

# Data Protection in Smart Cities

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# Architecture is politics [Mitch Kaipor'93]

Avoid single point of **trust** that becomes single point of **failure**



# Securing Data

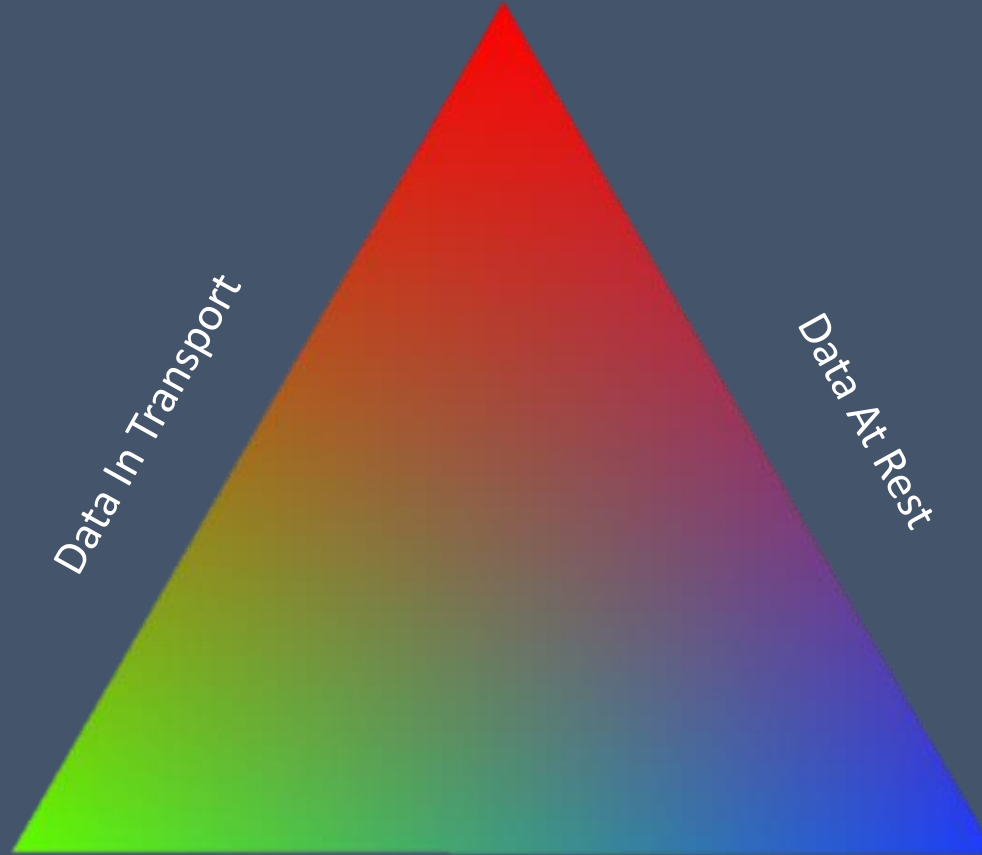
TLS/SSL  
IPsec  
WLAN  
Bluetooth  
3G/4G/5G

*Data In Transport*

*Data At Rest*

Hard disk encryption  
File encryption  
Database encryption  
HSM key storage

Data During Computation



# Cybersecurity helping AI: Computing on Encrypted Data (COED)

## Trusted Execution Environments

COED

Fully Homomorphic Encryption  
(FHE)

Multi-Party Computation (MPC)

Zero-Knowledge Proofs (ZK)

