

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

Even worse.

Passive: Boolean+arithmetic  
[IKOS08, ADINZ18]

Using poly-stretch local PRGs

Active: only arithmetic  
[BCGGHJ17, BCGI18]

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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?

Active security  
Big # parties  $n$

$\approx$   
Total  
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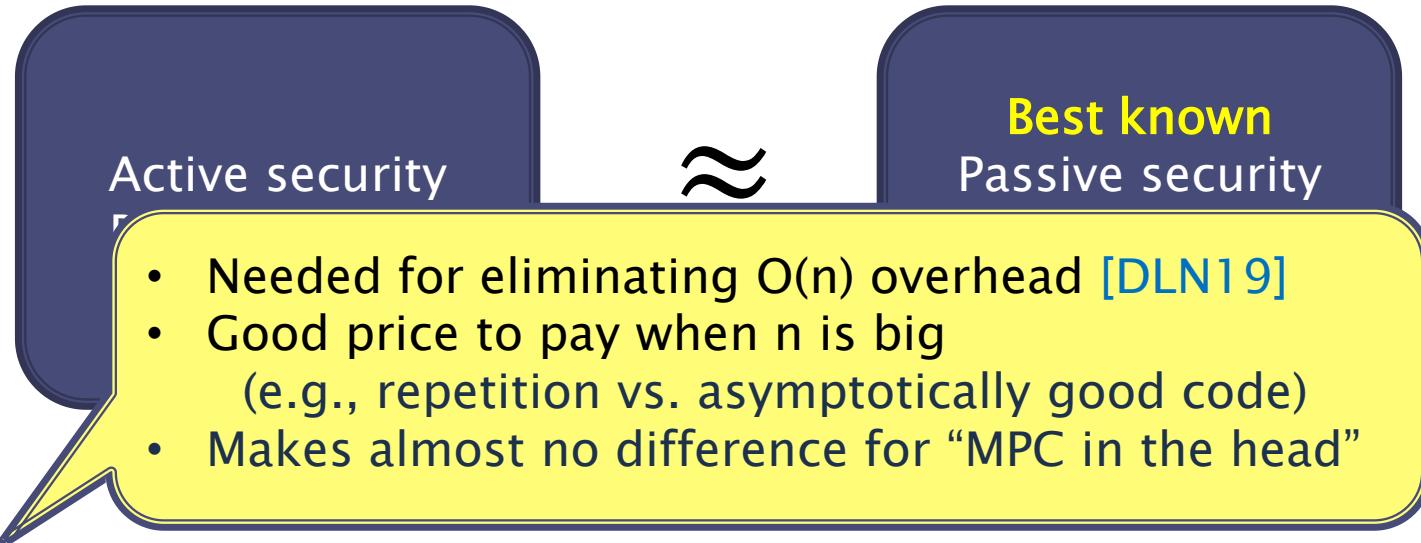
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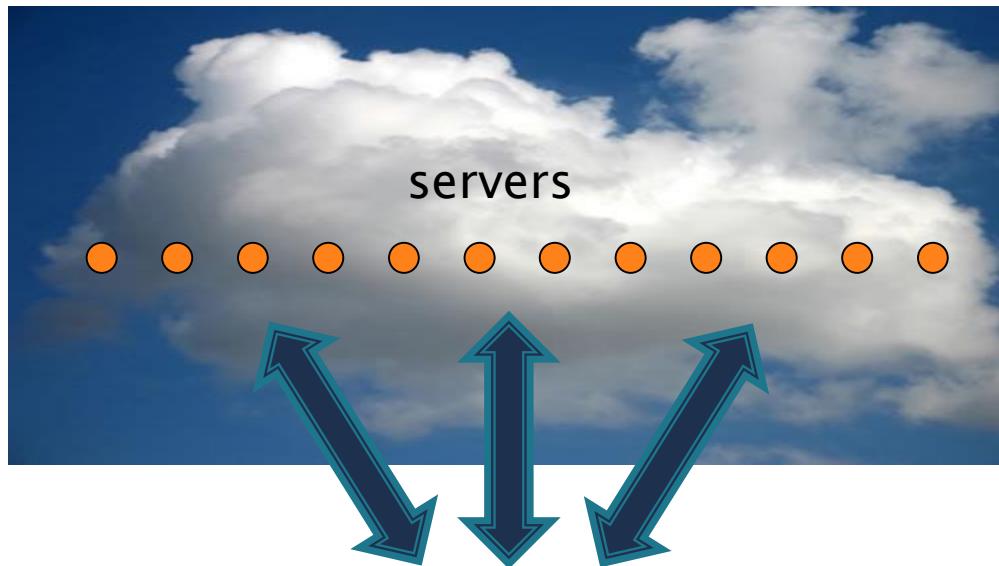
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# What can we get?

