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# Perspectives in Materials Science



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Advancing  
Big-Data Driven Materials Science  
(The 4<sup>th</sup> Paradigm of Materials Research)  
Improving the quality of life.





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NOVEL MATERIALS DISCOVERY

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Metals

the **infrastructure** needed to carry out  
the work efficiently and reliably

Super  
conductors

Consider as many compounds as possible, typically  $O(10^3) - O(10^5)$

Sharing  
Advances Science

Needs for a FAIR,  
Efficient Research-  
Data Infrastructure



Recycle the “waste”!  
Enable re-purposing.



$O(10^1)$  compounds selected

Animation by G. M. Rignanese



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**F**indable **A**ccessible **I**nteroperable **R**eusable

M. D. Wilkinson et al., Scientific Data 3, 160018 (2016)



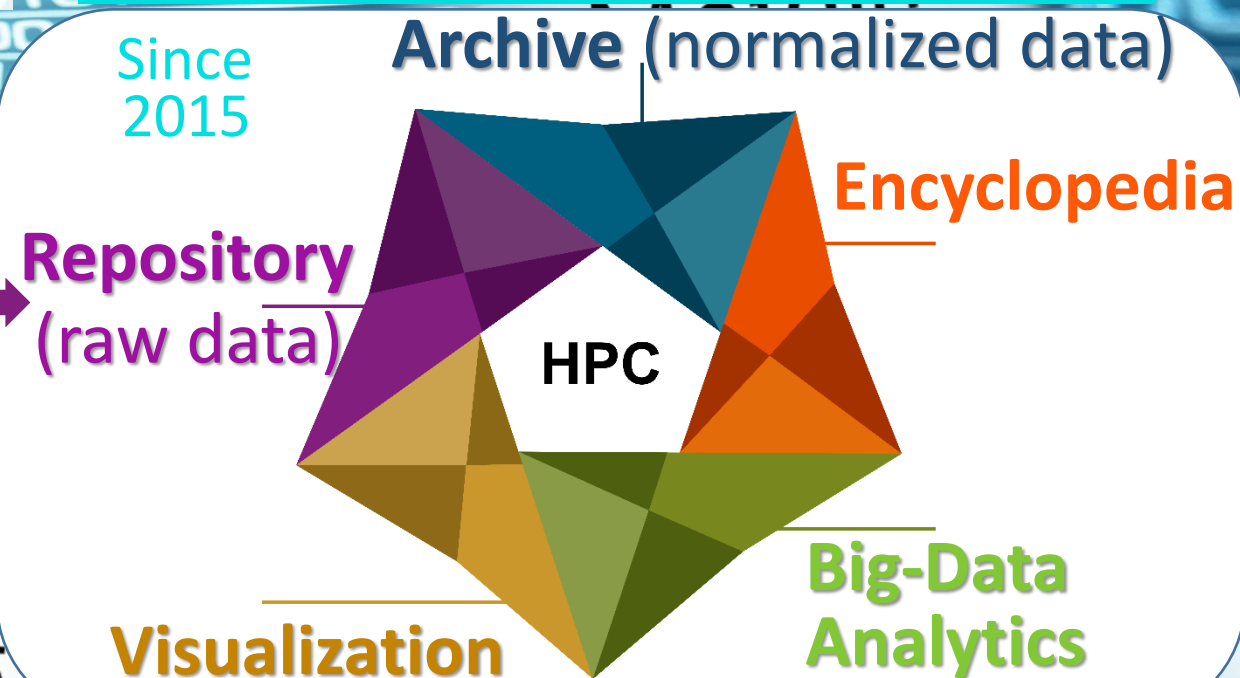
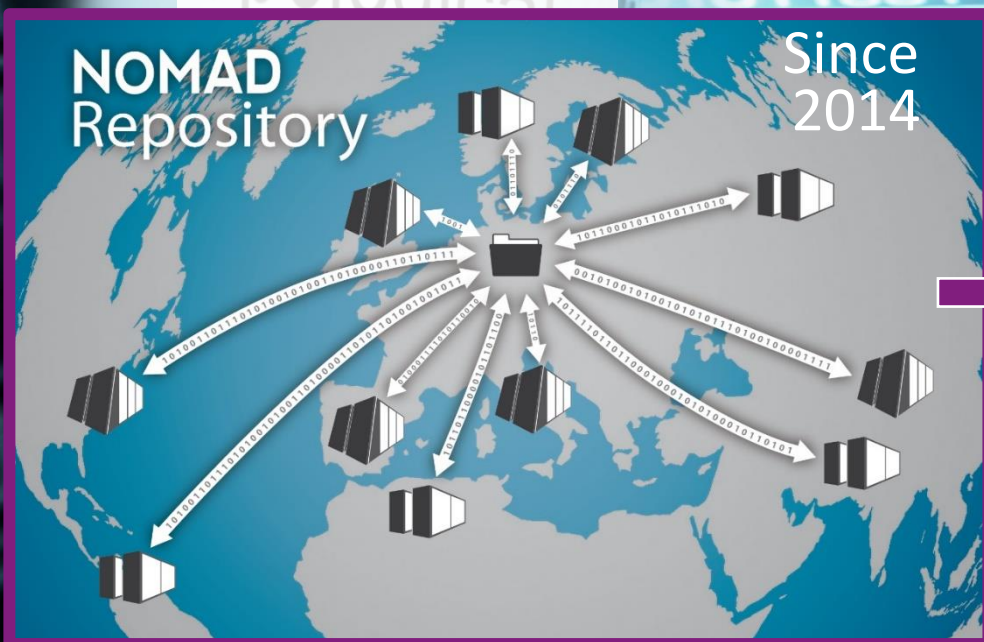
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Requests the full input and output files

