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sUAS Data Sharing Guidelines

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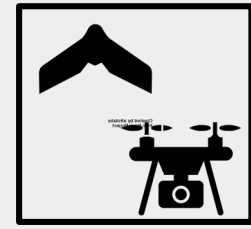
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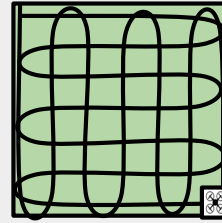
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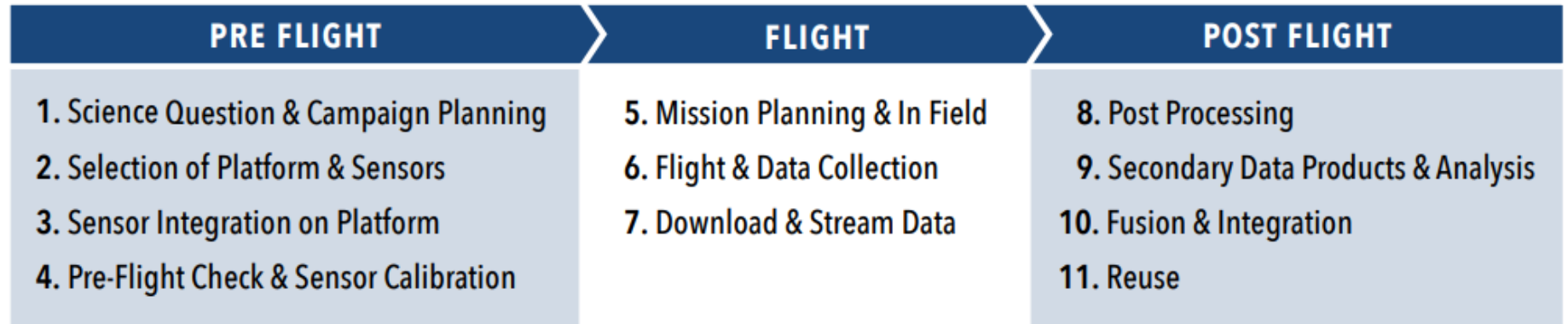


Figure 1. A high-level drone research workflow

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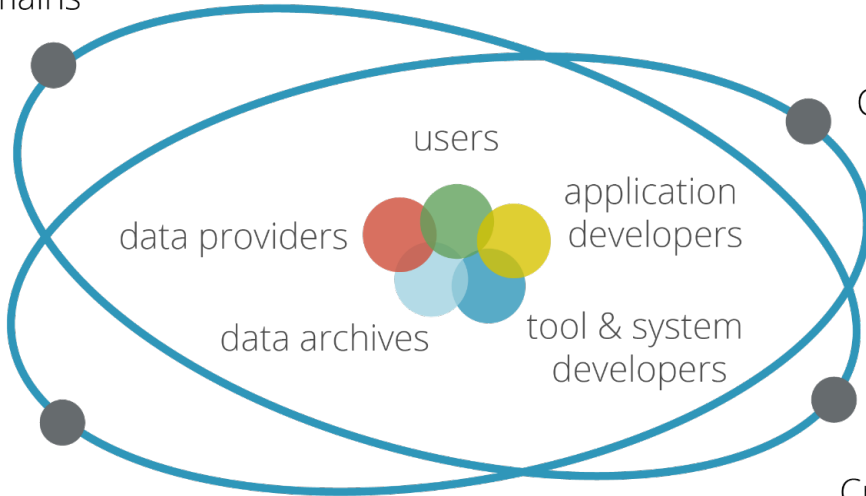


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Ag and Climate and Semantic Harmonization coorganized ESIP July 2021 session:
Identifying technology capabilities that meet wildfire science and practitioner requirements.

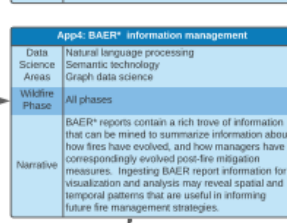
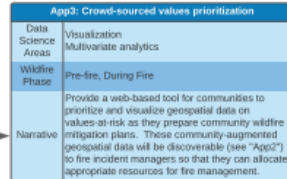
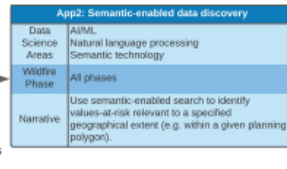
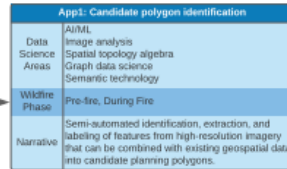
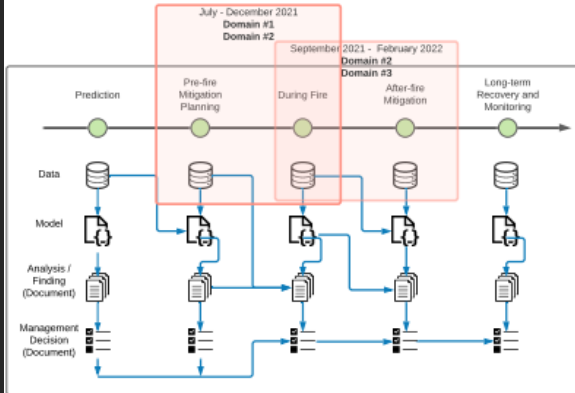
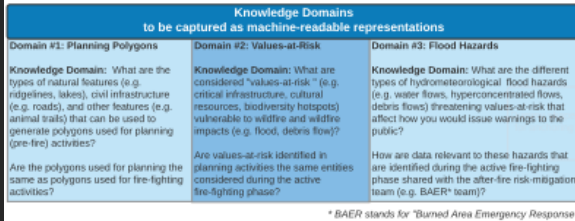
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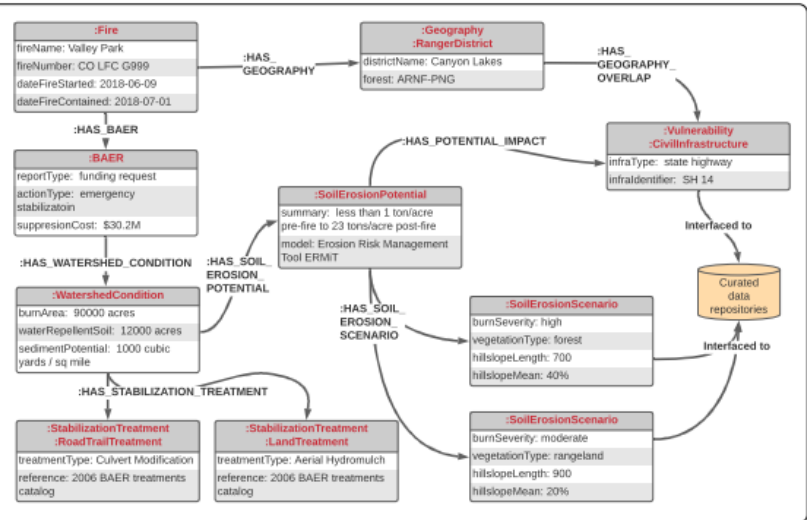
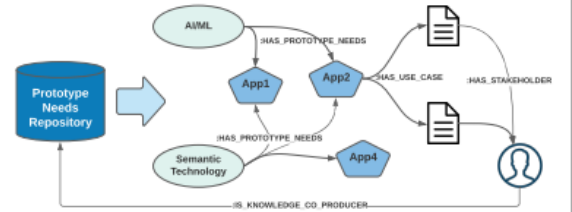
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A "Prototype Needs Repository" can be used to:

- Foster project ideas for ESIP FUNDING Friday, ESIP Lab, USGS Community for Data Integration, etc. by connecting stakeholders to parties interested in developing experimental prototypes.
- Enable the visualization of how informatics capabilities may help fulfill stakeholder needs via experimental prototypes.



