

# RSA modulus generation in the two-party case

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**Abstract.** In this paper, secure two-party protocols are provided in order to securely generate a random  $k$ -bit RSA modulus  $n$  keeping its factorization secret. We first show that most existing two-party protocols based on Boneh's test are not correct: an RSA modulus can be output in the malicious case. Recently, Hazay et al. [13] proposed the first proven secure protocol against any polynomial active adversary. However, their protocol is very costly: several hours are required to output a 1024-bit RSA modulus on a standard platform. In this paper, we propose an other approach consisting of post-processing efficient existing Boneh's based protocols. The running time of this post-processing can be neglected with respect to the running time of the whole protocol.

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## 1 Introduction

Many cryptographic schemes are based on RSA moduli, for example RSA and Paillier. Many threshold versions have been proposed [20], [19], [11], [9], [7]. In these versions, parties must generate an RSA modulus  $n$  and distribute public and private keys such that the factorization of  $n$  is kept secret. A solution consists of invoking a third party, called the trusted dealer, which generates RSA moduli and shared keys.

The natural question is to know whether the dealer can be efficiently removed. Boneh and Franklin [3] provided a positive answer when the number of parties is larger than 3. This result is based on an adaptation of the Fermat's primality test for RSA moduli, called Boneh's test. It is shown secure against passive adversaries. Frankel et al. [22], Algesheimer et al. [1] have proposed a robust protocol for the multi-party case in the presence of a minority of arbitrarily misbehaving malicious parties. Damgård and Mikkelsen [10] have proposed an other biprimality test with a better error estimate, but it cannot be used directly in the two-party setting with active adversaries. The security of threshold Paillier's scheme requires that moduli are safe, i.e the product of safe primes. Fouque and Stern [11] have shown that it suffices that the sub-group

QR( $n$ ) of quadratic residues is cyclic to ensure security. They provide secure multi-party protocols for RSA moduli having this property.

This paper deals with the two-party case. Gilboa [12] Poupard and Stern [18] and Straub [21] have proposed a solution based on Oblivious Transfert (OT). They propose a robust protocol `ModulusGeneration` which computes  $n = (p_A + p_B)(q_A + q_B)$  where  $p_A, q_A$  and  $p_B, q_B$  are two  $k$ -bit integers randomly chosen respectively by Alice and by Bob. They then apply Boneh's test [4]. For concreteness, this biprimality test consists of randomly choosing  $a \in Z_n^*$  such that  $(\frac{a}{n}) = 1$ , then Alice computes  $v_A = a^{(n-p_A-q_A+1)/4} \bmod n$  and Bob computes  $v_B = a^{(p_B+q_B)/4} \bmod n$ . If  $v_A/v_B \neq \pm 1 \bmod n$  then the test fails. If the test does not fail for several values of  $a$  there is a high probability that  $n$  is an RSA modulus. However, let us imagine that  $n$  is **not** an RSA modulus and that Alice knows the factorization of  $n$  while Bob does not (Alice could have greater resources or better factorization algorithms). In this case, Alice can guess (with non negligible probability)  $p_B + q_B$  and thus  $v_B$ . She could therefore force Bob to believe that  $n$  is an RSA modulus. It proves that this solution is only secure against passive adversary (see appendix A for a concrete presentation and evaluation of this attack). In [2], the authors have proposed solutions against this attack. However their protocols have not been proven secure and above all their solution is not at all practical. For instance, 1,6.10<sup>8</sup> El Gamal encryptions/decryptions are required to output a 1024-bit RSA modulus. Recently, Hazay et al. [13] proposed the first proven secure protocol against any polynomial active adversary. To reach this security level, authors propose a zero-knowledge proof to prove that  $v_A$  and  $v_B$  are correctly computed. However, this zero-knowledge proof is executed for each candidate  $n$ . This protocol based on a cut-and-choose approach is very costly: it requires  $O(l)$  ( $l$  being a security parameter) exponentiations per loop in Boneh's test. As the number of candidates  $n$  which should be tested is about  $O(k^2)$ , the number of exponentiation of their protocol is  $O(l^2k^2)$ . We roughly estimate that several hours are needed to output a 1024-RSA modulus with this protocol (more than 10<sup>7</sup> modular exponentiations are required).

The key idea of this paper consists of post-processing existing (efficient) protocols based on Boneh's test with a running time in  $O(l)$  (few seconds are requiring for 1024-bit numbers): this post-processing can be neglected with respect to the whole protocol. This idea was already suggested in [13] (section "Practical considerations") in order to drastically improve efficiency. However, security was not proven in this setting: authors claim: "*We cannot simply postpone all proofs; care must be taken*

to allow simulation and not to reveal information that would allow a malicious party to, e.g., fake some zero-knowledge proof at a later point". While our approach differs from theirs, this paper can be seen as a positive answer to this claim.

For concreteness, the output  $n$  of classical Boneh's test based protocols is tested again. Here, it is assumed the existence of a correct and private protocol `ModulusGeneration` computing  $n = (p_A + p_B)(q_A + q_B)$  (many versions can be found in the literature [12], [3], [18], [21]). The parties then test whether  $n$  is an RSA modulus with the classical Boneh's test (see [4]). As discussed before, this test may be incorrect against active adversaries. Thus, if (and only if)  $n$  has been determined an RSA modulus previously, it is tested again with a test directly derived from Boneh's test. This test is implemented in protocols `Gamma` and `RSAModulusTest`. The efficiency improvement comes from the fact that this second test is applied only once. The main protocol of this paper, `RSAModulusGeneration` is an implementation of the following generic scheme:

1. Each party generates a public key and a secret key of an **additively** homomorphic encryption scheme  $S$ .  $E_A$  (resp.  $E_B$ ) refers to the encryption function generated by Alice (resp. Bob).
2. They invoke `ModulusGeneration` to get moduli  $n$  until  $n$  succeeds the classical Boneh's test. Each time the test fails, each party checks that the other party has behaved honestly.
3. Alice (resp. Bob) invokes `Gamma` to get an encryption  $\Gamma_B = E_B((p-1)(q-1))$  (resp.  $\Gamma_A = E_A((p-1)(q-1))$ ) where  $n = pq$
4. Alice (resp. Bob) invokes `RSAModulusTest` (as party 1) on the input  $\Gamma_B$  (resp.  $\Gamma_A$ ) to be convinced that  $n$  is really an RSA modulus. If the test fails, the protocol fails (it means that a party has behaved dishonestly in step 2.)

It is important to notice that an adversary does not gain any advantage when `RSAModulusGeneration` fails. This is used to simplify and improve protocols and their security proof. We propose original tools to prove that an adversary **cannot learn** the factorization of  $n$  without making the protocol fails: this is captured in the definition of the property `nPrivate` introduced in section 2. This property is dedicated to factorization problem but can be straightforwardly extended to other problems.

## 2 Problem and security statements

Let us make explicit the conjecture intrinsically made in Boneh’s test based protocols. This conjecture is related to the difficulty of factorizing RSA moduli.

*Conjecture 1.* Let  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $n = pq$  be an RSA modulus chosen at random such that  $p \equiv q \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ ,  $p \in [p_A + 2^k, p_A + 2^{k+1}[ \cap \mathbb{N}$  and  $q \in [q_A + 2^k, q_A + 2^{k+1}[ \cap \mathbb{N}$  where  $p_A, q_A$  are two arbitrary integers. There exists a negligible function  $\delta$  such that for all probabilistic polynomial-time (p.p.t) algorithms  $A$ ,  $A$  outputs the factorization of  $n$  with a probability smaller than  $\delta(k)$  only given  $n, p_A$  and  $q_A$ .

