

Hide The Modulus: A Secure Non-Interactive Fully Verifiable Delegation Scheme for Modular Exponentiations via CRT

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Abstract. Security protocols using public-key cryptography often requires large number of costly modular exponentiations (**MEs**). With the proliferation of resource-constrained (mobile) devices and advancements in cloud computing, delegation of such *expensive* computations to powerful server providers has gained lots of attention. In this paper, we address the problem of verifiably secure delegation of **MEs** using two servers, where at most one of which is assumed to be malicious (the OMTUP-model). We first show verifiability issues of two recent schemes: We show that a scheme from IndoSCT 2016 does not offer full verifiability, and that a scheme for n simultaneous **MEs** from AsiaCCS 2016 is verifiable only with a probability 0.5909 instead of the author's claim with a probability 0.9955 for $n = 10$. Then, we propose the first *non-interactive fully verifiable* secure delegation scheme by *hiding the modulus* via Chinese Remainder Theorem (CRT). Our scheme improves also the computational efficiency of the previous schemes considerably. Hence, we provide a *lightweight delegation* enabling weak clients to securely and verifiably delegate **MEs** without any expensive local computation (neither online nor offline). The proposed scheme is highly useful for devices having (a) only ultra-lightweight memory, and (b) limited computational power (e.g. sensor nodes, RFID tags).

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1 Introduction

Recent advances in mobile computing, internet of things (IoT), and cloud computing makes delegating heavy computational tasks from computationally weak units, devices, or components to a powerful third party servers (also programs and applications) feasible and viable. This enables weak mobile clients with limited memory and computational capabilities (e.g. sensor nodes, smart cards and RFID tags) to be able to utilize several applications of these technologies, which otherwise is difficult and often impossible because of underlying resource-intensive operations and consumption of considerable amount of energy.

Unlike fully homomorphic encryption, *secure delegation* of expensive cryptographic operations (like **MEs** modulo a prime number p) is the most practical option along with its little computational costs and applications for critical security applications. However, delegating **MEs** of the form $u^a \bmod p$ to untrusted servers while ensuring the desired security and privacy properties is highly challenging; i.e. either u or a , or even both (in most privacy enhancing applications), contain sensitive informations, thence required to be properly protected from untrusted servers. Beside these challenges, ensuring the verifiability of the delegated computation is very important. As also pointed out in [13,18], failure in the verification of a delegated computation has

severe consequences especially if the delegated **MEs** are the core parts of authentication or signature schemes.

Related Work. After the introduction of wallets with observers by Chaum and Pedersen [8], Hohenberger and Lysyanskaya [12] provided the first secure delegation scheme for group exponentiations (**GEs**) with a verifiability probability $1/2$ using two servers, where at most one of them is assumed to be malicious (the OMTUP-model). They also gave the first formal simulation-based security notions for the delegation of **GEs** in the presence of malicious powerful servers. In ESORICS 2012, Chen *et al.* [9] improved both the verifiability probability (to $2/3$) and the computational overhead of [12]. A secure delegation scheme for two simultaneous **GEs** with a verifiability probability $1/2$ is also introduced in [9].

In ESORICS 2014, for the first time Wang *et al.* [20] proposes a delegation scheme for **GEs** using a *single untrusted server* with a verifiability probability $1/2$. This scheme involves an *online* group exponentiation of a *small* exponent by the delegator; the choice of such a small exponent is subsequently shown to be insecure by Chevalier *et al.* [10] in ESORICS 2016. Furthermore, it is also shown in [10] essentially that a secure *non-interactive* (i.e. single-round) delegation with a single untrusted server requires at least an online computation of a **GE** even without any verifiability if the modulus p is known to the server. Kiraz and Uzunkol [13] introduce the first *two-round* secure delegation scheme for **GEs** using a single untrusted server having an *adjustable* verifiability probability requiring however a huge number of queries to the server. They also provide a delegation scheme for n simultaneous **GEs** with an adjustable verifiability probability. Cavallo *et al.* [6] propose subsequently another delegation scheme with a verifiability probability $1/2$ again by using a single untrusted server under the assumption that pairs of the form (u, u^x) are granted at the precomputation for variable base elements u . However, realizing this assumption is difficult (mostly impossible) for resource-constrained devices. In AsiaCCS 2016, Ren *et al.*[18] proposed the *first fully verifiable* (with a verifiability probability 1) secure delegation scheme for **GEs** in the OMTUP-model at the expense of an *additional round* of communication. They also provide a two-round secure delegation scheme for $n \in \mathbb{Z}^{>1}$ simultaneous **GEs** which is claimed to have a verifiability probability $1 - \frac{1}{2n(n+1)}$.

Kuppusamy and Rangasamy use in INDOCRYPT 2016 [14] for the first time the special *ring structure* of \mathbb{Z}_p with the aim of eliminating the second round of communication and providing full verifiability simultaneously. They propose a *non-interactive* efficient secure delegation scheme for **MEs** using Chinese Remainder Theorem (CRT) in the OMTUP-model which is claimed to satisfy full-verifiability under the intractability of the factorization problem. This approach is also used very recently by Zhou *et al.* [21] together with *disguising* the modulus p itself, also assuming the intractability of the factorization problem. They proposed an efficient delegation scheme with an adjustable verifiability probability using a single untrusted server. However, the scheme in [21] does not achieve the desired security properties.

Our Contribution. This paper has the following major goals:

1. We analyze two delegation schemes recently proposed at INDOCRYPT 2016 [14] and at AsiaCCS 2016 [18]:
 - (a) We show that the scheme in [14] is unfortunately *totally* unverifiable, i.e. a malicious server can always cheat the delegator without being noticed, instead of the author's claim of satisfying the full verifiability.
 - (b) We show that the scheme for n simultaneous **MEs** in [18] does not achieve the claimed verifiability guarantees; instead of having the verifiability probability $1 - \frac{1}{2n(n+1)}$, it only has the verifiability probability at most $1 - \frac{n-1}{2(n+1)}$. For instance, it offers a verifiability probability at most ≈ 0.5909 instead of the author's claim in [18] offering a verifiability probability ≈ 0.9955 for $n = 10$.

2. We propose the first *non-interactive fully verifiable* secure delegation scheme HideP for **MEs** in the OMTUP-model by disguising the prime number p via CRT. HideP is not only computationally much more efficient than the previous schemes but requires also no interactive round, whence substantially reduces the *communication overhead*. In particular, hiding p enables the delegator to achieve both *non-interactivity and full verifiability* at the same time efficiently.

Note that the delegator of **MEs** hides the prime modulus p from the servers, and *not* from a party intended to be communicated (i.e. a weak device (delegator) does not hide p with whom it wants to run a cryptographic protocol). In other words, it *solely* hides p from the third-party servers to which the computation of **MEs** is delegated.

3. We apply HideP to speed-up blinded Nyberg-Rueppel signature scheme [17].

We refer the readers to Appendix which provide a delegated preprocessing technique Rand. It eliminates the large *memory requirement* and reduces substantially the *computational cost* of the precomputation step. The overall delegation mechanism (i.e. HideP together with Rand) offers a *complete solution* for delegating the expensive **MEs** with full verifiability and security, whence distinguish our mechanism as a highly usable secure delegation primitive for resource-constrained devices.

2 Preliminaries & Security Model

In this section, we first revisit the definitions and the basic notations related to the delegation of **MEs**. We then give a *formal* security model by adapting the previous security models of Hohenberger and Lysyanskaya [12] and Cavallo *et al.* [6]. Lastly, an overview for the requirements of the delegation of a **ME**³ is given.

2.1 Preliminaries

We denote by \mathbb{Z}_m the quotient ring $\mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z}$ for a natural number $m \in \mathbb{N}$ with $m > 1$. Similarly, \mathbb{Z}_m^* denotes the multiplicative group of \mathbb{Z}_m .

Let σ be a global security parameter given in a unary representation (e.g. 1^σ). Let further p and q be prime numbers with $q \mid (p-1)$ of lengths σ_1 and σ_2 , respectively. The values σ_1 and σ_2 are calculated at the setup of a cryptographic protocol on the input of σ . Let $\mathbb{G} = \langle g \rangle$ denote the multiplicative subgroup of \mathbb{Z}_p^* of order q with a fixed generator $g \in \mathbb{G}$.

The process of running a probabilistic algorithm A , which accepts x_1, x_2, \dots as inputs, and produces an output y , is denoted by $y \leftarrow A(x_1, x_2, \dots)$. Let $(z_A, z_B, \text{tr}) \leftarrow (A(x_1, x_2, \dots), B(y_1, y_2, \dots))$ denote the process of running an interactive protocol between an algorithm A and an algorithm B , where A accepts x_1, x_2, \dots , and B accepts y_1, y_2, \dots as inputs (possibly together with some *random* coins) to produce the final output z_A and z_B , respectively. We use the expression tr to represent the sequence of messages exchanged by A and B during protocol execution. By abuse of notation, the expression $y \leftarrow x$ also denotes assigning the value of x to a variable y .

Delegation Mechanism & Protocol Definition. We assume that a delegation mechanism consists of two types of parties called as the *client* (or *delegator*) \mathcal{C} (*trusted* but resource-constrained part) and *servers* \mathcal{U} (potentially *untrusted* but powerful part), where \mathcal{U} can consist of one or more parties. Hence, the scenario raises if \mathcal{C} is willing to *delegate* (or *outsource*) the computation of certain functions to \mathcal{U} . For a given σ , let $F : \text{Dom}(F) \rightarrow \text{CoDom}(F)$ be a function, where F 's domain is denoted by $\text{Dom}(F)$ and F 's co-domain is denoted by $\text{CoDom}(F)$. $\text{desc}(F)$ denotes the description of F . We have two cases for $\text{desc}(F)$:

³ In this paper, we introduce a *special* delegation scheme by working with a subgroup \mathbb{G} of the group \mathbb{Z}_p^* of prime order q .

