

All Rivers Run to the Sea: Private Learning with Asymmetric Flows

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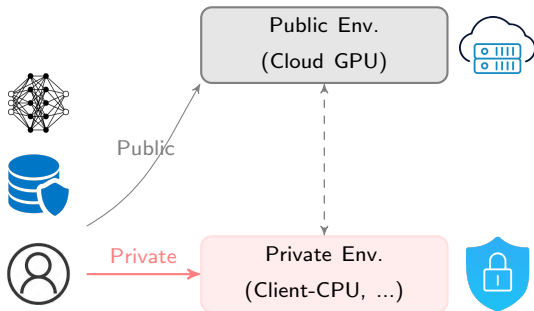
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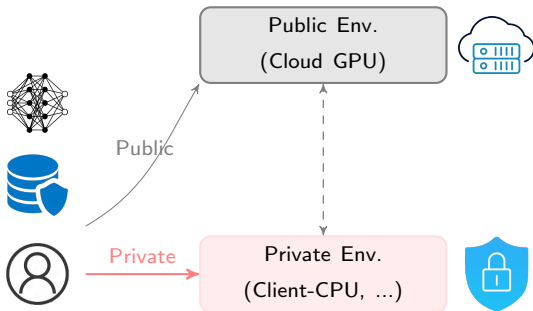
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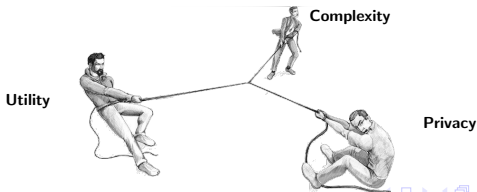
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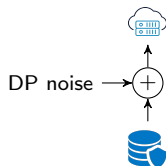
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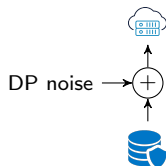
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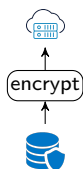
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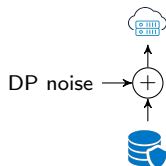
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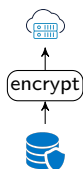
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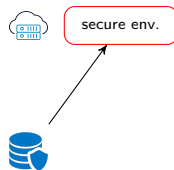
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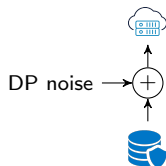
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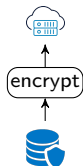
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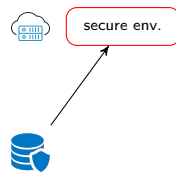
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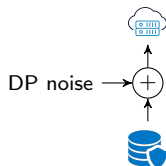
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Our work: Leverage both DP & Trusted hardware (local CPU, ...)

→ Overcome accuracy drop of naive-DP & long running time of TEEs

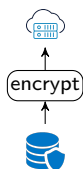
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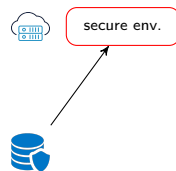
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Related works leveraging TEEs

- Slalom'18: Inference only → This work: Inference and Training
- 3LegRace'21: Layerwise TEE-GPU communication → This work: No layer-wise communication

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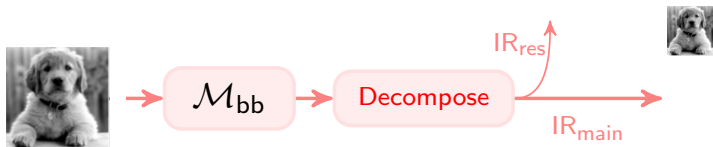
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⇒ Delta provides better utility-privacy trade-off than naive-DP methods

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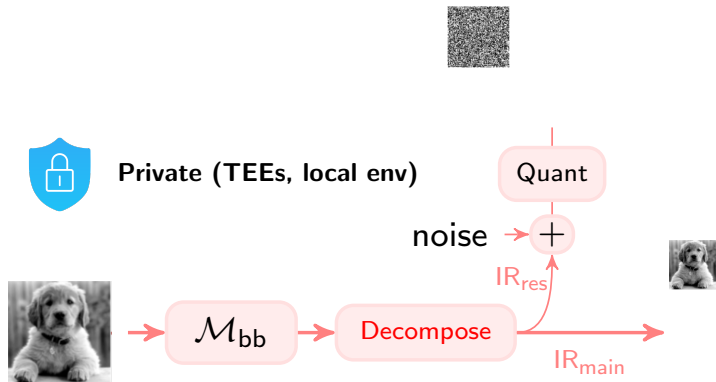


Private (TEEs, local env)



