

# Post-Quantum Signatures via Publicly Verifiable LPZK

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# Motivations

- Efficient VOLE-based DVZK
- How to transform DVZK to (NI)ZK?
- P.S. Landscape of Efficient Zero Knowledge

	zk-SNARK, GKR, etc.	GCZK	DVZK
Prover Computation	$\Omega( C )$	$O( C )$	$O( C )$
Prover Memory	$\Omega( C )$	$O(1)$	$O(1)$
Proof Size	$O(\log( C ))$	$O(\kappa \cdot  C )$	$O( C ^{\{1, \frac{3}{4}, \frac{1}{2}\}})$
Verifier Type	Universal	Designated	Designated
Advantage (Scalability)	Low-Bandwidth Small Circuit	High-Bandwidth Large Circuit	High-Bandwidth Large Circuit Polynomials

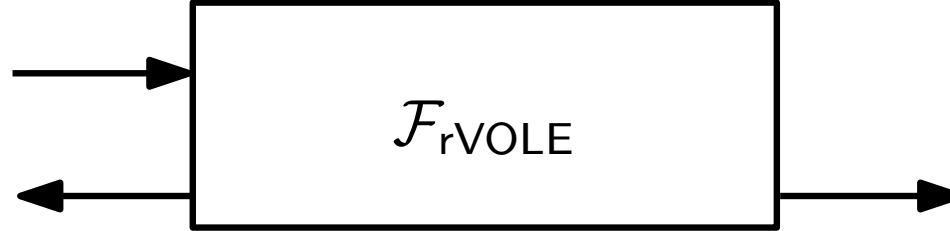
Main techniques (of DVZK):

- Random (subfield) VOLE
- Low-Degree Test

# Preliminary: VOLE as IT-MAC (Linear Commitment)

Receiver/ $\mathcal{V}$

$\Delta \in \mathbb{F}_{p^r}$   
(global key)  
 $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{F}_{p^r}^n$   
(MAC Key)



Sender/ $\mathcal{P}$

$\mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{F}_{p^r}^n$  (message)  
 $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{F}_{p^r}^n$  (MAC Tag)

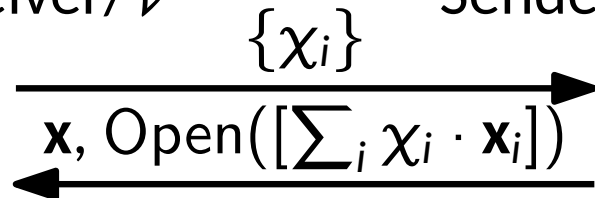
Sender commits to  $\mathbf{x}$  by sending  $\delta_x := \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{a}$

IT-MAC  $[\mathbf{x}] := (\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{b})$  subject to  $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{x} \cdot \Delta$

- Linear Homomorphism:  $[x] + [y] \mapsto [x + y]$
- Open( $[x]$ ):  $\mathcal{P} \rightarrow \mathcal{V} : (x, b)$ ,  $\mathcal{V}$  checks  $v = b + x \cdot \Delta$
- Batched Open:

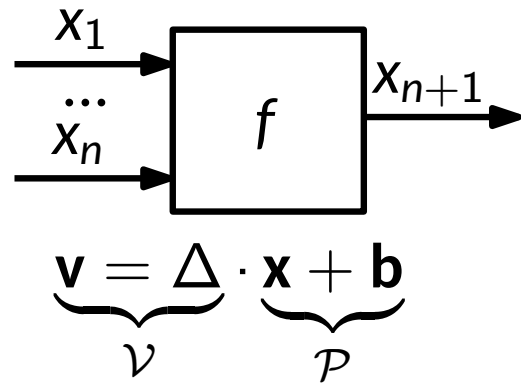
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- $\mathcal{P}$  opens a different value  $\rightarrow \mathcal{P}$  guesses  $\Delta$
- Soundness error =  $\frac{1}{p^r}$

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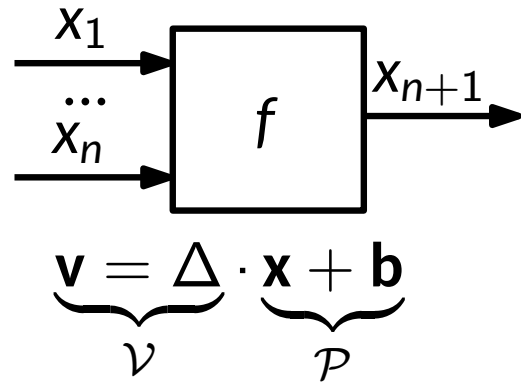


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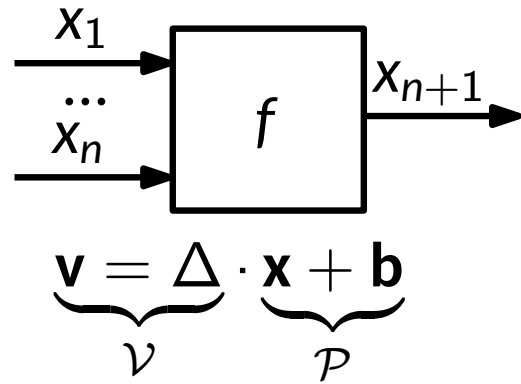
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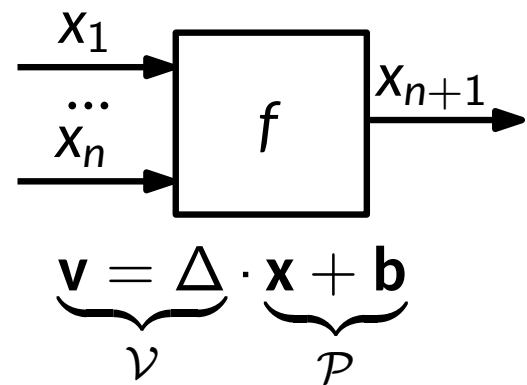
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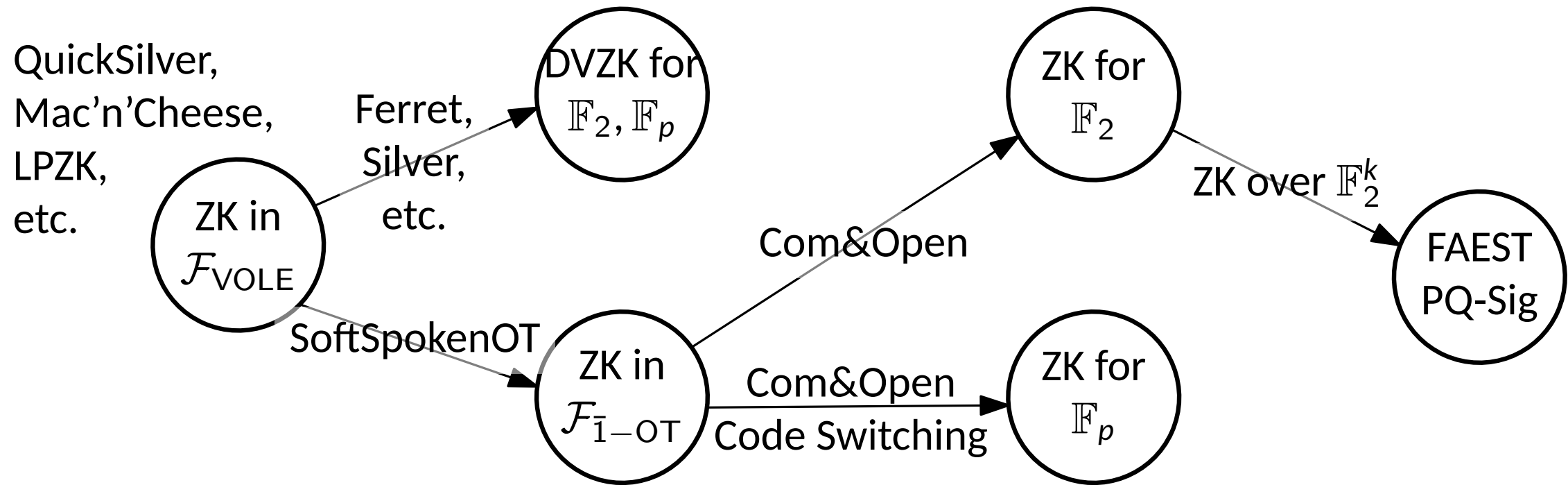
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- Sends collapsed, masked coeff. of  $g(\mathbf{v})$
- Soundness:  $\frac{d}{p}$

