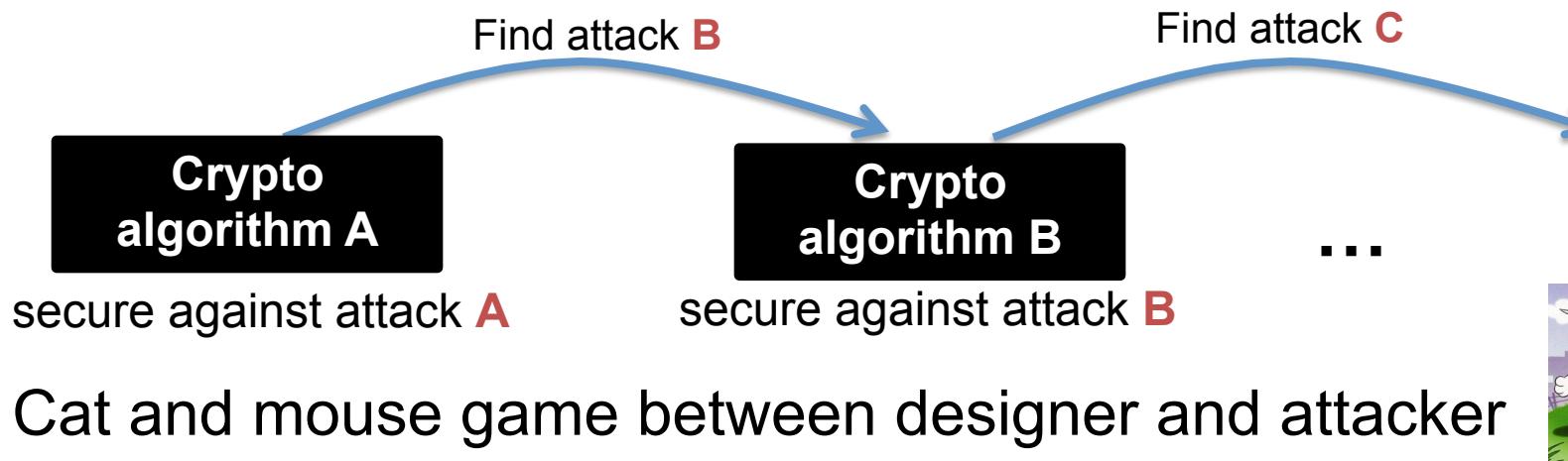


Leakage Resilient Masking Schemes

Sebastian Faust
Ruhr University Bochum

Modern cryptography

Until 1970s: Design crypto algorithm secure against **one** attack

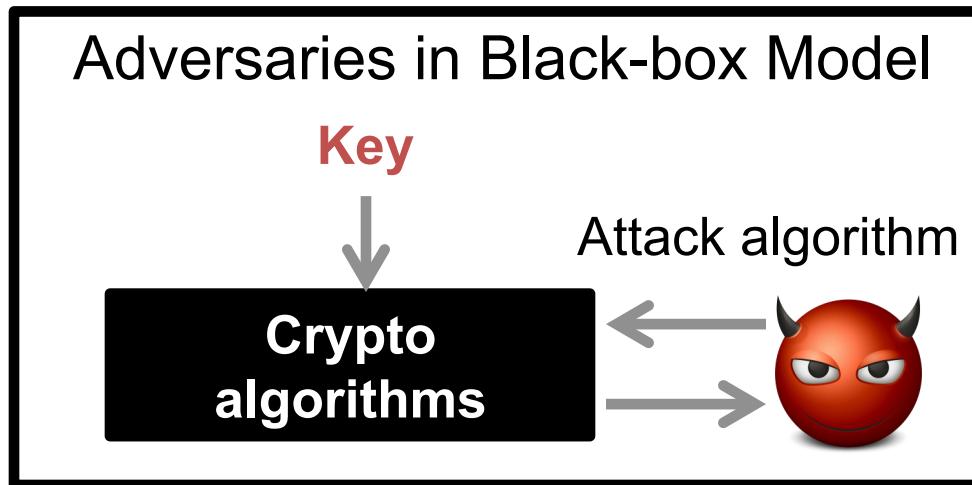


Modern crypto: Stop cat-and-mouse game



Secure against **all** attacks within a **model**

Black-box Model

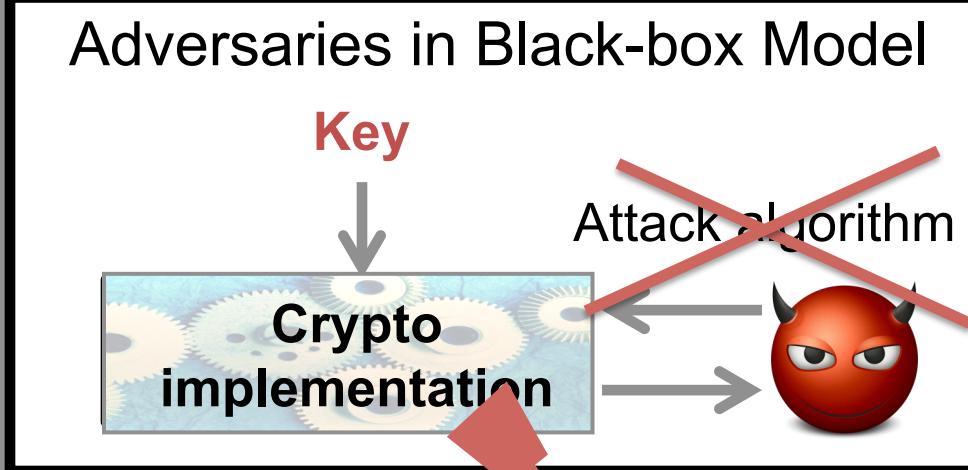


Provable secure in black-box model \approx unbreakable?

No! Crypto implementations get broken



Smart Cards broken by side-channel attacks
Much more efficient than traditional attacks on
the algorithm

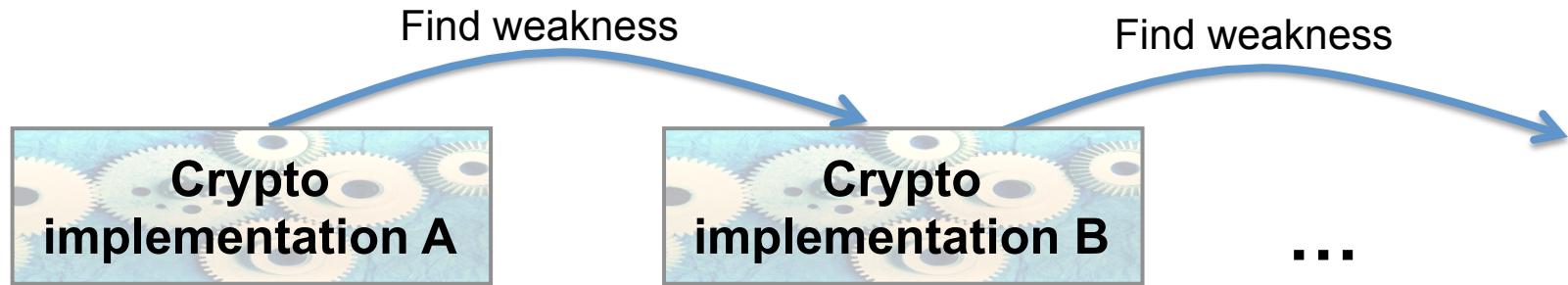


Side-channel
attacks

Weaknesses outside of Black-box Model

The Problem

Cat and mouse game at implementation level



Goal of leakage resilient crypto

Extend the Black-box model

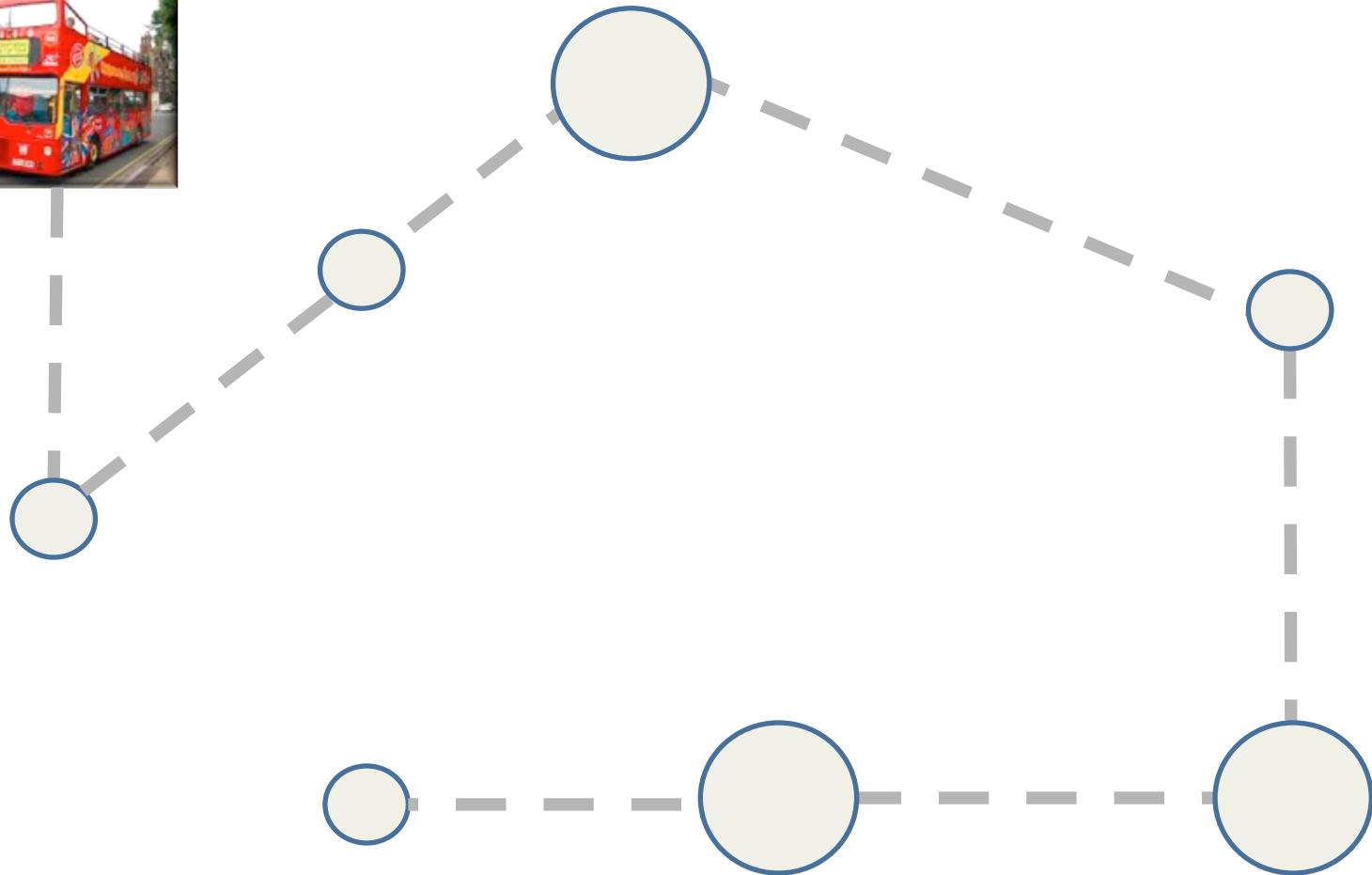


Design algorithms with better security at implementation-level

Rest of this talk:

Example for using proofs to design better countermeasures

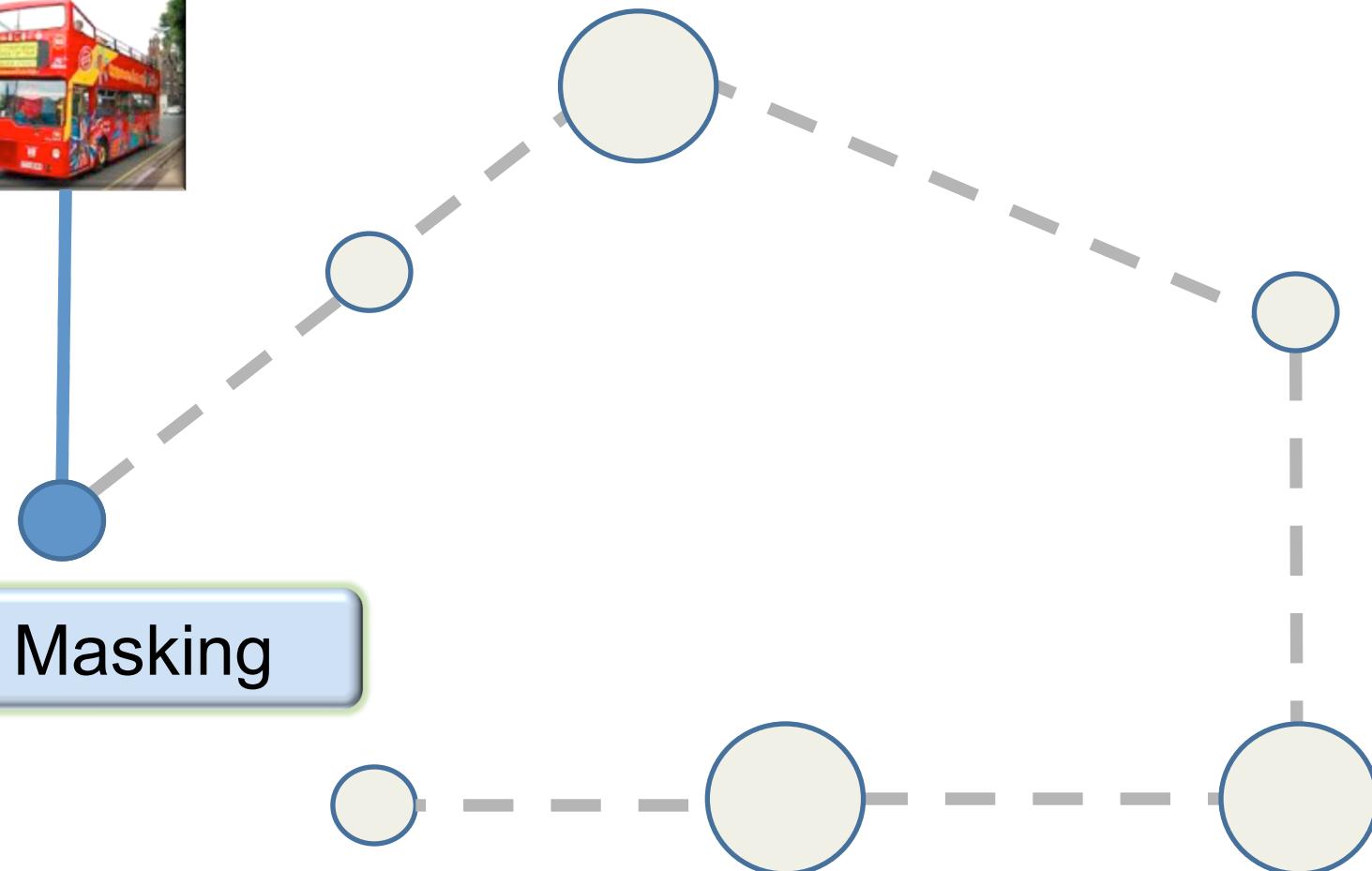
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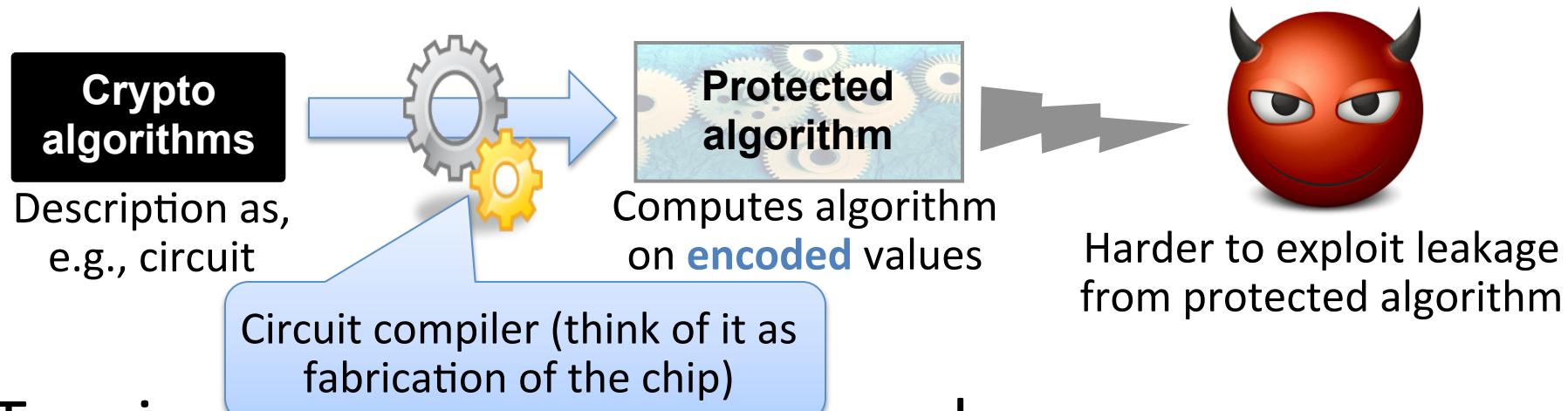


