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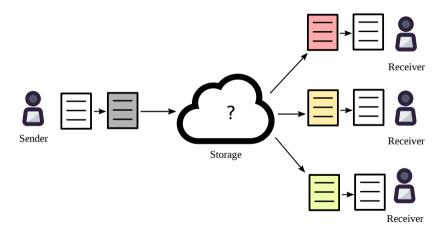
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Big blockchain is watching you, 28 June 2018



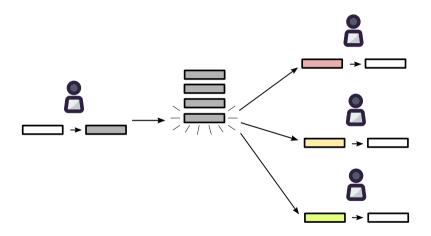
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Encrypted file sharing



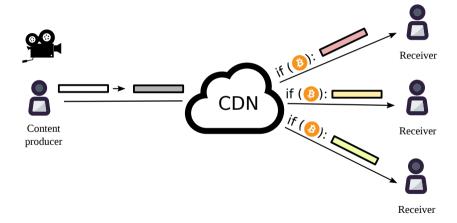
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Encrypted multi-user chats



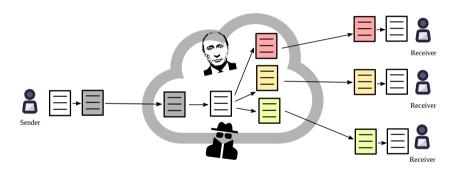
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Decentralized Netflix



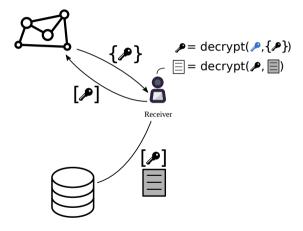
Central server + TLS

Data vulnerable to hackers, state actors etc

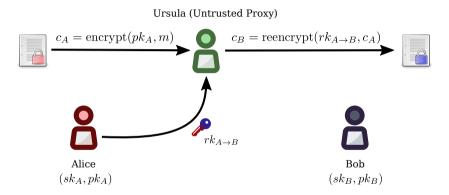


Solution

Proxy re-encryption + decentralization

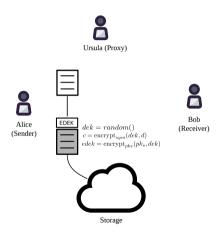


What is proxy re-encryption (PRE)



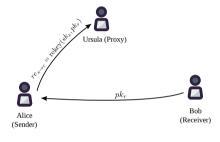
Centralized KMS using PRE

Encryption



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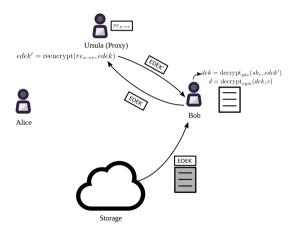
Access delegation





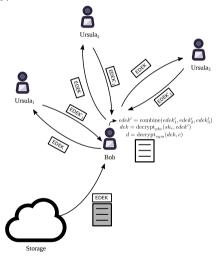
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Decryption



Decentralized key management

Using threshold split-key re-encryption (Umbral)



https://github.com/nucypher/nucypher-kms/

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Umbral: threshold proxy re-encryption

- "Umbral" is Spanish for "threshold"
- PRE properties: Unidirectional, single-hop, non-interactive
- It follows a KEM/DEM approach:
 - UmbralKEM provides the threshold re-encryption capability
 - Encryption is ECIES with extra things for proof of correctness, on curve secp256k1
 - ► The DEM can be any authenticated encryption (currently ChaCha2O-Poly13O5)
- IND-PRE-CCA security
- Verification of re-encryption correctness through Non-Interactive ZK Proofs
- Code: https://github.com/nucypher/pyUmbral/
- Documentation (WIP): https://github.com/nucypher/umbral-doc

PRE demo



Demo network: https://github.com/nucypher/mock-net/

Purpose

- Splitting trust between re-encryption nodes (more tokens = more trust and more work);
- Proof of Stake for minting new coins according to the mining schedule;
- Security deposit to be at stake against malicious behavior of nodes

Mining

Mining reward:

$$\kappa = \left(0.5 + 0.5 \frac{\min(\mathsf{T_i}, \mathsf{T_1})}{\mathsf{T_1}}\right) \tag{1}$$

$$T_{i,initial} \geq T_{min},$$
 (2)

$$\delta \mathbf{s}_{\mathbf{i},\mathbf{t}} = \kappa \frac{\mathbf{I}_{\mathbf{i}}}{\sum \mathbf{I}_{\mathbf{i}}} \frac{\ln 2}{\mathbf{T}_{1/2}} \left(\mathbf{S}_{\mathsf{max}} - \mathbf{S}_{\mathsf{t}-1} \right). \tag{3}$$

(4)

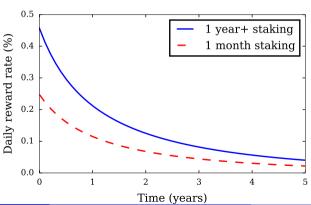
Results into:

$$\text{reward} \propto 2^{\frac{\mathsf{t}}{\mathsf{T}_{1/2}}}$$

Graph of daily mining compensation

$$\mathsf{reward_i} = \kappa_i \cdot \mathsf{reward_0}, \qquad \kappa^* = \langle \kappa_i \rangle, \qquad \lambda = \frac{\mathsf{S}_{\mathsf{locked}}}{\mathsf{S}}; \tag{5}$$

$$\mathsf{T}_{1/2}^* = \mathsf{T}_{1/2}/\kappa^*. \tag{6}$$



Relocking mining rewards

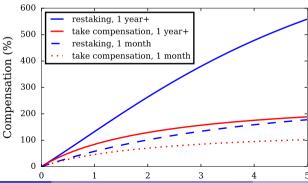
$$rac{ extsf{c}_{ extsf{dump}}}{ extsf{stake}} = rac{\kappa}{\kappa^* \lambda} \ln rac{ extsf{S}(extsf{t})}{ extsf{S}_0};$$

(7)

(8)

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$$\frac{\mathbf{c}_{\mathsf{hodI}}}{\mathsf{stake}} = \left[\frac{\mathbf{S}(\mathsf{t})}{\mathbf{S}_0}\right]^{\frac{\kappa}{\kappa^*\lambda}};$$



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Usage examples

Decentralized marketplaces:

- Datum;
- Origin protocol;
- The Seam;
- SwipeCrypto.

Decentralized databases:

- Bluzelle;
- Fluence;
- Wolk.

Medical data sharing

- Medibloc;
- IRYO;

- Medixain;
- Wholesome;
- Medcredits;
- HealthCombix / PointNurse;
- Genobank;
- iku.network.

IoT

- Spherity (together with BigchainDB);
- Carblock.io;
- XAIN.

Cryptocurrency keys

Coval Emblem Vault.

Useful links



Website: https://nucypher.com

Github: https://github.com/nucypher/

PyUmbral on Github: https://github.com/nucypher/pyUmbral/

Mochnet: https://github.com/nucypher/mock-net/

Discord: https://discord.gg/7rmXa3S

Whitepaper: https://arxiv.org/abs/1707.06140

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