

# Round-Optimal Oblivious Transfer and MPC from Computational CSIDH

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**Abstract.** We present the first round-optimal and plausibly quantum-safe oblivious transfer (OT) and multi-party computation (MPC) protocols from the computational CSIDH assumption – the weakest and most widely studied assumption in the CSIDH family of isogeny-based assumptions. We obtain the following results:

- The *first* round-optimal maliciously secure OT and MPC protocols in the *plain model* that achieve (black-box) simulation-based security while relying on the computational CSIDH assumption.
- The *first* round-optimal maliciously secure OT and MPC protocols that achieves Universal Composability (UC) security in the presence of a trusted setup (common reference string plus random oracle) while relying on the computational CSIDH assumption.

Prior plausibly quantum-safe isogeny-based OT protocols (with/without setup assumptions) are either not round-optimal, or rely on potentially stronger assumptions.

We also build a 3-round maliciously-secure OT extension protocol where each base OT protocol requires only 4 isogeny computations. In comparison, the most efficient isogeny-based OT extension protocol till date due to Lai et al. [Eurocrypt 2021] requires 12 isogeny computations and 4 rounds of communication, while relying on the same assumption as our construction, namely the reciprocal CSIDH assumption.

## 1 Introduction

Oblivious transfer (OT) [Rab05, EGL82] is an interactive protocol between two parties: a sender and a receiver. Informally speaking, an OT protocol involves a *sender* holding two messages  $m_0$  and  $m_1$ , and a receiver holding a bit  $b \in \{0, 1\}$ . At the end of the protocol, the receiver should only learn the message  $m_b$  and

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nothing about the other message  $m_{1-b}$ , while the sender should learn nothing about the bit  $b$ . OT serves as a fundamental building block in cryptography [Kil88], particularly in secure multi-party computation (MPC) [Yao86, IKO<sup>+</sup>11, BL18, GS18]. Round optimal OT protocols imply round-optimal MPC protocols [BL18, GS18, CCG<sup>+</sup>20] and hence are always desirable.

**Quantum-Safe OT.** With steady progress in quantum computing, the study of post-quantum cryptography has gained significant momentum in recent years, especially in light of Shor’s algorithm [Sho94], which breaks traditional cryptographic assumptions such as factoring and discrete-log. OT protocols are known from various plausibly quantum-safe assumptions such as lattices [PVW08, BD18, MR19], codes [DvMN08, DNM12, MR19], and isogenies of elliptic curves [BOB18, Vit18, LGdSG21]. Unfortunately, many isogeny-based OT constructions [BOB18, dSGOPS20, Vit18] are now (classically) broken in light of the recent attacks on the Supersingular Isogeny Diffie-Hellman (SIDH) assumption [CD22, MM22, Rob22]. Hence, the only plausibly quantum-safe isogeny-based OT constructions are the ones based on the Commutative SIDH (CSIDH) [CLM<sup>+</sup>18] family of isogeny-based assumptions, which are not affected by the recent attacks on SIDH.

**The CSIDH Family of Assumptions.** The CSIDH family of (plausibly quantum-safe) isogeny-based assumptions includes the computational CSIDH assumption [CLM<sup>+</sup>18] (the CSIDH-equivalent of the traditional CDH assumption), the decisional CSIDH assumption [CSV20, ADMP20, BKW20] (the CSIDH-equivalent of the traditional DDH assumption), the reciprocal CSIDH assumption [LGdSG21], and certain variants of these assumptions [AEK<sup>+</sup>22]. Of these, the computational CSIDH assumption is the weakest assumption (equivalently, the hardest problem to solve). The decisional CSIDH assumption implies the computational CSIDH assumption, and has been shown to be broken for certain families of elliptic curves [CSV20]. Finally, the reciprocal CSIDH assumption is only *quantum-equivalent* to the computational CSIDH assumption; the corresponding classical equivalence is not known (see discussion in [LGdSG21]).

**OT from CSIDH-based Assumptions.** Many recent works have constructed OT protocols from the CSIDH family of isogeny-based assumptions. We broadly categorize these OT constructions as: (i) OT protocols in the *plain model*, i.e., without any (trusted) setup assumptions, or (ii) OT protocols in the *setup model*, i.e., assuming the existence of some (trusted) setup and/or random oracles.

In the plain model, there exist round-optimal OT protocols achieving various security notions from the decisional CSIDH assumption [ADMP20, KM20] and the reciprocal CSIDH assumption [BPS22]. We present a summary of these protocols in Table 1. In the setup model, round-optimal OT protocols are known from the decisional CSIDH assumption [ADMP20, BKW20, AMPS21]. A recent work by Lai et al. [LGdSG21] proposed an elegant OT protocol from the reciprocal CSIDH assumption; however, their construction is *not* round-optimal. We summarize these protocols in Table 2.

**Table 1.** Comparison of plausibly quantum-safe maliciously secure OT protocols in the plain model from the CSIDH family of isogeny-based assumptions

Protocol	Computational Assumption	Rounds	Security Model
[ADMP20]-1	decisional CSIDH	2	semantic
[BPS22]-1	reciprocal CSIDH	3	semantic
[KM20]	decisional CSIDH	4	simulation-secure
[BPS22]-2	reciprocal CSIDH	4	simulation-secure
<b>Our Protocol-1</b>	<b>computational CSIDH</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>simulation-secure</b>

**Table 2.** Comparison of plausibly quantum-safe maliciously secure OT protocols in the setup model from the CSIDH family of isogeny-based assumptions. The protocols of [ADMP20, AMPS21] are in the CRS model. All other protocols are in the CRS+random oracle model.

Protocols	Computational Assumption	Rounds	Security Model
[ADMP20]-2	decisional CSIDH	2	UC-secure
[BKW20]	decisional CSIDH	2	UC-secure
[AMPS21]	decisional CSIDH	2	UC-secure
[LGdSG21]-1	reciprocal CSIDH	3	simulation-secure
[LGdSG21]-2	reciprocal CSIDH	4	UC-secure
<b>Our Protocol-2</b>	<b>computational CSIDH</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>UC-secure</b>

Notably, there exist no (round-optimal) OT protocols in the plain/setup model from the computational CSIDH assumption, which is the weakest (and most widely studied) assumption in the CSIDH family of isogeny-based assumptions. This motivates us to ask the following question:

*Can we design round-optimal OT protocols from computational CSIDH?*

## 1.1 Our Contributions

In this paper, we answer the above question in the affirmative by presenting the first round-optimal, maliciously secure, and plausibly quantum safe OT protocols in various settings from the computational CSIDH assumption. In particular, we propose two new round-optimal maliciously secure OT protocols in the plain and common reference string<sup>7</sup> (CRS) models, while relying on the computational CSIDH assumption. These also yield the first round-optimal MPC protocols in the respective settings from the computational CSIDH assumption. Our main contributions can be summarized as follows.

**Round Optimal OT and MPC in the Plain Model.** We propose the *first* round-optimal (4-round) OT protocol in the plain model while relying on the computational CSIDH assumption. Our construction satisfies perfect correctness and simulation-based security against malicious corruption of parties, which is the strongest notion of OT security that is achievable in the plain model. Our result is captured by the following (informal) theorem.

<sup>7</sup> The setup string is structured and it is sampled from a given distribution.

**Theorem 1.** (Informal) *Assuming computational CSIDH, there exists a 4-round OT protocol in the plain model that achieves perfect correctness and (black-box) simulation-security against malicious corruption of parties.*

In Table 1, we present a comparison of our proposed OT construction with known constructions of round-optimal OT in the plain model from the CSIDH family of assumptions. Additionally, by invoking known relationships between round-optimal OT and MPC in the plain model from [CCG<sup>+</sup>20], we achieve the following (informal) corollary.

**Corollary 1.** (Informal) *Assuming computational CSIDH, there exists a 4-round MPC protocol in the plain model with (black-box) simulation-security against malicious corruption of parties.*

This is the first round optimal MPC protocol achieving (black-box) simulation security in the plain model from the computational CSIDH assumption.

**Round-Optimal OT and MPC assuming Trusted Setup.** We propose the *first* round-optimal (2-round) OT protocol in the CRS plus random oracle model<sup>8</sup> while relying on the computational CSIDH assumption. Our construction satisfies perfect correctness and universal composability (UC)-security against malicious corruption of parties, which is the strongest notion of OT security that is achievable in the trusted setup model. Informally, we prove the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.** (Informal) *Assuming that the computational CSIDH assumption holds, there exists a 2-round OT protocol in the CRS plus random oracle model that is UC-secure against malicious corruption of parties.*

In Table 2, we present a comparison of our proposed OT construction with known constructions of round-optimal OT in the trusted setup model from the CSIDH family of assumptions. Finally, by invoking known relationships between round-optimal OT and MPC from [GS18], we achieve the following (informal) corollary.

**Corollary 2.** (Informal) *Assuming that the computational CSIDH assumption holds, there exists a 2-round MPC protocol in the CRS plus random oracle model that is UC-secure against malicious corruption of parties.*

This yields the *first* construction of round-optimal MPC in the CRS plus random oracle model from the computational CSIDH assumption.

**Efficient OT Extension.** As an additional contribution, we propose the first UC-secure OT extension protocol that relies on the computational CSIDH assumption. Concretely, we show that an optimized variant of the recent 4-round OT protocol due to Lai et al. [LGdSG21] can be plugged into the OT extension compiler due to Canetti et al. [CSW20a] to build a UC-secure 3-round *OT extension protocol* in the random oracle model. This yields the most efficient (to

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<sup>8</sup> The random oracles in our protocol are local to each session.

our knowledge) UC-secure OT extension protocol currently known from isogeny-based assumptions.<sup>9</sup>

Our construction of OT extension builds upon a maliciously secure base OT protocol that requires a total of 4 isogeny computations. On the other hand, the state-of-the-art 4-round maliciously secure protocol of [LGdSG21] incurs 12 isogeny computations, while relying on the same hardness assumption as our construction (the reciprocal CSIDH assumption).

## 1.2 Related Work

**Lattice-based OT.** To the best of our knowledge, the first lattice-based oblivious transfer protocol was designed by Peikert, Vaikuntanathan and Waters [PVW08], that relies on LWE [Reg05]. Their OT protocol follows a more generic framework on dual encryption and achieves round-optimality as well as UC security in the CRS model. A recent result of Quach [Qua20] improves the [PVW08] construction so that the CRS can be reused by multiple OT executions. Another recent work by B  scher et al. [BDK<sup>+</sup>20] provided an instantiation of a lattice-based OT from additive homomorphic encryption. The OT construction of Brakerski and D  ttling [BD18] provided the first two-round SSP OT (without a CRS).

