

Unifying Leakage Models

From Probing Attacks to Noisy Leakage

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Crypto Implementations

cryptographic device

very secure

- well-defined mathematical object
- often proof-driven security analysis

implementation

much less secure!

- new attacks possible on crypto implementations:
→ side-channel leakage devastating for security



Q: Proof-driven security analysis for implementations?
Goal of leakage resilient cryptography

Leakage resilient crypto

Probing

Bounded leakage

Bounded space

Many models

Low-depth circuits

Hard-to-invert leakage

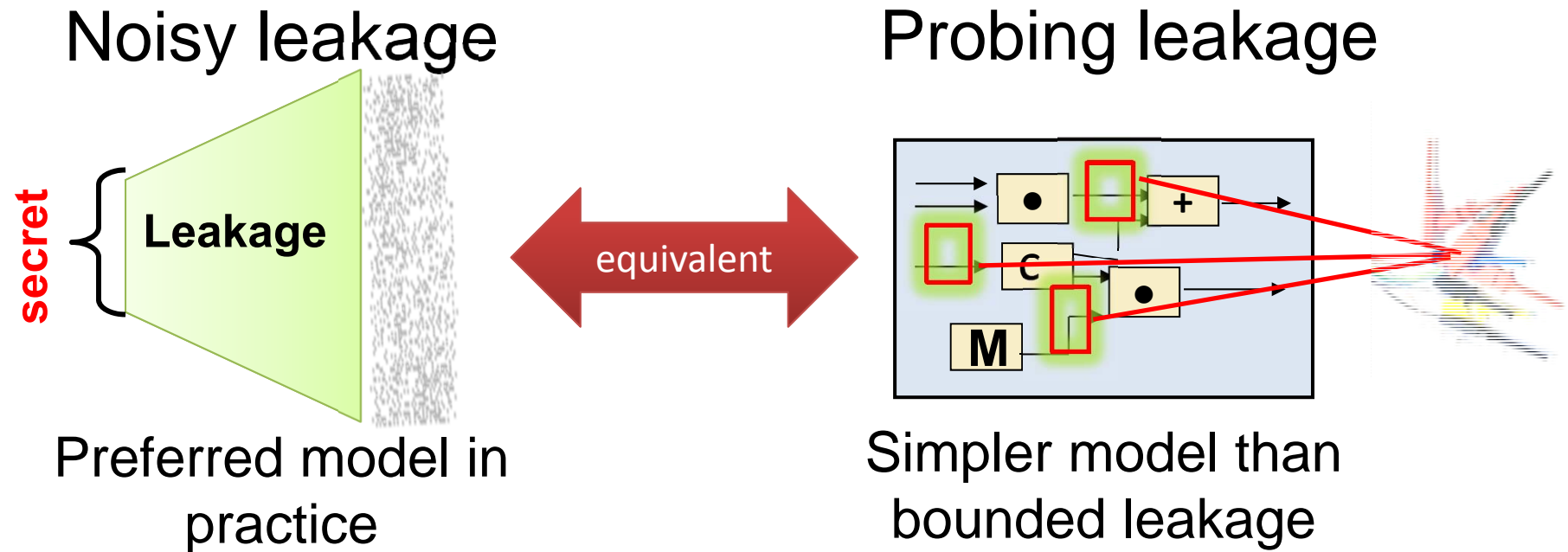
Beautiful theory! Q: Does it match practice?



Models do **not** match with my engineering experience

Leakages are not quantitatively bounded

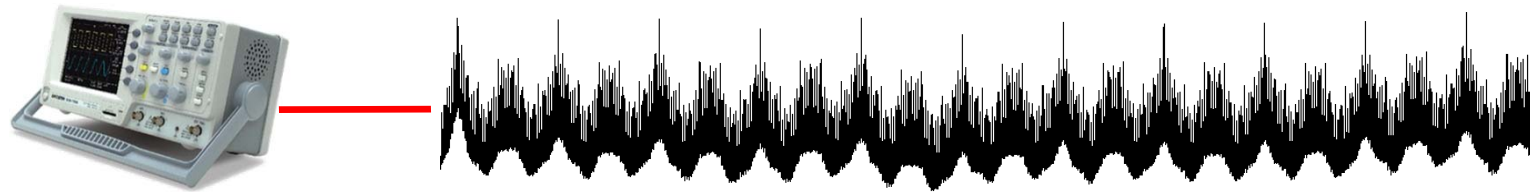
Our main observation



Improved security analysis of
masking countermeasure

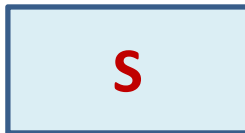
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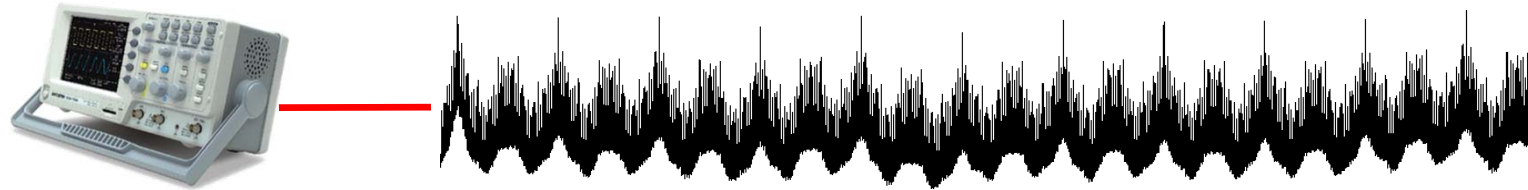
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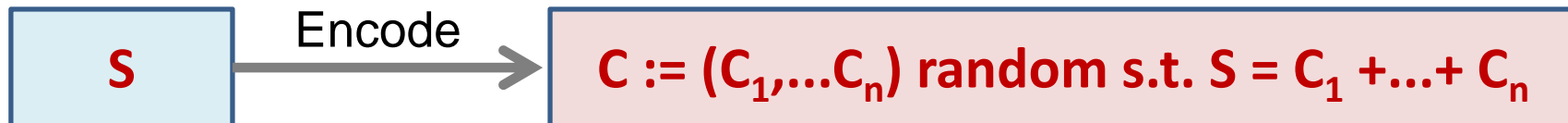
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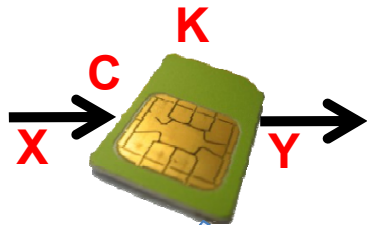
S is hidden if leakage depends on $n-1$ shares only

Protects against $n-1$ probing attacks

How to extend to computation?

Leakage resilient circuits

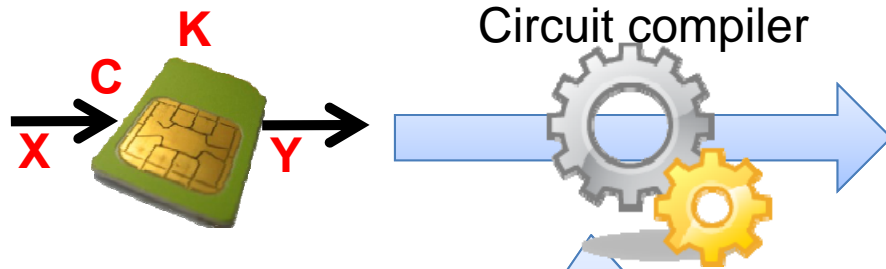
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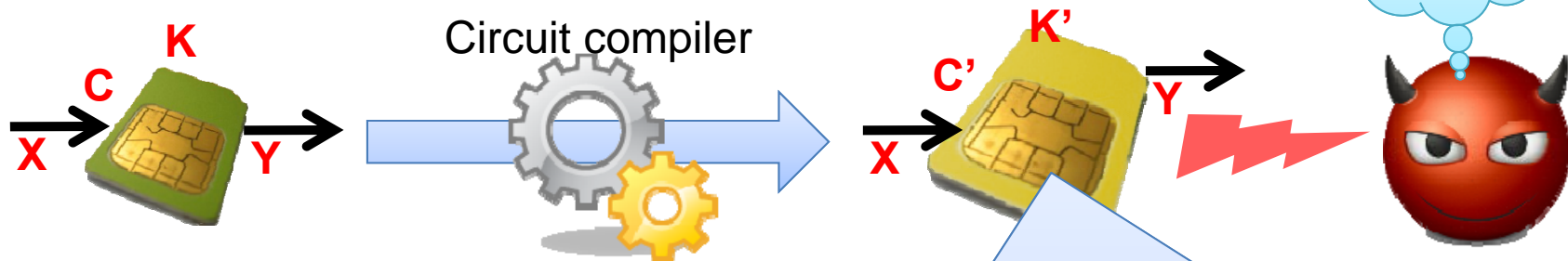
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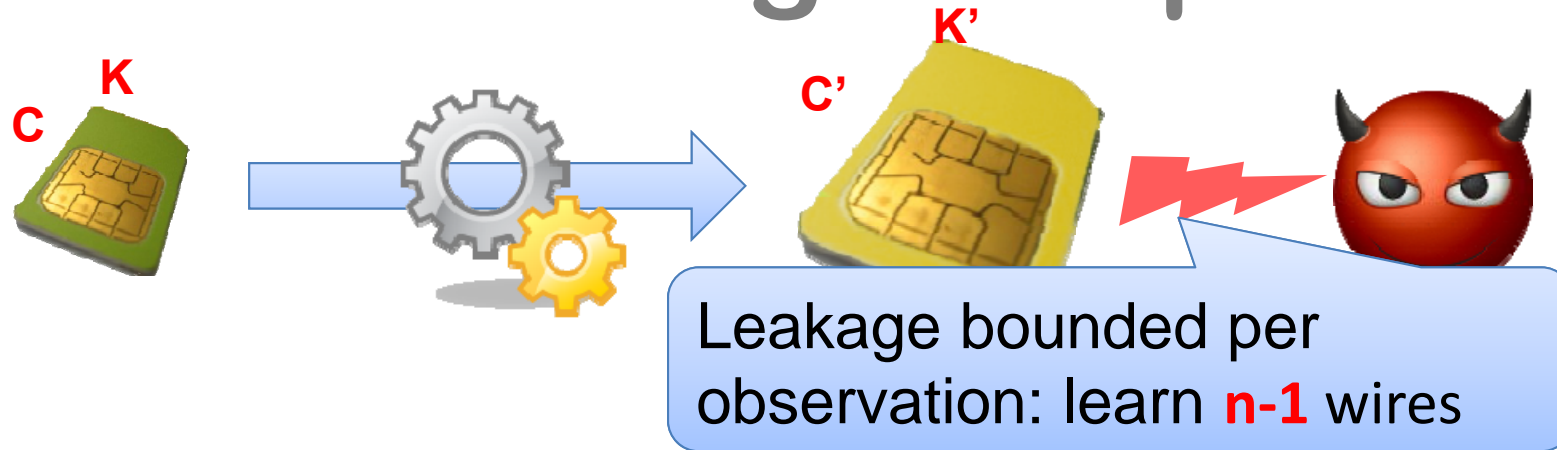
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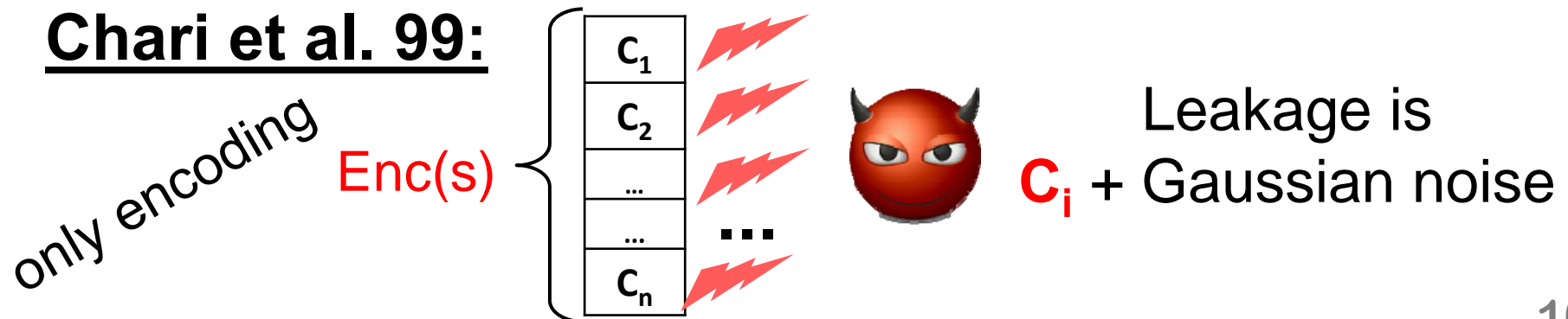
ISW secure against probing



