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# Secure Data Outsourcing

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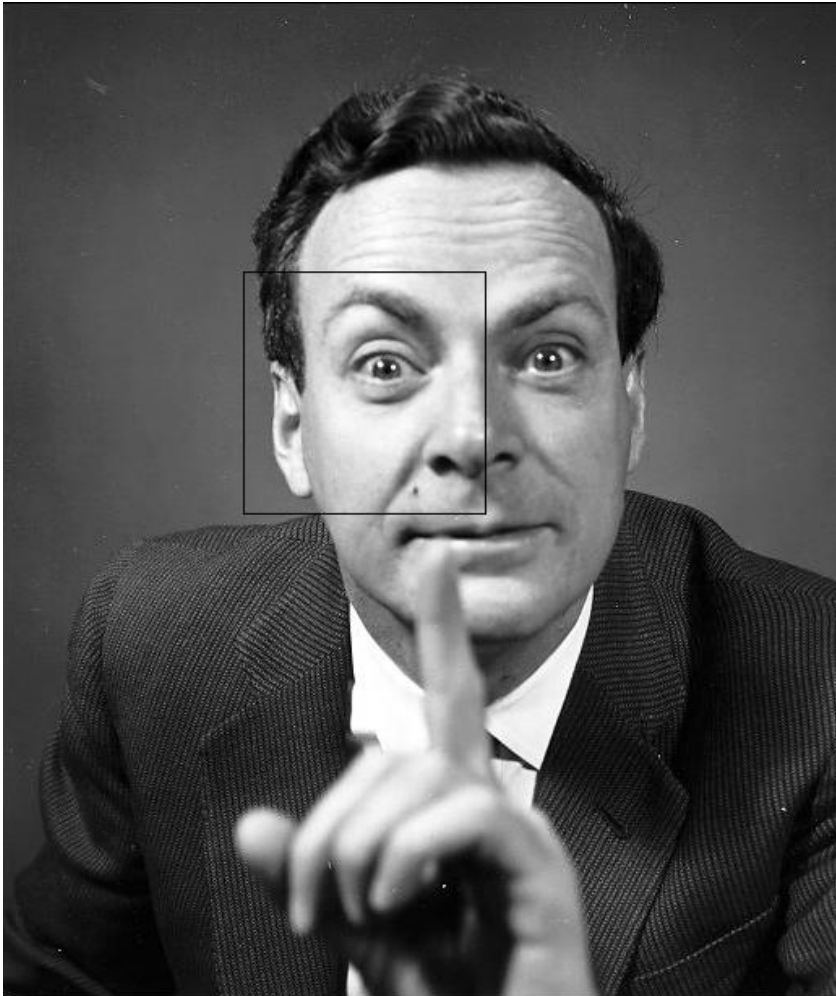
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# Feynman moment



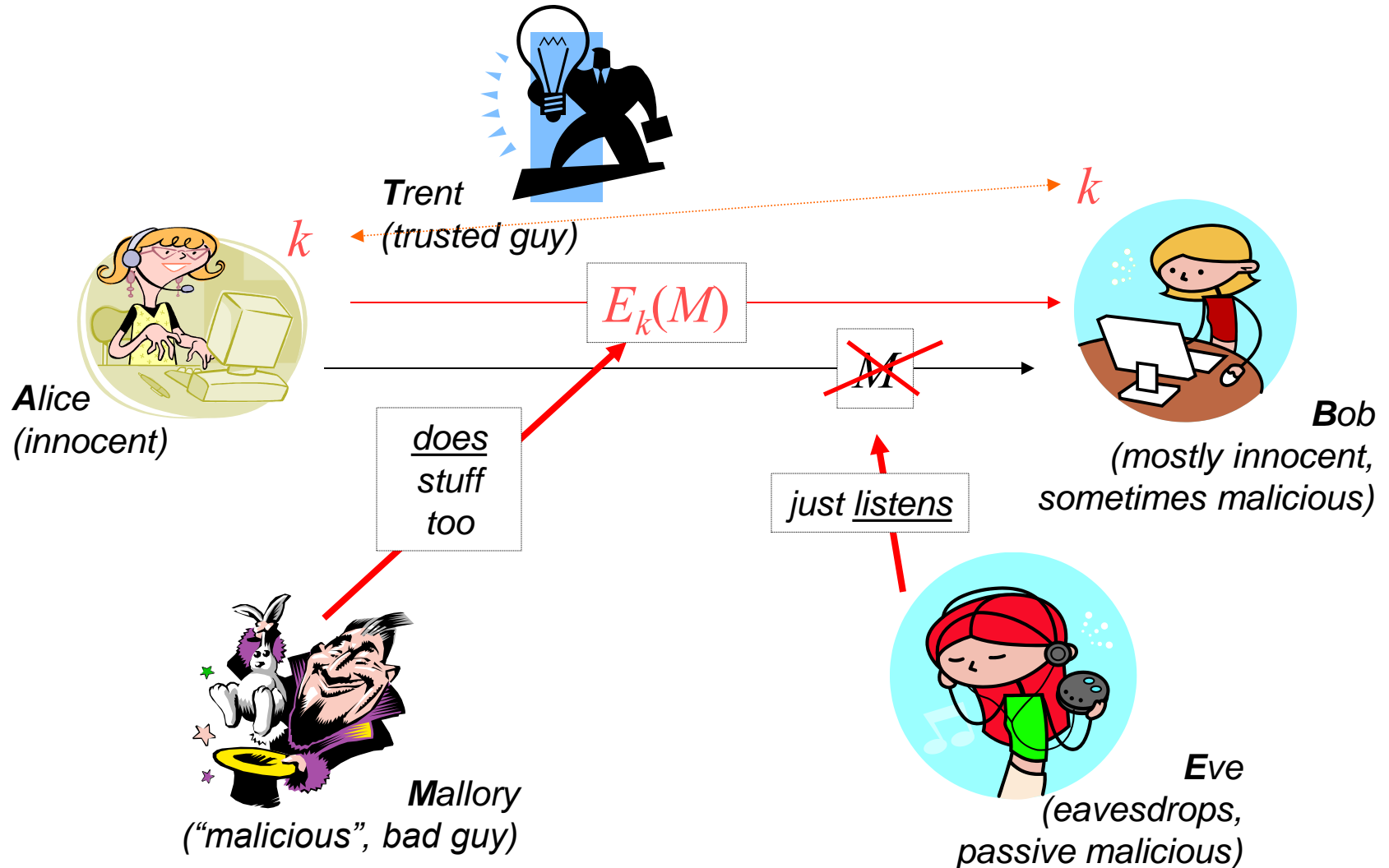
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"I have much experience only in teaching graduate students [...] and as a result [...] I know that I don't know how to teach."

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- ➔ *Query Correctness*
- ➔ *Data Confidentiality*
- ➔ *Access Privacy*
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- *Randomness*
- *Crypto Hashes*
- *Encryption*
- *Public key encryption*
- *Signatures*
- *Ciphers*
- *Semantic Security*
- *Forward Secrecy*
- *Performance*
- *Merkle/Hash trees*

# Crypto: Meet the cast



*Cryptographically random numbers*: a sequence of numbers  $X_1, X_2, \dots$  such that for any integer  $k > 0$ , it is **impossible** for an observer to predict  $X_k$  even if all of  $X_1, \dots, X_{k-1}$  are known.

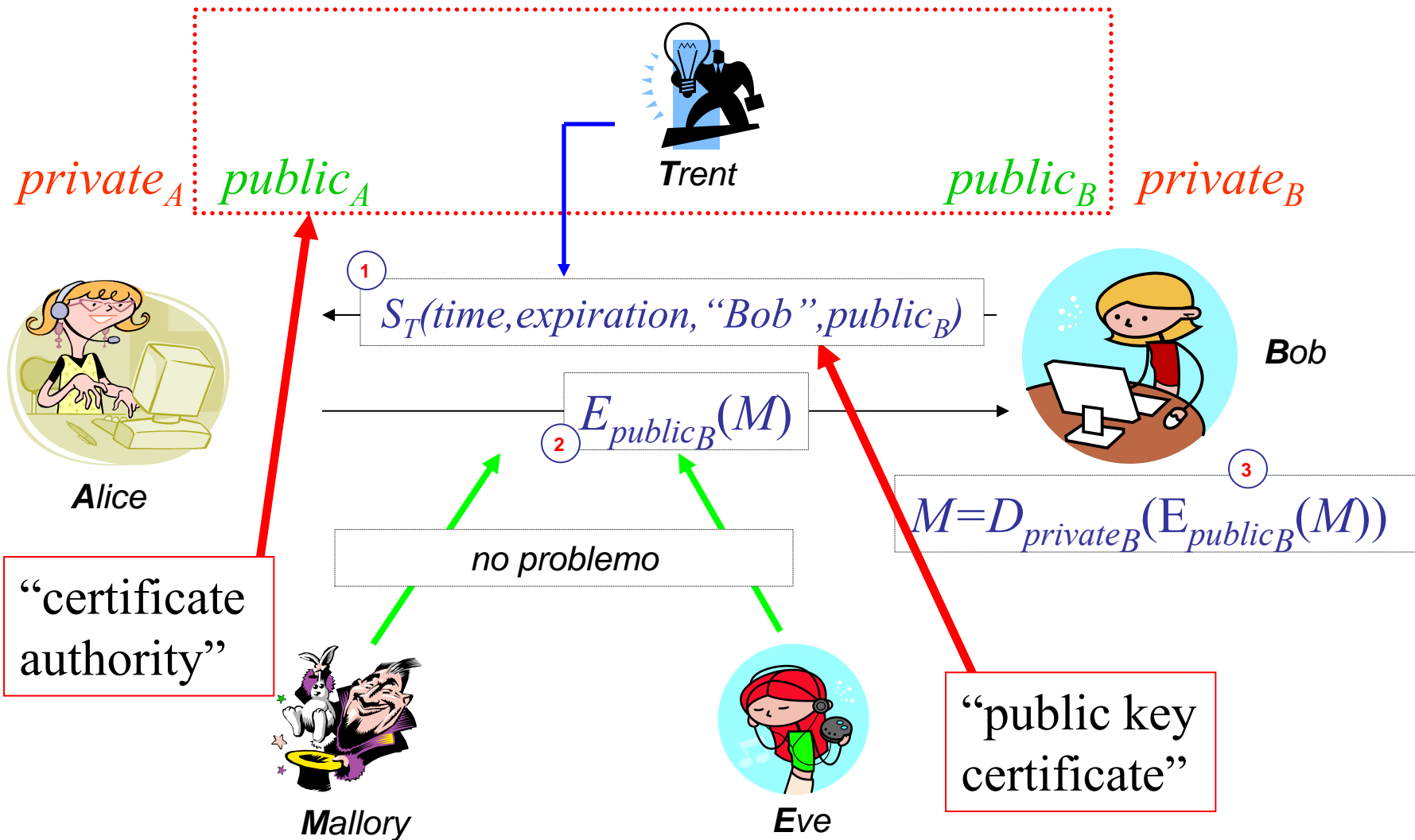
**Problem**: True RNGs cannot be deterministically algorithmic in a closed system. “Anyone who considers arithmetic methods ... is in a state of sin” (von Neuman)

**Being creative**: simulate a sequence of cryptographically random numbers but generate them by an algorithm.

*Pseudo-random numbers*: a sequence of numbers  $X_1, X_2, \dots$  such that for any integer  $k > 0$ , it is **hard** for an observer to predict  $X_k$  even if all of  $X_1, \dots, X_{k-1}$  are known.

- A hash is a **one-way, non-invertible** function of that produces **unique** (with *high likelihood*), **fixed-size** outputs for different inputs.
- The probability of any bit “flipping” in the output bit-string should be always  $\frac{1}{2}$  for any change (even one bit) in the input (“randomness”).

# Crypto: PKI



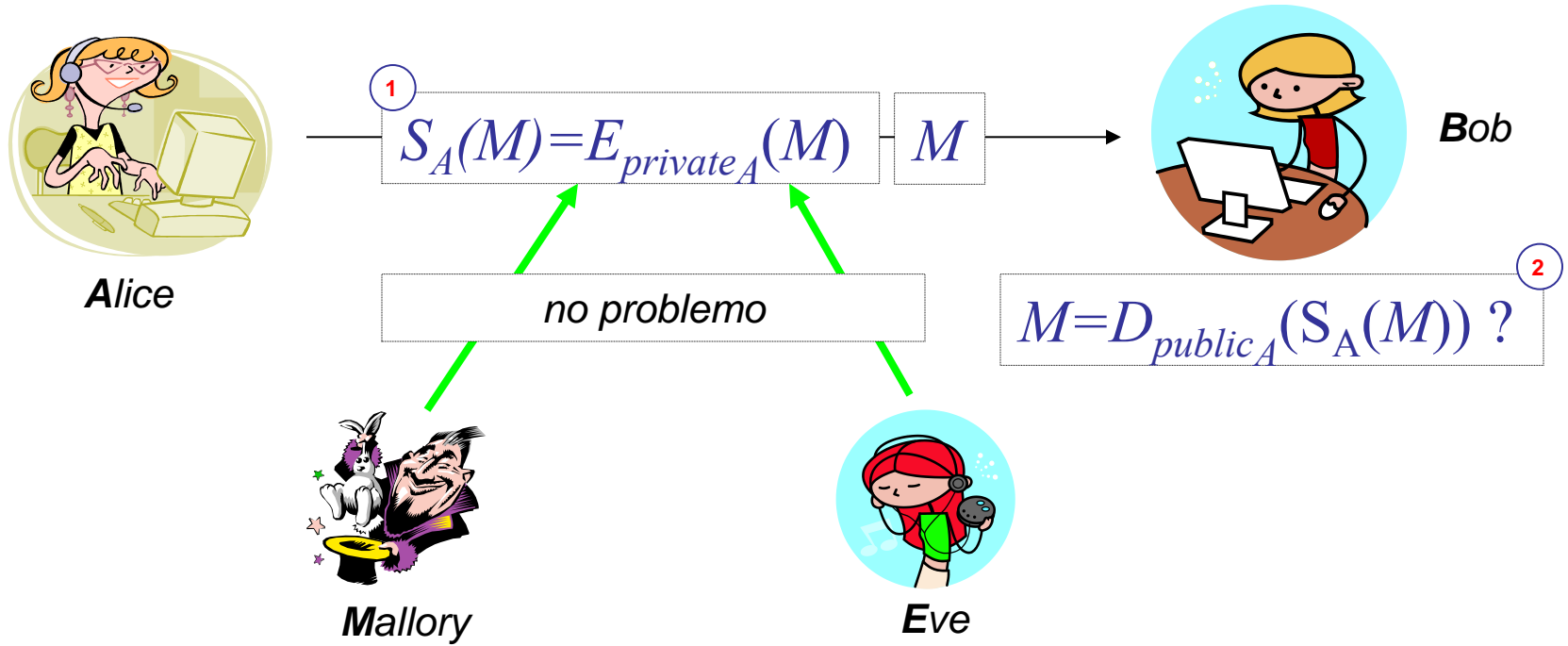


# Crypto: Signatures

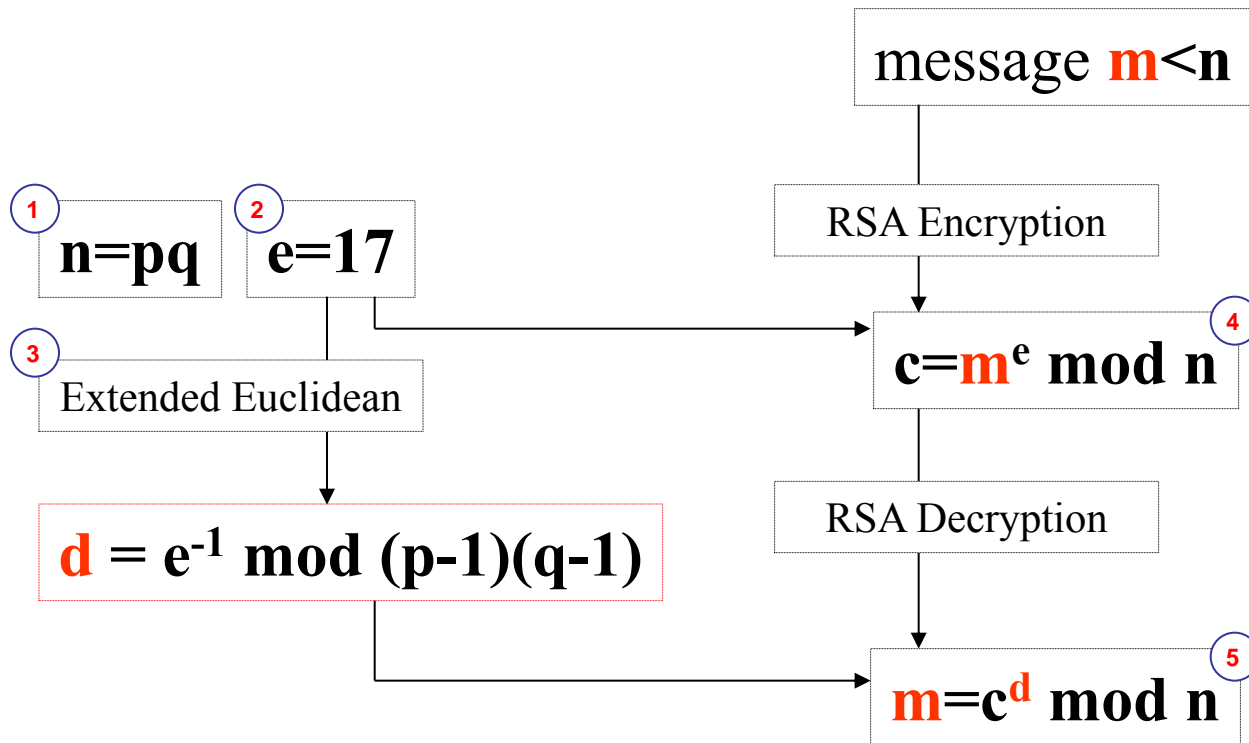
$$M = D_{private_A}(E_{public_A}(M)) = D_{public_A}(E_{private_A}(M))$$

*private<sub>A</sub>* *public<sub>A</sub>*

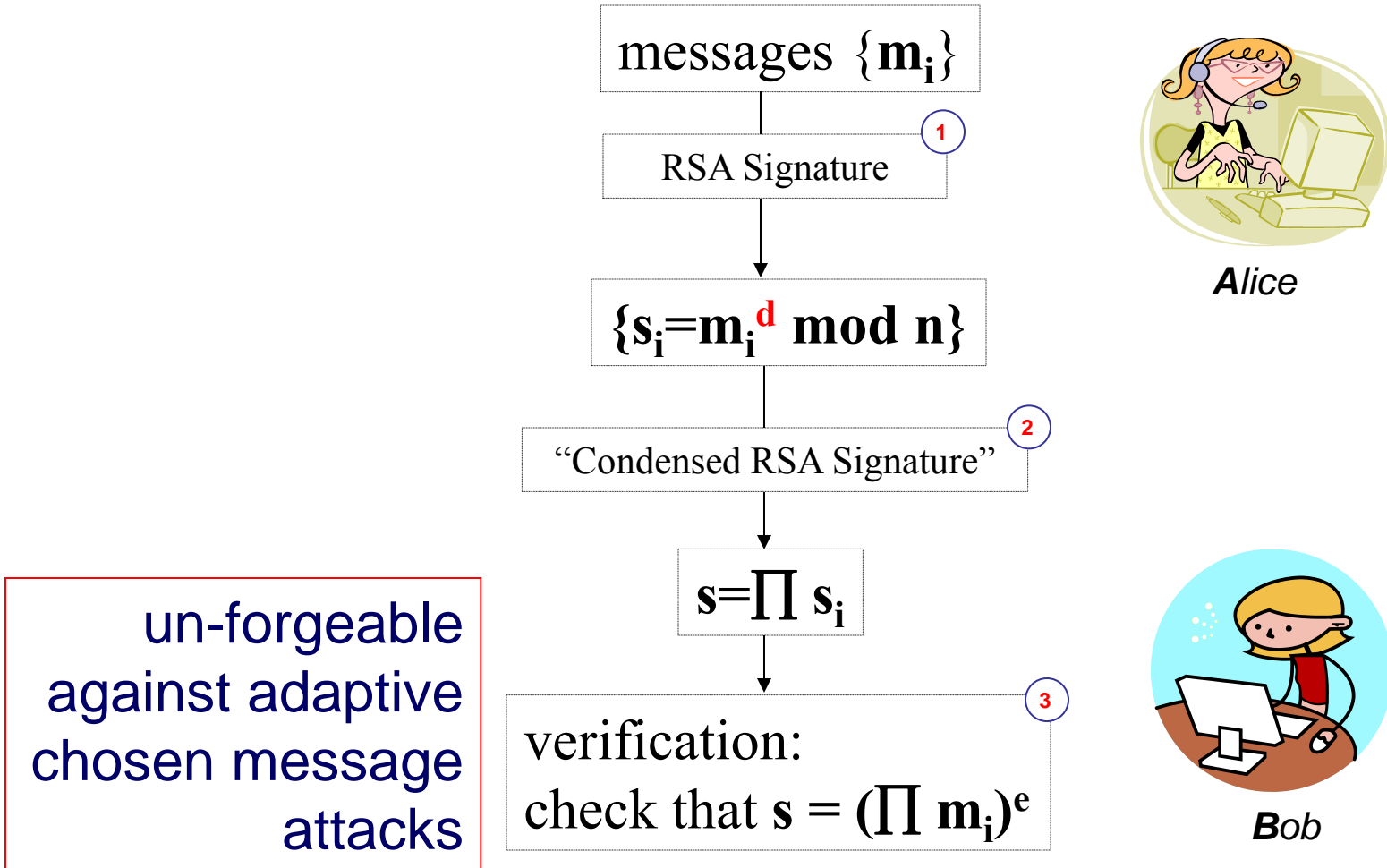
*public<sub>B</sub>* *private<sub>B</sub>*



