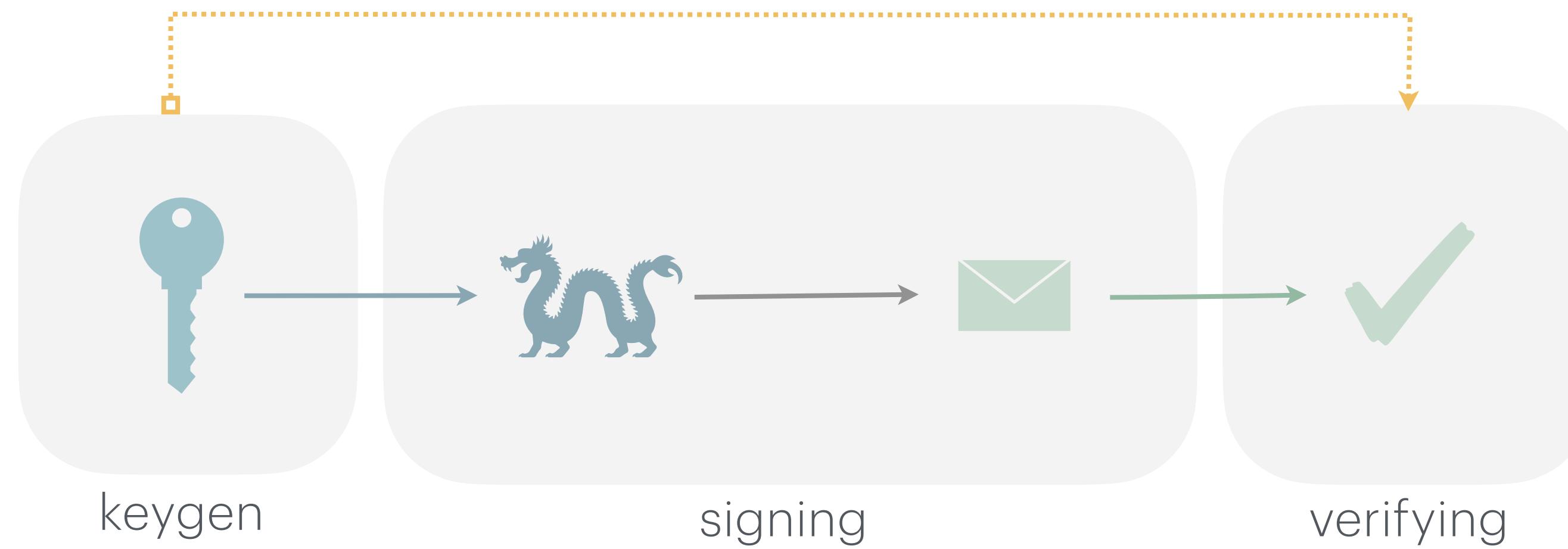


The big picture of lattice threshold

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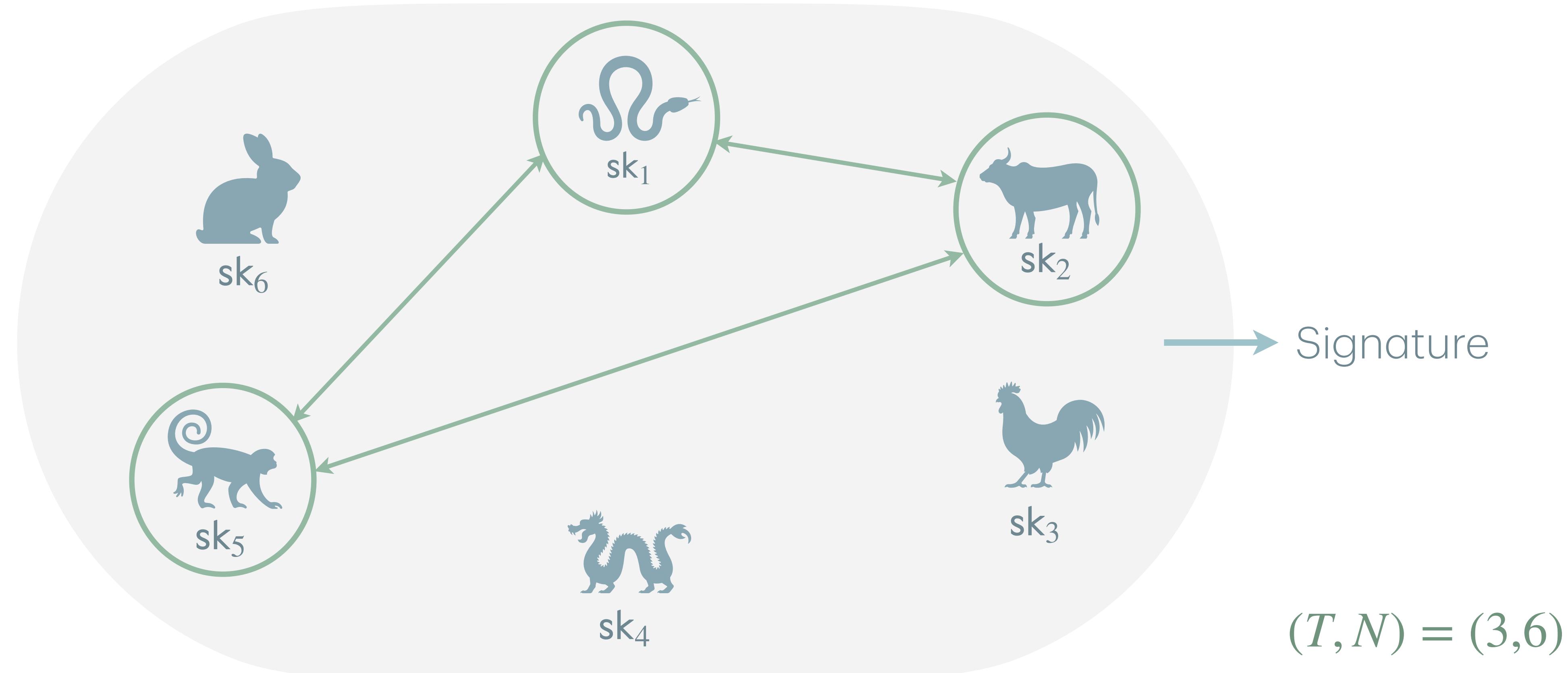
2 party protocol to verify the **authenticity** of a message



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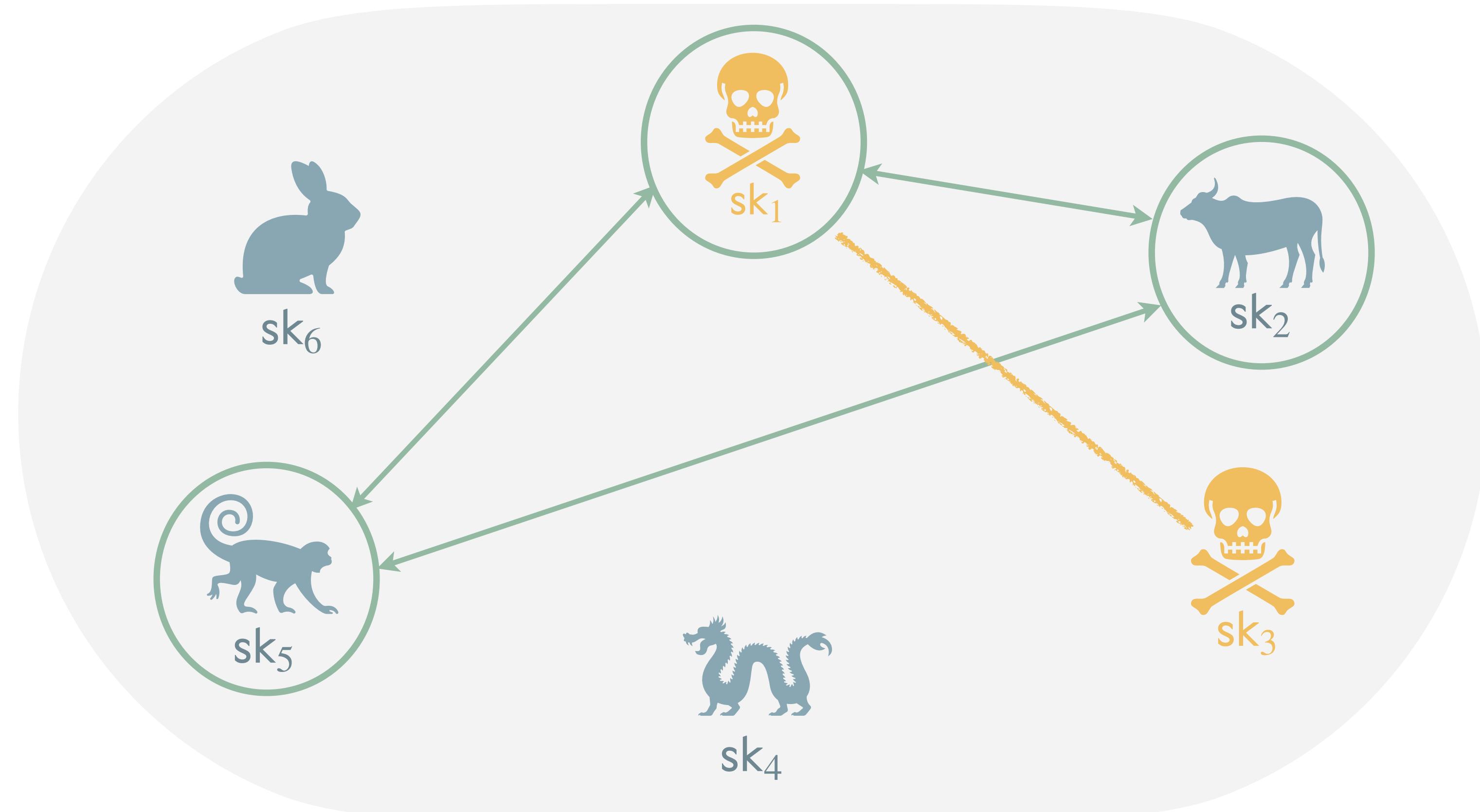
Interactive protocol to distribute signature generation such that:

T out of N parties can **collaborate** to sign a message and $T - 1$ parties **cannot** sign.



Security requirements

- ❖ **Correctness**: with at least T -out-of- N partial signing keys, we can sign.
- ❖ **Unforgeability**: remains unforgeable even if up to $T - 1$ parties are corrupted, where $T' \leq T - 1$.



