

# Removing the Strong RSA Assumption from Arguments over the Integers

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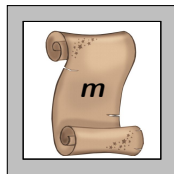


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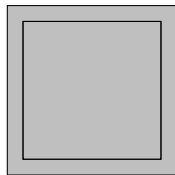
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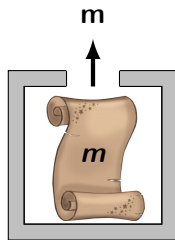


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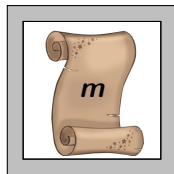
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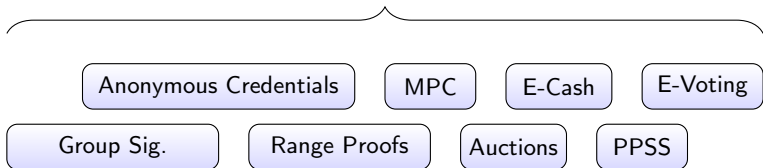
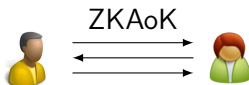
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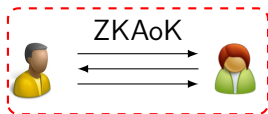
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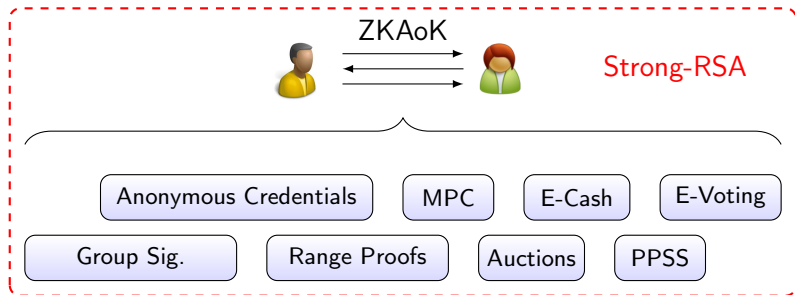
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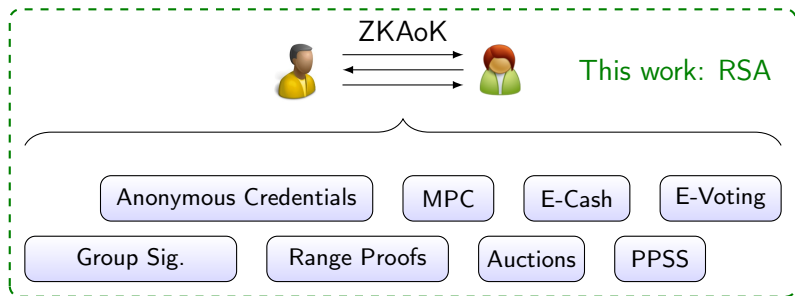
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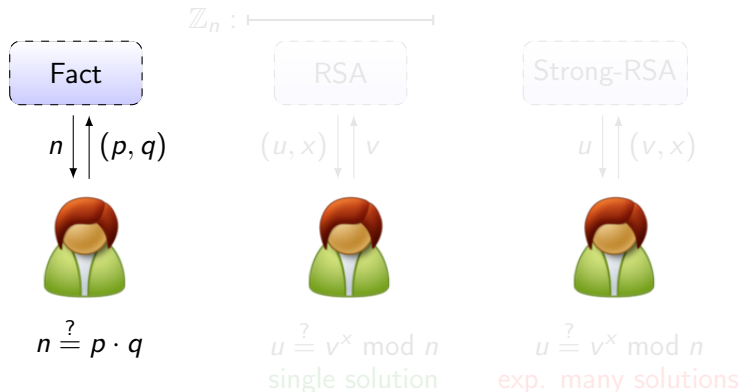
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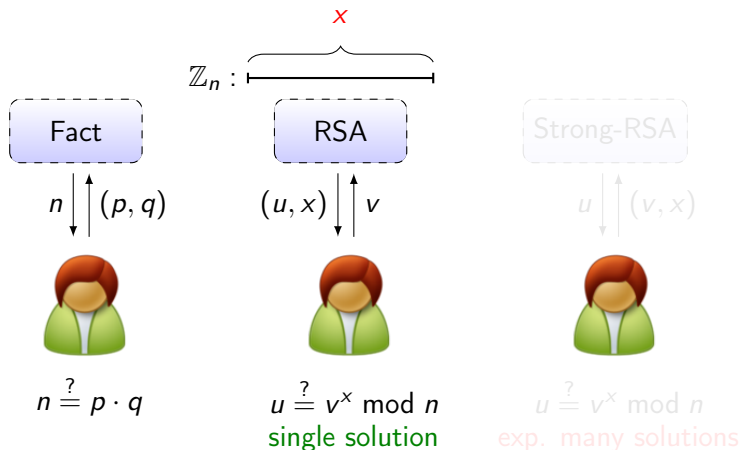
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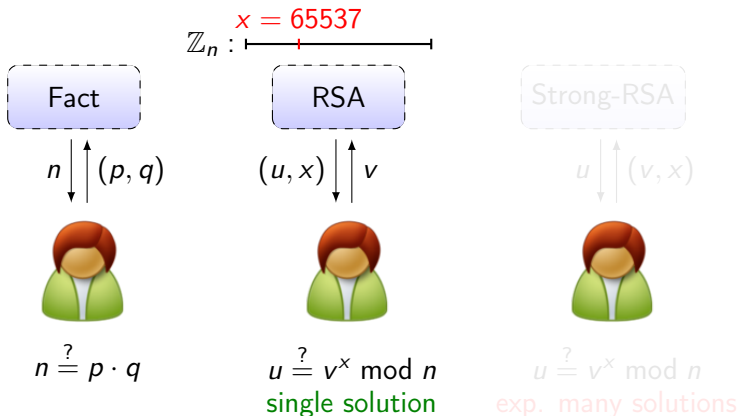
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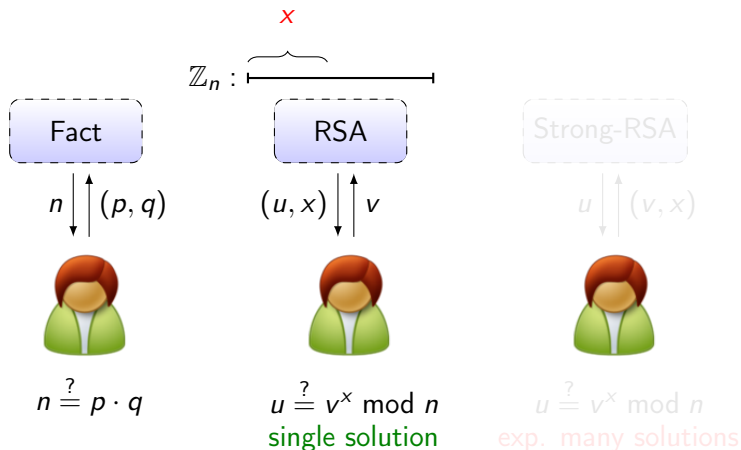
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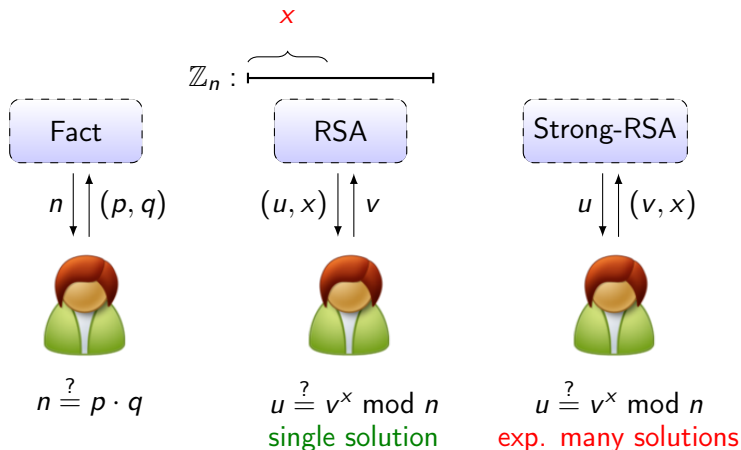