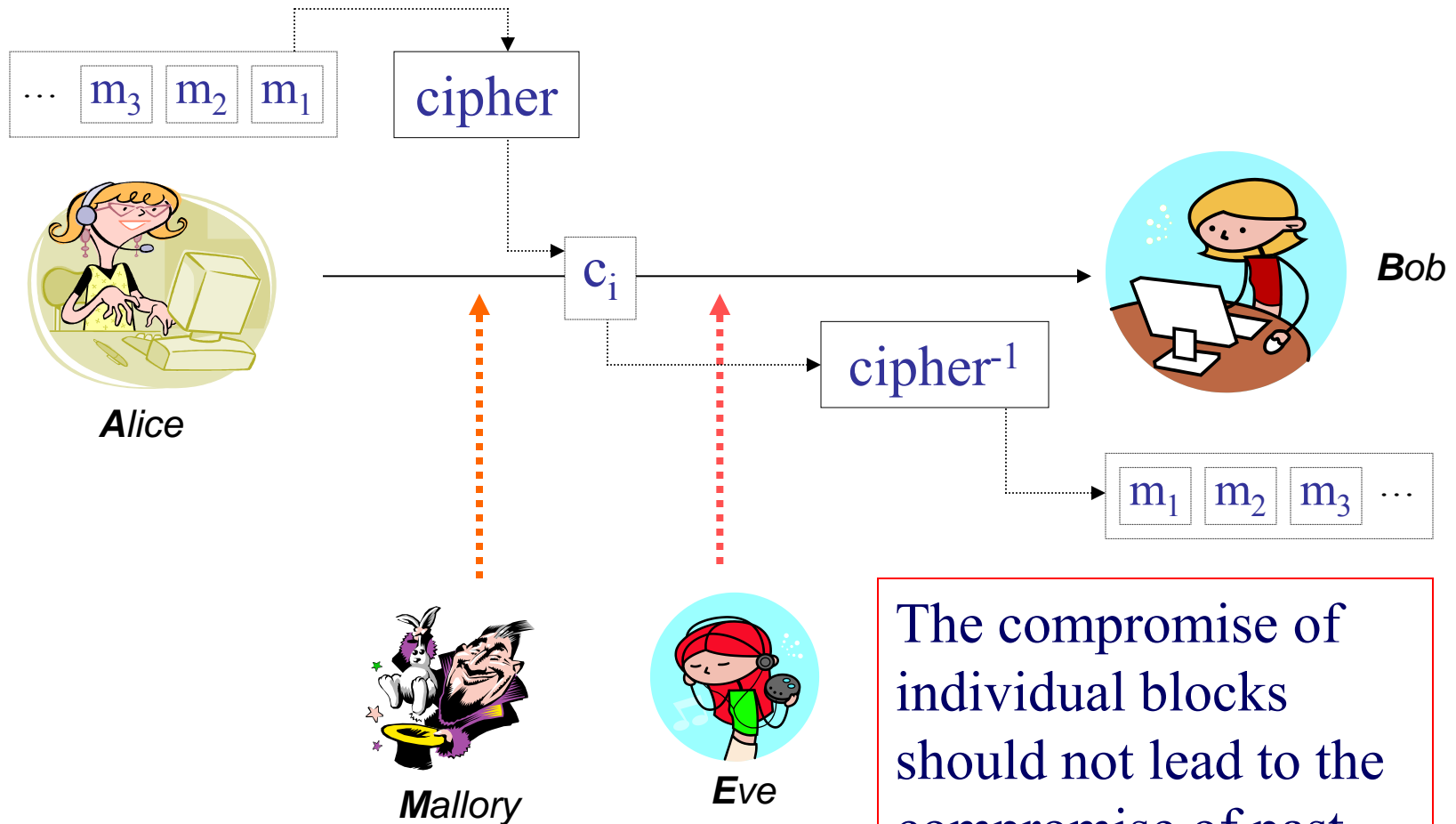
# Crypto: RSA in a nutshell



# Crypto: Condensed RSA

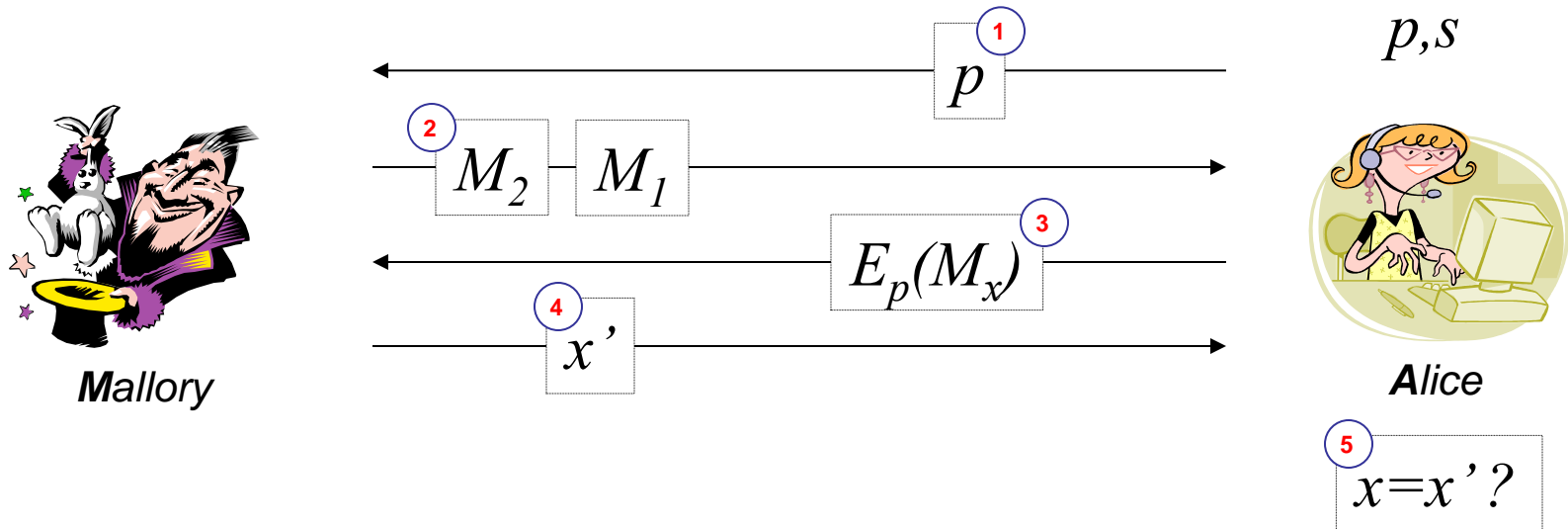


# Crypto: Ciphers



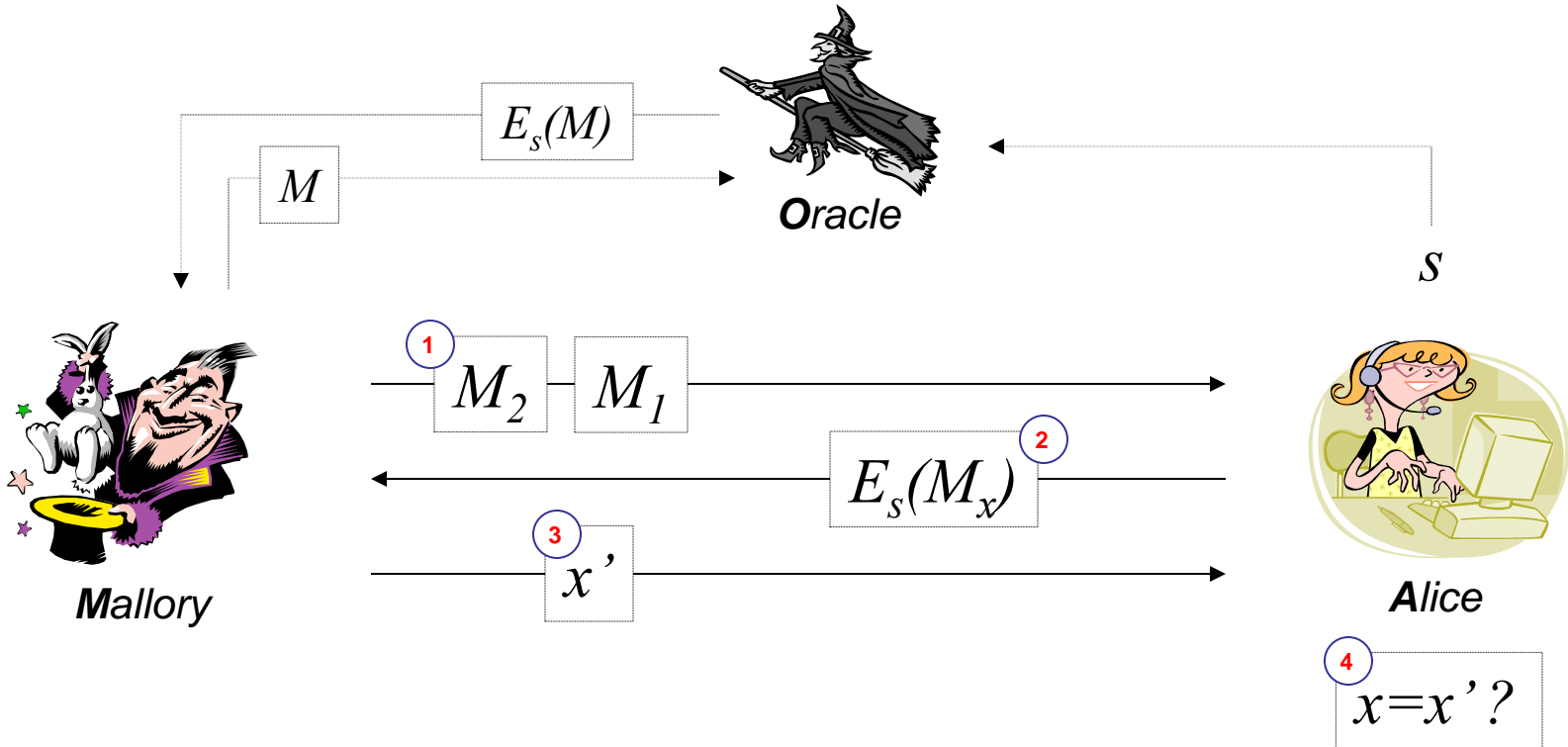
The compromise of individual blocks should not lead to the compromise of past communication !

$\text{len}(M_1) = \text{len}(M_2) ?$



$E()$  is **indistinguishable under a chosen plaintext attack** (IND-CPA, “semantically secure”) if no probabilistic polynomial time-bounded Mallory can succeed in finding  $x'$ , significantly better than guessing.

# Crypto: Semantic Security



- Deterministic + stateless = insecure !
- Semantic security implies *bit security* !
- RSA : not semantically secure ! Why ?!
- RSA + padding (e.g., RSA-OAEP): ok

Future compromise (e.g., of PK secrets) should not propagate backwards in time.



# Crypto: Performance



## Illustrative baseline.

approx. Pentium 4. 3.6GHz.  
1GB RAM. 11000 MIPS.  
OpenSSL 0.9.7f

DES/CBC: **70MB/sec**

RC4: **138MB/sec**

MD5: **18-615MB/sec**

SHA1: **18-340MB/sec**

Modular MUL 1024: **273000/sec**

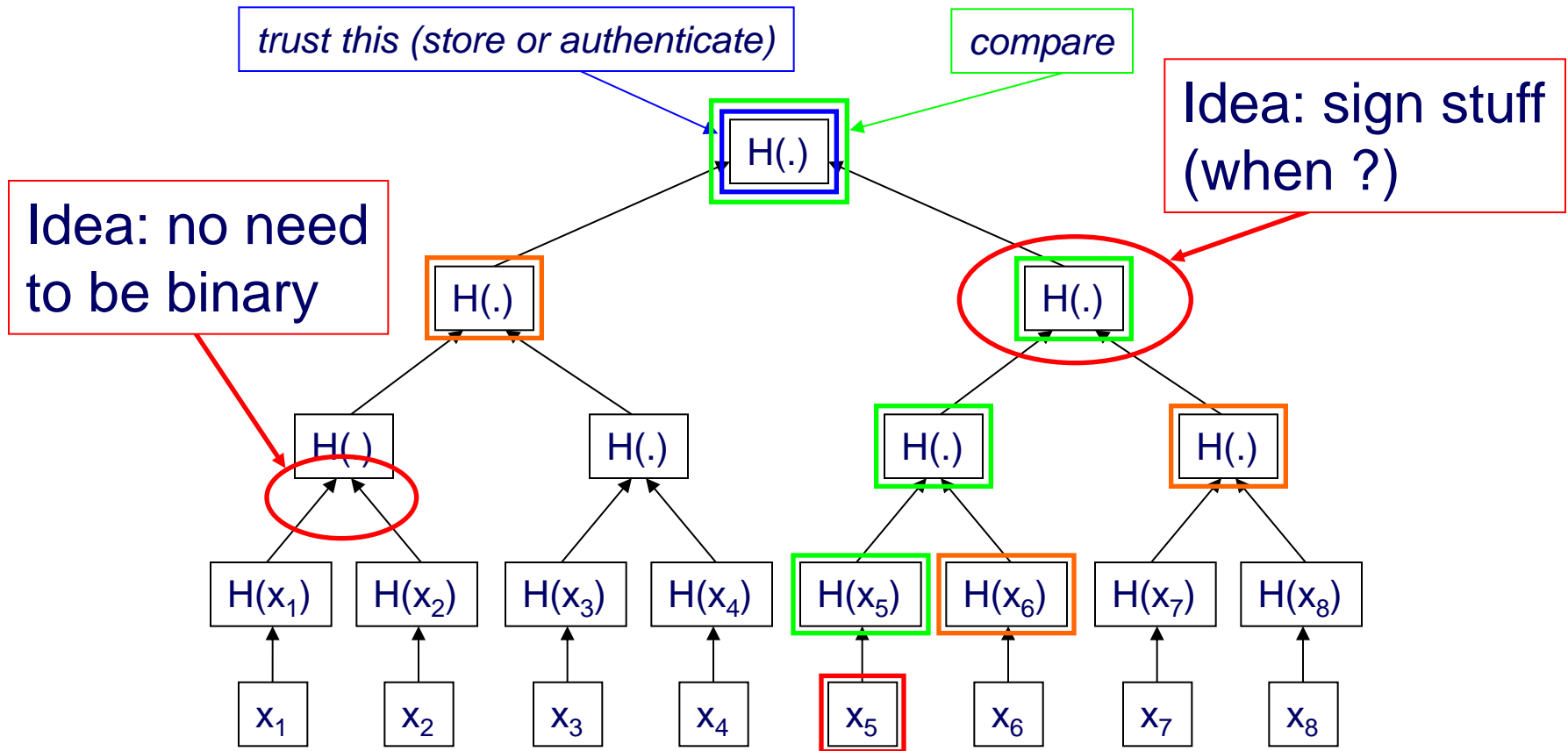
RSA1024/2048 sign/s: **261/50**

RSA1024 verify/s: **5324/1600**

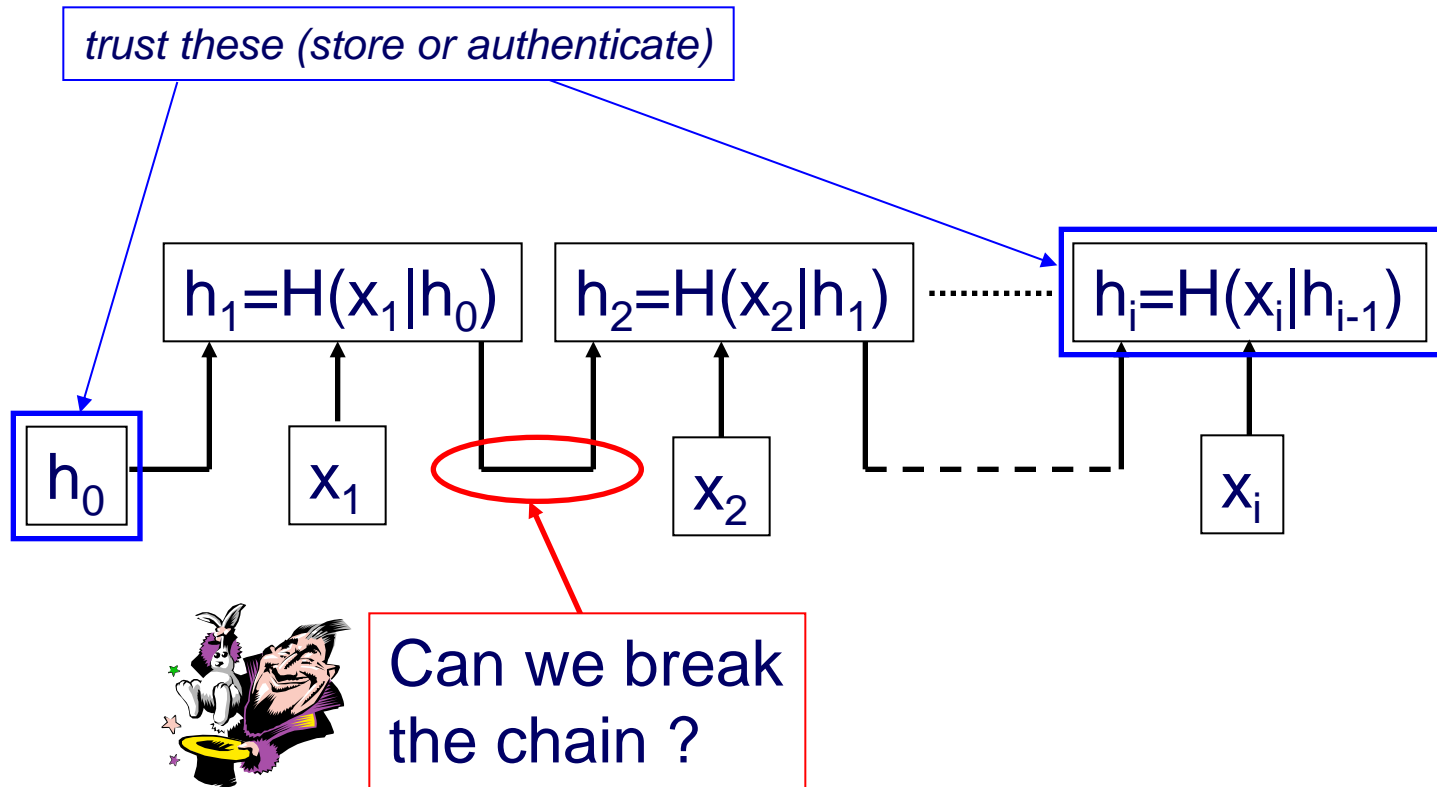
3DES: **26MB/sec**

Paillier1024 enc/dec: **12/30 / sec**

# Crypto: Merkle/Hash trees



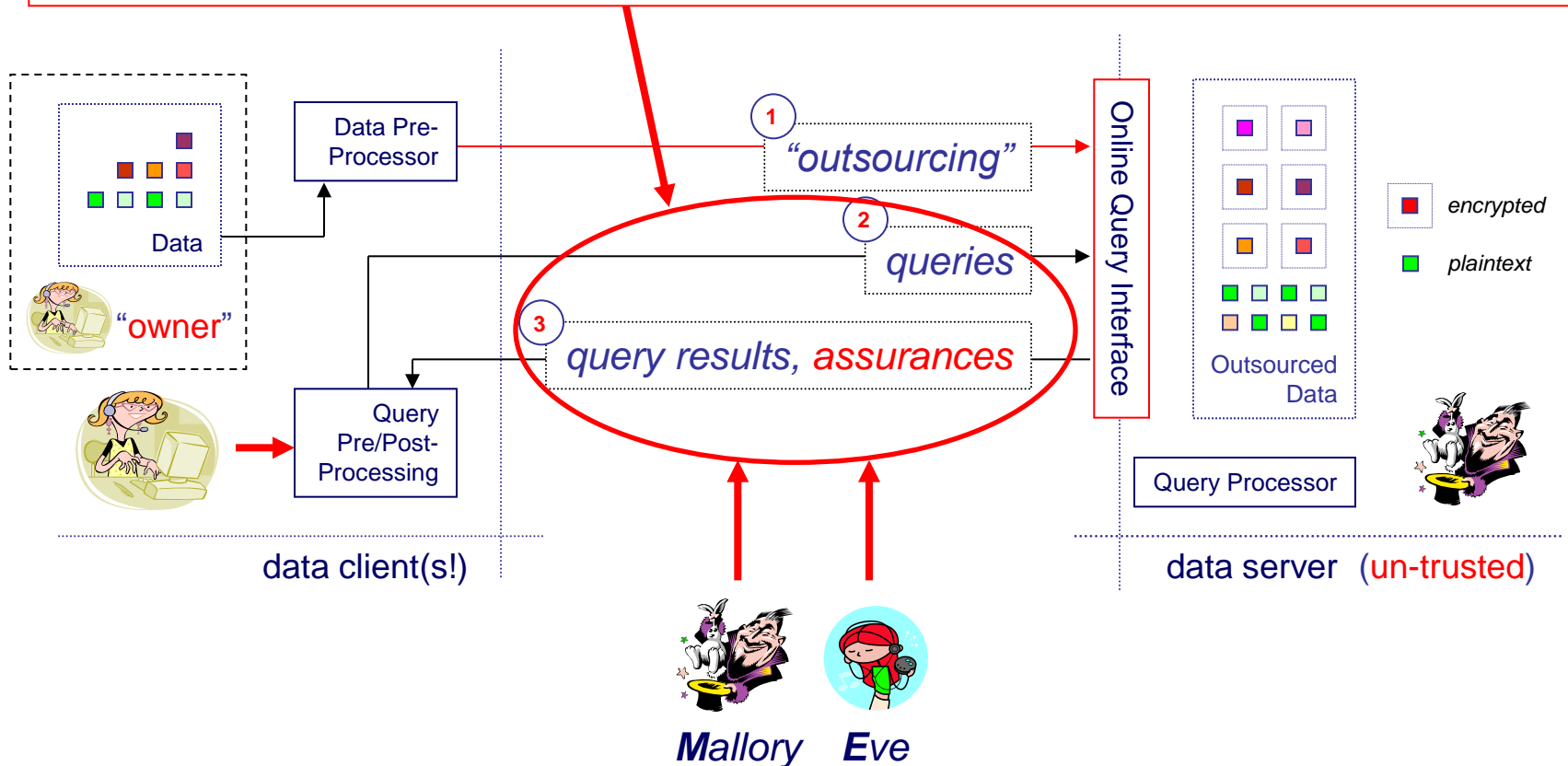
# Crypto: Hash chains



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# Data Outsourcing

$assurances \subseteq \{query\ correctnes, data\ confidentiality, access\ privacy\}$



# Outsourcing Challenges

## Un-trusted server:

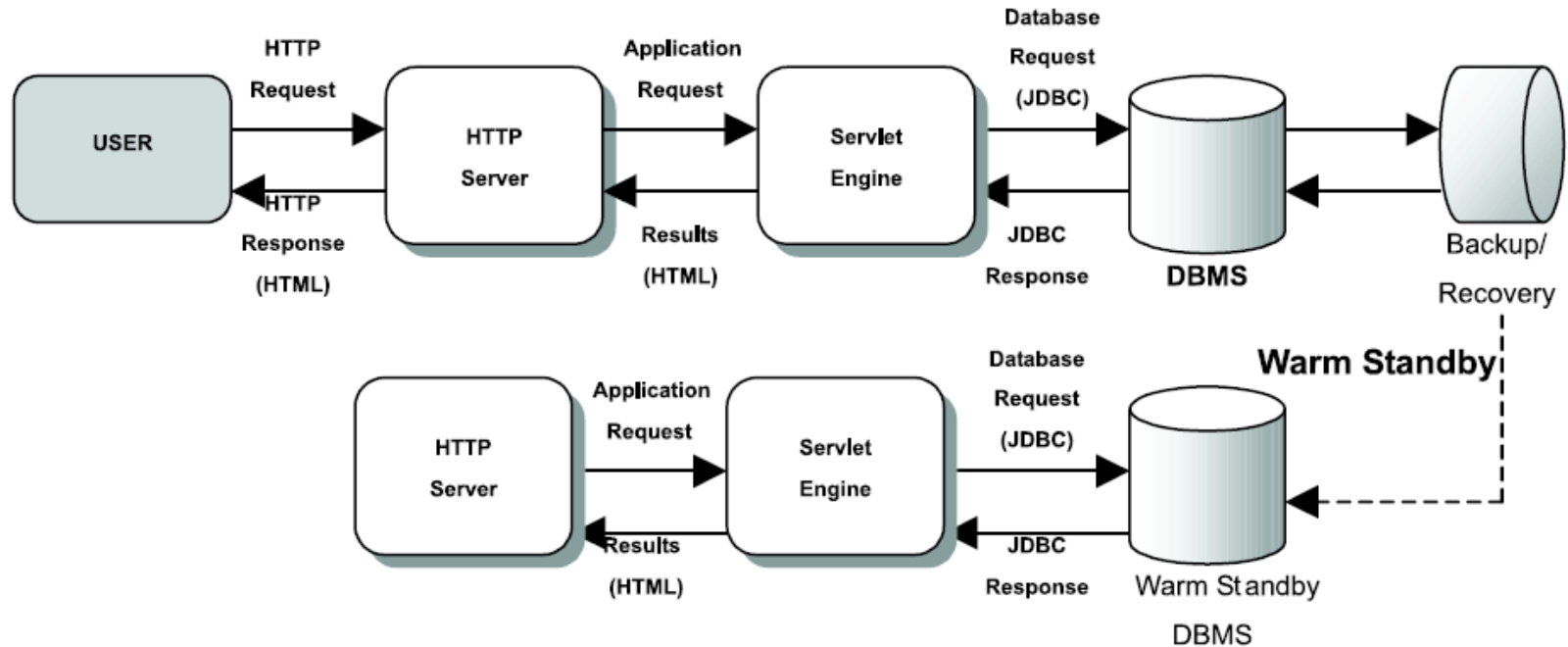
- lazy: incentives to perform less
- curious: incentives to acquire information
- malicious:
  - denial of service
  - incorrect results
  - possibly compromised