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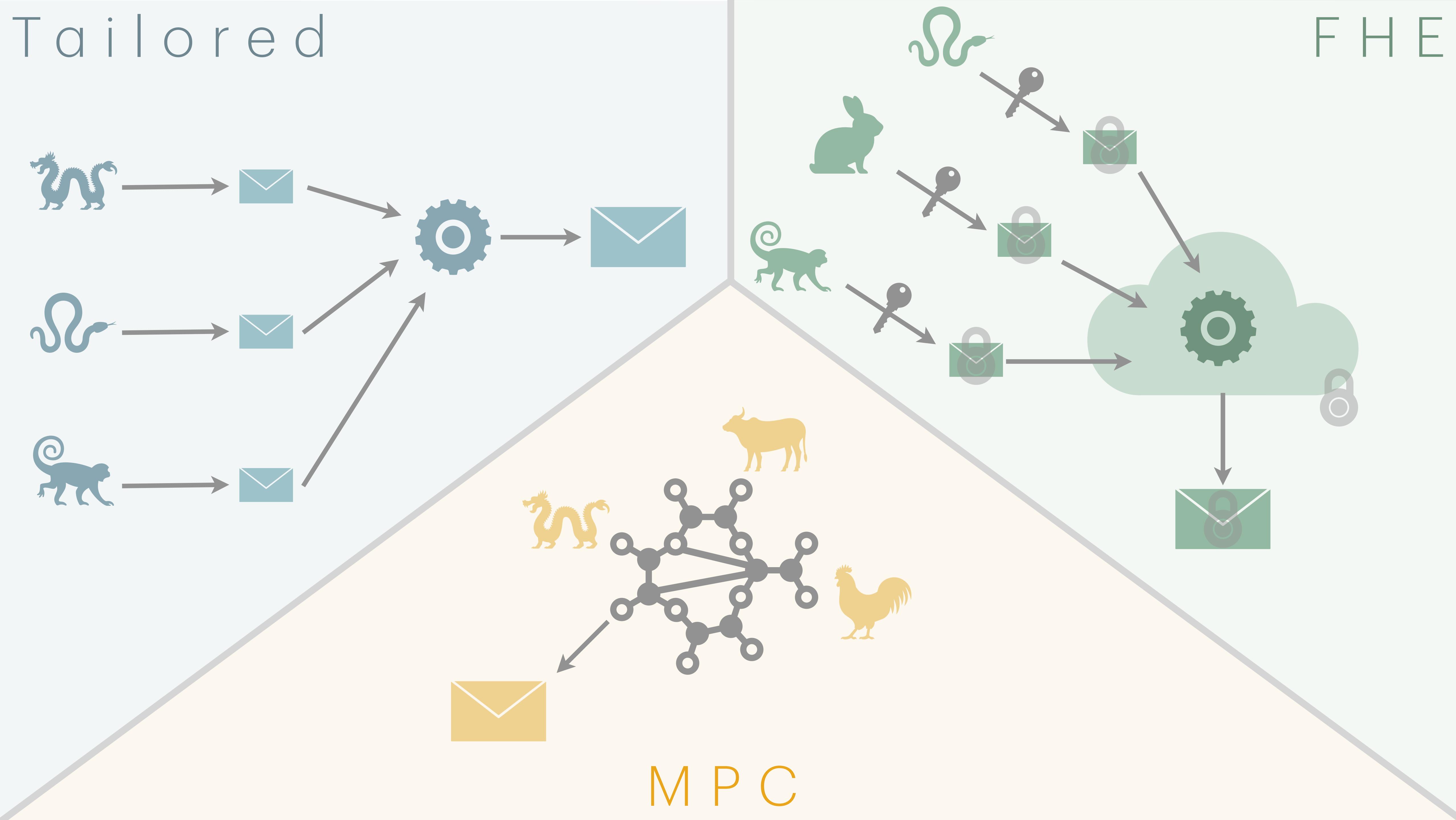
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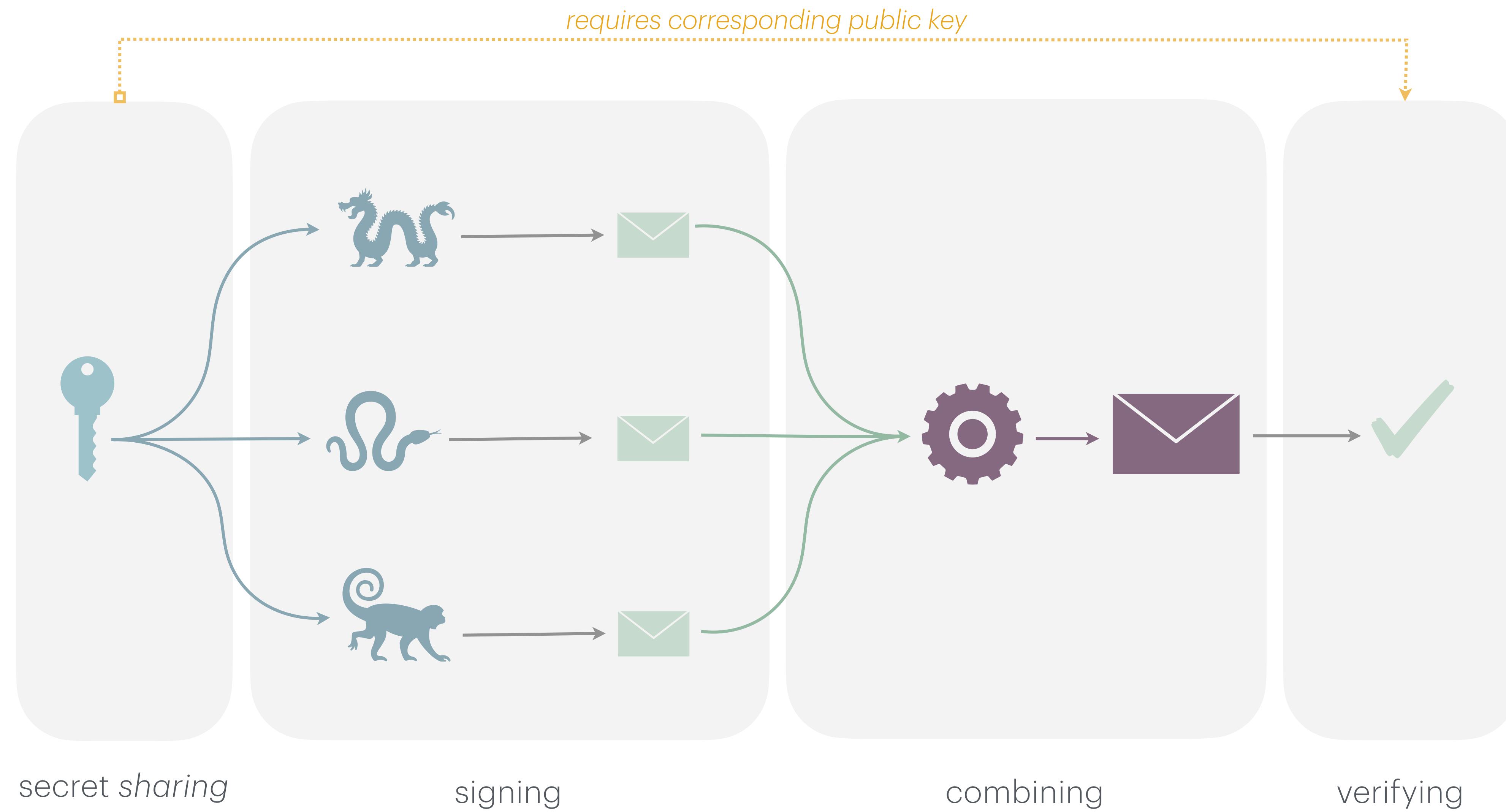


Family of techniques

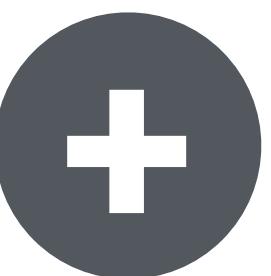
different designs choices, different pros/cons

Thresholdization technique	Signature size	Speed	Rounds	Comm cost/party
MPC	Small	Slow	15	$\geq 1\text{MB}$
FHE	Medium	As fast as FHE	2	$\geq 1\text{MB}$
Tailored	S—M	Fast	2-4	20 kB

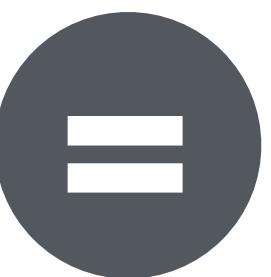
What is the rationale of
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KEY DISTRIBUTION / SHARING



THRESHOLD SIGNATURE



F i a t - S h a m i r

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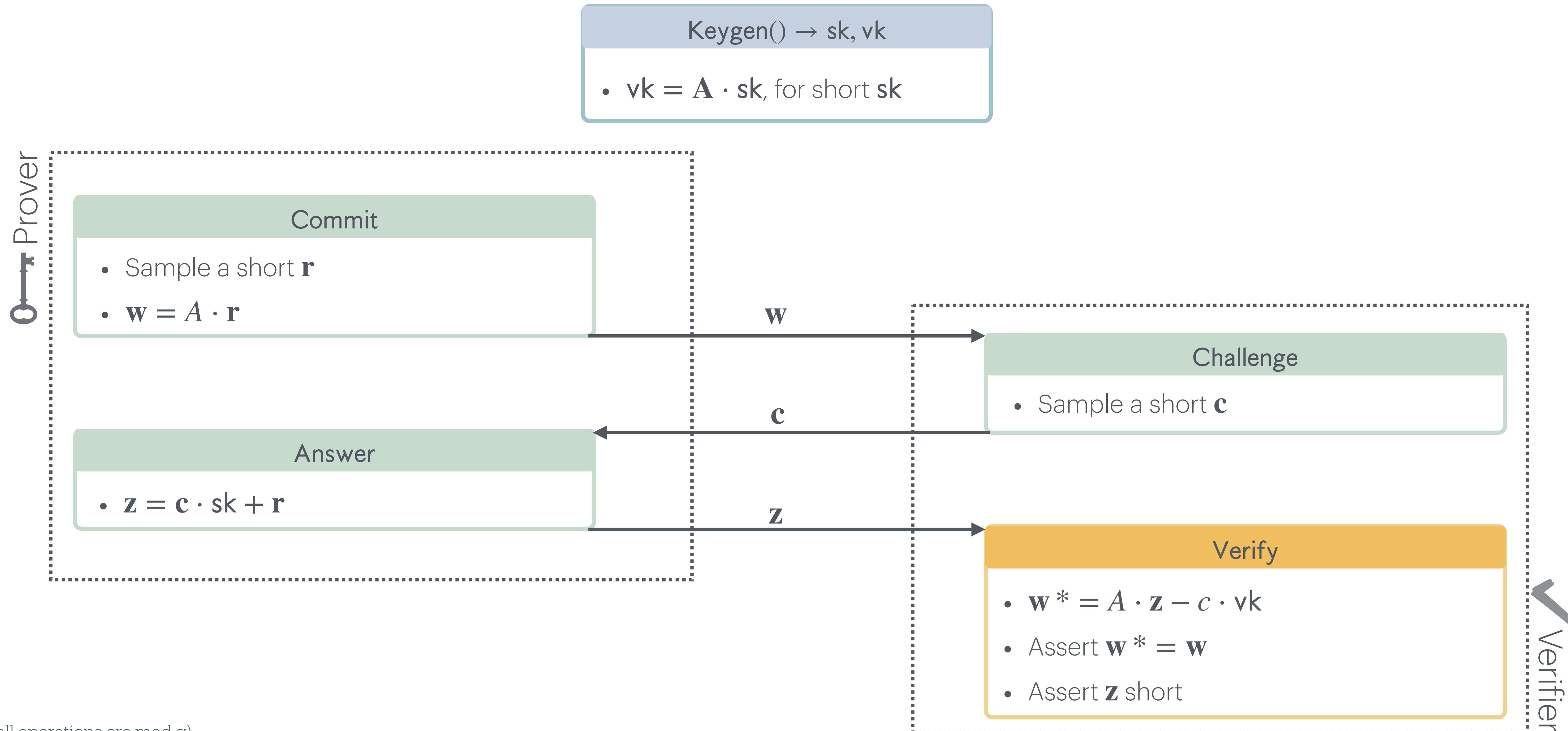


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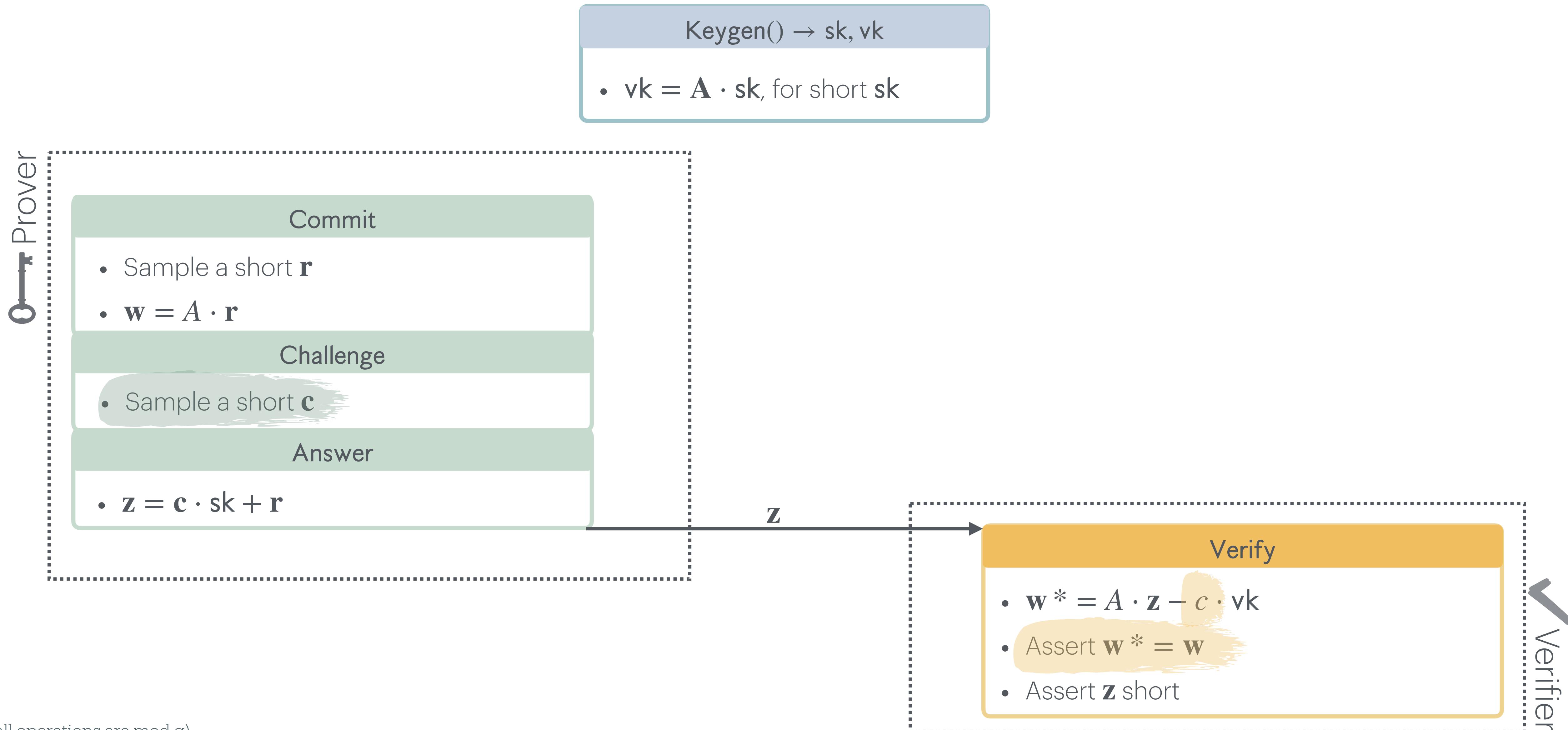
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(flooded) Fiat-Shamir 101

