Data Curation Workflow

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Motivation for Project

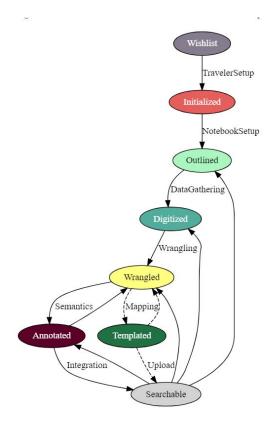
- Materials scientists and engineers generate vast amounts of data through experiments and computation.
- This data was made FAIR (Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, Reusable)
 through the NanoMine database
- the FAIR Principles put specific emphasis on enhancing the ability of machines to automatically find and use the data
- Data Curation Workflow was created to add version control to the process, add documentation and, improve the ability to trace back errors.

Data Curation Workflow

Data curation involves selecting, organizing, and looking after items in a collection.

You can think of the data curation workflow as a large ETL (Extract Transform Load) process which contains many smaller ETL processes.

The goal of this workflow is to make research data on nanomaterials machine interpretable so it can eventually be put and into a database and searched.



Steps of the Data Curation Workflow

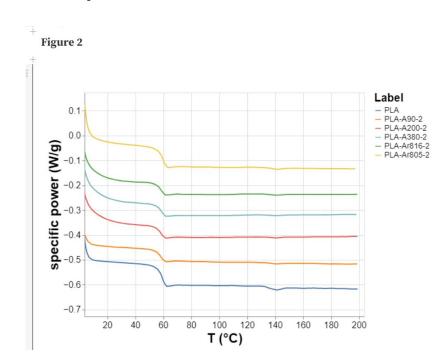


Step 1: (Wishlist) Any research article with a known DOI that people want searchable sits in a wishlist to be eventually curated.

Step 2: (Initializing) A job ID and curation traveler is created to keep track of the work done on data curation workflow for the specified research article

Step 3: (Outlined) A observable notebook is created for the research article that will hold the different tables and graphs.

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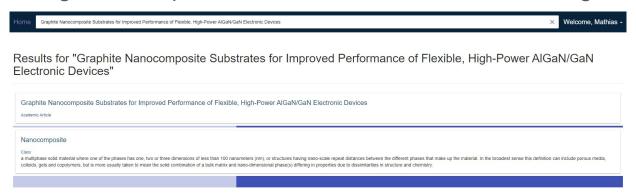
Step 4: (Digitized) Data is extracted from the specified research article using tools like WebPlotDigitizer and Tabula. This information is then uploaded to the observable notebook for visual inspection.

Step 5: (Wrangled) Although most data can extracted from charts or tables. Some data has to be wrangled in order to be able to be further processed. Once wrangled these datasets can are ready for semantic annotation.

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Step 6: (Templated) Data points from the different tables and graphs are mapped into different excel sheets using a Python mapping script in order to simplify the process. After this process the data is ready to be uploaded to the NanoMine database.

Step 7:(Searchable) Data at this stage have been uploaded to the NanoMine database allowing the data points from the research article to being searched.



Next Steps for the Project

- Data Curation Workflow is a continuous process to expand the NanoMine database with more data.
- Curating new types of data that might not yet exist in NanoMine (Schema/Ontology).
- Make more programmatic approaches to the Workflow to different parts more automated.
- Provide examples for researchers to upload their own data immediately
 without having to be trained through the entire process. Then incrementally
 adding to the database/knowledge graph to make the data searchable.

Progress Report

- Since the Data Curation Workflow is a continuous process I have been adding more and more research articles to the NanoMine database.
- Began creating a metadata observable notebook that will show data from the wish list in a more visual way.
- Also adding in-depth documentation about the Data Curation Workflow to the metadata Notebook.
- Provide a step by step process with pictures to the notebook so people previous not acclimated with the project could understand how to upload data points.