Homomorphic Encryption with CCA Security

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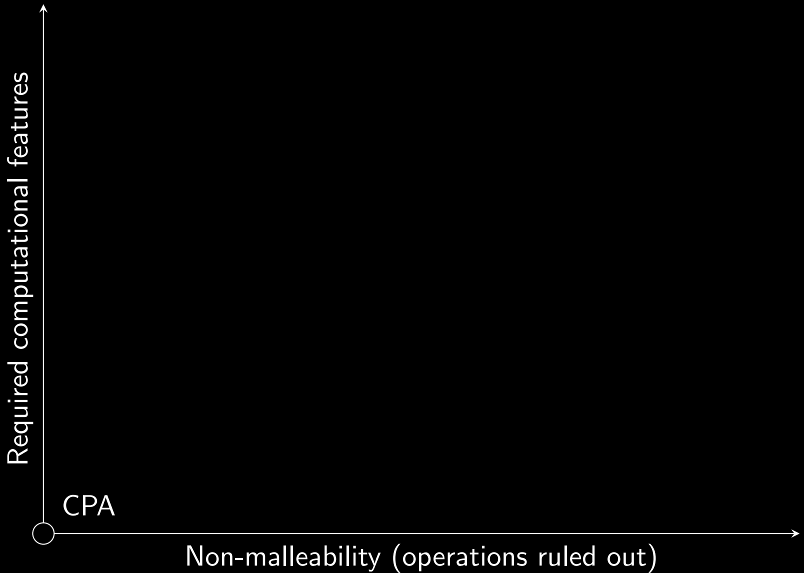

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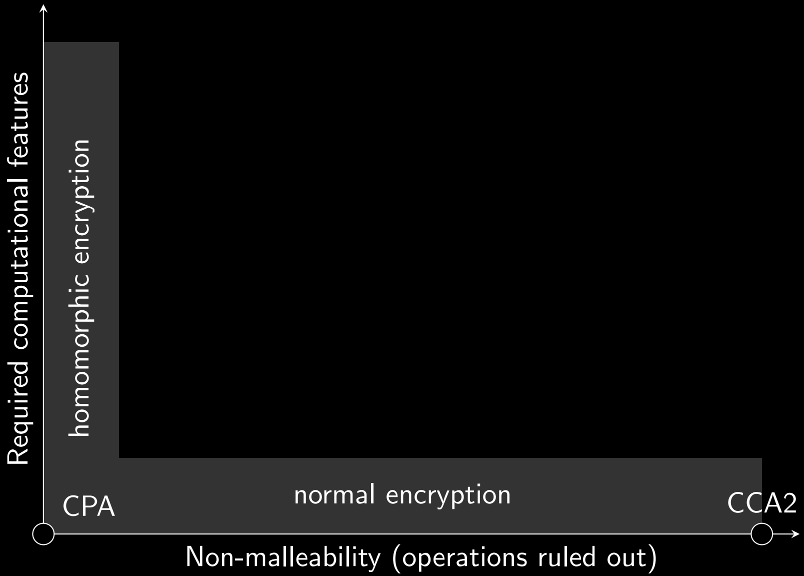

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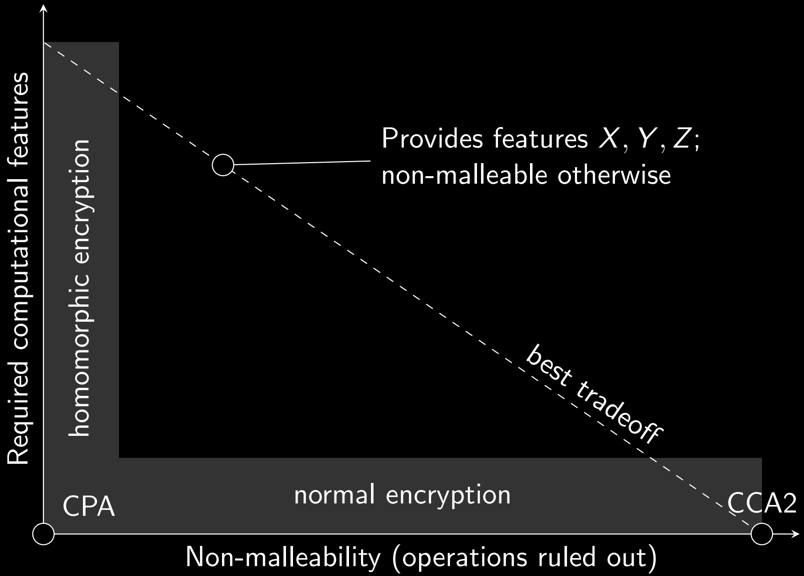

