DLCM Project:

A Swiss Solution For Long-Term Preservation of Research Data

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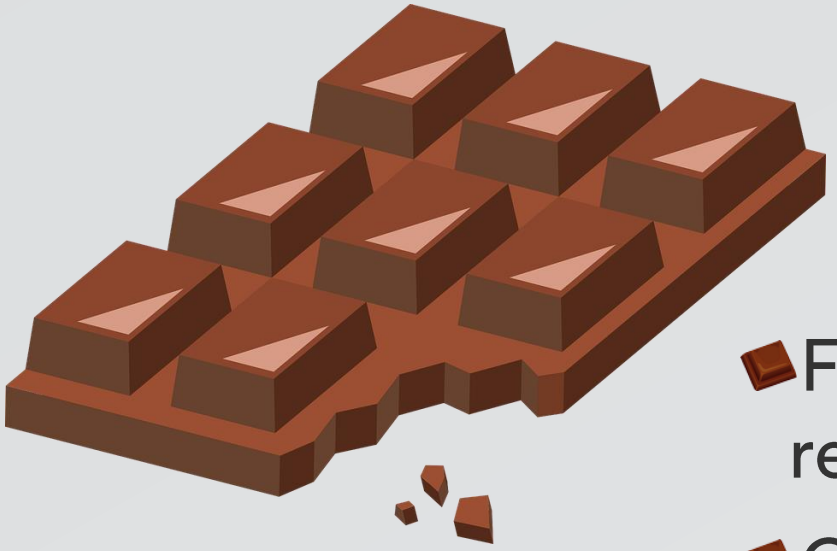
Why this project? Gaping hole in the market?



- Funding agencies' requirement to archive research data in non-commercial FAIR repositories
- Centralized vs. Distributed Solution
  - ➔ the «Swiss Way»
- Controlled by Universities
  - ➔ Compliancy with funding agencies
  - ➔ Sustainability and trustworthiness
- Abroad vs. Swiss Data Centers
  - ➔ Legal regulations on data protection

The DLCM Story

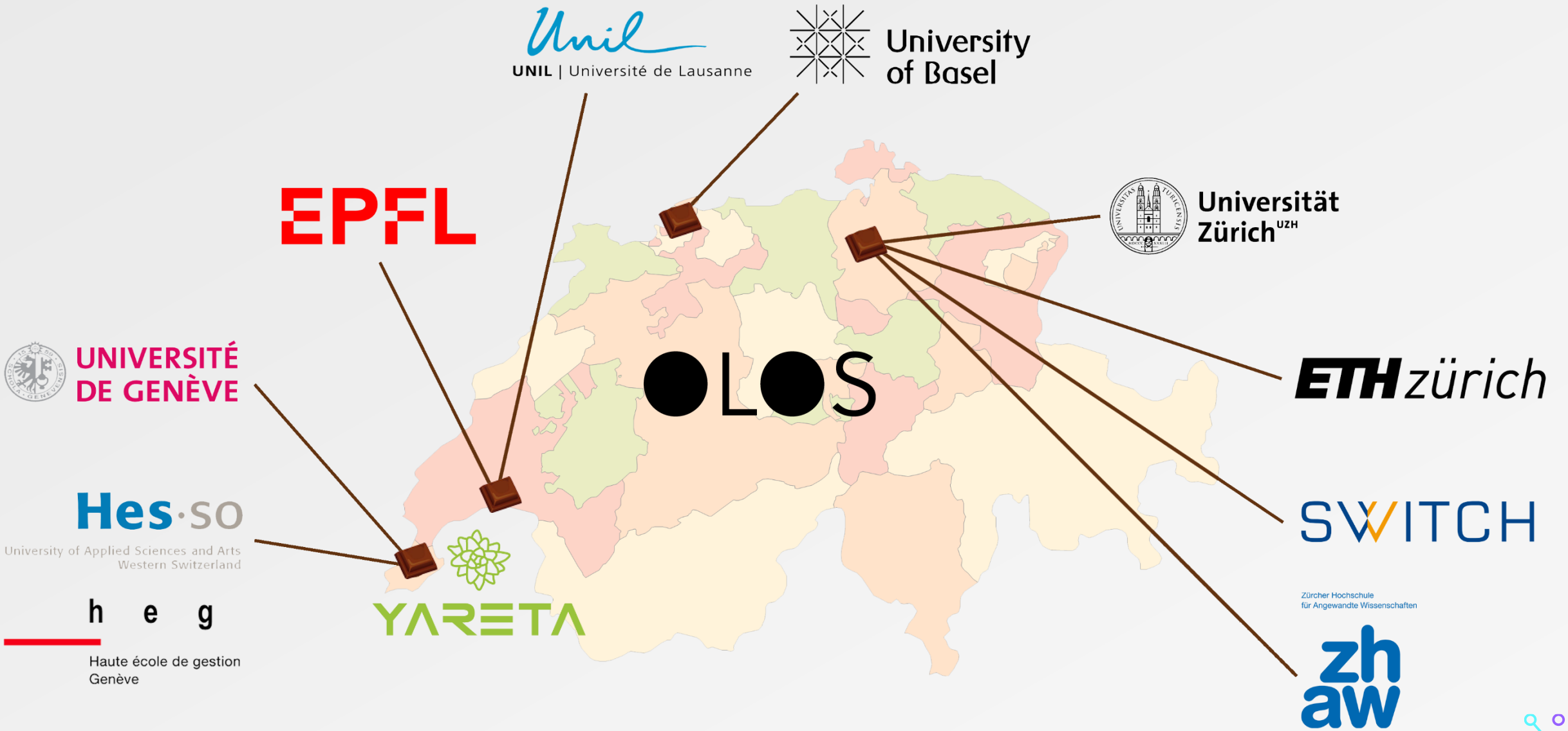
Aug 2015 – Jul 2018: Phase 1
Exploration of the whole life-cycle

