

Encryption Switching Protocols

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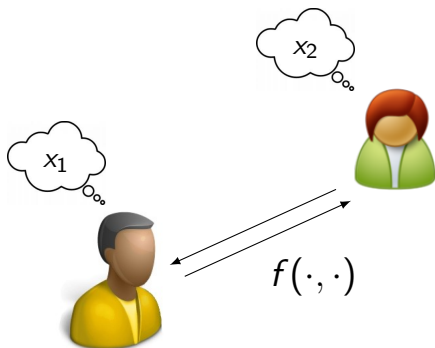
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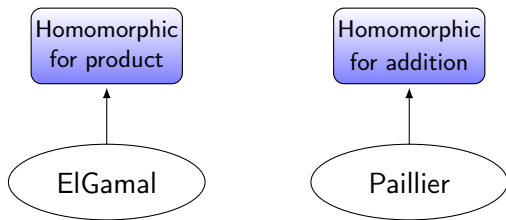
- ▶ *Correctness*: the output is $f(x_1, x_2)$
- ▶ *Privacy*: player i learns nothing on x_{2-i} (except $f(x_1, x_2)$)

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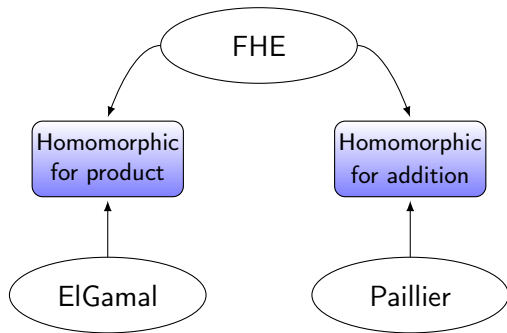
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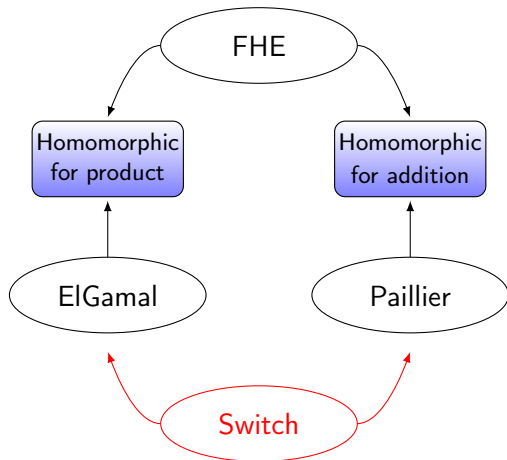
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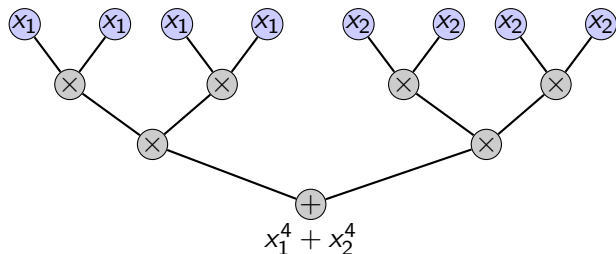


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- ▶ Baur and Strassen (1983): *Any circuit computing $f_{t,d}$ has a size lower-bounded by $\Omega(t \log(d))$.*
- ▶ Most 2-PC protocols securely evaluating $f_{t,d}$ have a communication of $\Omega(t \log(d) \text{poly}(\kappa))$. (except FHE)

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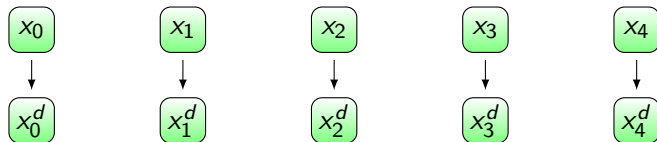
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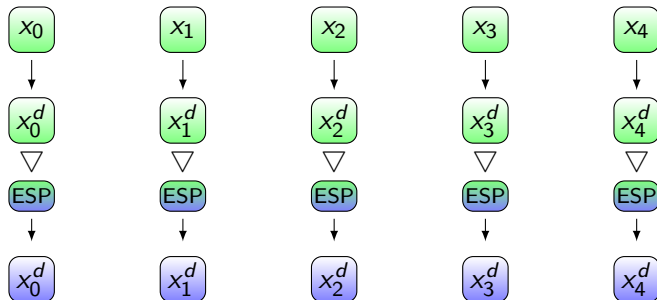


