

Cheetah

Lean and Fast Secure Two-Party
Deep Neural Network Inference



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Secure Neural Network Inference

- Simple images and models
 - MNIST (28x28 black/white): 3~5 layers
- Complex images and models
 - CIFAR-10 (32x32 rgb): 10+ layers
 - IMAGENET (224x224 rgb): ResNet50
- ResNet50: one of the most popular DNN models
- Secure two-party ResNet50 inference
 - Prior best work: CryptFLOW2
 - 10 mins for one image inference (LAN, 3Gbps)
 - 20 mins for one image inference (WAN, 300Mbps)



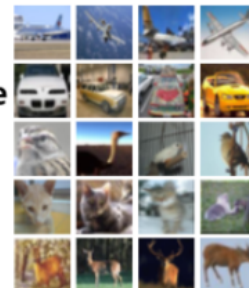
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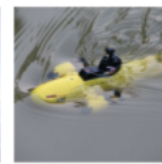
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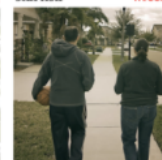
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basketball

parking meter



parking meter

vacuum

Design Challenges in 2PC Frameworks

- Optimize trade-offs among different primitives
- Adapt to concrete application cases

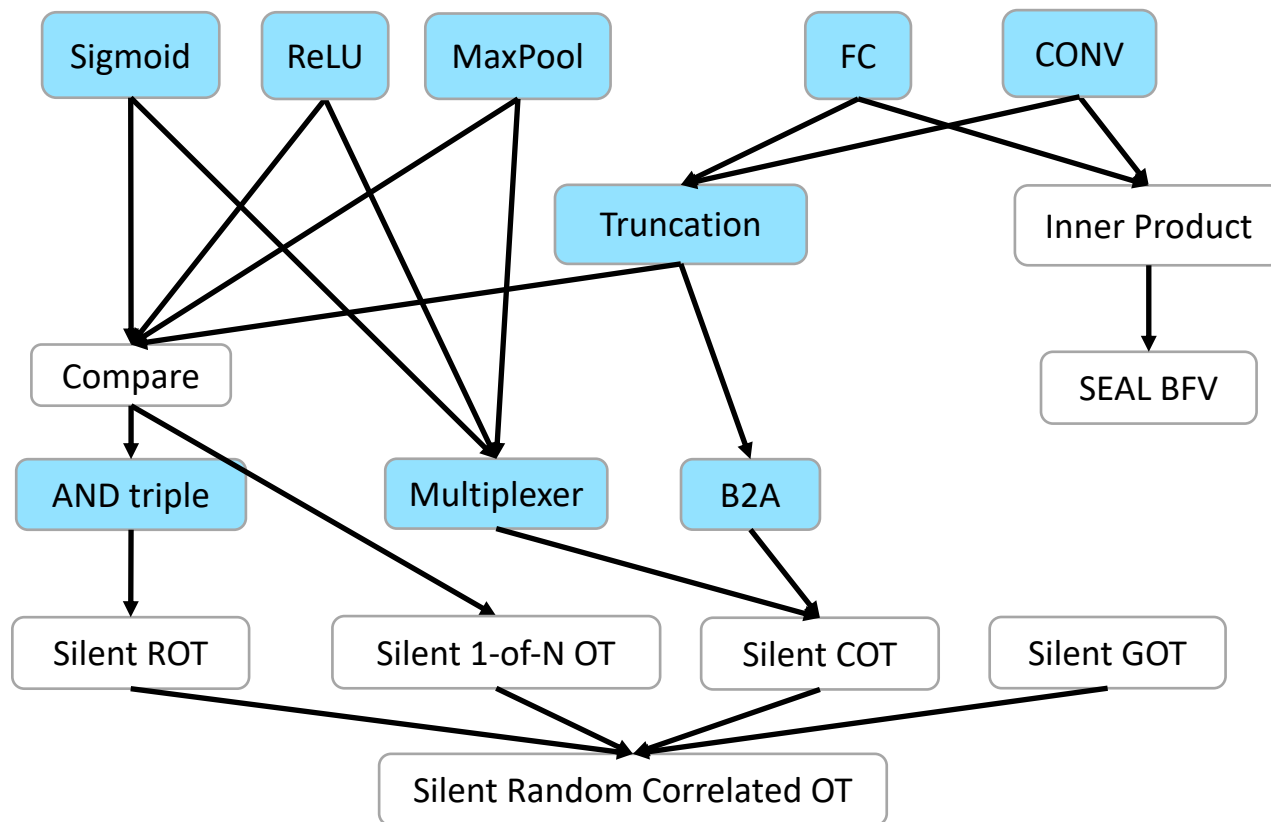
Framework Type	Computation Cost	Communication Amount	Communication Round	Existing Works
GC (Y)	☆	☆☆☆	☆	EMP
SS (A、B)	☆	☆☆	☆☆☆	SPDZ、CryptFlow2
FHE	☆☆☆	☆	☆	Pegasus
A + B + Y	☆	☆☆☆	☆☆	ABY、SecureML
SS (A、B)	☆	☆	☆☆	Cheetah

