



# Data Preservation 1

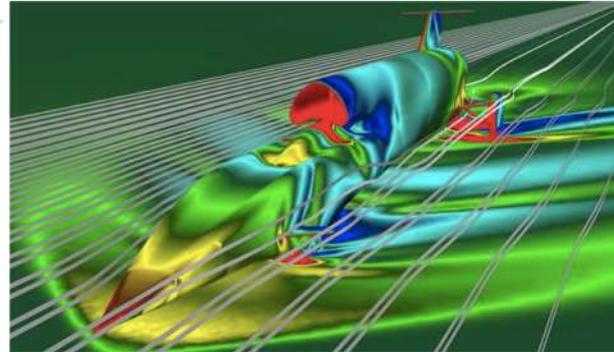
The Why, The What and the How

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## Agenda

- What
  - Types of Data
  - Considerations
- Why?
  - Scientific Benefit
  - Social Benefit
  - Economic Benefit
- FAIR and Open Data
  - FAIR Principles
  - Difference between Open and FAIR
- How
  - Planning your data management



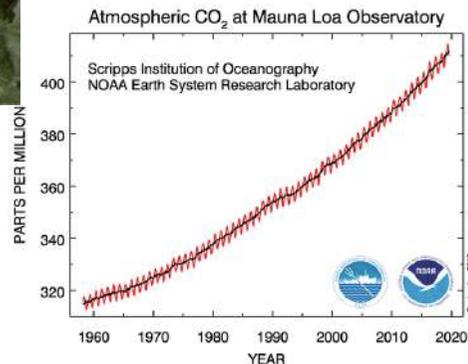
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## What is Data

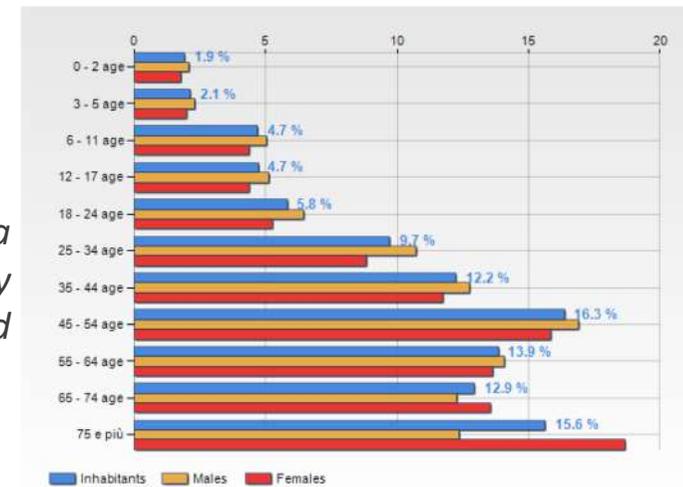
- Data can be split in many ways
  - **Structured** (databases), **semi-structured** (HDF files), **unstructured** (e-mails)
  - **Primary** (data taken by observer), **secondary** (data taken by someone else), **derived** (data after processing)
  - **Synoptic** (point in time, satellite image), **temporal** (analysis over time, seismic data), **geo-spatial** (data in a specific area, e.g. sea surface temperature maps)
  - **Observational, Experimental, Survey, Simulation**



*Satellite Data  
Secondary, synoptic, observational  
, Semi-structured*



*Population Data  
Derived, synoptic, survey  
, Un-structured*



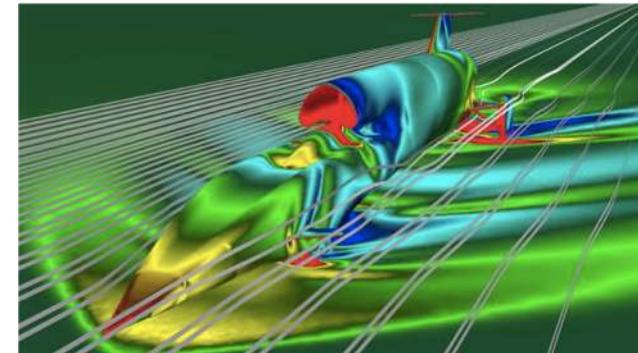
*CO2 Observations  
Primary, temporal, observational  
structured*

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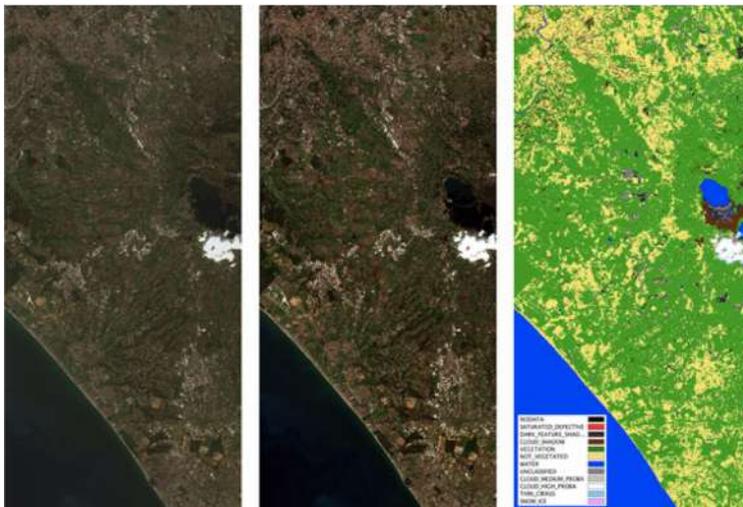
**Data Sources...**

