

New Constructions of Hinting PRGs, OWFs with Encryption, and more

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Abstract. Over the last few years, there has been a surge of new cryptographic results, including laconic oblivious transfer [13, 16], (anonymous/hierarchical) identity-based encryption [9], trapdoor functions [20, 19], chosen-ciphertext security transformations [33, 32], designated-verifier zero-knowledge proofs [34, 37, 30], due to a beautiful framework recently introduced in the works of Cho et al. [13], and Döttling and Garg [14]. The primitive of one-way function with encryption (OWFE) [20, 19] and its relatives (chameleon encryption, one-time signatures with encryption, hinting PRGs, trapdoor hash encryption, batch encryption) [14, 17, 9, 33, 16] have been a centerpiece in all these results.

While there exist multiple realizations of OWFE (and its relatives) from a variety of assumptions such as CDH, Factoring, and LWE, all such constructions fall under the same general “missing block” framework [13, 14]. Although this framework has been instrumental in opening up a new pathway towards various cryptographic functionalities via the abstraction of OWFE (and its relatives), it has been accompanied by undesirable inefficiencies that might inhibit a much wider adoption in many practical scenarios. Motivated by the surging importance of the OWFE abstraction (and its relatives), a natural question to ask is whether the existing approaches can be diversified to not only obtain more constructions from different assumptions, but also in developing newer frameworks. We believe answering this question will eventually lead to important and previously unexplored performance trade-offs in the overarching applications of this novel cryptographic paradigm.

In this work, we propose a new *accumulation-style* framework for building a new class of OWFE as well as hinting PRG constructions with a special focus on achieving shorter ciphertext size and shorter public parameter size (respectively). Such performance improvements parlay into shorter parameters in their corresponding applications. Briefly, we explore the following performance trade-offs — (1) for OWFE, our constructions outperform in terms of ciphertext size as well as encryption time, but this comes at the cost of larger evaluation and setup times, (2) for hinting PRGs, our constructions provide a rather dramatic trade-off between evaluation time versus parameter size, with our construction leading to significantly shorter public parameter size. The trade-off enabled by our

hinting PRG construction also leads to interesting implications in the CPA-to-CCA transformation provided in [33]. We also provide concrete performance measurements for our constructions and compare them with existing approaches. We believe highlighting such trade-offs will lead to a wider adoption of these abstractions in a practical sense.

1 Introduction

A major goal in cryptography is to study cryptographic primitives that could be used for securely implementing useful functionalities as well as lead to interesting applications. Significant effort in cryptographic research is geared towards diversifying existing frameworks and constructions for realizing such primitives to improve efficiency as well as obtain more constructions from a wider set of well-studied assumptions. Over the last few years there has been a surge of new constructions [14, 17, 25, 9, 20, 26, 24, 15, 21, 33, 19, 32, 34, 37, 30, 16, 2, 1, 22] due to a beautiful framework recently introduced in the works of Cho et al. [13], and Döttling and Garg [14]. This new wave of cryptographic results, including laconic oblivious transfer [13, 16], (anonymous/ hierarchical) identity-based encryption [9], trapdoor functions [20, 19], chosen-ciphertext security transformations [33, 32], designated-verifier zero-knowledge proofs [34, 37, 30], registration-based encryption [21, 22] has been propelled by the primitive of one-way function with encryption (OWFE) [20, 19] and its relatives (chameleon encryption, one-time signatures with encryption, hinting PRGs, trapdoor hash encryption, batch encryption) [14, 17, 9, 33, 16].

A one-way function with encryption scheme extends the notion of one-way functions to allow a special form of encryption. During setup one samples public parameters \mathbf{pp} that fixes an underlying one-way function $f = f_{\mathbf{pp}}$. In an OWFE scheme, the encryption procedure is abstracted out into two components — algorithms E_1, E_2 which work as follows. Both E_1 and E_2 share the same random coins ρ , and take as inputs a value y (that lies in the image space of f), an index-bit pair (i, b) , and parameters \mathbf{pp} . Algorithm E_1 is used to compute the “ciphertext” \mathbf{ct} , whereas E_2 computes the encrypted KEM key k . The decryption algorithm D on input a ciphertext \mathbf{ct} , pre-image string x , and parameters \mathbf{pp} , outputs a decrypted KEM key k' . For correctness it is important that if the string x is such that $y = f_{\mathbf{pp}}(x)$ and $x_i = b$, then the KEM keys should match, i.e., $k' = k$. While for security, other than the unpredictability of the OWF f , it is required that the ciphertext does not leak the KEM key trivially. That is, given an input x , parameters \mathbf{pp} , and a ciphertext \mathbf{ct} , the associated KEM key k must be indistinguishable from random as long as the encryption is performed for some value $y = f_{\mathbf{pp}}(x)$ and any index-bit pair of the form $(i, 1 - x_i)$.

Intuitively, an OWFE scheme is simply a one-way function f equipped with matching encryption-decryption procedures such that encryption allows to encrypt messages with respect to an OWF output string y and a pre-image bit (i, b) , while decryption requires a pre-image x such that $f(x) = y$ and $x_i = b$.

The “Missing Block” Framework. While there exist multiple realizations of OWFE (and its relatives) from a variety of assumptions such as CDH, Factoring, and LWE, all such constructions fall under the same general “missing block” framework [13, 14]. To illustrate the aforementioned framework we sketch a DDH-based variant of the OWFE construction provided by Garg and Hajiabadi [20]. The public parameters consists of $2n$ randomly sampled group generators $\{g_{i,b}\}_{(i,b) \in [n] \times \{0,1\}}$, where n is the input length of the OWF. The function output is computed by performing subset-product on the public parameters, where the subset selection is done as per the input bits. Concretely, on an input $x \in \{0,1\}^n$, the output is $f(x) = \prod_i g_{i,x_i}$. The ciphertext structurally looks like the public parameters, that is it also consists of $2n$ group elements $\{c_{i,b}\}_{i,b}$. Here to encrypt to pre-image bit (i^*, b^*) under randomness ρ , the encryption algorithm E_1 simply sets $c_{i,b} = g_{i,b}^\rho$ for all $(i,b) \neq (i^*, 1 - b^*)$, with the $(i^*, 1 - b^*)^{th}$ term not being set (i.e., $c_{i^*, 1 - b^*} = \perp$). Pictorially, this can be represented as follows (where $i^* = 2$ and $b^* = 0$):

$$\text{pp} = \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline g_{1,0} & g_{2,0} & g_{3,0} & \cdots & g_{n,0} \\ \hline g_{1,1} & g_{2,1} & g_{3,1} & \cdots & g_{n,1} \\ \hline \end{array} \xrightarrow[E_1(\text{pp}, (2,0); \rho)]{\text{Encryption}} \text{ct} = \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline g_{1,0}^\rho & g_{2,0}^\rho & g_{3,0}^\rho & \cdots & g_{n,0}^\rho \\ \hline g_{1,1}^\rho & \times & g_{3,1}^\rho & \cdots & g_{n,1}^\rho \\ \hline \end{array}$$

The KEM key is simply computed by the encryptor as y^ρ , where y is the output of the OWF. The decryptor on the other hand does not know the randomness ρ , thus given the ciphertext ct and a valid pre-image x , it computes the subset-product on ct (followed by applying the hardcore predicate), where the subset selection is done as per x . That is, decryptor computes the key as $\prod_i c_{i,x_i}$.

This notion of not setting up the $(i^*, 1 - b^*)^{th}$ term in the ciphertext is what we refer to as adding a “missing block”. The intuition behind this is that the ciphertext should only be decryptable using pre-images x such that $x_{i^*} = b^*$, thus the ciphertext component corresponding to the pre-image bit $(i^*, 1 - b^*)$ can be omitted. Here the omission of the $(i^*, 1 - b^*)^{th}$ block is very crucial in proving the security of encryption.

Limitations of the framework. Although the “missing block” framework has been instrumental in opening up a new pathway towards various cryptographic functionalities via the abstraction of OWFE (and its relatives), it has been accompanied with undesirable inefficiencies that have led to large system parameters in most of the applications. In particular, the OWFE described above in this framework leads to large “ciphertexts” where the size grows linearly with the input length n of the OWF. Now this inefficiency gets amplified differently in each of its applications. For instance, large OWFE ciphertexts lead to large public parameters of a trapdoor function (/deterministic encryption) [20, 19], since the public parameters as per those transformations consist of a polynomial number of OWFE ciphertexts which themselves grow linearly with n . Similar situations arise when we look at a related primitive called Hinting PRG (introduced by Koppula and Waters [33]), where the existing constructions via the “missing block” framework leads to much worse public parameters, and the

performance overhead gets significantly amplified if we look at its application to chosen-ciphertext security transformations [33].⁴

Motivated by the surging importance of the abstraction of one-way function with encryption and its relatives, a natural question to ask is whether the existing approaches can be diversified to not only obtain more constructions from different assumptions, but also in developing newer frameworks. We believe answering this question will eventually lead to important and previously unexplored performance trade-offs in the overarching applications of this novel cryptographic paradigm.

1.1 Our Approach

In this work, we develop a new framework for building a new class of one-way function with encryption (as well as hinting PRG) constructions with a special focus on achieving shorter ciphertext size (and shorter public parameter size, respectively), which will parlay into shorter parameters in their corresponding applications.⁵

Concretely, we explore the following performance trade-offs. For OWFE, our constructions based on this new framework outperform the existing ones in terms of ciphertext size as well as encryption time, but this comes at the cost of larger evaluation and setup times. In terms of applications of OWFE to deterministic encryption, this trade-off translates to a scheme with much smaller public parameters and setup time, but larger encryption/decryption times. For hinting PRGs, our constructions provide a rather dramatic trade-off between evaluation time versus parameter size compared to prior schemes, with our construction leading to significantly shorter public parameter size. In terms of applications of hinting PRG to chosen-ciphertext security transformations, the trade-off between public parameter size and evaluation time in the hinting PRG constructions carries forward to a trade-off between encryption key/ciphertext sizes and encryption/decryption times in the resultant CCA-secure construction. Next, we describe the main ideas behind our constructions, and later we give some concrete performance metrics.

OWF with Encryption from Φ -Hiding Assumption. We begin by sketching our Φ -Hiding based construction and security proof. Recall that the Φ -Hiding assumption states that given an RSA modulus N and a prime e , no polynomial time adversary can distinguish whether e divides $\phi(N)$ or not. Our construction is summarized as follows:

⁴ Roughly speaking, a hinting PRG is same as a regular PRG, except that it has a stronger pseudorandomness property in the sense that the adversary must not break pseudorandomness even when given a hint about the preimage of the challenge string.

⁵ We call our framework “accumulator style” due to a similarities in our algebraic structure to earlier number-theoretic works on cryptographic accumulators [6, 4, 38, 11, 27, 36, 10, 3, 12]. However, neither the definition nor concept of the accumulator will be used in this work.

- The public parameters \mathbf{pp} of our OWFE scheme consist of an RSA modulus N , n pairs of λ -bit primes $\{e_{i,b}\}_{(i,b) \in [n] \times \{0,1\}}$, and a generator $g \in \mathbb{Z}_N^*$. (Here n is the input length.)
- For any input $x \in \{0,1\}^n$, the one-way function $f_{\mathbf{pp}}(x)$ is computed as $g^{H(x) \cdot \prod_i e_{i,x_i}} \pmod{N}$, where H is a pairwise independent hash function sampled during setup.
- The encryption algorithm E_1 on input a pre-image bit (i^*, b^*) and randomness ρ , outputs ciphertext as $\text{ct} = g^{\rho \cdot e_{i^*, b^*}} \pmod{N}$.⁶ The corresponding KEM key is set as $k = y^\rho \pmod{N}$, where y is the output of the OWF.
- Lastly, the decryption procedure given a ciphertext ct and a pre-image x such that $f_{\mathbf{pp}}(x) = y$ and $x_{i^*} = b^*$, computes the key as $k' = \text{ct}^{\prod_{i \neq i^*} e_{i,x_i}} \pmod{N}$. Next, we briefly sketch the main arguments behind the security of this construction.

For security, we will need to show (1) that the function is one way, (2) that encryption security holds and (3) that an additional smoothness property holds. We will sketch the arguments for the first two here. The final smoothness property is only needed for some applications. This involves a more nuanced number theory to prove which we defer to the main body.

The one-wayness argument proceeds as follows — suppose an adversary finds a collision $x \neq x'$, i.e. $f_{\mathbf{pp}}(x) = f_{\mathbf{pp}}(x')$, then a reduction algorithm can sample the λ -bit primes in such a way that, as long as n is larger than $\log N + \lambda$, it can break RSA assumption for one of the primes sampled as part of the public parameters.

