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## Applied Cryptographic Access Control for Untrusted Cloud Storage







#### Sharing Data over Clouds



Data sharing is *easier* and *cheaper* than ever before.





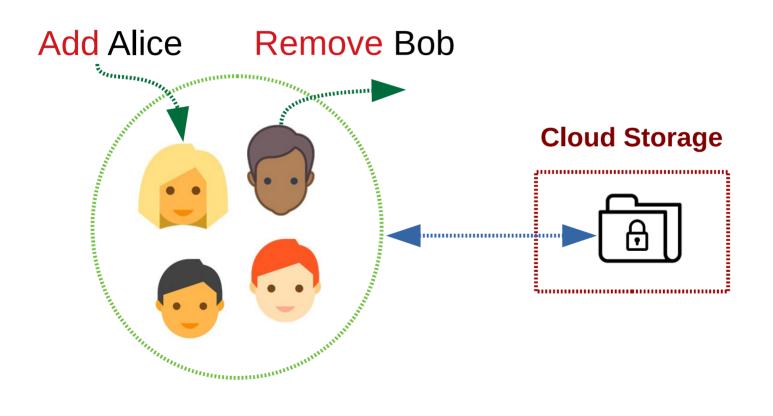




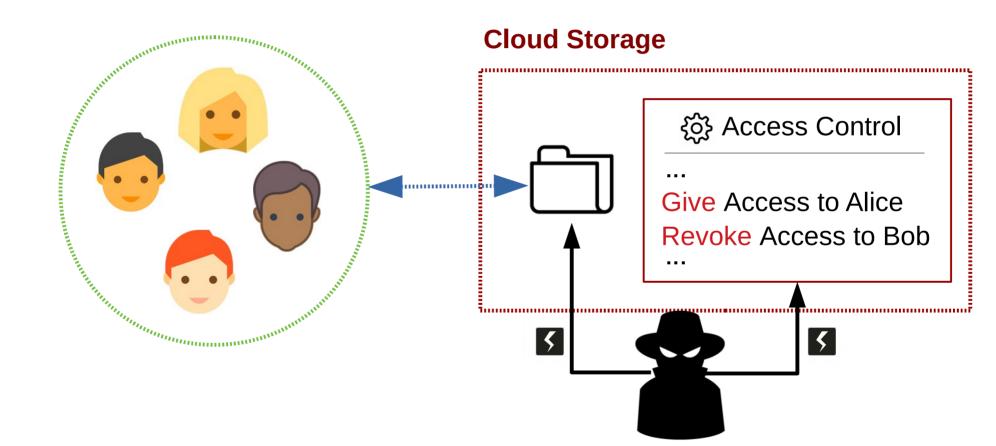


Dropbox: 500 M active users.

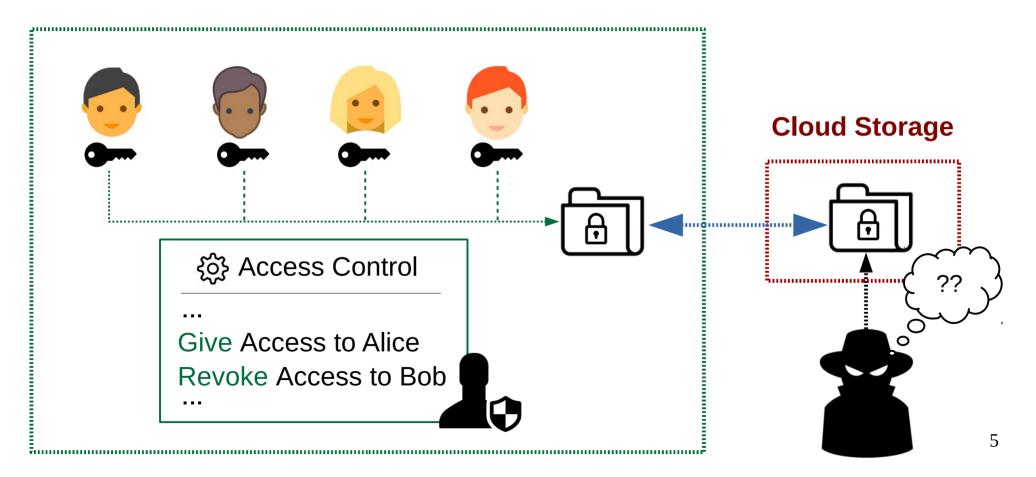
## Group Access Control (GAC)



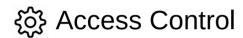
## Cloud performs GAC



## End-to-end Encryption (E2EE)



## GAC for End-to-end Encryption



Give Access to Alice Revoke Access to Bob **Enforced Cryptographically** by end-users.

#### POSSIBLE WITH parsec.cloud by scille

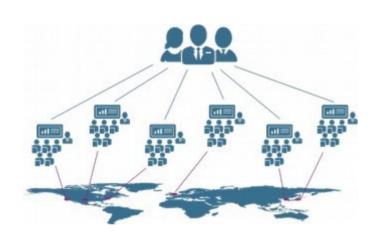


E2EE storage & sharing

usability 

open source 3......

