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1 Appendix C: Production Cost Analysis and Economic Viability

1.1 C.1 Cost Modeling Methodology

1.1.1 C.1.1 Assumptions

Pricing Base: AWS us-east-1 (January 2025) - Representative of major cloud providers - On-demand pricing (conservative estimate) - Regional variations: ±15%

Query Volume: 10,000 queries/day = 300,000/month - Typical for research institution - Small clinic: ~1,000 queries/day - Large healthcare network: ~100,000 queries/day

Cost Components: 1. **Fixed**: Instance costs (monthly) 2. **Variable**: Per-query compute + network + storage 3. **One-time**: Setup costs (ceremonies, deployment)

1.1.2 C.1.2 Instance Sizing

Compute Requirements:

Component	CPU Intensity	Memory Usage	Instance Type
HDC Encoding	Low (1.49ms)	100MB	t3.small
ZK Proving (15K)	Medium (603ms)	4.2GB	c5.xlarge
ZK Proving (1M)	High (11.2s)	48GB	c5.9xlarge
PIR CPIR (100K)	Medium (590ms)	1.2GB	t3.medium
PIR IT-PIR (3-server)	High (6.4s × 3)	3.6GB	3 × m5.xlarge

Burst Credit Analysis (t3 instances):

t3.medium baseline:

```
Baseline: 20% × 2 vCPU = 0.4 vCPU continuous
Credits earned: 24 credits/hour
PIR workload:
  - 10K queries/day = 417/hour
  - CPU time: 417 × 0.59s = 246 CPU-seconds/hour
  - Credits consumed: 246/3600 × 60 = 4.1 credits/hour
  - Net: +19.9 credits/hour (SUSTAINABLE )
```

t3.large baseline:

```
Baseline: 30% × 2 vCPU = 0.6 vCPU continuous
Credits earned: 36 credits/hour
ZK workload (simple):
  - 10K proofs/day = 417/hour
  - CPU time: 417 × 1.15s = 480 CPU-seconds/hour
  - Credits consumed: 480/3600 × 60 = 8 credits/hour
  - Net: +28 credits/hour (SUSTAINABLE )
```

Conclusion: t3 instances viable for sustained 10K queries/day workload, but c5/m5 recommended for predictable performance.

1.2 C.2 Private Information Retrieval (PIR) Costs

1.2.1 C.2.1 Computational PIR (Single-Server)

100K Database:

```
Variable per query:
  Compute: 0.59s × $0.042/3600 = $0.0000069
  Network: 0.0001GB × $0.09 = $0.0000090
  Total variable: $0.0000159

Monthly (300K queries):
  Variable: 300,000 × $0.000016 = $4.80
  Fixed (t3.medium @ $0.042/hr): $30
  Total: $35/month

Per Query: $0.000117
```

1M Database:

```
Variable per query:
  Compute: 0.92s × $0.042/3600 = $0.0000107
  Network: 0.001GB × $0.09 = $0.0000900
  Total variable: $0.0001007

Monthly (300K queries):
  Variable: 300,000 × $0.00010 = $30
  Fixed (t3.large @ $0.042/hr): $61
  Total: $91/month

Per Query: $0.000303
```

10M Database (monolithic):

```
Variable per query:
  Compute: 113s × $0.192/3600 = $0.006027
  Network: 0.01GB × $0.09 = $0.000900
  Total variable: $0.006927

Monthly (300K queries):
  Variable: 300,000 × $0.00693 = $2,079
  Fixed (r5.xlarge @ $0.192/hr): $183
  Total: $2,262/month

Per Query: $0.00754
```

10M Database (sharded 10 × 1M):

```
Sharding Strategy:
  Hash-based routing: query_hash % 10 → single shard
  Each shard: 1M records, receives 1K queries/day

Per Shard:
  Monthly cost: $91 (same as 1M monolithic at 10K/day)

Total:
  10 shards × $91 = $910/month
  Savings vs monolithic: $2,262 - $910 = $1,352/month (60%)

Per Query: $0.00303
```

1.2.2 C.2.2 Information-Theoretic PIR (Multi-Server)

100K Database (3-server):

```
Variable per query (3 servers):
  Compute: 6.4s × 3 × $0.042/3600 = $0.000224
  Network: 0.000538GB × $0.09 = $0.000048
  Total variable: $0.000272
```

```
Monthly (300K queries):
  Variable: 300,000 × $0.00027 = $81
  Fixed (3 × t3.large @ $0.042/hr each): $183
  Total: $264/month

Per Query: $0.000880

Trust Model: Information-theoretic (requires 2+ honest servers)
```

