

# Secure Bidirectional Proxy Re-Encryption for Cryptographic Cloud Storage<sup>☆</sup>

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## Abstract

Bidirectional proxy re-encryption allows ciphertext transformation between Alice and Bob via a semi-trusted proxy, who however cannot obtain the corresponding plaintext. Due to this special property, bidirectional proxy re-encryption has become a flexible tool in many dynamic environments, such as cryptographic cloud storage. Nonetheless, how to design a secure and efficient bidirectional proxy re-encryption is still challenging. In this paper, we propose a novel bidirectional proxy re-encryption scheme that holds the following properties: 1) constant ciphertext size no matter how many times the transformation is performed; 2) master secret security in the random oracle model, i.e., Alice (resp. Bob) colluding with the proxy cannot obtain Bob's (resp. Alice's) private key; 3) replayable chosen ciphertext (RCCA) security in the random oracle model. The above three properties are usually required in the cryptographic cloud storage. Furthermore, the proposed new master secret security may be of independent interest, as it is closer to the original desire: delegate the decryption rights while keeping the signing rights.

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## 1. Introduction

*Proxy re-encryption* (PRE) [2] allows a secure ciphertext transformation in a way that a semi-trusted proxy can use a re-encryption key delegated from Alice (and Bob) to re-encrypt a ciphertext under Alice's public key into a new ciphertext that Bob can decrypt by using his own private key. However, the proxy cannot do any decryption on the ciphertexts of either Alice or Bob. If the re-encryption key can be used to do the re-encryption in both directions, the PRE scheme is called bidirectional; otherwise, it is called unidirectional. Both types of PRE schemes have their own interesting applications. In this work, we shall focus on bidirectional proxy re-encryption (BPRE), as it still encounters many research challenges when applied to practical scenarios.

Among the applications of BPRE [10, 14, 8, 20, 17, 18, 11, 9, 16], the cryptographic cloud storage (sharing) [20, 16] has become more and more popular. This kind of application usually works in a dynamic environment which requires the PRE scheme to hold multi-usability and constant ciphertext size. In other words, it demands that the transformed ciphertext can be further transformed while the ciphertext size keeps the same.

To the best of our knowledge, there are only few BPRE schemes [2, 6, 13, 19] satisfying the above requirements. However, those previously reported schemes in [2, 6, 13] suffer from the so-called collusion

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attack, i.e., Alice (resp. Bob) colluding with the proxy can obtain Bob’s (resp. Alice’s) private key. In practice, collusion resistance is crucial, especially when Alice (resp. Bob) uses the same private key to perform decrypting and signing, and she (resp. he) wants to delegate the decryption rights while keeping the signing rights. In the applications of cryptographic cloud storage (sharing), the cloud server (acting as the proxy in the BPRE scheme) is assumed to be not colluding with any user in the system. However, as we know, this assumption in the reality is not always true.

In general, the security notion dealing with the collusion attack is called master secret security proposed by Ateniese et al. [1]. Recently, Weng and Zhao [19] proposed two BPRE schemes based on pairings. One is multi-use but with only CPA secure, the other is CCA secure but not multi-use. Meanwhile, it has been showed that replayable chosen ciphertext (RCCA) security is also crucial in the applications of distributed storage [6]. Therefore, in this paper, to address the above challenges, we would like to propose the first scheme with multi-useability, constant ciphertext size, and RCCA security. The proposed BPRE scheme in this paper can (partially) solve the problem in the cryptographic cloud storage (sharing) mentioned above. Furthermore, the proposed BPRE scheme satisfies our new master secret security where Alice (resp. Bob) colluding with the proxy cannot sign messages on behalf of Bob (resp. Alice). This new definition is closer to the original desire for the master secret security, compared to the existing master secret security where Alice (resp. Bob) colluding with the proxy cannot obtain Bob’s (resp. Alice’s) private key.

### 1.1. Main Differences between the Conference Version and the Current Version

The main difference between the conference version [12] and the current version is the security model for the master secret security. In the conference version, the security model only captures the attacks aiming at computing private key, while the security model in the current version captures the attacks aiming at the forgery on signatures. The security obtained in the latter model is stronger than that in the former model, and the latter one is closer to the original desire for the master secret security.

To coordinate the new security model, we made the following changes in this current version.

- We added the definition of Auxiliary Digital Signature to the definition part.
- We added the signing oracle into the security games of the RCCA security and master secret security, and changed the winning requirements in the security game of the master secret security.
- We added a concrete auxiliary digital signature scheme.
- We gave the new security proofs in the new security models.

### 1.2. Related Work

At EUROCRYPT 1998, Blaze, Bleumer and Strauss [2] proposed the first BPRE scheme (named BBS98) base on ElGamal encryption [7]. Later on, Canetti and Hohenberger [6] proposed the first (R)CCA-secure BPRE scheme (named CH07) by using pairings. At PKC 2011, Matsuda, Nishimaki and Tanaka [13] proposed a new pairing-free CPA-secure bidirectional scheme (named MNT10). All of the above schemes hold multi-usability and constant ciphertext size, but they all suffer from the collusion attack. The main reason that the collusion attack works is that the re-encryption key is computed by  $sk_A/sk_B$ , where  $sk_A$  and  $sk_B$  are the private keys of Alice and Bob, respectively. It is easy to see that once  $sk_A$  (resp.  $sk_B$ ) and  $sk_A/sk_B$  are put together,  $sk_B$  (resp.  $sk_A$ ) would be revealed.

Recently, Weng and Zhao [19] proposed two new BPRE schemes by using pairings. The first one (named WZ11a) is multi-use, CPA-secure and master secret secure (in the sense of the old definition), and the second one (named WZ11b) is multi-use, CCA-secure, and master secret secure (in the sense of the old definition). To obtain master secret security, the re-encryption key is computed by  $sk'_A/sk'_B$ , where  $sk'_A$  and  $sk'_B$  are not the private keys but the decryption keys of Alice and Bob, respectively. The analogous relations between  $sk_A$  and  $sk'_A$  can be found in the identity-based encryption [15, 3], where the private key generator’s master secret key and the user’s private key can be considered as the analogies  $sk_A$  and  $sk'_A$ , respectively. Clearly, knowing  $sk'_A$  does not hurt the secrecy of  $sk_A$ .