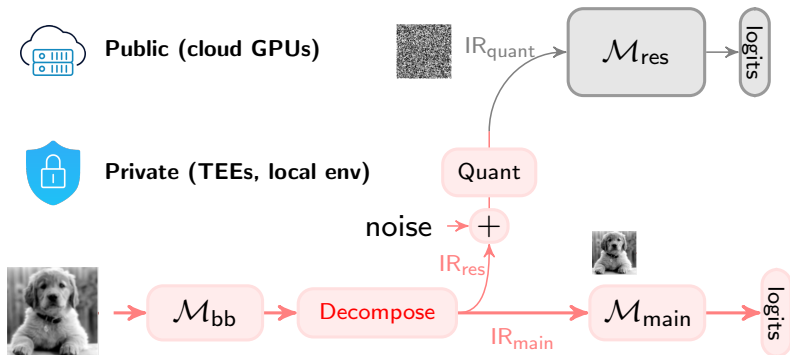
→ To leverage the low-rank structure of the data

Forward Propagation: Perturbation & Binary Quantization



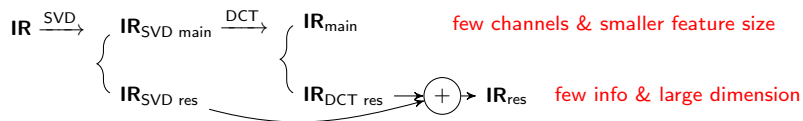
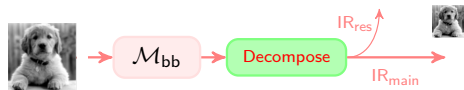
→ To ensure privacy and reduce communication cost

Forward Propagation: Model Decomposition



→ To ensure low complexity in the **private environment**

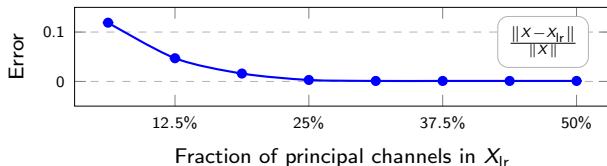
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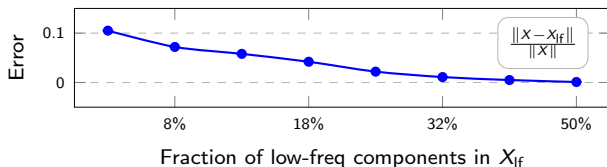
- SVD \rightarrow asymmetric decomposition along channel dimension
- DCT \rightarrow asymmetric decomposition along spatial dimension

Why asymmetric decomposition?

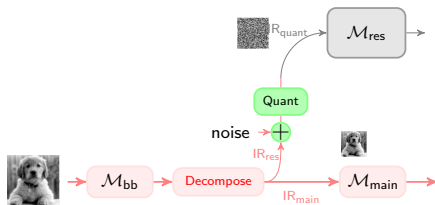
SVD Approximation Error



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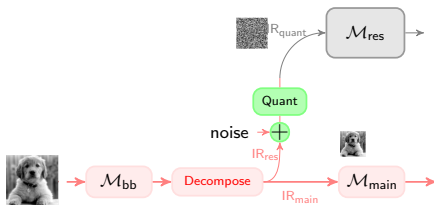


Random Binary Quantization



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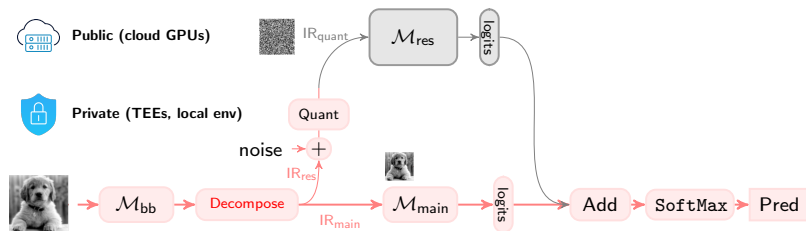
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Theorem: Delta ensures that any operation in the public environment satisfy (ϵ, δ) -DP given noise $\mathcal{N}(0, p\Delta/\epsilon \cdot \sqrt{2 \log(1.25/\delta)})$ and mini-batch size b , where $p = b/N$ is the sampling probability.