Models *Batch Script*

Soft-ware

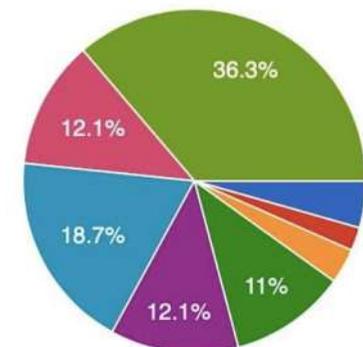


*Observations*



- (1) Sentinel-2 Level-1C TOA reflectance input image, (2) the atmospherically corrected Level-2A BOA reflectance image, (3) the output scene classification of the Level-1C product.
- (c) ESA

*Surveys*



## The Data Pyramid

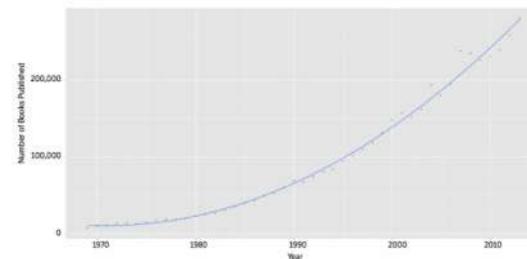
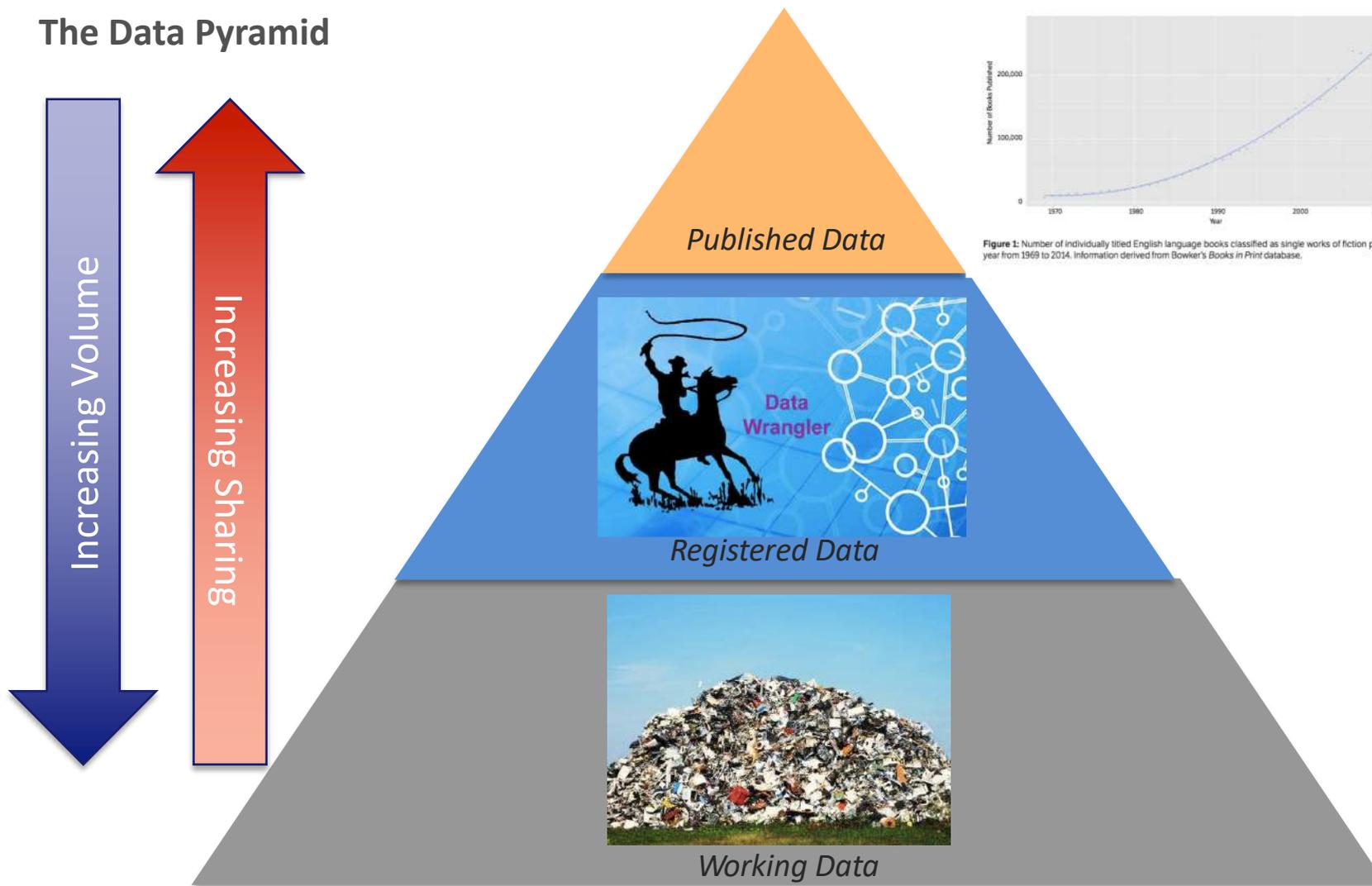
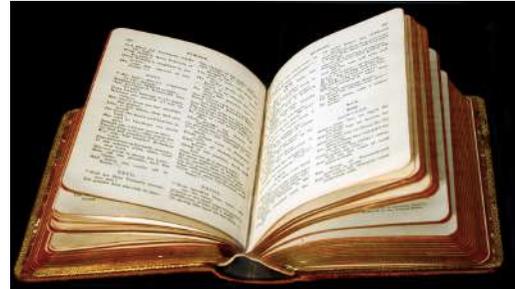


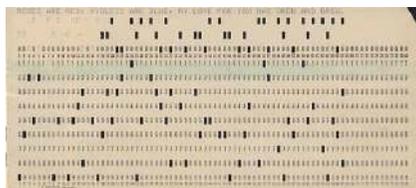
Figure 1: Number of individually titled English language books classified as single works of fiction published per year from 1969 to 2014. Information derived from Bowker's Books in Print database.