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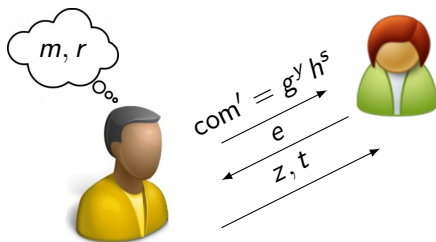
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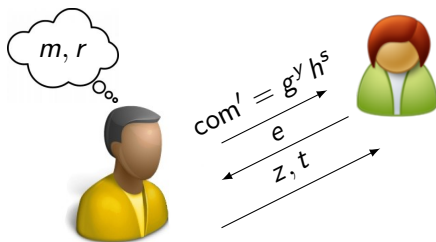
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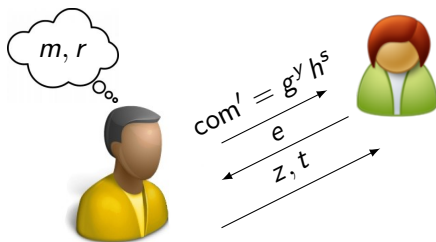
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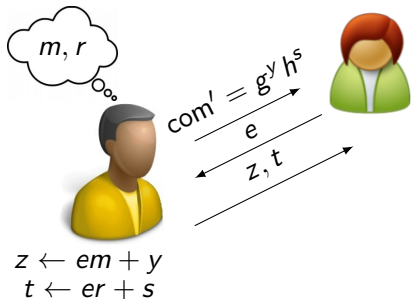
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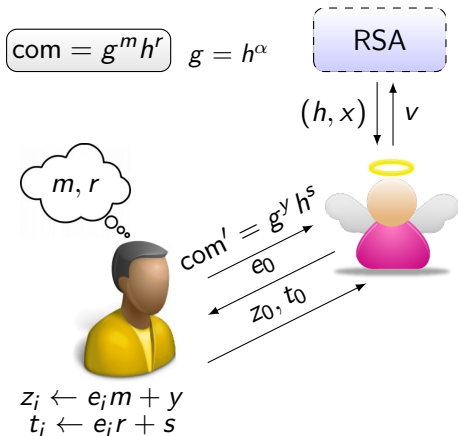
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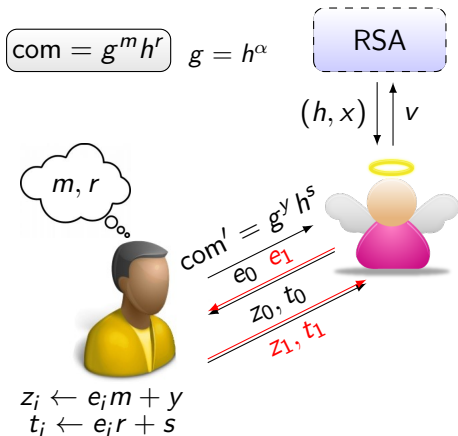
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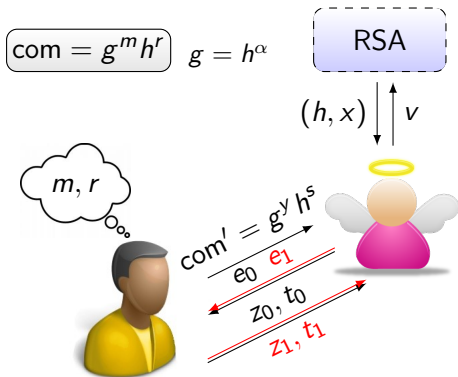


