

# Efficient Online-friendly Two-Party ECDSA

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- Our Contribution
  - Generic Two-Party ECDSA from a single MtA
- Technical overview
- Instantiations and implementation
  - Paillier
  - CL encryption
  - OT

# Motivation of distributed ECDSA

## ➤ ECDSA

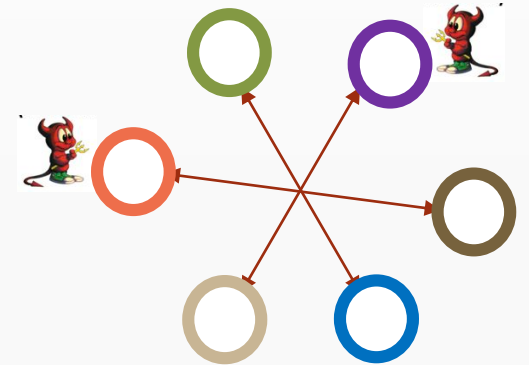
- Digital Signature Standard using Elliptic Curve Cryptography
- Widely deployed, such as Bitcoin etc.
- Stealing signing key **means** financial loss etc. (single-point of failure)

## ➤ Distributed (Threshold) ECDSA

- Protect the key by sharing among multiple parties
- Such that no fewer user ( $< t$ ) could generate a valid ECDSA



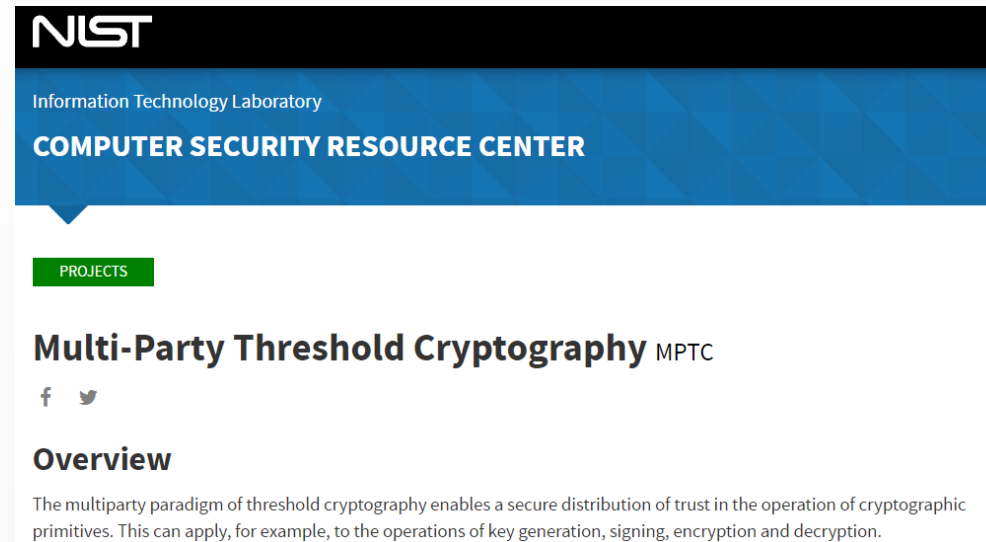
How to address  
single-points  
of failure ?



The threshold approach

# Motivation of distributed ECDSA

- ▶ Threshold Cryptography Project at NIST
  - ▶ Scope: standardization of threshold schemes

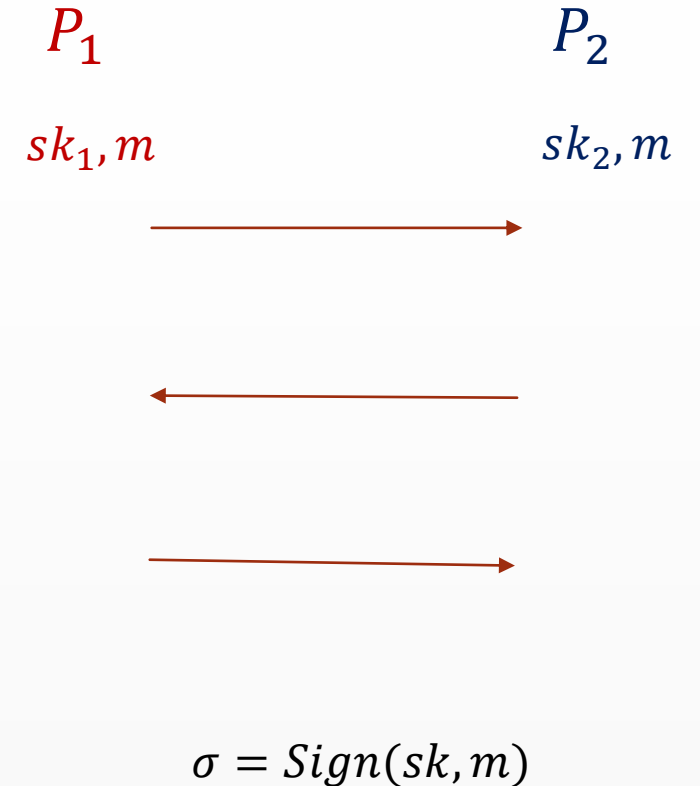


The screenshot shows the NIST Information Technology Laboratory Computer Security Resource Center website. The header includes the NIST logo and the text 'Information Technology Laboratory' and 'COMPUTER SECURITY RESOURCE CENTER'. Below the header, there is a green button labeled 'PROJECTS'. The main content area features the title 'Multi-Party Threshold Cryptography MPTC' with social media icons for Facebook and Twitter. Underneath, there is a section titled 'Overview' with a brief description: 'The multiparty paradigm of threshold cryptography enables a secure distribution of trust in the operation of cryptographic primitives. This can apply, for example, to the operations of key generation, signing, encryption and decryption.'

