

LXCat 3

*A novel data platform for low
temperature plasma physics*

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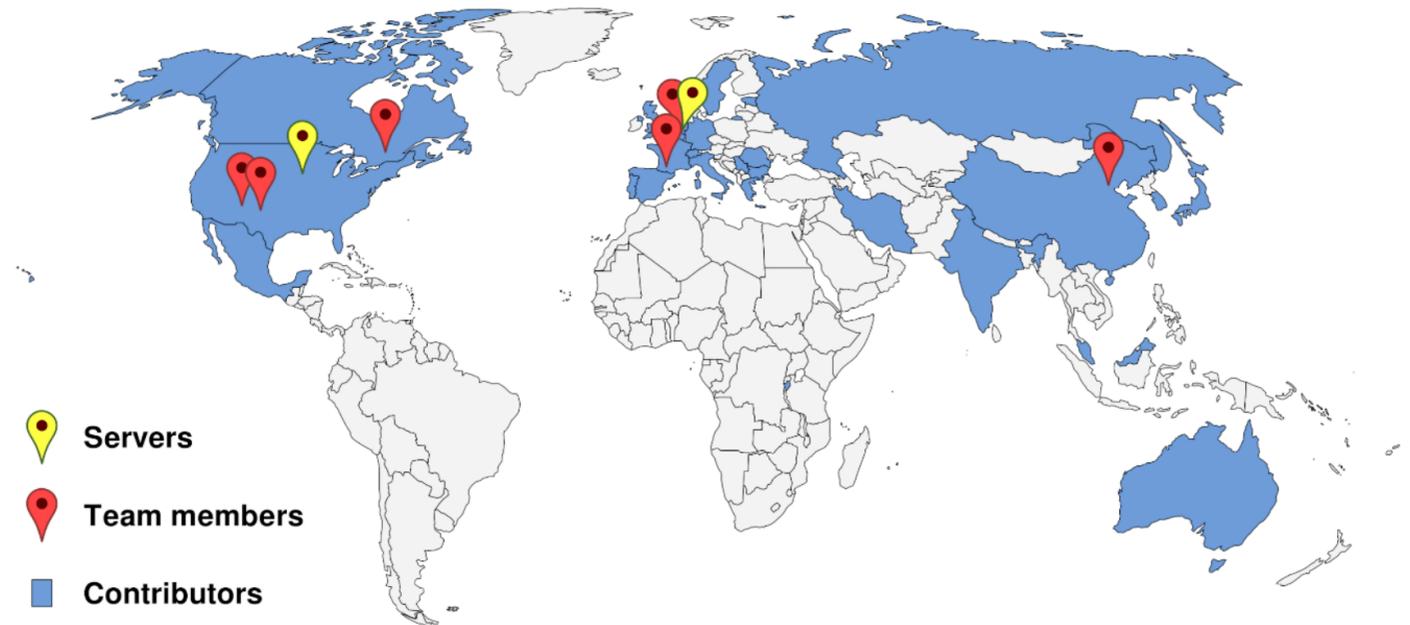
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Statistics

- ≈ 120 visitors/day
- ≈ 30000 cross sections
- International



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More recently

- State-to-state data
- Request for more detailed annotations
- Request for "chemistries"