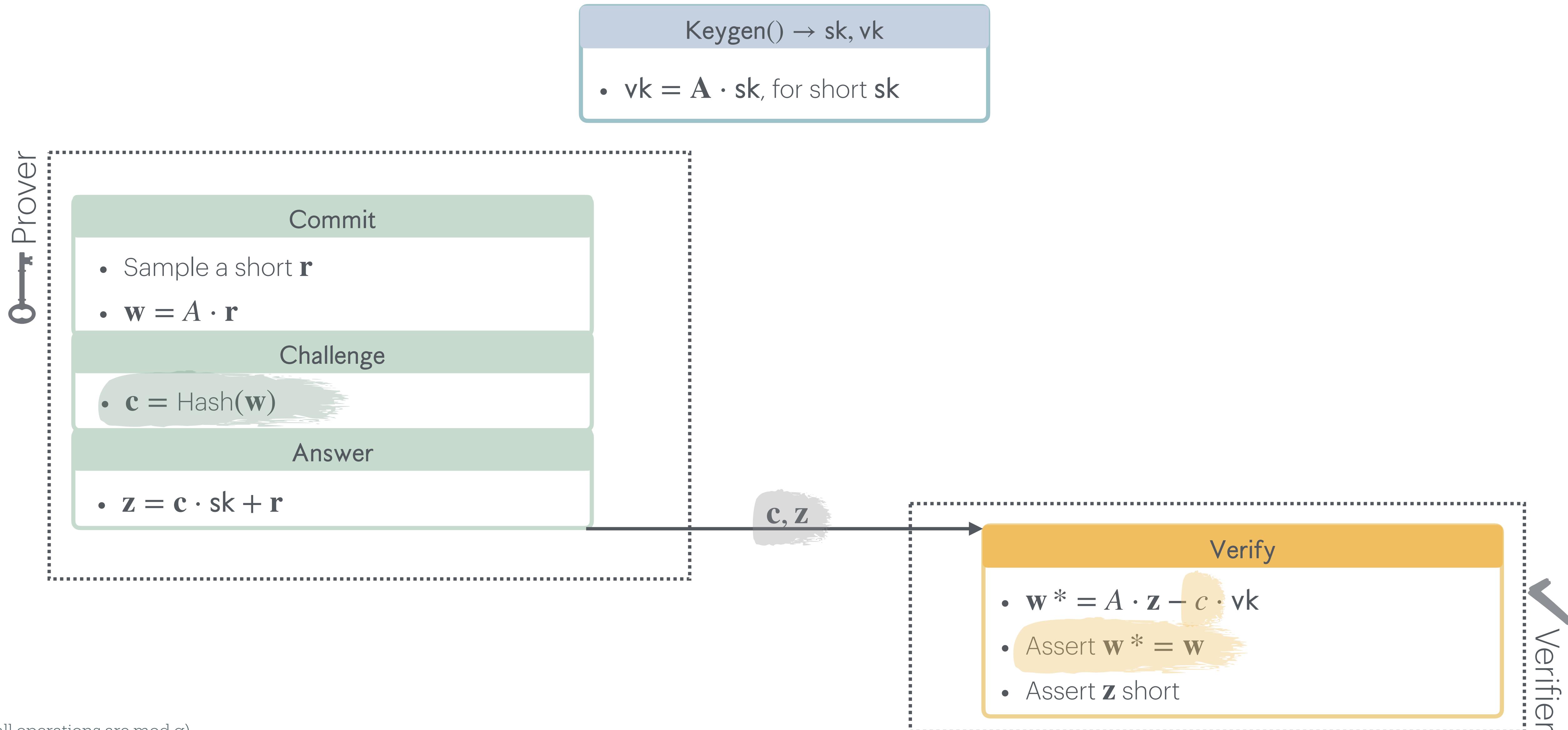
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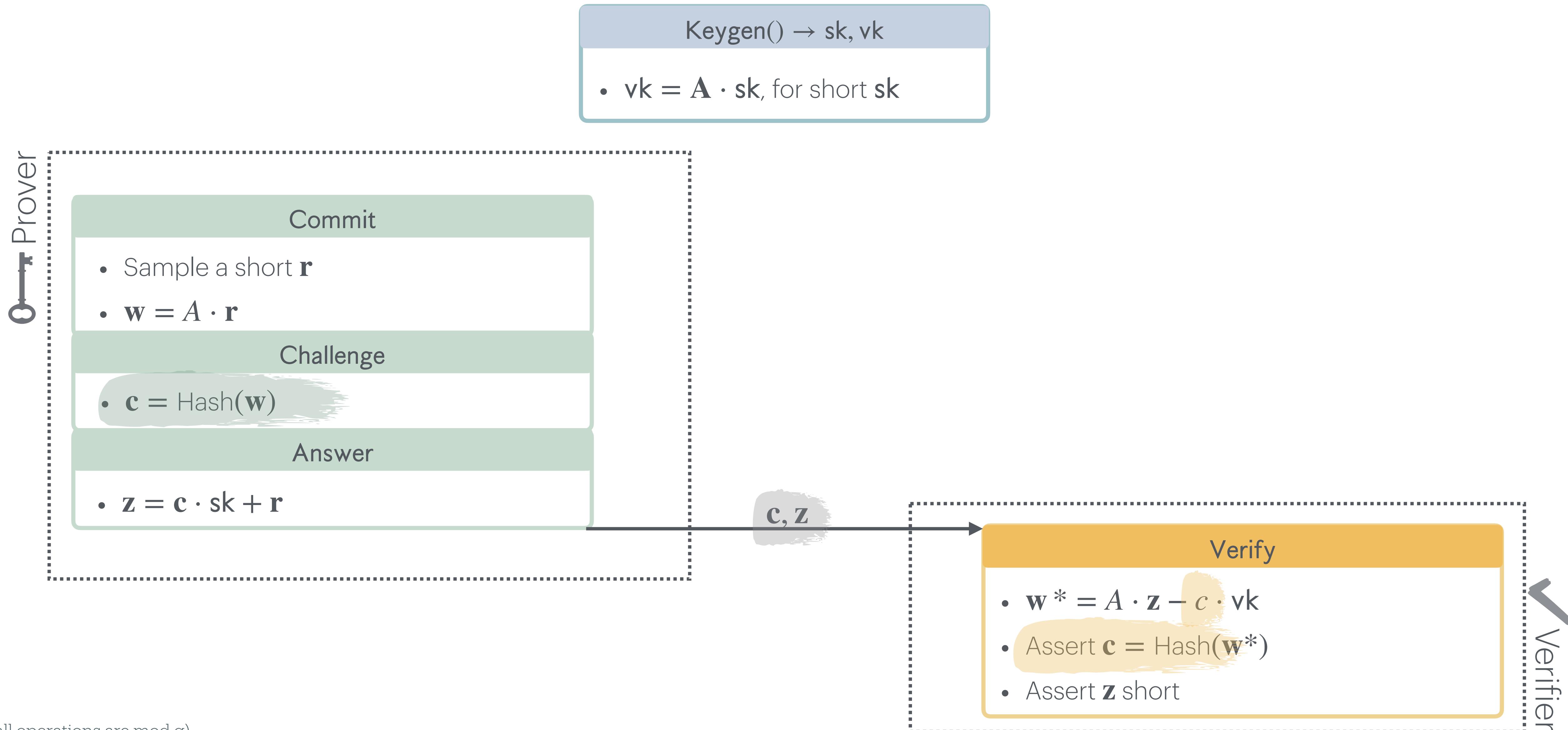
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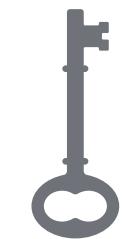
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Prover 

Commit

- Sample a short \mathbf{r}
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- $\mathbf{c} = \text{Hash}(\mathbf{w})$
- $\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{c} \cdot \text{sk} + \mathbf{r}$

\mathbf{c}, \mathbf{z}

Verify

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Verifier 

Fiat-Shamir on lattices

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- Output \mathbf{c}, \mathbf{z}

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What about hardness?

Short integer solution (SIS)

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Short integer solution (SIS)

Hint-LWE

Sign

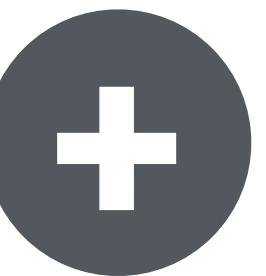
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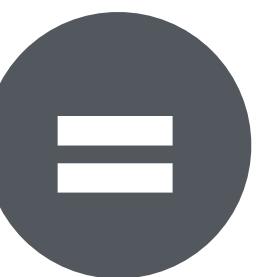
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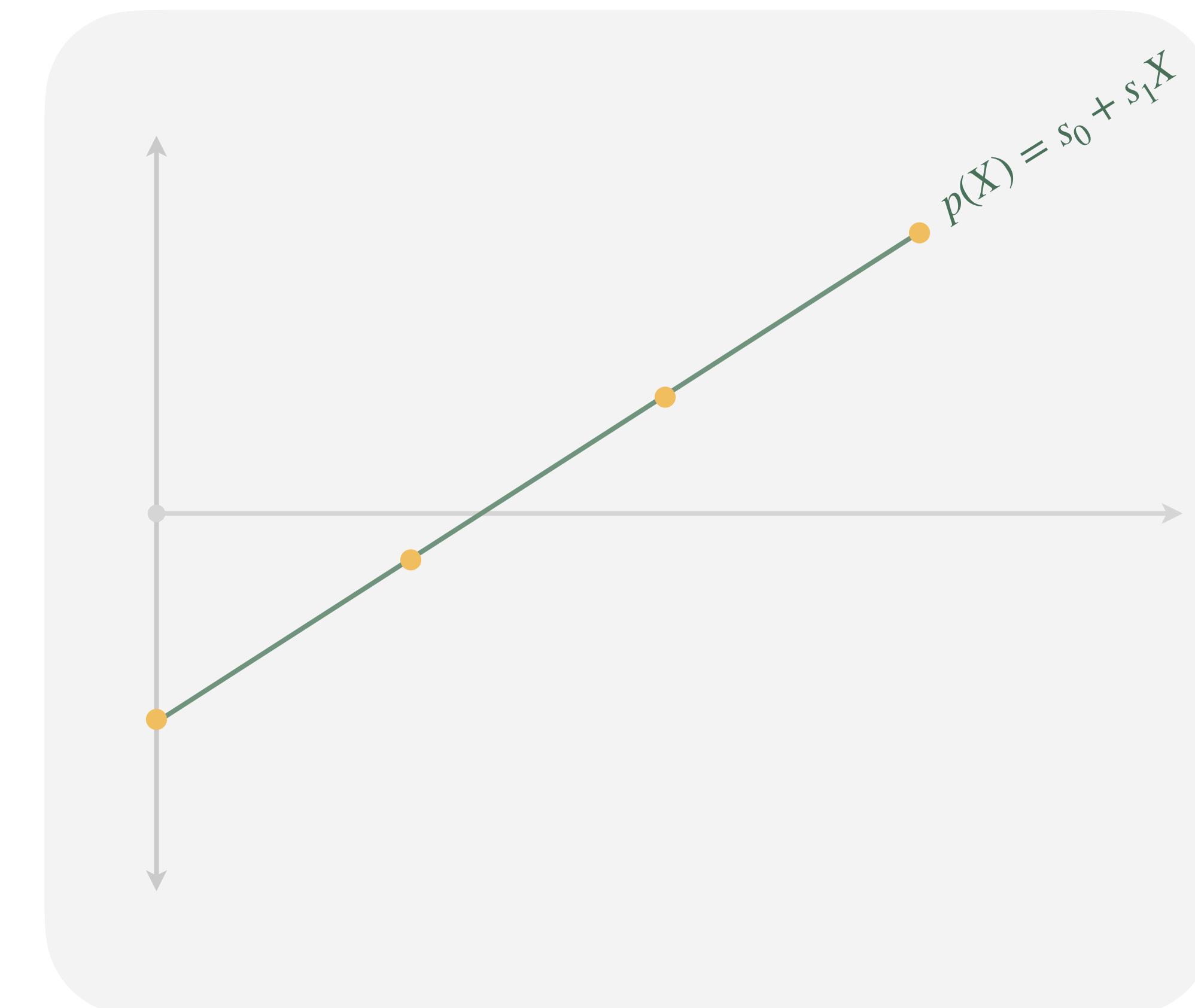
How to share a secret?

