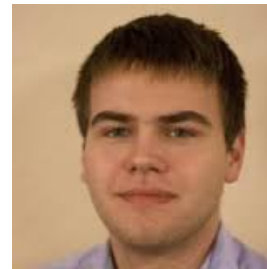


*Faster Zero-Knowledge  
and Applications*

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# Motivation: Authentication

P

V

“I am Claudio”



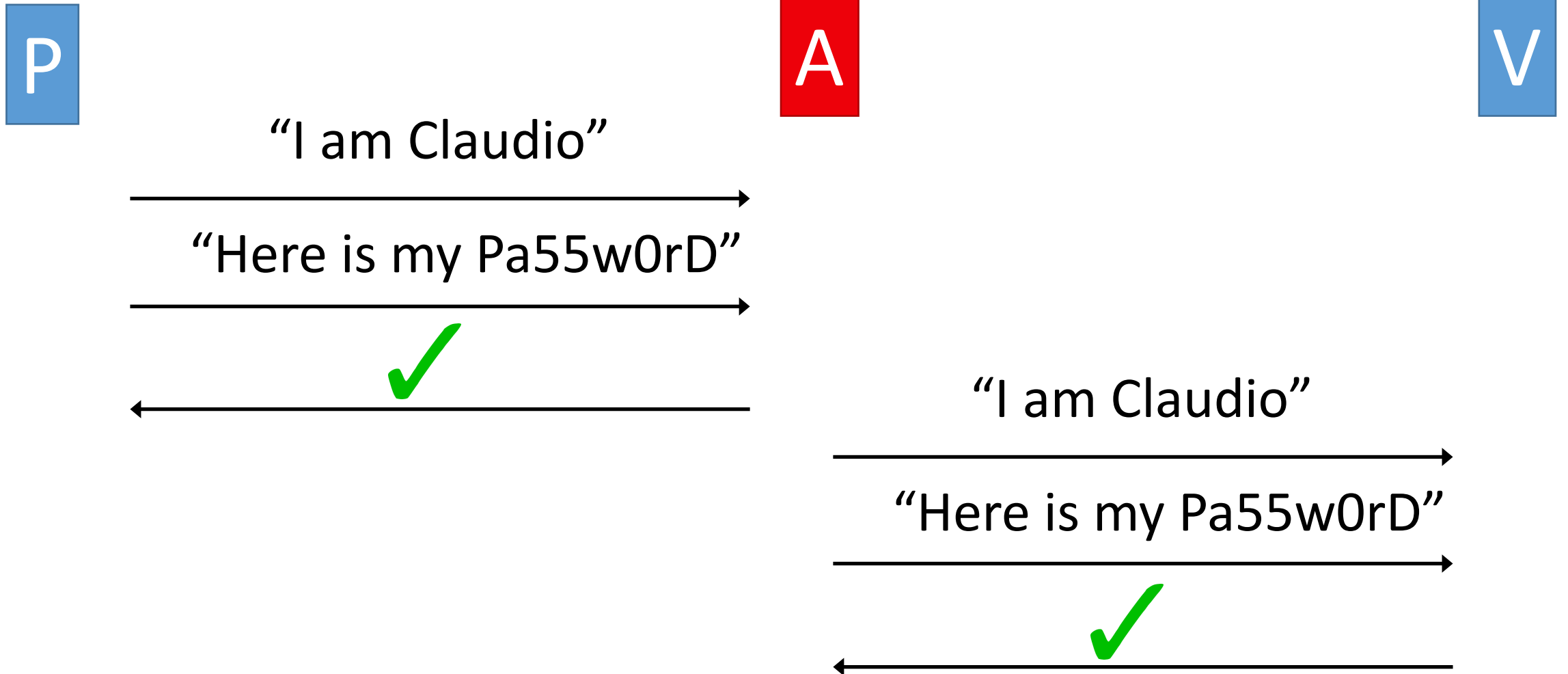
“I know my password”



“Here is my Pa55w0rD”



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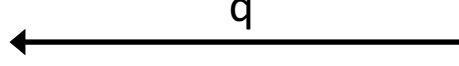
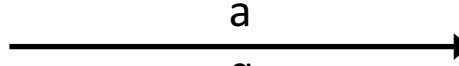
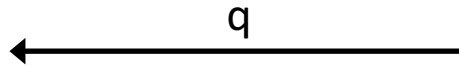


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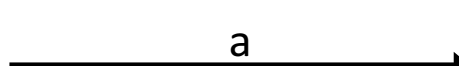
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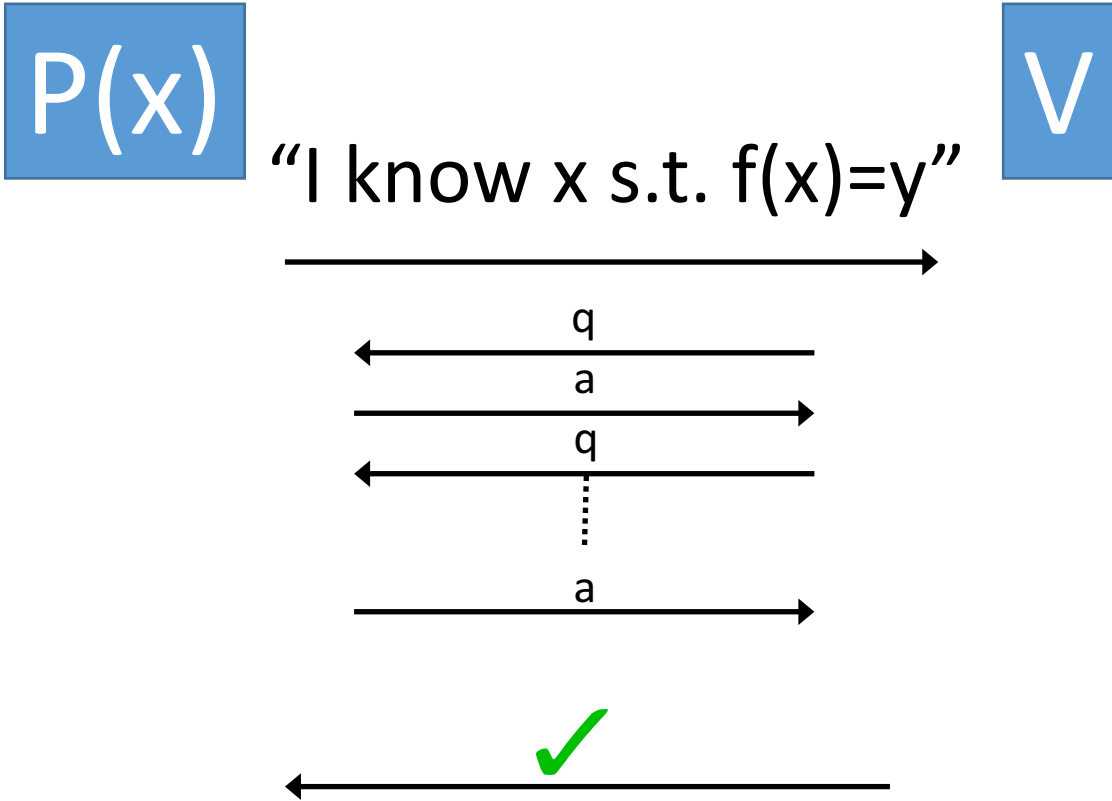
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# ZK: Definitions



Only  $P$  knows  $x$

$P, V$  know  $f, y$

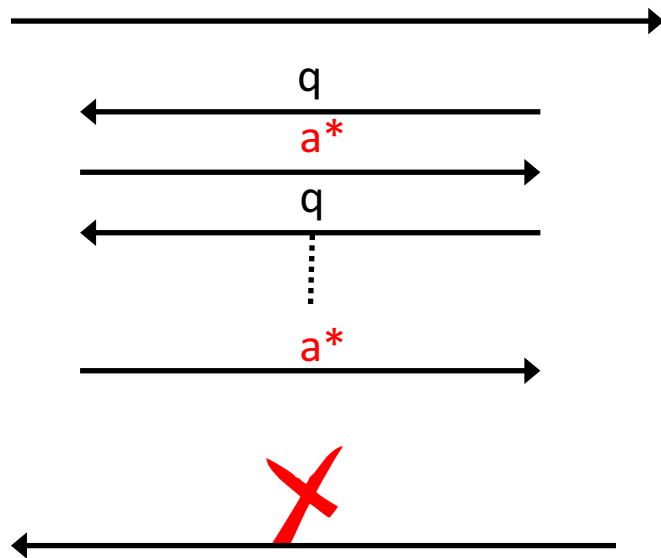


# ZK: Definitions

P

“I know  $x$  s.t.  $f(x)=y$ ”