Jan 2019 – Dec 2020: Phase 2
From Prototypes to Services

June 2019: YARETA in production
Geneva state's solution

January 2020: ●LOS in production
National solution

The DLCM Project Partners



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Powerful Swiss-made archiving solution

- Based on best practices in the field (OAIS, PREMIS, METS, etc.)
- Benefited from librarian and computer experts from 5+ institutions
- Modular architecture and API for integration to researchers' environments
- Project code in open source (to come)
- Data stored in Swiss locations and abroad

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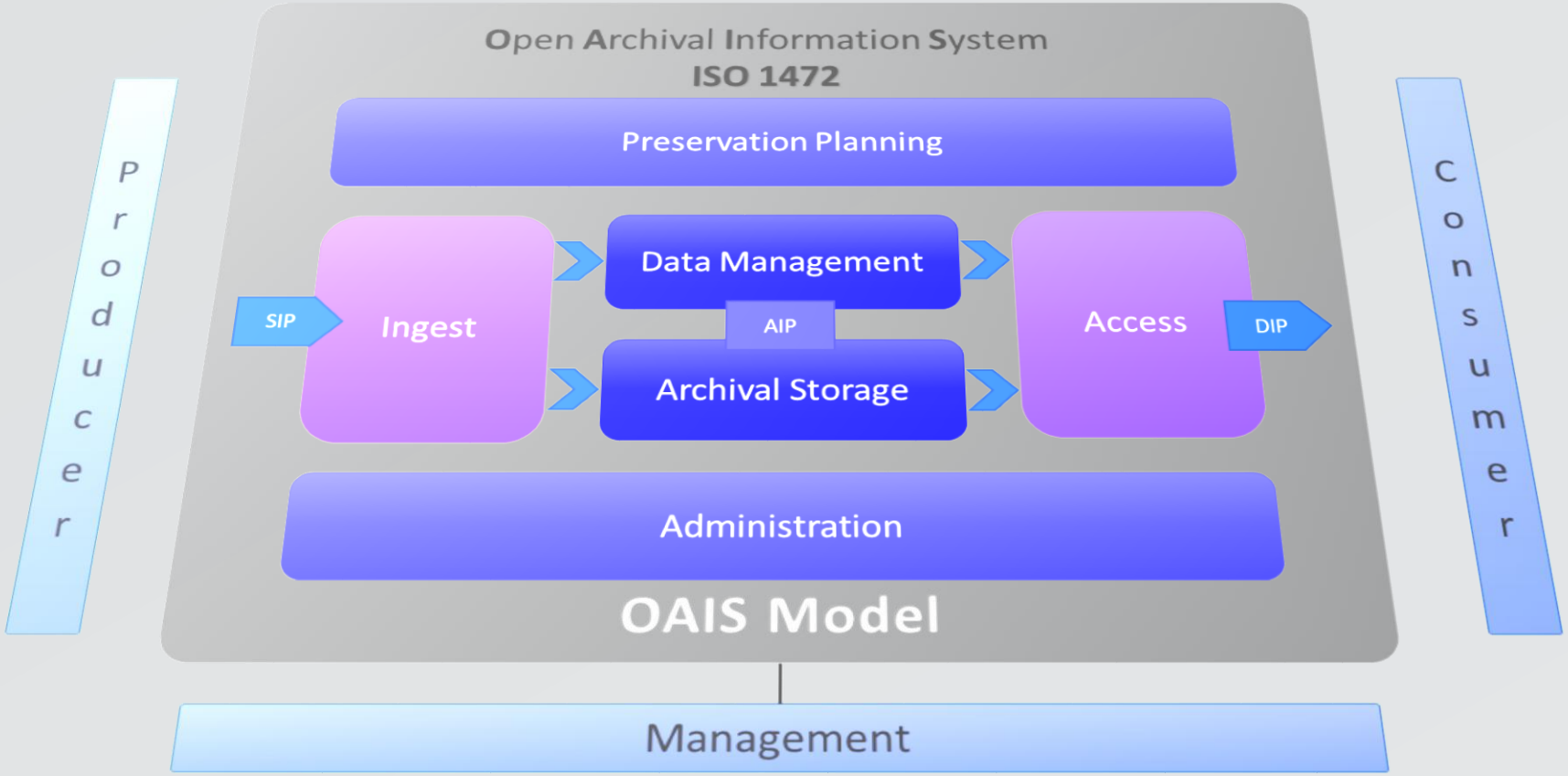