#### But, what about large scale?



#### Large organization has:

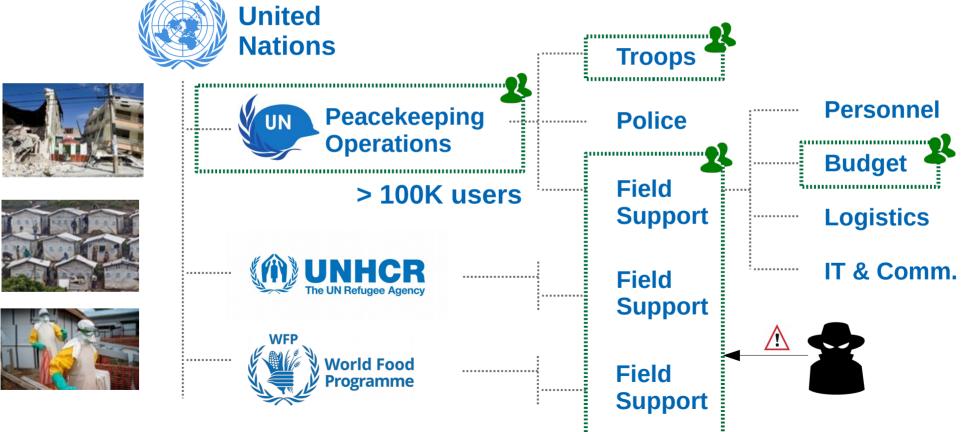
- large user base,
- dynamic workloads,
- large data volume.

Concrete scenario:



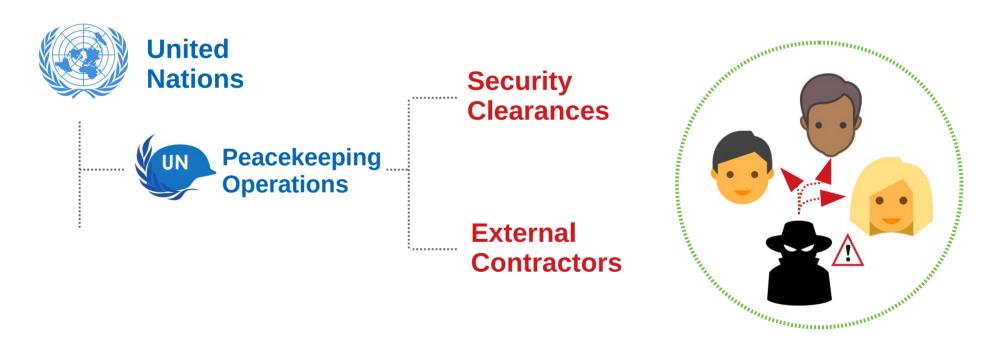
What are the GAC requirments?

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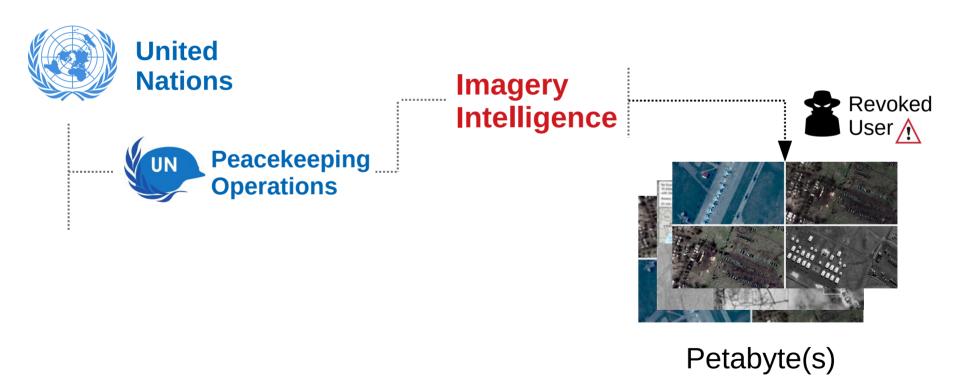


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## 2. Anonymity inside Large Groups



## 3. Revocation of Large Data-sets



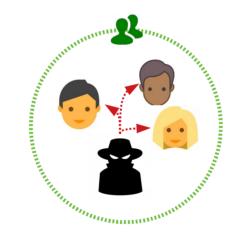
#### Does E2EE Group Access Control work well?

