# A Proposal of a Simple and Secure Statistical Processing System using Secret Sharing

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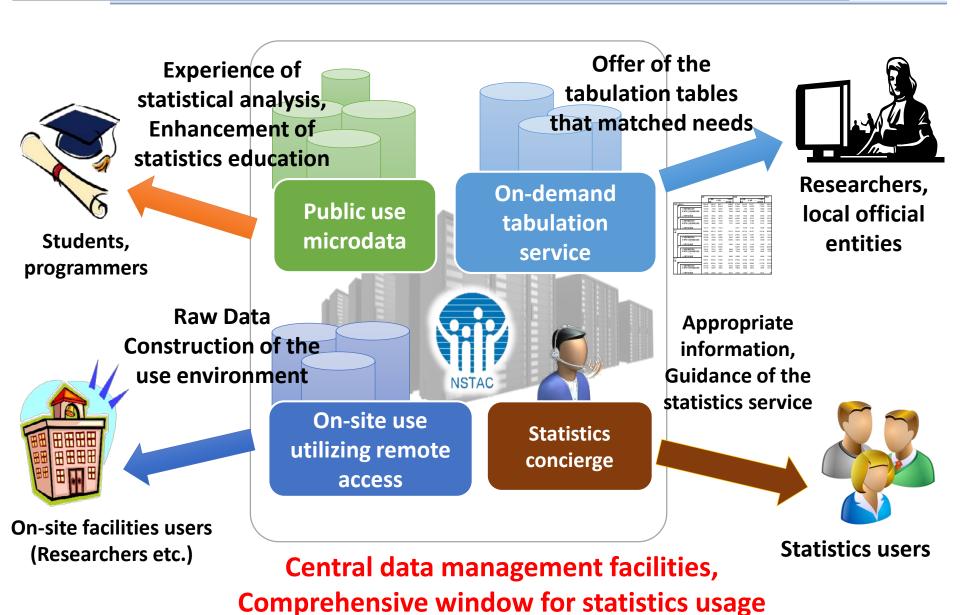
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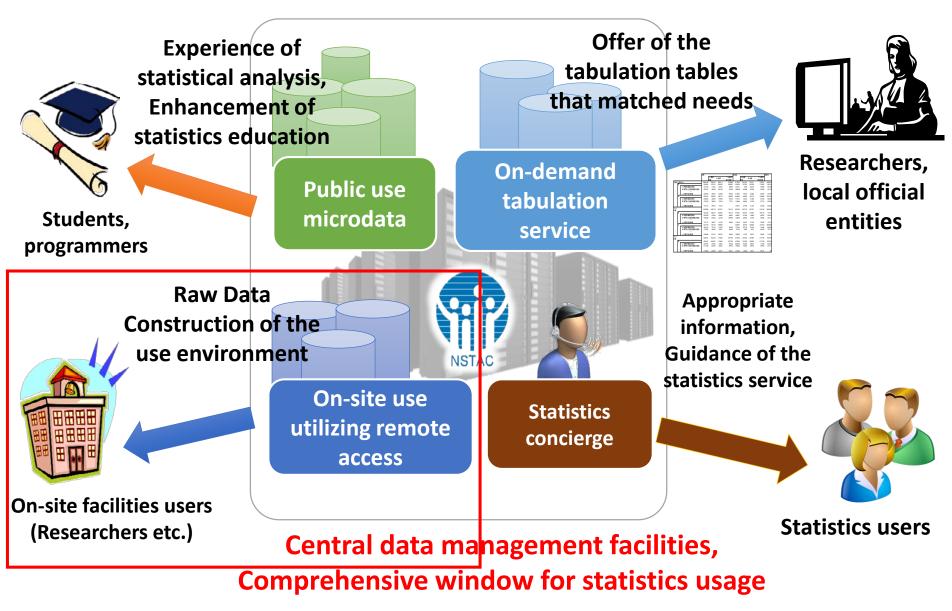
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## On-site use of statistical microdata



#### **Conceptual Diagram of on-site use utilizing remote access**

- **♦** Service counter
- ◆ Formality check of application for use, and formality examination of taking data —
- ◆ Management of the data and system, etc.

