

A cloud-based repository for molecular dynamics simulations

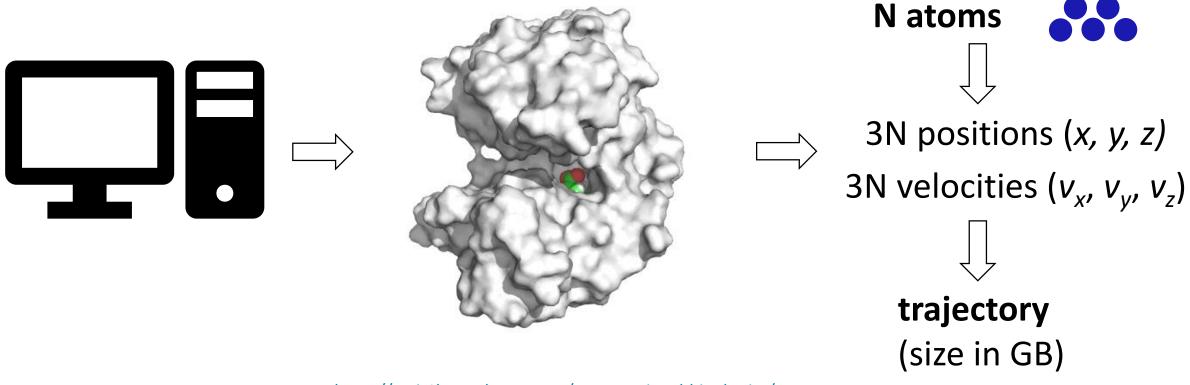
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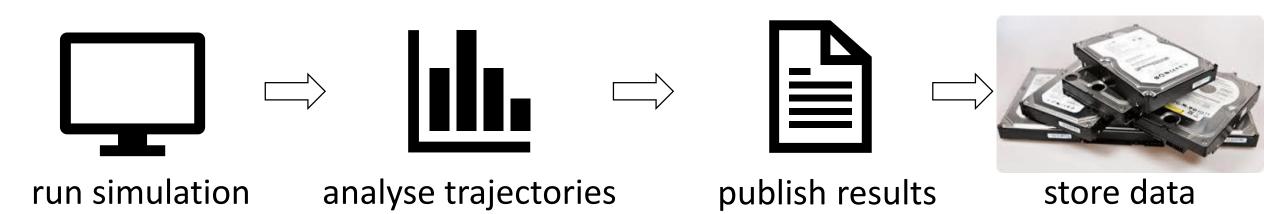
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## molecular dynamics simulations

• (super)computer simulations of the movement of atoms and molecules

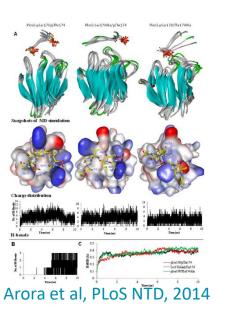


### MD simulations workflow



- pick a software
- build your system locally
- select input parameters
- find a powerful (super)computer

- retrieve data
- limited number of properties analysed
- custom analysis scripts or software packaged tools (unknown parameters)



- different file formats for input and output files
- directory tree

## problems?

- poor data management
- poor project management
- difficulties with reproducibility
- lack of transparency
- scientific practice?



## solution

 publicly available repository with a detailed metadata schema and analysis tools



## (general) scientific repositories

institutional repositories





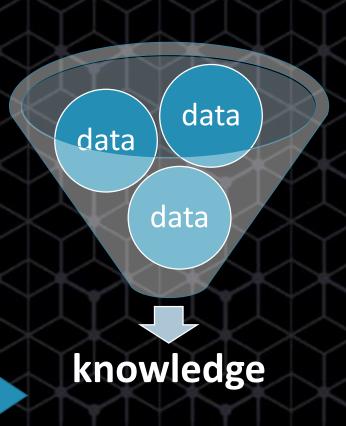
## do we need one more?





