



## ROBUST ENCRYPTION AND MASKING TECHNIQUE FOR 3D MESH MODELS

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## ABSTRACT

the 3D mesh model can display real-world information in intuitive manner for varied applications such as medical equipment, organs, and architecture models. Nonetheless, a 3D point cloud model shared through internet can be manipulated easily by unlicensed users; thus for protecting and providing security for 3D point cloud models, robust reversible data masking mechanism using homomorphic encryption (HE) is needed. Thus, here a robust encryption and masking (REM) technique for encrypted 3D mesh models based on prediction error modelling is presented. In REM the vertex are encrypted employing homomorphic encryption. Thus, can mitigate wide range of attack and work seamlessly well for different kind of 3D mesh models and data formats well. Experiment are conducted using diverse set of 3D mesh models with different formats such as obj and off. The REM technique achieves high masking capacity with reduced reconstruction error and high quality 3D mesh model reconstruction in comparison with other recent data masking methods.

## KEYWORDS

3D mesh models, Cloud computing, Cryptography, Data hiding, Homomorphism, Watermarking method.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

With growth and adoption of cloud technology for storage and computing models have resulted in increased sharing of 3D mesh models. Providing effective data masking is the preliminary requirement of cloud-based 3D mesh models [1–4]. Nonetheless, cloud cannot perform data masking to original 3D mesh models during masking process. Thus, reversible data masking mechanism is needed [5]. Along with, data masking/watermarking are vulnerable during transmission and they are expected to resist general attacks [6]. As a result, reversible data masking mechanism for encrypted mesh model have attracted researcher for different applications.

Generally, the data masking method are of two types such as fragile and robust data masking mechanism. The robust data masking mechanisms [7], [16]–[19] are used for safeguarding and attacks and fragile data masking method [8] are used for providing integrity during authentication process. In order to provide higher security level in field of medical domain and judicial authentication most of existing method have focused of fragile data masking method for encrypted mesh models.

Reversible data masking mechanism for encrypted mesh model is generally are of two types such as Reserving Room Before Encryption (RRBE) and Vacating Room After Encryption (VRAE). The architecture of RRBE and VARE model is shown in Fig. 1 and Fig. 2, respectively.

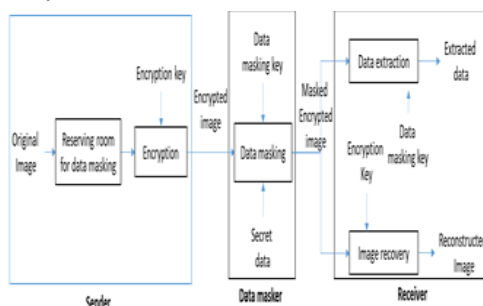


Fig. 1. The architecture of RRBE model.

The RRBE models reserves embedding room prior to perform encryption operation on the original multimedia content [9], [10]. With the expansion of reversible data masking mechanisms [11], the original image can be reconstructed efficiently after extraction of data masking information. The VRAE directly implements data masking by modifying the encrypted image [12] post completion of encryption. For example in [13] segmented the original image into blocks and encryption is done for each blocks, and then the histogram are computed in encrypted domain for optimizing masking information [13].

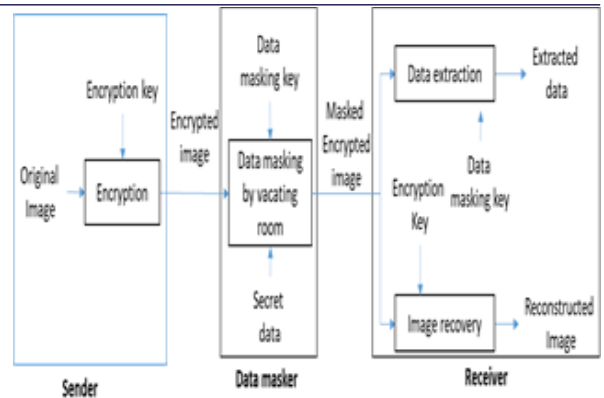


Fig. 2. The architecture of VARE model.

However, these models are used for multimedia data such as images; thus, will not be efficient (i.e., doesn't support) when applied for 3D models directly due to structure variation among them. The generic reversible data masking architecture for 3D mesh model is shown in Fig. 3.

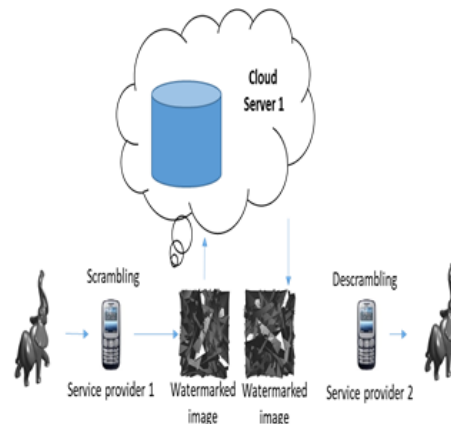


Fig. 3. Generic architecture of data masking methods for 3D mesh models.

