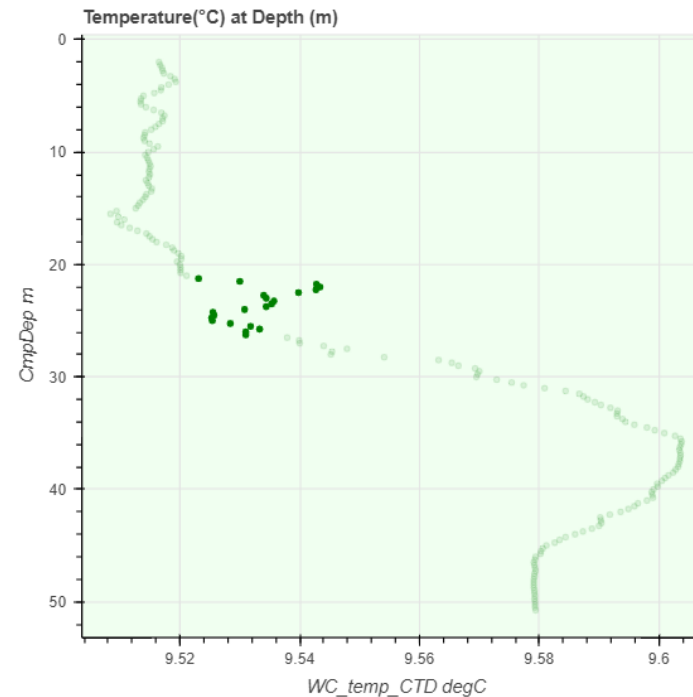
## Enriched Usage Metadata



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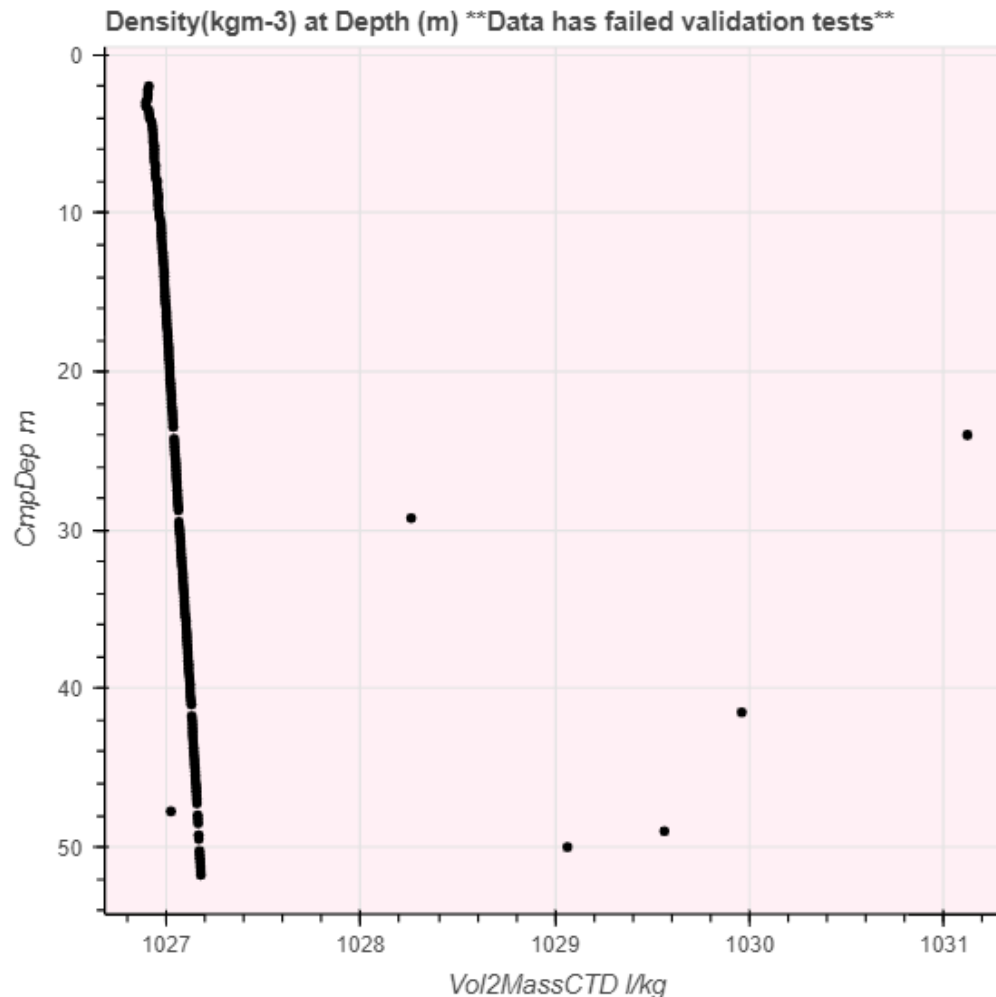
## Enriched Discovery Metadata

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Responsible Party (Email)	jrfi@pml.ac.uk, obj@pml.ac.uk
Responsible Party (Distributor)	PML



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## Automated Quality Checking

