

# Scalable RSA Modulus Generation with a Dishonest Majority

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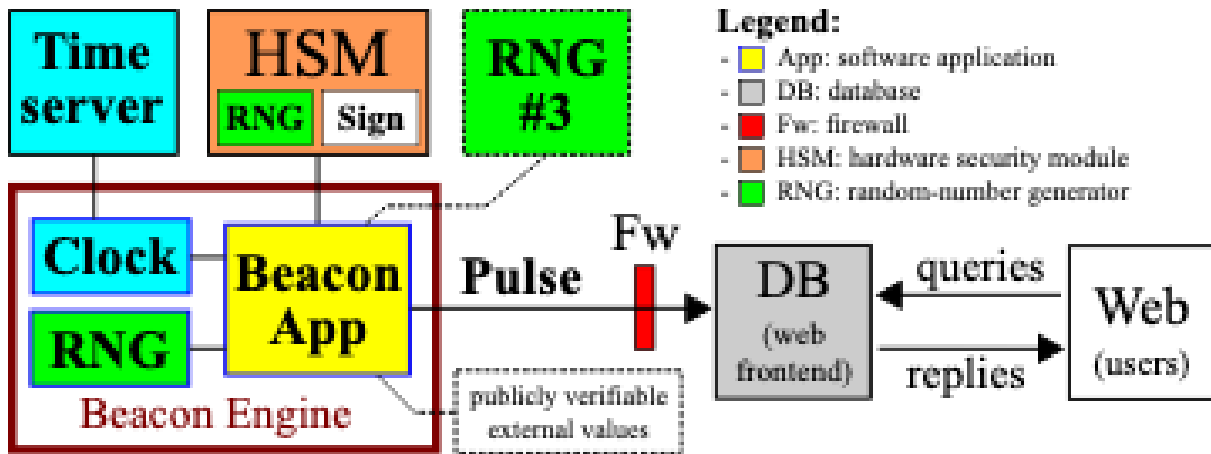
# What is an RSA Modulus?

$$N = p \cdot q$$

**Biprime** - product of exactly two primes

# Why? RSA History

- 1977 - RSA Public-Key Encryption
- 1999 - Paillier Public-Key Encryption
- 2001 - CRS for UC setting
- 2018 - Verifiable Delay Functions (VDF)

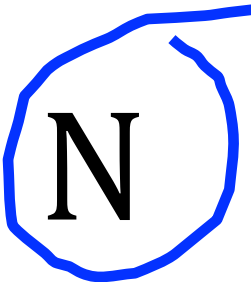


NIST  
Randomness  
Beacon

Source: <https://csrc.nist.gov/projects/interoperable-randomness-beacons>

# Verifiable Delay Functions

- [Rivest-Shamir-Wagner96] introduced Inherently Sequential functions (ISH)

$$y = g^{2^T} \bmod N$$


- 2018 - VDF constructions by Pietrzak, Wesolowski

# Goal

Sample a biprime  $N$  where  
factorization “hidden”

**USE MPC!**

# Desiderata

- **Modulus size:** 2048 bits
- **Threshold:**  $n-1$  corruption
- **# Participants:**  $> 1000$
- **Party Spec:** “Lightweight”
- **Bandwidth:**  $< 5$  Mbps
- **Security:** 60-bit statistical security  
128-bit computational security

# Protocol Blueprint

Step 1: Design protocol for **PASSIVE**  
**corruptions**

Step 2: Upgrade security to tolerate  
**ACTIVE** corruptions

Step 1: Scalable Passive Protocol

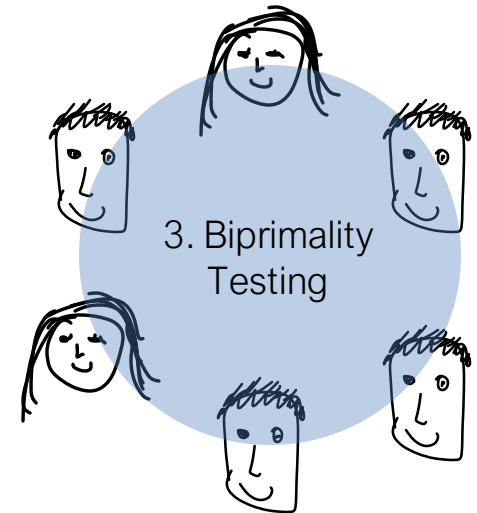
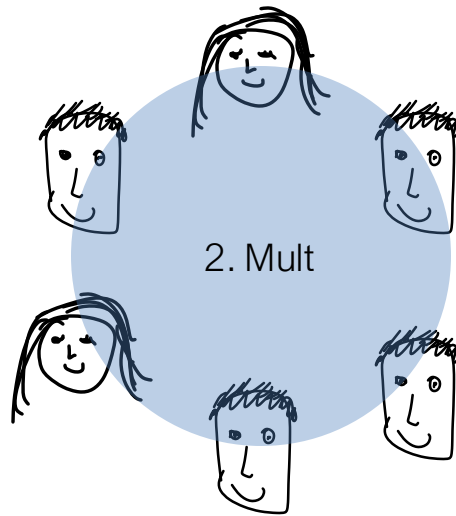
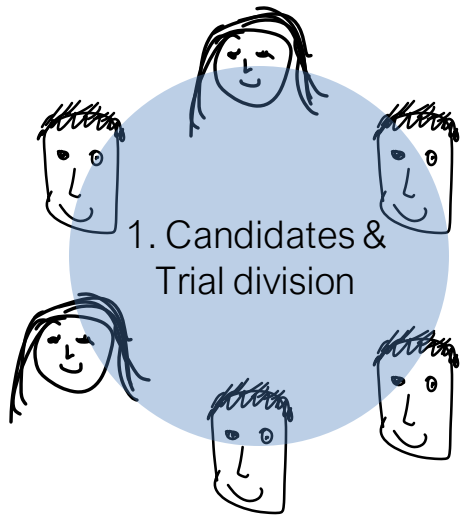


# Previous Works: Overview

| Milestone   | Work     | Adversary | Parties    | Corruption Threshold |
|-------------|----------|-----------|------------|----------------------|
| First Work  | [BF97]   | Passive   | $n \geq 3$ | $t < n/2$            |
|             | [FMY98]  | Active    | $n$        | $t < n/2$            |
|             | [PS98]   | Active    | 2          | $t = 1$              |
| Based on OT | [Gil99]  | Passive   | 2          | $t = 1$              |
|             | [ACS02]  | Passive   | $n$        | $t < n/2$            |
|             | [DM10]   | Active    | 3          | $t = 1$              |
|             | [HMRT12] | Active    | $n$        | $t < n$              |
|             | [FLOP18] | Active    | 2          | $t = 1$              |
|             | [CCD+20] | Active    | $n$        | $t < n$              |

