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**Ontologies, data management
and interoperability for
digital marketplaces**

EMMC Webinar

24th November 2020

Part 1

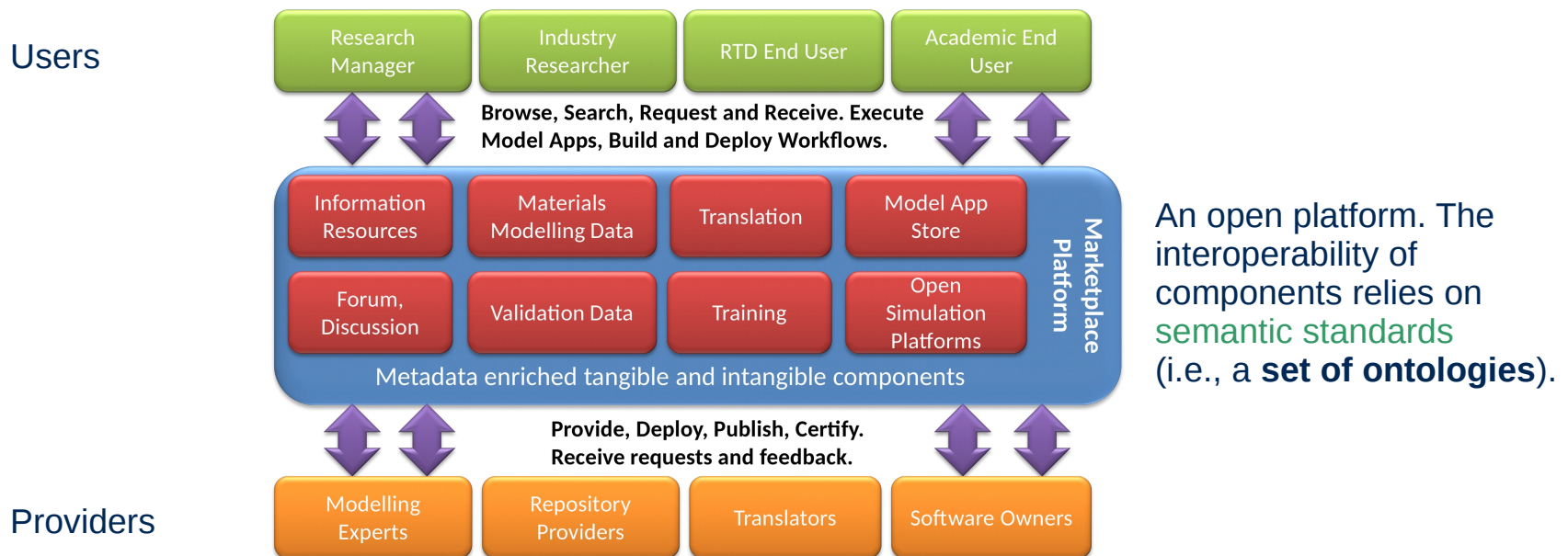


VIMMP

VIRTUAL MATERIALS
MARKETPLACE

VIMMP – Virtual Materials Marketplace

VIMMP and **MarketPlace** are sibling H2020 projects^[1] developing digital marketplaces, i.e., platforms to **facilitate exchanges between providers and users** in the area of materials modelling. Below, we show a graphical summary of the VIMMP concept.



[1] The projects sites are: <https://www.vimmp.eu/> and <https://www.the-marketplace-project.eu/>

Standardization: a spectrum of possibilities



Standards can be intended for humans or for machines.
Can be at syntactic, semantic or pragmatic levels.
Moreover, the **semantic spectrum** goes from (unstructured) vocabularies, via taxonomies, to ontologies.

Standards undoubtedly support interoperability.
However, different design choices can be made:

- **Less expressive languages (e.g., XML-based):**

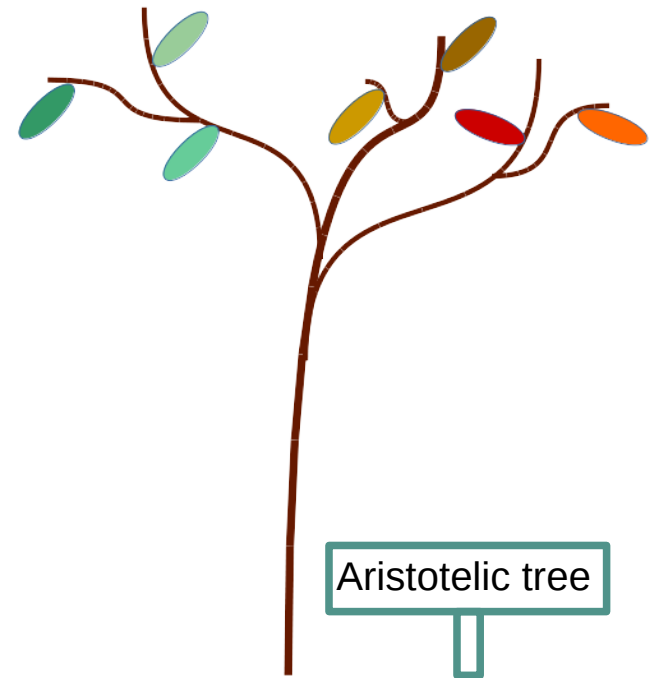
PRO: can be handled with multiple technologies/tools;
typically lighter and faster.

CONTRA: limited expressivity.

- **Richer languages (e.g., OWL):**

PRO: can describe more complex relations.

CONTRA: rely on less widespread technologies; typically heavier to handle.



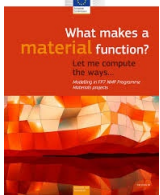
Standardization (2): recent efforts in materials modelling

Our work connects to community-guided assets:



MODA – MOdelling DAta

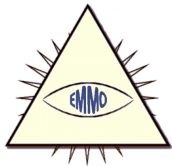
→ A template to describe simulation workflows (user case, model, solver, processor); CWA 17284.



RoMM – Review of Materials Modelling

What makes a material function? Let me compute the ways..., Anne F. de Baas (ed), 6th version, 2017.

→ Includes a classification of models according to their granularity (electronic, atomistic, mesoscopic, continuum)



EMMO – European Materials & Modelling Ontology

E. Ghedini *et al*, 2020; <https://github.com/emmo-repo/EMMO> .

→ A top-level ontology for applied sciences



Ontologies (in a nutshell)

What are they?

In philosophy, Ontology is the “science of what is”.

In information science, an ontology is a formal (machine-readable) representation of knowledge within a certain domain. It identifies the categories (“classes”) that exist in the domain and the relations between them.

Why are they useful?

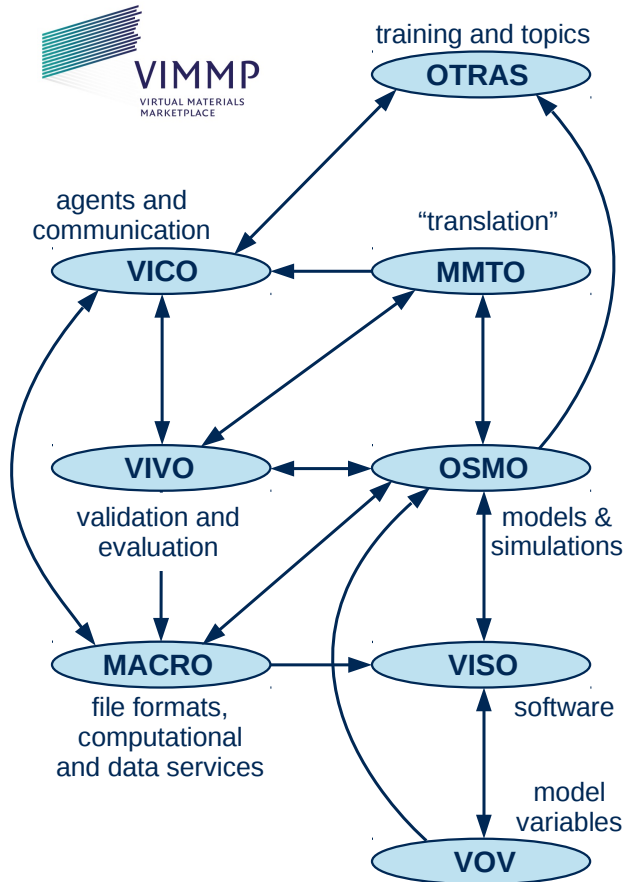
Ontologies allow 1) automatic reasoning, 2) easier exchange of information across heterogeneous sources.