Table 1: Summary of bidirectional proxy re-encryption schemes.

	BBS98[2]	CH07[6]	MNT10[13]	WZ11a[19]	WZ11b[19]	Our proposal
<b>RCCA</b> <b>CA</b> <sup>a</sup>	✗ DDH	✓ DBDH	✗ re-applicable LTDFs	✗ DBDH	✓ 1-AwDBDHI	✓ mDBDH
<b>MSS</b> <sup>b</sup> <b>CA</b>	✗ —	✗ —	✗ —	— <sup>c</sup> —	— <sup>d</sup> —	✓ CDH
<b>MU</b> <sup>e</sup>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓

<sup>a</sup>CA denotes “Complexity Assumption”.

<sup>b</sup>MSS denotes “Master Secret Security”.

<sup>c</sup>It is unclear whether it can be proved secure in our new security model.

<sup>d</sup>It is unclear whether it can be proved secure in our new security model.

<sup>e</sup>MU denotes “Multi-Useability”.

In Table 1, we summarize the existing BPRES schemes in terms of secrecy of message, master secret security, multi useability and their complexity assumptions. From this table, we can see that our proposal would be the only one that can hold the desired properties at the same time.

The rest of this paper is organized as follows. In Section 2, we give the definitions, security models of BPRES. Our new definition of the master secret security is given in this section. Then, we present our proposal in Section 3, including the description, security analysis and computation comparison. Finally, we draw our conclusions in Section 4.

## 2. Definitions

### 2.1. Definition of Bidirectional Proxy Re-Encryption

**Definition 1 (Bidirectional Proxy Re-Encryption).** A Bidirectional proxy re-encryption scheme is a tuple of probabilistic polynomial time (PPT) algorithms ( $\text{KeyGen}$ ,  $\text{ReKeyGen}$ ,  $\text{Enc}$ ,  $\text{ReEnc}$ ,  $\text{Dec}$ ):

- $\text{KeyGen}(1^\kappa) \rightarrow (pk, sk)$ . On input of the security parameter  $1^\kappa$ , the key generation algorithm  $\text{KeyGen}$  outputs a public key and private key pair  $(pk, sk)$ .
- $\text{ReKeyGen}(sk_1, sk_2) \rightarrow rk_{1,2}$ . On input of two private keys  $sk_1$  and  $sk_2$ , the re-encryption key generation algorithm  $\text{ReKeyGen}$  outputs a bidirectional re-encryption key  $rk_{1,2}$ . Since it is bidirectional,  $\text{ReKeyGen}(sk_2, sk_1)$  can be easily computed from  $\text{ReKeyGen}(sk_1, sk_2)$  via a public function  $\mathcal{F}$ . For instance,  $\mathcal{F}$  is the inversion of  $\text{ReKeyGen}(sk_1, sk_2)$  in [2, 6, 19].

In general speaking, this algorithm is interactive, involving the delegator, delegatee and proxy.

- $\text{Enc}(pk, m) \rightarrow C$ . On input of a message  $m$  from the message space and a public key  $pk$ , the encryption algorithm  $\text{Enc}$  outputs a ciphertext  $C$ .
- $\text{ReEnc}(rk_{1,2}, C_1) \rightarrow C_2$ . On input of a re-encryption key  $rk_{1,2}$  and a ciphertext  $C_1$ , the re-encryption algorithm  $\text{ReEnc}$  outputs a re-encrypted ciphertext  $C_2$  or a special symbol **reject**.
- $\text{Dec}(sk, C) \rightarrow m$ . On input of a private key  $sk$ , and a ciphertext  $C$ , the decryption algorithm  $\text{Dec}$  outputs a message  $m$  or a special symbol **reject**.

*Correctness of BPRE.* For any message  $m$  in the message space and any key pairs  $(pk, sk), (pk', sk') \leftarrow \text{KeyGen}(1^\kappa)$ , the following two conditions must hold:

$$\text{Dec}(sk, \text{Enc}(pk, m)) = m \text{ and } \text{Dec}(sk', \text{ReEnc}(rk, C)) = m,$$

where  $rk$  is generated by  $\text{ReKeyGen}(sk, sk')$  or  $\mathcal{F}(\text{ReKeyGen}(sk', sk))$ , and  $C$  is the ciphertext for message  $m$  under  $pk$  from algorithm  $\text{Enc}$  or  $\text{ReEnc}$  if the bidirectional proxy re-encryption scheme is multi-use.

Recall the original desire for the master secret security: delegate decryption rights while keeping the signing rights. To give the definition of the master secret security closer to the original desire, we need to define the auxiliary digital signature for BPRE.

**Definition 2 (Auxiliary Digital Signature).** An auxiliary digital signature (ADS) for BPRE contains the following PPT algorithms ( $\text{KeyGen}$ ,  $\text{Sign}$ ,  $\text{Verify}$ ).

- $\text{KeyGen}(1^\kappa) \rightarrow (pk, sk)$ . Identical to that in BPRE.
- $\text{Sign}(sk, m) \rightarrow \sigma$ . On input of a private key  $sk$  and a message  $m$  from the message space, the signing algorithm  $\text{Sign}$  outputs a signature  $\sigma$ .
- $\text{Verify}(pk, m, \sigma) \rightarrow 0/1$ . On input of a public key  $pk$ , a message  $m$  from the message space and a signature  $\sigma$ , the verifying algorithm  $\text{Verify}$  outputs 1 if  $\sigma$  is valid or 0 otherwise.

*Correctness of ADS.* The correctness of ADS is the same as that of the traditional digital signature. That is, for any message  $m$  in the message space and any key pairs  $(pk, sk) \leftarrow \text{KeyGen}(1^\kappa)$ , the following two conditions must hold:

$$\text{Verify}(pk, m, \text{Sign}(sk, m)) = 1 \text{ and } \text{Verify}(pk, m', \text{Sign}(sk, m)) = 0$$

where  $m' \neq m$ .