## So What is Data Storage?

### Pre-Digital



### Digital

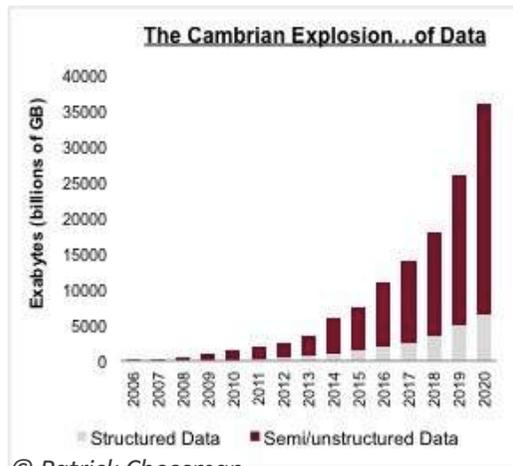


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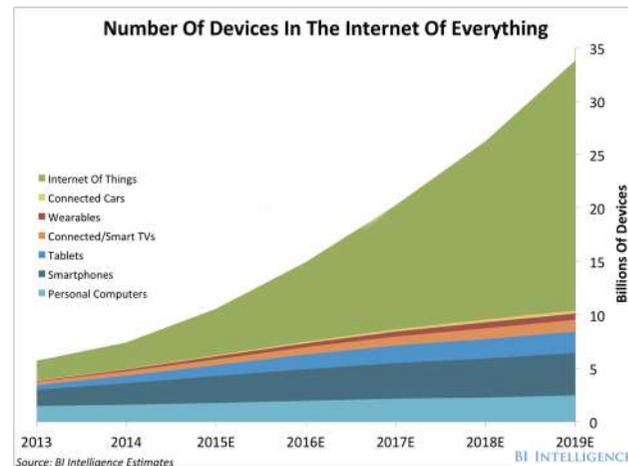


## What is the problem with Storage?

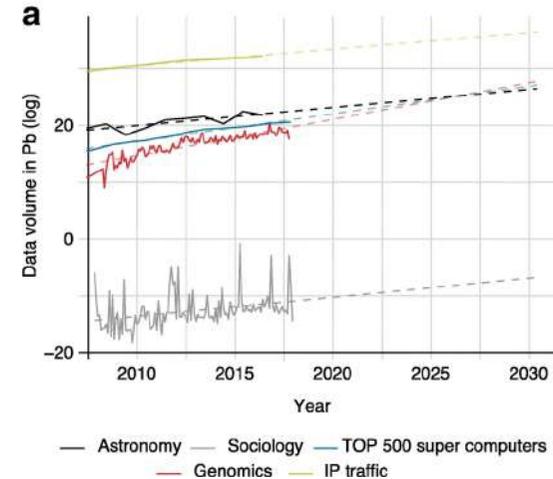
### Meaningless Graphs



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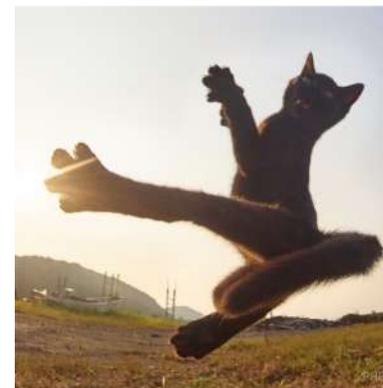
Source: BI Intelligence Estimates



Fábio C. P. Navarro, Hussein Mohsen, Chengfei Yan, Shantao Li, Mengting Gu, William Meyerson & Mark Gerstein  
Genome Biology volume 20, Article number: 109 (2019)

### Real Examples...

- In 1 minute (2019):
  - 350 000 tweets are twitted
  - 208 million emails are sent (mostly to me)
  - 500 hours of video are uploaded to youtube
  - 3.3 million facebook posts are posted
  - 66000 photos and videos are shared on Instagram
- And that is JUST social media!



## Is Data Storage the Same as Data Preservation?

- No!
- Storage is subject to many issues
  - Media failure
  - 'bit rot'
  - Natural disaster
  - Format obsolescence
  - Human deletion – accidental or malicious
  - Media Loss
  - Loss of funding
  - Link rot and reference rot
- Data Preservation is ensuring data is available for re-use into future
  - **Minimising** the risk of data loss



