



# "Open Science Sensemaking: Adding Sensemaking Data to the Scientific Record for Making Sense of Science

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# Open Access science needs Open Science Sensemaking (OSSm): open infrastructure for sharing scientific sensemaking data

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## Abstract

While open access publishing effectively broadens access to scientific research products, the problem of *making sense* of the volumes of new information is becoming increasingly acute. Traditional curation methods like peer-reviewed journals and recommendation services are failing to keep pace, resulting in unprecedented information overload and knowledge fragmentation. We contend that making sense of science requires open access to diverse sources of scientific sensemaking data, and that current frictions and failures of scientific sensemaking arise from deficiencies in reckoning with these kinds of data. Sensemaking data are the digital traces of sensemaking processes,

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We curate a comprehensive dataset of 4,550 questions and solutions from problem sets, midterm exams, and final exams across all MIT Mathematics and Electrical Engineering and Computer Science (EECS) courses required for obtaining a degree. We evaluate the ability of large language models to fulfill the graduation requirements for any MIT major in Mathematics and EECS. Our results demonstrate that GPT-3.5 successfully solves a third of the entire MIT curriculum, while GPT-4, with prompt engineering, achieves a perfect solve rate on a test set excluding questions based on images. We fine-tune an open-source large language model on this dataset. We employ GPT-4 to automatically grade model responses, providing a detailed performance breakdown by course, question, and answer type. By embedding questions in a low-dimensional space, we explore the relationships between questions, topics, and classes and discover which questions and classes are required for solving other questions and classes through few-shot learning. Our analysis offers valuable insights into course prerequisites and curriculum design, highlighting language models' potential for learning and improving Mathematics and EECS education.

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So that paper about how GPT-4 could ace MIT's curriculum turns out to be deeply flawed in multiple ways. A great reminder that preprints are not peer-reviewed, but also that public volunteer review can be excellent (in this case, by a group of undergrads).

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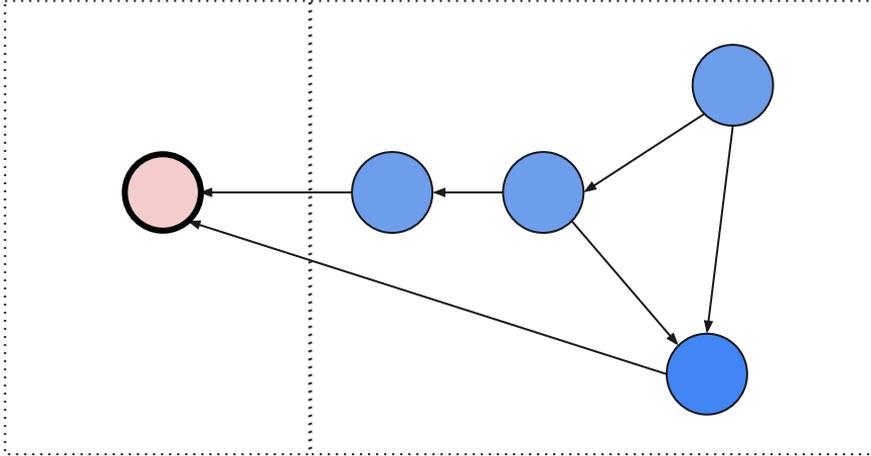
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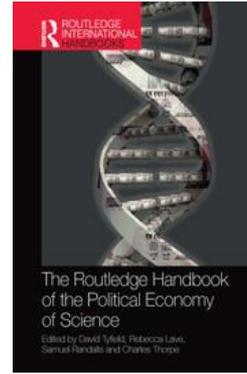
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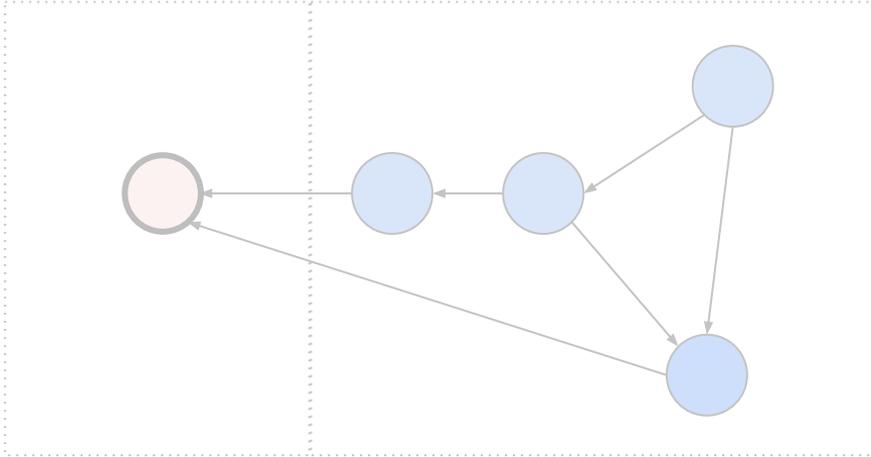


