

# Multi-Client Inner-Product Functional Encryption in the Random-Oracle Model

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**Abstract.** Multi-client functional encryption (MCFE) is an extension of functional encryption (FE) in which the decryption procedure involves ciphertexts from multiple parties. In this paper, we consider MCFE schemes supporting encryption labels, which allow the encryptor to limit the amount of possible mix-and-match that can take place during the decryption. This is achieved by only allowing the decryption of ciphertexts that were generated with respect to the same label. This flexible form of FE was already investigated by Chotard et al. at Asiacrypt 2018 and Abdalla et al. at Asiacrypt 2019. The former provided a general construction based on different standard assumptions, but its ciphertext size grows quadratically with the number of clients. The latter gave a MCFE based on Decisional Diffie-Hellman (DDH) assumption which requires a small inner-product space. In this work, we overcome the deficiency of these works by presenting three constructions with linear-sized ciphertexts based on the Matrix-DDH (MDDH), Decisional Composite Residuosity (DCR) and Learning with Errors (LWE) assumptions in the random-oracle model. We also implement our constructions to evaluate their concrete efficiency.

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# 1 Introduction

*Functional encryption* (FE) [BSW11,O’N10] is an encryption scheme that goes beyond all-or-nothing decryption, allowing users in possession of a secret functional decryption key to learn a specific function of the encrypted message, and nothing else. More formally, in an FE scheme for a class of functions  $F$ , a ciphertext encrypting a message  $x$  can be used in conjunction with a functional decryption key  $\text{dk}_f$ , derived for a function  $f$  from  $F$ , in order to compute  $f(x)$  while no more information about  $x$  is leaked. Due to its generality, FE encompasses many existing notions, such as identity-based encryption [BF01,Coc01,Wat05] and attribute-based encryption [GPSW06,OSW07,Wat11]. Now, general purpose FE is seen as a holy grail for modern cryptography. Several works have made progress towards this goal [GGH<sup>+</sup>13,Wat15,BCP14], but no constructions are known from standard assumptions. Since general-purpose FE still remains far from reality, different lines of work focused on building FE for specialized classes of functions, such as predicate encryption or inner-product FE.

*Inner-product FE* (IPFE) is a special case of FE [ABDP15] in which the encrypted messages are vectors  $\mathbf{x}$ , and the functional decryption keys  $\text{dk}_{\mathbf{y}}$ , are associated with vectors  $\mathbf{y}$  of the same dimension, and the decryption yields the inner-product between those two vectors (i.e.,  $\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle$ ). It was first considered in [ABDP15] as the first efficient encryption scheme going beyond all-or-nothing decryption. The class of functions defined is simple enough to allow practical instantiations, as it is only linear, but still allows for many applications. In particular, it allows for any bounded depth computation by properly increasing the size of the inputs [ALS16,AR17].

*Multi-client FE* (MCFE), introduced in [GKL<sup>+</sup>13], is a natural extension of FE where data comes from different sources/clients that may not trust each other and can be independently and adaptively corrupted by the adversary. The special case of Multi-input FE (MIFE) [ACF<sup>+</sup>18,AGRW17] corresponds to the setting where the clients are honest but curious, and each coordinate of a vector can be encrypted separately before being combined during the decryption procedure. The main challenge to overcome when designing MCFE is that the different parts of the ciphertext have to be crafted without sharing any randomness, as opposed to what happens in all the existing constructions for single-input IPFE (or simply IPFE).

*MCFE with labels*, introduced in [GKL<sup>+</sup>13] and recast in the context of the inner-product functionality by [CDG<sup>+</sup>18a], allows for more control over the data during the encryption. In an MCFE scheme with labels, ciphertexts strictly depend on labels. When combining ciphertexts during the decryption procedure, data associated with different labels cannot be mixed to give a valid decryption or useful information. Thus, the data from different sources can only be combined if they have the same label. The construction suggested in [CDG<sup>+</sup>18a] for the inner-product functionality is based on the Decisional Diffie-Hellman (DDH) assumption, and one of its drawbacks is that the decryption algorithm needs to compute the discrete logarithm of a group element, which means it can only support a small range of values for the inner-products, thus limiting its possible applications. Abdalla et al. [ABG19] proposed a general compiler from single-input FE to MCFE. In their scheme, each client  $i$  encrypts its message  $x_i$  as the vector  $(0 || \dots || 0 || x_i || 0 || \dots || 0) + \mathbf{t}_{i,\ell}$  where  $\mathbf{t}_{i,\ell}$  is generated by a PRF with shared keys such that  $\sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{t}_{i,\ell} = 0$ , with  $n$  the number of clients. From there, by applying a layer of single-input IPFE they get a labeled MCFE scheme. This explains why the size of the ciphertext in their scheme is quadratic w.r.t the number of the slots/clients. Note that their scheme also needs a master secret key of size  $O(n^2)$  which is the number of keys  $k_{i,j}$  shared between clients  $i$  and  $j$ .

## 1.1 Challenges and Contributions

This paper aims at constructing efficient labeled MCFE schemes based on different assumptions. Our contributions can be summarized as follows:

**Efficient decryption and shorter ciphertext.** We present two constructions: one based on the Decisional Composite Residuosity (DCR) assumption and the other one based on the Learning with Errors (LWE) assumption. These constructions can cope with the drawbacks in the constructions of [CDG<sup>+</sup>18a] and [ABG19], i.e. the size of the ciphertext is smaller (w.r.t the number of clients) and, compared to [CDG<sup>+</sup>18a], they do not require a discrete-logarithm computation in the decryption algorithm.

The security proof of our constructions based on DCR and LWE can be more challenging than the proof of MCFE schemes based on DDH. This difficulty comes from the fact that MCFE is in the symmetric key setting and the hybrid argument for many challenges can be complicated. More precisely, one needs to show that in the current hybrid game, given the information regarding the master secret key that is leaked through all other queries (encryption, functional keys, and random-oracle (RO) queries) the master secret key still has enough entropy to hide the chosen bit in the challenge ciphertext. This is easier to prove in DDH-based MCFE schemes since the master secret key is uniformly distributed over  $\mathbb{Z}_q$  and the ciphertexts are defined in a group with the same order. This common modulus not only helps to interpret the leaked information more straightforwardly, but also to prove that the chosen bit can be perfectly hidden.

However, for our DCR-based MCFE, this is not the case, and one needs to check how the leaked information can change the lattice to which the master secret key belongs (since the master secret key is distributed over the lattice  $\mathbb{Z}^n$ ) and how it can affect the challenge which is a value modulo  $N$ . By relying on a theorem from lattice-based cryptography, setting the parameters similarly to the single-input IPFE of [ALS16], and also by a proper simulation of random-oracle queries one can guarantee that the information leaked through the encryption queries is still tolerable, and that the security proof works. Slightly in detail, the proper simulation of random-oracle queries let us unify the leakage from all other ciphertexts. This unified information is the same as the leaked information from the public-key in [ALS16]. Then, we can use the same strategy of [ALS16] to show that the challenge ciphertext hides the chosen bit statistically w.r.t a selective-security notion. But the good point is that all other steps which are based on the computational-assumption DCR are adaptively secure. Thus, we only need to lift the security from selective to adaptive in our statistical argument, which is possible by a proper choice of parameters.

All left to discuss is the simulation of the RO queries such that it can unify and properly interpret the leakage from all other ciphertexts. Here, we use the random self-reducibility of the DCR assumption which lets us build polynomially many random samples of DCR from one given sample. RO queries can be replaced by these random samples. The common point about all these samples is that they are indistinguishable from elements in the class of  $N$  residues in  $\mathbb{Z}_{N^2}$  and so they all have the same structure  $z_\ell^N \pmod{N^2}$ . Having this  $N$  common among all the RO queries is what we needed as a tool to unify the leakage from ciphertexts. More precisely, the leakage from all other ciphertexts can be interpreted independently of  $\ell$  as  $\mathbf{s} \pmod{\lambda}$  (where  $\mathbf{s}$  is the secret-key,  $\mathcal{H}(\ell)^{\mathbf{s}}$  appears in the ciphertexts, and  $\lambda$  is such that  $z_\ell^{N\lambda} = 1 \pmod{N^2}$ ).

For our LWE-based MCFE scheme (which can be seen as the main contribution), it is more challenging since the information that is leaked through the encryption queries cannot be simulated during the security proof, due to the noise terms introduced by the LWE assumption. We overcome this challenge using noise flooding techniques, and by avoiding the inefficiency drawback by rounding the ciphertext down to a smaller space. This way, the noise vanishes during this rounding operation.

The remaining leakage concerns as part of the master secret key that is uniformly random, and can easily be simulated. More precisely, in our LWE-based construction, ciphertexts include a multiplication term  $\mathbf{Z}_i \cdot \mathcal{H}(\ell)$  where  $\mathbf{Z}_i = (\mathbf{s}_i, \mathbf{t}_i)$  comes from the master key and  $\mathcal{H}(\ell)$  is a hash function modeled as a RO. This has to be a RO on  $\mathbb{Z}_q$  leading us to replace it with LWE samples (which give randomness over  $\mathbb{Z}_q$ ) i.e.,  $\mathcal{H}(\ell) = (\mathbf{a}_\ell, \mathbf{S}\mathbf{a}_\ell + \mathbf{e}_\ell)$ . The term  $\mathbf{t}_i \cdot \mathbf{e}_\ell$  is what can dramatically leak information about  $\mathbf{Z}_i$ . In the proof of Agrawal et al. [ALS16] for IPFE, the term  $\mathbf{S}\mathbf{a}$  can be placed in the ciphertext directly since the client knows the secret  $\mathbf{S}$ . But for our labeled MCFE this is not the case and the term  $\mathbf{e}_\ell$  has to be there which leads to the leakage  $\mathbf{t}_i \cdot \mathbf{e}_\ell$ . Thus, we map the ciphertext from  $\mathbb{Z}_q$  to a small space  $\mathbb{Z}_{q_0}$  such that the term  $\mathbf{t}_i \cdot \mathbf{e}_\ell$  is small enough to be neglected after this change. The term  $\mathbf{t}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}\mathbf{a}_\ell$  would be hidden through the term  $\mathbf{s}_i \cdot \mathbf{a}_\ell$  where  $\mathbf{s}_i$  is uniform<sup>4</sup>. These two strategies give us the guarantee that no information about  $\mathbf{t}_i$  is leaked through encryption queries. We then show that given the other sources of information that the adversary may access (functional keys and corruption queries), the master secret key  $\mathbf{t}_i$  still has enough entropy to be used in a left-over hash lemma argument and statistically hides the message-challenge w.r.t a selective-security notion. Then similar to our discussion for DCR-based MCFE, one can simply lift the security to the adaptive case by a proper choice of parameters.

<sup>4</sup> Note that we have  $\mathbf{Z}_i \cdot \mathcal{H}(\ell) = \mathbf{s}_i \cdot \mathbf{a}_\ell + \mathbf{t}_i \cdot (\mathbf{S}\mathbf{a}_\ell + \mathbf{e}_\ell)$

Now we discuss the simulation of the RO queries in the LWE-based construction. A curious reader may already have noticed that unlike the DCR-based MCFE scheme where we use the random self-reducibility of the DCR assumption, we may not be able to do the same here. Fortunately, the definition of the LWE problem already provides polynomially many samples for the same secret  $\mathbf{S}$  as  $(\mathbf{a}_\ell, \mathbf{S}\mathbf{a}_\ell + \mathbf{e}_\ell)$  where  $\mathbf{S}$  is a vector. We simply extend it to the case where  $\mathbf{S}$  is a matrix. Note that the requirement for a matrix-secret instead of vector-secret comes from the security proof, since having  $\mathbf{S}$  as a matrix gives  $\mathbf{t}_i$  as a vector (note that in the ciphertext we have  $\mathbf{Z}_i \cdot \mathcal{H}(\ell) = \mathbf{s}_i \cdot \mathbf{a}_\ell + \mathbf{t}_i \cdot (\mathbf{S}\mathbf{a}_\ell + \mathbf{e}_\ell)$  where  $\mathbf{Z}_i = (\mathbf{s}_i, \mathbf{t}_i)$  is the secret-key). Then having  $\mathbf{t}_i$  as a vector provides enough entropy in the term  $(x^1 - x^0) \cdot (\mathbf{t}_1, \dots, \mathbf{t}_n)^T$  which will be used in a left-over-hash-lemma argument to conclude that the challenge ciphertext is statistically independent of the chosen bit.

**Various assumptions.** Following the constructions proposed by Chotard et al. [CDG<sup>+</sup>18a], we present a generalization of their scheme, relying on the Matrix-DDH (MDDH) assumption<sup>5</sup>. Our Labeled MCFE scheme based on DCR assumption is the first labeled MCFE scheme with linear ciphertext size based on this assumption. Our labeled MCFE scheme based on LWE is the most efficient MCFE scheme based on this assumption compared to [ABG19,LT19], albeit in the ROM.

**Implementation.** We have also implemented our constructions showing that for applications with large message spaces our DCR-based MCFE scheme is quite reliable while for small message space our LWE-based MCFE scheme is more efficient. This gives enough flexibility to choose the scheme that better fits the application. Apart from the size of the message space, other parameters are chosen so that the schemes can support different applications.

## 1.2 Related Work

Here, we mainly discuss the three mentioned works [ABG19,CDG<sup>+</sup>18a,LT19] which are directly relevant to our contributions. The main security notions used in these papers are one-security and pos<sup>+</sup>-security. In one-security, the adversary can ask for many labels but for each label it can ask only one complete ciphertext. In pos<sup>+</sup>-security, the adversary can ask for many ciphertexts per label.<sup>6</sup>

In [CDG<sup>+</sup>18a], instead of proving pos<sup>+</sup>-security, the authors first prove one-security for their construction and then apply a compiler similar to [ACF<sup>+</sup>18,AGRW17] to lift the security to pos<sup>+</sup>. As in [ACF<sup>+</sup>18,AGRW17], this compiler is actually a single-input IPFE layer. We also use this technique in this paper. The security in [CDG<sup>+</sup>18a] relies on the DDH assumption in the ROM. The ciphertext in their scheme has the form  $\mathbf{ct}_{i,\ell} = g^{x_i} \cdot \mathcal{H}(\ell)^{\mathbf{s}_i}$ . The main challenge in the proof is to bound the leakage from the ciphertexts (as we are in the symmetric key setting with many ciphertexts to be handled directly). The idea is to change the RO queries in an indistinguishable way such that all the encryption queries, except for the challenge query, have the same form (i.e.,  $\mathcal{H}(\ell) = g^{\mathbf{u}_\ell}$  where  $\mathbf{u}_\ell = r_\ell \cdot \mathbf{a}$ ,  $\mathbf{a} = (1 \ a)^T$ ,  $r_\ell, a \stackrel{R}{\leftarrow} \mathbb{Z}_p$ ) leading to the same leakage  $\mathbf{s}_i \cdot \mathbf{a}$  from all other encryption queries. This leakage, along with the leakage from the functional secret keys and corrupted individual encryption keys, would change the distribution of the master secret key such that the multiplication  $\mathbf{s}_i \cdot \mathbf{u}_{\ell^*}$  (where  $\mathbf{u}_{\ell^*} = u_1 \mathbf{a} + u_2 \mathbf{a}^\perp$ ,  $u_1 \stackrel{R}{\leftarrow} \mathbb{Z}_p$ ,  $u_2 \stackrel{R}{\leftarrow} \mathbb{Z}_p^*$ ) perfectly hides the chosen bit in the challenge. More precisely, the secret key is computed as  $\mathbf{s}_i + \mathbf{a}^\perp \gamma (x_i^1 - x_i^0)$  where  $\gamma = -1/\mathbf{u}_{\ell^*} \cdot \mathbf{a}^T$  and  $\mathbf{s}_i \stackrel{R}{\leftarrow} \mathbb{Z}_p^2$ . The ciphertext is of linear size while one needs to compute a discrete-logarithm during the decryption.

In [ABG19], as we mentioned at the beginning of this section, each client builds a value  $\mathbf{t}_{i,\ell}$  such that  $\sum \mathbf{t}_{i,\ell} = 0$ . For the security proof, they simply change the values of  $\mathbf{t}_{i,\ell}$  among the slots such that each  $\mathbf{t}_{i,\ell}$  is replaced with a random value except one of them associated with an honest slot, called  $i^*$ , which takes care of the relation  $\sum \mathbf{t}_{i,\ell} = 0$ . Then, one-security would be reduced to the PRF property.<sup>7</sup> Despite relying on standard assumptions, their scheme needs  $O(n^2)$  secret keys and the ciphertext-size is  $O(n^2)$ .

<sup>5</sup> which is a generalization of the DDH assumption including many other assumptions such as k-LIN and 2-SCasc [EHK<sup>+</sup>13], as special cases.

<sup>6</sup> Note that these security notions are respectively called *without repetition* and *with repetition* in [CDG<sup>+</sup>18a,CDG<sup>+</sup>18b]. Here we are following the terminologies of [ABG19].

<sup>7</sup> In their construction, they apply the compiler, for going from one to pos<sup>+</sup>, which gives pos<sup>+</sup> directly.

Scheme	$ \text{sk}_i $	$ \text{pp} $	$ \text{ct} $	$q$	$\sigma$ (msk)	model
[ABG19] [ALS16]	$O(n\kappa)$	$O(n_0(n_0 + n) \log q)$	$n^2 \log q$	$\text{poly}(n_0)$	$\text{poly}(n_0)$	SM
[LT19]	$O(\kappa^5)$	$O(\kappa^{13})$	$O(n\kappa^7 \log q)$	$2^{\kappa^2}$	$O(2^{\kappa^2})$	SM
ours	$n_0 + m_0$	$n_0 + m_0$	$n \log q_0$	$\Omega(n_0^{\omega(1)} q_0 B)$	$\omega(1)$	ROM

Fig. 1: Comparison for LWE-based MCFE schemes

In [LT19], similarly to [CDG<sup>+</sup>18a], each ciphertext  $\text{ct}_{i,\ell} = \mathbf{G}_0^T \cdot x_i + \mathbf{A}(\ell)^T \cdot \mathbf{s}_i + \text{noise}$  has a product term  $\mathbf{A}^T(\ell) \cdot \mathbf{s}_i$  which hides the chosen bit in the challenge. Unlike our constructions, the matrix  $\mathbf{A}(\ell)$  is built from some public matrices and the label  $\ell$ , rather than a RO, using an idea from [LST18] to derive  $\mathbf{A}(\ell)$  from some public matrices using the Gentry-Sahai-Waters (GSW) fully homomorphic encryption scheme [GSW13] (which is a source of inefficiency for the resulting MCFE scheme). That is,  $\mathbf{A}(\ell)$  is the product of GSW ciphertexts dictated by a special hash applied to  $\ell$ . The security proof relies on the fact that, with noticeable probability,  $\mathbf{A}(\ell)$  is a GSW encryption of 1. From there, it can be indistinguishably changed to the GSW-encryption of 0 in all other encryption queries, except for the challenge. Finally, an argument similar to [CDG<sup>+</sup>18a] (through the lossy form of matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ ) is used to conclude the proof. Another point is that in [LT19], they use noise flooding to prevent the noise terms from leaking information on the master secret key, while we are using the rounding-map leading to smaller ciphertexts.

Fig. 1 compares our LWE-based MCFE scheme with the schemes of [ABG19] and [LT19]. We have considered the instantiation of [ABG19] based on the LWE-based IPFE scheme of [ALS16]. In this table,  $\kappa$  and  $n_0$  are security parameters where  $n_0$  is the size of the secret. In our scheme,  $m_0 > \Omega(\log q)$  for selective security and  $m_0 > \Omega(\log q + 4n \cdot \log P)$  for the adaptive case where  $n$  is the number of slots and  $P$  defines the bound of the message-space. And we also have  $q_0 = \text{poly}(n_0)$  and  $B$  is a constant as the bound of the error-space. And  $\sigma$  stands for the standard-deviation used in the generation of msk. So, as one can conclude from this table, for the client  $i$ , the size of its secret-key  $\text{sk}_i$  and also the size of public-parameters  $\text{pp}$  in [ABG19], depend on the number of clients  $n$ , while in [LT19] and in our scheme they are constant (w.r.t  $n$ ). Still one can argue that for the scheme of [LT19], the size of  $\text{sk}_i$  and  $\text{pp}$  is much larger comparing with our scheme. Note that the security parameter for their scheme is  $\kappa$  and for our scheme is  $n_0$  which means that our scheme has linear-size of  $\text{sk}_i$  and  $\text{pp}$  w.r.t to the security parameter. While in [LT19] they are polynomials respectively of degree 5 and 13 (w.r.t the security parameter). In [ABG19], the size of public-parameters also depends on  $n_0$  which is the security-parameter for the underlying LWE scheme [ALS16]. In our scheme the only public-parameter is the hash function (modeled as a random oracle) and it is a vector of size  $n_0 + m_0$ . While [ALS16] has some matrices as the public parameters leading to a size of degree 2 polynomial for  $|\text{pp}|$  (w.r.t the security parameter), while in our scheme it is linear. About size of the ciphertext  $\text{ct}$ , in [ABG19], it has square-size w.r.t the number of clients and in [LT19] has 7-degree-size w.r.t the security parameter. While in our scheme it is linear w.r.t to  $n$  and logarithmic w.r.t the security parameter.

Putting everything together, this table shows that having constant or linear size of  $\text{sk}_i$ ,  $\text{pp}$  or  $\text{ct}$  w.r.t  $n$  can be challenging and leads to a polynomial-size of large degree w.r.t other parameters. We avoid this inefficiency by relying on the random oracle.

## 2 Preliminaries

**Notation.** We use  $[n]$  to denote the set  $\{1, \dots, n\}$ . We write  $\mathbf{x}$  for vectors and  $x_i$  for the  $i$ -th element. In this paper,  $\kappa$  stands for the security parameter. The function  $\text{poly}(\cdot)$  shows an arbitrary polynomial function. The computational indistinguishability of two distributions  $\mathbf{G}_0$  and  $\mathbf{G}_1$ , is denoted by  $\mathbf{G}_0 \cong \mathbf{G}_1$ . The function  $\text{negl}(\cdot)$  denotes the negligible function. In this paper all the algorithms are Probabilistic Polynomial Time (p.p.t.) with respect to the length of the input. For security parameter  $\kappa$  and additional parameters  $n$ , we denote the winning probability of an adversary  $\mathcal{A}$  in a game or experiment  $\mathbf{G}$  as  $\text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\mathbf{G}}(\kappa, n)$ . The probability

is taken over the random coins of  $\mathsf{G}$  and  $\mathcal{A}$ . We define the distinguishing advantage between games  $\mathsf{G}_0$  and  $\mathsf{G}_1$  of an adversary  $\mathcal{A}$  in the following way:  $\text{Adv}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\mathsf{G}}(\kappa, n) = |\text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\mathsf{G}_0}(\kappa, n) - \text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\mathsf{G}_1}(\kappa, n)|$ .

## 2.1 Multi-Client Functional Encryption

A labeled MCFE scheme is formally defined as follows, which is an adaptation of the MIFE definition [GGG<sup>+</sup>14] with labels.

**Definition 2.1 (Multi-Client Functional Encryption).** Let  $\mathcal{F} = \{\mathcal{F}_\rho\}_\rho$  be a family (indexed by  $\rho$ ) of sets  $\mathcal{F}_\rho$  of functions  $f: \mathcal{X}_{\rho,1} \times \dots \times \mathcal{X}_{\rho,n_\rho} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}_\rho$ .<sup>8</sup> Let  $\text{Labels} = \{0, 1\}^*$  or  $\{\perp\}$  be a set of labels. A multi-client functional encryption scheme (MCFE) for the function family  $\mathcal{F}$  and the label set  $\text{Labels}$  is a tuple of five algorithms  $\text{MCFE} = (\text{Setup}, \text{KeyGen}, \text{KeyDer}, \text{Enc}, \text{Dec})$ :

$\text{Setup}(1^\kappa, 1^n)$ : Takes as input a security parameter  $\kappa$  and the number of parties  $n$ , and generates public parameters  $\text{pp}$ . The public parameters implicitly define an index  $\rho$  corresponding to a set  $\mathcal{F}_\rho$  of  $n$ -ary functions (i.e.,  $n = n_\rho$ ).

$\text{KeyGen}(\text{pp})$ : Takes as input the public parameters  $\text{pp}$  and outputs  $n$  secret keys  $\{\text{sk}_i\}_{i \in [n]}$  and a master secret key  $\text{msk}$ .

$\text{KeyDer}(\text{pp}, \text{msk}, f)$ : Takes as input the public parameters  $\text{pp}$ , the master secret key  $\text{msk}$  and a function  $f \in \mathcal{F}_\rho$ , and outputs a functional decryption key  $\text{sk}_f$ .

$\text{Enc}(\text{pp}, \text{sk}_i, x_i, \ell)$ : Takes as input the public parameters  $\text{pp}$ , a secret key  $\text{sk}_i$ , a message  $x_i \in \mathcal{X}_{\rho,i}$  to encrypt, a label  $\ell \in \text{Labels}$ , and outputs ciphertext  $\text{ct}_{i,\ell}$ .

$\text{Dec}(\text{pp}, \text{sk}_f, \text{ct}_{1,\ell}, \dots, \text{ct}_{n,\ell})$ : Takes as input the public parameters  $\text{pp}$ , a functional key  $\text{sk}_f$  and  $n$  ciphertexts under the same label  $\ell$  and outputs a value  $y \in \mathcal{Y}_\rho$ .

