



Helmholtz Digital Services for Science

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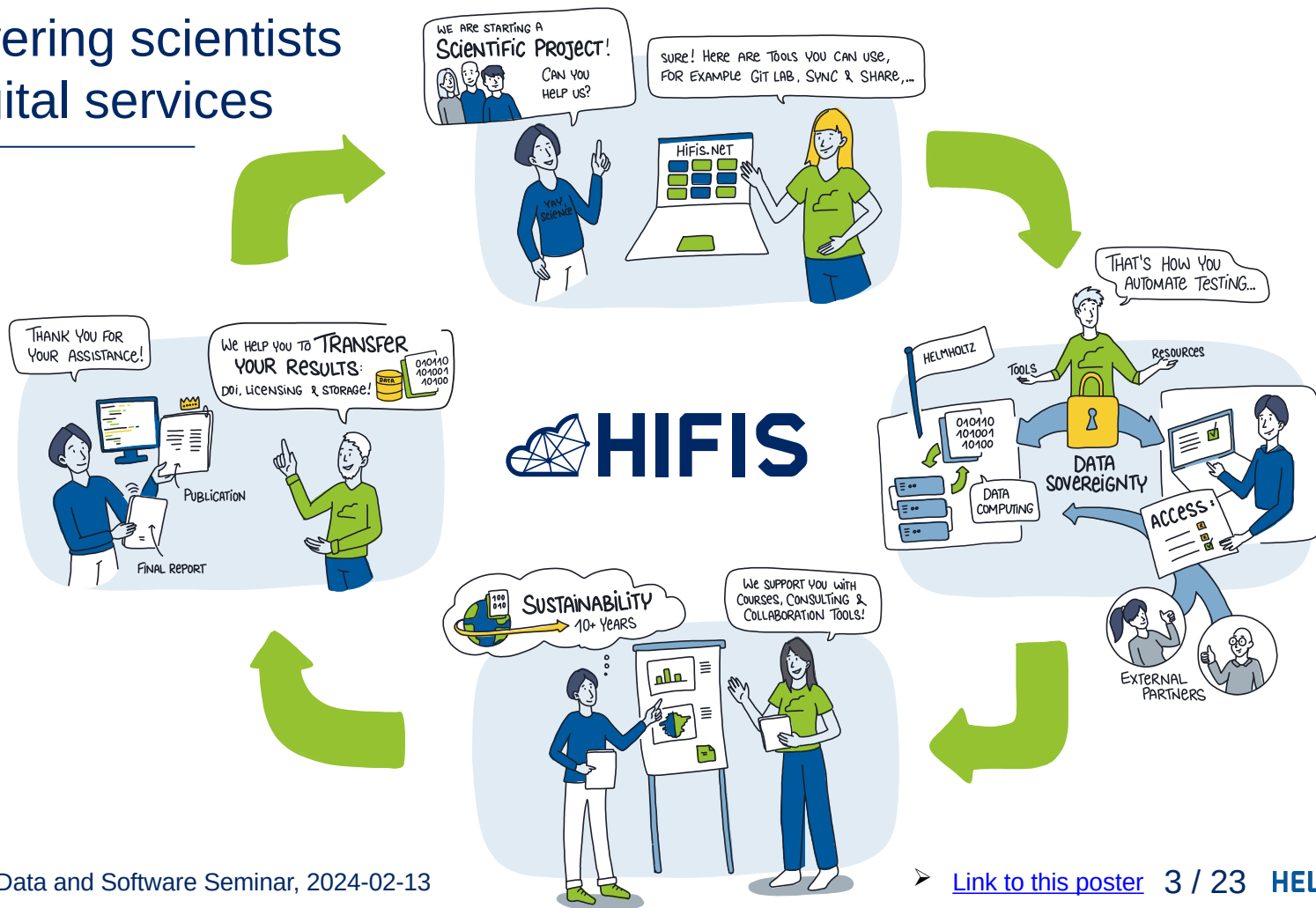
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Energy	Earth and Environment	Health	Aeronautics, Space	Matter	Information
<p>Exploiting Synergies: Cross-disciplinary, cross-centre, sharing of competences and infrastructure. Continuous funding.</p>					
					

