

# System Designs for End-to-End Privacy

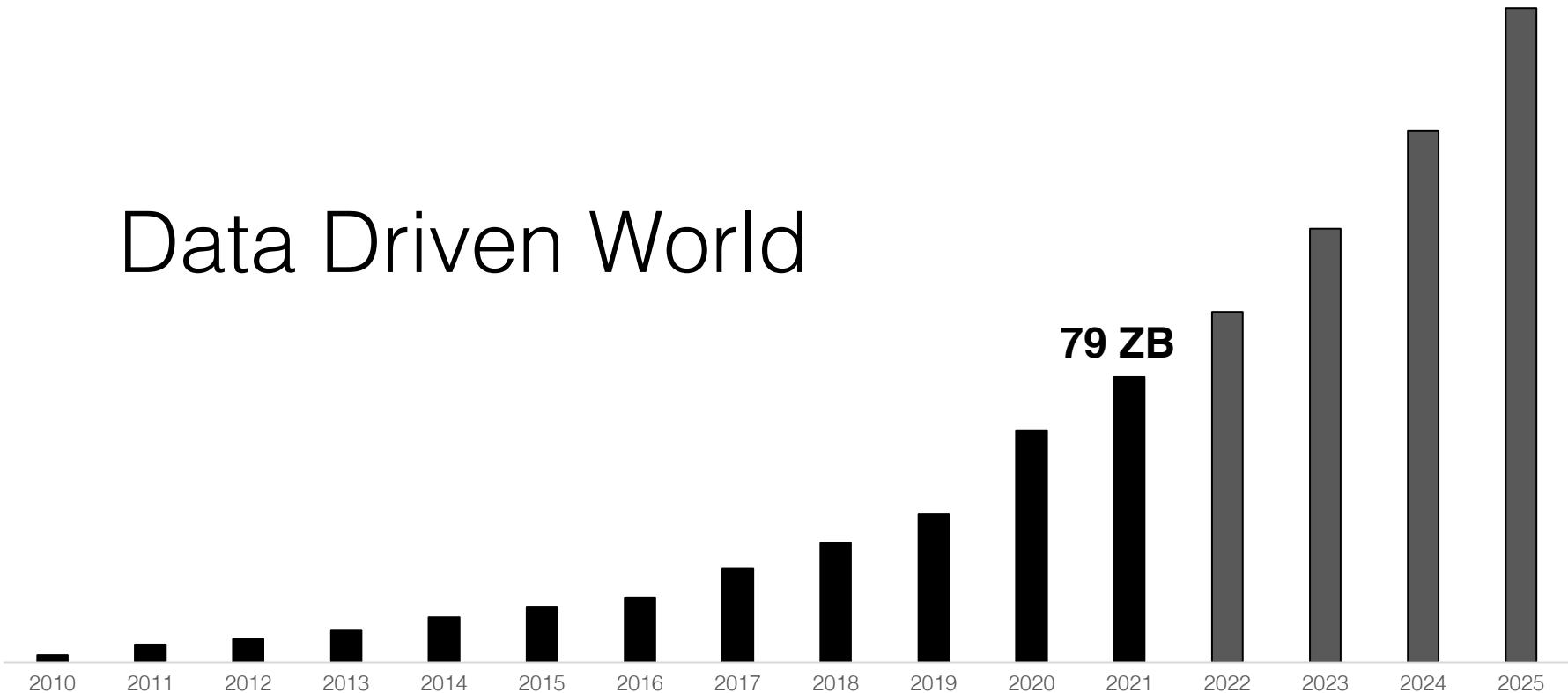
## Functionality, Performance, & Accessibility

Anwar Hithnawi

**181 ZB**

**79 ZB**

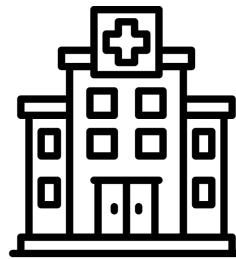
# Data Driven World



# Sensitive Data



Finance



Health



Government



Personal

## Morgan Stanley settles personal data breach lawsuit for \$60 million

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*Data Breaches Keep Happening. So Why Don't You Do Something?*

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*Capital One Data Breach Compromises Data of Over 100 Million*

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*All 3 Billion Yahoo Accounts Were Affected by 2013 Attack*

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**The Government Uses 'Near Perfect Surveillance' Data on Americans**

Congressional hearings are urgently needed to address location tracking.

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*Grindr and OkCupid Spread Personal Details, Study Says*

Norwegian research raises questions about whether certain sharing of information violate data privacy laws in Europe and the United States.

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**You Should Be Freaking Out About Privacy**

Nothing to hide, nothing to fear? Think again.

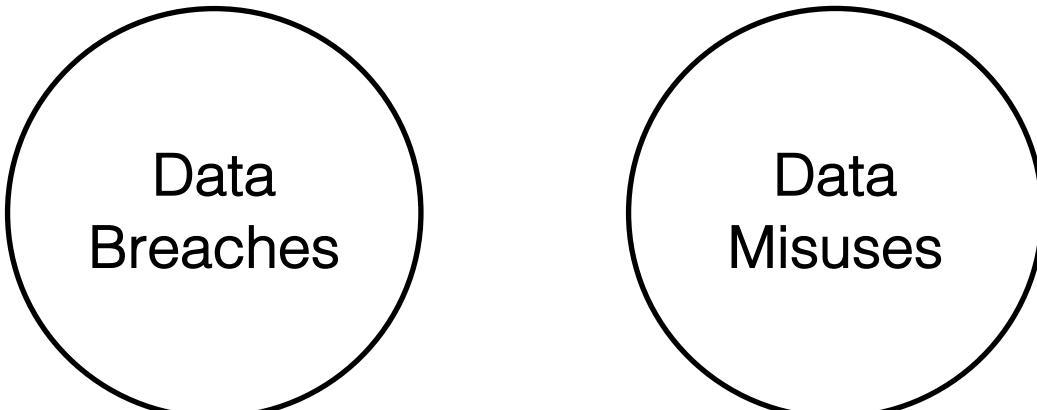
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Technology

**Data broker shared billions of location records with District during pandemic**

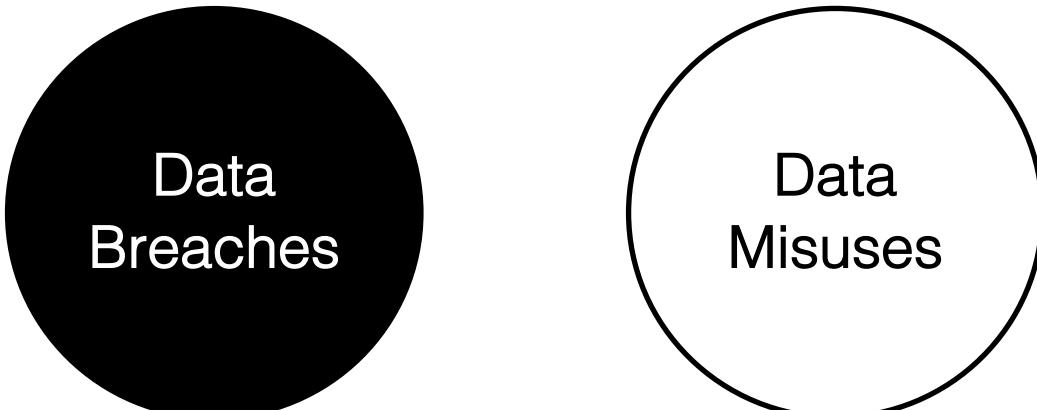
The bulk sales of location data have fueled a debate over public health and privacy.

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Breaches

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# ~ 1.245 Billion

The number of data records **stolen** in 2020

143,000,000

**EQUIFAX**

2017

57,000,000

**Uber**

2017

330,000,000

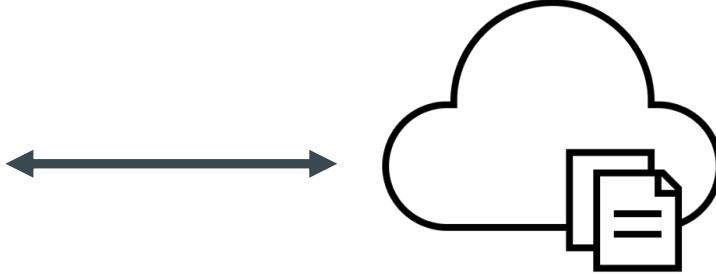
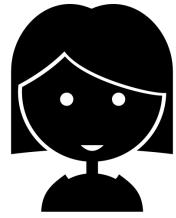


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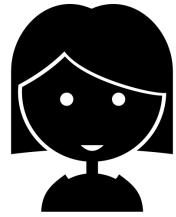
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2019



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Software Vulnerabilities

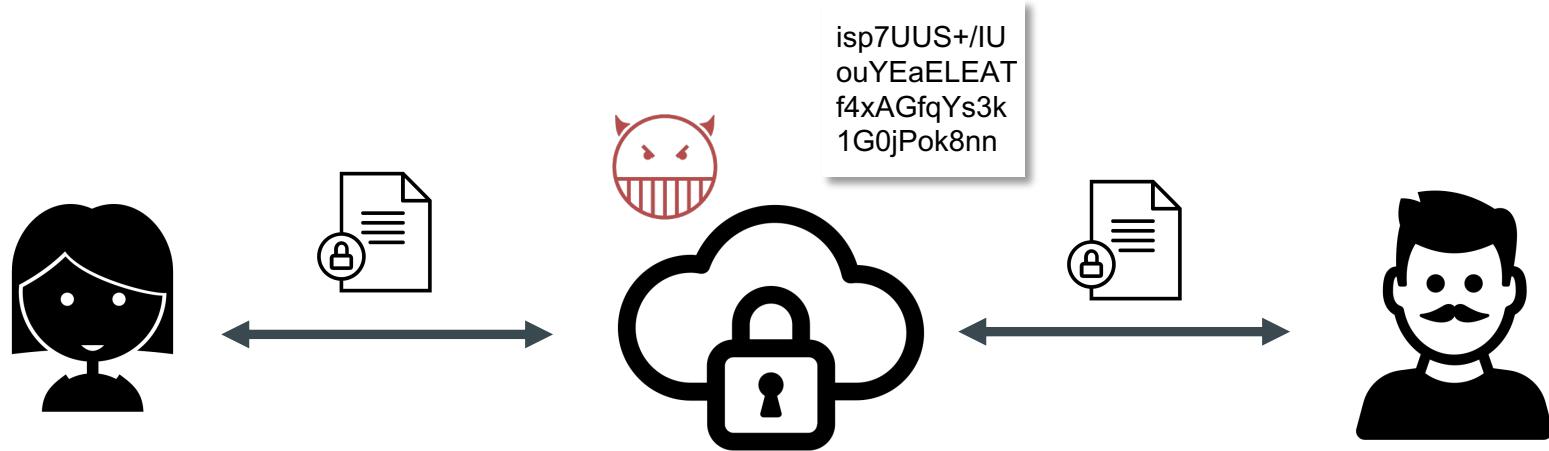
Insider Threats

Physical Attacks

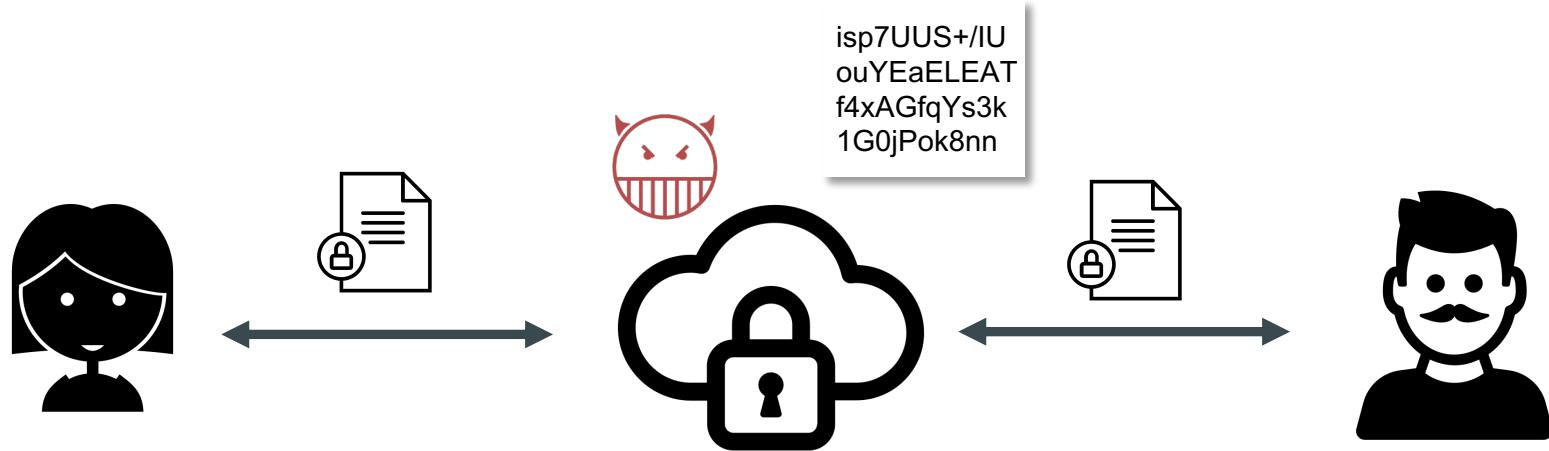
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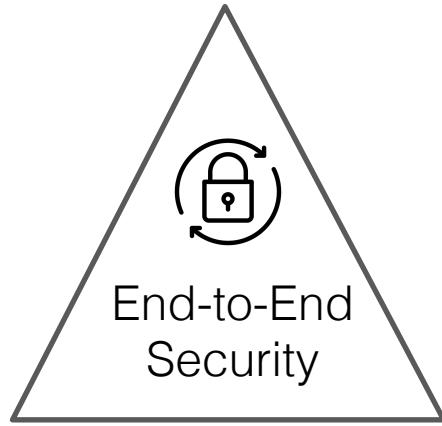
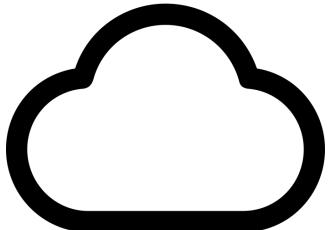
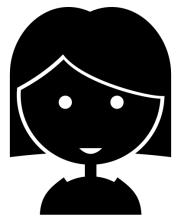
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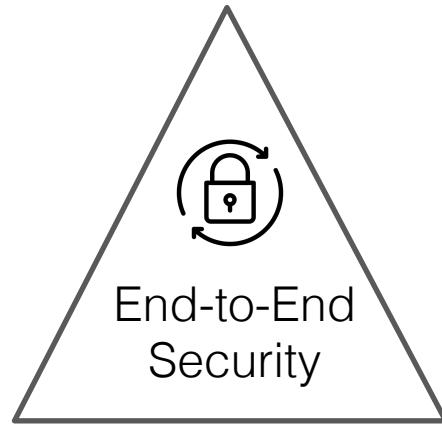
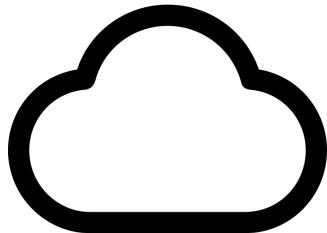
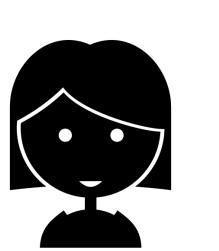
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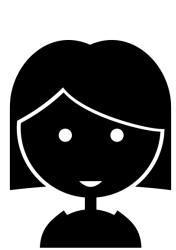
More Applications?



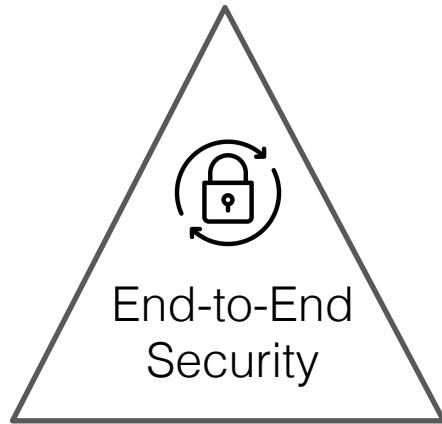
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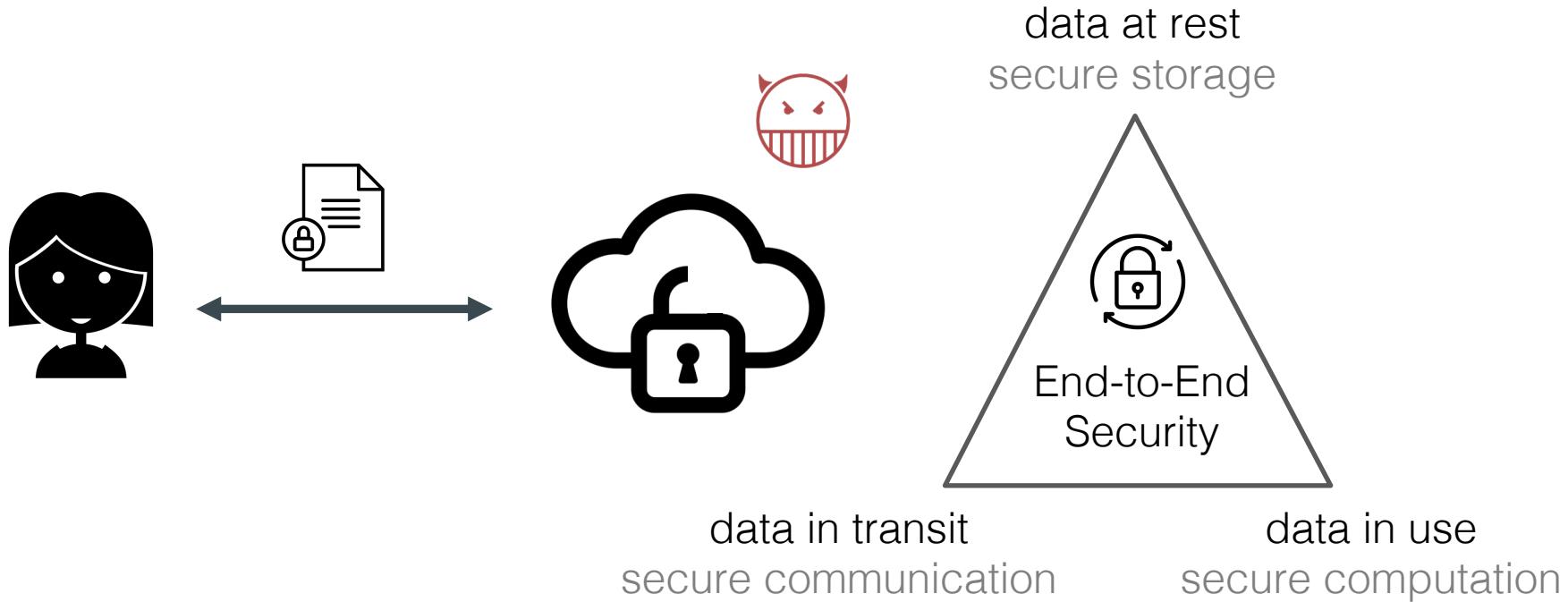
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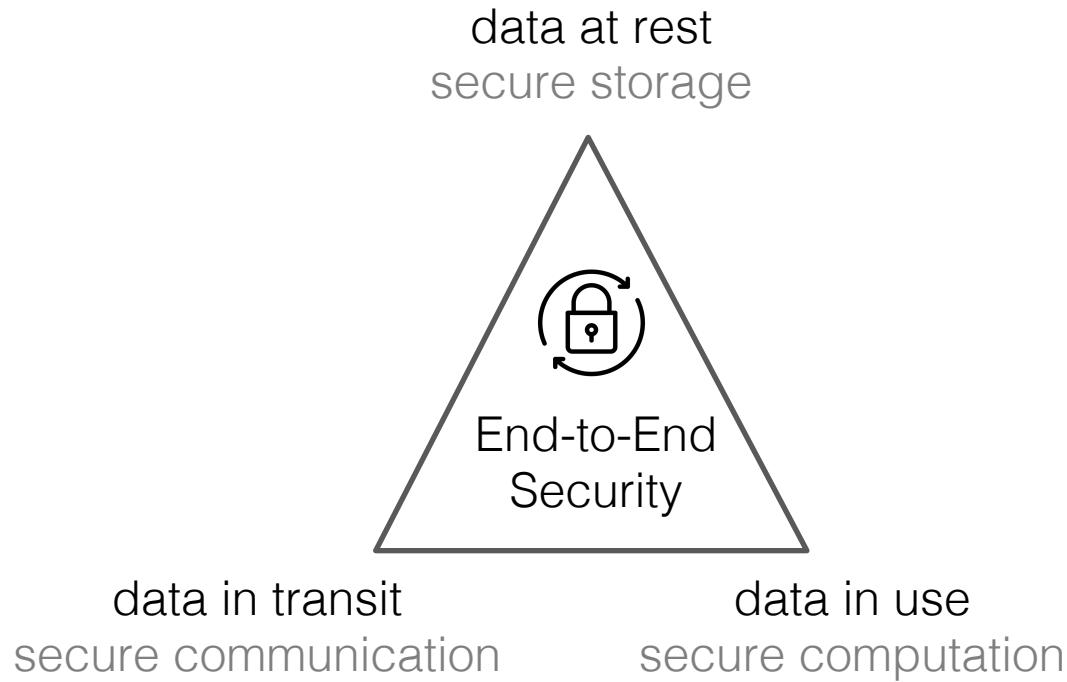
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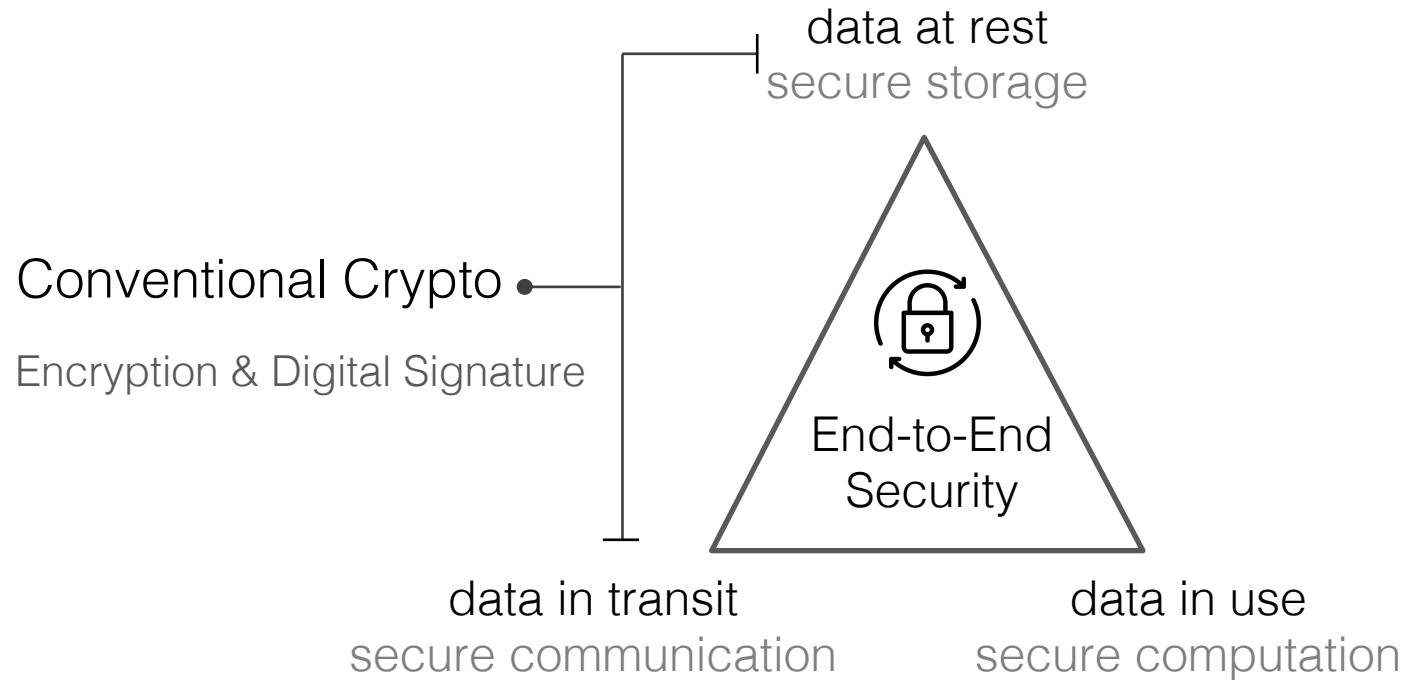
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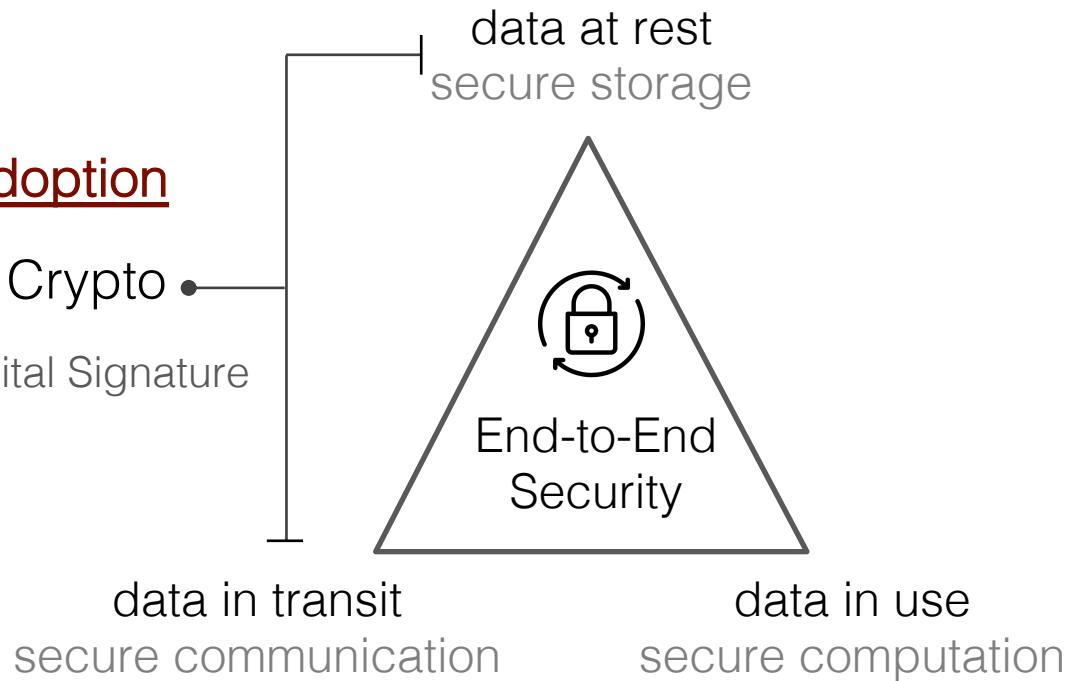


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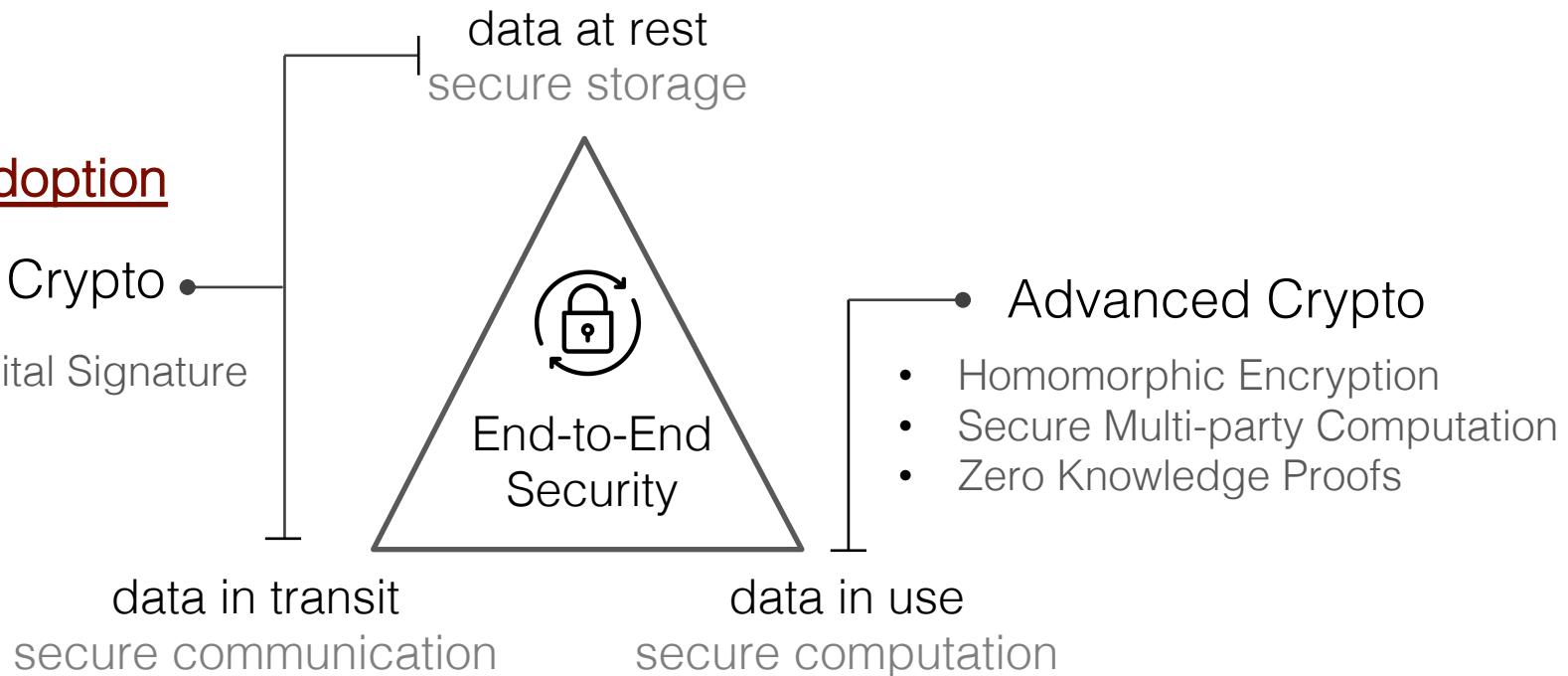


