



# Single-Input Functionality Against a Dishonest Majority: Practical and Round-Optimal

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**Abstract.** In this work, we focus on Single-Input Functionality (SIF), a specialized case of MPC where only one designated party, called the dealer, holds a private input. SIF enables the dealer to perform computations with other parties without disclosing any additional information about the private input. SIF has a wide range of applications, such as multiple-verifier zero-knowledge and verifiable relation sharing.

We propose the *first* 1-round SIF protocol against a dishonest majority in the preprocessing model and random oracle model, achieving high efficiency. Previous works either require at least 2-round online communication (Yang and Wang, Asiacrypt 2022; Baum et al., CCS 2022; Zhou et al., Euro S&P 2024) or are limited to feasibility results (Lepinski et al., TCC 2005; Applebaum et al., Crypto 2022). We also show the necessity of using the broadcast channels, by formally proving that 1-round SIF is *impossible* to achieve in the preprocessing model, if there are no broadcast channels available. Finally, we implement our protocol and present extensive experimental results, demonstrating its practical efficiency.

## 1 Introduction

**MPC vs. SIF.** In secure multi-party computation (MPC) [31, 55], multiple mutually distrustful players,  $(P_1, \dots, P_n)$ , are allowed to jointly compute any efficiently computable function  $f$  of their private inputs  $(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ . Concretely, let circuit  $\mathcal{C}$  be the representation of the function  $f$  such that  $(y_1, \dots, y_n) \leftarrow \mathcal{C}(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ . After an execution of the MPC protocol for circuit  $\mathcal{C}$ , each party  $P_i$  shall obtain its output  $y_i$ . Since its introduction in the early 1980s, secure MPC has been extensively studied and become one of the cornerstones of modern cryptography.

Single-Input Functionality (SIF) is a special case of MPC. In SIF, only a distinguished party, called *dealer*  $D$ , is allowed to have a private input  $w$ , while

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all other parties, called *verifiers*  $V_1, \dots, V_n$ , have no private inputs. After an execution of the SIF protocol, the dealer  $D$  receives no output value while the  $i$ -th verifier obtains  $y_i$  as its output value. That is, the circuit  $\mathcal{C}$  is now specifically defined as follows:  $(\emptyset, y_1, \dots, y_n) \leftarrow \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{w}, \emptyset, \dots, \emptyset)$ . For simplicity, we often ignore the empty (input/output) values  $\emptyset$ 's and write it as  $(y_1, \dots, y_n) \leftarrow \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{w})$ .

**Applications of SIF.** As an important cryptographic primitive, SIF was initially studied by Gennaro *et al.* [29]; this line of research has received lots of attention [2, 3, 5, 52, 56] very recently. Below, we will give a high-level description of the applications of SIF. More concretely, as already pointed out by Applebaum *et al.* [3], from SIF, two immediate applications can be obtained: Multiple-Verifier Zero-Knowledge (MVZK) and Verifiable Relation Sharing (VRS).

**MVZK.** In an MVZK protocol, a distinguished party called prover  $P$ , who holds a statement-witness pair  $(x, w)$ , wishes to convince  $n$  verifiers  $V_1, \dots, V_n$  that  $\mathcal{R}(x, w) = 1$  at once for an NP relation  $\mathcal{R}$ . It is easy to see that SIF implies MVZK directly: let  $\mathcal{C}$  be the circuit that evaluates  $\mathcal{R}(x, w)$ , then the parties can jointly invoke SIF to evaluate  $\mathcal{C}$ .

MVZK can be used in normal ZK scenarios as long as the identities of the verifiers are known ahead of time. It can also be used in some real life cryptographic systems, e.g., *private aggregation system* [21]. More concretely, in the private aggregation system like Prio [21], a set of servers collect and aggregate the clients' data; and each client needs to prove to servers that its data is valid using Secret-shared Non-Interactive Proof (SNIP). Notice that, the SNIP in [21] assumes the client (acting as the prover) *not to collude with* the servers (acting as the verifiers) to ensure soundness; for zero-knowledge property, the SNIP can tolerate all-but-one malicious servers. Hence, if there exists an efficient 1-round MVZK protocol against a dishonest majority (which allows the malicious prover to collude with verifiers), it could be a significantly better alternative technique to SNIP in [21].

**VRS.** In [3], Applebaum *et al.* introduce a new primitive called VRS, which generalizes MVZK. In a VRS protocol, we consider a distinguished party called dealer  $D$ , who holds a secret input  $s$ , and  $n$  parties called verifiers  $V_1, \dots, V_n$ , who have no secret inputs. The dealer  $D$  wishes to share the secret  $s$  to the verifiers first; for simplicity, we denote by  $x_i$  the share received by the  $i$ -th verifier. Then the dealer  $D$  wishes to prove that the shares satisfy an NP relation  $\mathcal{R}$  to the verifiers, i.e.,  $D$  proves that  $\mathcal{R}(x_1, \dots, x_n, s) = 1$  in a zero-knowledge way. Clearly, SIF also implies VRS: let  $(y_1, \dots, y_n) \leftarrow \mathcal{C}(x_1, \dots, x_n, s)$  be a circuit such that  $y_i = x_i$  for  $i \in [n]$  if  $\mathcal{R}(x_1, \dots, x_n, s) = 1$ ; otherwise,  $y_i = \perp$  where  $\perp$  is a failure symbol. Then the parties can jointly invoke SIF to evaluate such a circuit  $\mathcal{C}$  to realize VRS.

VRS has various applications, including *Verifiable Secret Sharing (VSS)* [15, 18, 19, 25, 37, 42], *Distributed Key Generation (DKG)* [15, 18, 23, 30, 38] and so on. In particularly, here we describe how to use VRS for the purpose of DKG. We assume the public key of a DKG protocol is additive homomorphic, for instance,  $\mathbf{pk} = g^{\mathbf{sk}}$ , where  $(\mathbf{pk}, \mathbf{sk})$  is the public-secret key pair and  $g$  is a cyclic group generator. We assume there are  $n$  parties  $P_1, \dots, P_n$ , for each  $i \in [n]$ , we let  $P_i$

sample a random  $\text{sk}^{(i)}$ , secret-share  $\text{sk}^{(i)}$  into  $\{\text{sk}_j^{(i)}\}_{j \neq i}$ , and compute  $\text{pk}^{(i)} := g^{\text{sk}^{(i)}}$ . Then we let  $\mathsf{P}_i$  be the dealer of a VRS:  $\mathsf{P}_i$  broadcasts  $\text{pk}^{(i)}$ , sends  $\text{sk}_j^{(i)}$  to  $\mathsf{P}_j$ , and proves that  $\text{sk}^{(i)} = \sum_j \text{sk}_j^{(i)}$  and  $\text{pk}^{(i)} = g^{\text{sk}^{(i)}}$  by invoking a VRS. It is easy to see that the final public key can be obtained by  $\text{pk} := \sum_i \text{pk}^{(i)}$ , and the corresponding secret key  $\text{sk} := \sum_i \text{sk}^{(i)}$  is distributed among  $\mathsf{P}_1, \dots, \mathsf{P}_n$ .

**SIF with an Honest Majority.** We now introduce a line of works [3, 5, 52] on SIF in the *honest majority* setting. The work by Applebaum *et al.* [3] mainly focuses on the *theoretical side* and gives a 2-round feasibility result for SIF in the plain model. In particular, as claimed by Applebaum *et al.*, the first round of their protocol is input independent; thus, their work can also be interpreted as a 1-round protocol in the preprocessing model.

On the other hand, both the work by Yang and Wang [52] and the work by Baum *et al.* [5] focus on constructing *practical* 2-round SIF (in the context of MVZK). In [5], Baum *et al.* design two types of MVZK protocols with different corruption thresholds in the preprocessing model: the one with  $t < \frac{n}{4}$  and another one with  $t < \frac{n}{3}$ , where  $n$  denotes the total number of verifiers while  $t$  denotes the number of corrupted verifiers<sup>1</sup>. In [52], Yang and Wang design their protocols in the Random Oracle (RO) model; they employ Shamir's secret sharing [47] to construct a protocol with  $t < \frac{n}{2}$ . Yang and Wang also show how to utilize *packed secret sharing* [28] to improve the communication complexity at the cost of degrading the corruption threshold from  $t < \frac{n}{2}$  to  $t < (\frac{1}{2} - \epsilon)n$ , where  $\epsilon$  is a positive constant.

**SIF Against a Dishonest Majority.** We also introduce some interesting results in the *dishonest majority* setting. Lepinski *et al.* study how to strengthen the security of MVZK by adding fairness among the verifiers [40], i.e., the malicious verifiers who collude with the prover learn nothing except the validity of the statement if the honest verifiers accept the proof. Note that, their work is only a feasibility study and is not practical.

When it comes to practical efficiency, a recent work by Zhou *et al.* [56] constructs a practical 2-round SIF protocol against a dishonest majority in the preprocessing model. More precisely, they utilize a similar preprocessing phase as [8] and show how to check the multiplication gates in merely 2 rounds by using Beaver's triples technique [6].

**Our Main Research Question.** As mentioned above, it is known that, by assuming the preprocessing model, 1-round SIF (and MVZK) can be constructed [3, 40]; however, these works are primarily theoretical studies and provide no practical solutions. Current practical solutions [5, 52, 56], on the other hand, all necessitate a minimum of 2-round online communication. This discrepancy presents a gap in the field of SIF protocol design. It makes us wonder if it is possible to bridge this gap by constructing a 1-round SIF protocol with practical efficiency? If so, can we build such a protocol with optimal corruption threshold (i.e.,  $t < n$ )?

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<sup>1</sup> In this work, unless otherwise stated, we assume the adversary can corrupt the dealer/prover and some of the verifiers.

We note that constructing such a protocol with practical efficiency is a non-trivial task. One may suggest using practical MPC protocols against a dishonest majority to realize SIF, for example, the constant-round BMR-style protocols [7]. However, to the best of our knowledge, the BMR-style MPC protocols in the literature require at least 2-round online communication [34, 41]. Therefore, naively using MPC protocols to realize SIF is not a solution. Given these difficulties, we ask the following research question:

*Is it possible to construct a practical SIF protocol with 1-round online communication and optimal corruption threshold (i.e.,  $t < n$ )?*

### 1.1 Our Contributions

In this work, we will give an affirmative answer to our research question. Our contributions can be summarized as follows.

**The First Practical 1-Round SIF with Optimal Corruption Threshold.** We present *the first* 1-round practical protocol for SIF against a dishonest majority in the preprocessing model and random oracle model, and our protocol can be proven secure in the Universal Composability (UC) framework [14]. Our protocol is *optimal* in two aspects: (i) for round complexity, our online protocol requires only 1-round communication (round-optimal); (ii) for corruption threshold, our protocol does not assume an honest majority and can tolerate up to 1 corrupted dealer and  $n - 1$  corrupted verifiers, which is optimal. Table 1 depicts a comparison between our work and other recent and related works.

**Table 1.** Comparison of our work and the state-of-the-art relevant works.

Ref.	Primitive	#Round <sup>†</sup>	Corruption Threshold <sup>‡</sup>	Setup Assumption <sup>§</sup>	Practical?
[40]	MVZK	1	$t < n$	Prep.	✗
[52]	MVZK	2	$t < \frac{n}{2}$	RO	✓
[5]	MVZK	2	$t < \frac{n}{3}$	Prep. + RO	✓
[3]	SIF	1	$t < \frac{n}{2+\epsilon}$ <sup>¶</sup>	Prep.	✗
[56]	SIF	2	$t < n$	Prep.	✓
Ours	SIF	1	$t < n$	Prep. + RO	✓

<sup>†</sup> Refer to the number of rounds in the online phase.

<sup>‡</sup> In [5, 52], the authors proposed protocols with different corruption thresholds. Here, we report the maximum corruption thresholds that [5, 52] can achieve.

<sup>§</sup> Prep.: preprocessing model; RO: random oracle model.

<sup>¶</sup> Here,  $\epsilon$  is a small positive constant.

As shown in Table 1, our work is the only one that achieves 1-round online communication as well as the practical efficiency in the dishonest majority setting. The full descriptions of our protocol are put in Sect. 4.

**An Impossibility Result on 1-Round SIF Without Using Broadcast Channels.** The online phase of our 1-round SIF protocol requires broadcast channels as well as secure point-to-point channels; we remark that broadcast channels are also used in the online phase of the existing designs [3, 5, 40, 52, 56]. Given that broadcast channels are more expensive than secure point-to-point channels, it is natural to ask the following question: Are broadcast channels a must for constructing 1-round SIF protocols?

In Sect. 5, we formally prove that: in the UC framework [14], 1-round SIF is *impossible* to achieve without using broadcast channels, even if a preprocessing model is assumed. Our impossibility result holds no matter how many verifiers the adversary can corrupt, as long as the adversary is allowed to corrupt the dealer; hence, our impossibility result holds in both honest majority and dishonest majority settings.

**A New Form of Correlation: mv-sVOLE.** We extend the two-party subfield Vector Oblivious Linear Evaluation (sVOLE) [11, 12, 50] into the multi-party setting, which is an essential tool in our SIF construction. More precisely, we propose a new primitive called multiple-verifier sVOLE (mv-sVOLE). In Sect. 3, we formally define the mv-sVOLE through an ideal functionality; we also give an efficient construction and prove the security in the UC framework.

We note that, there are several works in the literature that also try to extend sVOLE into the multi-party setting (e.g., [44, 45]). We make a comparison between those works and our mv-sVOLE primitive in Sect. 3.1.

**Implementation and Benchmark.** We implement our protocol in C++ and conduct comprehensive experiments. We present a brief concrete efficiency comparison between our work and other constant-round relevant works in Table 2.

**Table 2.** Concrete efficiency comparison of our work and other constant-round relevant works. All numbers are obtained by ourselves for evaluating an AES-128 boolean circuit with the same hardware configurations.

Ref.	Primitive	$(T, N)^\dagger$	Running Time Per AND Gate (us)	
			LAN	WAN <sup>‡</sup>
[5]	MVZK	(7, 26)	165.6	238.3
[49]	MPC	(7, 8)	140.5	332.7
[56]	SIF	(7, 8)	123.0	291.8
Ours	SIF	(7, 8)	<b>24.1</b>	<b>60.3</b>

<sup>†</sup> Here,  $T$  and  $N$  refer to the number of corrupted parties and total parties, respectively.

<sup>‡</sup> LAN (1 Gbps with 6 ms delay); WAN (200 Mbps with 20 ms delay).

