

# Certificateless Public Key Encryption with Keyword Search

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**Abstract:** *Public Key Encryption with Keyword Search* (PEKS), an indispensable part of searchable encryption, is stock-in-trade for both protecting data and providing operability of encrypted data. So far most of PEKS schemes have been established on *Identity-Based Cryptography* (IBC) with key escrow problem inherently. Such problem severely restricts the promotion of IBC-based *Public Key Infrastructure* including PEKS component. Hence, *Certificateless Public Key Cryptography* (CLPKC) is efficient to remove such problem. CLPKC is introduced into PEKS, and a general model of *Certificateless PEKS* (CLPEKS) is formalized. In addition, a practical CLPEKS scheme is constructed with security and efficiency analyses. The proposal is secure channel free, and semantically secure against adaptive chosen keyword attack and keyword guessing attack. To illustrate the superiority, massive experiments are conducted on Enron Email dataset which is famous in information retrieval field. Compared with existed constructions, CLPEKS improves the efficiency in theory and removes the key escrow problem.

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## I. INTRODUCTION

*Data as a Service* (DaaS), as a main function

of cloud computing, provides an assurance that data is provided on demand to user regardless of geographic or organizational separation of provider and consumer. To reduce costs and promote efficiency, organizations have been focusing on outsourcing their storage and computing needs currently. In DaaS, *Public Key Encryption with Keyword Search* (PEKS), as a fundamental searchable encryption component in *Public Key Infrastructure* (PKI), is efficient to both safeguard outsourced data (through encryption) and provide operability over encrypted data. Hence, PEKS has been introduced to eliminate secure concern in DaaS environment. The most urgent difficulty today in developing secure cloud computing is not promoting the efficiency of a kind of secure algorithm. Rather, it is the enhancement and optimization of infrastructure to support widespread and practical functions.

In existing Internet and cloud environment with unlimited resource, it is intractable to manage certificates in PKI. Moreover, in resource-constrained environment (such as internet of Things, mobile network, et al), it becomes an impossible mission. *Identity-Based Cryptography* (IBC) [1] provides an approach to derive participant's public key from his unique identifier, such as cellphone number, E-mail address, et al. It reduces the cost of certificate management through binding participant's identity and public key. Be-

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cause *Private Key Generator* (PKG) holds all the participants' key pairs inherently, it leads to key escrow problem. Once PKG is compromised, sensitive information of users will be revealed completely along with the private key. It severely restricts the promotion of PKI including PEKS component. Furthermore, most of proposed PEKS schemes so far were established on IBC with key escrow problem inherently [2-5].

*Certificateless Public Key Cryptography* (CLPKC) [6] is well-known for the ability of removing key escrow problem fundamentally. In CLPKC settings, user's private key is cryptographic computed with its secret value generated by itself and a partial private key from *Key Generation Center* (KGC). Naturally, KGC does not have access to user's private key. In CLPEKS other than traditional PKI and IBC-PKI, user's private key can be determined after its public key has been generated and used. It brings out the certificateless characteristic much more practical for DaaS. Hence, certificateless public key encryption and signature schemes have been developed [7,18], and applied to DaaS environment [8-12]. So far, no construction is proposed to support both PEKS and certificateless characteristic in DaaS.

**Scenario.** Cloud sharing and E-mail system are two most typical applications of DaaS in which search ability is indispensable. In the following contents, E-mail system is as the application to illustrate our presentation. There are two physical entities in E-mail system, *client* and *server*. Further *client* is divided into two logical entities, *sender* and *receiver*. Note that *sender* and *receiver* are seldom online simultaneously.

*Sender* sends mails to *Receiver*, and retrieves mails from *server*. *Server* stores and manages the mails for all *clients*. When requesting mails for *receiver*, he sends a keyword "unread" to *server*. *Server* will transmit the mails of "unread" *receiver* wants. Mail is the message to delivery through an insecure channel and is characterized as a multi-tuple  $\langle \text{content}, \text{sender}, \text{receiver}, \text{title}, \text{subject}, \text{time},$

$\dots \rangle$ . In the tuple, some values are viewed as keywords, such as *name*, *subject*, *title*, *key point*, et al.

Naturally, *receiver* retrieves mails through various devices, such as laptop, cellphone, portable equipment, et al. As before, some are resource-constrained. Mails also contain massive number of private information. Necessarily, public key encryption is introduced into E-mail system to provide data security. However, previous works on such aspect do not consider certificate management and resource-constrained environment. PEKS in CLPKC setting is a considerable way suitable for such scenario.

**Our Contribution.** We formalize and design a mechanism called *Certificateless Public Key Encryption with Keyword Search* (CLPEKS) which removes key escrow problem in previous PEKS works and possesses certificateless characteristic. Such mechanism reduces the complexity of certificate management, makes progress of CLPKC and is more applicable in DaaS environment. We mainly do the following contributions:

- A CLPEKS model and its security model are provided to guarantee the functionality and security of proposed CLPEKS scheme;
- A practical CLPEKS scheme, which is secure channel free, is proposed and is proved semantically secure against adaptive chosen keyword attack and keyword guessing attack;
- We illustrate the superiority of proposed CLPEKS scheme by massive experiments conducted on a real-life data set.

In this paper, we start from preliminaries and assumptions in section II and describe models used through the paper in section III. In section IV, the proposed CLPEKS construction is shown in detail, and then the correctness, security and efficiency analyses are stated in section V. Our ultimate goal is to design a novel practical CLPEKS scheme and exhaustive experiments are shown in section VI to demonstrate the superiority of CLPEKS.

Finally, this paper concludes with a discussion of current work and future research consideration in section VII.

### Related Work

PEKS, an indispensable part of searchable encryption, makes encrypted data operable inherently and is widely used in cloud computing. There are considerable works devoted to PEKS for promoting efficiency.

Searchable encryption was proposed by Song. et al [13] based on stream cipher and symmetric encryption. The solution requires very little communication between the user and the storage provider, and only one round of interaction. But it is impossible to share an encryption key before transmit mails between clients in insecure channel, so it is not suitable to the scenario aforementioned. PEKS was proposed by Boneh. et al [14] based on bilinear pairing. In PEKS, a public/private key pair  $\langle SK, PK \rangle$  is distributed to each *client* before sending and receiving mails. When sending a mail to *receiver*, *sender* encrypts the mails and associated keywords with *receiver's* public key  $PK$ . *Receiver* retrieves mails from *server* with keyword  $w$ 's trapdoor  $T_w$ . It is proved secure against adaptive chosen keyword attack.

Nevertheless Baek. et al points out that in [14] the trapdoor must be transmitted in secure channel. In [2], they proposed two schemes removing secure channel and providing keywords fresh ability. Rhee. et al first proposed a *Secure Channel Free Public Key Encryption with Keyword Search* (SCF-PEKS) scheme supporting a designated tester, and secondly proposed a general construction for PEKS scheme supporting a designated tester in [3] and [4] respectively. Xu. et al [5] proposed a *Public Key Encryption with Fuzzy Keyword Search* (PEFKS) that is secure under *Keyword Guessing Attack* (KGA) [15]. However most of these schemes have drawback of key escrow problem and certificate management.

## II. PRELIMINARIES AND ASSUMPTIONS

In this section, we first review some preliminaries used in this paper. Then, bilinear

pairing, as a basic tool in our construction, is described.

### 2.1 Preliminaries

Suppose that  $G_1$  is an additive cyclic group of prime order  $q$ .  $P$  is a generator in  $G_1$ .  $\hat{e}$  is a computable bilinear map  $\hat{e} : G_1 \times G_1 \rightarrow G_2$  as described below. With the setup above, the BDH and GBDH problem are defined:

**Bilinear Diffie-Hellman(BDH) Problem:** Given  $P \in G_1$ ,  $\hat{e}$ , as well as  $aP$ ,  $bP$  and  $cP$  for unknown  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}_q^*$ , compute  $\hat{e}(P, P)^{abc}$ .

**Generalized BDH (GBDH) problem:** Given  $P \in G_1$ , as well as  $aP$ ,  $bP$  and  $cP$  for known  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}_q^*$ , output a computable bilinear map  $\hat{e}$ .

### 2.2 Bilinear pairing

Bilinear pairing was first introduced to cryptography by Boneh. et al [16] for its high performance in security and short signature length.