☆
Low

☆☆
Medium

☆☆☆
High

Cheetah Protocol Architecture



Additive Secret Sharing

- Integer $a \in [0, P)$ is split into shares a_1, a_2
 - Computation party P_i has share a_i
 - Satisfy $a_1 + a_2 \bmod P = a$
- Local Add/Sub computation
- Two types of sharings depending on modulus P
 - $P = 2 \rightarrow$ **B**oolean Share
 - $P > 2 \rightarrow$ **A**rithmetic Share。 P is usually a prime or a power of 2 (e.g., 2^{64})

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Linear Primitives



Linear layers: CONV, FC

- CONV/FC: Matrix Mult \rightarrow Inner Product

- Input:

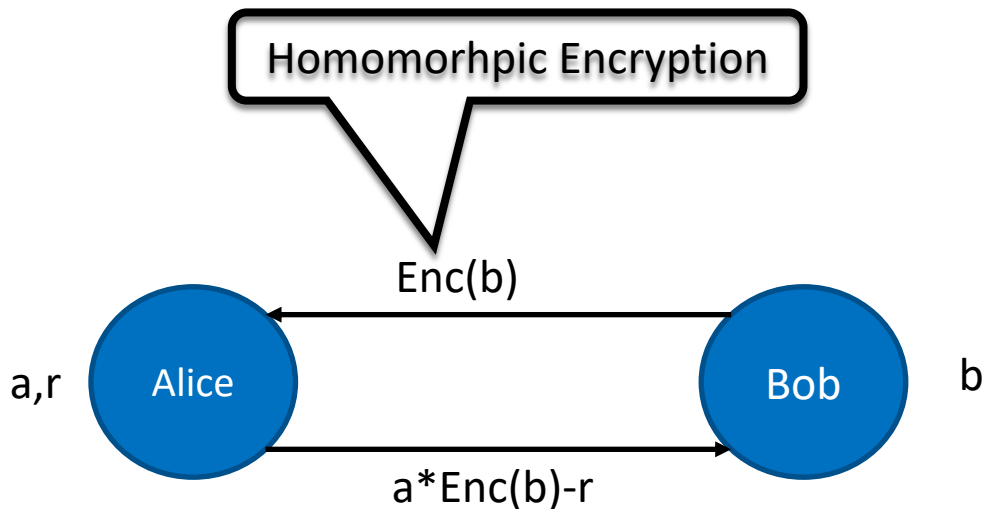
- Alice (model owner): vector \vec{a}

- Bob (data owner): vector \vec{b}

- Output:

- Alice: r

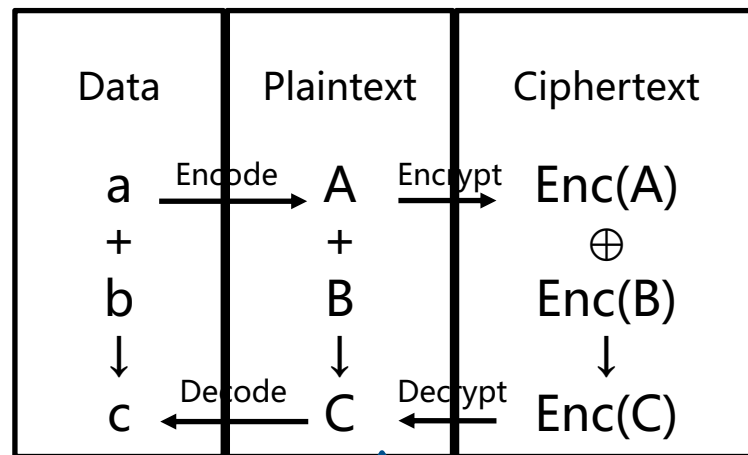
- Bob: $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} - r \bmod k$



Computation based on Polynomials

• Plaintext space for BFV: Polynomial Ring

- Polynomial $Z_t(x)/X^N+1$
- Degree of $N-1$. Each integer coeff in $[0, t-1]$
- Ciphertext add/mult \leftrightarrow Polynomial add/mult
- E.g.: $N = 2, t = 7 \rightarrow \text{mod } x^2 + 1$
 $\text{Enc}(x+2) * \text{Enc}(x+3)$
 $= \text{Enc}(x^2+5x+6)$
 $= \text{Enc}(5x+5)$