V



- **Completeness**

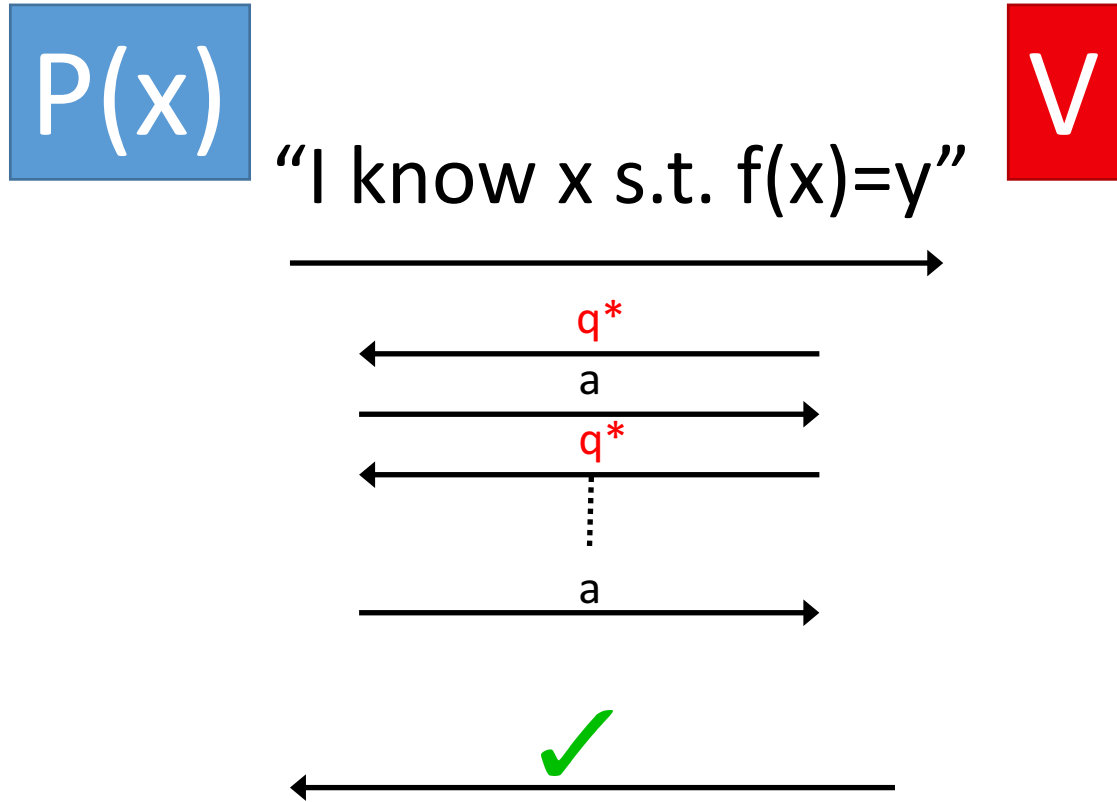
- P,V honest  $\rightarrow$  V accepts

- **Proof-of-Knowledge**

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# ZK: Definitions



- **Completeness**

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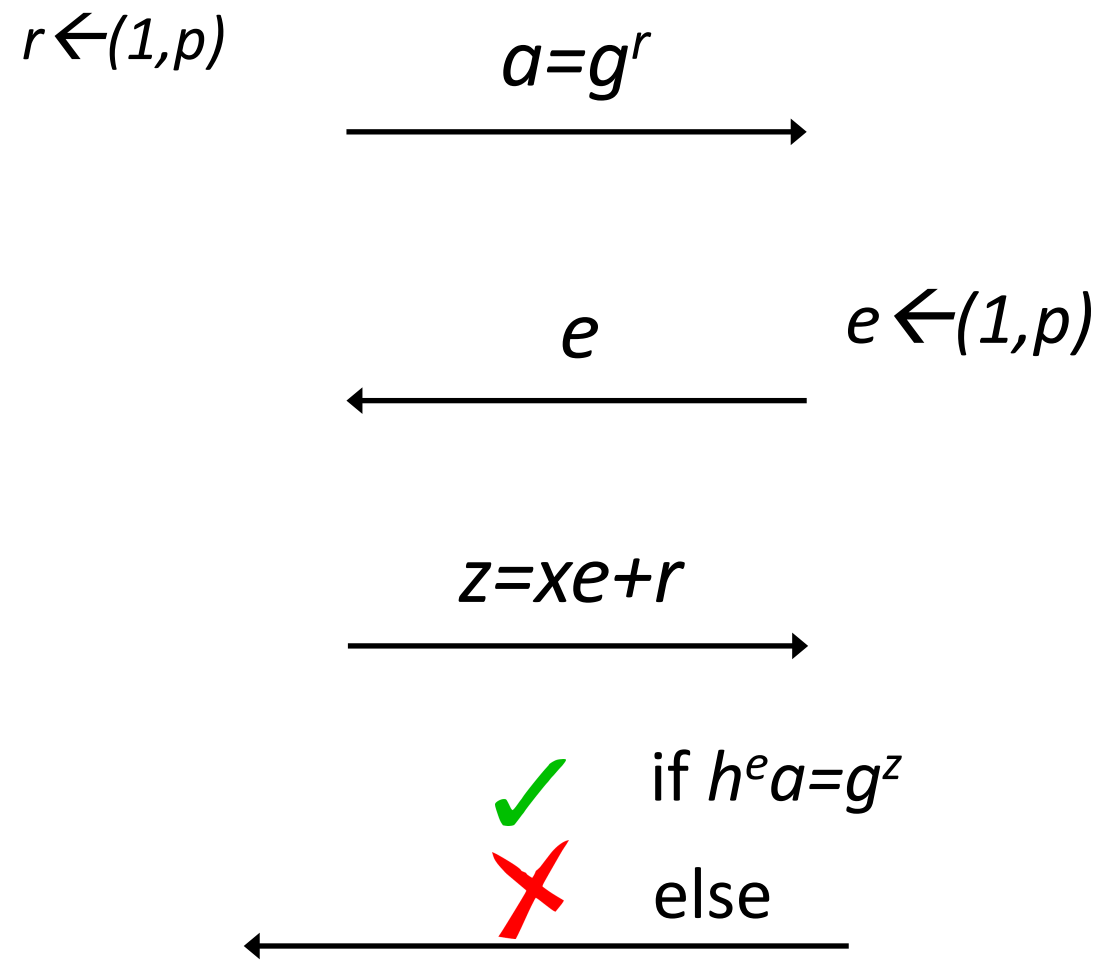
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- **Zero-Knowledge**

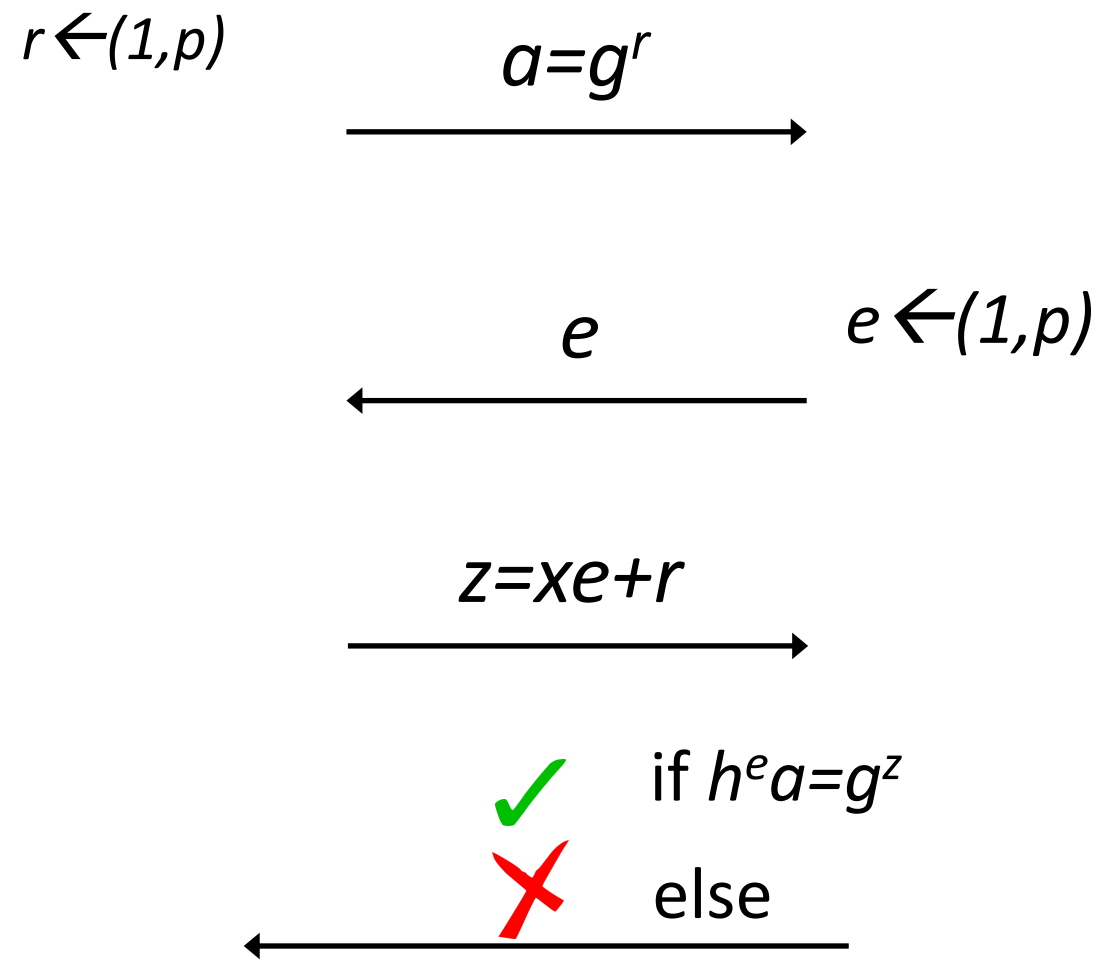
- $V$  learns nothing about  $x$

**P(x)** "I know  $x$  s.t.  $g^x=h$ " **V**



# Example: Schnorr Protocol

**P(x)** "I know x s.t.  $g^x=h$ " **V**

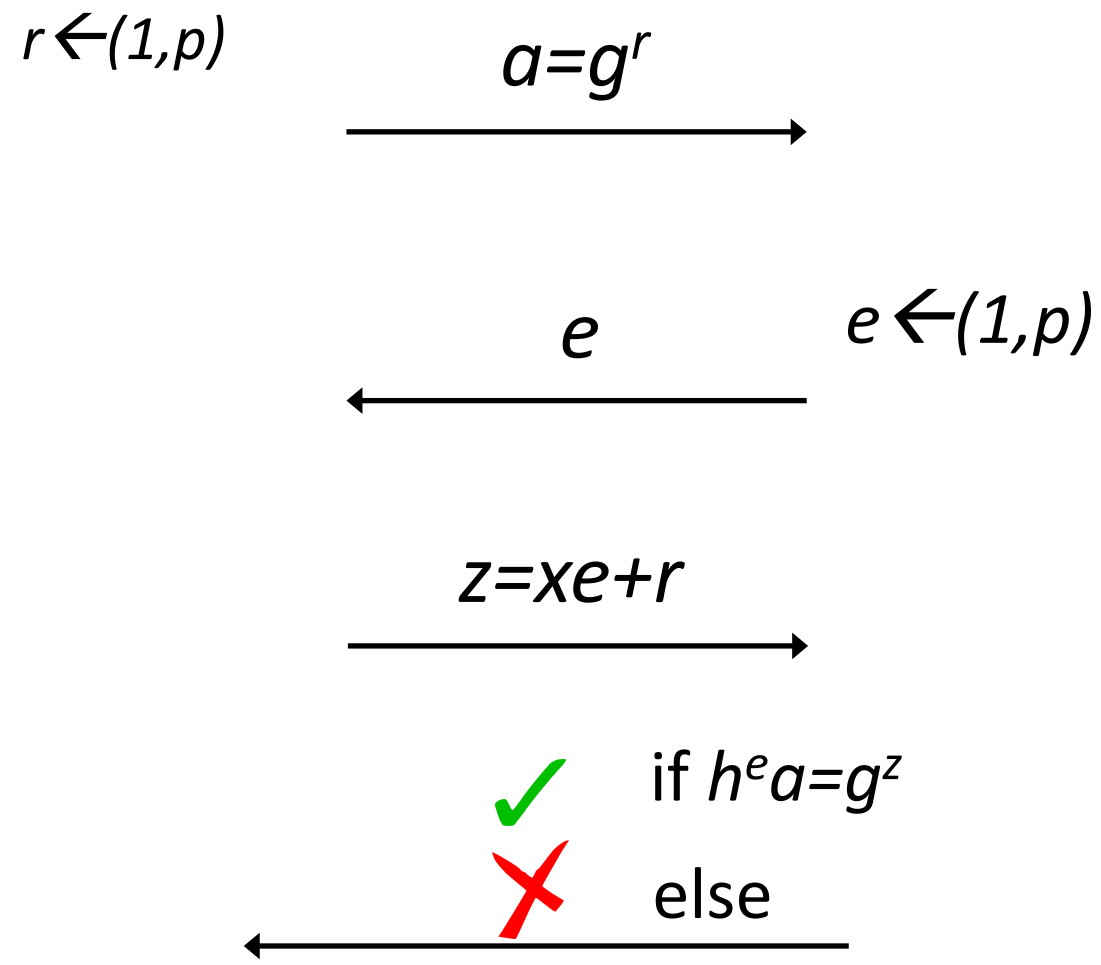


# Example: Schnorr Protocol

## Completeness

$$g^z = g^{xe+r} = h^e g^r = h^e a$$

**P(x)** "I know  $x$  s.t.  $g^x=h$ " **V**



# Example: Schnorr Protocol

~~Proof-of-Knowledge~~

**Special Soundness:**

From two accepting transcripts

$$(a_1, e_1, z_1), (a_2, e_2, z_2)$$

with  $a_1 = a_2$  we can **extract**  $x$ .

Solve:

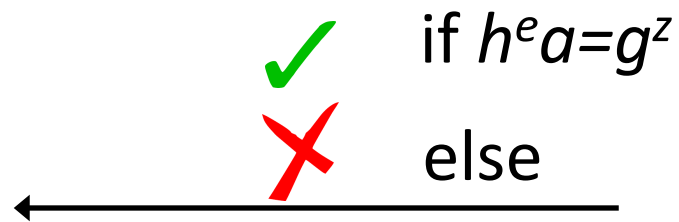
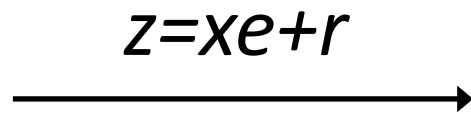
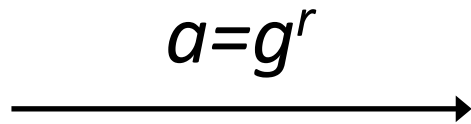
$$z_1 = xe_1 + r,$$

$$z_2 = xe_2 + r$$

*(P can answer 2 different challenges → P knows x)*



$r \leftarrow (1,p)$



# Example: Schnorr Protocol

## (Honest Verifier) Zero-Knowledge

The transcript can be **simulated** without knowing  $x$

*(hence, it contains no information about  $x$ )*

### Simulator

1. Pick  $e \leftarrow (1,p)$
2. Pick  $z \leftarrow (1,p)$
3. Compute  $a = h^e / g^z$
4. Output  $(a,e,z)$

# What can be proven in ZK?

**Feasibility:** NP, even PSPACE!

**Efficiently:** algebraic languages  
(Schnorr, ..., Groth-Sahai, ...)

**SNARKS (generic)**

- **Short proofs, efficient verification** 😊
- **Slow prover** 😞
- Implementations: Pinocchio, libsnark,

**This talk:**

Can we construct efficient proofs for non-algebraic languages such as

*“I know  $x$  such that  $SHA(x)=y$ ”?*

**Two protocols:**

- ZKGC (from Garbled Circuits)
- ZKBoo (from MPC)