In Table 2, we compare our protocols with three types of related works: (i) SIF against a dishonest majority [56]; (ii) SIF (in the context of MVZK) with an honest majority [5]; and (iii) (constant-round) MPC against a dishonest majority [49]. It turns out that, our improvement for running time ranges from  $4.0 \times - 6.9 \times$  over different network configurations, when the number of corrupted parties  $T$  is fixed to be 7. When  $T = 7$  (including 1 corrupted prover/dealer and 6 corrupted verifiers), both our work and [49, 56] can have 8 parties in total; in contrast, [5] requires at least 26 total parties, since its corruption threshold is  $t < \frac{n}{4}$ , where  $t, n$  are the number of corrupted verifiers and total verifiers<sup>2</sup>. Notice that, this comparison approach (i.e., fixing the number of corrupted parties when make comparisons among protocols with various corruption thresholds) is also taken in the recent MPC work [26]. We also make comparisons when the total party number is fixed; and we refer readers to see more discussions and comparisons in Sect. 6.

## 1.2 Comparison with the Concurrent Work

Concurrently, in [27], Escudero *et al.* employed the Packed Secret Sharing (PSS) technique to construct a quite efficient 3-round MVZK protocol against a dishonest majority; their corruption threshold is  $t < (1 - \epsilon)n$  where  $\epsilon$  is a positive constant. Due to the use of PSS technique, their communication complexity can be  $O(|\mathcal{C}|)$ , which is independent of the number of verifiers  $n$ . Our communication complexity is  $O(n|\mathcal{C}|)$ , so in practice, our performance is not be as good as [27]: when  $n = 8$  and  $\epsilon = 0.25$  and 1 Gbps network is used, [27] requires roughly 1.1 us/gate, and our protocol requires roughly 2.7 us/gate. However, in theory, the online phase of our protocol is *round-optimal* and our protocol can achieve *optimal corruption threshold*; whereas, [27] cannot. The comparison between our protocol and [27] is put in Table 3.<sup>3</sup>

## 1.3 Our Techniques

Here we provide a technique overview of our protocols. We start by recapping the previous works' approaches, then we describe our intuitions and how we achieve round-optimal SIF construction.

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<sup>2</sup> The authors of [5] open-sourced their codes in [20]. However, in [20], they implemented their *older* version protocol with  $t < \frac{n}{3}$  and it is less efficient than the published version. In this work, when it comes to concrete efficiency, we refer [5] to the protocol with  $t < \frac{n}{4}$  since we measure the results of this protocol.

<sup>3</sup> Some readers may notice that, the numbers of our protocol reported here are faster than our running times reported in Table 2. The reason is that: we use two different approaches to instantiate the preprocessing phase for circuits of varying scales. For large-scale circuits (e.g., the numbers reported in Table 3), the amortized preprocessing time is significantly more efficient than that for small-scale circuits.

**Table 3.** Comparison with the concurrent work [27].

Protocol	#Round <sup>†</sup>	Corruption Threshold	Setup Assumption	Running Time <sup>‡</sup> (us/gate)
[27]	3	$t < (1 - \epsilon)n$	Prep.	<b>1.1</b>
This Work	<b>1</b>	<b>t &lt; n</b>	Prep.	2.7

<sup>†</sup> Refer to the number of rounds in the online phase.

<sup>‡</sup> The results are obtained under a 1 Gbps network for a large-scale circuit (i.e., a circuit with  $10^6$  or  $10^7$  multiplication gates). The parameter is set as follows:  $n = 8$  (i.e., 8 verifiers); in [27],  $\epsilon$  is set as 0.25.

**Previous Approaches.** We start by recapping a recent work by Zhou *et al.* [56], which provides a practical SIF construction against a dishonest majority. More precisely, Zhou *et al.* showed how to “transform” the BDOZ-style MPC [8], whose number of online round depends on circuit depth, into a SIF with 2 online rounds. In a BDOZ-style MPC, the parties use additive shares to share their private inputs and employ the Beaver’s triples technique [6] to check the correctness of the multiplication gates, i.e., for each multiplication gate, the parties have to prepare a random multiplication triple  $(a, b, c)$  such that  $c = a \cdot b$ ; to ensure the security, the multiplication triple  $(a, b, c)$  needs to be secret-shared and authenticated among the parties. For a multiplication gate with input values  $w_\alpha, w_\beta$ , the parties need to open  $d_1 := w_\alpha - a$  and  $d_2 := w_\beta - b$  and then locally compute the share of the output value  $w_\gamma$  by the identity  $w_\gamma = d_1 \cdot d_2 + d_1 \cdot b + d_2 \cdot a + c$ . Zhou *et al.* observed that in the SIF setting, the whole multiplication triple  $(a, b, c)$  can be revealed to the dealer, since these triples are used for protecting the private input which is already known by the dealer. In this way, for each multiplication gate whose input values are denoted by  $w_\alpha, w_\beta$ , the dealer can simply compute and broadcast  $d_1$  and  $d_2$ , then the verifiers can open  $\tilde{d}_1 := w_\alpha - a$  and  $\tilde{d}_2 := w_\beta - b$  using their own shares to check if  $d_1 = \tilde{d}_1$  and  $d_2 = \tilde{d}_2$ . It is easy to see that all the multiplication gates can be executed in parallel; thus, they are able to achieve 2-round online communication.

Besides BDOZ-style MPC protocol, other practical MPC protocols which are not constant-round may also be “transformed” into constant-round SIF using the ideas in [56]. For instance, as already discussed in [56], SPDZ-style MPC [22] can be chosen, but the resulting SIF protocol will have an additional online round. Our first attempt is to “transform” the recent MPC protocol [26], which combines Beaver’s triples technique with packed secret sharing to obtain better communication complexity, into a practical SIF; however, the resulting SIF protocol requires at least 2-round online communication, and *cannot* achieve optimal corruption threshold due to the use of packed secret sharing.

In addition to [56], we observe that other current practical solutions [5, 52] also follow the same (online) communication pattern: the dealer sends the computed results and the corresponding “proofs” to the verifiers in the first round, then the verifiers communicate with each other in the following round(s) to

check whether the “proofs” are correct. It seems that the communication among the verifiers are necessary. For better expression, let us take MVZK, a direct application of SIF, as an example. In a MVZK, if verifiers have no chance to communicate with each other, a malicious prover may cause honest verifiers to output inconsistent results (e.g., some of the honest verifiers may output acceptance while others may output rejection). That is why the current practical solutions [5, 52, 56] all require at least 2-round online communication.

**Our Approach.** To reduce the round complexity, we have to break the online communication pattern in previous practical solutions [5, 52, 56]. Our key observation is that *the communication among the verifiers could be pushed into the preprocessing phase*; in this way, we have the chance to obtain 1-round online communication while ensuring the verifiers to have consistent outputs.

In the following, we first talk about our preprocessing phase; jumping ahead, we propose a new primitive called multiple-verifier sVOLE (mv-sVOLE), which is an essential building block for the preprocessing phase.

Preprocessing Phase: Using mv-sVOLE as Correlations. In our design, we make extensive use of a particular form of correlation, called subfield Vector Oblivious Linear Evaluation (sVOLE) [11, 12, 50]. In the two party setting, sVOLE correlations capture the well-known primitive, i.e., Information-Theoretic Message Authentication Codes (IT-MACs) [8, 43]. Let  $\mathbb{F}_{p^r}$  be the extension field of a field  $\mathbb{F}_p$ . In sVOLE, there are two parties involved, i.e., a dealer D and a verifier V, and V holds a MAC key  $\Delta \in \mathbb{F}_{p^r}$ . In order to authenticate the vector  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{F}_p^\ell$  held by D to V, we let D have the MAC tag  $\mathbf{m} \in \mathbb{F}_{p^r}^\ell$  and let V have another MAC key  $\mathbf{k} \in \mathbb{F}_{p^r}^\ell$  s.t.  $\mathbf{m} = \mathbf{k} - \Delta \cdot \mathbf{x}$ . For different  $\mathbf{x}$ , V will use different  $\mathbf{k}$  and the same  $\Delta$ . For this reason, we call  $\mathbf{k}$  the “local” MAC key and  $\Delta$  the “global” MAC key. It is easy to see that a malicious D\* who does not know the MAC keys, cannot produce another valid  $\mathbf{m}'$  for  $\mathbf{x}' \neq \mathbf{x}$  except with negligible probability when  $|\mathbb{F}_{p^r}|$  is sufficiently large.

In the setting of SIF, we are dealing with  $n + 1$  parties, i.e., a dealer D and  $n$  verifiers  $V_1, \dots, V_n$ , so we have to extend the (two-party) sVOLE correlations into the multi-party setting, which we call multiple-verifier sVOLE (mv-sVOLE). More precisely, we let each verifier  $V_i$  privately hold a global MAC key  $\Delta^{(i)} \in \mathbb{F}_{p^r}$ . For each vector  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{F}_p^\ell$  held by the dealer D, for each  $i \in [n]$ , we let the dealer D have the MAC tag  $\mathbf{m}^{(i)} \in \mathbb{F}_{p^r}^\ell$  and let the verifier  $V_i$  have the local MAC key  $\mathbf{k}^{(i)} \in \mathbb{F}_{p^r}^\ell$  such that  $\mathbf{k}^{(i)} = \mathbf{m}^{(i)} + \Delta^{(i)} \cdot \mathbf{x}$ . For better expression, we use the notation  $\llbracket \mathbf{x} \rrbracket$  to denote the authenticated vector  $\mathbf{x}$ . In this way, the vector held by the dealer can be authenticated to each verifier. Then, how to generate these mv-sVOLE correlations? One might suggest invoking  $n$  instances of sVOLE naively; however, this naive solution is not secure at all: a malicious dealer might use inconsistent values  $\mathbf{x}' \neq \mathbf{x}$  in different instances of sVOLE procedure. To address this security issue, we let the verifiers to pose some lightweight *consistency checks* to detect the malicious behaviors of the dealer. This ensures the verifiers can obtain the correct mv-sVOLE correlations; jumping ahead, it also guarantees the honest verifiers can output the consistent results in the online phase. More

concretely, we generalize the technique in [49] (which is originally designed for binary field) to adapt to our setting. Informally speaking, we first let the dealer to use the same  $\mathbf{x}$  in different sVOLe instances with different verifiers. Then the verifiers will jointly sample a random  $\mathbf{s}$  and ask the dealer to reveal  $u := \mathbf{s}^\top \cdot \mathbf{x}$  and the corresponding MAC tags. In this way, the verifiers can check whether the dealer uses the same  $\mathbf{x}$ . We defer the details of our mv-sVOLe constructions and the security analysis to Sect. 3.2.

Online Phase: Checking all Multiplication Gates in 1-Round. Our online protocol is designed in the “commit-and-prove” paradigm. More concretely, we first let the dealer  $D$  commit to his witness  $\mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{F}_p^m$  using the random mv-sVOLe correlations  $\llbracket \boldsymbol{\mu} \rrbracket$  generated in the preprocessing phase; that is,  $D$  broadcasts  $\boldsymbol{\delta} := \mathbf{w} - \boldsymbol{\mu} \in \mathbb{F}_p^m$  to verifiers, and all parties compute  $\llbracket \mathbf{w} \rrbracket := \llbracket \boldsymbol{\mu} \rrbracket + \boldsymbol{\delta}$ . Then we let  $D$  “prove” that all the gates of the circuits are processed properly.

It is easy to see that addition gates can be processed for free. For multiplication gates, we avoid the use of Beaver’s triples technique; instead, we extend the techniques in [24, 51], which require sVOLe correlations and are designed for the two-party setting, into the multi-party setting. More concretely, for the  $i$ -th multiplication gate with input wires  $\alpha, \beta$  and output wire  $\gamma$ , we denote by  $w_\alpha, w_\beta$  the input wire values and denote by  $w_\gamma$  the output wire values. We let  $D$  broadcast  $d_i := w_\alpha \cdot w_\beta - \eta_i \in \mathbb{F}_p$ , where  $\eta_i$  is random and  $\llbracket \eta_i \rrbracket$  is generated in the preprocessing phase, then all parties can compute  $\llbracket w_\gamma \rrbracket := \llbracket \eta_i \rrbracket + d_i$ . In this way,  $D$  holds  $w_a, m_a^{(j)}$  and  $V_j$  holds  $\Delta^{(j)}, k_a^{(j)}$  such that  $k_a^{(j)} = m_a^{(j)} + w_a \cdot \Delta^{(j)}$  for  $a \in \{\alpha, \beta, \gamma\}$  and  $j \in [n]$ . By the following identity:

$$\begin{aligned}
B_i^{(j)} &:= k_\alpha^{(j)} \cdot k_\beta^{(j)} - k_\gamma^{(j)} \cdot \Delta^{(j)} \\
&= (m_\alpha^{(j)} + w_\alpha \cdot \Delta^{(j)}) \cdot (m_\beta^{(j)} + w_\beta \cdot \Delta^{(j)}) - (m_\gamma^{(j)} + w_\gamma \cdot \Delta^{(j)}) \cdot \Delta^{(j)} \\
&= \underbrace{m_\alpha^{(j)} \cdot m_\beta^{(j)}}_{\text{Denote by } A_{i,0}^{(j)}} + \underbrace{(m_\beta^{(j)} \cdot w_\alpha + m_\alpha^{(j)} \cdot w_\beta - m_\gamma^{(j)}) \cdot \Delta^{(j)}}_{\text{Denote by } A_{i,1}^{(j)}} \\
&\quad + (w_\alpha \cdot w_\beta - w_\gamma) \cdot (\Delta^{(j)})^2,
\end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

we conclude that if  $D$  behaves honestly (i.e.,  $w_\gamma = w_\alpha \cdot w_\beta$ ), then we have  $B_i^{(j)} = A_{i,0}^{(j)} + A_{i,1}^{(j)} \cdot \Delta^{(j)}$ . It is easy to see that  $B_i^{(j)}$  (resp.  $A_{i,0}^{(j)}, A_{i,1}^{(j)}$ ) can be locally computed by  $D$  (resp.  $V_j$ ); therefore, the correctness of the  $i$ -th multiplication gate can be checked by letting  $D$  send  $A_{i,0}^{(j)}, A_{i,1}^{(j)}$  to  $V_j$  and letting  $V_j$  check  $B_i^{(j)} \stackrel{?}{=} A_{i,0}^{(j)} + A_{i,1}^{(j)} \cdot \Delta^{(j)}$  for each  $j \in [n]$ . Notice that, the multiplication gates can be checked together; that is the reason why we can achieve 1-round online communication. We defer the details of improving the efficiency of the above checks to Sect. 4.2.