Masking



Important countermeasure

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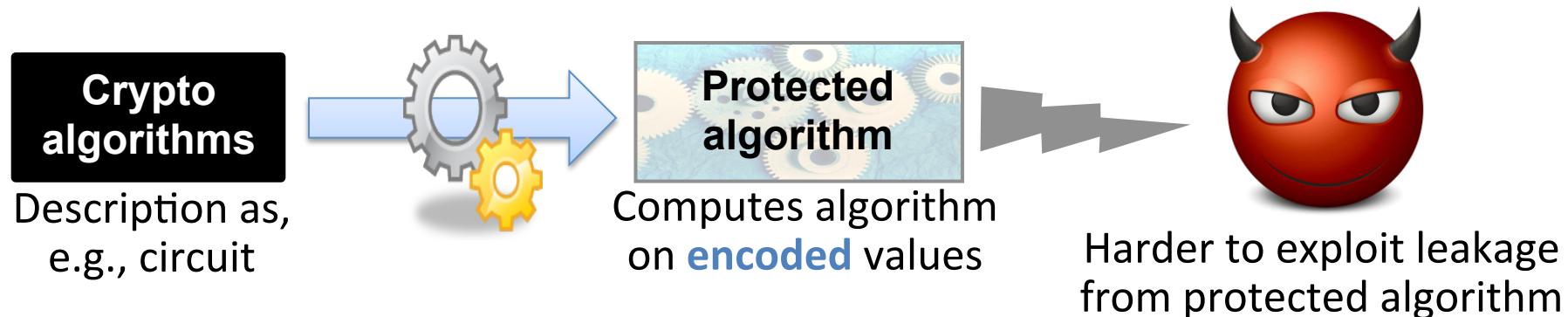
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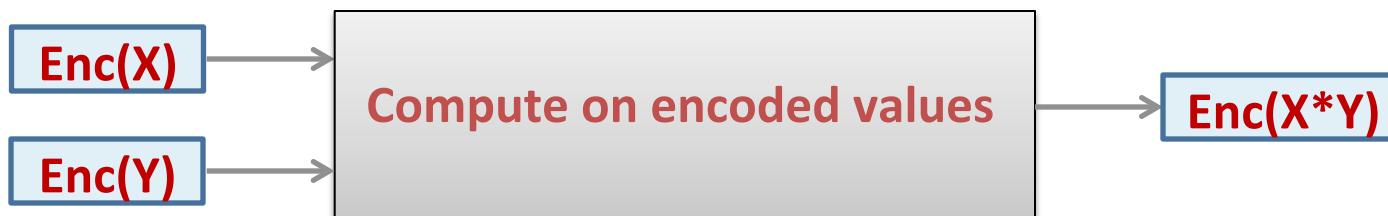
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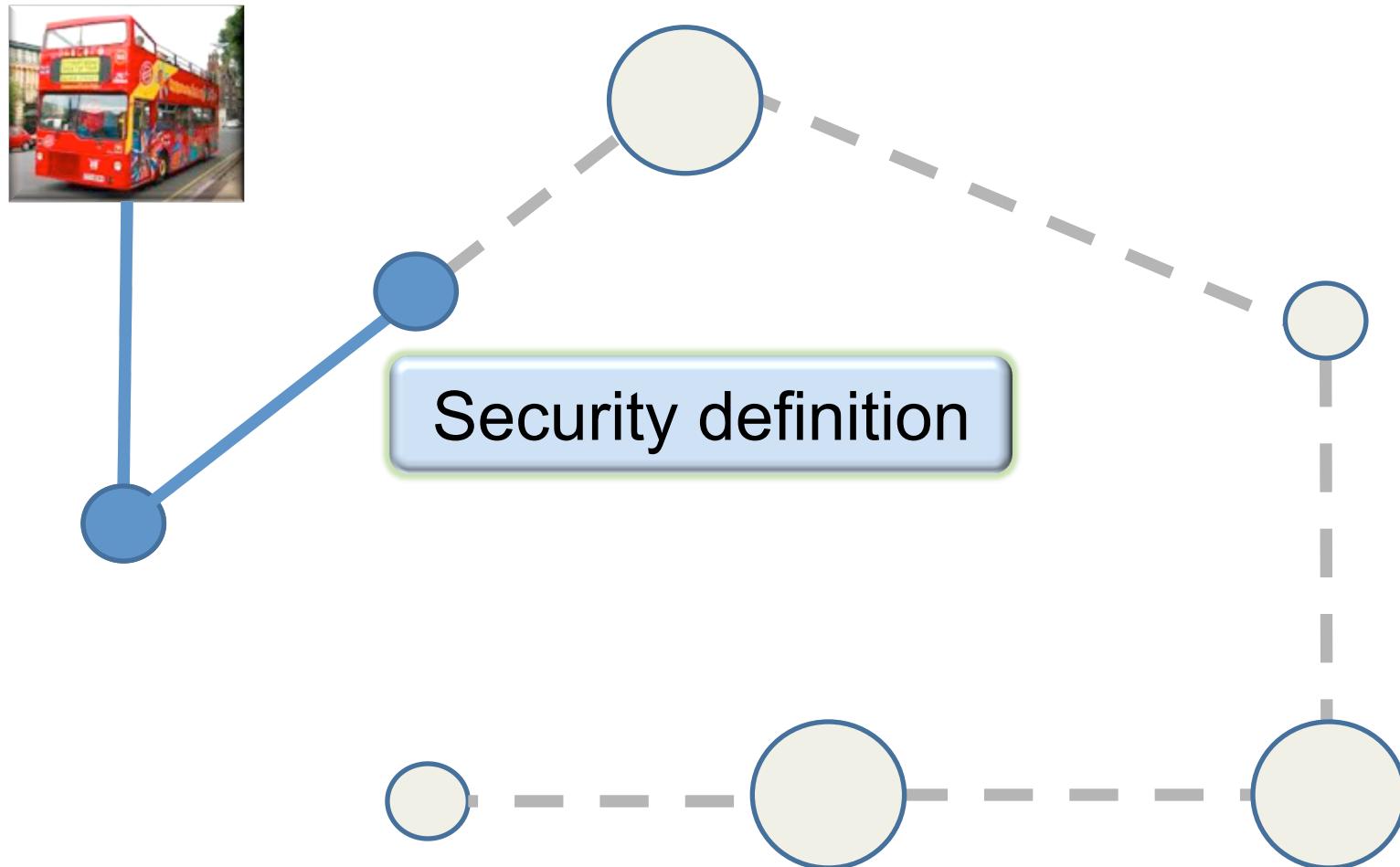


Two ingredients of a masking scheme

- + Robust encoding function
- + Operations computing with encoded values



Masking countermeasure



What does security mean?

Adversary learns no more than by black-box access

In other words: leakage is „useless“ to the adversary

Ideal:

Crypto

Real:

Protected
algorithm

What function can the
leakage f be?



X, f

$Y, f(state)$

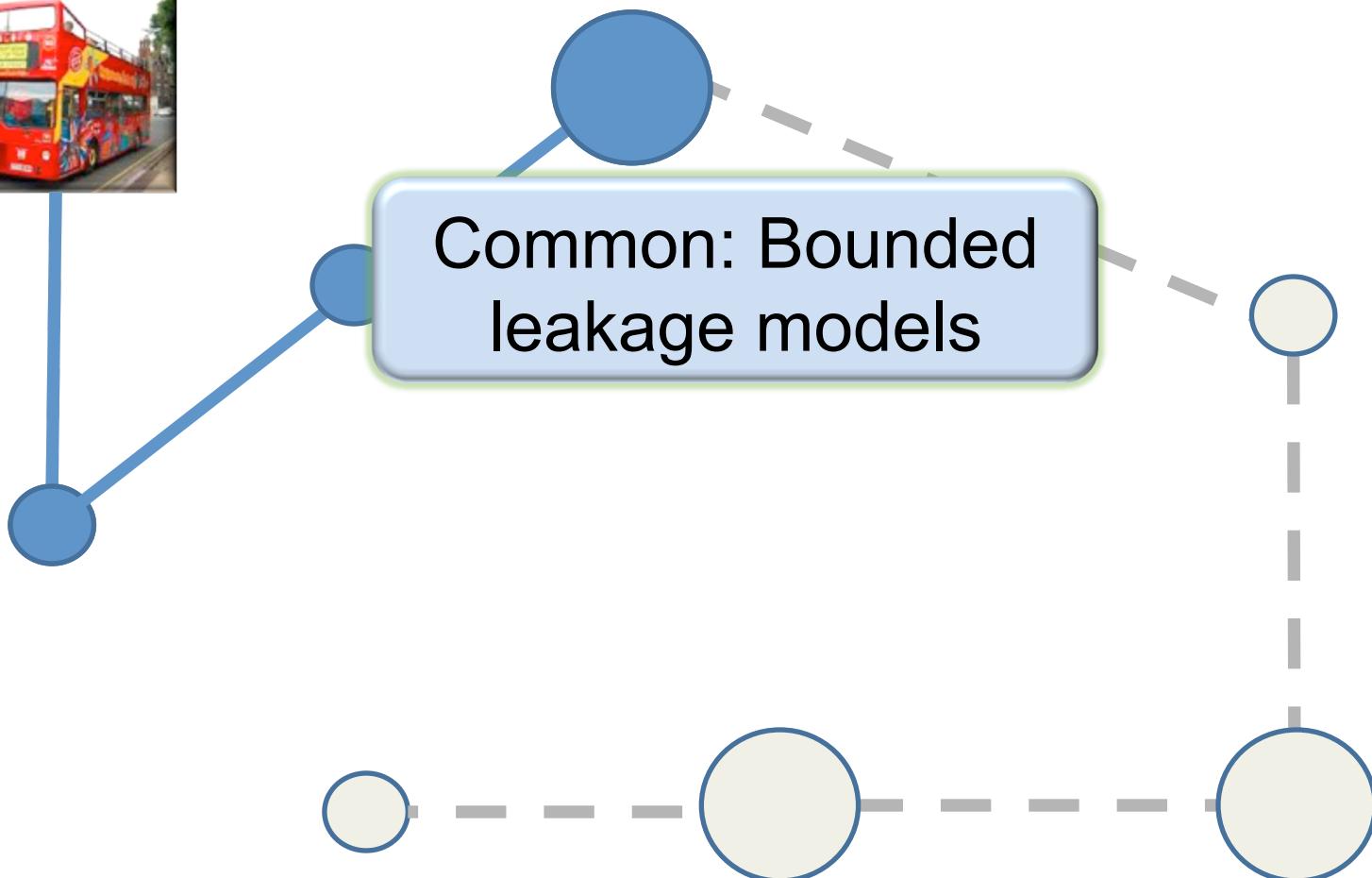
Continuous leakage: many observations are possible

What does it mean?

For unbounded adversary: $\text{MI}(\text{Key} ; f(.), \dots f(.)) < \text{negl}$

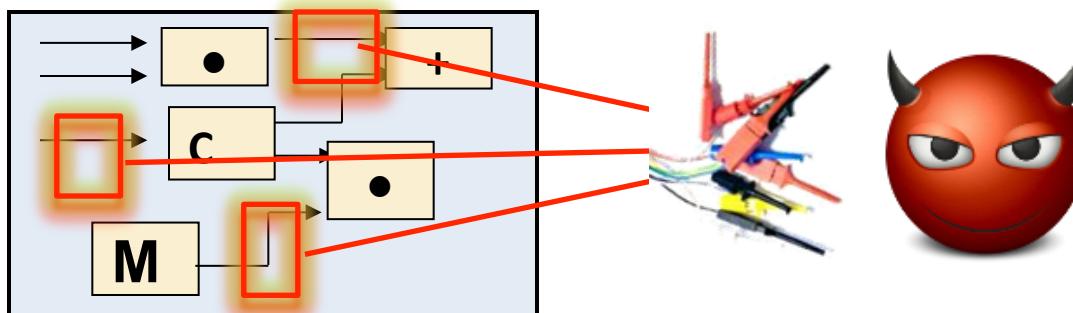
Even more: It is as secure as in the black-box world!