What is the bigger picture?

The context is that of semantic technologies and semantic interoperability. Notably, the Semantic Web concept, an evolution of the World Wide Web that is based on semantics rather than ad-hoc links between resources (e.g., web-pages) was proposed in the 1990s.

Ontologies on the VIMMP marketplace

In VIMMP we have developed a set of 8 ontologies, covering all aspects of the marketplace.



How do we use them?

To guide **data ingest**, then **search and browsing**. Internally, they are the **base of interoperability** of the marketplace components.

How will this help/affect users and providers?

Users will **indirectly** see them via the available keywords and search criteria and results.

They **will not be frozen**, there will be a policy to allow users/providers to request for extensions.

Providers can choose down to which level of detail to adhere to the proposed common language: the **deeper the adherence, the deeper the interoperability** with other services.

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Available under LGPL-v3 license

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The screenshot shows a webpage titled "VIMMP ontology release". The post is dated "9. July 2020" and is by "Martin Horsch" under the category "Allgemein". It contains the following text: "The ontologies from the VIMMP project are available to the public. The most recent release was published on 6th July 2020:" followed by two bullet points: "Introduction to the VIMMP ontologies (PDF)" and "VIMMP ontology release dated 6th July 2020 (ZIP)".

<https://www.vimmp.eu/?p=349>

Future releases also on: https://gitlab.cc-asp.fraunhofer.de/mic61299/vimmp_ontology

Data management on the VIMMP backend

The screenshot shows the VIMMP backend interface. At the top, there are filters for 'Lifecycle Status' and 'Expertise in the Materials'. A search bar contains the word 'fluid'. A dropdown menu is open, showing a search bar and a list of expertise categories: 5200 fluid (checked), 5450 electrolyte (checked), 5300 bio, 5350 ceramic, 5400 composite, and 5500 metal. Below the dropdown, a table of results is visible. The table has columns for 'Created On' and 'Information'. The 'Expertise in the Materials' column shows a list of expertise codes: 5700 polymer, 5400 composite, 5200 fluid, 5450 electrolyte, 56..., 5700 polymer, 5200 fluid, 5450..., 5200 fluid, 5500 metal, 5650 o..., and 5700 polymer, 5200 fluid, 5450...

VIMMP webinar by project partner Osthus
(first half of 2021)

The screenshot shows a table of properties in the VIMMP backend. The table has columns for 'Property Name', 'Preferred Label', and 'Definition'. The rows include: @hasCitedB... ISBN, @hasCitedB... Number of ..., @hasCitedci... Video durati..., @hasCitedPr... Number of s..., @hasCodeList CodeList CodeList pro... Co... from Pro... no, @hasDocu... Topic (codes) Code Li... VIMMP Pro... no, @hasExtern... External URL Link VIMMP Pro... no, and @hasFeature Feature Code List VIMMP Soft... no.



Metadata-supported data ingest and retrieval

mm_topic_basic (codes **1XXX** and **2XXX**):
Basic prerequisites for materials modelling.

mm_topic_computational (codes **3XXX**):
Computational and numerical aspects of materials modelling.

mm_topic_data (codes **4XXX**):
Data science and technology aspects.

mm_topic_materials (codes **5XXX**):
Topics related to fluid and solid materials.

mm_topic_social (codes **6XXX**):
Social, economic, and community aspects.

mm_topic_theoretical (codes **7XXX**):
Theory (non-computational aspects).

mm_topic_interdisciplinary (codes **8XXX**)


mm_topic_side (codes **9XXX**):
Topics from other disciplines.

- 3100, 7100 electronic
 - 3120, 7120 physical equation EL.1
 - 3130, 7130 physical equation EL.2
 - etc.
- 3200, 7200 atomistic and mesoscopic
 - 3220, 7220 equations A.1 and M.1
 - 3222, 7222 physical equation A.1
 - 3225, 7225 physical equation M.1
 - 3230, 7230 equations A.2 and M.2
 - etc.
- 3300, 7300 continuum
 - 3320, 7320 physical equation CO.1
 - 3330, 7330 physical equation CO.2
 - etc.


Speak to our experts at no cost




Which class of model?




Electronic



Atomistic







Mesoscopic



Continuum

I don't know

electronic		EL.1: Ab-initio quantum mechanics EL.2: Effective Hamiltonian models EL.3: QM modelling of time-dependent quantities and fields	EL.4: Charge transport (statistical) EL.5: Spin transport (statistical)
atomistic		A.1: Classical DFT (atomistic) A.2: Molecular statics (atomistic) A.3: Equations of motion (atomistic)	A.4: Partition function (atomistic) A.5: Atomistic spin models A.6: Statistical transport (atomistic)
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continuum		CO.1: Continuum solid mechanics CO.2: Continuum fluid mechanics CO.3: Heat transfer, thermomechanics CO.4: Phase field models, DGT	CO.5: Continuum thermodynamics CO.6: Chemical reaction kinetics CO.7: Electromagnetism CO.8: Processes and devices

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under 61XX: industrial

6120 chemical

6130 petrochemical

6140 transport

– 6142 aerospace

– 6144 automotive

– 6148 railway

6150 biotechnology

6155 food

6160 medicine

6165 paper

6170 electrical

6175 machinery

6180 metal (basic and fabricated)

6190 special topics

Speak to our experts at no cost

Which class of model?

Electronic Atomistic

Mesoscopic Continuum

I don't know

Speak to our experts at no cost

Which material class are you interested in?

Metal Composites

Polymer Other

Ceramic

Continue

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Which business area are you from?

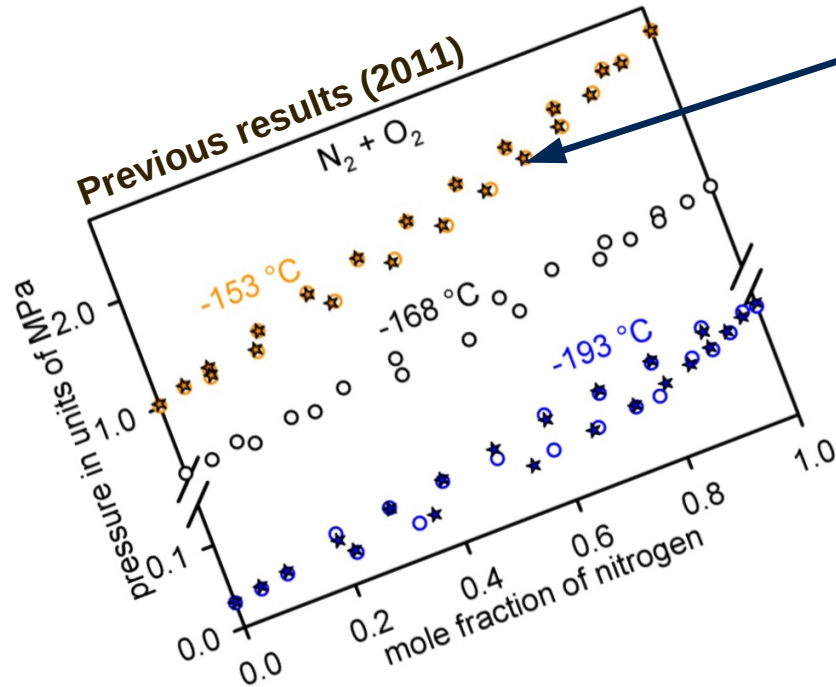
Automotive/Aerospace Chemical industry

Bio Manufacturing

Medical Other

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Provenance description of simulation results



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How was the data point obtained?