## 2 Preliminaries

### 2.1 Notations

We use  $\lambda \in \mathbb{N}$  to denote the security parameter. We say a function  $\text{negl} : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  is negligible if for every positive polynomial  $\text{poly}(\cdot)$  and every sufficiently large

$\lambda$ ,  $\text{negl}(\lambda) < \frac{1}{\text{poly}(\lambda)}$  holds. We say two distribution ensembles  $\mathcal{U} = \{\mathcal{U}_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in \mathbb{N}}$  and  $\mathcal{W} = \{\mathcal{W}_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in \mathbb{N}}$  are statistically (resp. computationally) indistinguishable, which we denote by  $\mathcal{U} \approx \mathcal{W}$  (resp.,  $\mathcal{X} \approx \mathcal{Y}$ ), if for any unbounded (resp., PPT) distinguisher  $\mathcal{D}$  there exists a negligible function  $\text{negl}$  s.t.  $|\Pr[\mathcal{D}(\mathcal{U}_\lambda) = 1] - \Pr[\mathcal{D}(\mathcal{W}_\lambda) = 1]| = \text{negl}(\lambda)$ . We use  $x \leftarrow S$  to denote by the event that sampling a uniformly random  $x$  from a finite set  $S$ . For  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we use  $[n]$  to denote by a set  $\{1, \dots, n\}$ . For  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$  with  $a \leq b$ , we use  $[a, b]$  to denote by a set  $\{a, \dots, b\}$ . We use bold lower-case letters, e.g.  $\mathbf{x}$ , to denote by the vectors, and we use  $x_i$  to denote by the  $i$ -th component of vector  $\mathbf{x}$ .

We consider both arithmetic circuit and boolean circuit. Basing on a finite field  $\mathbb{F}_p$  with a prime order  $p$ , a circuit  $\mathcal{C} : \mathbb{F}_p^m \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_p^n$  consists of a set of input wires  $\mathcal{I}_{\text{in}}$  and a set of output wires  $\mathcal{I}_{\text{out}}$ , where  $|\mathcal{I}_{\text{in}}| = m$  and  $|\mathcal{I}_{\text{out}}| = n$ . In addition to that, the circuit  $\mathcal{C}$  also contains a list of gates of the form  $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma, T)$ , where  $\alpha, \beta$  (resp.  $\gamma$ ) are the indices of the input wires (resp. output wire), and  $T \in \{\text{Add}, \text{Mult}\}$  is the gate type. If  $p = 2$ , then  $\mathcal{C}$  is a boolean circuit where  $\text{Add} = \oplus$  and  $\text{Mult} = \wedge$ . If  $p > 2$ , then  $\mathcal{C}$  is an arithmetic circuit where  $\text{Add}/\text{Mult}$  corresponds to addition/multiplication in  $\mathbb{F}_p$ . We use  $\mathbb{F}_{p^r}$  to denote by an extension field of a finite field  $\mathbb{F}_p$ , where  $p \geq 2$  is a prime and  $r \geq 1$  is an integer. We can write  $\mathbb{F}_{p^r} \cong \mathbb{F}_p[X]/f(X)$ , where  $f(X)$  is a some monic, irreducible polynomial with degree  $r$ . It is easy to see that, every  $w \in \mathbb{F}_{p^r}$  can be written uniquely as  $w = \sum_{i=1}^r v_i \cdot X^{i-1}$  with  $v_i \in \mathbb{F}_p$  for all  $i \in [r]$ . Thus, the elements over  $\mathbb{F}_{p^r}$  can be regarded as the vectors in  $(\mathbb{F}_p)^r$  equivalently.

## 2.2 Security Model

We design our protocols and prove their security in the Universal Composability (UC) framework by Canetti [14]. We refer readers to see a high-level description of UC framework in our full-version paper [57].

**Adversarial Model.** In this paper, we consider a malicious, static and rushing adversary. We also assume that the adversary is allowed to corrupt the dealer and up to  $t$  number of verifiers where  $t < n$ .

**Secure Communication Model.** In this work, we consider simultaneous communication. We also assume the parties are connected by pairwise secure channels and a broadcast channel. We remark that, these secure communication channels are also required in the relevant works [3, 5, 52, 56].

## 2.3 (Programmable) Subfield VOLE

We first introduce subfield Vector Oblivious Linear Evaluation (sVOLE) [11, 12], which works over an extension field  $\mathbb{F}_{p^r}$ . In sVOLE, the verifier  $V$  holds a global MAC key  $\Delta \in \mathbb{F}_{p^r}$  which can be used for multiple times. For a vector  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{F}_p^\ell$  held by the dealer  $D$ , we let the dealer  $D$  have the MAC tag  $\mathbf{m} \in \mathbb{F}_{p^r}^\ell$  and let the verifier have the local MAC key  $\mathbf{k} \in \mathbb{F}_{p^r}^\ell$  such that  $\mathbf{m} = \mathbf{k} - \Delta \cdot \mathbf{x}$ . In this way, the vector  $\mathbf{x}$  is authenticated to the verifier  $V$ . Notice that,  $D$  cannot lie about

$\mathbf{x}$ , because the probability of D computing a valid MAC tag  $\mathbf{m}'$  for a chosen  $\mathbf{x}' \neq \mathbf{x}$  is at most  $p^{-r}$ , which would be negligible if  $p, r$  are chosen properly.

We note that, most of the recent and popular approaches for generating subfield VOLE are based on Pseudorandom Correlation Generators (PCGs), e.g., [10, 11, 50]. Informally speaking, a PCG allows two parties take a pair of short and correlated seeds, then expand them to produce a much larger amount of correlation randomness. However, typically, the sVOLE correlations generated by PCGs are random, meaning that the dealer D cannot chose the authenticated vector  $\mathbf{x}$ . This is troublesome when the dealer D wants to use the same  $\mathbf{u}$  to run different instances of sVOLE generation procedures with different verifiers. We note that, given a random sVOLE correlation  $(\mathbf{x}', \mathbf{m}', \Delta, \mathbf{k}')$  such that  $\mathbf{m}' = \mathbf{k}' - \Delta \cdot \mathbf{x}'$ , the dealer D can easily convert it to a sVOLE correlation with chosen  $\mathbf{x}$  by sending  $\boldsymbol{\delta} := \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'$  to the verifier and setting  $\mathbf{m} := \mathbf{m}'$ , the verifier V then sets  $\mathbf{k} := \mathbf{k}' + \boldsymbol{\delta} \cdot \Delta$ ; in this way,  $\mathbf{m} = \mathbf{k} - \Delta \cdot \mathbf{x}$  holds. However, this approach requires  $O(\ell)$  communication cost, where  $\ell$  is the vector length; when a large amount of sVOLE correlations are needed, this approach is not efficient enough.

Functionality  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{psVOLE}}^{p,r}$

The functionality interacts with a dealer D, a verifier V and an adversary  $\mathcal{S}$ . It is parameterized with a finite field  $\mathbb{F}_p$  and its extension field  $\mathbb{F}_{p^r}$ , and a deterministic expansion function  $\text{Expand} : S \times \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_p^*$ .

**Initialization:** Upon receiving (INIT, sid) from D and V, do:

- If V is honest, sample  $\Delta \leftarrow \mathbb{F}_{p^r}$ ; otherwise, receive  $\Delta \in \mathbb{F}_{p^r}$  from  $\mathcal{S}$ .
- Store  $\Delta$  and send (INIT, sid,  $\Delta$ ) to V. Ignore any subsequent INIT commands.

**Authentication over subfield:** Upon receiving (AUTHSUB, sid,  $\ell$ , sd) from D and (AUTHSUB, sid,  $\ell$ ) from V, where  $s \in S$ , do:

- Compute  $\mathbf{x} := \text{Expand}(\text{sd}, \ell) \in \mathbb{F}_p^\ell$ .
- If both parties are honest, sample  $\mathbf{k} \leftarrow \mathbb{F}_{p^r}^\ell$ , then compute  $\mathbf{m} := \mathbf{k} - \Delta \cdot \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{F}_{p^r}^\ell$ .
- If both parties are malicious, halt.
- If D\* is malicious and V is honest, receive  $\mathbf{m} \in \mathbb{F}_{p^r}^\ell$  from  $\mathcal{S}$ , then compute  $\mathbf{k} := \mathbf{m} + \Delta \cdot \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{F}_{p^r}^\ell$ .
- If D is honest and V\* is malicious, receive  $\mathbf{k} \in \mathbb{F}_{p^r}^\ell$  from  $\mathcal{S}$ , then compute  $\mathbf{m} := \mathbf{k} - \Delta \cdot \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{F}_{p^r}^\ell$ .
- Send (CONTINUE, sid) to  $\mathcal{S}$ . For each honest party  $H \in \{D, V\}$ , upon receiving an input from  $\mathcal{S}$ ,
  - If it is (CONTINUE, sid, H), send the respective output to H. More precisely, if H is the dealer D, send (AUTHSUB, sid,  $\mathbf{m}$ ) to D; if H is the verifier V, send (AUTHSUB, sid,  $\mathbf{k}$ ) to V.
  - If it is (ABORT, sid, H), send (ABORT, sid) to H.

**Fig. 1.** The Functionality  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{psVOLE}}^{p,r}$

To address the above issue, Rachuri and Scholl propose the *programmable* sVOLE in [45]; we model this primitive through an ideal functionality  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{psVOLE}}^{p,r}$ ,

which is adapted from [45] and is depicted in Fig. 1. The programmability means that the dealer D can choose a seed  $\text{sd}$  and expand it to a vector of  $\ell$  field elements  $\mathbf{x} := \text{Expand}(\text{sd}, \ell)$ , where  $\text{Expand} : S \times \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_p^*$  is a deterministic expansion function that takes a seed  $\text{sd}$  from a seed space  $S$  and the output length  $\ell \in \mathbb{Z}$  as inputs and outputs a  $\ell$ -length vector  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{F}_p^\ell$ . This allows the dealer to use the same authenticated vector  $\mathbf{x}$  (by choosing the same seed) in different instances of  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{psVOLE}}^{p,r}$ . As noted in [45], in practice, the expansion function  $\text{Expand}$  may correspond to some kind of secure Pseudo Random Generators (PRGs)<sup>4</sup>. Rachuri and Scholl also provide a PCG-style protocol that can efficiently realize  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{psVOLE}}^{p,r}$ , and we refer interested readers to see that in [45].

The sVOLE correlation satisfies an appealing property, i.e., *additive homomorphism*. More precisely, given authenticated vectors  $\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n \in \mathbb{F}_p^\ell$  (i.e., for  $i \in [n]$ : the dealer D holds  $\mathbf{x}_i$  and  $\mathbf{m}_{\mathbf{x}_i}$  and the verifier V holds  $\Delta$  and  $\mathbf{k}_{\mathbf{x}_i}$  such that  $\mathbf{m}_{\mathbf{x}_i} = \mathbf{k}_{\mathbf{x}_i} - \Delta \cdot \mathbf{x}_i$ ) and the public coefficients  $c_1, \dots, c_n \in \mathbb{F}_p$  and  $\mathbf{c} \in \mathbb{F}_p^\ell$ , the dealer D can locally compute  $\mathbf{y} := \mathbf{c} + \sum_{i=1}^n c_i \cdot \mathbf{x}_i$  and the corresponding MAC tag  $\mathbf{m}_y := \sum_{i=1}^n c_i \cdot \mathbf{m}_{\mathbf{x}_i}$  while the verifier V can locally compute the corresponding local MAC key  $\mathbf{k}_y := \sum_{i=1}^n c_i \cdot \mathbf{k}_{\mathbf{x}_i} + \Delta \cdot \mathbf{c}$  such that  $\mathbf{m}_y = \mathbf{k}_y - \Delta \cdot \mathbf{y}$ .

## 2.4 Single-Input Functionalities

Here we provide the functionality for Single-Input Functionalities (SIF) in Fig. 2, which is taken from [56]. In Fig. 2, there are a dealer D and  $n$  verifiers  $V_1, \dots, V_n$ . The parties hold a circuit  $\mathcal{C} : \mathbb{F}_p^m \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_p^n$  while the dealer D additionally holds a private input  $\mathbf{w}$  where  $|\mathbf{w}| = m$ . The functionality  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{SIF}}$  takes  $\mathbf{w}$  from D, then it computes  $\mathbf{y} := \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{w})$  and delivers  $y_i$  to  $V_i$  for  $i \in [n]$ , where  $y_i$  is the  $i$ -th component of  $\mathbf{y}$ .

## 2.5 Coin-Tossing

Here we introduce the functionality for coin-tossing, and it allows all parties to receive the same uniformly random string. Formally, we present the functionality for coin-tossing in Fig. 3.

# 3 Multiple-Verifier Subfield VOLE

## 3.1 Security Definition

Here we extend the (two-party) sVOLE into the multi-party setting, and we call this new form of correlated randomness *multiple-verifier subfield VOLE (mv-sVOLE)*. In mv-sVOLE, there are a dealer D and  $n$  verifiers  $V_1, \dots, V_n$ , and each verifier  $V_i$  privately holds a global MAC key  $\Delta^{(i)} \in \mathbb{F}_{p^r}$ . For each vector  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{F}_p^\ell$  held by the dealer D, for each  $i \in [n]$ , we let the dealer D have the MAC

<sup>4</sup> Typically, PRGs are referred as randomized algorithms that can generate pseudo-random strings. However, when the seed (which contains the randomness) and the output length are fixed, we can view a PRG as a deterministic algorithm.

Functionality  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{SIF}}$ 

It interacts with a dealer  $\mathsf{D}$ ,  $n$  verifiers  $\mathsf{V}_1, \dots, \mathsf{V}_n$  and an adversary  $\mathcal{S}$ . It is parameterized by a circuit  $\mathcal{C}$  where  $\mathcal{C} : \mathbb{F}_p^m \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_p^n$ . Let  $\mathcal{H}$  denote the set of honest parties.

Upon receiving  $(\text{INPUT}, \text{sid}, \mathbf{w})$  from  $\mathsf{D}$  and  $(\text{INPUT}, \text{sid})$  from  $\mathsf{V}_i$  for all  $i \in [n]$  where  $\mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{F}_p^m$ , do

- Compute  $\mathbf{y} := \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{w})$ , and send  $(\text{OUTPUT}, \text{sid}, y_i)$  to  $\mathsf{V}_i^*$  for each malicious verifier  $\mathsf{V}_i^* \notin \mathcal{H}$ .
- Send  $(\text{CONTINUE}, \text{sid})$  to the adversary  $\mathcal{S}$ . For each honest verifier  $\mathsf{V}_i \in \mathcal{H}$ , upon receiving an input from  $\mathcal{S}$ ,
  - If it is  $(\text{CONTINUE}, \text{sid}, \mathsf{V}_i)$ , send  $(\text{OUTPUT}, \text{sid}, y_i)$  to  $\mathsf{V}_i$ .
  - If it is  $(\text{ABORT}, \text{sid}, \mathsf{V}_i)$ , send  $(\text{ABORT}, \text{sid})$  to  $\mathsf{V}_i$ .

**Fig. 2.** The Functionality  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{SIF}}$ Functionality  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{COIN}}^{p,r}$ 

It interacts with a prover  $\mathsf{P}$ ,  $n$  verifier  $\mathsf{V}_1, \dots, \mathsf{V}_n$ . It is parameterized with a finite field  $\mathbb{F}_p$  and its extension field  $\mathbb{F}_{p^r}$ . Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be the set of the honest parties.