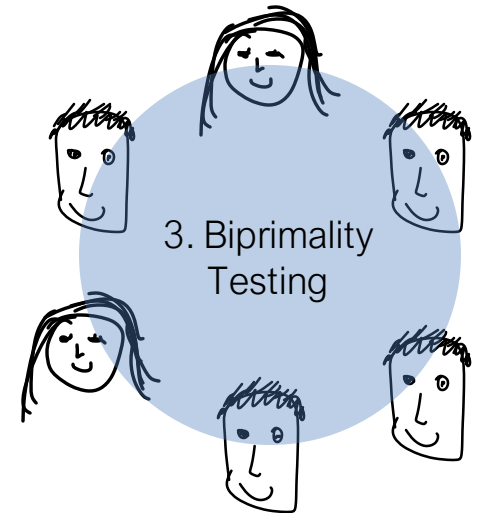
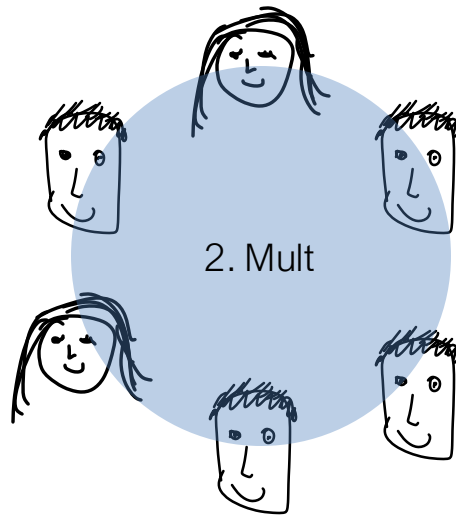
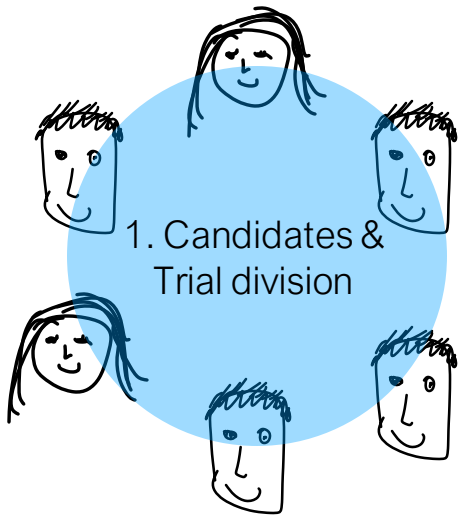
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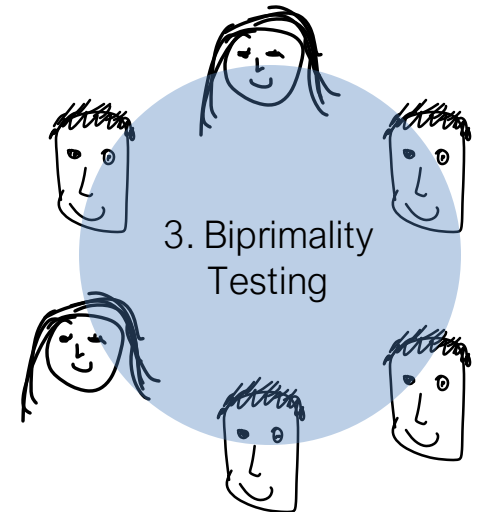
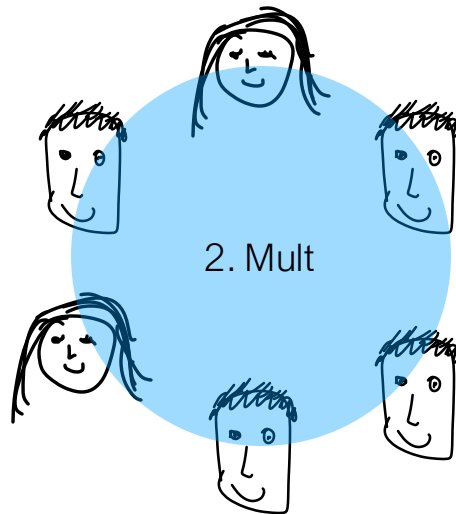
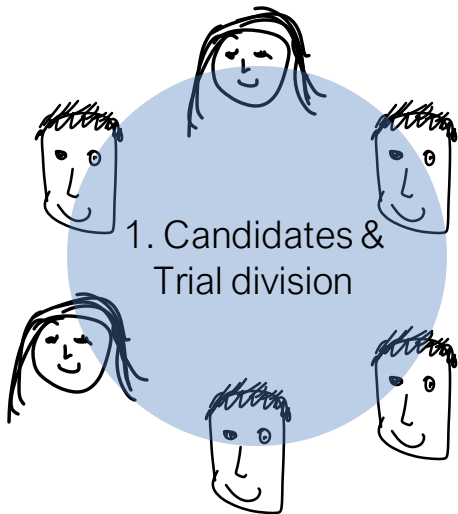
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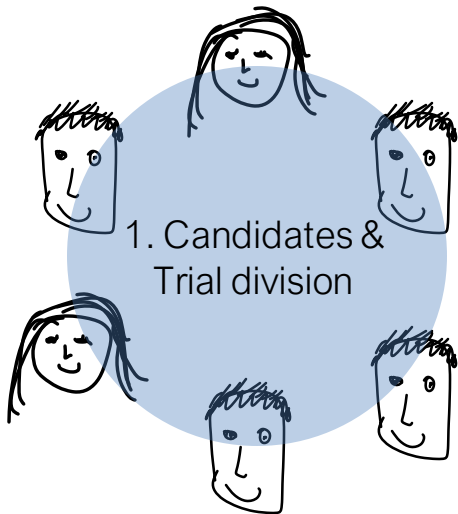