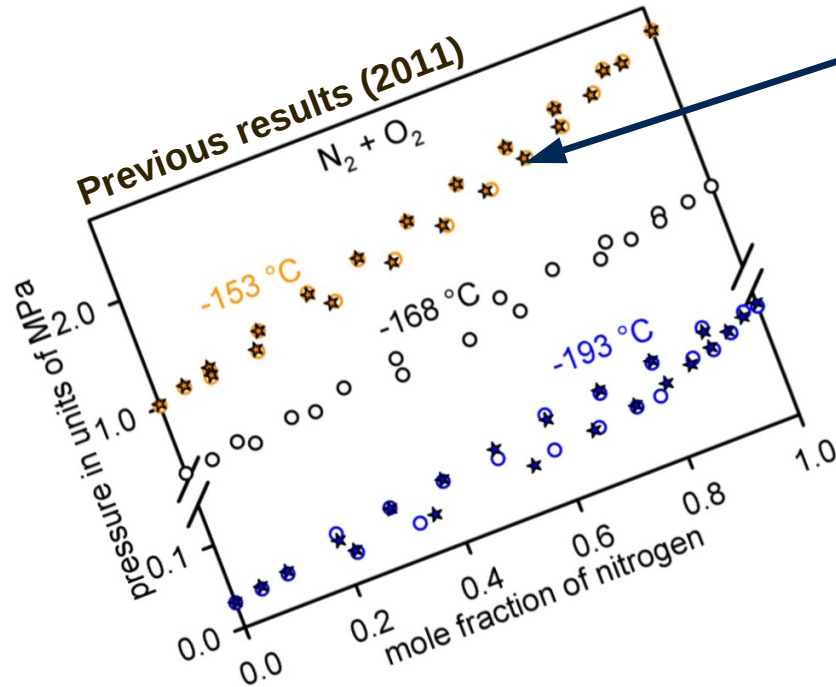
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ask the person who carried out the work back in 2011



"I remember."

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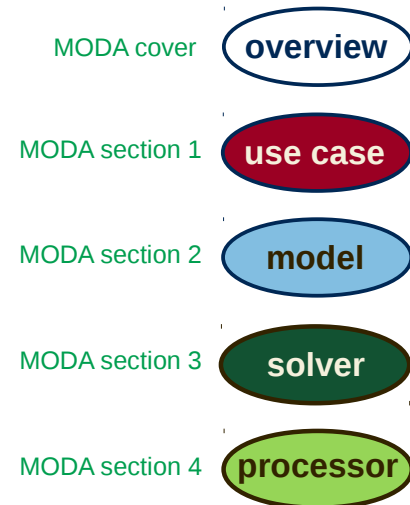
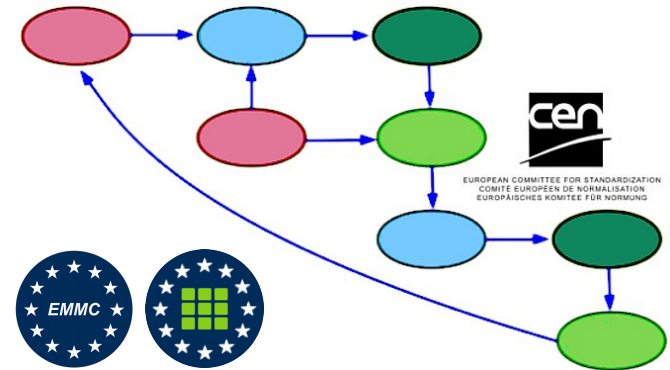
Haha, joke. Of course I don't."

Good practice in managing research data:

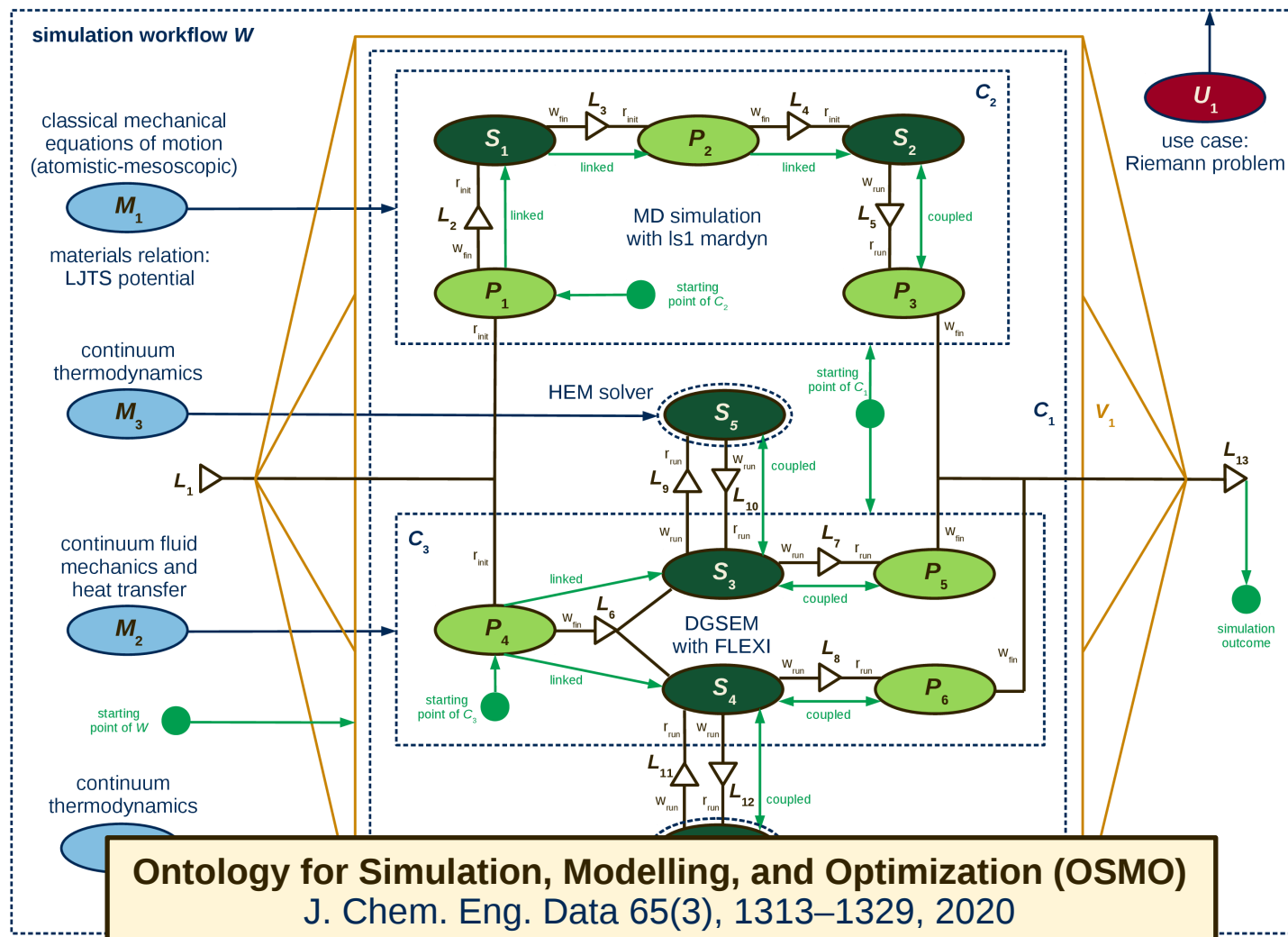
Make all data findable, accessible, interoperable, and reusable (FAIR).

Provenance description of simulation results: MODA

3 SOLVER AND COMPUTATIONAL TRANSLATION OF THE SPECIFICATIONS		
3.1	NUMERICAL SOLVER	Please give name and type of the solver e.g. Monte Carlo, SPH, FE, ...iterative, multi-grid, adaptive,...
3.2	SOFTWARE TOOL	Please give the name and if this is your own code, please specify if it can be shared with an evt link to website/publication.
3.3	TIME STEP	If applicable, please give the time step used in the solving operations. This is the numerical time step and this is not the same as the time lapse of the case to be simulated (see 1.4)
3.4	COMPUTATIONAL REPRESENTATION	<p>PHYSICS EQUATION, MATERIAL RELATIONS, MATERIAL</p> <p>Computational representation of the physics equation, materials relation and material.</p> <p>There is no need to repeat user case info.</p> <p>“Computational” means that this only needs to be filled in when your computational solver represents the material, properties, equation variables, in a specific way.</p>
3.5	COMPUTATIONAL BOUNDARY CONDITIONS	If applicable. Please note that these can be translations of the physical boundary conditions set in the user case or they can be pure computational. (e.g. a unit cell with mirror b.c. to simulate an infinite domain).
3.6	ADDITIONAL SOLVER PARAMETERS	Please specify pure internal numerical solver details (if applicable), like <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specific tolerances • Cut-offs, convergence criteria • Integrator options



