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# ICT Risk Assessment

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# Syllabus

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- Security
  - New Threat Model ← Cloud provider
  - New Attacks
  - Countermeasures ← Encryption



# Working with encrypted data

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- A client stores its data on a cloud system
- The client wants to implement some computations on the data without leaking any information about
  - the data
  - the data and which data is used by the computation
- Examples
  - Store your personal information on the cloud and compute your tax declaration
  - Store some information on the cloud and search this information
- Requires some proper encryption scheme because only a few schemes satisfies the constrains



# Homomorphic encryption = Holy grail of encryption

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Let

- $R$  and  $S$  be sets
- $E$  an encryption function  $R \rightarrow S$

$E$  is

- **Additively homomorphic if**  $E(a+b) = \text{PLUS}(E(a), E(b))$
- **Multiplicatively homomorphic if**  $E(a \times b) = \text{MULT}(E(a), E(b))$
- **Mixed-multiplicatively homomorphic**  $E(xy) = \text{Mixed-mult}(E(x), E(y))$

*$E$  is fully homomorphic if* there are no limitations on the manipulations can be performed.



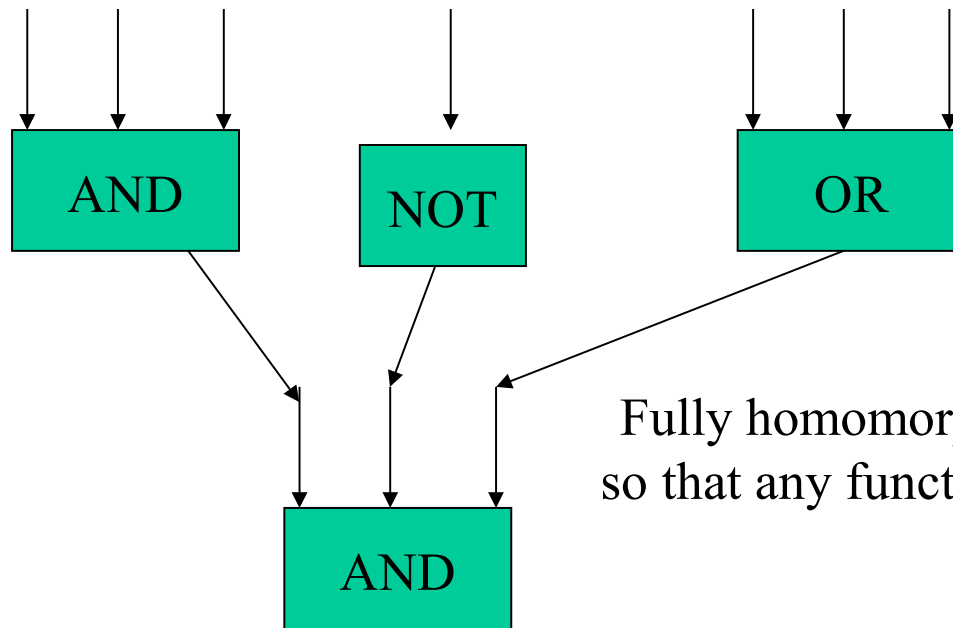
# Homomorphic encryption

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- Data is stored at the provider
- Computation is implemented at the provider
- Inputs are encrypted by the client
- The output is transmitted to the client that decrypts it
- No trivial solution is accepted = almost all the computation has to be executed by the provider to prevent cases where
  - the data is transmitted to the client,
  - the client decrypts the data
  - the client computes the results
  - the results are encrypted
  - the results are transmitted to the provider

# Fully homomorphic

In the following the manipulation will be represented as a circuit that implements some boolean operations on the data of interest and where the operators are gates



Fully homomorphic = NAND gates  
so that any function can be computed



# Meaning

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- Any computation can be expressed as a Boolean circuit: a series of additions and multiplications
- Using such a scheme, any circuit (consisting of AND and XOR) could be homomorphically evaluated, effectively allowing the construction of programs which may be run on the encryptions of their inputs to produce an encryption of their output
- Since such a program never decrypts its inputs, it could be run by an untrusted party without revealing its inputs and internal state.



# But our case introduce further constrains-1

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- No optimization of the computation is possible
  - Circuit minimization may not be applied because it leaks information about data that is accessed
  - A random access machine cannot be used because it leaks the information of which data has been accessed by the computation (use an Oblivious RAM is possible)
  - This efficiency can be recovered only if information about data that has been used can leak
- The size of the output must be fixed in advance = the number of output wires in the circuit must be fixed in advance.
  - If I request all of my files that contain a combination of keywords, I should also specify how much data I want to be retrieved (e.g. 1MB).
  - From my request, the cloud will generate a circuit for a function that outputs the first megabyte of the correct files,
  - The output is truncated or padded with zeros prevent leaking something a priori about the relationship between the function (that is known) and my data.





## But our case introduce further constrains-2

- **semantic security** against chosen-plaintext attacks (CPA) : given a ciphertext  $c$  that encrypts either  $m_0$  or  $m_1$ , it is hard for an adversary  $A$  to decide which of the two values  $c$  encrypts, even if it is allowed to choose both  $m_0$  and  $m_1$ .

“hard” = if  $A$  runs in polynomial time and guesses correctly with probability  $1/2 + OE$ , then  $OE = A$ 's *advantage*, must be negligible.

Otherwise,  $A$  *breaks* the semantic security of the encryption scheme.

- If an encryption scheme is **deterministic** (= there is only one ciphertext that encrypts a given message) then **it cannot be semantically secure**.

An attacker can easily tell whether  $c$  encrypts  $m_0$  by encrypting  $m_0$  and by checking if the results is equal to  $c$ .

- A semantically secure encryption scheme must be **probabilistic**
  - several ciphertexts that encrypt a given message
  - encryption chooses one randomly according to some distribution



# Encryption scheme $e$

- Four algorithms
  - $\text{KeyGen}_e$ ,  $\text{Encrypt}_e$ ,  $\text{Decrypt}_e$  (must be efficient)
  - $\text{Evaluate}_e$
- *Efficient* = runs in time  $\text{poly}(L)$  where  $L$  = bit-length of the keys.
- $\text{KeyGen}_e$  uses  $L$  to generate
  - a single key  $sk$  in a *symmetric* scheme,
  - two keys an *asymmetric* scheme, a public key  $pk$  and secret key  $sk$ .
- $\text{Evaluate}_e$  is associated to a set  $F_e$  of *permitted functions* such that
  - $f$  in  $F_e$
  - if  $c_1, \dots, c_t$  are such that  $c_i = \text{Encrypt}_e(pk, m_i)$  then
    - $\text{Evaluate}_e(pk, f, c_1, \dots, c_t) = c$
    - $f(m_1, \dots, m_t) = \text{Decrypt}_e(sk, c)$  (sk if symmetric)

$e$  is fully homomorphic if any function belongs to  $F_e$



# Constrains

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- decrypting  $c$ , the output of  $\text{Evaluate}_e$  takes the *same amount of computation* as decrypting  $c_1$ , a ciphertext output by  $\text{Encrypt}_e$
- $c$  is the same size as  $c_1$  ( *compact ciphertexts* requirement)

Informally,

- the size of  $c$  and the time needed to decrypt it do not grow with the complexity of  $f$ ; rather, they are *completely independent* of  $f$
- the complexity of  $\text{Decrypt}_e$ , as well as those of  $\text{KeyGen}_e$  and  $\text{Encrypt}_e$ , must remain polynomial in  $L$



# A first approximation - 1

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Assume  $L = N$ ,  $P = L^2$  and  $Q = L^5$  A (symmetric) Encryption Scheme

KeyGen<sub>e</sub>(L): The key is a random  $P$ -bit odd integer  $p$ .

Encrypt<sub>e</sub>( $p, m$ ): To encrypt a bit  $m$  in  $\{0, 1\}$ ,

- 1) choose a random  $N$ -bit number  $m'$  such that  $m' = m \pmod 2$ .
- 2) output  $c = m' + pq$ , where  $q$  is a random  $Q$ -bit number.

Decrypt<sub>e</sub>( $p, c$ ): Output  $(c \pmod p) \pmod 2$  where

- 1)  $(c \pmod p) = c'$  in  $(-p/2, p/2)$
- 2)  $p$  divides  $c - c'$

←  $m'$  and  $m$  have the same parity

we recover  $q$  by finding the multiple of  $p$  closest to  $c$  and the noise parity is the encrypted bit

$(c \pmod p)$  = noise associated to the ciphertext  $c$   
= distance to the nearest multiple of  $p$

Decryption works because the noise  $m'$  has the same parity as the message  $m$ .

A ciphertext output by Encrypt is a *fresh* ciphertext, since it has small ( $N$ -bit) noise.

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# A first approximation – 1 bis

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## A Somewhat Homomorphic Scheme

- $\text{KEYGEN}_\epsilon$ : Output a random odd integer  $p$
- For bit  $m \in \{0, 1\}$ , let a random  $m' = m \bmod 2$  (ie.  $m'$  is even if  $m = 0$ , odd if  $m = 1$ ). Pick a random  $q$ . Then  $\text{ENCRYPT}_\epsilon(m, p) = c = m' + pq$ .  $m'$  is the noise associated with the plaintext.
- Let  $c' = c \bmod p$  where  $c' \in (-p/2, p/2)$ . Then  $\text{DECRYPT}_\epsilon(p, c) = c' \bmod 2$ .  $c'$  is considered to be the noise associated with the ciphertext (ie. the shortest distance to a multiple of  $p$ )

*The Homomorphism:* (Multiplication) Let  $m_1, m_2 \in \{0, 1\}$ . Then

$$e(m_1, p)e(m_2, p) = (m'_1 + pq_1)(m'_2 + pq_2)$$

$$\implies d(c) = (m'_1 + pq_1)(m'_2 + pq_2) \bmod p \bmod 2 = m'_1 \cdot m'_2 \bmod 2 = m_1 \cdot m_2$$



## A first approximation - 2

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$$\text{Add}_e(c1, c2) = c1 + c2$$

$$\text{Sub}_e(c1, c2) = c1 - c2$$

$$\text{Mult}_e(c1, c2) = c1 \cdot c2.$$

$$\text{Evaluate}_e(f, c1, \dots, ct) =$$

- 1) Express  $f$  as a circuit  $C$  with XOR and AND gates
- 2) Let  $C'$  be the same circuit as  $C$ , but with XOR and AND gates replaced by addition and multiplication gates over the integers.
- 3) Output  $c = f'(c1, \dots, ct)$  where  $f'$  is the multivariate polynomial that corresponds to  $C'$ .

