

Tighter Security Notions for a Modular Approach to Private Circuits

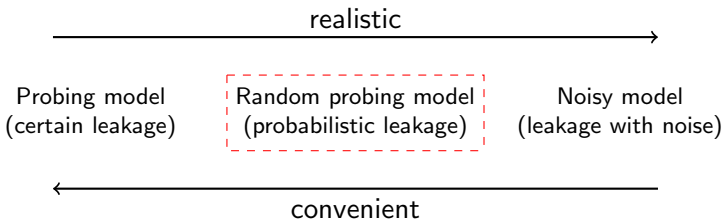
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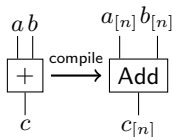
Side-channel Leakage

- ▶ Physical leakage → Information of wires
- ▶ Different models to formally describe leakage.



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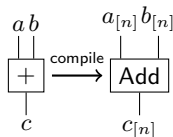
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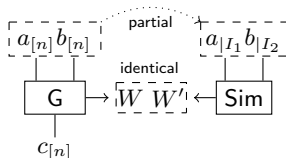
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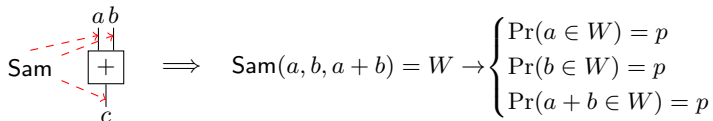
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- ▶ Simulation: $I_1, I_2 \subseteq [1, n]$



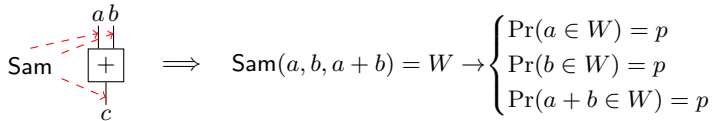
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$$\text{Sam} \Rightarrow \text{Sam}(a, b, a + b) = W \rightarrow \begin{cases} \Pr(a \in W) = p \\ \Pr(b \in W) = p \\ \Pr(a + b \in W) = p \end{cases}$$

- ▶ (p, ϵ) -RPS: For any wire set $W \in \mathbf{W}$ sampled from circuit C , where the sum of leakage probabilities of sets in $\mathbf{W}$ is $1 - \epsilon$, there exists a simulator Sim such that

$$\text{Sim}(a_{|I_1}^1, \dots, a_{|I_\ell}^\ell) = W$$

where $I_i \subsetneq [1, n]$ for $i \in [1, \ell]$ and $(a_{[n]}^i)_{i \in [1, \ell]}$ are input sharings of C .

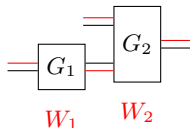
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Foundational works

- ▶ Failure probability (Belaïd et al., Crypto 2020)
 - ▶ ϵ is a polynomial of p ;
 - ▶ If there are s wires in circuit C and the simulation of wire set W fails (i.e. some $I_i = [1, n]$),

$$f(p) = f(p) + p^{|W|} \cdot (1 - p)^{s - |W|} .$$

- ▶ (t, f) -Random Probing Composability (RPC) (Belaïd et al., Crypto 2020)
 - ▶ Assume constant number (e.g. t) of leaking shares from each output sharing;
 - ▶ Require a simulation experiment similar to RPS, but $|I_i| \leq t$.



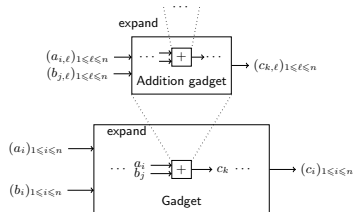
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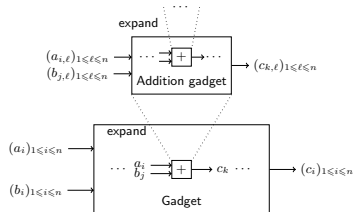
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- ▶ Amplification order (Belaïd et al., Crypto 2020)
 - ▶ If the failure probability of gadget G is $f(p) = \sum_{i \in [d,s]} c_i p^i$, d is called the amplification order of G ;
 - ▶ For a target failure probability $2^{-\kappa}$, a larger d refers to less expansion, leading to lower complexity for the expanded circuit.