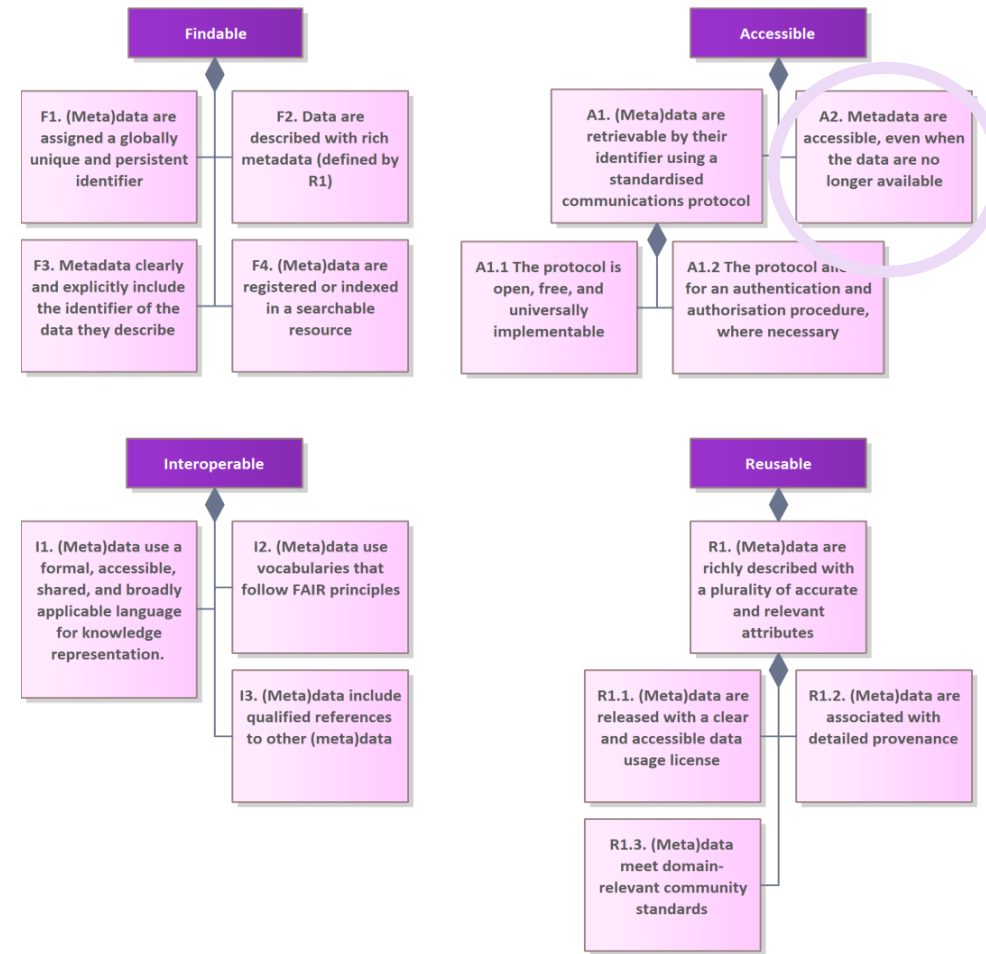


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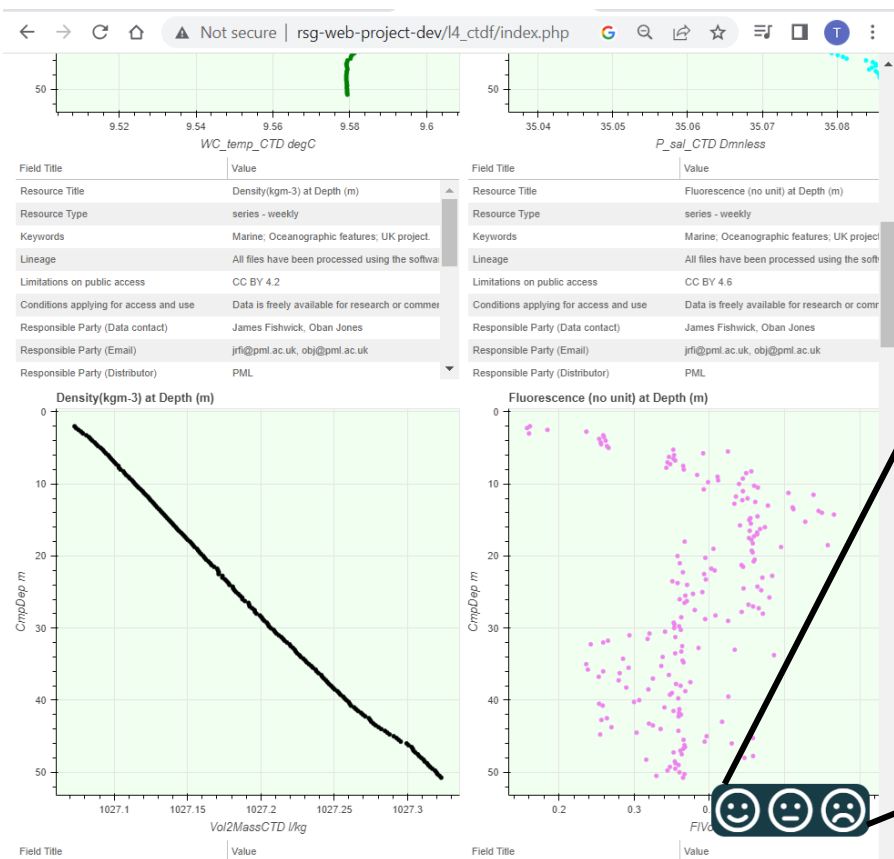
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**Transmission at Depth (m) \*\*No data was found for this variable\*\***