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- Address problem in context of homomorphic encryption
- New general-purpose non-malleability definition
- New family of constructions

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Example: Only allowed f's are group operations $\alpha \rightsquigarrow \beta\alpha$:

- Possible to change any message to any other message
- Infeasible to change $\mathsf{Enc}(\alpha)$ into $\mathsf{Enc}(\alpha^k)$
- Infeasible to change $\mathsf{Enc}(\alpha), \mathsf{Enc}(\beta)$ into $\mathsf{Enc}(\alpha\beta)$

Outline

Security Definitions – Approach

We define security with two complementary definitions:

Homomorphic-CCA (HCCA) security

Scheme is non-malleable, except possibly via unary operations $f \in \mathcal{F}$

Unlinkability

One can transform $\mathrm{Enc}(m)$ to "fresh" $\mathrm{Enc}(f(m))$ for any $f \in \mathcal{F}$, as a feature of the scheme.

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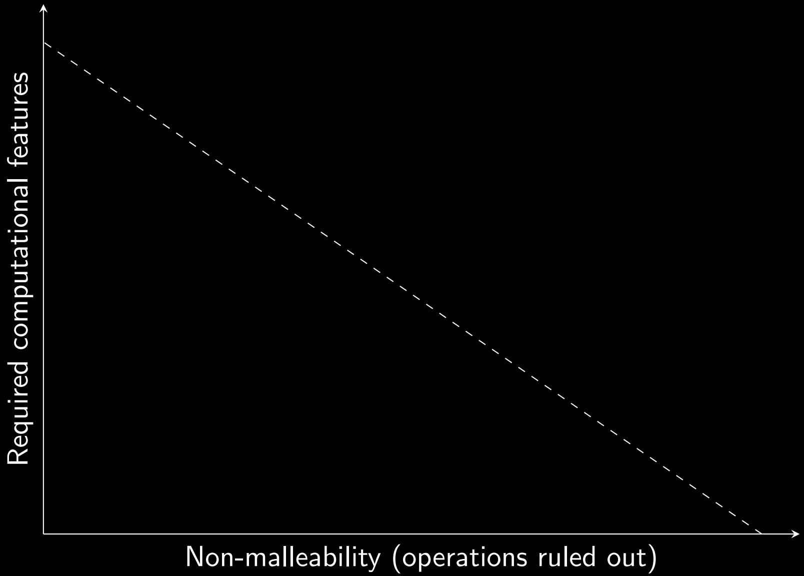

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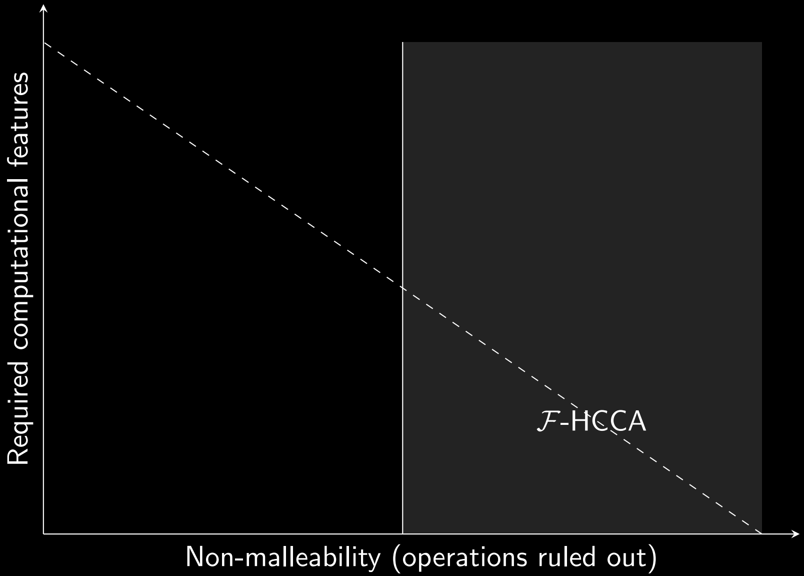

