

# Secure Multiparty Computation:

## Using Information-Theoretic MPC with No Honest Majority

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# Message of this talk

- **IT MPC is useful** even when there is no honest majority!
- Establishes unexpected **connections** between different areas in cryptography
- **New results** for ZK and MPC with no honest majority
- **New application domains** for IT MPC

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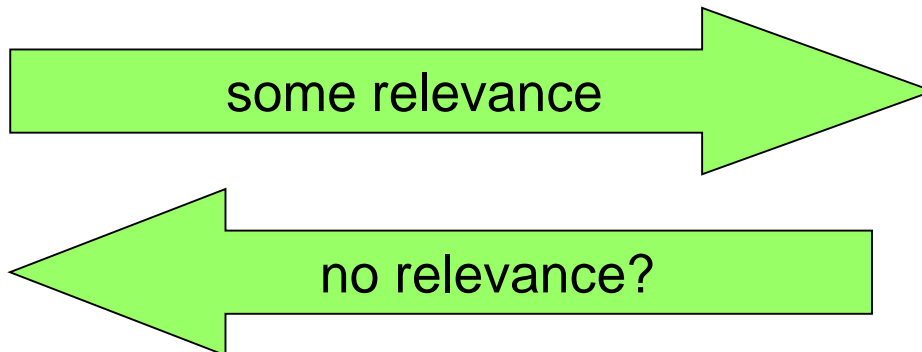
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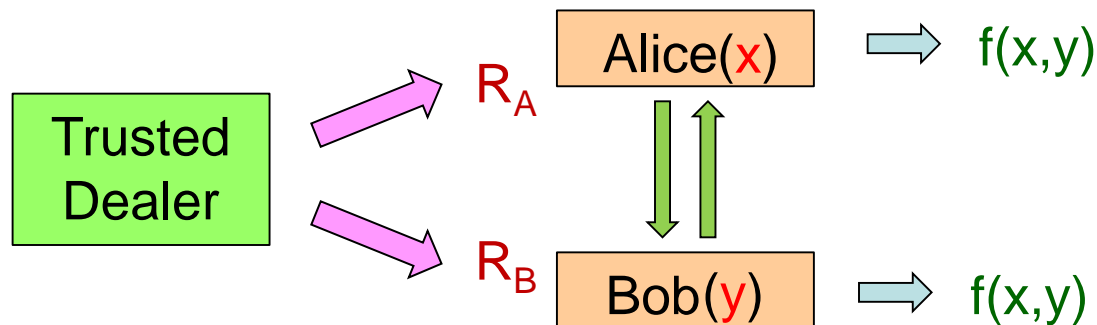
- Add to Allison's world a simple ideal functionality
  - Ideal **commitment** oracle for ZK (Com-hybrid model)
  - Ideal **OT** oracle for general protocols (OT-hybrid model)
  - ... or even a general source of correlated randomness
- Makes unconditional (and UC) security possible
  - Analogous to secure channels in Bernard's world
- Why should Allison be happy?
  - **Generality**: **Com** or **OT** can be realized in a variety of models, under a variety of assumptions
  - **Efficiency**: Correlated randomness can be generated offline
    - **Com** or **OT** can be realized with little overhead
      - Cheap preprocessing: fast OT [...,PVW08], faster OT extension [Bea96,IKNP03...,BCGIKRS19]

# MPC with Correlated Randomness



# Dealer-Aided Protocol

[I-Kushilevitz-Meldgaard-Orlandi-Paskin13]



- Correlated randomness:
  - Set  $G[x',y'] = f[x'-dx, y'-dy]$  for random  $dx, dy$
  - Secret-share  $G$  into  $G_A, G_B$
  - Alice gets  $R_A=(G_A,dx)$  Bob gets  $R_B=(G_B,dy)$
- Protocol on inputs  $(x,y)$ :
  - Alice sends  $x'=x+dx$ , Bob sends  $y'=y+dy$
  - Alice sends  $z_A= G_A[x',y']$ , Bob sends  $z_B= G_B[x',y']$
  - Parties output  $z=z_A+z_B$

# Dealer-Aided Protocol

- **The good:**
  - Perfect security
  - Great online communication
- **The bad:**
  - Exponential size randomness and storage
- **Can we use less randomness?**
  - Yes if  $f$  has small circuit complexity
  - Idea: process  $f$  gate-by-gate
  - Coming up...



