

# Formal Verification of Masked Implementations

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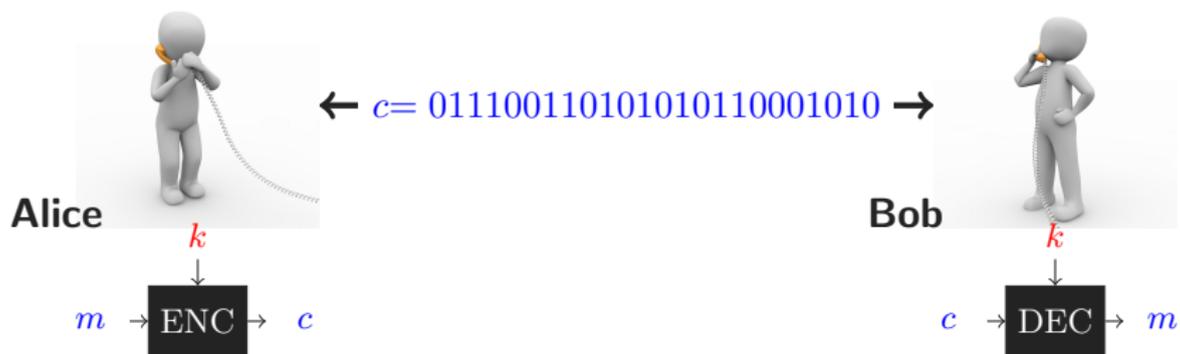
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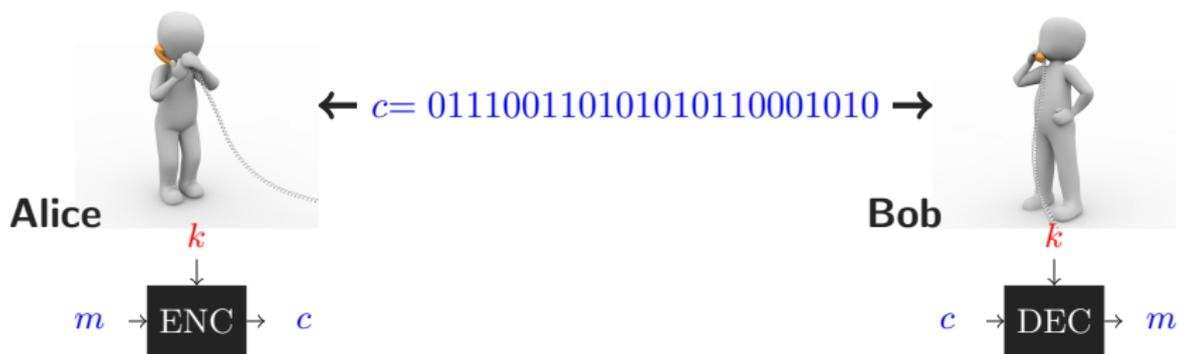
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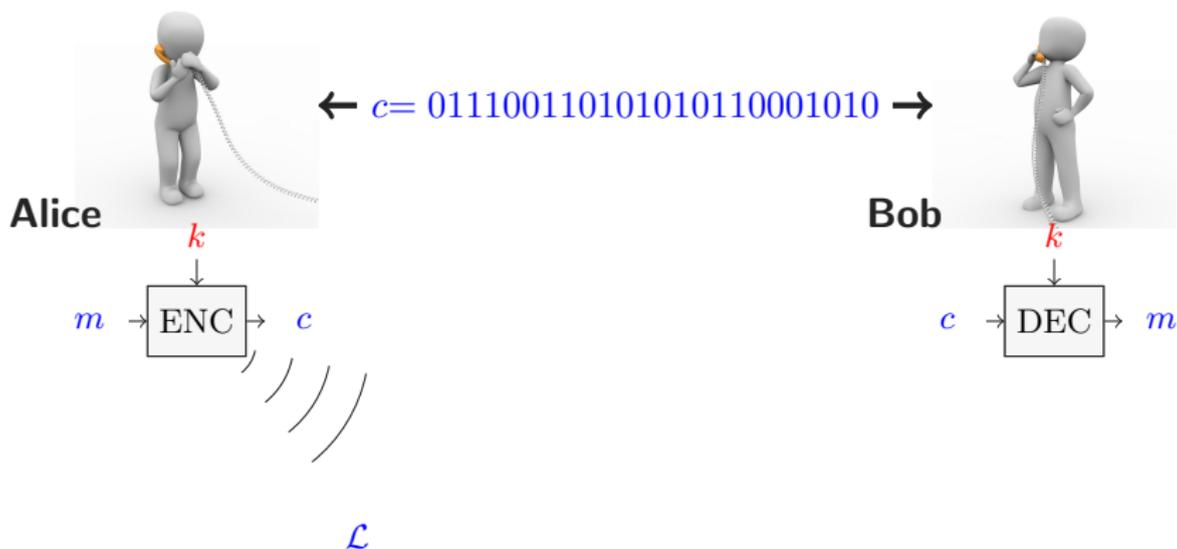
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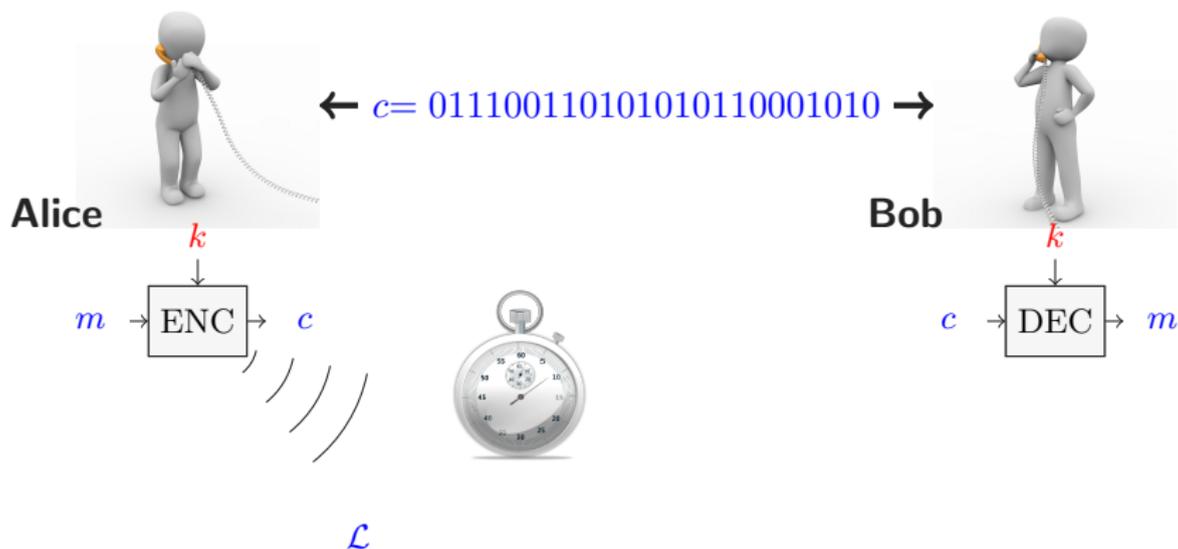
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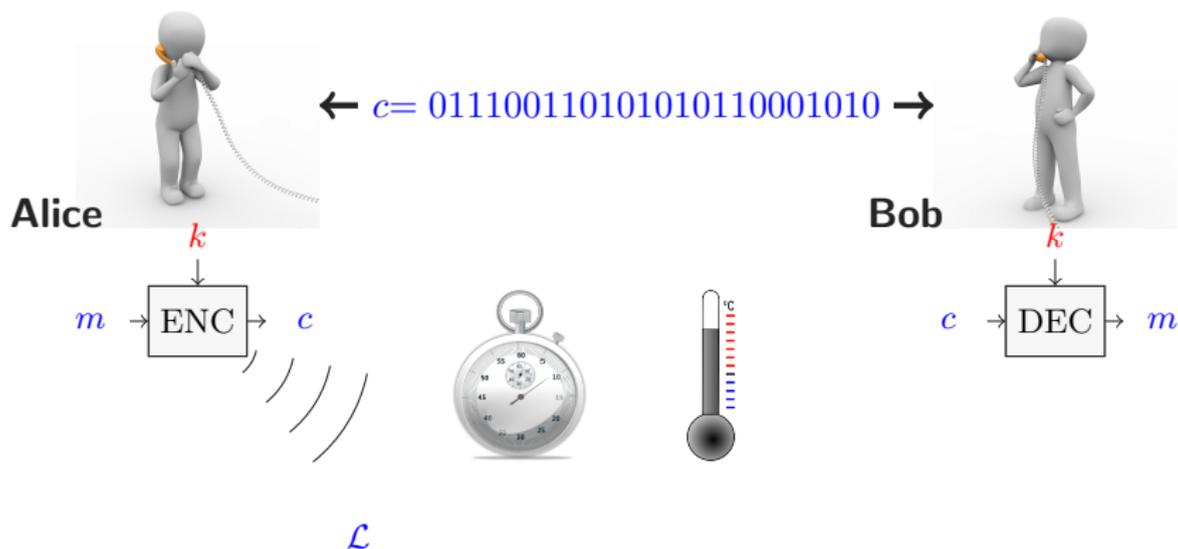
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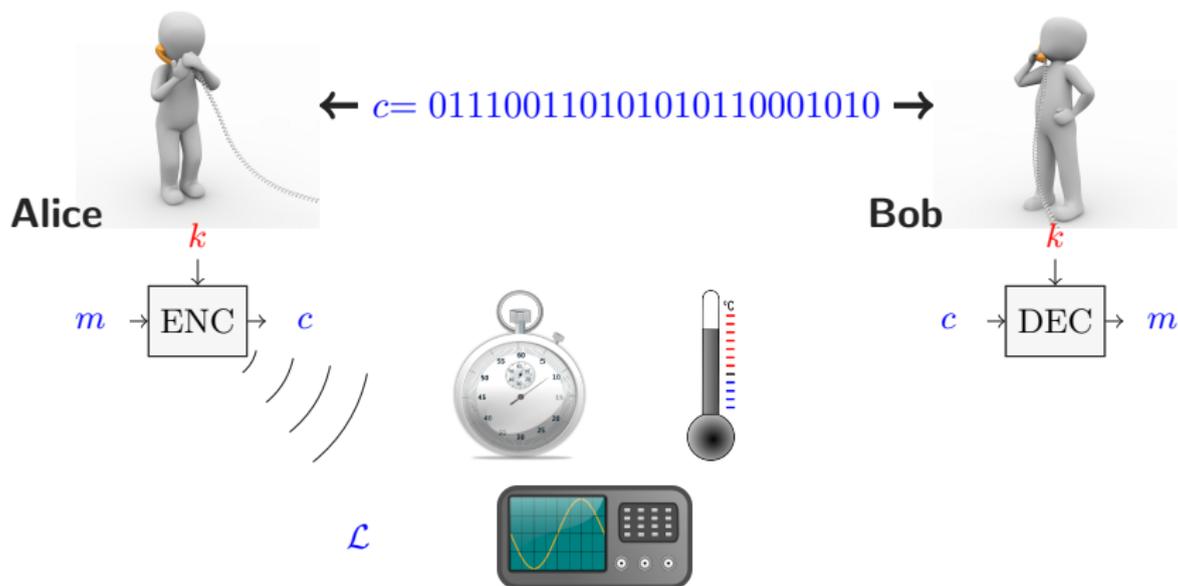
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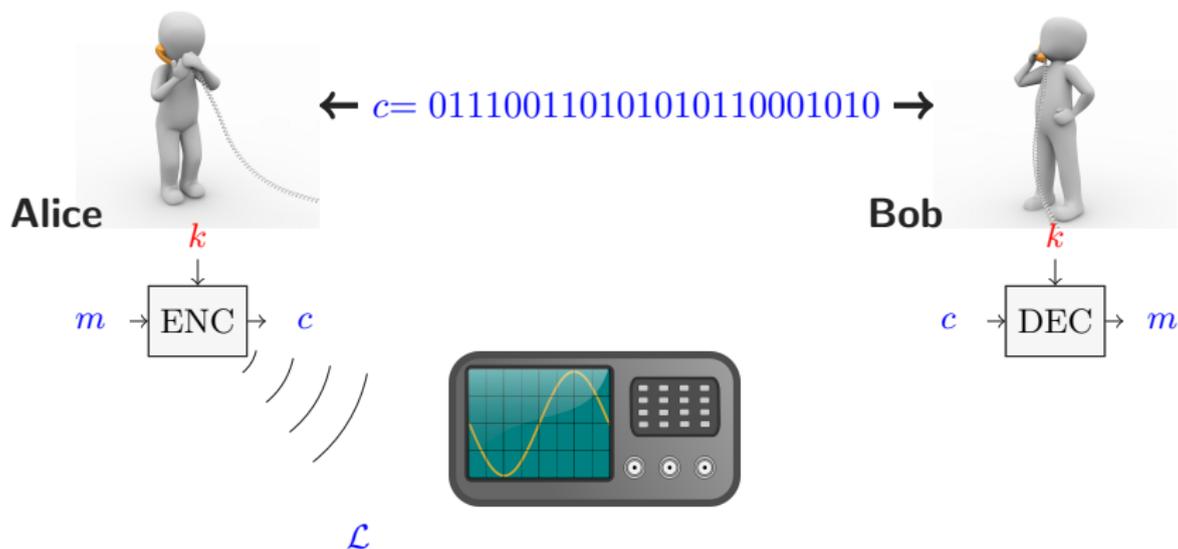