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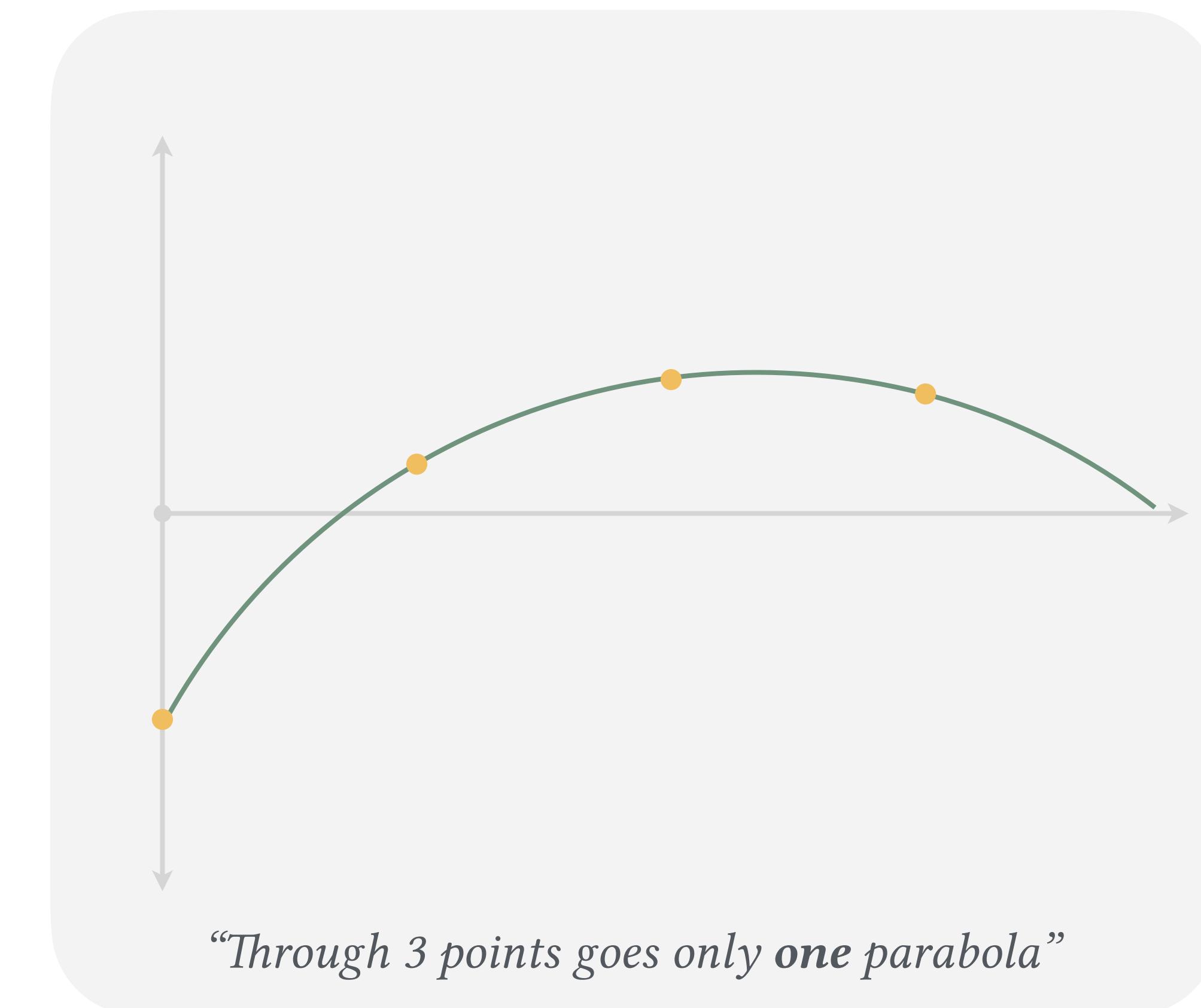


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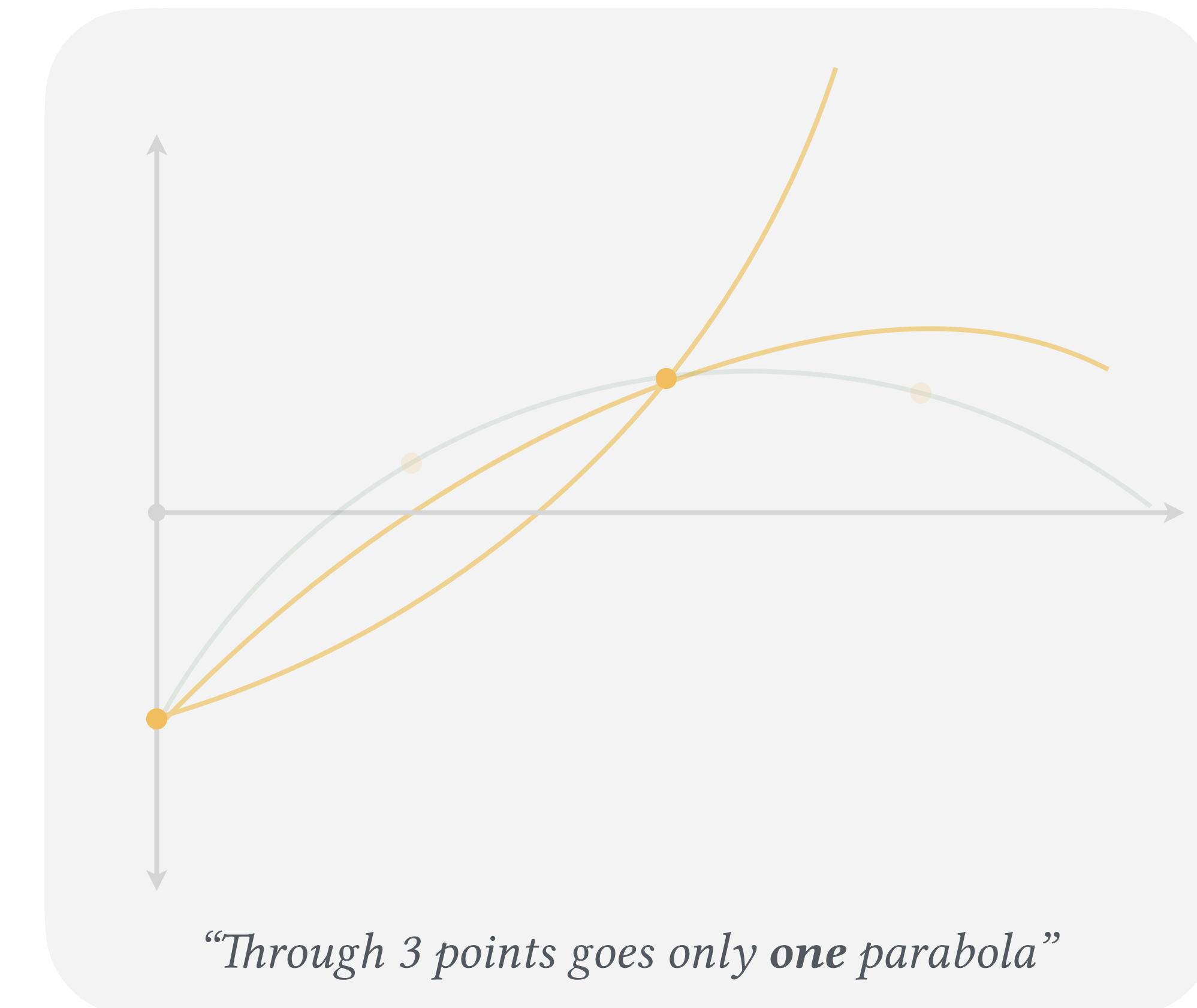


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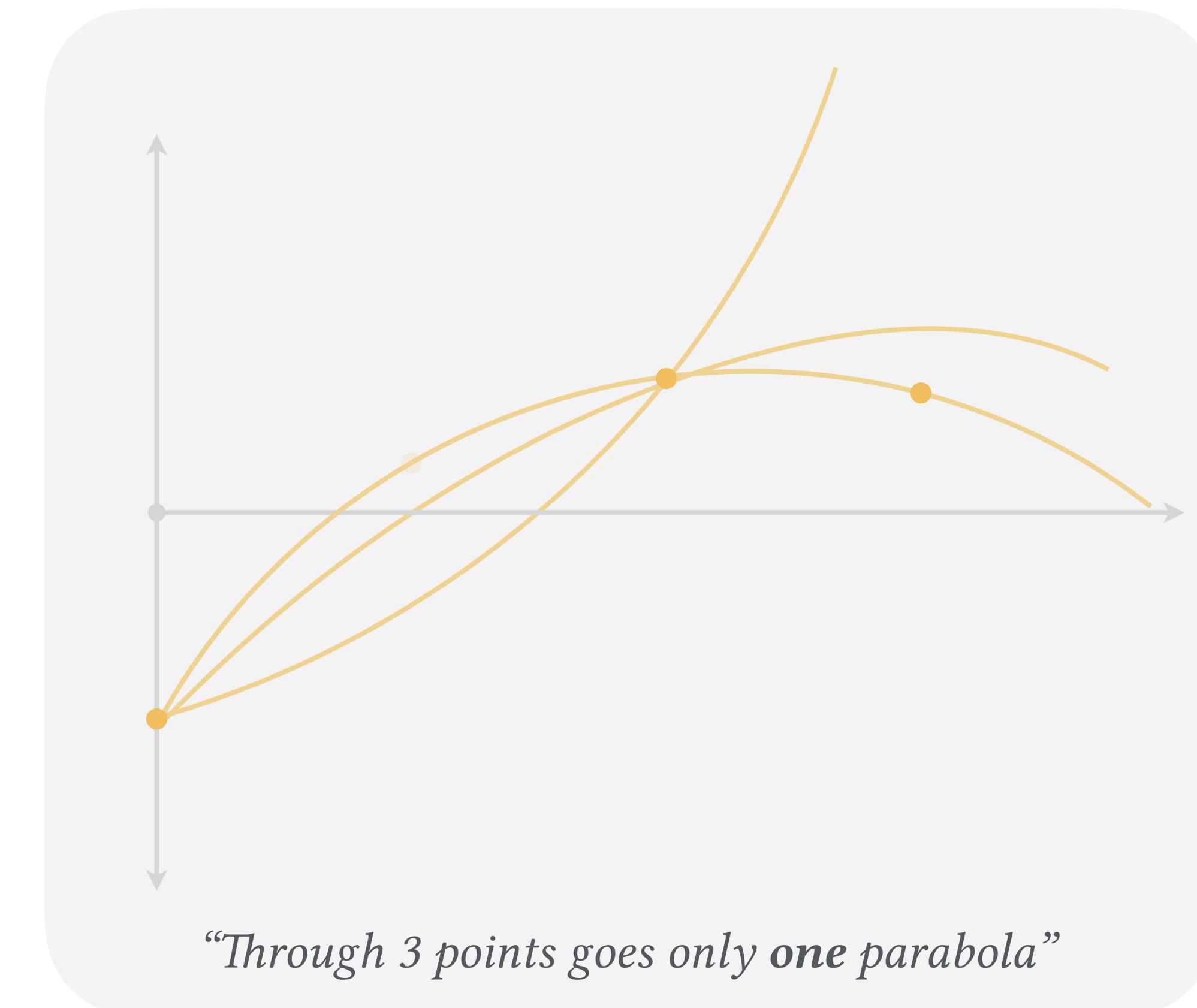


