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**PATENTS4SCIENCE - ESTABLISHING AN
INFORMATION INFRASTRUCTURE FOR
THE USE OF PATENT KNOWLEDGE IN
SCIENCE**

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AGENDA

- PATENT KNOWLEDGE
- SURVEY
- DFG PROJECT
- OUTLOOK

MOTIVATION – PATENTS AS A VALUABLE SOURCE OF KNOWLEDGE

- Majority (>80%) of humanity's technical knowledge to be found in patents (Asche, WPI Journal, 2017)
- Use of patent information largely in industrial/economic context (see STN).
- Desideratum: use of patent knowledge in science
- Opportunities from exploitation of patent information untapped
- Losses in innovation, quality, and impetus for technology transfer
- Negative impact on competitiveness

SURVEY ON THE USE OF PATENTS AND SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION IN RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

PATENTS4SCIENCE – SURVEY AT SEVERAL LEIBNIZ RESEARCH INSTITUTES

- Online survey on the use of patent knowledge in research
 - 6 Leibniz institutes, ~190 scientists
 - What knowledge about and what need for patent information exists among scientists?
- Evaluations confirm the assumption that patents are regarded as an essential source of information in scientific research.
- Access barriers, lack of content linkage with scientific literature, etc. hinder use and exploitation

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Survey on Patents and Scientific Information in Research and Development

I. General Information

* 1. What is your position?

- (Junior) Group Leader (Gruppen- oder Abteilungsleiter*in)
- Programme Manager (FB- oder FS-Leiter*in)
- Scientist
- Technician
- Administration
- Other:

2. Which age group do you belong to?

- < 35
- 35-50
- > 50

* 3. What are your main research topics?

- Materials and Surfaces
- Plasma Chemical Processes

PATENTS4SCIENCE – SURVEY / ESSENTIAL RESULTS

- Patents are used as a source of information alongside scientific literature and research data.
- Access to and use of patent information is often considered difficult.
- Linking of scientific literature and specific information in patents (e.g. technical specifications, chemical entities) is required.
- There is interest in technology analysis using patents in combination with scientific literature.
- Open access and free sources are preferred.

PATENTS4SCIENCE / CHALLENGE

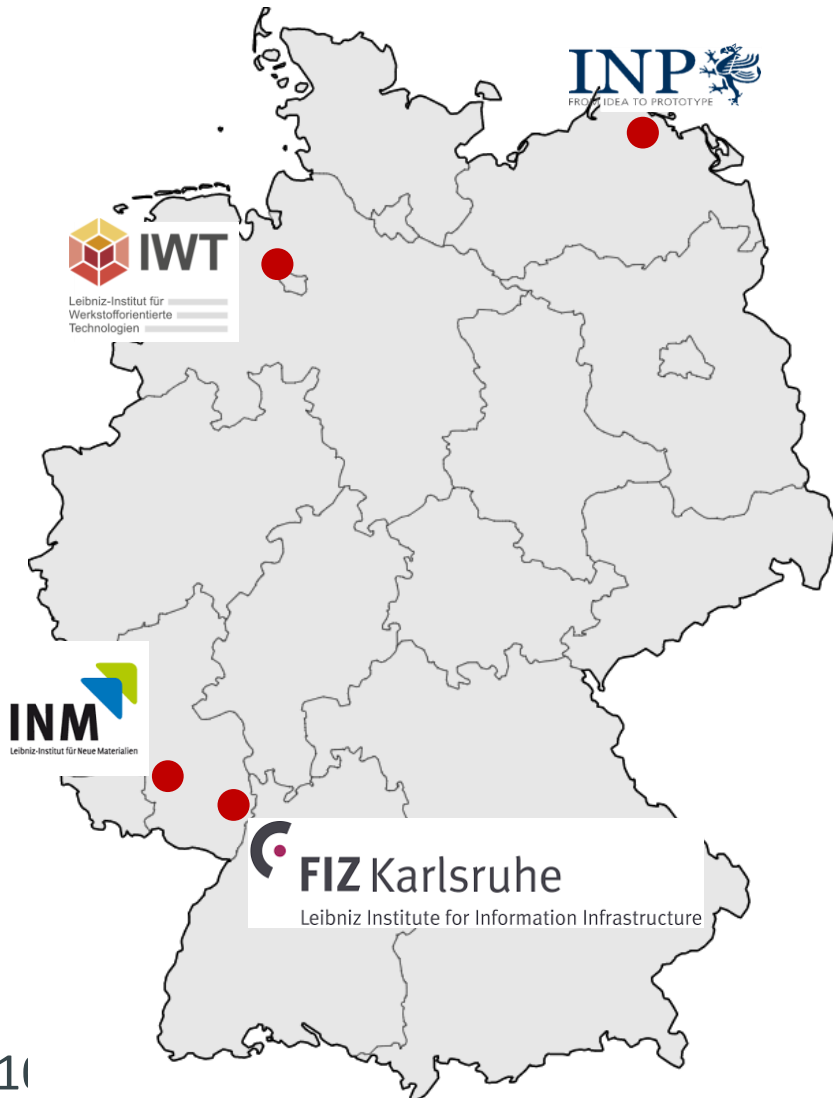
- Making the relevant knowledge in patents accessible employing machine learning and semantic technologies
- Provision of a (freely) accessible and linked data platform for accessing patent information
- Easy and efficient Integration into (existing) information infrastructures (APIs)
- (Sustainable) financing