A scheme MCFE is correct, if for all  $\kappa, n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\text{pp} \leftarrow \text{Setup}(1^\kappa, 1^n)$ ,  $f \in \mathcal{F}_\rho$ ,  $\ell \in \text{Labels}$ ,  $x_i \in \mathcal{X}_{\rho,i}$ , when  $(\{\text{sk}_i\}_{i \in [n]}, \text{msk}) \leftarrow \text{KeyGen}(\text{pp})$  and  $\text{sk}_f \leftarrow \text{KeyDer}(\text{pp}, \text{msk}, f)$ , we have

$$\Pr[\text{Dec}(\text{pp}, \text{sk}_f, \text{Enc}(\text{pp}, \text{sk}_1, x_1, \ell), \dots, \text{Enc}(\text{pp}, \text{sk}_n, x_n, \ell)) = f(x_1, \dots, x_n)] = 1.$$

Please note that each slot  $i$  in a MCFE scheme has a different secret key  $\text{sk}_i$ , which can be individually corrupted. In addition, one also needs to consider corruptions to handle possible collusions between different parties. In the following, we formally define the security notion of a MCFE scheme.

**Definition 2.2 (Security of MCFE).** Let MCFE be an MCFE scheme and  $\text{Labels}$  a label set. For  $\beta \in \{0, 1\}$ , we define the experiment  $\text{IND}_\beta^{\text{MCFE}}$  in Fig. 2, where the oracles are defined as:

**Corruption oracle**  $\text{QCor}(i)$ : Outputs the encryption key  $\text{sk}_i$  of slot  $i$ . We denote by  $\mathcal{CS}$  the set of corrupted slots at the end of the experiment.

**Left-Right oracle**  $\text{QLeftRight}(i, x_i^0, x_i^1, \ell)$ : Outputs  $\text{ct}_{i,\ell} = \text{Enc}(\text{pp}, \text{sk}_i, x_i^\beta, \ell)$  on a query  $(i, x_i^0, x_i^1, \ell)$ . We denote by  $Q_{i,\ell}$  the number of queries of the form  $\text{QLeftRight}(i, \cdot, \cdot, \ell)$ .

**Encryption oracle**  $\text{QEnc}(i, x_i, \ell)$ : Outputs  $\text{ct}_{i,\ell} = \text{Enc}(\text{sk}_i, x_i, \ell)$  on a query  $(i, x_i, \ell)$ .

**Key derivation oracle**  $\text{QKeyD}(f)$ : Outputs  $\text{dk}_f = \text{KeyDer}(\text{msk}, f)$ .

and where Condition (\*) holds if all the following conditions hold:

- If  $i \in \mathcal{CS}$  (i.e., slot  $i$  is corrupted): for any query  $\text{QLeftRight}(i, x_i^0, x_i^1, \ell)$ ,  $x_i^0 = x_i^1$ .
- For any label  $\ell \in \text{Labels}$ , for any family of queries  $\{\text{QLeftRight}(i, x_i^0, x_i^1, \ell)$  or  $\text{QEnc}(i, x_i, \ell)\}_{i \in [n] \setminus \mathcal{CS}}$ , for any family of inputs  $\{x_i \in \mathcal{X}\}_{i \in \mathcal{CS}}$ , for any query  $\text{QKeyD}(f)$ , we define  $x_i^0 = x_i^1 = x_i$  for any slot  $i \in \mathcal{CS}$  and any slot queried to  $\text{QEnc}(i, x_i, \ell)$ , we require that:  $f(\mathbf{x}^0) = f(\mathbf{x}^1)$  where  $\mathbf{x}^b = (x_1^b, \dots, x_n^b)$  for  $b \in \{0, 1\}$ .  
We insist that, if one index  $i \notin \mathcal{CS}$  is not queried for the label  $\ell$ , there is no restriction.

<sup>8</sup> All the functions inside the same set  $\mathcal{F}_\rho$  have the same domain and the same range.



$\text{IND}_\beta^{\text{MCFE}}(\kappa, n, \mathcal{A})$
$\text{pp} \leftarrow \text{Setup}(1^\kappa, 1^n)$
$(\{\text{sk}_i\}_{i \in [n]}, \text{msk}) \leftarrow \text{KeyGen}(\text{pp})$
$\alpha \leftarrow \mathcal{A}^{\text{QCor}(\cdot), \text{QLeftRight}(\cdot, \cdot, \cdot), \text{QEnc}(\cdot, \cdot, \cdot), \text{QKeyD}(\cdot)}(\text{pp})$
<b>Output:</b> $\alpha$ if Condition (*) is satisfied, or a uniform bit otherwise

Fig. 2: Security games for MCFE

The weaker versions of the security are defined as  $\text{xx-yy-zz-IND}_\beta^{\text{MCFE}}$  ( $\text{xx}, \text{yy}, \text{zz}$  may be empty when we do not have the corresponding restriction), where,

- When  $\text{xx} = \text{sta}$ : the adversary should output the set  $\text{CS}$  at the beginning of the game, and it does not have access to the oracle  $\text{QCor}$  after that.
- When  $\text{yy} = \text{one}$ : for any slot  $i \in [n]$  and  $\ell \in \text{Labels}$ ,  $Q_{i,\ell} \in \{0, 1\}$ , and if  $Q_{i,\ell} = 1$ , then for any slot  $j \in [n] \setminus \text{CS}$ ,  $Q_{j,\ell} = 1$ . In other words, for any label, either the adversary makes no left-right query or makes exactly one left-right query for each  $i \in [n] \setminus \text{CS}$ .
- When  $\text{yy} = \text{pos}^+$ : for any slot  $i \in [n]$  and  $\ell \in \text{Labels}$ , if  $Q_{i,\ell} > 0$ , then for any slot  $j \in [n] \setminus \text{CS}$ ,  $Q_{j,\ell} > 0$ . In other words, for any label, either the adversary makes no left-right encryption query or makes at least one left-right encryption query for each slot  $i \in [n] \setminus \text{CS}$ .
- When  $\text{zz} = \text{sel}$ : the adversary should output the challenges at the beginning of the game, and it does not have access to the oracle  $\text{QLeftRight}$  after that. This case is referred as the selective security.

We define the advantage of an adversary  $\mathcal{A}$  in the following way:

$$\text{Adv}_{\text{MCFE}, \mathcal{A}}^{\text{xx-yy-zz-IND}}(\kappa, n) = \left| \Pr[\text{xx-yy-zz-IND}_0^{\text{MCFE}}(\kappa, n, \mathcal{A}) = 1] - \Pr[\text{xx-yy-zz-IND}_1^{\text{MCFE}}(\kappa, n, \mathcal{A}) = 1] \right|.$$

A multi-client functional encryption scheme MCFE is  $\text{xx-yy-zz-IND}$  secure, if for any p.p.t. adversary  $\mathcal{A}$ , there exists a negligible function  $\text{negl}$  such that:  $\text{Adv}_{\text{MCFE}, \mathcal{A}}^{\text{xx-yy-zz-IND}}(\kappa, n) \leq \text{negl}(\kappa)$ .

We omit  $n$  when it is clear from the context. We also often omit  $\mathcal{A}$  from the parameter of experiments or games when it is clear from context.

**Definition 2.3 (1-label Security).** Let MCFE be an MCFE scheme,  $\mathcal{F} = \{\mathcal{F}_\rho\}_\rho$  a function family indexed by  $\rho$  and  $\text{Labels}$  a label set. For  $\text{xx}, \text{yy}, \text{zz}$  defined as Definition 2.2, and  $\beta \in \{0, 1\}$ , we define the experiment  $\text{xx-yy-zz-1-label}_\beta^{\text{MCFE}}$  exactly as in Fig. 2, where the oracles are defined as for Definition 2.2, except:

**Left-Right oracle**  $\text{QLeftRight}(i, x_i^0, x_i^1, \ell)$ : Outputs  $\text{ct}_{i,\ell} = \text{Enc}(\text{pp}, \text{sk}_i, x_i^\beta, \ell)$  on a query  $(i, x_i^0, x_i^1, \ell)$ . This oracle can be queried at most on one label. Further queries with distinct labels will be ignored.

**Encryption oracle**  $\text{QEnc}(i, x_i, \ell)$  Outputs  $\text{ct}_{i,\ell} = \text{Enc}(\text{pp}, \text{sk}_i, x_i, \ell)$ . If this oracle is queried on the same label that is queried to  $\text{QLeftRight}$ , the game ends and returns 0.

Condition (\*) is defined as for Definition 2.2. We define the advantage of an  $\mathcal{A}$  as follows:

$$\text{Adv}_{\text{MCFE}, \mathcal{A}}^{\text{xx-yy-zz-IND-1-label}}(\kappa, n) = \left| \Pr[\text{xx-yy-zz-IND-1-label}_0^{\text{MCFE}}(\kappa, n, \mathcal{A}) = 1] - \Pr[\text{xx-yy-zz-IND-1-label}_1^{\text{MCFE}}(\kappa, n, \mathcal{A}) = 1] \right|.$$

**Lemma 2.4 (From one to many labels [ABG19]).** Let MCFE be a scheme that is  $\text{xx-yy-zz-IND-1-label}$  secure. Then it is also secure against p.p.t. adversaries that query  $\text{QLeftRight}$  on many distinct labels ( $\text{xx-yy-zz-IND}$  security). Namely, for any p.p.t. adversary  $\mathcal{A}$ , there exists a p.p.t. adversary  $\mathcal{B}$  such that:

$$\text{Adv}_{\text{MCFE}, \mathcal{A}}^{\text{xx-yy-zz-IND}}(\kappa, n) \leq q_{\text{Enc}} \cdot \text{Adv}_{\text{MCFE}, \mathcal{B}}^{\text{xx-yy-zz-IND-1-label}}(\kappa, n),$$

By  $q_{\text{Enc}}$  we denote the number of distinct labels queried by  $\mathcal{A}$  to  $\text{QLeftRight}$ .

## 2.2 Inner-Product Functionality

We describe the functionalities supported by the constructions in this paper, by considering the index  $\rho$  of  $\mathcal{F}$  in more detail.

The index of the family is defined as  $\rho = (\mathcal{R}, n, m, X, Y)$  where  $\mathcal{R}$  is either  $\mathbb{Z}$  or  $\mathbb{Z}_L$  for some integer  $L$ , and  $n, m, X, Y$  are positive integers. If  $X, Y$  are omitted, then  $X = Y = L$  is used (i.e., no constraint). This defines  $\mathcal{F}_\rho = \{f_{\mathbf{y}_1, \dots, \mathbf{y}_n} : (\mathcal{R}^m)^n \rightarrow \mathcal{R}\}$  where  $f_{\mathbf{y}_1, \dots, \mathbf{y}_n}(\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n) = \sum_{i=1}^n \langle \mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}_i \rangle = \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle$ , the vectors satisfy the following bounds:  $\|\mathbf{x}_i\|_\infty < X, \|\mathbf{y}_i\|_\infty < Y$  for  $i \in [n]$ , and  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{R}^{mn}$  and  $\mathbf{y} \in \mathcal{R}^{mn}$  are the vectors corresponding to the concatenation of the  $n$  vectors  $\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n$  and  $\mathbf{y}_1, \dots, \mathbf{y}_n$  respectively.

We note that since this work focuses on labeled MCFE schemes for the IP functionality, the setup algorithm of all our constructions implicitly takes this functionality as an input.

## 3 Overview of the Constructions

In this section, we present over our MCFE constructions for the inner-product functionality based on the MDDH, DCR and LWR assumptions. Intuitively, we extend the single-input IPFE techniques to their counterpart MCFE schemes by considering each slot as an independent client such that the clients can share the required randomness through the random oracle. While the IPFE constructions are based on a combination of the randomness and the public-key, we replace it with a combination of the random oracle and the master key in our MCFE schemes. The use of random oracles for generating randomness also explains why we ended up with one-IND security (which can be easily extended to  $\text{pos}^+$ -security via an existing compiler [CDG<sup>+</sup>18b]). After the presentation of the construction, we present in Section 3.4 a general proof sketch covering the main proof ideas of all three constructions

### 3.1 MCFE based on the MDDH Assumption

In this section, we present a MCFE scheme supporting labels, based on the MDDH assumption. One can see this construction as an extension of the single-input IPFE scheme where the term  $h_i^r$  is replaced with  $\mathcal{H}(\ell)^{\mathbf{S}_i}$  (the value  $h_i$  is the public-key of IPFE scheme) and the value  $\mathcal{H}(\ell)$  generates the required randomness. The MDDH assumption was initially introduced in [EHK<sup>+</sup>13]. We recap it here:

**Definition 3.1 (Matrix Distribution [EHK<sup>+</sup>13]).** *Let  $\ell, k \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $\ell > k$ . We call  $\mathcal{D}_{\ell, k}$  a matrix distribution if it outputs (in polynomial time and with overwhelming probability) matrices in  $\mathbb{Z}_p^{\ell \times k}$  of full rank  $k$ . We define  $\mathcal{D}_k = \mathcal{D}_{k+1, k}$ .*

**Definition 3.2 ( $\mathcal{D}_{\ell, k}$ -Matrix Diffie-Hellman Assumption [EHK<sup>+</sup>13]).** *Let  $\mathcal{D}_{\ell, k}$  be a matrix distribution. We define the advantage of an adversary  $\mathcal{A}$  for the  $\mathcal{D}_{\ell, k}$ -Matrix Diffie-Hellman Assumption in the following way:*

$$\text{Adv}_{\mathcal{D}_{\ell, k}, \mathcal{A}}^{\text{MDDH}}(\kappa) := |\Pr[\mathcal{A}(1^\kappa, \mathcal{G}, [\mathbf{A}], [\mathbf{A}\mathbf{w}]) = 1] - \Pr[\mathcal{A}(1^\kappa, \mathcal{G}, [\mathbf{A}], [\mathbf{u}]) = 1]|,$$

where  $\mathcal{G} = (\mathbb{G}, g, p) \leftarrow \text{GGen}(1^\kappa)$ ,  $\mathbf{A} \leftarrow \mathcal{D}_{\ell, k}$ ,  $\mathbf{w} \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p^k$ ,  $\mathbf{u} \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p^\ell$ . We say that the  $\mathcal{D}_{\ell, k}$ -Matrix Diffie-Hellman Assumption ( $\mathcal{D}_{\ell, k}$ -MDDH) holds in group  $\mathbb{G}$ , if for all p.p.t. adversaries  $\mathcal{A}$ , there exists a negligible function  $\text{negl}$  such that:  $\text{Adv}_{\mathcal{D}_{\ell, k}, \mathcal{A}}^{\text{MDDH}}(\kappa) \leq \text{negl}(\kappa)$ .

Our MDDH-based MCFE construction is given in Fig. 3.

**Theorem 3.3.** *Assume that the  $\mathcal{D}_k$ -MDDH assumption holds, then the MCFE scheme described in Fig. 3 is one-IND-secure in the random oracle model.*

The proof of correctness and security of this construction are given in Section 4.



<p><b>Setup</b>(<math>1^\kappa, n</math>) :</p> <p><math>\mathcal{G} := (\mathbb{G}, p, g) \leftarrow \text{GGen}(1^\kappa)</math></p> <p>Select <math>\mathcal{H} : \text{Labels} \rightarrow \mathbb{G}^{k+1}</math></p> <p>Return <math>\text{pp} := (\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})</math>.</p> <p><b>KeyGen</b>(<math>\text{pp}</math>) :</p> <p><math>\mathbf{S}_i \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p^{m \times (k+1)}, \text{sk}_i = \mathbf{S}_i, \text{msk} = \{\mathbf{S}_i\}_{i \in [n]}</math></p> <p>Return <math>(\{\text{sk}_i\}_{i \in [n]}, \text{msk})</math></p> <p><b>Enc</b>(<math>\text{pp}, \text{sk}_i, \mathbf{x}_i \in \mathbb{Z}_p^m, \ell</math>) :</p> <p><math>\mathbf{c}_{i,\ell} := \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{u}_\ell + \mathbf{x}_i</math> where <math>[\mathbf{u}_\ell] := \mathcal{H}(\ell) \in \mathbb{G}^{k+1}</math></p> <p>Return <math>\text{ct}_{i,\ell} := [\mathbf{c}_{i,\ell}] \in \mathbb{G}^m</math></p>	<p><b>KeyDer</b>(<math>\text{pp}, \text{msk}, \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{Z}_p^{mn}</math>) :</p> <p>For <math>\mathbf{y} = (\mathbf{y}_1, \dots, \mathbf{y}_n)</math>, with <math>\mathbf{y}_i \in \mathbb{Z}_p^m</math></p> <p><math>\text{sk}_{\mathbf{y}} := \sum_{i \in [n]} \mathbf{S}_i^\top \mathbf{y}_i</math></p> <p>Return <math>\text{sk}_{\mathbf{y}}</math></p> <p><b>Dec</b>(<math>\text{pp}, \text{sk}_{\mathbf{y}}, \{\text{ct}_{i,\ell}\}_{i \in [n]}, \mathbf{y}, \ell</math>) :</p> <p><math>[\mathbf{u}_\ell] = \mathcal{H}(\ell) \in \mathbb{G}^{k+1}</math></p> <p><math>C := \sum_{i \in [n]} [\mathbf{c}_{i,\ell}] \cdot \mathbf{y}_i - [\mathbf{u}_\ell^\top] \cdot \text{sk}_{\mathbf{y}}</math></p> <p>Return <math>\log(C)</math></p>
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Fig. 3: MCFE based on the MDDH assumption.

### 3.2 MCFE based on the DCR Assumption

In this section we present a MCFE scheme based on the DCR assumption in the random oracle model. As we mentioned, the main benefit of this construction is that one can retrieve the final result without computing the discrete-logarithm. The following notations are used in this section.  $\mathcal{D}_{\mathbb{Z}^k, \sigma}$  stands for the Gaussian distribution over  $\mathbb{Z}^k$  with the standard deviation  $\sigma$  and the mean 0 (this notation is also used in the next section).  $\mathbb{Z}_N$  is the additive group of integers modulo  $N$  and  $\mathbb{Z}_N^*$  denotes the multiplicative group of integers modulo  $N$ . That is, including all  $a \in \mathbb{Z}_N$  such that  $\gcd(a, N) = 1$  where  $\gcd(b, c)$  is the greatest common divisor of  $b$  and  $c$ . Let  $N = pq$  be a safe modulus, meaning that  $p$  and  $q$  are large safe primes in the form of  $p = 2p' + 1$  and  $q = 2q' + 1$ , where  $p', q' > 2^\kappa$ . In this paper  $\text{SP}(\kappa)$  is the algorithm producing safe-primes  $p, q$  as above. It is believed that for a given  $N$  as above it is hard to find  $p, q$ .

The single-input functional encryption scheme based on the Paillier cryptosystem has been proposed by Agrawal et al. [ALS16]. Their IPFE scheme is recalled in Appendix A.1. In their construction, the encryption algorithm includes two main parts:  $\text{ct}_0 = g^r$  where  $r \xleftarrow{\mathcal{R}} \{1, \dots, \lfloor \frac{N}{4} \rfloor\}$  and  $\text{ct}_i = (1 + N)^{x_i} \cdot h_i^r$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$  where  $h_i = g^{s_i}$  is the public key. The term  $h_i^r = g^{r s_i}$  can be replaced with  $\mathcal{H}(\ell)^{s_i}$  which removes the need for sharing a random  $r$  among the clients, since the random oracle  $\mathcal{H}(\cdot)$  is publicly known. This explains the intuition for our MCFE scheme represented in Fig. 4. Regarding the security proof, the indistinguishable changes in RO-queries lead to an indistinguishable change in the (sub)lattice the master secret key belongs to (Note that the master secret key is chosen from lattice  $\mathbb{Z}^n$  by a Gaussian distribution  $\mathcal{D}_\sigma$ ). From there, a theorem from lattice-based cryptography and similar parameter setting to the single-input IPFE [ALS16] guarantees that the new distribution of the master secret key (along side the proper change in the RO-query associated with the challenge) is sufficient for the security proof.

**Definition 3.4 (Decisional Composite Residuosity (DCR) Assumption).** *Let  $N = pq$  for two safe-primes  $p$  and  $q$ . We define the advantage of an adversary  $\mathcal{A}$  for the DCR assumption in the following way:*

$$\text{Adv}_{N, \mathcal{A}}^{\text{DCR}}(\kappa) := |\Pr[\mathcal{A}(1^\kappa, z^N \bmod N^2) = 1] - \Pr[\mathcal{A}(1^\kappa, z) = 1]|, \quad \text{where } z \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_{N^2}^*.$$

*We say that the DCR Assumption holds, if for all p.p.t. adversaries  $\mathcal{A}$ , there exists a negligible function  $\text{negl}$  such that:  $\text{Adv}_{N, \mathcal{A}}^{\text{DCR}}(\kappa) \leq \text{negl}(\kappa)$ .*

**Theorem 3.5.** *Assume that the DCR assumption holds, then the MCFE scheme described in Fig. 4 is one-IND-secure in the random-oracle model.*

The proof of correctness and security can be found in Section 5.

### 3.3 MCFE based on the LWE Assumption

In this section, we propose a MCFE construction based on the LWE problem as an extension of single-input FE presented by Agrawal et al. [ALS16] (see Appendix A.2).

<p><u>Setup</u>(<math>1^\kappa, n</math>) :</p> <p>Run <math>\text{SP}(\kappa)</math> to get <math>(p, q)</math> and  Compute <math>N = pq</math>.  Let <math>\mathcal{H} : \text{Labels} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_{N^2}^*</math> be a full-domain  hash function.  Set <math>X &lt; \sqrt{N/2n}</math>  Return <math>\text{pp} = (N, \mathcal{H}, X)</math></p> <p><u>KeyGen</u>(<math>\text{pp}</math>) :</p> <p>Sample <math>\mathbf{s} \leftarrow \mathcal{D}_{\mathbb{Z}^n, \sigma}</math> where  <math>\sigma &gt; \sqrt{\kappa} \cdot N^{5/2}</math> for the selective security  <math>\sigma &gt; \sqrt{\kappa + 2n \cdot \log(2X)} \cdot N^{5/2}</math> for the  adaptive security.  Return <math>\text{msk} = \mathbf{s}</math> and <math>\text{sk}_i = s_i</math>.</p>	<p><u>Enc</u>(<math>\text{pp}, \text{sk}_i, x_i, i, \ell</math>) :</p> <p>To encrypt a message <math>x \in \mathbb{Z}^n</math> with <math> x_i  \leq X</math>:  Compute: <math>\text{ct}_i = (1 + N)^{x_i} \cdot \mathcal{H}(\ell)^{s_i} \pmod{N^2}</math>.  Return <math>\text{ct} = \{\text{ct}_i\}_i</math></p> <p><u>KeyDer</u>(<math>\text{pp}, \text{msk}, \mathbf{y}</math>) :</p> <p>For vector <math>\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{Z}^n</math> with <math> y_i  \leq Y &lt; \sqrt{N/2n}</math>:  Compute <math>\text{sk}_y = \sum_i y_i \cdot s_i</math>  Return <math>\text{sk}_y</math></p> <p><u>Dec</u>(<math>\text{pp}, \mathbf{y}, \text{sk}, \{\text{ct}_{i,\ell}\}_{i \in [n]}, l</math>) :</p> <p>Compute <math>C = \prod_i \text{ct}_{i,\ell}^{y_i} \cdot \mathcal{H}(\ell)^{-\text{sk}}</math>  Return <math>\frac{C - 1 \pmod{N^2}}{N}</math></p>
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Fig. 4: MCFE based on the DCR assumption

**Learning With Errors.** The problem of Learning with Errors (LWE) was introduced in a seminal work of Regev [Reg05]. The idea of the LWE problem is to provide a system of linear equations such that each equation is associated with an error term. Regev showed that in this case the number of equations does not really matter and it is hard to find any information about the secret. This problem is formally defined as follows.

**Definition 3.6 (Decisional LWE assumption).** *Let  $q, \alpha$  be functions of parameter  $n_0$ . The Learning with Error ( $\text{LWE}_{q,\alpha}$ ) problem is to distinguish two following distributions given access to polynomially many samples for a fixed vector  $\mathbf{s} \stackrel{R}{\leftarrow} \mathbb{Z}_q^{n_0}$ ,*

$$\mathcal{D} = \{(\mathbf{a}, \langle \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{s} \rangle + e) : \mathbf{a} \stackrel{R}{\leftarrow} \mathbb{Z}_q^{n_0}, e \stackrel{R}{\leftarrow} \mathcal{D}_{\mathbb{Z}, \alpha q}\}, \mathcal{D}' = \{(\mathbf{a}, u) : \mathbf{a} \stackrel{R}{\leftarrow} \mathbb{Z}_q^{n_0}, u \stackrel{R}{\leftarrow} \mathbb{Z}_q\}$$

Concretely, for any adversary  $\mathcal{A}$  there exists a negligible function  $\text{negl}$  such that:

$$\text{Adv}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\text{LWE}}(n_0) = |\Pr[\mathcal{A}^{\mathcal{D}(\mathbf{s}, \cdot)}(\alpha, q, n_0) = 1] - \Pr[\mathcal{A}^{\mathcal{D}'(\cdot)}(\alpha, q, n_0) = 1]| \leq \text{negl}(n_0)$$

where the oracles  $\mathcal{D}(\mathbf{s}, \cdot)$  and  $\mathcal{D}'(\cdot)$  output samples respectively from  $\mathcal{D}$  (with a fixed secret  $\mathbf{s}$ ) and  $\mathcal{D}'$ .

