

Efficient MPC with an Honest Majority

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MPC with an Honest Majority

▶ Several potential advantages

- Unconditional security
- Guaranteed output and fairness
- Universally composable security with no setup
- This talk: **efficiency**

▶ Main feasibility results

- Perfect security with $t < n/3$ [BGW88, CCD88]
- Statistical security with $t < n/2$ (over broadcast) [RB89]

▶ Goal: IT security with minimal complexity

- Communication
- Computation
- Rounds

Where is IT MPC stuck?

Ideal goal: **security for free**

In reality...

Even for passive security, even when $t \ll n$

- ▶ **Communication: can't beat circuit size**
 - Except for “very structured” or “very complex” functions
 - 3-party case: $\sim 2^{\sqrt{|x|}}$ via 3-server PIR [Efr09,BIKK14]
- ▶ **Computation: can't get constant overhead**
 - Except when $t=O(1)$
- ▶ **Rounds: can't significantly beat circuit depth**
 - Except for functions that are “not too complex”
 - Benny's talk...

Can we do better with (comp.) 2PC?

Even worse.

Passive: Boolean+arithmetic
[IKOS08, ADINZ18]
Using poly-stretch local PRGs

Active: **only arithmetic**
[BCGGH17, BCG18]

Yes we can, using FHE [Gen09]
or HSS [BG16], but with big
concrete overhead

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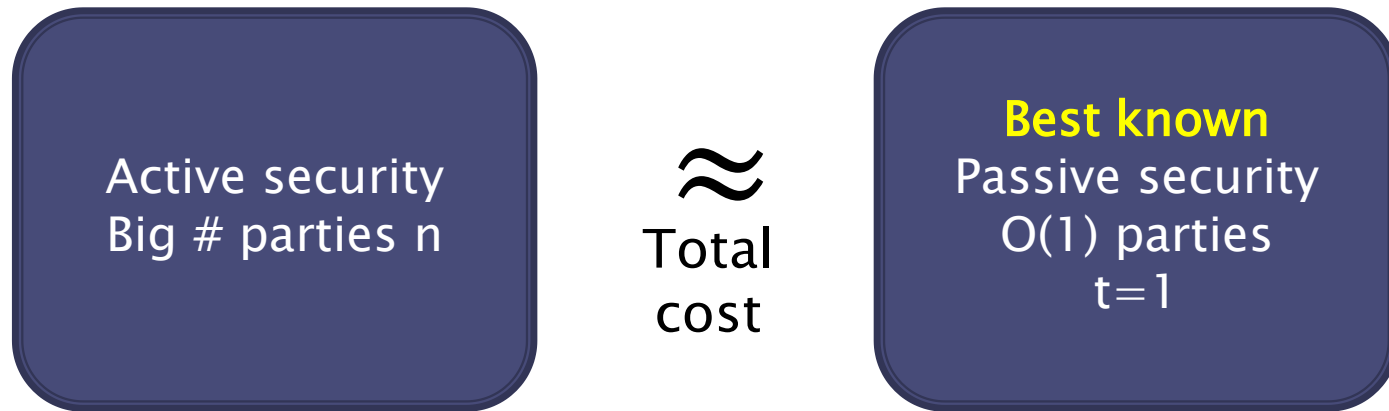
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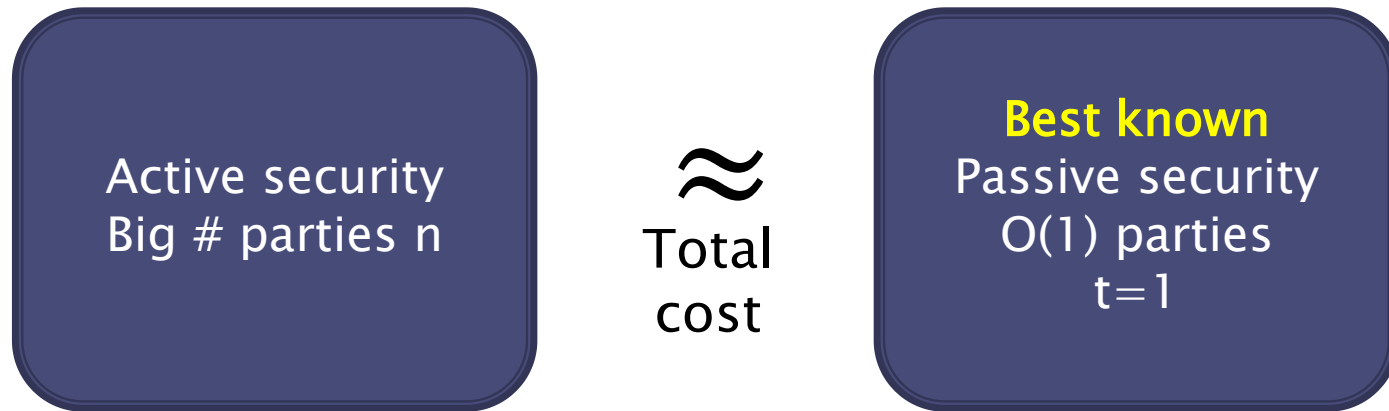
Yes we can, using garbled circuits [Yao86],
even with low communication via FHE or HSS

What can we realistically hope for?



