

# The Rise of Confidential AI

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# Today's Agenda

- Security Is a Business Imperative
- Protect Data and Code In-Use
- The Need for Confidential AI
- Technology and Use Cases
- Real World Case Studies
- Q & A



# Security Has Never Been More Important

**^50%**

Increase in 2021  
cyberattacks YoY <sup>1</sup>



Regulatory  
fines

**\$458.9B**

Projected global  
cybersecurity  
spending  
by 2025 <sup>2</sup>



Brand and  
reputational  
damage

**277 days**

Average time to  
detect and  
contain a data  
breach <sup>3</sup>

**93%**

Networks  
estimated to be  
vulnerable to  
cyberattacks <sup>4</sup>

**\$4.35M**

Average cost of  
a single data breach in  
2021 <sup>3</sup>



Fraud, loss of  
sensitive data or  
IP

**2 seconds**

Pace of new  
ransomware  
attacks by 2031 <sup>1</sup>



Business  
downtime &  
recovery

Threats are growing and risks  
have never been higher

SOFTWARE & APPLICATIONS



OPERATING SYSTEM



BIOS & FIRMWARE



HARDWARE



Attacks are going lower in the stack

Hardware is Your



First Security Decision



# Security Is a Business Imperative

## Customers Are Demanding It

Your customers trust you to protect their data and privacy.

How do you meet the demands?

## Governments Are Regulating It

Rules mandating how data is stored and shared are increasing.

How do you maintain compliance?

## Cloud Leaders are Driving It

Trust is an area of differentiation used to drive competitive advantage.

How do you stack up?



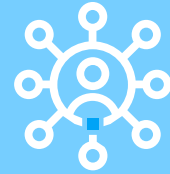
# Data Protection Is Driving Business Opportunity

Corporations of all sizes recognize the accelerated pace of global business and have modernized their technology infrastructure to provide deeper business insights and to bring new products to market faster.



## A Fundamental Requirement

- World data will grow 61% year-over-year by 2025<sup>1</sup>
- By 2020, about 1.7 MB/sec new data by every human on the planet<sup>2</sup>



## Workload Placement Decision Factors

- Regulation and Compliance
- Trust
- Cost and Complexity
- Zero Trust Security Strategy

### Trust

Enable business to innovate with velocity while remaining safe and trusting the CSP. Enable availability of backup and recovery resources. Impact is visible in industry studies that cite data security concerns as a barrier to adoption of cloud computing (business model barrier). Impacts enterprises and service providers.

### Cost and Complexity

Infrastructure is getting more complex and becoming more expensive. If infrastructure is not current, your hardware is not as secure. You also hear from enterprises that legacy infrastructure is a barrier to innovation and makes it harder to enable security tools, features, etc. At the infrastructure level, you're not as protected.

### Regulation and Compliance

Adding regulatory and compliance requirements for data protection, GDPR, and ensuring compliance with current regulations related to data security and privacy, data sovereignty, and transparency and control over operations.

1 Reference: <https://www.networkworld.com/article/3325397/idc-expect-175-zettabytes-of-data-worldwide-by-2025.html>

2Reference: [https://quantium.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/BFM\\_Quantium.pdf](https://quantium.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/BFM_Quantium.pdf)