An alternative to constructing an OT is to construct an oblivious pseudorandom function which implies [JL09] an OT. Albrecht, Davidson, Deo and Smart [ADDS21] showed how to construct an oblivious pseudorandom function from ideal lattices using non-interactive zero-knowledge arguments [CSW22, PS19, CCH<sup>+</sup>19].

**Code-based OT.** There are two OT constructions based on the code-based assumptions [DvMN08, DNM12]. Both of these constructions use the specific assumption underlying the McEliece cryptosystems [McE78]. Among these, only the latter achieves UC security. Recently, Bitansky and Freizeit [BF22] showed how to realize a statistically sender-private (SSP) OT protocol with semantic security against a computationally bounded sender and an unbounded receiver while relying on the learning with parity (LPN) assumption plus Nissan Wigderson style derandomization.

**Generic OT constructions.** Generic approaches to realize OT [BGJ<sup>+</sup>18, MR19, FMV19, DGH<sup>+</sup>20] rely on public-key encryption schemes with specific properties. Unfortunately, known public-key encryption schemes from isogeny-based assumptions (including the CSIDH family of assumptions) do not satisfy any of these properties. For example, to use any isogeny-based PKE in the framework of [MR19], one inherently needs the ability to hash into a curve in the family of supersingular elliptic curves, which is not known so far (see [Pet17,

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<sup>9</sup> We note that while prior works on OT from isogenies do not explicitly construct OT extension protocols, they do yield base OT protocols that can be converted in a generic manner into full-fledged OT extension protocols.

DMPS19, CPV20, BBD<sup>+</sup>22, MMP22] for more details). For the constructions of Badrinarayanan et al. [BGJ<sup>+</sup>18] and Friolo et al. [FMV19] in the plain model, one needs a PKE with dense public-key space – this is again not known to exist from isogeny-based assumptions. Döttling et al. [DGH<sup>+</sup>20] provided a generic approach to obtain 2-round UC-secure OT in the CRS model from protocols satisfying very mild form of security, known as elementary OT – this gives 2-round OT from LPN [ACPS09]. The work of [AMPS21] also follows a similar route to build adaptively secure OT from a mild strengthening of elementary OT.

**Prior Isogeny-based OT.** Prior works [BOB18, dSGOPS20, Vit18, BKW20] have realized isogeny-based OT constructions from the well-known SIDH assumption and its variants. Unfortunately, these constructions are now (classically) broken in light of the recent attacks on the SIDH assumption [CD22, MM22]. The construction of [BKW20] was, in fact, broken in its original form by an earlier attack proposed in [BKM<sup>+</sup>21].

Prior works have realized OT protocols in the plain model achieving various security notions from the decisional CSIDH assumption [ADMP20, KM20] and the reciprocal CSIDH assumption [BPS22]. The authors of [ADMP20] showed how to construct a 2-round SSP OT protocol with semantic security against a computationally bounded sender and an unbounded receiver from the decisional CSIDH assumption. The authors of [KM20] showed how to construct a 4-round OT protocol with full-fledged simulation security from any 2-round SSP OT protocol. The authors of [BPS22] showed how to construct a 3-round statistically receiver-private (SRP) OT protocol with semantic security against a computationally bounded receiver and an unbounded sender from the reciprocal CSIDH assumption. They also showed a construction of 4-round OT protocol with full-fledged simulation security from any 3-round SRP OT protocol. See Table 1 for a comparison of our proposed OT protocol in the plain model with these prior OT protocols.

In the setup model, round-optimal OT protocols are known from the decisional CSIDH assumption [ADMP20, BKM20, AMPS21]. The OT construction of [BKM20] was not explicitly described, but follows implicitly from the construction of oblivious PRF from decisional CSIDH (plus random oracles) in the same paper. The work of [AMPS21] presents the first adaptively secure OT protocol from isogenies. Their protocol is round optimal and relies on decisional CSIDH assumption. The recent work by Lai et al. [LGdSG21] proposed an elegant OT protocol from the reciprocal CSIDH assumption (plus random oracles); however, the simulation-secure and UC-secure versions of their construction require 3 rounds and 4 rounds, respectively, and are hence not round-optimal.

## 2 Preliminaries

**Notation.** For  $a \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $a \geq 1$ , we denote by  $[a]$  the set of integers lying between 1 and  $a$  (both inclusive). We use  $\kappa$  to denote the security parameter, and denote by  $\text{poly}(\kappa)$  and  $\text{negl}(\kappa)$  any generic (unspecified) polynomial function

and negligible function in  $\kappa$ , respectively. For a finite set  $S$ , we use  $s \leftarrow_R S$  to sample uniformly from the set  $S$ . For a probability distribution  $\mathcal{D}$  on a finite set  $S$ , we use  $s \leftarrow_R \mathcal{D}$  to sample from  $\mathcal{D}$ . We use the notations  $\stackrel{s}{\approx}$  and  $\stackrel{c}{\approx}$  to denote statistical and computational indistinguishability of distributions, respectively.

## 2.1 Basic Cryptographic Primitives

**Weak Unpredictable Function (wUF)** [ADMP20]. Let  $K$ ,  $X$ , and  $Y$  be sets indexed by  $\kappa$ . A weak unpredictable function (wUF) family is a family of efficiently computable functions  $\{F(k, \cdot) : X \rightarrow Y\}_{k \in K}$  such that for all PPT adversaries  $\mathcal{A}$  we have the following:

$$\Pr[\mathcal{A}^{F_k^\$}(1^\kappa, x^*) = F(k, x^*)] \leq \text{negl}(\kappa),$$

where  $k \leftarrow_R K$ ,  $x^* \leftarrow_R X$ , and  $F_k^\$$  is a *randomized oracle* that when queried samples  $x \leftarrow_R X$  and outputs  $(x, F(k, x))$ .

**Weak Pseudorandom Function (wPRF)**. Let  $K$ ,  $X$ , and  $Y$  be sets indexed by  $\kappa$ . A weak pseudorandom function (wPRF) is a family of efficiently computable functions  $\{F(k, \cdot) : X \rightarrow Y\}_{k \in K}$  such that for all PPT adversaries  $\mathcal{A}$  we have the following:

$$\left| \Pr[\mathcal{A}^{F_k^\$}(1^\kappa) = 1] - \Pr[\mathcal{A}^{\pi^\$}(1^\kappa) = 1] \right| \leq \text{negl}(\kappa),$$

where  $k \leftarrow_R K$ ,  $F_k^\$$  is a randomized oracle that when queried samples  $x \leftarrow_R X$  and outputs  $(x, F(k, x))$ , and  $\pi^\$$  is a randomized oracle that when queried samples  $x \leftarrow_R X$  and  $y \leftarrow_R Y$ , and outputs  $(x, y)$ .

## 2.2 Cryptographic Group Actions

In this section we recall the definitions of cryptographic group actions from [ADMP20]. We note here that the authors of [ADMP20] use the definitions of Brassard and Yung [BY91] and Couveignes [Cou06] as starting points to provide definitions that allow for easy use of isogenies (in particular, isogeny families such as CSIDH [CLM<sup>+</sup>18] and CSI-FiSh [BKV19]) in cryptographic protocols. We begin by recalling the definition of a group action.

**Definition 1.** (Group Action [BY91, Cou06, ADMP20]). *A group  $G$  is said to act on a set  $X$  if there is a map  $\star : G \times X \rightarrow X$  that satisfies:*

1. *Identity:* If  $e$  is the identity element of  $G$ , then for any  $x \in X$ , we have  $e \star x = x$ .
2. *Compatibility:* For any  $g, h \in G$  and any  $x \in X$ , we have  $(gh) \star x = g \star (h \star x)$ .

Throughout this paper, we use the abbreviated notation  $(G, X, \star)$  to denote a group action.

*Remark 1.* If  $(G, X, \star)$  is a group action, for any  $g \in G$  the map  $\pi_g : x \mapsto g \star x$  defines a permutation of  $X$ .

**Properties of Group Actions.** We consider group actions  $(G, X, \star)$  that satisfy one or more of the following properties:

1. *Abelian*: The group  $G$  is abelian.
2. *Transitive*: For every  $x_1, x_2 \in X$ , there exists a group element  $g \in G$  such that  $x_2 = g \star x_1$ . For such a transitive group action, the set  $X$  is called a *homogeneous space* for  $G$ .
3. *Faithful*: For each group element  $g \in G$ , either  $g$  is the identity element or there exists a set element  $x \in X$  such that  $x \neq g \star x$ .
4. *Free*: For each group element  $g \in G$ ,  $g$  is the identity element if and only if there exists some set element  $x \in X$  such that  $x = g \star x$ .
5. *Regular*: Both free and transitive.

*Remark 2.* If a group action is regular, then for any  $x \in X$ , the map  $f_x : g \mapsto g \star x$  defines a bijection between  $G$  and  $X$ ; in particular, if  $G$  (or  $X$ ) is finite, then we must have  $|G| = |X|$ .

**Effective Group Action (EGA).** We now recall the definition of an *effective* group action (abbreviated throughout as an EGA) from [ADMP20]. At a high level, an EGA is an abelian and regular group action with certain special computational properties that allow it to be useful for cryptographic applications. Formally, an abelian and regular group action  $(G, X, \star)$  is *effective* if the following properties are satisfied:

1. The group  $G$  is finite and there exist efficient (PPT) algorithms for:
  - (a) Membership testing, i.e., to decide if a given bit string represents a valid group element in  $G$ .
  - (b) Equality testing, i.e., to decide if two bit strings represent the same group element in  $G$ .
  - (c) Sampling, i.e., to sample an element  $g$  from a distribution  $G$  on  $G$ . In this paper, We consider distributions that are statistically close to uniform.
  - (d) Operation, i.e., to compute  $gh$  for any  $g, h \in G$ .
  - (e) Inversion, i.e., to compute  $g^{-1}$  for any  $g \in G$ .
2. The set  $X$  is finite and there exist efficient algorithms for:
  - (a) Membership testing, i.e., to decide if a bit string represents a valid set element.
  - (b) Unique representation, i.e., given any arbitrary set element  $x \in X$ , compute a string  $\hat{x}$  that canonically represents  $x$ .
3. There exists a distinguished element  $x_0 \in X$ , called the *origin*, such that its bit-string representation is known.
4. There exists an efficient algorithm that given (some bit-string representations of) any  $g \in G$  and any  $x \in X$ , outputs  $g \star x$ .



