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Computational Materials Science Challenges

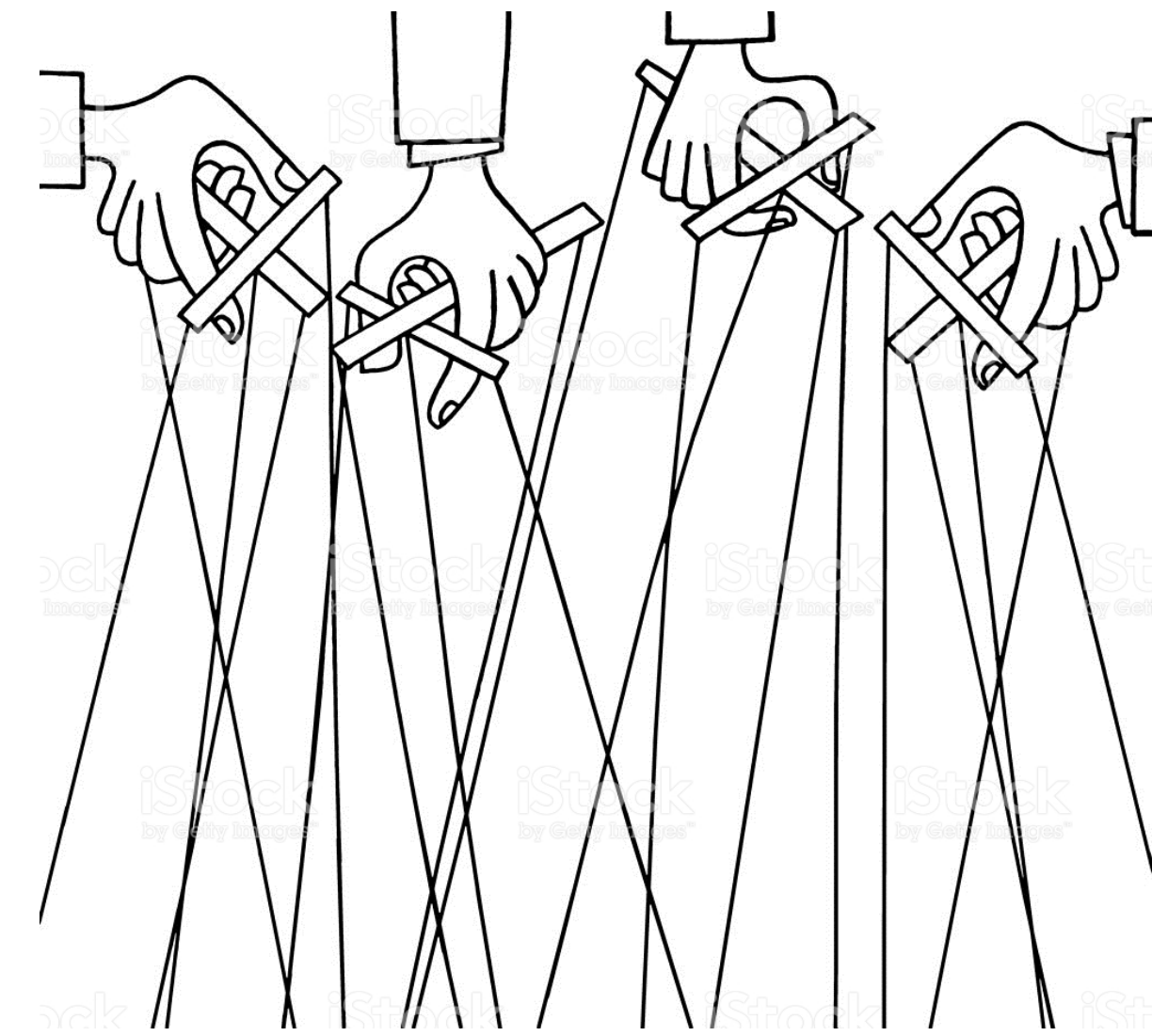
High-Throughput

Reproducibility

Open Data

Knowledge Transfer

- Organize large numbers of calculations
- Deal with corner cases (theory, code, infrastructure)
- Many strings to pull



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AiiDA

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- Keep track of what you calculate
- Keep track of how you did it
- *Within* a research group:
Can Alice reproduce what Bob computed 1 year ago?



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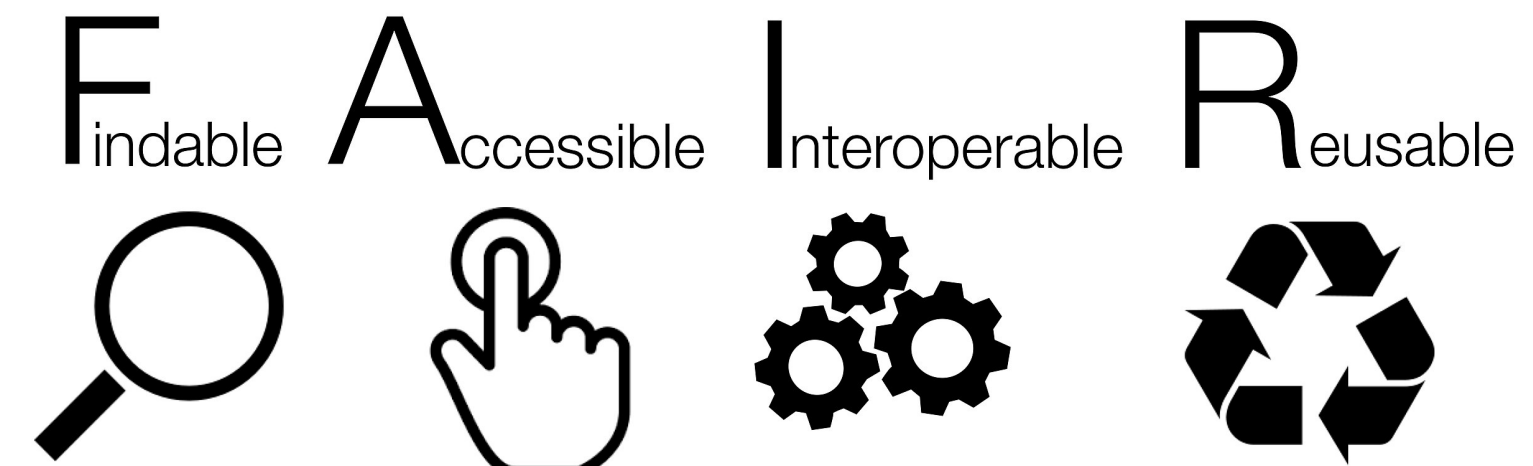
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- Open Data
 - ~~Supporting Information~~
 - ~~Just upload everything~~
 - FAIR data
- Making data FAIR is hard, can we make it easier?



