

# Public-Key Cryptosystems Resilient to Key Leakage

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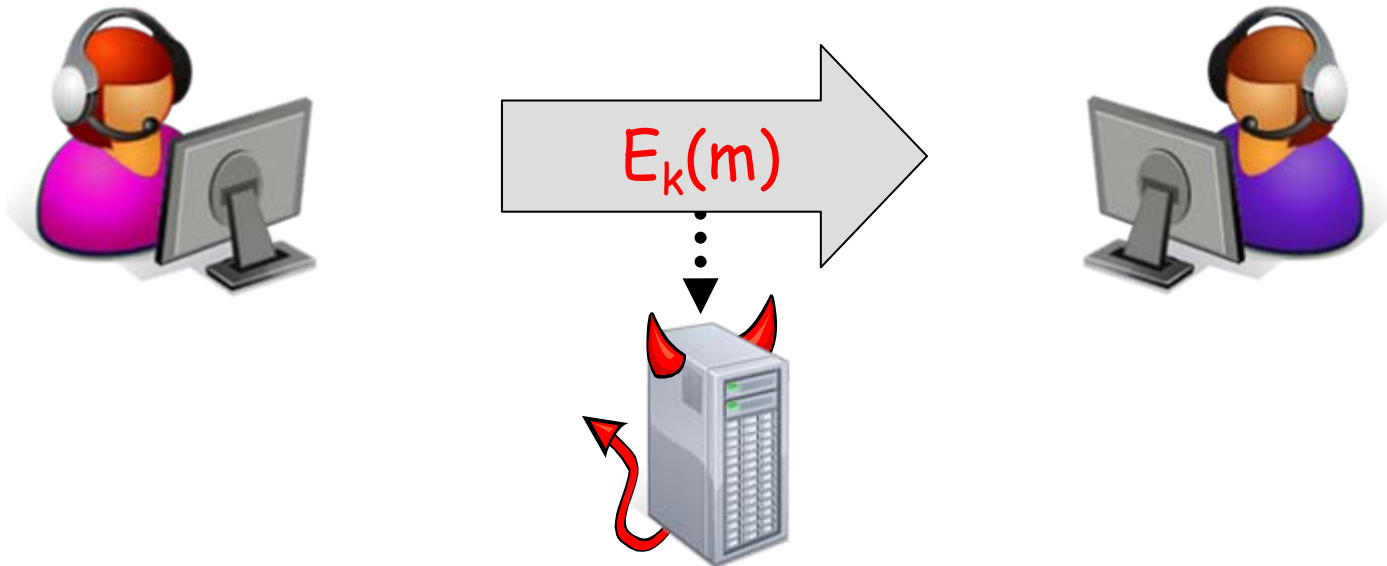
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- Notions of security significantly evolved 
- Adversarial access analyzed in the “standard model” ...

# Adversarial Models

## STANDARD MODEL:

- Abstract computation
  - Interactive Turing machines
  - Private memory & randomness
- Well-defined adversarial access
- Can model powerful attacks
  - CPA\CCA, composition, key cycles,...

## REAL LIFE:

- Physical implementations leak information
- Side-channel attacks
  - Timing attacks [Kocher 96]
  - Fault detection [BDL 97, BS 97]
  - Power analysis [KJJ 99]
  - Cache attacks [OST 05]
  - Memory attacks [HSHCPCFAF 08]