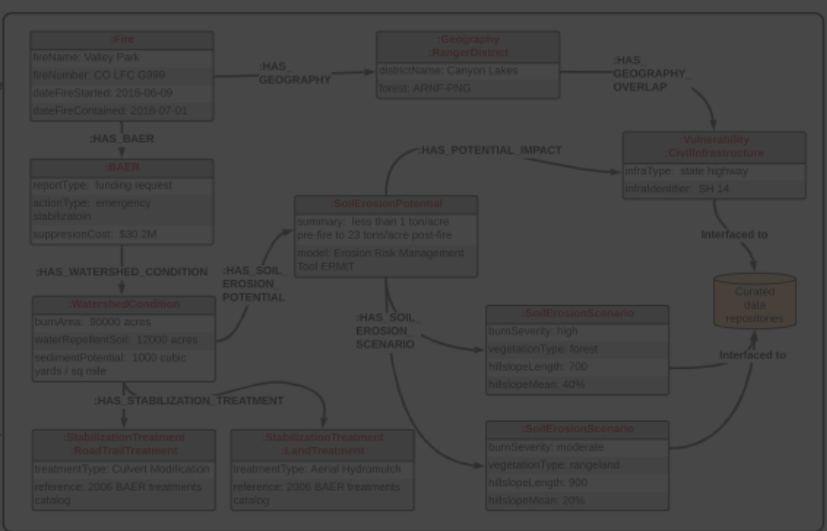
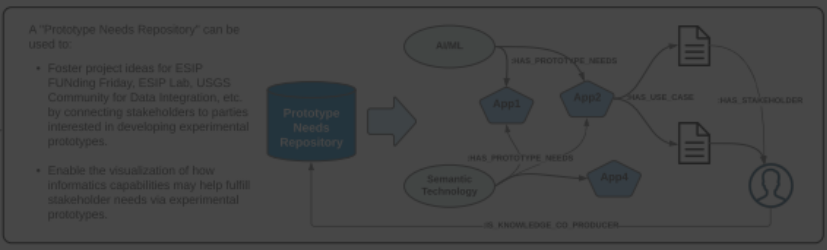
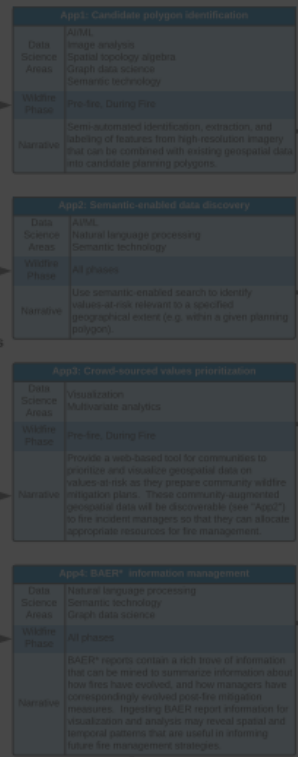
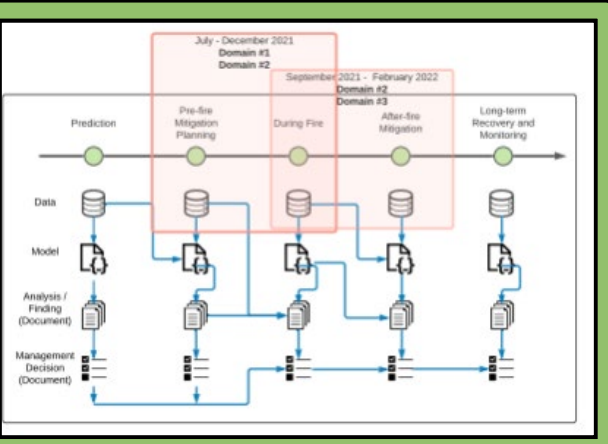
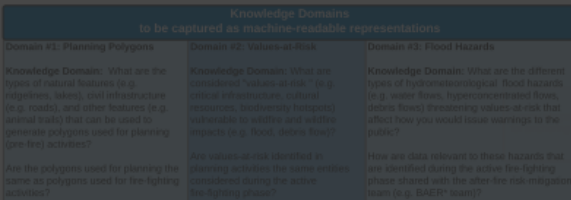
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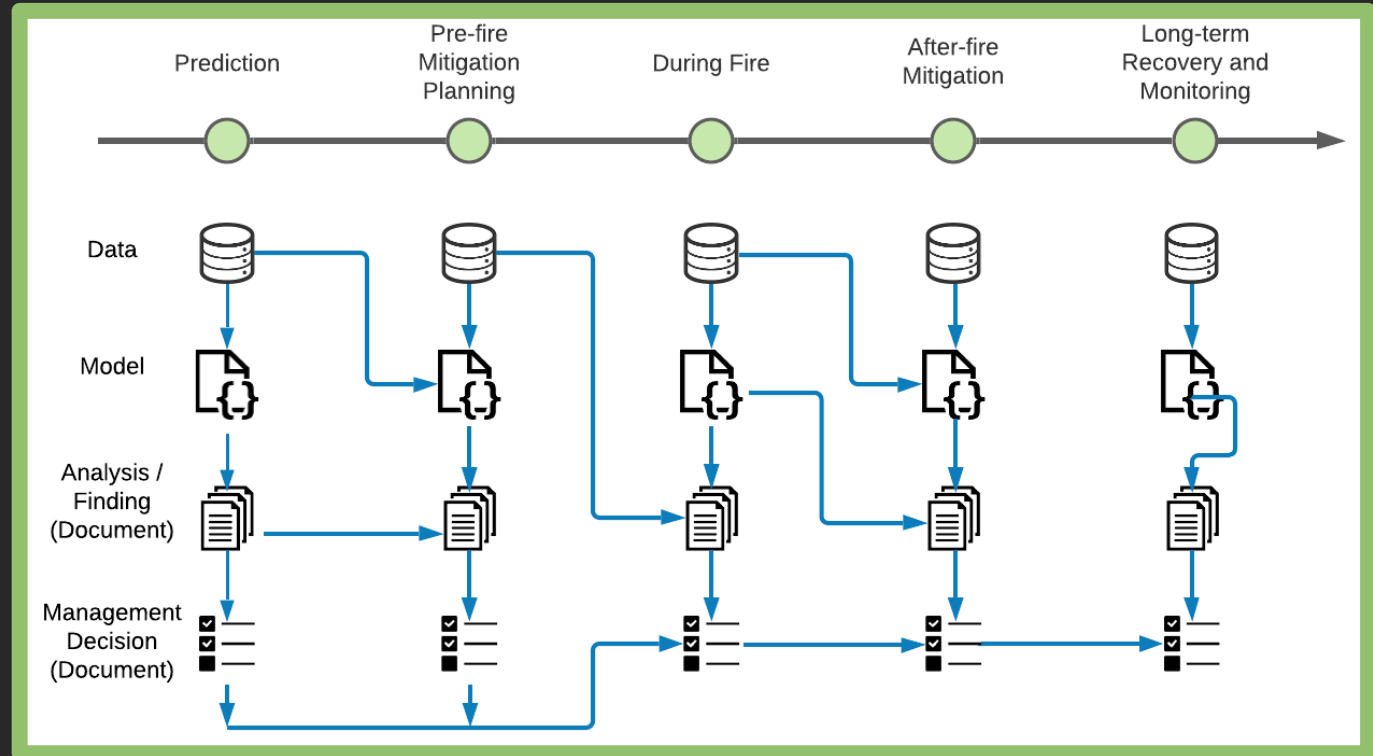
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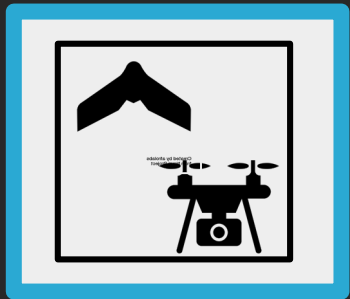
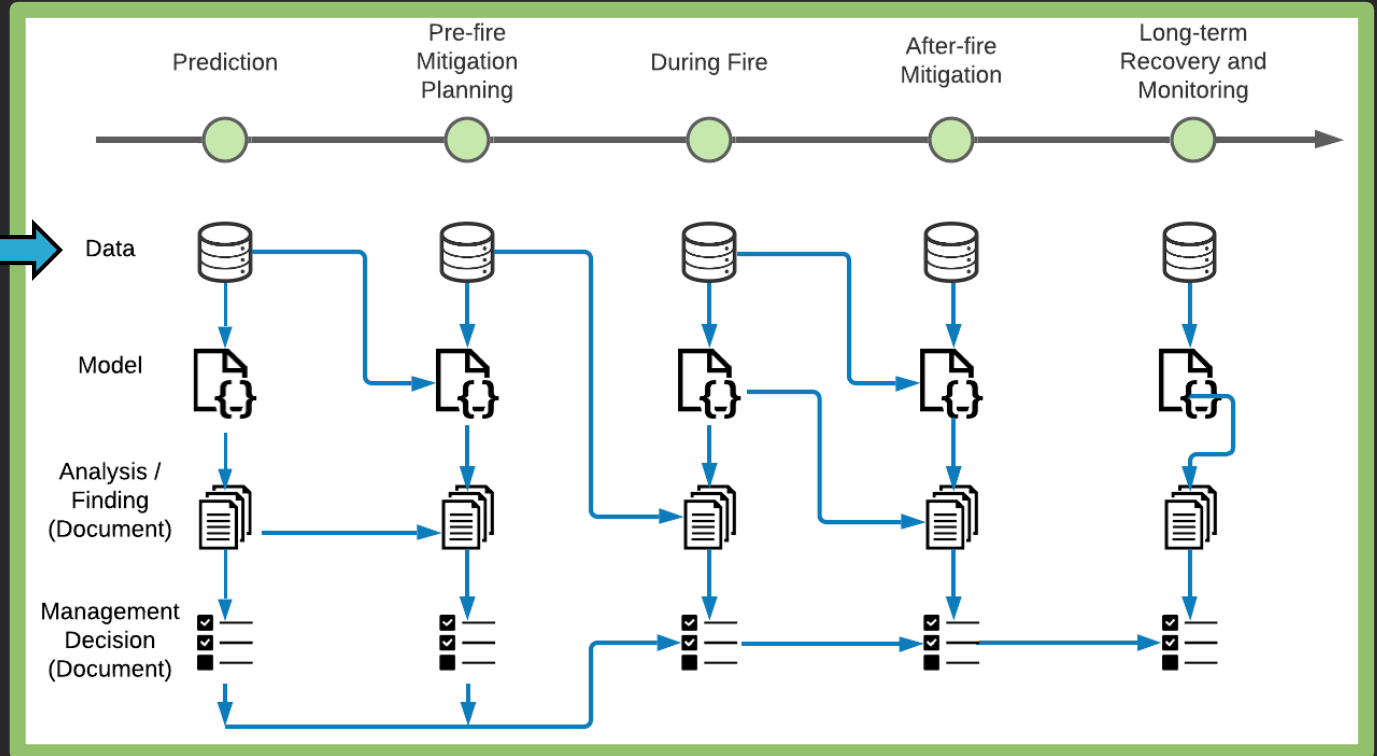
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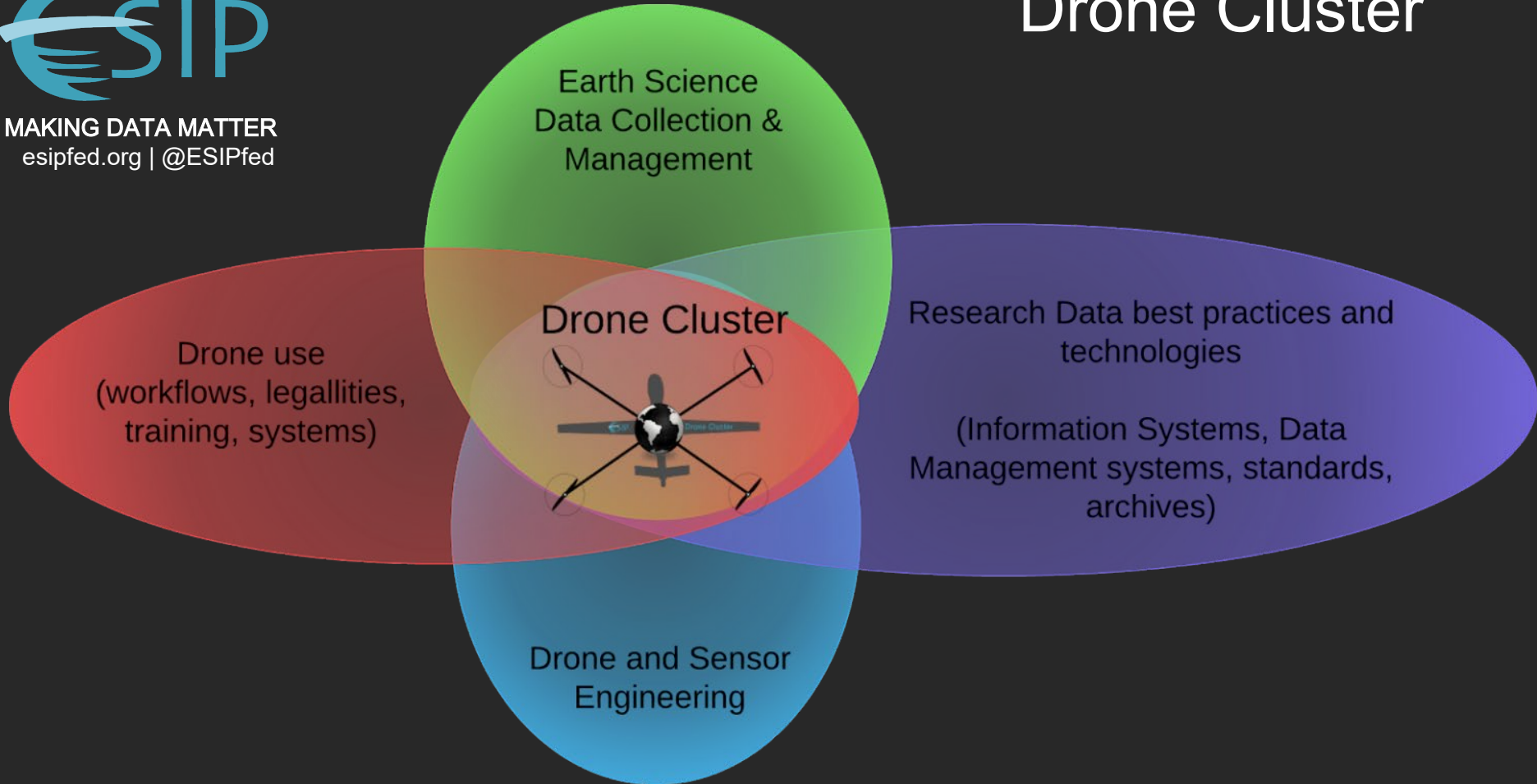
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Minimum information framework: a list* of data and metadata attributes necessary for sharing and reuse.