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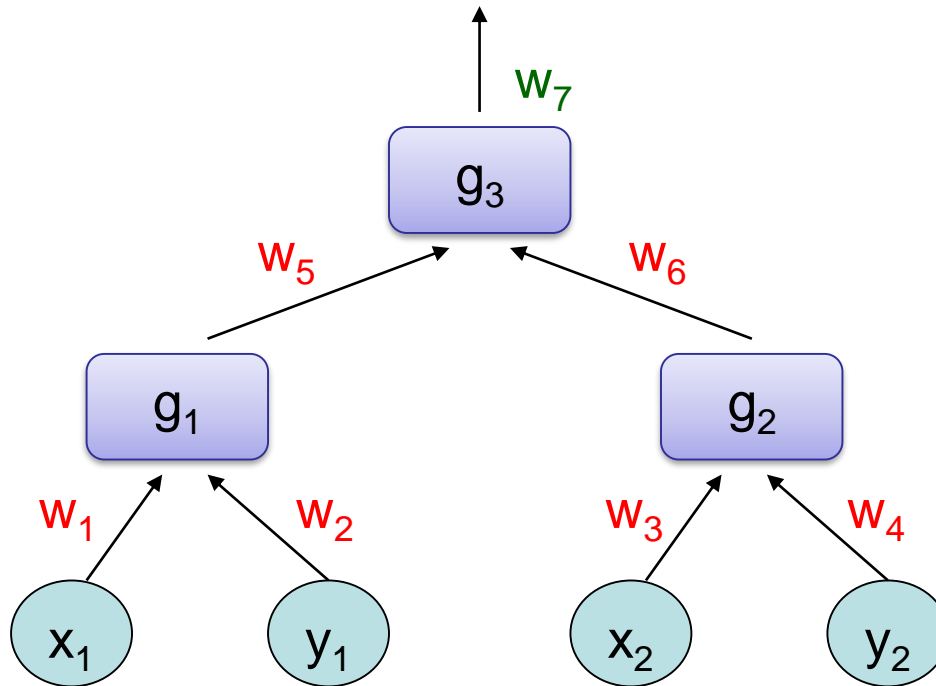
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  - **Yes!**
  - Upper bound:  $2^{O(\sqrt{k})}$  [Beimel-I-Kumaresan-Kushilevitz14]
  - Two-way relation with to 3-server IT PIR  
[Chor-Goldreich-Kushilevitz-Sudan95, Yekhanin07, Efremenko09]
  - Best known lower bound:  $\Omega(k)$

# From Truth-Tables to Circuits

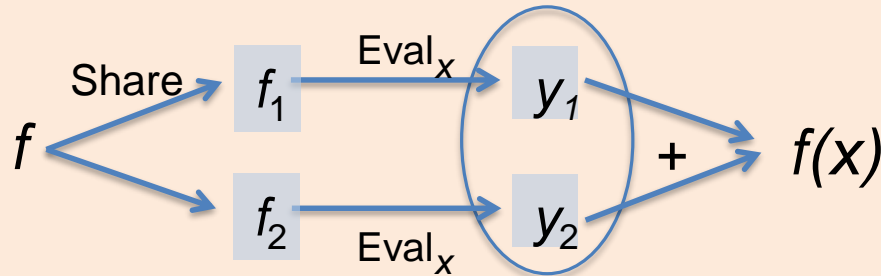
[Beaver95, Damgård-Nielsen-Nielsen-Ranellucci17, Boyle-Gilboa-119]



- Dealer prepares a random mask  $r_i$  for every wire  $w_i$ .
- Sends to each party masks of its input wires
- Reveals masks of output wires