Suppose  $G_1$  is an additive cyclic group and  $G_2$  is a multiplicative cyclic group. They have the same order  $q$ . We construct a map as following:

$$\hat{e} : G_1 \times G_1 \rightarrow G_2$$

Where  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  must be chosen so that there is no known algorithm for efficiently solving the BDH problem for  $\hat{e}$ . The map  $\hat{e}$  is called a bilinear pairing if the following properties are satisfied:

**Bilinear:**  $\forall P, Q \in G_1$  and  $\forall a, b \in \mathbb{Z}_q^*$ ,  $\hat{e}(aP, bQ) = \hat{e}(bP, aQ) = \hat{e}(P, Q)^{ab}$ ,

**Non-degenerate:**  $\exists P, Q \in G_1$ ,  $\hat{e}(P, Q) \neq 1 \in G_2$ ,

**Computable:**  $\forall P, Q \in G_1$ , there is an efficient algorithm to compute  $\hat{e}(P, Q)$ .

Note that  $\hat{e}$  is also symmetric since it is bilinear and  $G_1$  is a cyclic group.

$PG$  is a GBDH generator which takes a set of secure parameters  $k$ , and generates  $G_1$ ,  $G_2$  and a bilinear pairing  $\hat{e}$  constructed based on  $G_1$  and  $G_2$ . BDH problems both in  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  are intractable.

### III. DEFINITIONS

In this section, the CLPEKS model and security model are provided.

#### 3.1 The model

In Email system, we denote the content of mail  $@$  as  $M$  (same as normal plaintext), and the keywords as  $w_1, w_2, \dots, w_m$ . The mail can be formalized as following:

$$@ = \langle M, w_1, w_2, \dots, w_m \rangle.$$

To send a mail  $@$  in PEKS, sender sends:

$$C = \langle C_M, C(@) \rangle.$$

where  $C(@) = \langle CP_{w_i}, i \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\} \rangle$ .

In the generation process of  $C(@)$ , *sender* only use *receiver's* public key  $PK_A$  and *server's* public key  $PK_S$ . When *receiver* retrieves mails containing a certain keyword  $w'$ , he generates a trapdoor  $T_{w'}$  and sends it to *server*. Given  $CP_{w_i}$  and  $T_{w'}$ , *server* checks whether  $w_i = w_j$  or not. If  $w_i \neq w_j$ , *server* learns nothing about  $w_j$  and  $@$ . If  $w_i = w_j$ , *server* sends encrypted mail  $C$  to *receiver* and still learns nothing.

In order to meet the demands in the scenario above, a non-interactive CLPEKS scheme must satisfy the following properties:

1. When producing  $C(@)$ , *receiver's* private key  $SK_R$  cannot be used, and *sender* should produce it without any interaction with *receiver*.
2. With holding encrypted keywords only, no statistical information will be revealed.
3. Whenever *receiver* retrieves mails containing a keyword  $w'$  using  $T_{w'}$ , *server* learns nothing about keywords of checked mails and  $w'$ .
4. Both *server* and *client's* private keys must be composed of partial private key and secret value of their own choice.

For ease of description, we provide the formal model for CLPEKS scheme.

**Definition 1**(CLPEKS). A non-interactive certificateless public key encryption with keyword search consists of 8 polynomial-time probabilistic algorithms:

1. **Setup**: Take a set of secure parameters  $k$ , and generate public parameter  $prm$  and *master-key*.

2. **ePPK(Extract Partial Private Key)**:

Take  $prm$ , *client*  $u$ 's identifier  $ID_u$  and the *master-key*, and construct partial private key  $D_u$ .

3. **sSV(Set Secret Value)**: Take  $prm$  and  $u$ 's identifier  $ID_u$ , and output  $u$ 's secret value  $s_u$ .

4. **gPriK(Generate Private Key)**: Take  $prm$ ,  $u$ 's partial private key  $D_u$  and secret value  $s_u$  as input and generate  $u$ 's private key  $SK_u$ .

5. **gPubK(Generate Public Key)**: Take  $prm$  and  $u$ 's secret value  $s_u$ , and output public key  $PK_u$ .

6. **CLPEKS**: Take  $prm$ ,  $PK_R$ ,  $PK_S$  and a mail  $@$ , produce an encrypted mail  $C(@)$ .

7. **Trapdoor**: Take  $prm$ ,  $SK_R$ ,  $SK_S$  and a keyword  $w$ , and produce a its trapdoor  $T_w$ .

8. **Test**: Take  $prm$ ,  $SK_S$ , an encrypted  $C(@)$ , and a trapdoor  $T_w$ . Output 'yes' if  $w$  is included in  $C(@)$  and 'no' otherwise.

#### 3.2 Security Model

Now, we define the security for CLPEKS in the sense of semantic-security under adaptive chosen keyword attack. The properties listed in section 3.1 must be satisfied.

Suppose that an active adversary can obtain trapdoors  $T_{w_i}$  for any keyword  $w_i$ . In this strengthened assumption, the attacker should not be able to distinguish  $w_0$  from  $w_1$  where  $w_0 \neq w_1$  and the attacker does not obtain trapdoor  $T_{w_0}$  or  $T_{w_1}$ . This idea is proposed by Boneh et al [14].

In certificateless cryptography [6], there exist two kinds of adversaries, **Type I** adversary  $\mathcal{A}_I$  and **Type II** adversary  $\mathcal{A}_{II}$ .  $\mathcal{A}_I$  have no access to *master-key*. However, he has access to partial private key extraction (**PPKExt**), private key generation (**PriKGen**), public key request (**PubKReq**), public key replacement (**PKRep**) and trapdoor request (**TrapReq**) actions. That means  $\mathcal{C}$  honestly answers  $\mathcal{A}_I$ 's request of above actions.  $\mathcal{A}_{II}$  does have access to *master-key*, and all aforementioned actions for  $\mathcal{A}_I$  except **PKRep**. Both adversaries compromise *server*.

Formally, the secure against such an attacker  $\mathcal{A}$  is defined using the following game between a challenger  $\mathcal{C}$  and an adversary  $\mathcal{A}$ .

CLPEKS security game:

- Setup**: Given a set of secure parameters  $k$ ,

system runs **Setup** algorithm to obtain  $prm$  and  $master\text{-}key$ . The challenger  $C$  sends  $prm$  to adversary. Also,  $master\text{-}key$  is given to  $\mathcal{A}_T$  only.

**Request:** Adversary issues a sequence of requests, including **PPKExt**, **PriKGen**, **PubKReq**, **TrapReq** and **PKRep**. These actions are asked adaptively.

**Challenge:**  $\mathcal{A}$  sends two keywords  $w_0$  and  $w_1$  on which it wishes to be challenged. The challenger  $C$  picks up a  $b \in_R \{0, 1\}$ , runs the **Trapdoor** algorithm to generate  $CP_{w_b}$  as response.

**Attack:** Finally,  $\mathcal{A}$  outputs  $b' \in \{0, 1\}$  and wins the game if  $b=b'$ .

Through the whole process of game, there are several restrictions: The adversary should not run **Request** for  $T_{w_0}$  or  $T_{w_1}$  without the **Challenge** phase; **Request** can be run before or after the occurrence of **Challenge**.

In a word, if any kind of  $\mathcal{A}$  wins the game, we said adversary  $\mathcal{A}$  breaks CLPEKS. We define the advantage of  $\mathcal{A}$  in breaking CLPEKS as

$$Adv_{\mathcal{A}(k)} = Pr[b = b'] - \frac{1}{2}.$$

Here, we give the description of **PKRep** action. Other actions, which may occur in **Request** phase, are identical to that in Definition 1 and omitted here.

**PKRep:** Take  $prm$ ,  $\mathcal{A}$  can replace the public key  $PK_u$  for any  $client\ u$  with any value  $PK_u'$ .

**Definition 2**(IND-CKA Secure). In polynomial time, if there is no adversary  $\mathcal{A}_T$  or  $\mathcal{A}_{IT}$  breaks a CLPEKS with a non-negligible function  $Adv_{\mathcal{A}(k)}$ , the CLPEKS is said to be secure against an adaptive chosen keyword attack.

## IV. OUR CONSTRUCTION

We build a non-interactive CLPEKS scheme from a bilinear map. The scheme works as follows.

**Setup:** This algorithm runs the following steps to initialize the scheme:

1. Run  $PG$ , generate  $G_1, G_2$  of prime order  $q \geq 2^k$ , and a bilinear pairing  $\hat{e} : G_1 \times G_1 \rightarrow G_2$

2. Pick up a generator  $P \in G_1^*$  as part of the public parameter, and a  $\gamma \in_R Z_q^*$  as the  $master\text{-}key$ .

3. Construct 4 hash functions:  $H_1: \{0, 1\}^* \rightarrow G_1^*$ ,  $H_2: \{0, 1\}^* \rightarrow Z_q^*$ ,  $H_3: \{0, 1\}^* \rightarrow G_1^*$  and  $H_4: G_2 \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^f$ .

