Building the Model Research Data Portal

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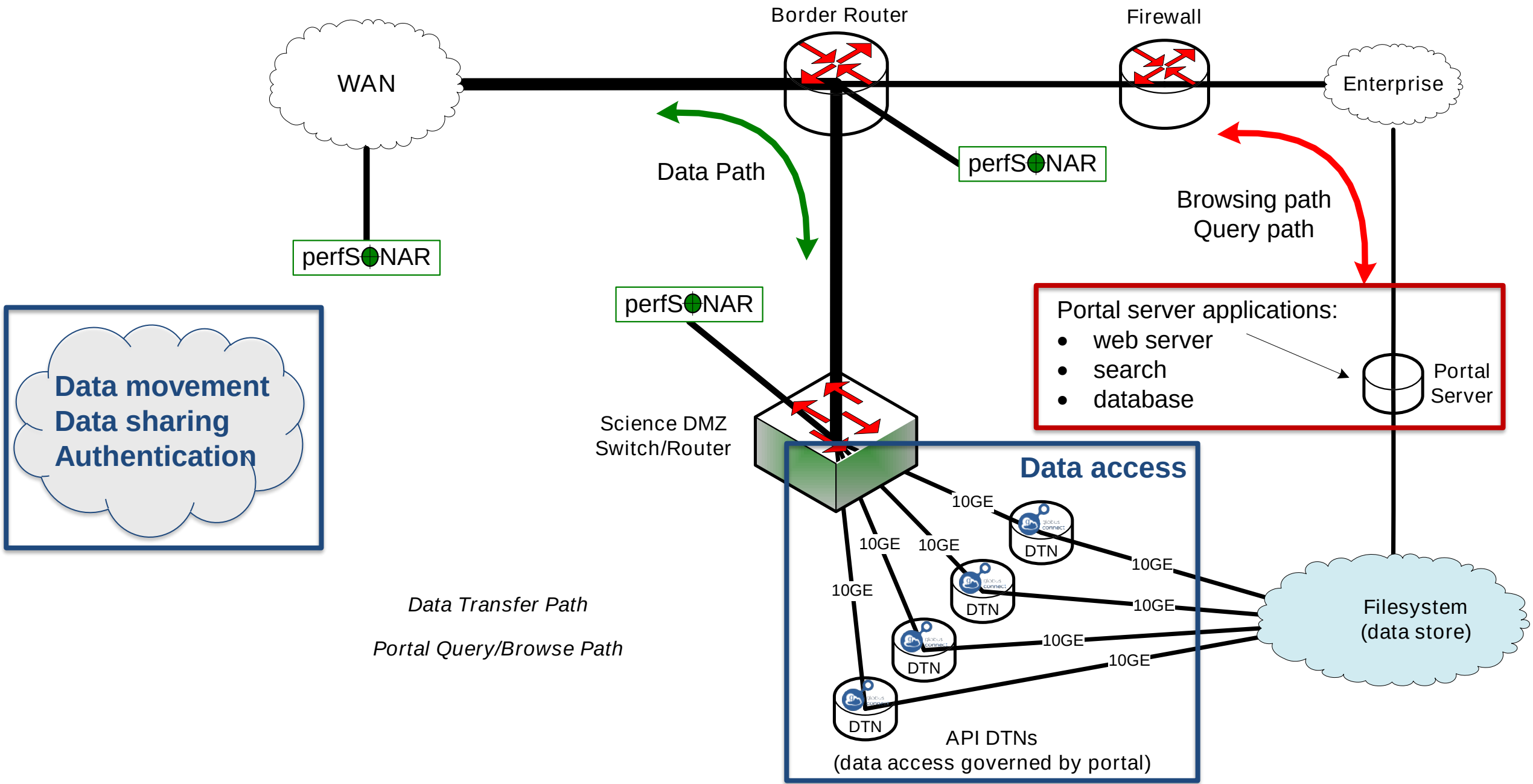

A key message: Outsource all that you can

- **Outsource responsibility for determining user identities**
- **Outsource control over who can access different data and services within the portal**
- **Outsource responsibility for managing data uploads and downloads between various locations and storage systems**