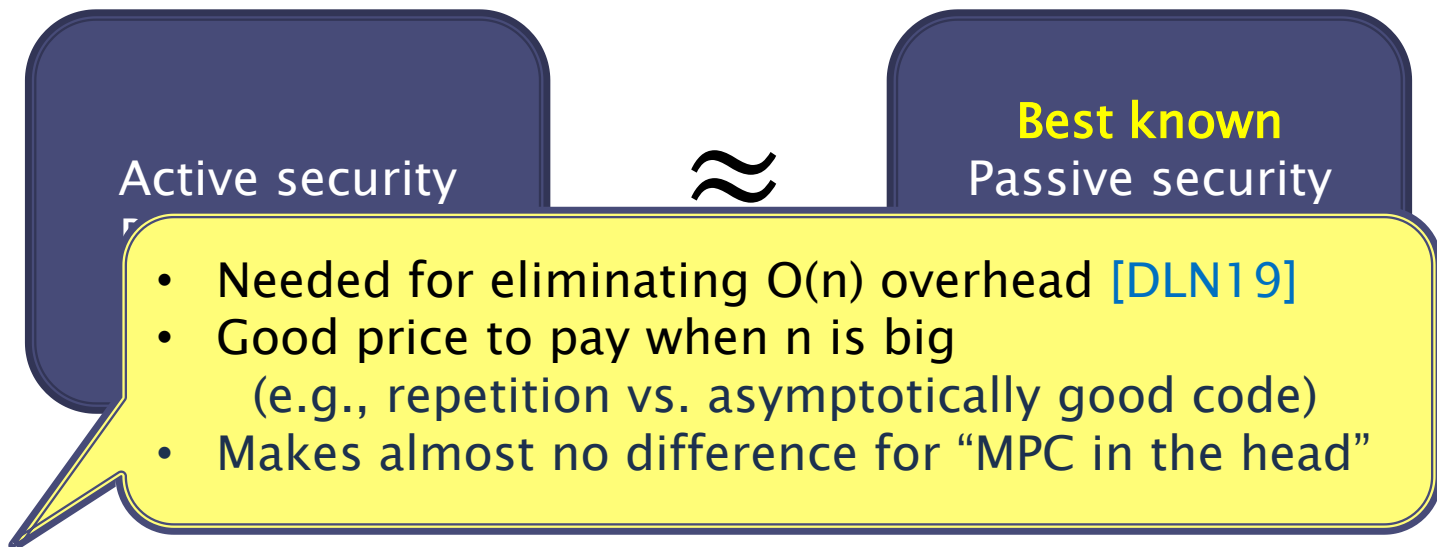
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- ▶ **Rounds:** $O(\text{depth})$