**4.1.2.2 ECDSA signature.** A technical difficulty in threshold ECDSA is jointly computing a secret sharing of a multiplicative inverse of an additively-shared secret value. This is less straight-

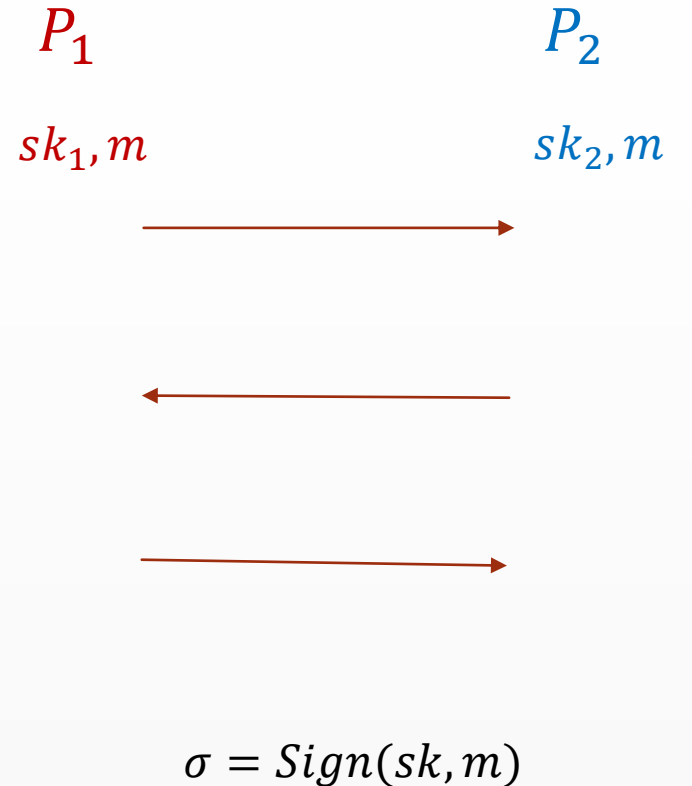
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➤ Efficient Two-Party Schnorr since 90s

➤ Two-Party ECDSA is much more challenging

# Challenge in Two-Party ECDSA: ECDSA

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➤  $s = k^{-1}(H(m) + x \cdot r) \bmod q$

➤ Output  $(r, s)$

### ➤ Verify( $r, s$ )

➤  $(r_x, r_y) = s^{-1}[H(m) \cdot P + r \cdot Q]$

➤  $r =? r_x$

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➤  $s = k + x \cdot H(R|m) \pmod q$

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Using additive share of  $x$  and  $k$

$$x = x_1 + x_2$$
$$k = k_1 + k_2$$

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Malicious security for **any circuit**

GMW compiler

Commitment

Zero-knowledge proof



Inefficient

Semi-honest security for **any circuit**

Goldreich-Micali-Wigderson (GMW)

Ben-Goldwasser-Wigderson (BGW)

etc.

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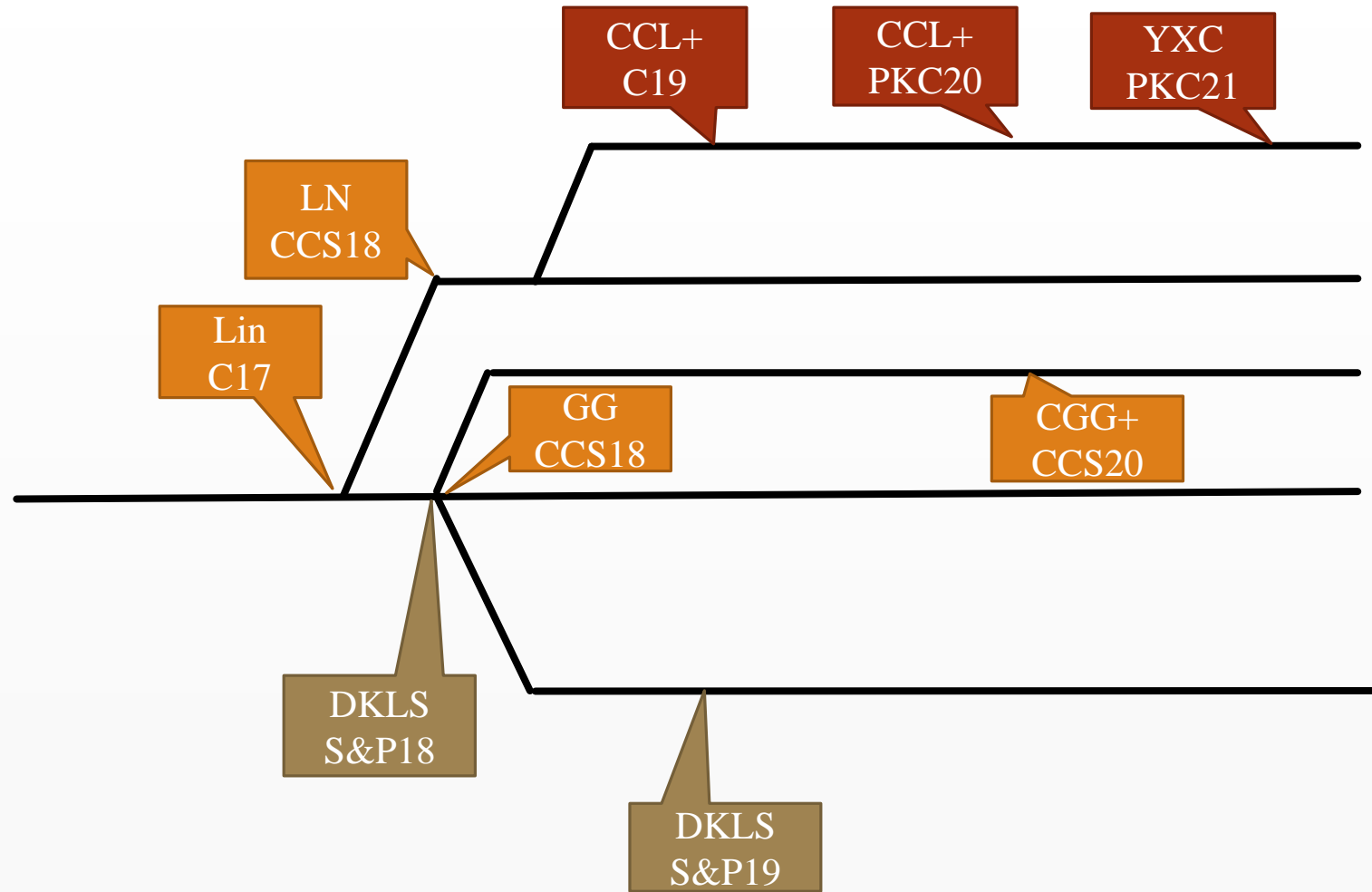
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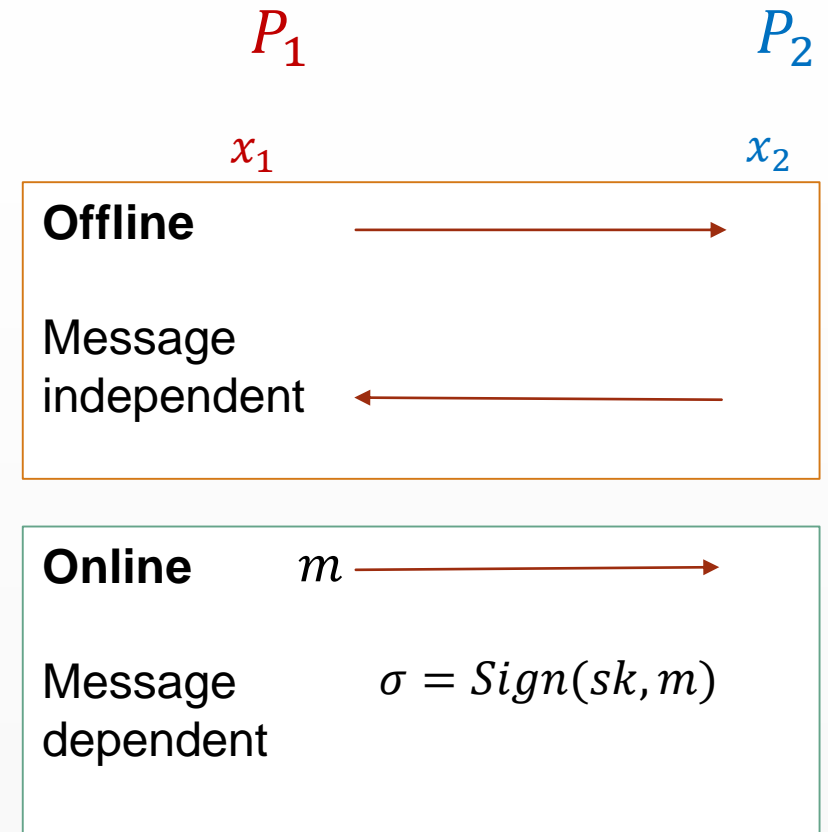
➤ Homomorphic Enc: Paillier

