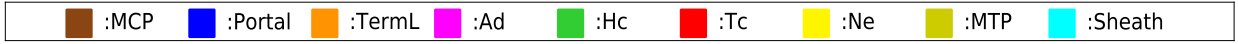**** NC_021068 ****