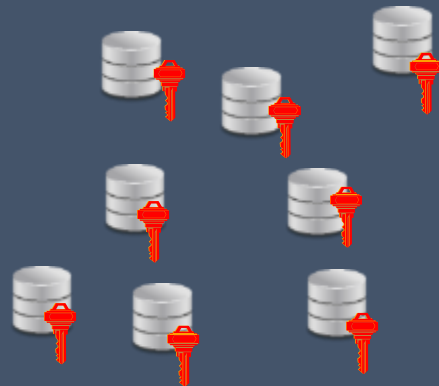
## Statistics

Differential Privacy

Synthetic Data Generation

Federated Machine Learning

# From Big Data to small local data



Data stays with users



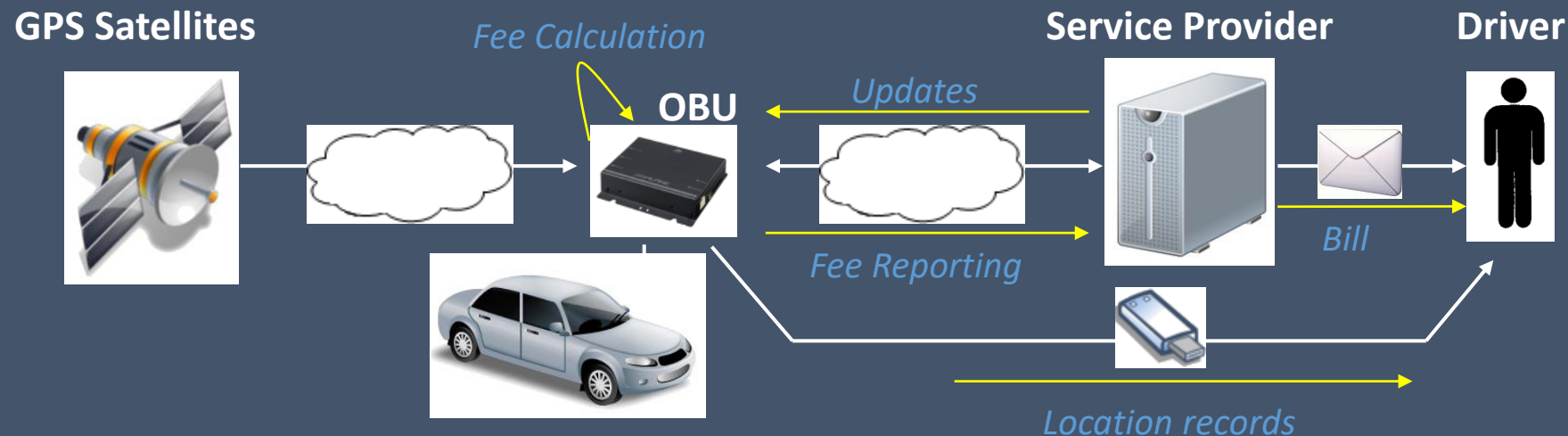
# Privacy-preserving Tolling Model

Keep personal data in user's domain [TDKP07]