For proving security of encryption we need to slightly modify the construction wherein we need to apply an extractor on the KEM key to prove it looks indistinguishable from random, that is $k = \text{Ext}(\mathfrak{s}, y^\rho)$ where Ext is a strong seeded extractor and seed \mathfrak{s} is sampled during setup. Recall that security of encryption requires that for any index-bit pair (i^*, b^*) and input x such that $x_{i^*} \neq b^*$, given a ciphertext $\text{ct} = E_1(\mathbf{pp}, (i^*, b^*); \rho)$ the associated KEM key $k = E_2(\mathbf{pp}, f_{\mathbf{pp}}(x), (i^*, b^*); \rho)$ must be indistinguishable from random.

The idea behind proving the same for the above construction is the following — a ciphertext looks like $\text{ct} = g^{\rho \cdot e_{i^*, b^*}}$ whereas the key is computed as $k = \text{Ext}(\mathfrak{s}, g^{\rho \cdot \prod_i e_{i,x_i}})$. Since $b^* \neq x_{i^*}$, thus the key can be re-written as $k = \text{Ext}(\mathfrak{s}, (\text{ct}^{\prod_i e_{i,x_i}})^{\frac{-1}{e_{i^*, b^*}}})$. Now under the Φ -hiding assumption, we can argue that an adversary can not distinguish between the cases where e_{i^*, b^*} is co-prime with respect to $\phi(N)$, and when e_{i^*, b^*} divides $\phi(N)$. Note that in the latter case, there are e_{i^*, b^*} many distinct e_{i^*, b^*}^{th} roots of $\text{ct}^{\prod_i e_{i,x_i}}$. Thus, by strong extractor guarantee we can conclude that key k looks uniformly random to the adversary as the underlying source has large (λ bits of) min-entropy.

Comparing with DDH-based constructions. Comparing the asymptotic efficiency of our Φ -Hiding based OWFE construction with the existing DDH-based constructions, we observe the following: (1) the size of the public parameters

⁶ Technically, the ciphertext should also include the index i^* but we drop it for ease of exposition.

grows linearly with the input length n in both constructions, (2) both OWF evaluation and decryption operations require $O(n)$ group operations and $O(n)$ exponentiations (with λ -bit exponents) respectively, (3) for the Φ -hiding based construction, both E_1 and E_2 algorithms perform single exponentiation, and outputs a ciphertext and key containing just one group element; whereas for DDH-based construction, the E_1 algorithm performs $O(n)$ exponentiations and outputs a ciphertext containing $O(n)$ group elements.

We implemented the above construction and observed that, at 128-bit security level, our Φ -hiding based construction has $\sim 80x$ shorter ciphertext size over the existing DDH-based construction [20]. Also, the E_1 algorithm of our Φ -hiding based construction is $\sim 14x$ faster than the DDH baseline. A detailed efficiency comparison for other security levels is discussed in Section 6.1.

Hinting PRGs from Φ -Hiding Assumption. We also provide a hinting PRG [33] construction based on Φ -hiding that leads to similar performance trade-offs. Let us briefly recall the notion of hinting PRGs. It consists of two algorithms — Setup and Eval, where the setup algorithm generates the public parameters \mathbf{pp} , and the PRG evaluation algorithm takes as input the parameters \mathbf{pp} , a seed $s \in \{0, 1\}^n$ and a block index $i \in \{0, 1, \dots, n\}$. The Hinting PRG security requirement is that for a randomly chosen seed $s \in \{0, 1\}^n$, the following two distributions over $\{r_{i,b}\}_{(i,b) \in [n] \times \{0,1\}}$ are indistinguishable: in the first distribution, $r_{i,s_i} = \text{Eval}(\mathbf{pp}, s, i)$ and $r_{i,1-s_i}$ is sampled uniformly at random for every i ; whereas in the second distribution, all $r_{i,b}$ terms are sampled uniformly at random.

Our hinting PRG construction is based on our OWFE construction, where the setup algorithm is identical, that is the public parameters \mathbf{pp} consist of an RSA modulus N , n pairs of λ -bit primes $\{e_{i,b}\}_{(i,b) \in [n] \times \{0,1\}}$, a generator $g \in \mathbb{Z}_N^*$, and a pairwise independent hash H . And, the evaluation algorithm also bears strong resemblance with the one-way function f described previously. Concretely, the i^{th} block of the PRG output, i.e. $\text{Eval}(\mathbf{pp}, s, i^*)$, is computed as $g^{H(s) \cdot \prod_{i \neq i^*} e_{i,s_i}} \pmod{N}$. Proving security of this construction follows in a similar line to our OWFE construction. More details on this are provided later in full version of the paper.

Comparing with DDH-based constructions. Comparing the asymptotic efficiency of our Φ -Hiding based hinting PRG construction with the existing DDH-based constructions, we observe the following: (1) the public parameters consists of $2n$ (λ -bit) prime exponents along with the RSA modulus, extractor seed, group generator, and a hash key; whereas in the DDH-based constructions, it contains $O(n^2)$ group elements, (2) for evaluating a single hinting PRG block, the evaluator needs to perform $O(n)$ exponentiations in our new construction; whereas in the DDH case it performs $O(n)$ group operations. Additionally, using an elegant Dynamic Programming style algorithm, we can reduce the number of exponentiation operations needed per block to grow only logarithmically in n . The intuition behind such an improvement is that we show how to re-use various intermediate exponentiations obtained during a single hinting PRG block evaluation for accelerating the PRG evaluation for other blocks.

We implemented the above construction and observed that, at 128-bit security level, our Φ -hiding based construction has $\sim 80x$ shorter ciphertext size over the existing DDH-based construction [20]. Also, the E_1 algorithm of our Φ -hiding based construction is $\sim 14x$ faster than the DDH baseline. A detailed efficiency comparison for other security levels is discussed in full version of the paper.

Limitations of Φ -Hiding based constructions. A quick glance shows that these new constructions lead to much shorter ciphertext size (in the case of OWFE) and public parameters (in the case of hinting PRGs), therefore they will lead to better parameters in their corresponding applications such as deterministic encryption [19] and chosen-ciphertext security transformations [33]. However, looking more closely we observe that our Φ -hiding based construction has an undesirable consequence which is the hinting PRG seed length (or equivalently input length for OWF) n is much larger for our Φ -hiding based scheme when compared with its DDH counterpart. This is due to the fact because of number field sieve attacks, the recommended RSA modulus length (and thereby the input/seed length n) increases super linearly with target security level for the Φ -based construction. While the recommended field size (and thereby the input/seed length n) will increase only linearly for the elliptic curve DDH-based constructions.

Fortunately, the notion of accumulators has been well studied in prime order group setting [36, 10, 3, 12] as well, thus this gives us a different type of number theoretic accumulator. Pivoting to such accumulators, we show how to achieve performance improvements similar to that in the Φ -hiding setting while keeping the input/seed length n close to that in their existing counterparts. Next, we provide our OWFE construction which uses bilinear maps in the prime order group setting.

OWF with Encryption from DBDHI. Let us start by recalling the Decisional Bilinear Diffie-Hellman Inversion (DBDHI) assumption [7]. The strength of the assumption is characterized by a parameter ℓ , and it states that given a sequence of group elements as follows — $(g, g^\alpha, g^{\alpha^2}, \dots, g^{\alpha^\ell})$, where g is a random group generator and α is a randomly chosen non-zero exponent, no PPT adversary should be able to distinguish $e(g, g)^{1/\alpha}$ from a random element in the target group. Below we describe our OWFE construction in which we directly include the sequence of elements as described above as part of the public parameters.

Concretely, the public parameters \mathbf{pp} consist of $n+1$ group elements $(g, g^\alpha, \dots, g^{\alpha^n})$ for a random exponent α and group generator g , and a pairwise independent hash H . (Here n is the input length.) Given an input $x \in \{0, 1\}^n$, the one-way function $f_{\mathbf{pp}}(x)$ is computed in two stages. First, the evaluator symbolically evaluates (i.e. simplifies) the polynomial $p(z) = H(x) \cdot \prod_i (z + 2i + x_i)$. Let $p(z) = \sum_{j=0}^n c_j z^j$ be the evaluated polynomial. Next, the evaluator sets the output of the OWF as $\prod_j (g^{\alpha^j})^{c_j}$. The encryption algorithm E_1 on input a pre-

image bit (i^*, b^*) and randomness ρ , outputs ciphertext as $\text{ct} = (g^{\alpha+2i^*+b^*})^\rho$.⁷ The corresponding KEM key is set as $k = e(g^\rho, y)$, where y is the output of the OWF. Lastly, the decryption procedure given a ciphertext ct and a pre-image x such that $f_{\text{pp}}(x) = y$ and $x_{i^*} = b^*$, also takes a two step approach where first it symbolically evaluates the polynomial $p'(z) = H(x) \cdot \prod_{i \neq i^*} (z + 2i + x_i)$. Let $p'(z) = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} c'_j z^j$ be the evaluated polynomial. Lastly, the decryptor computes the key as $k' = e(\text{ct}, \prod_j (g^{\alpha^j})^{c'_j})$.

The proof of one-wayness is similar to that in the case of Φ -hiding where if an adversary finds a collision $x \neq x'$, i.e. $f_{\text{pp}}(x) = f_{\text{pp}}(x')$, then a reduction algorithm can set the public parameters appropriately such that, as long as n is large enough, it can be used to not only distinguish the DBDHI challenge but also directly compute the DBDHI challenge. The proof of encryption security is also quite similar, where the main idea can be described as follows: the ciphertext looks like $\text{ct} = (g^{\alpha+2i^*+b^*})^\rho$ whereas the key is computed as $k = e(g^\rho, \prod_j (g^{\alpha^j})^{c_j})$. Whenever $b^* \neq x_{i^*}$, then the key can be re-written such that it is of the form $k = e(g, g)^{c'/\beta} \cdot e(g, \prod_j (g^{\beta^j})^{c'_j})$ for some constants $c', c'_1, \dots, c'_{n-1}$, and where β linearly depends on α . By careful analysis, we can reduce this to the DBDHI assumption. Lastly, the proof of smoothness for this construction is significantly simpler than that of its Φ -hiding based counterpart. This is primarily because in this case, we can directly prove that the function $H(x) \cdot \prod_i (\alpha + 2i + x_i) \pmod{p}$, where p is the order of the group is an (almost) 2-universal hash function, therefore by applying LHL, we can argue smoothness of the OWF. More details are provided later in Section 5.

We implemented the above construction and observed that, at 128-bit security level, our DBDHI-based construction has $\sim 340x$ shorter ciphertext size over the existing DDH-based construction [20] and $\sim 4x$ over our Φ -hiding based construction. Also, the E_1 algorithm of our DBDHI-based construction is $\sim 300x$ faster than the DDH baseline and $\sim 22x$ faster than our Φ -hiding construction. Note that even though Φ -hiding and DBDHI-based constructions have nearly identical asymptotic complexity, DBDHI-based construction still performs better as the recommended group size for the elliptic curve groups is smaller than that for RSA.

Hinting PRGs from DDHI and OWFE without Bilinear Maps. Again to emphasize the general applicability of our *accumulation-style* framework, we provide a hinting PRG construction based on the DDHI assumption as well. The translation from OWFE to hinting PRG is done analogous to that for Φ -hiding based constructions, except in our hinting PRG construction we do not require the bilinear map functionality. Briefly, this is because (unlike OWFE schemes) hinting PRGs do not provide any decryption-like functionality, and for evaluating the hinting PRG, standard group operations are sufficient. Our construction is described in detail later in full version of the paper. We also point out that in full version of the paper we provide an OWFE construction in the prime order

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group setting without using bilinear maps, but the caveat is that it does not lead to better performance when compared with existing DDH-based constructions.

We implemented the above schemes and observed that, at 128-bit security level, the setup algorithm of our Φ -hiding and DDHI-based HPRGs are $\sim 1.35x$ and $\sim 200x$ respectively faster than the DDH baseline [33]. Our constructions also have $\sim 105x$ and $\sim 2100x$ shorter public parameters respectively than DDH baseline. However, our schemes have less efficient Eval algorithm, and thereby offer a noticeable trade-off between efficiency of Setup and Enc algorithm when used in chosen-ciphertext security transformation of [33]. More details are provided later in full version of the paper.

