



## QUANTIFYING FAIR: AUTOMATED METADATA IMPROVEMENT AND GUIDANCE IN THE DATAONE REPOSITORY NETWORK

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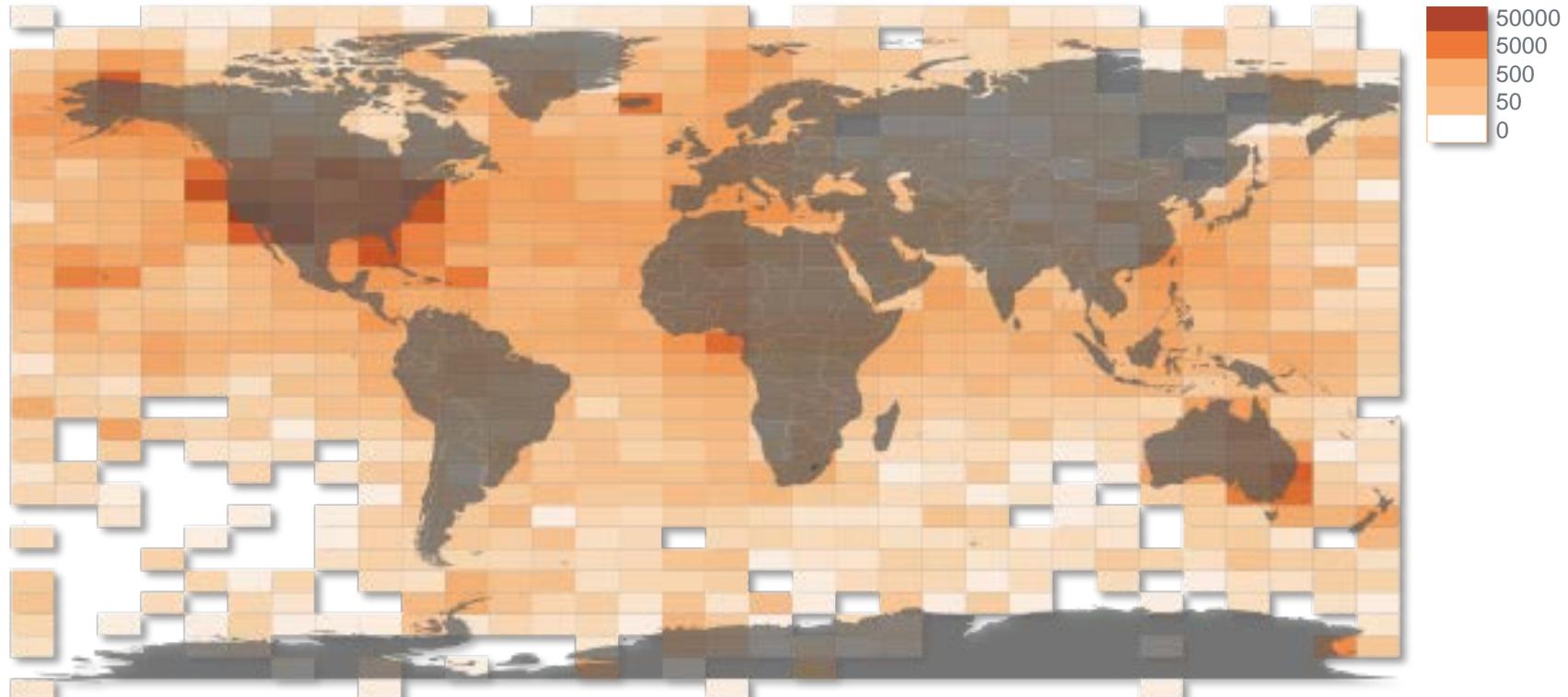


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# DataONE



Global Data Coverage



Repository  
Federation

Global

Interoperable

Community



## DataONE Metrics



**Global**  
Data Coverage



**806K**  
Data Packages



**40** Webinars



**10**  
Education Modules



**42**  
Member Repos



**152K**  
Contributors



**19,600**  
Users/Month



**5300+**  
Trained

# MetaDIG: Metadata Improvement and Guidance

## Metadata Quality Report

After running your metadata against our standard set of metadata, data, and congruency checks, we have found the following potential issues. Please assist us in improving the discoverability and reusability of your research data by addressing the issues below.



Quality suite: DataONE Metadata Completeness Suite v1.0 ▾

Identification: 88% complete

Discovery: 100% complete

Interpretation: 100% complete

▶ Passed 14 checks out of 20 (informational checks not included).

▶ Warning for 5 checks. Please review these warnings.