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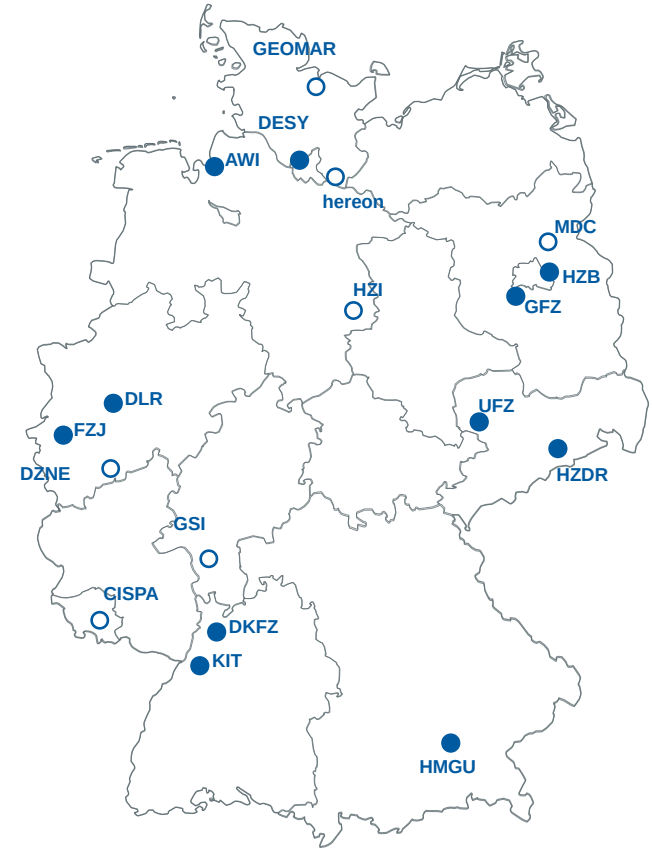


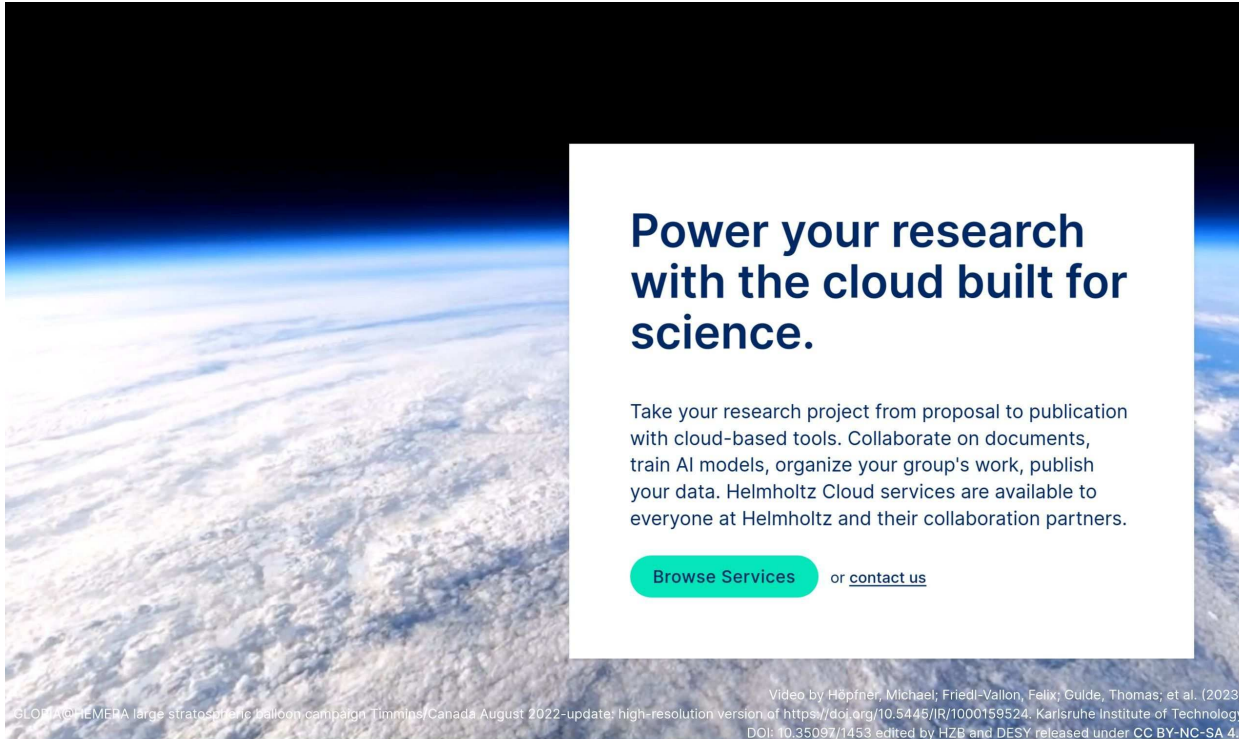
Empowering scientists with digital services



HIFIS Team

- 11 Centres for all-Helmholtz & Partners
- 3 Organisational Clusters: Backbone, Cloud, Software