Proves soundness of masking scheme 😊

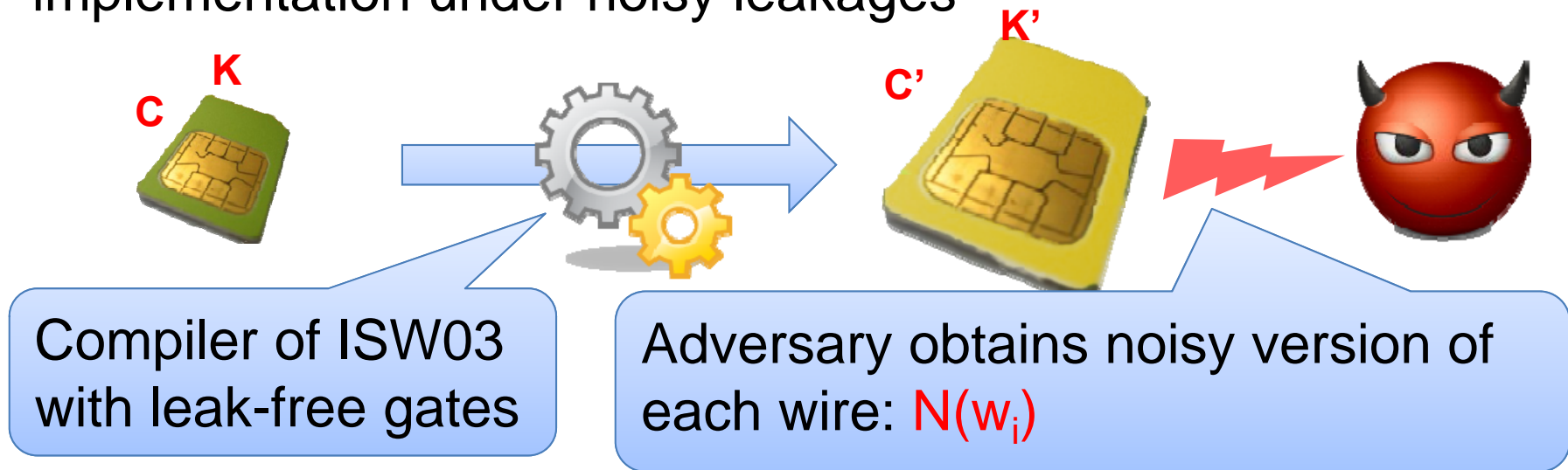
Probing: oblivious of large parts of computation 😬

More realistic: no quantitative bound but noisy leakage



PR13: Circuit security

Prouff-Rivain, Eurocrypt 13: Prove security of a masked implementation under noisy leakages

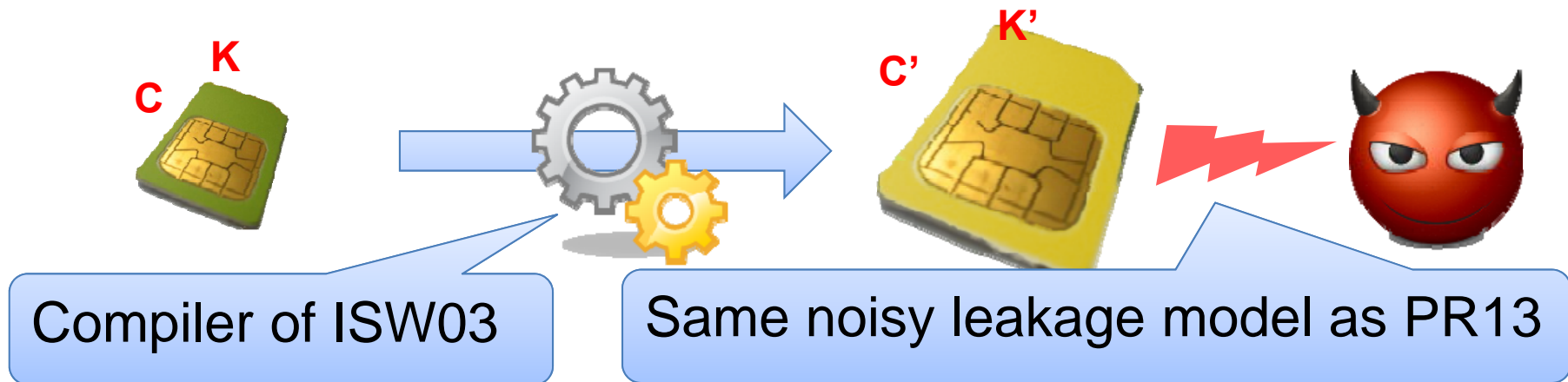


No quantitative bound on amount of leakage 😊

Drawbacks of the analysis: 😞

- Leak-free gates: no leakage from refreshing
- Security argument only for random-message attack
- Technical proof

Our Results



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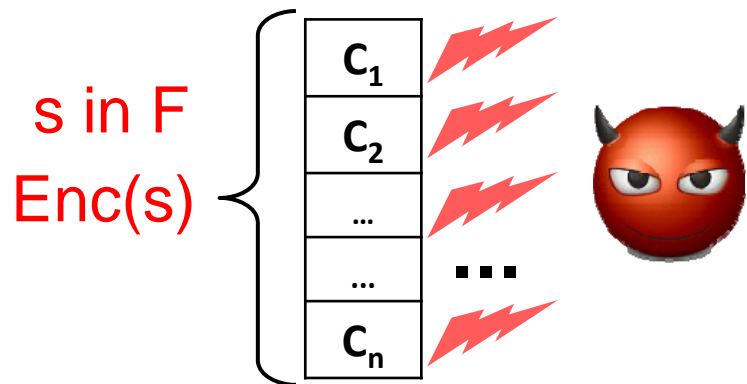
- No leak-free gates 😊
- Full simulation-based security analysis 😊
- Unifying leakage models: 😊
 n -probing security \rightarrow security against noisy leakage

↙ Useful tool: proofs in n -probing model
much simpler than proofs in noisy model

Rest of this talk

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2. Proof outline

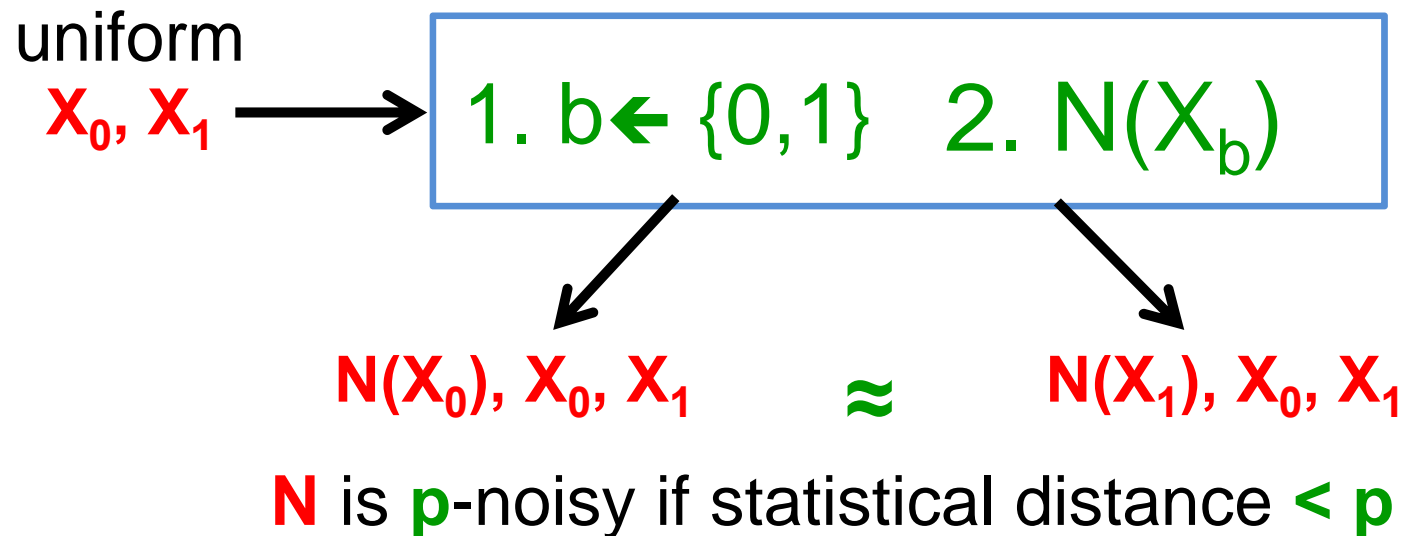
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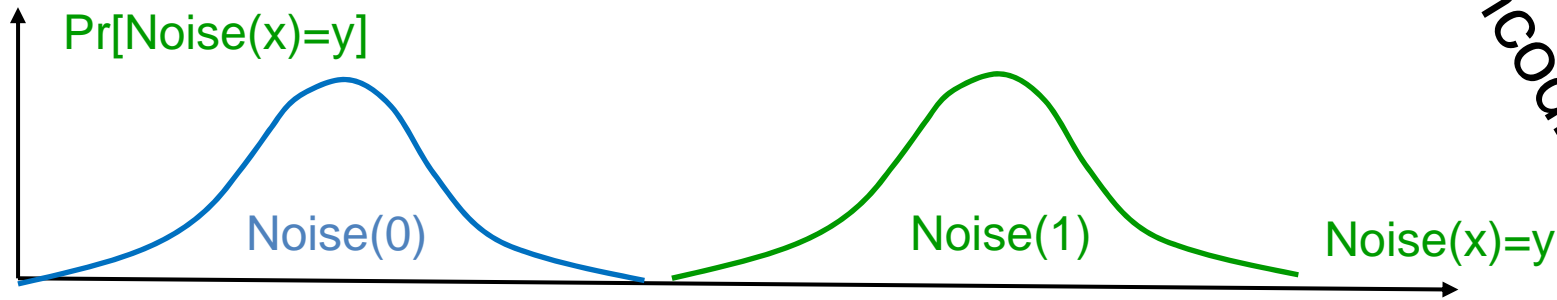
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Prouff-Rivain 13: rather complicated definition

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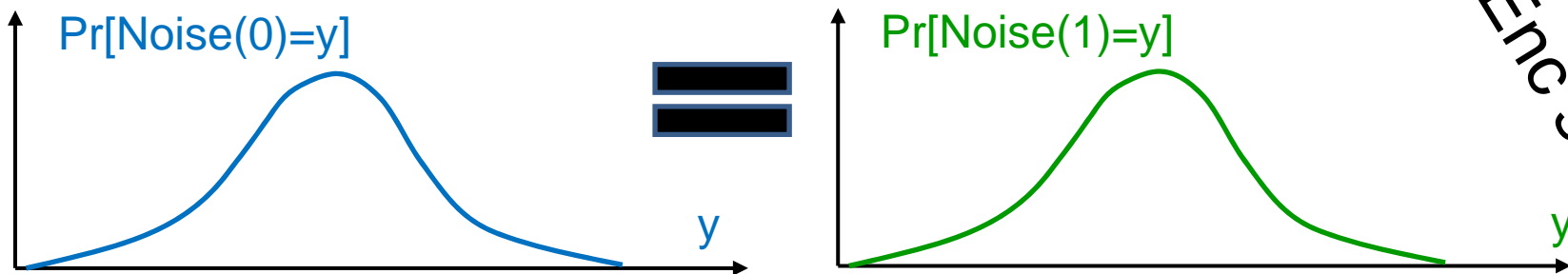
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Encoding insecure

No noise $p \approx 1$: very informative leakage

→ Adv. learns $\text{Noise}(C_i)$: full knowledge about secret s



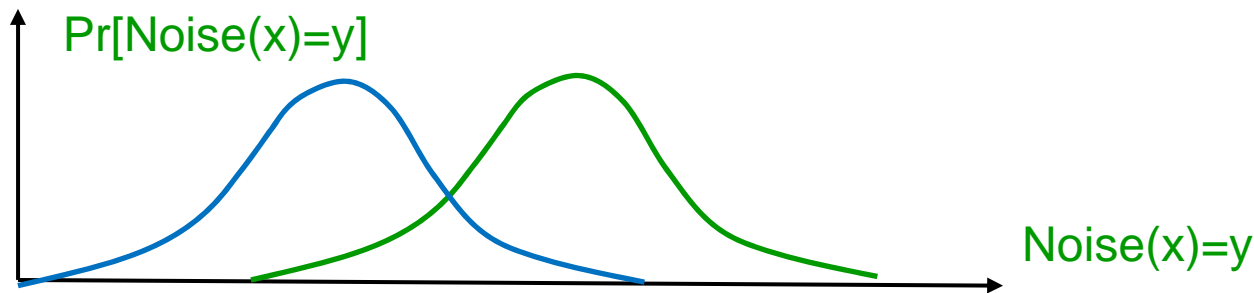
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High noise $p = 0$: non-informative leakage