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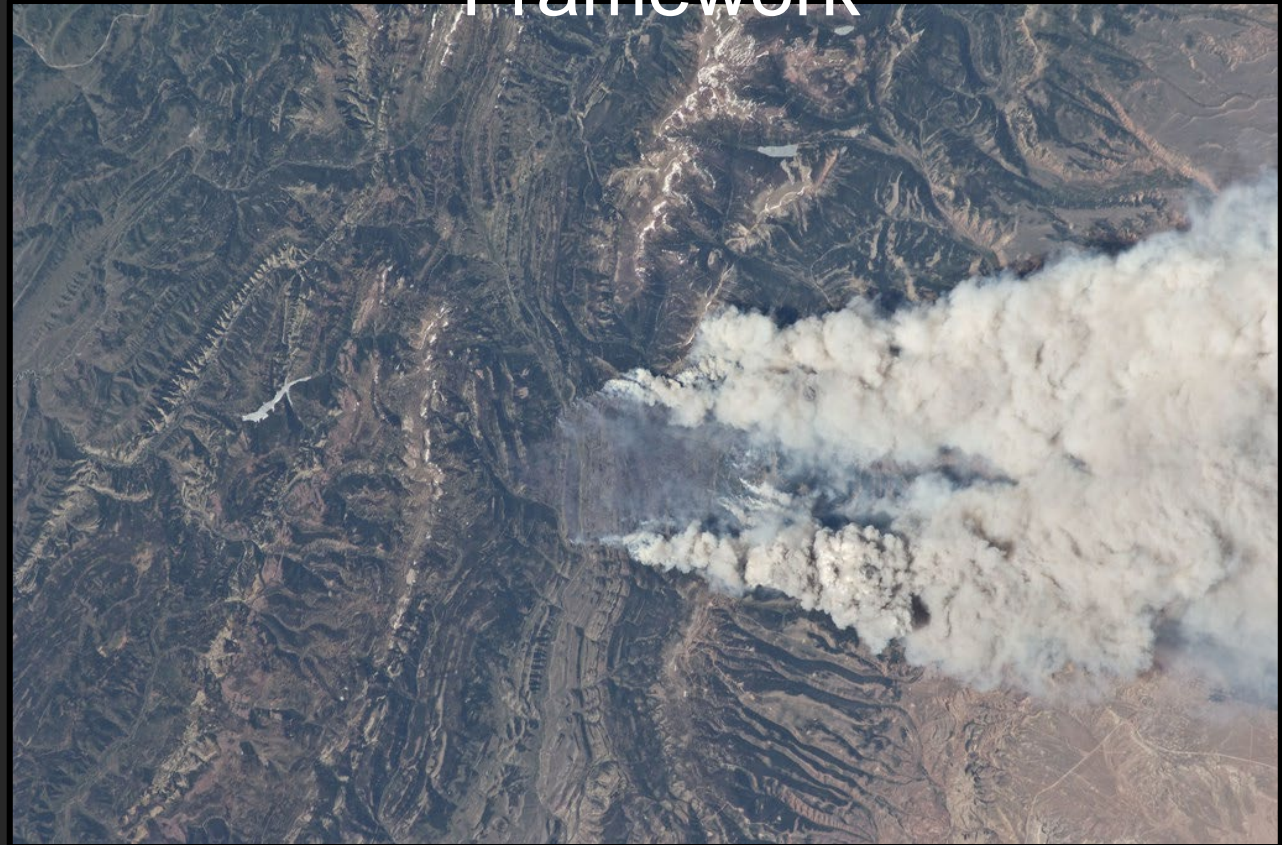


