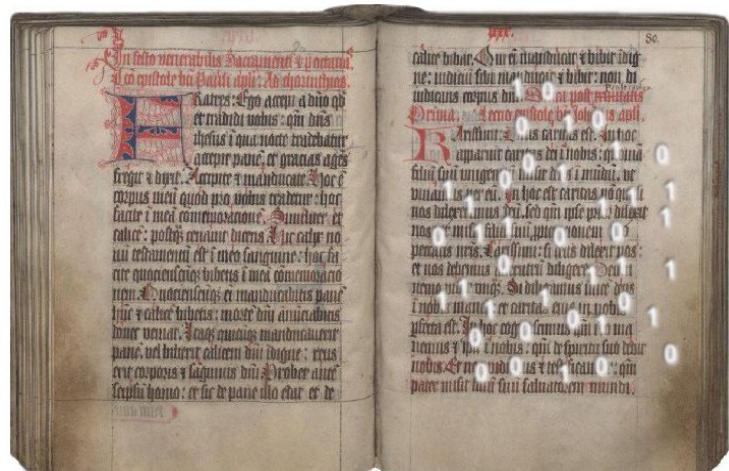




Digital Research Infrastructure
for the Arts and Humanities



The DARIAH Bit Preservation Service for Humanities Research Data



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DARIAH In A Nutshell

- ESFRI (European Strategy Forum on Research Infrastructures) project for the arts and humanities
- Based on national contributions
- Scope:
 - Build-up of a **sustainable research infrastructure** in close, international cooperation
 - Enhancement of **digital research methods**
 - **Access to digital research data** in Europe
 - **Support** of scholars
- Participants: archaeology, musicology, Jewish Studies, history, philology, art history, philosophy, literary studies, ...
 - + computer science + data centers



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Examples Of Research Endeavors



Digitale Edition - Jüdischer Friedhof Hamburg-Altona,
Königstraße (1621-1871 / 5988 Einträge): Inv.-Nr. 3361
URL: [http://www.steinheim-institut.de/cgi-bin/epidat?](http://www.steinheim-institut.de/cgi-bin/epidat?function=Ins&sel=hha&inv=3361)
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פה נקבר הישיש כמר שמעאל בר יהו דא שע"י נתישבה ק"ק אלטונה נפטר יי גי ר"ח אלול שפ"א לפ"ק חניצ'ה	<i>Hier ist begraben</i> <i>der Hochbetagte, der geehrte Herr</i> <i>Schmuel, Sohn des Jehuda,</i> <i>von dem die heilige Gemeinde</i> <i>Altona gegründet wurde, verschieden</i> <i>Tag 3, Neumond Elul 381</i> <i>der kleinen Zählung. Seine Seele sei eingebunden in das Bündel</i> <i>des Lebens</i>
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Examples Of Research Endeavors



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New research opportunities and questions by

- access to research data
 - processing and analyzing a huge amount of research data
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- Projects rely on accessible, long-term data storage
 - Heterogeneous data and results need to be preserved for the future

