Storage and Services:

Planning and managing cost, quality and risk

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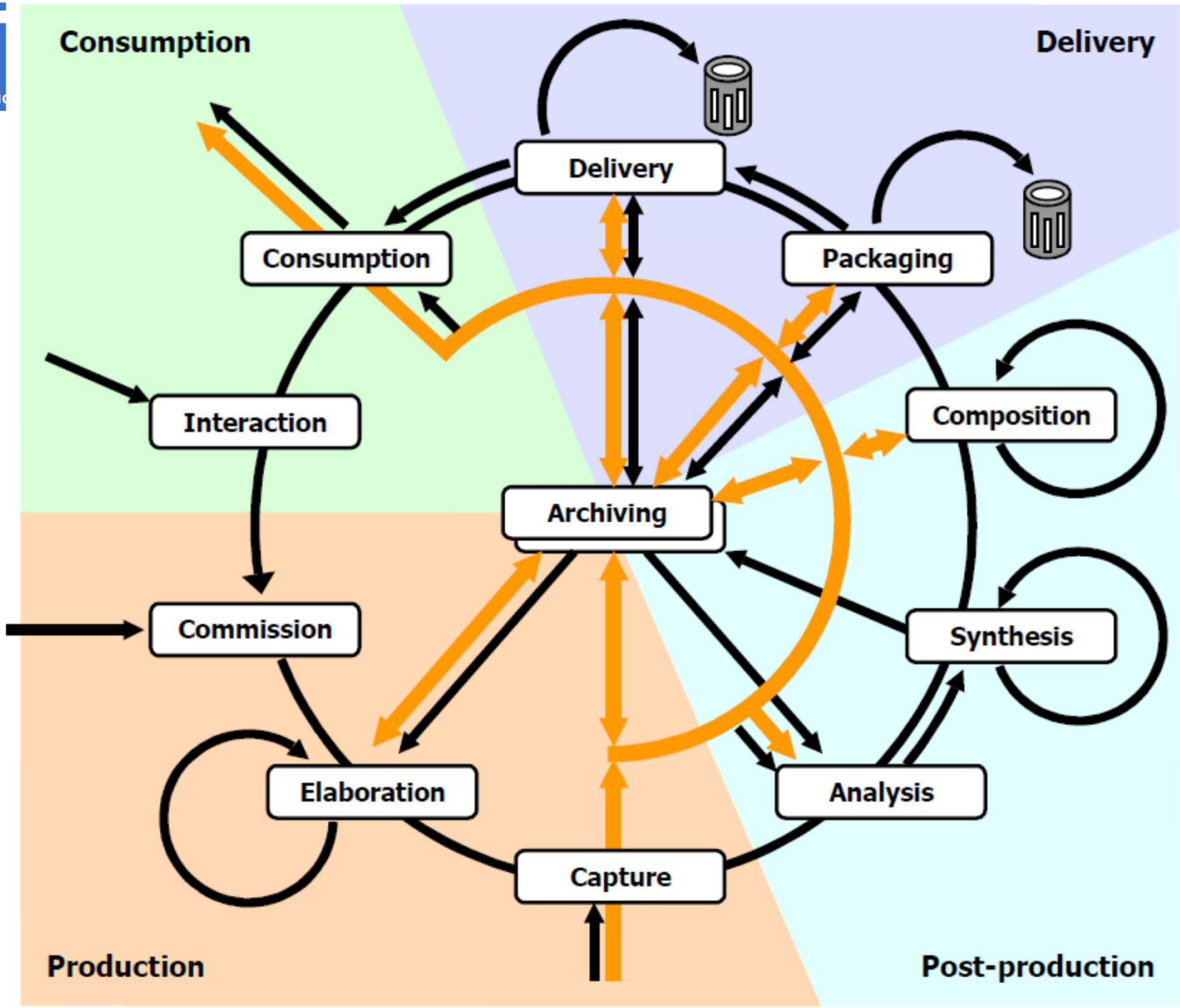
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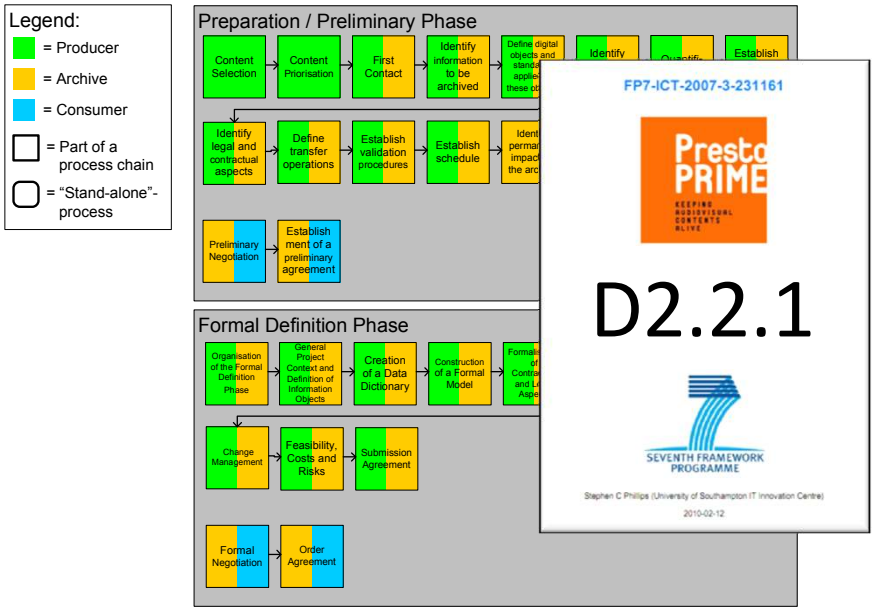
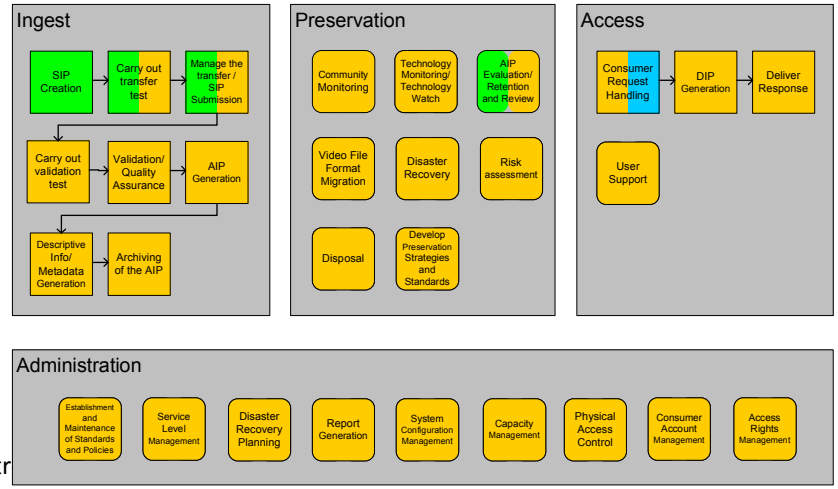
An archive provides *services*

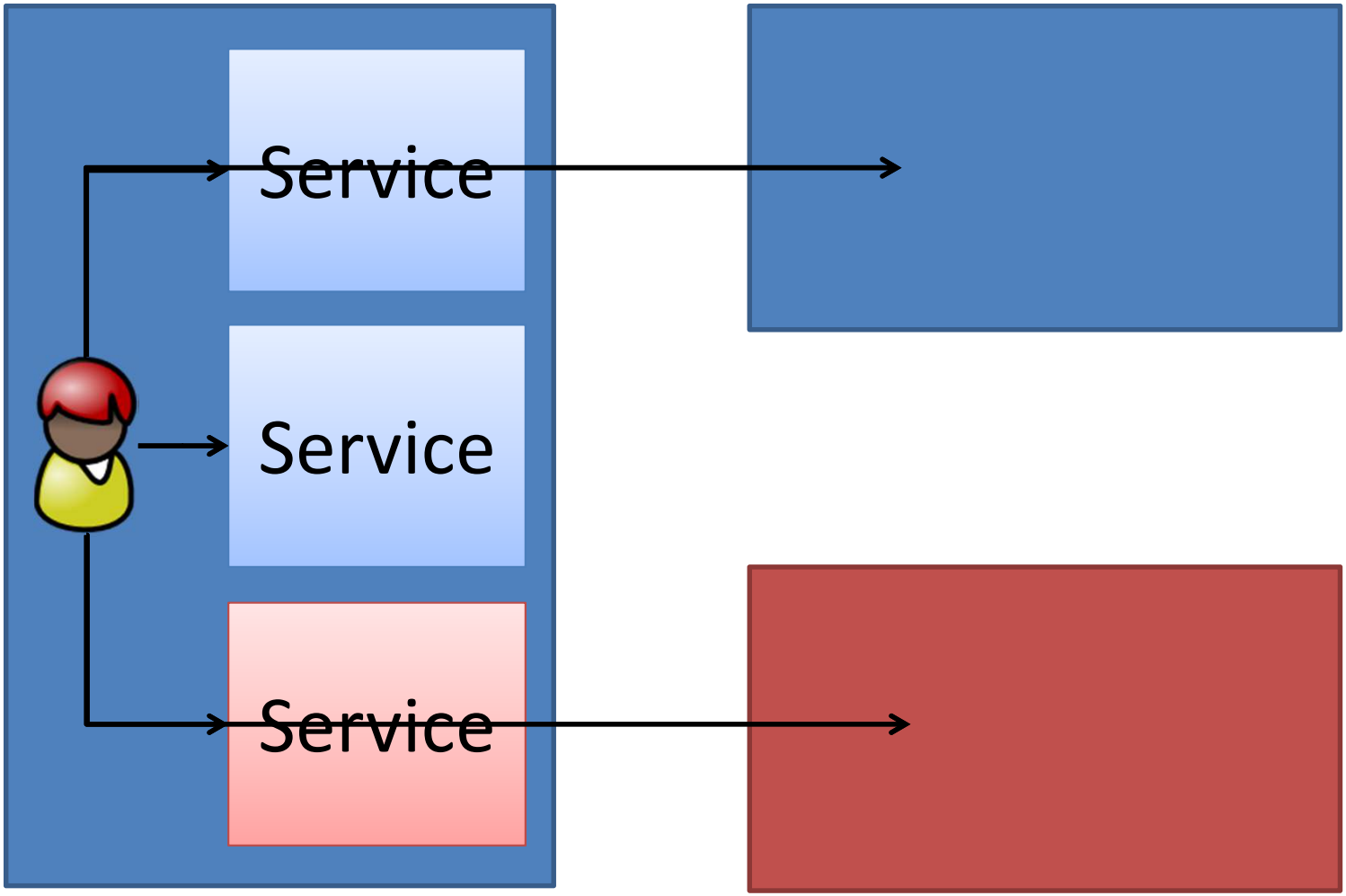
- Ingest, access
- Safe storage
- Formats
- Metadata
- Rights



- They all cost money
- They all take time
- Never enough of either!