If this work, we can deduce a public encryption scheme

# Example

- Assume homomorphic enc:
  - 0-bits  $\rightarrow$  even ints
  - 1-bits  $\rightarrow$  odd ints

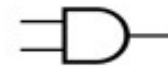
(+ random  $r * \text{secret } p \text{ mod } p!$ )

- $\oplus \rightarrow +$

{ simple truth tables }



- $\wedge \rightarrow \times$



- Define:  $\circ = (a + b) + (a \times b)$  (Logical OR)

{  $\text{OR} = (a \wedge b) \wedge (a \oplus b)$  }

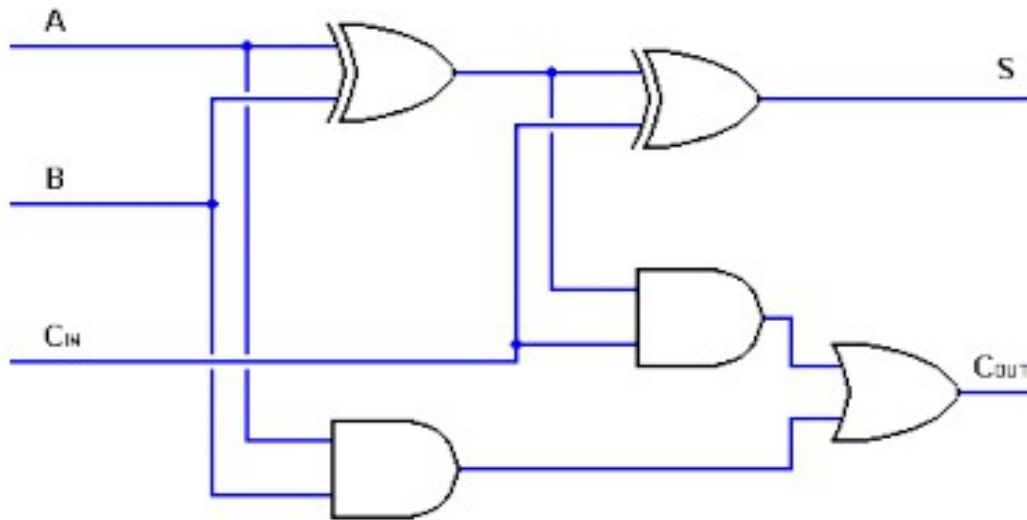


Represent and evaluate any circuit in hom. space!

# Example

## Single Bit Adder

- A,B: inputs,  $C_{in}$ : carry-in, S: sum,  $C_{out}$ : carry-out



$$S = ((A \oplus B) \oplus C)$$

$$C_{out} = (A \wedge B) \vee ((A \oplus B) \wedge C_{in})$$



# Example

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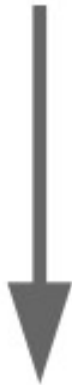

$$S = ((A + B) + C)$$

$$C_{out} = (A \times B) \circ ((A+B) \times C_{in})$$



# Example

$$S = ((A + B) + C)$$



apply

encrypted

A	B	C <sub>in</sub>	S	C <sub>out</sub>
1	0	1	0	1
3	4	7	?	?

$$S = ((3 + 4) + 7) = ?$$

# Example

$$S = ((A + B) + C)$$

A	B	C <sub>in</sub>	S	C <sub>out</sub>
1	0	1	0	1
3	4	7	14	?

encrypted

$$S = ((3 + 4) + 7) = 14 \hat{=} 0$$





# Example

$$C_{\text{out}} = (A \times B) \circ ((A + B) \times C_{\text{in}})$$

$$C_{\text{out}} = (3 \times 4) \circ ((3 + 4) \times 7)$$

$$= 12 \circ 49$$

$$= (12 + 49) + (12 * 49)$$

$$= 61 + 588 = 649 \hat{=} 1$$



$$\circ = (a + b) + (a \times b)$$

A	B	C <sub>in</sub>	S	C <sub>out</sub>
1	0	1	0	1
3	4	7	14	649



## Does it works ? - 1

Let us consider  $c = c_1 \cdot c_2$ ,

We have that

$$\begin{aligned} c &= (m'_1 + pq_1) (m'_2 + pq_2) = \\ &= m'_1 \cdot m'_2 + pq' \text{ for some integer } q'. \end{aligned}$$

Assume that **noises  $m'_1$  and  $m'_2$  are small enough**, so that

$$\begin{aligned} |m'_1 \cdot m'_2| &< p/2, \text{ This implies that} \\ (c \bmod p) &= m'_1 \cdot m'_2 \end{aligned}$$

and since  $c_i$ 's noise is  $m'_i$ , which has the same parity as  $m_i$ .

$$(c \bmod p) \bmod 2 = m_1 \cdot m_2$$

If  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  have  $k_1$ - and  $k_2$ -bit noises, the ciphertext of  $c_1 \cdot c_2$  has (roughly)  $(k_1 + k_2)$ -bit noise.



## Does it works ? - 2

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What happens when we perform *many*  $\text{Add}_e$ ,  $\text{Sub}_e$ , and  $\text{Mult}_e$  as prescribed by the circuit representing a function  $f$  ?

- 1) We have that  $f'(c1, \dots, ct) = f'(m'1, \dots, m't) + pq'$  for some integer  $q'$ , where  $m't$  is the noise associated to  $ci$ .
- 2) If  $|f'(m'1, \dots, m't)| < p/2$ , then  $(f'(c1, \dots, ct) \bmod p) = f'(m'1, \dots, m't)$ .
- 3) By reducing modulo 2, we obtain the correct result:  $f(m1, \dots, mt)$ .

This show that  $e$  can handle those functions for which  $|f'(a1, \dots, at)|$  is *always* less than  $p/2$  if all of the  $ai$  are at most  $N$  bits



# Bootstrappable Encryption

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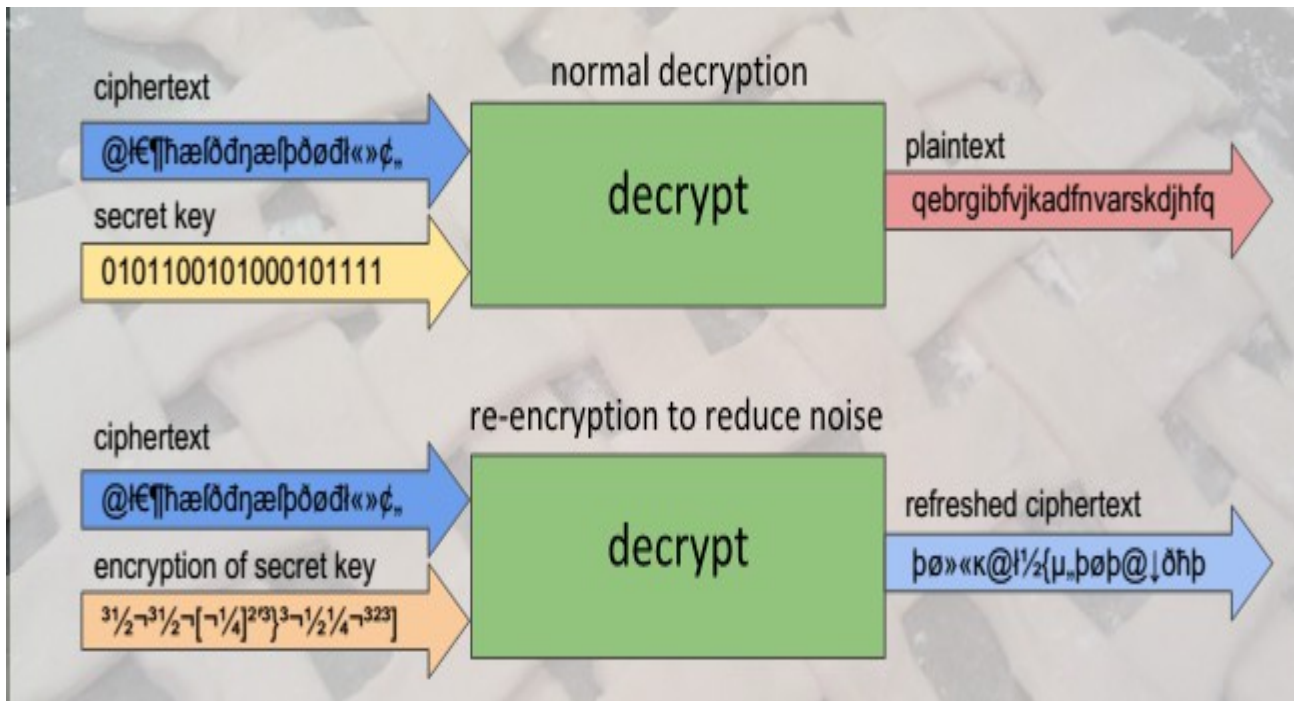
$e$  is *bootstrappable* if it can handle its own decryption function augmented by a single gate= the functions that  $e$  can handle includes its own decryption function composed with some useful work, one gate

Suppose that  $e$  can handle

1. the decryption function, expressed as a circuit  $D_e$  of size polynomial in  $L$
2.  $D_e$  augmented by an Add, Sub, or Mult gate modulo 2.  
 $D_e$  augmented by Add = two copies of  $D_e$  connected by an Add gate.

This is a *complete* set of circuits, in the sense that if these four circuits are in  $F_e$ , then one can construct from  $e$  a scheme  $e'$  that is fully homomorphic.

# Bootstrappable Encryption







# Bootstrappable Encryption

1. Assume that
  - 1  $c_1$  encrypts  $m$  under key  $pk_1$
  - 2  $sk_1$  is an encrypted secret key
  - 3  $skv_1$  is a vector of ciphertexts that encrypt the bits of  $sk_1$  under  $pk_2$  via  $\text{Encrypt}_e(pk_2, sk_{1j})$ .

$\text{Recrypt}_e(pk_2, D_e, skv_1, c_1)$ .

1. Generate  $c' = 1$  via  $\text{Encrypt}_e(pk_2, c_{1j})$  over the bits of  $c_1$
  2. Output  $c = \text{Evaluate}_e(pk_2, D_e, sk_1, c' = 1)$
- The decryption circuit  $D_e$  has input wires for
    1. the bits of a secret key
    2. the bits of a ciphertext.
  - $\text{Evaluate}_e$  takes in the bits of  $sk_1$  and  $c_1$ , each encrypted under  $pk_2$ .

As long as  $e$  can handle  $D_e$  :

- a)  $e$  is used to evaluate the decryption circuit homomorphically.
- b) the output  $c$  is an encryption under  $pk_2$  of  $\text{Decrypt}_e(sk_1, c_1) = m$ .
- c)  $\text{Recrypt}_e$  outputs a new encryption of  $m$ , but under  $pk_2$ .



# Bootstrappable Encryption

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To understand Recrypte consider that  $m$  is doubly encrypted at one point,

- a) first under  $pk1$
- b) next under  $pk2$ .

Ordinarily, the only thing one can do with a doubly encrypted message is to peel off the outer encryption first, and then decrypt the inner layer.

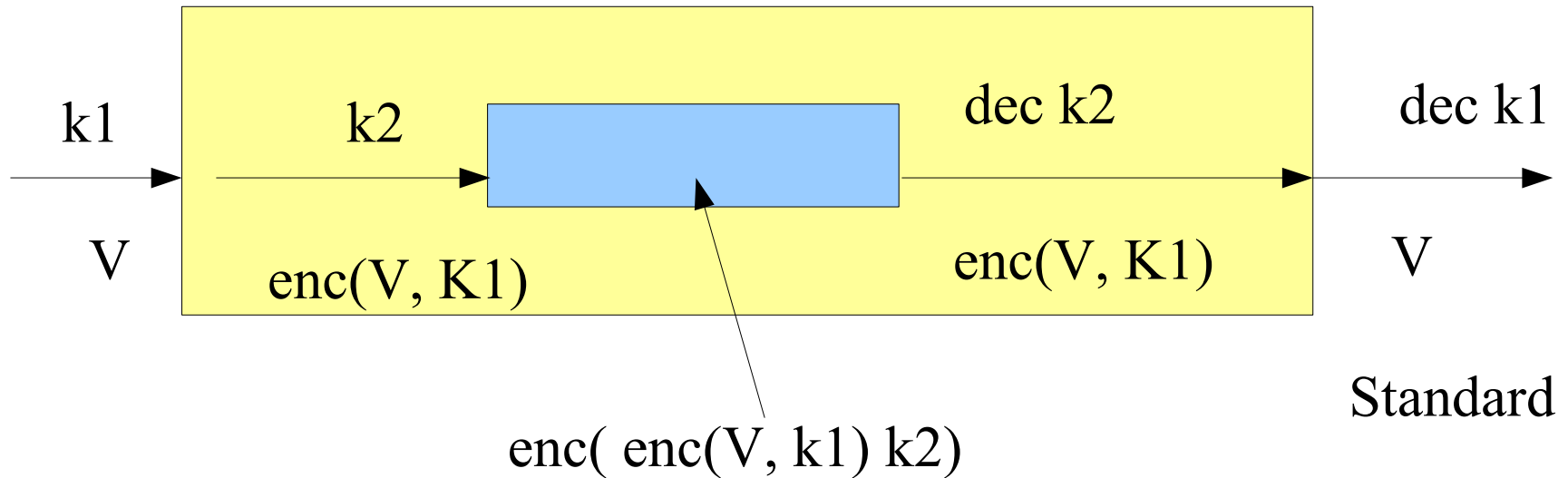
Instead, Recrypte

- a) uses  $Evaluate_e$  algorithm to remove the *inner* encryption,
- b) by evaluating  $De$  removes the noise associated to the first ciphertext under  $pk1$  (decryption removes noise),
- c) simultaneously introduces new noise by evaluating through  $Evaluate_e$  the ciphertexts under  $pk2$ .

