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# Alice goes for a drive...

Alice is a proud **e-vehicle** owner. Her car's connectivity is enabled by the **5G technology**. Her first long trip approaches: she will find out if her shiny new car is really **trustworthy** when it comes to her **privacy**.



### Alice loves to travel, but does her data like to travel too?



### Alice enters Germany...

• ... and loses her 5G connectivity immediately.

• But is her location private now? For how long?



# Moving on

- She arrives in Munich and reconnects to the 5G network
- It has been 500km  $\rightarrow$  She needs to recharge the car
- She asks her car for the nearest charging station...





The service Alice relies on is offered on the cloud by an external vendor.  $\rightarrow$  She has to share her location data with the service provider, but she likes to maintain her privacy.





Generalization of location data based on *k*-anonymity



Trusted third party

Location data perturbation

- based on ε-differential privacy and geo-indistinguishability
- works without the need of other cars nearby
- can be run locally, no need for P2P or Trusted Third Part





Deception / Dummy data

- "Confuse" the LBS provider with "dummy data"
- Flexible implementation
  - Proxy adding "dummy requests" (TTP)
  - Generate additional requests locally
- Challenge: Making "dummy data" indistinguishable from real data
- Drawbacks:
  - Sensitive to re-identification attacks
  - "Waste" of resources





Protocol based? Not really...

- a **paradox**, showcasing the **trade-off** between privacy and utility
- **homomorphic encryption** and strong guarantees regarding privacy
- **specific** use cases, sometimes **too** specific
- practically unusable
- **PIR** protocol

### But Alice doesn't want to "just" charge her car

She wants a "charging experience" with a nice cup of coffee.

A nice cup of coffee that she will like!

Can we reconcile *Privacy* and *Personalization*?



#### Local recommenders

- Federated Learning enabled cars allow the users to benefit from AI technology without entirely compromising their privacy
- The edge network distributes the most recent recommendation models to the cars using 5G
- Each car runs the model locally: the actual inputs are not sent over the internet!

#### To be continued...

There is no such thing as free lunch, so eventually Alice has to pay for charging her car and the delicious coffee.

Here, we put our trust in our colleagues from the orange team to maintain the privacy standard that we proposed for the car related features.



### Conclusion

- No silver bullet for Location Privacy Protection Mechanisms
   →Hybrid, context-sensitive approaches
   New Challenges: Configuration, Automation, Communication
- Edge computing offers new possibilities for privacy, but...
  - More computation  $\rightarrow$  More energy consumption  $\rightarrow$  Less range
  - $\circ$  More capabilities  $\rightarrow$  More hardware  $\rightarrow$  Higher costs
- Balancing *Service Quality*, *Personalisation* and *Privacy* is tricky **But** we can achieve much more than current implementations!

# Before ending...

A few questions never hurt anybody :

- Does technical progress always mean social progress?
- Is it really necessary?
- Do the (economical) benefits outweigh the environmental costs?



# Thank you for your attention, let's hear questions !

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