## Why is this hard ?

- how ?
- arbitrary expressivity
- overheads
  - network
  - computational costs

## What do we do ?

- query assurances
- full privacy
  - of queries (even encrypted)
  - of access patterns
- data confidentiality



System architecture of NetDB2

### Stored Data Confidentiality

```
SELECT decrypt(discount, key)
FROM lineitem
WHERE custid = 300
```

H. Hacigumus, B. R. Iyer, and S. Mehrotra.  
Providing database as a service, ICDE 2002.

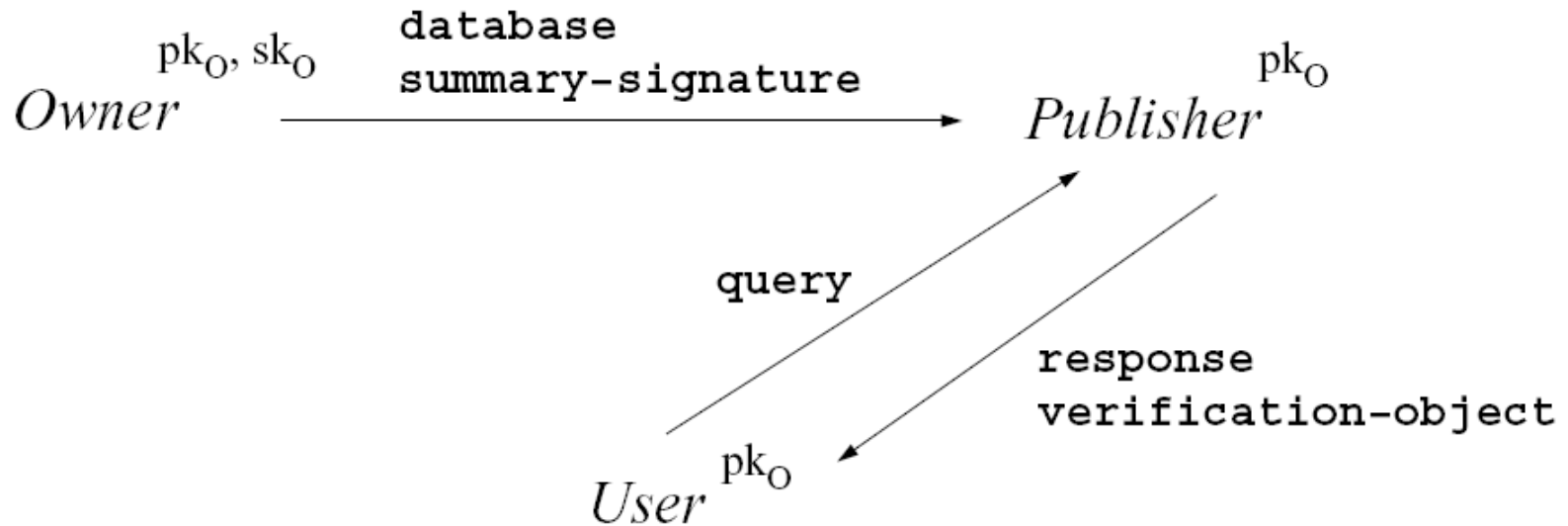
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Client requires quantifiable assurances that query results are correct, for arbitrary query types in the presence of a server that could be ...

... lazy

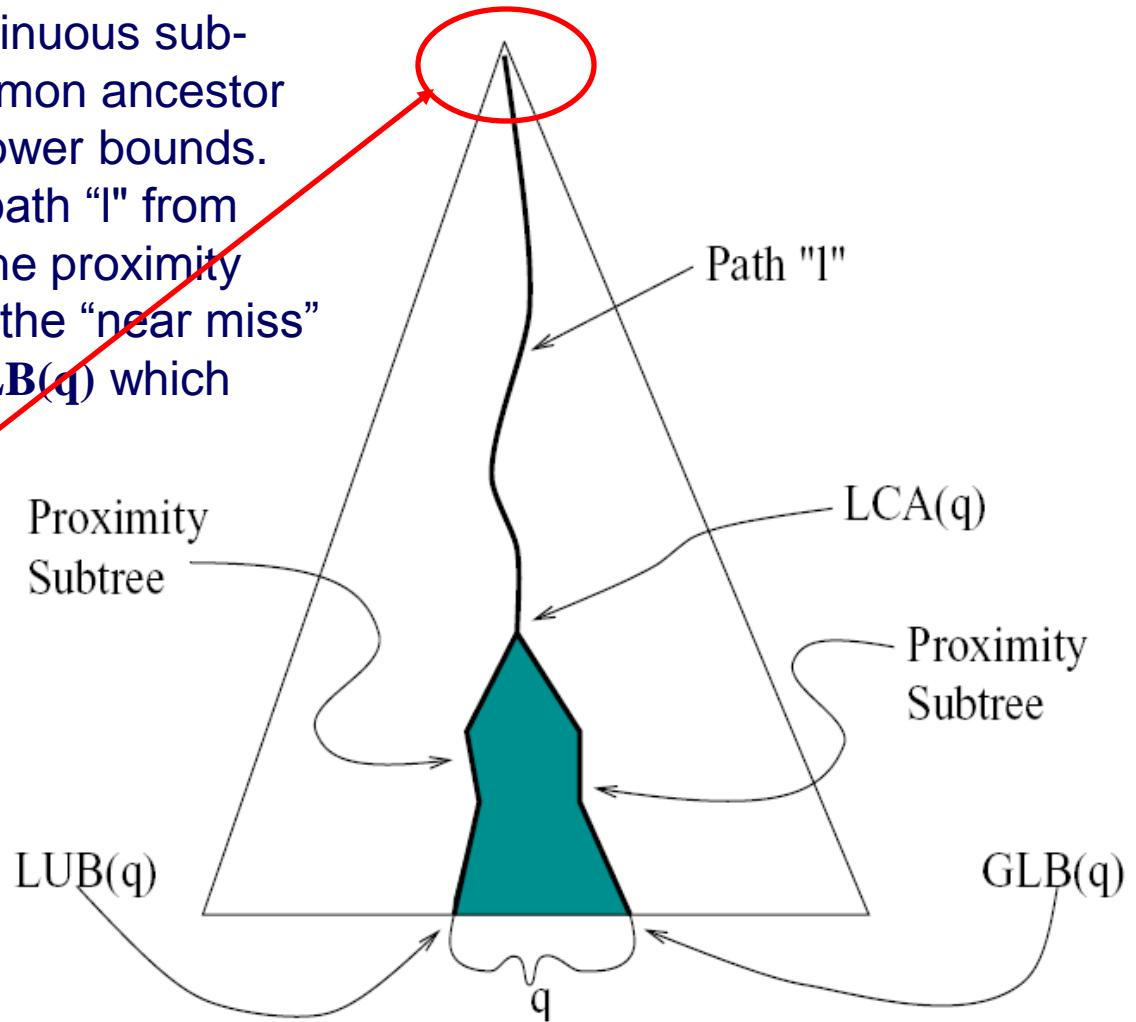
... and/or fully malicious (!)



The owner provides database updates and summary signatures to the un-trusted publisher. When users make inquiries with the publisher, they get responses which can be verified using a returned verification-object. Only  $sk_O$  is secret,  $pk_O$  is authenticated.

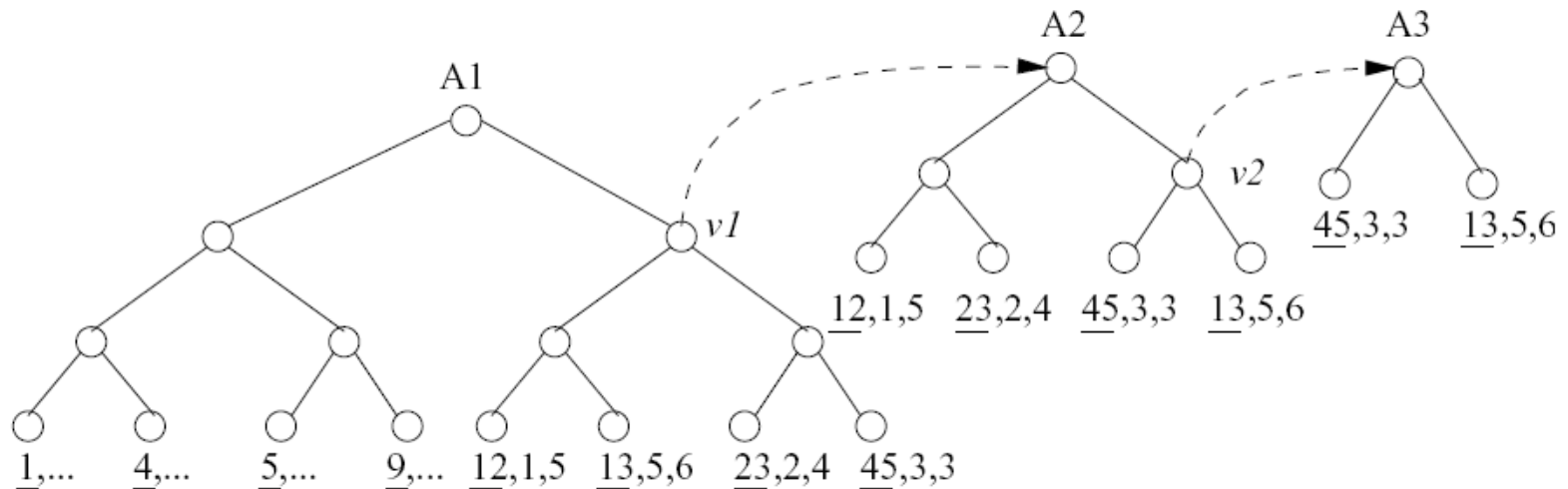
A Merkle tree, with a continuous sub-range  $q$ , with a least common ancestor  $LCA(q)$ , and upper and lower bounds. Note the verifiable hash path "l" from  $LCA(q)$  to the root, and the proximity sub-trees (thick lines) for the "near miss" tuples for  $LUB(q)$  and  $GLB(q)$  which show that  $q$  is complete.

authenticated via signature

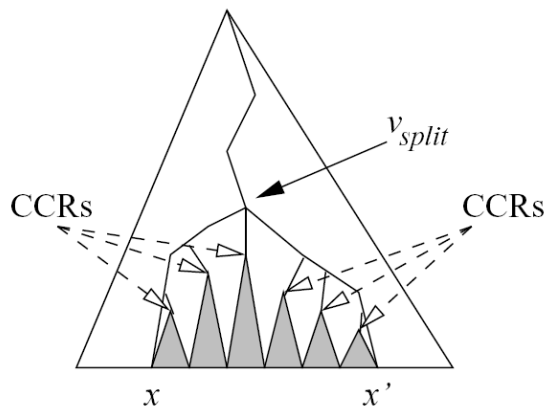


## Supported claimed operations:

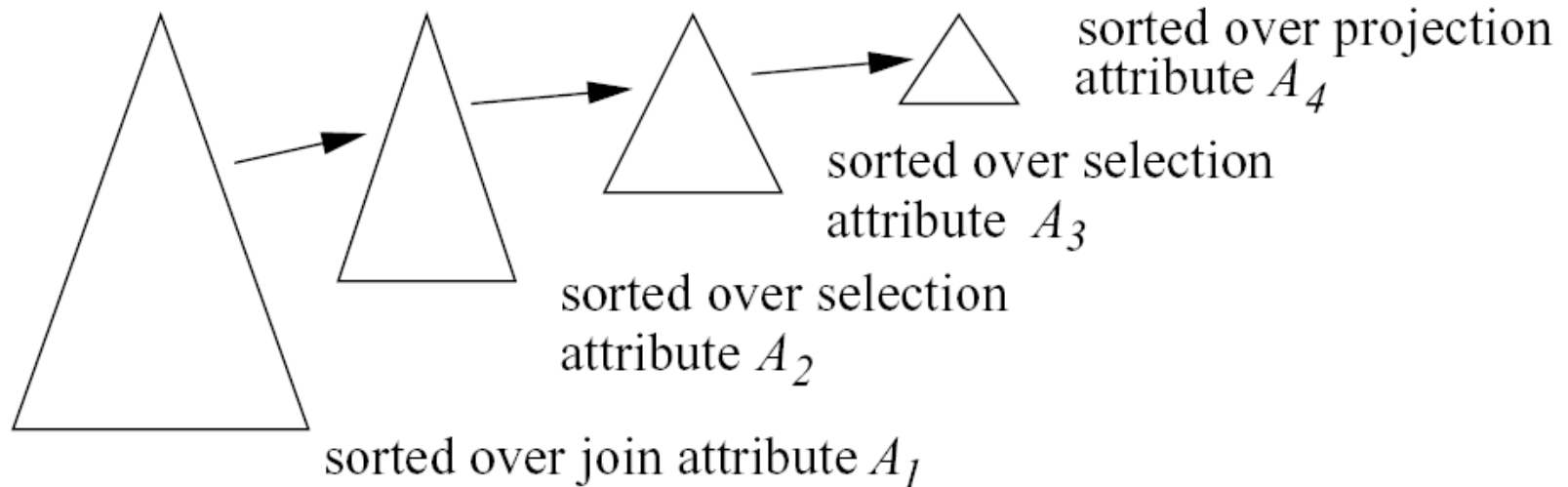
- selections
- projections
  - (1) maintaining VOs before duplicate elimination
  - (2) pre-computing VOs for common projections
- equiJOIN
  - (1) keep materialized cartesian product  $S \times R$ 
    - construct VO on sorted version of product (according to difference (S.A-R.A)) – this yields 3 types of leaf nodes (“0”, “<”, “>”) in Merkle tree
  - (2) all kinds of other tricks
- set operations
  - union (client does it and verifies VOs for input sets)
  - intersection (?)
  - multi-dimensional range queries (generalizing hash tree to “multi-dimensional range tree”)



Excerpt of a 3-dimensional range tree, sorted by attributes  $A_1$ ,  $A_2$  and  $A_3$



**Covering canonical roots (CCR):**  
 roots of the canonical sub-trees  
 precisely covering the leaves  
 with values in the interval.



```
SELECT S.A4 FROM S, R  
WHERE S.A1=R.A1 AND A2<10 AND A3>17
```

## Issues:

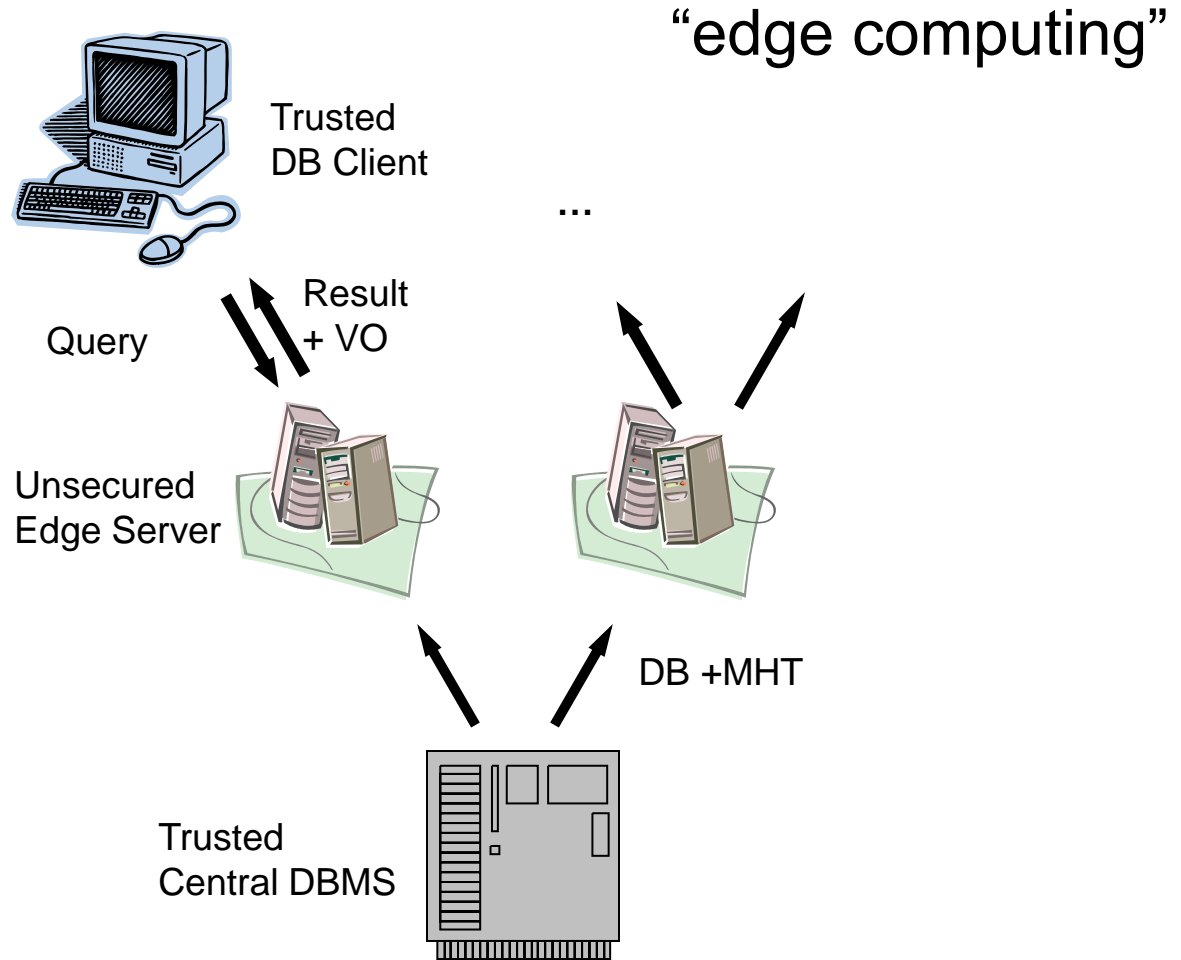
- query expressiveness
- query flexibility
  - works only on data with VOs
- “universe split” phenomenon
  - use timestamps, expiration times
- expensive operations (!)

Discusses the use of batch verification of signatures and similar techniques (condensed RSA) to authenticate results.

		Condensed-RSA	Batch-DSA	BGLS
Sign	1 signature	6.82	3.82	3.54
Verify	1 signature	0.16	8.52	62
	t = 1000, k = 1	44.12	1623.59	184.88
	t = 100, k = 10	45.16	1655.86	463.88
	t = 1000, k = 10	441.1	16203.5	1570.8

Cost comparison (in msec): verification and signing. Notation: t – # signatures, k – # signers





### Claimed problems with [Devanbu 2000]

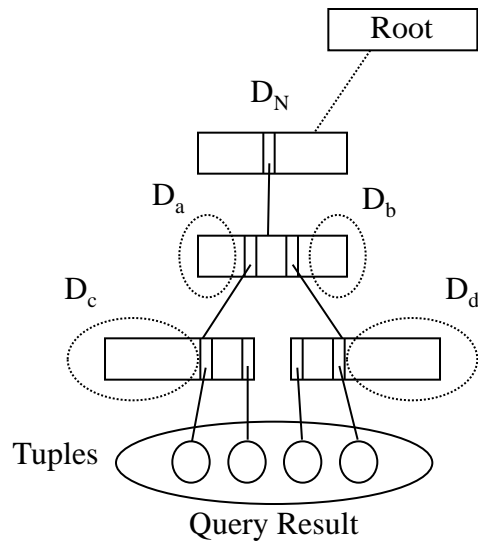
- A hash tree is needed for every sort-order
- VOs need to contain links all the way to the root,
  - VOs grow linearly to query result and logarithmic to base table size
- Projections may have to be performed by clients
- No provision for dynamic updates on the database

Aim 1: VO size just linear in query result

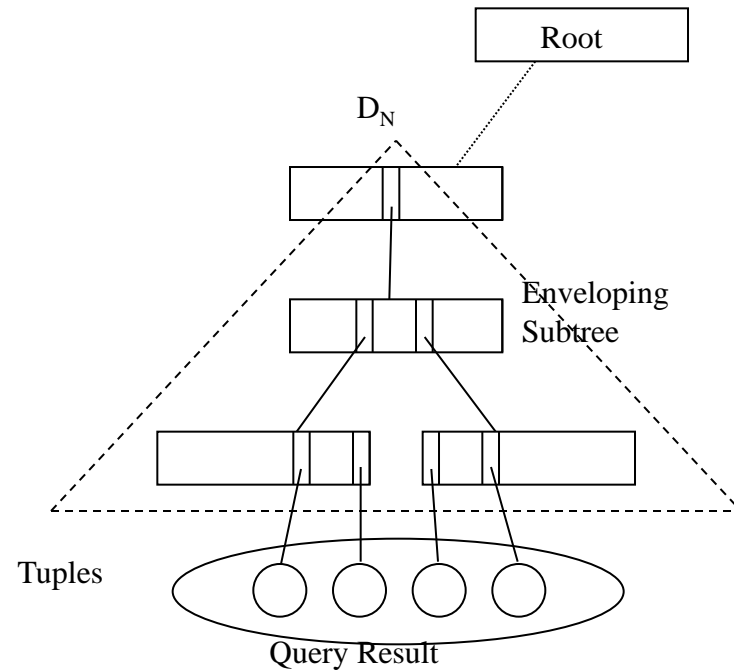
Aim 2: do not push projections to client

## Idea: use different hash function

- $h(x) = g^x \text{ mod } q$
- $h$  is commutative,  $h(x+y) = h(y+x)$ 
  - Digests can be combined arbitrarily
  - Projection can be performed at the edge servers
  - Facilitates insertion of new tuples with minimal effect on other digests
- but: significantly (1000-10000 times) slower
- trade-off: computation vs. communication



Verification object =  $D_N + D_S$   
 where  $D_S = \{D_a, D_b, D_c, D_d\}$



**Verifying Selection**  
 (no need to go up to the root  
 as everything is also signed)

Similar expressiveness. But ...

