

Threshold Cryptosystems from Threshold Fully Homomorphic Encryption

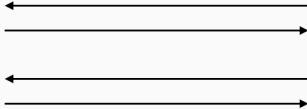
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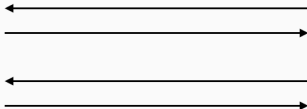
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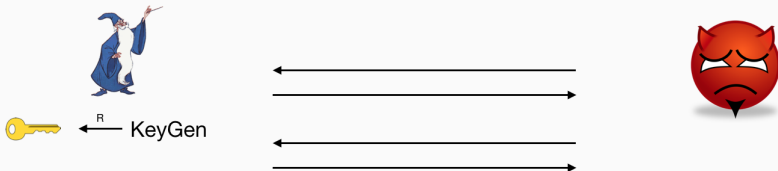
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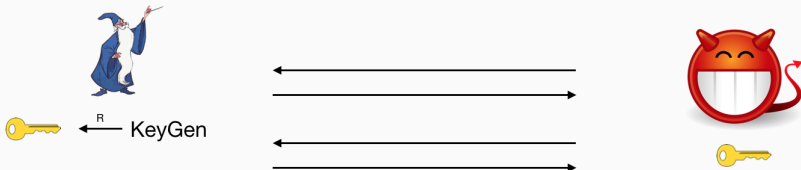
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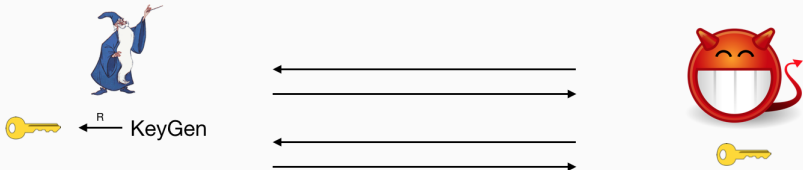
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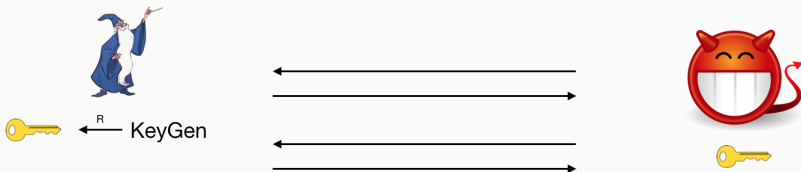
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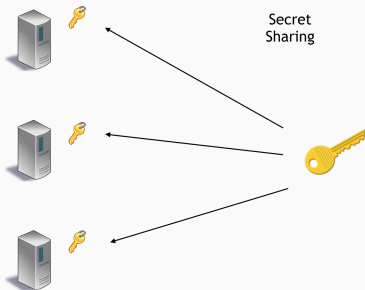


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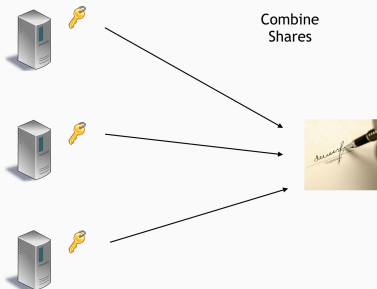
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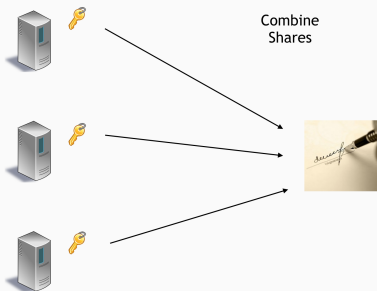
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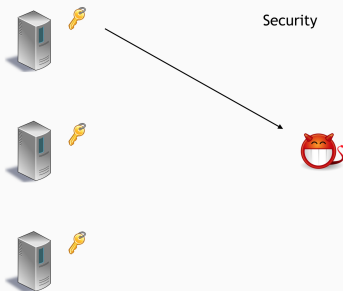