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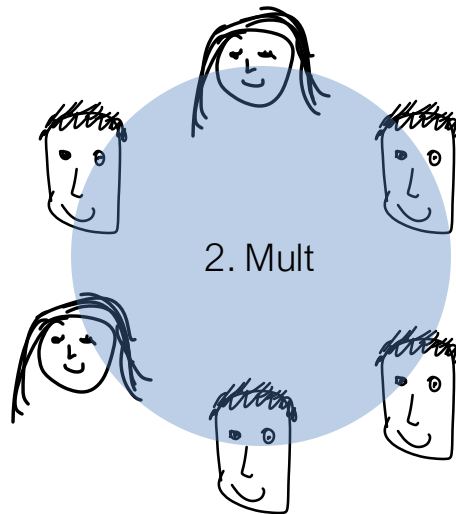
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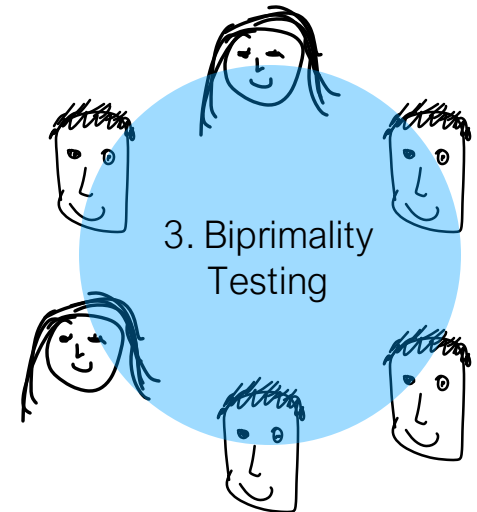
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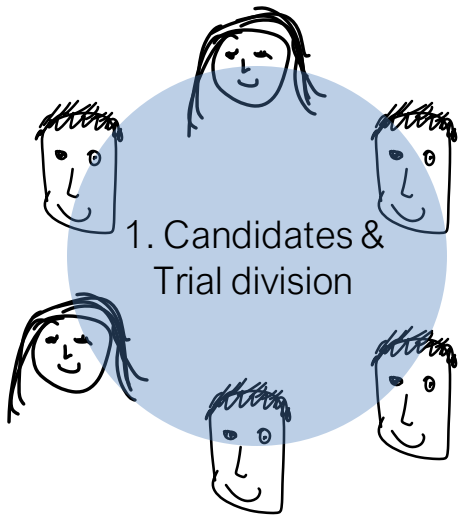


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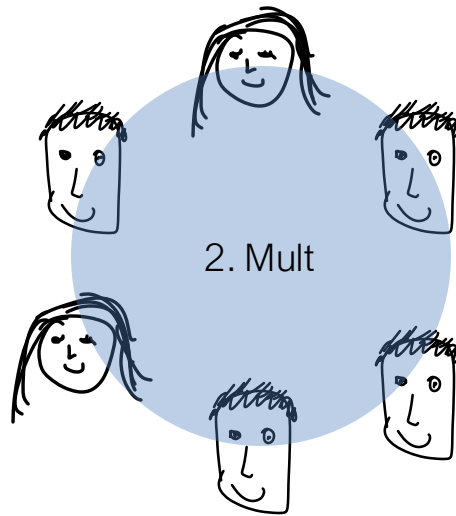


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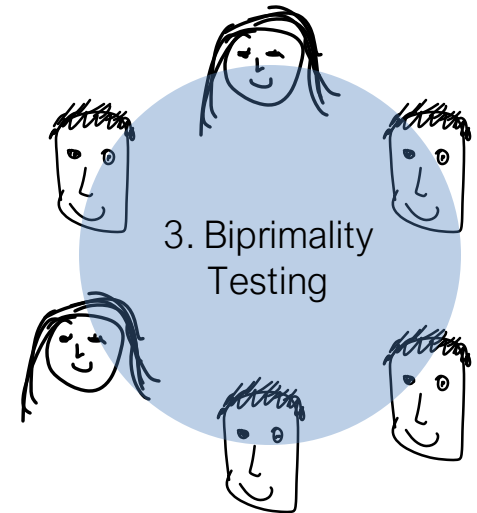
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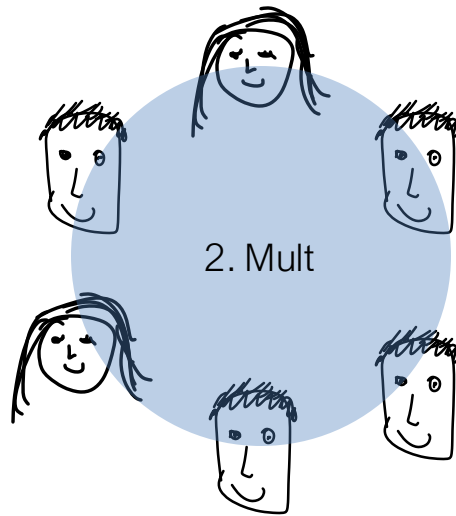


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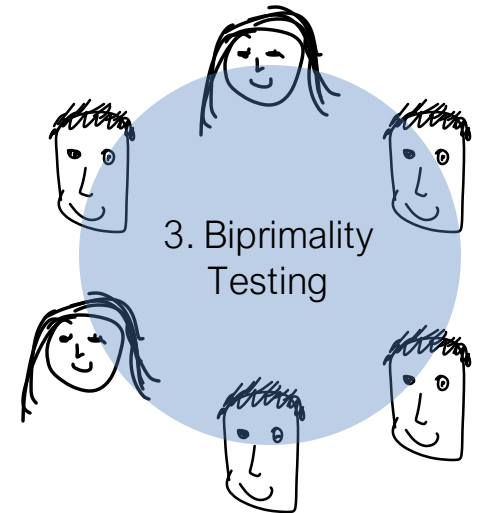
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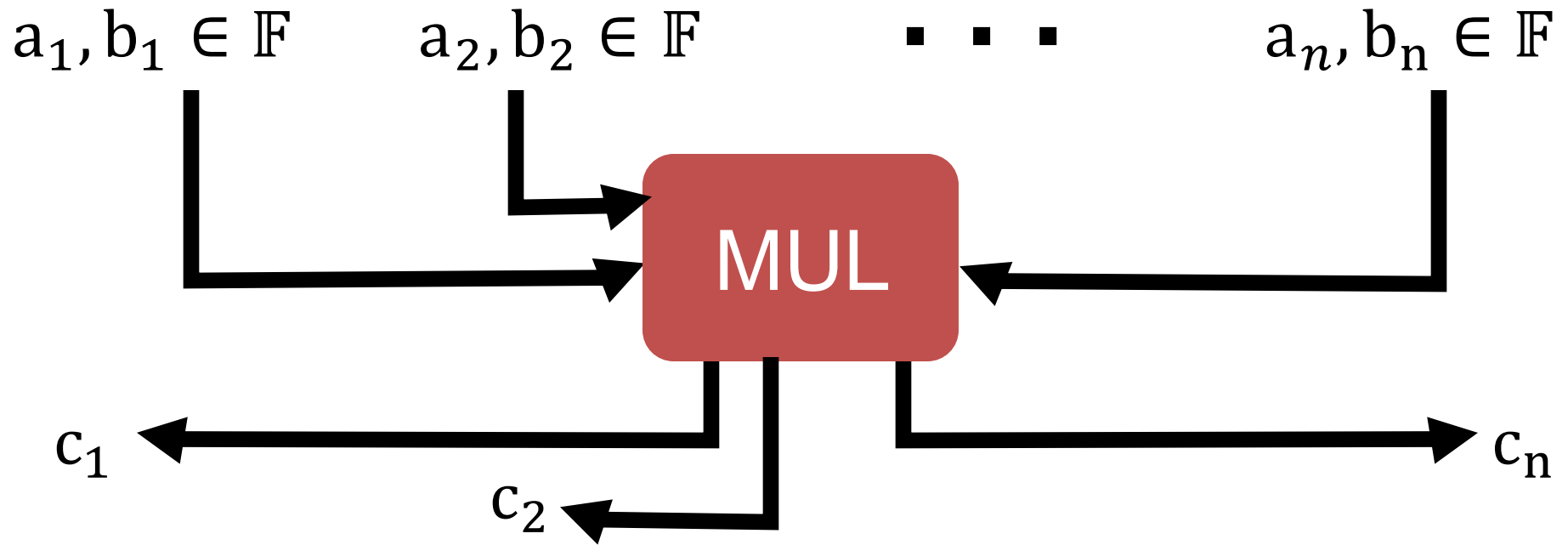
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# [CCD+20] Passive Protocol