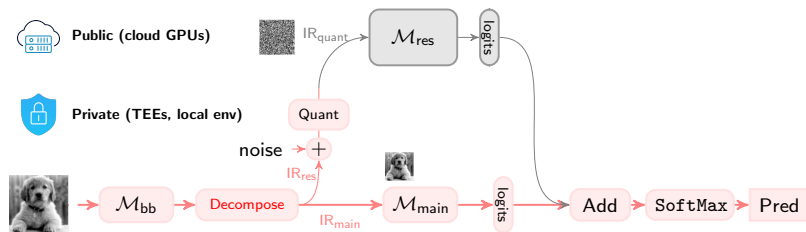
Private Backpropagation



$$\mathcal{M}_{main} : \mathbf{o}_{tot}(i) = \frac{e^{z_{main}(i) + z_{res}(i)}}{\sum_{j=1} e^{z_{main}(j) + z_{res}(j)}} \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots, L$$

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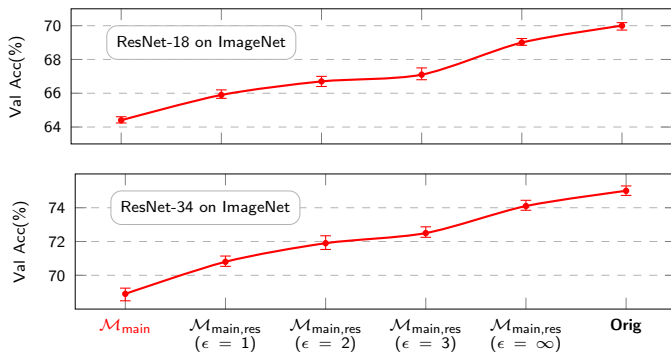
Delta: Full Picture



- Asymmetric data decomposition
- Efficient model design
- Random binary quantization
- Private backpropagation

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Experiment Highlights: Model Utility



→ Lightweight model achieves good accuracy, but still residuals are useful

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Setting: ResNet-18 with $\epsilon = 1$

	Delta: perturb IR _{res}	naive-DP: perturb IR
CIFAR-10	92.4%	69.6% (↓ -22.8)
CIFAR-100	71.4%	48.3% (↓ -23.1)
ImageNet	65.9%	34.4% (↓ -31.5)

→ Delta improves accuracy by up to 31.5%

Experiment Highlights: Model Complexity

MACs of the modules in Delta

	$\mathcal{M}_{\text{bb}} + \mathcal{M}_{\text{main}}$	SVD	DCT	\mathcal{M}_{res}
ResNet-18	48.3 M	0.52 M	0.26 M	547M
ResNet-34	437 M	1.6 M	0.7 M	3.5G

- Small model $\mathcal{M}_{\text{main}}$ only costs 10% complexity of \mathcal{M}_{res}
- Costs of SVD and DCT are marginal

Experiment Highlights: Speedup

Running time with one single input

	Priv-only	3LegRace	Slalom	Delta
Train (ms/speedup)	1372	237 (6×)	-	62 (22×)
Inference (ms/speedup)	510	95 (5×)	84 (6×)	20 (25×)

3LegRace [Niu, et al, PETS 2022]: layer-wise feature decomposition on linear layers

Slalom [Tramer, et al, ICLR 2019]: layer-wise computation distribution on linear layers

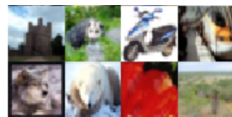
- Significant speedup compared to solely using private envs
- Faster compared to baselines due to reduced communication

Experiment Highlights: Protection Against Attacks

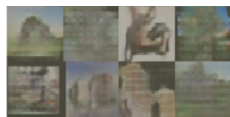
Procedure: Train a GAN with the quantized residuals

Setting: ResNet-18, CIFAR-100

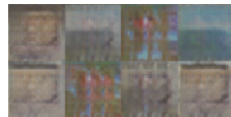
Against model inversion attack [SecretRevealer, CVPR'20]



Original samples



Reconstruction (no noise)



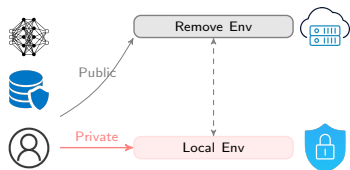
Reconstruction ($\epsilon = 1$)

- Attack can succeed on certain samples (e.g., row 1, col 3)
- Random quantization provide further protection

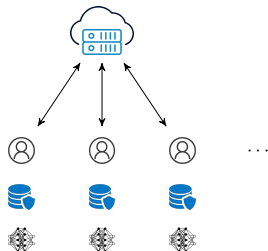
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User-Server Setting

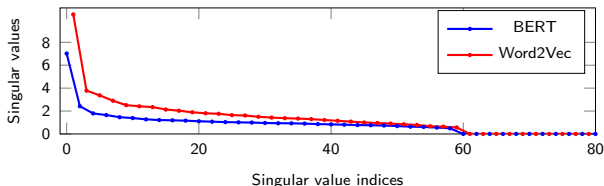


Federated Setting



Extend to LMs

LMs' embedding also exhibits a low-ranks structure



Original text (top) and approximated (bottom) text with 1/5 principal vectors.

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