Although the intuition for our construction is similar to that of the previous constructions, we highlight here the differences regarding the use of a rounding-map and the part of the secret key that is uniform. In [ALS16] the mheLWE assumption is used to simulate all the queries in a correct way, as the inputs of the assumption are enough for this purpose. After applying this assumption (on one ciphertext) a product between parts of the master secret key and a uniformly random vector appears in the ciphertext. If the first factor of this multiplication has enough min-entropy, conditioned on the information available to the adversary, applying the leftover hash lemma guarantees that this product seems uniform, which concludes the proof. Now all is left to prove is that the part of the master secret key that is involved has enough min-entropy conditioned on what the adversary can see. Since in [ALS16], we are in the public-key setting, all the information (regarding the master secret key) that the adversary can extract from honestly generated ciphertexts is the same as what it can extract from the public-key. Thus, the leakage of all the honestly generated ciphertexts can be precisely quantified, and simulated using only the information contained in the public parameters. In this work, we need to change to the symmetric-key setting (as is the case in MCFE), so it is not as straightforward how to quantify the leakage from all the ciphertext queries, and the information required to simulate the ciphertexts during the proof cannot be hidden in the public parameters. And in fact, in our case this leakage is really noticeable, especially since the ciphertexts are generated by different parties and each ciphertexts can leak information about different parts of the master secret key. Leveraging the use of a random oracle, we argue that the leakage coming from all the ciphertext queries can be deduced

from the leakage of some secret matrix, together with some noise term, under the LWE assumption. The leakage about the secret matrix is completely hidden by the uniform secret key  $\mathbf{s}_i$ , whereas the rounding-map completely removes the noise term  $\mathbf{t}_i \cdot \mathbf{e}_\ell$  when the parameters are carefully selected.

<p><b>Setup</b>(<math>1^{n_0}, n</math>) :</p> <p>Set integers <math>m_0, q_0 \geq 2, q &gt; q_0</math>,  <math>K = nPV</math> and <math>\alpha \in (0, 1)</math>.</p> <p>Let <math>\mathcal{H} : \text{Labels} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_q^{n_0+m_0}</math> be a  full-domain hash function</p> <p>Return <math>\text{pp} = (m_0, q, \alpha, K, P, V)</math></p> <p><b>KeyGen</b>(<math>\text{pp}</math>) :</p> <p>Sample <math>\mathbf{Z}_i = (\mathbf{s}_i, \mathbf{t}_i) \stackrel{R}{\leftarrow} \mathbb{Z}_q^{1 \times n_0} \times \mathcal{D}_{\mathbb{Z}^{1 \times m_0, \alpha q}}</math></p> <p>Return <math>\text{msk} = \{\mathbf{Z}_i\}_{i \in [n]}</math> and <math>\text{sk}_i = \mathbf{Z}_i</math>.</p> <p><b>Enc</b>(<math>\text{pp}, \text{sk}_i, x_i, i, \ell</math>) :</p> <p>To encrypt <math>x_i \in \{0, \dots, P-1\}</math>:</p> <p>Compute <math>\text{ct}_{i,\ell} = \lfloor \mathbf{Z}_i \cdot \mathcal{H}(\ell) + \lfloor \frac{q}{K} \rfloor \cdot x_i \rfloor_{q_0}</math></p> <p>Return <math>\text{ct}_{i,\ell}</math></p>	<p><b>KeyDer</b>(<math>\text{pp}, \text{msk}, \mathbf{y}</math>) :</p> <p>For the vector <math>\mathbf{y} \in \mathcal{V}</math>:</p> <p>Compute:</p> $\text{sk}_y = \sum_{i \in [n]} y_i \cdot \mathbf{Z}_i \in \mathbb{Z}^{1 \times (m_0+n_0)}$ <p>Return <math>\text{sk}_y</math></p> <p><b>Dec</b>(<math>\text{pp}, \mathbf{y}, \text{sk}, \{\text{ct}_{i,\ell}\}_{i \in [n]}, \ell</math>) :</p> <p>Compute</p> $\mu' = \sum_{i \in [n]} y_i \cdot \text{ct}_{i,\ell} - \lfloor \text{sk} \cdot \mathcal{H}(\ell) \rfloor_{q_0} \bmod q_0$ <p>Return <math>\mu \in \{-K+1, \dots, K-1\}</math>  that minimizes <math> \frac{q_0}{q} \lfloor \frac{q}{K} \rfloor \cdot \mu - \mu' </math>.</p>
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Fig. 5: MCFE based on the LWE assumption.

Let  $\lfloor a \rfloor$  denote the largest integer smaller than  $a$ . In our construction, we are using a rounding-map which is formally defined as follows.

**Definition 3.7 (Rounding-map from  $\mathbb{Z}_q$  to  $\mathbb{Z}_{q_0}$ ).** For  $q \geq q_0 \geq 2$ , a rounding map  $\lfloor \cdot \rfloor_{q_0} : \mathbb{Z}_q \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_{q_0}$  is defined as  $\lfloor x \rfloor_{q_0} = \lfloor (q_0/q) \cdot \bar{x} \rfloor$  where  $\bar{x} = x \bmod q$  and  $\lfloor \cdot \rfloor$  is a classical rounding function over integers<sup>9</sup>. This notation can be extended component-wise to vectors and matrices over  $\mathbb{Z}_q$ .

Our MCFE scheme based on the LWE assumption is given in Fig. 5.

**Theorem 3.8.** The presented MCFE scheme in Fig. 5, is an one-IND-secure MCFE scheme under the LWE assumption and in the random-oracle model.

The proof of correctness and security can be found in Section 6.

### 3.4 Security Analysis

In this section, we give an overview over the security proof for the presented constructions.

*Proof (Overview).* To prove the security of our constructions under the different assumptions, we consider the case where  $\mathcal{A}$  only queries **QLeftRight** on one label  $\ell^*$ , and never queries **QEnc** on  $\ell^*$ . In more detail, we show that:  $\text{Adv}_{\text{MCFE}, \mathcal{A}}^{\text{one-1-label}}(\kappa, n) \leq \text{negl}(\kappa)$ , where  $\text{Adv}_{\text{MCFE}, \mathcal{A}}^{\text{one-1-label}}(\kappa, n)$  is defined as described in Definition 2.3. Then we use Lemma 2.4 to obtain the theorem.

For the proof of the 1-label security we proceed via a hybrid argument, using the games described in Fig. 6. The game  $G_0$  corresponds to  $\text{one-1-label}_0^{\text{MCFE}}(\kappa, n, \mathcal{A})$  and the game  $G_7$  to  $\text{one-1-label}_1^{\text{MCFE}}(\kappa, n, \mathcal{A})$ . This yields:  $\text{Adv}_{\text{MCFE}, \mathcal{A}}^{\text{one-1-label}}(\kappa, n) = |\text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{G_0}(\kappa, n) - \text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{G_7}(\kappa, n)|$ .

Intuitively, we change the random-oracle queries for  $\ell \neq \ell^*$  and  $\ell = \ell^*$  in a somehow orthogonal way. Meaning that, the proper change for  $\ell \neq \ell^*$ , changes the distribution of the master key (indistinguishable in the adversary's view) such that the multiplication of this master secret key and the new value for RO-query associated with  $\ell^*$  can perfectly (for MDDH scheme) or statistically (for DCR and LWE schemes) hide the message in the challenge.

<sup>9</sup> i.e.,  $\lfloor a \rfloor$  is  $\lfloor a \rfloor$  if  $a \leq \lfloor a \rfloor + 1/2$  and it is  $(\lfloor a \rfloor + 1)$  if  $a > \lfloor a \rfloor + 1/2$ .

**Game  $G_1$ :** In game  $G_1$ , we replace the hash function  $\mathcal{H}$ , that is evaluated in every random-oracle query  $\ell$ , with a random function RF. The random function has different outputs corresponding to the different schemes: The random function outputs an element  $z \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p^{k+1}$  in the case of the MDDH scheme, an element  $z \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_{N^2}^*$  in the case of the DCR scheme and a couple  $(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{u})$  with  $\mathbf{a} \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_q^{n_0}$  and  $\mathbf{u} \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_q^{m_0}$  in the case of the LWE scheme. This results in a perfect transition from  $G_0$  to  $G_1$ . This results in:  $|\text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{G_0}(\kappa, n) - \text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{G_1}(\kappa, n)| = 0$ .

**Game  $G_2$ :** In game  $G_2$ , we answer the random-oracle queries for the label  $\ell \neq \ell^*$  with an element that is indistinguishable from a random element, by relying on the corresponding computational assumption. We describe the random-oracle outputs under the label  $\ell$  in more detail:

**MDDH:** we output a vector  $z$  such that  $z$  is contained in the span of  $\mathbf{A}$ , i.e.  $z = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{y}$  with a random vector  $\mathbf{y} \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p^k$ .

**DCR:** we output an element  $z^N \bmod N^2$ , with a random element  $z \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_{N^2}^*$ .

**LWE:** we output a tuple  $(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{a} + \mathbf{e})$ , with  $\mathbf{S} \xleftarrow{R} \mathbb{Z}^{m_0 \times n_0}$ ,  $\mathbf{a} \xleftarrow{R} \mathbb{Z}_q^{n_0}$ ,  $\mathbf{e} \xleftarrow{R} \mathcal{D}_{\mathbb{Z}^{m_0}, \alpha q}$ . (we note that before proceeding to the next game for LWE scheme we need some extra games where we remove  $\mathbf{t}_i \cdot \mathbf{e}$  and  $\mathbf{t}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}$  from all ciphertexts queries through the property of the rounding-map and the uniform distribution of  $\mathbf{s}_i$ ).

This results in:  $|\text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{G_1}(\kappa, n) - \text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{G_2}(\kappa, n)| \leq \text{negl}(\kappa)$ . where  $\text{negl}(\kappa)$  depends on the advantage of the attacker to the underlying assumption.

Here we note that the current modifications also change the distribution of the master secret key in the adversary's view (in an indistinguishable way).

**MDDH** the master secret key for MDDH scheme is distributed as  $\mathbf{S} + \gamma(\mathbf{x}_1^{\ell^*} - \mathbf{x}_0^{\ell^*}) \cdot (\mathbf{a}^\perp)^T$  for some  $\gamma \in \mathbb{Z}_q$ .

**DCR** the master secret key for DCR scheme is distributed as  $\mathbf{s} + \lambda(\mathbf{x}_1^{\ell^*} - \mathbf{x}_0^{\ell^*}) \cdot \mu$  for some  $\mu \in \mathbb{Z}^n$ . Where  $\lambda = 2p'q'$  is the order of elements  $z^N \bmod N^2$ .

**LWE** the master secret key  $\mathbf{t}$  for LWE scheme is distributed as  $\mathbf{t} + (\mathbf{x}_1^{\ell^*} - \mathbf{x}_0^{\ell^*}) \cdot \mu$  for some  $\mu \in \mathbb{Z}^n$  (here for the sake of simplicity, many details are missing).

**Game  $G_3$ :** In game  $G_3$ , we answer random-oracle queries for the label  $\ell^*$  as follows:

**MDDH:** we rely on the fact that  $\mathbf{A}$  has rank  $k$  and find a vector  $\mathbf{a}^\perp \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p^{k+1}$  such that  $(\mathbf{a}^\perp)^\top \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{0}$  (this means  $(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{a}^\perp)$  is a base for  $\mathbb{Z}^{k+1}$ ). Then we set  $\text{RF}(\ell^*) = \mathbf{A} \cdot \text{RF}'(\ell^*) + \mathbf{a}^\perp \cdot \text{RF}''(\ell^*)$  such that  $\text{RF}''(\ell) \neq 0$  (which is satisfied except with negligible probability  $\text{negl}$ ), for random functions  $\text{RF}'$  and  $\text{RF}''$ .

**DCR:** we rely on an isomorphism  $\varepsilon$  from  $\mathbb{Z}_N \times \mathbb{Z}_N^*$  to  $\mathbb{Z}_{N^2}^*$  to write the random element  $\text{RF}(\ell^*) = z \bmod N^2$  in its corresponding representation  $\varepsilon^{-1}(z) = (1 + N)^a \cdot b^N \bmod N^2$  for  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}_N^*$  (which is satisfied except with negligible probability  $\text{negl}$ ).

**LWE:** we set  $\text{RF}(\ell^*) = \mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{a} + \mathbf{e} + \text{RF}'(\ell^*)$  where  $\text{RF}'$  is a random function (again here there is an extra game which remove the term  $\mathbf{t}_i \cdot \mathbf{e}$  from the ciphertext-challenge).

This results in:  $|\text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{G_2}(\kappa, n) - \text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{G_3}(\kappa, n)| \leq \text{negl}(\kappa)$ .

**Game  $G_4$ :** In game  $G_4$ , we change the answers for left-or-right oracle queries under  $\ell^*$  from encryptions of  $x_i^0$  to encryptions of  $x_i^1$ . for the MDDH we manage to show this change is perfectly-indistinguishable, while for the DCR and LWE schemes it needs a statistical argument to justify the transition from game  $G_3$  to game  $G_4$ . It follows that:  $|\text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{G_3}(\kappa, n) - \text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{G_4}(\kappa, n)| = f(\kappa)$ . where for MDDH,  $f(\kappa) = 0$  and for DCR and LWE schemes  $f(\kappa) = 2^{-\kappa}$ . In fact, we prove that a multiplication (which has already appeared in the ciphertext-challenge) of the master secret key (in its new representation) and the new values  $\text{RF}(\ell^*)$  can perfectly (for MDDH) or statistically (for DCR and LWE) hide the message in the challenge.

**Games  $G_5, \dots, G_8$**  One can define these games as the backward-counterparts of games  $G_3$  to  $G_0$  while hidden bit associated with the challenge is  $b = 1$ .

Putting everything together, we obtain the theorem. □

Game	$\text{ct}_{i,\ell^*}$	$\mathbf{u}_\ell$	justification/remark
$G_0$	$\text{Enc}(\text{pp}, \text{sk}_i, \mathbf{x}_i^0, \ell^*)$	$\mathcal{H}(\ell)$	
$G_1$	$\text{Enc}(\text{pp}, \text{sk}_i, \mathbf{x}_i^0, \ell^*)$	$\boxed{\text{RF}(\ell)}$	Replace the hash function with a random function
$G_2$	$\text{Enc}(\text{pp}, \text{sk}_i, \mathbf{x}_i^0, \ell^*)$	$\text{RF}(\ell), \ell = \ell^*$ $\boxed{z, \ell \neq \ell^*}$	Simulate the hash function for $\ell \neq \ell^*$ using $z$ which is indistinguishable from a random element if the underlying hardness assumption (MDDH, DCR, LWE) holds
$G_3$	$\text{Enc}(\text{pp}, \text{sk}_i, \mathbf{x}_i^0, \ell^*)$	$\boxed{\overline{\text{RF}}(\ell), \ell = \ell^*}$ $z, \ell \neq \ell^*$	Simulate the hash function for $\ell = \ell^*$ using a different representation of $\text{RF}(\ell^*)$ corresponding to the underlying assumption
$G_4$	$\text{Enc}(\text{pp}, \text{sk}_i, \boxed{\mathbf{x}_i^1}, \ell^*)$	$\text{RF}(\ell), \ell = \ell^*$ $z', \ell \neq \ell^*$	Change from left to right encryption

Fig. 6: Overview of the games to prove the security of the MCFE schemes.

## 4 Security Analysis of the MDDH-based Construction

Here we discuss the correctness and the security of our MDDH-based MCFE construction (Fig. 3).

**Correctness.** To prove the correctness of our construction, we consider the output of the decryption procedure for a correctly generated encryptions of the vectors  $\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n \in \mathbb{Z}_p$  under the same label  $\ell \in \text{Labels}$  using a correctly generated functional key  $\text{sk}_\mathbf{y}$  with  $\mathbf{y} := (\mathbf{y}_1, \dots, \mathbf{y}_n) \in \mathbb{Z}_p^{mn}$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
C &= \sum_{i \in [n]} [\mathbf{c}_{i,\ell}] \cdot \mathbf{y}_i - [\mathbf{u}_\ell^\top] \cdot \text{sk}_\mathbf{y} \\
&= \sum_{i \in [n]} [\mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{u}_\ell + \mathbf{x}_i] \cdot \mathbf{y}_i - [\mathbf{u}_\ell^\top] \cdot \sum_{i \in [n]} \mathbf{S}_i^\top \mathbf{y}_i \\
&= \sum_{i \in [n]} [\langle \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{u}_\ell, \mathbf{y}_i \rangle + \langle \mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}_i \rangle] - \sum_{i \in [n]} [\langle \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{u}_\ell, \mathbf{y}_i \rangle] \\
&= \sum_{i \in [n]} [\langle \mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}_i \rangle] = [\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle]
\end{aligned}$$

Since the decryption procedure outputs  $\log(C)$ , correctness directly follows.

After showing the correctness of our scheme, we are also proving its security.

**Theorem 4.1.** *Assume that the  $\mathcal{D}_k$ -MDDH assumption holds, then the MCFE scheme described in Fig. 3 is one-IND-secure in the random-oracle model. Namely, for any p.p.t. adversary  $\mathcal{A}$ , there exist a p.p.t. adversary  $\mathcal{B}$  such that:*

$$\text{Adv}_{\text{MCFE}, \mathcal{A}}^{\text{one-IND}}(\kappa, n) \leq q_{\text{Enc}} \left( 4 \cdot \text{Adv}_{\mathcal{B}}^{\text{MDDH}}(\kappa) + \frac{2}{p-1} + \frac{2}{p} \right),$$

where  $q_{\text{Enc}}$  denotes the number of distinct labels queried to  $\text{QLeftRight}$ .

*Proof.* To prove this statement, we consider the case where  $\mathcal{A}$  only queries  $\text{QLeftRight}$  on one label  $\ell^*$ , and never queries  $\text{QEnc}$  on  $\ell^*$ . We build a p.p.t. adversary  $\mathcal{B}$  such that:  $\text{Adv}_{\text{MCFE}, \mathcal{A}}^{\text{one-1-label}}(\kappa, n) \leq 4 \cdot \text{Adv}_{\mathcal{B}}^{\text{MDDH}}(\kappa) + \frac{2}{p-1} + \frac{2}{p}$ , where  $\text{Adv}_{\text{MCFE}, \mathcal{A}}^{\text{one-1-label}}(\kappa, n)$  is defined as described in Definition 2.3. Then we use Lemma 2.4 to obtain the theorem.

For the proof of the 1-label security we proceed via a hybrid argument, using the games described in Fig. 7. The game  $G_0$  corresponds to  $\text{one-IND}_0^{\text{MCFE}}(\kappa, n, \mathcal{A})$  and the game  $G_4$  to  $\text{one-IND}_1^{\text{MCFE}}(\kappa, n, \mathcal{A})$ . This yields:

$$\text{Adv}_{\text{MCFE}, \mathcal{A}}^{\text{one-1-label}}(\kappa, n) = |\text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{G_0}(\kappa, n) - \text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{G_4}(\kappa, n)|.$$

**Game  $G_1$ :** In game  $G_1$ , we replace the hash function  $\mathcal{H}$ , that is evaluated in every random-oracle query  $\ell$ , with a truly random function RF. This results in a perfect transition from  $G_0$  to  $G_1$ . Namely, in Lemma 4.3, we show that:

$$|\text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{G_0}(\kappa, n) - \text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{G_1}(\kappa, n)| = 0.$$

**Game  $G_2$ :** In game  $G_2$ , we replace the random function RF, that is evaluated in every random-oracle query  $\ell$ , with an element in the span of a matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ , sampled from a matrix distribution  $\mathcal{D}_k$ . To generate the final element in the span, we multiply  $\mathbf{A}$  with a random element in  $\mathbb{Z}_p^k$ , sampled using the random function RF'. The transition from  $G_1$  to  $G_2$  is justified by the Multi-MDDH assumption. Namely, in Lemma 4.4, we exhibit a p.p.t. adversary  $\mathcal{B}_0$  such that:

$$|\text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{G_1}(\kappa, n) - \text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{G_2}(\kappa, n)| \leq \text{Adv}_{\mathcal{B}_0}^{\text{MDDH}}(\kappa) + \frac{1}{p-1}.$$

**Game  $G_3$ :** In game  $G_3$ , we answer a random-oracle query for the label  $\ell^*$  with an element that is generated as a linear combination of  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{a}^\perp$ , with  $\mathbf{a}^\perp \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p^{k+1}$  such that  $(\mathbf{a}^\perp)^\top \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{0}$ . For every other random-oracle query  $\ell \neq \ell^*$ , the output is still an element in the span of  $\mathbf{A}$ . The transition between  $G_2$  and  $G_3$  is justified by the MDDH assumption. Namely, in Lemma 4.5, we exhibit a p.p.t. adversary  $\mathcal{B}_1$  such that:

$$|\text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{G_2}(\kappa, n) - \text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{G_3}(\kappa, n)| \leq \text{Adv}_{\mathcal{B}_1}^{\text{MDDH}}(\kappa) + \frac{1}{p}.$$

**Game  $G_4$ :** In game  $G_4$ , we change the answers for left-or-right oracle queries under  $\ell^*$  from encryptions of  $x_i^{0, \ell^*}$  to encryptions of  $x_i^{1, \ell^*}$ . We rely on complexity leveraging and a statistical argument to justify the transition from game  $G_3$  to game  $G_4$ . Namely, in Lemma 4.6, we show that:

$$|\text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{G_3}(\kappa, n) - \text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{G_4}(\kappa, n)| = 0.$$

**Game  $G_5$ :** In game  $G_5$ , we answer a random-oracle query for the label  $\ell^*$  in the same way as for every other label  $\ell \neq \ell^*$ , i.e. with an element in the span of  $\mathbf{A}$ . The transition from game  $G_4$  to  $G_5$  is symmetric to the transition from  $G_2$  to  $G_3$ , justified by the MDDH assumption. Namely, it can be proven as in Lemma 4.5 that there exists a p.p.t. adversary  $\mathcal{B}_2$  such that:

$$|\text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{G_4}(\kappa, n) - \text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{G_5}(\kappa, n)| \leq \text{Adv}_{\mathcal{B}_2}^{\text{MDDH}}(\kappa) + \frac{1}{p}.$$

We defer to the proof of Lemma 4.5 for further details.

**Game  $G_6$ :** In game  $G_6$ , we answer every random-oracle query  $\ell$  with the evaluation of a random function  $\text{RF}(\ell)$  instead of an element in the span of  $\mathbf{A}$ . The transition from game  $G_5$  to  $G_6$  is symmetric to the transition from  $G_1$  to  $G_2$ , justified by the Multi-MDDH assumption. Namely, it can be proven as in Lemma 4.4 that there exists a p.p.t. adversary  $\mathcal{B}_3$  such that:

$$|\text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{G_5}(\kappa, n) - \text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{G_6}(\kappa, n)| \leq \text{Adv}_{\mathcal{B}_3}^{\text{MDDH}}(\kappa) + \frac{1}{p-1}.$$

We defer to the proof of Lemma 4.4 for further details.

**Game  $G_7$ :** This game is one-IND $_1^{\text{MCFE}}(\kappa, n, \mathcal{A})$ . The transition from  $G_6$  to  $G_7$  is symmetric to the transition from  $G_0$  to  $G_1$ . Namely, it can be proven as in Lemma 4.3 that:

$$|\text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{G_6}(\kappa, n) - \text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{G_7}(\kappa, n)| = 0.$$

We defer to the proof of Lemma 4.3 for further details.