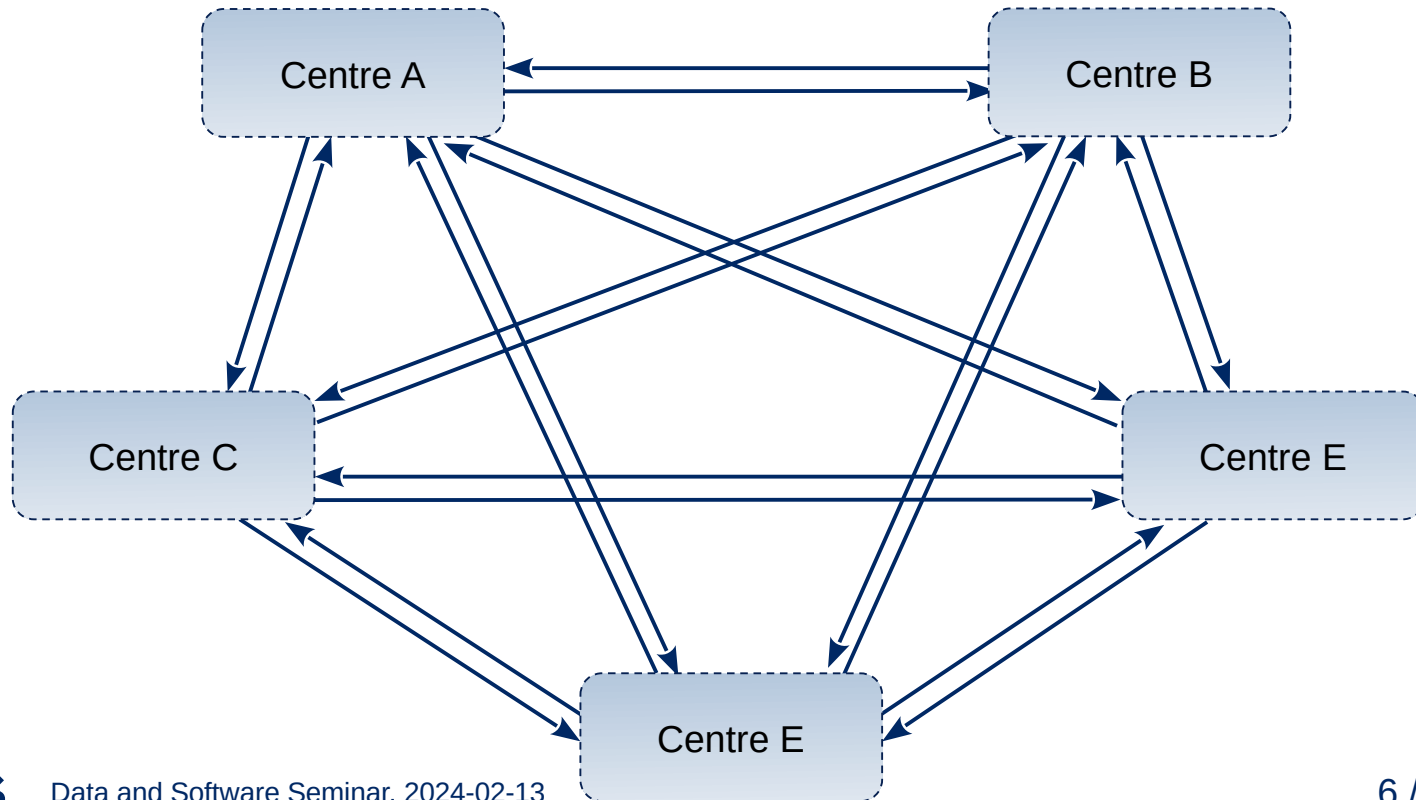
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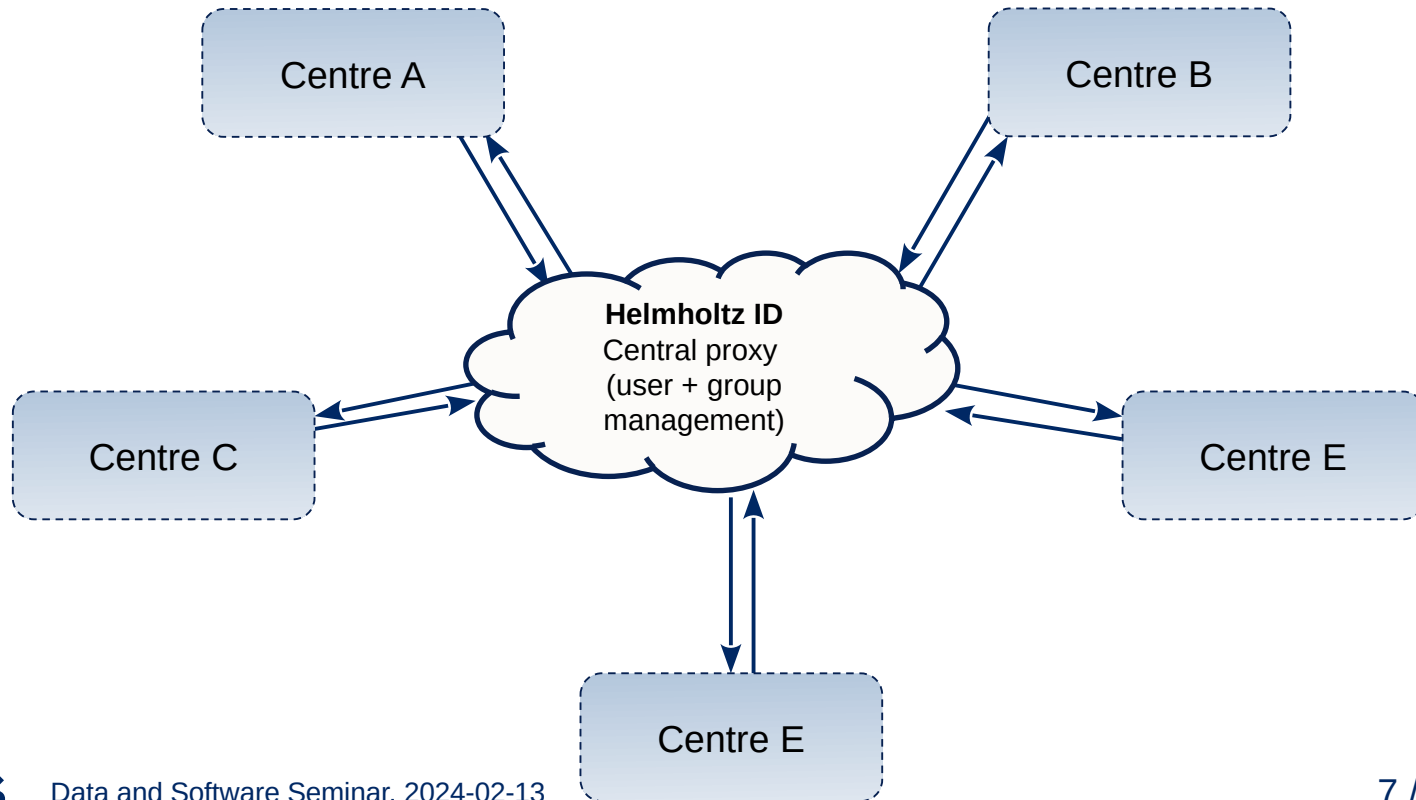