**One application:**

- *Generic (post-quantum) signatures*

# The Crypto Toolbox



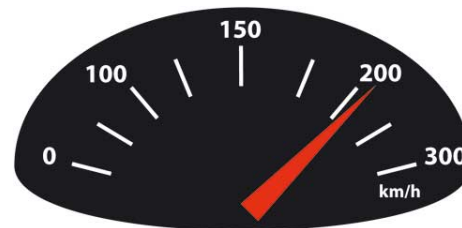
Weaker assumption

Stronger assumption

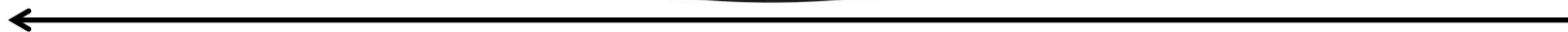


**OTP >> SKE >> PKE >> FHE >> Obfuscation**

More efficient



Less efficient



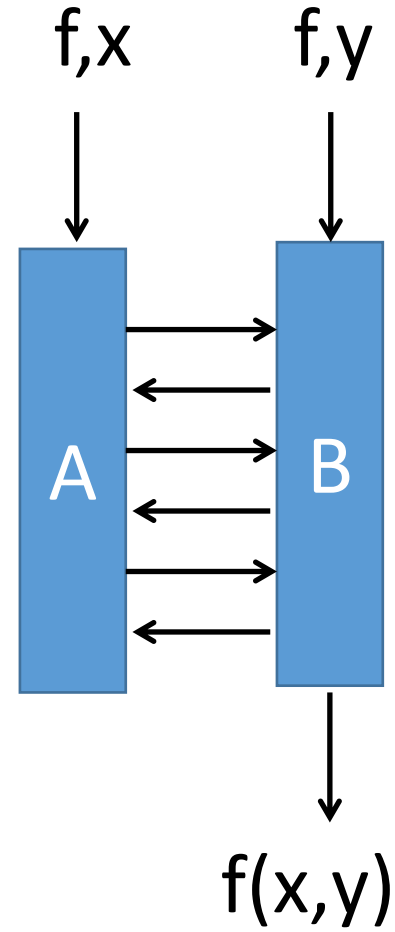
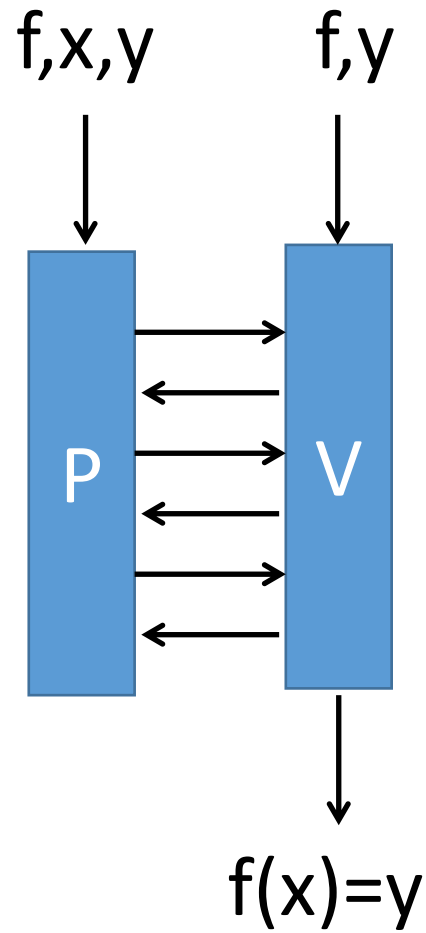
# Zero-Knowledge from Garbled Circuits

Jawurek, Ferschbaum, Orlandi

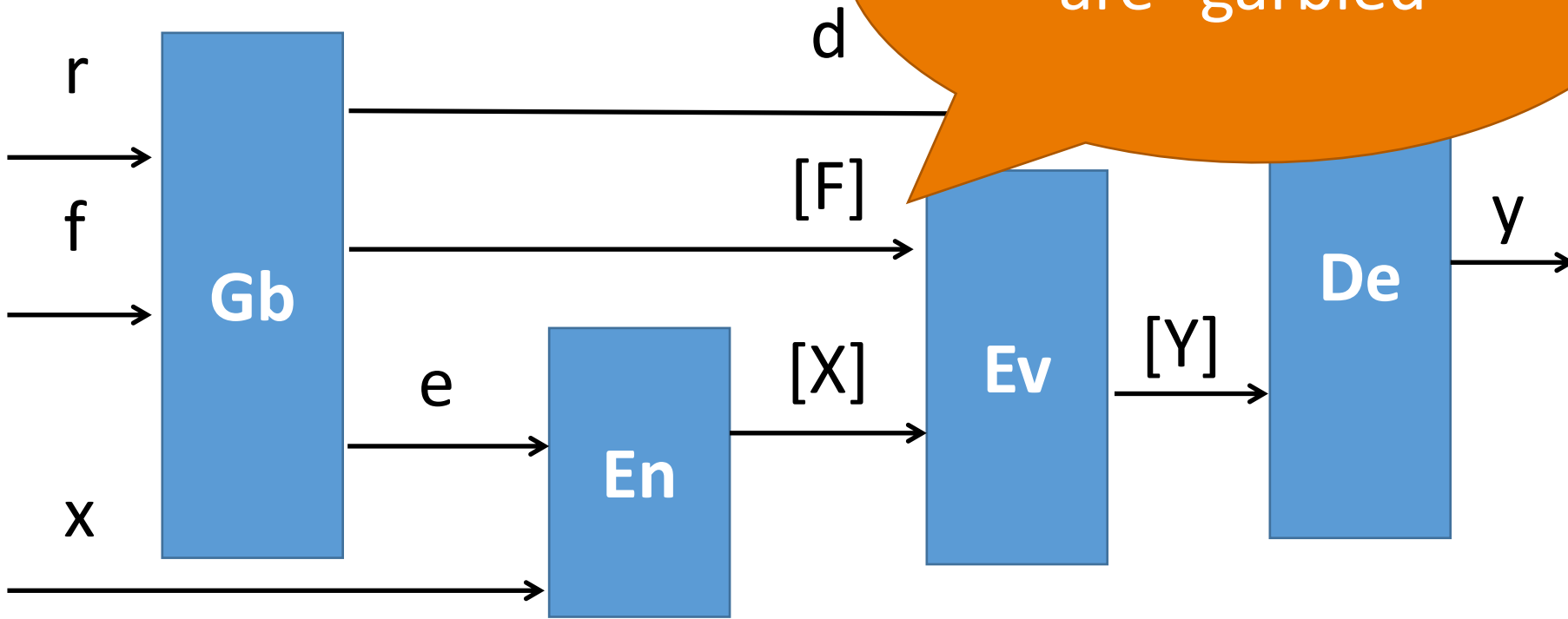
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# Zero-Knowledge vs Secure 2PC