1. $\text{desc}(\mathbf{F})$ is known to both \mathcal{C} and \mathcal{U} , or
2. $\text{desc}(\mathbf{F})$ is known to \mathcal{C} , and another description $\text{desc}(\mathbf{F}')$ is given to \mathcal{U} such that the function \mathbf{F} can only be obtained from \mathbf{F}' if a *trapdoor* information τ is given. By abuse of notation, we sometimes write $\tau(\mathbf{F}) = \mathbf{F}'$.

From now on, we concentrate on the second case since we propose a delegation scheme in this scenario. A client-server protocol for the delegated computation of \mathbf{F} is defined as a multiparty communication protocol between \mathcal{C} and \mathcal{U} and denoted by $(\mathcal{C}(1^\sigma, \text{desc}(\mathbf{F}), x, \tau), \mathcal{U}(1^\sigma, \text{desc}(\mathbf{F}')))$, where the input x and the trapdoor τ are known *only* by \mathcal{C} . A delegated computation of the value $y = \mathbf{F}(x)$, denoted by

$$(y_{\mathcal{C}}, y_{\mathcal{S}}, \text{tr}) \leftarrow (\mathcal{C}(1^\sigma, \text{desc}(\mathbf{F}), x, \tau), \mathcal{U}(1^\sigma, \text{desc}(\mathbf{F}'))),$$

which is an execution of the above client-server protocol using independently chosen random bits for \mathcal{C} and \mathcal{U} . At the end of this execution, \mathcal{C} learns $y_{\mathcal{C}} = y$, \mathcal{U} learns $y_{\mathcal{U}}$; and tr is the sequence of messages exchanged by A and B . Note that the execution may happen sequentially or concurrently. In the case of the delegation of **MEs**, the aim is to always have $y_{\mathcal{U}} = \emptyset$.

Factorization Problem We prove some security properties of the proposed scheme later by using the intractability of the factorization problem⁴: Given a composite integer n , where n is a product of two distinct primes p and q , the *factorization problem* asks to compute p or q . The formal definition is as follows:

Definition 1. (*Factorization Problem*) Let σ be a security parameter given in unary representation. Let further \mathcal{A} be a probabilistic polynomial-time algorithm. Let further the primes p and q , $p \neq q$, are obtained by running a modulus generation algorithm PrimeGen on the input of σ with $n = pq$. Run \mathcal{A} with the input n . The adversary \mathcal{A} wins the experiment if it outputs either p or q . We define the advantage of \mathcal{A} as

$$\text{Adv}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\text{Fact}}(\sigma) = \text{Prob}[x = p \text{ or } x = q : (n, p, q) \leftarrow \text{PrimeGen}(1^\sigma), x \leftarrow \mathcal{A}(n)].$$

2.2 Security Model

Hohenberger and Lysyanskaya provided first formal simulation-based security notions for secure and verifiable delegation of cryptographic computations in the presence of malicious powerful servers [12]. Different security assumptions for delegation of **MEs** can be summarized according to [12] as follows:

- One-Untrusted Program (OUP): There exists a single malicious program \mathcal{U} performing the delegated **MEs**.
- One-Malicious version of a Two-Untrusted Program (OMTUP): There exist two untrusted programs \mathcal{U}_1 and \mathcal{U}_2 performing the delegated **MEs** but only one of them behaves maliciously.
- Two-Untrusted Program (TUP): There exist two untrusted programs \mathcal{U}_1 and \mathcal{U}_2 performing the delegated **MEs** and both of them may simultaneously behave maliciously, but they do not maliciously collude.

Cavallo *et al.* [6] gave a formal definition for delegation schemes by *relaxing* the security definitions first given in [12]. Although the simulation-based security definitions [12] intuitively include (whatever can be efficiently computed about secret values with the protocol’s view can

⁴ We assume here that the prime numbers p and q are chosen suitably that the factorization of $n = pq$ is intractable.

also be efficiently computed without this view [10]) the most direct way of guaranteeing the desired secrecy and verifiability, its formalization is unfortunately highly complex and subtle. Therefore, simpler indistinguishability-based security definitions have been recently used both in [6] and in [10], which, in particular, include the fact that an untrusted server is unable to distinguish which inputs the other parties use.

In this section, we adapt the security definitions of [6] for our security requirements to the OMTUP-model of [12], i.e. the adversary is modeled by a pair of algorithms $\mathcal{A} = (\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{U}')$, where \mathcal{E} denotes the adversarial environment and $\mathcal{U}' = (\mathcal{U}'_1, \mathcal{U}'_2)$ is a malicious adversarial software in place of $\mathcal{U} = (\mathcal{U}_1, \mathcal{U}_2)$, where exactly one of $(\mathcal{U}'_1, \mathcal{U}'_2)$ is assumed to be malicious. In the OMTUP-model we have the fundamental assumption that after interacting with \mathcal{C} , any communication between \mathcal{E} and \mathcal{U}'_1 or between \mathcal{E} and \mathcal{U}'_2 pass solely through the delegator \mathcal{C} [12].

Completeness. If the parties $(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{U}_1$ and $\mathcal{U}_2)$ executing the scheme follow the scheme specifications, then \mathcal{C} 's output obtained at the end of the execution would be equal to the output obtained by evaluating the function F on \mathcal{C} . The following is the formal definition for completeness:

Definition 2. For the security parameter σ , let $(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{U}_1, \mathcal{U}_2)$ be a client-server protocol for the delegated computation of a function F . We say that $(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{U}_1, \mathcal{U}_2)$ satisfies completeness if for any x in the domain of F , it holds that

$$\text{Prob}[(y_C, y_S, \text{tr}) \leftarrow (\mathcal{C}(1^\sigma, \text{desc}(F)), x), \mathcal{U}_i(1^\sigma, \text{desc}(F')) : y_C = F(x)] = 1.$$

Verifiability. Verifiability means informally that if \mathcal{C} follows the protocol, then the malicious adversary $\mathcal{A} = (\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{U}'_i)$, $i = 1$ or $i = 2$, cannot convince \mathcal{C} to obtain some output y' different from the actual output y at the end of the protocol. The model let further the adversary choose \mathcal{C} 's trapdoored input $\tau(F(x))$ and take part in exponential/polynomial number of protocol executions before it attempts to convince \mathcal{C} with incorrect output values (corresponding to the environmental adversary \mathcal{E}).

Definition 3. Let $(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{U}_1, \mathcal{U}_2)$ be a client-server protocol for the delegated computation of a function F and $\mathcal{U}' = (\mathcal{U}'_1, \mathcal{U}'_2)$ be a malicious adversarial software in place of $\mathcal{U} = (\mathcal{U}_1, \mathcal{U}_2)$. We say that $(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{U}_1, \mathcal{U}_2)$ satisfies (t_v, ϵ_v) -verifiability against a malicious adversary if for any $\mathcal{A} = (\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{U}'_i)$, either $i = 1$ or $i = 2$, running in time t_v , it holds that

$$\text{Prob}[\text{out} \leftarrow \text{VerExp}_{F', \mathcal{A}}(1^\sigma) : \text{out} = 1] \leq \epsilon_v,$$

for small ϵ_v , where experiment VerExp is defined as follows:

1. $i = 1$.
2. $(a, \tau(F(x_1)), \text{aux}) \leftarrow \mathcal{A}(1^\sigma, \text{desc}(F'))$
3. While $a \neq \text{attack}$ do
 - $(y_i, (a, \tau(F(x_{i+1})), \text{aux}), \text{tr}_i) \leftarrow (\mathcal{C}(\tau(F(x_i))), \mathcal{A}(\text{aux}))$
 - $i \leftarrow i + 1$
4. $\tau(F(x)) \leftarrow \mathcal{A}(\text{aux})$
5. $(y', \text{aux}, \text{tr}_i) \leftarrow (\mathcal{C}(\tau(F(x))), \mathcal{A}(\text{aux}))$
6. return: 1 if $y' \neq \perp$ and $y' \neq F(x)$
7. return: 0 if $y' = \perp$ or $y' = F(x)$.

If ϵ_v is negligibly small for any algorithm \mathcal{A} running in time t_v , then $(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{U}_1, \mathcal{U}_2)$ is said to satisfy full verifiability.

Security. Security means informally that if \mathcal{C} follows the protocol, then the malicious adversary $\mathcal{A} = (\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{U}'_i)$, $i = 1$ or $i = 2$, cannot obtain any information about \mathcal{C} 's input x . The model let further the adversary choose \mathcal{C} 's trapdoored input $\tau(\mathbf{F}(x))$ and take part in exponential/polynomial number of protocol executions before it attempts to obtain useful information about \mathcal{C} 's input (corresponding to the environmental adversary \mathcal{E}).

Definition 4. Let $(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{U}_1, \mathcal{U}_2)$ be a client-server protocol for the delegated computation of a function \mathbf{F} and $\mathcal{U}' = (\mathcal{U}'_1, \mathcal{U}'_2)$ be a malicious adversarial software in place of $\mathcal{U} = (\mathcal{U}_1, \mathcal{U}_2)$. We say that $(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{U}_1, \mathcal{U}_2)$ satisfies (t_s, ϵ_s) -security against a malicious adversary if for any $\mathcal{A} = (\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{U}'_i)$, either $i = 1$ or $i = 2$, running in time t_s , it holds that

$$\text{Prob}[out \leftarrow \text{SecExp}_{\mathbf{F}, \mathcal{A}}(1^\sigma) : out = 1] \leq \epsilon_s,$$

for negligibly small ϵ_s for any algorithm A running in time t_s , where experiment SecExp is defined as follows:

1. $(a, \tau(\mathbf{F}(x_1)), \text{aux}) \leftarrow \mathcal{A}(1^\sigma, \text{desc}(\mathbf{F}'))$
2. While $a \neq \text{attack}$ do
 - $(y_i, (a, \tau(\mathbf{F}(x_{i+1})), \text{aux}), \cdot) \leftarrow (\mathcal{C}(\tau(\mathbf{F}(x_i))), \mathcal{A}(\text{aux}))$
 - $i \leftarrow i + 1$
3. $(\tau(\mathbf{F}(x_0)), \tau(\mathbf{F}(x_1)), \text{aux}) \leftarrow \mathcal{A}(\text{aux})$
4. $b \leftarrow 0, 1$
5. $(y', b', \text{tr}) \leftarrow (\mathcal{C}(\tau(\mathbf{F}(x_b))), \mathcal{A}(\text{aux}))$
6. return: 1 if $b = b'$
7. return: 0 if $b \neq b'$.

