Rsync across a network to preserve permissions

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 Recently I had to copy a directory structure including a mysql database. The problem I ran into was permissions were not preserved (despite using the -a option). I then came across an option to sudo which preserved the permissions.
    -   time rsync -avh -E --progress --rsync-path="sudo rsync" user@remote_hist:/mnt/database-backups/BAK

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