Source: Wikipedia

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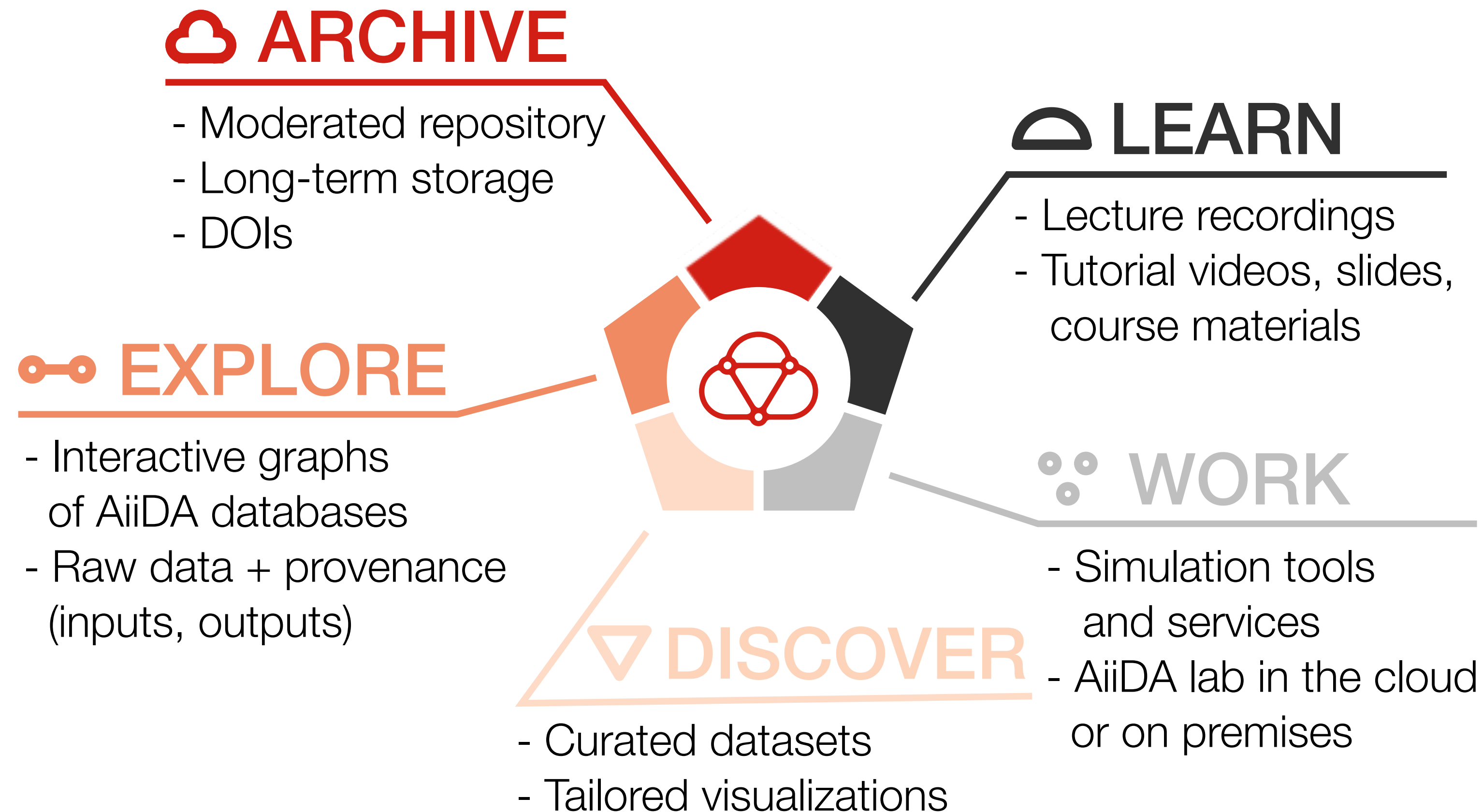
Knowledge Transfer

- Share a workflow for your code with a collaborator or company
- Share the environment needed to run the workflow
- Reduce email traffic by sharing access to live dashboards with simulation results



Source: quote.ucsd.edu

- **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*



Materials Cloud, a platform for open computational science

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Materials Cloud is a platform designed to enable open and seamless sharing of resources for computational science, driven by applications in materials modelling. It hosts 1) archival and dissemination services for raw and curated data, together with their provenance graph, 2) modelling services and virtual machines, 3) tools for data analytics, and pre-/post-processing, and 4) educational materials. Data is citable and archived persistently, providing a comprehensive embodiment of the FAIR principles that extends to computational workflows. Materials Cloud leverages the AiiDA framework to record the provenance of entire simulation pipelines (calculations performed, codes used, data generated) in the form of graphs that allow to retrace and reproduce any computed result. When an AiiDA database is shared on Materials Cloud, peers can browse the interconnected record of simulations, download individual files or the full database, and start their research from the results of the original authors. The infrastructure is agnostic to the specific simulation codes used and can support diverse applications in computational science that transcend its initial materials domain.

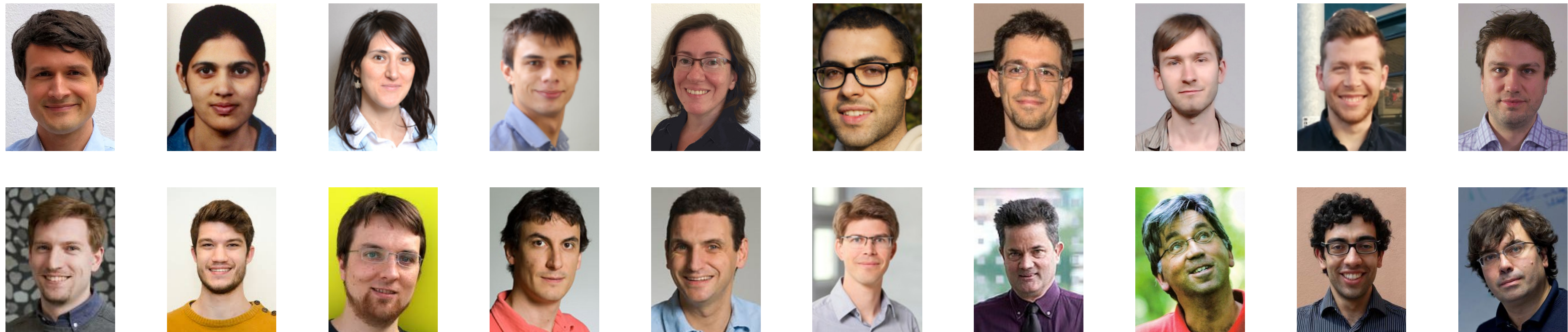
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ACM classes: J.2; I.6; H.4

