

# **SNARK construction & Groth 16**

ZK-School Beginner class

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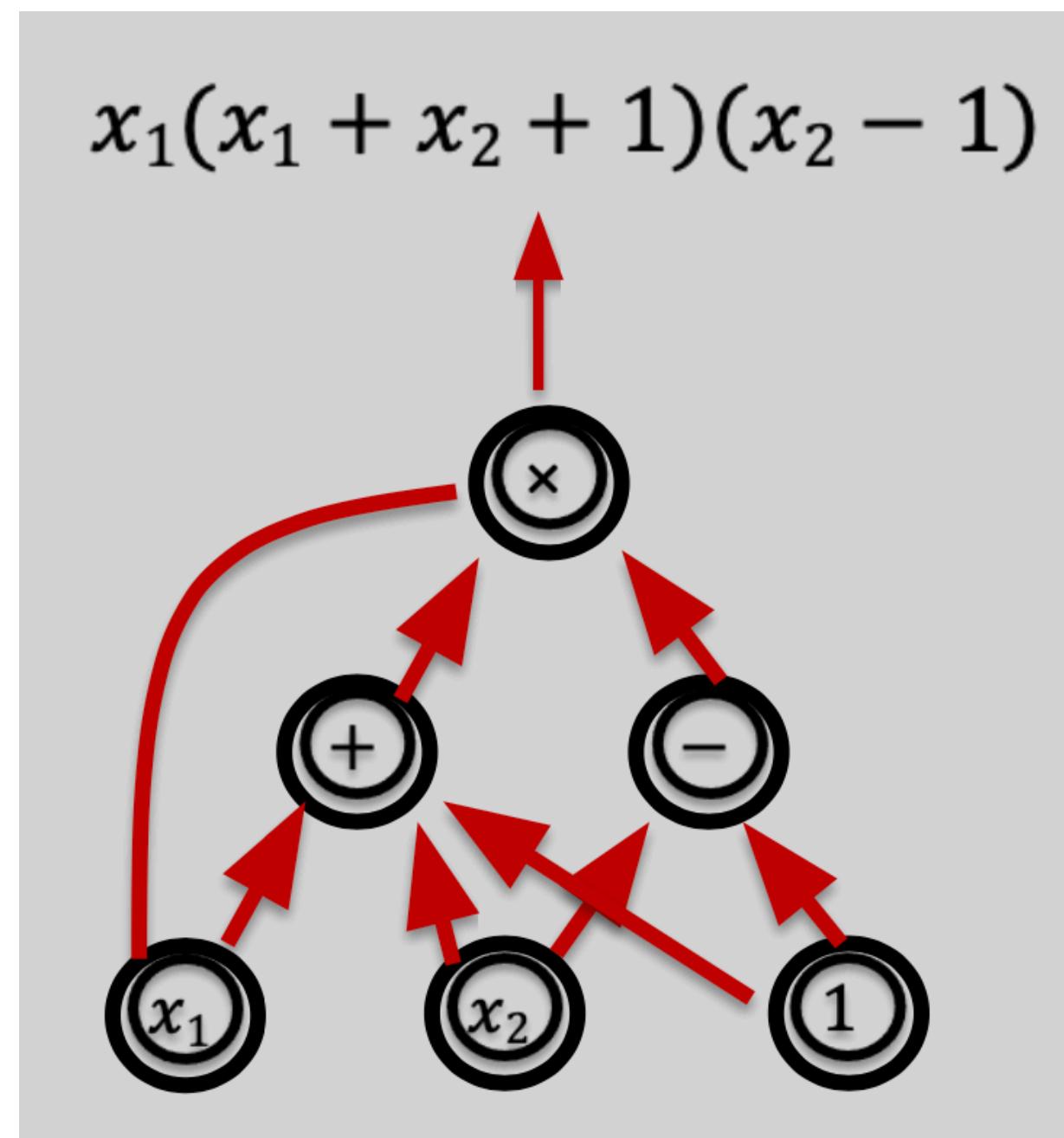
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# Why do we use SNARK?

- **SNARK:** Succinct Non-interactive Argument of Knowledge
- **Babai-Fortnow-Levin-Szegedy 1991:**  
In this setup, a single reliable PC can monitor the operation of a herd of supercomputers working with unreliable software.

# Arithmetic circuit

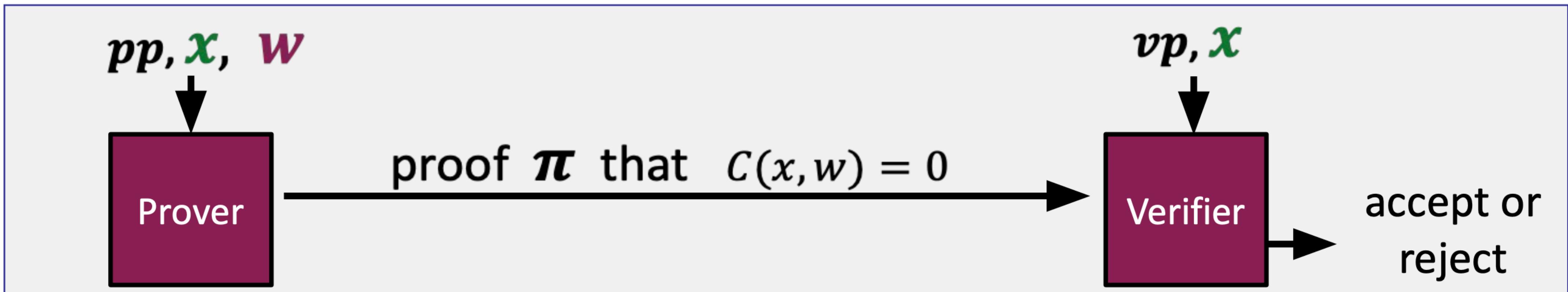
- Fix a finite field  $F_P = \{0, \dots, p - 1\}$  for some prime  $p$ .
- Arithmetic circuit  $C : F^n \rightarrow F$