Confidentiality of Large Groups





**Anonymity** inside **Large** Groups





Revocation of Large Data





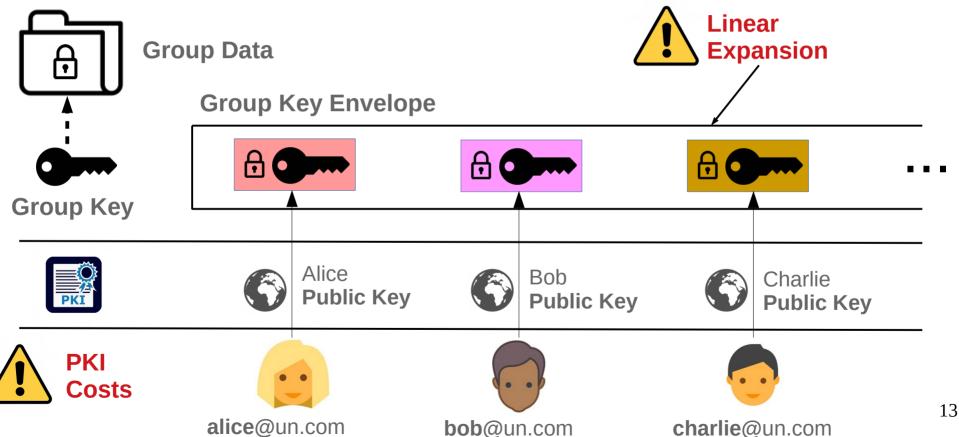
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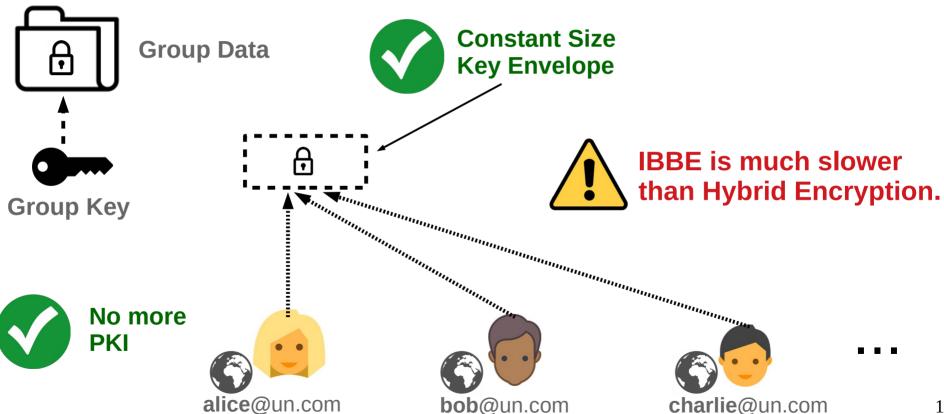




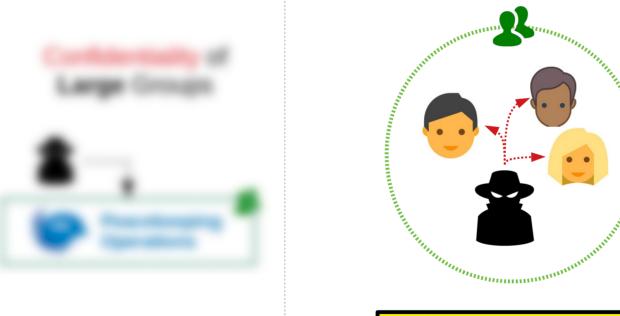
## **Hybrid Encryption (HE)**

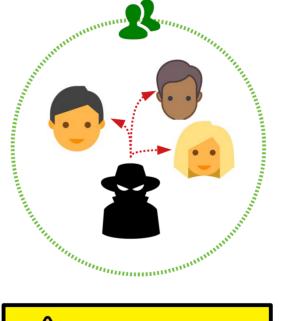


#### Identity Based Broadcast Encryption (IBBE)



#### **Anonymity** inside Large Groups



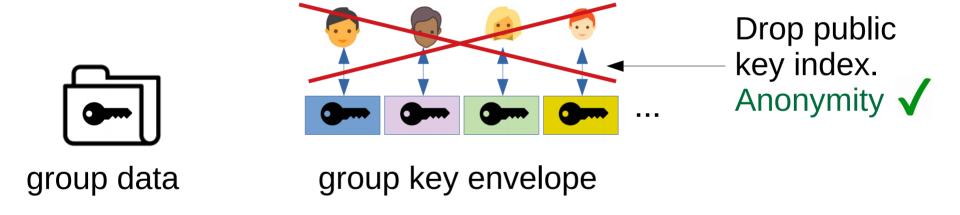






## Pretty Good Privacy (PGP)

• hidden-recipient mode:

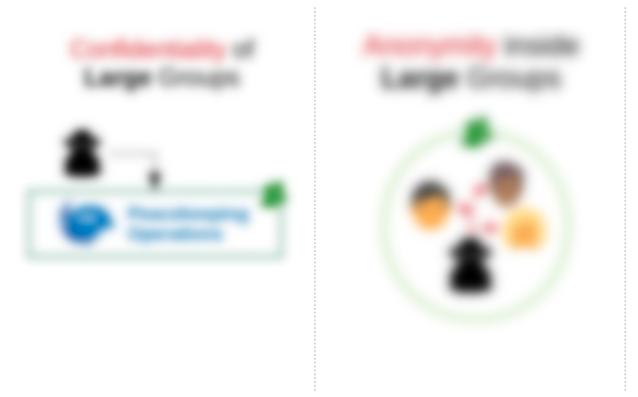




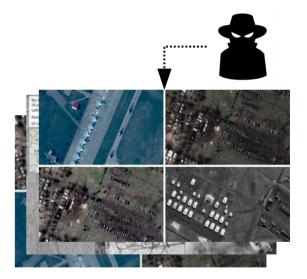
Without an index, decryption : N/2 trials to find the key.