# Protect Data and Code In-Use

## Data at Rest



Storage Encryption

## Data in Transit

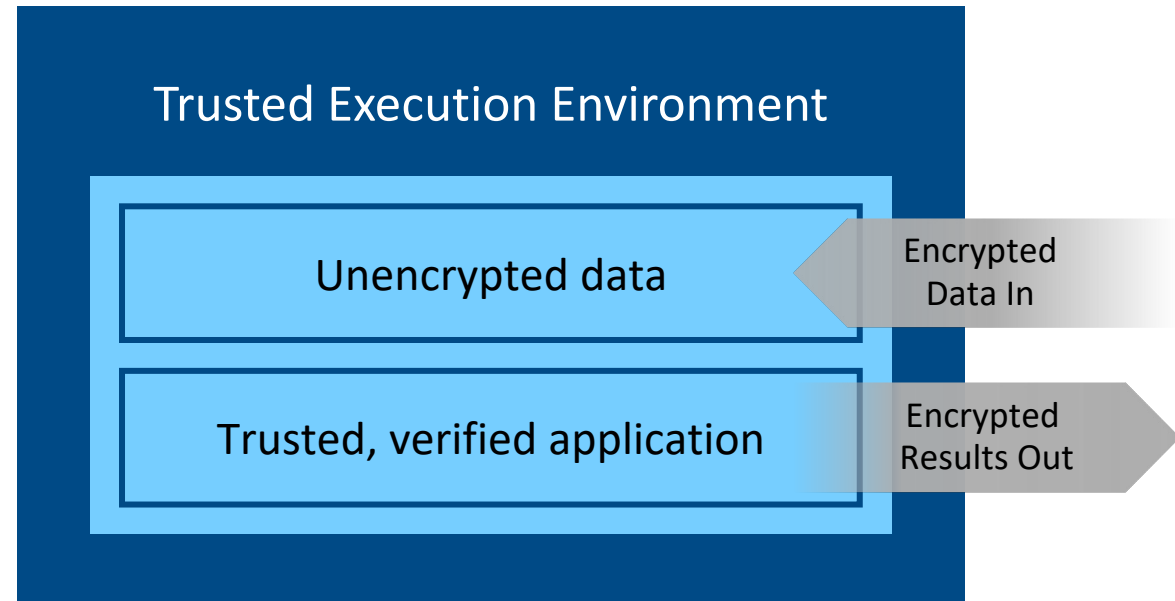


Network Encryption

## Data in Use



Confidential Computing



## Isolation

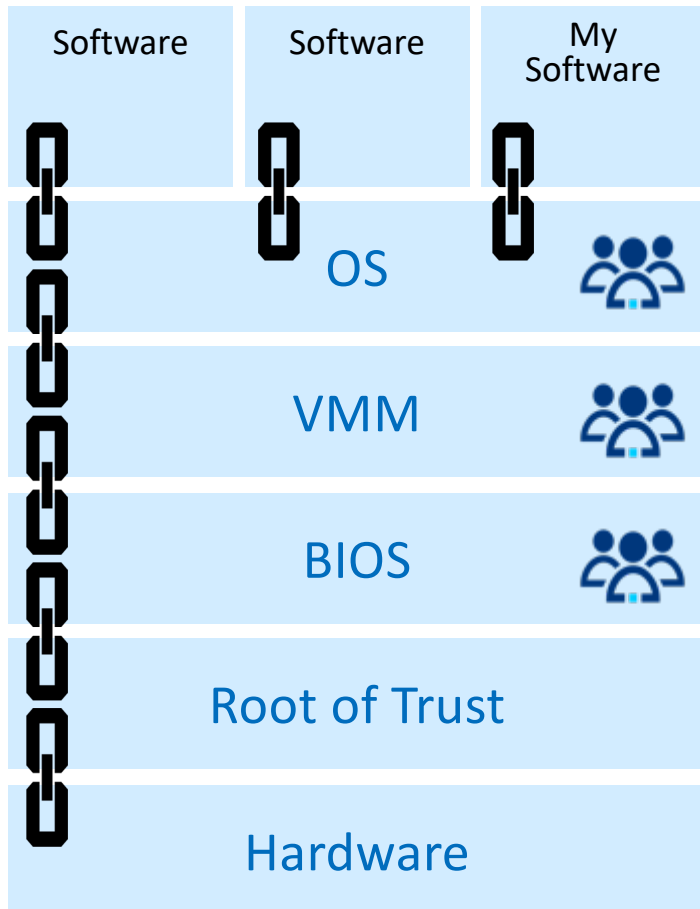
Designed so only authorized application software inside the TEE can access confidential data

## Attestation

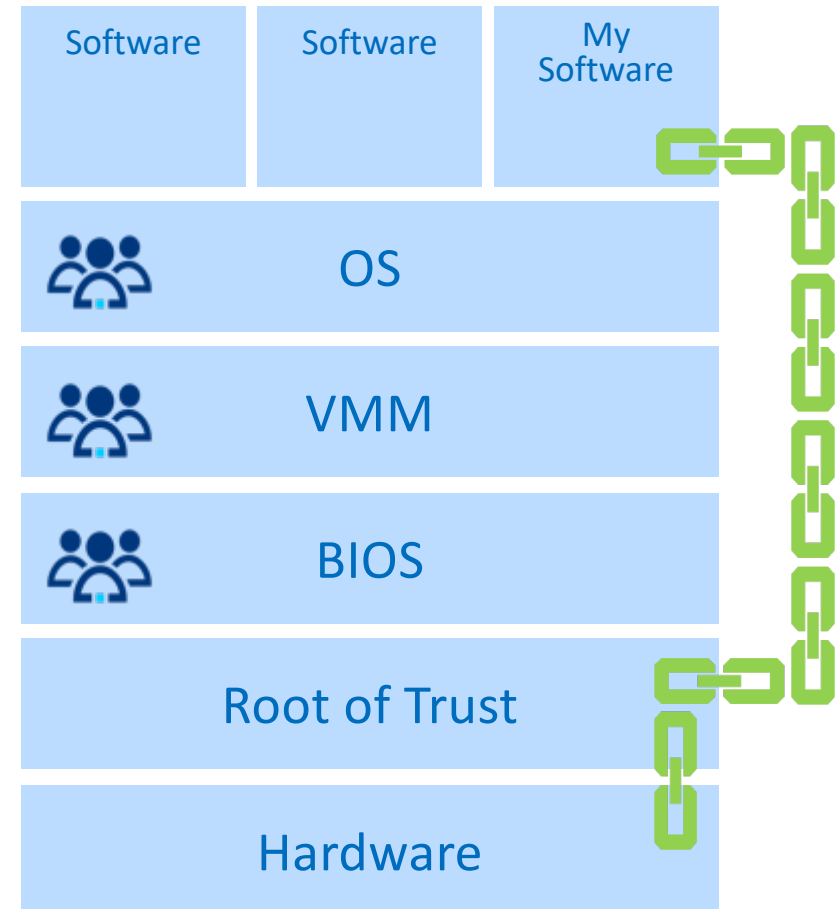
Confirmation that HW & SW configuration is valid & exactly as expected

# Rethink the Way Trust Works

Traditional Chain of Trust



Confidential Computing Chain of Trust





# When is this Useful?



## Multi-party sharing scenarios

- Data usage without exposing the underlying data to any of the other parties



## Moving sensitive workloads to managed infrastructure (e.g., cloud)

- Attestable Integrity and Confidentiality of the data and code
- Removing the Infrastructure owner (e.g., Cloud Service Provider) from the trusted computing base
- Hardware enforced isolation from other tenants