- **Leverage standard web user interfaces for common user actions**

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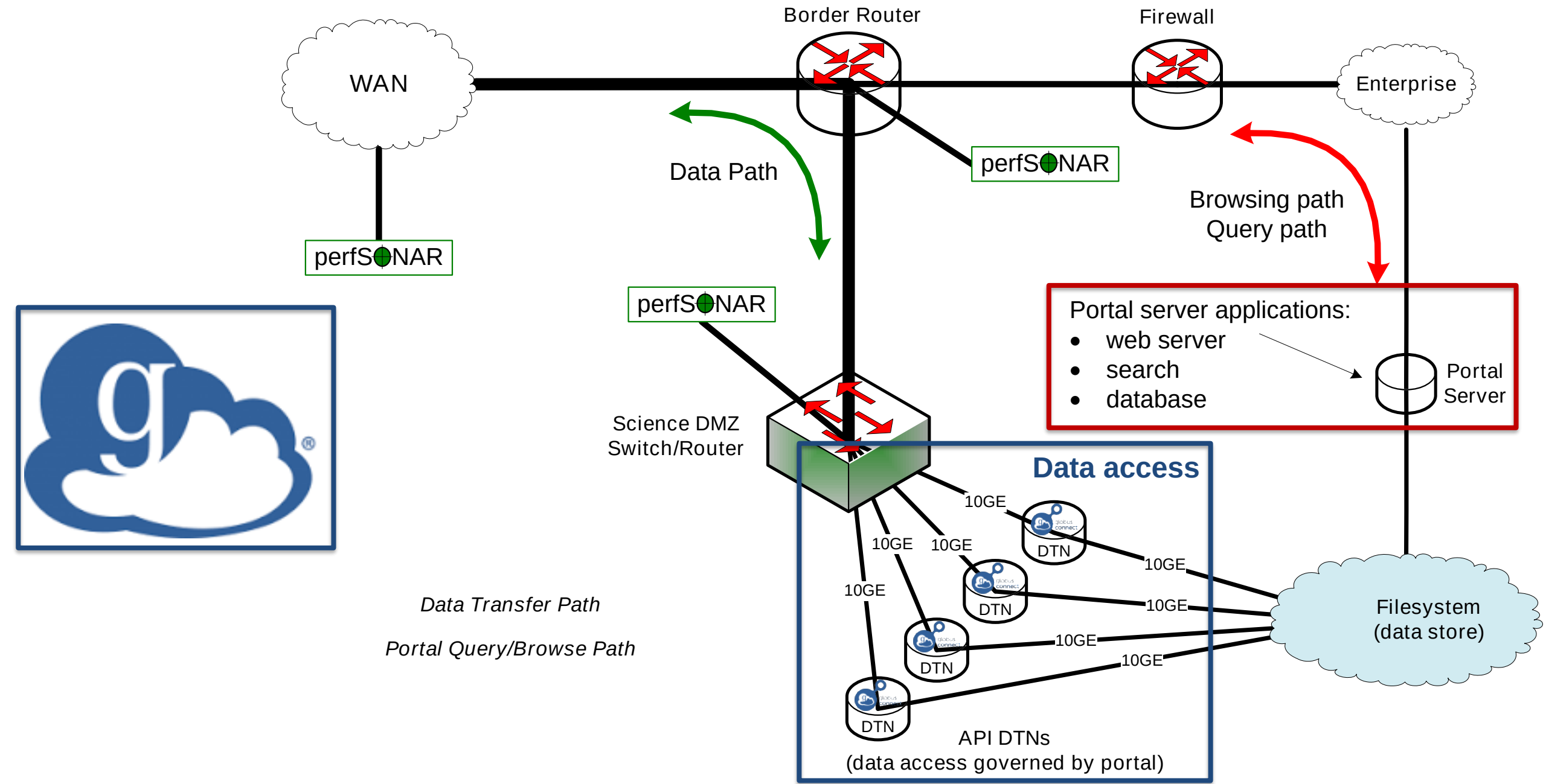

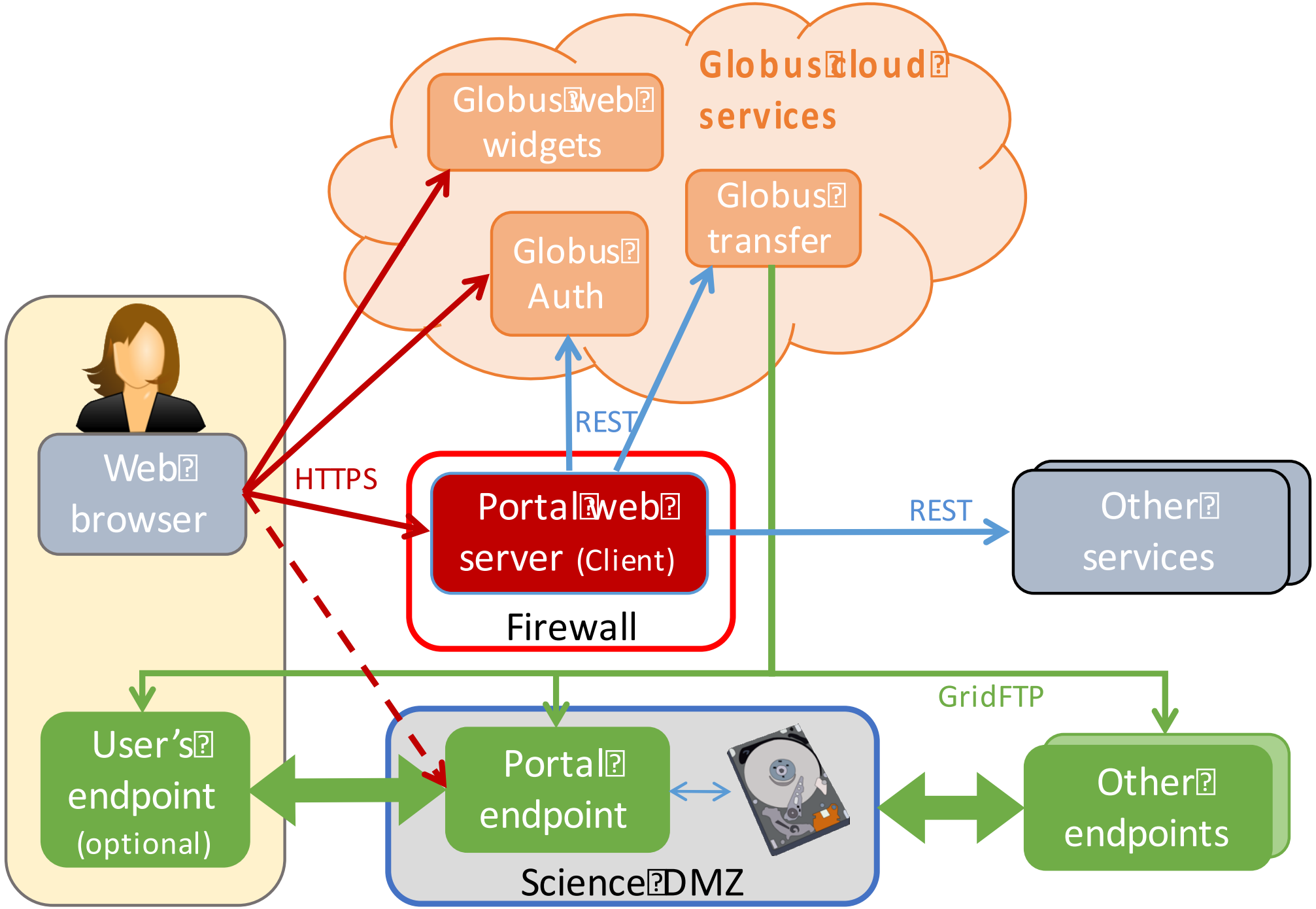
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Globus Auth
Globus transfer
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Web browser