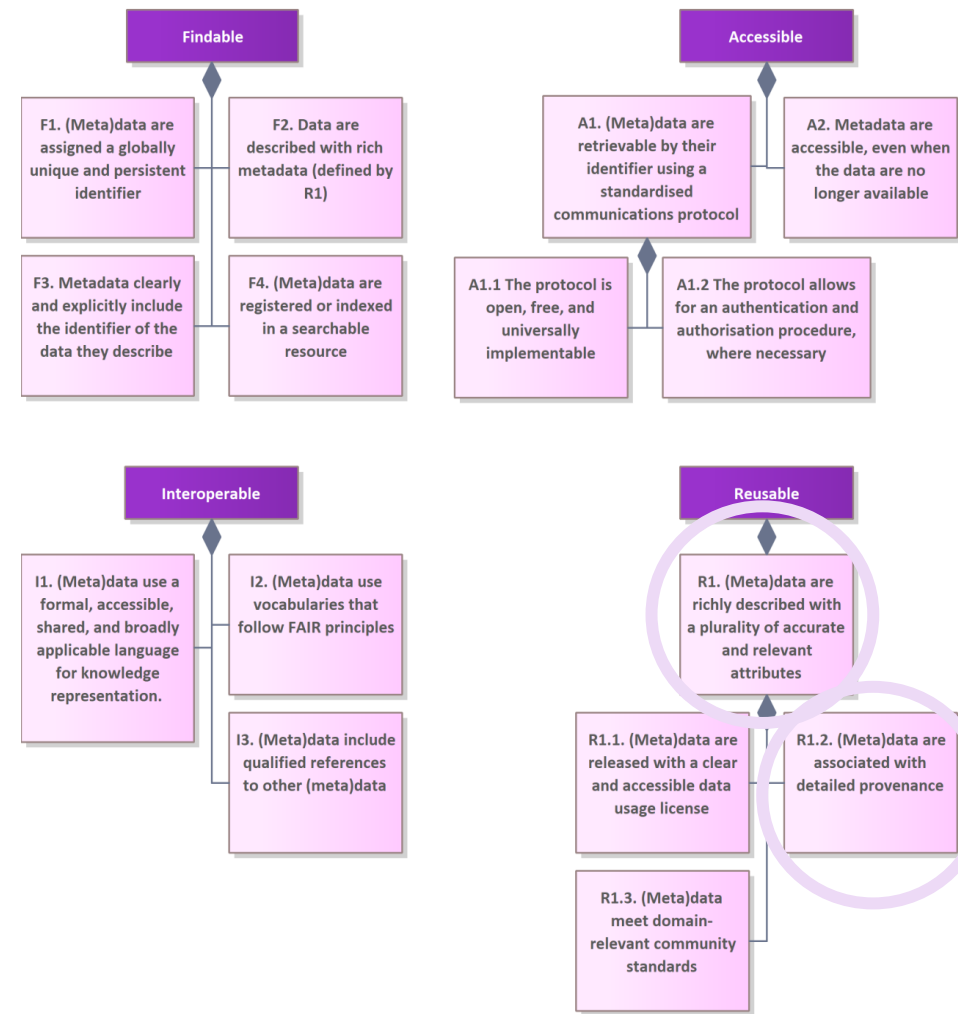
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## Data User Feedback