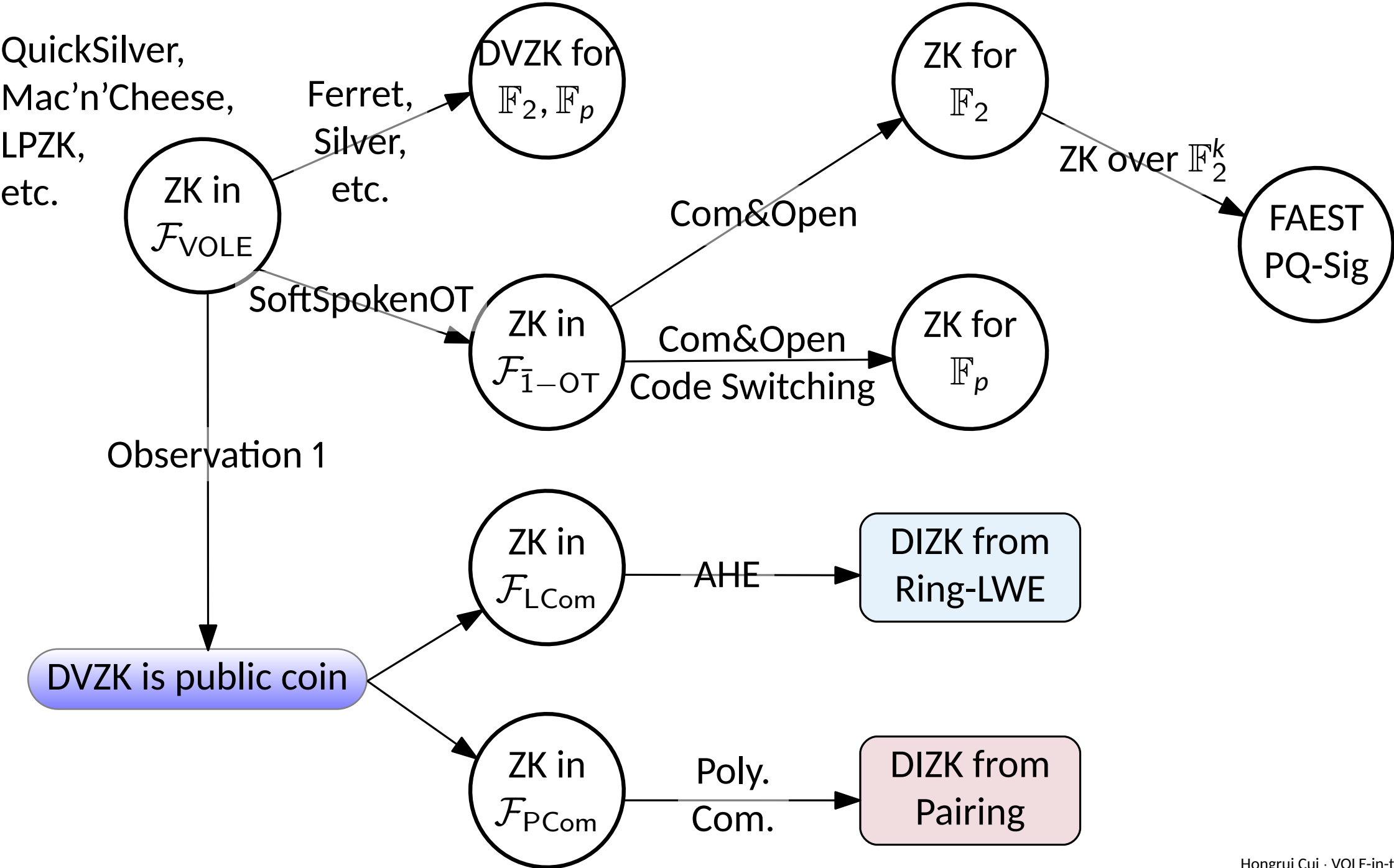
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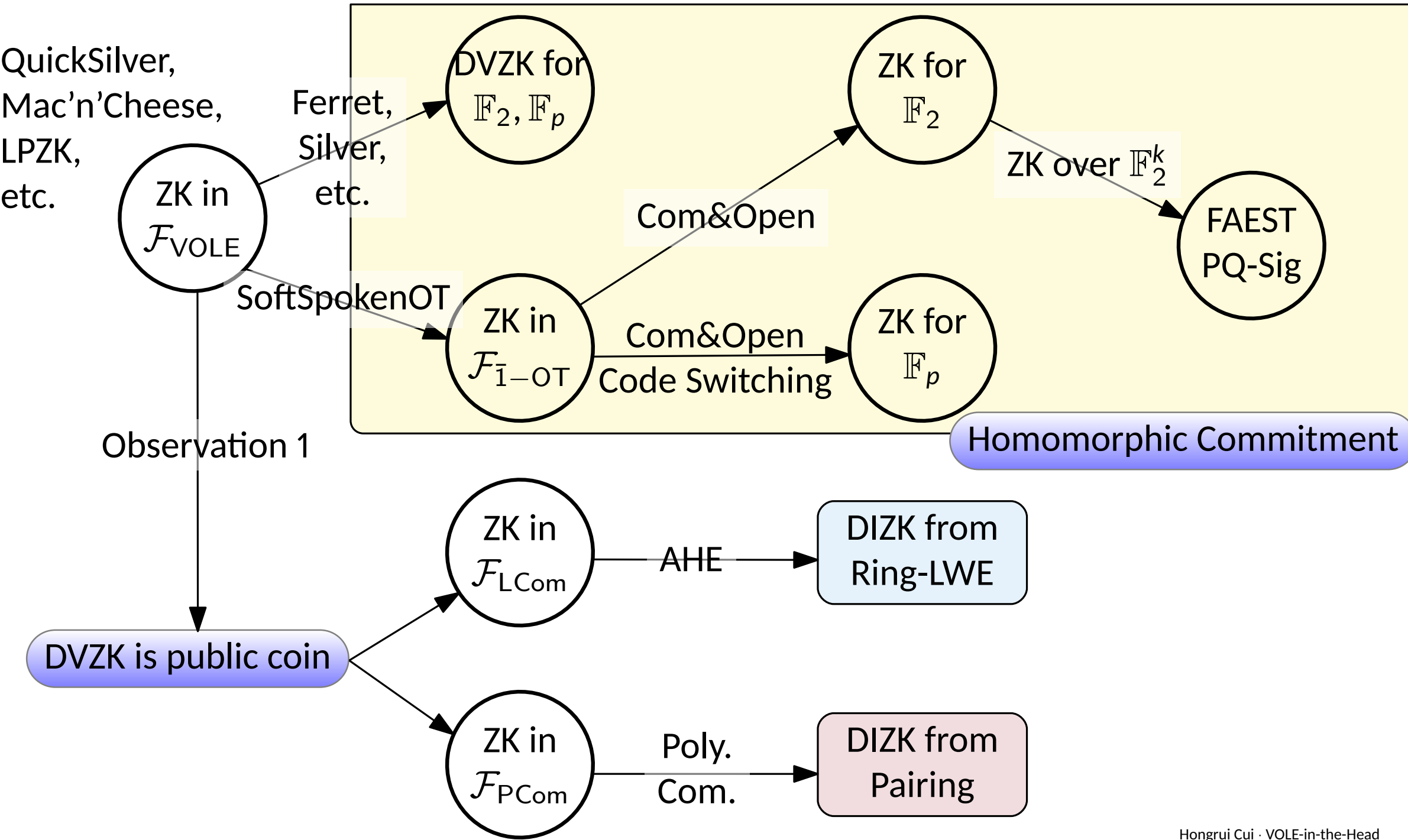
- Observation 1: In DVZK, Verifier is **public coin** and VOLE output can be delayed to the very end after all communications
- Observation 2: Subspace VOLE (SoftSpokenOT) allows reduction to OT
- Observation 3: OT can be replaced with com-and-open



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Scheme	Key size	Sig. size	Gen	Sign	Verify
Picnic2 [24]	64 B	45.9 kB	0.01 ms	28 ms	28 ms
Banquet [3]	-	19.78 kB	-	6.36 ms	4.86 ms
PorcRoast [7]	-	7.2 kB	-	2.8 ms	-
RSD-S [12]	0.09 kB	8.55 kB	-	31 ms	-
Falcon[21]	897 B	0.67 kB	8.64 ms	168 $\mu$ s	35 $\mu$ s
Dilithium3-AES	1.95 kB	3.3 kB	30 $\mu$ s	93 $\mu$ s	30 $\mu$ s
SPHINCS+	1.06 kB	41 kB	0.82 ms	13 ms	0.58 ms
<b>LPZK PAL</b>	68.3 kB	69.2 kB	$\approx$ 15 ms	$\approx$ 1 ms	$\approx$ 1 ms
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# Performance of the ZK Compilers



Scheme	$t_{\mathcal{P}}$ (ms)	$t_{\mathcal{V}}$ (ms)	sign  (B)	Assumption	
SDitH [FJR22b] (fast)	13.40	12.70	17 866	SD $\mathbb{F}_2$	
SDitH [FJR22b] (short)	64.20	60.70	12 102	SD $\mathbb{F}_2$	
SDitH [FJR22b] (fast)	6.40	5.90	12 115	SD $\mathbb{F}_{256}$	
SDitH [FJR22b] (short)	29.50	27.10	8 481	SD $\mathbb{F}_{256}$	
Rainier <sub>3</sub> [DKR <sup>+</sup> 22]	2.96	2.92	6 176	RAIN <sub>3</sub>	
Rainier <sub>4</sub> [DKR <sup>+</sup> 22]	3.47	3.42	6 816	RAIN <sub>4</sub>	
Limbo [dOT21] (fast)	2.61	2.25	23 264	Hash	
Limbo [dOT21] (short)	24.51	21.82	13 316	Hash	
SPHINCS+-SHA2 [HBD <sup>+</sup> 22] (fast)	4.40	0.40	17 088	Hash	
SPHINCS+-SHA2 [HBD <sup>+</sup> 22] (short)	88.21	0.15	7 856	Hash	
Falcon-512 [PFH <sup>+</sup> 22]	0.11	0.02	666	Lattice	
Dilithium2 [LDK <sup>+</sup> 22]	0.07	0.03	2 420	Lattice	
FAEST (this work, fast, $q = 2^8$ )	2.28	2.11	6 583	Hash	
FAEST (this work, short, $q = 2^{11}$ )	11.05	10.18	5 559	Hash	
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**Figure 3: Post-quantum publicly verifiable LPZK from additive homomorphic encryption using Ring-LWE.**

**Protocol  $\Pi_{\text{PV-LPZK}}$ :** Post-quantum publicly verifiable LPZK from Ring-LWE.

Parametrized by a finite field  $\mathbb{F}$ , a circuit  $C$ , and a length  $n$ , with a randomized LPZK scheme as in §2.1 and an commitment scheme under AHE as in § 2.2.

- (1) (preprocessing)  $P$  computes  $(pk; sk) := \text{Gen}(\kappa)$  under an AHE scheme.
- (2) (preprocessing)  $P$  generates random vectors  $(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b})$  of length  $n$  and generates the encryptions  $\langle \mathbf{a} \rangle, \langle \mathbf{b} \rangle := \text{Enc}(\mathbf{a}, pk), \text{Enc}(\mathbf{b}, pk)$ .
- (3)  $P$  generates  $\mathbf{m} := \text{Prove}(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, C, \mathbf{w})$  under rLPZK.
- (4)  $P$  computes  $\alpha := H(\langle \mathbf{a} \rangle, \langle \mathbf{b} \rangle || \mathbf{m})$  and  $\mathbf{v} := \mathbf{a}\alpha + \mathbf{b}$ .
- (5)  $P$  computes  $\mathbf{q} := H(\alpha || \mathbf{v})$ ,  $m_q := \sum q_i(a_i\alpha + b_i)$  and

$$\pi := \text{Open}_{\text{AHE}}\left(\sum_{i=1}^n (q_i\alpha \cdot \langle a_i \rangle + q_i \cdot \langle b_i \rangle), m_q, sk\right).$$

- (6)  $P$  sends  $(pk, \langle \mathbf{a} \rangle, \langle \mathbf{b} \rangle, \mathbf{m}, \mathbf{v}, \pi)$  to  $V$ .
- (7)  $V$  computes  $\alpha = H(\langle \mathbf{a} \rangle || \langle \mathbf{b} \rangle || \mathbf{m})$  and  $\mathbf{q} = H(\alpha || \mathbf{v})$ , computes  $m_q := \sum q_i v_i$ , and invokes  $\text{Verify}_{\text{AHE}}(\sum_{i=1}^n (q_i\alpha \cdot \langle a_i \rangle + q_i \cdot \langle b_i \rangle), m_q, \pi)$ .
- (8)  $V$  runs  $\text{Verify}(C, \alpha, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{m})$  and returns acc if all verification steps succeed, and rej otherwise.

# DVZK from Polynomial Commitment

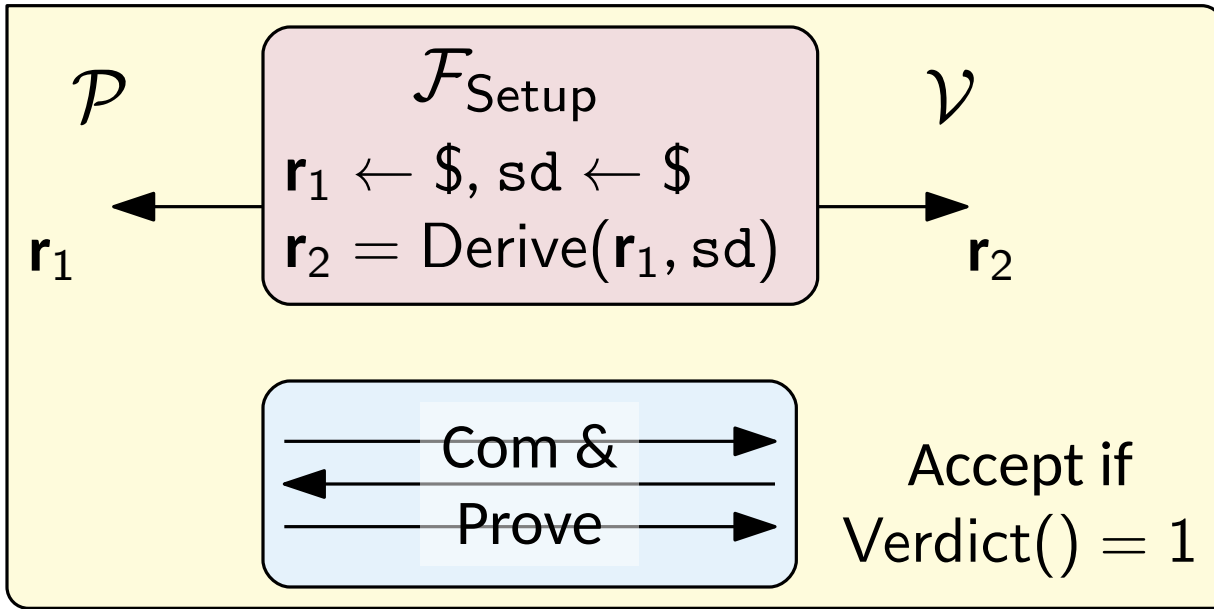
**Figure 5: Publicly verifiable LPZK from a polynomial commitment scheme**