➤ Oblivious Transfer (OT)



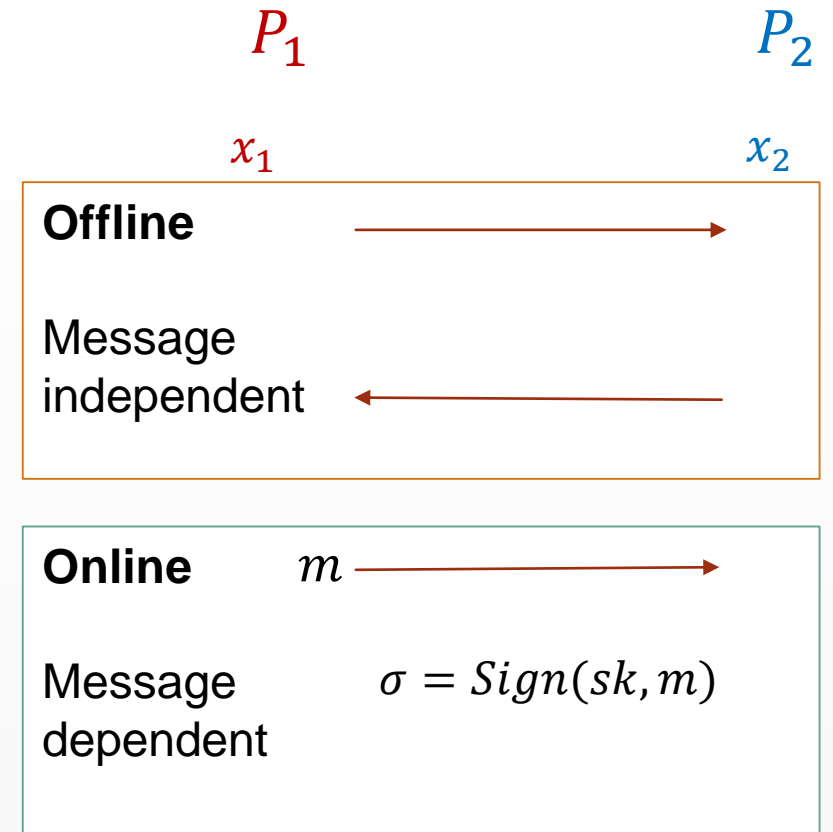
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- The offline phase (aka. pre-processing) is message independent.
- We say the online phase of a two-party ECDSA is **optimal** if it is **non-interactive** and its cost is approximately a **verification procedure**.
- Two-party ECDSA is **online-friendly** if its online phase is **optimal**.



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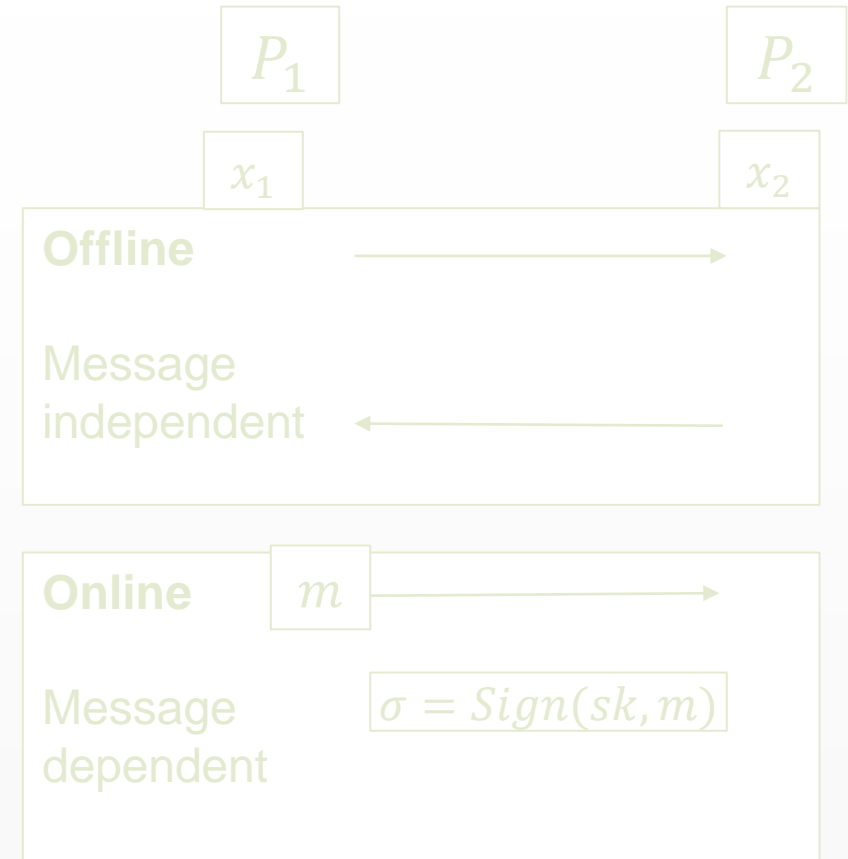
Paillier	~10ms	~3KB
CL	~200ms	~200B