Provenance description of simulation results: OSMO

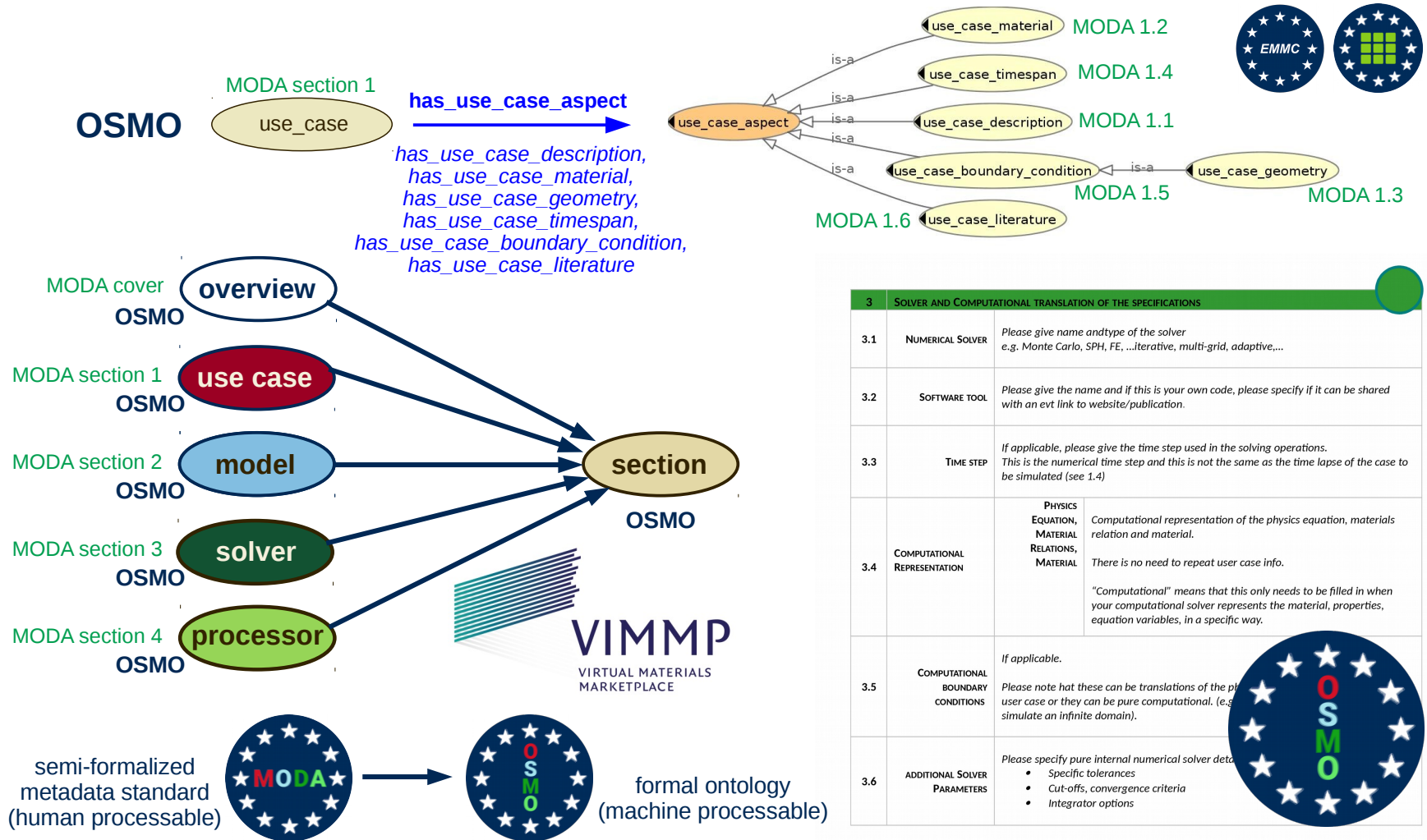


OSMO-based **provenance description** as an extension of the MODA workflow meta-data standard:

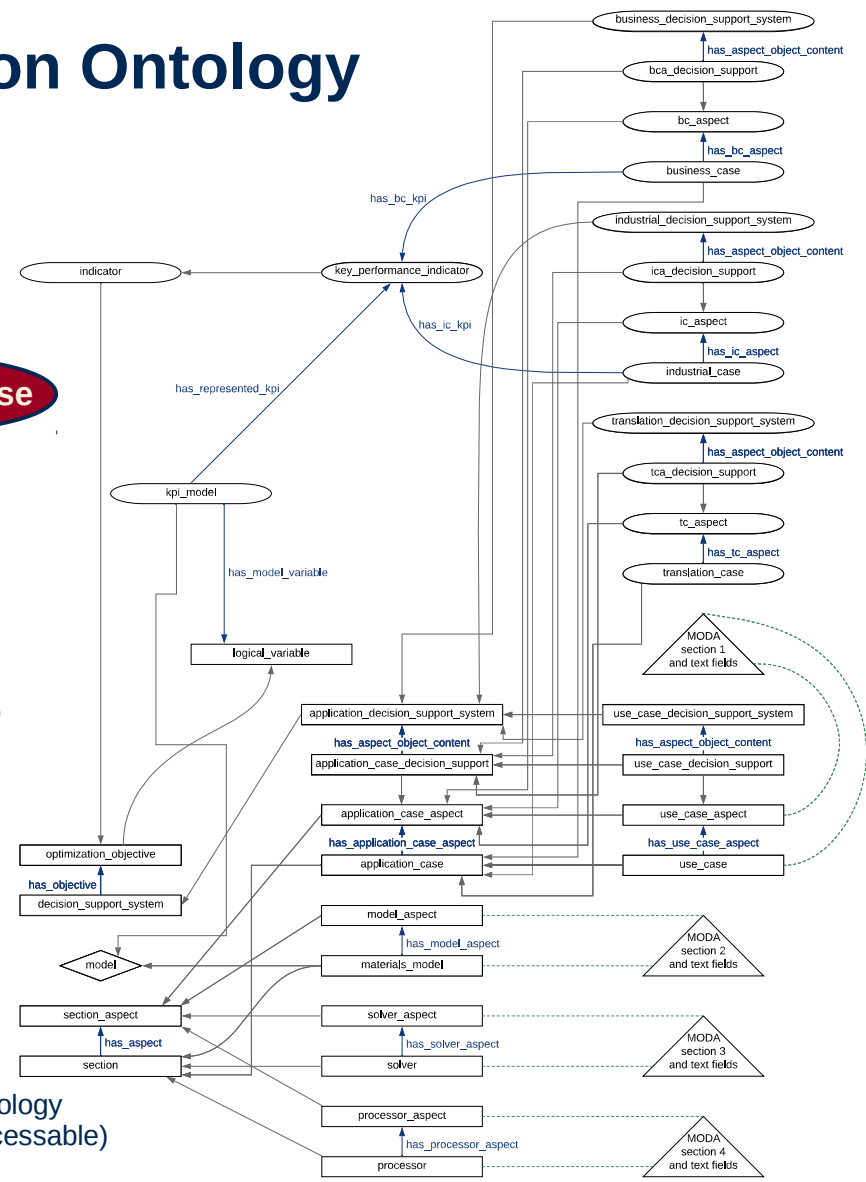
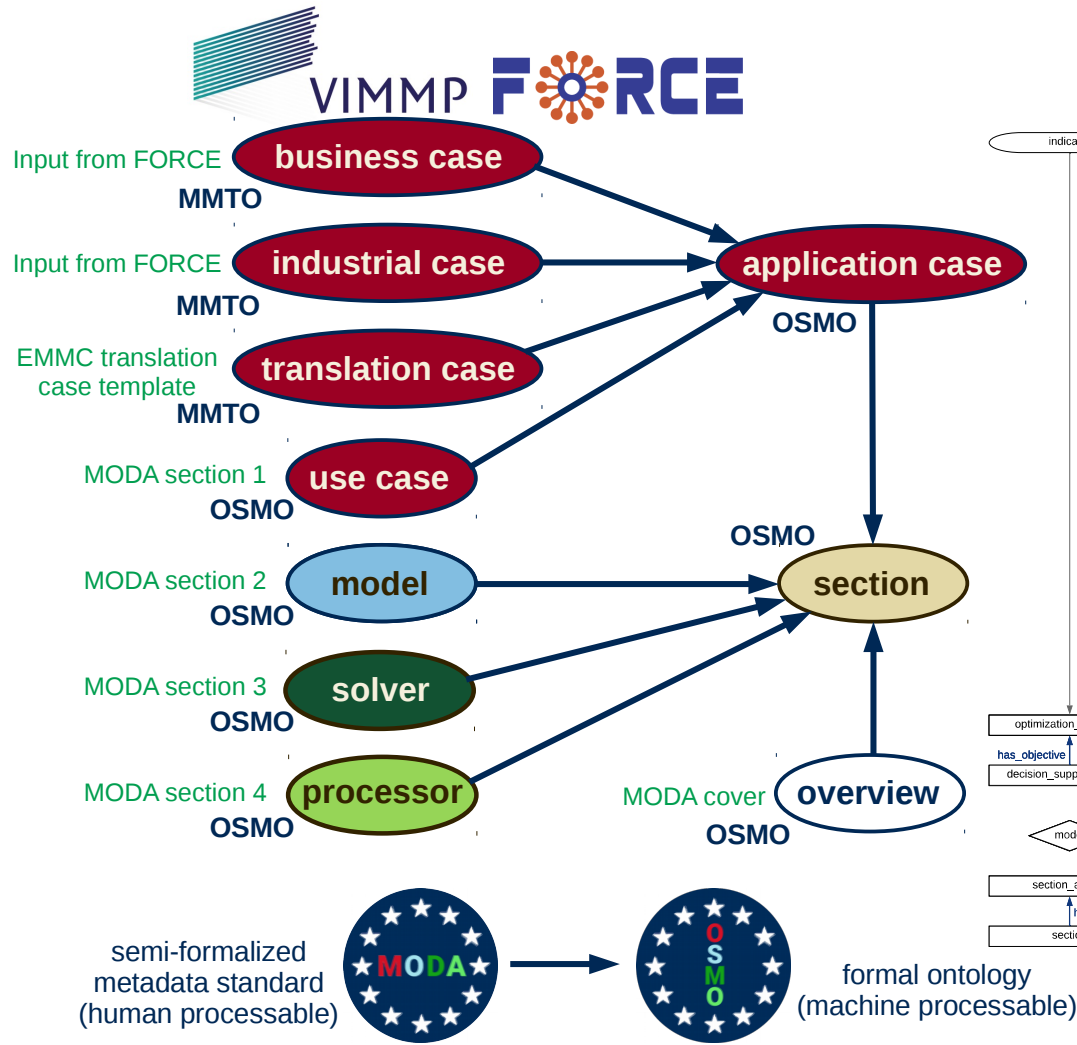
For all elements of the graph notation, there are corresponding concepts and relations from the ontology OSMO.