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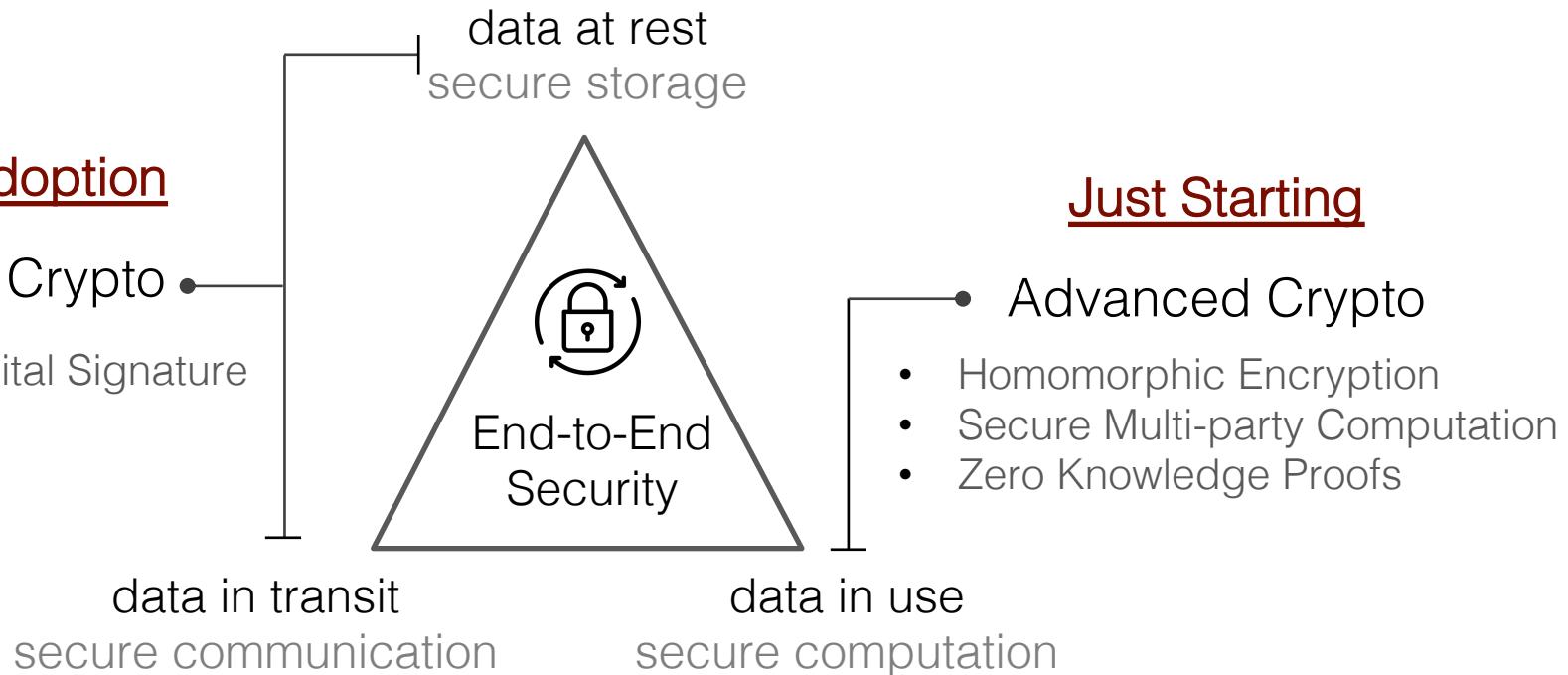


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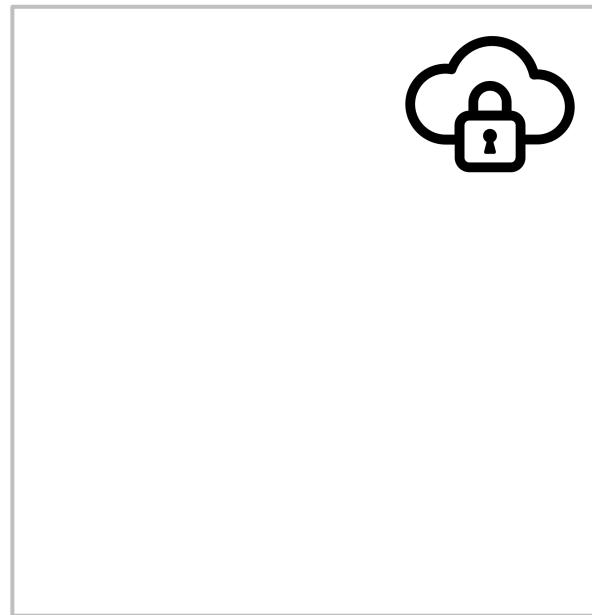
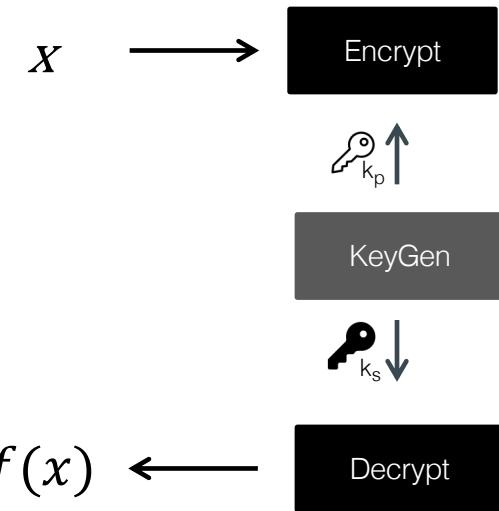
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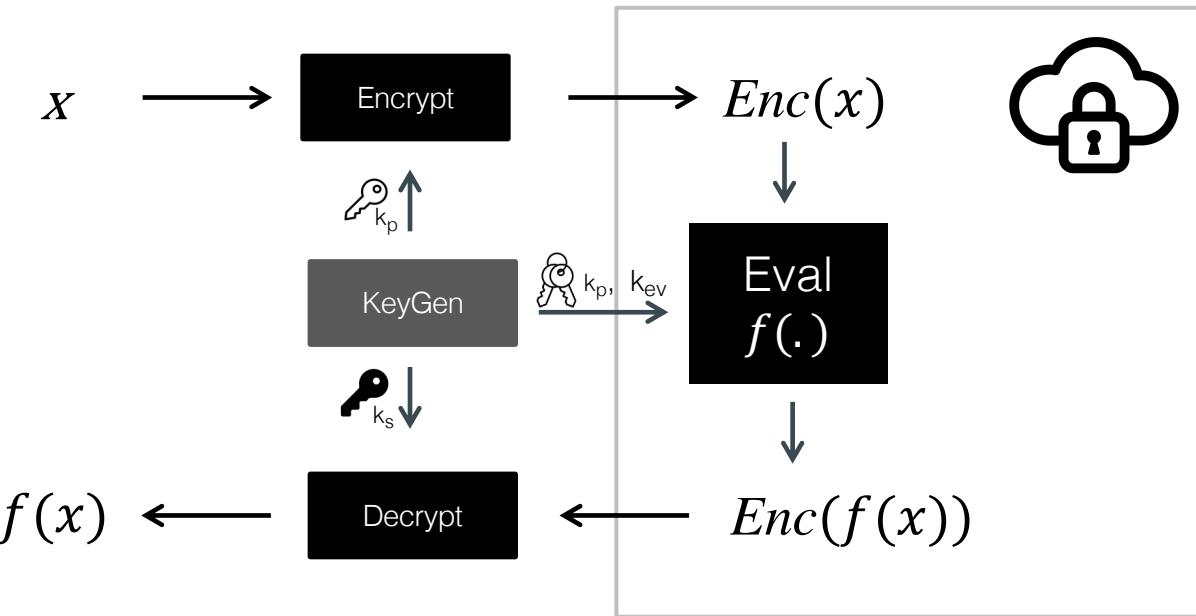
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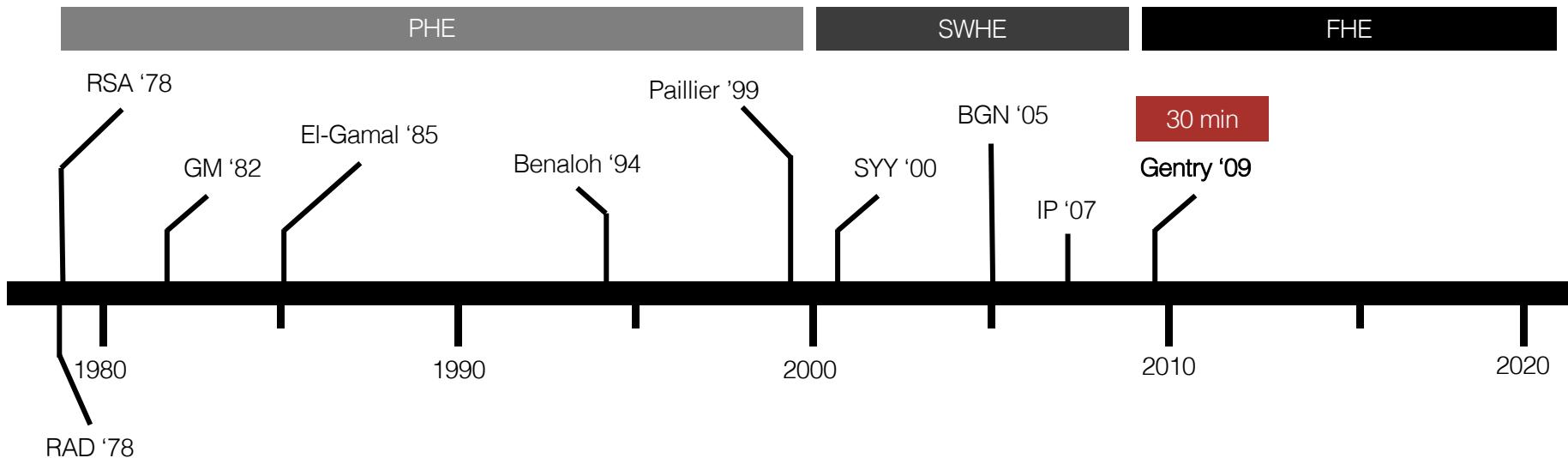
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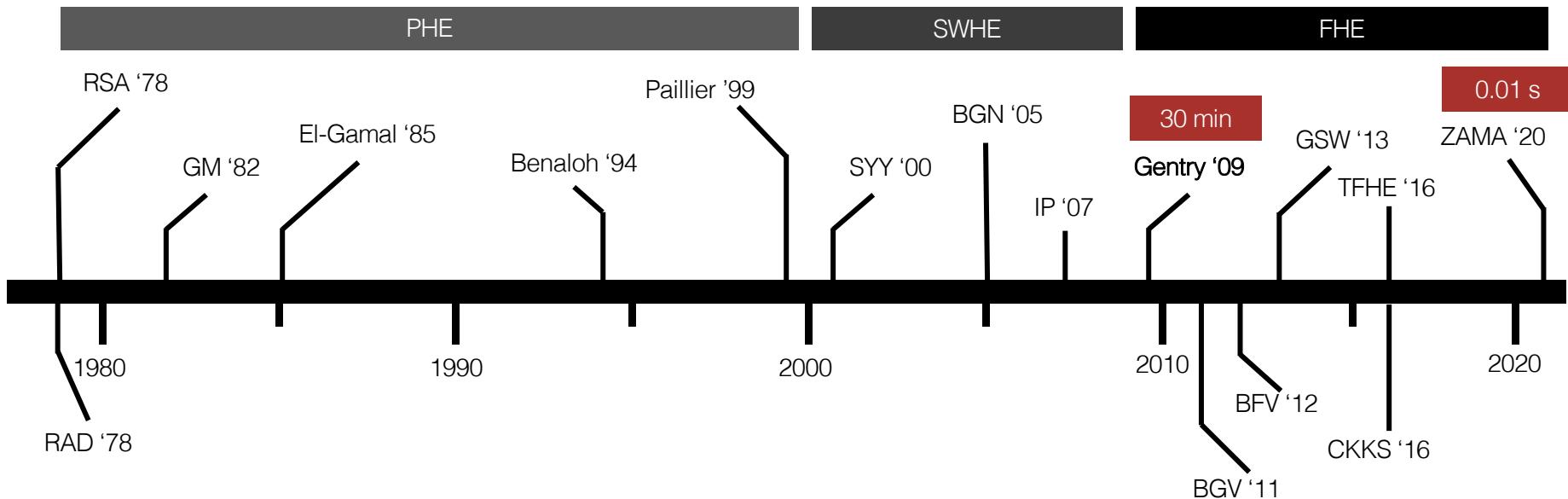


Delegate the **processing** of data without giving away **access** to it

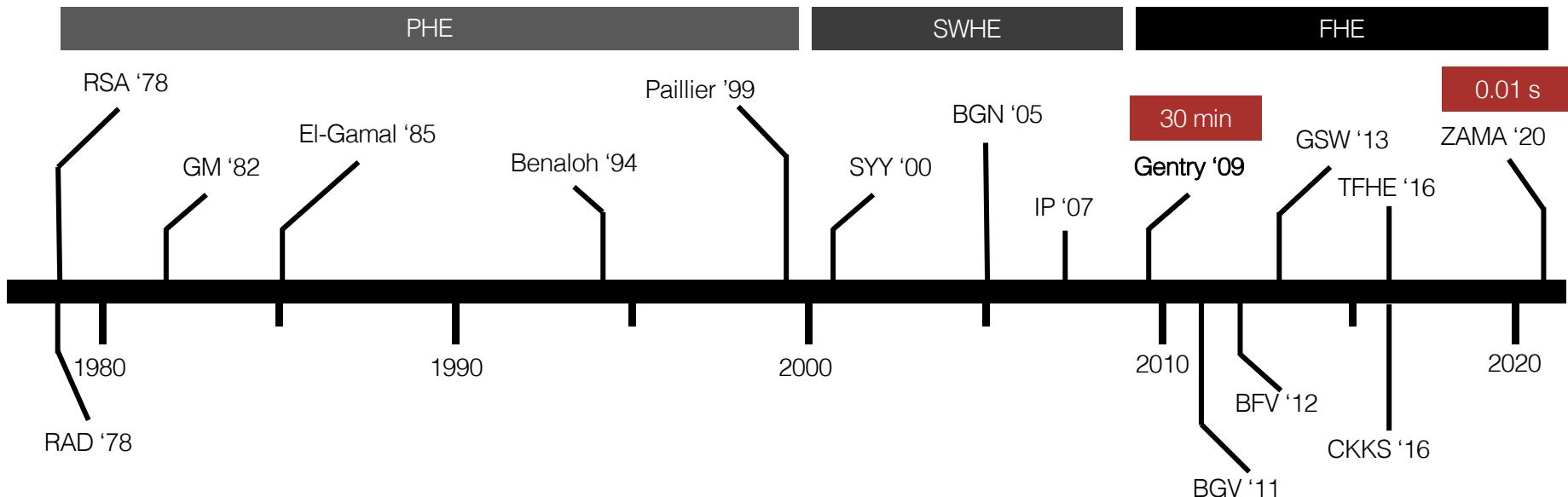
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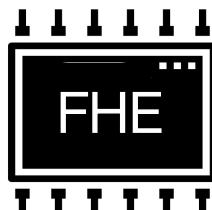
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FHE Hardware  
Accelerators



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Performance gap of  
modern applications

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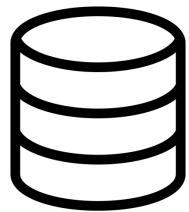
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Facilitate FHE use in real  
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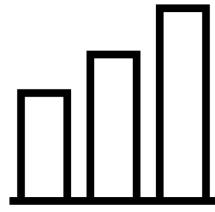


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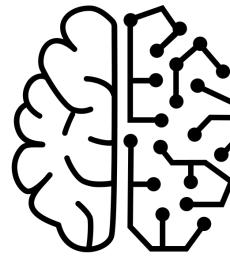


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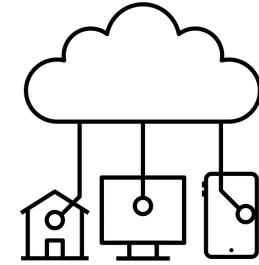


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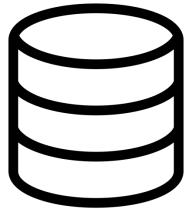
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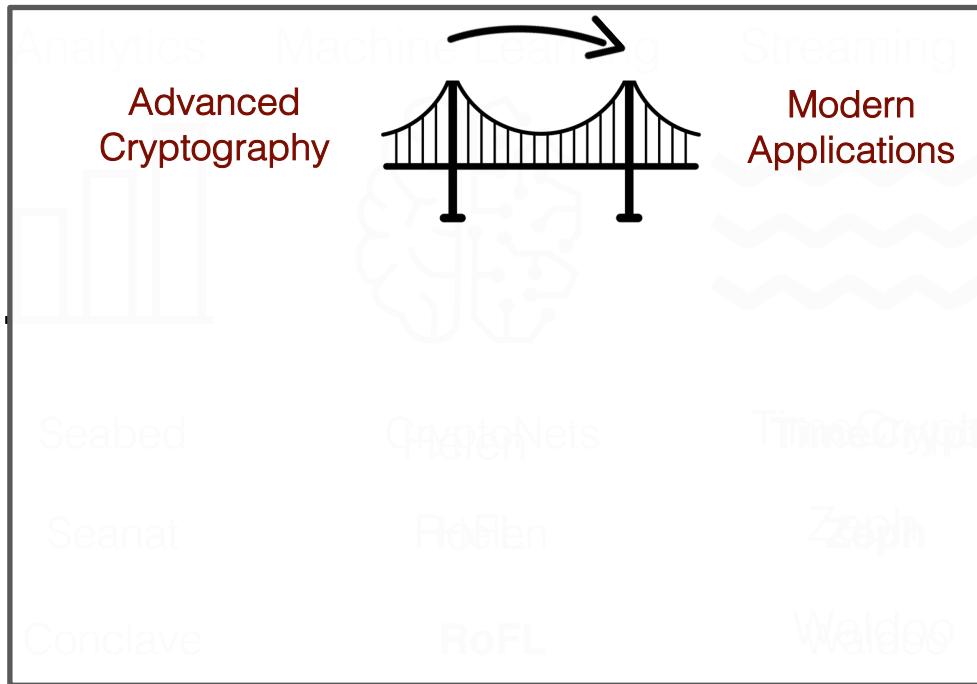
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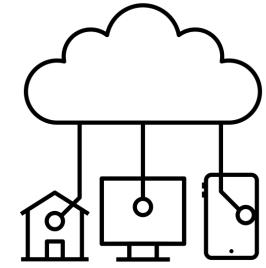
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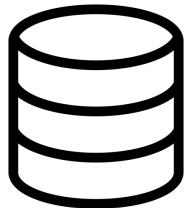
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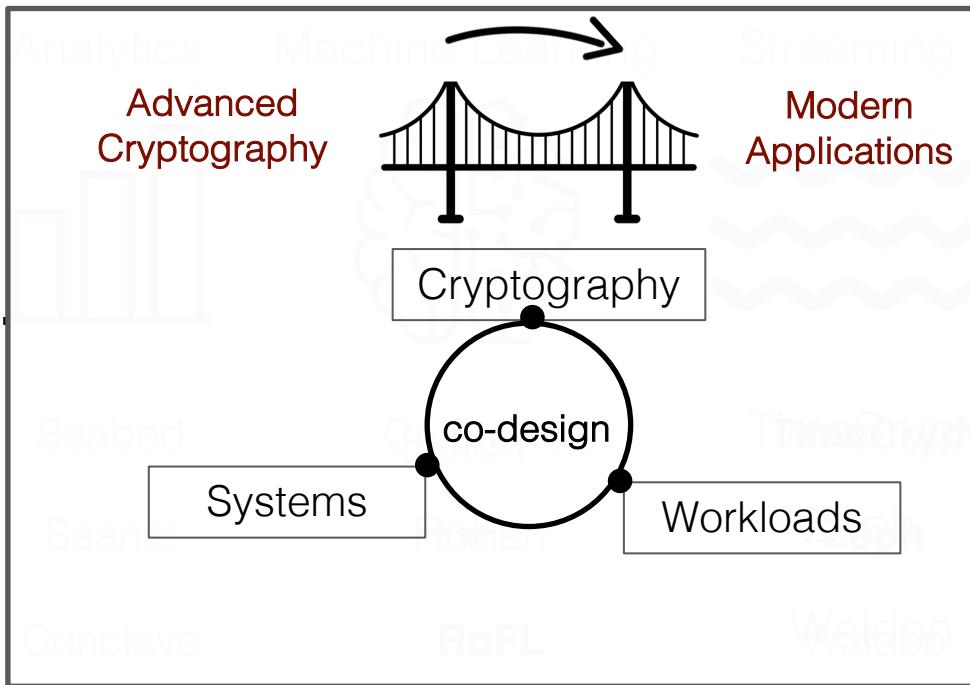
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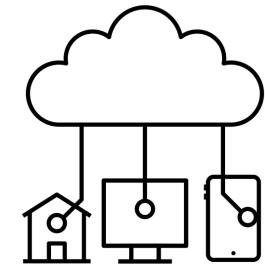
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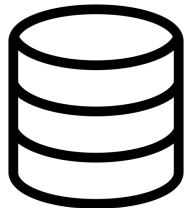
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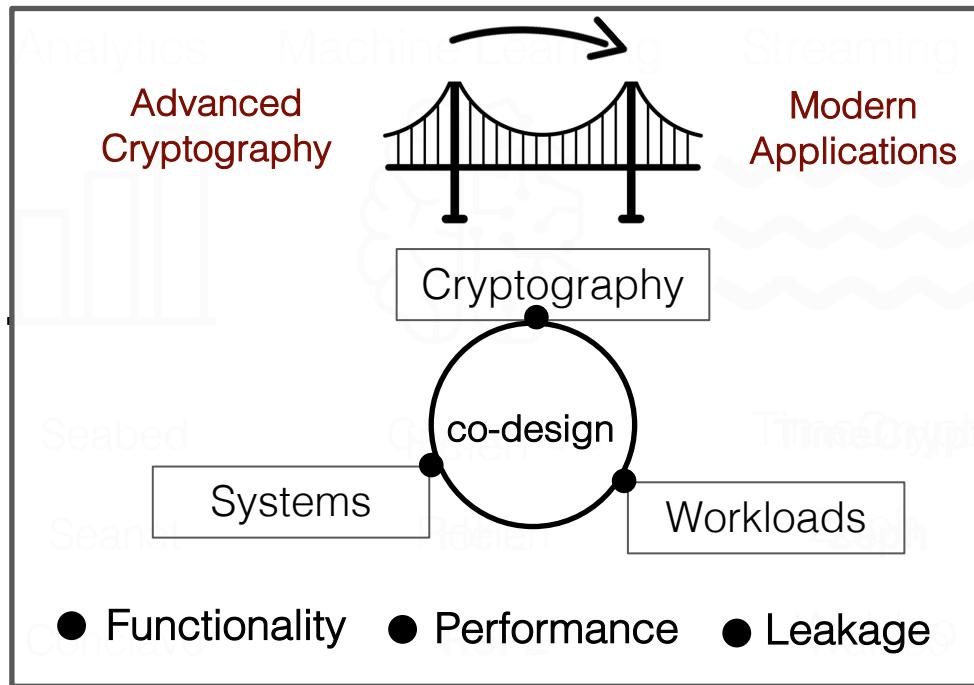
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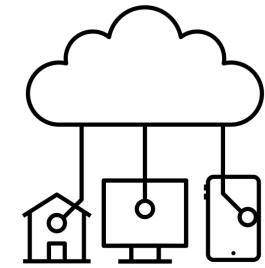
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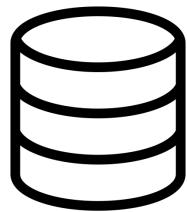
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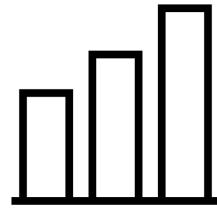
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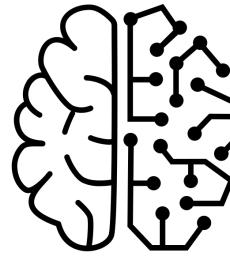
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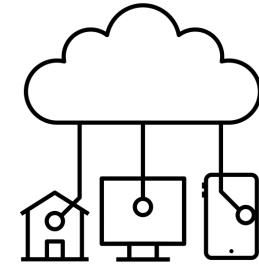
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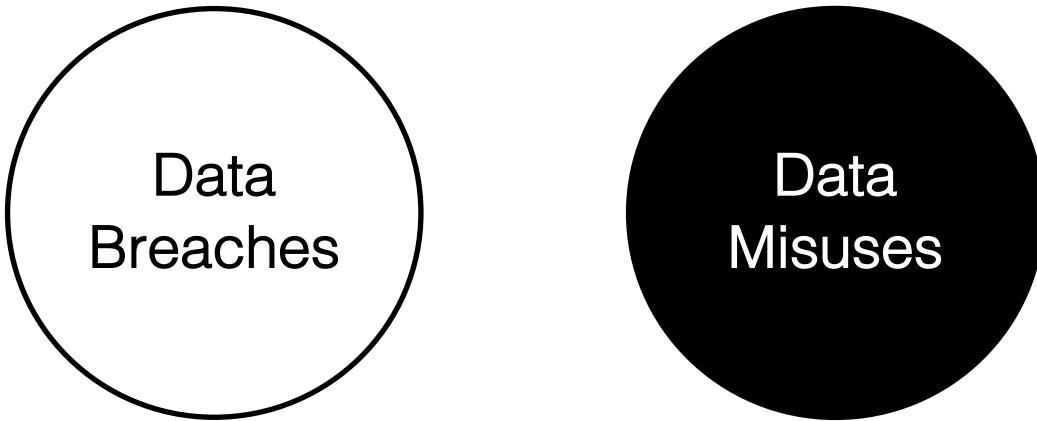
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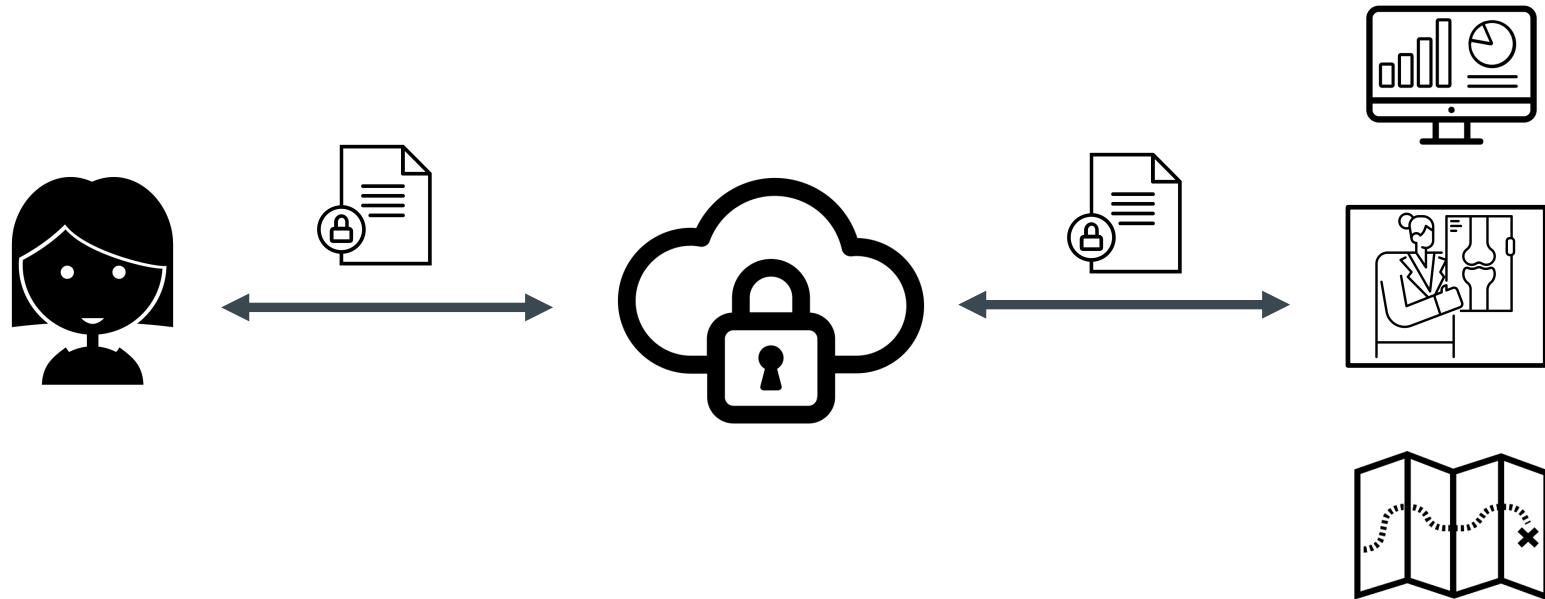
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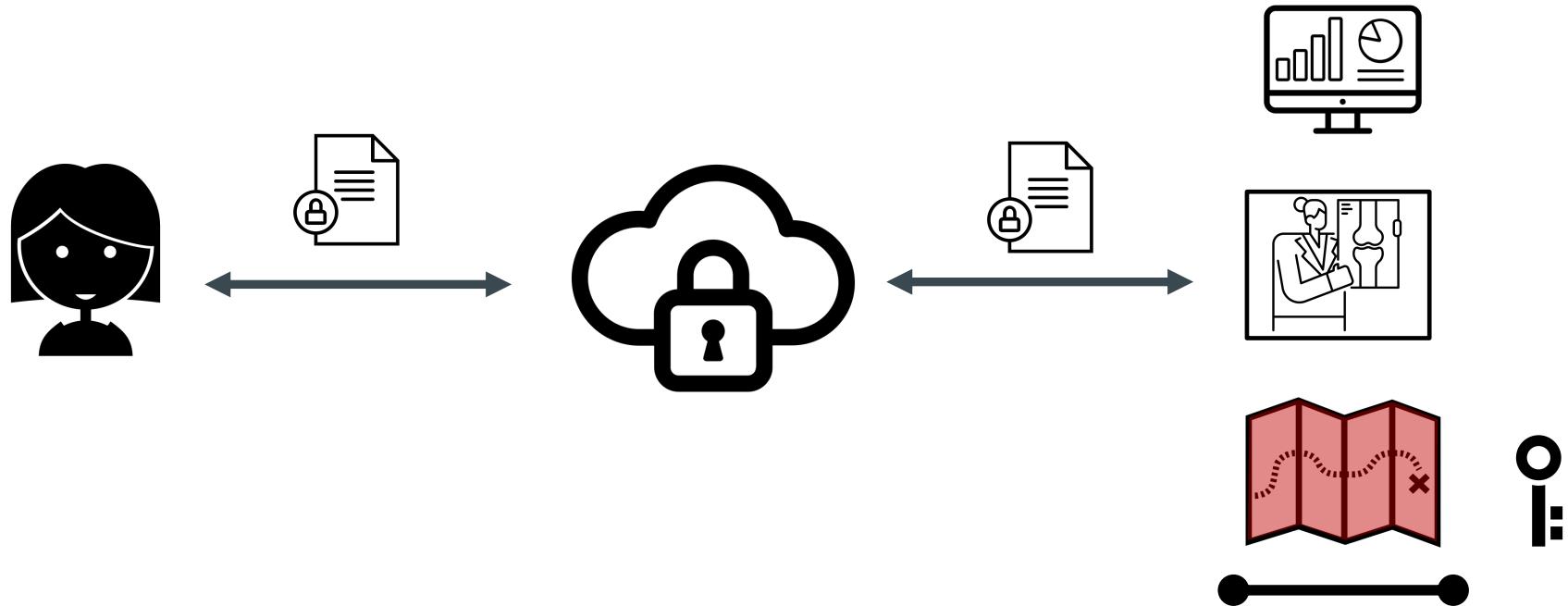
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Privacy protection means more than securing the data ...