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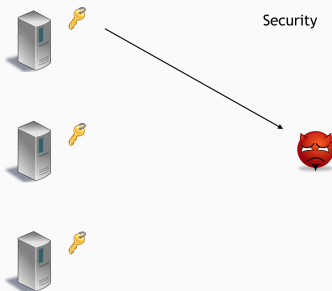


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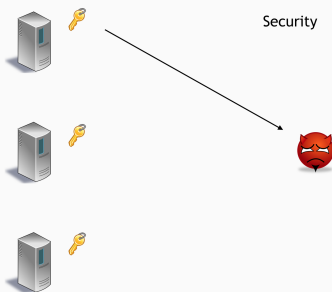


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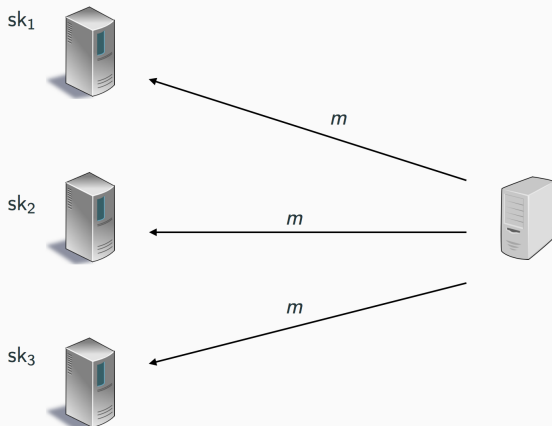


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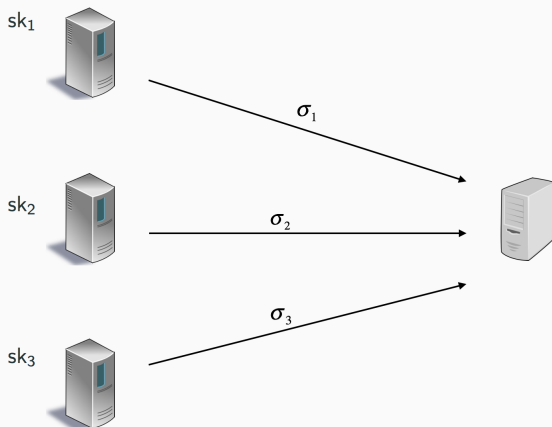


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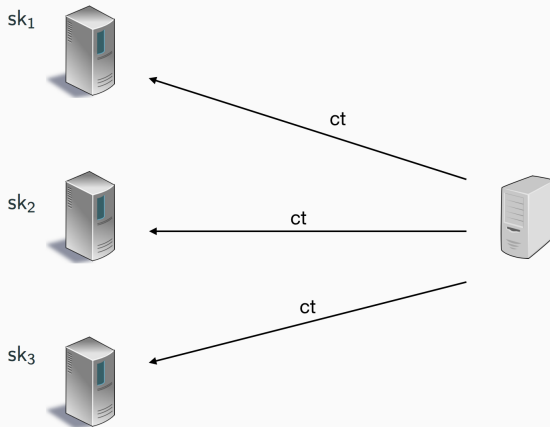


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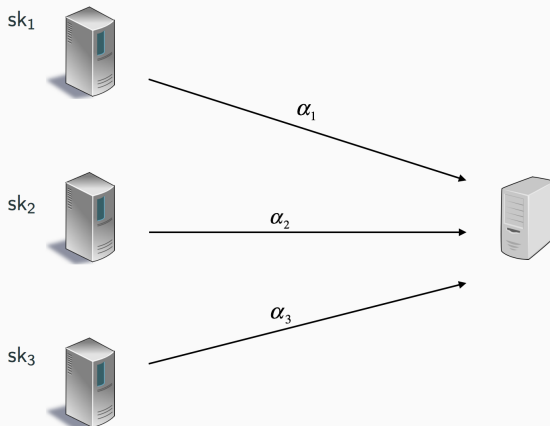


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Not much progress on **lattice-based schemes**.

