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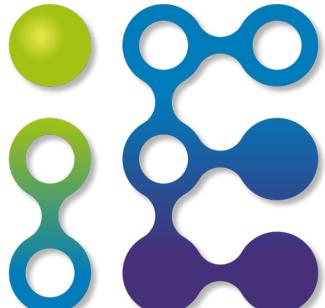
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Goten: GPU-Outsourcing  
**Trusted Execution of Neural Network Training**

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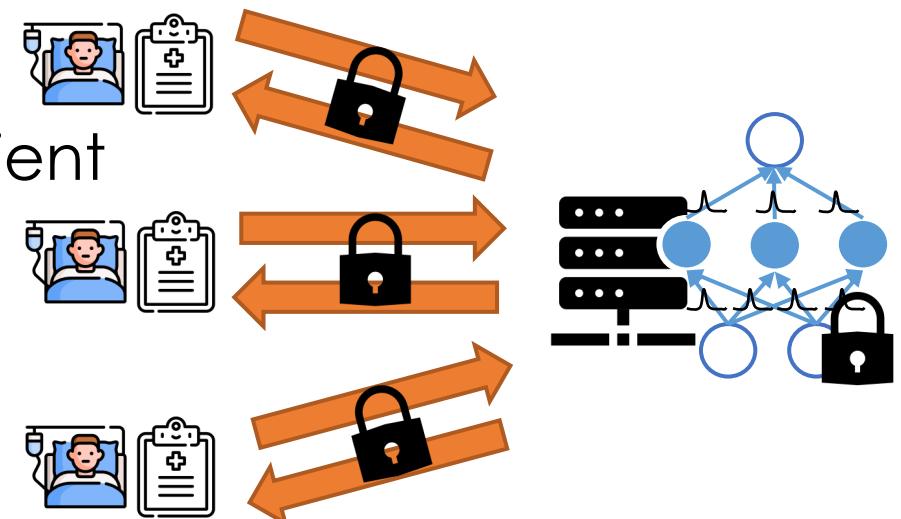


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# Training data for Neural Network

- Sensitive
  - Medical Image analysis, Child Exploitation Imagery, etc.
  - Privacy laws & Regulations, e.g., GDPR
- Massive
  - Hardly any single entity's data is sufficient
- Private Training
  - No one should learn anything about the **model** & other's **data**



# Isn't it solved by Federated Learning?

- Federated Learning:
  - Each data contributor train DNN locally
  - They exchange the DNN's weight frequently
- Problems:
  - Every contributor can use the DNN
    - No rate-limiting, even for non-agreed/illegal uses
  - Contributors may steal others' data
    - Model Inversion Attack<sup>[Fredrikson et al.]</sup>
  - Noisy/Implicit data  $\Rightarrow$  Data privacy

$$\Delta W = \text{Aggr} (\Delta W_1 + \Delta W_2 + \dots + \Delta W_{n-1} + \Delta W_n)$$

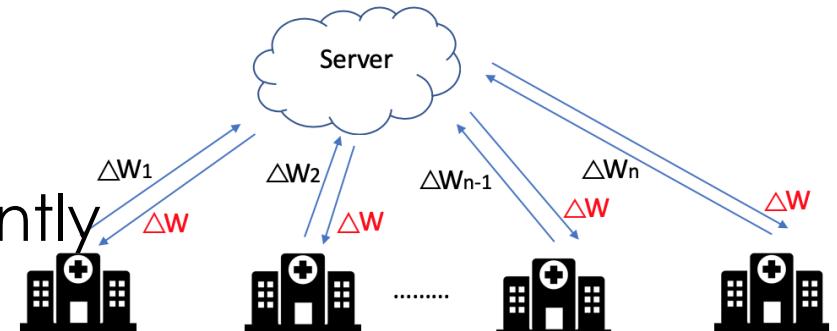


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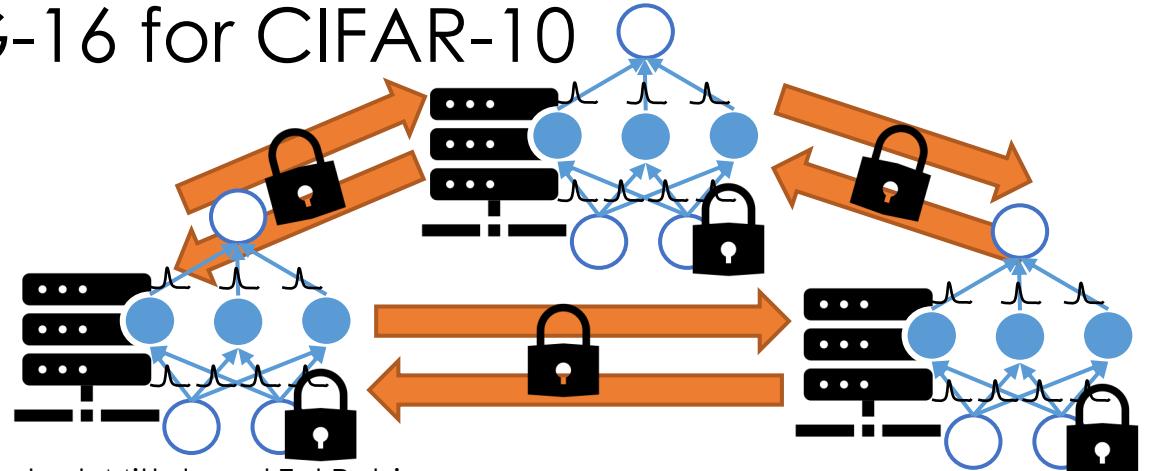
Matt Fredrikson, Somesh Jha, Thomas Ristenpart.

Model Inversion Attacks that Exploit Confidence Information and Basic Countermeasures.

ACM Conference on Computer and Communications Security (CCS) 2015.