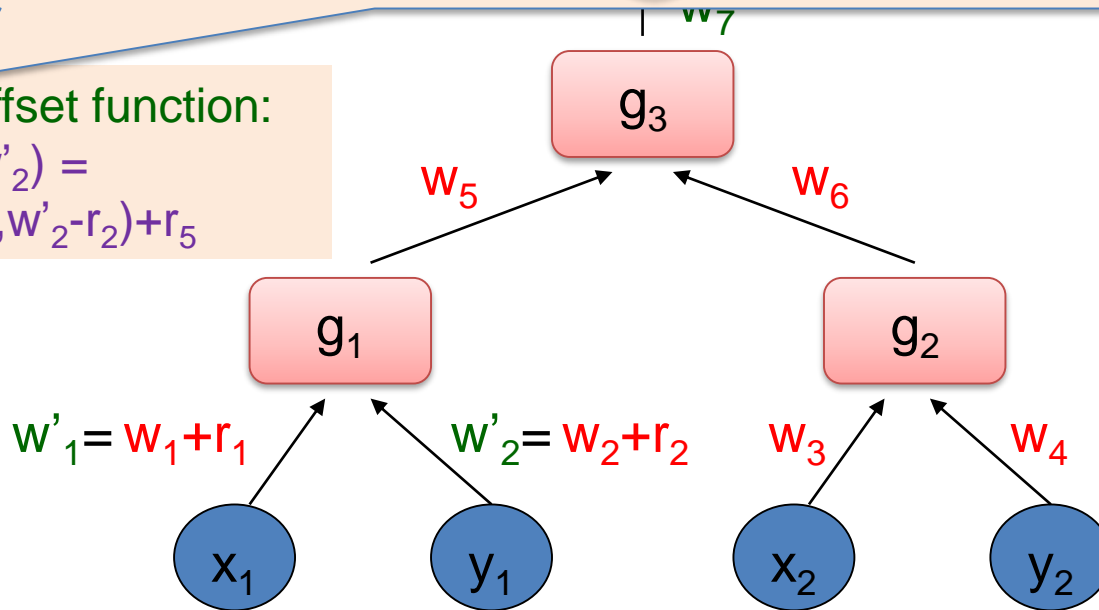
# Function Secret Sharing

circuits



Share offset function:

$$g'_1(w'_1, w'_2) = g_1(w'_1 - r_1, w'_2 - r_2) + r_5$$



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# From Truth-Tables to Circuits

Gate type

Offset class

FSS

Arbitrary

All functions

Additively share  
truth-table

Ring multiplication

Degree-2 poly. in  
2 variables

Additively share 4  
coefficients  
(compressible to 1)

Equality,  
Greater-than,  
ReLU,  
Bit-decomposition  
Spline,...

Point functions,  
Union of intervals

Efficient PRG-based  
constructions

[Boyle-Gilboa-16]

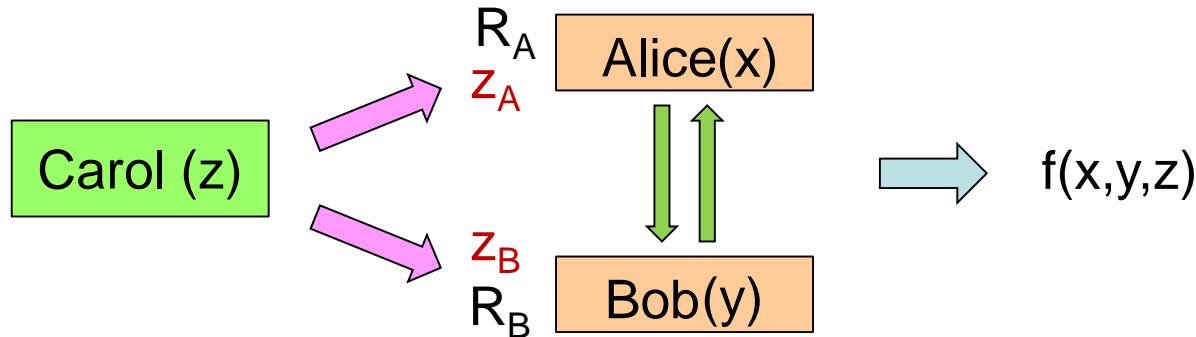
Almost in scope of school...

# Features of Circuit-Based Protocol

- Online **computation** near-optimal for standard gates
  - Meets ideal “small overhead” goal over very fast networks
- Easy to extend to  $n > 2$  parties and active adversary [[Bendlin-Damgård-Orlandi-Zakarias11](#), [Damgård-Pastro-Smart-Zakarias12](#)]
  - Using simple homomorphic MAC
  - Serves as basis for the “SPDZ” line of protocols
- **What about the dealer?**
  - Emulate via a secure MPC protocol
    - Offline, input-independent preprocessing, simple functionality
    - New techniques for efficient MPC with “silent preprocessing” [..., [Boyle-Couteau-Gilboa-I-Kohl-Scholl19](#), ...]
  - **Coming up: dealer-free protocols**

# Dealer-free MPC for $f(x,y,z)$

- Define  $f'((x, z_A), (y, z_B)) = f(x, y, z_A + z_B)$



## Alternative protocol for passive 3-party honest-majority MPC

Can be generically bootstrapped to efficient n-party MPC using recursive player virtualization and log-depth threshold formulas [Hirt-Maurer01, Cohen-I-Damgård-Kolker-Raz-Rothblum13, [Kozachinskiy-Podolskii20](#)]

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- Make **any** functionality possible

A high level idea:

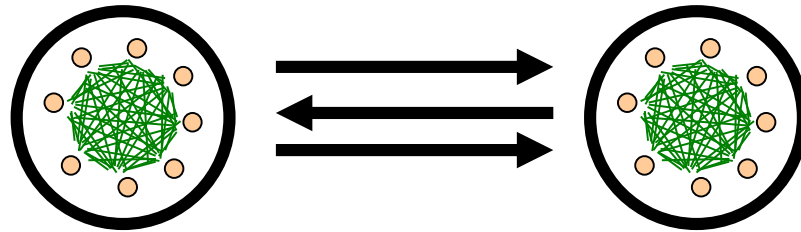
- Run MPC "in the head".
- Commit to generated views.
- Use **consistency checks** to ensure honest majority.