Masking countermeasure



n -Probing adversary [ISW03]*

Adversary gets t intermediate values of computation
→ $L = \{ \text{values on } t \text{ adversarial chosen wires} \}$



t -probing attack formalization of t -variate attacks

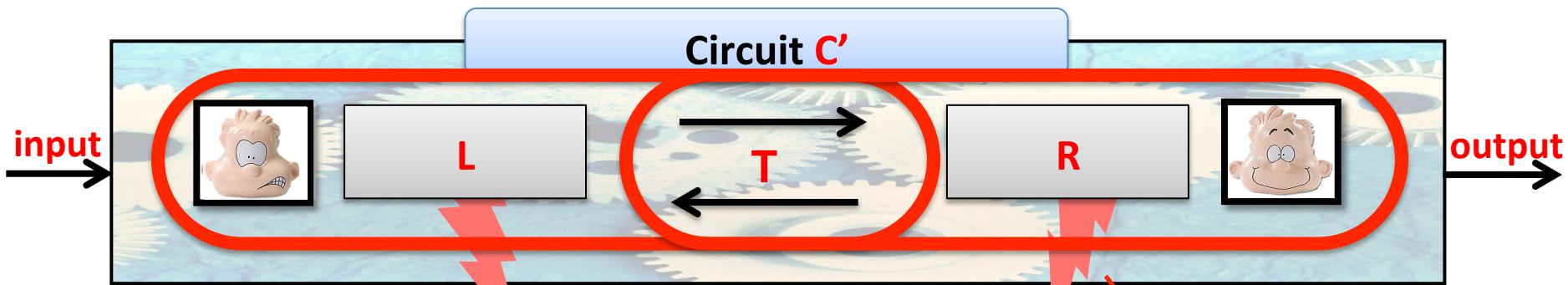


Basic ingredient: Boolean masking

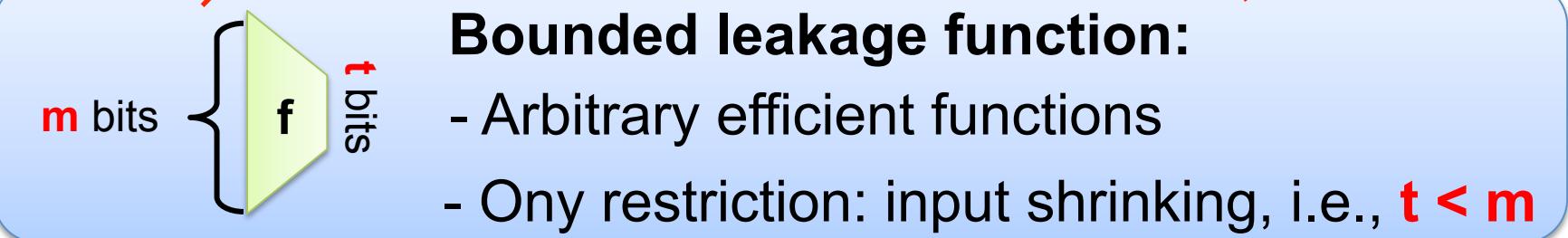
$$K \xrightarrow{\text{Encode}} K := (K_1 \dots K_n) \text{ s.t. } K = K_1 + \dots + K_n$$

Drawback: leakage oblivious of many wires!

Bounded independent leakages [DF12]*



Processors can communicate with each other –
Think of it as a 2-party protocol!

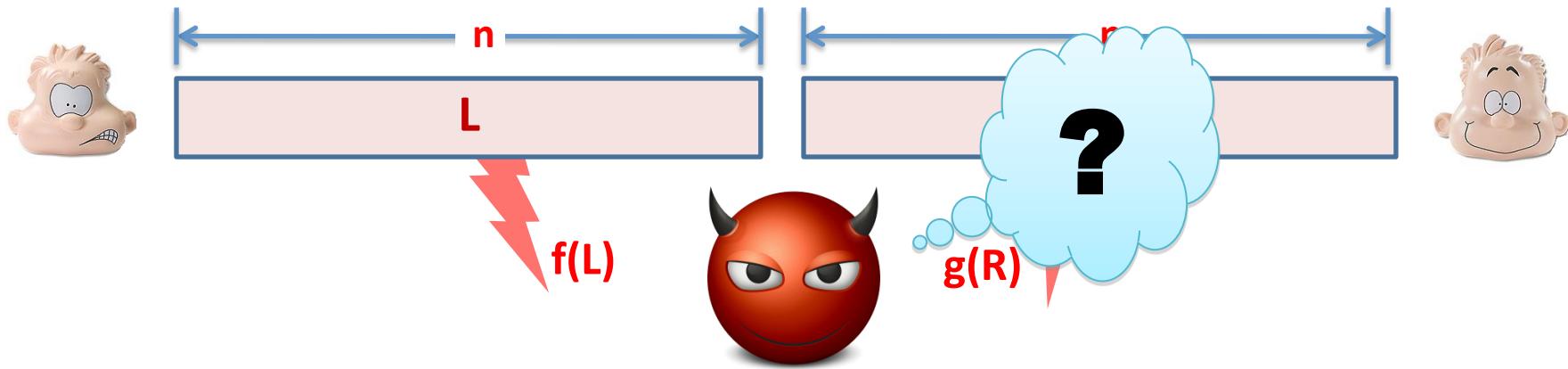


Realistic? Includes many functions, e.g. weighted sums

Additive masking? Insecure: learn parities of **L** & **R**

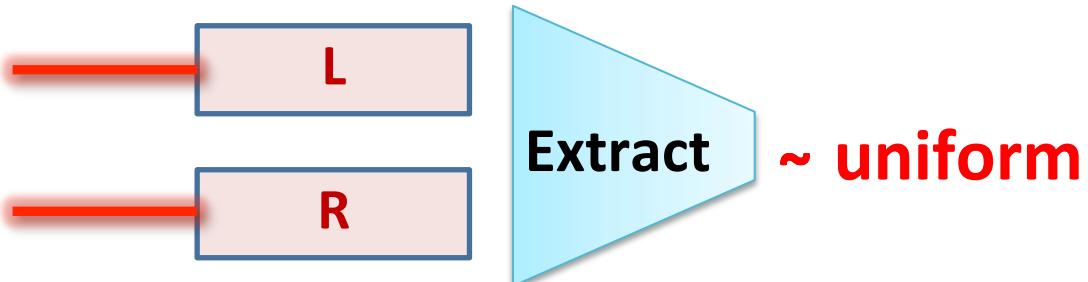
Inner Product Masking

Sample L, R uniformly in $\{0,1\}^n$ s.t. $S = \langle L, R \rangle = \sum L_i * R_i$ and store parts separately on two processors



Thm [DDV10]*: if leakage is bounded in **total** to t bits then adversary learns nothing about S

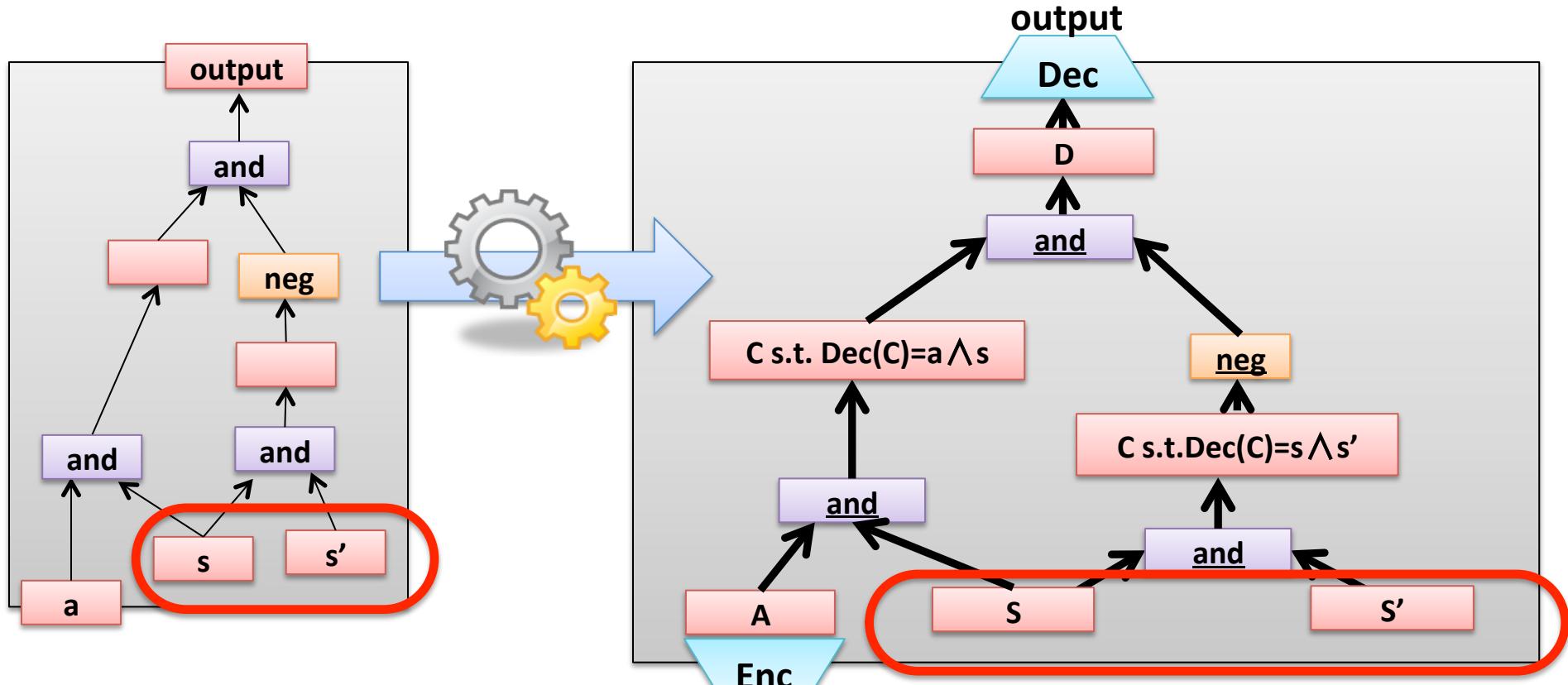
High min-entropy and independent sources



We know how to encode!

Next: How to compute!

High level idea of compiler



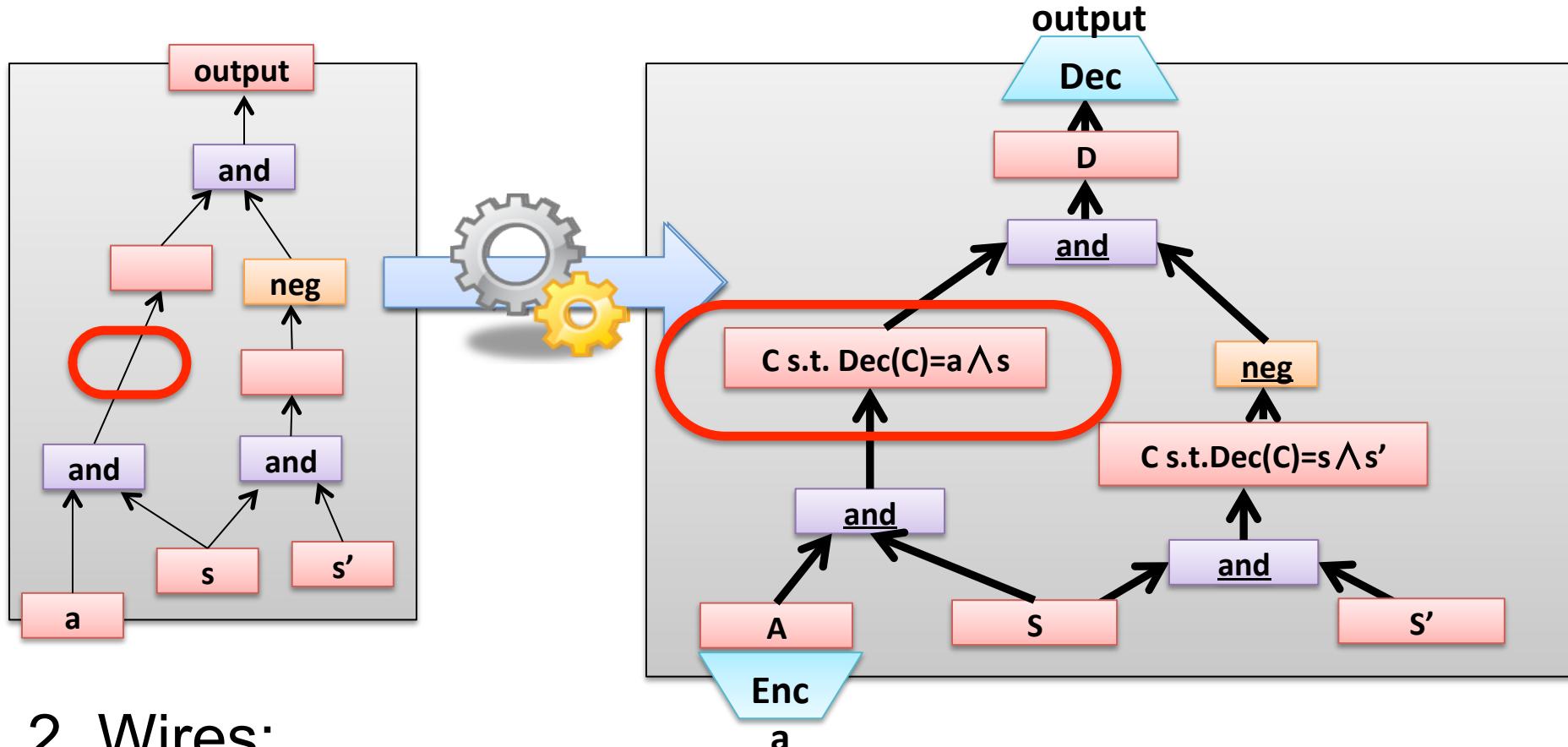
1. Memory:

A bit s



Encoded with coding scheme,
i.e., $S = (S_1 \dots S_n)$ such that
 $s = \text{Dec}(S_1, \dots, S_n)$