Putting everything together, we obtain the theorem. □



Game	$\text{ct}_{i,\ell^*}$	$\mathbf{u}_\ell$	justification/remark
$G_0$	$\text{Enc}(\text{pp}, \text{sk}_i, \mathbf{x}_i^{0,\ell^*}, \ell^*)$	$\mathcal{H}(\ell)$	
$G_1$	$\text{Enc}(\text{pp}, \text{sk}_i, \mathbf{x}_i^{0,\ell^*}, \ell^*)$	$\text{RF}(\ell)$ , with $\text{RF}(\ell) \in \mathbb{Z}_p^{k+1}$	Replace the hash function with a random function
$G_2$	$\text{Enc}(\text{pp}, \text{sk}_i, \mathbf{x}_i^{0,\ell^*}, \ell^*)$	$\mathbf{A} \leftarrow \mathcal{D}_k$ $\mathbf{A} \cdot \text{RF}'(\ell)$ , with $\text{RF}'(\ell) \in \mathbb{Z}_p^k$	Simulate the hash function using the span of $\mathbf{A}$ (Multi-MDDH)
$G_3$	$\text{Enc}(\text{pp}, \text{sk}_i, \mathbf{x}_i^{0,\ell^*}, \ell^*)$	$\mathbf{A} \leftarrow \mathcal{D}_k, \mathbf{a}^\perp \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p^{k+1} \setminus \{\mathbf{0}\}$ s.t. $(\mathbf{a}^\perp)^\top \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{0}$ $\mathbf{A} \cdot \text{RF}'(\ell) + \mathbf{a}^\perp \cdot \text{RF}''(\ell)$ , if $\ell = \ell^*$ $\mathbf{A} \cdot \text{RF}'(\ell)$ , if $\ell \neq \ell^*$ with $\text{RF}'(\ell) \in \mathbb{Z}_p^k$ and $\text{RF}''(\ell) \in \mathbb{Z}_p^*$	For $\ell = \ell^*$ simulate using a random element from the span of $\mathbf{A}$ and $\mathbf{a}^\perp$
$G_4$	$\text{Enc}(\text{pp}, \text{sk}_i, \boxed{\mathbf{x}_i^{1,\ell^*}}, \ell^*)$	$\mathbf{A} \leftarrow \mathcal{D}_k, \mathbf{a}^\perp \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p^{k+1} \setminus \{\mathbf{0}\}$ , s.t. $(\mathbf{a}^\perp)^\top \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{0}$ $\mathbf{A} \cdot \text{RF}'(\ell) + \mathbf{a}^\perp \cdot \text{RF}''(\ell)$ , if $\ell = \ell^*$ $\mathbf{A} \cdot \text{RF}'(\ell)$ , if $\ell \neq \ell^*$ with $\text{RF}'(\ell) \in \mathbb{Z}_p^k$ and $\text{RF}''(\ell) \in \mathbb{Z}_p^*$	Change from left to right encryption
$G_5$	$\text{Enc}(\text{pp}, \text{sk}_i, \mathbf{x}_i^{1,\ell^*}, \ell^*)$	$\mathbf{A} \leftarrow \mathcal{D}_k$ $\mathbf{A} \cdot \text{RF}'(\ell)$ , with $\text{RF}'(\ell) \in \mathbb{Z}_p^k$	Simulate the hash function using the span of $\mathbf{A}$ (Multi-MDDH)
$G_6$	$\text{Enc}(\text{pp}, \text{sk}_i, \mathbf{x}_i^{1,\ell^*}, \ell^*)$	$\text{RF}(\ell)$ , with $\text{RF}(\ell) \in \mathbb{Z}_p^{k+1}$	Replace the hash function with a random function
$G_7$	$\text{Enc}(\text{pp}, \text{sk}_i, \mathbf{x}_i^{1,\ell^*}, \ell^*)$	$\mathcal{H}(\ell)$	Replace the random function with a hash function

Fig. 7: Overview of the games to prove the security of the MCFE scheme based on the MDDH assumption.

**Theorem 4.2 (Random self-reducibility of MDDH [EHK<sup>+</sup>13]).** For any p.p.t. adversary  $\mathcal{A}$ , there exist a p.p.t. adversary  $\mathcal{B}$  such that

$$|\Pr[\mathcal{A}(\mathcal{G}, [\mathbf{A}], ([\mathbf{A}\mathbf{w}_i]_{i \in [n]}) = 1) - \Pr[\mathcal{A}(\mathcal{G}, [\mathbf{A}], ([\mathbf{v}_i]_{i \in [n]}) = 1)]| \leq \text{Adv}_{\mathcal{B}}^{\text{MDDH}}(\kappa) + \frac{1}{p-1},$$

with  $\mathbf{A} \leftarrow \mathcal{D}_k, \mathbf{w}_i \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p^k$  and  $\mathbf{v}_i \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p^{k+1}$  for all  $i \in [n]$ .

**Lemma 4.3 (Transition from  $G_0$  to  $G_1$ ).** For any p.p.t. adversary  $\mathcal{A}$ , it holds that

$$|\text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{G_0}(\kappa, n) - \text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{G_1}(\kappa, n)| = 0.$$

*Proof.* This is a perfect simulation of the random-oracle  $\mathcal{H}$  using a random function  $\text{RF}(\ell) \in \mathbb{Z}_p^{k+1}$ , which gives us  $|\text{Win}_{\text{Adv}, \mathcal{A}}^{G_0}(\kappa, n) - \text{Win}_{\text{Adv}, \mathcal{A}}^{G_1}(\kappa, n)| = 0$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 4.4 (Transition from  $G_1$  to  $G_2$ ).** For any p.p.t. adversary  $\mathcal{A}$ , there exists a p.p.t. adversary  $\mathcal{B}$  such that

$$|\text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{G_1}(\kappa, n) - \text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{G_2}(\kappa, n)| \leq \text{Adv}_{\mathcal{B}}^{\text{MDDH}}(\kappa) + \frac{1}{p-1}.$$

*Proof.* We replace the random function  $\text{RF}(\ell) \in \mathbb{Z}_p^{k+1}$  in the random oracle with a truly random element in the span of  $\mathbf{A}$ , where matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is sampled from the Gaussian distribution  $\mathcal{D}_k$  and multiplied with a random

element generated by  $\text{RF}'(\ell) \in \mathbb{Z}_p^k$ . This directly mirrors the random self-reducibility of MDDH assumption as described in Theorem 4.2, which yields  $\text{Adv}_{\mathcal{B}}^{\text{MDDH}}(\kappa) + \frac{1}{p-1}$  as a bound.  $\square$

**Lemma 4.5 (Transition from  $\mathcal{G}_2$  to  $\mathcal{G}_3$ ).** *For any p.p.t. adversary  $\mathcal{A}$ , there exists a p.p.t. adversary  $\mathcal{B}'$  such that*

$$|\text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\mathcal{G}_2}(\kappa, n) - \text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\mathcal{G}_3}(\kappa, n)| \leq \text{Adv}_{\mathcal{B}'}^{\text{MDDH}}(\kappa) + \frac{1}{p}.$$

*Proof.* We change the output of the random oracle for the query  $\ell^*$  from an element output in the span of  $\mathbf{A}$  to a linear combination of the matrices  $\mathbf{A}$  and the vector  $\mathbf{a}^\perp$ . In more detail, we generate a random vector in  $\mathbb{Z}_p^{k+1}$  by sampling  $\mathbf{u}_1 \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p^k$  and  $\mathbf{u}_2 \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p^*$  and computing  $\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{u}_1 + \mathbf{a}^\perp \cdot \mathbf{u}_2$ . Due to the way in which  $\mathbf{a}^\perp$  is constructed and the we can span the whole space  $\mathbb{Z}_p^{k+1}$  using  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{a}^\perp$ . This sampling is justified by the MDDH assumption, it changes the view of the adversary by statistical distance of  $\frac{1}{p}$ , which yields the bound above.  $\square$

**Lemma 4.6 (Transition from  $\mathcal{G}_3$  to  $\mathcal{G}_4$ ).** *For any adversary  $\mathcal{A}$ , it holds that*

$$|\text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\mathcal{G}_3}(\kappa, n) - \text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\mathcal{G}_4}(\kappa, n)| = 0.$$

*Proof.* We proceed in two different steps for this part of the proof:

1. We apply a complexity leveraging argument to change the games  $\mathcal{G}_3$  and  $\mathcal{G}_4$  from the adaptive security case into the selective security case. The resulting games are denoted with  $\mathcal{G}_3^*$  and  $\mathcal{G}_4^*$ .
2. We use a statistical argument to prove the transition from  $\mathcal{G}_3^*$  to  $\mathcal{G}_4^*$ .

1. Let  $\mathcal{A}_t$  be an adversary in the adaptive secure games  $\mathcal{G}_t$  and  $\mathcal{B}_t^*$  an adversary in the corresponding selectively secure games  $\mathcal{G}_t^*$ , for  $t = 3, 4$ .

We transform the adversary  $\mathcal{A}_t$  into a selective adversary  $\mathcal{B}_t^*$ , such that:

$$\text{Adv}_{\mathcal{A}_t}^{\mathcal{G}_t}(\kappa, n) \leq 2^{-n} \cdot (2X)^{-2mn} \cdot \text{Adv}_{\mathcal{B}_t^*}^{\mathcal{G}_t^*}(\kappa, n), \text{ for } t = 3, 4.$$

We describe the simulation of the adaptive security by the adversary  $\mathcal{B}_t^*$  to  $\mathcal{A}_t$ , for  $t = 3, 4$ , when  $\mathcal{B}_t^*$  interacts with the corresponding selective security experiment.

2. After adversary  $\mathcal{B}_t^*$  made its guesses  $\mathbf{z}_i = (\mathbf{x}_i^{0, \ell^*}, \mathbf{x}_i^{1, \ell^*})$  for the set label  $\ell^*$  and all  $i \in [n]$ . It simulates  $\mathcal{A}_t$ 's experiment using its own selective experiment. When  $\mathcal{B}_t^*$  receives a challenge query from  $\mathcal{A}_t$ , it checks if the guess was successful. If it was, it continues simulating  $\mathcal{A}_t$ 's experiment, otherwise, it returns 0. When the guess is successful,  $\mathcal{B}_t^*$  perfectly simulates  $\mathcal{A}_t$ 's view.

To show that the two distributions (with  $\langle \mathbf{u}_{\ell^*}, \mathbf{a}^\perp \rangle \neq 0$ ):

$$\{\mathbf{S}_i\}_{i \in [n], \mathbf{z}_i} \text{ and } \{\mathbf{S}_i - \frac{1}{\langle \mathbf{u}_{\ell^*}, \mathbf{a}^\perp \rangle} (\mathbf{x}_i^{0, \ell^*} - \mathbf{x}_i^{1, \ell^*}) (\mathbf{a}^\perp)^\top\}_{i \in [n], \mathbf{z}_i}$$

are indistinguishable, we show the simulation of  $\mathcal{B}_t^*$  for the different queries:

**Corruption oracle**  $\text{QCor}(i)$ : If slot  $i$  gets corrupted (and the simulation happened successfully), it holds that  $\mathbf{x}_i^{0, \ell^*} = \mathbf{x}_i^{1, \ell^*}$  under label  $\ell^*$ . This results in  $\mathbf{S}_i - \frac{1}{\langle \mathbf{u}_{\ell^*}, \mathbf{a}^\perp \rangle} (\mathbf{x}_i^{0, \ell^*} - \mathbf{x}_i^{1, \ell^*}) (\mathbf{a}^\perp)^\top = \mathbf{S}_i - \frac{1}{\langle \mathbf{u}_{\ell^*}, \mathbf{a}^\perp \rangle} \cdot \mathbf{0} \cdot (\mathbf{a}^\perp)^\top = \mathbf{S}_i$ .

**Key oracle**  $\text{QKeyD}(\mathbf{y})$ : The key generation procedure will output:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{sk}_{\mathbf{y}} &= \sum_{i \in [n]} \mathbf{S}_i^\top \cdot \mathbf{y}_i - \frac{1}{\langle \mathbf{u}_{\ell^*}, \mathbf{a}^\perp \rangle} (\mathbf{a}^\perp) (\mathbf{x}_i^{0, \ell^*} - \mathbf{x}_i^{1, \ell^*})^\top \cdot \mathbf{y}_i \\ &= \sum_{i \in [n]} \mathbf{S}_i^\top \cdot \mathbf{y}_i - \frac{1}{\langle \mathbf{u}_{\ell^*}, \mathbf{a}^\perp \rangle} (\mathbf{a}^\perp) \underbrace{(\langle \mathbf{x}_i^{0, \ell^*}, \mathbf{y}_i \rangle - \langle \mathbf{x}_i^{1, \ell^*}, \mathbf{y}_i \rangle)}_{=0}, \end{aligned}$$

which is equal to a functional key generated using  $\{\mathbf{S}_i\}_{i \in [n], \mathbf{z}_i}$ .

**Left-or-Right query**  $\text{QLeftRight}(i, \mathbf{x}_i^0, \mathbf{x}_i^1, \ell^*)$ : The term  $-\frac{1}{\langle \mathbf{u}_{\ell^*}, \mathbf{a}^\perp \rangle} (\mathbf{x}_i^{0, \ell^*} - \mathbf{x}_i^{1, \ell^*}) (\mathbf{a}^\perp)^\top$  also appears in the encryption queries under label  $\ell^*$ .

The ciphertext under label  $\ell^*$  has the structure

$$\begin{aligned} & [\mathbf{S}_i \mathbf{u}_{\ell^*}] - \frac{1}{\langle \mathbf{u}_{\ell^*}, \mathbf{a}^\perp \rangle} (\mathbf{x}_i^{0, \ell^*} - \mathbf{x}_i^{1, \ell^*}) (\mathbf{a}^\perp)^\top [\mathbf{u}_{\ell^*}] + [\mathbf{x}_i^{0, \ell^*}] \\ &= [\mathbf{S}_i \mathbf{u}_{\ell^*}] + \underbrace{\left[ -\frac{1}{\langle \mathbf{u}_{\ell^*}, \mathbf{a}^\perp \rangle} \cdot \langle \mathbf{u}_{\ell^*}, \mathbf{a}^\perp \rangle (\mathbf{x}_i^{0, \ell^*} - \mathbf{x}_i^{1, \ell^*}) + \mathbf{x}_i^{0, \ell^*} \right]}_{=1} \\ &= [\mathbf{S}_i \mathbf{u}_{\ell^*}] + [\mathbf{x}_i^{1, \ell^*}]. \end{aligned}$$

**Encryption query**  $\text{QEnc}(i, \mathbf{x}_i, \ell)$ : If an encryption query gets asked for a label  $\ell \neq \ell^*$ , with  $\mathbf{u}_\ell = \mathbf{A} \cdot \text{RF}'(\ell)$ , then the ciphertext has the following structure:

$$\begin{aligned} & [\mathbf{S}_i \mathbf{u}_\ell] - \frac{1}{\langle \mathbf{u}_{\ell^*}, \mathbf{a}^\perp \rangle} (\mathbf{x}_i^{0, \ell^*} - \mathbf{x}_i^{1, \ell^*}) (\mathbf{a}^\perp)^\top [\mathbf{A} \cdot \text{RF}'(\ell)] + [\mathbf{x}_i] \\ &= [\mathbf{S}_i \mathbf{u}_\ell] + \underbrace{\left[ -\frac{1}{\langle \mathbf{u}_{\ell^*}, \mathbf{a}^\perp \rangle} (\mathbf{x}_i^{0, \ell^*} - \mathbf{x}_i^{1, \ell^*}) (\mathbf{a}^\perp)^\top \mathbf{A} \cdot \text{RF}'(\ell) \right]}_{=0} + [\mathbf{x}_i] \\ &= [\mathbf{S}_i \mathbf{u}_\ell] + [\mathbf{x}_i] \end{aligned}$$

□

## 5 Security Analysis of the DCR-based Construction

In this section, we present the proof of correctness and security for our DCR-based scheme.

We start by recapping the definition of Carmichael function and some theorems which will be used in the security proof of DCR-based MCFE scheme. In the following definition  $\text{lcm}(b, c)$  stands for the least common multiple of  $b$  and  $c$ .

**Definition 5.1 (Carmichael function).** *The Carmichael function is defined as :*

$$\lambda(n) = \begin{cases} \text{lcm}(\lambda(p_1^{a_1}), \dots, \lambda(p_k^{a_k})) & n = p_1^{a_1} \cdot p_2^{a_2} \cdot \dots \cdot p_k^{a_k} \\ p^{a-1}(p-1) & n = p^a, p \neq 2 \text{ or } a < 2 \\ p^{a-1}(p-1)/2 & n = p^a, p = 2, a > 2 \end{cases}$$

All through the paper we denote  $\lambda(N)$  as  $\lambda$ . The following lemma is due to the Carmichael theorem.

**Theorem 5.2 (Carmichael Theorem).** *Assume that  $N = pq$  is a safe-prime modulus, then for any  $w \in \mathbb{Z}_{N^2}^*$ :*

$$\begin{cases} w^\lambda = 1 \text{ mod } N \\ w^{N\lambda} = 1 \text{ mod } N^2 \end{cases}$$

The following lemma is introducing an isomorphism between  $\mathbb{Z}_N \times \mathbb{Z}_N^*$  and  $\mathbb{Z}_{N^2}^*$ .

**Lemma 5.3 ([Pai99]).** *The function  $\varepsilon : \mathbb{Z}_N \times \mathbb{Z}_N^* \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_{N^2}^*$ , defined as  $\varepsilon(a, b) = (1 + N)^a \cdot b^n$ , is a bijective map.*

Now, we are ready to discuss the correctness and security of our DCR-based MCFE scheme (Fig. 4).

**Correctness.** We show that our construction in Fig. 4 is correct. Note that  $(1 + N)$  is of order  $N$  and the following statement is satisfied.

$$\forall a \in \mathbb{Z} : (1 + N)^a = (1 + aN) \text{ mod } N^2.$$

Now by the obtained value from decryption algorithm, we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
C &= \prod_i \text{ct}_i^{y_i} \cdot \mathcal{H}(\ell)^{-\text{sk}} = (1 + N)^{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i \cdot y_i \pmod N} \pmod{N^2} \Rightarrow \\
C &= (1 + (\sum_{i=1}^n x_i \cdot y_i \pmod N) \cdot N) \pmod{N^2} \Rightarrow \\
\frac{C - 1 \pmod{N^2}}{N} &= \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \cdot y_i \pmod N
\end{aligned}$$

**Security Analysis.** In this section we analysis the security of our construction. Our security proof is based on a combination of proof techniques of [CDG<sup>+</sup>18a] and [ALS16]. In the security proof we aim for adaptive security<sup>10</sup>, we have a sequence of games such that any two adjacent games can be proved indistinguishable based on a computational assumption or a statistical argument.

**Sketch of the proof.** Here we give a simple but not accurate intuition of the proof. Many details are missing due to the sake of simplicity.

We start with the real game conditioned the hidden bit is  $b = 0$  (game  $\mathbf{G}_0$ ). Then we try to replace the RO-queries with  $\text{RF}'(\ell)^N$  through the DCR assumption where  $\text{RF}'(\ell)$  is a truly random function (games  $\mathbf{G}_1$  and  $\mathbf{G}_2$ ). From this point we start a hybrid argument over RO-queries, while all the RO-queries are answered by  $\text{RF}'(\ell)^N$ , the RO-query associated with the challenge would be replaced with  $\text{RF}(\ell)$  (Game  $\mathbf{G}_{2,q,2}$ ) which tanks to the isomorphism  $\varepsilon$  can be seen as  $(1 + N)^a \cdot b^N$ . These two changes are somehow orthogonal meaning that through  $\mathcal{H}(\ell) = \text{RF}'(\ell)^N$  we can simultaneously change the distribution of the master secret key  $(\mathbf{s} + \lambda(\mathbf{x}_1 - \mathbf{x}_0) \cdot \mu$  for some  $\mu \in \mathbb{Z}$ ) such that this change is indistinguishable in the adversary's view. Then thanks to the new distribution of the master key and the change  $\mathcal{H}(\ell_q) = (1 + N)^{a_q} \cdot b_q^N$ , one can see that a new term as  $\mathbf{x}_b + a_q \lambda \cdot (\mathbf{x}_1 - \mathbf{x}_0) \pmod N$  would be appeared in the challenge-ciphertext. From there we just need to say that this term can statistically hide the bit  $b$  in the challenge (by a statistical argument in  $\mathbf{G}_{2,q,4}$ ).

We remark that our statistical argument (game  $\mathbf{G}_{2,q,4}$ ) is the only game in the sequence which we cannot directly prove its indistinguishability from its previous game, in an adaptive setting<sup>11</sup>. Though, the positive side is that since this restriction is happening only in the statistical argument, by a technique similar to the complexity leveraging, one can find the proper parameters to lift the security again to the adaptive, without losing any factor of security. That is why in the construction we have considered two cases for the parameters-setting. This will help the user to set the parameters based on its chosen security model.

**Theorem 5.4.** *The presented MCFE scheme in Fig. 4, is one-IND-MCFE secure under the DCR assumption and in the random-oracle model. More precisely:*

$$\text{Adv}^{\text{one-IND}} \leq (2q_{\text{Enc}} + 2) \cdot \text{Adv}^{\text{DCR}} + 4q_{\text{Enc}} \cdot \text{negl}_1(\kappa) + q_{\text{Enc}} \cdot 2^{-\kappa}$$

where  $q_{\text{Enc}}$  is the number of random-oracle queries which are used in some LR encryption queries,  $\text{negl}_1$  shows the advantage of an adversary in distinguishing  $\mathbb{Z}_N$  from  $\mathbb{Z}_N^*$  and the term  $2^{-\kappa}$  is appeared due to the fact that in our Gaussian distribution  $\sigma > \sqrt{\kappa} \cdot N^{5/2}$ .

*Proof.* We define a sequence of games started from  $\mathbf{G}_0$  which is the real game when the challenger answers to LR queries through the chosen bit  $b = 0$  and ended with  $\mathbf{G}_5$  which is the real game for the bit  $b = 1$ . Thus,

$$\text{Adv}_{\text{MCFE}, \mathcal{A}}^{\text{one-IND}}(\kappa, n) = |\text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\mathbf{G}_0}(\kappa, n) - \text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\mathbf{G}_5}(\kappa, n)|.$$

This sequence of games is shown in Fig. 8. In this table  $\text{RF}, \text{RF}', \text{RF}_a, \text{RF}_b$  are different random functions respectively from labels set Labels to  $\mathbb{Z}_{N^2}^*, \mathbb{Z}_{N^2}^*, \mathbb{Z}_N^*, \mathbb{Z}_N^*$ .

<sup>10</sup> I.e.,  $zz = \emptyset$ .

<sup>11</sup> More precisely, the security notion here is selective per label (ISEL) where the adversary is restricted not to issue LR-challenges on a new label as far as it has not completed the challenges associated with the label in the progress. While it may ask secret-key queries or corruption-queries adaptively. This security notion make sense specially in the time-stamp applications that one can not come back to the previous time-labels. This is, in a predefined time-stamp all the ciphertexts should be provided otherwise any ciphertext would be discarded before going to the next time-stamp.

Game	$\text{ct}_{i,\ell}$	$\mathcal{H}(\ell)$	Justification
$G_0$	$(1+N)^{x_{i0}} \cdot \mathcal{H}(\ell)^{s_i} \pmod{N^2}$	$\mathcal{H}(\ell) \in \mathbb{Z}_{N^2}^*$	real game $b=0$
$G_1$	$(1+N)^{x_{i0}} \cdot \text{RF}(\ell)^{s_i}$	$\text{RF}(\ell) \in \mathbb{Z}_{N^2}^*$	RO
$G_2$	$(1+N)^{x_{i0}} \cdot \text{RF}'(\ell)^{Ns_i}$	$\text{RF}'(\ell)^N \in \mathbb{Z}_{N^2}^*$	DCR
$G_{2.q.1}$	$(1+N)^{x_{i0}} \cdot \text{RF}'(\ell)^{Ns_i} \quad \ell \geq \ell_q$ $(1+N)^{x_{i1}} \cdot \text{RF}'(\ell)^{Ns_i} \quad \ell < \ell_q$	$\text{RF}'(\ell)^N$	$G_{2.1.1} = G_2$
$G_{2.q.2}$	$(1+N)^{x_{i0}} \cdot \text{RF}'(\ell)^{Ns_i} \quad \ell > \ell_q$ $(1+N)^{x_{i0}} \cdot \text{RF}(\ell)^{s_i} \quad \ell = \ell_q$ $(1+N)^{x_{i1}} \cdot \text{RF}'(\ell)^{Ns_i} \quad \ell < \ell_q$	$\text{RF}'(\ell)^N \quad \ell \neq \ell_q$ $\text{RF}(\ell) \quad \ell = \ell_q$	DCR
$G_{2.q.3}$	$(1+N)^{x_{i0}} \cdot \text{RF}'(\ell)^{Ns_i} \quad \ell > \ell_q$ $(1+N)^{x_{i0}+a_\ell s_i} b_\ell^{Ns_i} \quad \ell = \ell_q$ $(1+N)^{x_{i1}} \cdot \text{RF}'(\ell)^{Ns_i} \quad \ell < \ell_q$	$\text{RF}'(\ell)^N \quad \ell \neq \ell_q$ $(1+N)^{a_\ell} b_\ell^N \quad \ell = \ell_q$	Lemma 5.3
$G_{2.q.4}$	$(1+N)^{x_{i0}} \cdot \text{RF}'(\ell)^{Ns_i} \quad \ell > \ell_q$ $(1+N)^{\boxed{x_{i1}}+a_\ell s_i} b_\ell^{Ns_i} \quad \ell = \ell_q$ $(1+N)^{x_{i1}} \cdot \text{RF}'(\ell)^{Ns_i} \quad \ell < \ell_q$	$\text{RF}'(\ell)^N \quad \ell \neq \ell_q$ $(1+N)^{a_\ell} b_\ell^N \quad \ell = \ell_q$	stat. argu. $G_{2.q.4} \cong G_{2.q+1.1}$ backward steps
$G_3$	$(1+N)^{x_{i1}} \cdot \text{RF}'(\ell)^{Ns_i}$	$\mathcal{H}(\ell) = \text{RF}'(\ell)^N$	$G_3 = G_{2.q_{\text{Enc}}+1,1}$
$G_4$	$(1+N)^{x_{i1}} \cdot \text{RF}(\ell)^{s_i}$	$\mathcal{H}(\ell) = \text{RF}(\ell) \in \mathbb{Z}_{N^2}^*$	DCR
$G_5$	$(1+N)^{x_{i1}} \cdot \mathcal{H}(\ell)^{s_i}$	$\mathcal{H}(\ell) \in \mathbb{Z}_{N^2}^*$	RO real game $b=1$

Fig. 8: Overview of the games for MCFE based on the DCR assumption

**Game  $G_0$ :** is the real game where the challenger answers to the queries  $\text{QLeftRight}(x_0, x_1, i, \ell)$  by  $\text{Enc}(x_0, i, \ell)$ .

