



Computing over masked data with provable security

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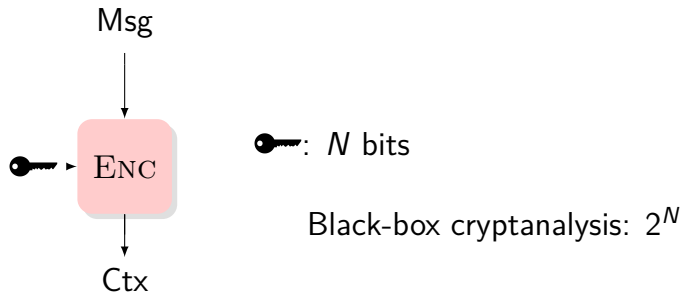
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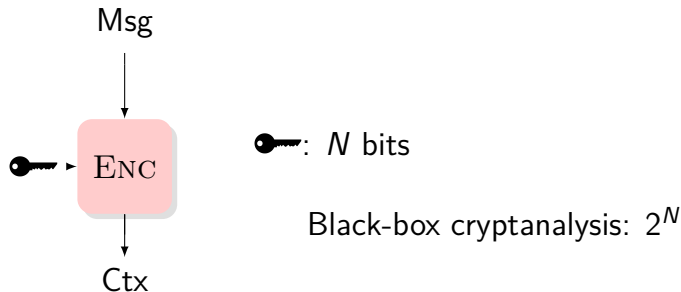
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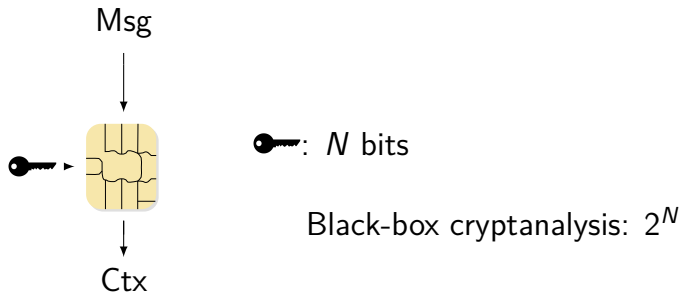
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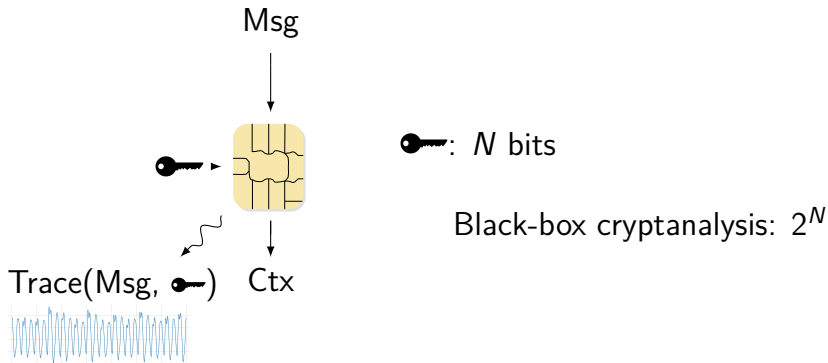
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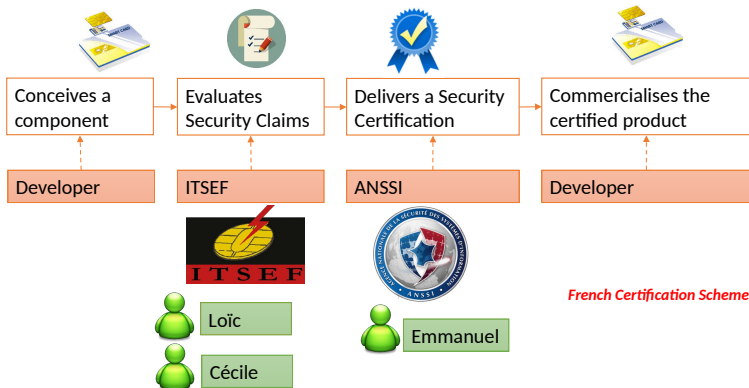
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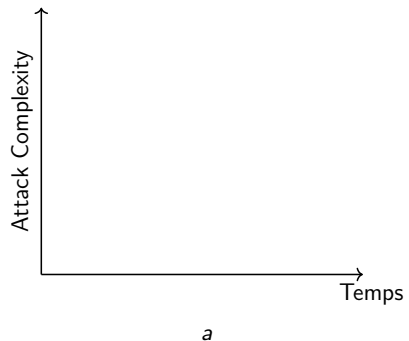
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Certification against SCA