Provenance description of simulation results: OSMO



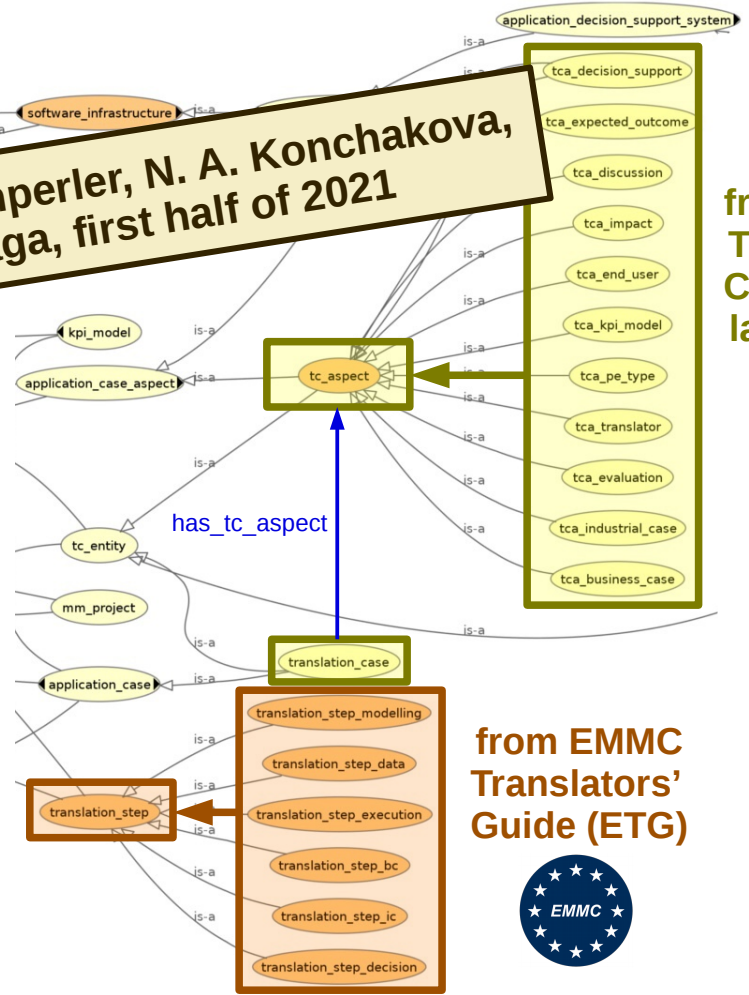
Materials Modelling Translation Ontology



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“Translation:” Webinar by A. Simperler, N. A. Konchakova, K.-L. Choy, I. Pagonabarraga, first half of 2021



from EMMC Translation Case Template (ETCT)