A, B, C are polynomials

Packing: CRT Batching

- How to encode data into polynomials?
 - $x^n + 1$ can be broken into the product of n polynomials: $x^n + 1 = (x+a_1)(x+a_2)....(x+a_n)$
 - E.g.: $t=17, n=2 \rightarrow x^2+1 = (x-4)(x-13) \quad // \quad x^2-17x+52 \bmod 17$
 - $f(x) \bmod (x^n + 1)$ can represent n integers: $x_i = f(x) \bmod (x+a_i)$
 - E.g.: $x \bmod (x^2+1) \rightarrow x \bmod (x-4) \text{ 和 } x \bmod (x-13) \rightarrow \text{x mod (x}^2\text{+1) "pack" 4 and 13}$
- Given n integers, find corresponding $f(x)$ to encode them by CRT
 - E.g.: **2x-7 "pack" 1 and 2**: $// \quad 2x-7 \bmod (x-4) = 1, 2x-7 \bmod (x-13) = 2 \bmod 17$
- Packing keeps homomorphism modulo t
 - Add: **x+(2x-7) packs 5 and 15**: $// \quad 3x-7 \bmod (x-4) = 5, 3x-7 \bmod (x-13) = 15 \bmod 17$
 - Mult: **x*(2x-7) packs 4 and 9**:
 $// \quad 2x^2-7x \bmod (x^2+1) = -7x-2; \quad -7x-2 \bmod (x-4) = 4, \quad -7x-2 \bmod (x-13) = 9 \bmod 17$
- **SIMD**: One polynomial calculation completes n integer calculations

Precondition of SIMD Packing in BFV

- Almost all efficient BFV applications use SIMD Packing
 - One poly mult \rightarrow 1000+ plain integer mults
- SIMD requires plain modulus t to be a prime \rightarrow
Secret sharing has to work in prime field in a mixed protocol
 - Performance degrades significantly (60% more overhead [CrypTFlow2])

Inner Product 1st Try : SIMD Packing + Ciphertext Rotation

- A has a vector $a=(a_0, a_1, \dots a_n)$, B has a vector $b=(b_0, b_1, \dots b_n)$
- A SIMD packs a as a polynomial $A(x)/X^{N+1}$; B SIMD packs b as a polynomial $B(x)/X^{N+1}$
- B uses its public key to encrypt $B(x)$, and send to A
- A performs homomorphic mult on $\text{Enc}(B(x))$ and $A(x) \rightarrow$ Obtains $\text{Enc}(C(x)) / X^{N+1}$
 - $C(x)$ packs $(a_0b_0, a_1b_1, \dots a_nb_n)$
 - **! One step away from inner product: BIG SUM**

- A **rotates** the ciphertext $\text{Enc}(C(x))$, obtaining

$(a_1b_1, \dots a_{n-1}b_{n-1}, a_nb_n, a_0b_0)$
 $(a_2b_2, \dots a_nb_n, a_0b_0, a_1b_1)$
 \dots
 $(a_nb_n, a_0b_0, a_1b_1, \dots a_{n-1}b_{n-1})$

}

n ciphertexts

- A performs homomorphic add to get $(a \cdot b, \dots a \cdot b)$, sends to B , and B decrypts to get $a \cdot b$
- **! Needs $\log(n)$ rotates and n adds. Performance not better than Paillier.**

Inner Product 2nd Try : Polynomial Coefficient Encoding

- A has a vector $a=(a_0, a_1, \dots a_n)$, B has a vector $b=(b_0, b_1, \dots b_n)$


- A encodes a into a polynomial

$$P_a = a_0 + a_1X + a_2X^2 + \dots + a_nX^n$$

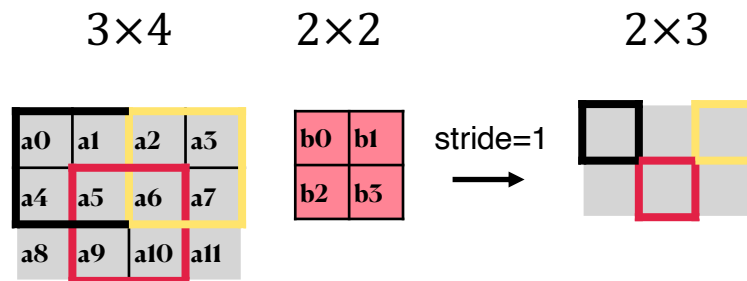
- B encodes b into a polynomial

$$P_b = b_0 - b_1X^{N-1} - b_2X^{N-2} - \dots - b_nX^{N-n}$$

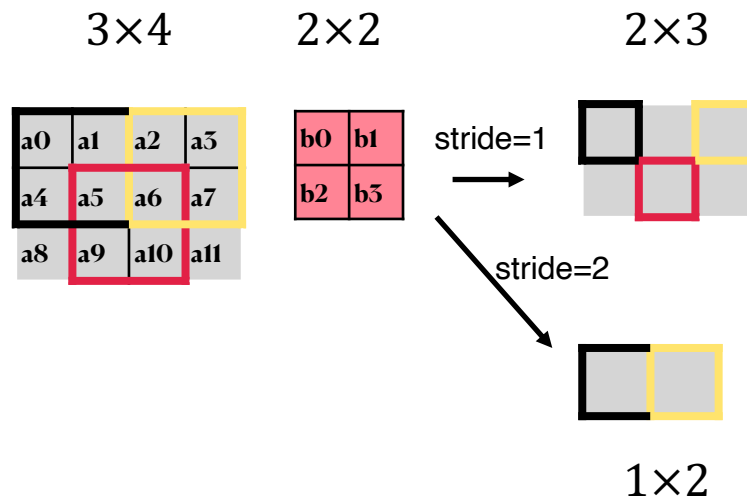
- where $X^N = -1 \bmod (X^N + 1)$

- Hence the constant term of $P_a * P_b$ is the inner product $a \cdot b$
 -  Only one homomorphic mult.
 - $N=4096$ costs only 1 millisecond