In this paper we wish to design a two-party protocol for securely generating RSA moduli. Existing protocols for securely computing RSA moduli are decomposed in two parts. First, parties securely compute a candidate  $n = pq$  by using a secure protocol called here **ModulusGeneration**, they then test  $n$  with Boneh’s test. In this paper, we assume the existence of such a protocol **ModulusGeneration** whose the specifications are detailed in the next definition. In particular, it should be correct and private (see [14]).

**Definition 1.** *ModulusGeneration* is protocol implementing the following ideal scheme. Alice chooses two secret positive integers  $p_A, q_A$  and Bob chooses two secret positive integers  $p_B, q_B$ . Then, they send these values to a trusted party which outputs  $n = pq$  where  $p = p_A + p_B$  and  $q = q_A + q_B$  if and only if  $p_A \equiv q_A \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$  and  $p_B \equiv q_B \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ . *ModulusGeneration* is assumed to be secure against any active polynomial adversary in the stand-alone setting.

**ModulusGeneration** checks that  $p_A + p_B \equiv q_A + q_B \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$  because it is required for Boneh’s test but **ModulusGeneration** does not need to verify the size of the input integers  $p_A, q_A, p_B$  and  $q_B$ . It will be done in the protocol **Gamma** only once, i.e. on the first modulus  $n$  which successfully passes Boneh’s test. Versions of **ModulusGeneration** can be found in the literature (see [12], [18]). In section 3, we present a two-party protocol, called **RSAModulusGeneration**, which securely (we will clarify what it means below) generates RSA moduli. The idea consists of generating an RSA modulus  $n$  in the classical way (**ModulusGeneration** + Boneh’s test). If  $n$  is determined to be an RSA modulus then it is tested again (**Gamma** + **RSAModulusTest**). The second test make **RSAModulusGeneration** fail if  $n$  is not an RSA modulus. Thus, the second test is applied only once. The

RSAModulusGeneration security proof exploits the fact that an adversary  $A$  does not gain any advantage when the protocol fails. For this reason, weaker security requirements will be considered by restricting the security analysis of RSAModulusGeneration to the two following issues :

1. RSAModulusGeneration is correct, i.e. the output  $n$  is not a  $k$ -bit RSA modulus with negligible probability with respect to  $k$ .
2. Assuming conjecture 1, for any polynomial adversary  $A$ , the probability that the protocol does not fail and that  $A$  factors the output  $n$  is negligible with respect to  $k$ .

In order to prove the second issue, we introduce a property dedicated to our problem, called  $n$ Private. This property can be interpreted as the difficulty for an adversary to **learn** the factorization of  $n$  during the execution of  $P$  without making  $P$  fail. This composable property is formalized in the next definition. In section 4, we will show that Gamma and RSAModulusTest satisfy this property. Roughly speaking, these protocols are private against adversaries which do not make the protocol fail with non-negligible probability.

**Definition 2.** For any  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\Gamma_k$  refers to the set of  $k$ -bit integers. Let  $P$  be an arbitrary two-party protocol where a public integer  $n \in \Gamma_k$  is input to  $P$  by both parties. Parties may have arbitrary other inputs. Let us assume that the party 1 is honest and the party 2 is controlled by a polynomial adversary  $A$ .

1. For any  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $D_k$  denotes a probability distribution over  $\Gamma_k \times \{0, 1\}^*$ . A family of such probability distributions  $D = (D_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  is said  $n$ Private<sup>1</sup> if for any p.p.t algorithm  $F$ , the probability that  $F$  outputs the factorization of  $n$  given  $(n, z_n) \leftarrow D_k$  is negligible.
2. Let  $D = (D_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  be an arbitrary  $n$ Private probability distribution family. We propose the following experiment :
  - (a) a pair  $(n, z_n) \in \Gamma_k \times \{0, 1\}^*$  is randomly generated according to  $D_k$ , i.e.  $(n, z_n) \leftarrow D_k$ .
  - (b) The corrupted party receives  $(n, z_n)$
  - (c) The honest party receives  $n$  and arbitrary information about  $n$ .
  - (d) Parties execute  $P$  where the honest party inputs  $n$  (and arbitrary other inputs).

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<sup>1</sup> Assuming conjecture 1, such distributions exist.

*We say that  $P$  is  $n$ Private against  $A$  if the probability that  $P$  has not failed and  $A$  outputs the factorization of  $n$  at the end of the previous experiment is negligible*

This definition is maybe difficult to understand because it is not only a security definition but it also depends on the functionality computed by  $P$ : for instance,  $P$  is not  $n$ Private against passive adversary if the factorization of  $n$  is expected to be output. On the other hand, classical Boneh's test is trivially  $n$ Private meaning that if an RSA modulus is tested, an adversary cannot learn the factorization of  $n$  without cheating the test (even by making it fail). Typically, the vector  $z_n$  contains the information learnt during the previous protocols. For instance, before the execution of Boneh's test (at the end of the execution of `ModulusGeneration`),  $(n, z_n)$  is computationally indistinguishable of  $(n, p_A, q_A)$  assuming `ModulusGeneration` is stand-alone secure.  $A$  can use  $z_n$ <sup>2</sup> to behave (maliciously) within  $P$ . Party 1 may know the factorization of  $n$  or may have partial information regarding  $n$  which he may use in the execution. At the end of the execution of  $P$ ,  $A$  knows an information set  $z_{n,A,P}$  "bigger" than  $z_n$  which intuitively contains  $z_n$  and its view in  $P$ . Roughly speaking, if an adversary cannot factor an integer  $n$  (chosen at random and input by the honest party) before the execution of an  $n$ Private protocol, it cannot collect enough information to factor  $n$  without making the protocol  $P$  fail. Let us see informally the link between the property  $n$ Private and UC-security<sup>3</sup>. In `Gamma` and `RSAModulusTest` parties output an encryption. Under the assumption of semantic security of the underlying encryption scheme, such output cannot "help" them to factor  $n$ . In such protocols (where the output is not informative about the factorization of  $n$ ), it is easy to see that UC-security implies " $n$ Privateness": otherwise the ideal case and the real case could be distinguished with non negligible probability (factorization possible in the real-case but not the ideal-case). However the converse is not true. In particular, `Gamma` will be shown  $n$ Private but trivially not UC-secure. The property  $n$ Private especially dedicated to our problem allows to simplify the sub-protocols `Gamma` and `RSAModulusTest` and their security proofs. The price to pay is to understand why the next generic protocol `GenFact` is  $n$ Private. It will

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<sup>2</sup>  $z_n$  can be interpreted as *prior* information about  $n$  known by  $A$  before the execution of  $P$  (see [17]).

<sup>3</sup> The UC-model was developed by R. Canetti [5]. Here UC stands for **universally composable**, which denotes that if a protocol is UC-secure according to the formal definition, then it is secure to use in any context (where it would have been secure to use the ideal functionality).

be used to prove that `Gamma` and `RSAModulusTest`, which are restricted implementations of this generic protocol, are `nPrivate`.

**Definition 3.** *Let  $k$  be a security parameter. `GenFact` is a protocol between an arbitrary oracle  $\mathcal{O}$  and a party 2. The oracle  $\mathcal{O}$  inputs a public  $k$ -bit integer  $n$  and it is assumed that  $\mathcal{O}$  answers (correctly or not, depending of the characteristics of  $\mathcal{O}$ ) to any binary question<sup>4</sup> (a question whose answer is "yes" or "no"). Party 2 first asks an arbitrary binary question. If the answer is "no" the protocol fails. If the protocol does not fail, party 2 can ask a second binary question. If the answer is "no" the protocol fails and so on.... The number of questions is assumed polynomial in  $k$ . Moreover, it is assumed that party 2 receives arbitrary information (e.g. the factorization of  $n$ ) when the protocol fails.*

The next result states that a polynomial adversary controlling party 2 cannot "learn" the factorization of  $n$  without making `GenFact` fails. Intuitively, if  $A$  wants to learn  $r$  bits, `GenFact` fails with probability  $1-2^{-r}$ .

