Yao's Protocol

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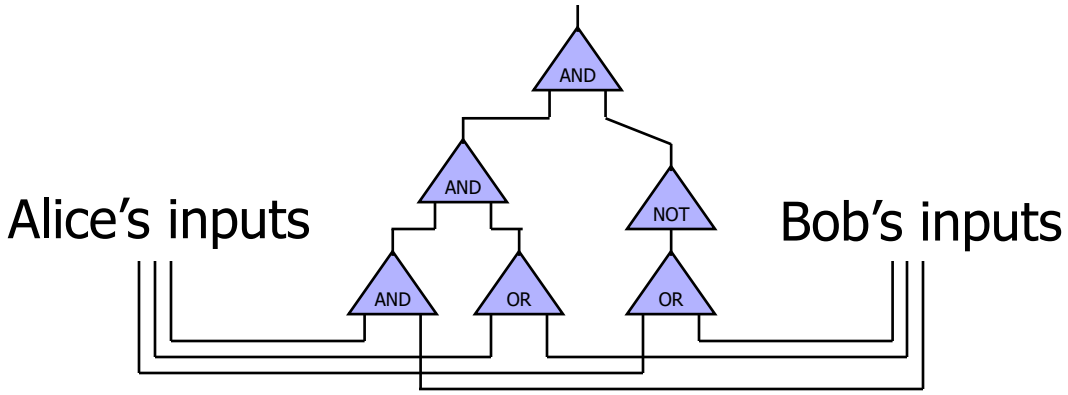
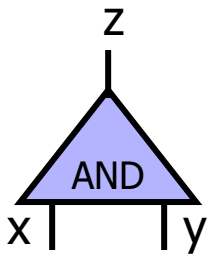
- Compute any function securely
  - … in the semi-honest model
- First, convert the function into a boolean circuit





Truth table:

x	y	z
0	0	0
0	1	0
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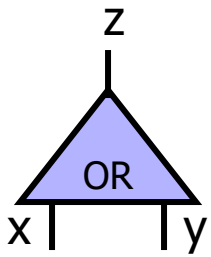

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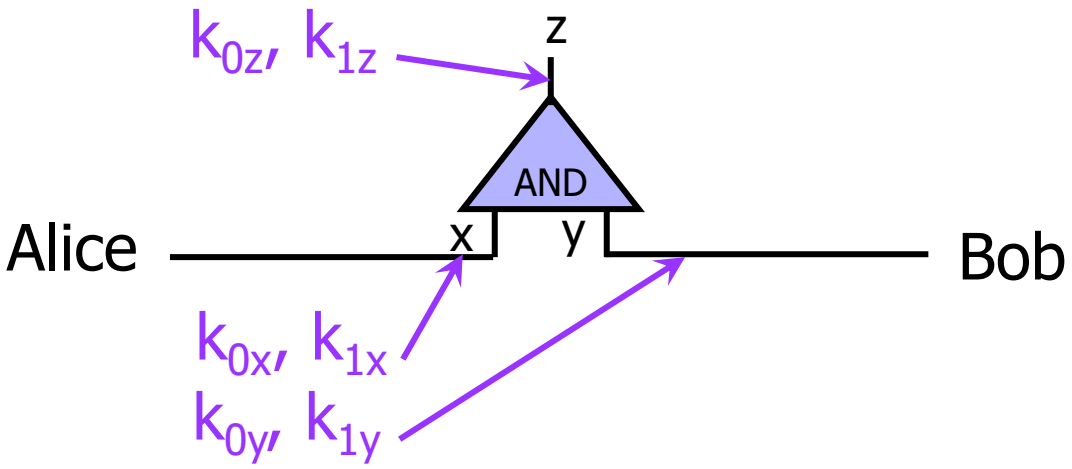
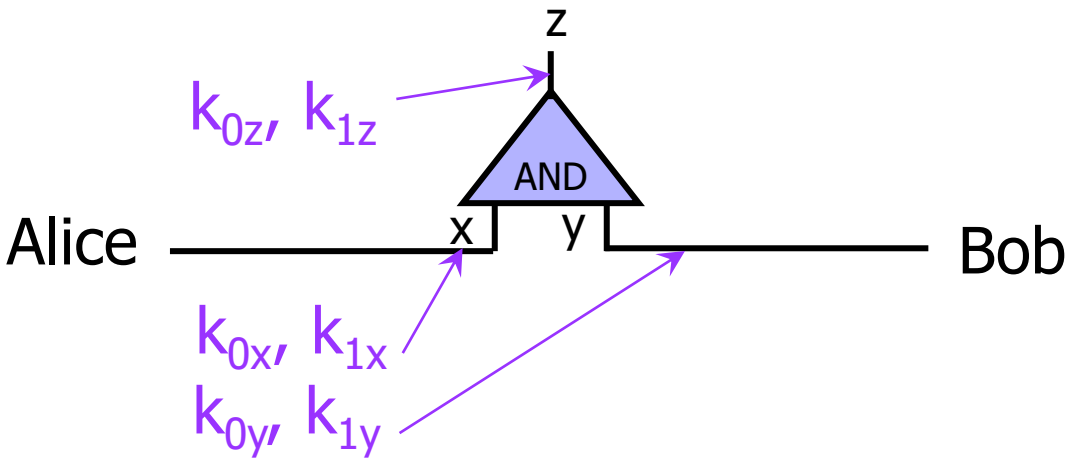
1: Pick Random Keys For Each Wire