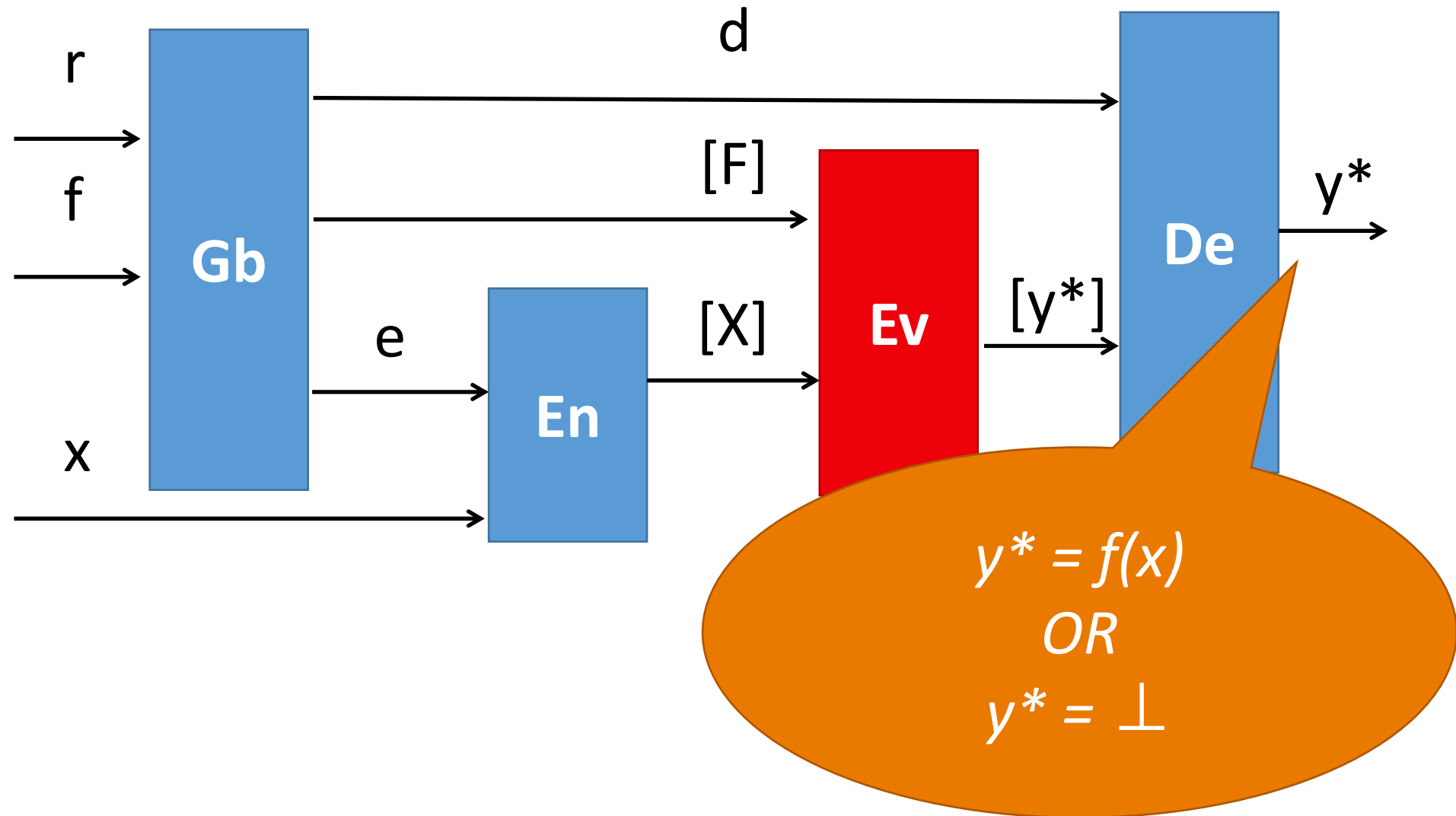


# Garbled Circuits

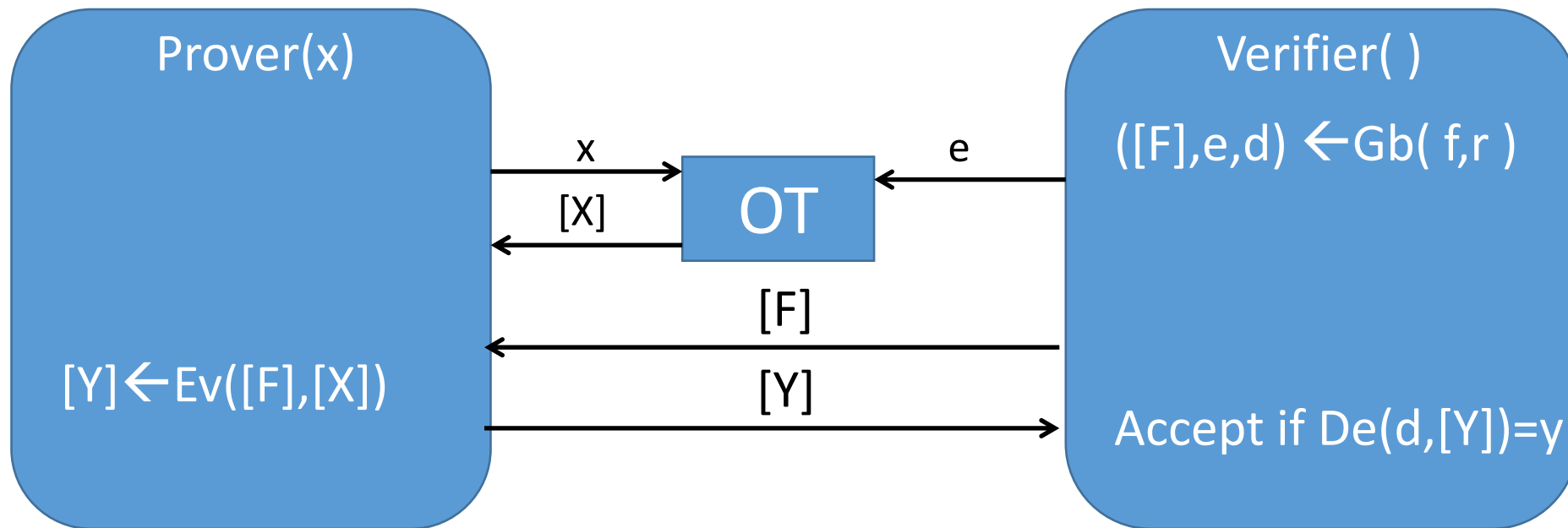


*Correct if  $y=f(x)$*

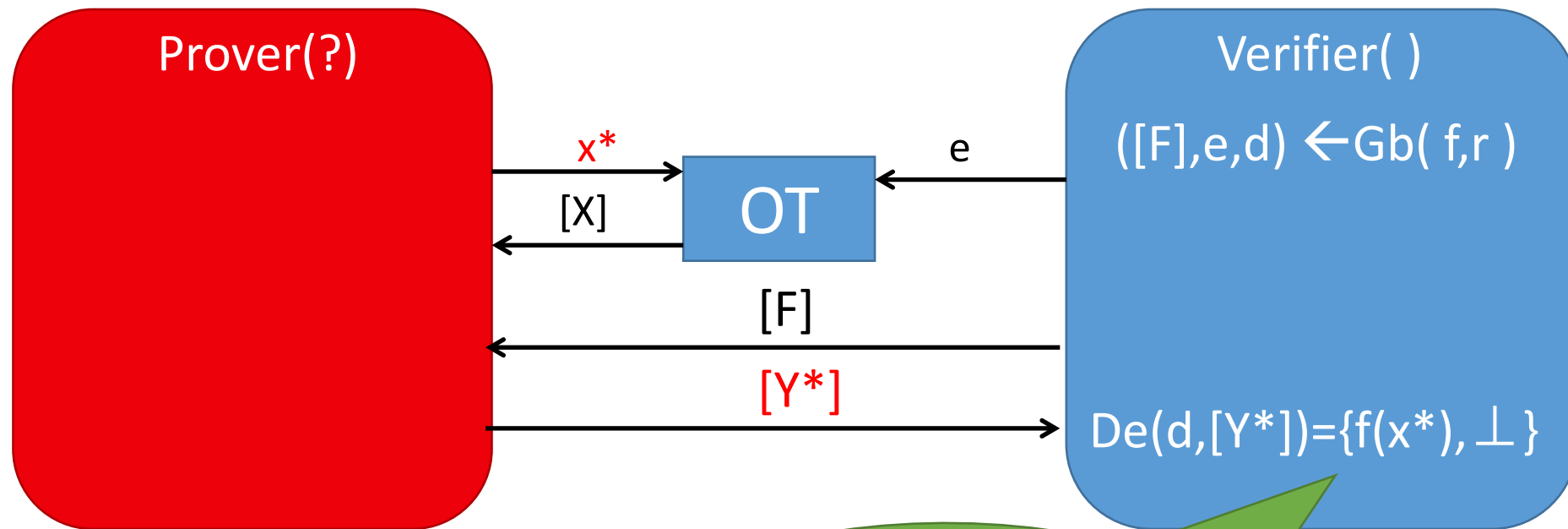
# Garbled Circuits: Authenticity



# (HV)ZKGC to prove $f(x)=y$

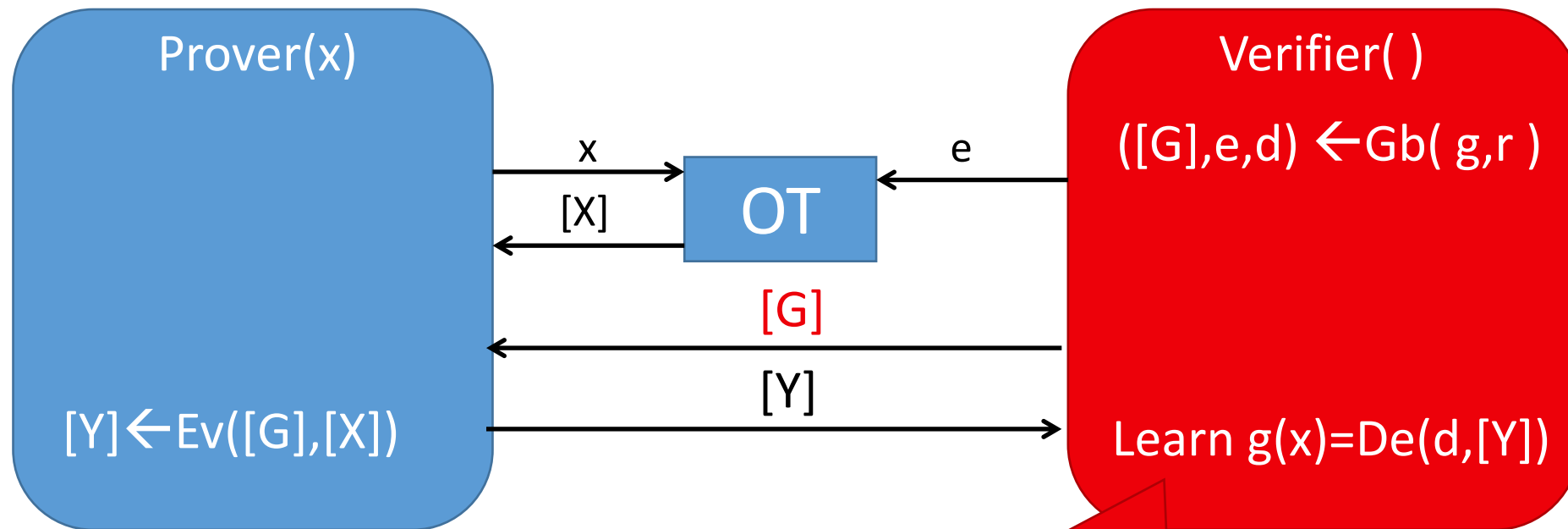


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Authenticity!

# (HV)ZKGC to prove $f(x)=y$



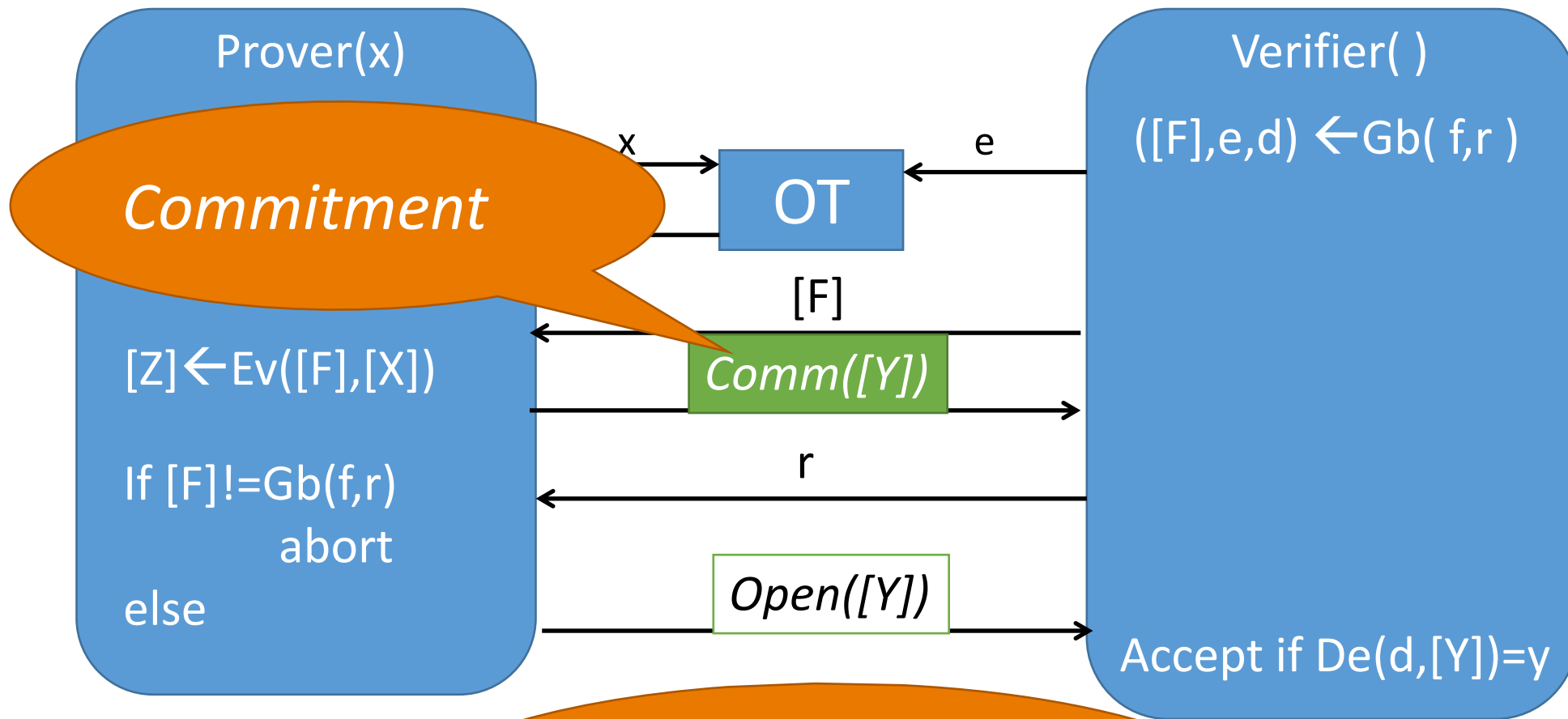
Corrupt V can  
change  $f$  with  $g$   
breaking ZK!

# Garbled circuits with active security?

*How can the verifier prove that  $f$  was garbled correctly  
(without breaking soundness)?*

- Plenty of (costly) solutions are known for 2PC
  - Zero-Knowledge
  - Cut-and-choose
  - Etc.
- **Can we do better for ZK?**

# ZKGC to prove $f(x)=y$



*Active security  
Using only 1 GC!*



# Recap: ZK based on GC

- **The main idea:**

- In ZK the verifier (Bob) has no secrets!
- After the protocol, Bob can reveal all his randomness.
- Alice can simply check that Bob behaved honestly  
*by redoing his entire computation.*

# Privacy-Free Garbled Circuits

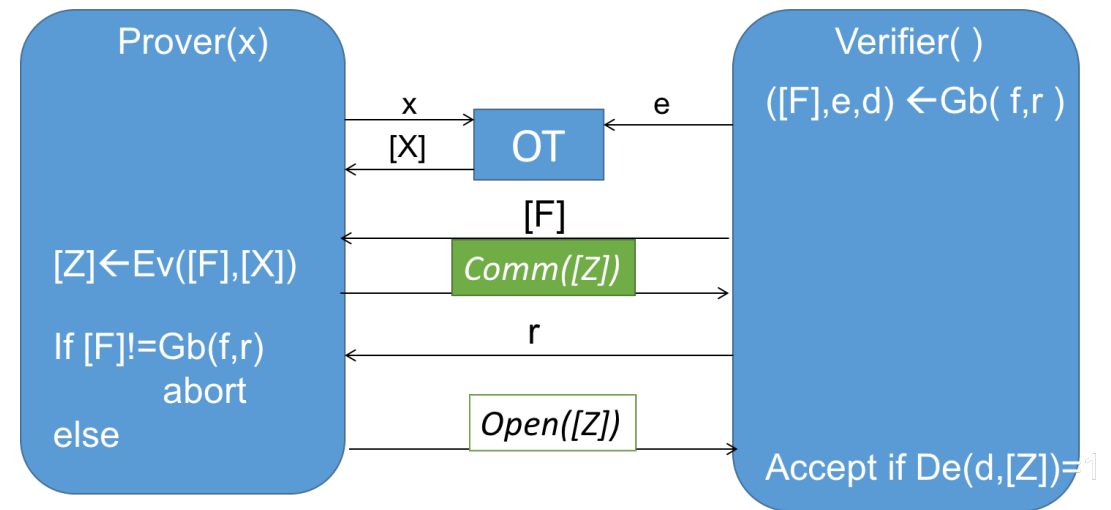
Frederiksen, Nielsen, Orlandi

EUROCRYPT 2015

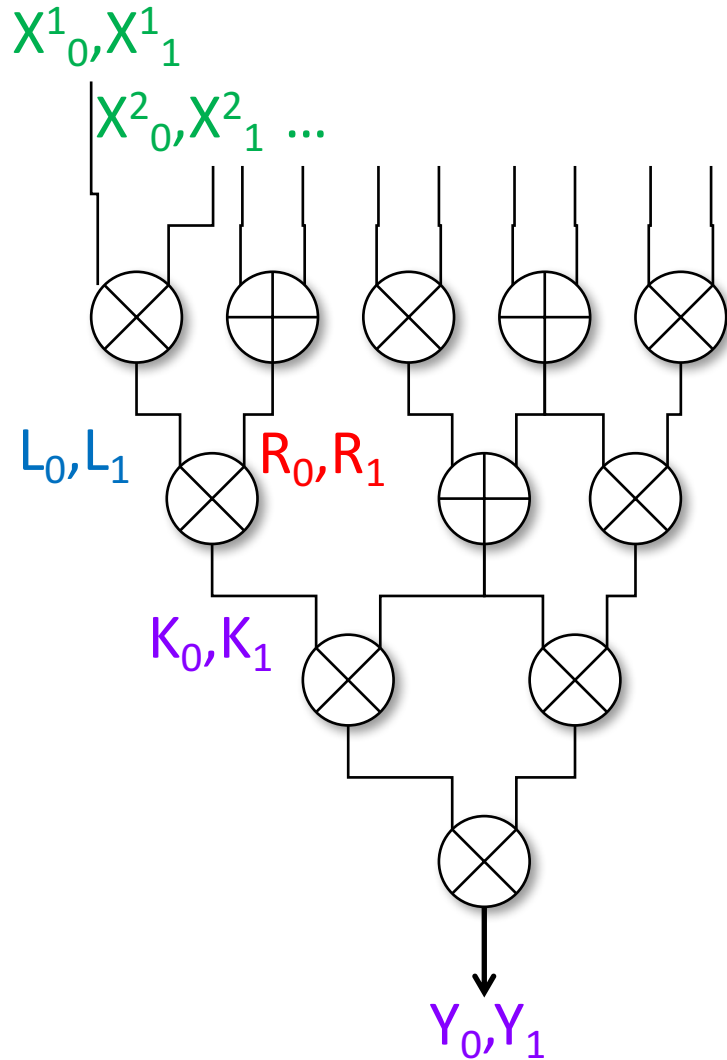
# Main idea

- In 2PC the garbler has **secret input**
- GC privacy --> privacy of input
- In ZK V has **no input to protect**
- Can we get more efficient GC without privacy?

