

Privacy-Preserving Access Control and Computations of Encrypted Data in the Cloud

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Cloud Computing Security

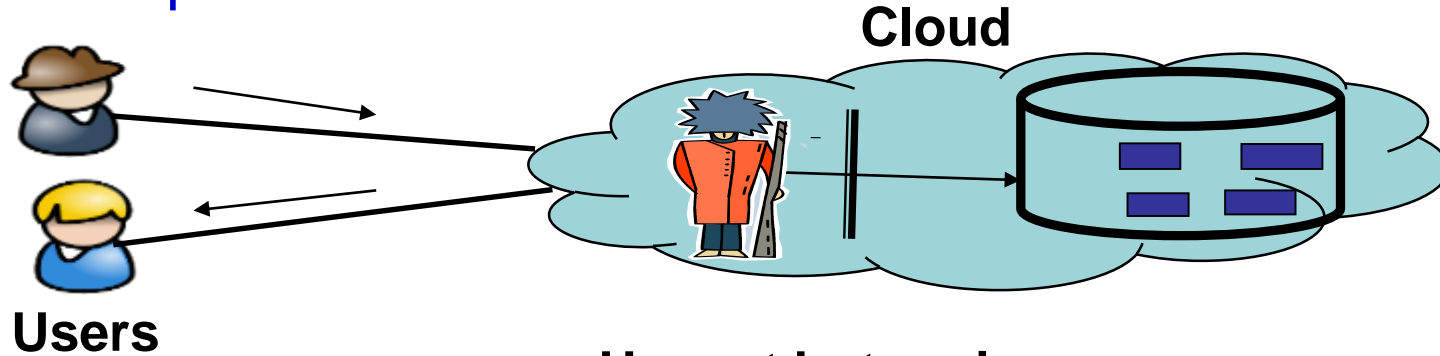
Project 4: Privacy-preserving access control & computations of encrypted data in the cloud



Access Control of Encrypted Data in the Cloud

Assumption and Objective

- Assumption



Honest but curious

- **Not** trusted to keep data

Confidential

- **Not trusted** to enforce access control correctly

- Objective

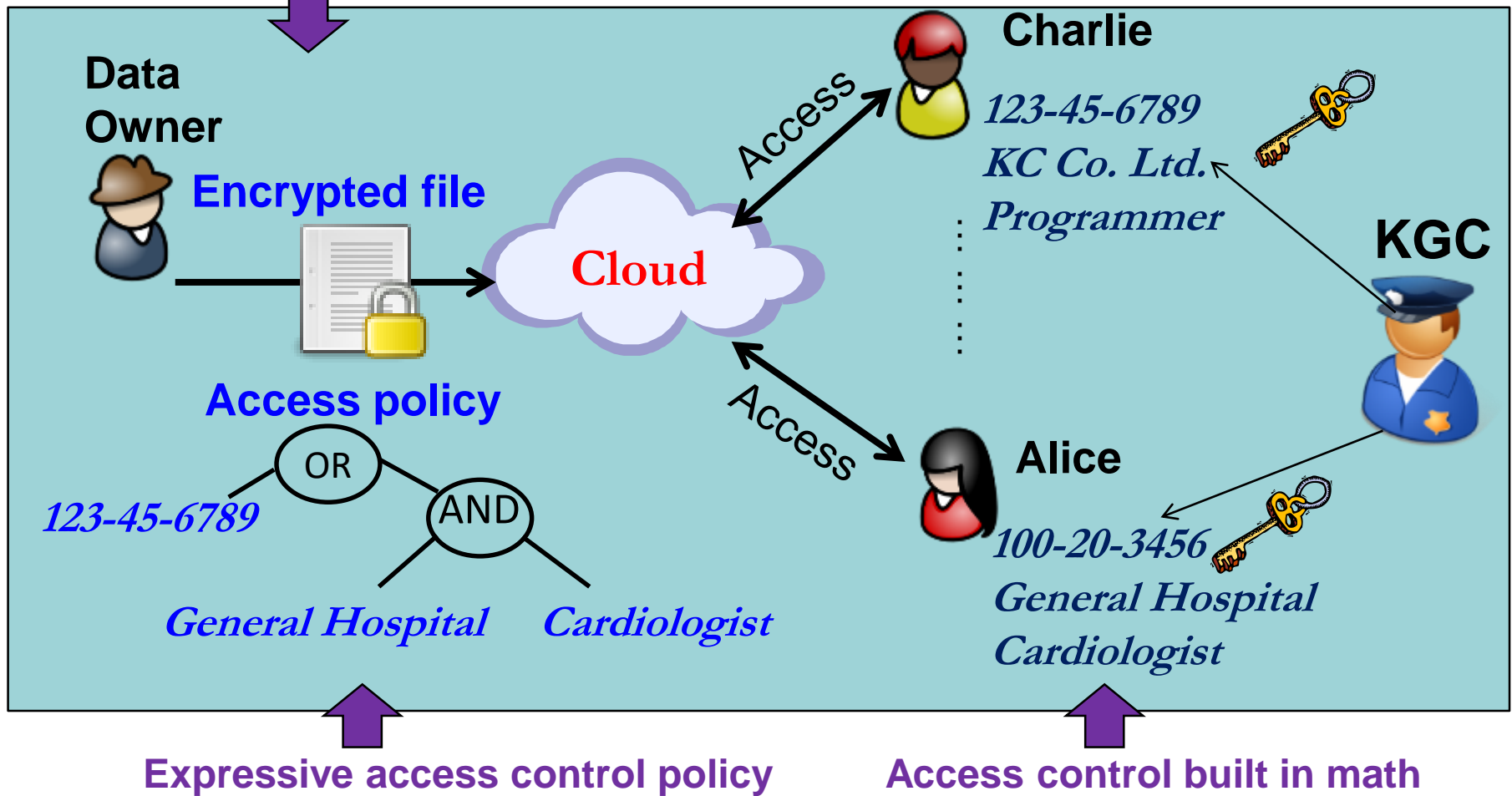
- End-to-end data security and privacy
- Scalable, efficient and flexible solution