**Lemma 1.** *`GenFact` is `nPrivate` against any polynomial adversary  $A$  controlling party 2.*

*Proof. (Sketch.)* Let  $D = (D_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  be an `nPrivate` probability distribution family (see definition 2) and  $A$  be a polynomial adversary controlling party 2. Let  $(n, z_n) \leftarrow D_k$ . The probability that  $A$  factors  $n$  without making `GenFact` fail is denoted by  $P_A$ . Let us suppose that `GenFact` is not `nPrivate` by assuming that  $P_A > p(k)$  where  $p$  is a polynomial.

`GenFact` fails if  $A$  receives at least one "no" to any of the arbitrary binary questions mentioned in definition 3. Thus, when  $A$  chooses its  $i^{th}$  question, it has received  $i-1$  positive answers<sup>5</sup>, i.e. ("yes", "yes", ..., "yes"). Thus, the received messages are not informative (the transcript of the protocol can be exactly simulated in polynomial time without knowing the factorization of  $n$ ) to choose its  $i^{th}$  question. Consequently,  $A$  can choose the polynomial-size list  $\mathcal{L}$  of its questions *a priori*, i.e. before the execution of `GenFact`.

Let us show that there exists a polynomial adversary  $A'$ , only given  $n, z_n$ , able to factor  $n$  with probability larger than  $p(k)$  without interacting with the oracle  $\mathcal{O}$ . Indeed,  $A'$  chooses the same list  $\mathcal{L}$  of questions *a priori*, assumes that the answers are "yes" and then computes the factorization

<sup>4</sup> For instance, "Does God exist?" is a binary question. In order to factor  $n$ , the party 2 should ask questions relative to  $n$ , e.g.  $n$  is a RSA-modulus  $n = pq$ ? Is the  $i^{th}$  bit of  $p$  equal to 1? etc...

<sup>5</sup> Otherwise the protocol has failed previously.

of  $n$  as  $A$  would do (one could imagine that  $A'$  invokes  $A$  on the same list  $\mathcal{L}$  of questions with positive answers). We consider the three following events  $S, F, F'$ :

1.  $S = \text{Genfact}$  does not fail.
2.  $F = A$  factors  $n$
3.  $F' = A'$  factors  $n$

The protocol does not fail when all the questions of  $\mathcal{L}$  get a positive answer. In this case,  $A'$  correctly assumes that all the answers are positive implying that  $A$  and  $A'$  have the same information: consequently they factor  $n$  with the same probability (by construction of  $A'$ ), i.e.

$$P(F|S) = P(F'|S)$$

By noting that  $P_A = P(F|S)P(S)$ , we have

$$P(F') \geq P(F'|S)P(S) = P(F|S)P(S) = P_A$$

It implies that  $P(F') \geq P_A > p(k)$  meaning that  $A'$  factors  $n$  with non negligible probability. It contradicts that  $D$  is **nPrivate**. Consequently,  $P_A < p(k)$  proving that **GenFact** is **nPrivate**.

□

As expected, this lemma implies that Boneh's test is **nPrivate** (but not correct) against any polynomial adversary. Indeed, this protocol can be seen as a restricted implementation of **GenFact** where the oracle is replaced by the honest party and the  $i^{\text{th}}$  binary question is  $t_i a^{s_B} \stackrel{?}{\equiv} 1 \pmod n$ ,  $t_i$  being an arbitrary value chosen by  $A$  (recall that in **GenFact**, party 2 receives arbitrary information if the protocol fails: in Boneh's test, it receives  $t_i a^{s_B}$ ).

The next intuitive result (see appendix C for the proof) states that the property **nPrivate** is stable by (serial) composition.

**Proposition 1. (Composition.)** *If  $R$  and  $S$  are two **nPrivate** protocols then the composed protocol  $P = R \rightarrow S$  consisting of executing  $R$  and  $S$  successively (where honest parties input the same integer  $n$  in  $R$  and  $S$ ) is also **nPrivate**.*

### 3 RSA Moduli Generation

In this section, we propose a secure (according to the security requirements presented in the previous section) implementation of the main



protocol of this paper, i.e. `RSAModulusGeneration`. This protocol is based on the protocols `RSAModulusTest` and `Gamma` as schematically explained in the introduction. These protocols assume the existence of a semantically secure additively homomorphic public key encryption scheme  $S = (G, E, D)$ . It is also assumed the existence of the following UC-secure protocols:

1. `CorrectKey` is a ZK-proof proving correctness of keys.
2. `EncryptProof` is a ZK-proof allowing the private key owner to prove that a public encryption  $X$  encrypts a public value  $x$  without revealing anything about the private key.
3. `Multiplication`. Alice has 2 secret encryptions  $X = E_B(x)$  and  $Y = E_B(y)$  of 2 unknown values  $x$  and  $y$ . She outputs an encryption of  $Z$  of  $xy$ , i.e.  $Z = E_B(xy)$ , without learning and without revealing anything about  $x$  and  $y$ .
4. `Bound` is ZK-proof allowing Alice to prove that an encryption  $X_A = E_A(x)$  is a valid encryption of a value  $x$  smaller than some public threshold  $B$  without revealing anything else about  $x$ .

Paillier’s encryption scheme is a good candidate. Indeed to prove that  $X$  encrypts  $x$ , the private key owner sends the random value  $r$  of the encryption, i.e.  $X = g^{xr^n} \bmod n^2$ , obtained in the decryption phase<sup>6</sup>. A version of `CorrectKey` (which consists of proving that  $n$  and  $\phi(n)$  are co-prime) can be found in [13]. A version of `Multiplication` can be found in appendix B and A version of `Bound` can be found in [8]. The classic solution for the protocol `Bound` is to provide encryptions to the individual bits and prove in zero-knowledge that they are bits using a zero-knowledge proof (e.g. see [8]). A more sophisticated solution for `Bound` requiring only  $O(1)$  exponentiations is presented in [13].

Throughout the paper, the security of the protocols will be studied in the (`CorrectKey`, `EncryptProof`, `Bound` and `Multiplication`)-hybrid model where these protocols can be replaced by an oracle. According to the composition theorem (see [5]), provided that `CorrectKey`, `EncryptProof`, `Bound` and `Multiplication` are UC-secure, the security in the hybrid model ensures security in the classical model.

In this paper, Alice (resp. Bob) generates an encryption function  $E_A$  (resp.  $E_B$ ) defined over  $Z_{n_A}$  (resp.  $Z_{n_B}$ ) where  $n_A$  (resp.  $n_B$ ) is a  $5k$ -size integer. Generally,  $X_A$  (resp.  $X_B$ ) will refer to an encryption done with  $E_A$  (resp.  $E_B$ ). Parties invoke `CorrectKey` to prove correctness of keys.

<sup>6</sup> El Gamal’s encryption scheme does not satisfy this property.

