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# Interoperable Management and Provision of Metrological Data in Ocean Sciences

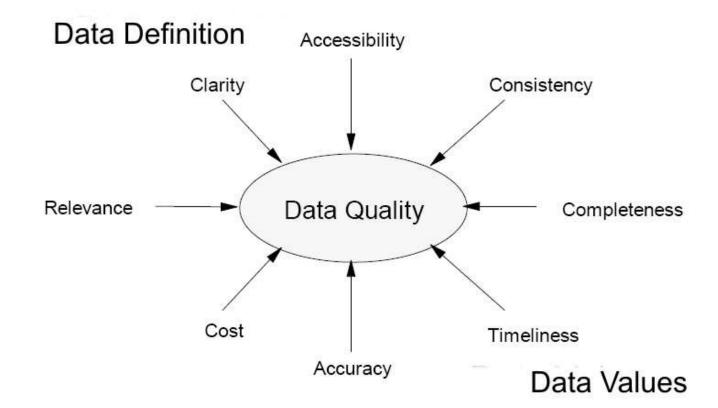
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#### Introduction

- Describing the quality of sensors and measured data
  - Understanding the reliability of the data
  - Understanding how the data may be used for further analysis
  - Enabling the combined use of data with different quality characteristics (e.g. high-precision networks densified by lowcost sensors)
- Examples of relevant (meta)data
  - Information about calibration processes
  - Quality and precision of sensing devices
  - Applied measurement processes
  - Any kind of data processing that was conducted



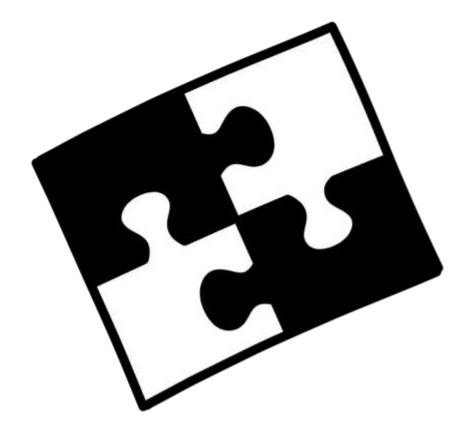
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### Challenge: Interoperability

- How to provide such quality-related (meta)data in an interoperable manner?
  - Facilitate the processing of quality information
  - Ensure that a minimum set of quality information is provided
  - Enable dynamic processing chains that consider the quality information provided for sensor data sets
- Investigation of standards for providing quality information about sensors and sensor data



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#### Recommendations on Interoperability Standards

- Metadata about observation data sets
  - ISO 19115/OGC Sensor Model Language (SensorML)
  - Consider the use of a JSON encoding (see OGC API Connected Systems)
- Metadata about sensors and data acquisition processes
  - ISO 19115/OGC Sensor Model Language (SensorML)
- Observation data
  - ISO 19156:2023/OGC Observations, Measurements and Samples
  - Consider the use of a JSON encoding (see OGC API Connected Systems)





#### Recommendations on Interoperability Standards

- Interfaces for data access and delivery
  - OGC SensorThings API → commonly used; but no dedicated support for interoperable provision of sensor metadata
  - OGC API Connected Systems → in development; dedicated focus on metadata provision
- Ensure semantic interoperability through a common terminology within data sets and corresponding metadata → focus on the NERC Vocabulary Server

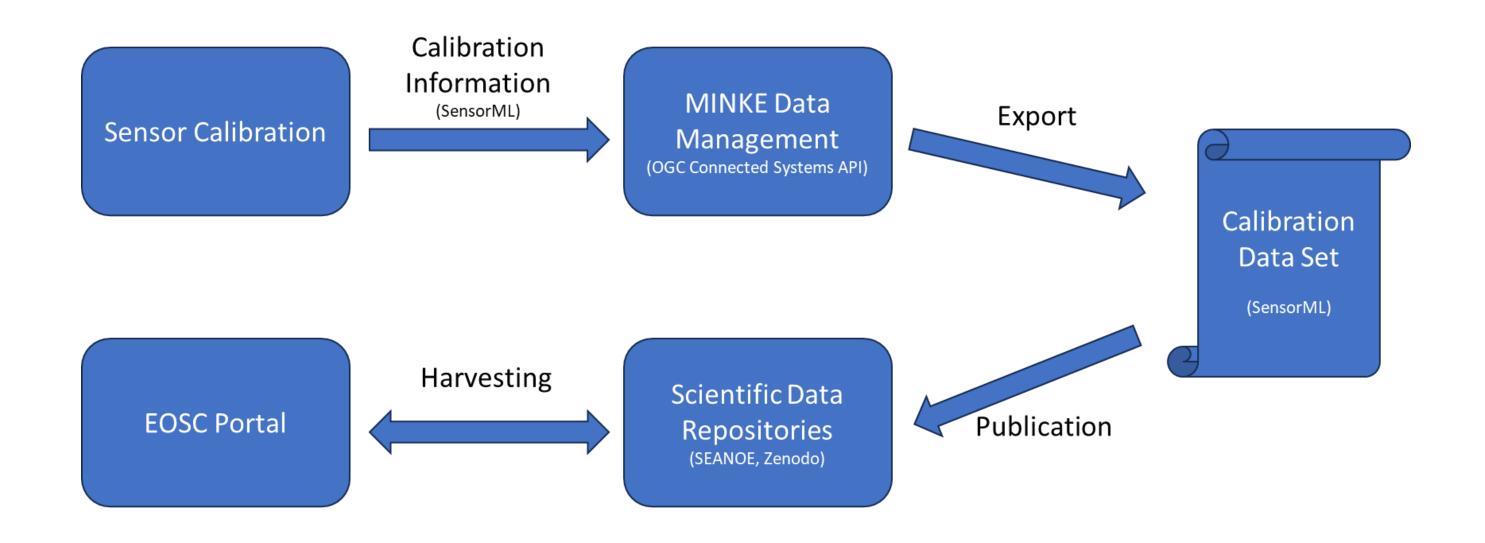


### Sharing of Quality Information via the EOSC

- Investigating an approach for enabling the interoperable sharing of observation data via the European Open Science Cloud (EOSC)
  - Data publication workflows
  - Provision of metadata
  - Discovery of data sets
  - Data access/download
- Build upon the identified interoperability standards
- Result: EOSC Publication workflow for sensor quality information



### Sharing of Quality Information via the EOSC





### Architecture/Strategy

- MINKE Data Management
  - Built upon database for storing data received from MINKE partners
  - Manages
    - Information about sensors (e.g. general metadata, quality information, calibration information, etc.)
    - Related data sets
  - Based on SensorML and OGC API Connected Systems
  - Modern, lightweight REST interface
  - Ambition: Propose an interoperable way how to provide sensor metadata, quality information and sensor data via the OGC API family of standard → contribution to the OGC Connected Systems Standards Working Group
  - Enable publication of metadata to EOSC Marketplace





#### **Current Status**

- Development of a first version of MINKE data management component
- Serves as validation of the ongoing work of the OGC API Connected Systems Standards Working Group
- Published as open source software
- Development ongoing, first validation will be conducted via a dedicated project activities (TNA)



### Summary

- Aim: Interoperable provision of quality related sensor (meta)data
- Relevant standards have been identified:
  - OGC Sensor Model Language (SensorML)
  - OGC API family of standards → OGC API Connected Systems
- MINKE Data Repository as central building block for managing all kinds of sensor quality information based on the identified standards
- Publication workflow for sharing sensor quality information via the EOSC



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