- Approach

- Attribute-based encryption (ABE) [Sahai & Waters'05]

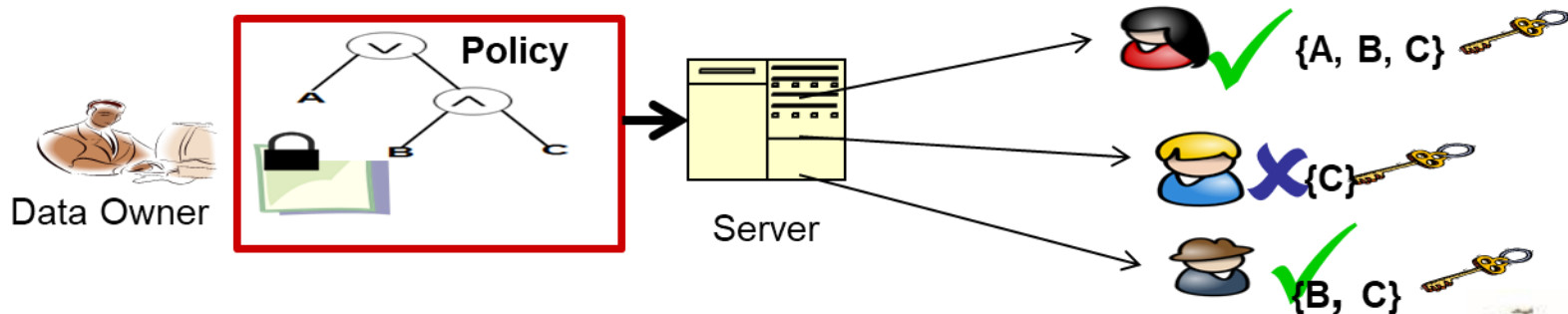
System Architecture Based on CP-ABE

One-to-many public key encryption



Our Contributions

- Verifiable outsourced decryption of ABE [TIFS 2013, TIFS 2015]
- Efficient user and attribute revocation [EOSRICS'15 & '16, SecureComm'17]
- CP-ABE with partial hidden access policy [AsiaCCS'12, ProvSec'16]
- Deduplication on encrypted data [TBD 2016], Best Paper Award
- Attribute-based secure messaging system in the cloud [SG-CRC'17]
- Lightweight sharable and traceable secure mobile health system [TDSC, accepted]



User Revocation

- User leaves the system, or user's private key is compromised

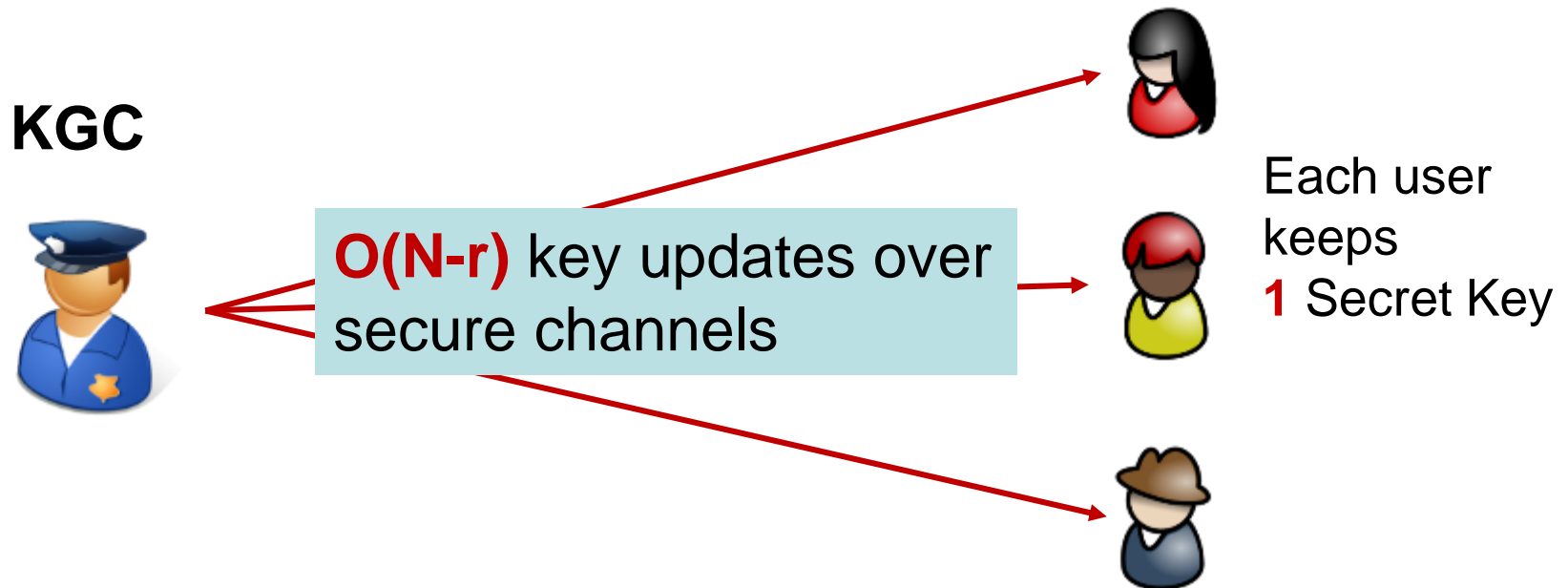


- User revocation in ABE is critical because of its one-to-many encryption nature
- However, efficient user revocation has been a very challenging problem in ABE

Existing Solutions

[Boneh & Franklin CRYPTO'01] **Basic approach**

- Associate encrypted message with a time stamp: $CT(t)$
- KGC periodically updates users keys over **private channels**



Existing Solutions

[Boldyreva, Goyal, Kumar CCS'08] [Seo & Emura PKC'13]