Upon receiving  $(\text{Toss}, \text{sid}, \ell)$  from  $\mathsf{P}$  and  $\mathsf{V}_1, \dots, \mathsf{V}_n$ , do:

- Sample  $\mathbf{s} \leftarrow \mathbb{F}_{p^r}^\ell$  and send  $(\text{Toss}, \text{sid}, \mathbf{s})$  to all corrupted parties.
- Send  $(\text{CONTINUE}, \text{sid})$  to the adversary  $\mathcal{S}$ . For each honest party  $\mathsf{H} \in \mathcal{H}$ , upon receiving an input from  $\mathcal{S}$ ,
  - If it is  $(\text{CONTINUE}, \text{sid}, \mathsf{H})$ , send  $(\text{Toss}, \text{sid}, \mathbf{s})$  to  $\mathsf{H}$ .
  - If it is  $(\text{ABORT}, \text{sid}, \mathsf{H})$ , send  $(\text{ABORT}, \text{sid})$  to  $\mathsf{H}$ .

**Fig. 3.** Functionality for coin-tossing

tag  $\mathbf{m}^{(i)} \in \mathbb{F}_{p^r}^\ell$  and let the verifier  $\mathsf{V}_i$  have the local MAC key  $\mathbf{k}^{(i)} \in \mathbb{F}_{p^r}^\ell$  such that  $\mathbf{k}^{(i)} = \mathbf{m}^{(i)} + \Delta^{(i)} \cdot \mathbf{x}$ . In this way, the vector held by  $\mathsf{D}$ , can be authenticated to each verifier. Formally, we present our mv-sVOLE functionality in Fig. 4.

**Comparison with Other Works.** Notice that, there are several works in the literature that also try to extend sVOLE into the multi-party setting. In [44], Qiu *et al.* also consider the setting with one dealer and multiple verifiers; however, they do not consider the consistency of the authenticated values. In other words, their malicious dealer can use *inconsistent*  $\mathbf{x}$  for different verifiers. As a result, their multi-verifier sVOLE can be implemented by running two-party sVOLE  $n$  times directly, while our mv-sVOLE functionality cannot be realized through this native approach. In [45], Rachuri and Scholl extend sVOLE into the multi-party setting in a different way: they let each party play the role of the dealer in turn, and each parties' private values will be authenticated to all other parties. Therefore, there is no distinguished party in their setting, and their multi-party sVOLE primitive is much more complex than our mv-sVOLE. We conjecture that our mv-sVOLE primitive might be used as a basic building block to realize the

multi-party sVOLE in [45]. In some constant-round MPC protocols that tailored for boolean circuits (e.g., [49, 53]), they make use of a primitive called multi-party authenticated bits. Our mv-sVOLE can be viewed as a generalization of multi-party authenticated bits, since multi-party authenticated bits are specifically designed for the case for binary field while our mv-sVOLE can cover both binary field and large filed.

Functionality  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{mv-sVOLE}}^{p,r}$

It interacts with a dealer  $D$ ,  $n$  verifiers  $V_1, \dots, V_n$  and an adversary  $\mathcal{S}$ . It is parameterized with fields  $\mathbb{F}_p$  and  $\mathbb{F}_{p^r}$ . Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be the set of honest parties.

**Initialization:** Upon receiving  $(\text{INIT}, \text{sid})$  from  $D$  and  $V_1, \dots, V_n$ :

- For each  $i \in [n]$ , if  $V_i$  is honest, sample  $\Delta^{(i)} \leftarrow \mathbb{F}_{p^r}$ ; otherwise, receive  $\Delta^{(i)} \in \mathbb{F}_{p^r}$  from the adversary  $\mathcal{S}$ .
- Store  $\{\Delta^{(i)}\}_{i \in [n]}$  and send  $(\text{INIT}, \text{sid}, \Delta^{(i)})$  to  $V_i$ . Ignore any subsequent INIT.

**Authentications over subfield:** Upon receiving  $(\text{AUTHSUB}, \text{sid}, \ell)$  from  $D$  and  $V_1, \dots, V_n$ , do:

- If all parties are honest, sample  $\mathbf{x} \leftarrow \mathbb{F}_p^\ell$ . For each  $i \in [n]$ : sample  $\mathbf{k}^{(i)} \leftarrow \mathbb{F}_{p^r}^\ell$  and compute  $\mathbf{m}^{(i)} := \mathbf{k}^{(i)} - \Delta^{(i)} \cdot \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{F}_{p^r}^\ell$ .
- If all parties are malicious, halt.
- If  $D^*$  is malicious and some of the verifiers are honest, receive  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{F}_p^\ell$  from the adversary  $\mathcal{S}$ . For each honest verifier  $V_i \in \mathcal{H}$ : receive  $\mathbf{m}^{(i)} \in \mathbb{F}_{p^r}^\ell$  from the adversary  $\mathcal{S}$ , and compute  $\mathbf{k}^{(i)} := \mathbf{m}^{(i)} + \Delta^{(i)} \cdot \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{F}_{p^r}^\ell$ .
- If  $D$  is honest and some of the verifiers are malicious, sample  $\mathbf{x} \leftarrow \mathbb{F}_p^\ell$ . For each malicious verifier  $V_i^* \notin \mathcal{H}$ : receive  $\mathbf{k}^{(i)} \in \mathbb{F}_{p^r}^\ell$  from the adversary  $\mathcal{S}$ ; for each honest verifier  $V_i \in \mathcal{H}$ : sample  $\mathbf{k}^{(i)} \leftarrow \mathbb{F}_{p^r}^\ell$ . Then compute  $\mathbf{m}^{(i)} := \mathbf{k}^{(i)} - \Delta^{(i)} \cdot \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{F}_{p^r}^\ell$  for each  $i \in [n]$ .
- Send  $(\text{CONTINUE}, \text{sid})$  to the adversary  $\mathcal{S}$ . For each honest party  $H \in \mathcal{H}$ , upon receiving an input from  $\mathcal{S}$ ,
  - If it is  $(\text{CONTINUE}, \text{sid}, H)$ , send the respective output to  $H$ . More precisely, if  $H$  is the dealer  $D$ , send  $(\text{AUTHSUB}, \text{sid}, \mathbf{x}, \{\mathbf{m}^{(j)}\}_{j \in [n]})$  to  $D$ ; if  $H$  is  $i$ -th verifier  $V_i$ , send  $(\text{AUTHSUB}, \text{sid}, \mathbf{k}^{(i)})$  to  $V_i$ .
  - If it is  $(\text{ABORT}, \text{sid}, H)$ , send  $(\text{ABORT}, \text{sid})$  to  $H$ .

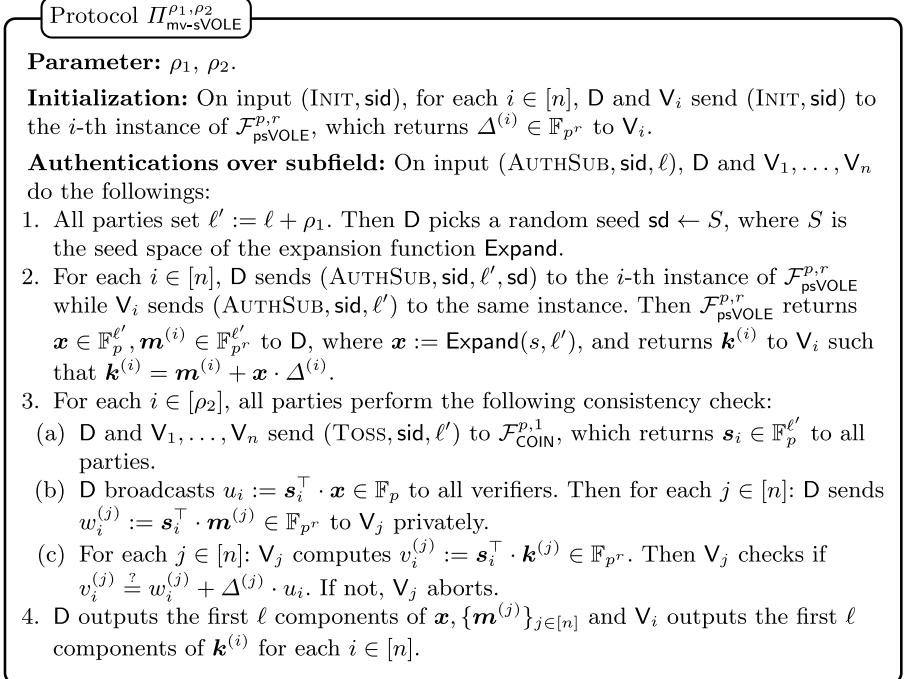
**Fig. 4.** The Functionality  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{mv-sVOLE}}^{p,r}$

### 3.2 Efficiently Realizing $\mathcal{F}_{\text{mv-sVOLE}}^{p,r}$

In this subsection, we first give a template construction that efficiently realizes  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{mv-sVOLE}}^{p,r}$ . Then we will show that, by carefully choosing the parameters, our construction remains secure for both  $p = 2$  and large  $p > 2$ .

**A Template Construction.** We first give a high-level description of our protocol. Let  $\rho_1$  and  $\rho_2$  be parameters. In order to authenticate the same  $\ell$ -length vector to all verifiers respectively, we first let all parties set  $\ell' := \ell + \rho_1$  and

let the dealer D pick a random seed  $\text{sd}$  from the seed space  $S$ . We denote by  $\mathbf{x} := \text{Expand}(\text{sd}, \ell') \in \mathbb{F}_p^{\ell'}$ . We note that, the last  $\rho_1$  components of the vector  $\mathbf{x}$  are used to prevent a potentially malicious verifier from learning the first  $\ell$  components of  $\mathbf{x}$ . Then for each  $i \in [n]$ , we let D and  $\mathsf{V}_i$  invoke an instance of  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{psVOLE}}^{p,r}$ , where D sends  $s$  to  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{psVOLE}}^{p,r}$ , and  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{psVOLE}}^{p,r}$  returns  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{m}^{(i)}$  to D and returns  $\mathbf{k}^{(i)}$  to  $\mathsf{V}_i$  such that  $\mathbf{k}^{(i)} = \mathbf{m}^{(i)} + \mathbf{x} \cdot \Delta^{(i)}$ .



**Fig. 5.** Protocol for multiple-verifier subfield VOLE in the  $\{\mathcal{F}_{\text{psVOLE}}^{p,r}, \mathcal{F}_{\text{COIN}}^{p,1}\}$ -hybrid world

Next, we let the parties perform the following consistency checks for  $\rho_2$  times to ensure that, if a potentially malicious dealer  $D^*$  uses *inconsistent* seeds in different instances of  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{psVOLE}}^{p,r}$  with different verifiers,  $D^*$  will be caught with overwhelming probability. We say the dealer uses inconsistent seeds, if it uses  $\text{sd}_1, \text{sd}_2$  s.t.  $\text{Expand}(\text{sd}_1, \ell') \neq \text{Expand}(\text{sd}_2, \ell')$ . Notice that, if the dealer uses  $\text{sd}_1, \text{sd}_2$  s.t.  $\text{sd}_1 \neq \text{sd}_2$  but  $\text{Expand}(\text{sd}_1, \ell') = \text{Expand}(\text{sd}_2, \ell')$ , we still say that the dealer uses consistent seeds. Our consistency checks work as follows: We let parties sample  $\mathbf{s} \leftarrow \mathbb{F}_p^{\ell'}$  and let the dealer D broadcast  $u := \mathbf{s}^\top \cdot \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{F}_p$ . Then for each  $i \in [n]$ : the dealer D will send the corresponding MAC tag  $w^{(i)} := \mathbf{s}^\top \cdot \mathbf{m}^{(i)} \in \mathbb{F}_{p^r}$  for  $u$  to  $\mathsf{V}_i$ , and  $\mathsf{V}_i$  will compute the corresponding local MAC key  $v^{(i)} := \mathbf{s}^\top \cdot \mathbf{k}^{(i)} \in \mathbb{F}_{p^r}$  and checks if  $v^{(i)} \stackrel{?}{=} w^{(i)} + \Delta^{(i)} \cdot u$ . Later, we will show that by carefully choosing

parameters, if  $D$  uses the inconsistent seeds, then  $D$  will be caught with overwhelming probability. Finally, if all consistency checks pass, all parties output the first  $\ell$  objects. That is,  $D$  outputs the first  $\ell$  components of  $\mathbf{x}, \{\mathbf{m}^{(j)}\}_{j \in [n]}$  and  $V_i$  outputs the first  $\ell$  components of  $\mathbf{k}^{(i)}$  for each  $i \in [n]$ . Formally, we present our protocol construction  $\Pi_{\text{mv-sVOLE}}^{\rho_1, \rho_2}$  in Fig. 5.

**Security Analysis.** Here we provide the security analysis of  $\Pi_{\text{mv-sVOLE}}^{\rho_1, \rho_2}$ .

Case I: for  $p = 2$ . Here, we are dealing with the case where  $p = 2$  and  $r = \lambda$ , where  $\lambda$  is the security parameter; thus, this can support SIF over boolean circuits, which we will describe in the later sections. In this case ( $p = 2$  and  $r = \lambda$ ), the parameters should be set as  $\rho_1 := 2\rho$  and  $\rho_2 := \rho$  where  $\rho = \Theta(\lambda)$ . Notice that, for these parameters, our protocol  $\Pi_{\text{mv-sVOLE}}^{2\rho, \rho}$  directly yields the multi-party authenticated bits protocol in [49, Figure 5]<sup>5</sup>. Next, we explain why the parameters are set in this way.

Let us first consider the case where  $D^*$  is corrupted. We need to ensure that if  $D^*$  uses inconsistent seeds, for instance,  $sd_1, sd_2$  such that  $\text{Expand}(sd_1, \ell') \neq \text{Expand}(sd_2, \ell')$ , then  $D^*$  would be caught with overwhelming probability. We denote by  $\mathbf{x}_1 := \text{Expand}(sd_1, \ell')$  and  $\mathbf{x}_2 := \text{Expand}(sd_2, \ell')$ . Since  $D^*$  cannot forge a MAC tag except for a negligible probability, the probability of  $D^*$  passing the consistency check is the probability that  $\mathbf{s}^\top \cdot \mathbf{x}_1 = \mathbf{s}^\top \cdot \mathbf{x}_2$ , where  $\mathbf{s}$  is the random vector returned by  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{COIN}}^{2,1}$ . If we instantiate  $\text{Expand}$  with a secure PRG and we denote by  $\mathcal{I}$  the set of indices where  $\mathbf{x}_1 \neq \mathbf{x}_2$ , then it is easy to see that  $\Pr[\mathbf{s}^\top \cdot \mathbf{x}'_1 = \mathbf{s}^\top \cdot \mathbf{x}'_2] = \Pr[\bigoplus_{i \in \mathcal{I}} s_i = 0] = \frac{1}{2} + \epsilon(\lambda)$ , where  $\epsilon(\lambda)$  is the negligible distance between the pseudorandom random strings generated by PRGs and the uniformly random strings. In other words, in each consistency check, a cheating  $D^*$  can pass the check with probability  $\frac{1}{2} + \epsilon(\lambda)$ . Thus, we need to let the parties perform  $\rho = \Theta(\lambda)$  times, so that a cheating  $D^*$  can pass the check with probability  $O(2^{-\lambda})$ .