Services have location and responsibility



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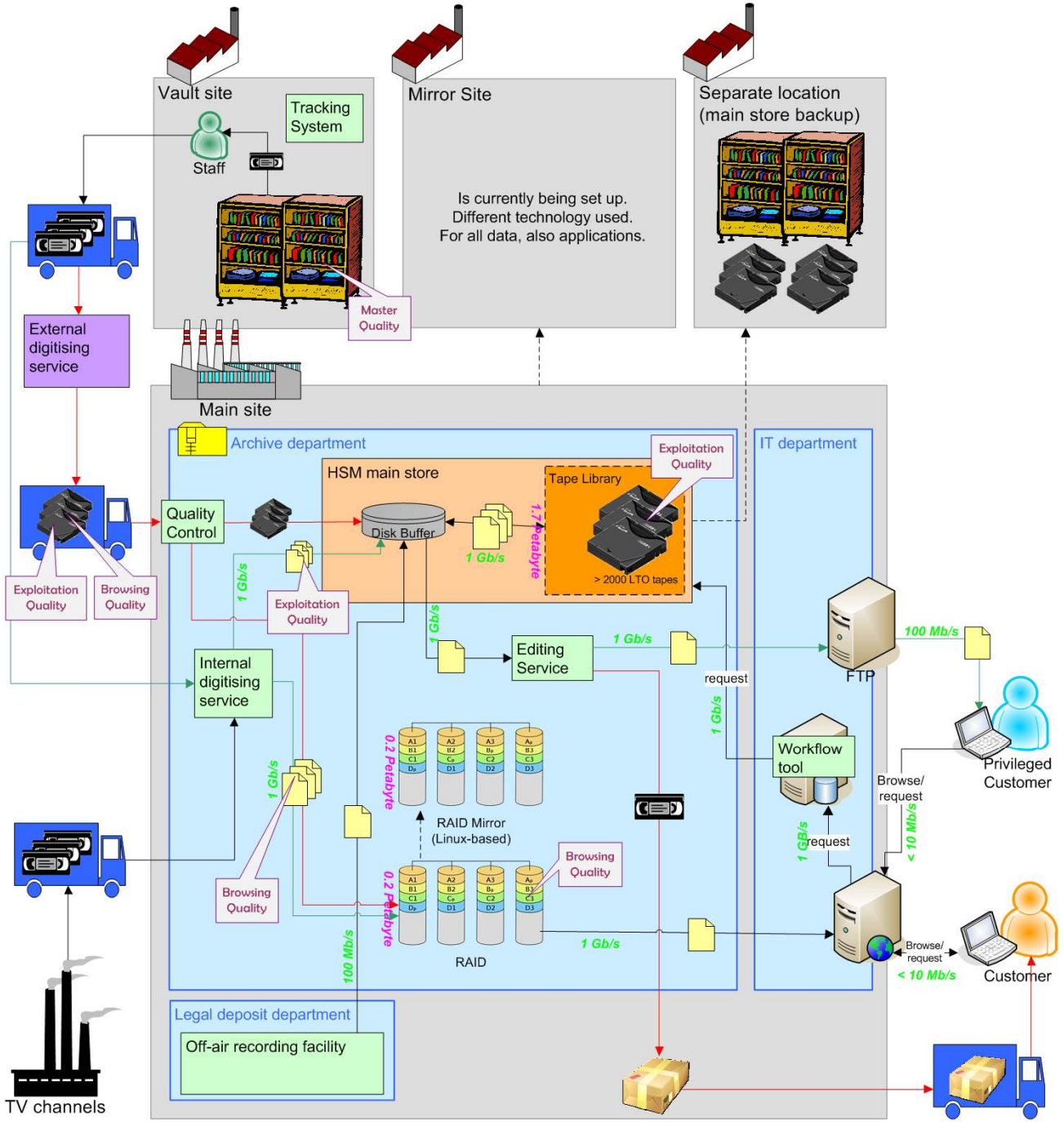
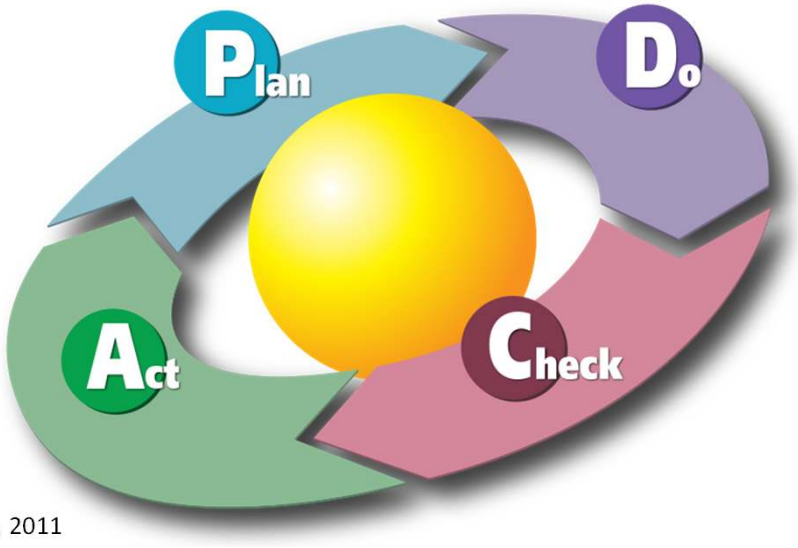


Services need planning and managing

- Service Level Agreements (SLA)
  - What the service does
- Quality of Service (QoS)
  - How well it does it

- If you can't **measure** it then you can't **manage** it
  - Throughput
  - Quality
  - Cost
  - Risk



Planning and managing includes compromises

- Budget
- Deadline
- Quality
- Volume

- Digitisation workflows
  - Cost, throughput, quality
  - E.g. QC v.s. automation
- Storage strategies
  - Cost, risk of loss
  - E.g. copies v.s. cost
- Online access services
  - Cost, QoS, Users
  - E.g. KPI v.s. customers

Storage SLA Terms

- Availability
- Integrity / Safety
  - How to measure?
- Ingestion time
  - Indexing, generating access copies
- Search time
- Delivery time
  - From request to start of delivery
- Bandwidth
- Subscription fee
- Charge for data
  - On disc
  - Ingest
  - Access
- Charge for CPU
- Charge per user
- Maximum storage size
- Maximum number of users

Availability

I need the service to be available almost all the time

Can you be more specific?

I need the access service available 99.9% of the time

Is that measured over a day, month or year?

The access service must be available 99.9% of the time each month

That's 43 minutes of downtime each month – what if that's all in one go one afternoon?

When can maintenance be done on the service?

Do you want different uptimes for day and night?

When is "daytime" for an international operation?

Access Time

I want a good response time for delivery

For every delivery, or on average?

The average delivery time must be less than 5 minutes

Average over what period?

The average delivery time each month should be less than 5 minutes

What about the network connection – doesn't that affect it?

Files must be ready for download in less than 5 minutes (on average, per month)

What about big files? Won't they take longer?

Files must be ready for download in less than the size of the file in GB + 15 minutes, on average, per month.

Data Safety

I want everything returned in perfect condition all the time

That's hard: at least three copies and an active management system

OK, maybe I can lose a bit, but not too much

How much risk are you willing to take?

Are we talking about losing files, parts of files or a few individual "bits"?

Or, are you talking about programmes, scenes, shots, frames..?

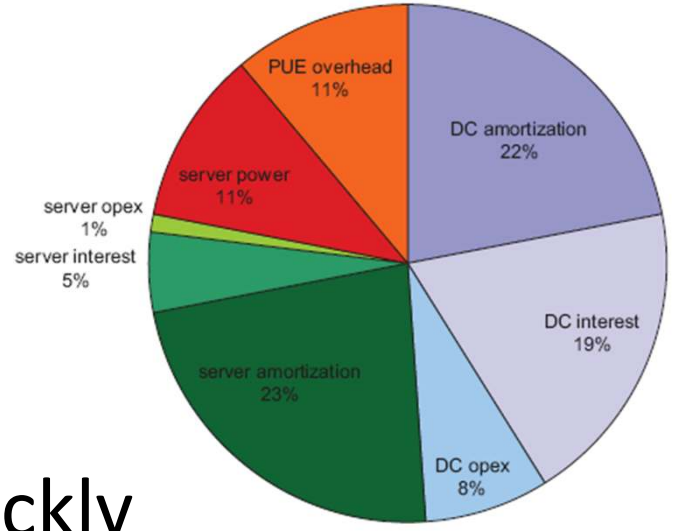
What about a certain number of programme-minutes at risk per year?

Is losing 1%-3% of the archive over 20 years acceptable?

Maybe, but what's the chance that I could lose more than that?

OK, let's run a model to look at the options

Storage



- Is not 100% safe
- Becomes obsolete quickly
- Total cost is high, but falls quickly
- Fast access and safety don't always go together

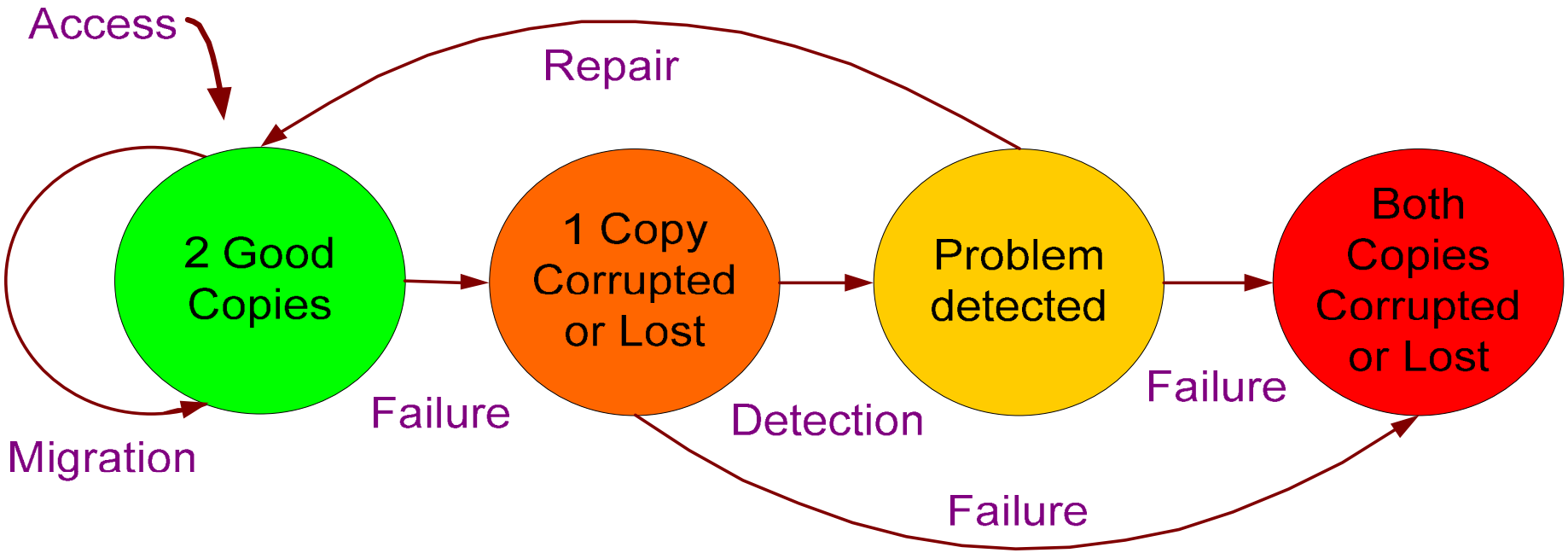
Medium	Storage Density bits/cm²	Life, years
Stone	10	10000
Paper	10^4	1000
Film	10^7	100
Disc	10^{10}	10

Many storage choices

- **Longer lived** storage technology
  - E.g. Printing bits to film
- **More reliable** storage technology
  - E.g. data tape instead of HDD on shelves
- Make **more copies**
  - E.g. off site deep archiving
- Encode to **make content more resilient**
  - E.g. Graceful behaviour if a few bits and bytes are corrupted
- **Conceal errors**
  - E.g. Interpolation of corrupted frames or blocks
- **Check often** and **fix quickly**
  - E.g. ‘scrubbing’ of HDD servers

Comparing ‘cost of risk of loss’

- Diversity (copies) keeps things safe
- Active management of data integrity
- Migration to address obsolescence
- All activities have a cost, especially **access**



Cost, safety and access: Simple comparison of IT storage

	Data tape on shelves	HDD in servers	Storage as a Service
Storage Cost	**Low** (media, shelves, climate control)	**High** (servers, power, cooling, maintenance)	**High** (fully managed service)
Access Cost	**High** (people retrieve and load media)	**Low** (internal network, automated)	**High** (bandwidth, charges for i/o)
Latent Failures	**Low** (data tape is reliable)	**Med** ('bit rot')	**Low** (replication and monitoring)
Access Failures	**Medium** (drives eat tapes)	**Low/Medium** (depends on system)	**Low** (automated checks)

Two tools that might help

- Long term planning
  - 25 years
  - High level choices
  - Estimates of total cost and loss
  - Narrow down the options
- Short to medium term simulation
  - Simulates actual events
  - Corruption, loss, catastrophes
  - Ingest, access, ‘active preservation’
  - Impact of limited resources

Presto PRIME

KEEPING AUDIOVISUAL CONTENTS ALIVE

STORAGE PLANNING TOOL

Storage Systems | Storage Configurations | File Collections | Plans

mja4 | logout

Storage Systems

Found 5 storage systems. Add...