▼ Failed 1 check. Please correct these issues.

☒ More than one license was found which was an unexpected state.



identification

REQUIRED

FAILURE



## Findable

Metadata and data should be easy to find for both humans and computers. Machine-readable metadata are essential for automatic discovery of datasets and services.

## Interoperable

The data usually need to be integrated with other data. In addition, the data need to interoperate with applications or workflows for analysis, storage, and processing.

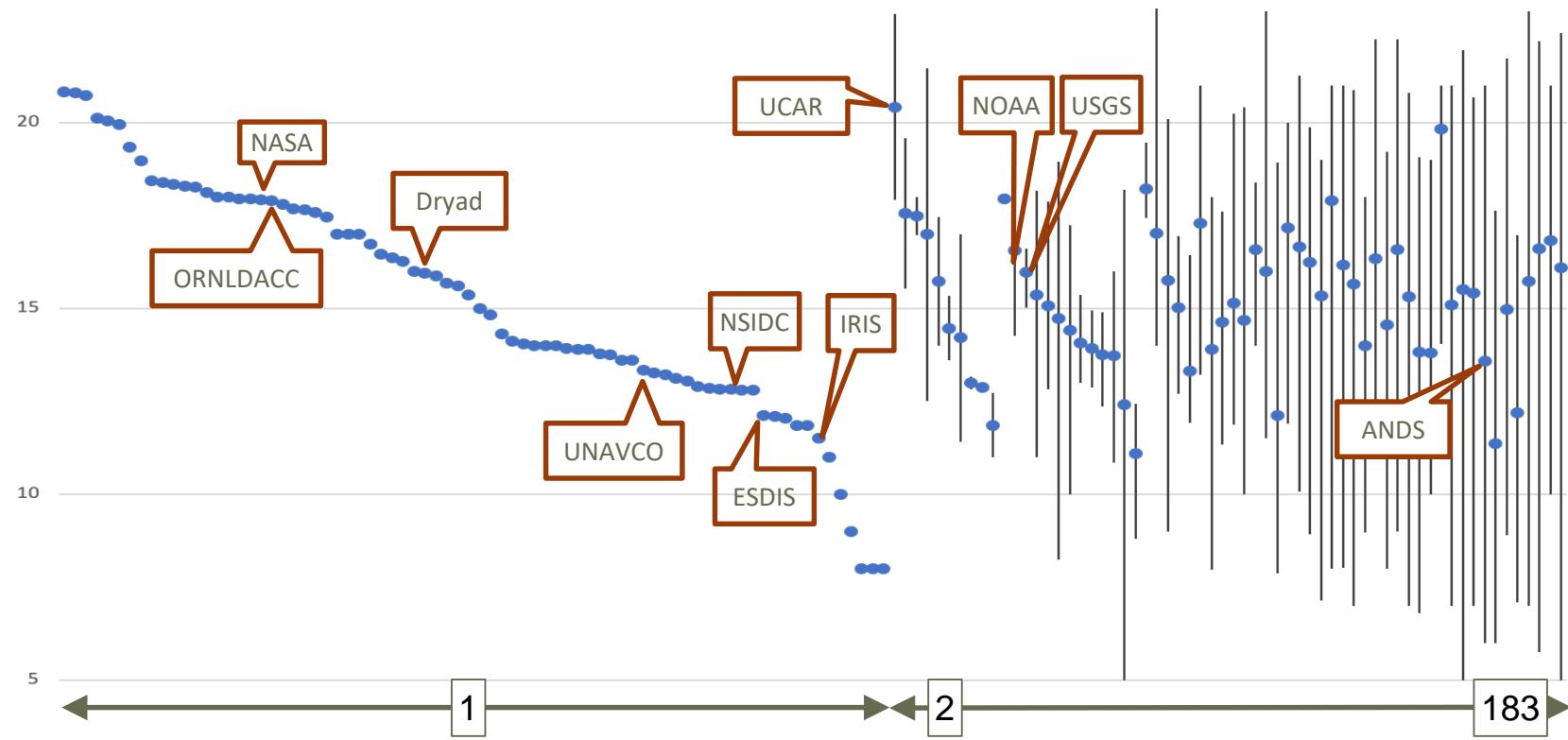
## Accessible

Once the user finds the required data, she/he needs to know how can they be accessed, possibly including authentication and authorisation.