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Interesting case: „some noise“



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→ Simulate noisy leakage with random probing

Proof outline

Random probing model (ISW03)



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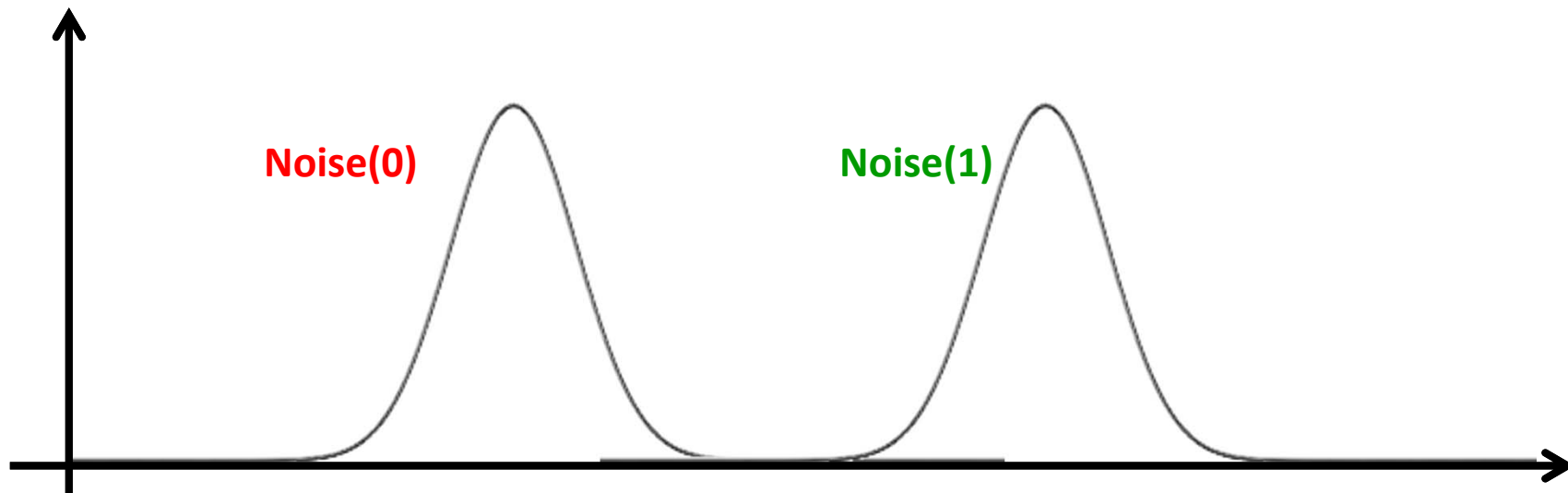
➔ Encoding secure in random probing model for constant q

Proof outline

Random probing \rightarrow noisy leakage

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First extreme case: “no noise” ($p \approx 1$)



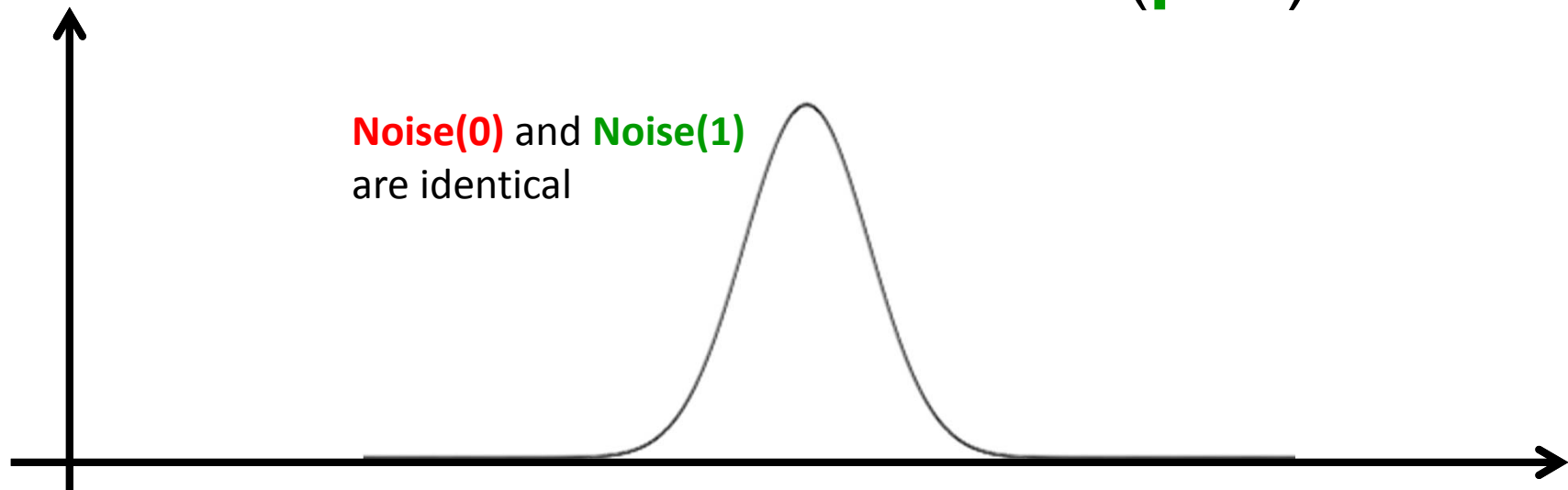
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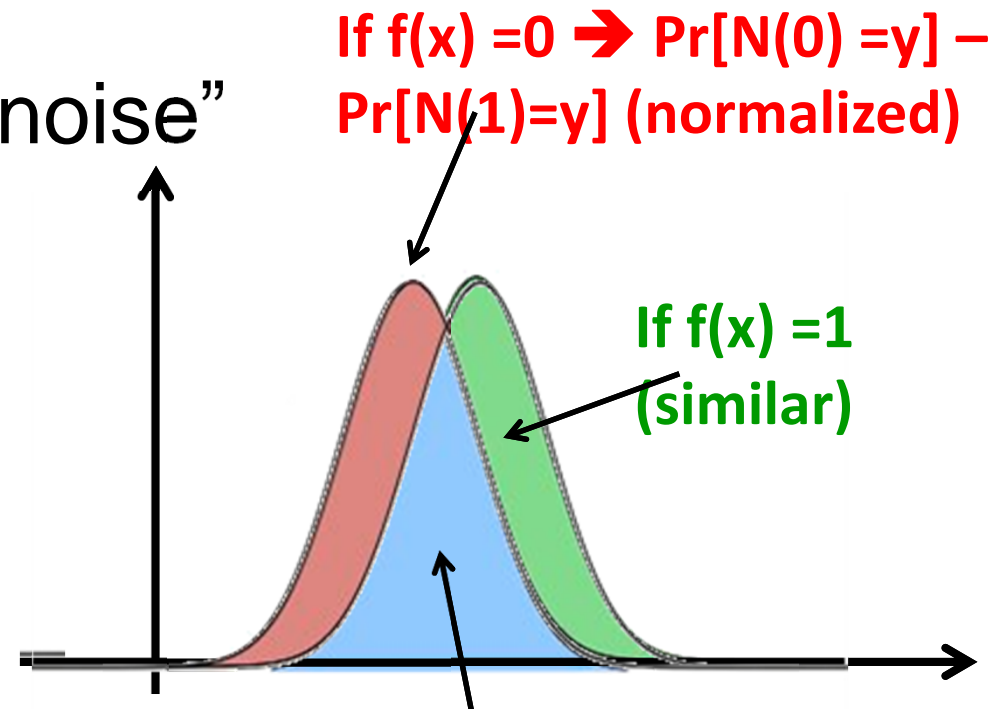
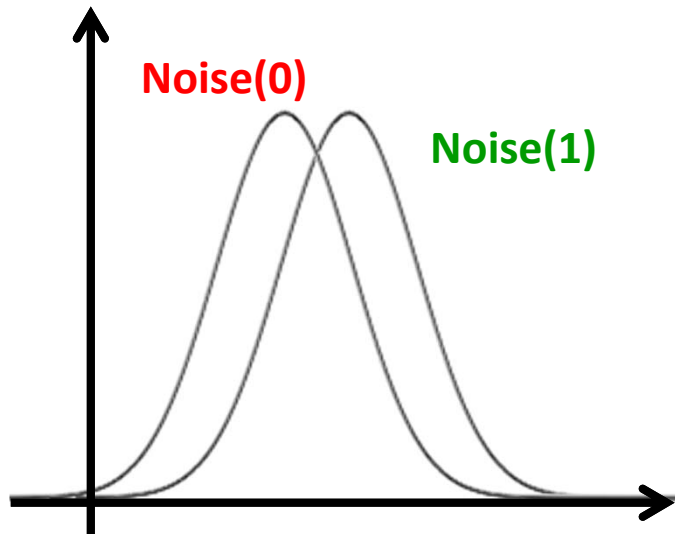
Second extreme case: “full noise” ($p=0$)



Set **Noise' = Noise**: Simulation is possible without even probing: $q = 0$ (i.e., reveals nothing)

Proof outline

Involved case: “some noise”



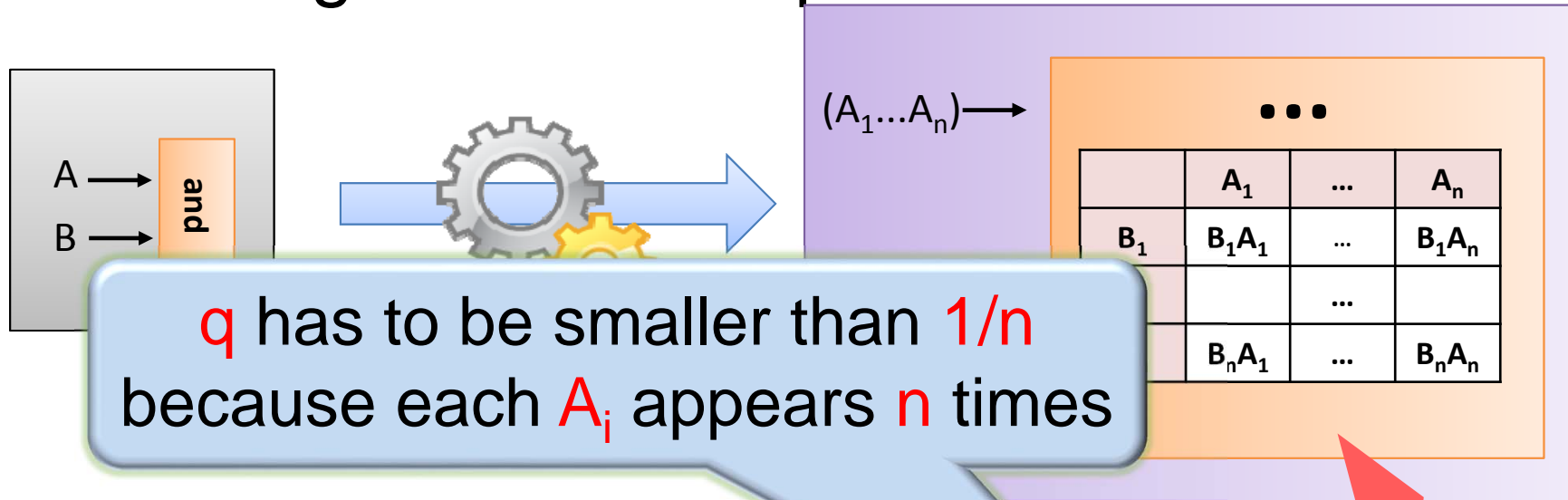
If $f(x) = ? \rightarrow$ sample y according to $\min(\Pr[N(0) = y], \Pr[N(1) = y])$ (normalized)

One can “simulate” **Noise(.)** with random probing when probability q is exactly $\Delta(\text{Noise}(0), \text{Noise}(1))$
(proof in the paper also for larger fields)

Last step: extend to masked computation

Proof outline

Extending to masked operation



Given simulator Noise' it is sufficient to prove security in random probing model

learns each value with probability q
→ at least one share B_i, A_j is not learnt



ISW03 is secure in noisy leakage model

Conclusion

ISW03 secure in practically motivated model:

- + No leak free gates
- + Full simulation-based security
- + Usefull tool: probing \rightarrow security against noisy

Main drawback: requires high nois rate $p=1/n|F|$

Upcoming work: improve bounds (soon to appear)!