The KGC's public key is  $PK_C = \gamma P \in G_1$  and the  $master\text{-}key$  is  $SK_C = \gamma$ . The public parameter is  $prm = (G_1, G_2, \hat{e}, P, PK_C, H_1, H_2, H_3, H_4)$ .

**ePPK:** This algorithm takes as input an identifier  $ID_u \in \{0, 1\}^*$  from an authorized  $client\ u$  and carries out the following steps to generate partial private key:

1. Compute  $Q_u = H_1(ID_u) \in G_1^*$ .

2. The partial private key is  $D_u = \gamma Q_u \in G_1^*$ .

**sSV:** This algorithm picks up a  $s_u \in_R Z_q^*$  as the secret value for  $client\ u$ .

**gPriK:** This algorithm takes as input  $prm$  and  $u$ 's secret value  $s_u$ , and generates  $u$ 's private key is  $SK_u = (SK_{u1}, SK_{u2})$  where  $SK_{u1} = s_u$  and  $SK_{u2} = s_u D_u$ .

**gPubK:** This algorithm takes as input  $prm$  and a secret value  $s_u$  of  $client\ u$ .  $u$ 's public key is  $PK_u = (PK_{u1}, PK_{u2})$  where  $PK_{u1} = s_u P$  and  $PK_{u2} = s_u PK_C$ .

According to **gPriK** algorithm and **gPubK** algorithm, both public/private key pair  $\langle PK_R, SK_R \rangle$  and  $\langle PK_S, SK_S \rangle$  of  $receiver\ R$  and  $server\ S$  are constructed. Let  $\alpha$  be  $S$ 's secret value.  $SK_S = (SK_{S1}, SK_{S2})$  where  $SK_{S1} = \alpha$  and  $SK_{S2} = \alpha D_S$ , and  $PK_S = (PK_{S1}, PK_{S2})$  where  $PK_{S1} = \alpha P$  and  $PK_{S2} = \alpha PK_C$ . Let  $\beta$  be  $R$ 's secret value.  $SK_R = (SK_{R1}, SK_{R2})$  where  $SK_{R1} = \beta$  and  $SK_{R2} = \beta D_R$ , and  $PK_R = (PK_{R1}, PK_{R2})$  where  $PK_{R1} = \beta P$  and  $PK_{R2} = \beta PK_C$ .

Note that, in our construction,  $s_u$  and  $PK_u$  can be generated and used before  $SK_u$  is determined. It brings out the certificateless characteristic. There is no bind between  $ID_u$  and  $PK_u$ , and it removes certificate management inherently.

**CLPEKS:** This algorithm takes as input  $receiver$ 's public key  $PK_R$ ,  $server$ 's public key  $PK_S$  and their identity information  $ID_R, ID_S \in \{0, 1\}^*$ . This algorithm does the following steps to encrypt the keywords  $w_i$  in mail  $@$  where  $1 \leq i \leq m$ :



1. Check that both  $\hat{e}(PK_{S1}, PK_C) = \hat{e}(PK_{S2}, P)$  and  $\hat{e}(PK_{R1}, PK_C) = \hat{e}(PK_{R2}, P)$  hold. If not, return  $\perp$  and abort.

2. For each keyword  $w_i$  where  $1 \leq i \leq m$ :

a) Pick up  $r_i \in_R Z_q^*$

b) Compute  $Q_R = H_1(ID_R)$  and  $Q_S = H_1(ID_S)$ .

c) Compute  $t_i = \hat{e}(r_i H_2(w) Q_R, PK_{R2}) \hat{e}(r_i Q_S, PK_{S2}) \hat{e}(r_i H_3(w), P)$ .

d)  $CP_{w_i} = [U_i, V_i]$  for  $U_i = r_i P$  and  $V_i = H_4(t_i)$ .

3. The final cipher text for keywords is  $C(@) = \langle CP_{w_1}, CP_{w_2}, \dots, CP_{w_m} \rangle$ , where  $CP_{w_i} = [U_i, V_i]$ .

Note that we focus only on encrypting (decrypting) keyword but the mail itself. How to generate encrypted mail is beyond the matter in this paper. During the generation of  $CP_{w_i}$  for  $w_i$ , a random number  $r_i$  was introduced, so with holding encrypted keywords only, no statistical information is revealed. The second property listed in section 3.1 is satisfied.

**Trapdoor:** This algorithm takes as input *server's*  $PK_S$ , *receiver's*  $SK_R$  and a keyword  $w$ . The trapdoor is constructed as follows:

1. Compute  $T_1 = \lambda P$ .
2. Compute  $T_2 = H_2(w) S K_{R2} \oplus \lambda PK_{S1}$ .
3. Compute  $T_3 = H_3(w) \oplus \lambda PK_{S1}$ .
4. Let the trapdoor be  $T_w = [T_1, T_2, T_3]$ .

**Test:** This algorithm takes as input *server's* private key  $SK_S$ , keyword  $w$ 's trapdoor  $T_w$ , and an encrypted mail  $C(@)$ . Verify whether  $T_w$  is included in  $C(@)$  or not as follows:

1. Compute  $T_2' = T_2 \oplus (S K_{S1} T_1)$ .
2. Compute  $T_3' = T_3 \oplus (S K_{S1} T_1)$ .
3. Check that  $H_4(\hat{e}(T_2' + S K_{S2} + T_3', U_i)) = V_i$  holds. If the equivalent holds, keyword  $w$  is included in  $C(@)$  and output 'yes'. Otherwise, output 'no'.

Notice that, in the process of CLPEKS, *sender* produces  $C(@)$  by himself using *receiver's* public key  $PK_R$  and *server's* public key  $PK_S$ . It is a basic requirement for CLPEKS, because when *sender* produces  $C(@)$ , *receiver* is off-line always. Hence, the first property listed in section 3.1 is satisfied.

## V. ANALYSIS

In this section, we give several theorems about

correctness and security of our construction. Next, compared with other related constructions, the efficiency analysis is given.

### 5.1 Correctness

**Theorem 1** (Correctness). Given an encrypted mail  $C(@)$  belonging to *receiver* and a trapdoor  $T_w$  from himself, and  $w \in @$ , the equation  $H_4(\hat{e}(T_w, w_i)) = V_i$  is satisfied for a specified  $i$  where  $w = w_i$ . Otherwise,  $H_3(\hat{e}(T_w, w_i)) \neq V_i$ .

**Proof of theorem 1.**

Let  $T_1' = SK_{S2} T_1$  and we get:

$$\begin{aligned} & H_4(\hat{e}(T_2' + SK_{S2} + T_3', U)) \\ &= H_4(\hat{e}((T_2 \oplus T_1') + SK_{S2} + (T_3 \oplus T_1'), r_i P)) \\ &= H_4(\hat{e}((H_2(w) S K_{R2} + SK_{S2} + H_3(w), r_i P))) \\ &= H_4(\hat{e}(H_2(w) \beta D_R + \alpha D_S + H_3(w), r_i P)) \\ &= V_i \\ &= H_4(t_i) \\ &= H_4(\hat{e}(r_i H_2(w) Q_R, PK_{R2}) \hat{e}(r_i Q_S, PK_{S2}) \hat{e}(r_i H_3(w), P)) \\ &= H_4(\hat{e}(r_i H_2(w) Q_R, \beta PK_C) \hat{e}(r_i Q_S, \alpha PK_C) \hat{e}(r_i H_3(w), P)) \\ &= H_4(\hat{e}(H_2(w) \beta \gamma Q_R, r_i P) \hat{e}(\alpha D_S, r_i P) \hat{e}(H_3(w), r_i P)) \\ &= H_4(\hat{e}(H_2(w) \beta D_R + \alpha D_S + H_3(w), r_i P)) \end{aligned}$$

Because  $w = w_i$ ,  $H_4(\hat{e}(T_2' + SK_{S2} + T_3', U)) = V$  holds.

There are several other situations as follows:

● If there is no specified  $i$  such that  $w = w_i$ , then  $w \neq w_i$ ,  $H_2(w) \neq H_2(w_i)$  and  $H_3(w) \neq H_3(w_i)$ . So,  $H_3(\hat{e}(T_2' + SK_{S2} + T_3', U)) \neq V$ .

● If  $T_w$  is generated by Eve whose  $SK_{E1} = \delta$ , that means  $V_i = H_4(\hat{e}(H_2(w) \beta D_E + \alpha D_S + H_3(w), r_i P))$ . We can get

$$\begin{aligned} & H_4(\hat{e}(T_2' + SK_{S2} + T_3', U)) \\ &= H_4(\hat{e}(H_2(w) \beta D_R + \alpha D_S + H_3(w), r_i P)) \\ &\neq H_4(\hat{e}(H_2(w) \beta D_E + \alpha D_S + H_3(w), r_i P)) \\ &= V_i \end{aligned}$$

So,  $H_4(\hat{e}(T_2' + SK_{S2} + T_3', U)) \neq V$ .

