

## AiiDA Siesta

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- standardize the calculation process (workflows)
- attention to data organization since most of the science is done during the data analysis

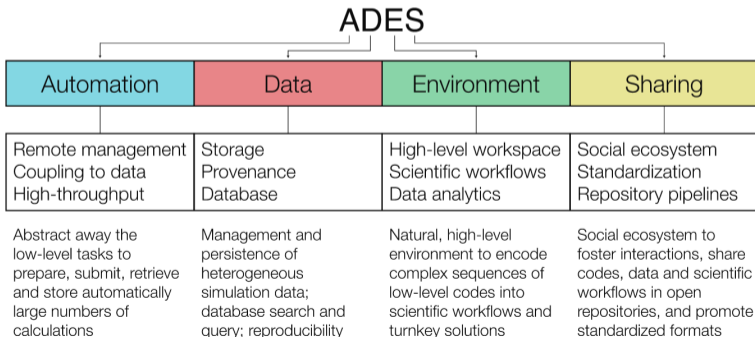
Dedicated infrastructure needed....

## Overview



<https://www.aiida.net>

Scientific Data 7, 300 (2020)



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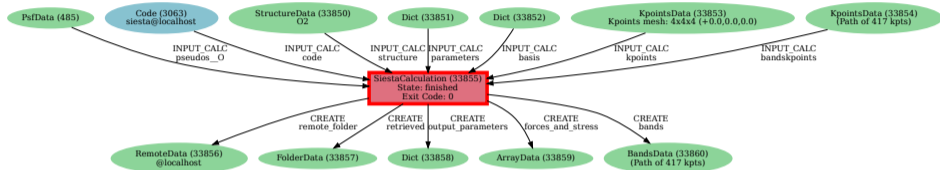
Encode complex steps of scientific workflow

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from aiida.plugins import WorkflowFactory
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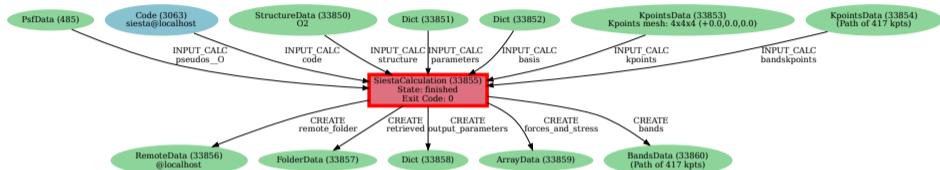
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Very flexible way to query the database.

```

qb = QueryBuilder()
qb.append(SiestaCalculation, tag='calcjob')
qb.append(Dict, with_outgoing='calcjob', filters='attributes.mesh-cutoff': "800 Ry")
  
```

Ability to group objects and tag them ⇒ Export clean databases to share.

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group = Group(label='big_meshcutoff')
group.add_nodes(qb.all())
  
```

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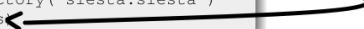
- Source code: [https://github.com/siesta-project/aiida\\_siesta\\_plugin](https://github.com/siesta-project/aiida_siesta_plugin)
- Docs: <https://aiida-siesta-plugin.readthedocs.io/en/latest/>
- Latest version requires aiida-core  $\geq 1.3.0$
- Installation: `pip install aiida-siesta` or git clone
- Paper: A. Garcia *et al.* J. Chem. Phys. **152**, 204108 (2020)  
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Another way to run Siesta calculations, with plus of provenance and AiiDA data features.

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### 2 The Convergence Workflows

Helps convergence test on siesta parameters.

```
from aiida.engine import submit
from aiida.orm import (Str,Float)
from aiida.plugins import WorkflowFactory
SiestaConverger = WorkflowFactory("siesta.converger")
submit(SiestaConverger,
       iterate_over = {'meshcutoff': [100, 200, 300, 400]},
       **inputs, target = Str('EKS'), threshold = Float(0.01)
       )
```

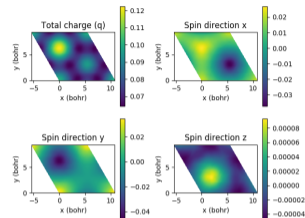
Soon basis optimization workflow.



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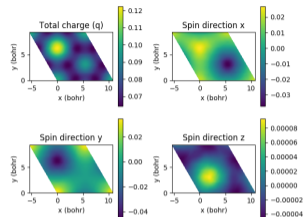
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### 4 The protocol system

A system to get suggested inputs of workflows, available for all workflows.

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SiestaBaseWorkChain = WorkflowFactory("siesta.base")
inp_gen = SiestaBaseWorkChain.inputs_generator
filled_builder = inp_gen.get_filled_builder(structure, calc_engines, protocol)
# possibility to change inputs
submit(filled_builder)
```

”protocol” = string summarizing a choice of inputs. ”calc\_engines”: computational resources.

## Conclusions

- AiiDA helps researchers with all the aspects of high-throughput simulations with material science codes.
- Strong focus on preserving provenance and facilitate data access.
- In addition to the AiiDA capabilities, AiiDA Siesta offers some useful tools to help every day research and facilitate repetitive tasks.