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Approach

- 1) Work with drone data collectors to document their:
 - Workflows
 - Data products
 - Data needs
- 2) Create a Minimum Information Framework (a high level information model) of key data classes necessary for reuse
- 3) Refine via community feedback
- 4) Use as basis of ontologies, data standard.

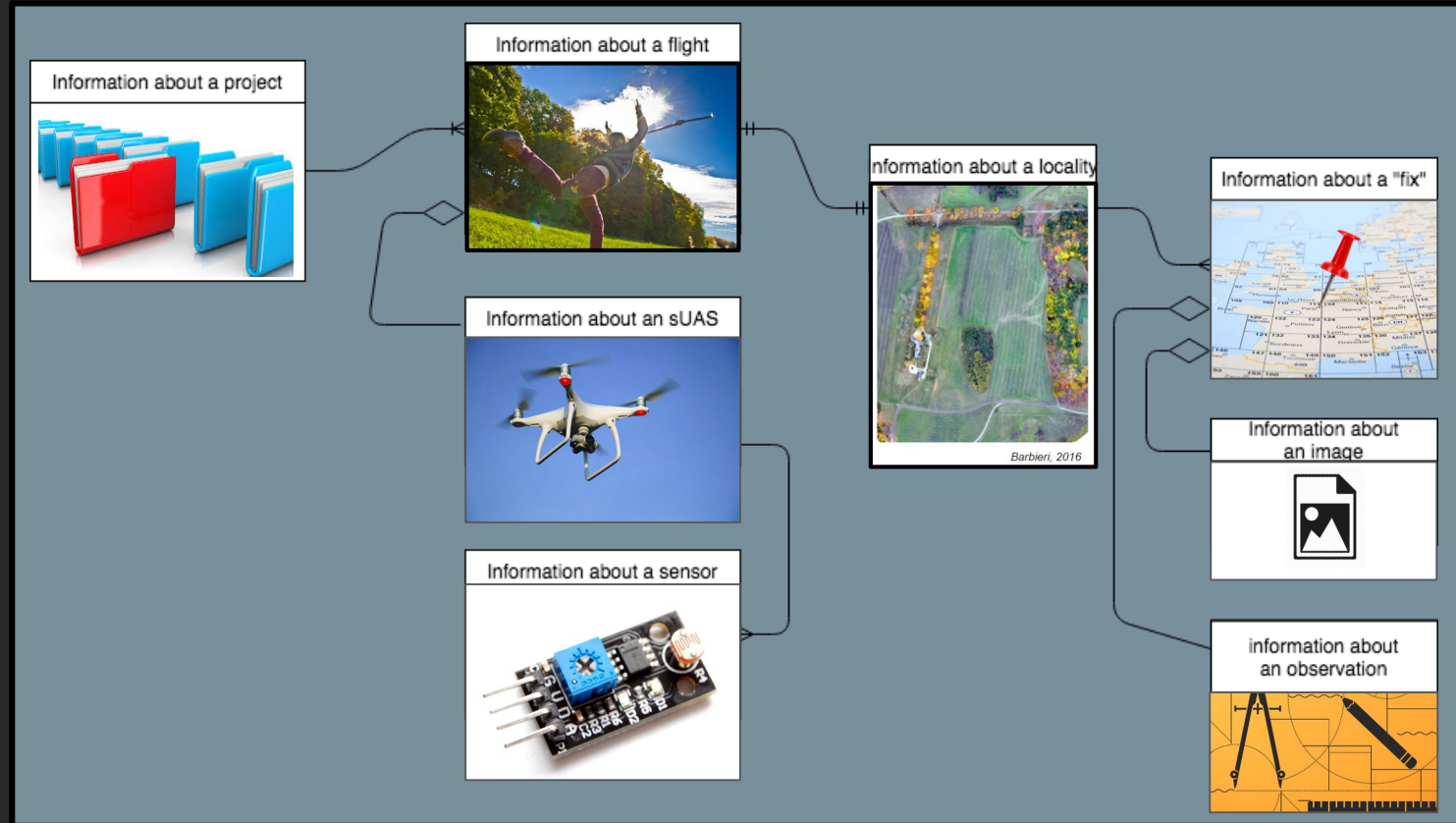


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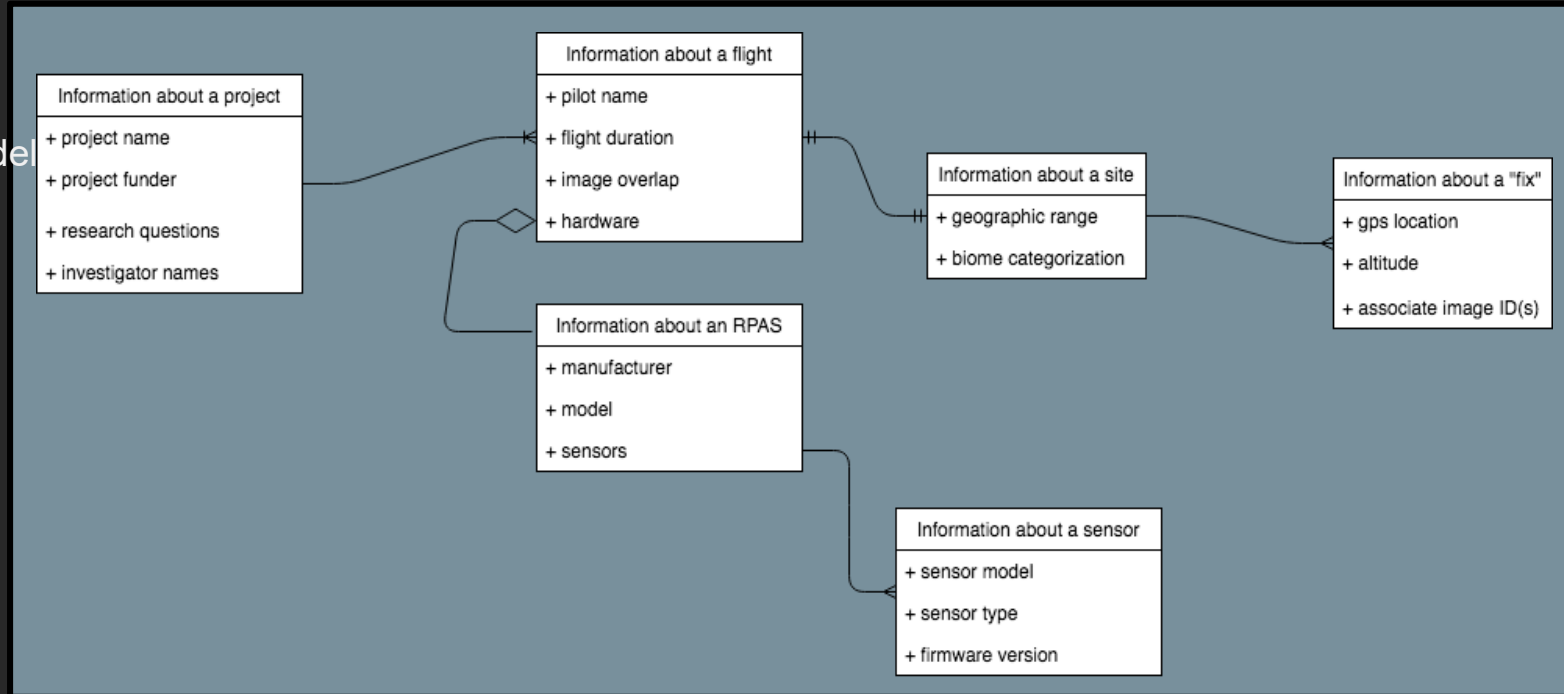


