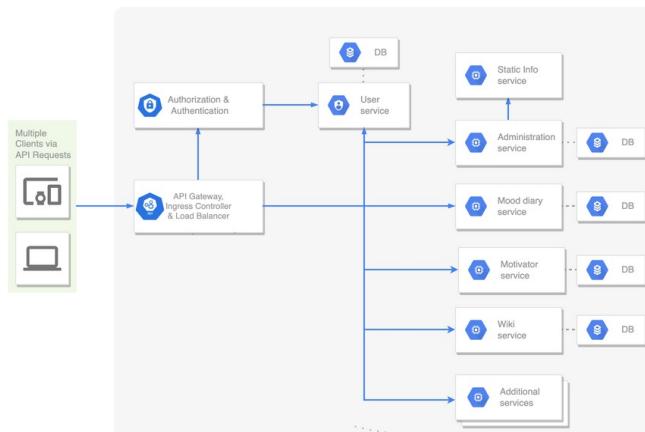


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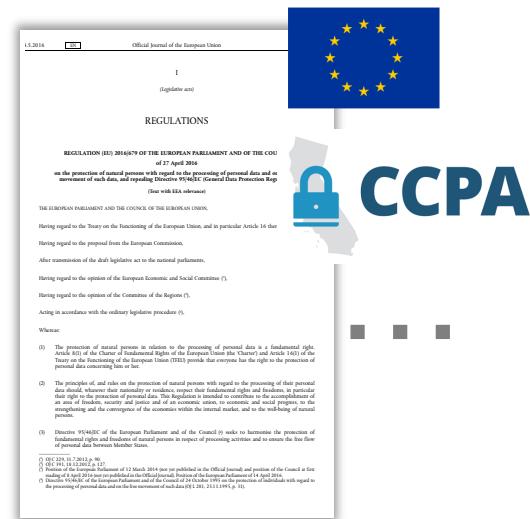
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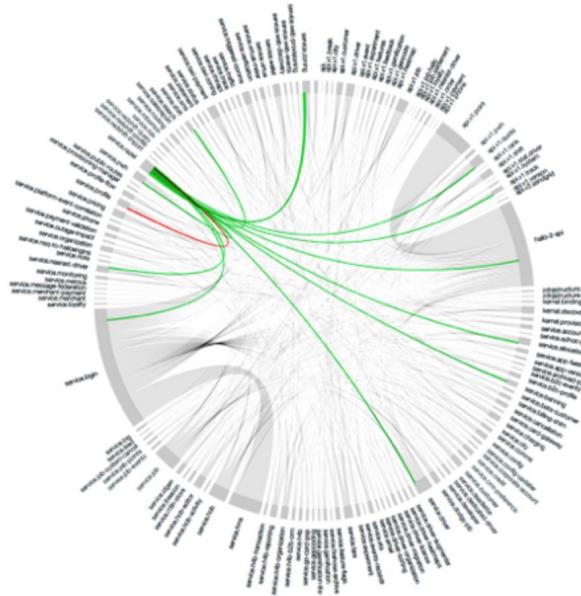


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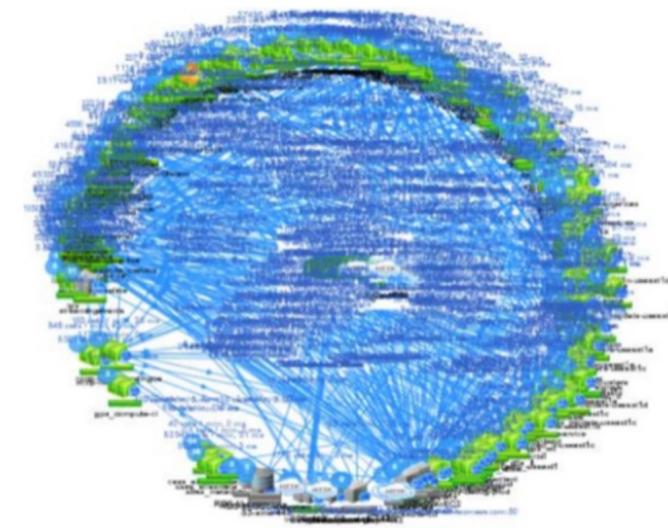


How modern software architectures look like

450+ microservices

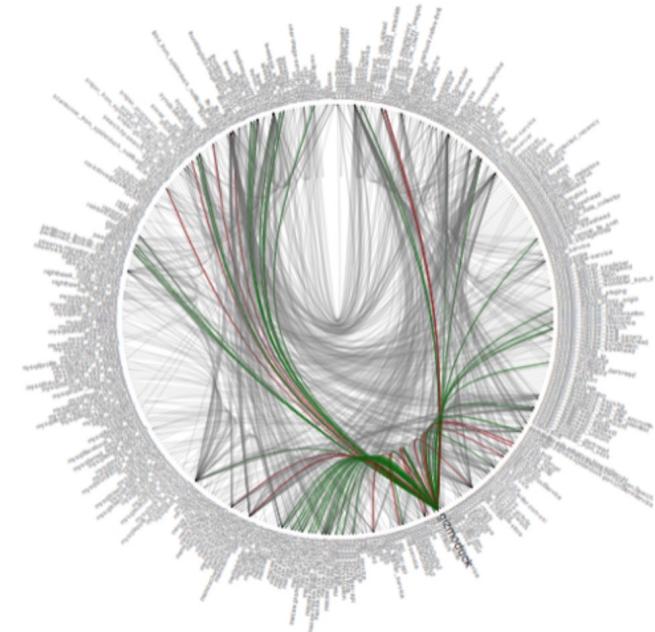


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How current transparency measures look like



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The image displays a grid of screenshots from various websites, each showing a different type of cookie consent or privacy policy pop-up. The websites include Huffpost, Mirror, Finanzseiten100, Thüringen24!, Popular Mechanics, and Spiegel. The pop-ups vary in design and content, often featuring terms like 'I Accept', 'More Options', and 'Cookie Settings'. The background of the grid shows a blurred view of a room with people sitting at desks.

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How current accountability measures look like

record-processing-activities (2)

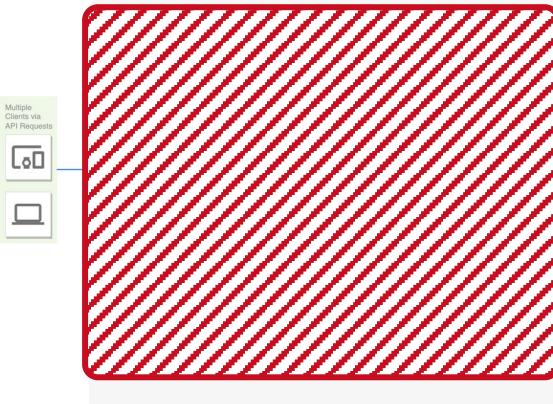
B35 Data backup

Description of the processing operation						
Name of the processing operation		Payroll management				
Nº / REF		1 - Example				
Data of creation of the processing		May 26, 2018				
Update of the processing		May 13, 2019				
Stakeholders		Name	Address	ZIP Code	Town	Country
Controller		Louise DUPONT	1 rue Rivoli	75001	Paris	France
Data protection officer		Martin HENRI	1 rue Rivoli	75001	Paris	France
DPO's Organisation (if external DPO)		N/A				
Purpose(s) of the data processing						
Main purpose		Payroll management				
Sub-purpose 1		Calculation of remuneration				
Sub-purpose 2		Calculation of the amount of payments made to social security organisations				
Sub-purpose 3		Transfer orders to the bank				
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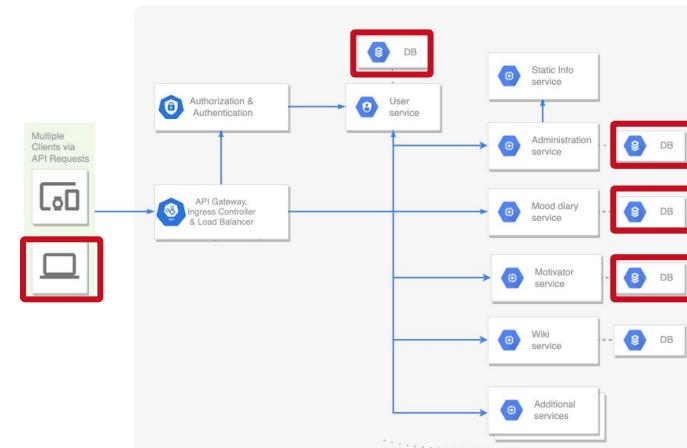
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Architect's / Privacy Engineer's perspectives

