

**BIG DATA EUROPE**

Empowering Communities  
with Data Technologies



# Managing Big Data with privacy in mind

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# Two related projects

Two research projects:

- © **BDE**, 2015-2017: general platform for **big data**
- © **SPECIAL**, 2017-2019: **privacy** for big data

By W3C and ERCIM (European host of W3C),  
in cooperation with a number of partners.



# Big Data Europe: Consortium





# Big Data Europe: Funding



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# What is Big Data?

‘Data too big to process with a single computer.’

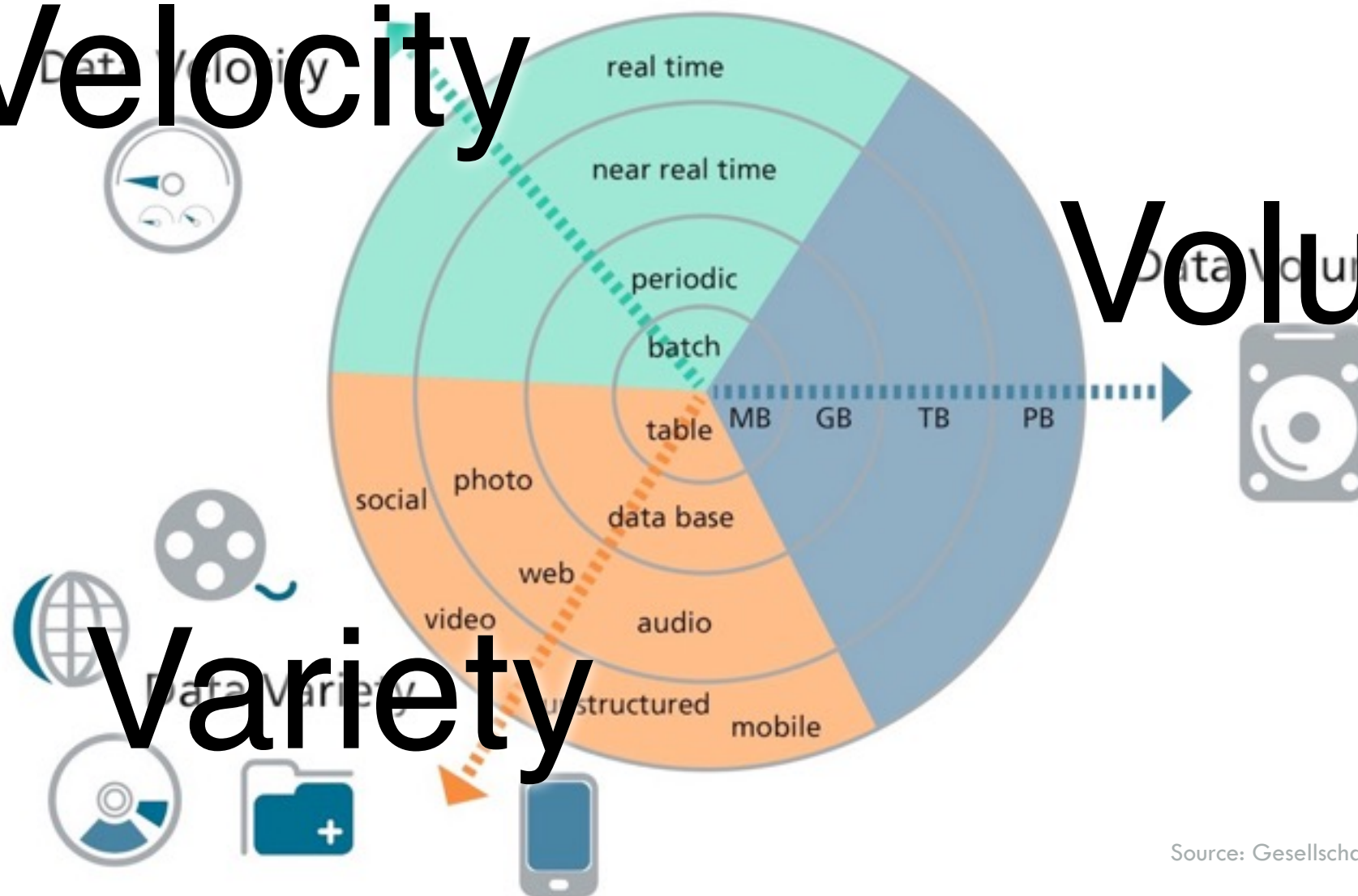


# The three V's

## Velocity

## Volume

## Variety



Source: Gesellschaft für Informatik

... but Variety is often neglected.