High level idea of compiler



2. Wires:

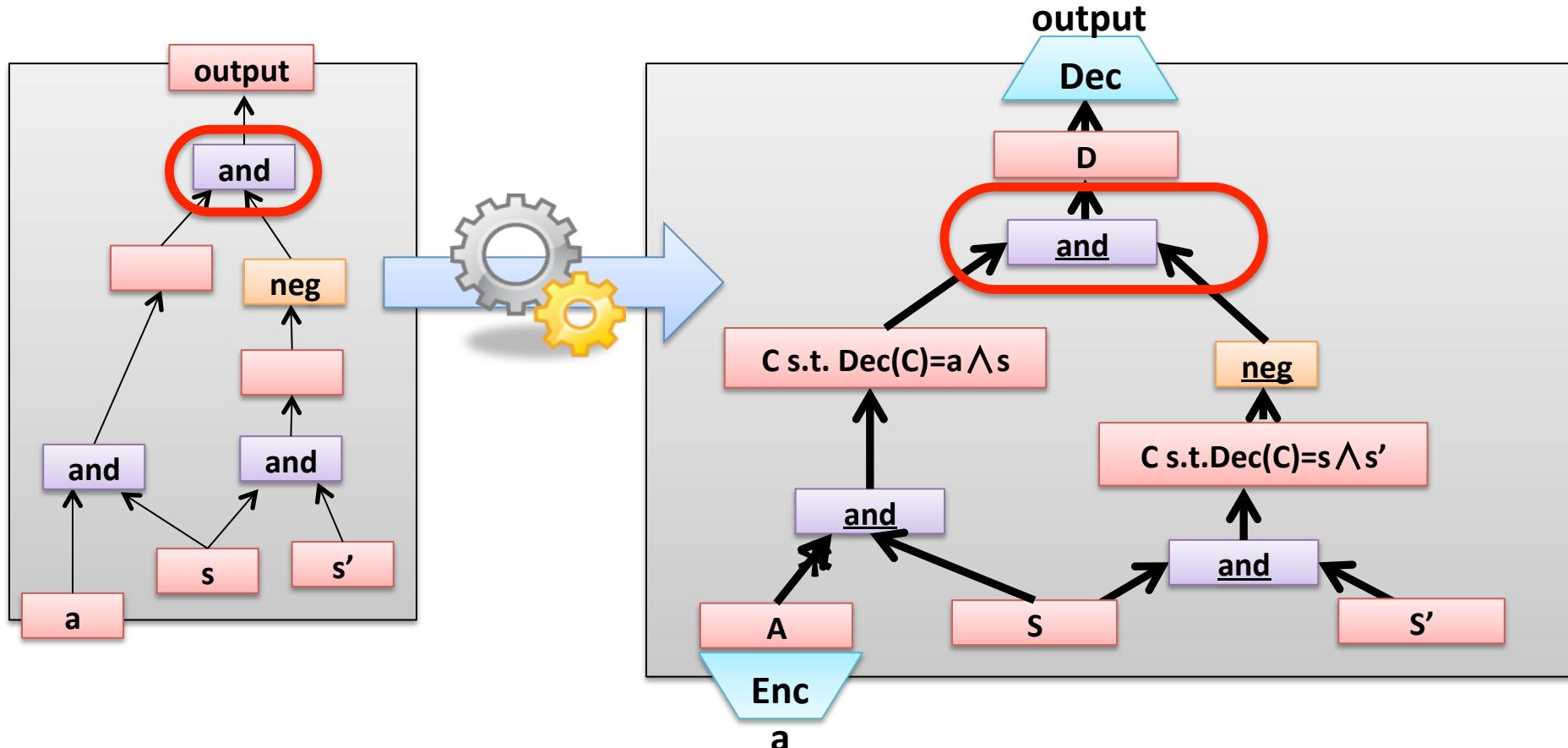
Each wire
 $w = a \wedge b$

A blue right-pointing arrow indicating the direction of the next section.

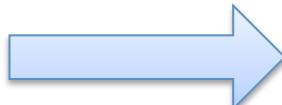
Wire bundle carrying encoding
C such that **w = Dec(C)**

Main challenge: computing on encoded inputs!

High level idea of compiler



3. Gates:

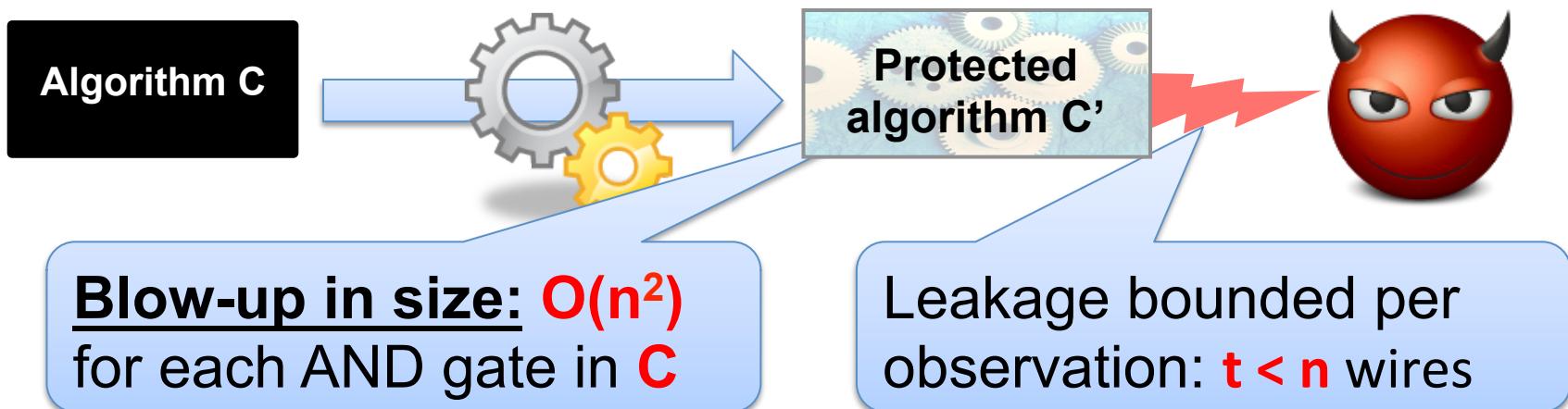


Gadgets built from standard gates operating on encodings

Main challenge: algorithm to securely compute AND!

Compiler results

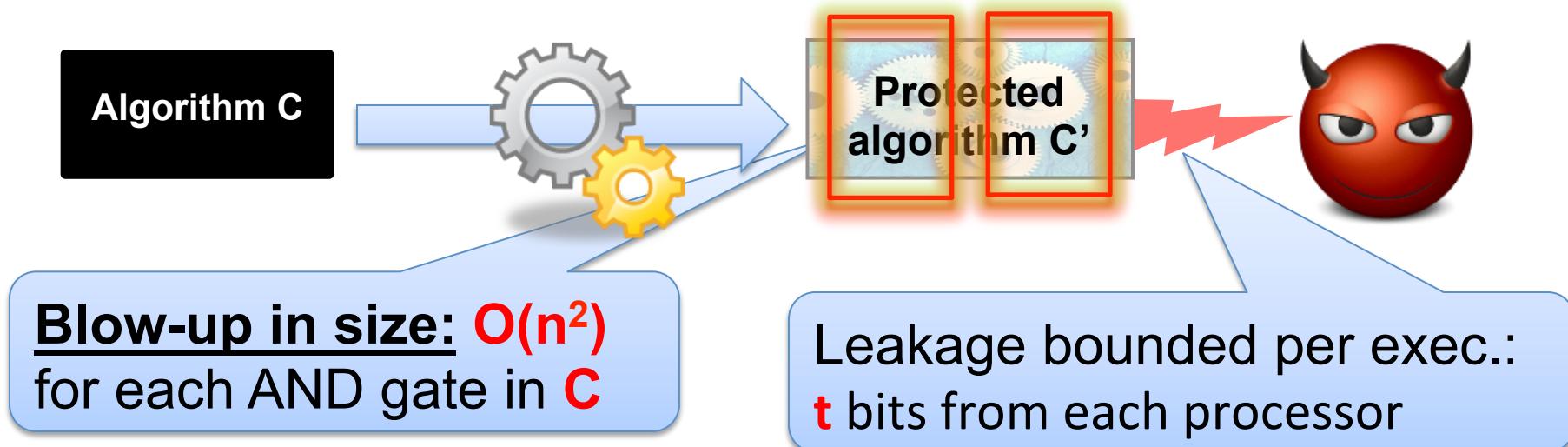
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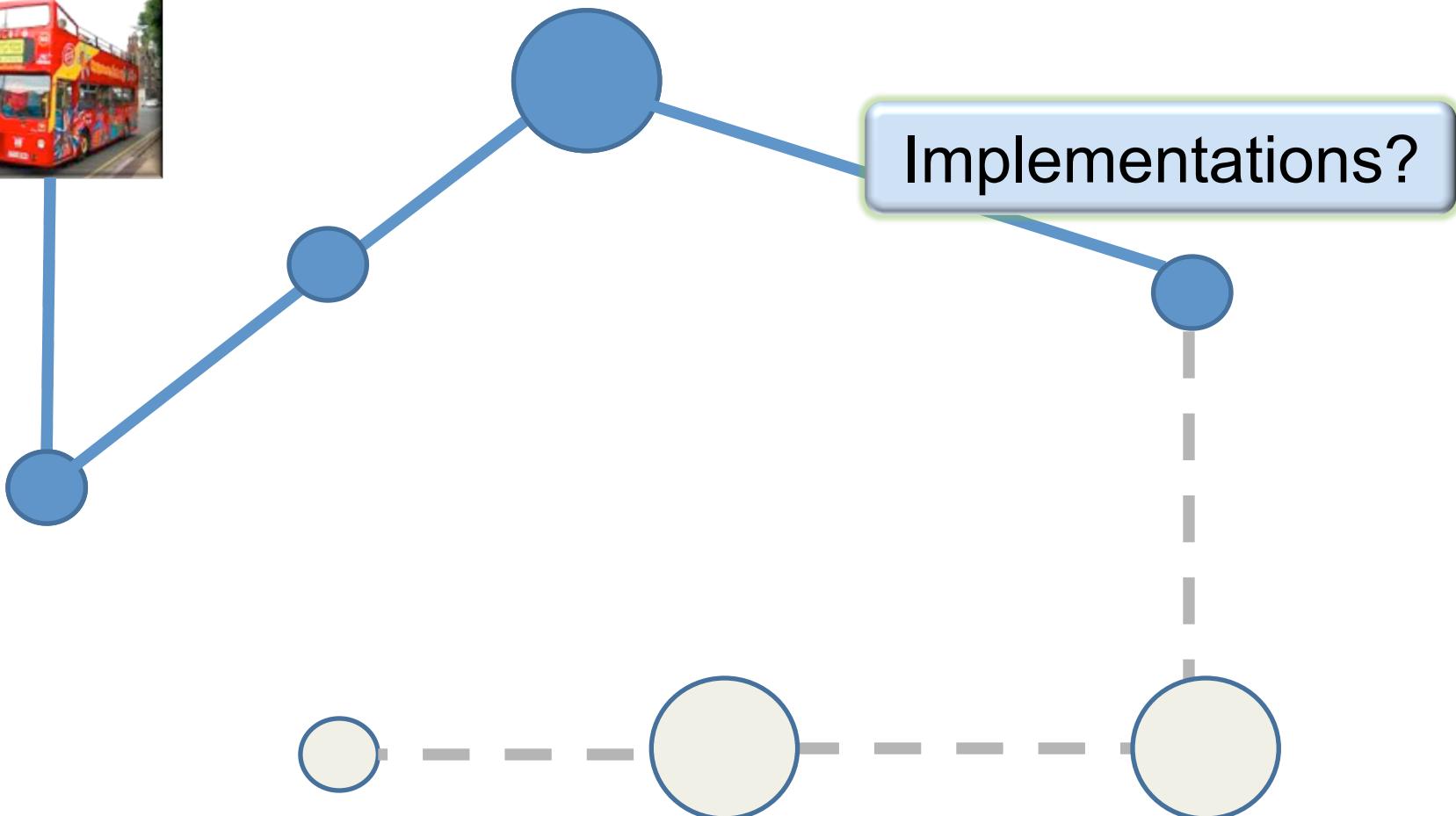
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Boolean vs. IP masking in practice?

Masking countermeasure



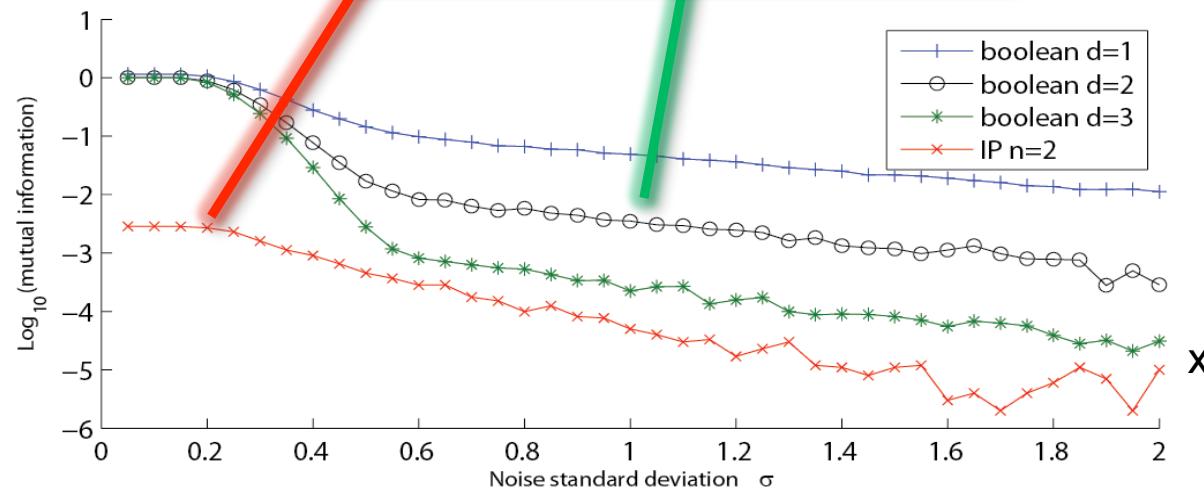
Boolean vs. IP*

Analyzed for small secret size

Security outperforms

Black curve: Boolean masking with 2 random shares in GF(2^8)
Red curve: IP masking with 2 random shares in GF(2^8)