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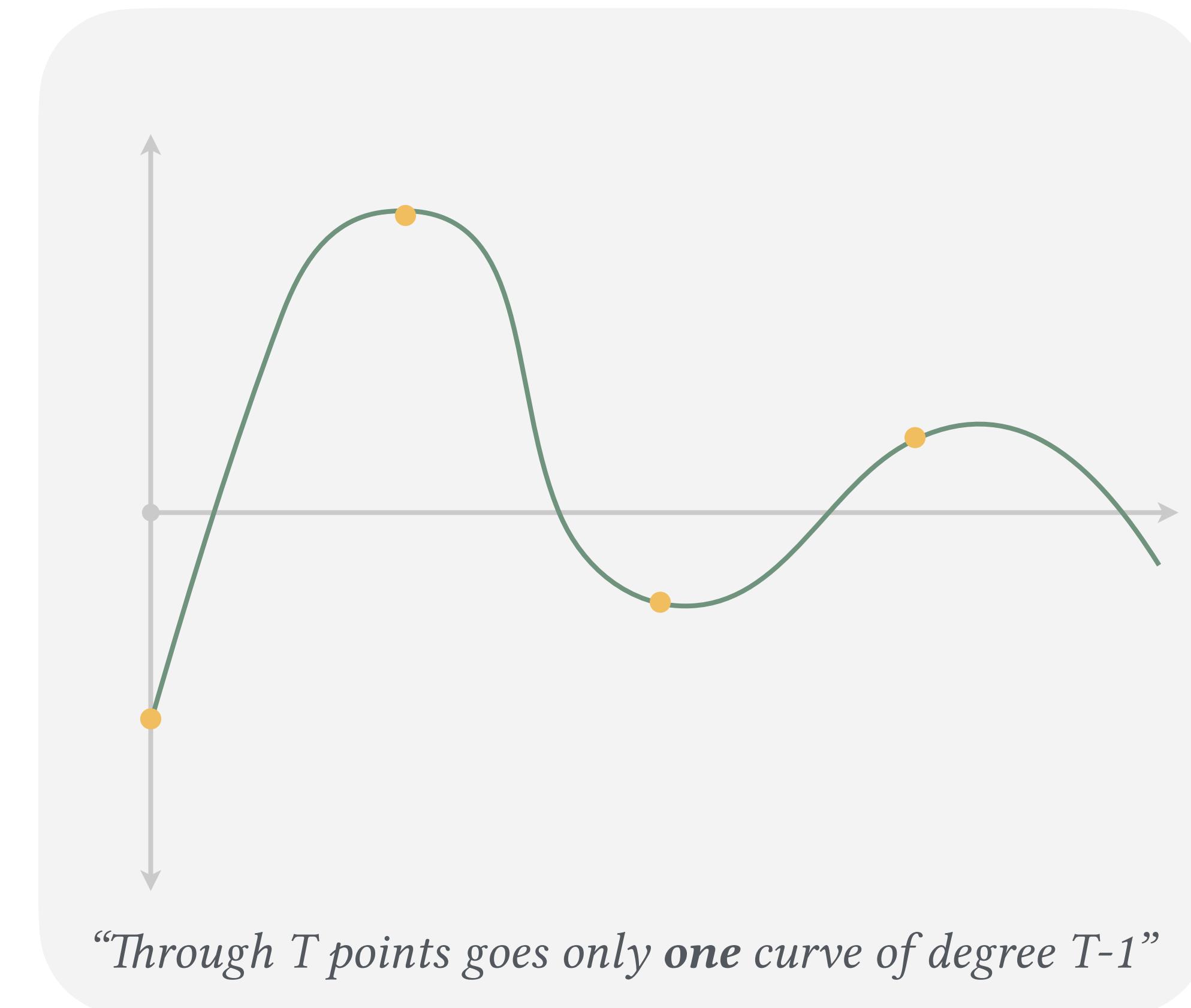
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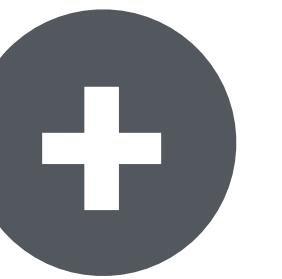
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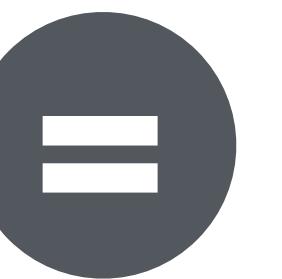
Reconstruction here is **linear**



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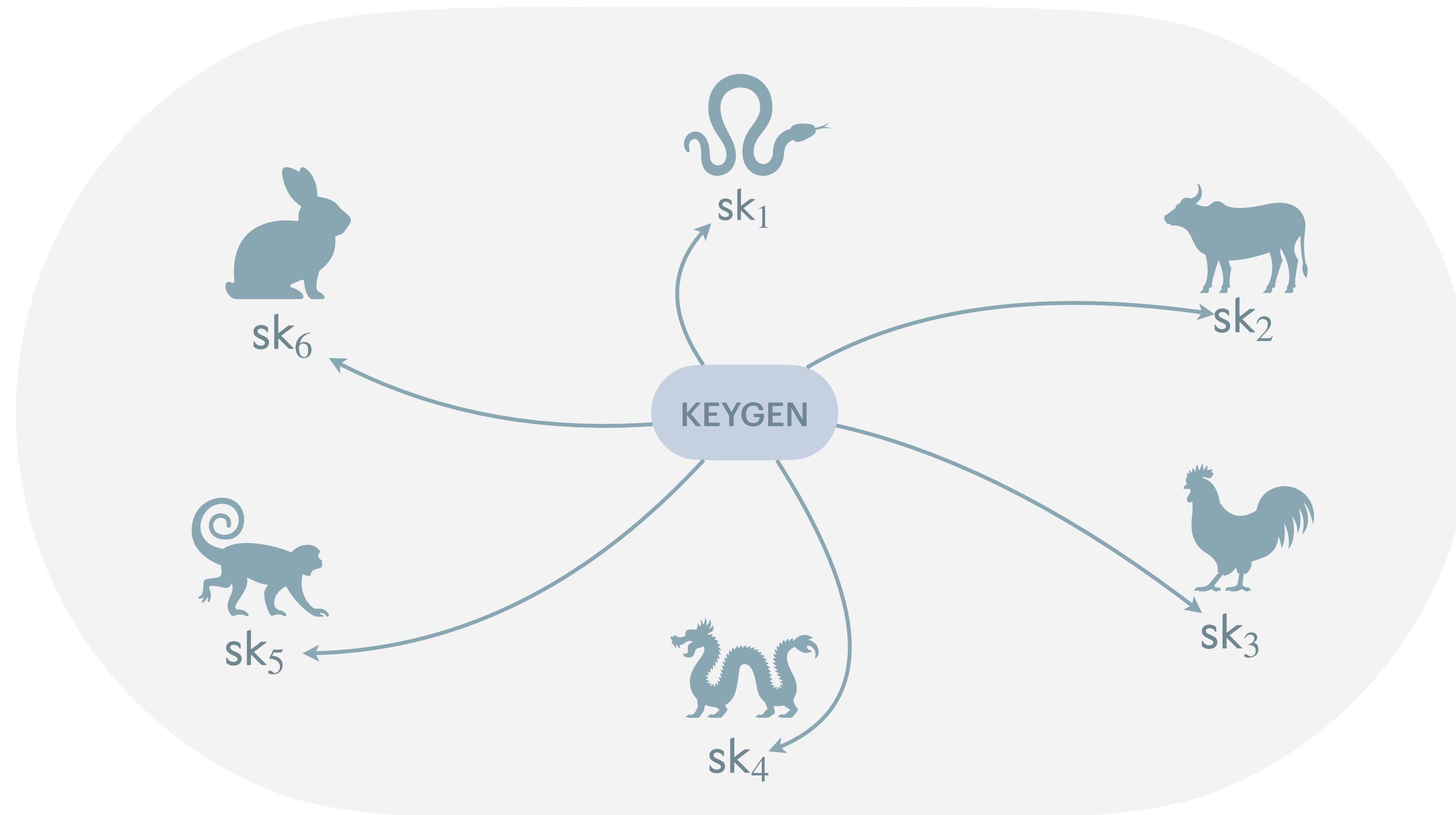
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BACK 
TO THE **THRESHOLD**

$$sk = L_1sk_1 + L_2sk_2 + L_5sk_5$$



$$\text{sk} = L_1\text{sk}_1 + L_2\text{sk}_2 + L_5\text{sk}_5$$

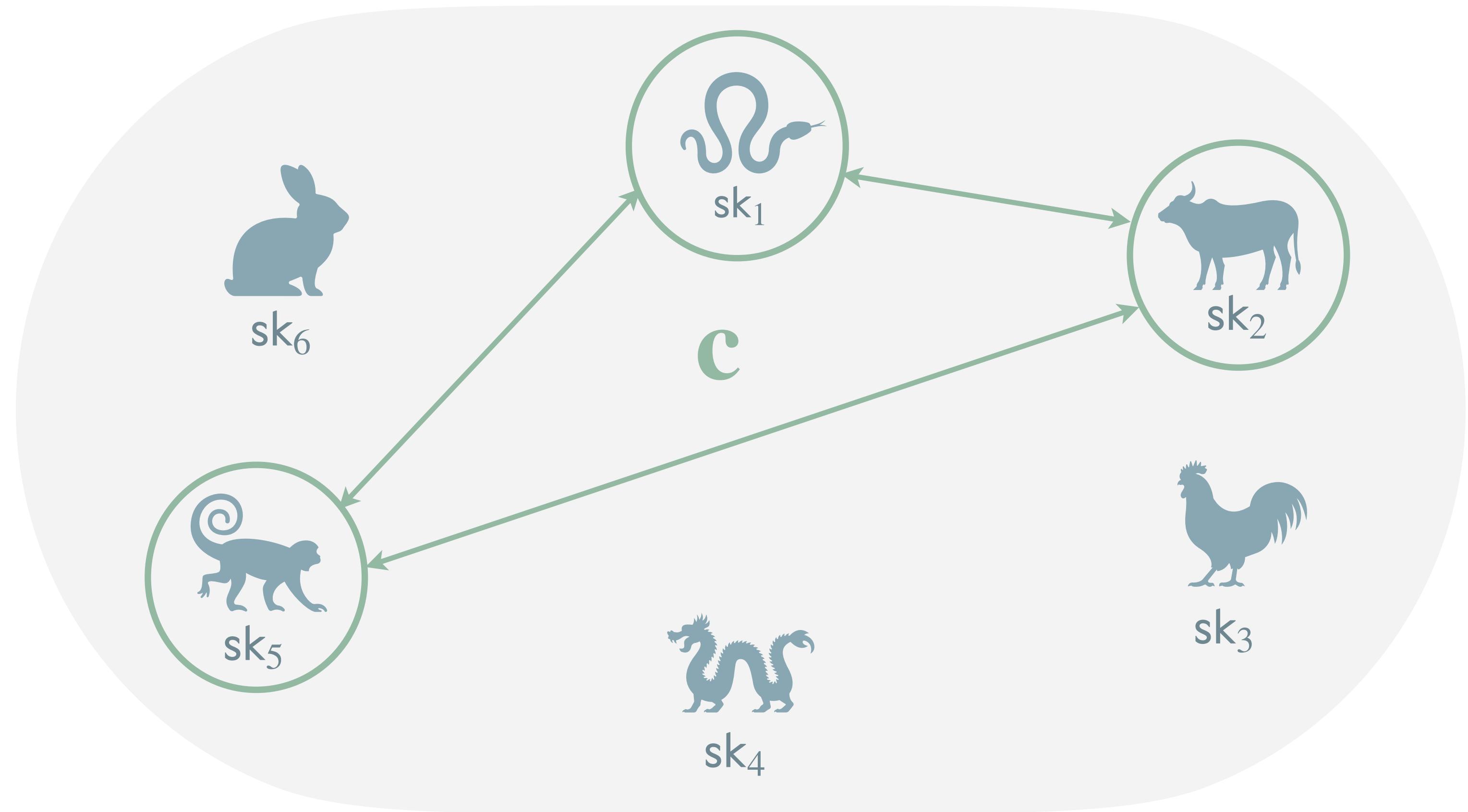


Verify

- $\mathbf{w}^* = A \cdot \mathbf{z} - \mathbf{c} \cdot \mathbf{vk}$
- Assert $\mathbf{c} = \text{Hash}(m, \mathbf{w}^*)$
- Assert \mathbf{z} short

