



Data Discovery - Introduction

Why (benefits of reusing data)
**How EUDAT's services help with
this (in general)**

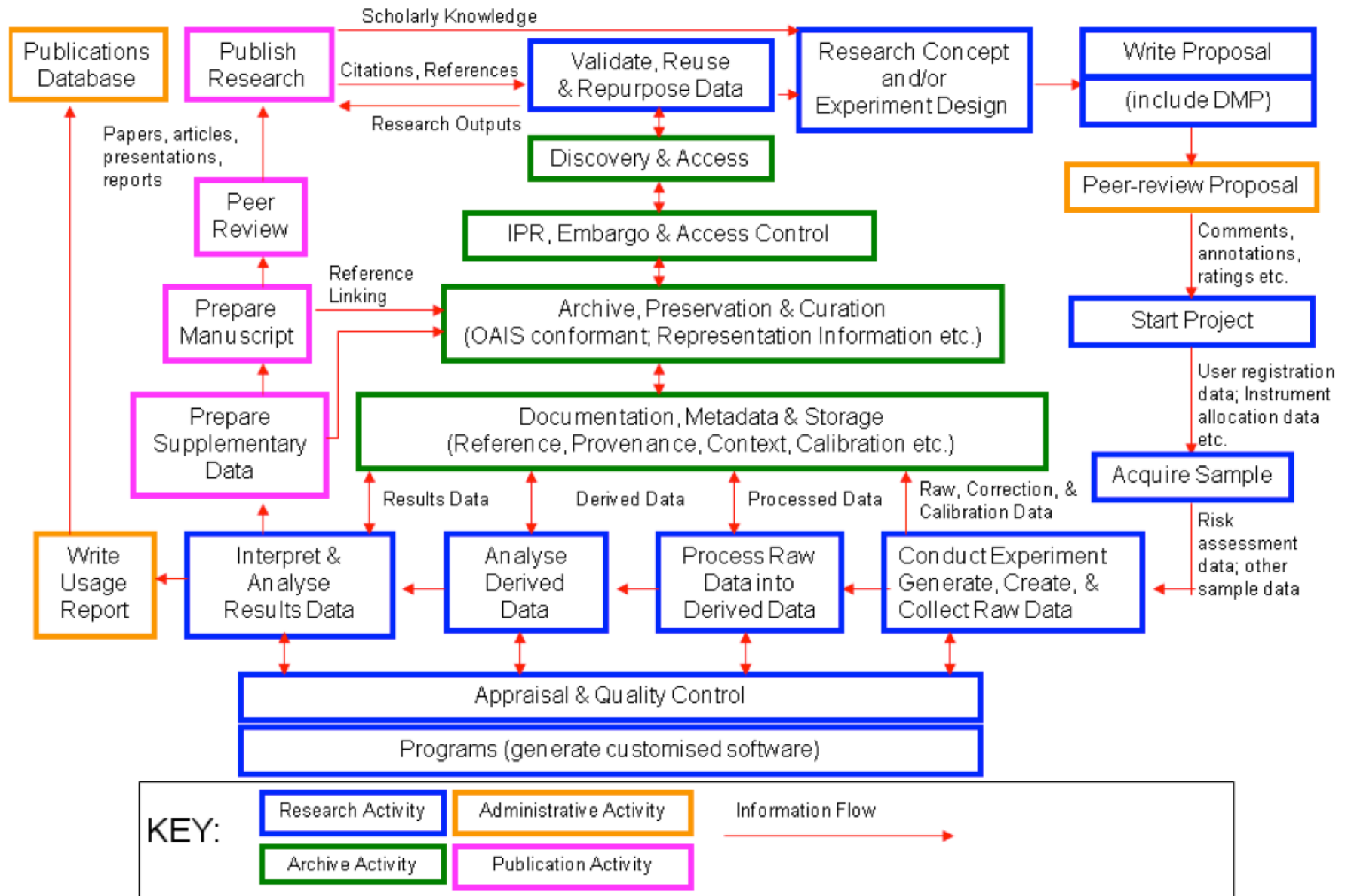
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Getting Your Data