Remark 1. We emphasize that the above security definition corresponds to the OMTUP-model of [12]. As in [12], the adversary \mathcal{A} corresponds to both \mathcal{E} and \mathcal{U}' , and can only interact each other over \mathcal{C} after they once begin interacting with \mathcal{C} . The behavior of both parts (\mathcal{E} and \mathcal{U}') is modeled as a single adversary \mathcal{A} by letting the adversary \mathcal{A} submit its own inputs to \mathcal{C} and see/take part in multiple executions of $(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{U}_1, \mathcal{U}_2)$.

Efficiency Metrics. $(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{U}_1, \mathcal{U}_2)$ has efficiency parameters

$$(t_{\mathbf{F}}, t_{m_{\mathcal{C}}}, t_{\mathcal{C}}, t_{\mathcal{U}_1}, t_{\mathcal{U}_2}, cc, mc)$$

where \mathbf{F} can be computed using $t_{\mathbf{F}}(\sigma)$ atomic operations, requires $t_{m_{\mathcal{C}}}(\sigma)$ atomic storage for \mathcal{C} , \mathcal{C} computes $t_{\mathcal{C}}(\sigma)$ atomic operations, \mathcal{U}_i can be run using $t_{\mathcal{U}_i}(\sigma)$ atomic operations, \mathcal{C} and \mathcal{U}_i exchange a total of at most mc messages of total length at most cc for $i = 1, 2$.⁵

2.3 Steps of a Delegation Scheme

Let p and q be distinct prime numbers. We now give four main steps of a delegation of $u^a \bmod p$ under the OMTUP-model, where $u \in \mathbb{G}$, $a \in \mathbb{Z}_q^*$ and \mathbb{G} is a subgroup of \mathbb{Z}_p^* of order q .

1. **Precomputation: Invocation of the subroutine Rand:** A preprocessing subroutine Rand is required to randomize u and a and to generate the trapdoor information τ , see Appendix for the details.

⁵ We here only consider the group operations like group multiplications, modular reduction, inversions and exponentiations as atomic operations, and neglect any lower-order operations such as congruence testing, equality testing, and modular additions.

2. **Randomizing $a \in \mathbb{Z}_q^*$ and $u \in \mathbb{G}$.** The base u and the exponent a are both randomized by \mathcal{C} by performing only modular multiplications (MMs) in \mathbb{Z}_q^* and \mathbb{G} with the values from Rand using the trapdoor information τ .
3. **Delegation to servers.** The randomized elements are queried to the servers \mathcal{U}_1 and \mathcal{U}_2 by using τ . For $i = 1, 2$, $U_i(\tau(\alpha), \tau(h))$ denotes the delegation of $h^\alpha \bmod p$ with $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}_q^*$, $h \in \mathbb{G}$ using the trapdoor information τ in order to *disguise* the parameters p, q , whence the concrete description of \mathbb{G} .
4. **Verification of the delegated computation.** Upon receiving the outputs of \mathcal{U}_1 and \mathcal{U}_2 , the validity of the delegated computation is verified by comparing the received data with some elements from Rand . If the verification fails, an error message \perp is returned.
5. **Derandomizing outputs and computing $u^a \bmod p$.** If the verification is successful, then $u^a \bmod p$ is computed by \mathcal{C} by performing only MMs.

3 Verifiability Issues in Two Recent Delegation Schemes

In this section, we show two verifiability issues for recently proposed delegation schemes appeared in INDOCRYPT 2016 [14] and AsiaCCS 2016 [18]. We recall the original schemes briefly before the attacks to give a self-contained paper and make the attacks easily understandable for readers.

3.1 An Attack on the Verifiability of Kuppusamy and Rangasamy's Scheme from INDOCRYPT 2016

Using CRT, Kuppusamy and Rangasamy proposed a highly efficient secure delegation scheme for **MEs** in subgroups of \mathbb{Z}_p^* [14].

The scheme in [14] takes as inputs the base $u \in \mathbb{G}$ and the exponent $a \in \mathbb{Z}_q^*$, and outputs the value $u^a \bmod p$, where $\mathbb{G} = \langle g_1 \rangle$ is a subgroup of \mathbb{Z}_p^* of prime order q .

Initialization: Set $n = pr_1r_2$ for distinct primes $r_1 \neq p$ and $r_2 \neq p$ and subgroups $\mathbb{G}_1, \mathbb{G}_2$ of $\mathbb{Z}_{r_1}^*$ and $\mathbb{Z}_{r_2}^*$ of distinct prime orders $q_1 \neq q$ and $q_2 \neq q$, respectively. By using a preprocessing technique described in Appendix, the value $(\theta, g_1^\theta) \in \mathbb{Z}_p^* \times \mathbb{G}$ is computed; and $x \in \mathbb{Z}_n$ is constructed by CRT with

$$x \equiv u \cdot g_1^\theta \bmod p, \quad x \equiv h \bmod r_1, \quad \text{and} \quad x \equiv g_2 \bmod r_2.$$

Masking the value a . \mathcal{C} invokes a preprocessing technique to obtain the pairs $(\alpha, g_2^\alpha) \in \mathbb{Z}_{r_2}^* \times \mathbb{G}_2$ and $(\beta, g_2^\beta) \in \mathbb{Z}_{r_2}^* \times \mathbb{G}_2$. Then, \mathcal{C} computes

1. $a_1 \equiv a - \alpha \bmod q$,
2. $a_2 \equiv a - \beta \bmod q$.

Queries to \mathcal{U}_1 . \mathcal{C} invokes a preprocessing technique once more to obtain the pair $(t, g_1^t) \in \mathbb{Z}_p^* \times \mathbb{G}$, and sends the following query to \mathcal{U}_1 in random order:

1. $\mathcal{U}_1(a_1, x, n) \leftarrow D_{11} \equiv x^{a_1} \bmod n$,
2. $\mathcal{U}_1(\beta, x, n) \leftarrow D_{12} \equiv x^\beta \bmod n$,
3. $\mathcal{U}_1(-a\theta/t, g_1^t, p) \leftarrow D_{13} \equiv g_1^{-a\theta} \bmod p$.

Queries to \mathcal{U}_2 . Similarly, \mathcal{C} sends the following query to \mathcal{U}_2 in random order:

1. $\mathcal{U}_2(a_2, x, n) \leftarrow D_{21} \equiv x^{a_2} \bmod n$,
2. $\mathcal{U}_2(-a\theta/t, g_1^t, p) \leftarrow D_{22} \equiv g_1^{-a\theta} \bmod p$.

Verification. \mathcal{C} verifies

- $g_2^\beta \stackrel{?}{\equiv} D_{12} \pmod{r_2}$,
- $D_{11} \cdot g_2^\alpha \stackrel{?}{\equiv} D_{12} \cdot D_{21} \pmod{r_2}$,
- $D_{13} \stackrel{?}{\equiv} D_{22} \pmod{p}$.

Recovering. If the verification step passes successfully, then \mathcal{C} computes

$$u^a \equiv D_{12} \cdot D_{13} \cdot D_{21} \pmod{p}. \quad (1)$$

If the verification step fails, then \mathcal{C} outputs \perp .

We now show that the scheme is unfortunately totally unverifiable.

Attack: Assume first that the server \mathcal{U}_1 is malicious and \mathcal{U}_2 is honest. Since the prime p is public, \mathcal{U}_1 can compute $r_1 r_2 = n/p$, and return the bogus values

$$Y_{11} := D_{11} + r_1 r_2 \pmod{n}, \text{ and } Y_{12} := D_{12} + r_1 r_2 \pmod{n}. \quad (2)$$

Now, \mathcal{U}_1 can successfully distinguish D_{11} and D_{12} from D_{13} with probability 1 since the first component of D_{13} is an element of \mathbb{G} whereas the first components of D_{11} and D_{12} are elements of \mathbb{Z}_n . Afterwards, by the choices of the distinct primes p, r_1 and r_2 , and the properties $Y_{12} \equiv D_{12} \pmod{r_2}$ and $Y_{11} \equiv D_{11} \pmod{r_2}$, \mathcal{U}_1 can pass the verification step with Y_{11} and Y_{12} instead of using D_{11} and D_{12} , respectively. This leads to the bogus final output

$$Y_{12} \cdot D_{21} \cdot D_{13}$$

instead of the actual output $u^a = D_{12} \cdot D_{13} \cdot D_{22}$ given in Congruence (1).

Similarly, a malicious \mathcal{U}_2 can successfully distinguish D_{21} from D_{22} with probability 1 since the first component of D_{22} is an element of \mathbb{G} whereas the first component of D_{21} is an element of \mathbb{Z}_n . Then, \mathcal{U}_2 can act as the untrusted server by computing

$$Y_{21} \equiv D_{21} + r_1 r_2 \pmod{r_2}. \quad (3)$$

Afterwards, by the choices of the distinct primes p, r_1 and r_2 and the property $Y_{21} \equiv D_{21} \pmod{r_2}$, \mathcal{U}_2 can pass the verification step with the bogus value Y_{21} . This results in the output

$$D_{12} \cdot Y_{21} \cdot D_{13}$$

instead of $u^a = D_{12} \cdot D_{13} \cdot D_{21}$ given in Congruence (1). Hence, the scheme in [14] is unfortunately totally unverifiable and the claim regarding full verifiability [14, Thm. 2, pp. 90] does not hold.

