

# Secure Third-party Fast Covariance Intersection using Partially Homomorphic and Order Revealing Encryption Schemes

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**Abstract**—Fast covariance intersection is a widespread technique for state estimate fusion in sensor networks when cross correlations are not known and fast computations are desired. The common requirement of sending estimates from one party to another during fusion means they do not remain private to their producing party. Current secure fusion algorithms have a reliance on encryption schemes that do not provide sufficient flexibility and as a result require, often undesired, excess communication between estimate producers. We propose a novel method of homomorphically computing the fast covariance intersection algorithm on estimates encrypted with a combination of encryption schemes. Using order revealing encryption we show how approximate solutions to the fast covariance intersection coefficients can be computed and combined with partially homomorphic encryptions of estimates, to compute an encryption of the fused result. The described approach allows the secure fusion of any number of private estimates, making third-party cloud processing a viable option when working with sensitive state estimates, or when performing estimation over insecure networks.

## I. INTRODUCTION

### A. Notation

## II. COVARIANCE INTERSECTION AND APPROXIMATIONS

$$\mathbf{P}^{-1} = \sum_{i=0}^n \omega_i \mathbf{P}_i \quad (1)$$

$$\mathbf{P}^{-1} \hat{\underline{x}} = \sum_{i=0}^n \omega_i \mathbf{P}_i \hat{\underline{x}}_i \quad (2)$$

$$\omega_0 + \omega_1 + \dots + \omega_n = 1 \quad (3)$$

$$0 \leq \omega_i \leq 1 \quad (4)$$

$$\arg \min_{\omega_0, \dots, \omega_n} \{\text{tr}(\mathbf{P})\} = \arg \min_{\omega_0, \dots, \omega_n} \{\text{tr}((\sum_{i=0}^n \omega_i \mathbf{P}_i)^{-1})\} \quad (5)$$

### A. Fast Covariance intersection

$$\omega_0 + \omega_1 = 1 \quad (6)$$

$$\omega_0 \text{tr}(\mathbf{P}_0) - \omega_1 \text{tr}(\mathbf{P}_1) = 0 \quad (7)$$

$$\omega_0 = \frac{\text{tr}(\mathbf{P}_1)}{\text{tr}(\mathbf{P}_0) + \text{tr}(\mathbf{P}_1)}, \quad \omega_1 = \frac{\text{tr}(\mathbf{P}_0)}{\text{tr}(\mathbf{P}_0) + \text{tr}(\mathbf{P}_1)} \quad (8)$$

$$\omega_i \text{tr}(\mathbf{P}_i) - \omega_j \text{tr}(\mathbf{P}_j) = 0, \quad (i, j = 1, 2, \dots, n) \quad (9)$$

$$\omega_i \text{tr}(\mathbf{P}_i) - \omega_{i+1} \text{tr}(\mathbf{P}_{i+1}) = 0, \quad (i = 1, 2, \dots, n) \quad (10)$$

$$\mathcal{P}_i = \text{tr}(\mathbf{P}_i) \quad (11)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{P}_0 & -\mathcal{P}_1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \mathcal{P}_1 & -\mathcal{P}_2 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & \mathcal{P}_{n-1} & -\mathcal{P}_n \\ 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \omega_0 \\ \omega_0 \\ \vdots \\ \omega_{n-1} \\ \omega_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (12)$$