HDD in servers read-only

Migration required every 4 years.

Running Costs
- Access: €0.1 per GB
- Storage: €1 per GB per year

Corruption Rates
- Access: avg. 1 in 500 files
- Latent: avg. 1 in 750 files per year

HDD on shelves read-only

Migration required every 4 years.

Running Costs
- Access: €1 per GB
- Storage: €0.25 per GB per year

Corruption Rates
- Access: avg. 1 in 100 files
- Latent: avg. 1 in 500 files per year

Data tape in a robot read-only

Migration required every 6 years.

Running Costs
- Access: €0.2 per GB
- Storage: €0.4 per GB per year

Corruption Rates
- Access: avg. 1 in $1x10^4$ files
- Latent: avg. 1 in $1x10^5$ files per year

Data tape on shelves read-only

Migration required every 6 years.

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Corruption Rates
- Access: avg. 1 in $1x10^4$ files
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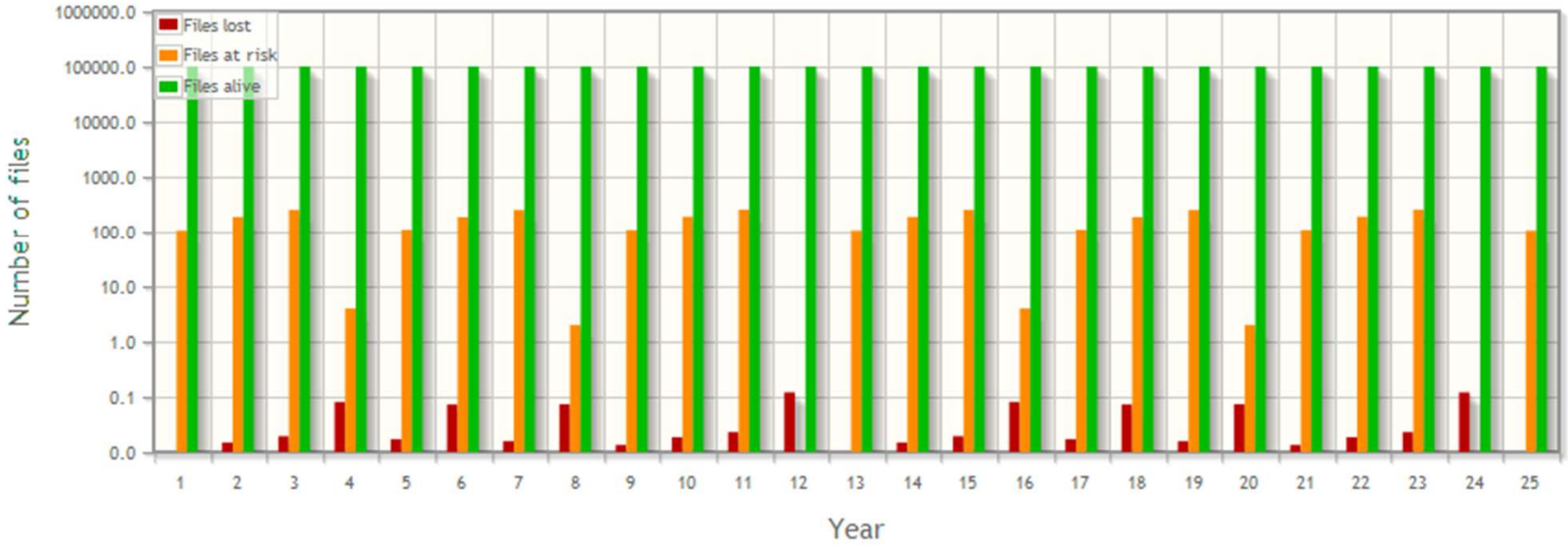
mystorage Edit Delete

Migration required every 5 years.

Running Costs
- Access: €1 per GB
- Storage: €1 per GB per year

Corruption Rates
- Access: avg. 1 in 10 files
- Latent: avg. 1 in 10 files per year

Risk and Loss



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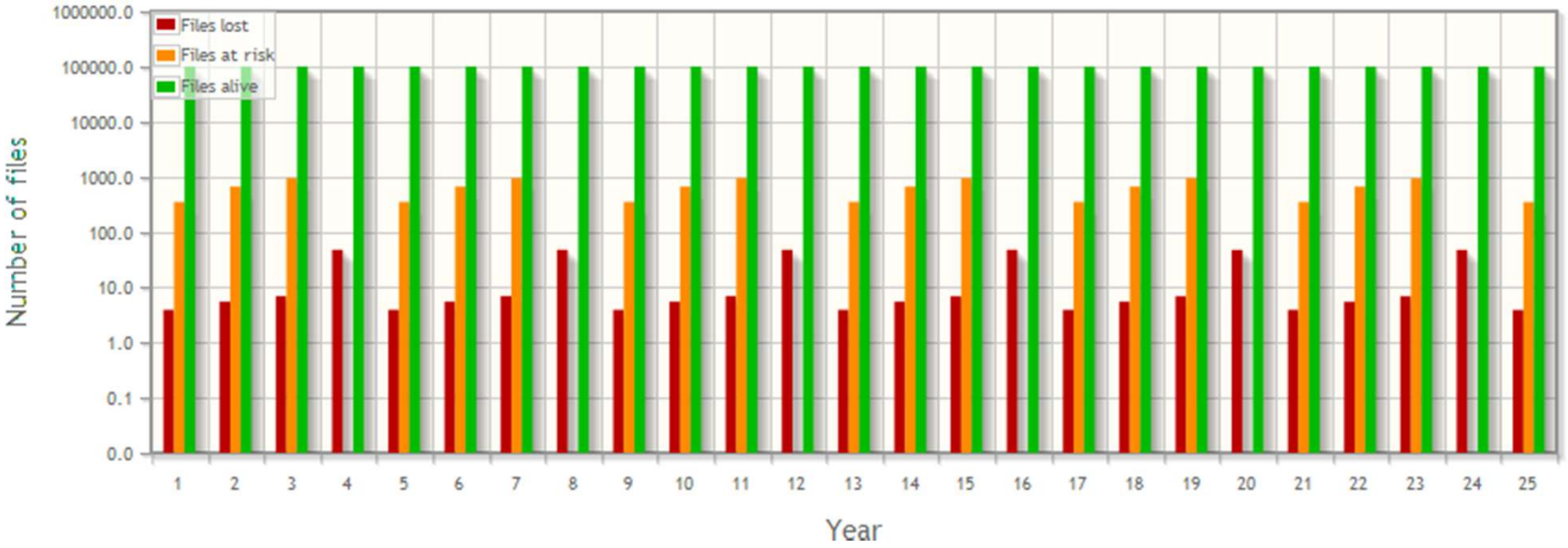
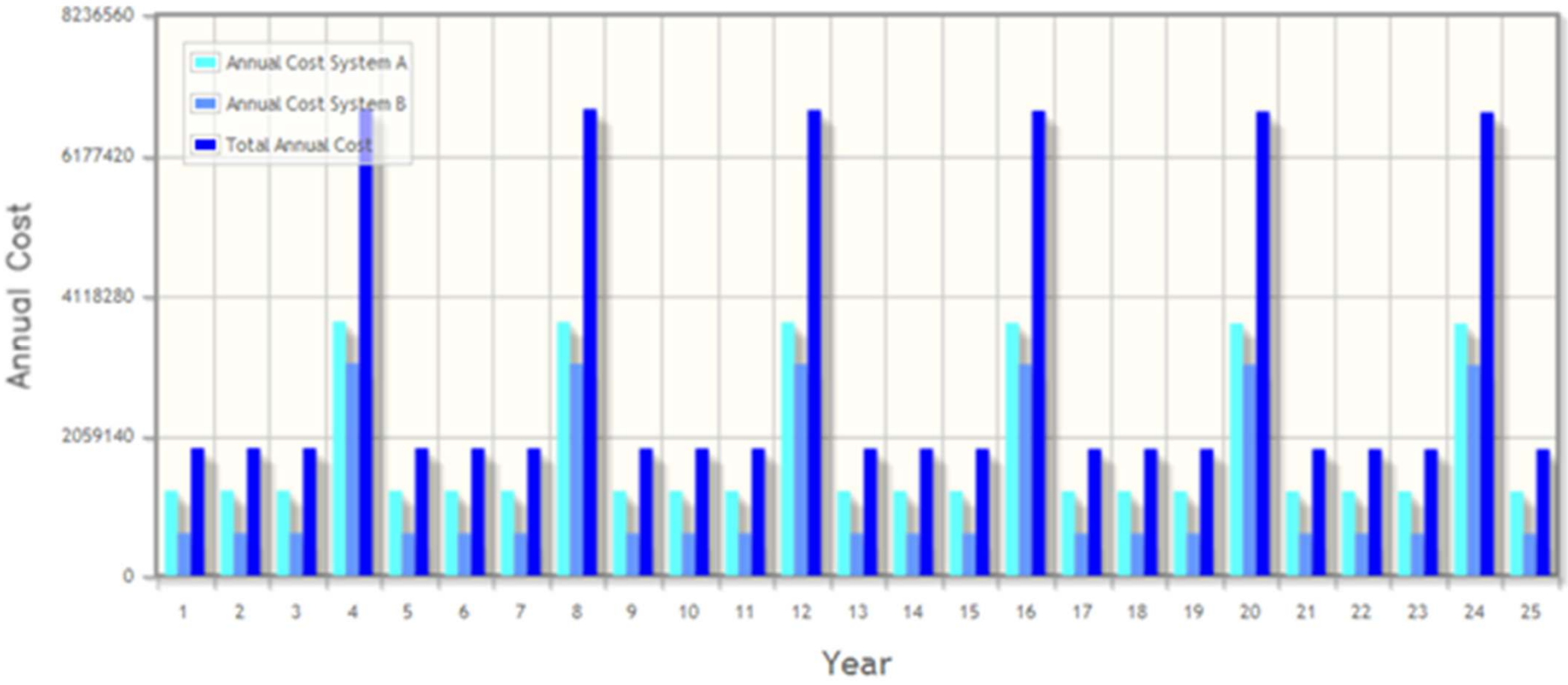
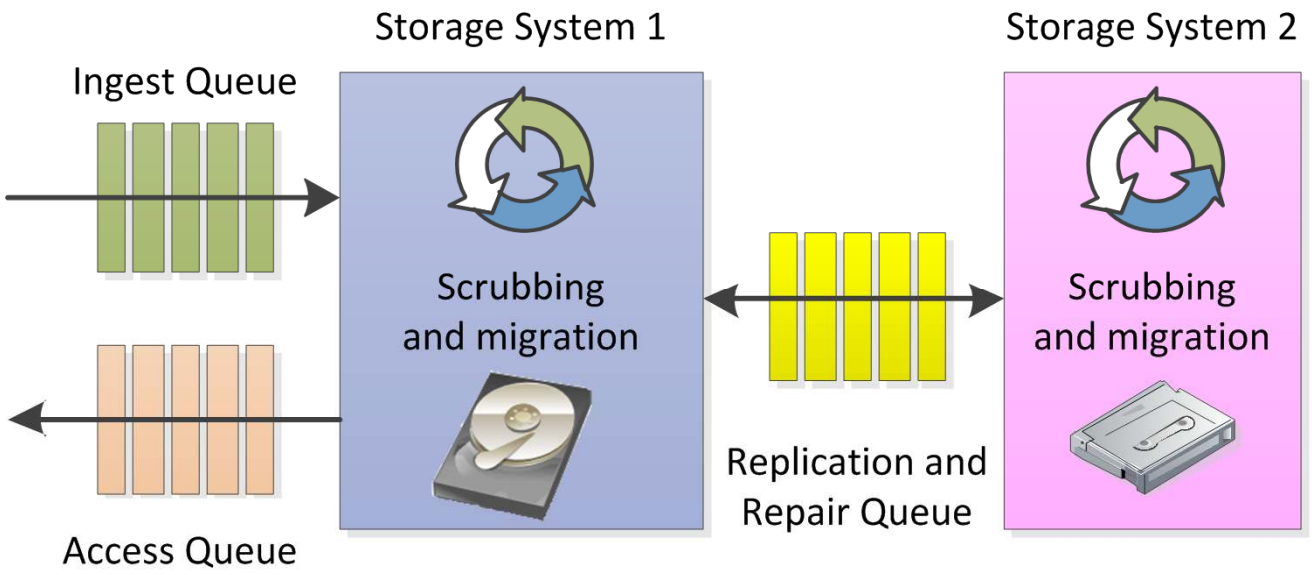