Yes!



# Garbling a Circuit : $([F], e, d) \leftarrow Gb(f)$



- Choose 2 random keys  $X^i_0, X^i_1$  for each input wire
- For each gate  $g$  compute
  - $(gg, K_0, K_1) \leftarrow Gb(g, L_0, L_1, R_0, R_1)$
- Output
  - $e = (X^i_0, X^i_1)$  for all input wires
  - $d = (Y_0, Y_1)$
  - $[F] = (gg^i)$  for all gates  $i$

# Encoding and Decoding

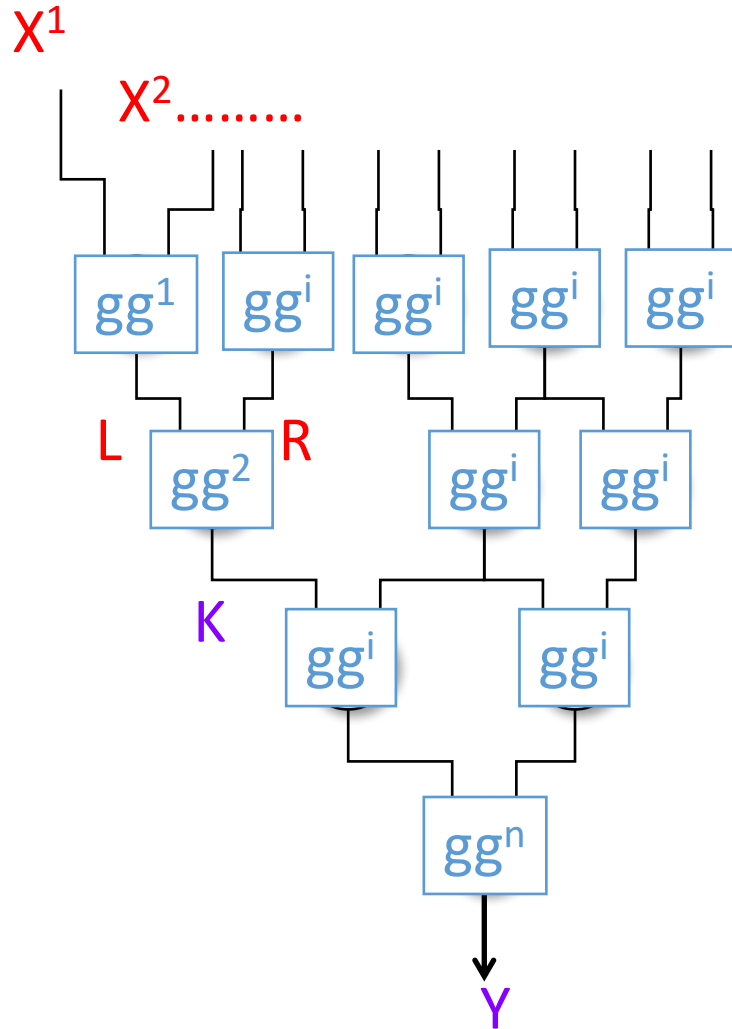
$$[X] = \text{En}(e, x)$$

- $e = \{ X_0^i, X_1^i \}$
- $x = \{ x_1, \dots, x_n \}$
- $[X] = \{ X_{x_1}^1, \dots, X_{x_n}^n \}$

$$y = \text{De}(d, [Y])$$

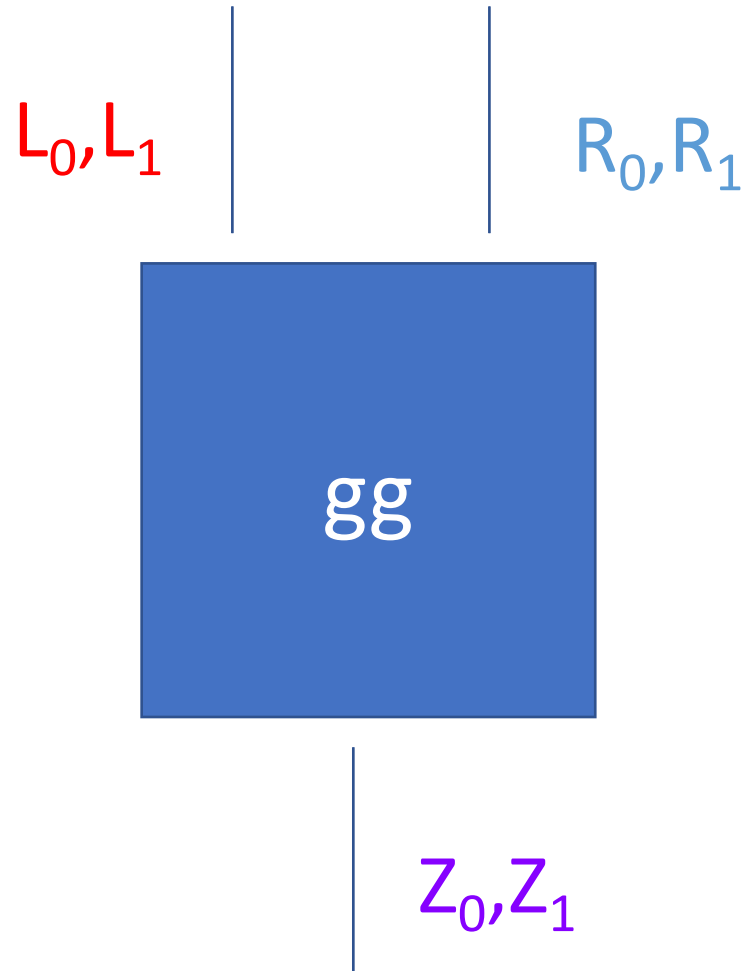
- $d = \{ Y_0, Y_1 \}$
- $[Y] = \{ K \}$
- $y =$ 
  - 0 if  $K = Y_0$ ,
  - 1 if  $K = Y_1$ ,
  - “abort” else

# Evaluating a GC : $[Y] \leftarrow \text{Ev}([F], [X])$



- Parse  $[X]=\{X^1, \dots, X^n\}$  //  $x$  is known
- Parse  $[F]=\{gg^i\}$
- For each gate  $i$  compute
  - $K_{g(a,b)} \leftarrow \text{Ev}(gg^i, L, a, R, b)$  //  $a, b$  known!
- Output
  - $Y$  //  $y$  is known!

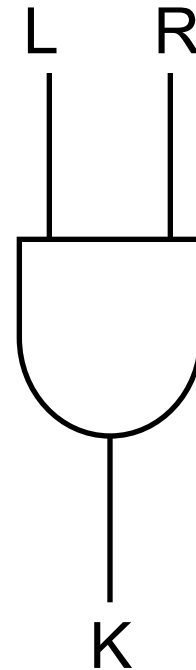
# Notation



- A (*privacy-free*) garbled gate is a gadget that given two inputs keys gives you the right output key (*and nothing else*)
- $(gg, Z_0, Z_1) \leftarrow Gb(g, L_0, L_1, R_0, R_1)$
- $Z_{g(a,b)} \leftarrow Ev(gg, L, a, R, b)$
- //and not  $Z_{1-g(a,b)}$

# Yao Garbling

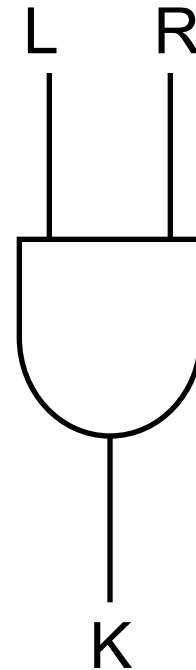
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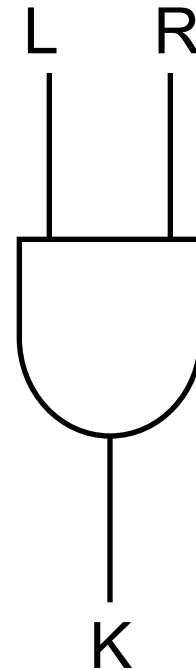
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*If output is 0  
the evaluator  
should not  
know why!!!*

# Privacy-Free Garbling

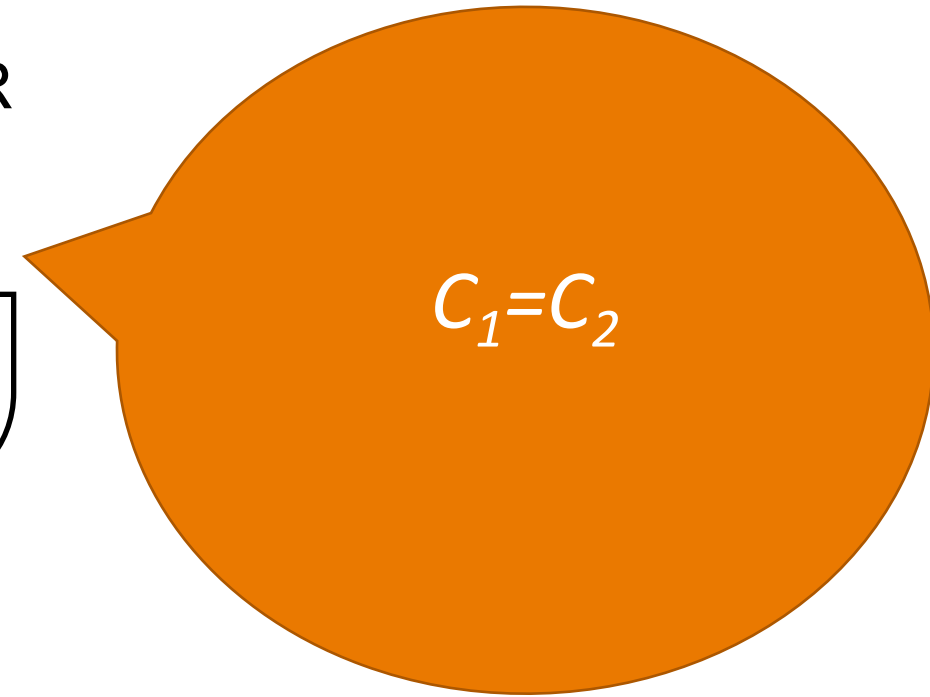
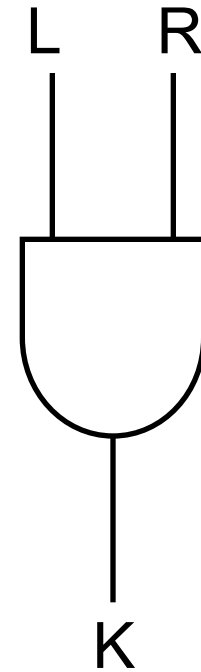
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*Evaluator  
knows plain  
inputs/outputs*