Then we consider the case where the dealer is honest and some verifiers are corrupted. We need to ensure that the malicious verifiers cannot learn any information about the dealer's output, i.e., the first  $\ell$  components of  $\mathbf{x}$ . In the  $i$ -th consistency check, for each random  $\mathbf{s}_i \in \mathbb{F}_2^{\ell'}$  returned by  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{COIN}}^{2,1}$ , we denote by  $\mathbf{a}_i$  the first  $\ell$  components of  $\mathbf{s}_i$  and denote by  $\mathbf{b}_i$  the last  $\rho_1$  components of  $\mathbf{s}_i$ . We also denote by  $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}$  the first  $\ell$  components of  $\mathbf{x}$  and denote by  $\mathbf{y}$  the last  $\rho_1$  components of  $\mathbf{x}$ . Then we have the equation  $u_i = \mathbf{a}_i^\top \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{x}} + \mathbf{b}_i^\top \cdot \mathbf{y}$ . Notice that, there are  $\rho_2$  such equations since we need to perform  $\rho_2$  consistency checks. Therefore, we have to prove that  $\{\mathbf{b}_i\}_{i \in [\rho_2]}$  are linearly independent so that  $\mathbf{b}_i^\top \cdot \mathbf{y}$  can act as “one-time pad” to  $\mathbf{a}_i^\top \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{x}}$ ; otherwise, the malicious verifiers may learn the linear combination of  $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}$ . By [49, Lemma A.4], Wang *et al.* proved that the probability of  $\{\mathbf{b}_i\}_{i \in [\rho_2]}$  being linearly dependent is at most  $2^{-(\rho_1 - \rho_2)}$ . In order to make this probability negligible, we have to set  $\rho_1 := 2\rho$  since  $\rho_2$  is already

<sup>5</sup> In [49, Figure 5], the authors actually set the parameters as  $\rho_1 = \rho_2 := 2\rho$ . However, according to their proof, we believe that it is their tiny typo error and the parameters should be set as  $\rho_1 := 2\rho$  and  $\rho_2 := \rho$ .

as set as  $\rho_2 := \rho$ , where  $\rho = \Theta(\lambda)$ . Formally, we have the following theorem, and we refer interested readers to see the proof in [49, Theorem A.3].

**Theorem 1 (Adapted from [49]).** *Let  $\lambda$  be the security parameter. Let  $\mathbb{F}_{2^\lambda}$  be the extension field. Set  $\rho_1 := 2\rho$  and  $\rho_2 := \rho$  where  $\rho = \Theta(\lambda)$ . Let  $\text{Expand}$  be a secure PRG. Then the protocol  $\Pi_{\text{mv-sVOLE}}^{2\rho, \rho}$  depicted in Fig. 5 UC-realizes  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{mv-sVOLE}}^{2, \lambda}$  depicted in Fig. 4 in the  $\{\mathcal{F}_{\text{sVOLE}}^{2, \lambda}, \mathcal{F}_{\text{COIN}}^{2, 1}\}$ -hybrid world, in the presence of a static malicious adversary corrupting up to the dealer and  $n - 1$  verifiers.*

Case II: for large  $p > 2$ . It is easy to see that the efficiency of our protocol  $\Pi_{\text{mv-sVOLE}}^{\rho_1, \rho_2}$  would be improved, if the parameters  $\rho_1, \rho_2$  could be set smaller. Jumping ahead, we find that, when  $p^{-1} = \text{negl}(\lambda)$  and  $r = 1$ , the parameters can be set as minimum, i.e.,  $\rho_1 = \rho_2 := 1$ .

Let us first focus on  $\rho_2$ , which is the number of consistency checks. Recall that, when  $p = 2$ , the probability of a malicious  $D^*$  passing each consistency check is  $\frac{1}{2} + \epsilon(\lambda)$ , where  $\epsilon(\lambda)$  is a negligible error that caused by PRGs; therefore,  $\rho = \Theta(\lambda)$  repetitions are needed. We observe that, if we could lower the probability of a malicious  $D^*$  passing each consistency check, then the parameter  $\rho_2$  could be set smaller. By Theorem 3, we can prove that the probability of a malicious  $D^*$  passing each consistency check can be reduced to  $p^{-1} + \epsilon(\lambda)$ . Thus, if  $p$  is a large prime such that  $p^{-1} = \text{negl}(\lambda)$ , we only need to perform the consistency check once. In other words, the parameter  $\rho_2$  can be set as  $\rho_2 := 1$ .

Now let us focus on  $\rho_1$ , which is the length of the random mask vector  $\mathbf{y}$ . For the random vector  $\mathbf{s} \in \mathbb{F}_p^{\ell'}$  returned by  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{COIN}}^{p, 1}$ , we denote by  $\mathbf{a}$  the first  $\ell$  components of  $\mathbf{s}$  and denote by  $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}$  the first  $\ell$  components of  $\mathbf{x}$  and denote by  $\mathbf{y}$  the last  $\rho_1$  components of  $\mathbf{x}$ . Then we have the equation  $u = \mathbf{a}^\top \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{x}} + \mathbf{b}^\top \cdot \mathbf{y}$ . Unlike the previous case where  $p = 2$  and there are  $\rho$  such equations, here we only have one such equation. Thus, we observe that  $\rho_1 = 1$  is sufficient to mask  $\mathbf{a}^\top \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{x}}$  with  $\mathbf{b}^\top \cdot \mathbf{y}$ , since the probability of  $\mathbf{b}^\top \cdot \mathbf{y}$  being zero is negligible. That is why we can set the parameter  $\rho_1$  as  $\rho_1 := 1$ . Formally, we prove the security through the following theorems, and their proofs can be found in our full-version paper [57].

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $\mathbb{F}_{p^r}$  be the extension field where  $p$  is a large prime and  $r = 1$ . Set  $\rho_1 := 1$  and  $\rho_2 := 1$ . Let  $\text{Expand}$  be a secure PRG. Then the protocol  $\Pi_{\text{mv-sVOLE}}^{1, 1}$  depicted in Fig. 5 UC-realizes the functionality  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{mv-sVOLE}}^{p, 1}$  depicted in Fig. 4 in the  $\{\mathcal{F}_{\text{psVOLE}}^{p, 1}, \mathcal{F}_{\text{COIN}}^{p, 1}\}$ -hybrid world, in the presence of a static malicious adversary corrupting up to the dealer and  $n - 1$  verifiers.*

**Theorem 3.** *Let  $\mathbb{F}_p$  be the field with a prime order  $p$ . Let  $\mathbf{s}$  be the column vector over field  $\mathbb{F}_p^k$  whose elements are all non-zero, Let  $\mathbf{t}$  be the column vector that is uniformly sampled from  $\mathbb{F}_p^k$ . Then we have  $\Pr[\mathbf{s}^\top \cdot \mathbf{t} = 0] = \frac{1}{p}$ .*

**Instantiating  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{psVOLE}}^{p, r}$ .** Notice that, our protocol  $\Pi_{\text{mv-sVOLE}}^{p, r}$  makes block box use of  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{psVOLE}}^{p, r}$ . We describe two approaches to instantiate  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{psVOLE}}^{p, r}$ .

Approach I: PCG-style. Recently, many works (e.g., [10, 11, 50]) employ Pseudorandom Correlation Generators (PCGs) to generate sVOLE correlations, i.e., they let two parties take a pair of short seeds, then expand them to a large amount of sVOLE correlations. One of the most appealing features of the PCG-style approach is that: it only requires *sublinear* communication cost.

Basing on the PCG construction in [50], Rachuri and Scholl give a PCG-style protocol that can efficiently realize  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{psVOLE}}^{p,r}$  in [45]; their protocol can cover both  $p = 2$  and  $p > 2$ . More precisely, the main building block in [50] is a primitive called *single-input* sVOLE (spsVOLE), where only one component of the authenticated vector  $\mathbf{x}$  is non-zero while other components are zero. Rachuri and Scholl modify the spsVOLE protocol in [50] to support programmable inputs, i.e., the authenticated vector  $\mathbf{x}$  can be expanded from a chosen seed; they also show that the modified spsVOLE can be used to realize  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{psVOLE}}^{p,r}$  with essentially the same steps as [50]. We refer interested readers to see that in [45].

Approach II: IKNP-style. For binary field, it is known that sVOLE is equivalent to a primitive called Correlated Oblivious Transfer (COT) [4]. At the end of a COT protocol, the sender obtains  $\ell$  pairs of messages  $\{\mathbf{m}_0^{(i)}, \mathbf{m}_1^{(i)}\}_{i \in [n]} \in \mathbb{F}_2^r$  such that  $\mathbf{m}_0^{(i)} \oplus \mathbf{m}_1^{(i)} = \Delta$ , where  $\Delta \in \mathbb{F}_2^r$  is chosen by the sender and  $\mathbf{m}_0^{(i)}, \mathbf{m}_1^{(i)}, \Delta$  can be also viewed as elements in the extension field  $\mathbb{F}_{2^r}$ ; meanwhile, the receiver obtains  $\{b^{(i)}\}_{i \in [\ell]} \in \mathbb{F}_2$  and  $\{\mathbf{m}_{b^{(i)}}^{(i)}\}_{i \in [n]} \in \mathbb{F}_2^r$ . If we set  $\mathbf{u} := (b^{(1)}, \dots, b^{(\ell)}) \in \mathbb{F}_2^\ell$ ,  $\mathbf{m} := (\mathbf{m}_{b^{(1)}}^{(1)}, \dots, \mathbf{m}_{b^{(\ell)}}^{(\ell)}) \in \mathbb{F}_{2^r}^\ell$  and  $\mathbf{k} := (\mathbf{m}_0^{(1)}, \dots, \mathbf{m}_0^{(\ell)}) \in \mathbb{F}_{2^r}^\ell$ , it is easy to see that the sender holds  $\Delta, \mathbf{k}$  and the receiver holds  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{m}$  such that  $\mathbf{k} = \mathbf{m} \oplus \mathbf{u} \cdot \Delta$ , which is in the form of sVOLE correlations.

One approach for generating a large amount of COTs is to employ the Oblivious Transfer Extension (OTE) techniques by Ishai, Kilian, Nissim and Petrank (hereafter, IKNP) [36], i.e., given a small number of OTs, then extend them to a large number of OTs using only symmetric-key operations. Compared to PCG-style approach, IKNP-style approach is more computation-efficient, although IKNP-style approach requires more communication cost. When only a middle number of COTs (e.g., thousands of COTs) are needed or a local area network is employed, it turns out that IKNP-style approach may outperform PCG-style approach with respect to total end-to-end time, since in both case the communication cost is no longer the performance bottleneck. For this reason, sometimes, one may prefer to choose the IKNP-style approaches. We note that, the receiver's choice bits  $\{b^{(i)}\}_{i \in [\ell]}$  (a.k.a, the authenticated vector  $\mathbf{u}$  as explained previously) are chosen all by itself; therefore, we can easily instantiate  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{psVOLE}}^{p,r}$  with the maliciously secure IKNP-style OTE protocols [39, 46] by letting the receiver sample a random seed  $\text{sd}$  and expand it to  $\{b^{(i)}\}_{i \in [\ell]}$  through PRGs.

## 4 SIF Against a Dishonest Majority

### 4.1 Preprocessing Phase

**Functionality for Preprocessing Phase.** Here we describe the functionality for preprocessing phase, which is denoted by  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{Prep}}^{p,r}$ . Our  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{Prep}}^{p,r}$  is very similar

to  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{mv-sVOLE}}^{p,r}$ , except that  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{Prep}}^{p,r}$  additionally allows D to authenticate his secret values over *extension field* to each verifier respectively. Note that, for authentications over extension field, D is allowed to use *inconsistent* values to generate correlations. Formally, we present the functionality  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{Prep}}^{p,r}$  in Fig. 6.

**Notation**  $\llbracket \cdot \rrbracket$ . For a vector  $\mathbf{u}$  over the subfield  $\mathbb{F}_p^\ell$  or the extension field  $\mathbb{F}_{p^r}^\ell$ , we introduce the following notation  $\llbracket \mathbf{u} \rrbracket$  to denote the values held by parties:

$$\llbracket \mathbf{u} \rrbracket := \{ \{ \mathbf{u}, \{ \mathbf{m}^{(i)} \}_{i \in [n]} \}, \{ \Delta^{(i)}, \mathbf{k}^{(i)} \}_{i \in [n]} \} ,$$

where  $\mathbf{u}, \{ \mathbf{m}^{(i)} \}_{i \in [n]}$  (resp.  $\Delta^{(i)}, \mathbf{k}^{(i)}$ ) are the private information held by the dealer D (resp. the  $i$ -th verifier  $V_i$ ). We use  $\llbracket \cdot \rrbracket$  as shorthand when there is need to explicitly talk about the MAC tags and MAC keys. We also note that,  $\llbracket \cdot \rrbracket$  is *additively homomorphic*. This property is inherited from the additive homomorphism of sVOLE, which is described in Sect. 2.3.

Functionality  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{Prep}}^{p,r}$

It interacts with a prover D,  $n$  verifiers  $V_1, \dots, V_n$  and an adversary  $\mathcal{S}$ . Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be the set of the honest parties.