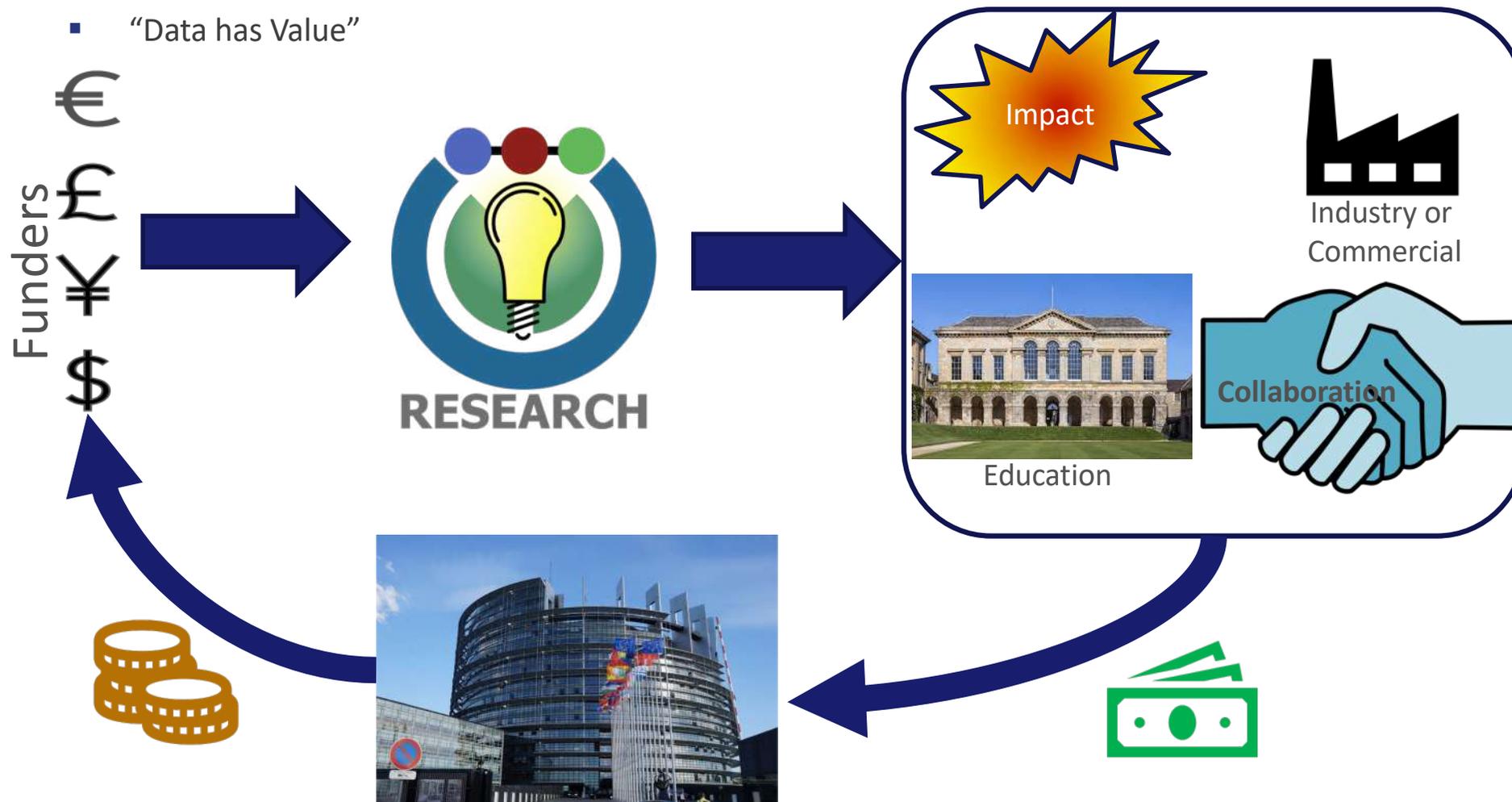
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I FIND YOUR LACK OF  
NAVIGATION DISTURBING



### Why do Funders Want you to Preserve your data?



## Preservation vs Curation

- **Definitions (lexico.com)**
- **Preserve**
  - Maintain (something) in its original or existing state.
- **Curate**
  - Select, organize, and look after items (in a collection or exhibition)
- In the digital era the concepts are similar:
  - Preserve: Make sure the **bits** you store stay the same over time
  - Curate: Make sure the **information** you store is discoverable and usable over time
- Lets look at some examples...