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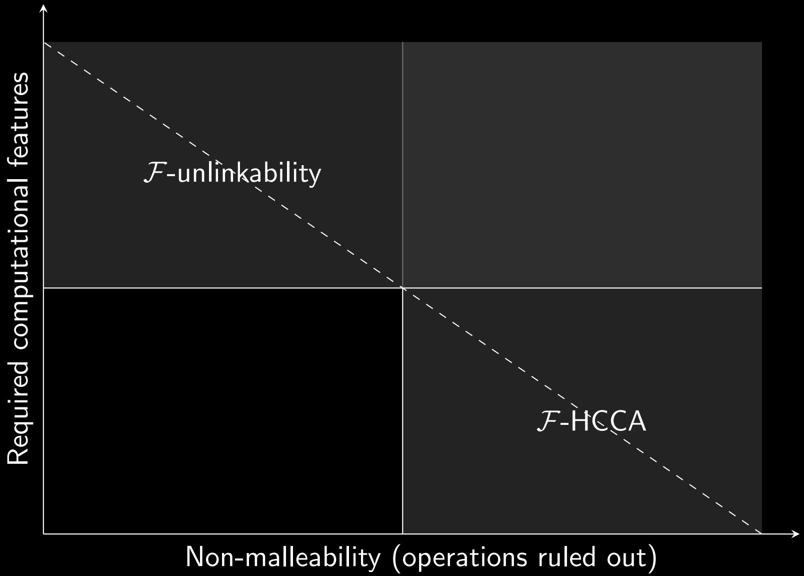

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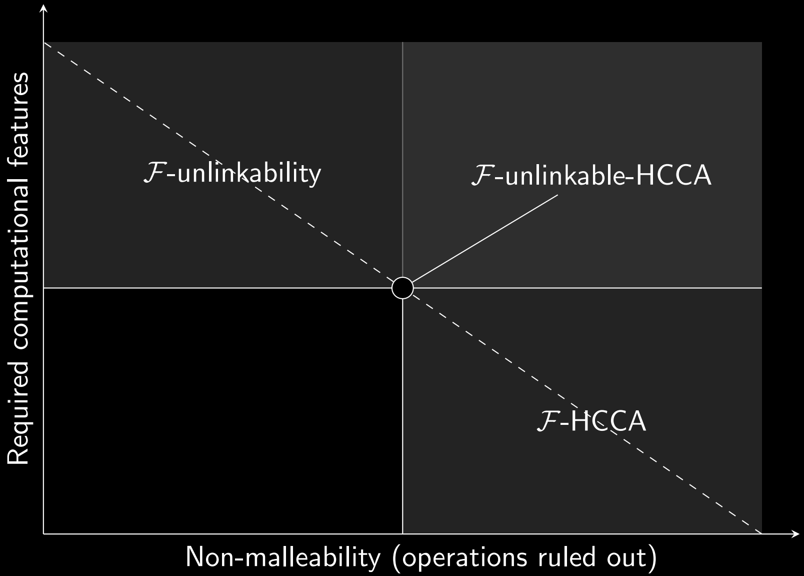

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Idea for Generalization

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RCCA: C' is derivative iff $\mathrm{Dec}(C') = \mathrm{Dec}(C)$ [CKN03]

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Challenge "ciphertext" can have embedded tracking information.
Extraction procedure determines how C' derived from C.

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$\implies$ this malleability "looks like" $m \rightsquigarrow f(m)$

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⋆ Homomorphic-CCA (HCCA) Security

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Disclaimer:

- Oracles for RigEnc and RigExtract should be provided, too.

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Relationships with other definitions

Theorem

CCA, gCCA, RCCA are all special cases of HCCA

In each of these cases:

- The only allowed transformation is identity function
- RigEnc simply uses Enc honestly

HCCA more expressive when its full power is used.

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In our UC functionality:, parties post messages, represented as "formal ciphertexts"

Message privacy:	Formal ciphertexts reveal nothing; only recipient can obtain underlying message
Homomorphic feature:	Anyone can generate a "derived post" by giving f and existing ciphertext
Unlinkability:	Same internal behavior for both kinds of posts
Non-malleability:	No one can use unauthorized f

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Proof.

Encapsulate CCA scheme inside *any* unlinkable HCCA scheme

- New scheme inherits outer unlinkability
- Inner CCA scheme "cancels" everything except identity function

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Example instantiations:

- Allow all group operations in $\mathcal{G}^n$
- Allow only "scalar multiplication" of vectors:

$$(m_1, \ldots, m_n) \mapsto (f \cdot m_1, \ldots, f \cdot m_n)$$

- Allow group operations only on particular components – other components non-malleable
- Allow only identity function (Rerandomizable RCCA)

Construction

Our construction significantly generalizes rerandomizable RCCA scheme of [PR07].

- Obtain [PR07] scheme as special case
- Uses techniques from [G+04,CS01].

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Our construction is unlinkable & HCCA-secure under DDH assumption in 2 groups of related size.

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Our contributions:

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- Justify definitions by relating to existing ones
- Family of constructions that achieve definitions

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"Key-activated" homomorphic encryption:

- Scheme is CCA secure . . .
- . . . unless you have a token that "activates" only selected homomorphic features.

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$\star$: *Thank you* (Icelandic)