NuCypher

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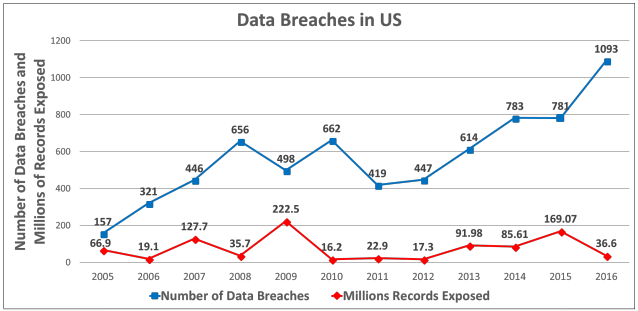
NuCypher Overview

- Use cryptography to build the tools & infrastructure to preserve data privacy
- Privacy-preserving solutions for distributed applications
  - Proxy Re-encryption (PRE)
    - Secure data-sharing and access control of encrypted data
  - Fully Homomorphic Encryption (FHE)
    - Perform arbitrary operations on encrypted data
- Blockchain & Private Deployments

Problem

Data Breaches



Source:
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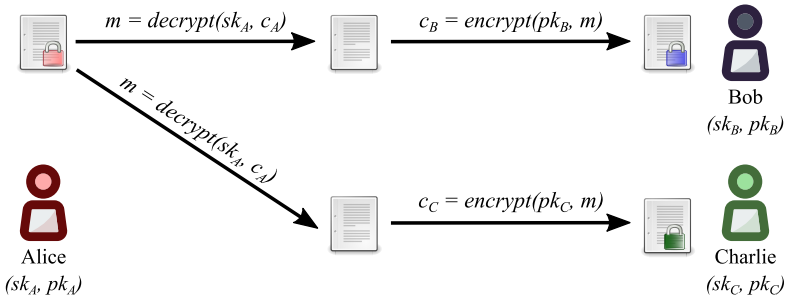
Public Key Encryption (PKE)



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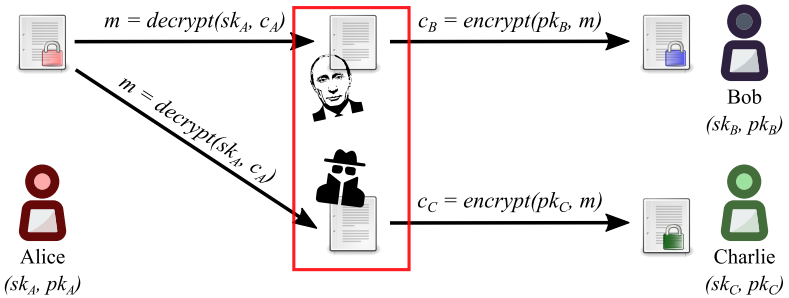

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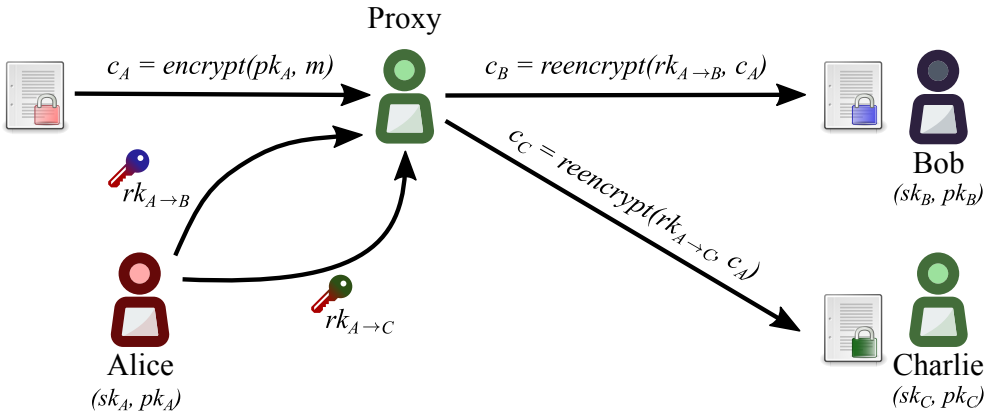
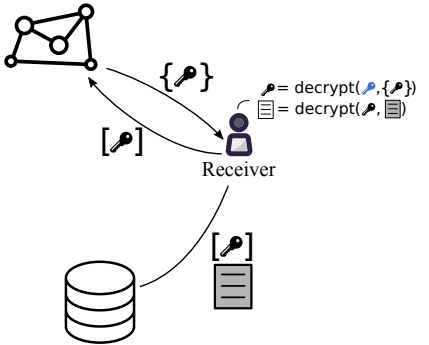
What is proxy re-encryption (PRE)