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User's endpoint (optional)
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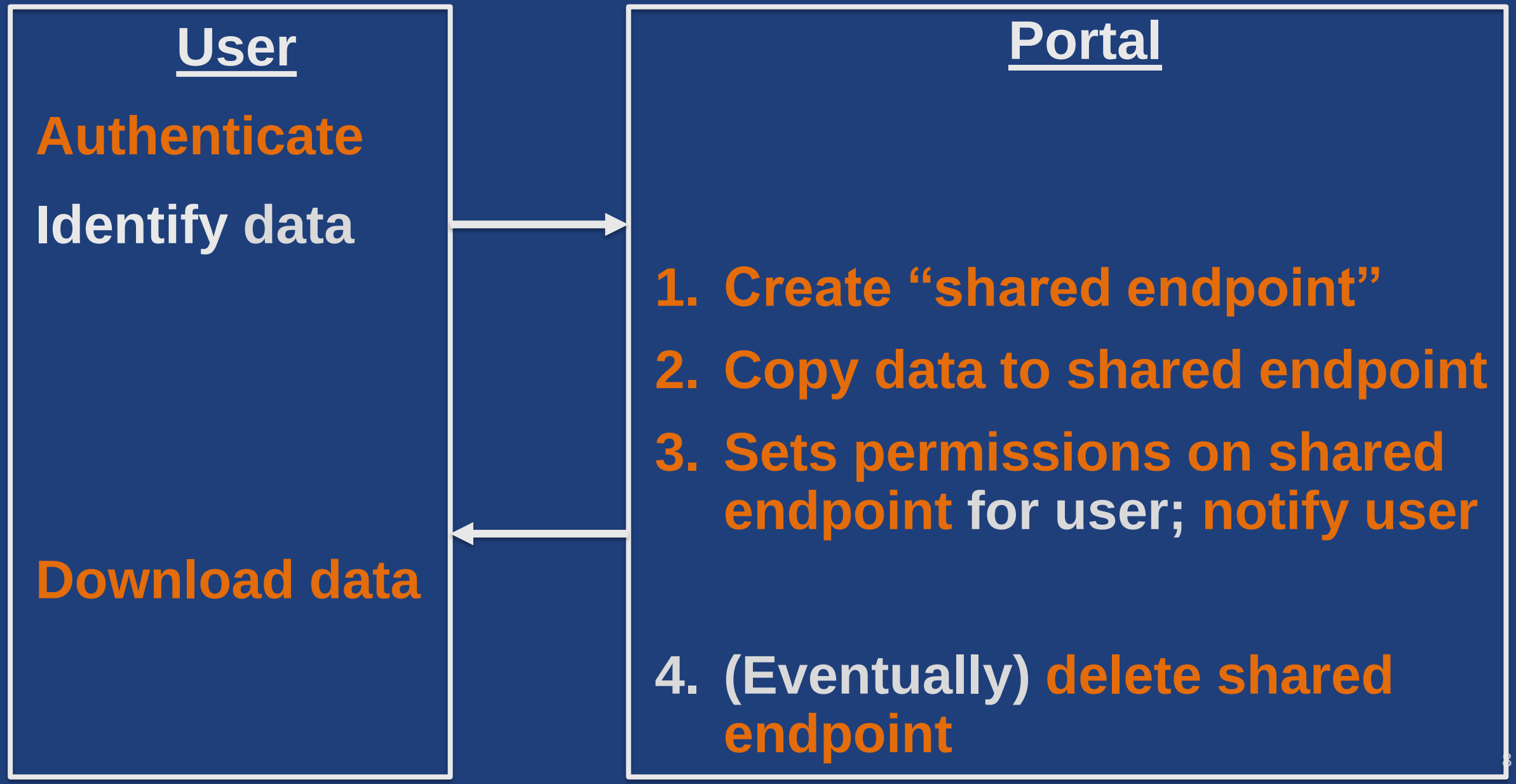
A simple example of MDRDP logic



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2. **Copy data to shared endpoint**
3. **Set permissions on shared endpoint for user; notify user**