## Workload with high privacy, security, and regulatory requirements

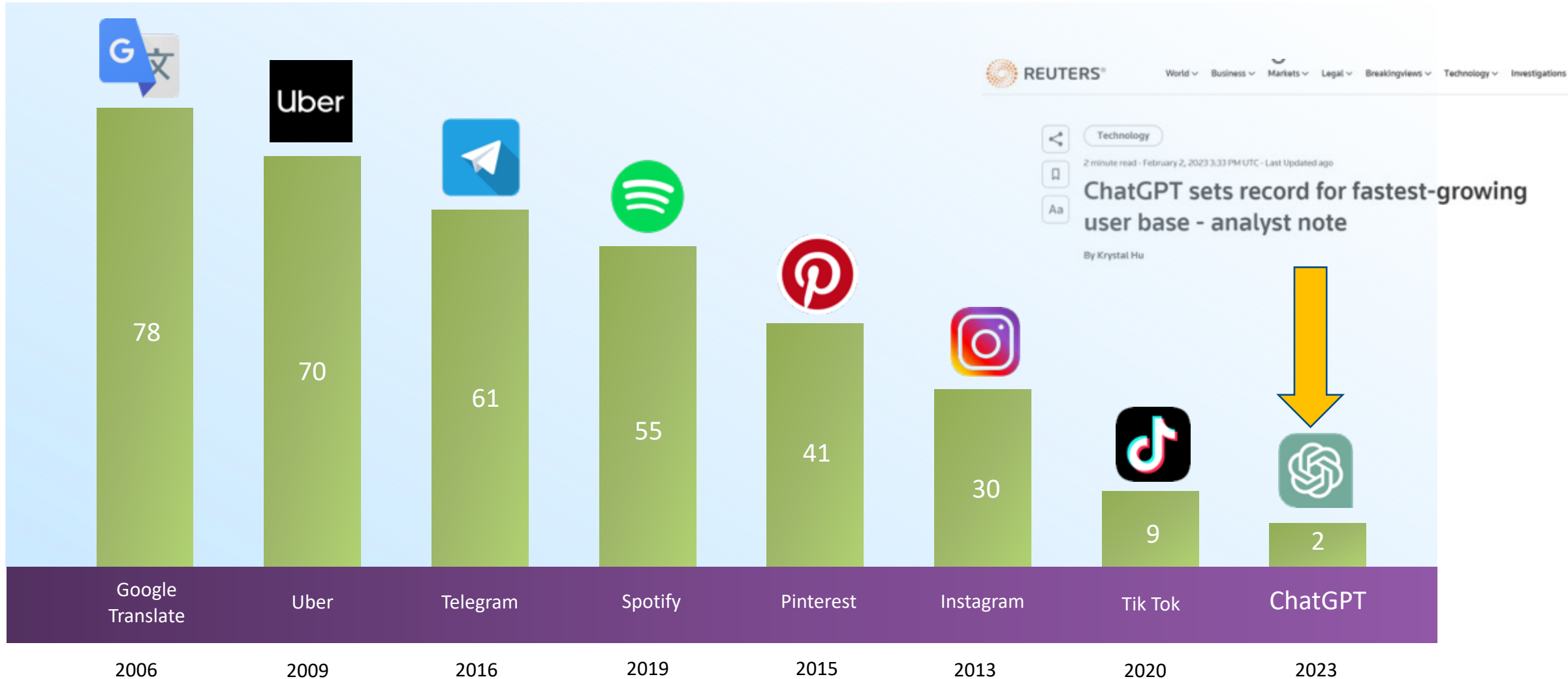
- Ability to meet privacy and security regulations in new ways



