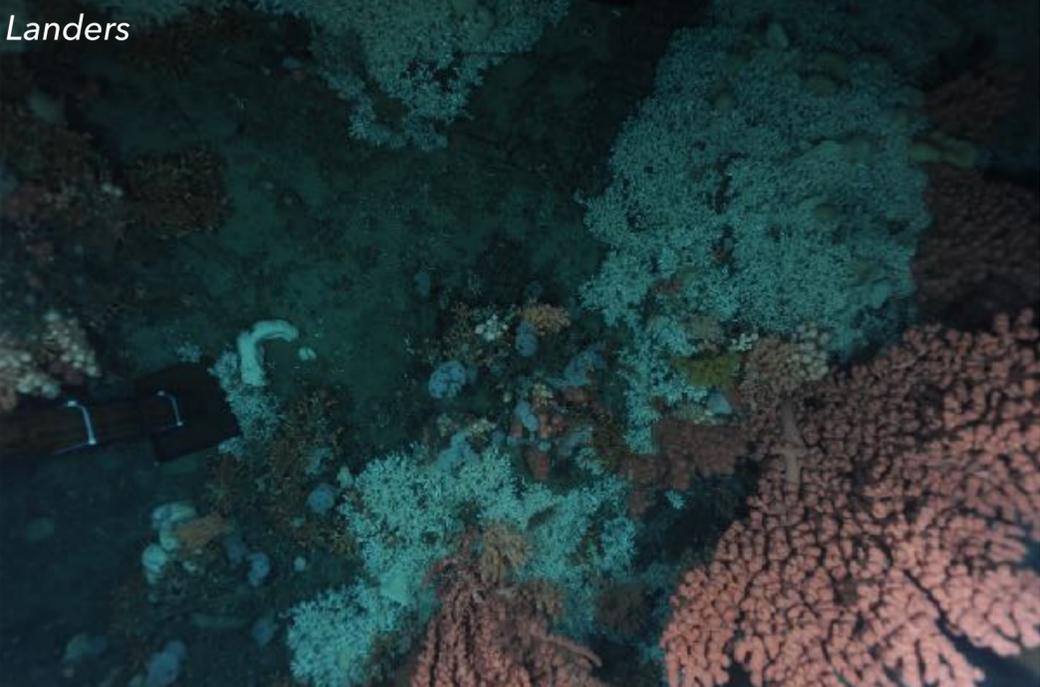


# Making marine image data FAIR with iFDOs

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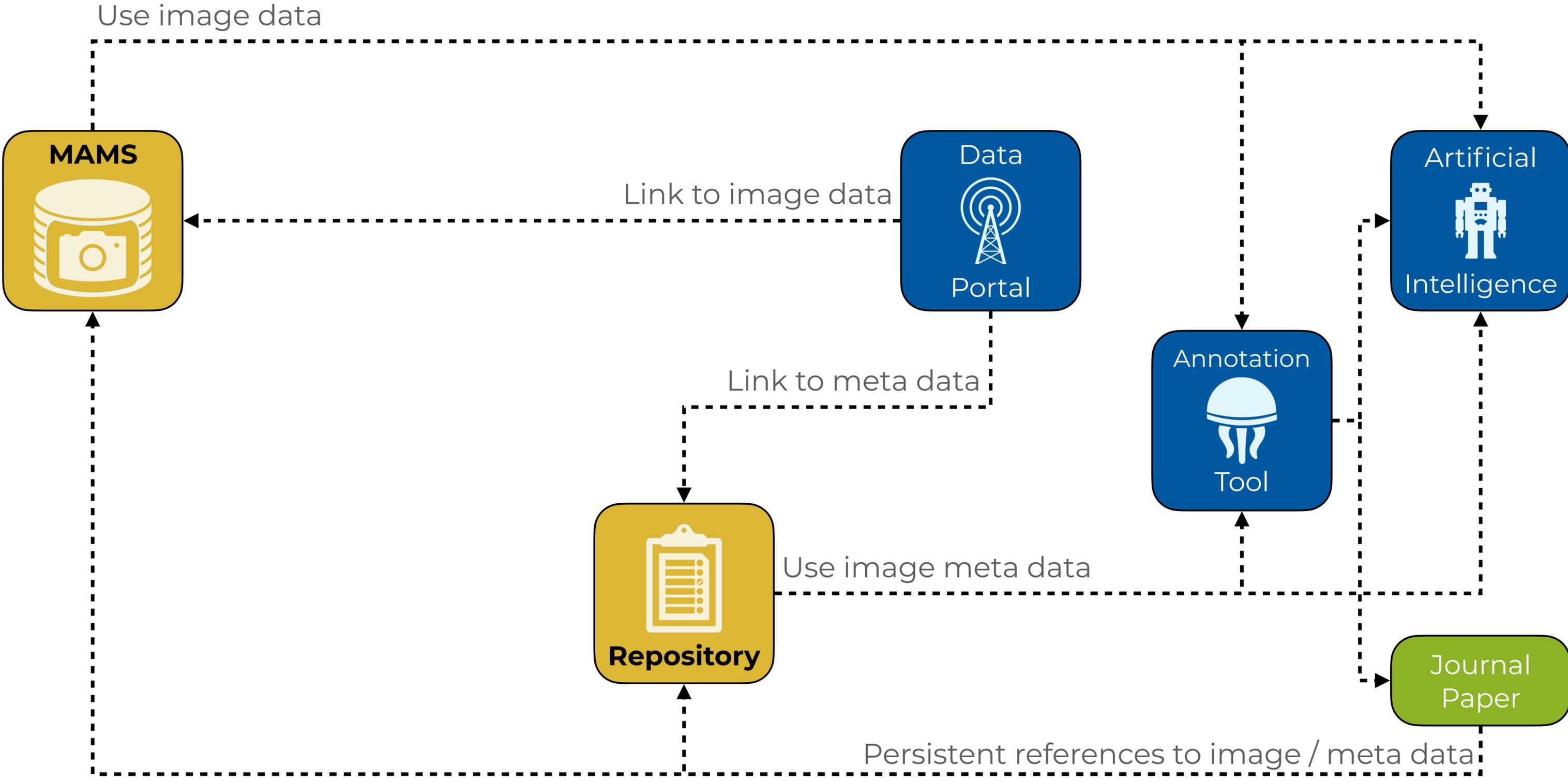