2D Convolution



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Encoding for Tensor

$$a(X) = a_0 + a_1X + a_2X^2 + a_3X^3 + a_4X^4 + a_5X^5 + a_6X^6 + a_7X^7 + a_8X^8 + a_9X^9 + a_{10}X^{10} + a_{11}X^{11}$$



a0	a1	a2	a3
a4	a5	a6	a7
a8	a9	a10	a11

2D Convolution

Encoding for Kernel

$$a(X) = a_0 + a_1X + a_2X^2 + a_3X^3 + a_4X^4 + a_5X^5 + a_6X^6 + a_7X^7 + a_8X^8 + a_9X^9 + a_{10}X^{10} + a_{11}X^{11}$$

$$b(X) = b_3 + b_2X + 0X^2 + 0X^3 + b_1X^4 + b_0X^5 \quad \leftarrow$$

b0	b1
b2	b3

$$a(X) \cdot b(X) = \sum_{i=0}^{15} c_i X^i$$

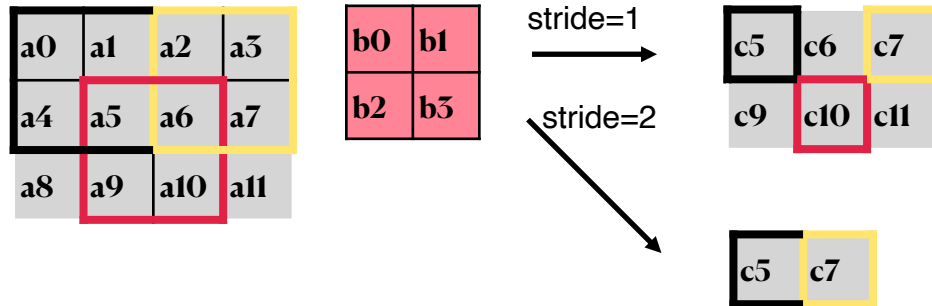
2D Convolution

Multiplication between a long polynomial and a short polynomial → Convolution

$$a(X) = a_0 + a_1X + a_2X^2 + a_3X^3 + a_4X^4 + a_5X^5 + a_6X^6 + a_7X^7 + a_8X^8 + a_9X^9 + a_{10}X^{10} + a_{11}X^{11}$$

$$b(X) = b_3 + b_2X + 0X^2 + 0X^3 + b_1X^4 + b_0X^5$$

$$a(X) \cdot b(X) = \sum_{i=0}^{15} c_iX^i$$



$$c_5 = a_0b_0 + a_1b_1 + a_4b_2 + a_5b_3$$

$$c_7 = a_2b_0 + a_3b_1 + a_6b_2 + a_7b_3$$

$$c_{10} = a_5b_0 + a_6b_1 + a_9b_2 + a_{10}b_3$$

$$c_6 = a_1b_0 + a_2b_1 + a_5b_2 + a_6b_3$$

$$c_9 = a_4b_0 + a_5b_1 + a_8b_2 + a_9b_3$$

$$c_{11} = a_6b_0 + a_7b_1 + a_9b_2 + a_{11}b_3$$

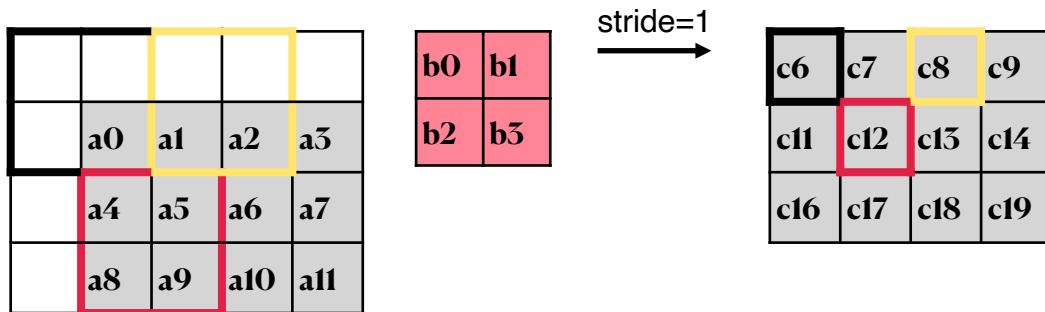
Convolution

High flexibility: stride ≥ 1 & Same/Valid Padding & 3D Convolution

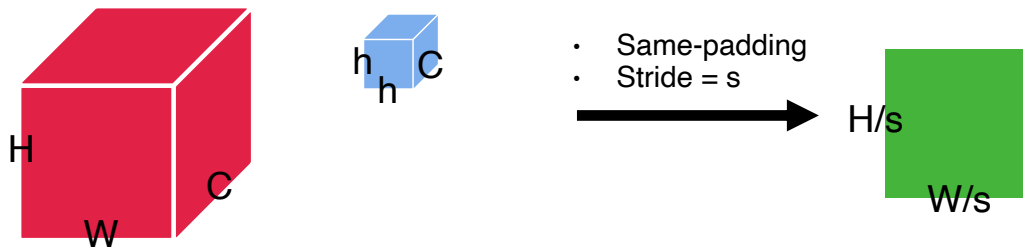
$$a(X) = a_0X^6 + a_1X^7 + \dots + a_{11}X^{19}$$