**Restricted Effective Group Action (REGA).** From the point of view of cryptographic applications, one can view EGA as an abstraction that captures the CSI-FiSh [BKV19] family of isogenies, where we can compute the group action operation  $\star$  efficiently for any element  $g$  in the group  $G$ . However, this is not the case for the CSIDH family of isogenies [CLM<sup>+</sup>18], where we can only compute the group action operation  $\star$  efficiently for “certain” elements in the group  $G$  (more specifically, a generating set of small cardinality). To model such families of isogenies, the authors of [ADMP20] introduced a weaker or *restricted* variant of EGA (abbreviated throughout as REGA). We refer the reader to the full version [BMM<sup>+</sup>22] for more details on REGA.

**Hardness Assumptions over EGA.** The definitions of Effective Group Action (EGA) and Restricted Effective Group Action (REGA) can be recalled from [ADMP20]. We now define certain hardness assumptions pertaining to an EGA following conventions introduced in [ADMP20].

**Definition 2.** (Weak Unpredictable EGA [ADMP20]). *An EGA  $(G, X, \star)$  is weakly unpredictable if the family of functions (more specifically, permutations)  $\{\pi_g : X \rightarrow X\}_{g \in G}$  is weakly unpredictable, where  $\pi_g$  is defined as  $\pi_g : x \mapsto g \star x$ .*

**Definition 3.** (Weak Pseudorandom EGA [ADMP20]). *An EGA  $(G, X, \star)$  is weakly pseudorandom if the family of functions (more specifically, permutations)  $\{\pi_g : X \rightarrow X\}_{g \in G}$  is weakly pseudorandom, where  $\pi_g$  is defined as  $\pi_g : x \mapsto g \star x$ .*

Throughout this paper, we will use the abbreviations wU-EGA and wPR-EGA to refer to a weak unpredictable and weak pseudorandom (abelian and regular) EGA, respectively. We can similarly define wU-REGA and wPR-REGA, where in the corresponding definitions, all group elements are sampled from a distribution that is statistically close to uniform. Finally, we state the following theorem (imported from [ADMP20]).

**Theorem 3.** ([ADMP20]). *Assuming that the computational (resp., decisional) CSIDH assumption holds, there exists a wU-REGA (resp., wPR-REGA).*

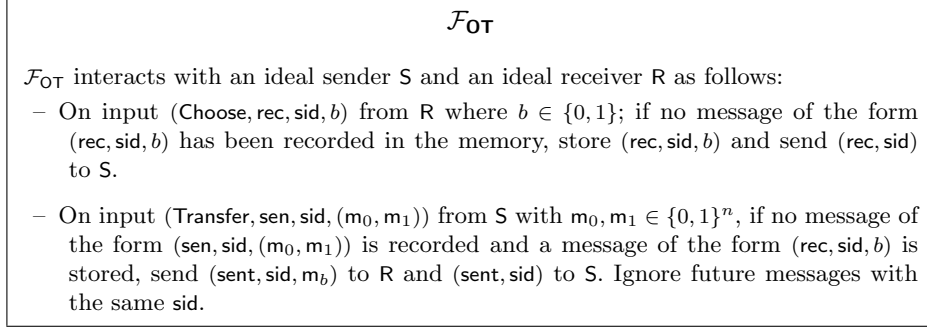
All of the protocols proposed in this paper can be instantiated using both EGA and REGA (and hence from both CSI-FiSh [BKV19] and CSIDH [CLM<sup>+</sup>18]). For simplicity of representation, we describe our constructions from an EGA; the corresponding REGA-based constructions follow analogously.

### 2.3 Oblivious Transfer (OT)

In this section, we present preliminary background material on oblivious transfer (OT) protocols.

**The Ideal Functionality for OT.** The ideal functionality  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{OT}}$  for any OT protocol is described in Figure 1. We adopt this description essentially verbatim from prior works [CLOS02, PVW08, DGH<sup>+</sup>20].

**Fig. 1.** The ideal functionality  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{OT}}$  for Oblivious Transfer



**Two-Round Oblivious Transfer in the CRS Model.** We first formally define a two-round oblivious transfer (OT) protocol in the CRS model. A two-round OT protocol in the CRS model is a tuple of four algorithms of the form  $\text{OT} = (\text{Setup}, \text{OTR}, \text{OTS}, \text{OTD})$  described below:

- $\text{Setup}(1^\kappa)$ : Takes as input the security parameter  $\kappa$  and outputs a CRS string  $\text{crs}$  and a trapdoor  $\text{td}$ .<sup>10</sup>
- $\text{OTR}(\text{crs}, b \in \{0, 1\})$ : Takes as input the  $\text{crs}$  and a bit  $b \in \{0, 1\}$ , and outputs the receiver's message  $\text{ot}_1$  and the receiver's (secret) internal state  $\text{st}$ .
- $\text{OTS}(\text{crs}, \text{ot}_1, m_0, m_1)$ : Takes as input the  $\text{crs}$ , the receiver's message  $\text{ot}_1$ , a pair of input strings  $(m_0, m_1)$ , and outputs the sender's message  $\text{ot}_2$ .
- $\text{OTD}(\text{crs}, \text{st}, \text{ot}_2)$ : Takes as input the  $\text{crs}$ , the sender's message  $\text{ot}_2$ , and the receiver's internal state  $\text{st}$ , and outputs a message string  $m'$ .

**Correctness.** A two-round OT protocol in the CRS model is said to be correct if for any  $b \in \{0, 1\}$  and any  $(m_0, m_1)$ , letting  $(\text{crs}, \text{td}) \leftarrow_R \text{Setup}(1^\kappa)$  and  $(\text{ot}_1, \text{st}) \leftarrow_R \text{OTR}(\text{crs}, b)$ , we have  $\text{OTD}(\text{crs}, \text{st}, \text{OTS}(\text{crs}, \text{ot}_1, m_0, m_1)) = m_b$ .

**Four-Round Oblivious Transfer in the Plain Model.** We also formally define a four-round oblivious transfer (OT) protocol in the plain model. A four-round OT protocol in the plain model is a tuple of five algorithms of the form  $\text{OT} = (\text{OTR}_1, \text{OTS}_1, \text{OTR}_2, \text{OTS}_2, \text{OTD})$  described below:

- $\text{OTR}_1(1^\kappa, b)$ : Given  $\kappa$  and a bit  $b \in \{0, 1\}$ , output message  $\text{ot}_1$  and (secret) receiver state  $\text{st}_R$ .
- $\text{OTS}_1(1^\kappa, (m_0, m_1), \text{ot}_1)$ : Given  $\kappa$ , a pair of strings  $(m_0, m_1)$ , and a message  $\text{ot}_1$ , output message  $\text{ot}_2$  and (secret) sender state  $\text{st}_S$ .

<sup>10</sup> For standard two-round OT protocols, the setup algorithm need not output a trapdoor  $\text{td}$ , but we include it for certain security properties described subsequently.

- $\text{OTR}_2(\text{st}_R, \text{ot}_2)$ : Given receiver state  $\text{st}_R$  and a message  $\text{ot}_2$ , output message  $\text{ot}_3$  and an updated receiver state  $\text{st}_R$ .
- $\text{OTS}_2(\text{st}_S, \text{ot}_3)$ : Given sender state  $\text{st}_S$  and message  $\text{ot}_3$ , output message  $\text{ot}_4$ .
- $\text{OTD}(\text{st}_R, \text{ot}_4)$ : Given receiver state  $\text{st}_R$  and message  $\text{ot}_4$ , output string  $\text{m}'$ .

**Correctness.** A four-round OT protocol in the plain model is said to be correct if for any bit  $b \in \{0, 1\}$  and any pair of strings  $\text{m}_0, \text{m}_1$ , letting

$$\begin{aligned} (\text{ot}_1, \text{st}_R) &= \text{OTR}_1(1^\kappa, b), & (\text{ot}_2, \text{st}_S) &= \text{OTS}_1(1^\kappa, (\text{m}_0, \text{m}_1), \text{ot}_1), \\ (\text{ot}_3, \text{st}_R) &= \text{OTR}_2(\text{st}_R, \text{ot}_2), & \text{ot}_4 &= \text{OTS}_2(\text{st}_S, \text{ot}_3), \end{aligned}$$

and finally

$$\text{m}' = \text{OTD}(\text{st}_R, \text{ot}_4),$$

we have  $\text{m}' = \text{m}_b$  with overwhelming probability.

**Simulation Security in the Plain Model.** We say that any 4-round OT protocol in the plain model is simulation-secure against maliciously corrupt parties if it implements the  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{OT}}$  functionality in the plain model. For our construction of 4-round OT protocol in the plain model, we prove security in the standalone setting.

**UC Security and Simulation Security.** We refer the reader to the full version [BMM<sup>+</sup>22, CSW20b] for the formal definitions of UC security and simulation security of OT protocols in the aforementioned settings, namely two-round protocols in the CRS model and four-round protocols in the plain model.

### 3 Round-Optimal UC-Secure OT from wU-EGA

In this section, we demonstrate how to construct a two-round UC-secure OT protocol in the CRS model based on any weak unpredictable effective group action (EGA) (Definition 2). For background material on EGA, see Section 2.2. For simplicity, we begin with a construction of two-round (round optimal) OT in the CRS model that is UC-secure against a *malicious* sender but only a *semi-honest* receiver. Subsequently, we show how to augment the construction in order to also achieve UC-security against a malicious receiver.