1M Database (3-server):

```
Variable per query (3 servers):
  Compute: 8.1s × 3 × $0.096/3600 = $0.000648
  Network: 0.0054GB × $0.09 = $0.000486
  Total variable: $0.001134

Monthly (300K queries):
  Variable: 300,000 × $0.00113 = $339
  Fixed (3 × m5.xlarge @ $0.096/hr each): $415
  Total: $754/month

Per Query: $0.002513

Trust Model: Information-theoretic (unconditional privacy)
```

1.3 C.3 Zero-Knowledge Proof Costs

1.3.1 C.3.1 Simple Proofs (15K Constraints)

Groth16:

```
Proving:
  Time: 1.15s per proof
  Instance: c5.large (2 vCPU, 4GB)
  Hourly rate: $0.085
  Proofs per hour: 3,130 (theoretical), 939 (30% util)

Variable per proof:
  Compute: 1.15s × $0.085/3600 = $0.000027
  Network: 192B × $0.09/1GB = $0.000000
  Storage: negligible
  Total: $0.000027

Monthly (300K proofs):
  Variable: 300,000 × $0.000027 = $8.10
  Fixed (c5.large): $61
  Total: $69/month

Setup (one-time): $10-50K (ceremony)
```

PLONK:

```
Proving:
  Time: 0.82s per proof
  Instance: c5.xlarge (4 vCPU, 8GB)
  Hourly rate: $0.170
  Proofs per hour: 4,390 (theoretical), 1,317 (30% util)

Variable per proof:
  Compute: 0.82s × $0.170/3600 = $0.000031
  Network: 1KB × $0.09/1GB = $0.000000
  Total: $0.000031

Monthly (300K proofs):
  Variable: 300,000 × $0.000031 = $9.30
  Fixed (c5.xlarge): $122
  Total: $131/month

Setup (one-time): $0 (use universal SRS)
```

Halo2 (Recommended):

```
Proving:
  Time: 0.60s per proof
  Instance: c5.xlarge (4 vCPU, 8GB)
  Hourly rate: $0.170
  Proofs per hour: 6,000 (theoretical), 1,800 (30% util)

Variable per proof:
  Compute: 0.60s × $0.170/3600 = $0.000028
  Network: 5KB × $0.09/1GB = $0.000000
  Total: $0.000028

Monthly (300K proofs):
  Variable: 300,000 × $0.000028 = $8.40
  Fixed (c5.xlarge): $122
  Total: $130/month

Setup (one-time): $0 (trustless)
```

1.3.2 C.3.2 Complex Proofs (1M Constraints)

Halo2 (Recommended for complex):

```
Proving:
  Time: 11.2s per proof
  Instance: c5.9xlarge (36 vCPU, 72GB)
  Hourly rate: $1.530
  Proofs per hour: 321 (theoretical), 96 (30% util)
```

```
Variable per proof:
  Compute: 11.2s × $1.530/3600 = $0.004760
  Network: 5KB × $0.09/1GB = $0.000000
  Total: $0.004760

Monthly (300K proofs):
  Variable: 300,000 × $0.00476 = $1,428
  Fixed (c5.9xlarge): $1,101
  Total: $2,529/month

Peak memory: 48GB
```

1.4 C.4 Combined Stack Costs

1.4.1 C.4.1 Small Clinical Practice

Configuration:

```
Scale: 1,000 patients
Query volume: 10,000 queries/day
Components:
  - PIR: CPIR, 100K database
  - ZK: Halo2, 15K constraints (simple queries)
  - HDC: On-demand encoding

Instances:
  - t3.medium (PIR): $30/month
  - c5.xlarge (ZK): $122/month
  - t3.small (HDC/API): $15/month

Performance:
  - PIR latency: 590ms
  - ZK latency: 600ms
  - Total E2E: ~1.2s

Monthly Cost:
  PIR: $35
  ZK: $132
  Total: $167/month

Per Query: $0.000556

Comparison:
  Traditional cloud genomics: $3,000-5,000/month
  Savings: 95%
```

1.4.2 C.4.2 Research Institution

Configuration:

```
Scale: 100,000 samples
Query volume: 10,000 queries/day
Components:
  - PIR: IT-PIR (3-server), 1M database
  - ZK: Halo2, 15K constraints
  - HDC: Batch encoding

Instances:
  - 3 × m5.xlarge (PIR): $415/month
  - c5.xlarge (ZK): $122/month
  - t3.large (HDC/API): $61/month

Performance:
  - PIR latency: 8.1s (IT-PIR)
  - ZK latency: 600ms
  - Total E2E: ~8.7s

Trust Model:
  - PIR: Information-theoretic (2+ honest servers)
  - ZK: Trustless (Halo2, no ceremony)

Monthly Cost:
  PIR: $754
  ZK: $132
  Total: $886/month

Per Query: $0.00295

Comparison:
  Traditional platform: $5,000-8,000/month
  Savings: 85%
```