## SIDE CHANNEL:

Any information not captured  
by the underlying model



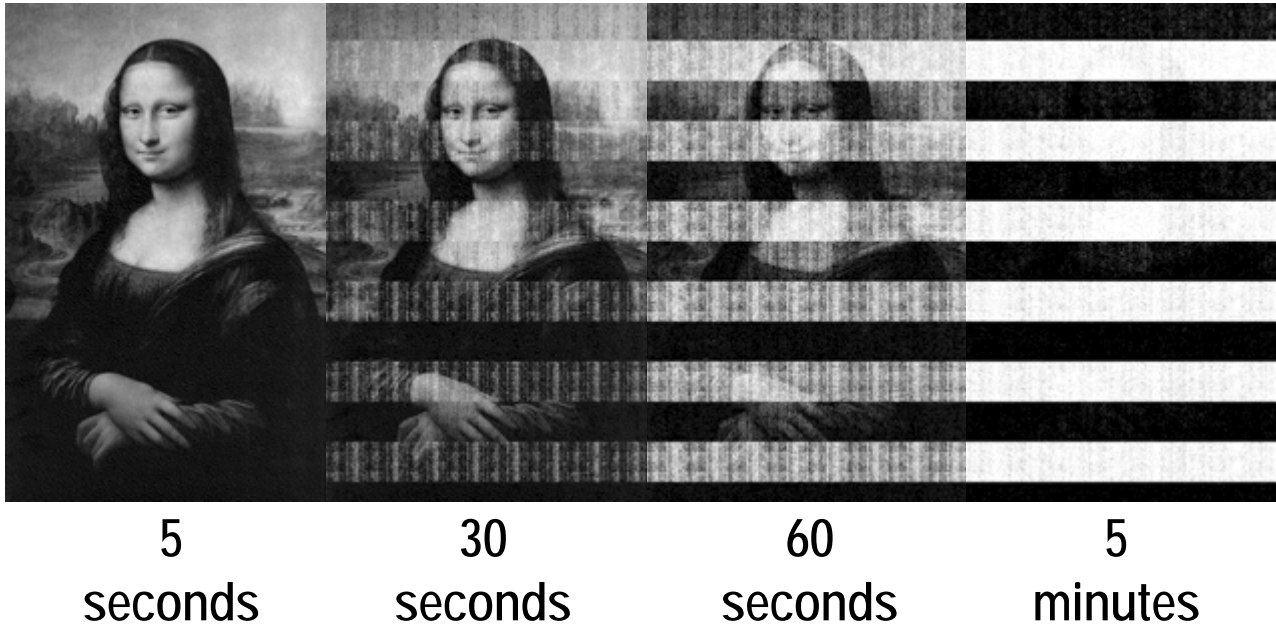
# Modeling Side Channels

- **Canetti, Dodis, Halevi, Kushilevitz, and Sahai '00**  
Exposure-resilient functions: functions that “look” random even if several input bits are leaked
- **Ishai, Prabhakaran, Sahai, and Wagner '03 '06**  
Private circuit evaluation allowing several wires to leak
- **Micali and Reyzin '04**  
Computation and only computation leaks information
- **Dziembowski and Pietrzak '08, Pietrzak '09**  
Leakage-resilient stream-ciphers
  - Computation and only computation leaks information
  - Low-bandwidth leakage

# Memory Attacks [HSHCPCFAF 08]

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Halderman, Schoen, Heninger,  
Clarkson, Paul, Calandrino,  
Feldman, Appelbaum and Felten



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Memory content can even last for several minutes

- Recover “noisy” keys
  - Cold boot attacks
  - Completely compromise popular disk encryption systems
  - Reconstruct DES, AES, and RSA keys

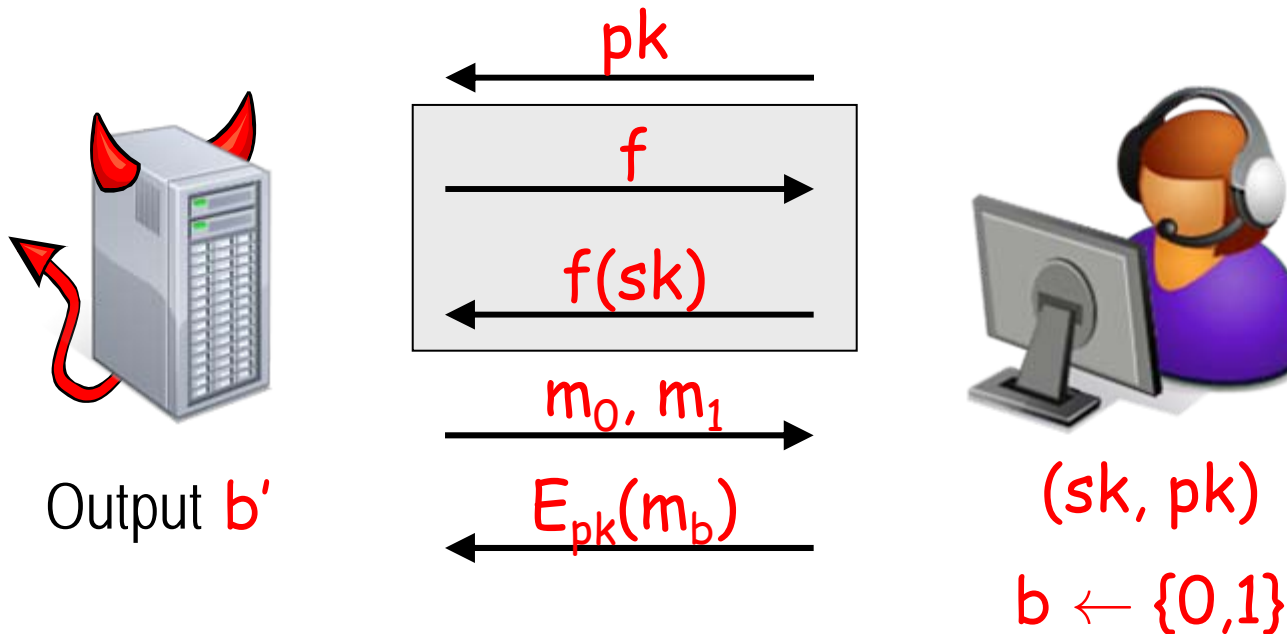
Extended and further analyzed by Heninger & Shacham 09