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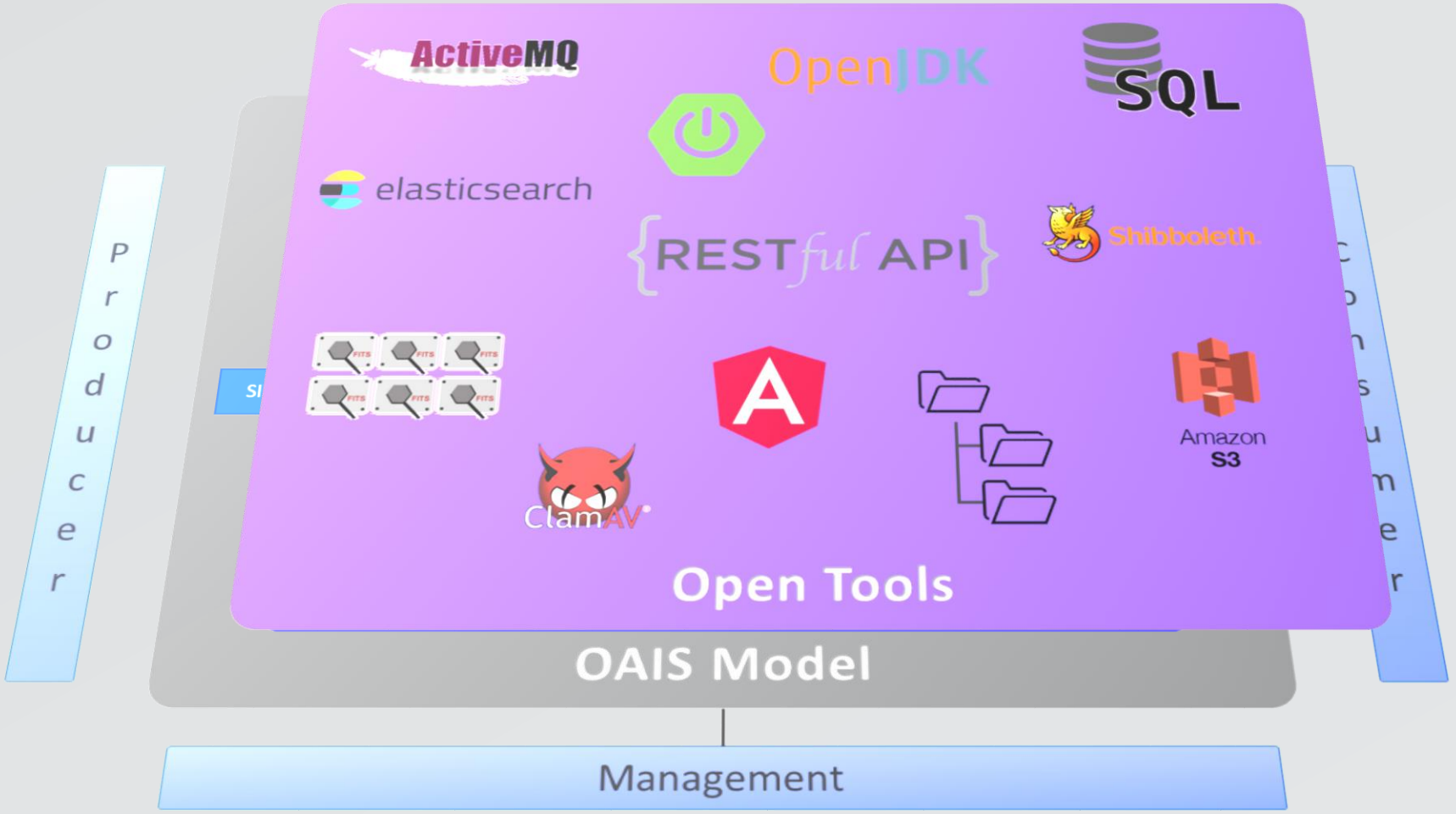