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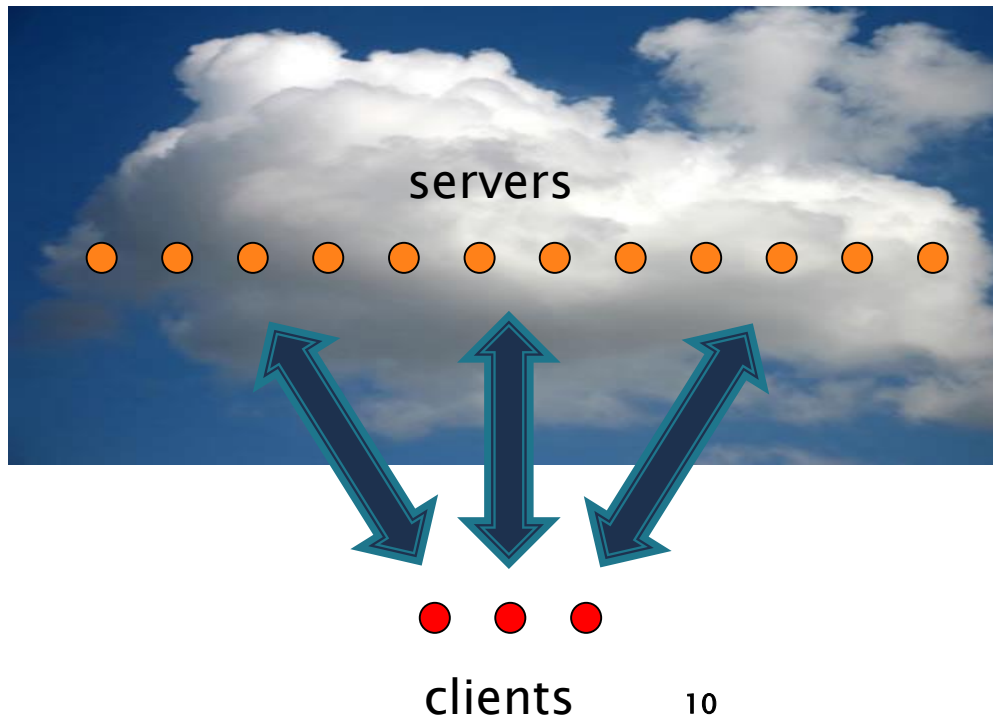
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- ▶ **This talk: several simplifying assumptions**
 - Inputs originate from a **constant** number of “clients”
 - Security with **abort**
 - **Statistical** security against **static** active adversary
 - Small fractional resilience
 - Broadcast
- ▶ **Assumptions can be eliminated**

The model

- ▶ **$m \geq 2$ clients, n servers**
 - Only clients have inputs and outputs
 - Assume $m = O(1)$ in most of this talk
 - Motivated by “MPC in the head” (next talk)
 - Results extend to standard n -party model



The model

- ▶ Synchronous secure point-to-point channels + broadcast
 - Servers only talk to clients
- ▶ Active, static adversary corrupting:
 - at most cn servers for some constant $0 < c < 1/2$
 - any subset of the m clients
- ▶ Statistical security with abort

Some literature pointers

- ▶ Hirt–Maurer 01, Damgård–Nielsen 07, Beerliova–Hirt 08, BenSasson–Fehr–Ostrovsky 12, Genkin–I–Prabhakaran–Sahai–Tromer 14, I–Kushilevitz–Prabhakaran–Sahai–Yu 16, Cascudo–Cramer–Xing–Yuan 18, Chida–Genkin–Hamada–Ikarashi–Kikuchi–Lindell–Nof 18, ...
 - n -party perfect/statistical MPC with **optimal** resilience
 - Total communication scales (almost) **linearly** with n
- ▶ Damgård–I 06, I–Prabhakaran–Sahai 09
 - **$O(1)$ -client** n -server **statistical** MPC with **near-optimal** resilience
 - Total communication **insensitive to n**
 - Total computation scales with **$\log(n)$**
(\times statistical-security parameter in Boolean case)
- ▶ Damgård–I–Kroigaard–Nielsen–Smith 08, Damgård–I–Kroigaard 10
 - Essentially the same for **perfect** MPC in **standard n -party model**

Some literature pointers

▶ Bracha 87

- Using committees to boost security threshold

▶ Franklin–Yung 92

- Share packing technique

▶ Chen–Cramer 06

- Using constant-size fields via AG codes
- Helps reduce communication for Boolean circuits

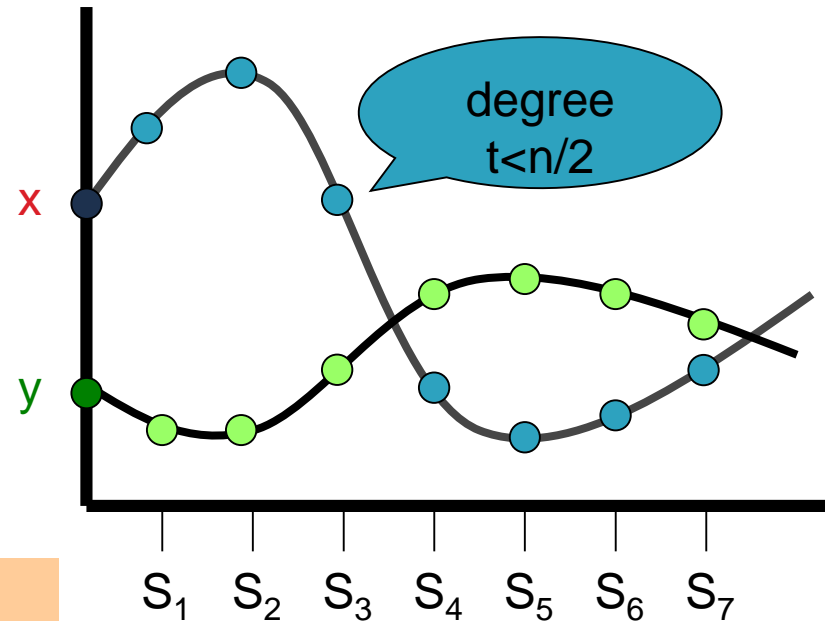
▶ ... Araki–Furukawa–Lindell–Nof–Ohara16 ...