## State-of-the-art marine image “data management”



- Data transfer from sea to shore happens by the scientists that have no incentive to upload / register data centrally
- Mobile hard disks are the sad state-of-the-art for media storage, mobility of scientists can lead to data disappearance
- Metadata standards for images and workflows that link data and existing tools are generally lacking
- As image data is not published alongside scientific articles, it can neither be reused nor the initial study be repeated

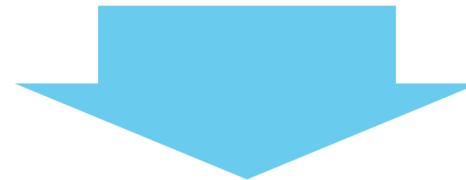
# What do we need?



# FAIR



# Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, Reusable



## The FAIR Guiding Principles

### To be Findable:

- F1. (meta)data are assigned a globally unique and persistent identifier
- F2. data are described with rich metadata (defined by R1 below)
- F3. metadata clearly and explicitly include the identifier of the data it describes
- F4. (meta)data are registered or indexed in a searchable resource

### To be Accessible:

- A1. (meta)data are retrievable by their identifier using a standardized communications protocol
  - A1.1 the protocol is open, free, and universally implementable
  - A1.2 the protocol allows for an authentication and authorization procedure, where necessary
- A2. metadata are accessible, even when the data are no longer available

### To be Interoperable:

- I1. (meta)data use a formal, accessible, shared, and broadly applicable language for knowledge representation.
- I2. (meta)data use vocabularies that follow FAIR principles
- I3. (meta)data include qualified references to other (meta)data

### To be Reusable:

- R1. meta(data) are richly described with a plurality of accurate and relevant attributes
  - R1.1. (meta)data are released with a clear and accessible data usage license
  - R1.2. (meta)data are associated with detailed provenance
  - R1.3. (meta)data meet domain-relevant community standards



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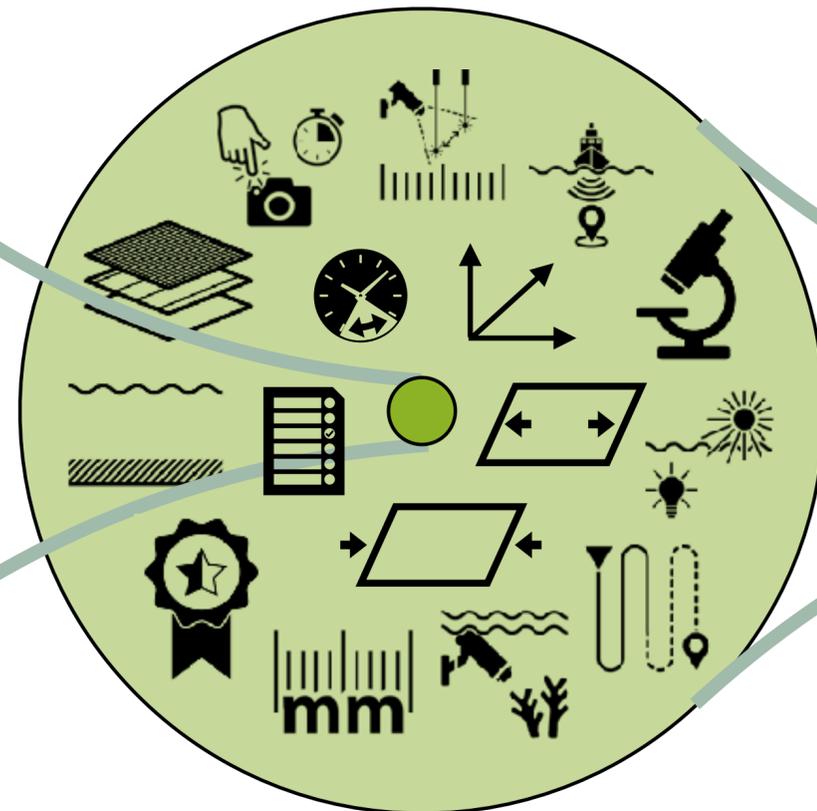
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## iFDO core