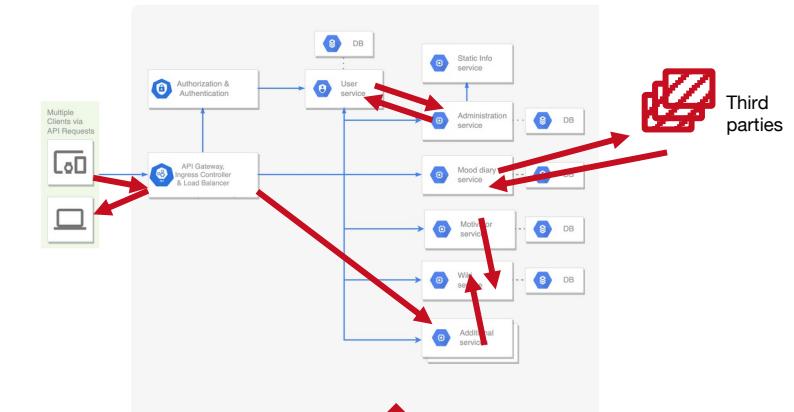
1 "Black box" / Overview



2 Personal data at rest



3 Personal data in transit



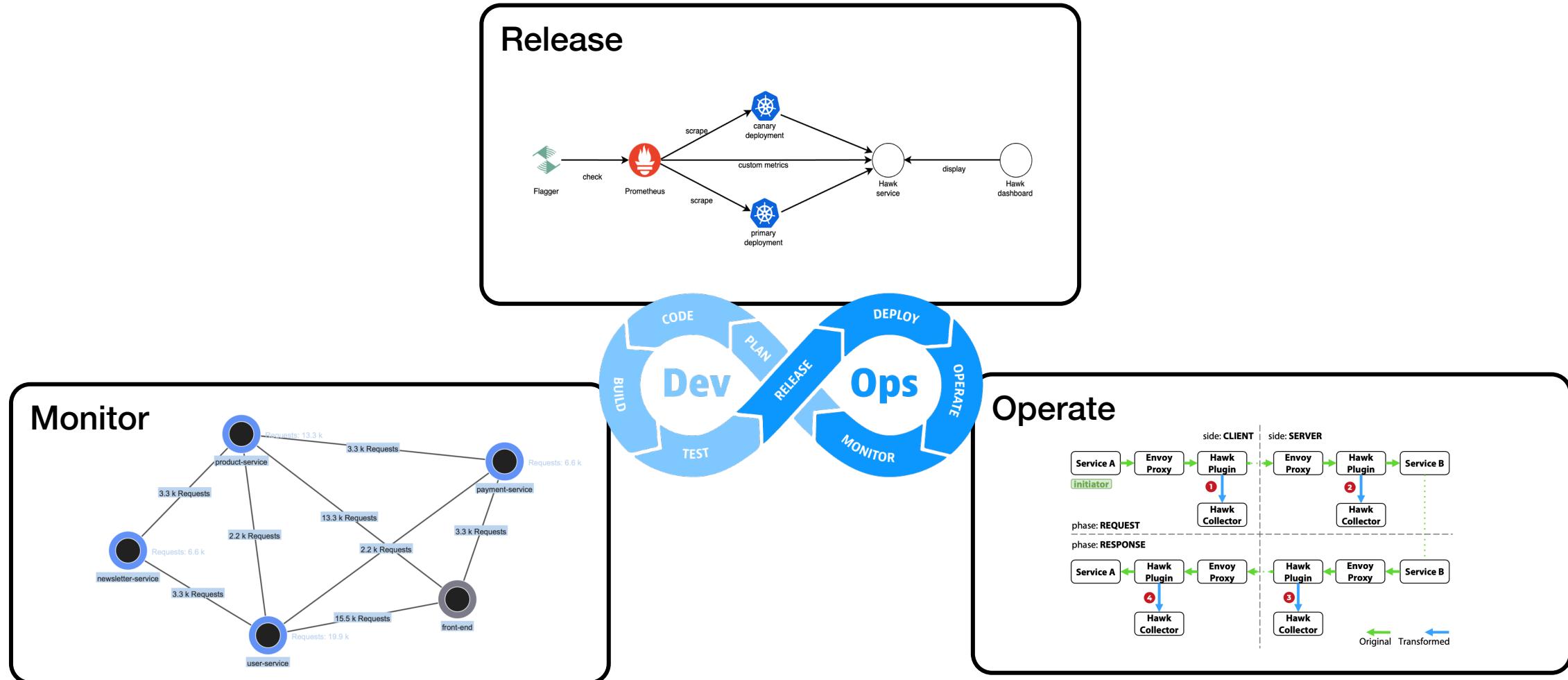
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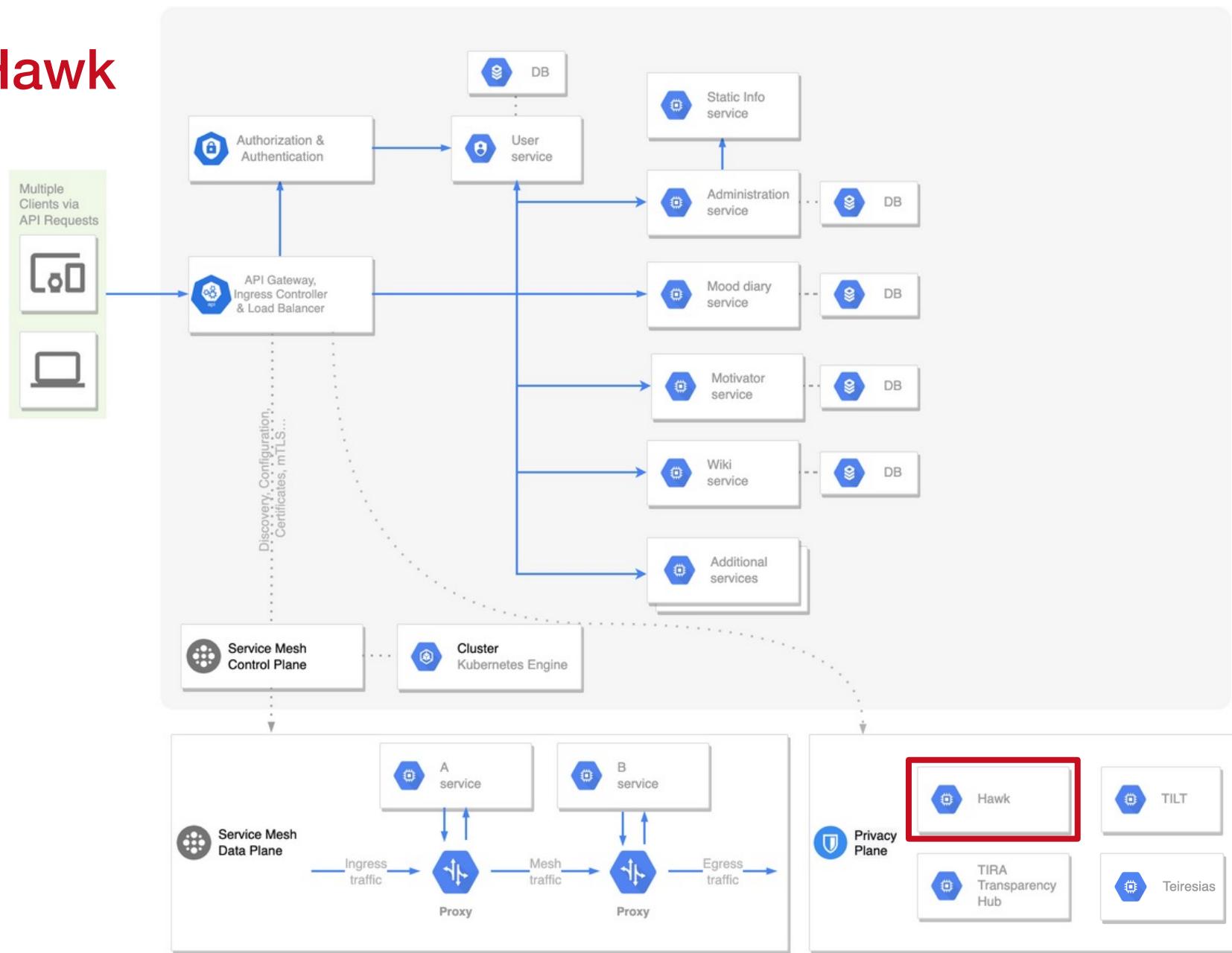
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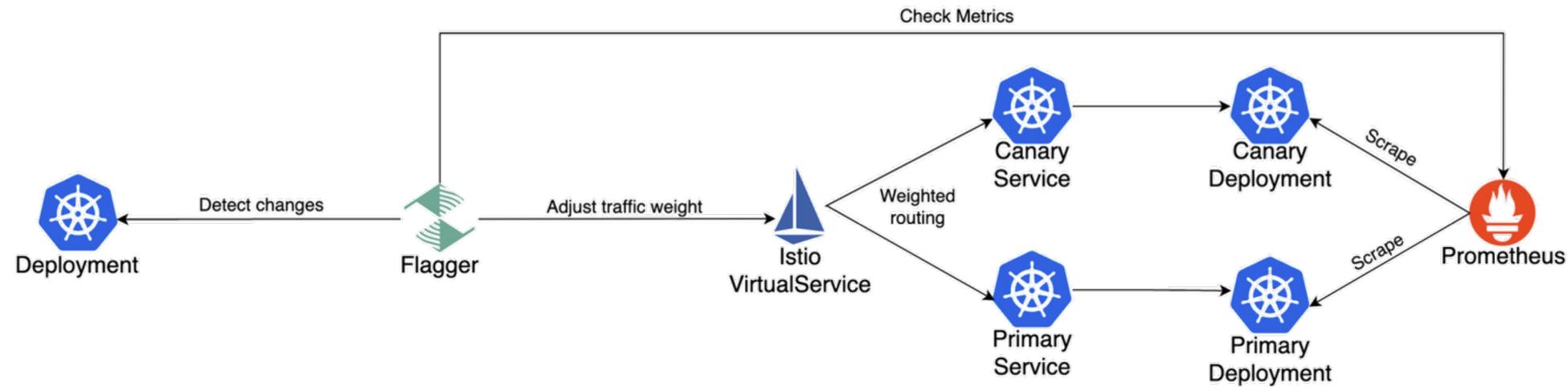