- Different line of work
 - Minimizing **concrete** overhead for a small number of parties
- ... more in Niv's talk

Starting point: BGW/CCD

- ▶ **Secret-share inputs**
- ▶ **Evaluate C on shares**
 - Non-interactive addition
 - Interactive multiplication
- ▶ **Recover outputs**

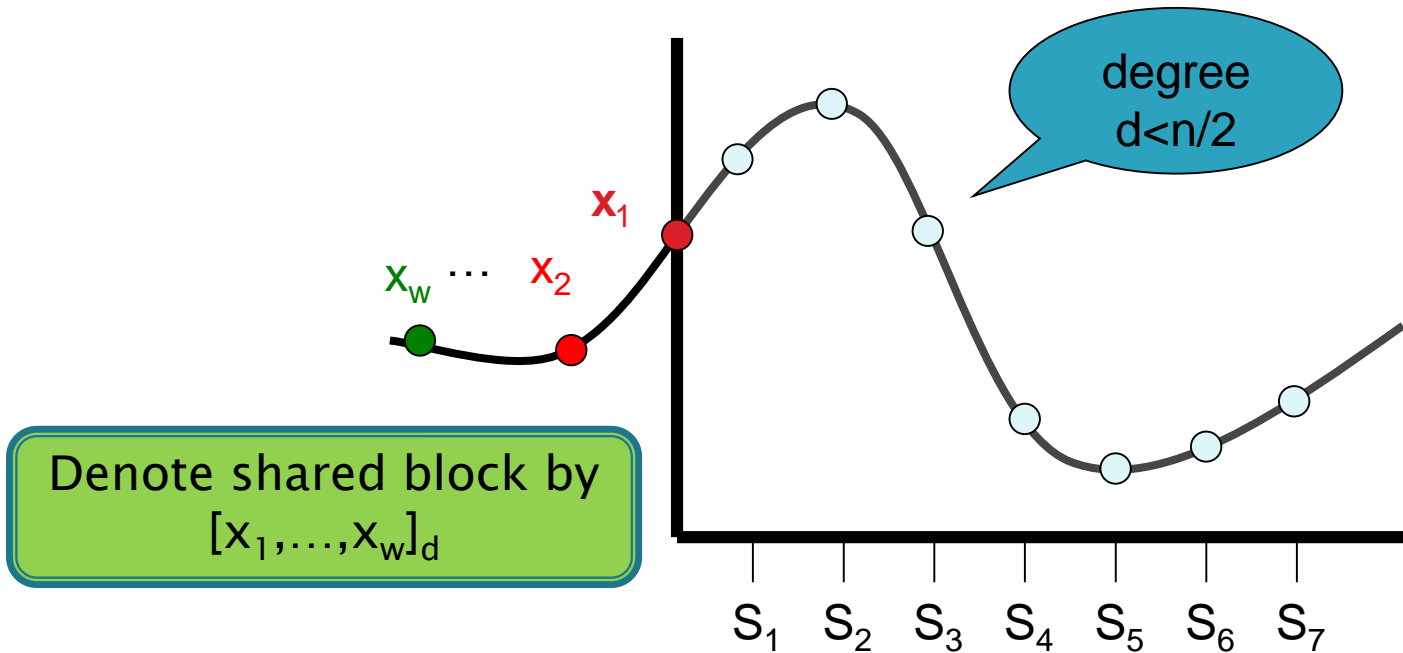
- Secure with $t < n/2$ (passive)
or $t < n/3$ (active)
- Complexity: $|C| \cdot O(n^2)$ (passive)
 $|C| \cdot \text{poly}(n)$ (active)



Sources of overhead

- ▶ Each wire value is split into n shares
 - Use “packed secret sharing” to amortize cost
- ▶ Multiplication involves communication between each pair of servers
 - Reveal blinded products to a single client
- ▶ Expensive consistency checks
 - Efficient batch verification