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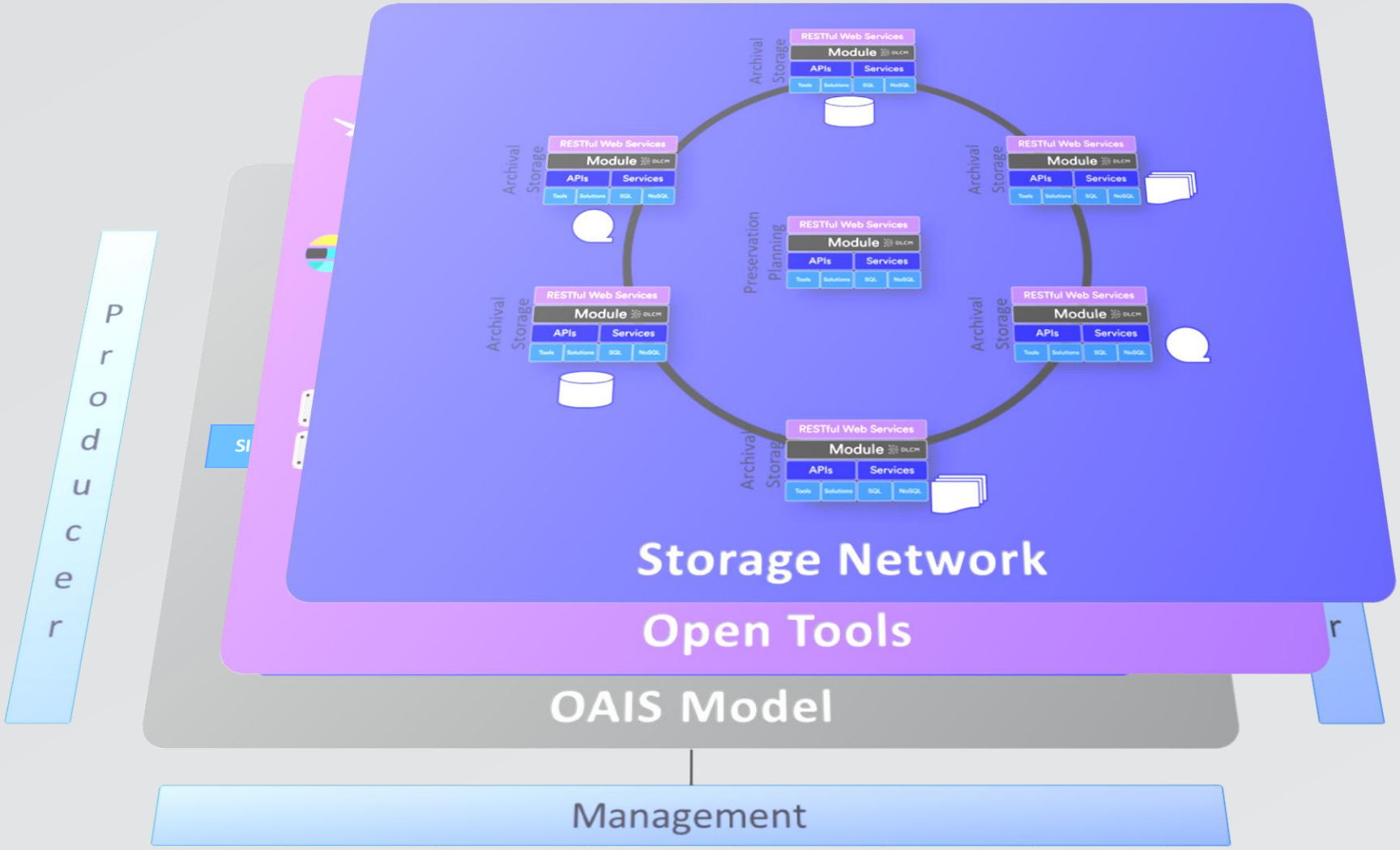