In [14] segmented a 3D model into blocks, then data masking is performed on each blocks by modulating angle quantization [14]. Nonetheless, cannot provide reversible data masking mechanism. In [1] presented data masking method for encrypted mesh domain. The

data masking is done by reversing the least significant bits of the vertex coordinates by exploiting spatial correlation. In [2], presented data masking employing homomorphic encryption using VRAE model [2] as shown in Fig. 2. Nonetheless, those methods cannot protect their copyrights and are fragile to attacks. For overcoming aforementioned issues here we present robust encryption and data masking technique for 3D point cloud models. The REM technique achieves higher reconstruction quality with minimal error.

The paper is arranged as follows. In section, II robust encryption and data masking technique for 3D mesh models is presented. In section III, the outcome of REM over existing data masking method for 3D mesh model is discussed. Finally the research is conclude and future enhancement of data masking method are discussed.

## II. ROBUST ENCRYPTION AND MASKING TECHNIQUE FOR 3D MESH MODELS

This section present robust encryption and masking technique for 3D mesh model. The architecture of proposed robust encryption and masking technique is shown in Fig. 4.

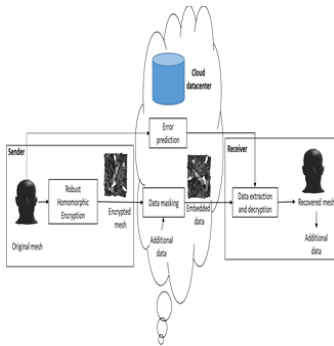


Fig. 4. Architecture of proposed robust encryption and masking technique for 3D mesh model.

### a) Preprocessing and error prediction of 3D point cloud models:

In preprocessing phase the mesh vertex coordinates are converted into integer representation for facilitating encryption and data masking in later stages. The 3D point cloud model is made of triangle faces and spatial vertices. The vertices set is described as follows

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$$W = \{W_1, W_2, \dots, W_N\} \quad (1)$$

where each vertex coordinates is composed of

$$W_j = \{a_j, b_j, c_j\}. \quad (2)$$

For every vertex  $W_j$ , the cumulated and normalization process is merged into following equation

$$W_j = \lfloor W_j * 10^m \rfloor, \quad j = 1, \dots, N \quad (3)$$

where  $W_j$  is defined as follows

$$W_j = \{a_j, b_j, c_j\}. \quad (4)$$

The encryption, decryption, data masking and information extraction is done using  $W_j$

The accuracies of prediction error outcomes play very important role in achieving very good data masking performance. Here we employ spatial correlation among adjacent vertices for error prediction value  $w_j$  as follows

$$\bar{w}_j = \frac{1}{O_j} \sum_{k=1}^{O_j} \bar{w}_k', \quad k \in (1, O_j), \quad (5)$$

where  $\bar{w}_k'$  is neighboring to vertex  $\bar{w}_j$  and  $w_j$  is the prediction outcome of vertex  $\bar{w}_j$ ,  $O_j$  represent neighboring vertices size of vertex  $\bar{w}_j$ . The prediction error of  $\bar{w}_j$  is computed using following equation

$$\delta w_j = \bar{w}_j' - \bar{w}_j, \quad (6)$$

where  $\delta w_j$  represent the prediction error of  $w_j$ .  $\delta w_j$  is a 3D vector with random direction. The modulus size  $|\delta w_j|$  is generally small and are maximum  $E$  as there exist spatial correlation; thus, the range of  $|\delta w_j|$  is set as follows

$$|\delta w_j| \in [0, E] \quad (7)$$

### b) Encryption of 3D mesh models:

The preprocessed vertices  $\bar{W}_j$  are represented into bits form as  $d_{j,k,0}, d_{j,k,1}, \dots, d_{j,k,l}$  where  $1 \leq j \leq O$  and  $j \in \{x, y, z\}$  using following equation

$$d_{j,k,v} = \lfloor w_{j,k} \cdot 2^v \rfloor \bmod 2, v = 0, 1, \dots, l. \quad (8)$$

Using public key generated through of homomorphic encryption [2], the data owner then randomly chooses value  $s$  for encrypting vertex  $\bar{W}_j$  with public key  $(O, h)$  for generating pseudo-random bits

$$d_j = E[d_{j,k,v}, s_j] = k^{d_{j,k,v}} s_j^O \bmod O^2, j \quad (9)$$

where  $d_j$  defines the cipherdata obtained from plain 3D point cloud models  $\bar{W}_j$ .

### c) Data masking for encrypted 3D mesh models:

Here we first we segment the vertices into 2 sets namely the “masked” set and the “source” set. The “masked” set is utilized for masking message and the “source” set is utilized for reconstructing the neighboring “masked” message at the end user side. This work take a data masking key  $L_2$  to encrypt the masked content. For every masked vertex in the masked set  $T_{fin}$  the encrypted integral mesh, if the added bit  $dto$  be masked is 0, no adjustment is required for 3 coordinate sets. Along with, if the added bit to be masked is 1, the model optimize the nearest significant bits of the 3 coordinate sets  $f_{j,k,v}$  to the opposite parameter as described below

$$f_{j,k,v}'' = f_{j,k,v} \oplus d, \quad f_{j,k,v} \in T_{f,k}, \quad (10)$$

$$= \{a, b, c\}, \text{ and } v = 0, 1, \dots, n-1.$$

The other encrypted content are not modified.