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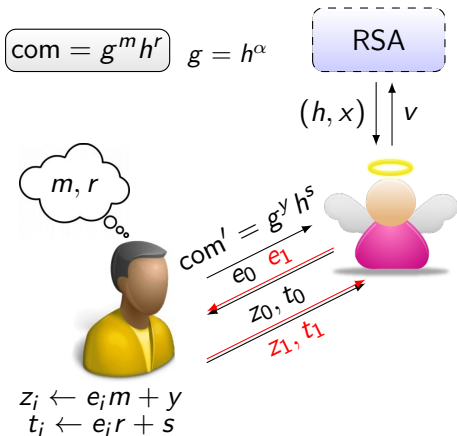
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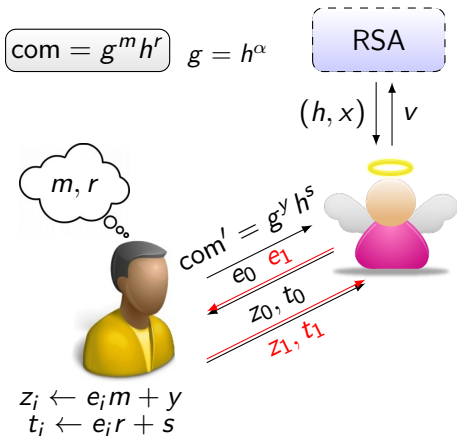
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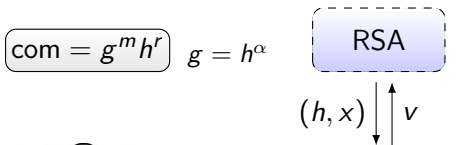
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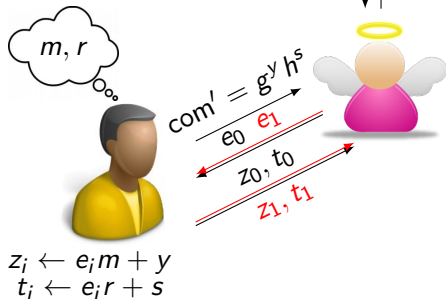
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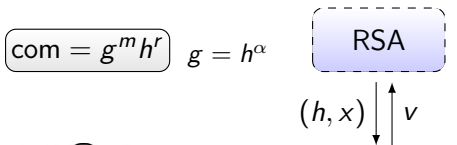
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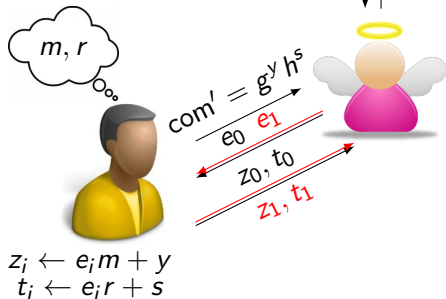
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[DF02]: With probability  $1/2$ ,  $e \nmid \alpha z + t$ .

