



# Metadata Quality and Capital

EUDAT/B2FIND & Quality of metadata

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# Overview

## 1. Motivation

- Dryad / Metadata capital, some early data

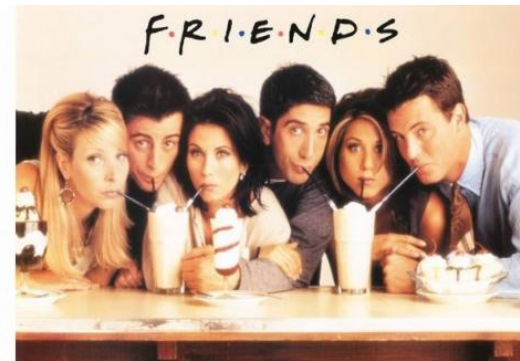
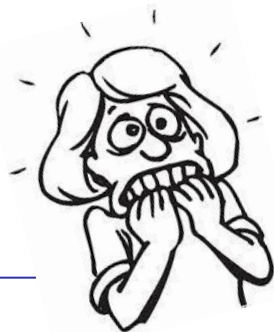
## 2. HIVE – Helping Interdisciplinary Vocabulary Engineering (linked data)

## 3. MetaDataCAPT'L

## 4. Quality and capital (observations)

## 5. Conclusions, discussion, criticism...

conceptual





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### Recently Published Data

Legume Phylogeny Working Group (2013) Data from: Legume phylogeny and classification in the 21st century

Taxon doi:10.5061/dryad.2v68d

Pirotta E, T...  
Lusseau...  
predator...  
doi:10.5061/dryad.2v68d

Verdolin JL,  
Insights...

Rahman M...  
pre- and...  
doi:10.5061/dryad.2v68d

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enables scientists to validate published findings, repurpose data, etc.

(salmoniformes: Salmonidae) and its molecular dating: analysis of mtDNA data. Russian Journal of Genetics doi:10.5061/dryad.r42qf

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**Authors\***:

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- Banks, Sam
- Blyton, Michaela
- Blair, David
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- Lindenmayer, David

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**Journal name\***: Molecular Ecology

**Abstract:**

Environmental disturbance is predicted to play a key role in the evolution of animal social behaviour. This is because disturbance affects key factors underlying

Pre-populated  
metadata field

Metadata reuse

Dryad's  
workflow  
~ low burden  
facilitates  
submission

# Dryad statistics from Monday AM this week

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Data from: Towards a worldwide wood economics spectrum



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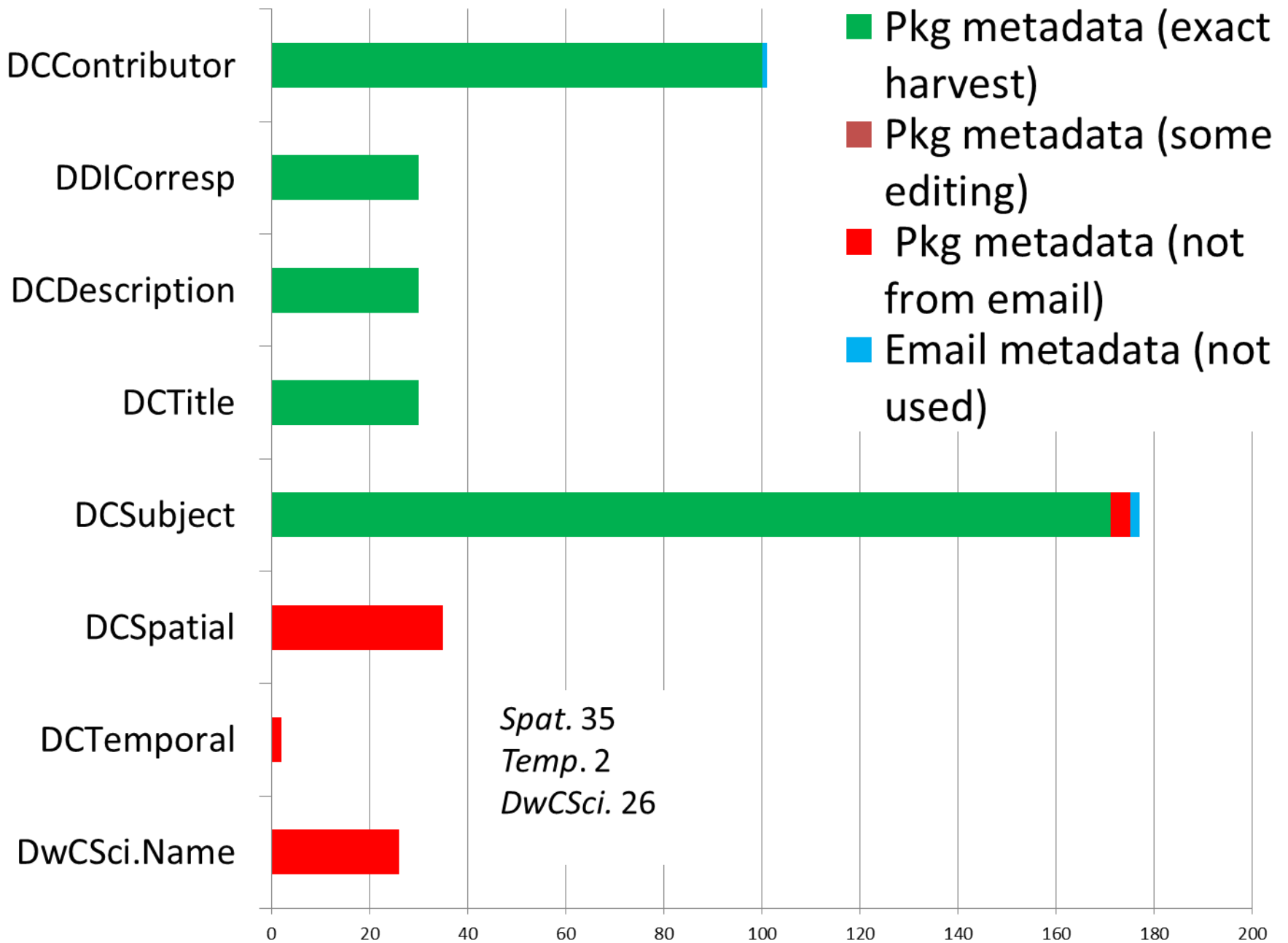