# Data Misuse

use of data for purposes that  
the user did not agree to

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Fundamental issue: **unrestricted** views of the data



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Data Minimization

Purpose Limitation



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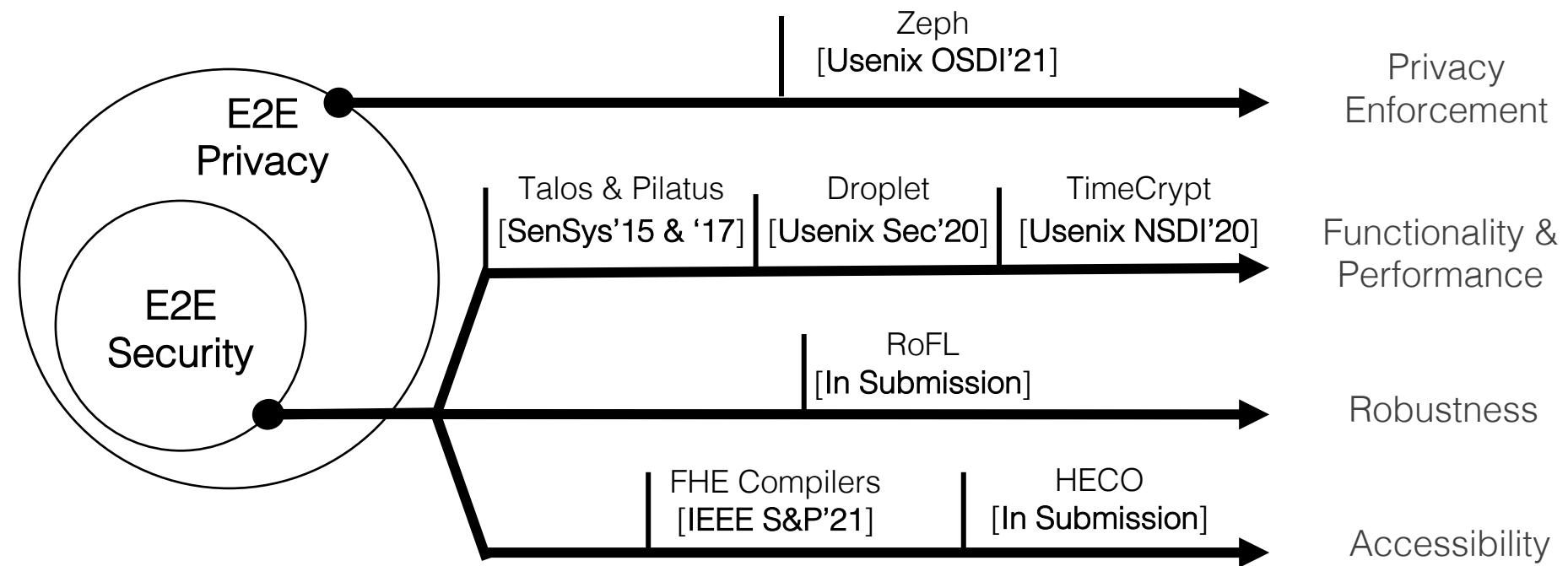
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strong privacy guarantees  
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My Research: Building practical systems that use cryptography to empower users and preserve their privacy & tools to democratize cryptography



# Zeph

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User-centric Model  
for Privacy

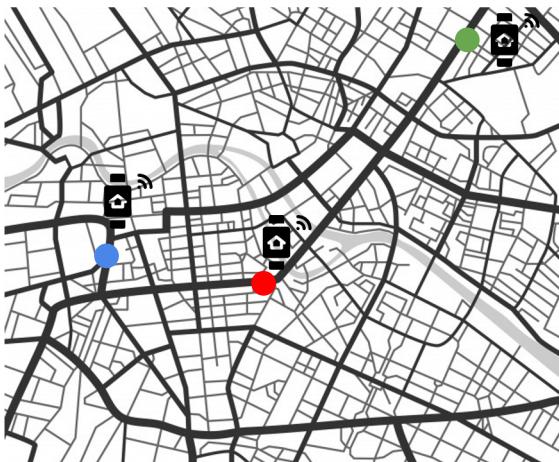


Cryptographically  
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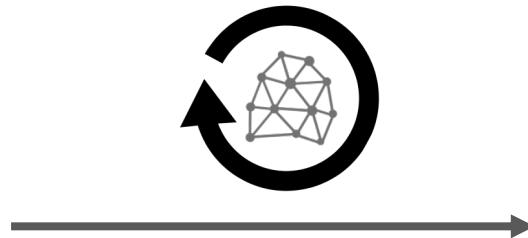


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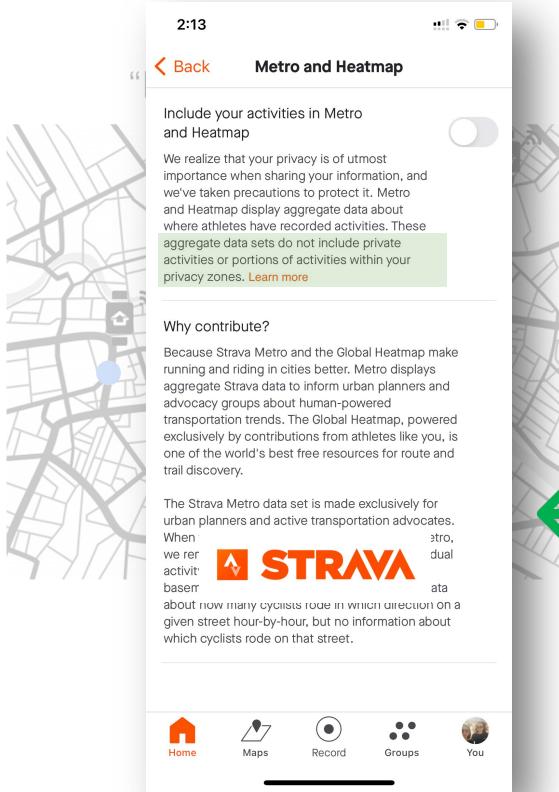
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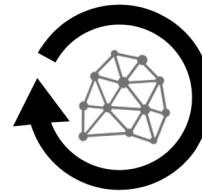


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Policy



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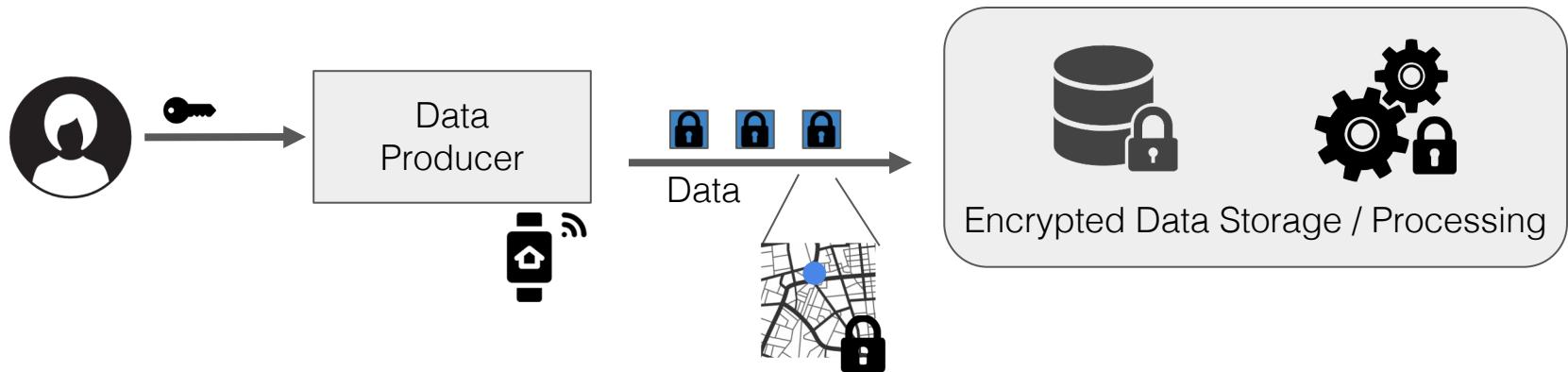


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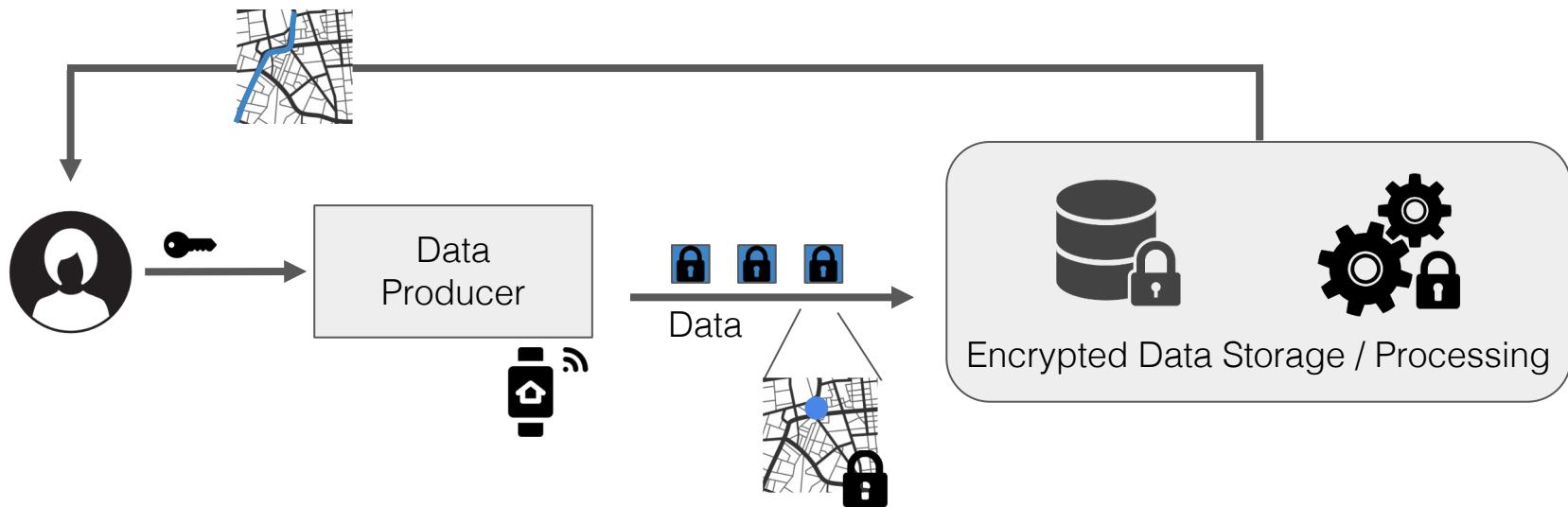


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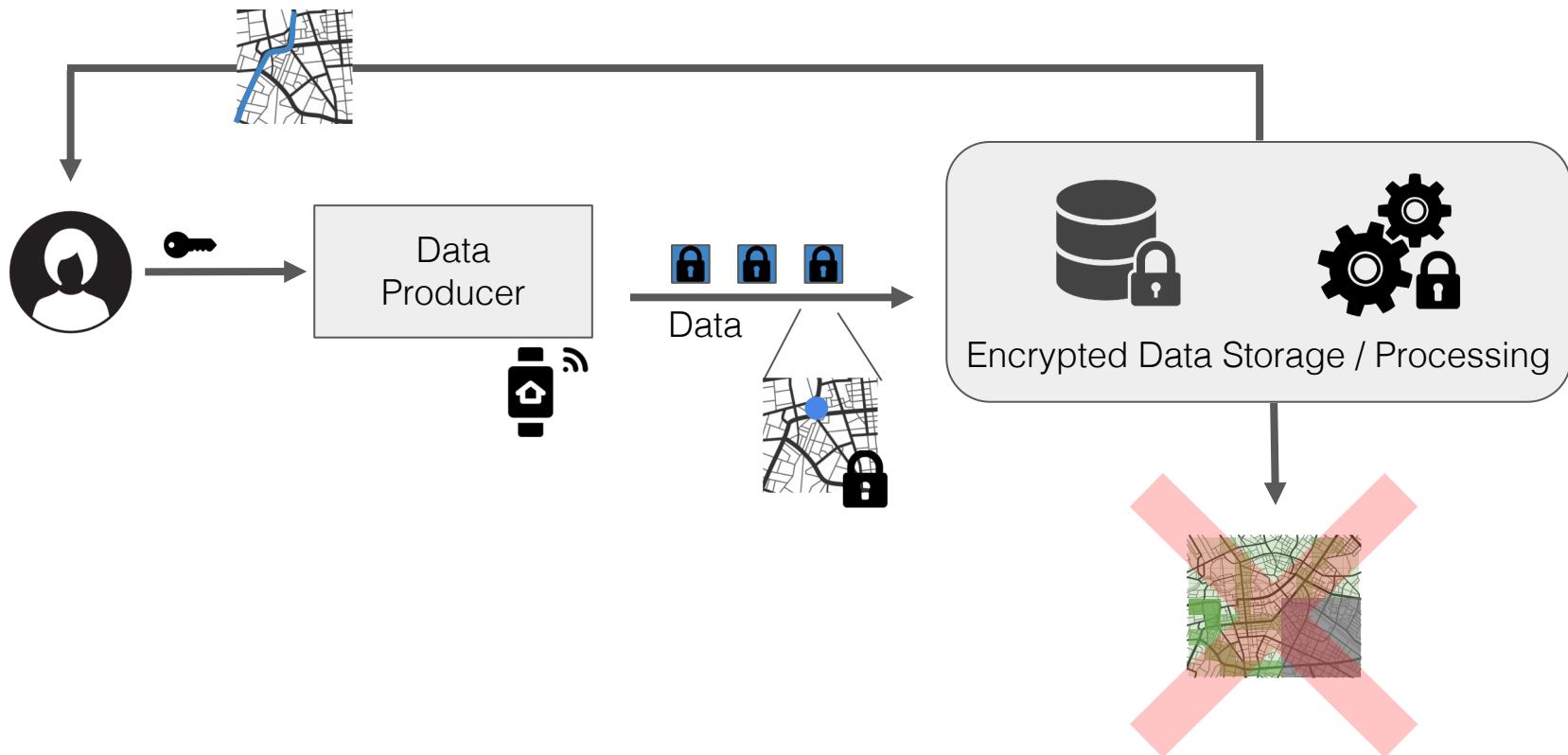
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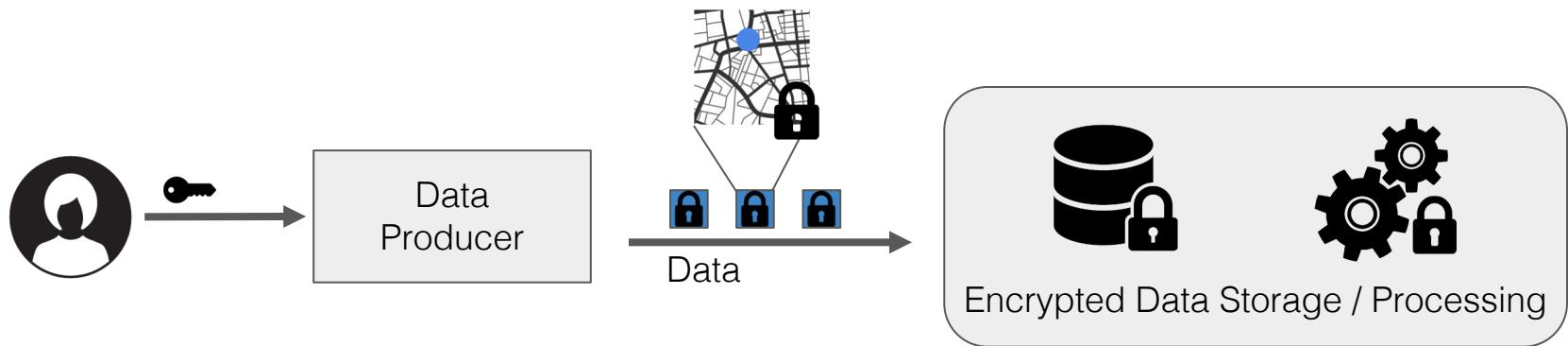
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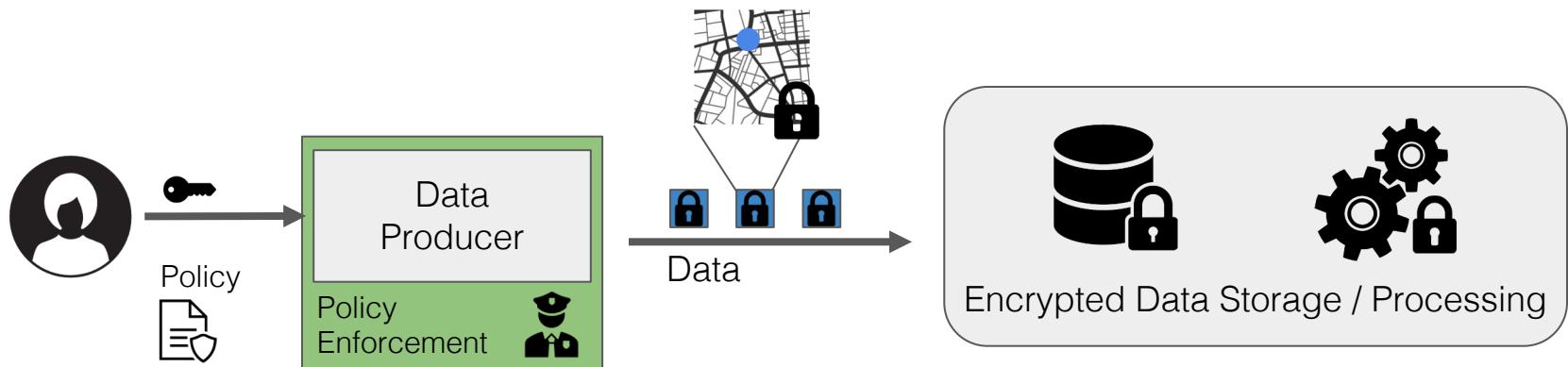
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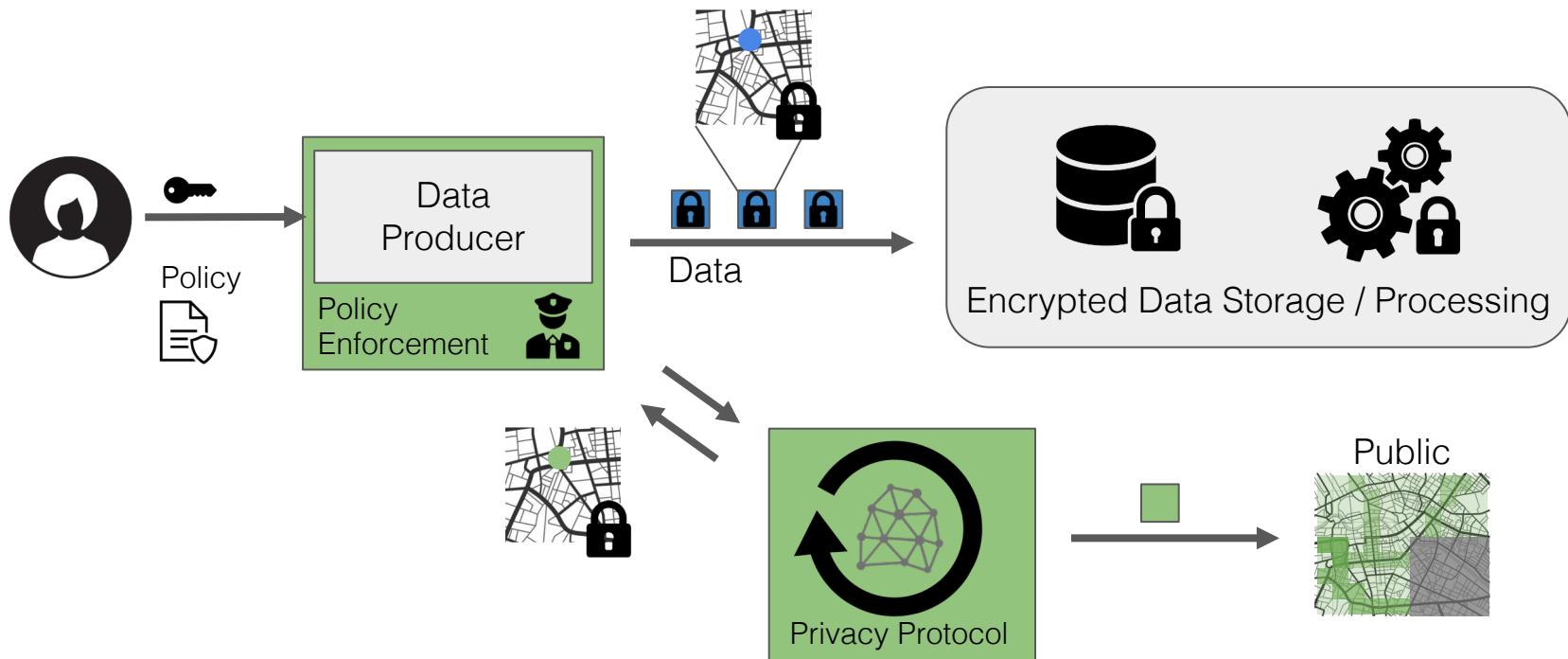
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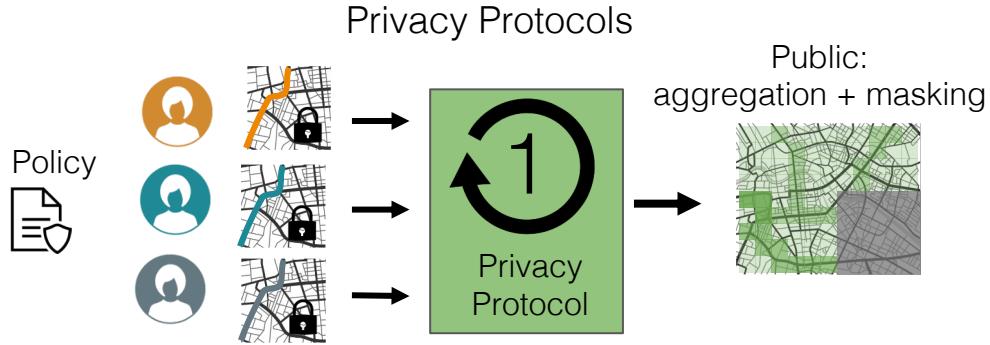
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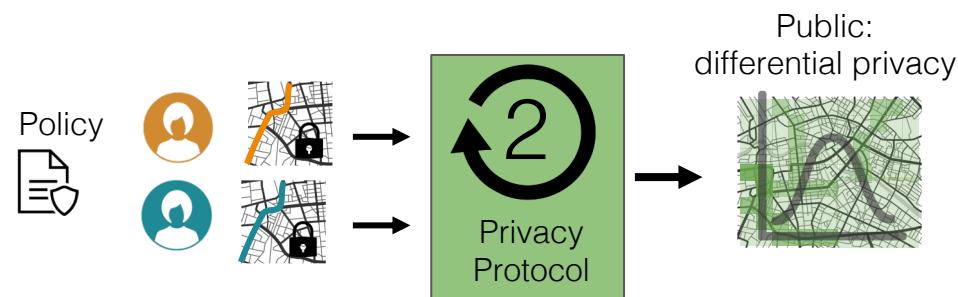
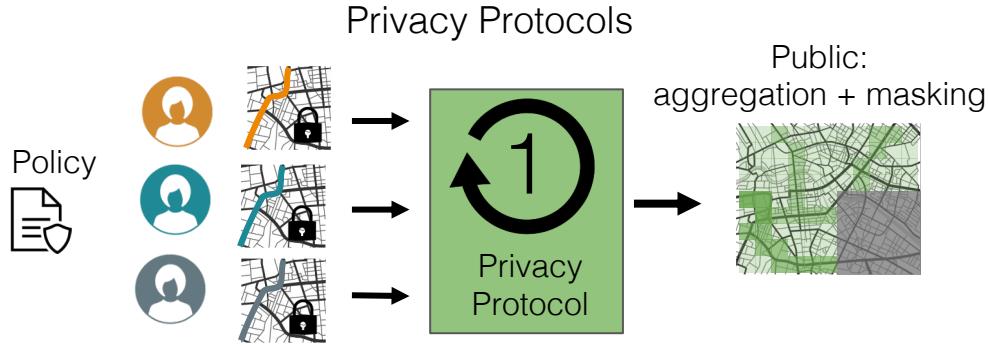
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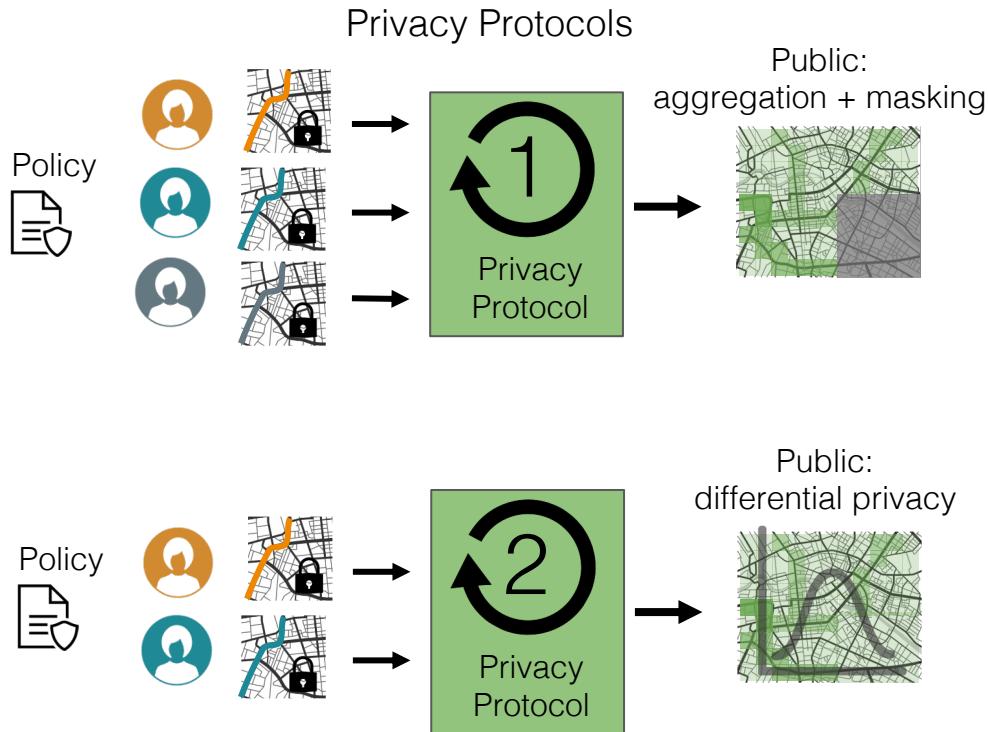
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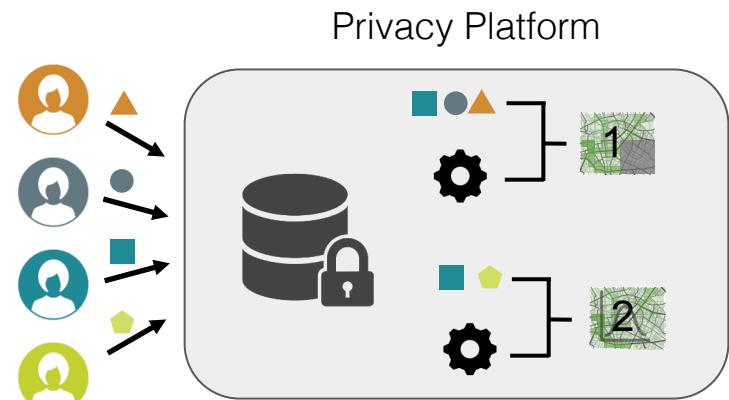
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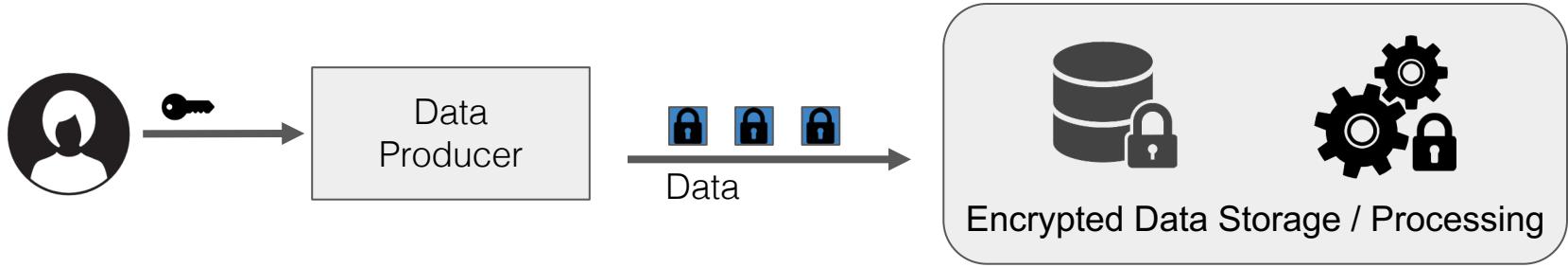


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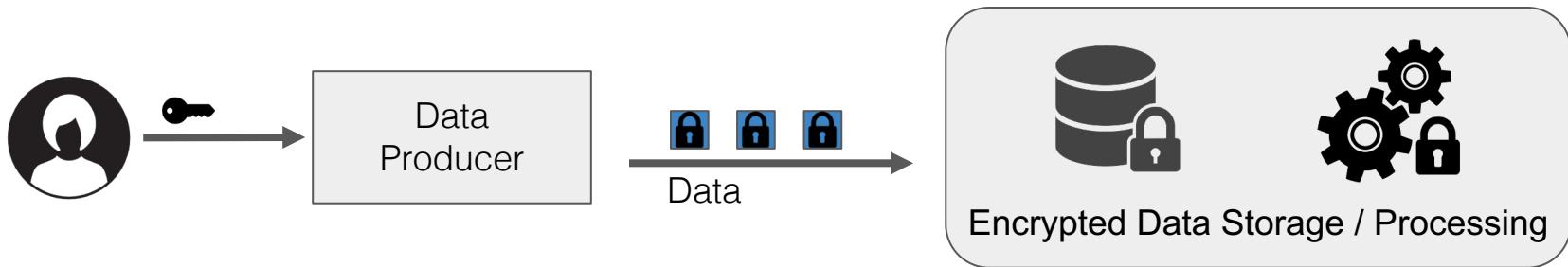