Recent Work in Trapdoor Functions. One of the applications of our result is in constructing trapdoor functions (TDFs) with smaller parameter sizes. Building on the work of [20], Garg, Gay, and Hajiabadi [19] show how OWF with encryption gives trapdoor functions with image size linear in the input size. However, their construction requires a quadratic number of group elements. Plugging in either our bilinear map or ϕ -hiding constructions will reduce the public parameter size to $O(n)$ group elements. (Since our OWFE schemes also satisfy the smoothness criteria, thus the resulting TDF also leads to a construction of deterministic encryption.)

In a concurrent work, Garg, Hajiabadi, and Ostrovsky [23] using different techniques give new constructions for “trapdoor hash functions” [16] with small public key size. Among other applications, this also gives an injective trapdoor function whose public key contains $O(n)$ group elements. They prove security from the q -power DDH assumption and use other ideas to also reduce the evaluation time. From bilinear maps, however, the work of Boyen and Waters [8] provides TDF constructions secure under the Decisional Bilinear Diffie-Hellman (DBDH) assumption in which the public keys also have only $O(n)$ group elements. Later, [16] presented a TDF construction with $O(\sqrt{n})$ group elements in the public key using SXDH assumption on bilinear maps.

One interpretation is that the primitive of OWF with encryption can perhaps serve a broader range of applications, but to squeeze out better performance for a particular, more narrow set of applications a more specialized abstraction such as trapdoor hash functions might be more useful. This mirrors our experience with hinting PRGs, where our direct constructions had efficiency benefits. Finally, we emphasize that part of our contribution is to provide concrete experimental performance measurements of our constructions.

Roadmap. We recall the notions of Hinting PRG and OWFE in Section 2. We then present number-theoretic techniques introduced in this work in Section 3. We then present our OWFE constructions based on Φ -hiding, DBDHI assumptions in Sections 4 and 5. Finally, we implement our schemes and analyze their performance in Section 6. In full version of the paper, we present our OWFE from DDHI assumption, our HPRG constructions based on Φ -hiding and DDHI assumptions, and also describe how to construct Hinting PRG generically from OWFE.

2 Preliminaries

Notations. Let PPT denote probabilistic polynomial-time. We denote the set of all positive integers up to n as $[n] := \{1, \dots, n\}$. Throughout this paper, unless specified, all polynomials we consider are positive polynomials. For any finite set S , $x \leftarrow S$ denotes a uniformly random element x from the set S . Similarly, for any distribution \mathcal{D} , $x \leftarrow \mathcal{D}$ denotes an element x drawn from distribution \mathcal{D} . The distribution \mathcal{D}^n is used to represent a distribution over vectors of n components, where each component is drawn independently from the distribution \mathcal{D} . We call any distribution on n -length bit strings with minimum entropy k as a (k, n) source.

2.1 One Way Function with Encryption

Here we recall the definition of recyclable one-way function with encryption from [20, 19]. We adapt the definition to a setting where the KEM key is an ℓ -bit string instead of just a single bit. A recyclable (k, n, ℓ) -OWFE scheme consists of the PPT algorithms K, f, E_1, E_2 and D with the following syntax.

$K(1^\lambda) \rightarrow \text{pp}$: Takes the security parameter 1^λ and outputs public parameters pp .

$f(\text{pp}, x) \rightarrow y$: Takes a public parameter pp and a preimage $x \in \{0, 1\}^n$, and deterministically outputs y .

$E_1(\text{pp}, (i, b); \rho) \rightarrow \text{ct}$: Takes public parameters pp , an index $i \in [n]$, a bit $b \in \{0, 1\}$ and randomness ρ , and outputs a ciphertext ct .

$E_2(\text{pp}, y, (i, b); \rho) \rightarrow k$: Takes a public parameter pp , a value y , an index $i \in [n]$, a bit $b \in \{0, 1\}$ and randomness $\rho \in \{0, 1\}^r$, and outputs a key $k \in \{0, 1\}^\ell$.

Notice that unlike E_1 , which does not take y as input, the algorithm E_2 does take y as input.

$D(\text{pp}, \text{ct}, x) \rightarrow k$: Takes a public parameter pp , a ciphertext ct , a preimage $x \in \{0, 1\}^n$, and deterministically outputs a key $k \in \{0, 1\}^\ell$.

We require the following properties.

Correctness. For security parameter λ , for any choice of $\text{pp} \in K(1^\lambda)$, any index $i \in [n]$, any preimage $x \in \{0, 1\}^n$ and any randomness value ρ , the following holds: letting $y := f(\text{pp}, x)$, and $\text{ct} := E_1(\text{pp}, (i, x_i); \rho)$, we have $E_2(\text{pp}, y, (i, x_i); \rho) = D(\text{pp}, \text{ct}, x)$.

Definition 1 ((k, n) -One-wayness.). For any PPT adversary \mathcal{A} , there exists a negligible function $\text{negl}(\cdot)$ such that for all $\lambda \in \mathbb{N}$, we have

$$\Pr [f(\text{pp}, \mathcal{A}(\text{pp}, y)) = y : S \leftarrow \mathcal{A}(1^\lambda), \text{pp} \rightarrow K(1^\lambda); x \leftarrow S; y = f(\text{pp}, x)] \leq \text{negl}(\lambda).$$

Here, the adversary is constrained to output only a (k, n) -source.

Definition 2 (Security for encryption.) For any PPT adversary \mathcal{A} , there exists a negligible function $\text{negl}(\cdot)$ such that for all $\lambda \in \mathbb{N}$, we have

$$\Pr \left[\begin{array}{l} (x, i) \leftarrow \mathcal{A}(1^\lambda); \mathbf{pp} \leftarrow K(1^\lambda); \\ b \leftarrow \{0, 1\}; \rho \leftarrow \{0, 1\}^r; k_1 \leftarrow \{0, 1\}^\ell \\ \text{ct} \leftarrow E_1(\mathbf{pp}, (i, 1 - x_i); \rho); \\ k_0 \leftarrow E_2(\mathbf{pp}, f(\mathbf{pp}, x), (i, 1 - x_i); \rho); \end{array} \right] \leq 1/2 + \text{negl}(\lambda).$$

Definition 3 ((k, n)-Smoothness.) We say that (K, f, E_1, E_2, D) is (k, n) -smooth if for any PPT adversary \mathcal{A} , there exists a negligible function $\text{negl}(\cdot)$, such that for all $\lambda \in \mathbb{N}$, we have

$$\Pr \left[\mathcal{A}(\mathbf{pp}, y) = b : \begin{array}{l} (S_0, S_1) \leftarrow \mathcal{A}(1^\lambda); \mathbf{pp} \leftarrow K(1^\lambda); \\ b \leftarrow \{0, 1\}; x_0 \leftarrow S_0; x_1 \leftarrow S_1; y = f(\mathbf{pp}, x_b) \end{array} \right] \leq 1/2 + \text{negl}(\lambda).$$

where the distributions S_0 and S_1 output by the adversary \mathcal{A} are constrained to be (k, n) -sources.

2.2 Hinting PRG

Next, we review the definition of Hinting PRG proposed in [33]. Let $n(\cdot)$ and $\ell(\cdot)$ be some polynomials. An (n, ℓ) -hinting PRG scheme consists of two PPT algorithms Setup , Eval with the following syntax.

$\text{Setup}(1^\lambda) \rightarrow (\mathbf{pp}, n)$: The setup algorithm takes as input the security parameter λ , and length parameter ℓ , and outputs public parameters \mathbf{pp} and input length $n = n(\lambda)$.

$\text{Eval}(\mathbf{pp}, s \in \{0, 1\}^n, i \in [n] \cup \{0\}) \rightarrow y \in \{0, 1\}^\ell$: The evaluation algorithm takes as input the public parameters \mathbf{pp} , an n -bit string s , an index $i \in [n] \cup \{0\}$ and outputs an ℓ bit string y .

Definition 4. An (n, ℓ) -hinting PRG scheme $(\text{Setup}, \text{Eval})$ is said to be secure if for any PPT adversary \mathcal{A} , there exists a negligible function $\text{negl}(\cdot)$ such that for all $\lambda \in \mathbb{N}$, the following holds:

$$\Pr \left[\begin{array}{l} (\mathbf{pp}, n) \leftarrow \text{Setup}(1^\lambda); s \leftarrow \{0, 1\}^n; \\ \beta \leftarrow \{0, 1\}; y_0^0 = \text{Eval}(\mathbf{pp}, s, 0); \\ y_0^1 \leftarrow \{0, 1\}^\ell; y_{i, s_i}^0 = \text{Eval}(\mathbf{pp}, s, i); \\ y_{i, \bar{s}_i}^0 \leftarrow \{0, 1\}^\ell \forall i \in [n] \\ y_{i, b}^1 \leftarrow \{0, 1\}^\ell \forall i \in [n], b \in \{0, 1\}; \end{array} \right] \leq 1/2 + \text{negl}(\lambda)$$

3 Hashing and Randomness Extraction under Φ -Hiding

In this section, we will prove two useful lemmas about universal hashing and randomness extraction under the Φ -hiding assumption. Here we consider special groups defined w.r.t. an RSA modulus N . These lemmas will be crucial in proving the security of our Φ -hiding based constructions later in Section 4.

3.1 A New Hashing Lemma

Consider an RSA modulus $N = pq$ for $\kappa/2$ -bit primes p, q , and let $g \in \mathbb{Z}_N^*$ be a random element in the multiplicative group \mathbb{Z}_N^* . Consider the following family of hash functions which hash an n -bit string x ($x \in \mathcal{X} = \{0, 1\}^n$) to an element in \mathbb{Z}_N :

$$\mathcal{K} = \left\{ (a, b, \{e_{i,c}\}_{i \in [n], b \in \{0,1\}}) \in \mathbb{Z}_N^{2n+2} : a, b \in \mathbb{Z}_N; \forall i \in [n], b \in \{0,1\}, e_{i,c} \in \text{PRIMES}(\lambda) \right\},$$

$$H : \mathcal{K} \times \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_N, \quad H \left((a, b, \{e_{i,c}\}_{i,c}), x \right) = g^{(ax+b) \prod_i e_{i,x_i}} \pmod{N}.$$

Here x is interpreted as an integer for arithmetic operations, and x_i denotes the i^{th} bit of x when interpreted as a binary string. Whenever it is clear from context, we will drop the hash key as an explicit input to the function and write either $H(x)$ or $H_K(x)$ instead of $H(K, x)$ for some hash key $K = (a, b, \{e_{i,c}\}_{i,c})$. Also, throughout we assume that n is sufficiently large, i.e. $n > \kappa + 2\lambda$.

Consider any integer T , and let $T = \prod_{i=1}^t r_i^{k_i}$ be its prime factorization i.e., $k_i \geq 1$ and r_i 's are the distinct prime factors arranged in an increasing order. For any integer $y \in \mathbb{Z}_T$, we define its chinese remainder theorem (CRT) representation to be the vector $(y^{(1)}, y^{(2)}, \dots, y^{(t)})$, where for each $i \in [t]$, $y^{(i)} = y \pmod{r_i^{k_i}}$. Note that each integer $y \in \mathbb{Z}_T$ has distinct CRT representation.

Looking ahead to our HPRG and OWFE constructions based on Φ -hiding assumption, we use the hash function described above. For security, we require that (for a randomly chosen key K and input $x \leftarrow \mathcal{X}$) the output distribution of the hash function $H(K, x)$ to be indistinguishable from a distribution with large enough min-entropy while looking independent of the input x . A natural idea would be to use a variant of Leftover Hash Lemma (LHL) to prove such a statement, but since $e_{i,c}$'s are randomly sampled primes (and not random exponents), thus the distribution of the exponent $(ax + b) \prod_i e_{i,x_i} \pmod{\Phi(N)}$ is not well understood. Due to this, we could not rely only on LHL to prove pseudorandomness of the desired distribution, but instead, show that hash function satisfies the following weaker property which is sufficient for our applications. The technical difficulty here lies in proving that the hash function satisfies this weaker property and utilizing this to prove the security of our HPRG and OWFE constructions.

Theorem 1. *Let p_i denote the i^{th} prime, i.e. $p_1 = 2, p_2 = 3, \dots$, and $\tilde{e}_i = \lceil \log_{p_i} N \rceil$. And, let f_i denote $p_i^{\tilde{e}_i}$ for all i .*

Assuming the Φ -hiding assumption holds, for every PPT adversary \mathcal{A} , non-negligible function $\epsilon(\cdot)$, polynomial $v(\cdot)$, for all $\lambda, \kappa \in \mathbb{N}$, satisfying $\kappa \geq 5\lambda$ and $\epsilon = \epsilon(\lambda) > 1/v(\lambda)$, the following holds:

$$\Pr[\text{Expt-Hashing}_{\mathcal{A}, \epsilon}(0) = 1] - \Pr[\text{Expt-Hashing}_{\mathcal{A}, \epsilon}(1) = 1] \leq \epsilon(\lambda)/2,$$

where the experiment Expt-Hashing is described in Figure 1.