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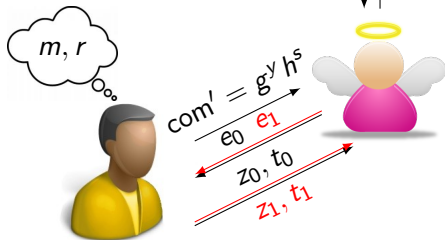

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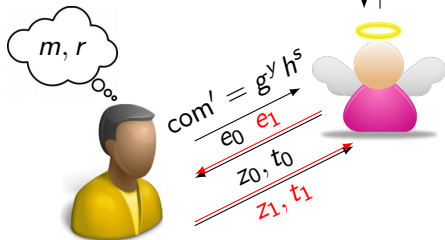
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Shamir's gcd trick:  
 $e / \gcd(e, \alpha z + t) = \pi$   
can find  $v$  such that  
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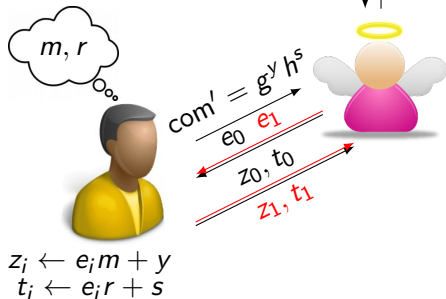
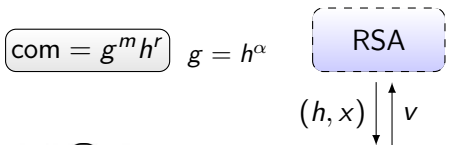
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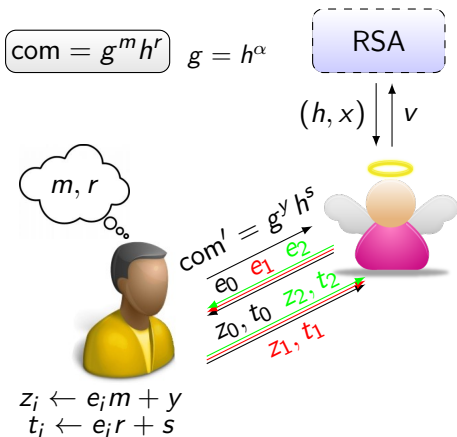
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**Core observation:**  
 $\pi$  can't be too large.