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Observations, motivating study of **metadata capital**

1. Metadata generation costs money
2. Metadata reuse is **a BIG part** of Dryad's workflow
3. Metadata reuse via OAI
4. Metadata reuse via data sharing, reuse, and repurposing

# Package metadata harvested from email





# The leap - capital to metadata capital

- **An economic concept** (Weber, 1905; Smith's, 1776)
  - Business and operations (net gains or losses)
  - Finances, goods and services, and public needs
  - Intellectual capital, social capital
  - *a tangible result, value increase*
- **Metadata as an asset, a product**
  - Reuse of good quality metadata increase value of initial investment
    - Poor quality may reduce metadata capital ?
  - Metadata reuse prevalence
    - Cooperative cataloging , CIP, ISBD, MARC, FRBR, LCC, VIAF, OAI-PMH, CrossRef, PubMed, Zotero, BibTex, DataCite. Linked data/Semantic Web, PIDs, etc.





# Modified Capital-sigma notation

$$R + \sum_{i=1}^n a_i = R + a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + \dots + a_n$$

R = value of the metadata record

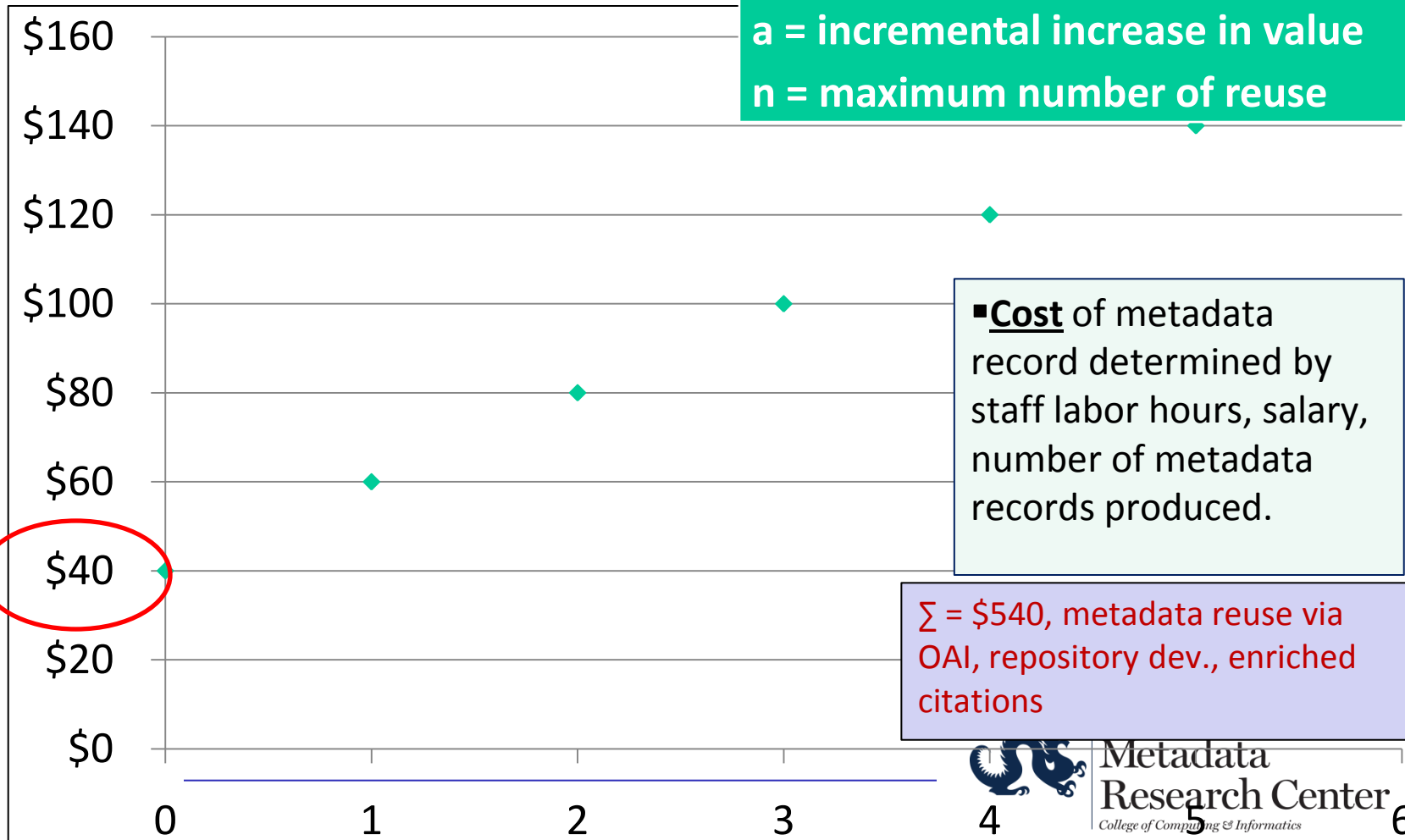
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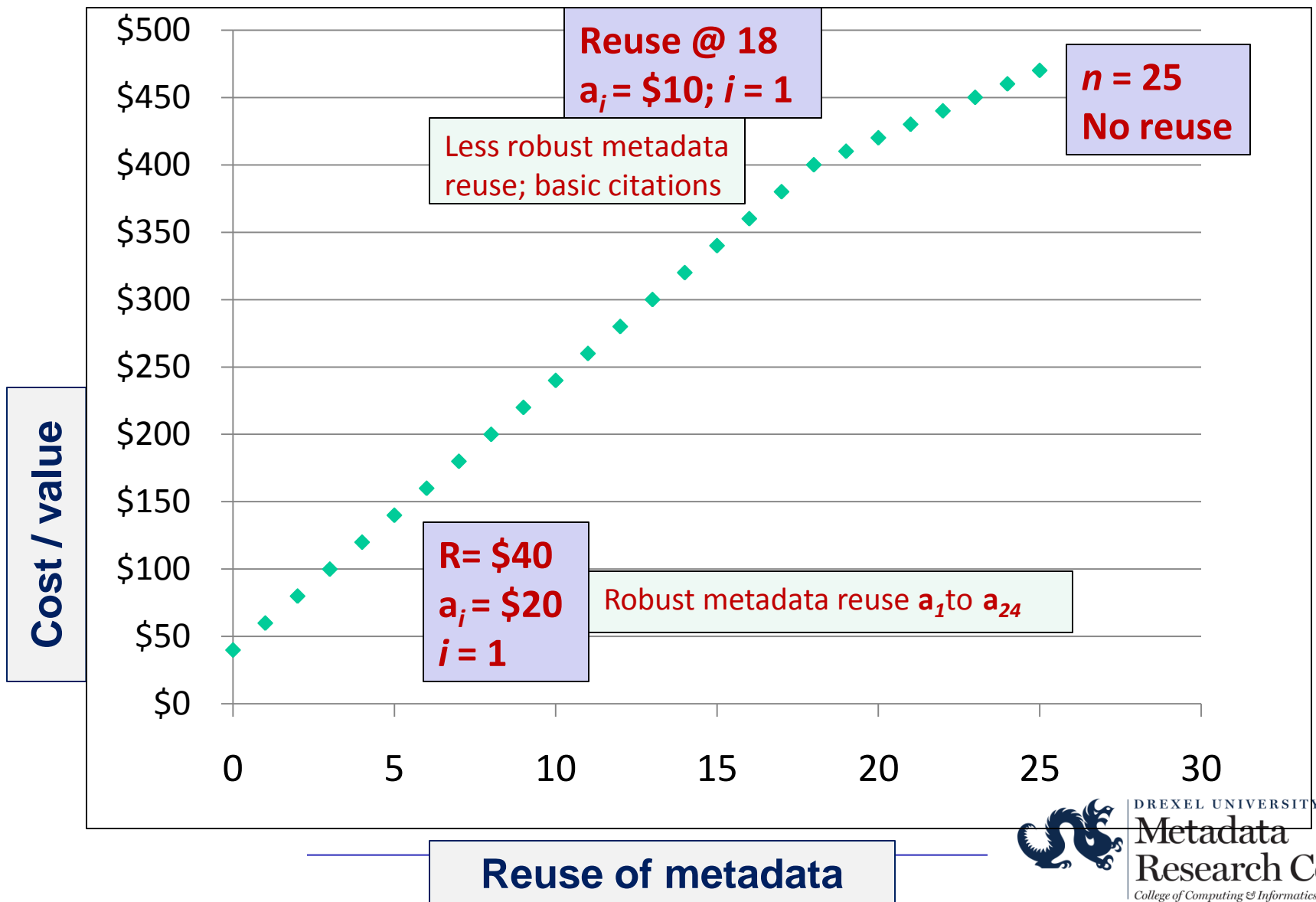
n = maximum number of reuse

