

# State-of-the-art Threshold ECDSA for Honest Majority and Honest Minority

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# ECDSA

## ■ Setup:

$\text{Gen}(1^\kappa) \mapsto (\mathbb{G}, q, G, H, F)$   secp256k1 in Bitcoin

## ■ KeyGen:

$$x \leftarrow \mathbb{F}_q, \text{sk} = x, \text{pk} = x \cdot G$$

## ■ Sign:

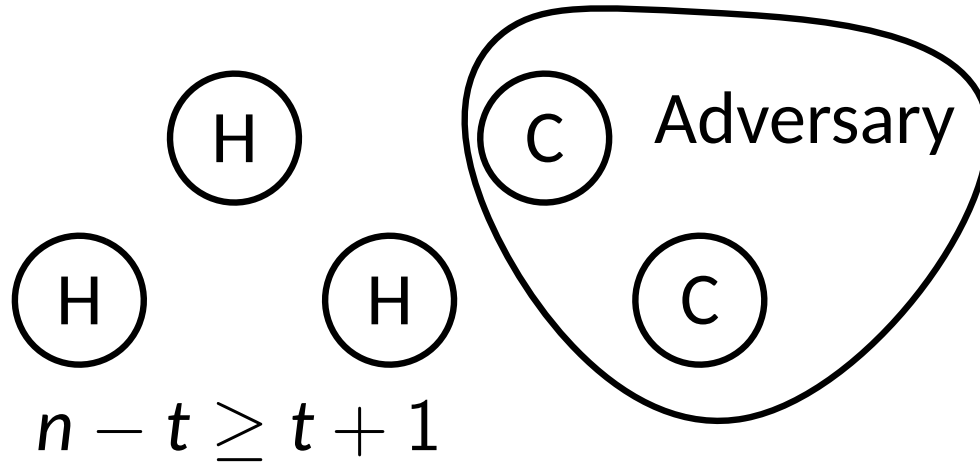
$$\begin{aligned} m &\leftarrow H(\text{msg}), k \leftarrow \mathbb{F}_q \setminus \{0\} \\ r &\leftarrow F(H(k \cdot G)), s \leftarrow k^{-1}(m + rx) \end{aligned}$$

## ■ Verify:

$$\text{Checks } r = F(s^{-1} \cdot (m \cdot G + r \cdot \text{pk}))$$

# Threshold ECDSA with Honest Majority

- $(n, t)$ -threshold,  $n \geq 2t + 1$
- Example:  $(3, 1)$ ,  $(5, 2)$ , ...-threshold



- Information Theoretic Protocol
- Malicious threshold ECDSA with abort, can be boosted to fairness

# Main Tool: Shamir Secret Sharing

## ■ (n,t)-Shamir-SS:

$$[s] := (f(1), f(2), \dots, f(n))$$
$$f \leftarrow \mathbb{F}_q[X] \text{ s.t. } \deg(f) \leq t \wedge f(0) = s$$

## ■ Encode is linear

$$\begin{bmatrix} f(1) \\ f(2) \\ \vdots \\ f(n) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1^0 & 1^1 & 1^2 & \dots & 1^t \\ 2^0 & 2^1 & 2^2 & \dots & 2^t \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ n^0 & n^1 & n^2 & \dots & n^t \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} s \\ c_1 \\ c_2 \\ \vdots \\ c_t \end{bmatrix}$$
$$[s] = \text{Van}(n,t) \times \text{Coeff}$$

## ■ Decode is linear

$$\text{Coeff} = \text{Van}(t,t)^{-1} \times [s]_{[1,t]}$$

# Shamir Secret Sharing: Homomorphism

- Linear Homomorphism: for  $[s_1] = f_1(1), \dots, f_1(n)$ ,  $[s_2] = f_2(1), \dots, f_2(n)$

$$f_1(1) + f_2(1), \dots, f_1(n) + f_2(n) = (f_1 + f_2)(1), \dots, (f_1 + f_2)(n)$$

$$\deg(f_1 + f_2) \leq t \wedge (f_1 + f_2)(0) = s_1 + s_2 \Rightarrow \text{Shamir-SS for } s_1 + s_2$$

- Limited Multiplicative Homomorphism

$$f_1(1) * f_2(1), \dots, f_1(n) * f_2(n) = (f_1 * f_2)(1), \dots, (f_1 * f_2)(n)$$

$$\deg(f_1 * f_2) \leq 2t \wedge (f_1 * f_2)(0) = s_1 * s_2 \Rightarrow 2t\text{-Shamir-SS for } s_1 * s_2$$