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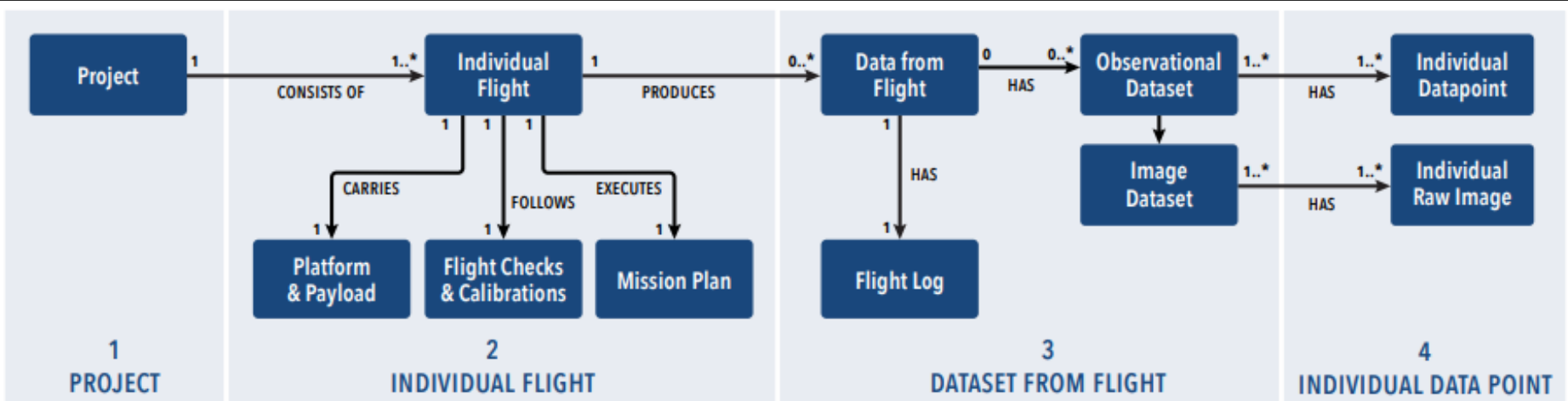
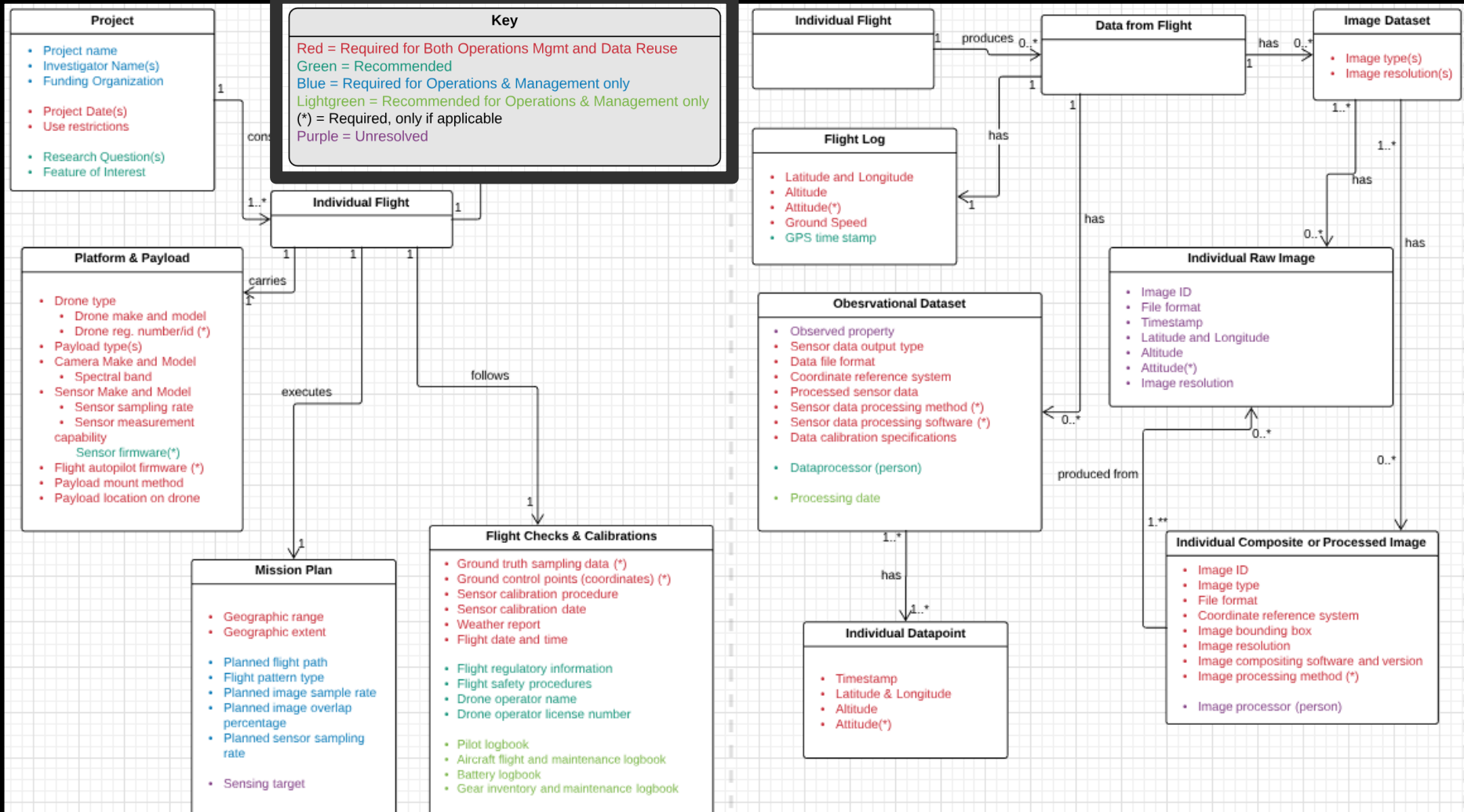
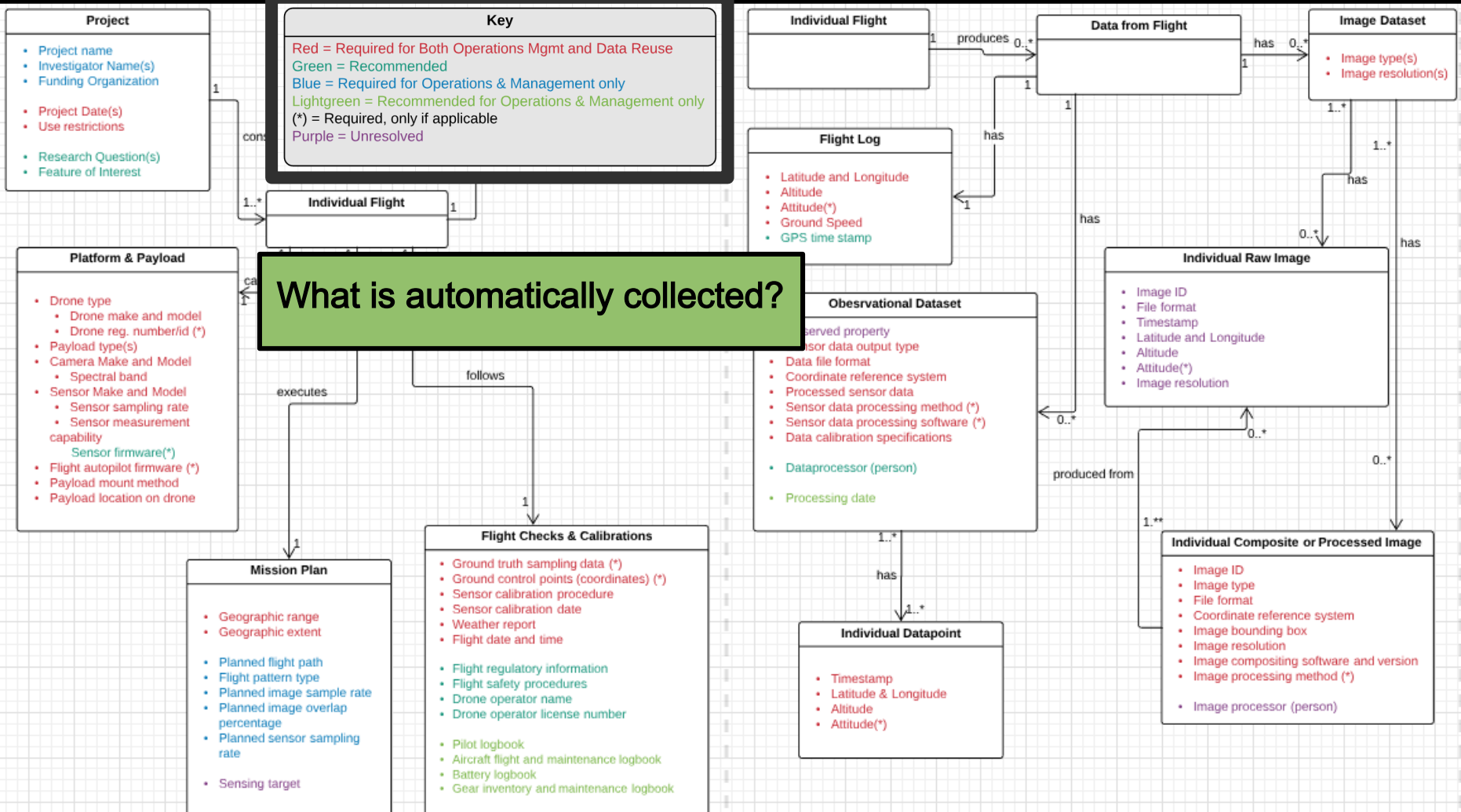


