Open Science Platform
for Materials Science:
AiiDA and the Materials Cloud

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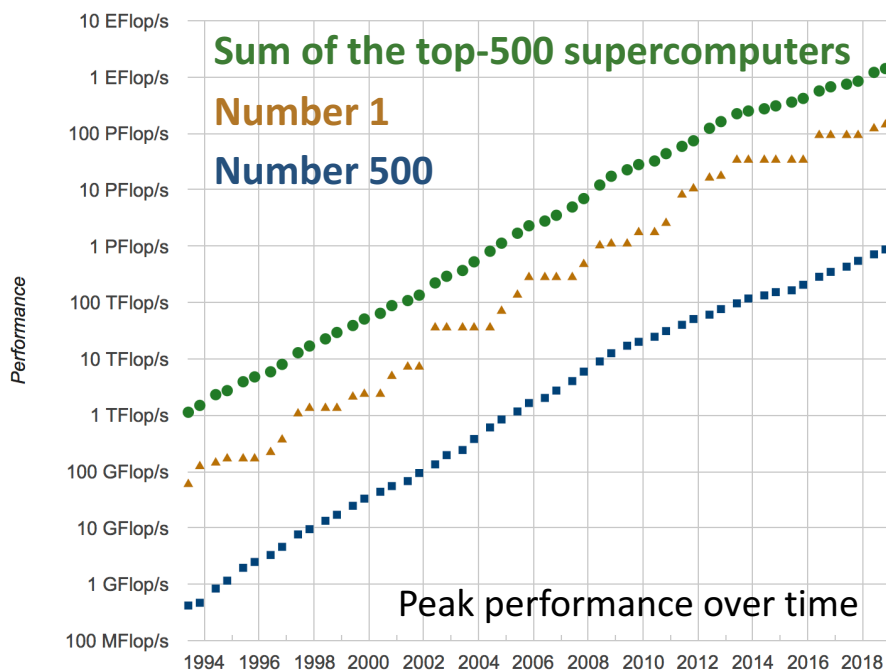**Van Noorden et al., Nature 514, 550 (2014)**
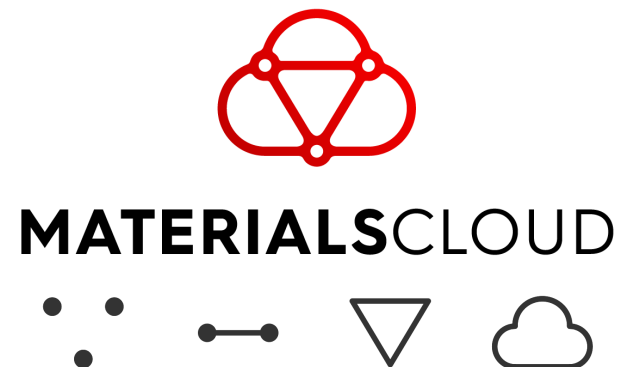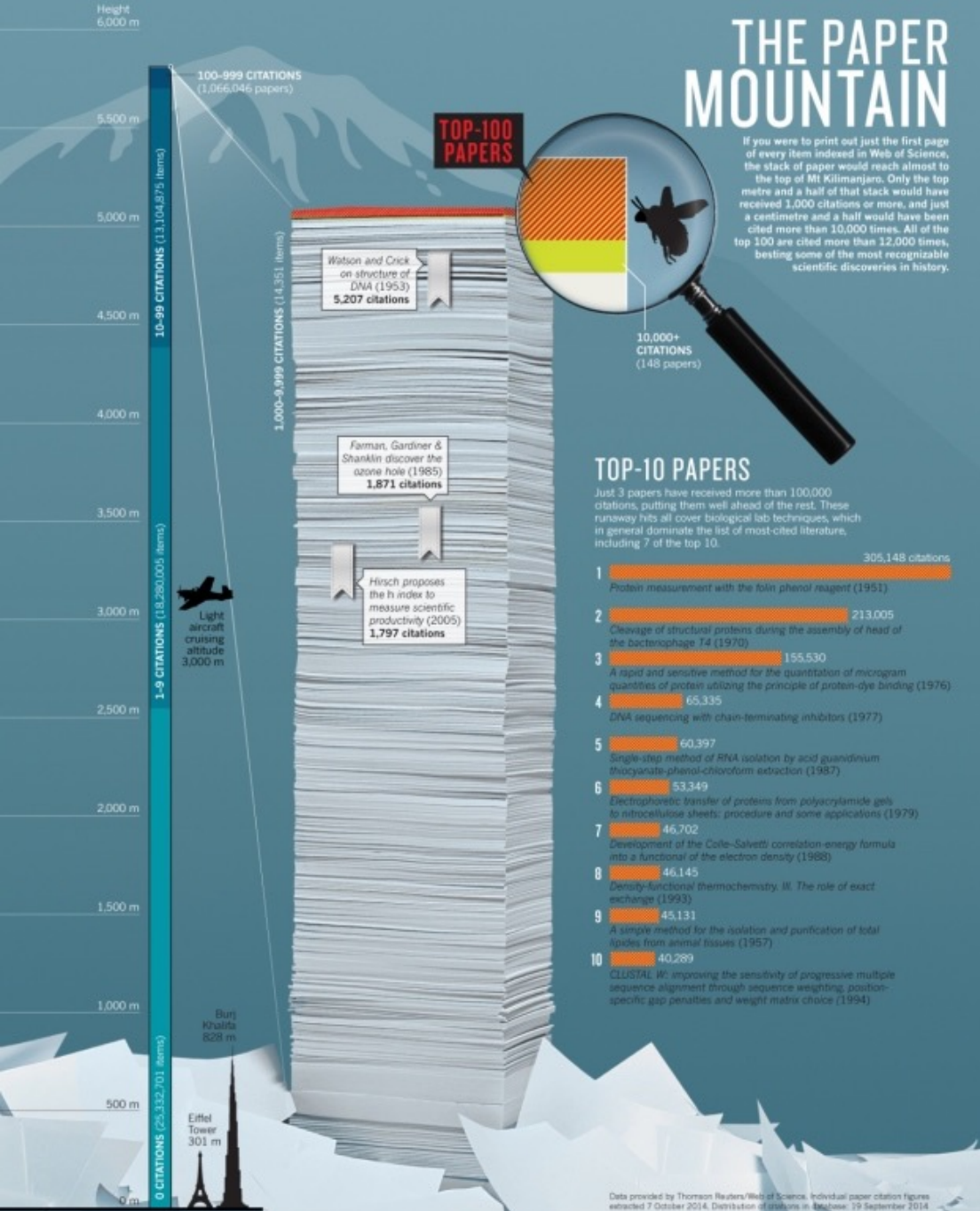
Our research: Materials simulations