Hawk



Exemplary microservice infrastructure

Privacy Plane



Hawk Release

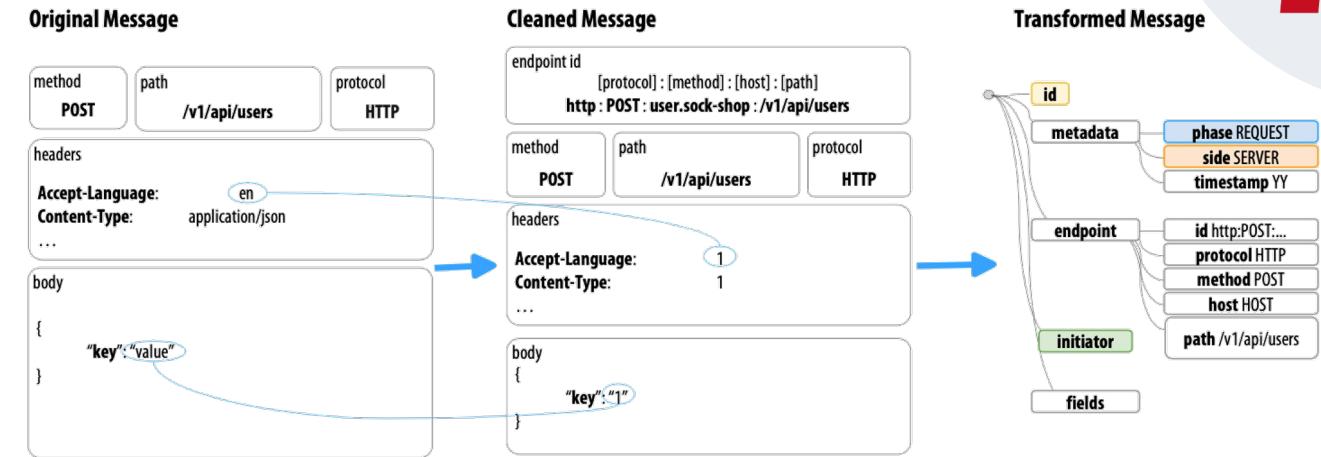
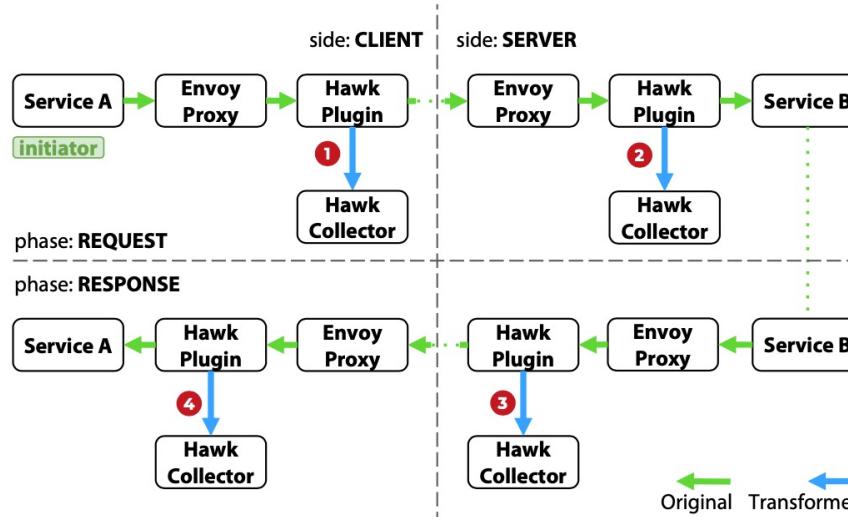
Challenges: Fast deployments, potentially new personal data processing activities

Approach: Canary releases (incl. Deployment, Load shifting, Observation, Clean-up¹)

Implementation: GitOps (Flux, Flagger, Kustomize, Helm), custom metric templates

Limitations: Other deployment strategies, additional safeguards, reporting, legal evaluations

¹ Ernst, Becker, Tai. 2019. (ICSA-C)



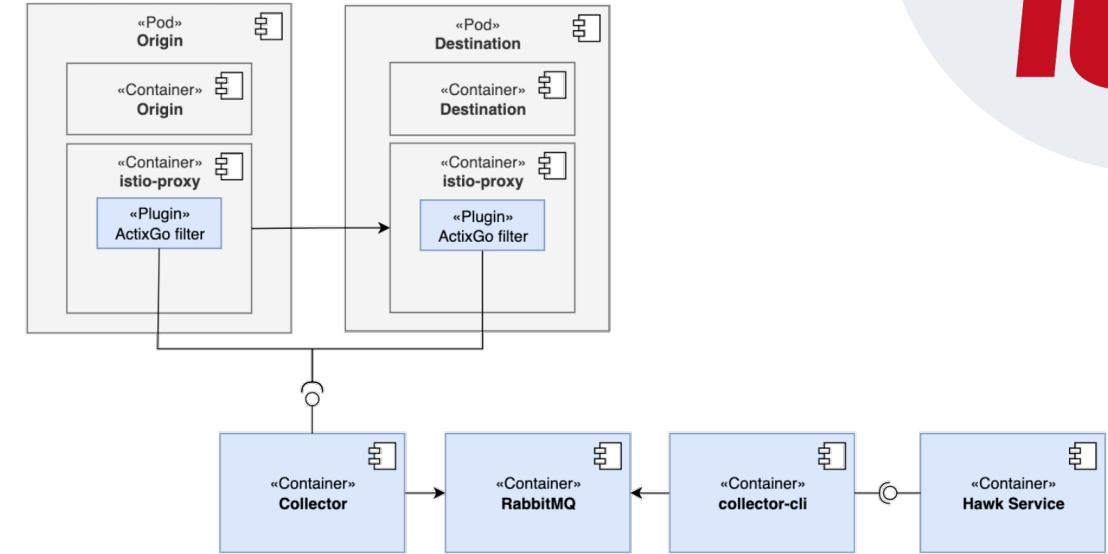
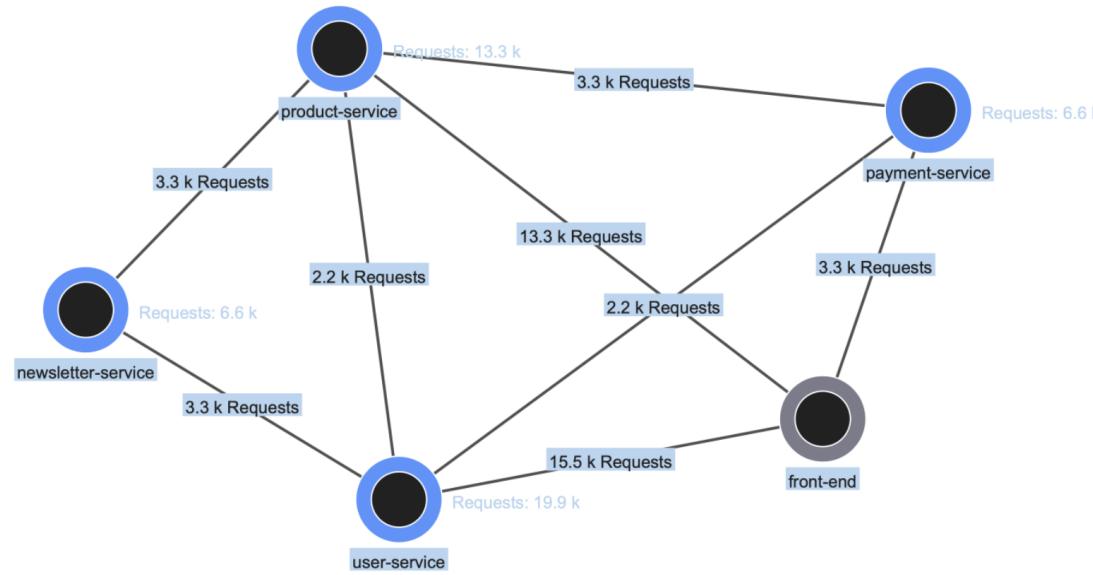
Hawk Operate

Challenges: Polyglot services, runtime information, incoming/outgoing requests, etc.