1. Pre-sieving candidates      Secure Multiplication
2. Mult      Secure Multiplication
3. Biprimality testing      Secure Multiplication  
Jacobi test [BF97]



# Secure Multiplication



$$\sum c_i = (\sum a_i) \cdot (\sum b_i)$$

# Implementing Secure Multiplication

- Oblivious Linear Evaluation (OLE)
  - Scales quadratic in # parties
- Threshold Additively Homomorphic Encryption (TAHE) [CDN01]
  - Scales linearly in # parties
- Our Approach: TAHE with verifiable coordinator
  - per-party comm. scales logarithmically in # parties

# Threshold AHE with a coordinator

$P_i$

$C$

Parties' secret shares

$p_i, q_i$

Key Generation

$sk_i$

Encrypt  $p_i$

$Enc_{PK}(p_i)$

Coord. adds

$\sum Enc_{PK}(p_i)$

Receive  $Enc(p)$  from Coord.

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Multiply by  $q_i$

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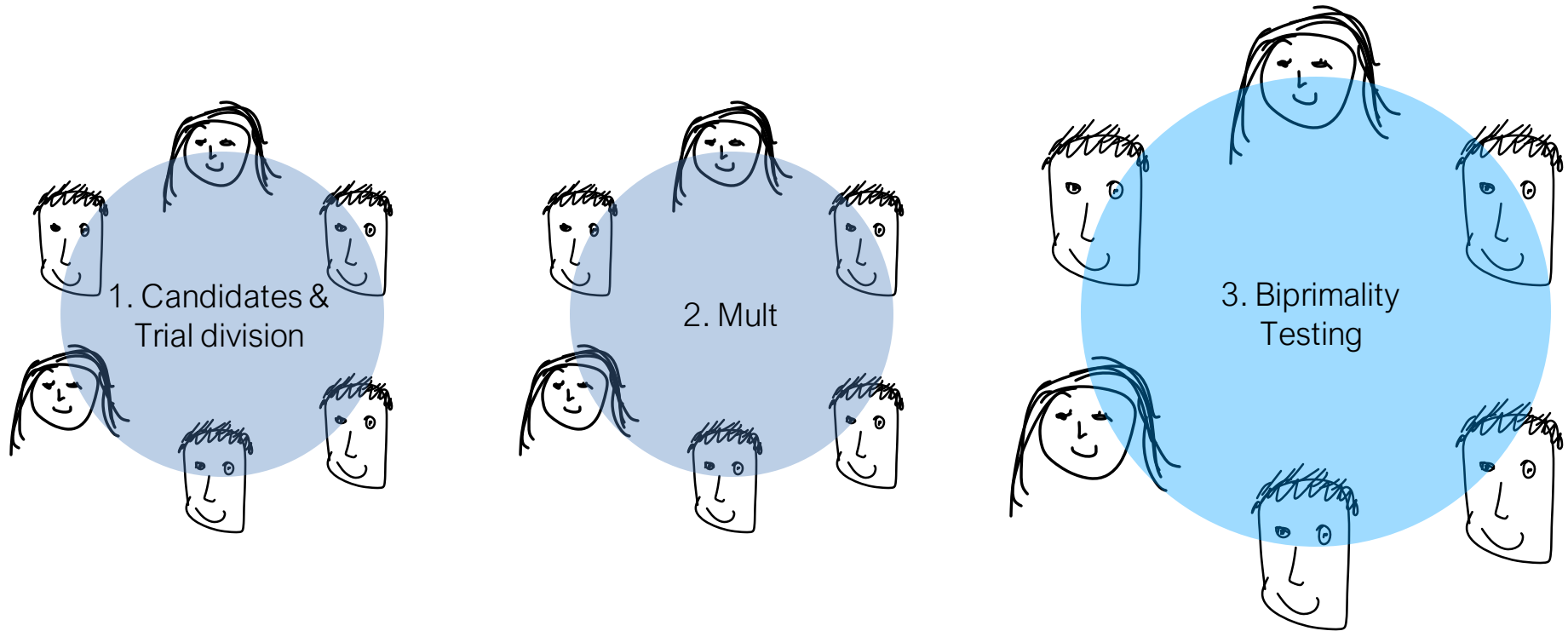
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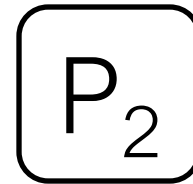
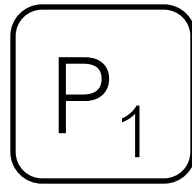
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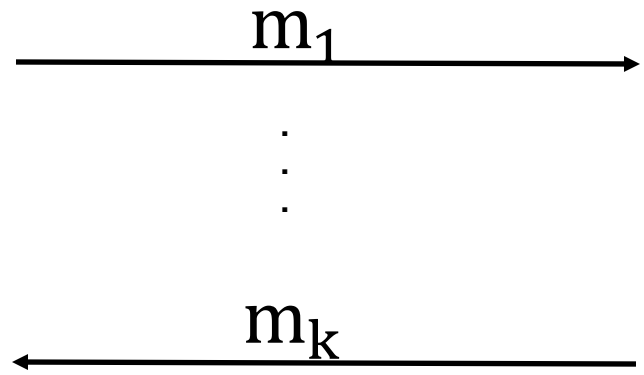