- ▶ 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

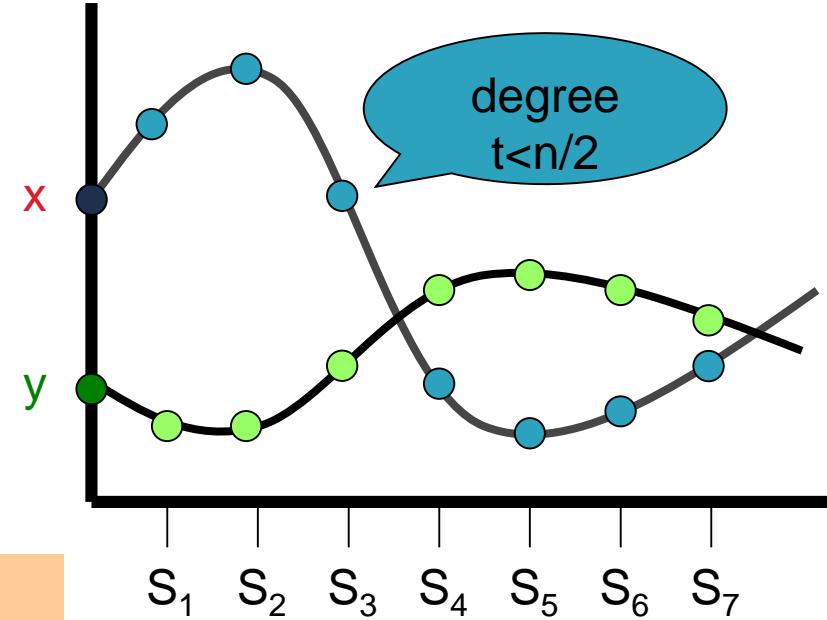
- ▶ Hirt–Maurer 01, Damgård–Nielsen 07, Beerliova–Hirt 08, BenSasson–Fehr–Ostrovsky 12, Genkin–I–Prabhakaran–Sahai–Tromer 14, I–Kushilevitz–Prabhakaran–Sahai–Yu 16, Cascudo–Cramer–Xing–Yuan 18, Chida–Genkin–Hamada–Ikarashi–Kikuchi–Lindell–Nof 18, ...
  - $n$ –party perfect/statistical MPC with **optimal** 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