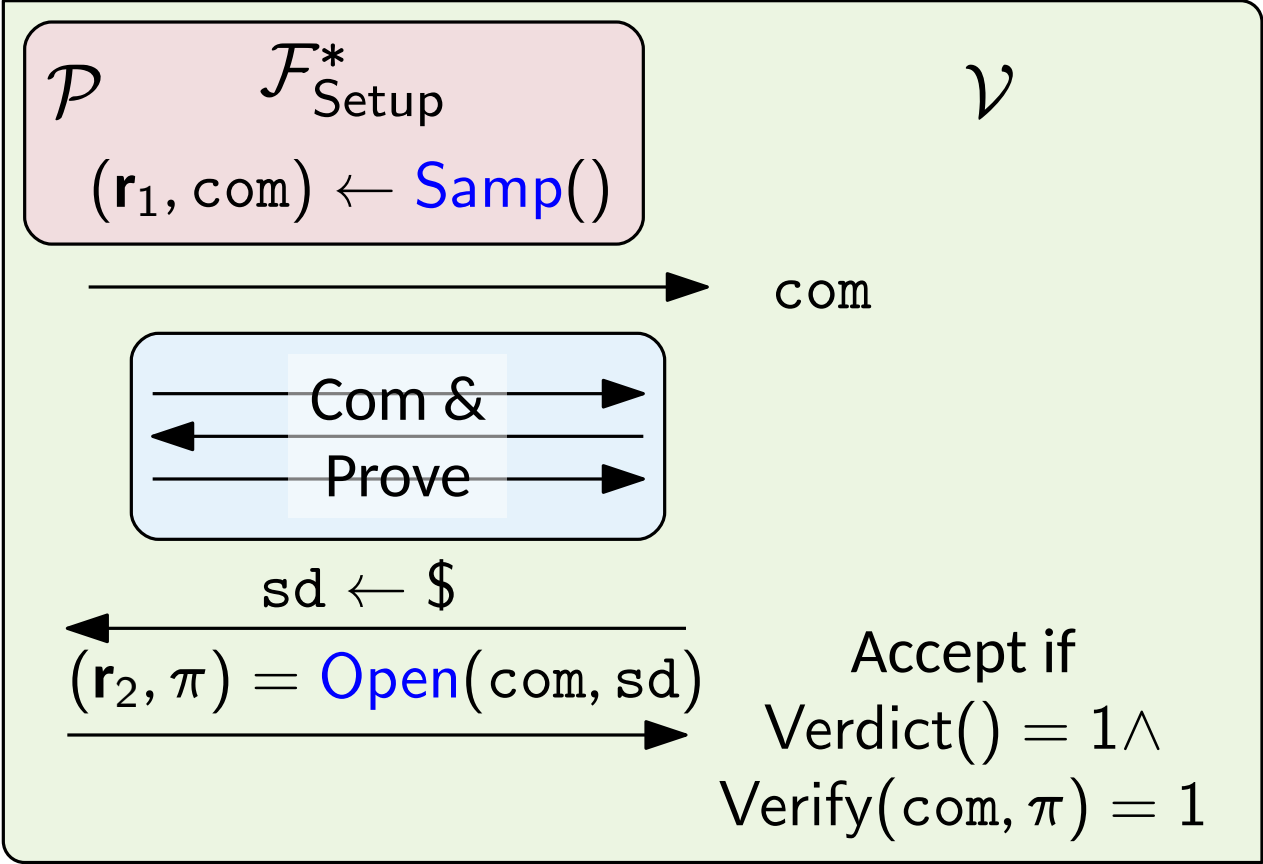
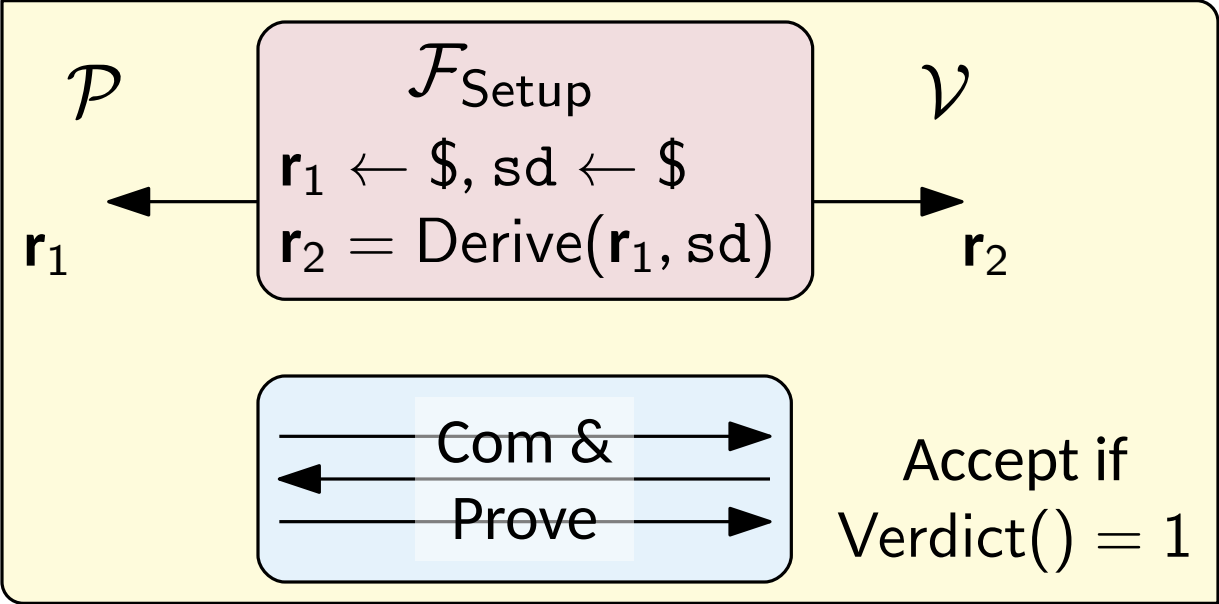
**Protocol  $\Pi_{\text{PV-LPZK}}$ :** pv-LPZK from a polynomial commitment scheme.

Parametrized by a finite field  $\mathbb{F}$  and a length  $n$ , with a polynomial commitment scheme  $(\text{Commit}_{\text{POLY}}, \text{Open}, \text{Open-Verify})$  and an LPZK scheme  $(\text{Prove}, \text{Verify})$ .

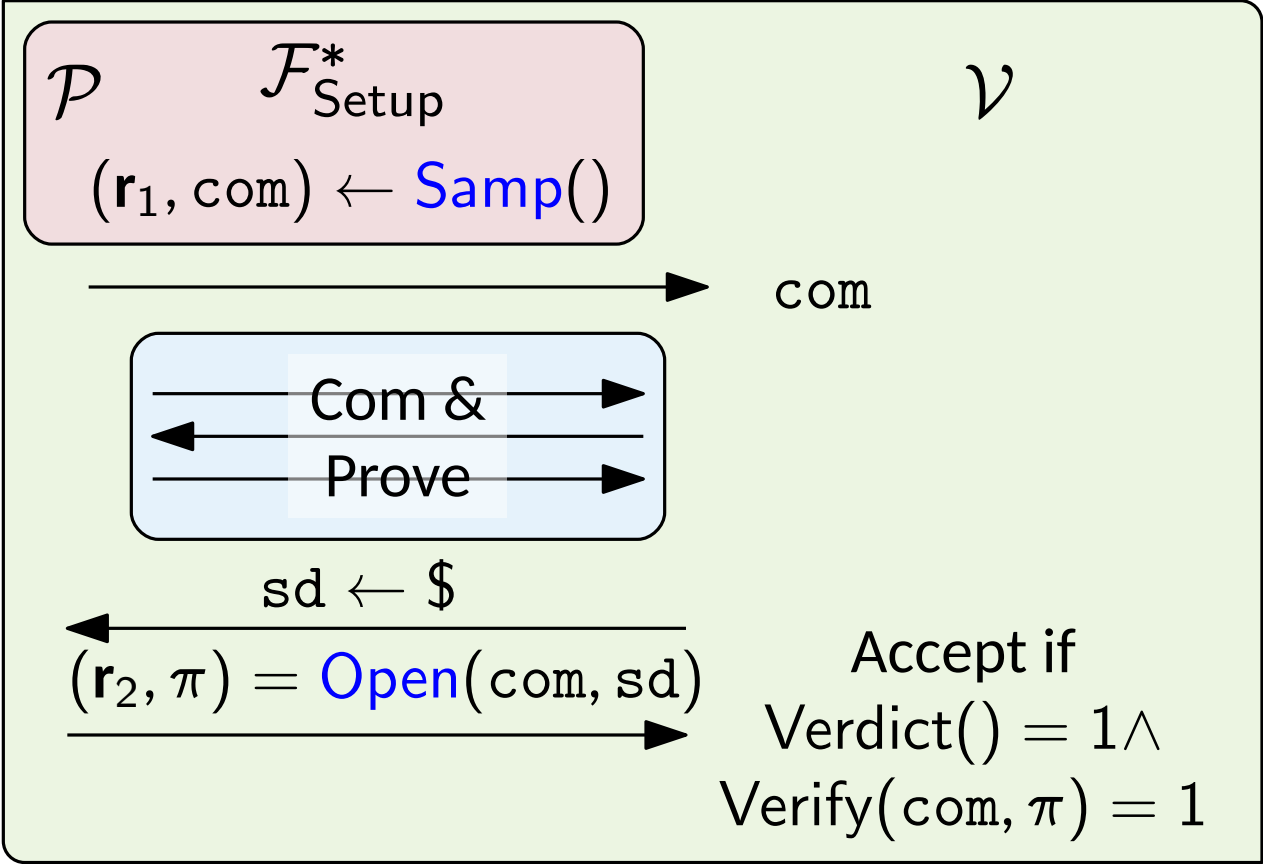
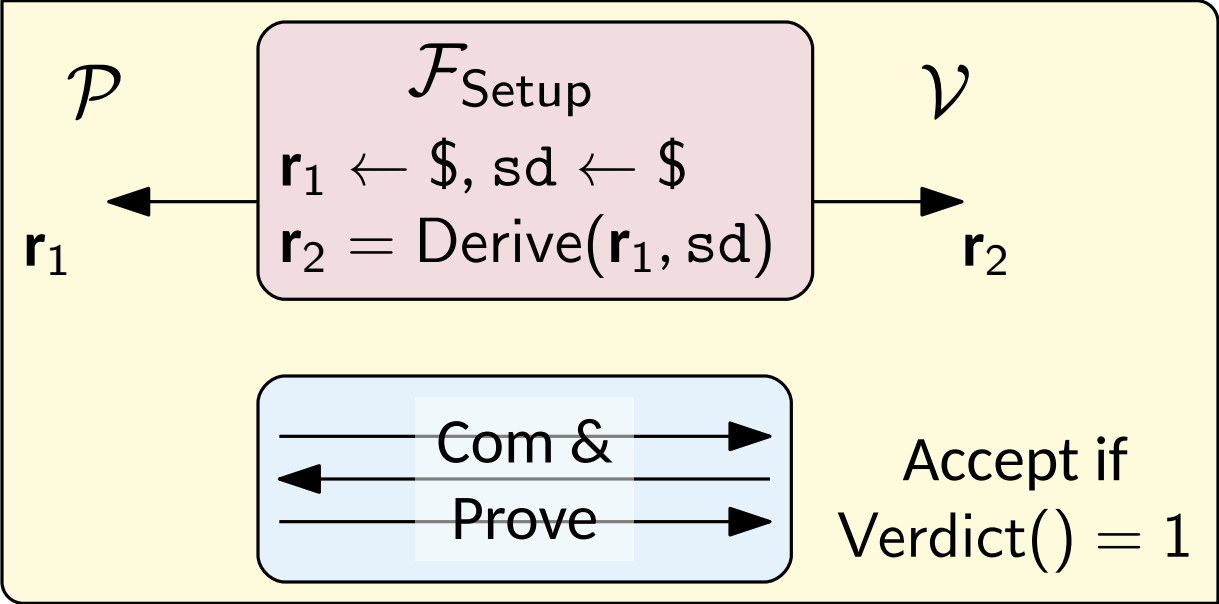
- (1) (preprocessing)  $P$  generates random vectors  $(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b})$  of length  $n + 1$  (i.e. extending the usual vectors by one entry) and generates commitments  $g_a := \text{Commit}_{\text{POLY}}(f_a)$ ,  $g_b := \text{Commit}_{\text{POLY}}(f_b)$ .
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- (7)  $V$  verifies that  $f_v(q) = w_a\alpha + w_b$ .
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# Insights of LPZK-in-the-Head