Bit Preservation And Long-term Archiving

Data Curation - Interpretability

- Creation
- Object management

Content Preservation - Readability

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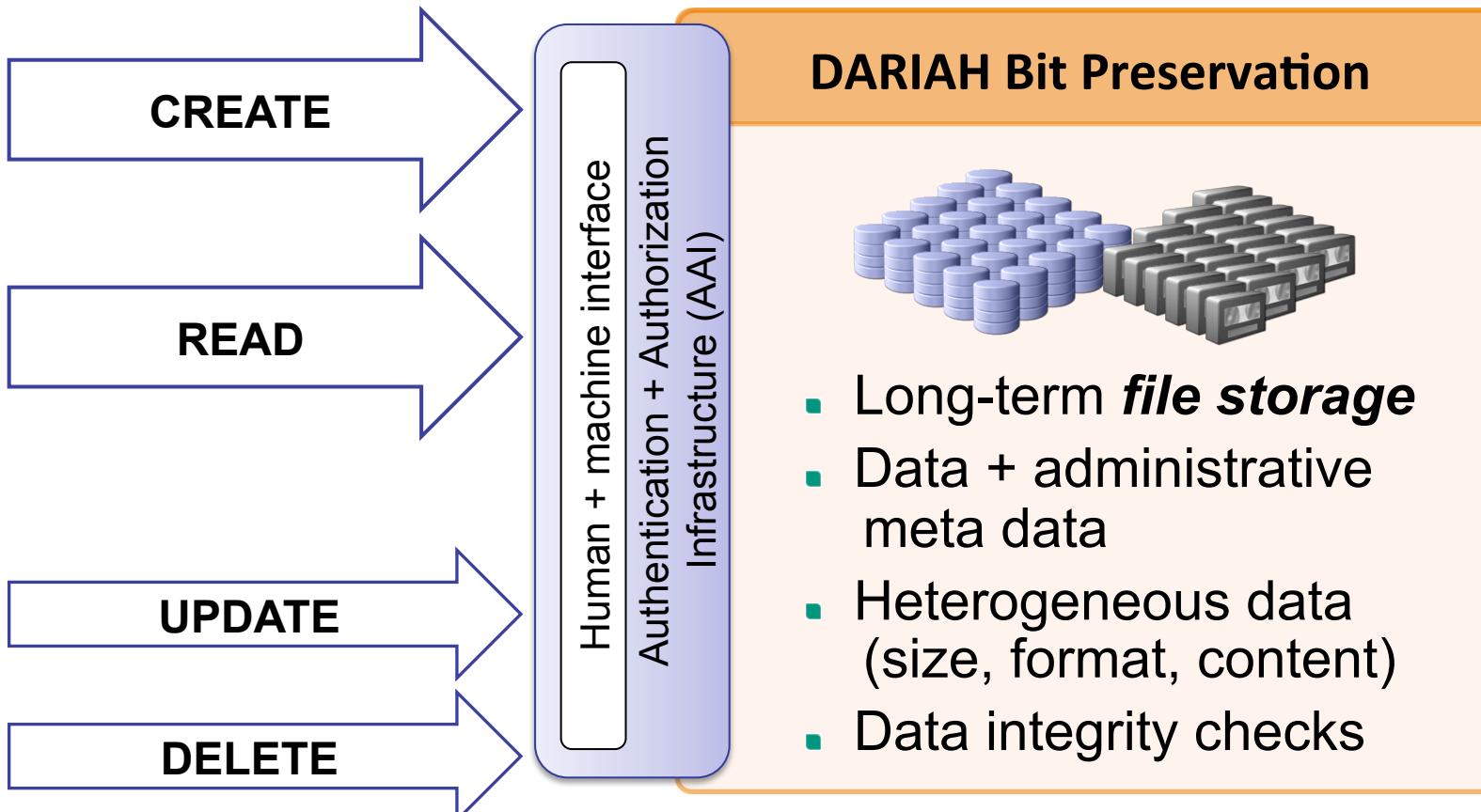
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Features Of The DARIAH Bit Preservation

The DARIAH Bit Preservation aims to design and implement a system for a sustainable, safe and persistent storage of research data.