## Reusable

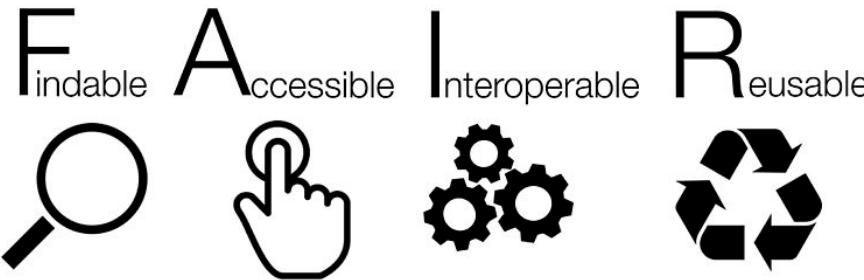
The ultimate goal of FAIR is to optimise the reuse of data. Metadata and data should be well-described so they can be replicated and combined in different settings.

# FAIR Measure – DataCite Providers



Slide credit: Ted Habermann

Number of Clients



“A diverse set of stakeholders—representing academia, industry, funding agencies, and scholarly publishers—have come together to design and jointly endorse a **concise and measurable** set of principles that we refer to as the FAIR Data Principles.” Wilkinson et al., 2016

F2. Data are described with **rich metadata** (defined by R1 below)

- R1. Meta(data) are richly described with a **plurality** of accurate and relevant attributes
- R1.1. (Meta)data are released with a **clear** and accessible data usage license
  - R1.2. (Meta)data are associated with **detailed** provenance
  - R1.3. (Meta)data meet **domain-relevant** community standards

F<sub>indable</sub> A<sub>ccessible</sub> I<sub>nteroperable</sub> R<sub>Reusable</sub>



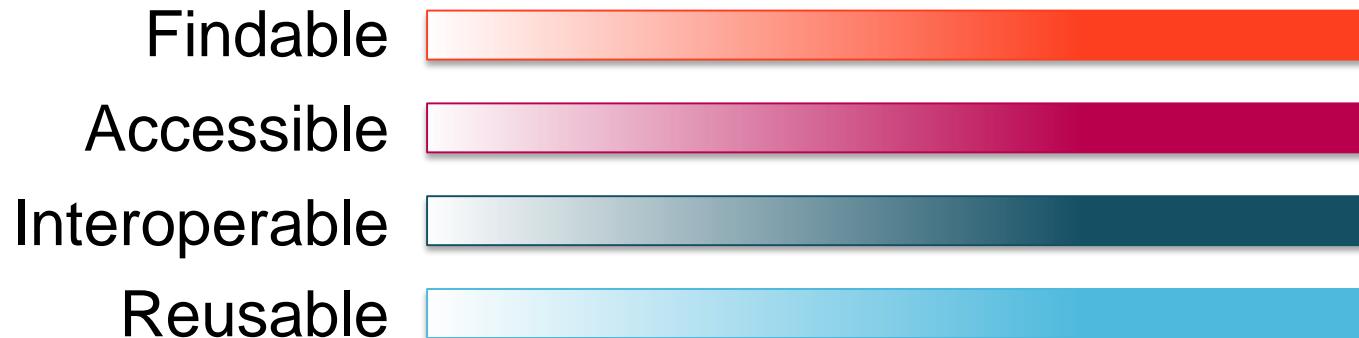
# Binary?

Yes or No?  
True or False?

F<sub>indable</sub> A<sub>ccessible</sub> I<sub>nteroperable</sub> R<sub>Reusable</sub>



## Continuum





# FAIR metrics, a community process

Wilkinson et al. (2016) The FAIR Guiding Principles for scientific data management and stewardship.  
*Scientific Data*, 3:160018. <https://doi.org/10.1038/sdata.2016.18>

# FAIR Metrics workshop March 2019

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- Deep dive into metadata concepts
  - Ecological Metadata Language
  - ISO 19115\*
  - DataCite metadata





- Community consensus via Documentation cluster
  - Discussed > 90 FAIR checks
  - Implemented 52 checks
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- <https://github.com/NCEAS/metadig-checks/>

## 17 Checks

Item that is checked	Description of check	Facet	Required	Implemented
title	presence, length, content	F2	Y	partially
metadata identifier	presence, globally unique, id type	F1	Y	partially
resource identifier	presence, globally unique, id type	F3	Y	partially
resource identifier type	presence	F3	Y	Y
publication date	presence	F2	Y	Y
abstract	presence, length, content	F2	Y	partially
award # or funder	presence	F2	N	Y
temporal coverage	presence	F2	N	Y