As long as the noise added is less than the removed one, we have made “progress.” Obviously we have to add some functions (Add, Sub, Mul)

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# Bootstrappable Encryption



$$\begin{aligned}
 V &\longrightarrow \text{enc}(V, k1) \longrightarrow \text{enc}(\text{enc}(V, k1), \text{enc}(k2, k1)) \\
 &\quad \longleftarrow \text{dec}(\text{enc}(\text{enc}(V, k1), \text{enc}(k2, k1)), \text{enc}(k1, k2)) \\
 &= \text{enc}(V, k2)
 \end{aligned}$$

Gentry



# A full homomorphic scheme

Suppose that

- a)  $e$  can handle  $D_e$  augmented by some gate, e.g., Add; call this augmented circuit  $D_{\text{Add}}$ .
- b)  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  encrypt  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  respectively, under  $pk_1$ ,

if  $c'_1$  and  $c'_2$  encrypt the bits of the ciphertexts under  $pk_2$  then

$$c = \text{Evaluate}_e(pk_2, D_{\text{Add}}, sk_1, c'_1, c'_2)$$

encrypts  $m_1 \oplus m_2$  under  $pk_2$ .

We get a fully homomorphic encryption scheme  $e'$  by recursing this process where the key in  $e'$  is

- a) a sequence of public keys  $(pk_1, \dots, pk_{a+1})$
- b) a chain of encrypted secret keys  $sk_1, \dots, sk_a$ , where  $sk_i$  is encrypted under  $pk_{i+1}$ .



# A full homomorphic scheme

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To evaluate a function  $f$  in  $e'$ ,

1. we express  $f$  as a circuit, topologically arrange its gates into levels,
2. scan sequentially the levels and for a gate at level  $i + 1$  (e.g., an Add gate)
  1. take as input the encrypted secret key  $sk_i$  and a couple of ciphertexts associated to output wires at level  $i$  that are under  $pk_i$ ,
  2. homomorphically evaluate  $DAdd$  to get a ciphertext under  $pk_{i+1}$  associated to a wire at level  $i + 1$ .
3. output the ciphertext associated to the output wire of  $f$ .

Putting the encrypted secret key bits  $sk_1, \dots, sk_a$  in the public key of  $e'$  is not a problem for security because these bits are indistinguishable from encryptions of 0 as long as  $e$  is semantically secure

Last step: reduce the complexity of the key, instead of several public keys we have the same key for all the level (no information is leaked by revealing the encryption of a secret key under a public key, circular security)



# Breakthrough(2009)

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## IBM Researcher Solves Longstanding Cryptographic Challenge

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**ARMONK, N.Y. - 25 Jun 2009:** An IBM Researcher has solved a thorny mathematical problem that has confounded scientists since the invention of public-key encryption several decades ago. The breakthrough, called "privacy homomorphism," or "fully homomorphic encryption," makes possible the deep and unlimited analysis of encrypted information -- data that has been intentionally scrambled -- without sacrificing confidentiality.

IBM's solution, formulated by IBM Researcher Craig Gentry, uses a mathematical object called an "ideal lattice," and allows people to fully interact with encrypted data in ways previously thought impossible. With the breakthrough, computer vendors storing the confidential, electronic data of others will be able to fully analyze data on their clients' behalf without expensive interaction with the client, and without seeing any of the private data. With Gentry's technique, the analysis of encrypted information can yield the same detailed results as if the original data was fully visible to all.

Using the solution could help strengthen the business model of "cloud computing,"

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## Practical ... 😊 ?

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According to an article on Forbes.com, Gentry's solution has a catch: It requires immense computational effort. In the case of a Google search, for instance, performing the process with encrypted keywords would multiply the necessary computing time by around 1 trillion, Gentry estimates.

1 trillion =  $10^{12}$

If we exploit Moore's law, after 40 years an homomorphic search would be as efficient as a search today





## Practical ... ☺ ? Bruce Schneier

Unfortunately -- you knew that was coming, right? -- Gentry's scheme is **completely impractical**. It uses something called an ideal lattice as the basis for the encryption scheme, and **both the size of the ciphertext and the complexity of the encryption and decryption operations grow enormously with the number of operations you need to perform on the ciphertext** -- and that **number needs to be fixed in advance**. And converting a computer program, even a simple one, into a Boolean circuit requires an enormous number of operations. These aren't impracticalities that can be solved with some clever optimization techniques and a few turns of Moore's Law;

Despite this, IBM's PR machine has been in overdrive about the discovery. Its press release makes it sound like this new homomorphic scheme is going to rewrite the business of computing: not just cloud computing, but "enabling filters to identify spam, even in encrypted email, or protection information contained in electronic medical records." **Maybe someday, but not in my lifetime.**

This is not to take anything away anything from Gentry or his discovery. Visions of a fully homomorphic cryptosystem have been dancing in cryptographers' heads for thirty years. I never expected to see one. It will be years before a sufficient number of cryptographers examine the algorithm that we can have any confidence that the scheme is secure, **but -- practicality be damned -- this is an amazing piece of work.**





## A simpler problem

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- Let us consider now the case where the client wants to search a file stored by the cloud
- We assume that the file will never be updated (or that is updated outside the cloud)
- Obviously also in this case no information should be leaked so that the previous conditions about non deterministic encryption always holds
- We consider symmetric encryption since there is no need to transmit the result of the query



# Tokenisation

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For a set of documents, the client execute the following for each document before uploading it to a remote, untrusted server.

the input document is tokenised into a set of words,  $W$ . This tokenisation needs to still contain *all* of the input symbols, whilst separating words from punctuation.

For example, a sentence such as “Something, something2!” would need to be transformed into

{‘Something’ , ‘,<space>’ , ‘something2’ , ‘!’}.

The bundling of the first comma and space together into the same ‘word’ is probably acceptable, as it is unlikely that a user would want to search for “, ”.



# A simpler problem

- Alice wants to encrypt a document which is the sequence of words  $W_1, \dots, W_l$
- For now assume that all words are of equal length  $n$  (e.g. use padding for shorter words, and split longer words)
- She has the following primitives
  - $G: K_G \times X^l$  is a pseudorandom generator for some  $l$  and  $X = \{0, 1\}^{n-m}$
  - $F: K_F \times X \times Y$  is a pseudorandom function,  $X = \{0, 1\}^{n-m}$  and  $Y = \{0, 1\}^m$
  - $E: K_E \times Z \times Z$  is a pseudorandom permutation,  $Z = X \times Y = \{0, 1\}^n$



# Constrains

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- Leak no information about the structure of the file
- Leak no information about the query
- Avoid crypting and decrypting the file
- Avoid trusted third party



# First solution

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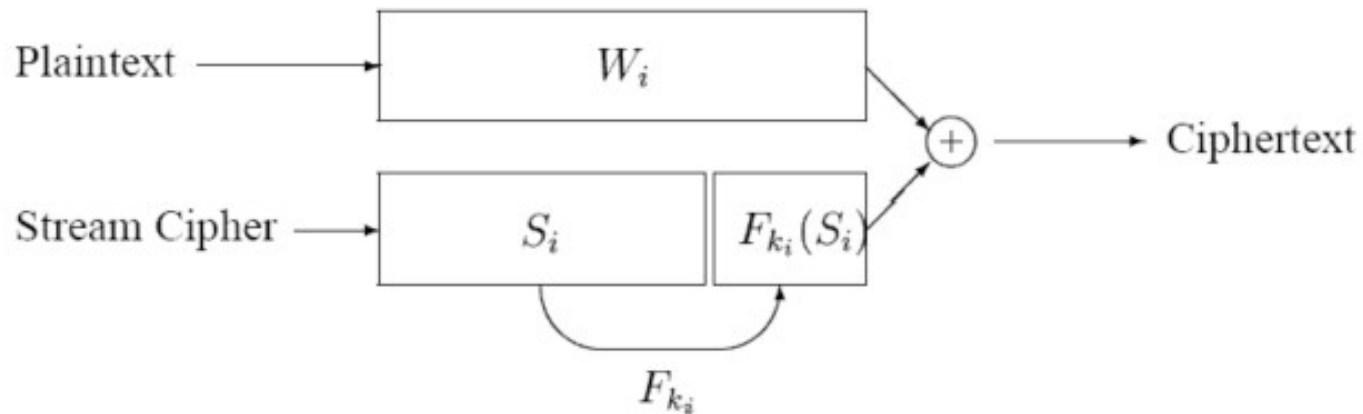
## ■ Step by step

- Alice generates a sequence of pseudorandom values  $S_1, \dots, S_l$  using  $G$  where each  $S_i$  is  $n-m$  bits long
- She computes  $T_i = \langle S_i, F_{k_i}(S_i) \rangle$
- ◆ She outputs the ciphertext  $C_i = W_i \oplus T_i$

## ■ Properties

- The key  $k_i$  can be the same or chosen independently for every word
- If  $F$  and  $G$  are secure, then the sequence of  $T_i$  is a secure pseudorandom generator

# First solution





# First solution - Problems

This is the reason why we cannot exor with a random string

## ■ Search

- If Alice wants to search for the word  $W$ , she can tell Bob (the server) the word  $W$  and the  $k_i$  corresponding to each location  $l$  in which  $W$  may occur
- Bob then searches the document in the ciphertext by checking whether  $C_i \oplus W_i$  is of the form  $\langle s, F_{k_i}(s) \rangle$  for some  $s$  ←

## ■ Properties

- Limited controlled search: Bob can only search regions of the text for which Alice has provided the keys  $k_i$

## ■ Problems

- Alice should know in advance the positions at which  $W$  may appear and ends up revealing all keys  $k_i$  to Bob



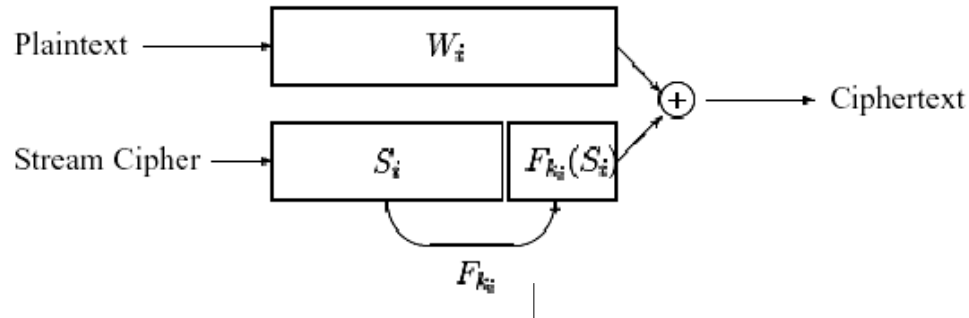
# Improvement -1/Controlled Searching

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- Alice uses an additional pseudorandom function  $f: K_F \times \{0, 1\}^* \rightarrow K_F$  keyed with  $k'$ , independently of  $F$ 
  - Now she uses  $k_i = f_{k'}(W_i)$
  - If Alice wants Bob to search for  $W$ , she reveals  $W$  and  $f_{k'}(W)$  and Bob will not be able to learn anything on locations  $i$  where  $W_i \neq W$
- Discussion:
  - The generation of  $k_i$  is flexible
  - Still the main problem is that Alice has to reveal  $W$  to Bob



# Controlled Searching



To perform controlled searching, we tie the key  $k_i$  to the word  $W_i$ .