3.2 An Attack on the Verifiability of Ren *et al.*'s Simultaneous Delegation Scheme from AsiaCCS 2016

Ren *et al.* proposed the first fully verifiable two-round secure delegation scheme for **GEs** together with a delegation scheme of n simultaneous **MEs** [18].

The delegation scheme for n simultaneous **MEs** in [18] takes as inputs the base elements $u_1, \dots, u_n \in \mathbb{G}$ and the exponents $a_1, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{Z}_q^*$, and outputs $u_1^{a_1} \dots u_n^{a_n} \pmod{p}$, where p is a prime number, $\mathbb{G} = \langle g \rangle$ is a subgroup of \mathbb{Z}_p^* of prime order q .

By using a preprocessing technique described in Appendix, the values

$$(\alpha, v = g^\alpha), (\beta, \mu = g^\beta), (t_1, g^{t_1}), (t_2, g^{t_2}) \in \mathbb{Z}_q^* \times \mathbb{G}$$

is computed. Furthermore, two blinding tuples $(b, b^{-1}, g^{-b}), (c, c^{-1}, g^{-c})$ is also computed at the precomputation step. Note that since no preprocessing techniques are known, the inverses b^{-1} and c^{-1} are required to be computed by \mathcal{C} or another (honest) server.

Masking. \mathcal{C} splits

$$\begin{aligned} u_1^{a_1} \cdots u_n^{a_n} &\equiv (vw_1)^{a_1} \cdots (vw_n)^{a_n} \pmod{p} \\ &\equiv g^{\alpha(a_1 + \cdots + a_n)} w_1^{a_1} \cdots w_n^{a_n} \pmod{p} \\ &\equiv g^\beta g^\gamma w_1^{a_1} \cdots w_n^{a_n} \pmod{p} \end{aligned}$$

with $w_i = u_i/v$ and $\gamma = ((\sum_{i=1}^n a_i)\alpha - \beta)$ for $1 \leq i \leq n$.

First Queries \mathcal{C} chooses a random $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ sends the following queries to \mathcal{U}_1 in random order:

1. $\mathcal{U}_1(b/t_1, w_i g^{t_1}) \leftarrow D_{111} \equiv w_i^{b/t_1} g^b \pmod{p}$,
2. $\mathcal{U}_1(b/t_1, (\prod_{j=1, i \neq j}^n w_j) g^{t_1}) \leftarrow D_{112} \equiv (\prod_{j=1, i \neq j}^n w_j)^{b/t_1} g^b \pmod{p}$,

Similarly, \mathcal{C} sends the following queries to \mathcal{U}_2 in random order:

1. $\mathcal{U}_2(c/t_1, w_i g^{t_1}) \leftarrow D_{211} \equiv w_i^{c/t_1} g^c \pmod{p}$,
2. $\mathcal{U}_2(c/t_1, (\prod_{j=1, i \neq j}^n w_j) g^{t_1}) \leftarrow D_{212} \equiv (\prod_{j=1, i \neq j}^n w_j)^{c/t_1} g^c \pmod{p}$.

Upon receiving D_{11i} and D_{21i} from \mathcal{U}_1 and \mathcal{U}_2 , $i = 1, 2$, \mathcal{C} computes

$$\begin{aligned} W_b &:= w_i^{b/t_1} \equiv D_{111} g^{-b}, \quad \left(\prod_{j=1, i \neq j}^n w_j \right)^{b/t_1} \equiv D_{112} g^{-b}, \\ W_c &:= w_i^{c/t_1} \equiv D_{211} g^{-c}, \quad \left(\prod_{j=1, i \neq j}^n w_j \right)^{c/t_1} \equiv D_{212} g^{-c}. \end{aligned}$$

Second Queries \mathcal{C} sends the following queries to \mathcal{U}_1 in random order:

1. $\mathcal{U}_1(\gamma/t_2, g^{t_2}) \leftarrow D_{12} \equiv g^\gamma \pmod{p}$,
2. $\mathcal{U}_1(a_j - c/t_1, w_j) \leftarrow D_{13j} \equiv w_j^{a_j - c/t_1} \pmod{p}$ for $1 \leq j \leq n$, $i \neq j$,
3. $\mathcal{U}_1(a_i t_1/c, w_i^{c/t_1}) \leftarrow D_{13i} \equiv w_i^{a_i} \pmod{p}$.

Similarly, \mathcal{C} sends the following queries to \mathcal{U}_2 in random order:

1. $\mathcal{U}_2(\gamma/t_2, g^{t_2}) \leftarrow D_{22} \equiv g^\gamma \pmod{p}$,
2. $\mathcal{U}_2(a_j - b/t_1, w_j) \leftarrow D_{23j} \equiv w_j^{a_j - b/t_1} \pmod{p}$ for $1 \leq j \leq n$, $i \neq j$,
3. $\mathcal{U}_2(a_i t_1/b, w_i^{b/t_1}) \leftarrow D_{23i} \equiv w_i^{a_i} \pmod{p}$.

Verification of the Output-Correctness of $\{\mathcal{U}_1, \mathcal{U}_2\}$. Upon receiving the queries D_{12} , D_{13i} and D_{13j} from \mathcal{U}_1 , and D_{22} , D_{23i} and D_{23j} from \mathcal{U}_2 for $1 \leq j \leq n$, \mathcal{C} verifies

1. $D_{12} \stackrel{?}{\equiv} D_{22} \pmod{p}$,
2. $D_{13i} \stackrel{?}{\equiv} D_{23i} \pmod{p}$,
3. $T := W_c \cdot \prod_{j=1}^n D_{13j} \stackrel{?}{\equiv} W_b \cdot \prod_{j=1}^n D_{23j} \pmod{p}$.

Recovering. If every congruence in the verification step holds, then \mathcal{C} believes that the values have been computed correctly. It outputs

$$u_1^{a_1} \cdots u_n^{a_n} \equiv g^\beta \cdot D_{12} \cdot T \pmod{p}. \quad (4)$$

If the verification step fails, then \mathcal{C} outputs \perp .

We now show that the author's claim [18, Thm. 4.2, pp. 298] does not hold.

Attack: Assume without loss of generality that the server \mathcal{U}_2 is malicious and \mathcal{U}_1 is honest. Then, \mathcal{U}_2 chooses a random $\theta \in \mathbb{G}$ and sends the bogus value

$$T_{212} \equiv D_{212} \cdot \theta$$

instead of D_{212} after correctly distinguishing D_{212} from D_{211} with probability at least $1/2$. Then, \mathcal{C} computes

$$\Theta := \theta \left(\prod_{j=1, i \neq j}^n w_j \right)^{c/t_1} \equiv T_{212} g^{-c}.$$

In order to pass the verification step with $\Theta \cdot T$ instead of T , \mathcal{U}_2 requires to find an output T_{23j} with $T_{23j} \notin \{D_{22}, D_{23i}\}$, i.e. $T_{23j} \equiv D_{23j} \pmod{n}$ for some $i \neq j$, and sends $\theta \cdot T_{23j}$ instead of T_{23j} . Now, since there are $n(n+1)/2$ pairs from the set

$$D := \{D_{22}, D_{231}, \dots, D_{23n}\}$$

we totally have $n(n-1)$ possibilities for T_{23j} corresponding to a single component of such a pair. If (Θ_1, Θ_2) is a pair from the set D . Then,

1. there exists 2 values for T_{23j} which can be detected by \mathcal{C} corresponding to the single pair with $(\Theta_1, \Theta_2) \equiv (D_{22}, D_{23i}) \pmod{p}$,
2. there exists $n-1$ values of T_{23j} which can be detected by \mathcal{C} corresponding to the pairs of the form (Θ_1, Θ_2) with $T_1 = \Theta_1 \equiv D_{22}$ and $\Theta_2 \not\equiv D_{23i}$,
3. there exists $n-1$ values of T_{23j} which can be detected by \mathcal{C} corresponding to the pairs of the form (Θ_1, Θ_2) with $T_{23j} = \Theta_1 \equiv D_{23i}$ and $\Theta_2 \not\equiv D_{12}$.

Therefore, there exist

$$n(n+1) - 2 - (n-1) - (n-1) = n(n+1) - 2n = n(n-1)$$

possible values for T_{23j} with $T_{23j} \notin \{D_{22}, D_{23i}\}$. Combining with the probability of correctly guessing the position of D_{232} , the server \mathcal{U}_2 can cheat \mathcal{C} with a probability at least $\frac{n(n-1)}{2n(n+1)} = \frac{n-1}{2(n+1)}$. Hence, the scheme is verifiable with a probability at most $1 - \frac{n-1}{2(n+1)}$ instead of the author's claim that the scheme would be verifiable with a probability $1 - \frac{1}{2n(n+1)}$. Thereby it also leads to a bogus output $\theta u_1^{a_1} \cdots u_n^{a_n}$.

For example with $n = 10$ and $n = 100$, the scheme is verifiable only with probabilities at most $13/22 \approx 0.5909$ and $103/202 \approx 0.5099$ instead of the claims with probabilities $219/220 \approx 0.9955$ and $20199/20200 \approx 0.9999$, respectively. Clearly, the verification probability becomes $1/2$ if n tends to infinity.

4 HideP: A Secure Fully Verifiable One-Round Delegation Scheme for Modular Exponentiations

In this section, we introduce our secure delegation scheme HideP in the OMTUP-model.

Let $\mathbb{G} = \langle g \rangle$ denote the multiplicative subgroup of \mathbb{Z}_p^* of prime order q with a fixed generator

$g \in \mathbb{G}$. Our scheme **HideP** uses another prime $r \neq p$ of length σ_1 (e.g. p and r are of about the same size) such that \mathbb{G}_1 is a subgroup of prime order q_1 of length σ_2 (e.g. q and q_1 are of about the same size). We set $n := p \cdot r$ and $m := q_1 \cdot q$. Note that **HideP** uses the prime number p as a trapdoor information, i.e. p must be *kept secret* to both \mathcal{U}_1 and \mathcal{U}_2 . Throughout the section $\mathcal{U}_i(\alpha, h)$ denotes that \mathcal{U}_i takes $(\alpha, h) \in \mathbb{Z}_m^* \times \mathbb{Z}_n^*$ as inputs, and outputs $h^\alpha \bmod n$ for $i = 1, 2$, as described in Section (2).

