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# de.NBI Cloud German Network for Bioinformatics Infrastructure

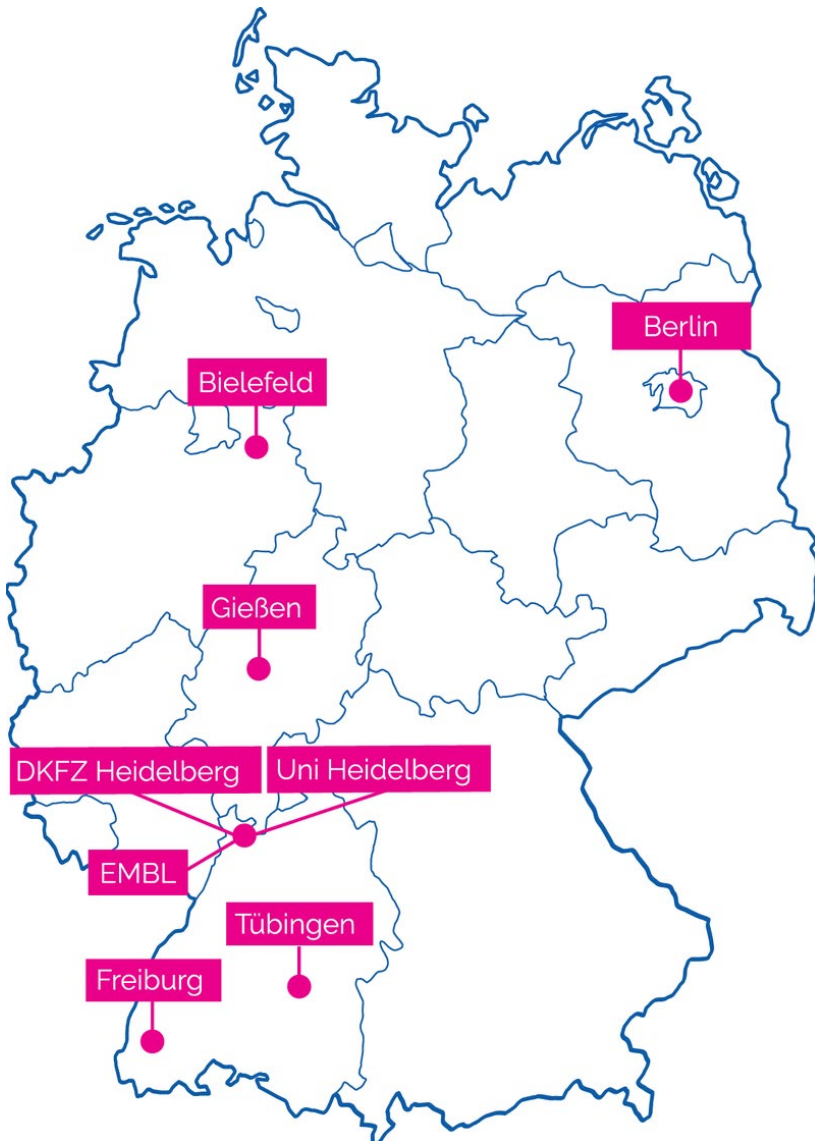
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- Infrastructure
  - de.NBI Cloud
  - Sustained storage
  - Secure processing environments
  - Information security management
- Legal framework
  - General data protection regulation basics
  - Processing contracts
  - Standard operating procedures
- Research data management
  - Annotation
  - Ontologies
  - National Research Data Infrastructure and beyond



- The de.NBI Cloud is the compute and storage infrastructure of the German Network for Bioinformatics Infrastructure.
- It is an academic cloud for research in the broader field of life sciences
- For academic users, its usage is available free of charge



