

The Future of Advanced (Secure) Computing

Data-Centric Secure Computing

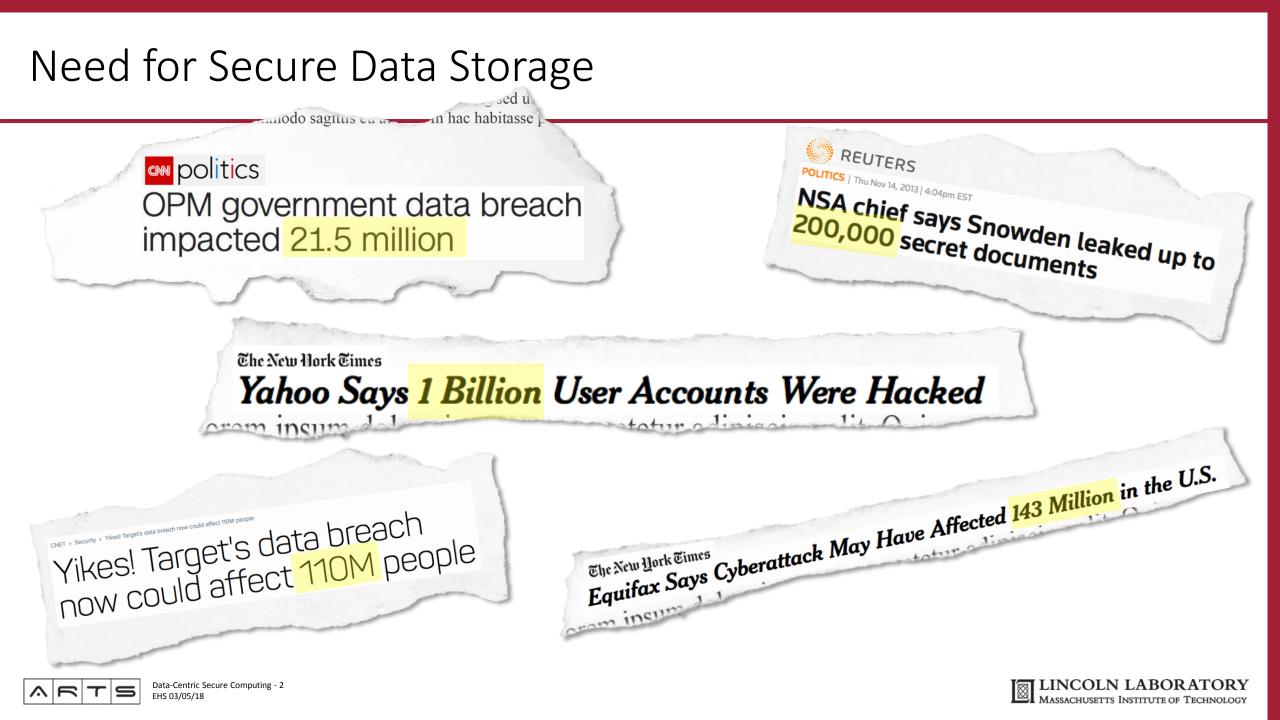
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Need for Secure Computing on Data