Figure 2. Core Classes of The Minimum Information Framework for sUAS datasets







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A minimum information framework the FAIR collection of earth and environmental science data with drones

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This repository contains a minimum information framework (MIF) for data collected by small unmanned aerial systems (sUAS) AKA RPAS AKA drones. A MIF is essentially a framework for the development for further data standards; it enumerates the metadata needed for the collection of FAIR (Findable Accessible Interoperable and Reusable) scientific data with drones (sUAS/ RPAS).

The MIF was drafted through examination of 5 case studies of data collection with drones, and then refined through iterative rounds of community feedback and reflection on the authors' own work with drone-based data collection. We are currently writing a short paper further describing the development of the standard.

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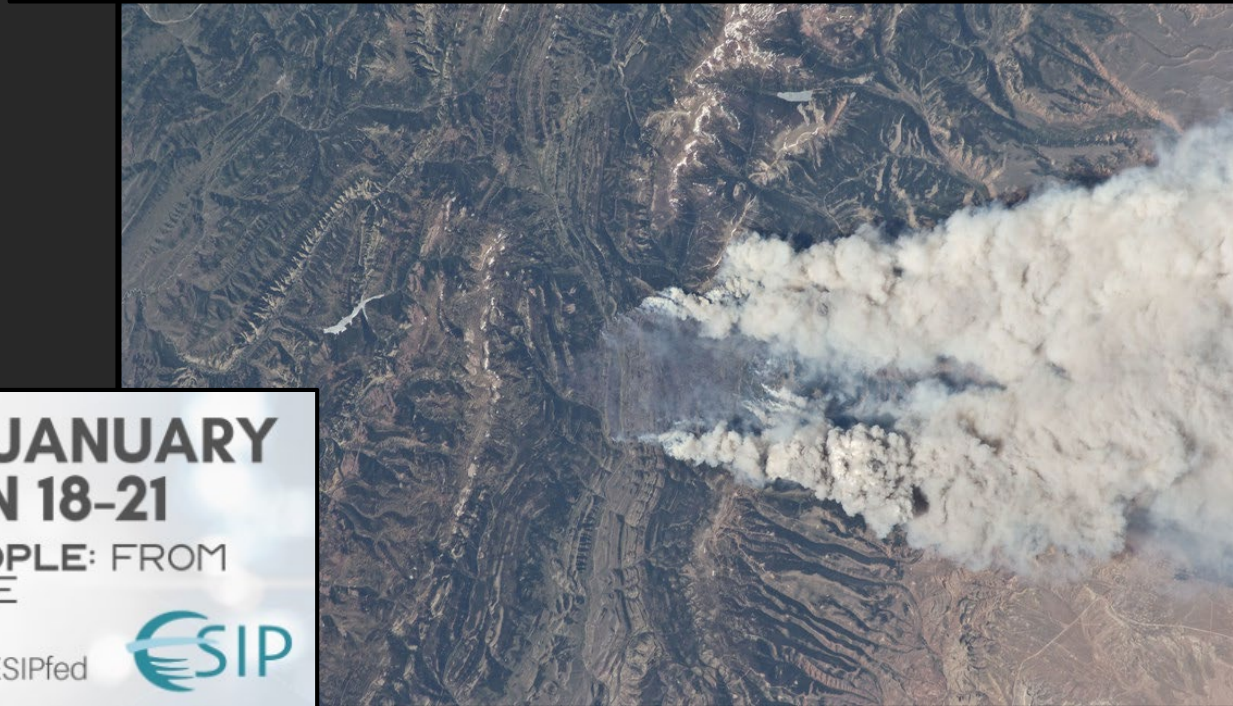
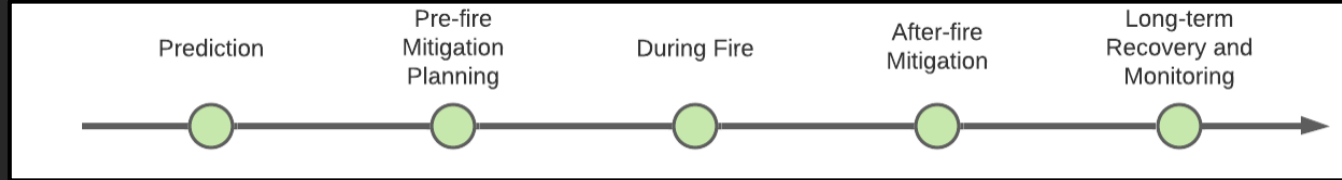
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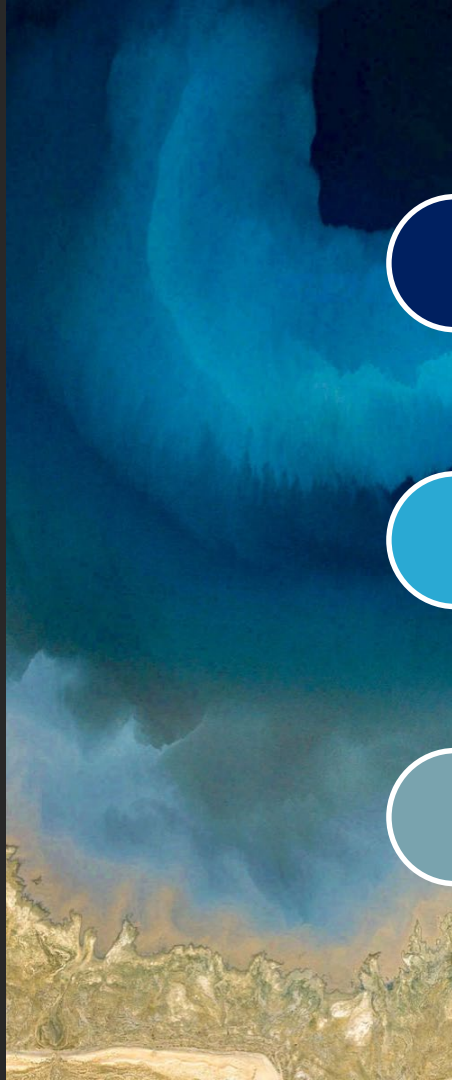




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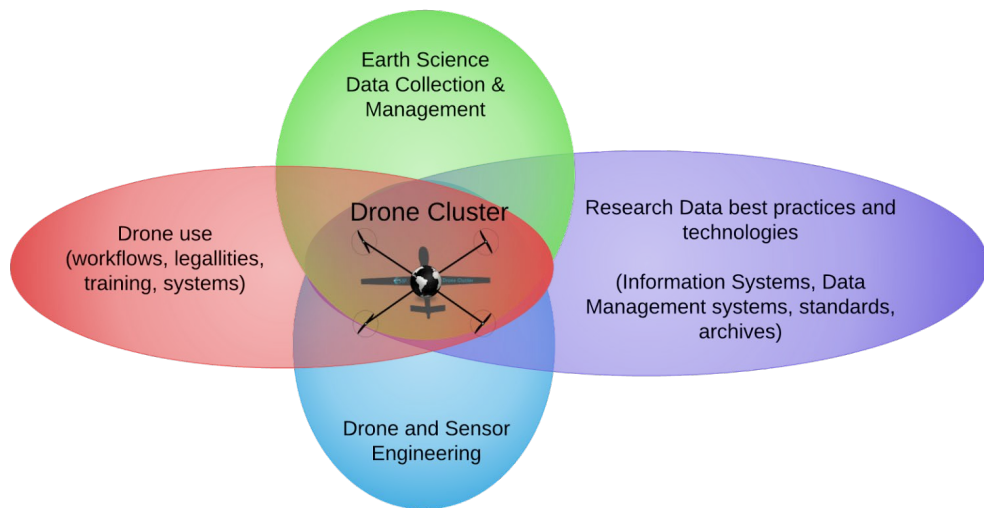
Summary!