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4. **(Eventually) delete shared endpoint**

```
from globus_sdk import TransferClient, TransferData
from globus_sdk import AuthClient
import sys, random, uuid

def rdp(host_id,      # Endpoint for shared endpoint
        source_path,  # Directory to copy data from
        email):       # Email address to share with
    tc = TransferClient()
    ac = AuthClient()
    tc.endpoint_autoactivate(host_id)

    # (1) Create shared endpoint:
    # (a) Create directory to be shared
    share_path = '/~/' + str(uuid.uuid4()) + '/'
    tc.operation_mkdir(host_id, path=share_path)
    # (b) Create shared endpoint on directory
    shared_ep_data = {
      'DATA_TYPE': 'shared_endpoint',
      'host_endpoint': host_id,
      'host_path': share_path,
      'display_name': 'RDP shared endpoint',
      'description': 'RDP shared endpoint'
    }
    r = tc.create_shared_endpoint(shared_ep_data)
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Connect to storage system

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tdata.add_item(source_path, '/', recursive=True)
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tc.task_wait(r['task_id'], timeout=1000,
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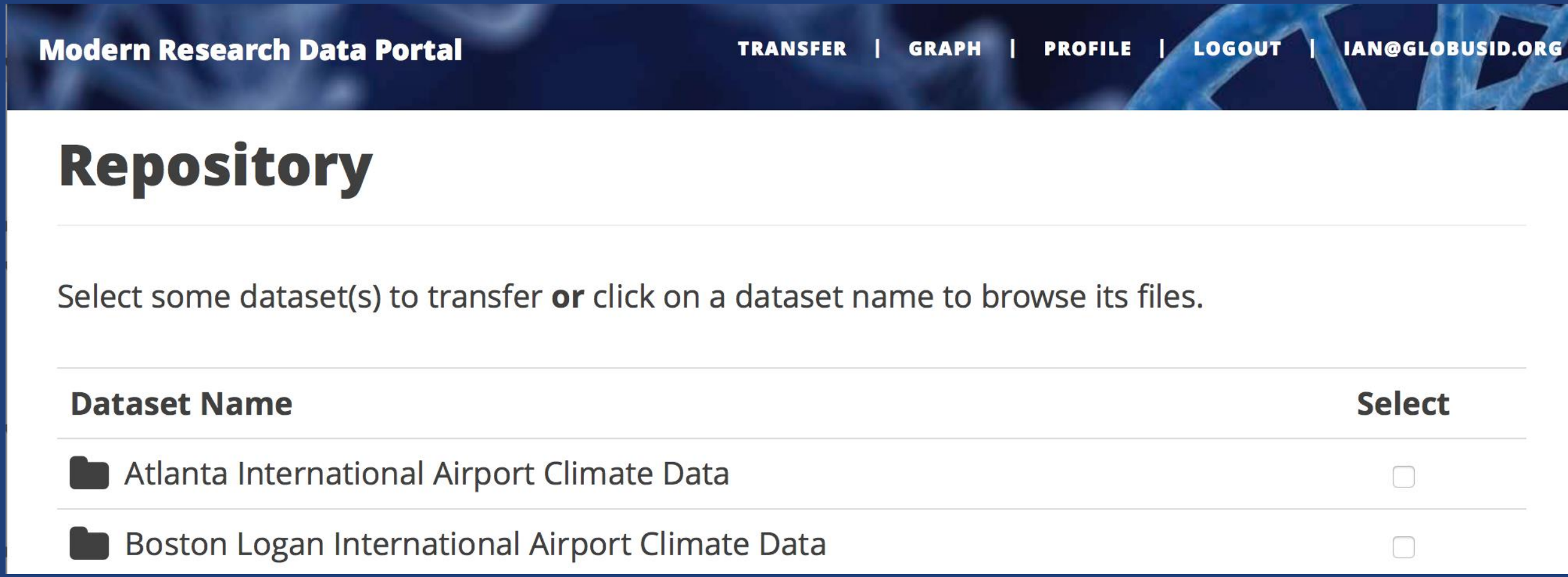
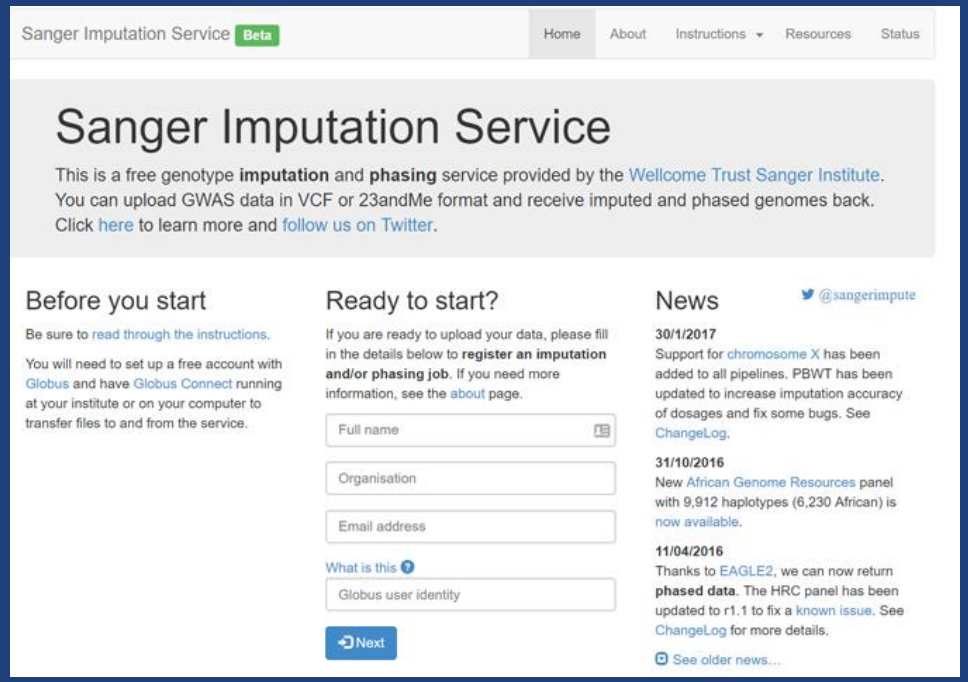
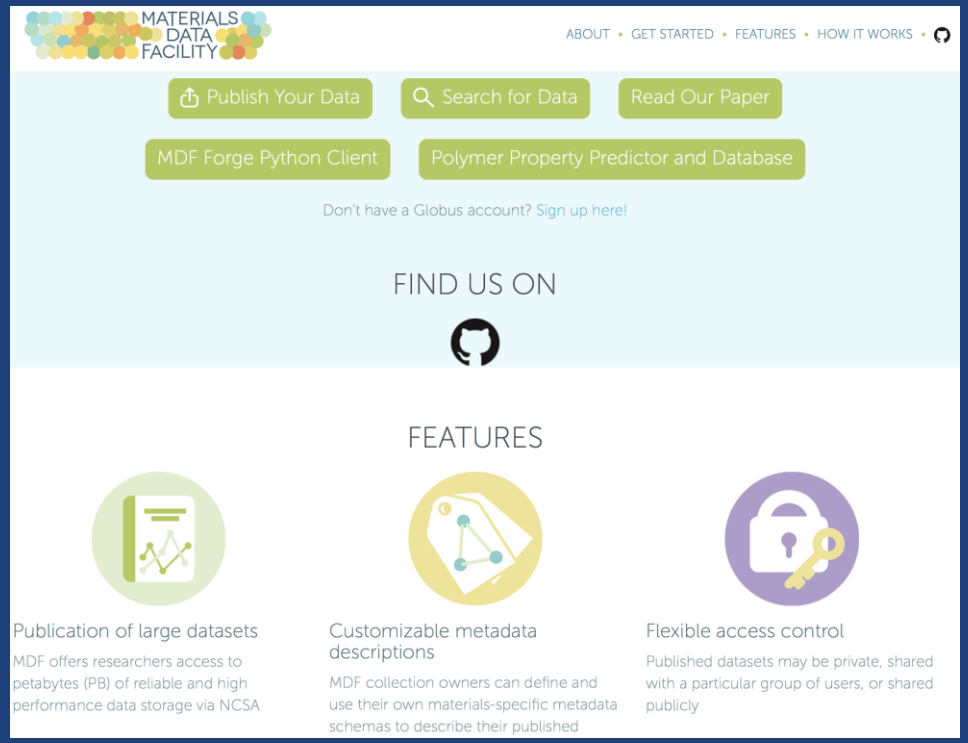
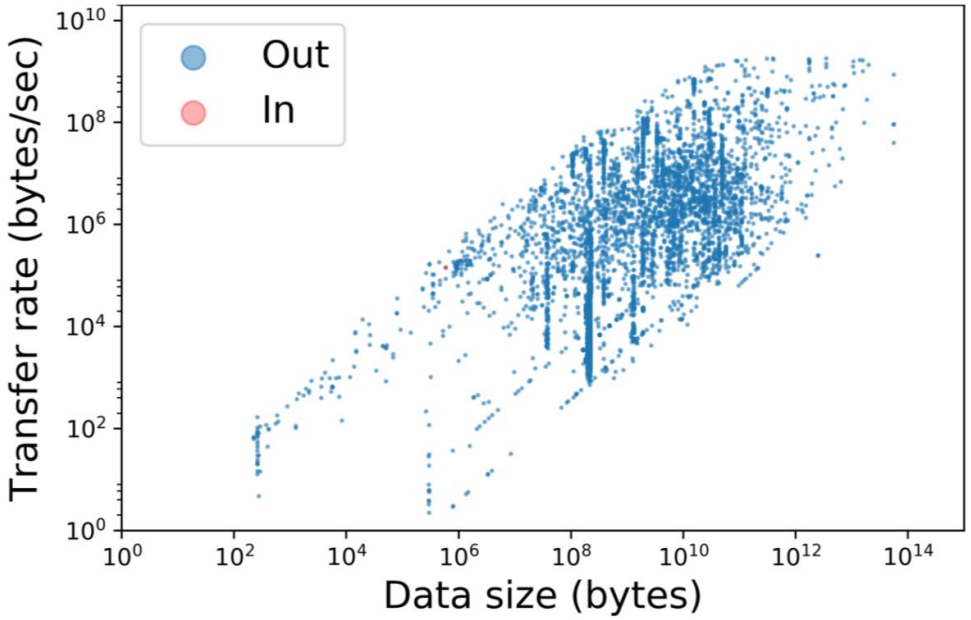


Many variants possible

- **Manage access to data at multiple locations**
- **Manage access to data on cloud**
- **Upload data for analysis**
- **Data download from scientific instruments**
- **Data publication**