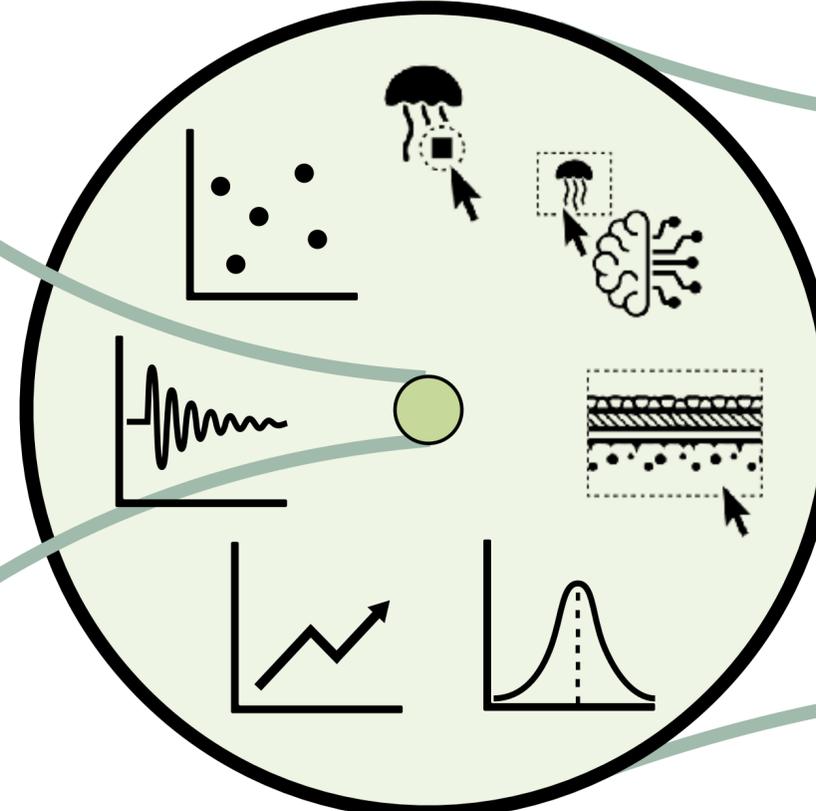
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## iFDO capture



Acquisition parameters  
Camera extrinsic / intrinsics  
Acquisition plan  
Acquisition execution  
...

## iFDO content



Annotations  
Particle counts  
Pixel metrics  
MPEG7 descriptors

## iFDO

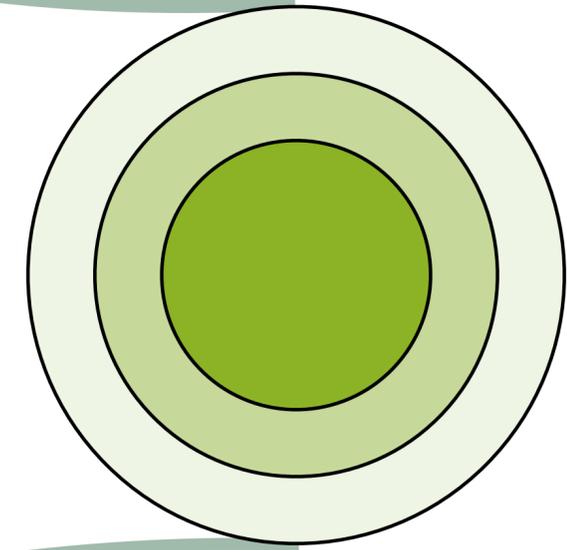
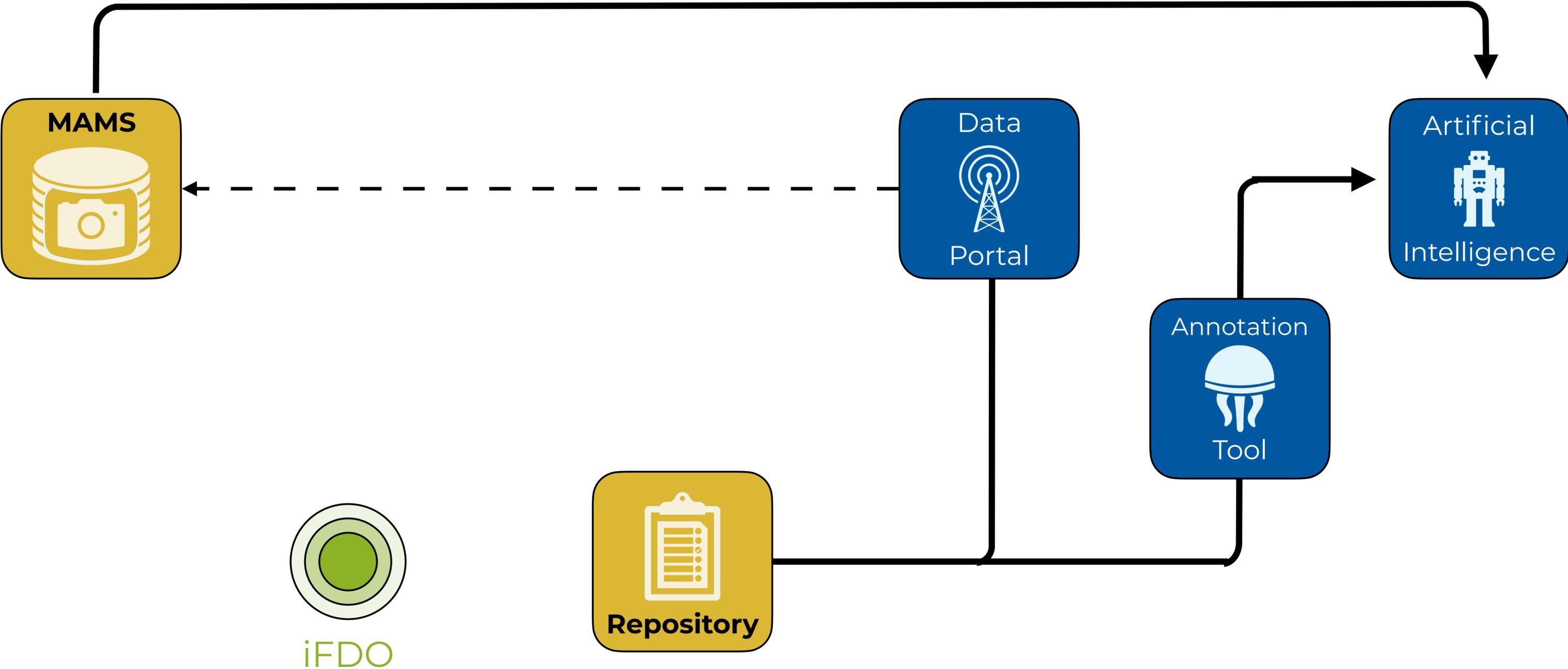