#### Anonymous Broadcast Encrypt.

- Uses PGP method: "drop the public key index"
- Sign each time constructing envelope (IND-CCA)
- Impractical for large user bases: 330 users/s

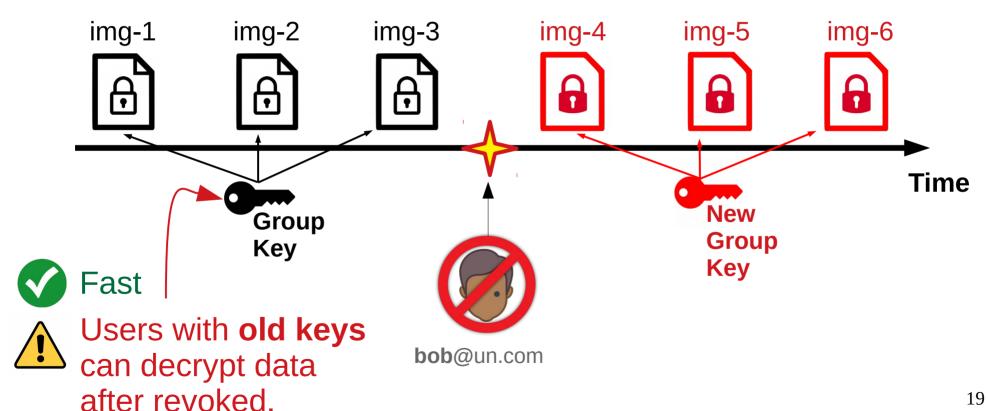


## Revocation of Large Data

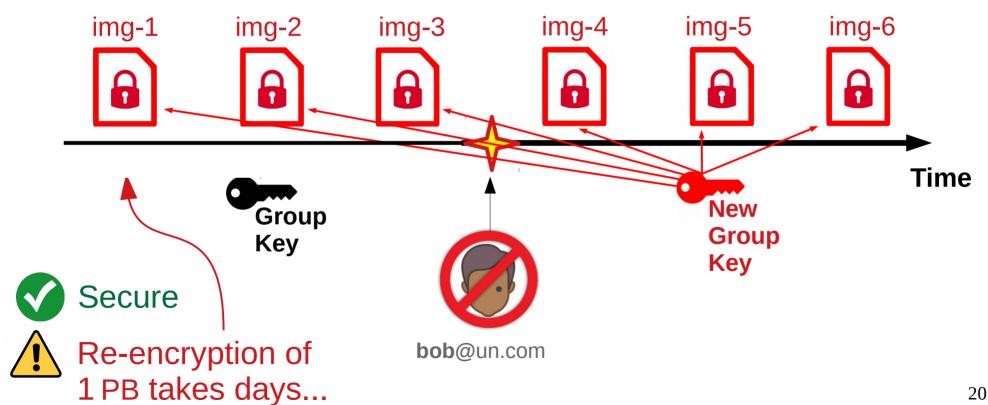




#### Lazy Revocation



#### **Active Revocation**



## Instrument for Efficiency

#### **Availability of Trusted Execution Environments**

- Isolate code and data inside an *enclave*.
- Provide execution confidentiality and results integrity.



Administrators are equipped with TEE.

#### Intel SGX as TEE



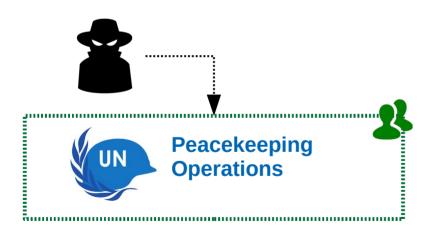
Widespread adoption in the research world.

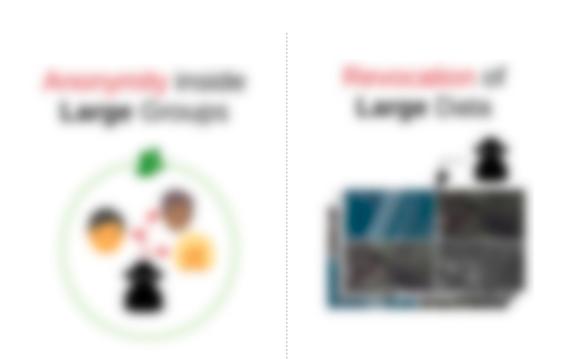
Can persist data outside enclave by sealing.

Can be attested before running.