Solution

Proxy Re-encryption + Key Management

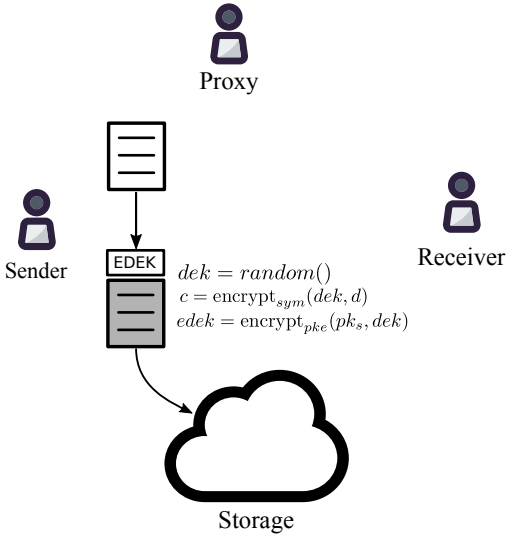


Advantages

- Data not decrypted to facilitate sharing
- Scalable and performant
- Access revocation through re-encryption key deletion
- Secure use of data storage providers

Centralized KMS using PRE

Encryption



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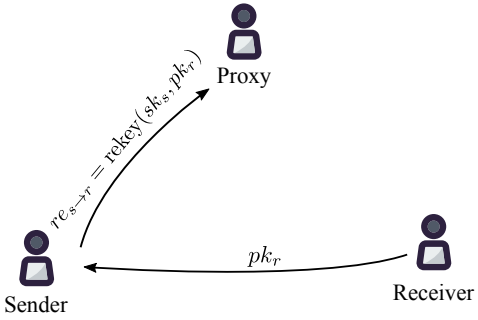

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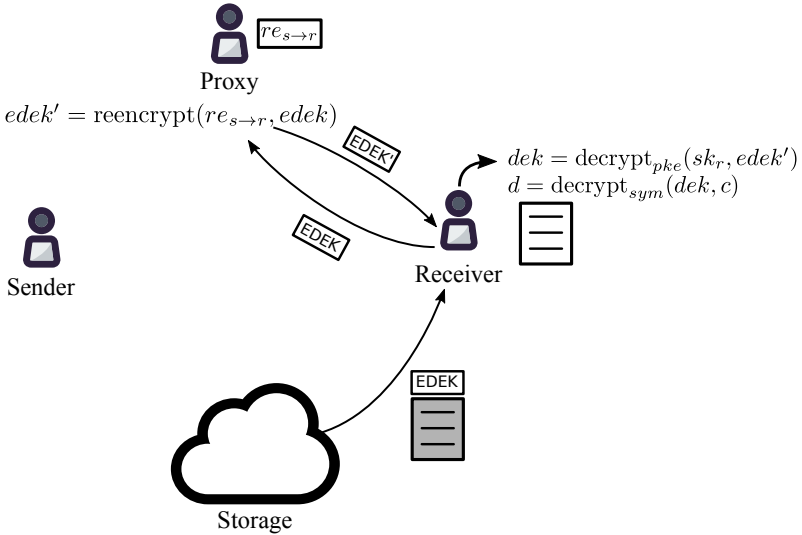
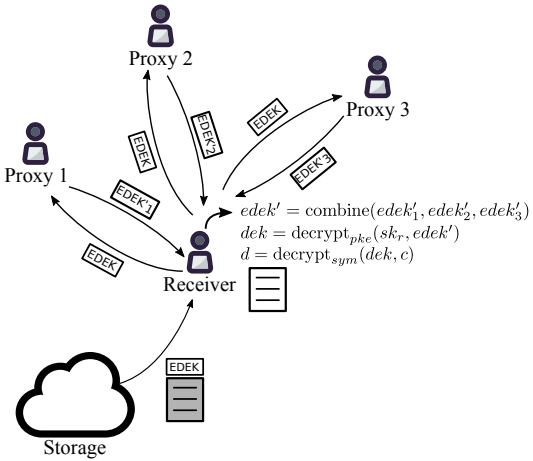