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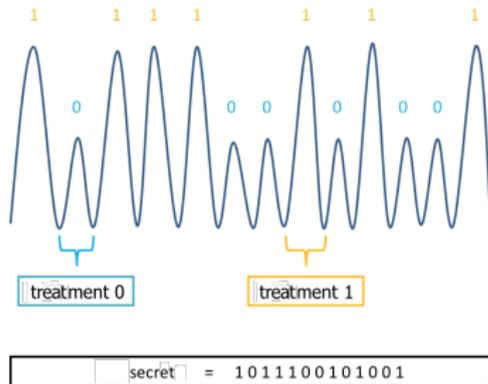
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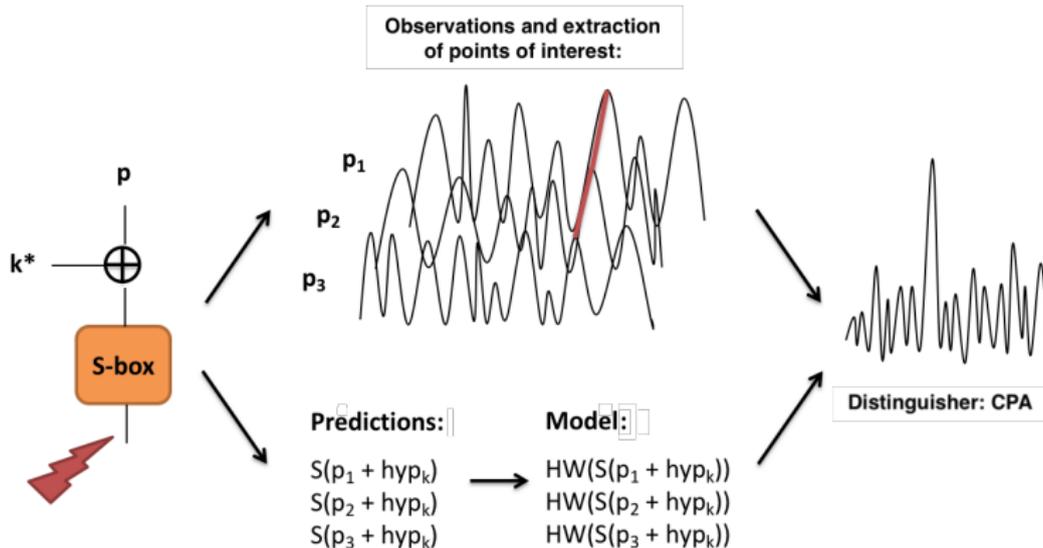
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for  $i = 1$  to  $n$  do
  if  $\text{key}[i] = 0$  then
    do treatment 0
  else
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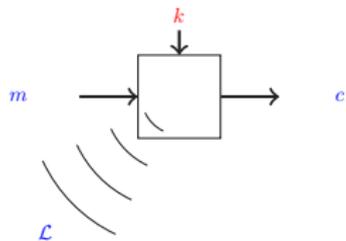
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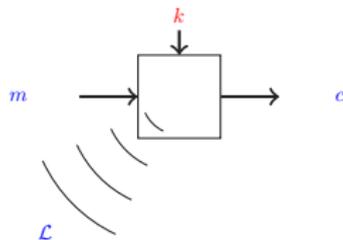
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Idea of masking: make leakage  $\mathcal{L}$  random

