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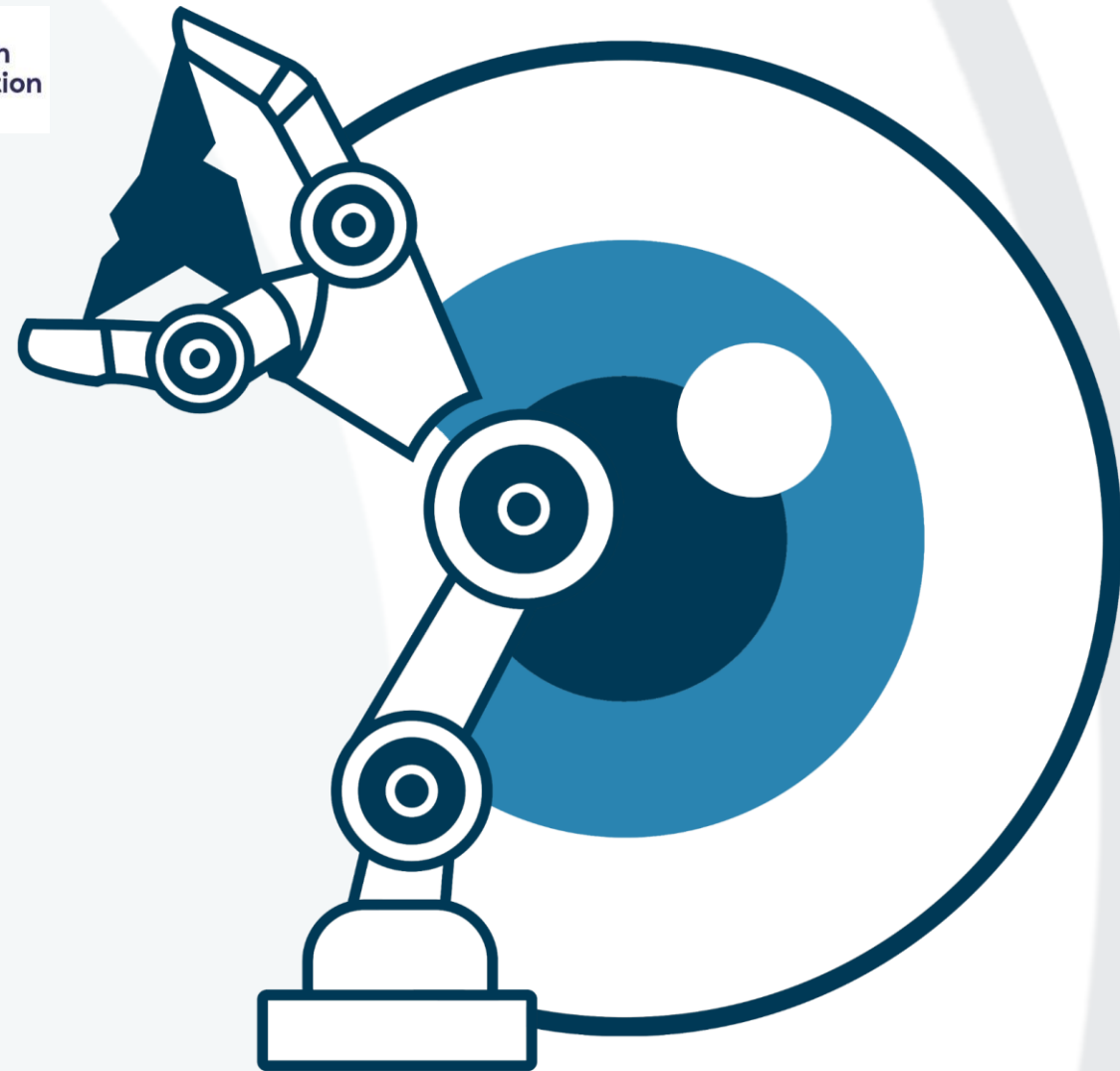