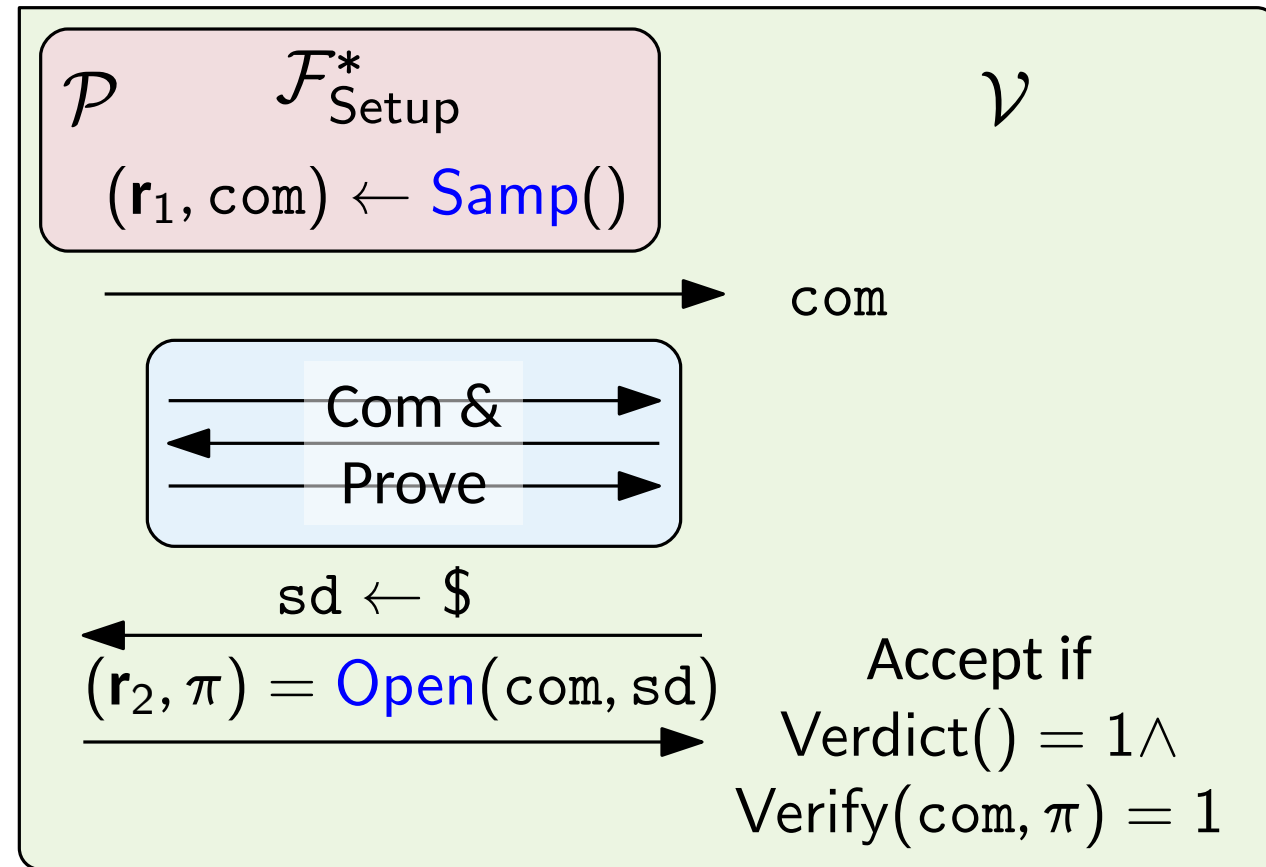
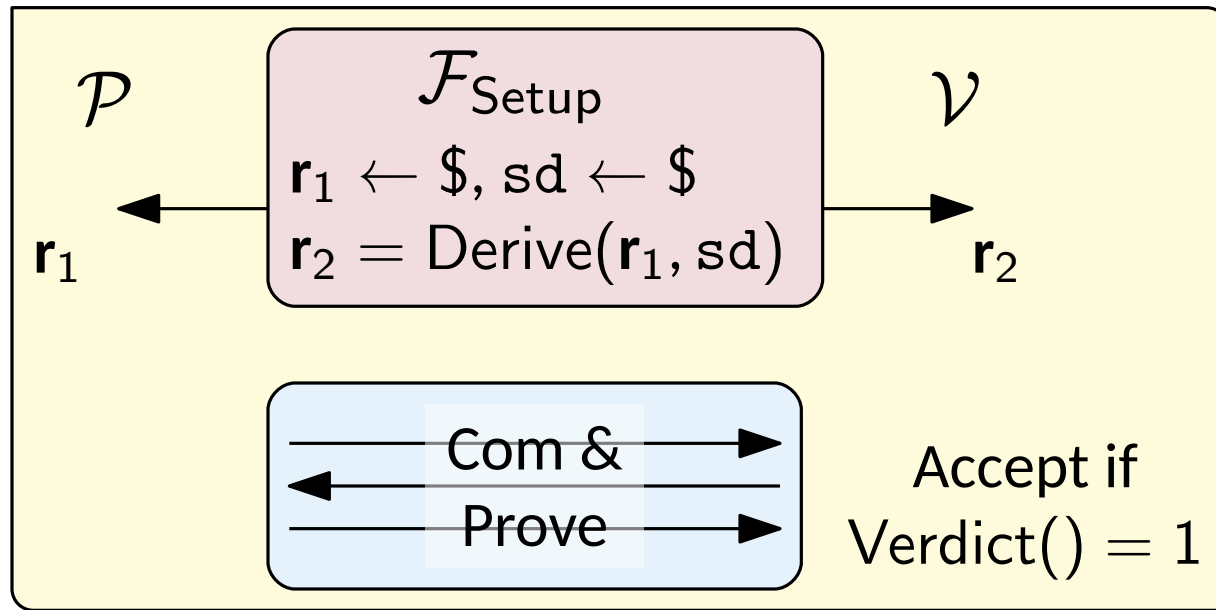








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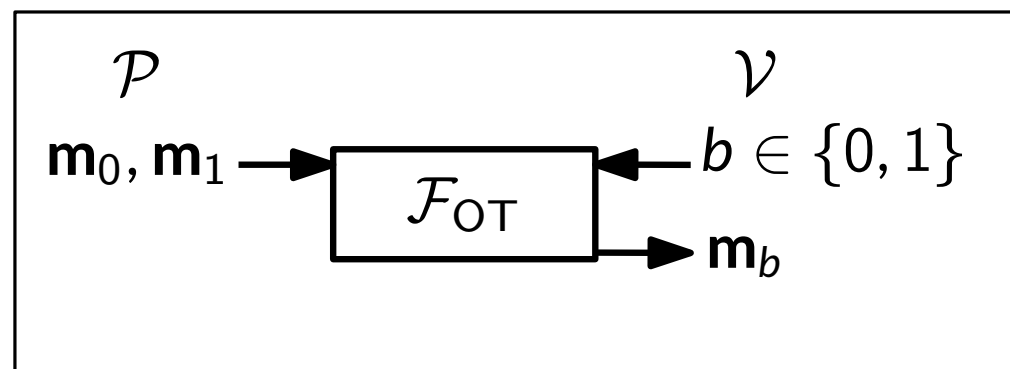
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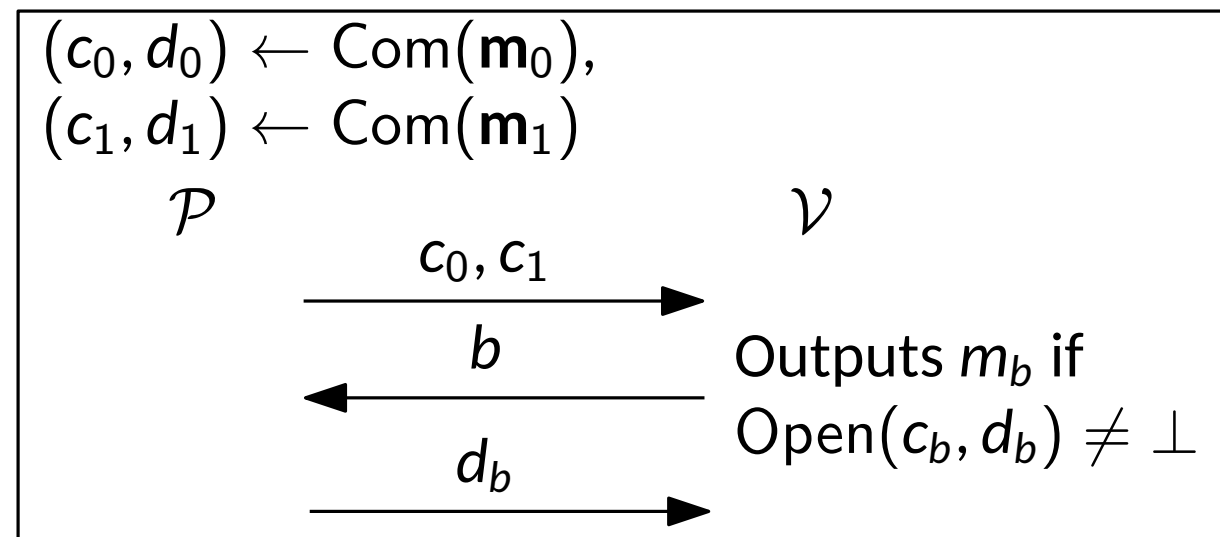
Ratios			
OT	OTe	QS Proof	Total Comm.
62.12%	31.72%	6.16%	3786.0
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59.80%	34.45%	5.75%	4066.9
59.77%	34.43%	5.80%	4068.9
59.74%	34.41%	5.85%	4070.9
59.71%	34.40%	5.89%	4072.9
57.16%	37.38%	5.46%	4282.8
57.13%	37.36%	5.51%	4285.0
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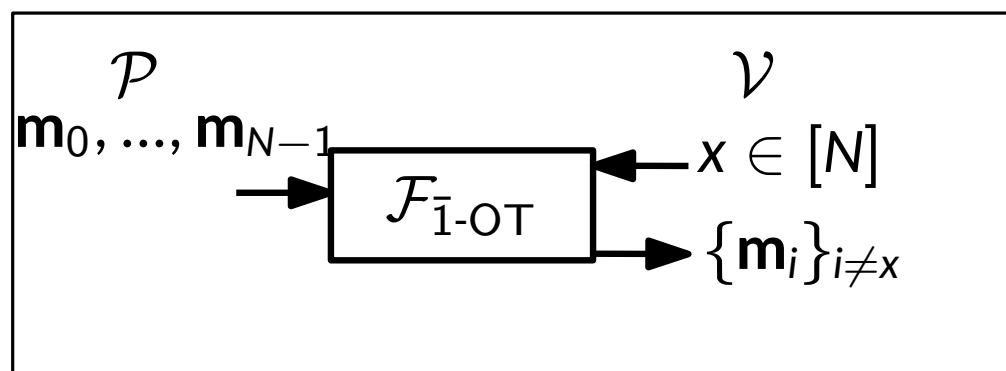
- For public-coin  $\mathcal{V}$ , we have public-coin  $\binom{2}{1}$ -OT