# State-of-the-Art Crypto Approach

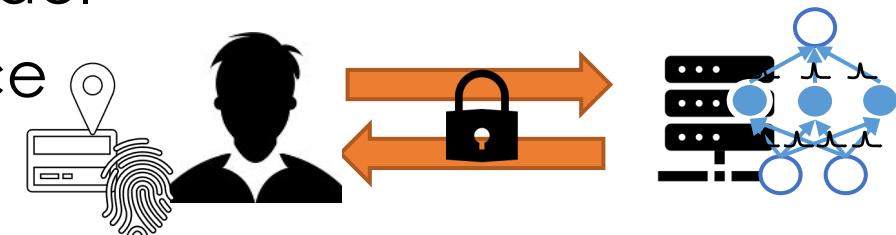
- Falcon from PETS '21
  - 😊 premier venue for research in Privacy-Enhancing Technologies
  - 😊 (our upcoming paper presents a better scheme for *inference*)
- Use non-colluding servers for private training
- ☹️ Take 5+ weeks to train VGG-16 for CIFAR-10



Sameer Wagh, Shruti Tople, Fabrice Benhamouda, Eyal Kushilevitz, Prateek Mittal, and Tal Rabin.  
Falcon: Honest-Majority Maliciously Secure Framework for Private Deep Learning

# H/W-assisted Approach: Slalom (ICLR'19)

- Slalom is assisted by hardware: Intel SGX & GPU
  - 😊 Free from heavyweight cryptographic tools
  - 😢 But it only supports private *inference*
    - Inference is easier than training (esp. for crypto-processing)
  - 😢 No model privacy
    - the server knows the plaintext model
    - no outsourcing of inference service



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Slalom: Fast, verifiable and private execution of neural networks in trusted hardware

# TEE: Trusted Execution Environment

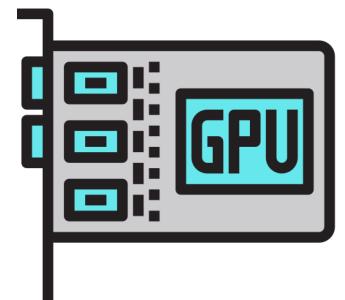
- e.g., Intel SGX



- 😊 protect the data's privacy inside
  - **even** the machine owner cannot read it
- 😊 processes data efficiently as plaintext on CPU
- 😢 still works in CPU
  - too **slow** for batched linear operations

# GPU: Graphics Processing Unit

- 😊 GPU can speed up the linear layers in DNNs
  - the linear layers is the most time-consuming part in DNNs
  
- 😢 GPU does not have TEE
  - lack of data privacy & model privacy!



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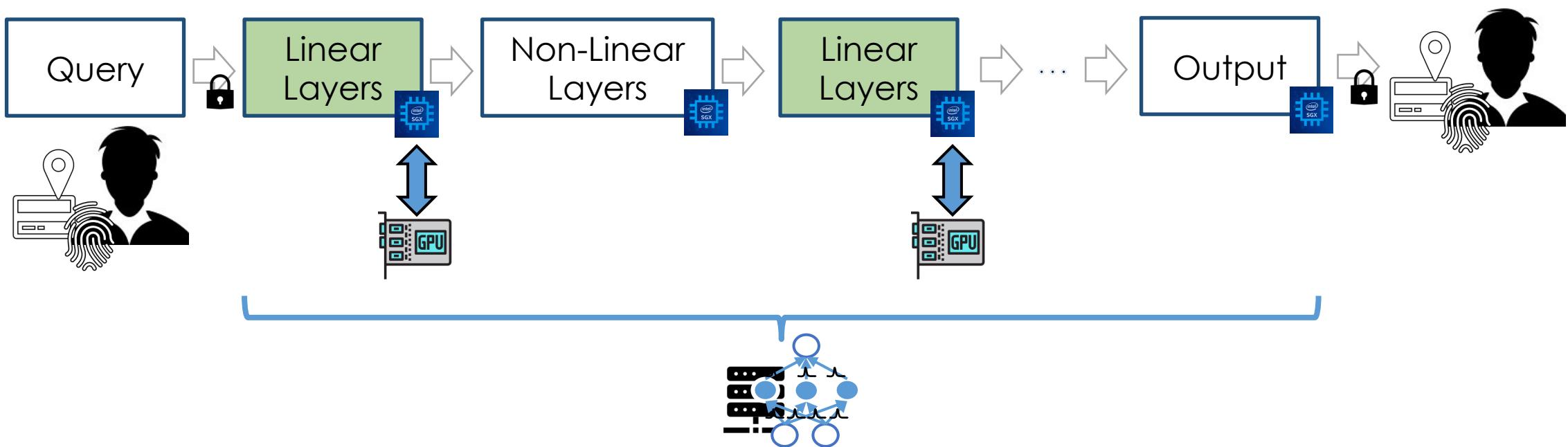
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# Slalom's Approach

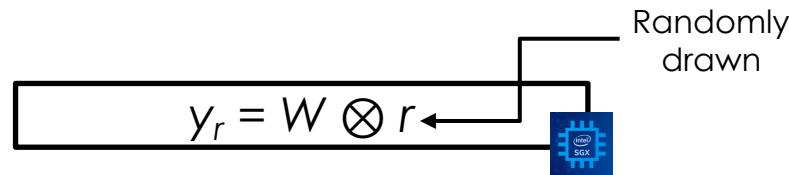
- Treat linear layers and non-linear layers differently
  - non-linear layers: e.g., ReLU, Maxpool
  - linear layers: e.g., Convolution, Matrix Multiplication