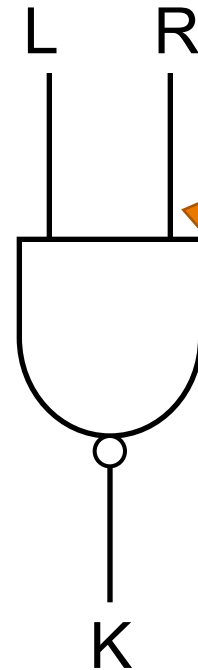
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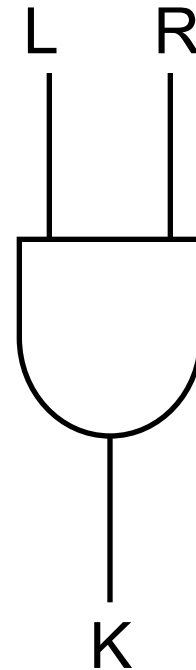
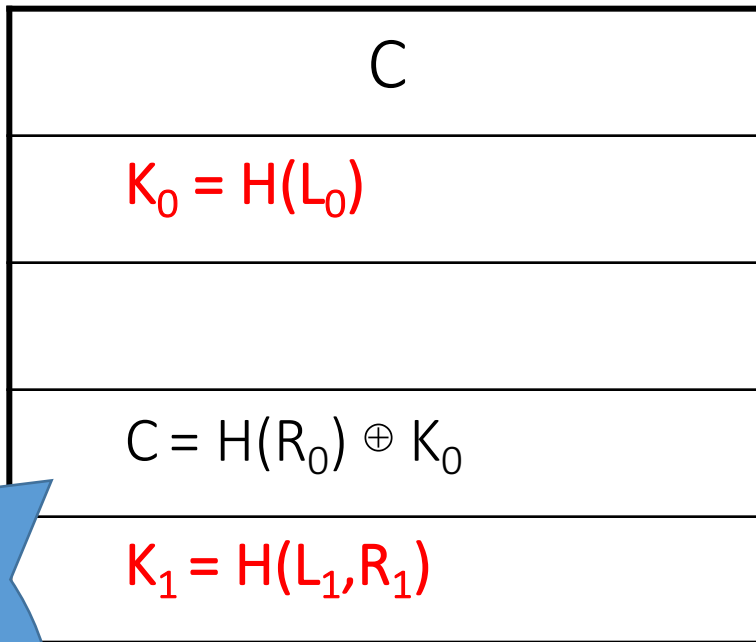
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*Output is 0  
If either input is 0*

# Privacy-Free Garbling



*Only 1  
ciphertext!*

*Standard  
"row-reduction"  
technique*

# Privacy-Free Evaluation

Eval(gg, L, a, R, b)

- If  $a=0$ 
  - Output  $K_0 = H(L_0)$
- If  $b=0$ 
  - Output  $K_0 = C \oplus H(R_0)$
- else
  - Output  $K_1 = H(L_1, R_1)$

gg
$C = H(R_0) \oplus K_0$

# Runtime (rough estimates)

- Proof of “ $c = \text{AES}(k, m)$ ” for secret  $k$  and public  $(c, m)$
- AES: 35k gates (7k ANDs/28k XORs)
- **Communication: 204kB** (98% GC)
- **Runtime:**
  - **OT:** 29.4ms (Using Chou-Orlandi OT) ( $|w|=128$ )
  - **Garbling:** 721 $\mu$ s (Using JustGarble GaXR)
  - **Eval:** 273  $\mu$ s
  - **Total** (Garble+OT+Eval+Garble)  **$\sim 31.2$ ms** (+network)

# Applications

Hu, Mohassel, Rosulek

- ***Sublinear ZK (via ORAM)***, Crypto 2015

Chase, Ganesh, Mohassel,

- **Privacy-Preserving Credentials**, Crypto 2016

Kolesnikov, Krawczyk, Lindell, Malozemoff, Rabin,

- **Attribute-Based KE with General Policies**, CCS 2016

Baum; Katz, Malozemoff, Wang,

- **Input validity in 2PC**, SCN 2016; eprint

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# ZKBoo: Faster Zero-Knowledge for Boolean Circuits

Giacomelli, Madsen, Orlandi

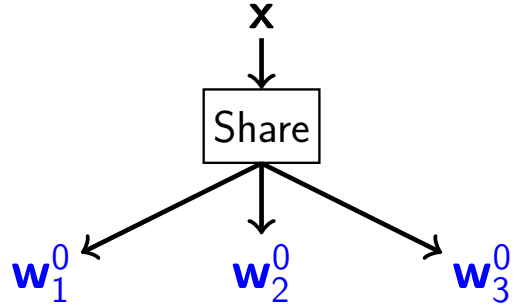
Usenix 2016

# From ZKGC to ZKBoo

- ZKGC is inherently **interactive** (**private coin**, cannot use Fiat-Shamir)
- **IKOS** (*Ishai, Kushilevitz, Ostrovsky, Sahai*) proposed in 2007 a method to get ZK from MPC. Plugging the right MPC protocol one can get ZK with very good ***asymptotic complexity***.
- **ZKBoo** can be seen as a generalization, simplification and implementation of IKOS with the sole goal of ***practical efficiency***.

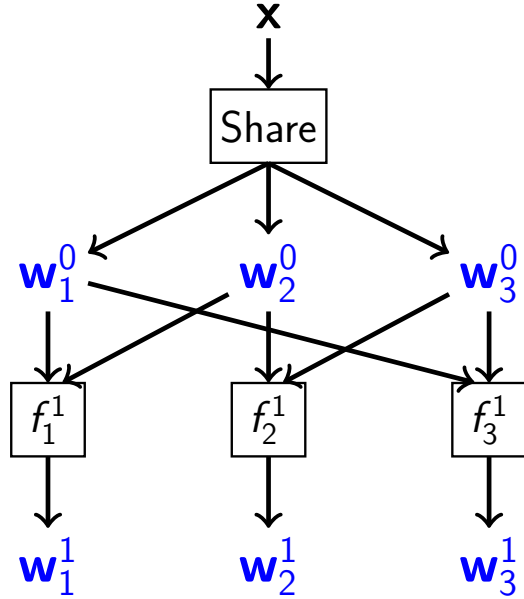
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**(2, 3)-decomposition** for  $C$ :

$$\{\text{Share}, \text{Output}_1, \text{Output}_2, \text{Output}_3, \text{Rec}\} \\ \cup \\ \{f_1^{(j)}, f_2^{(j)}, f_3^{(j)}\}_{j=1, \dots, N}$$



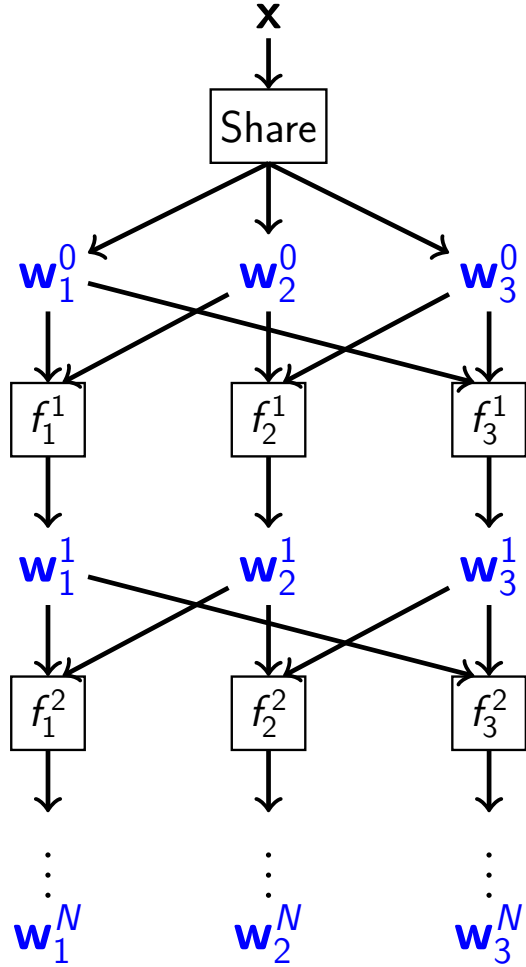
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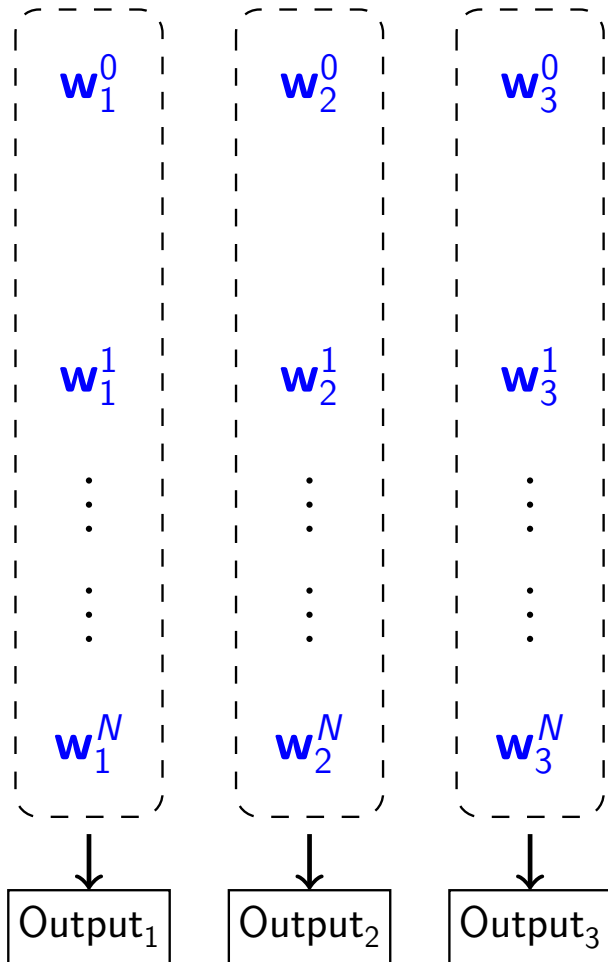
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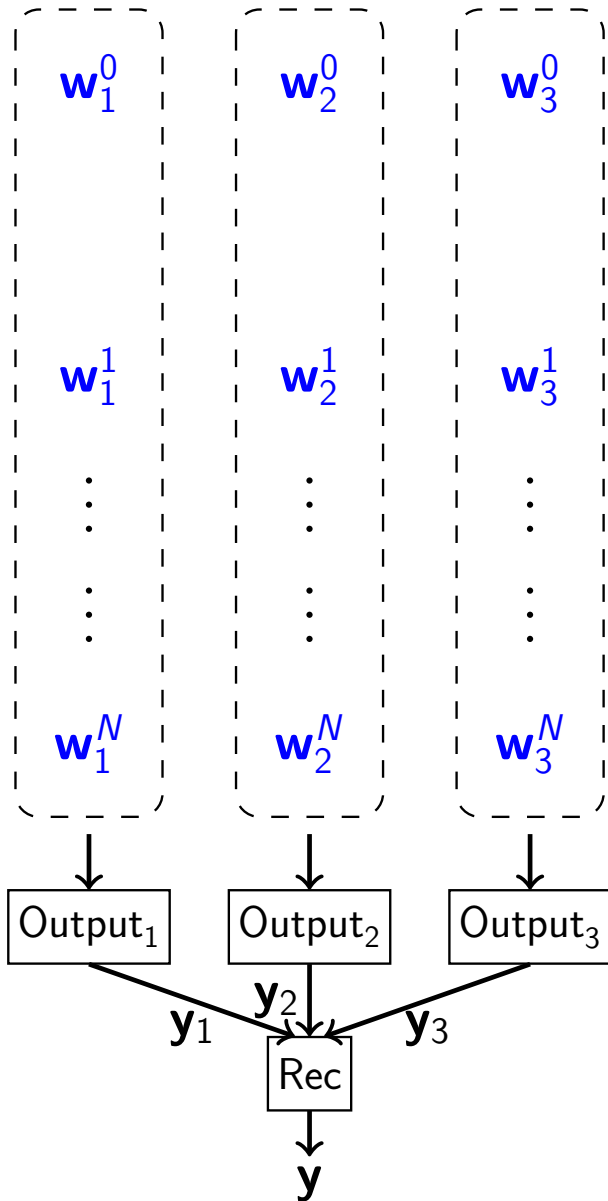
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- correct:  $\mathbf{y} = C(\mathbf{x})$
- 2-private:  $\forall e \in [3] \exists$  a PPT simulator  $S_e$  that perfectly simulate the distribution of  $(\{\mathbf{w}_i\}_{i \in \{e, e+1\}}, \mathbf{y}_{e+2})$



# Example: the linear decomposition

- *Computation in a ring  $(R, +, \cdot)$*
- *Share(x)*
  - Get random  $x_1, x_2 \leftarrow R$
  - Let  $x_3 = x - x_1 - x_2$
- *Rec( $y_1, y_2, y_3$ )*
  - $y = y_1 + y_2 + y_3$
- *Add( $x_1, x_2, x_3, y_1, y_2, y_3$ )*
  - $z_1 = x_1 + y_1$
  - $z_2 = x_2 + y_2$
  - $z_3 = x_3 + y_3$
- *Mul( $x_1, x_2, x_3, y_1, y_2, y_3$ )*
  - $z_1 = x_1 y_1 + x_1 y_2 + x_2 y_1 + r_1 - r_2$
  - $z_2 = x_2 y_2 + x_2 y_3 + x_3 y_2 + r_2 - r_3$
  - $z_3 = x_3 y_3 + x_3 y_1 + x_1 y_3 + r_3 - r_1$