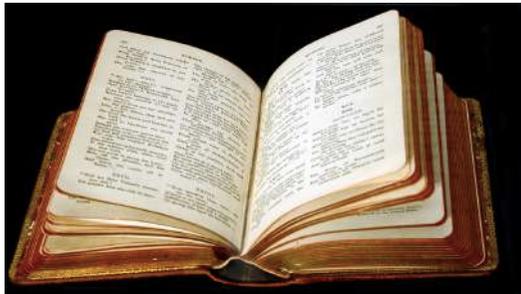


## Preservation vs Curation - QUIZ



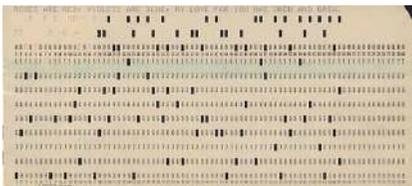
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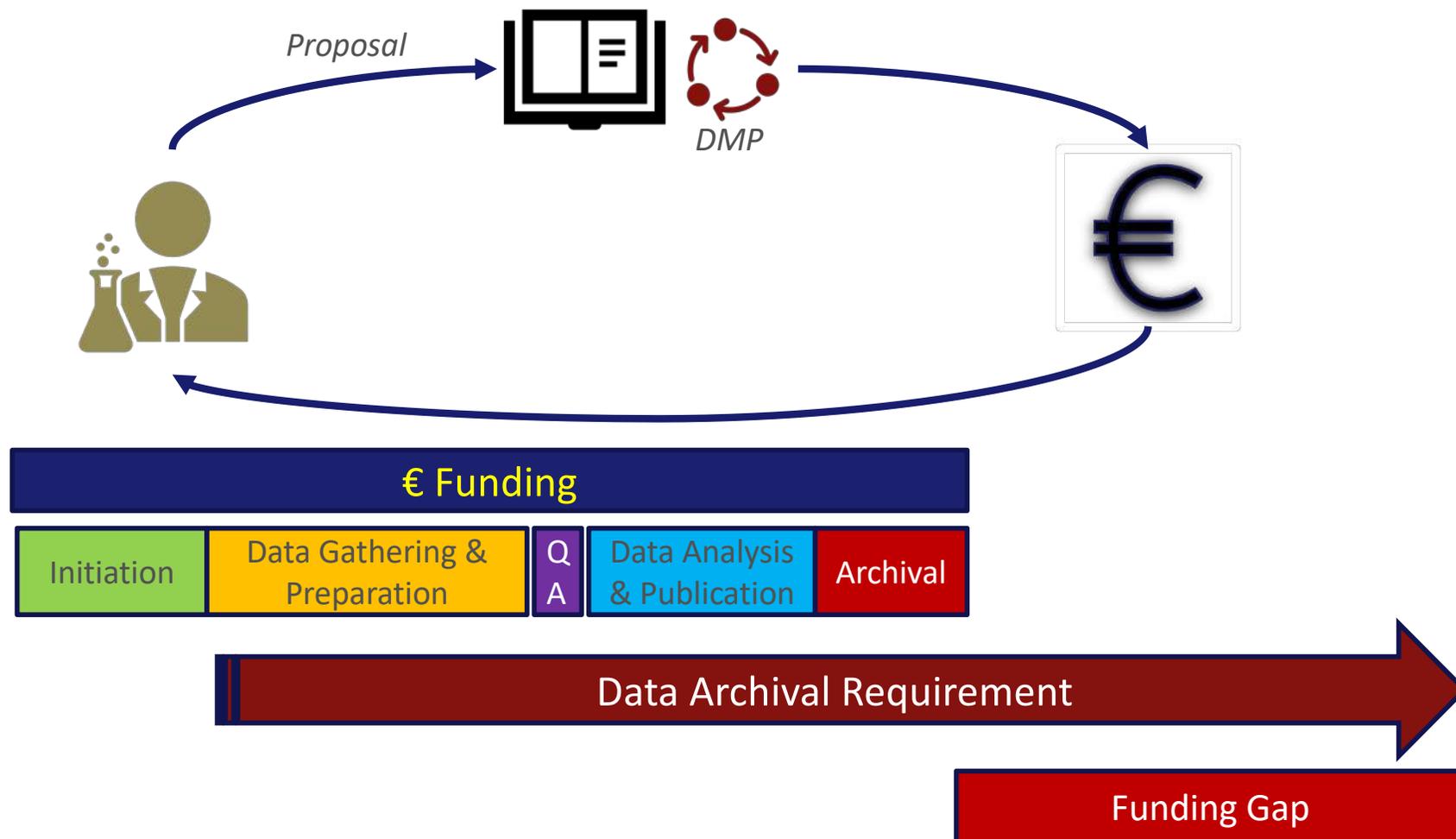
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## Preservation – The Funding Problem



## FAIR and Open Data

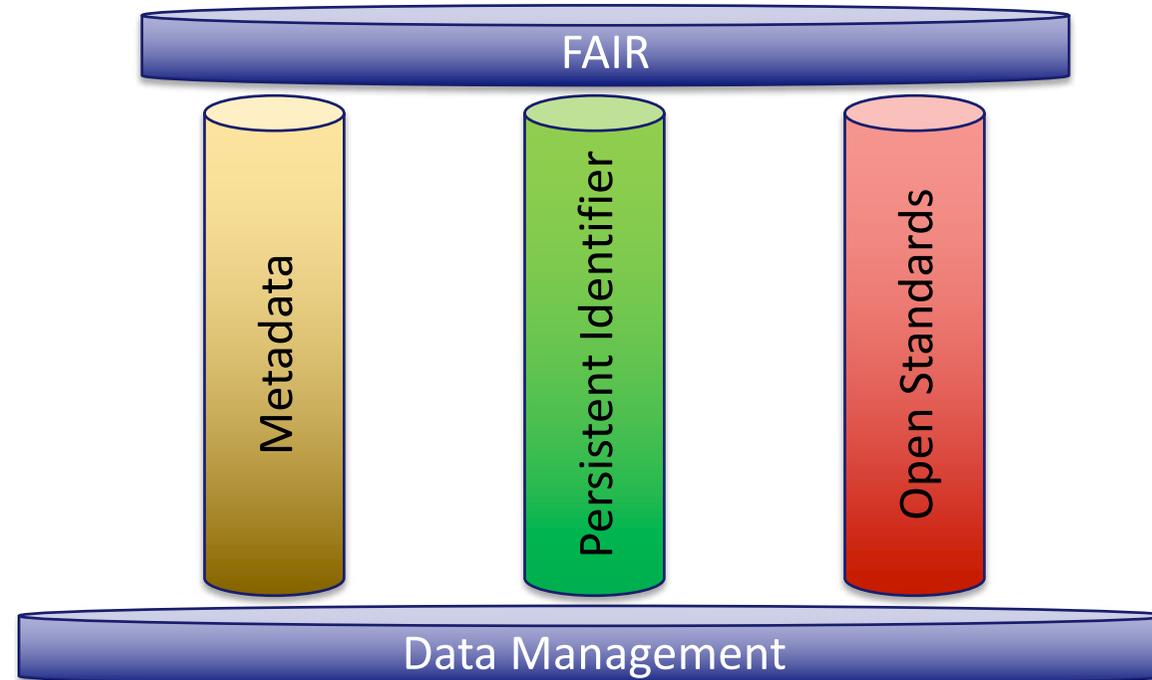
- Definition of **open** data:  
*“Open data is data that can be freely used, re-used and redistributed by anyone - subject only, at most, to the requirement to attribute and sharealike.”* (Open Knowledge Foundation)
  - Full definition at <https://opendefinition.org/od/2.1/en/>
  - E.g. licensed under CC0 (<https://creativecommons.org/share-your-work/public-domain/cc0/>)
- Definition of **FAIR** data  
*“...a set of guiding principles to make data Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, and Reusable...”*  
(<https://www.force11.org/group/fairgroup/fairprinciples>)
- So what is the difference?
  - Open data **need not** be findable
  - FAIR data **need not** be free – you may need to register and/or pay to access
  - FAIR data **is** interoperable and reusable, open data **can be** reused
- H2020 Guidelines on this:  
*“Data should be as open as possible, as closed as is necessary”*