# Slalom's Linear Layers (and its two problems)

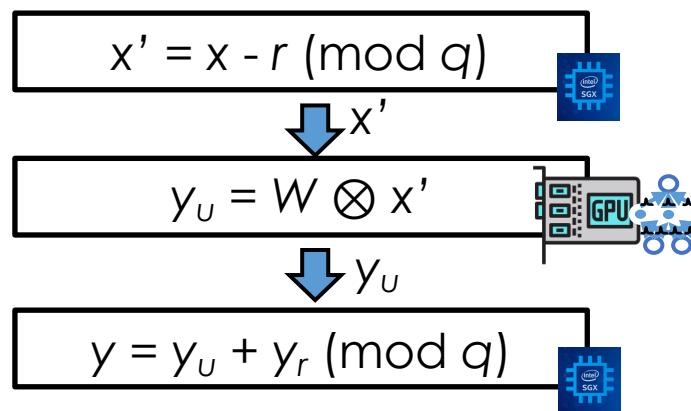
- Operation of a Linear Layer:  $y = W \otimes x$ 
  - $y$ : output,  $x$ : inputs, and  $W$ : weight (e.g., kernel in a conv. layer)

Offline Preparation  
(Before the query arrives)



1<sup>st</sup> Problem:  
 $\otimes$  stills run in (slow) CPU  
→ Low Throughput  
(or lot of pre-computation & storage)

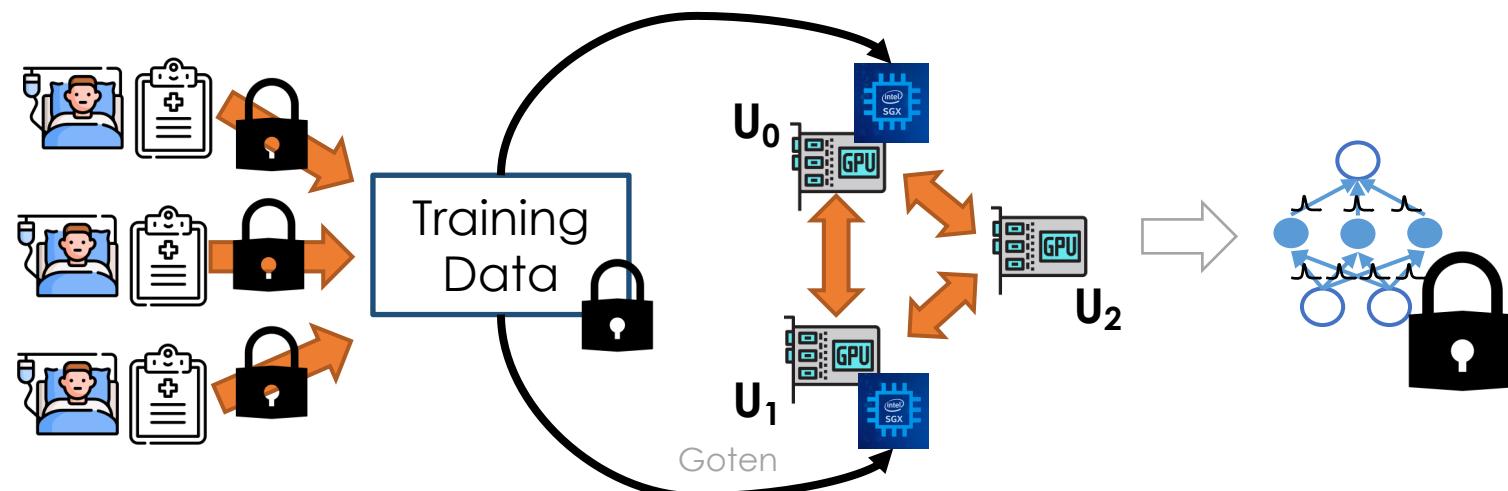
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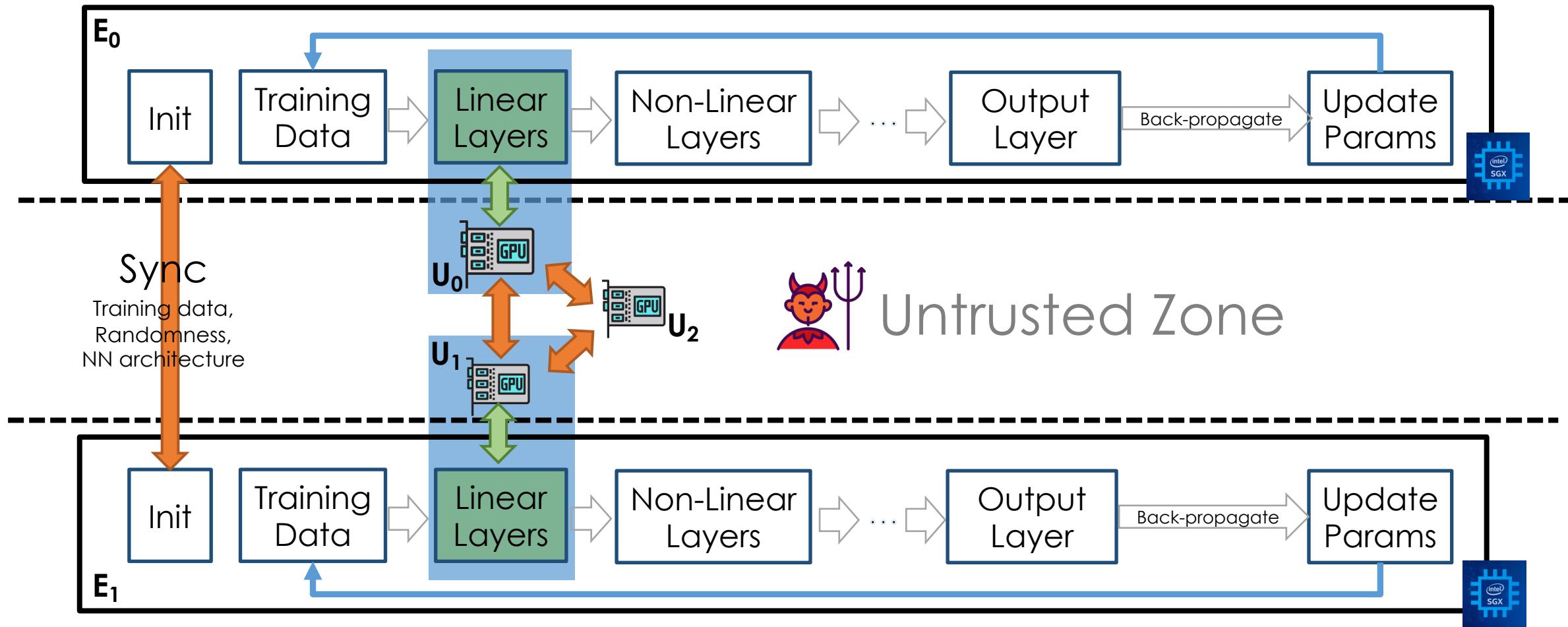
2<sup>nd</sup> Problem:  
The weight is exposed to the GPU  
→ Fail to support secure outsourcing  
→ Fail to support private training