Mutual information between HW leakage and secret



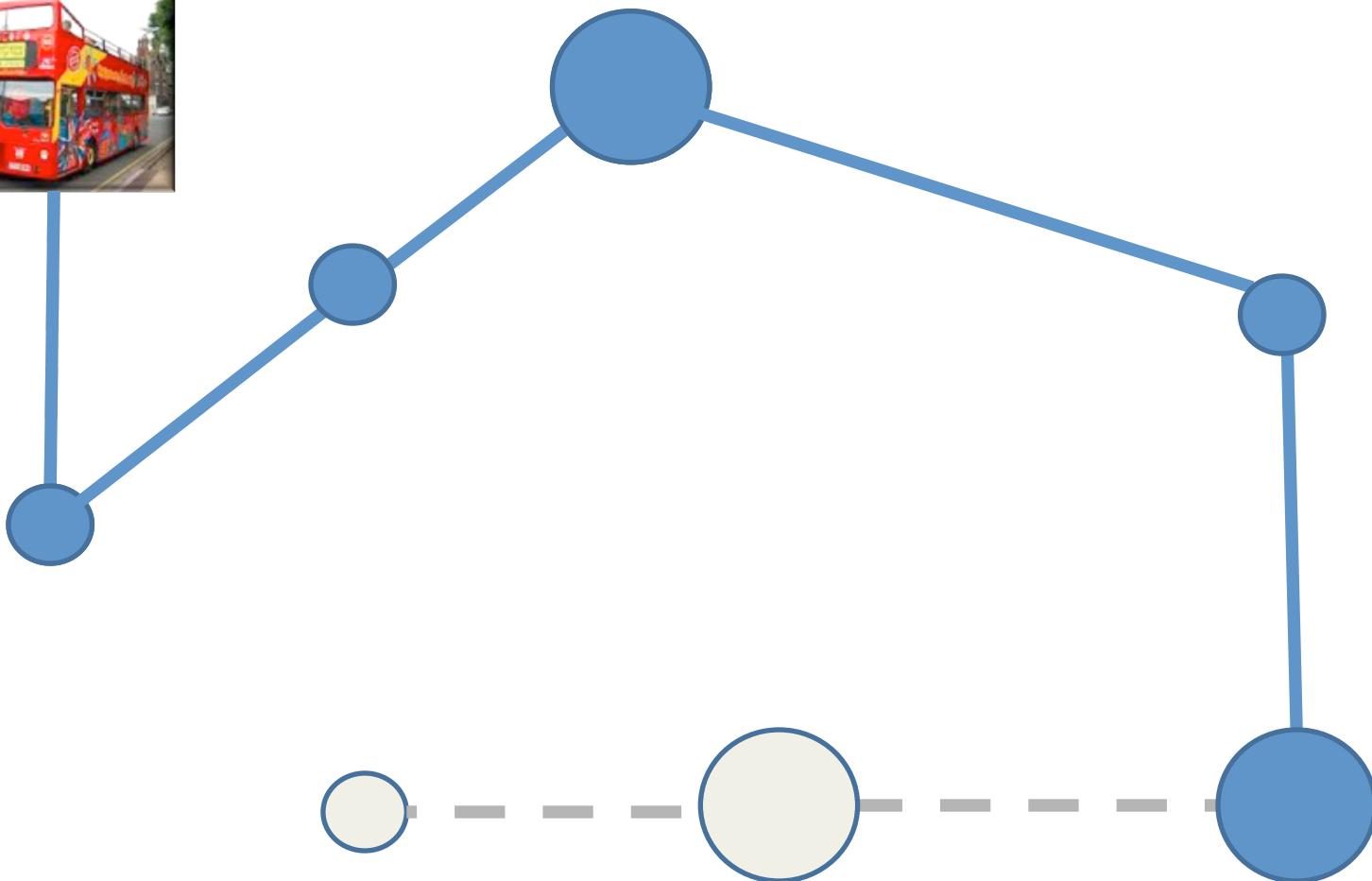
Weaker dependency between leakage & secret for IP masking

Main reason: Higher algebraic complexity

Performance: Full AES implementation for **n=2**

- IP masking: 300k clock cycles
- Boolean masking: 100k clock cycles

Masking countermeasure



Bounded leakage?



Beautiful theory! Q: Does it match practice?



Models do **not** match with my engineering experience

Leakages are not quantitatively bounded

Physical leakages are inherently noisy

Difficulty in many attacks: how to eliminate the noise?

Noisy leakages [CJRR99]

No quantitative bound on leakage, but leakage is noisy



Chari et al. only consider security of a single masked bit

p-noisy functions $N(\cdot)$: More general noise distribution [PR13]

uniform

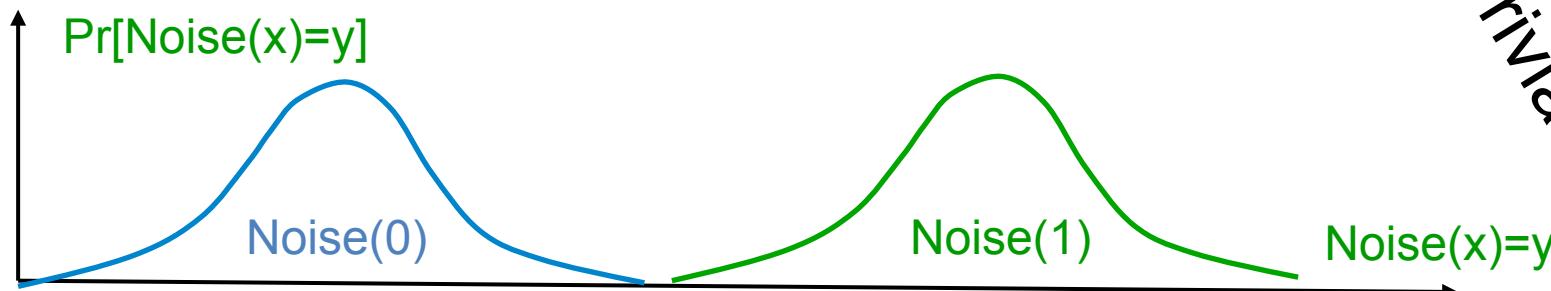
X_0, X_1

1. $b \leftarrow \{0,1\}$ 2. $N(X_b)$

$$N(X_0), X_0, X_1 \approx N(X_1), X_0, X_1$$

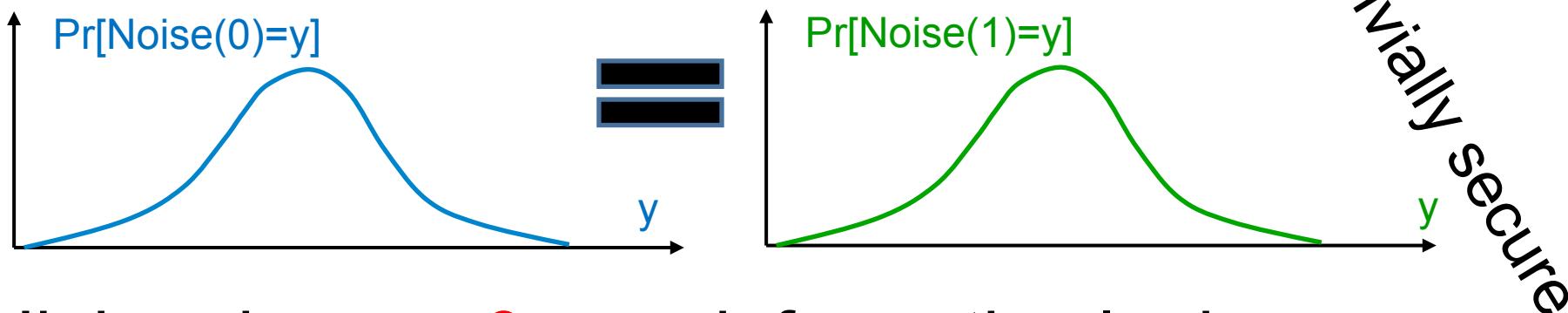
N is p-noisy if statistical distance $< p$

Some examples ($F = GF(2)$)



No noise $p \approx 1$: very informative leakage

→ Adv. learns **Noise(x)**: full knowledge about **x**

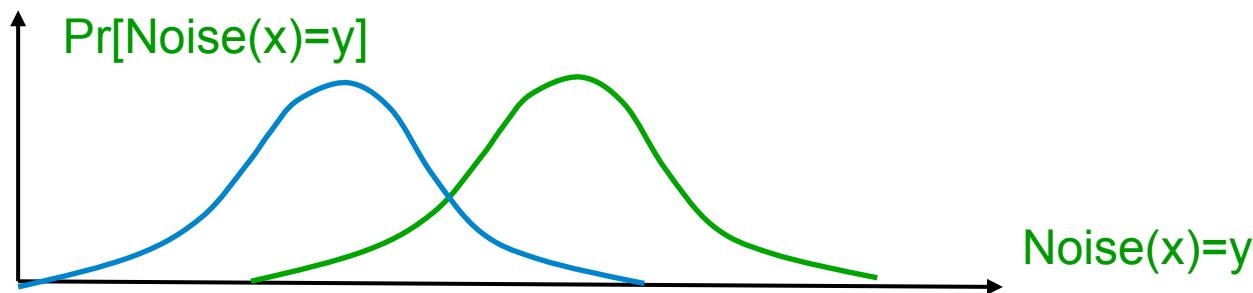


High noise $p = 0$: non-informative leakage

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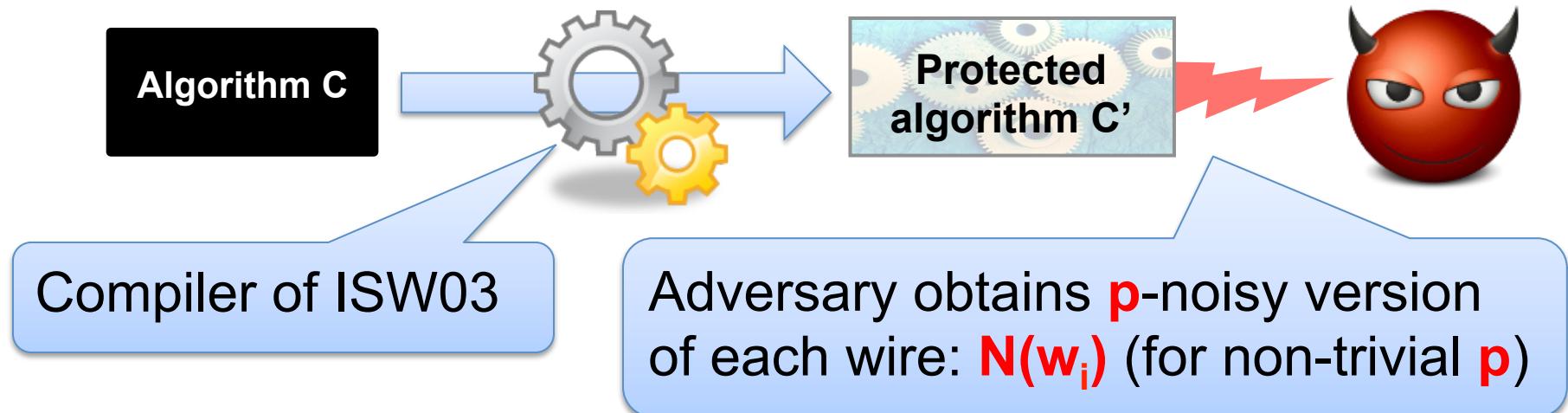
Interesting case: „some noise“



Some noise $p < 1$: information depends on p
→ Adv. learns **Noise(x)**: some knowledge about x

Can we construct compilers for noisy leakages?
(*for interesting values of p*)

Compilers for noisy leakage



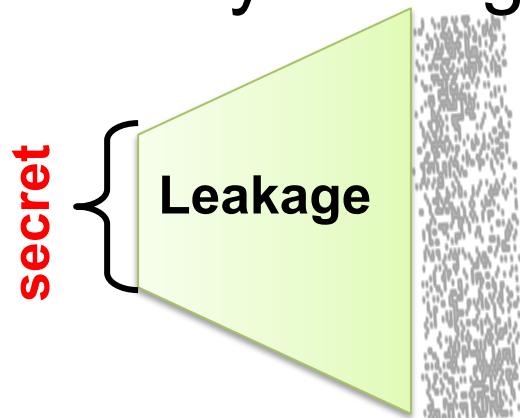
No quantitative bound on amount of leakage

Two proof techniques:

1. **Direct proof** [PR13]: very technical proof, only random message security
2. **Leakage reductions** [DDF14, DFS15]*: simpler proofs, full simulation-based security

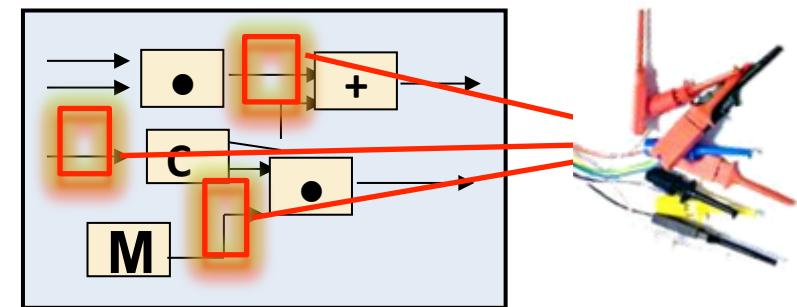
Main observation [DDF14]

Noisy leakage



Preferred model in practice

Probing leakage



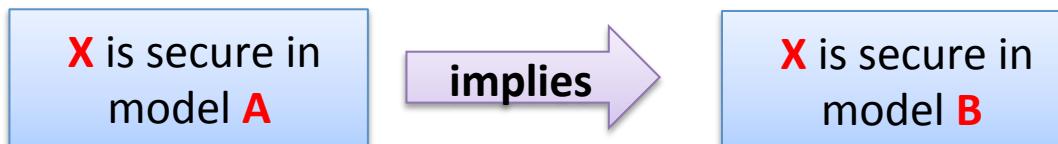
Simpler model than bounded leakage

Main technique: leakage reduction

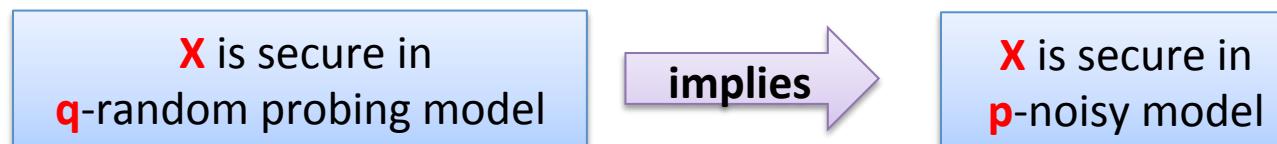
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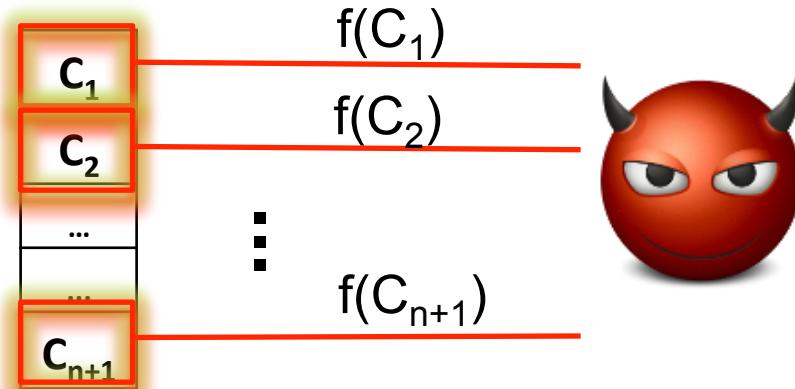
More precisely: **for all** crypto schemes **X**