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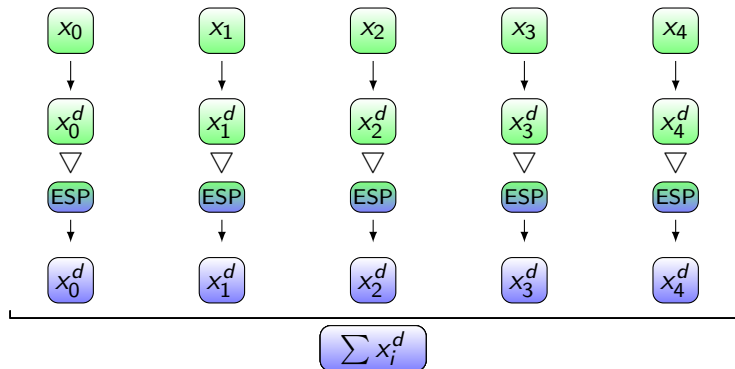


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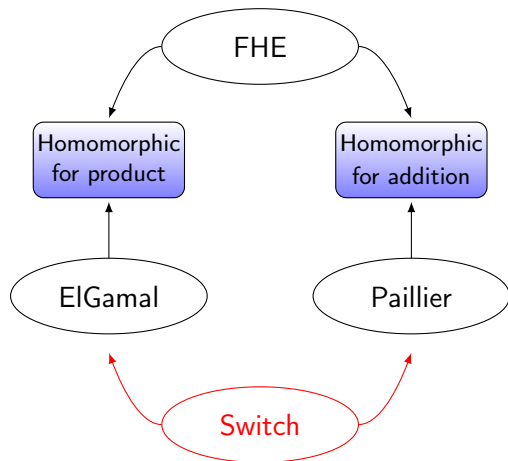
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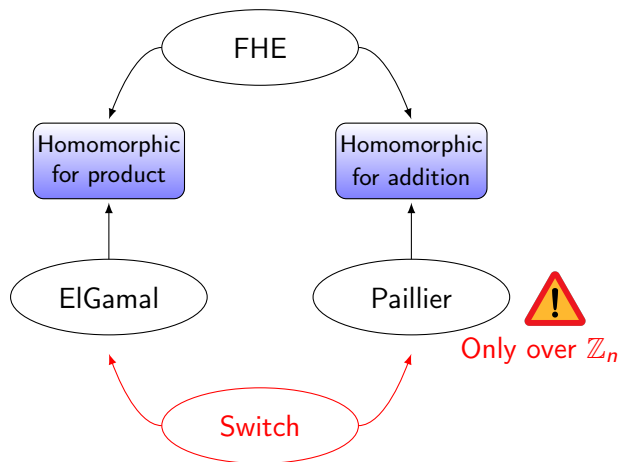
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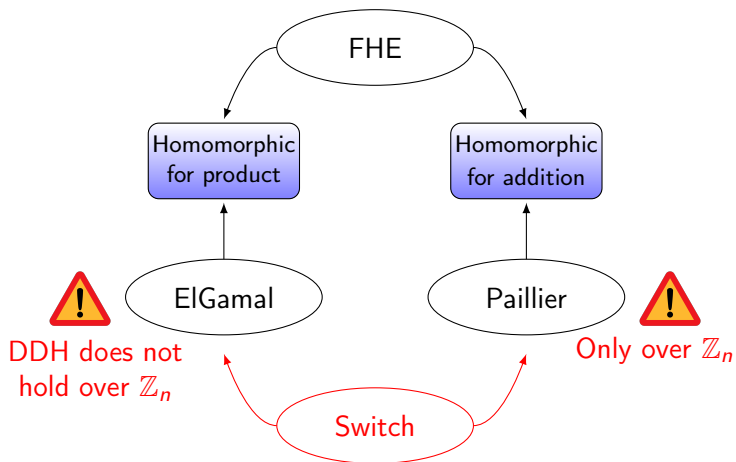
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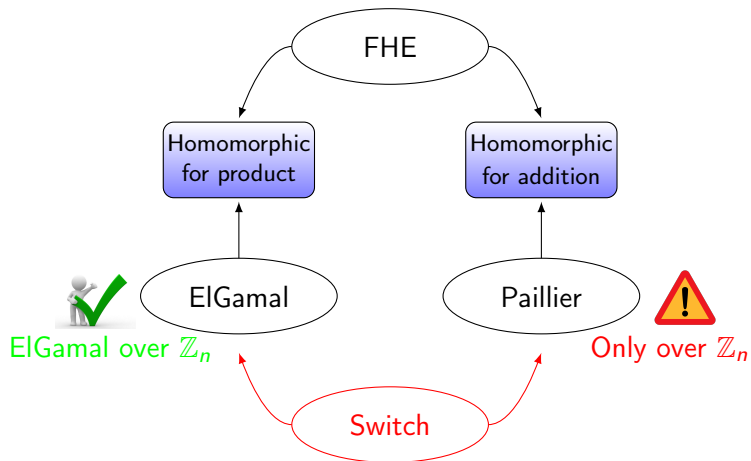
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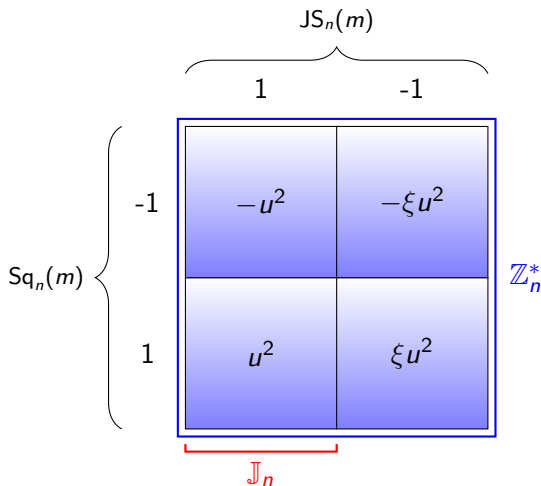