Tree-based approach

- Associate encrypted message with a time stamp: $CT(t)$
- KGC periodically broadcasts key updates to users over **public channels**
- Non-revoked user computes decryption key for current time t using her/his long-term secret keys and key updates

KGC



$O(r \log N/r)$ key updates
over public channel



Each user
Keeps
 $O(\log N)$
Secret
Keys

Existing Solutions

- [Attrapadung, Imai Pairing'09]: **Direct ABE revocation**
 - Data owners directly specify revocation list when encrypting
- Extension
 - [Yang, Ding, Lu, Wan, Zhou ISC'13] A semi-trusted server shares the decryption ability with data users, and terminates decryption for revoked users
 - [Attrapadung, Imai ICC'09] A hybrid revocable ABE system allows data owner to select either direct or indirect revocation when encrypting a message

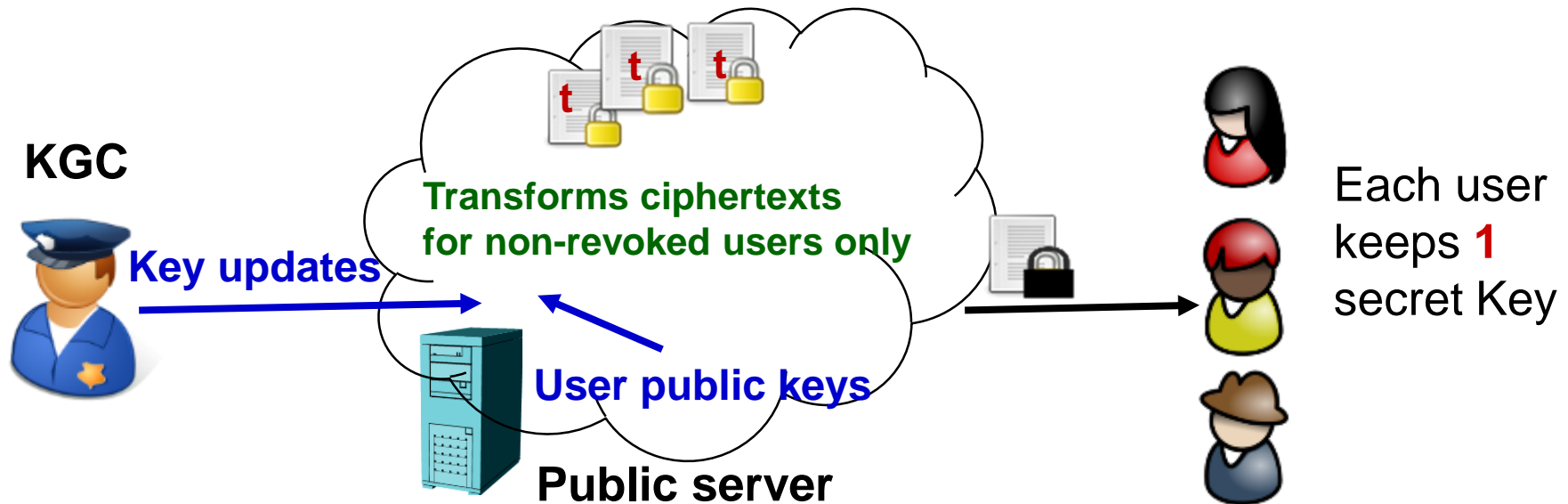
Limitations of Existing Solutions

- **Direct revocation**
 - Requires all data owners to keep a current revocation list. This makes the system impurely attribute-based, since data owners in ABE create a ciphertext based solely on attributes without caring each data user's status
- **Tree-based revocation solutions**, such as [BGK08], require
 - All non-revoked users to periodically update decryption keys themselves to decrypt newly encrypted data
 - Every user keeps $O(\log N)$ long-term private keys
- **Is it possible to overcome the above limitations in tree-based revocations solutions?**

Our ABE Scheme with Server-Aided Revocation

[ESORICS'16]

- All user revocation related operations are delegated to a public server which keeps users' public keys
- KGC periodically sends $O(r \log N/r)$ key updates to public server which forms transformation keys for current time period for non-revoked users only
- Public server uses a user's transformation key to transform a ciphertext
- User uses his/her secret key to finally decrypt on transformed ciphertext



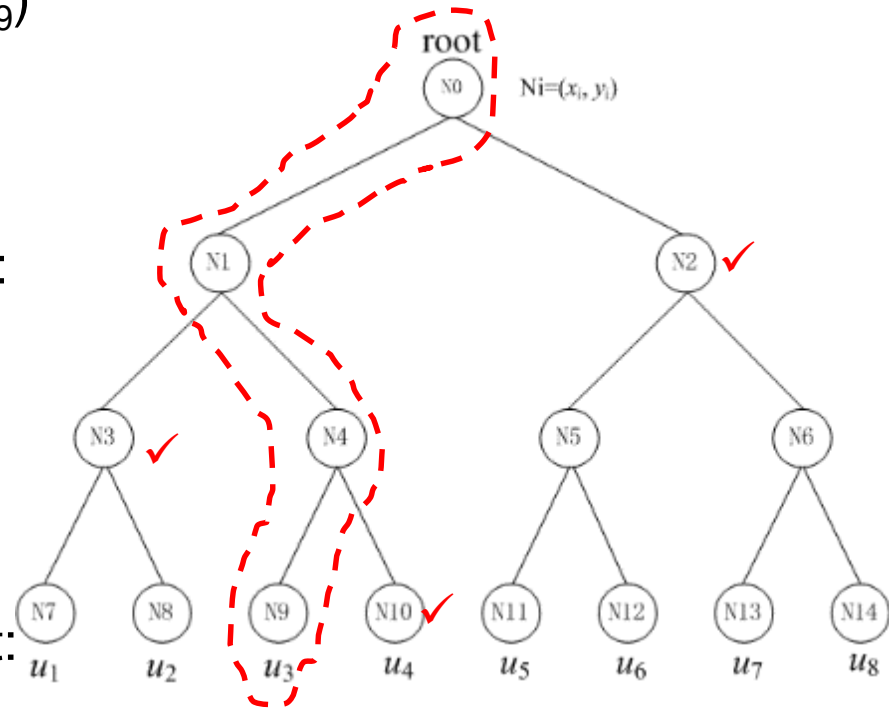
Security Properties

- Revoked user cannot decrypt ciphertexts generated under the current and future time periods
- Public server cannot obtain the message encrypted in a ciphertext
- Except the KGC, all other parties may collude
- No secure channels are required between the KGC, users and the public server