Open Access Panacea  
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*"...focusing too closely on ... openness may be distracting us from the ways that capital is sneaking in the back door and enclosing the **very tools we need to make sense** of this new world"*

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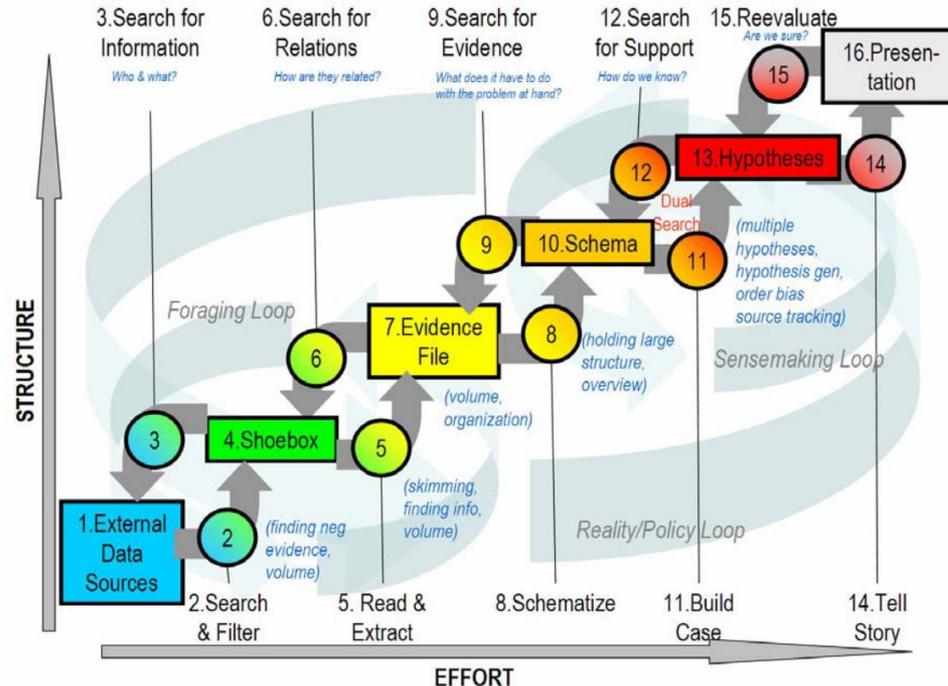
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1) What are the tools we need to  
“make sense of science”?

2) Why aren't these Twitter people  
just using nanopubs!?

# What is Sensemaking?

Organizing, synthesizing and structuring new information to support future actions



Pirolli, P., & Card, S. (2005)

# Scientific sensemaking infrastructure is important ...

Literature Search and  
Discovery

Evaluation

Scientometrics

Large scale collaboration (“big  
science”)

Sensemaking  
infrastructure

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graph BT; A[Sensemaking infrastructure] --> B[Literature Search and Discovery]; A --> C[Evaluation]; A --> D[Scientometrics]; A --> E[Large scale collaboration ("big science")];
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# Scientific sensemaking infrastructure is important ...

Literature Search and Discovery

Evaluation

Scientometrics

Large scale collaboration ("big science")