- Higher degree reduces the error-correction capability

# Protocol Details: KeyGen

- $P_i$  samples and distributes  $[x_i]$
- Define  $[x] := [x_1] + \dots + [x_n] = (f(1), \dots, f(n))$
- $P_i$  broadcasts  $f(i) \cdot G$
- Consistency check:

$$([s]_{\{j\}} \cdot G) = \text{Van}(\{j\}, t) \times \text{Van}(t, t)^{-1} \times ([s]_{[1, t]} \cdot G)$$

Interpolation “in the exponent”

- $P_i$  outputs  $sk = x_i$ ,  $pk =$

$$(s \cdot G) = \left( \text{Van}(t, t)^{-1} \times ([s]_{[1, t]} \cdot G) \right)_0$$

# Protocol Detail: Sign

- Step 1: Parties prepare random  $t$ -SS  $[a]$ ,  $[k]$ , random  $2t$ -SS of 0  $[b]$ ,  $[d]$ ,  $[e]$
- Step 2:  $P_i$  prepares  $R_i := k_i \cdot G$ ,  $w_i := k_i a_i + b_i$  and broadcasts  $R_i$ ,  $w_i$
- Step 3: Check  $R_i$ 's  $t$ -consistency and computes/broadcasts

$$R = (k \cdot G) = \left( \text{Van}(t,t)^{-1} \times ([s]_{[1,t]} \cdot G) \right)_1$$

$$W_i = a_i \cdot R$$

- Step 4: Computes  $r = F(R)$  and check  $W_i$ 's  $t$ -consistency and

$$W = ak \cdot G = w \cdot G$$

- Step 5: Compute  $m = H(\text{msg})$ ,  $c_i = e_i m + d_i$ , and  $s_i = w^{-1} a_i (m + rx_i) + c_i$
- Step 6: Reconstructs  $s$  from  $2t$ -sharing and verify signature

- Use verifiable secret sharing  $[[s]] := \left( (s_1, \text{Com}_1), \dots, (s_n, \text{Com}_n) \right)$
- $\text{Com}_1 = g^{s_1} h^{r_1}$  where  $\log_g(h)$  is unknown
- Generation:
  1.  $P_i$  prepares  $f_i$  and broadcasts  $\text{Com}(\text{coeff of } f_i)$
  2.  $P_i$  opens  $f_i(j)$  to  $P_j$  using linear homomorphism of  $\text{Com}$
  3. Define  $f := f_1 + \dots + f_n$
- $\text{KeyGen}^*$ : Generate  $[[x]]$  as above
- $\text{Sign}^*$ :
  1. Generate  $[[s]]_t, [[s]]_{2t}, [[b]]_t, [k^{-1}]_t, [[x]]_{2t}$
  2.  $P_i$  opens  $b_i - k_i^{-1}$  and checks for t-consistency  $\Rightarrow [[k^{-1}]]_t$
  3.  $P_i$  broadcasts  $\text{Com}(x_i k_i^{-1})$  and prove correctness using **ZK**
  4. Reconstructs  $s - xk^{-1}$  with VSS  $\Rightarrow [[xk^{-1}]]_t$
  5.  $[[s]]_t := m[[k^{-1}]]_t + r[[xk^{-1}]]_t$



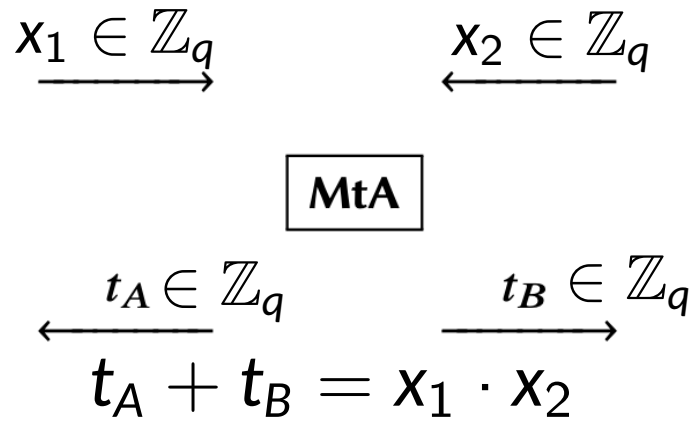
- Amazon EC2 m5.xlarge, single core, CentOS
- 1 docker of PostgreSQL to store sk share and 1 docker of server

Table 2. Latency per operation

$n, t$	LAN			WAN		
	keygen	presig	sign	keygen	presig	sign
3, 1	28.2 ms	34.2 ms	19.9 ms	1.22 s	1.47 s	0.73 s
5, 2	39.9 ms	44.8 ms	25.0 ms	1.47 s	1.71 s	0.98 s
7, 3	54.6 ms	60.0 ms	30.8 ms	1.48 s	1.72 s	0.98 s
9, 4	66.4 ms	74.0 ms	34.8 ms	1.48 s	1.72 s	1.00 s