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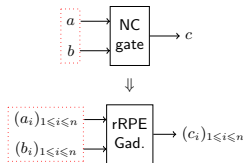
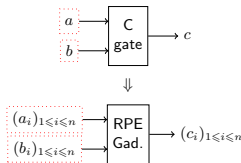
$$\begin{cases} f_a(p) = f_b(p) = \mathcal{O}(p^2) \\ f_{ab}(p) = \mathcal{O}(p^3) \end{cases},$$

the RPE failure probability for single sharing is $\sqrt{f_{ab}} \approx \mathcal{O}(p^{1.5})$.

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Tighter classifications

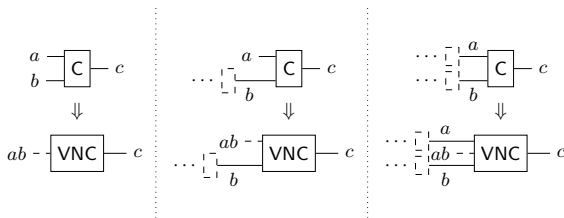
- ▶ For a gate $\odot$ with uniform input(s),
 - ▶ if its output(s) is independent with its input(s), $\odot$ is a Complementary gate (C gate);
 - ▶ Otherwise, $\odot$ is Non-Complementary (NC).
- ▶ related RPE (rRPE)
 - ▶ Similar to RPE;
 - ▶ The requirement of independent failure is removed.
- ▶ Tighter compilation



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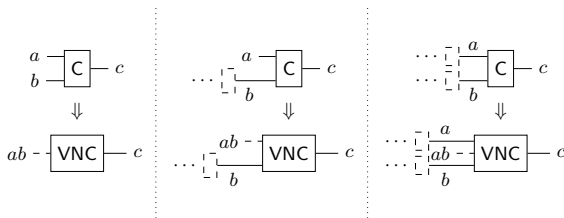


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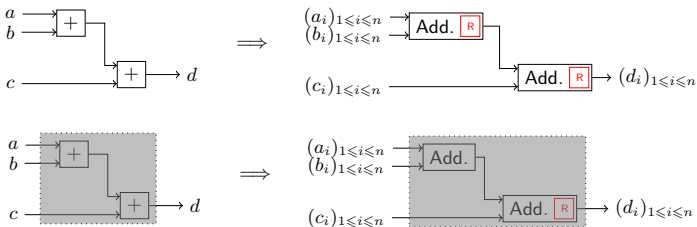


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- ▶ “Composability” demands additional cost for some cases rarely happened;
- ▶ It's exponentially harmful to expansion methods;
- ▶ Expansion for multiple gates can reduce such redundancy.



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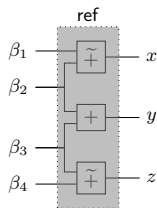
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$$\text{ref}(\beta_{[4]}) = \begin{cases} \beta_1 \tilde{+} \beta_2 & \rightarrow x \\ \beta_2 + \beta_3 & \rightarrow y \\ \beta_3 \tilde{+} \beta_4 & \rightarrow z \end{cases} .$$

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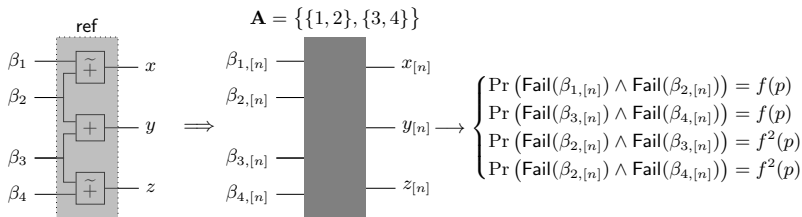
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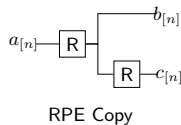
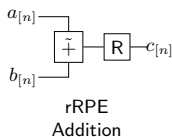
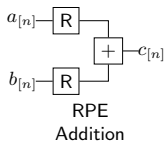
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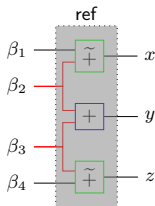


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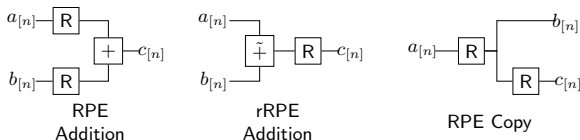


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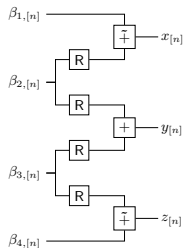
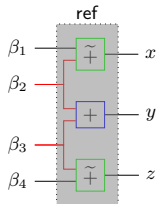


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