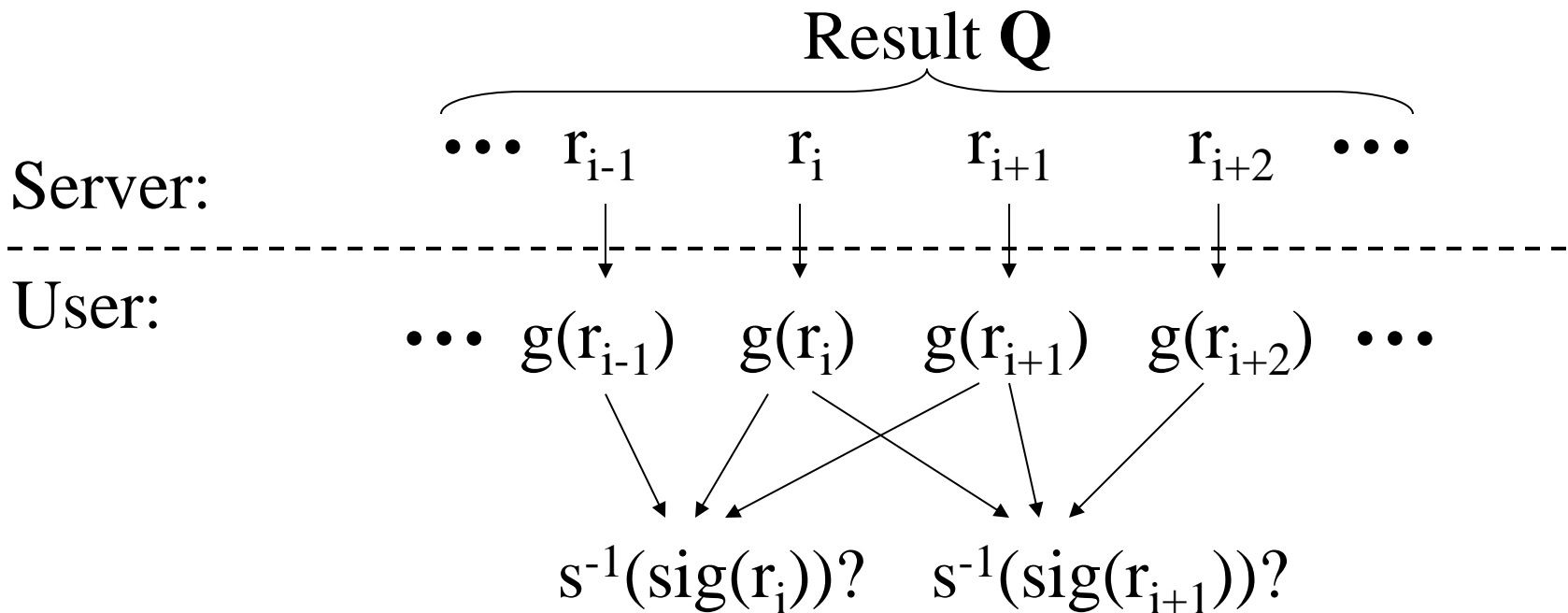
Asks: what about access control rules ?  
(Devanbu seems to reveal too much: boundary tuples)

Also claims: lower overheads for queries  
and updates.

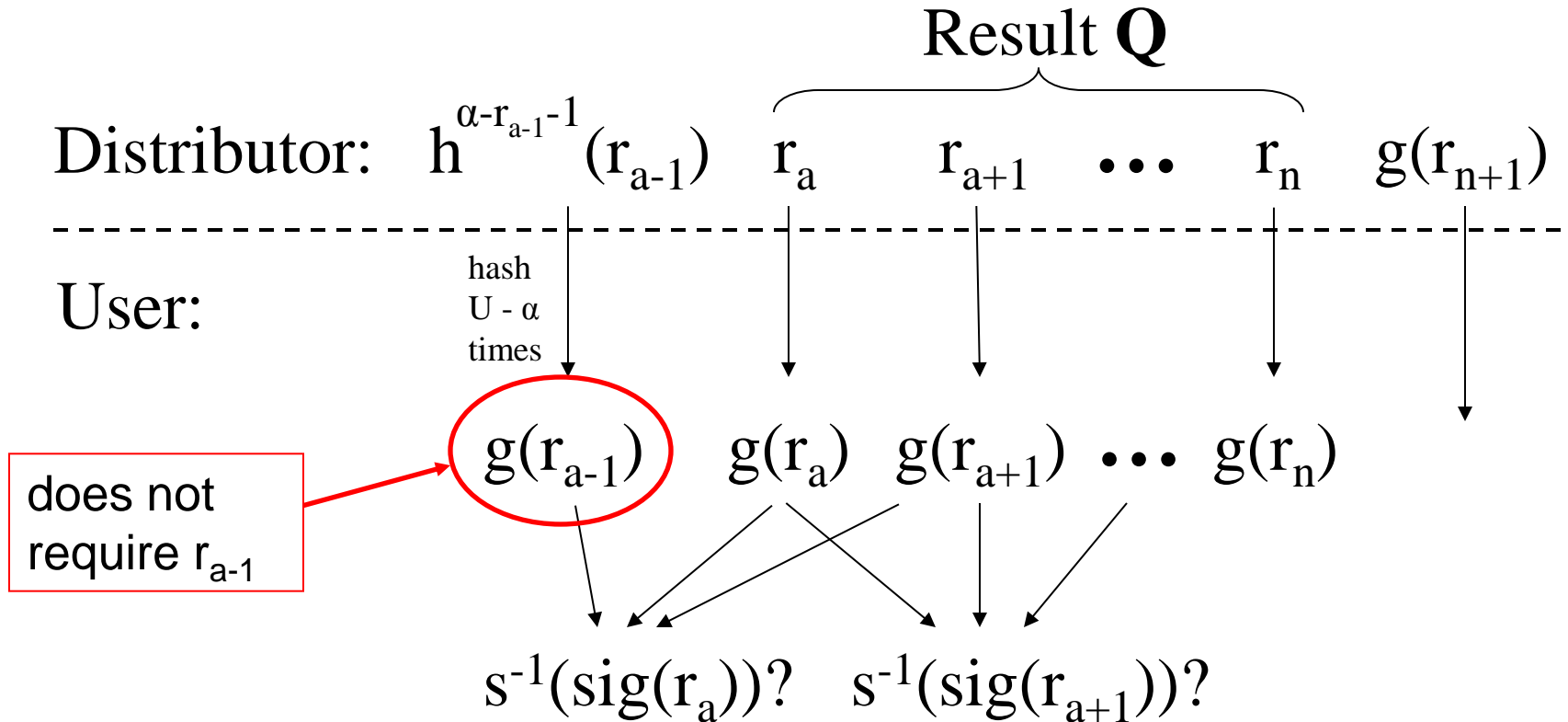
Introduces “precision” (only data  
matching the query should be returned)

Idea: use signature chains – thus no need to reveal boundary elements.

$$\text{sig}(r_i) = s(\text{h}(g(r_{i-1}) \mid g(r_i) \mid g(r_{i+1})))$$



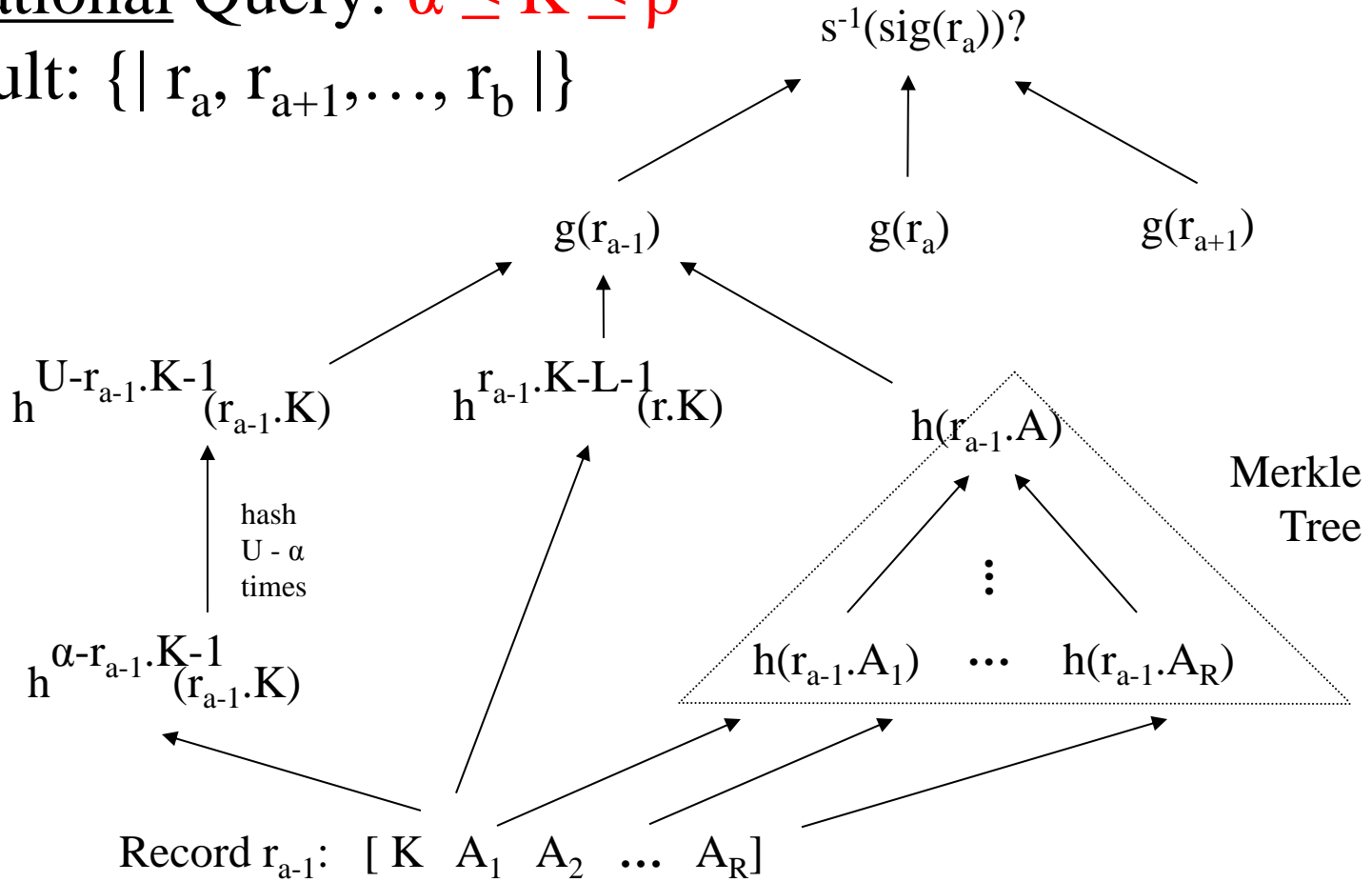
But what is  $g$ :  $g(r) = h^{U-r-1}(r)$



Query:  $\alpha \leq r$

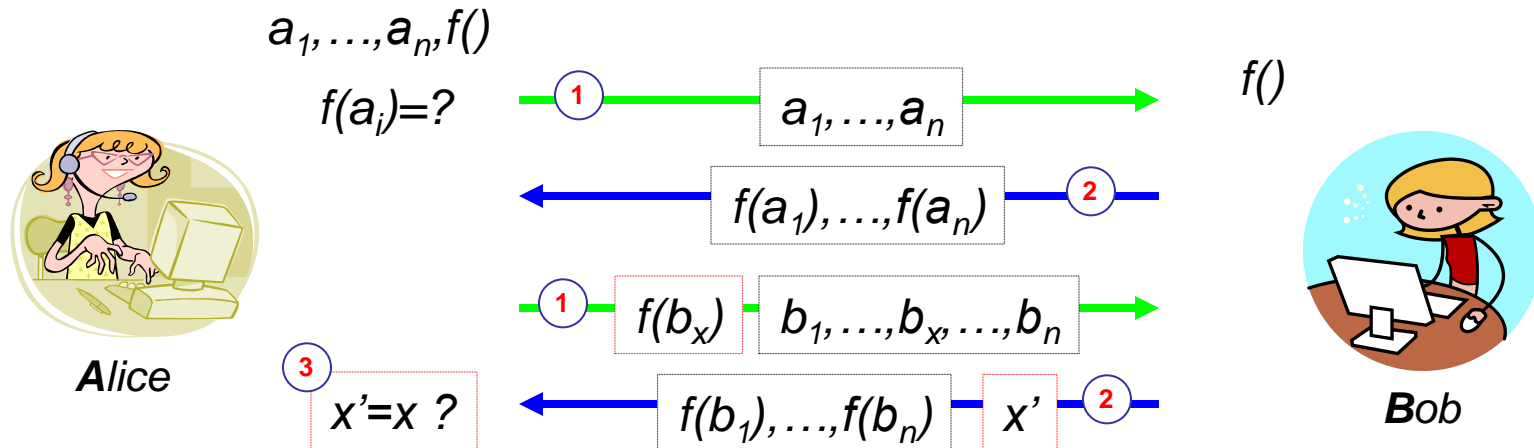
Relational Query:  $\alpha \leq K \leq \beta$

Result:  $\{ | r_a, r_{a+1}, \dots, r_b | \}$



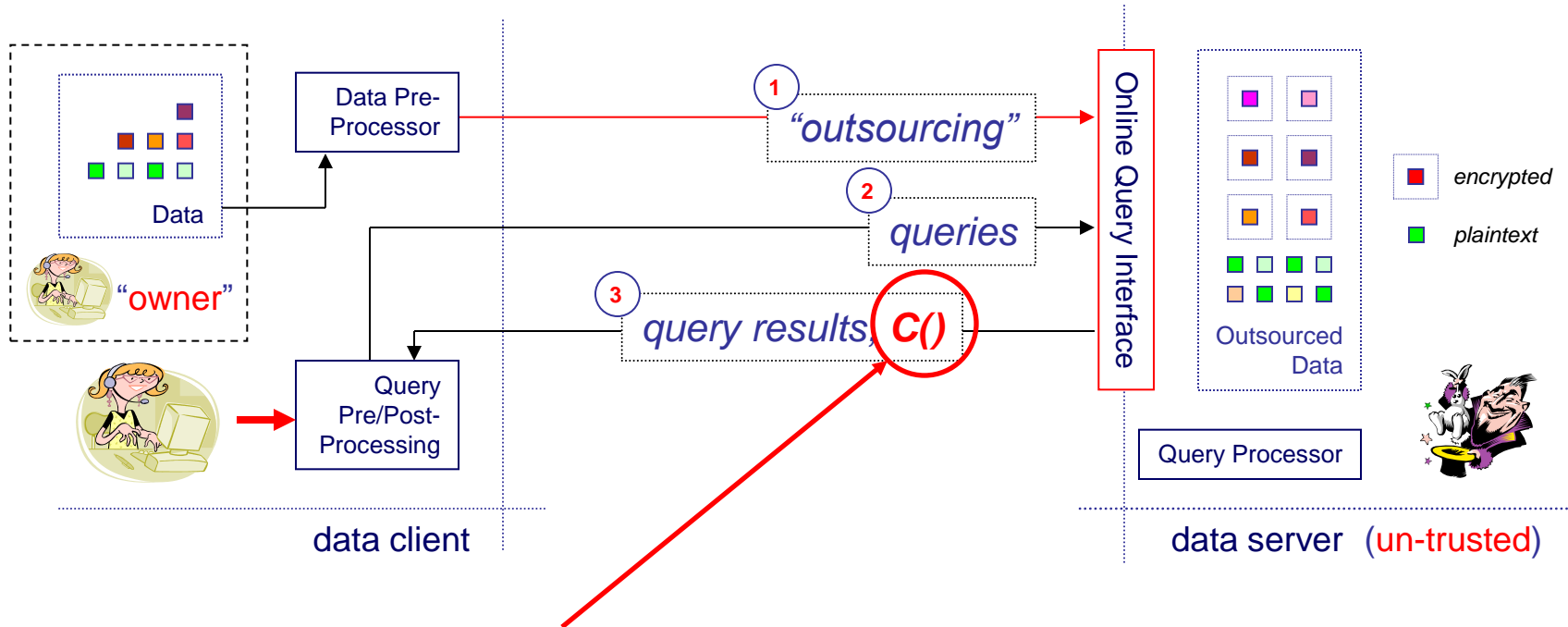


## Asks: What about arbitrary queries ?



P. Golle and I. Mironov, "Uncheatable Distributed Computations", RSA 2001 (Cryptographer's track)

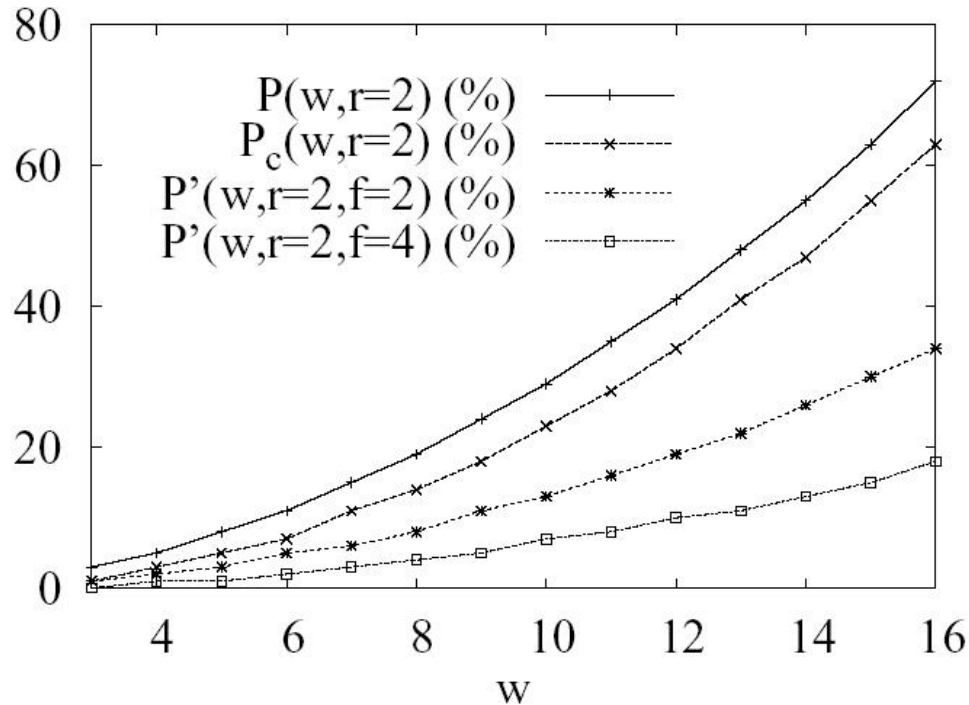
# Secure Data Outsourcing: Execution Proofs



$$C(Q, x, \epsilon) = \{H(\epsilon || \rho(Q_x)), \epsilon\}$$

A challenge token (computed by client) is sent together with the batch of queries. Upon return, batch execution is proved if  $x=x'$ .

# Sion: Cheating Probability

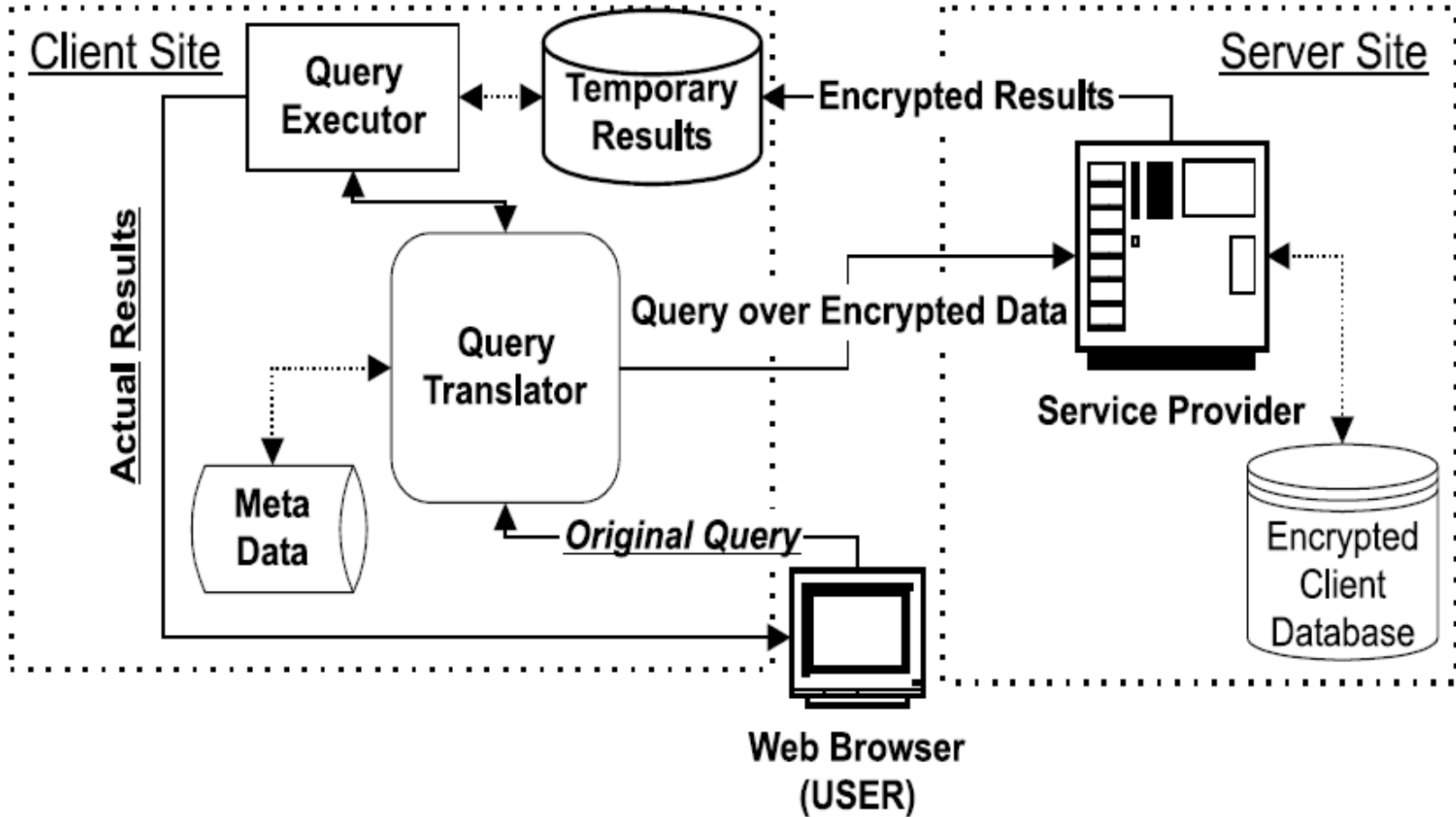


Only handles lazy server !

The behavior of  $P'(w, r, f)$  (fake tokens) plotted against  $P_c(w, r)$  (client-side result checking mechanism) showing that the query execution proof mechanism (with fake tokens) significantly decreases the ability to “get away” with less work.