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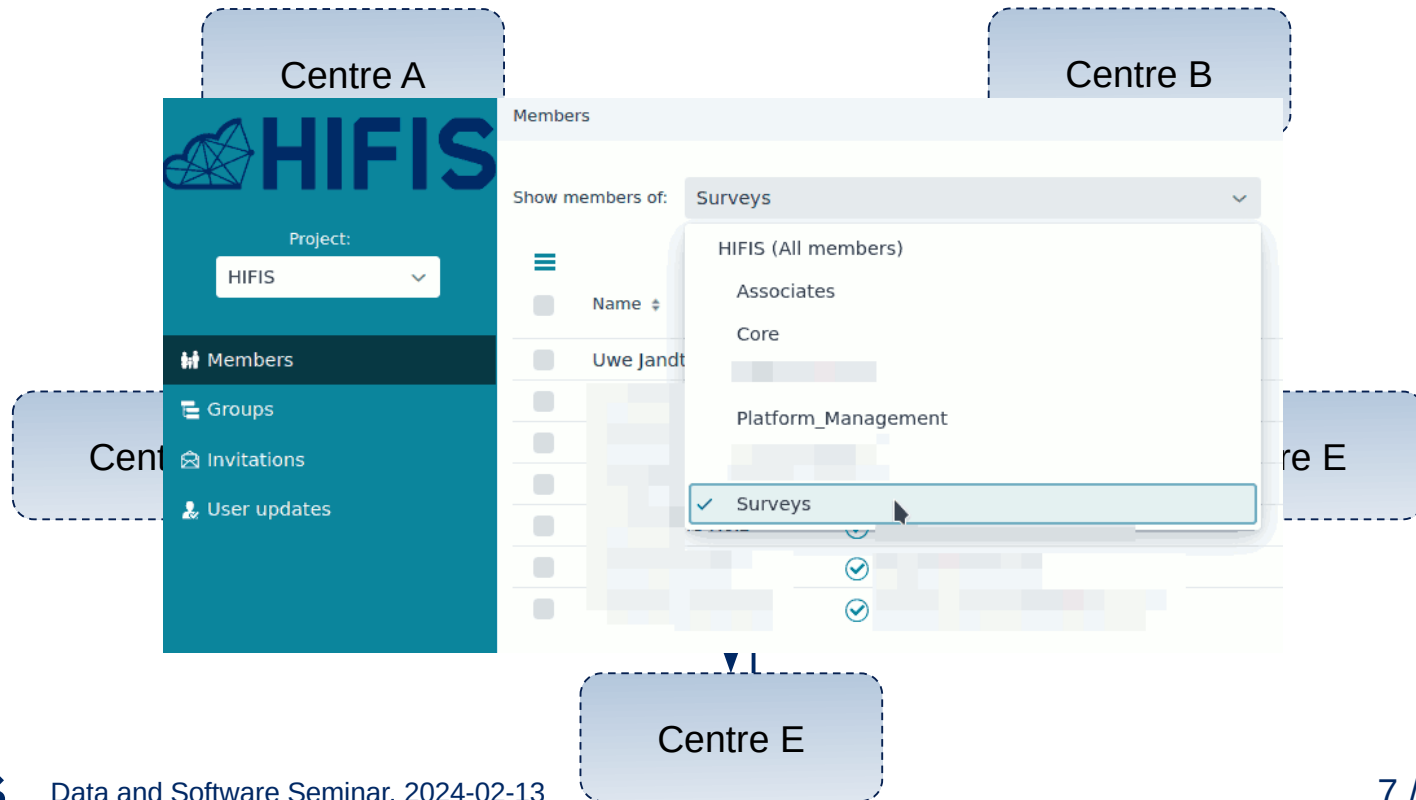
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

