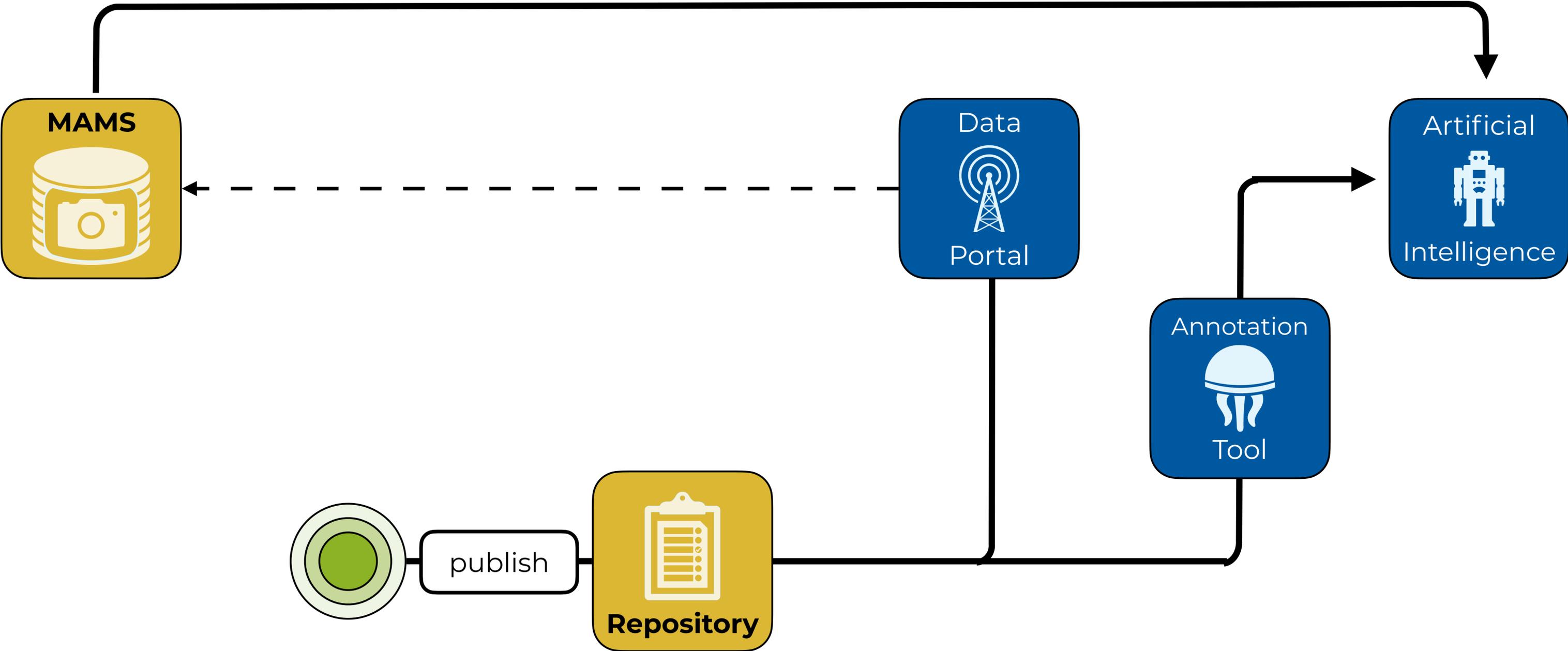
Image data itself is not part of an iFDO file!

Makes also the pixel & semantic content of images "accessible"!