Open problems:

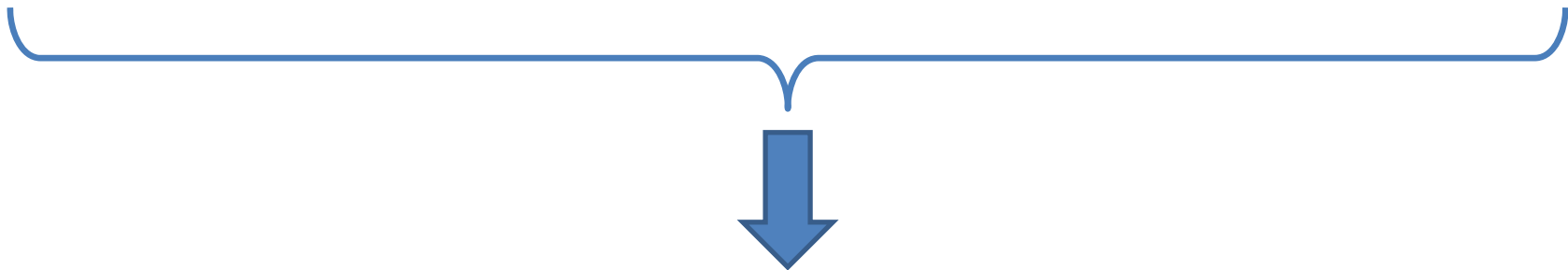
Eliminate independence

Practical estimation of noise parameter

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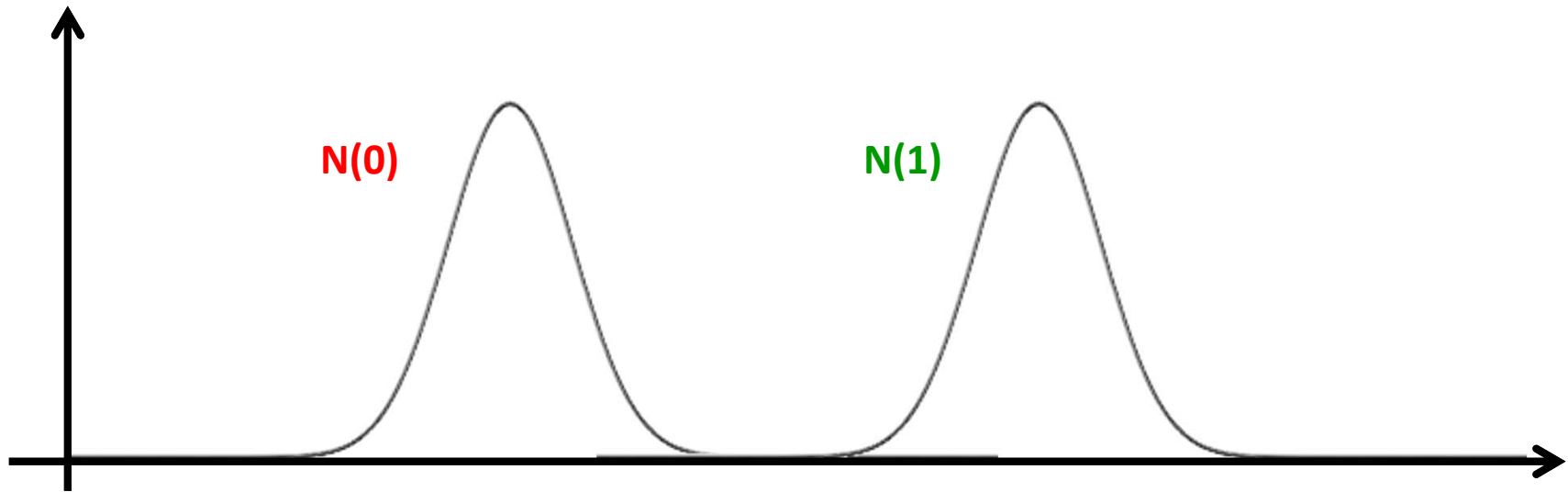
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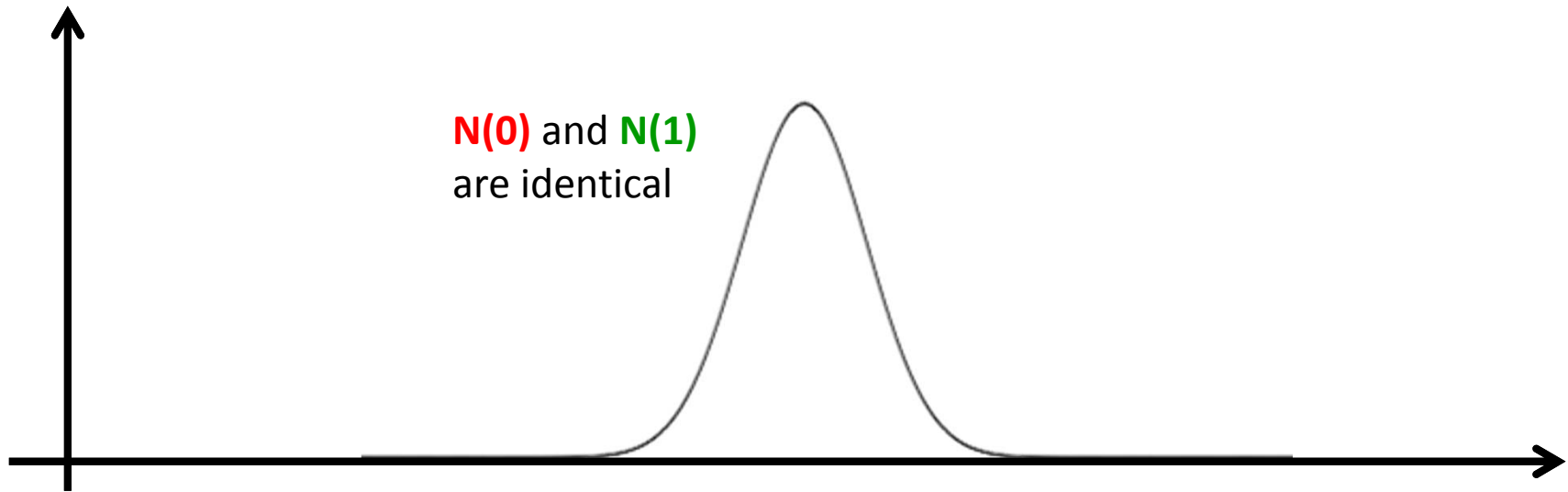
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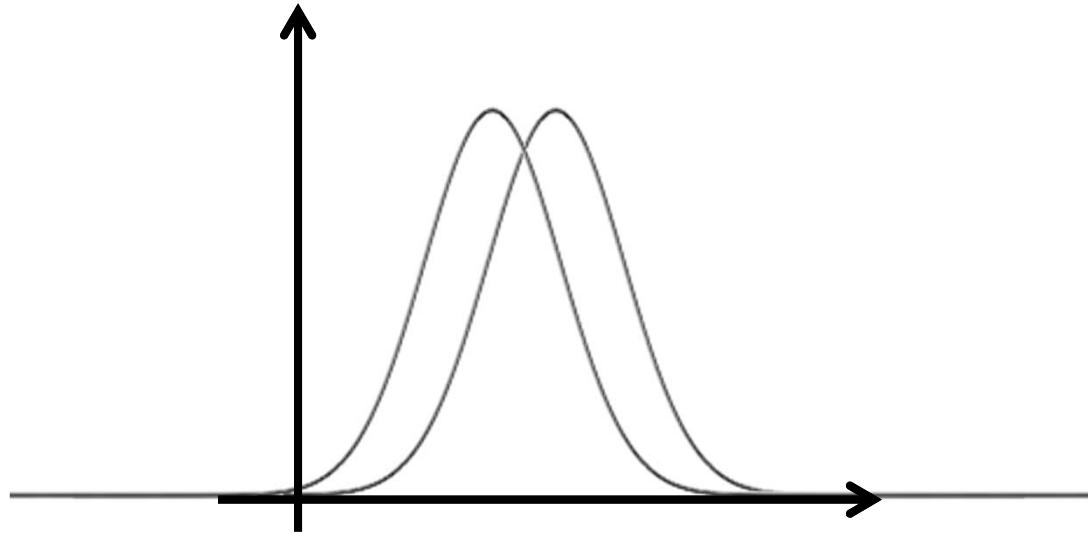
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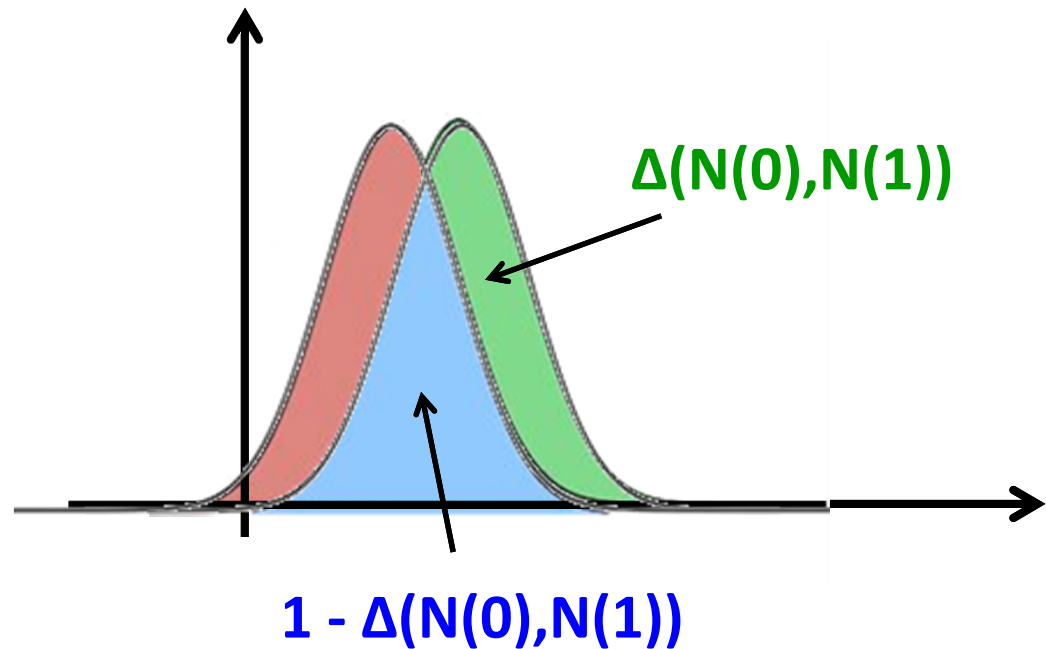
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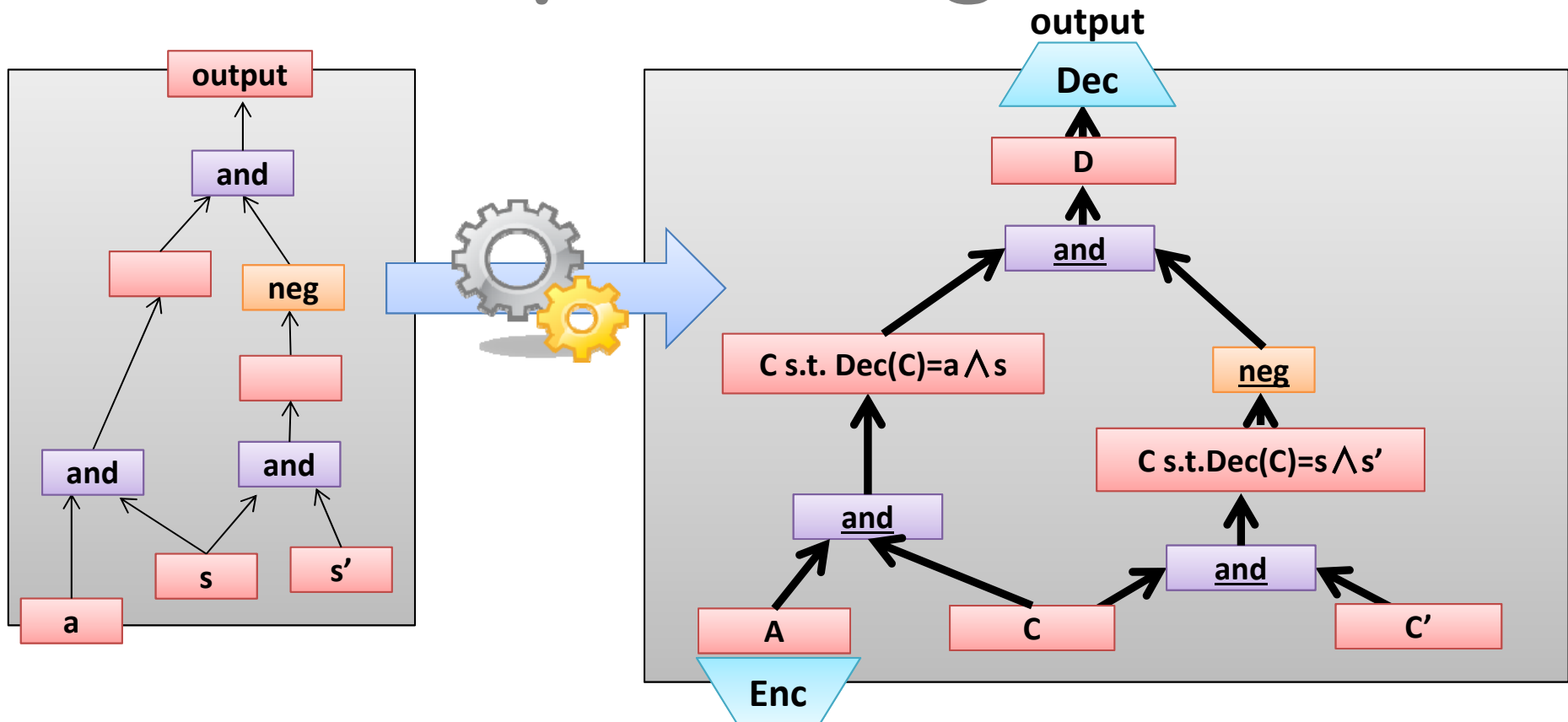