- Cheap preprocessing, fast OT [...,PVW08], faster OT extension [Bea99, NP03...,BCGIKRS19]

- Still: Why should Bernard's research be relevant?



# MPC in the Head



# Back to the 1980s

- Zero-knowledge proofs for NP [GMR85,GMW86]
- Computational MPC with no honest majority [Yao86, GMW87]
- Unconditional MPC with honest majority [BGW88, CCD88, RB89]
- Unconditional MPC with no honest majority assuming ideal OT [Kilian88]
- Are these unrelated?

# Passive vs. Active Attacks

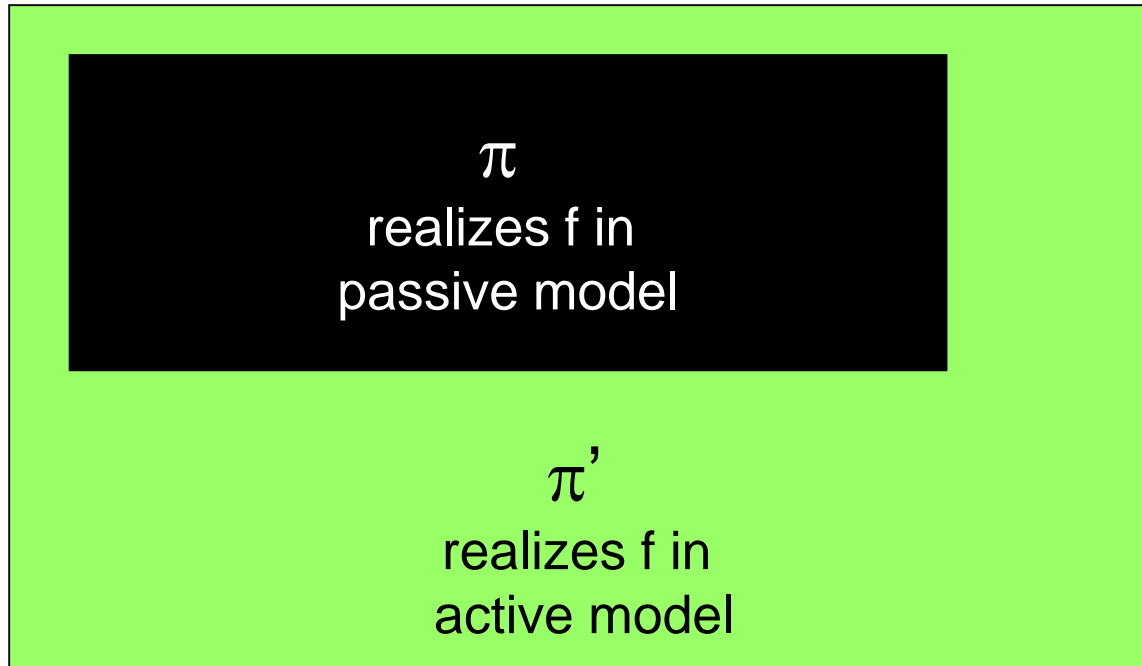
- Security against active attacks is much more challenging.
  - Life is easier when everyone follows instructions...
  - Even more challenging with no honest majority
    - VSS, error-correcting codes are not directly applicable
- **Natural goal:**  
passive security → active security
- Major research effort in cryptography

# GMW Paradigm

[Goldreich-Micali-Wigderson87]

- **GMW compiler:**
  - **Passive**-secure  $\pi \rightarrow$  **active**-secure  $\pi'$  with abort (over broadcast)
  - Uses ZK proofs to prove “sticking to protocol”
  - Typically does not apply to IT-MPC protocols
    - Exception: Niv’s talk!
- **Non-black-box:** ZK proofs in  $\pi'$  involve **code** of  $\pi$ 
  - Typically “impractical”
  - Not applicable when  $\pi$  uses an **oracle**
    - **Functionality oracle:** secure channels, OT
    - **Crypto primitive oracle:** black-box PRG
    - **Arithmetic oracle:** black-box field, ring, non-abelian group,...
- **Can these limitations be avoided?**