Nature (2014): 12 papers on **Density Functional Theory** among the top-100 most cited papers in the *entire scientific literature*

Accuracy and predictive power of quantum engines

Sum of the top-500 supercomputers
Number 1
Number 500

Peak performance over time

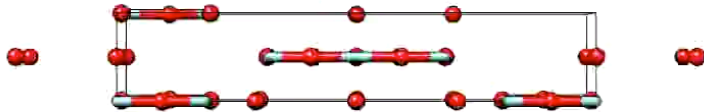**150,000x increase in the past 20 years**

1 month (1998)
↓
10 seconds (2018)

Result: materials design and discovery via
high-throughput computations

Leverage supercomputers to compute and predict materials' properties

Aim: Compute properties for all of them
(and even new, invented ones)
and **discover novel functional materials**

Open Science Platform: definition

- Our definition of an Open Science Platform [1]:

  - **Open simulation codes**

  - **Open architecture** to manage simulations and **open workflows**

  - Support for **Open Data**, **Data Management Plans** and FAIR-compliant sharing

  - **Straightforward availability** of the tools, with **curated open-data services** enabling turn-key workflows (pseudopotential libraries, …)

[1] Pizzi G. (2018) *Open-Science Platform for Computational Materials Science: AiiDA and the Materials Cloud.* In: Andreoni W., Yip S. (eds), Handbook of Materials Modeling (Springer, Cham).

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Our goal

Build an open-science infrastructure
with computational services offered
to scientific, industrial community and beyond

Like a synchrotron, but for
open and reproducible simulations

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Our two core infrastructures

AiiDA as the "operating system" to manage, automate and store simulations and their results

and

Materials Cloud as the open-science dissemination portal and cloud simulation platform

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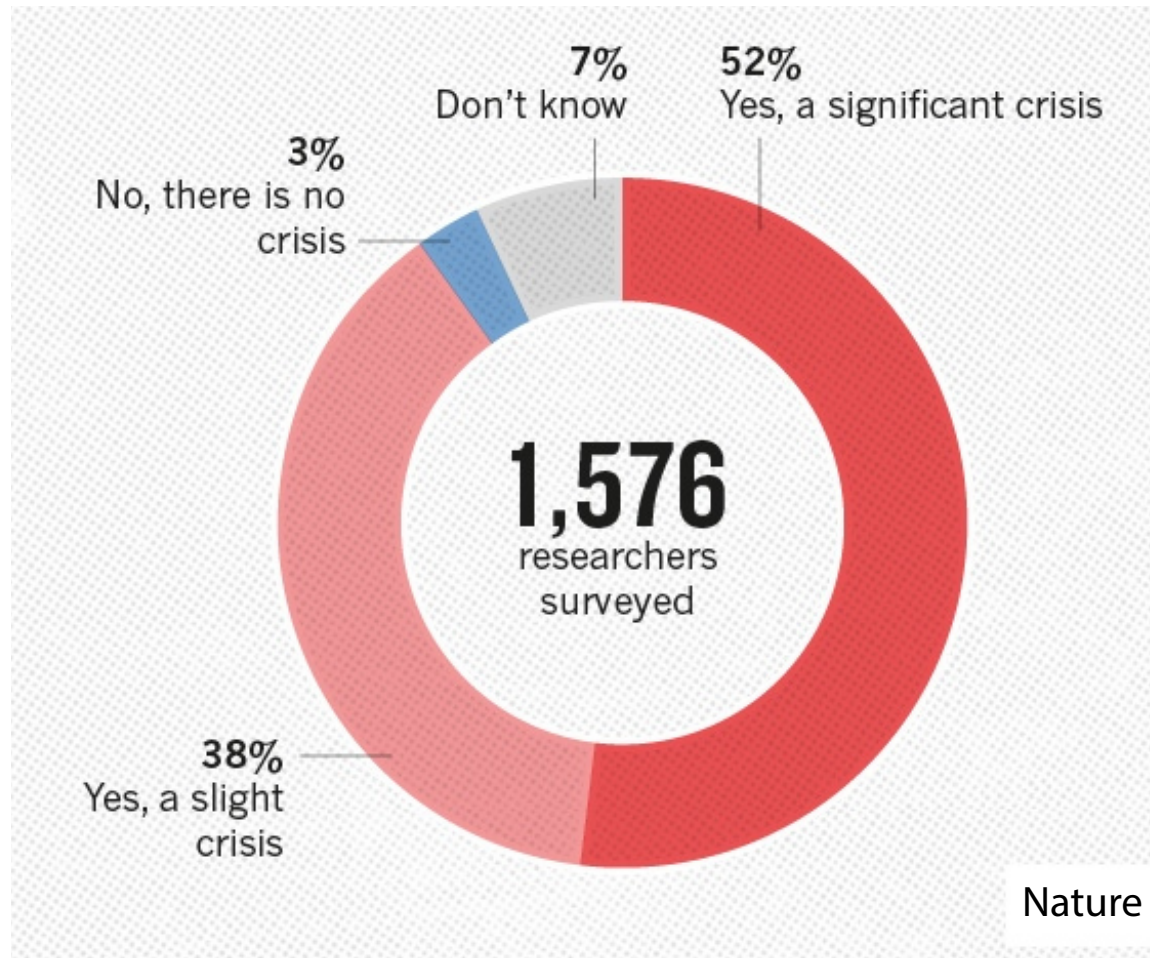FÉDÉRALE DE LAUSANNE

OPEN SCIENCE PLATFORM:

G. Pizzi et al., Comp. Mat. Sci. 111, 218-230 (2016)

Reproducibility: a cornerstone of the scientific method

IS THERE A REPRODUCIBILITY CRISIS?