# NARK: Non-Interactive Argument of Knowledge

Public arithmetic circuit:  $C(x, w) \rightarrow \mathbb{F}$   
public statement in  $\mathbb{F}^n$       secret witness in  $\mathbb{F}^m$

Preprocessing (setup):  $S(C) \rightarrow$  public parameters  $(pp, vp)$



# NARK: Non-Interactive Argument of Knowledge

- $S(C) \rightarrow (pp, vp)$
- $P(pp, x, w) \rightarrow \pi$
- $V(vp, x, \pi) \rightarrow \text{accept or reject}$
- Completeness:  $\forall x, w : C(x, w) = 0 \rightarrow \Pr[V(vp, x, P(pp, x, w)) = \text{accept}] = 1$
- Soundness:  $V$  accepts  $\rightarrow P$  “knows”  $w$  s.t.  $C(x, w) = 0$
- ZK(optional)

# SNARK: Succinct NARK

- $S(C) \rightarrow (pp, vp)$
- $P(pp, x, w) \rightarrow \text{short } \pi; \ len(\pi) = O(\log |C|)$
- $V(vp, x, \pi) \rightarrow \text{accept or reject}; \ time(V) = O(|x|, \log |C|)$

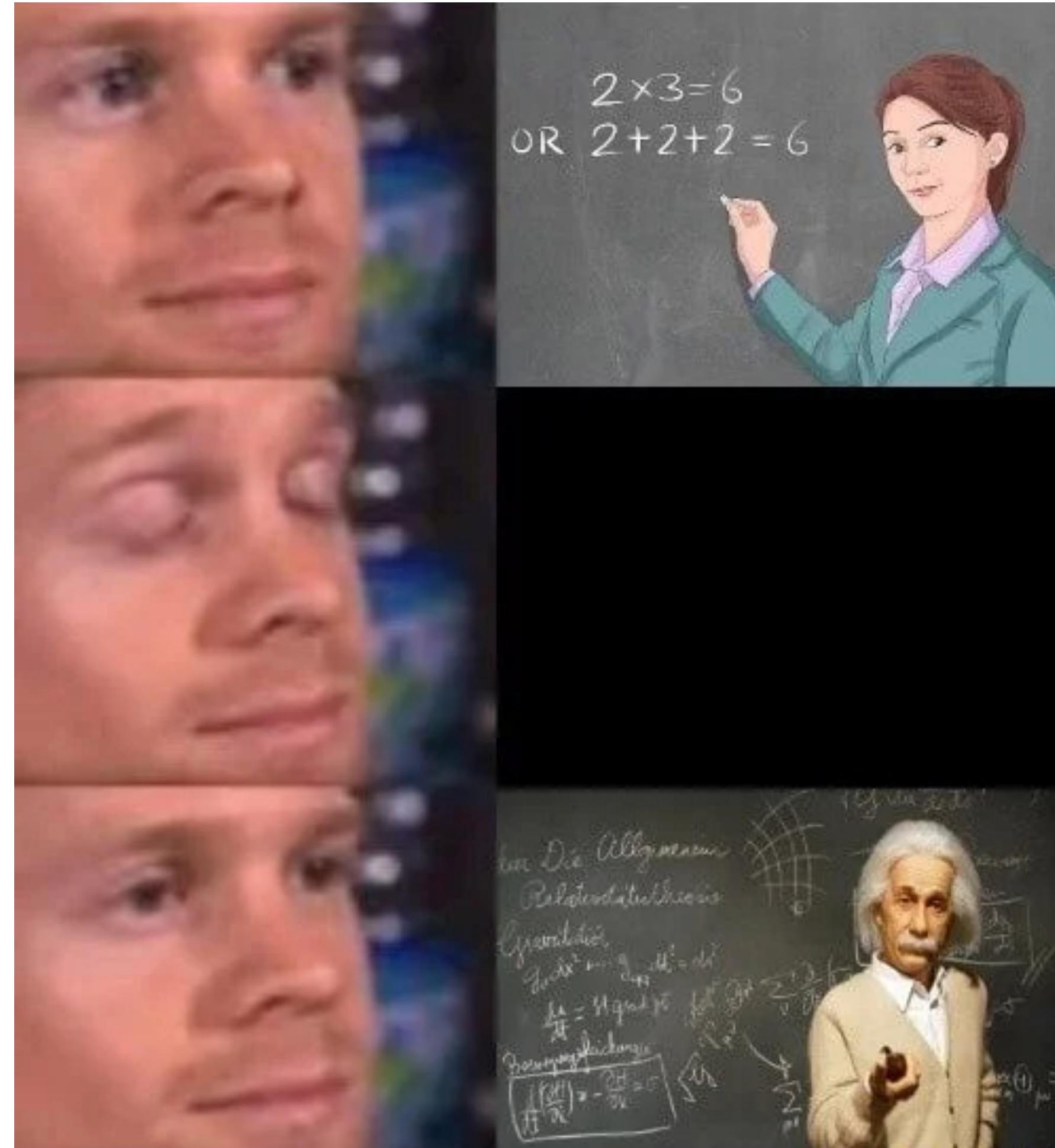
# Types of Preprocessing

- Trusted Setup per circuit
- Universal Trusted Setup
- Transparent

	Proof size	Verifier time	Setup
<b>Groth'16</b>	$\approx 200 \text{ Bytes}$ $O(1)$	$\approx 1.5 \text{ ms}$ $O(1)$	per circuit
<b>PLONK/Marlin</b>	$\approx 400 \text{ Bytes}$ $O(1)$	$\approx 3 \text{ ms}$ $O(1)$	Universal
<b>Bulletproof</b>	$\approx 1.5 \text{ KB}$ $O(\log C )$	$\approx 3 \text{ sec}$ $O( C )$	Transparent
<b>STARK</b>	$\approx 100 \text{ KB}$ $O(\log^2 C )$	$\approx 10 \text{ ms}$ $O(\log^2 C )$	Transparent

(For a circuit with  $\approx 2^{20}$  gates)