Data minimization

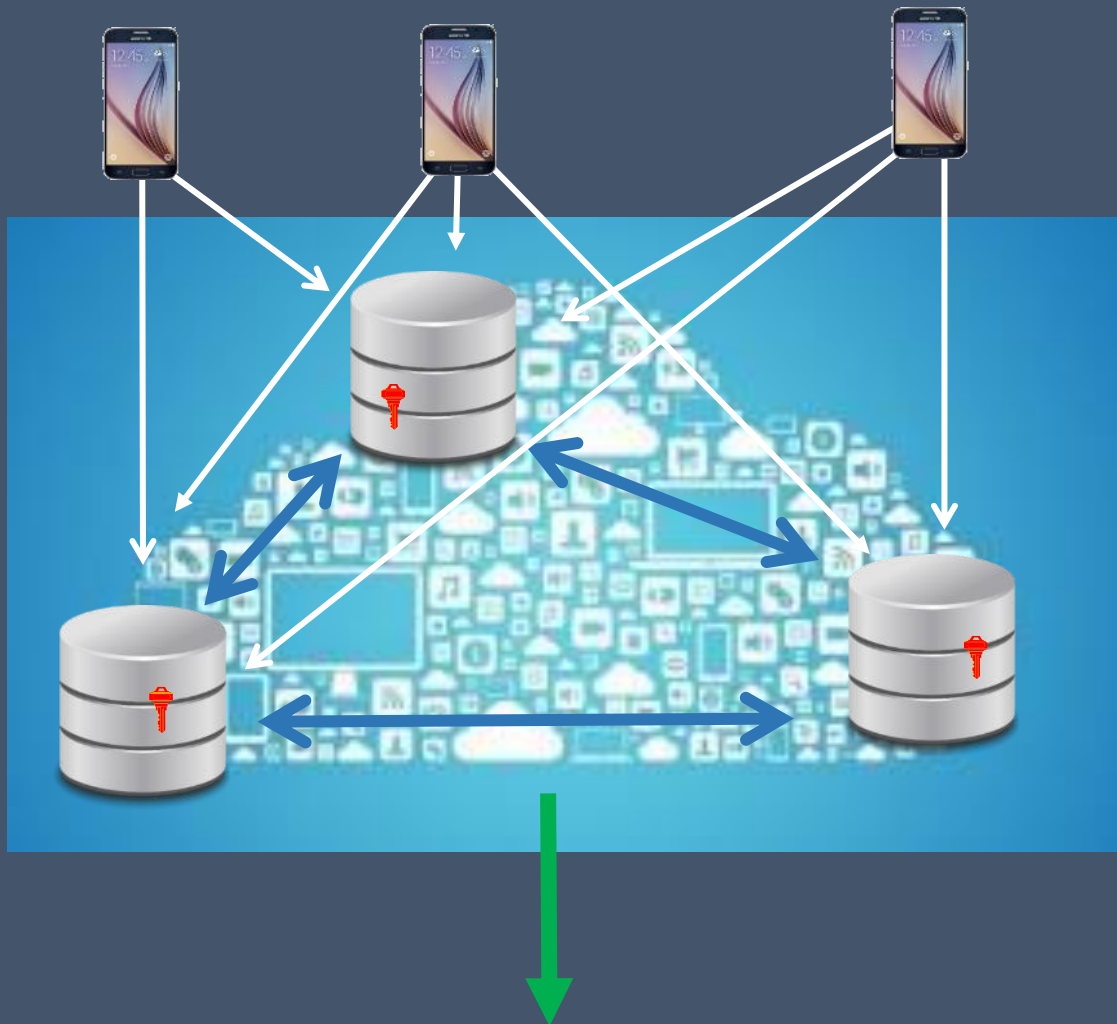
Only final fee is sent to Service Provider

Only driver has access to his own location records



# From Big Data to encrypted data

## MPC (Multi-Party Computation)



- + secrets shared over multiple servers
- + moderate computation
- high communication overhead

# From Big Data to encrypted data (somewhat) Fully Homomorphic Encryption



- + single server
- + low communication
- high computation cost
- simple functions: basis statistics, neural networks



# Some observations

- Power relation in society:
  - values
  - data should be used to help people rather than to manipulate, control or harm them
  - for which data should there be a market?
- Architecture is politics
- Access by law enforcement and intelligence agencies

# Trust of Users?

Consent

Control (data  
& meta-data)

Engagement

Empowerment

# More observations

- Involvement of DPOs in public procurement
- Further study of cameras
- Trust and governance for public-private partnerships:  
need to clarify the purpose of processing and repurposing

# Some further observations

- Transparency and privacy: what can be open?
- Anonymization of mobility traces: only through aggregation
- Pseudonymization: additional data or additional effort?
  
- Vehicle:
  - Road pricing and insurance pricing: disaster so far
  - ANPR & beacons do not help
  - Who owns which data?
  - V2X and autonomous driving will change everything

# Conclusions

- Architecture is politics
- Utility-privacy tradeoff: try to shift the curve
- Computations on encrypted data are cool but can still be unfair or unethical

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