Cost / value

Reuse →

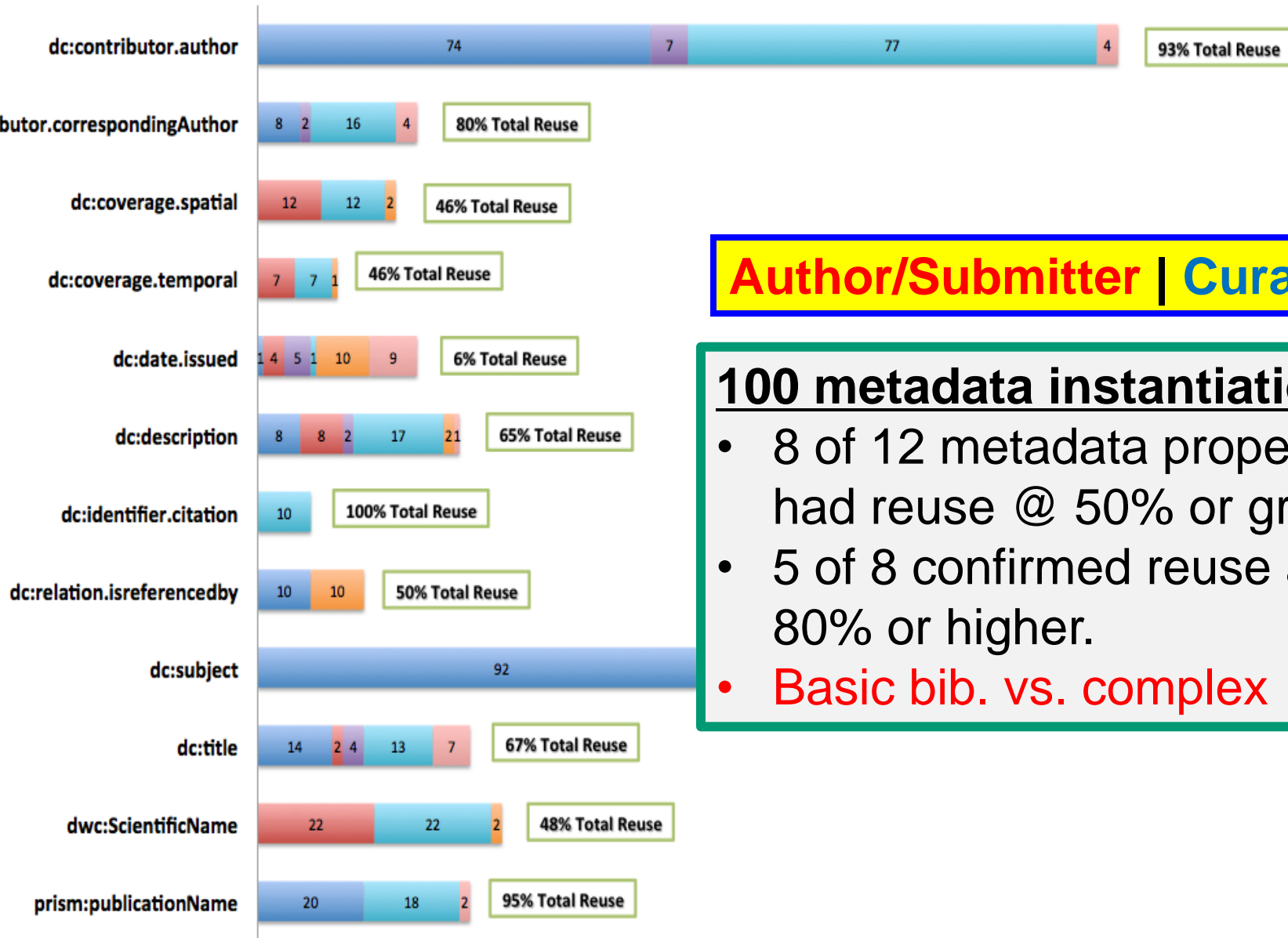


# Modified Capital-sigma notation



**FIGURE 4: TOTAL METADATA WORKFLOW  
PHASES 1 & 2 - CASES A & B**

Reused 1 Added 1 Deleted 1 Modified 1 Reused 2 Added 2 Deleted 2 Modified 2



**Author/Submitter | Curator**

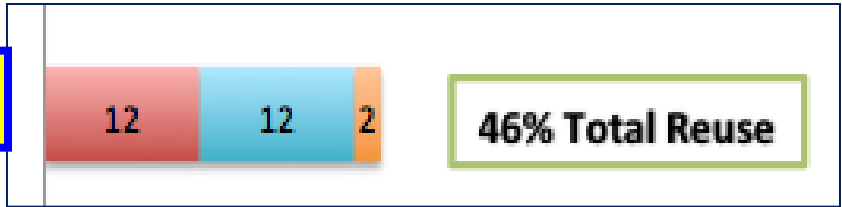
**100 metadata instantiations**

- 8 of 12 metadata properties had reuse @ 50% or greater
- 5 of 8 confirmed reuse at 80% or higher.
- **Basic bib. vs. complex**

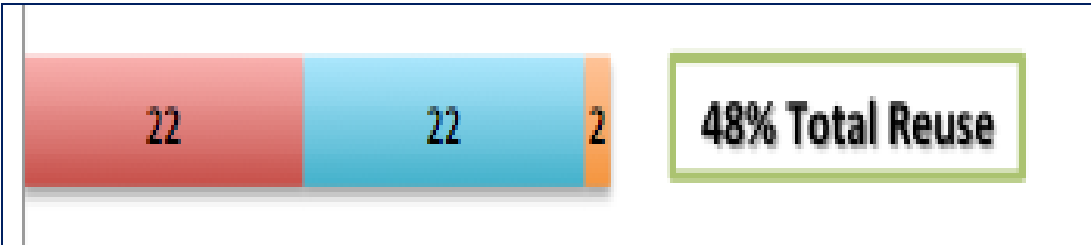
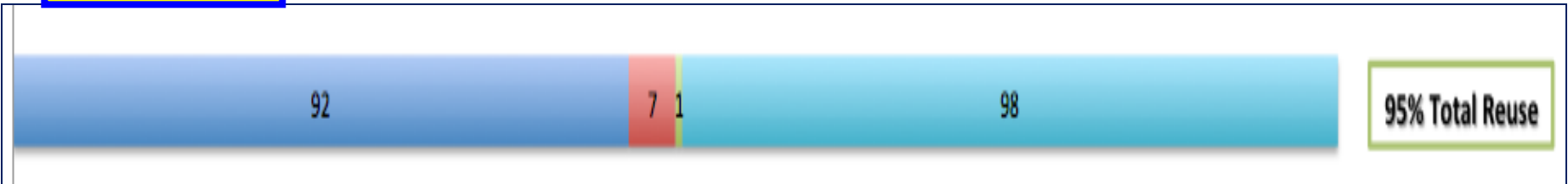
# Author



# Dcterms.spatial →



# Subject



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# KO – knowledge organization