Decentralized KMS using PRE

Using threshold split-key re-encryption (Umbral)



NuCypher PRE Properties

- Unidirectional
- Single hop
- Non-interactive

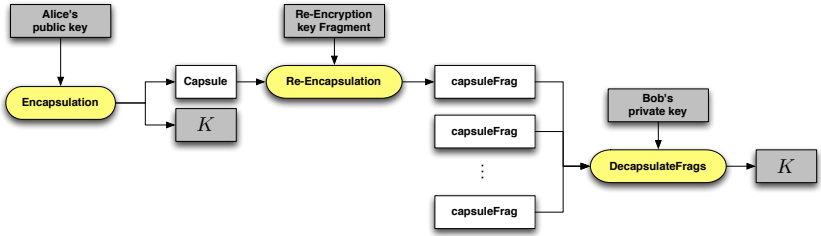
KEM/DEM Approach

- Umbral KEM for threshold re-encryption
- ECIES for key encapsulation
- DEM can be any AE (ChaCha20-Poly1305)

Verification of Correctness

- Verification through non-interactive ZK proof
- Incentive layer via NU staking token
- Re-encryption validated by challenge protocol

Umbral Flow Diagram



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- Reference implementation: `https://github.com/nucypher/pyUmbral`

Decentralized KMS: Token

Purpose

- Splitting trust across re-encryption nodes
  - More tokens = more trust, more work, and more compensation
- Proof of Stake for minting new coins according to the mining schedule
- Security deposit at stake against malicious behavior of nodes

Data Sharing Policies

- Time-based
- Conditional on payment
  - “Grant access once paid, continue granting while paying”
- Smart contract (public) method

Decentralized re-encryption nodes (Ursulas) relied on to apply conditions without having the ability to decrypt data

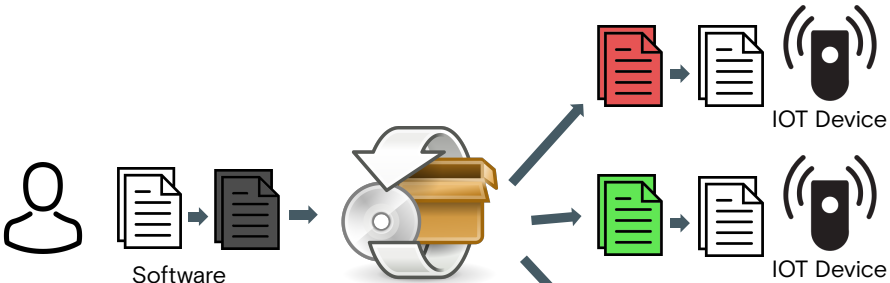
Blockchain & Smart Contract Agnostic

Public Blockchains

Private/Permissioned Blockchains

Use Cases

Scalable, Secure IOT Updates



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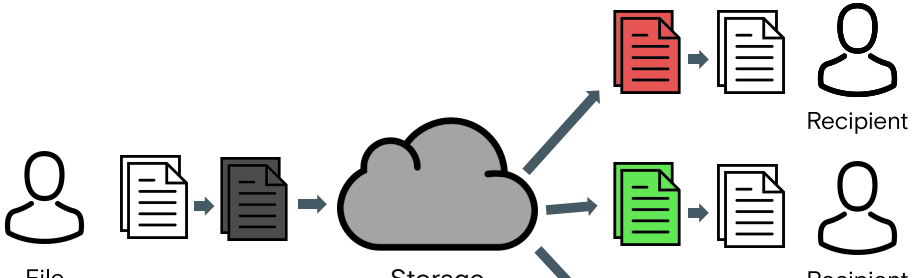
Encrypted file sharing