1.4.3 C.4.3 Healthcare Network

Configuration:

```
Scale: 10M records
Query volume: 10,000 queries/day
Components:
  - PIR: CPIR sharded (10 × 1M), hash routing
  - ZK: Halo2, 1M constraints (complex PRS)
  - HDC: Distributed encoding

Instances:
  - 10 × t3.large (PIR shards): $910/month
  - c5.9xlarge (ZK): $1,101/month
  - c5.2xlarge (HDC/API): $549/month
```

```
Performance:
  - PIR latency: 920ms (single shard)
  - ZK latency: 11.2s (complex proof)
  - Total E2E: ~12.1s

Sharding Strategy:
  Hash-based: query_hash % 10
  Load balanced: ~1K queries/shard/day
  Fault tolerance: Each shard can handle 10K/day

Monthly Cost:
  PIR (sharded): $910
  ZK (complex): $2,529
  Total: $3,439/month

Per Query: $0.01146

Comparison:
  Traditional platform: $15,000-30,000/month
  Savings: 77%

Note: Sharding reduces PIR cost by 60% vs monolithic
```

1.5 C.5 Cost Optimization Strategies

1.5.1 C.5.1 Proof Caching

Implementation:

```
Cache Layer: Redis cluster
Strategy:
  - Cache proven queries
  - TTL: 24 hours
  - Max size: 10GB
  - Eviction: LRU

Hit Rates (measured):
  - Variant presence: 42%
  - PRS queries: 18%
  - Ancestry checks: 65%
  - Overall: 40%

Cost Impact:
  Before caching: $132/month (ZK)
  After caching (40% hits): $79/month
  Savings: $53/month (40%)

Redis cost: $15/month (elasticache.t3.small)
Net savings: $38/month (29%)
```

1.5.2 C.5.2 Batch Processing

Implementation:

```
Strategy:
  - Queue queries during day
  - Batch process at night (off-peak)
  - Use spot instances (70% discount)

Instance Selection:
  On-demand c5.9xlarge: $1.530/hr
  Spot c5.9xlarge: $0.459/hr (70% discount)

Batch Efficiency:
  Serial: 321 proofs/hour (100% util)
  Parallel: 2,568 proofs/hour (8 instances)

Cost Comparison (300K proofs/month):
  On-demand (30% util): $2,529/month
  Spot batch (80% util): $892/month
  Savings: $1,637/month (65%)

Trade-off: Higher latency (overnight processing)
```

1.5.3 C.5.3 Reserved Instances

3-Year Reserved Savings:

```
Instance Type: c5.xlarge
On-demand: $0.170/hr = $122/month
1-year reserved: $0.111/hr = $80/month (35% savings)
3-year reserved: $0.084/hr = $60/month (51% savings)

Upfront Payment (3-year):
  No upfront: $60/month × 36 = $2,160 total
  All upfront: $1,825 total (15% additional savings)

Recommended: 3-year all-upfront for stable workloads
```

1.6 C.6 Break-Even Analysis

1.6.1 C.6.1 CPIR vs IT-PIR

Formula:

$Q^* = (F_{cpir} - F_{it}) / (30 \cdot (v_{it} - v_{cpir}))$

where: - F = fixed monthly cost - v = variable cost per query - Q^* = break-even queries/day

100K Database:

$CPIR: F_{cpir} = \$30, v_{cpir} = \$0.000016$

```
IT-PIR: F  = $183, v  = $0.00027

Q* = (183 - 30) / (30 × (0.000016 - 0.00027))
Q* = 153 / -0.00762
Q* = -20,079 queries/day

Since Q* < 0, CPIR is ALWAYS cheaper
(Higher fixed costs of IT-PIR never recover from lower variable costs)
```

Conclusion: Choose IT-PIR for **unconditional privacy**, not cost. CPIR is always more economical but requires computational assumptions.

1.6.2 C.6.2 Groth16 vs Halo2

15K Constraints:

```
Groth16: F  = $61, v  = $0.000027
Halo2: F  = $122, v  = $0.000028

Q* = (122 - 61) / (30 × (0.000027 - 0.000028))
Q* = 61 / -0.00003
Q* = -2,033,333 queries/day

Since Q* < 0, Halo2 is NEVER cheaper operationally
```

However: Halo2 avoids $10-50K trusted setup ceremony. Break-even:

```
Setup cost savings: $30K (typical)
Monthly premium: $122 - $61 = $61
Months to amortize: $30,000 / $61 = 492 months (41 years)
```

Conclusion: Choose Halo2 for **trustless** security, not cost. Setup avoidance worth the premium for regulatory/audit reasons.

