## Reverse engineering metadata for the Materials Project

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## What is Materials Project



- Free and open source database of computed materials properties
- Applications to explore data set in "material science" means
- Design computational workflows based on experimental ground truth
- Focus on property diversity over number of structures
- All the software bells and whistles that go with a large web data project


## The good old days



## What is metadata?

A set of data that describes and gives information about other data.

## Descriptive

Structural
Administrative

## What is metadata?

## DFT Calculation

| Descriptive | Structural | Administrative |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| DFT Code | Where are the <br> inputs | Who computed |
| Composition | Where are the <br> outputs <br> Units | Where computed |
| Volume Change | Who gets to access |  |

# Some metadata are constructed implicitly 

## DFT Calculation

| Structural |
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| outputs |
| Units |

Administrative

Who computed

Where computed
Who gets to access

# Some metadata are constructed explicitly 

## DFT Calculation

## Descriptive

Administrative

| DFT Type |
| :---: |
| DFT Code |
| Composition |

Intent

Composition

## How do you determine the intent of a calculation?

- The purpose of the workflow
- The purpose of the database it was in
- The purpose of the computer it ran on

Why not determine the intent as the need arises?


## Metadata is technical debt



## Decoupling metadata makes it declarative



I changed my path!?


## Declarative metadata gives us connectivity



## Reverse Engineering Provenance



## Define process metadata in one spot

## Equivalent Structures



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## Codify human processes

## ICSD



# Can we generalize this to more than computation? 

## Propnet - Connecting Materials Models



## Too many models, now what?



SHARED METADATA AND DATA FORMATS FOR BIG-DATA DRIVEN MATERIALS SCIENCE: A NOMAD-FAIRDI WORKSHOP

## Metadata lets us augment properties



## Reverse engineering metadata for experiments




Infrared Light

## Questions?