7% Don't know

52% Yes, a significant crisis

3% No, there is no crisis

1,576 researchers surveyed

38% Yes, a slight crisis

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We can and **must** be fully reproducible

CHALLENGE #2: make open-science **easier**

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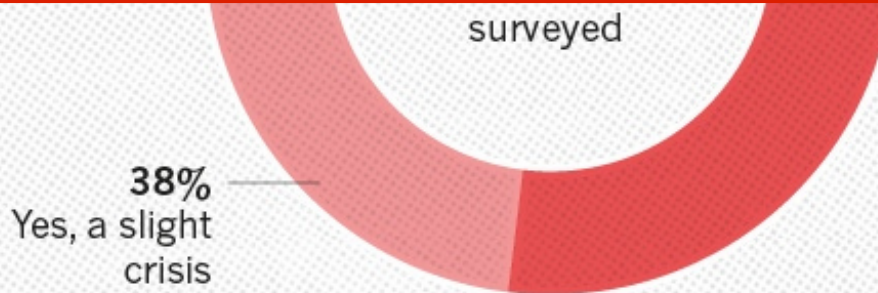
Nature **533**, 452–454 (2016)

AiiDA development timeline

ADES

Automation	Data	Environment	Sharing
Remote management Coupling to data High-throughput	Storage Provenance Database	High-level workspace Scientific workflows Data analytics	Social ecosystem Standardization Repository pipelines

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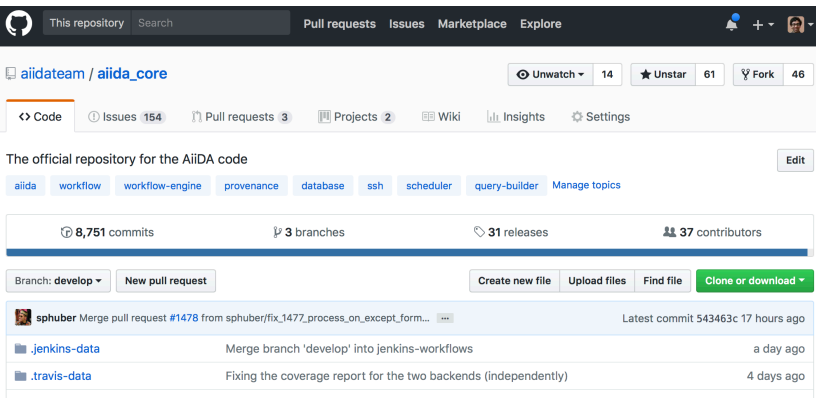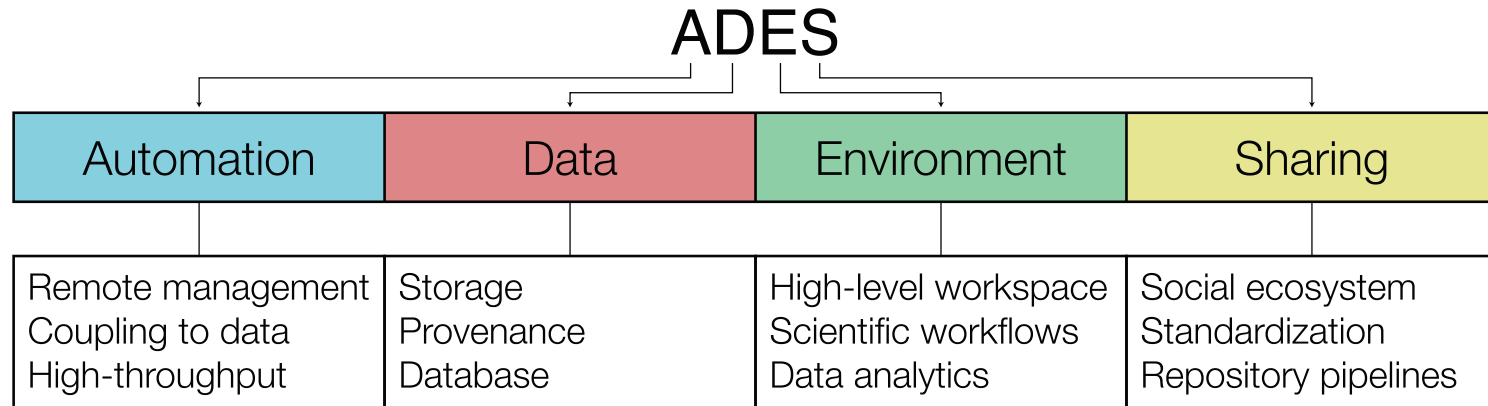
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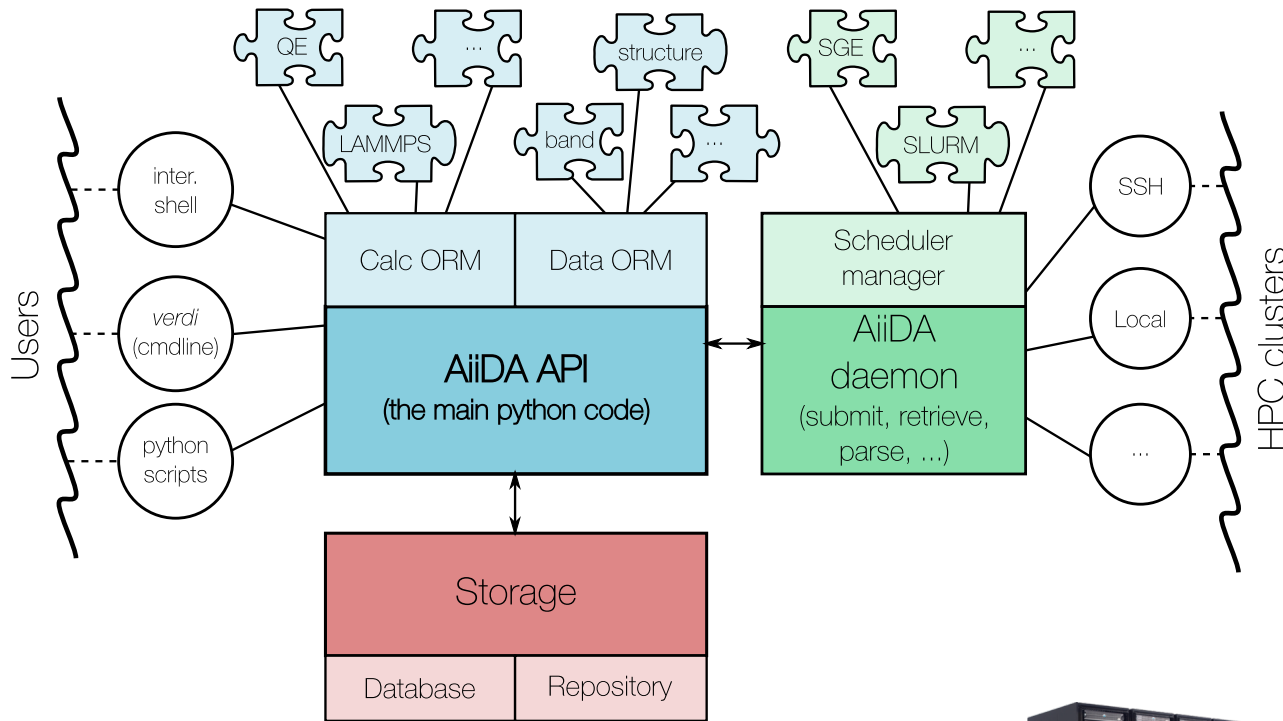
Main features