Sensemaking infrastructure

👍 Reactions

📌 Bookmarks

📝 Annotations

★ Reviews

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Sensemaking tools

generate

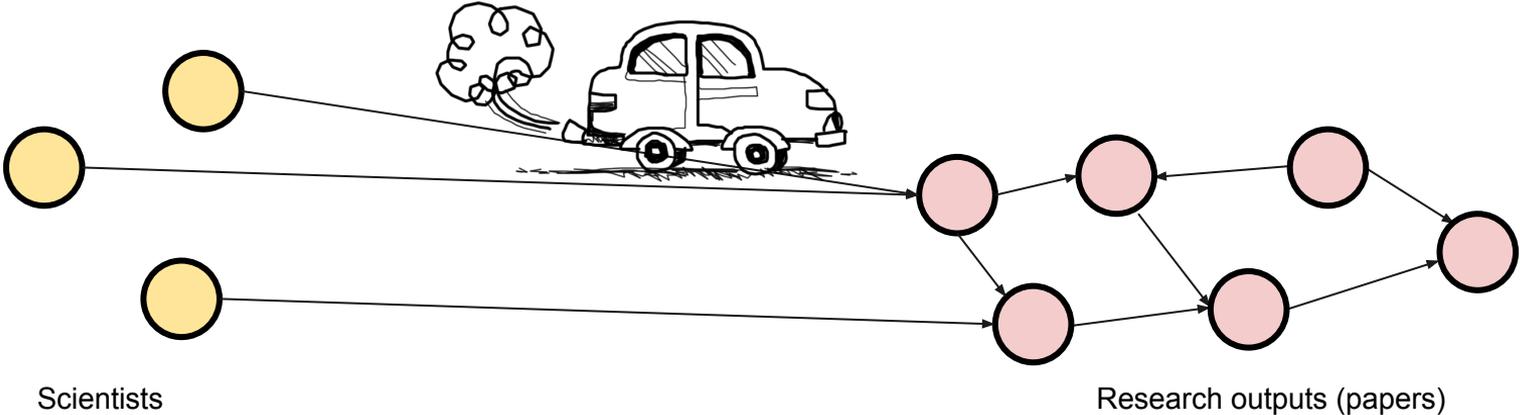
