

# On Parametric Obligation Policies: Enabling Privacy-aware Information Lifecycle Management in Enterprises

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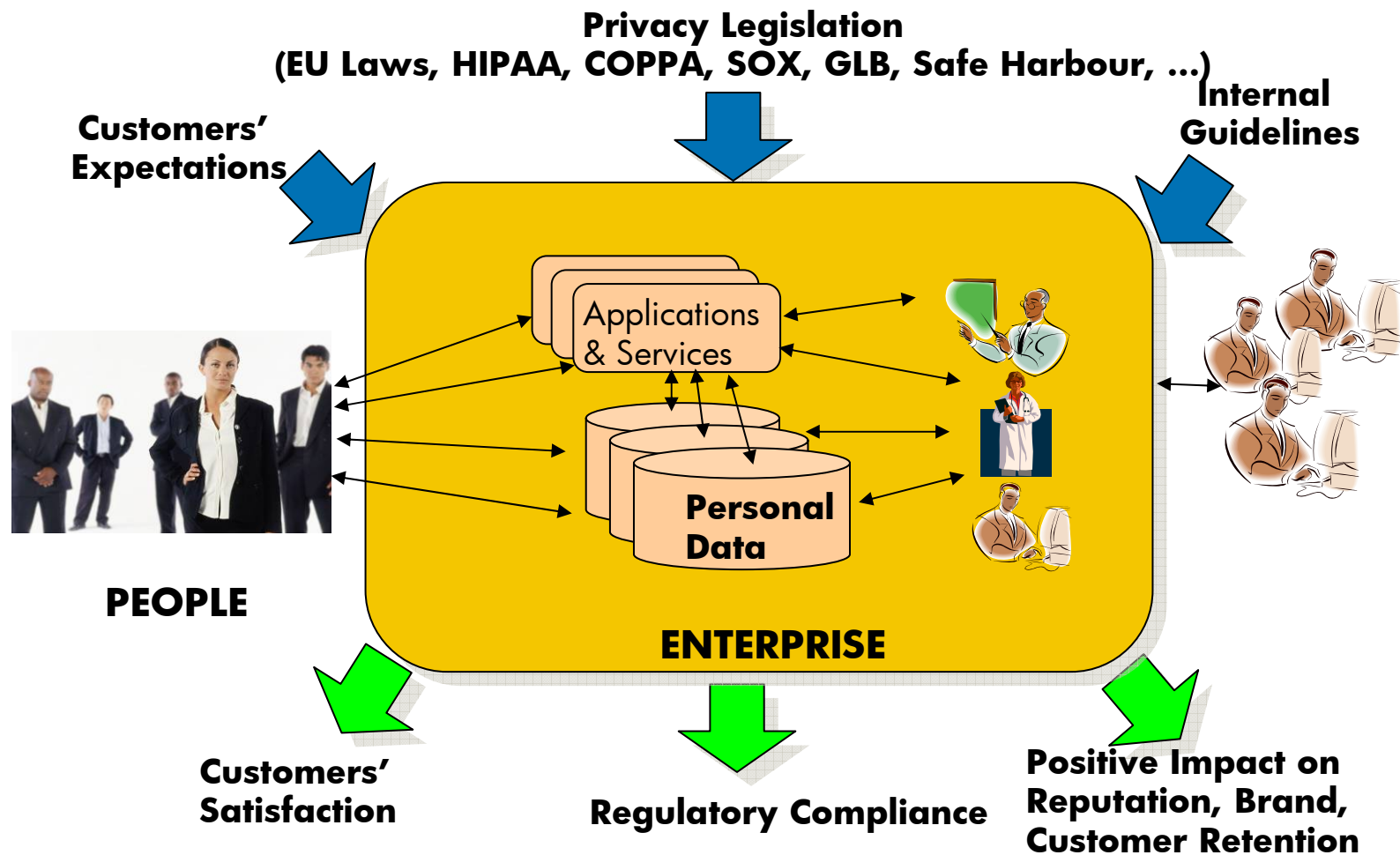