sensitive value:  $v = f(m, k)$

$$v_0 \leftarrow v \oplus \left( \bigoplus_{1 \leq i \leq t} v_i \right) \quad v_1 \leftarrow \$ \quad \dots \quad v_t \leftarrow \$$$

→ any  $t$ -tuple of  $v_i$  is independent from  $v$

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- Non-linear functions: much more complex

$$\begin{aligned} \forall 0 \leq i < j \leq t-1, & \quad r_{i,j} \leftarrow \$ \\ \forall 0 \leq i < j \leq t-1, & \quad r_{j,i} \leftarrow (r_{i,j} \oplus v_i w_j) \oplus v_j w_i \\ \forall 0 \leq i \leq d-1, & \quad c_i \leftarrow v_i w_i \oplus \sum_{j \neq i} r_{i,j} \\ vw & \rightarrow (c_0, c_1, \dots, c_t) \end{aligned}$$

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- **Reduction** by Duc, Dziembowski, and Faust (EC 2014)
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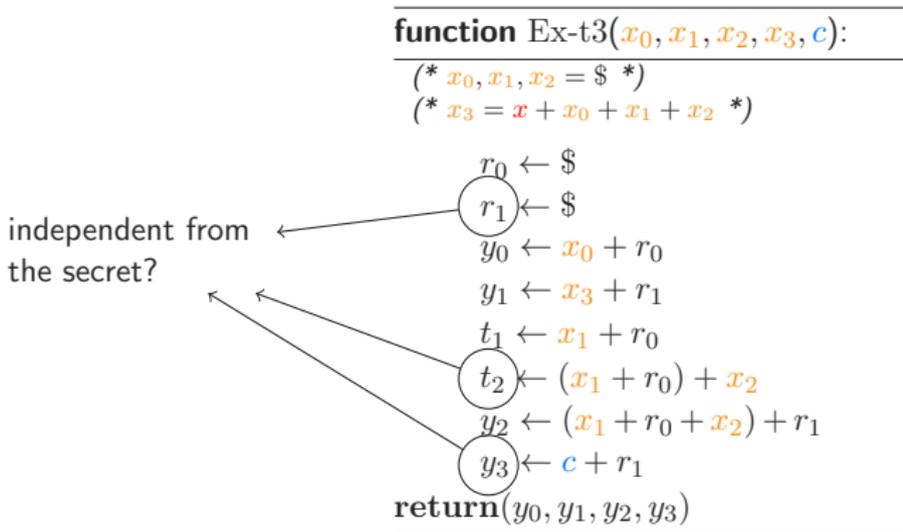
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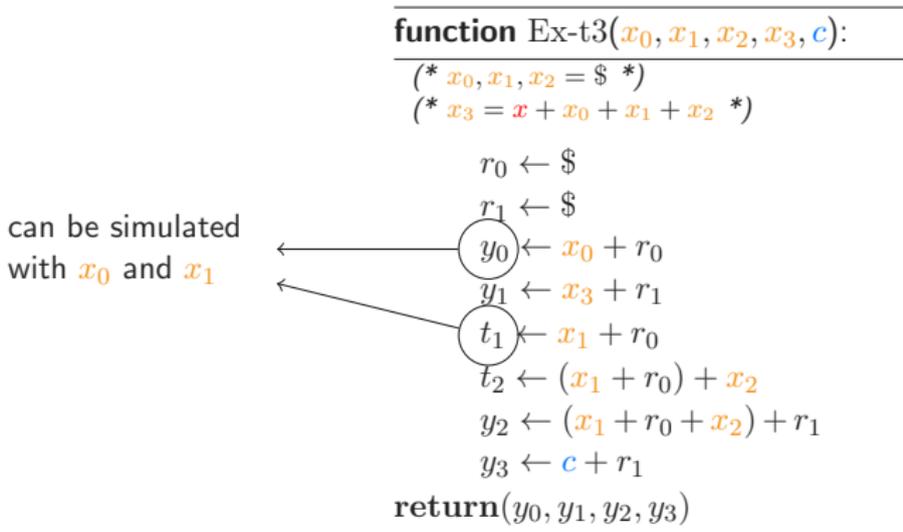
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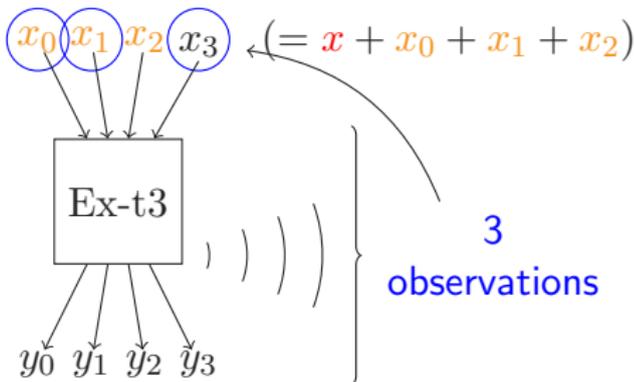
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# maskVerif

- input:
  - ▶ pseudo-code of a masked implementation
  - ▶ order  $t$
- output:
  - ▶ formal proof of  $t$ -probing security (or NI, SNI)
  - ▶ potential flaws



Gilles Barthe and Sonia Belaïd and François Dupressoir and Pierre-Alain Fouque and Benjamin Grégoire and Pierre-Yves Strub *Verified Proofs of Higher-Order Masking*, EUROCRYPT 2015, Proceedings, Part I, 457–485.

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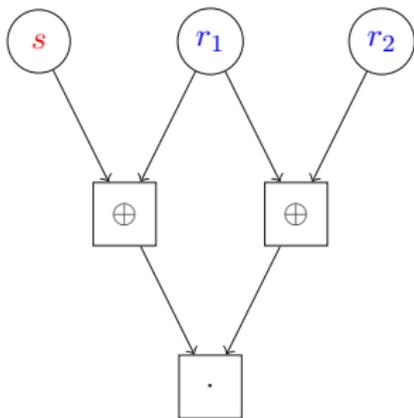
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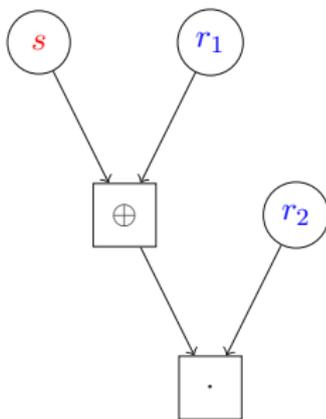
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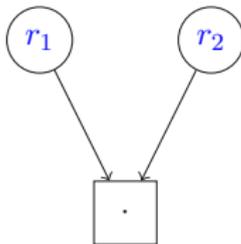
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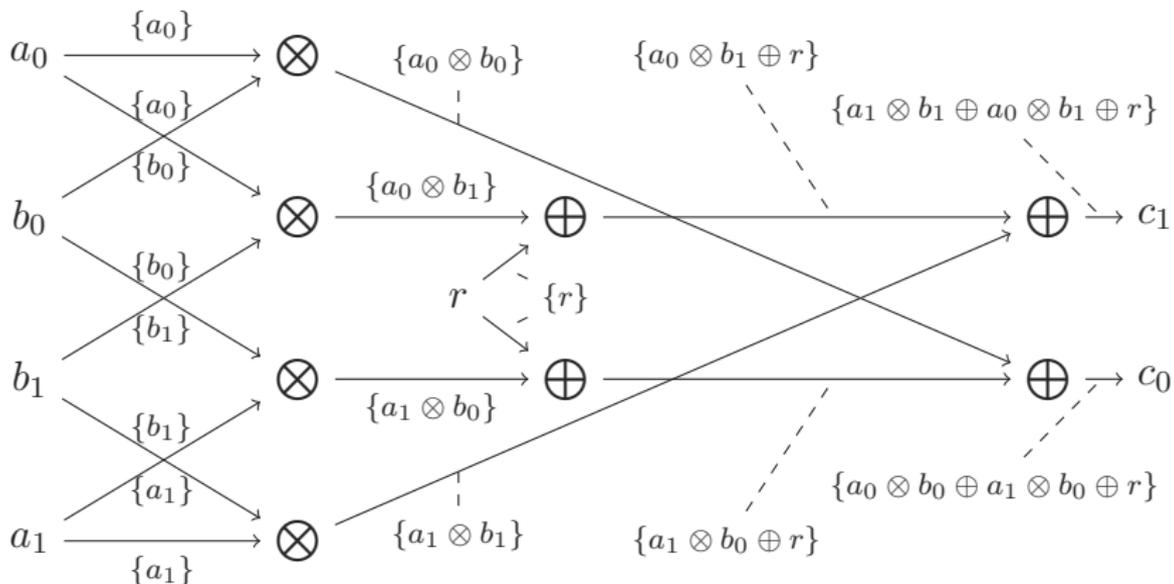
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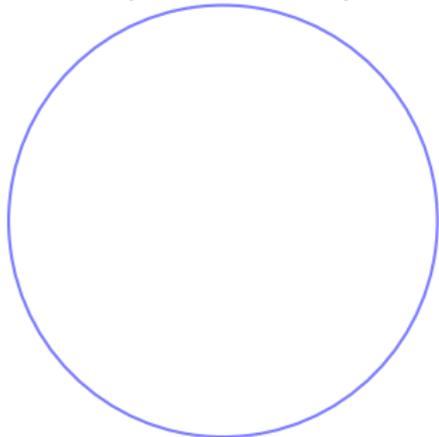
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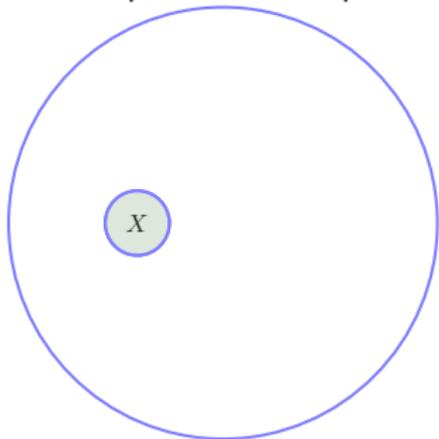
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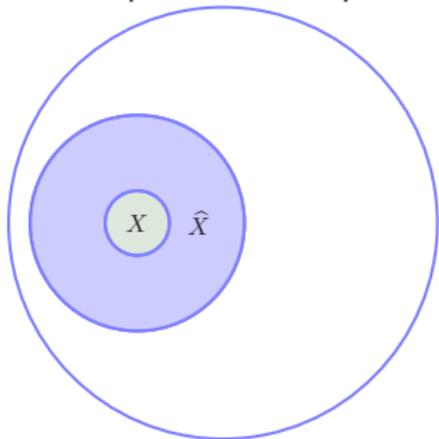
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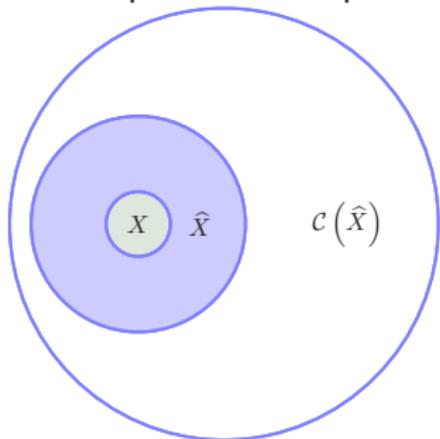
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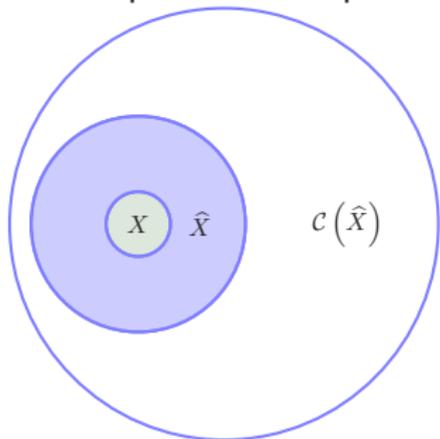
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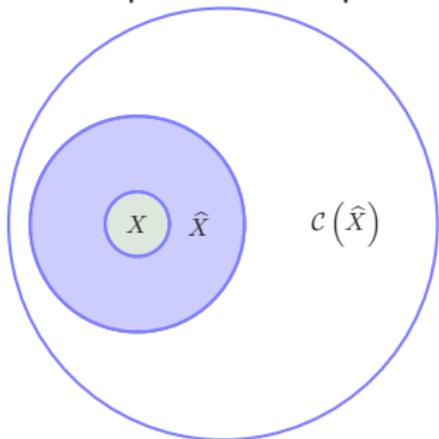
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Finding  $\hat{X}$  can be done very efficiently using a dag representation

