

Adaptive Oblivious Transfer with Access Control from Lattice Assumptions

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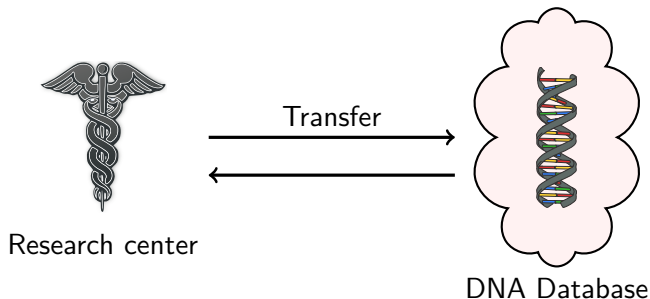
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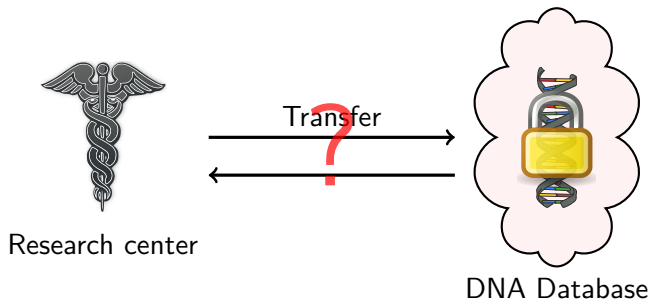
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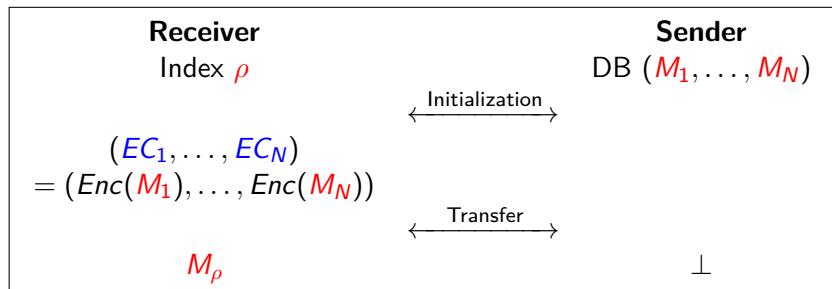
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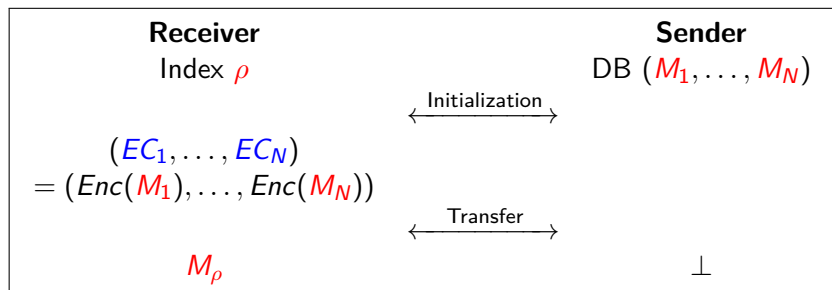


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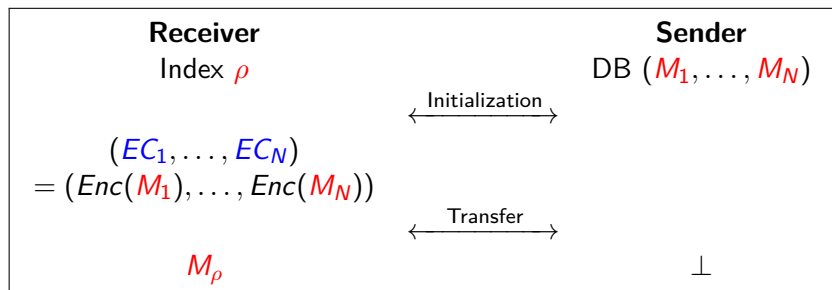


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- ▶ **Adaptive** OT: receiver adaptively obtains k messages [NP99]
 - Usage: Sensitive DB (DNA, financial data, ...).

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► Also possible from FHE + PRF + ZK

No fully simulatable adaptive OT with access control from lattice assumptions

Hardness Assumptions: SIS and LWE [Ajt96, Reg05]

Parameters: n dimension, $m \geq n$, q modulus.