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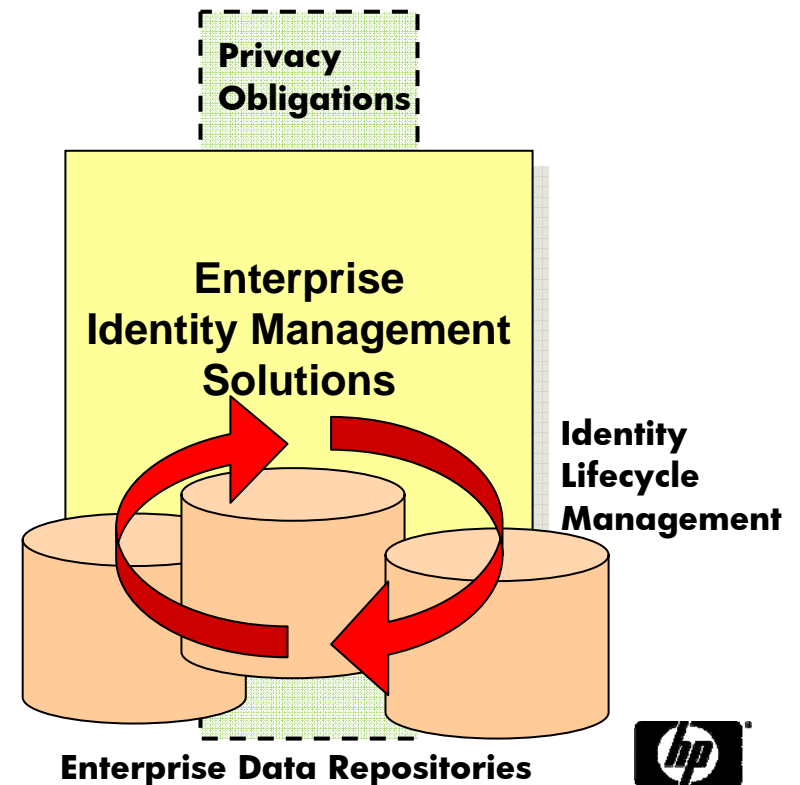
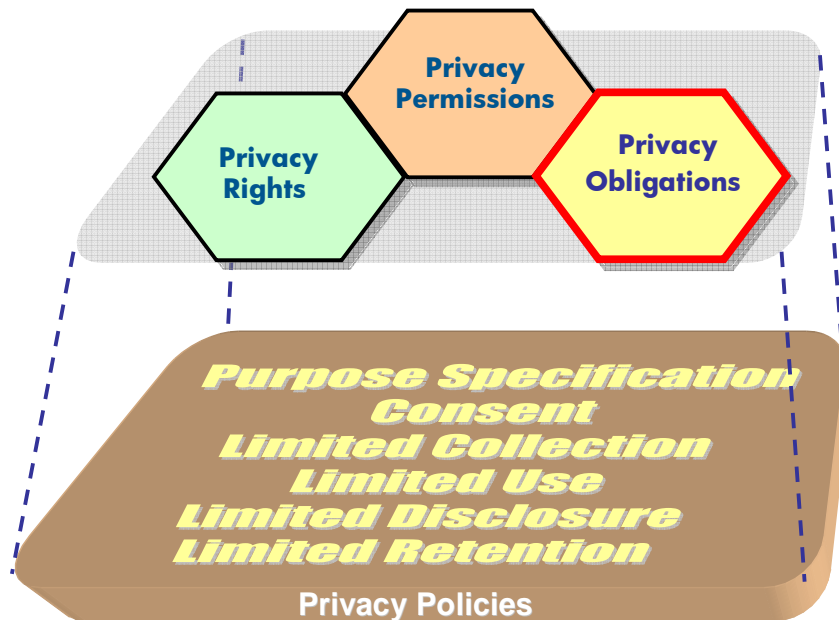
# Privacy: Impact on Users and Enterprises