# Goten: GPU + TEE for Private Training

- Contributors send their data to SGX's TEE/enclaves
- Securely outsource linear-layer computation to GPUs
  - resided in with 3 non-colluding servers ( $\mathbf{U}_0$ ,  $\mathbf{U}_1$ ,  $\mathbf{U}_2$ )
  - can reduce to 2 servers (at  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the throughput)
- Train (mostly) non-linear layers in SGX



# Goten's Training with GPU-Outsourcing



# Non-Colluding Servers

- Each server holds a secret-share of the model/data
  - a setting adopted by many existing works (e.g., Falcon)
- Individual share by itself is totally random/meaningless
  - different from incomplete/partitioned data (e.g., federated learning)
- Candidates:
  - Some of the data contributors
    - More difficult to compromise different parties simultaneously
  - Government: Hospital/Monetary authority
    - If they are deemed trustworthy
  - Independent & Competing Cloud Server Providers
    - If they care their reputation



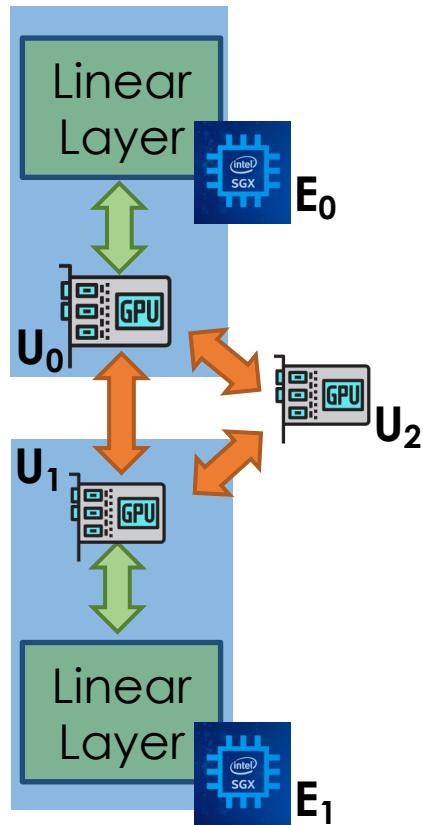
# Why Non-Colluding Servers?

- Non-colluding servers enable secure linear operation  $\otimes$
- $\mathbf{U}_0$  and  $\mathbf{U}_1$  hold the **additive secret shares** (SS) of  $(W, x)$ 
  - $\mathbf{U}_0$  holds  $\langle W \rangle_0$  and  $\langle x \rangle_0$
  - $\mathbf{U}_1$  holds  $\langle W \rangle_1$  and  $\langle x \rangle_1$
- Homomorphism: linear  $\otimes$  can be applied on  $\langle W \rangle_i$  and  $\langle x \rangle_i$
- Privacy: seeing  $\langle W \rangle_0$  (or  $\langle W \rangle_1$ ) learns nothing about  $W$
- When computing  $y = W \otimes x$ , nothing exposes to the servers
- Now we can protect  $W$ ! (vs. Slalom's leakage of  $W$  to the GPU)

# Secret Sharing $x = \langle x \rangle_0 + \langle x \rangle_1 \pmod{q}$

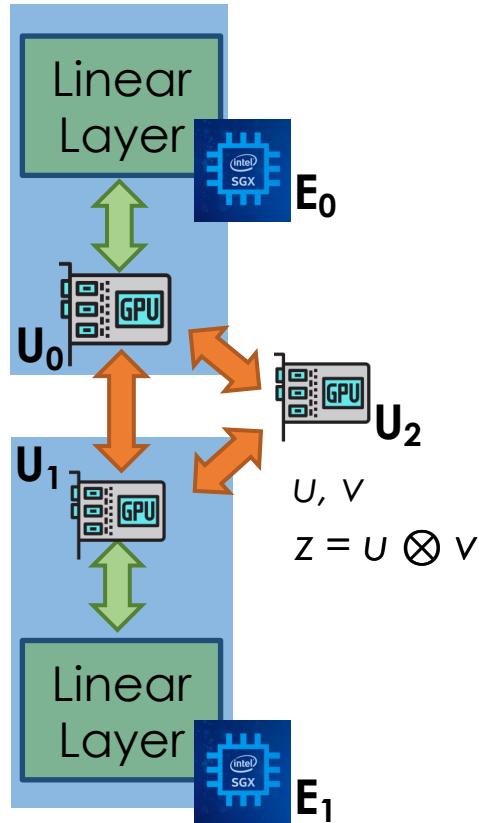
- Privacy ( $\langle x \rangle_i$  has no information about  $x$ ):
  - For each value of  $x$ , given  $\langle x \rangle_i$ , there exists corresponding  $\langle x \rangle_{1-i}$
- (Efficient) Homomorphic operation:
  - $\langle x \rangle + \langle y \rangle = \langle x + y \rangle$
  - For brevity, we will omit  $\pmod{q}$
- (Efficient) Generation:
  - $\text{Gen}_i(r_x, x)$  generates  $x_i$  for  $i = 0, 1$
  - $\text{Rand}(r_x)$  picks  $\langle x \rangle_1$  uniformly at random from  $\mathbf{Z}_q$
  - $\langle x \rangle_0 = x - \langle x \rangle_1$
  - Only 1 random number generation and 1 modular addition
- (Easily generalizes to a matrix or a tensor)