Approach: Service Mesh Extension, Collector, Message transformation

Implementation: Istio (WASM Extension), Collector (Java, RabbitMQ, Yugabyte), Java lib

Limitations: JSON over HTTP, Performance overhead, (One-time) manual labelling



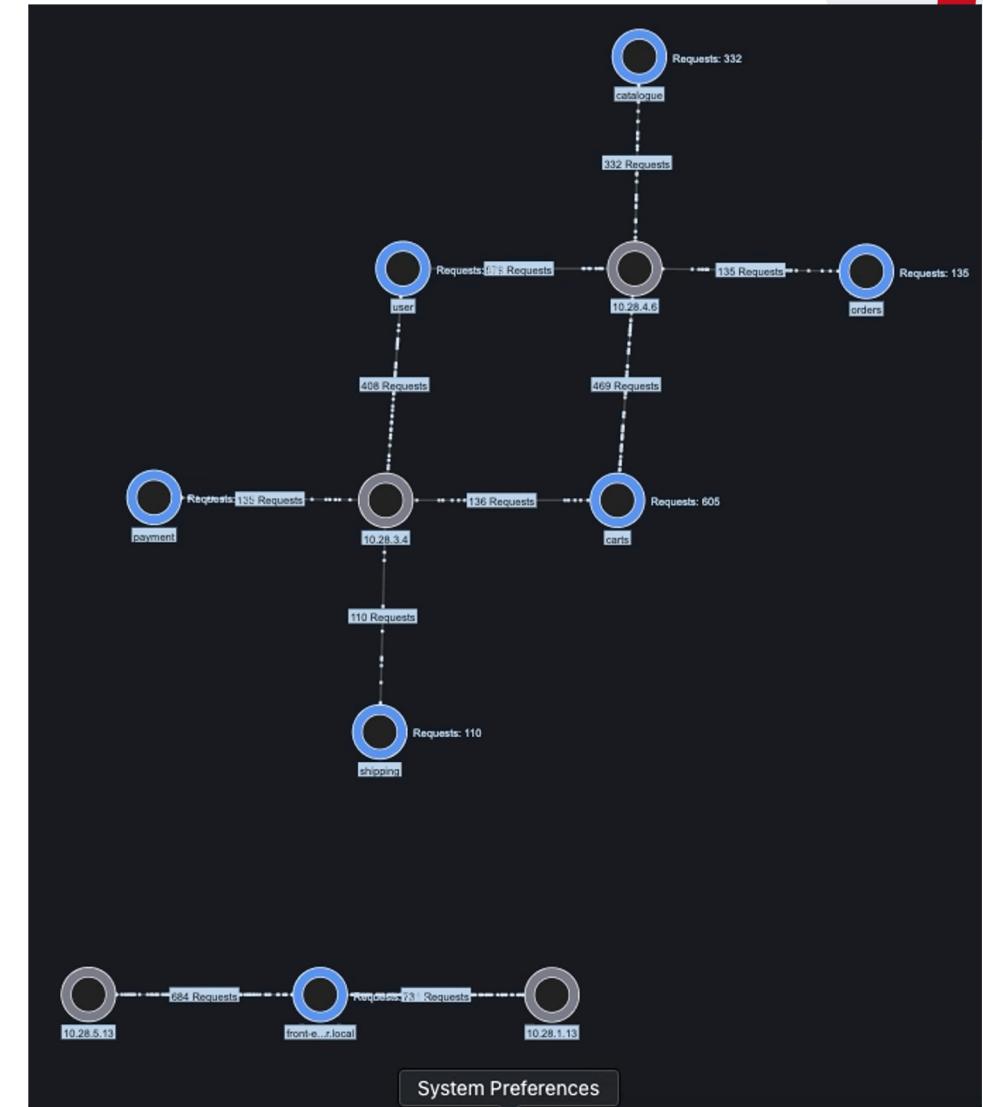
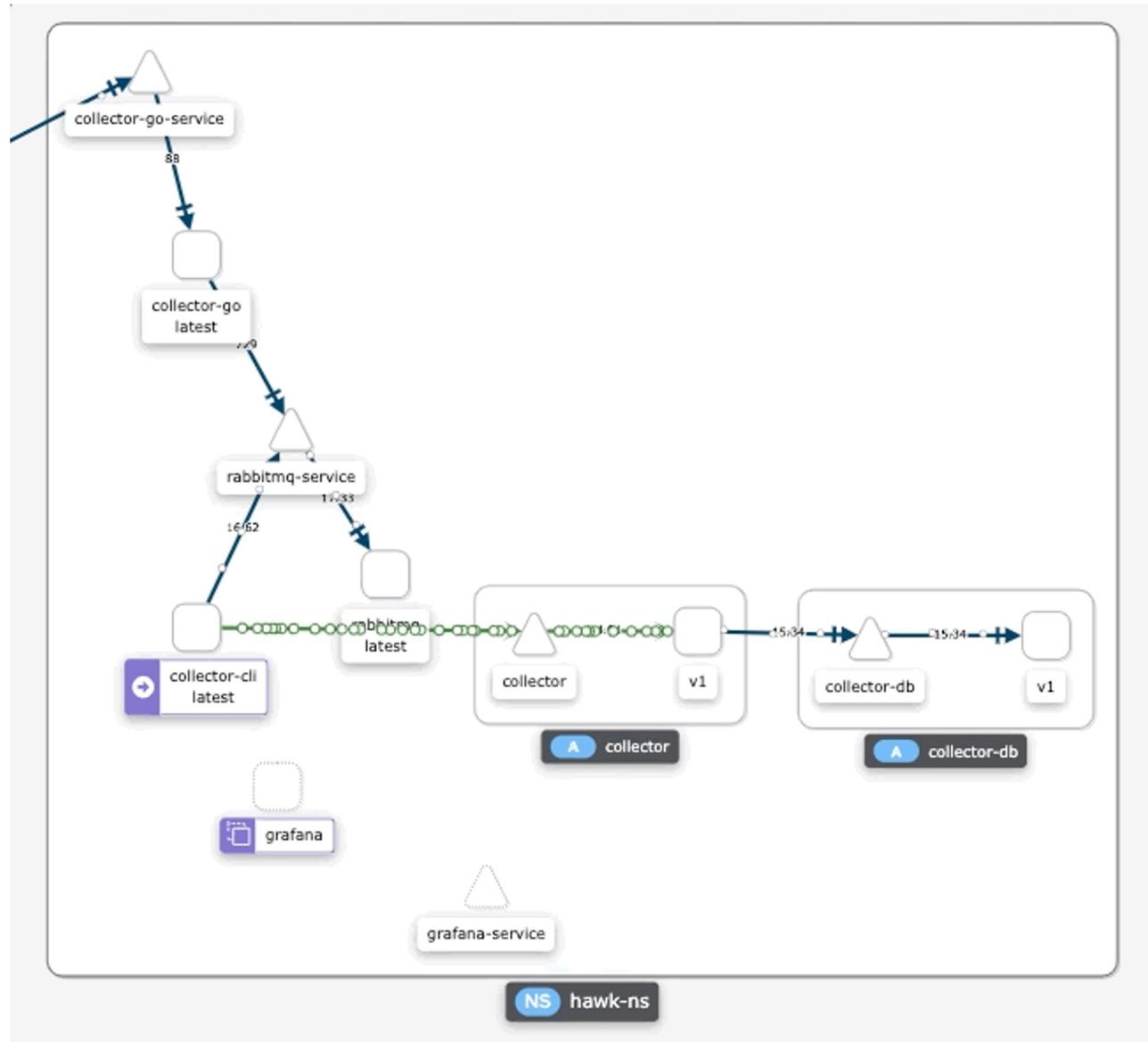
Hawk Monitor

Challenges: Comprehensive transparency, records of processing activities

Approach: Collector + Metrics, Labelling templates, Config + reporting dashboards

Implementation: Prometheus metrics, Grafana dashboards, PromQL queries,...