Proof. Let the prime factorization of $\phi(N)$ be $\phi(N) = \prod_i r_i^{k_i}$ for $i = 1$ to ℓ_N , where $k_i \geq 1$, ℓ_N denotes number of distinct prime factors of $\phi(N)$, and r_i 's are

Expt-Hashing $_{\mathcal{A},\epsilon}(\beta)$

The challenger samples RSA modulus $N \leftarrow \text{RSA}(\kappa)$, 2 group elements $a, b \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_N$ and $2n$ λ -bit primes $e_{i,c} \leftarrow \text{PRIMES}(\lambda)$ for $i \in [n], c \in \{0, 1\}$. The challenger sets $K = (a, b, \{e_{i,c}\}_{i,c})$.

The challenger now samples (g, y) depending on bit β in the following way.

- If $\beta = 0$, the challenger samples a generator $g \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_N^*$ and a bit string $x \leftarrow \mathcal{X}$ and computes $y = H_K(x)^{f_1 \cdot f_2}$.
- If $\beta = 1$, the challenger samples generators $\tilde{g}, h \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_N^*$. It then sets j_ϵ to be the smallest index such that $p_{j_\epsilon} > (2\sqrt{2} \log N / \epsilon)^3$ and computes $g = \tilde{g}^{\prod_{i=3}^{j_\epsilon} f_i}$ and $y = h^{\prod_{i=1}^{j_\epsilon} f_i}$.

The challenger sends (N, g, K, y) to the adversary. The adversary then outputs a bit β' , and the output of the experiment is set to be the same bit β' .

Fig. 1: Security experiment for Hashing Lemma

the distinct prime factors arranged in an increasing order. The proof is divided into two parts. First, we argue that $(ax + b) \prod_i e_{i,x_i} \bmod r_j^{k_j}$ is statistically close to random over $\mathbb{Z}_{r_j^{k_j}}$ for all prime factors of $\phi(N)$ greater than p_{j_ϵ} . In the second part of the proof, we show using Φ -hiding that the hash function H could be made lossy on all prime factors of $\phi(N)$ less than or equal to p_{j_ϵ} . Thus, the theorem follows. For proving the first part, we employ a tight Leftover Hash Lemma proof. And for the second part, we rely on Φ -hiding to introduce lossiness.

Notation. Here and throughout, for any n -bit string x , we use \mathbf{e}_x to denote the following product $\prod_{i \in [n]} e_{i,x_i}$.

Part 1. The statistical argument. Here we show that if we look at the congruent CRT representation of the exponent $(ax + b) \cdot \mathbf{e}_x$ corresponding to prime factors greater p_{j_ϵ} , then (for a randomly chosen hash key K and input x) they are at most $\epsilon/3$ -statistically far from an integer that is chosen at random with the constraint that its congruent CRT representation corresponding to prime factors less than or equal to p_{j_ϵ} is same as for $(ax + b) \cdot \mathbf{e}_x$. Concretely, we show that following:

Lemma 1. *Let p_i denote the i^{th} prime, i.e. $p_1 = 2, p_2 = 3, \dots$, and $\tilde{e}_i = \lceil \log_{p_i} N \rceil$.*

For every (possibly unbounded) adversary \mathcal{A} , non-negligible function $\epsilon(\cdot)$, polynomial $v(\cdot)$, for all $\lambda, \kappa \in \mathbb{N}$, satisfying $\kappa \geq 5\lambda$ and $\epsilon = \epsilon(\lambda) > 1/v(\lambda)$, the following holds:

$$\Pr[\text{Expt-NewLHL}_{\mathcal{A},\epsilon}(0) = 1] - \Pr[\text{Expt-NewLHL}_{\mathcal{A},\epsilon}(1) = 1] \leq \epsilon(\lambda)/3,$$

where the experiment $\text{Expt-NewLHL}_{\mathcal{A},\epsilon}$ is described in Figure 2.

Proof. Due to space constraints, we postpone the proof to full version of the paper.

Expt-NewLHL $_{\mathcal{A},\epsilon}(\beta)$

The challenger samples RSA modulus $N \leftarrow \text{RSA}(\kappa)$, 2 group elements $a, b \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_N$ and $2n$ λ -bit primes $e_{i,c} \leftarrow \text{PRIMES}(\lambda)$ for $i \in [n], c \in \{0,1\}$. It then samples a bit string $x \leftarrow \mathcal{X}$, sets $K = (a, b, \{e_{i,c}\}_{i,c})$.

The challenger now computes y depending on challenge bit β in the following way.

- If $\beta = 0$, the challenger sets $y = (ax + b) \cdot \mathbf{e}_x \pmod{\phi(N)}$.
- If $\beta = 1$,
 - Let the prime factorization of $\phi(N)$ be $\phi(N) = \prod r_i^{k_i}$, where $k_i \geq 1$, and r_i 's are the distinct prime factors arranged in an increasing order. Let ℓ_N denotes number of distinct prime factors of $\phi(N)$.
 - It then sets $\tilde{y} = (ax + b) \cdot \mathbf{e}_x \pmod{\phi(N)}$ and computes its CRT representation $\tilde{y} = (\tilde{y}^{(1)}, \dots, \tilde{y}^{(\ell_N)})$, where $\tilde{y}^{(i)} = \tilde{y} \pmod{r_i^{k_i}}$.
 - The challenger then sets j_ϵ to be the smallest index such that $p_{j_\epsilon} > (2\sqrt{2} \log N / \epsilon)^3$. For each for $i \in [\ell_N]$ such that $r_i \leq p_{j_\epsilon}$, the challenger sets $y^{(i)} = \tilde{y}^{(i)}$. For each $i \in [\ell_N]$ such that $r_i > p_{j_\epsilon}$, it samples $y^{(i)} \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_{r_i^{k_i}}$.
 - The challenger then computes y which has CRT representation $(y^{(1)}, \dots, y^{(\ell_N)})$.

The challenger sends (N, K, y) to the adversary. The adversary then outputs a bit $\beta' \in \{0,1\}$, and the output of the experiment is set to be the same bit β' .

Fig. 2: Security Game for Lemma 1

Part 2. The computational argument. Here we show that, using Φ -hiding, the generator g instead of sampling uniformly at random could be sampled as $g^{\prod_{i=1}^{j_\epsilon} f_i}$, where j_ϵ is the smallest index such that $p_{j_\epsilon} > (2\sqrt{2} \log N / \epsilon)^3$. This removes information about the input x completely. Concretely, we show that following:

Lemma 2. *Let p_i denote the i^{th} prime, i.e. $p_1 = 2, p_2 = 3, \dots$, and $\tilde{e}_i = \lceil \log_{p_i} N \rceil$ and let f_i denote $p_i^{\tilde{e}_i}$ for all i . Assuming the Φ -hiding assumption holds, for every PPT adversary \mathcal{A} , non-negligible function $\epsilon(\cdot)$, polynomial $v(\cdot)$, for all $\lambda, \kappa \in \mathbb{N}$, satisfying $\kappa \geq 5\lambda$ and $\epsilon = \epsilon(\lambda) > 1/v(\lambda)$, there exists a negligible function $\text{negl}(\cdot)$ such that the following holds,*

$$\Pr[\text{Expt-Comp}_{\mathcal{A},\epsilon}(0) = 1] - \Pr[\text{Expt-Comp}_{\mathcal{A},\epsilon}(1) = 1] \leq \text{negl}(\lambda),$$

where the experiment $\text{Expt-Comp}_{\mathcal{A},\epsilon}$ is described in Figure 3.

Proof. Due to space constraints, we postpone the proof to full version of the paper.

Lastly, by combining Lemmas 1 and 2, we obtain the proof of Theorem 1.

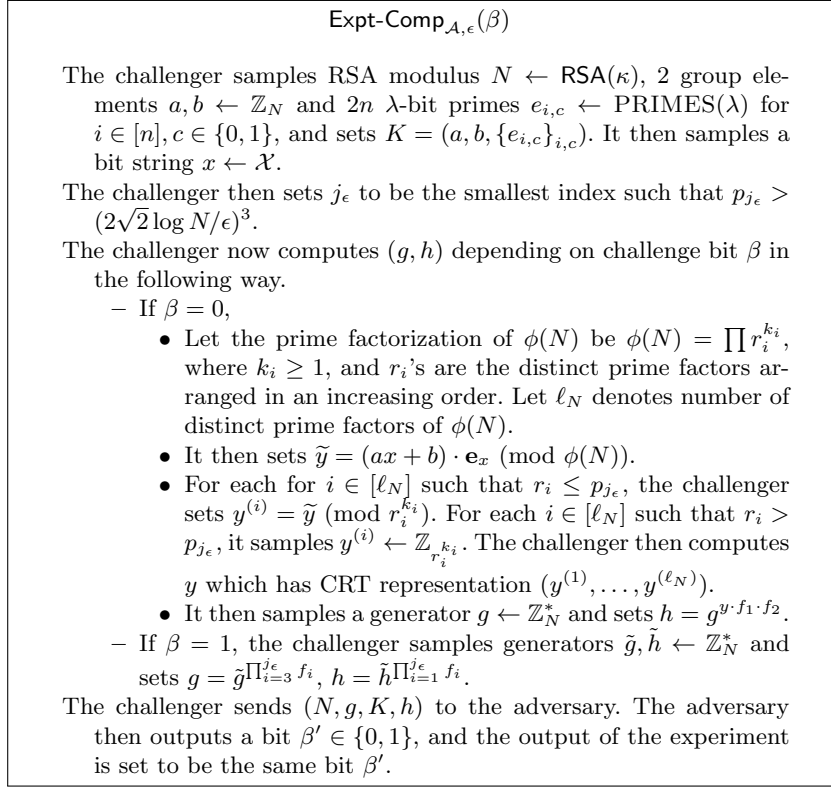


Fig. 3: Security Game for Lemma 2

Strengthening the Hash Lemma In this section, we briefly provide a slight strengthening of the Theorem 1 where we argue that the indistinguishability holds even if the input $x \in \mathcal{X}$, instead of being sampled uniformly at random, is sampled from any arbitrary distribution with certain min-entropy. Formally, we prove the following.

Theorem 2. *Let p_i denote the i^{th} prime, i.e. $p_1 = 2, p_2 = 3, \dots$, and $\tilde{e}_i = \lceil \log_{p_i} N \rceil$. And, let f_i denote $p_i^{\tilde{e}_i}$ for all i .*

Assuming the Φ -hiding assumption holds, for every PPT adversary \mathcal{A} , non-negligible function $\epsilon(\cdot)$, polynomial $v(\cdot)$, for all $\lambda, \kappa \in \mathbb{N}$, satisfying $\kappa \geq 5\lambda$ and $\epsilon = \epsilon(\lambda) > 1/v(\lambda)$, and every (m, n) -source \mathcal{S} over \mathcal{X} such that $n - m = O(\log \lambda)$, the following holds,

$$\Pr[\text{Expt-Hashing-Smooth}_{\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{S}, \epsilon}(0) = 1] - \Pr[\text{Expt-Hashing-Smooth}_{\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{S}, \epsilon}(1) = 1] \leq \epsilon(\lambda)/2,$$

where the experiment **Expt-Hashing-Smooth** is described in Figure 4.

Proof. Due to space constraints, we postpone the proof to full version of the paper.

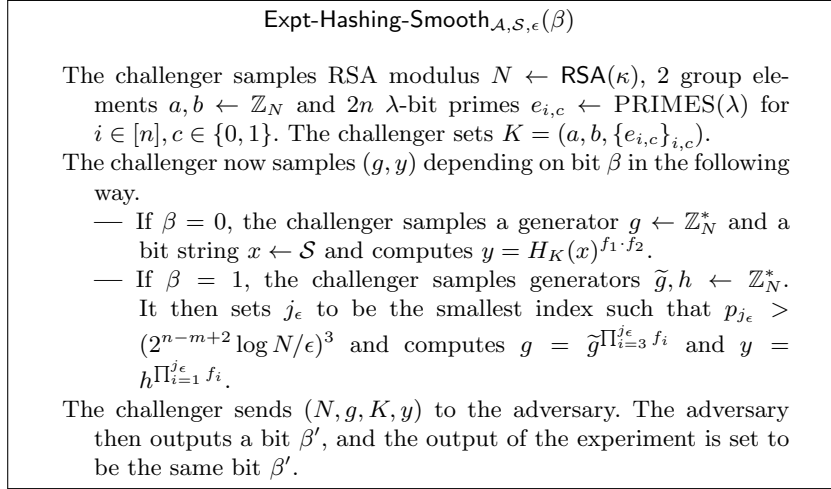


Fig. 4: Security experiment for Smooth Hashing Lemma (Theorem 2)

3.2 Φ -Hiding based Extractor Lemma

In this section, we prove a useful lemma that will aid in proving the security of our Φ -hiding based constructions later. This has appeared (and implicitly used) in most existing Φ -hiding based works. Here we abstract it out for ease of exposition.