Long term cost



Simulating retention and access



- Resources are often limited
  - People, servers, bandwidth
  - Contention and priorities
- Capacity planning, Disaster simulation, Training

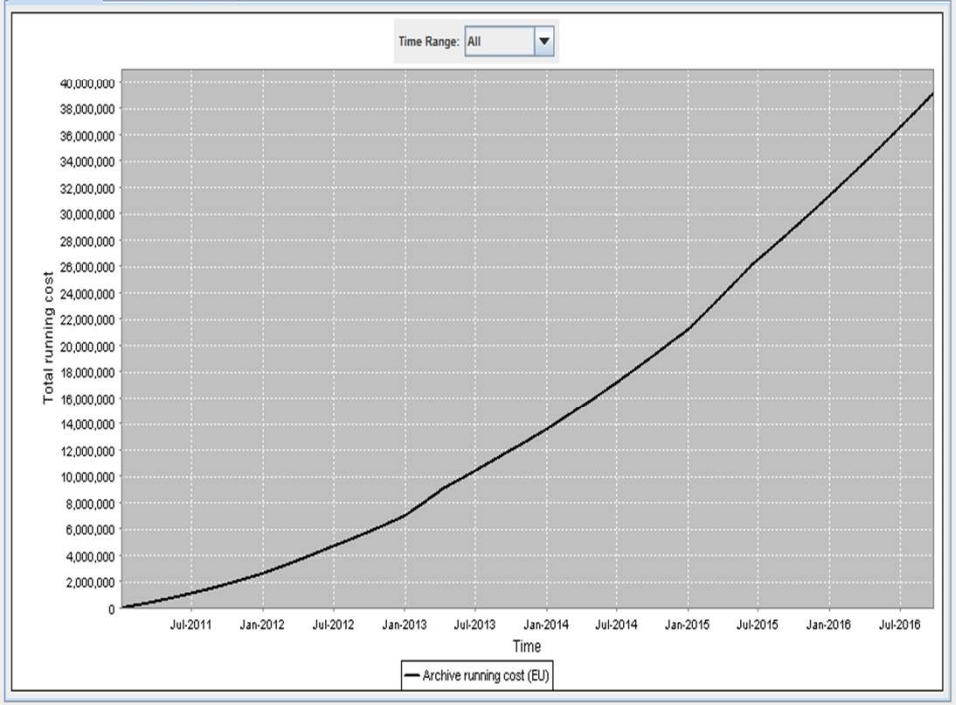
Interactive Storage Simulation Tool v 1.0-beta-1 (IT Innovation Centre)

Global Performance | Ingestion Queue | User Access Queue | StorageSystem 1 | StorageSystem 2

Archive Performance

Simulation time: [Current simulation time: 2016-09-23T25:01Z] Ticks: 251160
Archive running costs (EU): 3.9102938243511766E7
Currently Used Storage (TB): 12455.5
Total assets: 62275 Files: (124555)
Assets at Risk: 779 Lost Assets: 25

Running Cost | Used storage space



Configuration Template Management

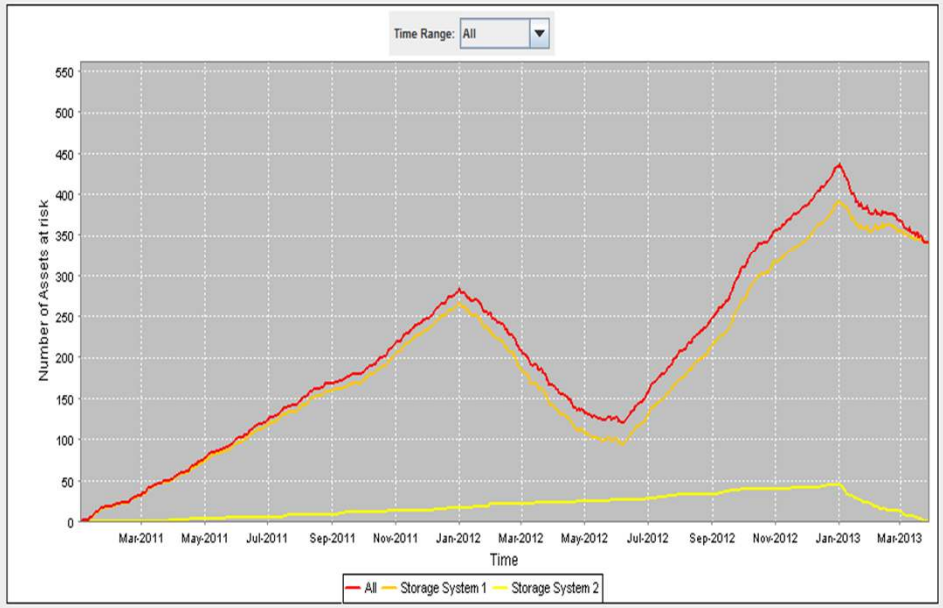
Select Configuration Template to Load

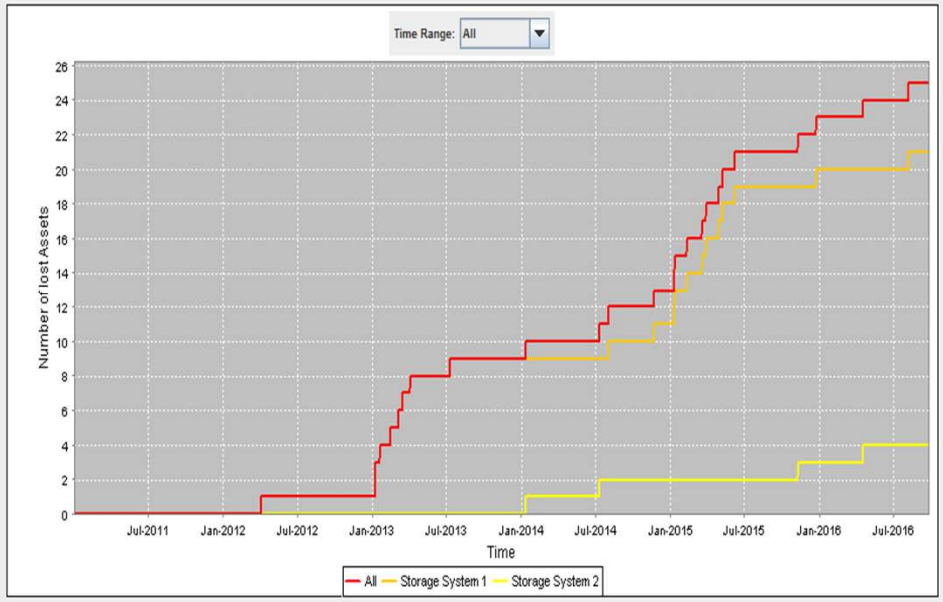
Default 2 Storage Model Configuration | Load Selected Template