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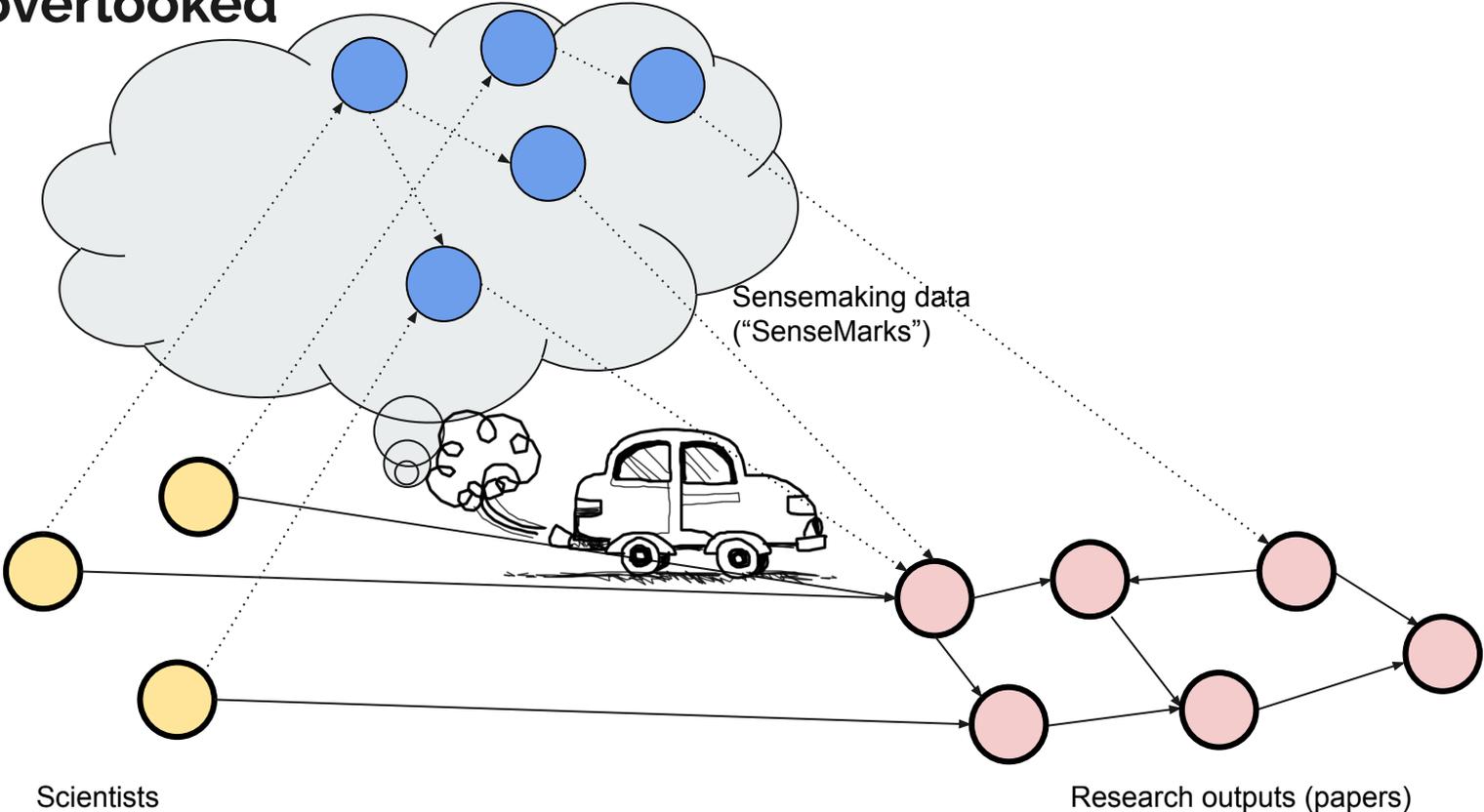
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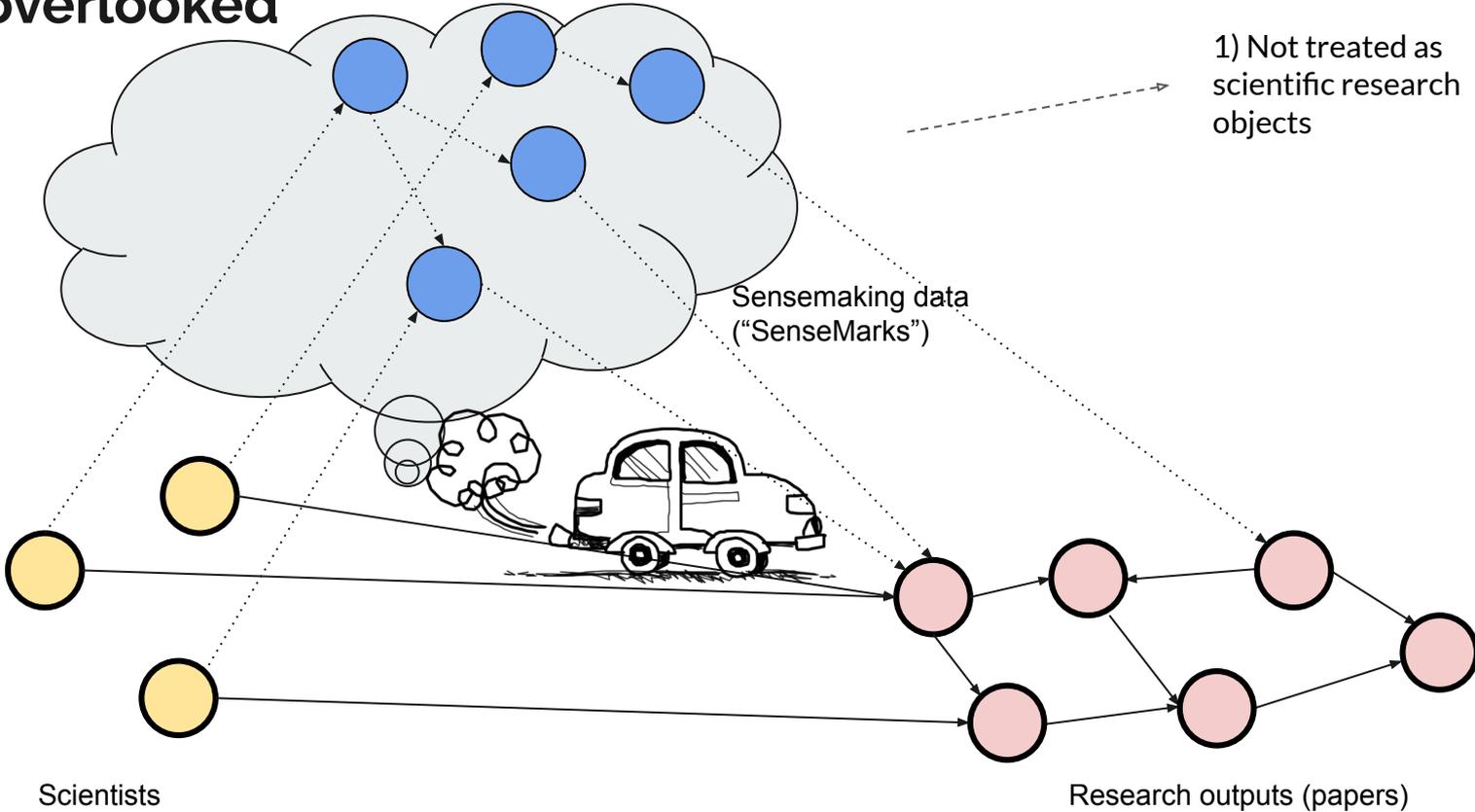