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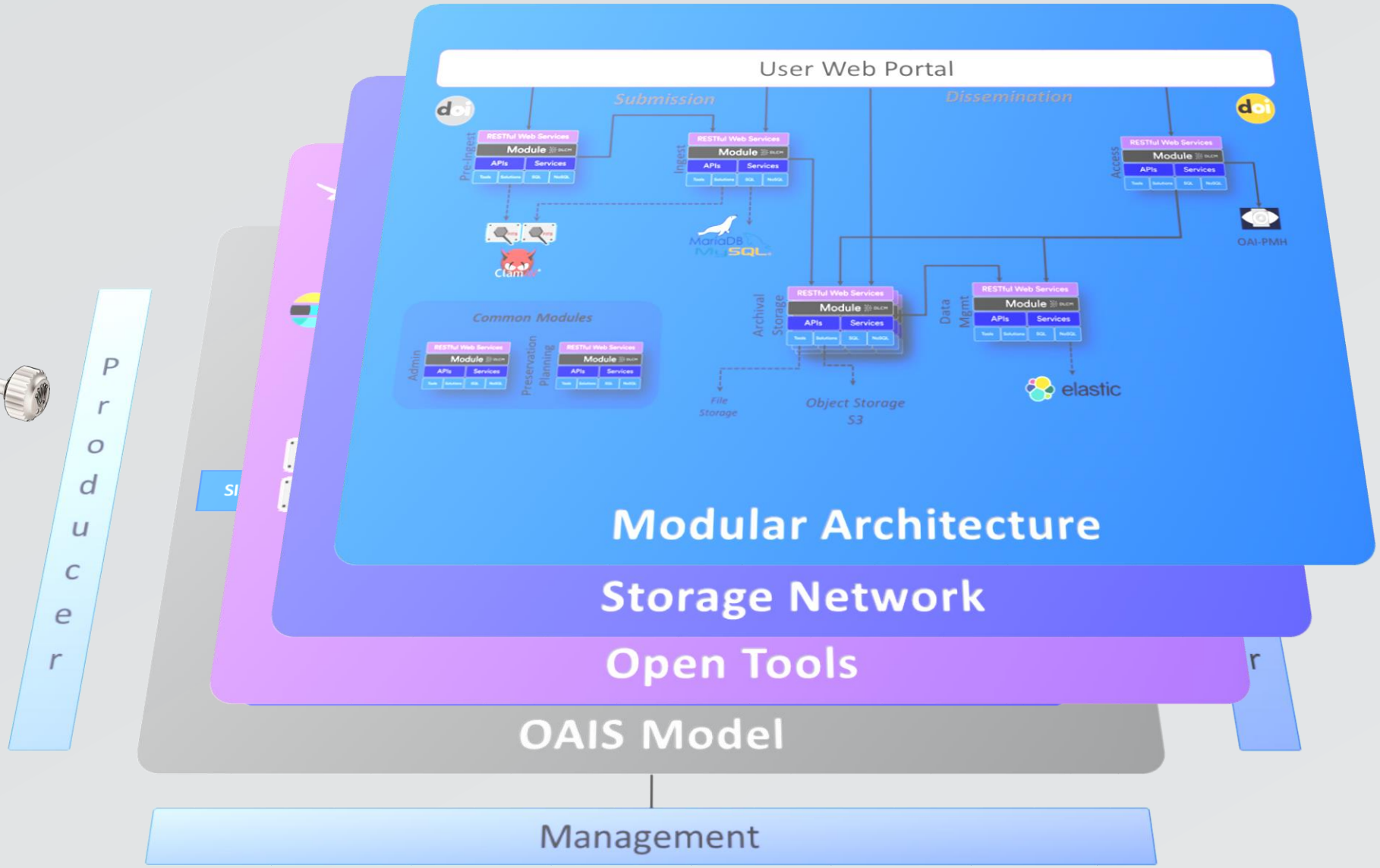