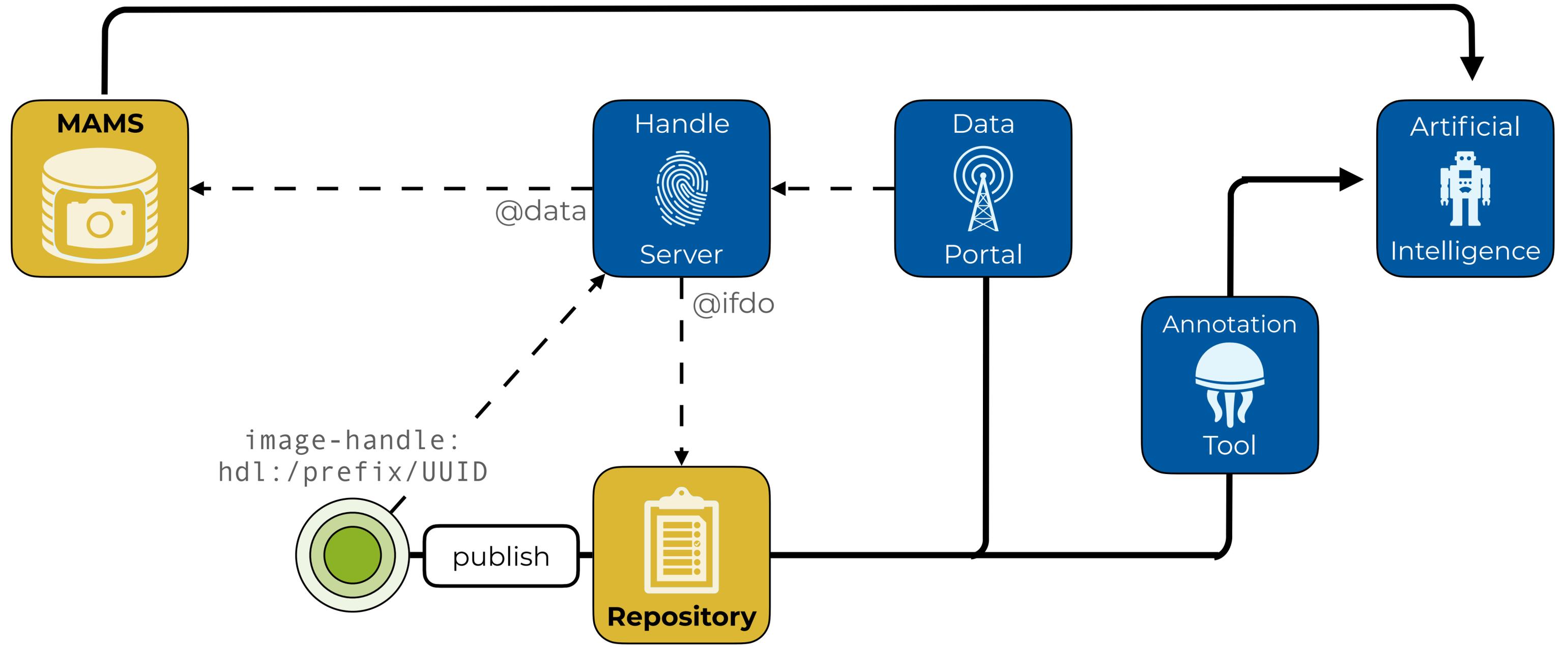
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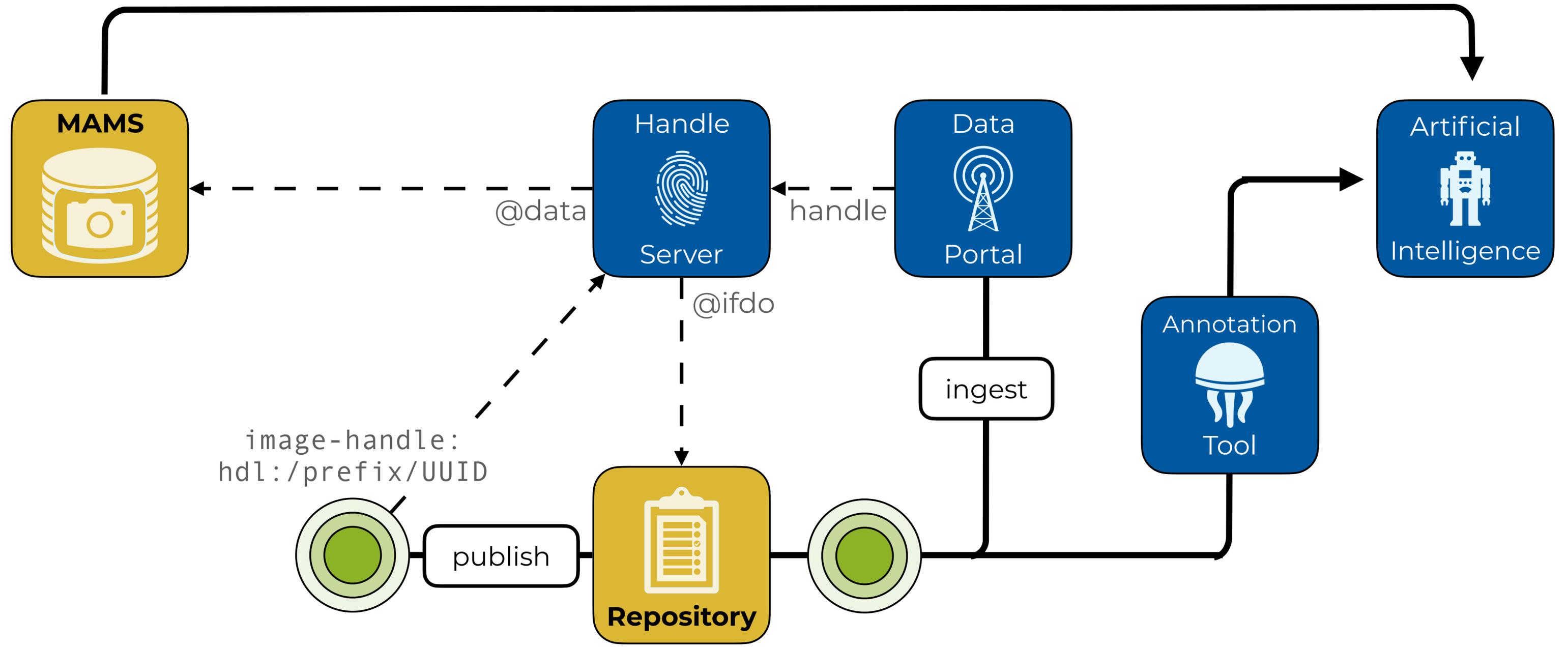
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