**Initialization/Authentications over subfield:** The same as in Figure 4.

**Authentications over extension field:** Upon receiving  $(\text{AUTHEXT}, \text{sid}, d)$  from D and  $V_1, \dots, V_n$ , do:

1. If all parties are honest, sample  $\mathbf{u}^{(1)}, \dots, \mathbf{u}^{(n)} \leftarrow \mathbb{F}_{p^r}^d$ . For each  $i \in [n]$ : sample  $\mathbf{k}^{(i)} \leftarrow \mathbb{F}_{p^r}^d$  and compute  $\mathbf{m}^{(i)} := \mathbf{k}^{(i)} - \Delta^{(i)} \cdot \mathbf{u}^{(i)} \in \mathbb{F}_{p^r}^d$ .
2. If all parties are malicious, halt.
3. If  $D^*$  is malicious and some of the verifiers are honest, for each honest verifier  $V_i \in \mathcal{H}$ : receive  $\mathbf{u}^{(i)}, \mathbf{m}^{(i)} \in \mathbb{F}_{p^r}^d$  from the adversary  $\mathcal{S}$ , and compute  $\mathbf{k}^{(i)} := \mathbf{m}^{(i)} + \Delta^{(i)} \cdot \mathbf{u}^{(i)} \in \mathbb{F}_{p^r}^d$ .
4. If D is honest and some of the verifiers are malicious, sample  $\mathbf{u}^{(1)}, \dots, \mathbf{u}^{(n)} \leftarrow \mathbb{F}_{p^r}^d$ . For each malicious verifier  $V_i^* \notin \mathcal{H}$ : receive  $\mathbf{k}^{(i)} \in \mathbb{F}_{p^r}^d$  from the adversary  $\mathcal{S}$ ; for each honest verifier  $V_i \in \mathcal{H}$ : sample  $\mathbf{k}^{(i)} \leftarrow \mathbb{F}_{p^r}^d$ . Then compute  $\mathbf{m}^{(i)} := \mathbf{k}^{(i)} - \Delta^{(i)} \cdot \mathbf{u}^{(i)} \in \mathbb{F}_{p^r}^d$  for each  $i \in [n]$ .
5. Send  $(\text{CONTINUE}, \text{sid})$  to the adversary  $\mathcal{S}$ . For each honest party  $H \in \mathcal{H}$ , upon receiving an input from  $\mathcal{S}$ ,
  - If it is  $(\text{CONTINUE}, \text{sid}, H)$ , send the respective output to H. More precisely, if H is the dealer D, send  $(\text{AUTHSUB}, \text{sid}, \{ \mathbf{u}^{(j)}, \mathbf{m}^{(j)} \}_{j \in [n]} )$  to D; if H is  $i$ -th verifier  $V_i$ , send  $(\text{AUTHSUB}, \text{sid}, \mathbf{k}^{(i)})$  to  $V_i$ .
  - If it is  $(\text{ABORT}, \text{sid}, H)$ , send  $(\text{ABORT}, \text{sid})$  to H.

**Fig. 6.** The Functionality  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{Prep}}^{p,r}$

**Efficiently Realizing  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{Prep}}^{p,r}$ .** Here we show how to construct a protocol that efficiently realizes  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{Prep}}^{p,r}$ . Since we have already described how to generate mv-sVOLE correlations in Sect. 3.2, here we focus on the authentication for values

over extension field. By the characteristic of extension field  $\mathbb{F}_{p^r} \cong \mathbb{F}_p[X]/f(X)$ , i.e., for every value over extension field  $u \in \mathbb{F}_{p^r}$ , it can be written uniquely as  $u = \sum_{i=1}^r v_i \cdot X^{i-1}$  where  $v_i \in \mathbb{F}_p$  for all  $i \in [r]$ . Inspired by [51], we find that we can pack some authenticated values over  $\mathbb{F}_p$  into the desired authenticated values over  $\mathbb{F}_{p^r}$ . More precisely,  $\mathsf{D}$  and  $\mathsf{V}_i$  first invoke the programmable sVOLE functionality  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{psVOLE}}^{p,r}$  to generate  $r$  copies of random sVOLE correlations, i.e.,  $\mathsf{D}$  obtains  $v_j^{(i)}, m_j^{(i)}$  and  $\mathsf{V}_i$  obtains  $\Delta^{(i)}, k_j^{(i)}$  such that  $k_j^{(i)} = m_j^{(i)} + u_j^{(i)} \cdot \Delta^{(i)}$  for each  $j \in [r]$ . Then, the dealer  $\mathsf{D}$  locally computes  $u^{(i)} := \sum_{j=1}^r v_j^{(i)} \cdot X^{j-1}$ ,  $M^{(i)} := \sum_{j=1}^r m_j^{(i)} \cdot X^{j-1}$  and  $\mathsf{V}_i$  locally computes  $K^{(i)} := \sum_{j=1}^r k_j^{(i)} \cdot X^{j-1}$ . It is easy to see that  $K^{(i)} = M^{(i)} + u^{(i)} \cdot \Delta^{(i)}$  holds.

Formally, we present our protocol  $\Pi_{\text{Prep}}$  for preprocessing phase in Fig. 7 and prove the security through Theorem 4. The security proof can be found in our full-version paper [57].

Protocol  $\Pi_{\text{Prep}}$

**Initialization/Authentications over subfield:** The same as in Figure 5.

**Authentications over extension field:** On input  $(\text{AUTHEXT}, \text{sid}, d)$ ,  $\mathsf{D}$  and  $\mathsf{V}_1, \dots, \mathsf{V}_n$  do the followings:

1. For each  $i \in [d]$  and  $h \in [n]$ ,  $\mathsf{D}$  and  $\mathsf{V}_h$  do the followings:
  - (a)  $\mathsf{D}$  picks a random seed  $s \leftarrow S$ , where  $S$  is the seed space of the expansion function **Expand**. Then  $\mathsf{D}$  sends  $(\text{AUTHSUB}, \text{sid}, r, s)$  to the  $h$ -th instance of  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{psVOLE}}^{p,r}$  while  $\mathsf{V}_h$  sends  $(\text{AUTHSUB}, \text{sid}, r)$  to the same instance. Finally,  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{psVOLE}}^{p,r}$  returns  $\{v_{i,j}^{(h)}, m_{i,j}^{(h)}\}_{j \in [r]}$  to  $\mathsf{D}$ , where  $(v_{i,1}^{(h)}, \dots, v_{i,r}^{(h)}) := \text{Expand}(s, r)$ , and returns  $\{k_{i,j}^{(h)}\}_{j \in [r]}$  to  $\mathsf{V}_h$  such that  $k_{i,j}^{(h)} = m_{i,j}^{(h)} + v_{i,j}^{(h)} \cdot \Delta^{(h)}$  for each  $j \in [r]$ .
  - (b) For each  $h \in [n]$ :  $\mathsf{D}$  computes  $u_i^{(h)} := \sum_{j=1}^r v_{i,j}^{(h)} \cdot X^{j-1} \in \mathbb{F}_{p^r}$ ,  $M_i^{(h)} := \sum_{j=1}^r m_{i,j}^{(h)} \cdot X^{j-1} \in \mathbb{F}_{p^r}$  and each verifier  $\mathsf{V}_h$  computes  $K_i^{(h)} := \sum_{j=1}^r k_{i,j}^{(h)} \cdot X^{j-1} \in \mathbb{F}_{p^r}$ . Note that,  $K_i^{(h)} = M_i^{(h)} + u_i^{(h)} \cdot \Delta^{(h)}$  holds.
2.  $\mathsf{D}$  outputs  $\{u_i^{(j)}, M_i^{(j)}\}_{i \in [d], j \in [n]}$  and  $\mathsf{V}_j$  outputs  $\{K_i^{(j)}\}_{i \in [d]}$  for each  $j \in [n]$ .

**Fig. 7.** Protocol for preprocessing phase in the  $\{\mathcal{F}_{\text{psVOLE}}^{p,r}, \mathcal{F}_{\text{COIN}}^{p,1}\}$ -hybrid world

**Theorem 4.** Let  $\mathbb{F}_{p^r}$  be the extension field. Let **Expand** be a secure PRG. Then the protocol  $\Pi_{\text{Prep}}$  depicted in Fig. 7 UC-realizes the functionality  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{Prep}}^{p,r}$  depicted in Fig. 6 in the  $\{\mathcal{F}_{\text{psVOLE}}^{p,r}, \mathcal{F}_{\text{COIN}}^{p,1}\}$ -hybrid world, in the presence of a static malicious adversary corrupting up to the dealer and  $n - 1$  verifiers.

## 4.2 Main Protocol

Here we provide a main protocol for SIF. Since we have already described how to realize preprocessing phase in Sect. 4.1, here we focus on the online phase.

We first let the dealer D commit to his witness  $\mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{F}_p^m$  using the random mv-sVOLE correlations  $\llbracket \boldsymbol{\mu} \rrbracket$  generated by  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{Prep}}^{p,r}$  in the preprocessing phase; that is, D broadcasts  $\boldsymbol{\delta} := \mathbf{w} - \boldsymbol{\mu} \in \mathbb{F}_p^m$  to verifiers, and all parties compute  $\llbracket \mathbf{w} \rrbracket := \llbracket \boldsymbol{\mu} \rrbracket + \boldsymbol{\delta}$ . It is easy to see that the addition gates of the circuit can be processed locally for free, due to the additive homomorphism of  $\llbracket \cdot \rrbracket$ . For multiplication gates, we extend the techniques in [24, 51] which are designed for (s)VOLE correlations to our mv-sVOLE correlations. More precisely, for the  $i$ -th multiplication gate  $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \text{Mult})$ , given the random  $\llbracket \eta_i \rrbracket$  generated by  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{Prep}}^{p,r}$  in the preprocessing phase, D broadcasts  $d_i := w_\alpha \cdot w_\beta - \eta_i \in \mathbb{F}_p$  to verifiers, then all parties compute  $\llbracket w_\gamma \rrbracket := \llbracket \eta_i \rrbracket + d_i$ . As a result, D holds  $w_a, m_a^{(j)}$  and  $\mathsf{V}_j$  holds  $\Delta^{(j)}, k_a^{(j)}$  such that  $k_a^{(j)} = m_a^{(j)} + w_a \cdot \Delta^{(j)}$  for  $a \in \{\alpha, \beta, \gamma\}$  and  $j \in [n]$ . By Eq. 1, we conclude that if D behaves honestly (i.e.,  $w_\gamma = w_\alpha \cdot w_\beta$ ), then we have  $B_i^{(j)} = A_{i,0}^{(j)} + A_{i,1}^{(j)} \cdot \Delta^{(j)}$ . It is easy to see that  $B_i^{(j)}$  (resp.  $A_{i,0}^{(j)}, A_{i,1}^{(j)}$ ) can be locally computed by D (resp.  $\mathsf{V}_j$ ); therefore, the correctness of the  $i$ -th multiplication gate can be checked by letting D send  $A_{i,0}^{(j)}, A_{i,1}^{(j)}$  to  $\mathsf{V}_j$  and letting  $\mathsf{V}_j$  check if  $B_i^{(j)} \stackrel{?}{=} A_{i,0}^{(j)} + A_{i,1}^{(j)} \cdot \Delta^{(j)}$  holds for each  $j \in [n]$ . We can check  $t$  multiplication gates in a batch to reduce the communication cost, using the random linear combination technique [51]. That is, we let the parties sample a uniformly random  $\chi \leftarrow \mathbb{F}_{p^r}$ , then we let D send  $A_0^{(j)} := \sum_{i=1}^t A_{i,0}^{(j)} \cdot \chi^i$  and  $A_1^{(j)} := \sum_{i=1}^t A_{i,1}^{(j)} \cdot \chi^i$  to  $\mathsf{V}_j$  and let  $\mathsf{V}_j$  check if  $B^{(j)} \stackrel{?}{=} A_0^{(j)} + A_1^{(j)} \cdot \Delta^{(j)}$  for  $j \in [n]$ , where  $B^{(j)} := \sum_{i=1}^t B_i^{(j)} \cdot \chi^i$ . Notice that,  $A_0^{(j)}, A_1^{(j)}$  may leak some information about the wire values; thus, we use random  $u^{(j)}, v^{(j)}, z^{(j)}$  such that  $z^{(j)} = v^{(j)} + u^{(j)} \cdot \Delta^{(j)}$  to mask  $A_0^{(j)}, A_1^{(j)}$ .

Formally, we present  $\Pi_{\text{SIF}}$  in Fig. 8 and prove the security through Theorem 5. The security proof can be found in our full-version paper [57].

**Theorem 5.** *Let  $\mathbb{F}_{p^r}$  be the extension field. Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be the circuit with  $t$  multiplication gates. Then the protocol  $\Pi_{\text{SIF}}$  depicted in Fig. 8 UC-realizes  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{SIF}}$  depicted in Fig. 2 with statistical security in the  $\{\mathcal{F}_{\text{Prep}}^{p,r}, \mathcal{F}_{\text{COIN}}^{p,r}\}$ -hybrid world, in the presence of a static malicious adversary corrupting up to the dealer and  $n - 1$  verifiers.*

**Towards One-Round Online Communication.** During the online phase of our protocol  $\Pi_{\text{SIF}}$ , the only interaction between the parties is the coin-tossing procedure. In order to achieve one-round online communication, we can replace the coin-tossing with a Random Oracle (RO) to generate the random element  $\chi$ . More precisely, given a hash function  $\mathsf{H} : \{0, 1\}^* \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_{p^r}$  which is modeled as a RO, we let D compute  $\chi := \mathsf{H}(\{\delta_i\}_{i \in [m]}, \{d_i\}_{i \in [t]})$ . Since  $\{\delta_i\}_{i \in [m]}, \{d_i\}_{i \in [t]}$  are broadcasted by D, verifiers can locally compute  $\chi$ .

We note that, when RO is introduced, the statistic security of our protocol  $\Pi_{\text{SIF}}$  will be degraded to the computational security, and the computational security error will be  $O(Q_{\mathsf{H}} \cdot t/p^r)$ , where  $Q_{\mathsf{H}}$  is the number of maximum queries to RO and  $t$  is the number of multiplication gates. When  $p^r$  is not large enough, we can simply repeat our main protocol for  $\rho$  times to achieve negligible soundness error, where  $\rho$  is selected such that  $O(Q_{\mathsf{H}} \cdot (t/p^r)^\rho) = \text{negl}(\lambda)$ .

Protocol  $\Pi_{\text{SIF}}$ 

**Inputs:**  $\mathsf{D}$  and  $\mathsf{V}_1, \dots, \mathsf{V}_n$  hold a circuit  $\mathcal{C}$  over a field  $\mathbb{F}_p$ . The circuit  $\mathcal{C}$  has  $m$  input wires and  $t$  multiplication gates.  $\mathsf{D}$  additionally holds a private  $\mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{F}_p^m$ .

**Preprocessing Phase:** The circuit and the private input are unknown.

1.  $\mathsf{D}$  and  $\mathsf{V}_1, \dots, \mathsf{V}_n$  send  $(\text{INIT}, \text{sid})$  to  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{Prep}}^{p,r}$ , which returns  $\Delta^{(i)} \in \mathbb{F}_{p^r}$  to  $\mathsf{V}_i$  for each  $i \in [n]$ .
2.  $\mathsf{D}$  and  $\mathsf{V}_1, \dots, \mathsf{V}_n$  send  $(\text{AUTHSUB}, \text{sid}, m + t)$  to  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{Prep}}^{p,r}$ , which returns  $\llbracket \mu \rrbracket$  and  $\llbracket \eta \rrbracket$  to the parties.
3.  $\mathsf{D}$  and  $\mathsf{V}_1, \dots, \mathsf{V}_n$  send  $(\text{AUTHEXT}, \text{sid}, 1)$  to  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{Prep}}^{p,r}$ , which returns  $\{u^{(j)}, v^{(j)}\}_{j \in [n]}$  to  $\mathsf{D}$  and returns  $z^{(j)}$  to each verifier  $\mathsf{V}_j$  such that  $z^{(j)} = v^{(j)} + u^{(j)} \cdot \Delta^{(j)}$ .