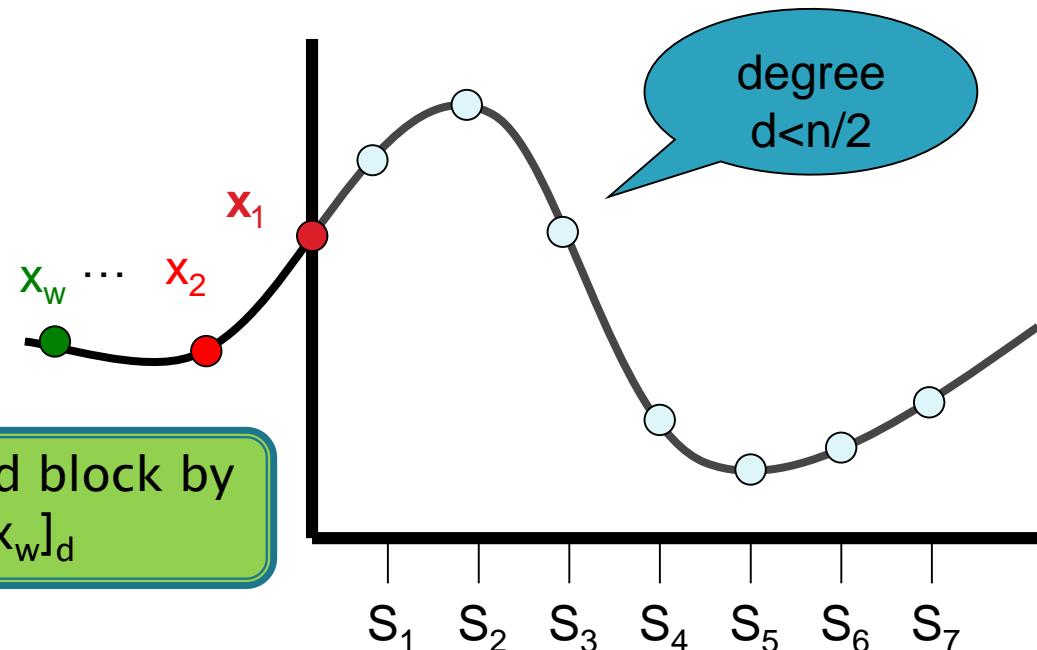


- Secure with  $t < n/2$  (passive or  $t < n/3$  (active))
- Complexity:  $|C| \cdot O(n^2)$  (passive)  
 $|C| \cdot \text{poly}(n)$  (active)