$$b(X) = b_3 + b_2X + 0X^2 + 0X^3 + 0X^4 + b_1X^5 + b_0X^6$$

$$a(X) \cdot b(X) = \sum_{i=0}^{25} c_iX^i$$



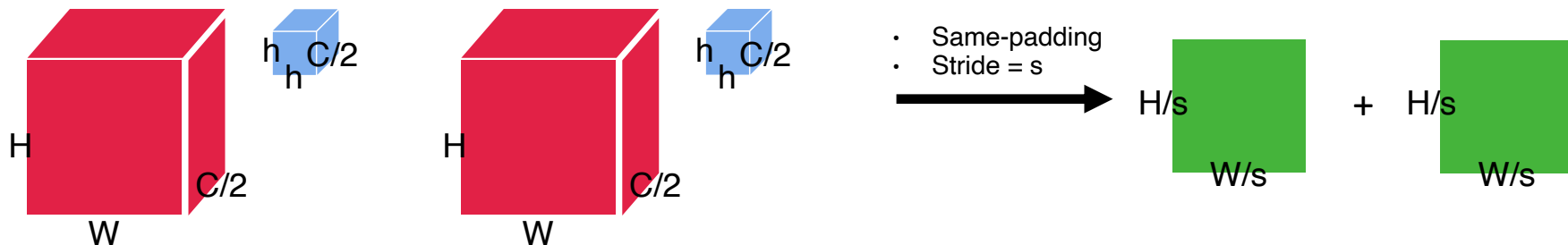
Big Tensor



- The whole Tensor needs to be Encoded into a polynomial of degree N
 - $HWC \leq N$ (valid padding)
 - $(H - h + 1)(W - h + 1)C \leq N$ (same padding)
 - (rare case) when stride $s \geq h$, we can skip some computation

Big Tensor

Split along Channels



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 - $HWC \leq N$ (valid padding)
 - $(H - h + 1)(W - h + 1)C \leq N$ (same padding)
 - (rare case) when stride $s \geq h$, we can skip some computation
- Big Tensor (e.g., $HWC > N$) can be split into small tensors
 - Along Channels: Just a simple addition in the end