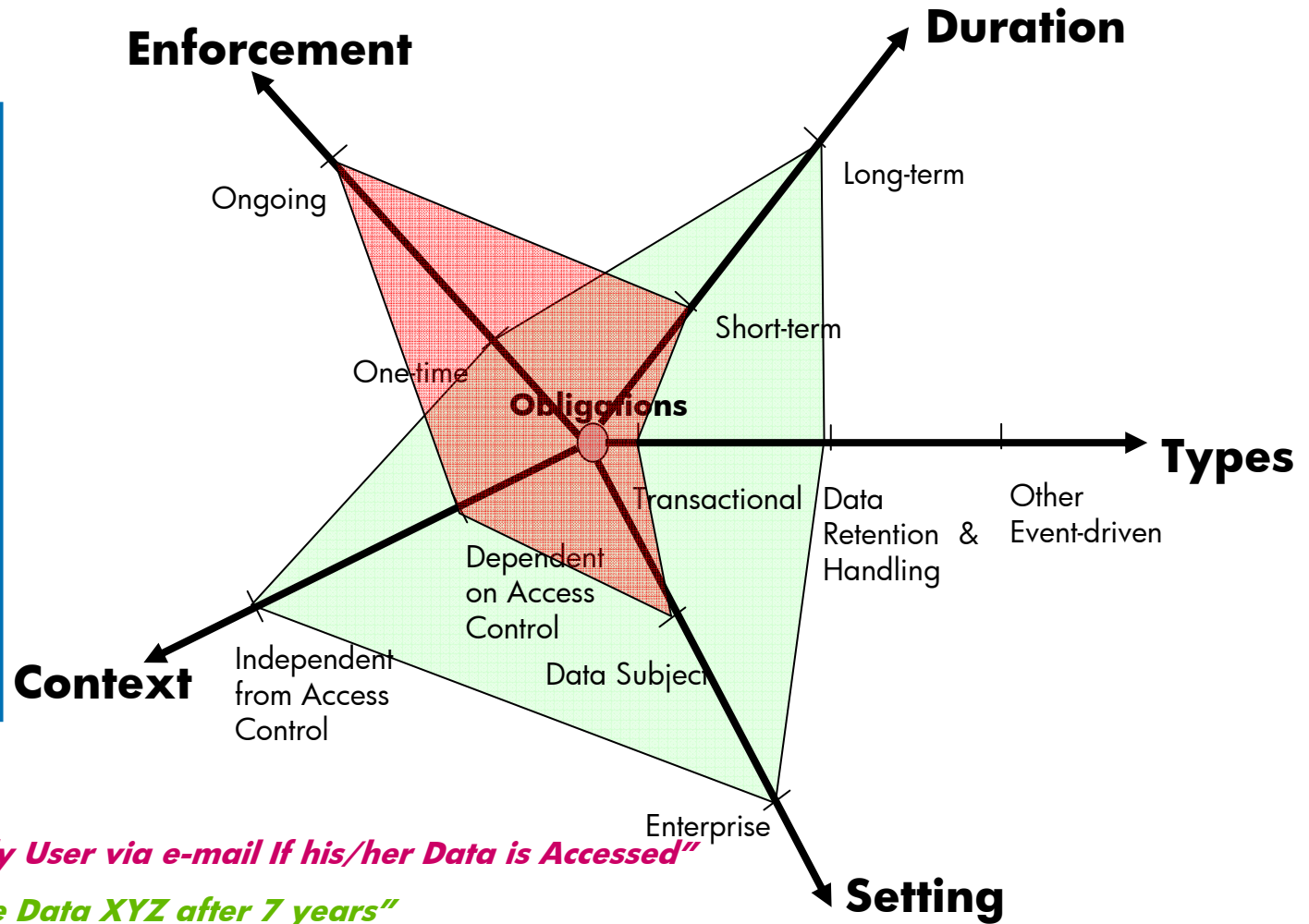
# Privacy Obligation Policies

- **Privacy Obligations** are Policies that describe Duties and Expectations on how Personal Data (PII) Should be Managed in Enterprises (e.g. Data Deletion, Retention, Notifications, Data Transformation, ...)
- They dictate “Privacy-aware (Identity) Information Lifecycle Management”
- They can be defined by Privacy Laws, Data Subjects (Users)’ Preferences and Enterprise Guidelines



# Privacy Obligations: A Complex Topic ...

- Obligation Constraints:**
- Notice Requirements
  - Enforcement of opt-in/opt-out options
  - Limits on reuse of Information and Information Sharing
  - Data Retention limitations ...



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# Key Research Problems

- How to Help Enterprises to Handle Obligation Policies:
  - How to Represent Privacy Obligations?
  - How to “Stick” them to Data?
  - How to Manage, Enforce and Monitor Them?
  - How to Leverage Current Identity Management Solutions?
- How to Achieve this in a Scalable Way, with Very Large Sets of Managed Personal Data (>100K, usually million of records ...)



# Technical Work in this Space (Privacy Obligation Management)

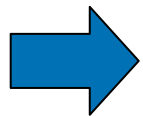
- P3P (W3C):

- Definition of User's Privacy Expectations
- Explicit Declaration of Enterprise Promises
- No Definition of Mechanisms for their Enforcement

- Data Retention Solutions, Document Management Systems, Ad-hoc Solutions for Vertical Markets

- Limited in terms of expressiveness and functionalities.
- Focusing more on documents/files not personal data

- IBM Enterprise Privacy Architecture, EPAL, XACML ...



- No Refined Model of Privacy Obligations
- Privacy Obligations Subordinated to AC. Incorrect ...
- No Focus on Scalability Issue ...