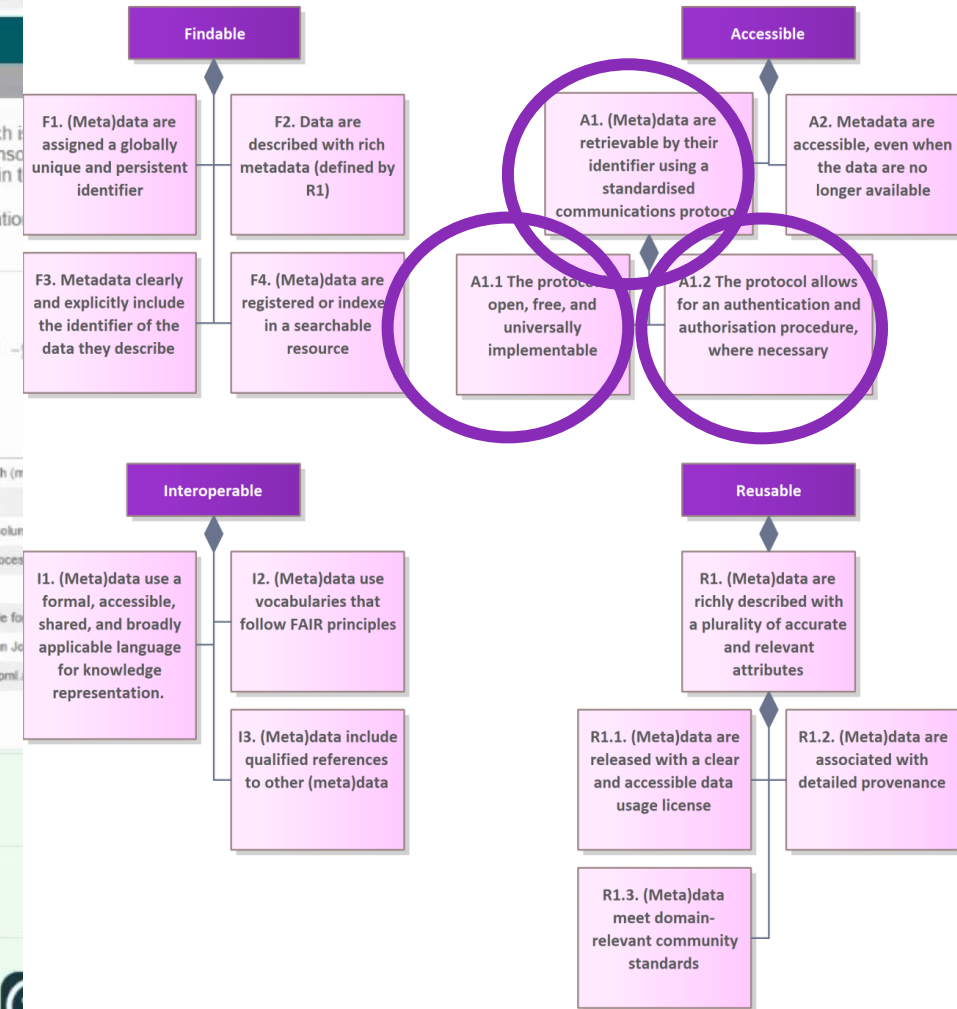
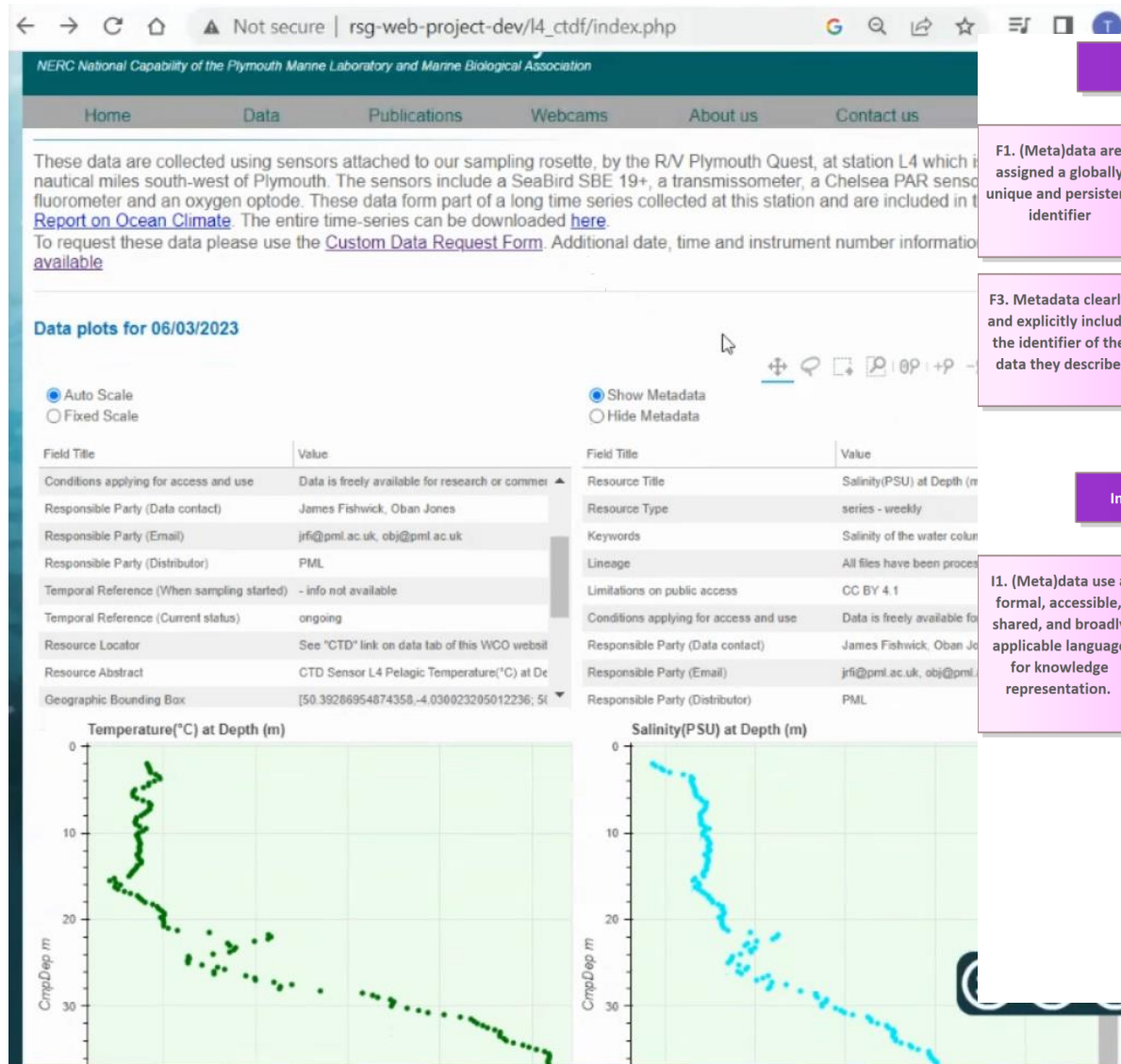
How is our data looking?

Select a smiley & free type here...