## 10 Checks

Item that is checked	Description of check	Facet	Required	Implemented
publisher	presence, significant name, is it an organization id?	A1	Y	partially
distributor	presence, significant name, is it an organization id?	A1	Y	partially
identifier	retrievable	A1	Y	N
resource distribution URL for landing page	presence, retrievable, protocol type	A1	Y	partially
service data url	presence, retrievable, protocol type	A1	Y	N

## 12 Checks

Item that is checked	Description of check	Facet	Required	Implemented
metadata schema	the metadata document is schema valid	I1	Y	N
data format	presence, data in non-proprietary format	I1	Y	partially
checksum	presence, checksum matches data		Y	partially
attribute definition	presence	I2	Y	Y
attribute names unique	for an entity, names are unique	I2	Y	N
attribute storage type	presence	I2	Y	Y

## 13 Checks

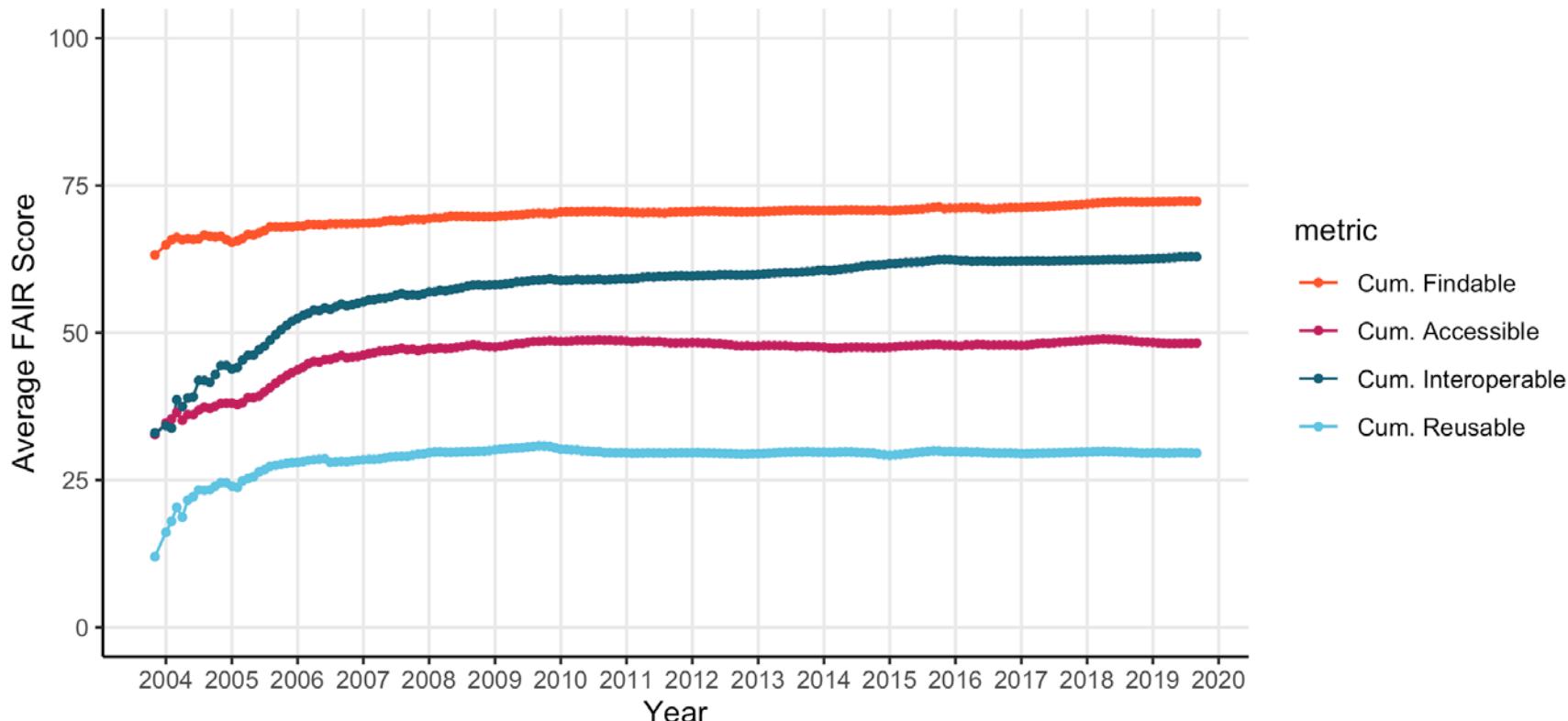
Item that is checked	Description of check	Facet	Required	Implemented
metadata license	presence	R1.1	Y	Y
data license	presence	R1.1	Y	Y
resource description	presence		Y	Y
methods description	presence		Y	Y
attribute units	presence, controlled vocabulary	R1.3	Y	partially
attribute domain	presence, congruence	R1.3	Y	partially
attribute measurement scale	presence	R1.3	Y	Y