# Memory Attacks

Akavia, Goldwasser  
& Vaikuntanathan

Semantic security with key leakage [AGV 09]:

For any\* leakage  $f(sk)$  and for any  $m_0$  and  $m_1$  infeasible to distinguish  $E_{pk}(m_0)$  and  $E_{pk}(m_1)$



- Clearly, cannot allow  $f(sk)$  that easily reveals  $sk$
- For now  $f : SK \rightarrow \{0,1\}^\lambda$  for  $\lambda < |sk|$

[AGV 09]: Regev's  
lattice-based scheme is  
resilient to such leakage



# Our Results

- A generic construction secure against key leakage
  - Based on any **Hash Proof System** [CS 02]
  - Efficient instantiations
  - Various number-theoretic assumptions
- A new hash proof system
  - Resulting scheme resilient to leakage of  $L - o(L)$  bits
  - Based on either DDH or  $d$ -Linear
- The [BHHO 08] circular-secure scheme
  - Fits into our generic approach
  - Resilient to leakage of  $L - o(L)$  bits

# Our Results

## ■ Chosen-ciphertext security

### Theoretical side

- A generic CPA-to-CCA transformation
- Leakage of  $L - o(L)$  bits

### Practical side

- Efficient variants of Cramer-Shoup
- CCA1: Leakage of  $L/4$  bits
- CCA2: Leakage of  $L/6$  bits

## ■ Extensions of the [AGV 09] model

- Noisy leakage
- Leakage of intermediate values
- Keys generated using a “weak” random source

Satisfied  
by our  
schemes

Independently by Tauman Kalai &  
Vaikuntanathan: [BHHO 08] with hard-to-invert  
leakage and CPA-to-CCA

# Outline of the Talk

- The generic construction by example
  - An efficient scheme with  $\lambda \approx |sk|/2$
- Extensions of the model
- Conclusions & open problems

# A Simple Scheme

- $G$  - group of order  $p$  in which DDH is hard
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- Choose  $g_1, g_2 \in G$  and  $x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{Z}_p$
- Let  $h = g_1^{x_1} g_2^{x_2}$
- Output  $\text{sk} = (x_1, x_2)$  and  $\text{pk} = (g_1, g_2, h)$

## MAIN IDEA

- Redundancy:  $\text{pk}$  corresponds to many possible  $\text{sk}$ 's
- $h = g_1^{x_1} g_2^{x_2}$  reveals only  $\log(p)$  bits of information on  $\text{sk} = (x_1, x_2)$
- Leakage of  $\lambda$  bits  $\Rightarrow$   $\text{sk}$  still has min-entropy  $\log(p) - \lambda$

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$\text{Enc}_{\text{pk}}(m)$

- Choose  $r \in \mathbb{Z}_p$  and a seed  $s \in \{0,1\}^d$
- Output  $(g_1^r, g_2^r, s, \text{Ext}(h^r, s) \oplus m)$

$\text{Dec}_{\text{sk}}(u_1, u_2, s, e)$

- Output  $e \oplus \text{Ext}(u_1^{x_1} u_2^{x_2}, s)$

Correctness:  $u_1^{x_1} u_2^{x_2} = (g_1^{x_1} g_2^{x_2})^r = h^r$

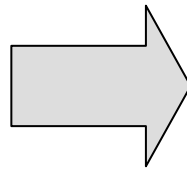
# Security of the Simple Scheme

Theorem: The scheme is resilient to any leakage of  $\lambda \approx \log(p)$  bits

half the  
size of  $sk$

Proof by reduction:

Adversary for the  
encryption scheme



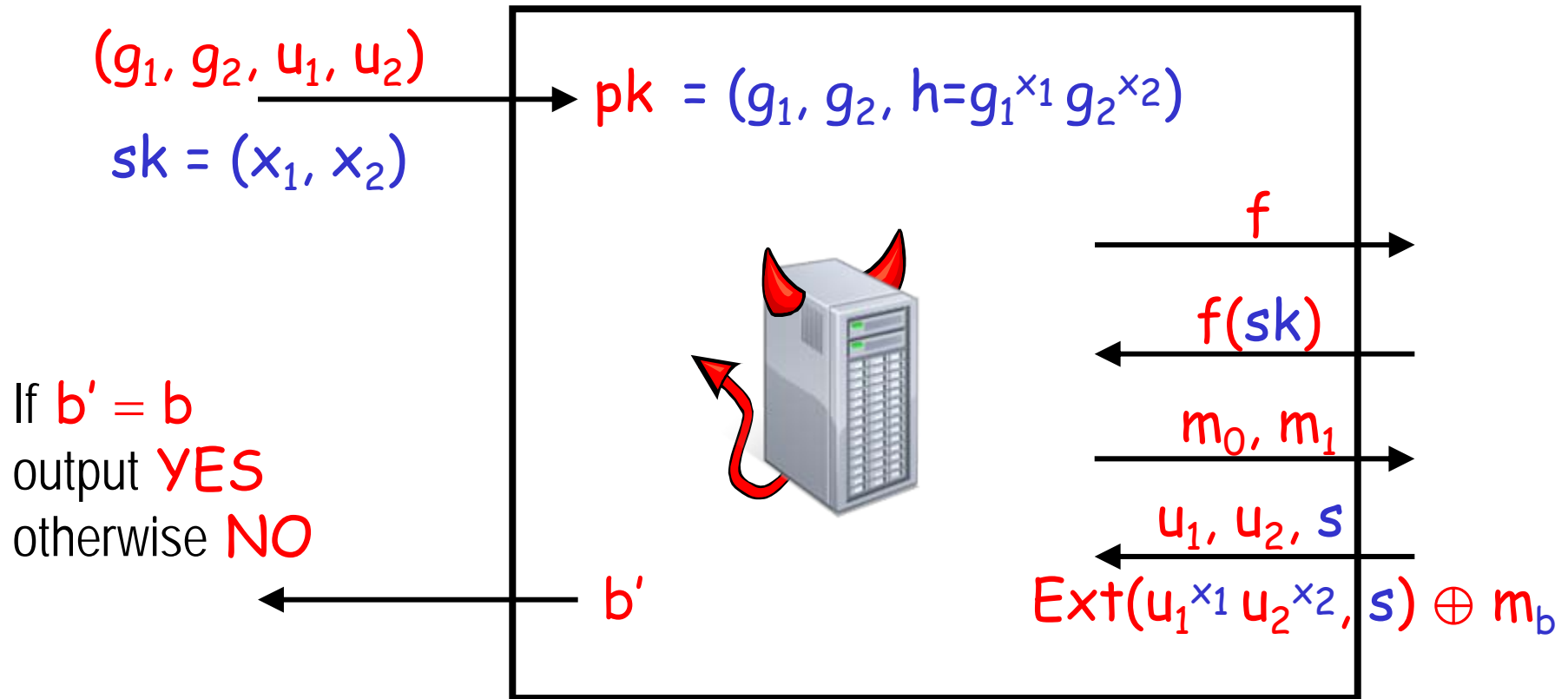
Algorithm for DDH:

$(g_1, g_2, g_1^r, g_2^r)$

or

$(g_1, g_2, g_1^{r_1}, g_2^{r_2})$

# The Reduction

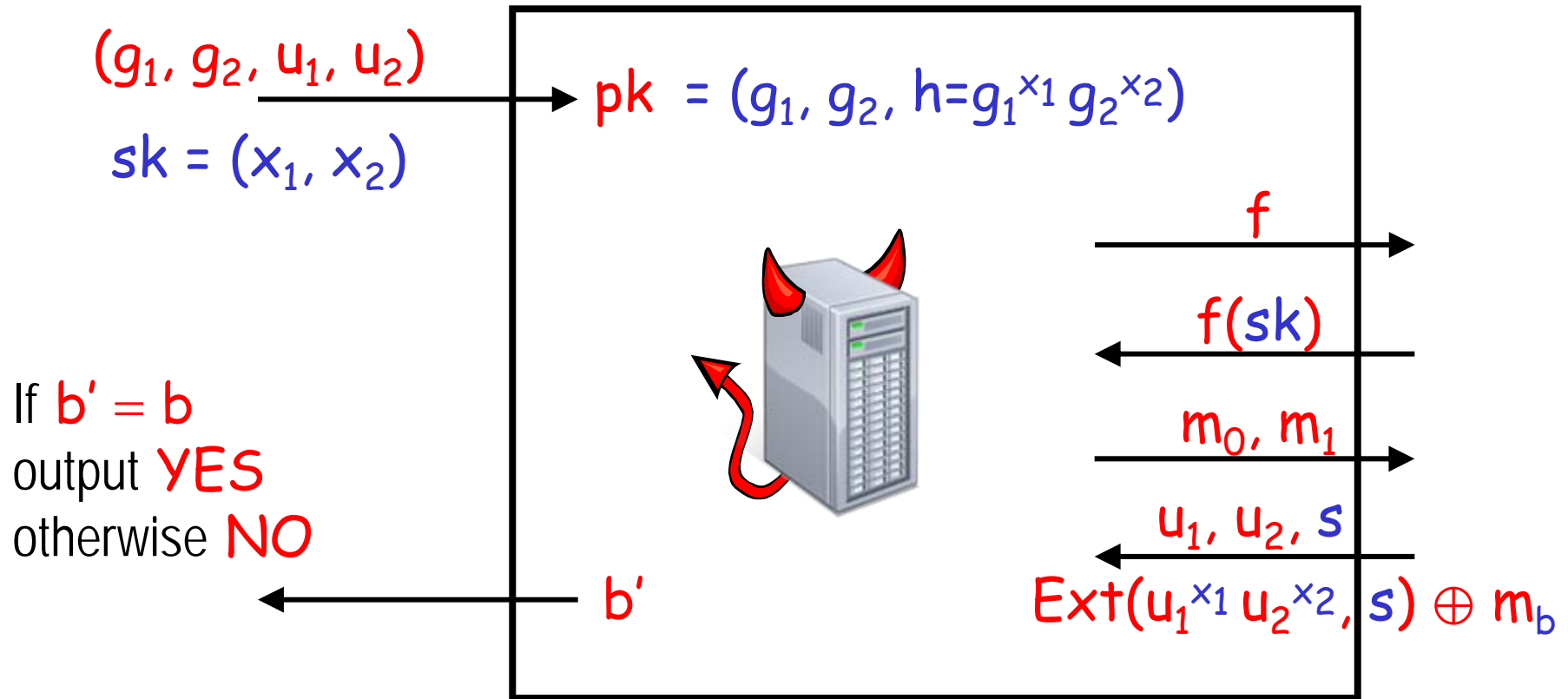


Case 1:  $u_1 = g_1^r$  &  $u_2 = g_2^r$

$$u_1^{x_1} u_2^{x_2} = (g_1^{x_1} g_2^{x_2})^r = h^r$$

- Simulation is identical to actual attack
- By assumption  $\Pr[b' = b] > 1/2 + 1/\text{poly}$

# The Reduction



Case 2:  $u_1 = g_1^{r_1}$  &  $u_2 = g_2^{r_2}$

- Challenge independent of  $b$
- $Pr[b' = b] = 1/2$

$u_1^{x_1} u_2^{x_2}$  is uniform in  $G$

$\lambda$  bits of leakage  $\Rightarrow$

$$H_\infty(u_1^{x_1} u_2^{x_2}) \geq \log(p) - \lambda$$



# Hash Proof Systems

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Our general construction:

Hash proof system + strong extractor



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Known instantiations:

- Decisional Diffie-Hellman
- Linear family (bilinear groups)
- Quadratic residuosity
- Composite residuosity (Paillier)

# Extensions Satisfied By Our Schemes

## Noisy leakage

- Leakage not necessarily of bounded length

$$H_{\infty}(sk \mid pk, \text{leakage}) > H_{\infty}(sk \mid pk) - \lambda$$

## Leakage of intermediate values

- Once the keys are generated, are all intermediate values erased?
- Leakage depends on the **random bits** used for generating the keys
- Crucial for security under composition

## Weak random source

- Keys generated using a low-entropy adversarially chosen source
- Need only a min-entropy guarantee for **sk**

# Conclusions & Open Problems

- We can meaningfully model various forms of leakage
  - We can build efficient schemes that resist them
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- Leakage-resilient encryption from general assumptions?
    - From any CPA-secure scheme?
  - Dealing with “iterative” leakage and refreshed keys?
    - As in leakage-resilient stream-ciphers [DP08, P09]
  - Other primitives? Other side channels?
    - Signature Scheme [KV09]
    - Bounded Retrieval Model [ADW09]
    - Hard-to-invert leakage [DKL09, KV09]