For $\mathbf{A} \leftarrow \mathcal{U}(\mathbb{Z}_q^{m \times n})$:

Small Integer Solution

$$\mathbf{x} \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{0} [q]$$

Goal: Given $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{Z}_q^{m \times n}$, find $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{Z}^m \setminus \{\mathbf{0}\}$ small

Learning With Errors

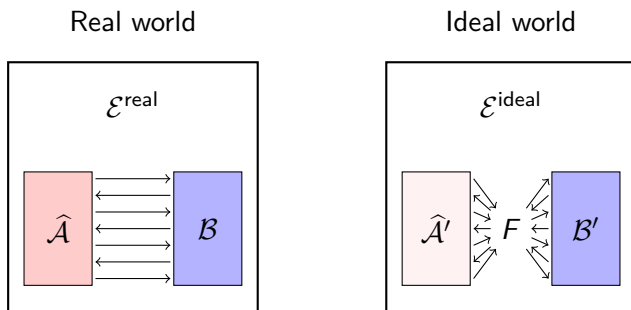
$$\begin{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} \updownarrow m \\ \mathbf{A} \\ \leftarrow n \end{matrix}, \mathbf{A} \begin{matrix} \mathbf{s} \\ \downarrow \end{matrix} + \begin{matrix} \mathbf{e} \\ \downarrow \end{matrix} \end{pmatrix}$$

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Full Simulation-Based Security [Can01]

For any cheating $\hat{\mathcal{A}}$, there exists $\hat{\mathcal{A}}'$ s.t.



$$\text{View}(\mathcal{E}^{\text{real}}) \approx_s \text{View}(\mathcal{E}^{\text{ideal}})$$

- ▶ Strictly stronger security model than indistinguishability-based or half-simulation models.

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Receiver

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ρ_i

(EC_1, \dots, EC_N)

Sample μ at random

$C_i \leftarrow \text{Rerand}(EC_{\rho_i}, \mu)$

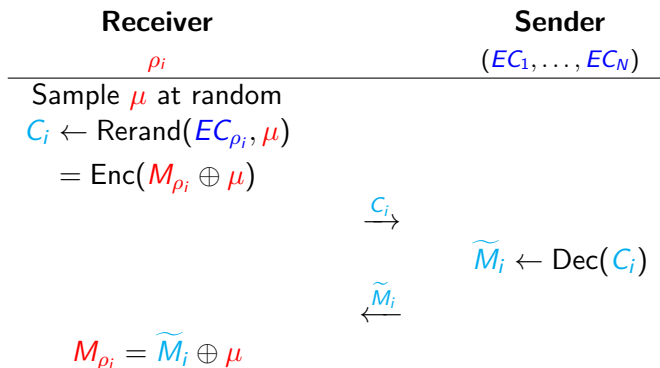
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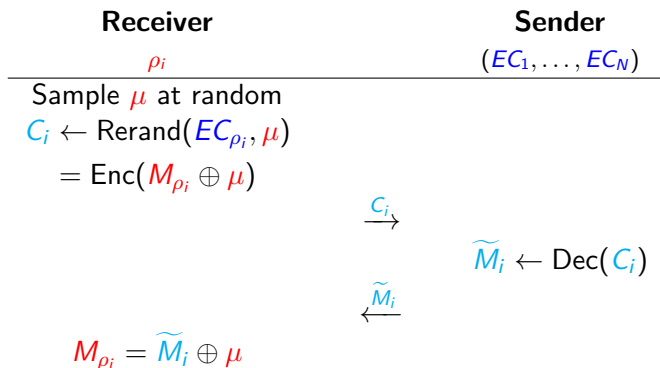
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+ Zero-Knowledge Proofs:

- ▶ To convince S that he is decrypting a “legal” ciphertext
- ▶ PoK of signature
- ▶ Proof of correct decryption

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Smudging [\[AJL+12\]](#)

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Solution: Flood the noise with ν s.t. $\|\nu\| \gg B_\chi$.

