# RISING TO THE IMPOSSIBLE CHALLENGE

THE STORAGE OF ALL RESEARCH DATA....

....FOREVER??

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Every bit archived

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Data Repository Repository Platform Disk Cache

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# ARCHIVE IN THE CLOUD?



- Efficient at scale
- Flexible
- POSF\* cost recovery
- Little local effort required
   Bandwidth
- No large capital investment needed



- Data escrow
- Finance escrow (for POSF)
- Purchase Tax (e.g. VAT)
- Data security
- Ingress/egress charges
- Storage location

<sup>\*</sup>Pay once, store forever (25yrs)

## COSTS OF LOCAL TAPE LIBRARY

### Item

Base frame inc. drives, robot etc. 5yrs support for base frame Professional Services (installation) LTO-6 media inc. cleaning tapes 120TB Spinning Disc cache 5yrs support for disc cache QStar Archive manager software Infrastructure (fibre channel switches)

### Cost

**€146,950** € 55,250 € 8,250 € 32,750 € 50,000 € 22,250 **€215,100** € 31,500

€308,000

**€123,200** 

1x full time archive manager post (5yrs) Machine Room costs; power, cooling (5yrs)

TOTAL

(€176.50 per TB per year for single copy)

**€993,250** 

1.125PB raw; 450x LTO6; 4x drives; 1x robot; archive management software; 120TB disc cache



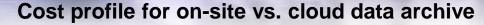
## The Data Archive Cloud Model

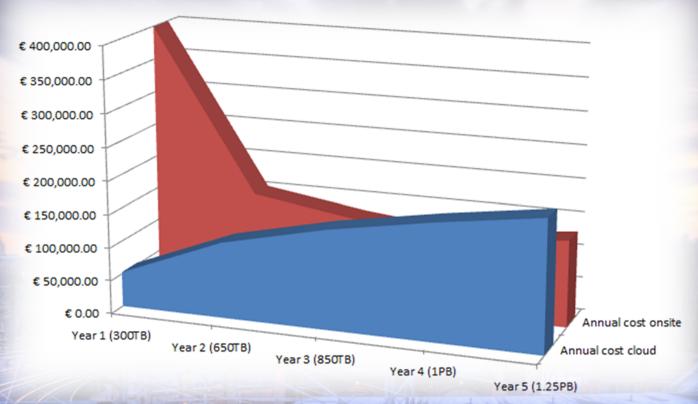
Data Archive as a Service

Submission of data for ingest

Request data for retrieval

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For same annualised cost per TB per year, with this storage profile, cloud service is **26% less expensive** 

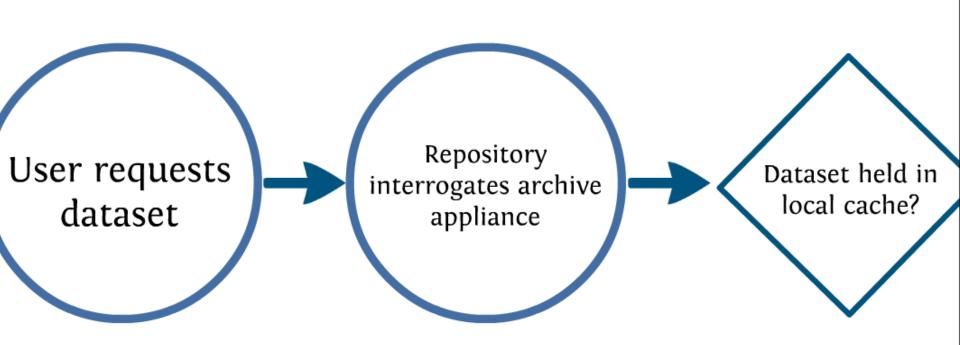
### Assumptions:

Archive manager is employed full time for 5-years

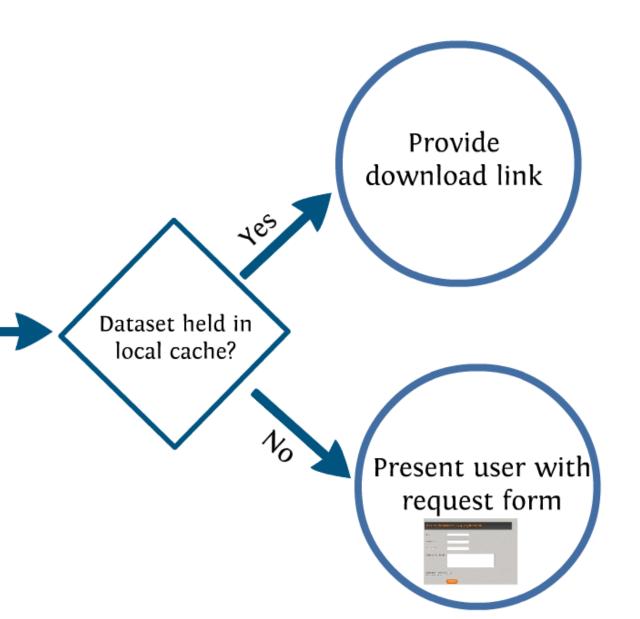
Any fixed maintenance costs are paid up-front for 5-years