PATENTS4SCIENCE - PROJECT IDEA

- Building an information infrastructure for exploiting patent information in scientific contexts, e.g. research labs (submitted to DFG)
 - Builds on existing patent data infrastructure
- Aims to create a Patent Knowledge Graph (PKG) by utilizing semantic enrichment & entity inking.
 - Semantic integration of patent information with scientific literature and *domain-specific resources* based on explicit (machine-understandable) semantics
 - Extending and linking existing knowledge graphs, exploiting explicit semantic models
 - Applying ml/dl, nlp and lod technologies e.g. for (entity) mention detection
- Semantic search and analysis applications that benefit from the patent knowledge graph

DFG PROJECT PATENTS4SCIENCE:
AN INFORMATION INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE USE OF PATENT
KNOWLEDGE IN SCIENCE

PATENTS4SCIENCE - PROJECT (DFG LIS, E-RESEARCH TECHNOLOGIES)



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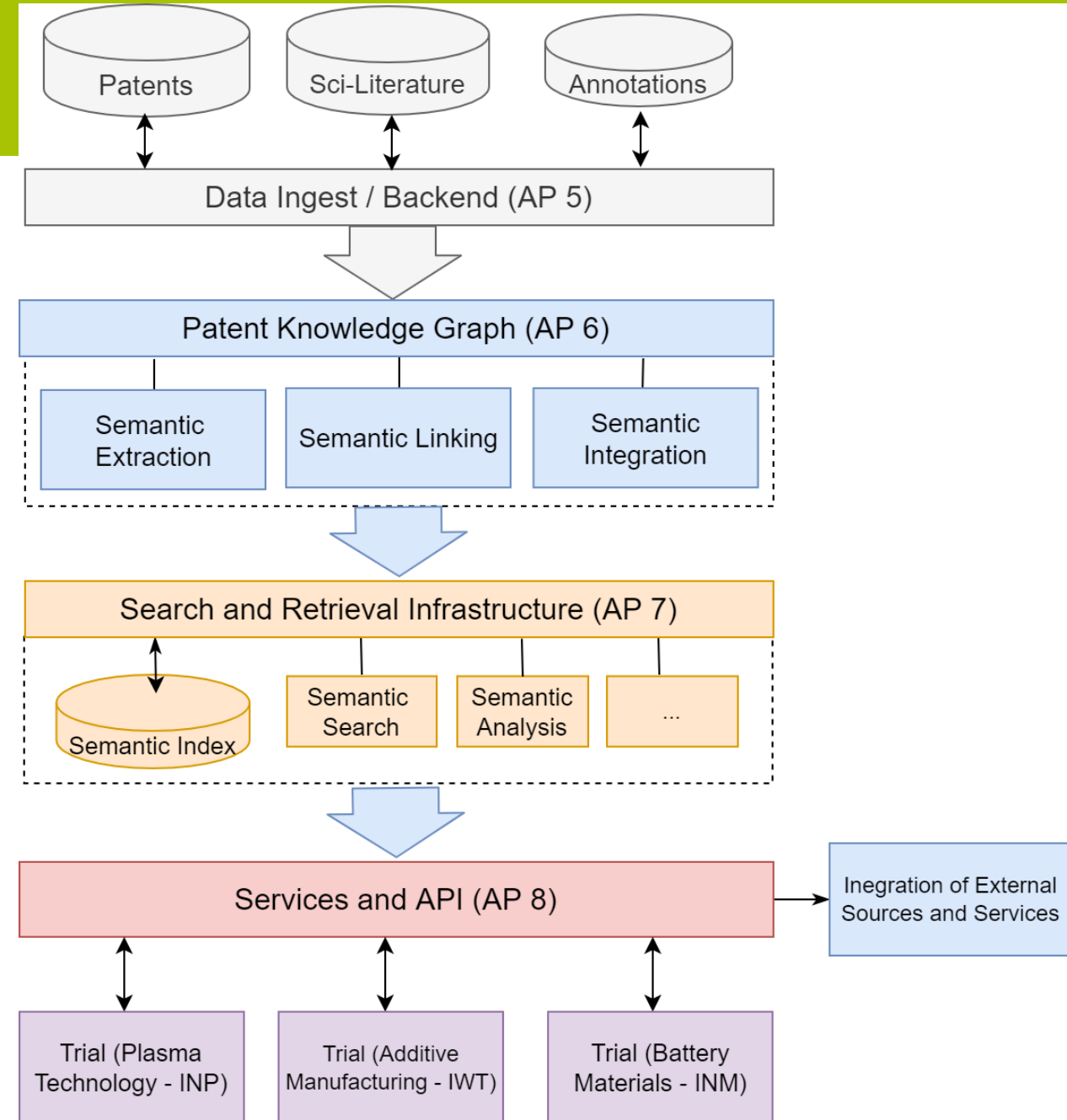
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WORK PACKAGES AND TASKS

- AP1: Project Management
- AP2: Expert Group
- AP3: Requirement Analysis
- AP4: System Architecture
- AP5: Data Ingest / Backend
- AP6: Patent Knowledge Graph
- AP7: Search Infrastructure
- AP8: Services and APIs
- AP9: User Trials





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„Design, implementation and evaluation of a sustainable information infrastructure for the easy, efficient use of patent information in the scientific value cycle.“

Key areas of work:

Patent Knowledge Graph (PKG) interlinks relevant information from patents with scientific literature and domain-specific knowledge.

Hybrid semantic search technology exploiting the Patent Knowledge Graph



Answering research questions

EXAMPLE: PLASMA TECHNOLOGY USE CASE

“Which *plasma source* can be used for *decontamination* of *room air* and produces a *plasma* with *virucidal efficacy* against *SARS-CoV-2*?”