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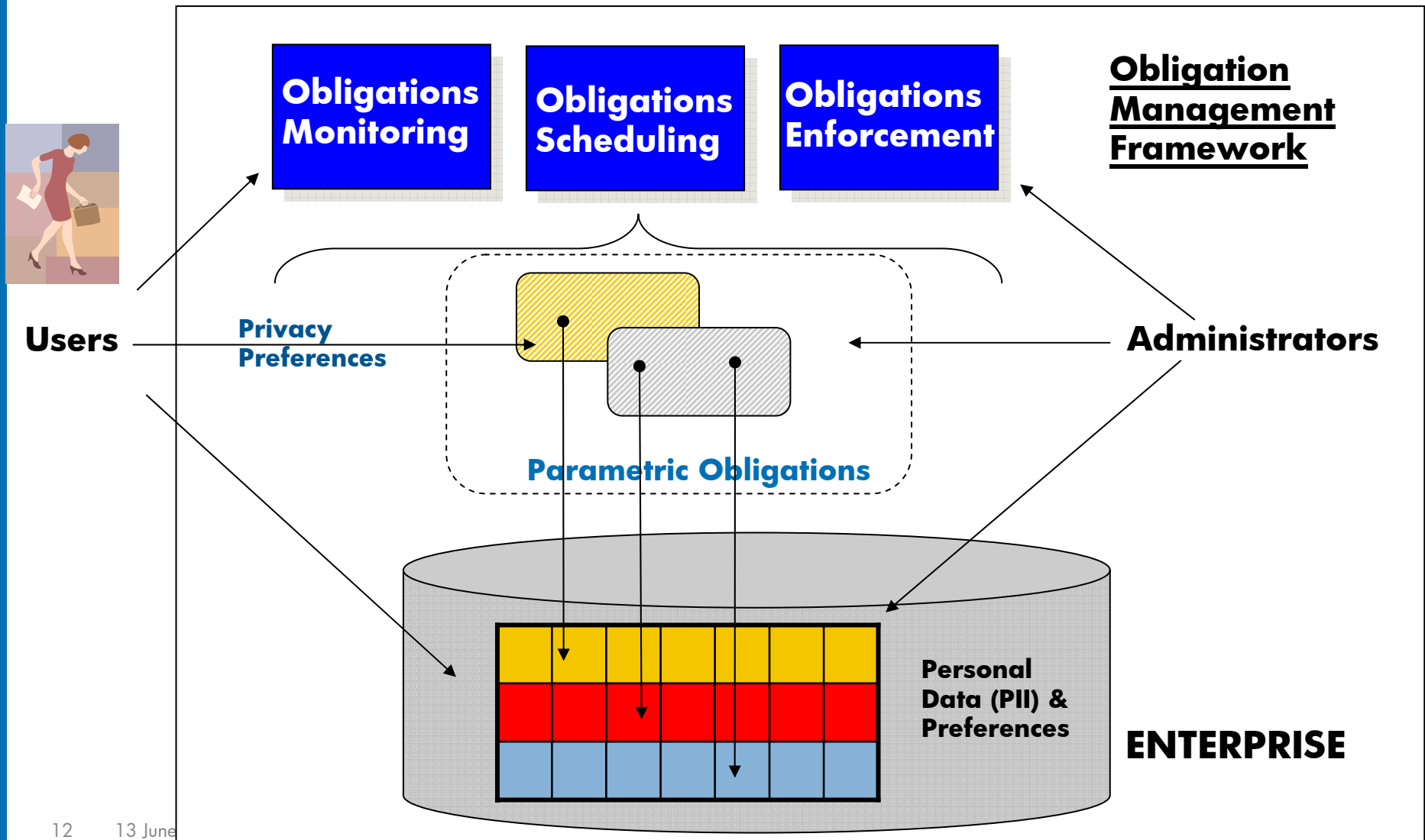
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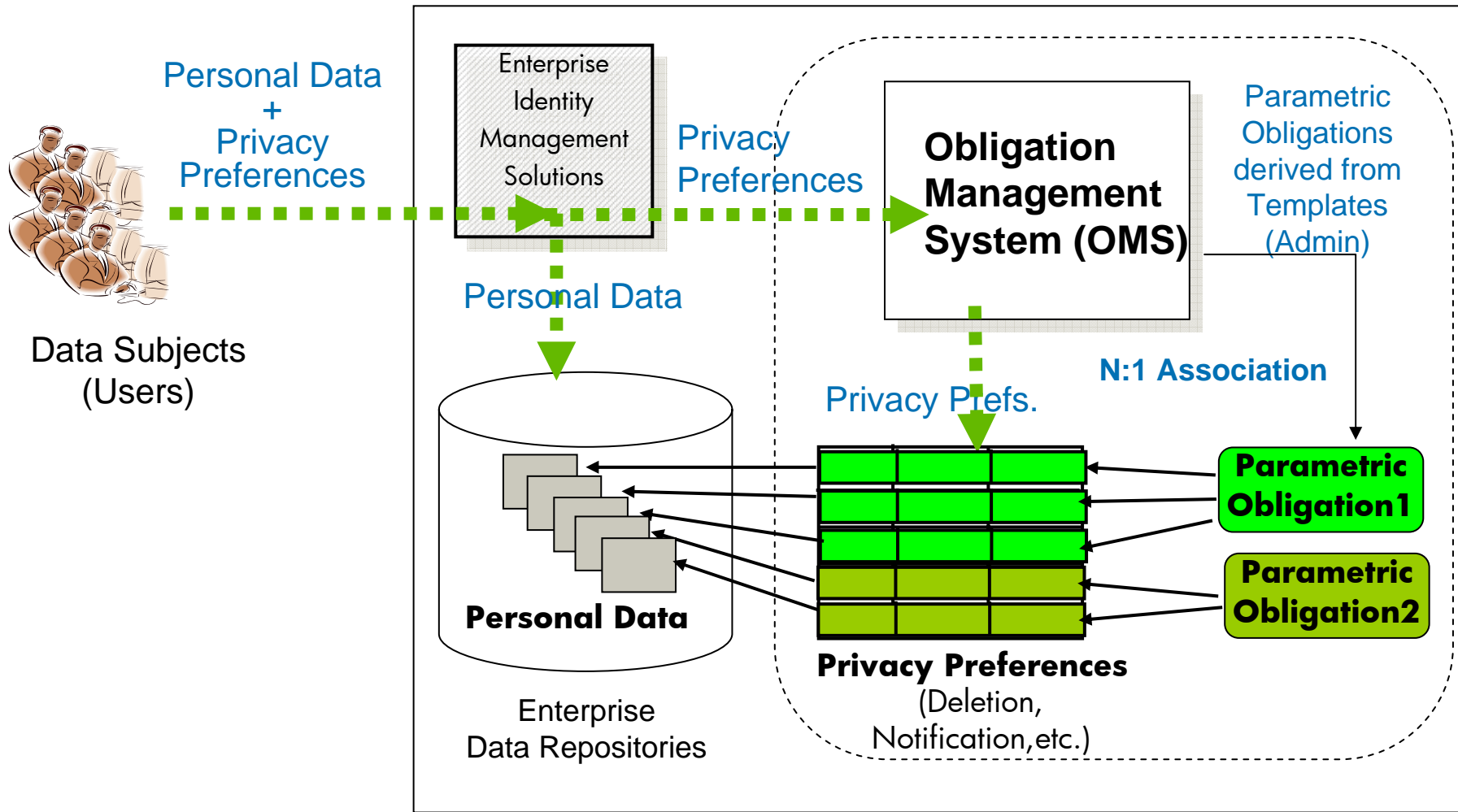
## Our Approach (EU PRIME Project)