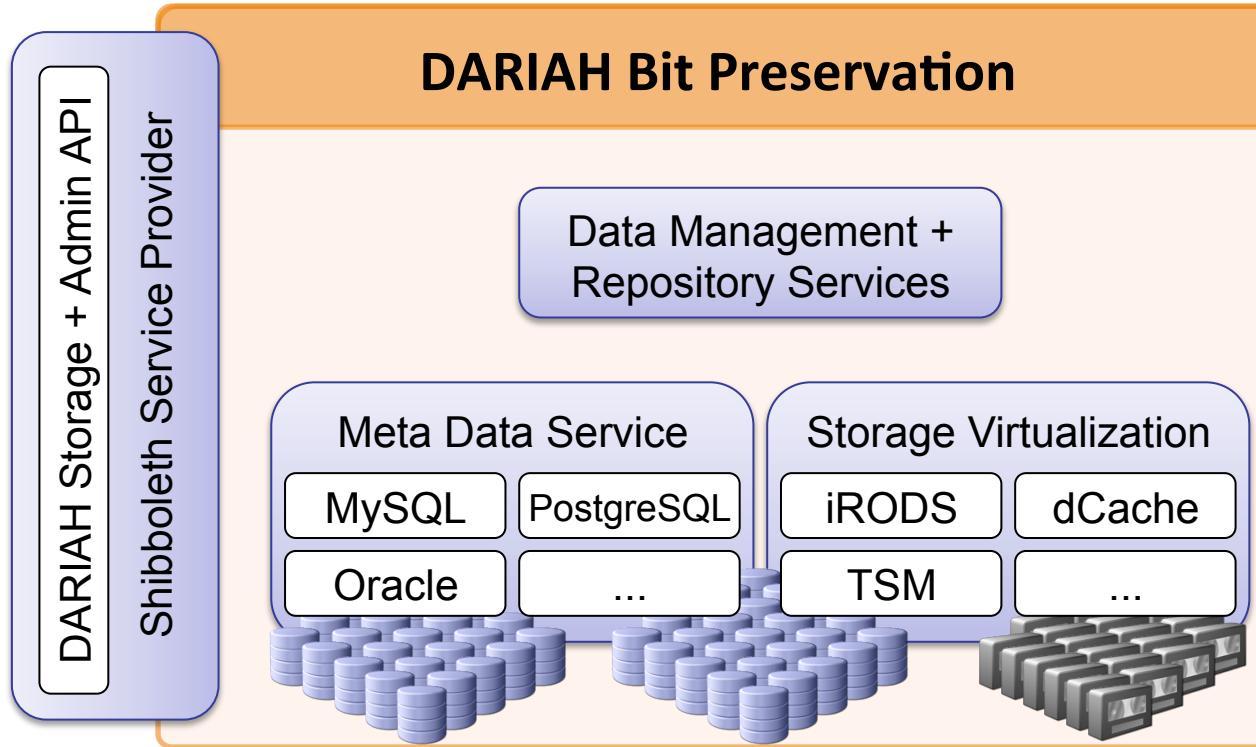
Standard-based Interfaces

Requirements:

- As easy-to-use as possible
- Hide the complexity of the Dariah Bit Preservation
- Basic functionalities for file handling
- Basic configuration of Bit Preservation mechanisms

Dariah Storage API (application programming interface)	Bit Preservation Admin API (application programming interface)
RESTful + HTTP-based	RESTful + HTTP-based
Storage functionalities	Bit Preservation functionalities
	Administrative interface
	Information about data (e.g. number of replicas, last integrity check)
	Configuration of Bit Preservation

Architecture



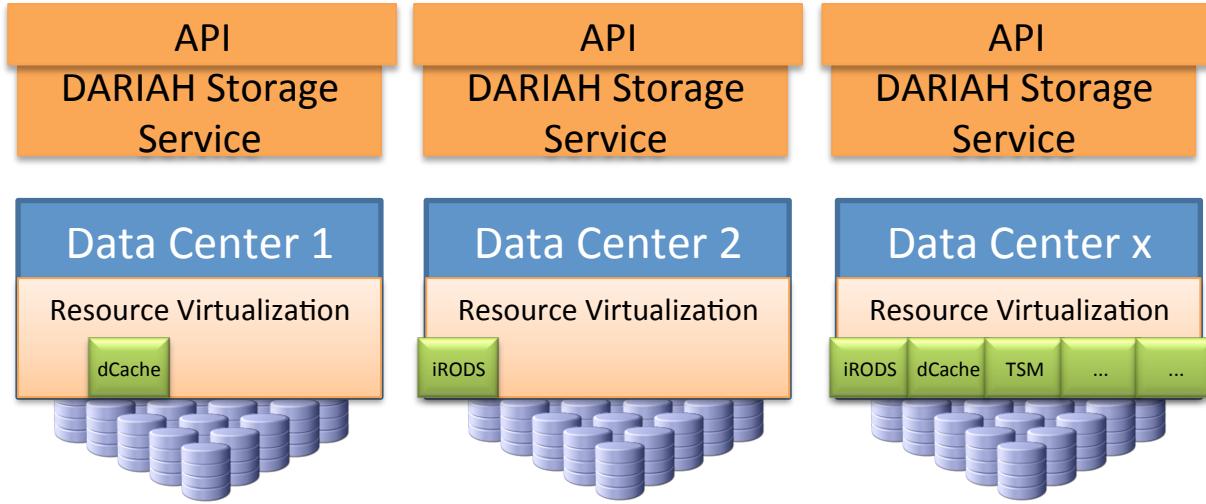
- Separation of functionalities
 - Independent from storage backend
 - Standardized interface
- Sustainability + Usability*