# Before we go any further...



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# Review: Elliptic Curves

- Weierstrass normal form:

$$y^2 = x^3 + ax + b, \quad 4a^3 + 27b^2 \neq 0$$

- Secp256k1:  $y^2 = x^3 + 7$

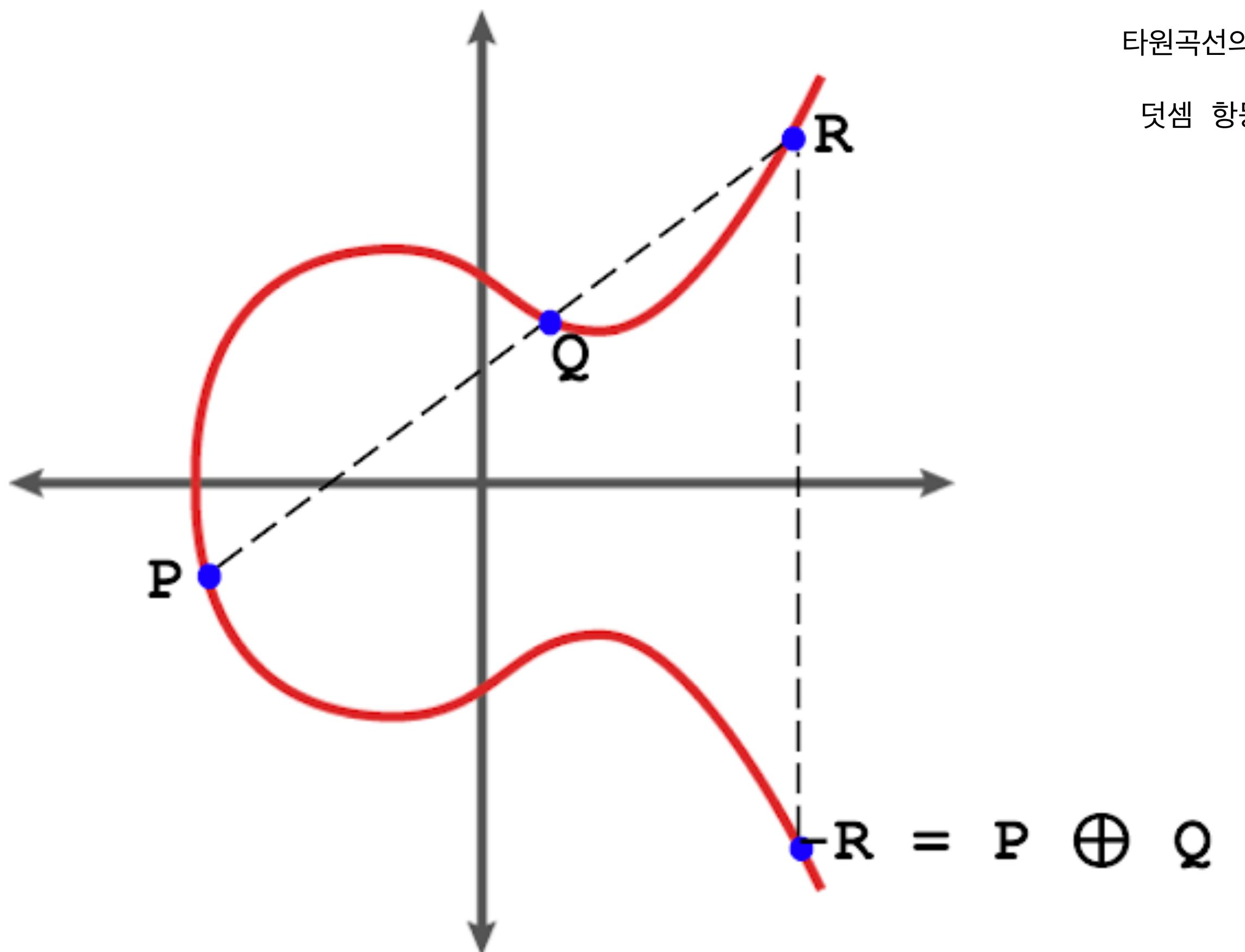
이더리움, 비트코인 키생성시 사용

- BLS12-381:  $y^2 = x^3 + 4$

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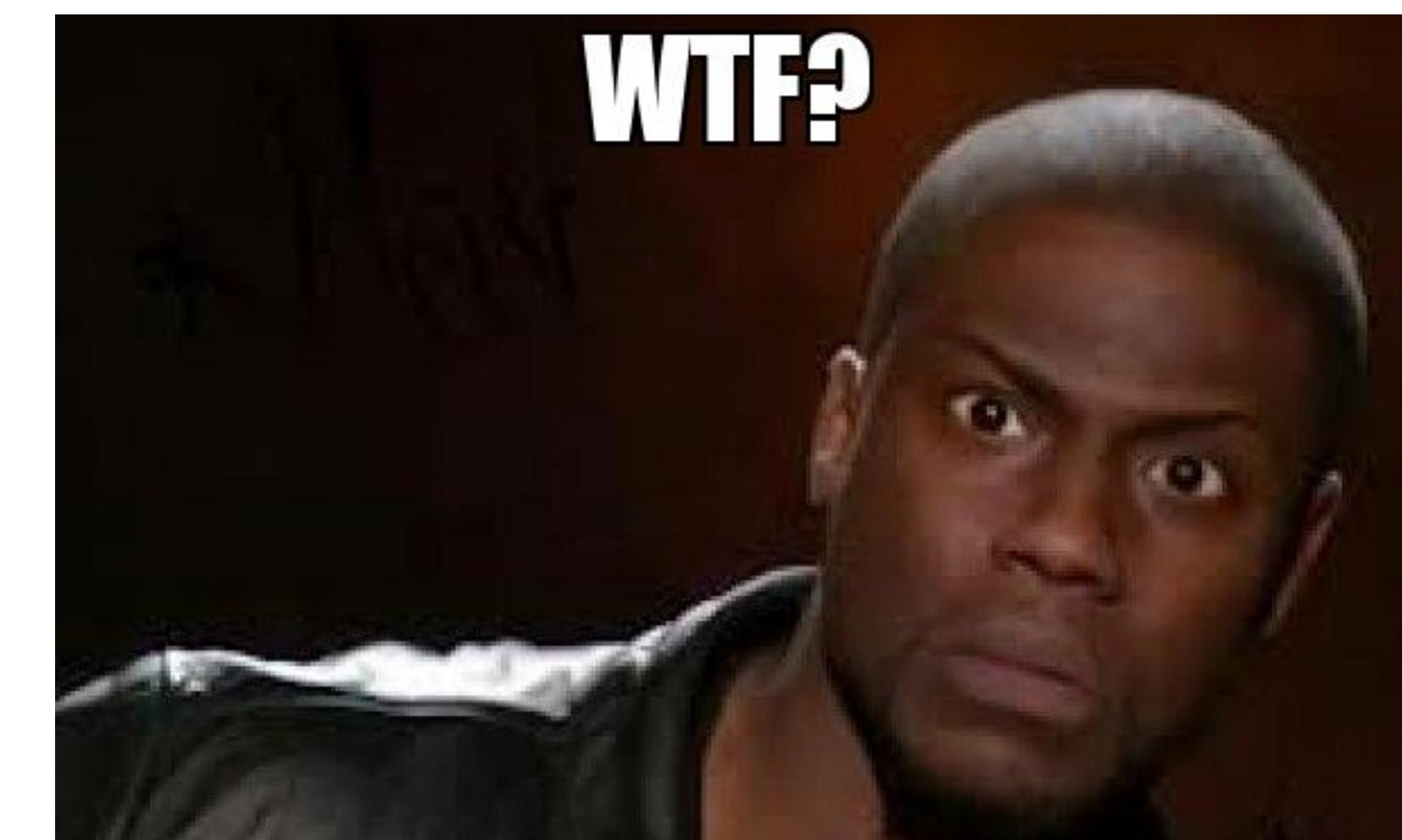