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## Accessing the correct data



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## Collection of data for impact monitoring

Custom Data Request Form

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**\*Email:**

**\*Organisation:**

**Department:**

**Sector:**

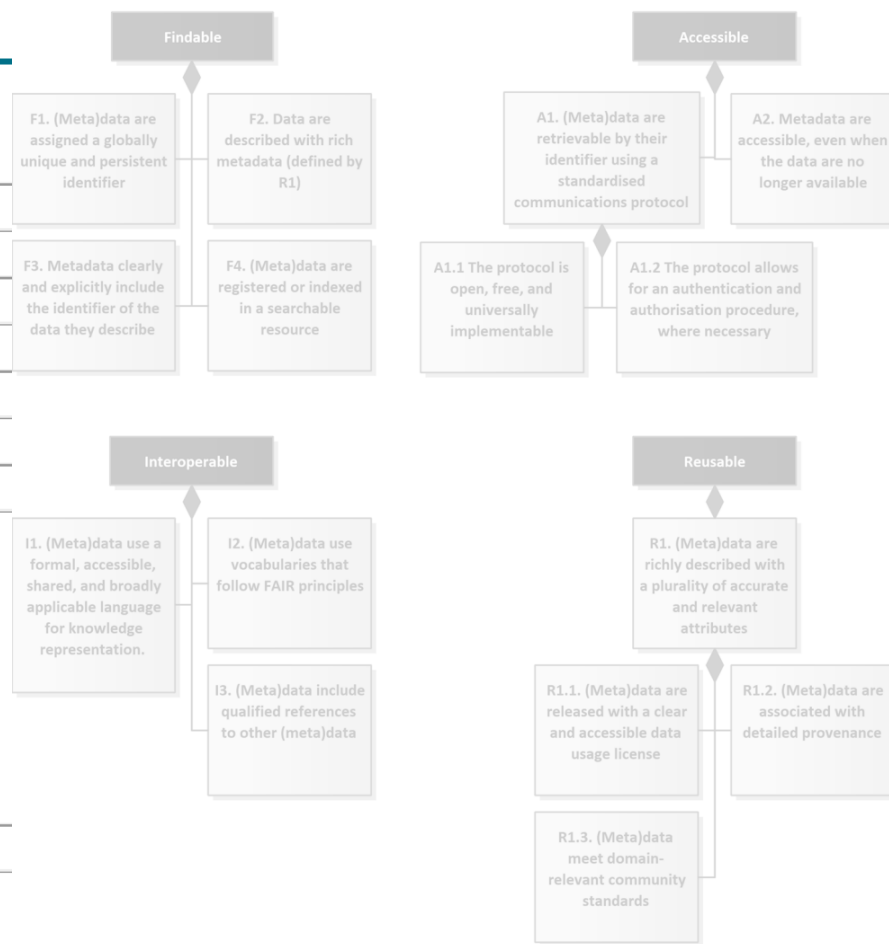
- Academia
- Industry
- Government
- NGO
- Media
- Other

**Project Details**

**\*Project Title:**

**Project Type:**

- Undergraduate
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- PhD
- Industry
- Commissioned Project
- Scientific Paper
- Policy Relevant Report
- Other



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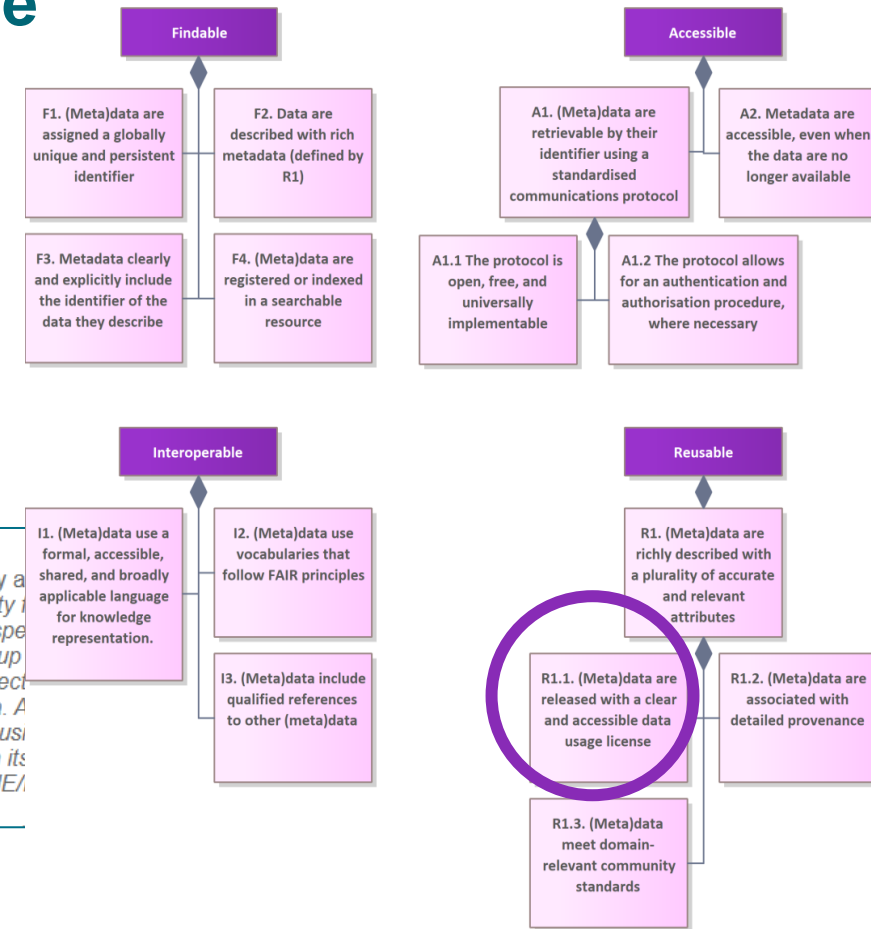
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Temperature(°C) at Depth (m)

### User Notices

- We kindly request that all data uptake is appropriately a
    - The Data Policy of the NERC National Capability point of delivery. However, we request that prospective users provide the metadata, the most up-to-date expertise in how the data can be used. We expect active collaboration in projects using these data. As provided by the Western Channel Observatory using Natural Environment Research Council through its Linked Atlantic Sector Science, grant number NE/011019/1
- \*I have read and agree to The Data Policy