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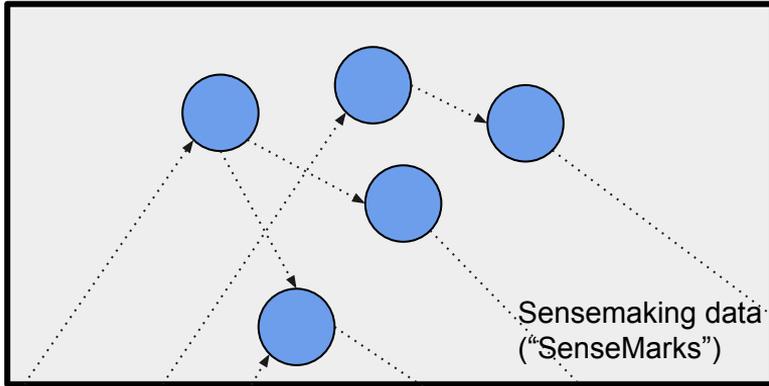
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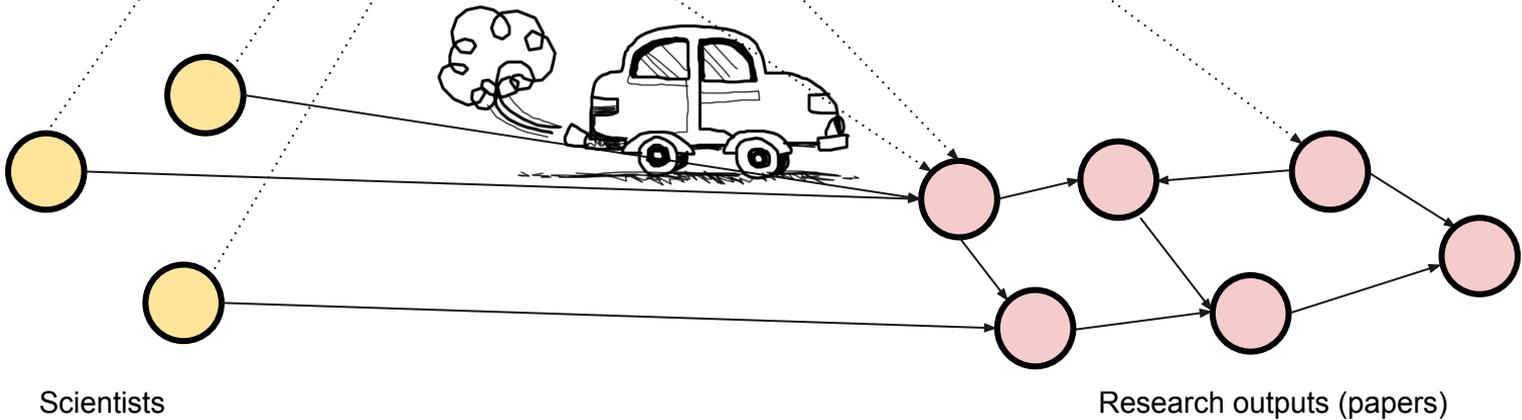
Scientists