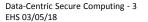
Cloud Computing

Internet of Things

Cyber Threat Sharing

Medical Research

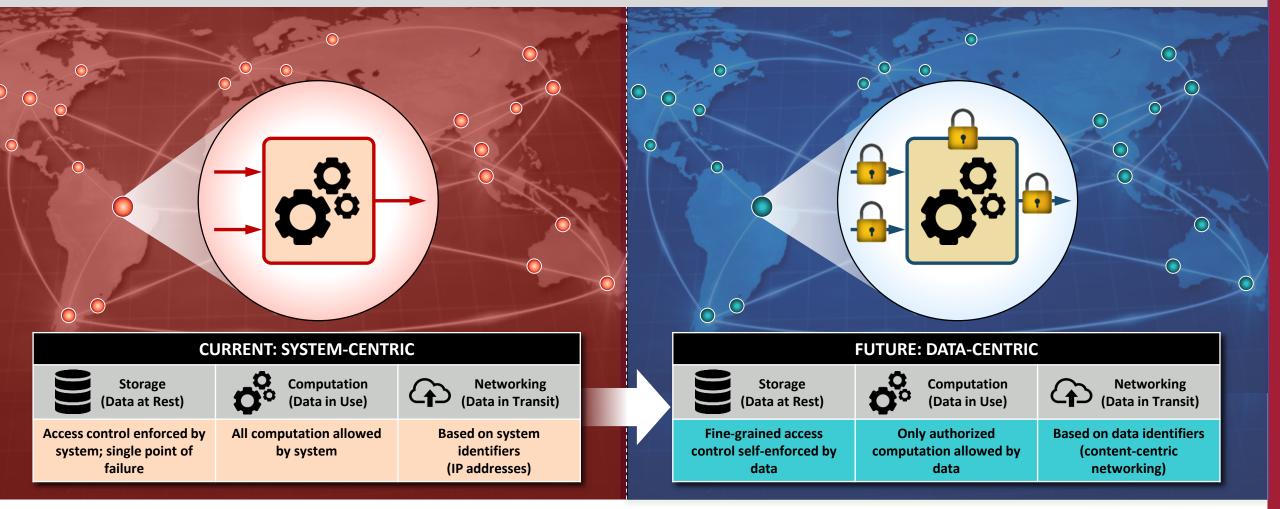






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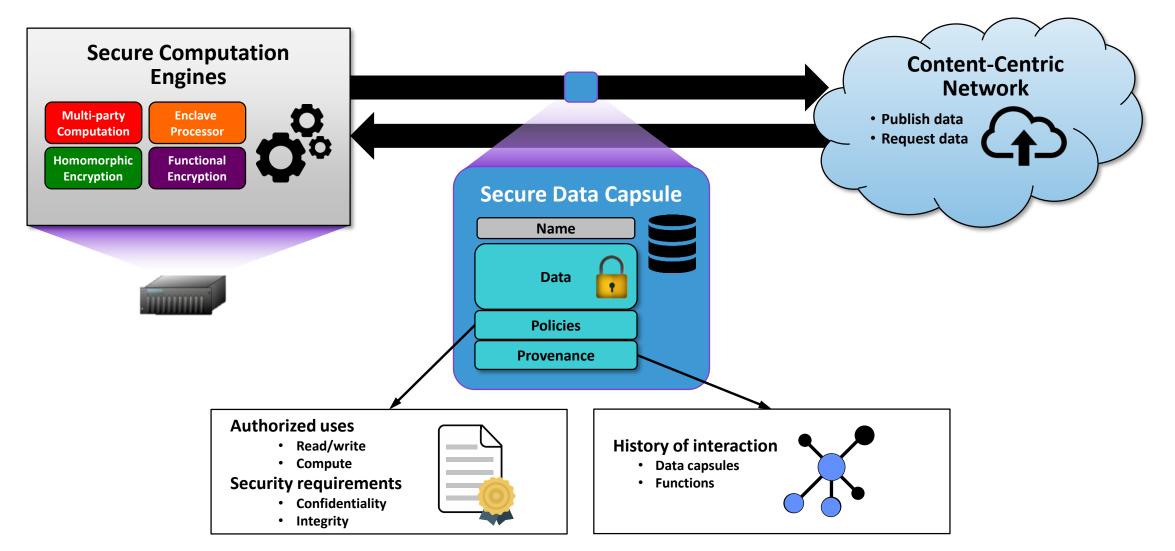
Vision: Self-protecting data throughout data lifecycle in distributed systems







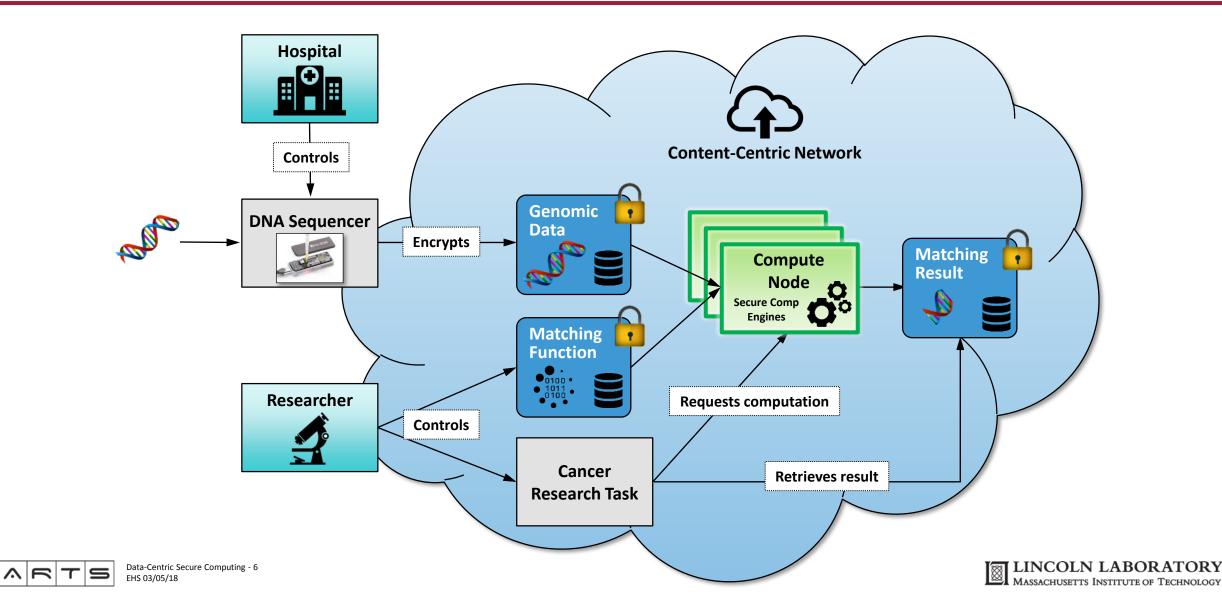
Data-Centric Secure Computing Architecture