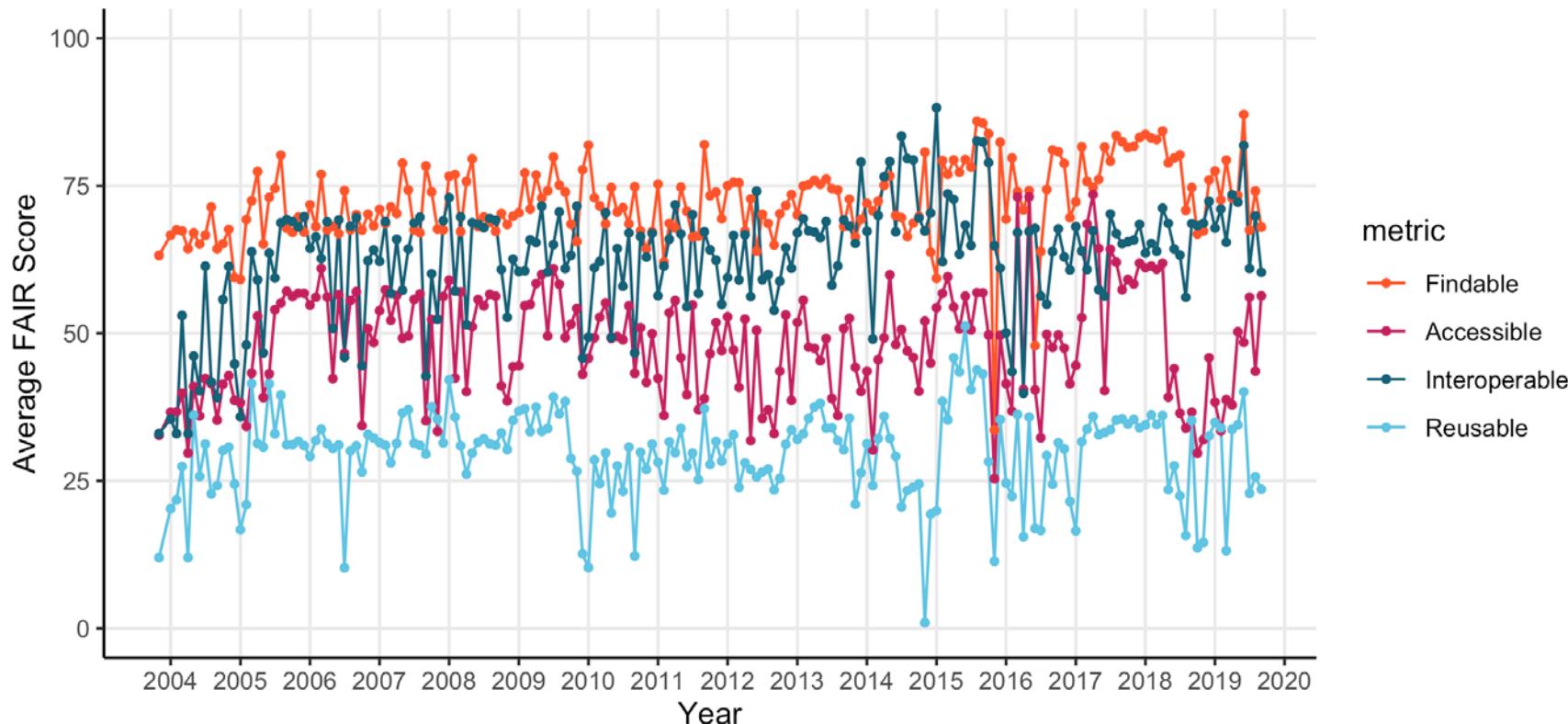
# Are datasets in DataONE FAIR? Preliminary results