Multi-to-Add protocol

Paillier	~200ms	~6KB
CL	~1300ms	~1KB
OT	cheap	~90KB

# Motivation: online-friendly scheme with one MtA

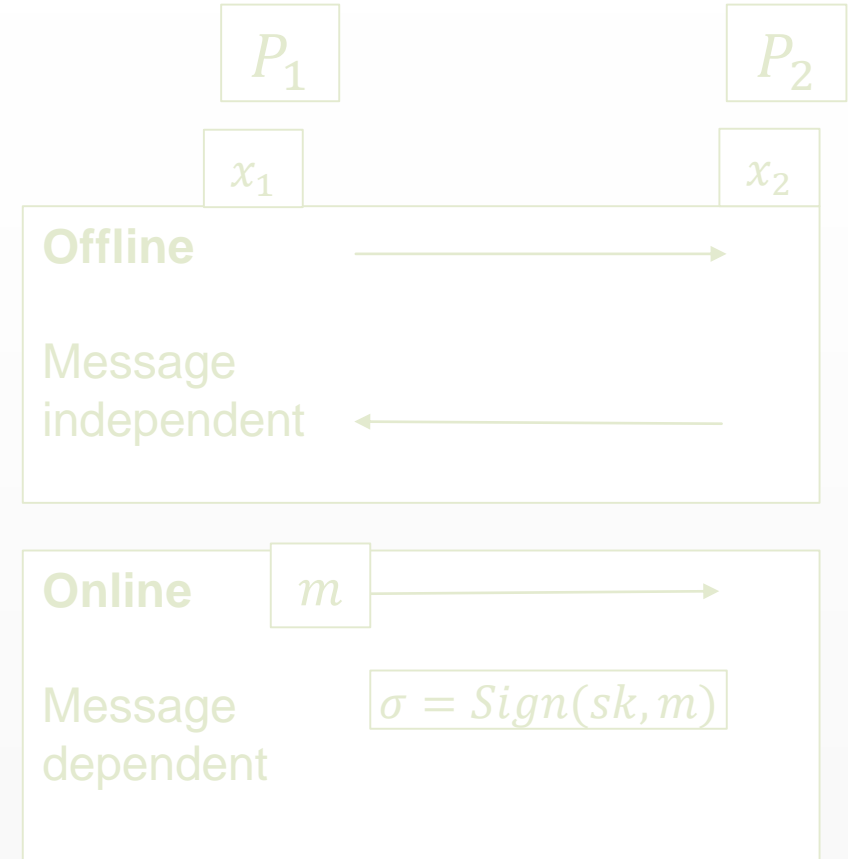
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<b>Is it possible??</b>	<b>1*MtA</b>	<b>Optimal</b>





# Our contribution

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<b>This work: 2ECDSA</b>	<b>1*MtA</b>	<b>Optimal</b>



# Comparison

Signing Protocols	Computation		Communication		Passes
	offline	online	offline	online	
LNR18 [26]	28E + 157M (461ms)	14E + 121M (302ms)	$32\ell_N + 67\kappa$ (12KB)	$16\ell_N + 51\kappa$ (6.6KB)	8
GG18 [19]	42E + 40M (1237ms)	17M (3ms)	$40\ell_N + 18\kappa$ (15.5KB)	$9\kappa$ (288B)	9
CGGMP20 [6]	208E + 44M (2037ms)	2M (0.2ms)	$118\ell_N + 20\kappa$ (44KB)	$\kappa$ (32B)	4
2ECDSA (Paillier)	14E + 11M (226ms)	2M (0.2ms)	$16\ell_N + 11\kappa$ (6.3KB)	$\kappa$ (32B)	3
Lin17 [25] (Paillier-EC)	2E + 8M (34ms)	1E + 2M (8ms)	$12\kappa$ (192B)	$2\ell_N$ (768B)	3
GG18 [19] (Paillier-EC)	18E + 40M (360ms)	17M (3ms)	$16\ell_N + 18\kappa$ (6.6KB)	$9\kappa$ (288B)	9
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CCLST19 [7]	4E + 8M (475ms)	1E + 2M (190ms)	$6\kappa$ (208B)	$14\kappa$ (505B)	3
CCLST20 [8]	28E + 8M (3316ms)	17M (3ms)	$140\kappa$ (4.5KB)	$9\kappa$ (288B)	8
YCX21 [33]	28E + 8M (4550ms)	17M (3ms)	$140\kappa$ (4.5KB)	$9\kappa$ (288B)	8
2ECDSA (CL)	11E + 11M (1386ms)	2M (0.2ms)	$53\kappa$ (1.7KB)	$\kappa$ (32B)	3
DKLS18 [15]	13M (2.9ms)	2M (0.2ms)	$16\kappa^2$ (169.8KB)	$\kappa$ (32B)	2
DKLS19 [16]	13M (3.7ms)	2M (0.2ms)	$20\kappa^2$ (180KB)	$\kappa$ (32B)	7
2ECDSA (OT)	11M (2.6ms)	2M (0.2ms)	$8\kappa^2$ (90.9KB)	$\kappa$ (32B)	3



# Technical Overview

# Preliminary: Paillier and CL Encryption

- Additive Homomorphic Encryption Scheme:

$$\text{Enc}(m_1 + m_2) = \text{Enc}(m_1) \oplus \text{Enc}(m_2)$$

$$\text{Enc}(a \cdot m) = \text{Enc}(m)^a = a \odot \text{Enc}(m)$$

Schemes	over	Message Space
Paillier	$Z_{N^2}$ ( $N$ is RSA modulus)	$Z_N$
CL Encryption	Class group	$Z_q$ ( $=\#G$ )

# Paillier Encryption

- Let  $N = pq$  be RSA modulus.