● If  $C(@)$  is generated for Eve, that means  $T_w = [T_1, T_2, T_3]$  where  $T_1 = \lambda P$ ,  $T_2 = H_2(w) S K_{E2} \oplus \lambda PK_{S1}$  and  $T_3 = H_3(w) \oplus \lambda PK_{S1}$ . We can get

$$\begin{aligned} & H_4(\hat{e}(T_2' + SK_{S2} + T_3', U)) \\ &= H_4(\hat{e}(H_2(w) \beta D_E + \alpha D_S + H_3(w), r_i P)) \\ &\neq H_4(\hat{e}(H_2(w) \beta D_R + \alpha D_S + H_3(w), r_i P)) \\ &= V_i \end{aligned}$$

So,  $H_4(\hat{e}(T_2' + SK_{S2} + T_3', U)) \neq V$ .

By the proof of Theorem 1, the third property listed in section 3.1 is satisfied.

### 5.2 Security

Our construction relies on the intractable BDH

assumption for security. Certificateless cryptography is a branch of identity-based cryptography which is secure only in the random oracle model, and it is an open problem to build a secure identity-based encryption without random oracle. We still prove the security of our construction in the random oracle model by the following theorem.

**Theorem 2**(Security). The non-interactive CLPEKS scheme is semantically secure against a chosen keyword attack in the random oracle model assuming BDH problem is intractable.

Suppose  $\mathcal{A}$  is an adversary of  $\mathcal{A}_I$  and  $\mathcal{A}_{II}$  that breaks CLPEKS with advantage  $\epsilon$ , and makes  $q_{H_1}$  queries to  $H_1$ ,  $q_{H_4}$  queries to  $H_4$  and  $q_t$  trapdoor queries at most.  $q_{H_1}$ ,  $q_{H_4}$  and  $q_t$  are positive.

We construct an algorithm  $\mathcal{B}$  that solves the BDH problem with probability at least  $\epsilon'$ , and  $\epsilon' \geq \lambda\epsilon$ . Here,  $\lambda$  is a constant independent of  $\epsilon$ . If BDH is intractable in  $G_1$ ,  $\epsilon'$  is a negligible function, and then  $\epsilon$  is a negligible function too. Finally, we can conclude that the CLPEKS scheme is semantically secure against a chosen keyword attack in the random oracle model.

Firstly, we show the construction of the algorithm  $\mathcal{B}$ . Next,  $\lambda$  will be calculated through some claims for  $\mathcal{A}_I$  and  $\mathcal{A}_{II}$  respectively. Thus, Theorem 2 is proved based on Lemma 1 and Lemma 2.

**Lemma 1.** The non-interactive CLPEKS scheme is semantically secure against kind of adversary  $\mathcal{A}_I$  in the random oracle model assuming BDH problem is intractable and  $\epsilon' \geq \epsilon/(eq_{H_4}(1/(q_{H_1} + 1) - 1/q_t + 1/(q_t q_{H_1} + q_t)))$ .

**Proof of Lemma 1.**

**Setup:** Algorithm  $\mathcal{B}$  starts by running **Setup** algorithm and generates public parameter  $prm$  and the *master-key*  $\lambda$ . Then, given  $u_1 = aP$ ,  $u_2 = bP$  and  $u_3 = cP$ , Algorithm  $\mathcal{B}$ 's goal is to calculate  $\hat{e}(P, P)^{abc}$ . In the processing of interactions, we say that  $\mathcal{B}$  is the challenger. Finally,  $u_1$ , denoted as  $PK_{\mathcal{A}_I, 2}$ , and  $prm$  are send to adversary  $\mathcal{A}_I$ .

**$H_1$ -Query:** To response  $H_1$  queries, an empty-initial list of tuples  $\langle ID^{(i)}, h_1^{(i)}, coin_1^{(i)} \rangle$

is maintained by  $\mathcal{B}$ , called  $H_1$ -list. When adversary makes a  $H_1$  query with  $ID_i \in \{0, 1\}^*$ ,  $\mathcal{B}$  response as follows:

1. If there exists a  $l$  satisfying a tuple  $\langle ID^{(l)}, h_1^{(l)}, coin_1^{(l)} \rangle$  is on the  $H_1$ -list, the matched tuple is send to adversary as response.
2. Otherwise,  $\mathcal{B}$  picks up a  $coin_1^{(i)} \in \{0, 1\}$  such that  $Pr[coin_1^{(i)} = 0] = 1/(q_{H_1} + 1)$ .
3. If  $coin_1^{(i)} = 0$ , let  $e_1^{(i)} \in_R Z_q^*$ . Otherwise  $e_1^{(i)} = 1$ .  $\mathcal{B}$  sets  $h_1^{(i)} = e_1^{(i)}$ .
4. The tuple  $\langle ID^{(i)}, h_1^{(i)}, coin_1^{(i)} \rangle$  is added into  $H_1$ -list and send back as response.

**$H_w$ -Query:** To response  $H_2$  and  $H_3$  queries, an empty-initial list of tuples  $\langle w^{(i)}, h_2^{(i)}, h_3^{(i)}, a^{(i)}, coin_w^{(i)} \rangle$  is maintained by  $\mathcal{B}$ , called  $H_w$ -list. When adversary makes a  $H_2$  or  $H_3$  query with  $w_i \in \{0, 1\}^*$ ,  $\mathcal{B}$  does the following steps to response:

1. If there exists a  $l$  satisfying a tuple  $\langle w^{(l)}, h_2^{(l)}, h_3^{(l)}, a^{(l)}, coin_w^{(l)} \rangle$  is on the  $H_w$ -list,  $H_2(w_i) = h_2^{(i)}$  or  $H_3(w_i) = h_3^{(i)}$  is send to adversary as response.
2. Otherwise,  $\mathcal{B}$  picks up a  $coin_w^{(i)} \in \{0, 1\}$  such that  $Pr[coin_w^{(i)} = 0] = 1/(q_{H_w} + 1)$ .
3.  $\mathcal{B}$  picks up  $a^{(i)} \in_R Z_q$  and  $h_3^{(i)} \in_R G_1$ . If  $coin_w^{(i)} = 0$ , then  $h_2^{(i)} = a^{(i)}P + u_2$ . Otherwise,  $h_2^{(i)} = a^{(i)}Q_R$ .
4. The tuple  $\langle w^{(i)}, h_2^{(i)}, h_3^{(i)}, a^{(i)}, coin_w^{(i)} \rangle$  is added into  $H_w$ -list and send back as response.

**$H_4$ -Query:** To response  $H_4$  queries, similarly an empty-initial list of tuples  $\langle t^{(i)}, V^{(i)}, coin_w^{(i)} \rangle$  is maintained by  $\mathcal{B}$ , called  $H_4$ -list. When adversary makes a  $H_4$  query with  $t_i = h_4^{(i)} \in Z_q$ ,  $\mathcal{B}$  does the following steps to response:

1. If there exists a  $l$  satisfying a tuple  $\langle t^{(l)}, V^{(l)}, coin_w^{(l)} \rangle$  is on the  $H_4$ -list,  $H_4(t_i) = V^{(i)}$  is send to adversary as response.
2. Otherwise, do  **$H_w$ -Query** with  $t_i$  and get a tuple  $\langle w_i, h_{2i}, h_{3i}, a_i, coin_{wi} \rangle$  form  $H_w$ -list.
3. If  $coin_w^{(i)} = 0$ ,  $t_i = \hat{e}(a^{(i)}P + u_2, u_1)\hat{e}(Q_S, PK_{S2}\hat{e}(h_{3i}, P))$ . Otherwise,  $t_i = \hat{e}(a^{(i)}Q_R, u_1)\hat{e}(Q_S, PK_{S2})\hat{e}(h_{3i}, P)$ .
4. Algorithm  $\mathcal{B}$  chooses a  $V_i \in_R \{0, 1\}^f$ . The tuple  $\langle t_i, V_i, coin_{wi} \rangle$  is added into  $H_4$ -list and send back as response.

Note that  $h_1^{(i)}$ ,  $h_2^{(i)}$ ,  $h_3^{(i)}$  and  $V^{(i)}$  are all indepen-

dent of adversary's current view as required.

