### A Note on Low-Communication MPC via Circuit Depth-Reduction

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#### $\Rightarrow$ Low-communication MPC







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1 bit per gate per party







Works with correlated randomness, Homomorphic Secret Sharing, Somewhat Homomorphic Encryption, low-rate PIR...



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 $\ell$ -path hitting set: Vertex set intersecting every chain  $u_1 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow u_\ell$ 



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each black node can be computed as a function of  $\leq k$  black nodes





The size-s fan-in-2 circuit can be computed by a size- $(\epsilon \cdot s)$  fan-in-k circuit **IF** there exists a size- $\epsilon$  (log k)-path hitting set

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  - 3-colouring-based algorithm:

 $\epsilon = 2/3, \ k = 4$ 

Feedback Vertex Set (FVS)-based algorithm:

$$\epsilon = 2/5 \cdot (1 + \frac{3/5}{k}), \text{ any } k \leq 1$$

Valiant's edge-partitioning algorithm:

$$\epsilon = n \cdot (1 - rac{\log k}{\log d}), ext{ any } k \leq d$$





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Breaking the circuit-size barrier for information-theoretic MPC in the correlated randomness model

Selected Result: Fractionally linear-communication MPC for all circuits

Any size-s circuit can be securely computed in the correlated randomness model using 2s/5 + o(s) bits of communication per party and poly(s) bits of computation.

- 1. Ring- and basis-agnostic (but no free-xor)
- 2. Not just asymptotic (explicit constants), and linear-time algorithms
- 3. Also in the paper: Applications to the "Bootstrapping Problem" for FHE

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# (more applications than presented here)