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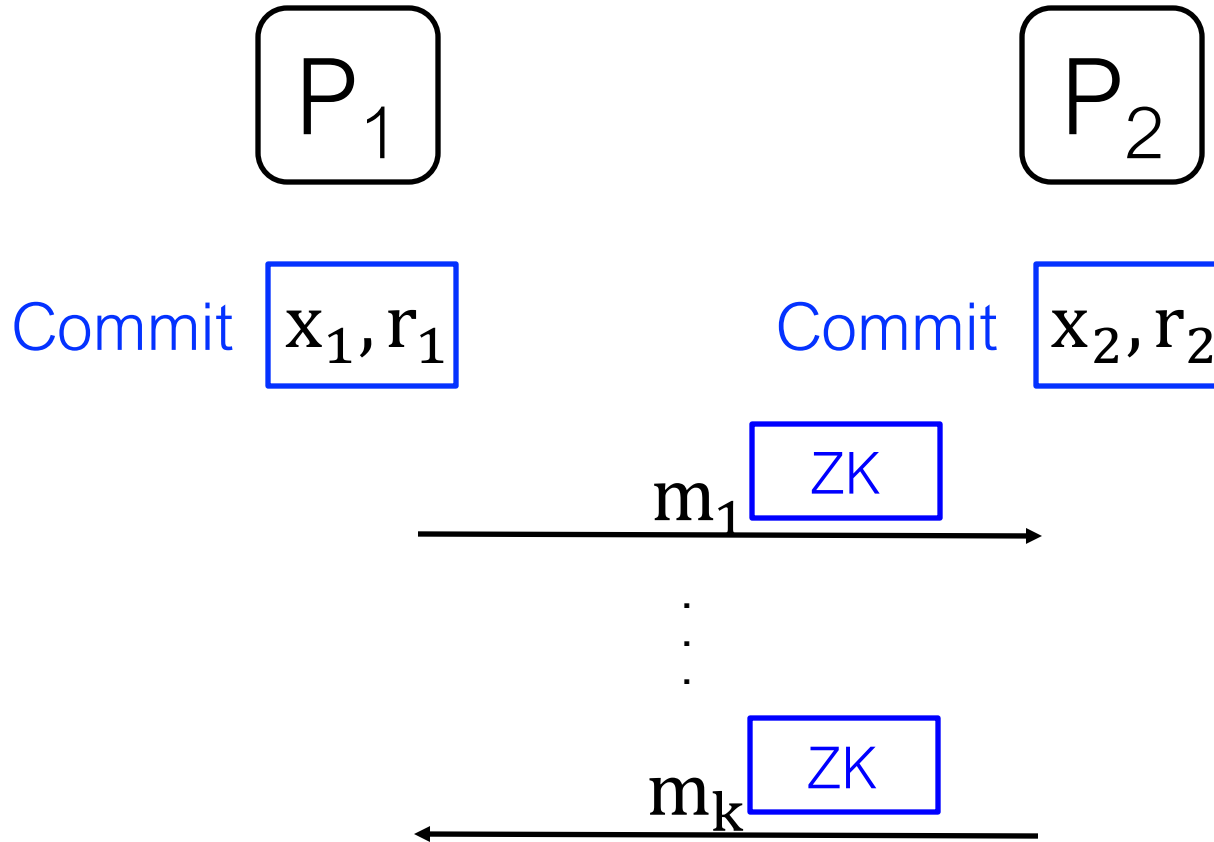