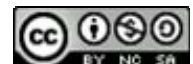
- In days gone by:
 - Design an experiment
 - Conduct the experiment
 - In the lab
 - Real-world observation
 - In silica (Computational Science)
 - Obtain (your own) data
- Now, more and more, there is a large amount of data that has already been collected, and stored

An Idealised Scientific Research Activity Lifecycle Model

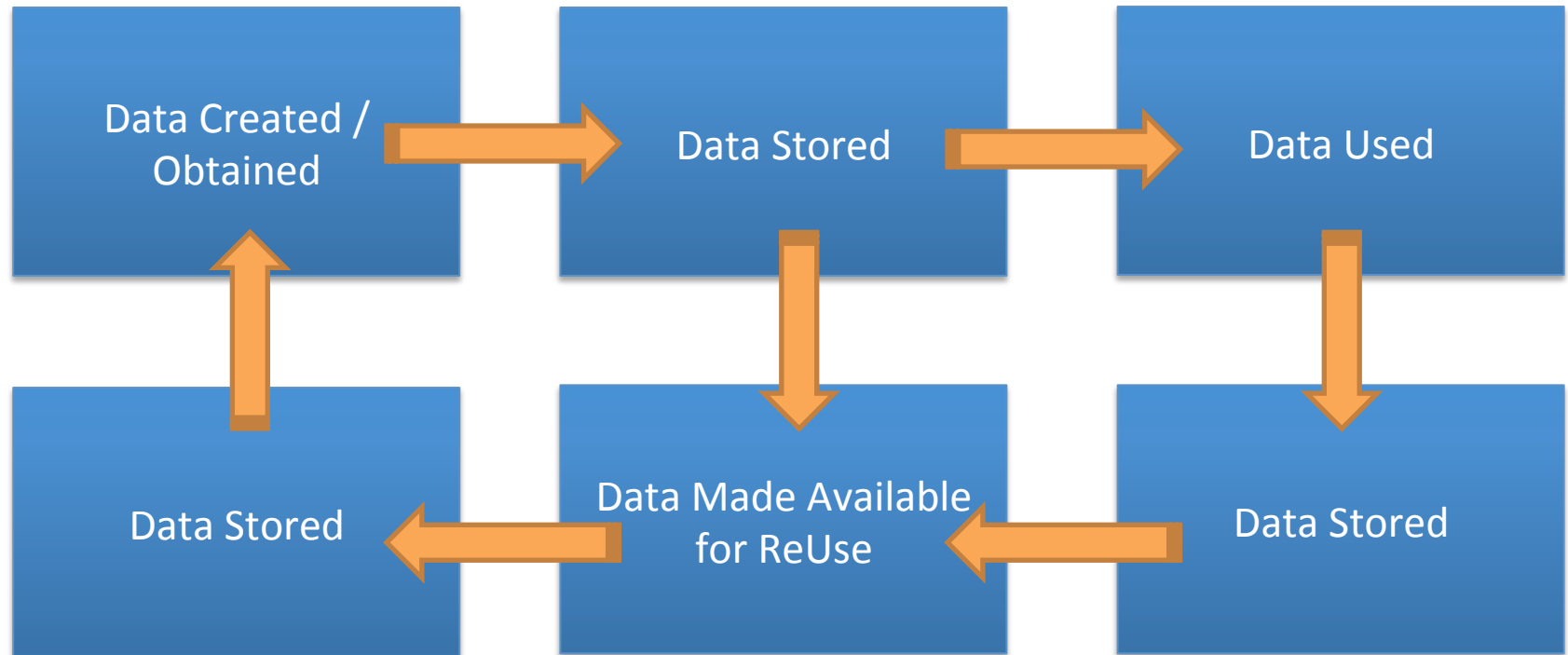


Source: **I2S2 Idealised Scientific Research Activity Lifecycle Model**

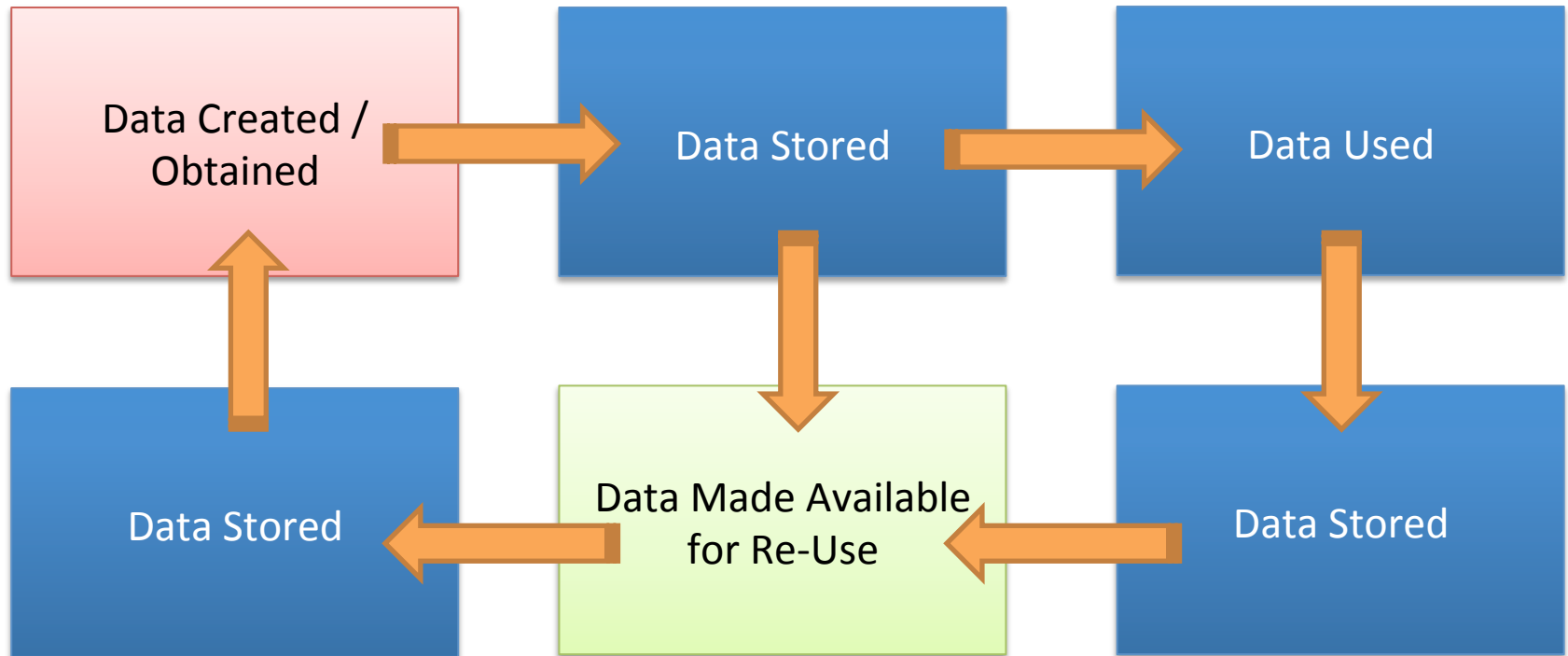
<http://www.ukoln.ac.uk/projects/I2S2/documents/I2S2-ResearchActivityLifecycleModel-110407.pdf>




A (simplified) Data Lifecycle



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Data Discovery & Sharing: Two Sides of the Same Coin

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- Why re-use data?
 - Avoids duplication of effort
 - Easier/cheaper than collecting your own
 - It may not be possible to re-measure (e.g. climate data)
 - Validate/test previous results
 - Why make your data re-usable?
 - Allow others to build on your efforts and use your data in new ways
 - Allow others to validate/test your results
 - Credit? Reputation?
 - Obligation to funders?