# Explosion of AI use cases across industries and the need for Confidential AI solutions

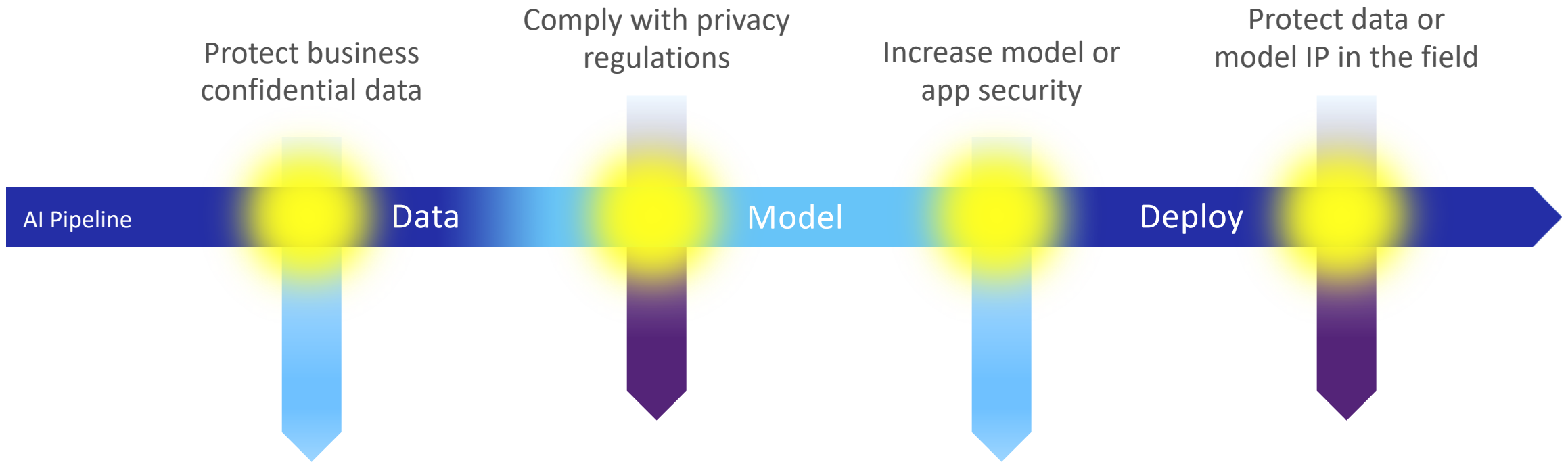
# “Cambrian Explosion” of AI

Months to get to 100 million global Monthly Active Users





# Confidential AI: Strategy for elevated privacy, security and compliance





# Confidential AI in Practice

# Confidential AI

## Securing AI/ML workflows with Secure Enclaves

- No-hassle SaaS deployment of managed infrastructure
- Easy dataset connectors with AWS S3 accounts or local data upload
- Protect intellectual property in AI/ML models using secure enclaves
- Meet privacy requirements with auditable logs for proof of execution
- Broad AI/ML framework support:

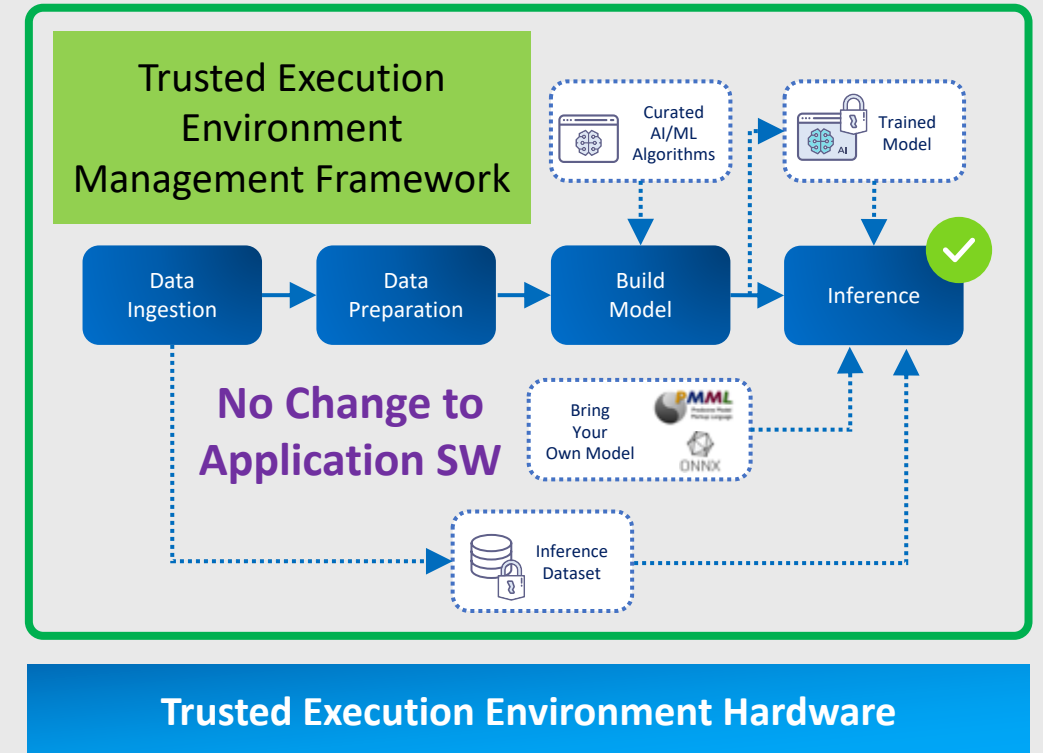


- Bring Your Own Model support using:



## Secure Enclave - Zero Trust Computing

### Trusted Execution Environment (TEE)



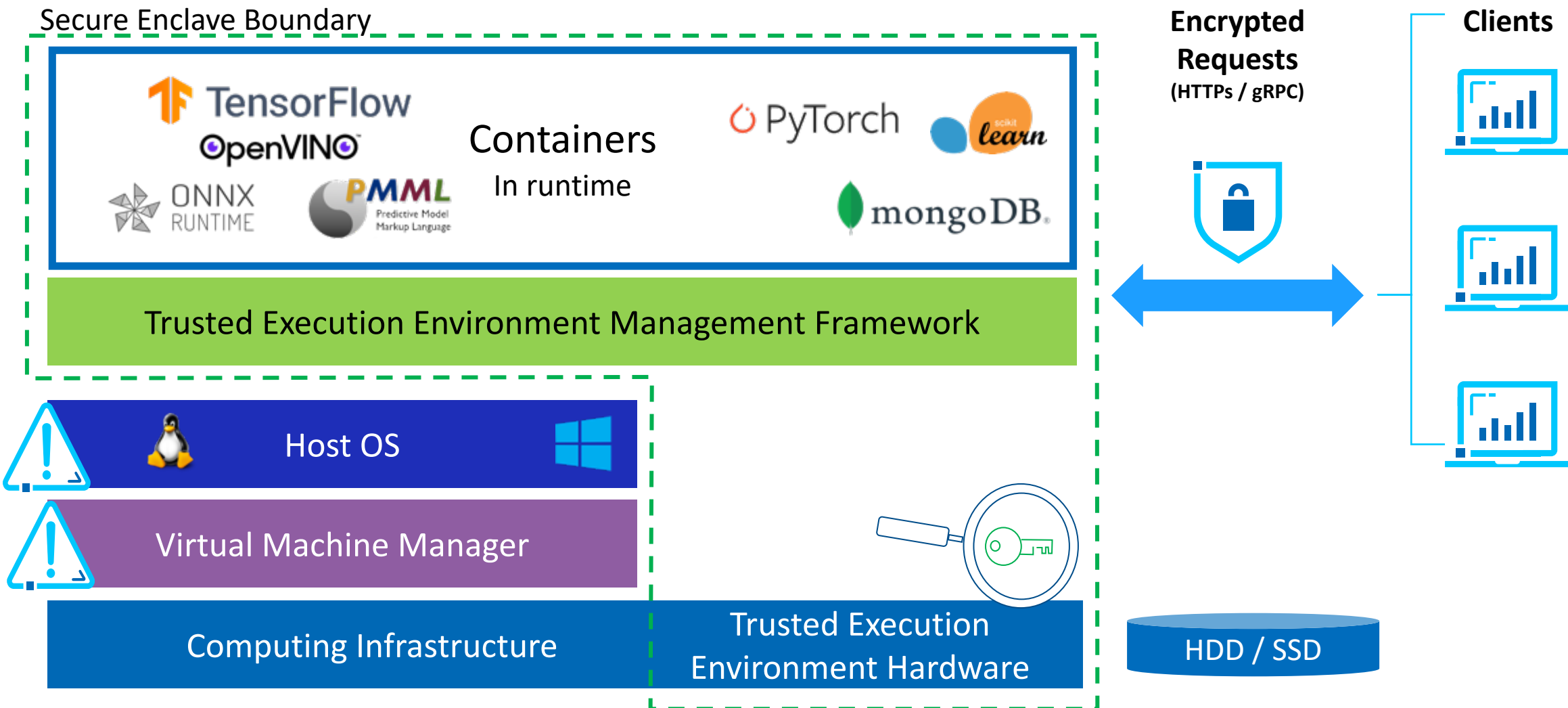
[“What is Confidential Computing and Why Should I Care?”](#) SNIA CSTI, May ‘21

[“Confidential Computing Protecting Data in Use,”](#) SNIA CSTI Webinar, June ‘21

[“How to Easily Deploy Confidential Computing,”](#) SNIA CSTI webinar, July ‘21



# Security Solution for Confidential AI



[Example Trusted Execution Environment Cloud Solution Delivery](#)  
[Example Trusted Execution Environment Cloud Architecture Characteristics](#)

[Example Trusted Execution Environment Management Framework](#)  
[Example Trusted Execution Environment Infrastructure](#)



# Cross Industry Use Cases and Case Studies

# Confidential Computing Use Cases

Business transformation, not just risk mitigation



## Government

- Digital identity
- Critical infrastructure
- Anti-corruption
- Cyber-crime prevention
- Judicial proceedings and case management
- Deployed and disconnected operations
- Safeguarding / vulnerable population protection (including child exploitation, human trafficking, etc.)



## Financial Services

- Anti-money laundering
- Digital currencies
- Secure Payment Processing including Credit Card and Bank Transactions
- Fraud prevention
- Credit risk assessment and qualification from combined bank records
- Capital Markets e.g.: Securing Quantitative Hedge Funds code and models
- Proprietary analytics / algorithms