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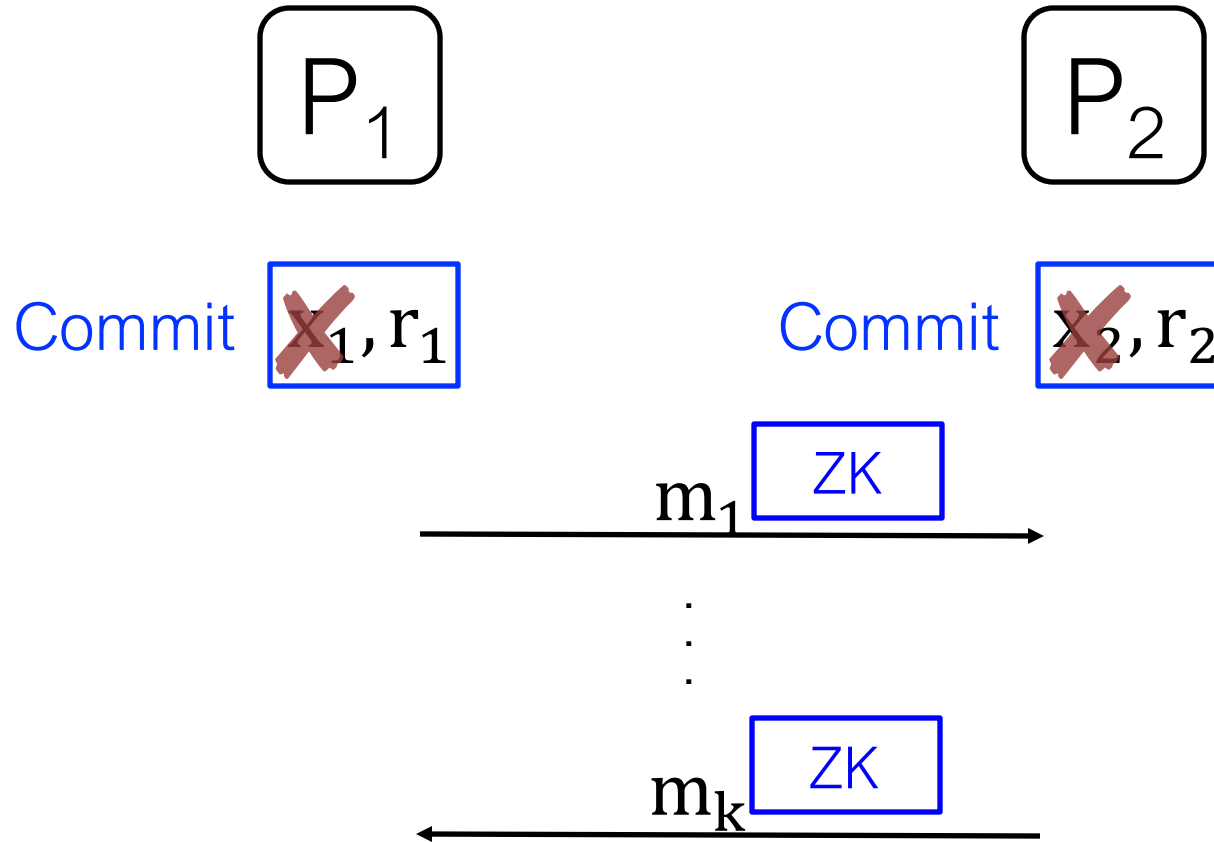
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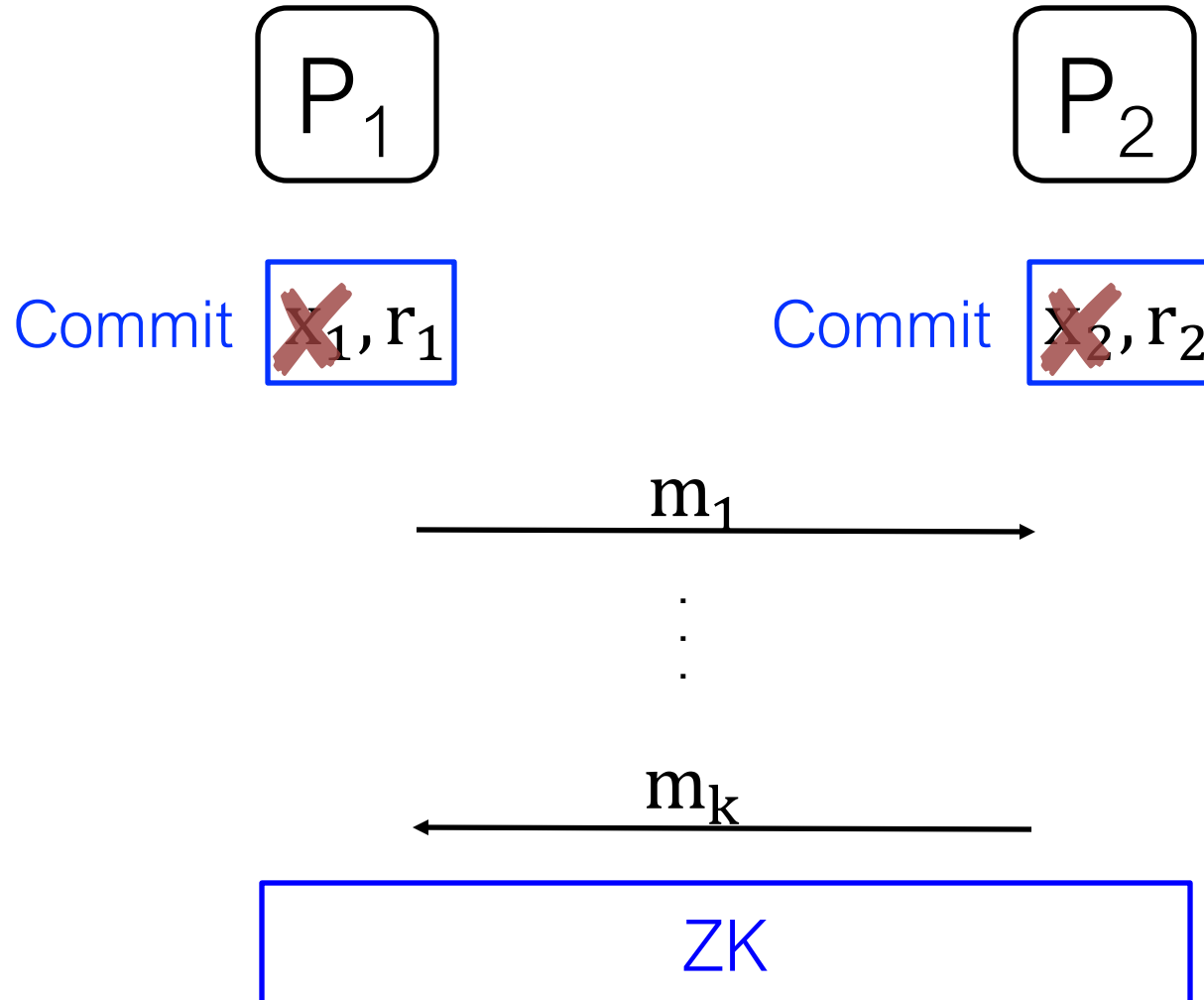
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# Our Protocol

Commitment      Commit to randomness

Key Setup        Generate threshold keys

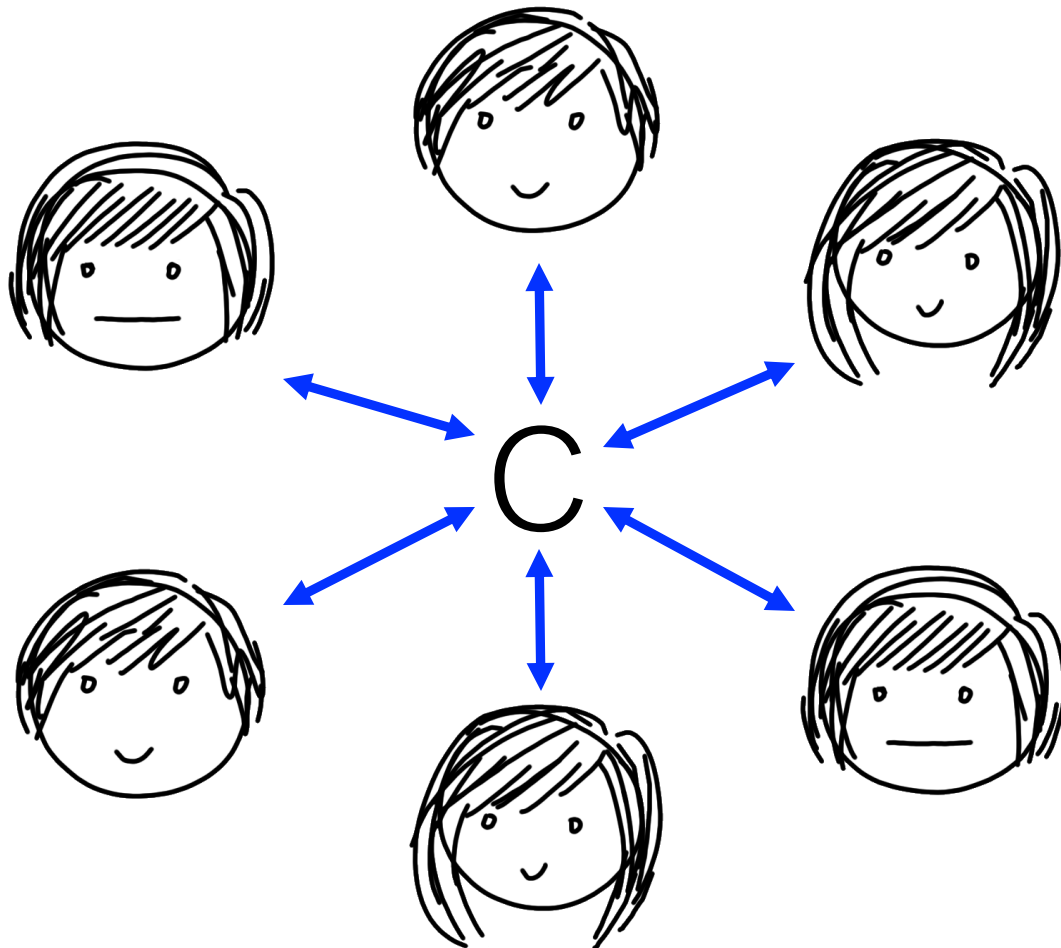
Generate Candidates      Sample pre-sieved primes

