

# Encryption Switching Protocols

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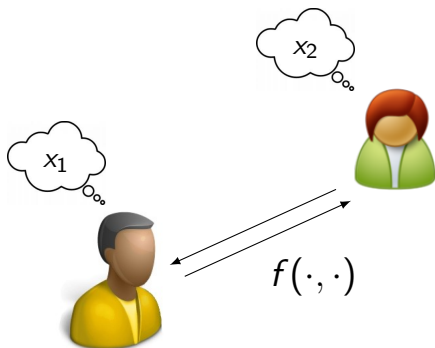
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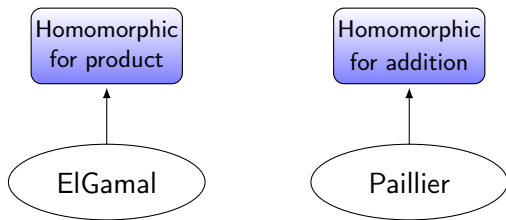
- ▶ *Correctness*: the output is  $f(x_1, x_2)$
- ▶ *Privacy*: player  $i$  learns nothing on  $x_{2-i}$  (except  $f(x_1, x_2)$ )

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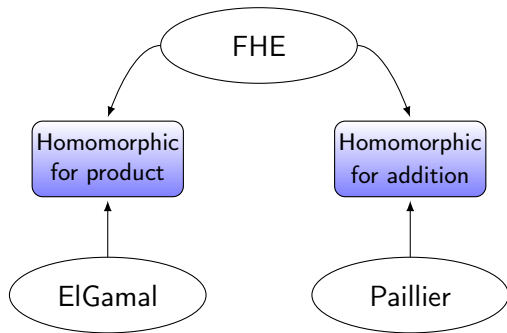
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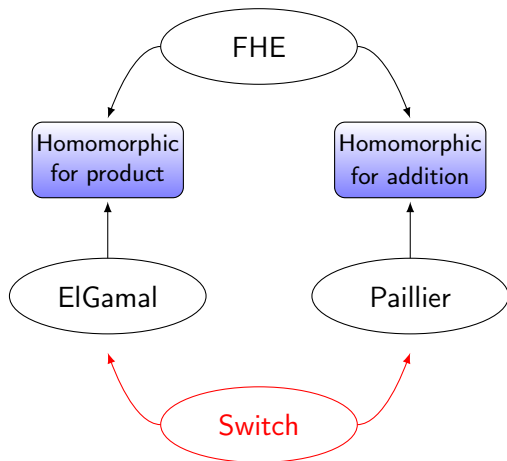
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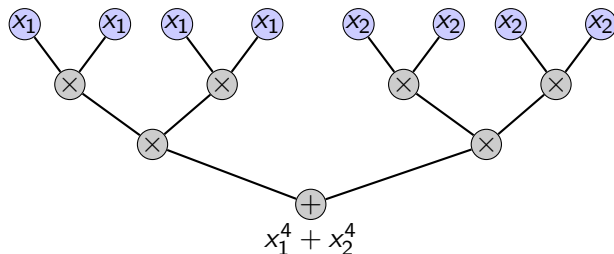


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- ▶ Most 2-PC protocols securely evaluating  $f_{t,d}$  have a communication of  $\Omega(t \log(d) \text{poly}(\kappa))$ . (except FHE)



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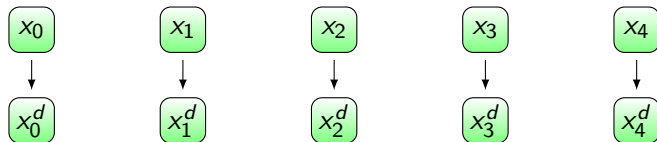
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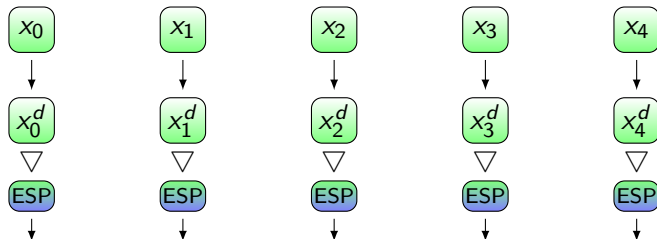