Basic Idea

X: function for user public key
 Y: function for key update
 Z: function for transformation key
 X and Y have different parts of
 KGC's master key as input

- User u_1 's public key: $PK_1 = (X(u_1, \mathbf{A}_1)_0, X(u_1, \mathbf{A}_1)_1, X(u_1, \mathbf{A}_1)_3, X(u_1, \mathbf{A}_1)_7)$
- User u_3 's public key: $PK_3 = (X(u_3, \mathbf{A}_3)_0, X(u_3, \mathbf{A}_3)_1, X(u_3, \mathbf{A}_3)_4, X(u_3, \mathbf{A}_3)_9)$
- If no user is revoked at time t :
 Key update $KU_t = \{Y(t)_0\}$ and
 transformation key for user u_i at time t :
 $TK(u_i, t) = Z(X(u_i, \mathbf{A}_i)_0, Y(t)_0)$
- If user u_3 is revoked at time t :
 $KU_t = \{Y(t)_3, Y(t)_{10}, Y(t)_2\}$ and
 transformation key for user u_1 at time t :
 $TK(u_1, t) = Z(X(u_1, \mathbf{A}_1)_3, Y(t)_3)$



Comparison of Revocable ABE

	[BGK08]	[AI09]	[YDLWZ13]	[SSW12]	Ours
Revocation Mode	Indirect	Indirect & Direct	Direct	Indirect	Indirect
Server	–	–	Semi-trust	–	Public
Key Exposure Resistance	No	No	-	No	Yes
Security	Selective	Selective	Selective	Selective	Selective
Secure Channel	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Size of Key Updates	$O(R \log(N/R))$	$O(R \log(N/R))$	–	$O(R \log(N/R))$	$O(R \log(N/R))$
No. of Key Stored by User	$O(l \log M)$	$O(l \log M)$	$O(1)$	$O(l \log M)$ & $O(k \log M)$	$O(1)$

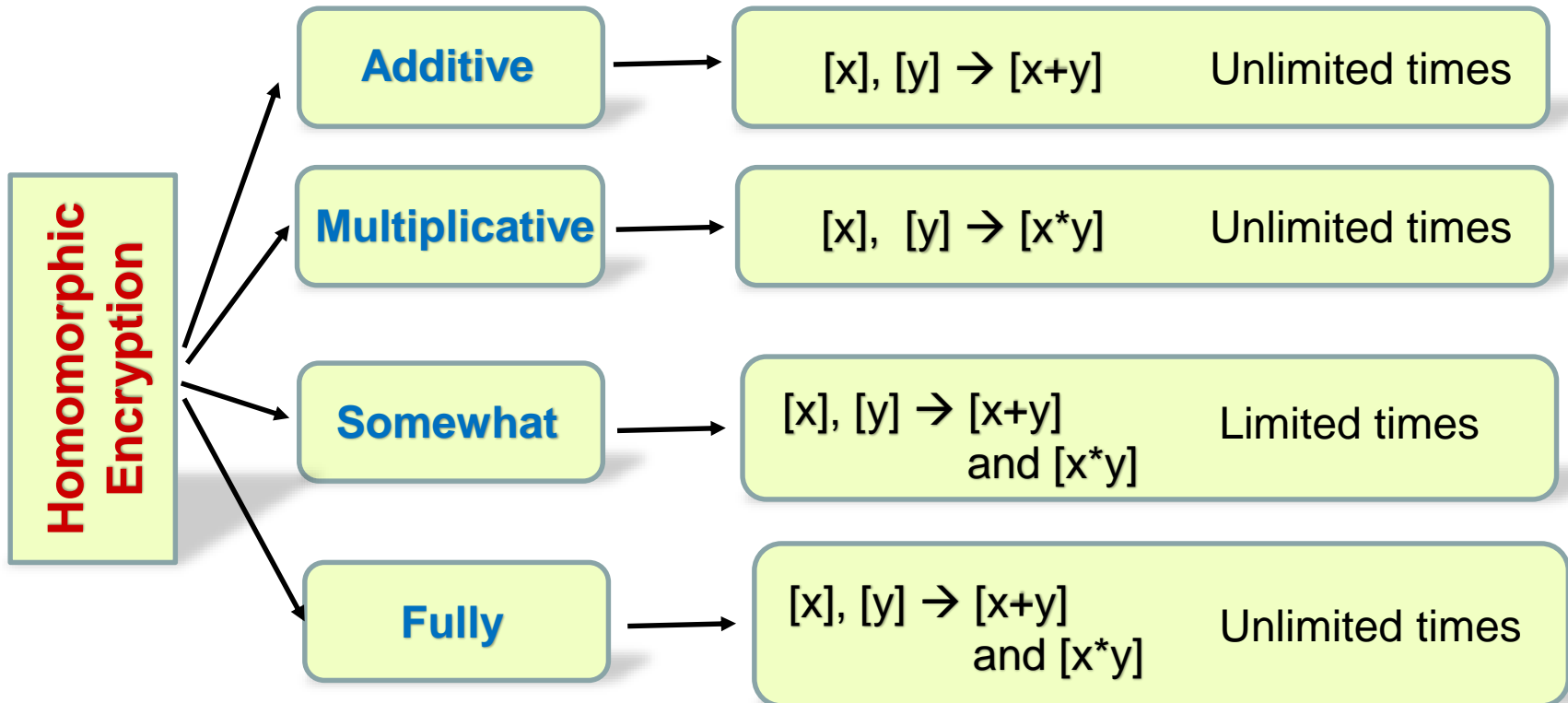
N : the number of all data users; R : the number of revoked data users; l : the number of attributes presented in an access structure; k : the size of the attribute set associated with an attribute-key