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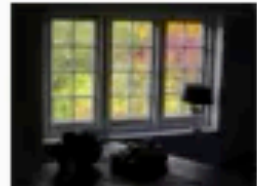
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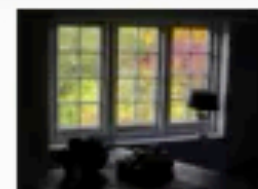
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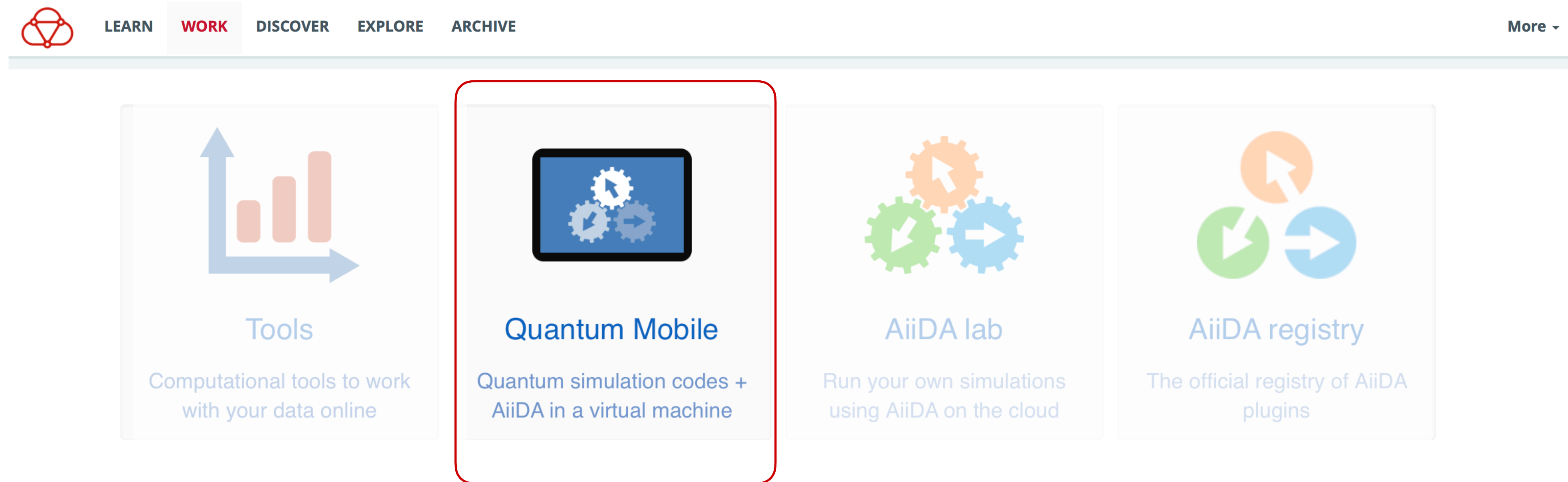
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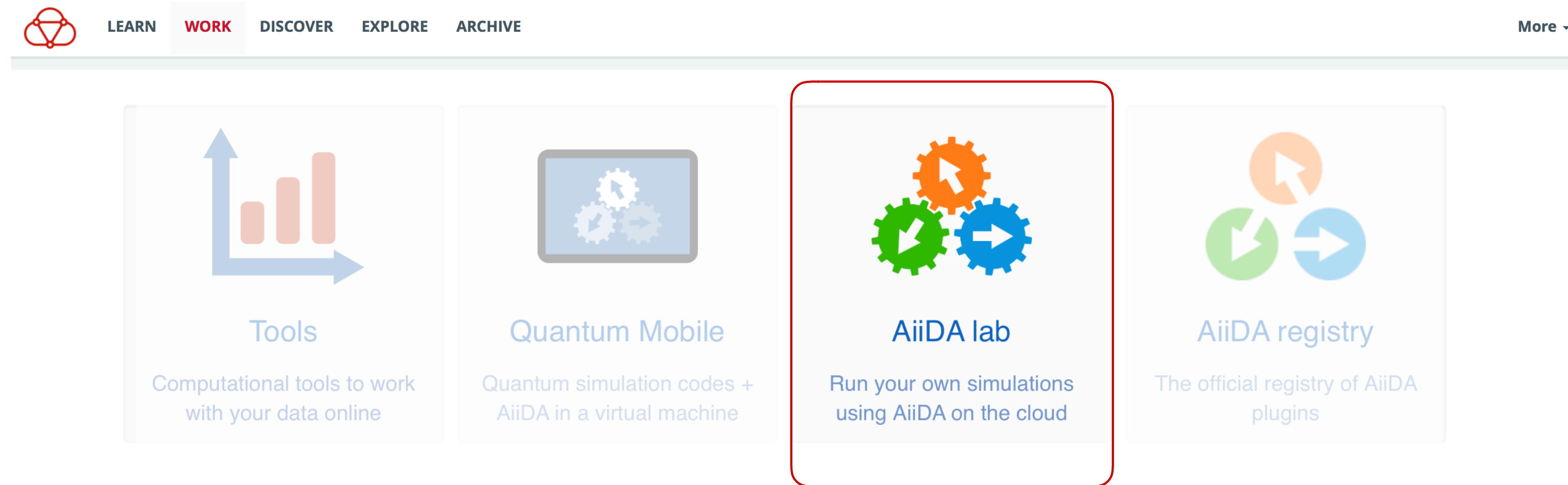
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Quantum Mobile

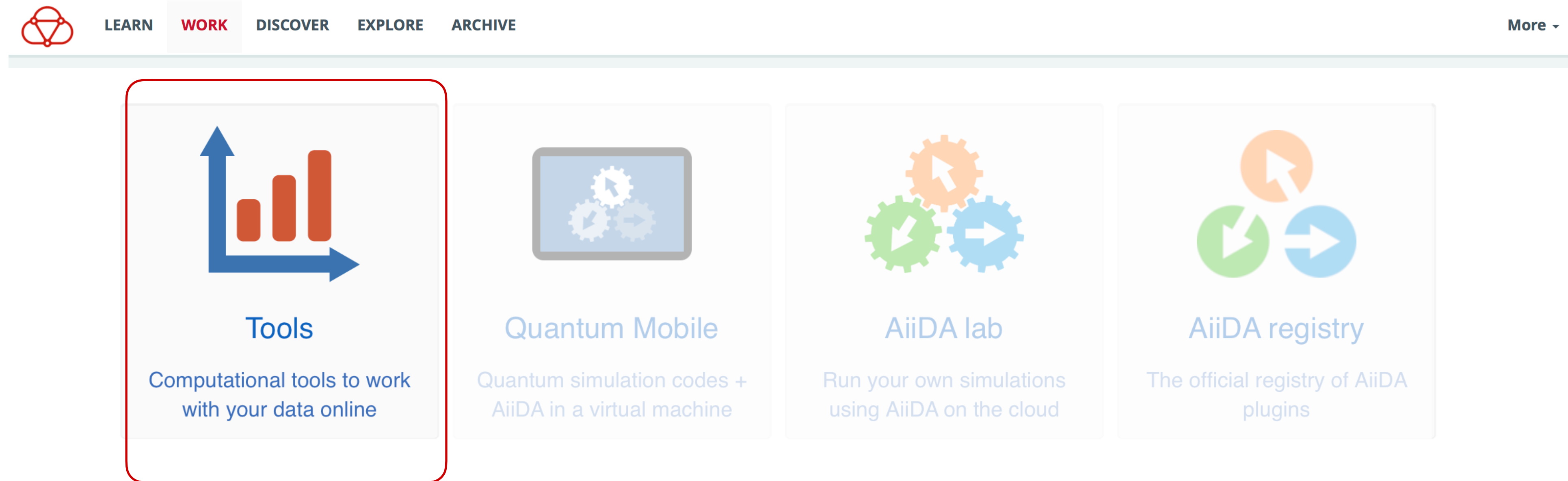
- **Downloadable VM** with preinstalled **AiiDA and codes** like QE, Yambo, Fleur, Siesta, CP2K, ...
- Also features a Cloud version on Amazon AWS, Google Compute Engine, Azure, ...
- Ideal for **education** (e.g., Cloud and Desktop versions used for this AiiDA virtual tutorial)