Limitations: Mapping/Labelling overhead, Simple service graphs



Performance overhead

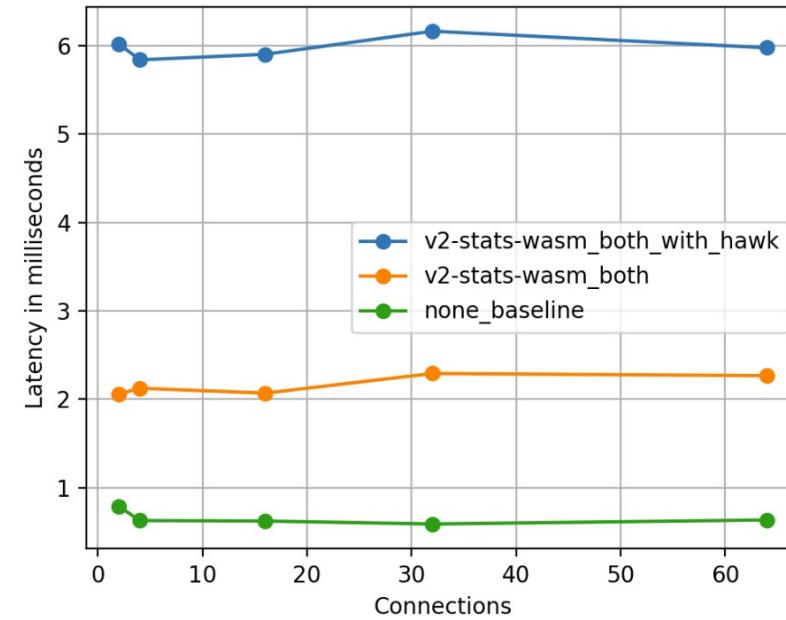


Fig. 4: Latency plots against the number of client connections. Comparison between no sidecar applied on both services (*none_baseline*), v2 telemetry stats WASM filter on both services without the *Hawk plugin* (*v2-stats-wasm_both*), and v2 telemetry stats WASM filter on both services with the *Hawk plugin* (*v2-stats-wasm_both_with_hawk*).

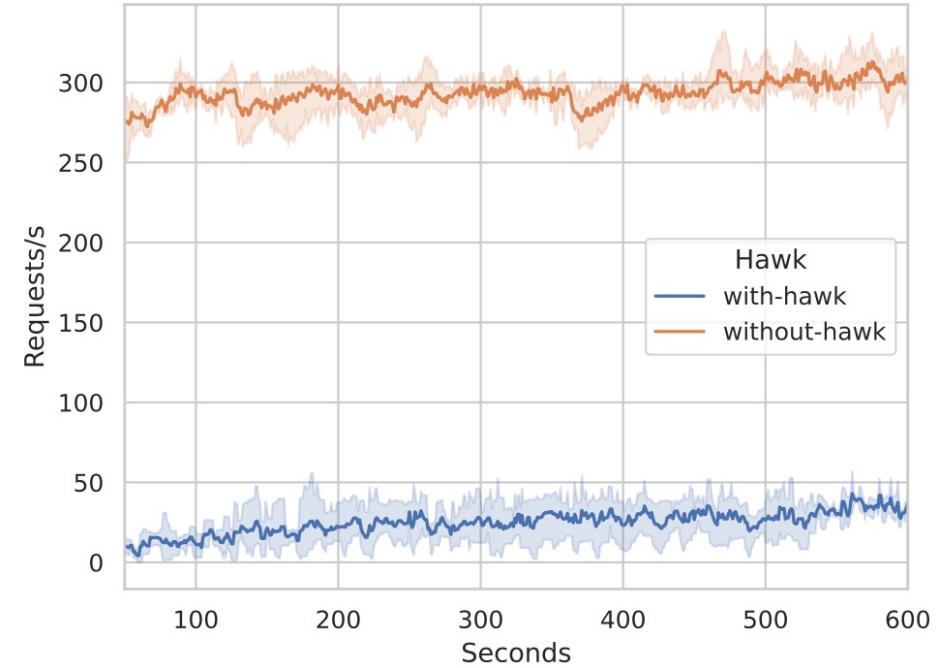
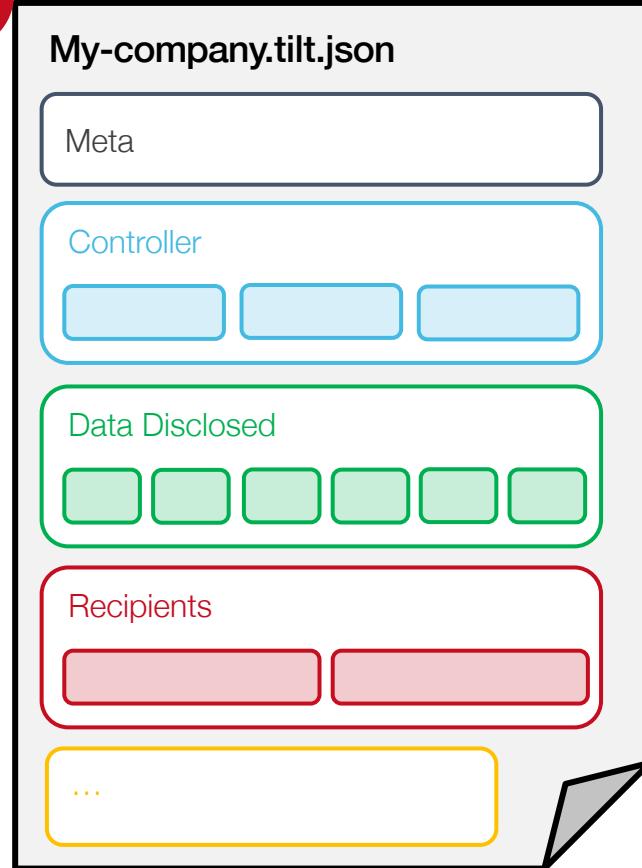


Fig. 6: Throughput for the */customers* endpoint with 100 concurrent users.

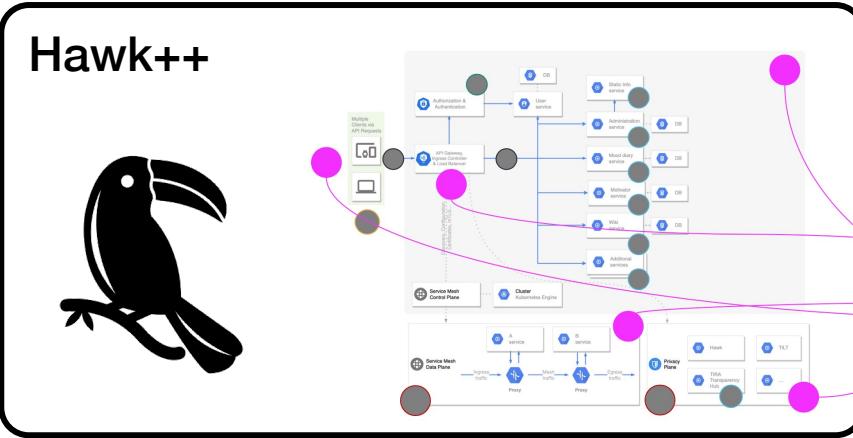
Machine-readable transparency information (e.g., TILT)

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- One **structured, machine-readable format for all transparency information** according to Art. 12, 13, 14, 15, 30 GDPR
- To be integrated into **state-of-the-art developer tools**
- **Effective collaboration, communication, auditing, reporting etc.**