1.7 C.7 TCO (Total Cost of Ownership) Comparison

1.7.1 C.7.1 3-Year TCO Analysis

GenomeVault (Research Institution):

```
Year 1:
  Infrastructure: $886/month × 12 = $10,632
  Development: $50,000 (setup, integration)
  Training: $10,000
  Total Year 1: $70,632

Year 2-3:
  Infrastructure: $10,632/year
  Maintenance: $5,000/year
  Total Year 2-3: $15,632/year
```

```
3-Year TCO: $101,896
Average annual: $33,965
```

Traditional Cloud Genomics Platform:

```
Year 1:
  Platform fees: $6,000/month × 12 = $72,000
  Setup/migration: $25,000
  Training: $15,000
  Total Year 1: $112,000

Year 2-3:
  Platform fees: $72,000/year
  Support: $10,000/year
  Total Year 2-3: $82,000/year

3-Year TCO: $276,000
Average annual: $92,000
```

Savings: $174,104 over 3 years (63% reduction)

1.7.2 C.7.2 On-Premise vs Cloud

On-Premise Hardware:

```
Initial Investment:
  Servers (3× Dell R750): $45,000
  Storage (NAS 100TB): $30,000
  Networking: $15,000
  Setup/installation: $20,000
  Total: $110,000

Annual Operating:
  Power (3kW @ $0.12/kWh): $3,154
  Cooling (additional 1kW): $1,051
  Maintenance: $15,000
  Staff (0.5 FTE): $50,000
  Total annual: $69,205

3-Year TCO: $110,000 + 3×$69,205 = $317,615
Average annual: $105,872
```

Cloud (GenomeVault):

```
3-Year TCO: $101,896
Average annual: $33,965
```

Conclusion: Cloud is 68% cheaper than on-premise for typical research institution scale. On-premise becomes competitive at >100K queries/day scale.

1.8 C.8 Pricing Calculator

Interactive Calculator (Python):

```python
def calculate_monthly_cost(
    queries_per_day: int,
    database_rows: int,
    zk_constraints: int = 15000,
    backend: str = "halo2",
    pir_type: str = "cpir"
) -> dict:
    # PIR costs
    pir_config = {
        ("cpir", 100_000): (30, 0.000016),
        ("cpir", 1_000_000): (61, 0.00010),
        ("cpir", 10_000_000): (183, 0.00693),
        ("itpir", 100_000): (183, 0.00027),
        ("itpir", 1_000_000): (415, 0.00113),
    }

    # ZK costs
    zk_config = {
        ("halo2", 15_000): (122, 0.000028),
        ("plonk", 15_000): (122, 0.000031),
        ("groth16", 15_000): (61, 0.000027),
        ("halo2", 1_000_000): (1101, 0.004760),
    }

    # Get costs
    pir_fixed, pir_var = pir_config.get((pir_type, database_rows), (61, 0.0001))
    zk_fixed, zk_var = zk_config.get((backend, zk_constraints), (122, 0.000028))

    # Calculate monthly
    queries_per_month = queries_per_day * 30

    pir_variable_monthly = pir_var * queries_per_month
    zk_variable_monthly = zk_var * queries_per_month

    total_monthly = (
        pir_fixed + pir_variable_monthly +
        zk_fixed + zk_variable_monthly
    )

    cost_per_query = (pir_variable_monthly + zk_variable_monthly) / queries_per_month

    return {
        "monthly_cost": total_monthly,
        "cost_per_query": cost_per_query,
```

```
        "breakdown": {
            "pir_fixed": pir_fixed,
            "pir_variable": pir_variable_monthly,
            "zk_fixed": zk_fixed,
            "zk_variable": zk_variable_monthly,
        }
    }

# Example usage
cost = calculate_monthly_cost(
    queries_per_day=10_000,
    database_rows=1_000_000,
    zk_constraints=15_000,
    backend="halo2",
    pir_type="cpir"
)

print(f"Monthly cost: ${cost['monthly_cost']:.2f}")
print(f"Per query: ${cost['cost_per_query']:.6f}")
```

1.9 C.9 Summary & Recommendations

1.9.1 C.9.1 Cost Summary

Deployment	Monthly Cost	Per Query	vs Traditional	Best For
Small Clinic	$167	$0.00056	95% savings	1K patients
Research Institution	$886	$0.00295	85% savings	100K samples
Healthcare Network	$3,439	$0.01146	77% savings	10M records

1.9.2 C.9.2 Recommendations

Start with: - CPIR for performance - Halo2 for trustless proofs - t3/c5 instances for predictable costs

Optimize with: - Proof caching (40% cost reduction) - Batch processing (65% reduction for flexible workloads) - Reserved instances (50% reduction for stable loads)

Scale with: - PIR sharding (60% savings at 10M+ scale) - Multi-region deployment (20% premium for redundancy) - Spot instances (70% discount for batch workloads)

Calculator Tool: Interactive cost calculator available at `scripts/cost_calculator.py`