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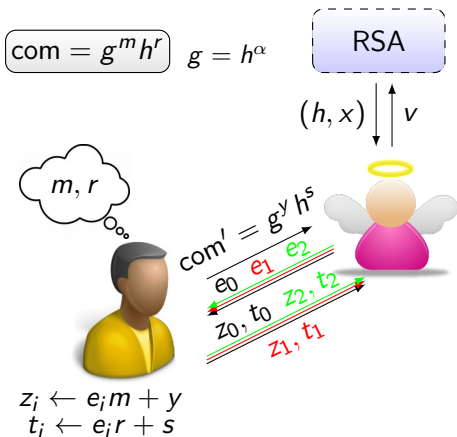
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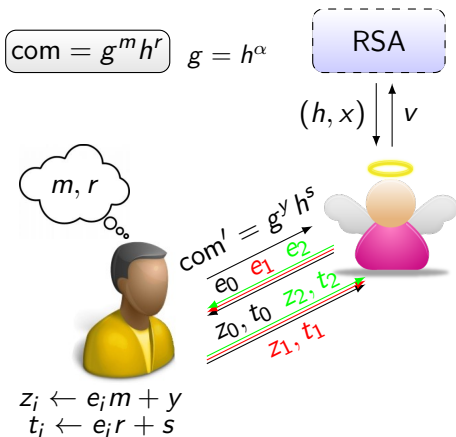
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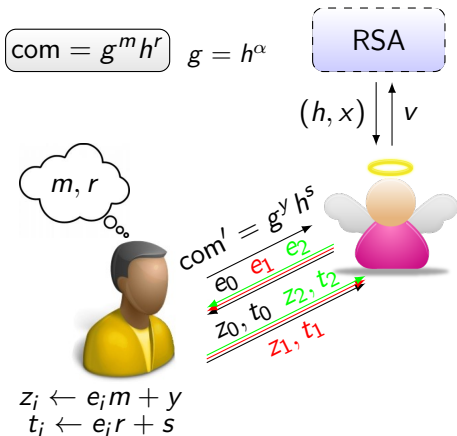
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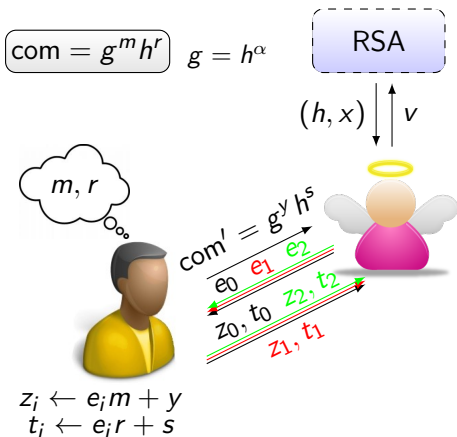
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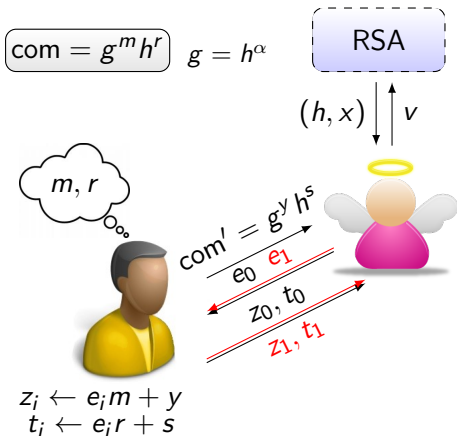


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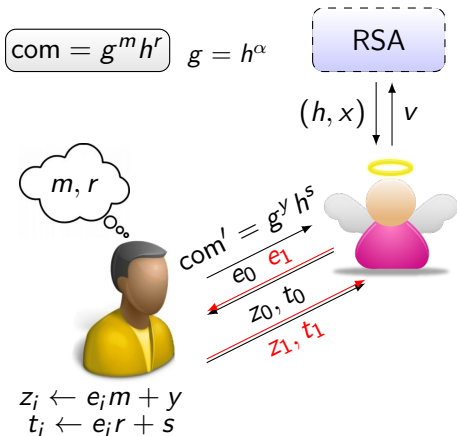


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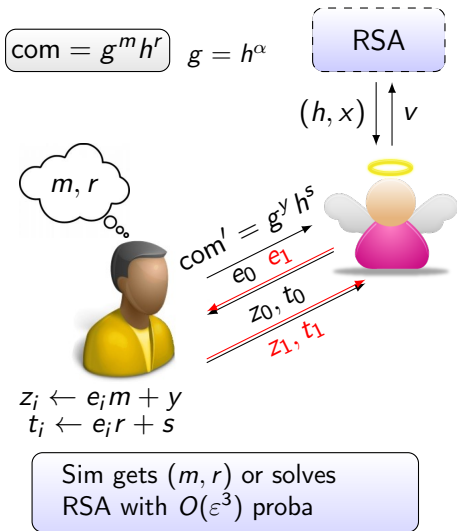
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# Applications, Other Contributions, and Open Problems

## Applications.

- ▶ Relations between committed values (e.g. [CM99])
- ▶ Range proofs ([Lip03])

## Other Contributions.

- ▶ Can convert an FO commitment (integers) into a Gennaro commitment (modulo a small prime)
- ▶ Allows integer ZK proofs with efficient verification

## Open Problems.

- ▶ Can we build short algebraic RSA-based signatures?



*Thank you for your attention*



Questions?