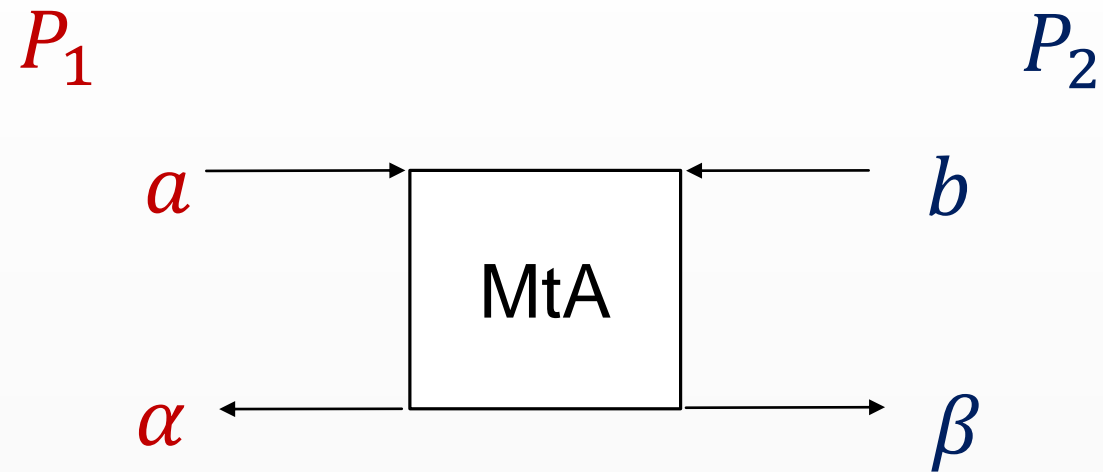
Secret key:  $p, q$     public key :  $N$

$$\text{Enc}(N, m) = (1 + N)^m r^N \text{ mod } N^2$$

$$\text{Enc}(N, (m_1 + m_2) \text{ mod } N) = \text{Enc}(N, m_1) \oplus \text{Enc}(N, m_2)$$

# Preliminary: Multi-to-Add Protocol

## Multi-to-Add Protocol (MtA)



Such that  $\alpha + \beta = a \cdot b \pmod{q}$



# ECDSA

$$s = k^{-1} (H(m) + x \cdot r)$$

- $H(m)$  and  $r$  is publicly known to both parties
- $x$  is the secret key
- $k$  is the nonce

# Lin17 and CCL+19

► Multiplicative share of  $k = k_1 \cdot k_2$  and  $x = x_1 \cdot x_2$

► Goal:

$$s = k_1^{-1} \cdot k_2^{-1} (H(m) + x_1 \cdot x_2 \cdot r)$$

$s_1$

► If  $P_1$  has sent  $\text{Enc}(x_1)$  to  $P_2$  in the Key Generation phase

► On receiving message  $m$ ,  $P_2$  could compute

$$\text{Enc}(s_1) = \text{Enc}(k_2^{-1}(H(m) + x_1 \cdot x_2 \cdot r))$$

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However, decryption is required in the online phase;

► Furthermore, non-standard assumption is required, such as Paillier-EC

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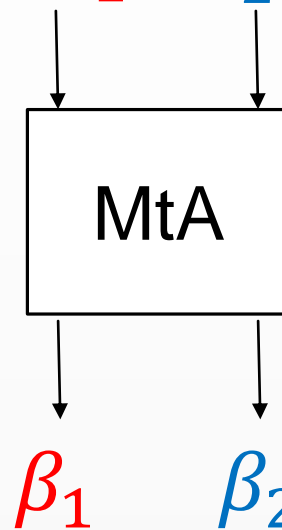
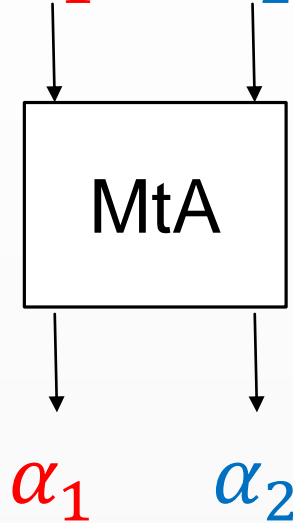
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# DKLS18

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► Goal:

$$s = k_1^{-1} \cdot k_2^{-1} H(m) + k_1^{-1} x_1 \cdot k_2^{-1} x_2 \cdot r$$



$$s = (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2)H(m) + (\beta_1 + \beta_2) \cdot r$$

► Two MtA are required.

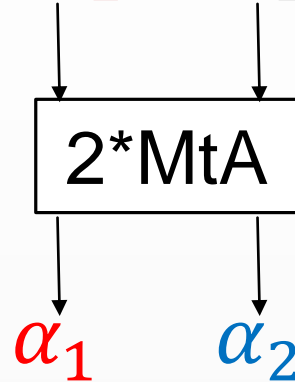
# LNR18 etc...

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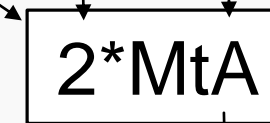
$$s = (k_1 + k_2)^{-1} [H(m) + (x_1 + x_2) \cdot r]$$

Step 1



$$s = (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2)H(m) + (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2)(x_1 + x_2) \cdot r$$

Step 2



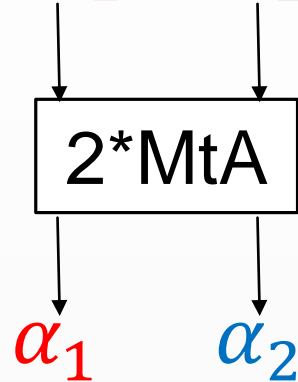
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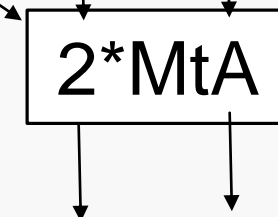
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$$s = (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2)H(m) + (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2)(x_1 + x_2) \cdot r$$



► 4 MtA are required.