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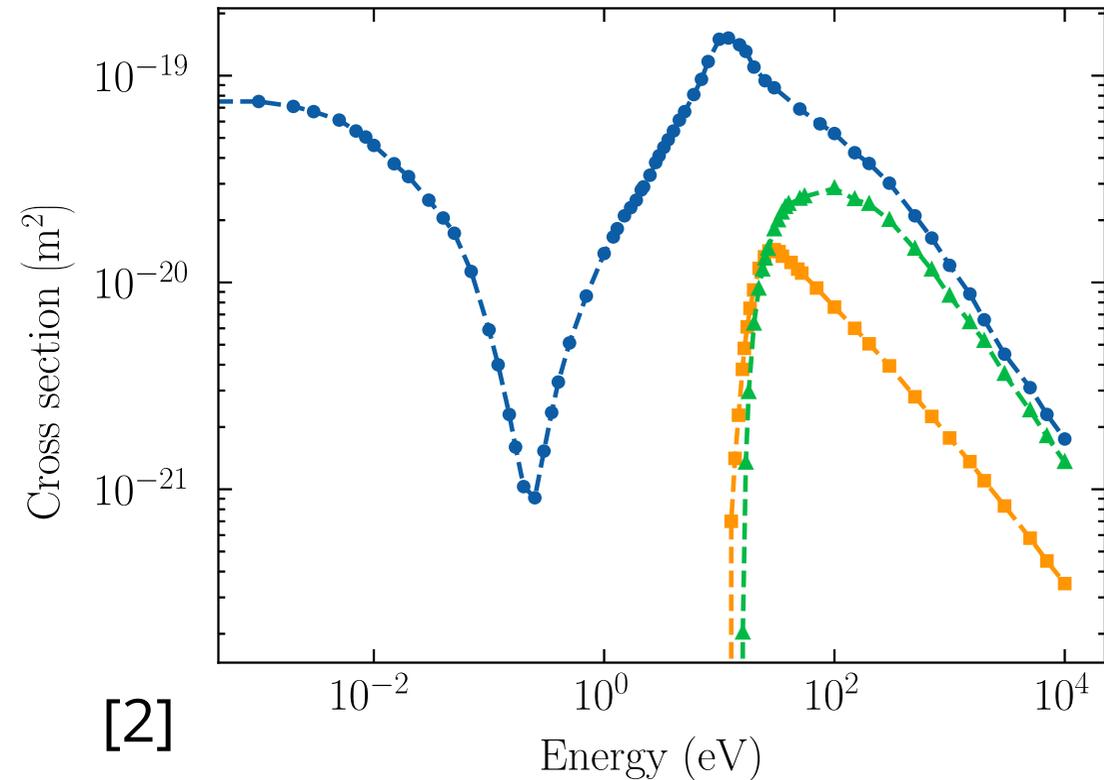
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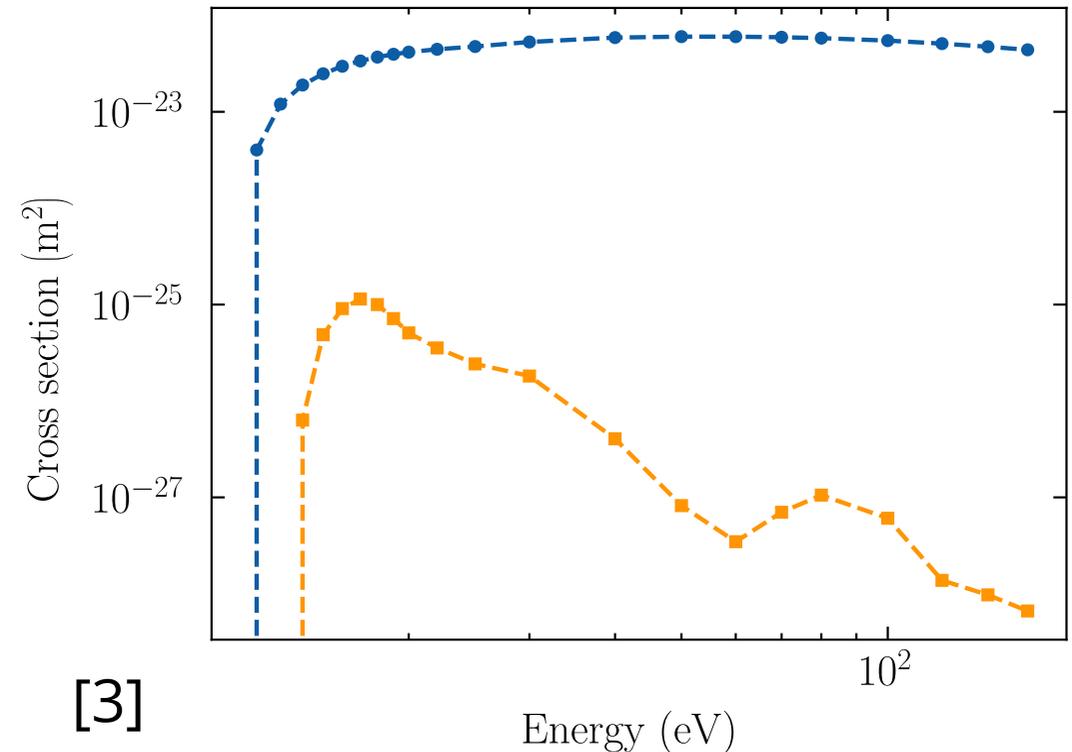
A Hydrogen state-to-state model

Excitation in molecules

- $e + \text{H}_2(\text{X}^1\Sigma_g^+, \nu = 5) \rightarrow e + \text{H}_2(\text{B}^1\Sigma_u^+, \nu = 24)$
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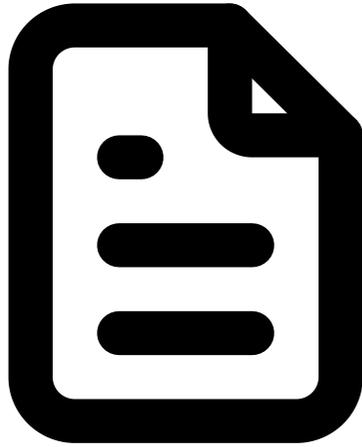
A lot more detailed