### 3.1 Protocol Gamma.

In this section, we suppose that the parties have already computed  $n = (p_A + p_B)(q_A + q_B)$  with `ModulusGeneration` assumed secure in the stand-alone setting:  $p_A, q_A$  (resp.  $p_B, q_B$ ) refer to the secret values input by Alice (resp. Bob) in this protocol. Let us recall that  $p_A, q_A, p_B, q_B$  are expected to be  $k$ -bit integers such that  $p_A \equiv q_A \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$  and  $p_B \equiv q_B \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ . `ModulusGeneration` is not required to check the size of  $p_A, q_A, p_B, q_B$  because it is done here (and thus only once). `Gamma` aims to securely compute an encryption of  $\gamma = (p - 1)(q - 1)/2$  such that  $n = pq$ . For concreteness, at the end of the execution of `Gamma`, Alice obtains an encryption  $\Gamma_B = E_B(\gamma)$ ; Bob does not output anything ensuring correctness against any adversary controlling Alice. Let  $A$  be a polynomial adversary controlling Bob. If the parties honestly behave then  $p = p_A + p_B$  and  $q = q_A + q_B$ . If the adversary modifies Bob's inputs, it might happen that  $p \neq p_A + p_B$  or  $q \neq q_A + q_B$  but it is ensured that  $pq = n$  with  $p$  and  $q$  two  $k$ -bit such that  $p \equiv q \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ . In this sense, `Gamma` is **correct** against any polynomial adversary Bob. We denote the secret  $(k - 2)$ -bit size integers by  $p'_A, q'_A, p'_B, q'_B$  such that  $p'_A = (p_A - 3)/4$ ,  $q'_A = (q_A - 3)/4$ ,  $p'_B = p_B/4$  and  $q'_B = q_B/4$ . Bob publicizes encryptions of  $p'_B$  and  $q'_B$  and proves that these encryptions encrypt  $(k - 2)$ -bit integers with `Bound`.

By using homomorphic properties, Alice gets encryptions  $P_B$  and  $Q_B$  of  $p$  and  $q$ . Alice then invokes `Multiplication` to get an encryption  $N_B$  of  $pq$  and checks (by asking Bob to decrypt it) that  $pq \equiv n$ . She then invokes `Multiplication` to securely compute an encryption of  $\gamma = (p - 1)(q - 1)/2$ .

**Proposition 2.** *Assume that the encryption scheme  $S$  is semantically secure. `Gamma` is correct and  $n$ Private against any polynomial adversary in the (Multiplication, Bound, EncryptProof)-hybrid model.*

*Proof.* The protocol is intrinsically correct against adversary controlling Alice because Bob is not expected to output anything. Let  $A$  be a polynomial adversary controlling Bob. In the (Multiplication, Bound, EncryptProof)-hybrid model,  $A$  does not interact with Alice except in the choice of the input values. Let us imagine that  $A$  inputs  $(k - 2)$ -bit integers  $p''_B$  and  $q''_B$  such that  $p''_B \neq p'_B$  or  $q''_B \neq q'_B$ . In this case, either the protocol fails (step 3) or  $\Gamma_B$  encrypts  $(p' - 1)(q' - 1)2^{-1} \pmod{n_B}$  with  $p' = 4(p'_A + p''_B) + 3$ ,  $q' = 4(q'_A + q''_B) + 3$  and  $p'q' \equiv n \pmod{n_B}$  (recall that  $E_B$  is an encryption function over  $Z_{n_B}$ ). As  $n_B$  was chosen sufficiently large ( $5k$ -bit integer), there are not modular reductions and the equalities remain true over  $Z$ .

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**Protocol 1 : Gamma.**

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**Require :** Let  $k$  be a security parameter. Let  $n$  be a public composite odd integer. Alice (resp. Bob) knows two  $(k - 2)$ -bit integers  $p'_A, q'_A$  (resp.  $p'_B, q'_B$ ) such that  $n = (4(p'_A + p'_B) + 3)(4(q'_A + q'_B) + 3)$ .

1. **Bob** publicizes encryptions  $A = E_B(p'_B)$  and  $B = E_B(q'_B)$ . He then proves that  $A$  and  $B$  encrypt a  $(k - 2)$ -bit integer by invoking **Bound**.
  2. **Alice** computes, by using homomorphic properties, encryptions  $P_B, Q_B$  of respectively  $p = 4(p'_B + p'_A) + 3$  and  $q = 4(q'_B + q'_A) + 3$ . By invoking **Multiplication**, she then computes an encryption  $N_B$  of  $pq$ .
  3. **Alice** sends  $N_B$  and **Bob** decrypts it and he sends the decrypted value and proves the decryption with **EncryptProof**. If  $N_B$  does not encrypt  $n$ , the protocol **fails**.
  4. **Alice** computes encryptions of  $p-1$  and  $q-1$  by using homomorphic properties and invokes **Multiplication** on these encryptions to compute an encryption of  $(p-1)(q-1)$ . By using homomorphic properties She computes and **outputs** an encryption  $\Gamma_B$  of  $(p-1)(q-1)/2$ , i.e.  $2^{-1}(p-1)(q-1) \bmod n_B$ .
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In the (Multiplication, Bound, EncryptProof)-hybrid model, the protocols Multiplication, Bound, EncryptProof can be replaced by a trusted party. Thus, the steps (1)+(2) and the step (4) can be seen as sub-protocols without direct interaction between parties (just with the trusted party). Moreover parties only receive encryptions (and "true" from the trusted party simulating Bound). Assuming  $S$  semantically secure, these sub-protocols are nPrivate. According to the composition property (see proposition 1), it suffices to prove that step (3) (interpreted as a sub-protocol) is nPrivate.

Let  $A$  be a polynomial adversary controlling Alice. In step 3,  $A$  can send any encryption  $N_B$ . However if  $N_B$  does not encrypt  $n$ , the protocol fails. This step can be seen as a restricted implementation of the nPrivate protocol GenFact, described in section 2, where  $A$  asks only one question, i.e.  $n \stackrel{?}{=} D_B(N_B)$ . It proves that Gamma is nPrivate against any polynomial adversary controlling Alice.

Let  $A$  be a polynomial adversary controlling Bob. In the same way,  $A$  can send encryptions of  $p''_B$  and  $q''_B$  such that  $p''_B \neq p'_B$  or  $q''_B \neq q'_B$ . The protocol fails if  $N_B$  does not encrypt  $n$ . Thus Gamma can be also seen for  $A$  as a restricted implementation of GenFact, described in section 2, where  $A$  only asks if  $n \stackrel{?}{=} (4(p_A + p''_B) + 3)(4(q_A + q''_B) + 3)$ . According to lemma 1, Gamma is nPrivate against any polynomial adversary controlling Bob.

□

It is easy to see that that **Gamma** is not UC-secure. Indeed,  $A$  can send an encryption  $N_B$  of  $p_B$  for instance. By doing this,  $A$  can learn the Bob's private value  $p_B$  but the protocol would fail in step 3. To avoid this, it suffices that Bob checks that  $D_B(N_B) = n$  before to send  $D_B(N_B)$ .

### 3.2 Protocol **RSAModulusTest**

**RSAModulusTest** is used to check that a non-RSA modulus has not erroneously succeeded Boneh's test (because of a malicious behavior). Thus, **RSAModulusTest** simply consists of checking that  $n$  is an RSA modulus. The party 1, Alice by convention, wants to be convinced with a high probability that  $n$  is an RSA modulus: Alice (note that Bob does not output anything) outputs ok if  $n$  is an RSA modulus and otherwise **RSAModulusTest** fails (in **RSAModulusGeneration**, at the beginning of the execution of **RSAModulusTest**,  $n$  should be an RSA modulus if parties honestly behaved). **RSAModulusTest** implements the following test derived from the classical Boneh's test:

1. choose at random  $a \in Z_n^*$  such that  $(\frac{a}{n}) = 1$  and choose a random integer  $\alpha \in \{n, n + 1\}$
2. compute  $v = a^{\alpha\gamma} \bmod n$  with  $\gamma = (p - 1)(q - 1)/2$
3. If  $v \neq 1$  then  $n$  is not an RSA modulus.

This test is less efficient than Boneh's test in the sense that a non-RSA modulus  $n$  has a larger probability of succeeding the test. Indeed, if  $a^\gamma \neq 1 \bmod n$ , the probability (over the choice of  $\alpha$ ) that  $a^{\alpha\gamma/2} = 1 \bmod n$  is less than  $1/2$  (because  $a^{(n+1)\gamma/2} = a^{n\gamma}a^\gamma$ ). As the probability (over the choice of  $a \in Z_n$  assuming that  $p, q$  are not Carmichael integers) that  $a^\gamma \neq 1 \bmod n$  is larger than  $1/2$  (see [4]), the probability (over the independent choices of  $\alpha$  and  $a$ ) that  $a^{\alpha\gamma} \equiv 1 \bmod n$  is smaller than  $3/4$ .