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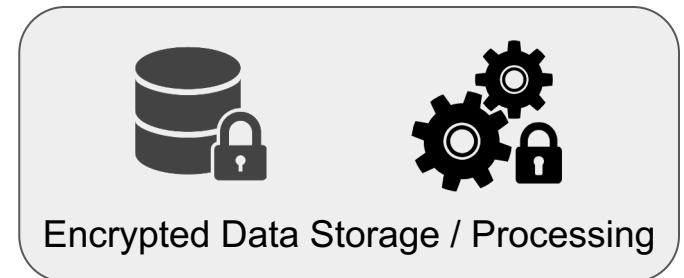
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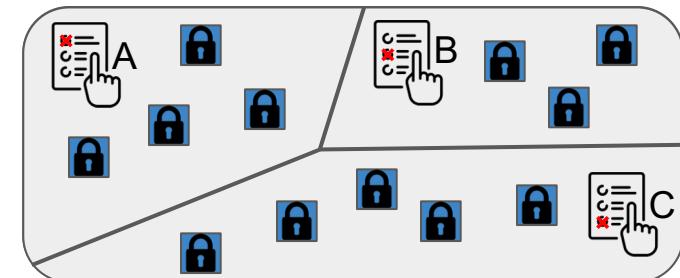
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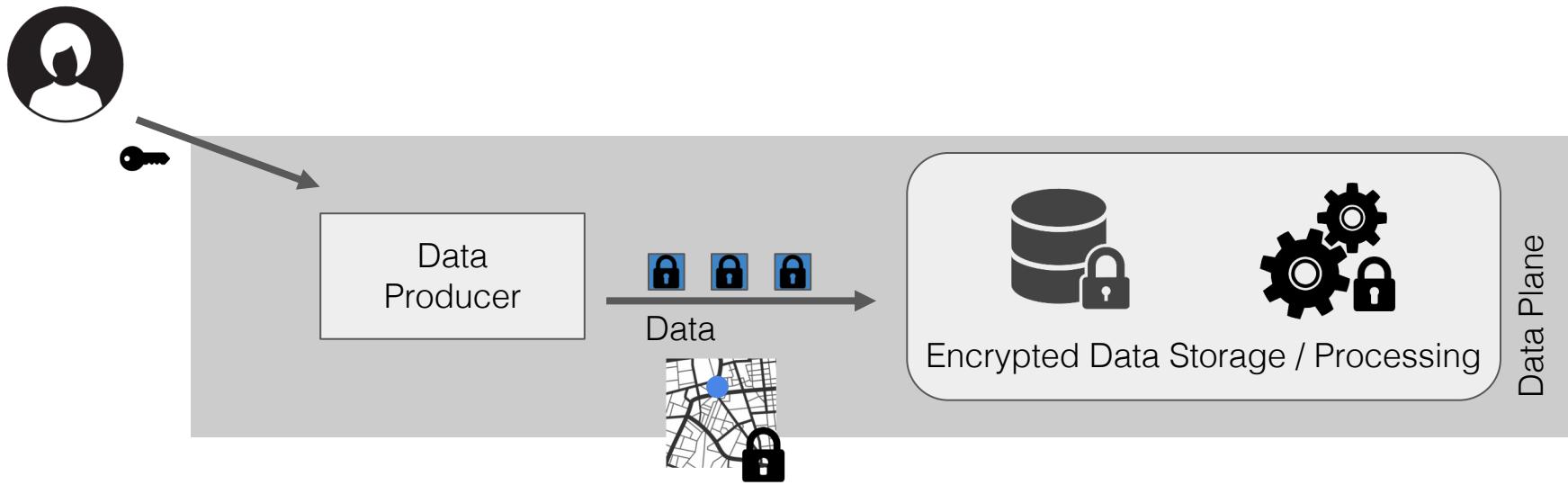


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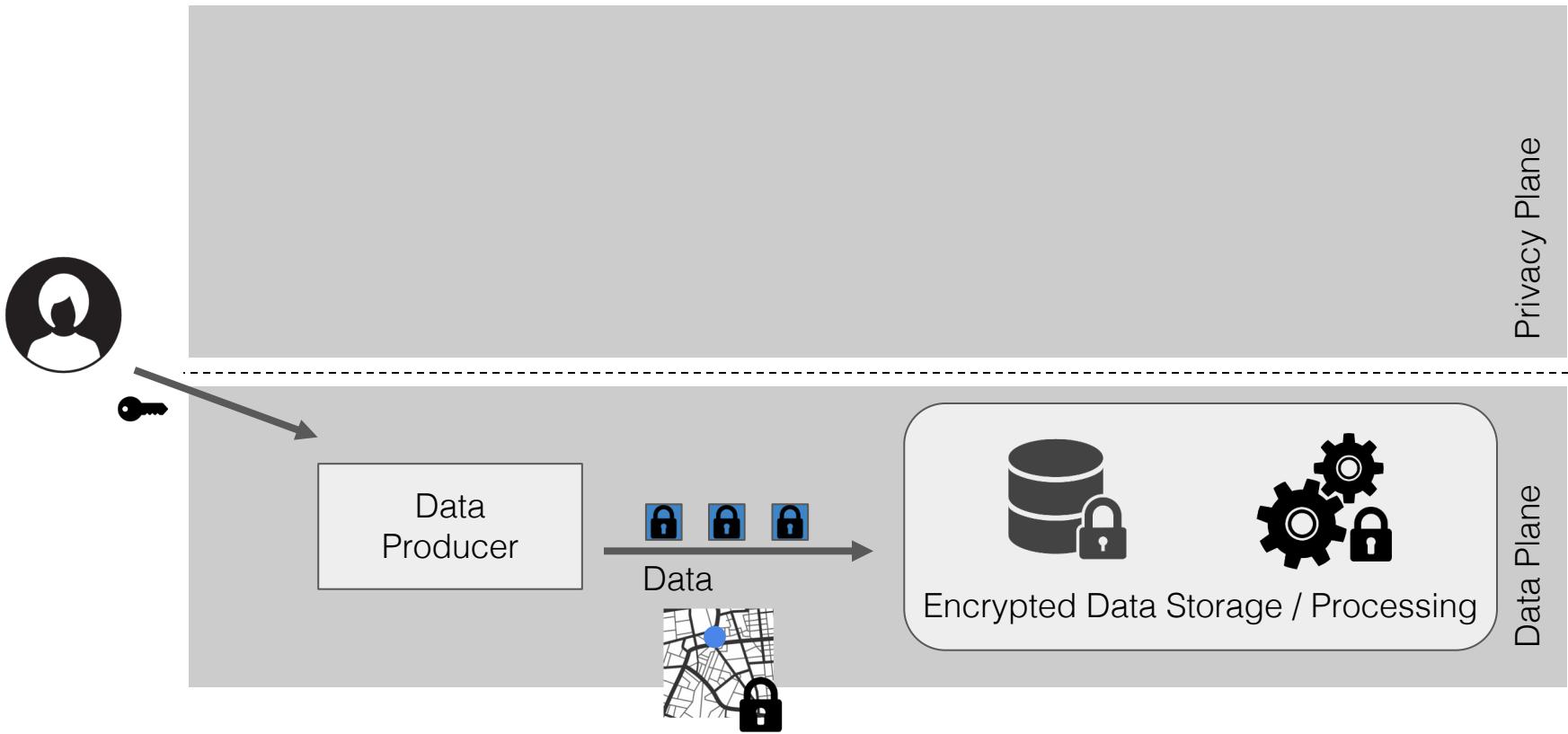


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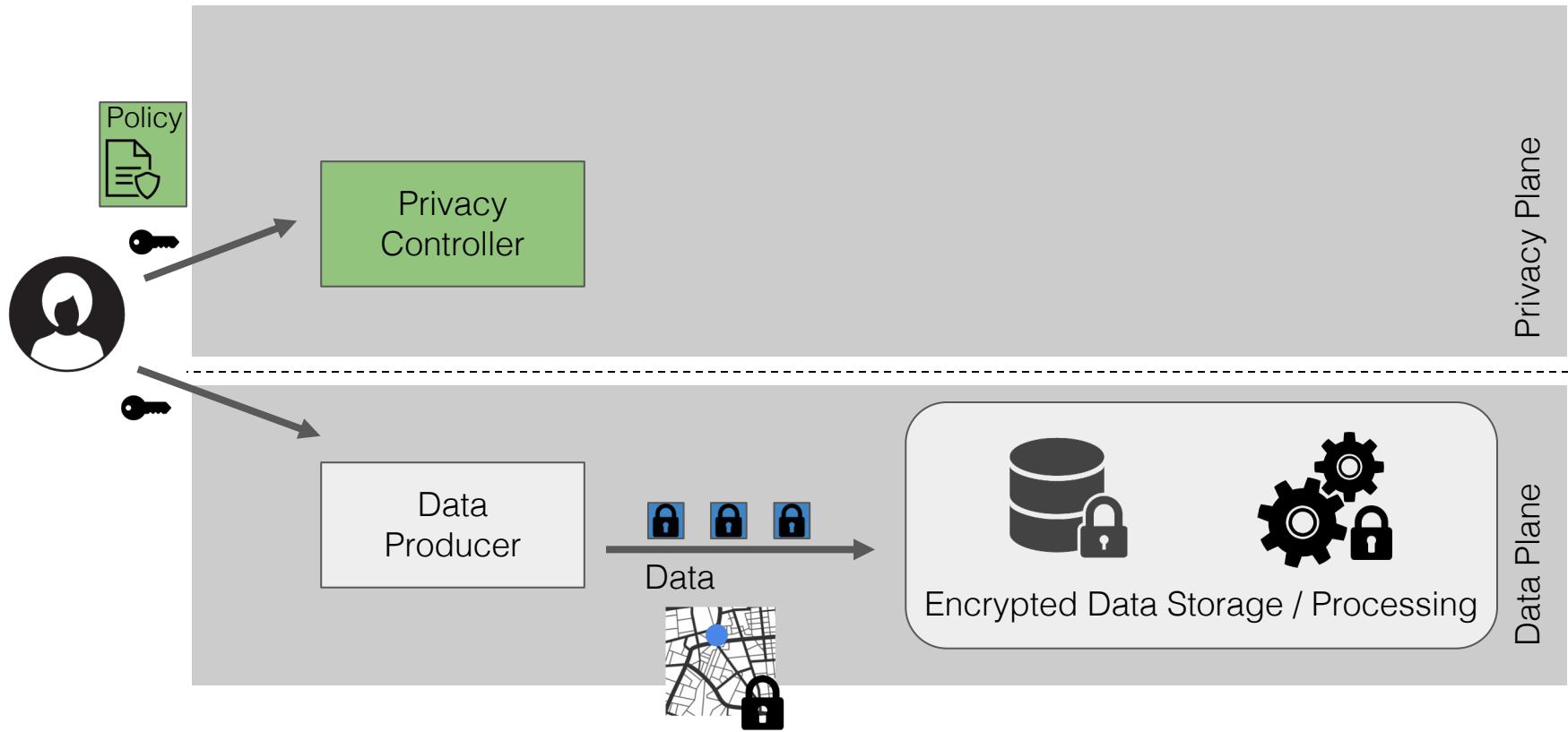
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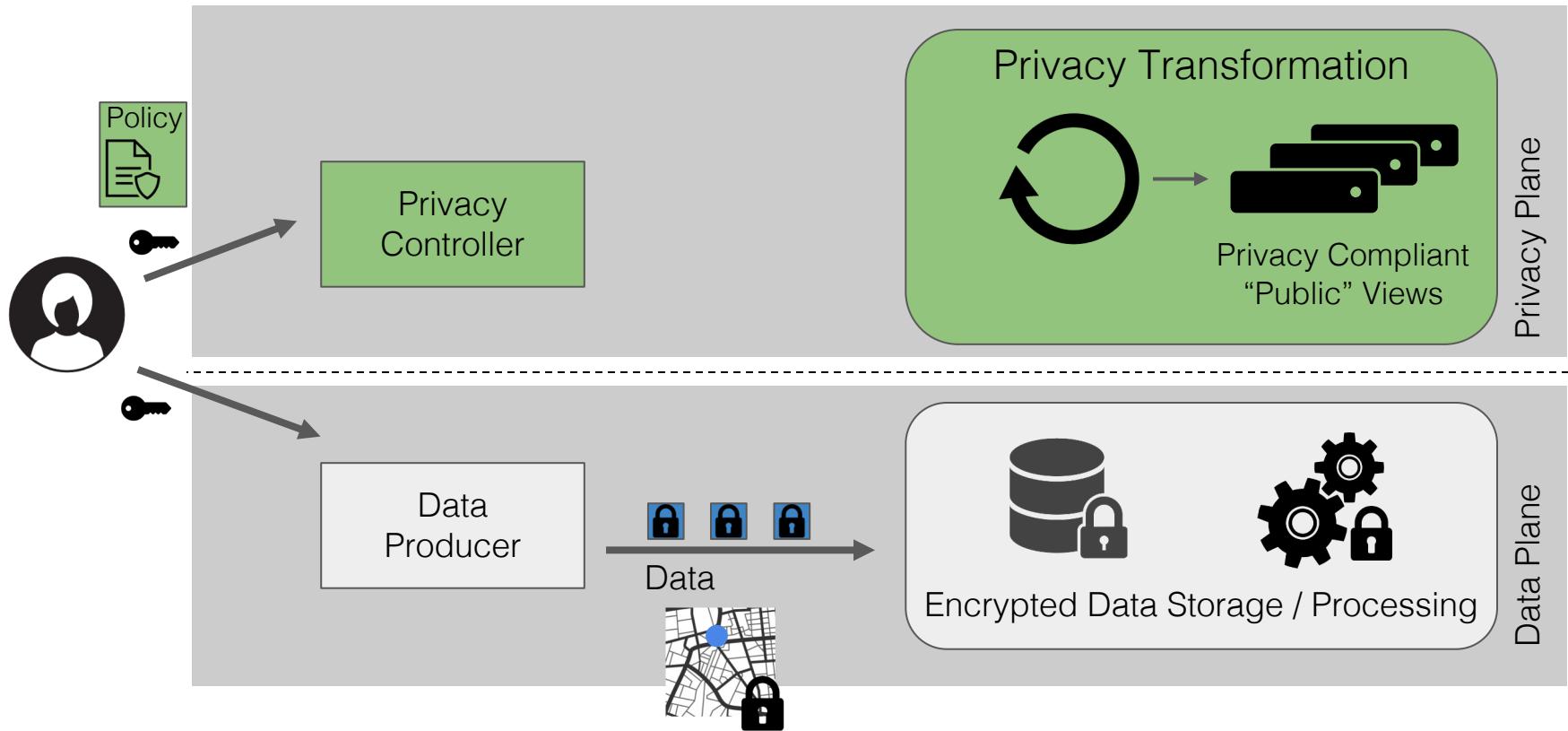
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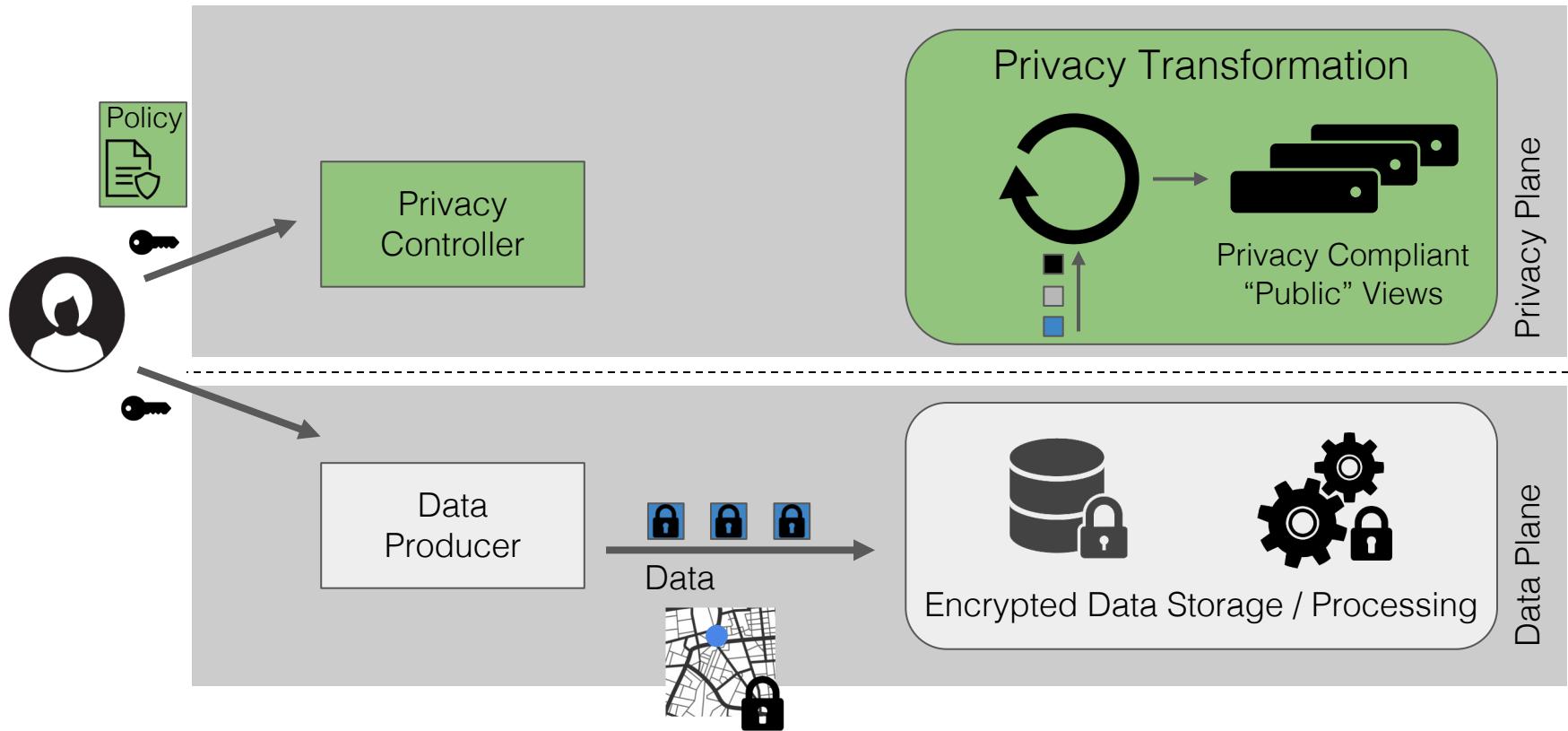
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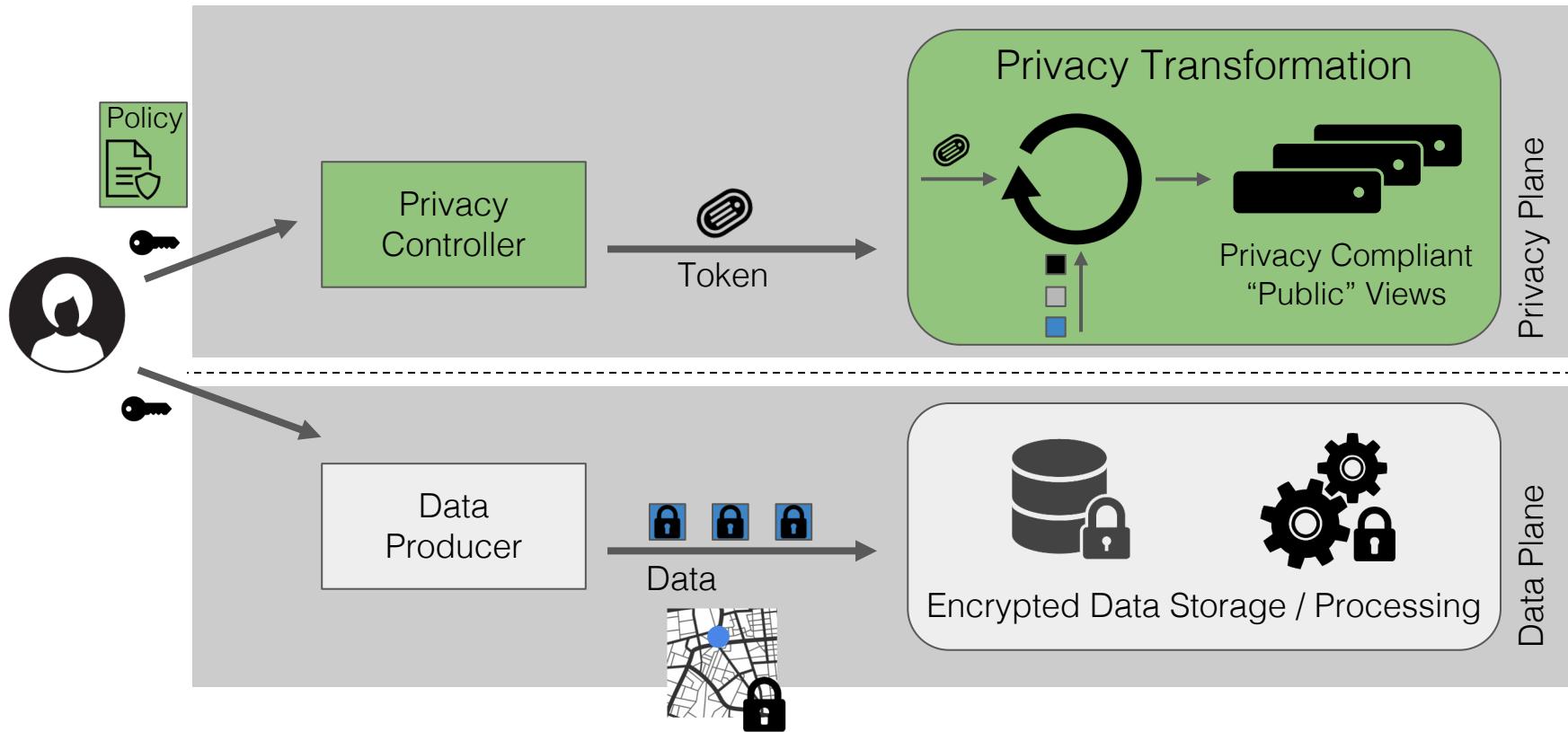
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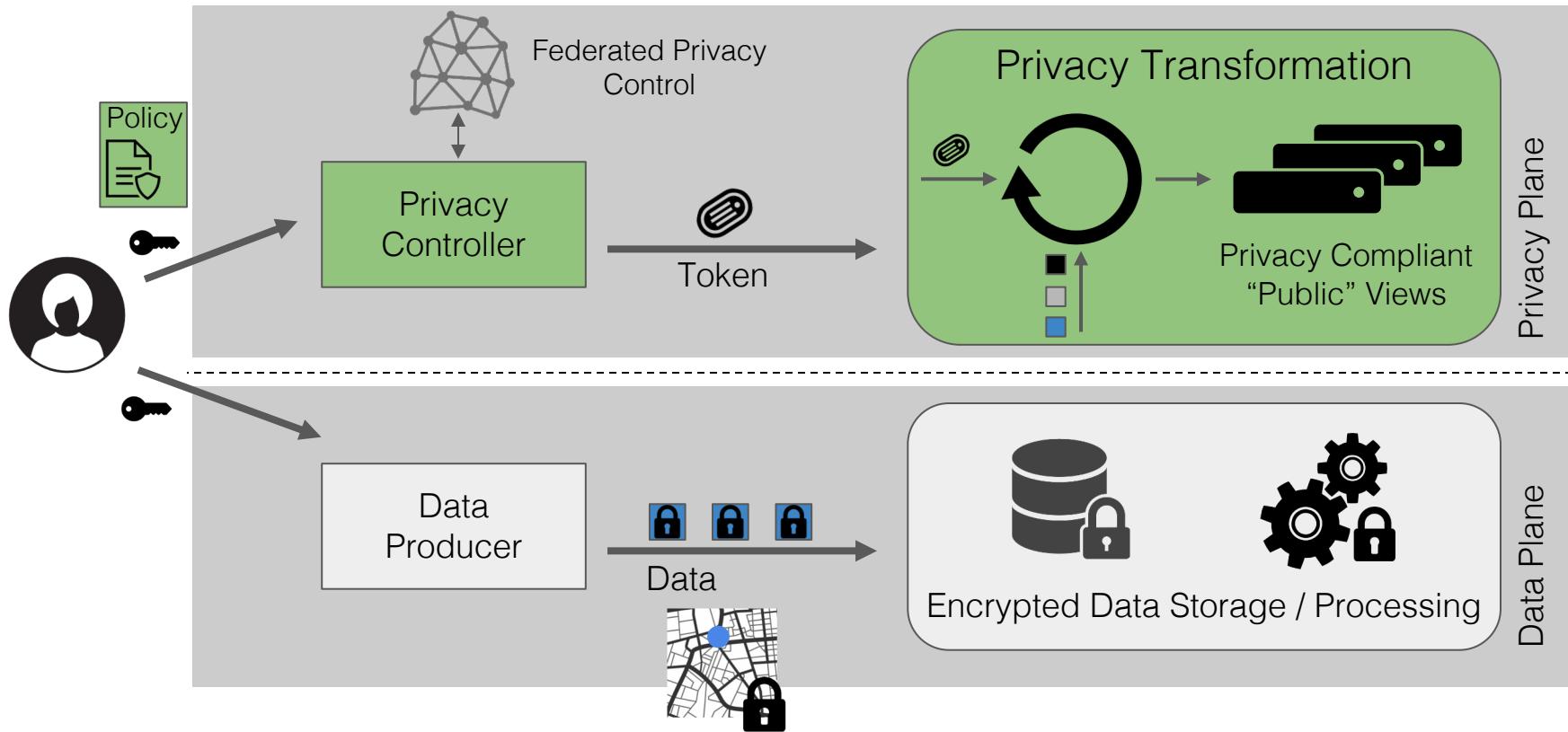
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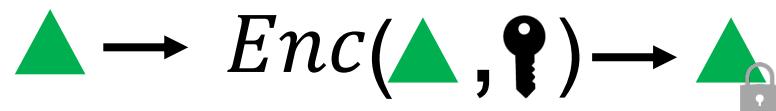
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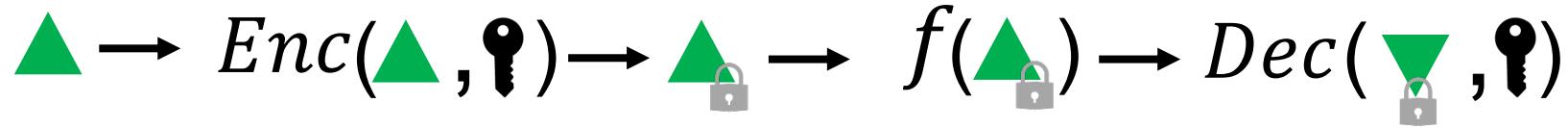
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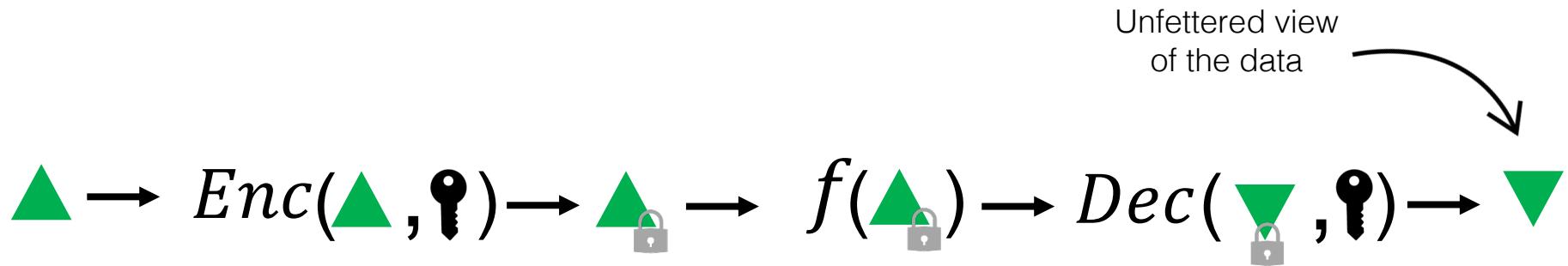
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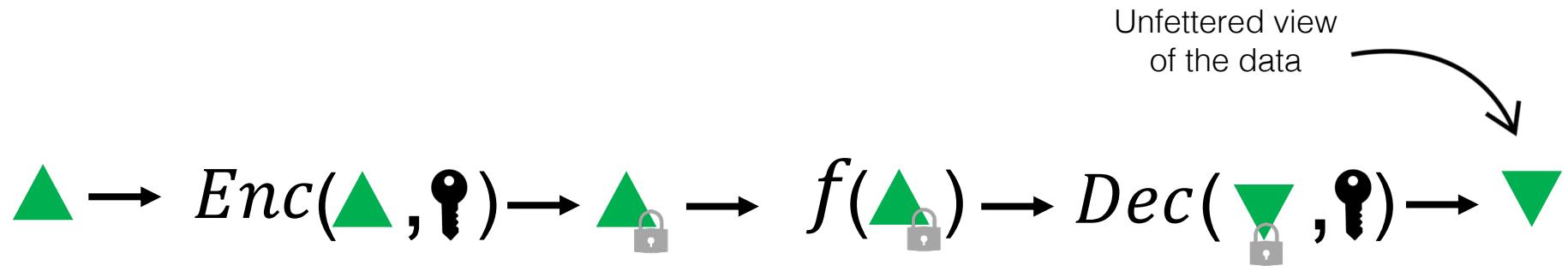
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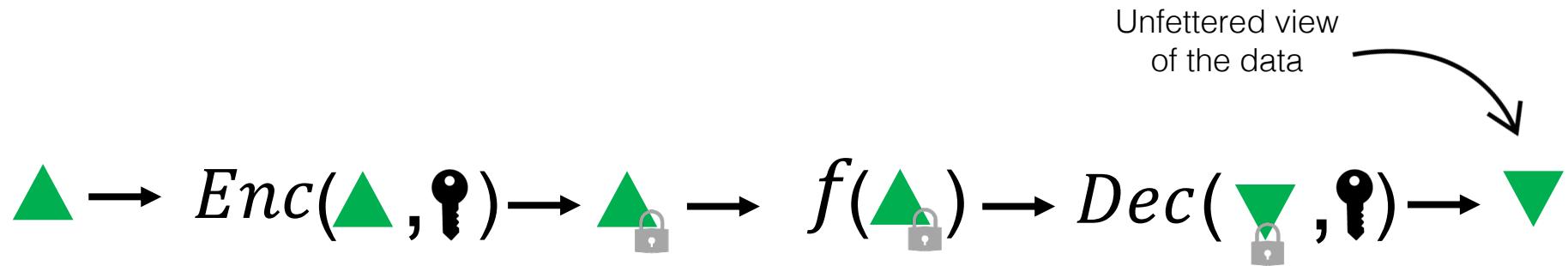


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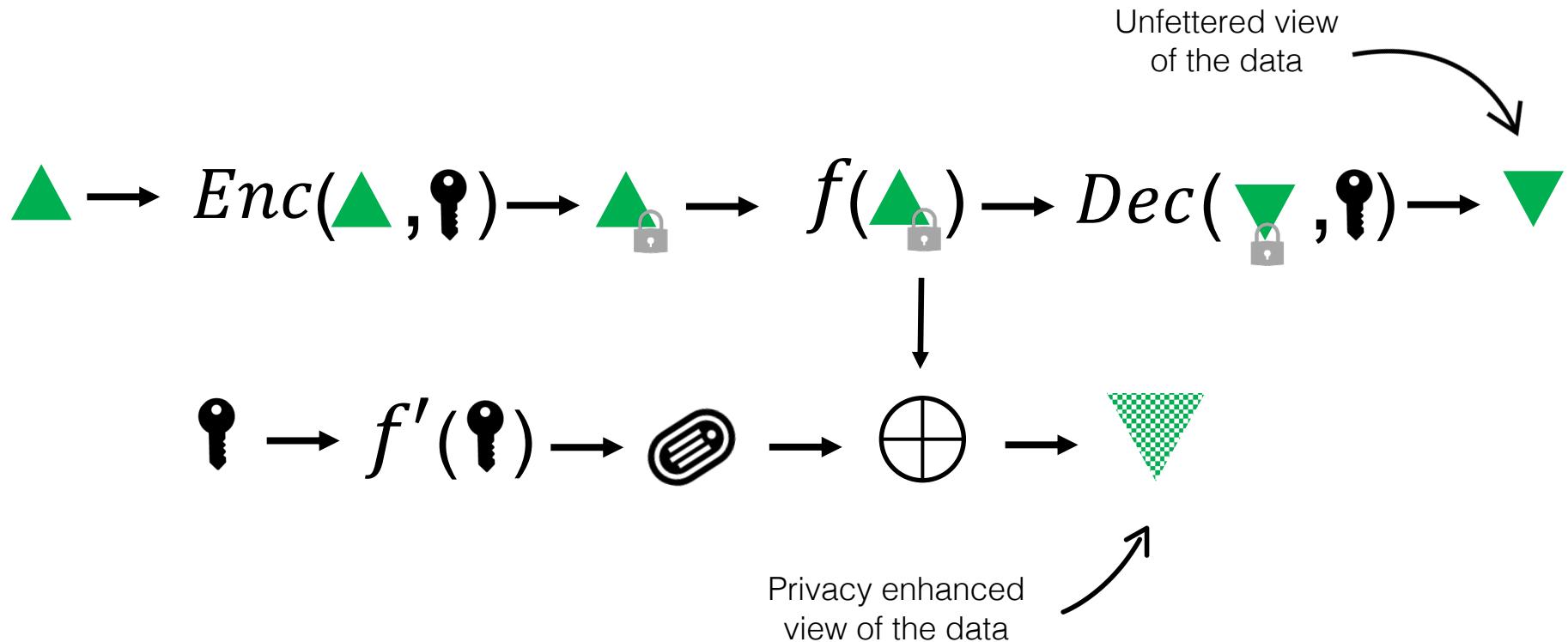