4.1 **HideP: A Secure Fully Verifiable One-Round Delegation Scheme**

Our aim is to delegate $u^a \bmod p$ with $a \in \mathbb{Z}_q^*$ and $u \in \mathbb{G}$.

We now describe our scheme **HideP**. Public and private parameters of **HideP** are given as follows:

Public parameter: n ,

Private parameters: Prime numbers p, r, q , and q_1 , description of the subgroup \mathbb{G} of \mathbb{Z}_p^* of order q , $u \in \mathbb{G}$, $a \in \mathbb{Z}_q^*$.⁶

Additionally, the *static values*

$$Q_r := r \cdot (r^{-1} \bmod p) \bmod n, \quad Q_p := p \cdot (p^{-1} \bmod r) \bmod n, \quad (5)$$

$$Q_{q_1} := q_1 \cdot (q_1^{-1} \bmod q) \bmod m, \quad Q_q := q \cdot (q^{-1} \bmod q_1) \bmod m, \quad (6)$$

and

$$R := g \cdot Q_r + g_1 \cdot Q_p \bmod n \quad (7)$$

are calculated at the initialization of **HideP**.

Precomputation. Using the existing preprocessing technique or a delegated version **Rand** as described in Appendix, \mathcal{C} first outputs

$$(G_t \equiv g^t Q_r \bmod n, \quad G_{\gamma t} \equiv g^{\gamma t} Q_r \bmod n, \quad H_{\gamma t} \equiv g_1^{\gamma t} Q_p \bmod n),$$

$$(H_{t_1} \equiv g_1^{t_1} Q_p \bmod n, \quad H_{t_2} \equiv g_1^{t_2} Q_p \bmod n, \quad g_1^t \bmod r),$$

and

$$(\gamma^{-1} \bmod m, \quad T_1 \equiv t_1 Q_q \bmod m, \quad T_2 \equiv t_2 Q_q \bmod m)$$

for random elements $t_1, t_2, t \in \mathbb{Z}_m^*$ with $t = t_1 + t_2$.

Masking. The base u is randomized by \mathcal{C} with

$$x_1 \equiv u \cdot G_t + H_{t_1} \bmod n, \quad (8)$$

$$x_2 \equiv u G_t + H_{t_2} \bmod n, \quad (9)$$

$$y \equiv G_{\gamma t} + H_{\gamma t} \bmod n. \quad (10)$$

⁶ More precisely, hiding p enables the delegator to *achieve the full verifiability in a single round* unlike the fully verifiable scheme in [18] which requires an additional round of communication. The reason is that it is possible for \mathcal{C} to send the randomized base and the exponent by a system of simultaneous congruences, and recover/verify the actual outputs by performing modular reductions (once modulo p for *recovery*, and once modulo r for *verification*) in a *single round*. Note that for a given p each client \mathcal{C} is required to use the same prime number r since otherwise p can be found by taking gcd's of different moduli.

Note that by CRT we have

$$x_1 \equiv x_2 \equiv ug^t \pmod{p}, \quad y \equiv g^{\gamma t} \pmod{p},$$

and

$$x_1 \equiv g_1^{t_1} \pmod{r}, x_2 \equiv g_1^{t_2} \pmod{r}, y \equiv g_1^{\gamma t} \pmod{r}.$$

Then, the exponent a is first written as the sum of two randomly chosen elements $a_1, a_2 \in \mathbb{Z}_m^*$ with $a = a_1 + a_2$. Then, the following randomizations are also computed by \mathcal{C}

$$\alpha_1 \equiv a_1 \cdot Q_{q_1} + T_1 \pmod{m}, \quad (11)$$

$$\alpha_2 \equiv a_2 \cdot Q_{q_1} + T_2 \pmod{m}, \quad (12)$$

$$\alpha_3 \equiv -a \cdot \gamma^{-1} \pmod{m}. \quad (13)$$

Query to \mathcal{U}_1 . \mathcal{C} sends the following queries in random order to \mathcal{U}_1 :

1. $\mathcal{U}_1(\alpha_1, x_1) \leftarrow X_1 \equiv x_1^{\alpha_1} \pmod{n}$,
2. $\mathcal{U}_1(\alpha_3, y) \leftarrow Y_1 \equiv y^{\alpha_3} \pmod{n}$.

Query to \mathcal{U}_2 . Similarly, \mathcal{C} sends the following queries in random order to \mathcal{U}_2 :

1. $\mathcal{U}_2(\alpha_2, x_2) \leftarrow X_2 \equiv x_2^{\alpha_2} \pmod{n}$,
2. $\mathcal{U}_2(\alpha_3, y) \leftarrow Y_2 \equiv y^{\alpha_3} \pmod{n}$.

Verifying the Correctness of the Outputs of $\{\mathcal{U}_1, \mathcal{U}_2\}$. Upon receiving the queries X_1 and Y_1 from \mathcal{U}_1 , and X_2 and Y_2 from \mathcal{U}_2 , respectively, \mathcal{C} verifies

$$(X_1 \pmod{r}) \cdot (X_2 \pmod{r}) \stackrel{?}{\equiv} g_1^t \pmod{r} \quad (14)$$

and

$$Y_1 \stackrel{?}{\equiv} Y_2 \pmod{n}. \quad (15)$$

Recovering u^a . If Congruences (14) and (15) hold simultaneously, then \mathcal{C} believes that the values X_1, X_2, Y_1 and Y_2 have been computed correctly. It outputs

$$u^a \equiv (X_1 \pmod{p}) \cdot (X_2 \pmod{p}) \cdot (Y_1 \pmod{p}). \quad (16)$$

If the verification step fails, then \mathcal{C} outputs \perp .

5 Security and Efficiency Analysis

In this section, we give the security analysis of HideP and give a detailed comparison with the previous schemes.

5.1 Security Analysis

Theorem 1. *Let F' be given by the exponentiation modulo $n = pr$, where the trapdoor information τ is given by the primes p and r , $p \neq r$. Let further $(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{U}_1, \mathcal{U}_2)$ be a one-client, two-server, one-round delegation protocol implementation of HideP. Let the adversary be given as $\mathcal{A} = (\mathcal{U}', \mathcal{E})$ in the OMTUP-model (i.e. $\mathcal{U}' = (\mathcal{U}'_1, \mathcal{U}'_2)$ and at most one of \mathcal{U}'_i is malicious with $i = 1$ or $i = 2$). Then, in the OMTUP-model, the protocol $(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{U}_1, \mathcal{U}_2)$ satisfies*

1. *completeness for HideP,*
2. *security for the exponent a and the exponentiation u^a against any (computationally unrestricted) malicious adversary \mathcal{A} , i.e. $\epsilon_s = 0$, and security for the base u with $t_s = \text{poly}(\sigma)$ and $\epsilon_s = \text{Adv}_{\mathcal{A}'}^{\text{Fact}}(\sigma)$,*
3. *full verifiability for any malicious adversary \mathcal{A} , where $t_v = \text{poly}(\sigma)$ and $\epsilon_v = \text{Adv}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\text{Fact}}(\sigma)$, and verifiability for any computationally unrestricted malicious adversary \mathcal{A} with $\epsilon_v = 1/2 + \epsilon$, where ϵ is negligibly small in σ ,*
4. *efficiency with parameters where $(t_F, t_{mc}, t_C, t_{\mathcal{U}_1}, t_{\mathcal{U}_2}, cc, mc)$, where*
 - *F can be computed by performing $t_F = 1$ exponentiation modulo p*
 - *\mathcal{C} 's memory requirement is t_{mc} consists of 1 output of the Rand scheme,*
 - *\mathcal{C} can be run by expending t_C atomic operations consisting of 7 modular multiplications and 5 modular reductions (2 multiplications modulo p , 1 multiplication modulo r , 3 multiplications modulo m , 1 multiplication modulo n , 2 reductions modulo r , and 3 reductions modulo p),*
 - *$\mathcal{U}_i, i = 1, 2$ computes $t_{\mathcal{U}_i} = 2$ exponentiations modulo n for each $i = 1, 2$,*
 - *\mathcal{C} and \mathcal{U}_i exchange a total of at most $mc = 4$ messages of total length cc consisting of 2 elements modulo m and 2 elements modulo n for $i = 1, 2$.*

Proof. We first note that the efficiency results can easily be verified by inspecting the description of HideP for the efficiency parameters given above. Throughout the rest of the proof we assume without loss of generality that \mathcal{U}_1 is a malicious server, i.e. adversary is given as $\mathcal{A} = (\mathcal{U}_1, \mathcal{E})$.