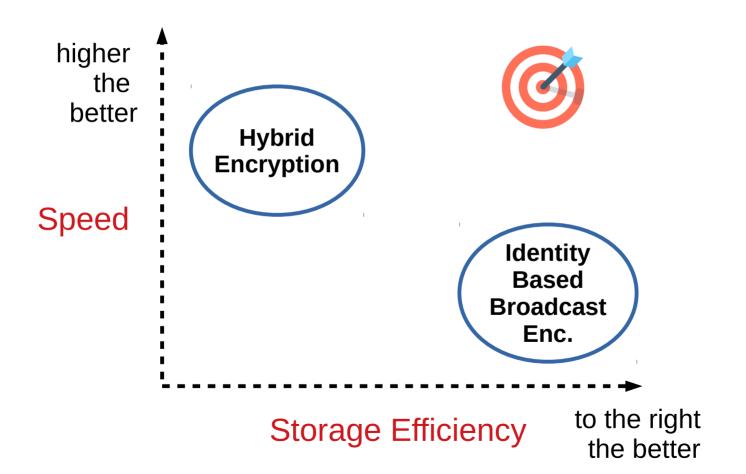
Limitations: memory, context switch.

# Confidentiality of Large Groups





#### HE vs. IBBE



#### Zoom in IBBE





IBBE:  $\bigcirc$  O(1) storage  $\bigcirc$  O(n<sup>2</sup>) computation  $\blacktriangleleft$ 

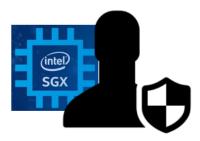
Q: Who runs access control changes?

"Traditional" IBBE:



anybody

Our context:



administrator w/ TEE

## Running IBBE in SGX



- **V**
- Use MSK for Administrator Operations
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- Computational Cost :  $O(n^2) \rightarrow O(n)$

Users do not have TEE

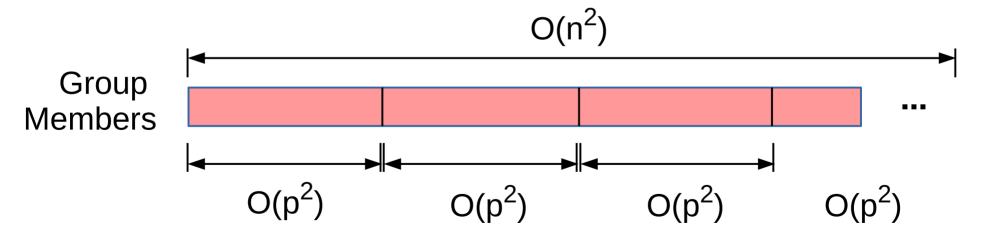
## Running IBBE by Users



IBBE User Side (no SGX) : O(n2)

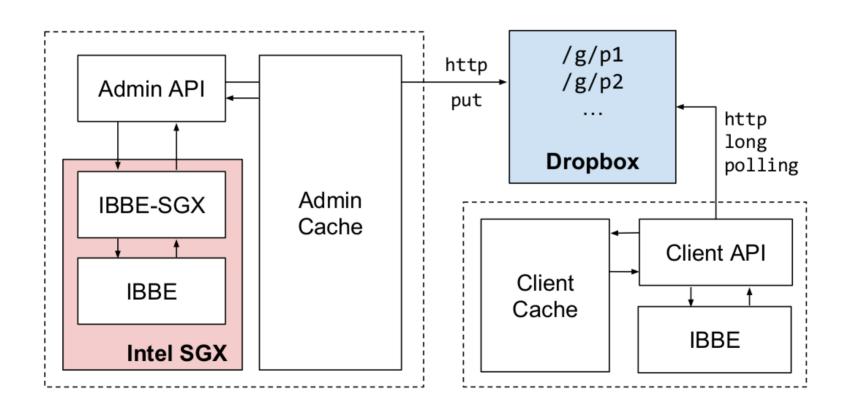


Split the Group into Partitions:

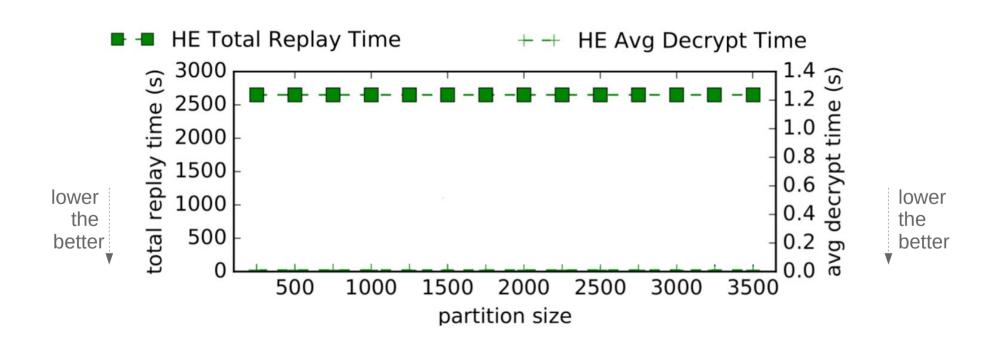


...where  $p \ll n$ .