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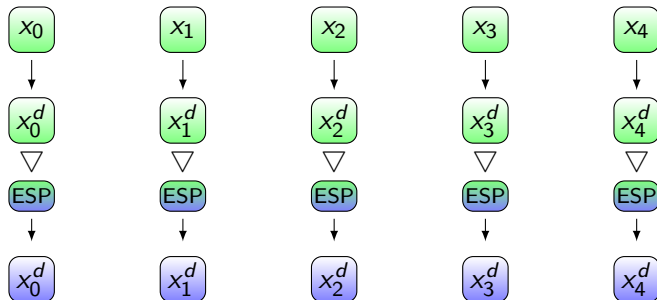


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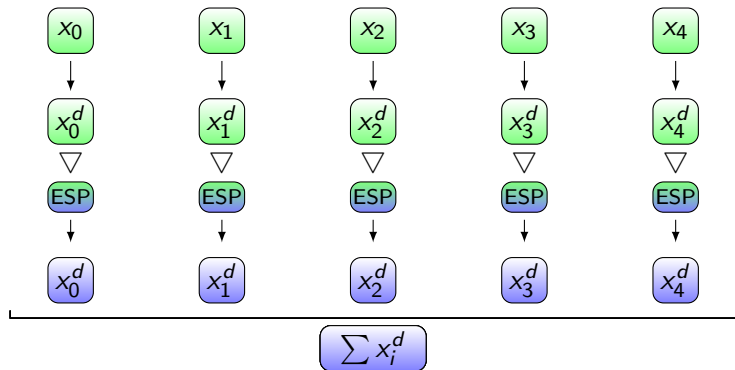