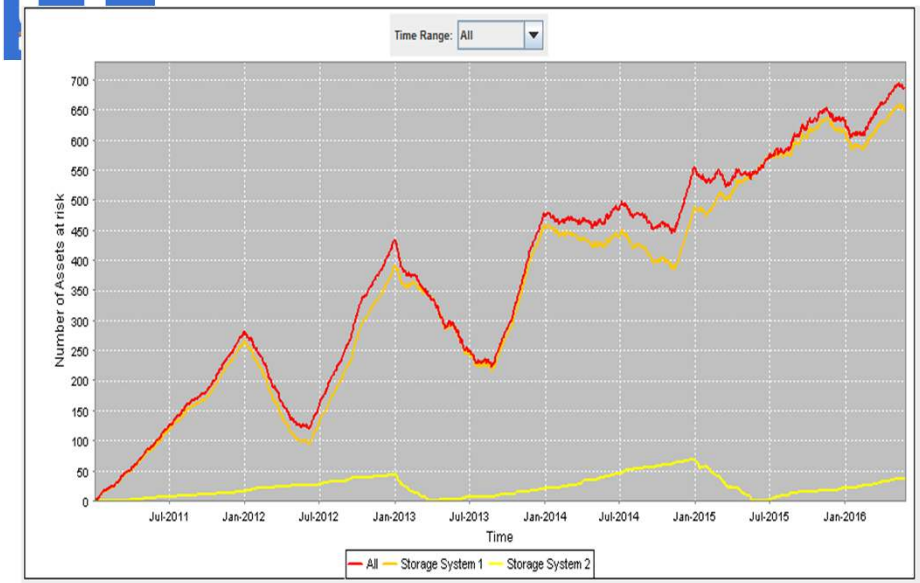
Template Management

LOADED TEMPLATE: mja_model1

? | Update Model | Save As New Model | Exit Simulation



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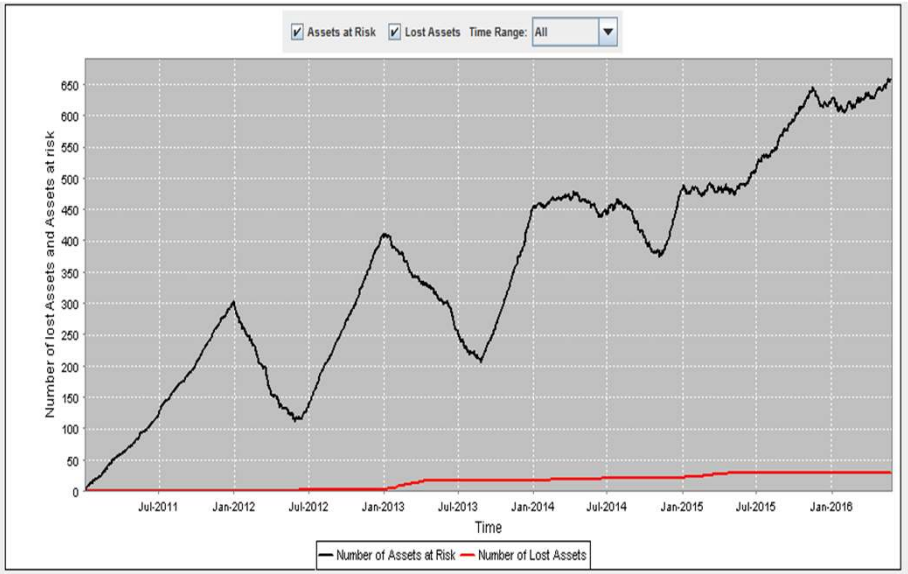
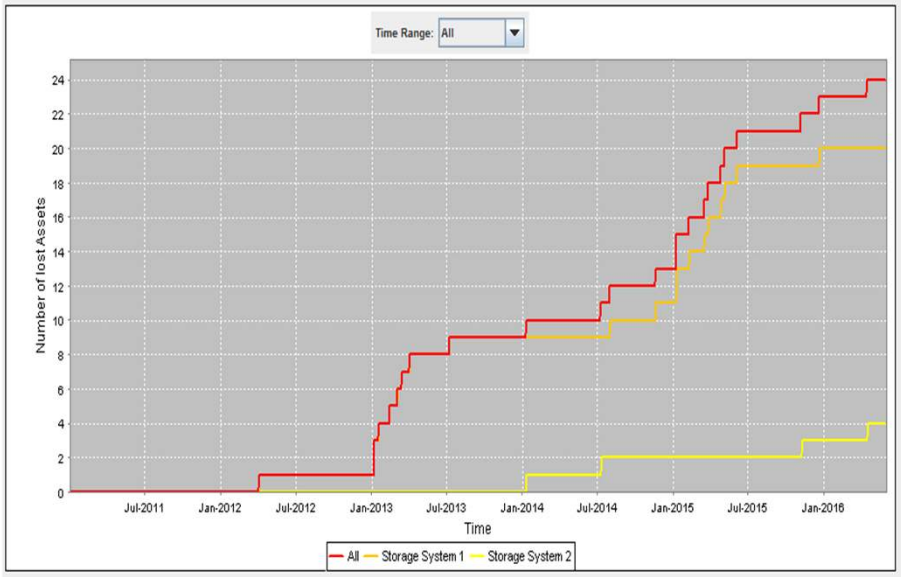
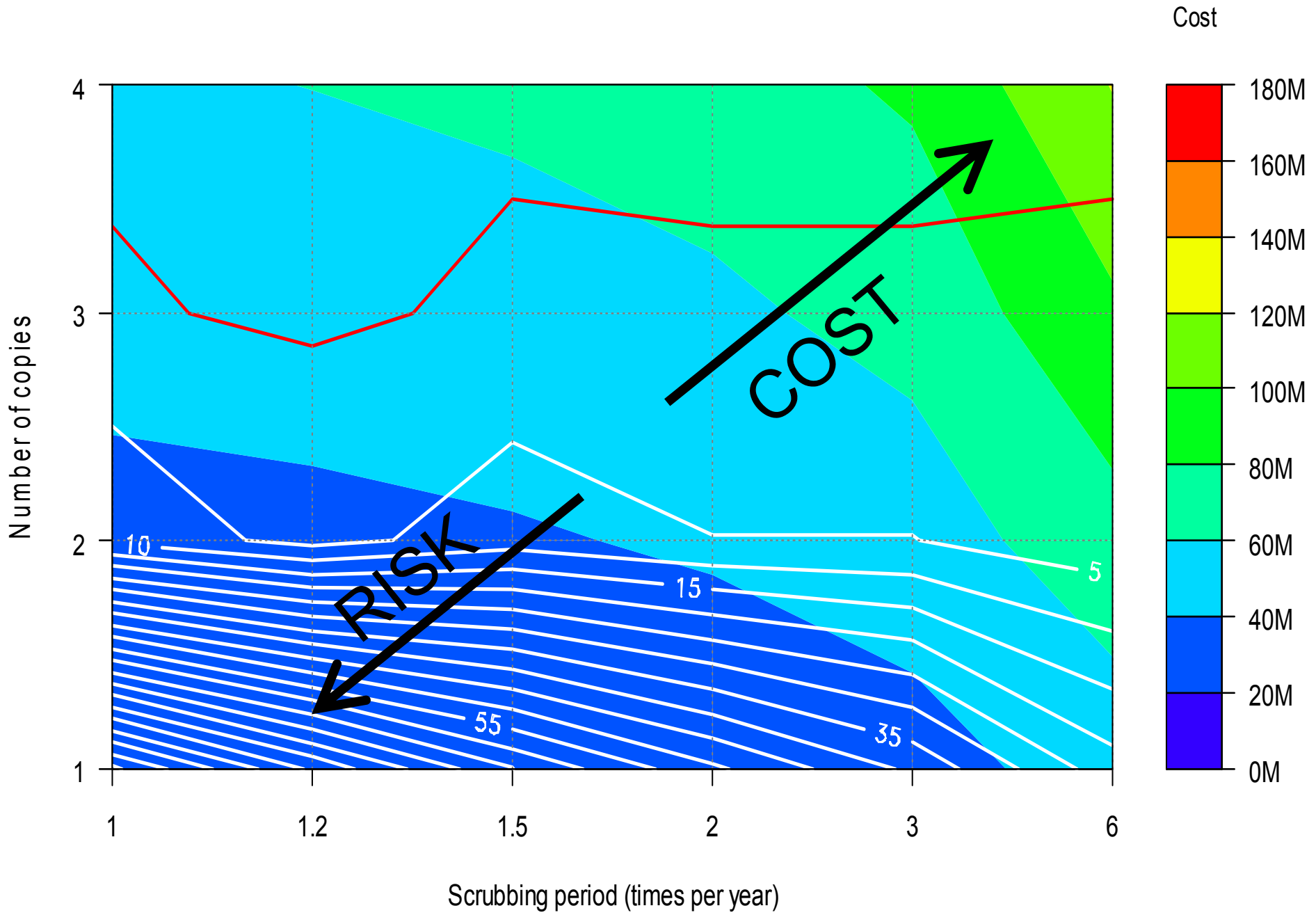
Number of Assets at risk
Time
All
Storage System 1
Storage System 2

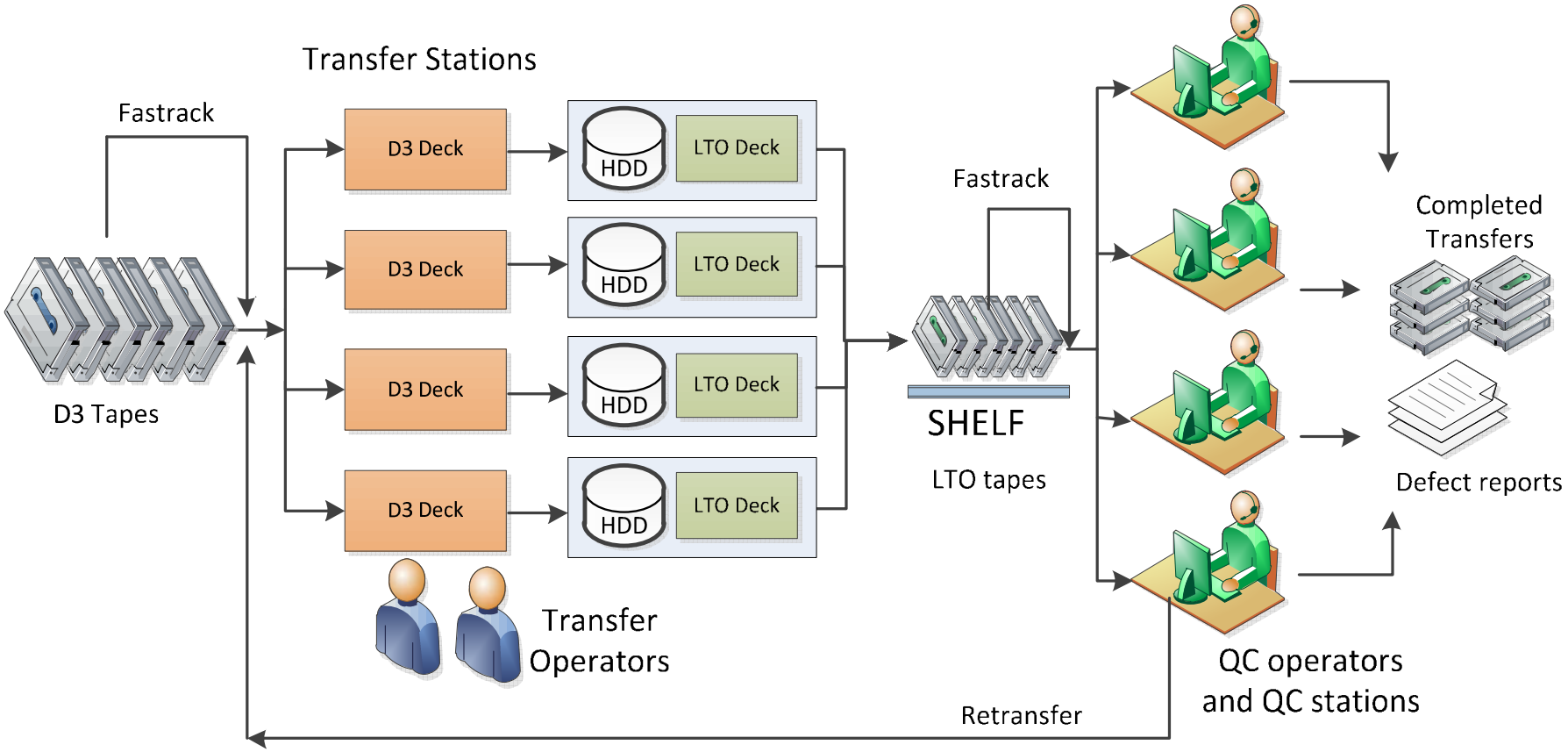

Assets at Risk
Lost Assets
Time Range: All
Number of lost Assets and Assets at risk
Time
Number of Assets at Risk
Number of Lost Assets