# Review: Elliptic Curves



타원곡선의 정의를 내려보면

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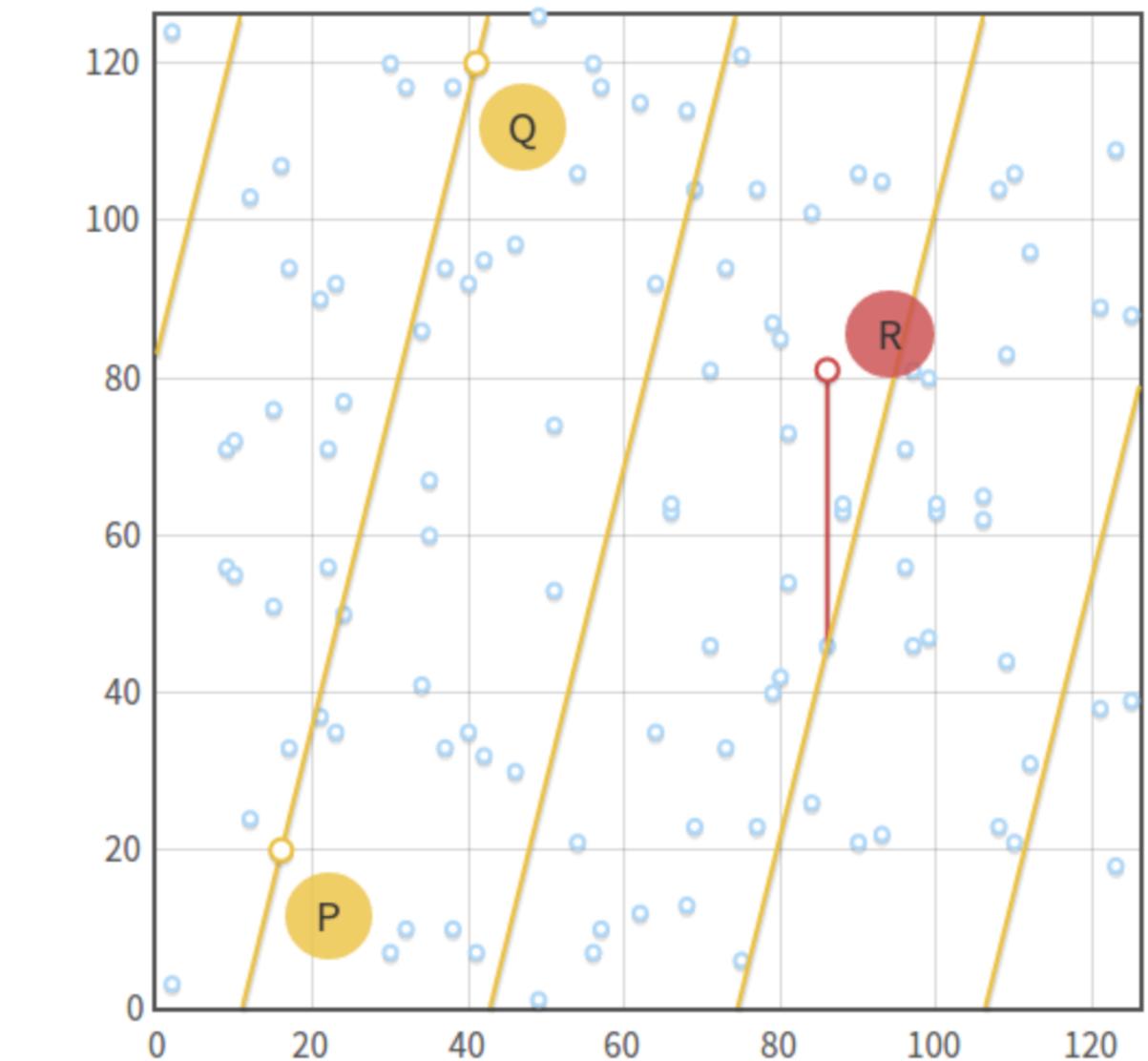


# Review: Finite field

DLP

g랑 x를 알고있으면 y를 알기쉽지만  
g랑 y를 알아도 x는 구하기어렵다

- Discrete Logarithm Problem:  $g^x \equiv y \pmod{p}$   
Easy to get **y** from g and x,  
but hard to know **x** from g and y
- Elliptic Curve Discrete Logarithm Problem (ECDLP):  
 $aG \equiv b \pmod{p}$



# Review: Elliptic curves pairing

- **DH problem:** It's difficult to get  $abG$  from  $aG$  and  $bG$ .