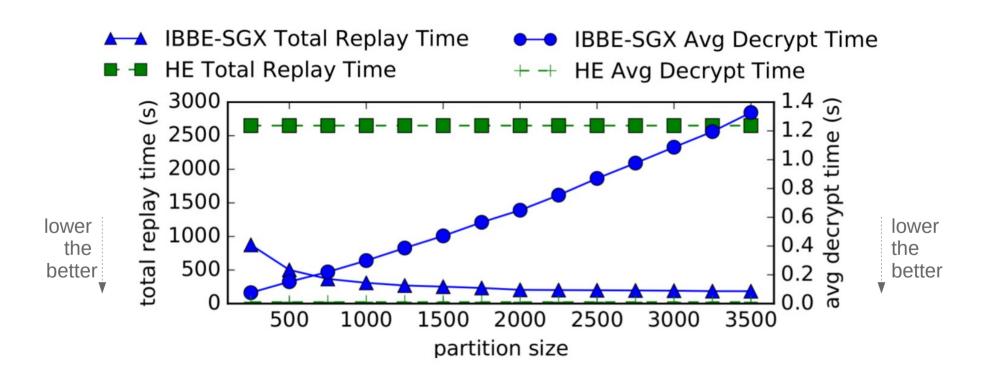
## System Big Picture



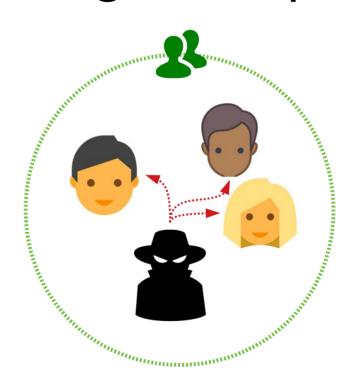
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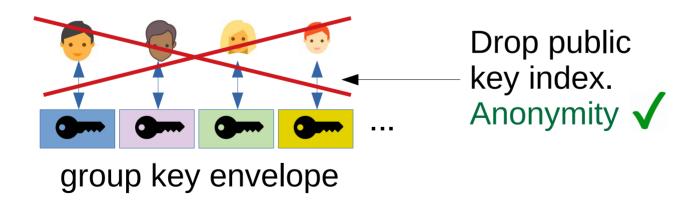
# **Anonymity** inside **Large** Groups





#### Recall state-of-the-art

- IBBE-SGX does not support anonymity:
  - Operations and partitioning require identities.
- Anonymous Broadcast Encryption :



#### Instrument for efficiency

Trusted Execution Environments (TEE)



Intel Software Guard Extensions



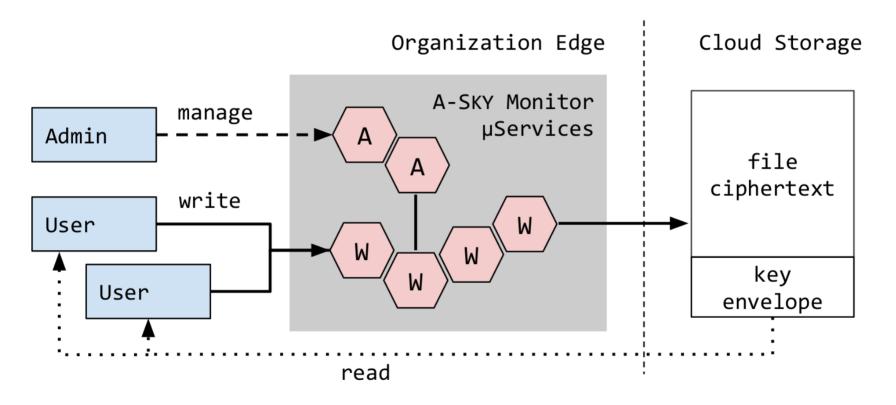
Performance Limitations

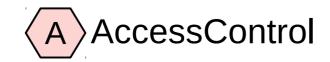




- 1. Proxy all writes through an SGX enclave but not *reads*.
- 2. Elastically *scale* depending on load.