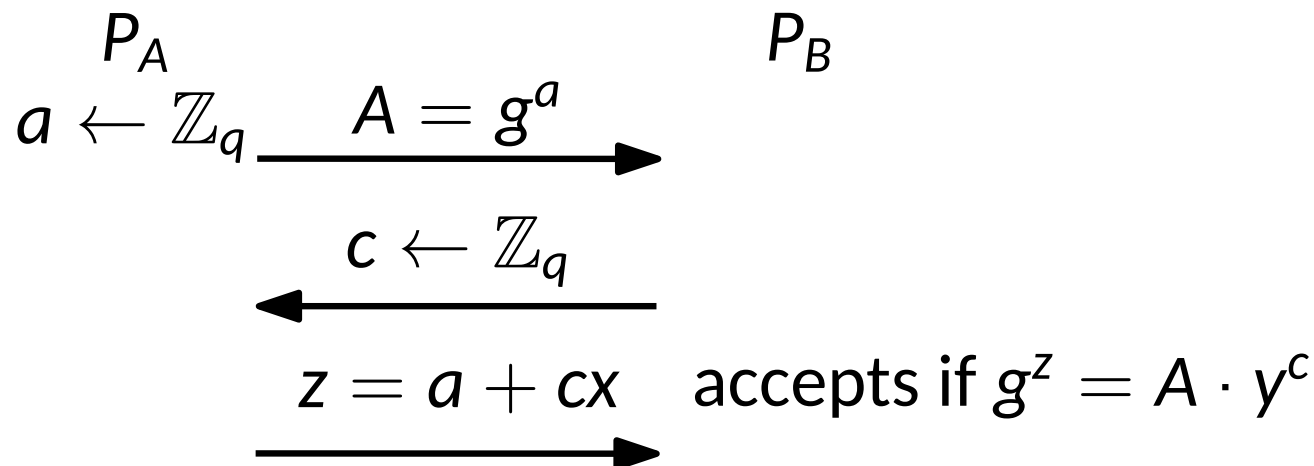
# Threshold ECDSA with 2 Parties

- Full-threshold case, needs cryptographic tools
- 1st tool: Multiplication-to-Addition Protocol



- Realizations: OT (Gilboa) or AHE (Paillier)
- Advantages: Fast                      Small communication

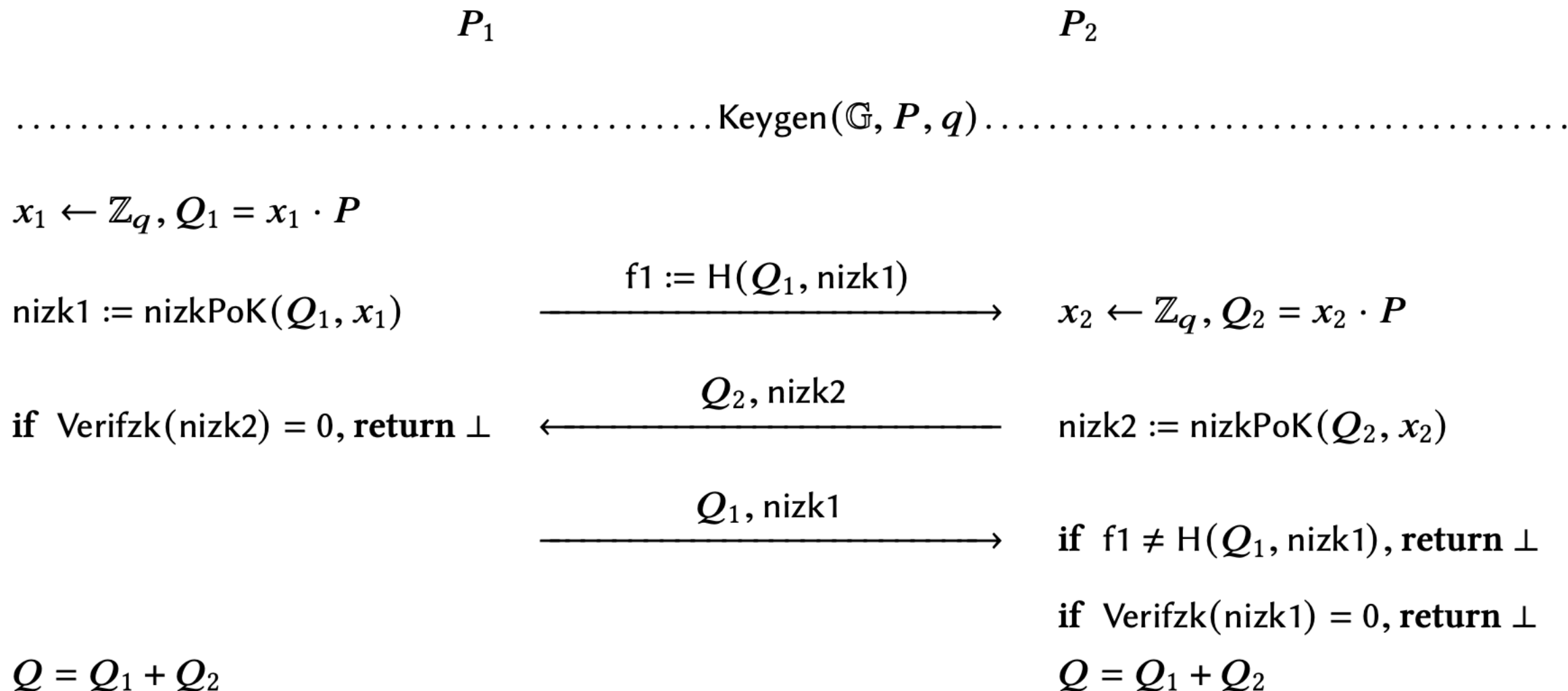
- 2nd tool: Schnorr Proof
- Proving relations:  $y = g^x$  for public  $g, y$