Completeness. We first prove the completeness of the verification step. Since the same base y and the exponent α_3 are delegated to both \mathcal{U}_1 and \mathcal{U}_2 , the congruence $Y_1 \equiv Y_2 \equiv y^{\alpha_3}$ holds by the OMTUP assumption. Furthermore, by the choice of $T_1 \equiv t_1 Q_q, T_2 \equiv t_2 Q_q$, we have the congruences

$$a_1 Q_{q_1} + T_1 \equiv t_1 \pmod{q_1}, \quad a_2 Q_{q_1} + T_2 \equiv t_2 \pmod{q_1}.$$

Then, together with the equality $t = t_1 + t_2$ the following congruence holds:

$$\begin{aligned} (X_1 \pmod{r}) \cdot (X_2 \pmod{r}) &\equiv (x_1^{\alpha_1} \pmod{r}) \cdot (x_2^{\alpha_2} \pmod{r}) \\ &\equiv g_1^{t_1} \cdot g_1^{t_2} \pmod{r} \\ &\equiv g_1^{t_1+t_2} \pmod{r} \\ &\equiv g_1^t \pmod{r}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, the result follows for the verification step. Then, the result follows by the congruences

$$a_1 Q_{q_1} + T_1 \equiv a_1 \pmod{q}, \quad a_2 Q_{q_1} + T_2 \equiv a_2 \pmod{q},$$

the equality $a = a_1 + a_2$ and Lagrange's theorem

$$\begin{aligned}
(X_1 \cdot X_2 \bmod p) \cdot (Y_1 \bmod r) &\equiv (x_1^{\alpha_1} \cdot x_2^{\alpha_2} \bmod p) \cdot (y^{\alpha_3} \bmod p) \\
&\equiv (ug^t)^{a_1} \cdot (ug^t)^{a_2} \cdot g^{-at\gamma\gamma^{-1}} \bmod p \\
&\equiv (ug^t)^{a_1+a_2} \cdot g^{-at} \bmod p \\
&\equiv (ug^t)^a \cdot g^{-at} \bmod p \\
&\equiv u^a \cdot g^{at} \cdot g^{-at} \bmod p \\
&\equiv u^a \cdot g^{at-at} \bmod p \\
&\equiv u^a \bmod p.
\end{aligned}$$

Security. We argue that HideP satisfies security under the OMTUP-model due to the following observations:

1. On a single execution of $(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{U}_1, \mathcal{U}_2)$ the input (α, x) in the query sent by \mathcal{C} to the adversary $\mathcal{A} = (\mathcal{U}_1, \mathcal{E})$ does not leak any information about u , a and u^a . The reason is that
 - u is randomized by multiplying with g^t which is random. Hence, the adversary \mathcal{A} cannot obtain any useful information about u even if the factors p, r of n are known,
 - a is randomized by a_1 and a_2 and $a\gamma$. Hence \mathcal{A} cannot obtain any useful information about a by obtaining a_1 through x_1 and $a\gamma \bmod p$ even if it knows the factors p, r and q, q_1 of n and m , respectively.
 - To obtain useful information about u^a , \mathcal{A} requires to know x_2 which is random and not known by the OMTUP assumption.
2. Even if the adversary \mathcal{A} sees multiple executions of $(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{U}_1, \mathcal{U}_2)$ wherein the inputs of \mathcal{C} are adversarially chosen, \mathcal{A} cannot obtain any useful information about the exponent a chosen by \mathcal{C} , and the desired exponentiation u^a in a new execution since logical divisions of $a = a_1 + a_2$ at each execution involve freshly generated random elements. This implies that $\epsilon_s = 0$ for the exponent a and the output $u^a \bmod p$. Assume that \mathcal{A} can break the secrecy of the base u with a non-negligible probability. In particular, it can obtain useful information about both elements $u \cdot G_T$ and ug^t with a non-negligible probability, where $G_T \equiv g^t \bmod p$ for some t . Then, \mathcal{A} can obtain $\gcd((uG_T - ug^t), n)$. This gives the factors p and r of n with a non-negligible probability as $u \cdot G_T \equiv ug^t \bmod p$ holds. This implies that $t_s = \text{poly}(\sigma)$ and ϵ_s is at most $\text{Adv}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\text{Fact}}(\sigma)$, i.e. $(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{U}_1, \mathcal{U}_2)$ is a secure implementation of HideP if the factorization problem is intractable .

In particular, these arguments show that $(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{U}_1, \mathcal{U}_2)$ provides unconditional security for the exponent a and the output u^a against any (computationally unrestricted) adversary and security for the base u against any polynomially bounded adversary.

Verifiability. Since Y_1 and Y_2 both have the same base and exponent elements, \mathcal{U}_1 cannot cheat the delegator \mathcal{C} by manipulating Y_1 by the OMTUP assumption. This means that \mathcal{U}_1 can only pass the verification step by manipulating the output X_1 . Hence, the result $\epsilon_p = 1/2 + \epsilon$ (where ϵ is negligibly small in the security parameter σ) holds for any adversary \mathcal{U}_1 since \mathcal{U}_1 needs to know the correct position of x_1 which has at most $1/2$. We now show that if there exists an adversary \mathcal{A} that breaks the verifiability property with a non-negligible probability, then \mathcal{A} can be used to effectively solve the factorization problem. Assume now that \mathcal{U}_1 as a malicious server passes the verification step with a bogus output Z_1 (instead of $X_1 = x_1^{\alpha_1}$) with a non-negligible probability. Then, the following congruence must hold for any arbitrary output X_2 of the honest server \mathcal{U}_2

$$Z_1 X_2 \equiv X_1 \cdot X_2 \equiv g_1^t \bmod r \tag{17}$$

with a non-negligible probability. This implies that \mathcal{U}_1 can decide whether the congruence $Z_1 \equiv X_1 \pmod r$ holds with a non-negligible probability. We note that $Z_1 \not\equiv 0 \pmod r$ as otherwise Congruence 17 cannot hold with $g_1^t \not\equiv 0 \pmod r$. This implies that $Z_1 - X_1 \equiv 0 \pmod r$ and that $Z_1 \not\equiv 0 \pmod r$. From the inequality $Z_1 - X_1 < n$ (when the representatives are considered as integers), it follows that \mathcal{U}_1 can compute $\gcd(Z_1 - X_1, n) = r$ with a non-negligible probability. Hence, \mathcal{U}_1 can obtain information about both the factors p and r of n with a non-negligible probability. This implies that $t_v = \text{poly}(\sigma)$ and ϵ_v is at most $\text{Adv}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\text{Fact}}(\sigma)$. \square

	Secret p	# MMs	# Servers	# Rounds	# Queries	Verifiability
[12] TC'05	no	509	2	1	8	1/2
[9] ESORICS'12	no	307	2	1	6	2/3
[20] ESORICS'14 ($\chi = 2^{64}$)	no	508	1	1	4	1/2
[13] IJIS'16 ($c = 4$)	no	200	1	2	60	9/10
[18] AsiaCCS'16	no	512	2	2	6	1
[14] INDOCRYPT'16	no	27	2	1	5	0
[21] IEEE'17 ($b = 16$)	yes	69	1	1	4	31/32
HideP	yes	24	2	1	4	1

Table 1. Comparison of Computational and Communication Costs for \mathcal{C} .

5.2 Comparison

We now compare HideP with the previous delegation schemes for **MEs**. We denote by **MM** a modular multiplication, **MI** a modular inversion, and **MR** a modular reduction. Throughout the comparison we make the following assumptions:

- we regard 1 **MM** modulo n as ≈ 4 **MMs** modulo p ,
- 1 **MM** modulo p and 1 **MM** modulo r cost approximately the same amount of computation,
- 1 **MI** is at worst 100 times slower than 1 **MM** (see [13]),
- we regard 1 **MR** costs approximately 1 **MM** (e.g. by means of Barret's or Montgomery's modular reduction techniques).

We give the delegator's computational workload in Table 1 by considering the approximate number of **MMs** modulo p . In particular, Table 1 compares computational cost and communication overhead of HideP with the previous schemes. It shows that HideP has not only the best computational cost but requires also only a single round with 4 queries (instead of 2 rounds and 6 queries when compared with the only scheme in the literature satisfying full verifiability [18]).

6 Application: Verifiably Delegated Blind Signatures

Blind signatures were introduced by Chaum [7] and allow a user to obtain the signature of another user in such a way that the signer do not see the actual message to be signed and the user without having knowledge of the signing key is able to get the message signed with that key. Blind signatures are useful in privacy preserving protocols. For example, in e-cash scenario, a bank needs to sign blindly the coins withdrawn by its users. Normally, in blind signature

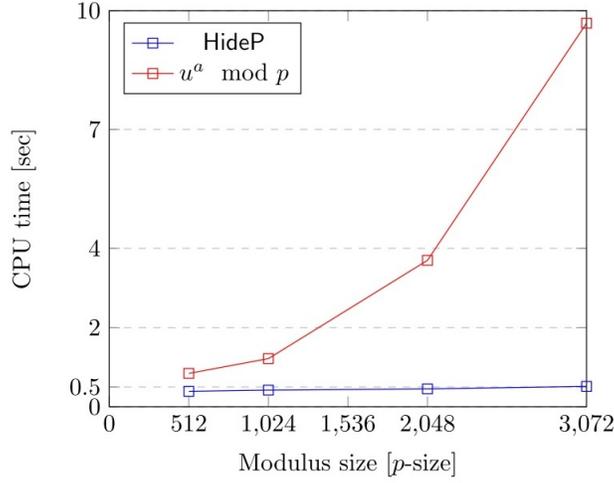


Fig. 1. CPU time: HideP vs. Computation

p -size	CPU cost for $u^a \bmod p$		
	Delegation cost(ms)	Computing cost(ms)	Gain factor
512-bit	390	843	≈ 2.16
1024-bit	421	1216	≈ 2.89
2048-bit	452	3697	≈ 8.18
3072-bit	515	9684	≈ 18.80

Table 2. CPU cost: HideP vs. Computation

Experiments were conducted on a laptop with an Intel Core i5 2.6 GHz processor and 4 GB RAM.

Results presented were taken out of 1000 iterations. The comparison is between the CPU time for HideP’s 24 MMs and local computation of a ME

protocols, both the signer and the verifier have to compute MEs using private and public keys, respectively. As an example, delegation of MMs in blinded Nyberg-Rueppel signature scheme [17,2] using HideP is depicted in Fig. 2. It is also evidenced from Fig. 1 that the time taken by HideP is much smaller than that of directly computing $u^a \bmod p$, and this gain in CPU time increases rapidly with the size of the modulus. Hence, HideP becomes more attractive for resource-constrained scenario such as mobile environment when we go for higher security levels.