1 - Agree on challenge \mathbf{c}

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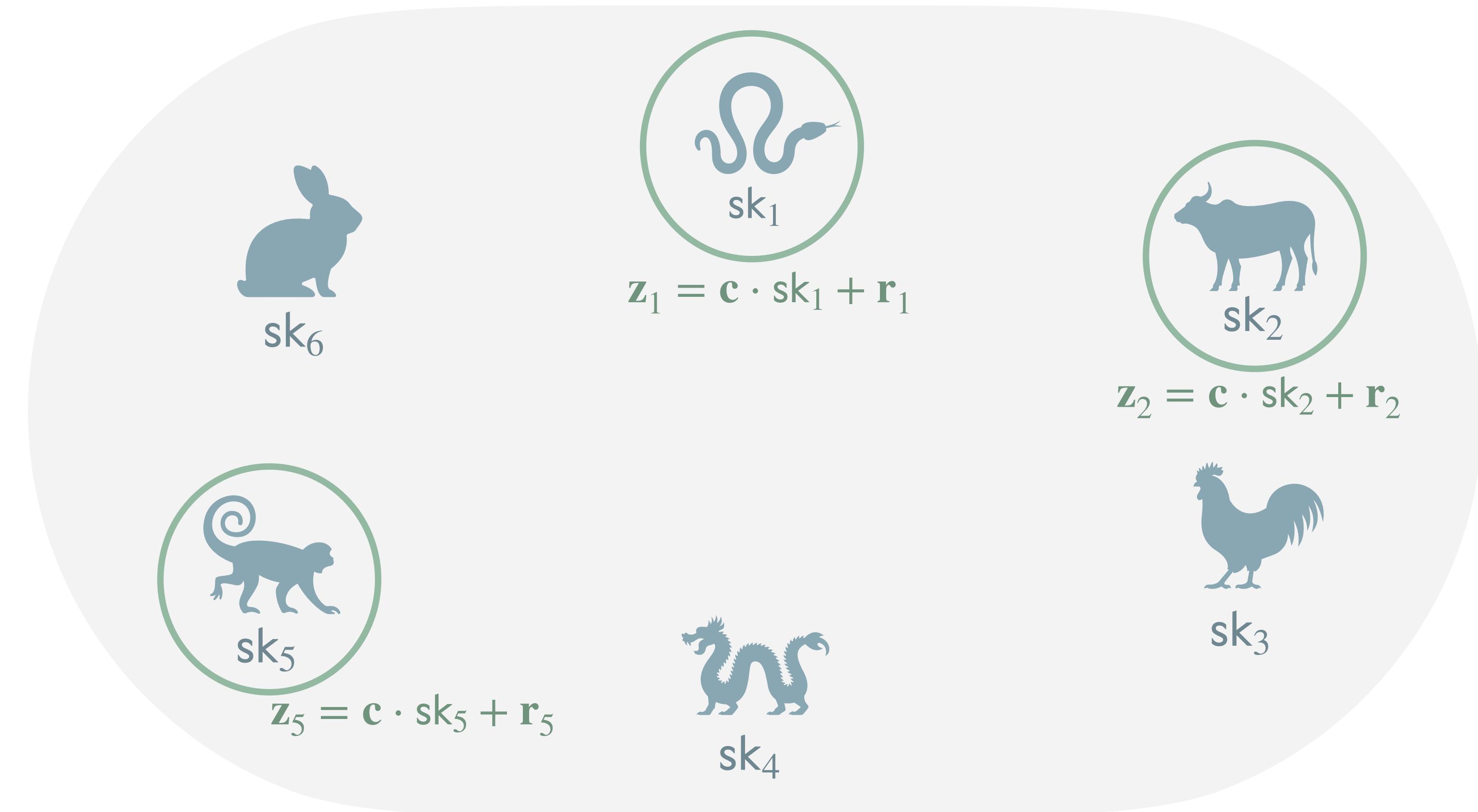
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$$\text{sk} = L_1\text{sk}_1 + L_2\text{sk}_2 + L_5\text{sk}_5$$

3 - Combine



Combine

Output $(\mathbf{c}, L_1\mathbf{z}_1 + L_2\mathbf{z}_2 + L_5\mathbf{z}_5)$

Verify

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and now what?



sk_6



sk_1

$$\mathbf{z}_1 = \mathbf{c} \cdot \text{sk}_1 + \mathbf{r}_1$$



sk_2

$$\mathbf{z}_2 = \mathbf{c} \cdot \text{sk}_2 + \mathbf{r}_2$$



sk_5

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sk_4



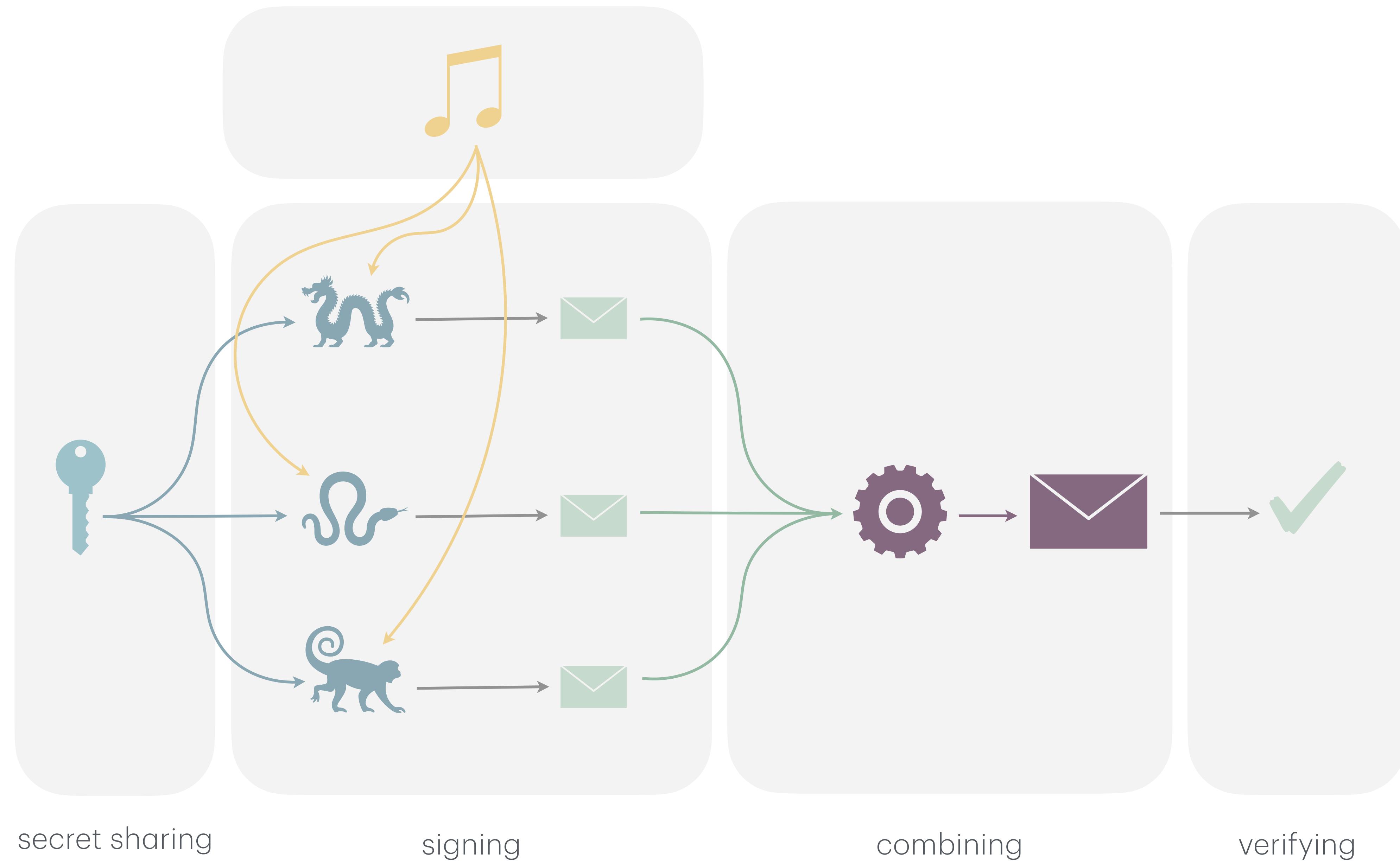
sk_3

$$\mathbf{z} = L_1 \mathbf{z}_1 + L_2 \mathbf{z}_2 + L_5 \mathbf{z}_5 = \mathbf{c} \cdot (L_1 \text{sk}_1 + L_2 \text{sk}_2 + L_5 \text{sk}_5) + (L_1 \mathbf{r}_1 + L_2 \mathbf{r}_2 + L_5 \mathbf{r}_5)$$

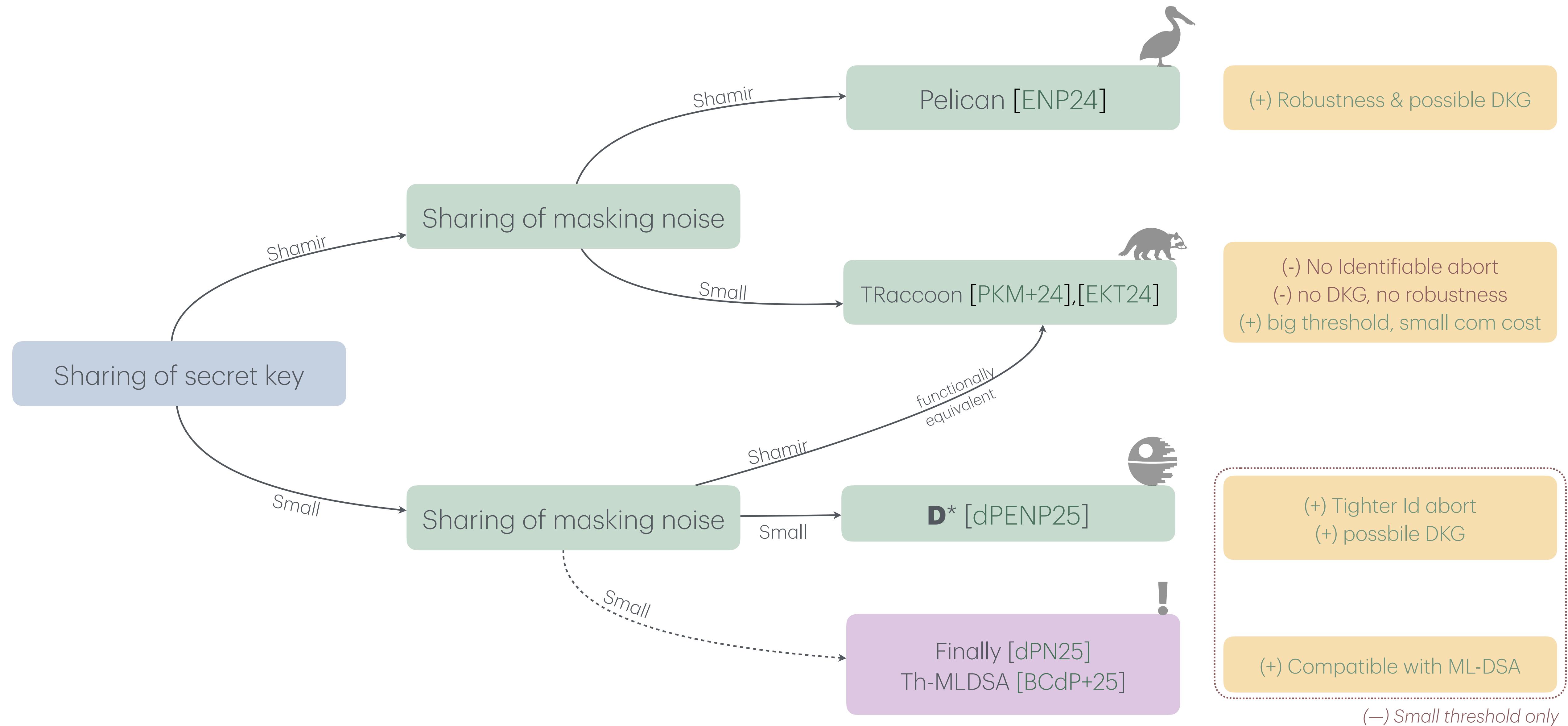
Secret sharing
of the secret

Secret sharing
of the noise

noise sharing



Going further... the big picture



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sk₃

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- Output c, z_1

Sign

- Sample a short r_2
- $w_2 = A \cdot r_2$
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- $z_2 = c \cdot sk_2 + r_2$
- Output c, z_2

Sign

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- $z_3 = c \cdot sk_3 + r_3$
- Output c, z_3

PartialVerify

- $w^* = A \cdot z_1 - c \cdot vk_1$
- Assert $c = \text{Hash}(m, w^*)$
- Assert z_1 short

Combine

- Output $(c, z_1 + z_2 + z_3)$

PartialVerify

- $w^* = A \cdot z_3 - c \cdot vk_3$
- Assert $c = \text{Hash}(m, w^*)$
- Assert z_3 short