- Public Coin protocol, able to apply Fiat-Shamir

# 2ECDSA: KeyGen

## ■ Essentially coin-tossing



## (1) Commit $P_2$ 's Nonce

$$k_2 \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_q, R_2 = k_2 \cdot P$$

$$\xleftarrow{f2 := H(R_2, \text{nizk3})} \quad \text{nizk3} := \text{nizkPoK}(R_2, k_2)$$

## (2) MtA and Consistency

$$x'_1 \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_q, Q'_1 = x'_1 \cdot P$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \xrightarrow{x'_1} & & \xleftarrow{k_2} \\ & \boxed{\text{MtA}} & \\ \xleftarrow{t_A} & & \xrightarrow{t_B} \end{array} \quad \begin{aligned} t_B + cc &= t_A + t_B + x'_1 r_1 - x_1 \\ &= x'_1 (r_1 + k_2) - x_1 \end{aligned}$$

$$r_1 \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_q$$

$$cc = t_A + x'_1 r_1 - x_1 \pmod{q} \quad \xrightarrow{Q'_1, r_1, cc} \quad \begin{aligned} &\text{if } (t_B + cc)P = (r_1 + k_2)Q'_1 - Q_1 \\ &x'_2 = x_2 - (t_B + cc) \pmod{q} \end{aligned}$$

$$(r_1 + k_2)x'_1 + x'_2 = x$$

# 2ECDSA: Sign

## (3) Nonce KE

$$k_1 \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_q, R_1 = k_1 \cdot P$$

$$\text{nizk4} := \text{nizkPoK}(R_1, k_1) \xrightarrow{R_1, \text{nizk4}} \text{if } \text{Verifzk}(\text{nizk4}) = 0, \text{return } \perp$$

$$\text{if } f_2 \neq H(R_2, \text{nizk3}), \text{return } \perp \xleftarrow{R_2, \text{nizk3}} R := (r_1 + k_2) \cdot R_1$$

$$\text{if } \text{Verifzk}(\text{nizk3}) = 0, \text{return } \perp$$

$$R := k_1 \cdot R_2 + k_1 r_1 \cdot P \quad k = k_1(r_1 + k_2)$$

## (4) Online Sign

$$s = k_1^{-1}(s_2 + r x'_1) \pmod q \xleftarrow{s_2} s_2 = (r_1 + k_2)^{-1}(H(m) + r x'_2) \pmod q$$

$$\text{if } \text{Verify}(m; (r, s)) = 0, \text{return } \perp$$

$$\text{else return } (r, s)$$

$$s = k_1^{-1}(s_2 + r x'_1)$$
$$s = k^{-1}(H(m) + r x'_2) + k_1^{-1} r x'_1$$

# Performance

- Tested on local laptops, loopback network
- Mainly consider computation time

**Table 3: Cost comparison of Paillier-based schemes.**

Schemes	Computation		Communication	
	Offline	Online	Offline	Online
LNR18 [26]	461ms	302ms	12.1KB	6.6KB
GG18 [19]	1237ms	3ms	15.5KB	288B
CGGMP20 [6]	2037ms	0.2ms	44KB	32B
2ECDSA (Paillier)	226ms	0.2ms	6.3KB	32B
Lin17 [25] (Paillier-EC)	34ms	8ms	192B	768B
GG18 [19] (Paillier-EC)	360ms	3ms	6.6KB	288B
2ECDSA (Paillier-EC)	141ms	0.2ms	4.1KB	32B

**Table 4: Cost comparison of OT-based schemes.**

Schemes	Computation		Communication	
	Offline	Online	Offline	Online
DKLS18 [15]	2.9ms	0.2ms	169.8KB	32B
DKLS19 [16]	3.7ms	0.2ms	180KB	32B
2ECDSA (OT)	2.6ms	0.2ms	90.9KB	32B