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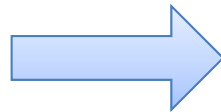
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ISW Compiler: High level



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2. Wires
3. Gates



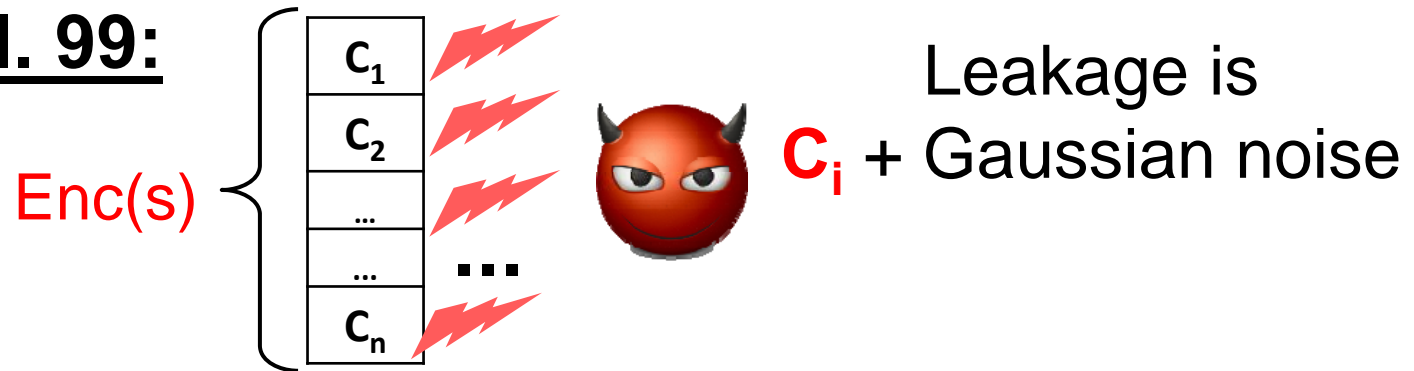
- 1.^a Encoded secrets
2. Encoded wires
3. Gadgets compute with encodings

Noisy leakages

Probing model: at least one share is not revealed

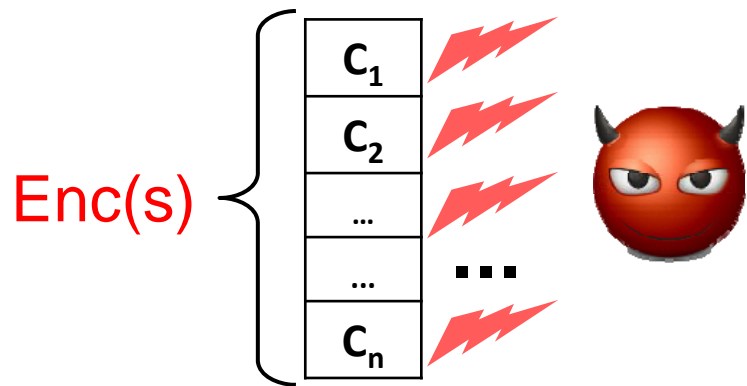
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Each share leaks but only noisy version of it

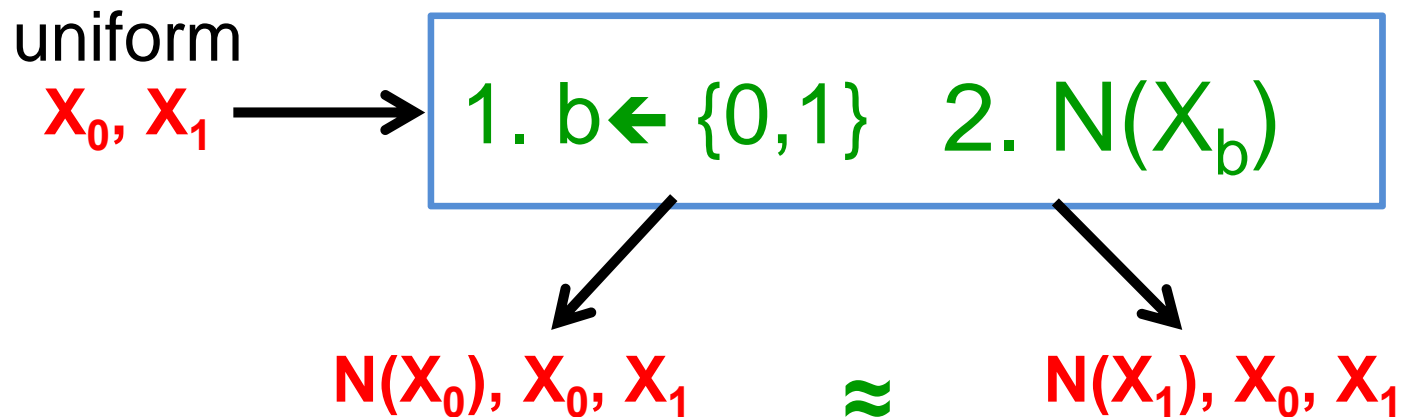
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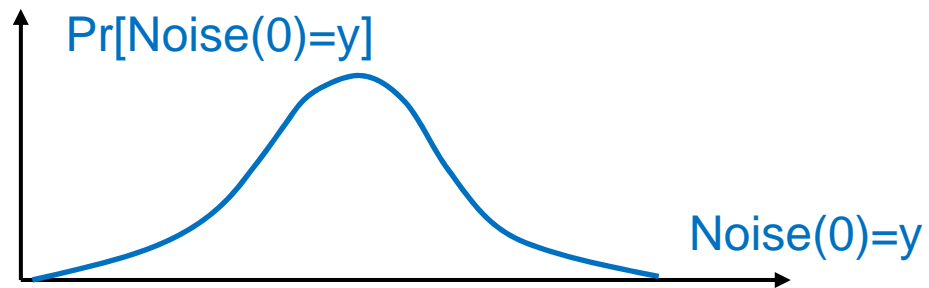
A simpler but equivalent definition:



N is p -noisy if statistical distance $< p$

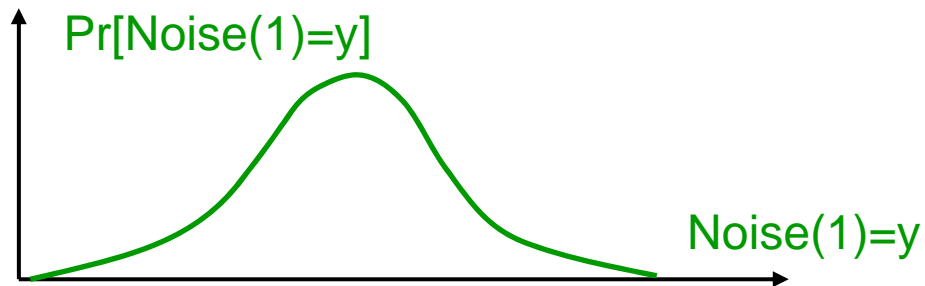
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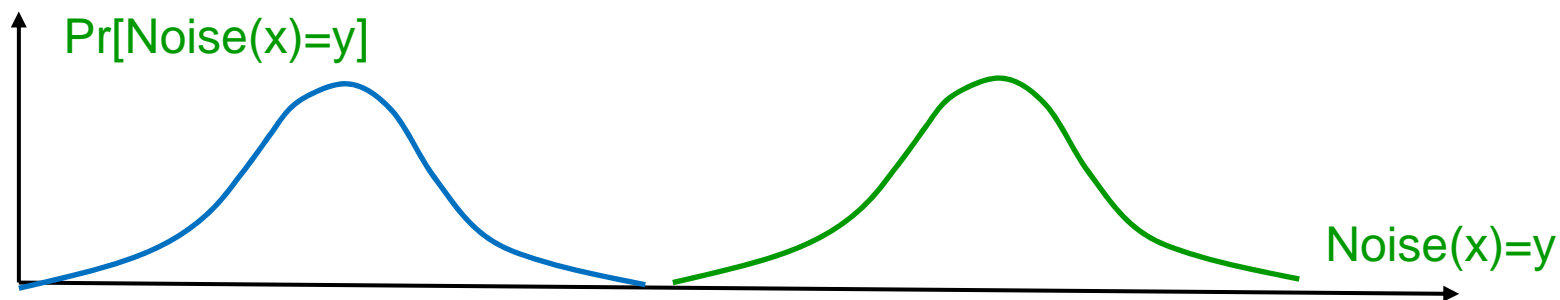
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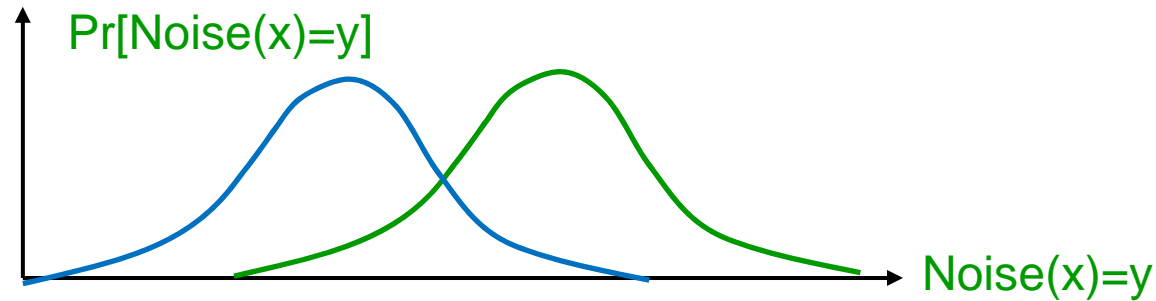
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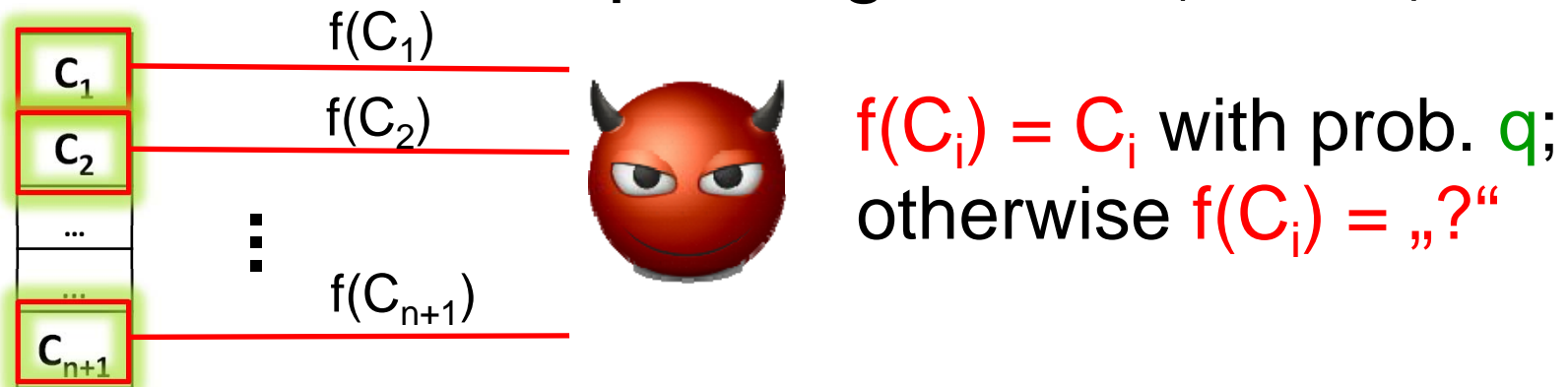