AiiDA Lab

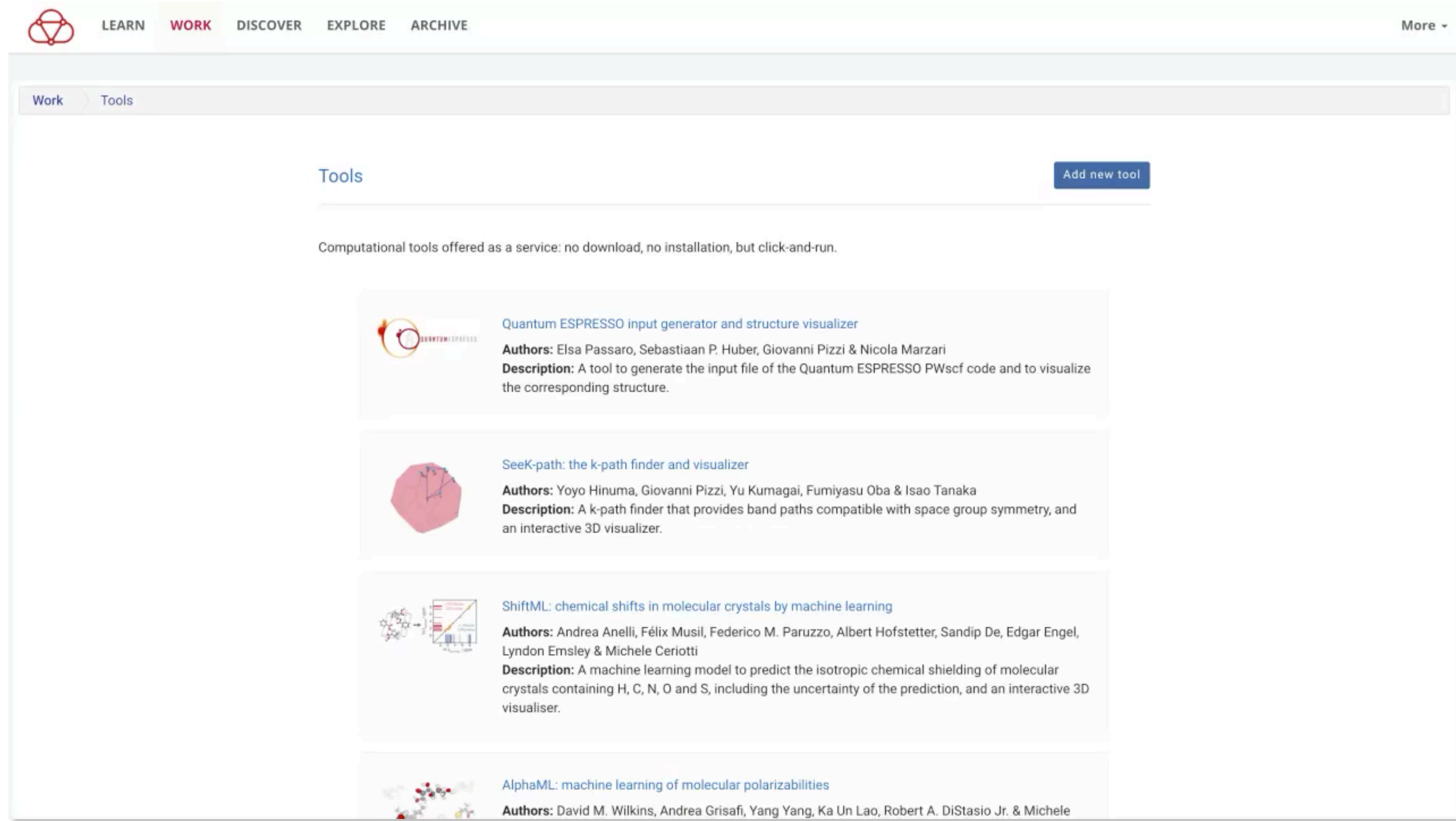
- Comes with a preconfigured AiiDA setup, **ideal interface for GUIs for easy turn-key workflows**
- Custom **appmode** extension to make notebooks look&feel like real web apps **knowing only python**
- Using JupyterHub + DockerSpawner or Kubernetes

See presentation on AiiDA lab by Aliaksandr Yakutovich



Tools

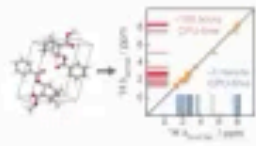
- Simple web-based applications that allow to run simulations within a few seconds ($\sim < 10\text{-}60$ sec)
- Useful to provide interactive visualisation and fast data processing on the web



The screenshot shows the EPFL WORK Tools website. The top navigation bar includes a logo and tabs for LEARN, WORK (highlighted), DISCOVER, EXPLORE, and ARCHIVE. A 'More' dropdown is on the right. Below the navigation bar, there's a sub-navigation bar with 'Work' and 'Tools' tabs. The main content area is titled 'Tools' and features a blue 'Add new tool' button. A descriptive text states: 'Computational tools offered as a service: no download, no installation, but click-and-run.' Below this, four tool cards are displayed:

- Quantum ESPRESSO input generator and structure visualizer**
Authors: Elsa Passaro, Sebastiaan P. Huber, Giovanni Pizzi & Nicola Marzari
Description: A tool to generate the input file of the Quantum ESPRESSO PWscf code and to visualize the corresponding structure.
- SeeK-path: the k-path finder and visualizer**
Authors: Yoyo Hinuma, Giovanni Pizzi, Yu Kumagai, Fumiyasu Oba & Isao Tanaka
Description: A k-path finder that provides band paths compatible with space group symmetry, and an interactive 3D visualizer.
- ShiftML: chemical shifts in molecular crystals by machine learning**
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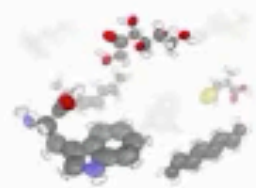
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Interactive phonon visualizer

Authors: Snehal Kumbhar, Giovanni Pizzi, Thibault Sohier & Henrique Miranda

Description: A tool for the interactive visualization and inspection of lattice vibrations.