- Python (2.7 & 3.6) infrastructure

- SQL database backend, access via a Python ORM

- Local connection to clusters, or via ssh using a python API

- Interface to various job schedulers (SGE, Torque, LSF, PBS Pro, SLURM, …)

- Event-based daemon with remote management and workflow execution manager

- REST APIs using Flask to expose one own's data

- Plugin management system and extended code support

- Easy sharing of the results with other users in the community

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AiiDA submission

```python
code = Code.get_from_string('pw-6.3@daint-mr25')
calc = code.new_calc()

calc.set_max_wallclock_seconds(600)
calc.set_resources({"num_machines": 2})

Structure = DataFactory('structure')
structure = Structure(ase = read('TiO2.cif'))

Parameter  = DataFactory('parameter')
parameters = Parameter({
    'CONTROL': {
        'calculation': 'scf',
        'restart_mode': 'from_scratch',
    },
    'SYSTEM': {'ecutwfc': 40.}})

Kpoints = DataFactory('array.kpoints')
kpoints = Kpoints(kpoints_mesh = [4,4,4])

calc.use_structure(structure)
calc.use_parameters(parameters)
calc.use_kpoints(kpoints)
calc.use_pseudos_from_family('SSSP_efficiency_v1.0')
calc.store_all()

calc.submit()
```

Switch computers in one line
supports different schedulers, version of codes, …

Define (only) necessary inputs
Interface designed by plugin

Inputs stored in the DB

Handing over to the daemon

Storage and provenance

- *Calculated properties*: result of complex, connected calculations

- How do we store simulations **preserving the connected structure?**

- Inspiration from the *open provenance model*

- **Any calculation: a function,** converting inputs to outputs:

$$out_1, out_2 = F(in_1, in_2)$$

- **Each object is a node in a graph**, connected by directional labeled links
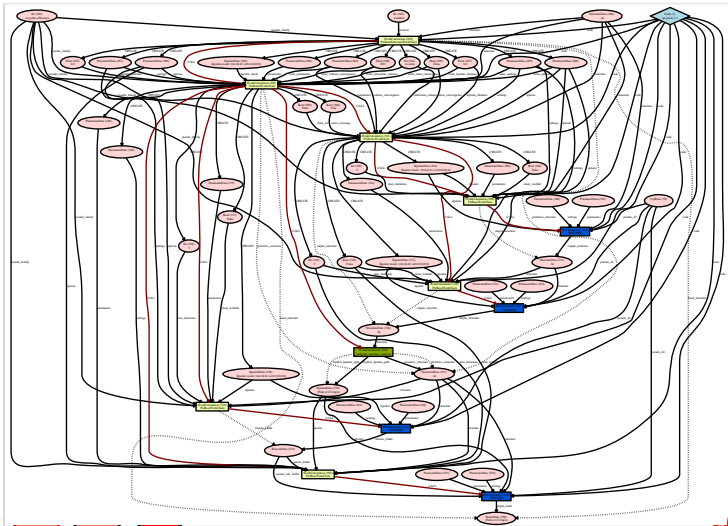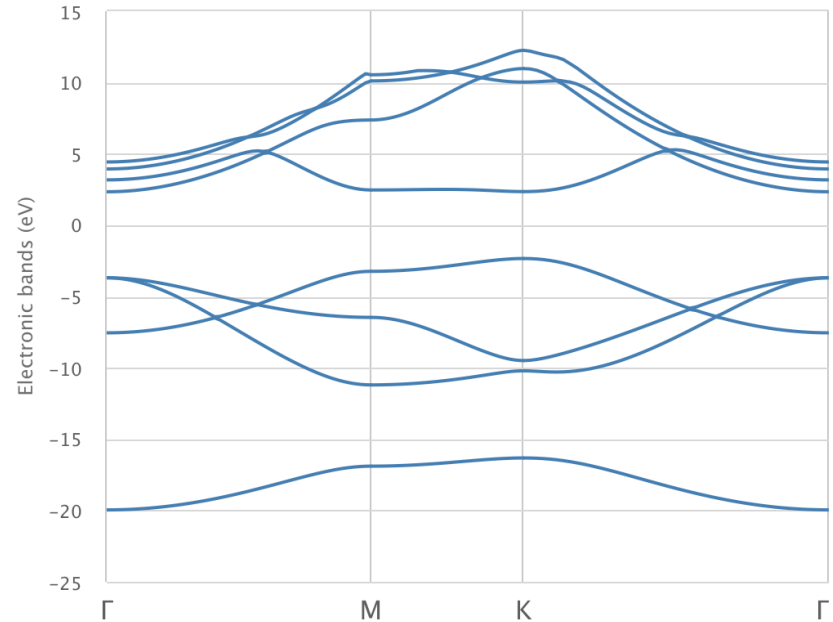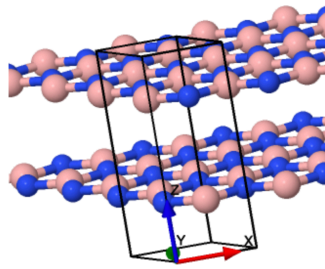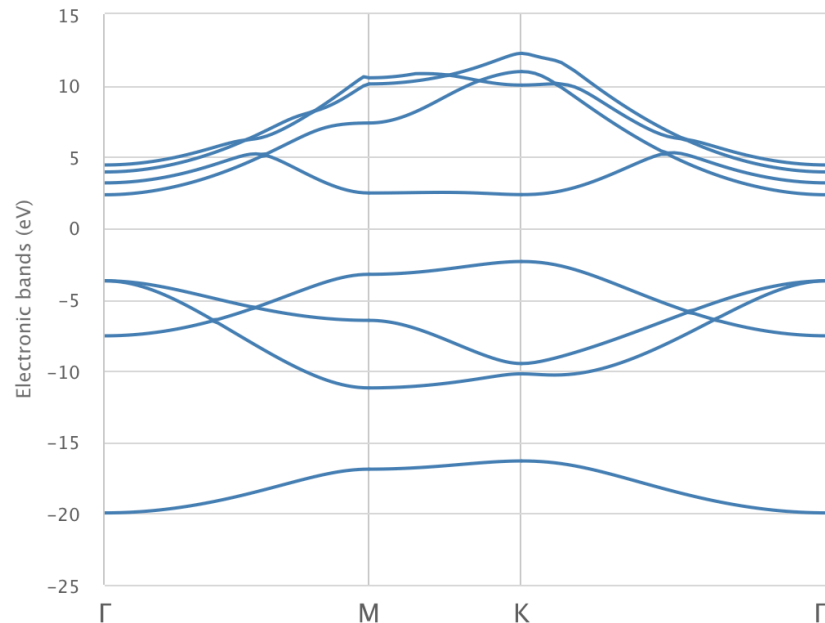
- Output nodes can be used as inputs
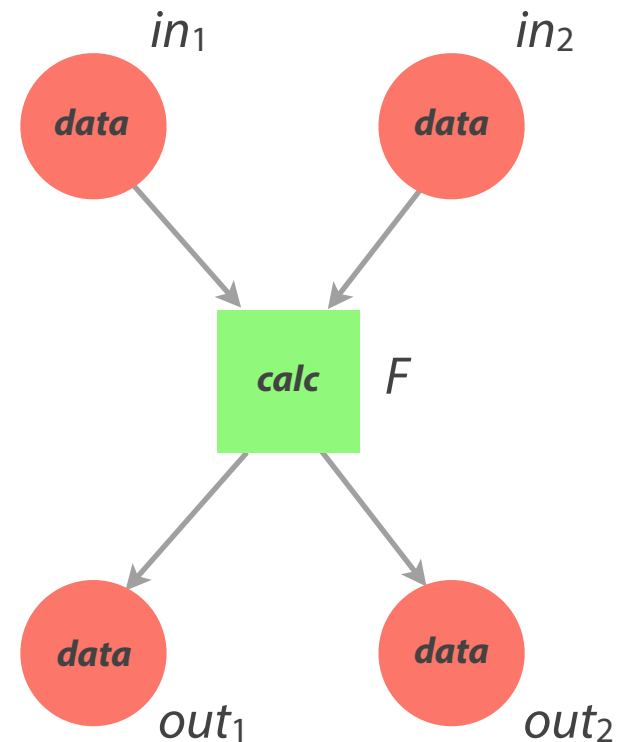
Data provenance: Directed Acyclic Graphs
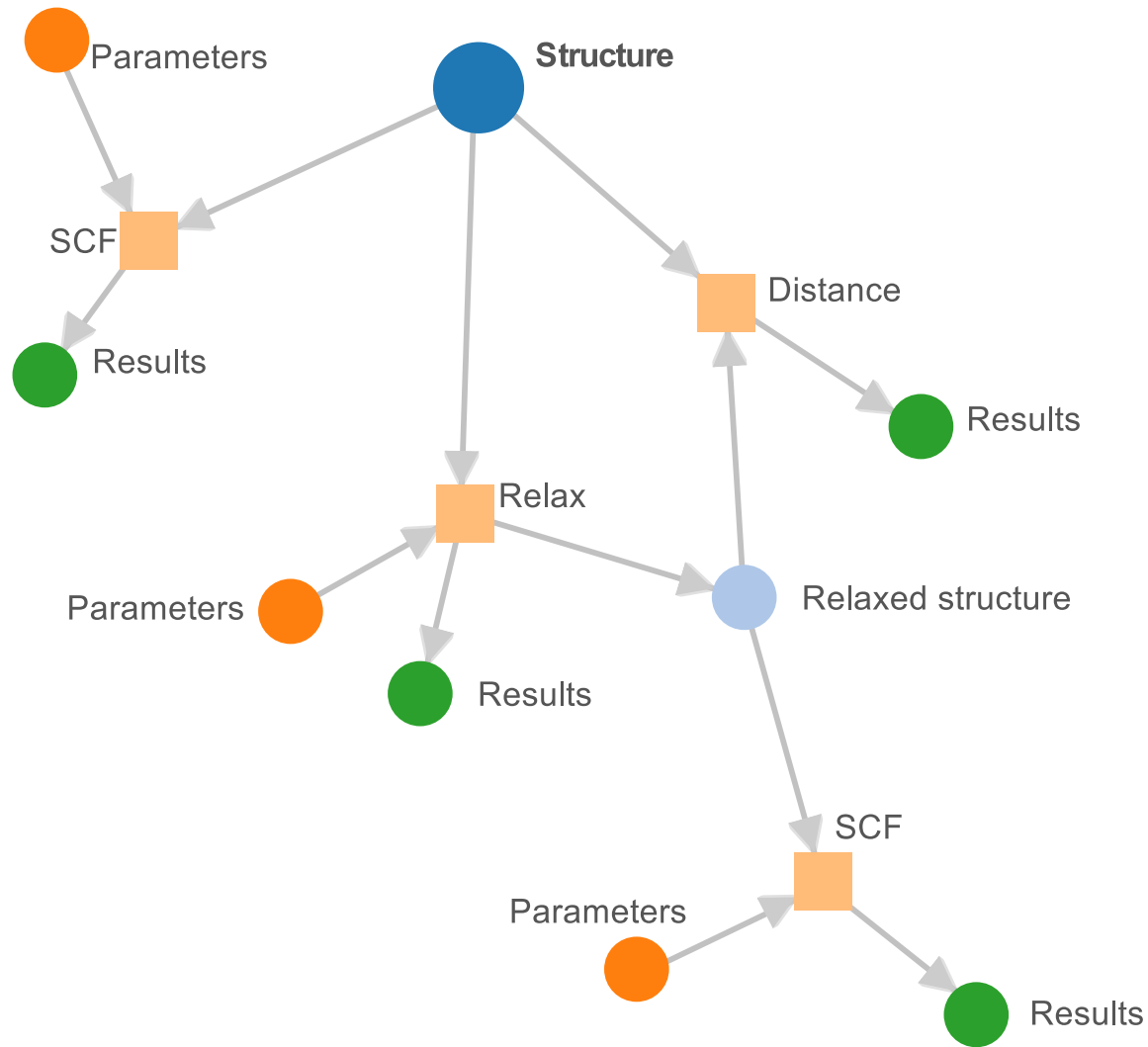
Turn-key workflows in AiiDA