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- New constructions for threshold signatures, threshold PKE, distributed PRFs, functional encryption with distributed key generation, ...

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(Standard) Fully Homomorphic Encryption

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For any $C : \{0, 1\}^k \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$, $\hat{\text{ct}} \leftarrow \text{Eval}(\text{pk}, C, \text{ct}_1, \dots, \text{ct}_k)$, $|S| \geq t$,

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Compactness

$$|\text{pk}|, |\text{ct}| \leq \text{poly}(\lambda, d) \quad |\text{p}_i| \leq \text{poly}(\lambda, d, N).$$

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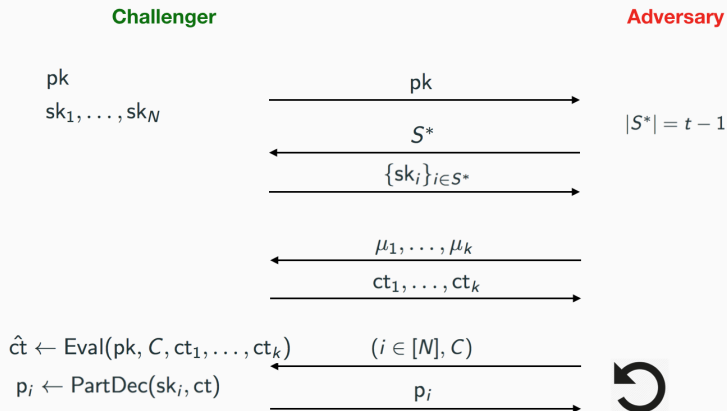
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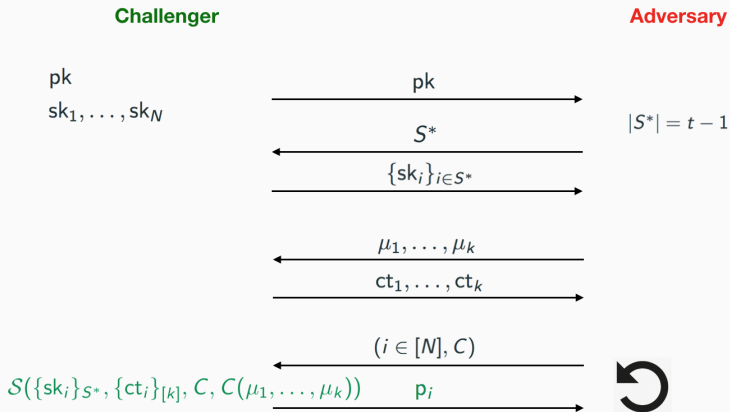
Standard PKE semantic security

(Adversary given $\{\text{sk}_i\}_{i \in S^*}$ for $|S^*| < t$)

Simulation Security (Real World)



Simulation Security (Ideal World)



FHE from Approximate Eigenvector [GSW13]

- Ciphertext \mathbf{C} is a matrix in $\{0, 1\}^{m \times m}$
- Secret key \vec{s} is a vector in \mathbb{Z}_q^m

$$\vec{s} = \left(s_1, \dots, s_{m-1}, \frac{q}{2}\right)$$

Approximate eigenvector property

$$\mathbf{C} \cdot \vec{s} = \mu \cdot \vec{s} + \text{noise}$$

- **Homomorphic addition:** $\mathbf{C}_1 + \mathbf{C}_2$
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Slight Problem: Decryption leaks \vec{s} !

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Example: Shamir secret sharing scheme

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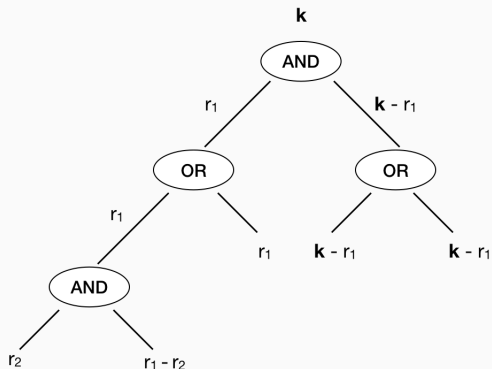
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Question: How expressive is $\{0, 1\}$ -LSSS?