Synthesis condition finder DOI: [10.5281/zenodo.1312814](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.1312814)

Authors: Seyed Mohamad Moosavi, Leopold Talirz, Berend Smit

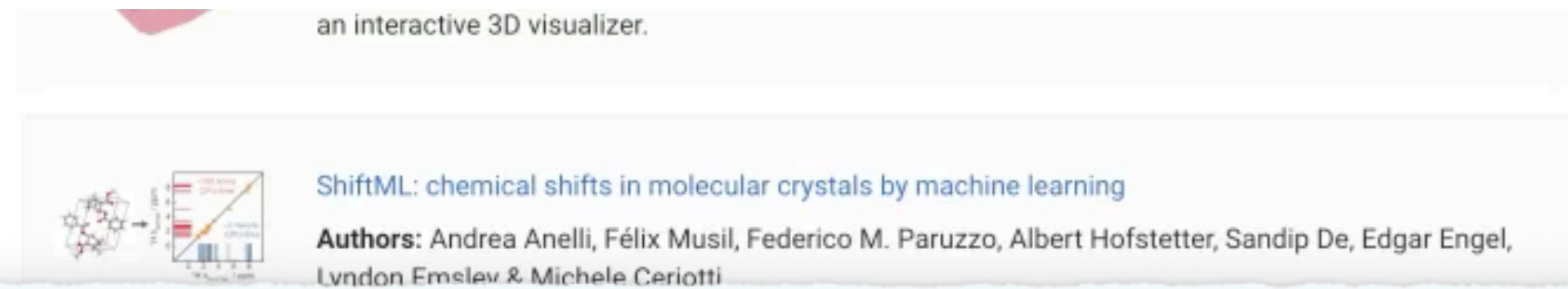
Description: A tool for optimizing the experimental synthesis conditions for metal-organic frameworks using machine learning and genetic algorithms.

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Environment finder



What you can do

Run your own simulations
(on your computer or on the cloud:
AiiDA lab, Quantum Mobile)

Access pre-processing, post-
processing and visualisation *Tools*

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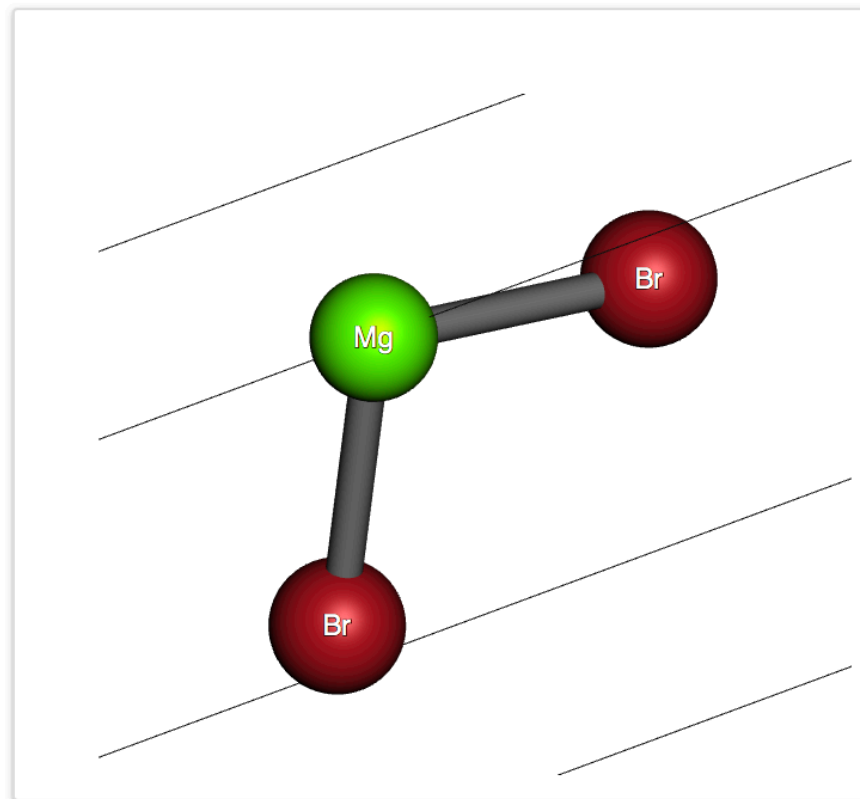
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Compound: MgBr_2 

Info and properties

[See definitions...](#)Formula: MgBr_2 Spacegroup: $P-3m1$ Pointgroup: $-3m$ Prototype: CdI_2

Band gap [eV]: 4.8

Magnetic properties:

Magnetic State: non-magnetic

Tot. Magnetization [$\mu\text{B}/\text{cell}$]: -Abs. Magnetization [$\mu\text{B}/\text{cell}$]: -

Binding Energies:

DF2-C09 Binding energy [$\text{meV}/\text{\AA}^2$]: 10.2

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rVV10 Binding energy [$\text{meV}/\text{\AA}^2$]: 15.3