- Privacy Obligations are “First-Class Entities”:  
No Subordination to Access Control/Authorization View  
→ Explicit Representation, Management  
and Enforcement of Privacy Obligation Policies
- Allow Users to Express their Privacy Preferences  
that are Mapped into Enterprises’ Obligation Policies
- Scalability to Large data sets (>100K) by means of  
Parametric Obligation Policies
- Provide a Solution to Enterprises to Automate the Management  
and Enforcement of Privacy Obligation Policies

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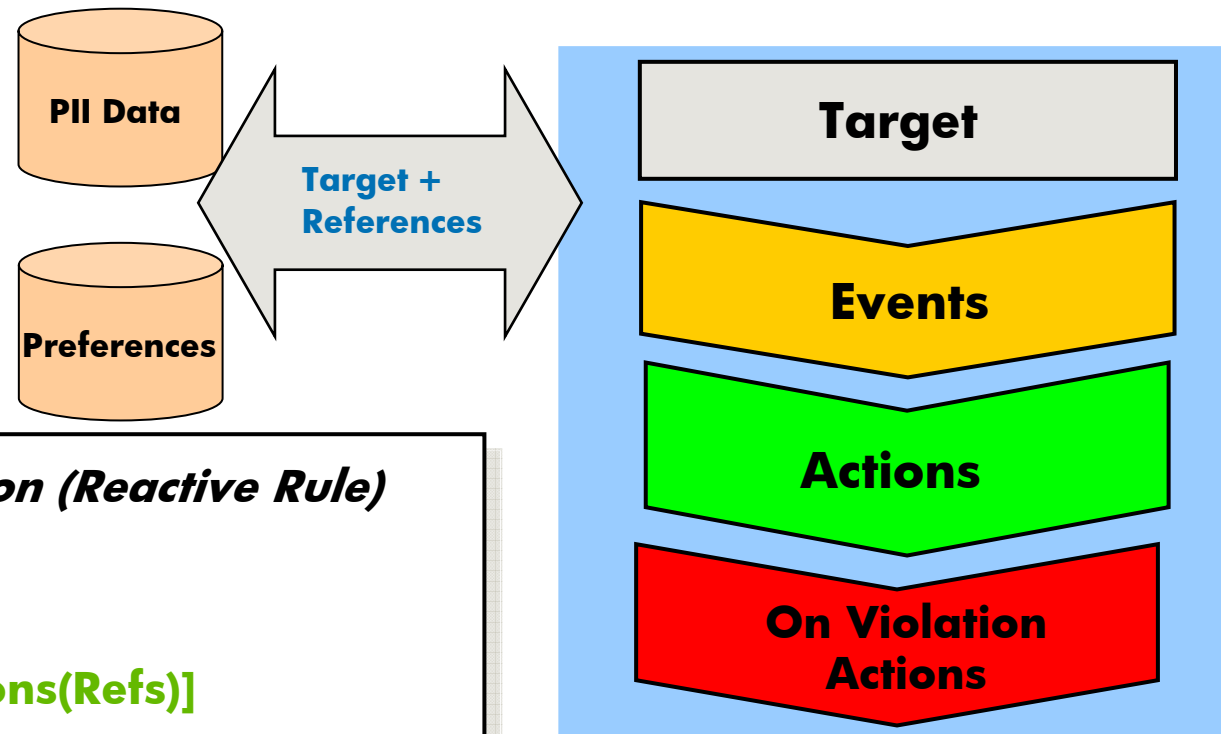
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# Parametric (Privacy) Obligation Policies