- **CDH(Computational Diffie-Hellman):**

Solving the exact value of  $abG$  from  $aG, bG$

cbG 를 가지고 aG, bG를 구한다  
결과값을 나와서 키값을 알고 검증이된다.

- **DDH(Decisional Diffie-Hellman):**

Determining if  $abG$  is valid

dbG를 연산할수없지만 검증은할수있다.  
키없이 검증할수있는거

Can we make DDH possible while CDH is impossible...?

# Review: Elliptic curves pairing

- **Base Field**

- $p = 3$

- $F_p = (0, 1, 2)$

- $k = 2$

- **Extended Field ( $z^2 + 1 = 0$ )**

- $F_{p^2} = (0, 1, 2, z, z+1, z+2, 2z, 2z+1, 2z+2)$

- $\rightarrow (z+1) + (z+2) = 2z$

- $\rightarrow (z+1) * z = z^2 + z = z - 1 = z + 2$

# Review: Elliptic curves pairing

$y^2 = x^3 \rightarrow$	$x \rightarrow x^3$	$y \rightarrow y^2$
	$0 \rightarrow 0$	$0 \rightarrow 0$
	$1 \rightarrow 1$	$1 \rightarrow 1$
	$2 \rightarrow 2$	$2 \rightarrow 1$
	$z \rightarrow 2z$	$z \rightarrow 2$
	$z+1 \rightarrow 2z+1$	$z+1 \rightarrow 2z$
	$z+2 \rightarrow 2z+2$	$z+2 \rightarrow z$
	$2z \rightarrow z$	$2z \rightarrow 2$
	$2z+1 \rightarrow z+1$	$2z+1 \rightarrow 2$
	$2z+2 \rightarrow z+2$	$2z+2 \rightarrow 2z$

$$G2 = \{(0,0), (1,1), (1,2), (2,z), (2,2z), (2,2z+1), (z,z+1), (z,2z+2), (2z,z+2)\}$$

# Review: Elliptic curves pairing

3차원으로 뽑아서 2점을찍어서 Gt를 뽑을수있나봄

- **Pairing :**

$$e : G1 \times G2 \rightarrow GT$$

Actual computation → Twist

- **Embedding degree  $k$  :**

- $p^k - 1 = 0 \pmod{r}$

- BLS12-381:  $k = 12$ , order = 381bit

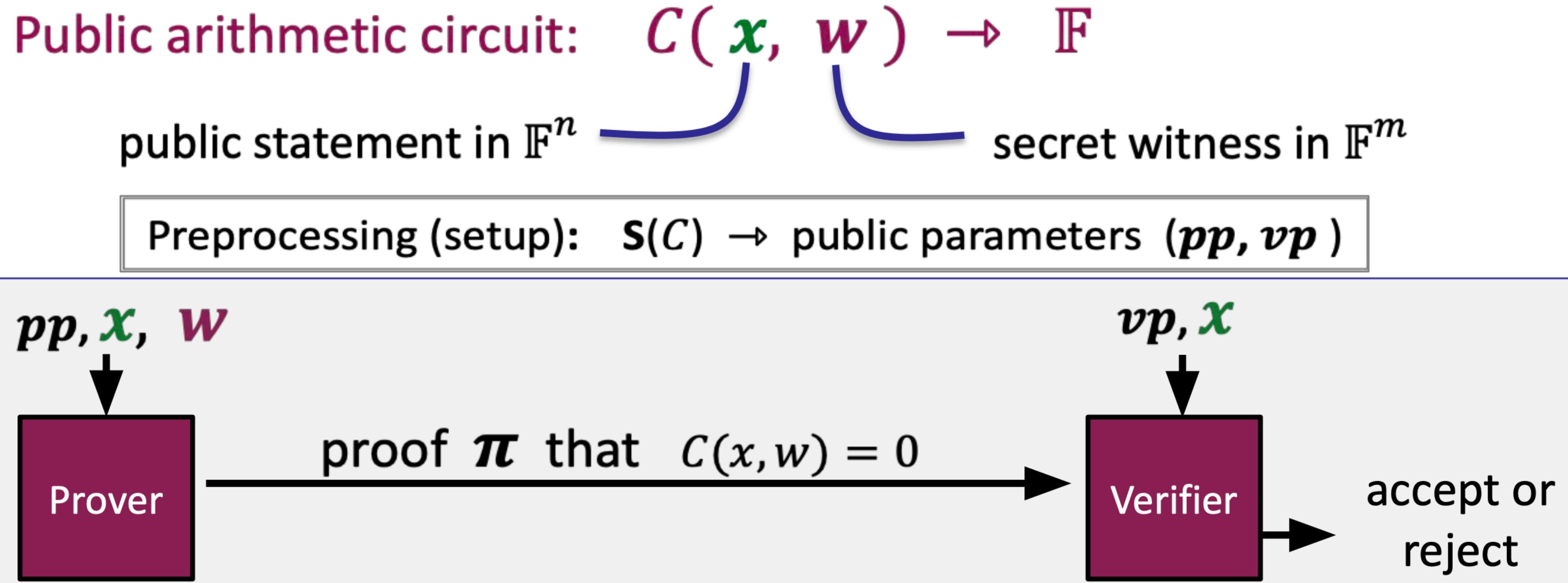
- **Bilinearity :**

$$e(aP, bQ) = e(P, bQ)^a = e(P, Q)^{ab} = e(P, aQ)^b = e(bP, aQ)$$

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# Groth 16



# Circuit → R1CS(Rank-1 Constraint System)

Computational problem:  $x^3 + x + 5 = 35$

## 1. Flattening:

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sym◻1 = x * x  
y = sym◻1 * x  
sym◻2 = y + x  
~out = sym◻2 + 5
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## 2. Gates to R1CS

$$s \cdot a_1 * s \cdot b_1 - s \cdot c_1 = 0$$
$$s \cdot a_2 * s \cdot b_2 - s \cdot c_2 = 0$$