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**In the beginning was Data.
From user needs to technical solutions**

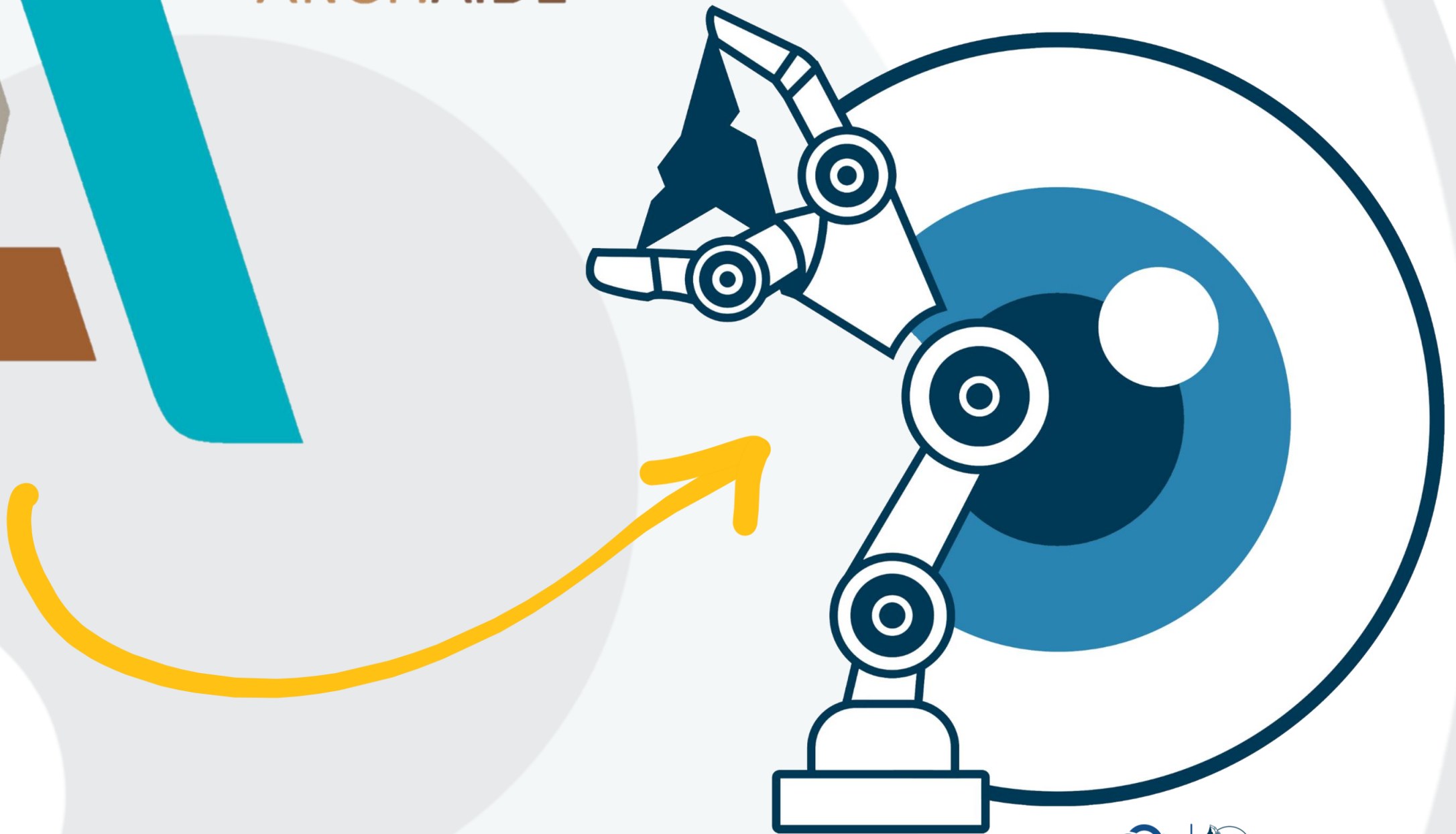
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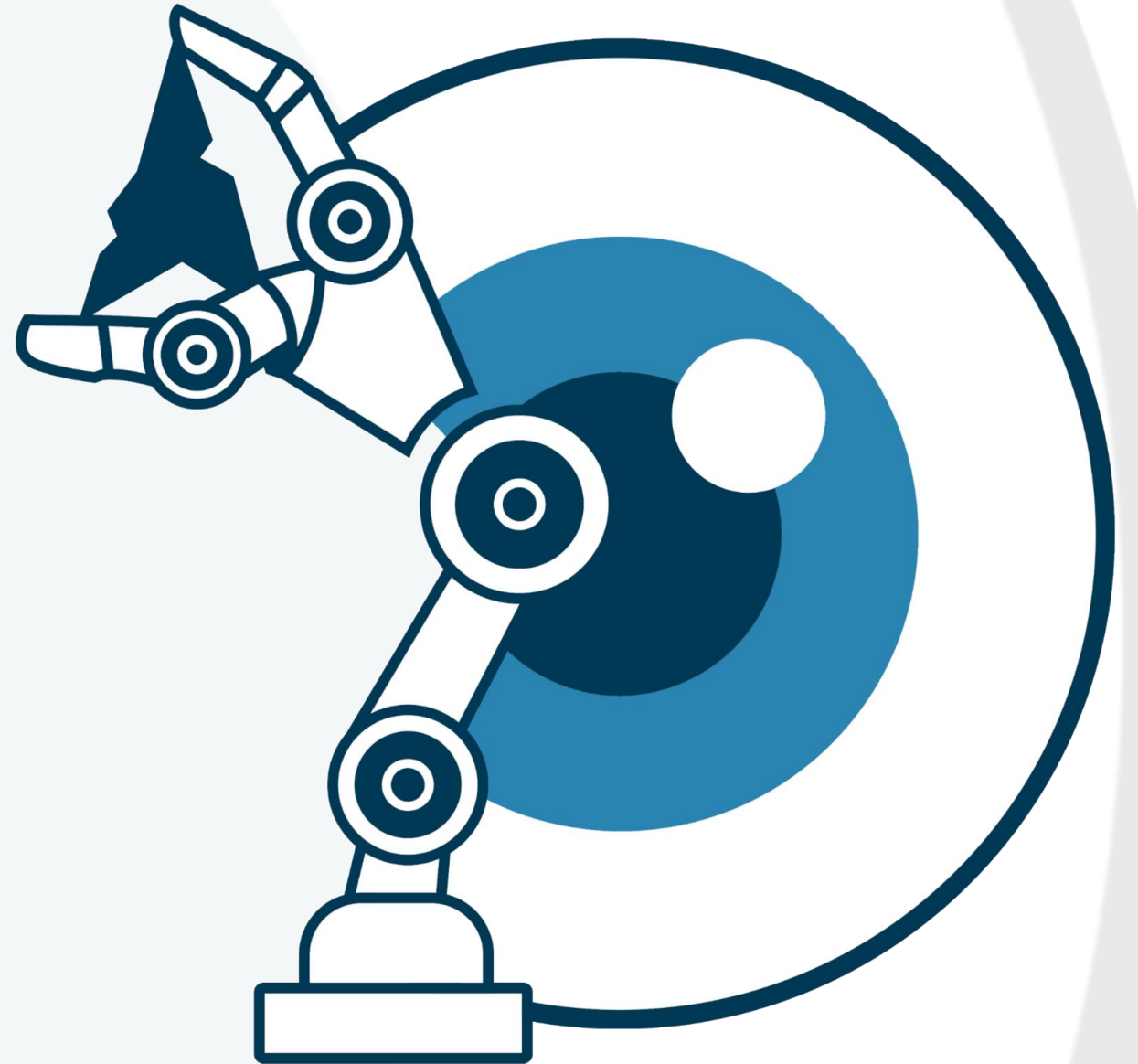
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ARCHAIDE



AUTOMATA will facilitate large-scale, rich, low-cost digitisation campaigns for archaeological finds (pottery and lithics) through an AI-augmented robotic system equipped with sensors. It will quickly and efficiently create 3D models of archaeological finds, enriched with archaeometric data, made freely available online, allowing effective data reuse by researchers and citizens.