Data Discovery & Sharing: Two Sides of the Same Coin

- How to discover data
 - Web Search
 - Metadata Search
 - Follow links from other data and publications
 - Search popular repositories
 - Ask your twitter followers

- How to make your data discoverable
 - Give it a Persistent Identifier
 - Link it to other data, and cite it
 - Associate it with Metadata
 - Put it somewhere where people can get it easily (e.g. online)
 - Put it in a trusted repository which will look after it beyond when you'd look after it

Allow me to introduce... EUDAT

- A partnership of leading European Data Centres and Research Communities working towards a **Collaborative Data Infrastructure**





EUDAT: Vision & Architecture

- EUDAT began with the concept of the Collaborative Data Infrastructure
 - See “Riding the Wave” (High Level Expert Group on Scientific Data, Final Report, 2010)
- This identified a handful of core Service Cases
- And the implementation of the Service Cases led to our current distributed Architecture
 - See later

What is the EUDAT CDI?

- The EUDAT Collaborative Data Infrastructure is
 - a *pan-European, cross-disciplinary* domain of research data for both *big community* researchers and “*long tail*” scientists
 - where data are *registered, preserved, accessible* and made *re-usable*

What does this mean?

- ***Pan-European***
 - Fundamentally, a wide-area distributed architecture
- ***Cross-disciplinary***
 - Five core stakeholder communities, many other interested; many sources of conflicting requirements!
 - Including simplified services to encourage the “long tail” to participate
 - All implies a significant systems integration challenge!

What does this mean? (2)

- **Registered** means EUDAT data are
 - Globally identified and discoverable (the **PID Service**)
- **Preserved** means EUDAT data are
 - Stored at big European HPC and data centres
 - Replicated for safety (**B2SAFE**: the **Safe Replication Service**)
 - Governed by policy rules (the **Policy Management Service**)

What does this mean? (3)

- **Accessible** means EUDAT data are
 - Identifiable and findable (the **PID Service**)
 - Retrievable efficiently (**B2STAGE**: the **Data Staging Service**)
 - Governed by suitable access control (the **AAI Service**)
- **Re-usable** means EUDAT data are
 - Findable (the **PID Service**)
 - Comprehensible (**B2FIND**: the **Joint Metadata Service**)
 - Composable and combinable (future workflow and computational services)