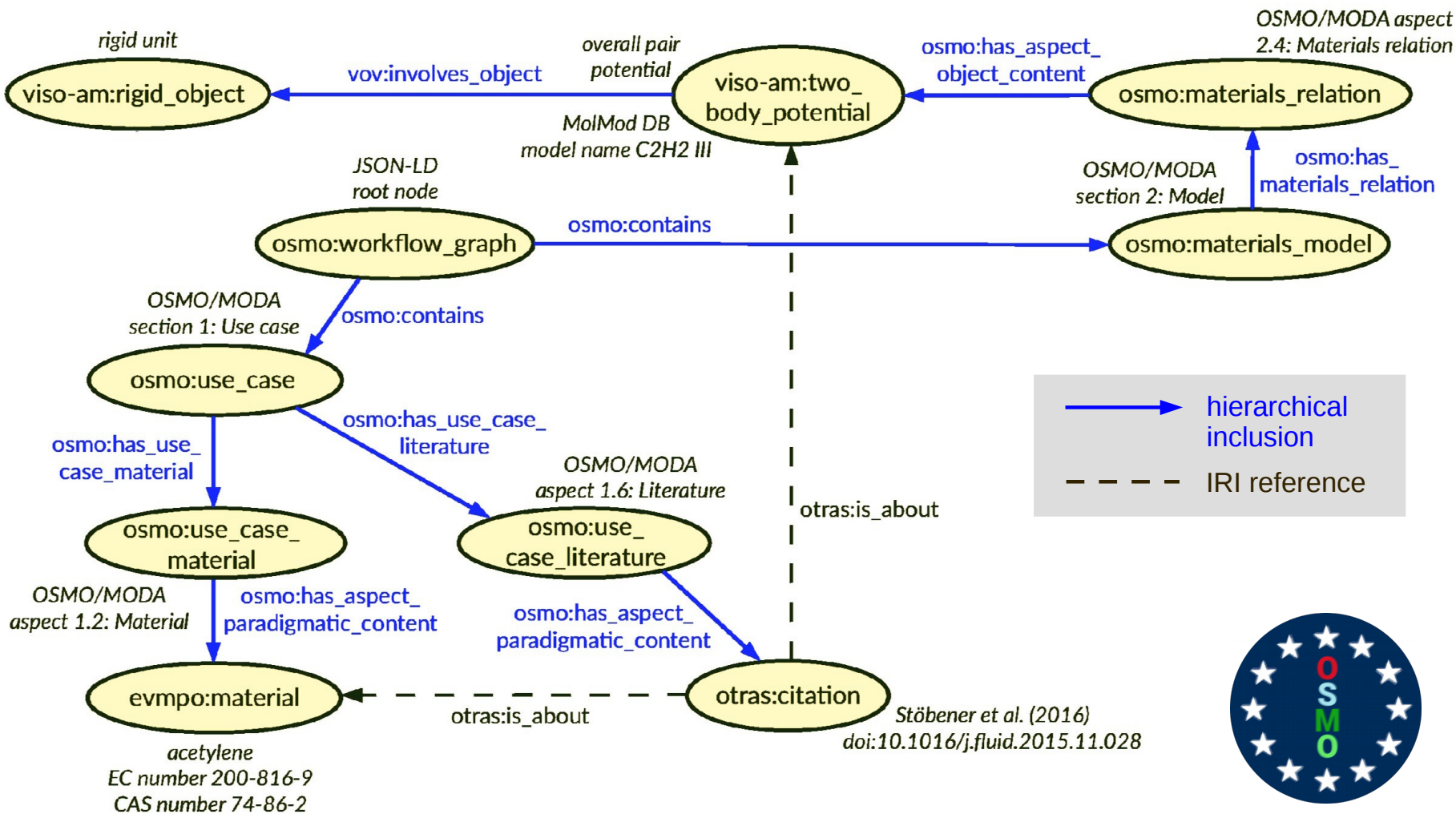


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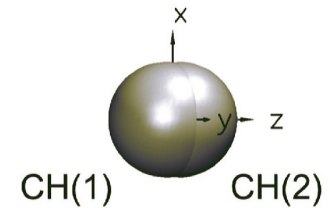
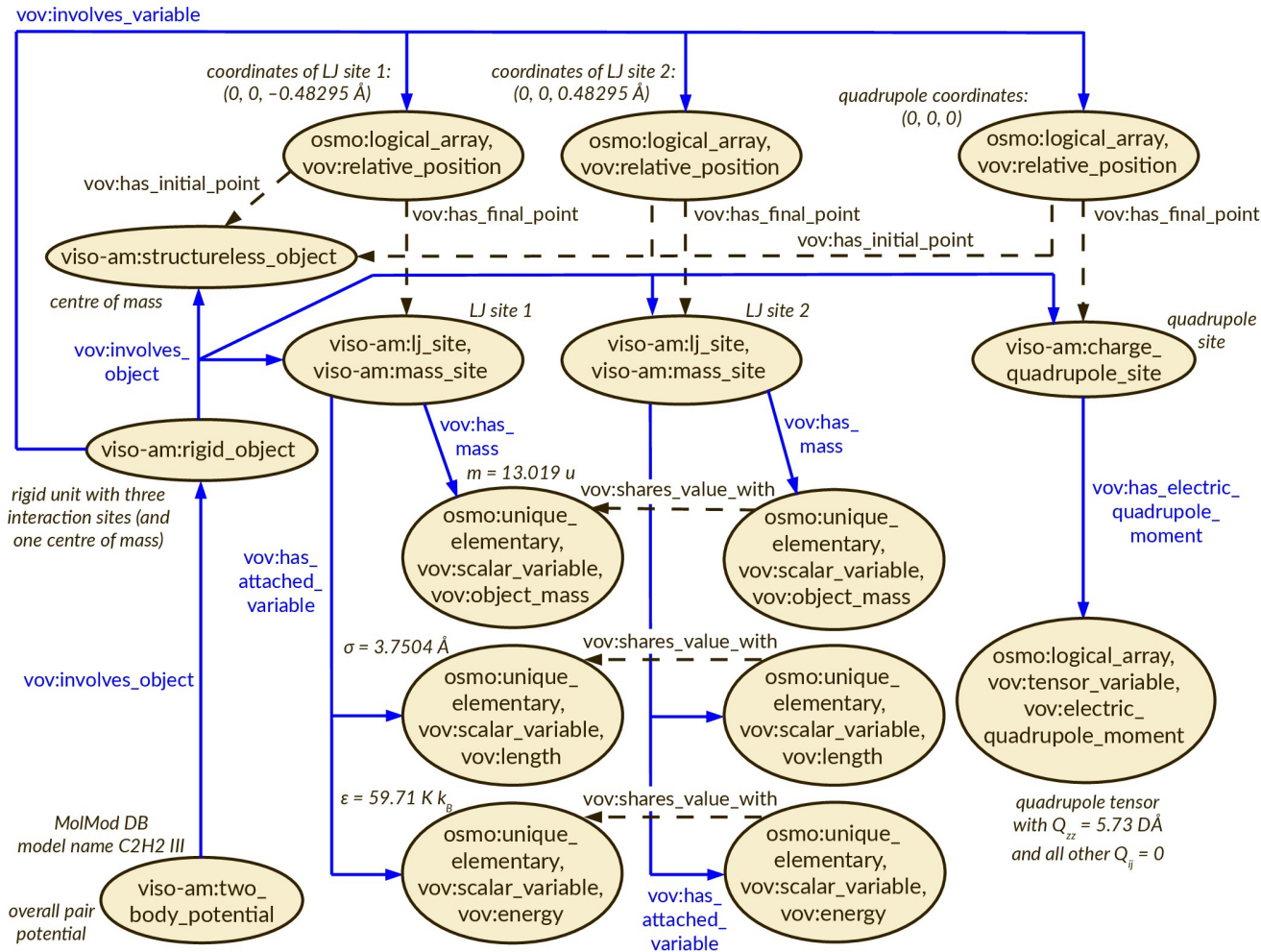


M. T. Horsch, S. Chiacchiera, M. A. Seaton, I. T. Todorov, B. Schembera, P. Klein, N. A. Konchakova, “Pragmatic interoperability and translation [...]” *Proceedings of DAMDID/RCDL, 2020.*

Knowledge graph for a molecular model: MODA/OSMO



Knowledge graph for a molecular model: VOV/OSMO



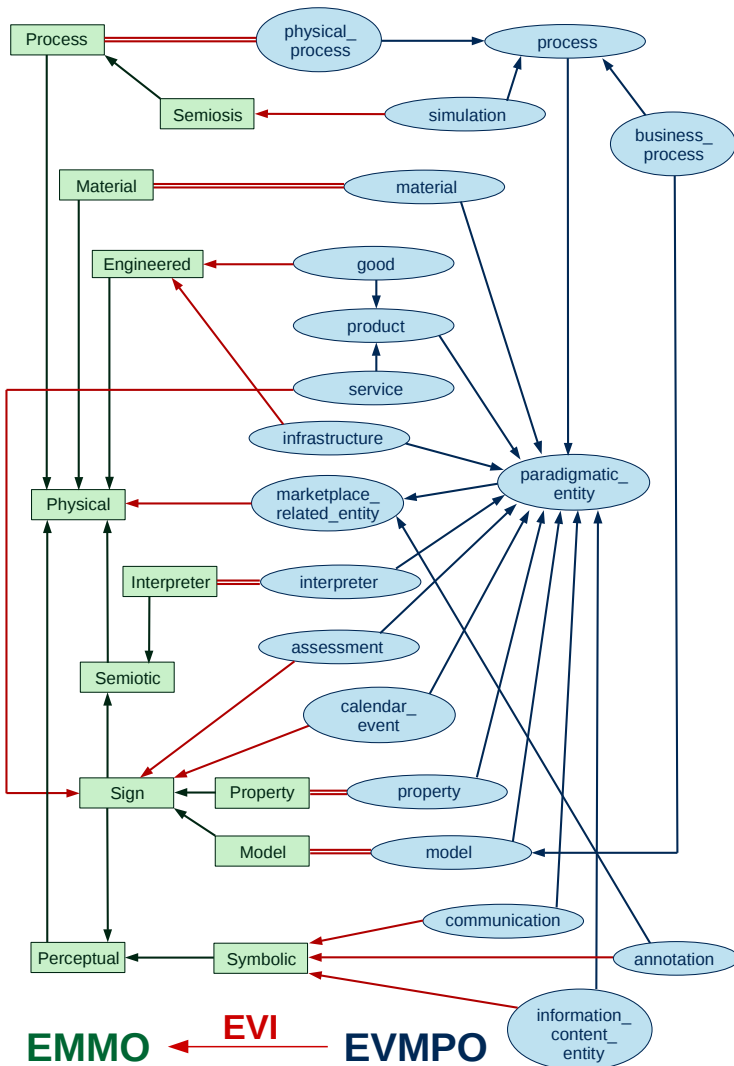
MolMod DB
(Molecular Model Database)