## 2.2. Replayable Chosen Ciphertext Security for Multi-Use Bidirectional Proxy Re-Encryption

The replayable chosen ciphertext security for multi-use BPRE is defined by the following RCCA game played between a challenger  $\mathcal{C}$  and an adversary  $\mathcal{A}$ . As usual, the challenger  $\mathcal{C}$  does not answer any queries which the adversary  $\mathcal{A}$  can answer by itself using the secret it has been supplied, and returns only one answer for the same query. Moreover, the adversary  $\mathcal{A}$  should decide which party will be corrupted before the game starts. In other words, our RCCA security is defined in the static model.

**Setup:** The challenger  $\mathcal{C}$  sets up the system parameters, and initializes one empty table  $\mathbb{T}_k$  which will be used to record all key pairs.

**Phase 1:** The adversary  $\mathcal{A}$  can issue the following queries adaptively.

- *Public key generation oracle*  $\mathcal{O}_{pk}$ :  $\mathcal{C}$  takes a security parameter  $1^\kappa$ , runs  $\text{KeyGen}(1^\kappa)$  to generate a key pair  $(pk_i, sk_i)$ , gives  $pk_i$  to  $\mathcal{A}$  and records  $(pk_i, sk_i)$  in the table  $\mathbb{T}_k$ . In the following,  $sk_i$  is the corresponding private key of  $pk_i$ .
- *Private key generation oracle*  $\mathcal{O}_{sk}$ : On input of  $pk_i$  by  $\mathcal{A}$ ,  $\mathcal{C}$  searches for  $pk_i$  in the table  $\mathbb{T}_k$ , and returns  $sk_i$  if  $pk_i$  is corrupted.
- *Re-encryption key generation oracle*  $\mathcal{O}_{rk}$ : On input of two different public keys  $(pk_i, pk_j)$  by  $\mathcal{A}$ ,  $\mathcal{C}$  returns the re-encryption key  $rk_{i,j} = \text{ReKeyGen}(sk_i, sk_j)$ . It is required that both  $pk_i$  and  $pk_j$  are corrupted or uncorrupted.
- *Re-encryption oracle*  $\mathcal{O}_{re}$ : On input of  $(pk_i, pk_j, C)$  by  $\mathcal{A}$ ,  $\mathcal{C}$  returns the re-encrypted ciphertext  $C' = \text{ReEnc}(\text{ReKeyGen}(sk_i, sk_j), C)$ .
- *Decryption oracle*  $\mathcal{O}_{dec}$ : On input  $(pk_i, C_i)$ ,  $\mathcal{C}$  returns  $\text{Dec}(sk_i, C_i)$ .

- *Signing oracle*  $\mathcal{O}_{\text{sign}}$ : On input of  $(pk_i, m_i)$ ,  $\mathcal{C}$  returns  $\text{Sign}(sk_i, m_i)$ .

**Challenge:** Once  $\mathcal{A}$  decides that Phase 1 is over, it outputs two equal length plaintexts  $m_0^*, m_1^*$  from the message space, and an uncorrupted public key  $pk^*$  on which it wishes to challenge.  $\mathcal{C}$  picks a random bit  $\mathbf{b} \in \{0, 1\}$  and sets  $C^* = \text{Enc}(pk^*, m_{\mathbf{b}}^*)$ . It sends  $C^*$  as the challenge to  $\mathcal{A}$ .

**Phase 2:** This phase is almost the same as Phase 1 but with the following restrictions.

- $\mathcal{O}_{re}$ : On input of  $(pk_1, pk_2, C_1)$  by  $\mathcal{A}$ , if  $(pk_1, C_1)$  is a derivative of  $(pk^*, C^*)$ , and  $pk_2$  is corrupted,  $\mathcal{C}$  outputs **reject**. We say  $(pk_1, C_1)$  is a derivative of  $(pk^*, C^*)$  if one of the following conditions holds.
  - $(pk_1, C_1) = (pk^*, C^*)$ .
  - $(pk, C)$  is a derivative of  $(pk^*, C^*)$ , and  $(pk_1, C_1)$  is a derivative of  $(pk, C)$ .
  - $(pk_1, C_1) \leftarrow \mathcal{O}_{re}(pk, pk_1, C)$ , where  $(pk, C)$  is a derivative of  $(pk^*, C^*)$ .
  - The adversary  $\mathcal{A}$  can use the re-encryption keys from  $\mathcal{O}_{rk}$  to transform ciphertexts under  $pk^*$  to that under  $pk$  by running  $\text{ReEnc}$ , and  $\mathcal{O}_{dec}(pk_1, C_1) \in \{m_0^*, m_1^*\}$ .
- $\mathcal{O}_{dec}$ : On input of  $(pk_i, C_i)$ , if the output is  $m_0^*$  or  $m_1^*$ ,  $\mathcal{C}$  returns **reject**.

**Guess:** Finally, the adversary  $\mathcal{A}$  outputs a guess  $\mathbf{b}' \in \{0, 1\}$  and wins the game if  $\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{b}'$ .

**Remark 1.** Compared to the existing security game of confidentiality for PRE, our security game additionally contains the signing oracle. It is because that in our definition of BPRES, any BPRES scheme always has an ADS scheme.

We refer to such an adversary  $\mathcal{A}$  as an RCCA adversary. We define adversary  $\mathcal{A}$ 's advantage in attacking multi-use BPRES as the following function of the security parameter  $\kappa$ :  $\text{Adv}_{\text{MBPRE}}^{\text{RCCA}}(1^\kappa) = |\Pr[\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{b}'] - 1/2|$ . Using the RCCA game, we can define RCCA security of multi-use BPRES.

**Definition 3 (RCCA Security).** If for any PPT RCCA adversary  $\mathcal{A}$  the function  $\text{Adv}_{\text{MBPRE}}^{\text{RCCA}}(1^\kappa)$  is negligible, the multi-use bidirectional proxy re-encryption scheme is RCCA-secure.

### 2.3. Master Secret Security for Multi-Use Bidirectional Proxy Re-Encryption.

The master secret security for multi-use BPRES is defined by the following MSS game played between a challenger  $\mathcal{C}$  and an adversary  $\mathcal{A}$ . As usual, the challenger  $\mathcal{C}$  does not answer any queries which the adversary  $\mathcal{A}$  can answer by itself using the secret it has been supplied, and returns only one answer for the same query. Moreover, all the public keys involved in the following oracles (except  $\mathcal{O}_{pk}$ ) are from  $\mathcal{O}_{pk}$ . It is worth mentioning that in the MSS game, the adversary does not need to decide the corrupted user before the game starts. In other words, our master secret security is defined in the adaptive model.

