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## Introduction:

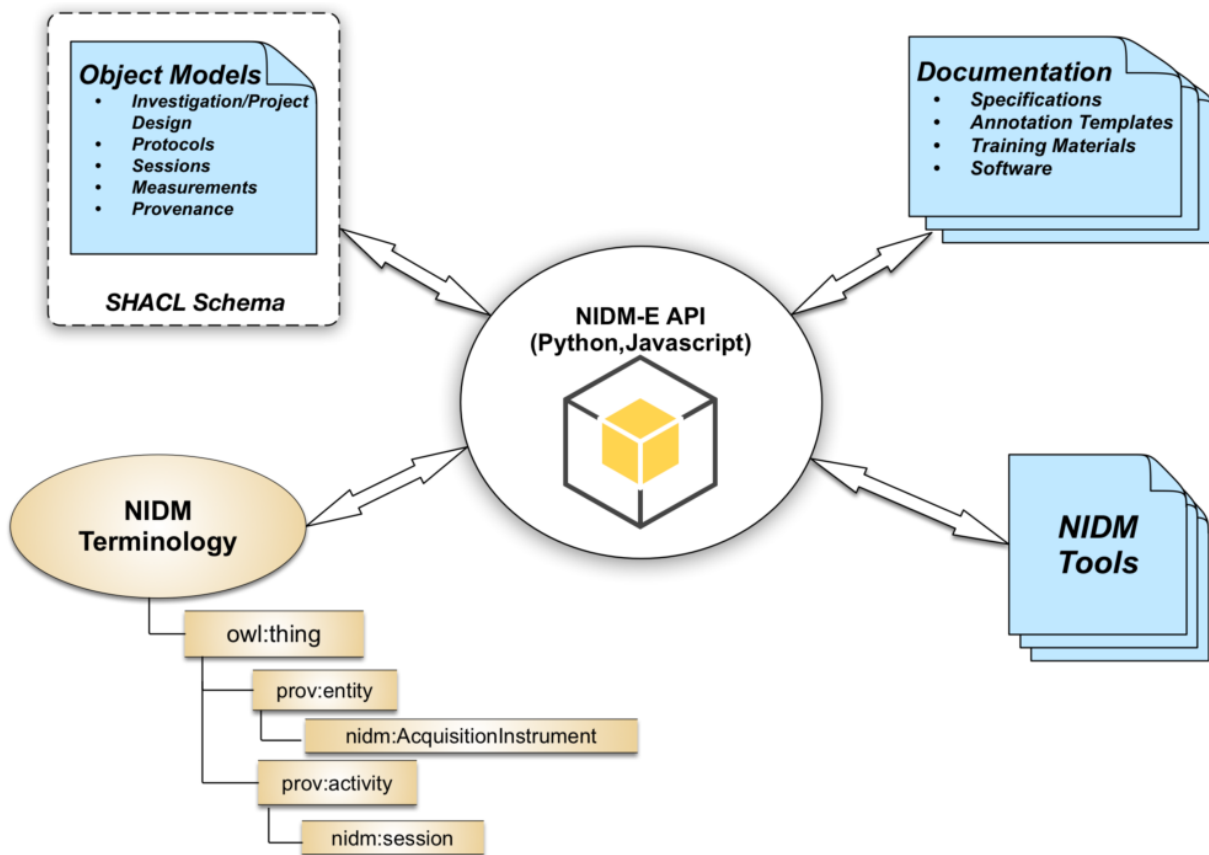
Acceleration of scientific discovery relies on our ability to effectively use data acquired by consortiums and/or across multiple domains to generate robust and replicable findings. Efficient use of existing data relies on metadata being FAIR<sup>1</sup> - Findable, Accessible, Interoperable and Reusable. Typically, data are shared using formats appropriate for the specific data types with little contextual information. Therefore, scientists looking to reuse data must contend with data originating from multiple sources, lacking complete acquisition information and often basic participant information (e.g. sex, age). What is required is a rich metadata standard that allows annotation of participant and data information throughout the experiment workflow, thereby allowing consumers easy discovery of suitable data.

The Neuroimaging Data Model (NIDM)<sup>2</sup> is an ongoing effort to represent, in a single core technology, the different components of a research activity, their relations, and derived data provenance<sup>3</sup>. NIDM-Experiment (NIDM-E) is focused on experiment design, source data descriptions, and information on the participants and acquisition information. In this work we report on annotation tools developed as part of the PyNIDM<sup>4</sup> application programming interface (API) and their application to annotating and extending

the BIDS<sup>5</sup> versions of ADHD200<sup>6</sup> and ABIDE<sup>7</sup> datasets hosted in DataLad<sup>8</sup>.