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$$s \cdot a_n * s \cdot b_n - s \cdot c_n = 0$$

[‘~one’, ‘x’, ‘~out’, ‘sym<sub>◻</sub>1’, ‘y’, ‘sym<sub>◻</sub>2’]

A:

[0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0]  
[0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0]  
[0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0]  
[5, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1]

B:

[0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0]  
[0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0]  
[1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0]  
[1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0]

C:

[0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0]  
[0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0]  
[0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1]  
[0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0]

# R1CS → QAP(Quadratic Arithmetic Program)

- Lagrange Interpolation:

For  $x_i, y_i$  with  $i \in [0, n)$ , and  $x_i \neq x_j \forall i \neq j \rightarrow f$  of degree less than  $n$  exist .s.t  $f(x_i) = y_i$

Making the Polynomial that passes through (1,3), (2,2), (3,4)

1. (2,0), (3,0)

$$\rightarrow (x - 2) * (x - 3)$$

2. (1,3), (2,0), (3,0)

$$\rightarrow \frac{(x - 2) * (x - 3) * 3}{((1 - 2) * (1 - 3))}$$

3. (1,3), (2,2), (3,4)

$$\rightarrow \frac{(x - 2) * (x - 3) * 3}{((1 - 2) * (1 - 3))} + \frac{(x - 1) * (x - 3) * 2}{((2 - 1) * (2 - 3))} + \frac{(x - 1) * (x - 2) * 4}{((3 - 1) * (3 - 2))}$$

# QAP(Quadratic Arithmetic Program)

- QAP:

$$A = [A_1(x), A_2(x), A_3(x), A_4(x), A_5(x), A_6(x)]$$

$$B = [B_1(x), B_2(x), B_3(x), B_4(x), B_5(x), B_6(x)]$$

$$C = [C_1(x), C_2(x), C_3(x), C_4(x), C_5(x), C_6(x)]$$

A(R1CS)

[0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0]

[0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0]

[0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0]

[5, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1]

B(R1CS)

[0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0]

[0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0]

[1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0]

[1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0]

C(R1CS)

[0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0]

[0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0]

[0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1]

[0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0]

**A**

[-5.0, 9.166, -5.0, 0.833]  
[8.0, -11.333, 5.0, -0.666]  
[0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0]  
[-6.0, 9.5, -4.0, 0.5]  
[4.0, -7.0, 3.5, -0.5]  
[-1.0, 1.833, -1.0, 0.166]

**B**

[3.0, -5.166, 2.5, -0.333]  
[-2.0, 5.166, -2.5, 0.333]  
[0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0]  
[0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0]  
[0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0]  
[0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0]

**C**

[0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0]  
[0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0]  
[-1.0, 1.833, -1.0, 0.166]  
[4.0, -4.333, 1.5, -0.166]  
[-6.0, 9.5, -4.0, 0.5]  
[4.0, -7.0, 3.5, -0.5]

$$\rightarrow Q(x) = A(x) * B(x) - C(x) = H(x) * (x - 1)(x - 2)(x - 3)(x - 4)$$

# Setup

- BLS12-381
- What we use for the setup
  - Toxic waste:  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta, \tau \in F_p$
  - $m$  variables, of which  $l$  as public input
  - $n$  constraints
  - $Z(x)$  from QAP
  - $L_i(x) = \beta * A_i(x) + \alpha * B_i(x) + C_i(x)$

# CRS(Common Reference String)

- **Proving Key**

- G1 elements:  $(\alpha, \delta, \tau, \tau^2, \dots, \tau^{n-1}, L_{l+1}(\tau)/\delta, \dots, L_m(\tau)/\delta, Z(\tau)/\delta, \tau^* Z(\tau)/\delta, \dots, \tau^{n-2} Z(\tau)/\delta)_1$
- G2 elements:  $(\beta, \delta, 1, \tau, \tau^2, \dots, \tau^{n-1})_2$

- **Verification Key**

- G1 elements:  $(1, L_0(\tau)/\gamma, L_1(\tau)/\gamma, \dots, L_l(\tau)/\gamma)_1$
- G2 elements:  $(1, \gamma, \delta)_2$
- GT element:  $(\alpha_1 * \beta_2)_t$

# Proof Generation

Given a witness vector  $w = (1, w_1, w_2, \dots, w_m)$ , and two random elements  $r, s$ ,

a proof is made of three points  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$

- $A(G1) = \alpha + w_0 * A_0(\tau) + w_1 * A_1(\tau) + \dots + w_m * A_m(\tau) + r * \delta$
- $B(G2) = \beta + w_0 * B_0(\tau) + w_1 * B_1(\tau) + \dots + w_m * B_m(\tau) + s * \delta$
- $C(G1) = w_{l+1} * L_{l+1}(\tau)/\delta + \dots + w_m * L_m(\tau)/\delta + H(\tau) * Z(\tau)/\delta + s * A_1 + r * B_1 - r * s * \delta$

# Verification

To verify a proof, we'll just need to check the following equality:

$$A_1 * B_2 = \alpha_1 * \beta_2 + (w_0 * L_0(\tau)/\gamma + \dots + w_l * L_l(\tau)/\gamma) * \gamma_2 + C_1 * \delta_2$$

- Left term  $A * B$ :

$$\begin{aligned} & [\alpha + A(\tau) + r * \delta] * [\beta + B(\tau) + s * \delta] \\ &= \alpha * \beta + \alpha * B(\tau) + s * \alpha * \delta + A(\tau) * B(\tau) + s * A(\tau) * \delta + r * \delta * \beta + r * B(\tau) * \delta + s * r * \delta * \delta \\ &= \boxed{A(\tau) * B(\tau)} + \alpha * \beta + \alpha * B(\tau) + s * \alpha * \delta + s * A(\tau) * \delta + r * \delta * \beta + r * B(\tau) * \delta + s * r * \delta * \delta \end{aligned}$$

