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IRIS collaboration meeting

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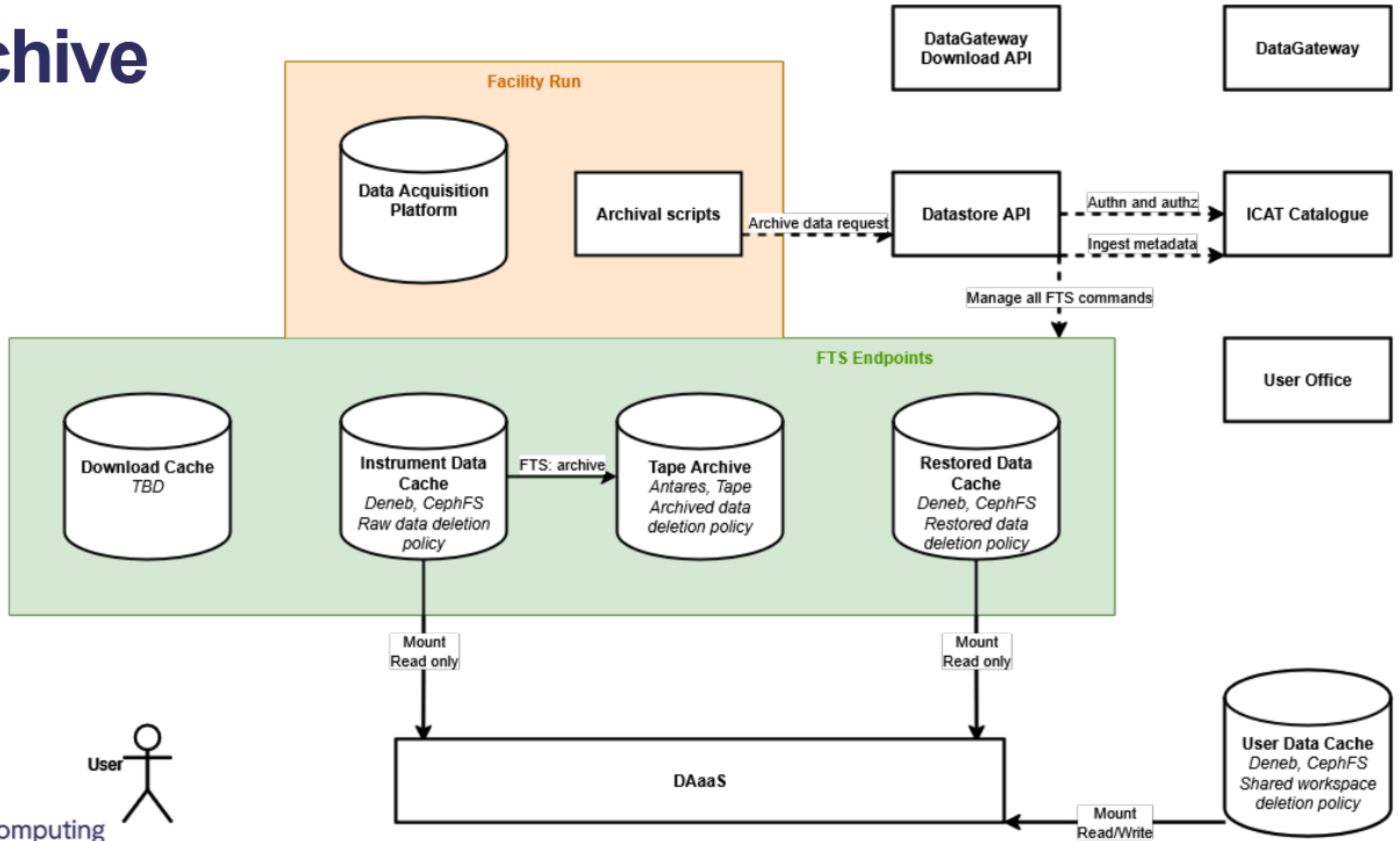
A brief history of FTS

- Developed at CERN as a bulk data mover for LHC data
 - In DC24 CERN FTS instances completed 33 million file-transfers and 249 PB over a two week period
 - Sustained over 20k transfers for 17 hours (new record for FTS!)
- Heavily used within particle physics domain, plus usage in other physics domains e.g. astronomy
- Data movement software running alongside Rucio

FTS highlights at RAL

- Extending use of FTS outside of particle physics community:
 - Selected alongside Rucio as SRCNet data movement tool
 - ukSRC – supporting UK astronomy as well as SKA
 - LSST - Used RAL FTS during early data movement testing
 - Facilities data pipeline for EPAC
 - Proposed as the tool to mediate data movement between disk caches and tape archive for next gen photonics facility at RAL
- Improved token support:
 - Integrated SKA-FTS hosts with SKA-IAM and added token authentication with SKA-IAM to web monitoring & logs
 - Reduces difficulty to integrate with other IAMs, e.g. IRIS-IAM!

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Future outlook for FTS

- Migration to Proxmox:
 - Move FTS to LHCOPN/LHCONE network
 - Restores access to CTA storage
 - Enable CERN experiments to use the RAL FTS instances, can revisit GridPP usage
- ukSRC
 - Transition from development to operational phase
- FTS4 later this year!