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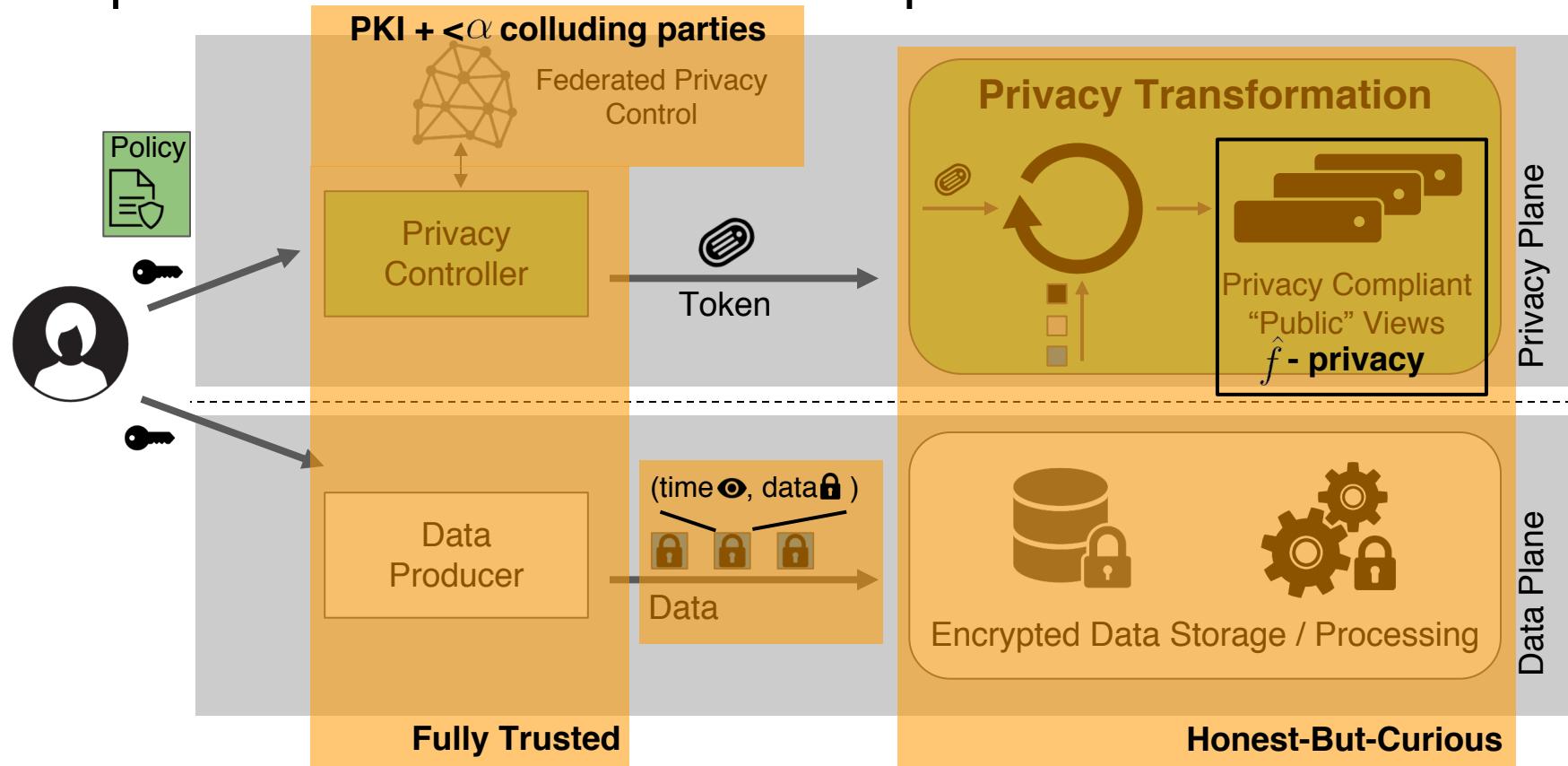
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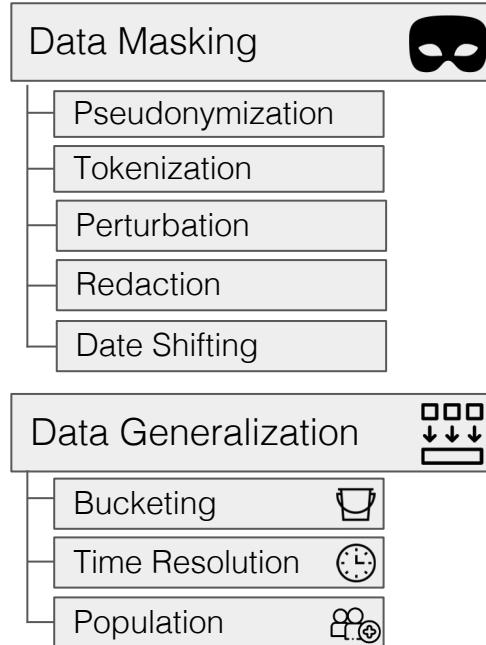
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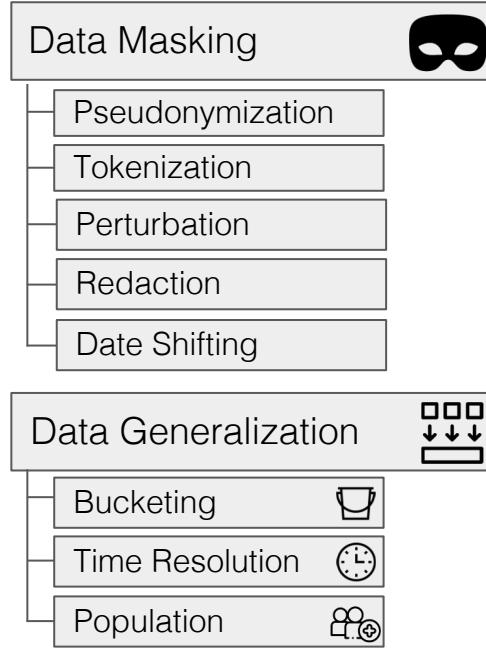
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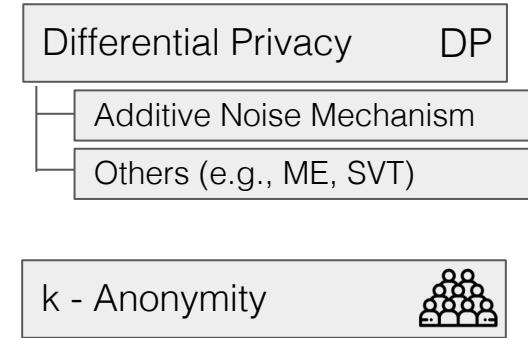
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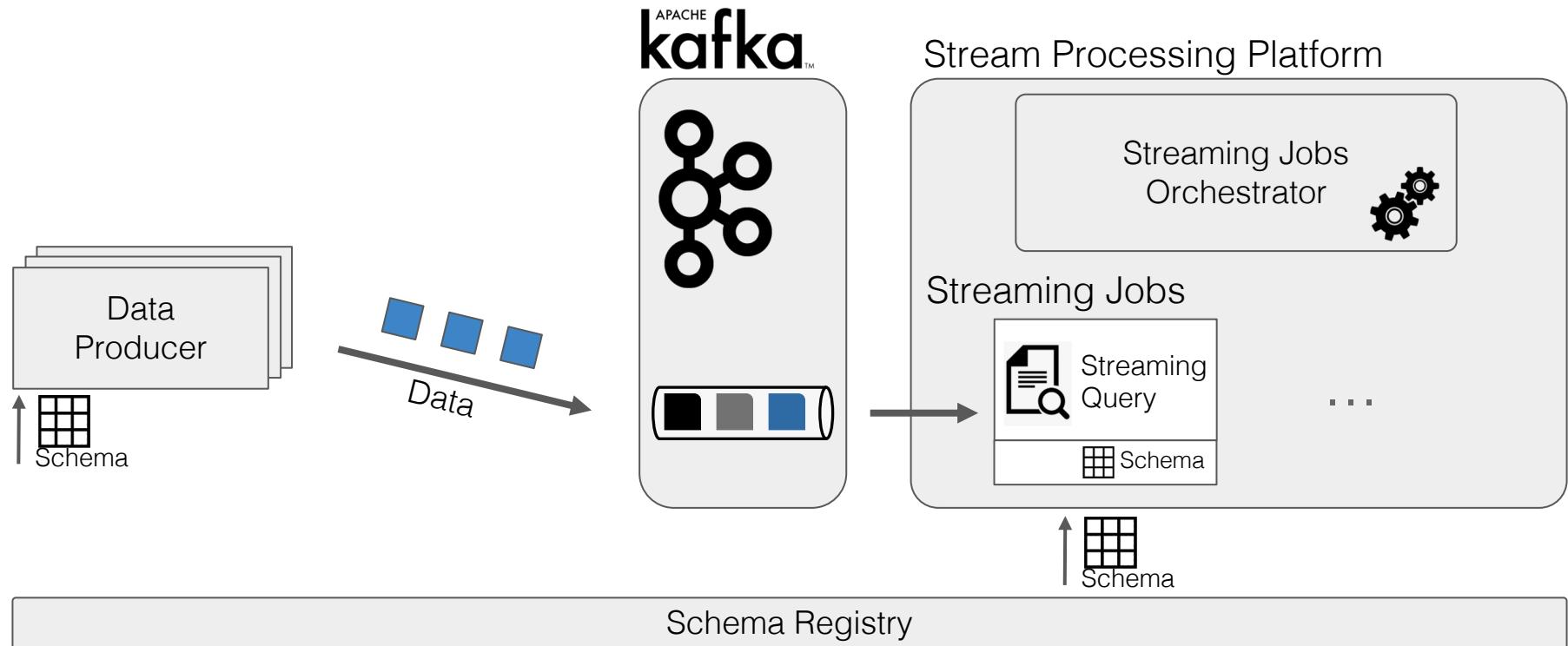
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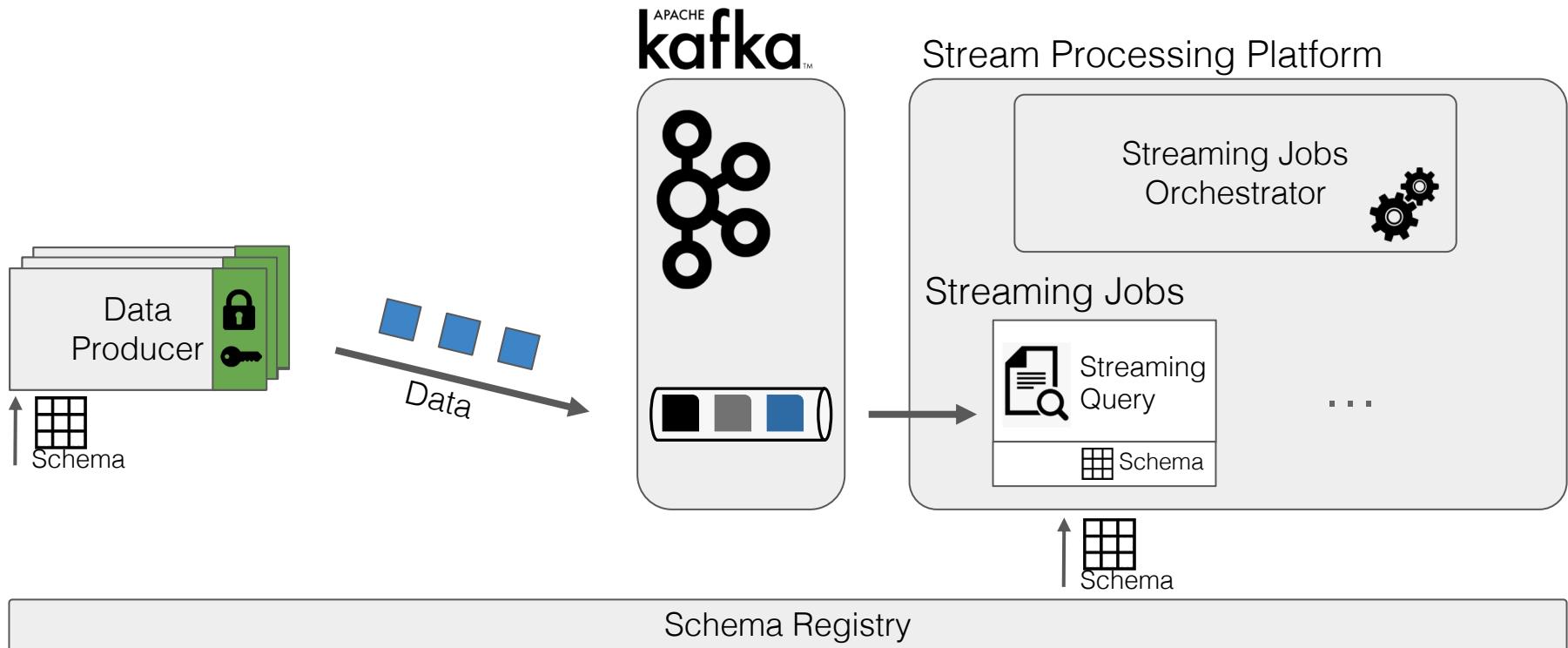
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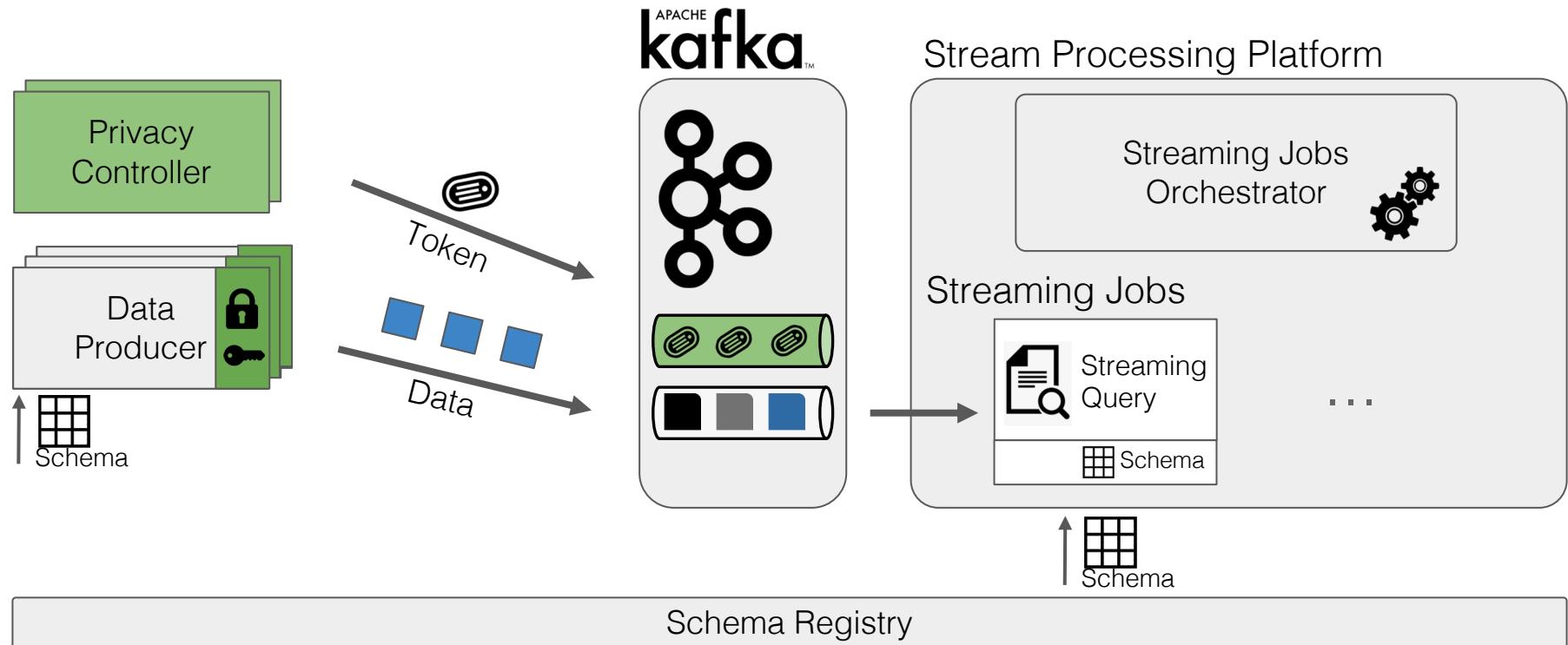
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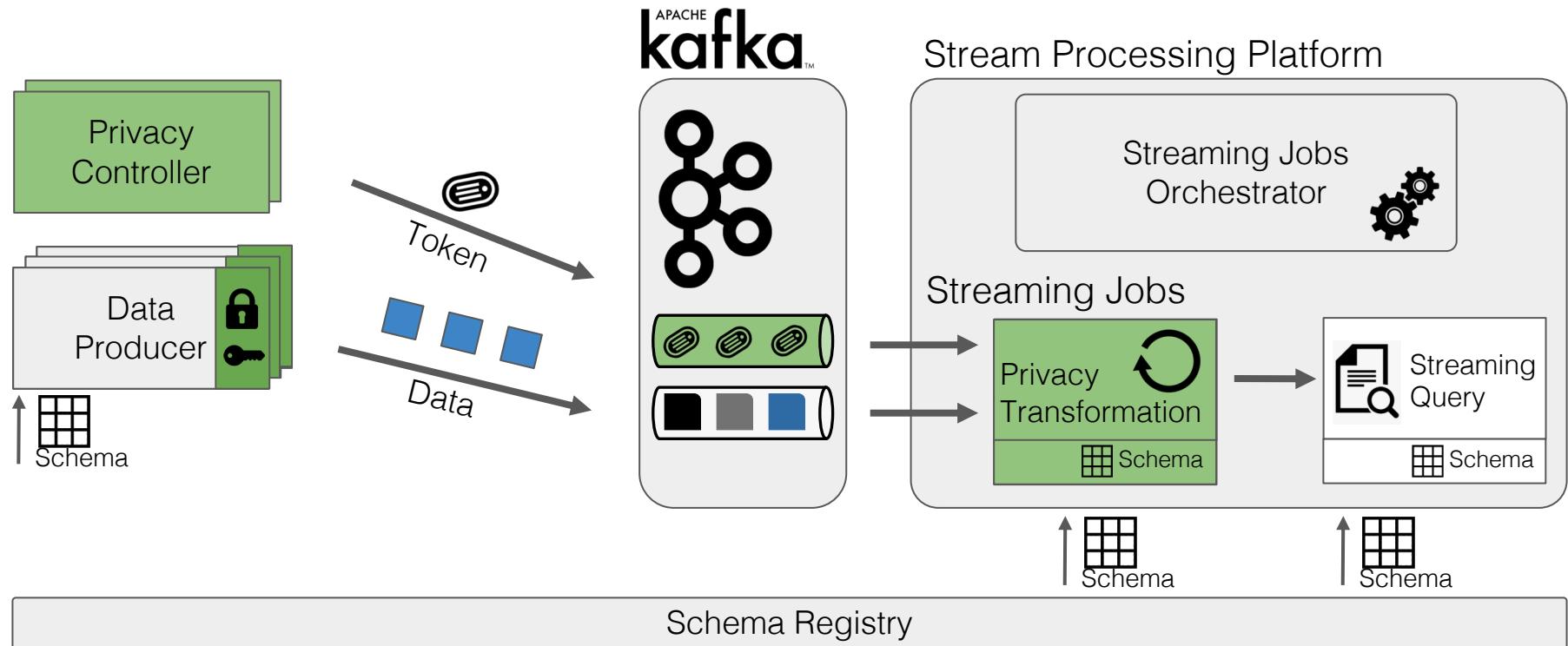
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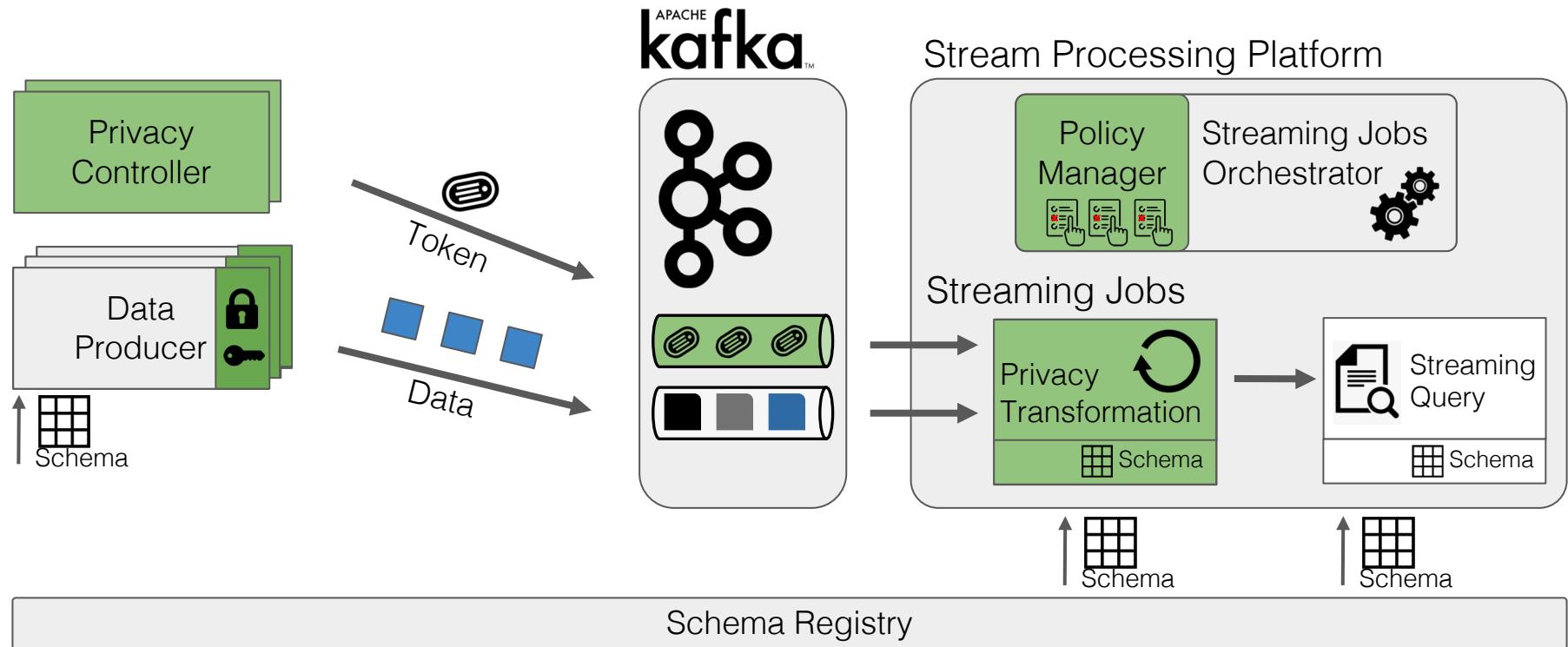
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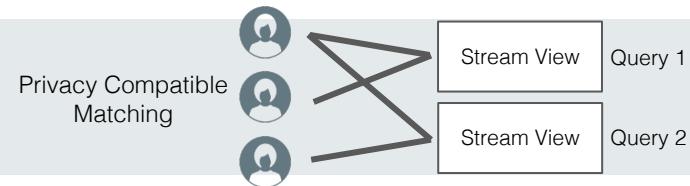
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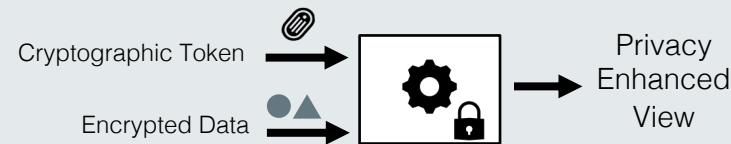
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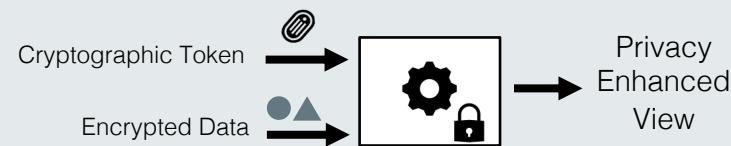
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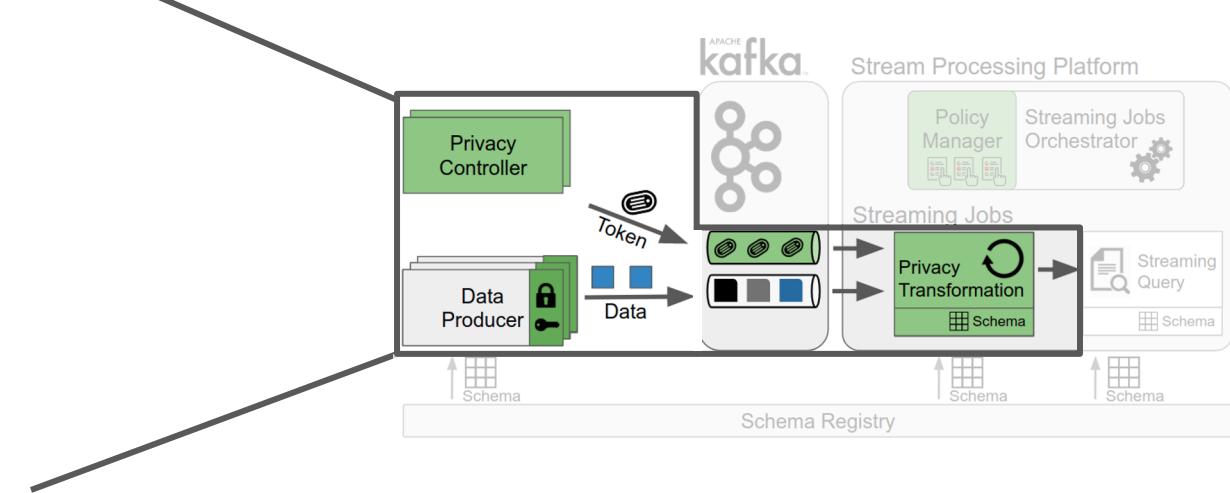
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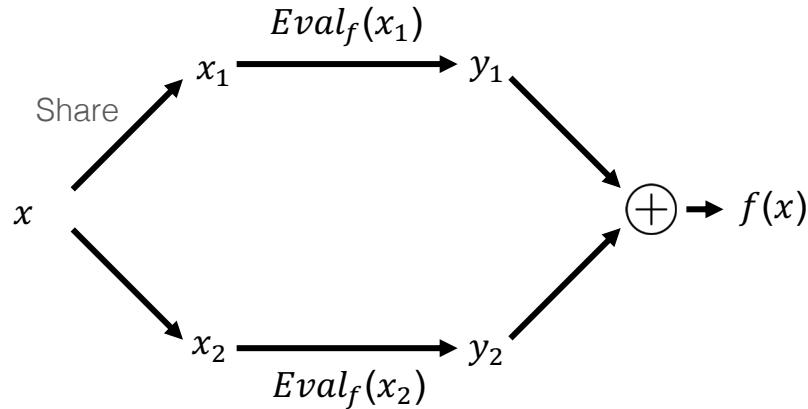
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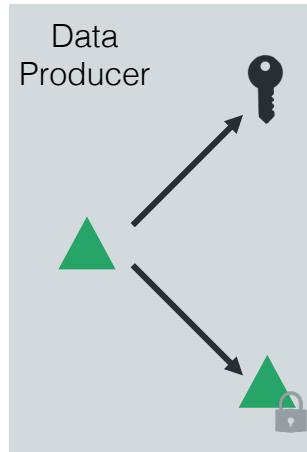
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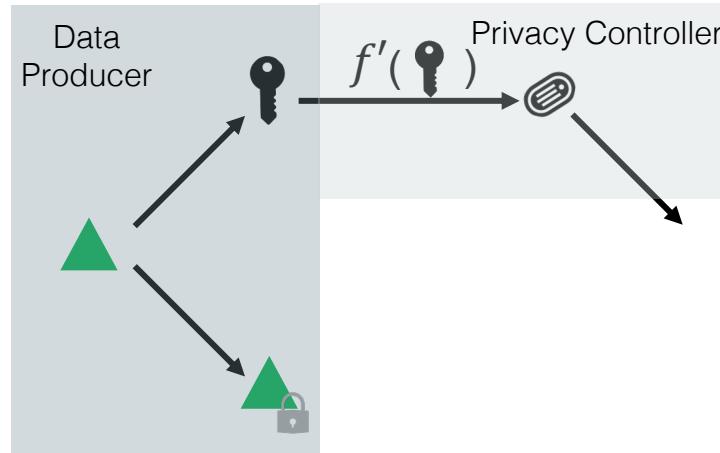
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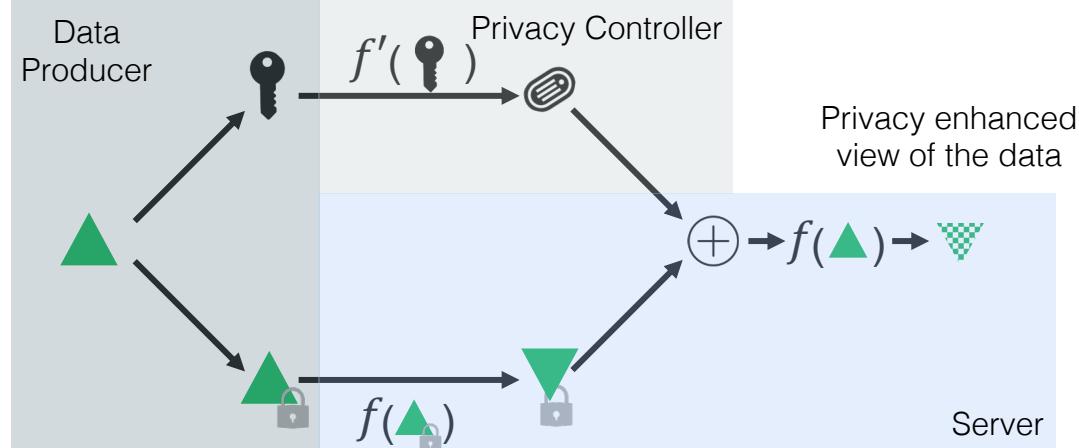
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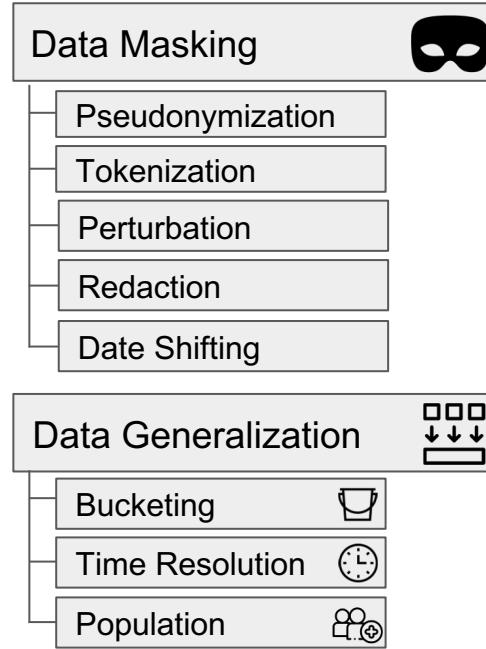
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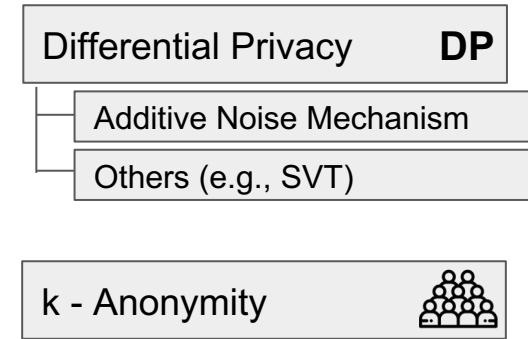