DDF14 shows:



(for certain parameters **p** and **q**)

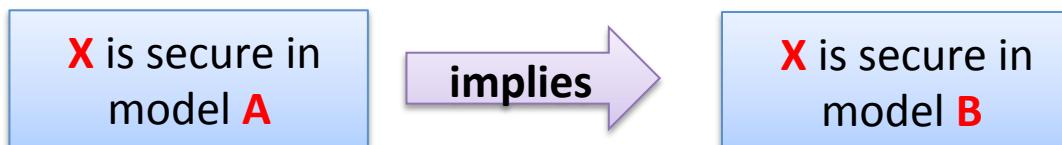


$f(C_i) = C_i$ with prob. $q < 1$;
otherwise $f(C_i) = „?“$

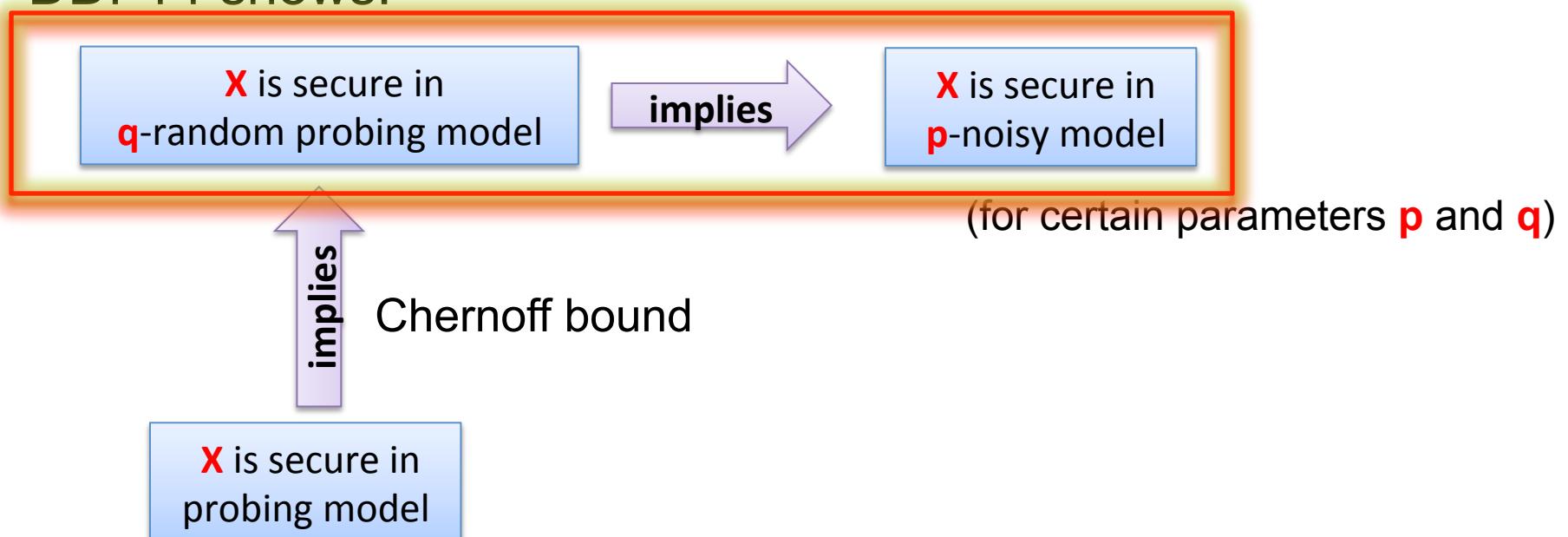
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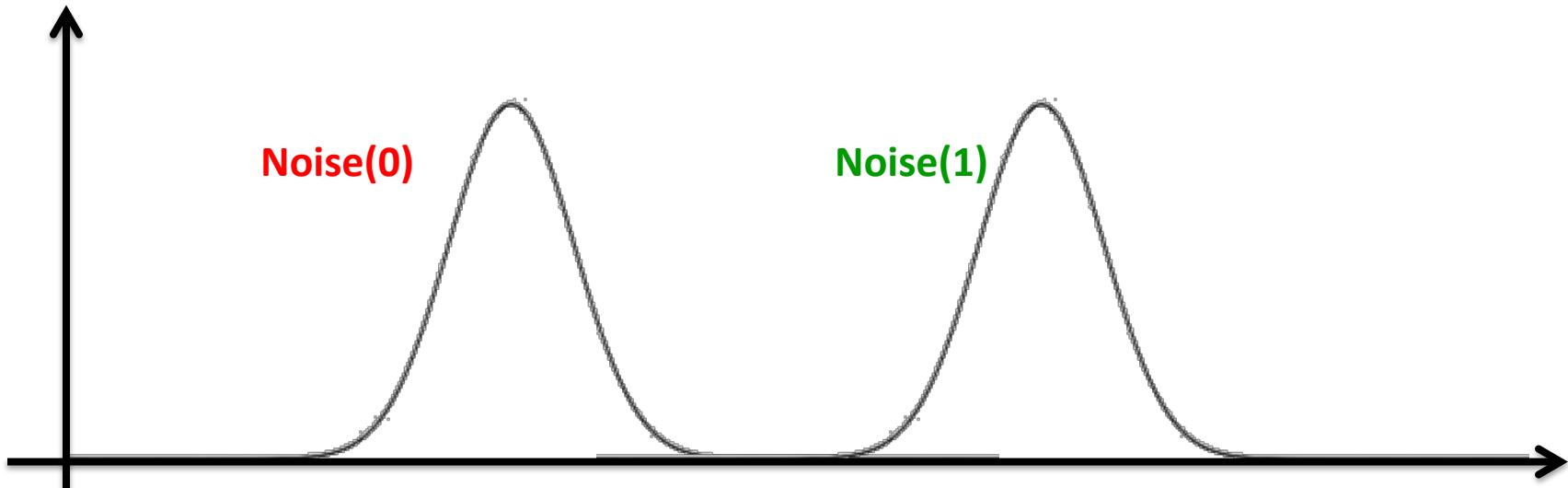


Proof outline

q-Random probing → **p**-noisy leakage

For any **x** and **Noise(.)** there exists **Noise'(.)** such that **Noise(x) = Noise'(f(x))**

First extreme case: “no noise” (**p≈1**)



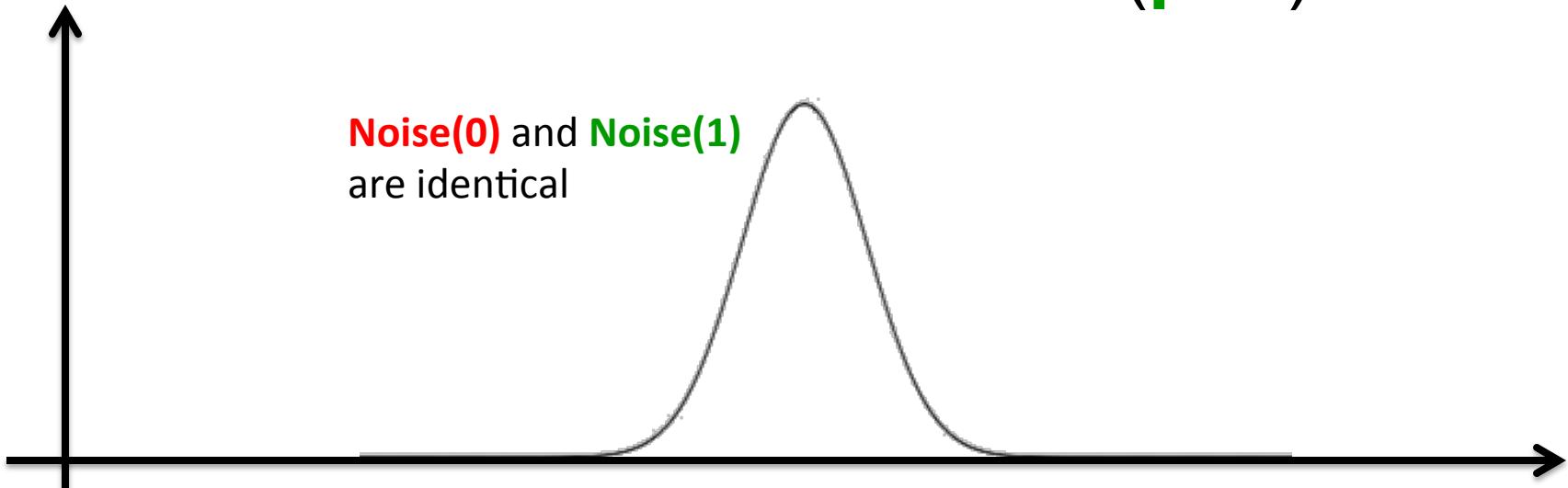
No way to “simulate” this noise except with random probing where **q=1** (i.e., reveals everything).

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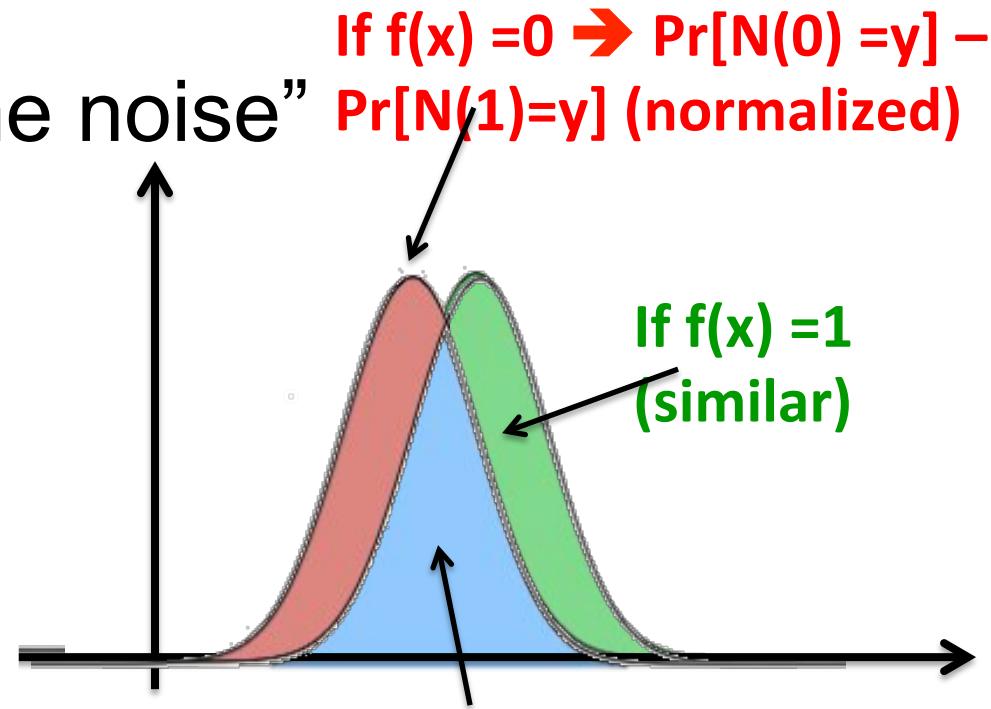
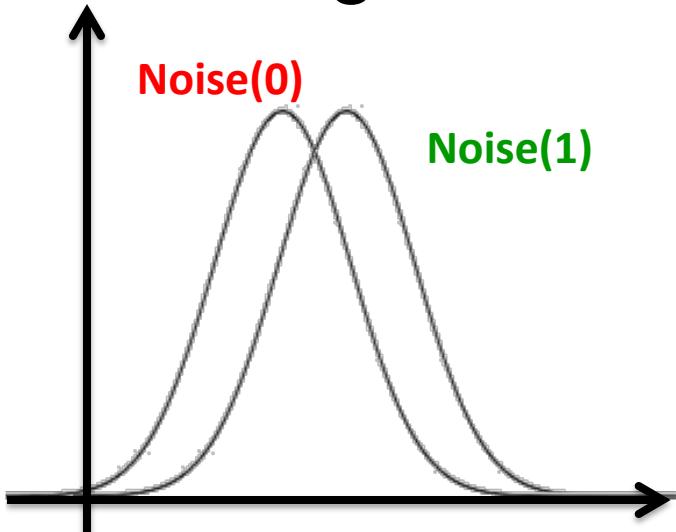
Second extreme case: “full noise” (**p=0**)



Set **Noise'** = **Noise**: Simulation is possible without even probing: **q = 0** (i.e., reveals nothing)

Proof outline

Interesting case: “some noise”



If $f(x) = ? \rightarrow$ sample y according to
 $\min(\Pr[N(0)=y], \Pr[N(1)=y])$ (normalized)

We show that simulation of **Noise(.)** with random probing is good when probability **q** is exactly $\Delta(\text{Noise}(0), \text{Noise}(1))$

(proof is essentially a simple „averaging argument“)

Noise parameters?

It depends on the tightness of the reduction!

DDF14:

q -random probing secure

implies

$q/|F|$ -noisy leakage secure

Better reduction?