# 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

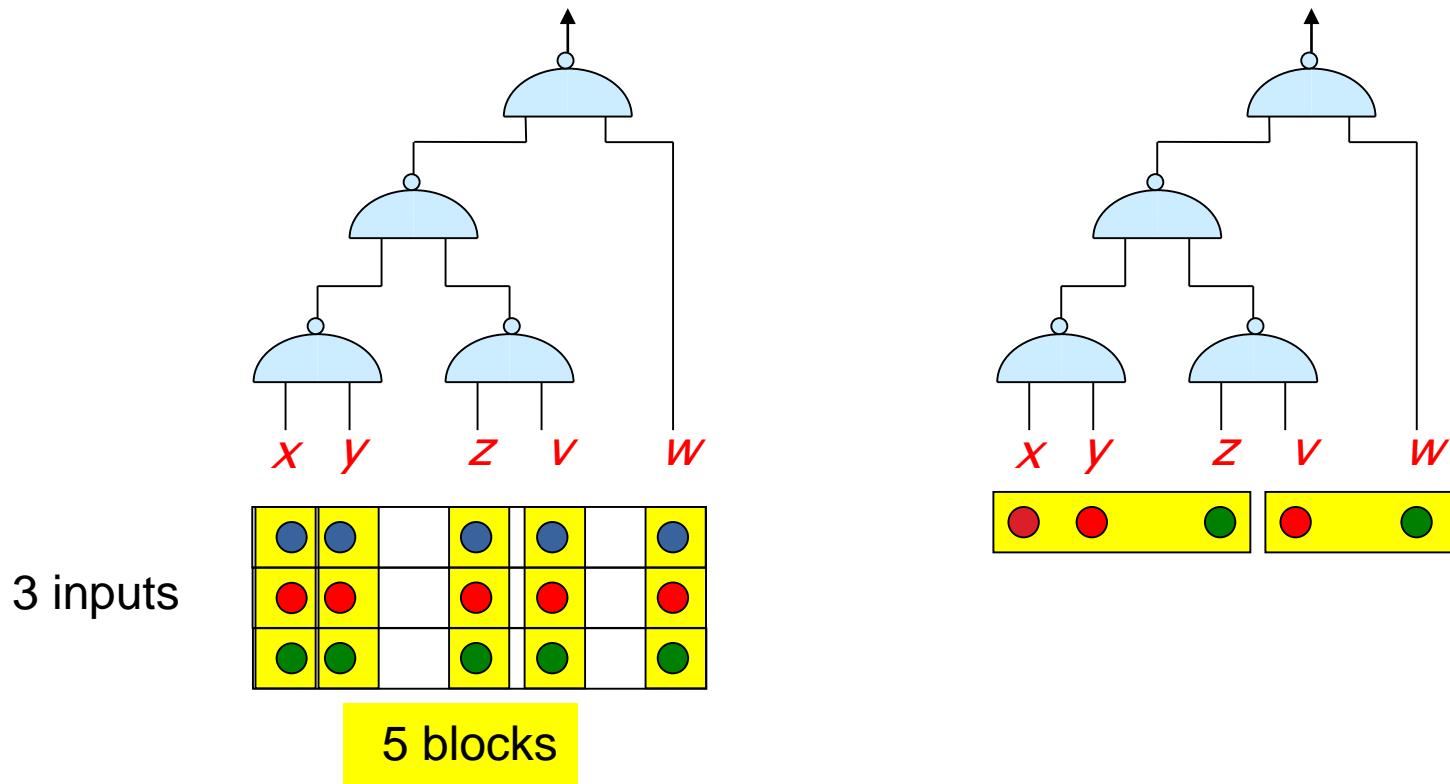


- Handle block of  $w$  secrets for price of one.
- Security threshold degrades from  $d$  to  $d-w+1$
- $w=n/10 \rightarrow \Omega(n)$  savings for small security loss
- Compare with error correcting codes

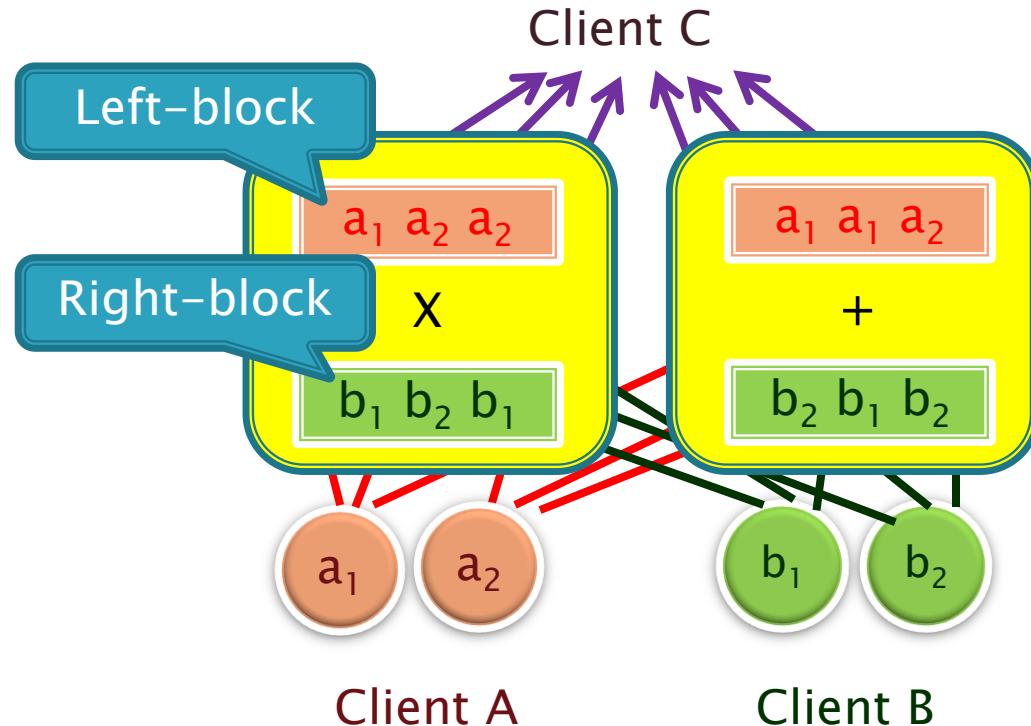
# BGW with share packing?

