Mixed Distribution Models for Encrypted Data Stores

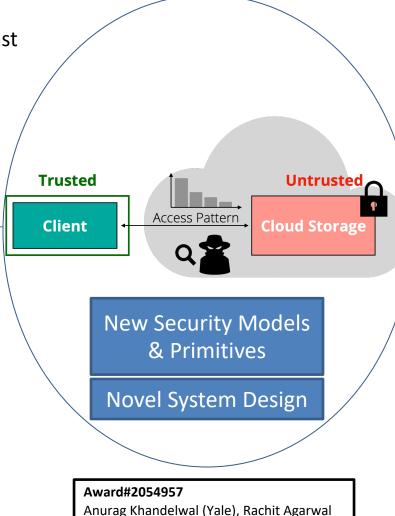


Challenge:

 Countermeasures against access pattern and length leakage impractical at scale due to high bandwidth/storage overheads

Solution:

- Model leaked information as mixed distribution: unknown adversarycontrolled component + known component from honest clients
- Key insight: Use queries from the known nonadversarial distribution to inject "noise" in a principled manner for security and performance



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Scientific Impact:

- Performant defense against access pattern & length leakage a long-standing problem in security.
- Can enable secure and highperformance data stores and provide new insights about tradeoff between adversarial strength and performance.

Broader Impact and Broader Participation:

- Secure cloud storage with orders-of-magnitude lower operational costs
- Open-source research artifacts with efforts towards tech transfer.
- Education and Outreach via Yale Pathways to Science, Break Through Tech @ Cornell