Our IBE/ABE with Server-Aided Revocation

- [ESORICS'15] IBE with server-aided user revocation
- [ESPRICS'16] ABE with server-aided user revocation
- [SecureComm'16] ABE with server-aided granular revocation
 - Both user and attribute revocation

Privacy-Preserving Outsourced Computations in the Cloud

Homomorphic Encryption



Homomorphic Encryption

Fully Homomorphic encryption can achieve secure arbitrary computation, but up to now, it's still too costly in computation and storage

Our approach: **semi-homomorphic encryption + system architecture**

Our Contributions

- Privacy-preserving outsourced calculation of **integers and rational numbers** [TDSC, accepted]
- Privacy-preserving outsourced calculation of **floating point numbers** [TIFS, 2016]
- Privacy-preserving outsourced calculation toolkits with **multiple keys** [TIFS, 2016]
- Encrypted data processing with homomorphic re-encryption [Information Sciences 2017]
- Privacy-preserving **data processing with flexible access control** [TDSC, accepted]
- Privacy-preserving outsourced clinical decision support system in the cloud [TSC, accepted]

Paillier Encryption

Notation: Let $x \in Z_N$, and $[x]$ denotes the encryption of x

Additive homomorphic: given $[x]$ and $[y]$, we have

$$[x] \cdot [y] \bmod N^2 = [x + y]$$

Scalar-product homomorphic: given $[x]$, $b \in Z_N$, we have

$$[x]^b \bmod N^2 = [bx]$$

Note: $[x + y] = [x + y \bmod N]$ and $[bx] = [bx \bmod N]$

Use Paillier Cryptosystem to Achieve Secure Integer Operations [1, 2]

Cloud Server (CP)



$[x], [y]$

Computational
Service Provider
(CSP)



sk

Two non-colluding servers

[1] Samanthula B K, Elmehdwi Y, Jiang W. K-nearest neighbor classification over semantically secure encrypted relational data. IEEE transactions on Knowledge and data engineering, 2015, 27(5): 1261-1273.

[2] Bost R, Popa R A, Tu R, and Goldwasser S. Machine learning classification over encrypted data, 2015 NDSS.

Use Paillier Cryptosystem to Achieve Secure Multiplication [1]

Given $[x]$ and $[y]$, output $[xy]$

Step-1@CP: randomly get $r_x, r_y \in Z_N$, compute

$$X = [x] \cdot [r_x] = [x + r_x]$$

$$Y = [y] \cdot [r_y] = [y + r_y]$$

send X and Y to CSP

Step-2@CSP:

use sk to decrypt X, Y to get X', Y'

compute $h = X' \cdot Y' = (x + r_x)(y + r_y)$

send $[h]$ to CP

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Use Paillier Cryptosystem to Design Secure Multiplication [1]

Step-3@CP: compute

$$S_1 = [r_x \cdot r_y]^{N-1} = [-r_x \cdot r_y]$$

$$S_2 = [x]^{N-r_y} = [-r_y \cdot x]$$

$$S_3 = [y]^{N-r_x} = [-r_x \cdot y]$$

$$[h] \cdot S_1 \cdot S_2 \cdot S_3 = [h - r_x y - r_y x - r_x r_y] = [x \cdot y]$$

Limitations of Existing Solutions

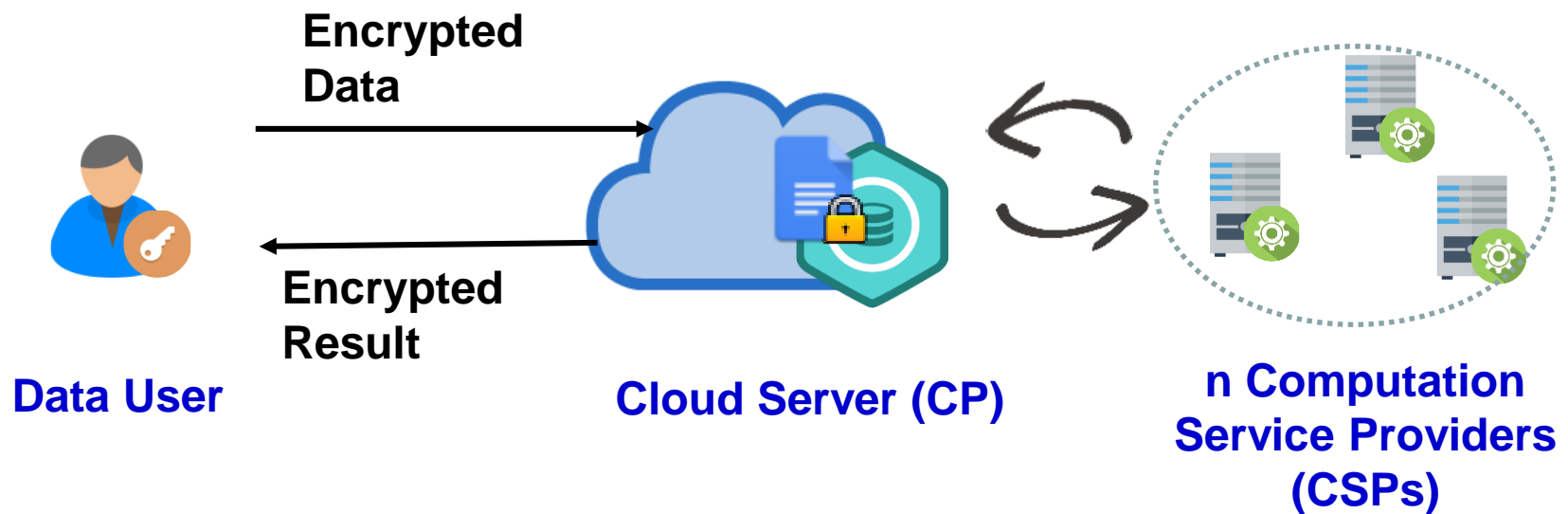
- Limitations of [1]
 - Private key is directly stored in CPS
 - Only support integer addition, multiplication, comparison, squared Euclidean distance etc
- Limitations of [2]
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 - Only support integer addition, comparison, argmax (the index of the largest value) and dot product