Note that hash function is modeled as random oracle  $\mathcal{H}$  onto  $\mathbb{Z}_{N^2}^*$ .

**Game  $G_1$ :** is similar to the game  $G_0$ , except that, each new RO-query is answered by a fresh truly random in  $\mathbb{Z}_{N^2}^*$ . That is,  $\mathcal{H}(\ell) = \text{RF}(\ell)$ . All other queries are simulated by running the real algorithms (based on these current RO values). Clearly,

$$|\text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{G_0}(\kappa, n) - \text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{G_1}(\kappa, n)| = 0.$$

**Game  $G_2$ :** is similar to the game  $G_1$ , except that, each RO-query is answered by  $\mathcal{H}(\ell) = \text{RF}'(\ell)^N \pmod{N^2}$ .

Lemma 5.6 proves that,

$$|\text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{G_2}(\kappa, n) - \text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{G_1}(\kappa, n)| \leq \text{Adv}_{\mathcal{B}}^{\text{DCR}}(\kappa) + q_{\text{Enc}} \cdot \text{negl}_1.$$

An adversary attacking to the random self-reducibility of DCR can simply simulate the game for the attacker to the indistinguishability of  $G_2$  and  $G_1$ . The random self-reducibility of DCR expresses that from a single sample  $w \leftarrow \mathcal{D}$  (similarly,  $w \leftarrow \mathcal{D}'$ ) given by the DCR challenger, one can build many random samples  $w'$  from the same distribution  $\mathcal{D}$  (respectively,  $\mathcal{D}'$ ).

**Game  $G_3$ :** is similar to the game  $G_2$ , except that, queries  $\text{QLeftRight}(x_0, x_1, i, \ell)$  are answered by  $\text{Enc}(x_1, i, \ell)$ .

In Lemma 5.7, we show that these two games are indistinguishable by a hybrid argument on RO-queries, yielding that,

$$|\text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{G_3}(\kappa, n) - \text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{G_2}(\kappa, n)| \leq q_{\text{Enc}} \cdot (2 \cdot \text{Adv}_{\mathcal{B}}^{\text{DCR}}(\kappa) + 2 \cdot \text{negl}_1(\kappa) + 2^{-\kappa}).$$

We prove this claim through a sequence of hybrids on the RO-queries. As we already mentioned in the proof-sketch, by the previous changes on the RO-queries, we are ready to start our statistical argument here. We will show that the master secret key in the adversary's view belongs to a sublattice. While in the challenge, the message is added to the master secret key module  $N$ . From there, we use a theorem from the lattice-based cryptography saying that if the variance of Gaussian distribution is enough larger than  $N$ , then sampling from this sublattice module  $N$  is close to uniform distribution over  $\mathbb{Z}_N$ , which then can hide bit  $b$ .

**Games  $G_4, G_5$ :** These games are respectively the counterparts of  $G_2, G_1, G_0$  and their indistinguishability relies on a similar reasoning in the backward steps. □

**Lemma 5.5 (Random self-reducibility of DCR [Pai99]).** *The DCR assumption is random self-reducible. Concretely, for any  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ,*

$$\text{Adv}_{\mathcal{A}'}^{\text{DCR},k}(\kappa) \leq \text{Adv}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\text{DCR}}(\kappa) + k \cdot \text{negl}_1$$

where  $\text{Adv}_{\mathcal{A}'}^{\text{DCR},k}(\kappa)$ , is the advantage of adversary receiving  $k$  random samples of DCR. I.e.,

$$\text{Adv}_{\mathcal{A}'}^{\text{DCR},k}(\kappa) = |\Pr[\mathcal{A}'(w' \stackrel{R}{\leftarrow} \mathcal{D}) = 1] - \Pr[\mathcal{A}'(w' \stackrel{R}{\leftarrow} \mathcal{D}') = 1]|$$

where  $w' = \{w'_i\}_{i=1}^k$  and  $\mathcal{D} = \{z \stackrel{R}{\leftarrow} \mathbb{Z}_{N^2}^*\}$  and  $\mathcal{D}' = \{z^N \bmod N^2 : z \stackrel{R}{\leftarrow} \mathbb{Z}_{N^2}^*\}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be the attacker to the DCR assumption. It simulates the game for adversary  $\mathcal{A}'$  as follows:

- $\mathcal{A}$  receives a sample  $w$  from its challenger.
- It samples  $\alpha_i, \beta_i \stackrel{R}{\leftarrow} \mathbb{Z}_N$  for  $i = 1, \dots, k$ .
- It sets  $w'_i = w^{\alpha_i} \cdot \beta_i^N \bmod N^2$  and sends back  $w'_i$  to  $\mathcal{A}'$ .
- $\mathcal{A}$  outputs the bit  $b'$  given by  $\mathcal{A}'$ .

To show this simulation is correct, one should prove that if  $w \leftarrow \mathcal{D}$  (similarly,  $w \leftarrow \mathcal{D}'$ ), then each  $w'_i$  is uniformly sampled from  $\mathcal{D}$  (respectively,  $\mathcal{D}'$ ). If  $w \leftarrow \mathcal{D}$ , then by Lemma 5.3, we can set  $w = (1 + N)^{ab^N} \bmod N^2$ . Thus,  $w_i = (1 + N)^{a\alpha_i} \cdot (b^{\alpha_i} \beta_i)^N \bmod N^2$ . Since  $a \in \mathbb{Z}_N$  is invertible except with negligible probability  $\text{negl}_1$ ,  $a\alpha_i \bmod N$  is uniform over  $\mathbb{Z}_N$ . Similarly,  $b^{\alpha_i} \beta_i \bmod N$  is uniform over  $\mathbb{Z}_N^*$  except with negligible probability  $\text{negl}_1$  (because  $b^{\alpha_i}$  is invertible in  $\mathbb{Z}_N$ ). Then, again by isomorphism  $\varepsilon$ , the value  $w'_i = (1 + N)^{a\alpha_i} \cdot (b^{\alpha_i} \beta_i)^N \bmod N^2$  is uniform over  $\mathbb{Z}_{N^2}^*$ .

if  $w \leftarrow \mathcal{D}'$ , then there exists  $\iota \in \mathbb{Z}_{N^2}^*$  such that  $w = \iota^N$ . Thus,  $w'_i = (\iota^{\alpha_i} \beta_i)^N \bmod N^2$ . Since  $\iota$  is invertible over  $\mathbb{Z}_{N^2}$ , then  $\iota^{\alpha_i} \beta_i$  is uniform over  $\mathbb{Z}_{N^2}^*$  except with negligible probability  $\text{negl}_1$ . Consequently,  $w'_i$  is uniformly sampled from  $\mathcal{D}'$ . □

**Lemma 5.6 (Transition from  $G_1$  to  $G_2$ ).** *For any adversary  $\mathcal{A}$ , there exists an adversary  $\mathcal{B}$  such that:*

$$|\text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{G_2}(\kappa, n) - \text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{G_1}(\kappa, n)| \leq \text{Adv}_{\mathcal{B}}^{\text{DCR}}(\kappa) + q_{\text{Enc}} \cdot \text{negl}_1.$$

*Proof.* Assume that  $\mathcal{B}$  is the attacker to the random-self-reducibility of DCR problem (Lemma 5.5) and  $\mathcal{A}$  is the adversary trying to distinguish between games  $G_1$  and  $G_2$ .

When the adversary  $\mathcal{A}$  issues RO-queries, the adversary  $\mathcal{B}$  simply returns  $\text{RF}(\ell) = w'_\ell$  where  $w'_\ell$  is a sample from its challenger. All other queries are answered by running the real algorithms.

If  $w'_\ell$  for  $\ell = 1, \dots, q_{\text{Enc}}$  is sampled from the distribution  $\mathcal{D} = \{z \stackrel{R}{\leftarrow} \mathbb{Z}_{N^2}^*\}$ , then  $\mathcal{B}$  is simulating the  $G_1$ , and if  $w'_\ell$  is sampled from the distribution  $\mathcal{D}' = \{z^N \bmod N^2 : z \stackrel{R}{\leftarrow} \mathbb{Z}_{N^2}^*\}$ , then  $\mathcal{B}$  is simulating  $G_2$ . Thus,  $|\text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{G_2}(\kappa, n) - \text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{G_1}(\kappa, n)| \leq \text{Adv}_{\mathcal{B}}^{\text{DCR},q_{\text{Enc}}}(\kappa)$ . The upper-bound  $\text{Adv}_{\mathcal{B}}^{\text{DCR}}(\kappa) + q_{\text{Enc}} \cdot \text{negl}_1$  is due to Lemma 5.5. □

**Lemma 5.7 (Transition from  $G_2$  to  $G_3$ ).** *Two mentioned games  $G_2$  and  $G_3$  in Theorem 5.4 are indistinguishable. More precisely,*

$$|\text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{G_3}(\kappa, n) - \text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{G_2}(\kappa, n)| \leq q_{\text{Enc}} \cdot (2\text{Adv}_{\mathcal{B}}^{\text{DCR}}(\kappa) + 2\text{negl}_1(\kappa) + 2^{-\kappa}),$$

where  $q_{\text{Enc}}$  and  $\text{negl}_1$  are as explained in Theorem 5.4.



*Proof.* For each  $q = 1, \dots, q_{\text{Enc}}$ , four games  $G_{2,q,1}$ , to  $G_{2,q,4}$  are defined such that  $G_2 \cong G_{2,1,1}$ , and for any  $q$ ,  $G_{2,q,1} \cong G_{2,q,2} \cong G_{2,q,3} \cong G_{2,q,4}$  and  $G_{2,q,4} \cong G_{2,q+1,1}$  where  $G_{2,q_{\text{Enc}}+1,1} \cong G_3$ .

**Game  $G_{2,q,1}$ :** without loss of generality, we consider a partial order relation for RO-queries. For the ciphertext associated with labels less than  $\ell_q$ , the LR queries are answered by bit  $b = 1$  while the other LR queries are answered by  $b = 0$ . Clearly,  $G_2 = G_{2,1,1}$ .

**Game  $G_{2,q,2}$ :** is similar to the previous game, except that,  $q$ th RO-query associated with label  $\ell_q$  is answered by  $\text{RF}(\ell_q)$ . By the DCR assumption,

$$|\text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{G_{2,q,2}}(\kappa, n) - \text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{G_{2,q,1}}(\kappa, n)| \leq \text{Adv}_{\mathcal{B}}^{\text{DCR}}(\kappa).$$

**Game  $G_{2,q,3}$ :** is similar to the previous game, except that,  $q$ th RO-query associated with label  $\ell_q$  is answered by  $(1 + N)^{a_q} \cdot b_q^N$  where  $a_q = \text{RF}_a(\ell_q), b_q = \text{RF}_b(\ell_q)$ . By the isomorphism  $\varepsilon$  in Lemma 5.3, we have:

$$|\text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{G_{2,q,3}}(\kappa, n) - \text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{G_{2,q,2}}(\kappa, n)| \leq \text{negl}_1(\kappa).$$

The term  $\text{negl}_1(\kappa)$  is appeared due to the fact that instead of  $a_q \xleftarrow{R} \mathbb{Z}_N$ , as it is in Lemma 5.3, we have  $a_q \xleftarrow{R} \mathbb{Z}_N^*$ . More precisely,  $\text{negl}_1(\kappa) \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}}$  which is the advantage of the adversary in distinguishing  $\mathbb{Z}_N$  from  $\mathbb{Z}_N^*$ .

**Game  $G_{2,q,4}$ :** is similar to the game  $G_{2,q,3}$ , except that, the encryption queries  $\text{QLeftRight}(x_0, x_1, i, \ell_q)$  for label  $\ell_q$  corresponding to the  $q$ th RO-query is answered by  $\text{Enc}(x_1, i, \ell_q)$ . Note that  $G_{2,q,4} = G_{2,q+1,1}$  and  $G_{2,q_{\text{Enc}}+1,1} = G_3$ . In Lemma 5.8, we prove that

$$|\text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{G_{2,q,4}}(\kappa, n) - \text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{G_{2,q,3}}(\kappa, n)| \leq 2^{-\kappa}.$$

□

Note that if  $q$ th RO-query is not used by any encryption query, then the games  $G_{2,q,4}$  and  $G_{2,q,3}$  are identical. But for the case that it is used by an encryption query, we claim that  $G_{2,q,4} \cong G_{2,q,3}$ . This step is similar to the security proof technique of single-input FE scheme based of Paillier in [ALS16]. The difference is that the information leaked through different ciphertext in our MCFE scheme are the same as what the adversary gets in single-input FE through the public key<sup>12</sup>. The formal proof is as follows:

**Lemma 5.8 (Transition from  $G_{2,q,3}$  to  $G_{2,q,4}$ ).** *If  $\sigma > \sqrt{\kappa + 2n \cdot \log(2X)} \cdot N^{5/2}$  and  $X < \sqrt{N/2n}$ , then for any adversary  $\mathcal{A}$ ,*

$$|\text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{G_{2,q,4}}(\kappa, n) - \text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{G_{2,q,3}}(\kappa, n)| \leq 2^{-\kappa}.$$

*Proof.* Here at first we prove that the selective<sup>13</sup> versions of these two games are indistinguishable and then by a technique similar to complexity leveraging we extend the security to their adaptive versions<sup>14</sup>. Let  $G_{2,q,3}^*$  and  $G_{2,q,4}^*$  be the selective versions of  $G_{2,q,3}$  and  $G_{2,q,4}$ , respectively. We show that,

$$|\text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{G_{2,q,4}^*}(\kappa, n) - \text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{G_{2,q,3}^*}(\kappa, n)| \leq 2^{-\kappa}.$$

We define a new game  $G_{2,q,3}^b$ , depending on a random bit  $b \xleftarrow{R} \{0, 1\}$  such that when  $b = 0$  it is the same as  $G_{2,q,3}^*$  and when  $b = 1$  is the same as  $G_{2,q,4}^*$ . Thus, in the game  $G_{2,q,3}^b$ , we have  $\text{QLeftRight}(x_0, x_1, i, \ell_q) =$

<sup>12</sup> Note that in MCFE, we are in the symmetric key setting and the security game is involved with many ciphertexts queries

<sup>13</sup> In fact, we can prove that their variants for *selective per label* are indistinguishable.

<sup>14</sup> We emphasize that the standard complexity leveraging argument over a computational assumption reduces the strength of the computational argument, whereas here it's only leveraging on the statistical argument, so it's not as harmful.

$(1 + N)^{x_{ib}^q + a_q s_i} \cdot b^{N s_i} = \text{ct}_{iq}$  (where  $x_{ib}^q$  is the  $i$ -th entry of the message  $\mathbf{x}_b^q$  associated with the challenge  $\ell_q$ ) and all other queries are answered similar to the game  $\mathbb{G}_{2,q,3}^*$ . We claim that  $\text{ct}_{iq}$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , statically hides  $b \in \{0, 1\}$ . To prove this, we try to show that conditioned on all the leaked information,  $X \cdot (\mathbf{x}_b^q + a_q \mathbf{s}) \bmod N$  can statistically hide bit  $b$  where  $X$  is an invertible matrix modulo  $N$  and independent of bit  $b$ . This can complete the proof.

Let  $\mathbf{x}_\beta^q = (x_{1,\beta}^q, \dots, x_{n,\beta}^q)$ ,  $\beta \in \{0, 1\}$  are the challenges associated with label  $\ell_q$  and  $\mathbf{x}^q = \frac{1}{g}(\mathbf{x}_1^q - \mathbf{x}_0^q)$  where  $g = \gcd(x_{1,1}^q - x_{1,0}^q, \dots, x_{n,1}^q - x_{n,0}^q)$ . Without loss of generality, we assume the  $n_0$  first entries of  $\mathbf{x}^q$

are zero, and all remaining entries are non-zero. The matrix  $X$  is considered as  $X = \begin{bmatrix} X_{top} \\ X_{bot} \end{bmatrix}$  where  $X_{top}$  and  $X_{bot}$  are as follows:

$$X_{top} = \left( \begin{array}{c|cccc} I_{n_0} & & & & \\ \hline & -x_{n_0+2}^q & x_{n_0+1}^q & & \\ & & -x_{n_0+3}^q & x_{n_0+2}^q & \\ & & & \ddots & \ddots \\ & & & & x_n^q & x_{n-1}^q \end{array} \right), \quad X_{bot} = (\mathbf{x}^q)^T$$

For this matrix,  $\det(XX^T) = (\prod_{i=n_0+1}^{n-1} (x_i^q)^2) \cdot \|\mathbf{x}^q\|^4$ . Each  $(x_i^q)^2$  is small and non-zero. Thus, the term  $(\prod_{i=n_0+1}^{n-1} (x_i^q)^2)$  is non-zero modulo  $N$  otherwise it gives a factorization for  $N$ . Similarly, we can assume that  $\gcd(\|\mathbf{x}^q\|, N) = 1$ , otherwise it gives a non-trivial factor of  $N$ . Putting together,  $\det(X)^2 \neq 0 \bmod N$  which means  $X$  is invertible over  $\mathbb{Z}_N$ . Coming back to the main goal, we show that  $X \cdot (\mathbf{x}_b^q + a_q \mathbf{s}) \bmod N$  hides the bit  $b$ . In fact, what we would show is that  $X_{top} \cdot (\mathbf{x}_b^q + a_q \mathbf{s}) \bmod N$  is completely independent of  $b$  and  $X_{bot} \cdot (\mathbf{x}_b^q + a_q \mathbf{s}) \bmod N$  is close to uniform and therefore statistically hides  $b$ .

- Step 1:  $X_{top} \cdot (\mathbf{x}_b^q + a_q \mathbf{s}) \bmod N$  is completely independent of  $b$ :

This is satisfied due to the fact that  $X_{top} \cdot (\mathbf{x}_0^q - \mathbf{x}_1^q) = 0$  over integers (one can check it through the construction of matrix  $X_{top}$ ).

- Step 2:  $X_{bot} \cdot (\mathbf{x}_b^q + a_q \mathbf{s}) \bmod N$  is close to uniform: Which can be written as

$$\langle \mathbf{x}^q, \mathbf{x}_b^q \rangle + a_q \langle \mathbf{x}^q, \mathbf{s} \rangle \bmod N. \quad (1)$$

Let  $\mathbf{s}_0 = (s_1^0, \dots, s_n^0)$  be a possible value for the master key. Now we try to find the distribution of  $\mathbf{s}$  from the adversary's view. The adversary can get information about the master secret key through:

1. All ciphertexts associated with  $l \neq \ell_q$ : the leaked information about  $\mathbf{s}_0$  comes from  $\text{RF}'(\ell)^{N \mathbf{s}_0} \bmod N^2$ ,  $l \neq \ell_q$ . Note that the adversary also knows  $\text{RF}'(\ell)^N$  through the RO queries.
2. Secret key queries: the leaked information is essentially  $\langle \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{s}_0 \rangle$  for all the key queries  $\mathbf{y}$ .
3. Corruption queries: It leaks the value  $s_i^0$  for the corrupted slot  $i$ .

Thus, the distribution of master key in the adversary's view is

$$\{\mathbf{s}_0 + \mathbf{t} : \mathbf{t} \xleftarrow{R} \mathcal{D}_{\Lambda, \sigma, -\mathbf{s}_0}\}$$

where the lattice  $\Lambda$  is as follows<sup>15</sup>:

$$\Lambda = \{\mathbf{t} : \mathbf{t} = \lambda \cdot (\mathbf{x}_1^q - \mathbf{x}_0^q) \cdot \mu, \mu \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

And that is because for  $\mathbf{s} = \mathbf{s}_0 + \mathbf{t}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{RF}'(\ell)^{N \mathbf{s}} &= \text{RF}'(\ell)^{N \mathbf{s}_0} \bmod N^2 \iff s = s_0 \bmod \lambda, \text{ for } l \neq \ell_q \\ \langle \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{s} \rangle &= \langle \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{s}_0 \rangle \text{ over } \mathbb{Z} \text{ for all secret key queries } \mathbf{y} \\ s_i &= s_i^0 \text{ for the corrupted slot } i. \end{aligned}$$

<sup>15</sup> One may tend to consider the lattice  $\Lambda$  as a linear combination of (linearly independent) LR encryption queries. But it essentially leaks the same information as what we have already considered

Note that the first equality is satisfied due to the fact that  $\text{RF}'(\ell)$  is a random function onto  $\mathbb{Z}_{N^2}^*$  and  $\text{RF}'(\ell)^N$  is of order  $\lambda$ . We have also relied on the Condition(\*) of the security definition (Definition 2.2), in two last equalities (and in the construction of vector  $\mathbf{t}$  and matrix  $X$  as well). Due to the norm bounds,  $\langle \mathbf{x}_1 - \mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{y} \rangle = 0 \pmod N$  means that  $\langle \mathbf{x}_1 - \mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{y} \rangle = 0$  over  $\mathbb{Z}$  which is used in the second equality.

We write the lattice  $\Lambda$  as  $\Lambda = \lambda \cdot \mathbb{Z} \cdot \mathbf{x}^q$ . Conditioned on the leaked information, the distribution  $\langle \mathbf{x}^q, \mathbf{s} \rangle$  is:

$$\langle \mathbf{s}_0, \mathbf{x}^q \rangle + \mathcal{D}_{\lambda \cdot \|\mathbf{x}^q\|^2 \cdot \mathbb{Z}, \|\mathbf{x}^q\| \sigma, -c}$$

where  $c = \langle \mathbf{s}_0, \mathbf{x}^q \rangle \in \mathbb{Z}$

Agarwal et al. showed that if  $\sigma > \sqrt{\kappa} \cdot N^{5/2}$ , then  $\mathcal{D}_{\lambda \cdot \|\mathbf{x}^q\|^2 \cdot \mathbb{Z}, \|\mathbf{x}^q\| \sigma, -c}$  over  $\Lambda_0 = \lambda \cdot \|\mathbf{x}^q\|^2 \cdot \mathbb{Z}$  modulo the lattice  $\Lambda'_0 = \lambda \cdot \|\mathbf{x}^q\|^2 \cdot (N\mathbb{Z})$  is within statistical distance  $2^{-\kappa}$  from the uniform distribution over  $\frac{\Lambda_0}{\Lambda'_0}$  (adapted from [GPV08], corollary 2.8). And since  $\gcd(\lambda \cdot \|\mathbf{x}^q\|^2, N) = 1$ , then  $\frac{\Lambda_0}{\Lambda'_0}$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Z}_N$ . This means that  $\langle \mathbf{x}^q, \mathbf{s} \rangle$  modulo  $N$  is within statistical distance  $2^{-\kappa}$  from the uniform distribution over  $\mathbb{Z}_N$ . Now by the Eq. (1), since  $a_q \in \mathbb{Z}_N^*$  is invertible modulo  $N$ , the term  $\langle \mathbf{x}^q, \mathbf{x}_b^q \rangle$  is statistically hidden. This completes the proof for  $|\text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\text{G}^{2,q,4}}(\kappa, n) - \text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\text{G}^{2,q,3}}(\kappa, n)| \leq 2^{-\kappa}$ .

Then by applying a technique similar to complexity leveraging, we have:

$$\text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\text{G}^{2,q,3}}(\kappa, n) = (2X)^{2n} \cdot \text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\text{G}^{2,q,3}}(\kappa, n), \quad \text{and} \quad \text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\text{G}^{2,q,4}}(\kappa, n) = (2X)^{2n} \cdot \text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\text{G}^{2,q,4}}(\kappa, n)$$

Thus,

$$\text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\text{G}^{2,q,4}}(\kappa, n) - \text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\text{G}^{2,q,3}}(\kappa, n) = (2X)^{2n} \cdot (\text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\text{G}^{2,q,4}}(\kappa, n) - \text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\text{G}^{2,q,3}}(\kappa, n))$$

Meaning that if  $|\text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\text{G}^{2,q,4}}(\kappa, n) - \text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\text{G}^{2,q,3}}(\kappa, n)| \leq 2^{-\kappa} \cdot (2X)^{-2n}$  then,  $|\text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\text{G}^{2,q,4}}(\kappa, n) - \text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\text{G}^{2,q,3}}(\kappa, n)| \leq 2^{-\kappa}$ . Clearly, if in the last part of the proof one sets  $\sigma > \sqrt{\kappa + 2n \cdot \log(2X)} \cdot N^{5/2}$  then the above reasoning result in  $|\text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\text{G}^{2,q,4}}(\kappa, n) - \text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\text{G}^{2,q,3}}(\kappa, n)| \leq 2^{-\kappa}$  which proves the adaptive security.  $\square$

Our DCR-based MCFE scheme can simply be extended to  $\text{pos}^+$ -IND secure, IND secure or to the decentralized version through some existing general compilers.

**Extension to vectors per slots.** Our construction can easily be extended to vectors associated with clients (slots). In Fig. 9, we can consider  $|y_{i,j}|, |x_{i,j}| \leq \sqrt{\frac{N}{2nm}}$  where  $y_{i,j}, x_{i,j}$  are respectively the  $j$ th component of  $i$ th slot (client) of the key and message vectors. Here  $(1 + N)^{\mathbf{x}^i} \cdot \mathcal{H}^{\mathbf{s}^i}(\ell)$  is the column vector  $((1 + N)^{x_{i,1}} \cdot \mathcal{H}^{\mathbf{s}^i,1}(\ell), \dots, (1 + N)^{x_{i,m}} \cdot \mathcal{H}^{\mathbf{s}^i,m}(\ell))$ .