# How Goten's GPU-outsourcing works?



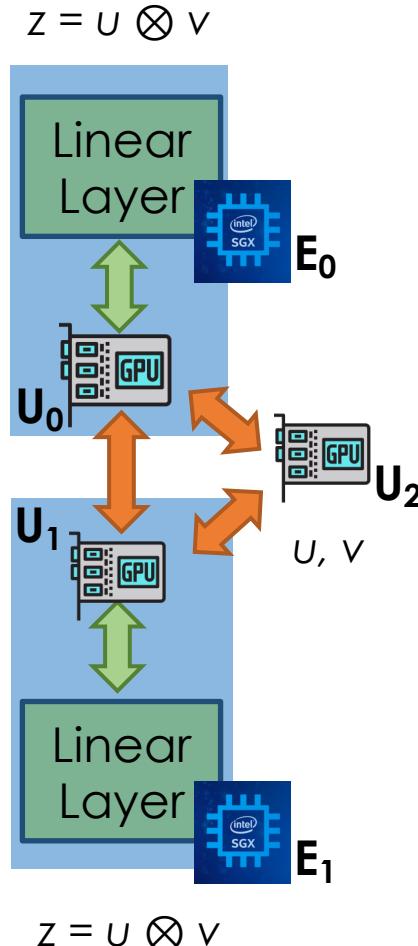
- Goal: Compute  $y = W \otimes x$
- Without leaking any  $(W, x, y)$  to  $(\mathbf{U}_0, \mathbf{U}_1, \mathbf{U}_2)$
- High-Level Idea:
  - $\mathbf{E}_0$  and  $\mathbf{E}_1$  send secret secrets of  $\{W, x\}$  to  $\mathbf{U}_0, \mathbf{U}_1$
  - $\mathbf{U}_0, \mathbf{U}_1$ , and  $\mathbf{U}_2$  compute over the secret shares
  - $\mathbf{E}_0$  and  $\mathbf{E}_1$  combine the “partial” results of  $\mathbf{U}_0, \mathbf{U}_1, \mathbf{U}_2$

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- Without leaking any  $(W, x, y)$  to  $(U_0, U_1, U_2)$
- $U_2$ 's bootstrapping:
  - $U \leftarrow \text{Rand}(r_U), v \leftarrow \text{Rand}(r_v)$
  - $z \leftarrow U \otimes v$
- $\text{Gen}_0(r_x, x)$  and  $\text{Gen}_1(r_x, x)$  are generators for an additive SS of  $x$
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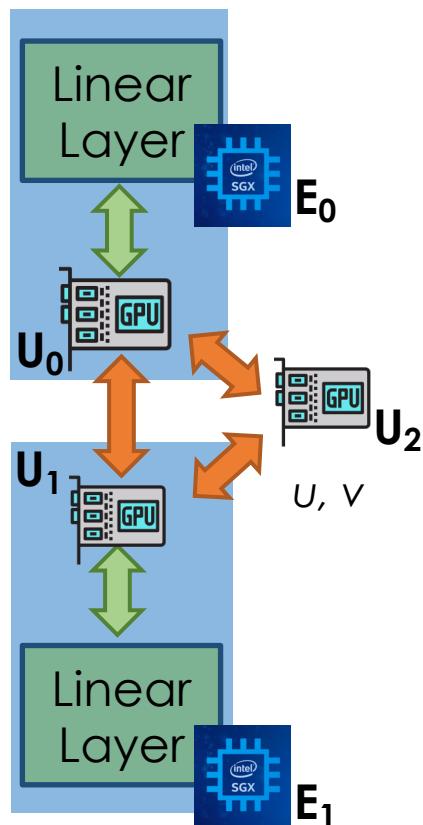
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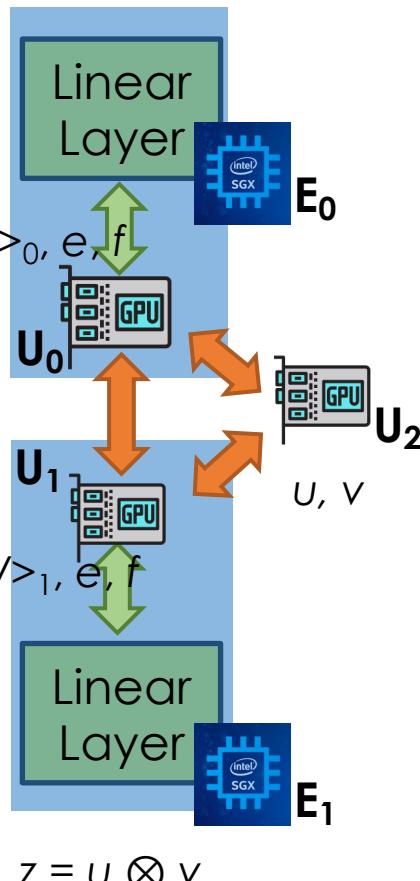
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  - $\langle x \rangle_i \leftarrow \text{Gen}_i(r_x, x)$
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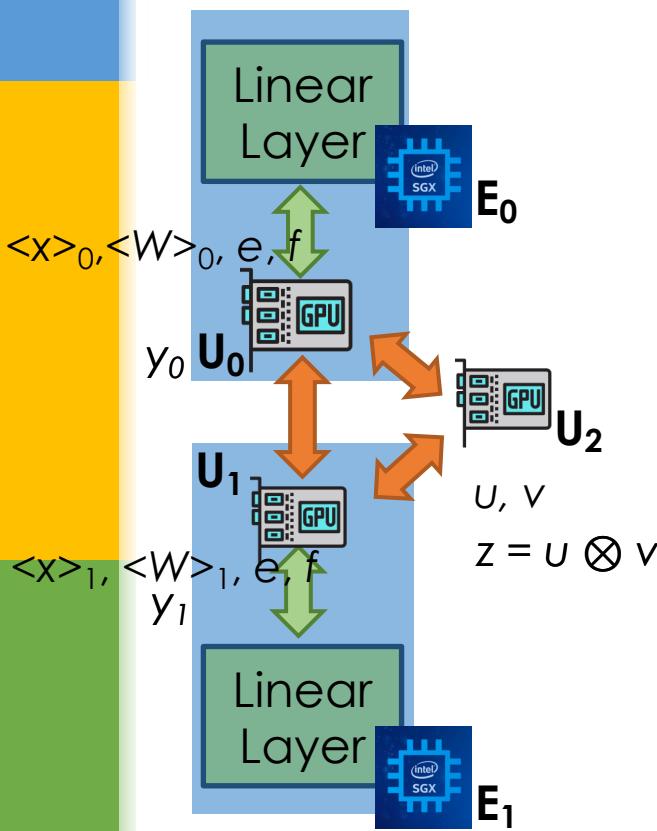
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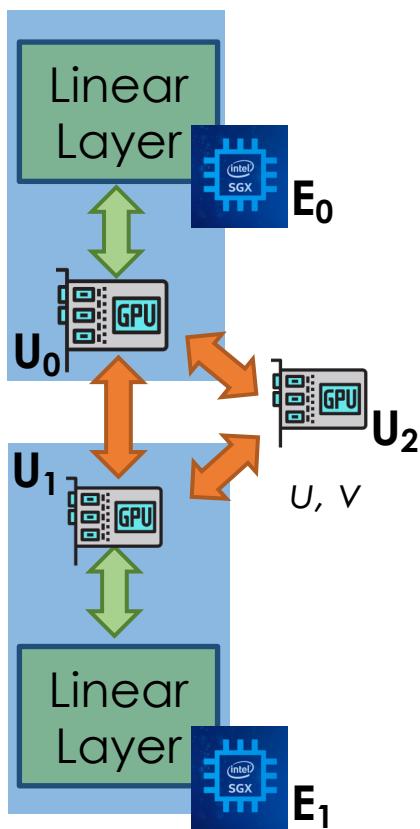
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  - $\mathbf{U}_0$  computes  $y_0 = \langle W \rangle_0 \otimes f + e \otimes \langle x \rangle_0$
  - $\mathbf{U}_1$  computes  $y_1 = \langle W \rangle_1 \otimes f + e \otimes \langle x \rangle_1 - e \otimes f$