Share packing

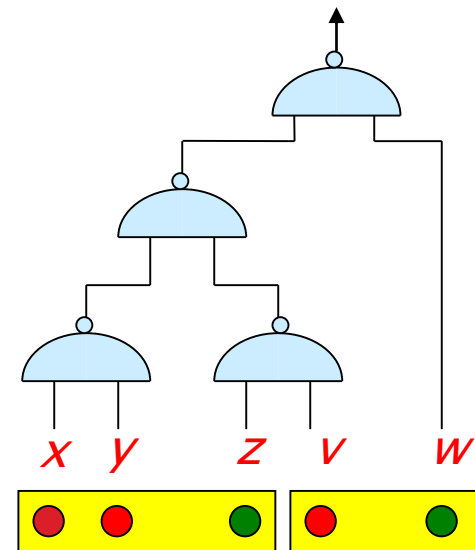
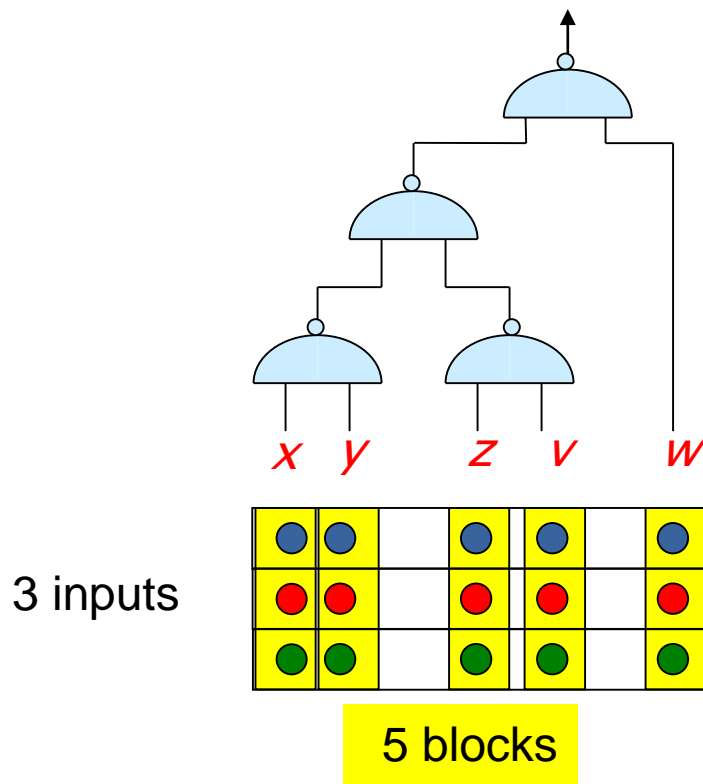


- Handle block of w secrets for price of one.
- Security threshold degrades from d to $d-w+1$
- $w=n/10 \rightarrow \Omega(n)$ savings for small security loss
- Compare with error correcting codes

BGW with share packing?

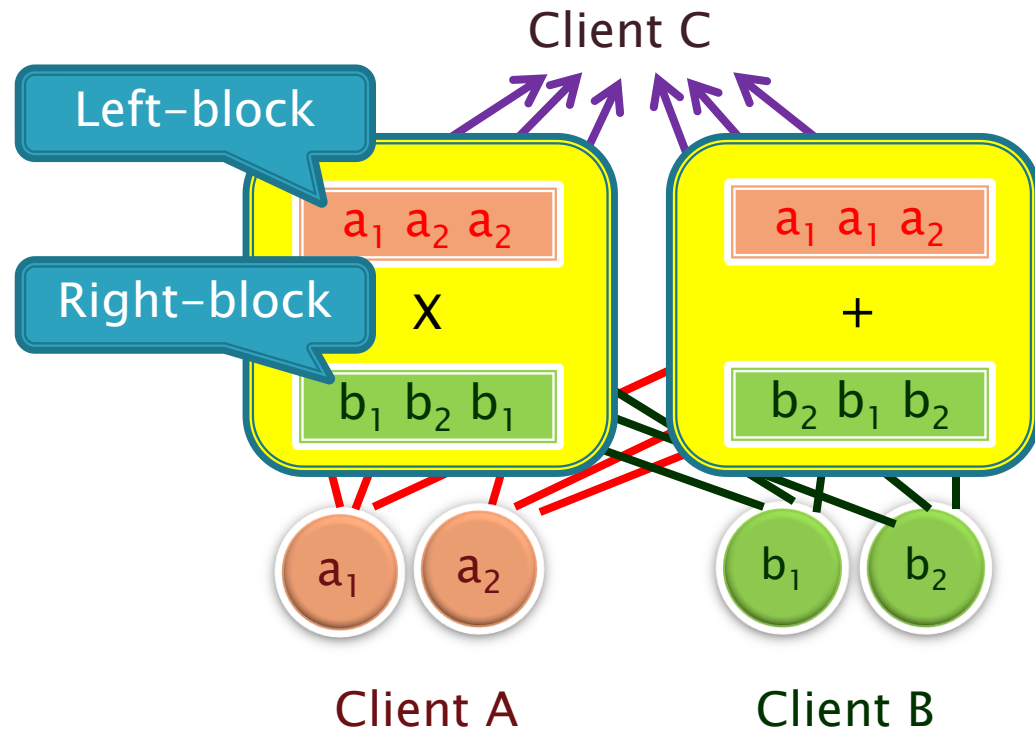
YES: evaluate a circuit on multiple inputs in parallel