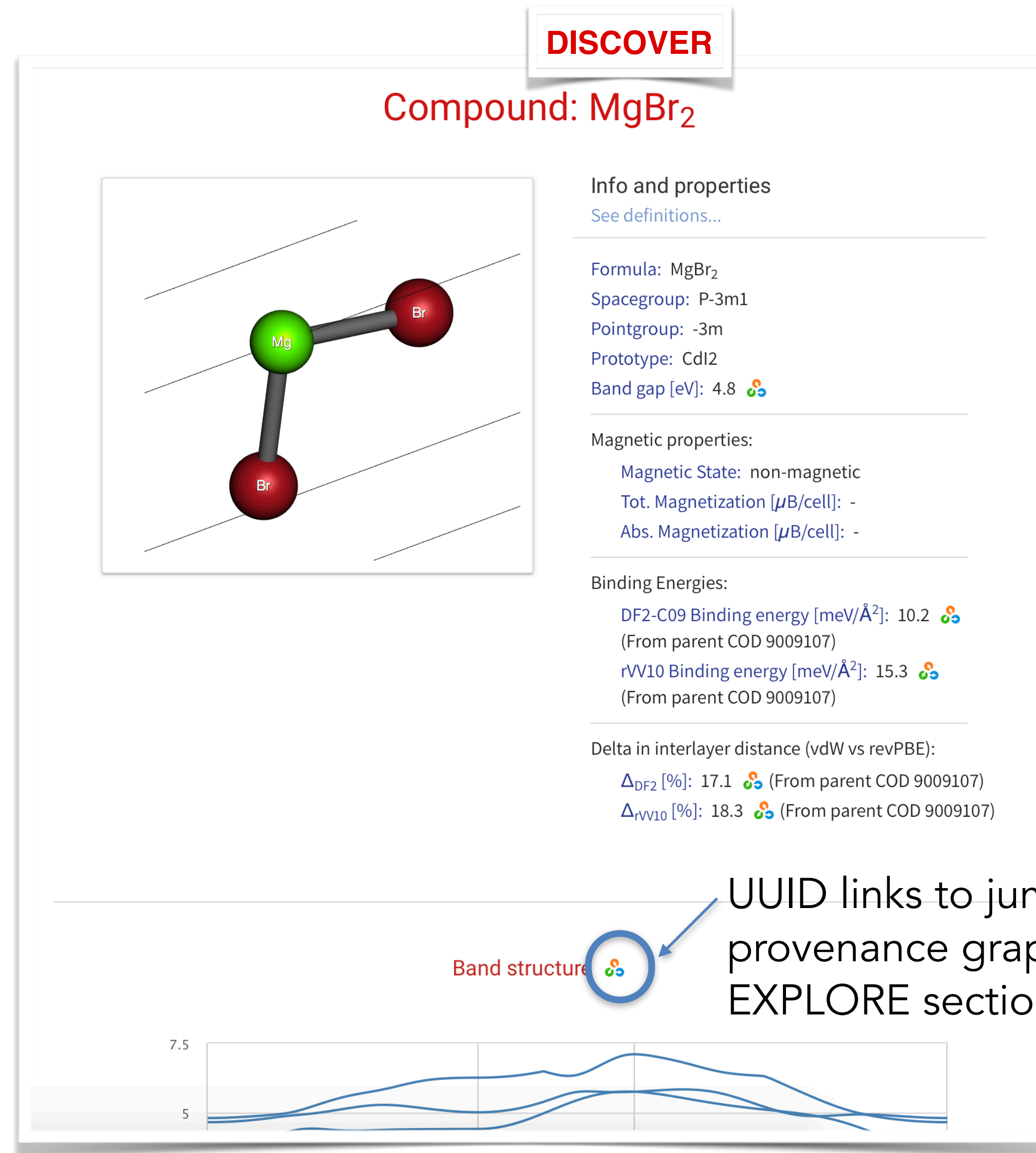
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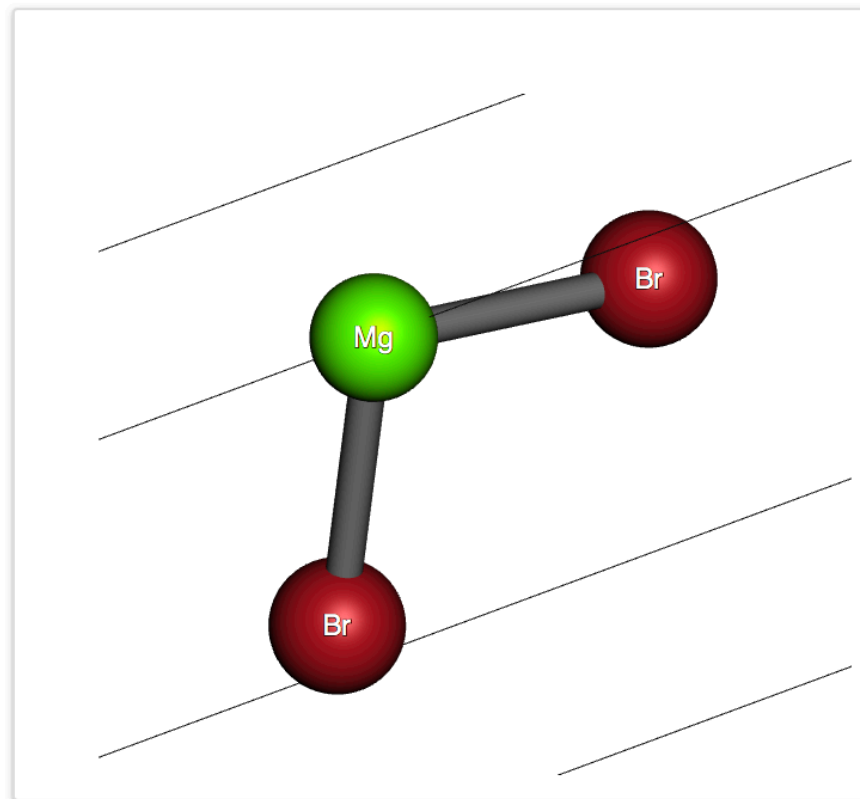
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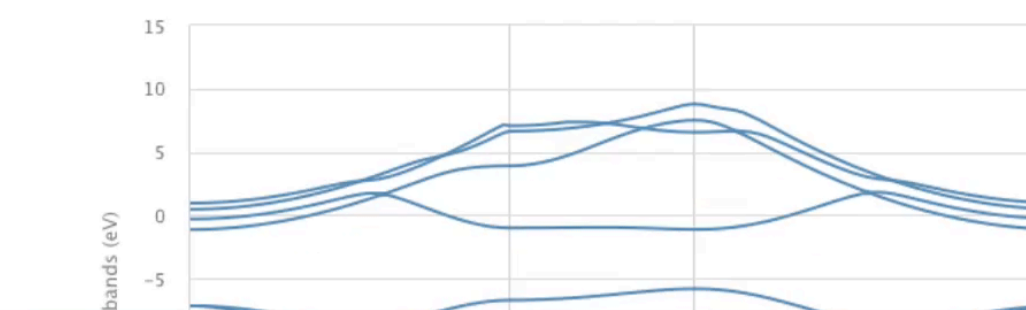
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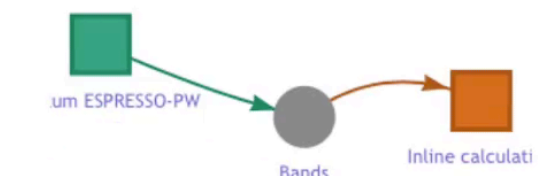
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AiiDA Provenance Browser

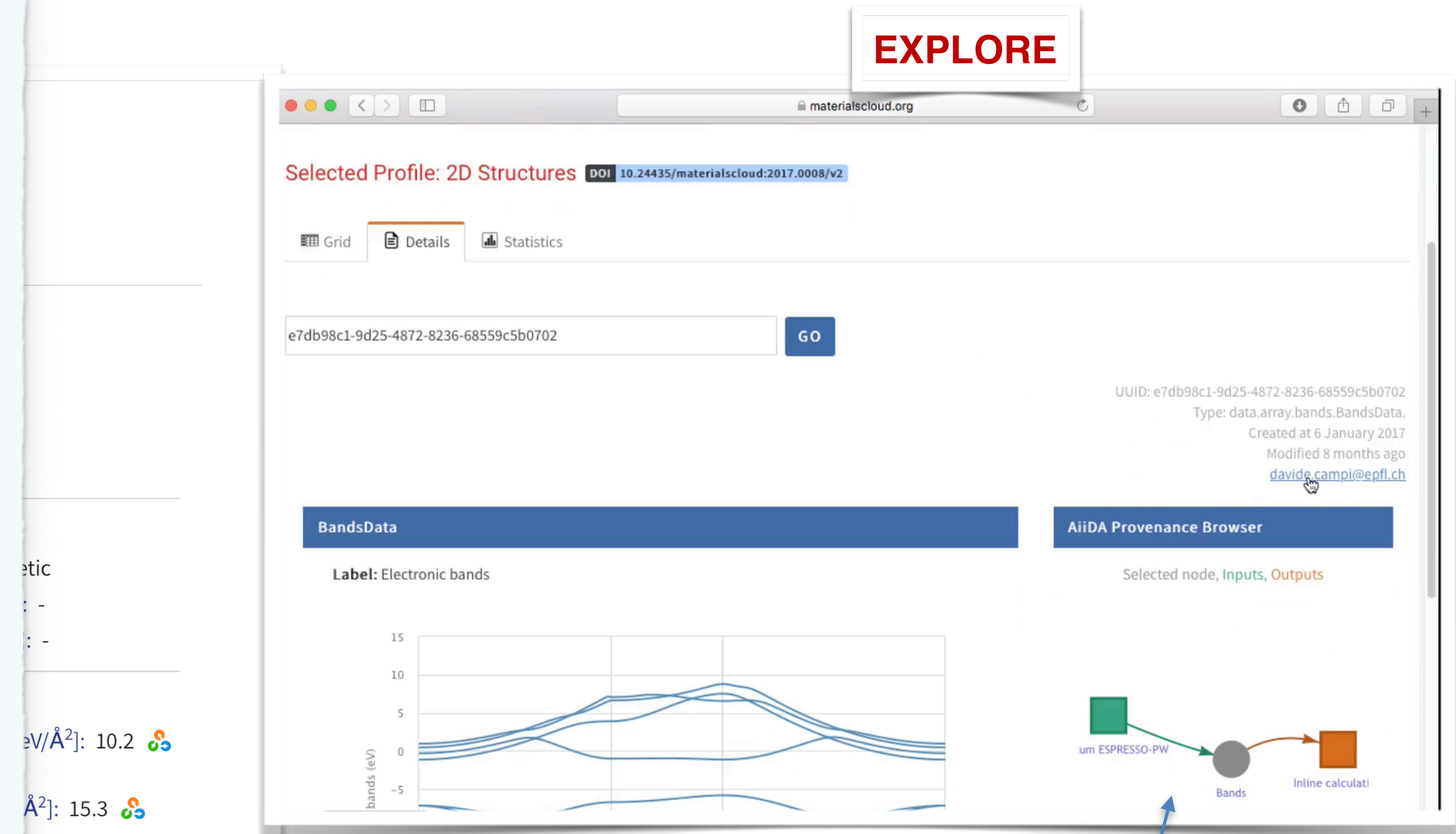
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Further SNF guidelines on DMPs can be found [here](#).