## III. HOMOMORPHIC AND ORDER REVEALING ENCRYPTION

$$\mathcal{E}(a) \oplus \mathcal{E}(b) = \mathcal{E}(a + b) \quad (13)$$

$$f(\mathcal{E}(a), \mathcal{E}(b)) = \text{cmp}(a, b) \quad (14)$$

### A. Additive Partially Homomorphic Encryption

$$\mathcal{E}(a)\mathcal{E}(b) \pmod{N} = \mathcal{E}(a + b \pmod{N}) \quad (15)$$

$$c \in \mathbb{Z}_N \quad (16)$$

$$\mathcal{E}(a)^c \pmod{N} = \mathcal{E}(ca \pmod{N}) \quad (17)$$

### B. Real Number Encoding for Homomorphic Encryption

$$e = \lfloor 2^b a \rfloor \quad (18)$$

### C. Left-Right Order Revealing Encryption

$$\text{encrypt}_{ORE}^L(sk, x) = \mathcal{E}_{ORE}^L(x) \quad (19)$$

$$\text{encrypt}_{ORE}^R(sk, y) = \mathcal{E}_{ORE}^R(y) \quad (20)$$

$$\text{compare}_{ORE}(\mathcal{E}_{ORE}^L(x), \mathcal{E}_{ORE}^R(y)) = \text{cmp}(x, y) \quad (21)$$

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#### IV. SECURE FAST COVARIANCE INTERSECTION WITH 2 SENSORS

$$\mathcal{E}(\mathbf{P}) = \mathcal{E}(\mathbf{P}_0)^{\omega_0} \mathcal{E}(\mathbf{P}_1)^{(1-\omega_0)} \quad (22)$$

$$\mathcal{E}(\mathbf{P}_{\hat{x}}) = \mathcal{E}(\mathbf{P}_0 \hat{x}_0)^{\omega_0} \mathcal{E}(\mathbf{P}_1 \hat{x}_1)^{(1-\omega_0)} \quad (23)$$

$$[\mathcal{E}_{ORE}^L(\omega \text{tr}(\mathbf{P}_0^{-1})), \omega \in [0, 0+s, \dots, 1-s, 1]] \quad (24)$$

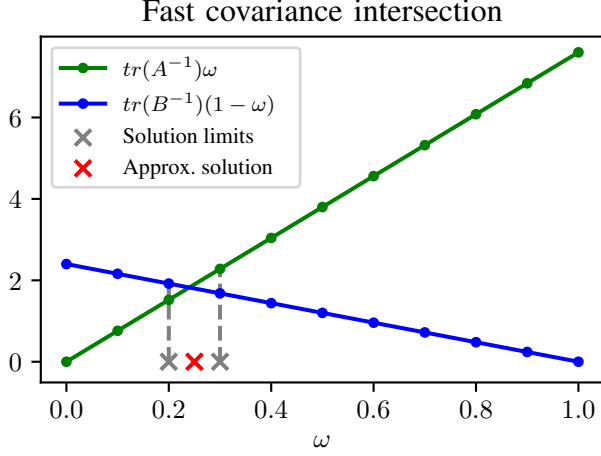


Fig. 1. Approximation of  $\omega_0$  with discretisation step size  $s = 0.1$ . Only comparisons of the ordered values sent from either estimator are used.

$$\omega'_0 = \frac{1}{2}(a+b), \quad \omega'_1 = (1-\omega_0) \quad (25)$$

#### V. MULTI-SENSOR SECURE FAST COVARIANCE INTERSECTION

$$\omega_0 \text{tr}(\mathbf{P}_0) - \omega_1 \text{tr}(\mathbf{P}_1) = 0 \quad (26)$$

$$\omega_1 \text{tr}(\mathbf{P}_1) - \omega_2 \text{tr}(\mathbf{P}_2) = 0 \quad (27)$$

$$a_0x + a_1y + a_2z + d = 0 \quad (28)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_0^0 & a_1^0 & a_2^0 \\ a_0^1 & a_1^1 & a_2^1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \omega_0 \\ \omega_1 \\ \omega_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} d^0 \\ d^1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (29)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_0^0 & a_1^0 & \cdots & a_n^0 \\ a_0^1 & a_1^1 & \cdots & a_n^1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_0^n & a_1^n & \cdots & a_n^{n-1} \\ 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \omega_0 \\ \omega_1 \\ \vdots \\ \omega_{n-1} \\ \omega_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} d^0 \\ d^1 \\ \vdots \\ d^{n-1} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (30)$$