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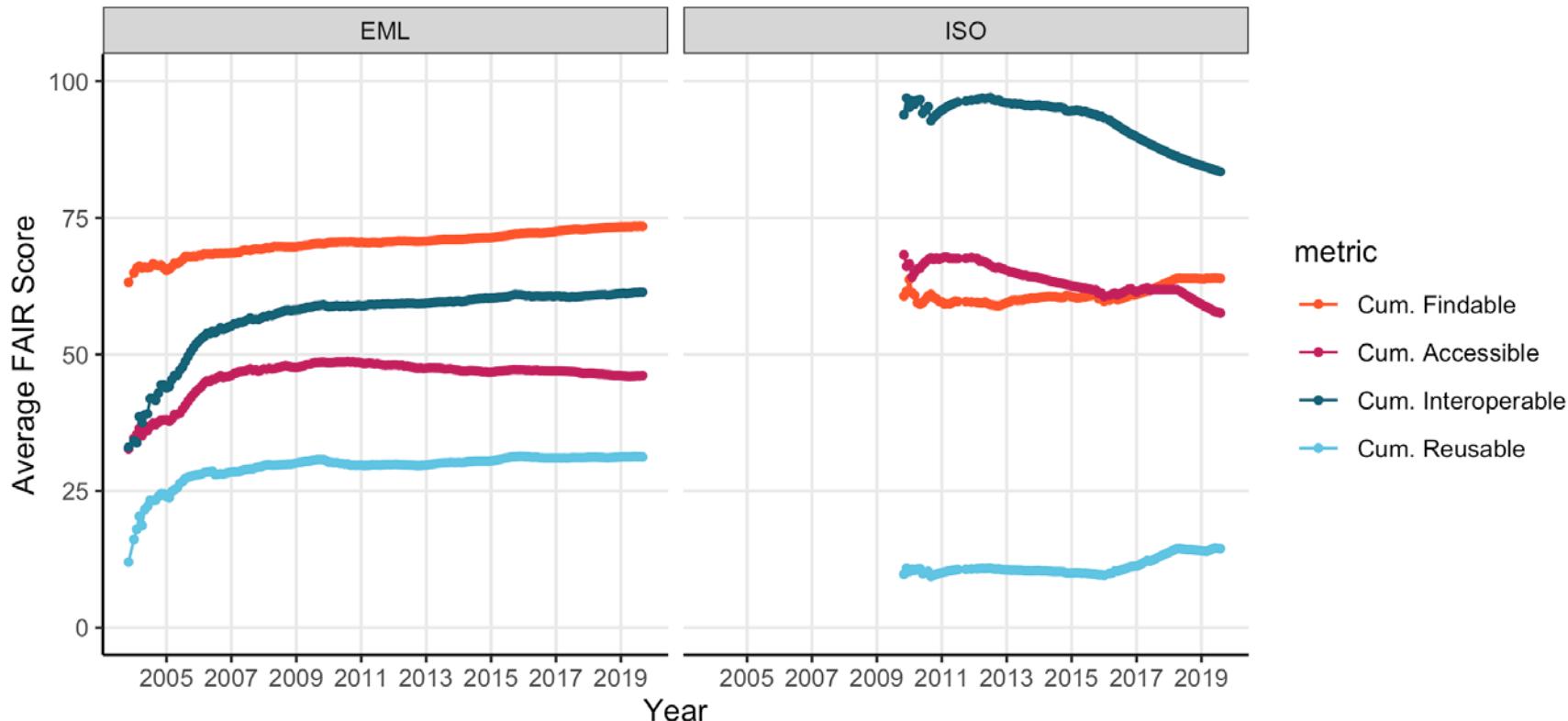
## DataONE: FAIR scores for 770,485 EML and ISO metadata records