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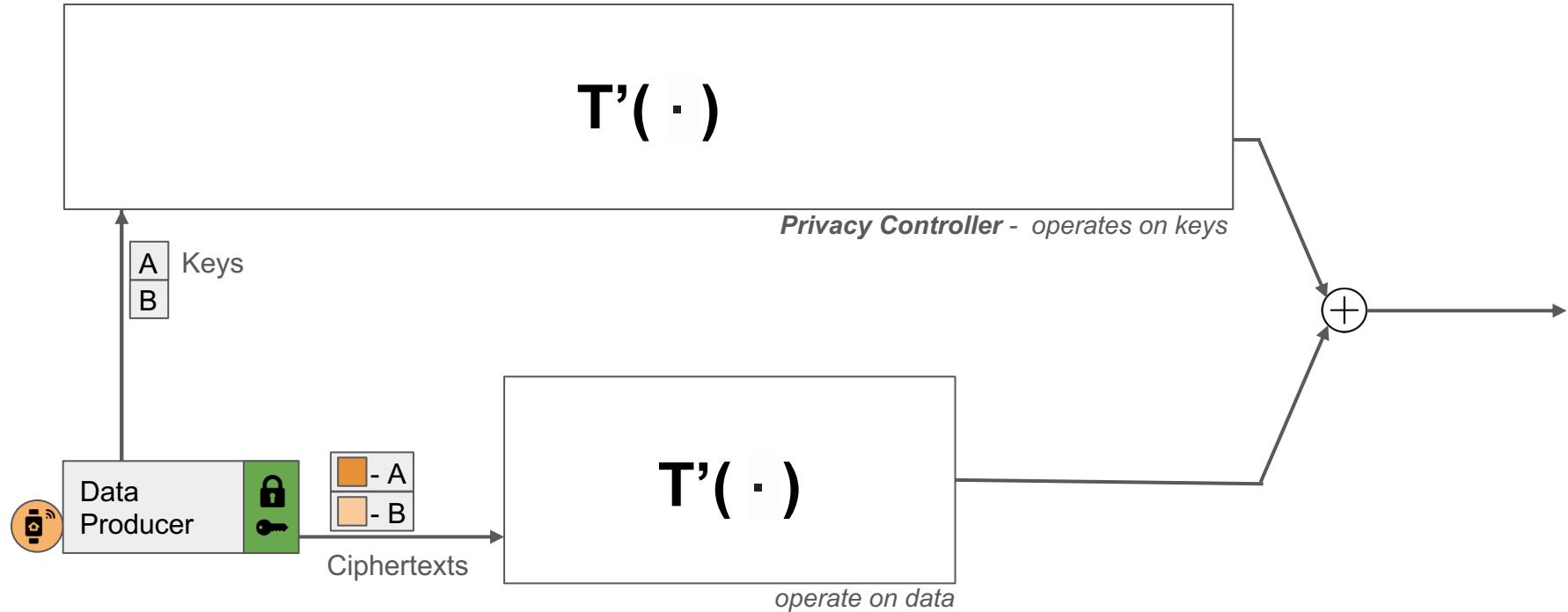
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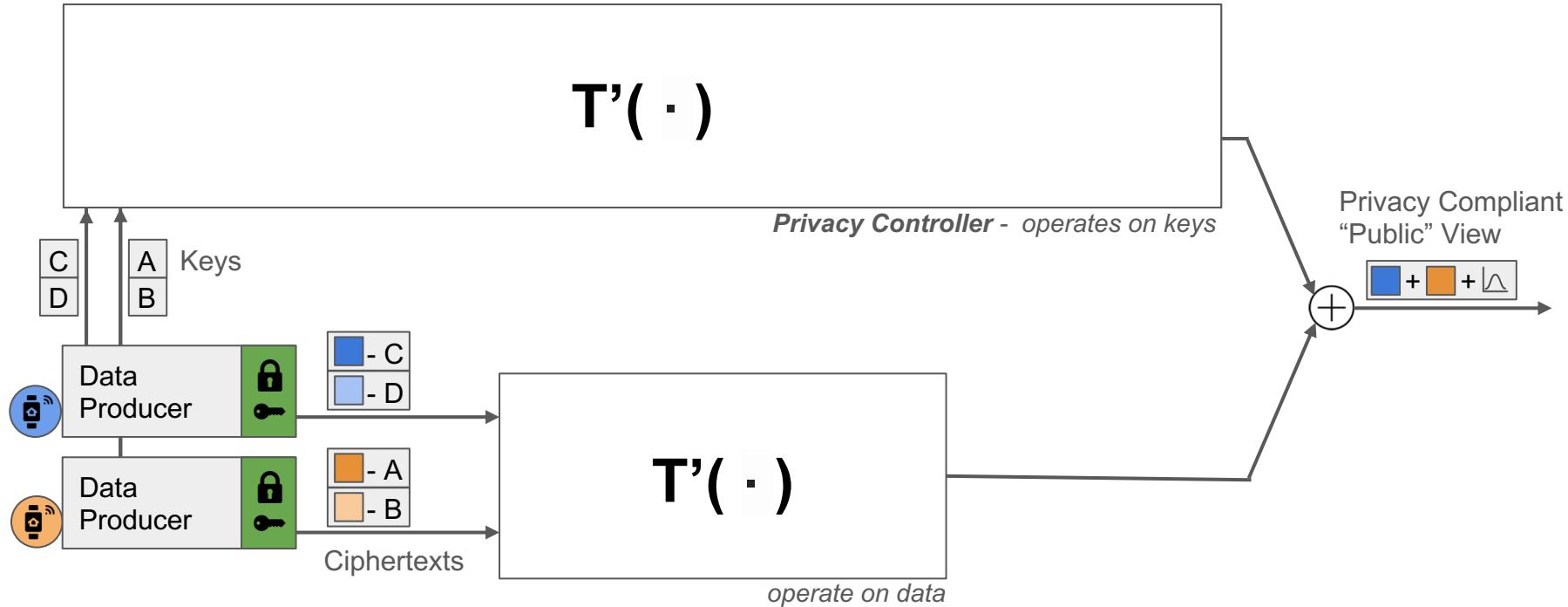
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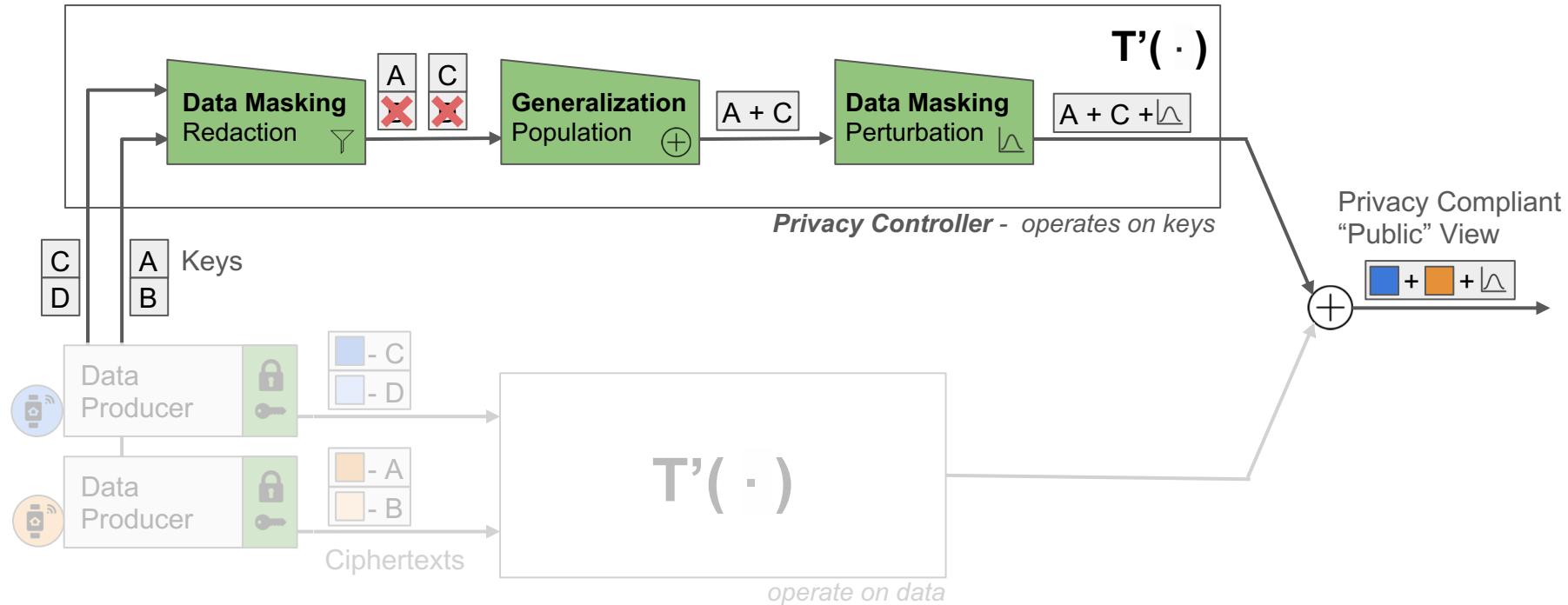
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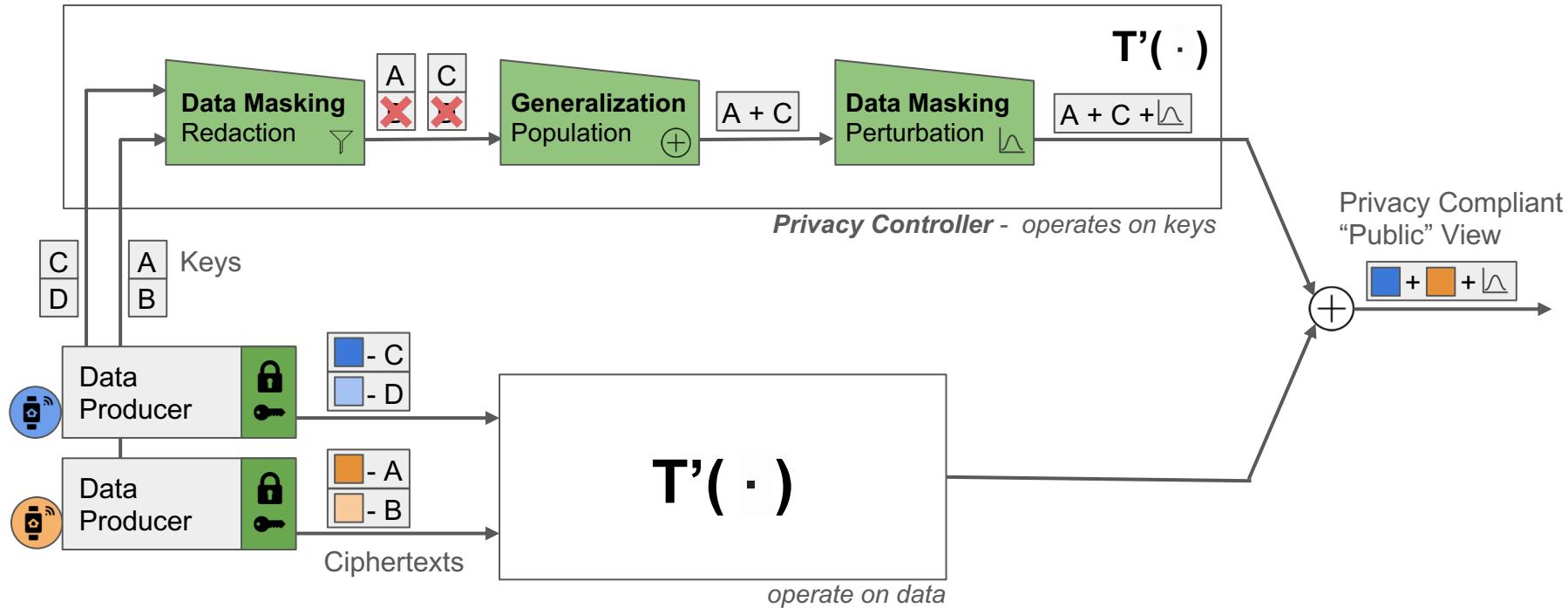
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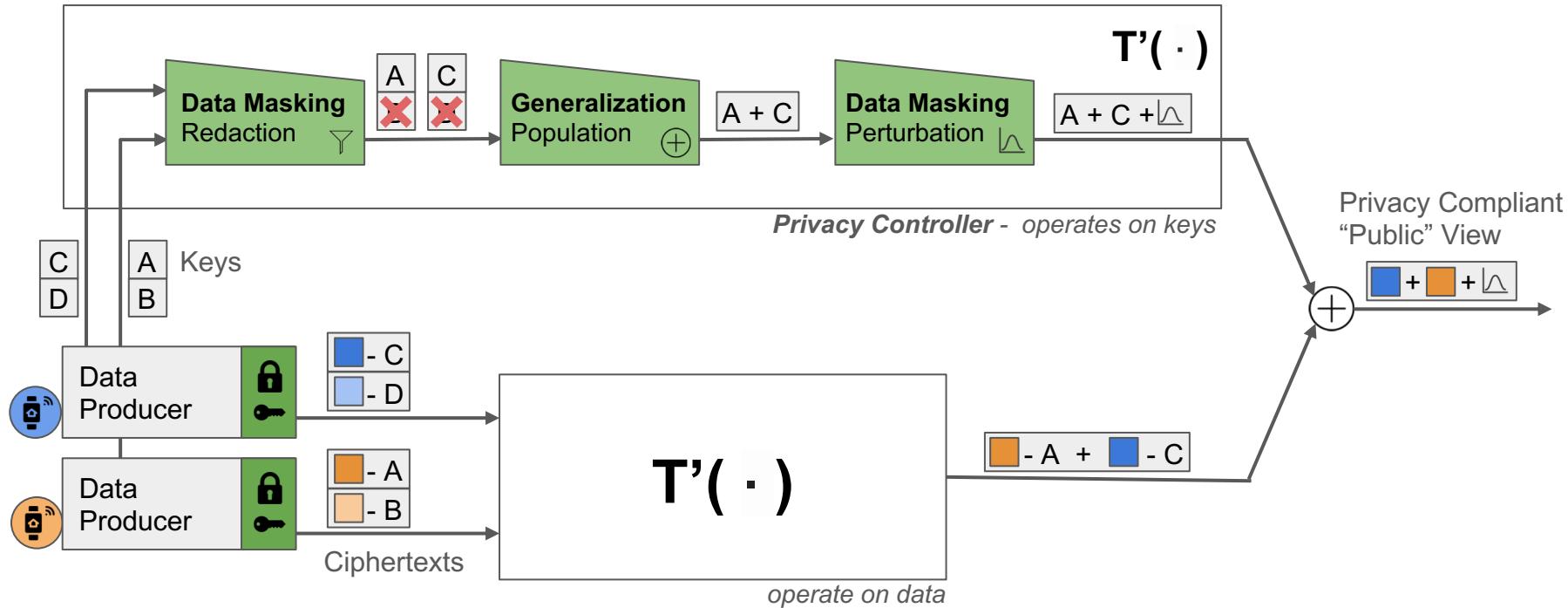
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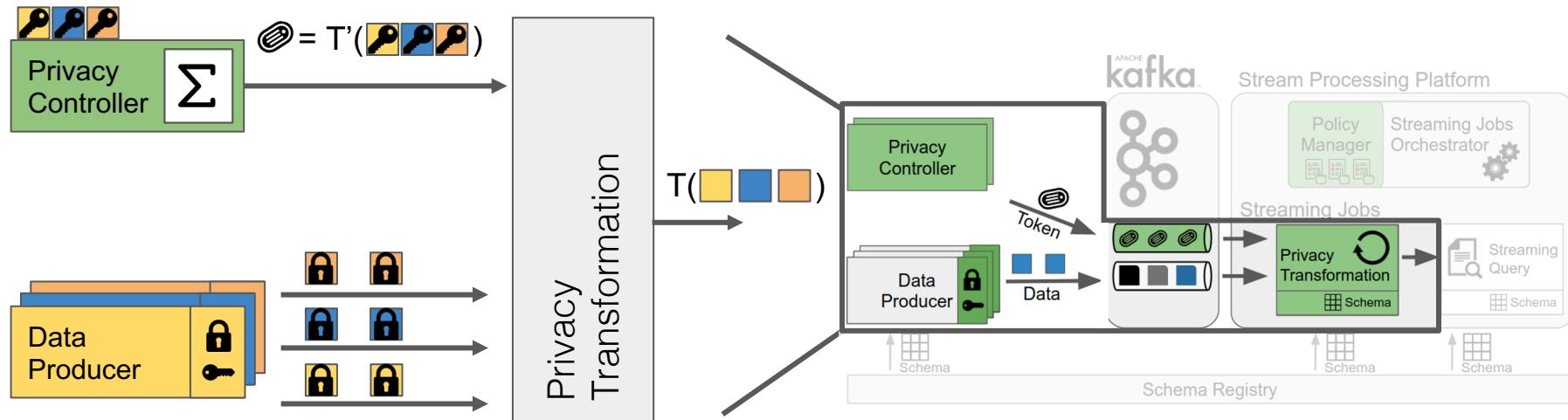
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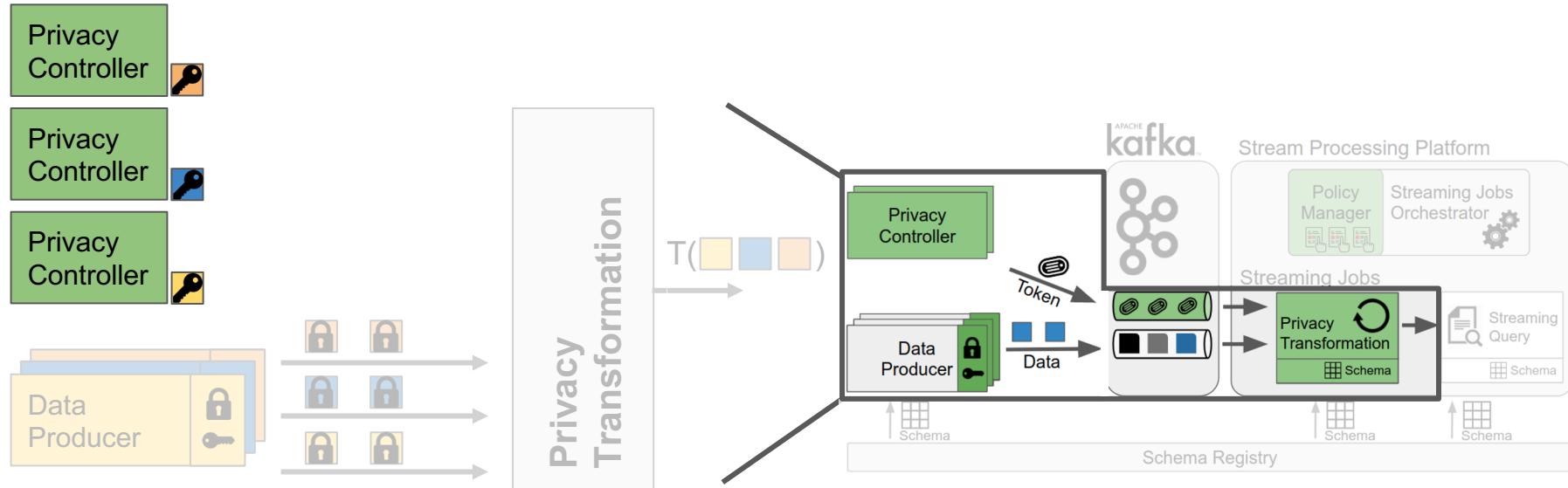
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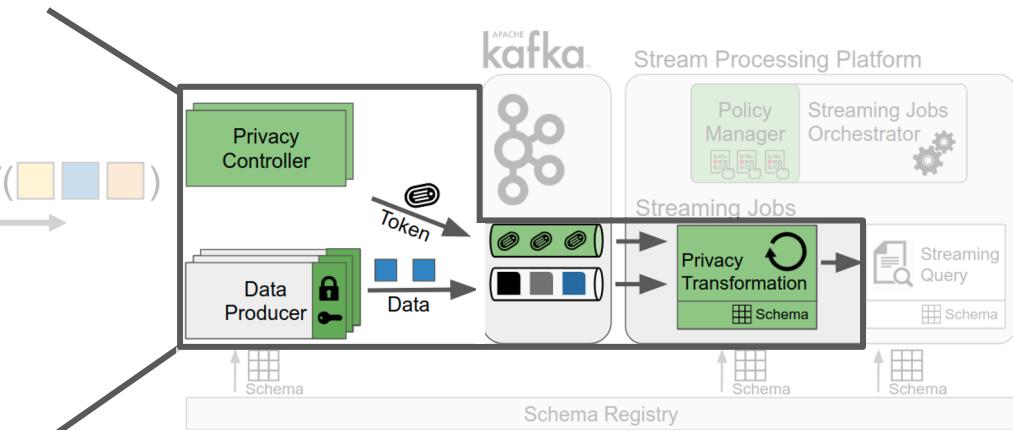
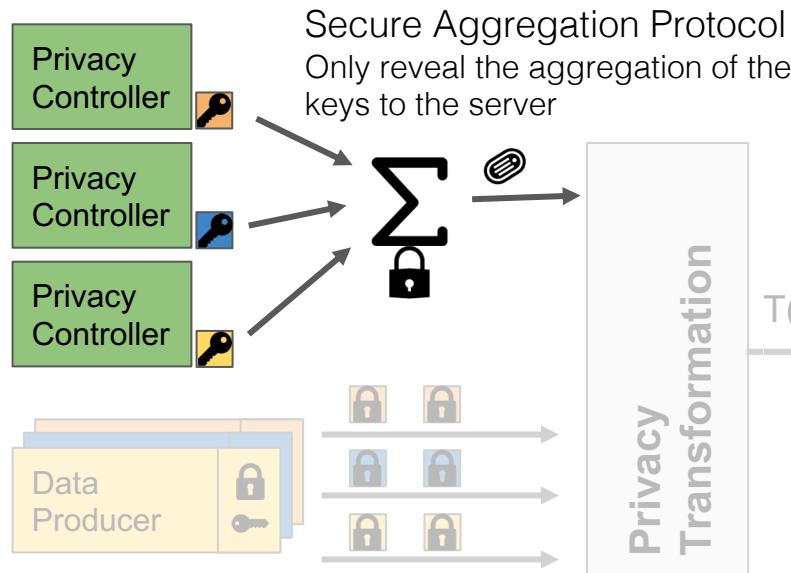
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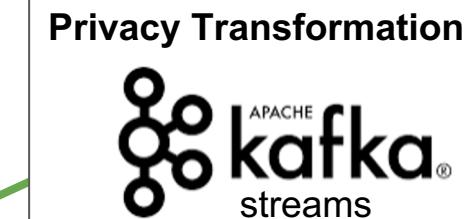


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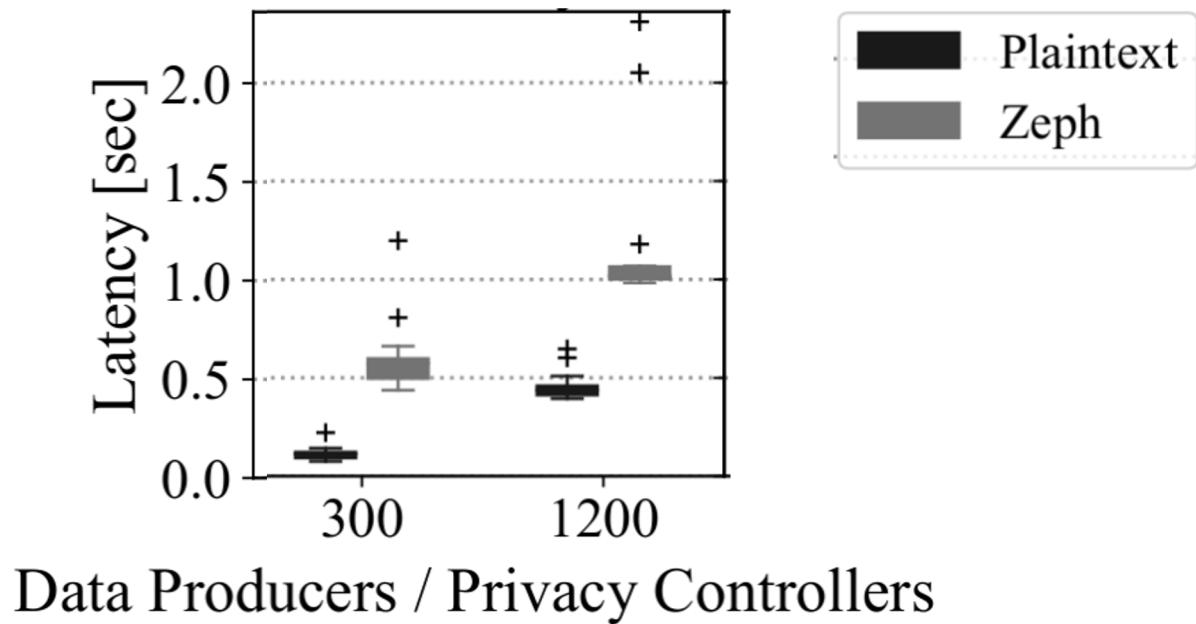


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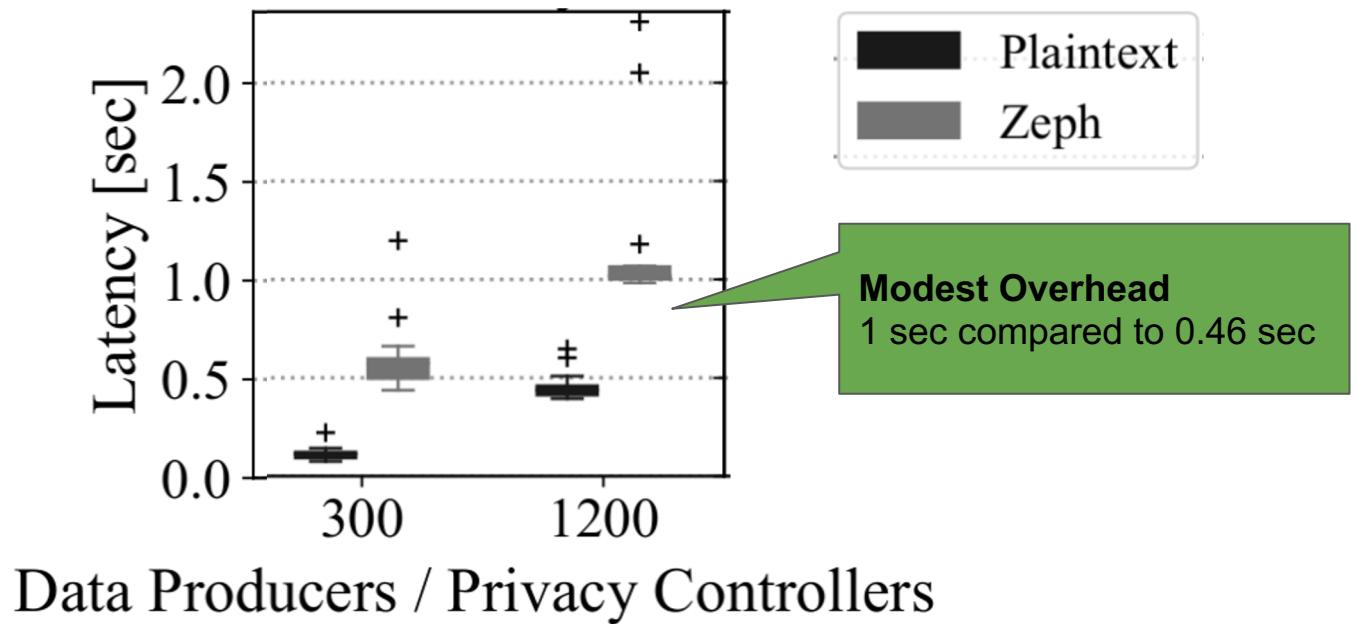


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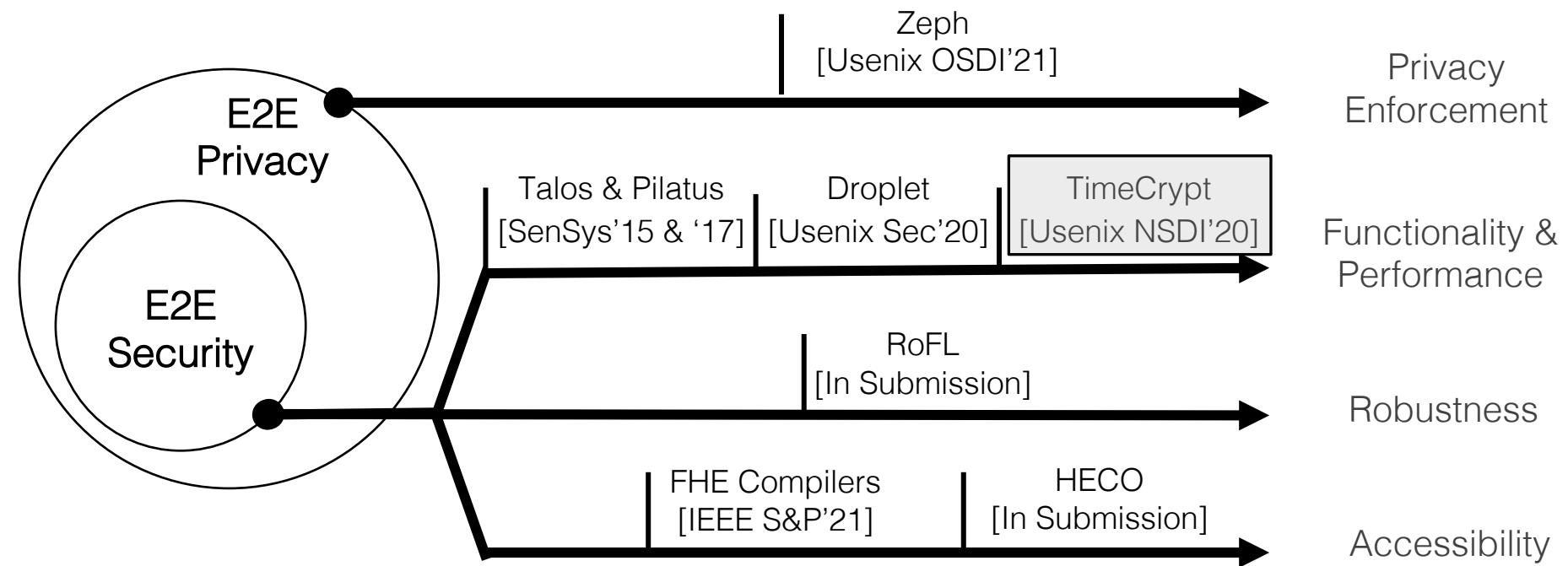
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# TimeCrypt