- **Transfer data to computer for analysis**







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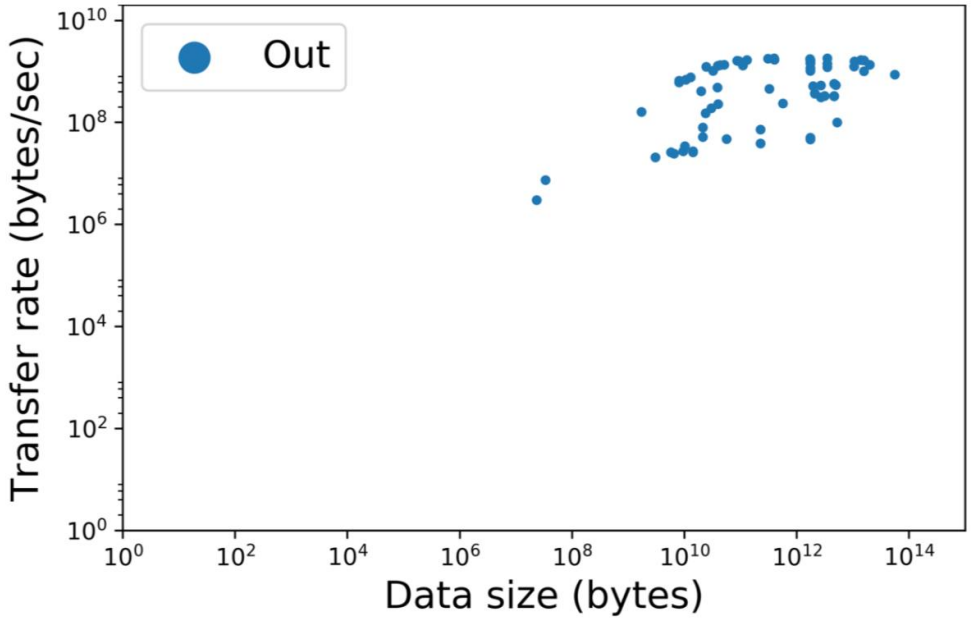

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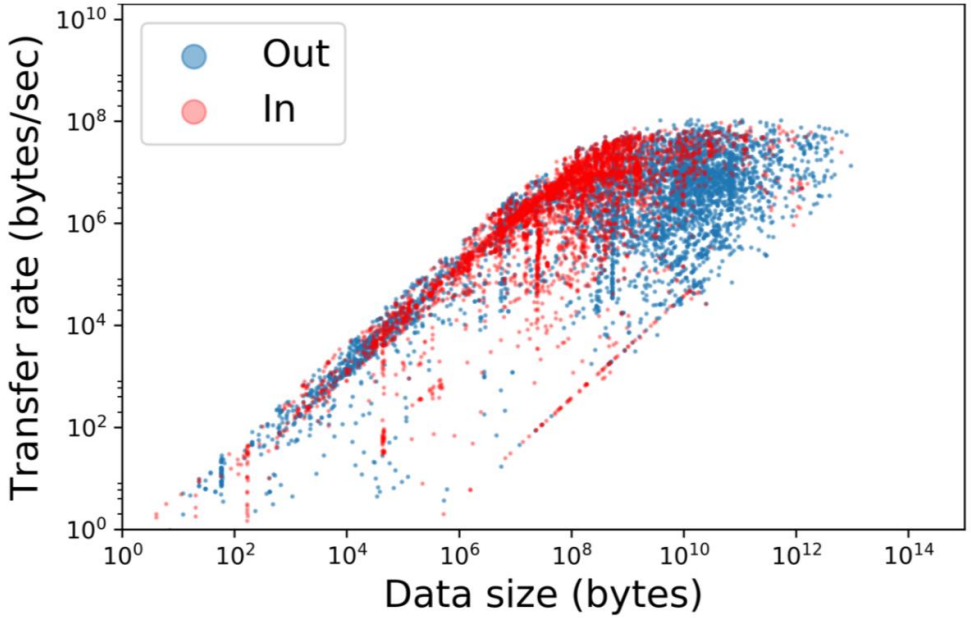

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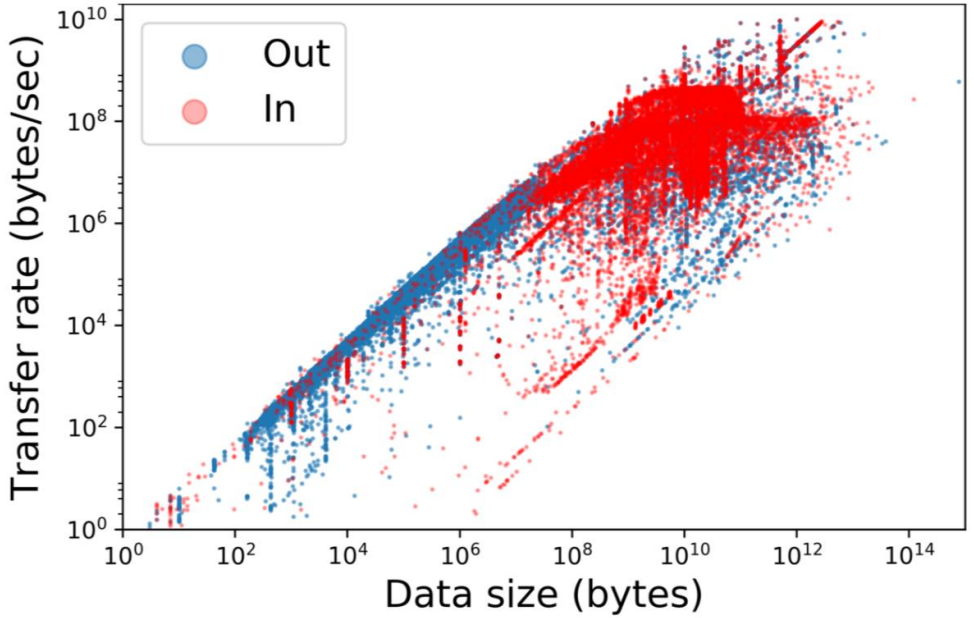

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