Outlook & future work



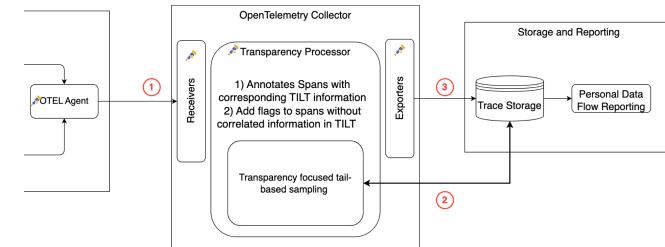
Privacy-aware deployments

Container orchestration engine
Dev cluster Live cluster

Infrastructure transparency

OpenStack API Data Kubernetes API Data

Tail-based Tracing



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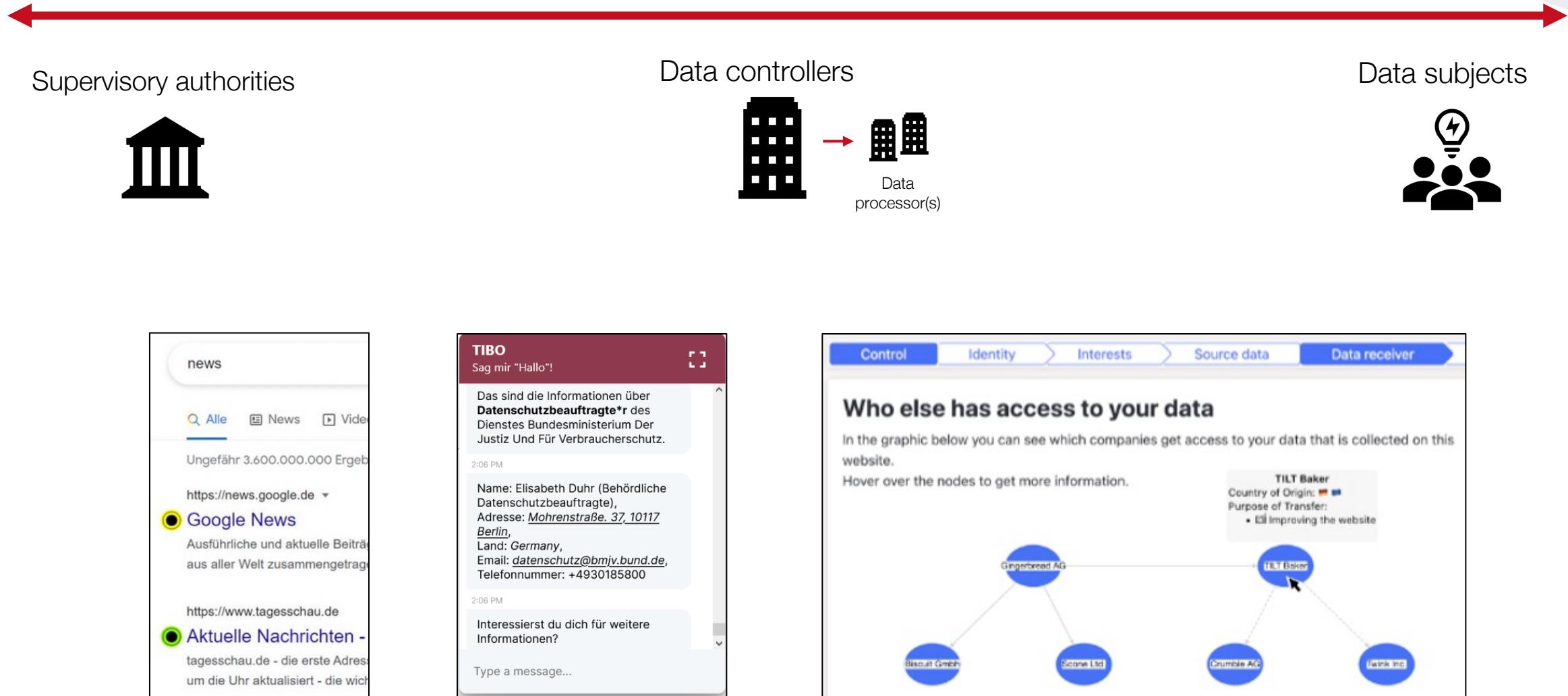


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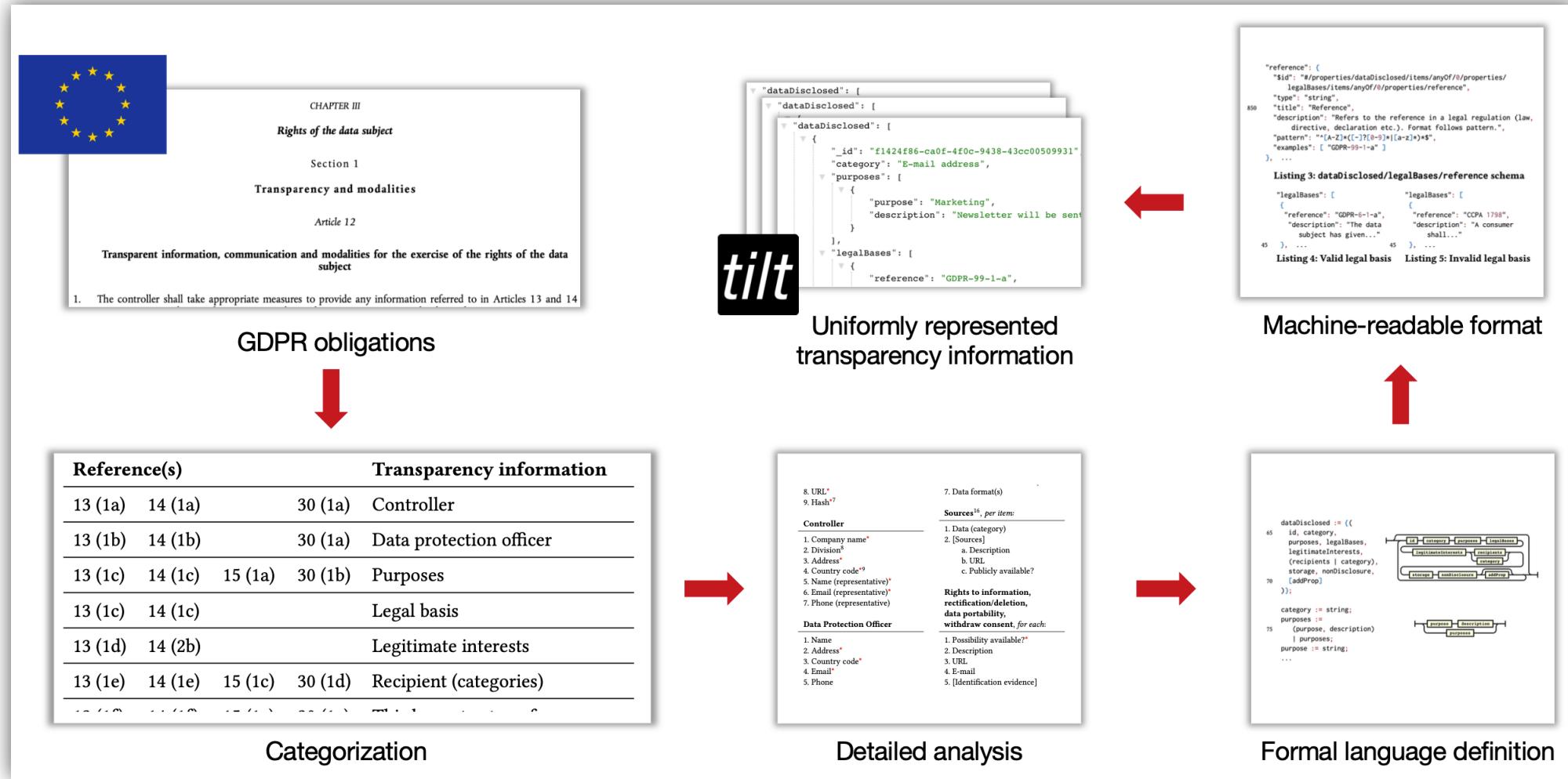