#### 3.1 Warm-Up: 2-round UC-OT against Semi-Honest Receiver

We provide a brief overview of our protocol. The initial protocol is described as follows. The  $\text{crs}$  consists of two set elements  $(x_0, x_1) = (g_0 \star x, g_1 \star x)$ . The receiver has its input choice bit  $b$ . It constructs the OT receiver message  $z$  by sampling a random group element  $r \leftarrow_R G$  as follows:

$$z = r \star x_b$$

The sender has input messages  $(m_0, m_1) \in \{0, 1\}^\kappa$ . The sender uses  $z$  and the  $\text{crs} = (x_0, x_1)$  to compute the second OT message by sampling random group elements  $k_0, k_1 \leftarrow_R G$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} y_0 &= k_0 \star x_0, & \gamma_0 &= H(k_0 \star z) \oplus m_0, \\ y_1 &= k_1 \star x_1, & \gamma_1 &= H(k_1 \star z) \oplus m_1. \end{aligned}$$

The receiver uses the randomness  $r$  to decrypt  $m_b$  as follows:

$$m_b = \gamma_b \oplus H(r \star y_b).$$

Let  $\text{td}$  denote the trapdoor of the CRS as follows:

$$\text{crs} = (g_0 \star x, g_1 \star x), \quad \text{td} = g_1(g_0)^{-1},$$

The protocol is secure against a malicious sender since  $z$  perfectly hides  $b$ . If  $b = 0$ , then the honest receiver constructs  $z = r \star x_0$ . The same  $z$  can be opened to choice bit  $b = 1$  with randomness  $r'$  (by using the trapdoor  $\text{td}$ ) as follows:

$$z = r \star x_0 = r \cdot (g_1(g_0)^{-1}) \star x_1 = r' \star x_1 \text{ where } r' = r g_1(g_0)^{-1}.$$

Using the above observation, the simulator constructs  $z = r \star x_0$  and extracts  $m_0$  and  $m_1$  using randomness  $r$  and  $r'$  respectively. Next, we argue security against a semi-honest receiver. We show that if the receiver computes  $m_{1-b}$  by querying  $H(k_1 \star z)$  to the random oracle then one can build an adversary for breaking the weak unpredictability property. The details of our reduction can be found in Section. 3.1. Our reduction requires the knowledge of the receiver's randomness  $r$  to plug in the challenge instance of the weak unpredictability game into the sender's OT messages. Also,  $z$  perfectly hides  $b$  and as a result the simulator cannot extract the corrupt receiver's choice bit  $b$  during simulation. These are the reasons due to which the current construction only attains malicious security against a corrupt sender. Our construction and proof sketch follows.

**The Construction.** Let  $(G, X, \star)$  be a wU-EGA with  $x$  being a publicly available element in the set  $X$ . Also let  $H : X \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^\ell$  be a hash function (modeled in the proof as a random oracle). Our construction is a tuple of four PPT algorithms ( $\text{Setup}$ ,  $\text{OTR}$ ,  $\text{OTS}$ ,  $\text{OTD}$ ) as follows:

- $\text{Setup}(1^\lambda)$ : Sample  $g_0, g_1 \leftarrow_R G$  and output  $\text{crs} = (x_0, x_1)$  where

$$x_0 = g_0 \star x, \quad x_1 = g_1 \star x.$$

- $\text{OTR}(\text{crs}, b)$ : Sample uniformly at random  $r \leftarrow_R G$  and compute  $z = r \star x_b$ . Output the receiver message  $\text{ot}_1 = z$  and the receiver state  $\text{st} = (b, r)$ .
- $\text{OTS}(\text{crs}, (m_0, m_1), \text{ot}_1)$ : Parse  $\text{crs} = (x_0, x_1)$  and  $\text{ot}_1 = z$ . Sample uniformly at random  $k_0, k_1 \leftarrow_R G$  and output the sender message  $\text{ot}_2 = (y_0, y_1, \gamma_0, \gamma_1)$ , where

$$\begin{aligned} y_0 &= k_0 \star x_0, & \gamma_0 &= H(k_0 \star z) \oplus m_0, \\ y_1 &= k_1 \star x_1, & \gamma_1 &= H(k_1 \star z) \oplus m_1. \end{aligned}$$

- $\text{OTD}(\text{st}, \text{ot}_2)$ : Parse  $\text{st} = (b, r)$  and  $\text{ot}_2 = (y_0, y_1, \gamma_0, \gamma_1)$ , and output the recovered message as

$$\mathbf{m}' = \gamma_b \oplus H(r \star y_b).$$

**Correctness.** Correctness of the scheme follows by inspection.

**Security.** We state and prove the following theorem.

**Theorem 4.** *Assuming that  $(G, X, \star)$  be a wU-EGA and  $H$  is a random oracle, the above construction implements the  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{OT}}$  functionality in the common reference string + random oracle model against a malicious sender and a semi-honest receiver.*

**Security against Malicious Sender (Informal).** Note that the receiver's choice bit  $b$  is hidden statistically. Also, note that  $z$  is in fact an equivocal commitment to  $b$  given the “discrete log” of  $x_1$  w.r.t.  $x_0$ , i.e. the group element  $g_1(g_0)^{-1}$ . Hence, the simulator can generate a CRS-trapdoor pair  $(\text{crs}, \text{td})$  as

$$\text{crs} = (g_0 \star x, g_1 \star x), \quad \text{td} = g_1(g_0)^{-1},$$

and recover both the sender messages  $\mathbf{m}_0$  and  $\mathbf{m}_1$ .

**Security against Semi-Honest Receiver (Informal).** We will prove the following lemma:

**Lemma 1.** *Assuming that  $(G, X, \star)$  be a wU-EGA and  $H$  is a random oracle, the above construction is UC-secure in the common reference string + random oracle model against a semi-honest receiver.*

*Proof.* Given an wU-EGA challenge of the form  $(x, x^*, y = k \star x)$ , the goal is to predict  $y^* = k \star x^*$ . Suppose  $\mathcal{A}$  is an adversary that breaks OT security. We show that there exists an adversary  $\mathcal{A}'$  for wU-EGA given  $\mathcal{A}$ . The reduction proceeds as follows (the reduction already knows the corrupt receiver's choice bit  $b$  and output  $\mathbf{m}_b$ , and simulates hash function  $H$  as a random oracle):

- Simulate the CRS as  $\text{crs} = (x_0, x_1)$  where :

$$x_b = x^*, \quad x_{1-b} = x.$$

- On behalf of the receiver, sample  $r \leftarrow_R G$  and compute  $z = r \star x_b$ . Output the receiver message  $\text{ot}_1 = z$ .
- On behalf of the sender, sample  $k' \leftarrow_R G$  and output simulated sender OT message as  $\text{ot}'_2 = (y_0, y_1, \gamma_0, \gamma_1)$  where

$$y_b = k' \star x_b, \quad \gamma_b = H(k' \star z) \oplus \mathbf{m}_b, \quad y_{1-b} = y, \quad \gamma_{1-b} \leftarrow_R \{0, 1\}^\ell.$$

Let  $E$  be the event that  $\mathcal{A}$  queries the random oracle with input  $k \star z$ . Let us denote the real world (resp. simulated) OT sender message as  $\text{ot}_2$  (resp.  $\text{ot}'_2$ ). Then, we denote the advantage of a corrupt receiver breaking sender privacy as follows.

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left| \Pr[\mathcal{A}(\text{ot}_2) \rightarrow 1] - \Pr[\mathcal{A}(\text{ot}'_2) \rightarrow 1] \right| \\
&= \left| (\Pr[\mathcal{A}(\text{ot}_2) \rightarrow 1|E] \cdot \Pr[E] + \Pr[\mathcal{A}(\text{ot}_2) \rightarrow 1|\bar{E}] \cdot \Pr[\bar{E}]) \right. \\
&\quad \left. - (\Pr[\mathcal{A}(\text{ot}'_2) \rightarrow 1|E] \cdot \Pr[E] + \Pr[\mathcal{A}(\text{ot}'_2) \rightarrow 1|\bar{E}] \cdot \Pr[\bar{E}]) \right| \\
&= \left| (\Pr[\mathcal{A}(\text{ot}_2) \rightarrow 1|E] \cdot \Pr[E] - \Pr[\mathcal{A}(\text{ot}'_2) \rightarrow 1|E] \cdot \Pr[E]) \right. \\
&\quad \left. + (\Pr[\mathcal{A}(\text{ot}_2) \rightarrow 1|\bar{E}] \cdot \Pr[\bar{E}] - \Pr[\mathcal{A}(\text{ot}'_2) \rightarrow 1|\bar{E}] \cdot \Pr[\bar{E}]) \right| \\
&= \left| \Pr[E] \cdot (\Pr[\mathcal{A}(\text{ot}_2) \rightarrow 1|E] - \Pr[\mathcal{A}(\text{ot}'_2) \rightarrow 1|E]) \right. \\
&\quad \left. - \Pr[\bar{E}] \cdot (\Pr[\mathcal{A}(\text{ot}_2) \rightarrow 1|\bar{E}] - \Pr[\mathcal{A}(\text{ot}'_2) \rightarrow 1|\bar{E}]) \right| \\
&\leq \Pr[E] \cdot \left| \Pr[\mathcal{A}(\text{ot}_2) \rightarrow 1|E] - \Pr[\mathcal{A}(\text{ot}'_2) \rightarrow 1|E] \right| \\
&\quad + \Pr[\bar{E}] \cdot \left| \Pr[\mathcal{A}(\text{ot}_2) \rightarrow 1|\bar{E}] - \Pr[\mathcal{A}(\text{ot}'_2) \rightarrow 1|\bar{E}] \right| \\
&\leq \Pr[E] + \left| \Pr[\mathcal{A}(\text{ot}_2) \rightarrow 1|\bar{E}] - \Pr[\mathcal{A}(\text{ot}'_2) \rightarrow 1|\bar{E}] \right|.
\end{aligned}$$

where  $\text{ot}_2$  is computed honestly following the honest sender algorithm and  $(m_0, m_1)$ , and  $\text{ot}'_2$  is computed as described above. The second last inequality follows due to triangle inequality. Rearranging the terms yields the following inequality :

$$\left| \Pr[\mathcal{A}(\text{ot}_2) \rightarrow 1] - \Pr[\mathcal{A}(\text{ot}'_2) \rightarrow 1] \right| - \left| \Pr[\mathcal{A}(\text{ot}_2) \rightarrow 1|\bar{E}] - \Pr[\mathcal{A}(\text{ot}'_2) \rightarrow 1|\bar{E}] \right| \leq \Pr[E]$$

Note that the simulation is perfect assuming event  $E$  does not occur, since  $H$  is a random oracle and since

$$y_{1-b} = y = k \star x = k \star x_{1-b}.$$

In such a case, an honestly computed  $\gamma_{1-b}$  is indistinguishable from a random  $\gamma_{1-b}$  if the adversary  $\mathcal{A}$  does not query  $H$  on  $k \star z$ . This follows from the random oracle assumption. Thus the following occurs with negligible probability:

$$\left| \Pr[\mathcal{A}(\text{ot}_2) \rightarrow 1|\bar{E}] - \Pr[\mathcal{A}(\text{ot}'_2) \rightarrow 1|\bar{E}] \right| \leq \text{neg}(\kappa).$$

This reduces the above equation to the following:

$$\left| \Pr[\mathcal{A}(\text{ot}_2) \rightarrow 1] - \Pr[\mathcal{A}(\text{ot}'_2) \rightarrow 1] \right| - \text{neg}(\kappa) \leq \Pr[E]$$