#### A-SKY: Solution Overview



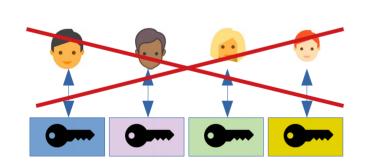


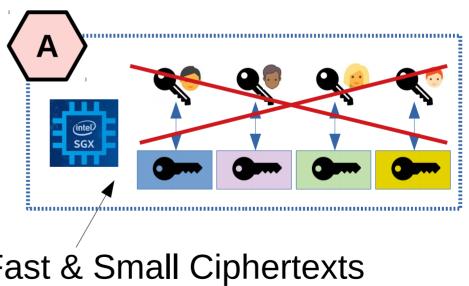


## Efficiency Gain for Key Envelope

Traditional ANOBE uses Public Key Encryption

A-SKY uses Symmetric Key Encryption

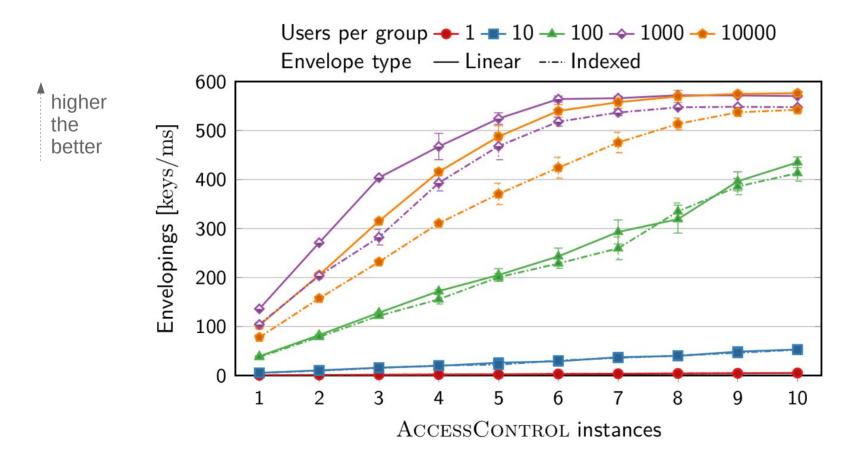


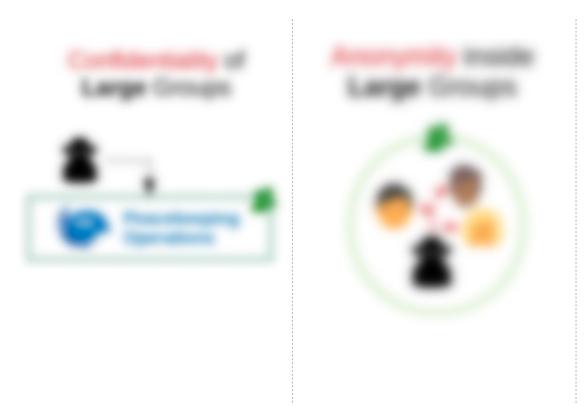


#### Evaluation: ANOBE vs A-SKY

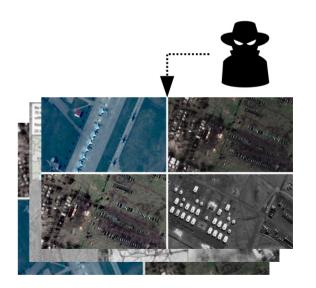
|           | Enveloping $[ \mathcal{G} /s]$ | De-enveloping $[ \mathcal{G} /s]$ |
|-----------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| ANOBE     | $3.3 \times 10^{2}$            | $5 \times 10^3$                   |
| A-Sky     | $1.9 \times 10^{6}$            | $2.5 \times 10^{6}$               |
| Faster by | 3.7 OoM                        | 2.6 OoM                           |

## Key Enveloping Performance

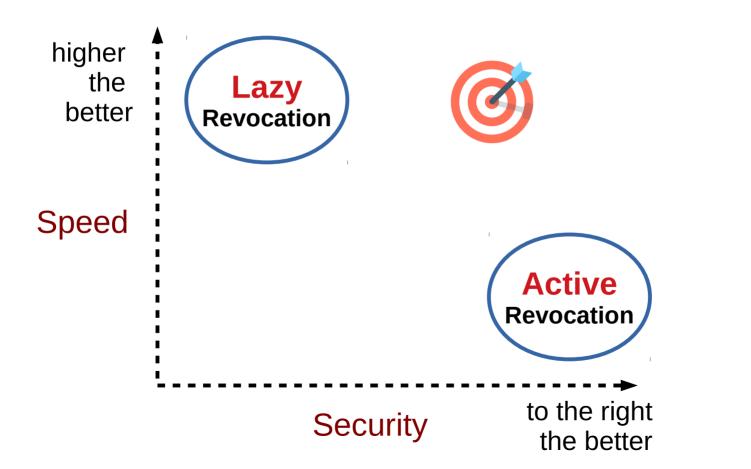




# Revocation of Large Data



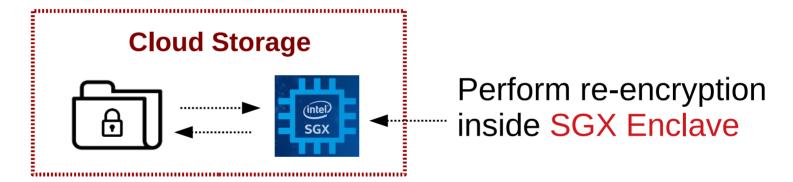
## Lazy vs. Active Revocation



### Lower I/O of Active Revocation

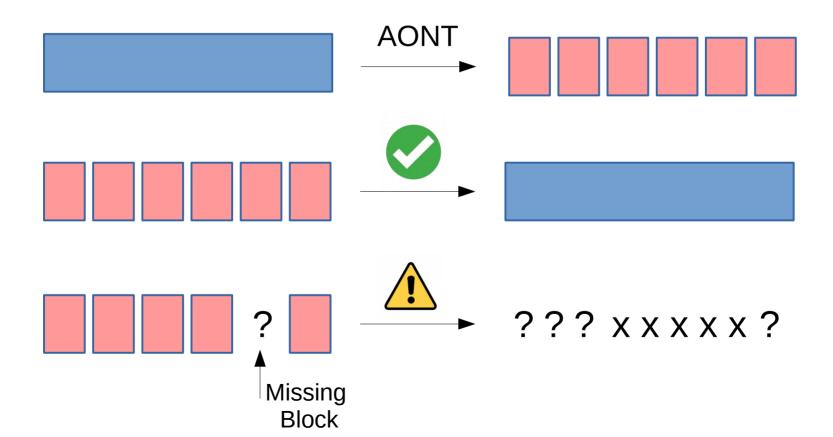


Cloud has slow response time.