Please adapt the template to your project!

1. Data collection and documentation

1.1 What data will you collect, observe, generate or reuse?

Briefly describe the data you will collect, observe or generate. Also mention any existing data that will be (re)used. The descriptions should include the type, format and content of each dataset. Furthermore, provide an estimation of the volume of the generated data sets. (This relates to the FAIR Data Principles F2, I3, R1 & R1.2.)

The *ab initio* calculations performed in this project are expected to generate large volumes of data, most of it is in the form of intermediate binary files, which can be straightforwardly regenerated from the original inputs.

In this project, calculations will be performed through the *Automated Interactive Infrastructure and Database for Computational Science* (AiiDA), a python framework for high throughput calculations and provenance tracking (www.aiida.net). AiiDA automatically stores all information required to reproduce the result of each calculation. On the output side, AiiDA is designed to strike a balance between the cost of storage and the cost of recomputing a piece of data. For example, by default, total energies, electronic band structures and log files are stored, while Kohn-Sham wave functions and charge densities are not.

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Explain how the data will be collected, observed or generated. Describe how you plan to control and document the consistency and quality of the collected data: calibration processes, repeated measurements, data recording standards, usage of controlled vocabularies, data entry validation, data peer review, etc. Discuss how the data management will be handled during the project, mentioning for example naming conventions, version control and folder structures. (This relates to the FAIR Data Principle R1.)

Before submitting a calculation through AiiDA, all inputs (+ metadata, see 1.3) are automatically stored in a local database. AiiDA then transmits the necessary information to the target computer, which can be a remote supercomputer, a local cluster or the workstation of the researcher. AiiDA adds the calculation to the computer's job queue, monitors the status, and retrieves the results once the calculation is finished.

In this model, all data is generated on the target computer, while only the data intended for preservation is transferred back to the workstation of the researcher.

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1.3 What documentation and metadata will you provide with the data?

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A: *Everyone*: 5GB regular, 50GB AiiDA.

Sponsor & partner projects: for larger data sets just contact us

- **Q: How long will it be stored?**

A: Guaranteed at least 10 years after submission.

- **Q: Can I update the content of my record?**

A: Yes, but only references & keyword (otherwise: create new version)