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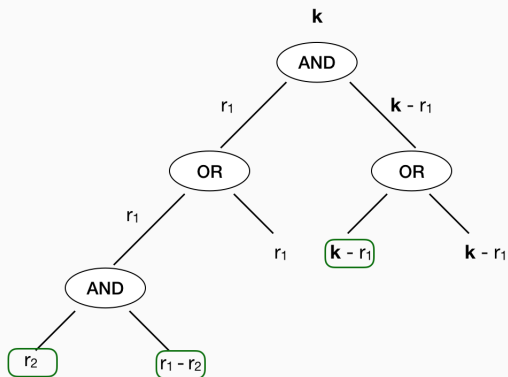
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Note: Requires careful security analysis!

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Expressing threshold circuit in monotone Boolean formula **expensive!**

Circuit size $O(N^{5.2}) \Rightarrow$ partial key $|sk_i| \leq O(N^{4.2})$ on average.

Question: Can we do better?

Idea: Use the technique of clearing out the denominators
[Sho00,ABVW12]

Lemma

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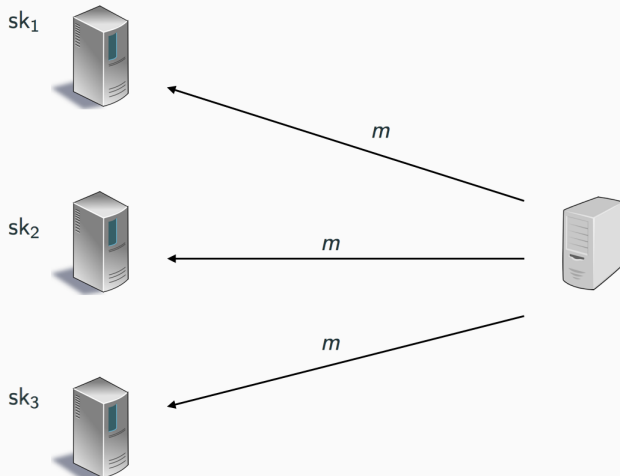