# Composition

*Correctness:*

$$z_1 + z_2 + z_3 = (x_1 + x_2 + x_3)(y_1 + y_2 + y_3)$$

• Share

*2-privacy:*

*Any pair  $(z_i, z_{i+1})$  is uniform random (thanks to  $r_1, r_2, r_3$ )*

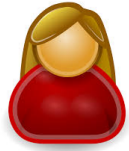
• *Add* $(x_1, x_2, x_3, y_1, y_2, y_3)$

- $z_1 = x_1 + y_1$
- $z_2 = x_2 + y_2$
- $z_3 = z_3 + y_3$

• *Mul* $(x_1, x_2, x_3, y_1, y_2, y_3)$

- $z_1 = x_1y_1 + x_1y_2 + x_2y_1 + r_1 - r_2$
- $z_2 = x_2y_2 + x_2y_3 + x_3y_2 + r_2 - r_3$
- $z_3 = x_3y_3 + x_3y_1 + x_1y_3 + r_3 - r_1$

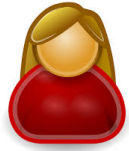
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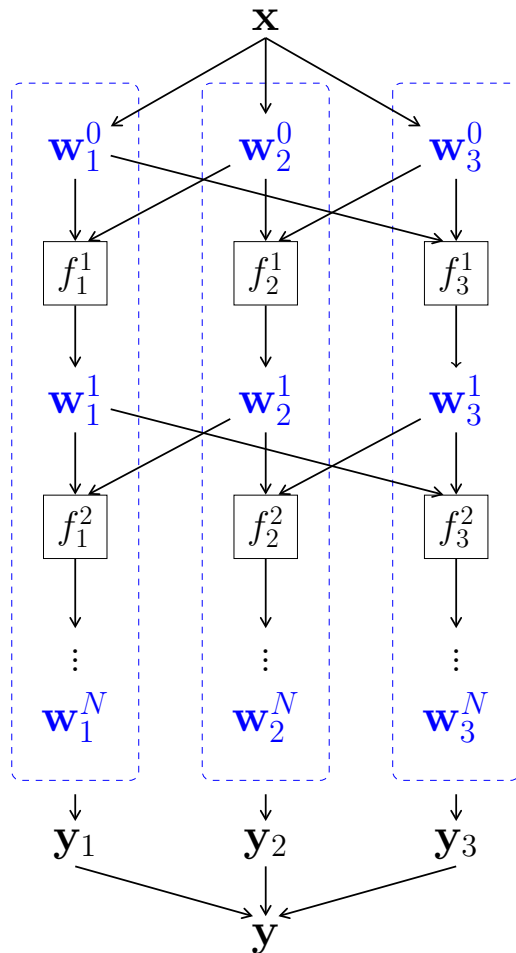
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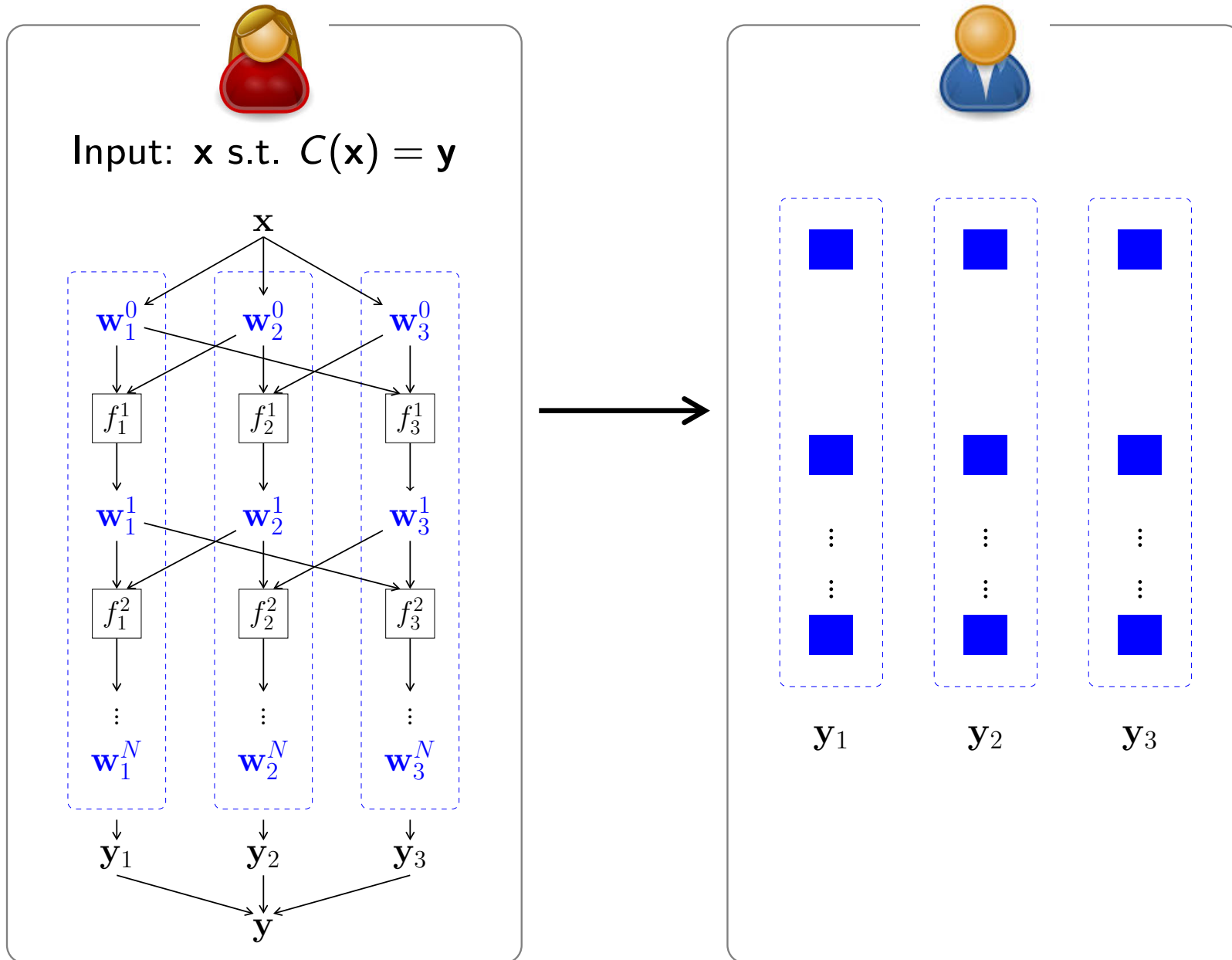
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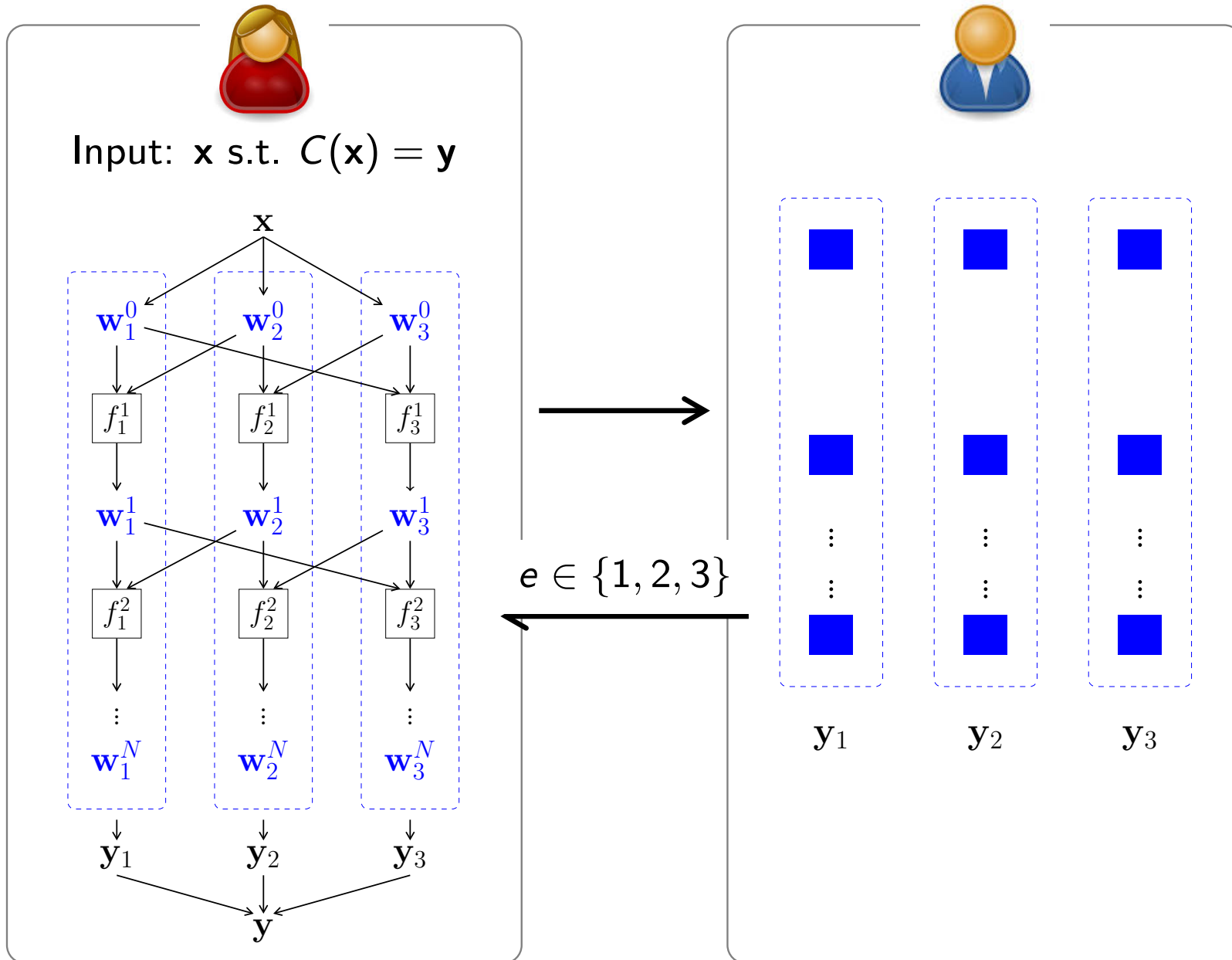
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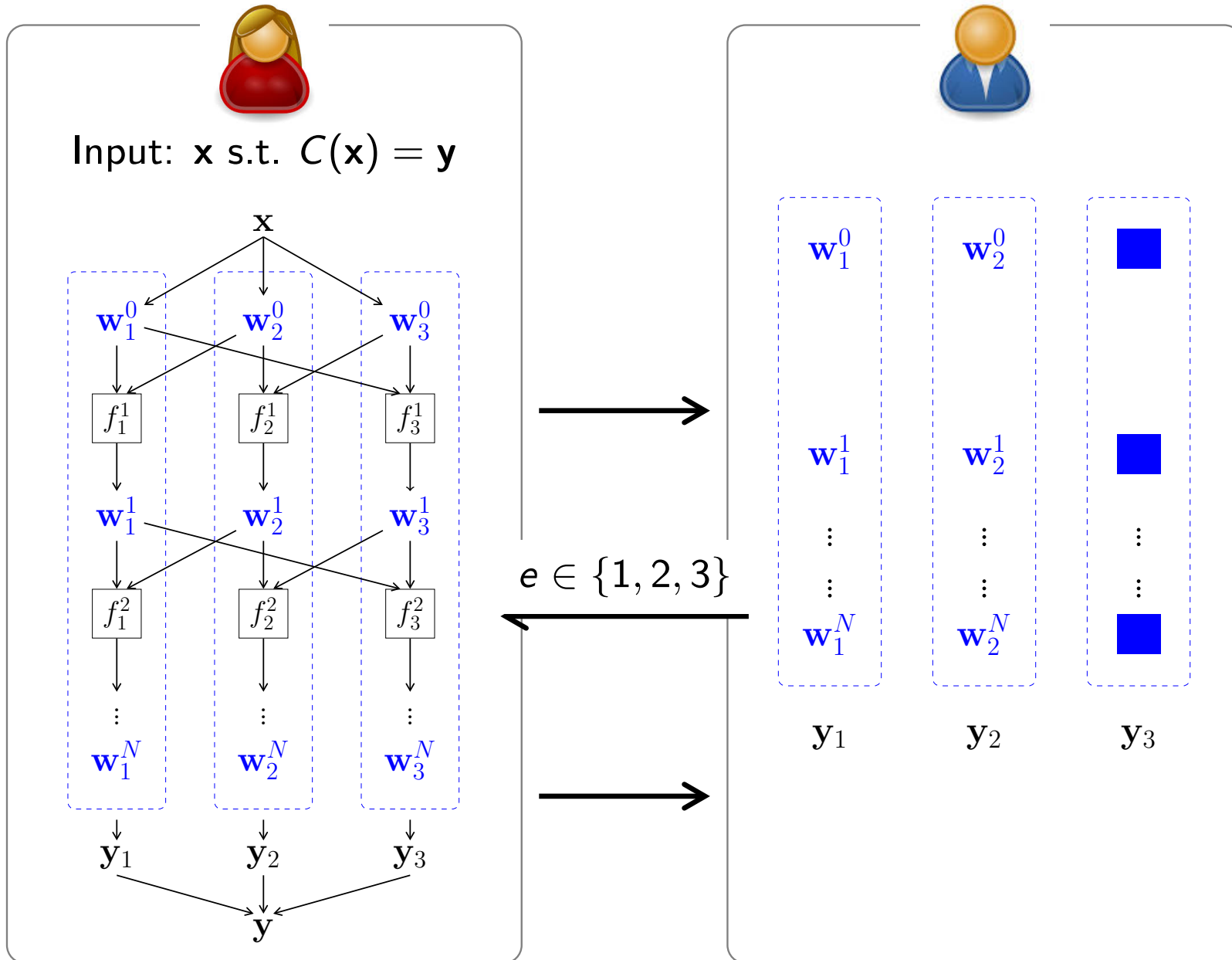
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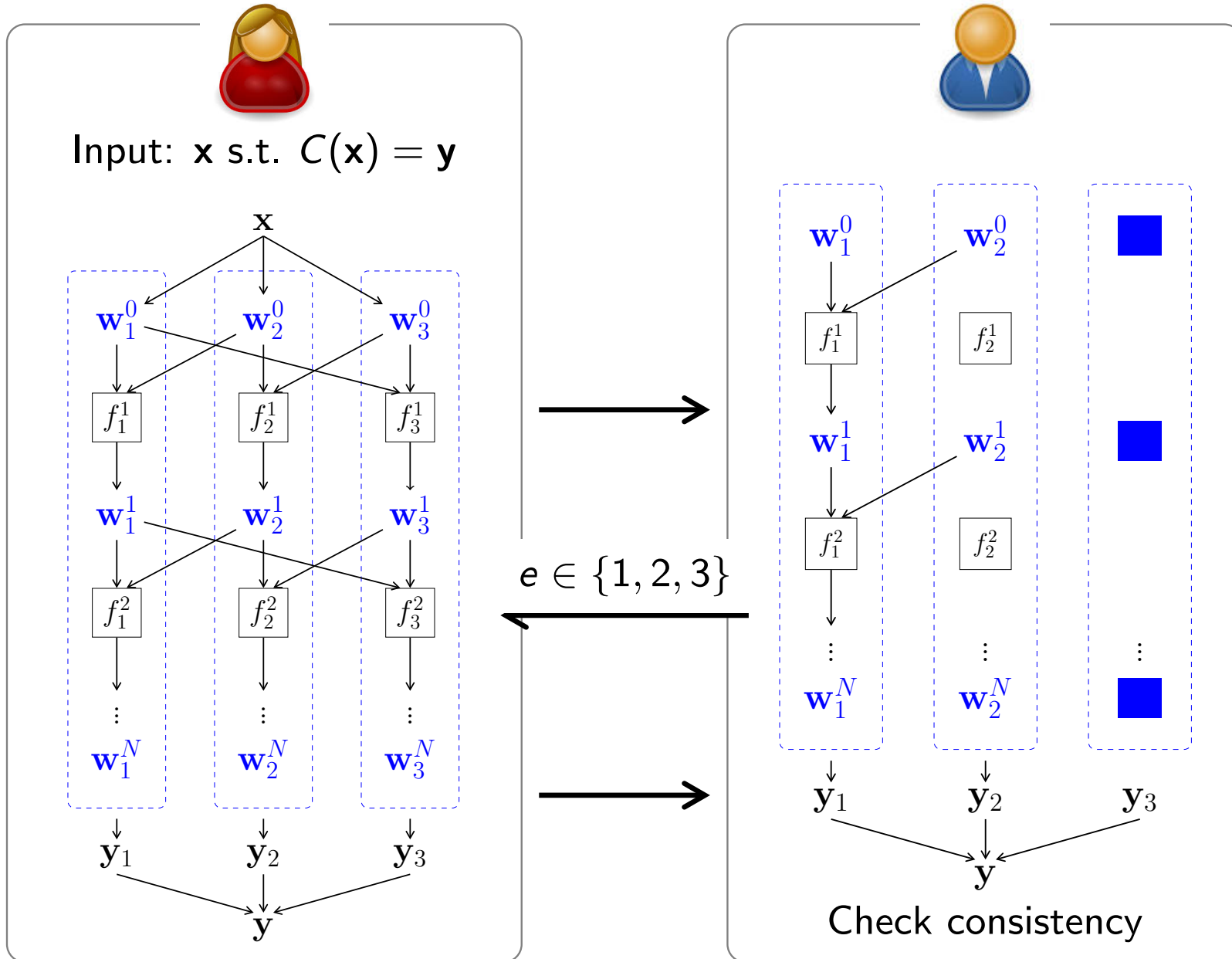
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# Linear Decomposition: Consistency Check