Compute Products      Use TAHE to compute candidates

Biprimality test      Jacobi test

Certification      Zero-knowledge proof

# Verifiable Coordinator



- Coordinator performs **only public** operations
- **Sign** every message
- **Post** message on bulletin board

# Modular Proof (UC-security)

Generate Beaver triples

Passive Protocol  
(with triples)

Certify triples

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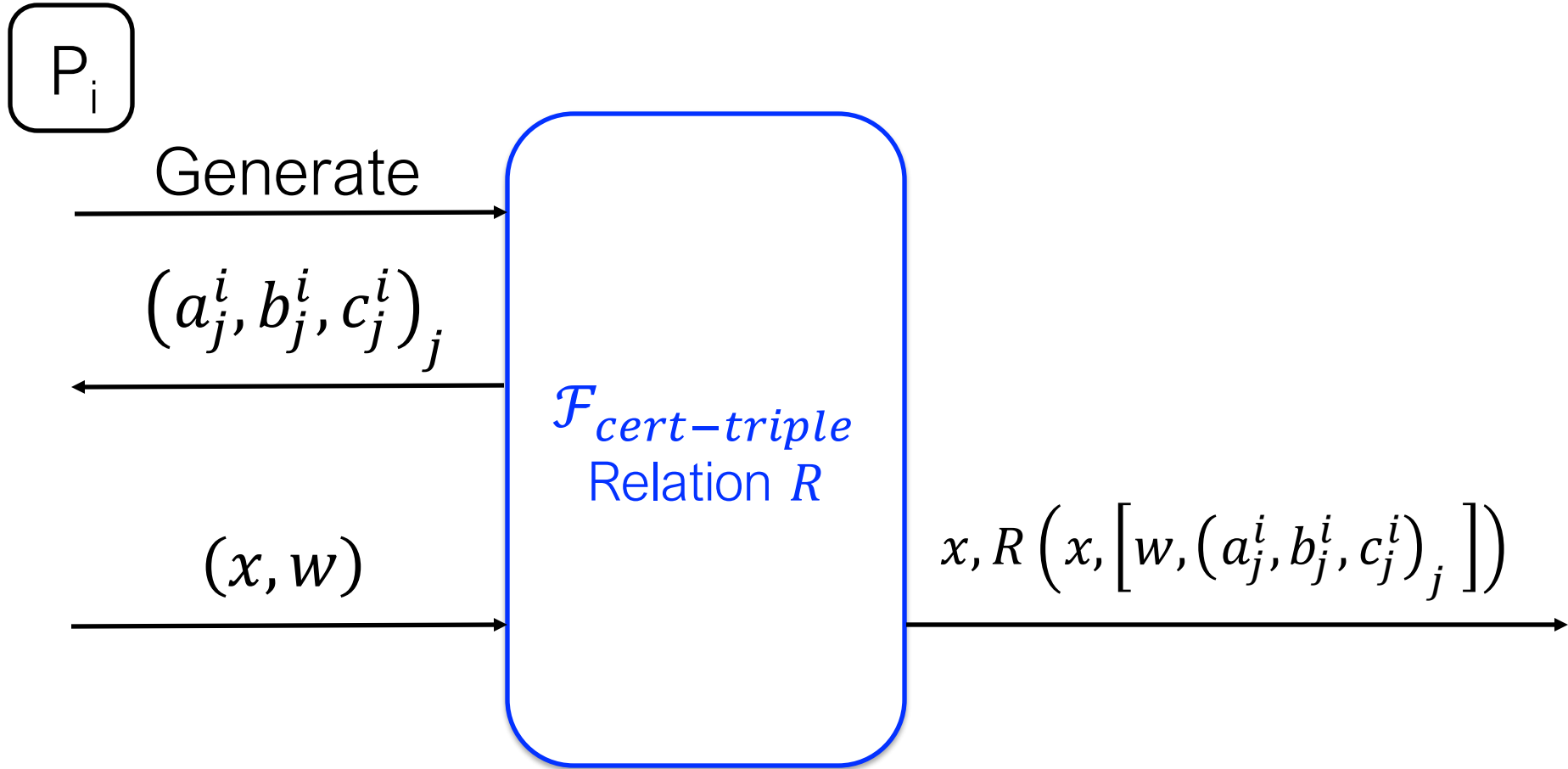
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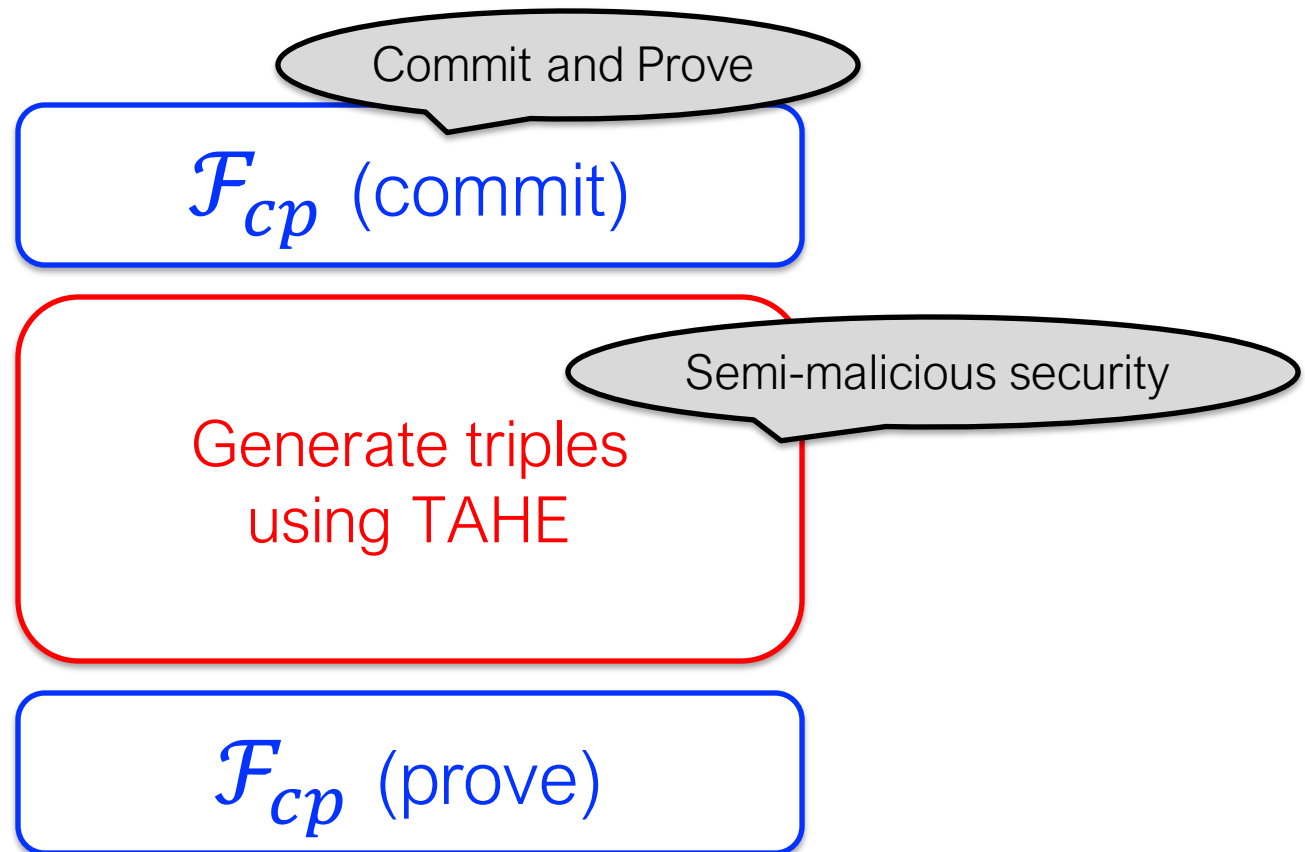
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# Certified Beaver Triples Functionality



