

Data in Context

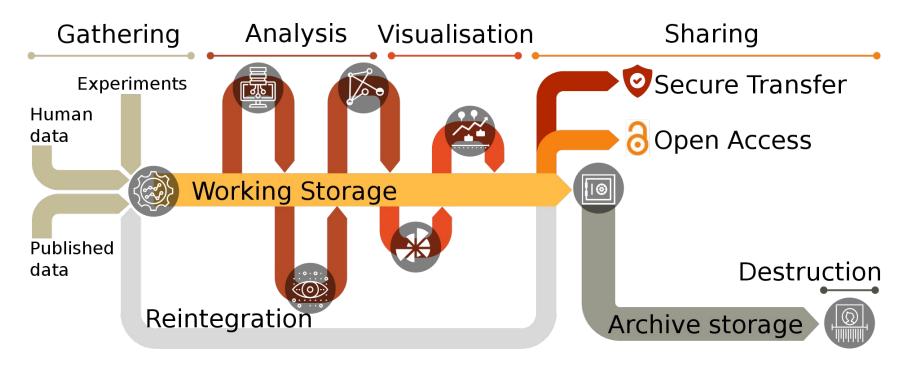
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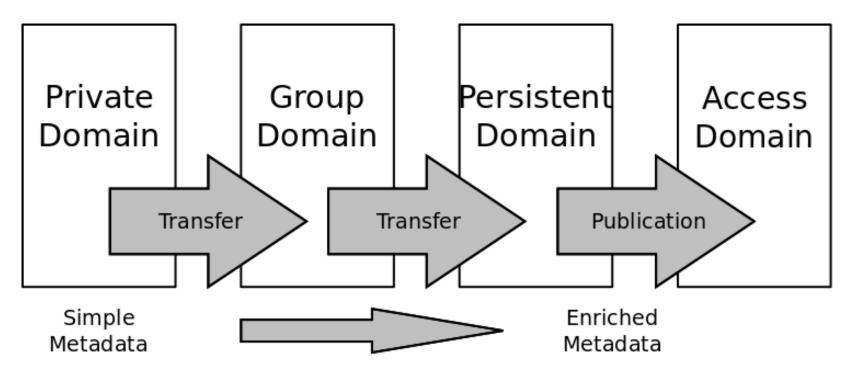


Interoperability and Reuse are about Context





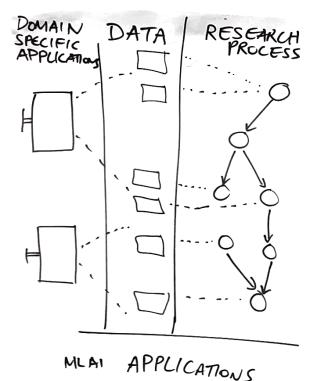
Data life cycle and metadata





Capturing context along the way

- Adding context retrospectively is hard and next to impossible.
- We can add contextual information as we go along.
- Context sits in domain specific applications, domain specific metadata, and can be tied together by knowledge graphs anchored by persistent identifiers.





Data are Gathered in a Specific Context

- When we collect data in the field, a lot of implicit contextual information could be captured automatically:
 - Time and location
 - Project and mission
 - Operator
 - Workflow-specific data





Breaking the Digitisation Bottleneck

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Partial Automation of Data Documentation



Example: FAIMS + IGSN



- We used FAIMS mobile data capture to record soil samples.
- Samples were identified by IGSN encoded in a QR code.

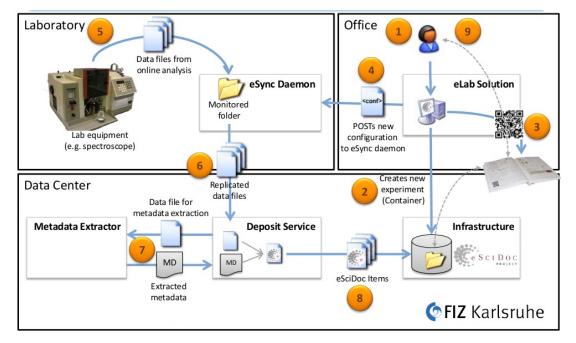
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FAIMS PROJECT

 On scanning the QR code, the mobile form was autopopulated and the sample tied to the (meta)data record.



Automation in the Lab



- Automation of documentation and data management.
- Data is automatically stored in data infrastructure.
- Documentation is automated through configuration files.

Razum, 2010



Automation in Sensor Networks (O2A)



AWI, 2020



Let the Machines do the Heavy Lifting

- Interoperability and Reuse depend on users understanding the context around a dataset.
- Documenting the context at the time of publication is too late.
- Retrospective digitisation of context does not scale when dependent on human labour.
- Let the machines do the heavy lifting:
 - Capture context as you go through metadata automation
 - QA/QC can be automated too (AI or ML tools)



Thank you

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