Verify

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- Assert z short

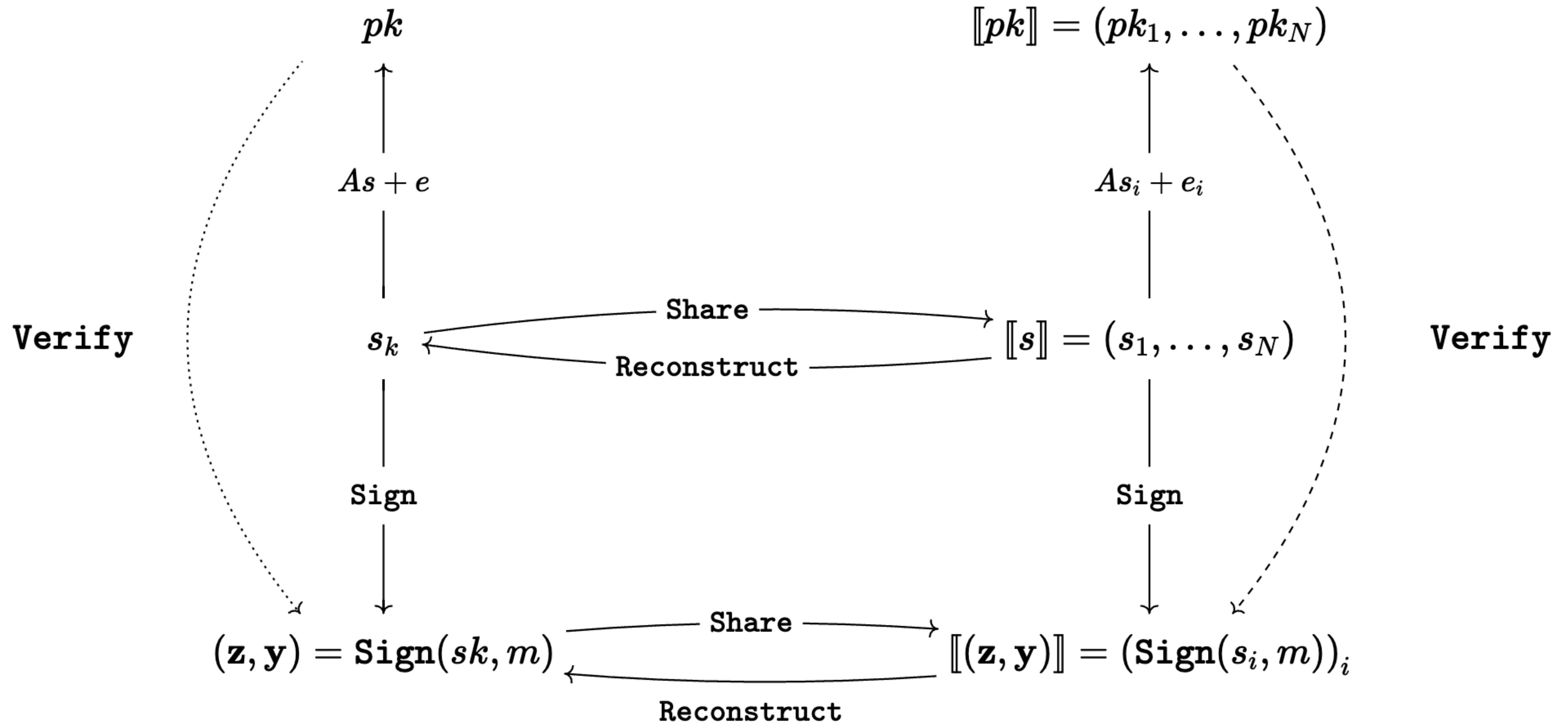
What is happening here?

share of signature = signature of share

required assumption on dkg/key sharing

- ⇒ all users have generated and distributed/exchanged keys securely.
- ⇒ their secret keys and their reconstruction coefficients are short

Achievable by *ramp secret sharing / distributed secret sharing* techniques



Short look at the norm verification

$\text{sig} = (c, \mathbf{z})$ where $\mathbf{z} = \sum_i \mathbf{z}_i$

$$\|\mathbf{z}\|^2 = \sum_i \|\mathbf{z}_i\|^2 + \sum_{i \neq j} \langle \mathbf{z}_i, \mathbf{z}_j \rangle$$

$\leq B_{part}^2$ thanks to PartialVerify

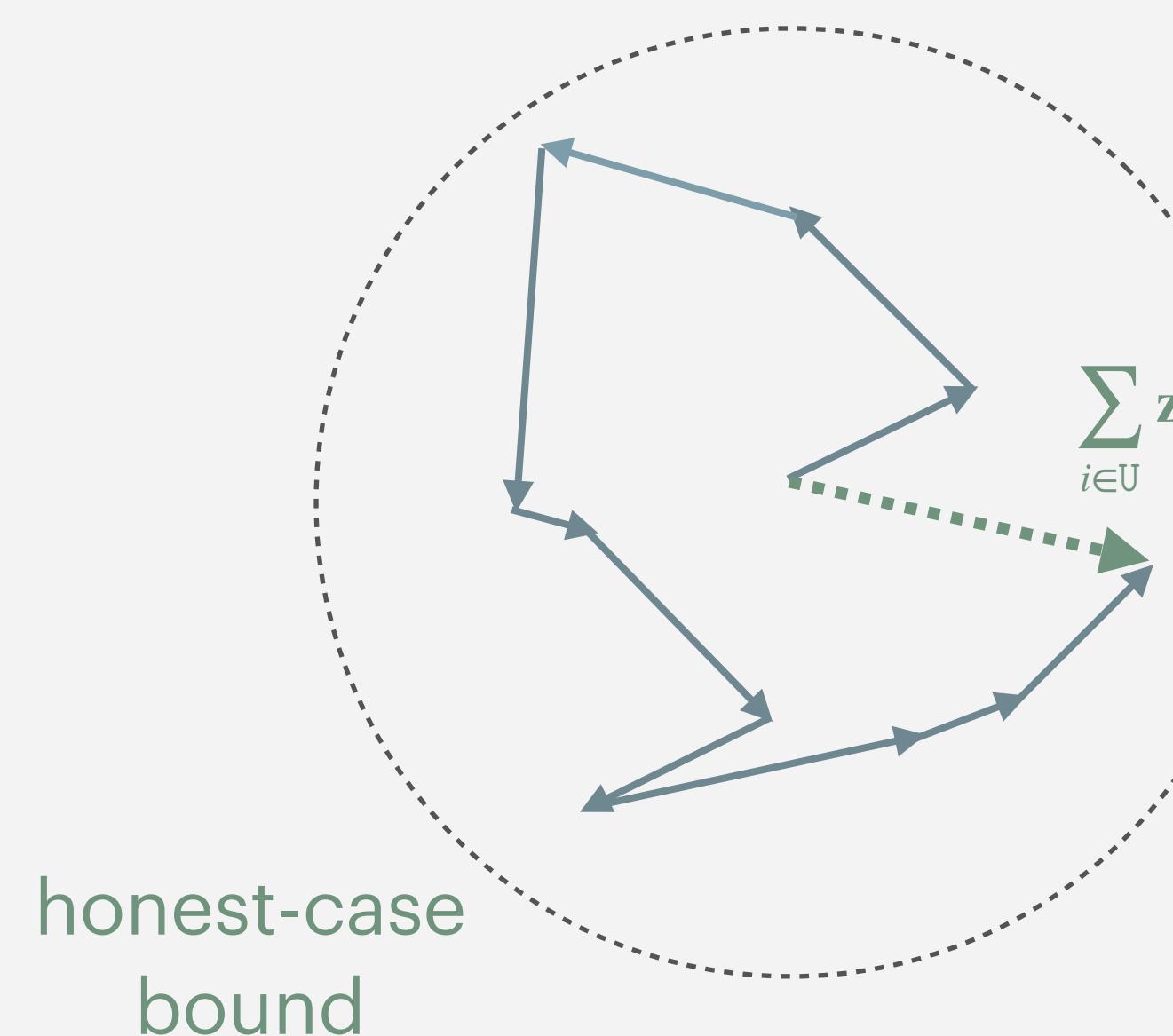
(\approx fully honest case)

Can not assume \mathbf{z}_i 's are Gaussians (=honest).
This corresponds to malicious users could align their \mathbf{z}_i 's.
(what SIS bound must cover)

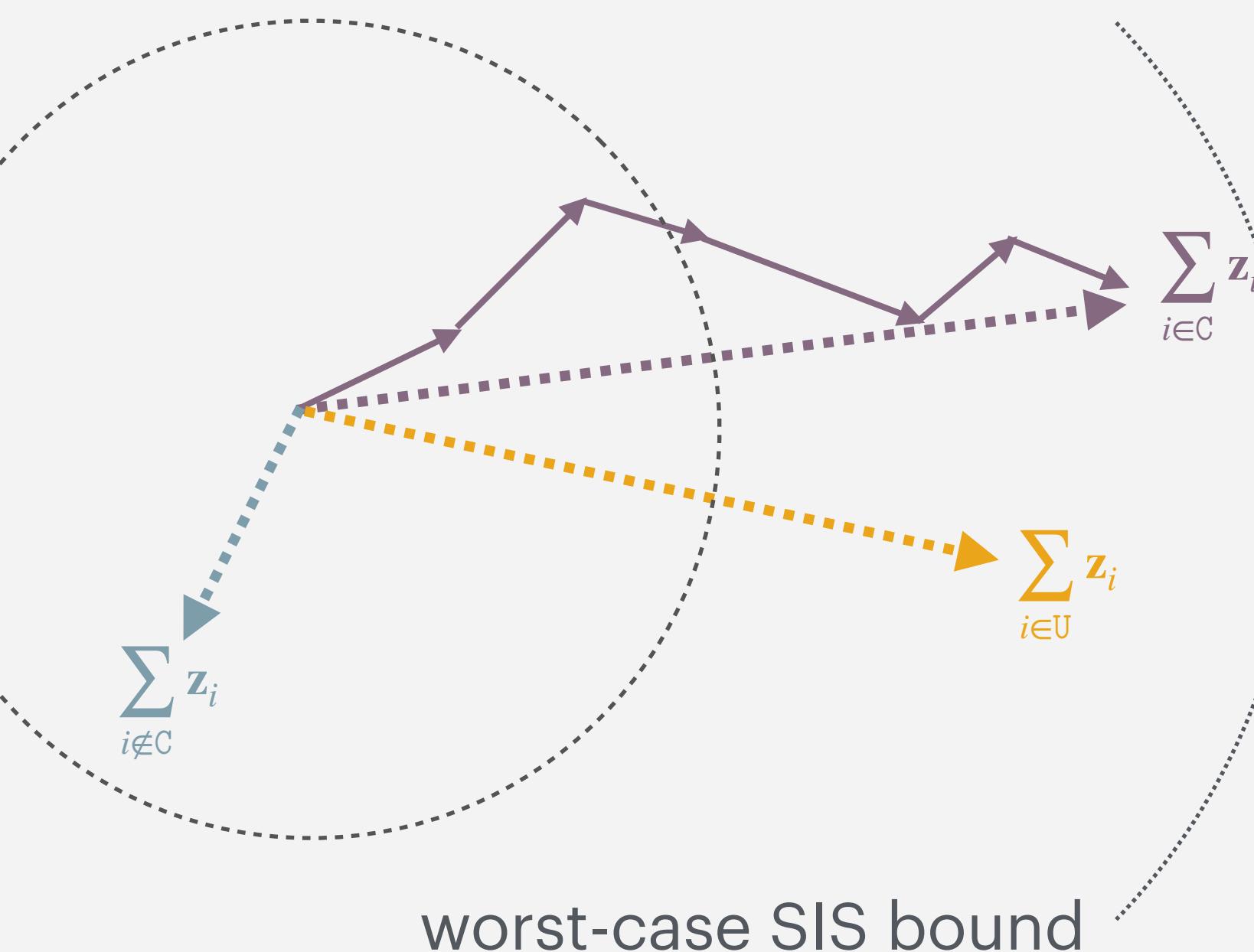
How malicious users can break it

idea: a subset C of malicious users collude >> can pass PartialVerify, but fail the global one