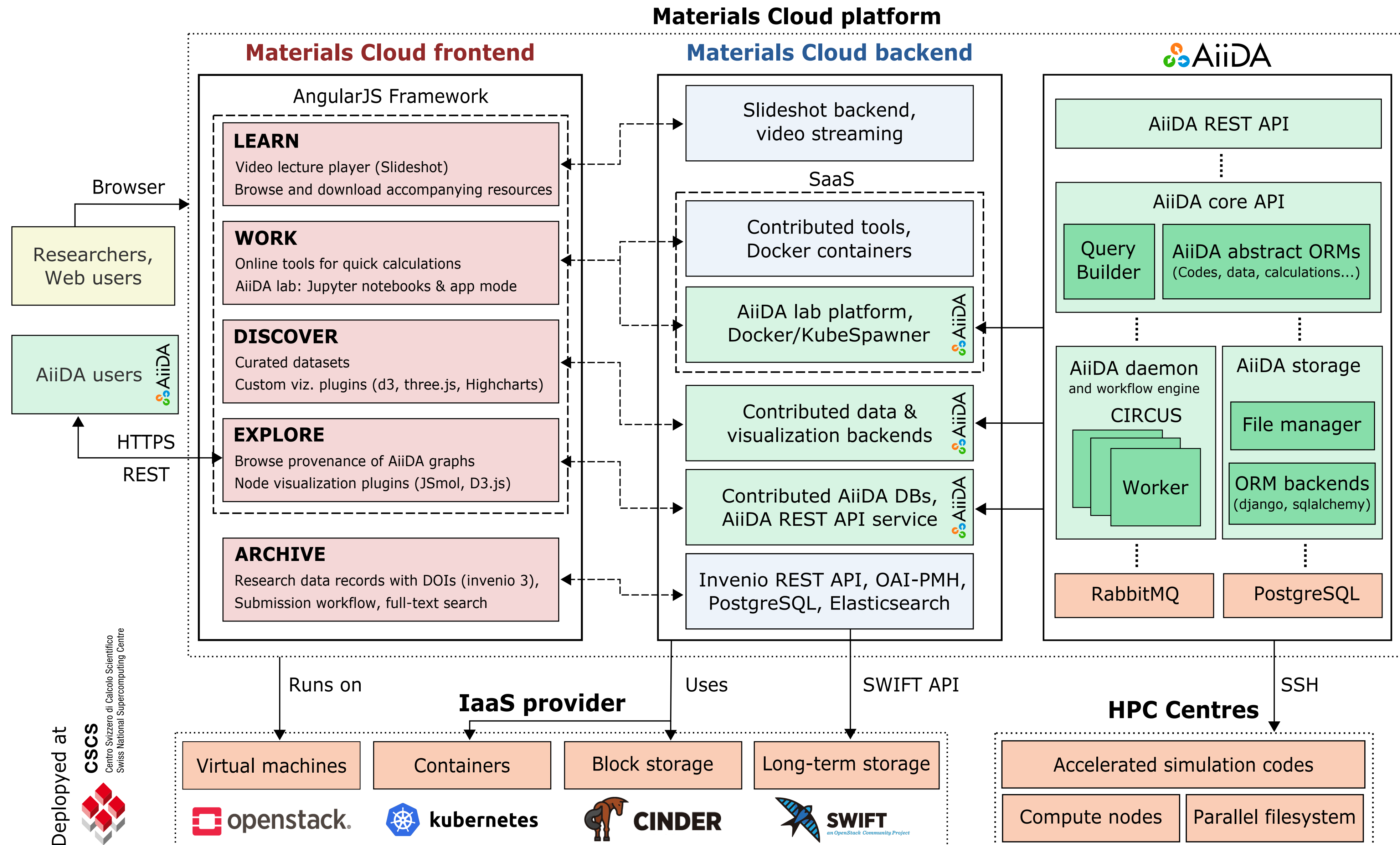
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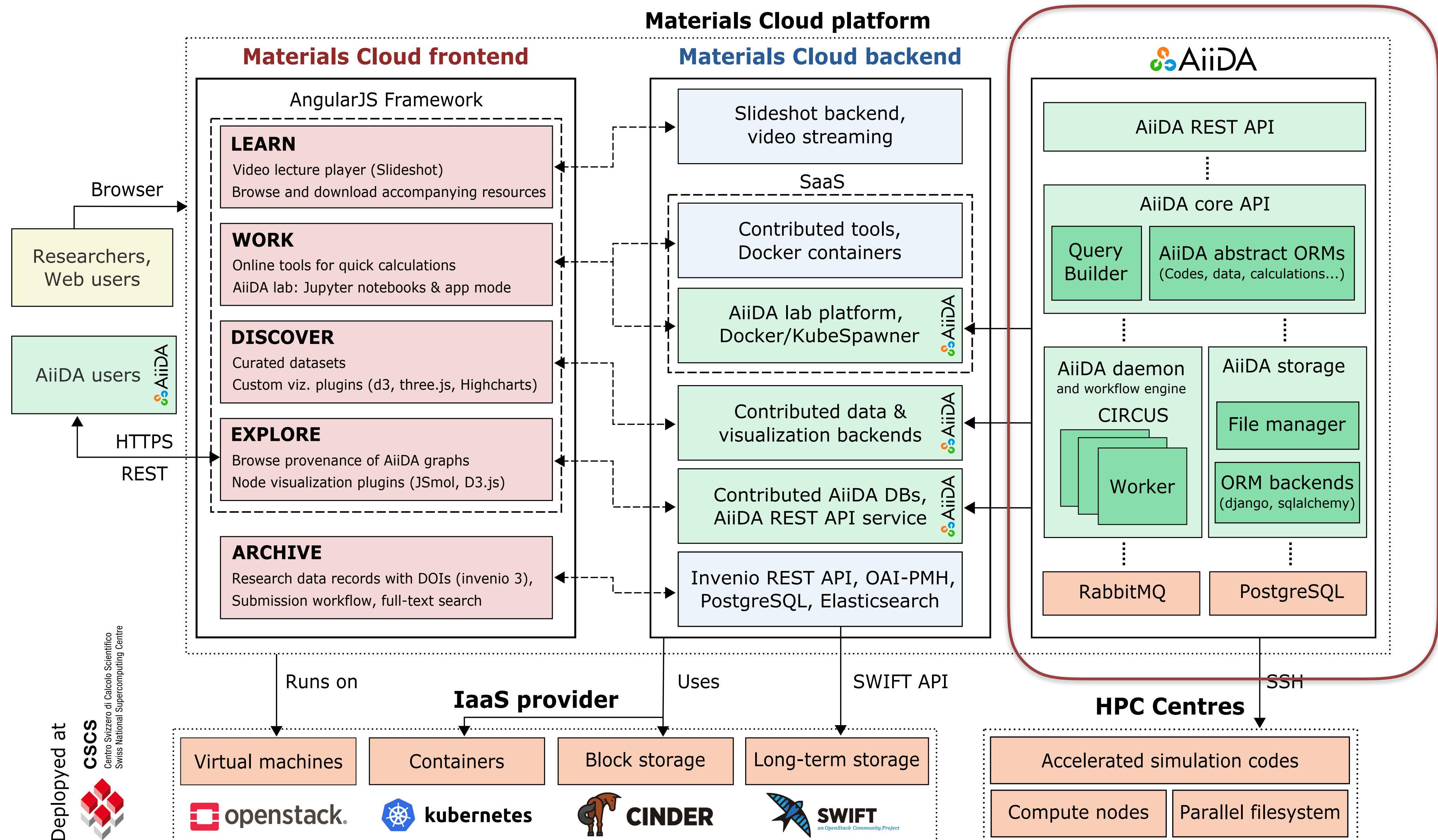
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A: Yes. It will resolve after (moderation and) publication

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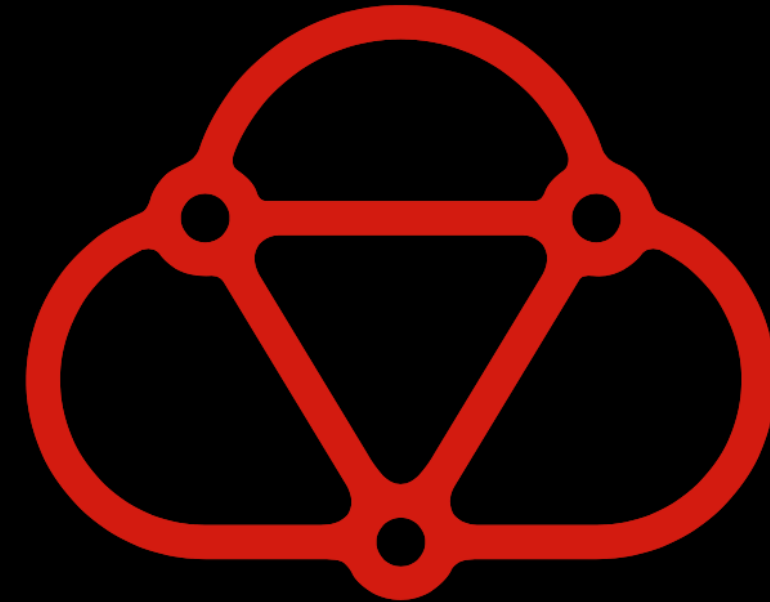


- **Automate and streamline creation of tools/discover contributed sections**
 - Identify suitable technology (or technologies) for app development (tools-barebone, jupyter+voila, plotly dash, bokeh panel, ...)
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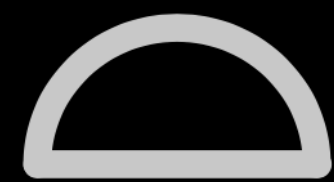


- **SNSF MARVEL NCCR** (I: 2014-18, II: 2018-22, EPFL Lead house) for the Open Science Platform
- **H2020 MaX Centre of Excellence** (I: 2015-18, II: 2018-21) for convergence of HPC, HTC and HPDA via AiiDA
- **H2020 MarketPlace** (2018-22, EPFL co-PI) for providing materials simulation services and data
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- Private collaboration with a **major European company** (2019-2020) for AiiDA-powered materials discovery for Li-ion batteries
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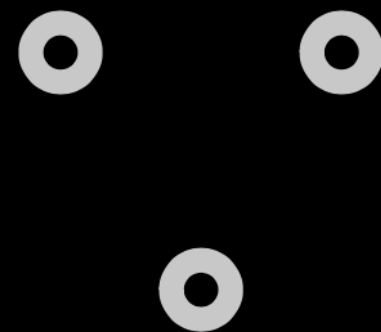
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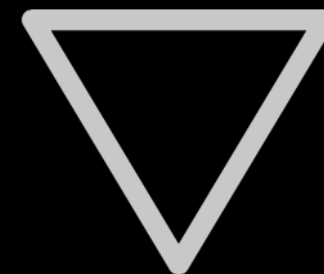
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