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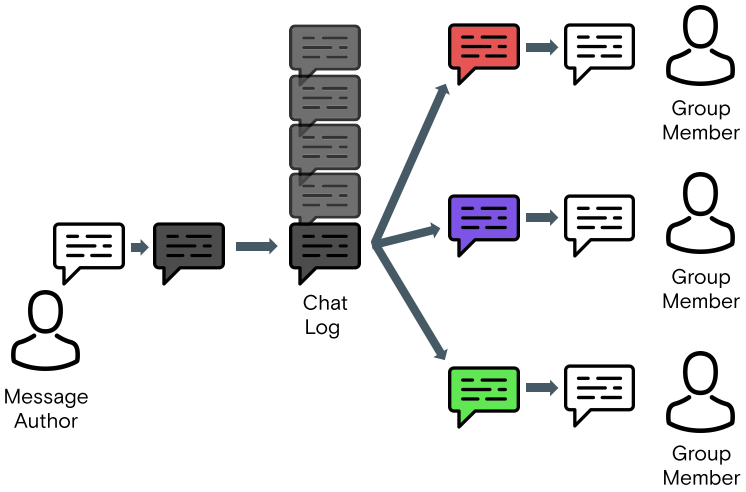
Encrypted multi-user chats



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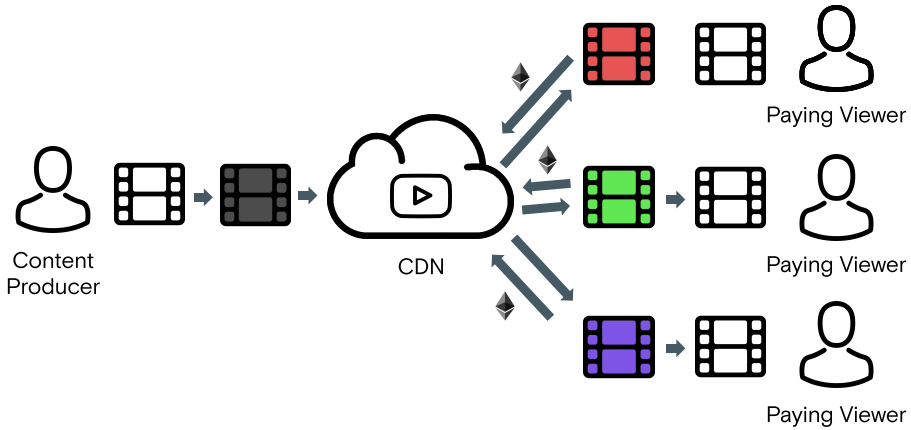
Decentralized access-controlled content



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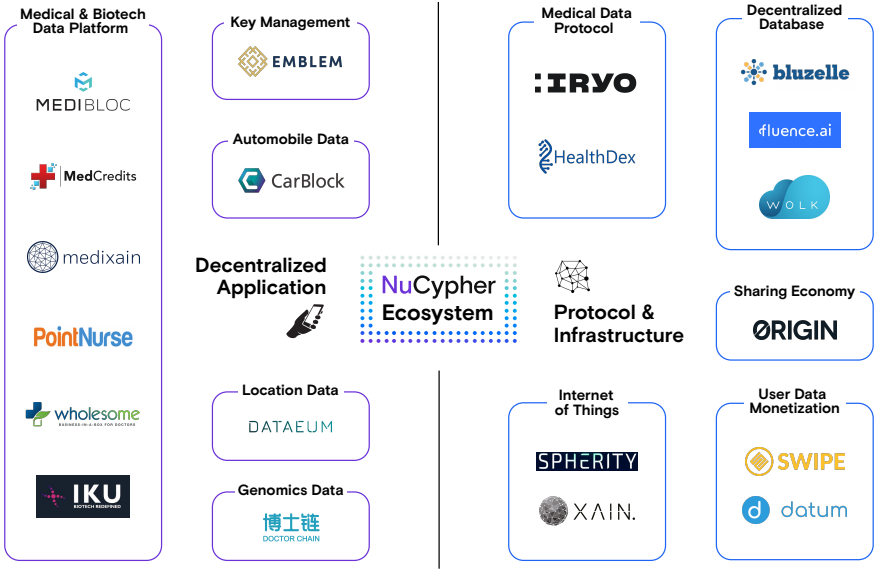
Early Users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Location Data
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Genomics Data
博士链
DOCTOR CHAIN
Decentralized Application
NuCypher Ecosystem
Protocol & Infrastructure
Medical Data Protocol
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Umbral PRE Demo