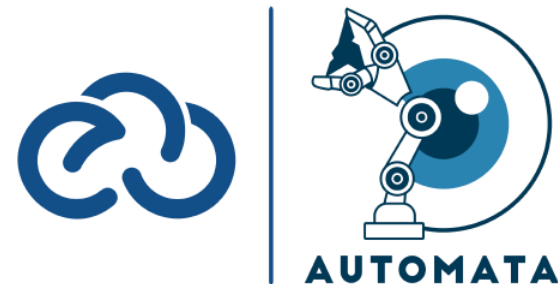
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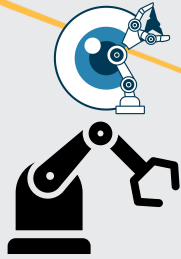
September 2024

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54 months



Provide advanced technological solutions to create accurate 3D models and acquire archaeometric attributes
WP5/6.



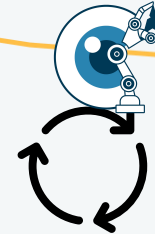
Create a robotic 'work cell' to digitise visible and non-visible characteristics of CH objects
WP3/4.



Enable Big Data collection
WP7/8.



Provide AI-based classification
WP9



Enable open reuse of all data collected and preserved in an open data repository
WP10.



Building skills and capacities of employees in the CH sector as well as of the creators of innovative use strategies

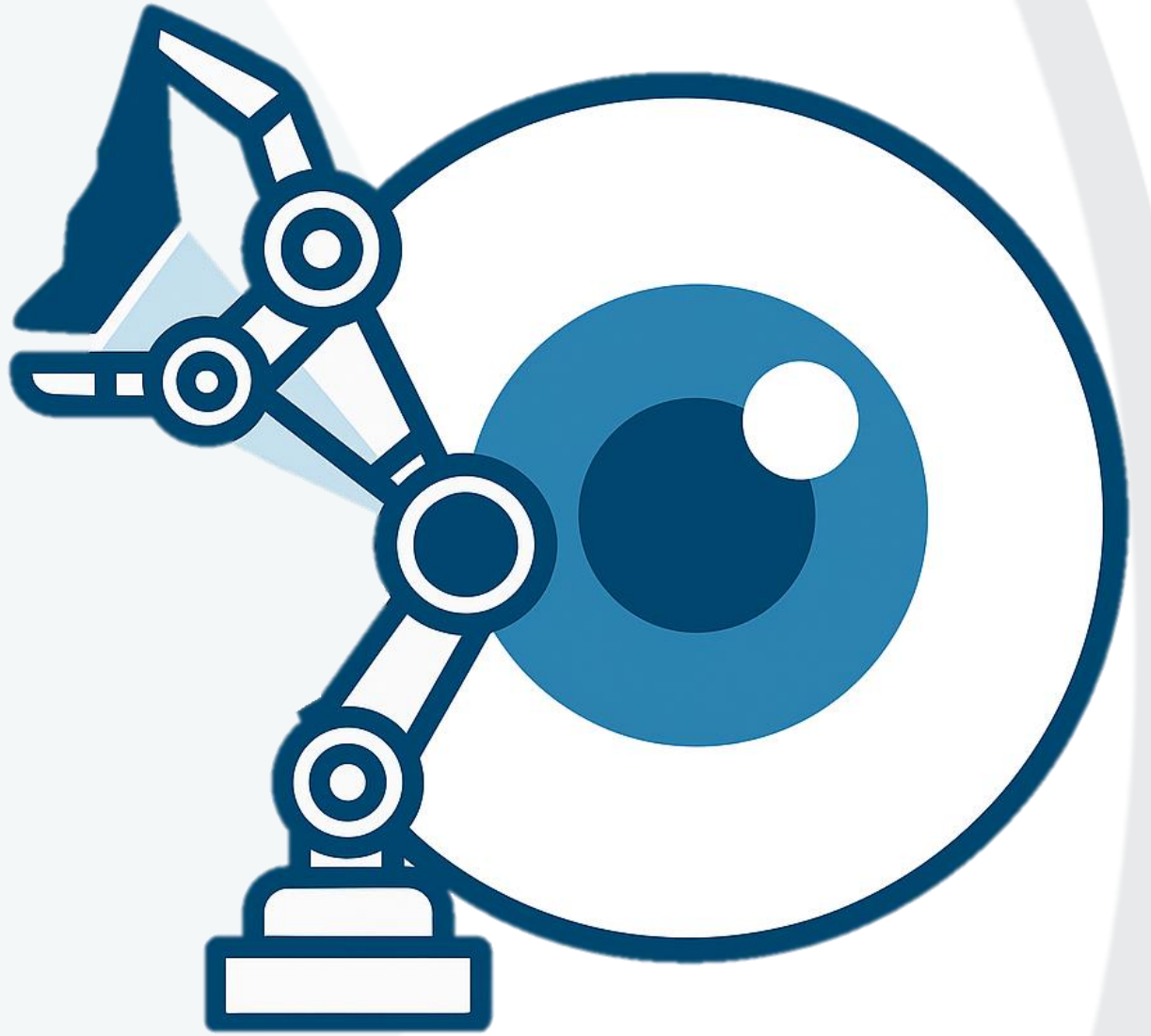
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Enable novel public uses of complex archaeological data
WP11.