- $\text{Mul}(x_1, x_2, x_3, y_1, y_2, y_3, r_1, r_2, r_3)$

- $z_1 = x_1y_1 + x_1y_2 + x_2y_1 + r_1 - r_2$

- $z_2 = x_2y_2 + x_2y_3 + x_3y_2 + r_2 - r_3$

- $z_3 = x_3y_3 + x_3y_1 + x_1y_3 + r_3 - r_1$

- $\text{Verify}(\cdot, x_2, x_3, \cdot, y_2, y_3, \cdot, r_2, r_3)$

- ?

- $z_2 = x_2y_2 + x_2y_3 + x_3y_2 + r_2 - r_3$

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# ZKBoo

- **Soundness/PoK**

- Correctness of decomposition
- Commitments are binding

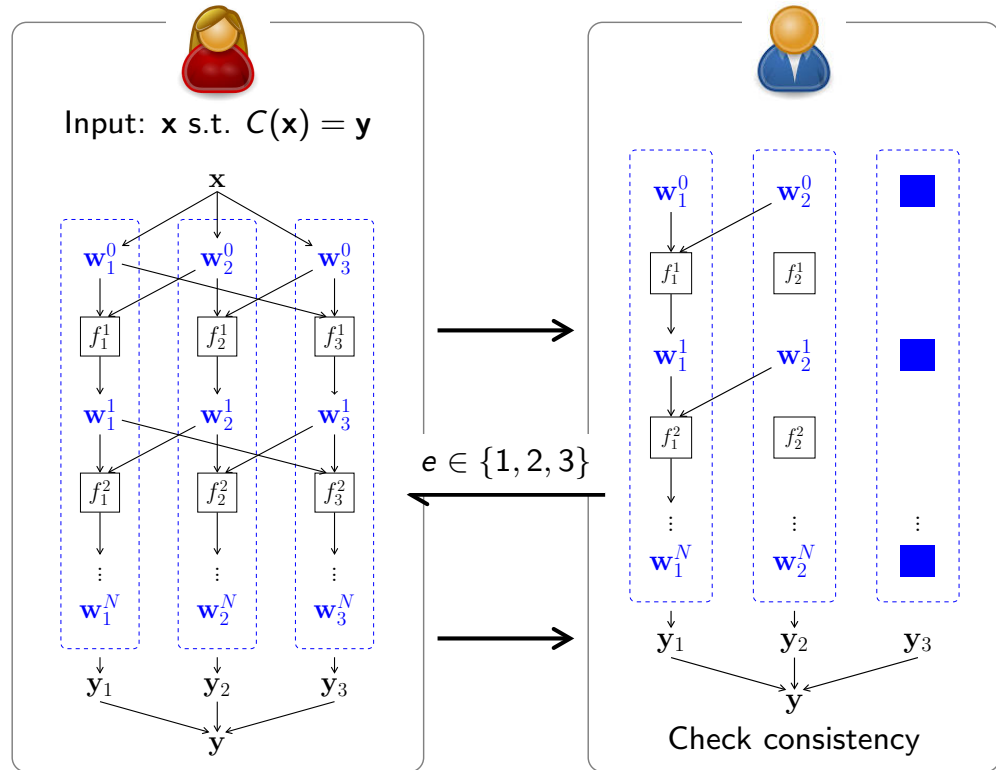
- **Zero-Knowledge**

- 2-privacy of decomposition
- Commitments are hiding

- **Efficiency**

- Comm. and comp. complexity  $\sim$  # mul
- Only very efficient crypto involved (secret sharing, commitments)

Public data:  $C : \{0, 1\}^n \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^m$  (boolean circuit) and  $\mathbf{y} \in \{0, 1\}^m$



	SHA-1		SHA-256	
	Serial	Paral.	Serial	Paral.
Prover (ms)	31.73	12.73	54.63	15.95
Verifier (ms)	22.85	4.39	67.74	13.20
Proof size (KB)	444.18		835.91	

Soundness error:  $2^{-80}$

	SHA-1		SHA-256	
	Serial	Paral.	Serial	Paral.
Prover (ms)	18.98	8.12	30.81	12.45
Verifier (ms)	11.68	2.35	34.16	6.77
Proof size (KB)	223.71		421.01	

Soundness error:  $2^{-40}$

# Digital Signatures from Symmetric-Key Primitives

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# Fiat-Shamir Heuristic

$P(x)$

“I know  $x$  s.t.  $f(x)=y$ ”

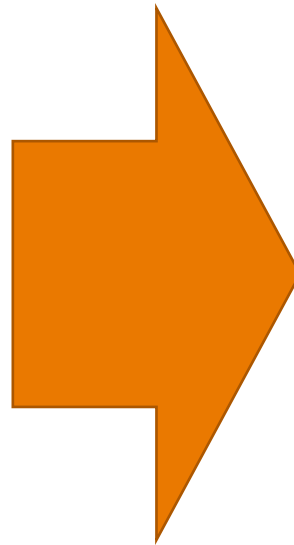
$V(y)$

$a = \text{Com}(r, x)$

$e \leftarrow (1..n)$

$z = \text{Open}(r, x, e)$

Reject if  
 $\text{Ver}(a, e, z) = 0$



$a = \text{Com}(r, x)$

$e = H(a, y)$

$z = \text{Open}(r, x, e)$

Reject if  
 $\text{Ver}(a, e, z) = 0$   
with  $e = H(a, y)$

# Signatures from Fiat-Shamir

## Gen

- $sk : x$
- $vk : y = \text{OWF}(x)$

## Sig(sk,m)

- $a = \text{Com}(r,x)$
- $z = \text{Open}(r,x, \text{H}(m,a,y))$
- output  $(a,z)$

## Ver(vk,m,(a,z))

- reject if:  
 $\text{Ver}(a, \text{H}(m,a,y), z) = 0$

# Signatures from ZKBoo + LowMC

## LowMC

Block cipher with low  
AND Complexity

Different instances  
give different  
tradeoffs between  
comp./comm.  
overhead

Scheme	Gen [ms]	Sign [ms]	Verify [ms]	sk  [bytes]	pk  [bytes]	$\sigma$   [bytes]	Tight	M	PQ
MQ 5pass	0.96	7.21	5.17	32	74	40952	×	ROM	✓
Fish-128-128-12-26	0.01	9.46	6.25	16	16	86747	×	ROM	×
Fish-256-256-20-31	0.01	21.55	13.98	32	32	151368	×	ROM	✓
Begol-256-256-20-31	0.01	43.69	28.85	64	32	302697	✓	ROM	✓
SPHINCS-256	0.82	13.44	0.58	1088	1056	41000	✓	SM	✓
BLISS-I	44.16	0.12	0.02	2048	7168	5732	✓	ROM	✓
Ring-TESLA	16528.50	0.06	0.03	12288	8192	1568	✓	ROM	✓
TESLA-768	48570.01	0.65	0.36	3293216	4227072	2336	✓	(Q)ROM	✓

**Table 1.** Timings and sizes of private keys (sk), public keys (pk) and signatures ( $\sigma$ ).

*Candidate for PQ signature from symmetric primitive only!*

# Conclusions and directions

Thanks!

After >30 years of ZK ***we have the first truly efficient protocols*** for generic statements.

Many applications ***are enabled*** by efficient ZK for arbitrary circuits.

***And I expect many more to come!***

## ZKGC vs ZKBoo?

- ZKBoo allows Fiat-Shamir 😊
- ZKBoo does not need OT 😊

## The end of ZKGC?

- Are there better privacy-free GCs?

## Improving ZKBoo?

- Large proof size: Can you find better decompositions?