# A dream goal



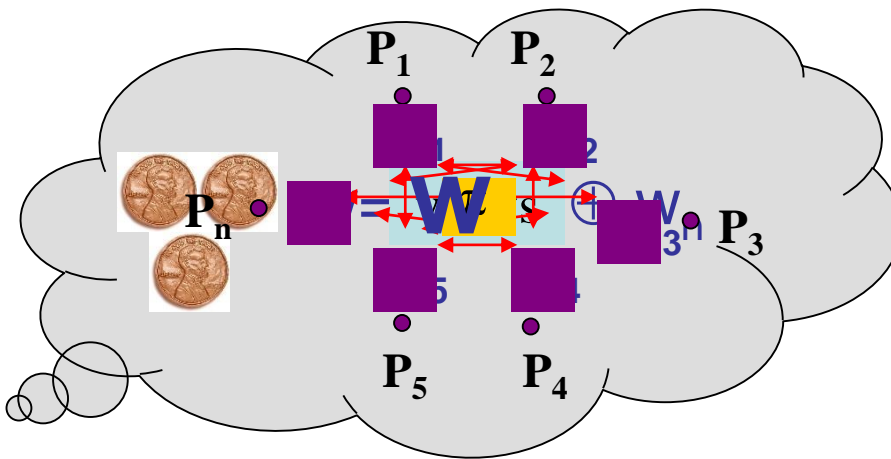
- Possible for some **fixed**  $f$ 
  - e.g., OT [IKLP06,Hai08]
- Impossible for general  $f$ 
  - e.g., ZK functionalities [IKOS07]

# IKOS Compiler

[I-Kushilevitz-Ostrovsky-Sahai07]

- Goal: ZK proof for an NP-relation  $R(x,w)$ 
  - Completeness
  - Soundness
  - Zero-knowledge
- Towards using MPC:
  - define n-party functionality
$$f(x; w_1, \dots, w_n) = R(x, w_1 \oplus \dots \oplus w_n)$$
  - use any **2-secure, perfectly correct** protocol  $\pi$  for  $f$ 
    - security in **passive** model
    - honest majority when  $n \geq 5$
    - black-box use of  $\pi$

# Passive MPC $\rightarrow$ ZK



Given MPC protocol  $\pi$  for  
 $f(x; w_1, \dots, w_n) = R(x, w_1 \oplus \dots \oplus w_n)$