Big Tensor

Split along Height/Width

H=3, W=4, C = 1

a0	a1	a2	a3
a4	a5	a6	a7
a8	a9	a10	a11

N = 9



H'=3, W'=3, C=1

a0	a1	a2
a4	a5	a6
a8	a9	a10

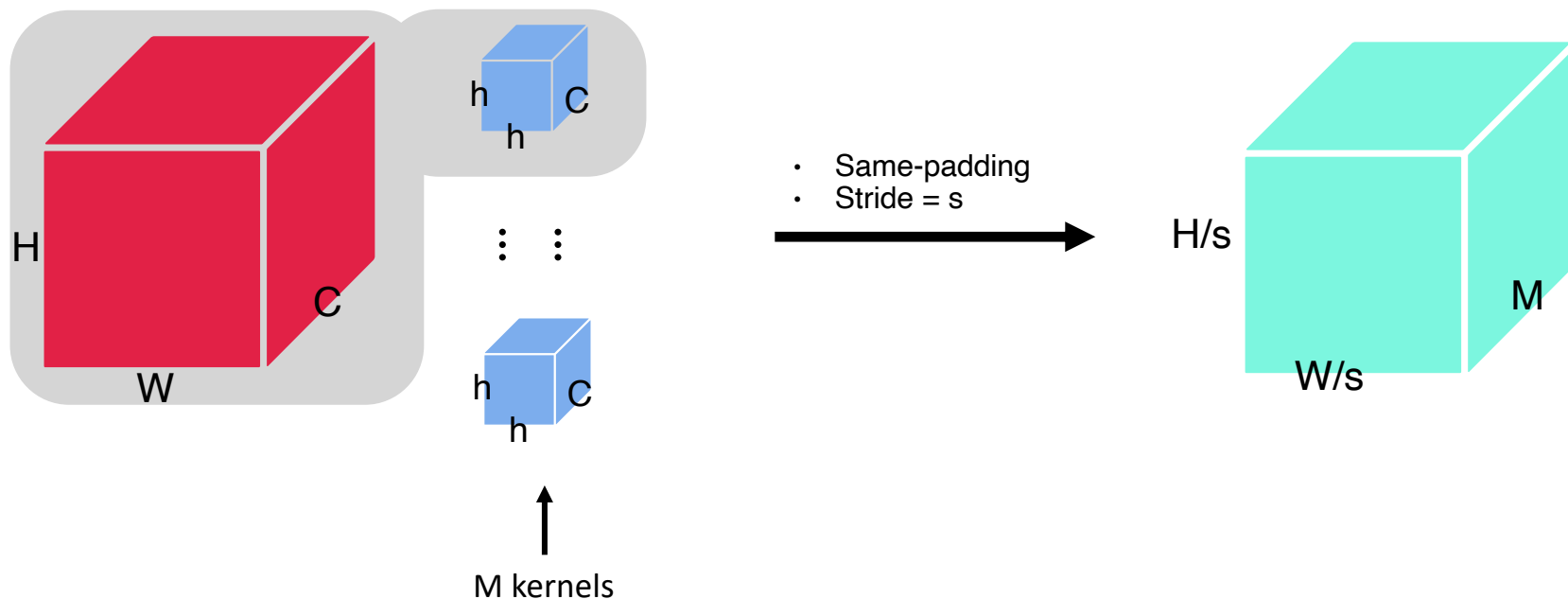
H'=3, W'=2, C=1

a2	a3
a6	a7
a10	a11

- The whole Tensor needs to be Encoded into a polynomial of degree N
 - $HWC \leq N$ (valid padding)
 - $(H - h + 1)(W - h + 1)C \leq N$ (same padding)
 - (rare case) when stride $s \geq h$, we can skip some computation
- Big Tensor (e.g., $HWC > N$) can be split into small tensors
 - Along Channels: Just a simple addition in the end
 - Along Height/Width: Might contain overlaps

Multiple Kernels

Compute independently for each kernel



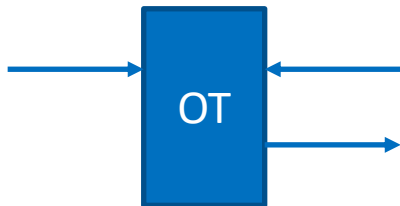
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Non-Linear Primitives



Oblivious Transfer (Primitive)

- Sender has ℓ -bit integers a_0, a_1
- Receiver chooses one of them with a choice bit $b \in \{0, 1\}$
- OT result:
 - Receiver gets a_b , but does not know a_{1-b}
 - Sender does not know b
- Other variants:
 - 1-of-m OT: Sender has $m \geq 2$ messages
 - Random OT: Sender obtains random messages a_0, a_1
 - Correlated OT: Sender's inputs a_0, a_1 satisfy some correlation (e.g., $a_1 = \Delta \oplus a_0$)

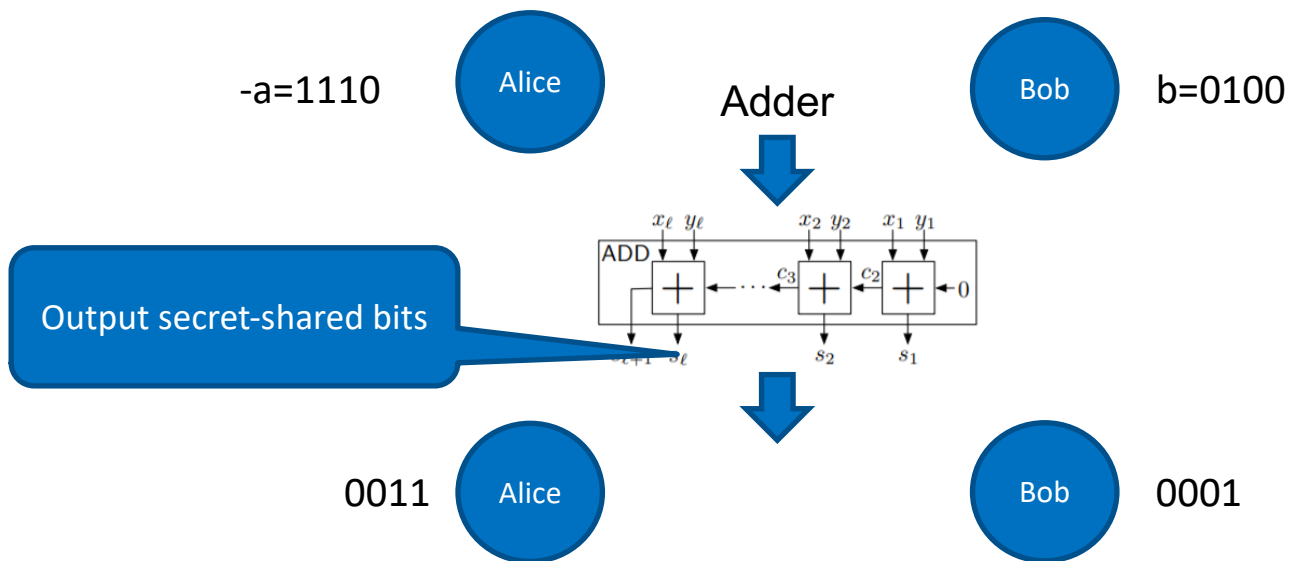


Non-linear layers (ReLU , MaxPool)

- ReLU: $\text{ReLU}(x) := \max(x, 0)$
- Input:
 - Alice、 Bob: Secret-shared x
- Output:
 - Alice、 Bob: Secret-shared $\text{Compare}(x, 0) * x$
- $\text{Compare}(x, 0)$
 - $= 0$, if $x < 0$
 - $= 1$, if $x \geq 0$