<http://molmod.boltzmann-zuse.de/>

pair potentials for
over 150 molecular fluids

Alignment of domain ontologies with the EMMO



- (0) **annotation** (non-paradigmatic fundamental category), *i.e.*, anything in the knowledge graph that is not under (1) – (11)
- (1) **assessment**, *i.e.*, a proposition on accuracy or performance or an expression of trust
- (2) **calendar_event**, *i.e.*, a meeting or activity that is scheduled or can be scheduled; from W3C iCal ontology
- (3) **communication**, *i.e.*, a message or part of a message (*e.g.*, an attachment) that is communicated
- (4) **information_content_entity** from the Information Artifact Ontology; *e.g.*, a journal article, a data set, or a graph
- (5) **infrastructure**, *i.e.*, a digital platform infrastructure, *e.g.*, data access, hardware, or software
- (6) **interpreter**, *i.e.*, an item that can carry out a semiosis, as formalized by Peirce & the EMMO, creating an interpretant
- (7) **material**, *i.e.*, an amount of substance & part of an object
- (8) **model**, *i.e.*, a representamen that represents an object by direct similitude or within a mathematical framework
- (9) **process**, *i.e.*, temporal evolution of one or multiple entities
- (10) **product**, *i.e.*, a good or service that can be traded
- (11) **property**, *i.e.*, a representamen that is determined as an interpretant by observation, involving a specific observer

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Relations covered by the European Materials and Modelling Ontology¹ (EMMO)

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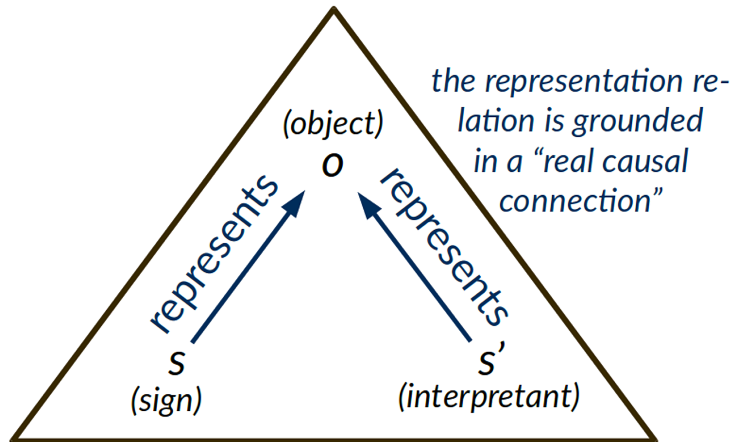
“represents” or “is sign for” will be abbreviated by **S**

semiosis



C. S. Peirce

Peircean semiotics

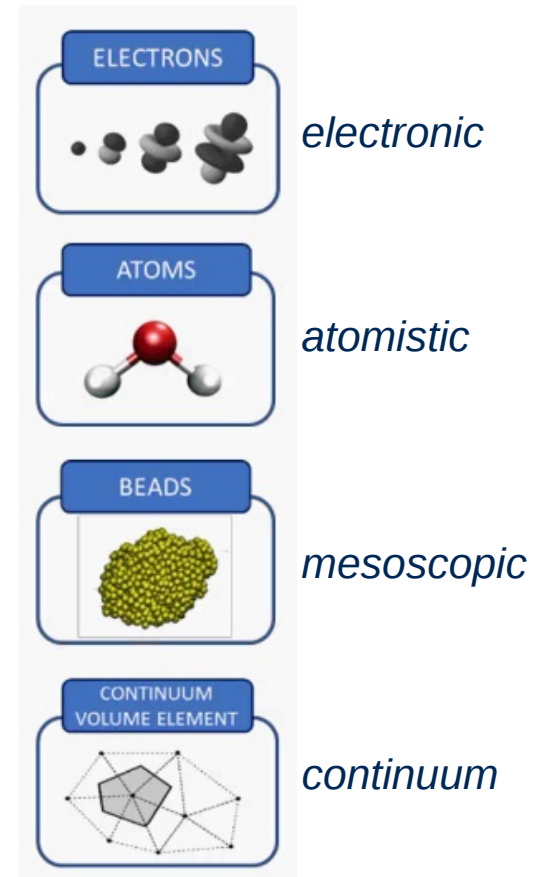
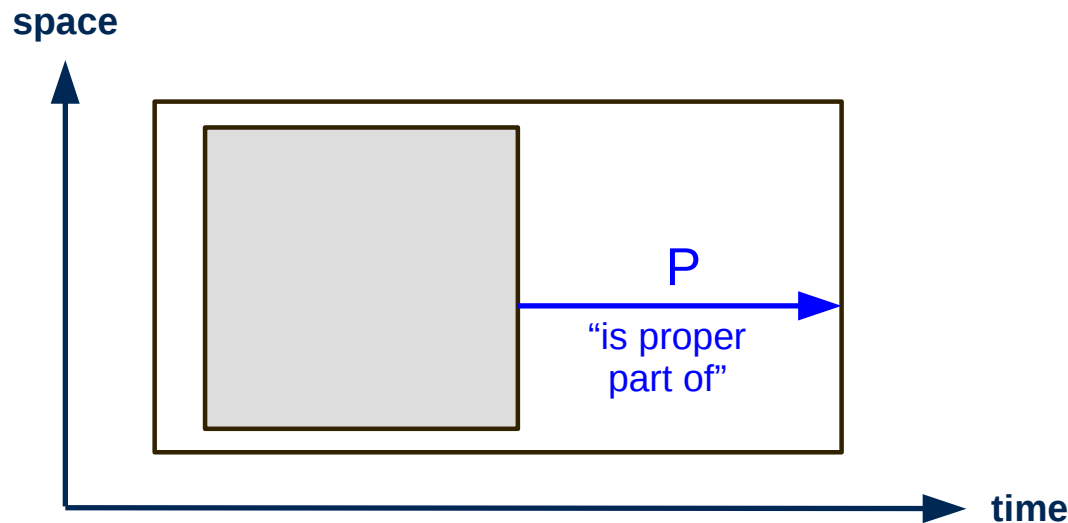