Helmholtz ID: Unified User & Group Management








Infrastructure & Cloud Services

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Collaboration Database


Earth and Environment (Facta)

Helmholtz RSD
● RSD Research Software Directory


dCache InfiniteSpace
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Store large-scale scientific data and access it through different protocols.


Collaboration Information

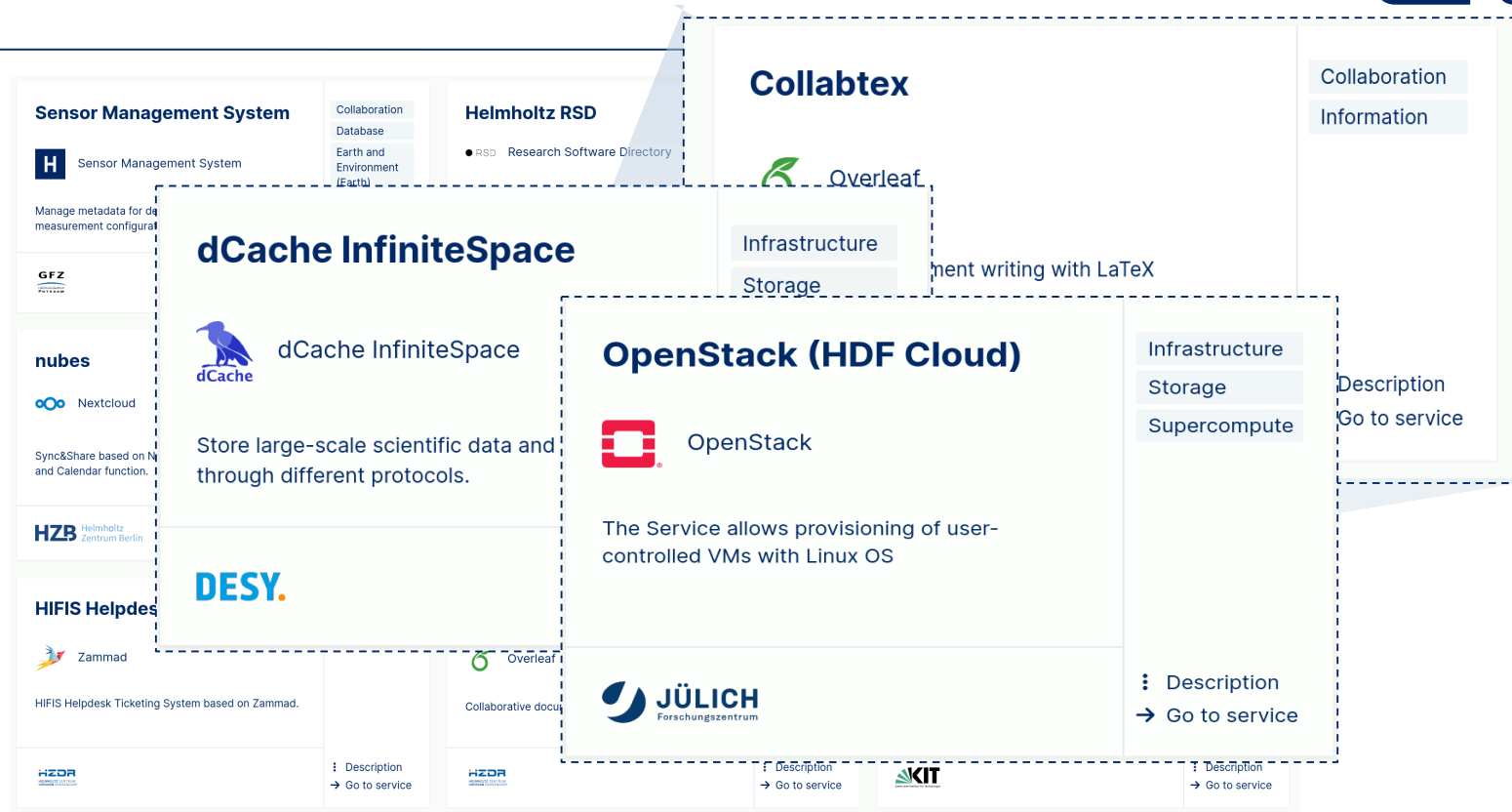
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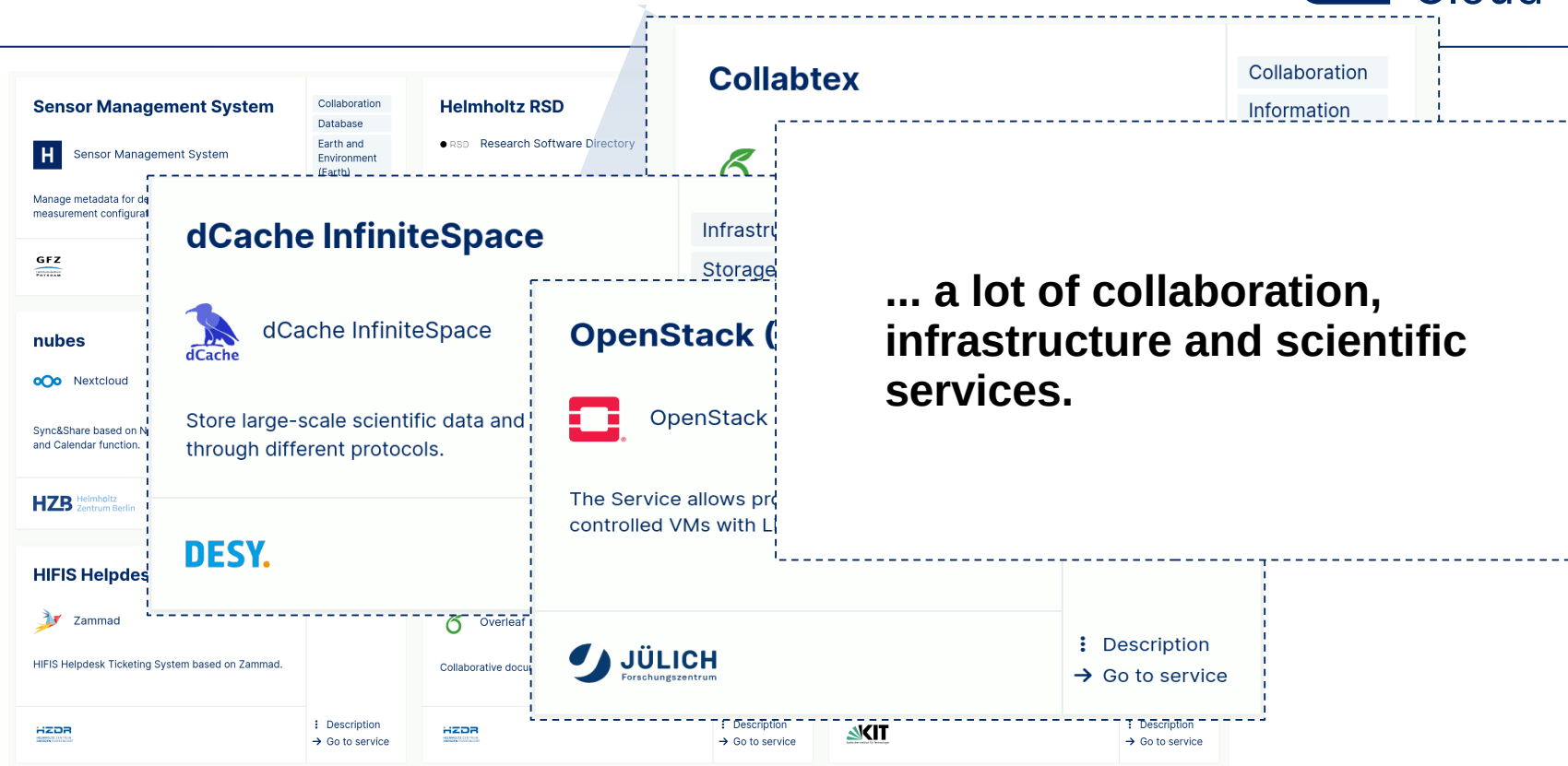
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Container runtime environment on KIT HAICORE HPC systems.


