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From the NOMAD (Novel Materials Discovery) Center of Excellence (CoE) to a nonprofit sustainable association:  
**FAIR Data Infrastructure for Physics, Chemistry, Materials Science, and Astronomy e.V. (eingetragener Verein)**  
-- in the course of formation --



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### "NOMAD CoE, FAIR-DI e.V., and a German Research-Data Infrastructure"

Germany is preparing a "Research-Data Infrastructure (NFDI); [https://www.dfg.de/en/research\\_funding/programmes/nfdi/index.html](https://www.dfg.de/en/research_funding/programmes/nfdi/index.html)" supported by a billion Euro over the next 10 years. The goals are somewhat similar to those of the NOMAD CoE and the FAIR-DI association/e.V. (<https://fairdi.eu>).

Specifically, we like to install a Consortium on "FAIR data infrastructure for materials science and related research topics". Funding will start in late fall next year and the application/preparation process is unusual and interesting. We should discuss our goals and how this NFDI may change science.

Coffee Talk [Monday 20th] 2019



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## NFDI -- National Research Data Infrastructure

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**NFDI Conference May 13-14, 2019:**

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### **NFDI Conference May 13-14, 2019:**

57 candidate consortia explained their goals. About 8 may be funded in the first round. We hope that FAIRmat will be one of them.



# FAIRmat

**FAIR** data infrastructures for materials science and related research topics



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Importance of the topic and my workload are significant.

From now on, and for the next ca. 2 years, my funding for students and postdocs will be mostly for the FAIRmat area (plus FHI-aims, electrical conductivity, GraFOx, ...).

# FAIRmat

**FAIR** data infrastructures for materials science and related research topics



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## 1. What consortia and NFDI as a whole should achieve

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Comprehensive research data management and increased efficiency throughout the scientific system</li> <li>▪ Linking of research-oriented data services, improving interoperability</li> <li>▪ Accepted, standardised processes and procedures in line with methodological requirements of (very) different disciplines</li> <li>▪ A common voice for data concerns in the science-policy arena</li> </ul> | <p><b>But not</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Merely accumulate „Data“</li> <li>▪ Collect local solutions (or repositories) waiting for future users</li> <li>▪ <b>One-size-fits-all</b></li> <li>▪ Overly strict reglementation („juridification“)</li> </ul> |
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## The “executive team”



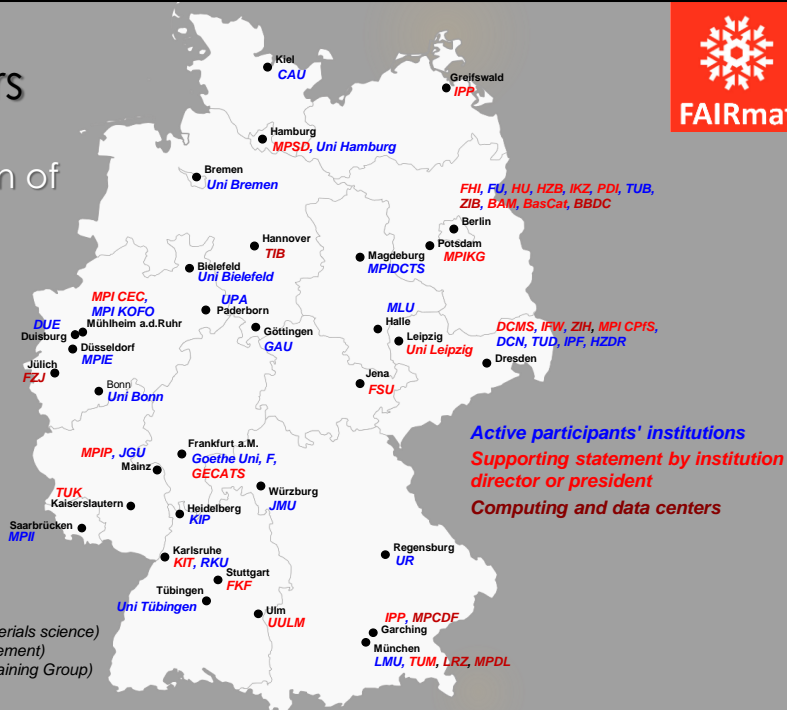
Claudia Draxl, Matthias Scheffler, Carsten Baldauf, Mark Greiner, etc.



## FAIRmat members



- ▶ Synergistic interaction of
- a wide community
- universities
- research institutions
- research organizations
- computing and
- data centres



### Cross-regional organizations and activities

FAIR-DI e.V.

Sektion kondensierte Materie der DPG

BiGmax (Max Planck Research Network on big-data driven materials science)

FDMentor (Cooperative BMBF project on research data management)

Quantum Mechanical Materials Modelling (DFG Research Training Group)

## Materials – enormous diversity and impact



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Flexibel, ultra-thin  
Nontoxic, sustainable



Light-weight & ductile  
Heat-resistant



Biocompatible



Hard & tough



High quantum yield  
Energy-saving  
Desired color



## Materials science – an omnipresent topic



- ▶ Owing to its economic and societal impact  
Recall the **Materials Genome Initiative for Global Competitiveness** by the White House, 2011
- ▶ Reflected in large communities, their research societies, and corresponding conferences  
**Materials Research Society / MRS Fall Meeting: 6,650 (2018)**  
**American Physical Society / APS March Meeting: >11,000 (2019)**  
**German Physical Society / DPG Spring Meeting: ~6,000 people**

## Data-infrastructure challenges



- ▶ How to describe materials and their data?  
**(Meta)data, workflows, ontologies**
- ▶ Processing, storage, (preparation for) re-usage  
**The 4 V's of big data – Volume, Variety, Velocity, Veracity**