Next, we construct our adversary  $\mathcal{A}'$  for wU-EGA provided event  $E$  occurs, i.e.  $\mathcal{A}$  queries  $H$  on  $k \star z$ . The adversary  $\mathcal{A}$  distinguishes  $\text{ot}_2$  and  $\text{ot}'_2$  if it obtains information about  $m_{1-b}$ . Given the simulated ensemble,

$$(\text{crs}, b, \mathbf{m}_b, \text{ot}_1 = z, \text{ot}'_2 = (y_0, y_1, \gamma_0, \gamma_1)),$$

if  $\mathcal{A}$  manages to recover message  $\mathbf{m}_{1-b}$  by querying (conditioned on occurrence of event  $E$ ) the random oracle on  $z^* = k \star z$ , then the following holds true:

$$z^* = k \star z = k \star (r \star x_b) = r \star (k \star x_b) = r \star (k \star x^*) = r \star y^*.$$

Hence, the adversary  $\mathcal{A}'$  recovers (with non-negligible probability)

$$y^* = r^{-1} \star z^*,$$

thereby violating the weak unpredictability of the EGA. Thus, the advantage of an adversary  $\mathcal{A}'$  in the weak unpredictability game will be as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} |\Pr[\mathcal{A}(\text{ot}_2) \rightarrow 1] - \Pr[\mathcal{A}(\text{ot}'_2) \rightarrow 1]| &\leq \Pr[E] \leq \Pr[\mathcal{A}' \text{ wins wU-EGA game}] \\ &\leq \text{neg}(\kappa). \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof of Lemma 1 and, hence, the proof of Theorem 4.  $\square$

### 3.2 2-round Maliciously secure UC-OT

We now show how to augment the construction in order to also achieve UC-security against a malicious receiver. We add security against a malicious receiver by forcing the receiver to send a non-interactive witness indistinguishable (NIWI) proof of knowledge  $\pi$  proving correct construction of its OT message corresponding to the following statement:

$$\exists b \in \{0, 1\}, r \in G : z = r \star x_b$$

The sender verifies the proof as part of the OT protocol. The proof allows a simulator to extract the choice bit  $b$  and randomness  $r$  to complete reduction. The knowledge of  $r$  is required for the security reductions among the hybrids. The NIWI can be performed by applying Fiat-Shamir Transform on the Sigma protocols of [DG19].<sup>11</sup> We refer to the full version [BMM<sup>+</sup>22] for the complete protocol. This yields the first round optimal OT from weak unpredictability property and it can be instantiated based on computational CSIDH assumption.

**Additional Requirement.** Let  $(G, X, \star)$  be a wU-EGA with  $x$  being a publicly available element in the set  $X$ . We denote the NIWI proof of knowledge (NIWI-POK) system as follows:

$$\text{NIWI} = (\text{NIWI.Prove}, \text{NIWI.Verify}),$$

that is capable of generating proofs for OR relations of the following form with respect to a tuple  $(x_0, x_1, z) \in X \times X \times X$ :

$$\exists r \in G : (z = r \star x_0) \vee (z = r \star x_1),$$

where the tuple  $(x_0, x_1, z)$  is the proof statement and the witness is a tuple of the form  $(r, b) \in G \times \{0, 1\}$ .

<sup>11</sup> The recent work of [BDK<sup>+</sup>22] constructs a similar NIZK. But it is based on the decisional CSIDH assumption, and is hence insufficient for our purpose.

**Our Protocol-1.** Let  $(G, X, \star)$  be a wU-EGA with  $x$  being a publicly available element in the set  $X$ . Also let  $H : X \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^\ell$  be a hash function (modeled in the proof as a random oracle). Our construction is a collection of four PPT algorithms (**Setup**, **OTR**, **OTS**, **OTD**) as follows:

- **Setup**( $1^\lambda$ ): Sample  $g_0, g_1 \leftarrow_R G$ , and output  $\text{crs} = (x_0, x_1)$ , where

$$x_0 = g_0 \star x, \quad x_1 = g_1 \star x.$$

- **OTR**( $\text{crs}, b$ ): Sample uniformly at random  $r \leftarrow_R G$  and compute  $z = r \star x_b$ . Output the receiver message  $\text{ot}_1 = (z, \pi)$  and the receiver state  $\text{st} = (b, r)$ , where

$$\pi \leftarrow_R \text{NIWI.Prove}((x_0, x_1, z), (r, b)).$$

- **OTS**( $\text{crs}, (m_0, m_1), \text{ot}_1$ ): Parse  $\text{ot}_1 = (z, \pi)$  and proceed as follows:
  - If  $\text{NIWI.Verify}((x_0, x_1, z), \pi) = 0$ , output  $\perp$ .
  - Otherwise, sample uniformly at random  $k_0, k_1 \leftarrow_R G$  and output the sender message  $\text{ot}_2 = (y_0, y_1, \gamma_0, \gamma_1)$ , where

$$y_0 = k_0 \star x_0, \quad \gamma_0 = H(k_0 \star z) \oplus m_0,$$

$$y_1 = k_1 \star x_1, \quad \gamma_1 = H(k_1 \star z) \oplus m_1.$$

- **OTD**( $\text{st}, \text{ot}_2$ ): Parse  $\text{st} = (b, r)$  and  $\text{ot}_2 = (y_0, y_1, \gamma_0, \gamma_1)$ , and output the recovered message as

$$m' = \gamma_b \oplus H(r \star y_b).$$

**Correctness.** Correctness of the scheme follows by inspection.

**Security Proof.** The security of our protocol is summarized below.

**Theorem 5.** *Assuming that  $(G, X, \star)$  is a wU-EGA, NIWI is a NIWI proof of knowledge, and  $H$  is a random oracle, then Protocol-1 (i.e. the above construction) implements the  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{OT}}$  functionality in the common reference string + random oracle model and it is UC-secure against malicious adversaries.*

*Proof.* At a high level, the proof is very similar to the proof for our semi-honest construction, with the additional guarantees provided by the (NIWI-POK) system allowing us to prove security against a malicious receiver. The detailed proof is deferred to the full version [BMM<sup>+</sup>22].

**Instantiation from wU-REGA.** We finally note that our constructions and proofs work in essentially the same way from a restricted EGA provided that we can sample group elements from a distribution that is *statistically* close to uniform over the group  $G$  while retaining the ability to efficiently compute the action. We note that this is plausibly the case with respect to the instantiation of restricted EGA from CSIDH and other similar isogeny-based assumptions. We refer the reader to [DG19, ADMP20] for more details.

Leveraging this observation and Theorem 3 together with Theorem 5, we get the following corollary.



**Corollary 3.** *If the computational CSIDH assumption holds and if  $H$  is a random oracle, there exists a 2-round OT protocol that implements the  $\mathcal{F}_{OT}$  functionality in the common reference string + random oracle model and achieves UC-security against malicious adversaries.*

## 4 Round-Optimal OT in Plain Model from wU-EGA

In this section we construct our round optimal OT with simulation-based security in the plain model from wU-EGA assumption.

### 4.1 Overview

We build upon the two round semi-honest OT protocol from Sec. 3.1. It can be observed that the receiver's choice bit  $b$  is perfectly hidden in the receiver OT message  $\text{ot}_1 = z$  (computed using randomness  $g \in G$ ), even if the OT parameters  $(x_0, x_1)$  are generated by a malicious sender. We need to extract the receiver's choice bit and randomness to enable simulation security against a corrupt receiver. We rely on a three round WI proof of knowledge (denoted as WI) for this purpose, where the receiver proves that for statement  $(x_0, x_1, z)$  and witness  $(g, b)$  the following holds true:

$$\mathcal{C}_1((x_0, x_1, z), (g, b)) = 1, \quad \text{iff } z = g \star x_b.$$

We require the WI proof system to be input-delayed where only the last message of the WI proof system depends on the statement being proven. We refer to [BPS22, BMM<sup>+</sup>22] for formal definitions. In our protocol the receiver sends the first message  $\pi_1^{\text{WI}}$  of the proof in the first round, the sender sends the OT parameters  $(x_0, x_1)$  and the second round message  $\pi_2^{\text{WI}}$  of the proof in the second round, the receiver computes  $z$  and the final round message  $\pi_3^{\text{WI}}$  of the proof as the third OT message and the sender verifies the proof and sends  $(y_0, y_1, \gamma_0, \gamma_1)$  as the final OT message. The receiver uses  $(g, b)$  to decrypt  $m_b$ . The simulator against a corrupt receiver invokes the witness extractor of WI to extract  $(g, b)$ . The knowledge of  $g$  also allows us to break wU-EGA assumption when a malicious receiver computes both  $(\mathbf{m}_0, \mathbf{m}_1)$ . Meanwhile, receiver privacy follows the witness indistinguishability of the proof system. For every  $z$ , there always exists  $g_0$  and  $g_1$  such that  $z = g_0 \star x_0 = g_1 \star x_1$ .

Next, we need to extract a corrupt sender's input messages  $(\mathbf{m}_0, \mathbf{m}_1)$  from  $(y_0, y_1, \gamma_0, \gamma_1)$  to enable simulation security against a corrupt sender. We rely on a four round ZK proof of knowledge (denoted as ZK) for this purpose, where the sender proves that for statement  $(x, x_0, x_1)$  and witness  $(g_0, g_1)$  the following holds true:

$$\mathcal{C}_2((x_0, x_1), (g_0, g_1)) = 1, \quad \text{iff } x_0 = g_0 \star x, x_1 = g_1 \star x.$$

We require the ZK proof system to be input-delayed where only the last message of the WI proof system depends on the statement being proven. We refer to

[BPS22, BMM<sup>+</sup>22] for formal definitions. In our protocol the receiver sends the first message  $\pi_1^{\text{ZK}}$  of the proof along with  $\pi_1^{\text{WI}}$  in the first round, the sender sends the OT parameters  $(x_0, x_1)$ , the second round message  $\pi_2^{\text{ZK}}$  of the proof and  $\pi_2^{\text{WI}}$  in the second round, the receiver computes  $z$  and  $\pi_3^{\text{WI}}$  and the third round message  $\pi_3^{\text{ZK}}$  of the proof as the third OT message and the sender verifies the WI proof, computes the final round message of ZK proof as  $\pi_4^{\text{ZK}}$  and sends  $(y_0, y_1, \gamma_0, \gamma_1, \pi_4^{\text{ZK}})$  as the final OT message. The receiver verifies the ZK proof and then computes the output. The simulator against a corrupt sender invokes the witness extractor of ZK to extract  $(g_0, g_1)$  and compute  $(m_0, m_1)$ . Meanwhile, the simulator against a corrupt receiver uses the ZK simulator to simulate the ZK proof.