## FAIR Principles and EUDAT Service



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## The Pillars of FAIR



## Four Horsemen of Metadata

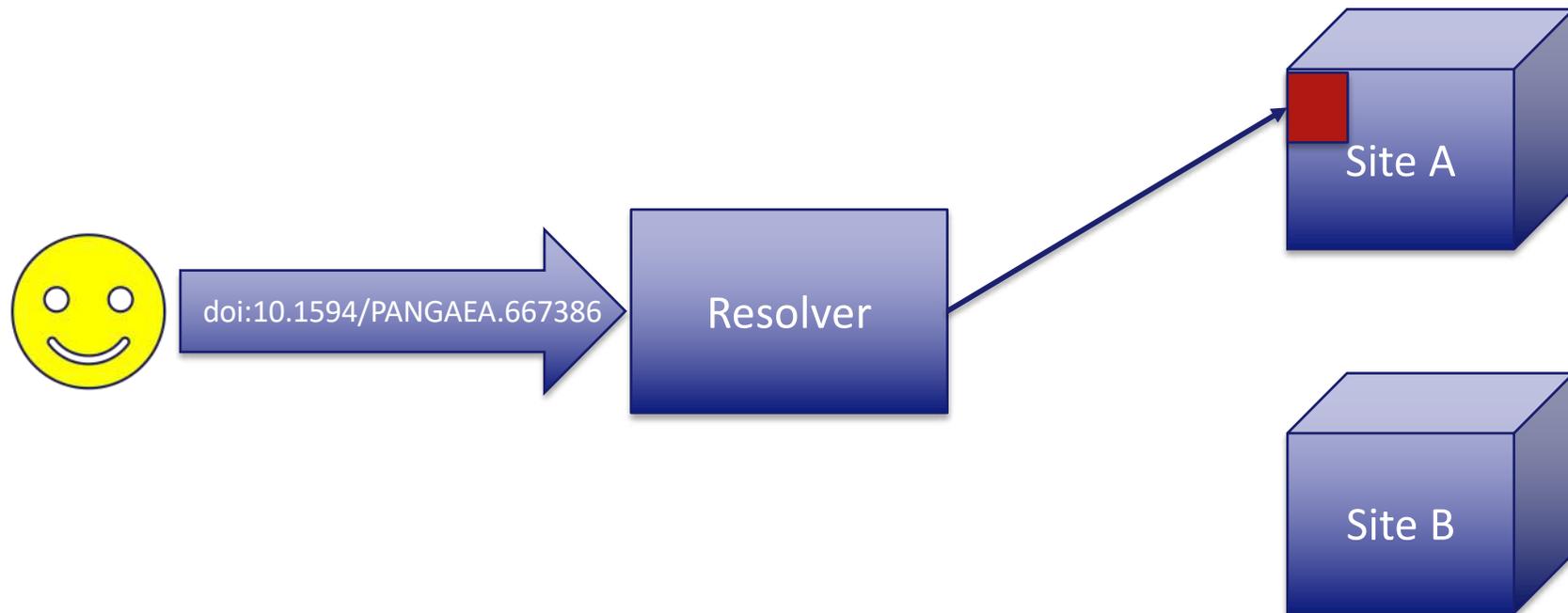
- **Descriptive Metadata**
  - Information about the data
  - Aimed at both expert and non expert users
  - Some Common Standards exist (e.g. Dublin Core, DataCite, DIF, METS)
- **Community Metadata**
  - Many hundreds of community standards (<http://www.dcc.ac.uk/resources/metadata-standards/list>)
- **Structural Metadata**
  - How to read the data, how the data is organized within the file
  - Some formats (e.g. netcdf, HDF) can be self describing
- **Administrative Metadata**
  - Copyright and licensing information



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## Persistent Identifiers

- Resolvable links independent of data locations
- Common technologies:
  - DOI, PURL, URNs, ARKs,...