**Find:** The adversary  $\mathcal{A}$  can issue the following queries adaptively.

- *Public key generation oracle*  $\mathcal{O}_{pk}$ :  $\mathcal{C}$  takes a security parameter  $1^\kappa$ , runs  $\text{KeyGen}(1^\kappa)$  to generate a key pair  $(pk_i, sk_i)$ , gives  $pk_i$  to  $\mathcal{A}$  and records  $(pk_i, sk_i)$  in the table  $\mathbb{T}_k$ . In the following,  $sk_i$  is the corresponding private key of  $pk_i$ .
- *Private key generation oracle*  $\mathcal{O}_{sk}$ : On input of  $pk_i$  by  $\mathcal{A}$ ,  $\mathcal{C}$  searches for  $pk_i$  in the table  $\mathbb{T}_k$ , and returns  $sk_i$ .
- *Re-encryption key generation oracle*  $\mathcal{O}_{rk}$ : On input of  $(pk_i, pk_j)$  by  $\mathcal{A}$ ,  $\mathcal{C}$  returns the re-encryption key  $rk_{i,j} = \text{ReKeyGen}(sk_i, sk_j)$ .
- *Re-encryption oracle*  $\mathcal{O}_{re}$ : On input of  $(pk_i, pk_j, C)$  by  $\mathcal{A}$ ,  $\mathcal{C}$  returns the re-encrypted ciphertext  $C' = \text{ReEnc}(\text{ReKeyGen}(sk_i, sk_j), C)$ .
- *Decryption oracle*  $\mathcal{O}_{dec}$ : On input of  $(pk_i, C_i)$ ,  $\mathcal{C}$  returns  $\text{Dec}(sk_i, C_i)$ .

- *Signing oracle*  $\mathcal{O}_{sign}$ : On input of  $(pk_i, m_i)$ ,  $\mathcal{C}$  returns  $\text{Sign}(sk_i, m_i)$ .

**Output:**  $\mathcal{A}$  outputs a tuple of  $(pk^*, m^*, \sigma^*)$ . If all the following conditions are satisfied, then  $\mathcal{A}$  wins the game.

- $\text{Verify}(pk^*, m^*, \sigma^*) = 1$ .
- $pk^*$  has never been queried to  $\mathcal{O}_{sk}$ .
- $(pk^*, m^*)$  has never been queried to  $\mathcal{O}_{sign}$ .

**Remark 2.** Compared to the existing security game for the master secret security, our security game additionally contains the signing oracle, and the winning requirement changes from outputting a private key of an uncorrupted user to a successful forgery of the signature.

We also define  $\text{Adv}_{\text{MBPRE}}^{\text{MSS}}(1^\kappa) = \Pr[\mathcal{A} \text{ Wins}]$  for the security parameter  $\kappa$  as that in RCCA security.

**Definition 4 (Master Secret Security).** If for any PPT MSS adversary  $\mathcal{A}$  the function  $\text{Adv}_{\text{MBPRE}}^{\text{MSS}}(1^\kappa)$  is negligible, the multi-use bidirectional proxy re-encryption scheme is MS-secure.

#### 2.4. Bilinear Groups

In this subsection, we briefly review the definitions about bilinear maps and bilinear map groups, which follow those in [3, 5].

1.  $\mathbb{G}$  and  $\mathbb{G}_T$  are two (multiplicative) cyclic groups of prime order  $q$ ;
2.  $g$  is a generator of  $\mathbb{G}$ ;
3.  $e$  is a bilinear map  $e : \mathbb{G} \times \mathbb{G} \rightarrow \mathbb{G}_T$ .

Let  $\mathbb{G}$  and  $\mathbb{G}_T$  be two groups as above. An *admissible bilinear map* is a map  $e : \mathbb{G} \times \mathbb{G} \rightarrow \mathbb{G}_T$  with the following properties:

1. *Bilinearity:* For all  $P, Q, R \in \mathbb{G}$ ,  $\hat{e}(P \cdot Q, R) = \hat{e}(P, R) \cdot \hat{e}(Q, R)$  and  $\hat{e}(P, Q \cdot R) = \hat{e}(P, Q) \cdot \hat{e}(P, R)$ .
2. *Non-degeneracy:* If  $\hat{e}(P, Q) = 1$  for all  $Q \in \mathbb{G}$ , then  $P = \mathcal{O}$ , where  $\mathcal{O}$  is a point at infinity.

We say that  $\mathbb{G}$  is a bilinear group if the group action in  $\mathbb{G}$  can be computed efficiently and there exists a group  $\mathbb{G}_T$  and an efficiently computable bilinear map as above. We denote  $\text{BSetup}$  as an algorithm that, on input the security parameter  $1^\kappa$ , outputs the parameters for a bilinear map as  $(g, g, \mathbb{G}, \mathbb{G}_T, e)$ , where  $q \in \Theta(2^\kappa)$ .

#### 2.5. Complexity Assumptions

The security of our proposal is based on the modified decisional bilinear Diffie-Hellman assumption and computational Diffie-Hellman assumption. Since the latter assumption is well-known, we only give the definition of the former assumption in this paper.

**Definition 5 (Modified Decisional Bilinear Diffie-Hellman Assumption).** Let  $(g, g, \mathbb{G}, \mathbb{G}_T, e) \leftarrow \text{BSetup}(1^\kappa)$ . The modified decisional bilinear Diffie-Hellman problem (mDBDH) in  $(\mathbb{G}, \mathbb{G}_T)$  is defined as follows: given tuple  $(g, g^a, g^{1/a}, g^b, g^c, T) \in \mathbb{G}^5 \times \mathbb{G}_T$  as input, decide whether  $S = \hat{e}(g, g)^{abc}$ . An algorithm  $\mathcal{A}$  has advantage  $\epsilon$  in solving the mDBDH problem in  $(\mathbb{G}, \mathbb{G}_T)$  if

$$|\Pr[\mathcal{A}(g, g^a, g^{1/a}, g^b, g^c, \hat{e}(g, g)^{abc}) = 0] - \Pr[\mathcal{A}(g, g^a, g^{1/a}, g^b, g^c, T) = 0]| \geq \epsilon,$$

where the probability is taken over the random choices of  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}_q$ ,  $S \in \mathbb{G}$  and the random bits of  $\mathcal{A}$ .