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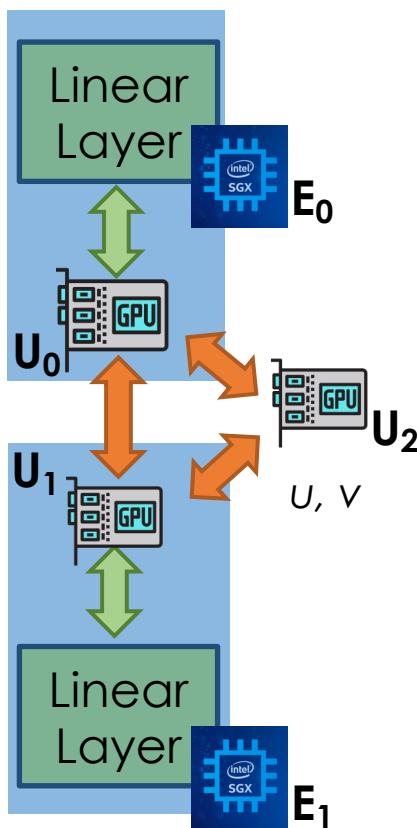


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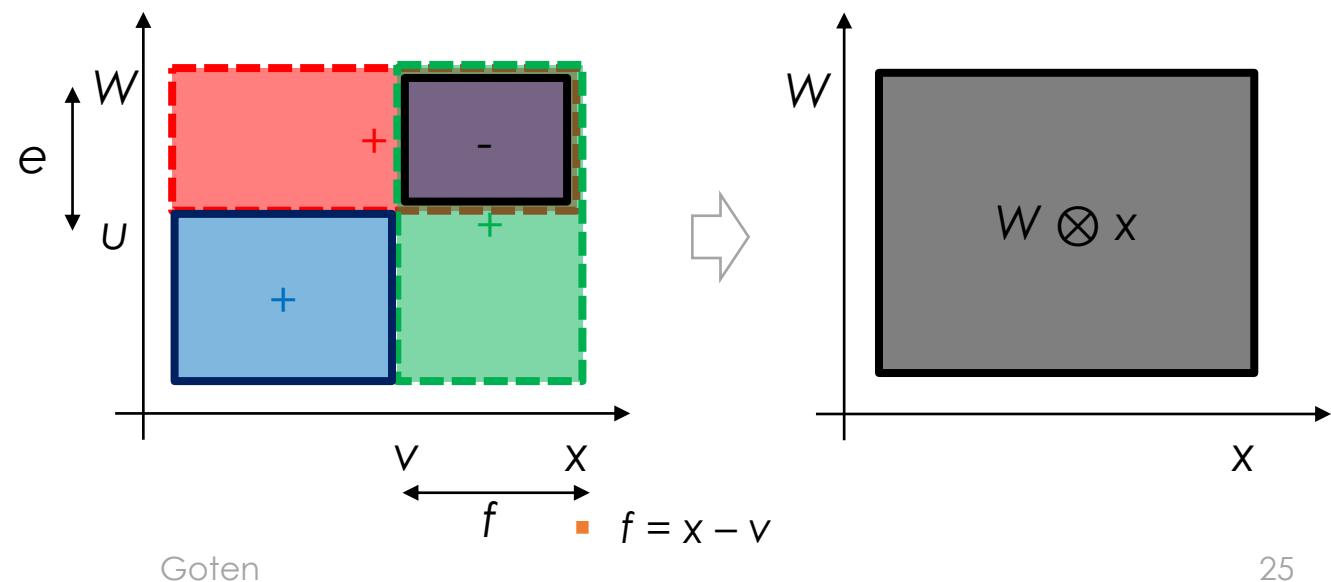