Automated acquisition of chemical and physical data: multimodal data acquisition using non-invasive and portable sensors for archaeometric analysis of artefacts.

Enhanced Digitisation: creation of enriched digital representations combining detailed 3D models with archaeometric analysis and advanced 2D representations.



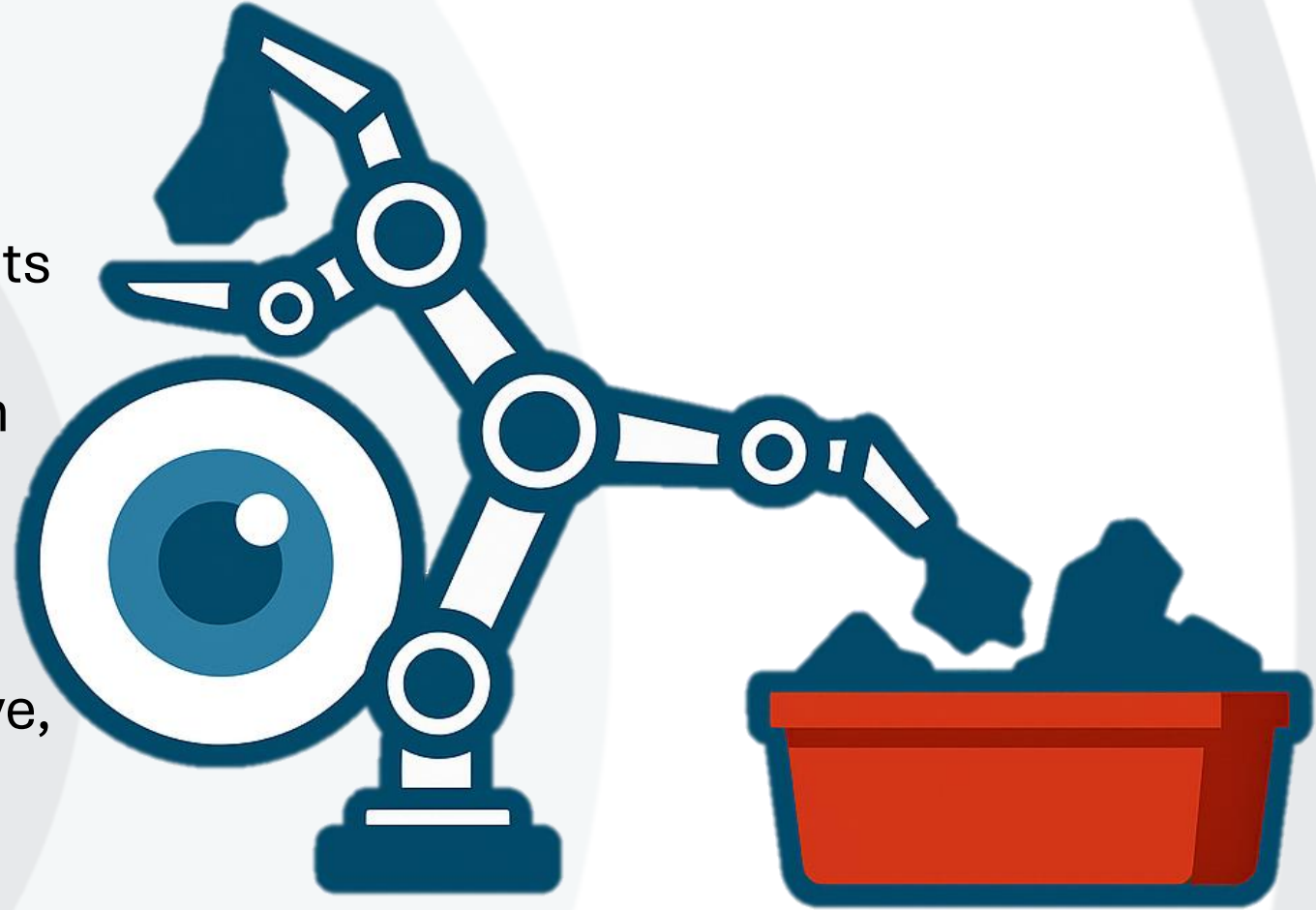
Automation for massive data acquisition:

Creation of a configurable manipulation and handling station, integrating soft robotic technologies with innovative gripping solutions, designed to handle the uncertainties and delicacy of the artefacts and guided by algorithms capable of integrating manipulation with perception sensors to identify objects.

Open-Source Robotic System:

development of a modular, cost-effective, and easy-to-deploy open-source robotic system.

Customisation: adaptability to various archaeological contexts, with a focus on customisation for specific needs.