To do that, we introduce a new pseudorandom function  $f : K_F \times \{0,1\}^* \rightarrow K_F$  keyed with a secret key chosen uniformly at random. Now,  $k_i = f_{k'}(W_i)$ .

To search : the untrusted server is given  $W$  and  $f_{k_i}(W)$ .

How do we decrypt now?

The issue of hiding search queries is still unresolved.

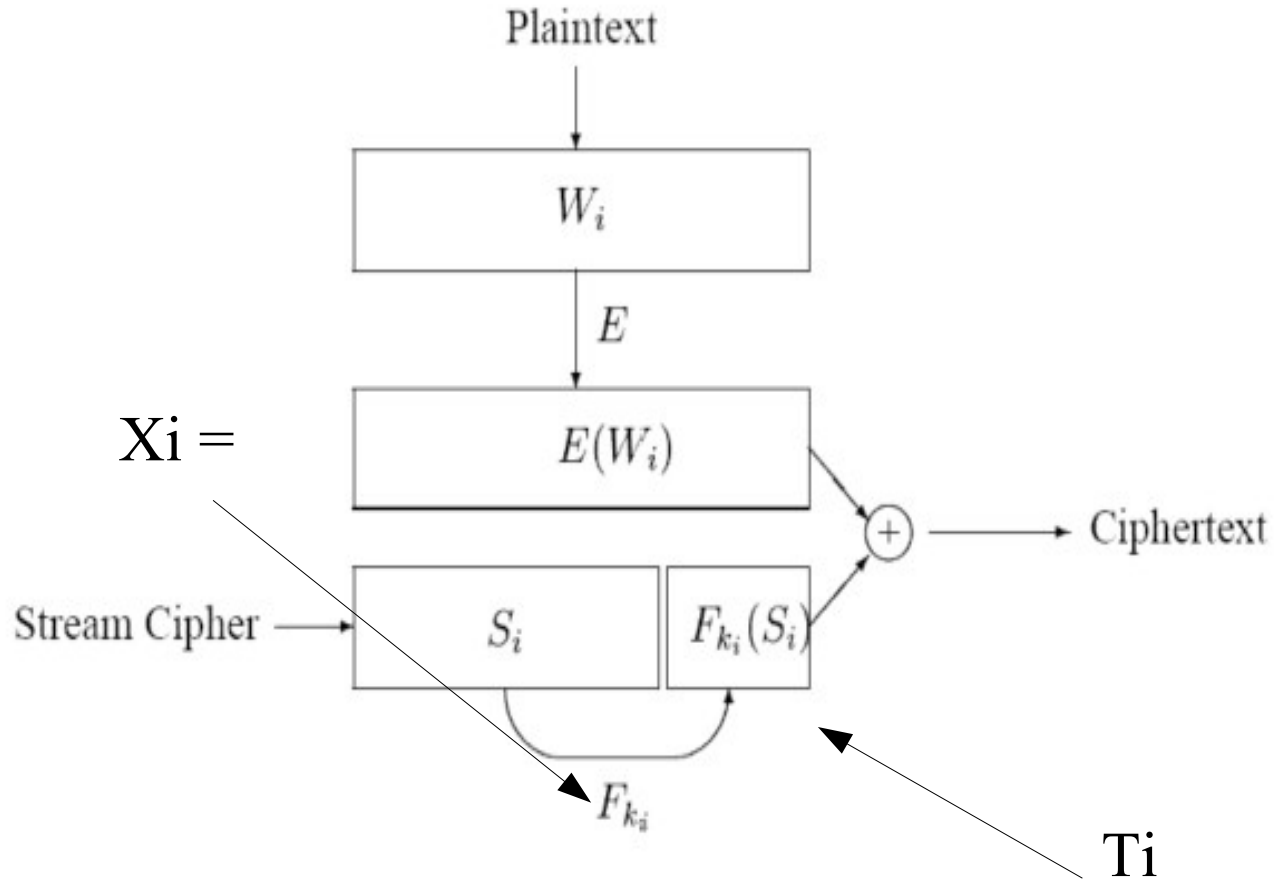
## Improvement - 2

- Alice wants to search for a word  $W$  but is not ready to reveal it to Bob
  - She should preencrypt each word  $W$  of the clear text using a deterministic encryption algorithm  $E_{k^n}$  (e.g. ECB encryption of words) such that  $X_i = E_{k^n}(W_i)$
  - Generate  $T_i = \langle S_i, F_{k_i}(S_i) \rangle$
  - ◆ Output the ciphertext  $C_i = X_i \oplus T_i$
- Search
  - Alice computes  $X = E_{k^n}(W_i)$  and  $k = f_{k^n}(X)$ , and sends  $\langle X, k \rangle$  to Bob
- ✓ All the desired properties are satisfied

AES mode



# Improvement - 2



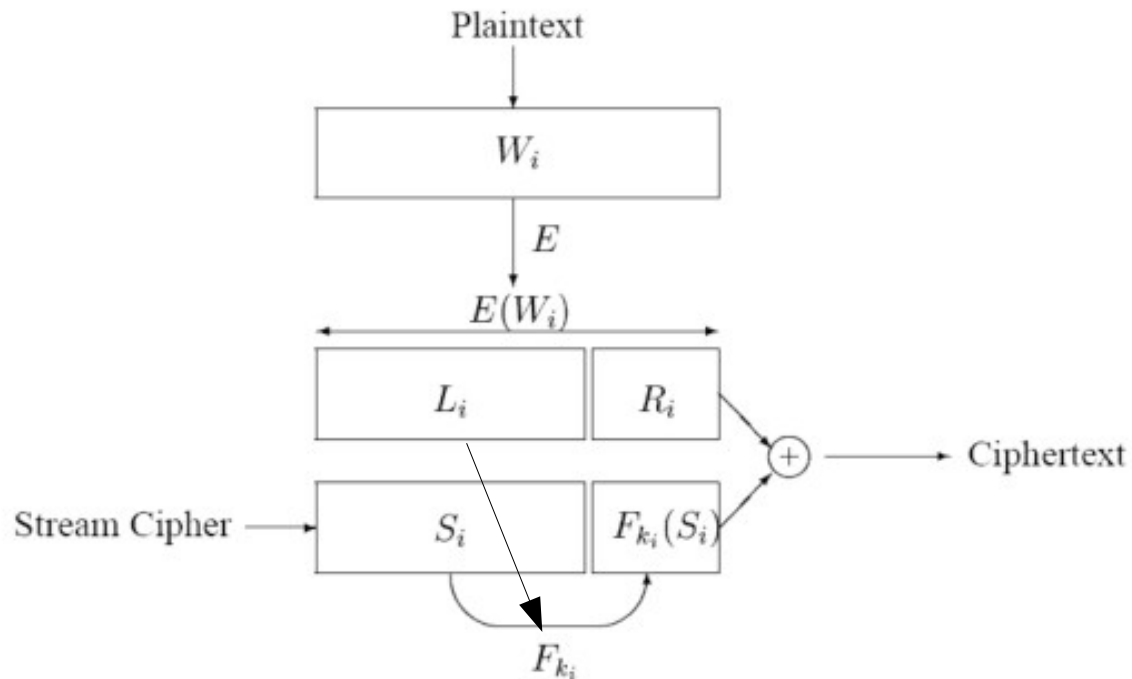


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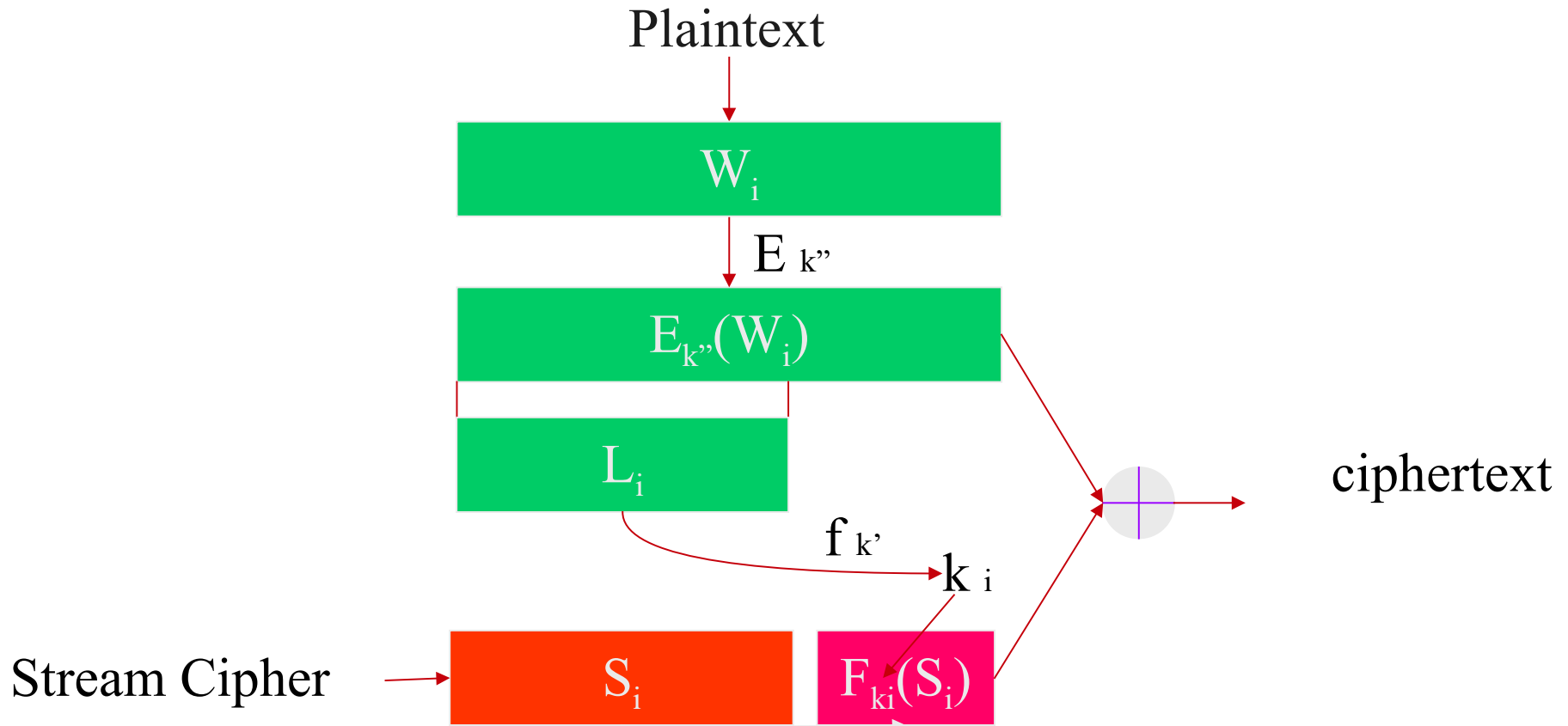
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- Problem with previous solution
  - Given the ciphertext only, Alice cannot decrypt arbitrary words
  - Recall:  $C_i = X_i \oplus T_i$  and  $k_i = f_{k'}(X_i)$ , she needs to know  $X_i$  before computing  $T_i$  and decrypting  $C_i$
- Solution
  - Split  $X_i$  into  $\langle L_i, R_i \rangle$ , where  $L_i$  is  $n-m$  bits long, and  $R_i$  is  $m$  bits long
  - ◆ Now use  $k_i = f_{k'}(L_i)$
  - ◆ To decrypt a random entry, Alice obtains  $L_i = C_i \oplus S_i$  (the first  $n-m$  bits), and is able to generate  $k_i$  and finally she can recover  $R_i$

# Complete solution



# The Final Picture





# A Complete Solution - 1

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1. Generate  $k_1$ ,  $k_2$  and  $k_3$  from the master key for encryption (e.g. password). These keys
  1. must be different and should be derived from the master private key in such a way that knowing  $k_1$  doesn't reveal either  $k_2$  or  $k_3$  (as well as all other combinations).
  2. allow us to reveal at most two keys to the server, giving it enough information to perform a search, but not to decrypt the document or understand what we're searching for.