## Methods:

NIDM is built on the PROV family of documents<sup>9,10</sup> consisting of three interconnected specifications: Experiment, Workflow, and Results. The organization of information in a NIDM-E document follows a simple structure. At each level, additional information is added in the form of tuples. Tuples are formed with uniform resource identifiers (URIs) which resolve to term definitions, providing precise annotation of the statements about the data and consistent with the Resource Description Framework (RDF)<sup>11,11</sup>. We have created a basic python-based API (PyNIDM) which follows the simple organizational structure of NIDM-Exp documents with functions to create, query, export, import, and transform NIDM-Exp documents (Fig. 1). Using the API, we have built annotation tools which provide functionality to interactively annotate tabular data and BIDS-formatted MRI datasets, augment such datasets with additional metadata.

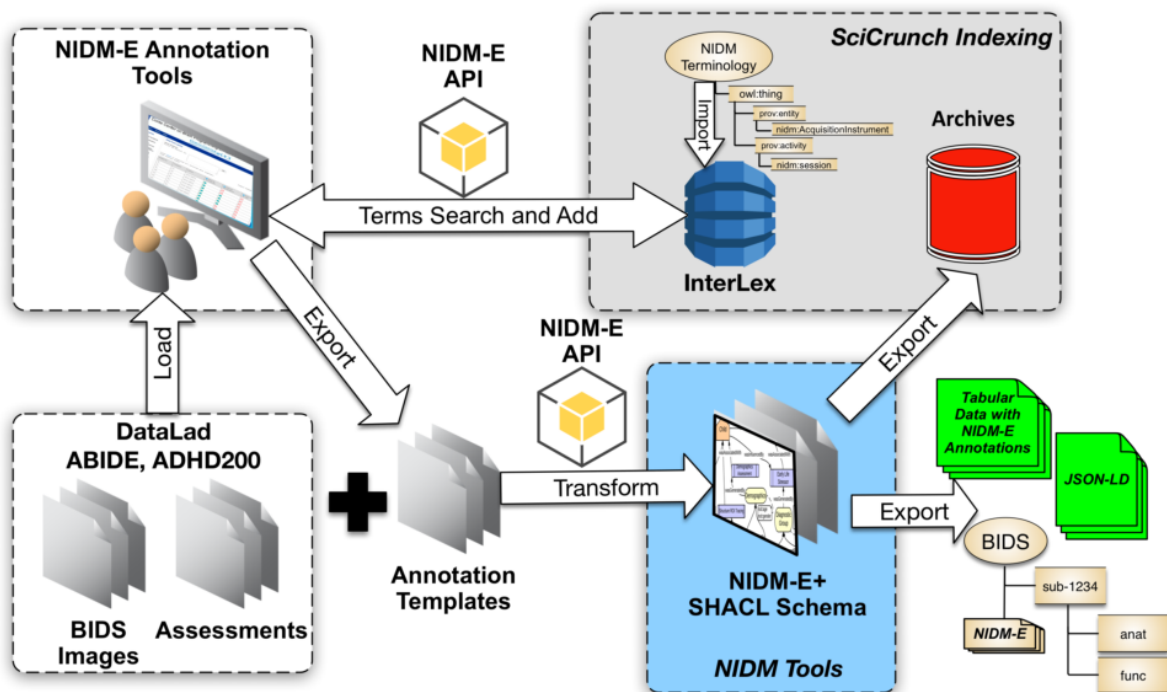


•PyNIDM include NIDM API, object models, SHACL schema for validation, NIDM terminologies, tools, and documentation. Each of the components are in continual development with varying levels of maturity

## Results:

Fig. 2 summarizes annotation through a user-centered illustration. From upper left, researchers interactively annotate their data through NIDM-E facilitated queries for terms in InterLex, the NIDM-E ontology, and other terminology sources. We have modeled data from the open-source ABIDE and ADHD200 datasets hosted on DataLad by extracting BIDS metadata into a NIDM-E document, annotating variables during the extraction process. For ADHD200, the BIDS representation didn't include assessment data. Using NIDM-E tools we annotated the assessment data and added it to the NIDM-E document created from the BIDS extraction. Mappings of dataset-specific variables to terms are created through the annotation process and applied to the original data creating NIDM-E annotated metadata and can be saved as JSON "sidecar" files in a BIDS dataset. Through SHACL schema documents, NIDM-E annotated

data can be validated against project-specific protocols. Further, the NIDM-E documents can then be imported into graph-based archives and/or stored and shared through file-based systems (e.g. DataLad, Amazon AWS, etc.). Using the NIDM-E documents and API, we currently provide simple project-specific and general SPARQL formatted queries. We anticipate the full query API to be completed in 2019.



·NIDM-E annotations and export, user-centric illustration.

### Conclusions:

The PyNIDM is a simple python-based API for managing and creating NIDM-Exp documents. Future work will include additional functions and tools to support complex queries and integration with NIDM-Workflows and NIDM-Results.

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