- Next, evaluate <u>one gate</u> securely
  - Later, generalize to the entire circuit
- Alice picks two random keys for each wire
  - One key corresponds to "0", the other to "1"
  - 6 keys in total for a gate with 2 input wires



2: Encrypt Truth Table

- Alice encrypts each row of the truth table by encrypting the output-wire key with the corresponding pair of input-wire keys



Original truth table:

x	y	z
0	0	0
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1

Encrypted truth table:

$E_{k0x}(E_{k0y}(k_{0z}))$
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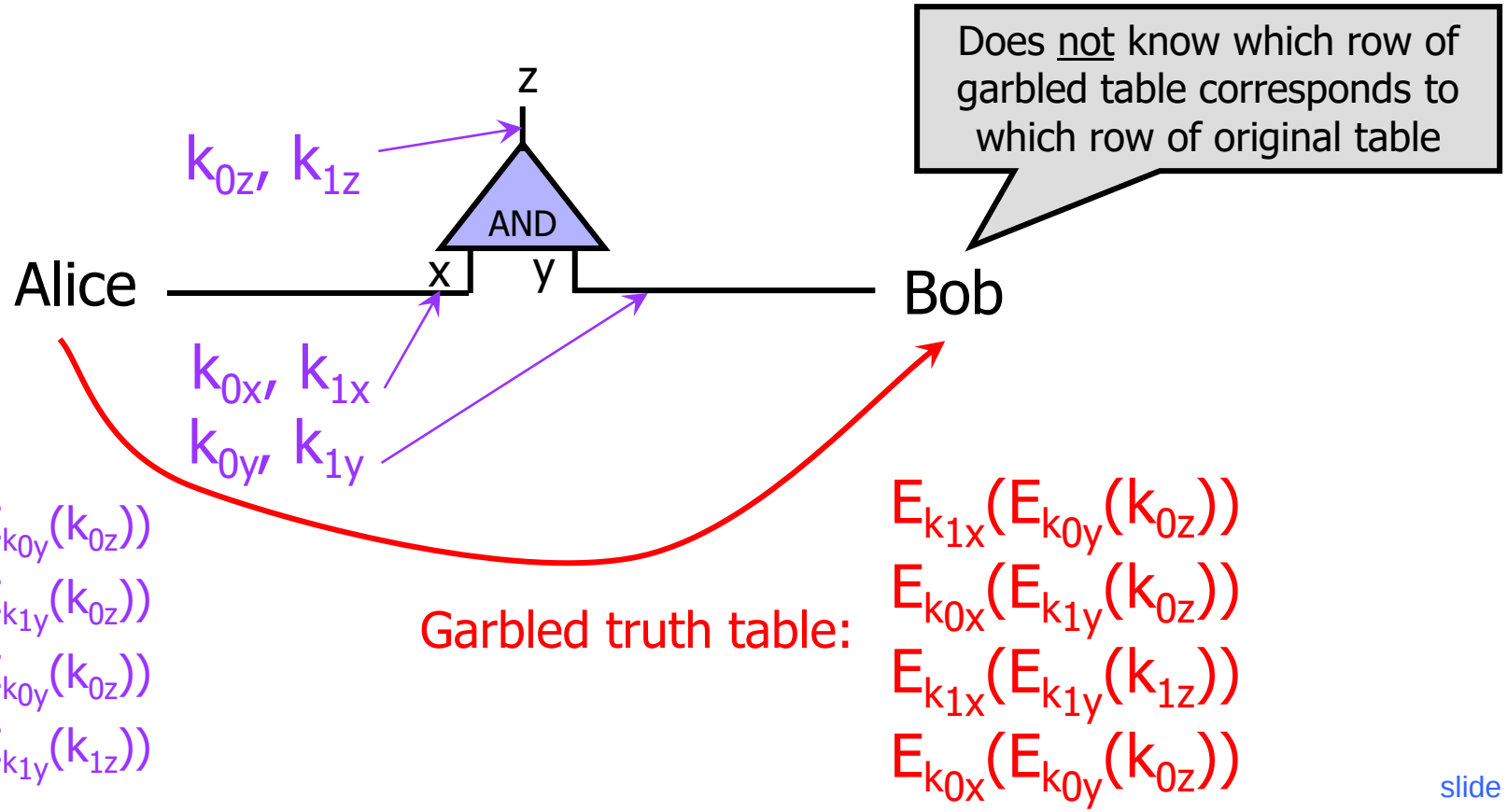
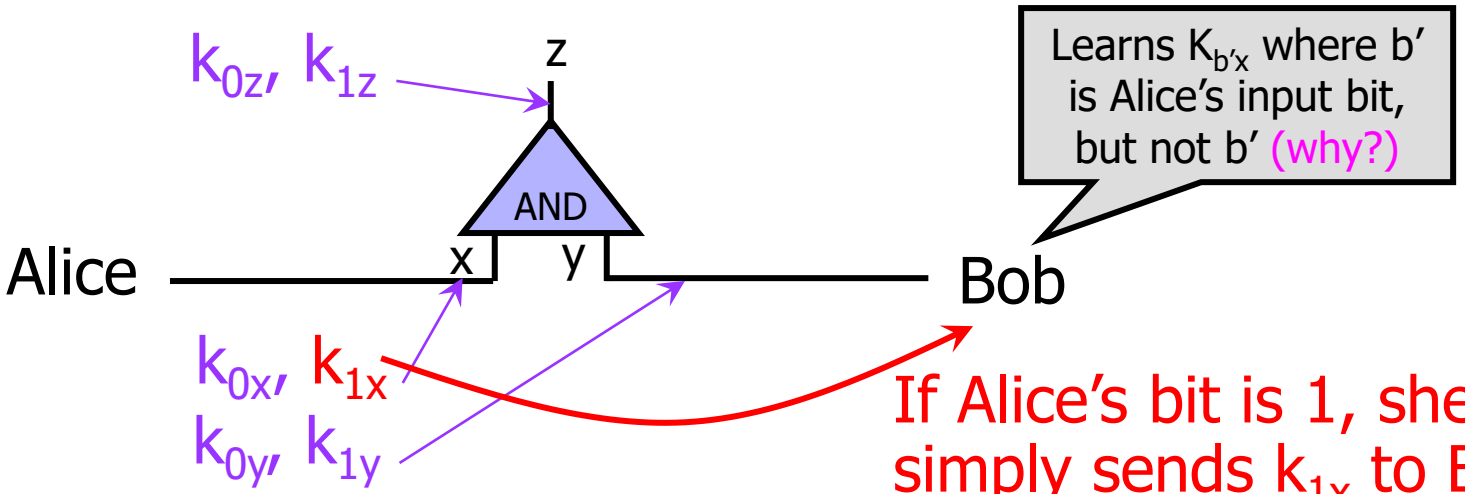
3: Send Garbled Truth Table