The three round input-delayed WI proof system can be obtained [PRS02, KM20, BPS22] from non-interactive commitment schemes using the protocol of [FLS99]. The commitment scheme can be obtained from wU-EGA assumption via injective trapdoor one way function. The four round input-delayed ZK proof system can be constructed [PRS02, KM20, BPS22] from two-round statistically hiding commitment scheme which in turn can be constructed<sup>12</sup> from wU-EGA. As a result, we obtain the *first* round-optimal OT in plain model from wU-EGA which satisfies simulation security. Formal details of the protocol follows. We denote our plain model OT protocol as Protocol-2.

## 4.2 Our Protocol-2

Let  $\text{WI} = (\text{WI}_1, \text{WI}_2, \text{WI}_3, \text{WI}_4)$  be a three round delayed input WI proof of knowledge for the following language  $\mathcal{L}_1$  consisting of statement  $(x_0, x_1, z)$ , witness  $(g, b)$  and NP verification circuit  $\mathcal{C}_1$  described as follows, where  $x_0, x_1, z \in X, g \in G, b \in \{0, 1\}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{C}_1((x_0, x_1, z), (g, b)) &= 1, & \text{if } z = g \star x_b \\ &= 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\text{ZK} = (\text{ZK}_1, \text{ZK}_2, \text{ZK}_3, \text{ZK}_4, \text{ZK}_5)$  be a four round delayed input ZK proof of knowledge for the following language  $\mathcal{L}_2$  consisting of statement  $(x, x_0, x_1)$ , witness  $(g_0, g_1)$  and NP verification circuit  $\mathcal{C}_2$  described as follows, where  $x, x_0, x_1 \in X, g_0, g_1 \in G$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{C}_2((x, x_0, x_1), (g_0, g_1)) &= 1, & \text{if } x_0 = g_0 \star x, x_1 = g_1 \star x \\ &= 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{aligned}$$

Receiver has choice bit  $b \in \{0, 1\}$ . Sender has input bit-messages  $(m_0, m_1) \in \{0, 1\}$ .  $x$  is a public set element.  $H : X \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  is the Goldreich-Levin hash function. We describe our OT protocol as follows:

<sup>12</sup> The verifier sends  $(x_0, x_1)$  as the first round message by sampling  $g_0, g_1 \leftarrow_R G$  and computing  $x_0 = g_0 \star x, x_1 = g_1 \star x$ . The committer commits to bit  $b$  by sampling  $g$  and computing the commitment as  $z = g \star x_b$ . The decommitment is  $(g, b)$ . Bit  $b$  remains perfectly hidden. Binding follows from wU-EGA assumption since openings  $(s_0, 0)$  and  $(s_1, 1)$  for bits 0 and 1 help to find  $r = s_0 \cdot s_1^{-1}$  such that  $x_1 = r \star x_0$ .

- $\text{OTR}_1(1^\kappa, b)$ : The receiver performs the following:
  - Runs the first round of WI on the security parameter to obtain  $(\pi_1^{\text{WI}}, \text{st}_R^{\text{WI}}) \leftarrow \text{WI}_1(1^\kappa, \mathcal{C}_1)$  for  $\mathcal{L}_1$  with NP-verification circuit  $\mathcal{C}_1$ .
  - Runs the first round of ZK on the security parameter to obtain  $(\pi_1^{\text{ZK}}, \text{st}_R^{\text{ZK}}) \leftarrow \text{ZK}_1(1^\kappa, \mathcal{C}_2)$  for  $\mathcal{L}_2$  with NP-verification circuit  $\mathcal{C}_2$ .
  - Sends  $\text{ot}_1 = (\pi_1^{\text{WI}}, \pi_1^{\text{ZK}})$  as the first OT message and saves  $\text{st}_R = (b, \text{st}_R^{\text{WI}}, \text{st}_R^{\text{ZK}})$  as the internal receiver state.
- $\text{OTS}_1(1^\kappa, (\mathbf{m}_0, \mathbf{m}_1), \text{ot}_1)$ : The sender computes the following:
  - Samples  $g_0, g_1 \leftarrow_R G$  and computes the OT parameters as  $x_0 = g_0 \star x$  and  $x_1 = g_1 \star x$ .
  - Computes second message of WI as  $(\pi_2^{\text{WI}}, \text{st}_S^{\text{WI}}) \leftarrow \text{WI}_2(1^\kappa, \mathcal{C}_1, \pi_1^{\text{WI}})$ .
  - Computes second message of ZK as  $(\pi_2^{\text{ZK}}, \text{st}_S^{\text{ZK}}) \leftarrow \text{ZK}_2(1^\kappa, \mathcal{C}_2, \pi_1^{\text{ZK}})$ .
  - Sends  $\text{ot}_2 = (x_0, x_1, \pi_2^{\text{WI}}, \pi_2^{\text{ZK}})$  as the second OT message and it stores  $\text{st}_S = (\mathbf{m}_0, \mathbf{m}_1, x_0, x_1, \text{ot}_1, \text{st}_S^{\text{WI}}, \text{st}_S^{\text{ZK}})$  as the internal sender state.
- $\text{OTR}_2(\text{st}_R, \text{ot}_2)$ : The receiver does the following:
  - Samples  $g \leftarrow_R G$  and computes  $z = g \star x_b$ .
  - Compute third message of WI as  $\pi_3^{\text{WI}} \leftarrow \text{WI}_3((x_0, x_1, z), (g, b), \text{st}_R^{\text{WI}}, \pi_2^{\text{WI}})$  corresponding to statement  $(x_0, x_1, z)$  and witness  $(g, b)$ .
  - Compute third message of ZK as  $(\pi_3^{\text{ZK}}, \text{st}_R^{\text{ZK}}) \leftarrow \text{ZK}_3(\text{st}_R^{\text{ZK}}, \pi_2^{\text{ZK}})$ .
  - Sends the third OT message  $\text{ot}_3 = (z, \pi_3^{\text{WI}}, \pi_3^{\text{ZK}})$  and updates its internal state as  $\text{st}_R = (b, g, \text{st}_R^{\text{ZK}})$ .
- $\text{OTS}_2(\text{st}_S, \text{ot}_3)$ : The sender computes the following:
  - The sender aborts if the WI proof fails to verify on statement  $(x_0, x_1, z)$ , i.e.  $\text{WI}_4((x_0, x_1, z), \text{st}_S^{\text{WI}}, \pi_3^{\text{WI}}) = 0$ .
  - The sender computes the fourth message of ZK as  $\pi_4^{\text{ZK}} \leftarrow \text{ZK}_3((x, x_0, x_1), (g_0, g_1), \text{st}_S^{\text{ZK}}, \pi_3^{\text{ZK}})$  corresponding to statement  $(x, x_0, x_1)$  and witness  $(g_0, g_1)$ .
  - Sample uniformly at random  $k_0, k_1 \leftarrow_R G$  and compute  $(y_0, y_1, \gamma_0, \gamma_1)$ , where
 
$$y_0 = k_0 \star x_0, \quad \gamma_0 = H(k_0 \star z) \oplus \mathbf{m}_0,$$

$$y_1 = k_1 \star x_1, \quad \gamma_1 = H(k_1 \star z) \oplus \mathbf{m}_1.$$
  - The sender sends fourth OT message  $\text{ot}_4 = (y_0, y_1, \gamma_0, \gamma_1, \pi_4^{\text{ZK}})$  to the receiver.
- $\text{OTD}(\text{st}_R, \text{ot}_2)$ : The receiver computes the following:
  - The receiver aborts if the ZK proof fails to verify on statement  $(x, x_0, x_1)$ , i.e.  $\text{ZK}_5((x, x_0, x_1), \text{st}_R^{\text{ZK}}, \pi_4^{\text{ZK}}) = 0$ .
  - The receiver parses  $\text{st}_R = (b, g)$  and  $\text{ot}_4 = (y_0, y_1, \gamma_0, \gamma_1, \pi_4^{\text{ZK}})$ , and outputs the recovered message as  $\mathbf{m}'$  where

$$\mathbf{m}' = \gamma_b \oplus H(r \star y_b).$$

We show that the above protocol provides indistinguishability based security against a malicious sender and simulation based security against a corrupt receiver by proving the following theorem.

**Theorem 6.** *Let  $WI = (WI_1, WI_2, WI_3, WI_4)$  be a three round delayed input WI proof of knowledge for the following language  $\mathcal{L}_1$ ,  $ZK = (ZK_1, ZK_2, ZK_3, ZK_4, ZK_5)$  be a four round delayed input ZK proof of knowledge for the following language  $\mathcal{L}_2$ , and  $(G, X, \star)$  be a wU-EGA, then Protocol-2 (i.e. the above construction) provides receiver privacy against a malicious sender and provides simulation-based security against a malicious receiver.*

*Proof.* We first argue that our protocol satisfies simulation-based security against a corrupt sender and then we argue the same against a corrupt receiver. The formal proof details can be found in the full version [BMM<sup>+</sup>22].

**Simulation against Corrupt Sender.** Assume  $x_1 = r \star x_0$ . It can be observed that  $z$  perfectly hides  $b$  since for every  $g_0 \in G$  there exists  $g_1 = g_0 \cdot r^{-1}$  such that  $z = g_0 \star x_0 = g_1 \star x_1$ . When  $b = 0$ , the WI proof is constructed with the group element  $g_0$  such that  $z = g_0 \star x_0$ . Meanwhile, when  $b = 1$  the WI proof is constructed using  $g_1$  as  $z = g_1 \star x_1$  where  $g_0$  and  $g_1$  satisfies the above relation. A malicious sender distinguishing between a run of the OT protocol with receiver input choice bit  $b = 0$  from a run of the OT protocol with receiver input choice bit  $b = 1$  breaks the WI property of the proof system. Moreover, the simulator can extract both  $m_0$  and  $m_1$  given the trapdoors  $g_0$  and  $g_1$ . The simulator obtains these trapdoors by invoking the ZK witness extractor algorithm  $\text{Ext}^{\text{ZK}}$  on  $\pi^{\text{ZK}}$ .