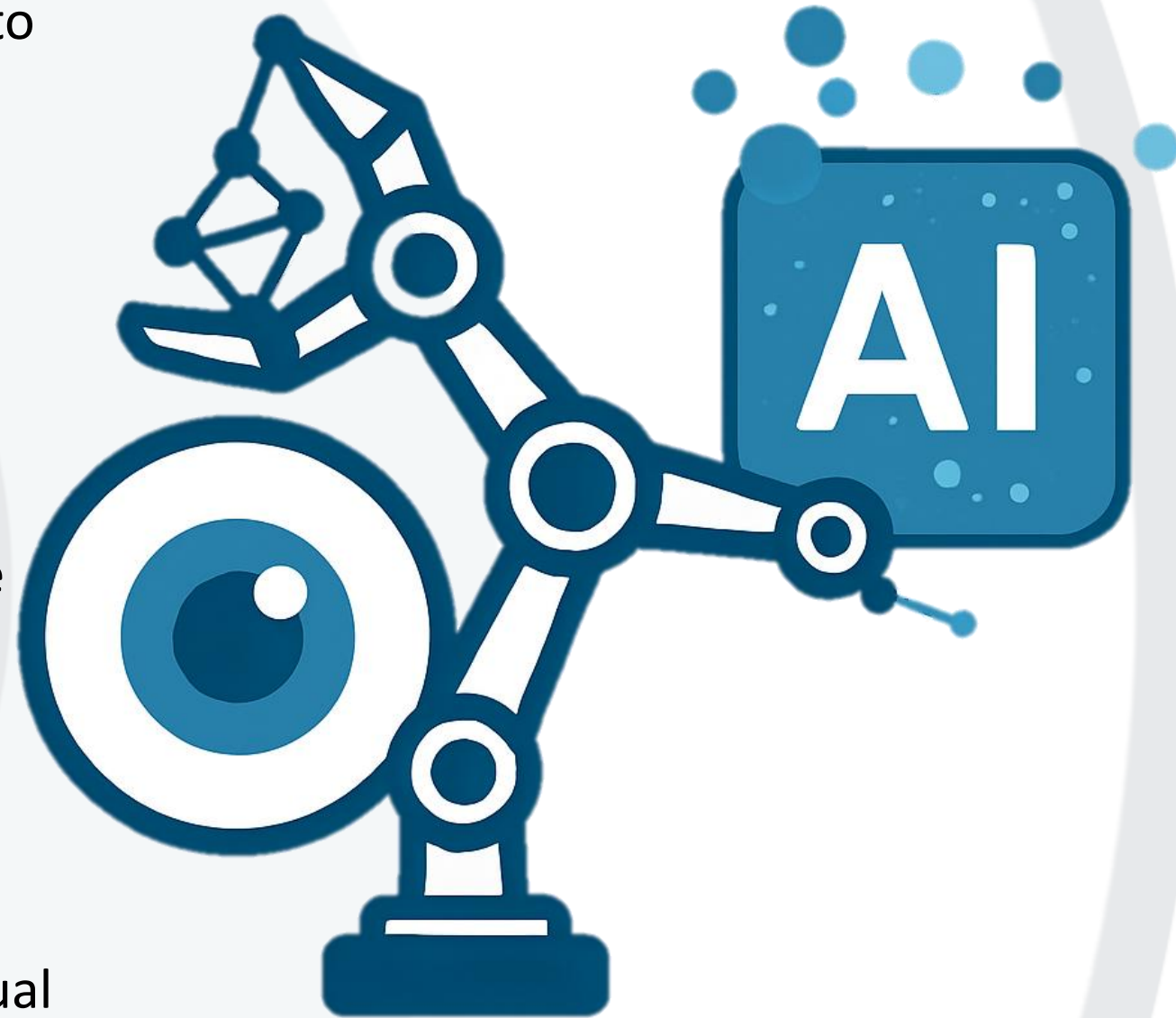


AI Model Development: creation of adaptable models with continuous learning capabilities to avoid instability.

Learning Approaches: Explore unsupervised and weakly supervised learning, enabling the creation of digital maps of artefacts for discovering hidden similarities.

Explainability and Ethics: develop explainable AI (XAI) functionality, ensuring human-comprehensible results and adherence to ethical principles.

Human-in-the-loop: encourage human intervention for data validation and AI continual learning, ensuring transparency and accuracy.



Meaningful Public Involvement:

Encourage public involvement through crowdsourcing, promote meaningful public participation in the cultural and creative processes linked to archaeological artefacts.

New Narratives: Narrate the stories connected to artefacts, making them more accessible and engaging for the public.

Artistic and Creative Engagement:

Involve Creative Industries and cultural institutions to engage the public through artistic and creative interventions.



Significance of Artefacts: Ceramics and lithics hold crucial archaeological information related to provenance, technological skills, cultural models, human/non-human relationships, trade, and chronology.

Advancing Archaeological Research: The application of Big Data and AI to artefact analysis opens new possibilities for archaeological research and interpretation.



FAIR Data Creation: generate large-scale FAIR data.

Enhancing AI in Archaeology: By providing accessible FAIR data, the project will help archaeology leverage AI more effectively, reducing the risks of low-quality results caused by inaccurate approximations.

Open Access: The project will ensure that digital content is stored, curated, and preserved for long-term sustainability, and openly available through ECCCH infrastructures





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