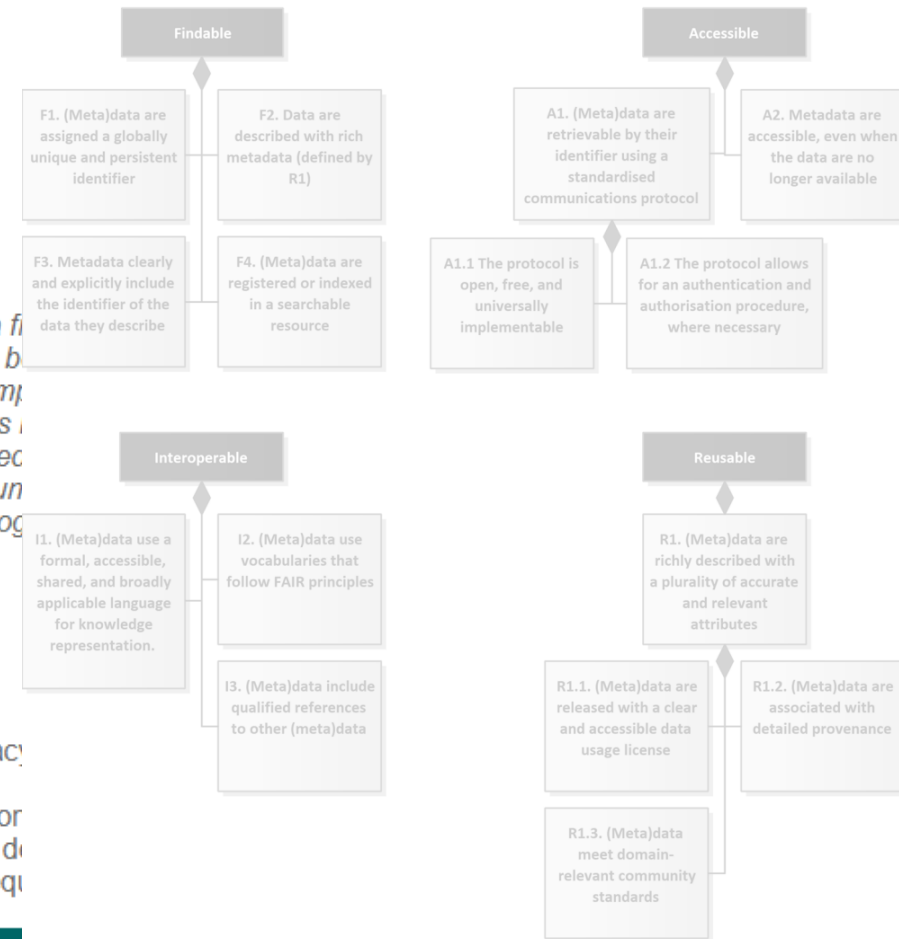


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## A note on GDPR...

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- \*I have read and agree to The Data Policy
- We would like to contact you in the future to understand how you have used this data. Please tick the box to opt-in
- We would like to include details of your research in some of PML's output such as Reports and Newsletters. Please tick the box to opt-in
- For more information on our privacy practices, and how we are committed to protecting and respecting your privacy, please see our [Privacy Policy](#)
- By clicking submit, you consent to allow Plymouth Marine Laboratory to store and process the personal information for the sole purpose of providing you with the content requested. Your data request may require us to share your data with the British Oceanographic Data Centre (BODC) with the sole purpose of providing you with the data that you have requested.