accept iff output=1  
&  
 $V_i, V_j$  are consistent

Prover

Verifier

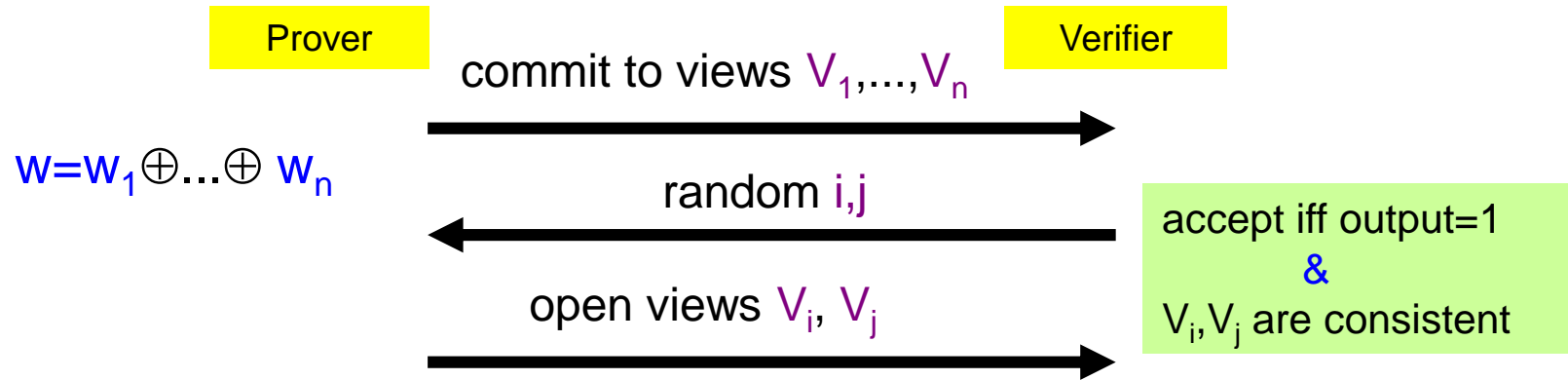
commit to views  $V_1, \dots, V_n$

random  $i, j$

open views  $V_i, V_j$



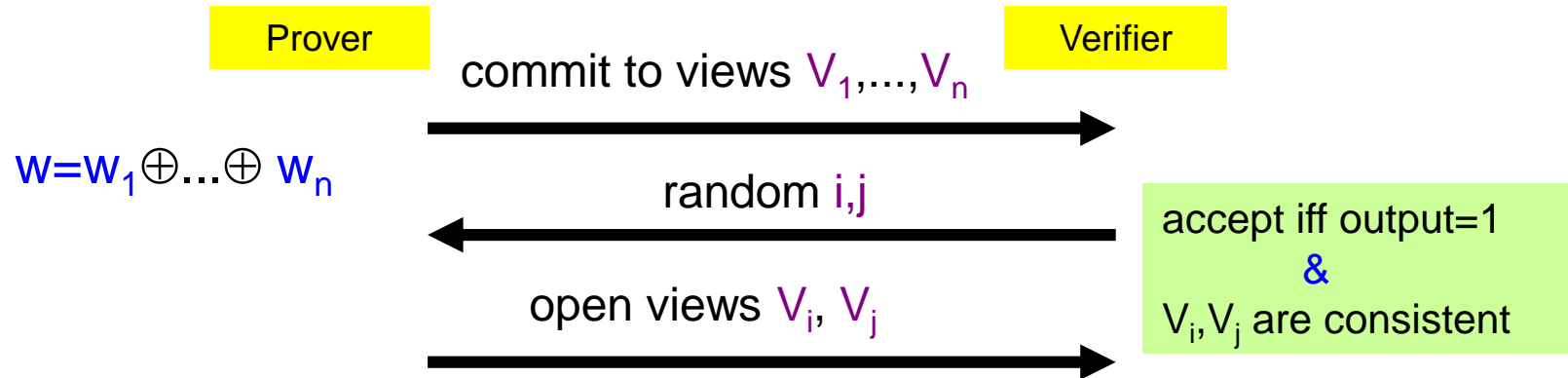
# Analysis



- **Completeness:**  $\checkmark$
- **Zero-knowledge:** by 2-security of  $\pi$  and randomness of  $w_i, w_j$ .  
(Note: enough to use  $w_1, w_2, w_3$ )



# Analysis



- **Soundness:** Suppose  $R(x, w) = 0$  for all  $w$ .  
→ either (1)  $V_1, \dots, V_n$  consistent with protocol  $\pi$   
or (2)  $V_1, \dots, V_n$  not consistent with  $\pi$ 
  - (1)  $\Rightarrow$  outputs=0 (perfect correctness)  
 $\Rightarrow$  **Verifier** rejects
  - (2)  $\Rightarrow$  for some  $(i, j)$ ,  $V_i, V_j$  are inconsistent.  
 $\Rightarrow$  **Verifier** rejects with prob.  $\geq 1/n^2$ .

# Extensions

- Use OT-based MPC
  - Check consistency of OT inputs and outputs
  - In fact, can use F-based MPC
- Use 1-secure MPC
  - Open one view and one incident channel
- Directly get  $2^{-s}$  soundness error via active-secure honest-majority MPC
- Realize **Com** using OWF

# Applications

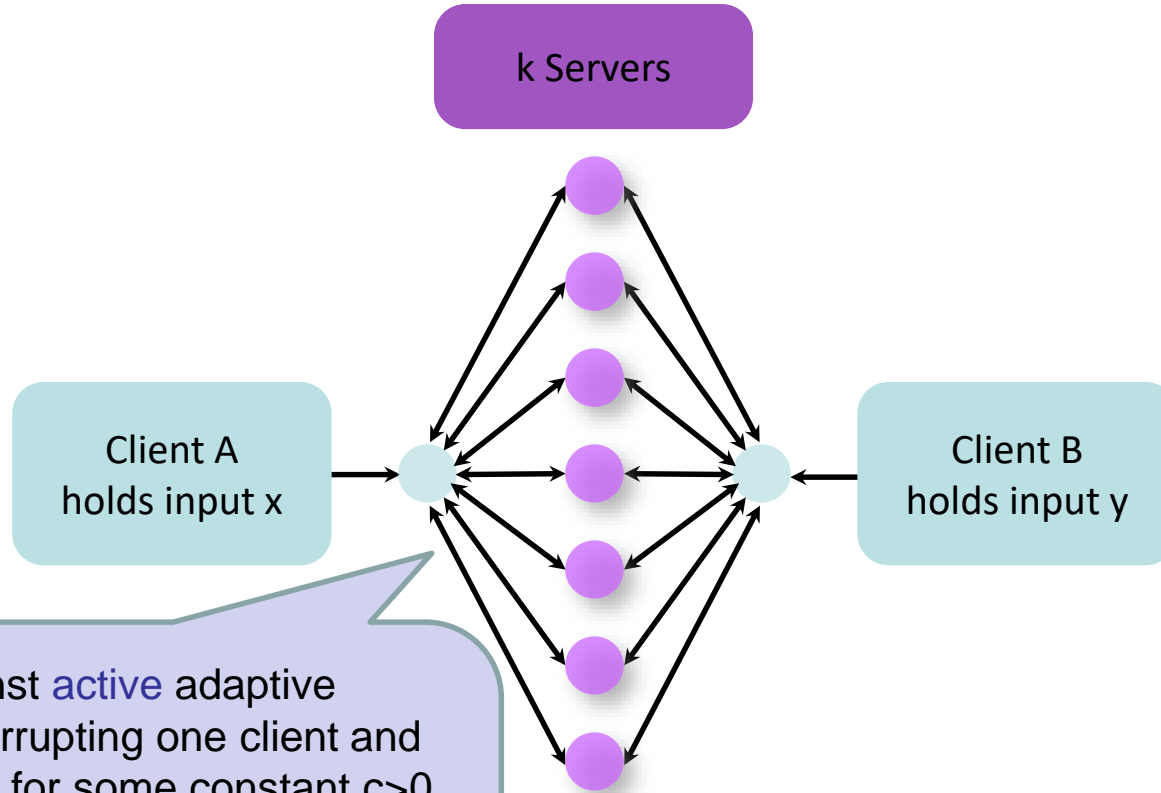
- Simple ZK proofs using:
  - (2,5) or (1,3) semi-honest MPC [BGW88,CCD88,Mau02]
  - (2,3) or (1,2) semi-honest MPC<sup>OT</sup> [Yao86,GMW87,GV87,GHY87, HV16]
  - Practical [Giacomelli-Madsen-Orlandi16,CDG+17,KKW18]  
→ post-quantum signatures!
- ZK proofs with  $O(|C|)$  communication
  - (n/5,n) malicious MPC based on AG codes [CC06,DI06,IKOS07]
- Hitting the circuit-size barrier?
  - Sublinear ZK for special tasks: linear algebra, non-abelian groups,...
  - Even for general circuits  $\sim |C|^{1/2}$  communication  
Ligero [Ames-Hazay-I-Venkitasubramaniam17]