**Simulation against Corrupt Receiver.** The simulator invokes the WI witness extractor algorithm, denoted as  $\text{Ext}^{\text{WI}}$ , to extract the witness  $(g, b)$  from the proof. The simulator invokes the  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{OT}}$  functionality with the extracted choice bit  $b$  to obtain  $m_b$ . The simulator constructs  $\text{ot}_4$  with inputs  $(m_0, m_1)$ , where  $m_{1-b} = 0$ . The ZK proof is constructed by invoking the ZK simulator, denoted as  $\mathcal{S}^{\text{ZK}}$ . An adversary breaks the security of the protocol if the WI proof is accepting and yet the witness extractor failed to extract a witness, or the corrupt receiver distinguishes the simulated ZK proof from a real one. In the later case, it breaks ZK property. In the former case, the corrupt receiver breaks the proof of knowledge property of the WI protocol. The other case, where the extractor extracts multiple valid witnesses also leads to an abort by the simulator. That event occurs when the receiver breaks the wU-EGA property.  $\square$

The three round input-delayed WI proof system can be obtained [PRS02, KM20, BPS22] from non-interactive commitment schemes using the protocol of [FLS99]. The commitment scheme can be obtained from wU-EGA assumption via injective trapdoor one way function. The four round input-delayed ZK proof system can be constructed [PRS02, KM20, BPS22] from two-round statistically hiding commitment scheme which in turn can be constructed from wU-EGA. As a result, we obtain the *first* round-optimal OT in plain model from wU-EGA which satisfies simulation security. Our result is summarized in Thm. 7.

**Theorem 7.** *Assuming  $(G, X, \star)$  is a wU-EGA, there exists a four-round oblivious transfer protocol in the plain model that provides simulation based security against malicious corruptions of the parties.*

## 5 OT Extension from Reciprocal EGA

In this section, we discuss our three round OT extension protocol following a roadmap of observations. The maliciously secure OT protocol in [LGdSG21] fails to achieve UC security in three rounds, and would require four rounds.<sup>13</sup> However, their construction relies on an efficient two round semi-honest OT protocol. We observe that this semi-honest protocol can be used to implement a batch of  $\ell = \mathcal{O}(\kappa)$  OTs, satisfying malicious security notions which are weaker than UC-security. This semi-honest to malicious security transformation requires a few additional checks, incurring  $\mathcal{O}(1)$  cheap symmetric operations per OT. Finally, we show that this weaker notion of malicious security suffices for [KOS15] OT extension by applying the result of [CSW20a]. We begin by introducing some additional definitions and notations surrounding EGA and REGA.

### 5.1 Reciprocal EGA and Reciprocal CSIDH

The OT protocol of Lai et al. [LGdSG21] is based on the reciprocal CSIDH assumption, and relies on crucially on the *quadratic twist* of an elliptic curve, which can be computed efficiently in the CSIDH setting (see [LGdSG21] for details). In this section, we adopt an abstraction of the quadratic twist and the reciprocal CSIDH assumption in the framework of (R)EGA from [BPS22].

**The Twist Map.** Let  $(G, X, \star)$  be an EGA (equivalently an REGA) as described above. We define a “twist” as a map  $\mathcal{T} : X \rightarrow X$  that satisfies the following properties:

- For any  $g \in G$  and any  $x \in X$  we have  $\mathcal{T}(g \star x) = g^{-1} \star \mathcal{T}(x)$ .
- For any  $x \in X$  and any *uniform*  $g \leftarrow_R G$ , we have:  $g \star x \approx_s \mathcal{T}(g \star x)$ .
- There exists a “twist-invariant” element  $x_0 \in X$  such that  $\mathcal{T}(x_0) = x_0$ .

**The Reciprocal EGA Assumption.** Given an EGA  $(G, X, \star)$ , we say that the reciprocal assumption holds if for any security parameter  $\kappa \in \mathbb{N}$  and for any PPT adversary  $\mathcal{A}$ , the following holds with overwhelmingly large probability:

$$\Pr[\text{Expt}^{\text{recEGA}}(\kappa, \mathcal{A}) = 1] < \text{negl}(\kappa),$$

where the experiment  $\text{Expt}^{\text{recEGA}}(\kappa, \mathcal{A})$  is as defined in Figure 2.

<sup>13</sup> This was pointed out by the authors of [LGdSG21] in their Eurocrypt 2021 presentation.

**Experiment**  $\text{Expt}^{\text{recEGA}}(\kappa, \mathcal{A})$ :

1. The challenger generates the description of an EGA  $(G, X, \star)$  along with the “twist” map  $\mathcal{T} : X \rightarrow X$  and a special “twist-invariant” element  $x_{\mathcal{T}} \in X$ .
2. The challenger then samples  $g \leftarrow_R G$ , sets  $x = g \star x_{\mathcal{T}}$ , and provides to the adversary  $\mathcal{A}$  the tuple  $(G, X, \star, \mathcal{T}, x_{\mathcal{T}}, x)$ .
3. The adversary  $\mathcal{A}$  outputs an element  $z \in X$ .
4. The challenger samples  $s \leftarrow_R G$  and provides to the adversary  $\mathcal{A}$  the set element  $y = s \star x$ .
5. The adversary  $\mathcal{A}$  eventually outputs a pair of set elements  $(z_0, z_1) \in X \times X$ .
6. Output 1 if  $(z_0, z_1) = (s \star z, s^{-1} \star z)$ . Output 0 otherwise.

**Fig. 2.** The Reciprocal EGA Experiment

*Remark 3.* We can similarly define a reciprocal REGA assumption where, in the corresponding experiment, all group elements (more concretely, the group elements  $g$  and  $s$ ) are sampled from a distribution that is statistically close to uniform over the group  $G$ .

Finally, we import the following theorem from [LGdSG21].

**Theorem 8.** ([LGdSG21]). *Assuming that the reciprocal CSIDH assumption holds, there exists an REGA satisfying the reciprocal REGA assumption.*

## 5.2 OT construction of [LGdSG21]

We briefly recall the semi-honest OT construction of [LGdSG21]. Let  $(G, X, \star)$  be an EGA with  $x_0$  being a publicly available element in the set  $X$  where reciprocal EGA assumption holds. Let  $H : X \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^\kappa$  be a hash function (modeled in the proof as a random oracle). Let  $\mathcal{T} : X \rightarrow X$  denote the twist operation. Receiver  $R$  has input choice bit  $b \in \{0, 1\}$  and sender has inputs messages  $(m_0, m_1) \in \{0, 1\}^\kappa$ . It is a tuple of five PPT algorithms (**Setup**, **OTR**, **OTS<sub>1</sub>**, **OTD**) as follows:

- **Setup**( $1^\lambda$ ): Sample a trusted set element  $x_0$  such that  $\mathcal{T}(x_0) = x_0$ . Sample  $g \leftarrow_R G$  and output  $\text{crs} = x = g \star x_0$ .
- **OTR**( $\text{crs}, \mathbf{b}$ ): Sample  $r \leftarrow_R G$  and compute  $z \in X$  as follows:

$$z = r \star x \text{ if } b = 0, \quad z = \mathcal{T}(r \star x) \text{ if } b = 1,$$

Output the receiver message  $\text{ot}_1 = z$  and the receiver state  $\text{st} = (b, r)$ .

- **OTS**( $\text{crs}, \text{ot}_1$ ): Sample uniformly at random  $s \leftarrow_R G$  and compute sender’s OT message  $y \in X$  and sender’s random pads -  $(a_0, a_1) \in \{0, 1\}^\kappa$  as follows:

$$y = s \star x, \quad c_0 = H(s \star z) \oplus \mathbf{m}_0 \quad c_1 = H(s \star \mathcal{T}(z)) \oplus \mathbf{m}_1.$$

Send the sender OT message as  $\text{ot}_2 = (y, c_0, c_1)$ .

- **OTD**( $\text{st}, \text{ot}_2$ ): Parse  $\text{st} = (b, r)$  and  $\text{ot}_2 = (y, c_0, c_1)$ , and recover the output message  $m_b = c_b \oplus H(r \star y)$ .

**Security against Malicious Sender.** At a high level,  $z$  perfectly hides the choice bit  $b$  as  $(r \star x)$  and  $\mathcal{T}(r \star x)$  are statistically indistinguishable. A corrupt sender’s inputs can even be extracted by a simulator (see [LGdSG21] for details).

**Security against Malicious Receiver.** A corrupt receiver cannot compute both  $m_0$  and  $m_1$  since it requires to query  $H$  on  $(q_0, q_1) = (s \star z, s \star \mathcal{T}(z))$ . Given  $q_1$ , one can compute  $s^{-1} \star z = \mathcal{T}(z)$ . This breaks the reciprocal EGA assumption since the adversary computes  $(s \star z, s^{-1} \star z)$  where  $y = s \star x$  is generated by the challenger after it receives adversarially generated set element  $z \in X$ . However, the simulator is unable to extract a corrupt receiver’s input choice bit since it is statistically hidden.

To achieve security against a malicious receiver, the work of [LGdSG21] adds an interactive challenge-proof-verify mechanism. The sender computes a challenge that challenges the receiver to prove that it knows randomness  $r$  such that  $z = r \star x$  or  $z = \mathcal{T}(r \star x)$ . Upon receiving the challenge, the receiver decrypts  $m_b$  and computes the proof using randomness  $r$ . It sends the proof to the sender, who verifies it and completes the protocol. The proof is sent in the third round of the protocol, thus blowing up the round complexity to three rounds. This approach successfully extracts a corrupt receiver’s input if it computes a correct proof to the sender’s challenger. However, their challenge-proof-verify mechanism incurs an additional overhead of 7 isogeny computation. We note that this 3 round maliciously secure OT construction suffices for simulation-based security but they would need an additional round for UC security. We refer to their Eurocrypt presentation for details.

### 5.3 Constructing OT Extension Protocols from Reciprocal (R)EGA

We build an inexpensive challenge-proof-verify mechanism on top of the above semi-honest by relying only on symmetric key operations to obtain custom OT protocols. These custom OT protocols are used to instantiate the maliciously secure base OT protocols in the [KOS15] (KOS) OT extension paradigm using ideas from [CSW20a].

**Observations from [CSW20a].** The work of [CSW20a] (abbreviated henceforth as CSW) made crucial observations that suffices for the base-OT protocols in KOS: 1) The base OT protocols are run in a batch of  $\ell = \mathcal{O}(\kappa) > 3\mu$  OTs together, where  $\mu$  is the statistical security parameter. Simulation based security should hold for non-aborting parties for the batch together. 2) A corrupt sender is allowed to launch selective failure attack on the base-OTs since the receiver possesses random choice bits. 3) The base-OT protocols needs to satisfy simulation-based security only for non-aborting parties, in case of an abort semantic security suffices. The OT functionality  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{SF-ROT}}$  with selective failure attack, which is weaker than UC-OT functionality, suffices for the base OT in KOS. We show a technique that builds upon the semi-honest OT protocol of [LGdSG21] to implement  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{SF-ROT}}$  against malicious adversaries. Our transformation only relies on cheap symmetric key operations. This reduces our isogeny

computations for each base OT to 5 and it also yields the first OT extension protocol based on isogenies.