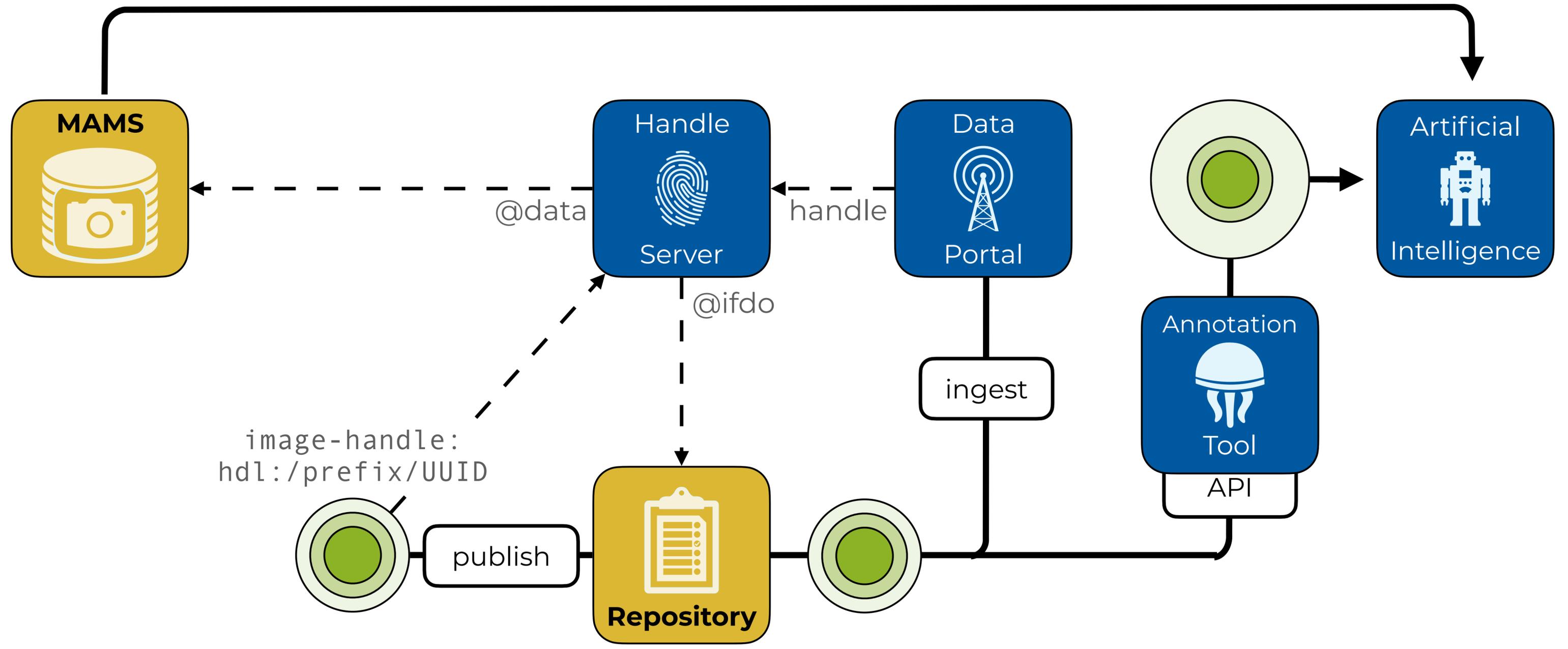
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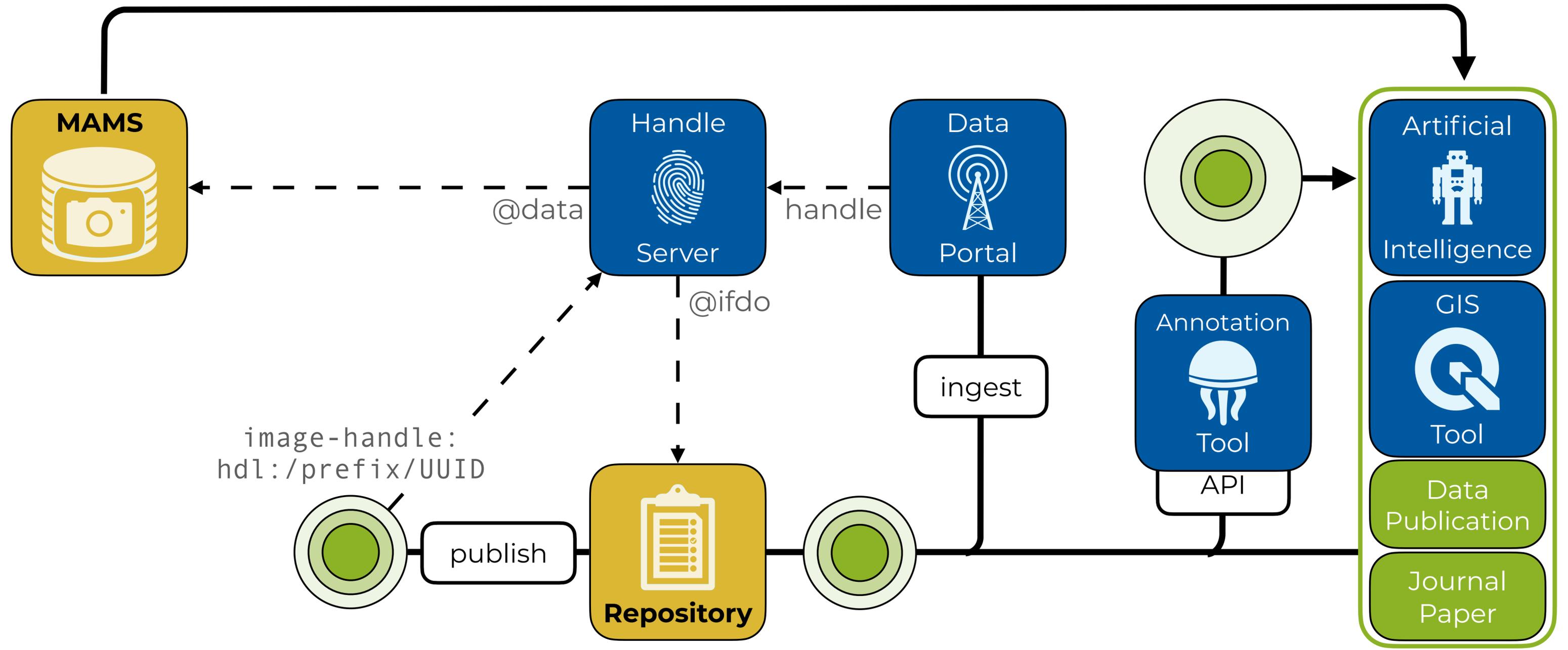
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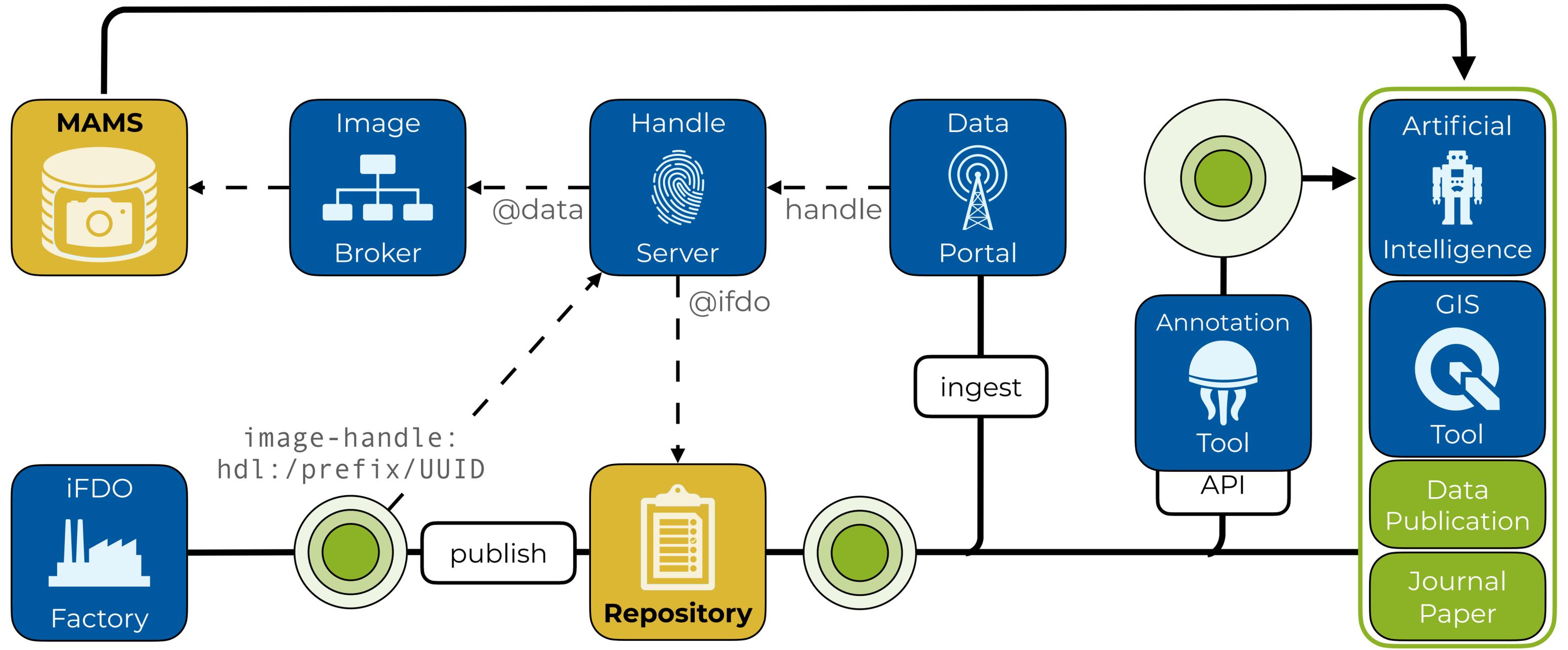