# Benchmark

It is working for relatively small programs:

Algorithm	Order	Tuples	Secure	Verification time
Refresh	9	$2 \cdot 10^{10}$	✓	2s
Refresh	17	$2 \cdot 10^{20}$	✓	3d
Refresh	18	$4 \cdot 10^{21}$	✓	1 month

But there is a problem with large programs:

- Full AES implementation at order 1
- only 4 rounds of AES at order 2

# Demo

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Demo maskVerif

# Extending the model: glitches

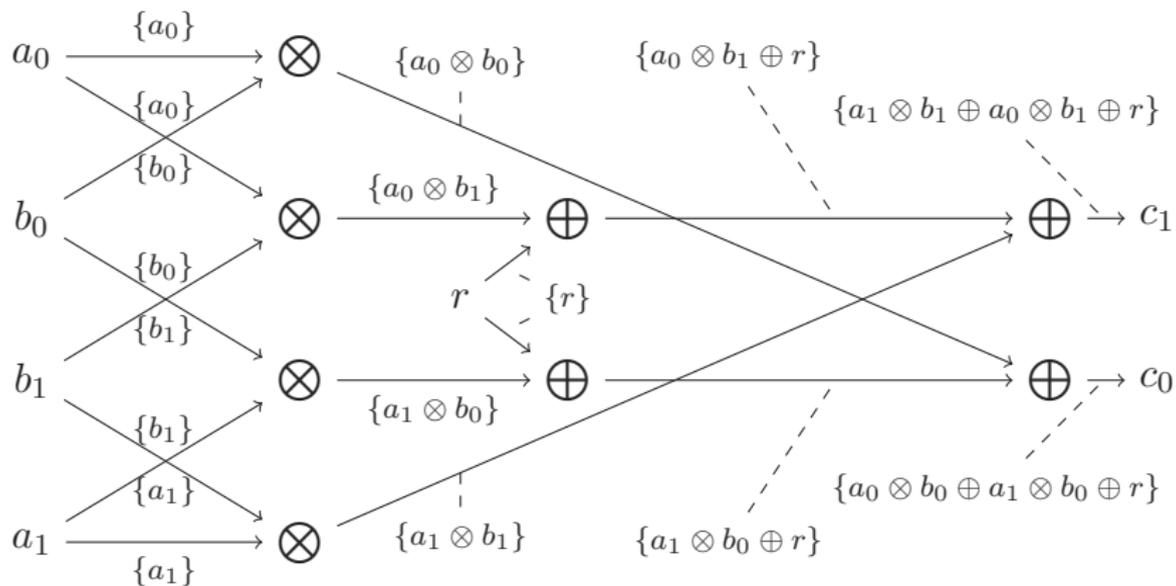
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Example: AND gate  $A \otimes B$