Existing Storage Backend Adapters

- Storage provided by KIT, GWDG, RZG, FZJ
- KIT: 50 TB in Large Scale Data Facility (SCC, CN)
- ***iRODS***: integrated Rule-Oriented Data System
 - Open-source data management system
 - Logical namespace independent from storage resources
 - Rules to implement workflows / policies
- ***Hard drive***
 - ***dCache*** (thanks to Xavier and Doris)
 - Caching system for frequently requested data
 - Enables convenient access to a tape system



Research + Development Challenges

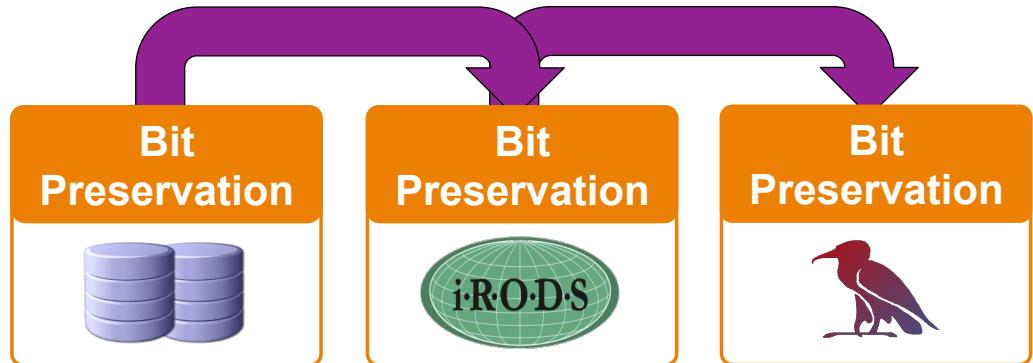


- Definition + implementation of a storage service independent of the underlying storage backend
- Proof of interoperability of the storage backend

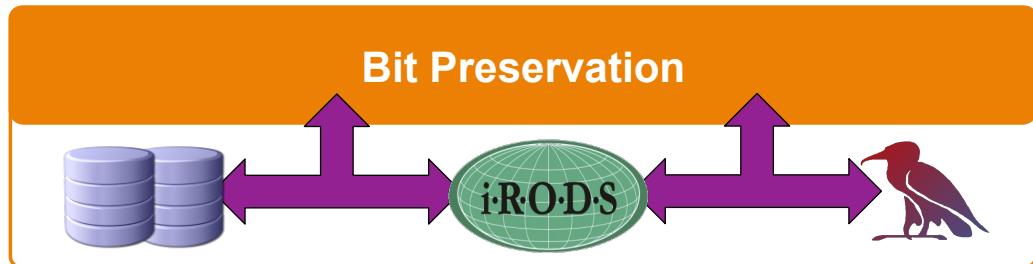
Currently Under Evaluation

- **Data migration** – use case „Virtual Scriptorium“ with ~ 5 TB
- Implementation of migration tools and evaluation (stability, performance, impact on Bit Preservation mechanisms)