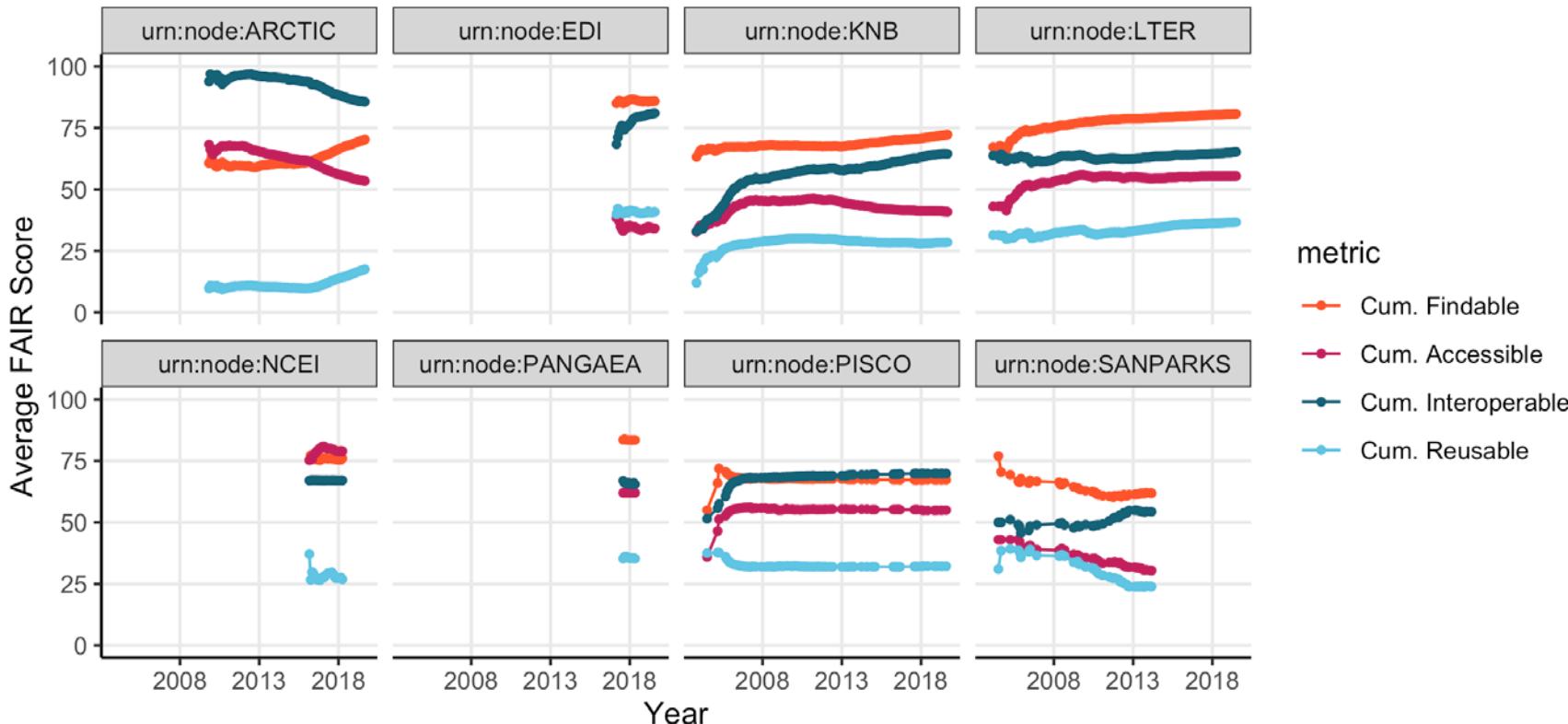
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## DataONE: FAIR scores for 195,725 EML and 574,760 ISO metadata records



## DataONE: FAIR scores for selected repositories

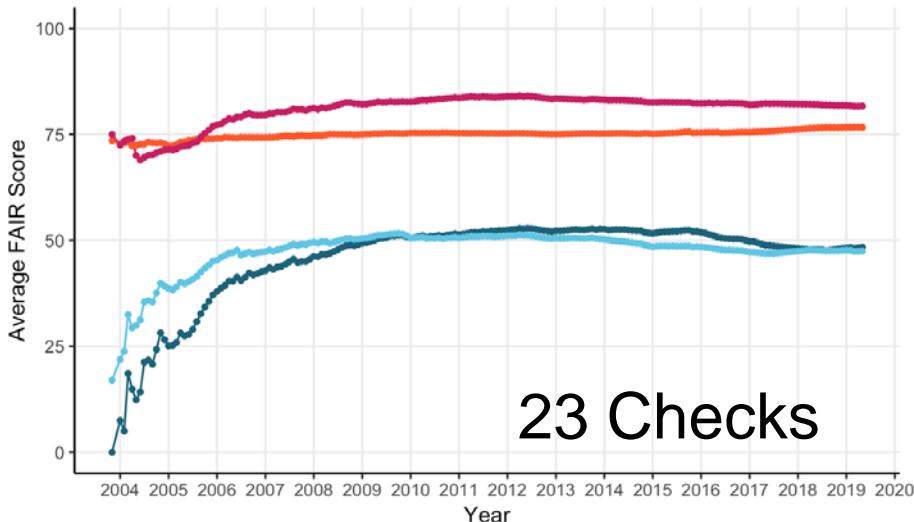


# Why Community Consensus?

Because we become what we measure.