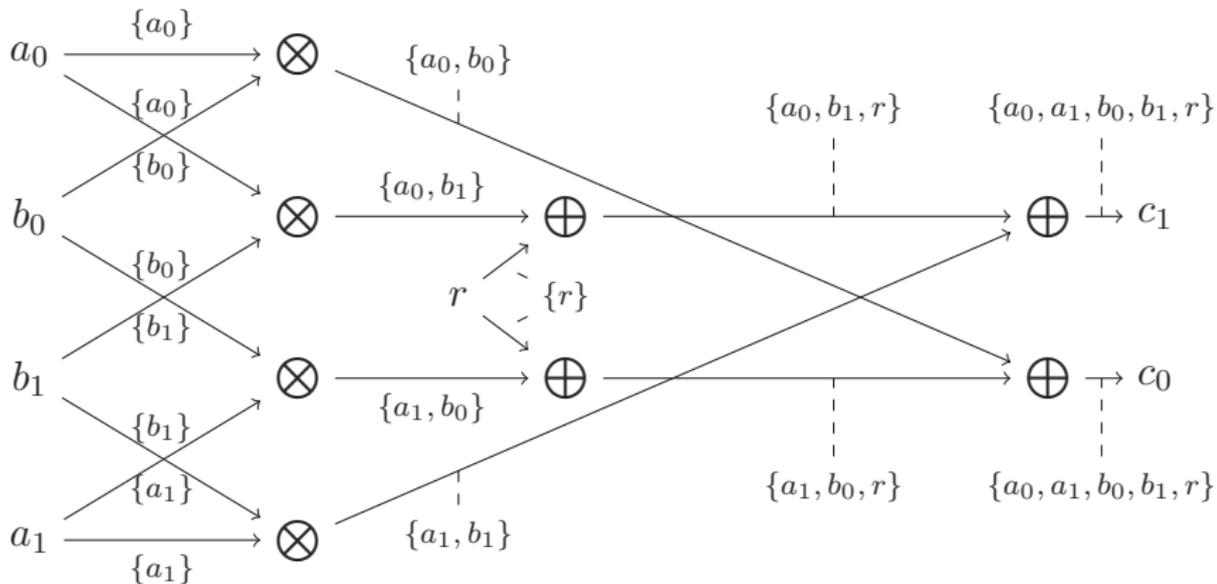


Possible leaks :  $A \cdot B$ ,  $A$ ,  $B$

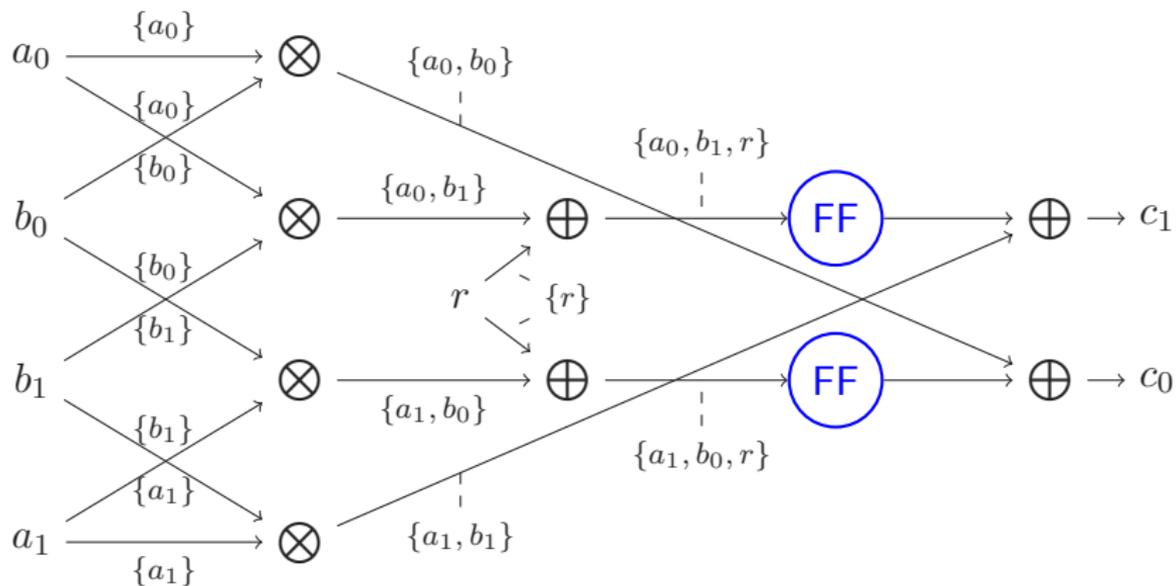
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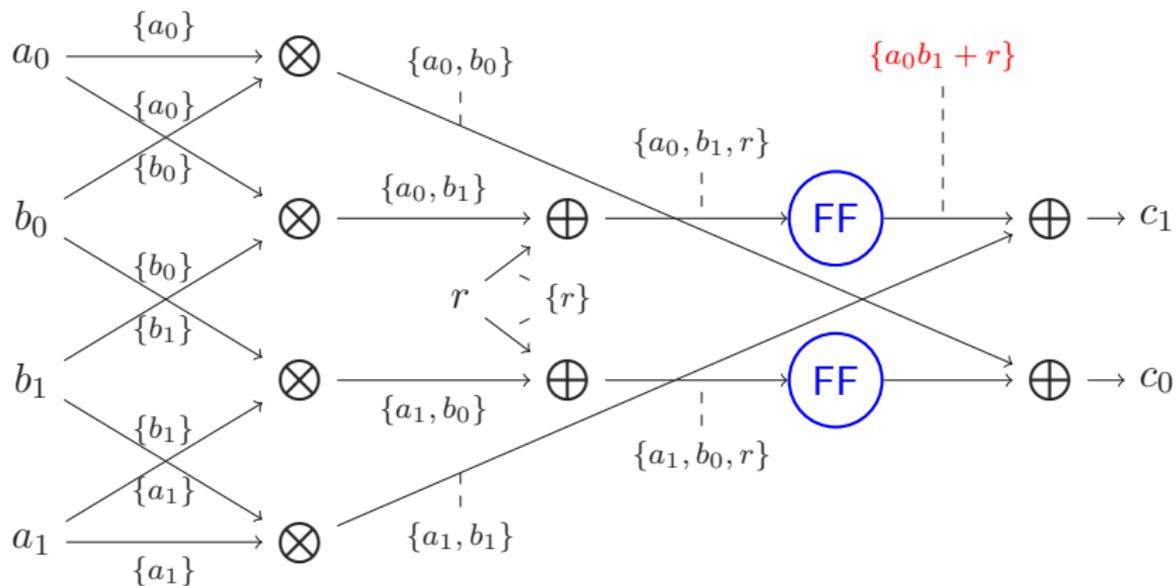
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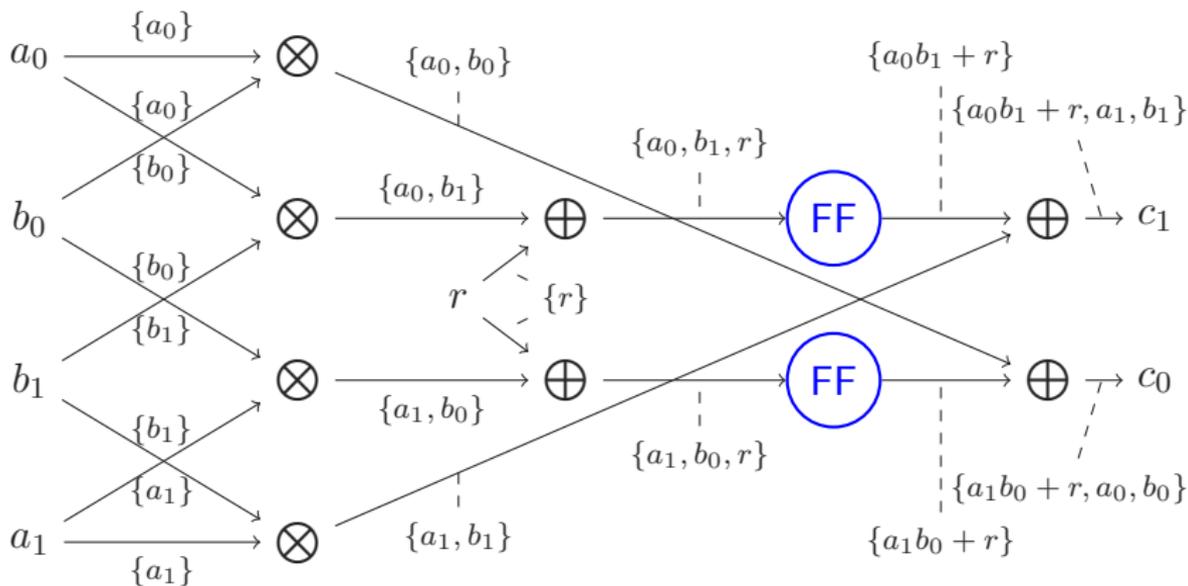
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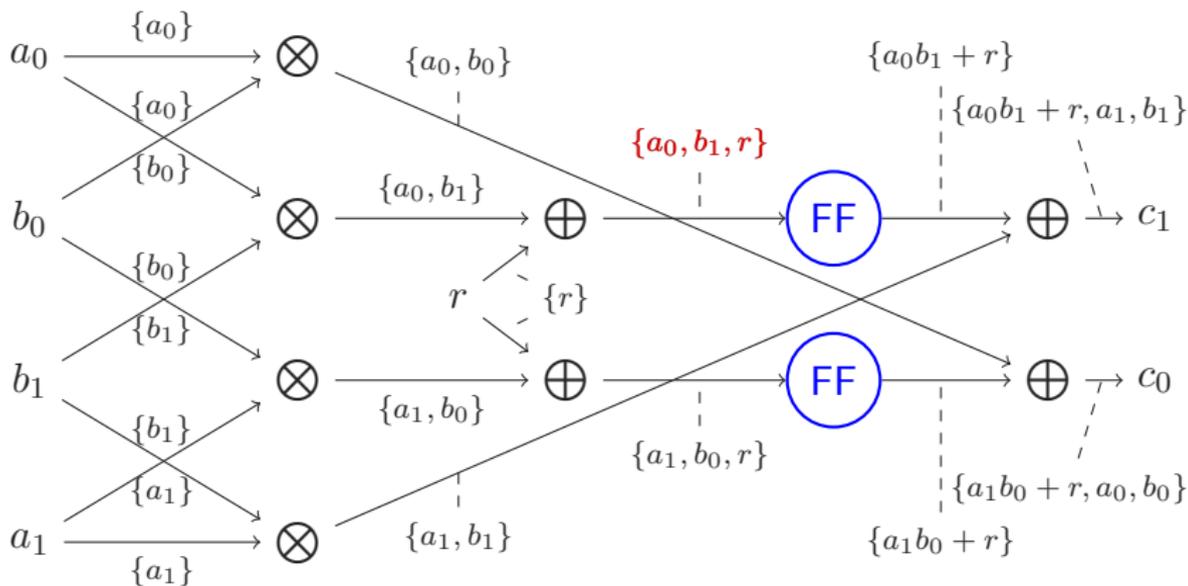
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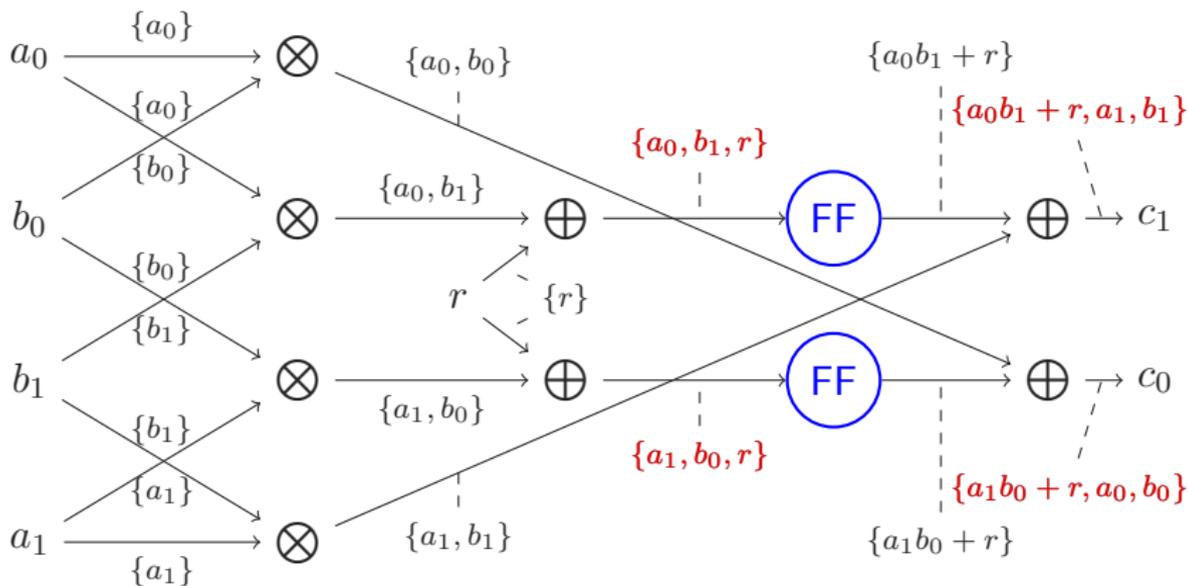
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# Hardware implementation