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- $\mathbf{E}_i \in \{0, 1\}$ 's reconstruction of the results:
  - $\mathbf{E}_0$  and  $\mathbf{E}_1$  compute  $y = y_0 + y_1 + z$
  - $y_0 = \langle W \rangle_0 \otimes f + e \otimes \langle x \rangle$
  - $y_1 = \langle W \rangle_1 \otimes f + e \otimes \langle x \rangle_1 - e \otimes f$

# Correctness of the GPU Outsourcing

- $E_0$  and  $E_1$  get  $y$
  - $y = y_0 + y_1 + z$ 
$$= \langle W \rangle_0 \otimes f + e \otimes \langle x \rangle_0 + \langle W \rangle_1 \otimes f + e \otimes \langle x \rangle_1 - e \otimes f + u \otimes v$$
$$= W \otimes f + e \otimes x - e \otimes f + u \otimes v$$
$$= W \otimes x$$
- $y_0 = \langle W \rangle_0 \otimes f + e \otimes \langle x \rangle$
  - $y_1 = \langle W \rangle_1 \otimes f + e \otimes \langle x \rangle_1 - e \otimes f$
- $e = W - u$



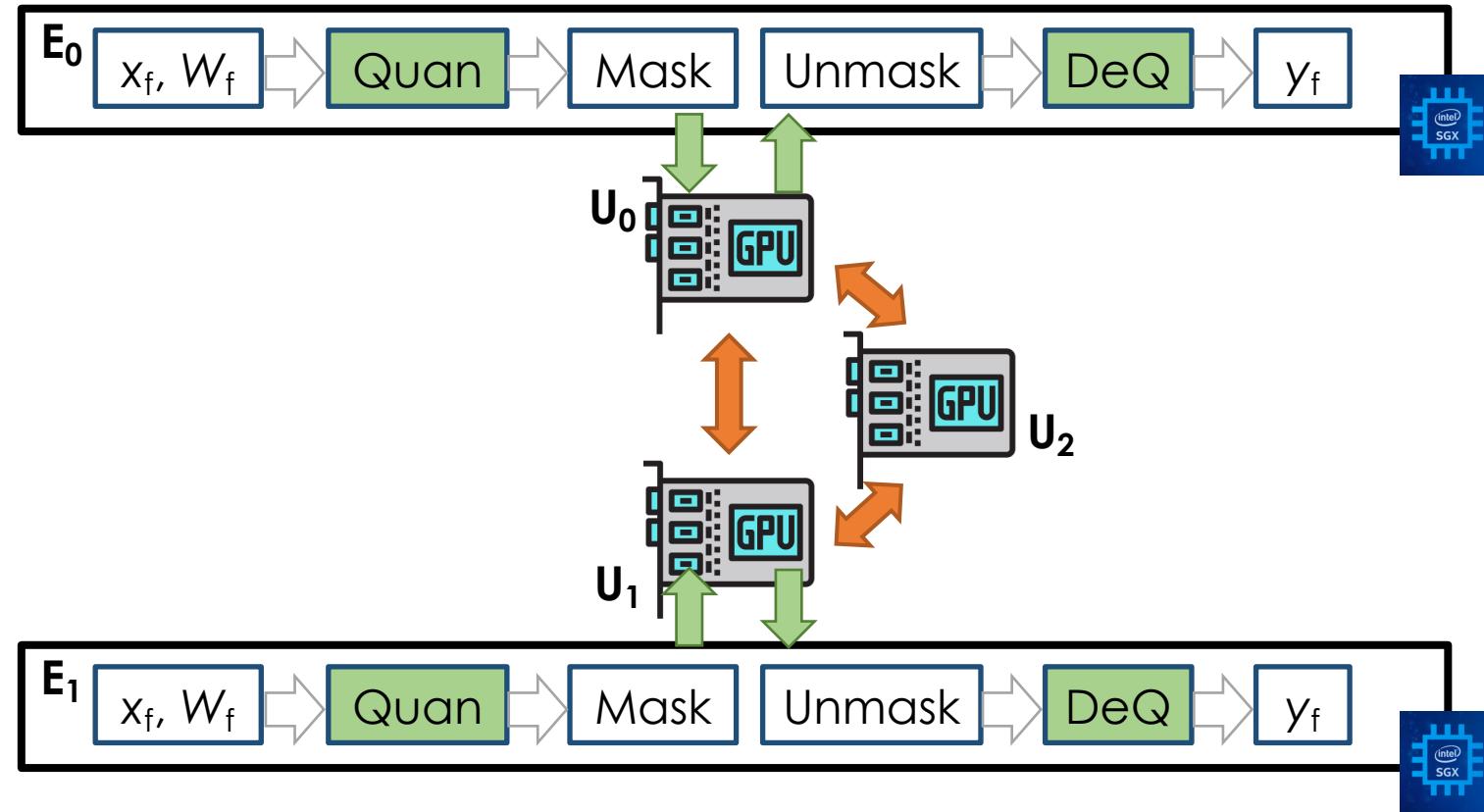
# Security of the GPU Outsourcing

- What each non-colluding server sees:
  - $\mathbf{U}_0$ :  $\langle W \rangle_0, \langle x \rangle_0, e, f$
  - $\mathbf{U}_1$ :  $\langle W \rangle_1, \langle x \rangle_1, e, f$
  - $\mathbf{U}_2$ :  $u, v$
- They are all secret shares or random tensors
  - $\langle W \rangle_{0/1}$  and  $\langle x \rangle_{0/1}$  are secret shares (by definition)
  - $e = (W - u)$  and  $f = (x - v)$  are secret shares
  - $u$  and  $v$  are random tensors
- The security **only holds** over  $\mathbf{Z}_q$  (fixed-point integers)
  - Only then  $\langle W \rangle_{0/1}, \langle x \rangle_{0/1}, e, f$  are uniformly distributed (over their space)