Research outputs (papers)

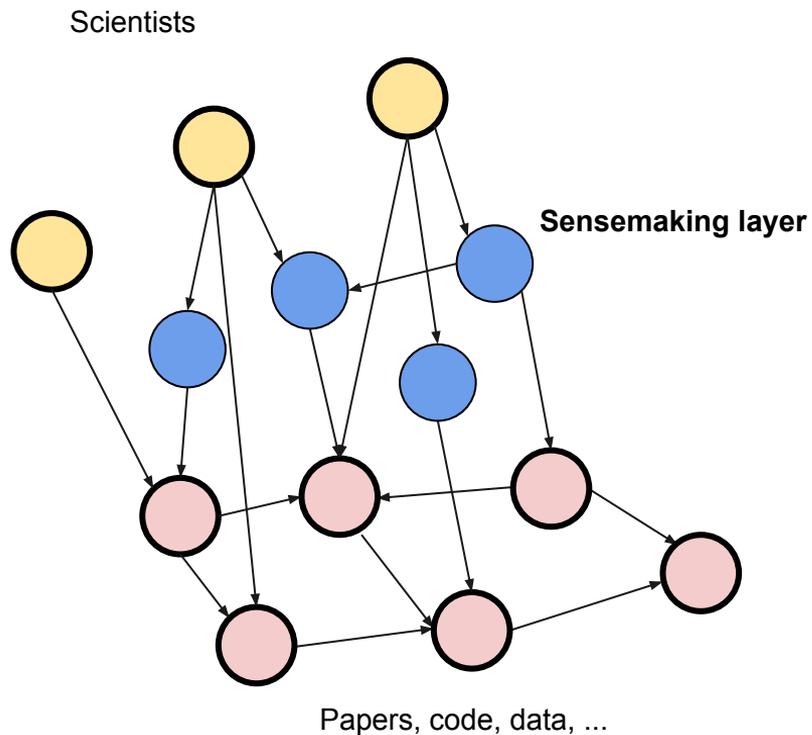


1) Not treated as scientific research objects

2) Platformized: enclosed by commercial platforms & publishers



# Open Science Sensemaking (OSSm): adding the sensemaking layer to the academic graph



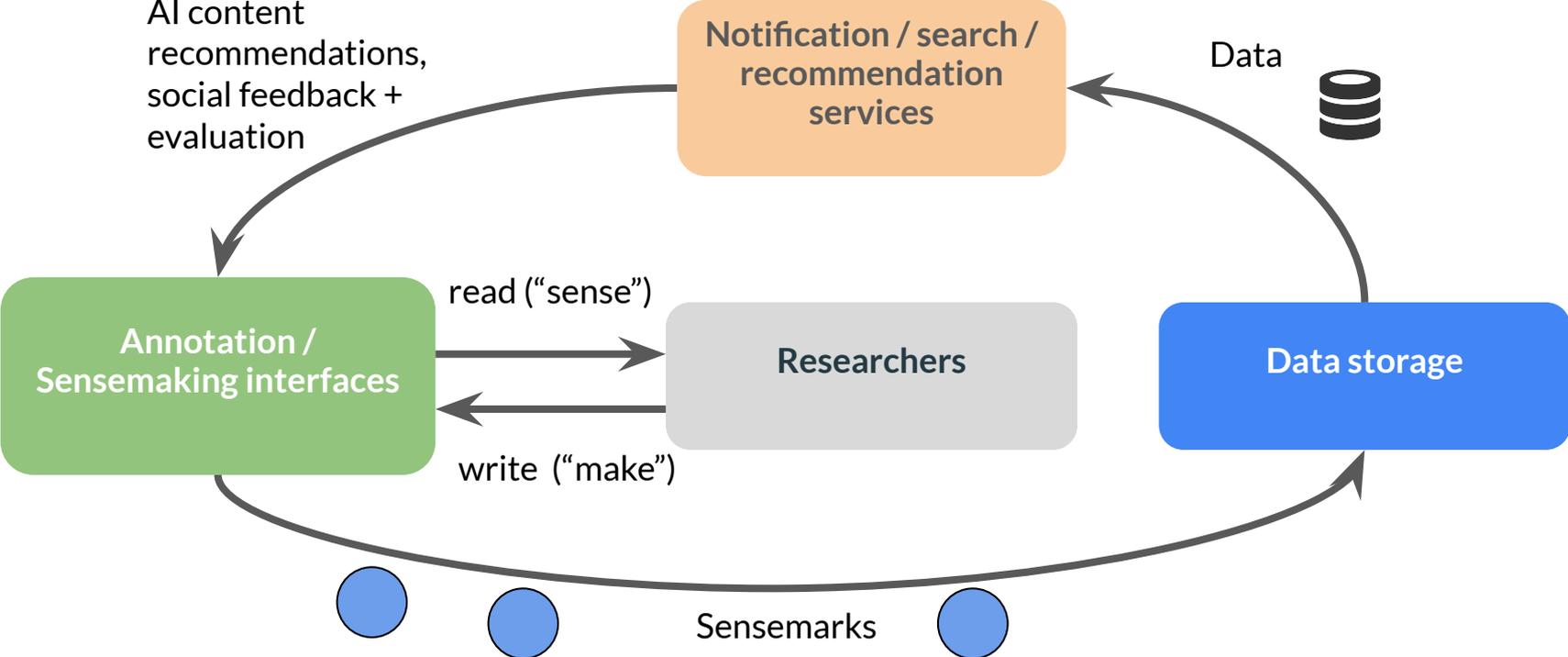
Public sensemaking data also merit treatment as scientific research outputs!