# IPS Compiler

[I-Prabhakaran-Sahai08]

- Goal: active-secure 2-party protocol
- Idea: combine two types of “easy” protocols:
  - Outer protocol:  
honest-majority active-secure MPC
  - Inner protocol:  
passive-secure 2-party protocol
    - possibly in OT-hybrid model
- Both are considerably easier than our goal
- Both can have information-theoretic security

# Outer protocol



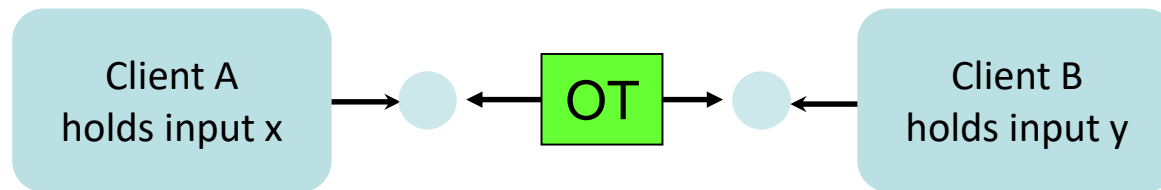
Secure against **active** adaptive adversary corrupting one client and  $t=ck$  servers, for some constant  $c>0$ .

Security with abort suffices.

Straight-line simulation.

Example: "BGW-lite"

# Inner protocol



Secure against *passive* adversary  
(Adaptive security w/erasures)

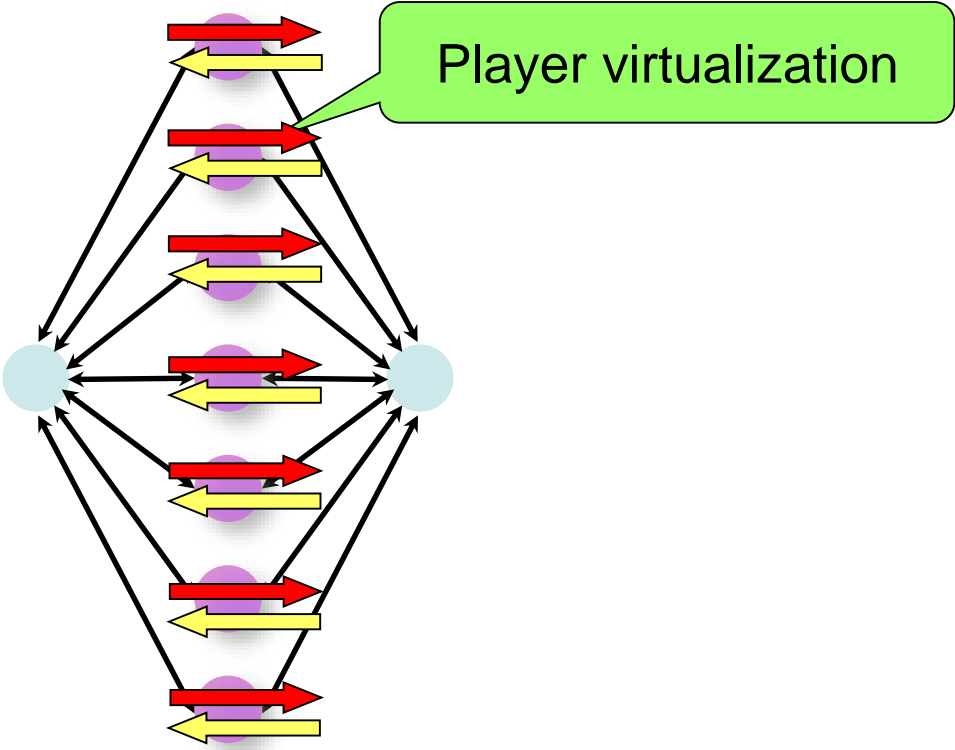
Example: "GMW-lite"