We have extended `maskVerif` to

- take Verilog implementation as input
- take extra information on input shares (random, shares secret, public input)
- Check the security with or without glitches

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yosys + maskVerif

# Examples (provided by Bloem et al)

Algo	# obs		probing	
	wG	woG	wG	woG
first-order verification				
Trichina AND	2	13	0.01s ✗	0.01s ✗
ISW AND	1	13	0.01s ✗	0.01s
DOM AND	4	13	0.01s	0.01s
DOM Keccak S-box	20	76	0.01s	0.01s
DOM AES S-box	96	571	2.3s	0.4s
second-order verification				
DOM Keccak S-box	60	165	0.02s	0.02s
third-order verification				
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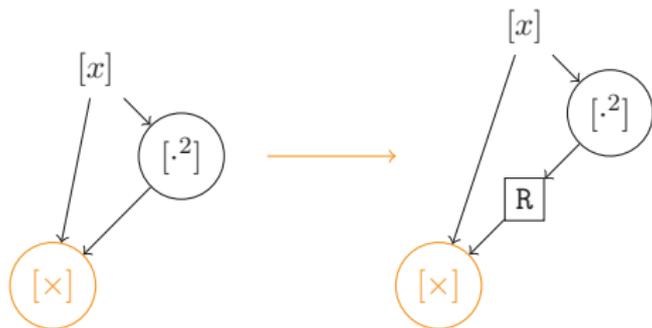
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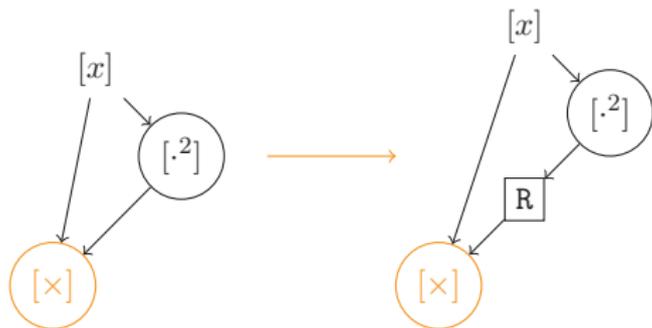
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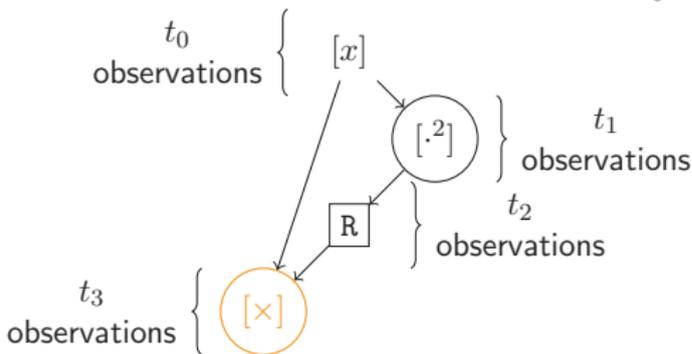
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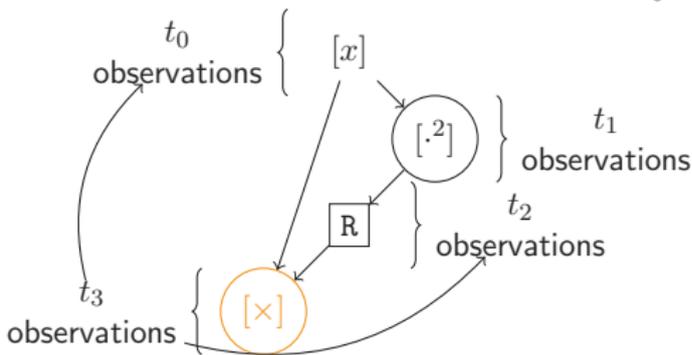


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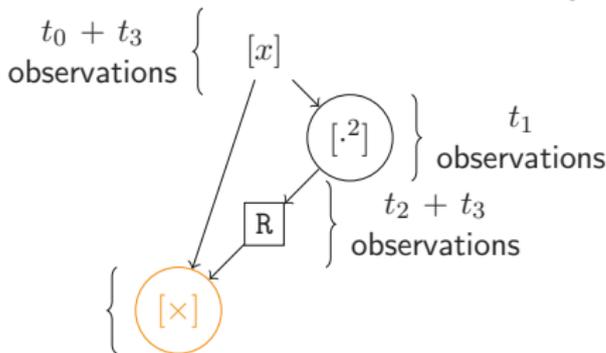


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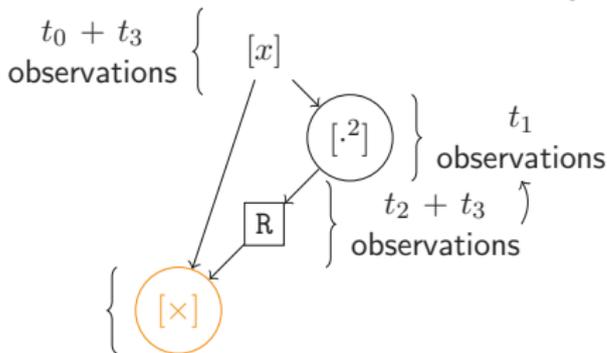


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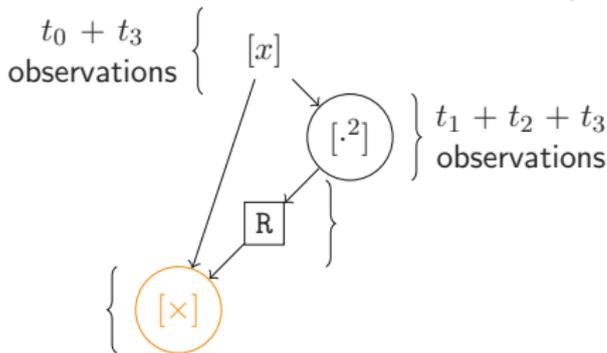


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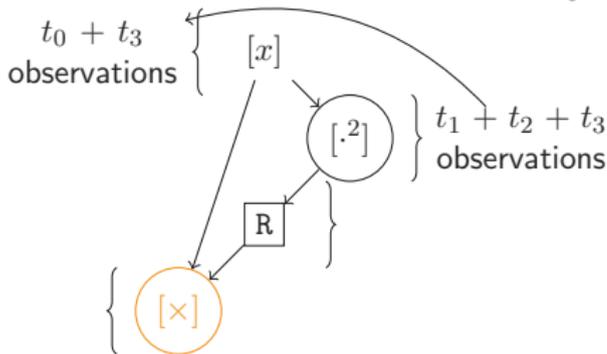