In **RSAModulusTest**,  $\alpha\gamma$  is shared by using homomorphic properties of the underlying homomorphic cryptosystem  $S$ . For concreteness, Alice has a secret encryption  $\Gamma_B$  of  $\gamma$  with  $pq = n$ . Alice and Bob jointly choose a random number  $a$  over  $Z_n^*$  such that  $(\frac{a}{n}) = 1$ . Then, she randomly chooses  $\alpha \in \{n, n + 1\}$ , randomly chooses  $s_1 \in [\frac{1}{8}\alpha n, \frac{3}{8}\alpha n] \cap \mathbb{N}$ , computes  $t_1 = a^{s_1} \bmod n$ , commits it and sends an encryption of  $s_2 = \alpha\gamma - s_1$ .<sup>7</sup> Bob decrypts it and sends  $t_2 = a^{s_2} \bmod n$ . If  $t_2 t_1 \neq 1 \bmod n$  the test fails. Let us suppose that  $n$  is not an RSA modulus and that an adversary  $A$  controlling Bob has guessed  $\gamma \neq \lambda(n)/2$  before the execution

<sup>7</sup> Note that these numbers can be encrypted by  $E_B$  defined over  $Z_{n_B}$  because  $n_B$  is assumed to be large enough, i.e. a  $5k$ -bit integer.

of `RSAModulusTest`. As  $s_2$  has been randomly chosen in a set statistically indistinguishable from  $[\frac{1}{8}n^2, \frac{3}{8}n^2] \cap \mathbb{N}$ ,  $A$  is shown unable to choose  $t_2 \in Z_n^*$ , with probability larger than  $3/4$ , such that  $t_1 t_2 = 1 \pmod n$ . This ensures correctness against any polynomial adversary controlling Bob. `RSAModulusTest` is trivially `nPrivate` against any polynomial adversary. Furthermore, `RSAModulusTest` can be seen, for Alice, as an instance of the generic protocol `GenFact`. It ensures that this protocol is `nPrivate` against any polynomial adversary controlling Alice (according to lemma 1).

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**Protocol 2 : RSAModulusTest**

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**Require :** Let  $k$  be a security parameter and  $l \in \mathbb{N}$  be indexed by  $k$ . Let  $n = pq$  be an odd composite integer where  $p$  and  $q$  are  $k$ -bit integers such that  $p \equiv q \equiv 3 \pmod 4$ . Party 1 (Alice by convention) has a secret encryption  $\Gamma_B$  of  $\gamma = (p-1)(q-1)/2$ .

For  $i = 1$  to  $l$

1. **Alice and Bob** jointly choose  $a \in Z_n^*$  at random such that  $(\frac{a}{n}) = 1$
2. **Alice** randomly chooses  $\alpha \in \{n, n+1\}$  and  $s_1 \in [\frac{1}{8}\alpha n, \frac{3}{8}\alpha n] \cap \mathbb{N}$  and sends  $U = E_B(\alpha\gamma - s_1)$  where  $U$  is computed only by using homomorphic properties. She computes an encryption  $T_1$  of  $t_1 = a^{s_1} \pmod n$  with the encryption function  $E_A$ , i.e.  $T_1 = E_A(t_1)$  and sends it ( $t_1$  is committed).
3. **Bob** decrypts  $U$ , i.e.  $s_2 = D_B(U)$  and sends  $t_2 = a^{s_2} \pmod n$
4. **Alice** sends  $t_1 = D_A(T_1)$  and proves the decryption with `EncryptProof`.
5. **Alice and Bob** compute  $v = t_1 t_2 \pmod n$ . If  $v \neq 1$  then the protocol **fails**.

End for

**Alice** outputs ok

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**Proposition 3.** *Assuming the encryption scheme  $S$  is semantically secure, `RSAModulusTest` is correct and `nPrivate` against any polynomial adversary in the `(EncryptProof)`-hybrid model.*

*Proof.* First, let us note that the encryption domain  $Z_{n_B}$  of  $E_B$  was chosen large enough ( $n_B$  is a  $5k$ -bit integer and all the considered integers are at most  $4k$ -bit integers) to avoid modular reductions<sup>8</sup> (modulo  $n_B$ ). Let  $A$  be a polynomial adversary controlling Bob. Let us prove that `RSAModulusTest` is **correct** against  $A$ . As the only possible output is ok, `RSAModulusTest` is intrinsically correct if  $n$  is an RSA modulus. Let us suppose

<sup>8</sup> It can be imagined that the encryption domain of  $E_B$  is  $\mathbb{N}$ .

that  $n$  is **not** an RSA modulus such that  $A$  knows its factorization,  $\lambda(n)$  and  $\gamma \neq \lambda(n)/2$ . `RSAModulusTest` is correct if Alice outputs `ok` with a negligible probability. Let <sup>9</sup>  $a \in Z_n^*$  s.t.  $a^\gamma \neq 1 \pmod n$ . In order to make Alice output `ok`,  $A$  should guess, at each iteration,  $t_1^{-1} \pmod n$  (and send it to Alice at step 3). If  $A$  knows  $\gamma$ , it knows that

$$t_1^{-1} \in \{a^{s_2 - i\gamma} \pmod n \mid i \in \{n, n+1\}\}$$

By assuming  $a^\gamma \neq 1 \pmod n$ , this set contains two distinct elements  $m_1$  and  $m_2$ .  $A$  receives a value  $s_2$  such that  $s_1 + s_2 = \alpha\gamma$  (the equality holds because the domain size  $Z_{n_B}$  of  $E_B$  is sufficiently large) where  $s_2$  is a random number over a distribution statistically indistinguishable to the uniform distribution over  $[\frac{1}{8}n^2, \frac{3}{8}n^2] \cap \mathbb{N}$ : the statistical indistinguishability holds by noticing that  $\gamma - n/2 = O(n^{\frac{1}{2}})$  (here, it is assumed that  $p$  and  $q$  are  $k$ -bit integers) is negligible implying that for any  $\alpha \in \{n, n+1\}$

$$[\alpha\gamma - \frac{3}{8}\alpha n, \alpha\gamma - \frac{1}{8}\alpha n] \cap \mathbb{N} \stackrel{s}{\cong} [\frac{1}{8}n^2, \frac{3}{8}n^2] \cap \mathbb{N}$$

Consequently,  $A$  cannot distinguish between  $\alpha = n$  or  $\alpha = n+1$  implying that it cannot distinguish between  $t_1^{-1} \equiv m_1 \pmod n$  or  $t_1^{-1} \equiv m_2 \pmod n$  with probability significantly larger than  $1/2$ . The probability to choose  $a \in Z_n^*$  such that  $a^\gamma \neq 1 \pmod n$  is larger than  $1/2$  see [4]<sup>10</sup>. Therefore the probability that  $A$  guess  $t_1^{-1} \pmod n$  is smaller than  $3/4$ . Also, the probability to do this at each iteration is smaller than  $(3/4)^k$ .

`RSAModulusTest` is trivially  $n$ Private against  $A$ . Indeed, the view of  $A$  (when the protocol does not fail) can be simulated by a list of  $k$  independent triplets of values  $(T_1, a^{-s_2}, s_2)$  where  $T_1$  is randomly chosen in the ciphertext domain of  $E_A$ ,  $s_2$  is chosen at random in a set statistically indistinguishable from  $[\frac{1}{8}n^2, \frac{3}{8}n^2] \cap \mathbb{N}$ . Assuming the semantic security of  $S$ , the simulation and the real view are computationally indistinguishable.