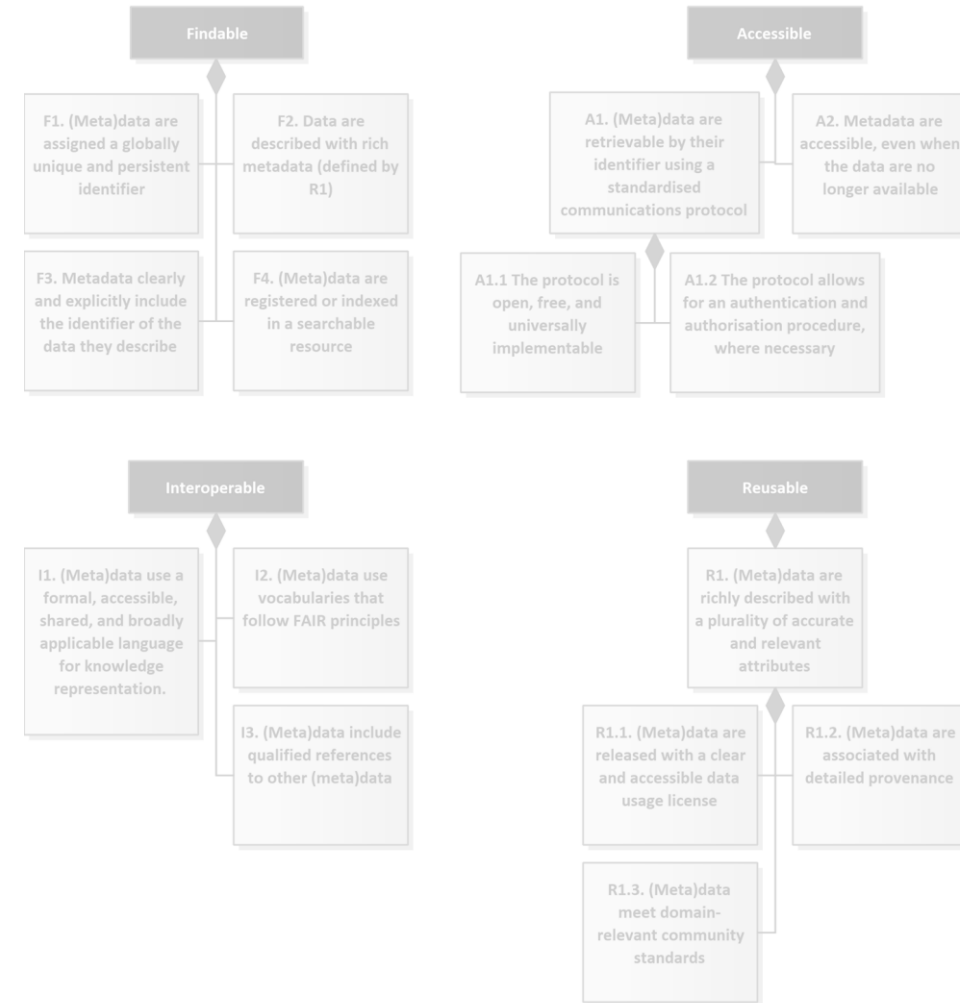
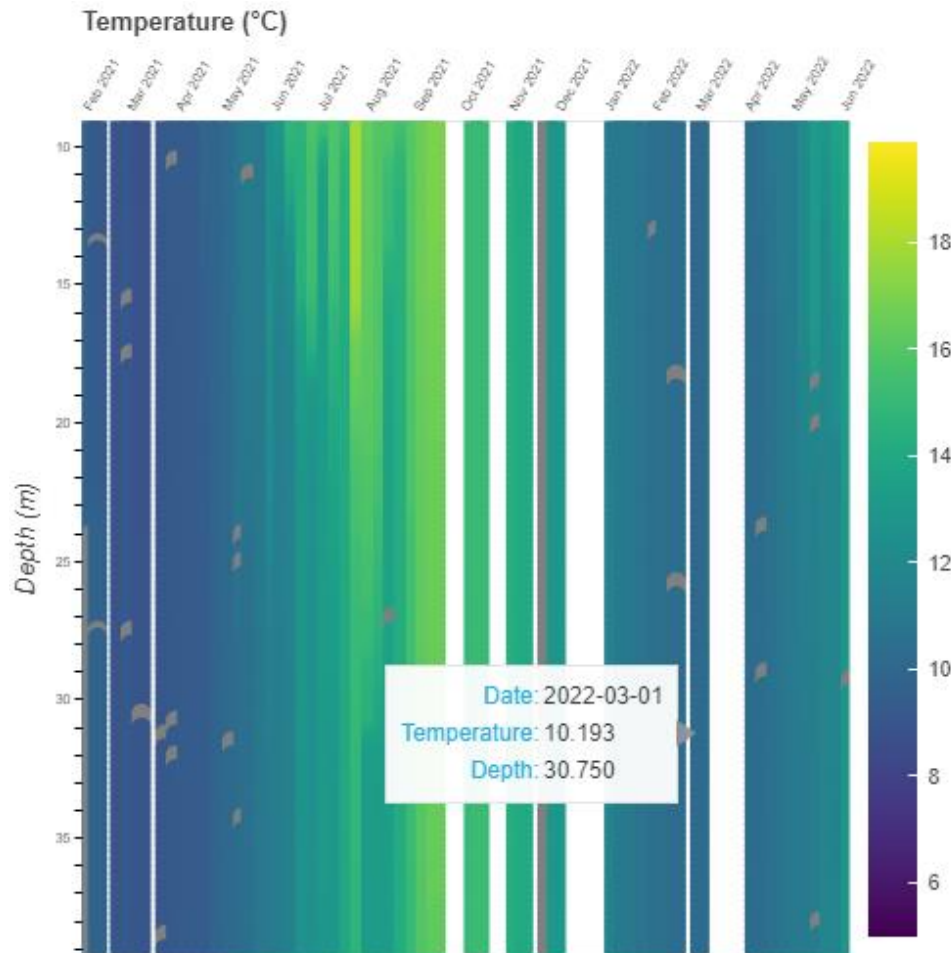


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## Accessible colour pallets



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## Downloadable and scientist / human friendly catalogue interface

The screenshot shows an Excel spreadsheet titled 'WCO\_catalogue\_of\_data\_collected\_v2.0Draft.xlsx'. The spreadsheet has columns for 'Record identifier', 'Location', 'Collection method', 'Topic Category', 'Resource Title', 'NVS Alternative Measurement 1 Label', 'NVS Label 1 Vocabulary', and 'NVS measurement identifier'. The data rows include information about CTD sensors and measurements of temperature, salinity, and density.

Overlaid on the right side of the spreadsheet is a diagram illustrating the FAIR principles (Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, Reusable) and their sub-points:

- Findable**
  - F1. (Meta)data are assigned a globally unique and persistent identifier
  - F2. Data are described with rich metadata (defined by R1)
  - F3. Metadata clearly and explicitly include the identifier of the data they describe
  - F4. (Meta)data are registered or indexed in a searchable resource
- Accessible**
  - A1. (Meta)data are retrievable by their identifier using a standardised communications protocol
    - A1.1 The protocol is open, free, and universally implementable
    - A1.2 The protocol allows for an authentication and authorisation procedure, where necessary
  - A2. Metadata are accessible, even when the data are no longer available
- Interoperable**
  - I1. (Meta)data use a formal, accessible, shared, and broadly applicable language for knowledge representation.
  - I2. (Meta)data use vocabularies that follow FAIR principles
  - I3. (Meta)data include qualified references to other (meta)data
- Reusable**
  - R1. (Meta)data are richly described with a plurality of accurate and relevant attributes
    - R1.1. (Meta)data are released with a clear and accessible data usage license
    - R1.2. (Meta)data are associated with detailed provenance
    - R1.3. (Meta)data meet domain-relevant community standards

