# Fully Private Grouped Matrix Multiplication with Colluding Workers 

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(Yu '20)

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- Any group of $T$ workers cannot learn anything about $\mathcal{S}$ given their received queries, even the cardinality of $\mathcal{S}$


## Model Overview

## Protocol :

Query: Master sends querries $\mathbf{q}_{[N]}$ to each worker
Download: Workers output $\mathbf{U}_{i}=f\left(\mathbf{A}_{\left[L_{A}\right]}, \mathbf{B}_{\left[L_{B}\right]}, \mathbf{q}_{i}\right)$


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## Our Scheme

We breakdown our scheme into 3 main stages:
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