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Our Approach

Use (n, k) threshold Paillier cryptosystem in which private key is split into n shares, such that any k shares can successfully decrypt



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Privacy-preserving Integer Calculation Toolkit

Secure Multiplication (SM): Given $[x]$ and $[y]$, output $[xy]$

Secure Less Than (SLT): Given $[x]$ and $[y]$, output $[u]$, where $u = 0$ when $x \geq y$ and $u = 1$ when $x < y$

Secure Maximum and Minimum Sorting (SMMS): Given $[x]$ and $[y]$, output $([A], [B])$, where $A \geq B$

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Privacy-preserving Integer Calculation Toolkit

Secure Equality Testing (SEQ): Given $[x]$ and $[y]$, output $[f]$, where $f = 0$ if $x = y$, otherwise $x \neq y$

Secure Division (SDIV): Given $[x]$ and $[y]$, output $[q]$ and $[r]$, where $y = q \cdot x + r$

Secure Greatest Common Divisor (SGCD): Given $[x]$ and $[y]$, output $[c]$, where $c = GCD(x, y)$

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Privacy-preserving Integer Calculation Toolkit

Performance of secure calculations of integer numbers
PC with 3.6 GHz 6-core processor, 12G RAM, $|N|=1024$

Protocol	CP Comp	CSP Comp	Commu
SM	<i>82.7 ms</i>	<i>51.7 ms</i>	<i>1.25 KB</i>
SLT	<i>37.6 ms</i>	<i>29.9 ms</i>	<i>0.75 KB</i>
SEQ	<i>266.7 ms</i>	<i>165.6 ms</i>	<i>3.99 KB</i>
SMMS	<i>80.8 ms</i>	<i>45.8 ms</i>	<i>2.74 KB</i>
SDIV (10 bits)	<i>6.21 s</i>	<i>4.72 s</i>	<i>127.59 KB</i>
SGCD (10 bits)	<i>156.0 s</i>	<i>116.1 s</i>	<i>1.58 KB</i>

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Privacy-preserving Rational Numbers Calculations

Encryption of Rational Number

A rational number x can be expressed as $\frac{x^+}{x^-}$, and encrypted as $([x^+], [x^-])$

For example, -0.25 can be expressed as $\frac{x^+}{x^-} = -\frac{1}{4}$, and encrypted as $([1]^{N-1}, [4])$

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Privacy-preserving Rational Numbers Calculations

Secure Rational Number Processing

Similar to that of the plaintext rational numbers

For example, $\frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{3}{4} = \frac{1 \cdot 3}{4 \cdot 4}$ and given $([1],[4])$ and $([3],[4])$, we have

$$(SM([1], [3]), SM([4], [4]))$$

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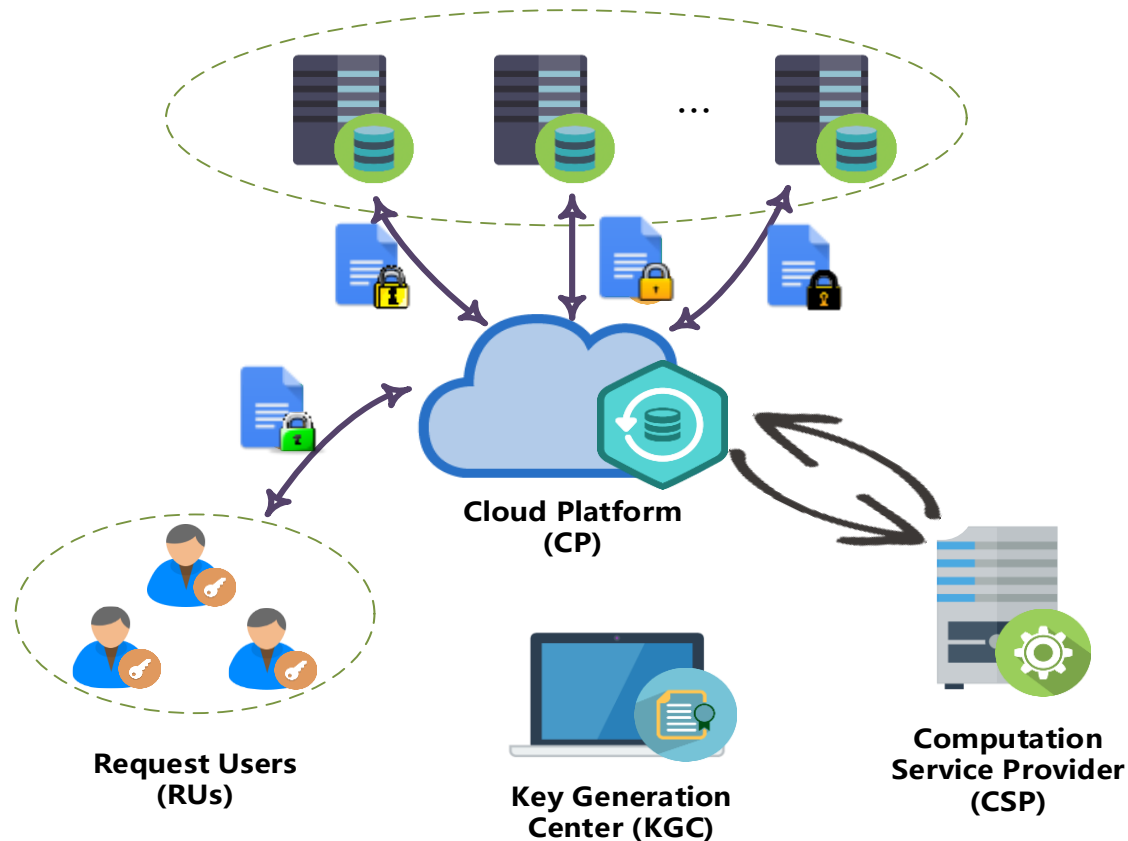
Performance