Security graded w.r.t. attack complexity in terms of human, material, and financial means

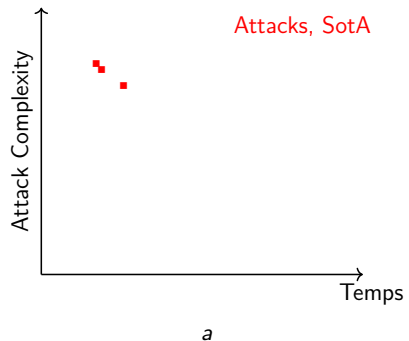
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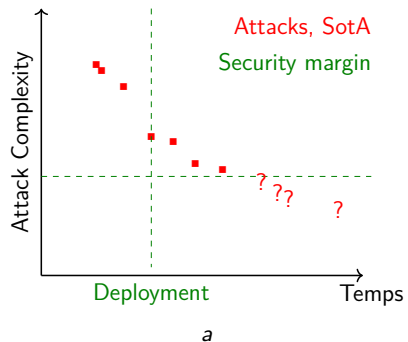
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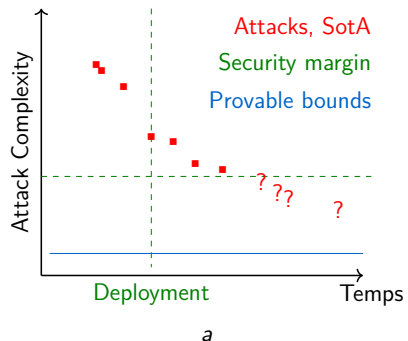
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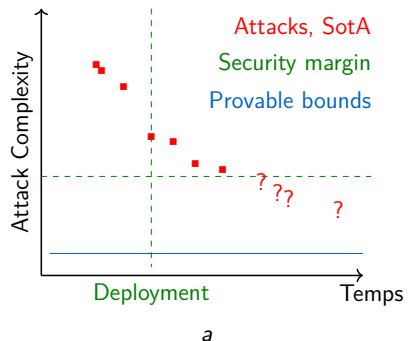
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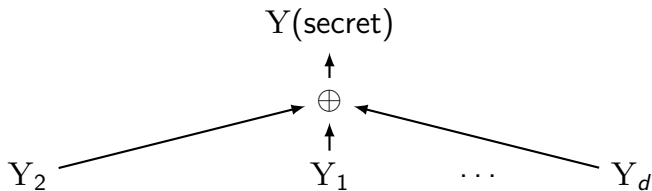
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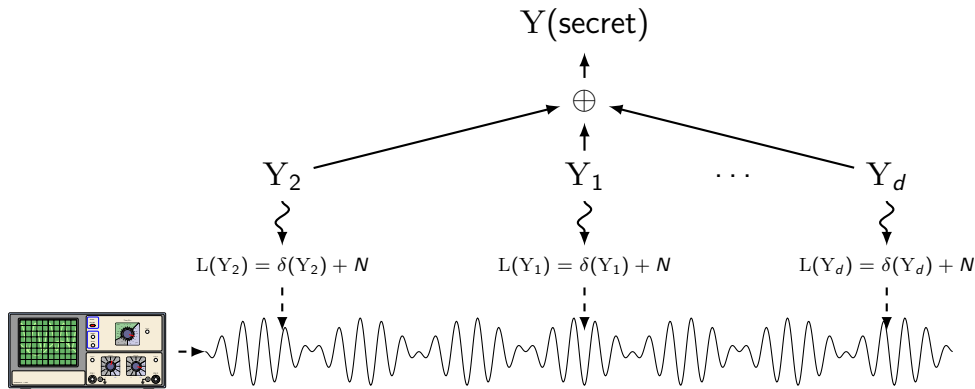
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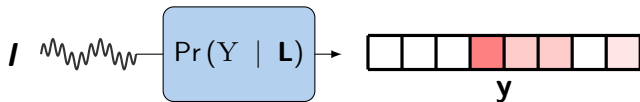
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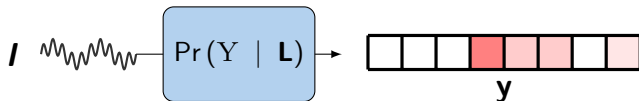
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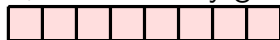