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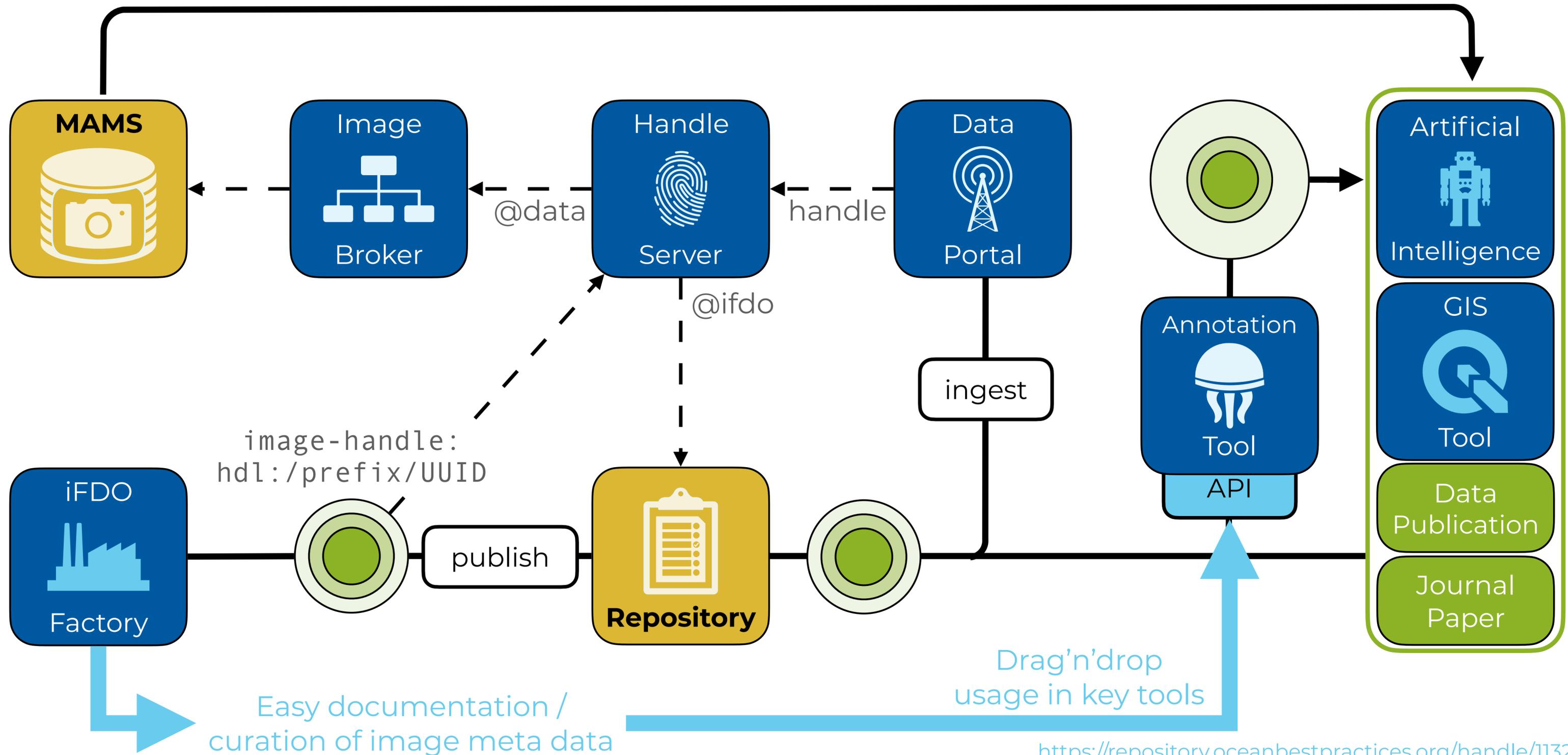
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## The road ahead