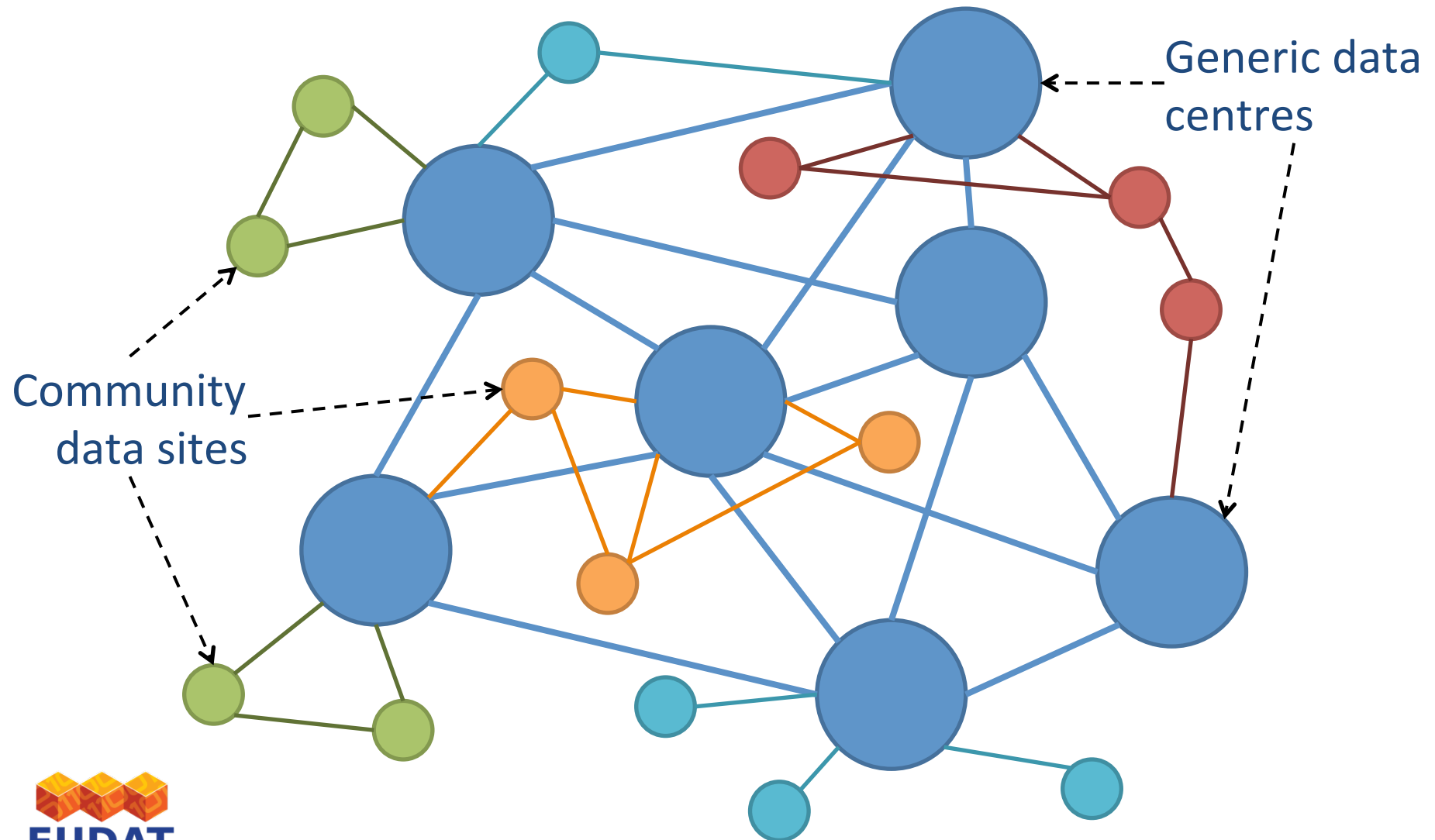
What does this mean? (4)

- For both *big communities* and “*long tail*” means
 - Stable, web-service APIs for existing tool-stacks to use (the **Common Service Layer Interface**)
 - Low barriers to use (the **Simple Store Service**)
- Hence the **core EUDAT service cases**
- Identifying solutions for these cases *that work with our stakeholder communities’ existing solutions* led us to the current CDI architecture