$$[\mathcal{E}_{ORE}^L(\omega \text{tr}(\mathbf{P}_i^{-1})), \omega \in [0, 0+s, \dots, 1-s, 1]], \quad i \text{ is even} \quad (31)$$

$$[\mathcal{E}_{ORE}^R(\omega \text{tr}(\mathbf{P}_i^{-1})), \omega \in [0, 0+s, \dots, 1-s, 1]], \quad i \text{ is odd} \quad (32)$$

#### First partial solution

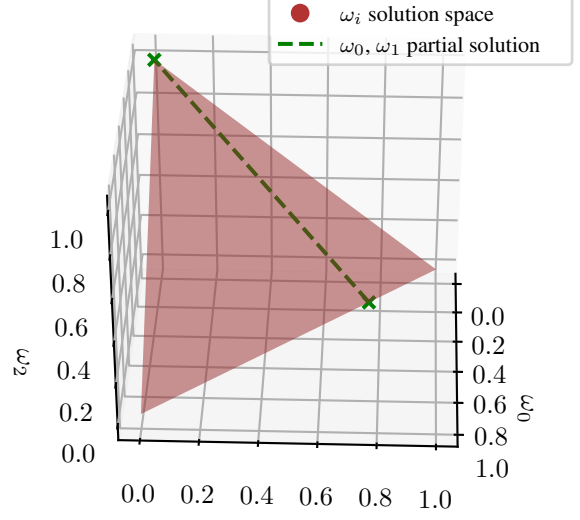


Fig. 2. Partial solution from equation 26 plotted on the plane of all possible values of  $\omega_0$ ,  $\omega_1$ , and  $\omega_2$ .

#### All partial solutions

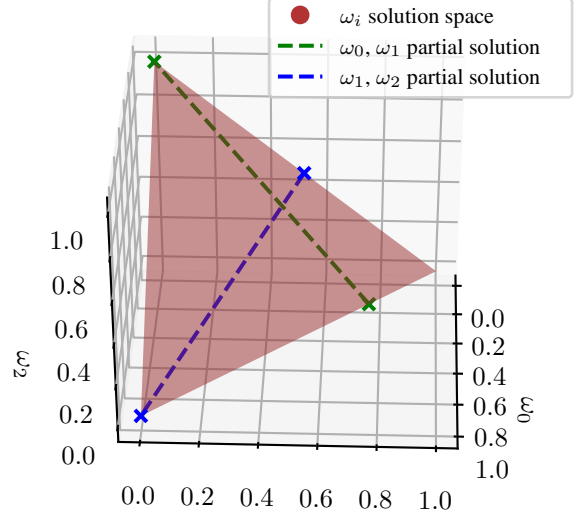


Fig. 3. Partial solutions from equations 26 and 27 plotted on the plane of all possible values of  $\omega_0$ ,  $\omega_1$ , and  $\omega_2$ .

#### VI. SIMULATION RESULTS

#### VII. CONCLUSION

#### VIII. INTRODUCTION

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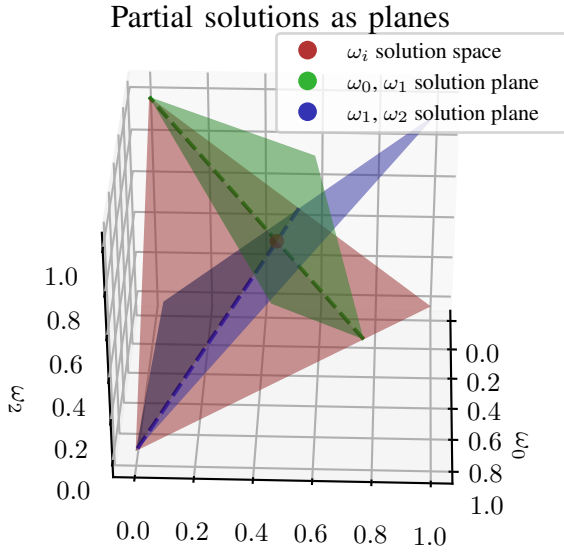


