

The BAM Data Store: Piloting an openBIS-Based Research Data Infrastructure for Materials Science and Engineering

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BAM at a Glance



Materialprüfungsamt
Lichterfelde in 1904



In Berlin & Brandenburg



Activity
Research

Activity
Testing

Activity
Reference materials

1660 Employees



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ENERGY



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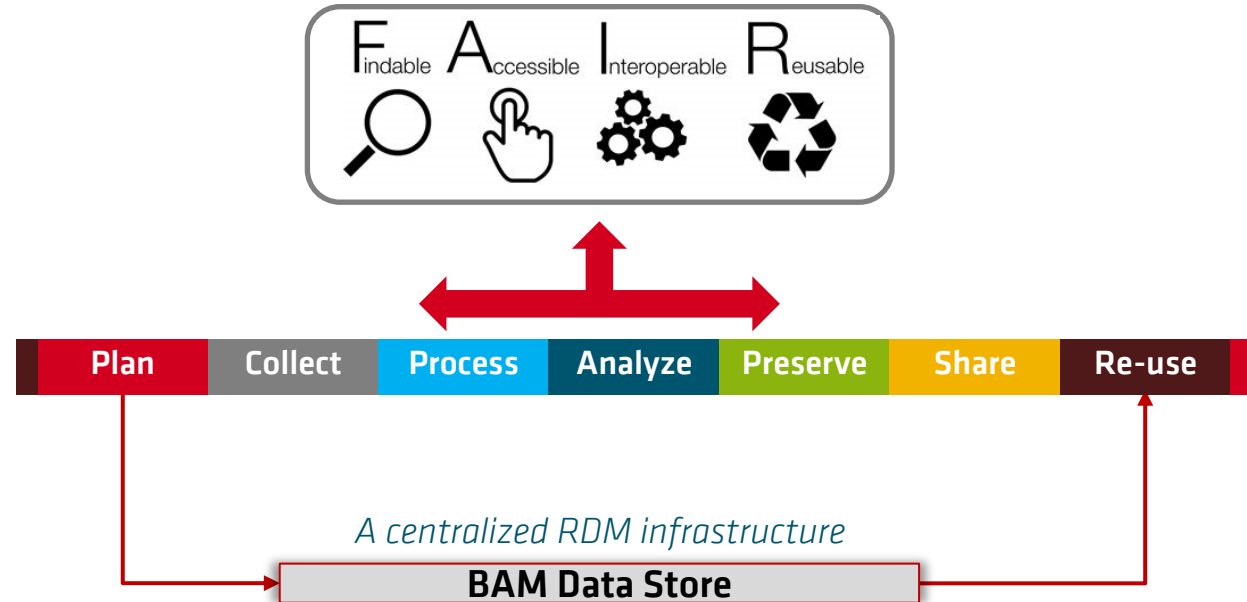
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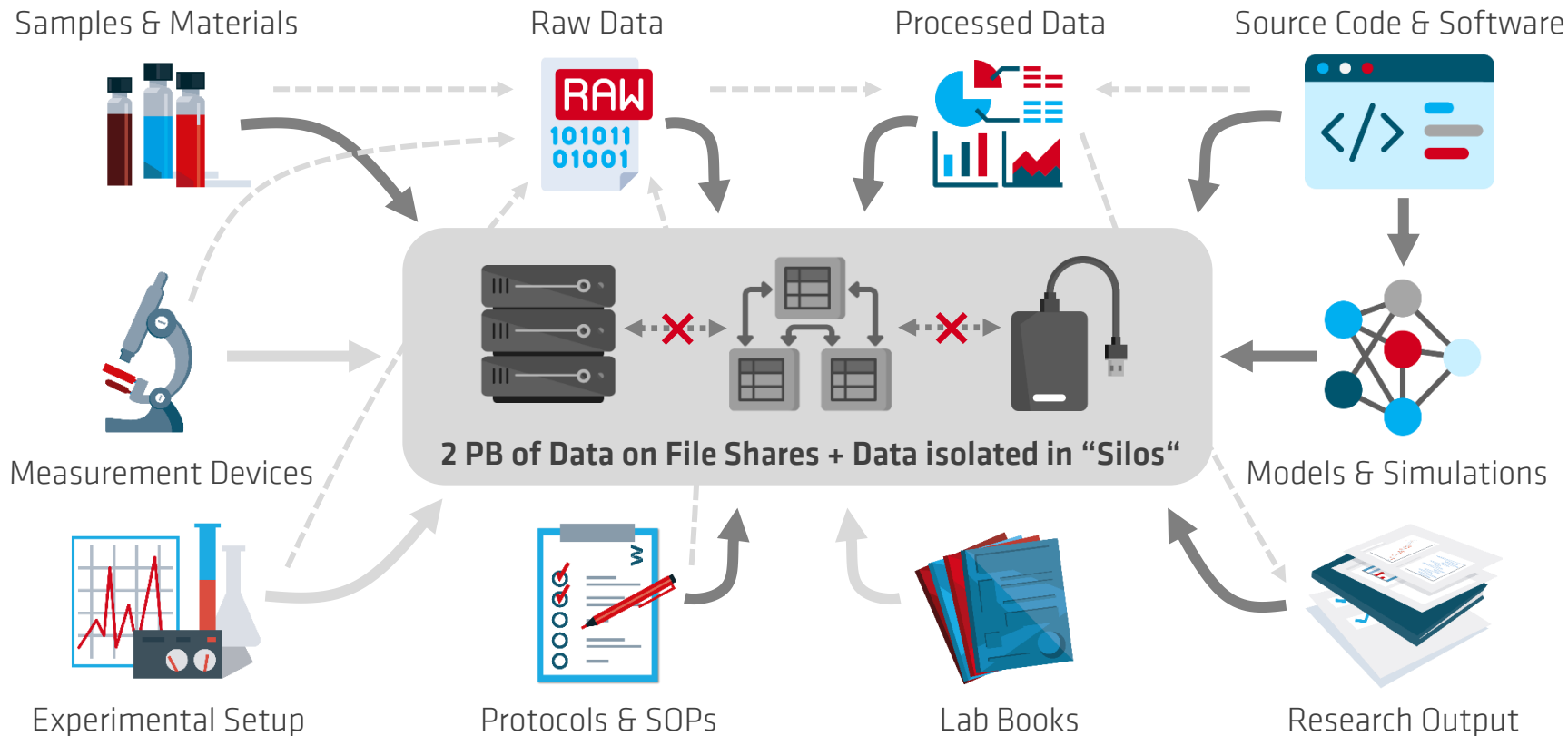
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Enabling FAIR Data at BAM