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Interesting case



Reduce to random probing model (ISW03)



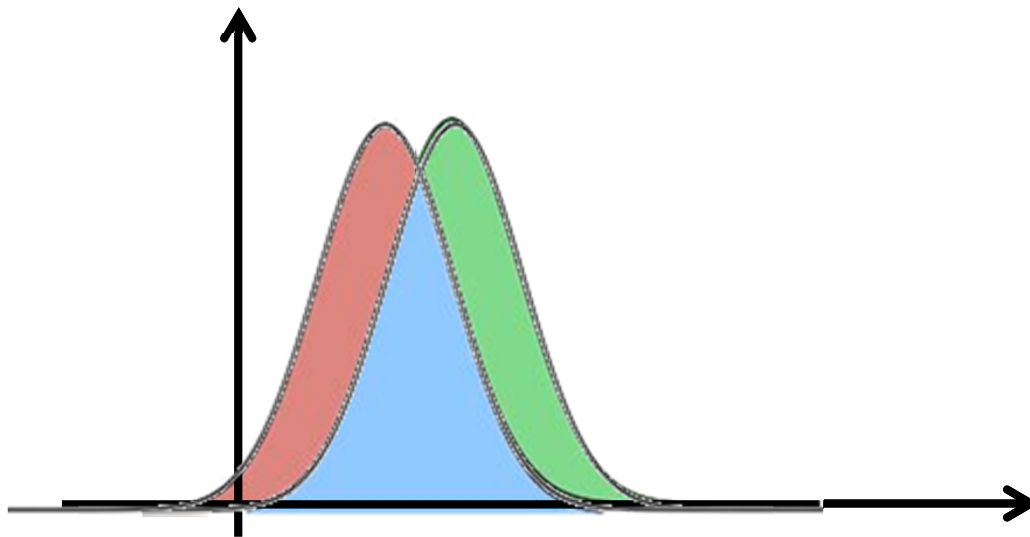
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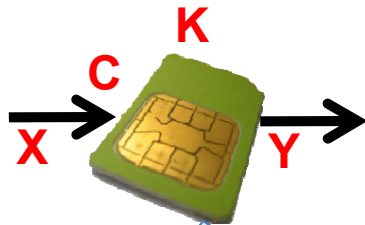
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How to define Noise'(.)?



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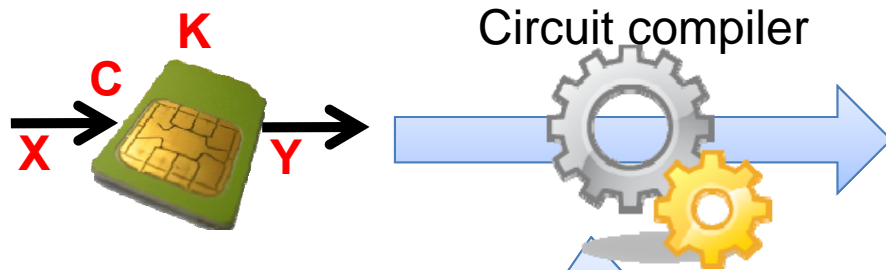
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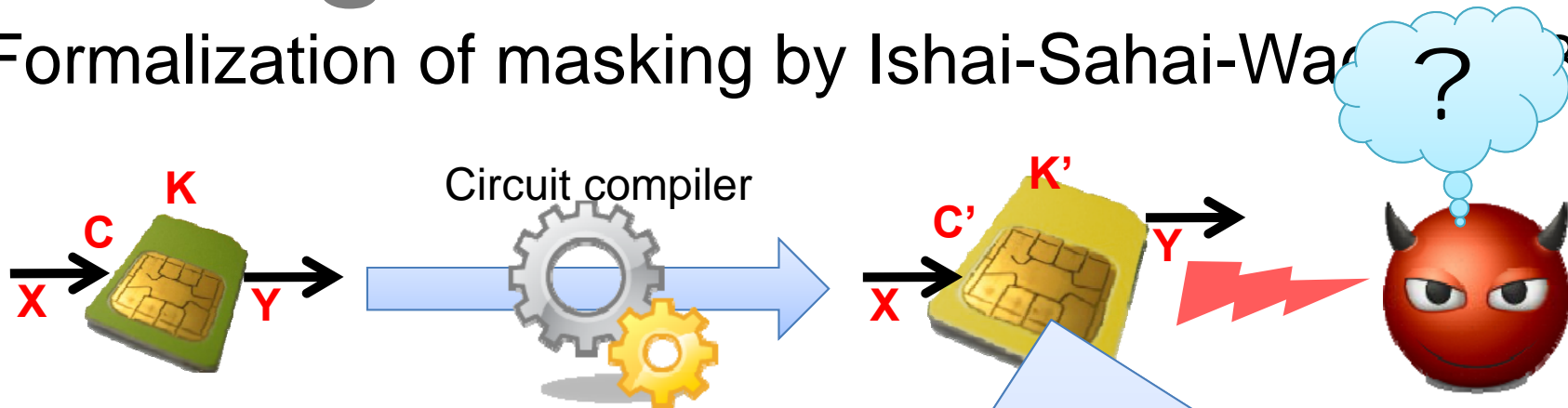
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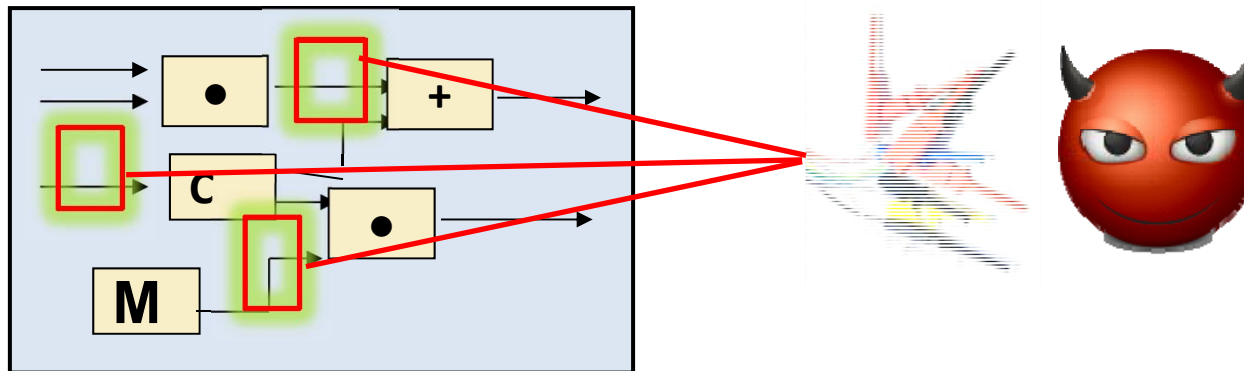
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What leakage do we consider?

n-Probing adversary (ISW03)

Adversary gets **n** intermediate values of computation

→ **L** = { values on **n** adversarial chosen wires }



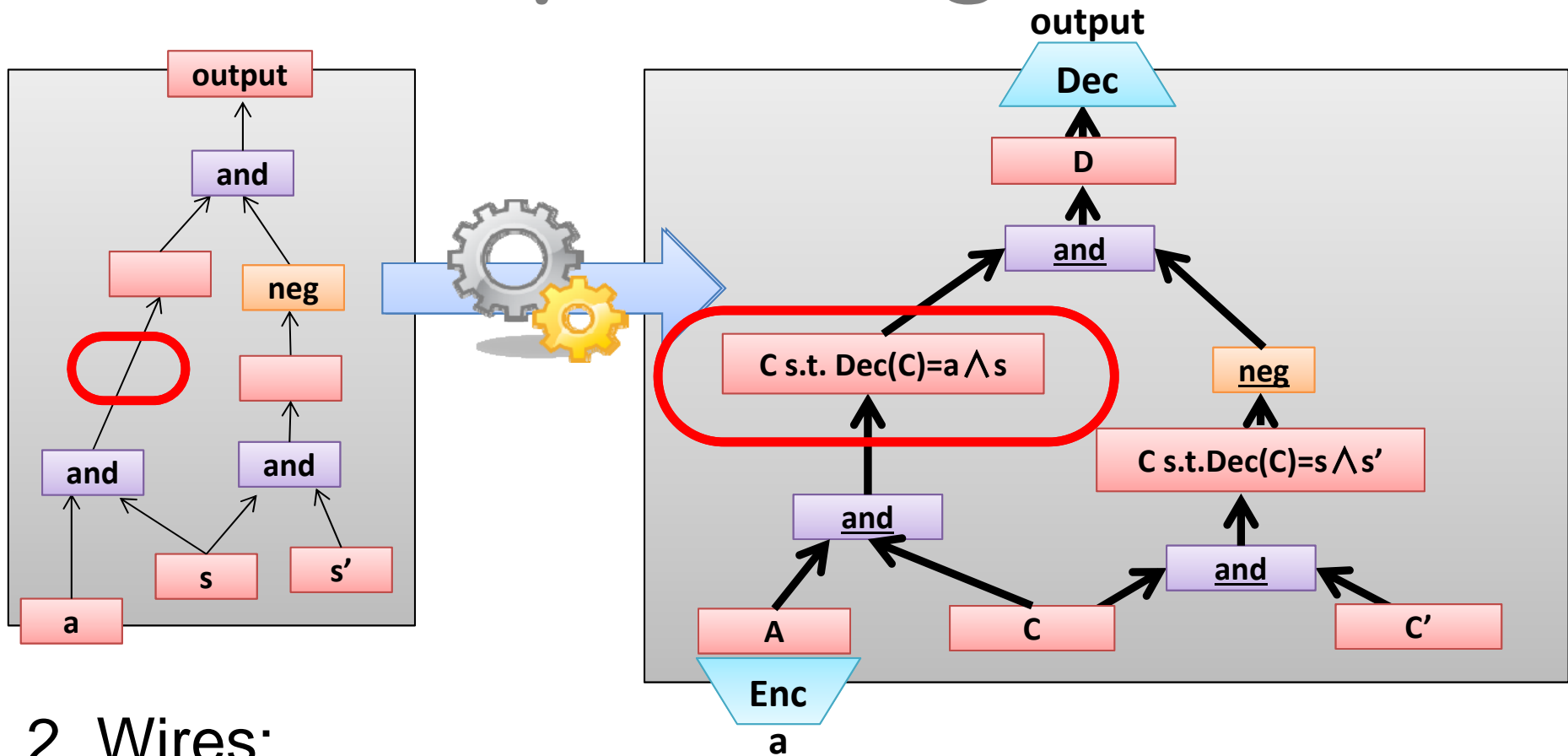
n-probing attack formalization of **n**-variate attacks

Basic ingredient: encoding scheme



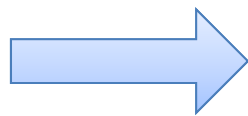
How to carry out protected computation?