Tokenise the file and repeat the following for each word  $W_i$

2.  $W_i$  is encrypted with a standard block cipher. This uses  $k_2$  as generated in the previous step and can be performed using either ECB mode, or CBC mode with a fixed IV.

$$X_i = Ek_2 (W_i)$$

3. The next step takes  $x$  bits from the stream cipher  $G$  seeded on the key  $k_3$ . These bits are denoted as  $S_i$  and their length is lower than that of the encrypted word,  $X_i$ . The choice of  $x$  should be pre-determined and be consistent throughout the system.



## A Complete Solution - 2

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4. The encrypted word,  $Xi$ , is then split into left and right halves ( $Li$  and  $Ri$ ) where

1. the length of  $Li$  is  $x$
2. the length of  $Ri$  is  $length(Xi) - x$ .

$$Xi = \langle Li, Ri \rangle$$

5. A word specific key,  $ki$ , is then created by combining the left half,  $Li$ , with the key  $k1$  before hashing it.

$$ki = f_{k1}(Li)$$

6. Then  $Si$  (from step 3) is combined with  $ki$  either through a process such as XOR or concatenation before being hashed to produce a number of bits, equal in length to that of  $Ri$ .

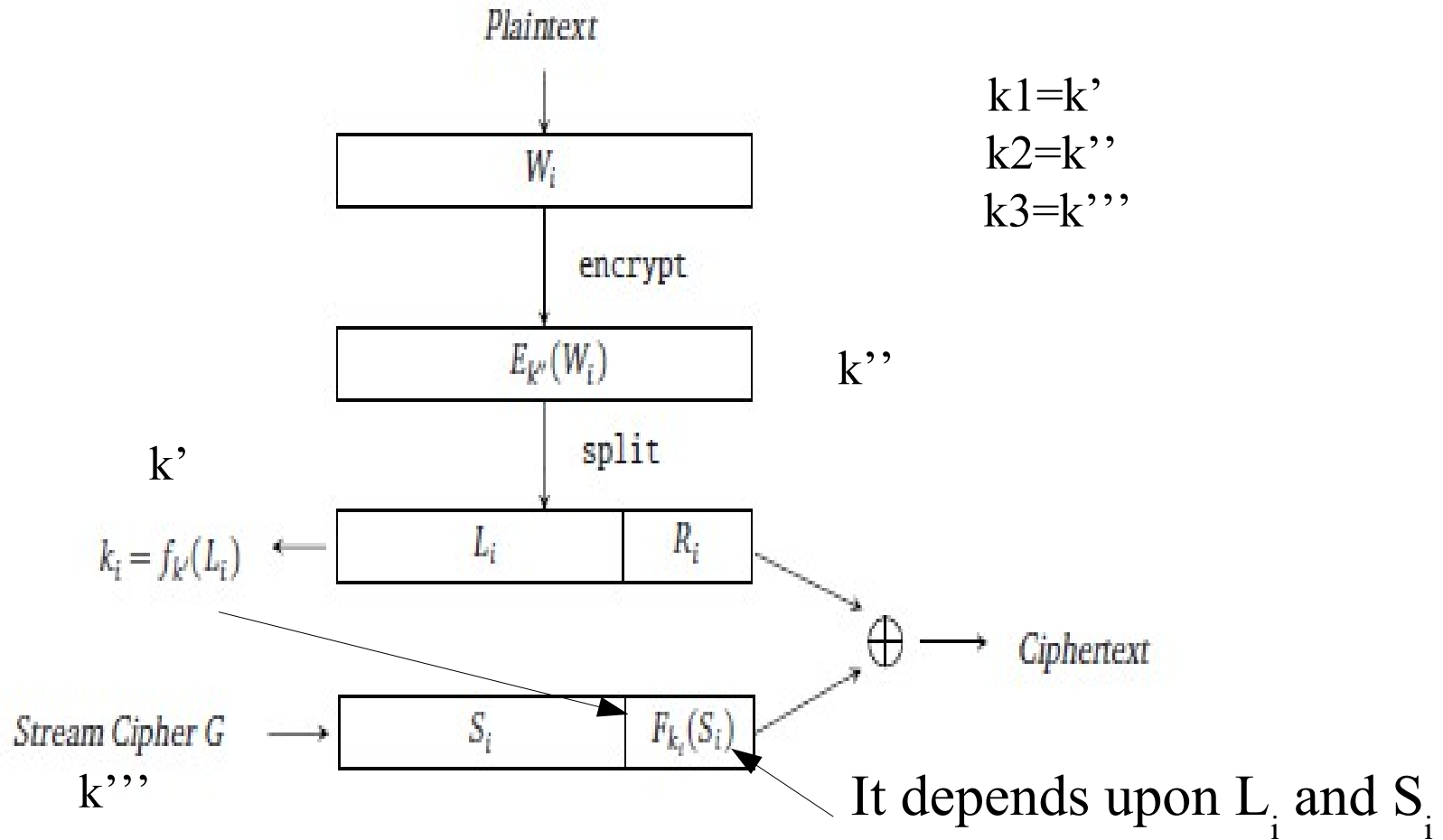
$$F_{ki}(Si)$$

7. The final step performs a XOR between  $\langle Li, Ri \rangle$  and  $\langle Si, F_{ki}(Si) \rangle$ .

$$Cipher\ text = \langle Li, Ri \rangle \oplus \langle Si, F_{ki}(Si) \rangle.$$



# A Complete Solution - 3





# Search client

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Given a word  $W$ , the **client** :

1. Generates  $k1$ ,  $k2$  and  $k3$
2. Encrypts word  $W$  using the same block cipher and key ( $k2$ ) as the encryption process to produce the encrypted word,  $X$

$$X = Ek2 (W)$$

3. Extracts the left part ( $L$ ), consisting of the same  $x$  bits as used in the encryption process and uses it to generate the word-specific key,  $k$ , as in step 5 of the encryption process by combining they key  $k1$  with the left part of  $X$  before hashing them.

$$k = f_{k1}(L)$$

4. Sends  $\langle X, k \rangle$  to the **untrusted server**



# Search server

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1. For each encrypted word block  $C$  in the document, XOR it with the encrypted word  $X$  to produce the pair  $\langle Si, F_k(Si) \rangle$
2. Since the length of  $x$  in step 3 of encryption is known, the server takes this number of bits from the front of  $\langle Si, F_k(Si) \rangle$  to retrieve  $Si$ , the bits the encryption takes from the stream cipher
3. Since the server knows both  $Si$  and  $k$ , received by the client, it can combine  $Si$  with  $k$  and hashed using the same process as in step 6 of encryption and compared to the right part of the pair =  $F_k(Si)$
4. If this matches, then the word is found and the current document can be added to a list of documents, to be returned to the client after the entire document set is inspected

This process leaks *no* information about what word is being searched for to the server, whilst still allowing it to determine matching documents



# Decryption

It is similar to searching.

After downloading a document, the client generates the three keys  $k'$ ,  $k''$  and  $k$  then it iterates over each encrypted block,  $C$ , as follows:

- Take  $x$  bits from the stream cipher, seeded on key  $k'''$ , to create  $Si$  before XORing them with the first  $x$  bits of the ciphertext block,  $C$  to reveal the left part of the ciphertext word,  $L$ .
- To determine the right part,  $R$ , the client know  $Si$  and  $L$  and can generate the word specific key  $k$  as in the encryption process.

$$k = f_{k'}(L)$$

3. Using  $k$ , the client generates  $F_k(Si)$ . which can be used to fully restore  $X$  the encrypted word.
4. Since the client knows the pair  $\langle Si, F_k(Si) \rangle$  and the ciphertext, it can XOR them to retrieve  $X$ .
5. The client knows the key  $k''$  used to encrypt  $X$  so it can trivially retrieve the plaintext word.



# Order preserving encryption

Assume we want to encrypt a list of values in a way that preserves some ordering among the elements

We want to encrypt  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  into  $ev_1, \dots, ev_n$  so that

$$v_i <_o v_j \text{ implies } ev_i < ev_j$$

- Choose a random generator RG
- Choose a key K to use as the seed of the random generator
- Let  $\text{ord}(v_1, \dots, v_n)$  be the ordered permutation of  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  according to  $<_o$
- We encrypt the i-th element of  $\text{ord}(v_1, \dots, v_n)$  as

$$\text{RG}(K) + \text{RG}(\text{RG}(K)) + \dots + \text{RG}^i(K)$$

We store an encrypted database on the cloud and can answer questions such as “send me all the records of people earning more than x” provided that

- there is one people earning x or
- we encrypted all the possible earnings

Some information leaks ...



# Alternative solution: Bloom filter

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- We build an index of a file to simplify the search
- Efficient method to encode set membership
- The set:  $n$  elements ( $n$  is large)
- The Bloom filter: array of  $m$  bits ( $m$  is small)
- $q$  independent hash functions:  
$$h_1: \{0,1\}^* \rightarrow [1,m], \dots, h_i: \{0,1\}^* \rightarrow [1,m], \dots, h_q: \{0,1\}^* \rightarrow [1,m];$$

## Properties

- History independent
- Once added, elements can't be removed



# Bloom Filter

- For each element  $s \in S$ , the array bits at positions  $h_1(s), \dots, h_q(s)$  are set to 1.
- A location can be set to 1 multiple times, but only the first is noted.
- To determine if an element  $a$  belongs to the set  $S$ , we check the bits at positions  $h_1(a), \dots, h_q(a)$ 
  - If all the checked bits are 1's, then we assume  $a$  is a member of the set.
  - There is, however, some probability of a false positive, in which  $a$  appears to be in  $S$  but actually is not.
  - False positives occur because each location may have also been set by some element other than  $a$ .
  - On the other hand, if any checked bits are 0, then  $a$  is definitely not a member of  $S$  = no false negatives.