We say that the  $(t, \epsilon)$ -modified decisional Bilinear Diffie-Hellman assumption holds in  $(\mathbb{G}, \mathbb{G}_T)$  if no  $t$ -time algorithm has advantage  $\epsilon$  at least in solving the mDBDH problem in  $(\mathbb{G}, \mathbb{G}_T)$ .

### 3. Our Proposal

#### 3.1. Description of Our BPRE Scheme

The system parameters are  $(q, g, h, e, \mathbb{G}, \mathbb{G}_T)$ , where  $(q, g, e, \mathbb{G}, \mathbb{G}_T)$  are from **BSetup**, and  $h$  is a random element from  $\mathbb{G}$ . Furthermore, it requires two secure cryptographic hash functions  $H_1 : \{0, 1\}^* \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^\kappa$  and  $H_2 : \{0, 1\}^* \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^\kappa$ , where  $\kappa$  is a security parameter.

- **KeyGen**: Select random  $x_1, x_2, z_1 \in \mathbb{Z}_q$ , Next, compute  $X_{1,g} = \hat{e}(g, g)^{x_1}$ ,  $X_{1,h} = \hat{e}(g, h)^{x_1}$ ,  $X_2 = g^{x_2}$ ,  $Z_1 = g^{z_1}$ ,  $z_2 = (x_1 - z_1)/x_2 \bmod q$ , and  $Z_2 = g^{z_2}$ . The public key is

$$pk = (X_{1,g}, X_{1,h}, X_2, Z_1, Z_2),$$

and the private key is

$$sk = (x_1, x_2, z_1, z_2).$$

- **ReKeyGen**: On input two private keys  $sk = (x_1, x_2, z_1, z_2)$  and  $sk' = (x'_1, x'_2, z'_1, z'_2)$ , it outputs the re-encryption key

$$rk = (rk_1, rk_2) = (z_1/z'_1 \bmod q, z_2/z'_2 \bmod q).$$

The re-encryption key can be computed efficiently by the method in [2, 6].

- **Enc**: On input  $pk = (X_{1,g}, X_{1,h}, X_2, Z_1, Z_2)$  and  $m \in \mathbb{G}_T$ , do the following steps.

- Choose random  $r$  from  $\mathbb{Z}_q$ .
- Compute

$$u_1 = g^r, \quad u_2 = X_2^r, \quad v = X_{1,h}^r \cdot m, \quad u_3 = X_{1,g}^r, \\ u_4 = H_1(v||u_3)^r, \quad u_5 = H_2(v||u_3)^r$$

Note that the item  $u_5$  is only useful in the security proof.

- Output  $C = (u_1, u_2, v, u_3, u_4, u_5)$  as the ciphertext.

- **ReEnc**: On input a re-encryption key  $rk = (rk_1, rk_2) = (z_1/z'_1 \bmod q, z_2/z'_2 \bmod q)$  and a ciphertext  $C = (u_1, u_2, v, u_3, u_4, u_5)$  under key  $pk = (X_{1,g}, X_{1,h}, X_2, Z_1, Z_2)$ , the proxy performs as follows.

- Check whether

$$\hat{e}(u_1, H_1(v||u_3)) = \hat{e}(g, u_4) \tag{1}$$

$$\hat{e}(u_1, H_2(v||u_3)) = \hat{e}(g, u_5) \tag{2}$$

$$\hat{e}(u_1, Z_1) \cdot \hat{e}(u_2, Z_2) = u_3 \tag{3}$$

all hold. If not, abort; otherwise, do the next steps.

- Compute  $u'_1 = u_1^{rk_1}$ ,  $u'_2 = u_2^{rk_2}$ ,  $u'_4 = u_4^{rk_1}$ , and  $u'_5 = u_5^{rk_1}$ .
- Output  $(u'_1, u'_2, v, u_3, u'_4, u'_5)$  as the re-encrypted ciphertext.

Note that

$$u'_1 = u_1^{rk_1} = g^{r \cdot z_1/z'_1}, \quad u'_2 = u_2^{rk_2} = g^{r \cdot x_2 \cdot z_2/z'_2} \\ u'_4 = u_4^{rk_1} = H_1(v||u_3)^{r \cdot z_1/z'_1}, \quad u'_5 = u_5^{rk_1} = H_2(v||u_3)^{r \cdot z_1/z'_1}$$

- **Dec**: On input a private key  $(x_1, x_2, z_1, z_2)$  and any ciphertext  $C = (u_1, u_2, v, u_3, u_4, u_5)$ , the decryptor performs as follows.

- Check whether Equalities (1), (2), (3) all hold. If not, abort; otherwise, do the next steps.

- Compute  $m = v/(\hat{e}(u_1^{z_1}, h) \cdot \hat{e}(u_2^{z_2}, h))$ . Note that if the ciphertext  $C$  is from **Enc**, we have that

$$v/(\hat{e}(u_1^{z_1}, h) \cdot \hat{e}(u_2^{z_2}, h)) = \hat{e}(h, g^{x_1 \cdot r}) \cdot m/(\hat{e}(h, g^{z_1 \cdot r}) \cdot \hat{e}(h, g^{z_2 \cdot x_2 \cdot r})) = m;$$

if the ciphertext  $C$  is from **ReEnc**, we have that

$$v/(\hat{e}(u_1^{z_1}, h) \cdot \hat{e}(u_2^{z_2}, h)) = \hat{e}(h, g^{x'_1 \cdot r}) \cdot m/(\hat{e}(h, g^{z'_1 \cdot r}) \cdot \hat{e}(h, g^{z'_2 \cdot x'_2 \cdot r})) = m.$$

- Output the message  $m$ .