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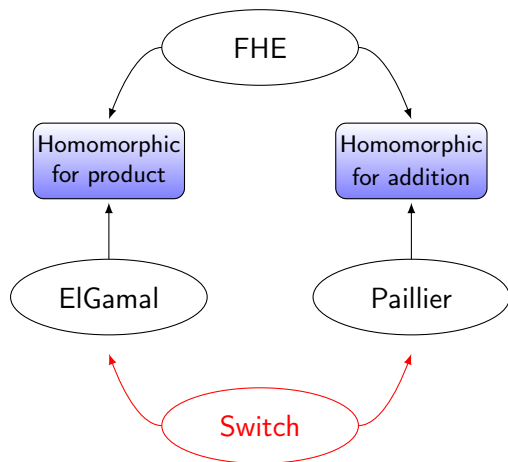
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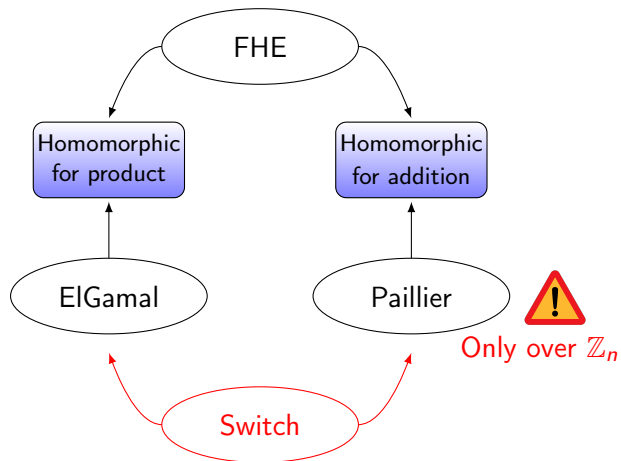
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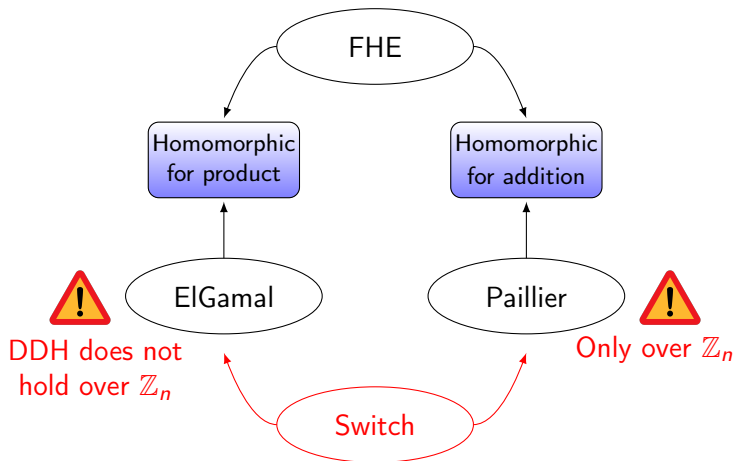
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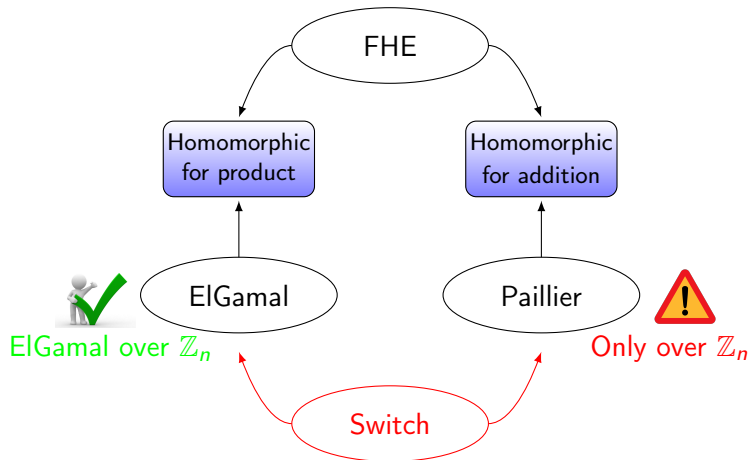
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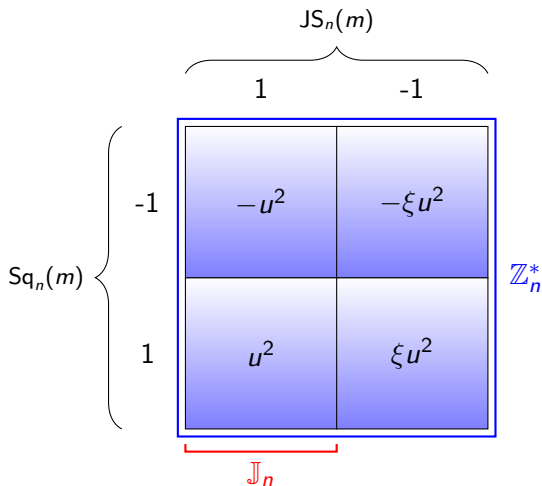