- Vibrationally resolved
- 341 states
- 4875 reactions



[3] Scarlett, L.H. et al., 2021. Complete collision data set for electrons scattering on molecular hydrogen and its isotopologues: I. Fully vibrationally-resolved electronic excitation of $\text{H}_2(\text{X}^1\Sigma_g^+)$. Atomic Data and Nuclear Data Tables, 137, p.101361. Available at: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.adt.2020.101361>.

Recap: Identify problems



**Data format &
Semantics**



Data storage



**Platform design &
implementation**



Data format & Semantics

Nonstandard format

- Hard to parse
- Duplication

Lack of structured schema

- State notations
- Ambiguity

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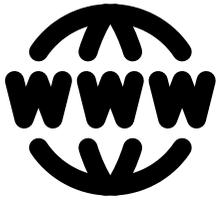
Relational database

- SQL
- Table-based

Heterogeneous data

- e^- , Ar^* , $Ar (^1S_0)$

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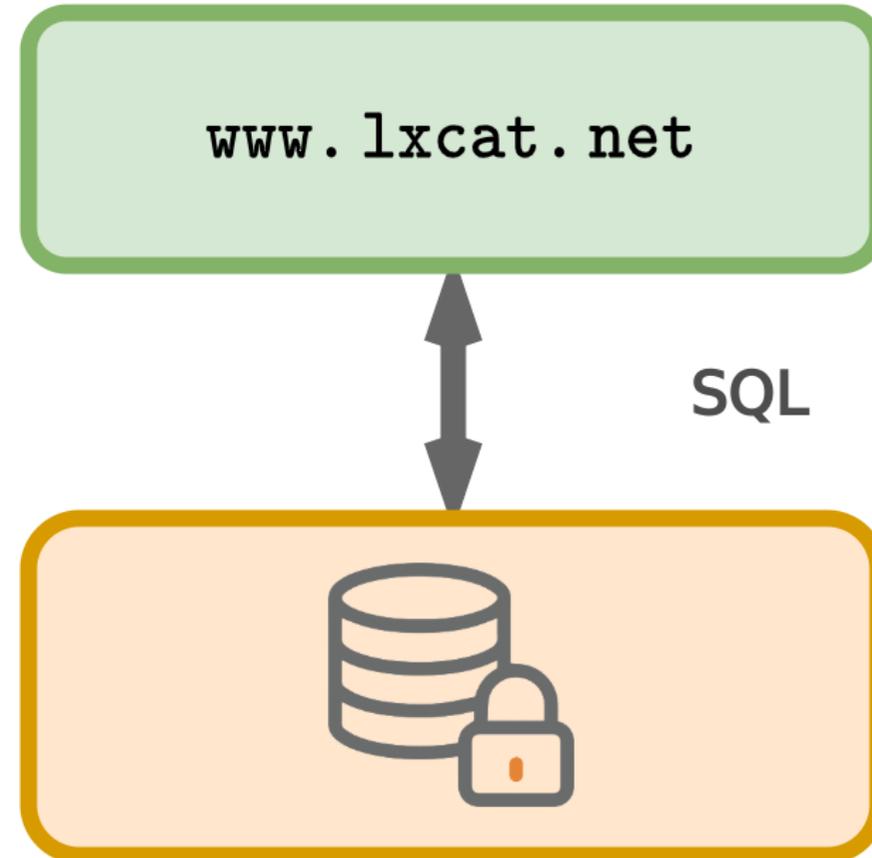
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Intertwined