DFS15:

q -average random probing secure

implies

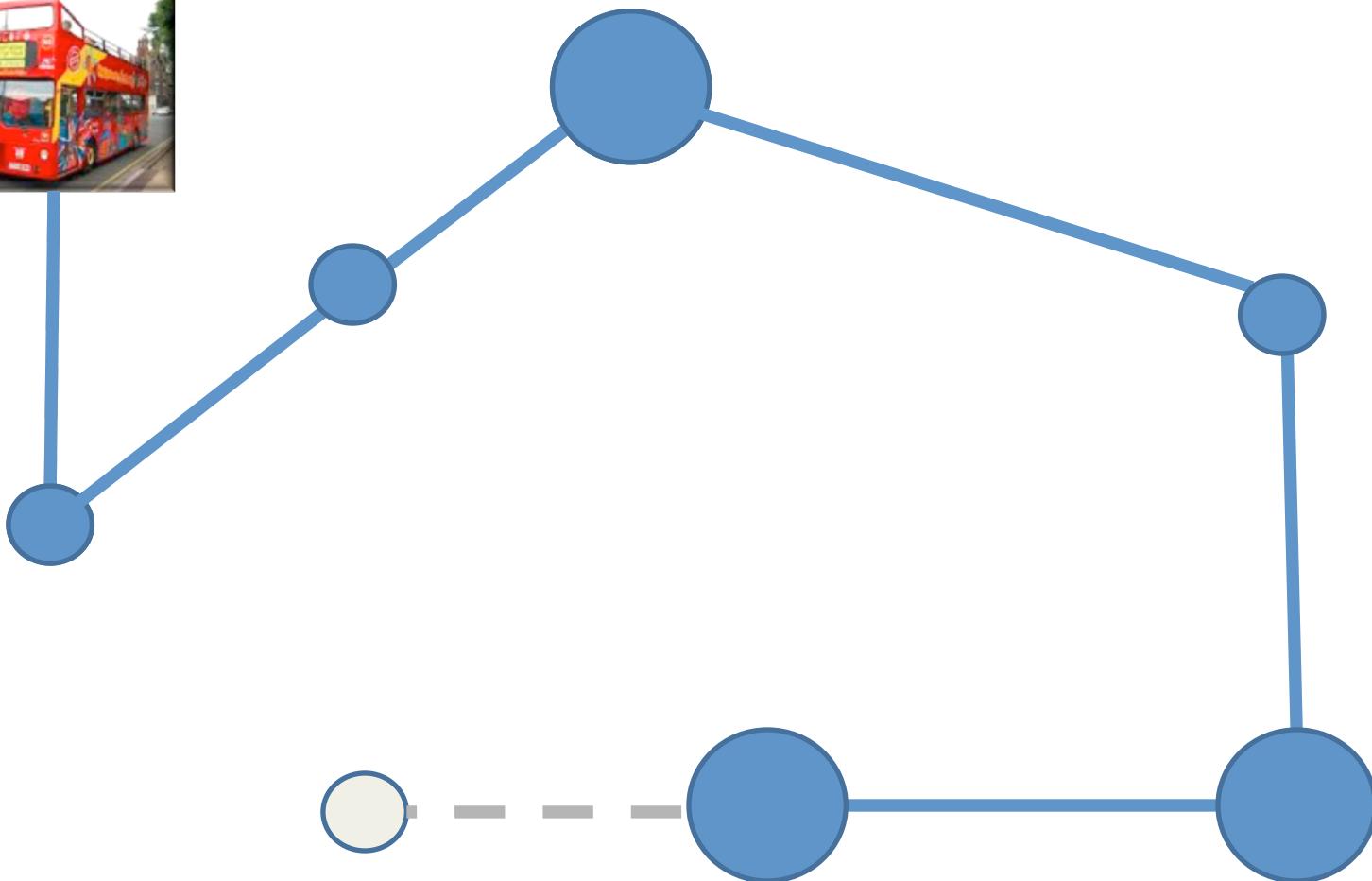
q -noisy leakage secure

Allows to derive asymptotically optimal bound for ISW



Adversary obtains $O(d^{-1})$ -noisy leakage

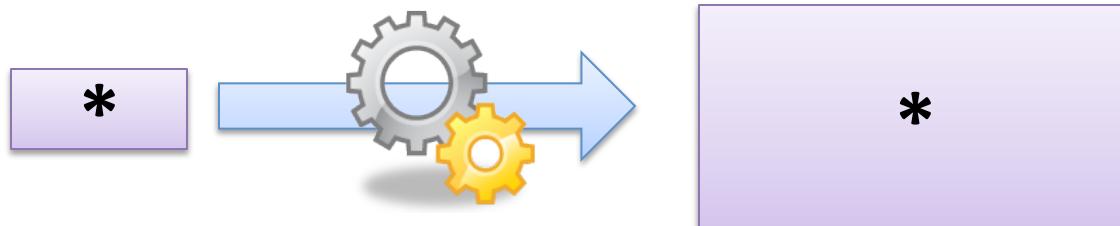
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Better efficiency?

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Main bottleneck: masked multiplication



1. Approach: Use techniques from the MPC

Packed-secret sharing gives us quasi-linear complexity

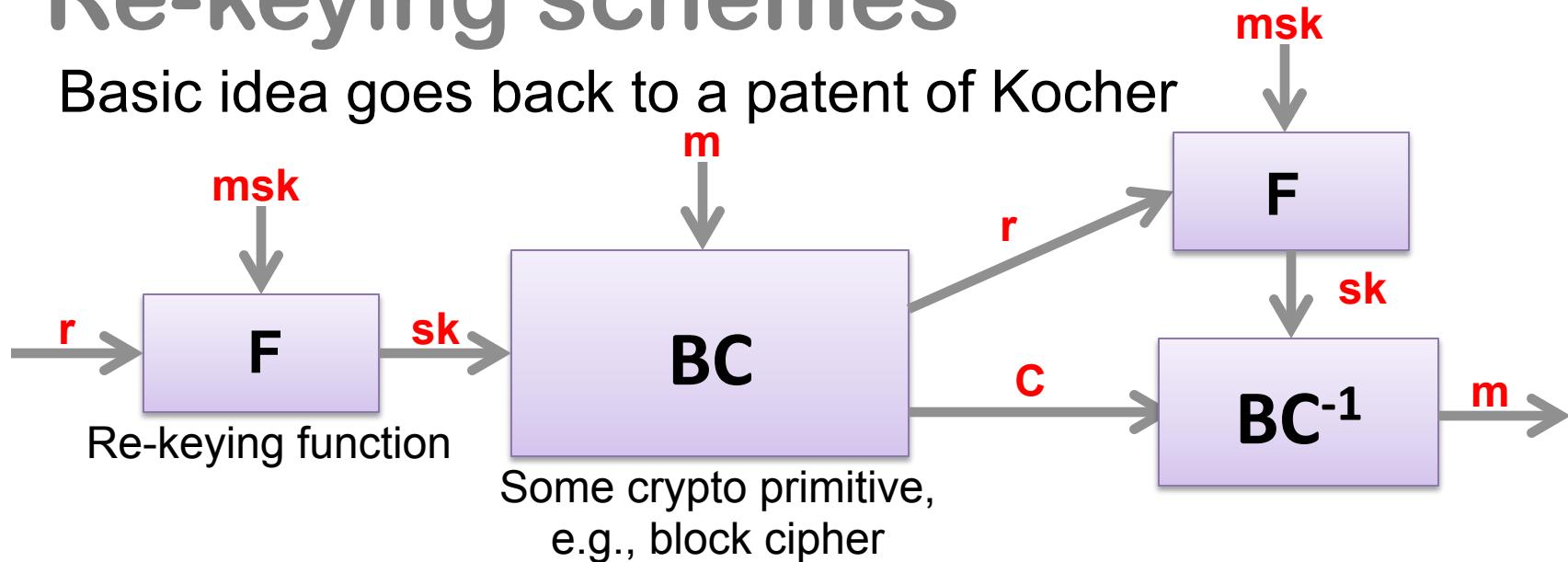
2. Approach: Secure specialized crypto schemes

LowMC cipher etc. (minimizes number of multiplications)

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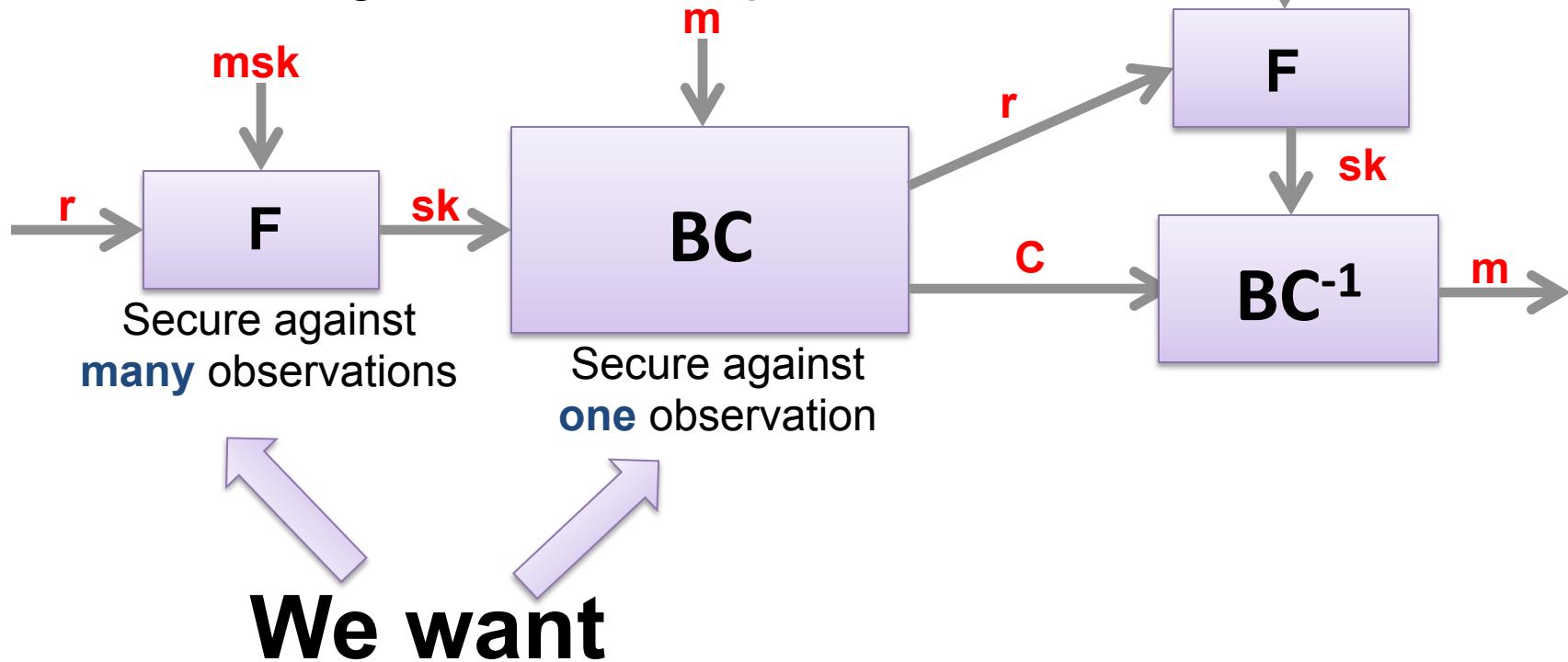
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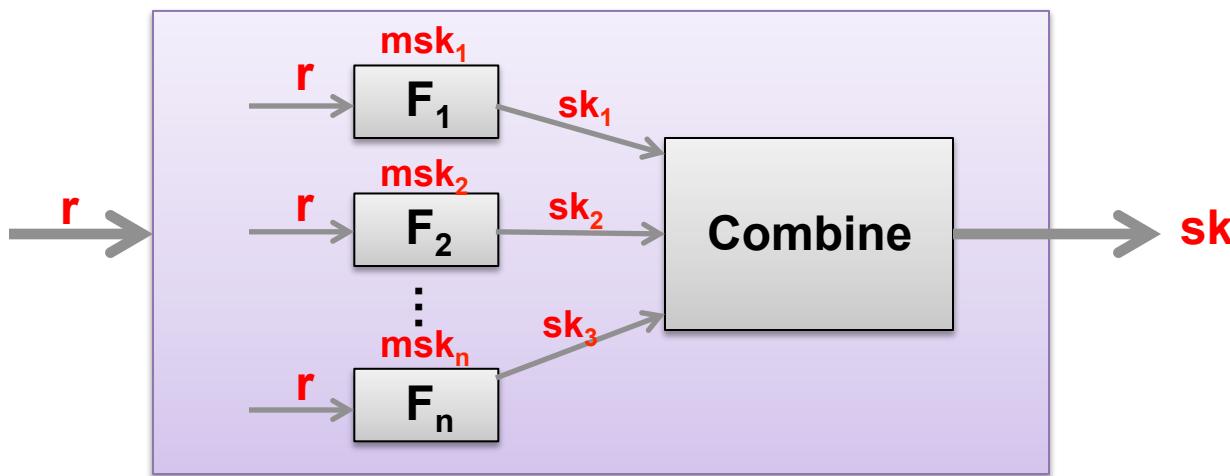
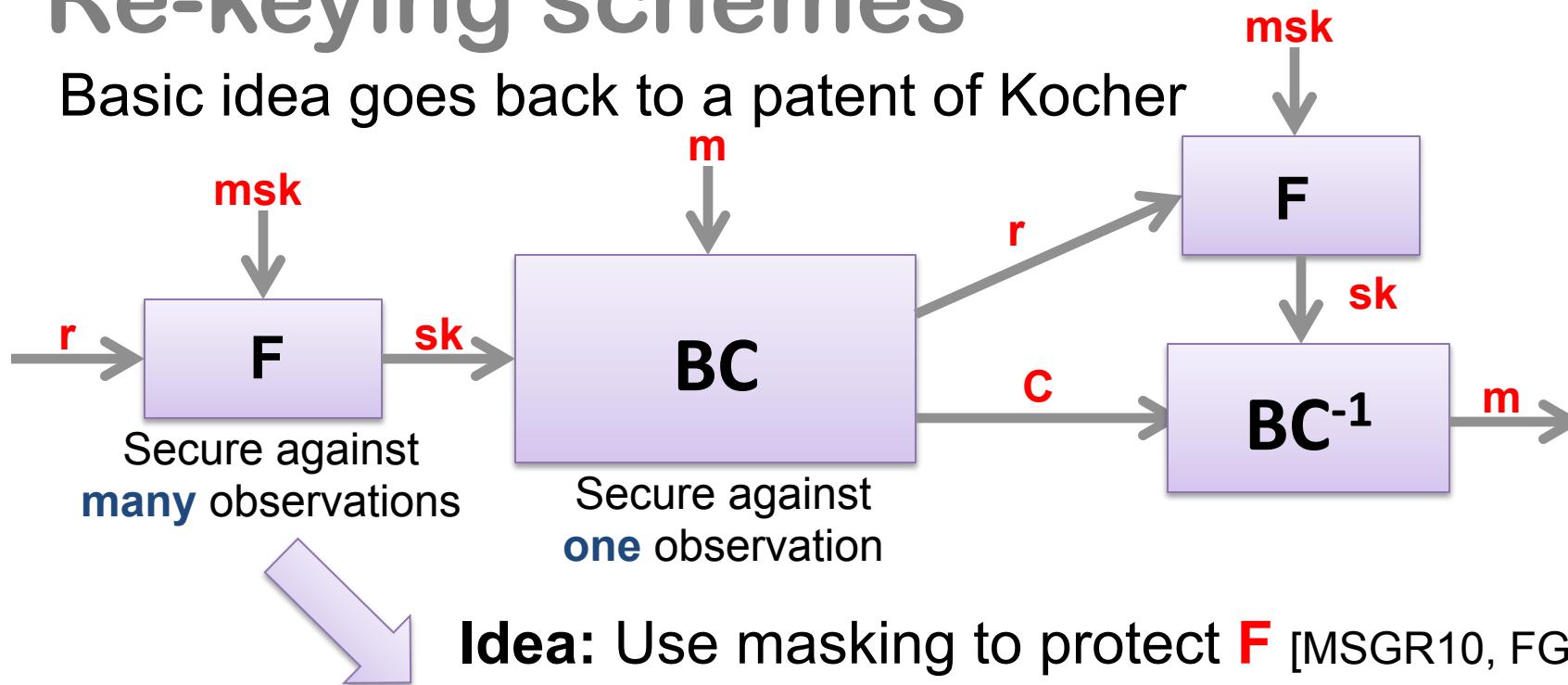
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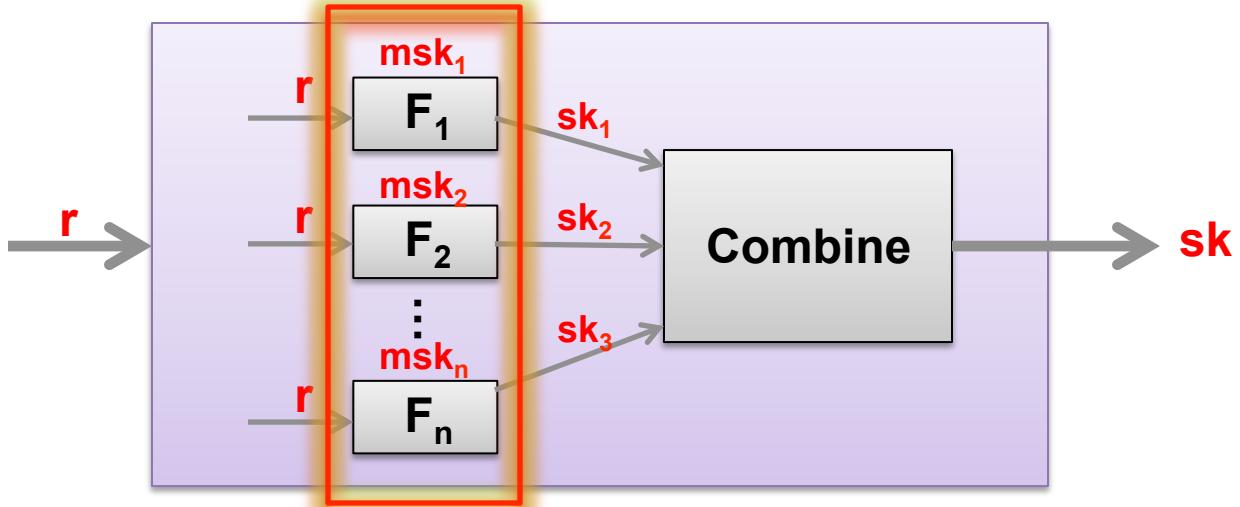
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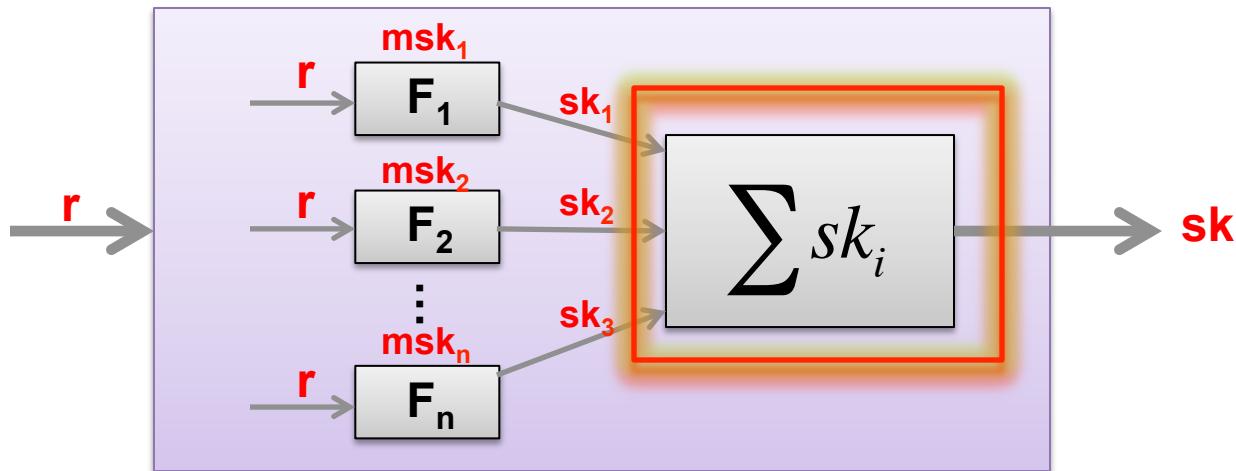
The approach of [MSGR10, FGM10]:



Ring multiplication: $\mathbf{sk}_i = r * \text{msk}_i$

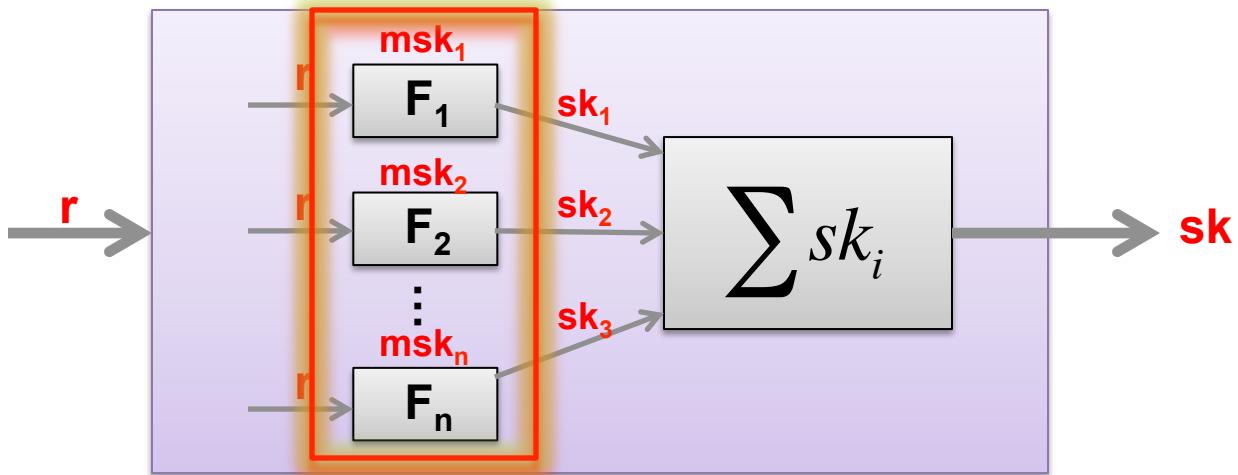
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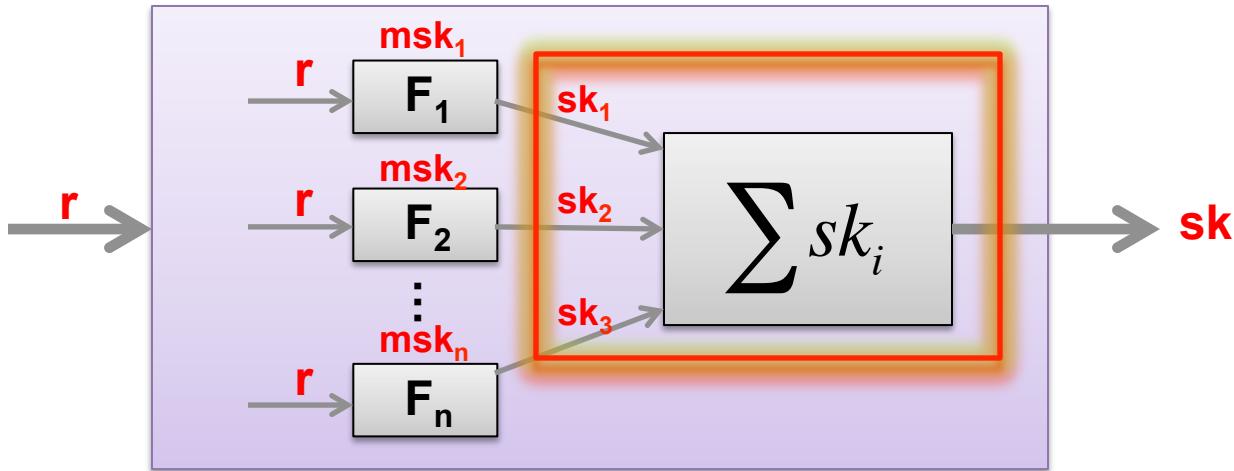


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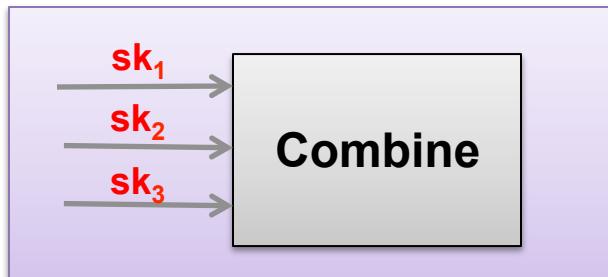
Security?

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2. The values sk_i ? Harder...
 - a) MSGR10: if individual bits of sk_i and sk learned can be broken
 - b) BCFGKP15*: if adversary obtains low-noisy version of sk

How to protect the sk_i and sk values?

The approach of [DFHMS15]*

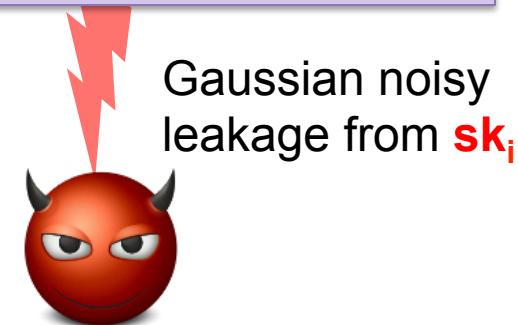
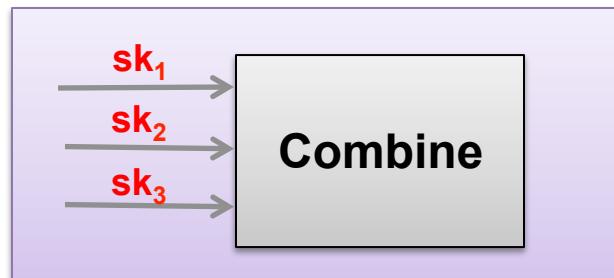
No noise



No physical noise needed
Secure even if entire computation leaks

Tool: Key homomorphic wPRF based on learning with rounding

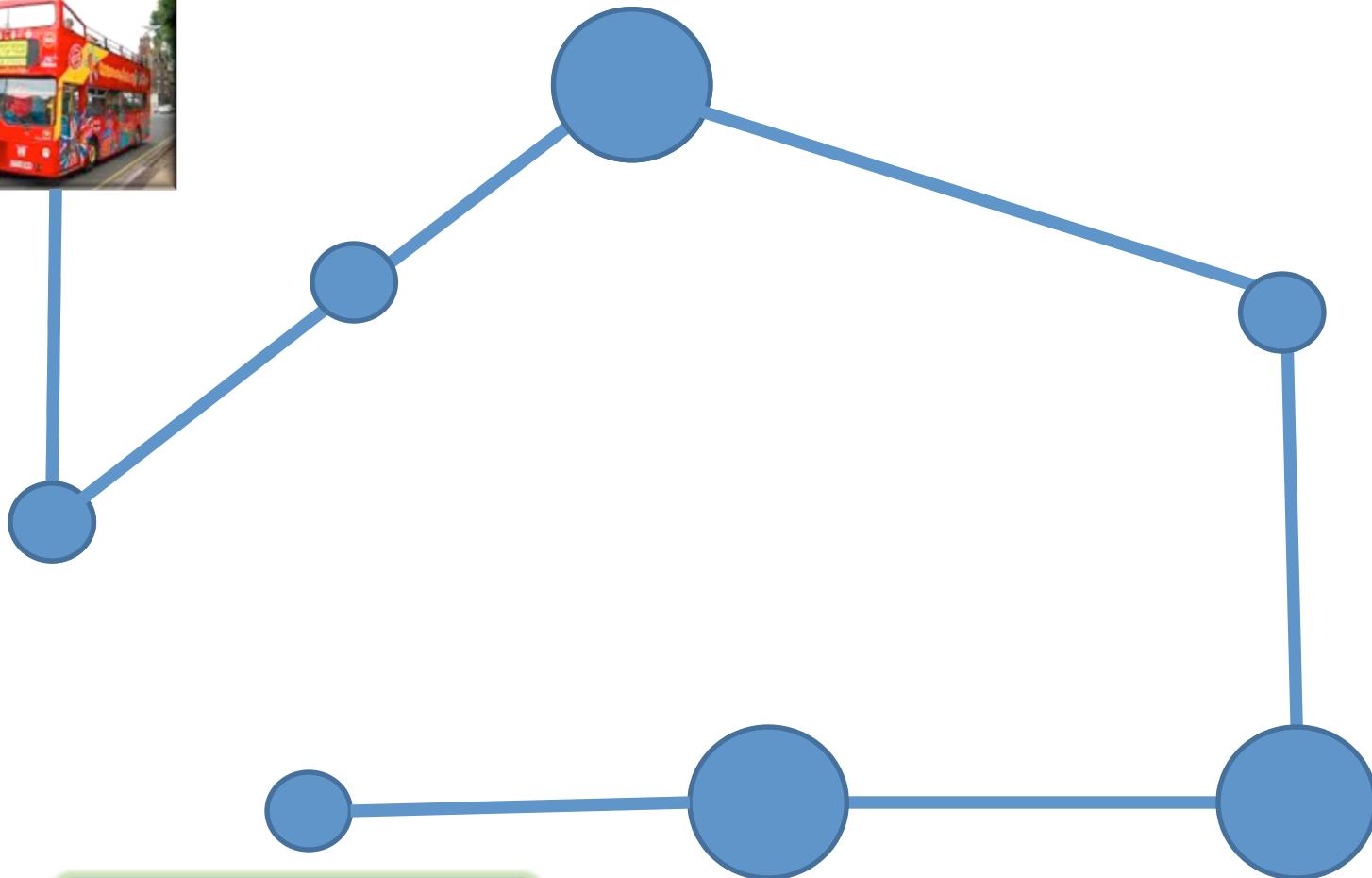
Noisy case



Gaussian noisy leakage from sk_i
Tool: The LPL assumption (reduction to Learning with parity)

These schemes are **practical** & and security **relies on proofs!**

Masking countermeasure



Conclusion

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Why proofs for masking?

Systematic analysis to avoid flaws

→ Proofs in n-probing model to check for n-th order flaws

New ideas and schemes

→ IP masking an alternative for additive masking?

Formal requirements on hardware

→ How much noise do I need to use masking?

Schemes that are easier to mask?

→ Outperform general purpose masking schemes for larger orders

Conclusion

Many more works...

Threshold implementations [NRR06],...

Automated security proofs [BBDFGS15],...

New theory models with applications beyond SCA [MV13],..

Many open questions

Better models

Dependency, glitches,
better bounds...

Better efficiency

$O(n)$ complexity for general
circuits

Beyond leakage

How to protect against faults

Thank you!