The **Request** phase includes the 5 actions:

**PPKExt:** To response partial private key extraction with  $ID_i \in \{0, 1\}^*$ , an empty-initial list of tuples  $\langle ID^{(0)}, D^{(0)}, coin_1^{(0)} \rangle$  is maintained by  $\mathcal{B}$ , called  $D$ -list. When adversary makes a **PPKExt** query with  $ID_i \in Z_q$ ,  $\mathcal{B}$  response as follows:

1. If there exists a  $l$  satisfying a tuple  $\langle ID^{(0)}, D^{(0)}, coin_1^{(0)} \rangle$  is on the  $D$ -list, the matched tuple is send to adversary as response.
2. Otherwise, do  $H_I$ -Query with  $ID_i$  and get a tuple  $\langle ID_i, h_{1i}, coin_{1i} \rangle$  from  $H_I$ -list.
3. If  $coin_{1i} = 0$ ,  $D_i = \lambda P$ . and  $D_i = P$  otherwise.

4. The tuple  $\langle ID_i, D_i, coin_{1i} \rangle$  is added into  $D$ -list and  $D$  is send back as response.

**PriKGen:** To response private key generation with  $ID_i \in \{0, 1\}^*$ , an empty-initial list of tuples  $\langle ID^{(0)}, x^{(0)}, SK^{(0)}, coin_1^{(0)} \rangle$  is maintained by  $\mathcal{B}$ , called  $SK$ -list. When adversary makes such a query with  $ID_i \in Z_q$ ,  $\mathcal{B}$  does the following steps to response:

1. If there exists a  $l$  satisfying a tuple  $\langle ID^{(0)}, x^{(0)}, SK^{(0)}, coin_1^{(0)} \rangle$  is on the  $SK$ -list, the matched tuple is send to adversary as response.
2. Otherwise, do **PPKExt** query with  $ID_i$  and get a tuple  $\langle ID_i, D_i, coin_{1i} \rangle$  from  $D$ -list.
3. If  $coin_{1i} = 0$ , let  $x_i$  be  $a$  and be 1 otherwise.
4. Compute  $SK_i = \langle SK_{i1}, SK_{i2} \rangle$  where  $SK_{i1} = x_i$  and  $SK_{i2} = x_i D_i$ .

5. The tuple  $\langle ID_i, x_i, SK_i, coin_{1i} \rangle$  is added into  $SK$ -list and send back as response.

**PubKReq:** To response public key request with  $ID_i \in \{0, 1\}^*$ ,  $\mathcal{B}$  maintains an empty-initial list  $PK$ -list of tuples  $\langle ID^{(0)}, PK^{(0)}, coin_1^{(0)} \rangle$  and does the following steps to response:

1. If there exists a  $l$  satisfying a tuple  $\langle ID^{(0)}, PK^{(0)}, coin_1^{(0)} \rangle$  is on the  $PK$ -list, the matched tuple is send to adversary as response.
2. Otherwise,  $\mathcal{B}$  does **PriKGen** query with  $ID_i$  and get a tuple  $\langle ID_i, x_i, SK_i, coin_{1i} \rangle$ .
3.  $PK_i = \langle PK_{i1}, PK_{i2} \rangle$  where  $PK_{i1} = x_i P$  and  $PK_{i2} = x_i PK_C$ .

4. The tuple  $\langle ID_i, PK_i, coin_{1i} \rangle$  is added into  $PK$ -list and send to adversary as response.

**PKRep:** To response public key replacement with  $PK_i = \langle PK_{i1}, PK_{i2} \rangle$  for  $ID_i \in \{0, 1\}^*$ ,  $\mathcal{B}$  does the following steps to response:

1. If there does not exist a  $l$  satisfying a tuple  $\langle ID^{(0)}, PK^{(0)} \rangle$  is on the  $PK$ -list and  $ID_i = ID^{(0)}$ , abort.
2. Do check whether  $\hat{e}(PK_{i1}, PK_C) = \hat{e}(PK_{i2}, P)$  or not. If not, abort.
3. Update  $PK$ -list with  $\langle ID_i, PK_i \rangle$ .

**Trapdoor Query:** When adversary makes a query for the trapdoor corresponding to the keyword  $w_i$  of  $ID_i$ , algorithm  $\mathcal{B}$  responds as follows:

1. Do  $H_w$  query for  $w_i$  and get a tuple  $\langle w_i, h_{2i}, h_{3i}, a_i, coin_{wi} \rangle$  on which  $H_2(w_i) = h_{2i}^{(0)}$  and  $H_3(w_i) = h_{3i}^{(0)}$ .
2. If  $coin_{wi} = 0$ , abort.
3. Otherwise, compute  $T_i = a_i^{(0)} PK_{i1}$  so that  $T_i$  is the valid trapdoor for  $w_i$  under the public key  $u_i$ .  $T_i$  is send to adversary as response.

**Challenge:** At some time,  $\mathcal{A}_t$  with  $ID^*$  will make challenge on  $w_0$  and  $w_1$  where  $w_0 \neq w_1$ . Then algorithm  $\mathcal{B}$  generates the challenge  $EP(w_b)$  as follows:

1. Do  $H_2$  queries twice to obtain  $h_{2i}^{(0)}, h_{3i}^{(0)}$  so that  $H_2(w_i) = h_{2i}^{(0)}$  and  $H_3(w_i) = h_{3i}^{(0)}$  where  $i=0,1$ . According to  $H_w$ -list, if both  $coin_w^{(0)} = 1$  and  $coin_w^{(1)} = 1$ , abort.
2. Otherwise,  $coin_w^{(0)} = 0$  or  $coin_w^{(1)} = 0$  or  $coin_w^{(0)} = coin_w^{(1)} = 0$ .
3. Do **PubKReq** queries with  $ID^*$  to obtain  $PK_i$ . According to  $PK$ -list, if  $coin_i^* = 1$ , abort.
4. Otherwise,  $coin_i^* = 0$ .
5. Pick up a  $b \in_R \{0, 1\}$  such that  $coin_w^{(b)} = 0$ .
6. Pick up a  $J \in_R \{0, 1\}^J$  and sets  $CP_{w_b} = [u_3, J]$ .

Notice that this challenge implicitly defines  $[u_3, J]$  is a valid CLPEKS such that

$$\begin{aligned} J &= H_4((\hat{e}(a^{(0)}P + u_2, u_1)\hat{e}(Q_S, PK_{S2})\hat{e}(h_{3i}, P))^c) \\ &= H_4(\hat{e}(a^{(0)}P + bP, aP)^c \hat{e}(Q_S, PK_{S2})^c \hat{e}(h_{3i}, P)^c) \\ &= H_4(\hat{e}(P, P)^{a(a^{(0)}+b)} \hat{e}(SK_{S2}, PK_C) \hat{e}(h_{3i}, PK_C)) \end{aligned}$$

So,  $CP_{w_b}$  is valid for  $w_b$  as required.

**More trapdoor queries:** Continuously,  $\mathcal{A}_t$  makes queries for the trapdoor corresponding to the word  $w_i$  where  $w_i \neq w_0$  and  $w_i \neq w_1$ .  $\mathcal{B}$  responds to these queries as before.



**Attack:** Finally,  $\mathcal{A}_T$  makes a guess  $b' \in \{0, 1\}$  indicating whether  $CP_{w_b}$  is the challenge of  $CP_{w_0}$  or  $CP_{w_1}$ . Because  $\mathcal{A}_T$  have made a trapdoor query for  $w_i$  or  $w_0$ ,  $t$  exists on  $H_t$ -list with probability  $1/2$ . If  $\mathcal{B}$  picks the pair  $\langle t, V \rangle$ ,  $\hat{e}(P, P)^{abc}$  can be computed as below:

$$\begin{aligned} & t/(\hat{e}(u_1, u_3)^{t^{(b)}} \hat{e}(SK_{S_2}, u_3) \hat{e}(h_{3i}, u_3)) \\ &= \frac{\hat{e}(P, P)^{ac(d^{(b)}+b)} \hat{e}(SK_{S_2}, PK_C) \hat{e}(h_{3i}, PK_C)}{\hat{e}(u_1, u_3)^{d^{(b)}} \hat{e}(SK_{S_2}, PK_C) \hat{e}(h_{3i}, PK_C)} \\ &= \frac{\hat{e}(P, P)^{ac(d^{(b)}} \hat{e}(P, P)^{abc}}{\hat{e}(P, P)^{ac(d^{(b)}}} \\ &= \hat{e}(P, P)^{abc} \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

For now, we construct an algorithm  $\mathcal{B}$  that solves the BDH problem. Next, it needs to prove that  $\mathcal{B}$  calculates  $\hat{e}(P, P)^{abc}$  correctly with probability at least  $\epsilon'$ . It must be satisfied that  $\mathcal{B}$  does not abort during the game with a high probability. We define three events [17]:

$E_1$ :  $\mathcal{B}$  does not abort as a result of any of  $\mathcal{A}$ 's trapdoor queries.