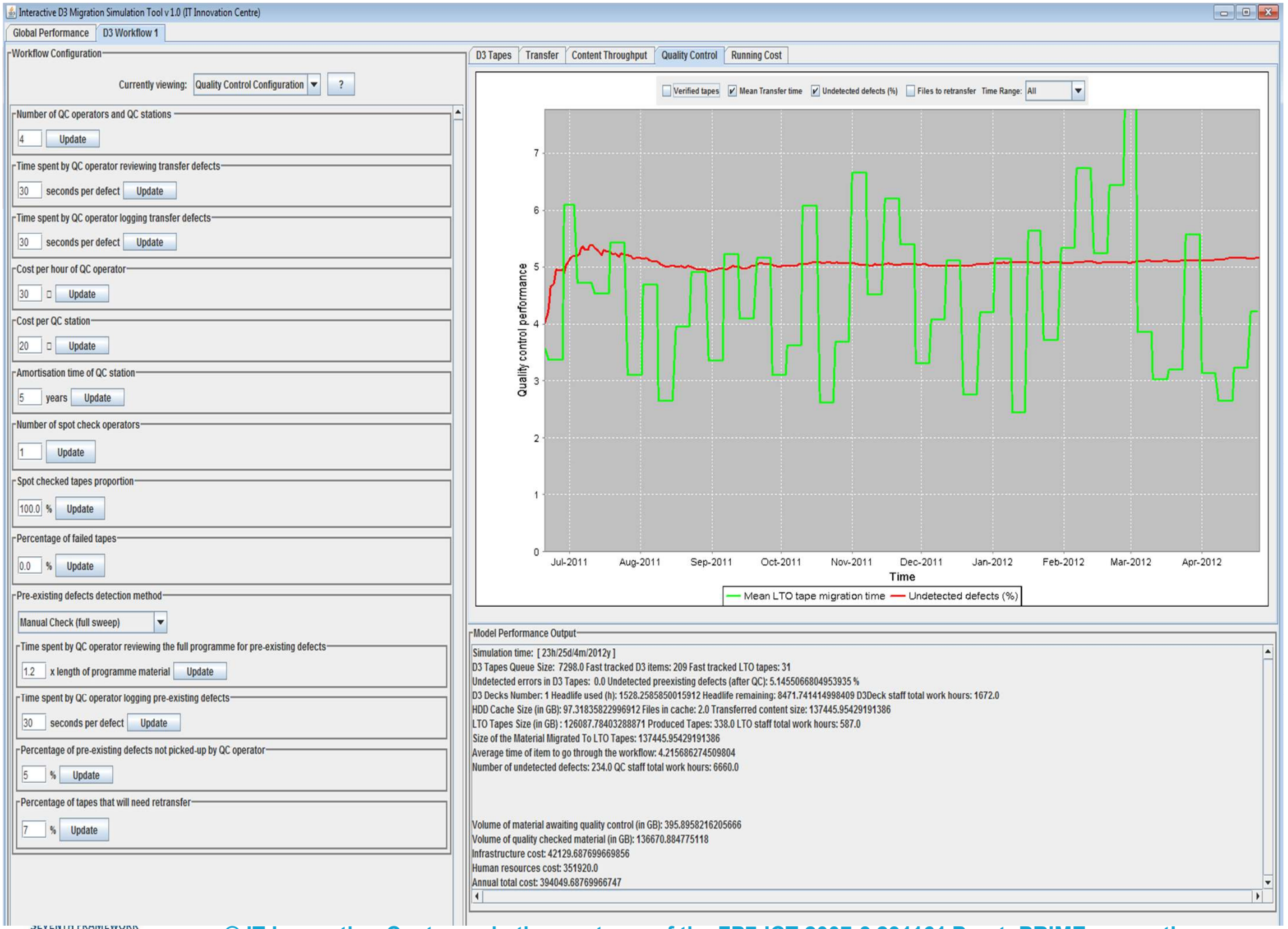

Time Range: All
Number of lost Assets
Time
All
Storage System 1
Storage System 2

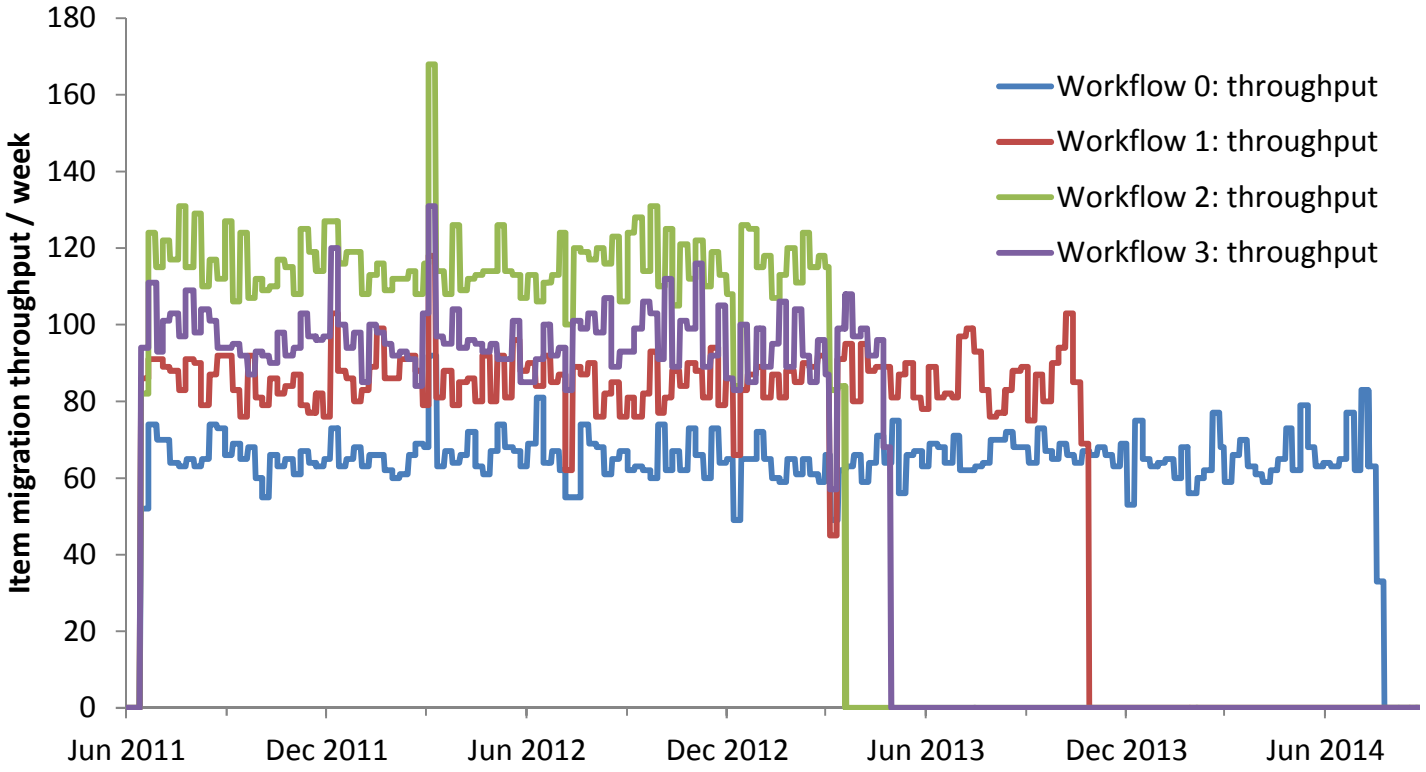

Scrubbing
Copy
Ingestion
User Access
Time Range: All
Number of service requests
Time
Scrubbing requests
Copy requests
Ingestion requests
Access requests


Cost
180M
160M
140M
120M
100M
80M
60M
40M
20M
0M
Number of copies
4
3
2
1
1
1.2
1.5
2
3
6
Scrubbing period (times per year)
COST
RISK
10
15
5
55
35

Example: migration workflows






Item migration throughput / week
180
160
140
120
100
80
60
40
20
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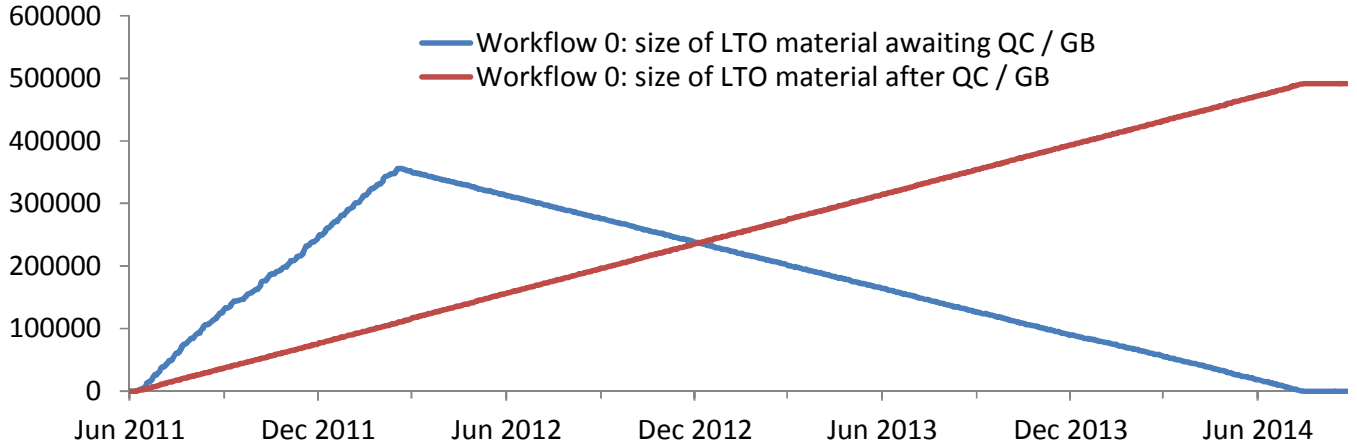
Jun 2011
Dec 2011
Jun 2012
Dec 2012
Jun 2013
Dec 2013
Jun 2014
Workflow 0: throughput
Workflow 1: throughput
Workflow 2: throughput
Workflow 3: throughput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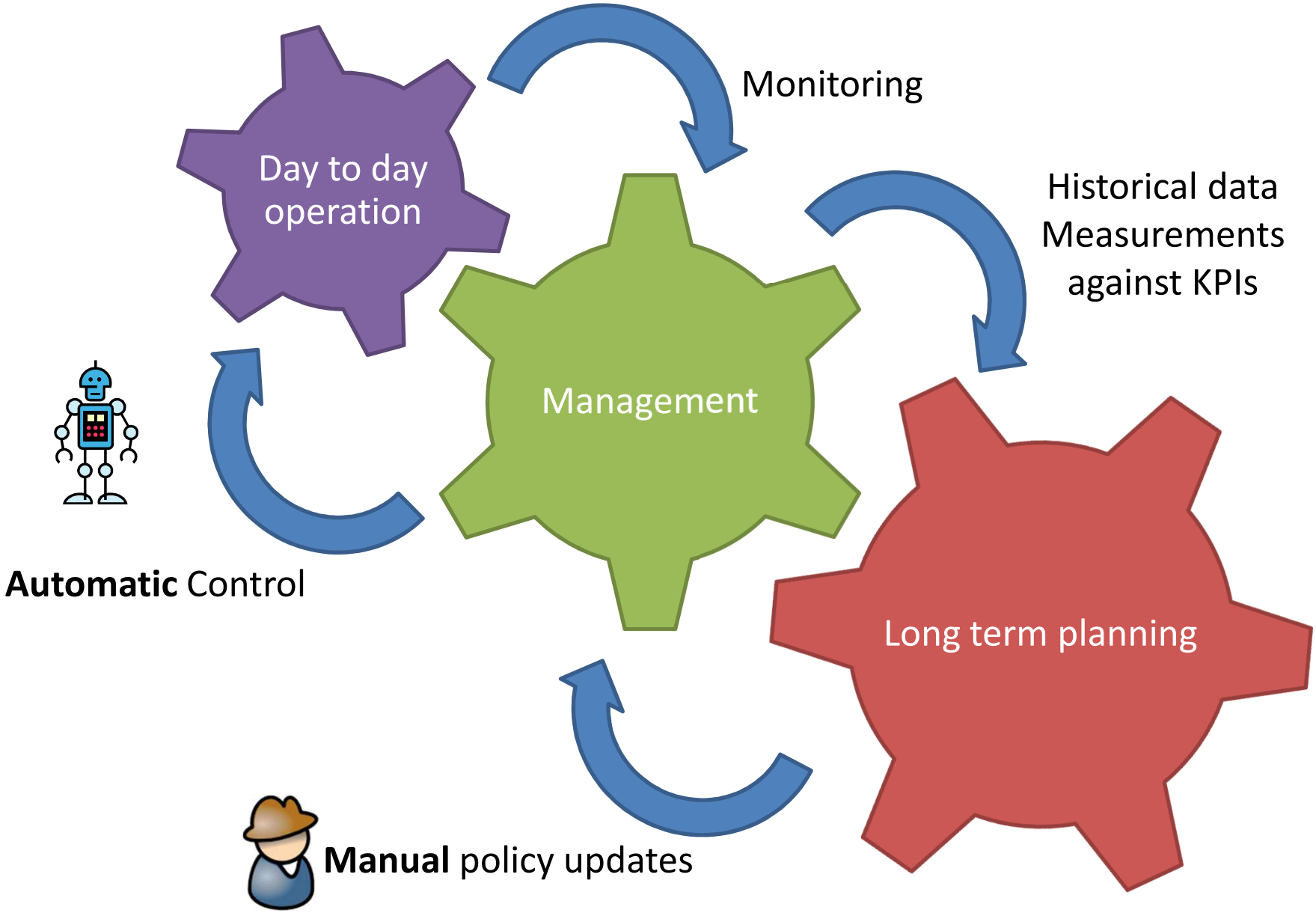
Workflow 0: size of LTO material awaiting QC / GB
Workflow 0: size of LTO material after QC / GB