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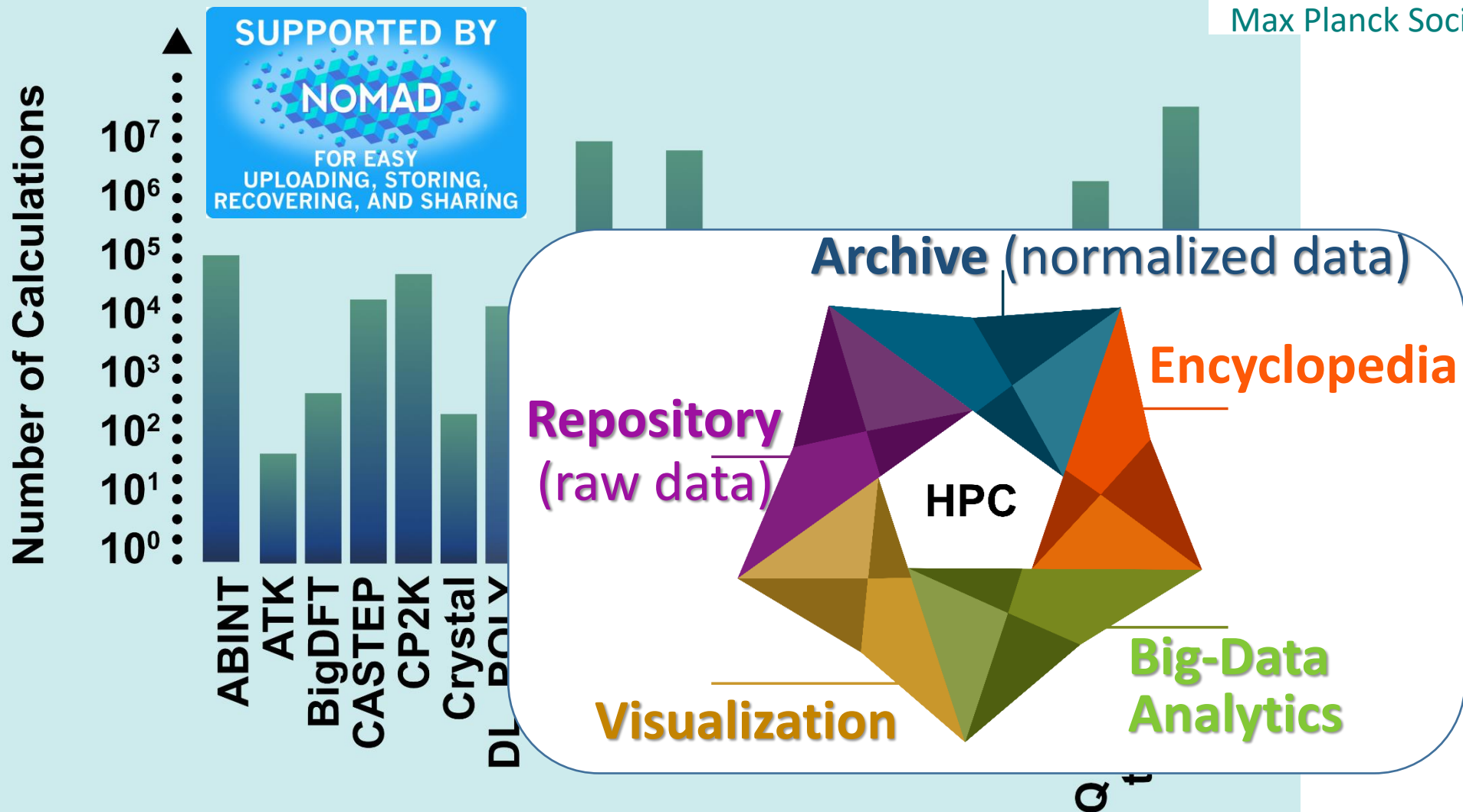