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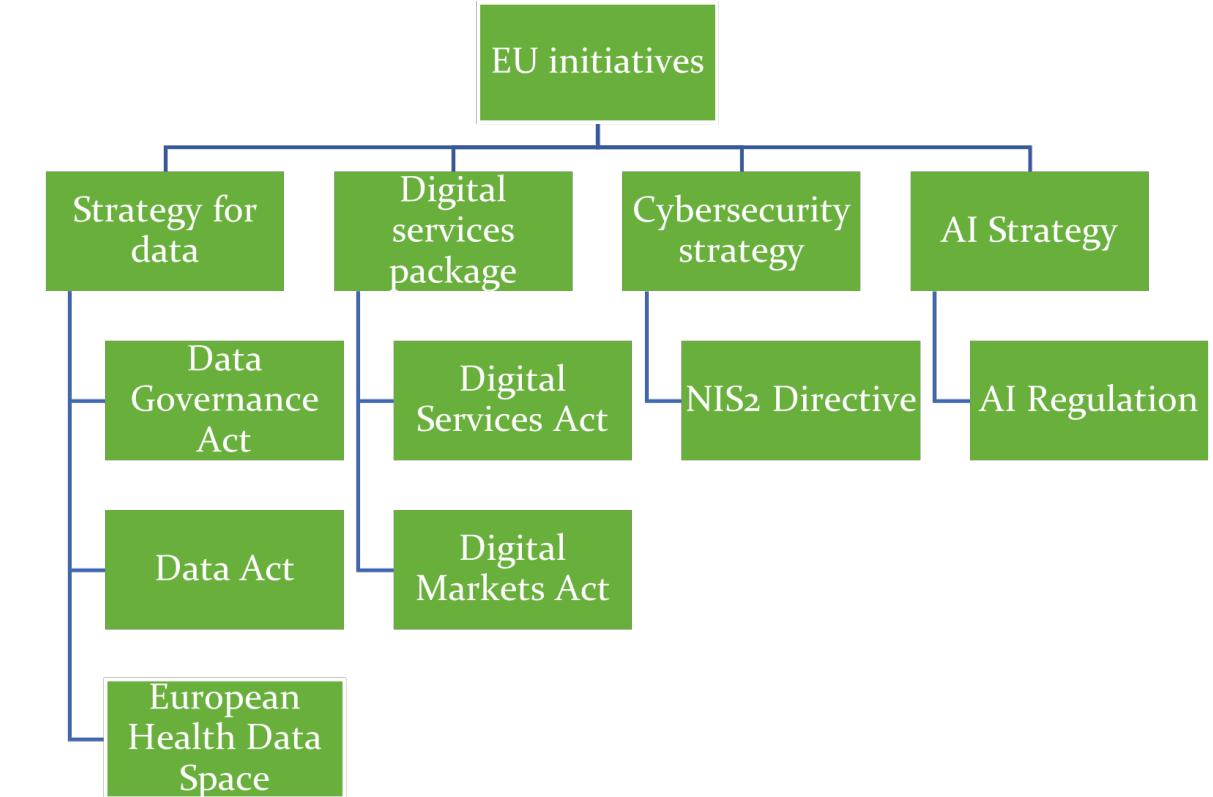
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(e.g., Art. 5, 12 GDPR)*

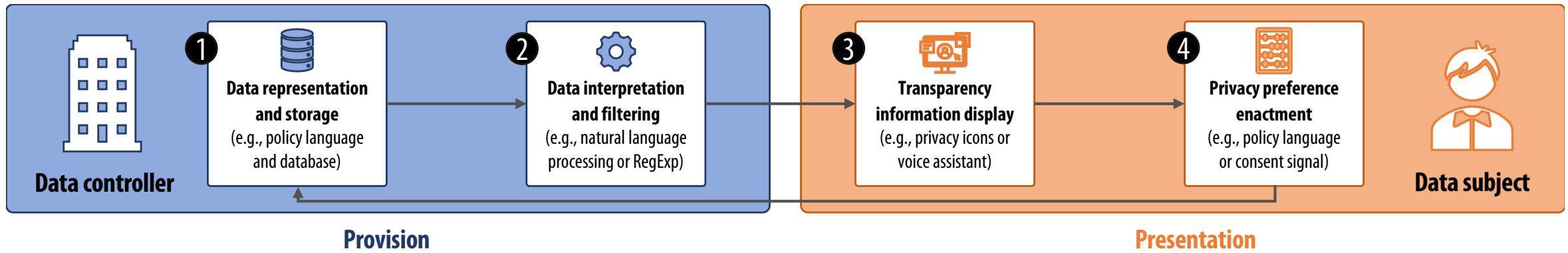
*Responsibility and ability to
demonstrate compliance
by the controller
(e.g., Art. 5 GDPR)*

Transparency information overview

Reference(s)		Transparency information	
13 (1a)	14 (1a)	30 (1a)	Controller
13 (1b)	14 (1b)	30 (1a)	Data protection officer
13 (1c)	14 (1c)	15 (1a)	Purposes
13 (1c)	14 (1c)		Legal basis
13 (1d)	14 (2b)		Legitimate interests
13 (1e)	14 (1e)	15 (1c)	Recipient (categories)
13 (1f)	14 (1f)	15 (1c)	Third country transfer
13 (1f)	14 (1f)	15 (2)	Adequacy (third country)
13 (1f)	14 (1f)	15 (2)	Access and Data portability
13 (2a)	14 (2a)	15 (1d)	Retention or storage criteria
13 (2b)	14 (2c)	15 (1e)	Right to request access
13 (2b)	14 (2c)	15 (1e)	Right to correction or deletion
13 (2b)	14 (2c)	15 (1e)	Right to data portability
13 (2c)	14 (2d)		Right to withdraw consent
13 (2d)	14 (2e)	15 (1f)	Right to complaint
13 (2e)			Necessity/Non-disclosure
13 (2f)	14 (2g)	15 (1h)	Automated decision making
	14 (2f)		Sources
13 (3)			Notification on purpose change
		30 (1c)	Data subjects/Data disclosed

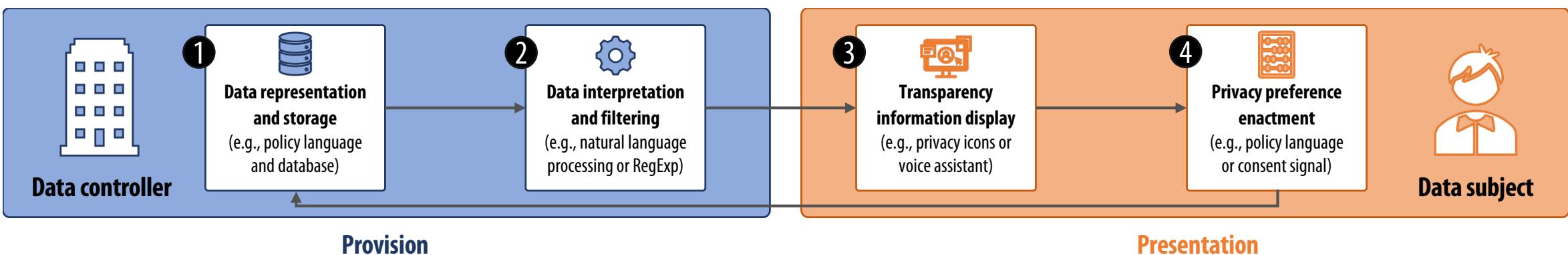
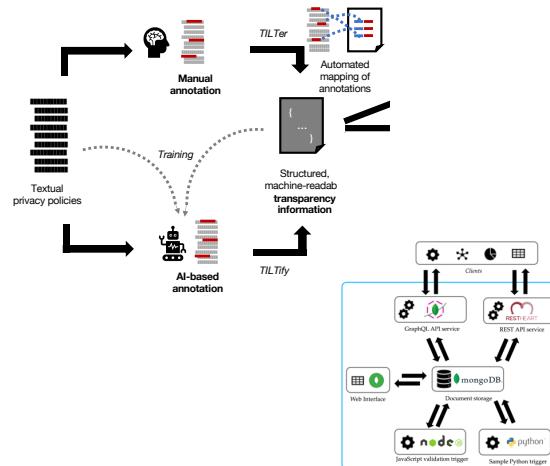