Protocol	CP Comp	CSP Comp	Commu
ADD(R)	<i>280.7 ms</i>	<i>155.6 ms</i>	<i>3.74 KB</i>
MIN(R)	<i>283.7 ms</i>	<i>154.0 ms</i>	<i>3.74 KB</i>
MUL(R)	<i>190.3 ms</i>	<i>105.7 ms</i>	<i>2.49 KB</i>
DIV(R)	<i>195.3 ms</i>	<i>108.1 ms</i>	<i>2.49KB</i>
CMP(R)	<i>216.6 ms</i>	<i>125.5 ms</i>	<i>3.24KB</i>
EQ(R)	<i>495.1 ms</i>	<i>273.8 ms</i>	<i>6.49KB</i>

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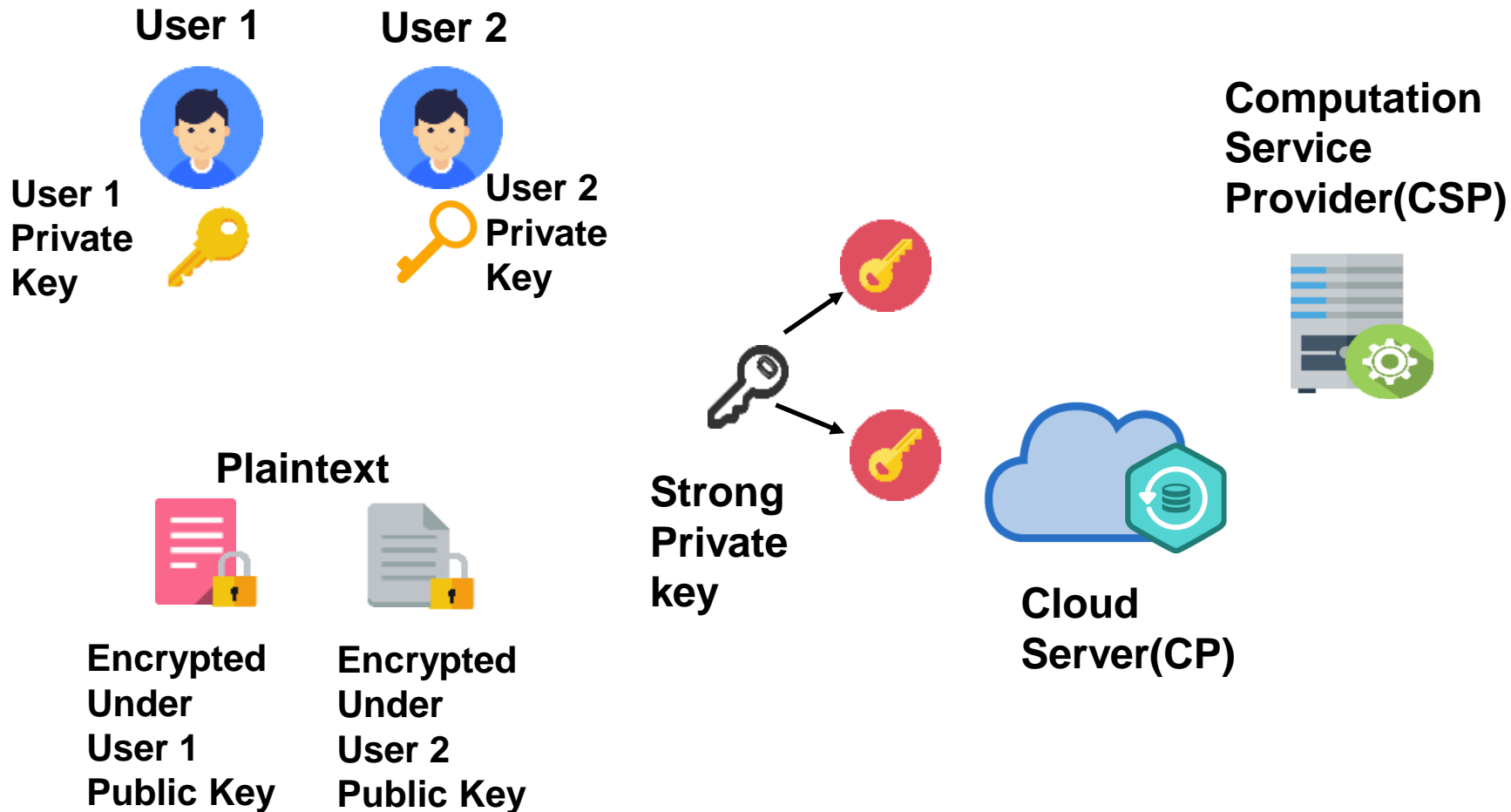
Privacy-Preserving Outsourced Calculations Across Domains

Data Providers, each has a public/private key pair



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Two Trapdoor Paillier Cryptosystem

