

Mastodon, RSS, BlueSky

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3 followers 1 following 3 posts

Chem/Bio/Stats/SemWeb, @the_cdk, @wikipathways, @jcheminf, @bigcat_um, @MaastrichtU (these tweets are personal) (he/him). Here particularly [#opensource](#) [...]

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it is kind of amazing how much was and was not achieved in 10 years of [#OpenAccess](#) in The Netherlands: [chem-bla-ics.linkedchemistry.info/2014/08/30/o...](#)

"The Dutch universities have expressed their wish to make agreements with these publishers about the transition to [...]"

Original post on [mastodon.social](#)

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QC:MXP version 1.4 is now released. Some minor GUI bug fixes, but the functionality of the QC-RSC engine has not changed from the previous version. Download & Tutorial here: [www.qcmxp.org](#)



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But while you can follow me Mastodon accounts [with RSS](#) (or just by checking the [two webpages](#), this is a read-only access. That is, you cannot reply. For that, you still need an Mastodon (or Fediverse) account too.

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But then there is [Bridgy Fed](#). It *“is a decentralized social network bridge. It connects the fediverse, the web, and Bluesky”*. I learned about this recently, and it seems to do what it promises. Using the AT Protocol, it allows me to follow and reply to BlueSky users (if they have enabled the bridge), and BlueSky users can interact with me.

So, if you have BlueSky and want to follow one or both of my Mastodon accounts, check out:

- [@egonw.social.edu.nl.ap.brid.gy](#) (focused on my research)
- [@egonw.mastodon.social.ap.brid.gy](#) (more general open science)

But only if they enabled the bridge too, I can follow them back.