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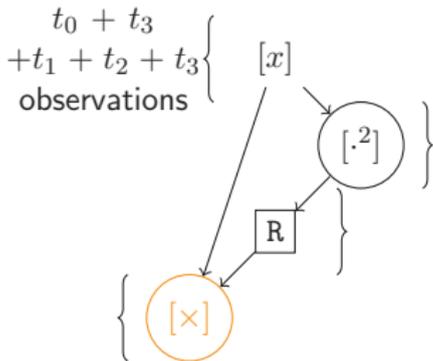
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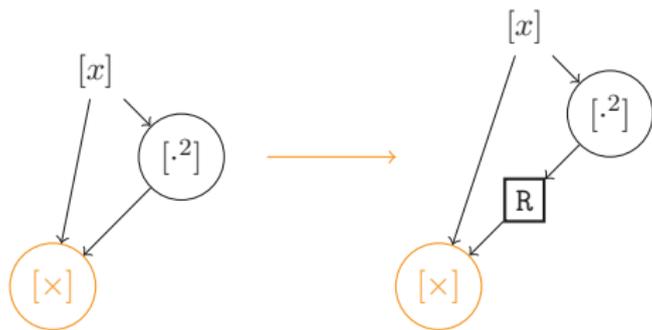


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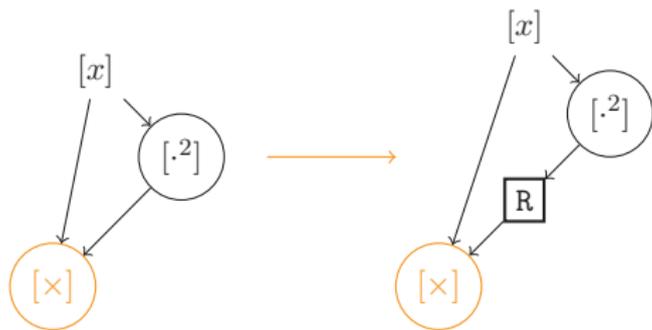
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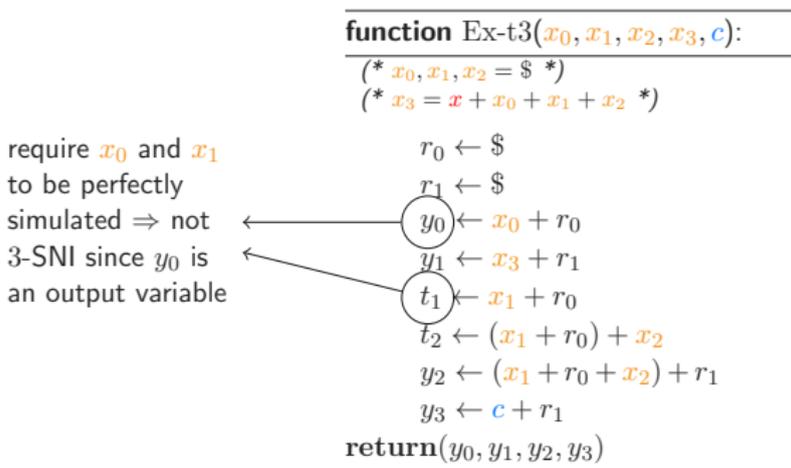
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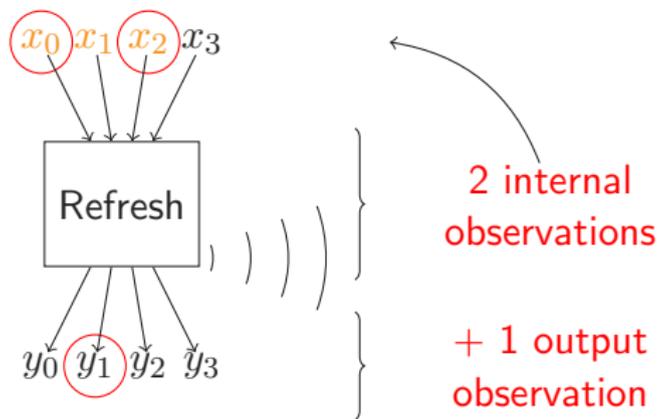
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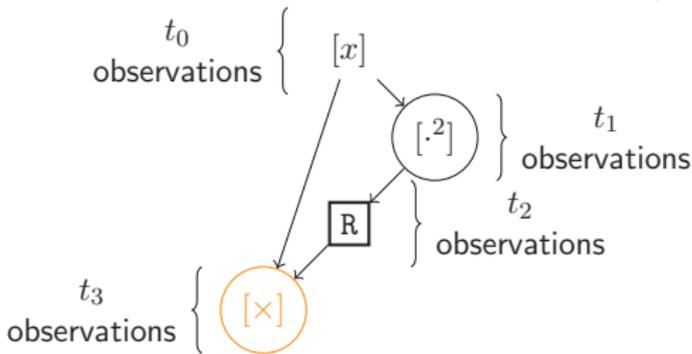


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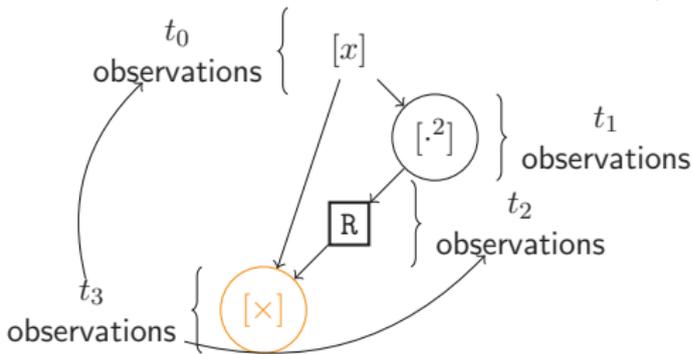


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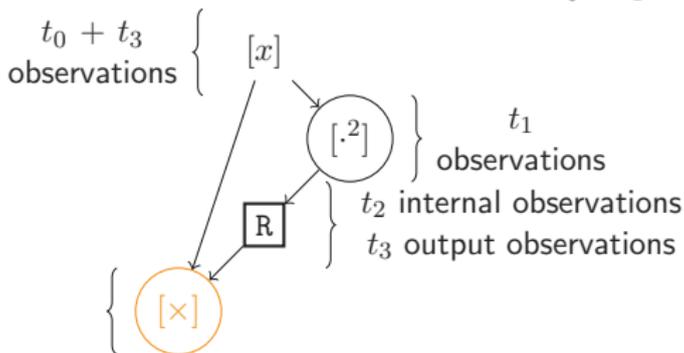


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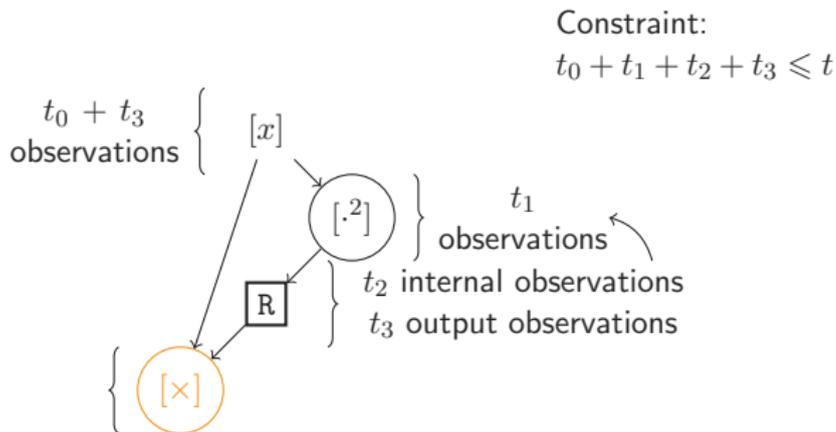
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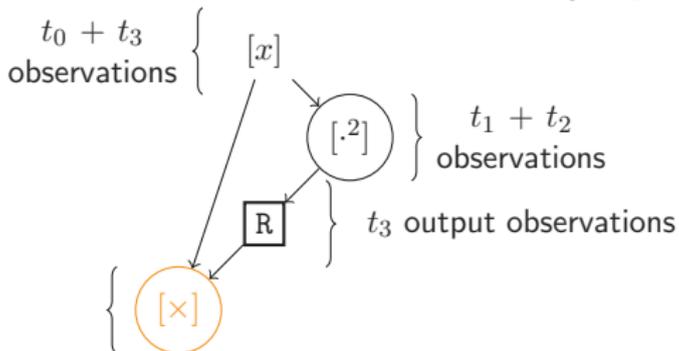