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# Hacigumus (SIGMOD 2002)

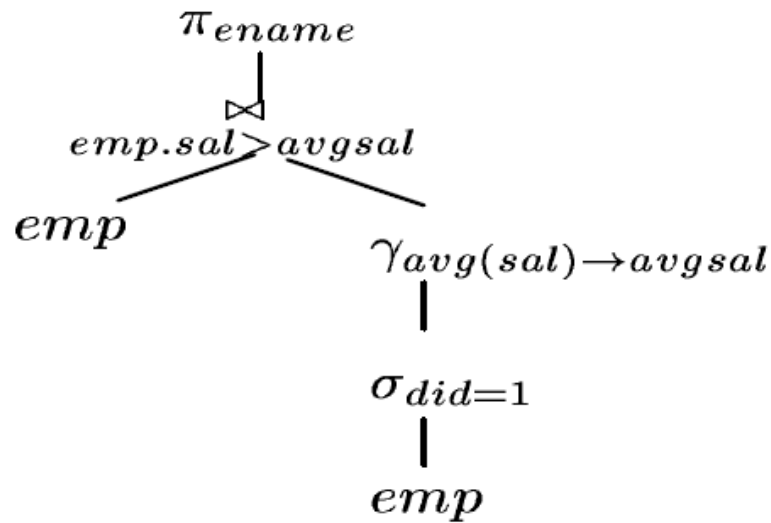


## Main Steps:

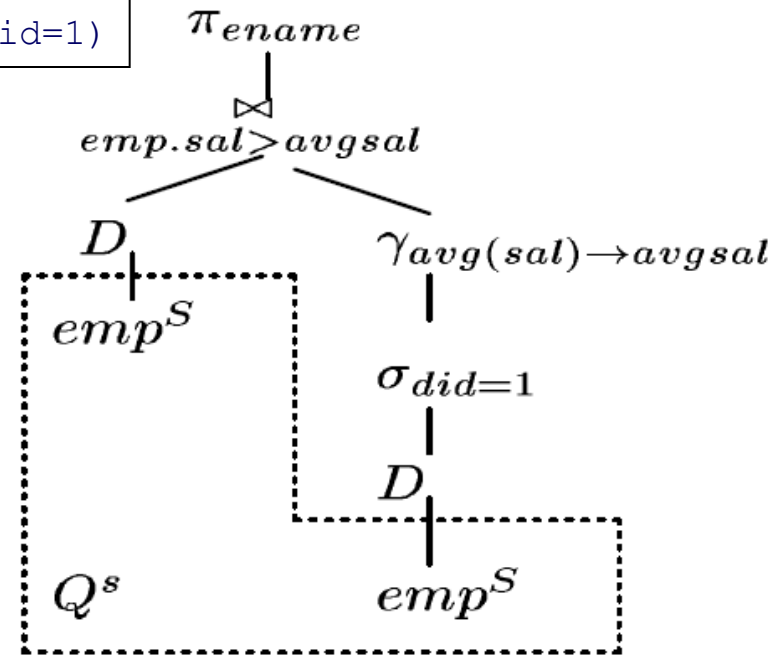
1. Partition sensitive domains
  - Order preserving: supports comparison
  - Random: query rewriting becomes hard
2. Rewrite queries to target partitions
3. Execute queries and return results
4. Prune/post-process results on client

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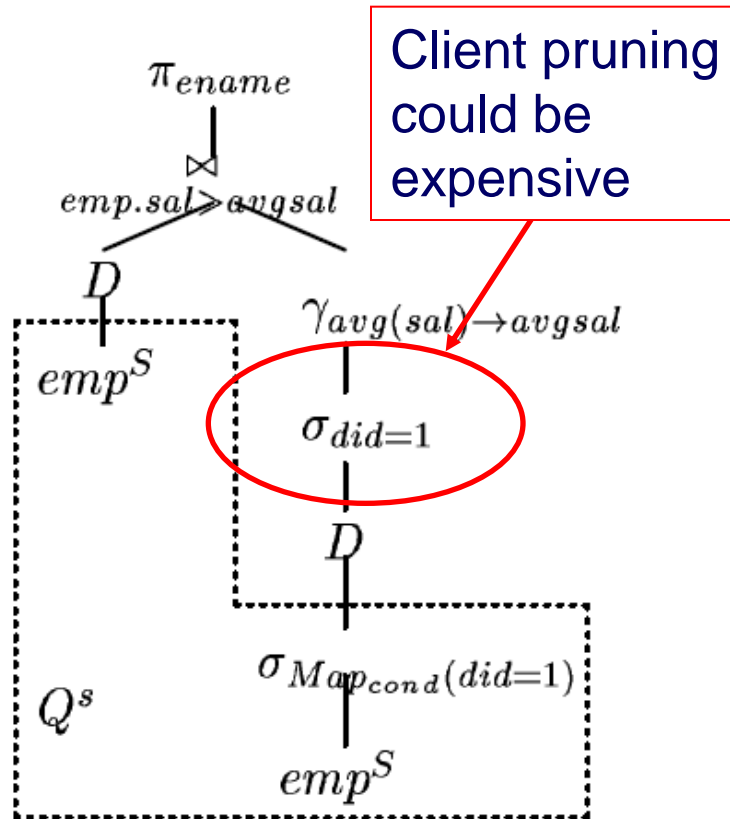
SELECT emp.name FROM emp
WHERE emp.salary >
  (SELECT AVG(salary) FROM emp WHERE did=1)
    
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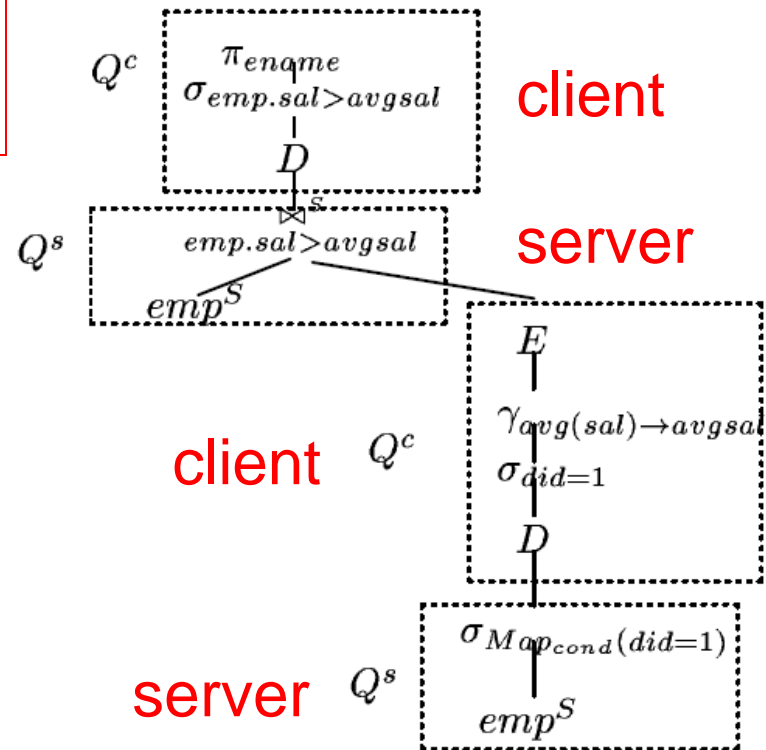
(a) Original query tree.



(b) Replacing encrypted relations.



(c) Doing selection at server.



(d) Multiple interactions between Client and Server.



## Confidentiality-Overhead Trade-off

Larger segments ==  
increased privacy ==  
increased overheads

Goal: For a uniform distribution of queries  
- minimize any leaks to any adversaries  
(even) knowing segmentation parameters.

Idea 1: Maximize variance of distribution  
of values in segment

Idea 2: Increase segment entropy

Issue: What about performance ?

## Solution: “Controlled Diffusion”

### Idea:

1. design for efficiency, then ...
2. ... diffuse (re-distribute) elements inside the segments to increase per-segment entropy and variance

Asks: Similarly, how to structure query trees to optimally balance the security-efficiency trade-off in [Hacigumus 2002].

Idea: client generates optimal partitioned query execution plans given statistics and metadata input from the server.

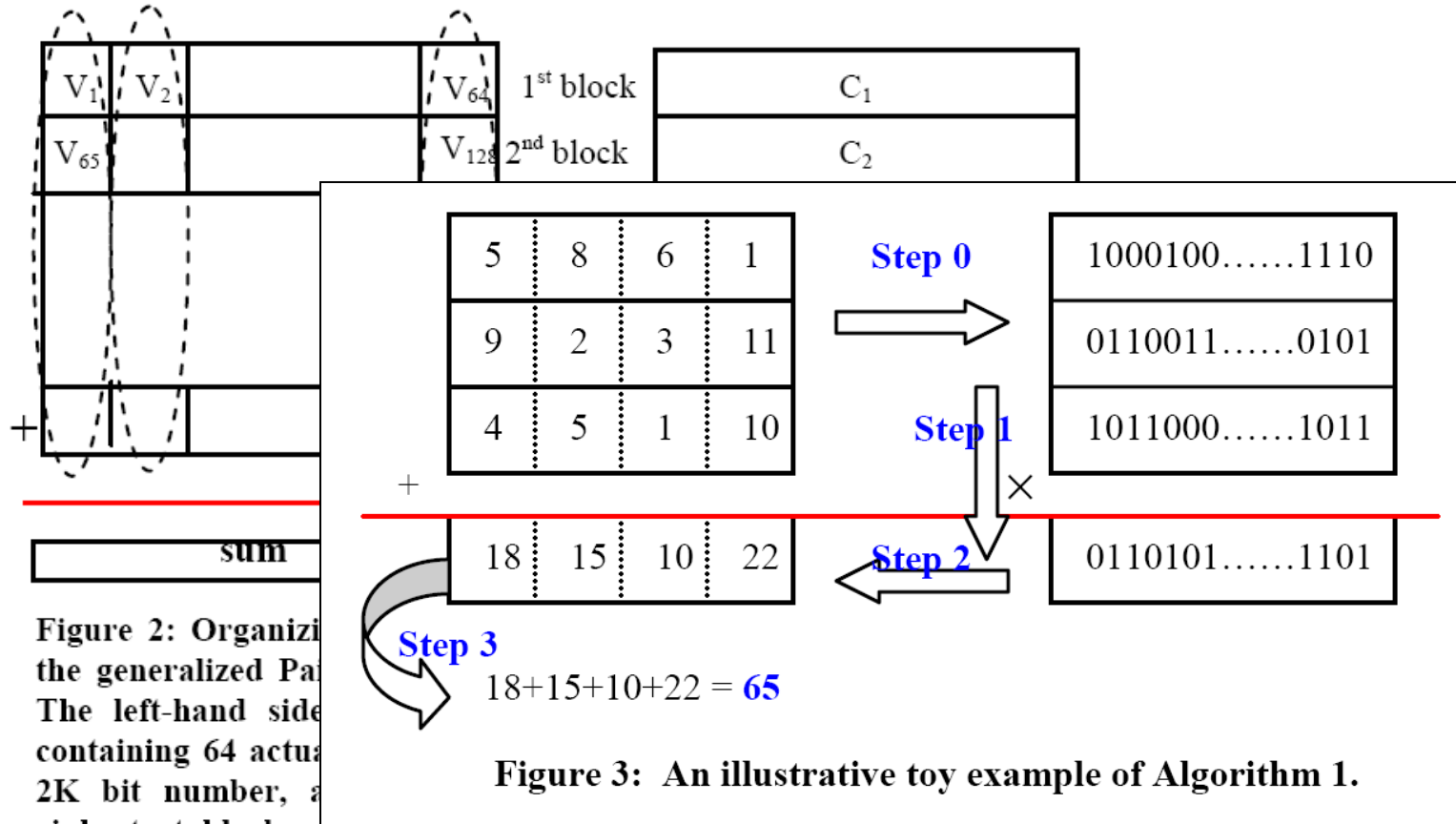
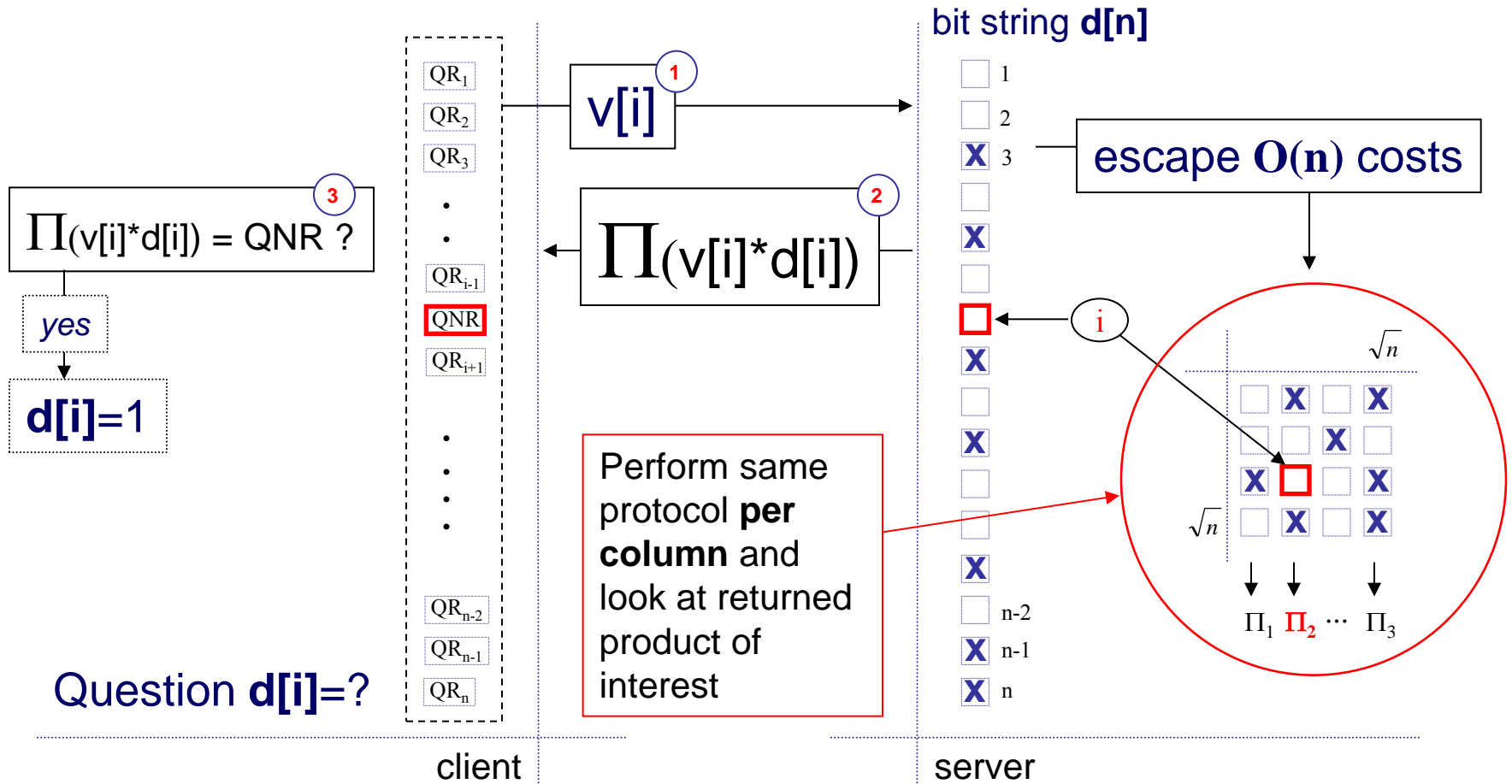


Figure 2: Organization of the generalized Paillier encryption process. The left-hand side contains 64 actual 2K bit numbers, and the right-hand side contains ciphertext blocks on the right-hand side. The product of the 52K ciphertext large numbers, when decrypted back, corresponds to the sum of the 32K plaintext large (2K-bit) numbers.

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# QR PIR



The  $n$  bits of the database are organized logically at the server as a bi-dimensional matrix  $M$  of size  $\sqrt{n} \times \sqrt{n}$ . To retrieve bit  $M(x, y)$  with computational privacy, the client:

- randomly chooses two prime numbers  $p$  and  $q$  of similar bit length, computes their product,  $N = pq$  and sends it to the server.
- generates  $\sqrt{n}$  numbers  $s_1, s_2, \dots, s_{\sqrt{n}}$ , such that  $s_x$  is a quadratic non-residue (QNR) and the rest are quadratic residues (QR) in  $\mathbb{Z}_N^*$ .
- sends  $s_1, s_2, \dots, s_{\sqrt{n}}$  to the server.

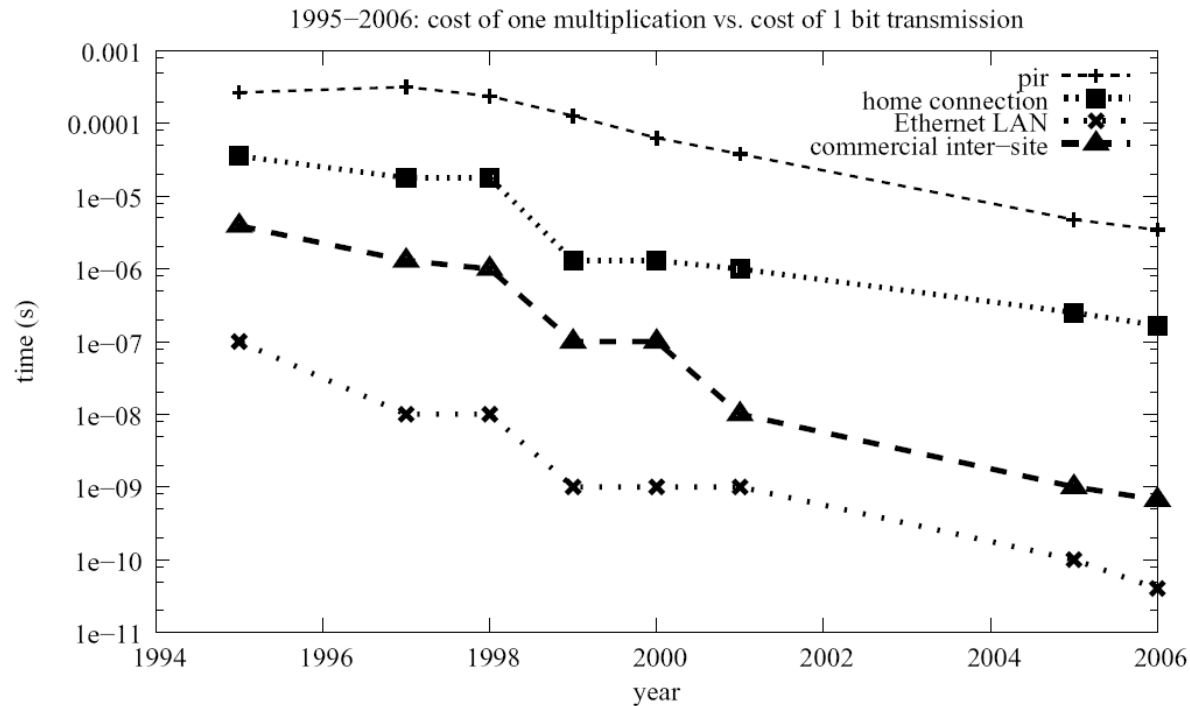
For each “column”  $j \in (1, \sqrt{n})$  in the  $\sqrt{n} \times \sqrt{n}$  matrix, the server:

- computes the product  $r_j = \prod_{0 < i < \sqrt{n}} q_{ij}$  where  $q_{ij} = s_i^2$  if  $M(i, j) = 1$  and  $q_{ij} = s_i$  otherwise <sup>2</sup>.
- sends  $r_1, \dots, r_{\sqrt{n}}$  to the client

The client then simply checks if  $r_y$  is a QR in  $\mathbb{Z}_N^*$  which implies  $M(x, y) = 1$ , else  $M(x, y) = 0$ .



# PIR is (still) impractical

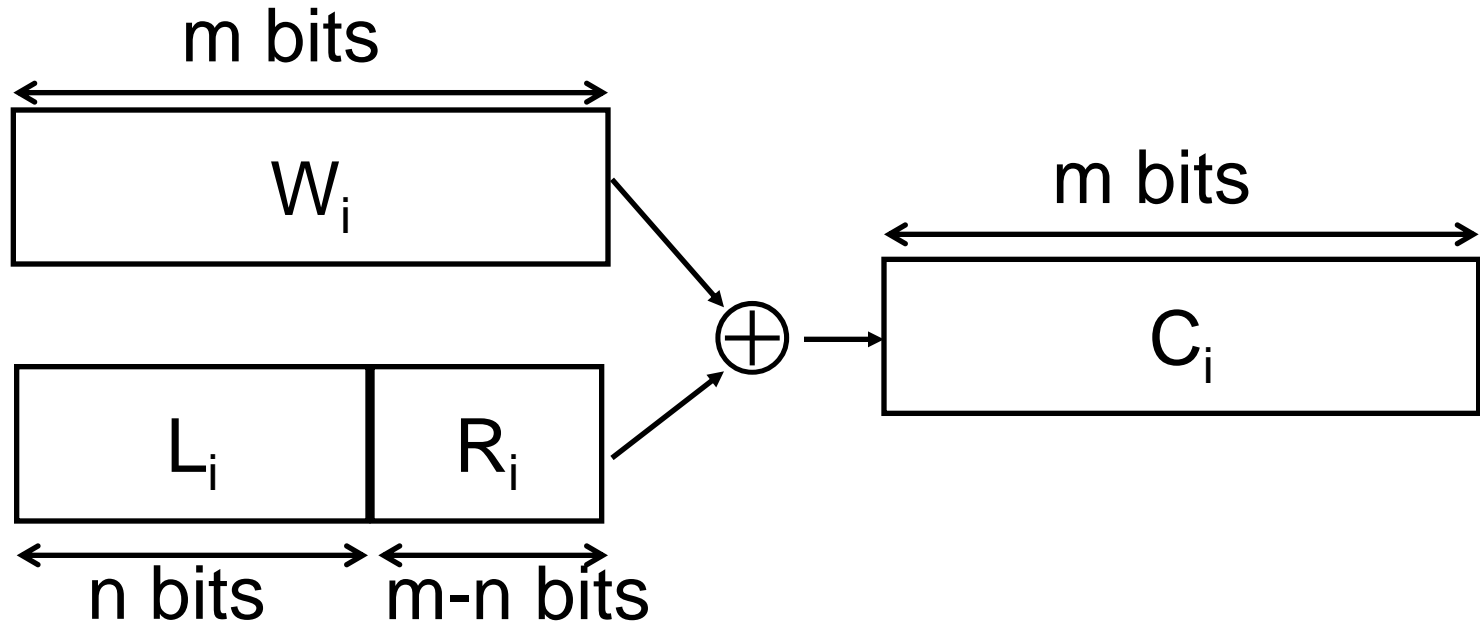


Comparison between the time required to perform PIR and the time taken to transfer the database, between 1995 and 2005. (logarithmic)