# Quantization for Secure Outsourcing

- (Linear layers') Outsourcing protocol runs over  $\mathbf{Z}_q$ 
  - $y_Q = W_Q \otimes_Q x_Q \text{ mod } q$  (as fixed points)
  - where  $\otimes_Q$  denotes a linear operation over fixed points
- But non-linear layers work with floating points
  - They expect  $y_f$  from linear layers
  - They output  $x_f$  to linear layers
- We need **(de)quantization!**
  - $W_Q = \text{Quan}(W_f; \theta_W), x_Q = \text{Quan}(x_f; \theta_x)$
  - $y_f = \text{DeQ}(y_Q; \theta_W, \theta_x)$

# Quantization for Secure Outsourcing



# Yet another problem: Static Quantization

- Slalom (de)quantizes for cryptographic finite field:
  - Static Quantization:  $x_Q = \text{round}(x_f \cdot 2^8)$ ,  $w_Q = \text{round}(w_f \cdot 2^8)$
  - Static Dequantization:  $y_f = \text{round}(y_Q \cdot 2^{-8})$
  - $\theta_w$  and  $\theta_x$  are fixed to  $2^8$
- The weight ( $W$ ) would fluctuate during training
  - A problem *explicitly* mentioned in Slalom's paper!
  - When the entries of  $W_f$  becomes very small,  $y_Q$  becomes 0
    - $w_Q = \text{round}(W_f \cdot 2^8) \approx 0 \rightarrow y_Q = W_Q \otimes_Q x_Q \approx 0$
  - When the entries  $W_f$  becomes very big,  $y_Q$  becomes trash
    - $w_Q \approx \text{round}(W_f \cdot 2^8) > q \rightarrow \text{overflow}$
    - Slalom sets  $q \approx 2^{24}$
    - e.g.,  $W_f \approx 2^{17} \rightarrow w_Q \approx \text{round}(2^{17} \cdot 2^8) \approx 2^{25} > q$

# Goten's Dynamic Quantization

- The quantization param. ( $\theta_w, \theta_x$ ) varies with the inputs
- Adapt from SWALP [Yang et al.]
  - a training scheme for low-bitwidth environment
- $\theta_w$  is the magnitude of the maximum values of  $W$ 
  - $\theta_w = \lfloor \log_2 \circ \max \circ \text{abs}(W) \rfloor$
  - $\theta_x$  is also found similarly
- $W_Q = \text{Quan}(W_f; \theta_w) = \text{clip}([W \cdot 2^{-\theta_w+6}], -2^7, 2^7)$ 
  - $x_Q$  is derived similarly
  - $y_f = y_Q \cdot 2^{\theta_w+\theta_x-12}$

# Dynamic Quantization's Implications

- Accuracy drops <1%
  - from our experiments running with VGG-11 over CIFAR-10
- Dynamic quan. allows “proper utilization” of the bitwidth
  - The entries in  $W_Q$  and  $x_Q$  would not become 0 or overflow

# How about Back-propagation?

- Back-prop. of linear layers are also linear operations
- e.g., fully-connected layers are all matrix multiplications
  - Forward:  $y = x \times W^T$
  - Backward for  $W$ :  $dW = dy^T \times x$
  - Backward for  $x$ :  $dx = dy \times W$

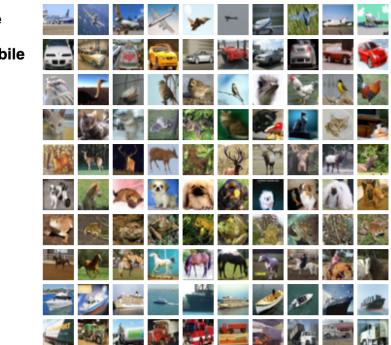
# Performance: Training over CIFAR-10

- Goten attains >89% accuracy in 34 hours
  - vs. Falcon's 5 weeks (accuracy not reported)
- 132× throughput speed up over Falcon

Framework	GPU   TEE	NN Architecture	Throughput	Speedup
Falcon	✗   ✗	VGG-16	1482	132×
CaffeScone*	✗   ✓	VGG-11	28800	6.84×
<b>Goten</b>	✓   ✓	VGG-11	196733	-

- GPU: Nvidia V100 16GB
- CPU (w/ SGX): Intel i7-7700K
- Network: Google Cloud (8Gbps & <5ms latency)
- We run "hybrid" experiments due to resource constraints
  - More details in our paper

(Images/hour)



[\*] Our pure-TEE private training framework over Caffe & SCONE (Secure Container Environment)

# Invasive ductal carcinoma (IDC) detection

- Showcase application involving sensitive training data
- IDC: The most common type of breast cancer
- Dataset: Images of women's breast tissue [Cruz-Roa et al.]

Accuracy	81%	82%	83%	84%	85%	86%
Speedup	8.53×	13.7×	4.27×	6.33×	3.42×	7.28×
Time (min)	1.25	1.56	13.1	16.9	31.2	46.8

Cruz-Roa et al.

Automatic detection of invasive ductal carcinoma in whole slide images with convolutional neural networks.  
Medical Imaging: Digital Pathology 2014.

# What we didn't cover

- Large batch size is better for Goten
- Speedup ratio vs. Bandwidth
- CaffeScone (Our Pure-TEE Solution)'s optimal batch size
  
- Memory issues of SGX and our mitigation
- How to remove the third server

# Closing Remarks

- A starting point for TEE + GPU private training
  - The Best of Both Worlds
- Our Techniques:
  - Lightweight Crypto for GPU-Outsourcing
  - Dynamic Quantization for Weight Fluctuation during Training
- Code: [github.com/goten-team/Goten](https://github.com/goten-team/Goten)
- Our Another (Pure-Crypto) Secure Solution
  - “**G**PU-**F**riendly **O**blivious and **R**apid **C**lassification **E**ngine”
    - Conditionally Accepted by Usenix Security 2021
- Contact: {luciengkl, sherman}@ie.cuhk.edu.hk

# Goten

- “Understand” (悟) the “sky” (天)



Image Credit: Dragon Ball