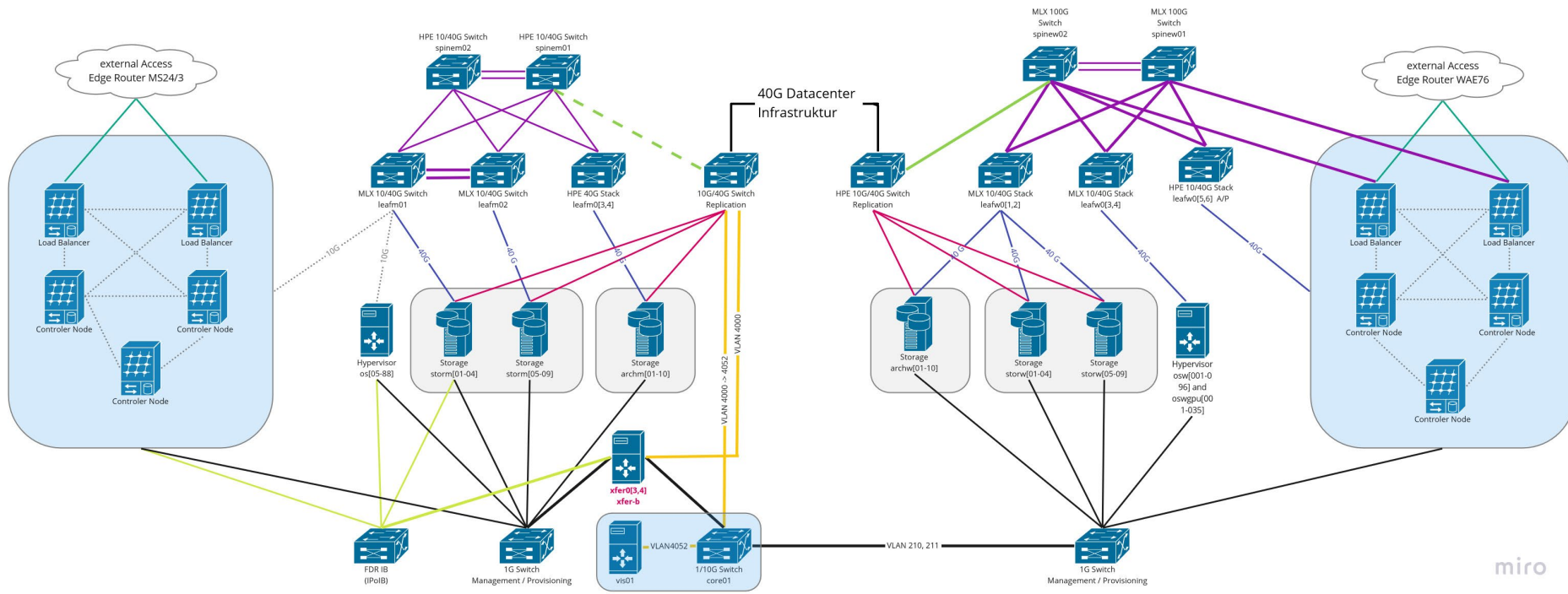
- Tech Specs

- 6720 CPU cores
- 118 TByte RAM
- 180 GPUs
  
- 13 PByte Quobyte
- 14.7 PByte Ceph



- Access policies

- Open for all German life scientists and beyond
- ELIXIR AAI / Life Science RI

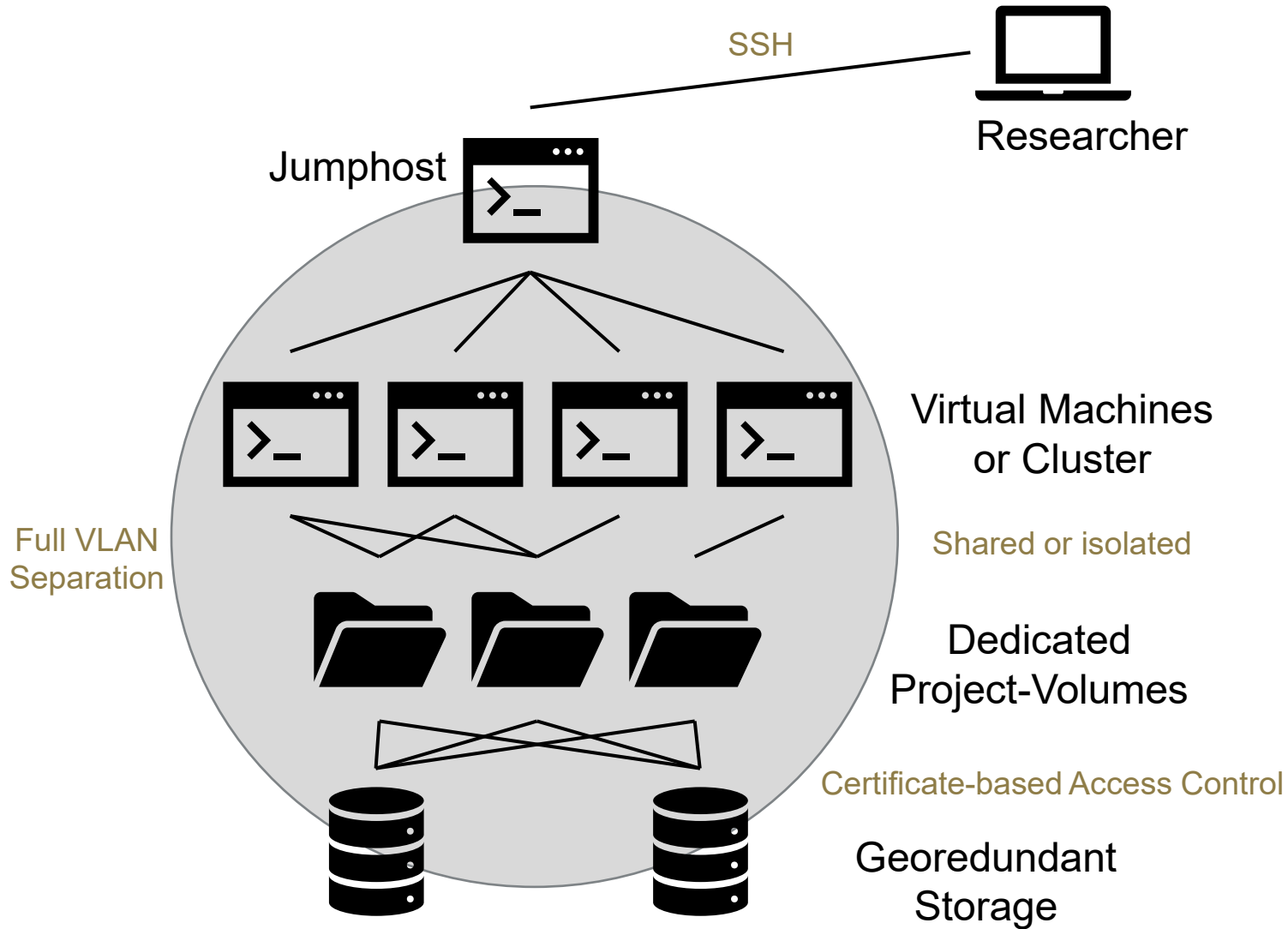




- Quobyte and Ceph storage instances
  - High level of failure resistance
  - Geo-replication over two sites
  - Fine grained access control
  - Certificate based authentication mechanisms
  - Encryption-at-rest
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- Long term commitment to support scientific collaborations, research data management projects and associated partners