# Bloom Filter

$h1('water')=2$

$h1('sky')=1$

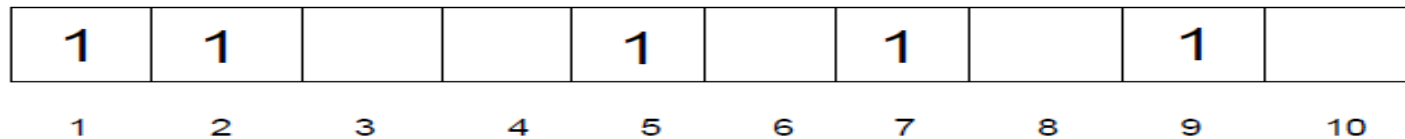
$h2('water')=5$

$h2('sky')=5$

$q=3$

$h3('water')=9$

$h3('sky')=7$



$h1('air')=2, h2('air')=5, h3('air')=7$  simultaneously = false positive!

To minimize false positive rate FP, need to choose

$$r = \ln 2 * \frac{m}{n} \quad FP = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^r$$





# Bloom Filter: multiple occurrence

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To record multiple occurrence, when useful

$h_1(\text{'water1'})$

1	1			1		1		1	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

$h_1(\text{'water2'})$

$h_2(\text{'water2'})$

$h_3(\text{'water2'})$



# Encrypted Bloom Filter

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Restrict ability to compute the hash functions by introducing a secret

$$h_1(w, k_1) = f(w, k_1)$$

$$h_2(w, k_2) = f(w, k_2)$$

...

$$h_q(w, k_q) = f(w, k_q)$$



# Private and Secure indexes

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- Index is an additional structure that allows the remote server to perform searches efficiently
- Computed over unencrypted documents
- Private index should preserve user's privacy
- Indexes associated with each document
- Security model: IND-CKA semantic security against adaptive chosen keyword attack
  - = a secure index does not reveal anything about the document's content
- Security game:
  - given two encrypted documents of equal size, and an index, decide which document is encoded in the index



# Secure Index

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- An index is a Bloom filter, with pseudorandom functions used as hash functions
- A collection of 4 algorithms:
  - Keygen(s)
  - Trapdoor(Kpriv,w)
  - BuildIndex(D,Kpriv)
  - SearchIndex(Tw,ID)
- Keygen generates:
  - pseudo-random function  $f$
  - master key  $K_{priv}=(k_1,\dots,k_r)$



# Secure Index

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- $\text{Keygen}(s)$ : Choose a random  $s$  bit master keys  $K_{\text{priv}}$  and return it.
- $\text{Trapdoor}(w, K_{\text{priv}})$ :  
Given  $n$  an arbitrary word  $w$ , output its trapdoor representation  
 $T_w = \text{fT}(w, K_{\text{priv}})$



# Secure Index

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- $(D, K_{priv})$

Given a document  $DD$  with unique ID  $Did \in \{0,1\}^*$  and a list of distinct words  $(w_1, w_2, \dots, w_t)$  initialize the  $m=2^b$  bit Bloom filter array  $BB$  to zeros and, for each word  $w_i$ :

- Compute the trapdoor token  $x_i = f_T(w_i, K_{priv})$
- Compute the  $rb$  bit codeword  $f_B(Did, x_i)$  and split it into  $r$  indices  $(y_{i,1}, y_{i,2}, \dots, y_{i,r})$  of  $b$  bits each.
- Set the bits  $(y_{i,1}, y_{i,2}, \dots, y_{i,r})$  of the Bloom filter array  $BB$  to 1.
- To hide the number of distinct words in the document,
  - pick (with replacement)  $(u-t)r$  additional random bits of  $BB$ , where  $u$  is some publicly known upper bound on the number of words in  $DD$ , and set them to 1.
  - Insert random word in the index
- Output  $(Did, B)$  as the index of the document  $DD$ .



# Secure Index

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- $fB(Did, Tw, B)$

Compute the  $rb$  bit codeword  $fB(Did, Tw)$  and split it into  $rr$  indices  $(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_r)$  of  $b$  bits each.

Output  $B_{y_1} \wedge B_{y_2} \wedge \dots \wedge B_{y_r}$  where  $B_i$  denotes the  $i$ -th bit of the Bloom filter array  $B$ , and  $\wedge$  denotes bitwise AND.

# Secure Index

## Build Index

For each word  $w$  in document  $D_{id}$ :

- Phase 1: compute trapdoor for  $w$ :

$$T_w = (x_1 = f(w, k_1), \dots, x_r = f(w, k_r))$$

- Phase 2: compute codeword for  $w$ :

$$C_w = (y_1 = f(D_{id}, x_1), \dots, y_r = f(D_{id}, x_r))$$

- Insert codeword into document's Bloom filter

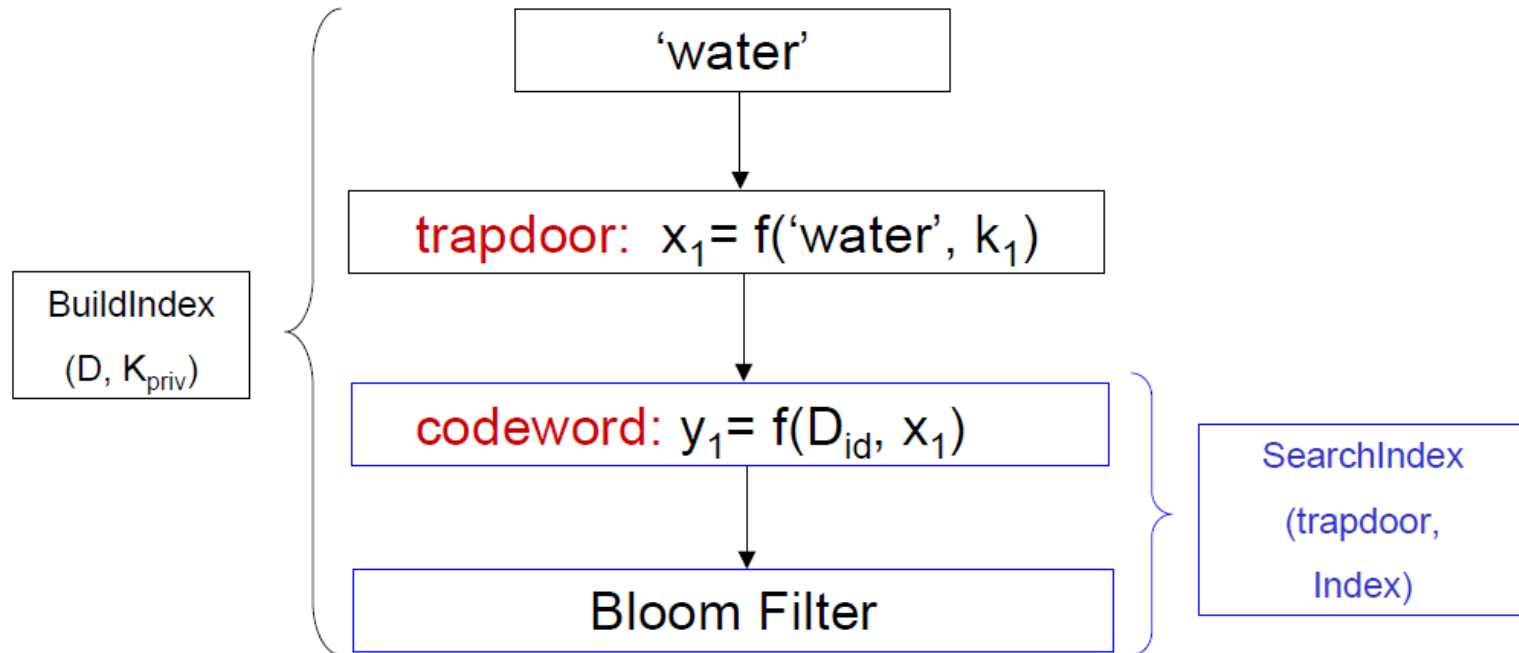
Distinct documents=

Distinct names =

Distinct values



# Secure Index Usage





# Achieving IND-CKA

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We need codewords because if the trapdoors  $Tx = f(x, k_1), \dots, f(x, k_q)$  are directly inserted into the Bloom filter index, the index is vulnerable to **correlation attacks** where the similarity of two documents is deduced by comparing Bloom filters indexes for overlaps, or lack thereof, of 1's in the Bloom filter.

But, not enough to achieve IND-CKA because an adversary can win game easily

Solution:

- $u$  = upper bound on the number of words in  $Did$
- $v$  = number of distinct words in  $Did$
- insert into index  $(u-v)$  random words so that two documents have the same number of tokens in their index even if they contain distinct number of tokens

But:

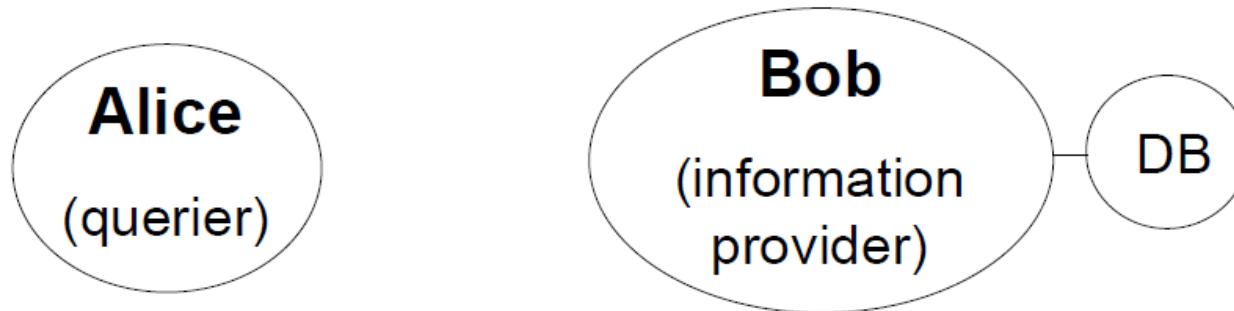
- $u$  is computed relative to the encrypted document
- requires encryption of documents before building the index



# Privacy Enhanced Search

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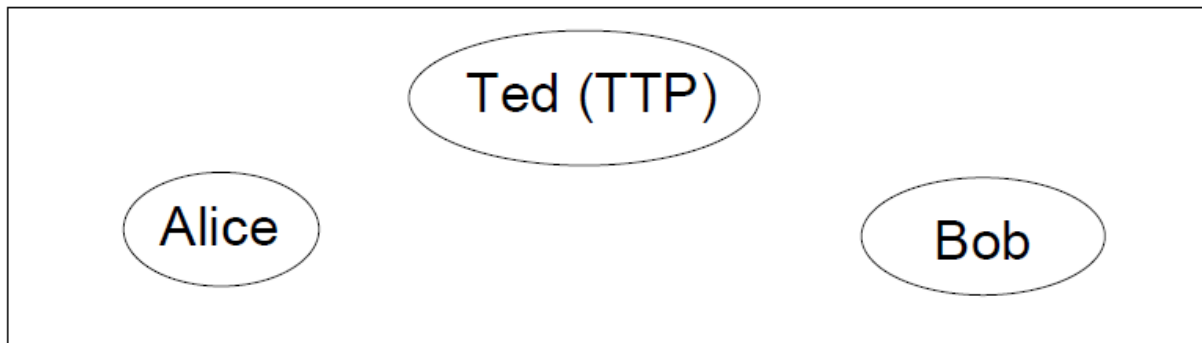
- Bellovin, Cheswick, “Privacy-enhanced Searches Using Encrypted Bloom Filters”
- Two parties want to share data selectively
- The parties don’t trust each other