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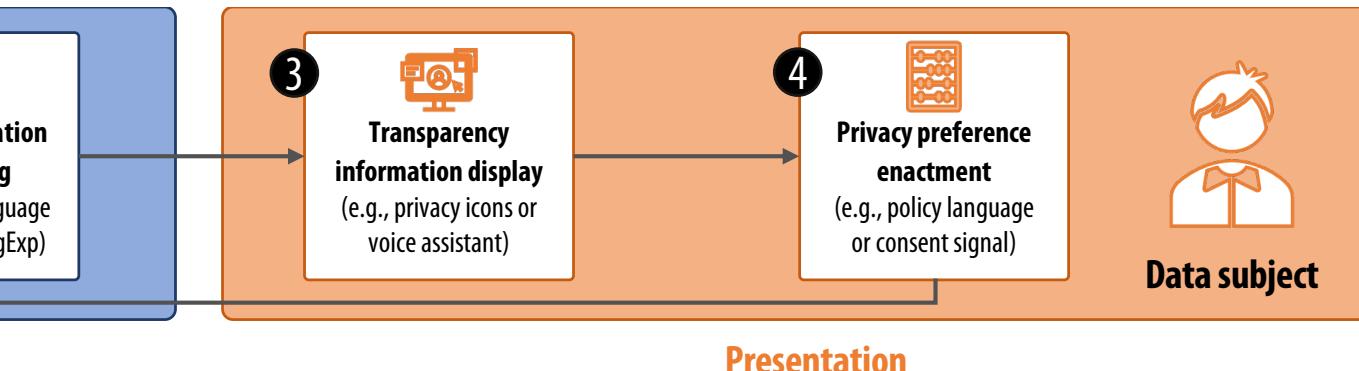
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5. Version*	5. [Identification evidence]
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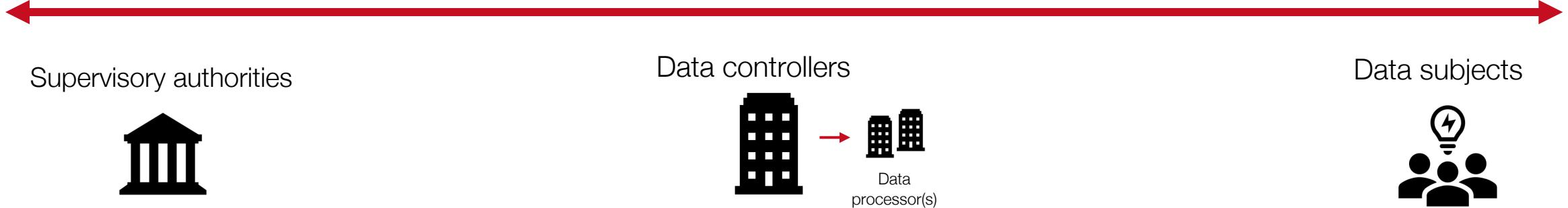
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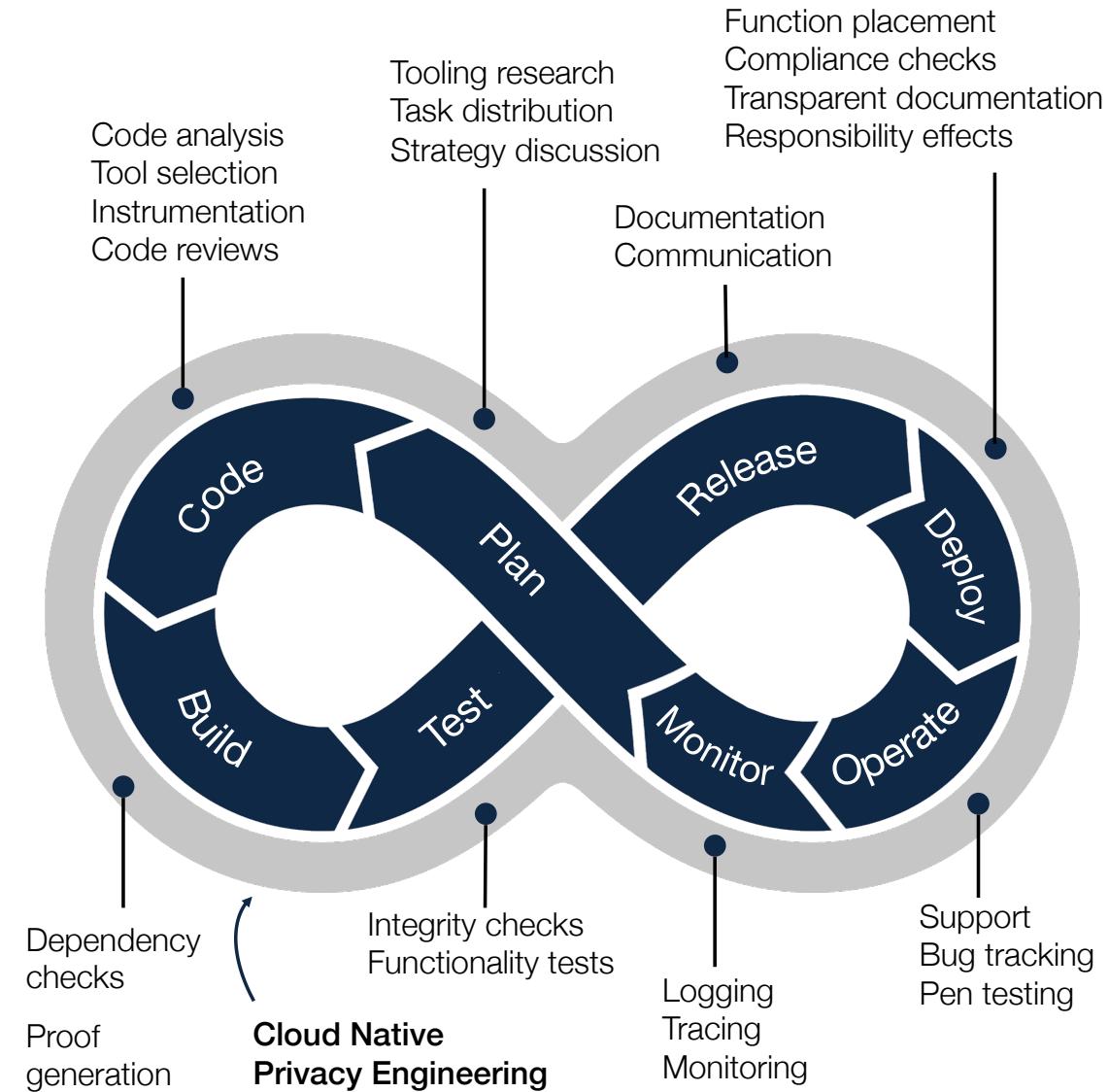
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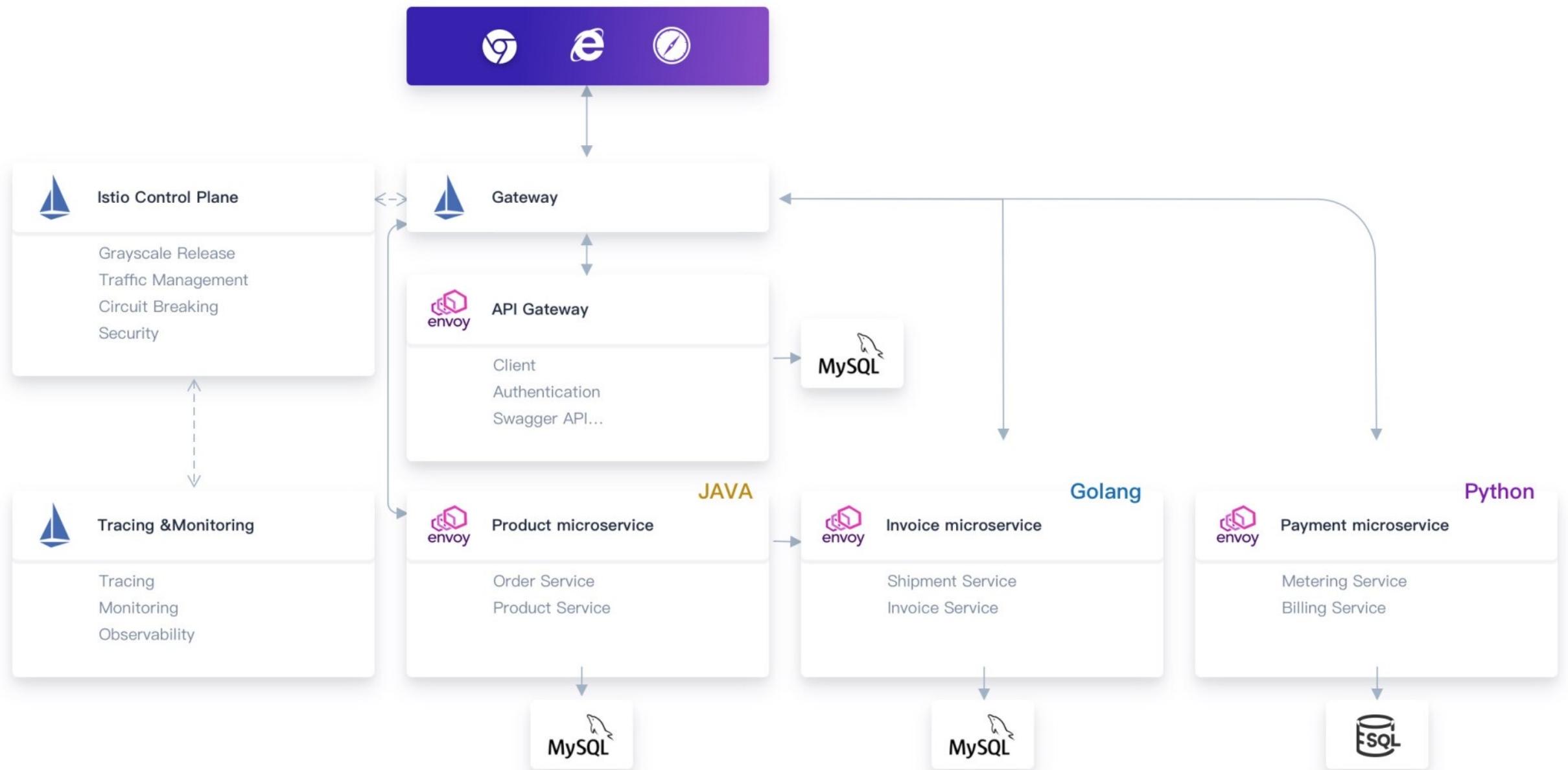
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