- Right term:

$$\begin{aligned} & = \alpha * \beta + L(\tau) * Z(\tau) + s * \alpha * \delta + s * r * \delta * \delta + r * \beta * \delta + r * B(\tau) * \delta + s * r * \delta * \delta - r * s * \delta * \delta \\ & = \alpha * \beta + \beta * A(\tau) + \alpha * B(\tau) + C(\tau) + H(\tau) * Z(\tau) + s * \alpha * \delta + s * A(\tau) * \delta + s * r * \delta * \delta + r * \delta * \beta + r * B(\tau) * \delta \\ &= \boxed{C(\tau) + H(\tau) * Z(\tau)} + \alpha * \beta + \alpha * B(\tau) + s * \alpha * \delta + s * A(\tau) * \delta + r * \delta * \beta + r * B(\tau) * \delta + s * r * \delta * \delta \end{aligned}$$

공통부분 지워서 계산을하면

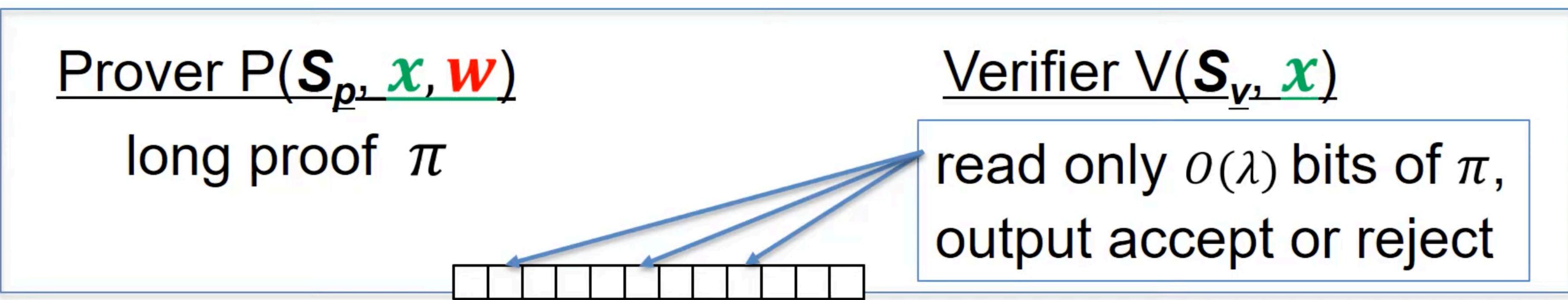
$$\rightarrow A(\tau) * B(\tau) = C(\tau) + H(\tau) * Z(\tau) \text{ (Schwarts-Zippel Lemma)}$$

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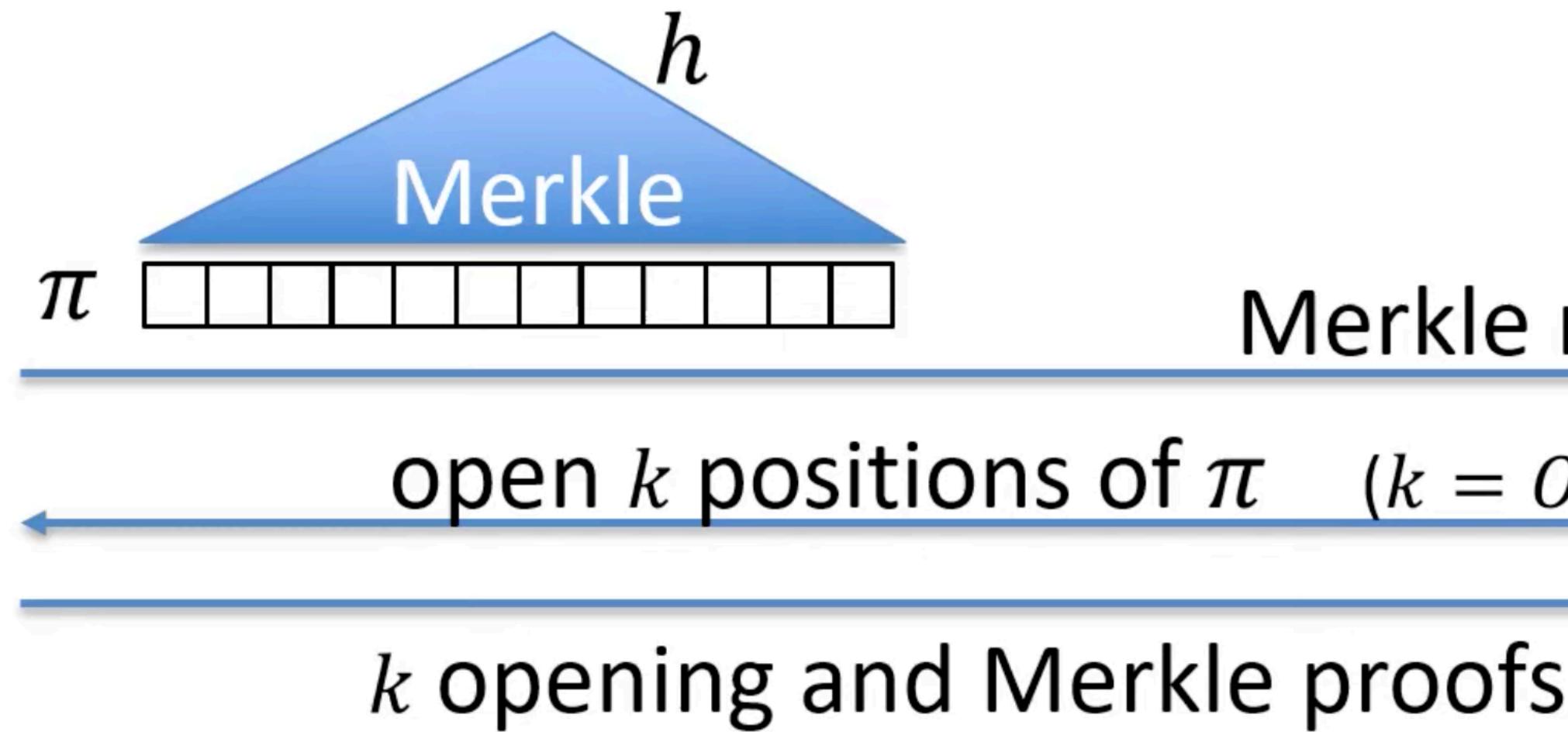
# PCP based SNARK