**Security extension (from one to  $\text{pos}^+$ ).** Abdalla et al. [ACF<sup>+</sup>18] gave a general conversion from one-time MIFE to many-challenges MIFE. More precisely, they showed that by having a one-time MIFE and putting a single-FE layer on it, we can get MIFE secure against many-ciphertexts challenges. Chotard et al. [CDG<sup>+</sup>18b] used the same idea proving that if each client use another layer of single-input FE over the output of MCFE scheme, then the security can be extended from one-ciphertext per label to many-ciphertexts per label ( $\text{pos}^+$ ). The point is that the outer layer and the inner one should be compatible. It means that the ciphertext produced by the inner layer should belong to the message space of the outer layer and the secret key produced by the inner layer should belong to the (functional) key space of the outer layer. As it is also pointed out in [CDG<sup>+</sup>18b] because of the restriction on the compatibility, the suggested conversion is not general. In Fig. 10 we have directly instantiated the mentioned conversion by a single-input FE compatible with our MCFE construction. The security proof is omitted due to its similarity to [ACF<sup>+</sup>18] and [CDG<sup>+</sup>18b]. Note that this technique works when  $m > 2$ . Thus, we have considered the inputs of the clients as vectors. In this instantiation as the outer layer, we are using the single-input FE scheme based on DCR assumption such that the message space is an encoding of  $\mathbb{Z}$  (as  $(1 + N)^{\mathbf{x}^i} \cdot \mathcal{H}^{\mathbf{s}^i}(\ell)$ , see Fig. 10).

**Security extension (from  $\text{pos}^+$  to any).** Another limitation of the security definition (Definition 2.2) is the reliance on the assumption that when the adversary makes a LREncryption query it has to complete

<p><u>Setup</u>(<math>1^\kappa, n, m</math>) :</p> <p>Run <math>\text{SP}(\kappa)</math> to get <math>(p, q)</math></p> <p>Compute <math>N = pq</math>.</p> <p>Let <math>\mathcal{H} : \text{Labels} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_{N^2}^*</math> be a full-domain hash function.</p> <p>Set <math>X &lt; \sqrt{\frac{N}{2nm}}</math></p> <p>Return <math>\text{pp} = (N, \mathcal{H}, X)</math></p> <p><u>KeyGen</u>(<math>\text{pp}</math>) :</p> <p>Sample <math>\mathbf{s} \leftarrow \mathcal{D}_{\mathbb{Z}^m \times n, \sigma}</math> where <math>\mathbf{s} = (s_1, \dots, s_n)</math>, <math>s_i \in \mathbb{Z}^m</math>.</p> <p>set <math>\sigma &gt; \sqrt{\kappa} \cdot N^{5/2}</math> for the selective security and <math>\sigma &gt; \sqrt{\kappa + 2nm \log(2X)} \cdot N^{5/2}</math> for the adaptive security.</p> <p>Return <math>\text{msk} = \mathbf{s}</math> and <math>\text{sk}_i = s_i</math>.</p>	<p><u>Enc</u>(<math>\text{pp}, \text{sk}_i, \mathbf{x}_i, i, \ell</math>) :</p> <p>To encrypt a message <math>\mathbf{x}_i \in \mathbb{Z}^m</math> where with <math> x_{ij}  \leq X &lt; \sqrt{\frac{N}{2nm}}</math>;</p> <p>Compute <math>\text{ct}_{i,\ell} = (1 + N)^{x_i} \cdot \mathcal{H}(\ell)^{s_i} \pmod{N^2}</math>.</p> <p>Return <math>\text{ct}_{i,\ell}</math></p> <p><u>KeyDer</u>(<math>\text{pp}, \text{msk}, \mathbf{y}</math>) :</p> <p>To generate a key for <math>\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{Z}^{m \times n}</math> where <math>\mathbf{y} = (\mathbf{y}_1, \dots, \mathbf{y}_n)</math>, <math>\mathbf{y}_i \in \mathbb{Z}^m</math> with <math> y_{ij}  \leq Y</math>;</p> <p>Compute <math>\text{sk}_y = \sum_i s_i^T \cdot \mathbf{y}_i</math></p> <p>Return <math>\text{sk}_y</math></p> <p><u>Dec</u>(<math>\text{pp}, \mathbf{y}, \text{sk}, \{\text{ct}_{i,\ell}\}_{i \in [n]}, \ell</math>) :</p> <p>Compute <math>C = \prod_i (\text{ct}_{i,\ell}^T)^{\mathbf{y}_i} \cdot \mathcal{H}(\ell)^{\text{sk}}</math></p> <p>Return <math>\frac{C - 1 \pmod{N^2}}{N}</math></p>
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Fig. 9: DCR-based MCFE (vectors per slots)

<p><u>Setup</u>(<math>1^\kappa, n, m</math>) :</p> <p>Run <math>\text{SP}(\kappa)</math> to get <math>(p, q)</math></p> <p>Compute <math>N = pq</math>.</p> <p>Sample <math>g' \stackrel{R}{\leftarrow} \mathbb{Z}_{N^2}^*</math></p> <p>Compute <math>g = g'^{2N} \pmod{N^2}</math>.</p> <p>Let <math>\mathcal{H} : \text{Labels} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_{N^2}^*</math> be a full-domain hash function.</p> <p>Set <math>X, Y &lt; \sqrt{\frac{N}{2nm}}</math></p> <p>Return <math>\text{pp} = (N, g, \mathcal{H}, X)</math></p> <p><u>KeyGen</u>(<math>\text{pp}</math>)</p> <p>Sample <math>\hat{\mathbf{s}} \leftarrow \mathcal{D}_{\mathbb{Z}^m \times n, \sigma}</math> where <math>\hat{s}_i \in \mathbb{Z}^m</math></p> <p>Sample <math>\mathbf{s} \leftarrow \mathcal{D}_{\mathbb{Z}^m \times n, \sigma^*}</math> where <math>s_i \in \mathbb{Z}^m</math></p> <p>Set <math>\sigma &gt; \sqrt{\kappa} \cdot N^{5/2}</math></p> <p>Set <math>\sigma^* = \sigma</math> for the selective security and <math>\sigma^* &gt; \sqrt{\kappa + 2nm \log(2X)} \cdot N^{5/2}</math> for the adaptive security.</p> <p>Return <math>\text{msk} = (\mathbf{s}, \hat{\mathbf{s}})</math> and <math>\text{sk}_i = (s_i, \hat{s}_i)</math>.</p>	<p><u>Enc</u>(<math>\text{pp}, \text{sk}_i, \mathbf{x}_i, i, \ell</math>) :</p> <p>To encrypt a message <math>\mathbf{x}_i \in \mathbb{Z}^m</math> with <math> x_{ij}  \leq X &lt;</math>;</p> <p>Compute <math>h_i = g^{s_i} \pmod{N^2}</math>.</p> <p>Sample <math>r_i \stackrel{R}{\leftarrow} \{0, \dots, \lfloor \frac{N}{4} \rfloor\}</math>.</p> <p>Set <math>\text{ct}_{i,\ell} = \begin{cases} g^{r_i} \pmod{N^2}, \\ (1 + N)^{x_i} \cdot \mathcal{H}(\ell)^{s_i} \cdot h_i^{r_i} \pmod{N^2} \end{cases}</math></p> <p>Return <math>\text{ct}_{i,\ell}</math></p> <p><u>KeyDer</u>(<math>\text{pp}, \text{msk}, \mathbf{y}</math>) :</p> <p>For <math>\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{Z}^{m \times n}</math> where <math>\mathbf{y}_i \in \mathbb{Z}^m</math> with <math> y_{ij}  \leq Y</math>;</p> <p>Compute <math>\text{sk}_y = \sum_i s_i^T \cdot \mathbf{y}_i</math> and <math>\text{sk}_{y_i} = \langle \mathbf{y}_i, \hat{s}_i \rangle</math></p> <p>Return <math>(\text{sk}_y, \{\text{sk}_{y_i}\}_{i \in [n]})</math></p> <p><u>Dec</u>(<math>\text{pp}, \mathbf{y}, \text{sk}, \{\text{ct}_{i,\ell}\}_{i \in [n]}, \ell</math>) :</p> <p>Parse <math>\mathbf{y}</math> as <math>(\mathbf{y}_1, \dots, \mathbf{y}_n)</math>, <math>\text{sk}</math> as <math>(\text{sk}_y, \{\text{sk}_{y_i}\}_{i \in [n]})</math> and <math>\text{ct}_{i,\ell}</math> as <math>(\text{ct}_{i,\ell}^0, \text{ct}_{i,\ell}^1)</math></p> <p>Compute <math>C = \prod_{i=1}^n ((\text{ct}_{i,\ell}^1)^T)^{\mathbf{y}_i} \cdot (\text{ct}_{i,\ell}^0)^{-\text{sk}_{y_i}} \cdot \mathcal{H}(\ell)^{-\text{sk}}</math></p> <p>Return <math>\frac{C - 1 \pmod{N^2}}{N}</math></p>
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Fig. 10: DCR-based MCFE (pos<sup>+</sup> secure)

the ciphertext. In this section for the simplicity, when there is no  $\text{yy} = \text{one}$  or  $\text{yy} = \text{pos}^+$  restriction in the security definition we call it any-security. Abdalla et al. [ABKW19] and Chotard et al. [CDG<sup>+</sup>18b] have

separately presented two compilers converting  $\text{pos}^+$ -secure-MCFE to any-secure-MCFE, the former has a square-size of the ciphertext<sup>16</sup>. While the latter is using pairing making it possible to achieve linear-size of the ciphertext and is based on Q-fold DBDH assumption. Note that both schemes are relying on the random oracle assumption which is what our MCFE construction is already involved with.

**Extension to DMCFE.** We use the decentralizing technique of [CDG<sup>+</sup>18a], this scheme uses two layers of MCFE. For the adaptive case during the complexity leveraging phase, for the second layer of MCFE (to compute  $\sum s_i y_i$ ), one needs to guess just a scalar  $\sum s_i y_i$ . This comes from the fact that in this layer there is only one secret-key query (corresponding with vector  $\mathbf{1}$ ). Thus,  $\sigma' > \sqrt{\kappa + \log(1 + N^2)} \cdot N^{5/2}$ . For the correctness of the second layer, we need  $N' > \sum s_i y_i$ , this means  $N' > Y \cdot \sum s_i$ . Based on the Markov's inequality  $\Pr[|s_i| \leq \sigma] \geq 1 - \text{negl}(\kappa)$  if  $\sigma = \Theta(\kappa^\epsilon)$  and  $\epsilon > 0$ . Then,  $N' > Y \cdot n \cdot \sigma^2$  and since  $Y < \sqrt{N/2L}$ , one can set  $N' > \sqrt{NL} \cdot \sigma^2$ .

## 6 Security Analysis of the LWE-based Construction

Our security proof is using the following lemma which is applied in the security-reduction from LWE problem to LWR problem in [BPR12].

**Lemma 6.1 (Extracted from Theorem 3.2 [BPR12]).** *If  $\mathcal{X}$  is a  $B$ -bounded distribution and  $q \geq q_0 \cdot B \cdot n_0^{\omega(1)}$ , then for any distribution over a fixed vector  $\mathbf{s} \in \mathbb{Z}_q^{n_0}$ , the statistical difference between two distributions  $\{(\mathbf{a}, \lfloor \langle \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{s} \rangle \rfloor_{q_0}) : \mathbf{a} \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_q^{n_0}\}$  and  $\{(\mathbf{a}, \lfloor \langle \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{s} \rangle + e \rfloor_{q_0}) : \mathbf{a} \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_q^{n_0}, e \leftarrow \mathcal{X}\}$  is  $n_0^{-\omega(1)}$ .*

The above lemma shows that if the modulus  $q$  is chosen super-polynomially big, then the noise term in the LWE problem can be absorbed in the rounding.

Here we discuss the correctness and security of our LWE-based MCFE scheme.

**Decryption Correctness.** To show the correctness of the scheme, we first define  $e_i = \text{ct}_{i,\ell} - \frac{q_0}{q}(\mathbf{Z}_i \cdot \mathcal{H}(\ell) + \lfloor \frac{q}{K} \rfloor \cdot x_i)$  and  $e_0 = \lfloor \text{sk} \cdot \mathcal{H}(\ell) \rfloor_{q_0} - \frac{q_0}{q} \text{sk} \cdot \mathcal{H}(\ell)$ , thus:

$$\begin{aligned} \mu' &= \sum_{i \in [n]} y_i \cdot \text{ct}_{i,\ell} - \lfloor \text{sk} \cdot \mathcal{H}(\ell) \rfloor_{q_0} \\ &= \sum_{i \in [n]} y_i \left( \frac{q_0}{q} (\mathbf{Z}_i \cdot \mathcal{H}(\ell) + \lfloor \frac{q}{K} \rfloor \cdot x_i) + e_i \right) - \left( \frac{q_0}{q} \text{sk} \cdot \mathcal{H}(\ell) + e_0 \right) \\ &= \sum_{i \in [n]} \frac{q_0}{q} (y_i \mathbf{Z}_i \cdot \mathcal{H}(\ell) + \lfloor \frac{q}{K} \rfloor \cdot y_i x_i) + y_i e_i - \frac{q_0}{q} \mathcal{H}(\ell) \sum_{i \in [n]} y_i \cdot \mathbf{Z}_i - e_0 \\ &= \frac{q_0}{q} \lfloor \frac{q}{K} \rfloor \sum_{i \in [n]} x_i y_i + \sum_{i \in [n]} y_i e_i + e_0 \end{aligned}$$

To guarantee the correctness, the relation  $|\sum y_i e_i + e_0| < \lfloor \frac{q_0}{2K} \rfloor$  should be satisfied. Since,  $|e_i| \leq \frac{1}{2}$  and  $|e_0| \leq \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $|\sum y_i e_i + e_0| \leq \frac{1}{2}(\sum y_i + 1) \leq \frac{1}{2}(nV + 1)$ . Meaning that if  $q_0 > K(nV + 1)$ , then the scheme is correct.

**Security Analysis.** To simplify the proof and without loss of generality, we consider the case where  $m = 1$ , meaning that the input of each client is a scalar rather than a vector.

<sup>16</sup> Note that though [ABKW19] is presenting the compiler for DMCFE, it is easy to specific it for MCFE. Simply by unifying the algorithms KeyDerShare and KeyDerComb and replacing it with KeyDer algorithm.

Game	$\text{ct}_{i,\ell}$	$\mathcal{H}(\ell)$	Justification
$G_0$	$\lfloor \mathbf{Z}_i \cdot \mathcal{H}(\ell) + \lfloor \frac{q}{K} \rfloor \cdot \mathbf{x}_i^0 \rfloor$		real game
$G_1$	$\lfloor \mathbf{Z}_i \cdot \mathcal{H}(\ell) + \lfloor \frac{q}{K} \rfloor \cdot \mathbf{x}_i^0 \rfloor$ $= \lfloor (\mathbf{s}_i + \mathbf{t}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}) \cdot \mathbf{a}_\ell + \mathbf{t}_i \cdot \mathbf{e}_\ell + \lfloor \frac{q}{K} \rfloor \cdot \mathbf{x}_i^0 \rfloor$	$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{a}_\ell \\ \mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{a}_\ell + \mathbf{e}_\ell \end{pmatrix}$	LWE
$G_2$	$\lfloor (\mathbf{s}_i + \mathbf{t}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}) \cdot \mathbf{a}_\ell + \lfloor \frac{q}{K} \rfloor \cdot \mathbf{x}_i^0 \rfloor$	$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{a}_\ell \\ \mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{a}_\ell + \mathbf{e}_\ell \end{pmatrix}$	$\mathbf{t}_i \cdot \mathbf{e}_\ell$ absorbed by the rounding, requires $q \geq q_0 B n_0^{\omega(1)}$ , where $ \mathbf{t}_i \cdot \mathbf{e}_\ell  \leq B$
$G_{2,\gamma,1}$	$\lfloor (\mathbf{s}_i + \mathbf{t}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}) \cdot \mathbf{a}_\ell + \lfloor \frac{q}{K} \rfloor \cdot \mathbf{x}_i^0 \rfloor$ $l > l_\gamma$ $\lfloor \mathbf{s}_i \cdot \mathbf{a}_\ell + \mathbf{t}_i \cdot (\mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{a}_\ell + \mathbf{e}_\ell) + \lfloor \frac{q}{K} \rfloor \cdot \mathbf{x}_i^0 \rfloor$ $l = l_\gamma$ $\lfloor (\mathbf{s}_i + \mathbf{t}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}) \cdot \mathbf{a}_\ell + \lfloor \frac{q}{K} \rfloor \cdot \mathbf{x}_i^1 \rfloor$ $l < l_\gamma$	$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{a}_\ell \\ \mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{a}_\ell + \mathbf{e}_\ell \end{pmatrix}$	$\mathbf{t}_i \cdot \mathbf{e}_{l_\gamma}$ absorbed by the rounding
$G_{2,\gamma,2}$	$\lfloor (\mathbf{s}_i + \mathbf{t}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}) \cdot \mathbf{a}_\ell + \lfloor \frac{q}{K} \rfloor \cdot \mathbf{x}_i^0 \rfloor$ $l > l_\gamma$ $\lfloor (\mathbf{s}_i \cdot \mathbf{a}_\ell + \mathbf{t}_i \cdot (\mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{a}_\ell + \mathbf{e}_\ell + \text{RF}(l_\gamma))) + \lfloor \frac{q}{K} \rfloor \cdot \mathbf{x}_i^0 \rfloor$ $l = l_\gamma$ $\lfloor (\mathbf{s}_i + \mathbf{t}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}) \cdot \mathbf{a}_\ell + \lfloor \frac{q}{K} \rfloor \cdot \mathbf{x}_i^1 \rfloor$ $l < l_\gamma$	$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{a}_\ell \\ \mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{a}_\ell + \mathbf{e}_\ell \end{pmatrix}$ $l \neq l_\gamma$ $\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{a}_\ell \\ \mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{a}_\ell + \mathbf{e}_\ell + \text{RF}(l_\gamma) \end{pmatrix}$ $l = l_\gamma$	LWE assumption
$G_{2,\gamma,3}$	$\lfloor (\mathbf{s}_i + \mathbf{t}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}) \cdot \mathbf{a}_\ell + \lfloor \frac{q}{K} \rfloor \cdot \mathbf{x}_i^0 \rfloor$ $l > l_\gamma$ $\lfloor (\mathbf{s}_i + \mathbf{t}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}) \cdot \mathbf{a}_\ell + \mathbf{t}_i \cdot \text{RF}(l_\gamma) + \lfloor \frac{q}{K} \rfloor \cdot \mathbf{x}_i^0 \rfloor$ $l = l_\gamma$ $\lfloor (\mathbf{s}_i + \mathbf{t}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}) \cdot \mathbf{a}_\ell + \lfloor \frac{q}{K} \rfloor \cdot \mathbf{x}_i^1 \rfloor$ $l < l_\gamma$	$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{a}_\ell \\ \mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{a}_\ell + \mathbf{e}_\ell \end{pmatrix}$ $l \neq l_\gamma$ $\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{a}_\ell \\ \mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{a}_\ell + \mathbf{e}_\ell + \text{RF}(l_\gamma) \end{pmatrix}$ $l = l_\gamma$	$\mathbf{t}_i \cdot \mathbf{e}_{l_\gamma}$ absorbed by the rounding

Fig. 11: Overview of the games our MCFE scheme based on LWE.  
Here  $\lfloor \cdot \rfloor$  stands for  $\lfloor \cdot \rfloor_{q_0}$  and  $(\mathbf{a}_\ell, \mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{a}_\ell + \mathbf{e}_\ell) \in \mathbb{Z}_q^{n_0} \times \mathbb{Z}_q$  are LWE samples.



Game	$\mathbf{ct}_{i,\ell}$	$\mathcal{H}(\ell)$	Justification
$\mathbf{G}_{2,\gamma,4}$	$\begin{cases} \boxed{s'_i} \cdot \mathbf{a}_\ell + \lfloor \frac{q}{K} \rfloor \cdot \mathbf{x}_i^0 & \ell > l_\gamma \\ \boxed{s'_i} \cdot \mathbf{a}_\ell + \mathbf{t}_i \cdot \text{RF}(l_\gamma) + \lfloor \frac{q}{K} \rfloor \cdot \mathbf{x}_i^0 & \ell = l_\gamma \\ \boxed{s'_i} \cdot \mathbf{a}_\ell + \lfloor \frac{q}{K} \rfloor \cdot \mathbf{x}_i^1 & \ell < l_\gamma \end{cases}$	$\begin{cases} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{a}_\ell \\ \mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{a}_\ell + \mathbf{e}_\ell \end{pmatrix} & \ell \neq l_\gamma \\ \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{a}_\ell \\ \mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{a}_\ell + \mathbf{e}_\ell + \text{RF}(l_\gamma) \end{pmatrix} & \ell = l_\gamma \end{cases}$	Rewriting, same view generated by sampling $s'_i$ instead of $s_i$
$\mathbf{G}_{2,\gamma,5}$	$\begin{cases} \boxed{s'_i} \cdot \mathbf{a}_\ell + \lfloor \frac{q}{K} \rfloor \cdot \mathbf{x}_i^0 & \ell > l_\gamma \\ \boxed{s'_i} \cdot \mathbf{a}_\ell + \mathbf{t}_i \cdot \text{RF}(l_\gamma) + \lfloor \frac{q}{K} \rfloor \cdot \boxed{\mathbf{x}_i^1} & \ell = l_\gamma \\ \boxed{s'_i} \cdot \mathbf{a}_\ell + \lfloor \frac{q}{K} \rfloor \cdot \mathbf{x}_i^1 & \ell < l_\gamma \end{cases}$	$\begin{cases} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{a}_\ell \\ \mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{a}_\ell + \mathbf{e}_\ell \end{pmatrix} & \ell \neq l_\gamma \\ \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{a}_\ell \\ \mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{a}_\ell + \mathbf{e}_\ell + \text{RF}(l_\gamma) \end{pmatrix} & \ell = l_\gamma \end{cases}$	statistical argument, requires $\sigma \geq 10nV$ and $m = \Omega(\log(q))$
$\mathbf{G}_{2,\gamma,6}$	$\begin{cases} \lfloor (s_i + \mathbf{t}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}) \cdot \mathbf{a}_\ell + \lfloor \frac{q}{K} \rfloor \cdot \mathbf{x}_i^0 \rfloor & \ell > l_\gamma \\ \lfloor (s_i + \mathbf{t}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}) \cdot \mathbf{a}_\ell + \lfloor \frac{q}{K} \rfloor \cdot \mathbf{x}_i^1 \rfloor & \ell = l_\gamma \\ \lfloor (s_i + \mathbf{t}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}) \cdot \mathbf{a}_\ell + \lfloor \frac{q}{K} \rfloor \cdot \mathbf{x}_i^1 \rfloor & \ell < l_\gamma \end{cases}$	$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{a}_\ell \\ \mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{a}_\ell + \mathbf{e}_\ell \end{pmatrix}$	backwards steps, the next game is $\mathbf{G}_{2,\gamma+1,1}$ and $\mathbf{G}_{2,\text{qEnc},6} = \mathbf{G}_3$
$\mathbf{G}_3$	$\lfloor (s_i + \mathbf{t}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}) \cdot \mathbf{a}_\ell + \lfloor \frac{q}{K} \rfloor \cdot \mathbf{x}_i^1 \rfloor$	$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{a}_\ell \\ \mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{a}_\ell + \mathbf{e}_\ell \end{pmatrix}$	
$\mathbf{G}_4$	$\begin{aligned} & \lfloor (s_i + \mathbf{t}_i \cdot \mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{a}_\ell + \boxed{\mathbf{t}_i \cdot \mathbf{e}_\ell} + \lfloor \frac{q}{K} \rfloor \cdot \mathbf{x}_i^1) \rfloor \\ & = \lfloor \mathbf{Z}_i \cdot \mathcal{H}(\ell) + \lfloor \frac{q}{K} \rfloor \cdot \mathbf{x}_i^1 \rfloor \end{aligned}$	$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{a}_\ell \\ \mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{a}_\ell + \mathbf{e}_\ell \end{pmatrix}$	$\mathbf{t}_i \cdot \mathbf{e}_\ell$ absorbed by the rounding
$\mathbf{G}_5$	$\lfloor \mathbf{Z}_i \cdot \mathcal{H}(\ell) + \lfloor \frac{q}{K} \rfloor \cdot \mathbf{x}_i^1 \rfloor$		LWE assumption

Fig. 12: Overview of the games our MCFE scheme based on LWE. Here  $\lfloor \cdot \rfloor$  stands for  $\lfloor \cdot \rfloor_{q_0}$  and  $(\mathbf{a}_\ell, \mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{a}_\ell + \mathbf{e}_\ell) \in \mathbb{Z}_q^{n_0} \times \mathbb{Z}_q$  are LWE samples.