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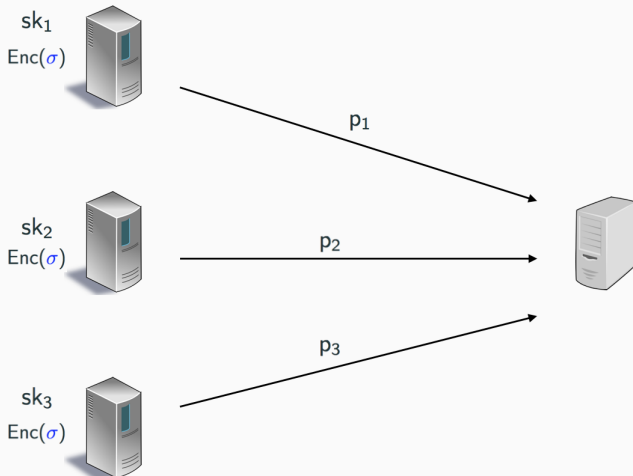
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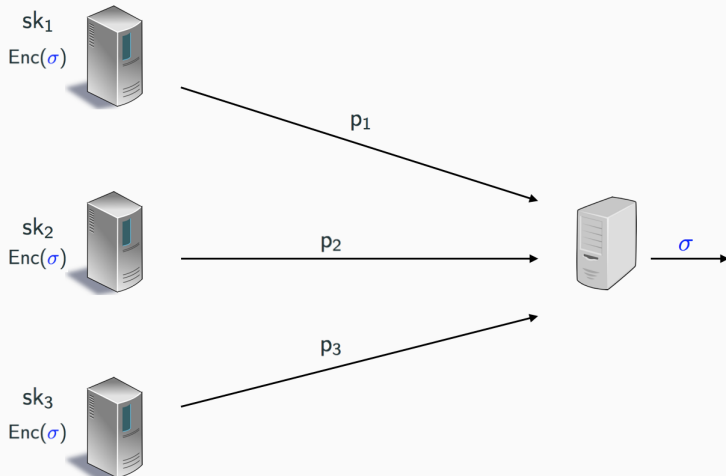
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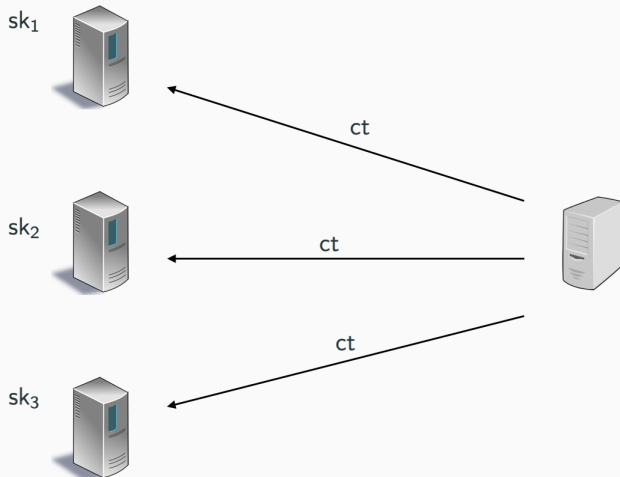
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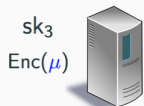
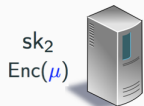
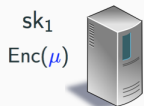
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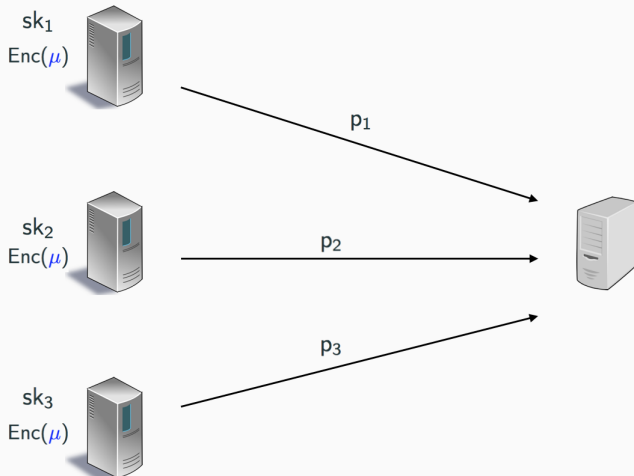
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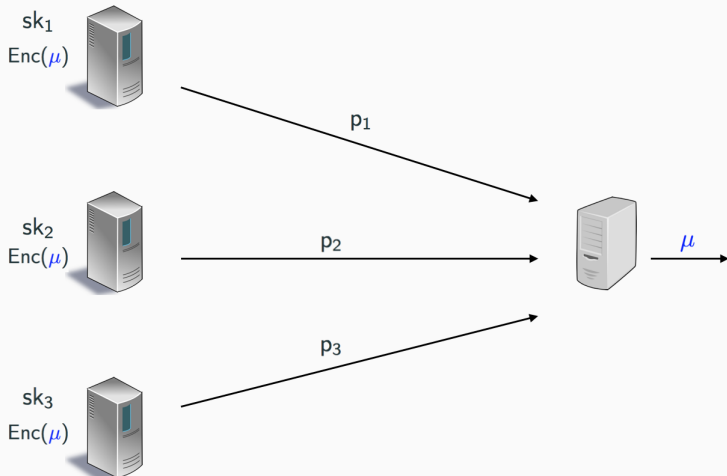
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