National government offices and ministries (survey conductors, such as SBJ)

Decides on permission for application for use and taking data

- **♦** Registration for the questionnaire information.
- Entrusts necessary related business, such as service counter, to NSTAC.

**Dedicated servers** 



**On-site facilities** 

**On-site facilities** 



**Administrator** 

NSTAC

**Virtual PCs** 

(Central-data-management facilities)

Operates virtual PCs by remote control



**On-site facilities** 

Displays the tabulated/analysis results. (Using memory equipment, such as a USB memory stick, is prohibited and it cannot be used.)

Formality examination is conducted when taking data



**On-site facilities** 

## On-site use of statistical microdata



#### Merits of on-site use

Security

Micro-

data

#### Present (provide with DVD)

Use It must be the use of microdata in research deemed to provide a public-benefit.

Researchers are responsible for ensuring security at large.

User needs to obtain permission by submitting an application for use including the detailed design of tabulation and analysis.

Only the minimum information required for the designed analysis is provided.



#### Future (on-site use)

Use It must be the use of microdata in research deemed to provide a public-benefit.

Facility installation personnel are responsible for ensuring a secure environment.

User burden is reduced by simplifying the application for use.

All the information is available for use.





Exploratory and creative research is possible.

#### On-site use of statistical microdata



#### Merits of on-site use

Future (on-site use) Present (provide with DVD) However, we would like to consider a benefit of off-site users. User needs to obtain permission by User burden is reduced by simplifying the submitting an application for use including the detailed design of tal for use. solution analysis. Micro-Only the minimum info <del>is</del> available for use. data the designed analysis is provided. **Secure Computation System** SDC software  $\tau$  -ARGUS

# 2. Outline of $\tau$ -ARGUS

τ-ARGUS is general-purpose confidential processing software that can

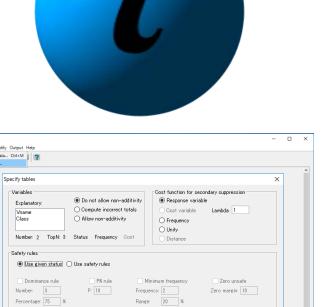
protect statistical tables by GUI operation.

The latest  $\tau$ -ARGUS is version 4.1.5.

• The primary confidential method (n,k) rule p% rule

Minimum frequency rule

 The secondary suppression method Hypercube/GHMITER method Optimal method Modular approach Network