Decision Loops for Services



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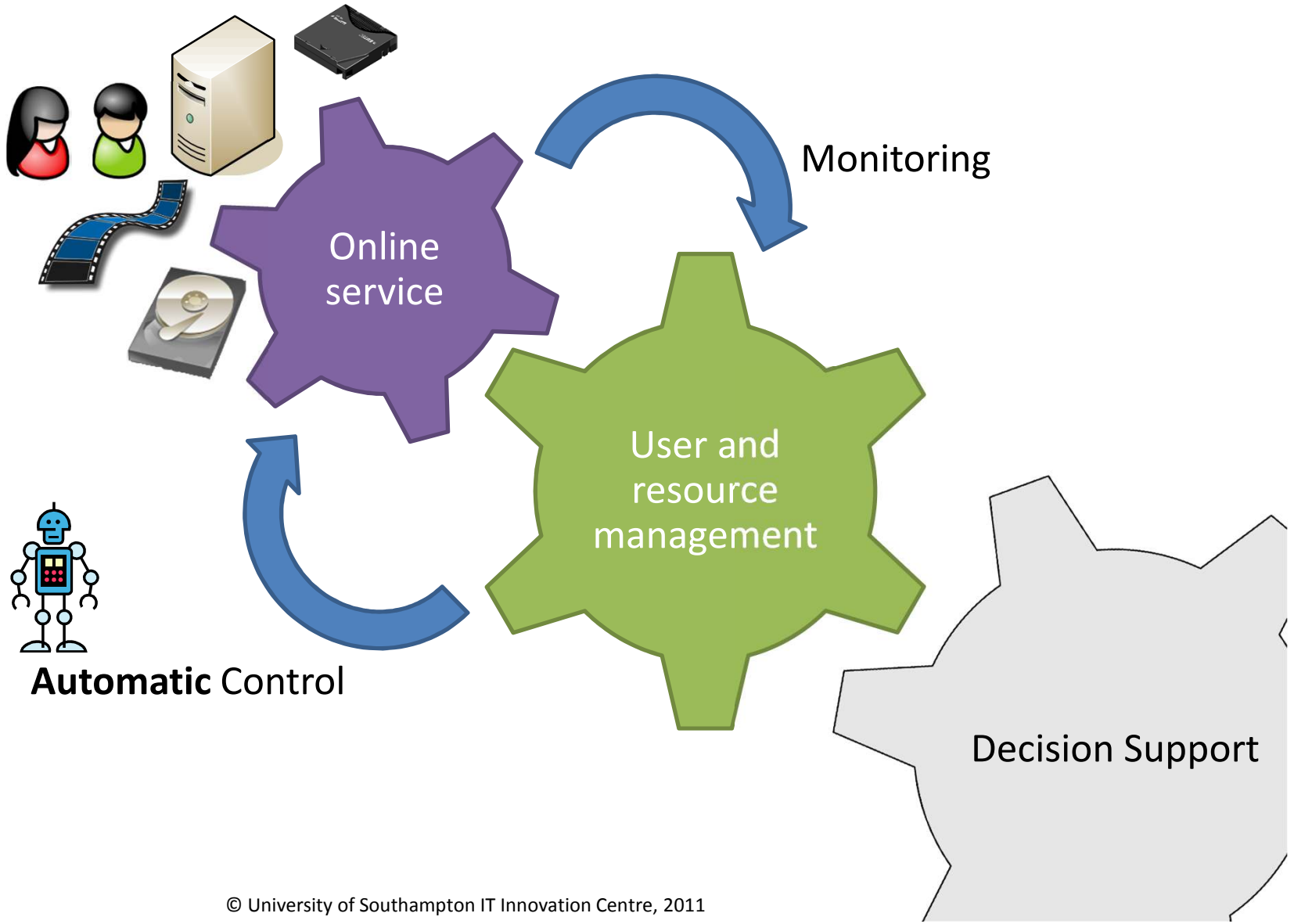
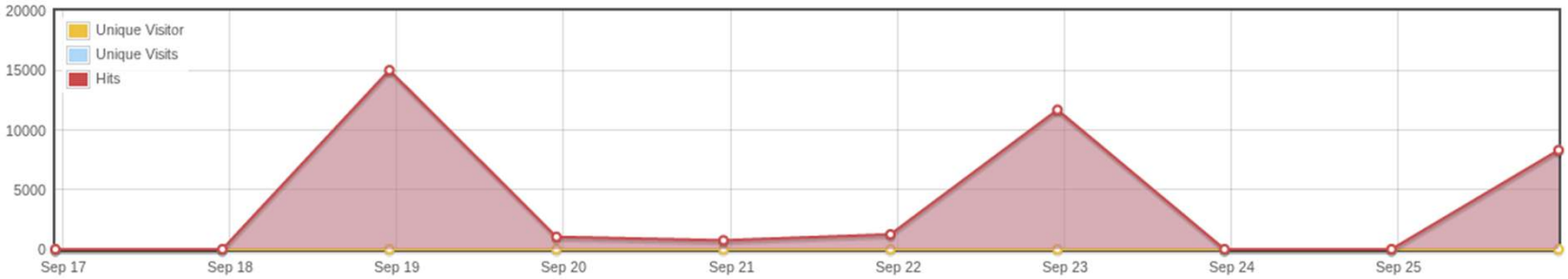


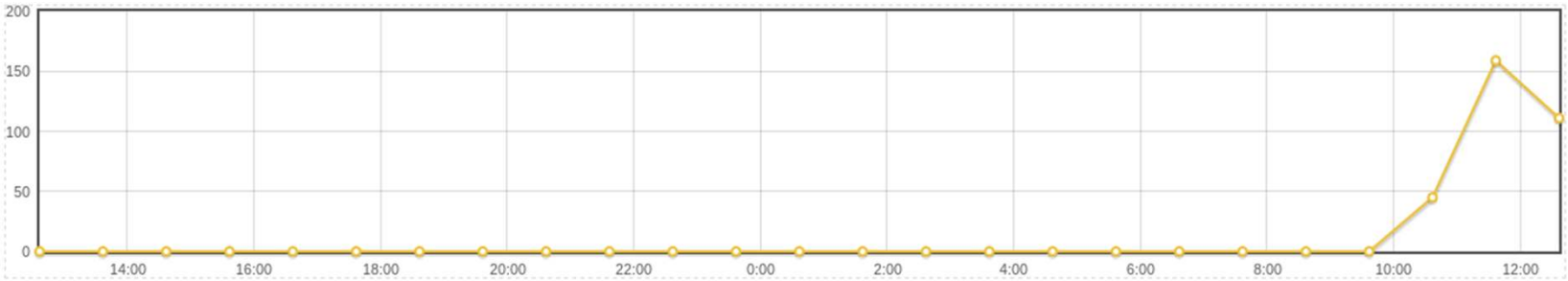
What have we built?

Usage Summary

Traffic



Tasks in last 24 hours



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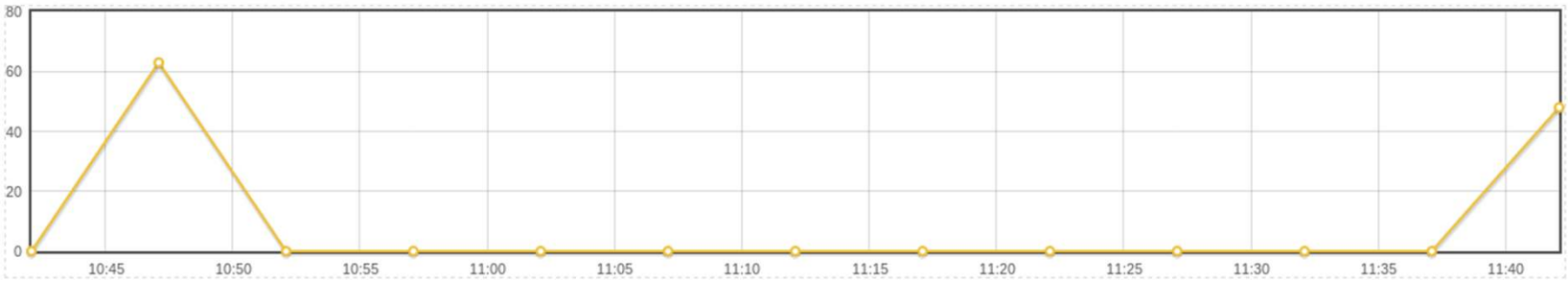
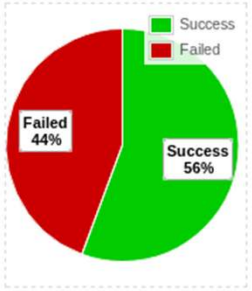


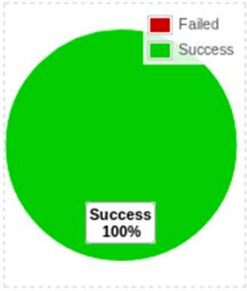
All Jobs



Job md5file

Job backup_mfile

Job posterimage



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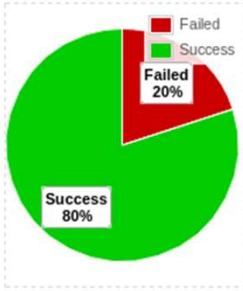