Let  $A$  be a polynomial adversary controlling Alice. Correctness is implicit because Bob does not output anything. `RSAModulusTest` can be seen, for  $A$ , as a restricted implementation of `GenFact`, described in section 2, where the  $k$  questions are  $a^{s_2} \stackrel{?}{\equiv} t_1^{-1} \pmod n$  (the commitment of  $t_1$  is required to get this). According to lemma 1, `RSAModulusTest` is  $n$ Private against any polynomial adversary controlling Alice.

□

<sup>9</sup> Throughout this paper, we neglect the probability that  $n$  is a Carmichael modulus.

<sup>10</sup> By supposing that  $n$  is not a Carmichael RSA modulus.

### 3.3 Protocol RSAModulusGeneration

The following protocol `RSAModulusGeneration` implements the functionality described in section 2. As mentioned in section 2, `ModulusGeneration` denotes a stand-alone secure (in the malicious case) protocol computing  $n = (p_A + p_B)(q_A + q_B)$ . This protocol is used to build an RSA modulus candidate  $n = pq$ . The parties then use the classical Boneh's test to test if  $n$  is an RSA modulus. If not, the parties exchange the current values  $p_A, p_B, q_A, q_B$  (which do not need to be kept secret anymore) and check that the other party behaved honestly before generating an other modulus  $n$  (by executing a new iteration of the loop). If Boneh's test claims that  $n$  is an RSA modulus, the parties then invoke `Gamma` to get an encryption of  $(p - 1)(q - 1)/2$ . They then check that  $n$  is really an RSA modulus by executing `RSAModulusTest` twice (exchanging their positions each time). The idea is to execute `RSAModulusTest` only if  $n$  is an RSA modulus or if the adversary did not behave honestly. `RSAModulusTest` will distinguish these two cases. Note that either `RSAModulusGeneration` outputs the first RSA modulus  $n_0$  output by `ModulusGeneration` in step 1.a.: it will be used in the security analysis of `RSAModulusGeneration`.

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $A$  be a polynomial adversary controlling Alice or Bob. Assume that the encryption scheme  $S$  is semantically secure, the following assertions are true in the (CorrectKey, EncryptProof, Bound and Multiplication)-hybrid model.*

1. *`RSAModulusGeneration` is correct against  $A$ , i.e. the probability that the output  $n$  is not an RSA modulus is negligible.*
2. *Assuming conjecture 1, the probability that the protocol does not fail and that  $A$  factors the output  $n$  is negligible.*

*Proof.* Let  $k$  be the security parameter. Let us suppose that Bob is honest and that Alice is controlled by an active adversary  $A$ .

`ModulusGeneration` is assumed to correctly compute  $n = (p_A + p_B)(q_A + q_B)$ . If  $n$  is not an RSA modulus and  $A$  cheats Boneh's test in step (1.b), the protocol fails in step (4) according to proposition 1. Thus, `RSAModulusGeneration` cannot output a non-RSA Modulus. If  $p_A$  or  $q_A$  is not a  $k$ -bit size integer, if  $p_A \not\equiv 3 \pmod{4}$  or if  $q_A \not\equiv 3 \pmod{4}$  then the protocol fails in step 2. Thus, the output is a well-formed RSA modulus. It proves correctness.

Let us show that either the first RSA modulus generated by `ModulusGeneration` is output or `RSAModulusGeneration` fails. Let  $n_0 = pq = (p_A + p_B)(q_A + q_B)$  be the **first** (by assuming the protocol has not failed

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**Protocol 3 : RSAModulusGeneration**

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**Require :** Let  $k$  be a security parameter. Alice (resp. Bob) generates an encryption function  $E_A$  (resp.  $E_B$ ) defined over  $Z_{n_A}$  (resp.  $Z_{n_B}$ ) where  $n_A$  (resp.  $n_B$ ) is a  $5k$ -size integer. Parties invoke **CorrectKey** to prove correctness of keys.

1. *While Boneh's test fails*

- (a) **Alice and Bob** randomly choose  $k$ -bit numbers, respectively  $p_A, q_A$  and  $p_B, q_B$  such that  $p_A \equiv q_A \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$  and  $p_B \equiv q_B \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ . They then invoke **ModulusGeneration** to get  $n = (p_A + p_B)(q_A + q_B)$ .
- (b) **Alice and Bob** invoke **Boneh's test** to decide if  $n$  is an RSA modulus or not.
- (c) if  $n$  failed Boneh's test then parties broadcast  $p_A, q_A, p_B, q_B$  and verify that  $n = (p_A + p_B)(q_A + q_B)$  and  $p_A + p_B$  or  $q_A + q_B$  are not prime. If  $n$  is an RSA modulus then the protocol fails.

*End while*

2. **Alice and Bob** invoke **Gamma** twice (by exchanging their position) on the private inputs  $((p_A - 3)/4, (q_A - 3)/4), (p_B/4, q_B/4)$  and the public input  $n$ . Alice gets the encryption  $\Gamma_B$  and Bob gets the encryption  $\Gamma_A$ .
  3. **Alice** invokes **RSAModulusTest** on the input  $n, \Gamma_B$  (Alice is party 1)
  4. **Bob** invokes **RSAModulusTest** on the input  $n, \Gamma_A$  (Bob is party 1)
  5. If **Alice and Bob** have output ok in the previous steps,  $n$  is **output**.
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before) RSA modulus output by `ModulusGeneration` in loop 1. If  $A$  cheats Boneh's test in step (1.b) then the protocol fails in step (1.c) else the step 2 is executed. If  $p$  or  $q$  are not  $k$ -bit size integers then the execution of `Gamma` makes `RSAModulusGeneration` fails in step 2. As `RSAModulusTest` is correct, either  $n_0$  is output or the protocol fails in step 4. Thus, the output RSA modulus  $n_0$  is randomly chosen such that  $p \equiv q \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ ,  $p \in [p_A + 2^k, p_A + 2^{k+1}[ \cap \mathbb{N}$  and  $q \in [q_A + 2^k, q_A + 2^{k+1}[ \cap \mathbb{N}$  where  $p_A, q_A$  are two arbitrary  $k$ -bit integers (chosen by the adversary). According to conjecture 1 and assuming that `ModulusGeneration` is secure (in the stand-alone setting),  $A$  cannot factor  $n_0$ , with non negligible probability, at the end of step 1.a.. Indeed, in the ideal case (see [17]) an adversary  $A_I$  knows  $n, p_A, q_A$  and in the real case the adversary  $A$  knows  $n_0, z_{n_0, A}$  ( $z_{n_0, A}$  being the view of  $A$  in `ModulusGeneration`). Indeed, according to conjecture 1, there there does not exists any polynomial adversary  $A_I$  able to factor  $n_0$  with non negligible probability in the ideal case (given  $n_0, p_A, q_A$ ). Thus, if there exists a polynomial adversary  $A$  able to factor  $n_0$  with non negligible probability, then the real view and the ideal view can be distinguished with non negligible probability: it contradicts that `ModulusGeneration` is secure. Thus, such an adversary  $A$  does not exist. In other words, by denoting  $D_k$  the distribution of  $n_0, z_{n_0, A}$ , the family of distributions  $(D_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  is `nPrivate`. Boneh's test is `nPrivate` and according to proposition 2 and 3, `Gamma` and `RSAModulusTest` are `nPrivate`. According to the composition property (see proposition 1), the sub-protocols composed by steps (1b.)(2),(3) and (4) is `nPrivate`. According to the definition 2,  $A$  cannot output the factorization of  $n_0$  without making the `nPrivate` sub-protocol composed of the steps (1.b.)(2),(3),(4) (thus `RSAModulusGeneration`) fail with non negligible probability.