PCP(Probabilistic Checkable Proof):



# PCP based SNARK

Prover  $P(\mathbf{S}_p, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w})$



Verifier  $V(\mathbf{S}_v, \mathbf{x})$

output accept or reject

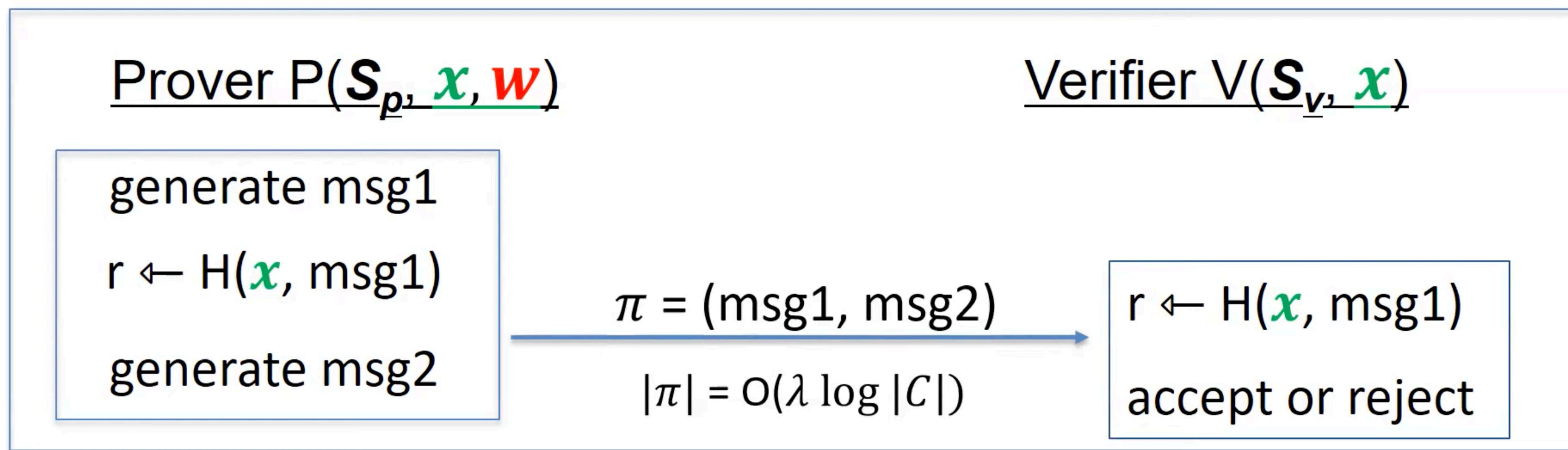
Verifier sees  $O(\lambda \log |C|)$  data  $\Rightarrow$  succinct proof.

Problem: **interactive**

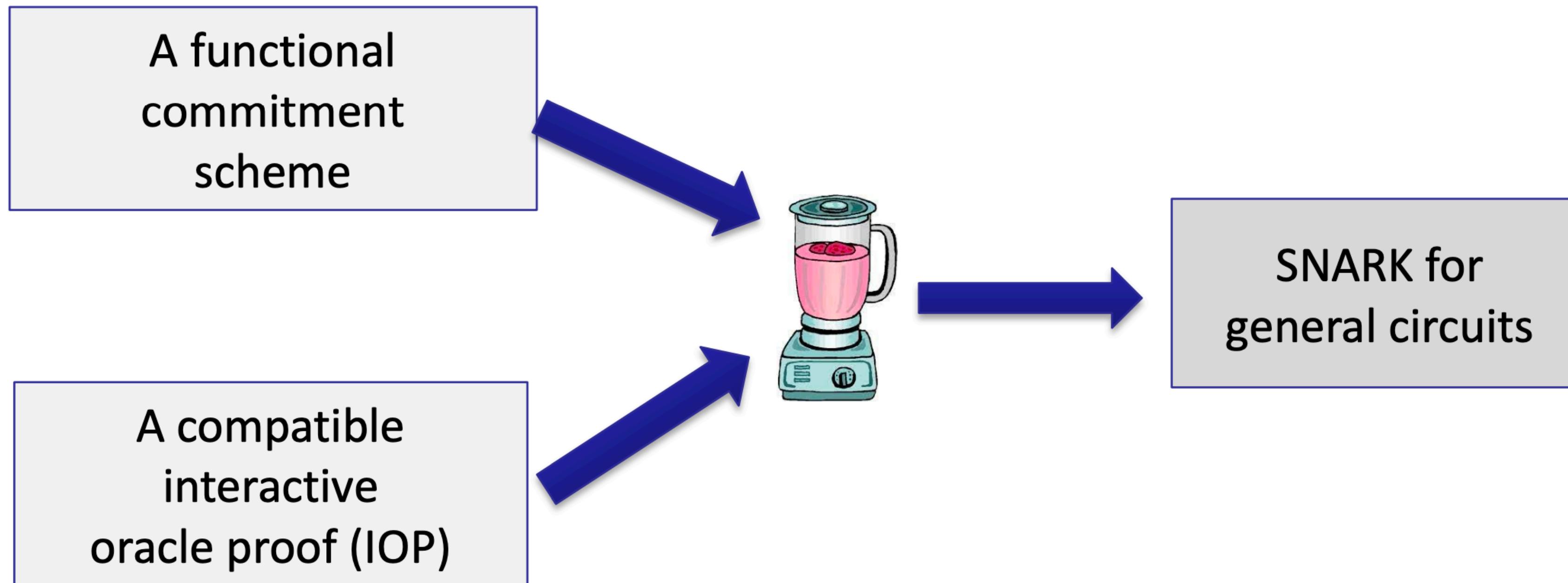
# PCP based SNARK

Fiat-Shamir transform:  $H: M \rightarrow R$  a cryptographic hash function

- idea: prover generates random bits on its own (!)



# Modern SNARKs



# **Thank you!!**

Coming up: PCS