Honest case: small Gaussian vectors

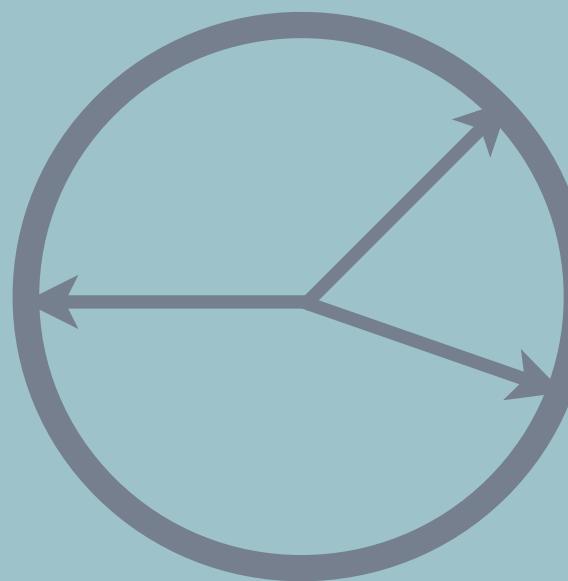


Corrupted case: somewhat aligned vectors



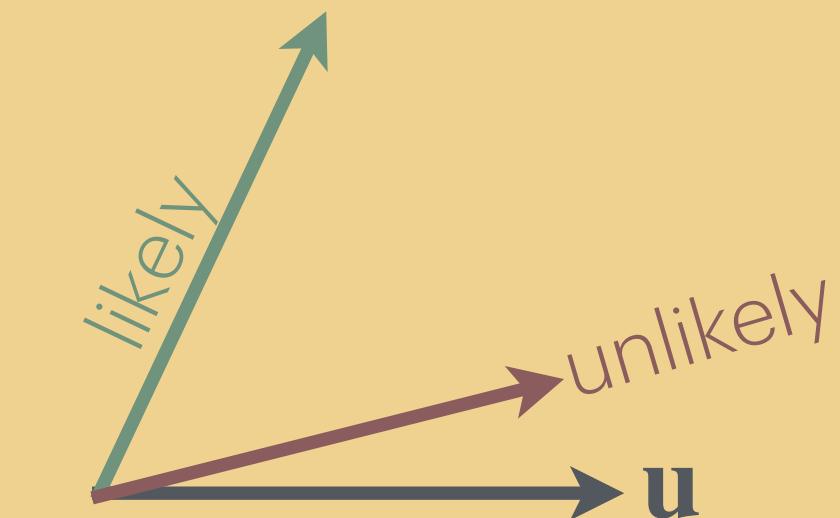
What can we say about honest vectors?

Gaussian vectors are in a narrow *spherical crust*.



$\Rightarrow \|\mathbf{z}\| \in \sigma\sqrt{n} \cdot [1 - \delta, 1 + \delta]$ with overwhelming probability.

direction of a Gaussian is uniformly distributed.

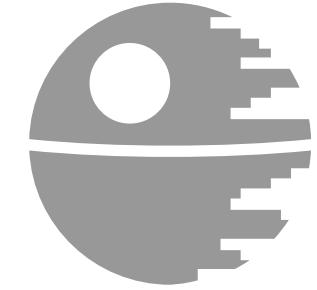


$\Rightarrow \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{z} \leftarrow \mathcal{D}_\sigma} [\langle \mathbf{z}, \mathbf{u} \rangle \geq \sigma\sqrt{\ell}] \leq 2^{-\Omega(\ell)}$
for any unit vector \mathbf{u}

honest signatures : $\|\mathbf{z}_i\| \approx O(\sigma\sqrt{n})$ and $\left\| \sum_{\mathbf{U}} \mathbf{z}_i \right\| \approx O(\sigma\sqrt{Nn})$

vector correlating too much with the final signature is likely to be corrupted

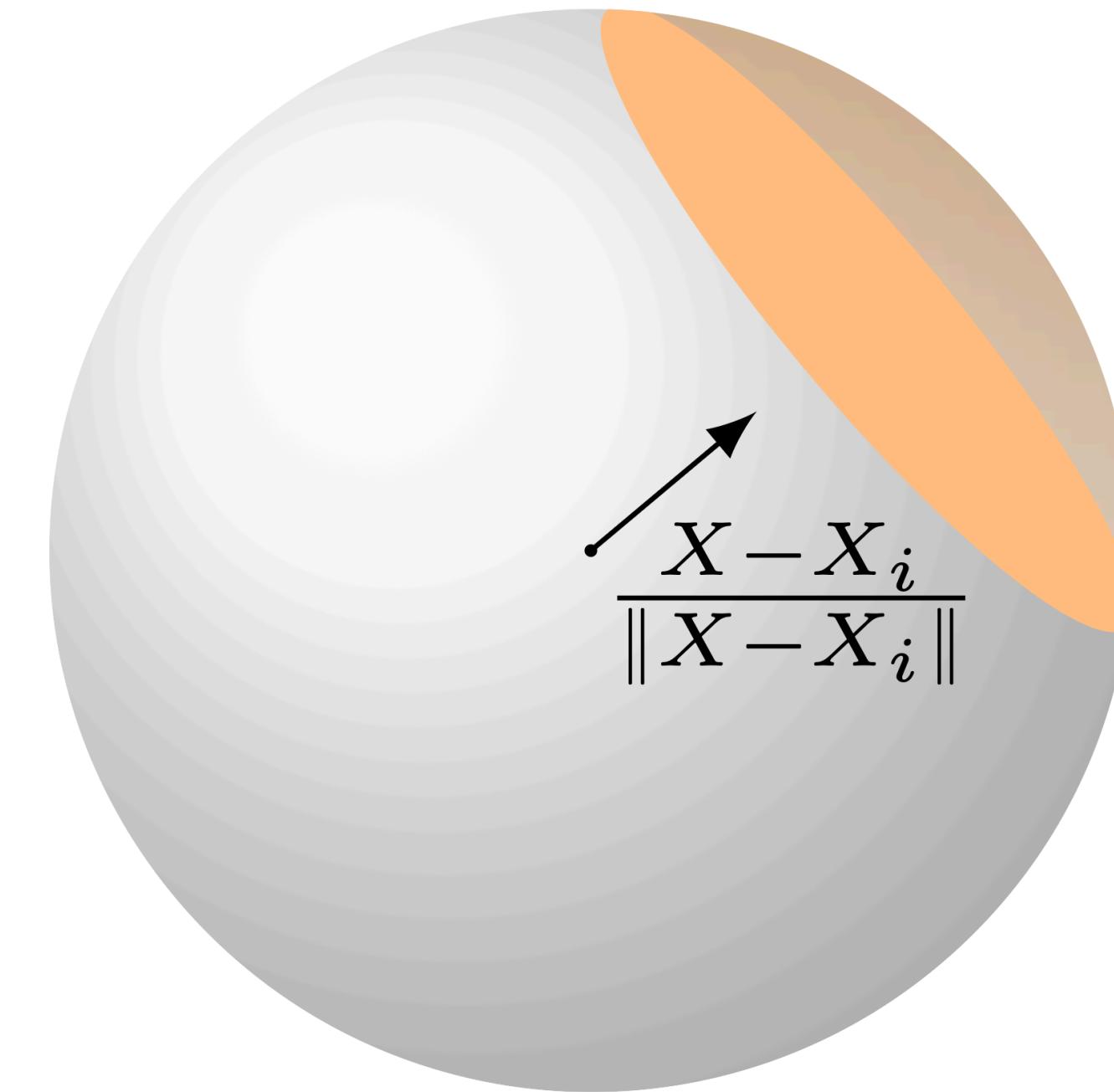
The D* test



$$N\sigma\sqrt{n} \cdot (1 + o(1)) \longrightarrow N\sigma\sqrt{\rho n} \cdot (1 + o(1))$$

D* identifier

1. $\text{traitors} = \emptyset$
2. For $i \in U$
 - If $\|\mathbf{z}_i\| > (1 + \delta)\sigma\sqrt{n}$, put user i in traitors
 - Else if $\frac{\langle \mathbf{z}_i, \mathbf{z} - \mathbf{z}_i \rangle}{\|\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{z}_i\|} > \sigma\sqrt{\ell}$, put user i in traitors
3. Return traitors.



get 10-20 bits of security — *for free*

Beyond Raccoon : back to rejection sampling

signatures are too big for passing MLDSA verify → add *rejection*

motto : “reject until the distribution of signatures is small enough ”

no free lunch: the further away my starting distribution is, the more reject I have to do.

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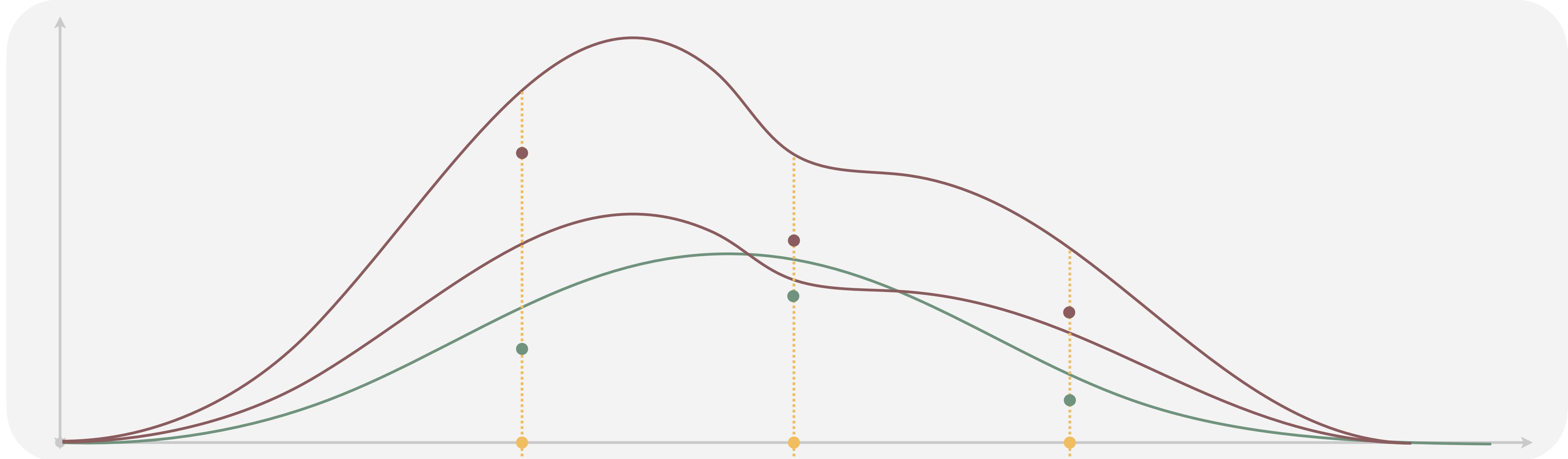
Rejection sampling

- $\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{r}$
- $b \leftarrow \mathcal{B}\left(\max\left(\frac{\chi_{\mathbf{z}}(\mathbf{z})}{M\chi_{\mathbf{r}}(\mathbf{r})}, 1\right)\right)$
- If $b = 0$ then $\mathbf{z} = \perp$
- Return \mathbf{z}

Start from \mathbf{v} , add mask $\mathbf{r} \sim \chi_{\mathbf{r}}$ targeting $\chi_{\mathbf{z}}$

$$\text{Rej}(\mathbf{v}, \chi_{\mathbf{r}}, \chi_{\mathbf{z}}, M) \sim (\chi_{\mathbf{z}} | \mathcal{B}(1/M))$$

→ distribution of \mathbf{z} is *independent* of the secret value \mathbf{v}



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Combine

- Output $(c, z_1 + z_2 + z_3)$

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- if $z_1 + z_2 + z_3$ too large, reject
- Output $(c, z_1 + z_2 + z_3)$

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signatures are too big for passing MLDSA verify → add *rejection*

⇒ Needs to carefully control the parameters of the rejection

✓ Works !

✗ Can't scale beyond 6 users with the current technology

Quantitatively : ThMLDSA

Needs a few more tricks to get under MLDSA verification

- Unbalanced rejection sampling on hyperballs
- Parallel repetitions

scales ... quite badly
But ... is *compatible* with the standard ML-DSA !

- 1st round can be done offline (independent of the message)
- An existing MLDSA key can be shared (amounts to sample a sharing of zero)
- *Compatible* but not *indistinguishable* : the distribution of signature is not the same same as the original MLDSA

Communication cost for Th-MLDSA at N parties with threshold T

N \ T	2	3	4	5	6
2	10.5 kB				
3	15.8 kB	21.0 kB			
4	15.8 kB	36.8 kB	42.0 kB		
5	15.8 kB	73.5 kB	157.4 kB	84.0 kB	
6	21.0 kB	99.8 kB	388.4 kB	524.8 kB	194.2 kB

Timing for Th-MLDSA on a MacBook M3

(T, N)	KeyGen (ms)	Sign+Combine (ms)	Verify (ms)
Threshold ML-DSA			
(3,3)	0.3669		0.6810
(2,4)	0.1709	0.4570	
(3,4)	0.2062	1.0961	
(4,4)	0.1655	1.3672	
(3,5)	0.2870	2.2263	0.0306
(4,5)	0.2940	4.9832	
(5,5)	0.1956	2.8453	
(4,6)	0.5016	12.1949	
(6,6)	0.2181	7.6784	