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**Efficiency Analysis.** Classical Protocols generating RSA moduli correspond to the steps (1a) (1b) of `RSAModulusGeneration`. The steps (1c) (2), (3), (4) were introduced in order to make the protocol robust against active adversaries. Let us evaluate the supplementary cost of these steps.

In a first analysis, we only take into account modular exponentiations, encryptions and decryptions (ME/E/D) that Alice (and symmetrically Bob) must compute (neglecting, for instance, modular multiplications). The underlying encryption scheme  $S$  is assumed to be the Paillier cryptosystem. The number of iterations of the loop is approximatively equal to  $\log^2 n$  on average. As (1c) consists of doing  $\log^2 n$  primary tests, the cost of (1c) is approximately equal to  $\log^2 n$  exponentiations. However,

(1c) should be added in all classical Boneh’s test protocols to not allow an adversary to cheat Boneh’s test on RSA moduli. Furthermore, (1c) does not need to be executed at each iteration but only with a given probability.

**Gamma** and **RSAModulusTest** are executed twice. **Gamma** requires  $O(\log n)$  ME/E/D (assuming **Bound** requires  $O(1)$  ME/E/D) and **RSAModulusTest** requires  $O(1)$  ME/E/D. Thus, steps (2),(3),(4) can be neglected with respect to step (1) (which requires  $O(\log^2 n)$  ME/E/D) when  $\log n$  is large. Let us detail our analysis.

In **Gamma**, the protocol **Bound** is invoked twice. For classical security level, approximatively  $10^3$  ME/E/D are required. Without any optimization, the total running time of steps (2), (3), (4) is a few minute on a standard platform.

However, as far as we know, there does not exist two-party really efficient Boneh’s test based protocols (while there exists such efficient protocol in the multi-party case [16]): hours are required to output a 1024-bit RSA modulus. It is very challenging to find such a protocol.

Complementary approaches to reach efficiency consist of modifying the distribution of the inputs (see [15]). For instance, it should be asked to Alice to choose  $p_A, q_A$  as multiples of some small primes and it should be asked to Bob to choose  $p_B, q_B$  as multiples of **other** small primes. By doing this  $p_A + p_B$  and  $q_A + q_B$  are not multiple of the involved small primes increasing their probability to be prime.

## 4 Conclusion and future work

We first showed that existing two-party protocols based on Boneh’s test are not secure against actives adversaries. In this paper, we have provided a provably secure (with security requirements dedicated to our application) protocol to solve this problem. We propose a simple and efficient ”patch” making most Boneh’s test-based protocols correct against any polynomial active adversaries. We develop *ad-hoc* security tools to prove that a polynomial adversary cannot learn the factorization of  $n$  without making the protocol fail. These new security tools could be re-used for other applications. A natural extension would consist of considering the multi-party case in presence of an arbitrary number of misbehaving parties.

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## A Attack on Boneh’s test

Boneh and Franklin [3] have proposed a test to decide if  $n = pq$  is an RSA modulus assuming that  $p \equiv q \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ . This test consists of randomly choosing  $a \in Z_n^*$  such that  $\left(\frac{a}{n}\right) = 1$ , computing<sup>11</sup>  $v = a^{(p-1)(q-1)/2} \pmod{n}$  and checking if  $v \neq 1$ . For a value  $n$  which passes the test  $t$  times,  $n$  is not an RSA modulus with probability smaller than  $2^{-t}$ . This test is not a complete probabilistic test in the sense that there are some integers  $n$ , which are not RSA moduli, but which succeed the test for any basis  $a$ . However, this probability can be considered as negligible (around  $10^{-60}$ ) for the number sizes considered in our application. In existing protocols [4], [12], [18], [21], Alice and Bob generate  $n = (p_A + p_B)(q_A + q_B)$  with a secure protocol `ModulusGeneration` where  $p_A \equiv q_A \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$  and  $p_B \equiv q_B \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ . Alice then computes  $s_A = (n - p_A - q_A + 1)/2$  and Bob computes  $s_B = -(p_B + q_B)/2$  in order to additively share  $(p-1)(q-1)/2$ , i.e.  $s_A + s_B = (p-1)(q-1)/2$ . Finally, Alice computes  $a^{s_A} \pmod{n}$ , Bob computes  $a^{s_B} \pmod{n}$  and they check that  $a^{s_A} a^{s_B} = 1 \pmod{n}$ . This test is secure against passive adversary. However, this protocol may be insecure against an active adversary because there is nothing to ensure that parties send the correct value  $a^s \pmod{n}$  in Boneh’s test. To secure the protocol, each party should prove that it sends  $a^s \pmod{n}$ . Classical methods (based on zero-knowledge proofs which ensure two values  $a^s \pmod{n}$  and  $g^s \pmod{n}$  have the same discrete logarithm  $s$ ) cannot be used because the shared values  $s$  are chosen before  $n$  (they are used to build  $n$ ). In the next section, an attack in a dissymmetric environment is presented and evaluated (note that nothing excludes that other attacks exist, even in a symmetric environment).

### A.1 Presentation of a brute force attack

This attack works in a dissymmetric environment where one party has more resources than the other.<sup>12</sup> Let us suppose that an active polynomial adversary  $A$  controls Alice. We suppose that  $A$  has more resources than Bob. We denote the ratio of resources between Alice and Bob by  $r > 1$ .

<sup>11</sup> The original Boneh test consists of checking if  $a^{(p-1)(q-1)/4} = \pm 1 \pmod{n}$ . This formulation is equivalent to ours. Indeed, as it is assumed that  $p \equiv q \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ , 1 and -1 are the two square roots of 1 with a Jacobi symbol equal to 1. Thus,  $a^{(p-1)(q-1)/2} = 1 \Leftrightarrow a^{(p-1)(q-1)/4} = \pm 1$ .

<sup>12</sup> The "power" party resource can be, for instance, only linear with respect to the resource of the other. It is obviously assumed that the "power" party is not able to factor output RSA moduli, i.e. 1024-bit RSA moduli.

Typically,  $A$  computes  $r$  times faster than Bob. In Boneh’s test, each party computes a modular exponentiation. We denote the time needed by Bob to compute the modular exponentiation, by  $t_e$ .  $A$  can try to factorize  $n$  during  $(1 - 1/r)t_e$  time units and keeps  $t_e/r$  time units to compute a modular exponentiation. Let us suppose that  $q = q_A + q_B$  is prime and that Alice manages to decompose  $n$  in prime factors, i.e.  $n = p_1 p_2 \dots p_m q$ . This situation can be identified by  $A$  with probability  $1/2$  ( $A$  cannot distinguish it from the symmetric case where  $p = p_A + p_B$  is prime) because  $|q| = k > |p_i|$ . Thus,  $A$  can deduce  $p_B = p_1 p_2 \dots p_m - p_A$  and  $q_B = q - q_A$ . Consequently  $A$  can compute Bob’s secret share  $s_B$ . By sending  $a^{-s_B} \bmod n$  instead of  $a^{s_A} \bmod n$ , Boneh’s test succeeds and Bob is convinced that  $n$  is an RSA modulus. A first naive approach would consist of letting time  $t_B$  to Bob to test if  $n$  is a RSA modulus after the Boneh’s test. In the next section, we experiment with this type of attack against this naive approach.

## A.2 Concrete scenario of the attack

In this section, Bob’s simulations were implemented on a standard PC (Pentium 2 GHz) with the java class *BigInteger*. The factorization algorithm is ECM. This algorithm is particularly efficient for discovering *small* factors in large integers. In a sense this algorithm is very relevant for Bob’s problem which consists of checking whether  $n$  is an RSA modulus or not. In our simulations,  $A$  computes on the same platform but the obtained computations times are divided  $r$ .

