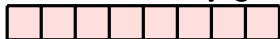


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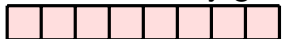


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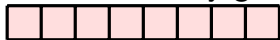
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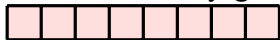


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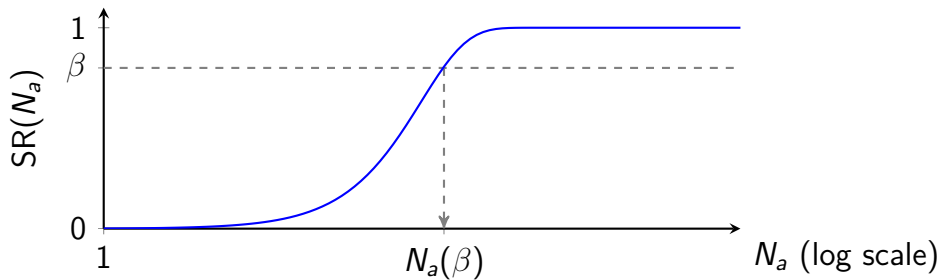


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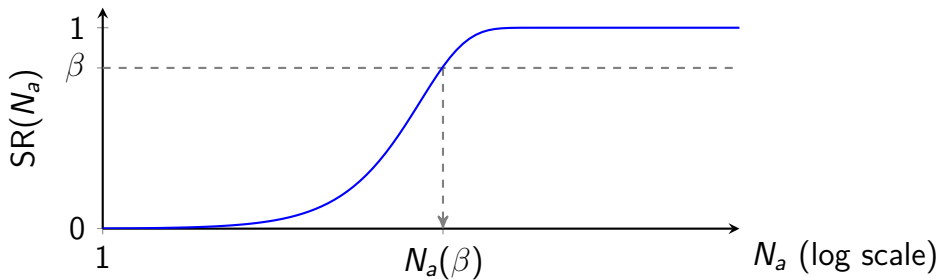
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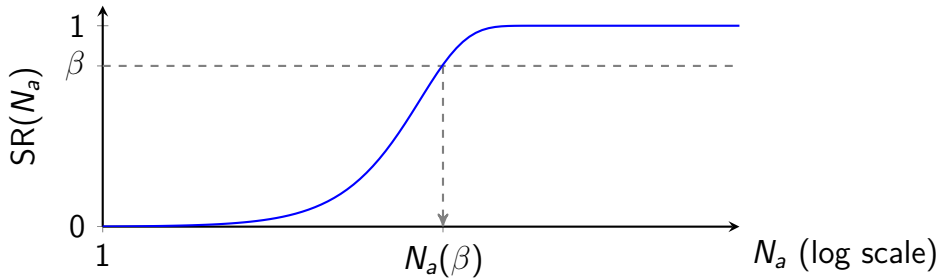


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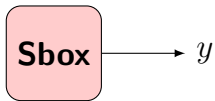
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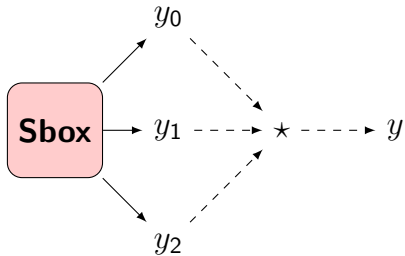
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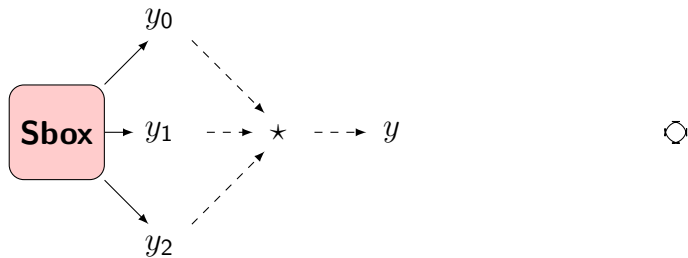


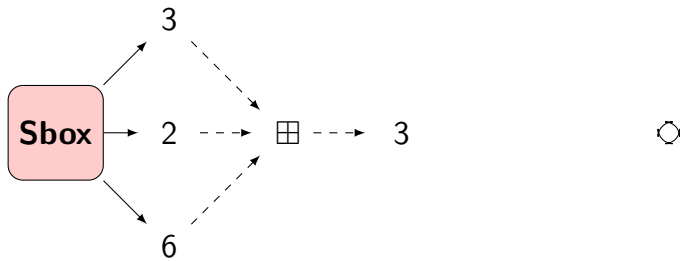
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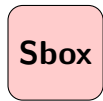