# The NOMAD Repository >100 Mio. DFT Calculations



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- smart **knowledge extraction** from large and complex data sets
- smart methods of **knowledge representation and combination**



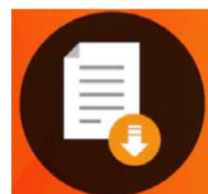
## Adaptivity in science and data analysis

## Building a “map of materials properties” from data, without a scientific model

question

hypothesis  
scientific model

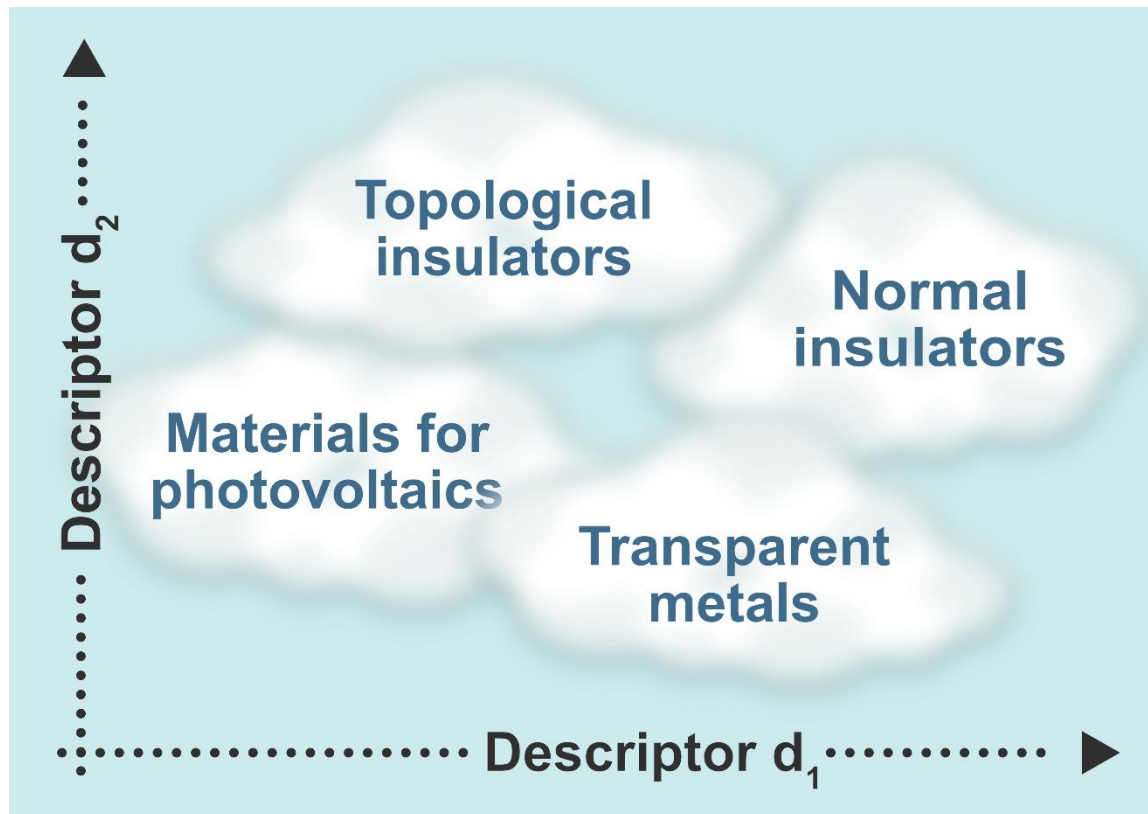
scientists



data

results

Feedback loop defeats  
all available statisticsDescriptor  $d_2$  ..... ▲Topological  
insulatorsNormal  
insulatorsMaterials for  
photovoltaicsTransparent  