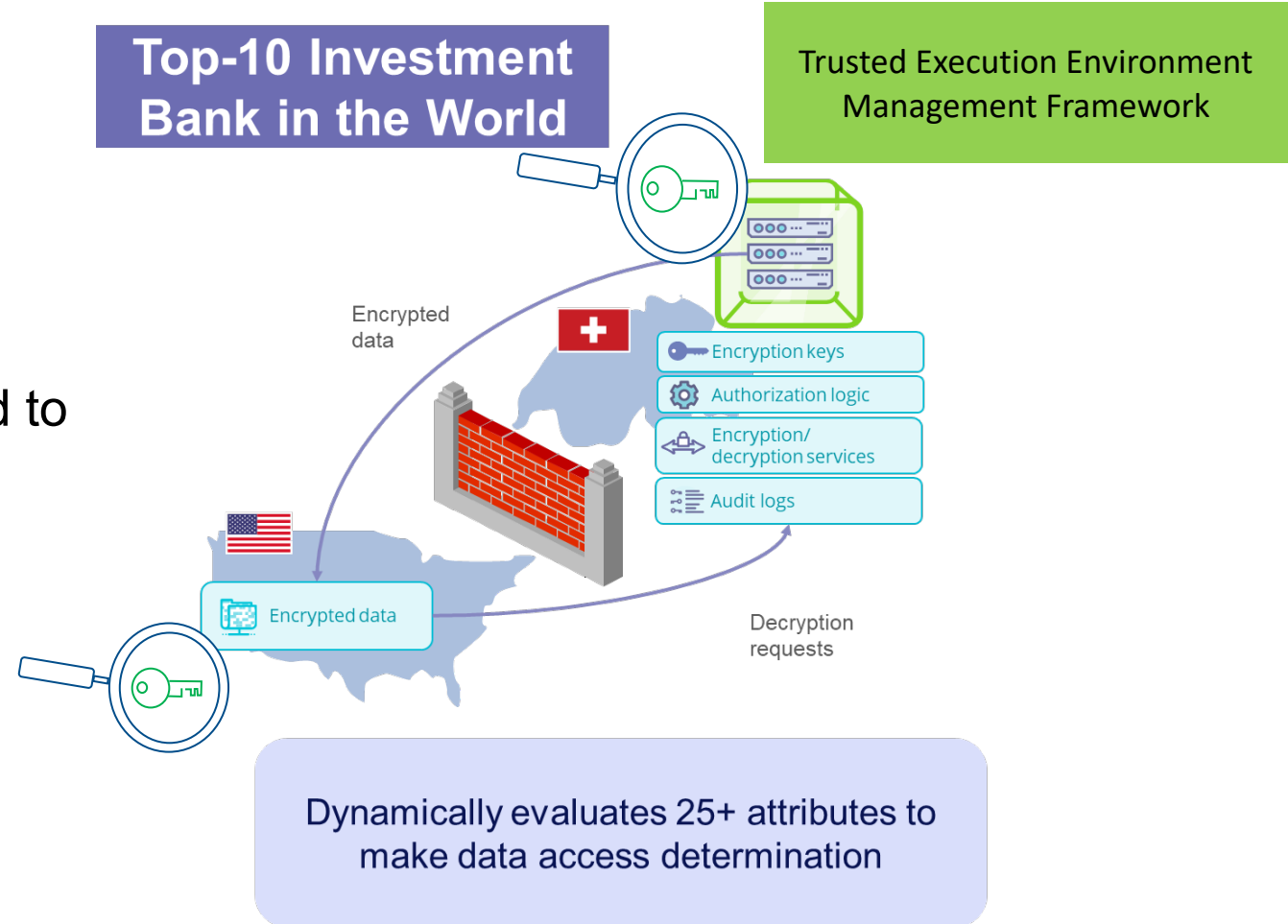


## Healthcare

- Disease diagnostic
- Insurance fraud prevention
- Drug development
- Contact tracing
- Records and evidence management
- Insurance fraud, waste, and abuse prevention

# Protecting Swiss Banking Data

- Swiss regulations (Art.47, Banking Act) prohibit disclosure of private customer information to a third party.
- Protect cryptographic keys and policy evaluations for data access control.
- Segregation of data and keys is enforced to ensure compliance with data protection legislation and organizational policies covering use of Personally Identifiable Information (PII).





# Protecting National Security

- Secure object detection and classification:

- Training
- Transfer Learning
- Inference
- Adversarial AI Defense

- Comprehensive AI/ML framework support



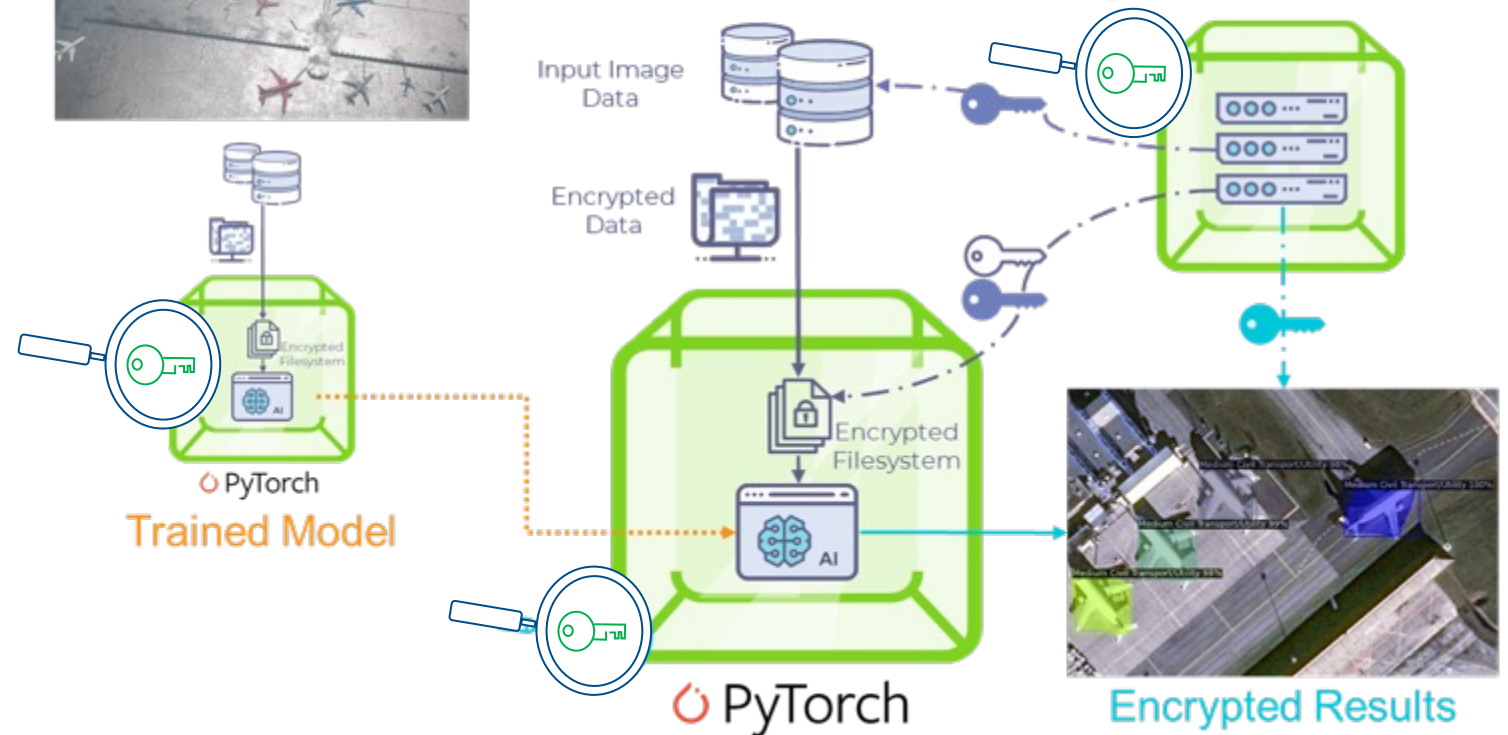
RarePlanes Synthetic Training Data



Real Satellite Data

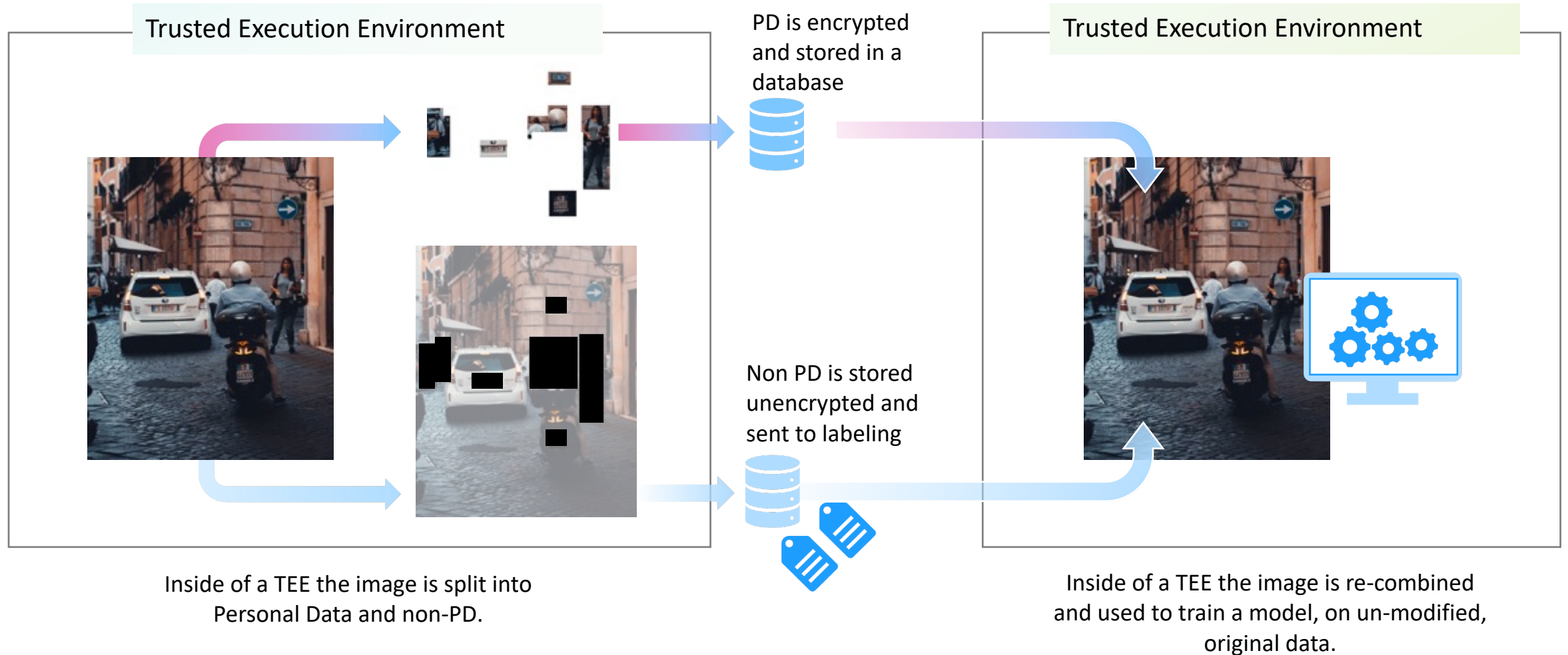


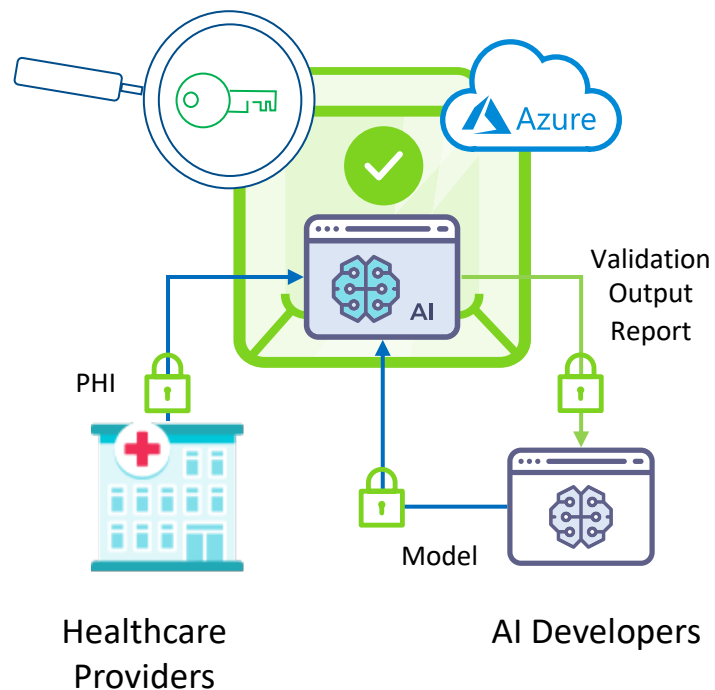
Trusted Execution Environment Management Framework



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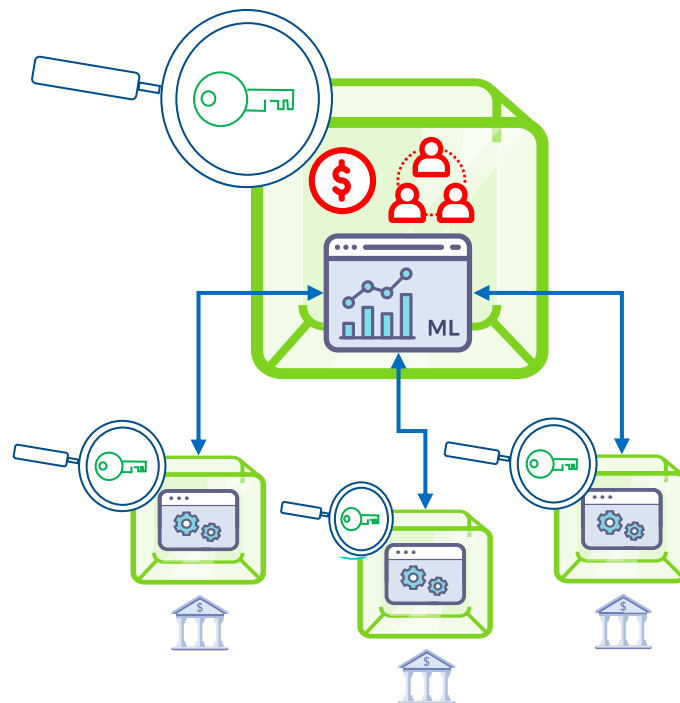
# Data Storage and Protection





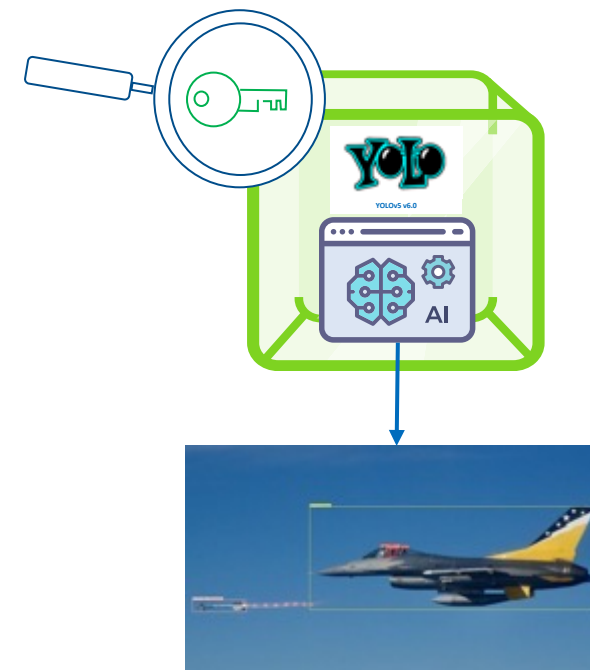
### Clinical AI Validation

- HIPAA-compliant validation of AI models for disease diagnosis and drug development
- PHI data protection at rest, in transit, and in-use
- Secured IP to protect clinical AI developers' investment in new models



### Financial Crime Prevention<sup>1</sup>

- Federated Machine Learning (FML) at scale for Anti-Money Laundering (AML) and financial crime detection
- Secured IP, with parameters served via secrets injection at runtime
- Workflow orchestration over distributed infrastructure



### Secure Object Detection & Classification<sup>2</sup>

- Secure training, inference, and transfer learning for object detection and classification with YOLOv5 v6.0
- Defense against adversarial machine learning with secure enclave attestation

<sup>1</sup> Reference: <https://ieeexplore.ieee.org/document/10021108>

<sup>2</sup> Reference: <https://www.spiedigitallibrary.org/conference-proceedings-of-spie/12113/121130C/Establishing-security-and-trust-for-object-detection-and-classification-with/10.1117/12.2618303.short>



# Q&A



# Additional Resources

- Confidential AI based on Intel Security Solution, [here](#)
- Fortanix Confidential AI, [here](#)
- Accelerated AI Inference with Confidential Computing, [here](#)

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