http://neon.vb.cbs.nl/casc/tau.htm

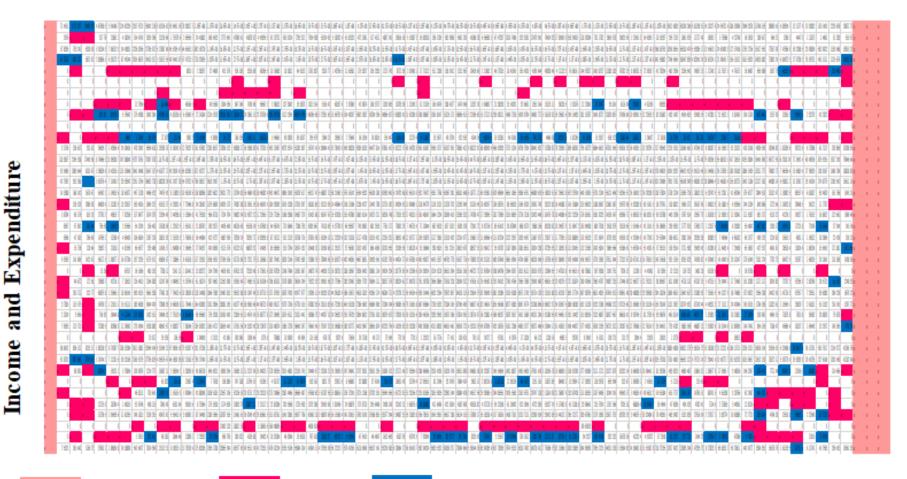
Missing = safe

Manual safety range: 20

OK Cancel

# Result of empirical analysis

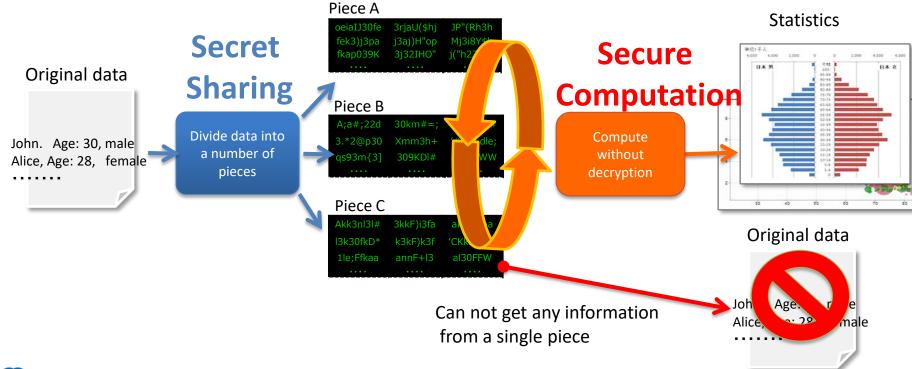
The verification subject is Table #2 (Two-or-more-person Households and Workers' Households from the 2009 National Survey of Family Income and Expenditure) in the special tabulation by the Institute of Economic Research, Hitotsubashi University (Kinoshita and Sakashita, 2014).



# 3. What's Secure Computation?



- Store secret data with both confidentiality and availability. (Secret sharing)
- Conduct statistical analysis without decrypting data.

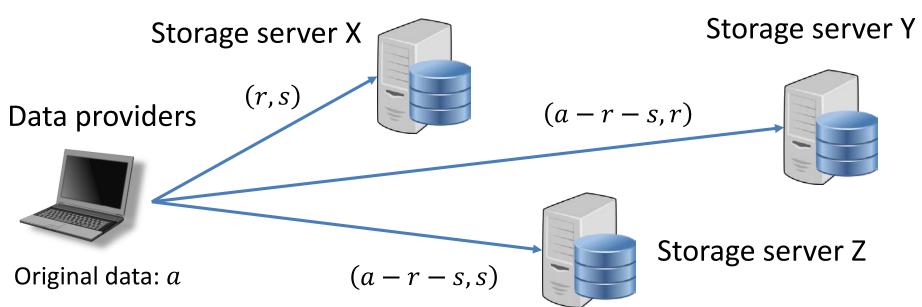




## Secret Sharing



- Data providers generate n (e.g., n=3) fragments and send them to each storage server individually
  - Secure: The original data can be kept secret even if stored data in a storage server is leaked
  - High available: The original data can be restored even if up to n-t (e.g., t=2) storage servers are crashed



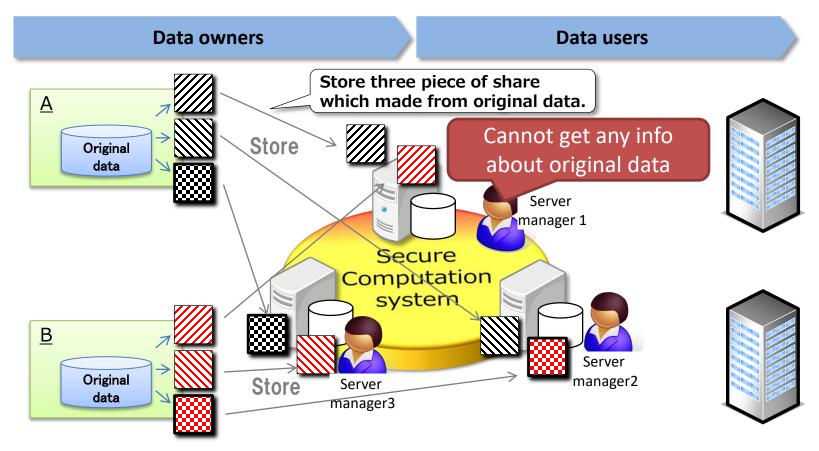


#### Protection of original data by Secure Computation



Never disclose original data to server manager.