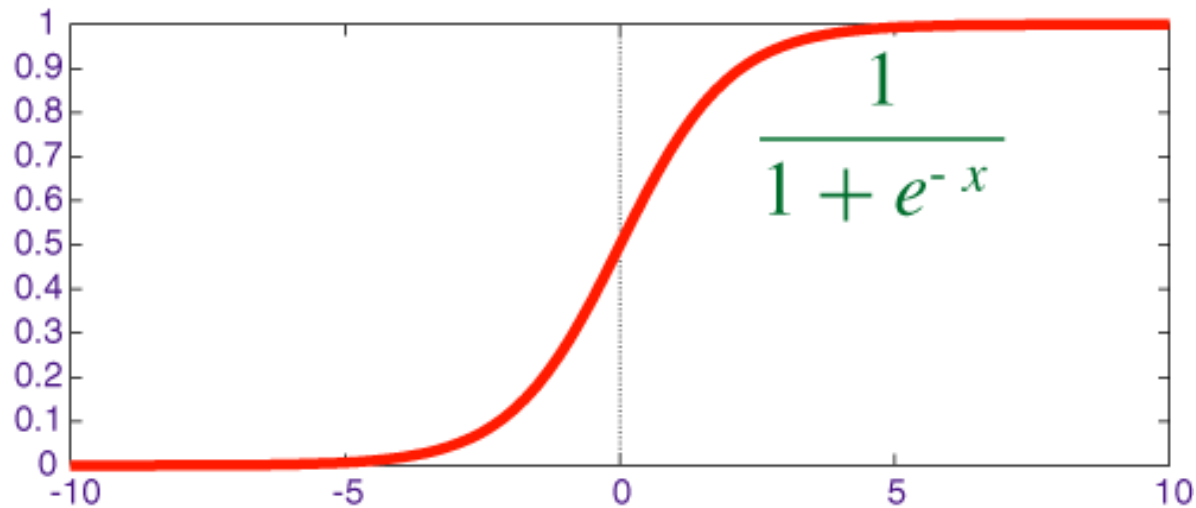


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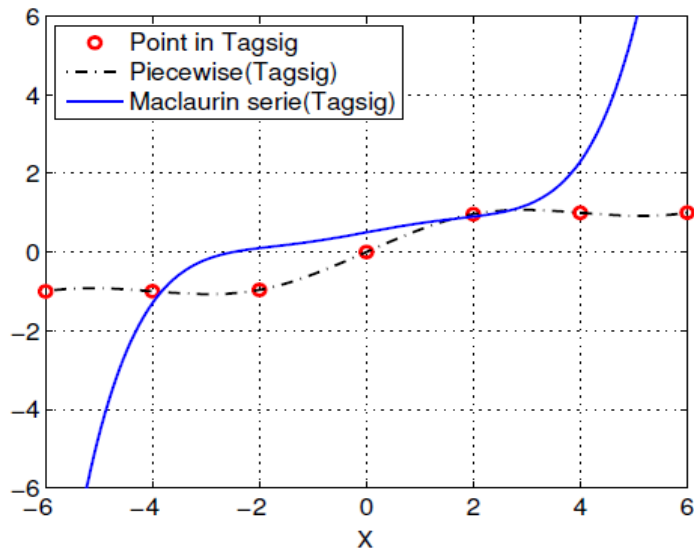
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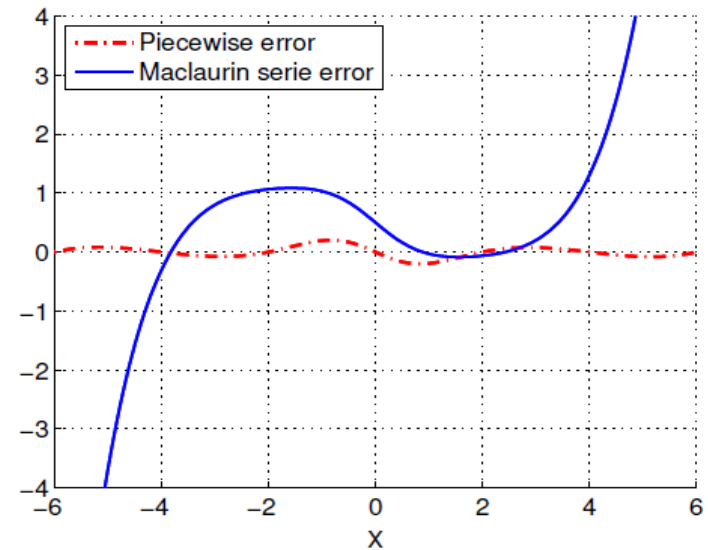
How to securely process complex (non-linear) curves??



Piecewise vs Maclaurin/Taylor Series Approximations



(a) Comparison



(b) Error Curves

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Privacy-Preserving Piecewise Function Calculation

Piecewise approximation

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} f_1(x) = \alpha_{1,k}x^k + \cdots + \alpha_{1,1}x + \alpha_{1,0}, & x \geq p_1 \\ f_2(x) = \alpha_{2,k}x^k + \cdots + \alpha_{2,1}x + \alpha_{2,0}, & p_2 \leq x < p_1 \\ \vdots \\ f_z(x) = \alpha_{z,k}x^k + \cdots + \alpha_{z,1}x + \alpha_{z,0}, & x < q_{z-1} \end{cases}$$

Secure computation of piecewise approximation

$$[f(x)] = [u_1][f_1(x)] + [u_2][f_2(x)] + \dots + [u_z][f_z(x)]$$

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Summary

- Scalable Access Control of Encrypted Data

- ABE is an one-to-many public key encryption and allows scalable access control of encrypted data in the cloud
- Verifiable outsourced decryption of ABE
- Efficient user and attribute revocation
- CP-ABE with partial hidden access police
- Deduplication on encrypted data
- Attribute-based secure messaging system in the cloud
- Usability study
- Integrated design and implementations

Summary

- Secure outsourced computations

- Combining semi-homomorphic encryption and system approaches to realize secure computation over encrypted data
- Secure integer computations, secure rational number computations, secure floating point number computations
- Secure computation across multiple domains
- Applications such as secure processing of complex curves
- Limitations
 - Efficiency, multiple servers, overflow/underflow problems which are common to all homomorphic encryption schemes

Thank You!

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