**Online Phase:** The circuit and the private input are known by the parties.

1. For each  $i \in \mathcal{I}_{\text{in}}$ :  $\mathsf{D}$  broadcasts  $\delta_i := w_i - \mu_i \in \mathbb{F}_p$ . All the parties locally computes  $\llbracket w_i \rrbracket := \llbracket \mu_i \rrbracket + \delta_i$ .
2. For each gate  $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma, T)$  in a pre-defined topology order:
  - (a) If  $T = \text{Add}$ , all the parties locally compute  $\llbracket w_\gamma \rrbracket := \llbracket w_\alpha \rrbracket + \llbracket w_\beta \rrbracket$ .
  - (b) If  $T = \text{Mult}$  and it is the  $i$ -th multiplication gate,  $\mathsf{D}$  broadcasts  $d_i := w_\alpha \cdot w_\beta - \eta_i \in \mathbb{F}_p$ . All parties compute  $\llbracket w_\gamma \rrbracket = \llbracket \eta_i \rrbracket + d_i$ .
3.  $\mathsf{D}$  and  $\mathsf{V}_1, \dots, \mathsf{V}_n$  perform the followings to ensure the multiplication gates are processed correctly:
  - (a) For  $i$ -th multiplication gate  $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \text{Mult})$ , the parties holds  $\llbracket w_\alpha \rrbracket, \llbracket w_\beta \rrbracket, \llbracket w_\gamma \rrbracket$ ; more precisely, for  $a \in \{\alpha, \beta, \gamma\}$  and  $j \in [n]$ ,  $\mathsf{D}$  holds  $w_a, m_a^{(j)}$  while  $\mathsf{V}_j$  holds  $k_a^{(j)}, \Delta^{(j)}$  such that  $k_a^{(j)} = m_a^{(j)} + w_a \cdot \Delta^{(j)}$ . Then for each  $j \in [n]$ :  $\mathsf{D}$  locally computes  $A_{i,0}^{(j)} := m_\alpha^{(j)} \cdot m_\beta^{(j)} \in \mathbb{F}_{p^r}$  and  $A_{i,1}^{(j)} := m_\beta^{(j)} \cdot w_\alpha + m_\alpha^{(j)} \cdot w_\beta - m_\gamma^{(j)} \in \mathbb{F}_{p^r}$  while  $\mathsf{V}_j$  locally computes  $B_i^{(j)} := k_\alpha^{(j)} \cdot k_\beta^{(j)} - k_\gamma^{(j)} \cdot \Delta^{(j)} \in \mathbb{F}_{p^r}$ .
  - (b)  $\mathsf{D}$  and  $\mathsf{V}_1, \dots, \mathsf{V}_n$  send  $(\text{Toss}, \text{sid}, 1)$  to  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{COIN}}^{p,r}$ , which returns  $\chi \in \mathbb{F}_{p^r}$  to all parties.
  - (c) For each  $j \in [n]$ :  $\mathsf{D}$  computes and sends  $V^{(j)} := \sum_{i=1}^t A_{i,0}^{(j)} \cdot \chi^i + v^{(j)} \in \mathbb{F}_{p^r}$ ,  $U^{(j)} := \sum_{i=1}^t A_{i,1}^{(j)} \cdot \chi^i + u^{(j)} \in \mathbb{F}_{p^r}$  to  $\mathsf{V}_j$  privately.
  - (d) For each  $j \in [n]$ :  $\mathsf{V}_j$  computes  $Z^{(j)} := \sum_{i=1}^t B_i^{(j)} \cdot \chi^i + z^{(j)} \in \mathbb{F}_{p^r}$  and checks if  $Z^{(j)} \stackrel{?}{=} V^{(j)} + U^{(j)} \cdot \Delta^{(j)}$ . If not,  $\mathsf{V}_j$  aborts.
4. For each  $i \in \mathcal{I}_{\text{out}}$  (without loss of generality, we assume this output wire belongs to  $\mathsf{V}_i$ ),  $\mathsf{D}$  sends the output wire value  $y_i$  and its corresponding MAC tag  $m_{y_i}$  to  $\mathsf{V}_i$  who holds the local MAC key  $k_{y_i}$ . Then  $\mathsf{V}_i$  checks if  $k_{y_i} \stackrel{?}{=} m_{y_i} + y_i \cdot \Delta^{(i)}$ . If not,  $\mathsf{V}_i$  aborts.

**Fig. 8.** Main Protocol for SIF in the  $\{\mathcal{F}_{\text{Prep}}^{p,r}, \mathcal{F}_{\text{COIN}}^{p,r}\}$ -hybrid world

**Towards Better Efficiency.** In Step 3 of our online phase protocol, the parties need to compute  $\chi^i$  for  $i \in [t]$ . When  $p$  is a large prime, the computation of  $\chi^i$  for  $i \in [t]$  can be very expensive. To obtain better computational efficiency, it was suggested in prior work [51] that we can replace  $\chi^i$  with independent uniform coefficients  $\chi_i$  for  $i \in [t]$ . More concretely, instead of querying RO to obtain  $\chi$  and then computing  $\chi^i$  for  $i \in [t]$ , we can query RO to directly obtain  $\chi_1, \dots, \chi_t$

and use  $\chi_i$  to replace  $\chi^i$  for  $i \in [t]$ . Notice that, this approach will slightly increase the soundness error, but the resulting soundness error is still negligible. We refer interested readers to see [51] for more details.

## 5 Impossibility on 1-Round SIF Without Broadcast Channels

Our 1-round SIF protocol in Fig. 8 requires a broadcast channel. It is natural to ask: *if the broadcast channels are necessary for constructing 1-round SIF?*

In this section, we prove that even if the preprocessing model is assumed, 1-round MVZK is impossible to achieve without the broadcast channels. Since MVZK is captured by SIF and VRS, our impossibility can naturally be extended for SIF and VRS. Therefore, we show that the broadcast channels are necessary for constructing 1-round SIF/VRS/MVZK.

MVZK Functionality. We have described MVZK in the introduction, here we provide the formal MVZK functionality  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{MVZK}}$  in Fig. 9, which is taken from [52]. From Fig. 9, we know that there is an important feature in MVZK: for those honest verifiers who do not abort, they should reach a *consensus* (i.e., they should output the same results). This feature is important for our impossibility proof; please see the proof intuition below.

### Functionality $\mathcal{F}_{\text{MVZK}}$

The functionality interacts with a prover  $\mathsf{P}$ ,  $n$  verifiers  $\mathsf{V}_1, \dots, \mathsf{V}_n$  and an adversary  $\mathcal{S}$ . It is parameterized by a circuit  $\mathcal{C}$  where  $\mathcal{C} : \mathbb{F}_p^m \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ . Let  $\mathcal{H}$  denote the set of honest parties.

Upon receiving  $(\text{INPUT}, \text{sid}, \mathbf{w})$  from  $\mathsf{P}$  and  $(\text{INPUT}, \text{sid})$  from  $\mathsf{V}_i$  for all  $i \in [n]$  where  $\mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{F}_p^m$ , do

- Compute  $b := \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{w})$ .
- Send  $(\text{CONTINUE}, \text{sid}, b)$  to the adversary  $\mathcal{S}$ . For each honest verifier  $\mathsf{V}_i \in \mathcal{H}$ , upon receiving an input from  $\mathcal{S}$ ,
  - If it is  $(\text{CONTINUE}, \text{sid}, \mathsf{V}_i)$ , send  $(\text{OUTPUT}, \text{sid}, b)$  to  $\mathsf{V}_i$ .
  - If it is  $(\text{ABORT}, \text{sid}, \mathsf{V}_i)$ , send  $(\text{ABORT}, \text{sid})$  to  $\mathsf{V}_i$ .

**Fig. 9.** The Functionality  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{MVZK}}$

Proof Intuition. We use the method of proof by contradiction to prove our impossibility result. First of all, we assume there exists a *non-interactive* MVZK using only secure private channels (i.e., point-to-point channels); note that, “non-interactive” means that: in the online phase of the non-interactive protocol, the prover is allowed to send messages to the verifiers, and the verifiers are not allowed to communicate with each other. Let us consider the case where only

the prover is corrupted. Let  $\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{w}'$  be two distinct witnesses such that  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{w}) = 1$  and  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{w}') = 0$ . Let  $\mathbf{msg}_i$  (resp.  $\mathbf{msg}'_i$ ) be the messages that an honest prover should send to the  $i$ -th verifier on input  $\mathbf{w}$  (resp.  $\mathbf{w}'$ ); upon receiving  $\mathbf{msg}_i$  (resp.  $\mathbf{msg}'_i$ ), the  $i$ -th honest verifier should output 1 (resp. 0), since the online phase is restricted to be non-interactive. Then the corrupted prover can simply send  $\mathbf{msg}_1$  to the first honest verifier and send  $\mathbf{msg}'_2, \dots, \mathbf{msg}'_n$  to the remaining honest verifiers respectively. Then the first honest verifier will output 1 while the remaining honest verifiers will output 0, which violate the consensus requirement of MVZK functionality. Notice that, the above proof intuition holds, (i) no matter how many verifiers the adversary can corrupt, as long as the adversary is allowed to corrupt the prover; (ii) a preprocessing model is assumed<sup>6</sup>. Formally, we have the following theorem.

**Theorem 6.** *Let the communication channels be secure point-to-point channels, and no broadcast channels are available. Let  $n$  be the number of verifiers such that  $n \geq 2$ . Then there exists no non-interactive MVZK protocol  $\Pi$  that UC-realizes  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{MVZK}}$  depicted in Fig. 9 in the preprocessing model, in the presence of a static and malicious adversary who is allowed to corrupt the prover.*

*Proof.* We use the method of proof by contradiction to prove this theorem. We assume there exists such a non-interactive MVZK protocol  $\Pi$  that UC-realizes  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{MVZK}}$  in the preprocessing model. Then for any PPT adversary  $\mathcal{A}$  and any PPT environment  $\mathcal{Z}$ , there should exist a PPT simulator  $\mathcal{S}$  such that the real-world execution is computationally indistinguishable from the ideal-world execution.

First of all, let us describe some notions that will be used in this proof. We use  $\mathcal{O}_{\text{Prep}}$  to denote the preprocessing model; when a party makes a query to  $\mathcal{O}_{\text{Prep}}$ ,  $\mathcal{O}_{\text{Prep}}$  takes the session identifier (SID) and the party identifier (PID)  $\text{pid}$  of the querying party as inputs, and it returns the corresponding preprocessing information  $\text{info}_{\text{pid}}$  to the party. Notice that,  $\mathcal{O}_{\text{Prep}}$  may return different preprocessing information to different parties, and each party can not learn other parties' preprocessing information by querying  $\mathcal{O}_{\text{Prep}}$ . In the same protocol session,  $\mathcal{O}_{\text{Prep}}$  should return the same response to the same party, no matter the party is honest or gets corrupted. Notice that, we make a restriction on  $\mathcal{O}_{\text{Prep}}$ 's inputs, i.e.,  $\mathcal{O}_{\text{Prep}}$  cannot use anything other than the SID and the PID as inputs; in this way, we guarantee the preprocessing information returned by  $\mathcal{O}_{\text{Prep}}$  is “input-independent”. Without loss of generality, we assume the prover  $\mathbf{P}$ 's PID is 0, and the  $i$ -th verifier  $\mathbf{V}_i$ 's PID is  $i$  for  $i \in [n]$ . we let  $\text{PrfAlg}$  be the (honest) prover algorithm, which takes the preprocessing information  $\text{info}_0$  and the witness  $\mathbf{w}$  as input and outputs the prover's messages  $(\mathbf{pmsg}_1, \dots, \mathbf{pmsg}_n)$ , where  $\mathbf{pmsg}_i$  is the message that should be sent to  $\mathbf{V}_i$ . Let  $\text{DecAlg}_i$  be the (honest) decision algorithm for  $\mathbf{V}_i$ , which takes the preprocessing information  $\text{info}_i$  and the received message  $\mathbf{pmsg}_i$  as inputs and outputs the decision bit  $b$  or a special symbol  $\perp$  indicating abort.

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a dummy adversary that simply forwards the protocol flow between the corrupted parties and the environment  $\mathcal{Z}$ . Let us consider the

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<sup>6</sup> The preprocessing model implies RO model and CRS model.

case where  $\mathcal{Z}$  only corrupts the prover. Let  $\mathbf{w}^{(0)}, \mathbf{w}^{(1)}$  be two distinct witnesses such that  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{w}^{(0)}) = 0$  and  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{w}^{(1)}) = 1$ . We consider the following adversary's strategy. The environment  $\mathcal{Z}$  first instructs  $\mathsf{P}^*$  to query  $\mathcal{O}_{\text{Prep}}$  to obtain  $\text{info}_0$  and honestly run  $(\text{pmsg}_1^{(0)}, \dots, \text{pmsg}_n^{(0)}) \leftarrow \text{PrfAlg}(\text{info}_0, \mathbf{w}^{(0)})$  and  $(\text{pmsg}_1^{(1)}, \dots, \text{pmsg}_n^{(1)}) \leftarrow \text{PrfAlg}(\text{info}_0, \mathbf{w}^{(1)})$ . Notice that, both  $(\text{pmsg}_i^{(0)})_{i \in [n]}$  and  $(\text{pmsg}_i^{(1)})_{i \in [n]}$  are honestly generated; hence, by completeness, for each honest  $\mathsf{V}_i$ , we have  $\text{DecAlg}_i(\text{info}_i, \text{pmsg}_i^{(b)}) = b$  for  $b \in \{0, 1\}$ . Next, for each honest  $\mathsf{V}_i$ ,  $\mathcal{Z}$  samples a bit  $b_i$  from  $\{0, 1\}$  and instructs  $\mathsf{P}^*$  to send  $\text{pmsg}_i^{(b_i)}$  to  $\mathsf{V}_i$ , and an honest  $\mathsf{V}_i$  should output the decision bit  $b_i$ . In the real-world execution, since  $\Pr[b_1 = b_2 = \dots = b_n] = 2^{-(n-1)}$ , the probability of the honest verifiers reaching a consensus (i.e., all honest verifiers output 0 or 1) is  $2^{-(n-1)}$ . On the other hand, in the ideal-world execution, the simulator  $\mathcal{S}$  can extract the witnesses  $\mathbf{w}^{(0)}, \mathbf{w}^{(1)}$  by simulating  $\mathcal{O}_{\text{Prep}}$ ; however,  $\mathcal{S}$  can only instruct the dummy  $\tilde{\mathsf{P}}^*$  in ideal-world to send either  $\mathbf{w}^{(0)}$  or  $\mathbf{w}^{(1)}$  to  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{MVZK}}$ , which results in a consensus among the dummy honest verifiers in ideal-world. Therefore,  $\mathcal{Z}$  can distinguish the real-world from the ideal world with probability at least  $1 - 2^{-(n-1)} \geq \frac{1}{2}$ , contradicting our assumption that  $\Pi$  is UC-secure.  $\square$

**Extending to the Simultaneous Communication Model.** Here we discuss how to extend our impossibility results depicted in Theorem 6 to the simultaneous communication model. Recall that, in the simultaneous communication model, parties are allowed to send messages to each other in the same round; however, their messages should be independent of each other. Hence, in the context of 1-round MVZK, when the prover sends its messages to the verifiers, the verifiers may also send their messages to each other at the same time. Then each verifier outputs the result based on the prover's messages and other verifiers' messages. We note that, we do not consider the situation where the verifiers send to the prover during the online phase, since the prover has no output and its proof messages should not depend on the verifiers' messages.