Let $\text{Ext} : \mathbb{Z}_N \times \mathbb{S} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$ be a $(\lambda - 1, \epsilon)$ strong extractor, where ϵ is negligible in the parameter λ . Informally, the lemma states that, for every λ -bit prime e , applying extractor on an e^{th} root of a generator $g \in \mathbb{Z}_N^*$ is indistinguishable from random. Formally, we claim the following:

Lemma 3. *Assuming the Φ -hiding assumption holds, then for every admissible stateful PPT adversary \mathcal{A} , there exists a negligible function $\text{negl}(\cdot)$ such that for all $\lambda, \kappa \in \mathbb{N}$, such that $\kappa \geq 5\lambda$, the following hold,*

$$\Pr \left[\begin{array}{l} N \leftarrow \text{RSA}(\kappa); \mathfrak{s} \leftarrow \mathbb{S} \\ e \leftarrow \text{PRIMES}(\lambda); g \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_N^* \\ F \leftarrow \mathcal{A}(N, \mathfrak{s}, e, g); b \leftarrow \{0, 1\} \\ y_0 = \text{Ext}(g^{F/e}, \mathfrak{s}); y_1 \leftarrow \mathcal{Y} \end{array} \right] \leq \text{negl}(\lambda),$$

where \mathcal{A} is an admissible adversary as long as $e \nmid F$.

Proof. Due to space constraints, we postpone the proof to full version of the paper.

4 One-Way Function with Encryption from Φ -Hiding Assumption

In this section, we construct (k, n, ℓ) -recyclable One-Way Function with Encryption (OWFE) from Phi-Hiding assumption. The construction assumes $k \geq 7\lambda$

and $n - k \leq \alpha \log n$ for any fixed constant α . For any parameters λ, ℓ , let $\text{Ext}_{\lambda, \ell} : \{0, 1\}^\lambda \times \mathcal{S} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^\ell$ be a $(\lambda - 1, \epsilon_{\text{Ext}})$ strong seeded extractor, where ϵ_{Ext} is negligible in λ .⁸ Let p_i denote the i^{th} (smallest) prime, i.e. $p_1 = 2, p_2 = 3, \dots$, and $\tilde{e}_i = \lceil \log_{p_i} N \rceil$ for all i . And, let f_i denote $p_i^{\tilde{e}_i}$ for all i . The construction proceeds as follows.

$K(1^\lambda)$: On input security parameter λ and length ℓ , set RSA modulus length $\kappa = 5\lambda$, and sample RSA modulus $N \leftarrow \text{RSA}(\kappa)$. Next, sample a generator $g \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_N^*$, $2n$ (λ -bit) primes $e_{i,b} \leftarrow \text{PRIMES}(\lambda)$ for $(i, b) \in [n] \times \{0, 1\}$ and elements $d_0, d_1 \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_N$. Then, sample a seed $\mathfrak{s} \leftarrow \mathcal{S}$ of extractor $\text{Ext}_{\lambda, \ell}$ and output public parameters $\text{pp} = (N, \mathfrak{s}, g, \{e_{i,b}\}_{i,b}, d_0, d_1)$.
 $f(\text{pp}, x)$: Let $\text{pp} = (N, \mathfrak{s}, g, \{e_{i,b}\}_{i,b}, d_0, d_1)$. Output $y = g^{f_1 \cdot f_2 \cdot (d_0 x + d_1)} \prod_i e_{i, x_i} \pmod N$.
 $E_1(\text{pp}, (i, b); \rho)$: Parse pp as $\text{pp} = (N, \mathfrak{s}, g, \{e_{i,b}\}_{i,b}, d_0, d_1)$. Output ciphertext $\text{ct} = (g^{\rho \cdot e_{i,b}} \pmod N, i, b)$.
 $E_2(\text{pp}, (y, i, b); \rho)$: Let pp be $\text{pp} = (N, \mathfrak{s}, g, \{e_{i,b}\}_{i,b}, d_0, d_1)$. Compute $h = y^\rho \pmod N$ and output $z = \text{Ext}(h, \mathfrak{s})$.
 $D(\text{pp}, \text{ct}, x)$: Let $\text{pp} = (N, \mathfrak{s}, g, \{e_{i,b}\}_{i,b}, d_0, d_1)$. Parse ct as (t, i, b) . If $b = x_i$, compute $h = t^{f_1 \cdot f_2 \cdot (d_0 x + d_1)} \prod_{j \neq i} e_{j, x_j} \pmod N$ and output $\text{Ext}(h, \mathfrak{s})$. Otherwise, output \perp .

Correctness. For any public parameters $\text{pp} = (N, \mathfrak{s}, g, \{e_{i,b}\}_{i,b}, d_0, d_1)$, any string $x \in \{0, 1\}^n$, any index $i \in [n]$, any randomness ρ , we have $D(\text{pp}, E_1(\text{pp}, (i, x_i); \rho), x) = g^{\rho f_1 \cdot f_2 \cdot (d_0 x + d_1)} \prod_j e_{j, x_j} = f(\text{pp}, x)^\rho = E_2(\text{pp}, (f(\text{pp}, x), i, x_i); \rho)$.

4.1 Security

We now prove the one-wayness, encryption security and smoothness properties of the above scheme.

One-Wayness. We now prove that the above construction satisfies (k, n) -one-wayness property when $k \geq 7\lambda$ and $n - k \leq \alpha \log n$ for any fixed constant α .

Theorem 3. *Assuming the Φ -hiding assumption holds, the above construction satisfies (k, n, ℓ) -one-wayness property as per Definition 1.*

Proof. We first prove that no PPT adversary can win the following game with non-negligible advantage assuming the Φ -hiding assumption. We then prove how a PPT adversary breaking one-wayness property of the above scheme can be used to break the following game.

Game G : The challenger chooses RSA modulus $\kappa = 5\lambda$, samples $N \leftarrow \text{RSA}(\kappa)$, prime $e \leftarrow \text{PRIMES}(\lambda)$ and a value $z \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_N^*$. The challenger sends (N, e, z) to the adversary, which then outputs w . The adversary wins if $w^e = z \pmod N$.

⁸ Note that such an extractor exists for $\ell = c \cdot \lambda$ for some constant $c < 1$. The construction can be extended for any $\ell \geq \lambda$ with the help of PRGs.

We now argue that no PPT adversary can win the above game with non-negligible probability.

Lemma 4. *Assuming the Φ -hiding assumption holds, for every PPT adversary \mathcal{A} , there exists a negligible function $\text{negl}(\cdot)$ such that for every $\lambda \in \mathbb{N}$, the probability that \mathcal{A} wins in Game G is at most $\text{negl}(\lambda)$.*

Proof. We prove the lemma using the following intermediate Game H .

Game H : The challenger chooses RSA modulus $\kappa = 5\lambda$, samples prime $e \leftarrow \text{PRIMES}(\lambda)$ and $N \leftarrow \text{RSA}(\kappa)$ s.t. $e|\phi(N)$. It then samples an element $z \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_N^*$. The challenger sends (N, e, z) to the adversary, which then outputs w . The adversary wins if $w^e = z \bmod N$.

Let the advantage of any adversary \mathcal{A} in Game G be $\text{Adv}_G^{\mathcal{A}}$ and in Game H be $\text{Adv}_H^{\mathcal{A}}$.

Claim 1 *For every adversary \mathcal{A} , there exists a negligible function $\text{negl}(\cdot)$ such that for every $\lambda \in \mathbb{N}$, $\text{Adv}_H^{\mathcal{A}} \leq \text{negl}(\lambda)$.*

Proof. As $e|\phi(N)$, only a negligible fraction of $z \in \mathbb{Z}_N^*$ have a w s.t. $w^e = z \bmod N$. Therefore, no PPT adversary can find a w s.t. $w^e = z \bmod N$ with non-negligible probability.

Claim 2 *Assuming the Φ -hiding assumption holds, for every PPT adversary \mathcal{A} , there exists a negligible function $\text{negl}(\cdot)$ such that for every $\lambda \in \mathbb{N}$, $|\text{Adv}_G^{\mathcal{A}} - \text{Adv}_H^{\mathcal{A}}| \leq \text{negl}(\lambda)$.*

Proof. Suppose there exists a PPT adversary \mathcal{A} such that $|\text{Adv}_G^{\mathcal{A}} - \text{Adv}_H^{\mathcal{A}}|$ is non-negligible. We construct a reduction algorithm that breaks Φ -hiding assumption. \mathcal{B} samples $e \leftarrow \text{PRIMES}(\lambda)$ and plays Φ -hiding game for e . The challenger sends RSA modulus N to \mathcal{B} , which samples $z \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_N^*$ and sends (N, e, z) to \mathcal{A} . If \mathcal{A} outputs w s.t. $w^e = z \bmod N$, then \mathcal{B} guesses that $\phi(N)$ is uniformly sampled from $\text{RSA}(\kappa)$. Otherwise, it guesses that $e|\phi(N)$.

By the above 2 claims and triangle inequality, no PPT adversary can win Game G with non-negligible advantage.

Lemma 5. *Assuming the Φ -hiding assumption holds, for every PPT adversary \mathcal{A} , there exists a negligible function $\text{negl}(\cdot)$ such that for every $\lambda \in \mathbb{N}$, the advantage of \mathcal{A} in (k, n) -one-wayness game is at most $\text{negl}(\lambda)$.*

Proof. Suppose there exist a PPT adversary \mathcal{A} that breaks (k, n) -one-wayness property of the encryption scheme with non-negligible probability ϵ . We construct a reduction algorithm \mathcal{B} that wins against Game G challenger \mathcal{C} .

The adversary first sends a (k, n) source S to \mathcal{B} . The challenger \mathcal{C} then sends (N, e, z) to \mathcal{B} . The reduction algorithm samples a bit string $x \leftarrow S$, an index $j \leftarrow [n]$, extractor seed $\mathfrak{s} \leftarrow \mathcal{S}$, exponents $d_0, d_1 \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p$ primes $e_{i,b'} \leftarrow \text{PRIMES}(\lambda)$ for $(i, b') \neq (j, 1 - x_j)$. It then sets generator $g = z$ and prime $e_{j, 1-x_j} = e$.

\mathcal{B} then sends public parameters $\mathbf{pp} = (N, \mathfrak{s}, g, \{e_{i,b'}\}_{i,b'}, d_0, d_1)$ and challenge $y = z^{\prod_i e_{i,x_i}} \bmod N$ to the adversary. The adversary outputs x' . If $f(\mathbf{pp}, x') \neq f(\mathbf{pp}, x)$ or $x_j = x'_j$, then \mathcal{B} aborts. Otherwise, we have $h^e = z^F \bmod N$, where $F = f_1 \cdot f_2 \cdot (d_0x + d_1) \prod_i e_{i,x_i}$ and $h = z^{f_1 \cdot f_2 \cdot (d_0x' + d_1) \prod_{i \neq j} e_{i,x'_i}} \bmod N$. As e is a randomly sampled λ -bit prime, $e \nmid F$ with overwhelming probability. \mathcal{B} computes $z^{1/e} \bmod N$ using Shamir's trick [39]. Concretely, \mathcal{B} first computes integers a, b s.t. $a \cdot e + b \cdot F = 1$ and outputs $w = h^b \cdot z^a \bmod N$.

We now analyze the advantage of \mathcal{B} in Game G . By our assumption, $f(\mathbf{pp}, x') = f(\mathbf{pp}, x)$ with non-negligible probability ϵ . We prove that $x' \neq x$ with non-negligible probability. As $k \geq \kappa + 2\lambda$, we know that for any \mathbf{pp} , $\Pr_{x \leftarrow S}[\exists t \in \{0, 1\}^n \text{ s.t. } x \neq t \wedge f(\mathbf{pp}, x) = f(\mathbf{pp}, t)] \geq 1 - \text{negl}(\lambda)$. Therefore, $\Pr[x' \neq x \wedge f(\mathbf{pp}, x) = f(\mathbf{pp}, x')] \geq \epsilon/2 - \text{negl}(\lambda)$ and $\Pr[x'_j \neq x_j \wedge f(\mathbf{pp}, x) = f(\mathbf{pp}, x')] \geq \epsilon/2n - \text{negl}(\lambda)$ as j is sampled uniformly from $[n]$. Note that if \mathcal{B} does not abort, it outputs w s.t. $w^e = z \bmod N$ with overwhelming probability. Therefore, \mathcal{B} breaks Game G security with non-negligible probability $\epsilon/2n - \text{negl}(\lambda)$.