- Parametric Obligation: contains a “parametric definition” of Obligation’s Target, Events, Actions (and On-Violation Actions ...)
- Structure based on Predefined Obligation Templates. Once Instantiated, it contains References to Personal Data and Privacy Preferences
- References are Resolved at Runtime by OMS



## *Parametric Obligation (Reactive Rule)*

**FOR: Target**

**WHEN Events(Refs)**

**THEN EXECUTE [Actions(Refs)]**

**ON VIOLATION:**

**EXECUTE [Violation-Actions(Refs)]**

Parametric Obligation



# Parametric Obligation: "Simple" XML-based Example

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Target with the references description of the databases

Timeout Event using the explicit reference

Actions involving the Notification and Data Deletion

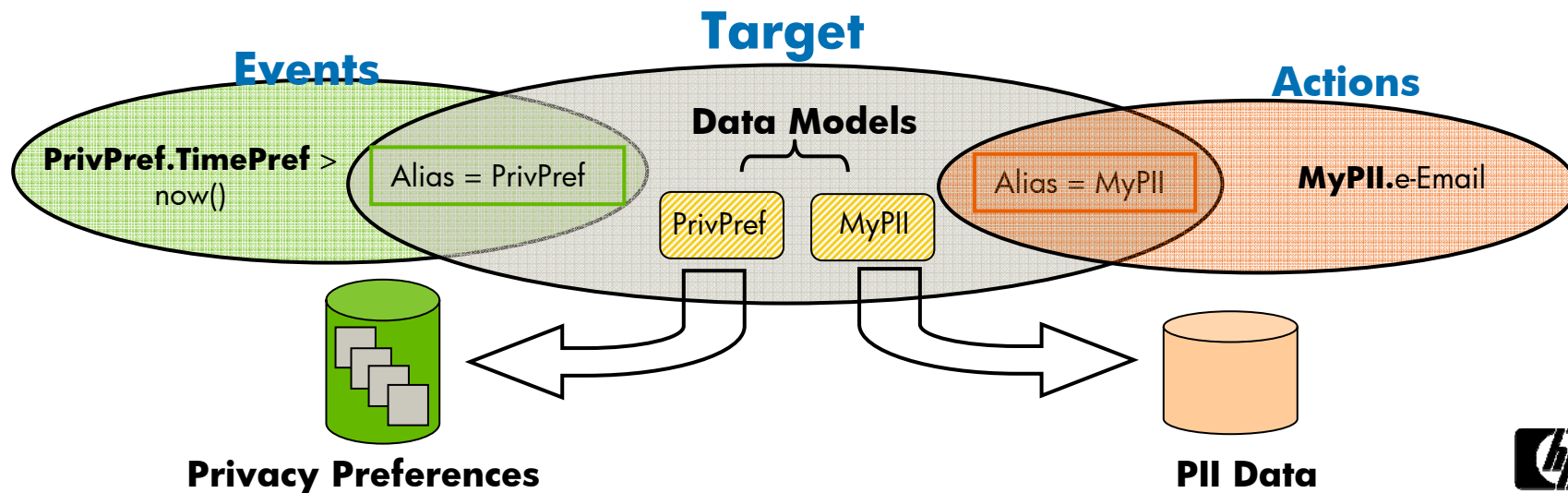
On Violation Actions using the direct value