Current RDM Practices at BAM

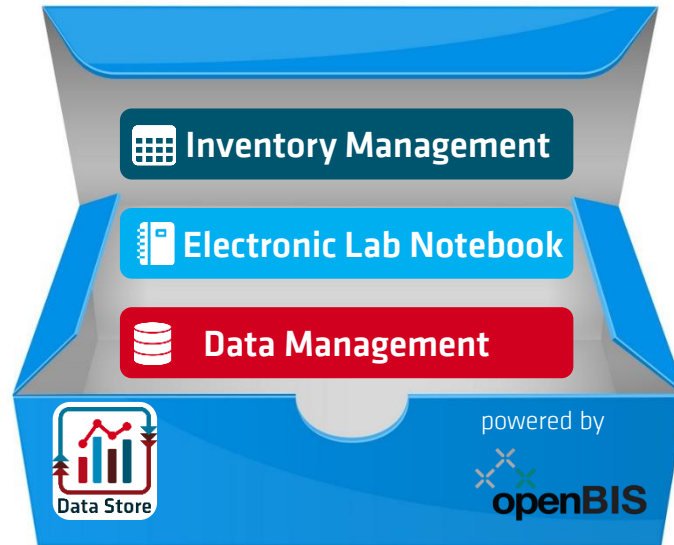


BAM Data Store Framework and underlying openBIS Framework

openBIS: open Biology Information System

Underlying framework & open source software developed by ETH Zurich since 2007

- ✓ Electronic lab notebook (ELN)
- ✓ Inventory management
- ✓ Data management

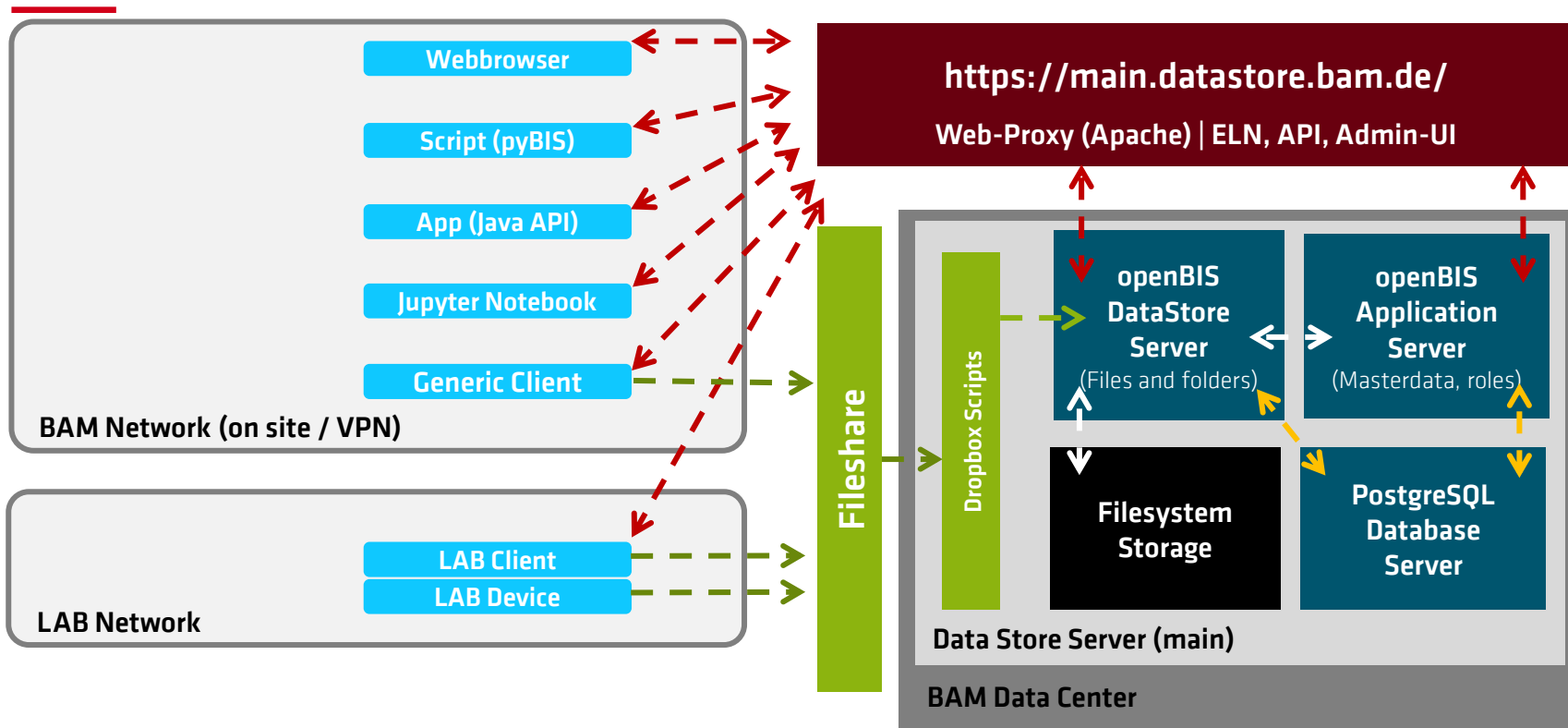


BAM Data Store:

Framework for central RDM system at BAM, developing since 2021

- Infrastructure
- Work packages for tool adoption and continuous operation

BAM Data Store - General Structure



Piloting the BAM Data Store: Five Groups in 2021

*Data Store Stewards are
trained Domain researchers*



1 Thermal Analysis Microplastics

2 Structural Health Monitoring

3 Nanoplatfrom

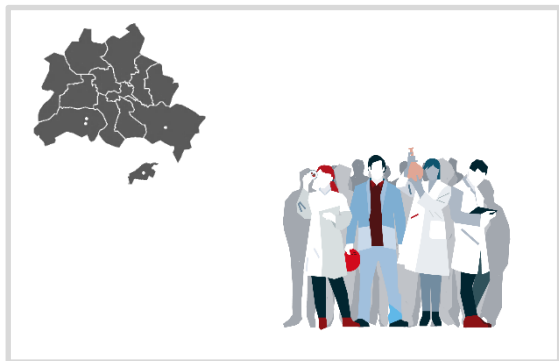
4 Computer Tomography@BAM

5 Additive Manufacturing

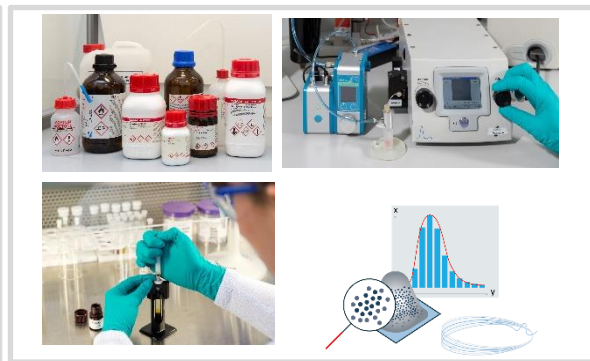
Activity	Methodologies
Determination of microplastic content in environmental samples.	Thermal analysis
Assessment of aging infrastructure structures with digital technologies.	Monitoring data, Sensors, photos, videos, simulation models, etc.
Synthesis and characterization of nanomaterials, reference nanomaterials.	Diverse methods >90 Instruments
Material characterization with 3D imaging (CT).	Computer Tomography (CT)
Defect detection during the construction process.	Thermography, Tomography, etc.

BAM Data Store Implementation – nanoPlattform Project

Research data centrally stored from > 30 researchers and technical staff from diverse BAM locations



Data registered in inventory and ELN for >150 chemicals, >90 Instruments, >800 experimental steps



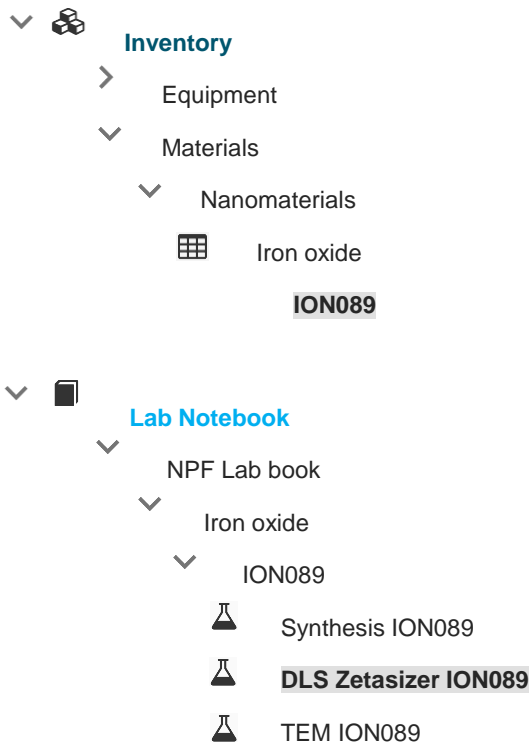
Meta(data) collected from >400 synthesized Nanomaterials