# Properties

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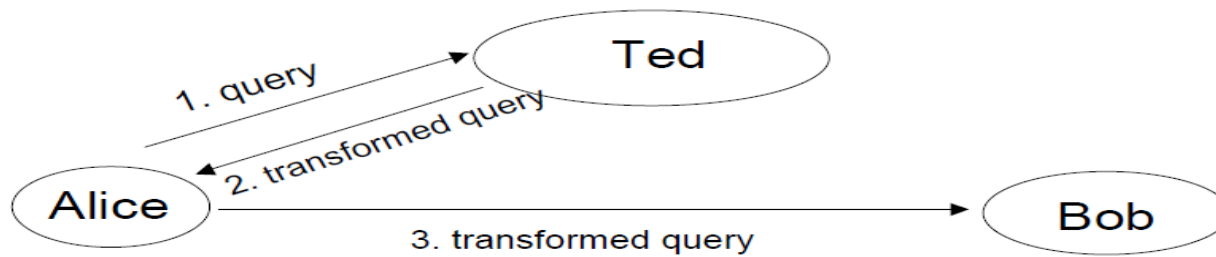
- Alice should be able to retrieve only documents matching valid queries
- Bob should not find contents of queries



- No third party should gain knowledge about queries or documents

# The Basic Scheme

- Three-party negotiation between Alice, Bob and Ted to provision Ted with the transformation keys
- Bob prepares his DB as a collection of encrypted Bloom filters



Alice wants to search Bob DB without revealing any information



# Group Chipers

- The set of all keys  $k$  forms an Abelian group under the operation composition of encryption

$$E_{k_1}(E_{k_2}(W)) = E_{k_1 \circ k_2}(W)$$

- Ted knows  $r_{A,B} = k_B \circ k_A^{-1}$

- Given  $E_{k_A}(W)$ , Ted can compute

$$E_{r_{A,B}}(E_{k_A}(W)) = E_{r_{A,B} \circ k_A}(W) = E_{k_B}(W)$$



# Group Chippers as Hash Functions

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- Pohlig-Hellman encryption

$$PH_k(X) = X^k \bmod p$$

- Decrypt using  $d$ , such that  $kd \equiv 1 \bmod (p - 1)$
- Since  $p > 1024$  bits, use output of encryption as hash function
- Bob computes encrypted Bloom filters:
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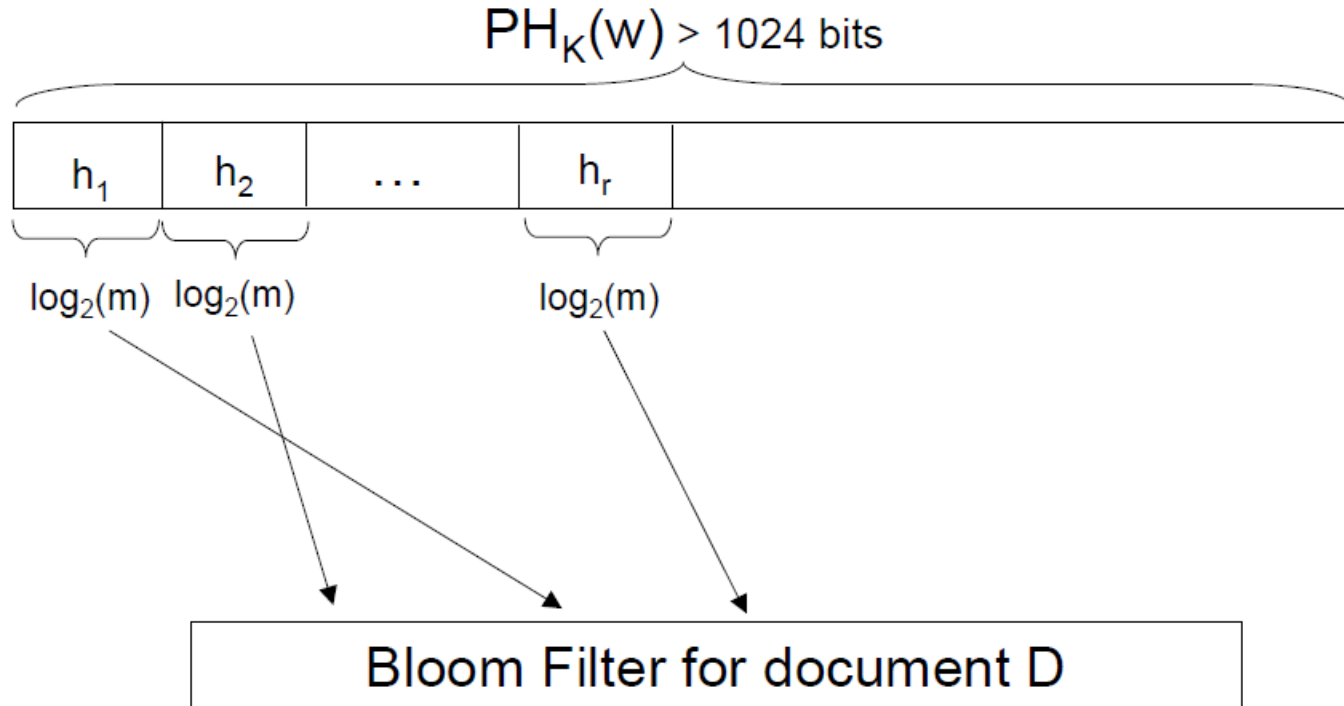
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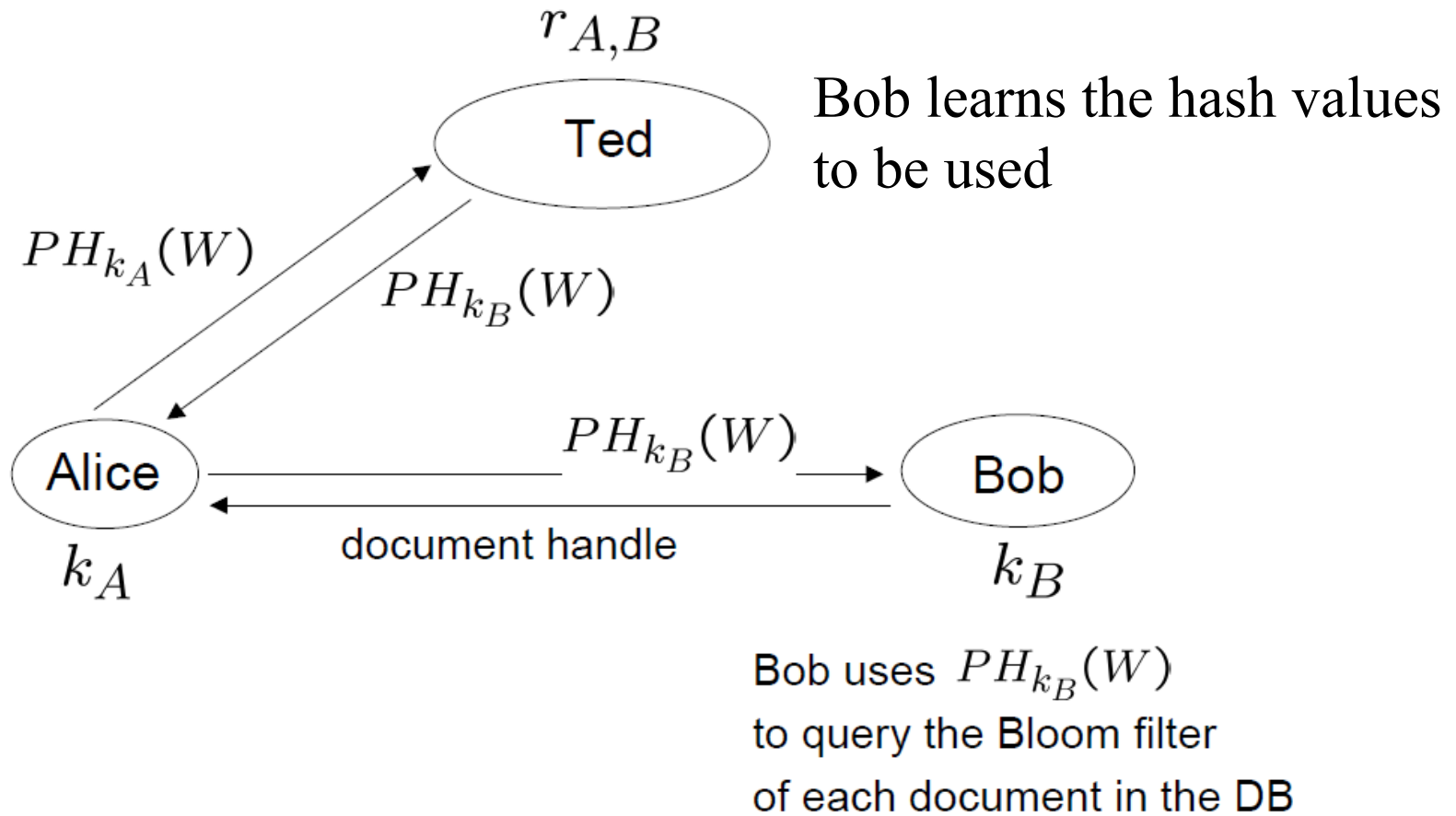


# Group Chippers as Hash Functions





# The Basic Scheme Revised





# Optimal Bloom Filter Parameters

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If  $m$  is the size of the Bloom filter array and  $n$  is the number of unique words in the document then False Positive =  $(1/2)^a$  where  $a = (\ln 2)(m/n)$

We can determine the optimal parameters as follow

1. Initially we choose FP. To this purpose considers that if FP increases, the server returns irrelevant documents that can be weeded out by mechanical scanning after being decrypted. Hence, FP is proportional to the communication overhead but it does not affect correctness
2. Compute  $q$  the number of pseudo-random function keys as  $-\log_2(\text{FP})$ .
3. Scan every document in the set and compute  $nu$  as the number of unique words.  $n = \beta nu$  where  $\beta$  is a constant factor to allow for updates Only unique words in the document set are considered rather than all possible words
3. With  $q$  and  $n$  determined, the array size  $m$  is given by  $m = nq / \ln 2$ .