## Preservation - Planning

- Key is PLANNING – Writing a Data Management Plan
- Online tools:
  - easyDMP (<https://easydmp.eudat.eu/>)
  - DMPTool (<https://dmptool.org/>)
  - DMPOnline (<https://dmponline.dcc.ac.uk/>)
  - Data Stewardship Wizard (<https://ds-wizard.org/>)
- And various templates



## DMP – The Essentials for H2020

- Within Horizon2020, the following should be addressed
  - Data Summary
    - Purpose, formats, reusing data?, source, volume, reusability, processing
  - FAIRness
    - Metadata standard, persistent identifier, what data will be shared, how will it be made accessible, methods of access, embargo periods, duration, licensing...
  - Costs
    - How much, how long and who is responsible
  - Security
    - Is the data sensitive, what security measures need to be in place
  - Ethics
    - ethical or legal issues impacting data sharing, informed consent
  - Other issues
    - Use of other national/funder/sectorial/departmental procedures
- Lets look at a fictitious use case....but based on reality

## Data Management Planning Scenario

- An astronomer is going to use the new FLT (Fascinatingly Large Telescope) to observe M51. We want to take images in three different colour bands to investigate the presence of LGM (Little Green Men) in the outer spiral arms. This images will be taken with the Narrow Field TLA device, a high resolution CCD sensor. A typical observing sequence might look like:

▶ *Repeat for each colour filter*



- See <https://easydmp.eudat.eu/plan/809/>



*Raw Image*

*Processed Image*

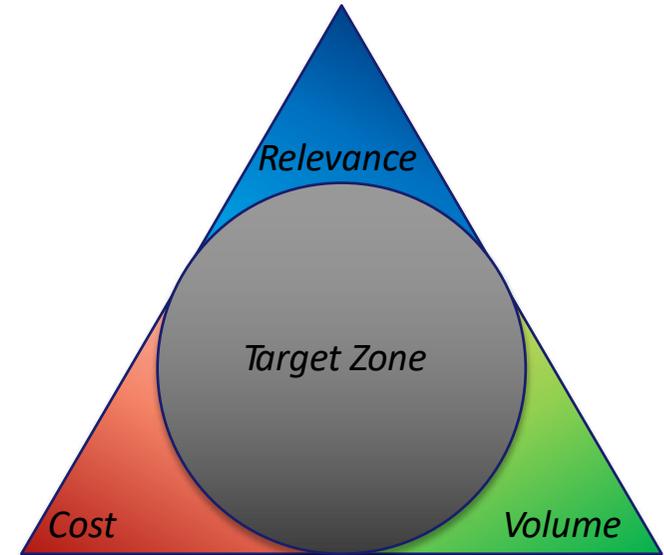
## EXERCISE – Write Your Own DMP

- Using easy.DMP (<https://easydmp.eudat.eu/>)
- Actions
  - Log in using B2ACCESS
  - Select simplified H2020 Template
  - You can either create a DMP **based on your own research** or use the following scenario:  
*"You need to write a data management plan for statistical analysis of census information from the Eurostat (<https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/population-and-housing-census/census-data/database>) and the US Census Bureau (<https://www.census.gov/data.html>) to look at the difference in housing stock and population age distributions between the EI and US. The final output should be a report including graphics, however the graphics themselves should be accessible. You data should be deposited in an open depository such as B2SHARE and both the paper and any associated graphs should be accessible using a doi"*
  - *When finished, you should be able to validate your plan...*
  - *Finally – share your data with me ([hungmung@gmail.com](mailto:hungmung@gmail.com))*
  - *We will select one at random to analyse...*

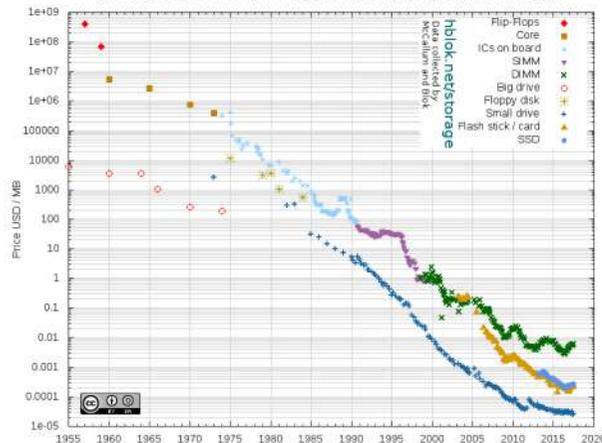


## The Hard Part – Selecting What Data to Preserve

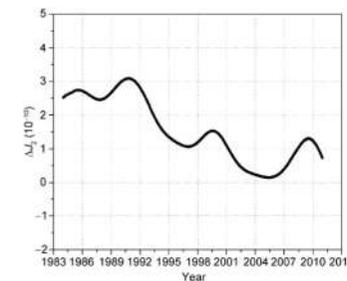
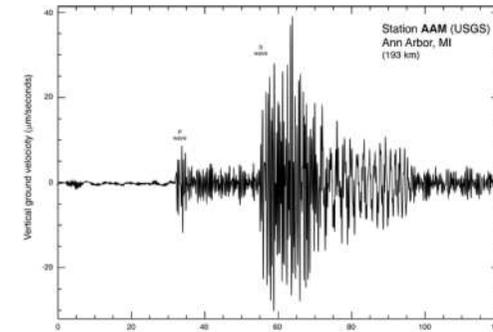
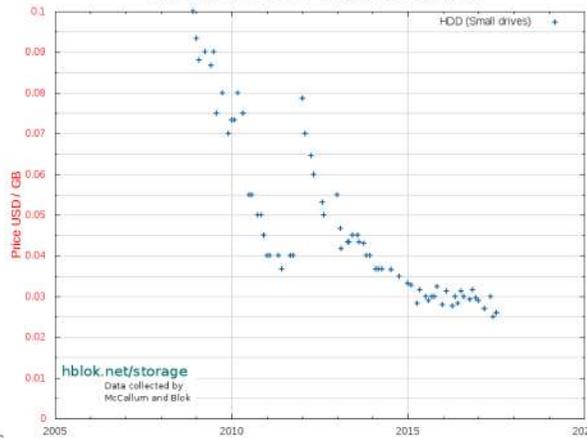
- *The more data you preserve, the more the cost, but the more reproducible and reusable it is*
- *The longer the data is relevant, the more the cost, but if someone has reused their data, their results may not be reproducible/reusable*
- *But each of these is hard to estimate....*