# Handling ‘Volume’ & ‘Velocity’

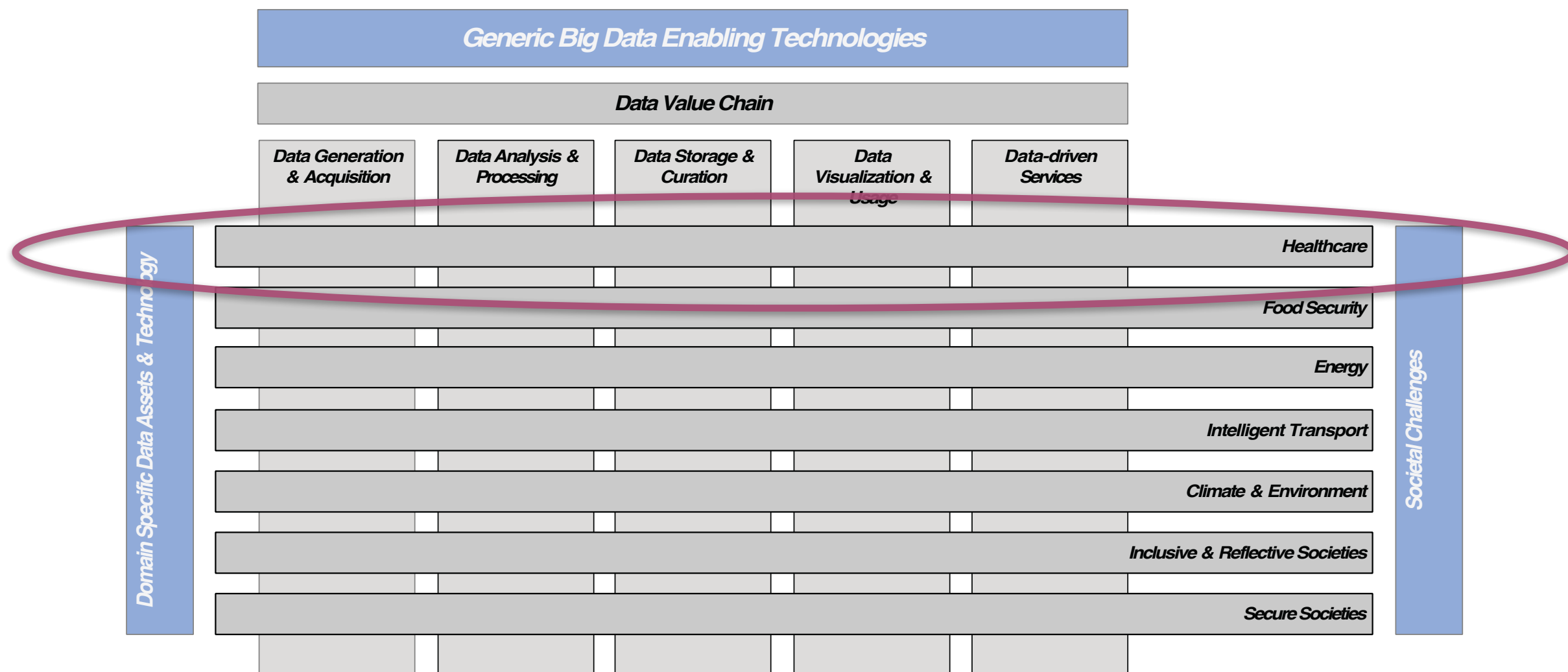
- ◎ Use specialised software
  - HFDS, Spark, Flume, etc.
- ◎ Use parallel computing

BDE provides these and other software as **Docker** containers → easy to deploy on a ‘**swarm**’ of machines → scalable to many nodes.





# 'Variety'







# Handling ‘Variety’

How to handle different kinds of data,  
and even correlate them.

Answer: **metadata**

(a.k.a., Semantic Web, RDF, LD, LOD... Did you  
expect a different answer in the W3C Track? 😊)



# RDF and SPARQL

- ⊙ Metadata tells how to process the data
- ⊙ Allows to view the data as RDF
  - allows **SPARQL** queries

But:

- ⊙ Most data isn't actually converted to RDF
- ⊙ Instead, the query is translated



# Who owns the data?

Addition under consideration:

- © Metadata about permissible actions on data

Could be **ODRL**.

(ODRL should be a W3C Recommendation by the end of the year.)