In order to correctly evaluate this attack, we should evaluate the probability of getting ”malicious” values of  $n$ . A malicious  $n = p_1 \dots p_m q$  can be factored in a small amount of time by  $A$  while Bob cannot find any factor  $p_i$ . Typically,  $p_1, \dots, p_m$  should be large enough but not too large. In the following experiment, we simulate the attack with the following parameters  $|n| = 1024$ ,  $r = 10^5$  and  $t_e = 100ms$  (this is approximately the time that Bob needs to compute a modular exponentiation considering 1024-bit size integers). We denote the time available to Bob after applying Boneh’s test in order to check if  $n$  is an RSA modulus by  $t_B$ . We wish to estimate the probability of finding  $n$  such that  $A$  is able to factorize it in  $(1 - 1/r)t_e \approx t_e$  time units and such that Bob is not able to find a factor within  $t_B$  time units. In our experiments, if  $|p_i| \in \{80, \dots, 110\}$  (and  $|q| = 512$ ) then  $A$  is able to factorize  $n$  within  $t_e = 100ms$  (3h with our platform) and Bob needs at least 3mins to find a factor.

Now, let us evaluate the ratio between the probability of getting an RSA modulus and the probability of finding such malicious values of  $n$ .

This ratio provides a lower bound of the probability to output a non-RSA modulus. A short analysis<sup>13</sup> based on prime theorem shows that this ratio is approximately equal to  $10^{-4}$ .

To summarize, if the ratio of performance between Bob and  $A$  is larger than  $10^5$  and if Bob is given less than 3 minutes after applying Boneh's test in order to verify whether  $n$  is an RSA modulus, then the adversary is able to convince Bob that a non-RSA modulus is a RSA-modulus with probability larger than  $10^{-4}$ .

In this paper, we propose a "patch" to the classical Boneh's test in order to ensure that a value  $n$  is an RSA modulus against any polynomial adversary, in particular against a more powerful adversary (whatever the performance ratio  $r$  is). The computation of this patch requires only few seconds.

## B Protocol Multiplication

**MultProof.** A party builds 3 encryptions  $X, Y, Z$  from 3 values  $x, y, z$  such that  $z = xy$ . **MultProof** is a  $\Sigma$ -protocol which proves that  $Z$  encrypts  $xy$  without revealing anything about  $x$  and  $y$ .

A version of **MultProof** is dedicated to Paillier's encryption scheme. It can be found in [6] (generic versions can also be found). We have as inputs encryption  $C_x = g^x r^n \pmod{n^2}$ ,  $C_y = g^y s^n \pmod{n^2}$ ,  $D = C_x^y \gamma^n \pmod{n^2}$  and a player  $P_i$  who knows in addition  $s, y, \gamma$ . What we need is a proof that  $D$  encrypts  $xy \pmod{n}$ . We proceed as follows:

1.  $P_i$  chooses  $a \in Z_n$  and  $b, c \in Z_n^*$  at random, computes and sends

$$A = C_x^a b^n \pmod{n^2}, B = g^a c^n \pmod{n^2}$$

2. The verifier sends a random challenge  $e$
3.  $P_i$  computes and sends

$$w = a + ey \pmod{n}, z = cs^e g^t \pmod{n^2}, z' = bC_x^t \gamma^e \pmod{n^2}$$

where  $t$  is defined by  $a + ey = w + tn$ .

<sup>13</sup> We assume that the number of primes smaller than any integer  $t$  is equal to  $t/\log t$ . By using this approximation, we can estimate the number  $P_k$  of primes of size  $k$ . To estimate the number of 512-bit size integers  $p = p_1 \dots p_m$  with  $|p_i| \in \{80, \dots, 110\}$ , it suffices to consider each possible value of  $7 \geq m \geq 5$ , each possible size (without taking into account permutations) of  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_m$  belonging to  $\{80, \dots, 110\}$ . Given  $m$  and  $|p_1|, \dots, |p_m|$ , it is easy to count the numbers of 512-bit size integers  $p$  knowing  $P_{|p_1|}, \dots, P_{|p_m|}$ . By considering all size configurations, we approximately obtain the number of 512-bit size integers which can be written as product of  $\{80, \dots, 110\}$ -bit size primes  $p_i$ .

4. The verifier checks that

$$g^w z^n = BC_y^e \pmod{n^2}, C_x^w y^n = AD^e \pmod{n^2}$$

and accepts if and only if it is the case.

This zero-knowledge proof is shown secure under composition. Based on such proofs, a secure protocol **Multiplication** can be easily built.

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### Multiplication

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**Require :** Alice has two encryptions  $E_B(x), E_B(y)$  of unknown values  $x, y \in Z_{n_B}$

1. **Alice** sends  $E_B(r+x), E_B(s+y)$  where  $r$  and  $s$  are random numbers chosen in  $Z_{n_B}$
  2. **Bob** computes and sends  $Z = E_B((x+r)(y+s))$ . He then proves that  $Z$  encrypts the correct value with **MultProof**.
  3. **Alice** computes an encryption of  $(x+r)(y+s) - sx - ry - rs$  by using homomorphic properties and outputs it.
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## C Proof of proposition 1

Let  $D = (D_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$  be an nPrivate probability distribution family (see definition 1) and  $k$  be a security parameter. Let  $A$  be a polynomial adversary and  $(n, z_n) \leftarrow D_k$ . Without loss of generality, an adversary  $A$  in  $P$  can be decomposed in two adversaries  $A_R, A_S$ , denoted by  $A = A_R \rightarrow A_S$  as follows:  $A_R$  receives  $(n, z_n) \leftarrow D_k$  before the execution of  $R$ , outputs  $(n, z_{n,A,R})$  and sends it to  $A_S$  which starts the protocol  $S$  given  $(n, z_{n,A,R})$ .

Let us change the rules of interaction with the adversary  $A$ . If  $R$  fails,  $A$  is given "another chance" by letting it execute  $S$  but by deleting the information it learns about  $n$ . More formally, this can be interpreted as the interaction between party 1 and a new polynomial adversary  $A' = A'_R \rightarrow A_S$  in a new composed protocol  $P' = R' \rightarrow S$ :  $R'$  is the same protocol as  $R$  except that the  $A'_R$  outputs  $z_n$  (the honest party outputs an arbitrary value) when  $R$  fails and  $A'_R$  outputs  $z_{n,A,R}$  otherwise (note that  $R'$  never fails). By summary

$$z_{n,A',R'} = \begin{cases} z_{n,A,R}, & \text{if } R \text{ does not fail;} \\ z_n, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

It is clear that the probability that  $A'$  outputs the factorization of  $n$  without making  $P'$  fail is larger than the probability that  $A$  outputs the factorization of  $n$  without making  $P$  fail. Let us show that this probability is negligible. Let  $D'_k$  be the probability distribution of  $(n, z_{n,A',R'})$ . As  $S$  is  $\text{nPrivate}$ , it suffices to prove that  $(D'_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  is  $\text{nPrivate}$ .

Let us suppose that it is not the case and that there exists a p.p.t algorithm  $F$  able to factor  $n$ , with non negligible probability, given  $n, z_{n,A',R'}$ . This implies that one of the two following issues is satisfied with non negligible probability:

1.  $F$  factors  $n$  given  $n, z_n$
2.  $F$  factors  $n$  given  $n, z_{n,A,R}$  and  $R$  does not fail.

If  $F$  cannot factor  $n$ , with non negligible probability, given  $n, z_n$  because  $(D_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  is  $\text{nPrivate}$ . Let  $A''$  be a polynomial adversary behaving like  $A$  in  $R$  and applying  $F$  on  $n, z_{n,A,R}$ . Issue 2 implies that the probability that  $A''$  factors  $n$  without making  $R$  fail is not negligible. Thus, issue 2 cannot hold assuming that  $R$  is  $\text{nPrivate}$ . It proves that  $(D'_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  is  $\text{nPrivate}$ .