metals..... Descriptor  $d_1$  ..... ►



The science is in the determination (and understanding) of the descriptors. How to find them by statistical learning?

**“Invert” the big-data problem:**

Construct **billions** of *possible* descriptors and evaluate their values for ***N* materials**.

Find the strongest correlations of these ***N* billion data points** with computed (or experimental) results (properties) of the ***N* studied materials**. – *Sure Independent Screening and Sparsifying Operator (SISSO)* by Ouyang, Ghiringhelli et al. (2018).

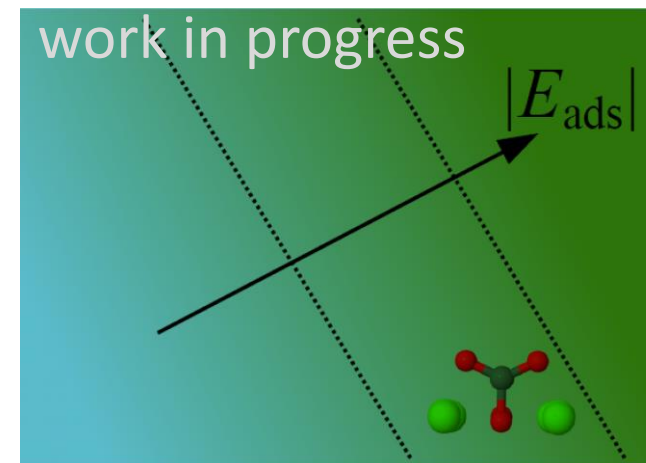
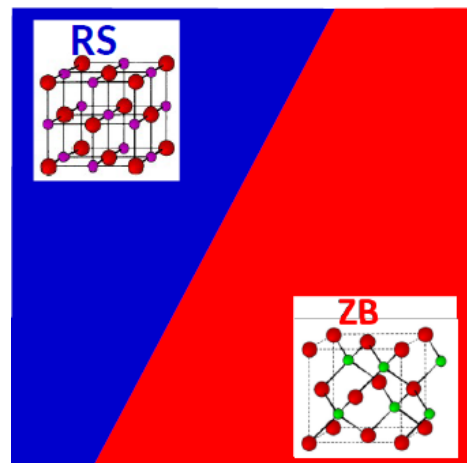


# Building Maps of Materials

(Role Models: Periodic Table, Ashby Plots)