**Overview.** We build upon the semi-honest protocol of [LGdSG21]. Recall that their two round protocol (described in Sec. 5.2) is secure against a malicious sender and a semi-honest receiver since the simulator fails to extract the corrupt receiver's input. They add a challenge-proof-verify mechanism to tackle a malicious receiver but that doubles their isogeny computations. Instead, we take a different route and construct the same challenge-proof-verify mechanism by solely relying on symmetric key operations. Our mechanism is inspired from the work of CSW and we describe it as follows.

Let us denote the two messages of the OT sender for the  $i$ th OT as  $p_{0,i}$  and  $p_{1,i}$  respectively. Let  $H_1 : X \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^\kappa$ ,  $H_2 : \{0, 1\}^\kappa \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^\kappa$ ,  $H_3 : \{0, 1\}^{\ell\kappa} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^\kappa$ ,  $H_4 : \{0, 1\}^{2\kappa} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^\kappa$  be different hash functions (modeled in the proof as a random oracle). Let us denote the choice bit of the receiver for the  $i$ th OT as  $b_i$ . The sender constructs a challenge  $\text{chall}_i$  using the two messages as follows:

$$\text{chall}_i = u_{0,i} \oplus u_{1,i}, \quad \text{where } u_{0,i} = H_2(i, p_{0,i}), \quad u_{1,i} = H_2(i, p_{1,i}).$$

The receiver is required to compute the response as  $u_{0,i}$  and send it back to the sender as the proof. The receiver decrypts  $p_{b_i,i}$  and computes  $u_{0,i}$  as follows:

$$u_{0,i} = \text{chall}_i \cdot b_i \oplus H_2(p_{b_i,i}).$$

Note that the receiver needs to query the random oracle  $H_2$  in order to compute  $u_{0,i}$  correctly and hence the simulator successfully extracts  $b_i$  if the receiver computes the correct response  $u_{0,i}$ . However, a corrupt sender can extract  $b_i$  by constructing  $\text{chall}_i$  maliciously. It samples a random  $\text{chall}'_i$  and sends it to the receiver. If the receiver responds with the correct  $u_{0,i}$  then the sender sets  $b_i = 0$  else it sets  $b_i = 1$ .

We tackle this problem by relying on the observation that the OT protocol can allow selective failure attack and it can allow the sender to guess  $\mathcal{O}(\kappa)$  choice bits of the receiver. This suffices for the KOS base OT protocols. Using this observation we make the sender prove that the batch of  $\ell$  challenges were correctly computed. The sender computes the response  $\text{ans}$  of receiver proof using a random oracle  $H_3$  as follows:

$$\text{ans} = H_3(u_{0,1}, u_{0,2}, \dots, u_{0,\ell}).$$

The sender sends proof of correct computation by sending the proof  $\text{pf} = H_2(\text{ans})$  to the receiver alongwith the challenger. The sender sets the output of  $\ell$  random OTs as  $(\mathbf{a}_0, \mathbf{a}_1)$  where  $\mathbf{a}_0 = \{a_{0,i}\}_{i \in [\ell]}$  and  $\mathbf{a}_1 = \{a_{1,i}\}_{i \in [\ell]}$  is defined as follows for  $i \in [\ell]$ :

$$a_{0,i} = H_4(\text{ans}, p_{0,i}), \quad a_{1,i} = H_4(\text{ans}, p_{1,i}).$$

Upon receiving the sender's OT message, the receiver computes  $p_{b_i,i}$  corresponding to its choice bit  $b_i$ . It computes  $\{u_{0,i}\}_{i \in [\ell]}$  and recomputes  $\text{ans}$  to verify  $\text{pf}$ . If



the verification succeeds then the receiver sends **ans** to the sender as the response and computes the OT output as  $a_{b_i,i} = H_4(\mathbf{ans}, p_{b_i,i})$ . If a corrupt receiver computes the correct **ans** then a simulator extracts every  $\{b_i\}_{i \in [\ell]}$  by observing the queries made to  $H_2$  and  $H_3$ . Without computing the correct **ans** the corrupt receiver cannot compute the OT output  $a_{b_i,i}$ . Hence, the simulator successfully extracts all the choice bits of the receiver if the receiver needs to compute the output of any single OT. Meanwhile, a corrupt sender can launch a selective failure attack only if it correctly guesses the value of receiver computed **ans** to verify **pf**. This is performed by guessing the  $u_{0,i}$  values computed by the receiver and for that the sender needs to guess the receiver's choice bit in the OT protocols. The base OT protocols in KOS are random OTs. The sender guesses  $\kappa$  choice bits of the receiver with only  $2^{-\kappa}$  probability. Thus, our OT protocol allows selective failure attack and it implements the  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{SF-ROT}}$  functionality. Formal details of our protocol follows and the security proof is deferred to the full version [BMM<sup>+</sup>22].

**Our Protocol-3.** Let  $(G, X, \star)$  be an EGA with  $x_0$  being a publicly available element in the set  $X$  where reciprocal EGA assumption holds. Also let  $H_1 : X \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^\kappa$ ,  $H_2 : \{0, 1\}^\kappa \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^\kappa$ ,  $H_3 : \{0, 1\}^{\ell\kappa} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^\kappa$ ,  $H_4 : \{0, 1\}^{2\kappa} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^\kappa$  be different hash functions (modeled in the proof as a random oracle). Our construction is a tuple of five PPT algorithms (**Setup**, **OTR**<sub>1</sub>, **OTS**<sub>1</sub>, **OTR**<sub>2</sub>, **OTS**<sub>2</sub>):

- **Setup**( $1^\lambda$ ): Sample a trusted set element  $x_0$  such that  $\mathcal{T}(x_0) = x_0$ . Sample  $g \leftarrow_R G$  and output **crs** =  $x = g \star x_0$ .
- **OTR**<sub>1</sub>(**crs**, **b**): Sample  $\mathbf{r} \leftarrow_R G^\ell$  and compute  $\mathbf{z} \in X^\ell$  as follows for  $i \in [\ell]$ :

$$z_i = r_i \star x \text{ if } b_i = 0, \quad z_i = \mathcal{T}(r_i \star x) \text{ if } b_i = 1,$$

Output the receiver message **ot**<sub>1</sub> =  $\mathbf{z}$  and the receiver state **st** =  $(\mathbf{b}, \mathbf{r})$ .

- **OTS**<sub>1</sub>(**crs**, **ot**<sub>1</sub>): Sample uniformly at random  $\mathbf{s} \leftarrow_R G^\ell$  and compute sender's OT message  $\mathbf{y} \in X^\ell$  and sender's random inputs messages as  $(\mathbf{p}_0, \mathbf{p}_1) \in \{0, 1\}^{\kappa \times \ell}$  as follows for  $i \in [\ell]$ :

$$y_i = s_i \star x, \quad p_{0,i} = H_1(i, s_i \star z_i) \quad p_{1,i} = H_1(i, s_i \star \mathcal{T}(z_i)).$$

Compute the challenge **chall** for receiver proof as follows for  $i \in [\ell]$ :

$$\mathbf{chall}_i = u_{0,i} \oplus u_{1,i}, \quad \text{where } u_{0,i} = H_2(i, p_{0,i}), \quad u_{1,i} = H_2(i, p_{1,i}).$$

Compute the response **ans** =  $H_3(u_{0,1}, u_{0,2}, \dots, u_{0,\ell})$  of receiver proof. Compute the sender's proof **pf** =  $H_2(\mathbf{ans})$ . Send the sender OT message as **ot**<sub>2</sub> =  $(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{chall}, \mathbf{pf})$ . Store  $(\mathbf{ans}, \mathbf{p}_0, \mathbf{p}_1)$  as the internal state.

- **OTR**<sub>2</sub>(**st**, **ot**<sub>2</sub>): Parse **st** =  $(\mathbf{b}, \mathbf{r})$  and **ot**<sub>2</sub> =  $(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{chall}, \mathbf{pf})$ , and recover the output pads  $\mathbf{p} = \{p_i\}_{i \in [\ell]}$  as follows for  $i \in [\ell]$  as  $p_i = H_1(r_i \star y_i)$ . Compute the intermediate proof response as follows for  $i \in [\ell]$ :  $u'_i = \mathbf{chall}_i \cdot b_i \oplus H_2(i, p_i)$ , and compute the receiver's proof response **ans'** as **ans'** =  $H_3(u'_1, u'_2, \dots, u'_\ell)$ . The receiver aborts if  $H_2(\mathbf{ans}') \neq \mathbf{pf}$ . Else, the receiver responds to the sender's challenge by sending **ot**<sub>3</sub> = **ans'** to the sender. The receiver computes the OT output as  $\mathbf{m} = \{m_i\}_{i \in [\ell]} = \{H_4(\mathbf{ans}', p_i)\}_{i \in [\ell]}$  for  $i \in [\ell]$ . Output  $(\mathbf{b}, \mathbf{m})$  as the random OT receiver output.

- $\text{OTS}_2(\text{ans}, \text{ot}_3)$ : Parse  $\text{ot}_3 = \text{ans}'$ . The sender aborts if  $\text{ans}' \neq \text{ans}$ . Else, the sender sets the output as  $(\mathbf{a}_0, \mathbf{a}_1)$  where  $\mathbf{a}_0 = \{a_{0,i}\}_{i \in [\ell]}$  and  $\mathbf{a}_1 = \{a_{1,i}\}_{i \in [\ell]}$  is defined as follows for  $i \in [\ell]$ :

$$a_{0,i} = H_4(\text{ans}, p_{0,i}), \quad a_{1,i} = H_4(\text{ans}, p_{1,i}).$$

**Further Optimizations.** It can be observed that the sender can reuse the randomness  $s$  for multiple OT protocols by using reusing the same  $y$  for all the OT protocols. This translates into a  $\text{poly}(\kappa)$  loss in the security parameter since the reduction to reciprocal EGA assumption needs to guess the session where a corrupt receiver breaks the assumption. The security loss can be compensated by increasing the security parameter accordingly. This optimization reduces the number of isogeny computations to 4 for each OT. Meanwhile, the semi-honest OT protocol of [LGdSG21] requires 5 isogeny computations.

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