## FAIRmat principles



- ▶ ... a *user-driven and non-bureaucratic approach to develop tools and infrastructures towards FAIR data processing, storage, curation, sharing, and future use of materials data.*

### **Bottom up!**

Acceptance by the community

**Make data ready for re-purposing and for AI tools**

## FAIRmat structure



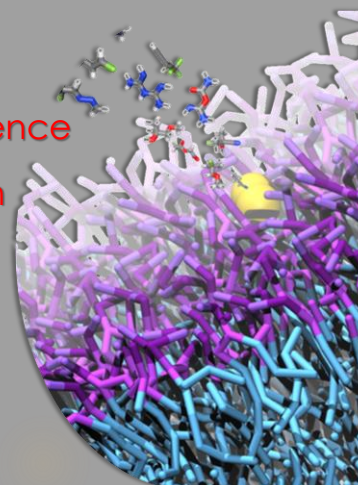
- ▶ Materials science and related topics

### **Computation**

- *Ab initio* calculations
- Classical simulations
- Excitations
- *and more*

Starting from our extensive experience

Extending existing infrastructures in terms of various methodologies, including multi-scale approaches



## Extensive sharing of scientific data



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- ▶ Data are **FAIR**
- ▶ Keeps data for at least 10 years
- ▶ Open access (embargo possible)
- ▶ Provides DOIs

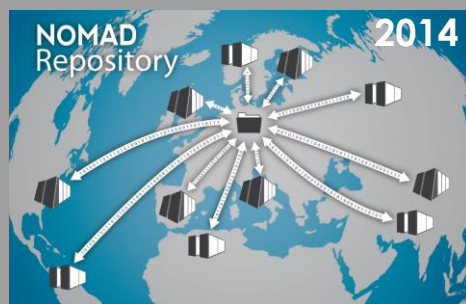
Largest comp. materials  
data collection **worldwide**

- ▶ Now part of FAIR-DI  
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NOMAD is an Implementation Network at



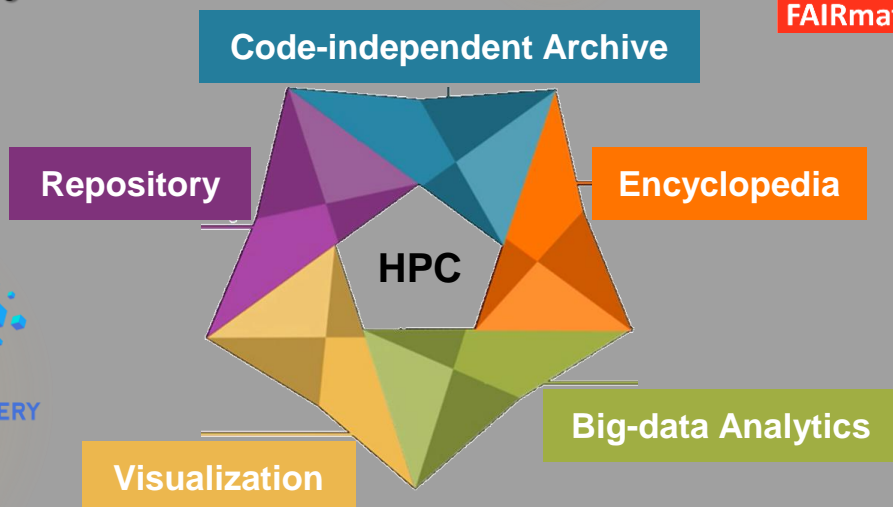
<https://www.go-fair.org/>, an international  
approach for the practical implementation of  
the European Open Science Cloud (EOSC).



## Data services



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- ▶ From raw data to artificial intelligence

## FAIRmat structure



### ► Materials science and related topics

#### Computation

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- Classical simulations
- Excitations
- *and more*

#### Experiment

- Electron microscopy
- Photoemission
- X-ray spectroscopy
- *and more*

#### Synthesis

- From melt
- From solution
- From gas phase
- *and more*

#### Functional materials

- Heterogeneous catalysis
- Batteries
- Opto-electronics
- *and more*

### Digital infrastructure

## Selected NOMAD/FAIR-DI publications



- *Towards Efficient Data Exchange and sharing for Big-Data Driven Materials Science: Metadata and Data Formats*  
L.M. Ghiringhelli, et al., npj Comput. Mater. 3, 46 (2017).
- *NOMAD: The FAIR Concept for Big-Data-Driven Materials Science*  
C. Draxl and M. Scheffler, Invited Review for Materials Research Society Bulletin (2018).
- *FAIR practices in Europe*  
M. Lautenschlager, H. Thiemann, C. Baldauf, P. Trilsbeek, and P. Wittenburg, Data Intelligence (2019).
- *Big-Data-Driven Materials Science and its FAIR Data Infrastructure*  
C. Draxl and M. Scheffler, Invited Perspective in Handbook of Materials Modeling, Springer (2019).

## Embedded in community: conferences



- ▶ Big Data of Materials Science - Critical Next Steps  
Lausanne, Switzerland, Nov. 30 – Dec. 4, 2015
- ▶ Towards a Common Format for Computational Materials Science Data  
Lausanne, Switzerland, Jan. 25 – Feb. 4, 2016
- ▶ Open Databases Integration for Materials Design  
Lausanne, Switzerland, Jun. 11-14, 2019
- ▶ Shared metadata and data formats for big-data driven materials science: A NOMAD - FAIR-DI workshop  
Berlin Adlershof, Germany, Jul. 8 - 12, 2019

Thank you!!  
<https://fairdi.eu/fairmat>