specialised repository

new methods (machine learning)
new analysis & vis. tools / new insights
better documentation for simulation protocols
customised, detailed metadata / curation



general repository

## prototype: open source components

#### Analysis: MDTraj [3]

a python library that allows users to manipulate MD trajectories

# <u>Metadata:</u> iBIOMES – managing and sharing simulation data in a distributed environment [2]

data model and dictionaries for molecular simulation data indexing

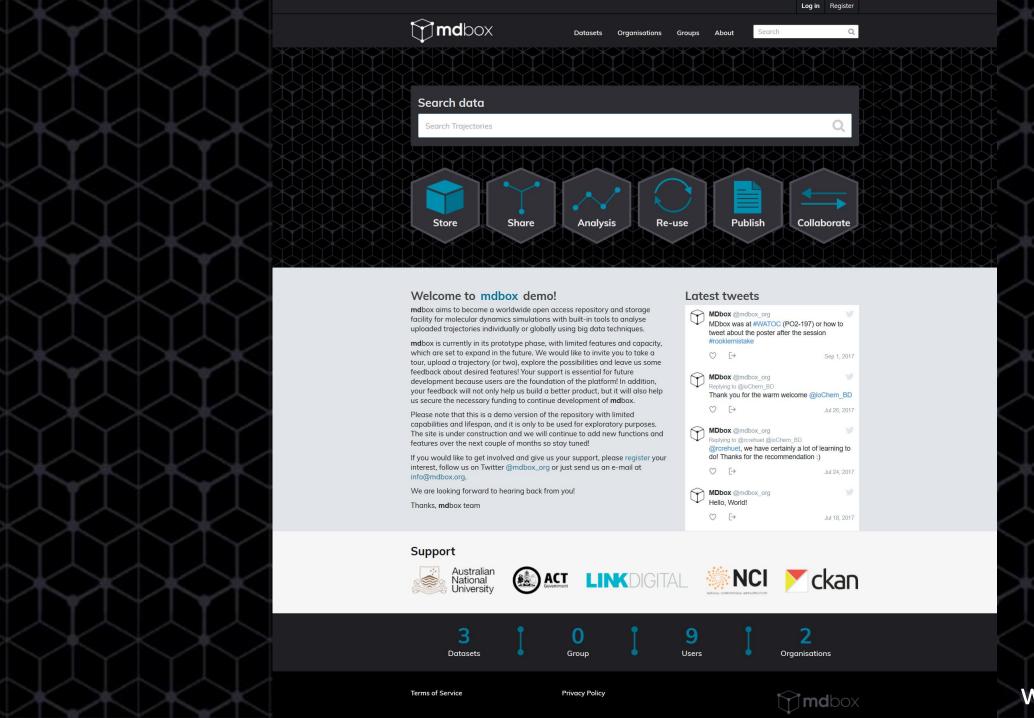
#### Framework: CKAN - open source data management tool [1]