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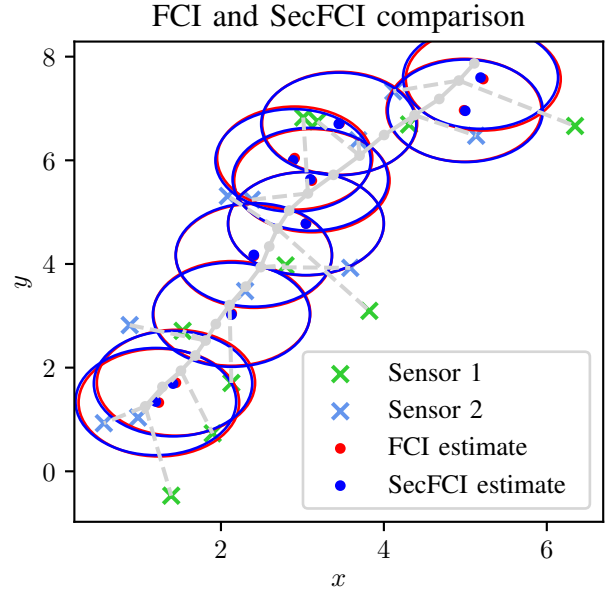


Fig. 5. Tracking simulation comparing Fast Covariance Intersection and our Secure Fast Covariance Intersection fusion methods.

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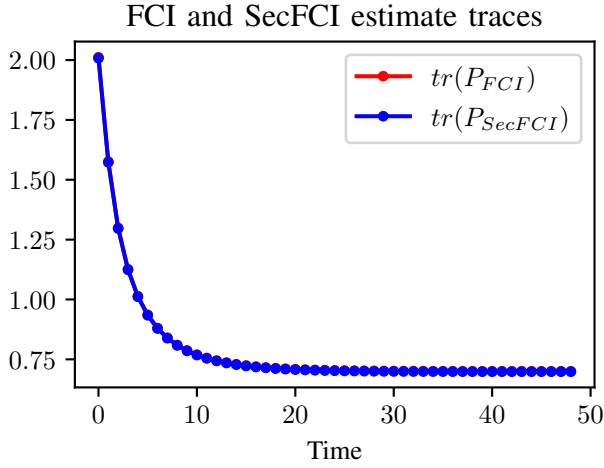


Fig. 6. Plot showing the fused estimate covariance trace over the course of a tracking simulation, for both Fast Covariance Intersection and our Secure Fast Covariance Intersection

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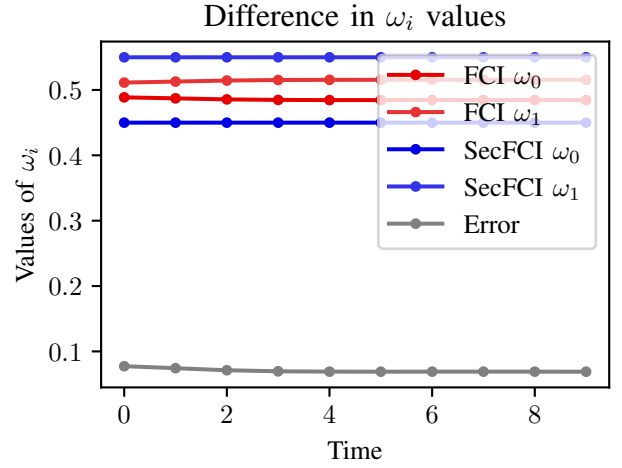


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Fig. 8. Inductance of oscillation winding on amorphous magnetic core versus DC bias magnetic field

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