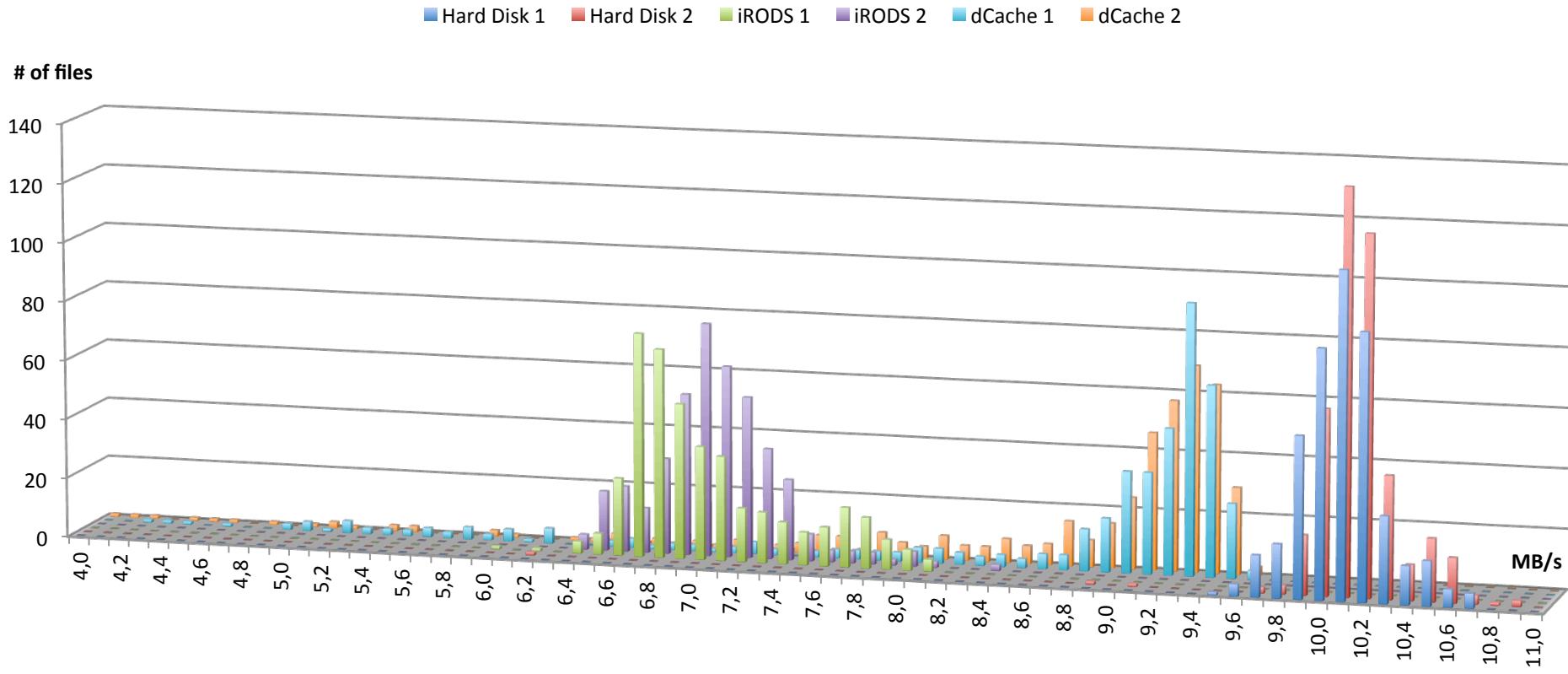
- **Approach 1:**
migration outside
the Bit Preservation