BAM Data Store Implementation – nanoPlattform Project



Hierarchical Data organization



User defined Metadata schemas

Nanomaterial: ION089

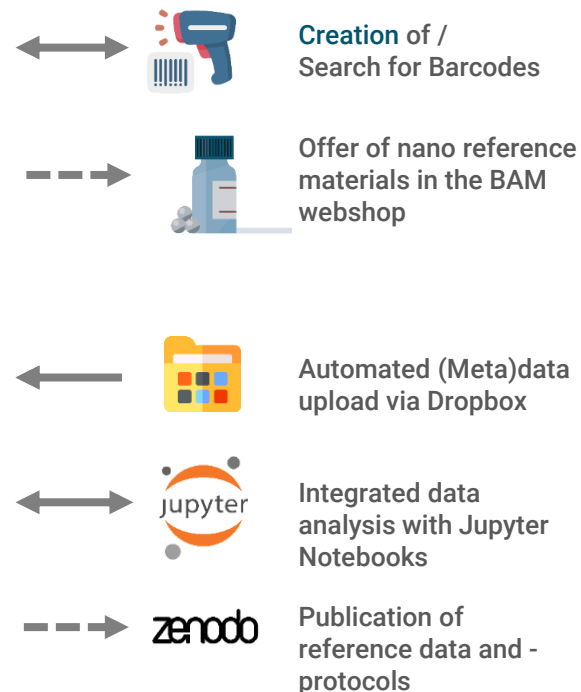
Composition:	Iron oxide	
Concentration:	31.27 mg/mL	
Storage:	Room 42	
Registrar:	jdoe	
Registration Date:	2021-07-13 10:24:23	

↓ Linked Objects

Experimental Step DLS: DLS Zetasizer ION089

Start date:	2021-08-12 14:59:07	
Temperature (°C):	25.0	
Dispersant:	Toluene	
Z-Average:	14.8967	
Peak 1 (Intensity) [nm]:	16.6467	

openBIS Interfaces and extensions



Source: [Datenmanagement im Nanomaterial-Labor - 2023 - Wiley Analytical Science](#)

BAM Data Store Implementation – Lessons Learned

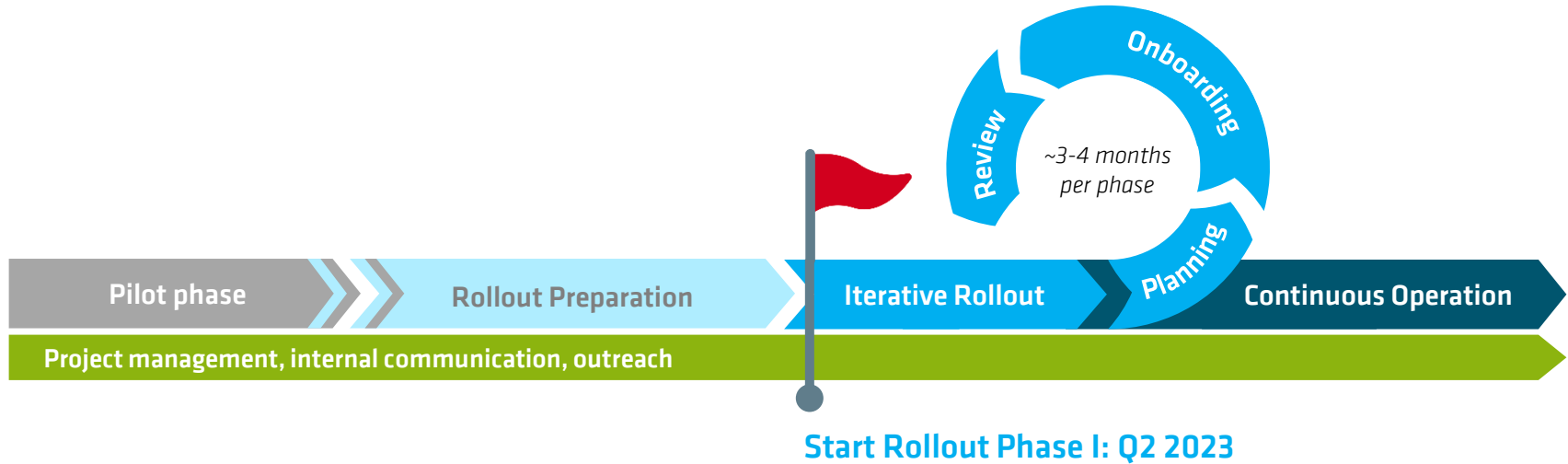
The BAM Data Store meets most of the RDM needs of heterogenous MSE groups:

- openBIS can be used with all levels of data literacy.
- Enables standardised data documentation and traceability.
- Initial customisation is time-consuming due to lack of metadata standards in MSE domains.
- Automating workflows for data import and integrated data analysis saves time.

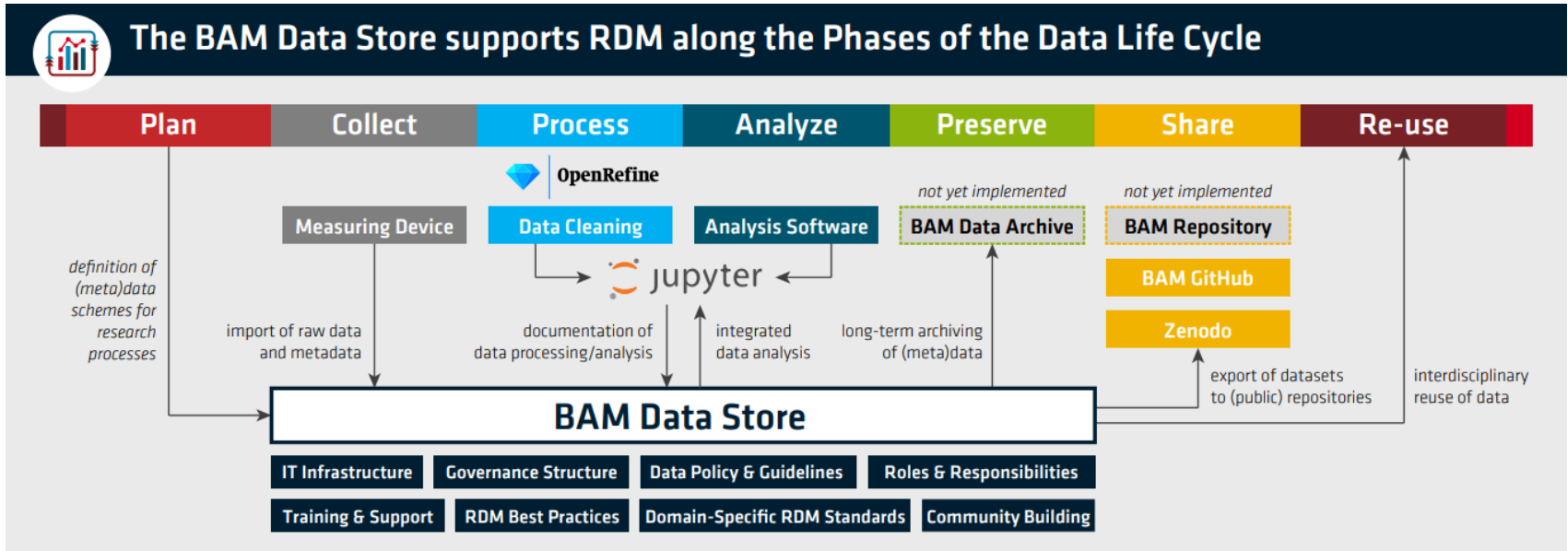
Continous operation of an institutional RDM system requires resources and governance structures:

- ✓ Close collaboration between eScience and IT departments as well as the domain researchers.
- ✓ Additional IT resources and personel for training and support.
- ✓ Upper management support.
- ✓ Willingness to embrace cultural change to adopt RDM tools.

BAM Data Store – Rollout Phase to Achieve Continuous Operation (2023)



The BAM Data Store Framework for Tool Adoption and Continuous Operation



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