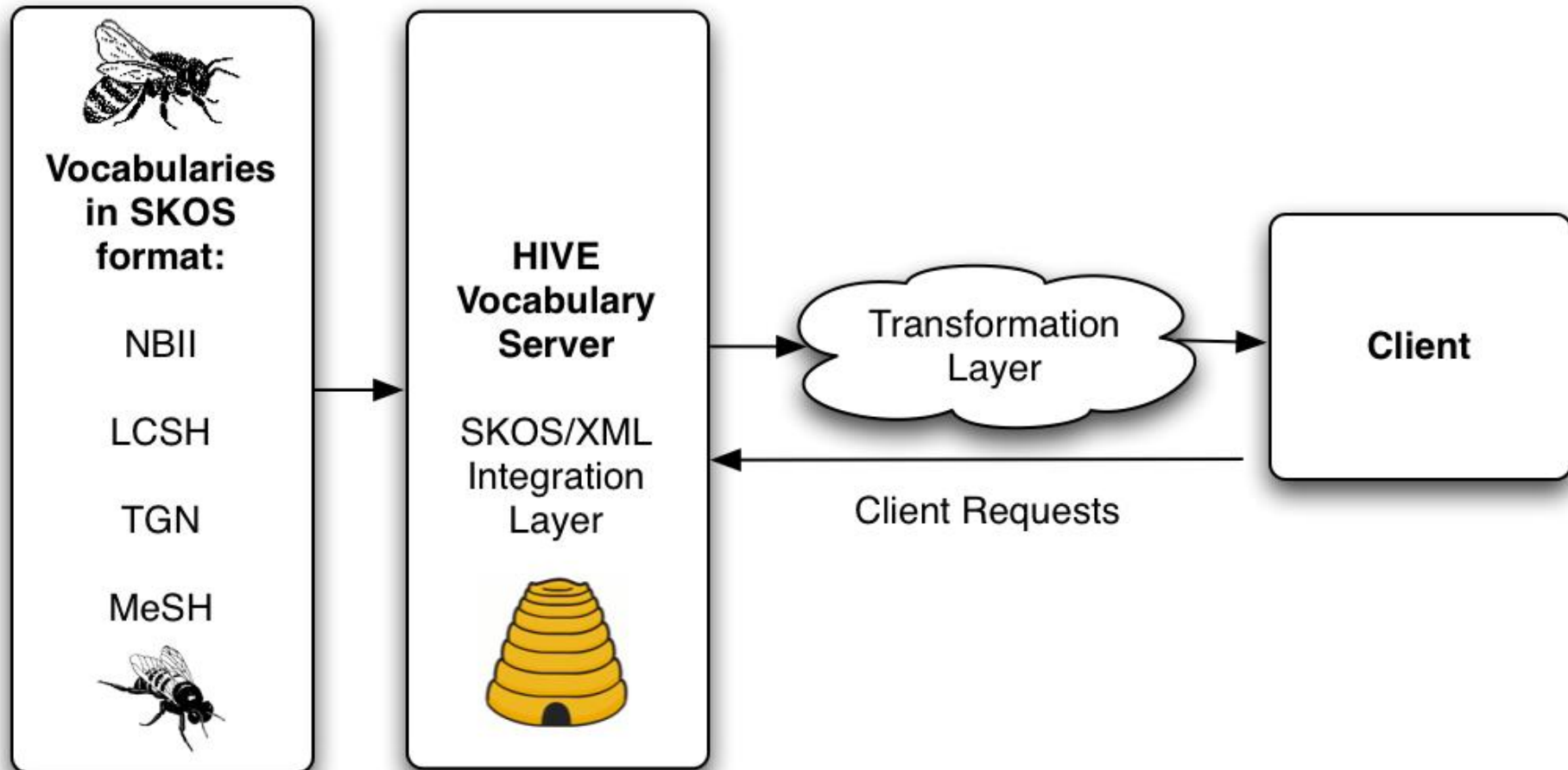
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*If we [can] think about reuse as capital...?*

*Does this fit w/Robert Stevens notion of “active ontologies”?*



# Helping Interdisciplinary Vocabulary Engineering (HIVE)



- **Linked Open Vocabulary** initiative, to support inter/transdisciplinary....
- SKOS (a little dumb)
- AMG + machine learning approach for integrating discipline terminologies
- **Capital:** Productivity with metadata generation...



## Helping with Interdisciplinary Vocabulary Engineering

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Concept Browser

Indexing

HIVE vocabulary server provides functionality to identify concepts from given document or text. You need only two easy steps to get the concepts that are relevant to document:

- Step 1: Select the vocabulary source
- Step 2: Upload your document **OR** Enter the URL of your document
- Step 3: Click on Start Processing

### HIVE Automatic Concepts Extractor

1 Select vocabulary source

Select

2 Upload a document

Choose File no file selected

Upload

**OR** Enter the URL

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0 Number of hops

10 Maximum number of terms

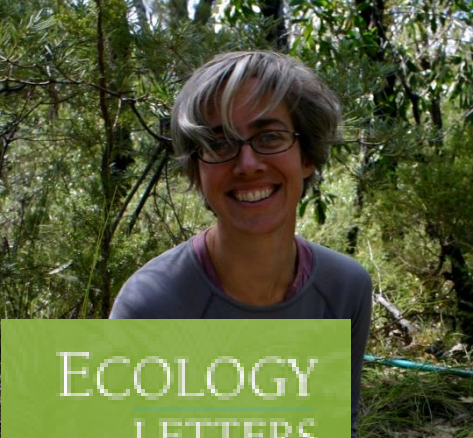
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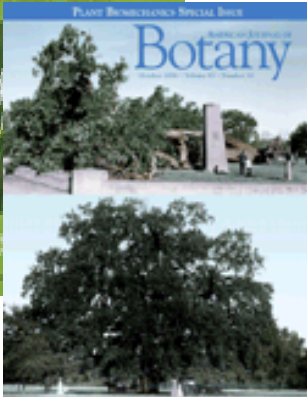






# Amy

- Meet Amy Zanne. She is a botanist.
- Like every good scientist, she publishes, and she deposits data in Dryad.