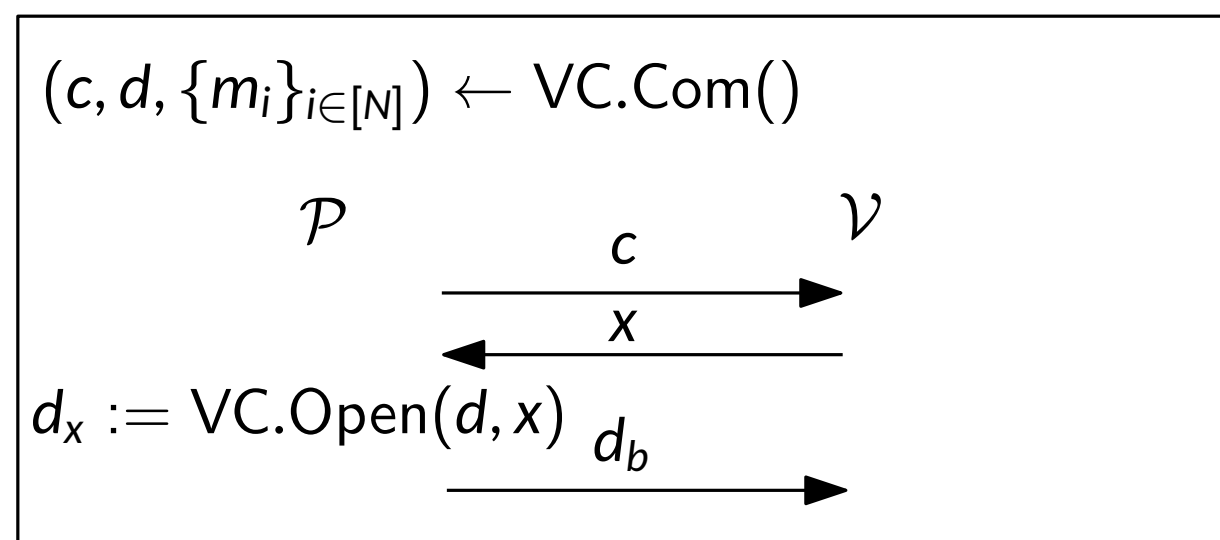
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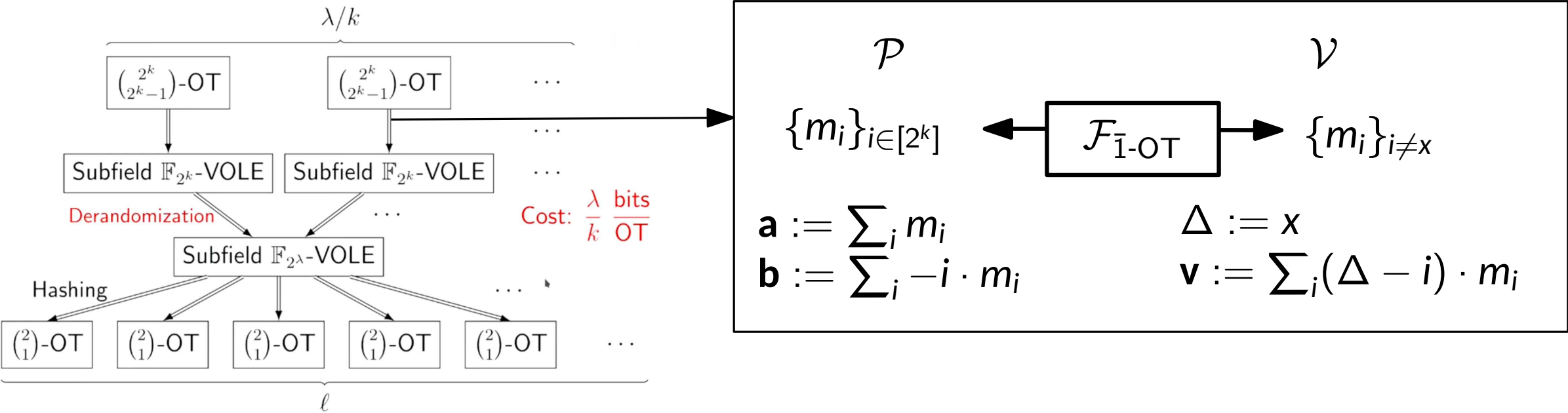
- In particular, we have public-coin  $\binom{N}{N-1}$ -OT with  $O(\log N)$  comm.



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# Next Step: From $\mathcal{F}_{\bar{1}\text{-OT}}$ to Subspace $\mathcal{F}_{\text{VOLE}}$ (SoftSpokenOT)



The diagram shows the construction of the subspace  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{VOLE}}$  by repeating the process  $\ell = \lceil \kappa/k \rceil$  times. The resulting vectors  $\mathbf{b}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}$ , and  $\mathbf{a}$  are combined to form the subspace  $\mathbf{B}$ :

$$\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{v} - \mathbf{a} \times \Delta \in \mathbb{F}_{2^k}$$

Repeat  $\ell = \lceil \kappa/k \rceil$  times

The resulting subspace  $\mathbf{B}$  is defined by the equation:

$$\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{V}' - \mathbf{A}' \times \begin{bmatrix} \Delta_1 \\ \vdots \\ \Delta_\ell \end{bmatrix}$$

$\kappa$ -bit entropy



# From $\mathcal{F}_{\text{I-OT}}$ to Subspace $\mathcal{F}_{\text{VOLE}}$ (SoftSpokenOT), Continued

■ Goal:  $q^{-d}$ -sound IT-MAC

$$\begin{array}{c} \ell \\ \boxed{B} \\ n_C \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} \boxed{V} \\ n_C \end{array} - \begin{array}{c} \boxed{A} \\ k_C \end{array} \times \begin{array}{c} \boxed{G_C} \\ n_C \end{array} \times \begin{array}{c} \boxed{\begin{matrix} \Delta_1 \\ \vdots \\ \Delta_{n_C} \end{matrix}} \end{array}$$

$\mathbb{F}_{2^\kappa} \equiv \mathbb{F}_2^\kappa$   
 $\Delta \in \mathbb{F}_{2^\kappa} \equiv \boxed{Rep(\kappa)} \times \begin{array}{c} \boxed{\begin{matrix} \Delta_1 \\ \vdots \\ \Delta_\kappa \end{matrix}} \end{array}$

$\mathcal{C}$ -decompose

■ Send Syndrome

$$\begin{array}{c} \boxed{B} \\ \text{⏏} \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} \boxed{V'} \\ \text{⏏} \end{array} - \begin{array}{c} \boxed{A'} \\ \text{⏏} \end{array} \times \begin{array}{c} \boxed{\begin{matrix} \Delta_1 \\ \vdots \\ \Delta_{n_C} \end{matrix}} \end{array}$$

$\begin{array}{c} \boxed{A} \end{array} \times \begin{array}{c} \boxed{G_C} \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} \boxed{C} \end{array} \times \begin{array}{c} \boxed{H_C} \end{array}$

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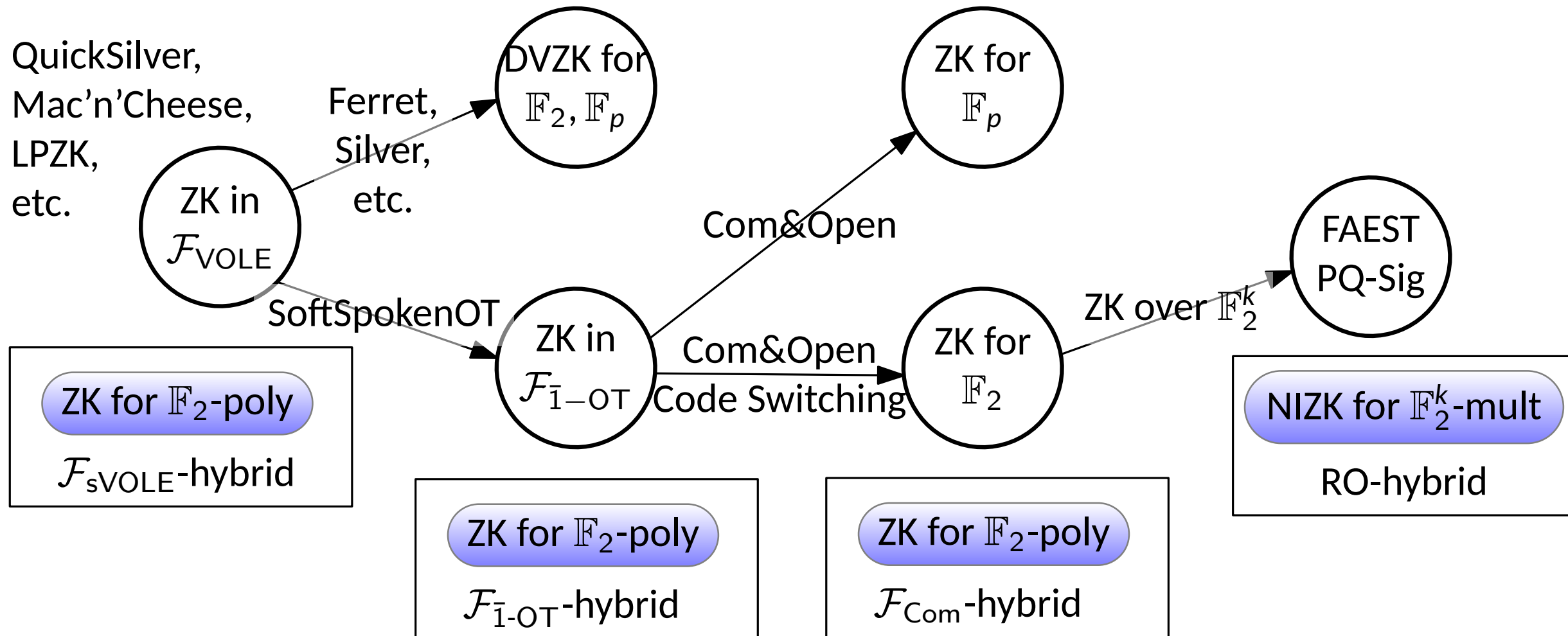
- $\mathcal{V}$  locally sets  $V = V' - C \cdot H_C$

$$\begin{aligned}
 B &= V' - \left( A \times G_C + C \times H_C \right) \times \begin{bmatrix} \Delta_1 \\ \vdots \\ \Delta_{n_C} \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= V - A \times G_C \times \begin{bmatrix} \Delta_1 \\ \vdots \\ \Delta_{n_C} \end{bmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

- Consistency Check: Use Linear-UHF to hash and reveal some rows to check  $\mathcal{C}$ - $\Delta$ -relations

**Theorem 2.** Protocol  $\Pi_{\text{sVOLE}}$  securely realizes  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{sVOLE}}$  with distinguishing advantage  $\binom{n_C}{k_C+1} \cdot \varepsilon$

# ZK for Polynomial Constraints Over **Small** Fields



# The 3-Round Protocol

## Protocol $\Pi_{2D-Rep}^t$

**PARAMETERS:** Code  $\mathcal{C}_{Rep} = [\tau, 1, \tau]_p$  with  $\mathbf{G}_C = (1 \dots 1) \in \mathbb{F}_p^{1 \times \tau}$ . VOLE size  $q = p^r$ .  
**INPUTS:** Polynomials  $f_i \in \mathbb{F}_{p^k}[X_1, \dots, X_\ell]_{\leq 2}$ ,  $i \in [t]$ . The prover  $\mathcal{P}$  also holds a witness  $\mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{F}_p^\ell$  such that  $f_i(\mathbf{w}) = 0$  for all  $i \in [t]$ .