- Given a material, we often need to compute advanced quantities

- These are often non-trivial and result from a complex workflow

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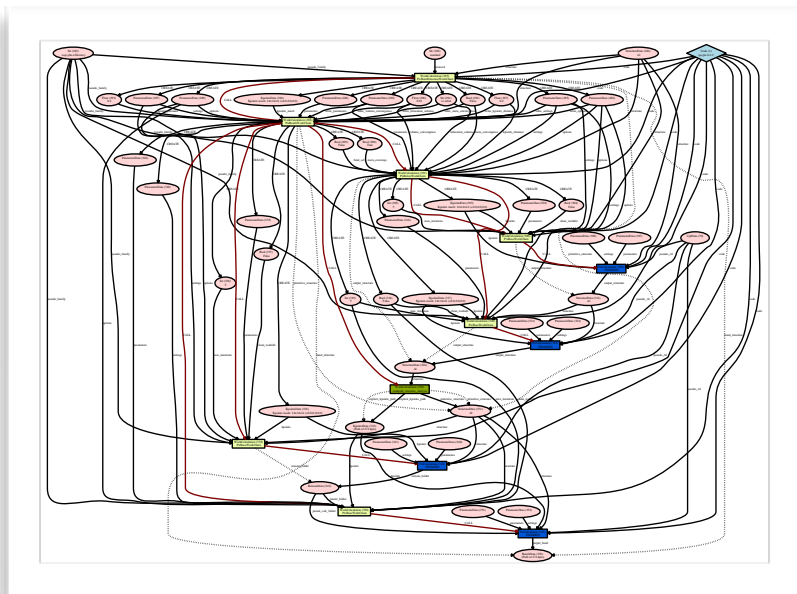
- The AiiDA provenance graph allows to know how the structure was computed and to **reproduce that single specific calculation**: *log of "what happened in the past"*

- We need also an **easy way to re-run the same calculation again** with different parameters or for a different material: **turn-key workflows**

Turn-key workflows in AiiDA

```python
class PwBandsWorkChain(WorkChain):
    @classmethod
    def define(cls, spec):

        spec.input('code',
                    valid_type=Code)
        spec.input('structure',
                    valid_type=StructureData)
        spec.input('pseudo_family',
                    valid_type=Str)

        spec.outline(
            cls.setup,
            cls.validate_inputs,
            if_(cls.should_do_relax)(
                cls.run_relax,
            ),
            cls.run_seekpath,
            cls.run_scf,
            cls.run_bands,
            cls.results,
        )
```

- **"Operating system" for all calculations**

- Automatic provenance tracking in the DB

- Control provenance granularity
  store level of detail relevant to the workflows

- Progress checkpointing
  restart from arbitrary step, retry on failure, allows to shut down daemon and continue later

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- Turn-key solution:

```python
PwBandStructureWorkChain.run(
    code=Code.get_from_string(
        'qe-pw-6.2.1@localhost'),
    structure=StructureData(
        ase=ase.build.bulk('Al')),
     pseudo_family=Str('sssp-pbe-efficiency'))
```

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Sharing in AiiDA: data and graphs