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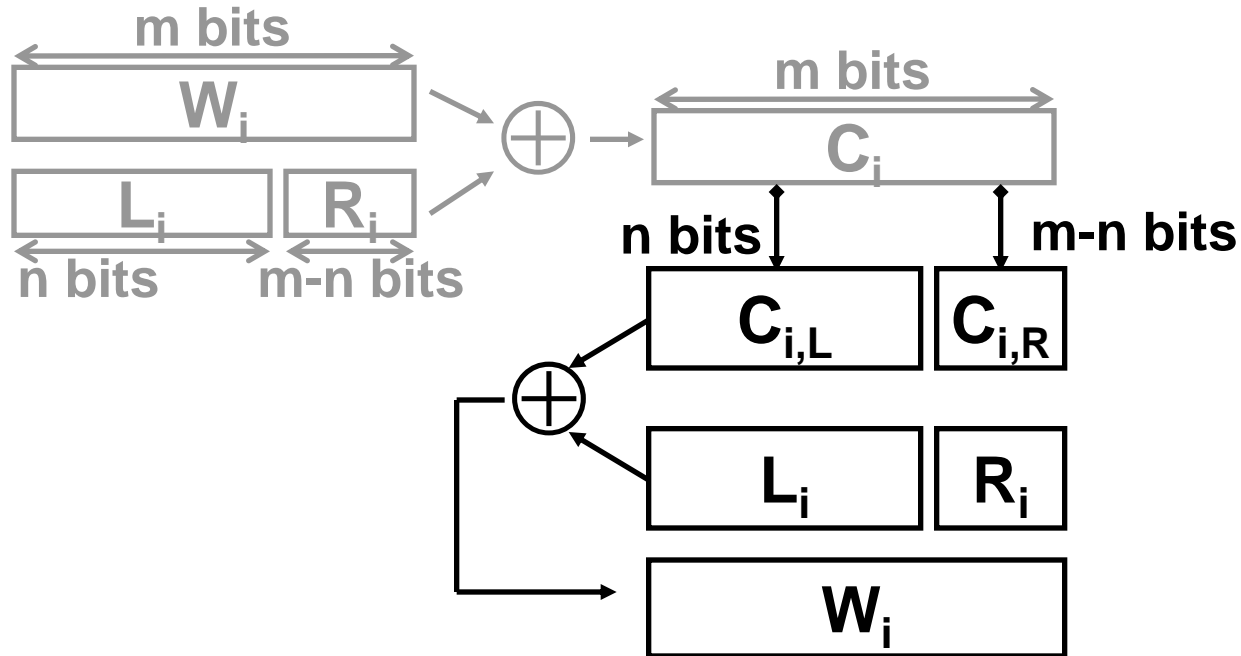
- Sequential Scan
- Index-based

## Encryption:



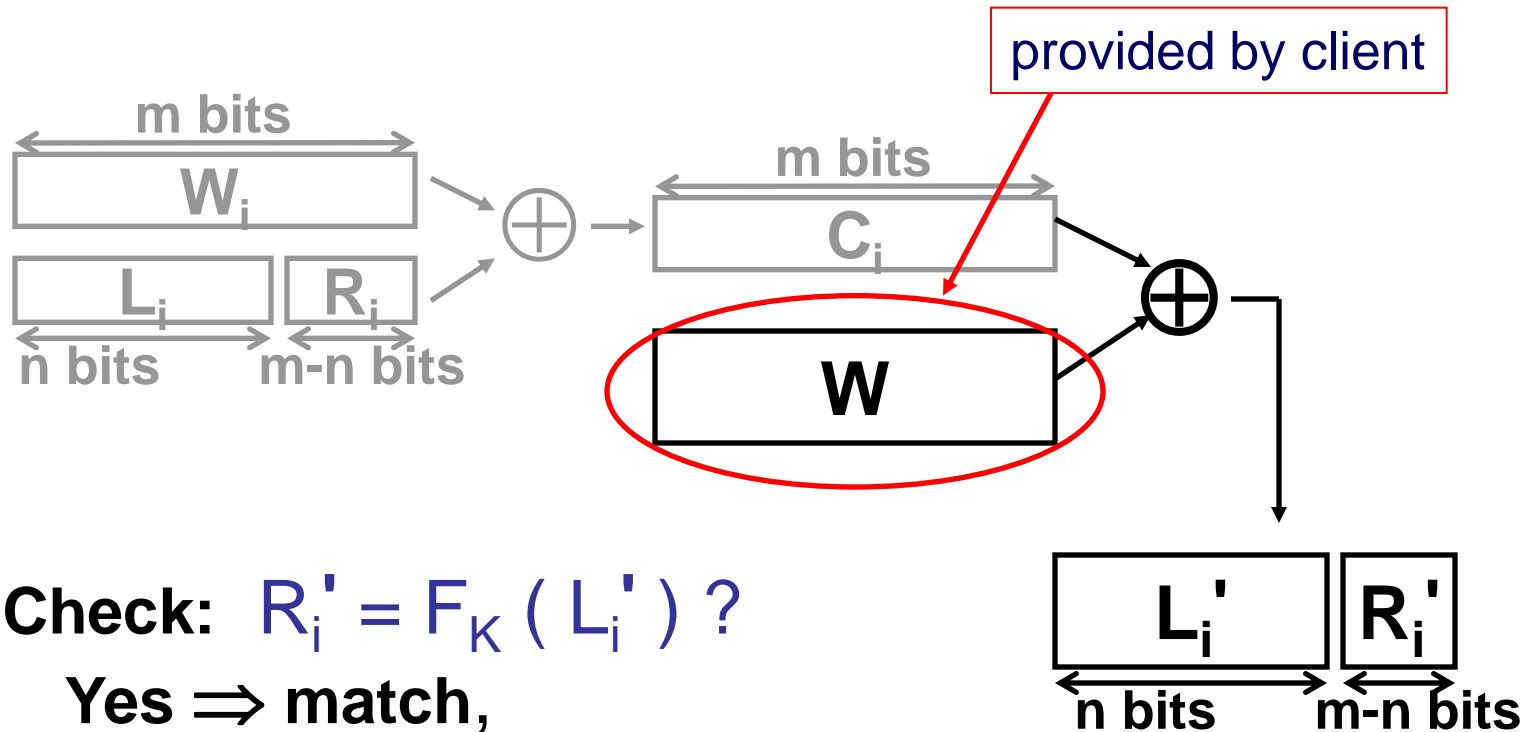
$$L_i \leftarrow G_i(\text{seed}), \quad R_i \leftarrow F_K(L_i)$$

## Decryption:



$$L_i \leftarrow G_i(\text{seed}), \quad R_i \leftarrow F_K(L_i)$$

## Search:

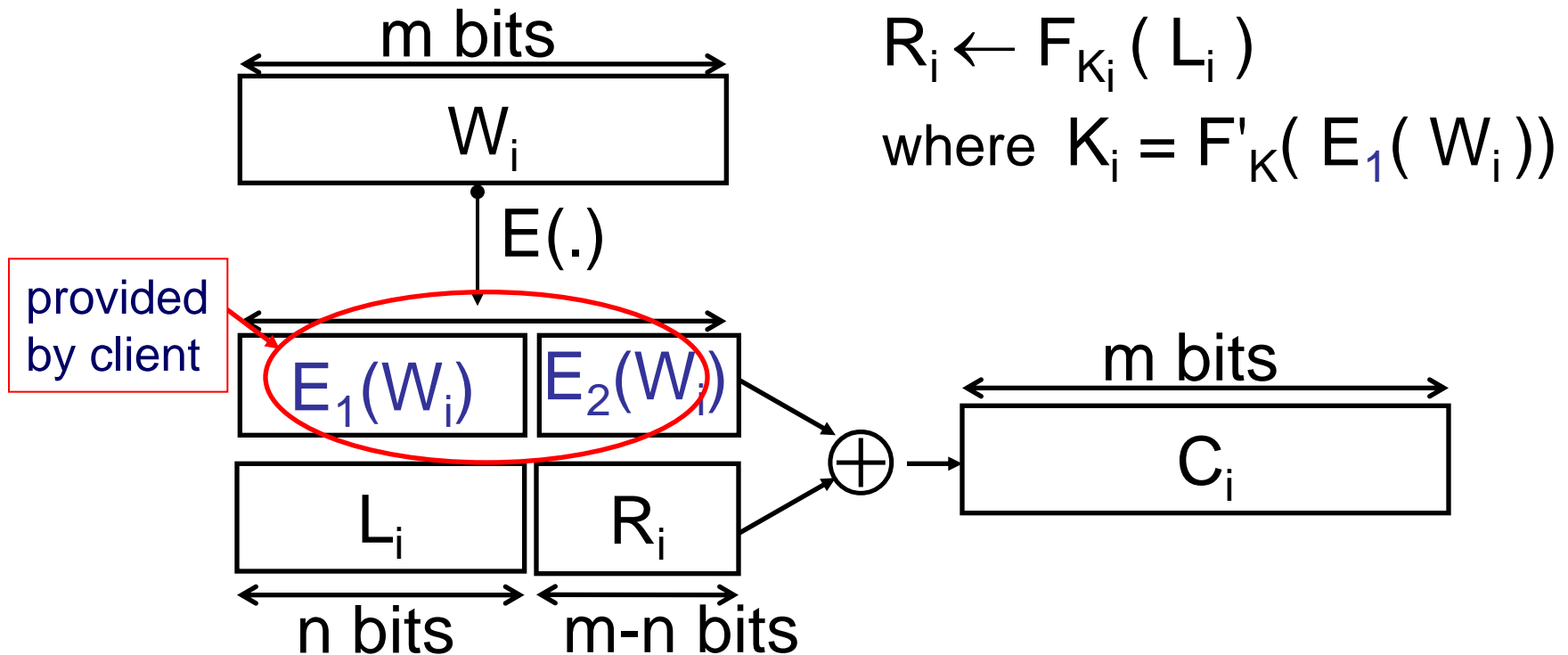


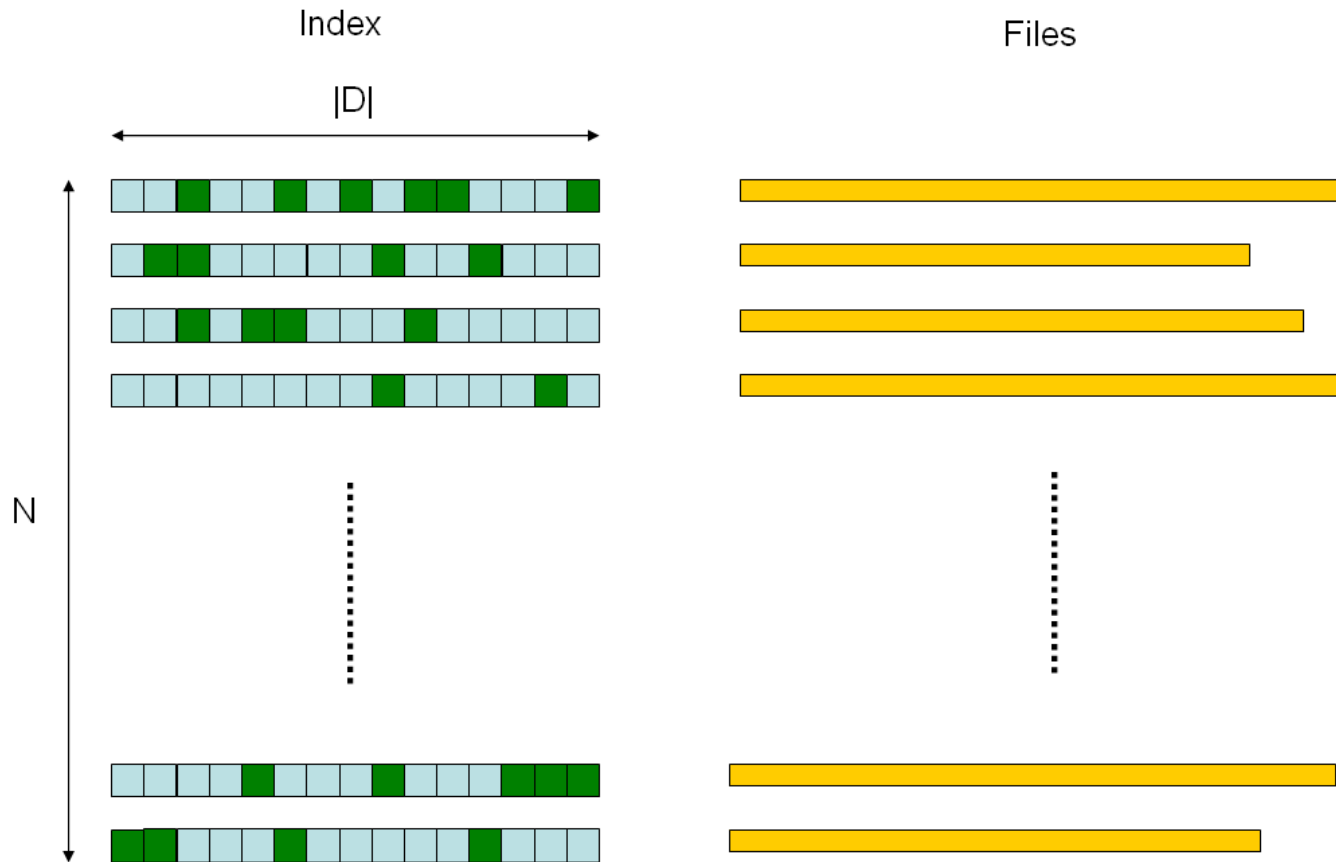
Check:  $R'_i = F_K ( L'_i ) ?$

Yes  $\Rightarrow$  match,

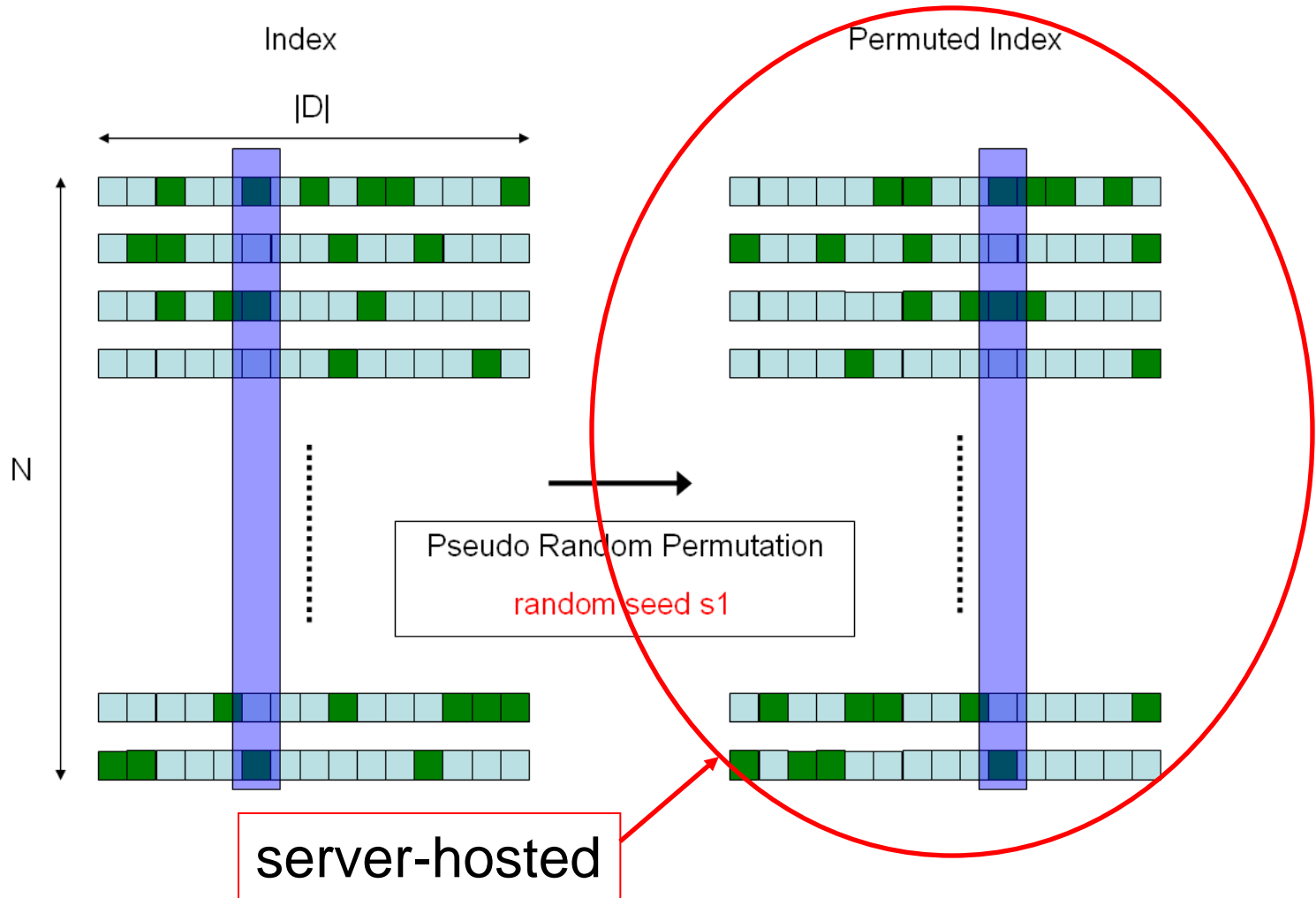
( false positive rate =  $1 / 2^{m-n}$  )

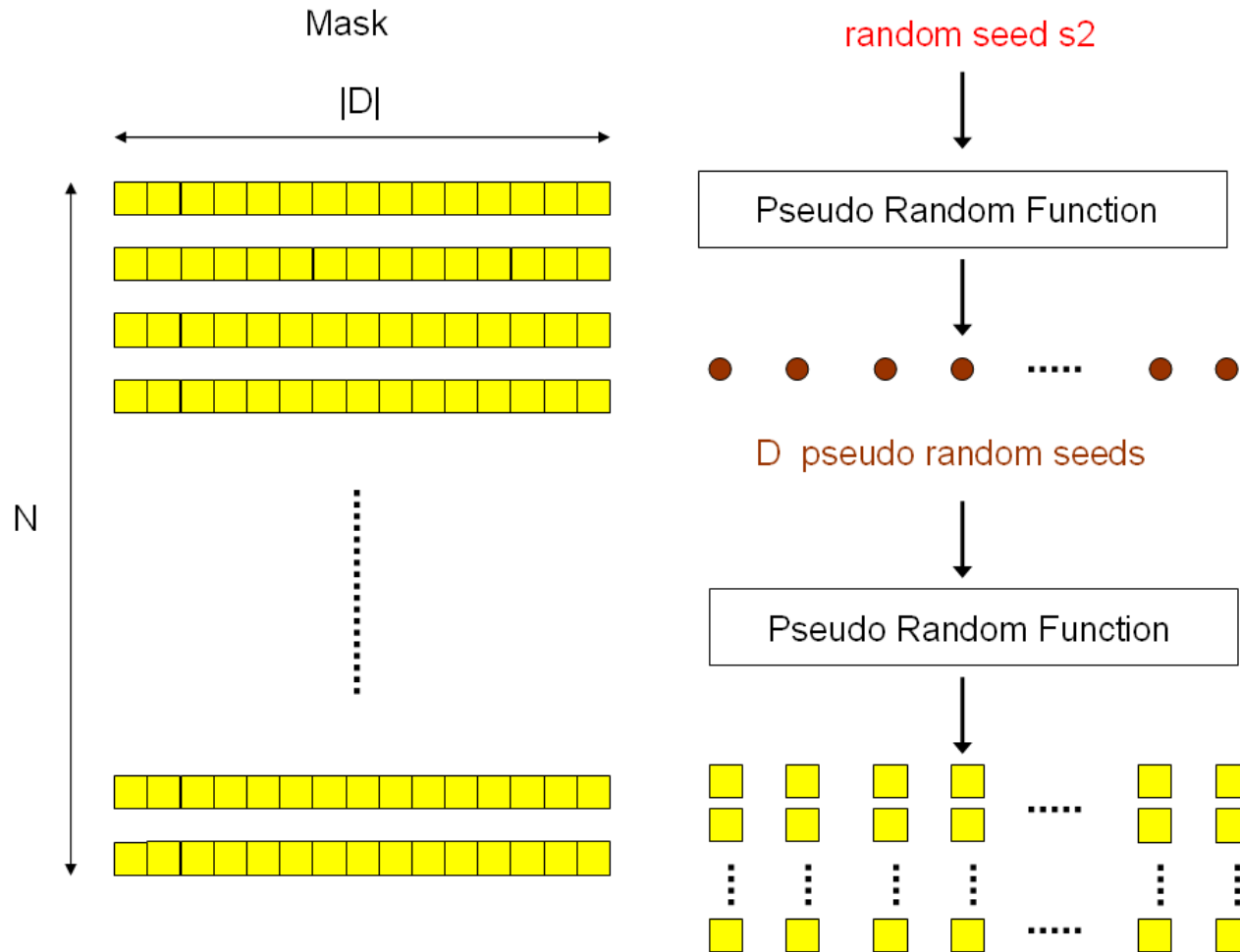
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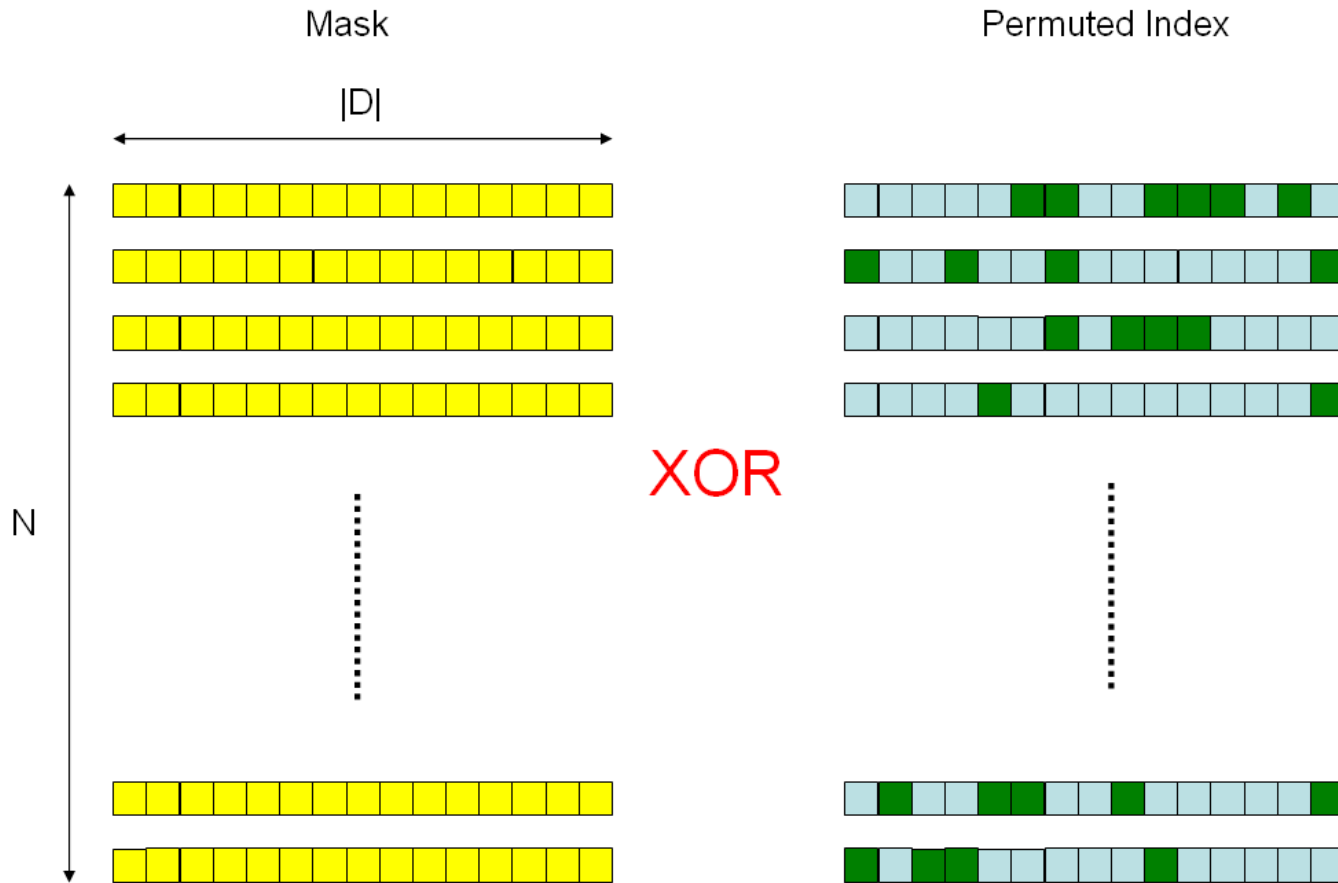