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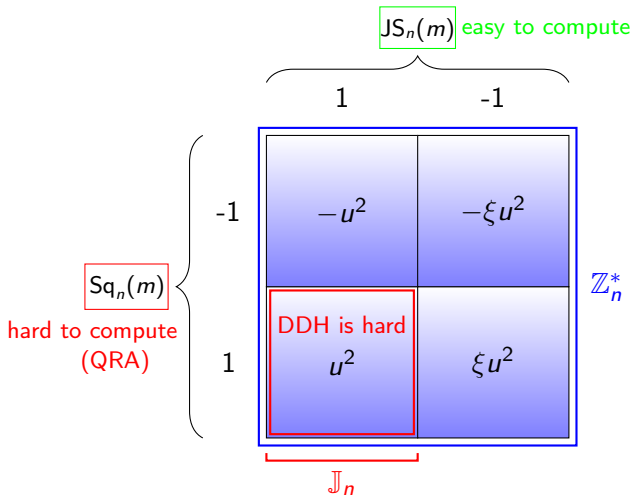
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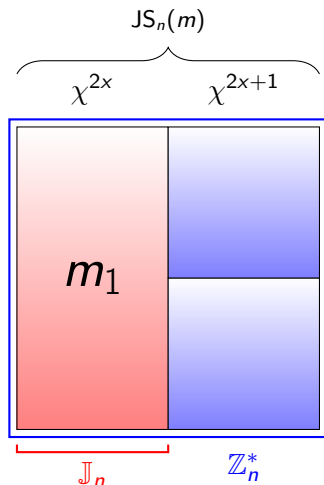
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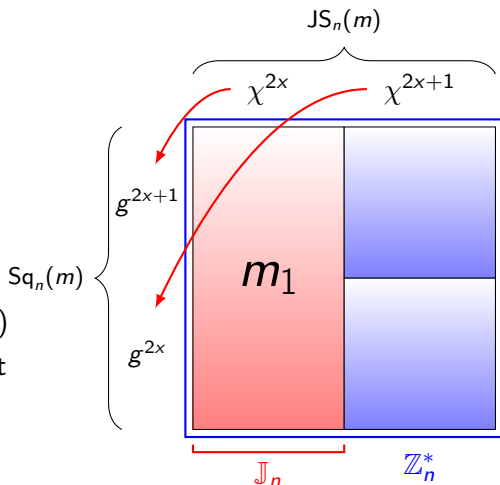




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How to decrypt  $\text{Enc}(m) = (g^a, \text{EG}_{\mathbb{J}_n}(m_1))$ , with  $m = \chi^a m_1$ ?

- ▶ Use the **chinese remainder theorem**
- ▶ Add discrete logs of  $\chi$  in base  $g$  mod  $p$  and  $q$  to the secret key

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## Extending the Variant over $\mathbb{Z}_n^* \cup \{0\}$

- ▶ Encoding  $m \in \mathbb{Z}_n^* \cup \{0\}$  over  $\mathbb{Z}_n^*$
- ▶ Preserving the homomorphic properties

0 is *absorbant* over  $\mathbb{Z}_n^* \cup \{0\}$   
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random  $\times m =$  random

Let  $b = 1$  if  $m = 0$ ,  $b = 0$  else.

Encoding( $m$ ) =  $(m + rb, R^b)$

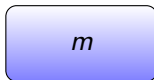
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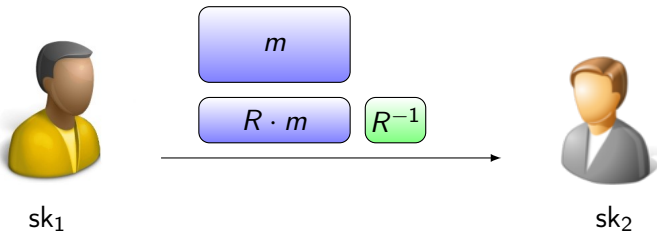