7 Conclusion

In this work, we addressed the problem of secure and verifiable delegation of MEs. We observed that two recent schemes [14,18] do not satisfy the claimed verifiability probabilities. We presented an efficient non-interactive fully verifiable secure delegation scheme HideP in the OMTUP-model by disguising the modulus p using CRT. In particular, HideP is the first non-interactive fully verifiable and the most efficient delegation scheme for modular exponentiations leveraging the properties of \mathbb{Z}_p via CRT. As future works, proposing an efficient fully verifiable delegation

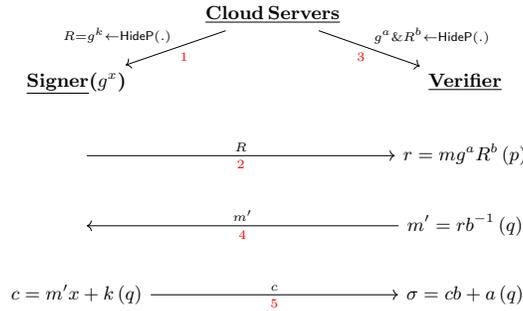


Fig. 2. Delegating Blinded Nyberg-Rueppel Signature

scheme without any requirement of online or offline computation of **MEs** by the delegator (or its impossibility) under the TUP/OUP assumptions could be highly interesting.

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Appendix: The Precomputation Step of HideP

We now propose a fully verifiable delegated precomputation step **Rand** in the OMTUP-model in order to improve the overall efficiency of **HideP**. In other words, **Rand** can be used in place of the other preprocessing techniques [5,4,20] to reduce the computational cost of the delegator \mathcal{C} . The reason is that one can remove the requirement of offline computation of **MEs** by delegating the preprocessing subroutine of **HideP**.

We first briefly revisit the existing preprocessing techniques for the delegation of **GEs**. Then, we introduce our delegated preprocessing technique **Rand**. The security and efficiency analysis is given subsequently. Lastly, we give a comparative analysis of **Rand** with the previous preprocessing techniques to show its efficiency.

Rand: Precomputation via a Power Generator

Some pseudorandom pairs $(k, g^k) \in \mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{G}$ are required to randomize the base-element u , the exponent a , or preferably both, by \mathcal{C} before delegating the **MEs** to untrusted servers. Depending on the available memory capacity of \mathcal{C} and the existence of an *online* trusted server, there are mainly three different approaches:

1. Performing the computation for arbitrary values of k (either offline by \mathcal{C} itself or by an online trusted third party server) using *speed-up* techniques like batch exponentiations proposed in [15],

2. Performing the computation for specially chosen values of k (either offline by \mathcal{C} itself or by an online trusted third party server by e.g. choosing k with low Hamming weight [1], choosing it as a random Frobenius expansion of low Hamming weight [11] or a random element within some addition chains [19]),
3. Performing a large amount of precomputation by storing a fixed number of offline elements (x_i, g^{x_i}) which could be computed at the initialization of the system by \mathcal{C} or stored to \mathcal{C} by a trusted server (*static table*). This computation of the pairs $(k, g^k) \in \mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{G}$ performing **MMs** from a random subset of the static table yields to outputs (*dynamic table*) whose distribution is statistically close to the uniform distribution for carefully chosen parameters [5,4,20].

We refer to [3] for a detailed discussion about the security of the above preprocessing techniques, optimal choices for a given amount of memory, and an efficient technique for halving the storage cost by using pseudo-random functions (PRF).

The Rand Scheme

Our aim is to give another way of generating fresh pseudorandom pairs of the form $(k, g^k) \in \mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{G}$; we also *delegate* its computation by Rand to untrusted servers which could be performed totally independent of the other steps of HideP. Assume that g_1 is a fixed generator of \mathbb{G}_1 . \mathcal{C} has a *static tuple*

$$(s \bmod m, h, h_1) \in \mathbb{Z}_m^* \times \mathbb{G} \times \mathbb{G}_1 \quad (18)$$

generated at the initialization stage *only once*. This could be done at the initialization either

1. by the delegator \mathcal{C} itself, or
2. by a trusted server (e.g. an HSM or any secure hardware component),

such that s is a random chosen element with

$$h \equiv g^s \bmod p, \quad h_1 \equiv g_1^s \bmod r. \quad (19)$$

Additionally, the *static values*

$$Q_r \equiv r \cdot (r^{-1} \bmod p) \bmod n, \quad Q_p \equiv p \cdot (p^{-1} \bmod r) \bmod n, \quad (20)$$

$$Q_{q_1} \equiv q_1 \cdot (q_1^{-1} \bmod q) \bmod m, \quad Q_q \equiv q \cdot (q^{-1} \bmod q_1) \bmod m, \quad (21)$$

and

$$R \equiv g \cdot Q_r + g_1 \cdot Q_p \bmod n \quad (22)$$

are also computed and stored *only once* at the initialization as defined in Section (4).

Remark 2. Note that a similar initialization is also required in the existing preprocessing techniques in order to store the static table [3]. Nevertheless, delegation of the preprocessing subroutine via Rand improves the efficiency of the overall delegation mechanism considerably, especially when compared with the other preprocessing techniques since generation of blinding pairs (dynamic table from a static one) requires each time the computation of a large number of **MMs** by the delegator side \mathcal{C} whereas Equations (18), (19), (20), (21), (22) are computed *only once* at the initialization for the set-up of Rand.

Rand takes no input except the global parameters including the above static values. **Rand** generates random values $t, \gamma \in \mathbb{Z}_m^*$ such that $t = t_1 + t_2$ for a randomly chosen $t_1 \in \mathbb{Z}_m^*$, and outputs

$$(G_t \equiv g^t Q_r \bmod n, G_{\gamma t} \equiv g^{\gamma t} Q_r \bmod n, H_{\gamma t} \equiv g_1^{\gamma t} Q_p \bmod n),$$

$$(H_{t_1} \equiv g_1^{t_1} Q_p \bmod n, H_{t_2} \equiv g_1^{t_2} Q_p \bmod n, g_1^t \bmod r),$$

and

$$(\gamma^{-1} \bmod m, T_1 \equiv t_1 Q_q \bmod m, T_2 \equiv t_2 Q_q \bmod m).$$

Firstly, \mathcal{C} computes

$$\alpha_1 \equiv t_1 - s \bmod m, \quad (23)$$

$$\alpha_2 \equiv t_2 - s \bmod m, \quad (24)$$

and

$$\beta \equiv t \cdot \gamma - s \bmod m. \quad (25)$$

Queries to \mathcal{U}_1 . \mathcal{C} sends the following queries to \mathcal{U}_1 in random order:

1. $\mathcal{U}_1(\alpha_1, R) \leftarrow T_{11} \equiv R^{\alpha_1} \bmod n$,
2. $\mathcal{U}_1(\alpha_2, R) \leftarrow T_{12} \equiv R^{\alpha_2} \bmod n$,
3. $\mathcal{U}_1(\beta, R) \leftarrow T_{13} \equiv R^\beta \bmod n$.

Queries to \mathcal{U}_2 . Similarly, \mathcal{C} sends the following queries to \mathcal{U}_2 in random order:

1. $\mathcal{U}_2(\alpha_1, R) \leftarrow T_{21} \equiv R^{\alpha_1} \bmod n$,
2. $\mathcal{U}_2(\alpha_2, R) \leftarrow T_{22} \equiv R^{\alpha_2} \bmod n$,
3. $\mathcal{U}_2(\beta, R) \leftarrow T_{23} \equiv R^\beta \bmod n$.

Verification of the Output-Correctness of $\{\mathcal{U}_1, \mathcal{U}_2\}$. Upon receiving the queries T_{1i} from \mathcal{U}_1 , and T_{2i} from \mathcal{U}_2 for $i = 1, 2, 3$, \mathcal{C} verifies

$$T_{1i} \stackrel{?}{\equiv} T_{2i} \bmod n, \quad 1 \leq i \leq 3. \quad (26)$$

Recovering. If Congruences (26) holds, then \mathcal{C} believes that T_{1i} and T_{2i} have been computed correctly for $i = 1, 2, 3$. It outputs

$$(G_t \equiv ((T_{11} \bmod p) \cdot h) \cdot ((T_{12} \bmod p) \cdot h) \cdot Q_r \bmod n), \quad (27)$$

$$(H_{t_1} \equiv ((T_{11} \bmod r) \cdot h_1) \cdot Q_r \bmod n), \quad (28)$$

$$(H_{t_2} \equiv ((T_{12} \bmod r) \cdot h_1) \cdot Q_r \bmod n), \quad (29)$$

$$(g_1^t \equiv ((T_{11} \bmod r) h_1) \cdot ((T_{12} \bmod r) h_1)), \quad (30)$$

$$(G_{\gamma t} \equiv ((T_{13} \bmod p) \cdot h) \cdot Q_r \bmod n), \quad (31)$$

$$(H_{\gamma t} \equiv ((T_{13} \bmod r) \cdot h_1) \cdot Q_r \bmod n), \quad (32)$$

$$(\gamma^{-1} \bmod m, T_1 \equiv t_1 \cdot Q_q \bmod m, T_2 \equiv t_2 \cdot Q_q \bmod m). \quad (33)$$

If the verification step fails, then \mathcal{C} outputs \perp .

Remark 3. We refer to the comparison subsection which gives additional arguments explaining why **Rand** is more beneficial with respect to the others precomputation techniques. We also emphasize here however that delegation via **Rand** can also be done *once for many MEs*, and it is totally independent of the online phase since a single independent interaction of \mathcal{C} with the servers via the delegation using **Rand** is much more efficient than utilizing the existing precomputation techniques several times at each delegation.

Security and Efficiency Analysis

We now give the security analysis of **Rand** and give a comparison with the previous preprocessing techniques.