Infrastructure & Cloud Services



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Infrastructure for good scientific practices in RSE

Supporting the whole software development lifecycle



Dependabot

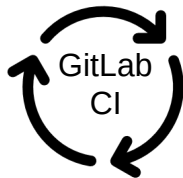
Security: Automate
dependency updates

Deployed and made
available with

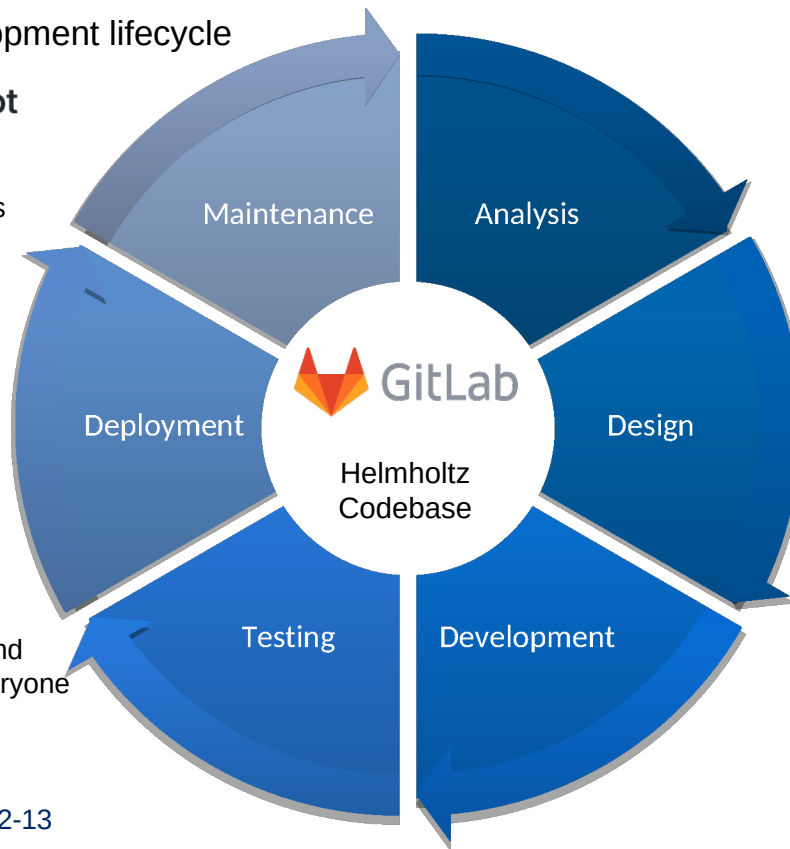


ANSIBLE

<https://github.com/hifis-net>



Continuous Integration and
Deployment available for everyone
by default



Kroki

Diagram creation

Mattermost

Team communication

Procedures & Legal Aspects

Processes

- Management of the service portfolio
- Brokering of (cloud) services
- Coordination and partial operation of User Support

Finance

- HIFIS funding by Helmholtz Association
- Use of services is free of charge
- Provision of services by the centres



Helmholtz Software

Best-practices for sustainable Research Software Engineering on multiple levels:

Education & Training

Courses, material and workshops for getting you started or boosting your software engineering practice.

Community

Build and foster communities to support the **cultural change** when dealing with research software. Maintain a SW Directory

Consulting

Contact points for researchers for questions and problems in the context of RSE.

Technology

Provide a sustainable, well integrated and easy to use **technology infrastructure** for research software development.

Helmholtz Software: Consulting

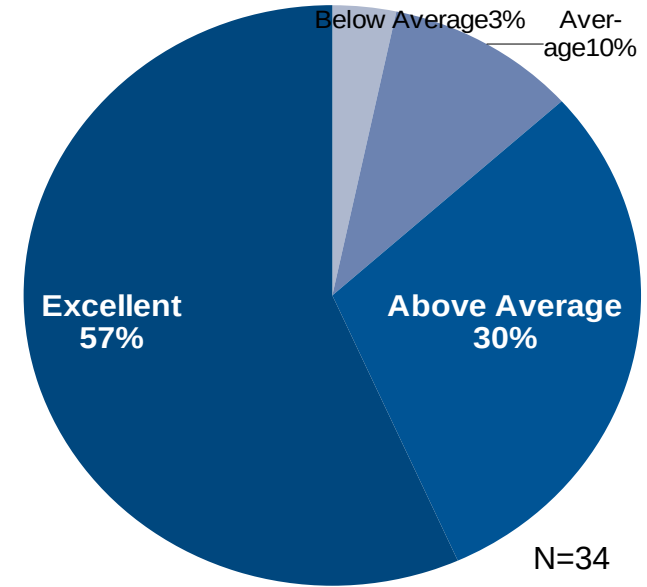
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Great idea and a great support especially since there is no other person programming in my research group.
Very happy that you came up with this!

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For us, it would be perfect to have such a consulting service over a longer period of time, e.g. for 6-12 months with regular meetings.