**FOR ALL TARGETED PII DATA + RELATED PREFS**  
**WHEN Deletion\_Time (Ref)**  
**THEN EXECUTE [DELETE CreditCard (Ref) & Notify (Ref)]**  
**ON VIOLATION: EXECUTE [Notify(admin)]**

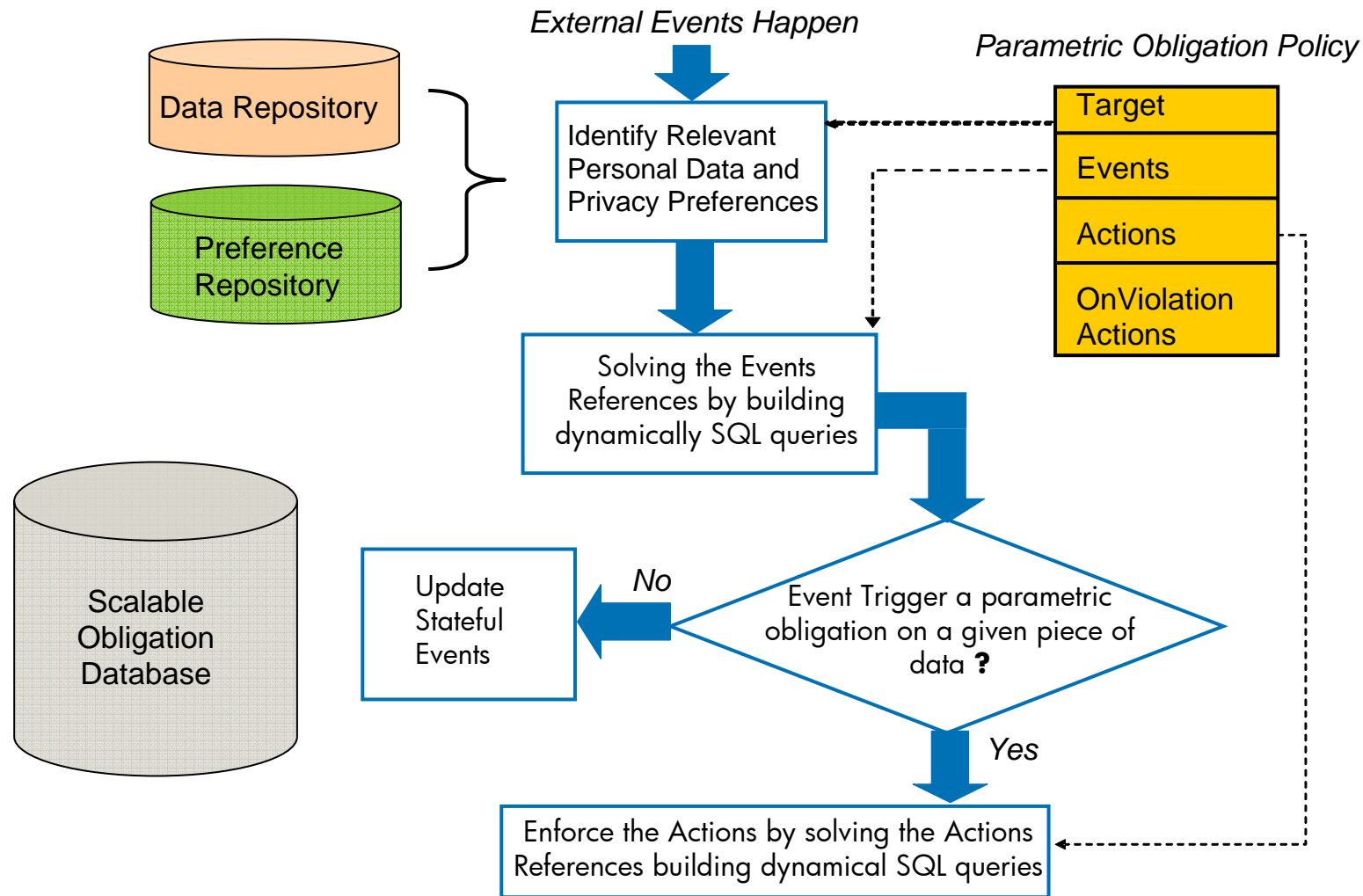


# Parametric Obligation: Working with References ...

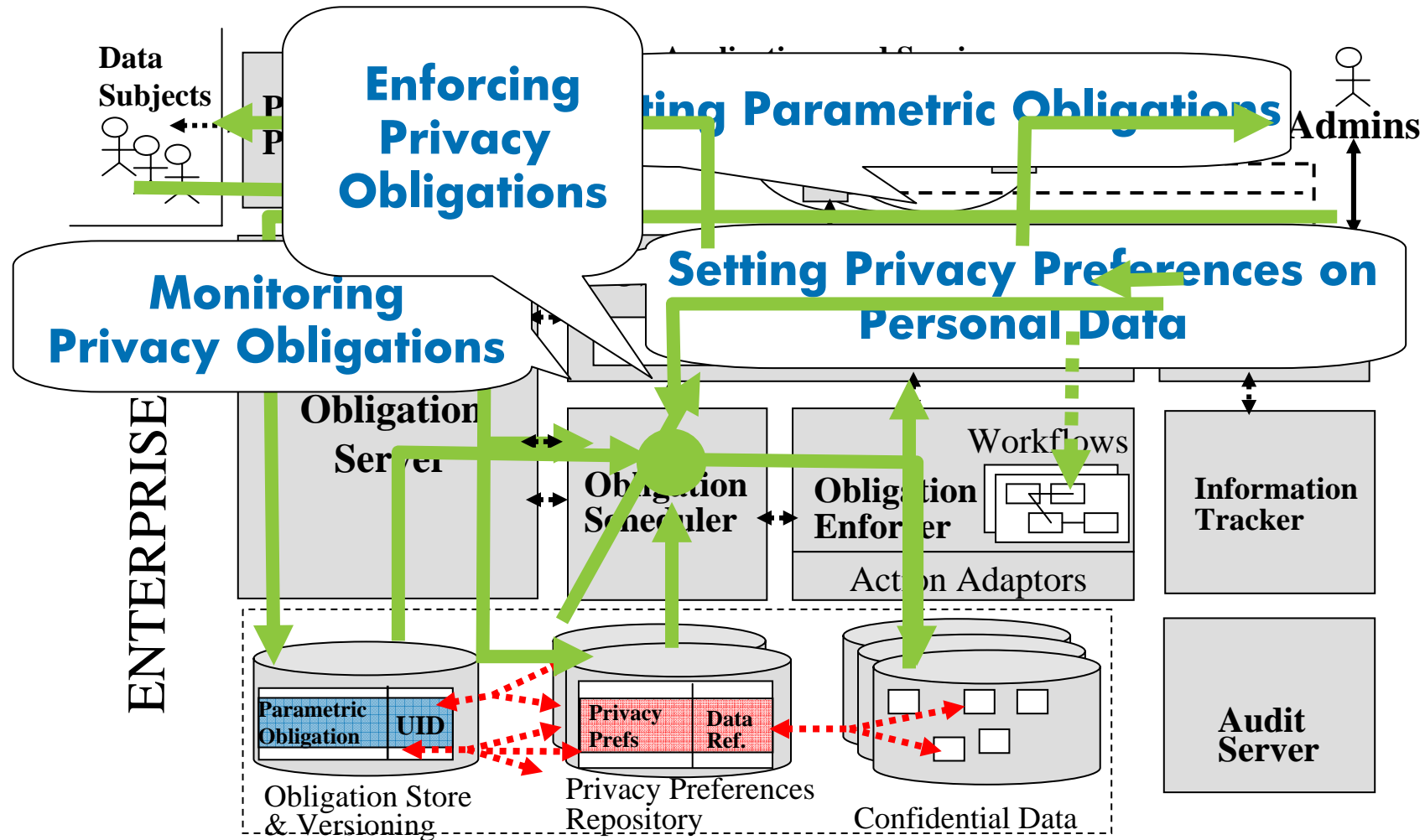
- **Target**
  - Data Model Definition (PII Data, Preferences, etc.)
  - Uses Alias to identify each data model
- **Events**
  - Uses the “Alias + References” to get the data to trigger the action
- **Actions**
  - Uses the “Alias + References” to acquire additional information to enforce the action



# Obligation Processing Workflow (Run-time ...)



# Scalable OMS High-Level Architecture



## Current Status

- Full working prototype. Tested with Large data sets (>100K)
- Integrated with HP OpenView Identity Management Solution (HP Select Identity)
- Working on further Tests and Analysing them ...





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- Privacy Management is Important for Enterprises
- Need to Provide Scalable Solutions to Handle Privacy Obligations
- Proposed a Scalable Obligation Management Framework and Solution
  - Explicit Modelling and Management of Obligation Policies
  - Concept of Parametric Obligation Policies
- It Works!! Handling Obligations on Large set of PII Data (>100k)
- Collecting Test Results and more Formal Analysis ...
- R&D Work in Progress:
  - Stickiness of Obligation Policy to Data (subject to change of locations)
  - Management of Obligation Policies in Federated Identity Management Contexts
  - ...