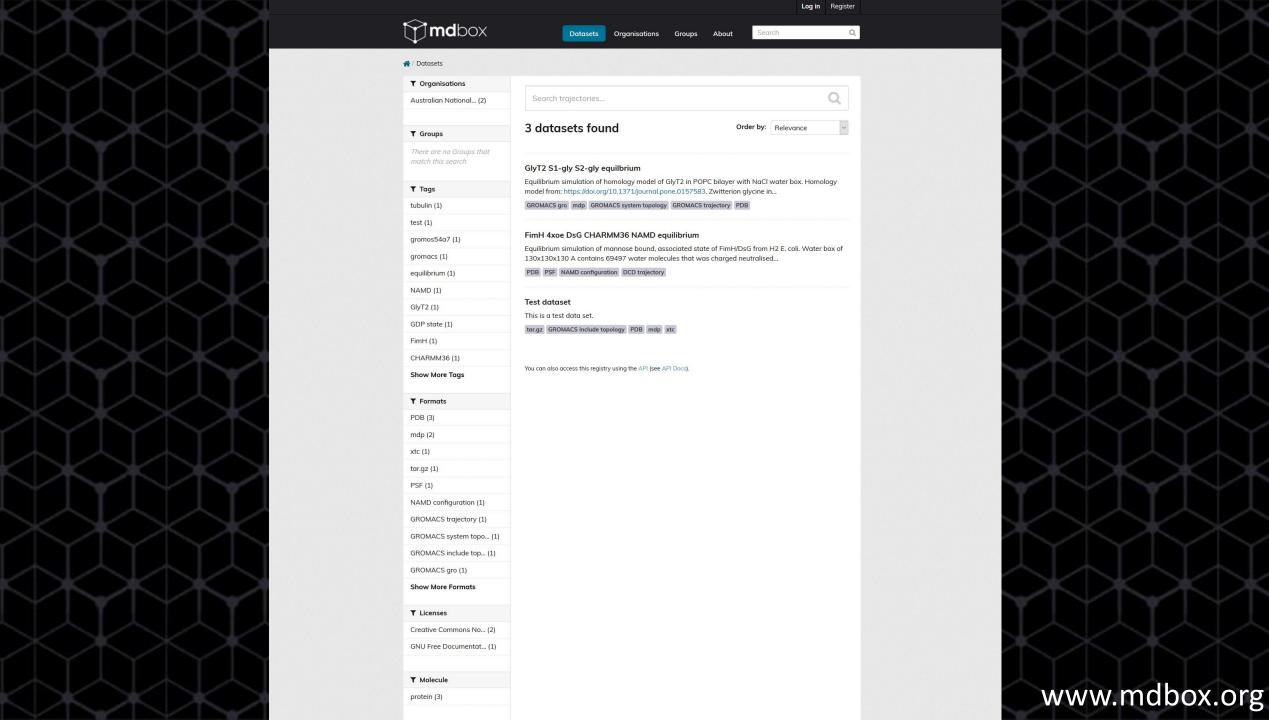
backend: Python, frontend: Javascript, web framework: The Pylons, ORM: SQLAlchemy, database engine:

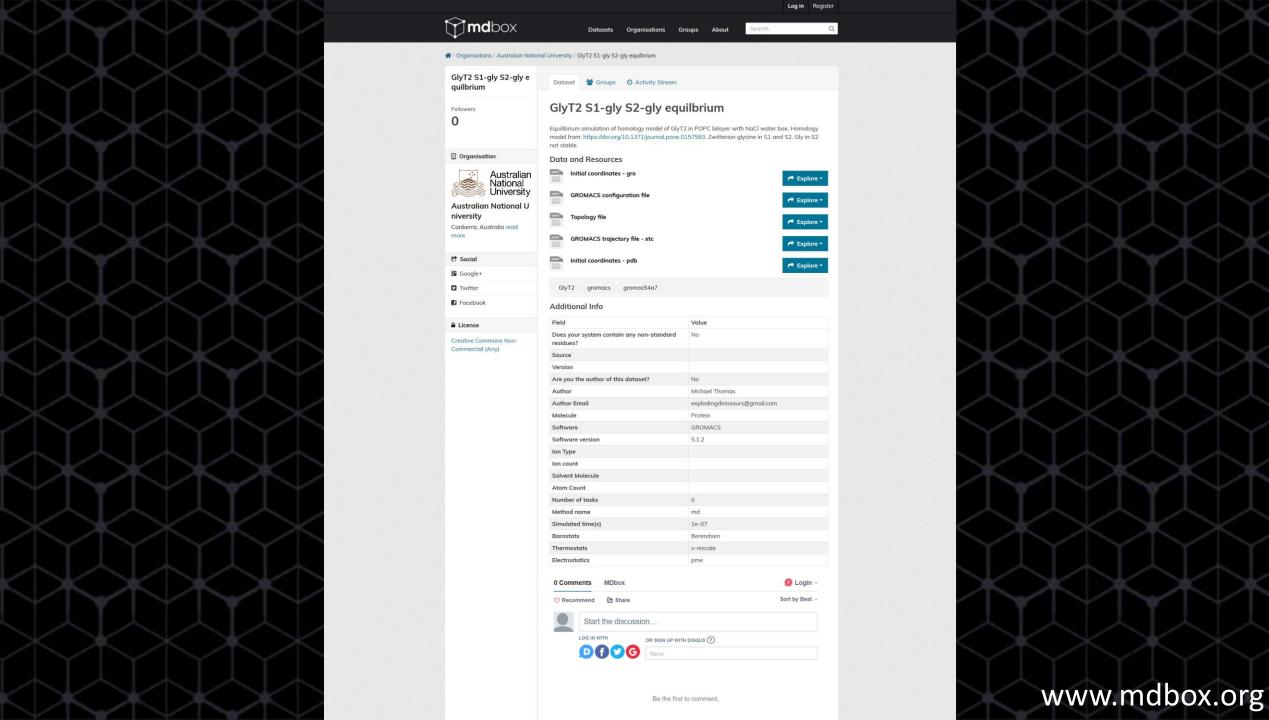
PostgreSQL, search: SOLR

# upload/download

- required files for upload:
  - all the input files required to repeat or continue the uploaded simulation (simulation parameters, customised force field files, initial coordinates)
  - all the output files (trajectories and log files) any trajectory file format is accepted, but will be stored in a single file format (HDF5)
- metadata is created by parsing the uploaded files and via users input (project description, relevant sources, links, etc)
- basic analysis tools implemented (RMSD, RMSF)
- unique identifier assigned to each dataset







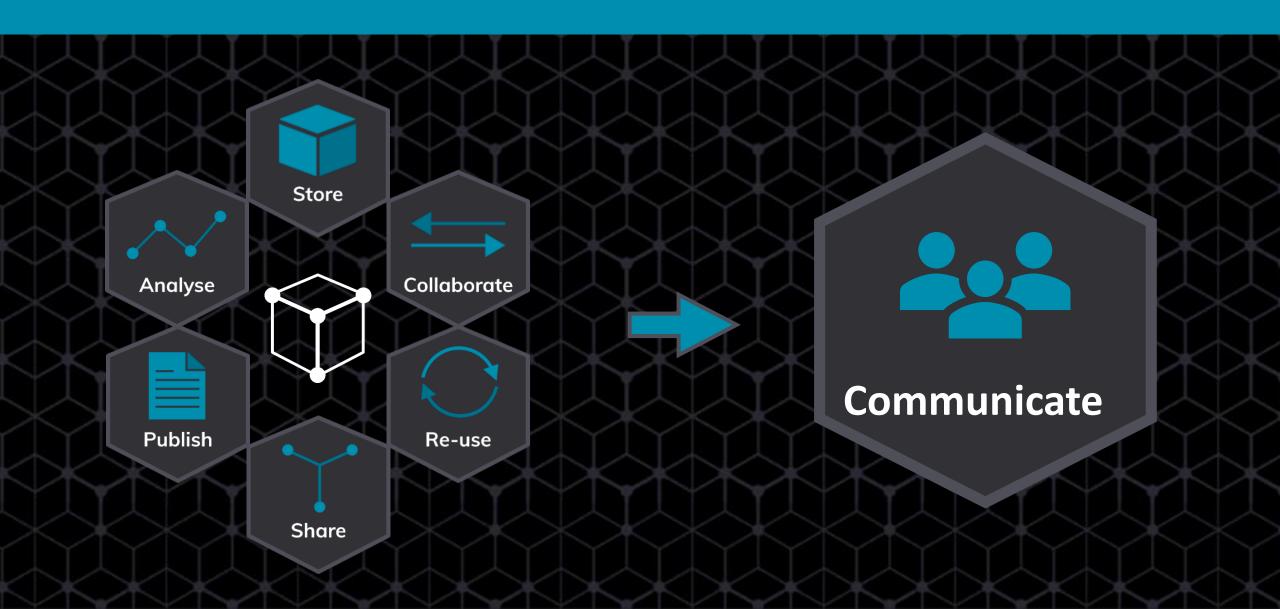
# community feedback

## • EASY to use:

- command line data transfer (background process)
- automated metadata generation

- browser supported visualisation tools
- integration with computational facilities
- preferably free! (sustainable)

# long road ahead...



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