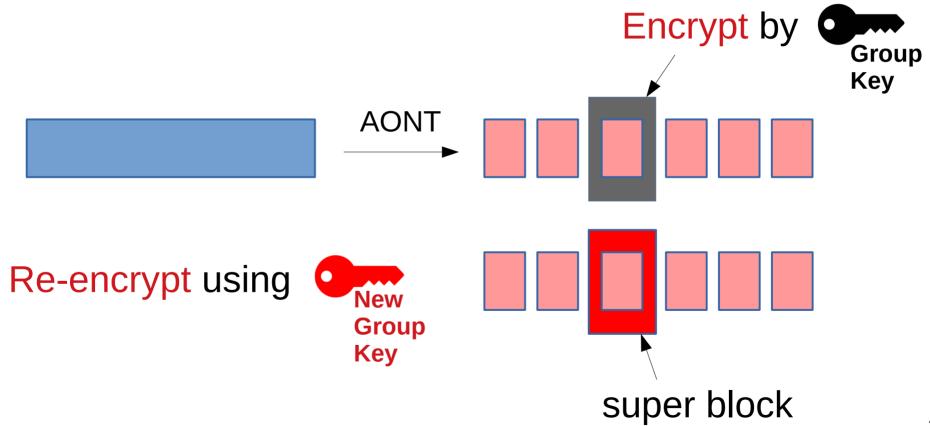


- Moving all data to SGX is costly.
- $\bigcirc$  Transform the data s.t. only parts are re-encrypted.

## All Or Nothing Transform

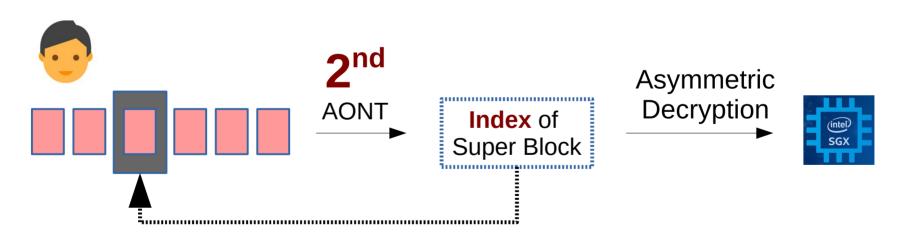


## **AONT and Super Blocks**

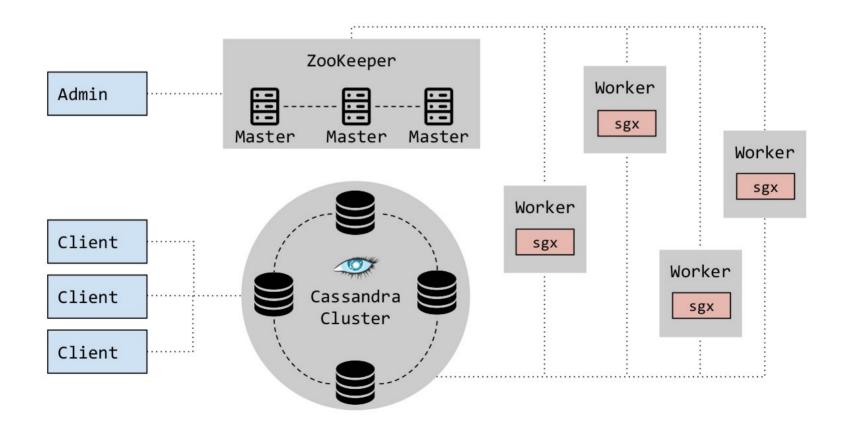


## Avoid users getting super blocks

Give index of super block to user, only if the whole file is downloaded:



## **R-SKY** Implementation



## **Revocation Benchmark**

| <b>Images Count</b> | Total<br>Size | Full<br>Re-encryption | R-SKY             |
|---------------------|---------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 1,000               | 450 GB        | 42.2 m                | 7.5 <b>s</b>      |
| 10,000              | 4.3 TB        | 6.7 <b>h</b>          | 59 <mark>s</mark> |
| 100,000             | 43.3 TB       | 2.8 d                 | 11.1 m            |

#### **Future Work**

- Asymmetric integration of TEE :
  - ABE, Group Singatures, ZK-Proofs.
- Traceability of access control.
- Decentralized administrative decisions.
- Exploring strengthened threat models.

## **Industry Transfer**



- Research → Industry.
- Chief Operating Officer (COO).
- Parsec v.2 :
  - Large organization deployments.
  - Adoption of TEE.

### Conclusion

#### Context:

E2EE: data is encrypted before stored on cloud.

Group Access Control is performed cryptographically.

#### Problem:

Group access control is inefficient at large scale.

# Confidentiality of Large Groups







Revocation of Large Data







1.2 OoM faster
3 OoM less storage



A-SKY
3 OoM faster



R-SKY 11 min vs. 3 days