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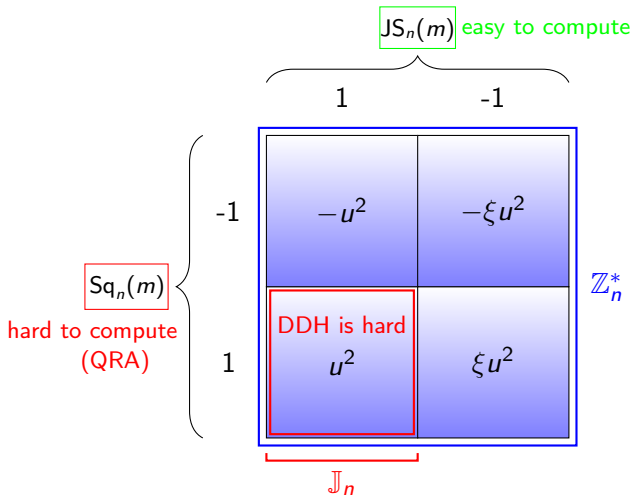
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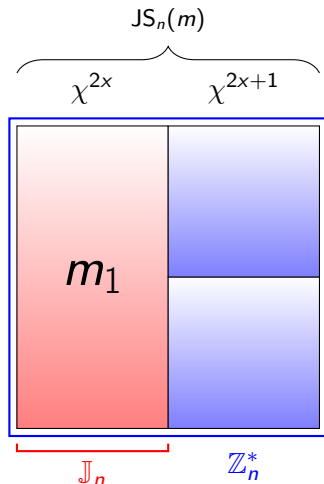
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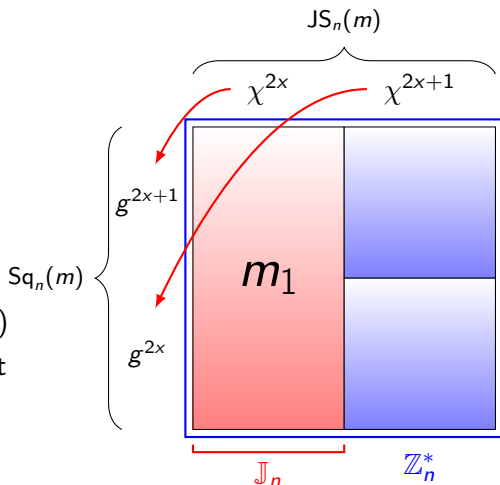
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How to decrypt $\text{Enc}(m) = (g^a, \text{EG}_{\mathbb{J}_n}(m_1))$, with $m = \chi^a m_1$?