**Round 1.**  $\mathcal{P}$  does the following:

1. Call the functionality  $\mathcal{F}_{sVOLE}^{p,q,S_\Delta,\mathcal{C}_{Rep},\ell+r\tau,\mathcal{L}}$  and receive  $\mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{F}_p^{\ell+r\tau}$ ,  $\mathbf{V} \in \mathbb{F}_q^{(\ell+r\tau) \times \tau}$ .

$\mathcal{V}$  receives done.

2. Compute  $\mathbf{d} = \mathbf{w} - \mathbf{u}_{[1..\ell]} \in \mathbb{F}_p^\ell$  and send  $\mathbf{d}$  to  $\mathcal{V}$ .
3. For  $i \in [\ell + 1..\ell + r\tau]$ , embed  $u_i \hookrightarrow \mathbb{F}_{q^\tau}$ .  
 For  $i \in [\ell + r\tau]$ , lift  $\mathbf{v}_i \in \mathbb{F}_q^\tau$  into  $v_i \in \mathbb{F}_{q^\tau}$ .  
 For  $i \in [\ell]$ , also embed  $w_i \hookrightarrow \mathbb{F}_{q^\tau}$ .

**Round 2.**  $\mathcal{V}$  sends challenges  $\chi_i \in \mathbb{F}_{q^\tau}$ ,  $i \in [t]$ .

**Round 3.**  $\mathcal{P}$  does the following:

1. For each  $i \in [t]$ , compute  $A_{i,0}, A_{i,1} \in \mathbb{F}_{q^\tau}$  such that

$$c_i(Y) = \bar{f}_i(w_1, \dots, w_n) \cdot Y^2 + A_{i,1} \cdot Y + A_{i,0}.$$

2. Compute

$$u^* = \sum_{i \in [r\tau]} u_i X^{i-1} \quad v^* = \sum_{i \in [r\tau]} v_i X^{i-1},$$

where  $\mathbb{F}_{q^\tau} \simeq \mathbb{F}_p[X]/F(X)$ .

3. Compute  $\tilde{b} = \sum_{i \in [t]} \chi_i \cdot A_{i,0} + v^* \in \mathbb{F}_{q^\tau}$  and  $\tilde{a} = \sum_{i \in [t]} \chi_i \cdot A_{i,1} + u^* \in \mathbb{F}_{q^\tau}$  and send  $(\tilde{a}, \tilde{b})$  to  $\mathcal{V}$ .

**Verification.**  $\mathcal{V}$  runs the following check:

1. Call  $\mathcal{F}_{sVOLE}^{p,q,S_\Delta,\mathcal{C}_{Rep},\ell+r\tau,\mathcal{L}}$  on input (get) and obtain  $\Delta \in \mathbb{F}_q^\tau$ ,  $\mathbf{Q} \in \mathbb{F}_q^{(\ell+r\tau) \times \tau}$  such that  $\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{V} + \mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{G}_C \text{diag}(\Delta)$ .
2. Compute  $\mathbf{Q}' = \mathbf{Q}_{[1..\ell]} + \mathbf{d}^T \mathbf{G}_C \text{diag}(\Delta) = \mathbf{V}_{[1..\ell]} + \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{G}_C \text{diag}(\Delta)$ .
3. Lift  $\Delta, \mathbf{q}'_1, \dots, \mathbf{q}'_\ell, \mathbf{q}'_{\ell+1}, \dots, \mathbf{q}'_{\ell+r\tau} \in \mathbb{F}_q^\tau$  into  $\Delta, q'_1, \dots, q'_\ell, q'_{\ell+1}, \dots, q'_{\ell+r\tau} \in \mathbb{F}_{q^\tau}$ .
4. For each  $i \in [t]$ , compute

$$c_i(\Delta) = \sum_{h \in [0,2]} \bar{f}_{i,h}(q'_1, \dots, q'_\ell) \cdot \Delta^{2-h}$$

5. Compute  $q^* = \sum_{i \in [r\tau]} q'_{\ell+i} \cdot X^{i-1}$  such that  $q^* = v^* + u^* \Delta$ .
6. Compute  $\tilde{c} = \sum_{i \in [t]} \chi_i \cdot c_i(\Delta) + q^*$ .
7. Check that  $\tilde{c} \stackrel{?}{=} \tilde{a} \cdot \Delta + \tilde{b}$ .

**Theorem 4.** The Protocol  $\Pi_{2D-Rep}^t$  is a ZKPoK with soundness error  $\frac{3}{p^{r\tau}}$ .

# How to Handle Arbitrary $\mathcal{C}$ ?

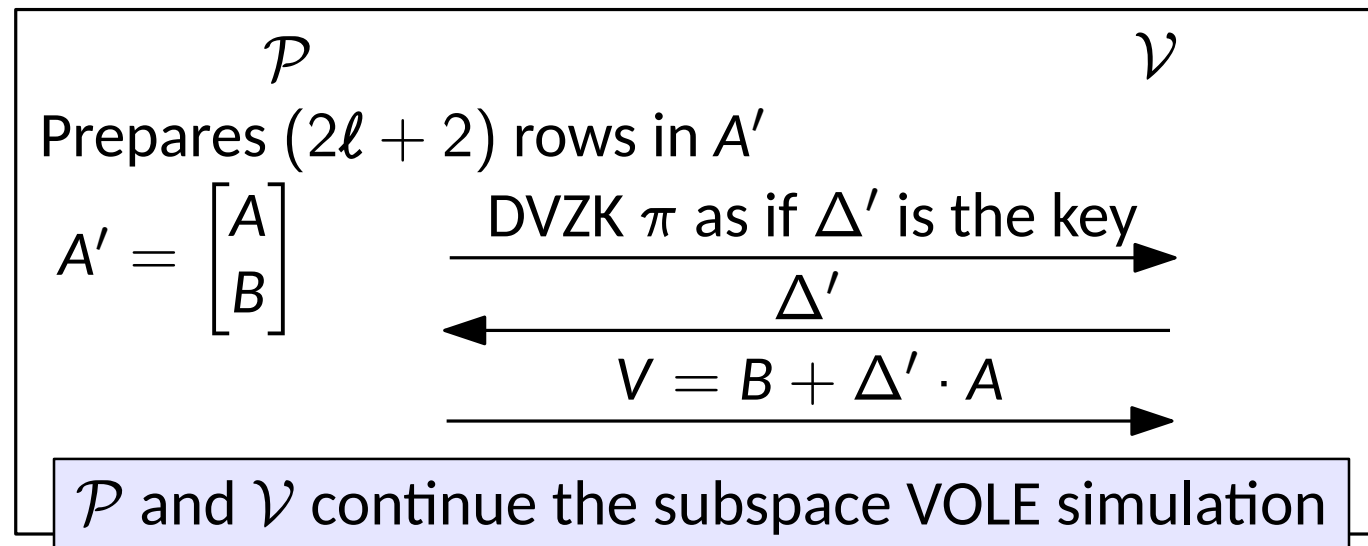
- For subspace VOLE with general code  $[n_{\mathcal{C}}, k_{\mathcal{C}}, d_{\mathcal{C}}]$  and witness  $\mathbf{w} = \mathbb{F}_p^{\ell \times k_{\mathcal{C}}}$
- The committed witness is as follows

$$\begin{array}{c} \ell \\ \boxed{\text{B}} \\ n_{\mathcal{C}} \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} \boxed{\text{V}} \\ n_{\mathcal{C}} \end{array} - \begin{array}{c} \boxed{\text{A}} \\ k_{\mathcal{C}} \end{array} \times \begin{array}{c} \boxed{G_{\mathcal{C}}} \\ n_{\mathcal{C}} \end{array} \times \begin{array}{c} \boxed{\begin{matrix} \Delta_1 \\ \vdots \\ \Delta_{n_{\mathcal{C}}} \end{matrix}} \end{array}$$

Problem: Only row-wise linearity

In  $\text{Rep}(\kappa)$ ,  $k_{\mathcal{C}} = 1$

- Solution: Simulate VOLE in  $\mathcal{P}$ 's head once again



$\mathcal{V}$  accepts if

- $\pi$  is valid under  $\Delta'$
- The opening of  $V$  is correct under  $\text{diag}(\vec{\Delta})$

# The Code-Switching Technique

## Protocol $\Pi_{2D-LC}^t$

The protocol is parameterized by an  $[n_C, k_C, d_C]_p$  linear code  $\mathcal{C}$ , set  $S_\Delta \subset \mathbb{F}_p^{n_C}$  and a leakage space  $\mathcal{L}$  (used in  $\mathcal{F}_{sVOLE}$ ).

INPUTS: Both parties hold a set of polynomials  $f_i \in \mathbb{F}_p[X_1, \dots, X_\ell]_{\leq 2}$ ,  $i \in [t]$ .  $\mathcal{P}$  also holds a witness  $\mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{F}_p^{k_C \ell}$  such that  $f_i(\mathbf{w}) = 0$ , for all  $i \in [t]$ .

**Round 1.**  $\mathcal{P}$  does as follows:

1.  $\mathcal{P}$  and  $\mathcal{V}$  call  $\mathcal{F}_{sVOLE}^{p,p,S_\Delta,\mathcal{C},2\ell+1,\mathcal{L}}$ ,  $\mathcal{P}$  receives  $\mathbf{U} \in \mathbb{F}_p^{(2\ell+2) \times k_C}$ ,  $\mathbf{V} \in \mathbb{F}_p^{(2\ell+2) \times n_C}$ , while  $\mathcal{V}$  gets the message done.
2.  $\mathcal{P}$  sets  $\mathbf{V}_1 = \mathbf{V}_{[1..\ell+1]}$ ,  $\mathbf{V}_2 = \mathbf{V}_{[\ell+2..2\ell+2]}$  and  $\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{U}_{[\ell+2..2\ell+2]}$
3.  $\mathcal{P}$  commits to its witness by sending  $\mathbf{D} = \mathbf{W} - \mathbf{U}_{[1..\ell]}$ .

**Round 2.**  $\mathcal{V}$  samples  $\chi \leftarrow \mathbb{F}_p^t$  and sends it to  $\mathcal{P}$ .

**Round 3.**  $\mathcal{P}$  proceeds as follows.

1. For each  $i \in [t]$ , compute

$$\begin{aligned} g_i(Y) &:= \sum_{h \in [0,2]} f_{i,h}(\mathbf{r}_1 + \mathbf{w}_1 \cdot Y, \dots, \mathbf{r}_\ell + \mathbf{w}_\ell \cdot Y) \cdot Y^{2-h} \\ &= \sum_{h \in [0,1]} A_{i,h} \cdot Y^h \end{aligned}$$

2. Compute  $\tilde{\mathbf{b}} = \sum_{i \in [t]} \chi_i \cdot A_{i,0} + \mathbf{r}_{\ell+1}$  and  $\tilde{\mathbf{a}} = \sum_{i \in [t]} \chi_i \cdot A_{i,1} + \mathbf{u}_{1,\ell+1}$ , where  $\mathbf{u}_{1,i}$  is the  $i$ th row of  $\mathbf{U}$ .
3. Send  $(\tilde{\mathbf{b}}, \tilde{\mathbf{a}})$  to  $\mathcal{V}$ .

**Round 4.**  $\mathcal{V}$  samples  $\Delta' \leftarrow \mathbb{F}_p$  and sends it to the prover.

**Round 5.**  $\mathcal{P}$  sends  $\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{R} + \mathbf{U}_{[1..\ell+1]} \cdot \Delta' \in \mathbb{F}_p^{(\ell+1) \times n_C}$  to  $\mathcal{V}$

**Round 6.**  $\mathcal{V}$  samples  $\eta \leftarrow \mathbb{F}_p^{\ell+1}$  and sends it to  $\mathcal{P}$

**Round 7.**  $\mathcal{P}$  computes  $\tilde{\mathbf{v}} = \eta^\top (\mathbf{V}_2 + \mathbf{V}_1 \cdot \Delta')$  and sends it to  $\mathcal{V}$ .