Security of Encryption. We now prove that the above construction satisfies encryption security property.

Theorem 4. *Assuming the Φ -hiding assumption holds, the above construction satisfies encryption security property as per Definition 2.*

Proof. We prove the above theorem via a sequence of following hybrids.

Hybrid H_0 : This is same as original OWFE security of encryption game when the challenger chooses $\beta = 0$.

1. The adversary sends bit string $x \leftarrow \{0, 1\}^n$ and index $j \in [n]$ to the challenger.
2. The challenger sets modulus length $\kappa = 5\lambda$ and samples $N \leftarrow \text{RSA}(\kappa)$, generator $g \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_N^*$, extractor seed $\mathfrak{s} \leftarrow \mathcal{S}$ and primes $e_{i,b} \leftarrow \text{PRIMES}(\lambda)$ for $(i, b) \in [n] \times \{0, 1\}$.
3. The challenger samples $\rho \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_N$, computes $\text{ct} = g^{\rho \cdot e_{j,1-x_j}}$, $z = \text{Ext}(g^{\rho f_1 \cdot f_2 \cdot (d_0x + d_1) \cdot \prod_i e_{i,x_i}} \bmod N, \mathfrak{s})$.
4. The challenger sends $\mathbf{pp} = (N, \mathfrak{s}, g, \{e_{i,b}\}_{i,b})$, ct, z to the adversary \mathcal{A} , which outputs a bit α .

Hybrid H_1 : This hybrid is similar to previous hybrid except for the following changes.

3. The challenger samples $\tilde{g} \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_N^*$, computes $\text{ct} = \tilde{g}$, $z = \text{Ext}(\tilde{g}^{f_1 \cdot f_2 \cdot (d_0x + d_1) \cdot \prod_i e_{i,x_i} \cdot e_{j,1-x_j}^{-1}} \bmod N, \mathfrak{s})$.

Hybrid H_2 : This hybrid is same as previous game except that the challenger samples z uniformly at random.

3. The challenger samples $\tilde{g} \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_N^*$, computes $\text{ct} = \tilde{g}, z \leftarrow \{0, 1\}^\ell$.

Hybrid H_3 : This is same as original OWFE security of encryption game when the challenger chooses $\beta = 1$.

3. The challenger samples $\rho \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_N$, computes $\text{ct} = g^{\rho \cdot e_{j,1-x_j}}, z \leftarrow \{0, 1\}^\ell$.

For any PPT adversary \mathcal{A} , let the probability that \mathcal{A} outputs 1 in Hybrid H_s be $p_s^{\mathcal{A}}$. We prove that Hybrids H_0 and H_3 are computationally indistinguishable via the sequence of following lemmas.

Lemma 6. *For any adversary \mathcal{A} , there exists a negligible function $\text{negl}(\cdot)$ such that for every security parameter $\lambda \in \mathbb{N}$, we have $|p_0^{\mathcal{A}} - p_1^{\mathcal{A}}| \leq \text{negl}(\lambda)$.*

Proof. We first observe that for any N , prime $e \nmid \phi(N)$ and generator $g \in \mathbb{Z}_N^*$, the distribution of $g^{\rho \cdot e} \bmod N$ for a randomly sampled $\rho \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_{\phi(N)}$ is identical to the distribution $\tilde{g} \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_N^*$. This follows from the fact that g and g^e are generators of \mathbb{Z}_N^* . For a randomly sampled λ bit prime e , we know that $e \nmid \phi(N)$ with overwhelming probability. Similarly, for a randomly sampled $\rho \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_N$, we know that $\rho \in \mathbb{Z}_{\phi(N)}$ with overwhelming probability. As a result, $\{\tilde{g} : \tilde{g} \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_N^*\}$ is statistically indistinguishable from $\{g^{\rho \cdot e} : g \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_N^*, \rho \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_N, e \leftarrow \text{PRIMES}(\lambda)\}$. By a similar argument, for any F , the distribution $\{(g^{\rho \cdot e} \bmod N, g^{\rho \cdot F} \bmod N) : g \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_N^*, \rho \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_N, e \leftarrow \text{PRIMES}(\lambda)\}$ is statistically indistinguishable from the distribution $\{(\tilde{g}, \tilde{g}^{F \cdot e^{-1}} \bmod N) : \tilde{g} \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_N^*, e \leftarrow \text{PRIMES}(\lambda)\}$. Therefore, for every adversary \mathcal{A} , $|p_0^{\mathcal{A}} - p_1^{\mathcal{A}}| \leq \text{negl}(\lambda)$.

Lemma 7. *Assuming the Φ -hiding assumption holds, for any PPT adversary \mathcal{A} , there exists a negligible function $\text{negl}(\cdot)$ such that for every security parameter $\lambda \in \mathbb{N}$, we have $|p_1^{\mathcal{A}} - p_2^{\mathcal{A}}| \leq \text{negl}(\lambda)$.*

Proof. The above lemma follows from ϕ -based Extractor lemma (Lemma 3). Suppose there exists a PPT adversary \mathcal{A} such that $|p_1^{\mathcal{A}} - p_2^{\mathcal{A}}|$ is non-negligible. We construct a reduction algorithm \mathcal{B} that violates ϕ -based extractor lemma.

The extractor lemma challenger first samples $N \leftarrow \text{RSA}(\kappa)$, $\mathfrak{s} \leftarrow \mathcal{S}$, $e \leftarrow \text{PRIMES}(\lambda)$, $\tilde{g} \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_N^*$ and sends $(N, \mathfrak{s}, e, \tilde{g})$ to reduction algorithm \mathcal{B} . The adversary \mathcal{A} then sends a string $x \in \{0, 1\}^n$ and index $j \in [n]$ to \mathcal{B} . \mathcal{B} samples generator g , values $d_0, d_1 \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_N$, and primes $e_{i,b} \leftarrow \text{PRIMES}(\lambda)$ for $(i, b) \neq (j, 1-x_j)$. \mathcal{B} then sets $e_{j,1-x_j} = e$ and computes $F = f_1 \cdot f_2 \cdot (d_0 x + d_1) \prod_i e_{i,x_i}$. If $e \nmid F$, the reduction algorithm aborts and guesses randomly. As e is a λ -bit prime, this happens with negligible probability. If $e \mid F$, then \mathcal{B} sends F to the challenger, which samples a bit $\gamma \leftarrow \{0, 1\}$. If $\gamma = 0$, \mathcal{C} computes $\tilde{z} \leftarrow \text{Ext}(\tilde{g}^{F/e}, \mathfrak{s})$. If $\gamma = 1$, \mathcal{C} samples $\tilde{z} \leftarrow \{0, 1\}^\ell$. The challenger sends \tilde{z} to \mathcal{B} . The reduction algorithm sets $\text{ct} = \tilde{g}$, $z = \tilde{z}$ and sends $\text{pp} = (N, \mathfrak{s}, g, \{e_{i,b}\}_{i,b}, d_0, d_1)$, ct, z to \mathcal{A} . The adversary outputs a bit α . \mathcal{B} outputs α as its guess in extractor lemma game.

Note that if $\gamma = 0$, then the distribution of pp, ct, z sent by \mathcal{B} is statistically indistinguishable from that of Hybrid H_1 challenger. If $\gamma = 1$, then the distribution of pp, ct, z sent by \mathcal{B} is statistically indistinguishable from that of H_2 challenger. Consequently if \mathcal{B} does not abort, the advantage $|\Pr[\alpha = 1 | \gamma = 0] - \Pr[\alpha = 1 | \gamma = 1]| \geq |p_1^{\mathcal{A}} - p_2^{\mathcal{A}}| - \text{negl}(\lambda)$ is non-negligible. As \mathcal{B} aborts with only negligible probability, it wins the extractor lemma game with non-negligible probability.

Lemma 8. *For any PPT adversary \mathcal{A} , there exists a negligible function $\text{negl}(\cdot)$ such that for every security parameter $\lambda \in \mathbb{N}$, we have $|p_2^{\mathcal{A}} - p_3^{\mathcal{A}}| \leq \text{negl}(\lambda)$.*

Proof. The distribution $\{\tilde{g} : \tilde{g} \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_N^*\}$ is statistically indistinguishable from $\{g^{\rho^e} : g \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_N^*, \rho \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_N, e \leftarrow \text{PRIMES}(\lambda)\}$ as mentioned in proof of Claim 6.

By the above lemmas and triangle theorem, no PPT adversary can distinguish between Hybrids H_0 and H_3 with non-negligible probability assuming the Φ -hiding assumption.

Smoothness. We now prove that the above construction satisfies (k, n) -smoothness property when $k \geq 7\lambda$ and $n - k \leq \alpha \log n$ for any fixed constant α .

Theorem 5. *Assuming the Φ -hiding assumption holds, the above construction satisfies (k, n) -smoothness security property as per Definition 3.*

Proof. First, we introduce a useful notation. For any constant $\epsilon > 0$, let j_ϵ be the smallest index such that $p_{j_\epsilon} > (2^{n-k+2} \log N/\epsilon)^3$. Note that $(2^{n-k+2} \log N/\epsilon)^3$ is polynomial in λ for the given setting of parameters. The proof of security follows via a sequence of hybrids. Below we first describe the sequence of hybrids and later argue indistinguishability to complete the proof. At a very high level, the proof structure is somewhat similar to that used in [40], where for proving security one first assumes (for the sake of contradiction) that the adversary wins with some non-negligible probability δ and then depending upon δ , one could describe a sequence of hybrids such that no PPT adversary can win with probability more than $2\delta/3$. This acts as a contradiction, thereby completing the proof.

For any PPT adversary \mathcal{A} , let $p_s^{\mathcal{A}}$ be the probability that \mathcal{A} outputs 1 in Hybrid H_s . For the sake of contradiction, we assume that \mathcal{A} breaks (k, n) -smoothness property with non-negligible advantage $\delta(\lambda)$ i.e., there exists a polynomial $v(\cdot)$ s.t. $|p_0^{\mathcal{A}} - p_2^{\mathcal{A}}| = \delta(\lambda) > \frac{1}{v(\lambda)}$ for infinitely often $\lambda \in \mathbb{N}$. Let $\epsilon = \frac{1}{2v(\lambda)}$. We provide a non-uniform reduction where the description of hybrids and the reduction algorithm depends on ϵ .

Hybrid H_0 : This is same as the original smoothness security game, except that the challenger always chooses source S_0 .

1. The adversary first sends two (k, n) sources S_0, S_1 to the challenger. The challenger sets modulus length $\kappa = 5\lambda$ and samples $N \leftarrow \text{RSA}(\kappa)$, extractor seed $\mathfrak{s} \leftarrow \mathcal{S}$, elements $d_0, d_1 \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_N$ and primes $e_{i,b} \leftarrow \text{PRIMES}(\lambda)$ for $(i, b) \in [n] \times \{0, 1\}$.
2. The challenger then samples a generator $g \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_N^*$ and sets public parameters $\mathbf{pp} = (N, \mathfrak{s}, g, \{e_{i,b}\}_{i,b}, d_0, d_1)$.
3. The challenger samples $x \leftarrow S_0$ and sends $\mathbf{pp}, y = g^{f_1 \cdot f_2 \cdot (d_0 x + d_1) \prod_{i=1}^n e_{i,x_i}}$ mod N to the adversary.
4. The adversary outputs a bit b' .

Hybrid H_1 : In this hybrid, the challenger does not sample x and picks the challenge y from a uniform distribution.

2. The challenger then samples a generator $\tilde{g} \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_N^*$, sets $g = \tilde{g}^{\prod_{i=3}^n f_i}$ and sets public parameters $\mathbf{pp} = (N, \mathfrak{s}, g, \{e_{i,b}\}_{i,b}, d_0, d_1)$.

3. The challenger samples $z \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_N^*$ and sends $\text{pp}, y = z^{\prod_{i=1}^{\epsilon} f_i} \bmod N$ to the adversary.

Hybrid H_2 : This is same as the original smoothness security game, except that the challenger always chooses source S_1 .