- Alice randomly permutes ("garbles") encrypted truth table and sends it to Bob



4: Send Keys For Alice's Inputs

- Alice sends the key corresponding to her input bit
  - Keys are random, so Bob does not learn what this bit is



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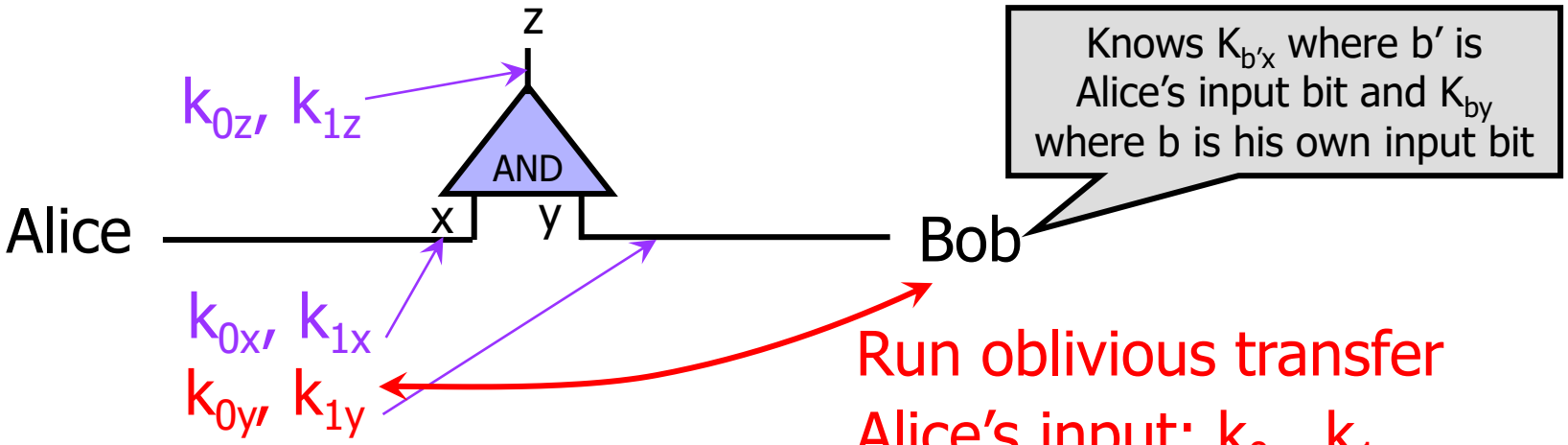
5: Use OT on Keys for Bob's Input

- Alice and Bob run oblivious transfer protocol
  - Alice's input is the two keys corresponding to Bob's wire
  - Bob's input into OT is simply his 1-bit input on that wire