1. Open Access

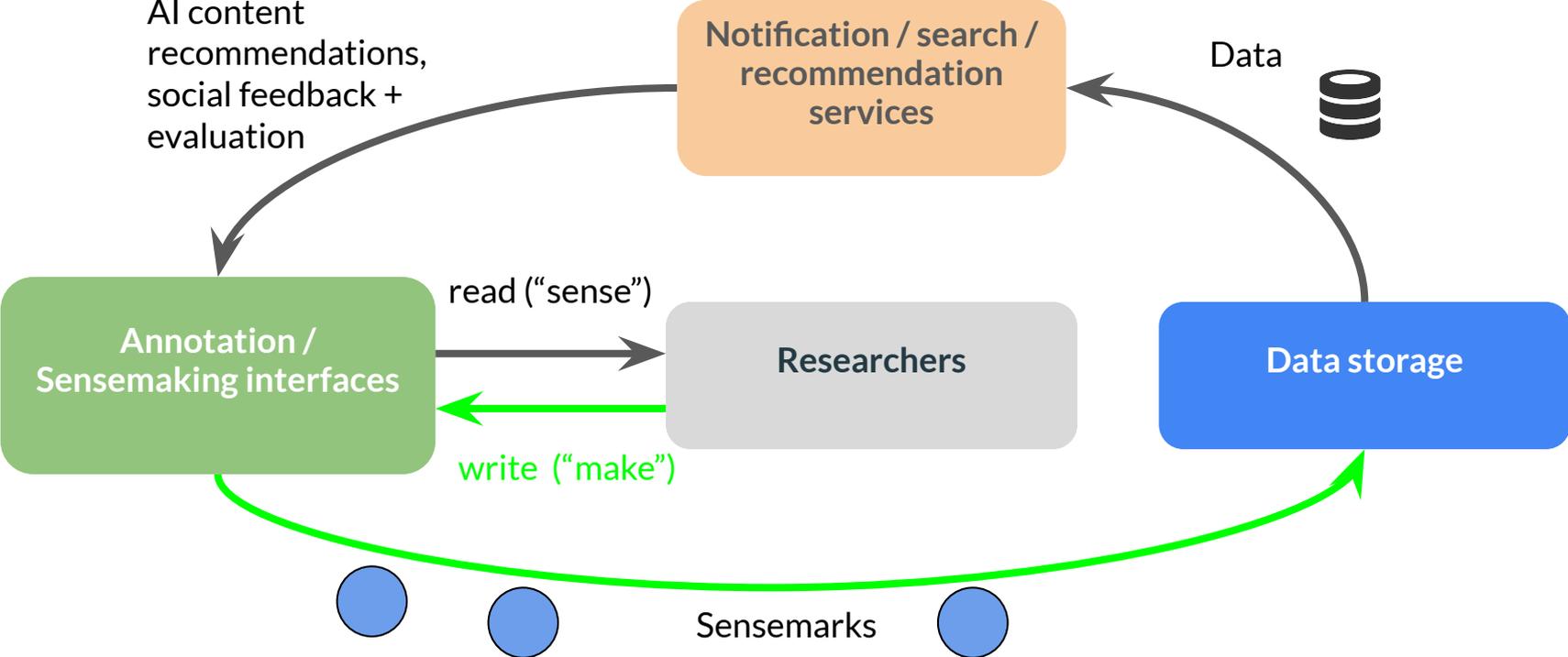
2. FAIR

3. Embedded in sensemaking feedback loops

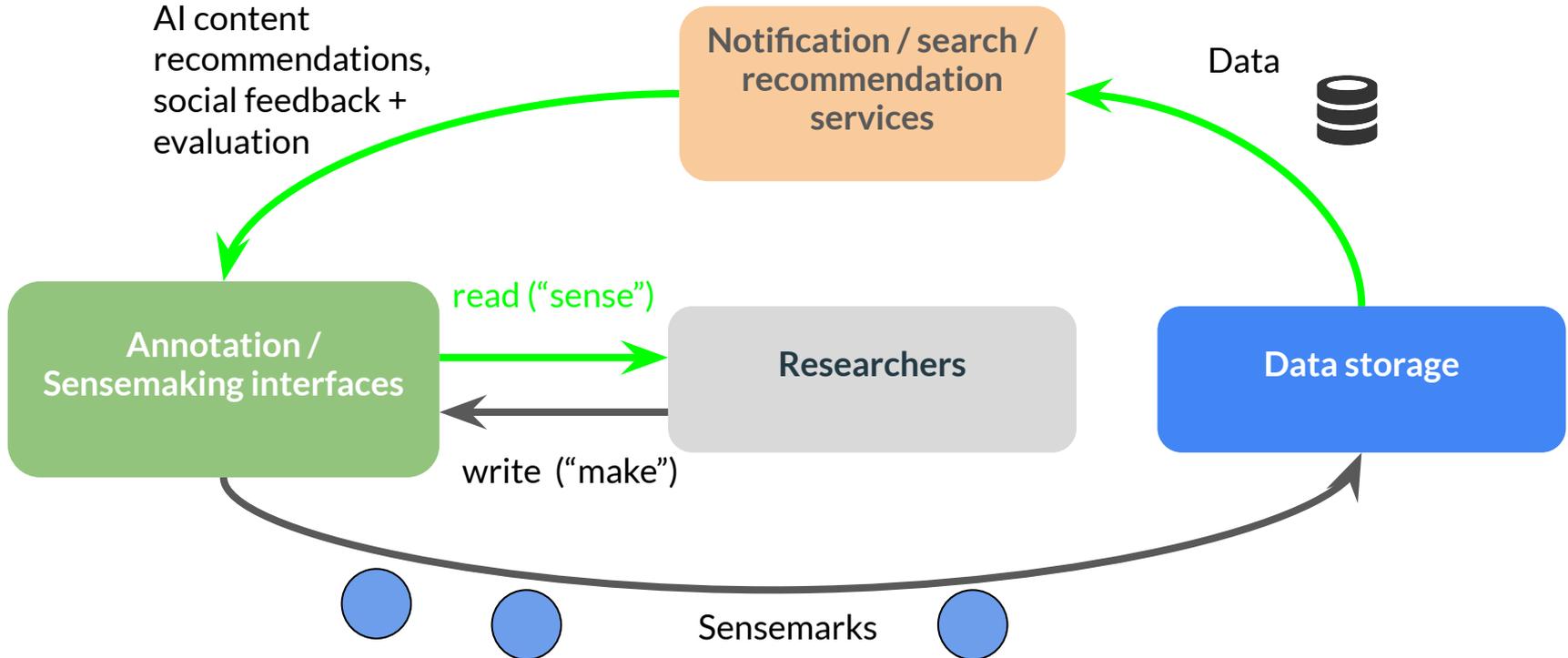
# Sensemaking feedback loop



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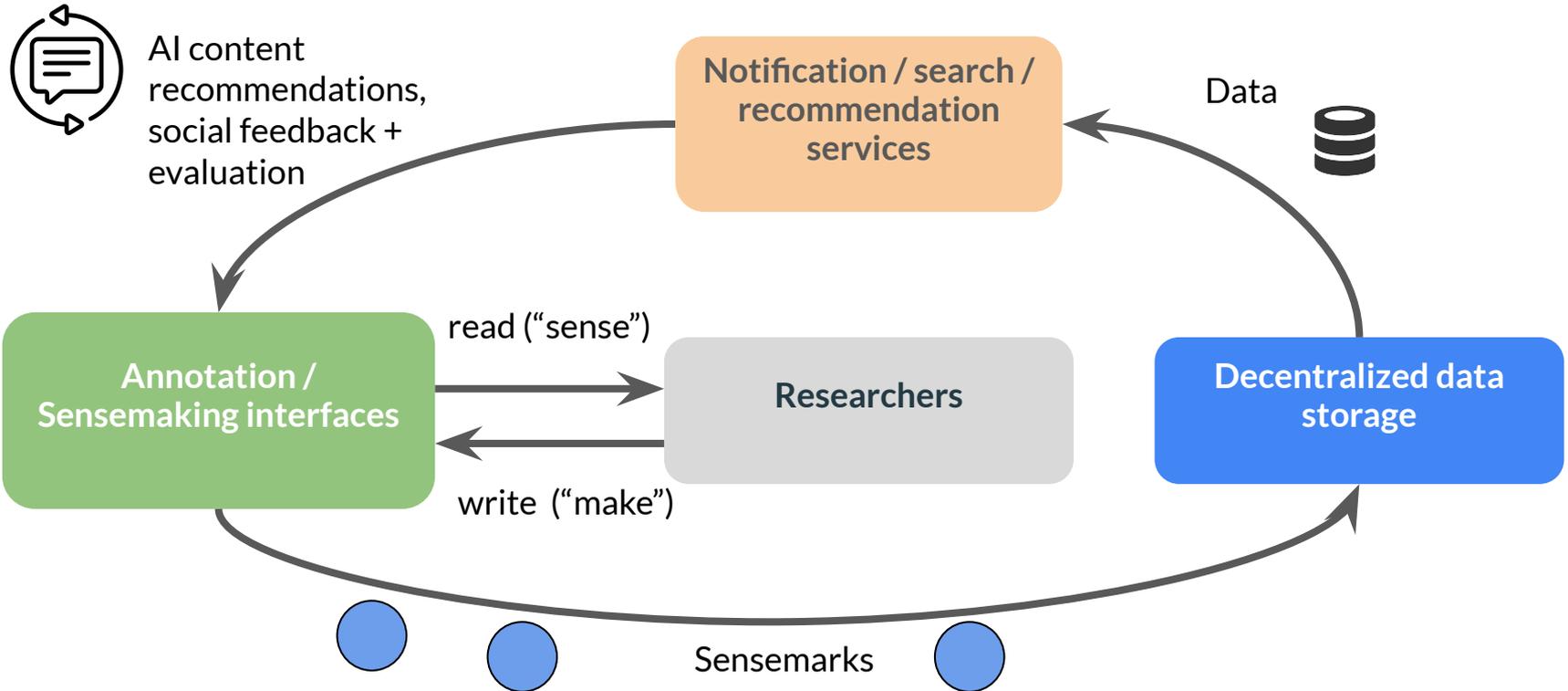


# Sensemaking feedback loop



# Open Science Sensemaking Network

Like social media, but decentralized + use nanopubs/sensemarks instead of posts!



## Open Science Sensemaking

## Nanopublications

FAIR publishing for structured expressions of “nano” scientific knowledge

Making sense of existing knowledge

App layer: sensemaking feedback loops  
(social + content)

General audience (“citizen scientists”)

Publishing new knowledge

Data layer: storage, security

Meant mainly for scientists?



**Thanks!**

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