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# Our Construction with one MtA

► We start from share of  $k = k_1 \cdot k_2$  and  $x = x_1 + x_2$

► Goal:

$$s = k_1^{-1} \cdot k_2^{-1} [H(m) + (x_1 + x_2) \cdot r]$$

If  $P_1, P_2$  can corporately compute  $x'_1, x'_2$  such that

$$x_1 + x_2 = x'_1 k_2 + x'_2$$

then

$$s = k_1^{-1} \cdot \underbrace{[k_2^{-1} (H(m) + r x'_2) + r x'_1]}_{P_2 \text{ could compute by itself}}$$

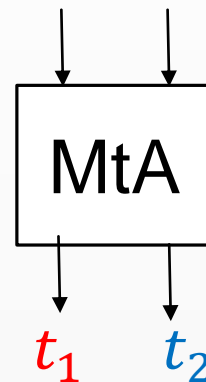
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# Our Construction with one MtA

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All we need:  $P_1, P_2$  compute  $x'_1, x'_2$  such that

$$x_1 + x_2 = x'_1 k_2 + x'_2$$



Then,  $x'_2 = x_2 - t_2 + (x_1 + t_1)$

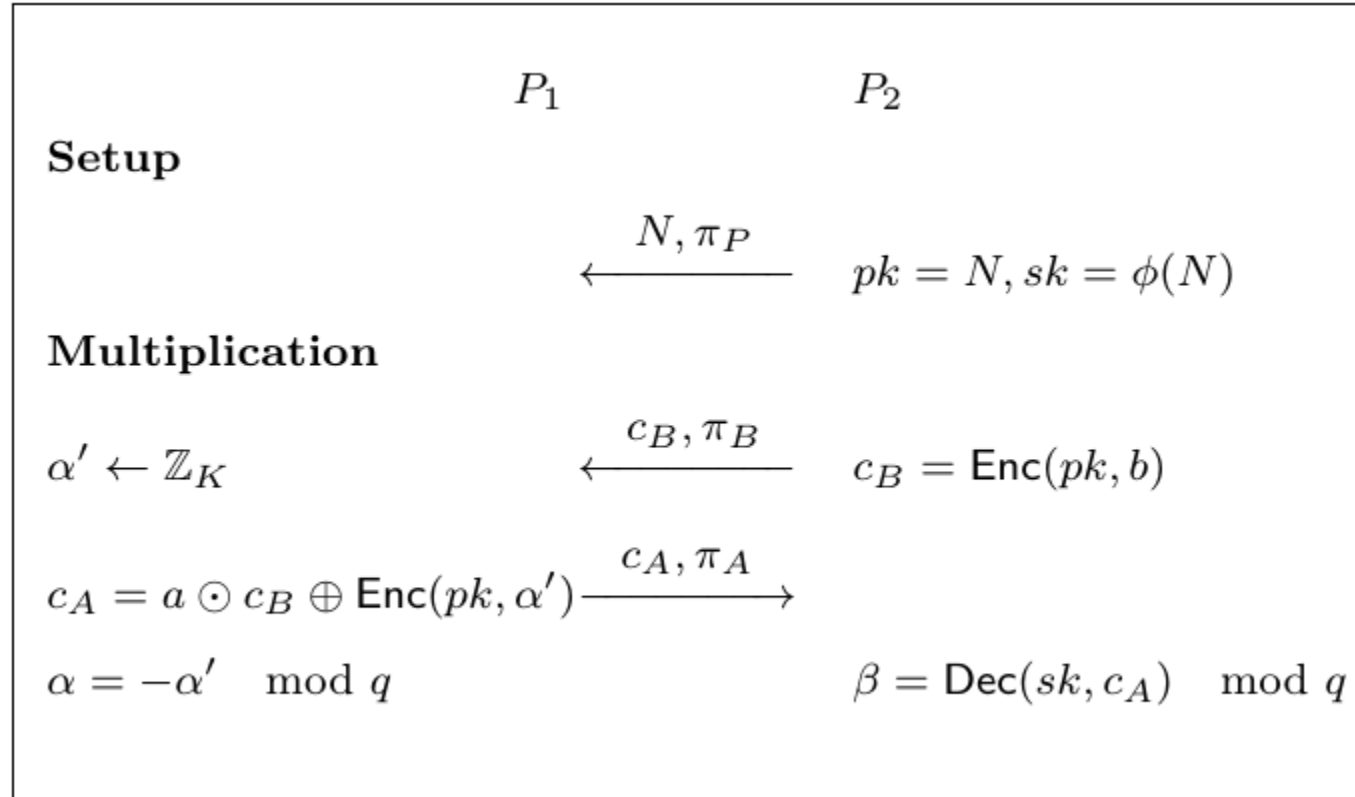
One-time Padding

► Only one MtA is required



# Instantiations

# MtA from Paillier



➤ Enc is the Paillier encryption

➤  $\pi_P, \pi_B, \pi_A$  is the zero-knowledge proof for the correctness generation of  $N, c_B, c_A$  respectively