The correctness of the above BPREScheme can be easily obtained by the description.

### 3.2. Description of Our ADS Scheme

The system parameters are almost the same as that in our BPREScheme, except we need an additional secure cryptographic hash function  $H_3 : \{0, 1\}^* \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_q$ .

- **KeyGen:** Identical to that in our BPREScheme.
- **Sign:** On input a private key  $sk = (x_1, x_2, z_1, z_2)$  and a message  $m$ , it outputs the signature  $\sigma = H_3(m || pk)^{x_2}$ , where  $pk$  is the public key corresponding to  $sk$ .
- **Verify:** On input  $pk = (X_{1,g}, X_{1,h}, X_2, Z_1, Z_2)$ , a signature  $\sigma$  and a message  $m$ , if  $\hat{e}(X_2, H_3(m || pk)) = \hat{e}(g, \sigma)$  holds, it outputs 1 or 0 otherwise.

It is easy to see that the above ADS scheme is the short signature scheme in [4], hence the correctness is obtained.

### 3.3. Security Analysis

**Theorem 1.** *If the mDBDH assumption holds in  $\mathbb{G}$ , our proposal is RCCA-secure in the random oracle model. In particular, we have*

$$\mathbf{Adv}_{\text{MBPRE}}^{\text{RCCA}}(1^\kappa) \leq \mathbf{Adv}_{\text{mDBDH}}^{\mathcal{A}}(1^\kappa),$$

where  $\mathbf{Adv}_{\text{mDBDH}}^{\mathcal{A}}(1^\kappa)$  is the advantage of that  $\mathcal{A}$  breaks the mDBDH assumption under the security parameter  $\kappa$ .

**PROOF.** Assume there exists a RCCA adversary  $\mathcal{A}$  that can break the RCCA security of our proposal. Then we can build another algorithm  $\mathcal{B}$  that can break the mDBDH assumption (i.e., given  $g, g^a, g^{1/a}, g^b, g^c, T$ , it is hard to decide  $T = \hat{e}(g, g)^{abc}$ ) by playing the RCCA game with  $\mathcal{A}$ . The details are as follows. Before the game starts,  $\mathcal{B}$  sets  $h = g^b$ .

**$H_1$  Oracle:** On input of  $(v, u_3)$ , check whether the tuple  $(v, u_3, \alpha_1)$  exists in the list  $L_{H_1}$ . If yes, return  $(g^a)^{\alpha_1}$ ; otherwise, it chooses a random  $\alpha_1$  from  $\mathbb{Z}_q$ , and then records  $(v, u_3, \alpha_1)$  in the list  $L_{H_1}$ , and returns  $(g^a)^{\alpha_1}$ . Note that if the input  $(v, u_3)$  is a part of the challenge ciphertext, then  $\mathcal{B}$  just returns  $g^{\alpha_1}$ .

**$H_2$  Oracle:** On input of  $(v, u_3)$ , check whether the tuple  $(v, u_3, \alpha_2)$  exists in the list  $L_{H_2}$ . If yes, return  $(g^{1/a})^{\alpha_2}$ ; otherwise, it chooses a random  $\alpha_2$  from  $\mathbb{Z}_q$ , and then records  $(v, u_3, \alpha_2)$  in the list  $L_{H_2}$ , and return  $(g^{1/a})^{\alpha_2}$ . Note that if the input  $(v, u_3)$  is a part of the challenge ciphertext, then  $\mathcal{B}$  just returns  $g^{\alpha_2}$ .

**$H_3$  Oracle:** On input of  $(m, pk)$ , check whether the tuple  $(m, pk, \alpha_3)$  exists in the list  $L_{H_3}$ . If yes, return  $g^{\alpha_3}$ ; otherwise, choose a random value  $\alpha_3$  from  $\mathbb{Z}_q$ , and then record  $(m, pk, \alpha_3)$  in the list  $L_{H_3}$ , and return  $g^{\alpha_3}$ .

**Phase 1:**  $\mathcal{B}$  builds the oracles as follows.



- $\mathcal{O}_{pk}$ :  $\mathcal{B}$  chooses random elements  $z_1, z_2, x_2$  from  $\mathbb{Z}_q$ . If the public key is uncorrupted, then  $\mathcal{B}$  computes  $X_1 = g^{z_1}((g^a)^{x_2})^{z_2}$  and returns

$$\begin{aligned} pk &= (X_{1,g}, X_{1,h}, X_2, Z_1, Z_2) \\ &= (\hat{e}(g, X_1), \hat{e}(h, X_1), g^{x_2}, g^{z_1}, (g^a)^{z_2}); \end{aligned}$$

if the public key is corrupted, then  $\mathcal{B}$  computes  $X_1 = g^{z_1}(g^{x_2})^{z_2}$  and returns

$$\begin{aligned} pk &= (X_{1,g}, X_{1,h}, X_2, Z_1, Z_2) \\ &= (\hat{e}(g, X_1), \hat{e}(h, X_1), g^{x_2}, g^{z_1}, g^{z_2}). \end{aligned}$$

At last,  $\mathcal{B}$  records  $(pk, X_1, z_1, z_2, x_2)$  in  $\mathbb{T}_k$ .

- $\mathcal{O}_{sk}$ : On input of a corrupted public key  $pk$  by  $\mathcal{A}$ ,  $\mathcal{B}$  gets  $(pk, z_1, z_2, x_2)$  from  $\mathbb{T}_k$ .  $\mathcal{B}$  returns  $sk = (z_1 + x_2 \cdot z_2 \bmod q, x_2, z_1, z_2)$ .
- $\mathcal{O}_{rk}$ : On input of  $(pk, pk')$  by  $\mathcal{A}$ ,  $\mathcal{B}$  gets  $(pk, z_1, z_2, x_2)$  and  $(pk', z'_1, z'_2, x'_2)$  from  $\mathbb{T}_k$ , and then returns

$$rk = (rk_1, rk_2) = (z_1/z'_1 \bmod q, z_2/z'_2 \bmod q).$$

Note that we have the following for the correctness.