Family	Binomial	A (mm <sup>2</sup> )	F (mm <sup>2</sup> /mm <sup>2</sup> )	N (mm <sup>-2</sup> )	S (mm <sup>4</sup> )
Caprifoliaceae	Abelia biflora	0.002375829	0.924197654	389.0	6.10753E-06
Caprifoliaceae	Abelia dielsii	0.00115375	0.357418211	331.0	3.48565E-06
Caprifoliaceae	Abelia integrifolia	0.001134115	0.240432369	212.0	5.3496E-06
Caprifoliaceae	Abelia mosanensis	0.000855299	0.632065665	739.0	1.15737E-06
Caprifoliaceae	Abelia serrata	0.000706858	0.206402637	292.0	2.42075E-06
Caprifoliaceae	Abelia spathulata	0.000804248	0.230819095	287.0	2.80226E-06
Malvaceae	Abutilon fruticosum	0.001452201	0.137959114	95.0	1.52863E-05
Malvaceae	Abutilon pannosum	0.003117245	0.124689812	40.0	7.79311E-05
Fabaceae	Acacia albida	0.012271846	0.049087385	4.0	0.003067962
Fabaceae	Acacia ataxacantha	0.013069811	0.169907541	13.0	0.00100537
Fabaceae	Acacia borleae	0.004071504	0.061072561	15.0	0.000271434
Fabaceae	Acacia burkei	0.008992024	0.053952141	6.0	0.001498671
Fabaceae	Acacia caffra	0.010207035	0.214347725	21.0	0.000486049
Fabaceae	Acacia cyanophylla	0.009160884	0.201539452	22.0	0.000416404
Fabaceae	Acacia davayi	0.008332289	0.099987469	12.0	0.000694357
Fabaceae	Acacia erioloba	0.015174678	0.091048067	6.0	0.002529113
Fabaceae	Acacia erubescens	0.008824734	0.07059787	8.0	0.001103092
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Fabaceae	Acacia galpinii	0.001134115	0.00257	8.0	0.001509535
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Fabaceae	Acacia graminea	0.001134115	0.007175	7.0	0.000929126
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Fabaceae	Acacia luederitzii	0.007542964	0.105601495	14.0	0.000538783
Fabaceae	Acacia mangium	0.016933724	0.130928066	7.7	0.002208747
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Fabaceae	Acacia montis-usti	0.005410608	0.043284864	8.0	0.000676326

Amy's data

# REVIEW AND SYNTHESIS

## Towards a worldwide wood economics spectrum

Jerome Chave,<sup>1\*</sup> David Coomes,<sup>2</sup>  
Steven Jansen,<sup>3</sup> Simon L. Lewis,<sup>4</sup>  
Nathan G. Swenson<sup>5</sup> and Amy E.  
Zanne<sup>6,7</sup>

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### Abstract

Wood performs several essential functions in plants, including mechanically supporting aboveground tissue, storing water and other resources, and transporting sap. Woody tissues are likely to face physiological, structural and defensive trade-offs. How a plant optimizes among these competing functions can have major ecological implications, which have been under-appreciated by ecologists compared to the focus they have given to leaf function. To draw together our current understanding of wood function, we identify and collate data on the major wood functional traits, including the largest wood density database to date (8412 taxa), mechanical strength measures and anatomical

### Extracted Concepts Cloud

AGROVOC  
LCSH  
NBII

Reaction wood    Wood--Figure    Wood--Discoloration    Calavicci, AI (Fictitious character)    Lāt,  
al- (Arabian deity)    Murphy, AI (Fictitious character)    Density    Soils--Density    Population  
density    Recessive traits    Traits (genetics)    Dominant traits    Associated species    Species  
diversity    Numbers of species    Plant anatomy    Plant litter    Plant condition    Leaf  
spots    Leaf prints    Leaf blowers    Brushes, Carbon    Electrodes, Carbon    Carbon  
taxes    Growth    Fetus--Growth    Growth (Plants)    Infiltration water    Water--  
Color    Drinking water



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# Modified Capital-sigma notation

$n$

$$P + \sum_{i=1}^n a_i = R + a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + \dots + a_n$$