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# Secure Conjunctive Keyword Search Over Encrypted Data

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# Motivating Scenario

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Alice has a large amount of data

Which is private

Which she wants to access any time and from anywhere

Example: her emails

Alice stores her data on a remote server

Good connectivity

Low administration overhead

Cheaper cost of storage

But **untrusted**

1. Alice may not trust the server

- Data must be stored encrypted

1. Alice wants ability to search her data

- Keyword search: “All emails from Bob”

1. Alice wants *powerful, efficient* search

- She wants to ask **conjunctive** queries
- E.g. ask for “All emails from Bob **AND** received last Sunday”



# Search on Encrypted Data

Alice

Storage Server

$D_1, D_2, \dots, D_n$

Encryption



$E(D_1), E(D_2), \dots, E(D_n)$

Later, Alice wants  
all  $D_i$  which contain  
a keyword  $W$   
She generates a  
capability for  $W$

Cap = GenCap( $W$ )



Verify(Cap,  $E(D_i)$ ) = True  
if  $D_i$  contains  $W$

$E(D_i)$  such that

Verify(Cap,  $E(D_i)$ ) = T

Alice decrypts  $E(D_i)$



Verify(Cap,  $E(D_i)$ ) = False  
otherwise



# Single Keyword Search

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## Solution of Song, Wagner & Perrig

[2000 IEEE Security and Privacy]

Define a security model for single keyword search

Propose provably secure protocols

## Limitations

Limited to queries for a *single* keyword

Can't do boolean combinations of queries

Example: “emails from Bob **AND** (received last week **OR** urgent)”

## We focus on conjunctive queries

Documents  $D_i$  which contains keywords  $W_1$  and  $W_2 \dots$  and  $W_n$

More restrictive than full boolean combinations

But powerful enough! (see search engines)



# Possible Approaches to Conjunctive Queries

Alice wants all documents with keywords  $W_1$  and  $W_2 \dots$  and  $W_n$

## Computing set intersections

She generates capabilities  $\mathbf{Cap}_1, \mathbf{Cap}_2 \dots \mathbf{Cap}_n$  for  $W_1, W_2 \dots W_n$

Storage server finds sets of documents  $\mathbf{S}_1, \mathbf{S}_2 \dots \mathbf{S}_n$  that match the capabilities  $\mathbf{Cap}_1, \mathbf{Cap}_2 \dots \mathbf{Cap}_n$  and returns the intersection  $\cap \mathbf{S}_i$

### Problem

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E.g.  $\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{"Emails from Bob \& Secret"} \\ \text{"Emails from President \& Non-secret"} \end{array} \right\} \text{"Emails from President \& Secret"}$

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# Outline

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## Model and definitions

- Model of documents
- Define conjunctive keyword search
- Security model for conjunctive queries

## Basic protocol

- Size of capabilities is linear in the number of documents ( $n$ )

## Amortized Protocol

- Size of capabilities is linear in  $n$  but linear cost is incurred *offline* before the query is asked
- Standard security assumptions

## Constant-size Protocol

- Size of capabilities is constant in  $n$
- But relies on new hardness assumption



# Model of Documents

- We assume structured documents where keywords are organized by fields  $m$  fields

	From	To	Date	Status
$D_1$	Alice	Bob	06/01/2004	Urgent
$D_2$	Alice	Charlie	05/28/2004	Secret
...	...	...	...	...
$D_n$	Dave	Alice	06/04/2004	Non-urgent

$n$  docs

The documents are associated with the rows  $D_i = (W_{i,1}, \dots, W_{i,m})$



# Conjunctive Search on Encrypted Data

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Encryption: same as before

## Generating a Capability

Before:  $\text{Cap} = \text{GenCap}(W)$

Now:  $\text{Cap} = \text{Gencap}(j_1, \dots, j_t, W_{j_1}, \dots, W_{j_t})$  where  
 $j_1, \dots, j_t$  are  $t$  field indices  
 $W_{j_1}, \dots, W_{j_t}$  are  $t$  keywords

Example:  $\text{GenCap}(\text{"From, Date"}, \text{"Bob, 06/04/2004"})$

## Verifying a capability

Let  $\text{Cap} = \text{Gencap}(j_1, \dots, j_t, W_{j_1}, \dots, W_{j_t})$

Verify (Cap, D) returns True if

D has keyword  $W_{j_1}$  in field  $j_1$

...

D has keyword  $W_{j_t}$  in field  $j_t$



# Security Model

**Informally** “capabilities reveal no more information than they should”

In particular, capabilities can't be combined to create new ones

$$\text{GenCap}(j_1, j_2, W_1, W_2) \ \& \ \text{GenCap}(j_1, W_1) \ \rightarrow \ \text{GenCap}(j_2, W_2)$$

Except for “trivial” set-theoretic combinations

$$\text{GenCap}(j_1, j_2, W_1, W_2) \ \& \ \text{GenCap}(j_1, W_1) \ \rightarrow \ \text{GenCap}(j_1, j_2, W_1, \neg W_2)$$

**Formally:** we define the following game with an adversary A

A calls **Encrypt** and **GenCap**

A chooses two documents  $D_0$  and  $D_1$  and receives  $E(D_b)$

A again calls **Encrypt** and **GenCap**

A guesses the bit  $b$

**A wins if**

A guesses  $b$  correctly = guesses whether has received  $D_0$  or  $D_1$

None of the capabilities given in Steps 1 and 3 distinguish  $D_0$  from  $D_1$

**A protocol is secure if A wins with prob non-negligibly  $> 1/2$**



# Outline

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## Model and definitions

- Model of documents

- Define conjunctive keyword search

- Security model for conjunctive queries

## Basic protocol

- Size of capabilities is linear in the number of documents ( $n$ )

## Amortized Protocol

- Size of capabilities is linear in  $n$  but linear cost is incurred *offline* before the query is asked

- Standard security assumptions

## Constant-size Protocol

- Size of capabilities is constant in  $n$

- But relies on new hardness assumption



# Basic Protocol

- **Parameters**

- A group  $G$  of order  $q$  in which Decision Diffie Hellman is hard and a generator  $g$  of  $G$
- A keyed hash function  $f_k$  (Alice has the secret key  $k$ )
- A hash function  $h$

- **Encrypting**  $D_i = (W_{i,1}, \dots, W_{i,m})$   $E(D_i) = (g^{a_i V_{i,1}}, g^{a_i V_{i,2}}, \dots, g^{a_i V_{i,m}})$ 
  - Let  $V_{i,j} = f_k(W_{i,j})$
  - Let  $a_i$  be a random value

- **Intuition**

- Alice commits to the encrypted keywords
- The  $a_i$ 's ensure that commitments are different for each document
  - Same keyword looks different in different documents
- The commitments are malleable *within* the same document
  - Product of commitments = commitment to sum
  - Commitments are NOT malleable *across* different documents



# Malleable

- An encryption algorithm is malleable if an adversary can transform a ciphertext into another ciphertext which decrypts to a related plaintext.
- Given an encryption of a plaintext  $m$ , it is possible to generate another ciphertext which decrypts to  $f(m)$ , for a known function  $f$ , without necessarily knowing or learning  $m$ .
- Malleability is often an undesirable property in a general-purpose cryptosystem, since it allows an attacker to modify the contents of a message.
- A bank uses a stream cipher to hide its financial information, and a user sends an encrypted message containing,  
"TRANSFER \$0000100.00 TO ACCOUNT #199."  
An attacker that
  - can modify the message on the wire,
  - guess the format of the unencrypted message,
  - could to change the amount of the transaction, or the recipient



## Basic Protocol (Continued)

$$E(D_i) = \left( g^{a_i V_{i,1}}, g^{a_i V_{i,2}}, \dots, g^{a_i V_{i,m}} \right)$$

- Generating a capability  $\text{Gencap}(j_1, \dots, j_t, W_{j_1}, \dots, W_{j_t})$

$$s = \sum_{w=1}^t f_k(W_{j_w}) \quad \text{Cap} = \left( h(g^{a_1 s}), \dots, h(g^{a_n s}) \right)$$

- Verifying a capability

$$h\left( \prod_{w=1}^t g^{a_i V_{i,j_w}} \right) = h(g^{a_i s})$$

- Intuition

- The commitments are malleable
- The capability that allows the *verification* of commitments is not malleable

# Basic Protocol: Example

From To Status

✓	$g^{a_1 f_k(Alice)}$	$g^{a_1 f_k(Bob)}$	$g^{a_1 f_k(Urgent)}$
✗	$g^{a_2 f_k(Alice)}$	$g^{a_2 f_k(Dave)}$	$g^{a_2 f_k(Secret)}$

Capability for emails from Alice to Bob is

- Let  $s = f_k(Alice) + f_k(Bob)$
- $Cap = (h(g^{a_1 s}), h(g^{a_2 s}))$

**Problem:**  
the size of capabilities is linear in  $n$

$$g^{a_1(f_k(Alice) + f_k(Bob))}$$

$$g^{a_2(f_k(Alice) + f_k(Dave))}$$

$$g^{a_1 f_k(Alice)} g^{a_1 f_k(Bob)}$$

$$g^{a_2 f_k(Alice)} g^{a_2 f_k(Dave)}$$

$$h(g^{a_1(f_k(Alice) + f_k(Bob))}) = h(g^{a_1 s})$$

$$h(g^{a_2(f_k(Alice) + f_k(Dave))}) \neq h(g^{a_2 s})$$



# Amortized Protocol

- **Parameters:** unchanged
- **Encrypting** a document  $D_i = (W_{i,1}, \dots, W_{i,m})$ 
  - Let  $V_{i,j} = f_k(W_{i,j})$
  - Let  $a_i$  be a random value

$$E(D_i) = (g^{a_i}, g^{a_i V_{i,1}}, g^{a_i V_{i,2}}, \dots, g^{a_i V_{i,m}})$$

Further value



## Amortized Protocol (Continued)

- **Generating a capability**  $\text{Gencap}(j_1, \dots, j_t, W_{j_1}, \dots, W_{j_t})$

- Pick a random value  $r$

- A proto-capability  $\longrightarrow Q = (h(g^{a_1 r}), h(g^{a_2 r}), \dots, h(g^{a_n r}))$

- The query part  $\longrightarrow C = r + \sum_{w=1}^t f_k(W_{j_w})$

- **Intuition**

- In the basic protocol, we had

- Now, the proto-capability is independent of the query

- It can be transmitted “offline” before the query

- The random value  $r$  ties the proto-capability to the query

$$s = \sum_{w=1}^t f_k(W_{j_w})$$

- **Verification:** compute  $R_i = g^{a_i C} g^{-a_i \sum_{w=1}^t V_{i,j_w}}$

return True if  $h(R_i) = h(g^{a_i r})$  and False otherwise



# Constant Protocol

- Parameters

- Two group  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  of order  $q$
- An admissible bilinear map  $e : G_1 \times G_1 \rightarrow G_2$
- A generator  $g$  of  $G_1$
- A keyed hash function  $f_k$

- **Encrypting** a document  $D = (W_1, \dots, W_m)$

- Let  $V_i = f_k(W_i)$
- Let  $R_{i,j}$  be values chosen uniformly independently at random

$$E(D) = \left( g^{a_i}, \left( g^{a_i(V_{i,1} + R_{i,1})}, \dots, g^{a_i(V_{i,m} + R_{i,m})} \right), \left( g^{a_i R_{i,1}}, \dots, g^{a_i R_{i,m}} \right) \right)$$

## Constant Protocol (Continued)

- Generating a capability  $\text{Gencap}(j_1, \dots, j_t, W_{j_1}, \dots, W_{j_t})$

$$\text{Cap} = \left( g^{\alpha r}, g^{\alpha r \left( \sum_{w=1}^t f_k(W_{j_w}) \right)}, g^r, j_1, \dots, j_t \right)$$

- Verification

$$e \left( g^{\alpha r \left( \sum_{w=1}^t f_k(W_{j_w}) \right)}, g^{a_i} \right) = \prod_{k=1}^t \left( \frac{e \left( g^{\alpha r}, g^{a_i (V_{i,j_k} + R_{i,j_k})} \right)}{e \left( g^r, g^{a_i \alpha R_{i,j_k}} \right)} \right)$$



# Conclusion

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## Our contributions:

Define security model for conjunctive keyword search on encrypted data and propose 3 protocols

1. Linear communication cost
2. Amortized linear communication cost  
Standard hardness assumption
  1. Constant cost  
Uses new hardness assumption

## Future work

Extend to full boolean queries

The OR operator appears tricky...

Indistinguishability of capabilities

Hide the fields that are being searched on



# Encrypting a function

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In some cases there is a natural encryption of the function

As an example, in the case of the solution of a LP problem we can

- a) add some random value to the matrices that codifies the problem
- b) pass the problem to a SaaS service that solves it
- c) remove the random values from the solution

This exploits the linearity of the considered problem

Not general