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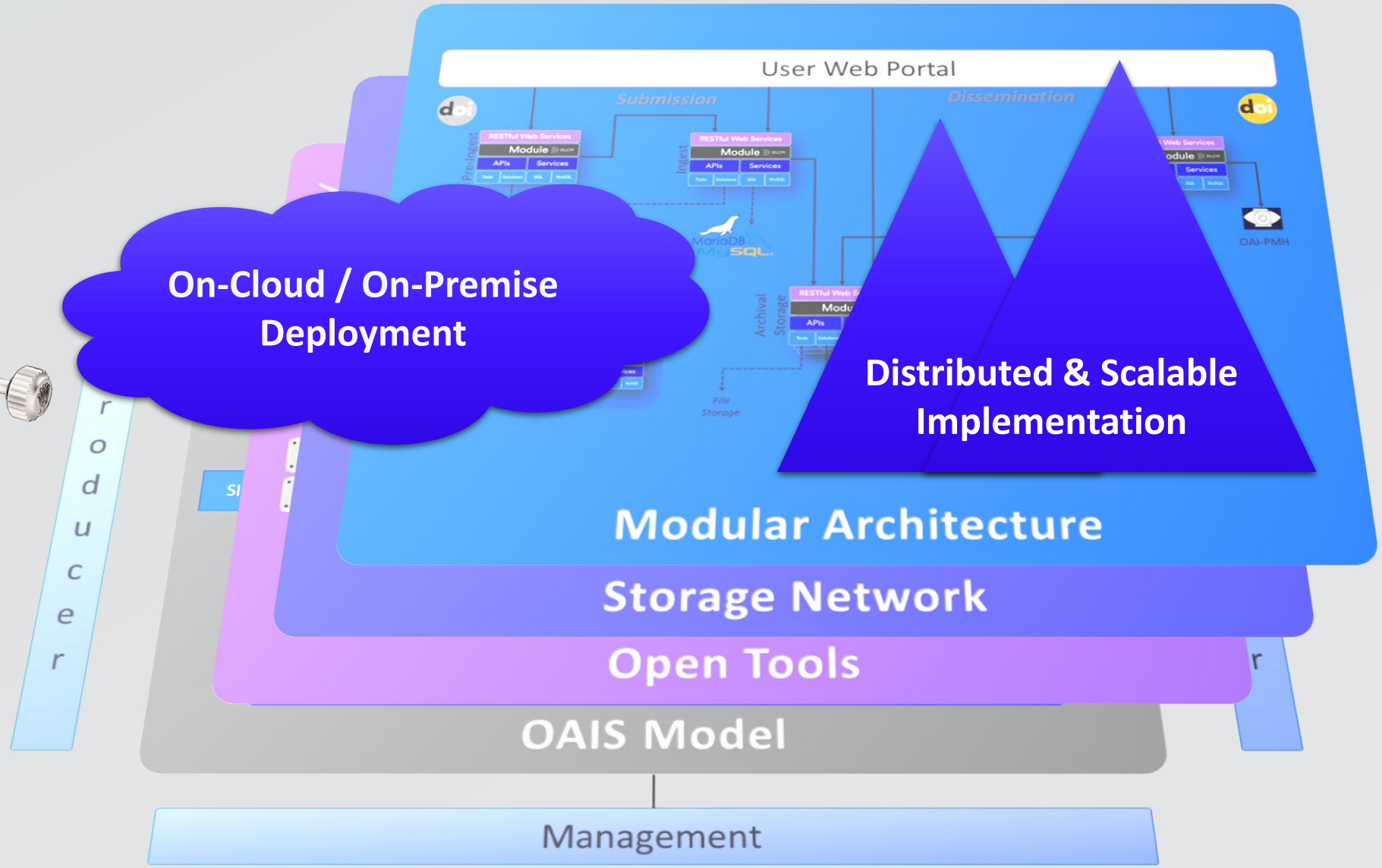

The pluses of our solution?

- **Integration** with solution providers :
  From data capture to storage

To come...

SLIMS
By Genohm, a Part of Agilent

DOT PHOTON

openBIS

CERN

- **General purpose**, yet with soon available plug-in for specific fields: Digital Humanities, Chemistry, Materials science, etc.
- Turn key solution

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Non-for-profit competitors?

Zenodo (CERN)

- Popular in Switzerland
- Generic Repository, like DLCM

But:

- Its mission is not to provide National archives
- Dependent on European funding

➔ Possibility of collaborating for the 2nd dataset copy

Our Targets?

- Individual researchers
- Research institutions (public & private)
- Service partners:
  - Infrastructure partners (data centres)
  - OEM partners
  - Integration partners

Need more information ?

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