**P = value of the metadata property  
(w/HIVE the linked data concept)**

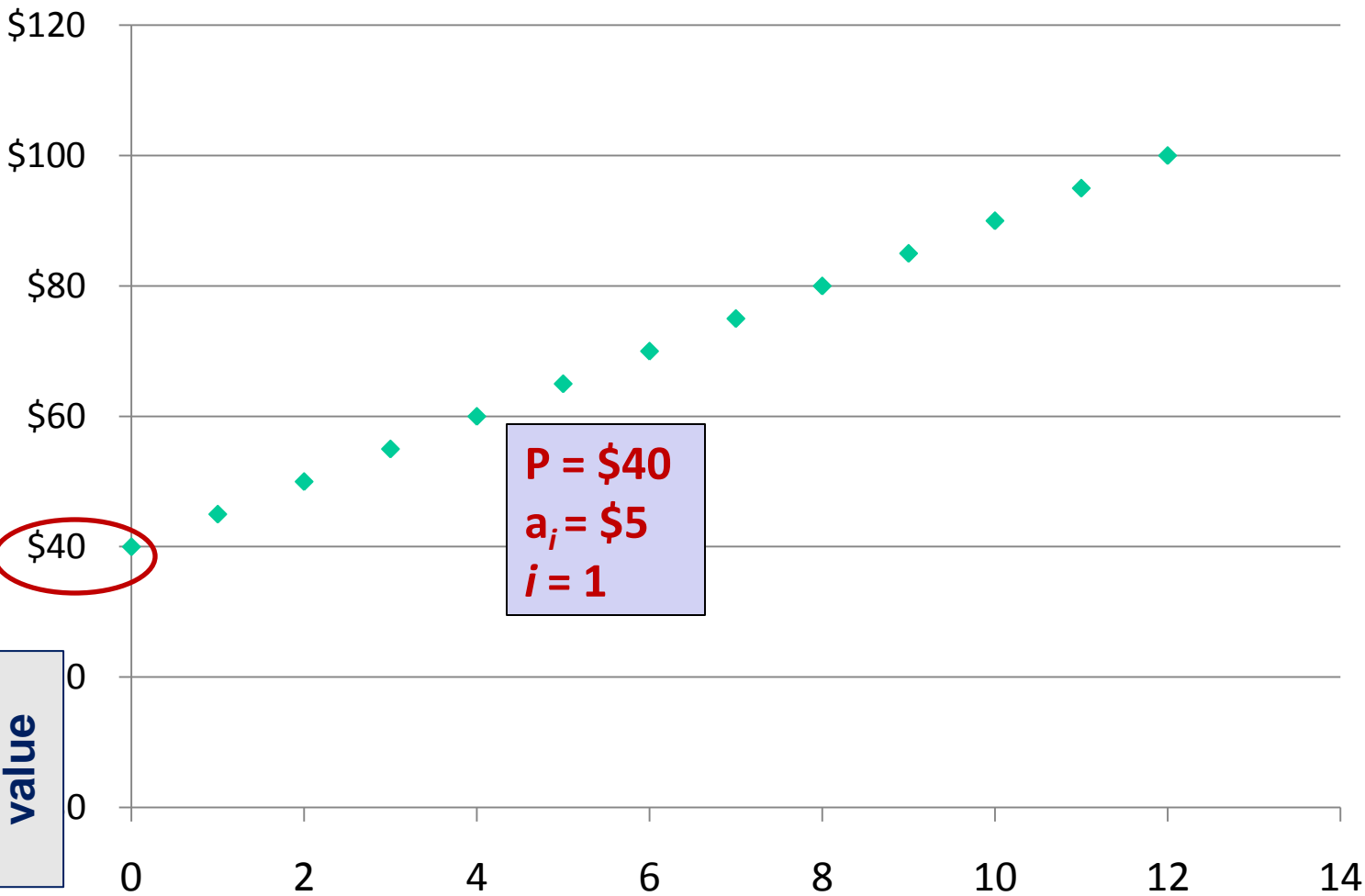
**i = number of usages (reuse)**

**a = incremental increase in value**

**n = maximum number of reuse ?**

# Modified Capital-sigma notation for linked data

P =  
Determined  
by the  
number of  
terms in  
thesaurus,  
labor hours  
to generate,  
integrate,  
etc,



Cost /  
value

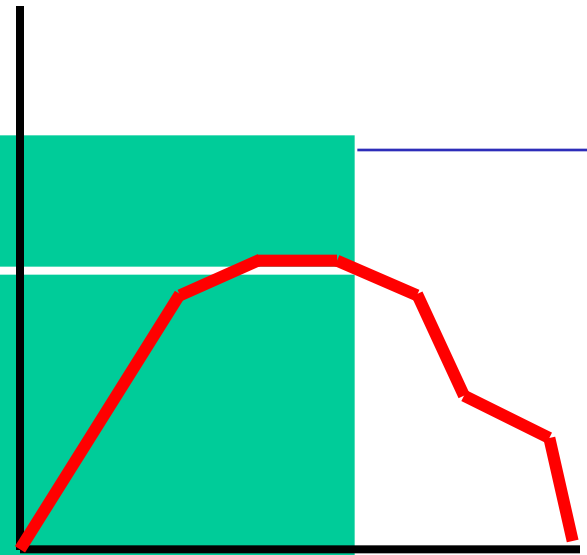
Reuse of linked data  
concept/URI

## Successive growth rates

N

$$\sum_{i=1}^N i^c = \Theta(n^c + 1)$$

i=1



## Cycles...

What about successive growth rate tied to a concept?

A concept can be

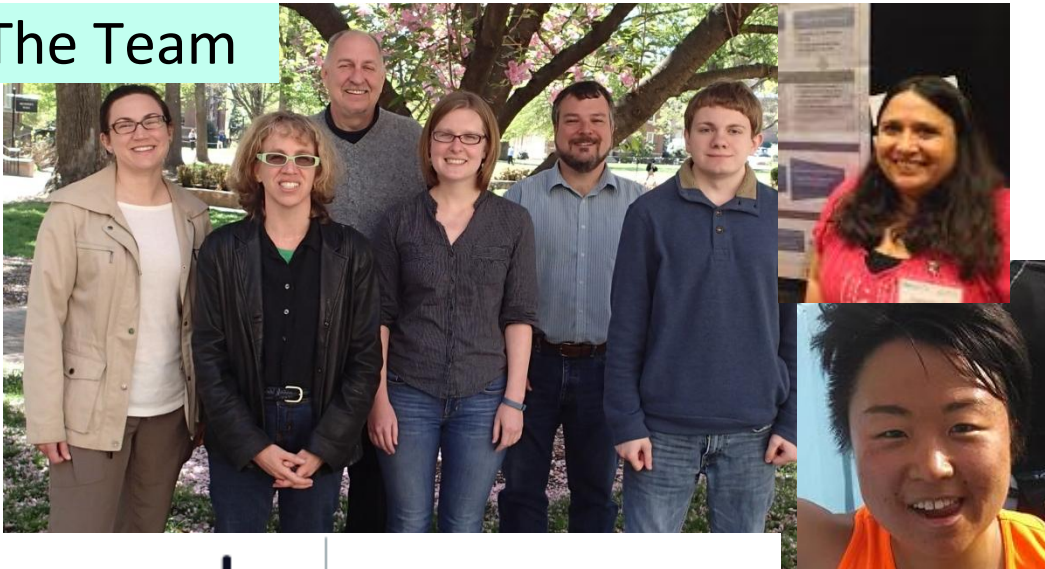
- in ~ vernacular to canonical
- fall by the wayside, less popular
- out (deprecated)



# Discover and advance the application of methods for quantifying the cost and value of metadata over time; raise dialog

1. Advance nascent work on “**metadata capital**” for data science
2. Actively engage with the NCDS community

## The Team



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3. Connect NCDS metadata efforts w/the **Research Data Alliance**



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# Research environments

- 1. Self-generated health information (SGHI)** monitoring daily activity in collaboration with the Research Triangle Institute (RTI) (Tom Caruso, Health Information Liaison Research Associate, UNC-SILS/RTI)

- Fitbit; mobile health
- Consumer/patient awareness
- Metadata/data ownership; cost generating, capital via use/re-use



- 2. Data management/ontology development** in collaboration with the National Institute for Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS). Rebecca Boyles, Data Scientist, NIEHS

- Viral vector core
- Prevent re-running experiments
- Accounting factor/cost analysis



Integrated Rule-Oriented Data System  
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# Capital: *does this work have merit for <m> quality?*

Possibly – to get R&D support  
Hard work

## Quality

- Support metadata functions – discovery, provenance tracking, authenticity
- Standard of taste
- We like it
- Impact