Indicator	Implementation
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Data is identified by a persistent identifier	iFDO: image-set-handle@data
Metadata is identified by a globally unique identifier	UUID4
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Rich metadata is provided to allow discovery	iFDO format definition
Metadata includes the identifier for the data	iFDO: image-set-uuid
<b>Metadata is offered in such a way that it can be harvested and indexed</b>	<b>OSIS-API &amp; OAI-PMH service</b>
Metadata can be accessed manually	iFDO: image-set-handle → OSIS
Data can be accessed manually	iFDO: image-set-handle@data → MAMS
Metadata identifier resolves to a metadata record	iFDO: image-set-handle → OSIS
Data identifier resolves to a digital object	iFDO: image-set-handle@data → MAMS
Metadata is accessed through standardised protocol	HTTPS
Data is accessible through standardised protocol	HTTPS, NFS, SMB
Metadata is accessible through a free access protocol	HTTPS
Metadata is guaranteed to remain available after data is no longer available	Handle server + H5AI server
Plurality of accurate and relevant attributes are provided to allow reuse	iFDO content and capture fields
Metadata includes information about the license under which the data can be reused	iFDO core fields
Metadata complies with a community standard	iFDO standard
Data complies with a community standard	JPG, PNG, MOV, AVI, ...
Metadata is expressed in compliance with a machine-understandable community standard	YAML

- **Implement all FAIR infrastructure tools (converter, catalogue, iFDO ontology, ...)**
- **Address data provenance**
- **Establish automated handle registration workflow**
- **Automate all possible steps in Elements**
- **Implement iFDO creation into imaging platforms (ROVs, AUVs, drones, ...)**

- **Code & governance for iFDOs & tools:**  
<https://gitlab.hzdr.de/datahub/marehub/ag-videosimages>
- **iFDO Documentation:**  
<https://marine-imaging.com/fair>
- **Nature Scientific Data paper on iFDOs:**  
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- **OceanBestPractice SOPs on iFDOs:**  
<https://repository.oceanbestpractices.org/handle/11329/1781>  
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