- **Approach 2:**
migration inside the
Bit Preservation



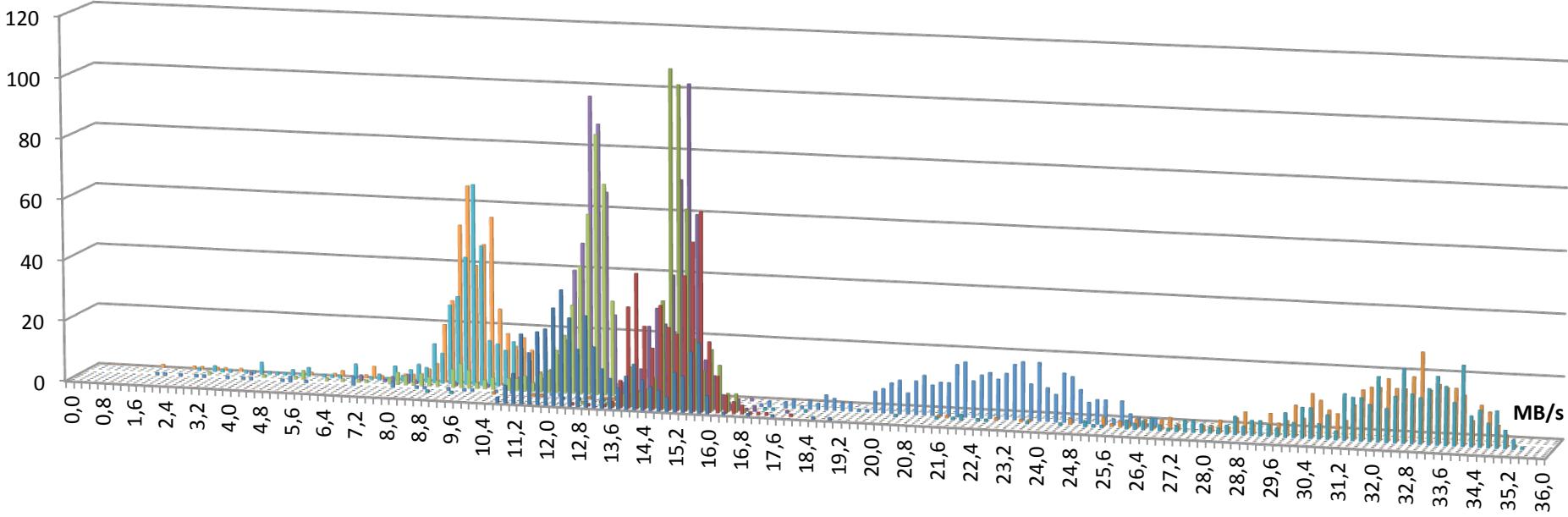
Migration Outside The Bit Preservation



Migration Inside The Bit Preservation



of files



dawa – data web application

The screenshot shows the dawa web application interface. At the top, there are two buttons: "Ingest" with an upward arrow icon and "Download" with a downward arrow icon. Below these are two small icons: a blue square with a white triangle pointing up and a blue square with a white triangle pointing down.

Ingest Status Symbol	File Name	Bytes	Upload Date
blue square with up arrow	animationFile.gif	807561	Thu Jun 20 10:28:57 CEST 2013
blue square with up arrow	docFile.docx	1038326	Thu Jun 20 10:28:57 CEST 2013
green plus sign	pdfFile.pdf	3501136	Thu Jun 20 10:28:58 CEST 2013
blue square with up arrow	review.png	46406	Thu Jun 20 10:28:58 CEST 2013
blue folder icon	TestFile.txt	21	Thu Jun 20 10:28:58 CEST 2013
blue folder icon	imageFile.png	11585	Thu Jun 20 10:28:58 CEST 2013

On the right side of the interface, there is a sidebar with the following buttons:

- Drag & Drop Files (with a drag-and-drop icon)
- Select Files
- Edit Metadata
- Remove
- (An icon showing a folder with a green plus sign)
- Logging Information

At the bottom left, there is a message box containing log information:

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Archive successful  
[ORIGINAL NAME] TestFile.txt  
[NAME AFTER UPLOAD] TestFile.txt  
[NOTE] [PID Creation] 201 Created: PID request successful  
[PID Modification] 200 OK: PID modification successful; Metadata attachment successful.
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At the very bottom left, there is a small house icon followed by the text "@2013 Institute for Data Processing and Electronics at Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT)".



- Service for long-term, referenceable file storage
- Combination of storage, authorization, authentication and PID service
- ***Directly usable*** for the humanities scholar
 - Automatic workflows
 - Intuitive, graphical user interface

Bit Preservation Facts

1. Standard-based interface with *consent of six institutions* (including four data centers) specified

2. Used and *trusted by higher-level services* (e.g. GeoBrowser, AiB, dawa)

Implementation running ...

3. ... since 2012 at KIT

... since 2013 at GWDG, FZJ, RZG

4. Although designed for small data successfully handled ~ 80 TB

5. Transferable to and *reusable by other communities*

(e.g. libraries by dawa's automatic assignment of PIDs)



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DARIAHner At Work



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WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU'RE OVERWHELMED WITH WORK



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