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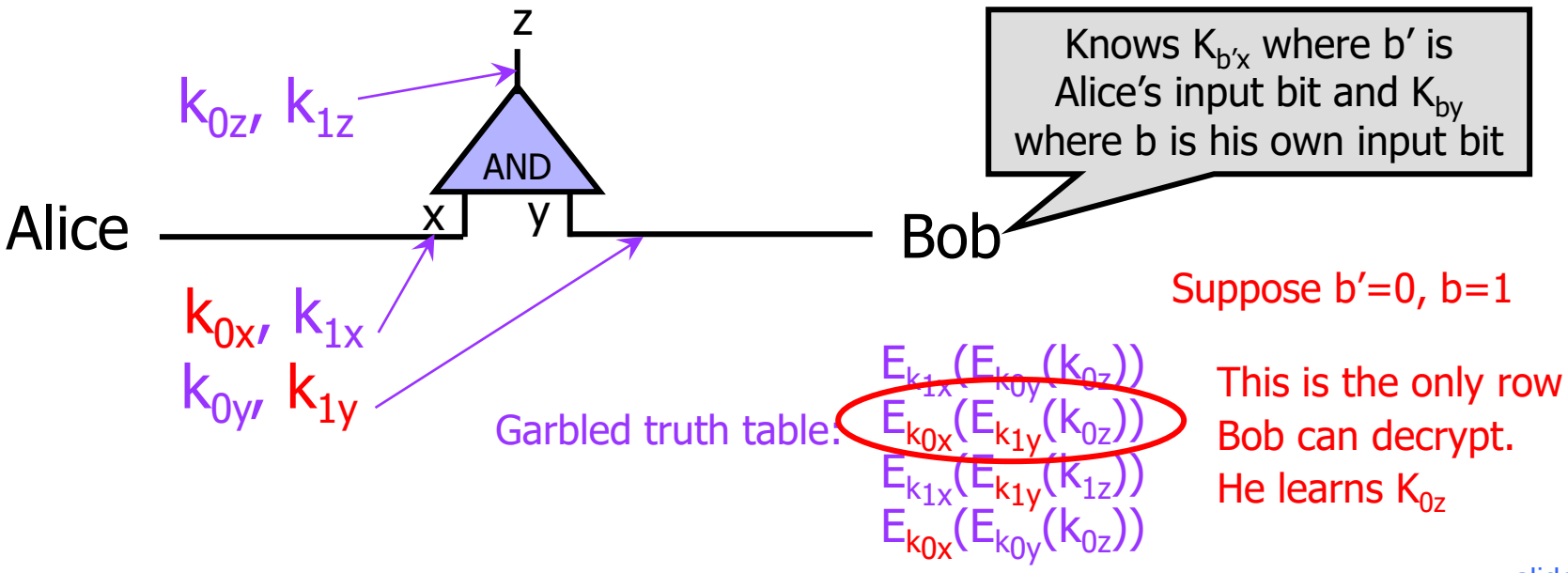
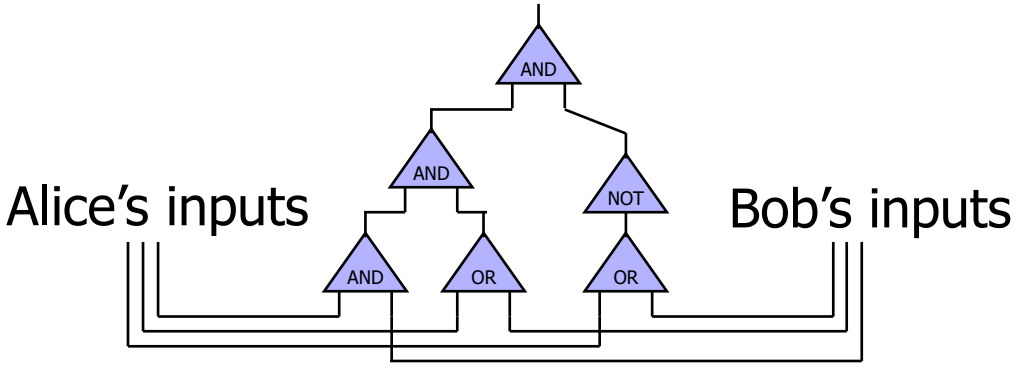
6: Evaluate Garbled Gate

- Using the two keys that he learned, Bob decrypts exactly one of the output-wire keys
  - Bob does not learn if this key corresponds to 0 or 1
    - Why is this important?



7: Evaluate Entire Circuit

- In this way, Bob evaluates entire garbled circuit
  - For each wire in the circuit, Bob learns only one key
  - It corresponds to 0 or 1 (Bob does not know which)
    - Therefore, Bob does not learn intermediate values (why?)



- Bob tells Alice the key for the final output wire and she tells him if it corresponds to 0 or 1
  - Bob does not tell her intermediate wire keys (why?)

Brief Discussion of Yao's Protocol

- Function must be converted into a circuit
  - For many functions, circuit will be huge
- If m gates in the circuit and n inputs, then need 4m encryptions and n oblivious transfers
  - Oblivious transfers for all inputs can be done in parallel
- Yao's construction gives a constant-round protocol for secure computation of any function in the semi-honest model
  - Number of rounds does not depend on the number of inputs or the size of the circuit!