→ The data is protected by Secret Sharing in Secure Computation.

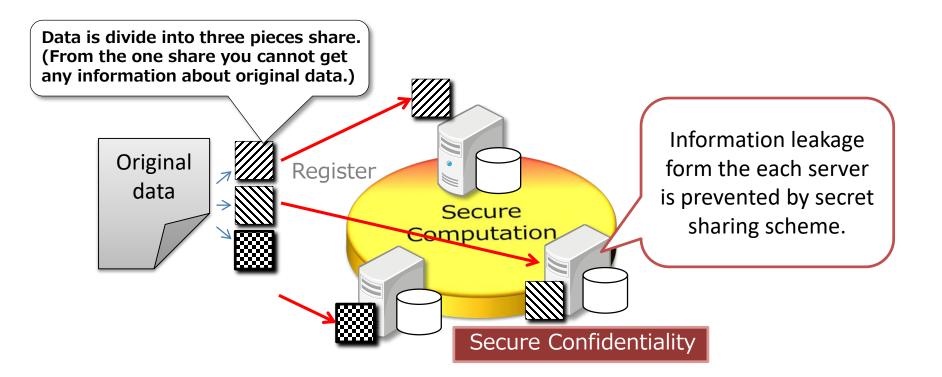




# Cooperation between τ-ARGUS and Secure Computation "Data registration"



The data is registered to the secure computation system in the following flow.
 →The Registered data's safety is ensured by the secret sharing scheme does not cause encryption compromise.

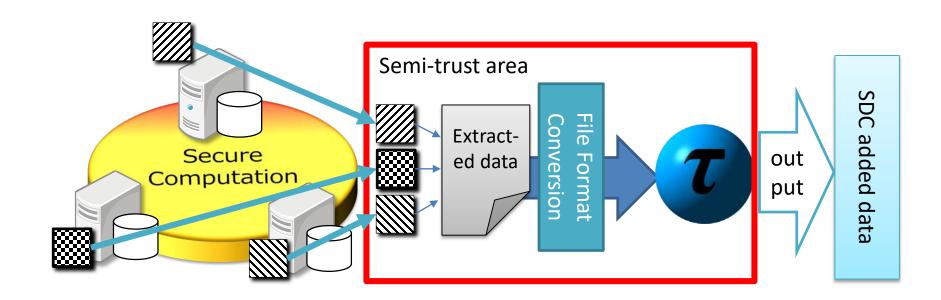




# Cooperation between τ-ARGUS and Secure Computation "Data output"



- The flow for outputting the summary table with SDC from the secure computation system which the data is registered safely.
  - $\rightarrow$ Addition of SDC using  $\tau$ -ARGUS is carried out on "semi-trust area".





# 4. Demonstration



- Please see a demonstration
   Cooperation between "Secure Computation" and "T-ARGUS".
- The demo scenario is as follows
- 1 Output a summary table using Secure Computation.
- 2 Write the summary table to csv file.
- ③ Convert file format from csv, to the τ-ARGUS required.
- ④ Input the data to τ-ARGUS the add SDC.



# 5. Conclusions and Future works



#### Conclusions

- We performed the making of the table using encrypted files and the suppression verification by the function of  $\tau$ -ARGUS.
- The usefulness of  $\tau$ -ARGUS by applying the suppression rules suitable for the statistical tables was confirmed.
- Showed demonstration of Cooperation between "Secure Computation" and "τ-ARGUS".

#### Future works

- The feature of this research is to make automatic processing by a concatenate secure computation system with  $\tau$ -ARGUS which has a tabulation function.
- We will consider changing the language of τ-ARGUS into Japanese.