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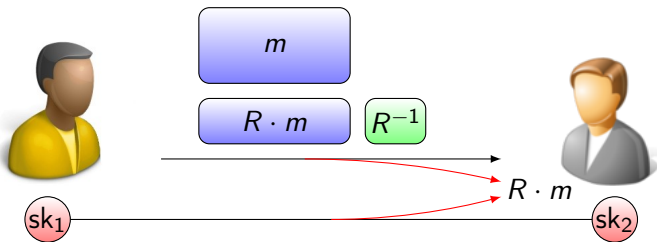
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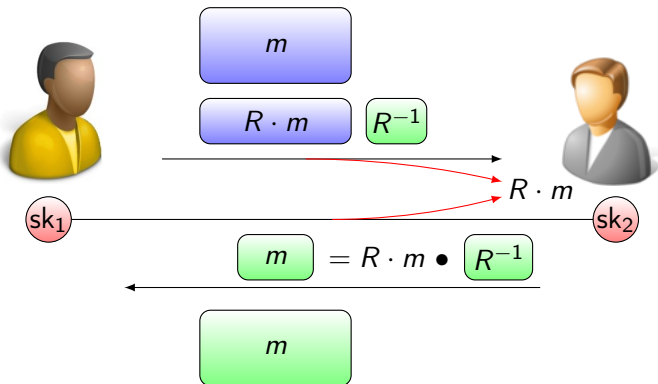
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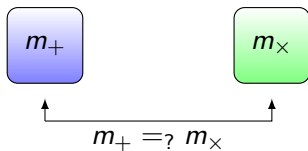
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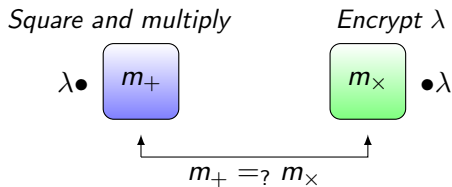
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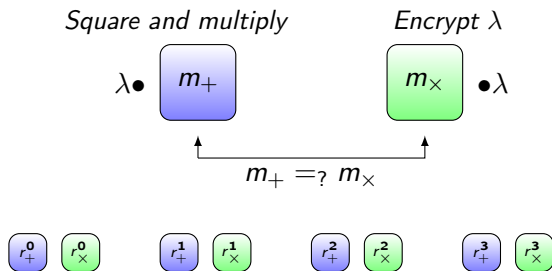
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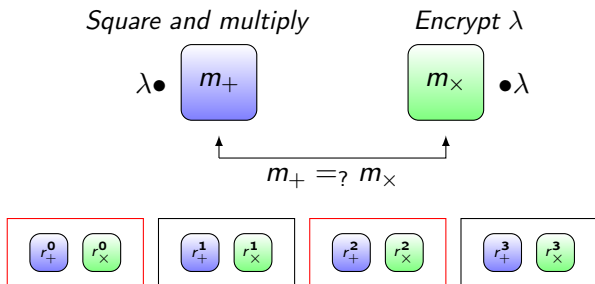
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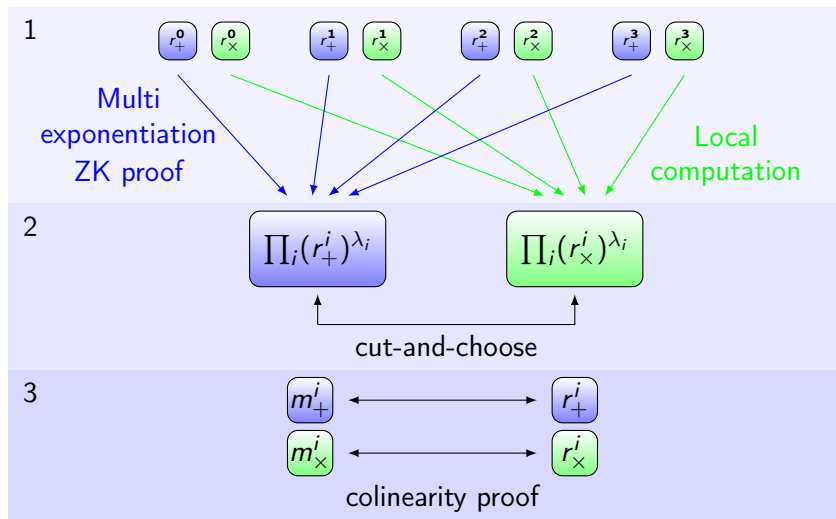
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- ▶ **Reveal the random coins**
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 $\hookrightarrow$  Colinearity proof

# Pool of Twin-Ciphertext Pairs



# Applications

Given access to a pool of preproven twin-ciphertext pairs, the players can very efficiently perform various ZK proofs:

- ▶ Double-logarithms proofs
- ▶ Proofs of exponential relations (known or unknown exponents)
- ▶ Proofs that a committed number is a prime
- ▶ And so on...

Thank you for your attention