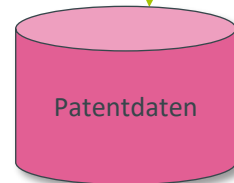
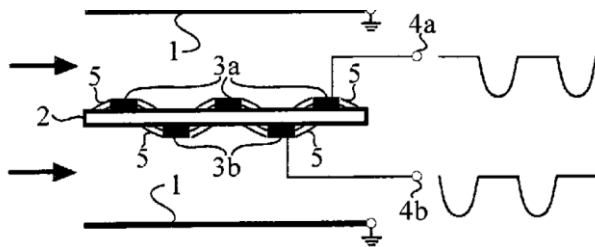
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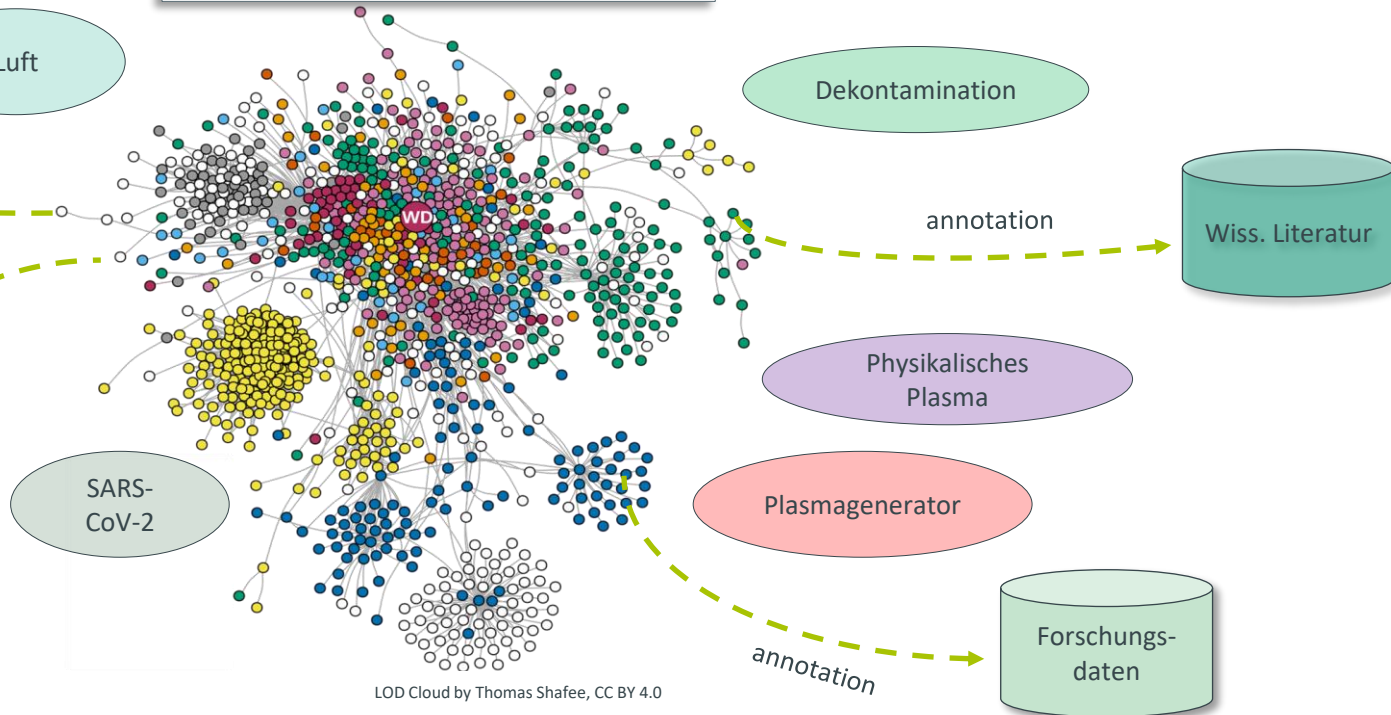
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LOD Cloud:
Network of semantically linked data
and knowledge sources worldwide



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OUTLOOK

- Expansion of research activities in the field of patent text mining and semantic technologies
- New information services for science in the context of further initiatives such as NFDI and EOSC
- Establishment of interoperable patent information in the LOD cloud
- Support of further application areas and domains, e.g. biotechnologies, material sciences, through the Patents4Science infrastructure
- Sustainability perspective

THANK YOU!

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