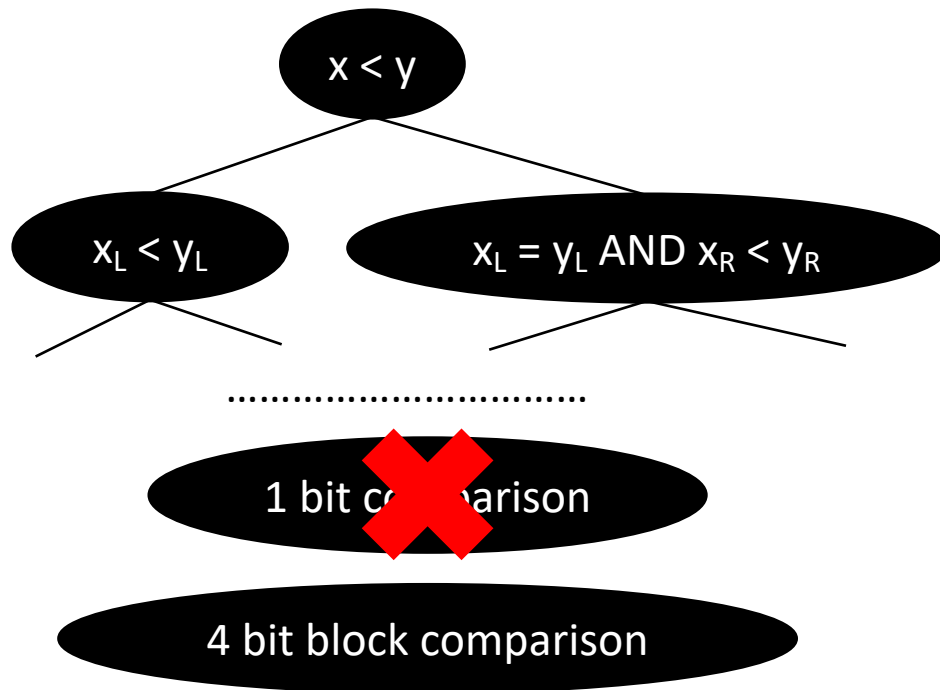
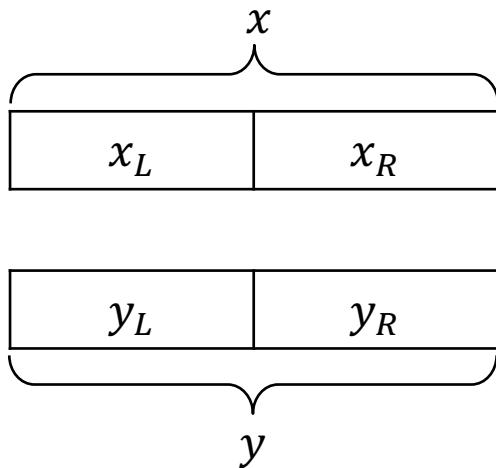
Compare

- $\text{Compare}(b, a)$ solution 1: execute boolean adder to obtain $\text{MSB}(b - a)$



Compare

- Solution 2: comparison tree [CrypTFlow2]



Compare

- Solution 2: comparison tree [CryptFlow2]