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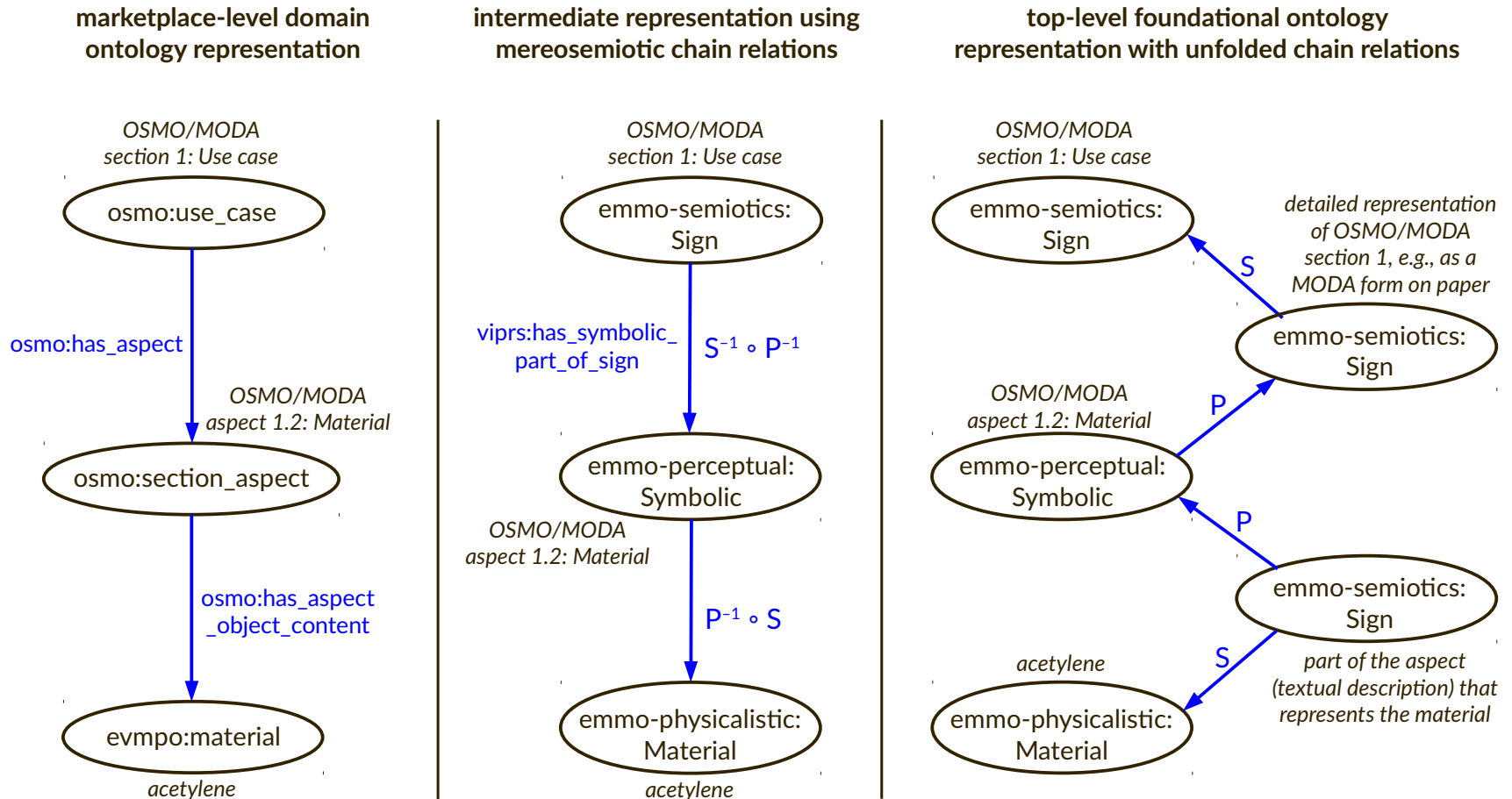
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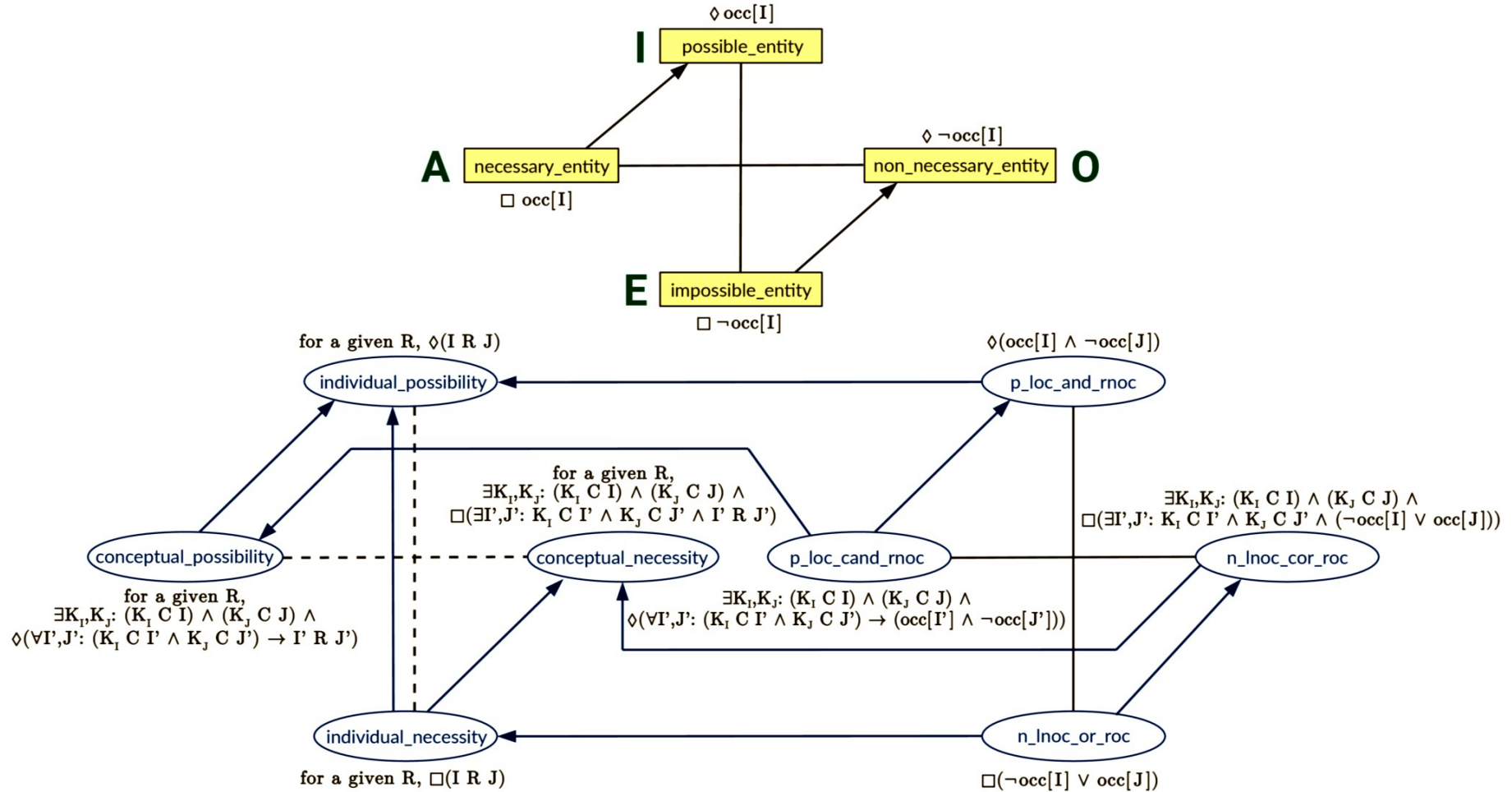
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VIMMP Primitives (VIPRS) and modal relations¹



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Ideas for possible synergies between marketplaces

Problem: how to combine the marketplaces efforts and databases, for example so that they can be queried simultaneously?

Business level - “How do users register/get access?”

Not the focus of this talk.

Technical level - “How can users look for things?”

Beside a GUI (for manual upload and search), the VIMMP database will be accessible *via* a REST API, a common approach for web services. The metadata are typically exchanged in JSON format.

Content level - “What can users look for?”

The details depend of course on each database structure: which type of data is stored, what properties are given.

GUI: Graphical User Interface

REST API: Representational state transfer (REST) Application Programming Interface (API)

Ideas for possible synergies between marketplaces (2)

Problem: how to combine the marketplaces efforts and databases, for example so that they can be queried simultaneously?

→ Focusing on the **content level**, some possibilities for integration:

- Building on the EVMPO idea: **agree** on a minimal set of concepts for which data will be stored and visible in the API. E.g., “translator” profiles, including “topic of expertise”.
- Otherwise (or for legacy work) provide a sort of **mediation schema**: a third model, with mappings to the two to be integrated.

Broadening the discussion:

- **Coordinate with prospective users/providers** of the marketplaces, e.g. the open simulation platforms, to identify prototypical queries from their side. This can also help us design the databases.

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Simulation Workflows in Materials Modelling

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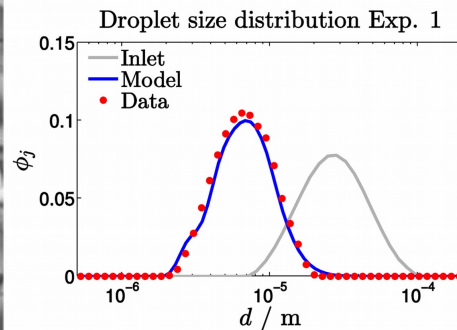
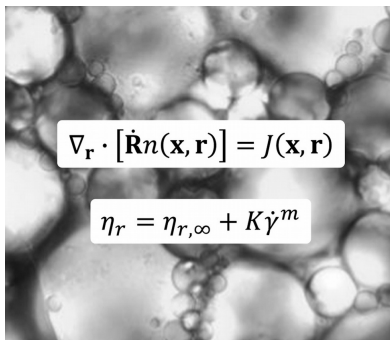
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6. The Pyiron IDE for simulation workflows
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8. Complex workflows with AiiDA and Materials Cloud

Next webinar

The VIMMP multiscale-modelling workflow for the simulation of food emulsions

Gianluca Boccardo, Adam Kowalski, Marco Trofa, and Marco Ferrari

Wednesday, 9th December 2020, 10.00 CET





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