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Fully Homomorphic Encryption

nuFHE library

- GitHub: `https://github.com/nucypher/nufhe`
- GPU implementation of fully homomorphic encryption
- Uses either FFT or integer NTT
- Achieved 100x performance over TFHE benchmarks

Platform	Library	Performance (ms/bit)	
		Binary Gate	MUX Gate
Single Core/Single GPU - FFT	TFHE (CPU)	13	26
	nuFHE	0.13	0.22
	Speedup	**100.9**	**117.7**
Single Core/Single GPU - NTT	cuFHE	0.35	N/A
	nuFHE	0.35	0.67
	Speedup	**1.0**	**-**

More Information

NuCypher

Website: https://www.nucypher.com
Whitepaper: https://www.nucypher.com/whitepapers/english.pdf
Proxy Re-encryption Network: https://github.com/nucypher/nucypher
Umbral Reference Implementation: https://github.com/nucypher/pyUmbral
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Appendix: Umbral - Threshold Proxy Re-encryption

- “Umbral” is Spanish for “threshold”
- PRE properties: Unidirectional, single-hop, non-interactive
- Follows a KEM/DEM approach:
  - UmbralKEM provides the threshold re-encryption capability
  - Uses ECIES for key encapsulation with ZK proofs of correctness for verifiability on prime order curves (such as secp256k1)
  - DEM can be any authenticated encryption (currently ChaCha20-Poly1305)
- IND-PRE-CCA security
- Key splitting is analogous to Shamir Secret Sharing
- Verification of re-encryption correctness through Non-Interactive ZK Proofs
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Appendix: Competing Technology

Data Masking and Tokenization

- Less secure for data with underlying patterns
- Reduce the value of data by obfuscating it

Public Key Encryption

- Data must be decrypted before it is shared
- Not Scalable

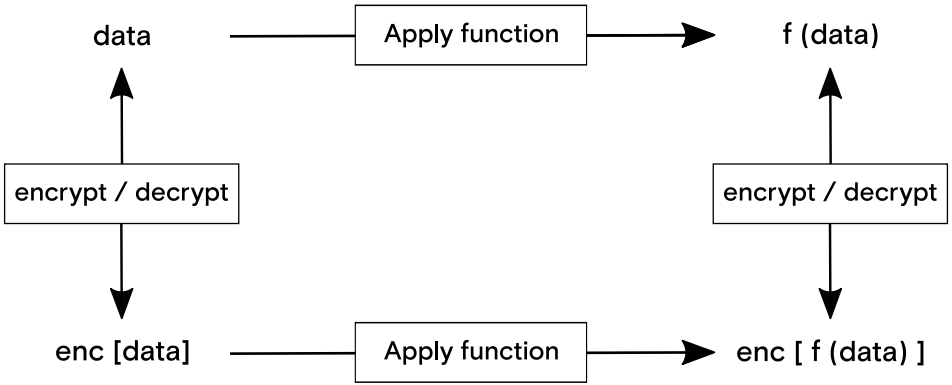
Multi-Party Computation

- Interactive protocol
- Slow Performance

Fully Homomorphic Encryption

- Slow Peformance
  - NuCypher has developed a GPU-accelerated FHE library: nuFHE

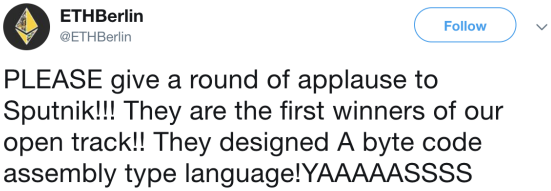
Appendix: Fully Homomorphic Encryption



Appendix: FHE Proof of Concept

Sputnik

- GitHub: `https://github.com/nucypher/sputnik`
- Assembly language and interpreter for FHE that uses nuFHE
- Commits a merkle root of computation to the blockchain for proof of logic flow
- Used to execute first homomorphic smart contract at ETHBerlin 2018



Appendix: Team

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