- If the two public keys are both uncorrupted,

$$sk = (z_1 + x_2 \cdot a \cdot z_2 \bmod q, x_2, z_1, z_2 \cdot a \bmod q)$$

and

$$sk' = (z'_1 + x'_2 \cdot a \cdot z'_2 \bmod q, a \cdot x'_2, z'_1, z'_2 \cdot a \bmod q),$$

hence,  $rk = (rk_1, rk_2) = (z_1/z'_1 \bmod q, z_2/z'_2 \bmod q)$ .

- If the two public keys are both corrupted,

$$sk = (z_1 + x_2 \cdot z_2 \bmod q, x_2, z_1, z_2)$$

and

$$sk' = (z'_1 + x'_2 \cdot z'_2 \bmod q, x'_2, z'_1, z'_2),$$

hence,  $rk = (rk_1, rk_2) = (z_1/z'_1 \bmod q, z_2/z'_2 \bmod q)$ .

- $\mathcal{O}_{re}$ : On input of  $C = (u_1, u_2, v, u_3, u_4, u_5)$  and two public keys  $pk$  and  $pk'$ ,  $\mathcal{B}$  first checks the well-formness as the real execution. If it does not pass, abort; otherwise, do the followings.
  - If the two public keys are both uncorrupted or corrupted, then  $\mathcal{B}$  gets the re-encryption key from  $\mathcal{O}_{rk}$ , and returns the result of **ReEnc**.
  - Otherwise, do the followings.
    - \* Find the items  $(pk, X_1, z_1, z_2, x_2)$  and  $(pk', X'_1, z'_1, z'_2, x'_2)$  in  $\mathbb{T}_k$ .
    - \* Compute  $u'_1 = u_1^{z_1/z_2}$ ,  $u'_4 = u_4^{z_1/z_2}$ , and  $u'_5 = u_5^{z_1/z_2}$ .
    - \* Find the original decryptor  $pk_o$  of the ciphertext  $C$  by checking  $\hat{e}(u_1, X_1) = u_3$  for all items in  $\mathbb{T}_k$ . Assume that the found item is  $(pk_o, X_{o1}, z_{o1}, z_{o2}, x_{o2})$ .
    - \* Compute  $g^r = u_1^{z_1/z_{o1}}$ ,  $(g^a)^r = (u_4^{z_1/z_{o1}})^{1/\alpha_1}$  and  $(g^{1/a})^r = (u_5^{z_1/z_{o1}})^{1/\alpha_2}$ , where  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2$  are the values in  $L_{H_1}$  and  $L_{H_2}$  corresponding to  $(v, u_3)$ , respectively.
    - \* If  $pk_o$  and  $pk'$  are both corrupted or uncorrupted, then compute  $u'_2 = (g^r)^{x_{o2} \cdot z_{o2}/z_2}$ . If  $pk_o$  is corrupted and  $pk'$  is uncorrupted, then compute  $u'_2 = ((g^{1/a})^r)^{x_{o2} \cdot z_{o2}/z_2}$ . If  $pk_o$  is uncorrupted and  $pk'$  is corrupted, then compute  $u'_2 = ((g^a)^r)^{x_{o2} \cdot z_{o2}/z_2}$ .
    - \* Output  $(u'_1, u'_2, v, u_3, u'_4, u'_5)$  as the resultant ciphertext.

- $\mathcal{O}_{dec}$ : On input of  $C = (u_1, u_2, v, u_3, u_4)$  under  $pk$ ,  $\mathcal{B}$  first checks the well-formness as the real execution. If it does not pass, output  $\perp$ ; otherwise, re-encrypt the ciphertext to the one under a corrupted public key by querying  $\mathcal{O}_{re}$ , then decrypt the resultant ciphertext by using the corresponding private key.
- $\mathcal{O}_{sign}$ : On input of  $(m, pk)$ ,  $\mathcal{B}$  firstly gets the value of  $\alpha_3$  by querying  $H_3$  hash oracle, and then returns  $X_2^{\alpha_3}$ .

**Challenge:**  $\mathcal{A}$  sends  $\mathcal{C}$  two messages  $m_0, m_1$  from  $\mathbb{G}$  and an uncorrupted public key

$$\begin{aligned} pk^* &= (X_{1,g}^*, X_{1,h}^*, X_2^*, Z_1^*, Z_2^*) \\ &= (\hat{e}(g, g^{z_1^*} (g^a)^{z_2^*}), \hat{e}(h, g^{z_1^*} (g^a)^{z_2^*}), g^{x_2^*}, g^{z_1^*}, (g^a)^{z_2^*}), \end{aligned}$$

$\mathcal{B}$  chooses a random number  $\mathbf{b} \in \{0, 1\}$ , and returns  $(u_1^*, u_2^*, v^*, u_3^*, u_4^*, u_5^*)$  as the challenge ciphertext.

$$u_1^* = g^c, \quad u_2^* = (g^b)^{x_2^*}, \quad v^* = \hat{e}(g^b, g^c)^{z_1^*} \cdot T^{x_2^* \cdot z_2^*} \cdot m_{\mathbf{b}},$$

$$u_3^* = \hat{e}(X_1^*, g^c), \quad u_4 = (g^b)^{\alpha_1^*}, \quad u_4 = (g^b)^{\alpha_2^*},$$

where  $(X_1^*, z_1^*, z_2^*, x_2^*)$ ,  $\alpha_1^*$  and  $\alpha_2^*$  are from  $\mathbb{T}_k$ ,  $L_{H_1}$  and  $L_{H_2}$ , respectively.

Note that if  $T = g^{abc}$ , we have that  $v^* = \hat{e}(g^b, g^c)^{z_1^*} \cdot T^{x_2^* \cdot z_2^*} \cdot m_{\mathbf{b}} = \hat{e}(g^b, X_1^*)^c \cdot m_{\mathbf{b}}$ .

**Phase 2:** Almost the same as that in Phase 1, except the restrictions in the RCCA game.

**Guess:**  $\mathcal{A}$  outputs the guess  $\mathbf{b}'$ . If  $\mathbf{b}' = \mathbf{b}$ ,  $\mathcal{B}$  decides  $T = \hat{e}(g, g)^{abc}$ ; otherwise,  $T \neq \hat{e}(g, g)^{abc}$ .

