MULTI-PARTY COMPUTATION IN THE MOBILITY AS A SERVICE INDUSTRY

1 BACKGROUND

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2 RESEARCH QUESTION

How can Multi-Party Computation enable secret, secure, and GDPR-compliant sharing of mobility data?

3 METHOD

Investigate and understand existing applications of MPC in the industry to use as a basis for interviews with mobility providers whose results are used to validate and evaluate the devised suggestions

4 RESULTS

INDUSTRY INSIGHTS

- lack of MPC or other PETs among mobility providers
- lack of pedestrian, GDPR compliant data
- unwillingness of logistics companies to share data
- [waiting for more interviews]

5 CONCLUSION

POSSIBLE SOLUTION/STRATEGY

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[graphic to show architecture & basic protocol]

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- evaluate against different criteria (e.g. feasibility, robustness, number of adversaries/security,...)
- validate against insights from interviews
- show how mobility data can be used to improve traffic management in inner cities
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An Investigation of Multi-Party Computation to Share and Process Mobility Data

1 STATUS QUO

Mobility as a Service (MaaS)

MaaS describes the concept of the fusion of different modes of transportation into one integrated system. For instance, travel advice can be given based on current traffic, and users can shift from privately owned vehicles to shared solutions, such as ride-sourcing, carpooling, and e-scooters.

Infrastructure Governing

Sourcing data from all kinds of mobility providers allows municipal authorities to facilitate decision-making for traffic and infrastructure management. By providing dependable sources, reports and strategies to optimise aspects such as emissions, safety, sustainability, and accessibility, can be made.

Data Barriers: GDPR and Competition

Nevertheless, considerably little data is actually shared by mobility providers with governing institutions. For one, the EU’s General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) introduced new measures to protect identifiable data with concepts such as Privacy by Design, impeding possibilities of data sharing. Simultaneously, due to the competitive nature of the MaaS market, companies within the industry are likely unwilling to share data openly with their competitors.

2 MPC AS A SOLUTION?

Secure Multi-Party Computation (MPC)

MPC is a privacy enhancing technology that allows for safe and secure processing and sharing of data. Using cryptographic protocols, MPC enables computations, such as statistical aggregation or voting systems, without revealing only the output of the analysis, i.e. the input data remains hidden.

Thus, MPC enables companies or data owners to collaborate on statistics and results of aggregated data with each other without sharing any explicit data.

3 GAINING INDUSTRY INSIGHTS

How can MPC enable personal, geo-locational data to be shared with policy-makers in a secure and GDPR-compliant way?

- Literature Review: existing applications and implementations of MPC, GDPR implications, data security in MaaS
- Expert Review: data requirements, formats, and regulations, insight into needs and applications of data
- Industry Interviews: awareness of MPC, state of data collaboration, barriers and limiting factors

4 A SECURE SOLUTION

[Use Case Specific Solution]

[Results of devised strategy and evaluation against different criteria, i.e. Feasibility, Robustness, Communication and Management Overhead, ...]

[Graphic of Final Devised Architecture]

5 OUTLOOK: MPC AND MAAS

Feasibility of MPC within the MaaS Sector

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Limiting Factors and Potential Barriers of Employing MPC

(TBA)

Potential further applications of MPC within MaaS

(TBA)

Next steps...

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