- ▶ Use the **chinese remainder theorem**
- ▶ Add discrete logs of χ 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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Let $b = 1$ if $m = 0$, $b = 0$ else.

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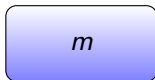
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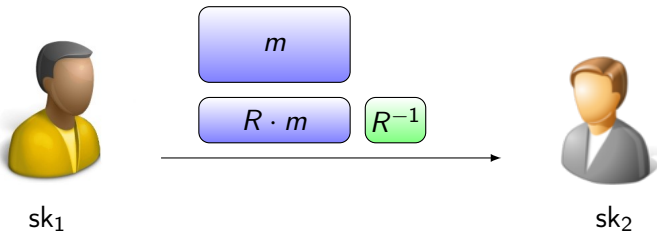


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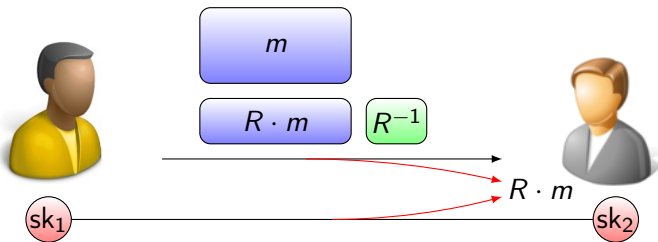
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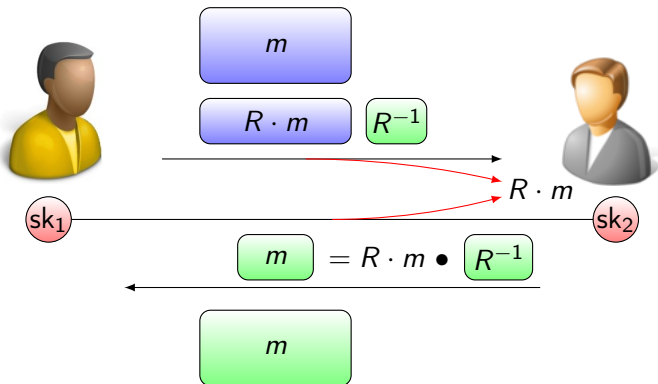
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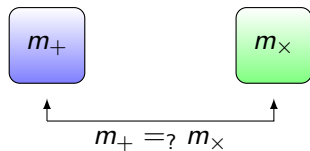
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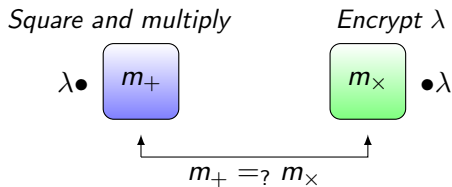
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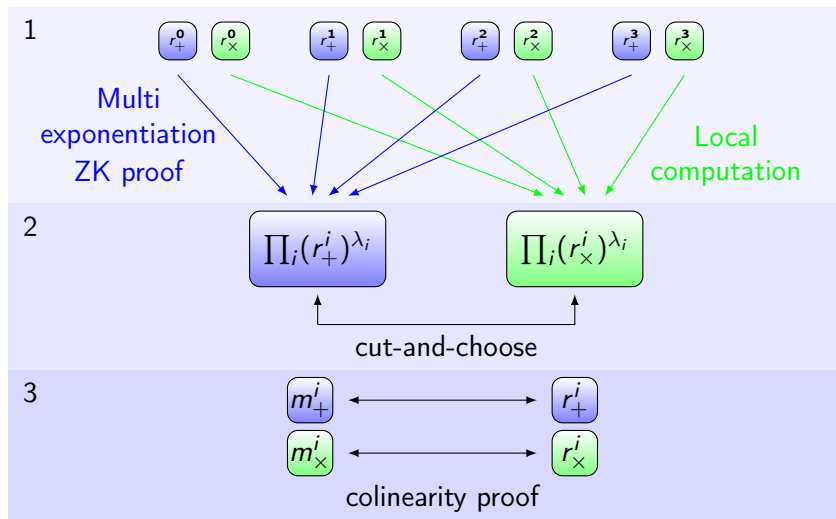


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Pool of Twin-Ciphertext Pairs



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