# Secure processing environments





# ISMS and Certification

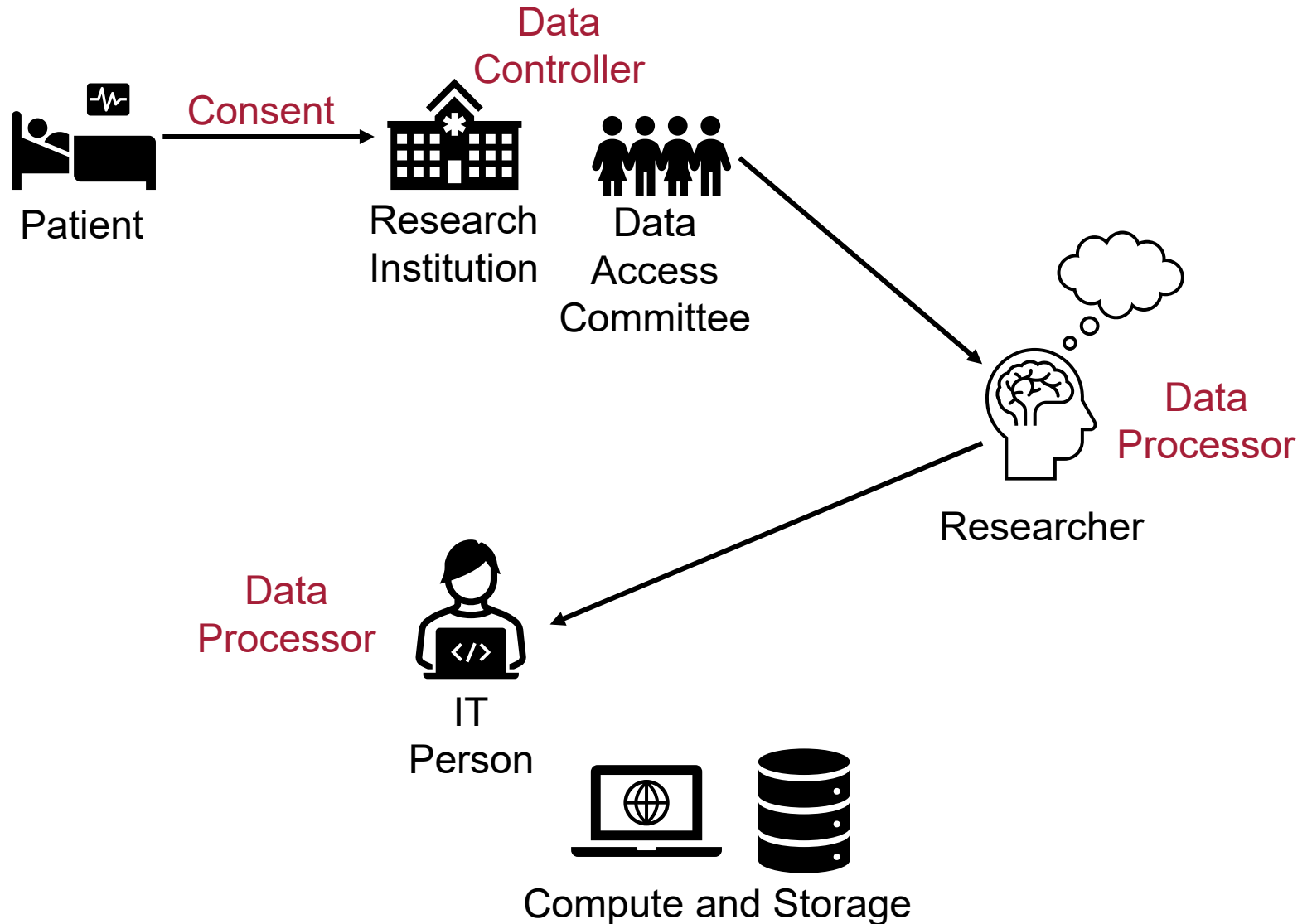
- The de.NBI Cloud Tübingen has a state-of-the-art Information Security Management System (ISMS)
- A set of security controls and well-trained personnel ensure the confidentiality, availability, and integrity of assets from threats and vulnerabilities
- The cloud is certified according to ISO27001:2017







# GDPR in a Nutshell





- The data controller commissions the analysis of human scientific data to a processor. The processor may have further sub-processors.
  - If processors or controller belong to different legal entities a processing contract between the institutions has to be made.
  - The processing contract contains the purpose of processing e.g. scientific research refereeing to the patient/donator consent.
  - The contract regulates the access policies and security requirements.
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- Not obeying the law or uncontrolled data leaks may have unpleasant consequences for the institutions involved.



# Standard Operating Procedures

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- For a given project the handling of its datasets is accompanied by Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) defining the eligible access, the protocols for transfer, the processing workflows, naming conventions and finally decommission.
- These documents are created with the principal investigators involved, making sure that regulations imposed by the data controllers or by law are followed by all people involved.



- Essential for modern data management is the annotation and documentation of research data
- Ideally the whole research data cycle is covered from data collection to secondary reuse
- Research data management should be findability, accessibility, interoperability, and reusability
- Basis for everything is a consistent, consequent and transparent annotation of all data
- Essential for the generation of extra value is the definition of ontologies representing the inherent properties and the relations between them within the data



## GHGA

- Part of the German National Research Infrastructure
- Archiving and processing of human genome data
- National European Phenome Genome Archive node

## Elixir

- European Life Science Infrastructure
- Coordinates national efforts

## EOSC-Life

- European Open Science Cloud
- Collaboration on Infrastructure

## IRTG 2804 Women's Mental Health

- Swedish/German international research training group
- Broad range of clinic and genome data
- Secure processing within the de.NBI Cloud Tübingen

## DataPLANT

- Part of the German National Research Infrastructure
- Archiving and processing of plant genome data
- Federated research infrastructure over multiple sites

## Science Data Center BioDATEN

- Research data Management in Baden-Württemberg
- Aiming at diverse research communities from different fields of life sciences

## TRR356 Plant-Microbe

- Collaborative research centre
- Federated research infrastructure over multiple sites

... and some more



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