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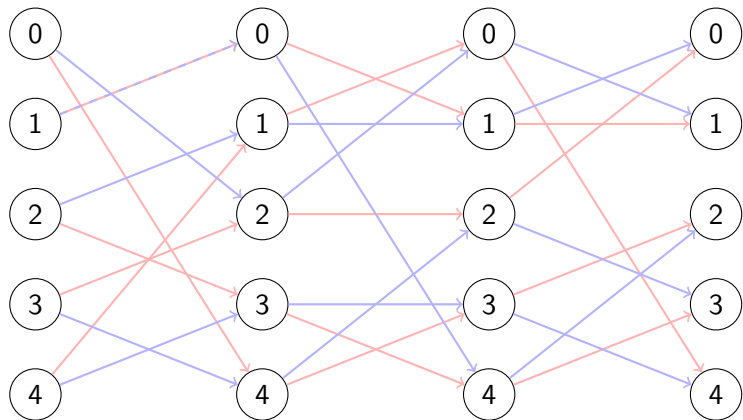
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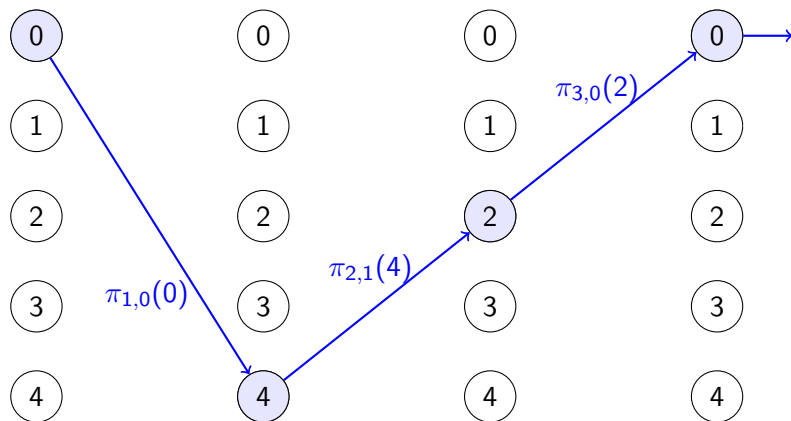
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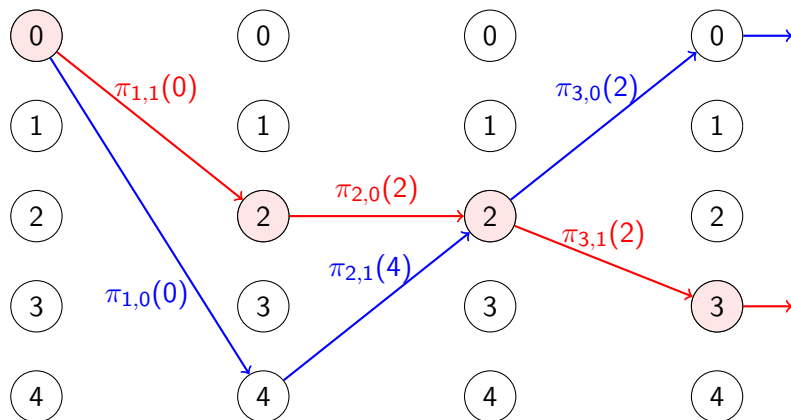


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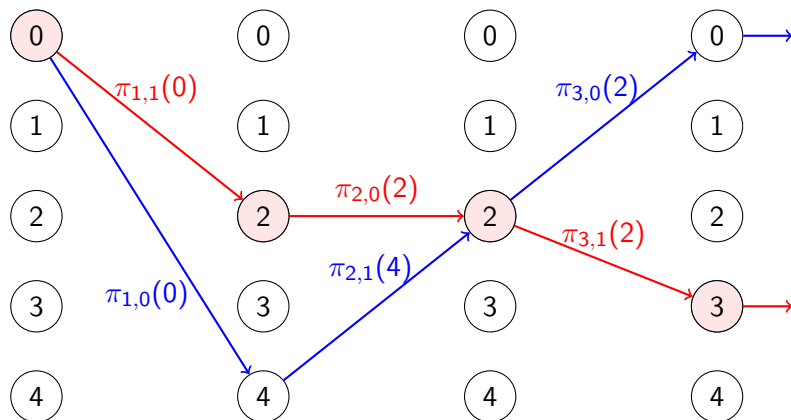
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[Barr86]: polynomially-long BP
are equivalent to NC^1

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Make BP's statements work with Stern-like ZK arguments [\[Ste93\]](#)

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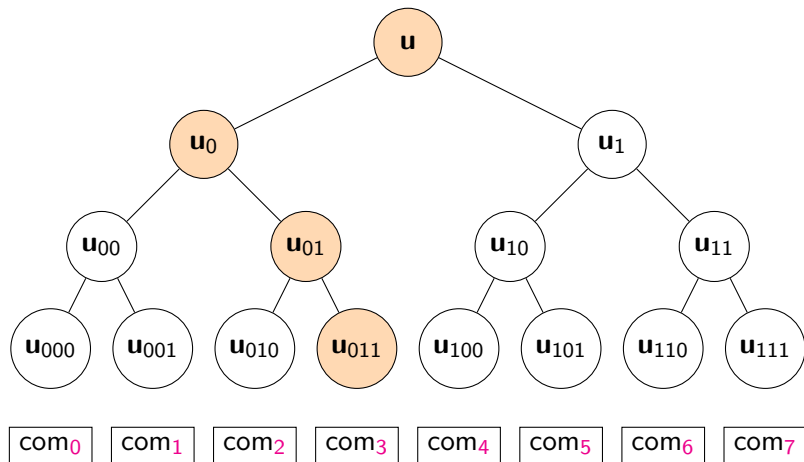
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Proving correct evaluation