**Verification.**  $\mathcal{V}$  runs the following checks.

1. Check the constraints:

- Compute  $\mathbf{S}' = \mathbf{S} + \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{D} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \Delta' = \mathbf{R} + \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{W} \\ \mathbf{u}_{\ell+1} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \Delta'.$
- For each  $i \in [t]$ , compute

$$\mathbf{c}_i(Y) = \sum_{h \in [0,2]} f_{i,h}(\mathbf{s}'_1, \dots, \mathbf{s}'_\ell) \cdot Y^{2-h}.$$

- Let  $\tilde{\mathbf{s}} = \sum_{i \in [t]} \chi_i \cdot \mathbf{c}_i(\Delta') + \mathbf{s}'_{\ell+1}.$
- Check that  $\tilde{\mathbf{s}} = \tilde{\mathbf{b}} + \tilde{\mathbf{a}} \cdot \Delta'.$

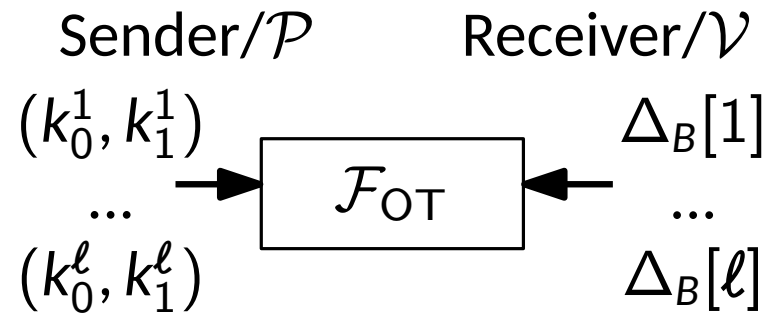
2. Check the opening of  $\mathbf{S}$ :

- Call  $\mathcal{F}_{sVOLE}^{p,p,S_\Delta,\mathcal{C},2\ell+1,\mathcal{L}}$  on input (get) and obtain  $\Delta \in \mathbb{F}_p^{n_C}$  and  $\mathbf{Q} \in \mathbb{F}_p^{(2\ell+2) \times n_C}$  such that  $\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{V} + \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{U}) \cdot \text{diag}(\Delta)$
- Set  $\mathbf{Q}_1 = \mathbf{Q}_{[1..\ell+1]}$  and  $\mathbf{Q}_2 = \mathbf{Q}_{[\ell+2..2\ell+2]}$ .
- Check that

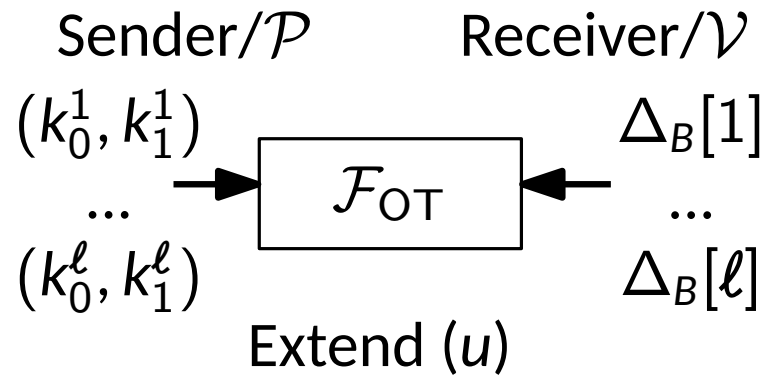
$$\eta^\top (\mathbf{Q}_2 + \mathbf{Q}_1 \cdot \Delta') = \tilde{\mathbf{v}} + \eta^\top \cdot \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{S}) \cdot \text{diag}(\Delta)$$

**Theorem 3.** The protocol  $\Pi_{2D-LC}^t$  is a SHVZKPoK with soundness error  $\frac{3}{p} + 2|S_\Delta|^{-d_C}$  in the  $\mathcal{F}_{sVOLE}^{p,S_\Delta,\mathcal{C},2(\ell+2),\mathcal{L}}$ -hybrid model

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$$m_1 := \text{PRF}(k_0^1, j) + \text{PRF}(k_1^1, j) + u$$

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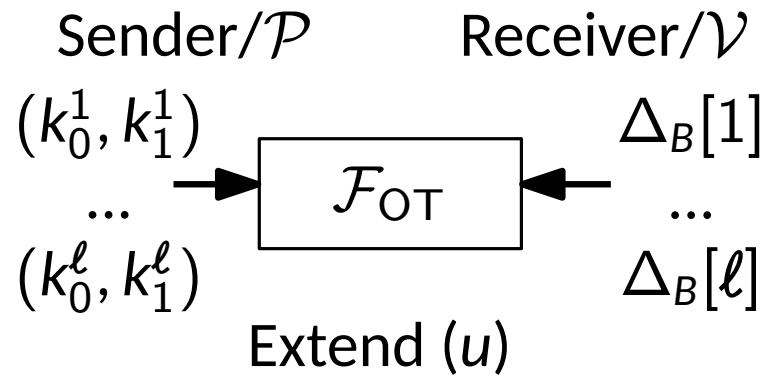
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Use LHL to remove selective failure leakage on  $\Delta$



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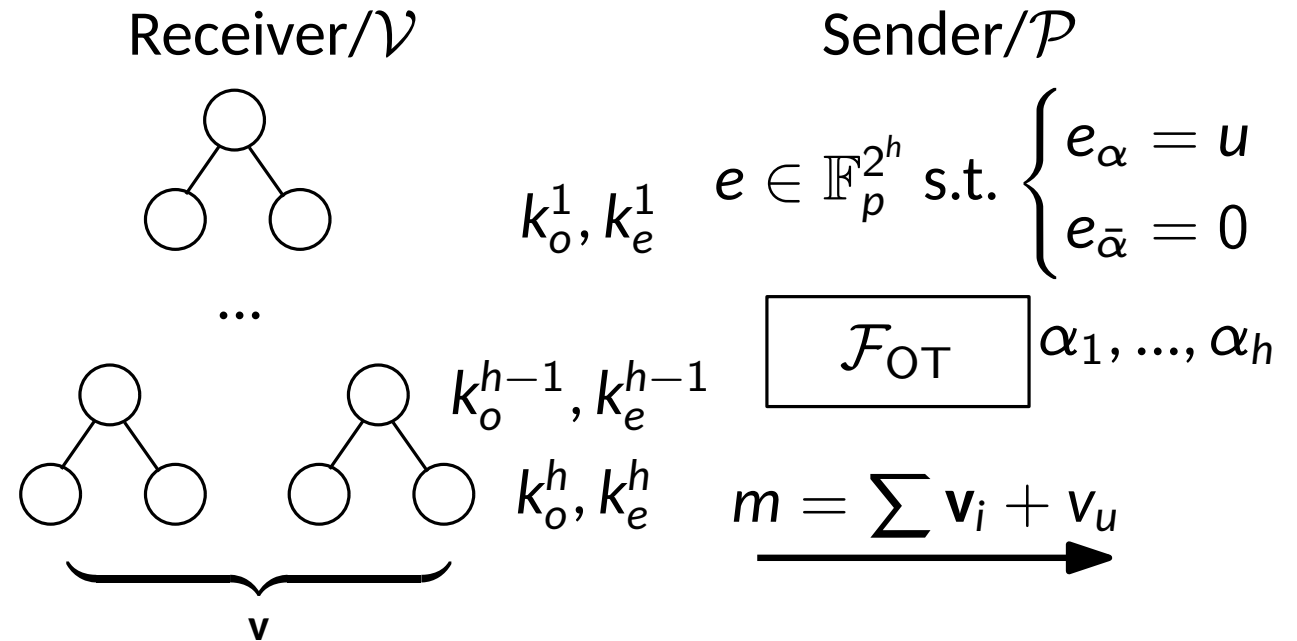


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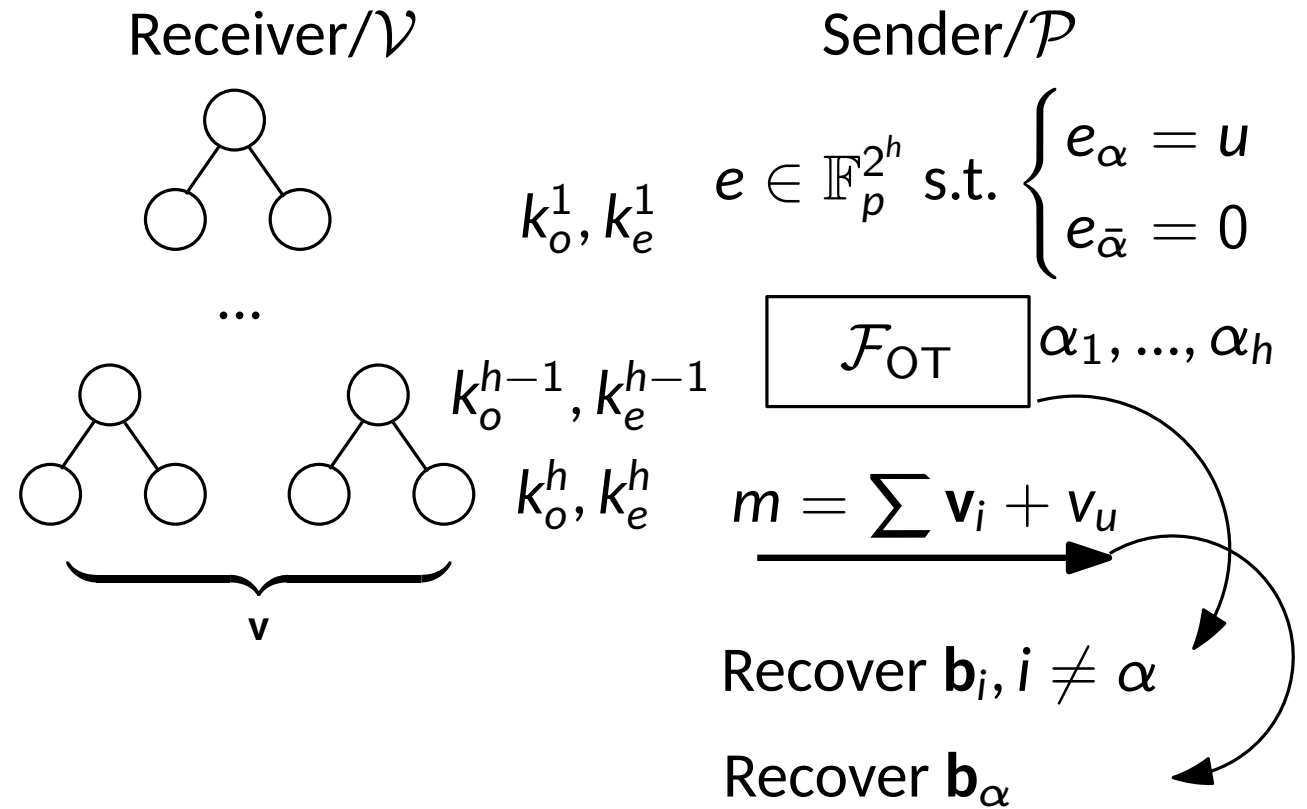
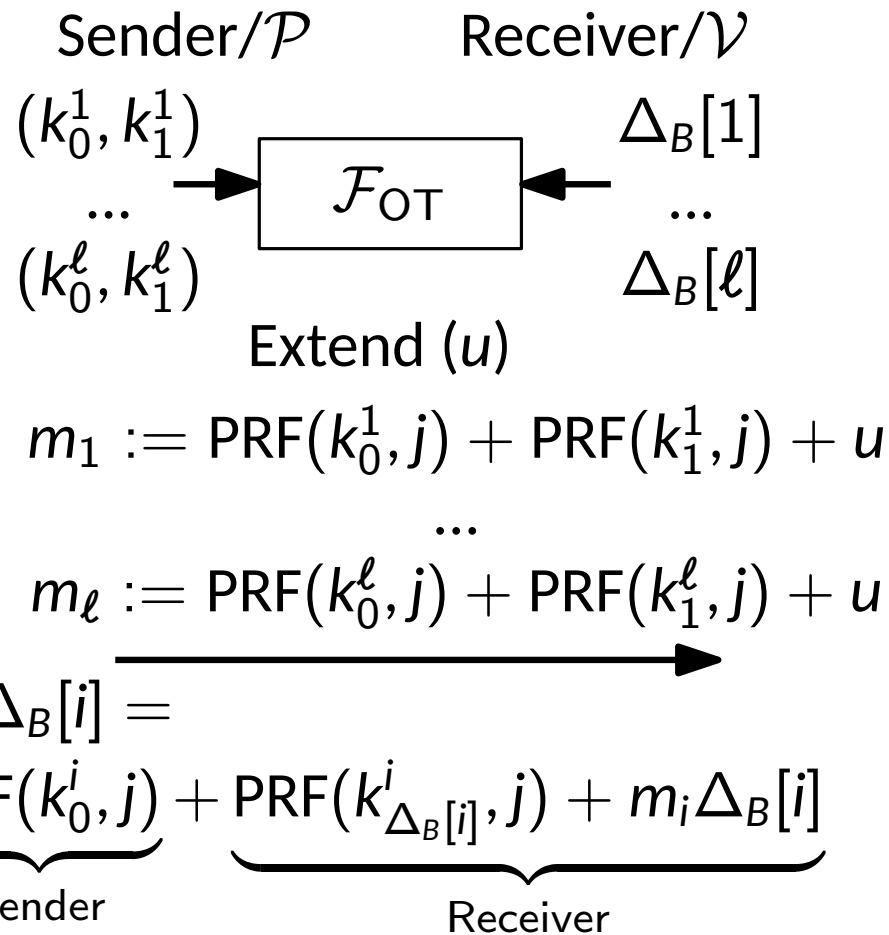
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 \end{aligned}$$