- Violates separation of concerns

Hard to

- Maintain
- Adapt

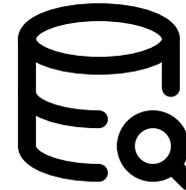


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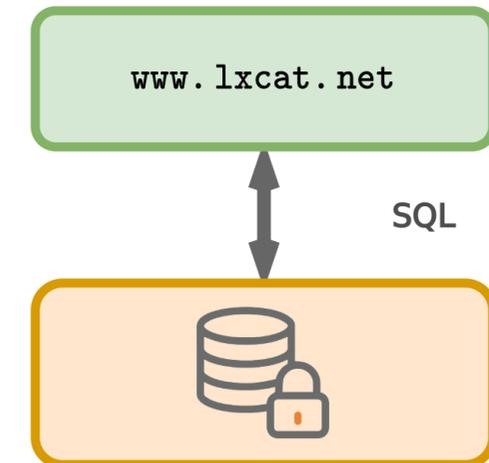
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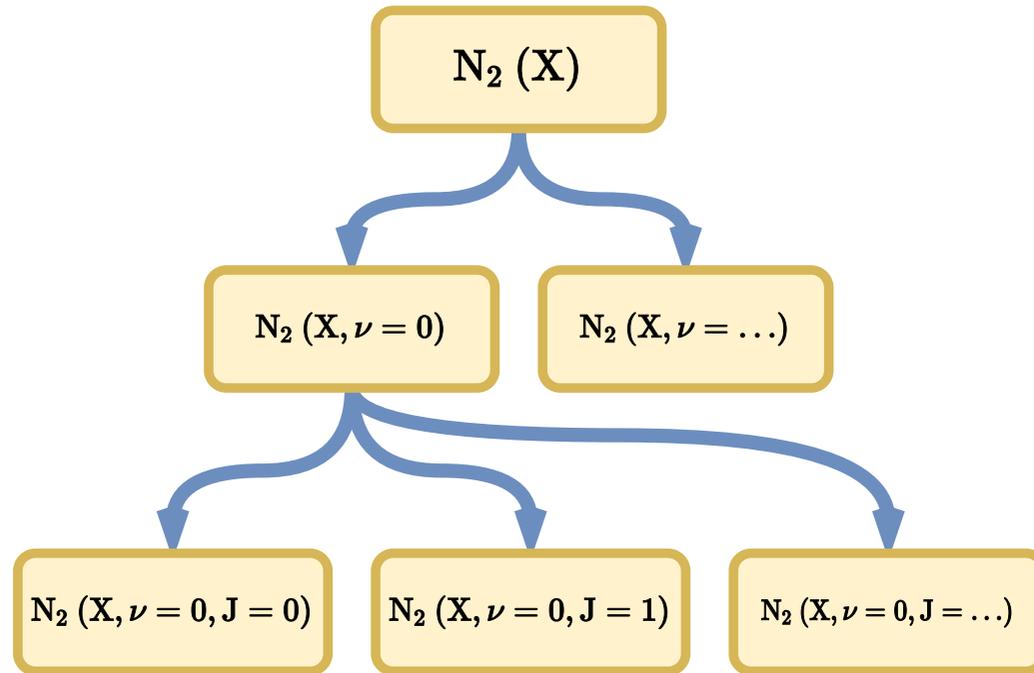
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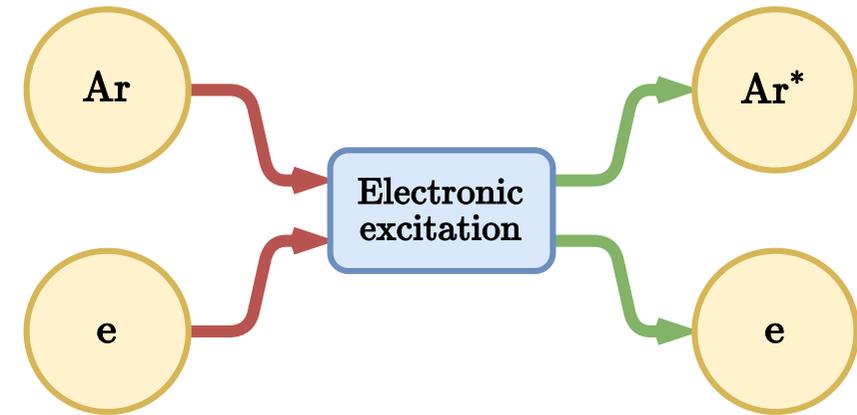
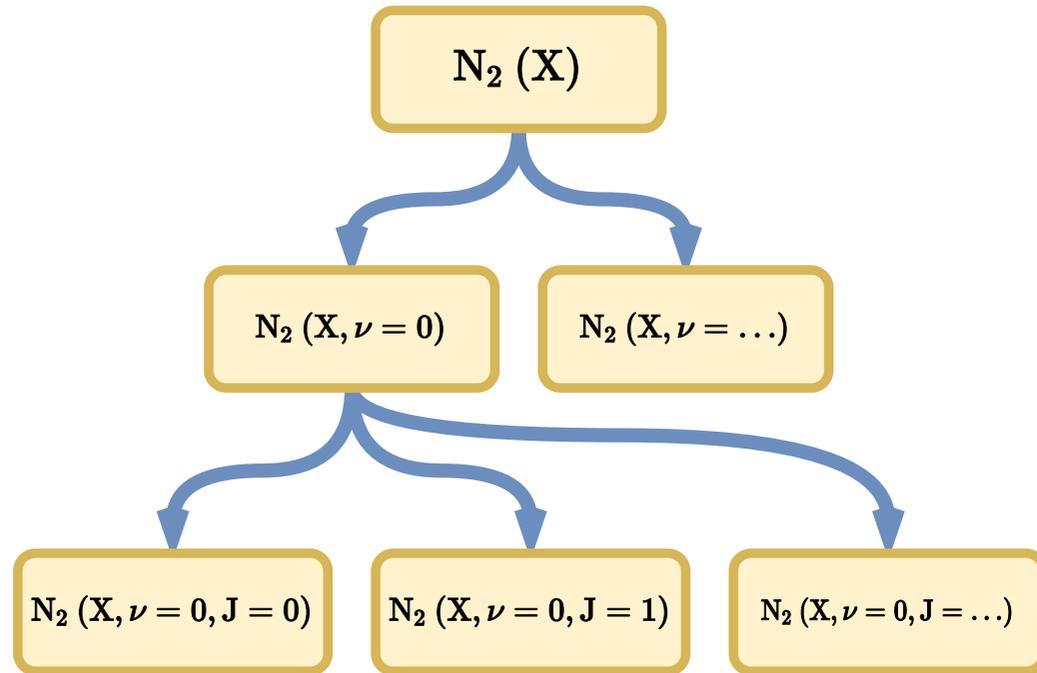