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Drone Cluster

Working to make scientific data collected with drones FAIR and science drones easier to use.



Tags:

Drones, FAIR Data, Semantic Tech, IoT

NEW AND NOTEWORTHY

- ESIP Laboratories grant outcomes: *Minimal Information Framework for Science Drone Data Workflows*
 - OSF: <https://osf.io/n6t9b/>
 - Take our survey! contribute to the FAIRness of drone data: <http://bit.ly/droneDataSurvey>
- **Drone Sensor Data Collections** (Sphex and Shongololo) Snaps (Single board computer Ubuntu applications)
 - <https://gitlab.com/r4space/VTAgMonitoring>
- **International Data Week November 2018**
 - Science Drone Flight Week
 - Drone datathon
 - SciDataCon
 - <https://rpsdm.github.io/>

Want to learn more? **esip-**
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Outline

1. sUAS scientific data challenges
 - a. sUAS data is unique
 - b. 10 challenges
2. ESIP Minimal Information Framework project
 - a. Case Studies
 - b. Ontologies
 - c. MIF

sUAS Scientific Data Challenges

1. What **standard sensor calibration** and use procedures need to be defined and articulated?
1. What **best practices regarding data post processing** and error analysis methodology need to be outlined?
1. **What is the minimum information** that needs to be collected about a scientific sUAS data capture flight?
1. Which **formats** should be used to store (meta)data in?
1. Which **ontologies** should be applied -- or need to be developed -- for sUAS (meta)data? (what we began addressing at the VOCamp)

sUAS Scientific Data Challenges

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- **Urgent!** sUAS are an increasingly used sensor platform for the sciences
- **Momentum and support!** Open science and FAIR data practices
- **Possible!** Maturing of the technologies to enable and implement practices

ESIP Minimal Information Framework project

Minimum information framework: a list* of data and metadata attributes necessary for sharing and reuse

Project goals:

1. Define a high-level minimum information framework (MIF) for drone data based on case studies
1. Use MIF as backbone/testbed for preliminary drone data ontology

A first step towards achieving FAIRness is to both augment them with machine-readable, semantically-rich metadata, and to annotate them in ways that make their provenance (the record of the processes that created the data) explicit.

● Approach

1) Work with drone data collectors to document their:

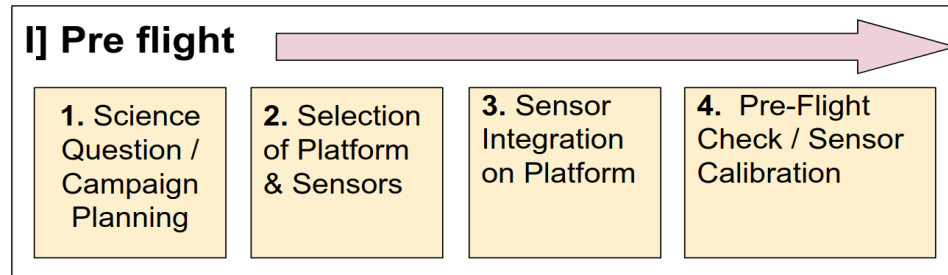
- Workflows
- Data products
- Data needs

2) Create a Minimum Information Framework (a high level information model) of key data classes necessary for reuse

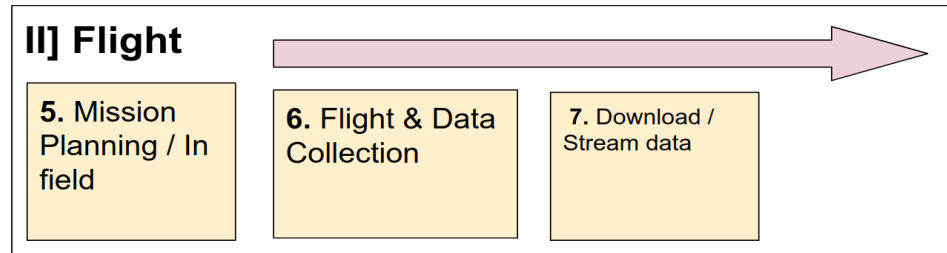
3) Refine via community feedback

4) Use as basis of ontologies, data standard.