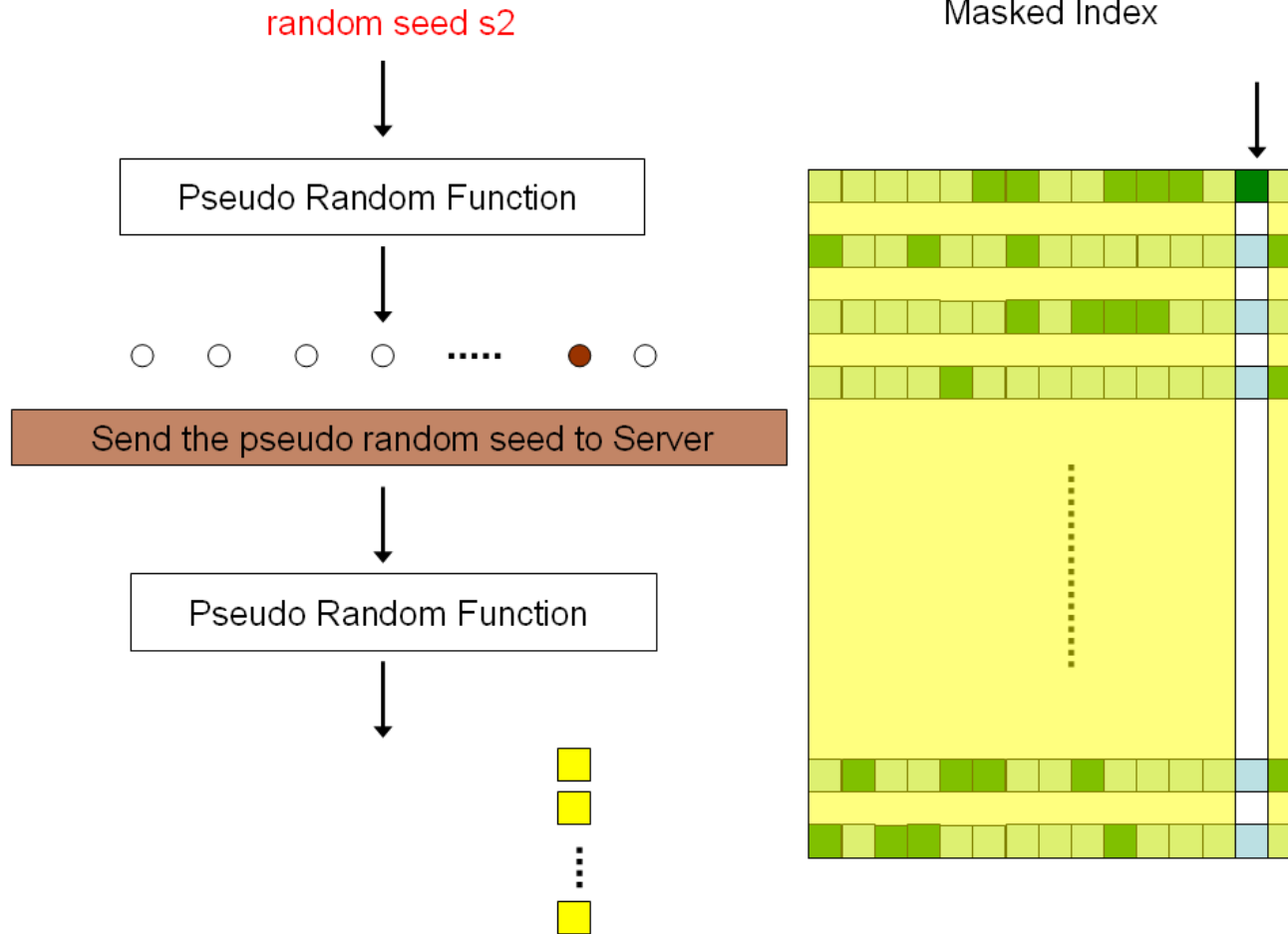






# Chang (2004)



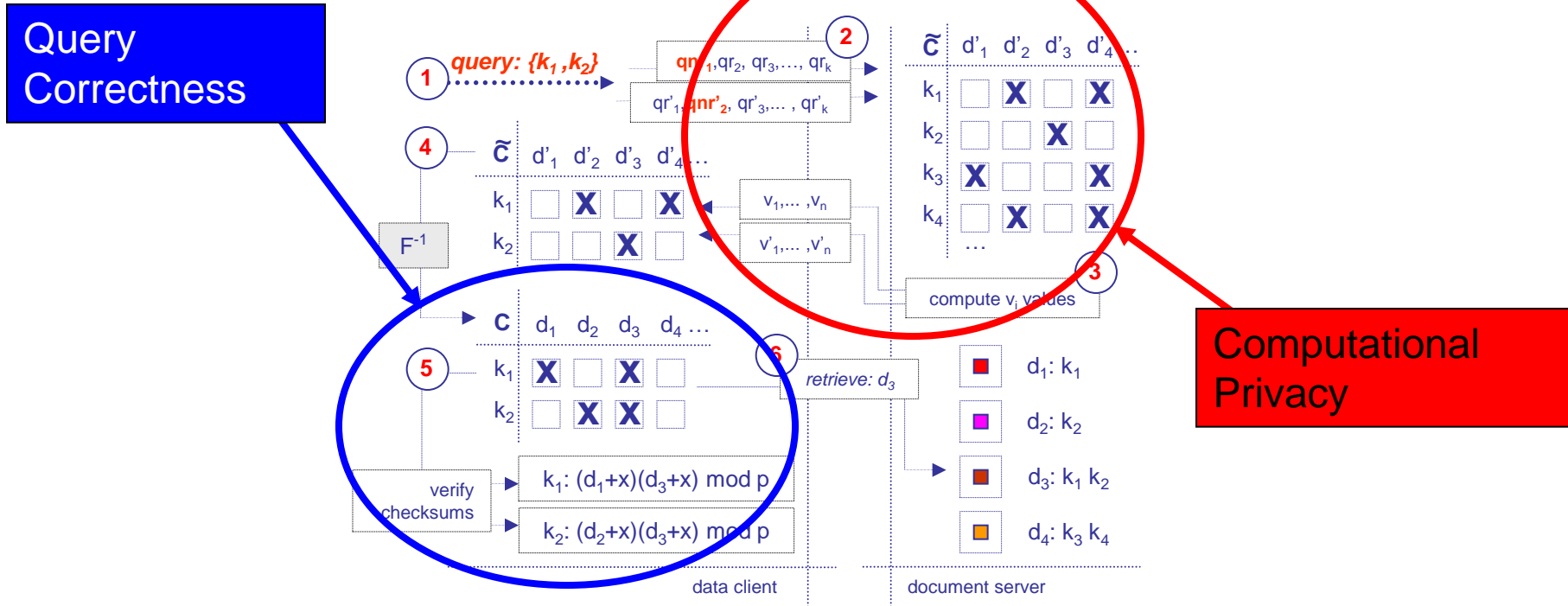


Server stores **capabilities** for conjunctive queries (linear in the total number of documents). These can be transferred offline.

The client is required to know before-hand future conjunctive queries.

**Query** part is sent online at the time of search. It is of constant size (number of keyword fields per documents).

## Asks: What about correctness + privacy ?



Idea: Deploy modified version of computational PIR targeted at a server-side index. Augment with “multiplicative checksums”.

- ➔ *Crypto Crash Course*
- ➔ *Data Outsourcing*
- ➔ *Query Correctness*
- ➔ *Data Confidentiality*
- ➔ *Access Privacy*
- ➔ *Searching on Encrypted Data*
- ➔ *Trusted Hardware*

# Trusted Hardware

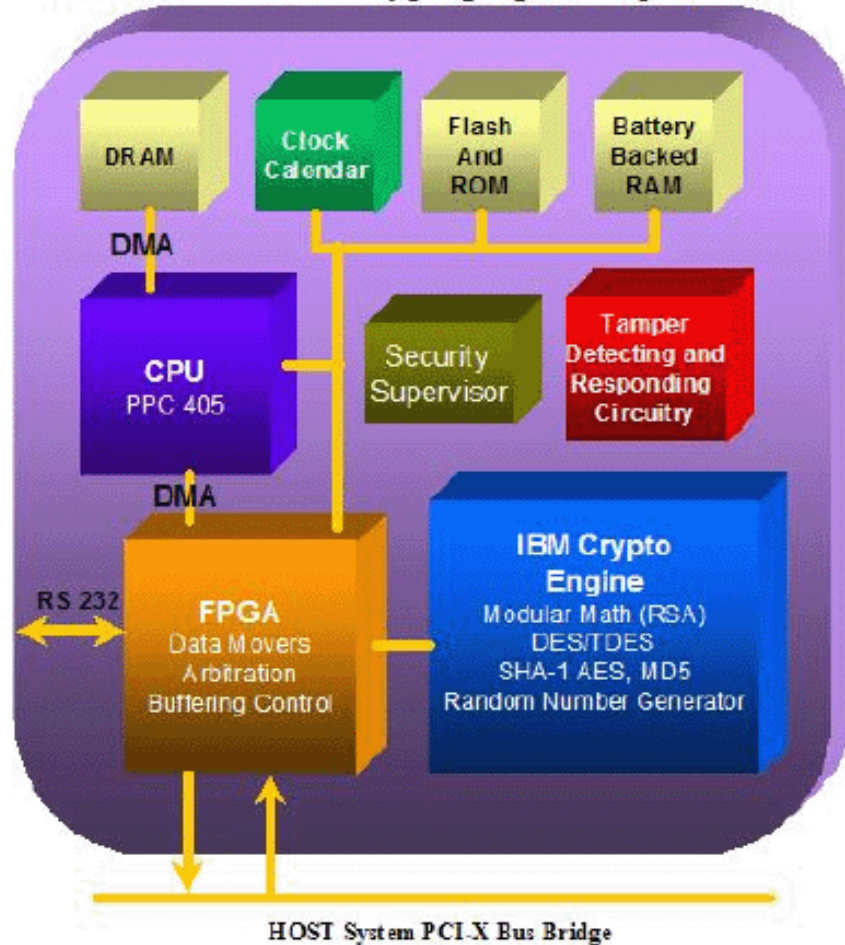


**IBM 47xx**

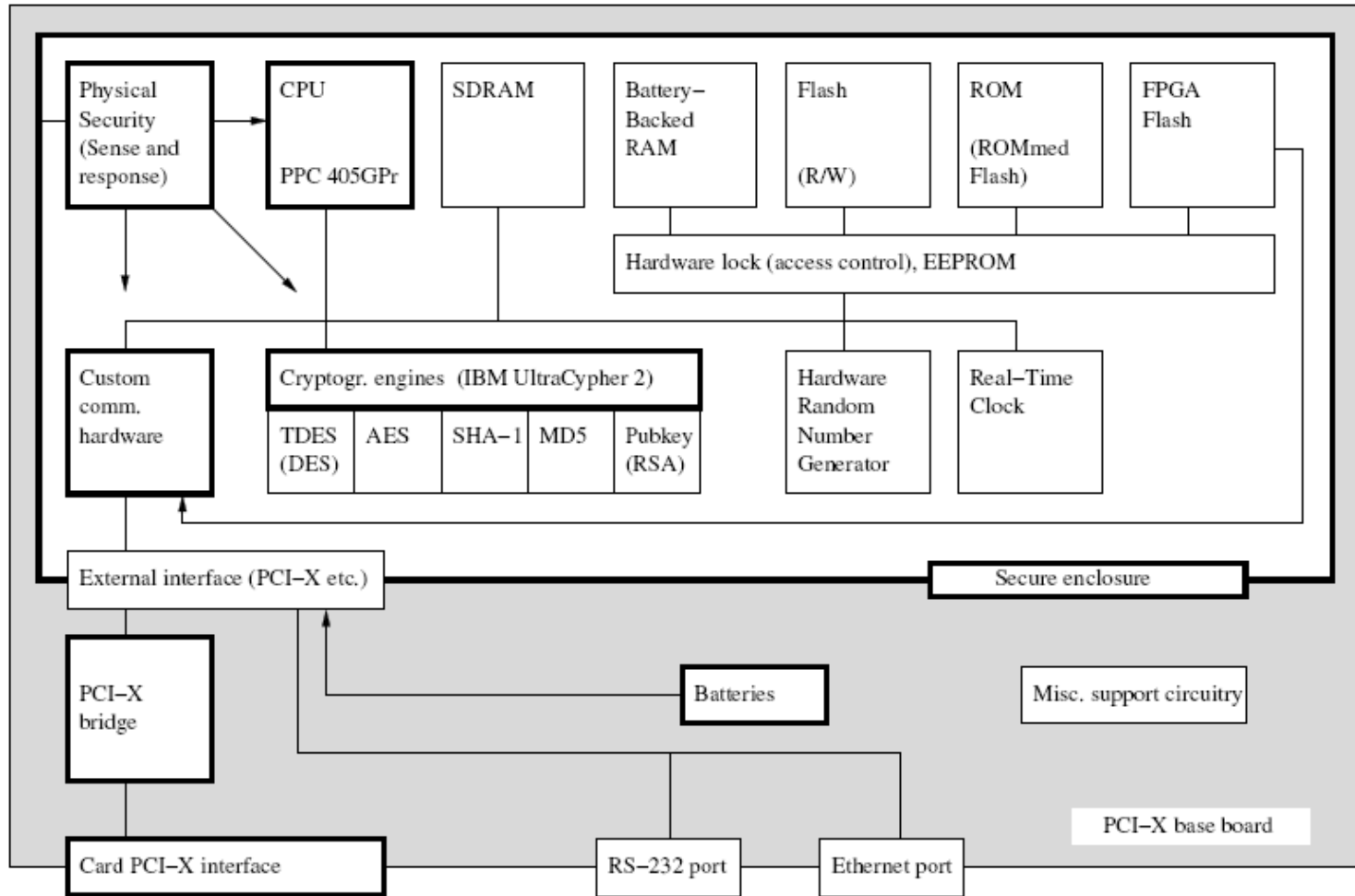


# IBM 4764 Architecture

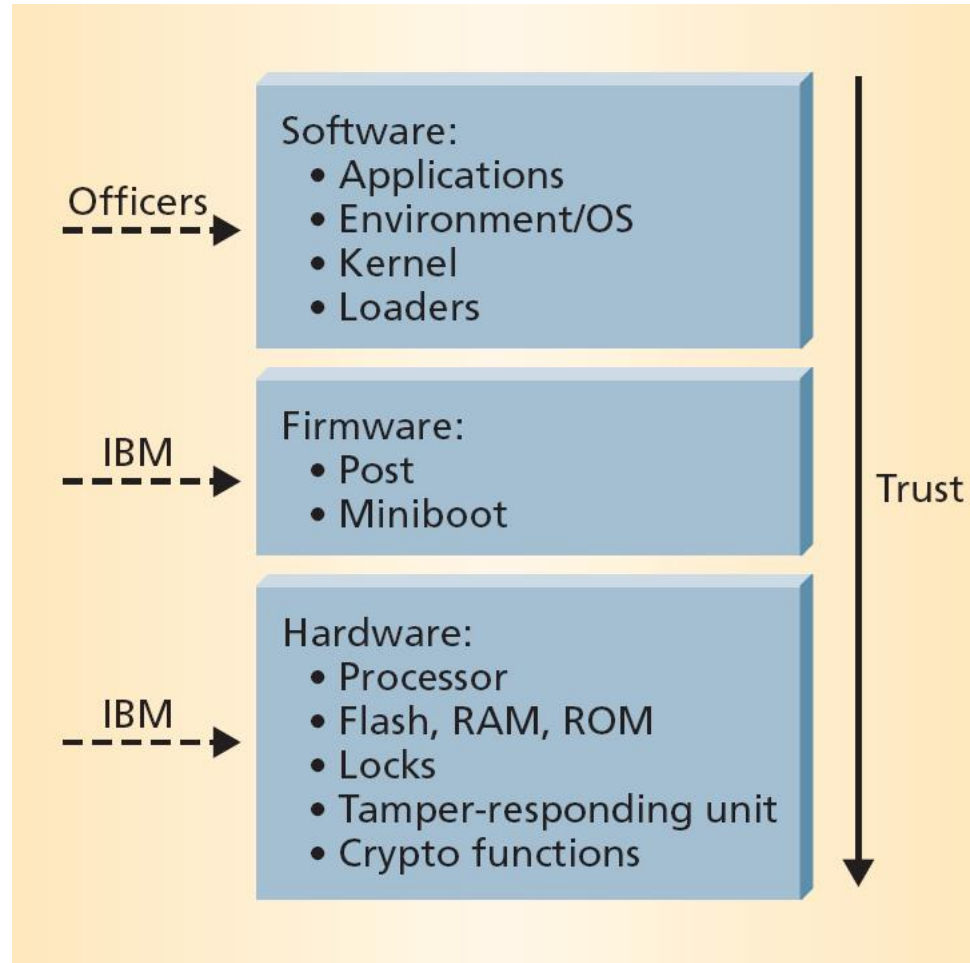
IBM 4764 PCI-X Cryptographic Coprocessor



# IBM 4764 Architecture



# Trust Propagation



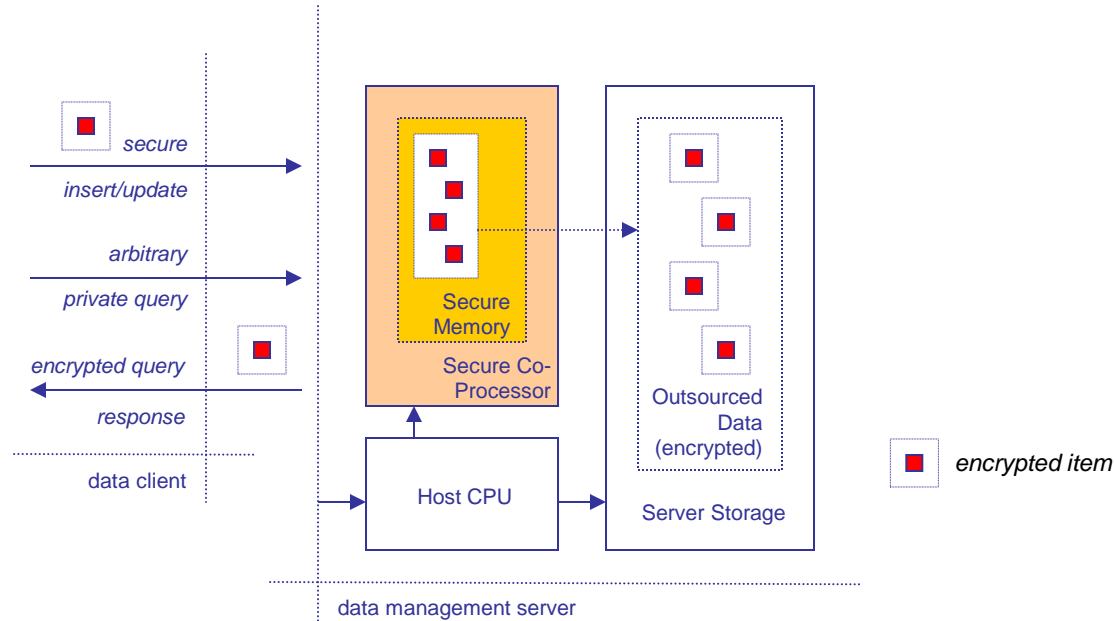
# SCPU Performance



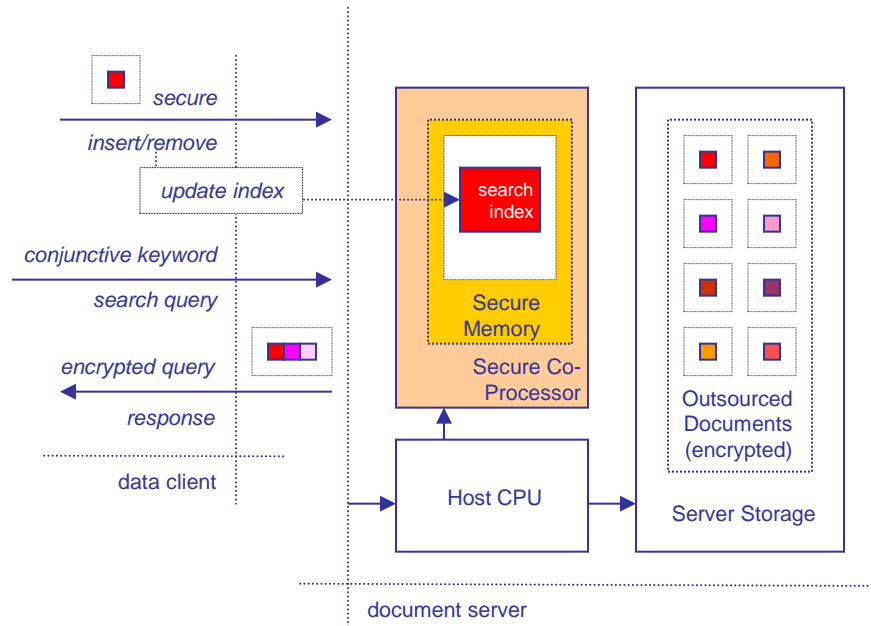
**RSA1024 Sign: 848/sec**  
**RSA1024 Verify: 1157/sec**  
**3DES: 1-8MB/sec**  
**DES: 1-8MB/sec**  
**SHA1: 1-21MB/sec**

IBM 4764-001: 266MHz PowerPC. 64KB battery-backed SRAM storage. Crypto hardware engines: AES256, DES, TDES, DSS, SHA-1, MD5, RSA. FIPS 140-2 Level 4 certified.