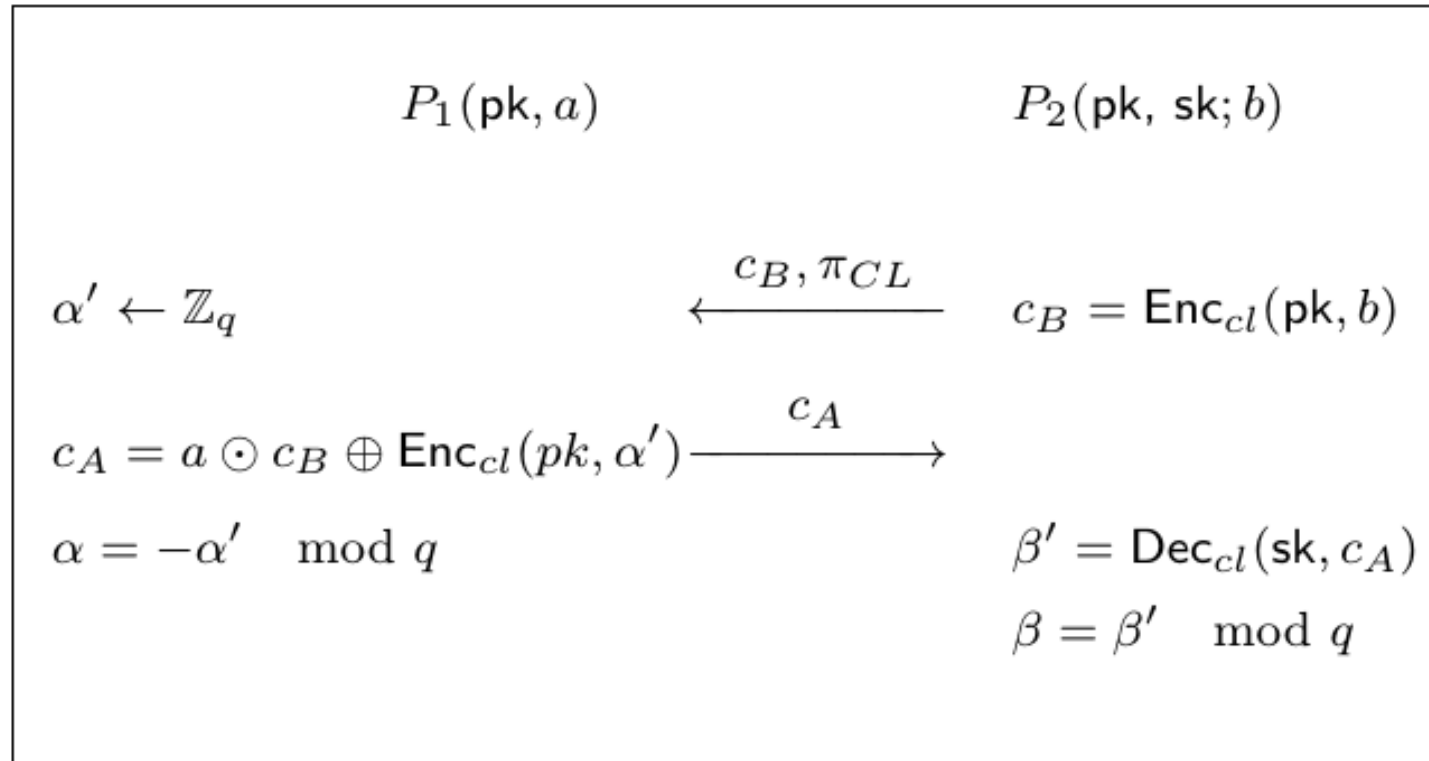


# Paillier-based Two-Party ECDSA

Schemes	Computation		Communication	
	Offline	Online	Offline	Online
LNR18 [25]	461ms	302ms	12.1KB	6.6KB
GG18 [18]	1237ms	3ms	15.5KB	288B
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2ECDSA(Paillier-EC)	141ms	0.2ms	4.1KB	32B

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

# MtA from CL encryption



- $\text{Enc}_{cl}$  is the CL encryption over class group
- $\pi_{CL}$  is the zero-knowledge proof for the correctness generation of  $c_B$  respectively

# CL-based Two-Party ECDSA

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CCLST19 [7]	475ms	190ms	505B	208B
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YCX21 [31]	4550ms	3ms	4.5KB	288B
2ECDSA(CL)	1386ms	0.2ms	1.7KB	32B

**Table 5: Cost comparison of CL-based schemes.**

# MtA from Oblivious Transfer (OT)



OT is a fundamental primitive of multiparty computation (MPC).

# MtA from Oblivious Transfer (OT)



**Sender**  
Input:  $(M_0, M_1)$   
Output: none

**Receiver**  
Input:  $c$   
Output:  $M_c$

$$a \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p$$

$$b \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p$$

$$A = g^a$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{if } c = 0: B &= g^b \\ \text{if } c = 1: B &= Ag^b \end{aligned}$$

$$B$$

$$\begin{aligned} k_0 &= H(B^a) \\ k_1 &= H\left(\left(\frac{B}{A}\right)^a\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$k_R = H(A^b)$$

$$e_0 \leftarrow E_{k_0}(M_0)$$

$$e_1 \leftarrow E_{k_1}(M_1)$$

$$M_c = D_{k_R}(e_c)$$

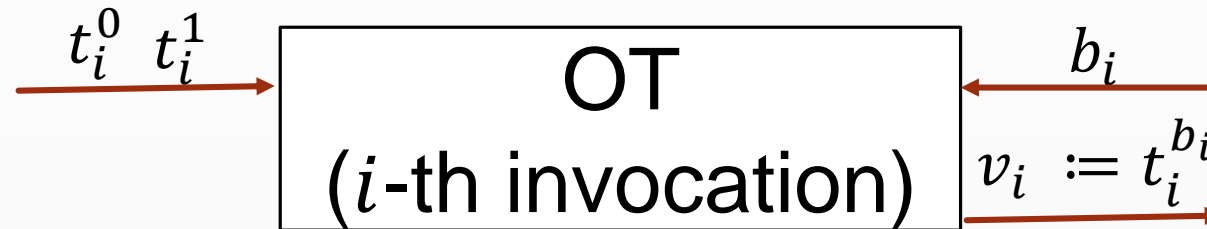
# MtA from Oblivious Transfer (OT)

$P_2(a)$

Randomly pick  $s_0, \dots, s_{n-1}$

For each  $i$ , define  $t_i^0 = 2^i a + s_i$ ;  $t_i^1 = s_i$

$P_1(b := b_0, b_1, \dots, b_{n-1})$



$$\alpha = -\sum s_i$$

$$\beta = \sum v_i$$

Note:  $\alpha + \beta = ab$



# OT

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

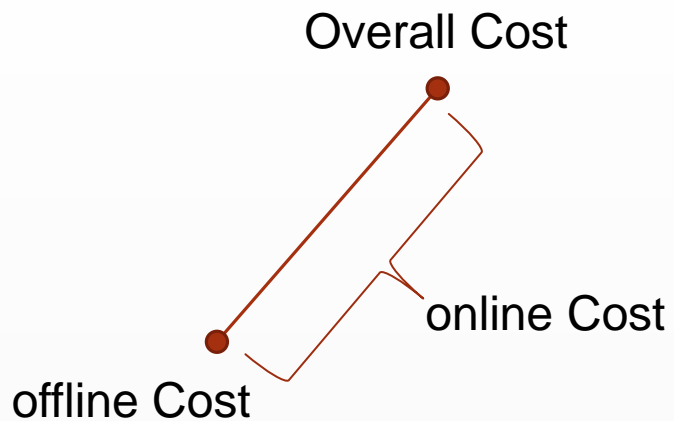
**Table 4: Cost comparison of OT-based schemes.**