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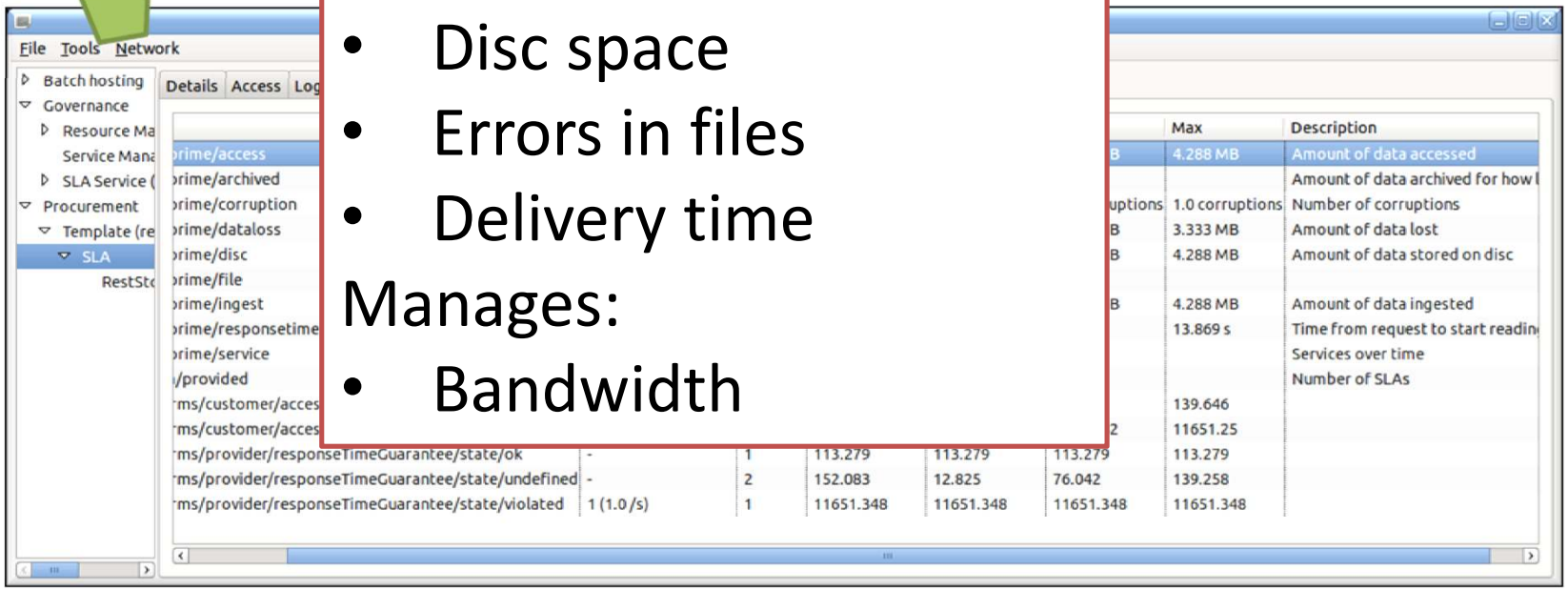
Monitors:

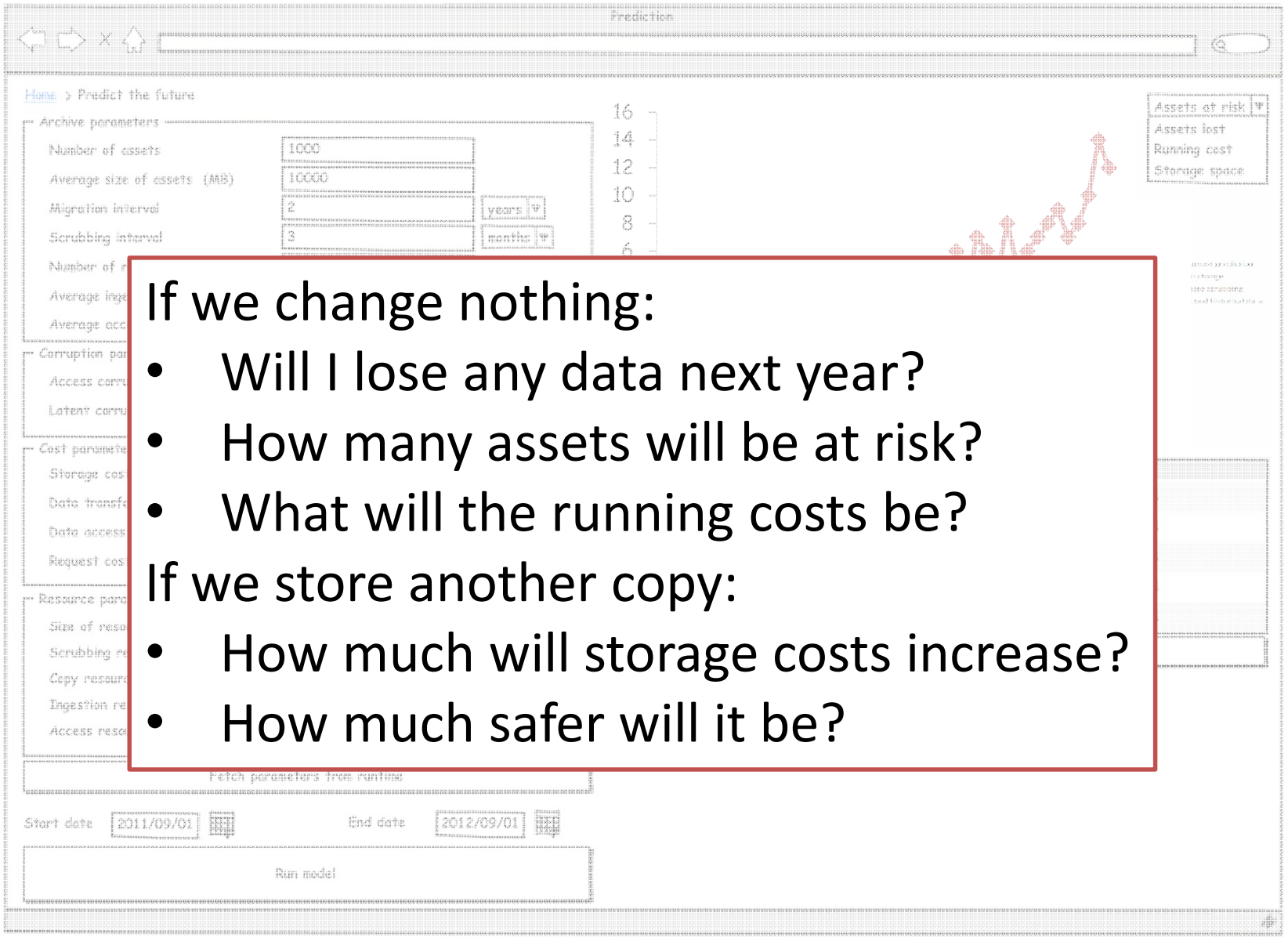
- Availability
- Data ingest and access
- Disc space
- Errors in files
- Delivery time

Manages:

- Bandwidth



Predict the Future



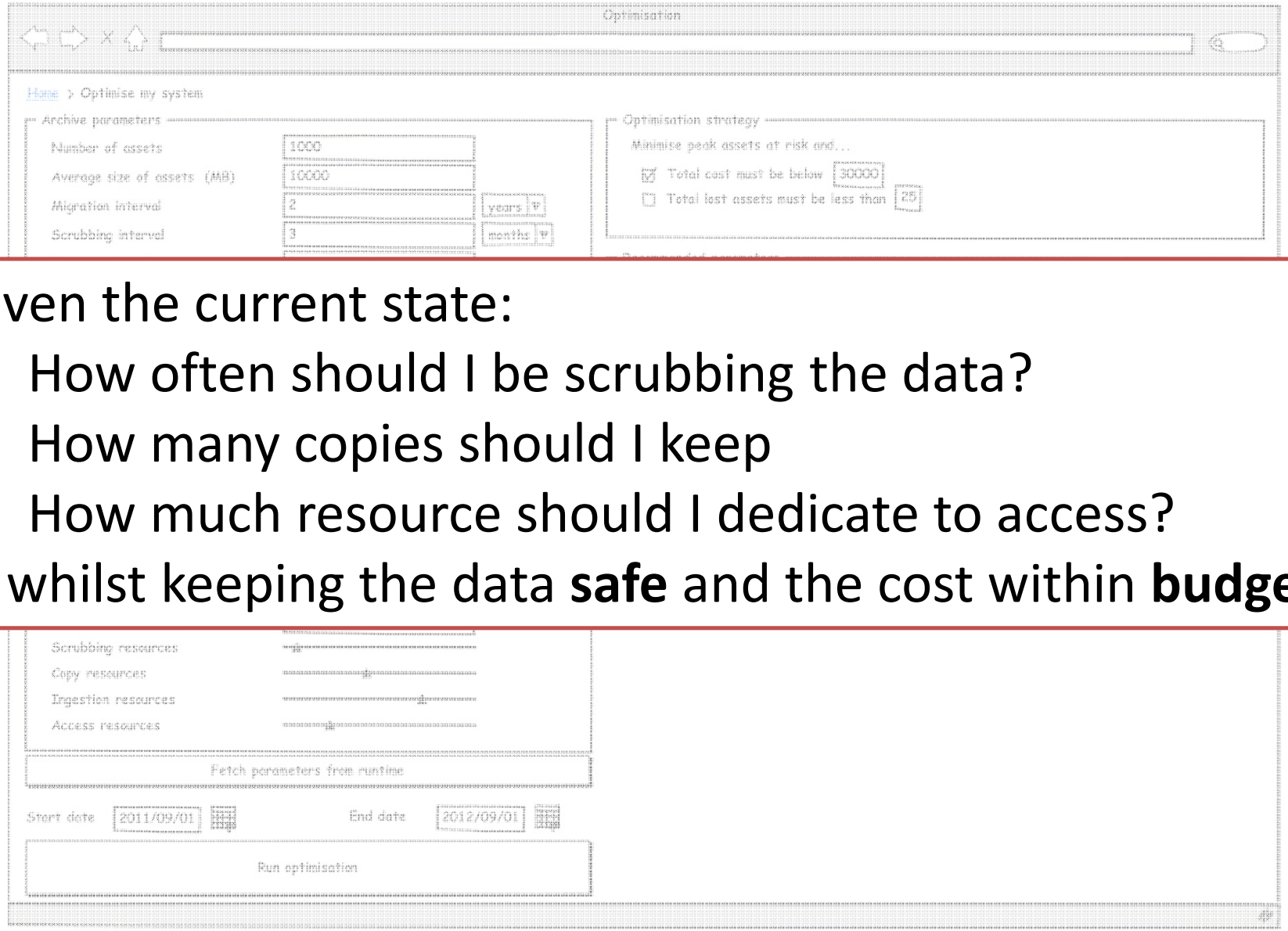
If we change nothing:

- Will I lose any data next year?
- How many assets will be at risk?
- What will the running costs be?

If we store another copy:

- How much will storage costs increase?
- How much safer will it be?

Optimise my System



Given the current state:

- How often should I be scrubbing the data?
- How many copies should I keep
- How much resource should I dedicate to access?

… whilst keeping the data **safe** and the cost within **budget**.

More information

- D2.1.1 Preservation Strategies
- D2.1.2 Preservation Modelling Tools
- D2.2.1 Processes for preservation and access
- D2.3.1 SOA for AV storage
- D3.2.1 Threats from mass storage
- D6.3.1 Financial models and cost calculation
- D7.1.4 Annual AV preservation report(s)

All available from the PrestoCentre

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