YES: evaluate a circuit on multiple inputs in parallel

NO: evaluate a circuit on a single input



# Warmup: Passive, depth 1



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

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

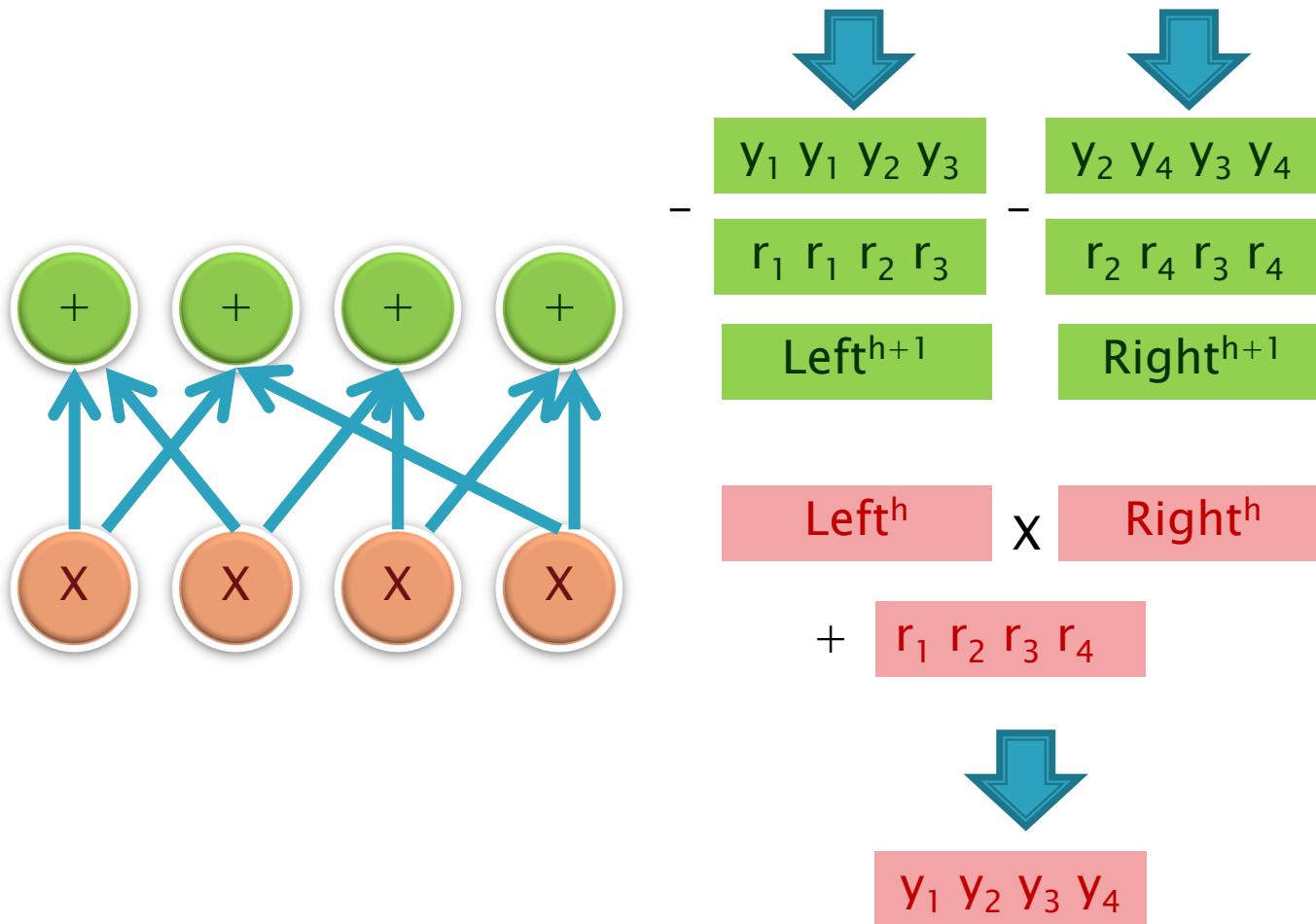
$$\begin{aligned} S \rightarrow C: \quad p_A p_B + z_A + z_B \\ q_A + q_B \end{aligned}$$

- 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:  
 $[y]_{2d} = [\text{left}^h]_d * [\text{right}^h]_d + [r]_{2d}$  ( $* \in \{x, +, -\}$ )
  - 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