Now we show that even in the simultaneous communication model, 1-round MVZK protocol is still impossible to achieve without the broadcast channels, in the presence of a static, malicious and *rushing* adversary. Note that, a rushing adversary is often considered in the simultaneous communication model. A rushing adversary can delay sending messages on behalf of corrupted parties in a given round, until the messages sent by all the uncorrupted parties in that round have been received. We consider the case where the adversary corrupts the prover. Let  $\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{w}'$  be two distinct witnesses such that  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{w}) = 0$  and  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{w}') = 1$ . The adversary first instructs the prover to wait until each honest verifier has received other verifiers' messages, and we denote by  $\text{vmsg}_j^{(i)}$  the message that the  $i$ -th verifier send to the  $j$ -th verifier. Then the adversary instructs the prover to honestly run the prover's algorithm on input  $\mathbf{w}$  (resp.  $\mathbf{w}'$ ) to produce  $\{\text{pmsg}_i\}_{i \in [n]}$  (resp.  $\{\text{pmsg}'_i\}_{i \in [n]}$ ), where  $\text{pmsg}_i$  (resp.  $\text{pmsg}'_i$ ) is the message that the prover should send to the  $i$ -th verifier. Notice that, upon receiving  $\text{pmsg}_i$  (resp.  $\text{pmsg}'_i$ ) and  $(\text{vmsg}_i^{(j)})_{j \neq i}$ , the  $i$ -th verifier should output 0 (resp.

1), since  $\mathsf{pmsg}_i$  (resp.  $\mathsf{pmsg}'_i$ ) and  $(\mathsf{vmsg}_i^{(j)})_{j \neq i}$  are honestly generated. Finally, the adversary instructs the prover to send  $\mathsf{pmsg}_1$  to the first verifier and send  $\mathsf{pmsg}'_2, \dots, \mathsf{pmsg}'_n$  to the remaining honest verifiers respectively. Then the first honest verifier will output 1 while the remaining honest verifiers will output 0, which violate the consensus requirement of MVZK functionality.

Formally, we have the following theorem. We omit the proof here, since the proof is analogous to the proof of Theorem 6.

**Theorem 7.** *Let the communication channels be secure point-to-point channels which allows simultaneous communication, and no broadcast channels are available. Let  $n$  be the number of verifiers such that  $n \geq 2$ . Then there exists no 1-round MVZK protocol  $\Pi$  that UC-realizes  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{MVZK}}$  depicted in Fig. 9 in the preprocessing model, in the presence of a static, malicious and rushing adversary who is allowed to corrupt the prover.*

Since SIF implies MVZK [3], we have the following corollary.

**Corollary 1.** *Let the communication channels be secure point-to-point channels, and no broadcast channels are available. Let  $n$  be the number of verifiers such that  $n \geq 2$ . Then there exists no 1-round SIF protocol  $\Pi$  that UC-realizes  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{SIF}}$  depicted in Fig. 2 in the preprocessing model, in the presence of a static, malicious and rushing adversary who is allowed to corrupt the dealer.*

## 6 Implementation and Evaluation

We implement a prototype of our protocols in C++ using EMP toolkit [48]. We simulate the network configurations using Linux netem package. In this section, we refer LAN (resp. WAN) to the 1 Gbps (resp. 200 Mbps) network with 6 ms (resp. 20 ms) delay. All experiments are executed on a machine with Intel(R) Core(TM) i7-12700 at 2.10 GHz and 512 GB Memory, running Ubuntu 22.04.3 LTS. Each experiment is run 20 times and the median is taken.

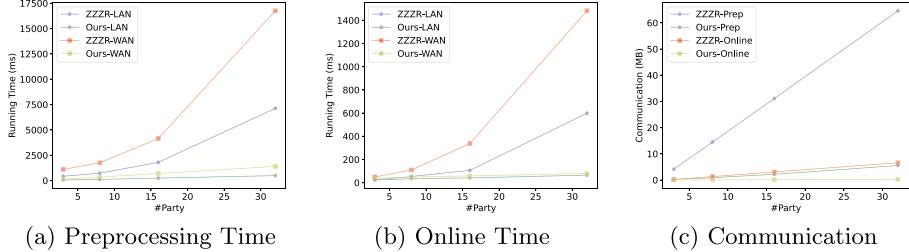
For arithmetic circuits, we use a 61-bit field (i.e.,  $p = 2^{61} - 1$  and  $r = 1$ ); notice that, in this case, we will repeat our protocol for  $\rho = 2$  times to achieve negligible soundness error, as discussed in Sect. 4.2. For boolean circuits, we use a binary field (i.e.,  $p = 2$  and  $r = 128$ ). For large-scale circuits (e.g., a circuit with  $10^7$  gates), we instantiate psVOLE with recent PCG-style protocols [45, 50, 54]. For widely used benchmark circuits (e.g. the AES-128 circuit), which are typically small or median size boolean circuits, we instantiate the psVOLE with the IKNP-style COT protocol [39].

### 6.1 Comparison with Related Works

Here we compare the efficiency of our protocols with other related works.

**Comparison with SIF Against a Dishonest Majority.** To the best of our knowledge, the only work in the literature that constructs SIF against a dishonest majority is [56], which we denote by ZZZR protocol. Both ZZZR protocol and

our work can tolerate up to one malicious dealer and  $t < n$  malicious verifiers. We conduct experiments of our protocol and ZZZR protocol on an AES-128 circuit with different total party number  $N \in \{3, 8, 16, 32\}$  and different network configurations, and plot the results in Fig. 10.



**Fig. 10.** Comparison between our protocol and ZZZR protocol [56]. Results are evaluated on an AES-128 circuit.

As shown in Fig. 10, our protocol outperforms ZZZR protocol in both running time and communication. Our improvement for preprocessing time (resp. communication) over ZZZR protocol ranges from roughly  $5.2\times$  to  $14.5\times$  (resp.  $11.6\times$  to  $17.2\times$ ). The reason is: ZZZR preprocessing protocol makes black-box use of BDOZ-style preprocessing protocol [8], which is expensive; in contrast, our preprocessing protocol makes use of psVOLE, which is much more efficient. The cost of our online phase is also less; the reason is: our online phase is only 1-round, and removes the peer-to-peer communication among the verifiers.

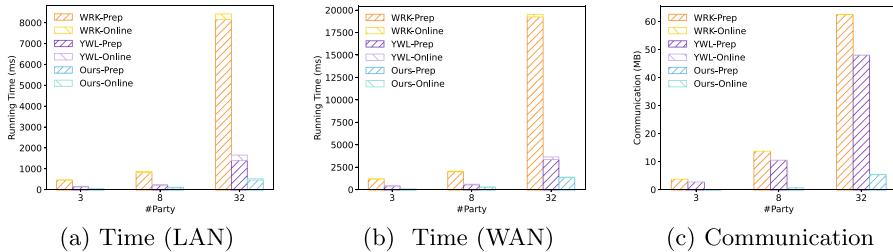
**Comparison with SIF with an Honest Majority.** Among three recent and related work with an honest majority [3, 5, 52], Feta [5] is the only one that implements their protocols; hence, here we compare the efficiency of our protocol with Feta. We report the comparison result in Table 4.

**Table 4.** Comparison between Feta [5] and ours. The results are evaluated on an AES-128 circuit under a WAN network.

Fix the number of total parties $N$			
Ref.	$(T, N)$	Prep. Time (ms)	Online Time (ms)
Feta [5]	(2,6)	<b>108.9</b>	64.4
This Work	(5,6)	250.4	<b>45.8</b>
Fix the number of total corrupted parties $T$			
Ref.	$(T, N)$	Prep. Time (ms)	Online Time (ms)
Feta [5]	(7,26)	872.3	653.0
This Work	(7,8)	<b>336.8</b>	<b>48.9</b>

In Table 4, we compare **Feta** and our protocol in two setting: (i) when the number of total parties  $N$  is fixed; (ii) when the number of total corrupted parties  $T$  is fixed. In the first setting, our preprocessing time is slower than that of **Feta**, but our online time is faster. Notice that, our work can tolerate all-but-one corruptions among verifiers, but **Feta** assumes an honest majority among verifiers. In the second setting, both our preprocessing time and online time are faster than **Feta**. More precisely, our preprocessing time is  $2.6\times$  faster and our online time is  $13.4\times$  faster.

**Comparison with Generic MPC Against a Dishonest Majority.** To further demonstrate the efficiency of our protocols, we compare our protocol with the state-of-the-art constant-round BMR-style MPC protocols in the dishonest majority setting, i.e., the WRK protocol by Wang *et al.* [49] and the YWL protocol by Yang *et al.* [53]. Notice that, the numbers of WRK protocol are measured by ourselves, while the numbers of YWL protocol are estimated according to the improvements over WRK protocol that reported in [53]. We plot the results in Fig. 11. As shown in Fig. 11, our protocol outperforms both WRK and YWL protocols in both running time and communication. Our improvement for total running time (resp. total communication) ranges from  $2.3\times$  to  $15.1\times$  (resp.  $12.1\times$  to  $15.7\times$ ).



**Fig. 11.** Comparison among WRK [49], YWL [53] and our protocol. Results are evaluated on a AES-128 circuit.

**Comparison with Generic zk-SNARK.** Here we compare with a recent zk-SNARK scheme called HyperPlonk [16, 17]. As reported in [16, Table 6], the proving time of HyperPlonk is 9.2 us/gate. The running time of HyperPlonk is obtained by running over a large-scale arithmetic circuit (e.g., a circuit with  $2^{20}$  gates). To make a fair comparison, we report the end-to-end performance of our protocols over a large-scale arithmetic circuit. Table 5 illustrate the end-to-end time of our protocol with respect to a randomly generated arithmetic circuit with  $10^7$  multiplication gates. The number of end-to-end time consists of both computation time and communication time. Some careful readers may notice that, the numbers reported here are much faster than our running times reported in Table 2. The reason is that: our running times reported in Table 2 are obtained by evaluating a small circuit and using the IKNP-style approach

to instantiate the preprocessing phase; in contrast, the numbers reported in Table 5 are obtained by instantiating the preprocessing phase with the PCG-style approaches, which is much more efficient than IKNP-style approach when a large amount of correlated randomness are needed.

**Table 5.** Our end-to-end performance. The results are evaluated on a random circuit with  $10^7$  multiplication gates.

Network	#Party	Running Time Per Gate (us)
LAN	3	0.9
	8	2.4
	16	4.9
WAN	3	1.6
	8	3.6
	16	7.1

As shown in Table 5, for three-party SIF running over an arithmetic circuit and a LAN network, our end-to-end time is 0.9 us/gate. Our running time is at least  $10.2\times$  faster than HyperPlonk. We admit that, when the number of total parties scales to a large one, our performance may not be as good as generic zk-SNARKs; however, this is a common drawback of current SIF (in the context of MVZK) protocols [5, 52, 56].

## 7 Related Work

Here we provide a comprehensive literature overview on the related work in both honest majority and dishonest majority settings.

**In the Honest Majority Setting.** The study of SIF was initialized by Gennaro *et al.* [29]. More precisely, they proposed a 2-round SIF protocol in the plain model with  $t < \frac{n}{6}$ , where  $t, n$  are the numbers of corrupted verifiers and total verifiers, and their protocol achieves perfect security. Applebaum *et al.* improved the corruption threshold to  $t < \frac{n}{3}$  while keep the same round complexity, at the cost of degrading the perfect security to computational security [2]. Later, the same authors further improved the corruption threshold to  $t < \frac{n}{2+\epsilon}$ , where  $\epsilon$  is a small positive constant [3].

As mentioned before, MVZK is a direct application of SIF, and the notion of MVZK can be traced back to the work by Burmester and Desmedt [13]. Abe *et al.* proposed a 2-round MVZK protocol for circuit satisfiability with  $t < \frac{n}{3}$  [1]; the corruption threshold of their protocol can be improved to  $t < \frac{n}{2}$  at the cost of increasing round complexity. The ZK protocols by Groth and Ostrovsky [32, 33] can be transformed into the 2-round MVZK protocols with

$t < \frac{n}{2}$ . These works [1, 32, 33] require heavy public-key operations and are not concretely efficient. Very recently, there are two papers [5, 52] studying 2-round MVZK protocols in the honest majority setting, and they avoided the use of public-key operations. Yang and Wang [52] proposed 2-round MVZK protocols in the RO model with  $t < \frac{n}{2}$ . Baum *et al.* [5] employed a stronger assumption (i.e., the preprocessing model) to construct two types of the 2-round MVZK protocols: the first protocol tolerates  $\frac{n}{3}$  malicious verifiers and the second protocol tolerates  $\frac{n}{4}$  malicious verifiers.

Distributed Zero-Knowledge (dZK) is a related cryptographic primitive, and it was proposed by Boneh *et al.* [9]. In dZK, there is a distinguished prover holding  $(x, w) \in \mathcal{R}$  and the statement  $x$  is shared among the verifiers; the prover wishes to convince the verifiers that  $x$  is correct in zero-knowledge even if the verifiers do not know the entire  $x$ . The main difference between dZK and MVZK is that: in dZK, no verifier knows the entire statement  $x$ ; in contrast, in MVZK, each verifier knows the entire statement  $x$ . Boneh *et al.* [9] gave a 2-round dZK construction in the RO model with  $t < \frac{n}{2}$ . Very recently, Hazay *et al.* strengthen the formalization of [9] by adding *strong completeness* [35], which prevents the malicious verifiers from framing the honest prover, i.e., causing the proof of a correct claim to fail. They constructed their dZK with  $t < \frac{n-2}{6}$ .

**In the Dishonest Majority Setting.** In [40], Lepinski *et al.* propose a notion called fair ZK, which can be viewed as a strengthened version of MVZK. Fair ZK ensures that the malicious verifiers can learn nothing beyond the validity of the statement if the honest verifiers accept the proof. However, their work is far from being practical. To the best of our knowledge, the only prior work that focuses on constructing practical SIF protocols against a dishonest majority is the work by Zhou *et al.* [56]. More precisely, they build highly efficient 2-round SIF protocols in the preprocessing model.

In terms of dZK, Boneh *et al.* give a 2-round dZK construction in the RO model [9]; however, they assume the adversary can corrupt the prover *or* up to  $t < n$  verifiers. In other words, they do not allow the malicious prover to collude with the malicious verifiers.

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