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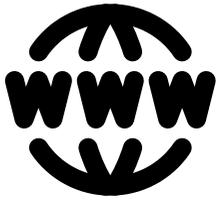


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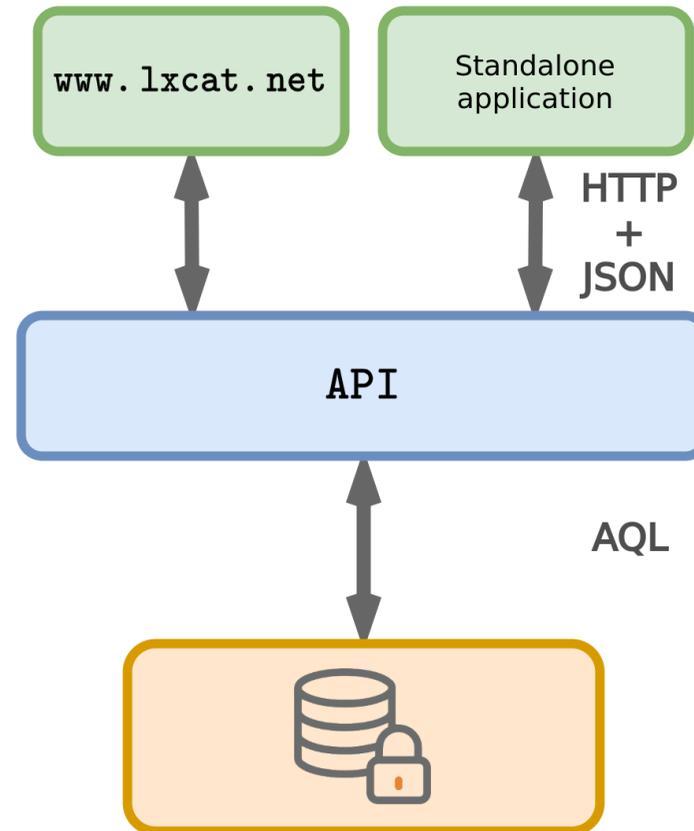


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Web infrastructure



- Next.js + React [6]
- TypeScript
- WebAssembly

[6] <https://github.com/vercel/next.js>

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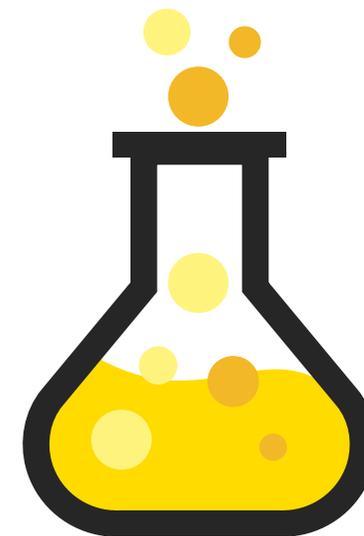
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Chemistry

- Collaborations

Fetch He-JohnDoe-2023; Run simulation

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