Impact of the consultation on your project or work

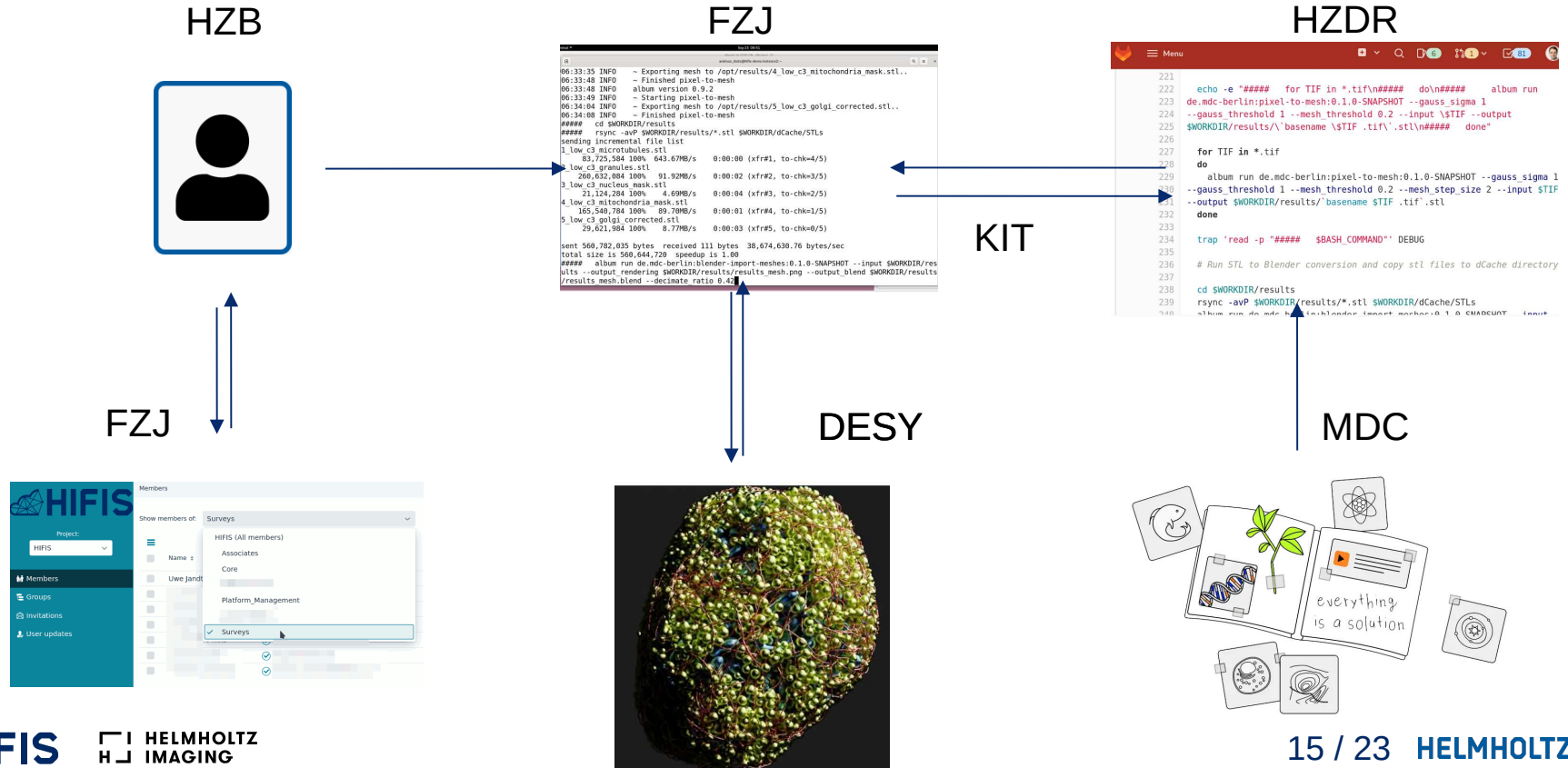


Distributed Service Orchestration (Example)

- **Demo – 6 Sites involved:**
 - 3 Cloud Services Sites,
 - 2 Component provider,
 - 1 using centre
- **Thanks to AAI, transparent access possible:**
 - After first login, no further credentials required
 - Efficient and transparent transfer of data from service to service between sites (Code, data)



Distributed Service Orchestration (Example)



Some Numbers

>7000

Active users; total >20k accounts,
of which are ~5k non-Helmholtz

>95

Cross-centre
Collaborating groups (VO)

>2.000

Software course
participants

~290

Institutions with
users in AAI

>1.200

Support tickets in 2023

~1.000

Monthly active projects in
the Helmholtz Codebase

33

Helmholtz Cloud Services
from 9 centres

~ 15

Crossover Events, incl HIDA:
Hackathons, Summer Academy...

Evaluation



- **Excellent progress** setting up initial structures and services in all clusters
- **Uptake** of services good and **increasing**
- **Enthusiastic, well working team**, full of motivation and engagement.
- **Building trust** among all 18 centres: HIFIS is a **catalyst** here
- Now turning from build-up to operation phase: **Adapt!**
- HIFIS can be a **role-model** for similar activities elsewhere
- **Strongly recommend to continue the platform!**

Ongoing Works & Plans → "HIFIS 2.0"

- **Awareness:** Branding of HIFIS services to make researchers aware what they are using, even beyond Helmholtz.
- **Coverage:** Make HIFIS services commonly accepted and practically used by all Helmholtz centres.
- **Interaction with users:** Increase where possible interaction with end users.
- **Cyber security:** Coordination and increased resilience of core components
- **International collaboration:** Further promote federated technologies and cooperation on resource sharing.
- **Scale Effects:** Exploit increased weight of all Helmholtz vs single centres; improved specialization and consolidated use cases

Helmholtz Digital Services for Science — Collaboration made easy.

I. Just try it!

- Most Software and Cloud Services readily available for Helmholtz + Partners
- User-oriented workflows will be integrated continuously

II. See what's there & Spread the word!

- <https://hifis.net/media>
- <https://helmholtz.cloud>
- <https://hifis.net/newsletter>

III. Consult us:

- support@hifis.net





Thank you!



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Questions?



Spare slides

Our mission and vision

- **“Empowering scientists with digital services”**

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- → HIFIS is concentrating its efforts on...
 - facilitating cooperation across scientific disciplines and institutions,
 - building the best cloud platform for science,
 - providing federated sovereign digital infrastructures, advocating and developing them,
 - promoting awareness for scientific software as a driver of scientific progress, and
 - enabling all people creating software at Helmholtz to apply modern software engineering principles that serve good scientific practice.

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