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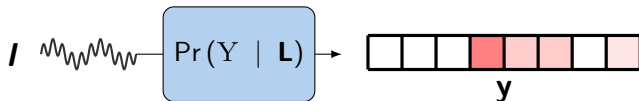


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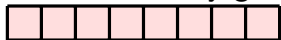


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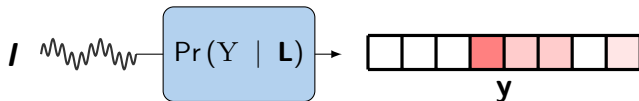


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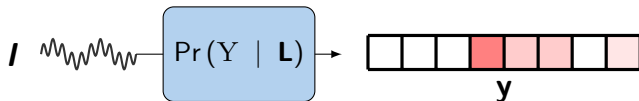


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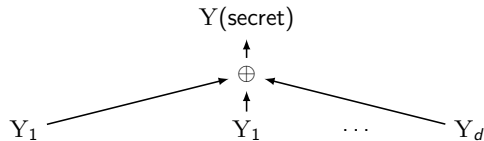
Low-noise

Exact prediction of the sensitive computation

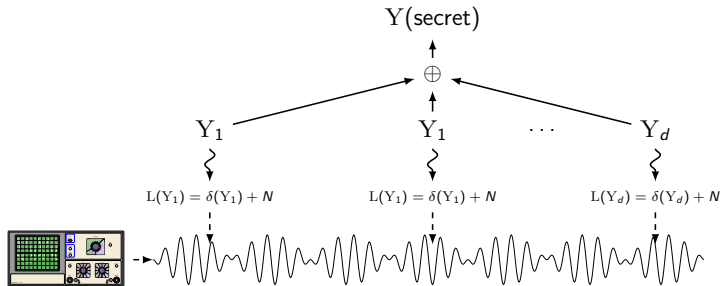
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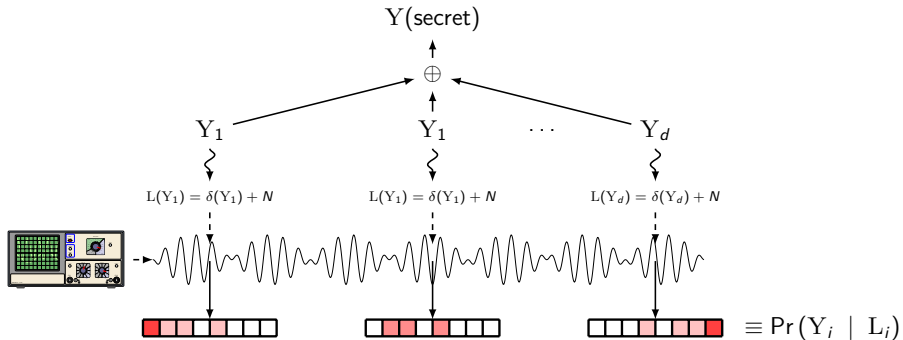
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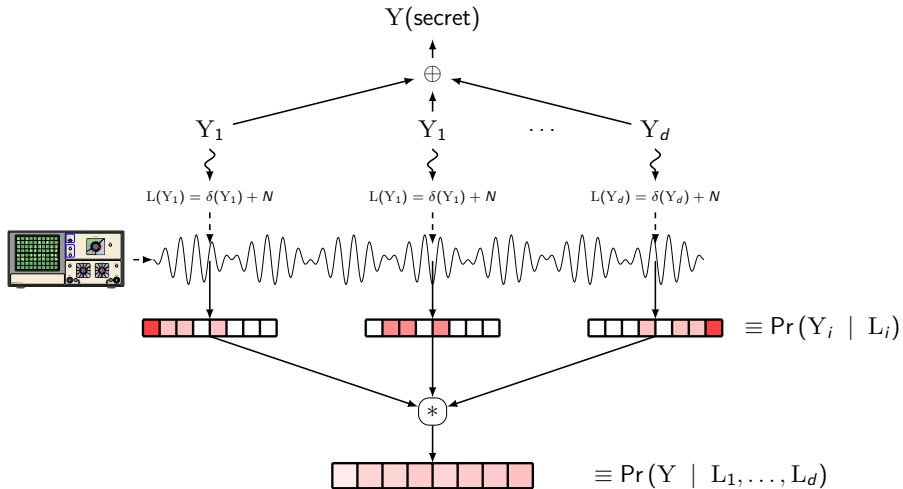
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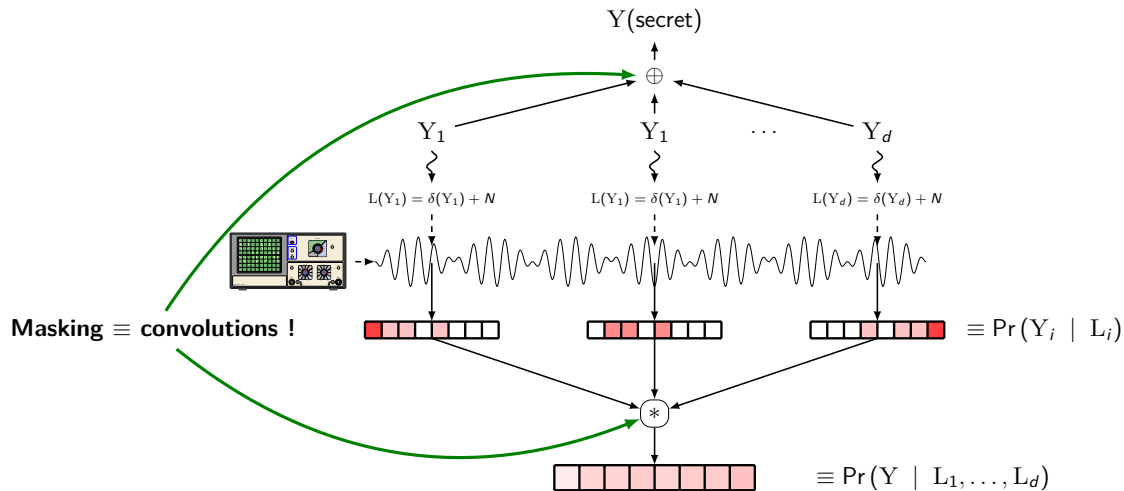
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Convolution = Noise Amplification