NO: evaluate a circuit on a single input



“SIMD-friendly” computation

Warmup: Passive, depth 1



$$A \rightarrow S: \begin{aligned} p_A &= [a_1, a_2, a_2]_d \\ q_A &= [a_1, a_1, a_2]_d \\ z_A &= [0, 0, 0]_{2d} \end{aligned}$$

$$B \rightarrow S: \begin{aligned} p_B &= [b_1, b_2, b_1]_d \\ q_B &= [b_2, b_1, b_2]_d \\ z_B &= [0, 0, 0]_{2d} \end{aligned}$$

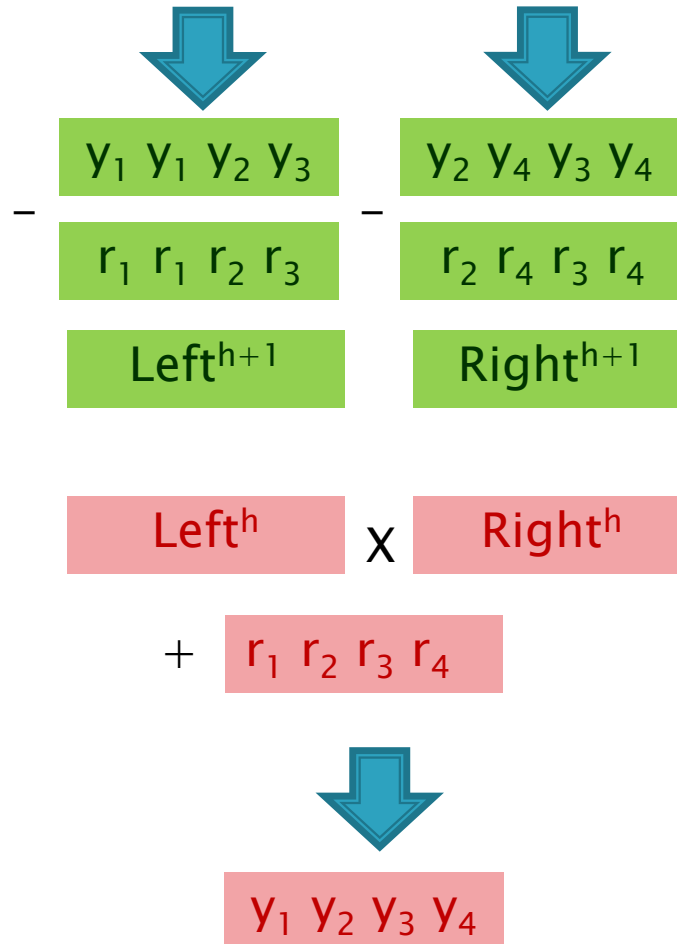
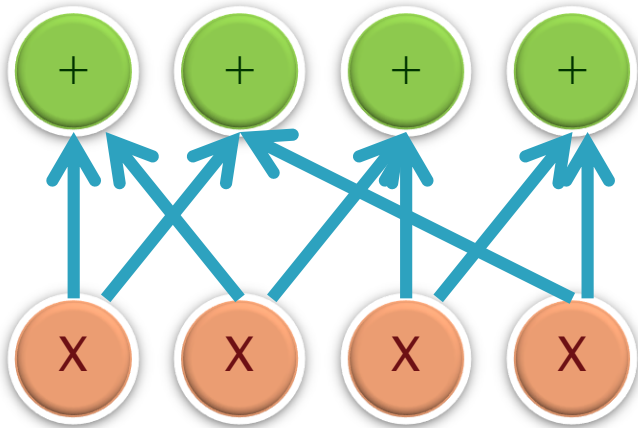
$$S \rightarrow C: \begin{aligned} p_A p_B + z_A + z_B \\ q_A + q_B \end{aligned}$$