- *Private* AiiDA instances
- UUIDs to uniquely identify nodes

- Data can be shared to other AiiDA repositories **or to online repositories**
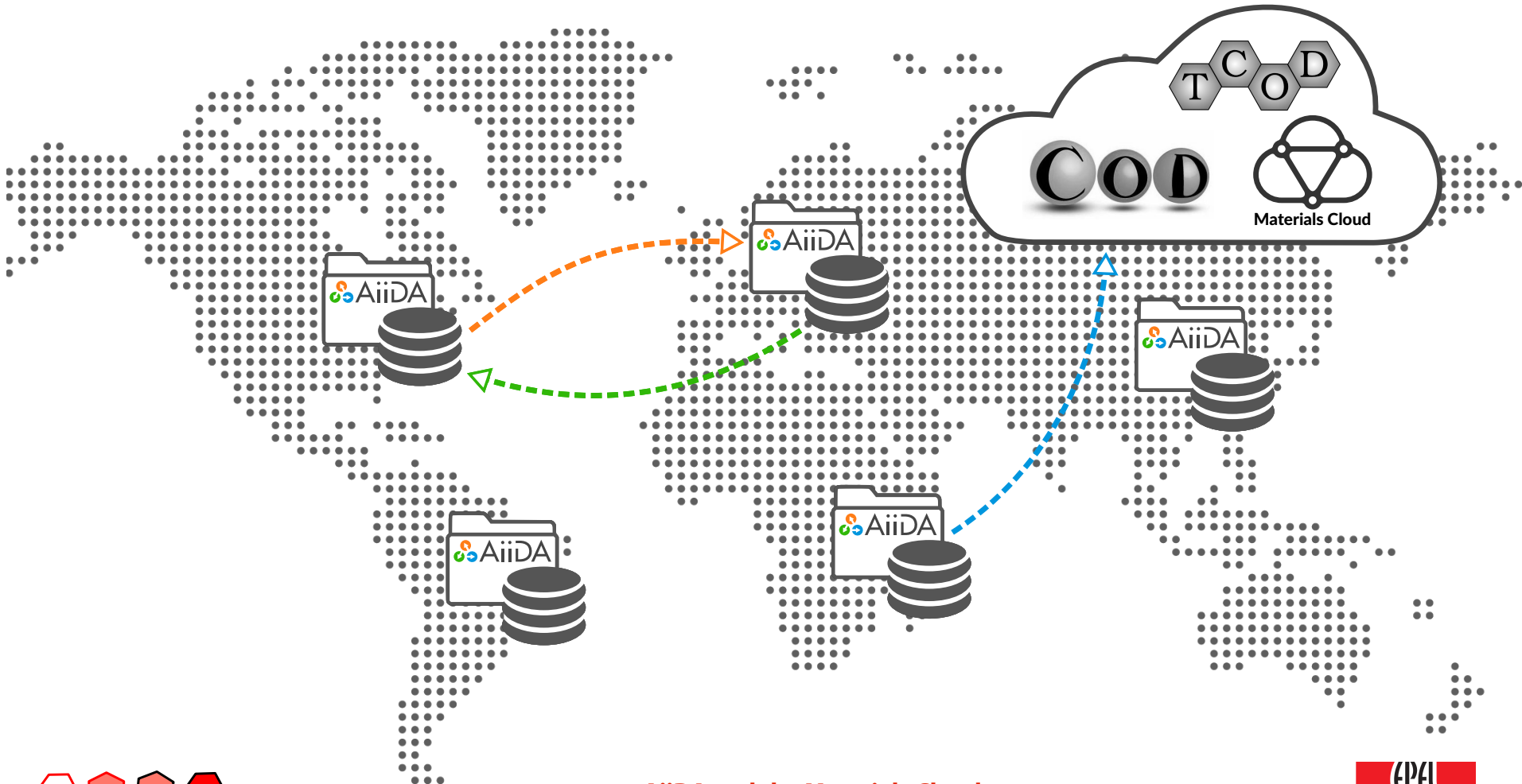
Sharing in AiiDA: codes, plugins and workflows

Calculation   **Data**   **Parsers**   **Transport and scheduler**   **Workflows**   **Importers & exporters**

AiiDA plugin registry

Calculations	58 plugins in 23 entries
Parsers	52 plugins in 23 entries
Data	24 plugins in 12 entries
Workflows	48 plugins in 9 entries
Other	39 plugins in 11 entries

- Plugins are collected in the AiiDA plugin registry
- Almost **60 different codes currently supported,** with almost 50 workflows
- Many are **community-contributed**

    https://aiidateam.github.io/aiida-registry/

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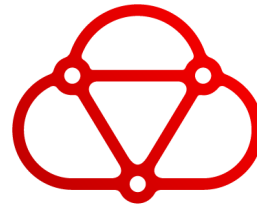
Materials Cloud

- **AiiDA** is the 'engine', like **Git -** used in production *since 2015*

- **Materials Cloud** is the dissemination platform (like **GitHub**) **and more** (cloud computing and data generation platform) - online since *Dec 2017*

Data generation: Materials Cloud **Work**

Tools

Online web tools to work with your data

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Run your own simulations using AiiDA on the cloud via Jupyter apps

Quantum Mobile

A virtual machine with quantum codes ready to be used via AiiDA

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Quantum Mobile

- **Downloadable VM** with preinstalled **AiiDA and codes** like QE, Yambo, Fleur, Siesta, CP2K, …