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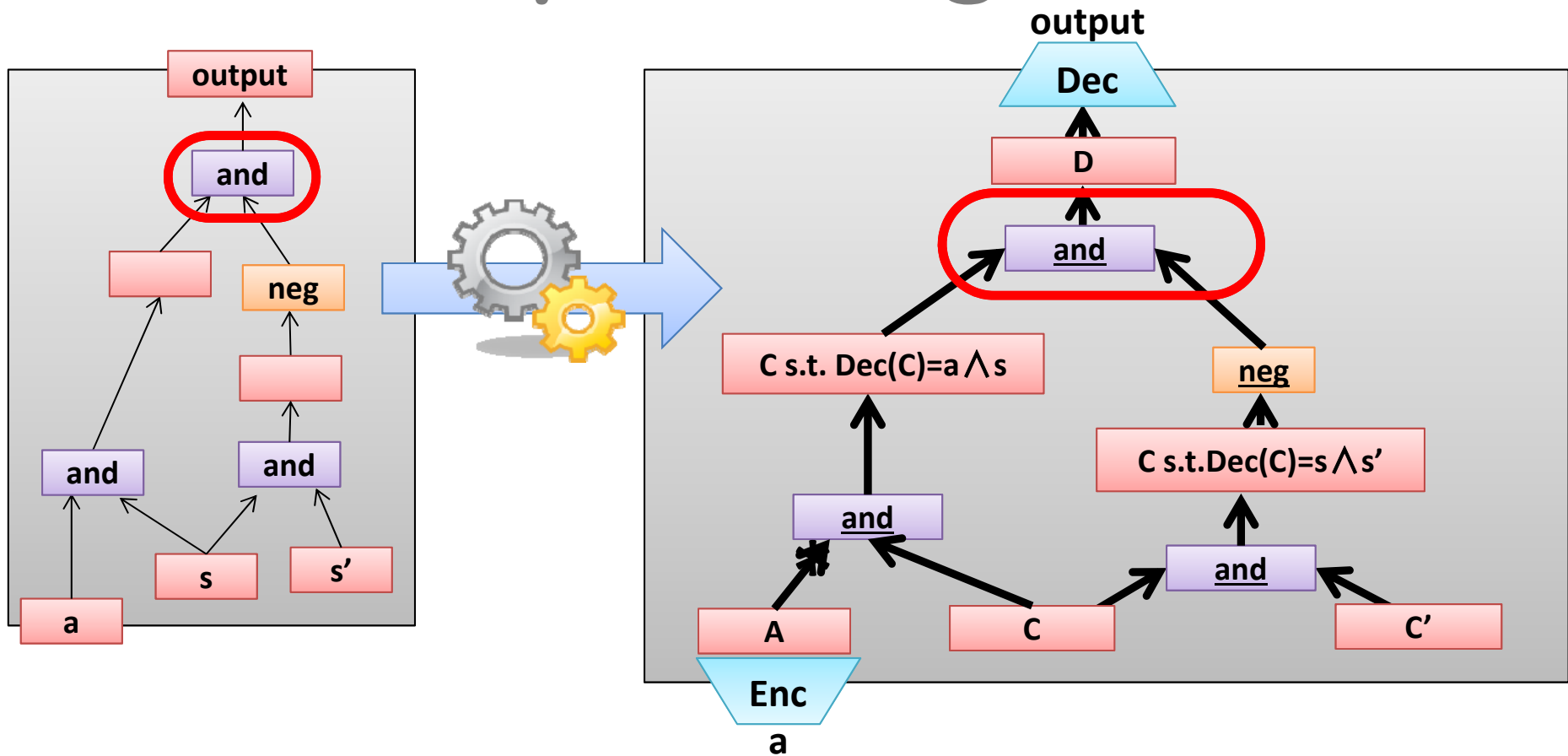
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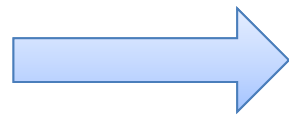
Wire bundle carrying encoding
 C such that $w = \text{Dec}(C)$

Main challenge: computing on encoded inputs!

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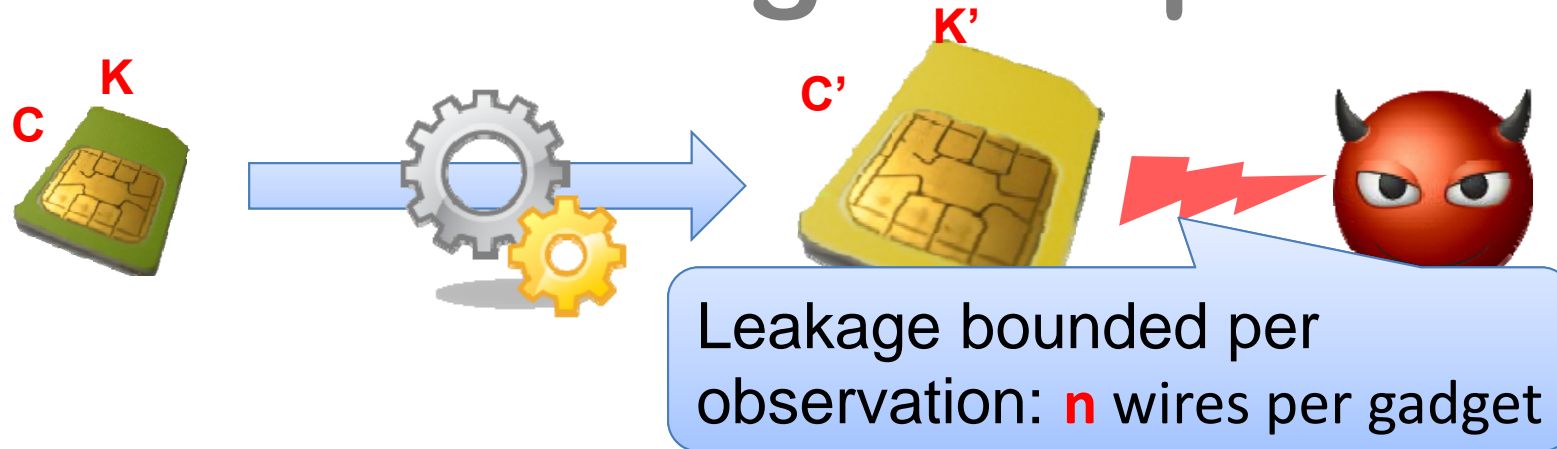
3. Gates:



Gadgets built from standard gates operating on encodings

Main challenge: algorithm to securely compute AND!

ISW secure against probing



Proof-technique used in many works to prove soundness of masking schemes

Many interesting theoretical extensions:

Low-complexity classes, bounded leakage, ...