2. The challenger then samples a generator $g \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_N^*$ and sets public parameters $\text{pp} = (N, \mathfrak{s}, g, \{e_{i,b}\}_{i,b}, d_0, d_1)$.
3. The challenger samples $x \leftarrow S_1$ and sends $\text{pp}, y = g^{f_1 \cdot f_2 \cdot (d_0 x + d_1) \prod_{i=1}^n e_{i,x_i}} \bmod N$ to the adversary.

Lemma 9. *Assuming the Φ -hiding assumption holds, for any PPT adversary \mathcal{A} , there exists a negligible function $\text{negl}(\cdot)$ such that for all $\lambda \in \mathbb{N}$ satisfying $\delta(\lambda) \geq 2\epsilon = 1/v(\lambda)$, we have $|p_0^{\mathcal{A}} - p_1^{\mathcal{A}}| \leq \epsilon/2 + \text{negl}(\lambda)$.*

Proof. Suppose there exists a PPT adversary \mathcal{A} that has a non-negligible advantage $\delta(\lambda)$ in smoothness game, and can distinguish between Hybrids H_0 and H_1 with probability $\epsilon/2 + \gamma$ for some non-negligible value γ . We construct a reduction algorithm \mathcal{B} that breaks our strengthened hashing lemma (Theorem 2) and thereby breaking Φ -hiding assumption.

The adversary \mathcal{A} sends two (k, n) -sources S_0, S_1 to the reduction algorithm \mathcal{B} . \mathcal{B} plays hashing lemma game for source S_0 with the challenger \mathcal{C} . The hashing lemma challenger \mathcal{C} sends $(N, g, a, b, \{e_{i,b}\}_{i,b}, y)$ to the reduction algorithm \mathcal{B} . The reduction algorithm samples a seed $\mathfrak{s} \leftarrow S$, sets $d_0 = a, d_1 = b$ and sends public parameters $\text{pp} = (N, \mathfrak{s}, g, \{e_{i,b}\}_{i,b}, d_0, d_1)$, challenge y to the adversary \mathcal{A} . The adversary outputs a bit b' . \mathcal{B} outputs b' as its guess in hashing lemma game.

Let us analyze advantage of \mathcal{B} in hashing lemma game. If the challenger samples $g \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_N^*, x \leftarrow S_0, y = g^{f_1 \cdot f_2 \cdot (ax+b) \prod_{i=1}^n e_{i,x_i}} \bmod N$, then \mathcal{B} emulates Hybrid H_0 challenger to \mathcal{A} . If the challenger samples $\tilde{g} \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_N^*, z \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_N^*$ and sets $g = \tilde{g}^{\prod_{i=3}^{\epsilon} f_i}, y = z^{\prod_{i=1}^{\epsilon} f_i}$, then \mathcal{B} emulates Hybrid H_1 challenger to \mathcal{A} . Therefore, \mathcal{B} breaks hashing lemma game with advantage $|p_1^{\mathcal{A}} - p_2^{\mathcal{A}}| \geq \epsilon/2 + \gamma$.

Lemma 10. *Assuming the Φ -hiding assumption holds, for any PPT adversary \mathcal{A} , there exists a negligible function $\text{negl}(\cdot)$ such that for all $\lambda \in \mathbb{N}$ satisfying $\delta(\lambda) \geq 2\epsilon = 1/v(\lambda)$, we have $|p_1^{\mathcal{A}} - p_2^{\mathcal{A}}| \leq \epsilon/2 + \text{negl}(\lambda)$.*

Proof. This proof is similar to the proof of Lemma 9.

By the above 2 lemmas and triangle inequality, \mathcal{A} can distinguish between Hybrids H_0 and H_2 with probability at most $\epsilon + \text{negl}(\lambda) < 2\delta/3$. This contradicts the assumption that \mathcal{A} has an advantage of δ .⁹ Therefore, no PPT adversary can break (k, n) -smoothness property of the above construction with non-negligible probability.

⁹ Note that the contradiction does not happen when δ is negligible. If δ is negligible, then j_ϵ is superpolynomial and the reduction algorithm takes superpolynomial time to execute.

5 One-Way Function with Encryption from q -DBDHI Assumption

We now construct (k, n, ℓ) -OWFE from any n -DBDHI hard group generator GGen . Suppose $\text{GGen}(1^\lambda)$ generates a group of size $\theta(2^m)$, the below construction requires $k \geq m + 2\lambda$ and $n \leq k + m - 2\lambda$. For the sake of simplicity, we construct a OWFE scheme where the encryption algorithm outputs elements in a group. The construction can be extended to output ℓ -length bit strings by using PRGs and randomness extractors. We present a variant of this construction with longer ciphertext from n -DDHI assumption (without pairings) in the full version of the paper.

$K(1^\lambda)$: Sample a group $\mathcal{G} = (\mathbb{G}_1, \mathbb{G}_T, e, p) \leftarrow \text{GGen}(1^\lambda)$. Sample a generator $g \leftarrow \mathbb{G}_1$ and random values $\alpha, d_0, d_1 \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p$. Output the public parameters $(\mathcal{G}, g, g^\alpha, g^{\alpha^2}, \dots, g^{\alpha^n}, d_0, d_1)$.

$f(\text{pp}, x)$: Parse public parameters pp as $\text{pp} = (\mathcal{G}, g, g^\alpha, g^{\alpha^2}, \dots, g^{\alpha^n}, d_0, d_1)$. Let the polynomial $(d_0x + d_1) \cdot \prod_{j=1}^n (\alpha + 2j + x_j) = \sum_{i=0}^n c_i \alpha^i$, where c_i is a function of d_0, d_1, x . Output $\prod_{i=0}^n (g^{\alpha^i})^{c_i}$.

$E_1(\text{pp}, (i, b); h)$: Compute and output $(h^{(\alpha+2i+b)}, i)$.

$E_2(\text{pp}, (y, i, b); h)$: Compute and output $e(h, y)$.

$D(\text{pp}, \text{ct}, x)$: Let $\text{ct} = (\text{ct}', i)$. Consider the polynomial $(d_0x + d_1) \cdot \prod_{j \neq i} (\alpha + 2j + x_j) = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} c_j \alpha^j$, where c_j is a function of d_0, d_1, x . Compute and output $e(\text{ct}', \prod_{j=0}^{n-1} (g^{\alpha^j})^{c_j})$.

Correctness. For any set of public parameters $\text{pp} = (\mathcal{G}, g, g^\alpha, g^{\alpha^2}, \dots, g^{\alpha^n}, d_0, d_1)$, string $x \in \{0, 1\}^n$, index $j \in [n]$ and randomness h , we have $\text{ct} = E_1(\text{pp}, (j, x_j); h) = (h^{(\alpha+2j+x_j)}, j)$ and $D(\text{pp}, \text{ct}, x) = e(g, h)^{(d_0x+d_1) \prod_i (\alpha+2i+x_i)} = e(h, f(\text{pp}, x)) = E_2(\text{pp}, (f(\text{pp}, x), j, x_j); h)$.

5.1 Security

We now prove that the above construction satisfies one-wayness, encryption security, and smoothness properties.

One-Wayness. We now prove that the above construction satisfies (k, n) -one-wayness property for any $k \geq m + 2\lambda$ and $n \leq k + m - 2\lambda$.

Lemma 11. *Assuming n -DBDHI assumption holds, the above construction satisfies (k, n) -one-wayness property for any (k, n) s.t. $k \geq m + 2\lambda$ and $n \leq k + m - 2\lambda$ as per Definition 1.*

Proof. Suppose there exists a PPT adversary \mathcal{A} that breaks one-wayness property of the above construction with non-negligible probability. We construct a reduction algorithm \mathcal{B} that wins n -DBDHI game with non-negligible probability.

The adversary \mathcal{A} first sends a (k, n) -source S to the reduction algorithm \mathcal{B} . The challenger then sends $(\mathcal{G}, h, h^\alpha, h^{\alpha^2}, \dots, h^{\alpha^n}, T)$ to the reduction algorithm

\mathcal{B} . The reduction algorithm samples a string $x \leftarrow S$, $d_0, d_1 \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p$, computes public parameters $\mathbf{pp} = (\mathcal{G}, h, h^\alpha, h^{\alpha^2}, \dots, h^{\alpha^n}, d_0, d_1)$ and sends $\mathbf{pp}, y = f(\mathbf{pp}, x)$ to the adversary \mathcal{A} . The adversary outputs a string x' . If $x' = x$ or $f(\mathbf{pp}, x) \neq f(\mathbf{pp}, x')$, the reduction algorithm aborts and outputs a random bit. Otherwise, \mathcal{B} computes α s.t. $(d_0x + d_1) \cdot \prod_{i=1}^n (\alpha + 2i + x_i) = (d_0x' + d_1) \cdot \prod_{i=1}^n (\alpha + 2i + x'_i) \pmod p$. The reduction algorithm then checks if $T = e(g, g)^{1/\alpha}$. If $T = e(g, g)^{1/\alpha}$, it outputs 1. Otherwise, it outputs 0.

We now analyze the advantage of \mathcal{B} in n -DBDHI game. By our assumption, $f(\mathbf{pp}, x') = f(\mathbf{pp}, x)$ with non-negligible probability ϵ . We prove that the reduction algorithm does not abort with non-negligible probability. As $k \geq m + 2\lambda$, we know that for any \mathbf{pp} , $\Pr_{x \leftarrow S}[\exists t \in \{0, 1\}^n \text{ s.t. } x \neq t \wedge f(\mathbf{pp}, x) = f(\mathbf{pp}, t)] \geq 1 - \text{negl}(\lambda)$. Therefore, $\Pr[x' \neq x \wedge f(\mathbf{pp}, x) = f(\mathbf{pp}, x')] \geq \epsilon/2 - \text{negl}(\lambda)$. Note that if \mathcal{B} does not abort, it breaks the n -DBDHI game with advantage $1/2$. Therefore, the overall advantage of \mathcal{B} in breaking n -DBDHI game is $\epsilon/4 - \text{negl}(\lambda)$.

Security of Encryption. We now prove that the above construction satisfies encryption security property.

Lemma 12. *Assuming n -DBDHI assumption holds, the above construction satisfies encryption security property as per Definition 2.*

Proof. Suppose there exists a PPT adversary \mathcal{A} that breaks encryption security of the above construction with non-negligible probability. We construct a reduction algorithm \mathcal{B} that wins n -DBDHI game with non-negligible probability.

The challenger \mathcal{C} first samples a group structure $\mathcal{G} = (\mathbb{G}_1, \mathbb{G}_T, e, p) \leftarrow \text{GGen}(1^\lambda)$, a generator $h \leftarrow \mathbb{G}_1$, a value $\beta \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p^*$ and a bit $\gamma \leftarrow \{0, 1\}$. If $\gamma = 0$, it sets $T = e(h, h)^{1/\beta}$. Otherwise, it samples $T \leftarrow \mathbb{G}_T$. The challenger then sends $(\mathcal{G}, h, h^\beta, h^{\beta^2}, \dots, h^{\beta^n}, T)$ to the reduction algorithm \mathcal{B} . The adversary sends a string $x \in \{0, 1\}^n$ and an index j to \mathcal{B} . \mathcal{B} samples $d_0, d_1 \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p$ and implicitly sets $\alpha = \beta - 2j - 1 + x_j$. It then computes public parameters $\mathbf{pp} = (\mathcal{G}, h, h^\alpha, h^{\alpha^2}, \dots, h^{\alpha^n}, d_0, d_1)$, samples $\rho \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p$ and implicitly uses $h^{\rho/(\alpha + 2j + 1 - x_j)}$ as randomness for encryption. It computes $\text{ct}^* = (h^\rho, j)$. Consider the polynomial

$$\frac{\rho \cdot (d_0x + d_1) \cdot \prod_{i=1}^n (\alpha + 2i + x_i)}{\alpha + 2j + 1 - x_j} = \frac{c}{\beta} + \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} c_i \beta^i$$

where $c, \{c_i\}_i$ are dependent only on ρ, x, d_0, d_1 . The reduction algorithm computes $k^* = T^c \cdot e\left(h, \prod_{i=0}^{n-1} (h^{\beta^i})^{c_i}\right)$ and sends $\mathbf{pp}, \text{ct}^*, k^*$ to the adversary. The adversary outputs a bit γ' . \mathcal{B} outputs γ' as its guess in n -DBDHI game.