Theorem 2. *Let F' be given by the exponentiation modulo $n = pr$, where the trapdoor information τ is given by the primes p and r , $p \neq r$. Let further $(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{U}_1, \mathcal{U}_2)$ be a one-client, two-server, one-round delegation protocol implementation of **Rand**. Let the adversary be given as $\mathcal{A} = (\mathcal{U}', \mathcal{E})$ in the OMTUP-model (i.e. $\mathcal{U}' = (\mathcal{U}'_1, \mathcal{U}'_2)$) and at most one of \mathcal{U}'_i is malicious with $i = 1$ or $i = 2$). Then, in the OMTUP-model, the protocol $(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{U}_1, \mathcal{U}_2)$ satisfies*

1. *completeness for **Rand**,*
2. *security of the outputs for **Rand** against any (computationally unrestricted) malicious adversary \mathcal{A} , i.e. $\epsilon_s = 0$*
3. *full verifiability for **Rand** against any (computationally unrestricted) malicious adversary \mathcal{A} , i.e. $\epsilon_v = 0$*
4. *efficiency with parameters where $(t_F, t_{m_C}, t_C, t_{U_1}, t_{U_2}, cc, mc)$, where*
 - *F can be computed by performing t_F atomic operations consisting of 3 exponentiations modulo n , 1 inversion modulo m , and 2 multiplications modulo m ,*
 - *\mathcal{C} 's memory requirement is $t_{m_C} = 8$ group elements (3 elements modulo m , 1 element modulo p , 1 element modulo r , 3 elements modulo n),*
 - *\mathcal{C} runs by computing t_C atomic operations consisting of 16 modular multiplications, 6 modular reduction, and 1 modular inversion (3 multiplications modulo p , 4 multiplications modulo r , 6 multiplications modulo n , 3 multiplications modulo m , 3 reduction modulo p , 3 reduction modulo r , and 1 inversion modulo m),*
 - *$\mathcal{U}_i, i = 1, 2$ computes t_{U_i} atomic operations consisting of 3 exponentiations modulo n for each $i = 1, 2$,*
 - *\mathcal{C} and \mathcal{U}_i exchange a total of at most $mc = 4$ messages of total length cc which consists of 3 elements modulo m and 1 element modulo n for $i = 1, 2$.*

Proof. Similar to the proof of Theorem 1, the efficiency results can be verified easily by inspecting the scheme description for the efficiency parameters $(t_F, t_{m_C}, t_C, t_{U_1}, t_{U_2}, cc, mc)$.

Completeness. Since we delegate the computation of the same exponent and the same bases to both \mathcal{U}_1 and \mathcal{U}_2 , the verification steps hold trivially. Additionally, the outputs γ^{-1} , T_1 and T_2 are solely computed by \mathcal{C} , whence they are complete. Moreover, it is obvious from CRT and the choice of R that

$$R \equiv g \pmod{p}, \text{ and } R \equiv g_1 \pmod{r}.$$

Then, the congruences:

$$\begin{aligned}
G_t &\equiv (T_{11} \cdot h \bmod p)Q_r \bmod n \\
&\equiv (R^\alpha \cdot h \bmod p)Q_r \bmod n \\
&\equiv (g^{t-s} \cdot g^s \bmod p)Q_r \bmod n \\
&\equiv (g^{t-s+s} \bmod p)Q_r \bmod n \\
&\equiv (g^t \bmod p)Q_r \bmod n \\
&\equiv g^t Q_r \bmod n,
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
G_{\gamma t} &\equiv (T_{12} \cdot h \bmod p)Q_r \bmod n \\
&\equiv (R^\beta \cdot h \bmod p)Q_r \bmod n \\
&\equiv (g^{\gamma t-s} \cdot g^s \bmod p)Q_r \bmod n \\
&\equiv (g^{\gamma t-s+s} \bmod p)Q_r \bmod n \\
&\equiv (g^{\gamma t} \bmod p)Q_r \bmod n \\
&\equiv g^{\gamma t} Q_r \bmod n.
\end{aligned}$$

hold. Results for H_{t_1} , H_{t_2} , $H_{\gamma t}$, and g^t follow similarly.

Secrecy. On a single execution of $(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{U}_1, \mathcal{U}_2)$, the elements α_1 , α_2 , β , R in the queries sent by \mathcal{C} to both \mathcal{U}_1 and \mathcal{U}_2 do not leak any useful information about t_1, t_2, γ and the outputs to the adversary $\mathcal{A} = (\mathcal{U}'_1, \mathcal{U}'_2, \mathcal{E})$ in the OMTUP-model since they are randomized by a secret random element s . Even if \mathcal{A} sees multiple executions of $(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{U}_1, \mathcal{U}_2)$, it cannot find any useful information about the exponent t_1, t_2, γ chosen by \mathcal{C} in a new execution unless it obtains useful information about s since freshly chosen random elements are used by \mathcal{C} at each execution. We note that there exists no input of \mathcal{C} except public parameters, thence nothing can be adversarially chosen by \mathcal{A} in advance. An adversary \mathcal{A} can obtain for example the differences of the inputs $\ell^{(0)}$ and $\ell^{(1)}$ in two executions as $\ell^{(0)} - s - (\ell^{(1)} - s) = \ell^{(0)} - \ell^{(1)}$ for any $\ell \in \{t_1, t_2, \gamma t\}$. This value however is a random value due to the randomness of $\ell^{(0)}$ and $\ell^{(1)}$ which leaks no information about s and the outputs as well.

To see this more precisely, we present the following argument that if there exists an adversary \mathcal{A} that breaks the secrecy of the scheme in the OMTUP-model, then \mathcal{A} can also be used to solve the factorization problem effectively:

Assume that an adversary \mathcal{A} breaks the secrecy of the scheme and obtains information about g and g_1 with a non-negligible probability. Then, by the scheme description the equivalence $R \equiv g_1 \bmod r$ holds. Now, \mathcal{A} can use this knowledge to compute $\gcd(R - g_1, n)$, which, in particular, gives the factors p and q of n with a non-negligible probability.

On the other hand, if \mathcal{A} is given a factorization oracle, then it can obtain g and g_1 with a non-negligible probability as $R \equiv g \bmod p$ and $R \equiv g_1 \bmod r$ hold. In this case, the adversary can obtain $\ell - s$ both modulo p and modulo r , which are however random for the adversary \mathcal{A} even if the difference $\ell^{(0)} - \ell^{(1)}$ modulo p and modulo r is known because of the randomness of $\ell^{(0)}$ and $\ell^{(1)}$ both modulo p and modulo r . Thus, even if the adversary is computationally unbounded (i.e. capable of factorizing n and find the bases g and g_1), the outputs of Rand are unconditionally secure.

Full Verifiability. Since one of the servers is honest by the OMTUP assumption, the result trivially follows since only equivalence tests from the outputs of \mathcal{U}_i , $i = 1, 2$, are required to perform the verification step. \square

Comparison for Delegated Rand

Let $Q := \log q$ denote the size of the group \mathbb{G} . By the scheme description of **Rand**, the delegator \mathcal{C} requires $\approx 14 \log Q$ -bits of memory (for storing the static values $(s, h, h_1), Q_p, Q_r, Q_q, Q_{q_1}$ and R). Furthermore, **Rand** requires by Theorem (2)

- 3 **MMs** modulo p ,
- 4 **MMs** modulo r ,
- 6 **MMs** modulo n ,
- 3 **MMs** modulo m ,
- 3 **MR**'s modulo p ,
- 3 **MR**'s modulo r , and
- 1 **MI**'s modulo m .

Now, we estimate the overall computational cost of **Rand** as in Subsection (5.2), i.e. we make the following assumptions:

- we regard 1 **MM** modulo n as ≈ 4 **MMs** modulo p ,
- 1 **MM** modulo p and 1 **MM** modulo r cost approximately the same amount of computation,
- 1 **MI** is at worst 100 times slower than 1 **MM** (see [13]),
- we regard 1 **MR** costs approximately 1 **MM**.

Hence, the overall computational cost of the delegator \mathcal{C} can be estimated to be at most

$$\approx 3 + 4 + 4 \cdot 6 + 4 \cdot 3 + 3 + 3 + 100 \cdot 4 \cdot 1 = 449$$

MMs modulo p , if p, r, q, q_1 are about the same size. Table 3 compares memory and computa-

Scheme	Storage	# MMs	Security
Square & Multiply	0	$1.5Q$	Always
BPV [4]	ℓQ	$k - 1$	$\sigma \sqrt{Q} < 2^{-\kappa}$
E-BPV [16]	ℓQ	$2k + h - 3$	$\sigma \sqrt{\frac{Q}{(h-1)^\ell}} < 2^{-\kappa}$
Beunardeau <i>et al.</i> [3]	$2_1^h \cdot v_1 \cdot Q$	$\frac{Q}{h_1} (1 + \frac{1}{v_1}) - 3$	Always
Rand	$14Q$	449	Always

Table 3. Comparison of the Preprocessing Techniques with delegated **Rand**, see [3].

tional requirements of **Rand** with the previous preprocessing techniques, where ℓ is the number of precomputed pairs of the form (x_i, g^{x_i}) , and h^ℓ is the memory capacity of the delegator \mathcal{C} . In particular, it shows that **Rand** distinguishes from the other preprocessing techniques that it requires *only* a linear memory requirement in $\log Q$ in contrast to the exponential memory requirements in $\log Q$ in the other preprocessing techniques. For example, in [3] it is shown that for $Q = 3072$ (i.e. security level 128-bits) using the most efficient preprocessing technique with $h_1 = 9$ and $v_1 = 4$, the delegator requires ≈ 780 kb memory whereas **Rand** scheme requires only about 5.38 kb memory. Note that the best preprocessing scheme in [3] requires for $h_1 = 9$ and $v_1 = 4$ about ≈ 423 **MMs** for the computation of a single pair (t, g^t) . Hence, the computation of the precomputation step of **HideP** with this preprocessing technique would require $\approx 5 \cdot 423 + 100 \cdot 4 \cdot 1 = 2515$ offline computation of **MMs** (5 pairs and an inversion modulo m), whereas **Rand** only requires ≈ 449 **MMs**. Obviously, if the security level is increased further, then **Rand** has considerably less **MMs** than any other preprocessing techniques. We refer to [3] for the choice of h_1 and v_1 .