**Theorem 6.2.** *The presented MCFE scheme in Fig. 5, is an one-IND-secure MCFE scheme under the LWE assumption and in the random-oracle model. More precisely:*

$$\text{Adv}^{\text{one-IND}} \leq q_{\text{Enc}} \cdot \left( 6 \text{negl}_1(n_0) + 2\text{Adv}_{\mathcal{B}}^{\text{LWE}}(n_0) + 2^{-\kappa} \right) + 2\text{Adv}_{\mathcal{B}}^{\text{LWE}}(n_0)$$

where  $q_{\text{Enc}}$  is the number of random-oracle queries, and the term  $2^{-\kappa}$  is appeared due to the fact that in our Gaussian distribution parameters depend on  $\kappa$ . The term  $\text{negl}_1$  comes from the advantage of an adversary in Lemma 6.1.

*Proof.* We define a sequence of the games started from  $\mathbf{G}_0$ , which is the real game when the challenger answers to LR queries through the chosen bit  $b = 0$ , and ended with  $\mathbf{G}_5$ , which is the real game corresponding with the bit  $b = 1$ . Thus,

$$\text{Adv}_{\text{MCFE}, \mathcal{A}}^{\text{one-IND}}(n_0, n) = |\text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\mathbf{G}_0}(n_0, n) - \text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\mathbf{G}_5}(n_0, n)|.$$

This sequence of games is shown in Figs. 11 and 12.

**Game  $\mathbf{G}_0$ :** is the real game where the challenger answer to  $\text{QLeftRight}(x_0, x_1, i, \ell)$  by  $\text{Enc}(x_0, i, \ell)$ . Note that hash function is modeled as random oracle RO onto  $\mathbb{Z}_q^{n_0+m_0}$ .

**Game  $\mathbf{G}_1$ :** is similar to the game  $\mathbf{G}_0$ , except that, each new RO-query is answered by a fresh sample of  $\text{LWE}_{q, \alpha}$ . Thus:

$$|\text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\mathbf{G}_1}(n_0, n) - \text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\mathbf{G}_0}(n_0, n)| \leq \text{Adv}_{\mathcal{B}}^{\text{LWE}}(n_0).$$

We note that since the LWE assumption is already involved with polynomially many samples, the upper-bound does not depend to the number of queries. For the indistinguishability of  $\mathbf{G}_0$  and  $\mathbf{G}_1$ , we consider an extension of LWE problem which is as hard as the original definition. This extension considers samples with the same given coefficients but different secrets which would let to have a matrix as the secret.

**Game  $\mathbf{G}_2$ :** is similar to the game  $\mathbf{G}_1$ , except that, the value  $\mathbf{t}_i \mathbf{e}_\ell$  is absorbed in the rounding. If  $q \geq q_0 B n_0^{\omega(1)}$  where  $|\mathbf{t}_i \cdot \mathbf{e}_\ell| \leq B$  with overwhelming probability, then games  $\mathbf{G}_1$  and  $\mathbf{G}_2$  are indistinguishable. The proof of indistinguishability is similar to the proof of Lemma 6.1. Giving that:

$$|\text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\mathbf{G}_2}(n_0, n) - \text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\mathbf{G}_1}(n_0, n)| \leq q_{\text{Enc}} \cdot \text{negl}_1(n_0),$$

where  $\text{negl}_1$  is the probability of distinguishing  $\mathbf{t}_i \cdot \mathbf{e}_\ell$  from  $\mathbf{0}$  after applying the rounding map  $\lfloor \cdot \rfloor_{q_0}$ . This change would let us remove the value  $\mathbf{t}_i \cdot \mathbf{e}_\ell$  from all the encryption-queries such that this change is indistinguishable for the adversary.

**Game  $\mathbf{G}_3$ :** is similar to the game  $\mathbf{G}_2$ , except that, the encryption queries  $\text{QLeftRight}(x_0, x_1, i, \ell)$  are answered by  $\text{Enc}(x_1, i, \ell)$ . In Lemma 6.4, we show that these two games are indistinguishable by a hybrid argument on RO-queries. And:

$$|\text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\mathbf{G}_3}(n_0, n) - \text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\mathbf{G}_2}(n_0, n)| \leq 2q_{\text{Enc}} \cdot (2 \text{negl}_1(n_0) + \text{Adv}_{\mathcal{B}}^{\text{LWE}}(n_0)) + q_{\text{Enc}} \cdot 2^{-\kappa}.$$

Intuitively, by the current change in the RO-queries, we show that one can simultaneously change the distribution of the master secret key  $\mathbf{t}_i$  as  $\mathbf{t}_i + \mu(\mathbf{x}_1 - \mathbf{x}_0)$  for some  $\mu \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that this change is indistinguishable for the adversary. Then, we show that if we change the vector  $\mathcal{H}(\ell_q)$  associated with the challenge to a random vector  $\mathbf{u}$ , the multiplication of the new master key and  $\mathbf{u}$  can statistically hide the message in the challenge.

**Games  $\mathbf{G}_4, \mathbf{G}_5$ :** Now from here we come back in reverse, in a similar way from  $\mathbf{G}_2$  to the game  $\mathbf{G}_0$ . The last game  $\mathbf{G}_5$  is similar to the real game with  $b = 1$ . □

**Lemma 6.3 (Transition from  $\mathbf{G}_0$  to  $\mathbf{G}_1$ ).** *For any adversary  $\mathcal{A}$ , there exists an adversary  $\mathcal{B}$  such that:*

$$|\text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\mathbf{G}_1}(n_0, n) - \text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\mathbf{G}_0}(n_0, n)| \leq \text{Adv}_{\mathcal{B}}^{\text{LWE}}(n_0).$$

*Proof.* At first we note that LWE problem with samples  $(\mathbf{a}_\ell, \mathbf{a}_\ell \cdot \mathbf{s}_i + e_{i,\ell})$  for  $i = 1, \dots, m_0$  (i.e., when each equation crosses through  $m_0$  different secrets  $s_1, \dots, s_{m_0}$ ) is as hard as the original LWE problem (the exact proof is given in [PVW08], lemma 7.3). Now, for samples  $(\mathbf{a}_\ell, b_{i,\ell})$  from its challenger, the adversary  $\mathcal{B}$  sends  $(\mathbf{a}_\ell, \mathbf{b}'_\ell)$  to  $\mathcal{A}$  where  $i$ -th entry of  $\mathbf{b}'_\ell$  equals  $b_{i,\ell}$ . If  $b_{i,\ell}$  is  $\mathbf{a}_\ell \cdot \mathbf{s}_i + e_{i,\ell}$ , then  $\mathbf{b}'_\ell = \mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{a}_\ell + \mathbf{e}_\ell$  where the  $i$ -th row of  $\mathbf{S}$  is as  $\mathbf{s}_i$ , which in this case it simulate the game  $\mathsf{G}_1$ . If each  $b_{i,\ell}$  is chosen uniformly, then  $\mathbf{b}'_\ell$  is uniform, which simulate the game  $\mathsf{G}_0$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 6.4 (Transition from  $\mathsf{G}_2$  to  $\mathsf{G}_3$ ).** *two mentioned games  $\mathsf{G}_2$  and  $\mathsf{G}_3$  in Theorem 5.4 are indistinguishable. More precisely,*

$$|\text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\mathsf{G}_3}(n_0, n) - \text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\mathsf{G}_2}(n_0, n)| \leq 2q_{\text{Enc}} \cdot (2 \text{negl}_1(n_0) + \text{Adv}_{\mathcal{B}}^{\text{LWE}}(n_0)) + q_{\text{Enc}} \cdot 2^{-\kappa}.$$

*Proof.* For each  $\gamma = 1, \dots, q_{\text{Enc}}$ , six games  $\mathsf{G}_{2,\gamma,1}, \dots, \mathsf{G}_{2,\gamma,6}$  are defined such that  $\mathsf{G}_2 \cong \mathsf{G}_{2,1,1}$ , and for any  $\gamma$ ,  $\mathsf{G}_{2,\gamma,1} \cong \mathsf{G}_{2,\gamma,2} \cong \mathsf{G}_{2,\gamma,3} \cong \mathsf{G}_{2,\gamma,4} \cong \mathsf{G}_{2,\gamma,5} \cong \mathsf{G}_{2,\gamma,6}$  and  $\mathsf{G}_{2,\gamma,6} \cong \mathsf{G}_{2,\gamma+1,1}$  where  $\mathsf{G}_{2,q_{\text{Enc}},6} \cong \mathsf{G}_3$ .

**Game  $\mathsf{G}_{2,\gamma,1}$ :** is similar to its previous game, except that, for the label  $\ell_\gamma$ , the term  $\mathbf{t}_i \cdot \mathbf{e}_{\ell_\gamma}$  is added to the ciphertext. Again the proof of the indistinguishability is similar to the proof of Lemma 6.1. Thus,

$$|\text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\mathsf{G}_{2,\gamma,1}}(n_0, n) - \text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\overline{\mathsf{G}_{2,\gamma,1}}}(n_0, n)| \leq \text{negl}_1(n_0)$$

where  $\overline{\mathsf{G}_{2,\gamma,1}}$  is the game before  $\mathsf{G}_{2,\gamma,1}$  (which might be  $\mathsf{G}_2$  or  $\mathsf{G}_{2,\gamma-1,6}$ ). The intuition for this change is to add a random value beside the message which can statistically hide the message in the challenge.

**Game  $\mathsf{G}_{2,\gamma,2}$ :** is similar to the previous game, except that, RO-query for label  $\ell_\gamma$  is replaced by  $\mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{a}_{\ell_\gamma} + \mathbf{e}_{\ell_\gamma} + \mathbf{u}_\ell$ . Similar to the transition from game  $\mathsf{G}_0$  to  $\mathsf{G}_1$ , one should consider LWE problem with samples  $(\mathbf{a}_{\ell_\gamma}, \mathbf{a}_{\ell_\gamma} \cdot \mathbf{s}'_i + e_{i,\ell_\gamma})$  for  $i = 1, \dots, m_0$ . Lemma Lemma 6.5 formally proves the computational indistinguishability  $\mathsf{G}_{2,\gamma,2}$  from its previous game i.e.,

$$|\text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\mathsf{G}_{2,\gamma,2}}(n_0, n) - \text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\mathsf{G}_{2,\gamma,1}}(n_0, n)| \leq \text{Adv}_{\mathcal{B}}^{\text{LWE}}(n_0)$$

Intuitively, this change will let us to remove  $\mathbf{t}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}$  from the ciphertexts by moving  $\mathbf{t}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}$  beside  $\mathbf{s}_i$  where  $\mathbf{s}_i$  is uniform and can hide  $\mathbf{t}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}$ .

**Game  $\mathsf{G}_{2,\gamma,3}$ :** is similar to the previous game, except that, for the label  $\ell_\gamma$ , the term  $\mathbf{t}_i \cdot \mathbf{e}_{\ell_\gamma}$  is removed from the ciphertext. Again the proof of the indistinguishability is similar to the proof of Lemma 6.1. Thus,

$$|\text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\mathsf{G}_{2,\gamma,3}}(n_0, n) - \text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\mathsf{G}_{2,\gamma,2}}(n_0, n)| \leq \text{negl}_1(n_0)$$

**Game  $\mathsf{G}_{2,\gamma,4}$ :** is similar to the game  $\mathsf{G}_{2,\gamma,3}$ , except that, in the master secret key generation (and thus in all ciphertexts),  $\mathbf{s}_i$  is computed as  $\mathbf{s}'_i - \mathbf{t}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}$  where we sampled a fresh random  $\mathbf{s}'_i$ . Clearly, this two games are identical, since  $\mathbf{s}_i$  is uniformly random. I.e.,

$$|\text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\mathsf{G}_{2,\gamma,4}}(n_0, n) - \text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\mathsf{G}_{2,\gamma,3}}(n_0, n)| = 0$$

**Game  $\mathsf{G}_{2,\gamma,5}$ :** is similar to the previous game, except that, the query  $\text{QLeftRight}(x_0, x_1, i, \ell_\gamma)$ , associated with label  $\ell_\gamma$  and corresponding to  $\gamma$ th RO-query, is answered by  $\text{Enc}(x_i^1, \ell_\gamma)$ . In Lemma 6.6 we show:

$$|\text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\mathsf{G}_{2,\gamma,5}}(n_0, n) - \text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\mathsf{G}_{2,\gamma,4}}(n_0, n)| \leq 2^{-\kappa}$$

$\square$

**Lemma 6.5 (Transition from  $\mathsf{G}_{2,\gamma,1}$  to  $\mathsf{G}_{2,\gamma,2}$ ).** *If the LWE assumption holds, then two games  $\mathsf{G}_{2,\gamma,1}$  and  $\mathsf{G}_{2,\gamma,2}$  are indistinguishable and:*

$$|\text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\mathsf{G}_{2,\gamma,2}}(n_0, n) - \text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\mathsf{G}_{2,\gamma,1}}(n_0, n)| \leq \text{Adv}_{\mathcal{B}}^{\text{LWE}}(n_0)$$

*Proof.* The adversary  $\mathcal{B}$  receives the samples  $(\mathbf{a}_{\ell_\gamma}, b_{i,\ell_\gamma})$  from its LWE-challenger. It sends the vector  $(\mathbf{a}_{\ell_\gamma}, b_{\ell_\gamma})$  to the adversary  $\mathcal{A}$ . If  $b_{i,\ell_\gamma} = \mathbf{a}_{\ell_\gamma} \cdot \mathbf{s}_i + e_{i,\ell_\gamma}$ , then it simulates the game  $\mathsf{G}_{2,\gamma,1}$  and if  $b_{i,\ell_\gamma}$  is uniform, it simulate the game  $\mathsf{G}_{2,\gamma,2}$  (since  $\mathbf{u}_{\ell_\gamma}$  is indistinguishable from  $\mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{a}_{\ell_\gamma} + \mathbf{b}_{\ell_\gamma} + \mathbf{u}_{\ell_\gamma}$  for any uniform vector  $\mathbf{u}_{\ell_\gamma}$ ).  $\square$

Note that if  $\gamma$ th RO-query is not used by any encryption query, then the games  $\mathsf{G}_{2,\gamma,4}$  and  $\mathsf{G}_{2,\gamma,5}$  are identical. But for the case that it is used by an encryption query, we claim they are indistinguishable. This step is similar to the security proof technique of single-input FE scheme based of LWE in [ALS16]<sup>17</sup>. The formal proof is as follows:

**Lemma 6.6 (Transition from  $\mathsf{G}_{2,\gamma,3}$  to  $\mathsf{G}_{2,\gamma,4}$ ).** *If  $\Omega(\log q + 4n \log P) \leq m_0$  and  $nP^2 < q$  then:*

$$|\text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\mathsf{G}_{2,\gamma,5}}(n_0, n) - \text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\mathsf{G}_{2,\gamma,4}}(n_0, n)| \leq 2^{-\kappa}$$

*Proof.* Here at first we prove that the selective<sup>18</sup> versions of these two games are indistinguishable and then by a technique similar to the complexity leveraging we lift the security to their adaptive versions. Let  $\mathsf{G}_{2,\gamma,4}^*$  and  $\mathsf{G}_{2,\gamma,5}^*$  be the selective versions of  $\mathsf{G}_{2,\gamma,4}$  and  $\mathsf{G}_{2,\gamma,5}$ , respectively.

We show that

$$|\text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\mathsf{G}_{2,\gamma,5}^*}(n_0, n) - \text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\mathsf{G}_{2,\gamma,4}^*}(n_0, n)| \leq 2^{-\kappa}$$

We define a new game  $\mathsf{G}_{2,\gamma}^b$ , depending on a random bit  $b \stackrel{R}{\leftarrow} \{0, 1\}$  such that when  $b = 0$  it is the same as  $\mathsf{G}_{2,\gamma,4}^*$  and when  $b = 1$  is the same as  $\mathsf{G}_{2,\gamma,5}^*$ . Thus, in the game  $\mathsf{G}_{2,\gamma}^b$ , we have  $\text{QLeftRight}(x_0, x_1, i, \ell_\gamma) = \mathbf{s}'_i \cdot \mathbf{a}_\ell + \mathbf{t}_i \cdot \mathbf{u} + \left\lfloor \frac{q}{K} \right\rfloor \mathbf{x}_{ib}^\gamma = \text{ct}_{i\gamma}$  (note that  $\mathbf{u} = \text{RF}(\ell_\gamma)$  and  $x_{ib}^\gamma$  is the  $i$ -th entry of the message  $\mathbf{x}_b^\gamma$  associated with the challenge  $\ell_\gamma$ ) and all other queries are answered similar to the game  $\mathsf{G}_{2,\gamma,3}^*$ . We claim that  $\text{ct}_{i\gamma}$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , statistically hides  $b \in \{0, 1\}$ . To prove this, we try to show that conditioned on all the leaked information,  $X \cdot \mathbf{T}_b^\gamma$  can statistically hide bit  $b$  where  $X$  is an invertible matrix module  $q$  and independent of bit  $b$  and  $\mathbf{T}_b^\gamma$  is as follows:

$$\mathbf{T}_b^\gamma = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{t}_{1b}^\gamma \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{t}_{nb}^\gamma \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{t}_{ib}^\gamma = \mathbf{t}_i \cdot \mathbf{u} + \left\lfloor \frac{q}{K} \right\rfloor \mathbf{x}_{ib}^\gamma \quad (2)$$

This can complete the proof. Let  $\mathbf{x}_\beta^\gamma = (x_{1,\beta}^\gamma, \dots, x_{n,\beta}^\gamma)$ ,  $\beta \in \{0, 1\}$  are the challenges associated with label  $\ell_\gamma$  and  $\mathbf{x}^\gamma = \frac{1}{g}(\mathbf{x}_1^\gamma - \mathbf{x}_0^\gamma)$  where  $g = \gcd(x_{1,1}^\gamma - x_{1,0}^\gamma, \dots, x_{n,1}^\gamma - x_{n,0}^\gamma)$ . Without loss of generality, we assume the  $l$

first entries of  $\mathbf{x}^\gamma$  are zero, and all remaining entries are non-zero. The matrix  $X$  is considered as  $X = \begin{bmatrix} X_{top} \\ X_{bot} \end{bmatrix}$

where  $X_{top}$  and  $X_{bot}$  are as follows:

$$X_{top} = \left( \begin{array}{c|cccc} I_l & & & & \\ \hline & -x_{l+2}^\gamma & x_{l+1}^\gamma & & \\ & & -x_{l+3}^\gamma & x_{l+2}^\gamma & \\ & & & \ddots & \ddots \\ & & & & x_n^\gamma & x_{n-1}^\gamma \end{array} \right), \quad X_{bot} = (\mathbf{x}^\gamma)^T$$

For this matrix,  $\det(XX^T) = (\prod_{i=l+1}^{n-1} (x_i^\gamma)^2) \cdot \|\mathbf{x}^\gamma\|^4$ . Each  $(x_i^\gamma)^2$  is small and non-zero (meaning that for all  $i$ ,  $\gcd((x_i^\gamma)^2, q) = 1$ ). Thus, the term  $(\prod_{i=l+1}^{n-1} (x_i^\gamma)^2)$  is non-zero modulo  $q$ . On the other hand,  $\gcd(\|\mathbf{x}^\gamma\|, q) = 1$  due to the fact that  $nP^2 < q$ . Putting together,  $\det(X)^2 \neq 0 \pmod q$  which means  $X$  is invertible over  $\mathbb{Z}_q$ . Coming back to the main goal, we show that  $X \cdot \mathbf{T}_b^\gamma \pmod q$  hides the bit  $b$ . In fact, what we would show is that  $X_{top} \cdot \mathbf{T}_b^\gamma \pmod q$  is completely independent of  $b$  and  $X_{bot} \cdot \mathbf{T}_b^\gamma \pmod q$  is close to uniform and therefore statistically hides  $b$ .

– Step 1:  $X_{top} \cdot \mathbf{T}_b^\gamma \pmod q$  is completely independent of  $b$ :

This is satisfied due to the fact that  $X_{top} \cdot (\mathbf{x}_0^\gamma - \mathbf{x}_1^\gamma) = 0$  over  $q$ . One can check this relation through the construction of matrix  $X_{top}$ .

<sup>17</sup> Note that in MCFE, we are in the symmetric key setting and the security game is involved with many ciphertexts queries

<sup>18</sup> In fact, we can prove that their variants for *selective per label* are indistinguishable.

– Step 2:  $X_{bot} \cdot \mathbf{T}_b^\gamma \pmod q$  is close to uniform:

For this, we show that the residual distribution of following vector, conditioned on all the leaked information, has high minimum entropy.

$$X_{bot} \cdot \mathbf{T} = X_{bot} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{t}_1 \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{t}_n \end{pmatrix}$$

Then using (a variant of) the leftover hash lemma with randomness  $X_{bot} \cdot \mathbf{T}$  and seed  $\mathbf{u}$ , we will then conclude that conditioned on all the leaked information, the pair  $(\mathbf{u}, X_{bot} \cdot \mathbf{T} \cdot \mathbf{u})$  is close to uniform and hence it statistically hides bit  $b$  in Eq. (2).

Lemma 6.8 confirms that  $X_{bot} \cdot \mathbf{T}$  has the min-entropy  $m_0 \log(4/3)$ . Thus, thanks to the leftover hash lemma, having the min-entropy conditioned on  $I = (X_{top}, X_{top} \mathbf{T})$ , the pair  $(\mathbf{u}, X_{bot} \mathbf{T} \cdot \mathbf{u})$  is within statistical distance  $\frac{1}{2} \sqrt{2^{-H_\infty(X_{bot} \cdot \mathbf{T} | I)} \cdot 2^{\log q}}$ . Which is less than  $2^{-\kappa}$ , when  $-H_\infty(X_{bot} \cdot \mathbf{T} | I) + \log q \leq -2\kappa$ . Resulting in the condition  $\log(3/4) \cdot (\log q + 2\kappa) \leq m_0$ .

Now by applying a complexity leveraging technique, we have,

$$\text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\text{G}^{2,\gamma,3}}(n_0, n) = P^{2n} \cdot \text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\text{G}^{2,\gamma,3}}(n_0, n), \quad \text{and} \quad \text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\text{G}^{2,\gamma,4}}(n_0, n) = P^{2n} \cdot \text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\text{G}^{2,\gamma,4}}(n_0, n)$$

Thus,

$$\text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\text{G}^{2,\gamma,4}}(n_0, n) - \text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\text{G}^{2,\gamma,3}}(n_0, n) = P^{2n} \cdot (\text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\text{G}^{2,\gamma,4}}(n_0, n) - \text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\text{G}^{2,\gamma,3}}(n_0, n))$$

Meaning that if  $|\text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\text{G}^{2,\gamma,4}}(n_0, n) - \text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\text{G}^{2,\gamma,3}}(n_0, n)| \leq 2^{-\kappa} \cdot P^{-2n}$  then,  $|\text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\text{G}^{2,\gamma,4}}(n_0, n) - \text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\text{G}^{2,\gamma,3}}(n_0, n)| \leq 2^{-\kappa}$ . Clearly, if in the last part of the proof one sets  $-H_\infty(X_{bot} \cdot \mathbf{T} | I) + \log q \leq -2(\kappa + 2n \log P)$  or equivalently  $\log(3/4) \cdot (\log q + 2\kappa + 4n \log P) \leq m_0$ , then  $|\text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\text{G}^{2,\gamma,4}}(n_0, n) - \text{Win}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\text{G}^{2,\gamma,3}}(n_0, n)| \leq 2^{-\kappa}$  and consequently, the indistinguishability of the adaptive variants would be concluded.  $\square$

**Lemma 6.7.** *In Lemma 6.6, conditioned on all the leaked information, the min-entropy of  $X_{bot} \cdot \mathbf{T}$  is  $\geq m_0 \log(4/3)$ .*

*Proof.* Here we describe what are the leaked information about  $\mathbf{T}$  in the adversary's view.

1. all the ciphertexts for  $\ell \neq \ell_\gamma$ : we note that these ciphertexts don't contain any information about  $\mathbf{T}$ .
2. secret key queries: it is essentially  $\sum_i y_i \cdot \mathbf{Z}_i$ . And conditioning on this information is the same as conditioning on  $X_{top} \cdot \mathbf{T}$ , since  $y$  can be written as a linear combination of rows of  $X_{top}$ .
3. corruption queries for slot  $i$ : it leaks the key  $\mathbf{Z}_i$ .

We first consider the distribution of  $X_{bot} \cdot \mathbf{T}$  conditioned on  $(\mathbf{X}_{top}, \mathbf{X}_{top} \mathbf{T})$ . Note that in  $\mathbf{X}_{top} \mathbf{T}$  and  $\mathbf{X}_{bot} \mathbf{T}$  matrices  $\mathbf{X}_{top}$  and  $\mathbf{X}_{bot}$  act in parallel on the columns of  $\mathbf{T}$ . We can hence restrict ourselves to the distribution of  $\mathbf{X}_{bot} \mathbf{T}_i$  conditioned  $(\mathbf{X}_{top}, \mathbf{X}_{top} \mathbf{T}_i)$ , where  $\mathbf{T}_i$  stands for the  $i$ th column of  $\mathbf{T}$ . Fix  $\mathbf{T}_i^*$  arbitrary. The distribution of  $\mathbf{T}_i$  given  $(\mathbf{X}_{top}, \mathbf{X}_{top} \mathbf{T}_i)$  is  $\mathbf{T}_i^* + D_{\Lambda, \sigma, -\mathbf{T}_i^*}$ , with  $\Lambda = \{\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{Z}^n : \mathbf{X}_{top} \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{0}\}$ . By construction of  $\mathbf{X}$ , we have that  $\Lambda = \mathbb{Z} \mathbf{x}^\gamma$ . As a result, the conditional distribution of  $\mathbf{X}_{bot} \mathbf{T}_i$  is  $\langle \mathbf{x}^\gamma, \mathbf{T}_i^* \rangle + D_{\|\mathbf{x}^\gamma\|^2 \cdot \mathbb{Z}, \|\mathbf{x}^\gamma\| \sigma, \langle \mathbf{x}^\gamma, -\mathbf{T}_i^* \rangle}$ .