Simulation, for $\mathbb{F}_{2^n}$: $L(Y_i) = hw(Y_i) + \mathcal{N}(0; \sigma^2)$, hw = Hamming weight

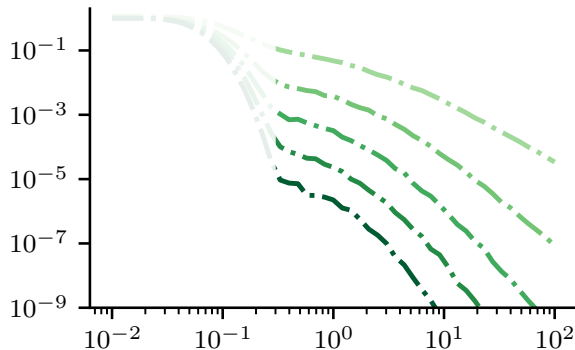


Figure: $MI(Y; \mathbf{L})$ vs. σ^2 , $2 \leq d \leq 6$

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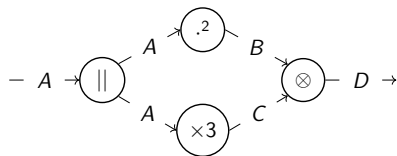
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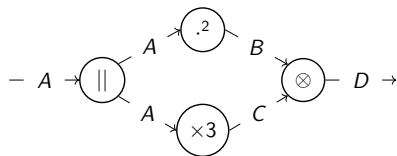
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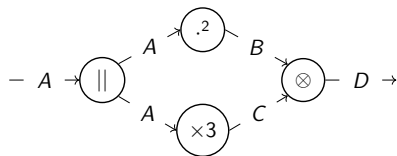
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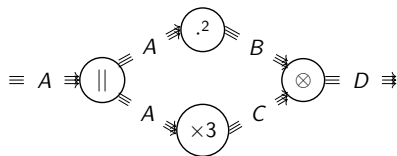
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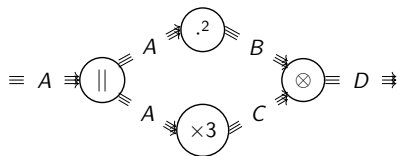
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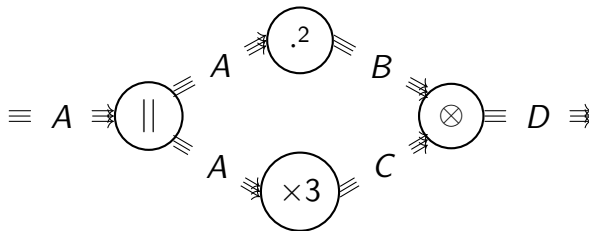


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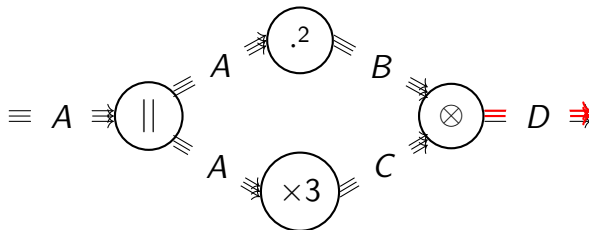


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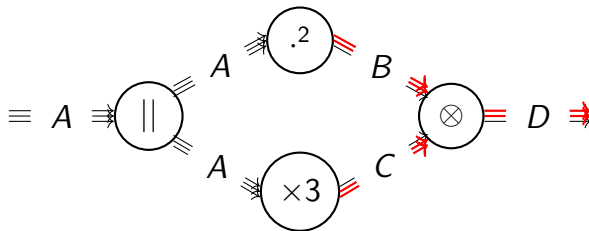


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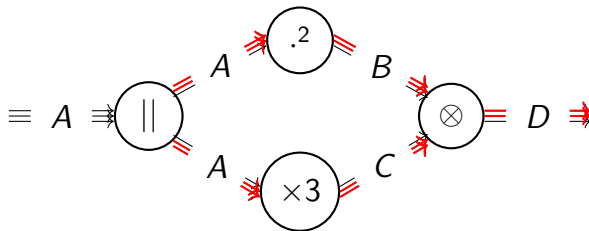


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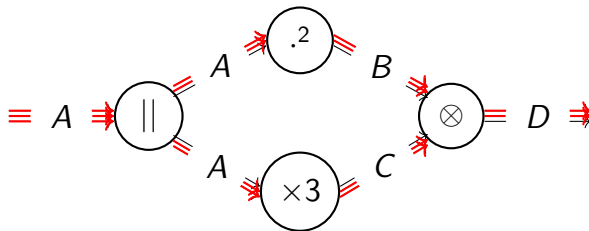


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Strong Non-Interference⁹

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A gadget is t -SNI if any set of t_1 internal probes and t_2 output probes can be simulated with t_1 shares of each input sharing, and

$$t = t_1 + t_2$$

→ SNI is composable ✓

→ SNI $\implies$ NI $\implies$ privacy

Other composable notions: SNI_u, PINI⁸, robust probing, glitch-extended, ...

⁸Cassiers and Standaert, “Trivially and Efficiently Composing Masked Gadgets With Probe Isolating Non-Interference”.

⁹Barthe et al., “Strong Non-Interference and Type-Directed Higher-Order Masking”.