We now analyze the advantage of \mathcal{B} in n -DBDHI game. As β is sampled uniformly, α is also uniformly distributed. As $\beta \neq 0 \pmod p$ and ρ is uniformly distributed, $h^{\rho/\beta}$ is also uniformly distributed in \mathbb{G}_1 . If $\gamma = 0$, then $(\mathbf{pp}, \text{ct}^*, k^*)$ is same as $(\mathbf{pp}, E_1(\mathbf{pp}, (j, 1 - x_j); \rho'), E_2(\mathbf{pp}, (f(\mathbf{pp}, x), j, 1 - x_j); \rho'))$. If $\gamma = 1$, then k^* is uniformly random. As \mathcal{A} distinguishes these 2 distributions with non-negligible probability, $|\Pr[\gamma' = 1 | \gamma = 0] - \Pr[\gamma' = 1 | \gamma = 1]|$ is non-negligible. Therefore, \mathcal{B} breaks n -DBDHI assumption.

Smoothness. We now prove that the above construction satisfies (k, n) -smoothness property for any $k \geq m + 2\lambda$ and $n \leq k + m - 2\lambda$.

Lemma 13. *The above construction satisfies (k, n) -smoothness property for any $k \geq m + 2\lambda$ and $n \leq k + m - 2\lambda$ as per Definition 3.*

Proof. We prove the theorem via a sequence of following hybrids.

Hybrid H_0 : This is same as the original smoothness security game.

1. The adversary sends two (k, n) -sources S_0 and S_1 to the challenger. The challenger samples a group $\mathcal{G} = (\mathbb{G}_1, \mathbb{G}_T, e, p) \leftarrow \text{Setup}(1^\lambda)$, a generator $g \leftarrow \mathbb{G}_1$ and exponents $d_0, d_1 \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p$.
2. It then samples exponent $\alpha \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p^*$ and computes $\text{pp} = (\mathcal{G}, g, g^\alpha, \dots, g^{\alpha^n}, d_0, d_1)$.
3. The challenger samples a bit $b \leftarrow \{0, 1\}$, a string $x \leftarrow S_b$ and sends $\text{pp}, y = g^{(d_0x+d_1) \cdot \prod_{j=1}^n (\alpha+2j+x_j)}$ to the adversary.
4. The adversary outputs a bit b' .

Hybrid H_1 : In this hybrid, the challenger samples α in public parameters from $[1, p - 2n - 2]$ instead of \mathbb{Z}_p^*

2. It then samples exponent $\alpha \leftarrow [1, p - 2n - 2]$ and computes $\text{pp} = (\mathcal{G}, g, g^\alpha, \dots, g^{\alpha^n}, d_0, d_1)$.

Hybrid H_2 : In this hybrid, the challenger samples the challenge y uniformly at random.

3. The challenger samples $y \leftarrow \mathbb{G}_1$ and sends pp, y to the adversary.

For any adversary \mathcal{A} , let the probability that $b' = b$ in Hybrid H_s be $p_s^{\mathcal{A}}$. We know that, $p_2^{\mathcal{A}} = 1/2$ as y is independent of b . We prove that for every PPT adversary \mathcal{A} , $|p_0^{\mathcal{A}} - p_2^{\mathcal{A}}|$ is negligible.

Claim 3 *For every adversary \mathcal{A} , there exists a negligible function $\text{negl}(\cdot)$ such that for every $\lambda \in \mathbb{N}$, $|p_0^{\mathcal{A}} - p_1^{\mathcal{A}}| \leq \text{negl}(\lambda)$.*

Proof. The distribution of challenger's output is same in Hybrids H_0 and H_1 , except when $\alpha \in [p-1, p-2n-1]$. This event happens with probability $(2n+1)/p$. Assuming p is super-polynomial in λ , the event $\alpha \in [p-1, p-2n-1]$ happens with negligible probability.

Claim 4 *For every adversary \mathcal{A} , there exists a negligible function $\text{negl}(\cdot)$ such that for every $\lambda \in \mathbb{N}$, $|p_1^{\mathcal{A}} - p_2^{\mathcal{A}}| \leq \text{negl}(\lambda)$.*

Proof. As the minimum entropy of the distribution $\{x : b \leftarrow \{0, 1\}, x \leftarrow S_b\}$ is $k \geq \log p + 2\lambda$ and as α is sampled from $[1, p-2n-2]$, $(d_0x+d_1) \cdot \prod_{j=1}^n (\alpha+2j+x_j)$ for $x \leftarrow S_b$ is indistinguishable from uniform distribution on \mathbb{Z}_p . We present more details in the full version of the paper.

By the above claims and triangle inequality, the advantage of any adversary in the original smoothness game H_0 is negligible.

6 Performance Evaluation

In this section, we discuss how our HPRG and OWFE constructions based on Φ -Hiding and D(B)DHI assumptions compare with the constructions based on DDH provided in [20, 33]. In the full version of the paper, we present our performance evaluation for Hinting PRG constructions.

6.1 OWF with Encryption: Comparing with [20]

We now discuss the efficiency of our OWFE constructions and compare it with existing constructions. First, we provide an asymptotic comparison and then give a more concrete performance evaluation.

An asymptotic comparison. In the [20] construction, the public parameters consist of $O(n)$ group elements, where n is at least $\log p + 2\lambda$, and p is the group size. The function evaluation and decryption algorithm performs $O(n)$ group operations. The E_1 algorithm performs $O(n)$ exponentiations and outputs a ciphertext containing $O(n)$ group elements. The E_2 algorithm performs one exponentiation and outputs a key containing one group element.

Comparing that to our Φ -Hiding based OWFE construction described in Section 4, the public parameters consist of $2n$ (λ -bit) prime exponents along with the RSA modulus N , extractor seed, group generator, and a hash key. The function evaluation and decryption algorithm performs $O(n)$ exponentiations with λ -bit exponents, where n is at least $\log N + 2\lambda$. Both E_1 and E_2 algorithms perform single exponentiation and output a ciphertext and key containing just one group element, respectively.

In our DDHI based construction described in the full version of the paper, the setup phase performs $O(n)$ exponentiations and outputs public parameters containing n group elements, where n is at least $\log p + 2\lambda$, and p is the group size. The function evaluation and decryption algorithms evaluate a degree- n polynomial symbolically and later on performs n exponentiation operations and n group operations. The E_1 algorithm performs $O(n)$ exponentiations and outputs a ciphertext containing $O(n)$ group elements. The E_2 algorithm performs one exponentiation and outputs a key containing 1 group element. We also provide a more efficient OWFE construction Section 5 by relying on bilinear maps and prove it secure under DBDHI. It is similar to the DDHI based OWFE, except that E_1 algorithm only performs $O(1)$ exponentiations, E_2 and decryption algorithms additionally perform a pairing operation, and ciphertext contains only one group element.

Concrete performance evaluation. The evaluations were performed on a 2015 Macbook Pro with Dual Core 2.7 GHz Intel Core i5 CPU and 8GB DDR3 RAM. We evaluated the performance of DDH and DDHI based constructions using MCL Library [29] (written in C++) on NIST standardized elliptic curves P-192, P-224, P-256, P-384 and P-521 providing 96, 112, 128, 192 and 260-bit security respectively. We evaluated our Φ -Hiding based construction using

Flint Library [28] written in C++ on 1024, 2048, 3072, 7680 and 15360 bit RSA modulus providing 80, 112, 128, 192 and 256-bit security respectively.¹⁰ We evaluated the performance of DBDHI based OWFE using MCL Library [29] on BN-254, BN-381, BN-462 pairing-friendly elliptic curves [5] (providing 100, 128, 140-bit security after the recent tower number field sieve attacks [31, 35, 18]).

It turns out that the baseline DDH based OWFE offers the shortest setup, evaluation, and decryption times. Whereas the Φ -hiding based OWFE outperforms in terms of E_1 time and ciphertext size. And, due to smaller group size (and thereby smaller n), DBDHI based OWFE leads to shortest E_1 time and ciphertext size. Lastly, for the shortest E_2 time and key size, both the DDH and DDHI based constructions are equally useful. The concrete performance numbers are provided in Table 1.

Note that even though both DDHI and DBDHI based OWFE schemes have the same one-way function, DDHI based scheme has faster evaluation time. In fact, the DDHI based construction is more efficient than DBDHI construction in all aspects other than E_1 time and ciphertext size. This is because the recommended group size of pairing-based elliptic curves grows super linearly in the security parameter due to the number field sieve attacks. And, the function evaluation and decryption procedures of Φ -hiding based scheme performs $O(n)$ exponentiations, when compared to $O(n)$ group operations performed by other schemes. As a result, Φ -hiding based scheme has the slowest function evaluation and decryption procedures.

Deterministic Encryption from OWFE. A very interesting application of OWFE is of deterministic encryption as shown by [19]. In the deterministic encryption scheme of [19], the setup phase invokes the OWFE setup phase once and E_1 algorithm $O(\ell)$ times, where ℓ is proportional to the length of message being encrypted. The encryption key includes OWFE public parameters and $O(\ell)$ OWFE ciphertexts. The encryption algorithm invokes OWFE f algorithm once and OWFE D algorithm $O(\ell)$ times. The decryption algorithm invokes OWFE E_2 algorithm $O(\ell)$ times. Consequently, our DBDHI based OWFE leads to a deterministic encryption scheme with much smaller public parameters and setup time. Concretely, at 128-bit security, the setup phase and public parameters of our DBDHI based deterministic encryption scheme for 128-bit messages is more than 200x faster and 240x shorter respectively than the baseline DDH based deterministic encryption described in [19].

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Metric	Security	DDH [20]	ϕ -Hiding (§4)	DDHI	DBDHI (§5)
pp Size	80/96/BN254	18.4 KB	71.8 KB	9.2 KB	14.4 KB
	112	25.1 KB	192.4 KB	12.6 KB	-
	128/BN381	32.7 KB	321.8 KB	16.4 KB	30.4 KB
	140/BN462	-	-	-	42.85 KB
	192	73.7 KB	1167 KB	36.9 KB	-
	256	131.1 KB	3059 KB	65.7 KB	-
ct Size	80/96/BN254	18.4KB	128 Bytes	9.2 KB	64 Bytes
	112	25 KB	256 Bytes	12.4 KB	-
	128/BN381	32.7KB	384 Bytes	16.3 KB	96 Bytes
	140/BN462	-	-	-	116 Bytes
	192	73.68KB	960 Bytes	36.9 KB	-
	256	131KB	1920 Bytes	65.5 KB	-
Key Size	80/96/BN254	24 Bytes	128 Bytes	24 Bytes	381 Bytes
	112	28 Bytes	256 Bytes	28 Bytes	-
	128/BN381	32 Bytes	384 Bytes	32 Bytes	573 Bytes
	140/BN462	-	-	-	593 Bytes
	192	48 Bytes	960 Bytes	48 Bytes	-
	256	64 Bytes	1920 Bytes	64 Bytes	-
Time (Setup)	80/96/BN254	0.0096s	1.40s	0.026s	0.0435s
	112	0.093s	6.69s	0.052s	-
	128/BN381	0.016s	12.43s	0.070s	0.158s
	140/BN462	-	-	-	0.493s
	192	0.065s	101.38s	0.307s	-
	256	0.203s	475.55s	1.326s	-
Time (f)	80/96/BN254	0.0001s	0.11s	0.037s	0.059s
	112	0.0002s	1.06s	0.068s	-
	128/BN381	0.0002s	3.67s	0.090s	0.19s
	140/BN462	-	-	-	0.54s
	192	0.0006s	59.14s	0.353s	-
	256	0.0020s	473.36s	1.41s	-
Time (E_1)	80/96/BN254	49.1ms	0.69ms	29.44ms	0.188ms
	112	100.87ms	3.10ms	56.80ms	-
	128/BN381	134.90ms	9.40ms	76.40ms	0.45ms
	140/BN462	-	-	-	1.435ms
	192	600.84ms	106.57ms	326.49ms	-
	256	2590.14ms	601.5ms	1357.93ms	-
Time (E_2)	80/96/BN254	0.067ms	0.40ms	0.066ms	0.68ms
	112	0.12ms	2.80ms	0.11ms	-
	128/BN381	0.14ms	8.38ms	0.136ms	1.79ms
	140/BN462	-	-	-	4.52ms
	192	0.40ms	99.50ms	0.40ms	-
	256	1.26ms	600.03ms	1.29ms	-
Time (D)	80/96/BN254	0.0001s	0.109s	0.036s	0.059s
	112	0.0003s	1.09s	0.067s	-
	128/BN381	0.0003s	3.57s	0.090s	0.19s
	140/BN462	-	-	-	0.54s
	192	0.00083s	58.96s	0.355s	-
	256	0.00286s	466.84s	1.41s	-

Table 1: Concrete performance evaluation of various OWFE constructions