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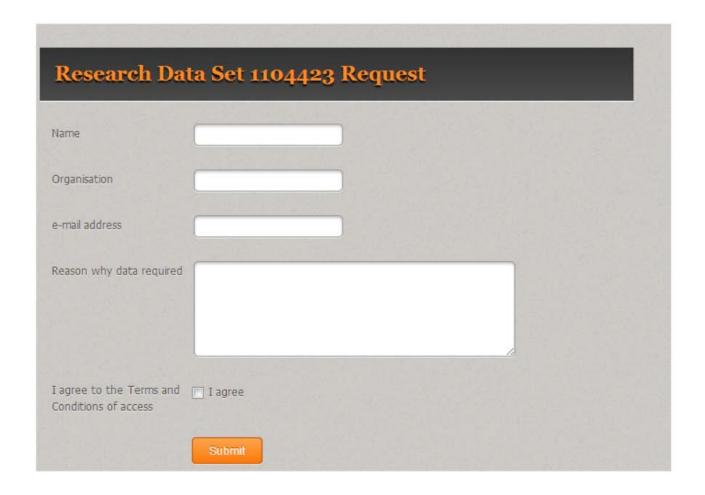
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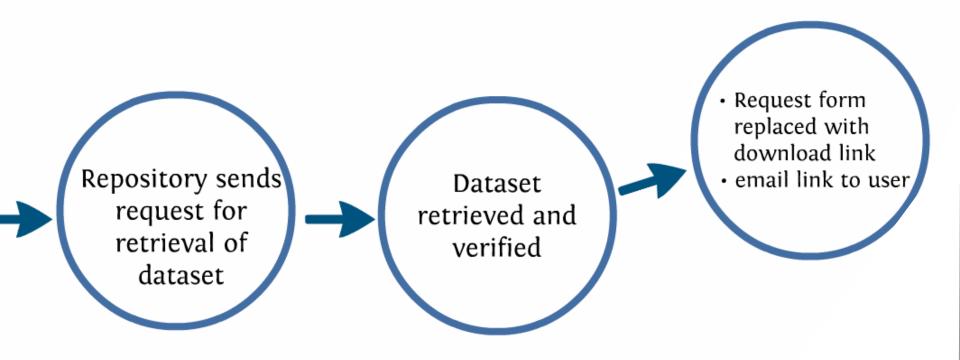
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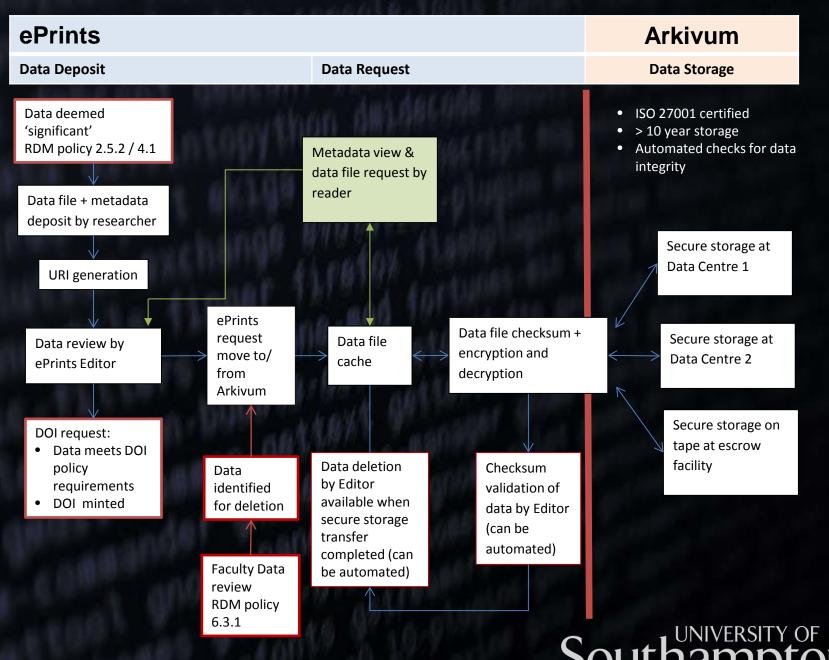


### Integration with Repository (3)



## Integration with Repository (4)





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### **Final Considerations**

- It is important to fully understand the real costs of running a local archiving service
- Consider where your data is stored (Data Protection)
- Understand the full costs of cloud archiving service (including ingress and egress costs and limitations).
- Look at your likely 5-year archive volume profile
- Understand the protection level that you require
- Have an exit strategy