Since  $\sigma \geq 10 \cdot nP^2 \geq 10 \cdot \|\mathbf{x}^\gamma\|^2$ , we can apply Lemma 6.8. Thus, after conditioning with respect to  $(\mathbf{X}_{top}, \mathbf{X}_{top} \mathbf{T})$ , each column of  $\mathbf{X}_{bot} \mathbf{T}$  has min-entropy  $\geq \log(4/3)$ . Due to the fact that columns are independent, we have that,

$$H_\infty(\mathbf{X}_{bot} \mathbf{T} | \mathbf{X}_{top}, \mathbf{X}_{top} \mathbf{T}) \geq m_0 \log(4/3).$$

$\square$

**Lemma 6.8.** *[ALS16, PR06] Let  $\Lambda = k\mathbb{Z}$  be a 1-dimensional lattice. For any  $\sigma \geq 10 \cdot k$ ,  $b \in \Lambda$  and  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ , we have that  $\mathcal{D}_{\Lambda, \sigma, c}(b) \leq 3/4$ . In particular, we have  $H_\infty(\mathcal{D}_{\Lambda, \sigma, c}) \geq 0.4$ , where  $H_\infty(\cdot)$  refers to the mini-entropy.*

**Parameter Setting.** In the next step, we analyze the setting of the parameters for our LWE-based construction.

*Correctness of scheme.* We remind that for the correctness, we had the conditions  $q_0 > K(nV + 1)$ .

*Reduction from LWE to our construction.* The indistinguishability between games  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  needs  $q \geq q_0 n_0^{\omega(1)} B$ , where  $|\mathbf{t}_i \cdot \mathbf{e}_\ell| \leq B$  with overwhelming probability. To present a precise bound, we find the value  $B$ . By Markov's inequality, for a Gaussian variable with mean 0,

$$\Pr[|X| \leq a] \leq 1 - 2 \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 \lambda^2 - \lambda a\right) \text{ for any } \lambda$$

Thus, for  $a = \sigma$  and  $\lambda = 1$ ,

$$\Pr[|X| \leq \sigma] \leq 1 - 2 \exp(-\sigma)$$

Meaning that if  $\sigma = \Theta(n_0^\epsilon)$ ,  $\sigma' = \Theta(n_0^\epsilon)$ ,  $\epsilon > 0$ , where  $\sigma$  and  $\sigma' = q \cdot \alpha'$  are respectively standard deviations for variables  $\mathbf{t}_i$  and  $\mathbf{e}_\ell$ , then,

$$\Pr[|\mathbf{t}_i| \leq \sigma] \leq 1 - \text{negl}(n_0), \quad \Pr[|\mathbf{e}_\ell| \leq \sigma'] \leq 1 - \text{negl}'(n_0)$$

So,  $|\mathbf{t}_i \cdot \mathbf{e}_\ell| \leq \sigma \cdot \sigma'$  with overwhelming probability i.e., we can set  $B = \sigma \cdot \sigma'$ .

The statistical argument from game  $G_{2,\gamma,3}$  to game  $G_{2,\gamma,5}$  needs  $\sigma \geq 10.nP^2$ . And also  $\Omega(\log q) \leq m_0$  and  $\Omega(\log q + 4n \log P) \leq m_0$ , respectively for the selective security and the adaptive security. One can set  $\kappa = \omega(1)$  where  $\omega(1)$  comes from  $q > q_0 n_0^{\omega(1)} B$ .

*Reduction from lattice problems to LWE.* For this reduction, we need  $q \geq \Omega(\sqrt{n_0}/\alpha')$ , Since module  $q$  is super-polynomially-large, this condition is already satisfied.

**Extension to vectors per slot.** For the sake of simplicity we proved the security when each client has a single scalar as its input. The construction can be easily extended to vectors-per-slot by considering  $K = mnPV$  i.e, one should replace  $n$  with  $mn$  in the parameters setting.

**Security extension (from one to pos<sup>+</sup>).** One can use a single-input FE and an MCFE both based on LWE assumption in the compiler of [CDG<sup>+</sup>18b] to get pos<sup>+</sup> security. The construction is depicted in Fig. 13.

## 7 Implementation

To show the efficiency of our schemes, we provide three implementations of schemes described in Figs. 3 to 5. In this table the encryption time is considered per slot. Before describing the choices made during implementation, we show the timings for these implementations in Fig. 14.

Before heading into details relative to each implementation, let us review the choices common to the three implementations.

**Instantiating the random oracle.** We chose to replace the random oracle by the SHA-256 hash function, thus we were able to take advantage of the OpenSSL library, that provides efficient and well spread implementation of SHA-256. As the size of the random oracle were different to the output size of SHA-256, we used it multiple times, changing the input each time by incrementing a counter that was concatenated with the label.

**Choice of the message space.** We tested our code with vectors of dimension 100, computing the sum of the first 100 squares. We wanted to keep the message space as small as  $2^{20} = 1048576$ , in order for the LWE ciphertexts to be held by 32 bits integers. The message space was kept the same for the DCR implementation for fair comparison. It is worth noting that the DCR implementation could have encrypted vectors with coordinates up to 4000 bits large without being any slower, since the complexity only depends on the dimensions of the vectors, and the only bound on the message space is that it has to stay smaller than the RSA number  $N$ . On the other hand, the DDH implementation is limited by the computation of a discrete logarithm regardless of the parameter choice, and the LWE implementation can hardly increase the message space without having to pump the parameters. Indeed, the modulus is tied only to the message space



<p><b>Setup</b>(<math>1^\kappa, m, n, n_0, n_0'</math>) :</p> <p>Set integers <math>m_0, m_0', q', q_0 \geq 2, q &gt; q_0</math>,  <math>K = mnPV, K' = mq_0V</math> and <math>\alpha, \alpha' \in (0, 1)</math>.</p> <p>Let <math>\mathcal{H} : \text{Labels} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_q^{n_0+m_0}</math> be a full-domain hash function</p> <p>Return <math>\text{pp} = (m_0, m_0', q, q', \alpha, \alpha', P, V)</math></p> <p><b>KeyGen</b>(<math>\text{pp}</math>) :</p> <p>Sample <math>\mathbf{Z}_i = (s_i, t_i) \xleftarrow{R} \mathbb{Z}_q^{m \times n_0} \times \mathcal{D}_{\mathbb{Z}^{m \times m_0}, \alpha q}</math></p> <p>Sample <math>\mathbf{A} \xleftarrow{R} \mathbb{Z}_q^{m_0' \times n_0'}</math>, and <math>\mathbf{Z}'_i \xleftarrow{R} \tau'</math></p> <p>where <math>\tau'</math> is a special distribution over <math>\mathbb{Z}^{m \times m_0'}</math>.</p> <p>Return <math>\text{msk} = (\mathbf{Z}_i, \mathbf{Z}'_i)_{i \in [n]}</math> and <math>\text{sk}_i = (\mathbf{Z}'_i, \mathbf{Z}_i)</math>.</p> <p><b>Enc</b>(<math>\text{pp}, \text{sk}_i, \mathbf{x}_i, i, \ell</math>) :</p> <p>To encrypt <math>\mathbf{x}_i \in \{0, \dots, P-1\}^m</math>:</p> <p>Set <math>\bar{X}_i = \mathbf{Z}_i \cdot \mathcal{H}(\ell) + \lfloor \frac{q}{K} \rfloor \cdot \mathbf{x}_i \pmod q</math> s.t.  <math>\bar{X}_i \in \{0, \dots, q\}</math></p> <p>Set <math>X_i = \lfloor \bar{X}_i \rfloor_{q_0} \in \{0, \dots, q_0\}^m</math></p> <p>Sample <math>s'_i \xleftarrow{R} \mathbb{Z}_{q'}^{n_0'}</math>, <math>e'_i \xleftarrow{R} \mathcal{D}_{\mathbb{Z}^{m_0'}, \alpha' q'}</math></p>	<p>Set <math>\text{ct}_{i,\ell}^0 = \mathbf{A} \cdot s'_i + e'_i \pmod{q'}</math></p> <p>Compute <math>\text{ct}_{i,\ell}^1 = \lfloor \frac{q'}{K'} \rfloor X_i + \mathbf{Z}'_i \mathbf{A} s'_i \pmod{q'}</math></p> <p>Return <math>\text{ct}_{i,\ell} = (\text{ct}_{i,\ell}^0, \text{ct}_{i,\ell}^1)</math></p> <p><b>KeyDer</b>(<math>\text{pp}, \text{msk}, \mathbf{y}</math>) :</p> <p>For the vector <math>\mathbf{y}</math> with <math>\mathbf{y} \in \{0, \dots, V\}^m</math>:</p> <p>Compute <math>\text{sk}_y = \sum_{i \in [n]} y_i^T \cdot \mathbf{Z}_i</math></p> <p>Compute <math>\text{sk}_{y_i} = y_i^T \mathbf{Z}'_i</math>.</p> <p>Return <math>\text{sk} = (\text{sk}_y, \{\text{sk}_{y_i}\}_{i \in [n]})</math></p> <p><b>Dec</b>(<math>\text{pp}, \mathbf{y}, \text{sk}, \{\text{ct}_{i,\ell}\}_{i \in [n]}, \ell</math>) :</p> <p>Set <math>\mu_i = \mathbf{y}_i^T \text{ct}_{i,\ell}^1 - \langle \text{sk}_{y_i}, \text{ct}_{i,\ell}^0 \rangle \pmod{q'}</math></p> <p>Find <math>\mu_i \in \{-K'+1, \dots, K'-1\}</math>  that minimize <math> \lfloor q'/K' \rfloor \cdot \mu_i - \mu'_i </math></p> <p><math>\mu' = \sum_{i \in [n]} \mu_i - \lfloor \langle \text{sk}_y, \mathcal{H}(\ell) \rangle \rfloor_{q_0} \pmod{q_0}</math></p> <p>Return <math>\mu \in \{-K+1, \dots, K-1\}</math> that  minimizes <math> \frac{q_0}{q} \lfloor \frac{q}{K} \rfloor \cdot \mu - \mu' </math>.</p>
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Fig. 13: MCFE based on LWE (pos<sup>+</sup> secure)

and not so to security as in the case of DCR, so we don't have this spare space in the message space. We wanted to keep the ciphertexts small enough so that we can rely on fast hardware optimizations of arithmetic operations, using bigger message spaces would require to use large number libraries, which is doable.

**Discussion.** The timings are very reasonable, and can be brought down quite a lot for any given application. We tried to push the parameters so that our implementations can be trusted as proofs of concept without knowing what applications will come in the future, but for given specific requirements in terms of security and efficiency, there is a lot of room for improvement. We also tried to give a flexible implementation that can be used to estimate the timings for different parameters easily. This also leaves room for optimization once the parameters are chosen for a particular application. If we are to compare the different schemes, it looks like the scheme based on LWE is much more efficient than the scheme based on DCR. One has to be careful when making such comparisons. Indeed, the DCR scheme supports very big messages, because the modulus  $N$  has to be set very large for security reasons. In comparison, the efficiency of the LWE scheme

Operation	mpk Generation	msk Generation	sk <sub>y</sub> Derivation	Encryption	Decryption
DDH	0.038843 s	0.028417 s	negligible	0.000439 s	$m \mu s$
DCR	0.201445 s	1.576873 s	negligible	0.280378 s	0.313167 s
LWE	n/a	0.017957 s	0.048872 s	0.001207 s	0.000989 s

Fig. 14: Timings of the concrete implementations, encrypting vectors of dimension 100. The code was run on a laptop running an Intel(R) Core(TM) i7-8750H CPU @ 2.20GHz.  $m$  is the discrete-logarithm value to be retrieved (the inner-product value).

Parameter	Message space	Ciphertext size	Secret key size
DDH	bounded by computation	512 bits	512 bits
DCR	4096 bits	9192 bits	55152 bits
LWE	20 bits	32 bits	704000 bits

Fig. 15: Capacity of the implementations and memory cost.

would degrade with the size of the messages to encrypt, so for applications with large messages, the DCR implementation might actually become much faster.

In the next section, we give more details for each of the implementations.

## 7.1 DDH Implementation

**Choice of the group.** We chose to use an elliptic curve with a prime order that is 256 bits long, already predefined in the openssl library. Hence, we used brainpoolP256t1, however, the design of the implementation allows us to switch easily to another curve by changing the public parameters generation.

**Decryption.** The decryption is the most constraining part of the implementation because it needs to compute a discrete logarithm. Here, we solve this problem by sequentially testing all numbers. The decryption is thus efficient enough since our output is small, but if the output grows bigger, the decryption time becomes hard to manage. It is possible to trade-off memory for space, using a baby-step giant-step algorithm to compute the discrete logarithm.

## 7.2 DCR Implementation

**Choice of parameters.** As this implementation is a proof of concept, we decided to use very conservative parameters, to show that the scheme can run with very large parameters. We advice anyone who wants to use this work for an application to chose more carefully the parameters that fits their requirements for security and efficiency. We used the OpenSSL library for big numbers for all the elements in the scheme, as well as their RSA key generation in order to generate the public parameters, and chose a 4096 bits number  $N$ . The discrete Gaussian was also overshoot, and was required to be at least as large as  $N^6$ . We also required the output of the hash function to be at least 256 bits larger than the modulo, in order to be very close to the uniform distribution (statistical distance less than  $2^{-256}$ ).

**Discrete Gaussian sampling.** One of the main challenges in this implementation was to sample a very large Gaussian distribution over the integers. We used the sampler described in [MW17] for large standard deviations. To keep the implementation simple and readable, we decided to only use integers for computations, so once again, with further work, this stage can be optimized, for both more precise sampling (we overshoot the target a lot) and also faster sampling. We also took a very small  $\varepsilon = 2^{-256}$  when taking a bound on the smoothing parameter of  $\mathbb{Z}$ . This shouldn't be required by most application, so there is room for improvement there also. Our base sampler has standard deviation 64, is implemented using CDT, and has tails cut above 1023 and under -1023. At each step,  $z_i$  is  $s_i$  divided by 16, which again, leaves space for improvement if taking a more precise bound on the smoothing parameter.

**Observations and possible optimizations.** The main bottleneck in this implementation is the size of the secret keys. The secret keys are very large, thus requiring a lot of space, and slowing down key generation as well as encryption and decryption. Indeed, the secret keys are used as exponents during encryption and decryption, and they cannot be reduced modulo the order of the group since it has to remain a secret. This implies that those operation get slower and slower as the size of the secret keys grow. A first step to improve the implementation is to get a closer look at the concrete requirements for security of the scheme, and sample a Gaussian distribution with a standard deviation that matches more closely the requirements.

### 7.3 LWE Implementation

**Number representations and modulo.** In order to have more efficient code, we chose to work with 128 bits numbers, so we had to choose a modulo that is smaller than  $2^{128}$ . To get the most efficient possible modulo operation, we picked the twelfth Mersenne prime  $q = 2^{127} - 1$ . The ciphertexts were stored on 32 bits integers, ensuring big enough rounding for security, but large enough for correctness.

**Choice of parameters.** As discussed previously, we decided to encrypt vectors of size 100, and have a message space of  $K = 1048576$ . The dimensions for the keys are 500 for each of the  $\mathbf{s}$  and  $\mathbf{t}$  parts, and the standard deviation chosen is 1000. Note that this is not the standard deviation for the error for the LWE assumption, the standard deviation for the LWE assumption does not appear in the scheme since we are instead using rounding. We don't give a precise security estimate, since the proof allows for a trade-off in the computational security against statistical security, meaning that the rounding errors can be smaller if we decide to take a smaller standard deviation for the LWE problem, leading to less statistical loss during the proof, but also relying on an easier LWE instance. For a given application, it is possible to optimize for the security requirements, depending on the number of samples given to the adversary, the time it has got to execute its attack and other considerations. We chose those parameters for a security of over a hundred bits for reasonable applications.

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## A Review of the [ALS16] Schemes

In this section, we review the DCR-based and the LWE-based single-input FE schemes of [ALS16].

### A.1 A Review on Single-Input FE based on DCR

In this section, we recall the single-input functional encryption scheme based on Paillier, proposed by Agrawal et al. [ALS16]. Their construction is presented in Fig. 16 which is mainly based on the idea of [BCP03,CS03]. Bresson et al. [BCP03] present a public key cryptosystem with two trapdoors: one is  $\lambda$  which needs the knowledge of the factorization of  $N$ , and the second trapdoor is the secret key which makes the decryption possible without knowing  $\lambda$ . The security of this scheme is based on a variant of the DDH assumption over  $\mathbb{Z}_{N^2}^*$ . Agrawal et al. extended this idea to cyclic subgroups of  $2N$  residues modulo  $N^2$  to design a secure functional encryption system based on the DCR assumption. They showed that the decryption algorithm based on the second trapdoor can be adopted to the FE setting by having functional secret keys (instead of the secret key in public-key setting [BCP03]).

The use of cyclic group of  $2N$  residues modulo  $N^2$  (instead of the quadratic residues group in [BCP03]) and the DCR assumption makes it possible to ensure that secret keys do not leak sensitive information in FE case [ALS16].

*Remark A.1 (A note on the space and distribution of master secret key).* The master secret key is sampled from  $\mathbb{Z}$  through a Gaussian sampler. This can guarantee the correctness and the security as well. More precisely, everyone holding the secret key and ciphertext should be able to compute the value  $C \bmod N^2$  and it means that  $\text{sk}$  has to be given over  $\mathbb{Z}$  or modulo any multiple of  $\lambda$  (due to the fact that the order of  $g$  is  $\lambda$  and  $\text{ct}_0^{-\text{sk}} = \text{ct}_0^{\text{sk} \bmod \lambda} \bmod N^2$ ). Having  $\text{sk}$  modulo  $\lambda$  can leak the value of  $\lambda$  through different secret key queries and it means that anyone can directly decrypt the ciphertext to get the plain message  $x$  in a similar way to [Pai99] or [BCP03] based on the first trapdoor. Thus, the value  $\text{sk}$  cannot be given modulo  $k \cdot \lambda$  for an arbitrary  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Moreover, during the security proof, it is required that the master secret key is defined over the same set that  $\text{sk}$  is defined (since the distribution of the master secret key in the view of the adversary is conditioned on the secret key values). Putting it all together, the master secret key  $\mathbf{s}$  should be sampled from the set  $\mathbb{Z}$  and Gaussian distribution is a good candidate for this sampling. In fact, based on its density function if the standard deviation is noticeably larger than  $N$ , then it seems like uniform distribution modulo  $N$  and this fact is used in the security proof. In [BJL16], a special case of MCFE is considered where there is just one functional-key  $\mathbf{y} = (1, \dots, 1)$ . For this special case one can expect to have the functional-key modulo  $\lambda$ . And so the master secret-key is uniformly sampled from  $\mathbb{Z}_\lambda$ .

<p><u>Setup</u>(<math>1^\kappa, n</math>) :</p> <p>Run <math>\text{SP}(\kappa)</math> to get safe-primes <math>p, q</math>.</p> <p>Compute <math>N = pq</math></p> <p>Sample <math>g' \xleftarrow{R} \mathbb{Z}_{N^2}^*</math></p> <p>Compute <math>g = g'^{2N} \bmod N^2</math>.</p> <p>Return <math>\text{pp} = (N, g)</math></p> <p><u>KeyGen</u>(<math>\text{pp}</math>) :</p> <p>Sample <math>\mathbf{s} \leftarrow D_{\mathbb{Z}^n, \sigma}</math> where <math>D_{\mathbb{Z}^n, \sigma}</math> is the Gaussian distribution of standard deviation <math>\sigma &gt; \sqrt{\kappa} \cdot N^{5/2}</math>.</p> <p>Compute <math>h_i = g^{s_i} \bmod N^2</math>.</p> <p>Return <math>\begin{cases} \text{mpk} = \{h_i\}_{i \in [n]} \\ \text{msk} = \mathbf{s} \end{cases}</math></p>	<p><u>Enc</u>(<math>\text{pp}, \text{mpk}, \mathbf{x}</math>) :</p> <p>For vector <math>\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{Z}^n</math> with <math>\ \mathbf{x}\ _\infty \leq X &lt; \sqrt{N/n}</math>:</p> <p>Sample <math>r \xleftarrow{R} \{0, \dots, \lfloor \frac{N}{4} \rfloor\}</math>.</p> <p>Compute <math>\begin{cases} \text{ct}_0 = g^r \bmod N^2, \\ \text{ct}_i = (1 + N)^{x_i} \cdot h_i^r \bmod N^2 \end{cases}</math></p> <p>Return <math>\text{ct} = (\text{ct}_0, \{\text{ct}_i\}_i)</math></p> <p><u>KeyDer</u>(<math>\text{pp}, \text{msk}, \mathbf{y}</math>) :</p> <p>For vector <math>\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{Z}^n</math> with <math>\ \mathbf{y}\ _\infty \leq Y &lt; \sqrt{N/n}</math>:</p> <p>Compute <math>\text{sk}_y = \sum_i y_i \cdot s_i</math> over <math>\mathbb{Z}</math></p> <p>Return <math>\text{sk}_y</math></p> <p><u>Dec</u>(<math>\text{pp}, \text{mpk}, \mathbf{y}, \text{sk}, \text{ct}</math>) :</p> <p>Compute <math>C = \prod_i \text{ct}_i^{y_i} \cdot \text{ct}_0^{-\text{sk}}</math></p> <p>Return <math>\frac{C - 1 \bmod N^2}{N}</math></p>
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Fig. 16: Single-input FE based on the DCR assumption [ALS16]

## A.2 A Review on Single-Input FE based on LWE

Agrawal et al. [ALS16] proposed a single-input FE based on the LWE problem which is shown in Fig. 17. In this construction  $\mathcal{P} = \{0, \dots, P - 1\}^n$  and  $\mathcal{V} = \{0, \dots, V - 1\}^n$  are respectively the message and the key space associated with secret keys, for integers  $P, V$ . The inner product between message and key vectors belongs to  $\{0, \dots, K - 1\}$  with  $K = nPV$  and the prime modulus  $q$  is significantly larger than  $K$ . With this construction, inner-product is evaluated over  $\mathbb{Z}$  and the decryption algorithm is completely efficient. Their single-input FE scheme is secure under a new hardness assumption named mheLWE. They also proved a reduction from LWE to mheLWE. Their construction is reminded through Fig. 17.

<p><u>Setup(<math>1^{n_0}, n</math>) :</u>  Set integers <math>m_0, q \geq 2</math>  <math>K = nPV</math> and <math>\alpha \in (0, 1)</math>.  Sample <math>\mathbf{A} \xleftarrow{R} \mathbb{Z}_q^{m_0 \times n_0}</math>  Return  <math>\text{pp} = (\mathbf{A}, m_0, q, \alpha, K, P, V)</math>  <u>KeyGen(pp) :</u>  Sample <math>\mathbf{Z} \xleftarrow{R} \tau</math> where  <math>\tau</math> is a special distribution  over <math>\mathbb{Z}^{n \times m_0}</math>.  Compute <math>U = \mathbf{Z} \cdot \mathbf{A}</math>.  Return <math>\text{mpk} = U</math> and <math>\text{msk} = \mathbf{Z}</math>.</p>	<p><u>Enc(pp, mpk, <math>\mathbf{x}</math>) :</u>  To encrypt the vector <math>\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{P}</math>:  Sample <math>\mathbf{s} \xleftarrow{R} \mathbb{Z}_q^{n_0}</math>, <math>\mathbf{e}_0 \xleftarrow{R} \mathcal{D}_{\mathbb{Z}, \alpha q}^{m_0}</math> and <math>\mathbf{e}_1 \xleftarrow{R} \mathcal{D}_{\mathbb{Z}, \alpha q}^n</math>.  Compute <math>\begin{cases} \text{ct}_0 = \mathbf{A}^T \cdot \mathbf{s} + \mathbf{e}_0 \in \mathbb{Z}_q^{m_0}, \\ \text{ct}_1 = U \cdot \mathbf{s} + \mathbf{e}_1 + \lfloor \frac{q}{K} \rfloor \cdot \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{Z}_q^n \end{cases}</math>  Return <math>\text{ct} = (\text{ct}_0, \text{ct}_1)</math>  <u>KeyDer(pp, msk, <math>\mathbf{y}</math>) :</u>  To generate a secret key for the vector <math>\mathbf{y} \in \mathcal{V}</math>:  Compute <math>\text{sk}_y = \mathbf{y}^T \cdot \mathbf{Z} \in \mathbb{Z}^{m_0}</math>  Return <math>\text{sk}_y</math>  <u>Dec(pp, mpk, <math>\mathbf{y}</math>, sk, ct) :</u>  Compute <math>\mu' = \langle \mathbf{y}, \text{ct}_1 \rangle - \langle \text{sk}, \text{ct}_0 \rangle \pmod q</math>  Return <math>\mu \in \{-K + 1, \dots, K - 1\}</math> that  minimizes <math> \lfloor \frac{q}{K} \rfloor \cdot \mu - \mu' </math>.</p>
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Fig. 17: Single-input FE based on LWE assumption [ALS16]