- Extends to constant-depth circuits
- Still 2 rounds, $t = \Omega(n)$

Passive, any depth

- ▶ Assume circuit is composed of layers $1, \dots, H$.
- ▶ Clients share inputs into $[\text{left}^1]_d$ and $[\text{right}^1]_d$
- ▶ For $h=1$ to $H-1$:
 - Clients generate random blocks $[r]_{2d}$, $[\text{left}_r]_d$ and $[\text{right}_r]_d$ replicated according to structure of layer $h+1$
 - Servers send **masked** output shares of layer h to Client A:
 $[y]_{2d} = [\text{left}^h]_d * [\text{right}^h]_d + [r]_{2d} \quad (* \in \{x, +, -\})$
 - **A decodes, rearranges and reshares** y into $[\text{left}_y]_d$, $[\text{right}_y]_d$
 - Servers let
 - $[\text{left}^{h+1}]_d = [\text{left}_y]_d - [\text{left}_r]_d$
 - $[\text{right}^{h+1}]_d = [\text{right}_y]_d - [\text{right}_r]_d$
- ▶ Servers reveal output shares
 $[\text{left}^H]_d * [\text{right}^H]_d + [0]_{2d}$

Example



Active security

- ▶ Need to protect against $t = \Omega(n)$ malicious servers and $t' < m$ malicious clients.
- ▶ Malicious servers handled via error correction
 - Valid shares form a good error-correcting code
 - Error **detection** sufficient for security with abort
- ▶ Malicious clients handled via efficient VSS procedures (coming up)

Efficient statistical VSS

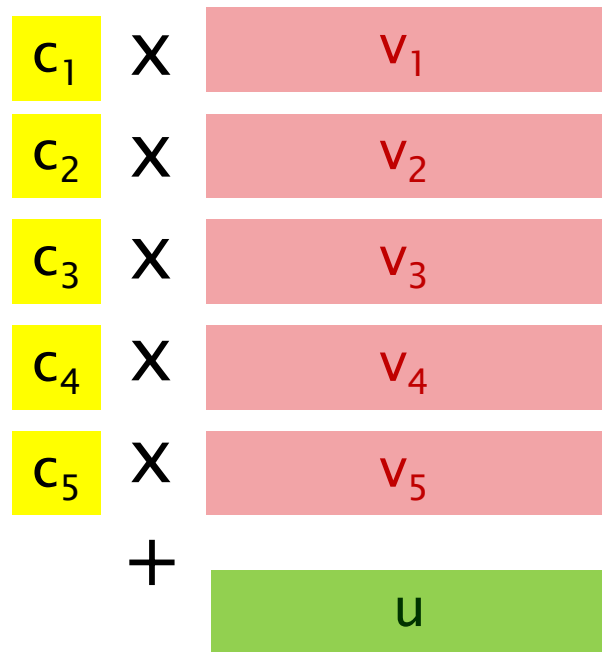
- ▶ Recall: only shoot for security with abort
- ▶ Two types of verification procedures
 - Verify that shares lie in a linear space
 - E.g., degree- d polynomials
 - Verify that shared blocks satisfy a given replication pattern
 - E.g., $[r_1, r_1, r_2, r_1]$ $[r_2, r_3, r_1, r_2]$
- ▶ Cost is amortized over multiple instances

Verifying membership in a linear space

- ▶ **Suppose Client A distributed a vector v between servers.**
 - S_i holds the i -th entry of v
 - Can be generalized to an arbitrary partition of entries
- ▶ **Goal:** Prove in zero-knowledge to Client B that v is in some (publicly known) linear space L over F .
- ▶ **Protocol:**
 - A distributes a random $u \in_r L$
 - B picks and broadcasts $c \in_r F$
 - Servers jointly send $w = cv + u$ to B
 - B checks that $w \in L$
- ▶ **ZK:** w is a random vector in L
- ▶ **Soundness** (static corruption):
 - consider messages from honest servers
 - $cv + u, c'v + u \in L \rightarrow (c - c')v \in L \rightarrow v \in L$
 - soundness error $\leq 1 / |F|$

Amortizing cost

- Can be jointly generated by clients
- Can be pseudorandom
Unconditional PRG suffices

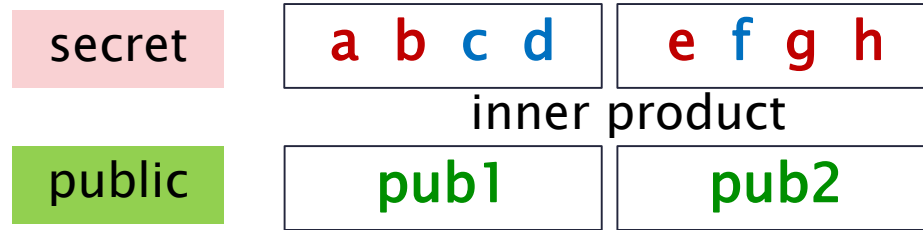


Adaptive security:

- Needed for ZK/2PC application
- Union bound too loose
- Tighter analysis: AHIV17,...