The CDI network architecture

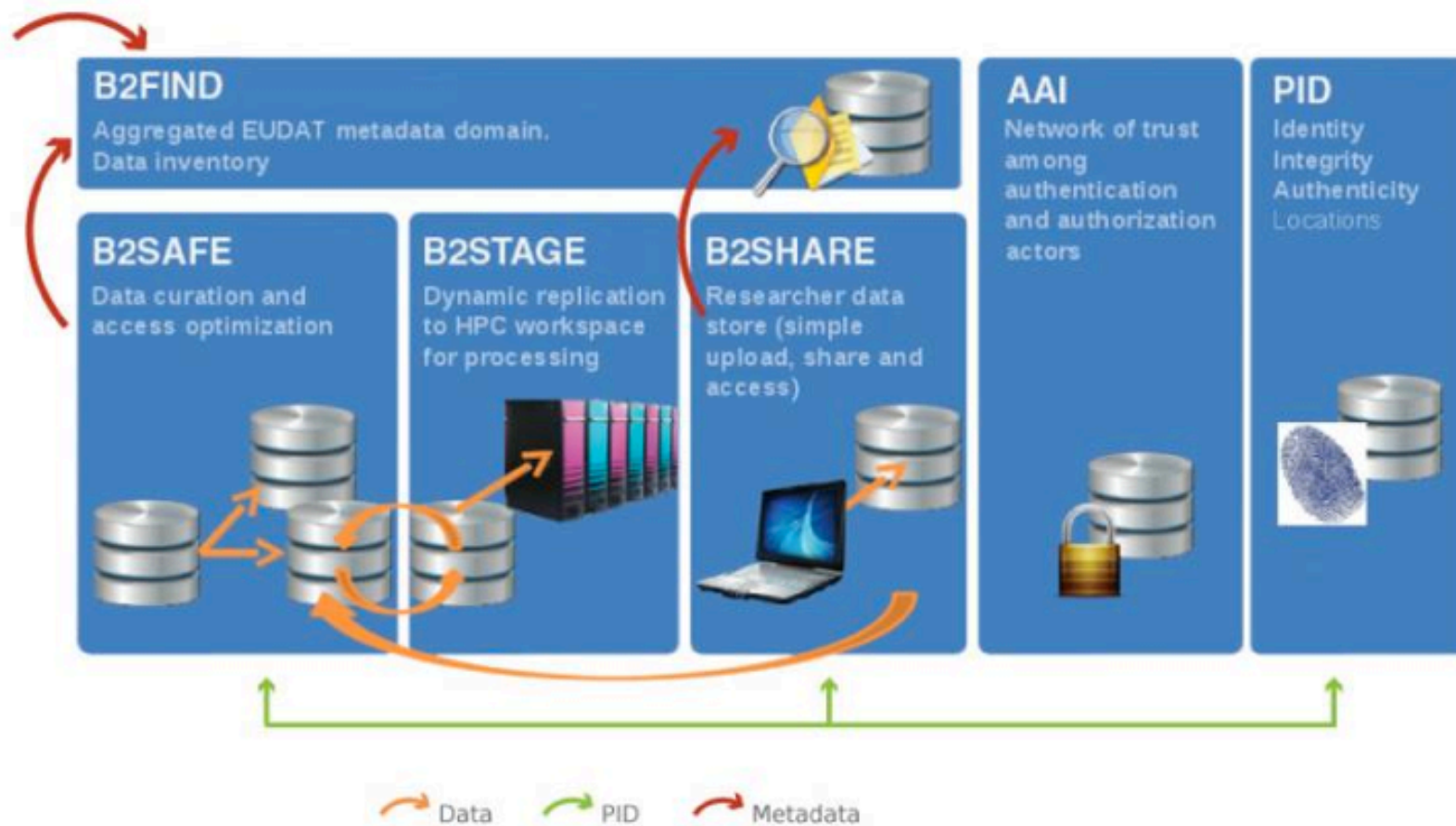
- The CDI is a connected network of European research institutions and data centres (collectively *Nodes*) each offering one or more common EUDAT data services to both participating research communities and independent researchers
- Data centre Nodes have lots of connections
- Research community Nodes need only one
- Connections have both technical & policy agreement aspects

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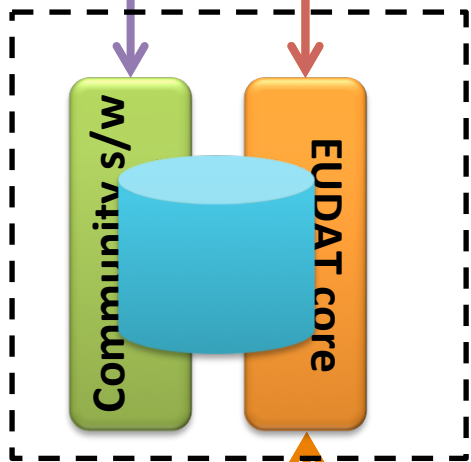
CDI Node architecture

- Nodes run parts of the CDI Node software suite, depending on which services they want to offer
- All Nodes should offer Safe Replication and PID
 - This is really what being in the CDI is all about
- Others are optional
 - Depends on what a Node's expected user base requires
- (Some data centre Nodes also need to run the Operational Services suite)



Joining vs Using the CDI

“Using” the CDI



“Joining” the CDI



EUDAT CDI

What's Next for EUDAT?

Working Groups

- Data Access & Re-Use Policies
- Dynamic Data
- Semantics
- Workflows

New Services? *Under Consideration*

- B2NOTE? – Annotation
- B2DROP? – File Workspace & Synchronisation
- B2HOST? – Hosting of (Application Specific) Data Services