$E_2$ :  $\mathcal{B}$  does not abort during the challenge phase.

$E_3$ :  $\mathcal{A}_T$  does not make a trapdoor query for either one of  $w_0$  and  $w_1$ .

**Claim 1.**  $Pr[E_1] \geq 1/e$ .

**Proof of Claim 1.** Suppose adversary does not make a trapdoor query of the same keyword twice. The probability that a trapdoor query causes  $\mathcal{B}$  to abort is  $1/(q_t+1)$ . For a single query, suppose that the keyword  $w_i$  is the first element of the tuple  $\langle w_i, h_{2i}, h_{3i}, a_i, coin_{w_i} \rangle$  on  $H_w$ -list and  $t_i$  is the first element of the tuple  $\langle t_i, V_i, coin_{w_i} \rangle$  on  $H_t$ -list.  $t_i$  is the only element that depends on  $coin_{w_i}$ . Therefore, the probability that this query causes  $\mathcal{B}$  to abort is at most  $1/(q_t+1)$ . Since  $\mathcal{A}$  makes at most  $q_t$  trapdoor queries,  $Pr[E_1] = (1 - 1/(q_t+1))^{q_t} \geq 1/e$ .

**Claim 2.**  $Pr[E_2] \geq 1 - 1/(q_{H_1}+1) - 1/q_t + 1/(q_t q_{H_1} + q_t)$ .

**Proof of Claim 2.** Algorithm  $\mathcal{B}$  will abort during the challenge phase iff  $coin_{w_0} = coin_{w_1} = coin_1^* = 1$ .  $coin_{w_0}$ ,  $coin_{w_1}$  and  $coin_1^*$  are independent of  $\mathcal{A}_T$ 's current view. Therefore, we can get  $Pr[coin_{w_0}=0] = Pr[coin_{w_1}=0] = 1/(q_t+1)$  and  $Pr[coin_1^*=0] = 1/(q_{H_1}+1)$ . So, we will have that  $Pr[coin_{w_0} = coin_{w_1} = 1] = (1 - 1/(q_t+1))^2 \leq 1 - 1/q_t$  and  $Pr[coin_1^* = 1] = 1 - 1/(q_{H_1}+1)$ . Because  $H_1$  query is independent of  $H_w$  query,

$$\begin{aligned} Pr[E_2] &= (1 - Pr[c_0 = c_1 = 1])Pr[coin_1^* = 1] \\ &\geq (1 - 1/q_t)(1 - 1/(q_{H_1}+1)) \\ &\geq 1 - 1/(q_{H_1}+1) - 1/q_t + 1/(q_t q_{H_1} + q_t). \end{aligned}$$

Both  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  are independent of each other. Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} & Pr[E_1 \wedge E_2] \\ &= Pr[E_1] \cdot Pr[E_2] \\ &= (1/e)(1 - 1/(q_{H_1}+1) - 1/q_t + 1/(q_t q_{H_1} + q_t)) \\ &= (1/(q_{H_1}+1) - 1/q_t + 1/(q_t q_{H_1} + q_t))(1/e) \end{aligned}$$

**Claim 3.**  $Pr[\neg E_3] \geq 2\epsilon$ .

**Proof of Claim 3.**  $b$  is independent of  $\mathcal{A}$ 's current view. Therefore,  $Pr[b' = b] \leq 1/2$ . Because  $\mathcal{A}$  is an adversary that breaks CLPEKS with advantage  $\epsilon$ ,  $|Pr[b' = b] - 1/2| \geq \epsilon$ .

$$\begin{aligned} & Pr[b' = b] \\ &= Pr[b' = b|E_3]Pr[E_3] + Pr[b' = b|\neg E_3]Pr[\neg E_3] \\ &\leq Pr[b' = b|E_3] + Pr[\neg E_3] \\ &= Pr[E_3]/2 + Pr[\neg E_3] \\ &= 1/2 + Pr[\neg E_3]/2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{So, } \epsilon \leq Pr[\neg E_3]/2.$$

Overall, when  $E_3$  does not occur,  $\mathcal{A}$  makes a trapdoor query for  $w_b$  and  $EP(w_b)$  is valid with probability at least  $\epsilon$ . That means  $w_b$  exists on  $H_t$ -list. Algorithm  $\mathcal{B}$  will choose the correct pair with probability at least  $1/q_{H_t}$ . So,

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon' &\geq \frac{1}{2} Pr[E_3] \cdot \frac{1}{q_{H_t}} Pr[E_1 \wedge E_2] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \cdot 2\epsilon \cdot \frac{1}{q_{H_t}} \cdot (1/(q_{H_1}+1) - 1/q_t + 1/(q_t q_{H_1} + q_t))(1/e) \\ &= \epsilon / (eq_{H_t}(1/(q_{H_1}+1) - 1/q_t + 1/(q_t q_{H_1} + q_t))). \end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 2.** The non-interactive CLPEKS scheme is semantically secure against kind of adversary  $\mathcal{A}_{IT}$  in the random oracle model assuming BDH problem is intractable and  $\epsilon' \geq \epsilon/(eq_{H_t})$ .

**Proof of Lemma 2.**

**Setup:** Algorithm  $\mathcal{B}$  starts by running **Setup** algorithm and generates public parameter  $prm$  and the *master-key*  $\lambda$ .  $u_1$ ,  $\lambda$  and  $prm$  are send to the adversary  $\mathcal{A}_{IT}$ .

**$H_t$ -Query:** To response  $H_1$  queries, an empty-initial list of tuples  $\langle ID^{(i)}, h_1^{(i)} \rangle$  is maintained by  $\mathcal{B}$ , called  $H_1$ -list. When adversary makes a  $H_1$  query with  $ID_i \in \{0, 1\}^*$ ,  $\mathcal{B}$  does the following steps to response:

1. If there exists a  $l$  satisfying a tuple  $\langle ID^{(l)}, h_1^{(l)} \rangle$  is on the  $H_1$ -list, the matched tuple is send to adversary as response.
2. Pick up an  $e_1^{(i)} \in_R \mathbb{Z}_q$  and set  $h_1^{(i)} = e_1^{(i)}$ .

3. The tuple  $\langle ID^{(l)}, h_1^{(l)} \rangle$  is added into  $H_1$ -list and send back as response.

**$H_w$ -Query:** This oracle query is almost identical to that in proof of Lemma 1 and is omitted here.

**$H_t$ -Query:** This oracle query is almost identical to that in proof of Lemma 1 and is omitted here.

The **Request** phase includes following 4 actions:

**PPKExt:** To response partial private key extraction with  $ID_i \in \{0, 1\}^*$ , an empty-initial list of tuples  $\langle ID^{(l)}, D^{(l)} \rangle$  is maintained by  $\mathcal{B}$ , called  $D$ -list. When adversary makes a **PPKExt** query with  $ID_i \in Z_q$ ,  $\mathcal{B}$  does the following steps to response:

1. If there exists a  $l$  satisfying a tuple  $\langle ID^{(l)}, D^{(l)} \rangle$  is on the  $D$ -list, the matched tuple is send to adversary as response.

2. Otherwise, do  **$H_t$ -Query** with  $ID_i$  and get a tuple  $\langle ID_i, h_{ti} \rangle$  from  $H_1$ -list.

3. Because  $\mathcal{A}_{IT}$  has access to *master-key*, compute  $D_i = \lambda P$ .

4. The tuple  $\langle ID_i, D_i \rangle$  is added into  $D$ -list and  $D_i$  is send back as response.

**PriKGen:** To response private key generation with  $ID_i \in \{0, 1\}^*$ , an empty-initial list of tuples  $\langle ID^{(l)}, x^{(l)}, SK^{(l)} \rangle$  is maintained by  $\mathcal{B}$ , called  $SK$ -list. When adversary makes such a query with  $ID_i \in Z_q$ ,  $\mathcal{B}$  does the following steps to response:

1. If there exists a  $l$  satisfying a tuple  $\langle ID^{(l)}, x^{(l)}, SK^{(l)} \rangle$  is on the  $SK$ -list, the matched tuple is send to adversary as response.

2. Otherwise, do **PPKExt** query with  $ID_i$  and get a tuple  $\langle ID_i, D_i \rangle$  from  $D$ -list.

3. Let  $x_i$  be  $a$ , and compute  $SK_i = \langle SK_{i1}, SK_{i2} \rangle$  where  $SK_{i1} = x_i$  and  $SK_{i2} = x_i D_i$ .