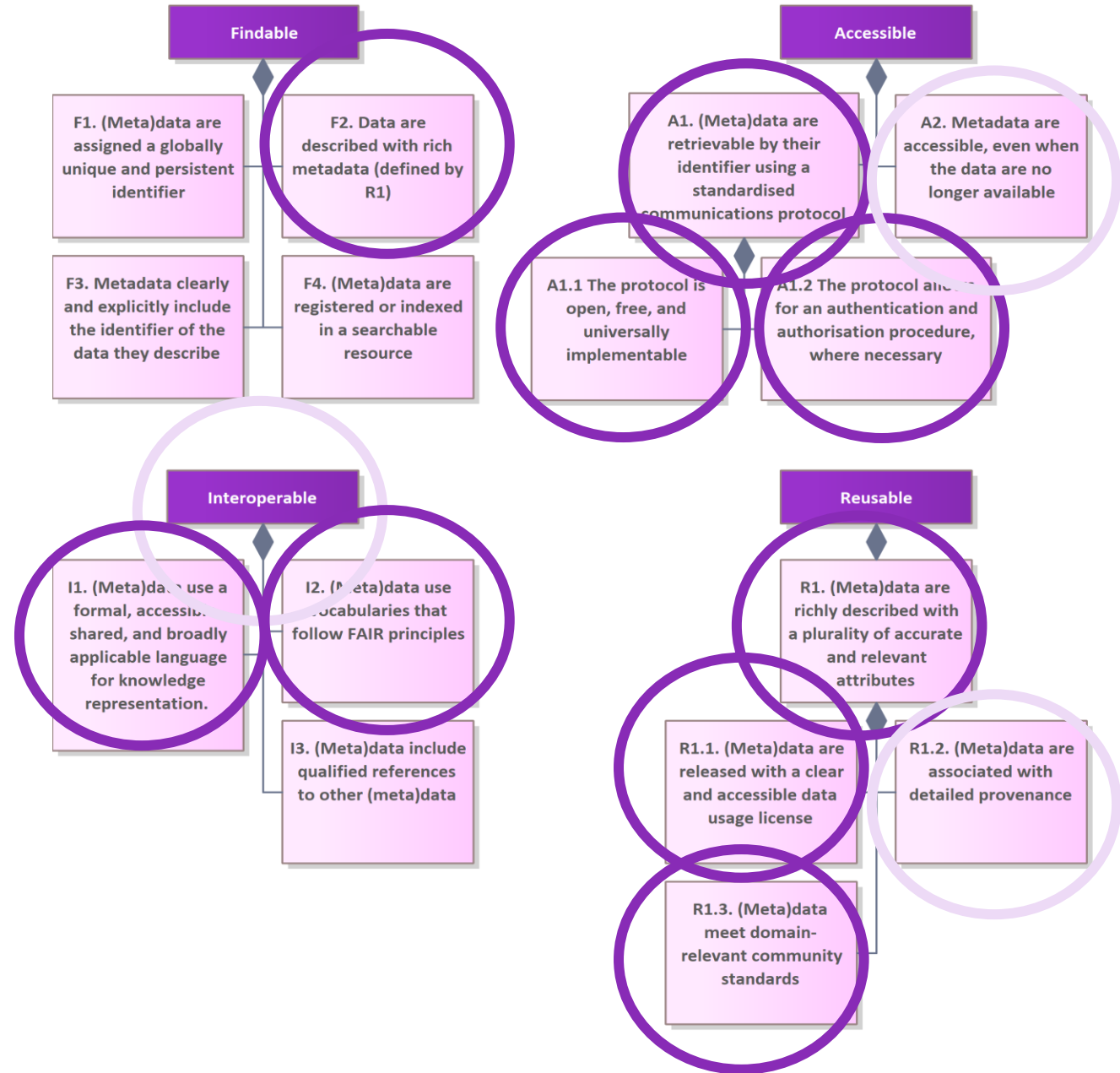
# Conclusion

«Project Aim»  
**Aim 1: Use FAIR data principles to maximise the impact of new, high resolution marine sensing technologies.**

«Project Objective»  
**Objective 1: Make data findable with scalable and tailored data visualization**

When granular data set has been found

«Project Objective»  
**Objective 2: Ticketing system to improve data access and impact monitoring**



# Project Outputs

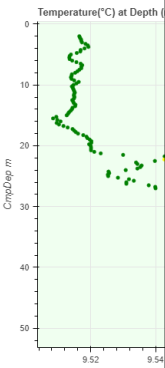
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Data plots for 06/03/2023

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- Fixed Scale

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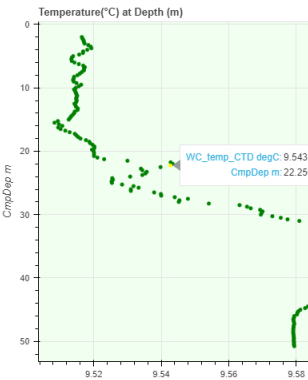
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## Output 3 – Improved WCO

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## Output 4 – A record of this

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## Output 5 – A reusable design rationale (Reference architecture)

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Temperature Variation in Plymouth

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- Commissioned Project
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- Policy Relevant Report
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