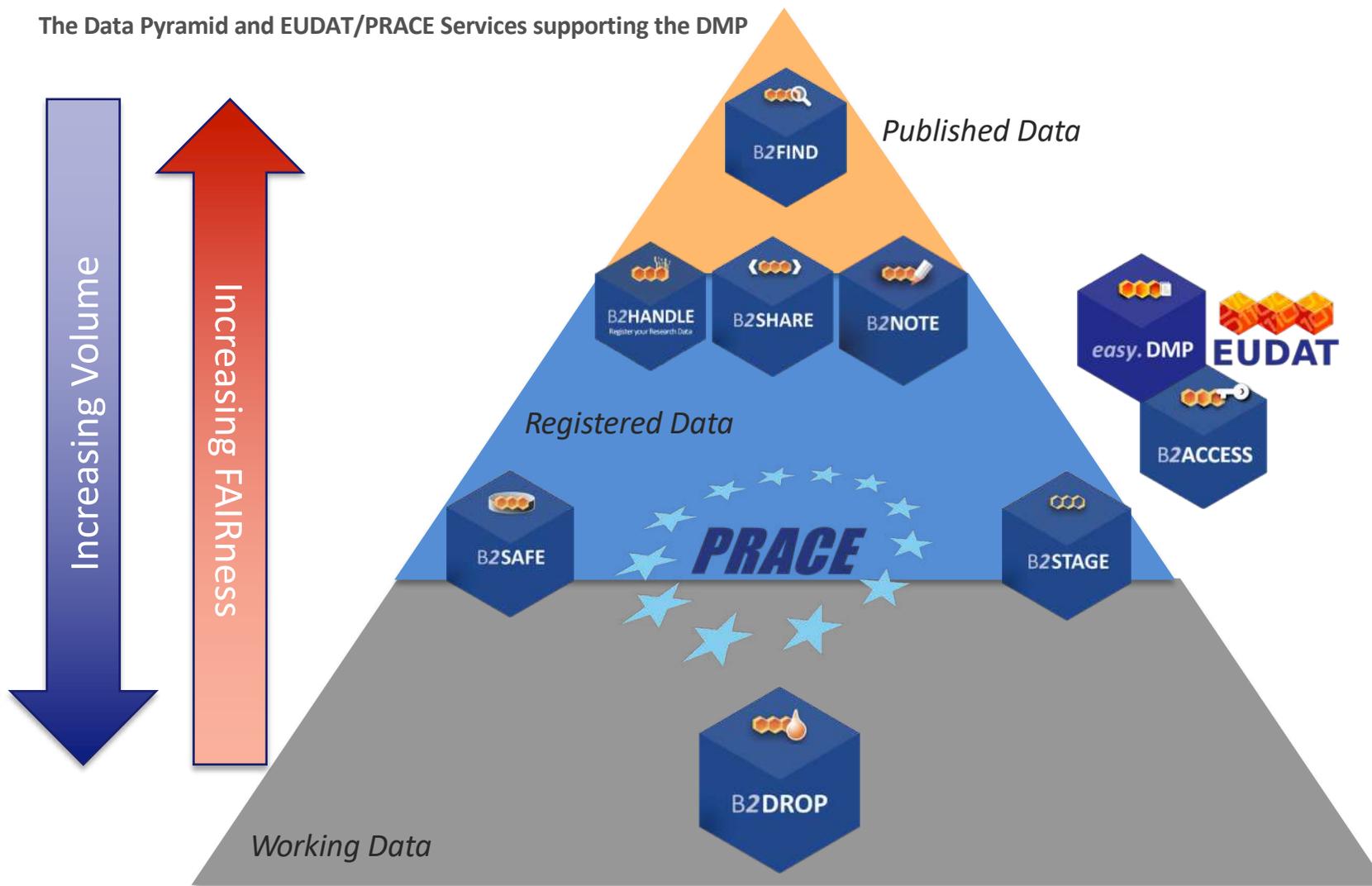
Historical Cost of Computer Memory and Storage



Historical Cost of Magnetic Storage



The Data Pyramid and EUDAT/PRACE Services supporting the DMP



## Summary

- There are a lot of reasons why you should preserve (or curate) your data
- Consider data preservation as long term
  - UK Research Councils require 10 years from date of last access – so it could be **very** long
- Always try and be FAIR
  - Consider **granularity** of access
  - Have a well defined **metadata schema**
  - Give your data a **Persistent Identifier**
    - **Cite** your data to your publications
  - Use well defined and common **formats**
    - Standard or community specific
  - Give enough **provenance** information to allow other users to trust your data
  - Put your data into a **trusted repository**
- Think carefully about what data you want to keep...

## And Finally – A Hitchhiker Guide...

Mr. Prosser: **“But the data were accessible...”**

Arthur Dent: **“Accessible? I eventually had to go down to the cellar to find them.”**

Mr Prosser: **“That’s the repository.”**

Arthur Dent: **“With a flashlight.”**

Mr Prosser: **“Ah, well, the lights had probably gone.”**

Arthur Dent: **“So had the stairs.”**

Mr. Prosser: **“But look, you found the data, didn’t you?”**

Arthur Dent: **“Yes, yes I did. It was on on a 5 ¼ inch floppy disk in the bottom of a locked filing cabinet stuck in a disused lavatory with a sign on the door saying ‘Beware of the Leopard.’”**

*(with Apologies to Douglas Adams)*

