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Lightweight, Scalable and Secure Computations for Engineering Design

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Motivation

Engineering collaborations involve sensitive information flow among designers from different enterprises from multiple countries

Information shared is prone to leakage and misuse through collaborators

Computational overhead imposed by existing cryptographic approaches make them unsuitable for intensive and iterative engineering computations

RQ: How can designers execute their computations securely and efficiently in a co-design setting?

Approach & Results

Fast Lightweight And Secure Computations (FLASC)

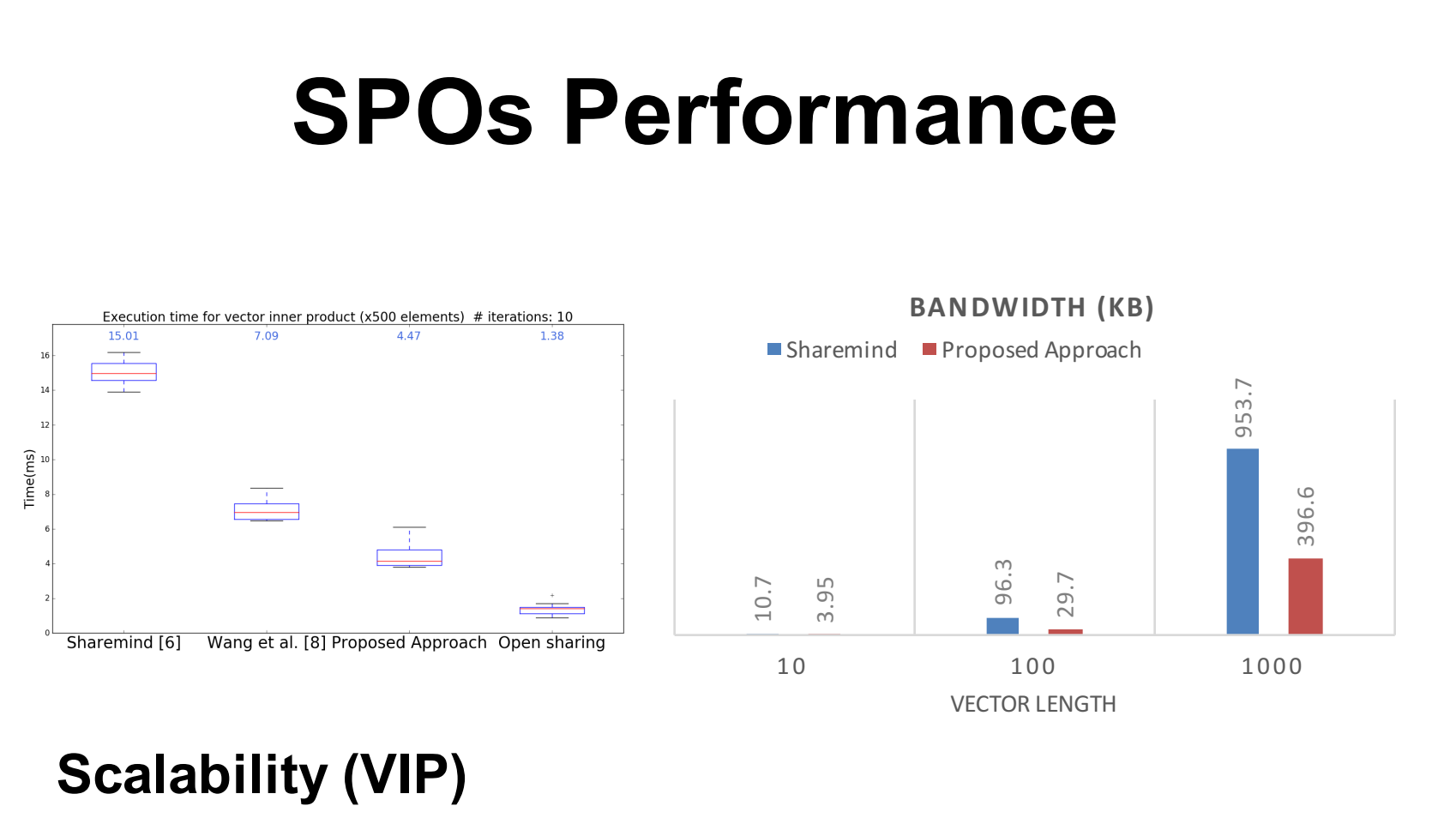
- Adding/multiplying a parameter with a large random number hides the parameter
- Adding or multiplying a large number is orders of magnitude faster than existing cryptographic primitives that rely on modular exponentiation

Application Logic

Gradient Descent (GD), SVD (SVD), Linear Solver (LS), Auctions (A), Matrix Rank (MR), Eigenvector (EV), Matrix Inverse (MI), Set Operations, Order statistics, Exponentiation (EXP), Matrix product (MP), Branching (B), Sort (S)

Secure Primitive Operations (SPOs)

Addition (ADD), Vector Inner product (VIP), Less than Zero (LTZ), Equal to Zero (ETZ), Shuffle and re-split (SRS), Direct Min (Dmin)



Scalability (VIP)

Broader Impacts

- Secure Outsourcing**: Designer ↔ Cloud service provider
- Privacy Preserving Elicitation of Customer Needs**
- Secure eProcurement**: Designer 1 (Connecting rod), Designer 2 (Crank shaft), Designer 3 (Piston) → Procurement auctions (or contests) for individual components → "Cherry" pick best design

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