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## Encrypted Time Series Database

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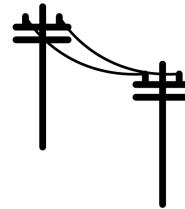
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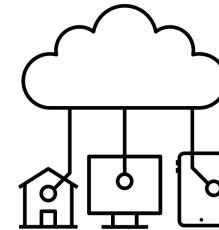
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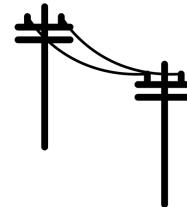
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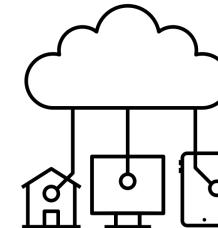
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# Time Series Databases

## Time Series Workloads

- Primarily INSERTS to recent time interval
- Statistical queries over time ranges
- Single writer

## Performance Requirements

- High throughput writes
- Data compaction (aging out data)
- Scale with data volume and velocity



Prometheus



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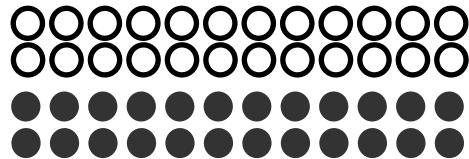
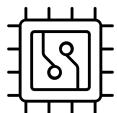


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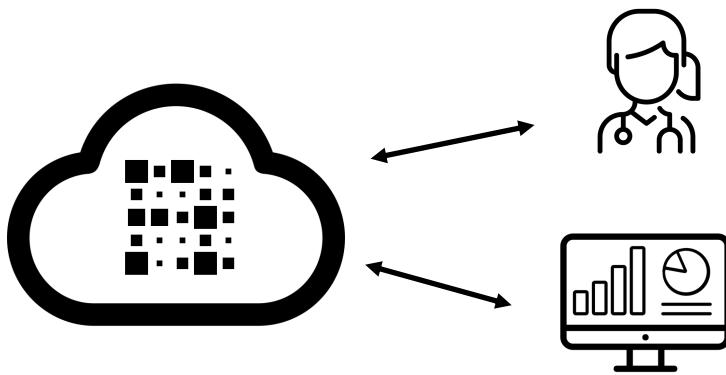
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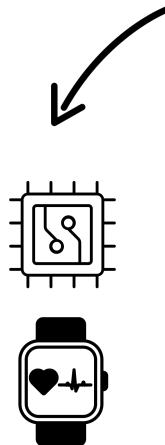


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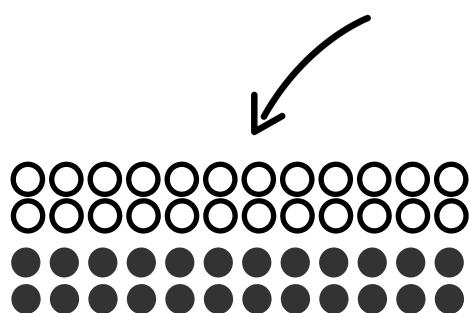


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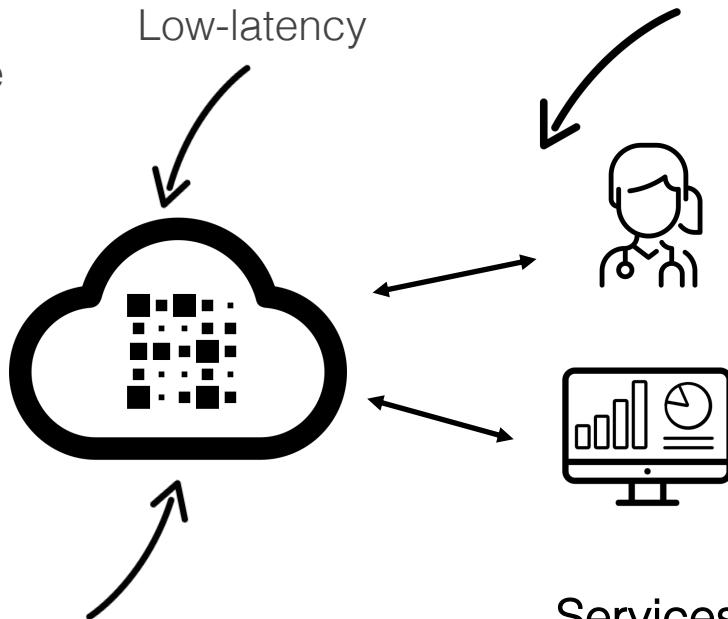


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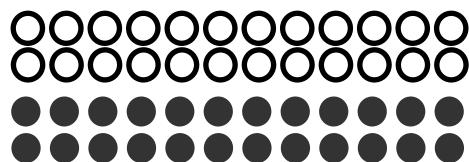


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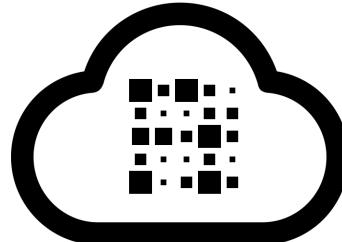


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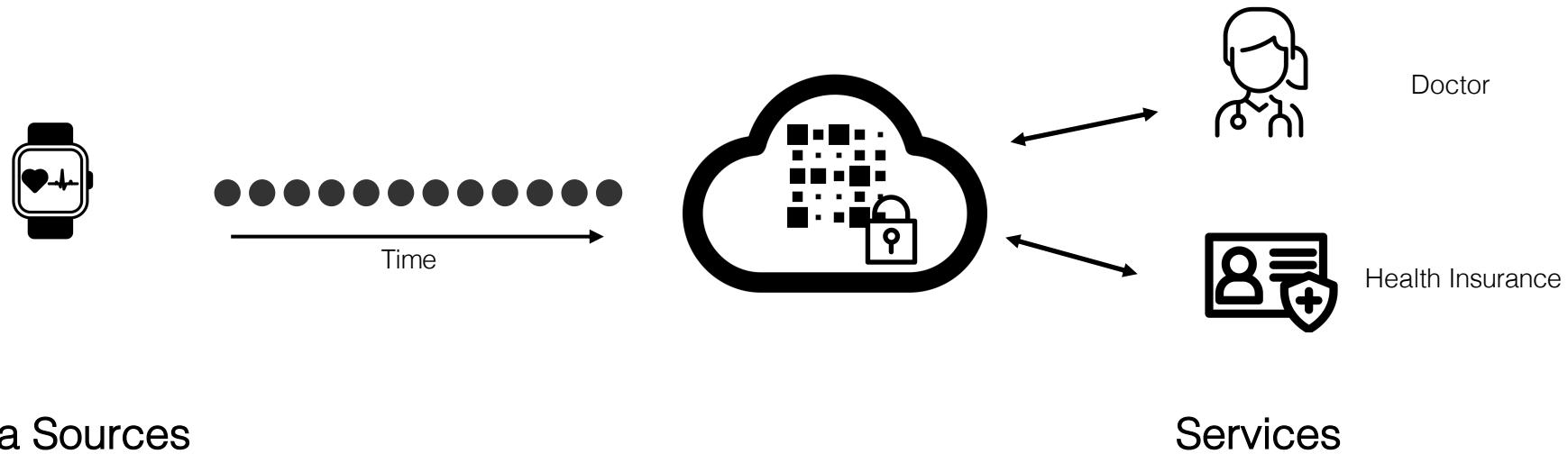
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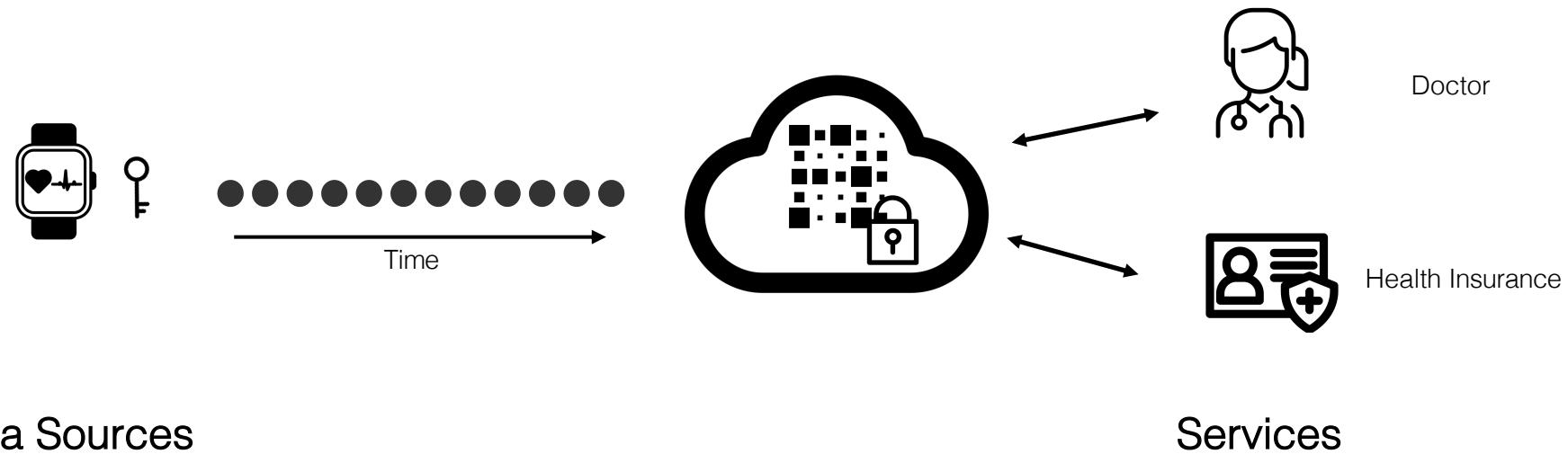
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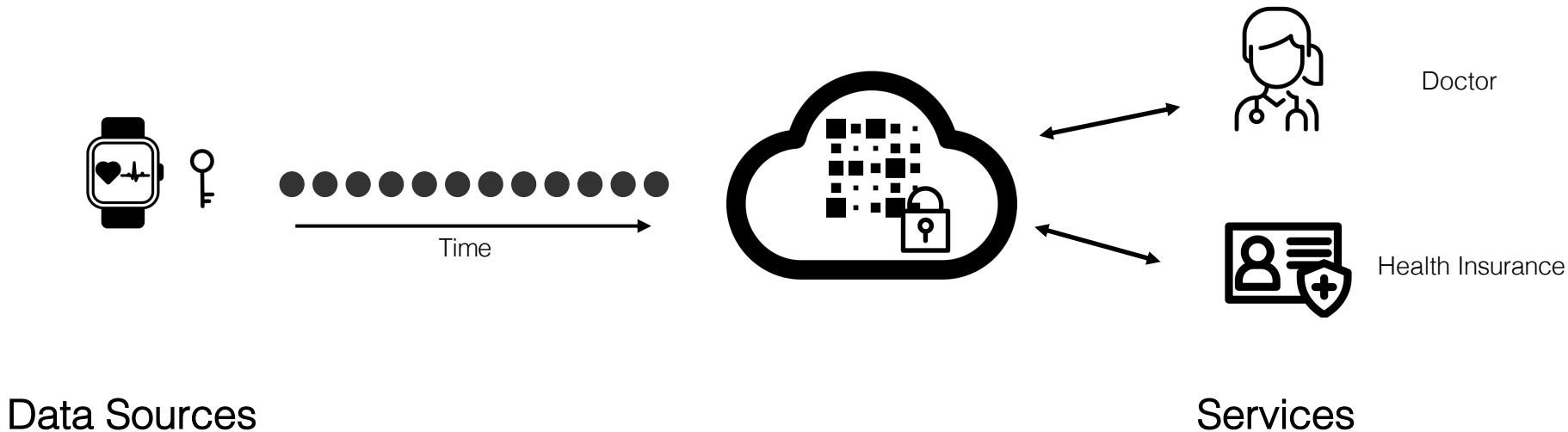


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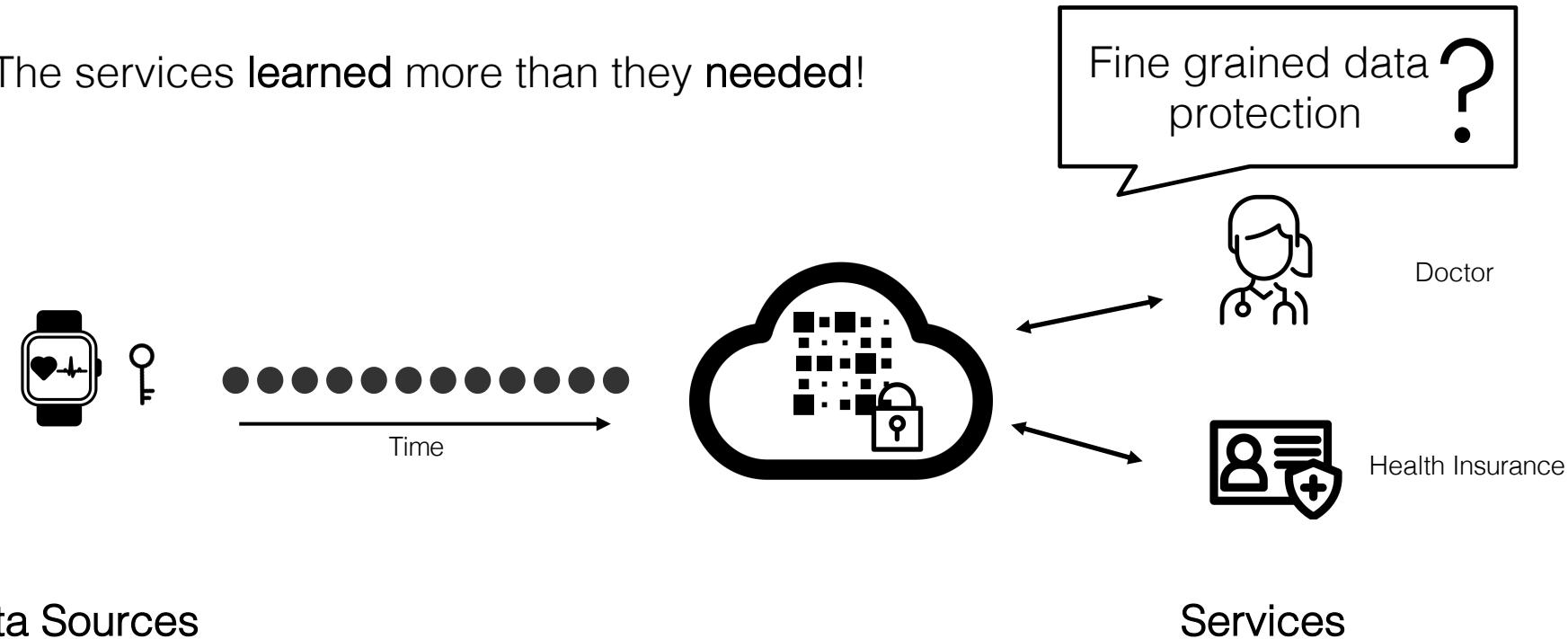
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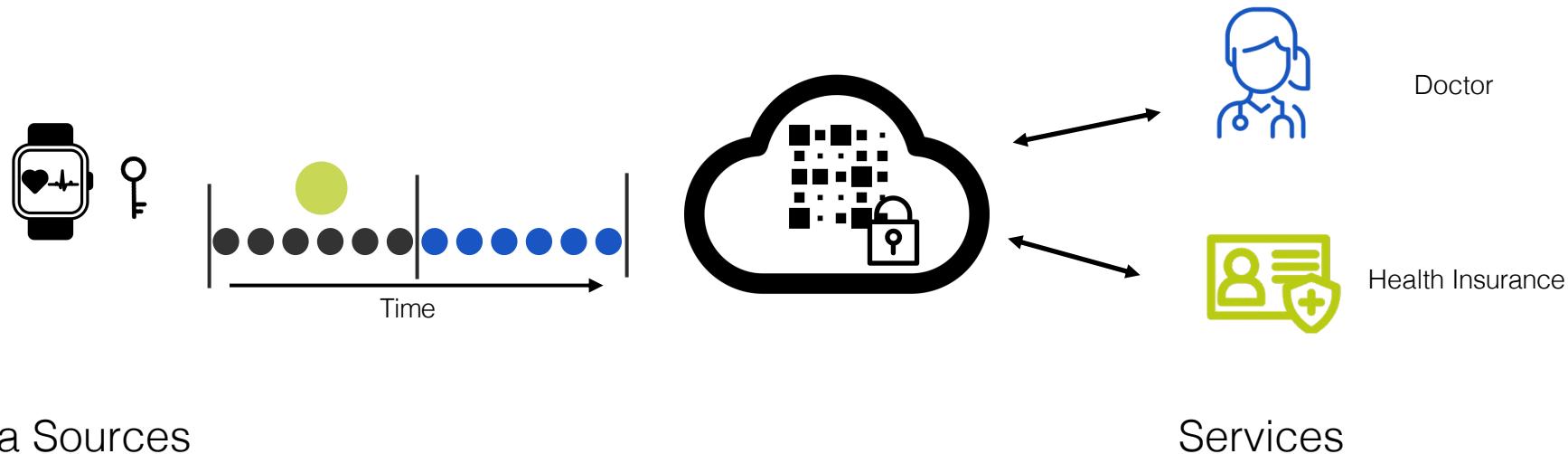
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# TimeCrypt

Encrypted Time Series Database that enables scalable computation over large volumes of encrypted time series data.

## Functionalities

Statistical queries and lifecycle operations over encrypted data

## Cryptographic Access Control

Fine-grained access policies over time, resolution, and attributes

## Security

Data Secrecy -- Homomorphic Encryption  
Function Integrity -- Homomorphic MACs

## Efficiency

Interactive queries over large scale data

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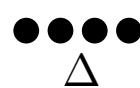


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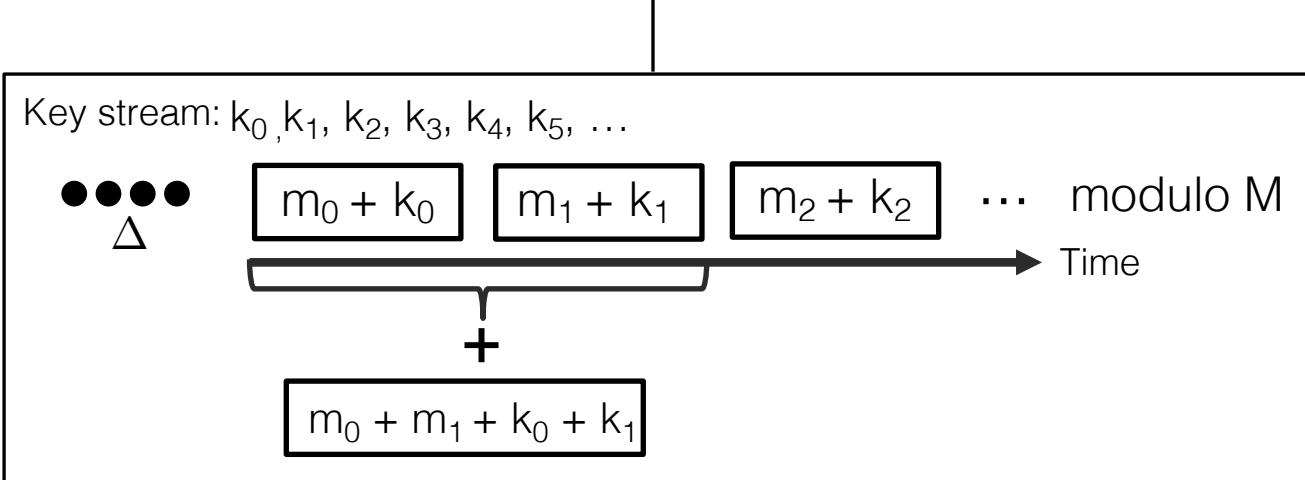
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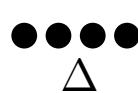
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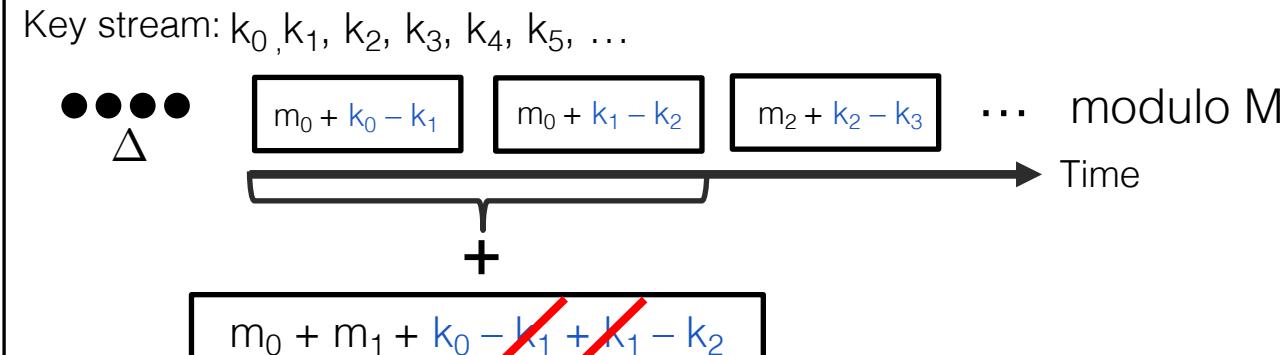
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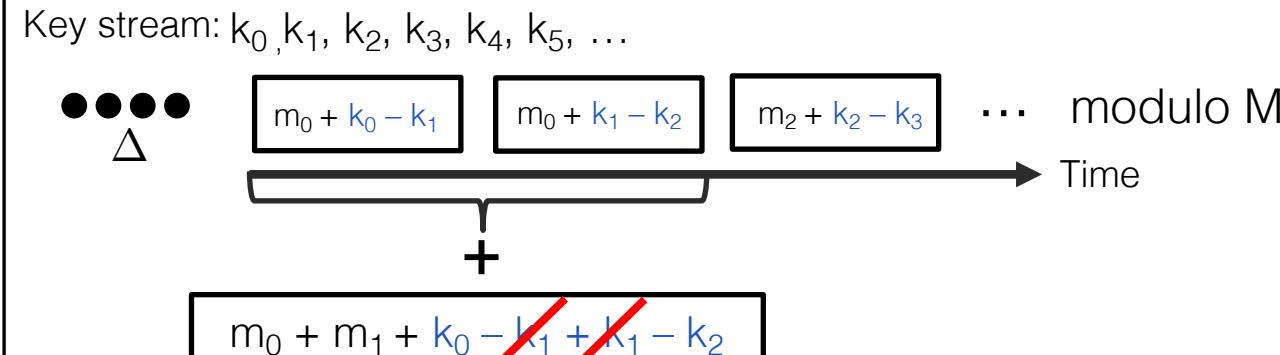


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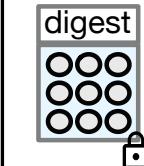
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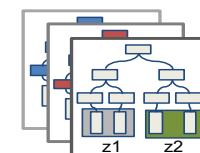
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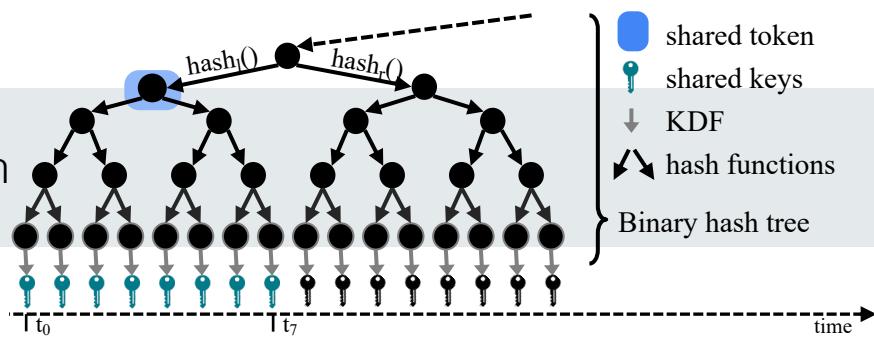
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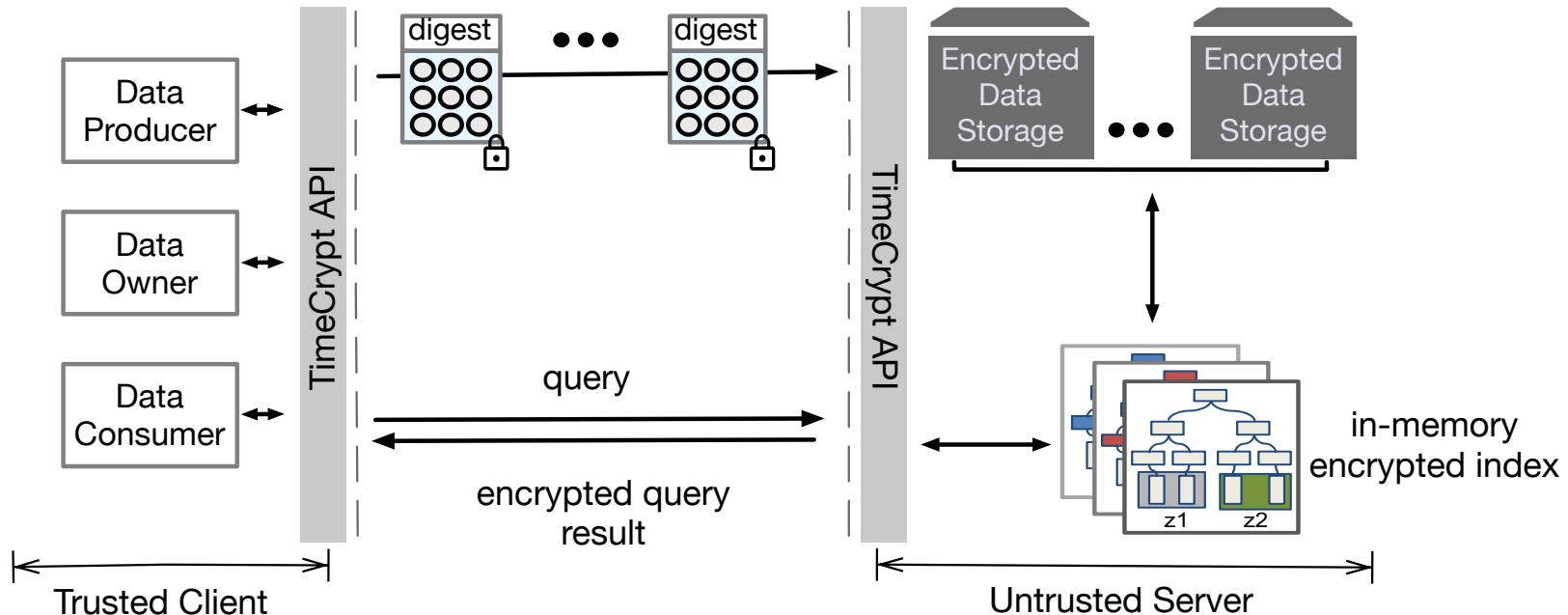
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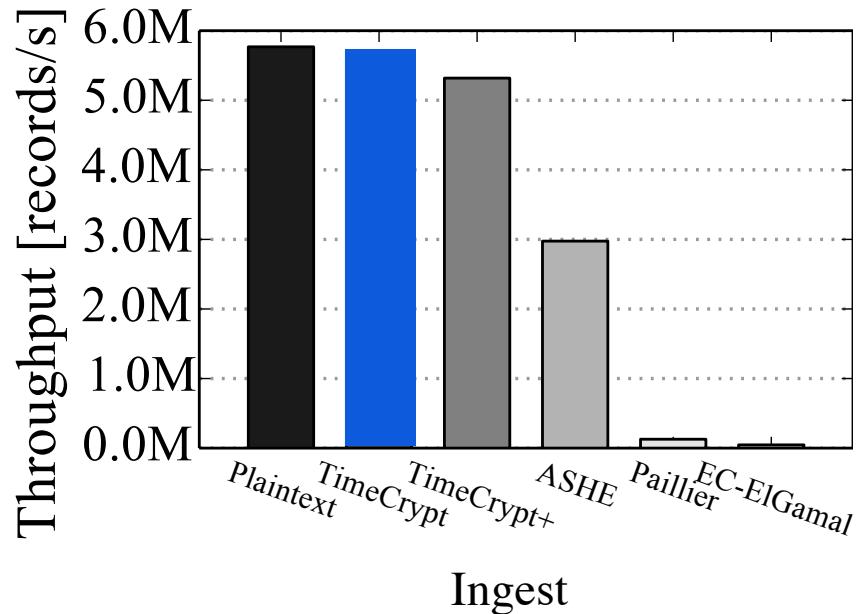
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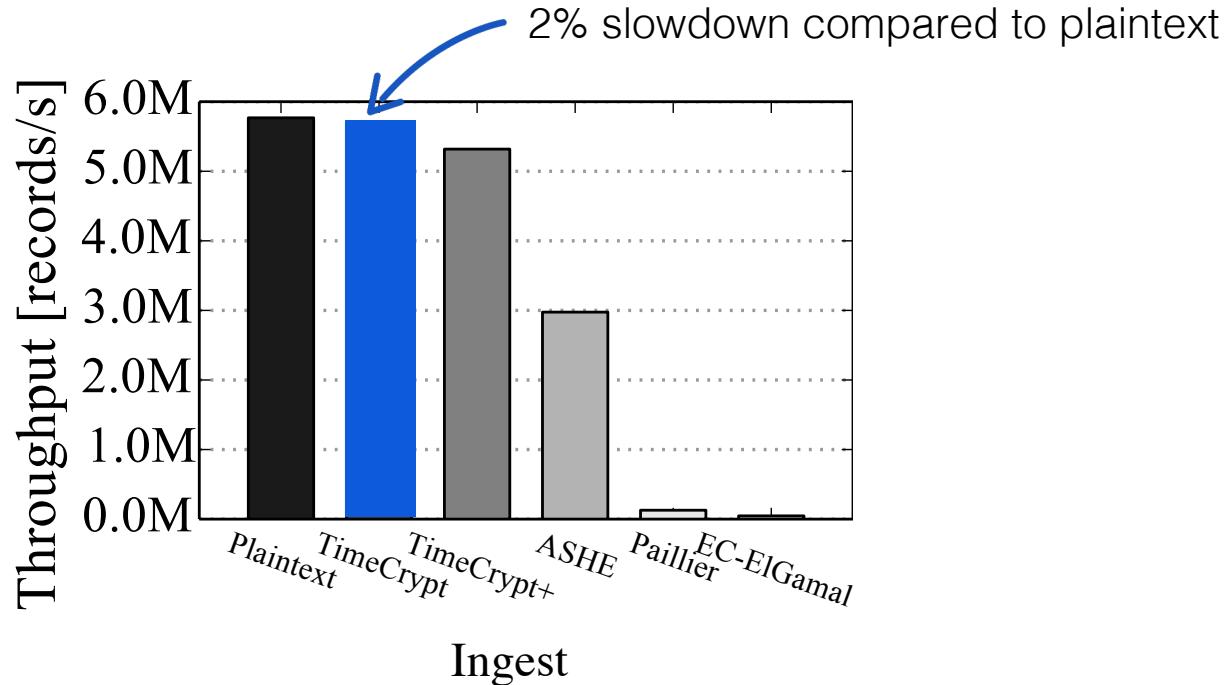