# Possible Benefits

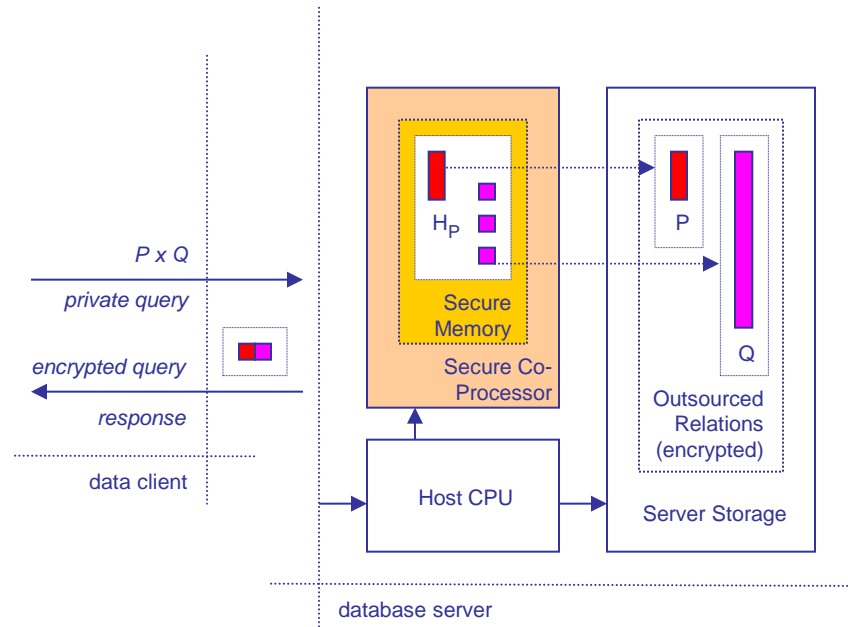


**A secure co-processor on the data management side may allow for significant leaps in expressivity for queries where privacy and completeness assurance are important.**



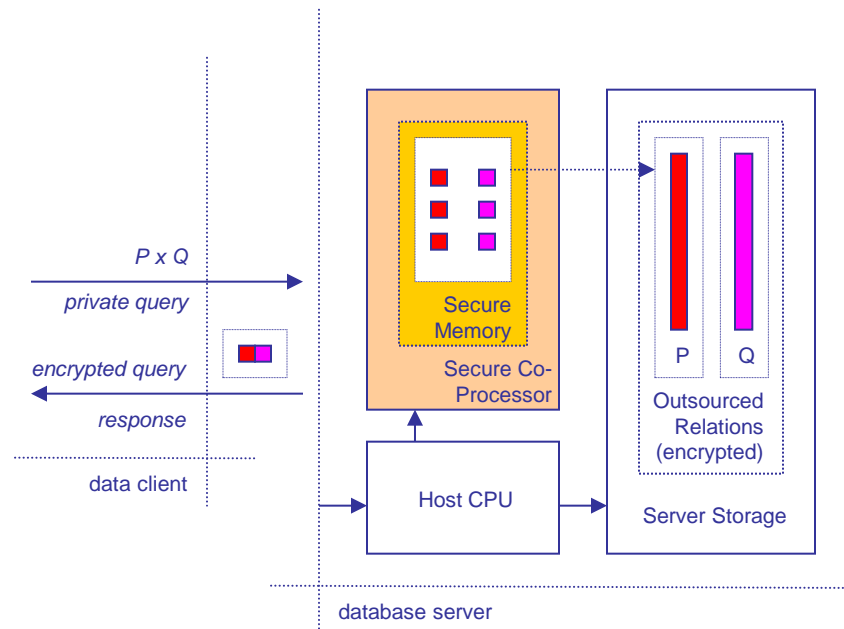
**For conjunctive keyword searches on document (email, files) servers, oblivious search index structures could be queried in secure memory achieving a novel zero-leak query model.**

# Hash-JOIN



**Hash-JOIN could be naturally accommodated.**

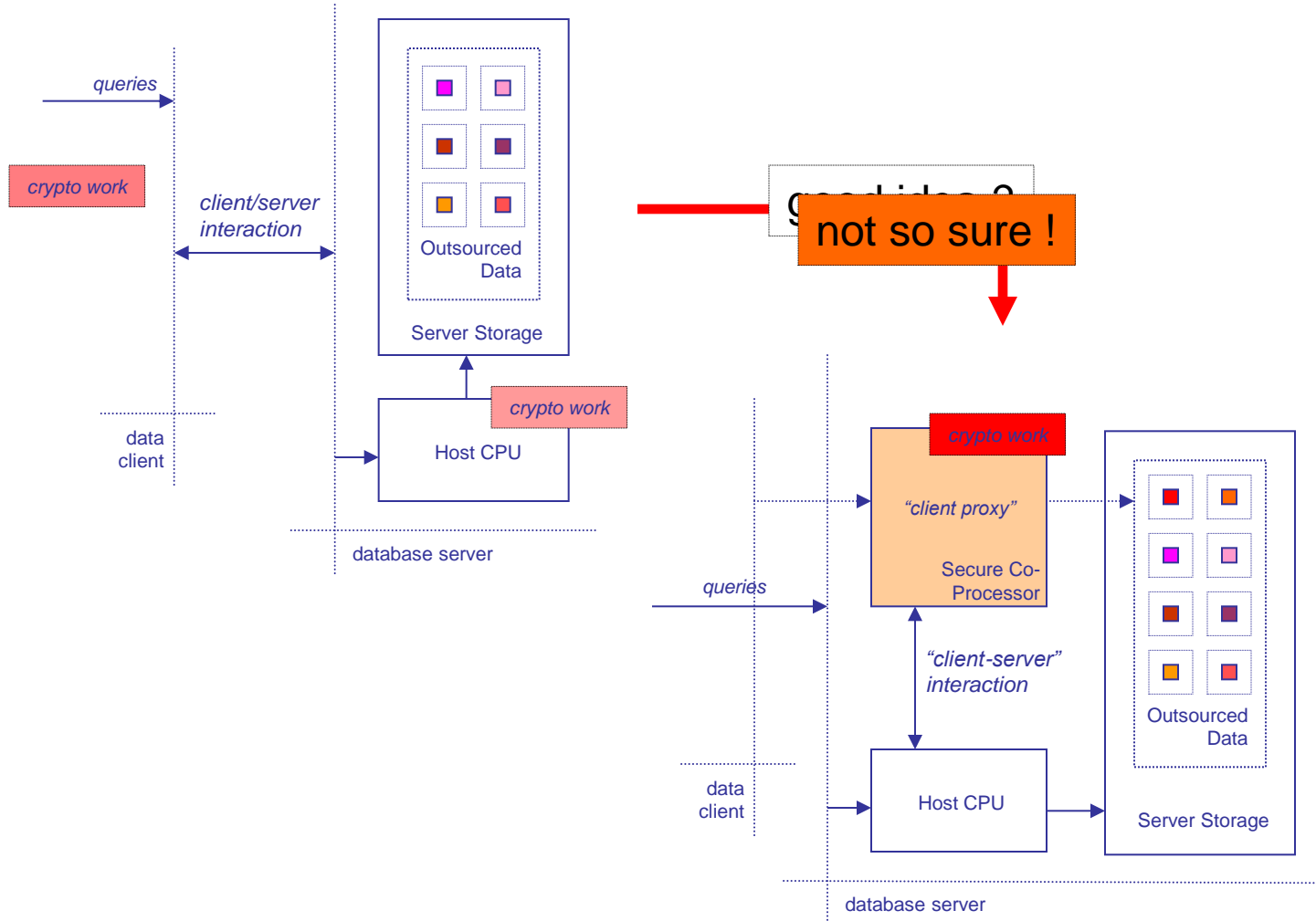
# Merge-JOIN



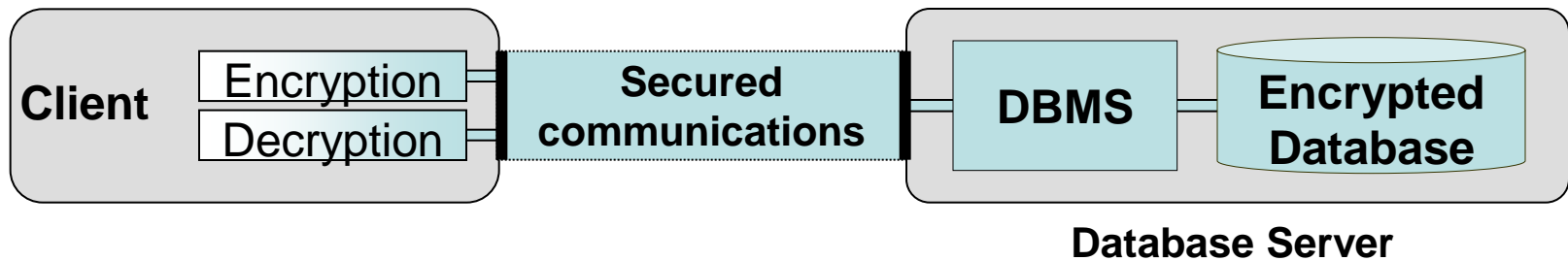
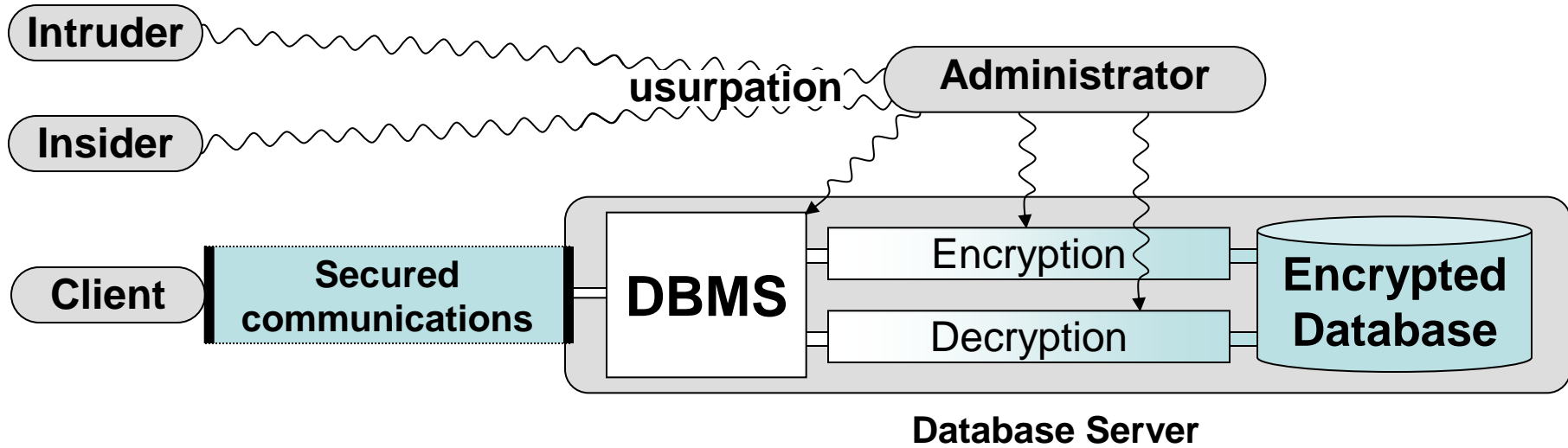
**For Merge-JOIN, order-preserving encryption primitives could be deployed to minimize the amount of data parsing required in the sorting phase.**



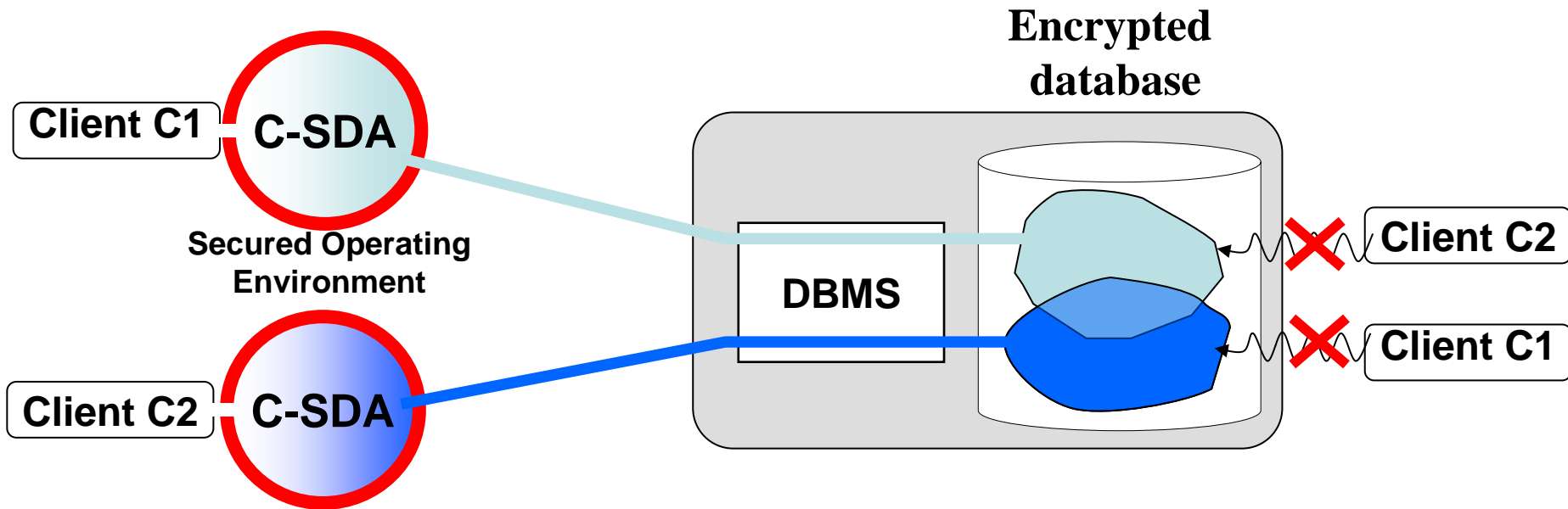
# Sample DON'T



- Process entire queries on SCPU (!)
- Dedicate (one) SCPU per query or equivalent
  - e.g., limit TPS by SCPU TPS
- Synchronize CPU with SCPU
  - e.g., block main CPU until SCPU completes
- Transfer  $\geq O(n)$  on SCPU-CPU bus (!)
- Anything else un-smart 😊

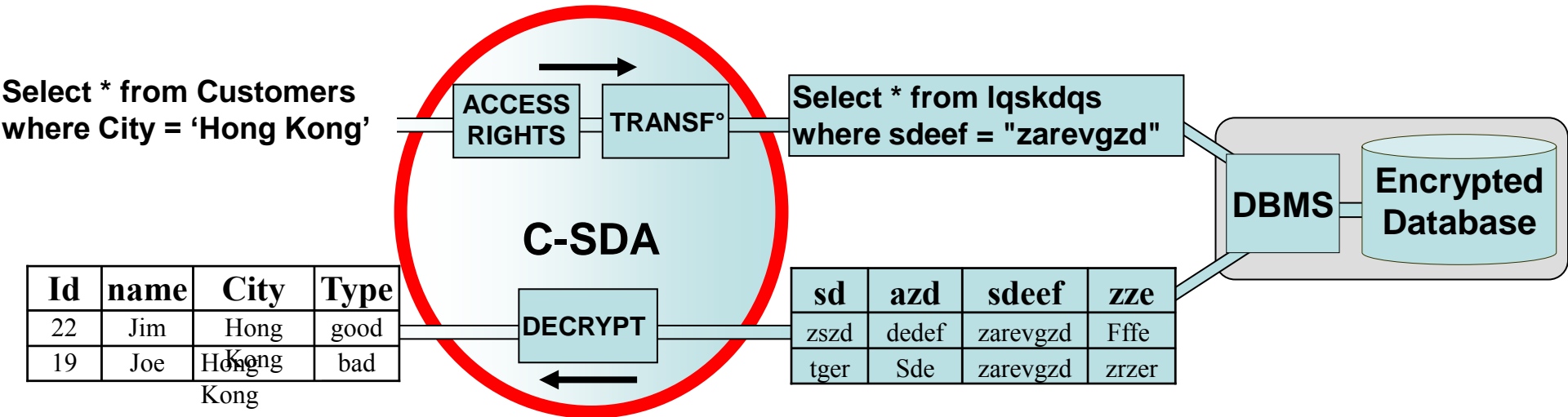


## Chip-Secured Data Access:

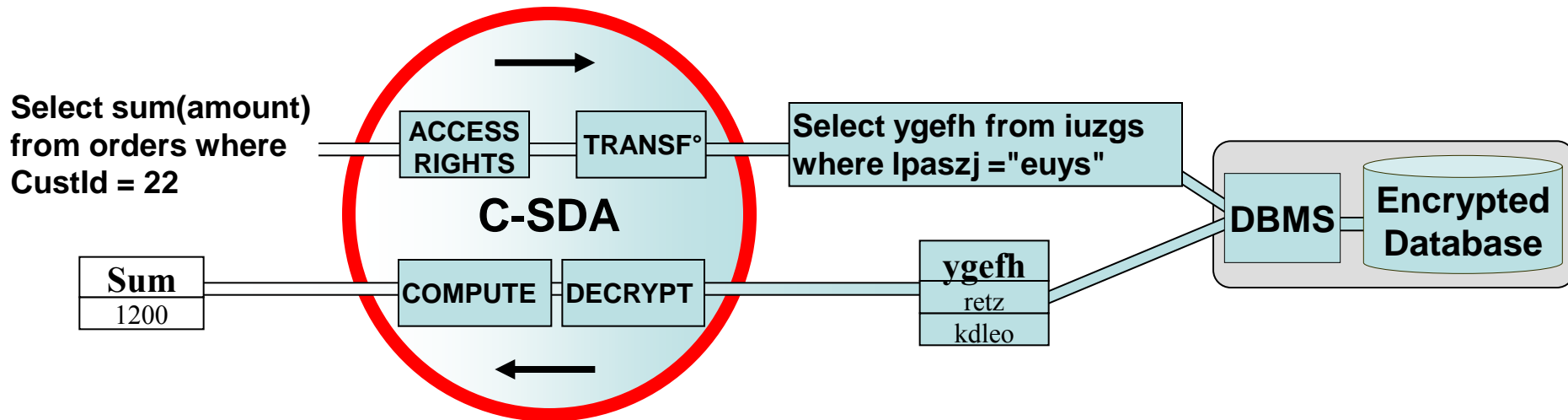


Smartcard: 32 bit RISC processor ( $\approx 40$ Mips), limited communication bandwidth (10 to 100 Kbps), tiny RAM, writes in EEPROM very costly.

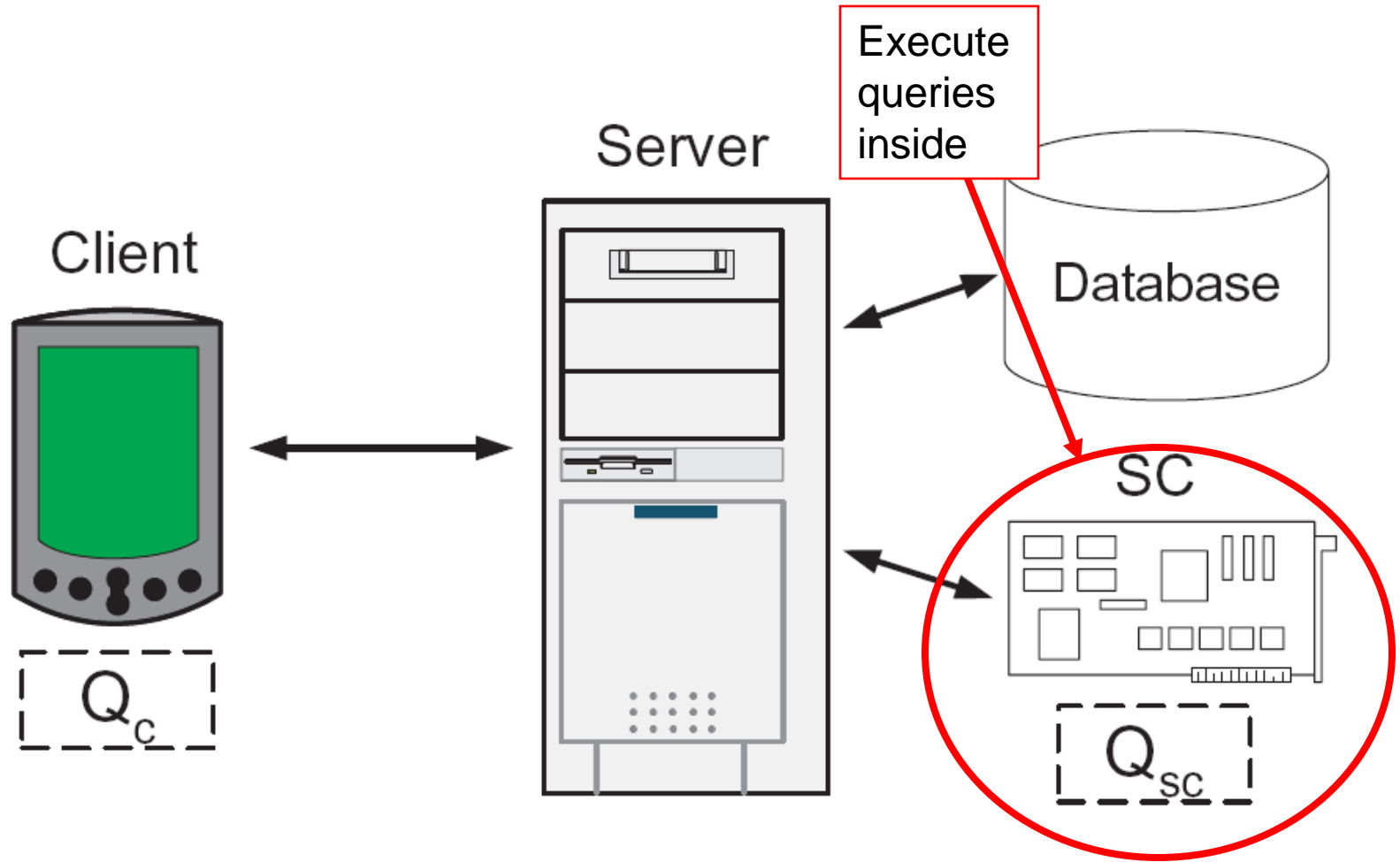
## Equi-predicate-only Queries:



## General queries:



# Tsudik (2005)



Practical maturity: in infancy, barely crawling.

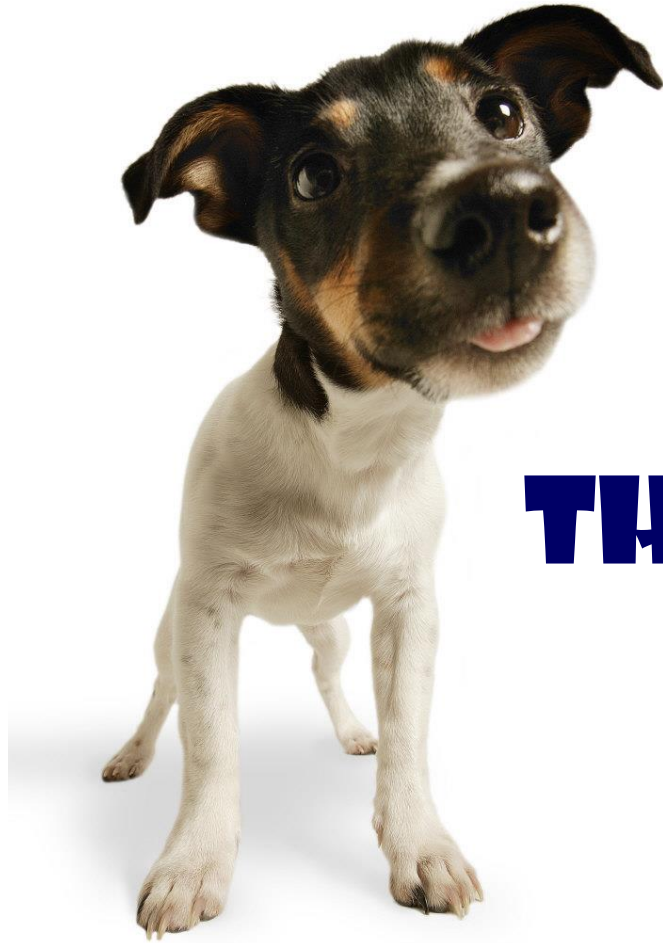
Very hard problems remain to be tackled:

- operators with integrated assurances
  - confidentiality
  - privacy of access
  - correctness
- scalable protocols for secure hardware
  - massive data
  - good utilization of host CPUs
- areas
  - relational data
  - file systems
  - streaming data



**/bin/yes > /dev/lunchtime**

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**THANK YOU !**

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