### d) Decryption and mesh reconstruction:

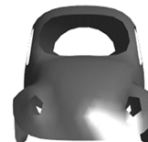
The receiver can perform decryption of 3D point cloud model using its private key  $\beta$  using homomorphic encryption. The process of decryption of 3D point cloud model is obtained using following equation

$$w_j'' = \mathcal{E}[\bar{d}_j] = \frac{\mathcal{M}((\bar{d}_j)^\beta \bmod O^2)}{\mathcal{M}(\beta \bmod O^2)} \bmod O. \quad (11)$$

The REM model is robust against noise with minimal error which shown experimentally shown in next section.

## III. EXPERIMENT RESULT AND ANALYSIS

Here experiment is conducted for evaluating REM technique and existing Coyote Optimization Algorithm (COA) [17] and Feature localization vector (FLV)-based watermarking [15] method. The REM technique is implemented using Matlab 2018. The Mesh model used in this work for evaluating REM is downloaded from [20], [21]. The signal-to-noise ratio (SNR) and root mean square error (RMSE) are metrics used for measuring the quality of reconstructed 3D point cloud model [15], [17].



a) Beetle



b) Bunny



c) Horse



d) Mannequin



e) Mushroom

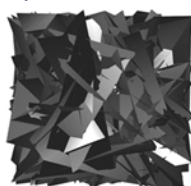


f) Teapot

Fig. 5. 3D mesh model used for experiment analysis.



a) Actual image



b) Encrypted mesh



c) Masked encrypted image



d) Recovered mesh

Fig. 6. From left to right are the visual effects of different stages of each mesh: actual mesh, encrypted mesh, marked encrypted mesh, and recovered mesh.

Table 1: Performance attained by proposed REM method

| 3D mesh models | SNR     | RMSE    |
|----------------|---------|---------|
| Beetle         | 158.089 | 51.1494 |
| Bunny          | 138.97  | 50.1475 |
| Horse          | 137.83  | 53.9683 |
| Mannequin      | 92.58   | 46.5753 |
| Mushroom       | 87.96   | 48.89   |
| Teapot         | 95.98   | 48.124  |
| Average        | 118.57  | 49.81   |

Table 2: Performance attained by proposed REM over existing data masking method

| Method              | SNR    | RMSE  |
|---------------------|--------|-------|
| J. Liu et al., [15] | 44.35  | 57.5  |
| COA [17]            | 114.75 | 81.25 |
| REM                 | 118.57 | 49.81 |

In this work experiment are conducted using 3D point cloud model described in Fig. 5. The outcome achieved for different phases for providing security to 3D point cloud model is shown in Fig. 6. The SNR and RMSE outcome attained by REM model is shown in Table I. In Table II comparative analysis of REM and other state-of-art data masking model is presented. In Fig. 7 graphical representation of SNR outcome of REM and other technique is presented. In Fig. 8 graphical representation of RMSE outcome of REM and other technique is presented. From experiment we can see that the proposed REM achieves higher reconstruction quality with less error. Thus, the REM model can be adopted for providing robust security environment such as for protecting medical data, diagnostic data etc.

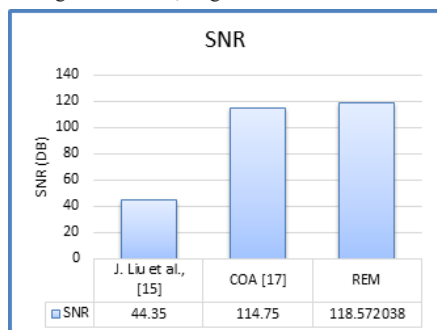


Fig. 7. SNR performance of proposed REM method over existing data masking methods.

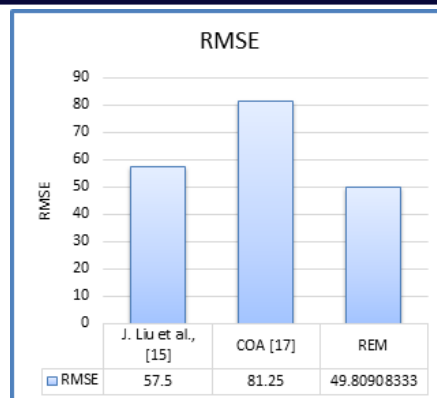


Fig. 8. RMSE performance of proposed REM method over existing data masking methods.

#### IV. CONCLUSION

In REM the mesh model represented in integer bit-stream for performing encryption using homomorphic encryption. Then, prediction error of the coordinates in the embedded sets are estimated using reference set. The REM is feasible and efficient and brings tradeoffs among capacity and distortion. The receiver can use data masking key for reconstructing original 3D mesh models and private keys are used for reconstructing high quality 3D mesh model by exploiting spatial correlation of 3D point cloud models. Experiment outcome show REM achieves higher reconstruction quality with less error and maintain high level of embedding capacity in comparison with recent data masking methods. Future work would consider improving embedding capacity by effective selection of embedded sets.

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