4. The tuple  $\langle ID_i, x_i, SK_i \rangle$  is added into  $SK$ -list and send back as response.

**PubKReq:** To response public key request with  $ID_i \in \{0, 1\}^*$ ,  $\mathcal{B}$  maintains an empty-initial list  $PK$ -list of tuples  $\langle ID^{(l)}, PK^{(l)} \rangle$  and does the following steps to response:

1. If there exists a  $l$  satisfying a tuple  $\langle ID^{(l)}, PK^{(l)} \rangle$  is on the  $PK$ -list, the matched

tuple is send to adversary as response.

2. Otherwise,  $\mathcal{B}$  does **PriKGen** query with  $ID_i$  and get a tuple  $\langle ID_i, x_i, SK_i \rangle$ .

3.  $PK_i = \langle PK_{i1}, PK_{i2} \rangle$  where  $PK_{i1} = x_i P$  and  $PK_{i2} = x_i PK_C$ .

4. The tuple  $\langle ID_i, PK_i \rangle$  is added into  $PK$ -list and send back to adversary as response.

**Trapdoor Query:** This query is almost identical to that in proof of Lemma 1 and is omitted here.

**Challenge:** At some time,  $\mathcal{A}_{IT}$  with  $ID^*$  will make challenge on  $w_0$  and  $w_1$  where  $w_0 \neq w_1$ . Then algorithm  $\mathcal{B}$  generates the challenge  $EP(w_b)$  as follows:

1. Do  $H_2$  queries twice to obtain  $h_2^{(0)}, h_3^{(0)}$  so that  $H_2(w_i) = h_2^{(i)}$  and  $H_3(w_i) = h_3^{(i)}$  where  $i=0,1$ . According to  $H_w$ -list, if both  $coin_w^{(0)} = 1$  and  $coin_w^{(1)} = 1$ , abort.

2. Otherwise,  $coin_w^{(0)} = 0$  or  $coin_w^{(1)} = 0$  or  $coin_w^{(0)} = coin_w^{(1)} = 0$ .

3. Do **PubKReq** queries with  $ID^*$  to obtain  $PK_i$ .

4. Pick up a  $b \in_R \{0, 1\}$  such that  $coin_w^{(b)} = 0$ .

5. Pick up a  $J \in_R \{0, 1\}^J$  and sets  $CP_{w_b} = [u_3, J]$ . Notice that this challenge implicitly defines  $[u_3, J]$  is a valid CLPEKS too.

So,  $CP_{w_b}$  is valid for  $w_b$  as required.

**More trapdoor queries:** Continuously,  $\mathcal{A}_{IT}$  makes queries for the trapdoor corresponding to the word  $w_i$  where  $w_i \neq w_0$  and  $w_i \neq w_1$ .  $\mathcal{B}$  responds to these queries as before.

**Attack:** Finally,  $\mathcal{A}_t$  makes a guess  $b' \in \{0, 1\}$  indicating whether  $CP_{w_b}$  is the challenge of  $CP_{w_0}$  or  $CP_{w_1}$ . Because  $\mathcal{A}_t$  must make a trapdoor query for  $w_0$  or  $w_1$ ,  $t$  exists on  $H_4$ -list with probability 1/2. If  $\mathcal{B}$  picks the pair  $\langle t, V \rangle$ ,  $\hat{e}(P, P)^{abc}$  can be computed as described in Equation (1).

For now, we construct an algorithm  $\mathcal{B}$  that solves the BDH problem. Next, it needs to prove that  $\mathcal{B}$  calculates  $\hat{e}(P, P)^{abc}$  correctly with probability at least  $\epsilon'$ . It must be satisfied that  $\mathcal{B}$  does not abort during the game with a high probability. We analyze three events defined in Lemma 1.

**Claim 4.**  $Pr[E_j] \geq 1/e$ .

**Proof of Claim 4.** This proof is almost identical to that of Claim 1 and is omitted

here.

**Claim 5.**  $Pr[E_2] \geq 1/q_t$ .

**Proof of Claim 5.** Algorithm  $\mathcal{B}$  will abort during the challenge phase if and only if  $coin_{w_0} = coin_{w_1} = coin_1^* = 1$ .  $coin_{w_0}$  and  $coin_{w_1}$  are independent of  $\mathcal{A}_{IT}$ 's current view. Therefore, we get  $Pr[coin_{w_0} = 0] = Pr[coin_{w_1} = 0] = 1/(q_t + 1)$ . So, we have that  $Pr[coin_{w_0} = coin_{w_1} = 1] = (1 - 1/(q_t + 1))^2 \leq 1 - 1/q_t$ . Hence,  $Pr[E_2] \leq 1 - Pr[coin_{w_0} = coin_{w_1} = 1] \leq 1/q_t$ .

Both  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  are independent of each other. Therefore,  $Pr[E_1 \wedge E_2] = Pr[E_1] \cdot Pr[E_2] \geq 1/eq_t$ .

**Claim 6.**  $Pr[\neg E_3] \geq 2\epsilon$ .

**Proof of Claim 6.** This proof of this claim is almost identical to that of Claim 3 and is omitted here.

Overall, when  $E_3$  does not occur,  $\mathcal{A}$  makes a trapdoor query for  $w_b$  and  $EP(w_b)$  is valid with probability at least  $\epsilon$ . That means  $w_b$  exists on  $H_4$ -list. Algorithm  $\mathcal{B}$  will choose the correct pair with probability at least  $1/q_{H_4}$ . So,

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon' &\geq \frac{1}{2} Pr[E_3] \cdot \frac{1}{q_{H_4}} Pr[E_1 \wedge E_2] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \cdot 2\epsilon \cdot \frac{1}{q_{H_4}} \cdot \frac{1}{e} \cdot \frac{1}{q_t} \\ &= \epsilon / eq_t q_{H_4}. \end{aligned}$$

### 5.3 Efficiency

Search speed is the key characteristic for keyword search algorithm. In this section, we compare our construction with [2] and [3]. **Table I** shows a performance comparison in detail.

In the table,  $M$  is the multiplication operation in  $G_I$ ,  $MU$  is the multiplication operation between  $G_I$  and  $Z_r$ ,  $E$  is the exponentiation operation,  $I$  is the invert in  $Z_r$ , and  $A$  is the addition in  $G_I$ . It is also clear that only the proposed CLPEKS both overcomes key escrow problem and provide trapdoor indistinguishable (TrapInd). In keyword search, search speed is a key characteristic to measure the efficiency. Based on pairings, our scheme is more efficient than Rhee's and as efficient

**Table I** Performance comparison

	KeyGen	PEKS	Trapdoor
Baek's[2]	$M$	$E+M+2\hat{e}$	$M$
Rhee's[3]	$2E+I$	$2E+2\hat{e}$	$3E+I$
CLPEKS	$3M$	$MU+4M+3\hat{e}$	$3M$
	Test	Key Escrow	TrapInd
Baek's[2]	$M+\hat{e}$	Yes	No
Rhee's[3]	$3M+I+\hat{e}$	Yes	Yes
CLPEKS	$M+2A+\hat{e}$	No	Yes

as Baek's. Furthermore, our construction removes the key escrow problem which exists in Rhee's and Baek's.

## VI. EXPERIMENTS

For illustrating CLPEKS's superiority, massive experiments are conducted on a real Email dataset. Experiments show that the efficiency of CLPEKS is at least as same as that of the scheme in [3], but CLPEKS removes the heavy key escrow problem.

### 6.1 Environment

Enron<sup>1</sup> Email dataset, a famous Email dataset in information retrieval field, was collected and prepared by the CALO Project from 150 different users. Enron Email dataset contains 517,511 mails (duplication included) for 150 different users. 1,896,137 (duplication included) / 26,825 (duplication excluded) keywords are extracted from all the mails. Each mail contains about 3.7 keywords and each keyword appears about 70.7 times. We randomly select 10 different users for measuring efficiency of CLPEKS and reference scheme and 10 different keywords for each user. The detailed description of the selected mails for retrieval is shown in **Fig. 1**.  $\#(mail)$  is the number of mails for each user,  $\#(keyword)$  is the number of keywords for each user, and  $Avg(keyword)$  is the average number of keywords for each mail.