It is easy to see that in the random oracle, the above simulation is perfect. Hence, we obtain this theorem.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.** *If the CDH assumption holds in  $\mathbb{G}$ , our proposal is MS-secure in the random oracle model. In particular, we have*

$$\mathbf{Adv}_{\text{MBPRE}}^{\text{MSS}}(1^\kappa) \leq \frac{\mathbf{Adv}_{\text{CDH}}^{\mathcal{A}}(1^\kappa)}{e(1 + q_{sk})q_{H_3}},$$

where  $\mathbf{Adv}_{\text{CDH}}^{\mathcal{A}}(1^\kappa)$  is the advantage of that  $\mathcal{A}$  breaks the CDH assumption under the security parameter  $\kappa$ , and  $q_{sk}$  and  $q_{H_3}$  is the number of private key generation queries and  $H_3$  hash oracle queries, respectively.

**PROOF.** Assume there exists an MSS adversary  $\mathcal{A}$  that can break the MS security of our proposal. Then we can build another algorithm  $\mathcal{B}$  that can break the CDH assumption (i.e., given  $g, g^a, g^b$ , it is hard to compute  $g^{ab}$ ) by playing the MSS game with  $\mathcal{A}$ . The details are as follows.

**Find:**  $\mathcal{B}$  builds the oracles as follows.

- $H_1, H_2$  hash oracles: Identical to the proof of Theorem 1.
- $H_3$  hash oracle: On input of  $(m, pk)$ , check whether the tuple  $(m, pk, \alpha_3)$  exists in the list  $L_{H_3}$ . If yes, return  $g^{\alpha_3}$ . Otherwise, it decides whether  $(m, pk)$  is the target (message, public key) pair. If yes, return  $g^b$ ; otherwise, choose a random value  $\alpha_3$  from  $\mathbb{Z}_q$ , and then record  $(m, pk, \alpha_3)$  in the list  $L_{H_3}$ , and return  $g^{\alpha_3}$ .
- $\mathcal{O}_{pk}$ :  $\mathcal{B}$  chooses random elements  $z_1, z_2, x_2$  from  $\mathbb{Z}_q$  and decides  $\theta \in \{0, 1\}$  under  $\Pr[\theta = 1] = \delta$ . If  $\theta = 0$ , then  $\mathcal{B}$  returns

$$\begin{aligned} pk &= (X_{1,g}, X_{1,h}, X_1, Z_1, Z_2) \\ &= (\hat{e}(g, g^{z_1} ((g^a)^{x_2})^{z_2}), \hat{e}(h, g^{z_1} ((g^a)^{x_2})^{z_2}), (g^a)^{x_2}, g^{z_1}, g^{z_2}); \end{aligned}$$

if  $\theta = 1$ , then  $\mathcal{B}$  returns

$$\begin{aligned} pk &= (X_{1,g}, X_{1,h}, X_1, Z_1, Z_2) \\ &= (\hat{e}(g, g^{z_1} (g^{x_2})^{z_2}), \hat{e}(h, g^{z_1} (g^{x_2})^{z_2}), g^{x_2}, g^{z_1}, g^{z_2}) \end{aligned}$$

At last,  $\mathcal{B}$  records  $(pk, z_1, z_2, x_2, \theta)$  in  $\mathbb{T}_k$ .

- $\mathcal{O}_{sk}$ : On input of a public key  $pk$  by  $\mathcal{A}$ ,  $\mathcal{B}$  gets  $(pk, z_1, z_2, x_2, \theta)$  from  $\mathbb{T}_k$ . If  $\theta = 1$ , then  $\mathcal{B}$  returns  $sk = (z_1 + x_2 \cdot z_2 \bmod q, x_2, z_1, z_2)$ ; otherwise,  $\mathcal{B}$  outputs **failure**.
- $\mathcal{O}_{rk}$ : On input of  $(pk, pk')$  by  $\mathcal{A}$ ,  $\mathcal{B}$  gets  $(pk, z_1, z_2, x_2, \theta)$  and  $(pk', z'_1, z'_2, x'_2, \theta')$  from  $\mathbb{T}_k$ , and then returns  $rk = (rk_1, rk_2) = (z_1/z'_1 \bmod q, z_2/z'_2 \bmod q)$ .
- $\mathcal{O}_{re}$ :  $\mathcal{B}$  can use the re-encryption keys from  $\mathcal{O}_{rk}$  to reply the queries.
- $\mathcal{O}_{dec}$ : Identical to the proof of Theorem 1.
- $\mathcal{O}_{sign}$ :  $\mathcal{B}$  firstly gets the value of  $\alpha_3$  by querying  $H_3$  hash oracle, and then returns  $X_2^{\alpha_3}$ .

**Output:**  $\mathcal{A}$  outputs a signature  $\sigma^* = H_3(m^* || pk^*)^{a \cdot x_2^*}$ , then  $\mathcal{B}$  outputs the CDH solution  $\sigma^{*1/x_2^*}$ , where  $x_2^*$  is the value in  $\mathbb{T}_k$  corresponding to  $pk^*$ .

If  $\mathcal{B}$  has guessed the right target (message, public key) pair and has not output **failure**, then the above simulation is perfect. On one hand,  $\mathcal{B}$  has guessed the right target pair with the probability of  $1/q_{H_3}$  at least. On the other hand, the probability of that  $\mathcal{B}$  has not output **failure** is  $\delta^{q_{sk}}(1 - \delta)$ . The maximize value of  $\delta^{q_{sk}}(1 - \delta)$  is  $1/(e(1 + q_{sk}))$  when  $\delta = 1 - 1/(q_{sk} + 1)$ . Hence, we obtain this theorem.  $\square$

#### 4. Conclusion

In this paper, we have proposed a novel multi-use, bidirectional proxy re-encryption with constant ciphertext size, master secret security and RCCA security. This proposed BPRES scheme can provide a (partial) solution to the collusion attacks in the current cryptographic cloud storage. Another contribution in this paper is that we propose a new definition for the master secret security. The new security definition is closer to the original desire for the master secret security compared to the existing definitions. There are still various future works left, e.g., how to design a pairing-free, multi-use BPRES scheme with constant ciphertext size, master secret security, and RCCA security is still unknown.

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