# Combining the two protocols

oblivious watch lists



doug duBois & jim goldberg NYTimes 9-22-2002



outer protocol for f

# Applications

- Revisiting the classics
  - BGW-lite + GMW-lite → Kilian
- Efficient MPC with no honest majority
  - $O(1)$  bits per gate in OT-hybrid model (+ additive term)
- **Constant-round** MPC<sup>OT</sup> ( $t < n$ ) using **black-box** PRG
  - Extending 2-party “cut-and-choose” Yao
- Constant-rate b.b. reduction of OT to semi-honest OT
- Secure arithmetic computation over black-box fields/rings/groups
- Practical arithmetic 2PC from black-box passive-OLE:  
**Leviosa** [[Hazay-I-Marcedone-Venkatasubramaniam19](#)]
  - $\sim x2$  overhead over passive security
    - ...or even “better than passive” via lattice-based **leaky OLE**



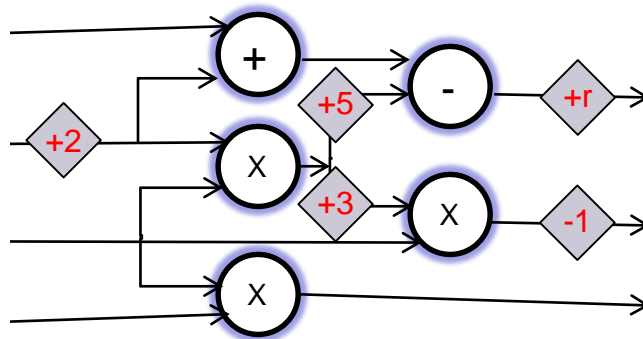
# AMD Circuits

[Genkin-I-Prabhakaran-Sahai-Tromer14]

- **Motivating observation:** In “natural” passive-secure MPC protocols for evaluating an arithmetic circuit  $C$ , the effect of an active adversary corresponds to an **additive attack** on  $C$ .
  - Formally: the protocol perfectly realizes an augmented ideal functionality that allows for an additive attack.
  - Applies to all information-theoretic circuit evaluation protocols we know that achieve an optimal level of security ( $t < n/2$  over point-to-point channels,  $t < n$  over OT/OLE)
  - Can be generalized to protocols with near-optimal security based on “packed secret sharing” [Genkin-I-Polychroniadou15]
- Active security can be achieved by applying passive-secure protocol to an “AMD circuit”  $C'$  that resists additive attacks.
- Reduces protocol design to fault-tolerant circuit design

# AMD Circuit for $g$

- **Syntax**: randomized arithmetic circuit
- **Correctness**: computes  $g$  (with probability 1)
- **Security**: “best possible security” against additive attacks
  - Every additive attack on circuit can be simulated by a (possibly randomized) additive attack on inputs and outputs alone
  - In presence of additive attacks, AMD circuit is “as good” as tamper-proof hardware for  $g$



# AMD Circuit Constructions

- Compile any  $C$  to an  $\epsilon$ -secure  $C'$ 
  - $|C'| = O(|C|)$
  - $\epsilon = O(1/|F|)$
- Extension to block-AMD circuits

# Applications

- Simplified feasibility results
  - Passive BGW88  $\rightarrow$  RB89 ( $t < n/2$ )
  - Passive GMW87  $\rightarrow$  Kil88/IPS09 ( $t < n$ , OLE-hybrid)
- Improved efficiency
  - Passive DN07  $\rightarrow$  Improved BFO12  
 $t < n/2$ ,  $O(n|C| + n^2)$  field elements
  - Passive GMW87  $\rightarrow$  Improved IPS09  
 $t < n$ ,  $O(|C|)$  OLE calls
  - Passive packed DN07  $\rightarrow$  Improved DIK10
- Practical protocols via lightweight AMD  
[Chida-Genkin-Hamada-Ikarashi-Kikuchi-Lindell-Nof18]