4 bit block comparison

- Minimize comm. rounds and AND gates

Assume $x = a$

$x < 0$	}	0
$x < 1$		
...		
$x < a$		
$x < a+1$	}	1
...		
$x < 15$		

1-of-16 OT

Alice inputs: $r \oplus \{x < i\}, 0 \leq i \leq 15$

Bob inputs: y



Alice obtains: r

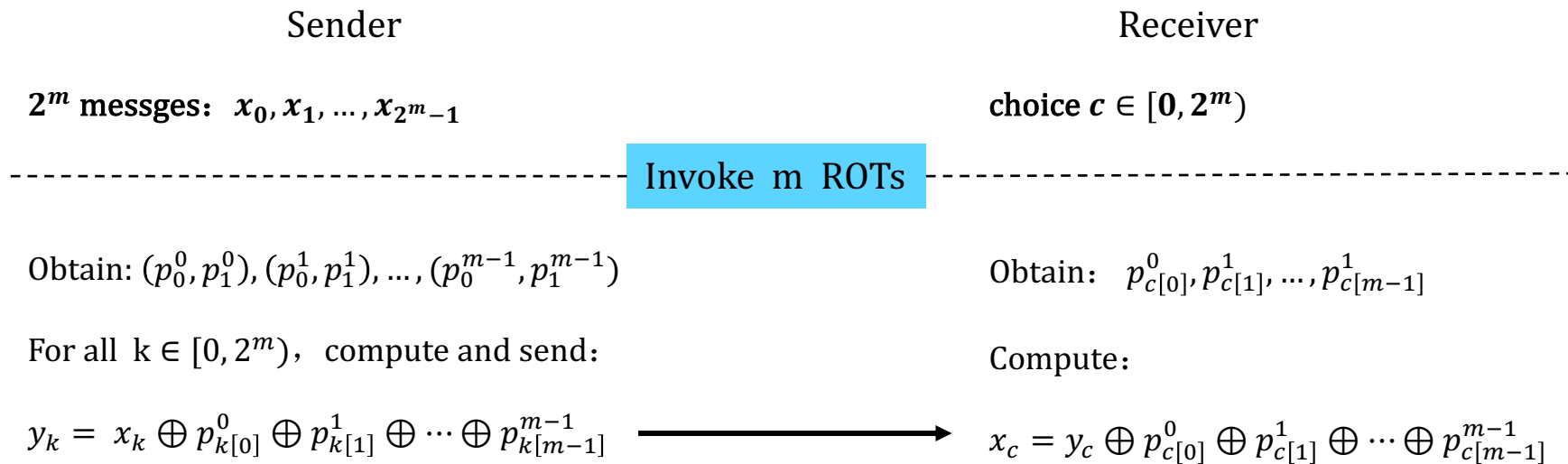
Bob obtains: $r \oplus \{x < y\}$

Primitives in Compare

- 1-of- 2^m OT
- AND Gate
 - Beaver triple
 - 1-of-2 Random OT
- CryptFlow2 uses classic IKNP-OT
- Recent years, we have seen a series of Silent OT schemes based on VOLE
 - [CCS19], [Crypto21], **[Ferret]**
 - Generate massive amount of Random Correlated OT with little communication:
$$c_i = b_i + a_i \cdot x$$
where $(b_i, b_i + x)$ are Sender's random correlated messages, $a_i \in \{0,1\}$ is Receiver's choice bit
 - Random Correlated OT → Any other OT variant

Primitives in Compare

- 1-of- 2^m OT
 - IKNP-OT scheme: [KKOT 2013]
 - Silent OT scheme: m instances of 1-of-2 Random OT [NaorPinkas1999]



Primitives in Compare

Primitives	Communication (bits)	
	IKNP (CF2)	Silent (Cheetah)
$\binom{2}{1} - \text{ROT}_\ell$	λ	0 or 1
$\binom{2}{1} - \text{COT}_\ell$	$\ell + \lambda$	$\ell + 1$
$\binom{2}{1} - \text{OT}_\ell$	$2\ell + \lambda$	$2\ell + 1$
$\binom{n}{1} - \text{OT}_\ell \ (n \geq 3)$	$n\ell + 2\lambda$	$n\ell + \log_2 n$

E.g.: $\ell = 64, \lambda = 128$

Truncation

- Fixed point (FP) numbers for MPC
 - Value is 0.5, scale is $2^{15} \rightarrow$ FP representation: $0.5 \times 2^{15} = 16384$
- Problem: multiplication increases the scale
 - $0.5 \times 0.5 \rightarrow 16384 \times 16384 = 268435456 = 0.25 \times 2^{30}$
 - Several mults would lead to an overflow
- Need a method to truncate secret-shared values to maintain the scale
 - Plain truncation: $x \gg 15$
 - but local truncation leads to BIG error on secret sharings [SecureML]:
$$x = x_1 + x_2 \bmod 2^k$$
$$(x \gg 15) \neq (x_1 \gg 15) + (x_2 \gg 15)$$
- **Cheetah: Efficient silent OT-based truncation protocol**
(1/2 probability with tiny one-bit LSB error)

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Performance and Summary



Performance

Benchmark	System	End2End Time		Commu.
		LAN	WAN	
SqNet	<i>SCI_{HE}</i> [50]	41.1s	147.2s	5.9GB
	<i>SecureQ8</i> [16]	4.4s	134.1s	0.8GB
	<i>Cheetah</i>	16.0s	39.1s	0.5GB
RN50	<i>SCI_{HE}</i> [50]	295.7s	759.1s	29.2GB
	<i>SecureQ8</i> [16]	32.6s	379.2s	3.8GB
	<i>Cheetah</i>	80.3s	134.7s	2.3GB
DNet	<i>SCI_{HE}</i> [50]	296.2s	929.0s	35.4GB
	<i>SecureQ8</i> [16]	22.5s	342.6s	4.6GB
	<i>Cheetah</i>	79.3s	177.7s	2.4GB

SqNet = SqueezeNet; RN50 = ResNet50; DNet = DenseNet121

Computation: 3x
Communication: 10x

SCI_{HE}: CryptFlow2

SecureQ8: State-of-the-Art 3PC framework

Takeaways



Low



Medium



High

Framework Type	Computation cost	Communication Amount	Communication Round	Work
SS (A、B)	☆	☆	☆☆	Cheetah

- With RLWE and Silent OT, 2PC systems can be implemented in very efficient ways
- The most optimized design need to consider computation tasks, primitives and parameters
 - $\text{Mod } 2^k$ OR $\text{Mod } p$
 - Data encoding: SIMD OR Coefficient Encoding
 - Comparison: Adder circuit、Pure AND triple OR 1-of-N OT
 - ...
- Available:
 - <https://github.com/Alibaba-Gemini-Lab/OpenCheetah>

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