Naively: prove each step $\rightarrow O(L \cdot \kappa)$

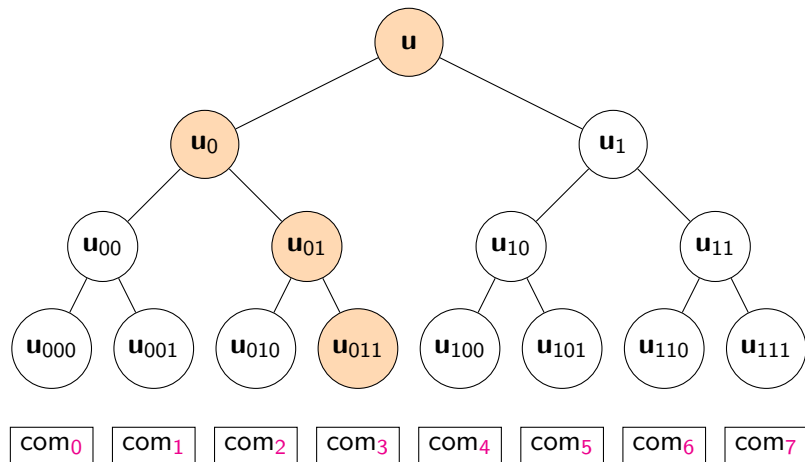
Our idea: use binary-search $\rightarrow O(L \cdot \log(\kappa))$ [LLNW16]

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$com_i = Com(x_i) \rightarrow$ correct binary-search \Rightarrow knowledge of $x_{var(\theta)}$

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Two main proof systems in lattice-based cryptography:

Lyubashevky-like [Lyu09]: From **Ring**-LWE, relatively efficient but not expressive. **Algebraic**

Stern-like [Ste93]: From LWE (in standard lattices), heavy but expressive. **Combinatorial**

Both are **interactive**.

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[\[KTX08\]](#): $\text{mod } 2 \rightarrow \text{mod } q$

[\[LNSW13\]](#): Extends Stern's protocol for SIS and LWE statements

Recent uses of Stern-like protocols in lattice-based crypto:

[\[LNW15, LLNW16, LLNMW16a, LLNMW16b, LLNW17\]](#)

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We use a SIS-based construction from Asiacrypt'16 [\[LLNMW16\]](#).

Our Construction

Ingredients

- ▶ Assisted decryption technique [CNs07]
- ▶ A simplification of [LLNMW16]'s signatures as certificates
- ▶ Access control using BP
- ▶ ZK proofs *à la* Stern

Our Adaptive OT Construction

Initialization

Sender side:

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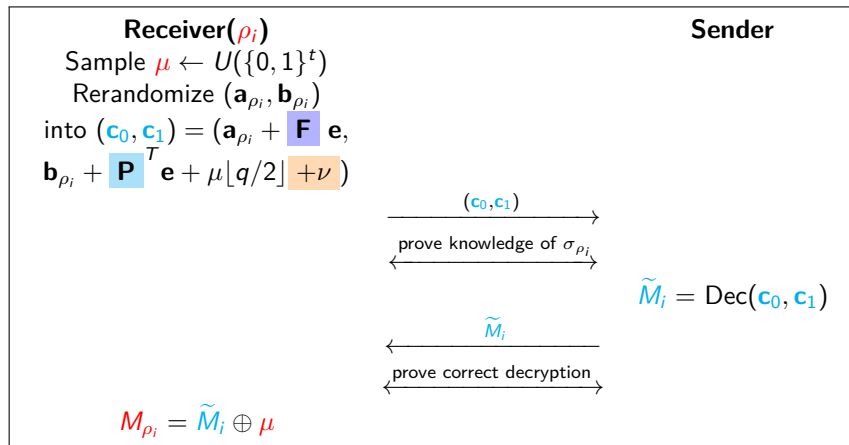
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Sender sends $(VK_{sig}, (\mathbf{F}, \mathbf{P}), EC_i)$ to the Receiver and proves that everything was done correctly.

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- ▶ Our scheme is proven secure in the standard model
 - In the ROM: optimizations using NIWI/NIZK proofs [\[FS86\]](#)

Conclusion

- ▶ First OT-AC in the lattice setting that handles expressive statements (NC^1)
- ▶ Relies on LWE with superpolynomial modulus
- ▶ Security proof in the full simulation-based model

Possible improvements:

- ▶ Avoid smudging and work with polynomial-size moduli
- ▶ Improve efficiency
- ▶ Generalize it to circuit policies

Questions?