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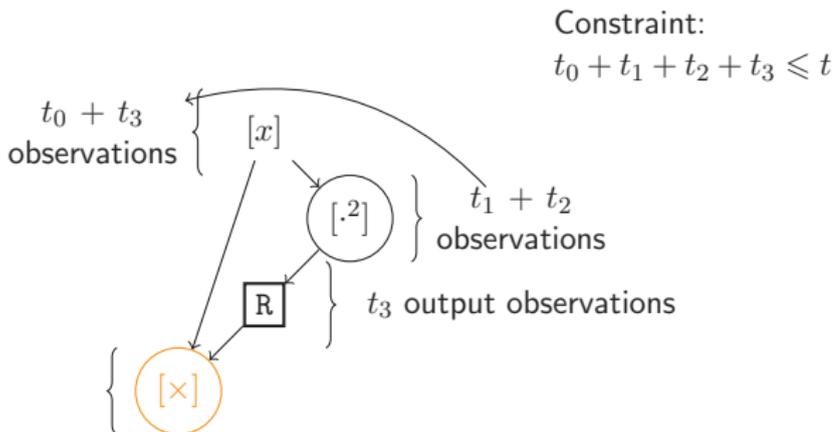
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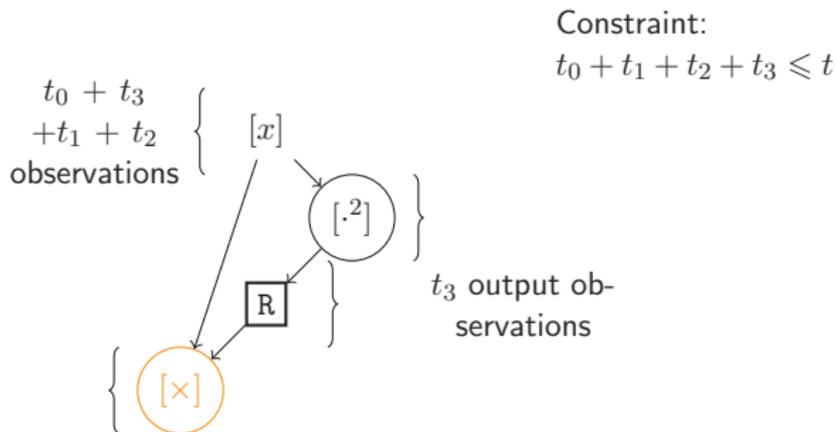
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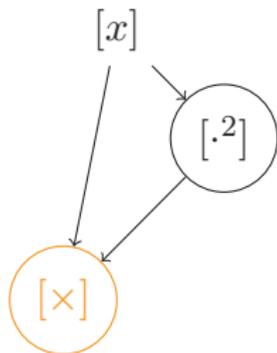
- from  $t$ -NI and  $t$ -SNI gadgets  $\Rightarrow$  build a  $t$ -NI circuit by inserting  $t$ -SNI refresh gadgets at carefully chosen locations
- formally proven



Gilles Barthe and Sonia Belaïd and François Dupressoir and Pierre-Alain Fouque and Benjamin Grégoire and Pierre-Yves Strub *Strong Non-Interference and Type-Directed Higher-Order Masking and Rebecca Zucchini*, ACM CCS 2016, Proceedings, 116–129.

# Demo AES S-box without refresh

<https://sites.google.com/site/maskingcompiler/home>



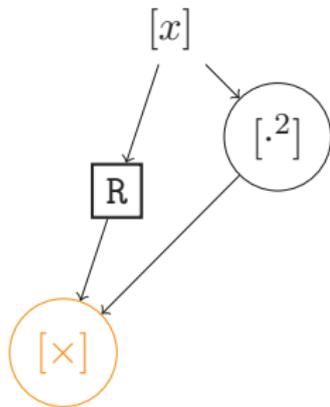
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    bint8_t r, z;  
    z = gf256_pow2(x);  
    r = gf256_mul(x,z);  
    return r;  
}
```

```
Start type checking of x3  
insert refresh 1 1  
x3 : {S_34 } ->  
    0_21  
    side  
    constraints LE:S_34 <= I_35  
                NEEDED:[ {0_21 }]  
1 refresh inserted in x3.  
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```

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    w = bint8_refresh(x);  
    r = gf256_mul(w,z);  
    return r;  
}
```

```
Start type checking of x3  
x3 : {S_29 } ->  
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    side  
    constraints LE:S_29 <= I_30  
                NEEDED:[ {0_21 }]  
0 refresh inserted.
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# Demo full AES

<https://sites.google.com/site/maskingcompiler/home>

```
> ./maskcomp.native -o myoutput_masked.c aes.c
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# Limitations of maskComp

- maskComp adds a refresh gadget to Circuit 1
- but Circuit 1 was already  $t$ -probing secure

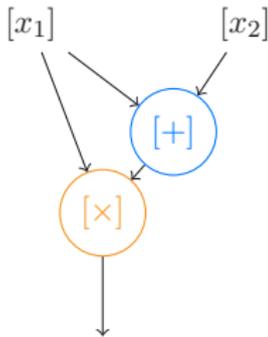


Figure: Circuit 1.

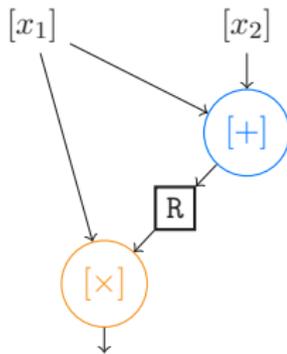
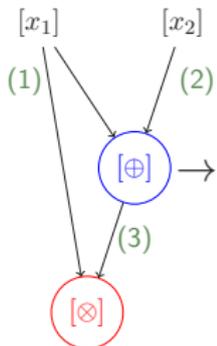


Figure: Circuit 1 after maskComp.

# Tool tightPROVE

- Joint work with Dahmun Goudarzi and Matthieu Rivain to appear in Asiacrypt 2018
- Apply to **tight shared circuits**:
  - ▶ sharewise additions,
  - ▶ ISW-multiplications,
  - ▶ ISW-refresh gadgets
- Determine **exactly** whether a tight shared circuit is probing secure for any order  $t$ 
  1. Reduction to a simplified problem
  2. Resolution of the simplified problem
  3. Extension to larger circuits

# Demo tightPROVE 1



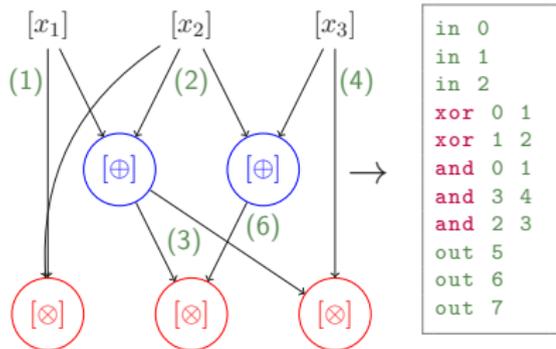
```
in 0
in 1
xor 0 1
and 0 2
out 3
```



```
-----
list_comb = [1, 3]
-----
comb = 1
=> NO ATTACK (G2 = G1)
   G: [[(1,3)], []]
   O: [[3], []]
-----
comb = 3
=> NO ATTACK (G2 = G1)
   G: [[(1,3)], []]
   O: [[1], []]
-----
No attack found
```

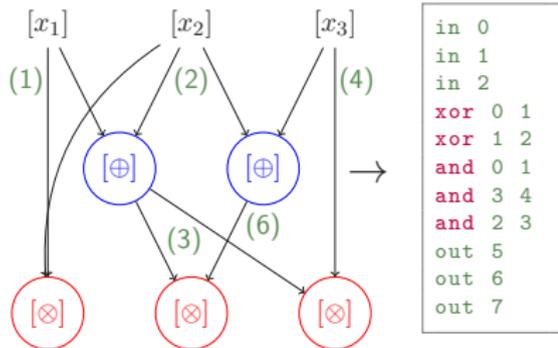
> sage verif.sage example1.circuit

# Demo tightPROVE 2



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```
-----  
list_comb = [1, 3, 2, 4, 6]  
-----
```

```
comb = 1  
=> NO ATTACK (G3 = G2)  
G: [[(1,2)], [(3,6),(3,4)],  
    []]  
O: [[2], [6, 4], []]  
-----
```

```
comb = 3  
=> NO ATTACK (G3 = G2)  
G: [[(3,6),(3,4)], [(1,2)],  
    []]  
O: [[6, 4], [2], []]  
-----
```

```
comb = 2  
=> ATTACK  
G: [[(1,2)], [(3,6),(3,4)]]  
O: [[1], [6, 4]]  
-----
```

```
Attack found: 2 in span [1, 6,  
4]
```

> sage verif.sage example2.circuit

# Conclusion

In a nutshell...

- Formal tools to verify security of masked implementations
- Trade-off between security and performances

To continue...

- Achieve better performances
- Apply such formal verifications to every circuit