- Includes **same AiiDA Lab apps environment** as on Materials Cloud

- Ideal for **education**

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AiiDA Lab: submitting a turn-key solution (phonons)
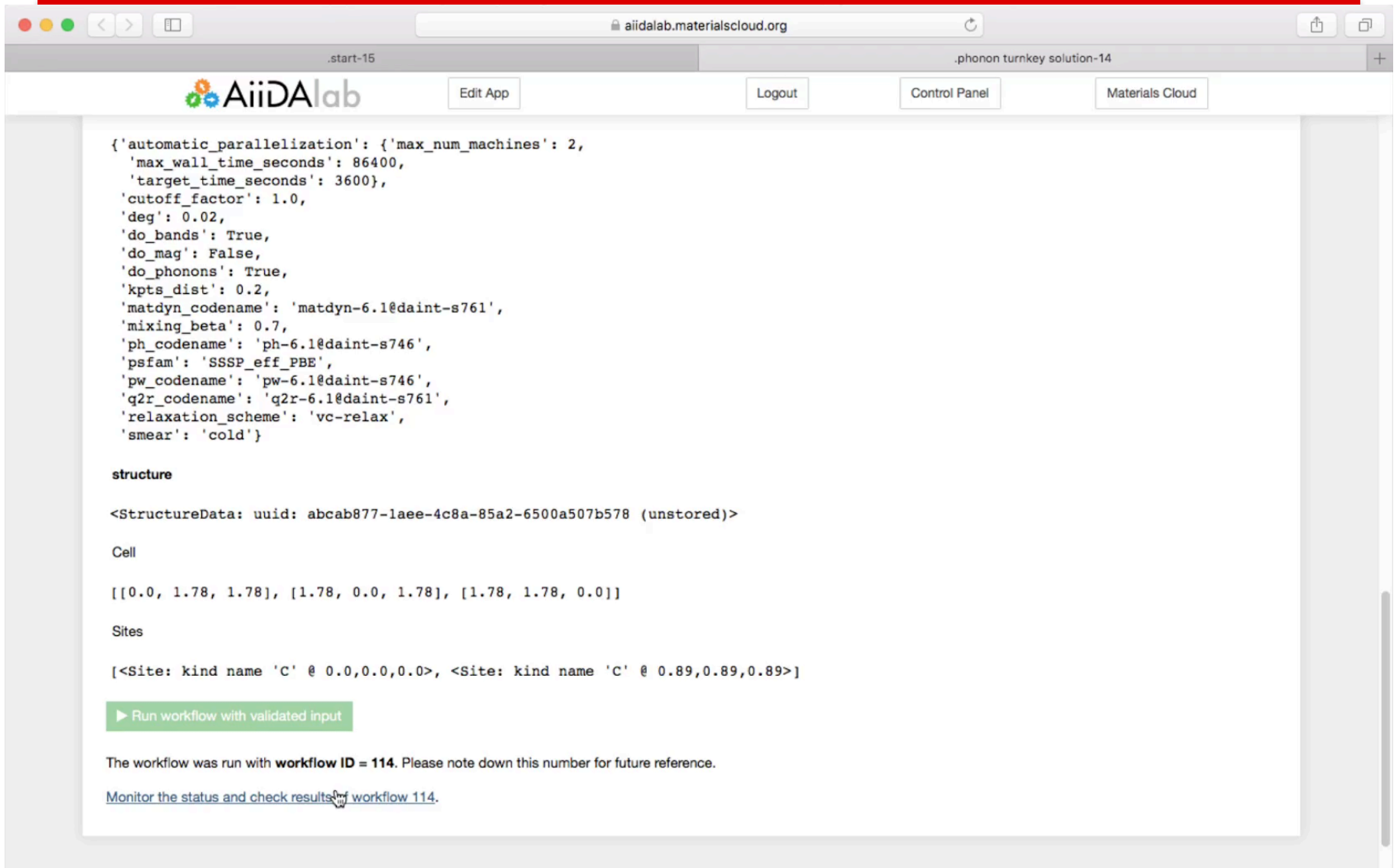
AiiDA Lab: checking the workflow results (phonons)

AiiDA Lab: checking the workflow results (STM)

A solution tailored for every user

User	Skills	Goals	Solution
Computational Scientist	*Knows* Unix, bash, python	• run high-throughput calculations • write complex workflows • develop AiiDA plugins	**AiiDA** on the laptop
Experimental Scientist	*Doesn't know* Unix, bash, python	• run pre-defined workflows • analyze results	**AiiDA Lab** in the cloud
Student (tutorial/ lecture)	*some familiarity with* Unix, bash, python	• learn how to use AiiDA • learn how to use ab-initio codes • take materials home	**Quantum Mobile** on the laptop

Open data sharing: **Archive, Discover, Explore**

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Two-dimensional materials from high-throughput computational exfoliation of experimentally known compounds

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Description
Two-dimensional (2D) materials have emerged as promising candidates for next-generation electronic and optoelectronic applications. Yet, only a few dozens of 2D materials have been successfully synthesized or exfoliated. Here, we search for novel 2D materials that can be easily exfoliated from their parent compounds. Starting from 108423 unique, experimentally known three-dimensional compounds we identify a subset of 5619 that appear layered according to robust geometric and bonding criteria. High-throughput calculations using van-der-Waals density-functional theory, validated against experimental structural data and calculated random-phase-approximation binding energies, allow to identify 1825 compounds that are either easily or potentially exfoliable. In particular, the subset of 1036 easily exfoliable cases provides novel structural prototypes and simple ternary compounds as well as a large portfolio of materials to search from for optimal properties. For a subset of 258 compounds we explore vibrational, electronic, magnetic, and topological properties, identifying 56 ferromagnetic and antiferromagnetic systems, including half-metals and half-semiconductors. This archive entry contains the database of 2D materials (structural parameters, band structures, binding energies, etc.) together with the provenance of all data and calculations as stored by AiiDA.

Materials Cloud sections using this data
- Select 2d materials via interactive periodic table and view their properties (with links to provenance)
- Explore interface providing access to the full database

DOIs assigned

Direct links to Discover & Explore

FAIRsharing.org
re3data.org

+

Recommended data repository by Nature's journal *Scientific Data*

Open data sharing: **Archive, Discover, Explore**

DATA MANAGEMENT PLANS AND FAIR PRINCIPLES

- Combination of **AiiDA + Materials Cloud** (Discover, Explore, Archive): **FAIR-compliant sharing**

  - **Findable**: DOIs with standardized metadata

  - **Accessible**: web interface to browse data, calculations and provenance, curated data in Discover section

  - **Interoperable**: data linked via the AiiDA directed graph; data structures reusable between different codes

  - **Reusable**: downloadable data, encourage open (CC) licences, reproduce in the AiiDA Lab thanks to *full provenance*

- We provide DMP templates for researchers using Materials Cloud (and we are coordinating with EMMC for a EU H2020 template)

Below, we provide templates for data management plans using the Materials Cloud Archive (with and without AiiDA).

Funding Body	DMP template (using AiiDA)			DMP template (no AiiDA)		
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Summary

- **AiiDA**: the reproducibility and automation engine
  - Define turn-key workflows, automate them on supercomputers
  - Keep track of the provenance in the form of a graph
  - Share data, plugins and workflows
- **Materials Cloud**: the dissemination portal
  - **AiiDA Lab**: data generation platform, both on the cloud or locally (Quantum Mobile VM)
  - *Archive*: Findable long-term storage + *Discover* (curated data) + *Explore* (raw AiiDA data): FAIR sharing
  - Supports researchers in data management and DMPs

Open Science: not only *open data, codes and workflows*, but also ***straightforward access to them***

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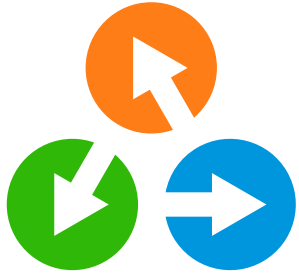
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