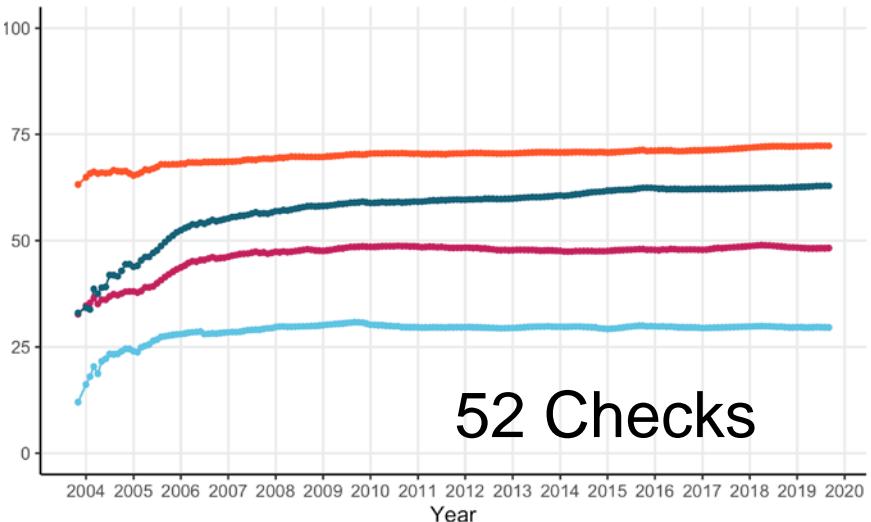
- Cum. Findable
- Cum. Accessible
- Cum. Interoperable
- Cum. Reusable

DataONE: FAIR scores for 687,126 EML and ISO metadata records



23 Checks

DataONE: FAIR scores for 770,485 EML and ISO metadata records



52 Checks

# SCIENTIFIC DATA

A graphic of binary code (0s and 1s) arranged in a grid pattern, with the text 'SCIENTIFIC DATA' overlaid on it.

OPEN

## Comment: A design framework and exemplar metrics for FAIRness

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- Clear
- Realistic
- Discriminating
- Measurable
- Universal

# Modeling the FAIR Rubrics Landscape

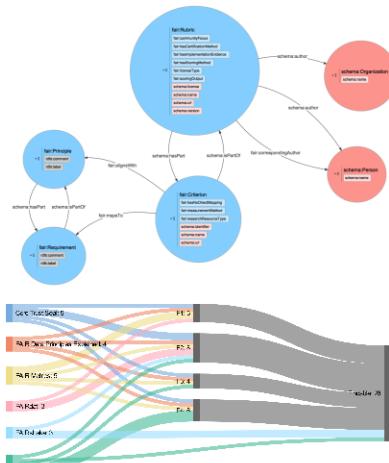
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Figure 1: Semantic Data Model



## What

The FAIRData Principles<sup>1</sup> are the gold standard for evaluating the management and sharing of data and research resources. Many parallel efforts have emerged to identify recommended practices and metrics to help researchers and institutions improve and measure the FAIRness of their sharing efforts.

In this work, we conducted an exploratory evaluation of seven rubrics that interpret the FAIRData Principles and how to meet them:

- Core Trust Seal<sup>2</sup>
- FAIRData Principles Explained<sup>3</sup>
- FAIRMetrics<sup>4</sup>
- FAIRdat<sup>5</sup>
- FAIRshake<sup>6</sup>
- FAIR-TLC<sup>7</sup>
- (Re)usable Data Project<sup>8</sup>

Figure 2a: Semantic Data Model

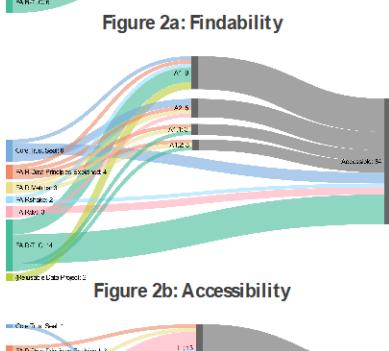


Figure 2b: Accessibility

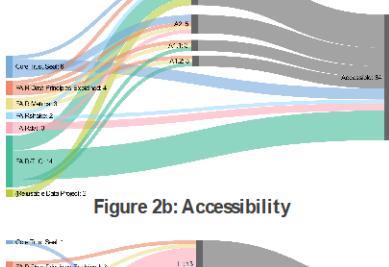


Figure 2c: Findability

Figure 2d: Reusability

Figure 2e: Interoperability

Figure 2f: FAIR Metrics

Figure 2g: FAIR Data Principles

Figure 2h: FAIR Data Principles Explained

Figure 2i: FAIR Metrics Explained

Figure 2j: FAIR Metrics

Figure 2k: FAIR Metrics

Figure 2l: FAIR Metrics

Figure 2m: FAIR Metrics

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**FAIR is  
concise**

**FAIR is  
ambiguously  
measurable**

**FAIR is a  
continuum**

**We need  
community  
consensus**

**We will become what we measure**

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