The Pairing-Based Cryptography (PBC) library<sup>2</sup> is adopted to perform the mathematical operations underlying pairing-based cryptosystems. All experiments are conducted on a

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.cs.cmu.edu/~enron/>

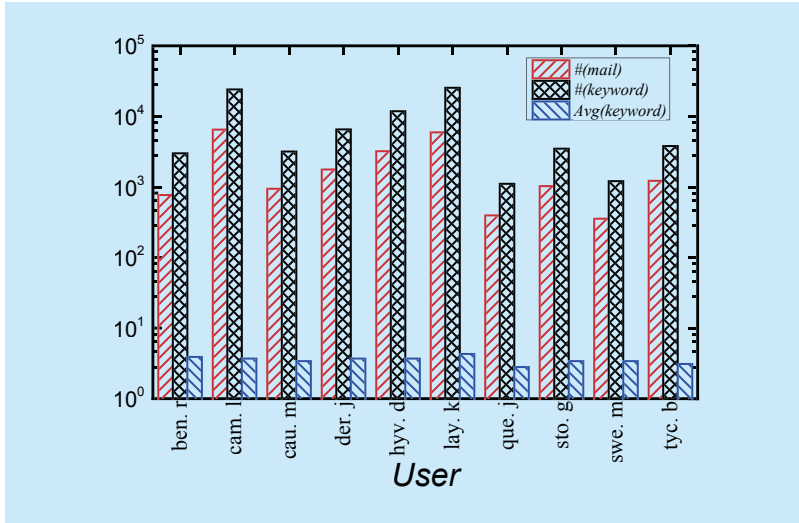


Fig.1 Users and Mails for Retrieval

Table II Time Cost of Cryptographic Computation

Operation	Time(μs)
Multiplication in $G_1$	3518.654
Multiplication between $G_1$ and $Z_r$	15.837
Exponentiation	3516.353
Invert in $Z_r$	2.688
$\hat{e}$	4565.201
Addition in $G_1$	15.829

Linux machine with an Intel Core 2 Q9550 2.83GHz CPU and 4GB memory. We list the time cost of basic cryptographic computation in Table II through 1000 times repeat.

Through Table I and Table II, it is clear that  $M$ ,  $E$ , and  $\hat{e}$  take over 1000 times time more than  $MU$ ,  $I$ , and  $A$ . Hence, Test phase in our construction takes only about 50% time of Rhee's and as equal as Baek's.

For illustration purposes, the selected  $n$  users for retrieval are denoted as  $u_i$ , where  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . Here,  $n=10$ . Two key measures are employed to estimate the real performance of proposed CLPEKS:

- $Avg(i)$  is used to evaluate the speed of retrieving mails for each mail of user. For  $k$  keyword  $w_j$  of each user, where  $1 \leq j \leq k$ , PEKS scheme takes  $t_j \mu s$  to returns mails containing the keywords.  $Avg(i)$  is defined as follows:

$$Avg(i) = \frac{1}{n \#(mail)_i} \sum_{j=1}^k t_j.$$

- $Time(i)$  is used to evaluate the speed of retrieving mails for each user. For  $k$  keyword  $w_j$  of each user, where  $1 \leq j \leq k$ , PEKS scheme takes  $t_j \mu s$  to returns mails containing the keywords.  $Time(i)$  is defined as follows:

$$Time(i) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^k t_j.$$

## 6.2 Comparison

For illustrating CLPEKS's superiority visually, we compare CLPEKS with plain keyword search and PEKS proposed in [3]. We also introduce a reference experiment, in which no encryption algorithm is adopted and keyword search is conducted on plaintext, called Plain scheme. We do not compare with Baek's [2], because Baek's PEKS do not provide trapdoor indistinguishable which is indispensable.

**Comparison on  $Avg(i)$ .** We compare the  $Avg(i)$  of three schemes in Fig. 2. In general, the time for checking a mail increases in proportion of the average number of keywords in a single mail. CLPEKS performs as well as Rhee's but less efficient than Plain scheme. Obviously, encryption introduces much more cost than plain scheme in mail retrieval.

**Comparison on  $Time(i)$ .** We compare the time of searching a single keyword for each user in Fig. 3. Time cost increase with the number of mails for each user proportionally. In general, CLPEKS still performs as well as Rhee's but less efficient than Plain scheme. Time cost ( $\approx 10s$ ) is acceptable when the number of mails for user is less than 1,000 because encryption will introduce more time cost. So, our construction is practical for small confidential institution.

As discussed in section 5.3, time cost in our construction's Test phase should much faster than Rhee's. However, it is opposite experiments completely. In experiments, the efficiency of our construction is as the same as Rhee's. We give a brief declaration here. In the implementation of Test phase, other than the  $\hat{e}$  operation, all operations have

<sup>2</sup> <http://crypto.stanford.edu/abc/>

been preprocessed and stored when testing the first keyword. In our construction, only  $H_3(\mathcal{E}(T_2' + SK_S + T_3', U)) = V$  is calculated after the first keyword. So does for Rhee's. Hence, more keywords a mail contains, the efficiency of our construction and Rhee's are more approximate. We still emphasize that, when each mail contains a single keyword and the number of mails for each user is small, our construction is more efficient.

## VII. CONCLUSION

In this paper, we analysis the demands of CLPEKS, and give an encryption model and a secure model of CLPEKS. Through a novel mechanism, a CLPEKS construction is proposed which enhance the function of CLPKC. Our construction is proved secure against a chosen keyword attack in the random oracle model assuming BDH is intractable. Compared to Rhee's PEKS, our construction have higher efficiency, but remove the key escrow problem. On a real Email dataset, massive experiments are conducted to illustrate the superiority of CLPEKS.

CLPEKS is an SCF-PEKS scheme resisting outside keyword-guessing attack and semantic secure against adaptive chosen keyword attack. We improve the performance of retrieval process, and remove key escrow problem which Rhee's scheme does not. When the number of mails for user is less than 1,000, time cost in Test phase is less than 10s. And, when each mail contains a single keyword and the number of mails for each user is small, our construction is more efficient than (50% time of) Rhee's.

As is well-known, computation of bilinear pairing is more expensive than other cryptographic tools. We will focus on removing pairing computation in **Test** phase next. Also, more complicated operations, such as conjunct, aggregation, et al, will be considered.

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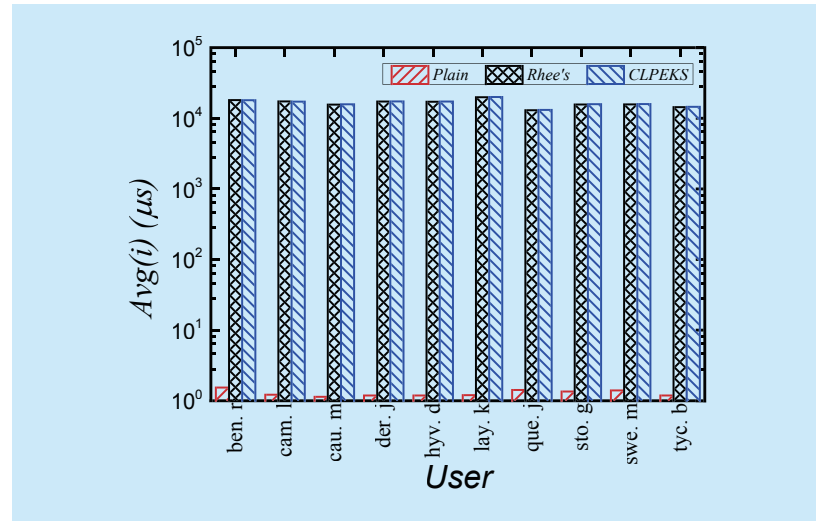


Fig.2 Efficiency Comparison Between Schemes

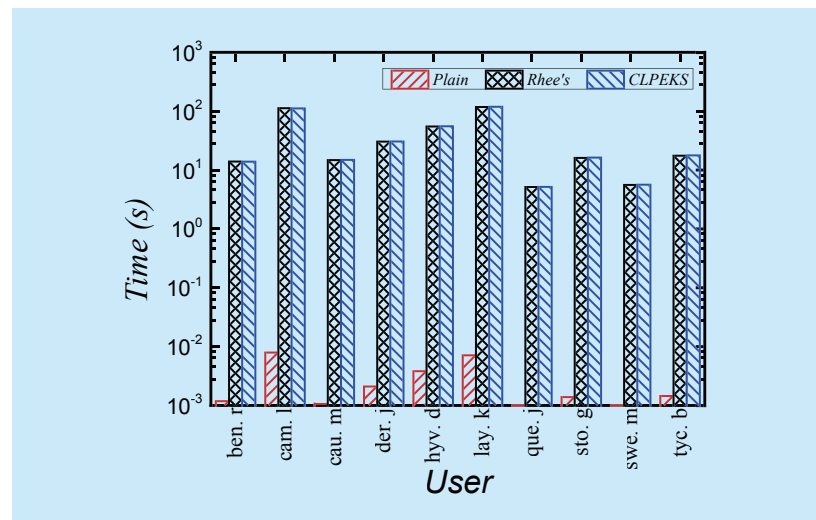


Fig.3 Efficiency Comparison Between Schemes For Each Search

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