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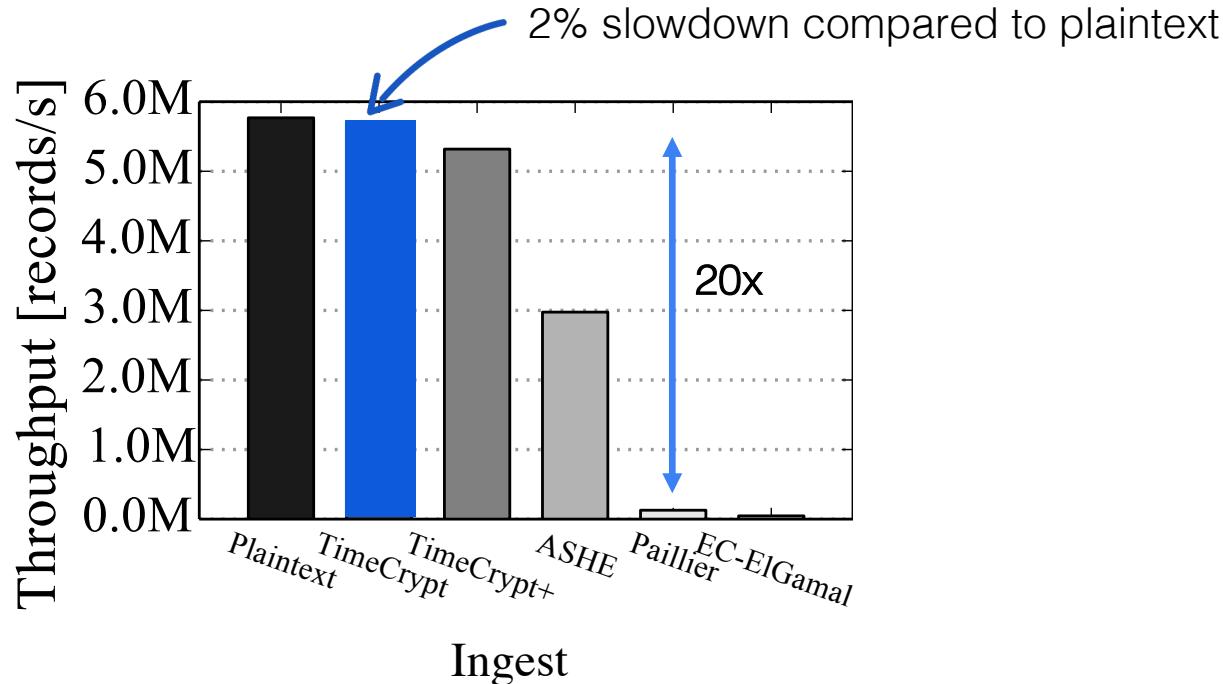
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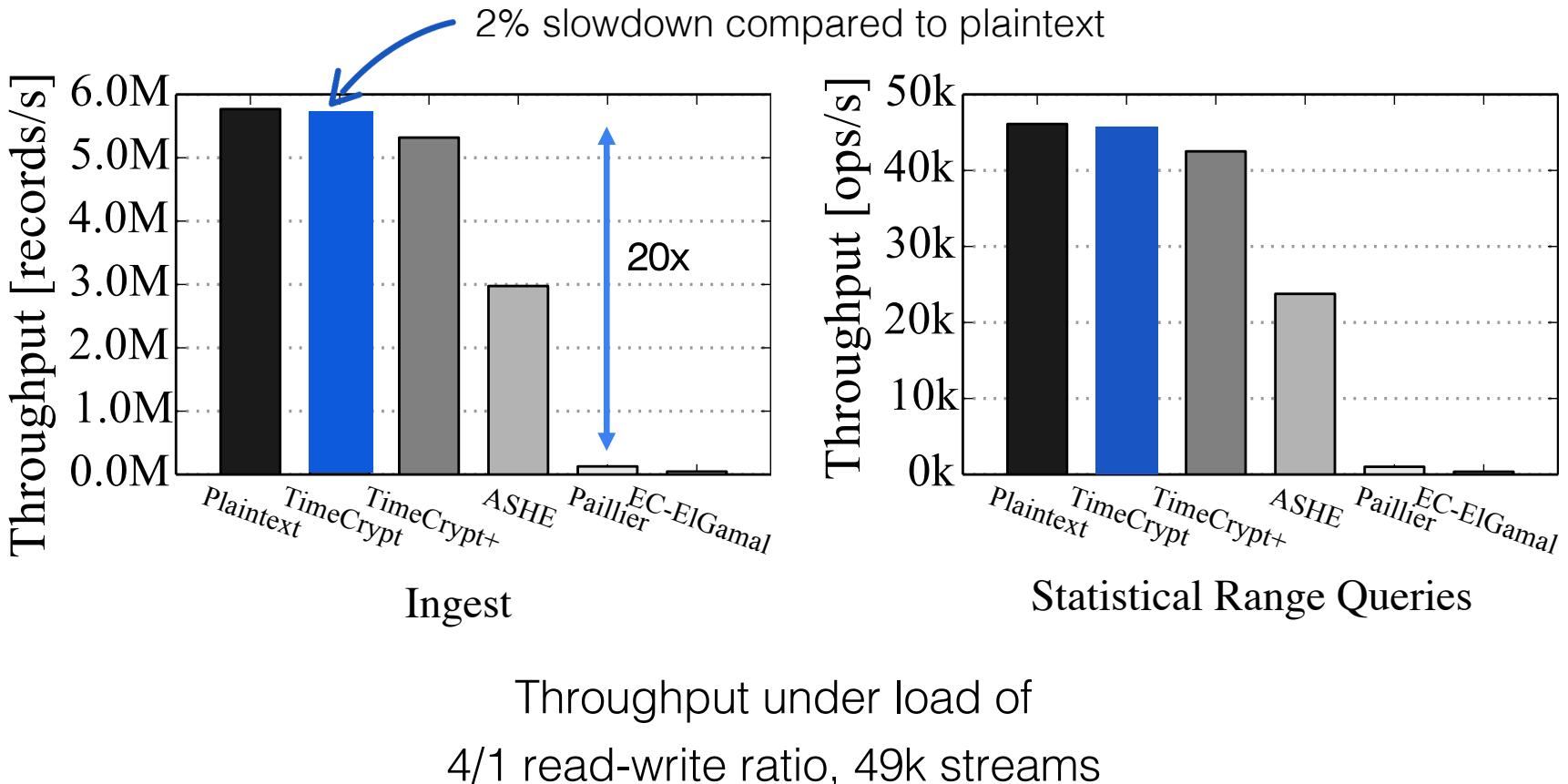
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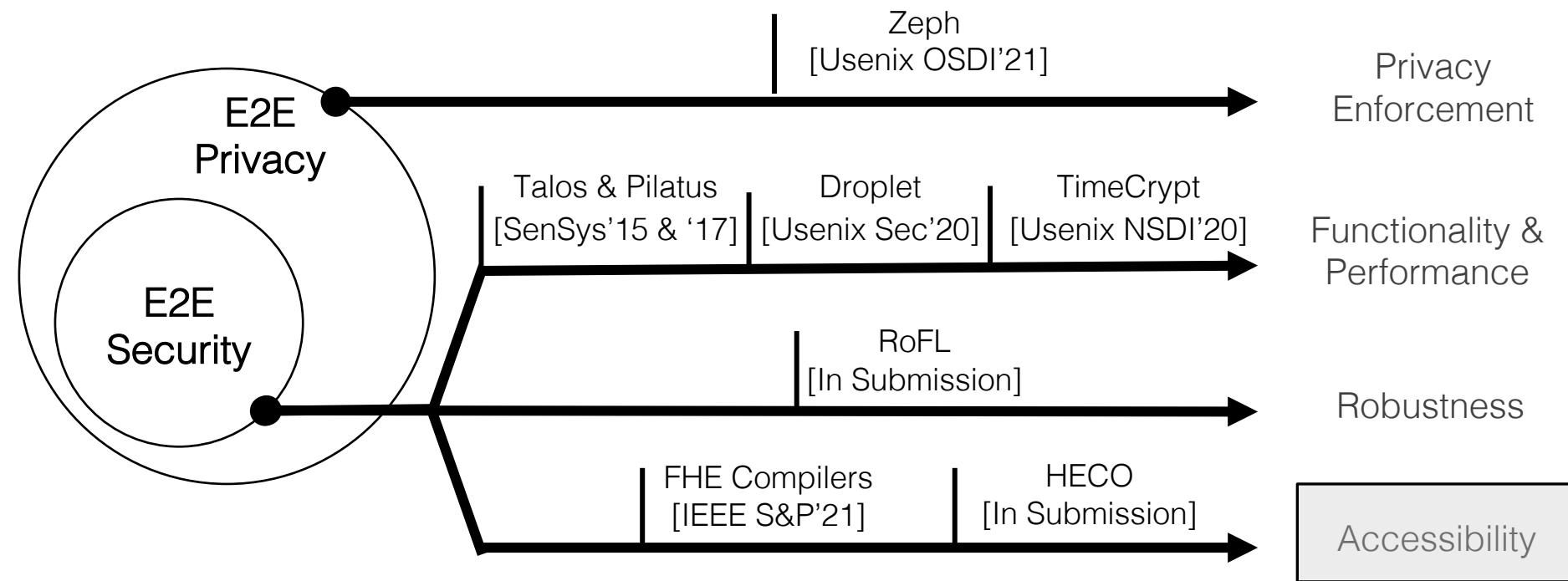


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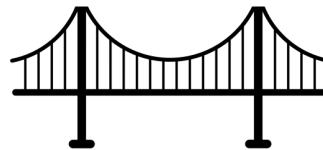
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# Fully Homomorphic Encryption Accessibility

(IEEE S&P '21)

Advanced  
Cryptography



Programming  
Languages

FHE holds huge potential to transforming privacy

Finally “practical” - Real world use of FHE started to emerge



Microsoft Edge  
Password Monitor



Developing FHE Applications is  
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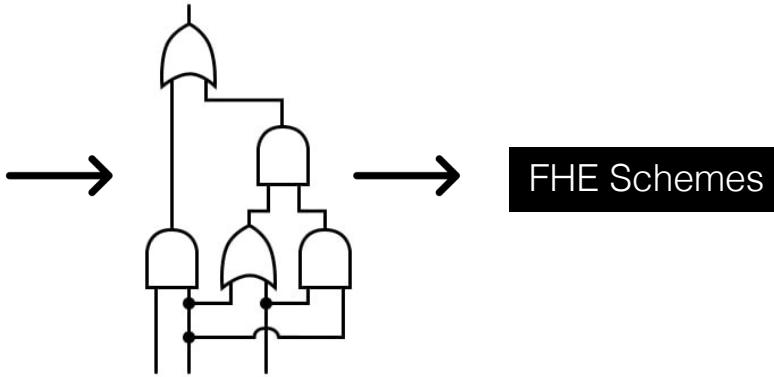
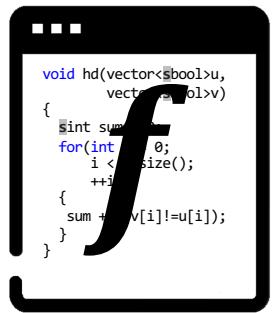
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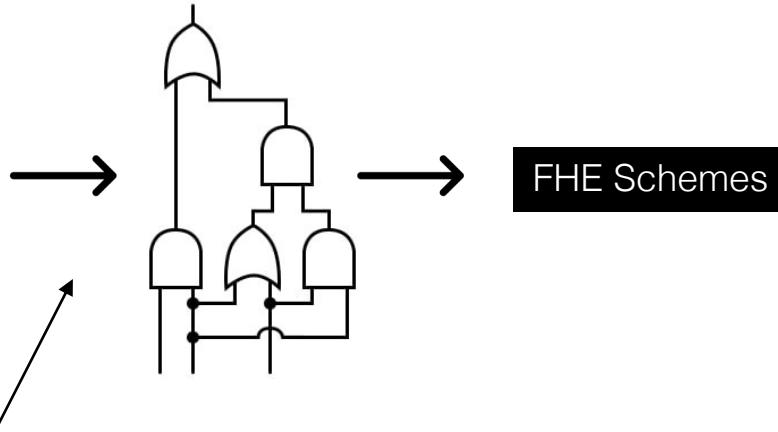
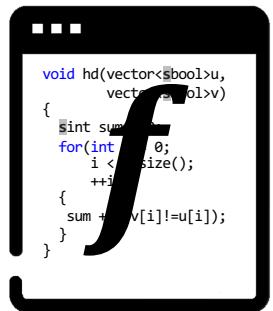
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- 1 What makes developing FHE applications hard?
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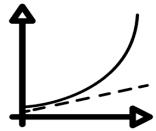


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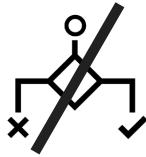
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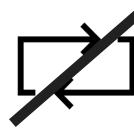
Approximations



Optimizations



No If/Else



No Loops



SIMD Batching

# Data Independence



No Jumps



No Loops



No If/Else

## Standard C++

```
int foo(int a, int b) {  
    if(a < b) {  
        return a * b;  
    } else {  
        return a + b;  
    }  
}
```

## FHE

```
int foo(int a, int b) {  
    int c = a < b;  
    int i = a * b;  
    int e = a + b;  
    return c*i + (1-c)*e;  
}
```

Always worst-case performance

# SIMD-like Parallelism



SIMD Batching

## Standard C++

```
int foo(int[] x,int[] y){  
    int[] r;  
    for(i = 0; i < 6; ++i){  
        r[i] = x[i] * y[i]  
    }  
    return r;  
}
```

## Batched FHE

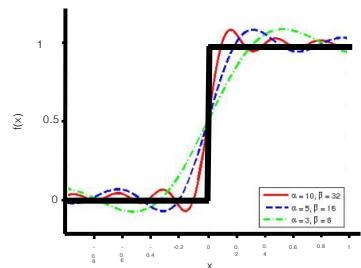
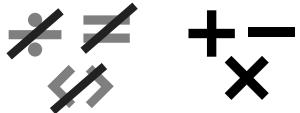
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Could get orders-of-magnitude performance difference between different batching schemes.

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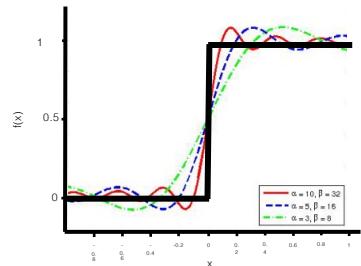
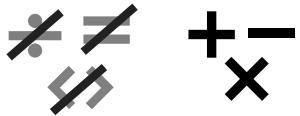
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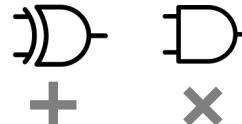
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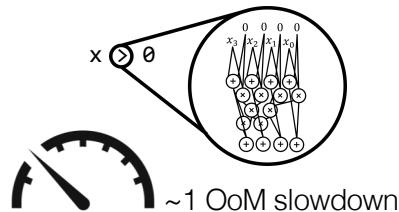
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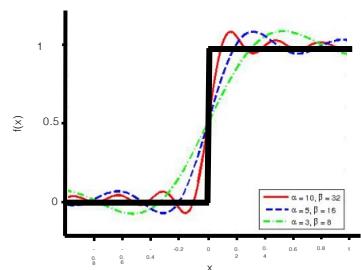
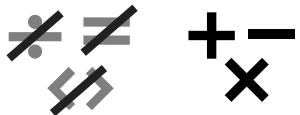
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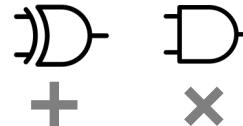
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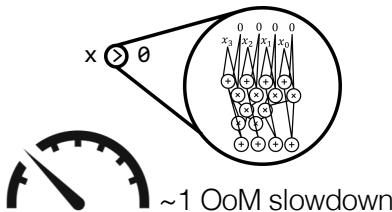
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Parameter Selection



Cost Model

## Performance

More complex than overhead of underlying FHE operations

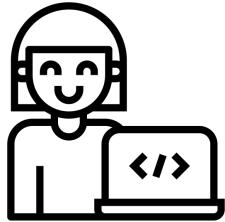
## Programming Paradigm

Wide gap between naïve implementations & expert solutions

## Compilers

Transform high level programs to efficient FHE circuits

# Democratizing Fully Homomorphic Encryption

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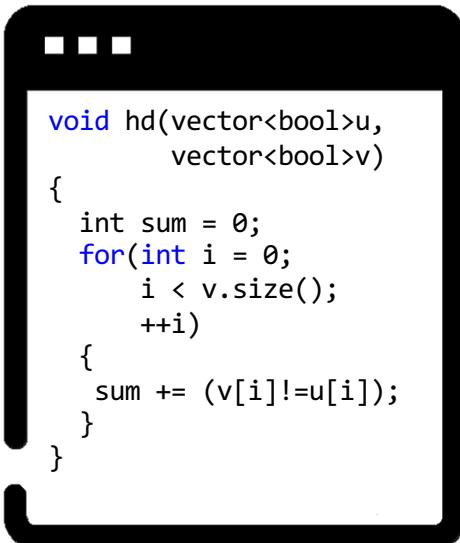
Developer with no  
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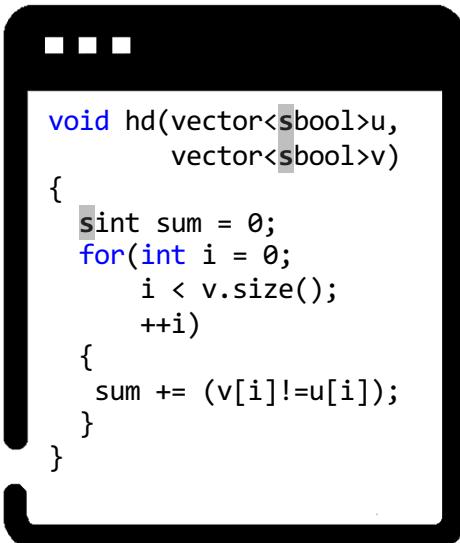
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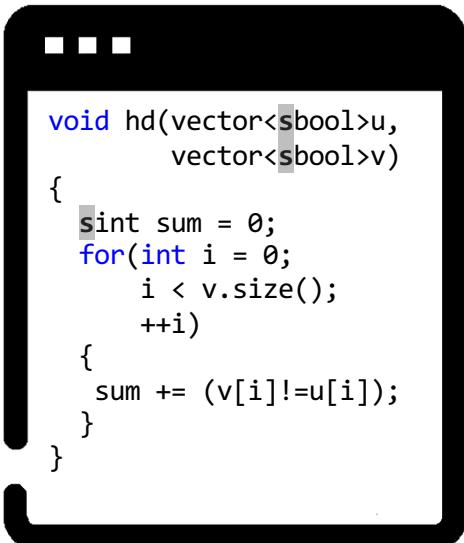
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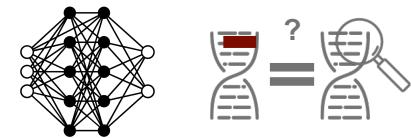
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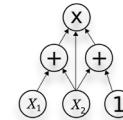
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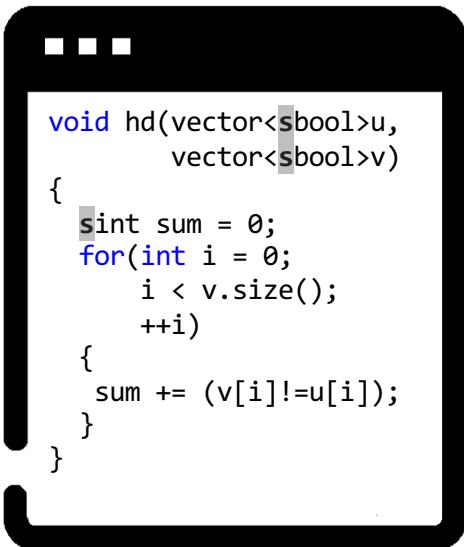
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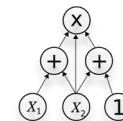
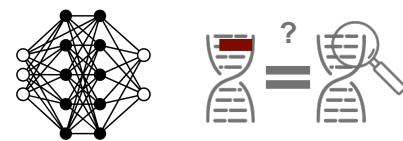
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E2E Automatic Optimization

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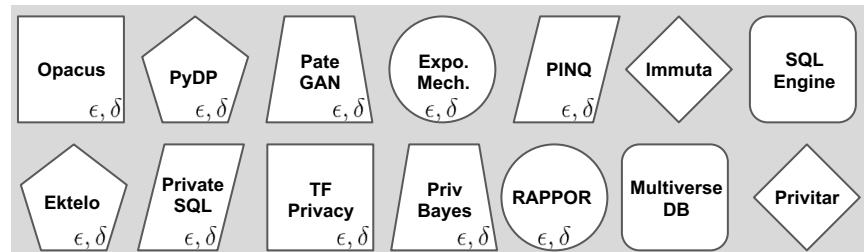
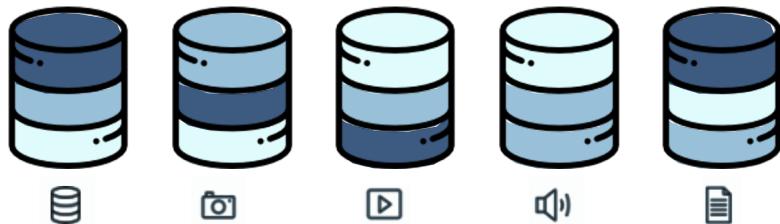
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Systems: **Target HW directly**, generating code for CPU/GPU, upcoming dedicated FHE accelerators and heterogenous deployments using a mix of these.

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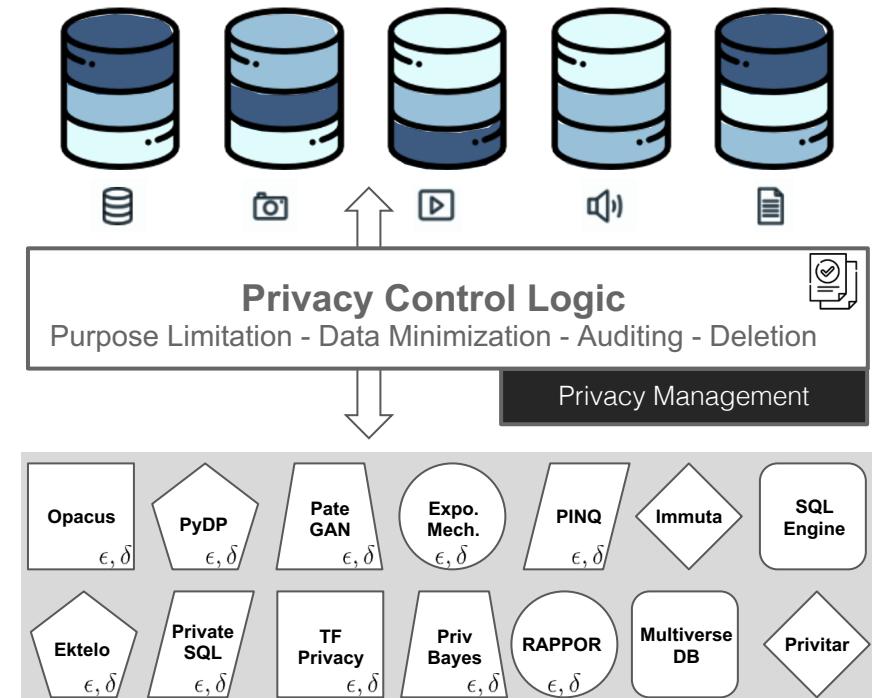
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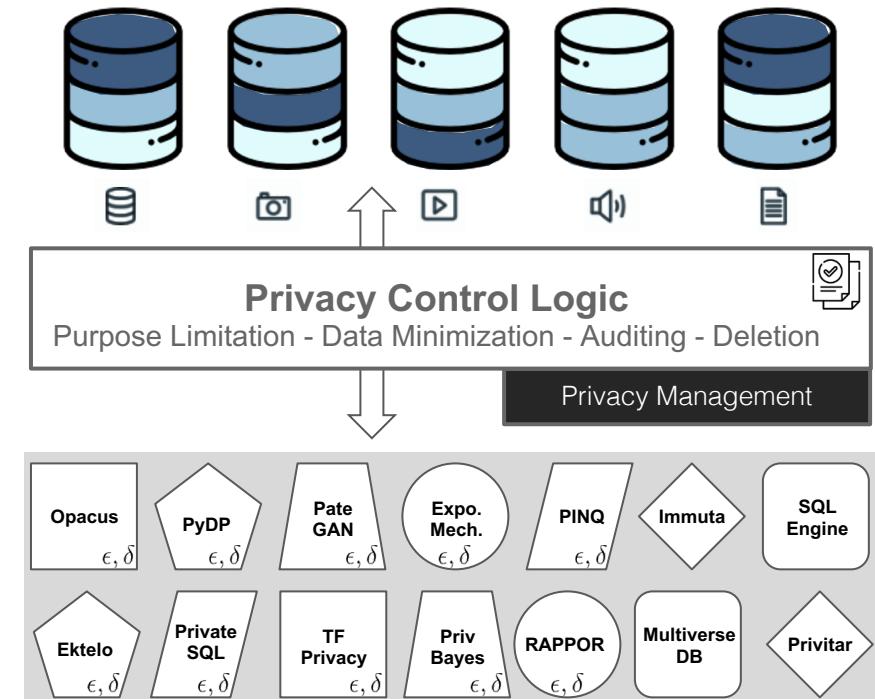
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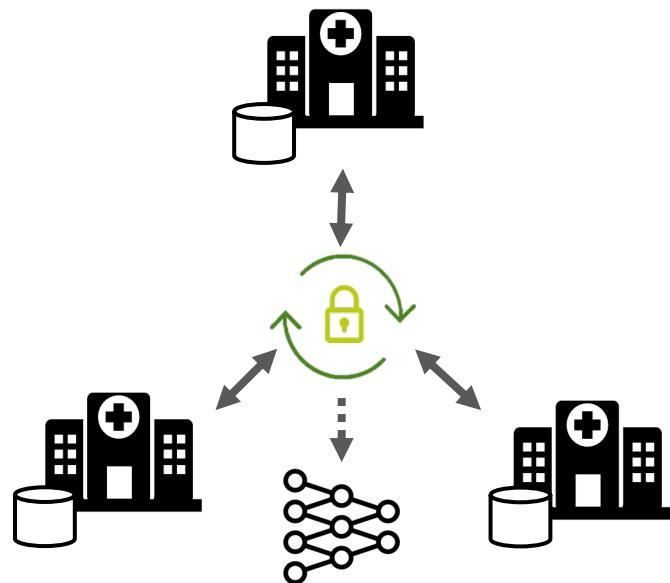


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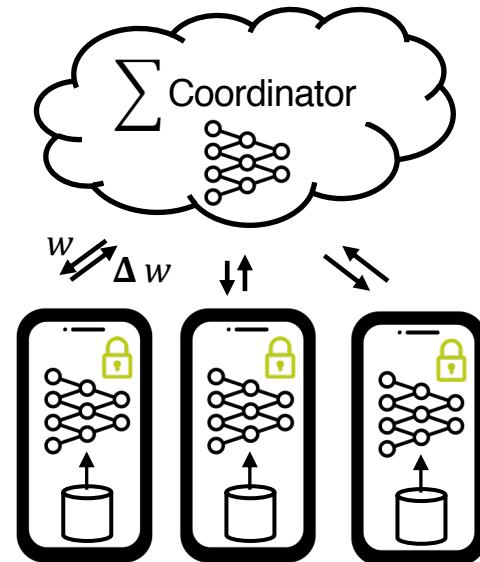


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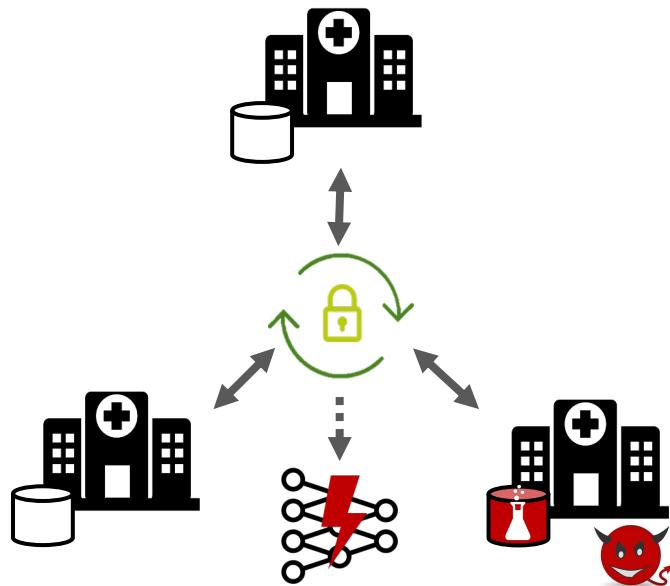
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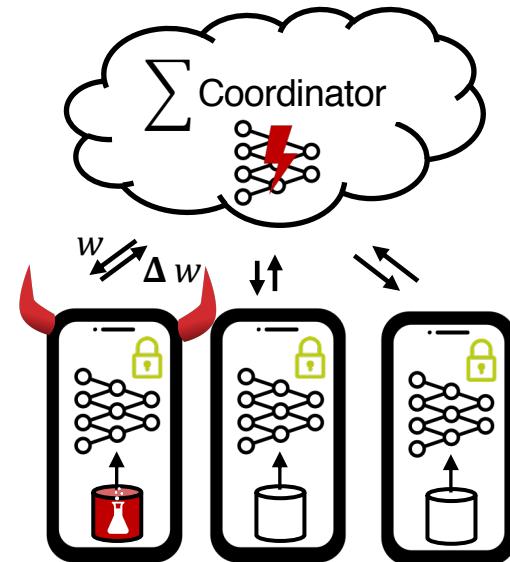
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**Problem:** Model integrity

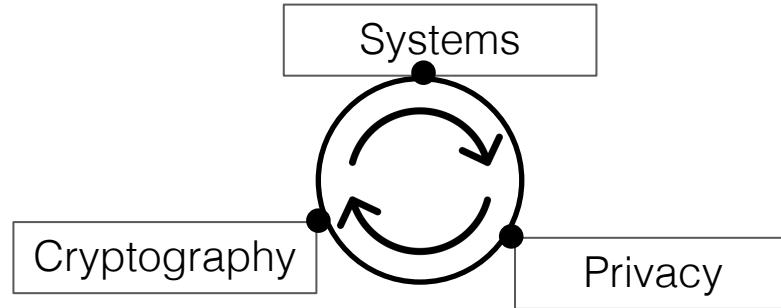


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# Retrofit privacy in the fabric of modern systems



Privacy-preserving, functional, and performant systems

End.