# On to SPECIAL

And that brings us to privacy...

... and SPECIAL

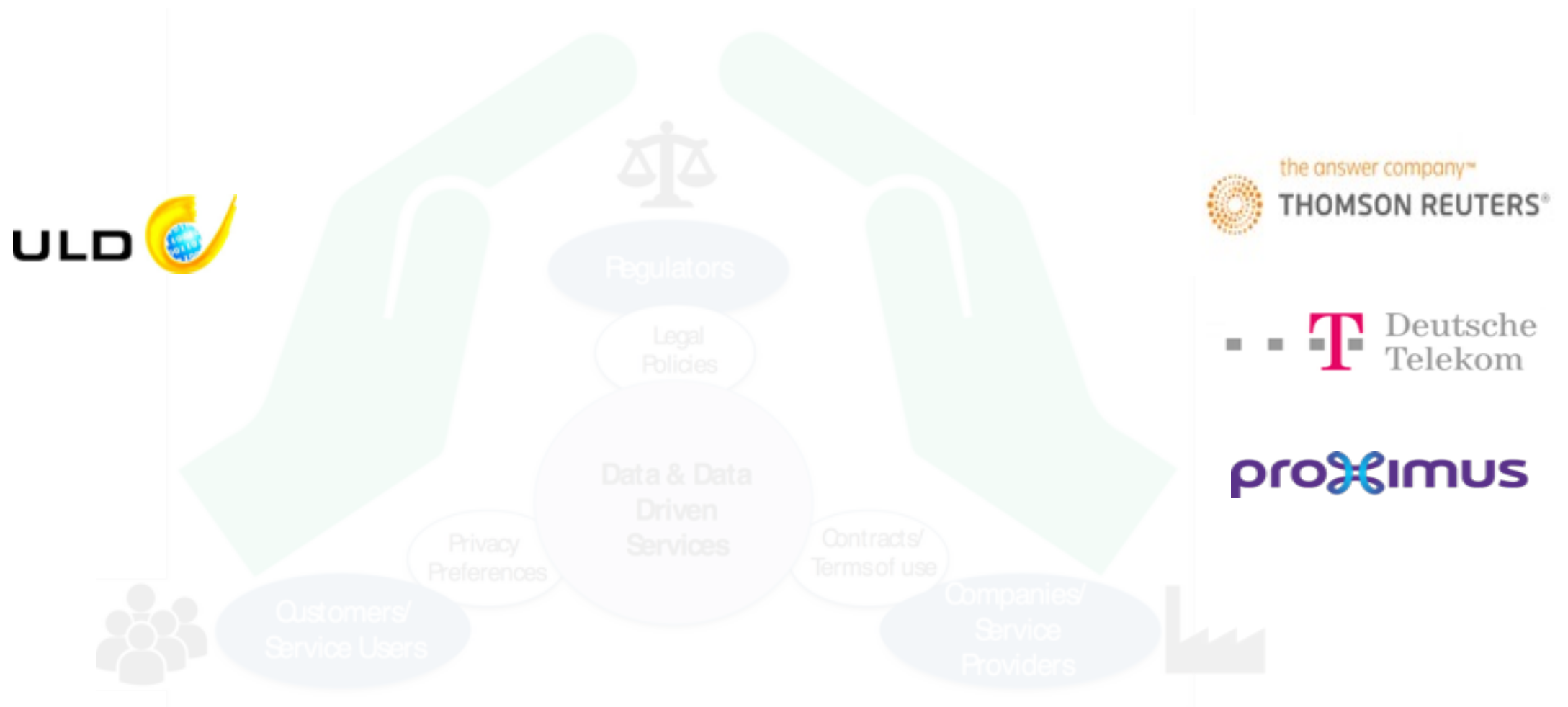


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# SPECIAL: Consortium





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# Metadata (again)

- ⊙ Builds on Big Data Europe
- ⊙ Privacy added by means of metadata
- ⊙ In particular: a model of the

## EU General Data Protection Regulation

(consent, anonymisation, erasure, etc.)

- (It's a European project, after all)
- which should come into force in 2018
- But likely useful outside EU





# Additional modules

Also:

- ⦿ Tools to import privacy policies in different formats
- ⦿ Tools to anonymise data
- ⦿ Tools to visualise & explain policies
- ⦿ Versioning of policies



The end

- © SPECIAL <https://www.specialprivacy.eu/>
- © Big Data Europe <https://www.big-data-europe.eu/>

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