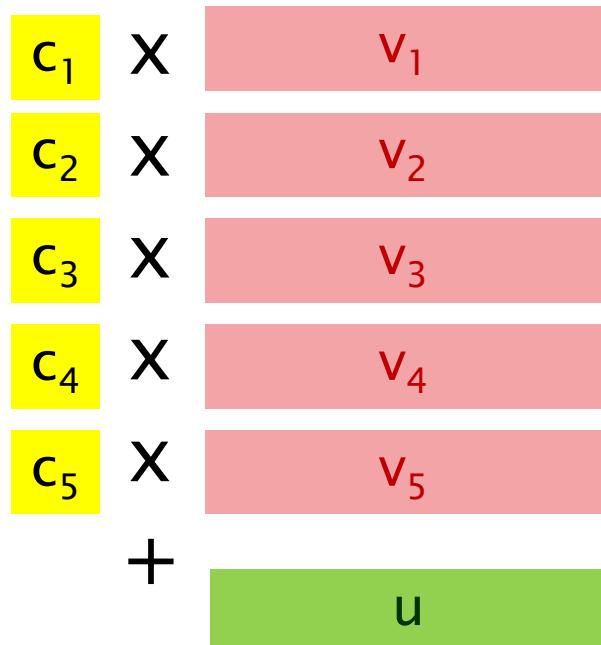
- ▶ Recall: only shoot for security with abort
- ▶ Two types of verification procedures
  - Verify that shares lie in a linear space
    - E.g., degree- $d$  polynomials
  - Verify that shared blocks satisfy a given replication pattern
    - E.g.,  $[r_1, r_1, r_2, r_1] [r_2, r_3, r_1, r_2]$
- ▶ Cost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

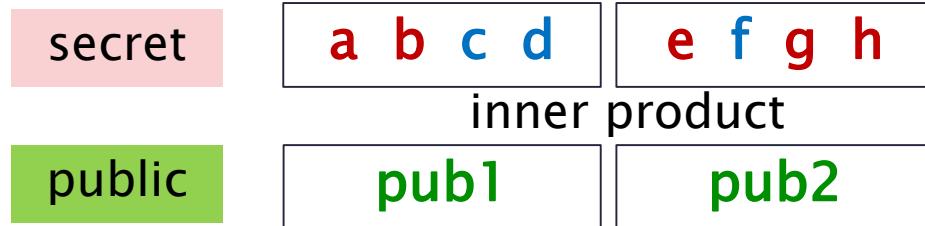
- Can be jointly generated by clients
- Can be pseudorandom  
Unconditional PRG suffices



## Adaptive security:

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

# 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:

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

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

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

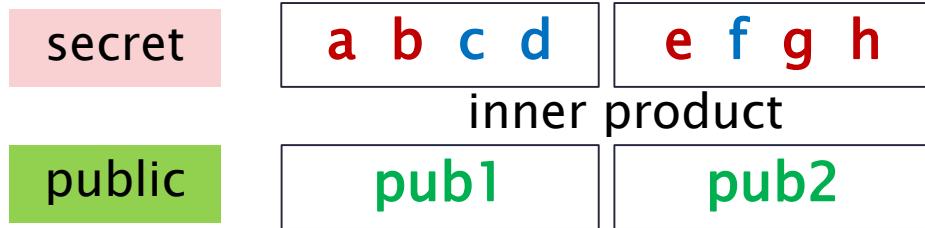
$$r4*(h-g) +$$

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

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

3. Bring to a **<secret , public >** format

# Verifying replication pattern



$$\begin{array}{c} \boxed{a \ b \ c \ d} \quad \boxed{e \ f \ g \ h} \\ X \quad \quad \quad X \\ \boxed{\text{pub1}} \quad \boxed{\text{pub2}} \end{array}$$

$$+ \quad \boxed{z_1 \ z_2 \ z_3 \ z_4}$$

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
  - 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  $\Pi'$
  - 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
- ▶  **$\Pi'$  uses  $s$ -party BGW to simulate each server in  $\Pi$  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  $t=\Omega(n)$