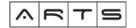
Data-Centric Secure Computing for Medical Research



Secure Computation Example: Multi-Party Computation (MPC)



- MPC uses cryptography to emulate functionality and security of a trusted party
 - Confidentiality of inputs and outputs
 - Correctness of computation
 - Resilience to communication/party failures





MPC Protocols

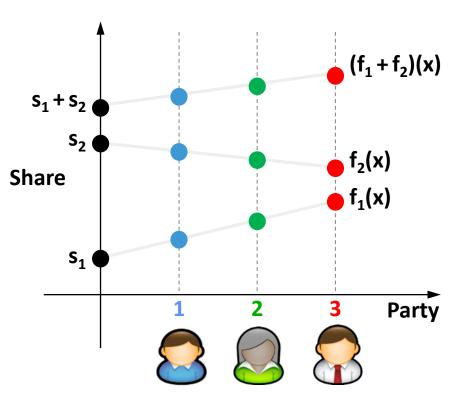
1. Secret share inputs

- Each party encodes private data, sends a share to each party
- Shares completely hiding unless more than t shares are combined

2. Compute on secret shares

- Addition uses only local computation
- Multiplication requires communication
- 3. Open output: Combine final shares to learn result





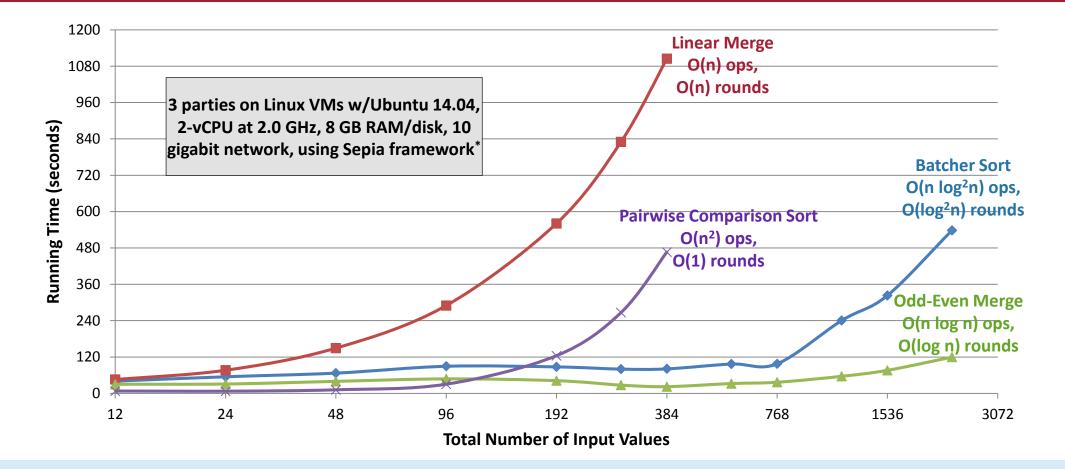
MPC can compute any arbitrary function securely, can be optimized for specific applications



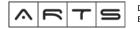
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Example: Optimizing MPC Sorting Protocols



Optimal MPC sorting protocol depends on preconditions and number of inputs





Research Challenges



- Transformation of data to match protections specified by policy
- Integration with policy and provenance



Secure Computation

- Automatic selection and composition of techniques
- Integration with policy and provenance



Security Policies

- Rich policy representation formats
- Combining policies on data from multiple owners



Data Provenance

- Truncation-resistant provenance store
- Provenance analytics



- Secure resource discovery
- Resilience against malicious nodes







- Data-centric secure computing shifts paradigm from protecting large systems to protecting data
- Data protected at rest, in transit, and in use with respect to expressive policies
- Vision requires integrated architecture and component technologies: cryptographically secure storage and computation, policy, data provenance, content-centric networking
- Interested in your ideas for applications and collaboration