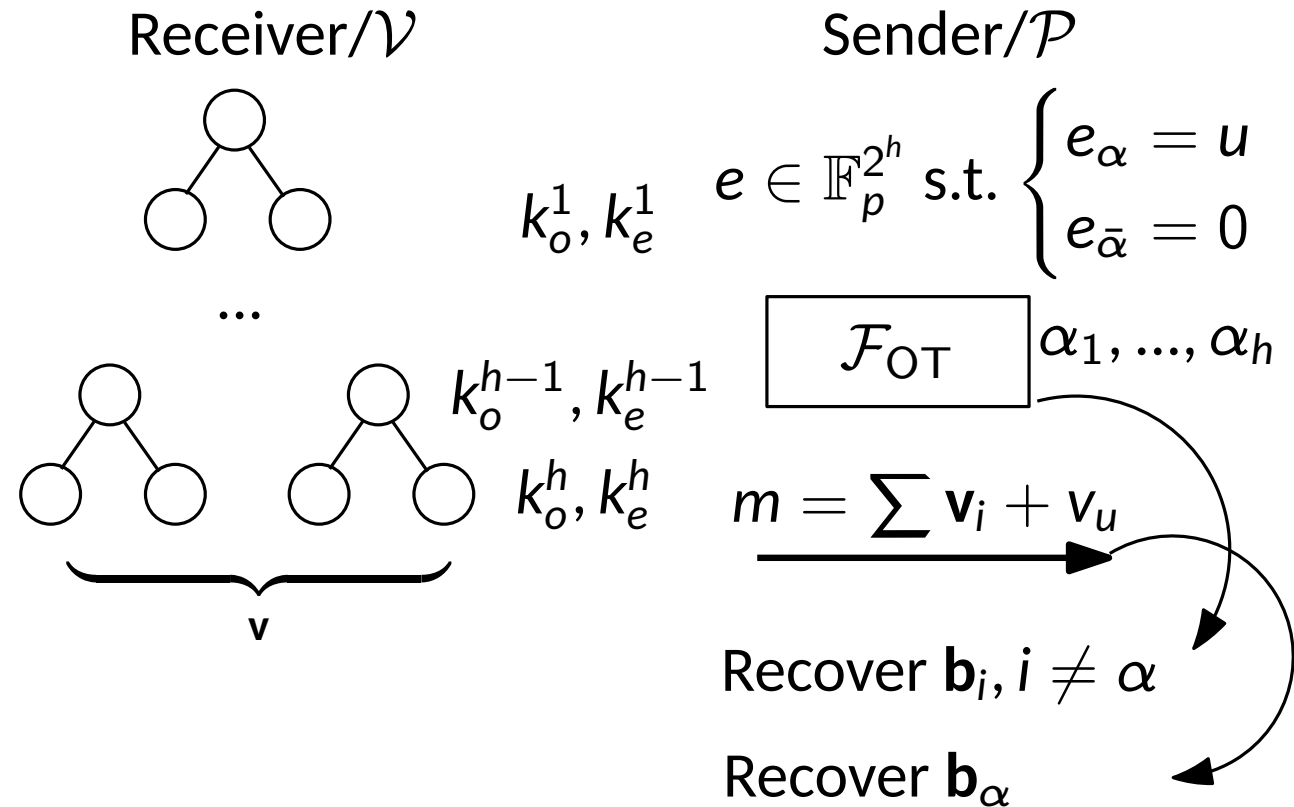
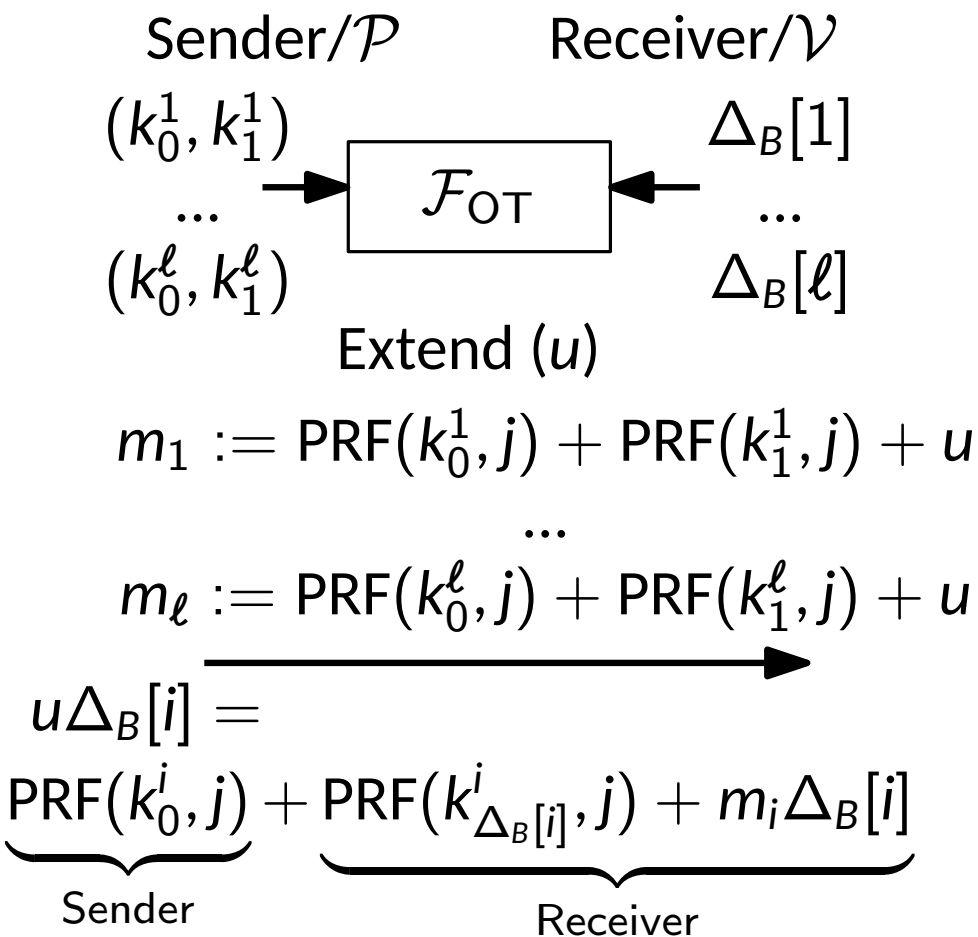
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# The Problem with LPN-based State-of-the-Art



Use LHL to remove selective failure leakage on  $\Delta$

# The Problem with LPN-based State-of-the-Art



- Use Multiple  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{spVOLE}}$  to get sparse  $\mathbf{e}$
- Use LPN\* to expand to pseudorandom  $\mathbf{u}$

Use LHL to remove selective failure leakage on  $\Delta$

Com&Open doesn't work when  $\mathcal{P}$  is OT receiver

- Apply FS transform to  $\Pi_{2D-LC}^t$  scheme
- $pk = x, y \in \mathbb{F}_2^{128}, sk = k \in \mathbb{F}_2^{128}$
- Relation:  $y = \text{Enc}_k(x)$
- For AES128, S-box is  $\mathbb{F}_{2^8}$  inversion, so we can use 2D polynomial to express it

**Theorem 5.** *The  $\Pi_{\text{FAEST}}$  protocol, defined as*

$$\Pi_{\text{FAEST}} = \text{FS}^{H_{\text{FS}}}[\text{O2C}^{H_{\text{O2C}}}[\Pi_{2D\text{-Rep-OT}}]],$$

*is a zero-knowledge non-interactive proof system in the CRS+RO model with knowledge error*

$$\begin{aligned} & 2 \cdot (Q_{\text{FS}} + Q_{\text{Verify}}) \cdot \frac{2}{p^{r\tau}} + M \cdot (Q_{\text{FS}} + Q_{\text{Verify}}) \cdot \text{AdvEB}_{\mathcal{A}'}^{\text{VC}}[Q_{H_{\text{O2C}}}] \\ & \quad + \text{AdvDist}_{\mathcal{D}}^{\text{VC.Setup, VC.TSetup}}, \end{aligned}$$

*where  $M$  is an upper bound on the number of VC commitments sent during a run of  $\text{O2C}[\Pi_{2D\text{-Rep-OT}}]$ .*

# Claimed Performance of FAEST

Scheme	$t_{\mathcal{P}}$ (ms)	$t_{\mathcal{V}}$ (ms)	$ \text{sign} $ (B)	Assumption
SDitH [FJR22b] (fast)	13.40	12.70	17 866	SD $\mathbb{F}_2$
SDitH [FJR22b] (short)	64.20	60.70	12 102	SD $\mathbb{F}_2$
SDitH [FJR22b] (fast)	6.40	5.90	12 115	SD $\mathbb{F}_{256}$
SDitH [FJR22b] (short)	29.50	27.10	8 481	SD $\mathbb{F}_{256}$
Rainier <sub>3</sub> [DKR <sup>+</sup> 22]	2.96	2.92	6 176	RAIN <sub>3</sub>
Rainier <sub>4</sub> [DKR <sup>+</sup> 22]	3.47	3.42	6 816	RAIN <sub>4</sub>
Limbo [dOT21] (fast)	2.61	2.25	23 264	Hash
Limbo [dOT21] (short)	24.51	21.82	13 316	Hash
SPHINCS+-SHA2 [HBD <sup>+</sup> 22] (fast)	4.40	0.40	17 088	Hash
SPHINCS+-SHA2 [HBD <sup>+</sup> 22] (short)	88.21	0.15	7 856	Hash
Falcon-512 [PFH <sup>+</sup> 22]	0.11	0.02	666	Lattice
Dilithium2 [LDK <sup>+</sup> 22]	0.07	0.03	2 420	Lattice
FAEST (this work, fast, $q = 2^8$ )	2.28	2.11	6 583	Hash
FAEST (this work, short, $q = 2^{11}$ )	11.05	10.18	5 559	Hash