## Capital

- Financial
- Social
- Intellectual
- Objects
  - Asset, product, service, good, public good

(Greenberg, ASIST Bulletin, 2014)



# Limitations

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- Modified capital-sigma is only one dimensional; all metadata properties/concept are not equal
- Also, we know cost/value relationship is not 1:1.
- Metadata is only as good as your data
  - *not always true*
- What about successive growth rate may be the way to go



# Conclusion...other Valuation Approaches

- **Market cap of Facebook per user: \$40 – \$300**
- **Revenues per record per user: \$4 – \$7 per year**
  - Facebook
  - Experian
- **Market prices of personal data:**
  - \$0.50 for street address
  - \$2.00 for date of birth
  - \$8 for social security number
  - \$3 for driver's license number
  - \$35 for military record

SOURCE: OECD. *Exploring the Economics of Personal Data: A Survey of Methodologies for Measuring Monetary Value*. OECD Digital Economy Papers. Office for Economic Cooperation and Development Publishing, 2013.

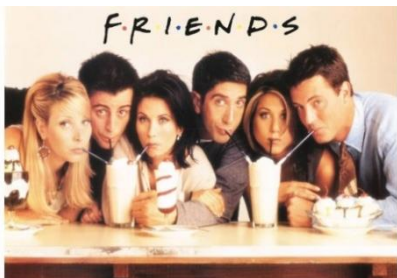


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# Concluding remarks



- Interest....traction
- Limitations: bad data, cost/value, more metadata
- We should care about cost
- Metadata capital can contextualize the discussion, provide a foundation
- Generic formula for further research
  - Proof



# Acknowledgments and more information

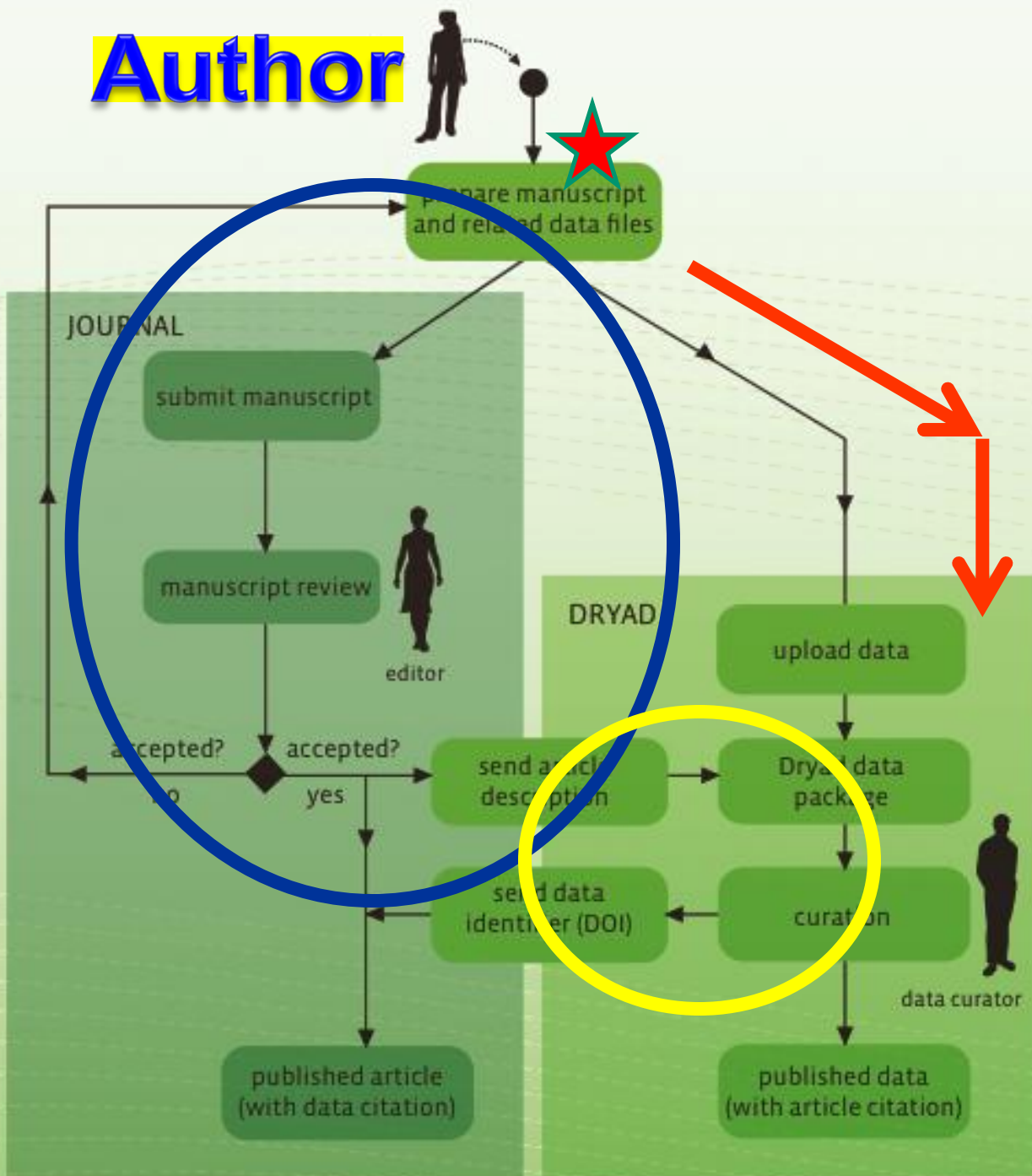
- National Consortium for Data Science (NCDS)
- CCI/Drexel <Metadata Research Center>.
- NESCent
- DataNet Federation Consortium (Reagan Moore, Mike Conway, Le Zhan)
- Dryad + HIVE (many many people)



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- **NCDS Fellowship program**
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  - <http://ccc.drexel.edu/mrc>



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# Curator