# Realizing Certified Beaver Triples Functionality



# Which TAHE to choose?

Paillier?

- Circular choice

El Gamal?

- Inefficient decryption (discrete log)

LWE?

- Does not support all AHE operations

**Ring-LWE**  **more efficient, flexible**

- Supports AHE, better parameters, packing

# ZK Constraints

- **Triples generation** - Operations in Ring  $\mathbb{Z}_Q$  where  $Q = p_1 \times p_2 \times \dots \times p_n$  and each  $p_i$  is a 62-bit prime.
- **Triples consumption** - Linear operations modulo  $\tau$  that is a product of (a different set of) primes
- **Jacobi test** - Operations modulo  $\mathbb{Z}_N^*$  where  $N$  is the 2048-bit candidate modulus

# What ZK Protocol to Use?

## Needs:

- Memory efficient (2GB RAM for prover)
- Communication efficient (sublinear)
- Transparent

## Our Approach

Ligero [AHIV17] + Sigma [Sho00]

# The Proofs

## Ligero

- Triples generation via Ring-LWE (Range Proofs)
- Triples consumption (modular arithmetic)

## Sigma

- Jacobi test (knowledge of exponent)

# Our Protocol

- Security w/ abort upto **n-1 party corruptions** and the **coordinator** by an **active adversary**
  - **Verifiable coordinator**
- Identifiable abort
- Public-verifiability [BDO14, BDD20]

Implementation



# Setup

- Parties
  - AWS t3.small (2 vcpu, 2GB RAM)
- Coordinator
  - AWS r5dn24x.large (96 vcpu, 768 GB RAM)
- Ring LWE Parameter Selection
  - FHE Standardization (based on best attacks)
- PKI
  - Sign every message

# Threshold AHE with Ring-LWE: Parameters

| <b>Parameter</b>                  | <b>Notation</b>          | <b>Value</b> |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| Security parameter                | $\kappa$                 | 128          |
| Number of parties                 | $N$                      | 1024         |
| Gaussian parameter                | $\sigma$                 | 8            |
| Degree/Packing Factor             | $n$                      | $2^{16}$     |
| Ciphertext Modulus Size           | $ Q $                    | 1302 bits    |
| Plaintext Modulus Size            | $ P $                    | 558 bits     |
| Maximum number of bits for $\tau$ | $\text{max\_bits}(\tau)$ | 175 bits     |

Table 1: Ring-LWE choice of parameters.

# Practical Considerations

- Bandwidth filtering
  - Run a throughput test and deny entry for parties with insufficient bandwidth
- Restart with kickout
  - If protocol aborts, identify and kickout failing party
  - What does  $n-1$  security imply here?
- Distributed verification
- Benchmarking

# Performance Metrics

| <b>Parties</b> | <b>Passive (<math>\mu \pm \sigma</math> s)</b> | <b>Active (<math>\mu \pm \sigma</math> s)</b> | <b>Registration (s)</b> | <b># Runs (passive/active)</b> |
|----------------|--|---|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 2              | 20.5 $\pm$ 0.9                                 | 594.3 $\pm$ 1.1                               | 0.3                     | 20 / 10                        |
| 5              | 52.4 $\pm$ 3.7                                 | 785.9 $\pm$ 5.5                               | 0.8                     | 20 / 10                        |
| 10             | 53.3 $\pm$ 1.9                                 | 788.5 $\pm$ 3.3                               | 0.8                     | 20 / 10                        |
| 20             | 56.6 $\pm$ 2.3                                 | 797.7 $\pm$ 6.6                               | 0.8                     | 20 / 11                        |
| 50             | 67.9 $\pm$ 6.6                                 | 808.8 $\pm$ 8.6                               | 1.0                     | 20 / 16                        |
| 100            | 91.4 $\pm$ 5.3                                 | 832.3 $\pm$ 5.5                               | 3.9                     | 20 / 9                         |
| 200            | 133.5 $\pm$ 12.2                               | 884.4 $\pm$ 14.2                              | 1.0                     | 15 / 9                         |
| 500            | 219.8 $\pm$ 5.9                                | 970.0 $\pm$ 6.1                               | 0.9                     | 9 / 6                          |
| 700            | 279.7 $\pm$ 4.9                                | 1069.8 $\pm$ 9.8                              | 61.4                    | 5 / 5                          |
| 1000           | 352.0 $\pm$ 14.0                               | 1429.2 $\pm$ 0.0                              | 1.6                     | 3 / 1                          |
| 2000           | 817.8 $\pm$ 0.0                                | 2966.8 $\pm$ 0.0                              | 2.0                     | 1 / 1                          |
| 4046           | 684.2 $\pm$ 0.0                                | 4580.7 $\pm$ 0.0                              | 158.7                   | 1 / 1                          |

# Summary

- First scalable MPC with dishonest majority
- A practical implementation of the **generic GMW paradigm**
  - 4-8x computation overhead
  - <2x communication overhead
  - **Bottleneck is coordinator spec**
- Modular proof

Thank You