$w \in L ?$

Verifying replication pattern



1. Write replication requirement as linear equations:

$$b-a=0$$

$$e-b=0$$

$$g-e=0$$

$$h-g=0$$

$$d-c=0$$

$$f-d=0$$

2. Take random linear combination:

$$r1*(b-a)+$$

$$r2*(e-b)+$$

$$r3*(g-e)+$$

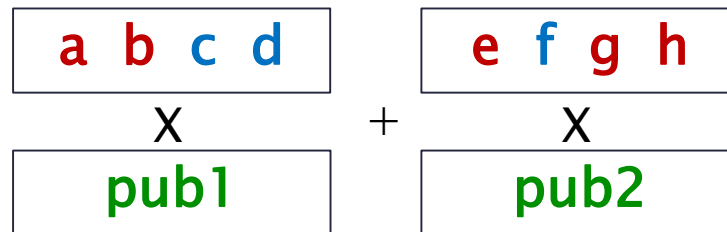
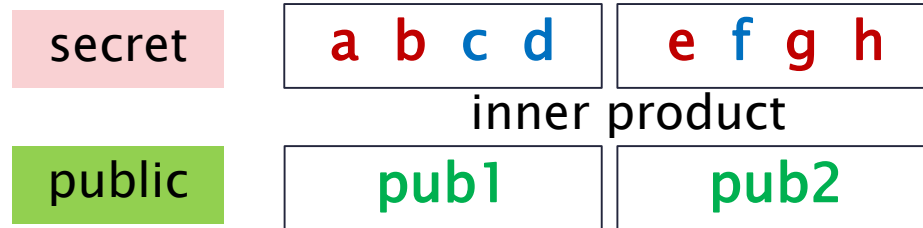
$$r4*(h-g)+$$

$$r5*(d-c)+$$

$$r6*(f-d) = 0$$

3. Bring to a <secret , public > format

Verifying replication pattern



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Random block with sum 0
Generated by prover

Asymptotic efficiency

► Communication

- $O(|C|)$ field elements ($|F| > n$) + “low order terms”
- Low order terms include:
 - Additive term of $O(\text{depth} \cdot n)$ for layered circuits
 - $\text{depth} \rightarrow \#$ “communicating layer pairs” for general circuits
 - Multiply by $k/\log|F|$ for small fields
(k = statistical security parameter)

► Computation

- Communication $\times O(\log n)$
 - Uses FFT for polynomial operations
- Multiply by $k/\log|F|$ for small fields

Boosting security threshold

- ▶ **Goal: small fractional resilience \rightarrow nearly optimal resilience**
 - without increasing asymptotic complexity!
- ▶ **Solution: Bracha-style server virtualization**
 - Example: $0.01n$ -secure $\Pi \rightarrow 0.33n$ -secure Π'
 - Pick n committees of servers such that
 - Each committee is of size $s=O(1)$
 - If $0.33n$ servers are corrupted, then $> 99\%$ of the committees have $< s/3$ corrupted members
 - Choose committees at random, or use explicit constructions
- ▶ **Π' uses s -party BGW to simulate each server in Π by a committee**
 - Overhead $\text{poly}(s)=O(1)$

Using constant-size fields

- ▶ Consider a **boolean** circuit C with $|C| \gg \text{depth}$
- ▶ Previous protocol requires $|F| > n$
 - $O(|C| \log n)$ bits of communication
- ▶ Can we get rid of the $\log n$ term?
- ▶ Yes, using **algebraic-geometric** codes
 - Field size independent of n
 - Small fractional loss of resilience

Other extensions

► Many clients

- Previous protocol required generating secret blocks
- Easy to implement by summing blocks generated by all clients
- Overhead can be amortized if only a constant fraction of clients are corrupted
 - Use routing network to convert circuit into regular form
 - Replace summing blocks by better randomness extraction
- Gives protocols with $\text{polylog}(n)$ overhead in standard n -party setting with $t = \Omega(n)$.

► Perfect security

- Use efficient variant of BGW VSS with share packing
- Alternatively: “hyperinvertible matrix” approach [BH08]

Conclusions

- ▶ **Honest-majority MPC protocols are efficient!**
 - Total communication = $O(|C|)$ (+ low-order terms)
 - At most $\text{polylog}(|C|)$ overhead with n clients
 - Total computation $O_{\sim}(|C|)$
 - Relevant to MPC with dishonest majority (next talk)
- ▶ **Open efficiency questions**
 - Break circuit size communication barrier for IT security
 - Constant computational overhead for $t = \Omega(n)$