Models have in common: bounded leakage

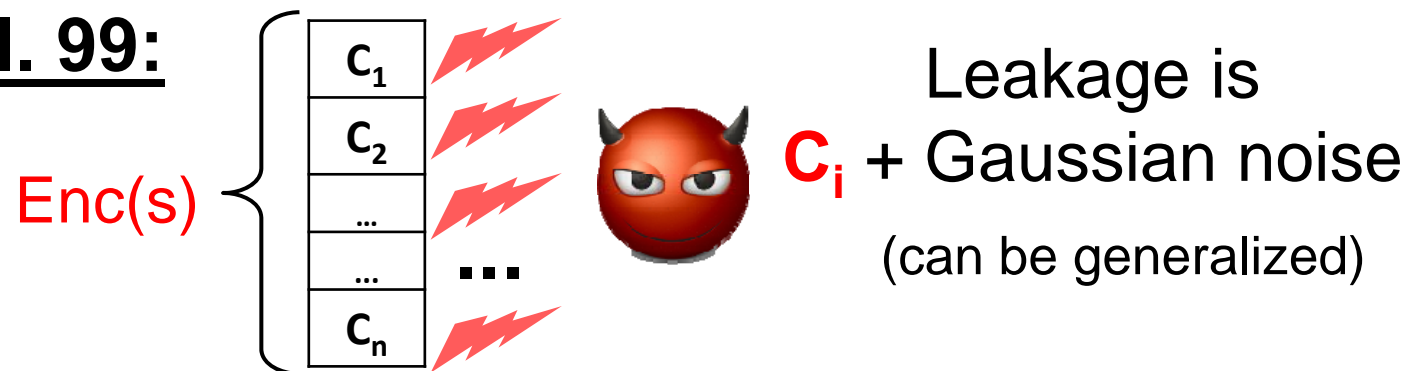
Bounded leakage? *Probably not!*

Measurements require large data 

Not clear how to guarantee bounded leakage

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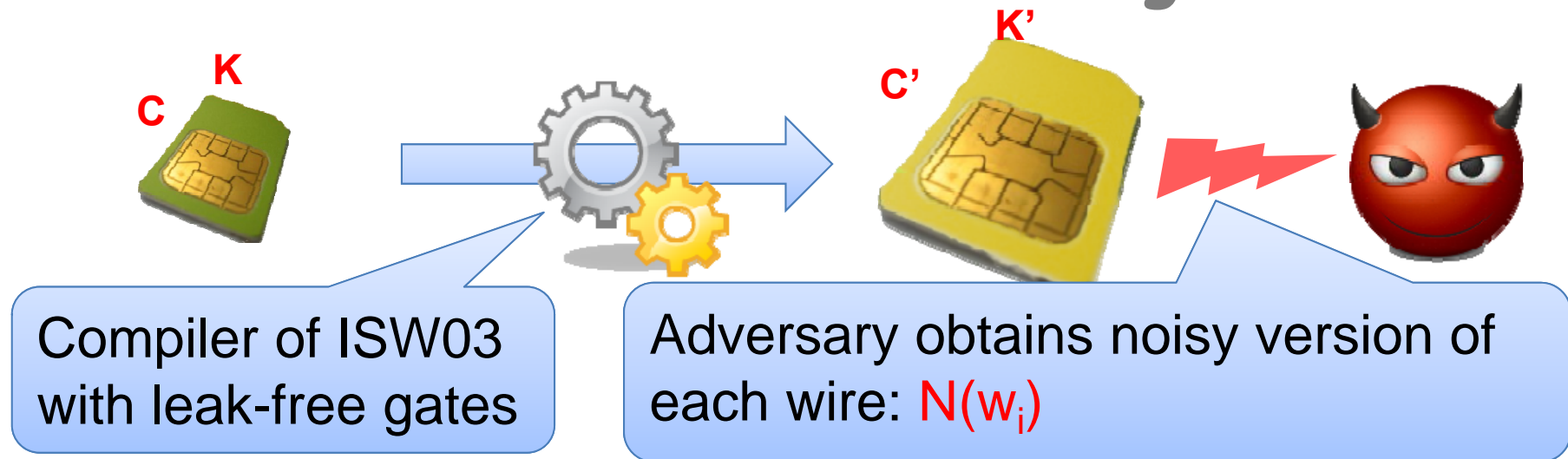
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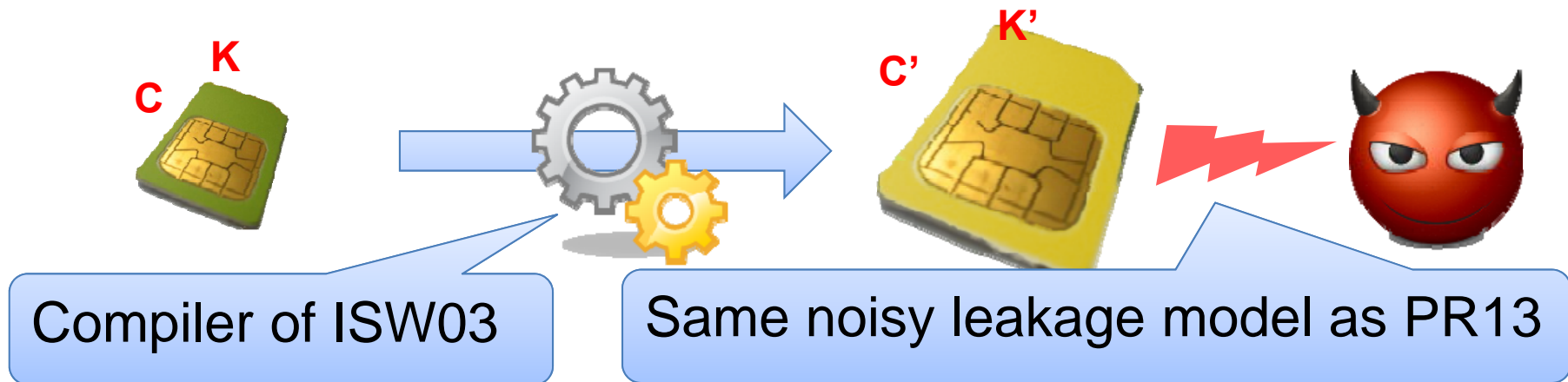
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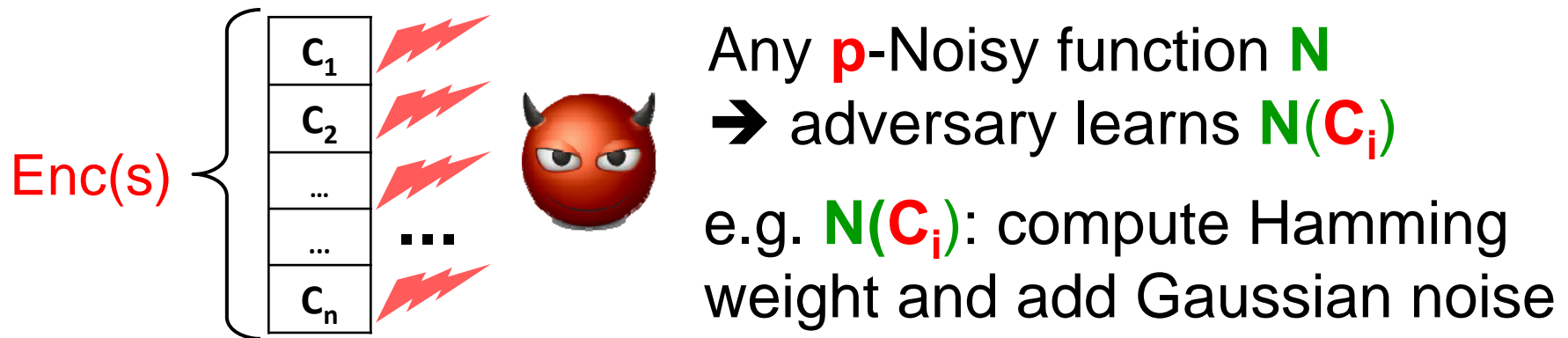
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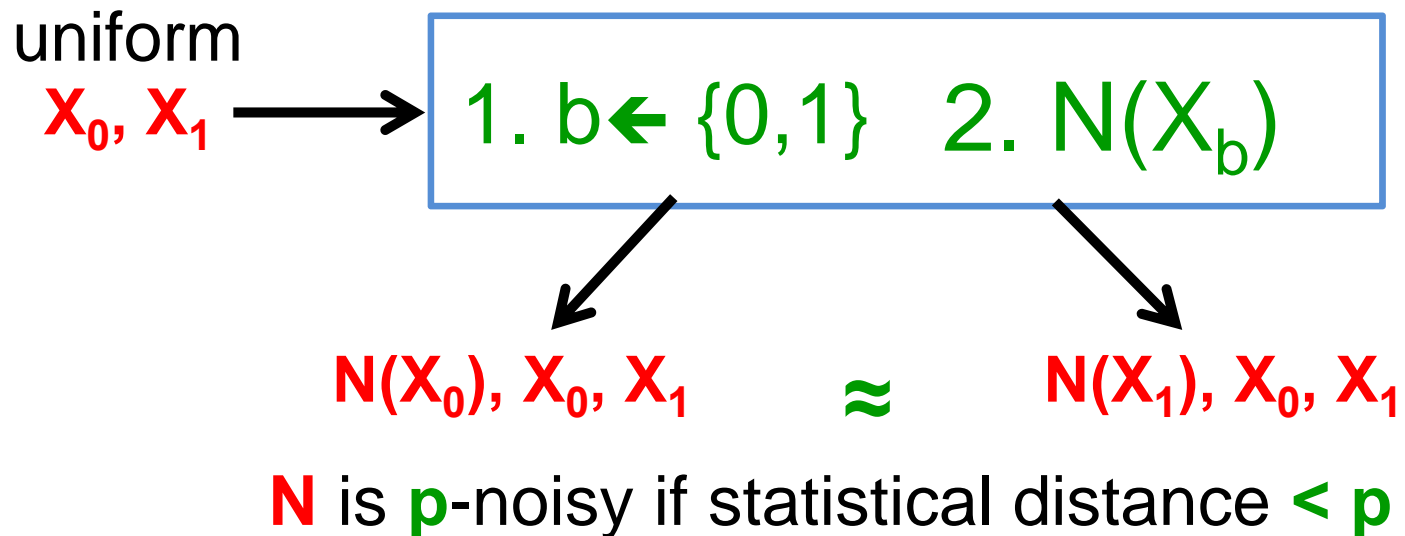
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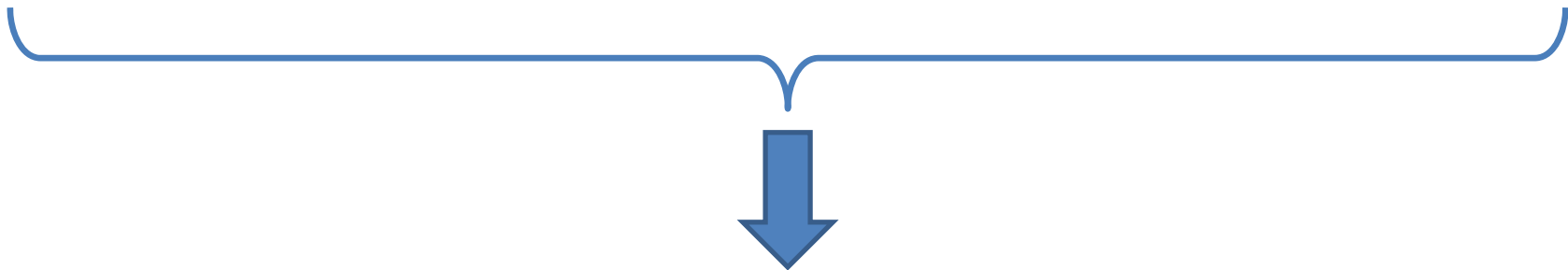
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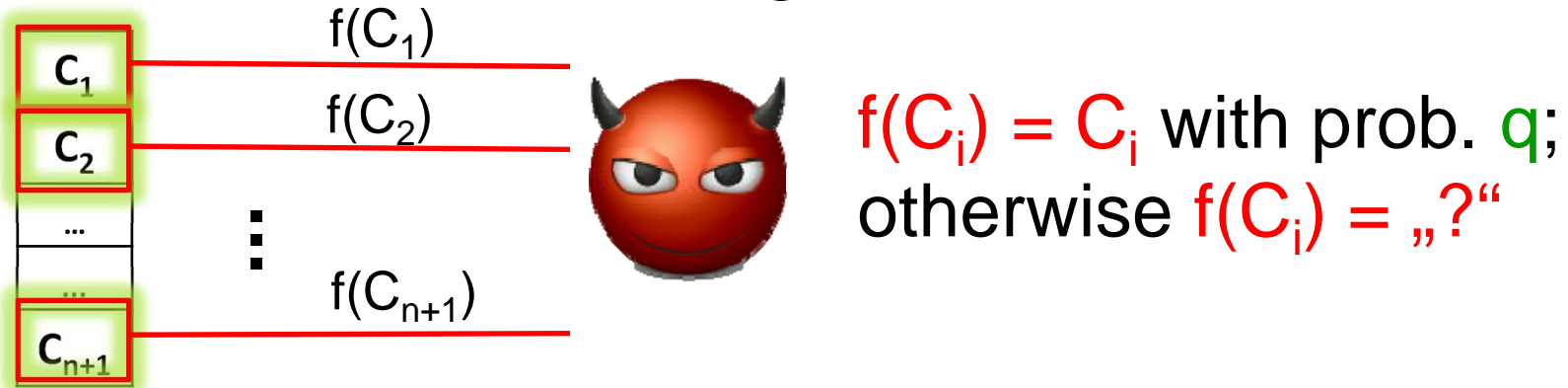
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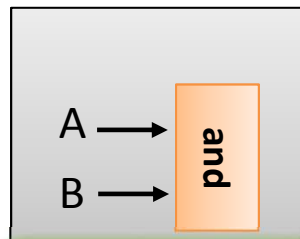
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➔ Encoding secure in random probing model

How to extend to leakage from computation?

Proof outline

Step 2: Extending to masked operation



$(A_1 \dots A_n) \rightarrow$

...

	A_1	...	A_n
B_1	$B_1 A_1$...	$B_1 A_n$
...		...	
B_n	$B_n A_1$...	$B_n A_n$

q has to be smaller than $1/n$
because each A_i appears n times

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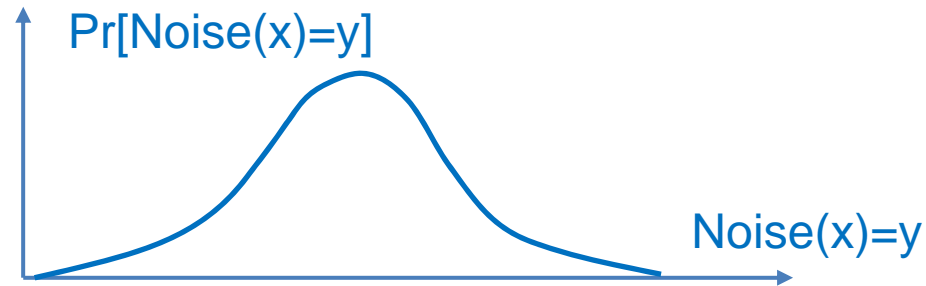
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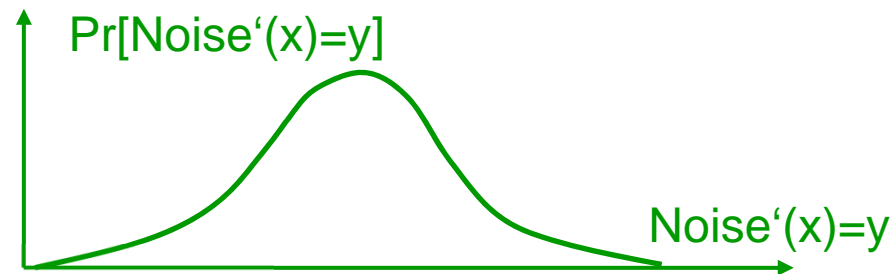
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For any p -noisy function $\text{Noise}(\cdot)$:



such that for any x \equiv

There exists simulated noise distributions $\text{Noise}'(f(x))$:



P
S

f is q -random probing function with $q < p|X|$



$$p < 1/n|X|$$

Conclusion

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- + Usefull tool: probing → security against noisy

Main drawback: requires high nois rate

Upcoming work: improve bounds (soon to appear)!

Open problems:

Eliminate independence

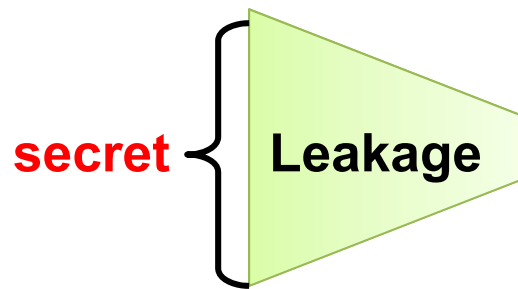
Practical estimation of noise parameter

Thank you!

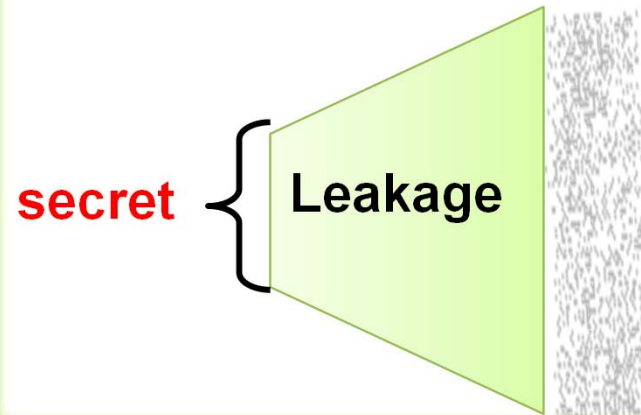
Our result

Analyze common countermeasure
in practically motivated model

Bounded leakage

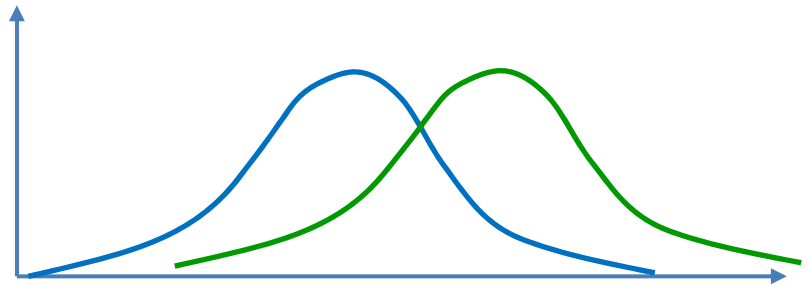


Noisy leakage



Main tool of our work:

Noisy leakage = Bounded leakage



Leakage resilient crypto

Stream ciphers

PKE

Signatures

Many constructions protocols

IBE

ABE

Zero-knowledge

Many great ideas! Q: Can I use it to protect my implementation?



Constructions run in PPT but practically inefficient

I want a countermeasure for my AES implementation