Collecting and analyzing scientific RPAS workflows

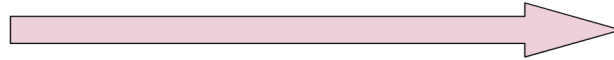


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III] Post Flight



8. Post
Processing

9. Secondary
Data Products
/ Analysis

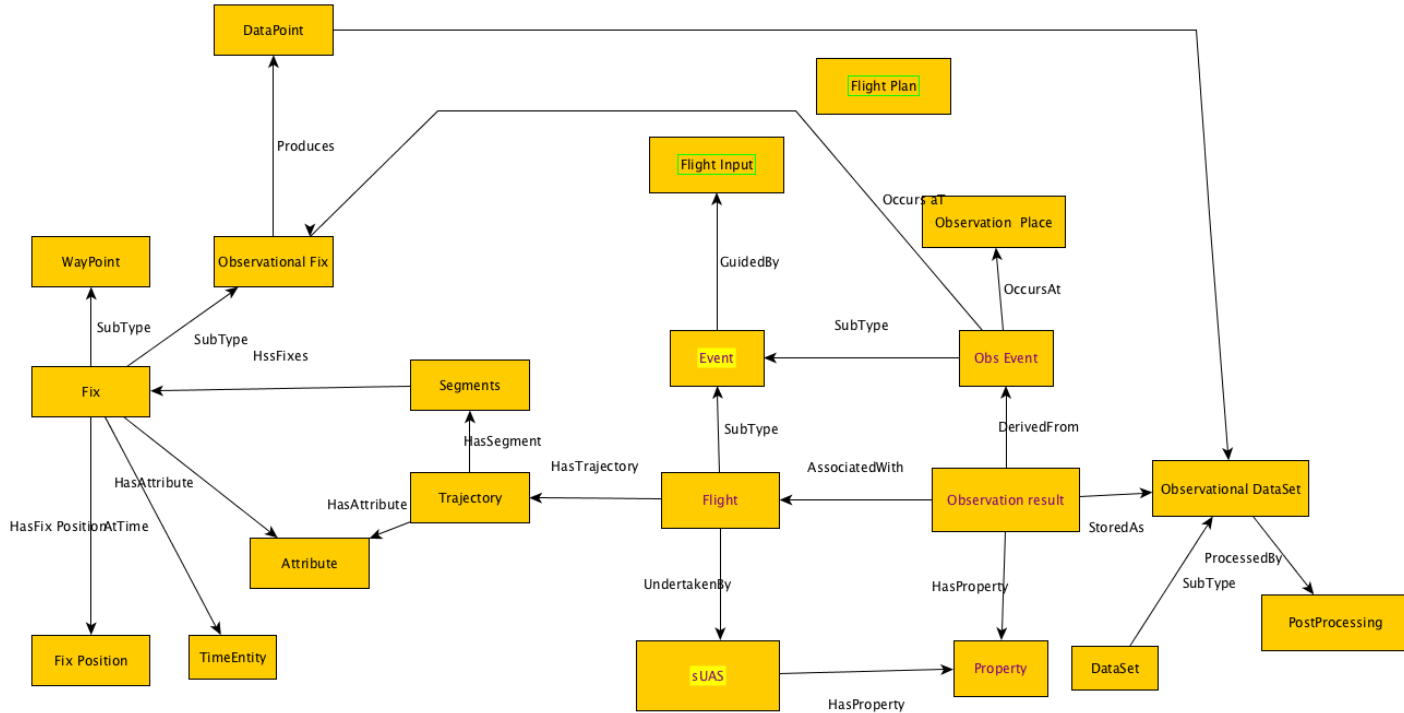
10. Fusion /
Integration

11. Reuse

VOCamp: <https://github.com/Vocamp/dronedata>

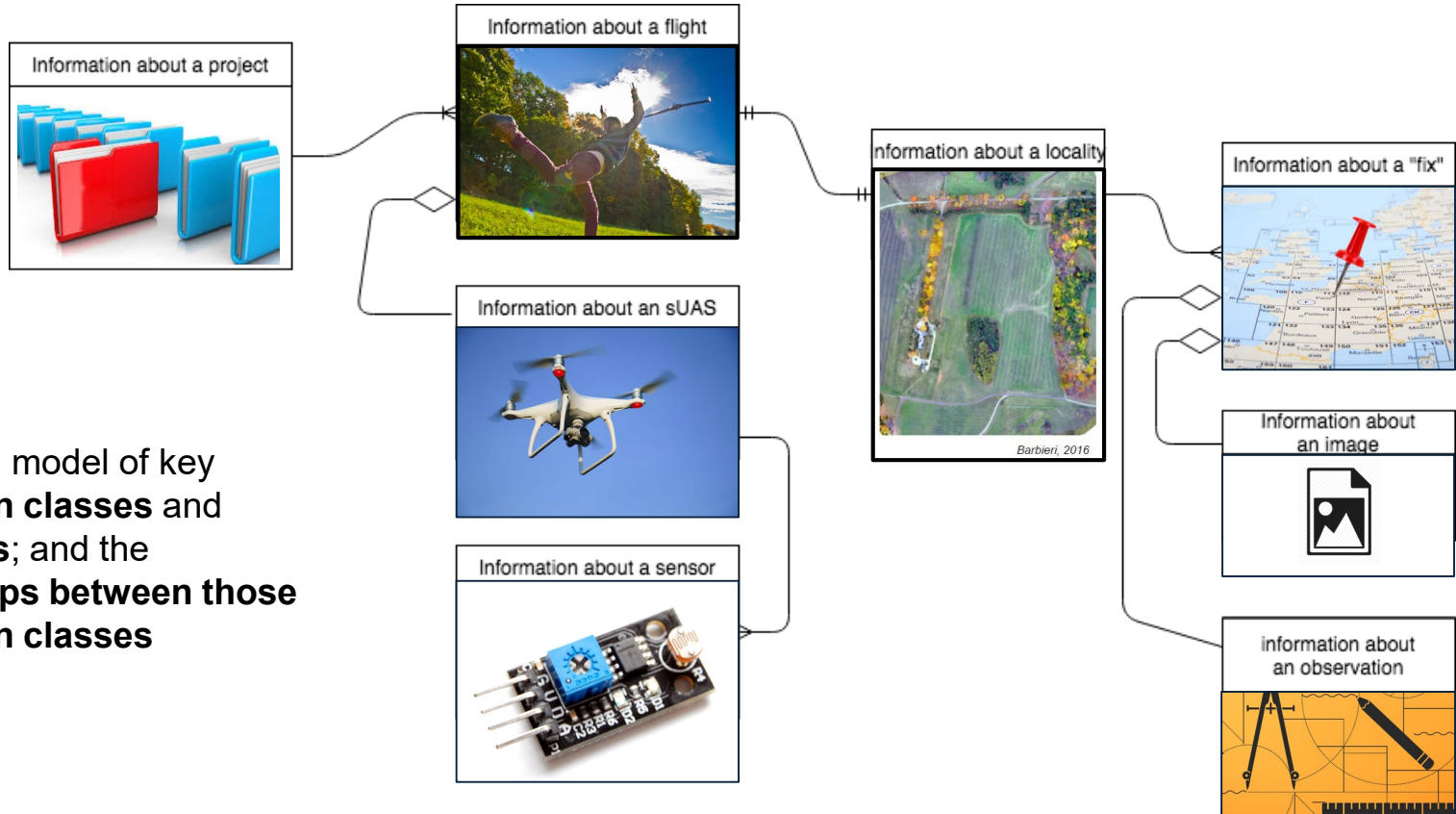
- Ontologies to build on
 - Geolink (ontology design pattern) <http://daselab.cs.wright.edu/pub/2015-geolink-ontology.pdf>
 - W3C SOSA
 - Various IEEE UAV/Robot ontologies
- Format candidates
 - Onboard, web accessible: CoverageJSON
 - Archive: NetCDF

Results: Ontology Design patterns



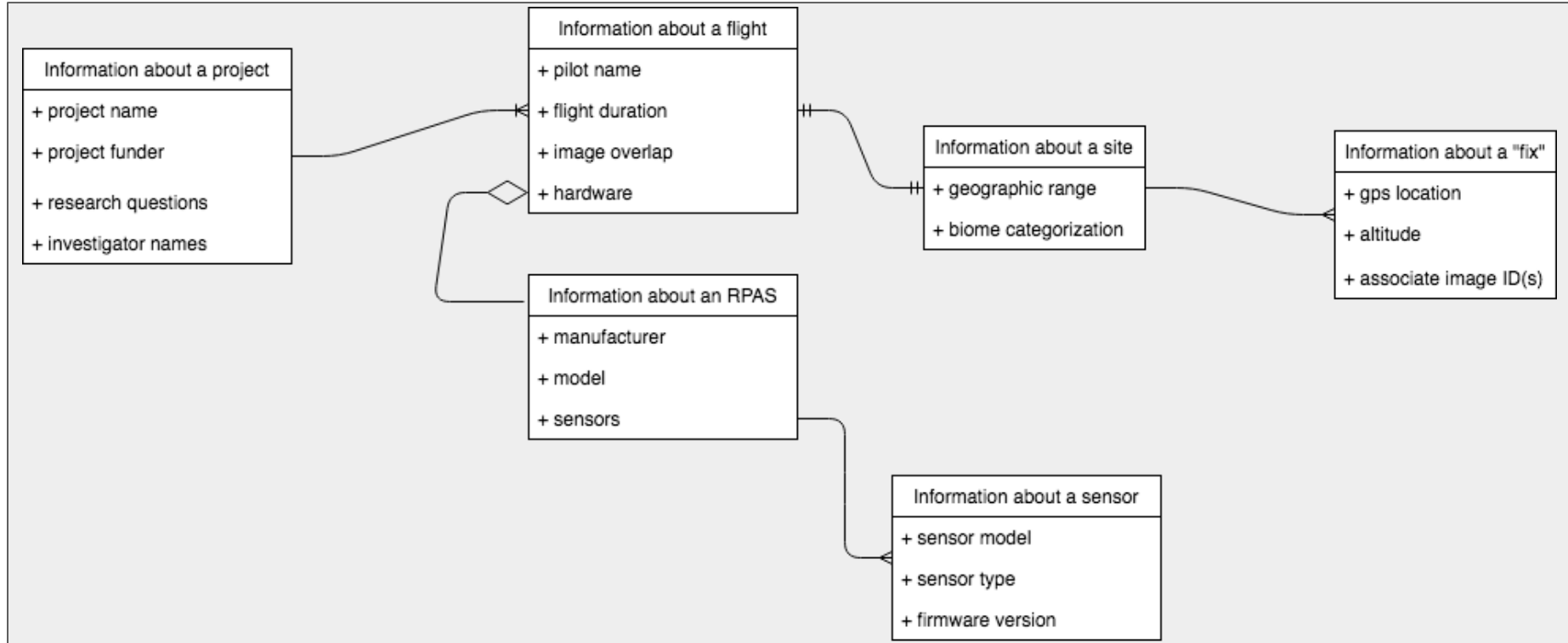
https://github.com/Vocamp/dronedata/tree/master/concept_maps

Results: Minimum Information Framework



A high level model of key **information classes** and **parameters**; and the **relationships between those information classes**

Minimum information framework (so far)



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- On-going: Drone Data Survey

Do you use drones in your research or teaching? We need your feedback!

<http://bit.ly/droneDataSurvey>

• Enviro-sensing <-> Drone Cluster

- Ontology design pattern(s) needs more community driven work (need funding)
 - By Scientific or System Domain?
- Community discussion around:
 - Best sampling practices
 - Best standard sensor calibration processes
 - What is the minimum information necessary to be FAIR
 - FAIR archives for "small" data/time series
 - Formats... (meta)data...