# MtAs from HE vs OT

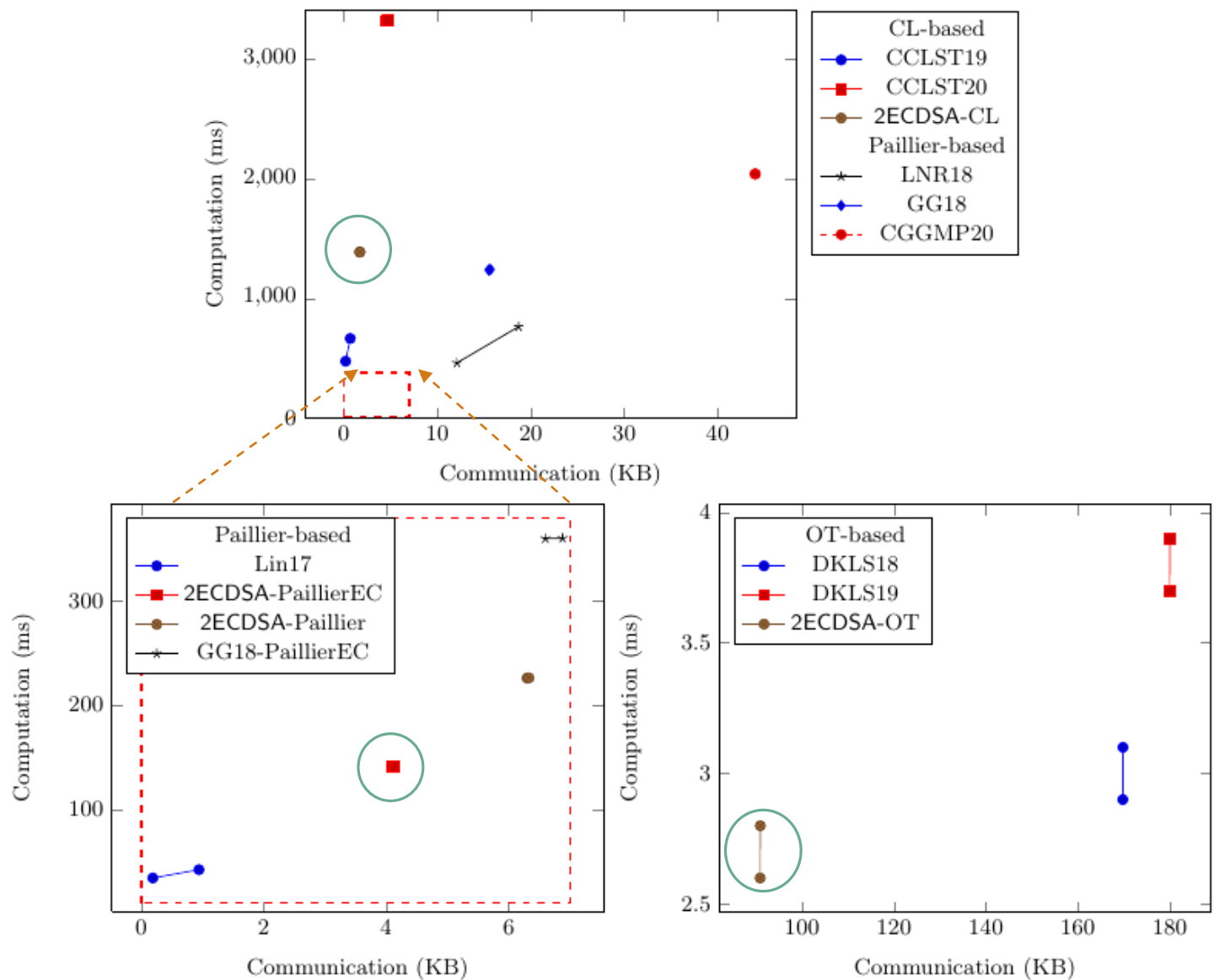
OT-based MtA	Paillier/CL-based MtA
High communication	Low communication
Low computation	High computation
No zero-knowledge proof	zero-knowledge proof
No extra assumption	May need extra assumptions



# Comparison in one figure



Our work



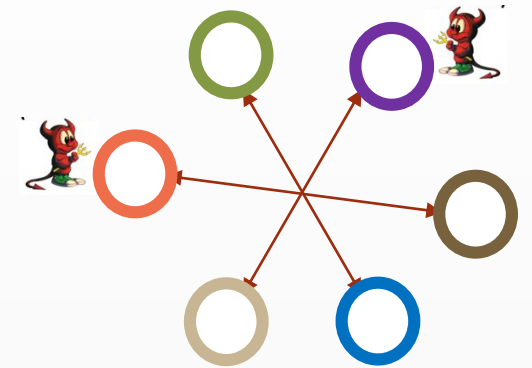


# Conclusion

- We propose a online-friendly two-party ECDSA such that
  - its online computation is extremely fast
  - and its offline phase just need a single execution of MtA
- Our scheme could be instantiated with Paillier/CL encryption and OT

# Following works: $t$ -out-of- $n$ ECDSA

- This work only supports two-party, i.e., 2-out-of- $n$ .
- How about  $t$ -out-of- $n$  ECDSA?



The threshold approach

# One more thing: SM2

**Public parameters:**  $G = \langle P \rangle$  with prime order  $q$

**Secret signing key:**  $x \leftarrow Z_q$

**Public key:**  $Q = x \cdot P$

## SM2 Algorithm

### ➤ Sign( $x, m$ )

➤  $R = k \cdot P$  where  $k \leftarrow Z_q$ ;  $r = r_x$  where  $R = (r_x, r_y)$

➤  $s = x^{-1}[k + r + H(m)] \bmod q$

➤ Output  $(r, s)$

### ➤ Verify( $r, s$ )

➤  $s \cdot Q =? R + r \cdot P + H(m) \cdot P$



Thanks

Q & A

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