## Crystal-structure prediction

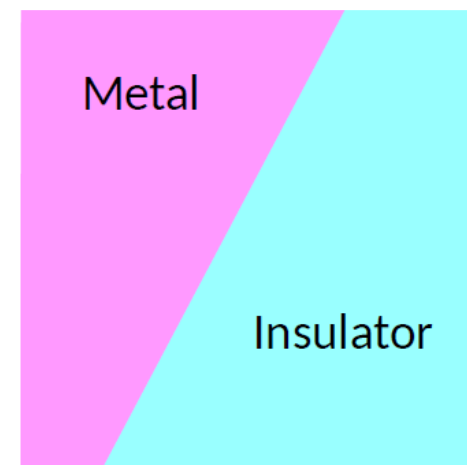
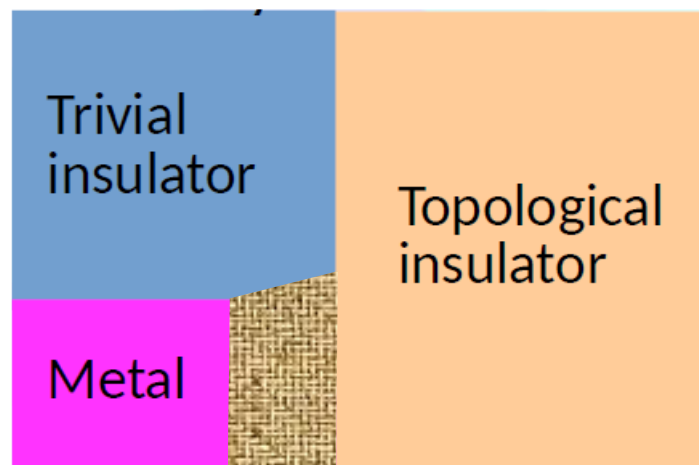
- Octet binaries (ZB vs. RS)
- $\text{Al}_x\text{Ga}_y\text{In}_z\text{O}_3$  ( $x+y+z=2$ )
- Perovskites (Goldschmidt tolerance factor)



Activation of  $\text{CO}_2$  at metal oxides and carbides

## Property classification:

- Topological insulators



## Property classification:

- Metal vs. insulator

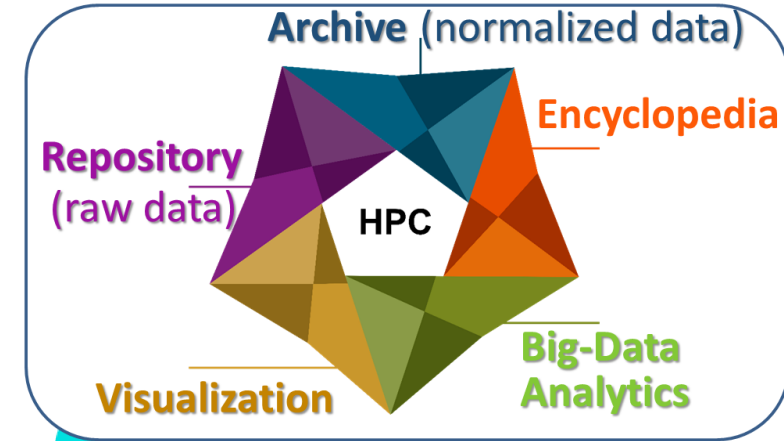
# The Materials-Science Challenge Is Different to That of Standard Machine Learning



The **infrastructure** needed to carry out the work efficiently and reliably



Smart **knowledge extraction** from large and complex data sets



Smart methods of **knowledge representation and combination**





# Next Steps



FAIR Data Infrastructure  
for Physics, Chemistry,  
Materials Science,  
and Astronomy e.V.

<https://www.fair-di.eu>

For a **F**ederated, **AI**–**R**eady DI

Video Conference on a  
**FAIR Data Infrastructure for  
Materials Genomics**  
(3-5 June, 2020)  
A fantastic line-up of speakers

## We need

- a federated system for data, as data are getting too large for been transported
- new (different) AI tools: domain specific AI; outlier detection, local vs. global models; bring codes to (federated/distributed) data
- “complete” characterization of the measurement conditions by metadata (basis for reproducibility)
- to avoid (much) more load on the researcher (make metadata assignment and data standards automatic)
- IT and practical AI specialists