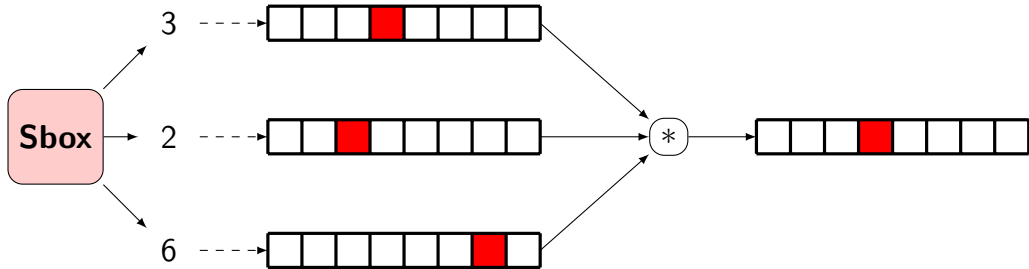
(b) Masking with $d + 1 = 3$ shares

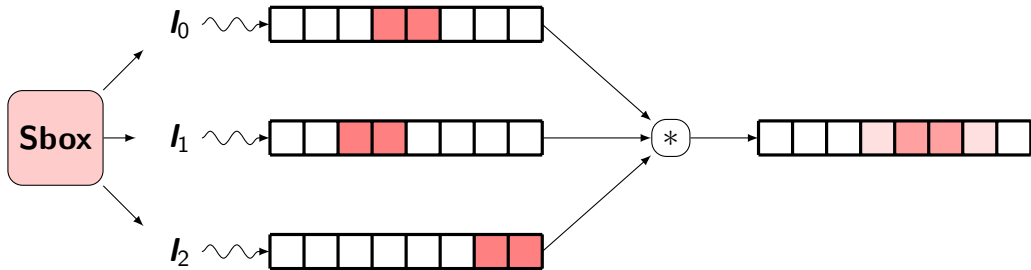
Each share y_i drawn uniformly, such that $y = y_0 \star \dots \star y_d$

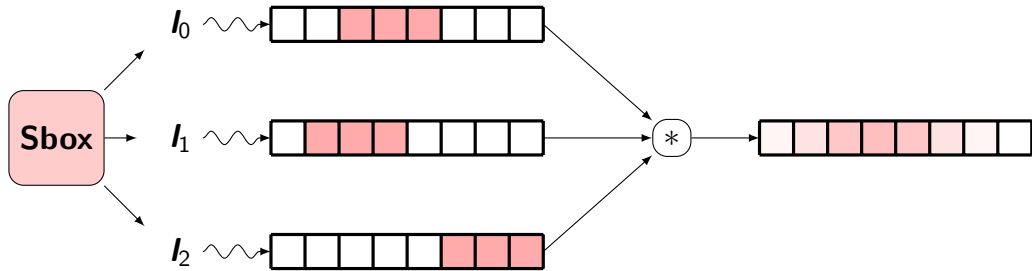


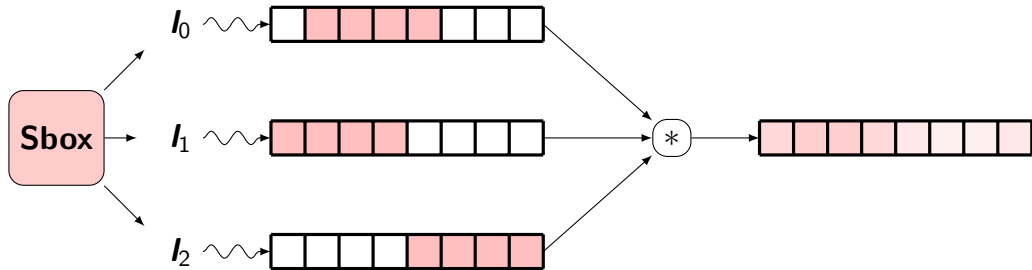












Masking amplifies the noise ... exponentially with #shares

MI *very* hard to compute naively with masking

Curse of dimensionality increases with #shares

Higher #shares \implies lower MI \implies harder est.