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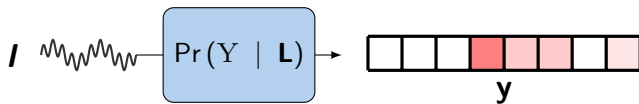
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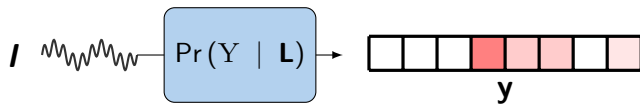
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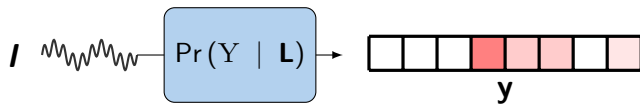
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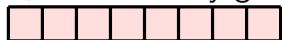
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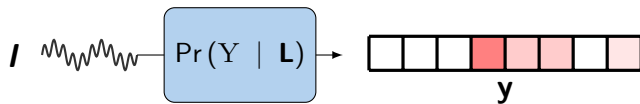
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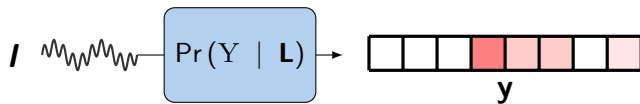
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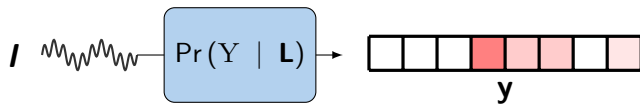


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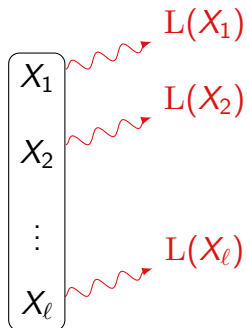
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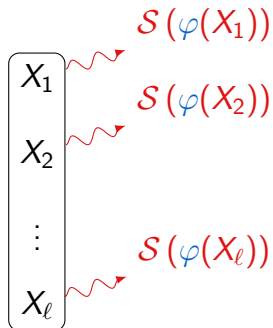
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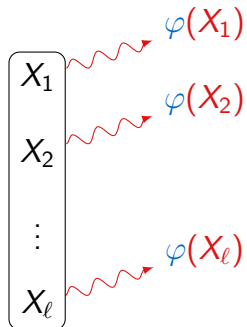
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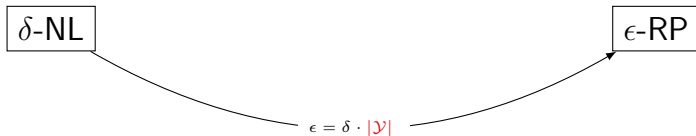
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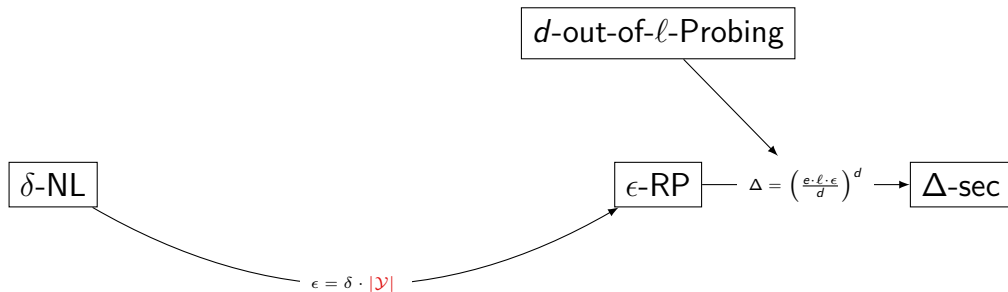
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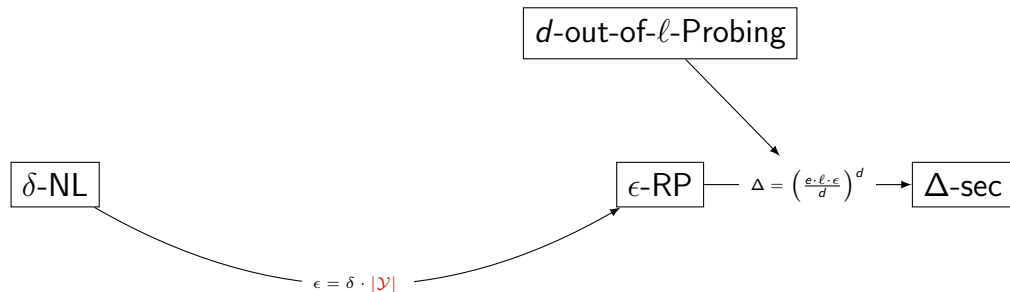


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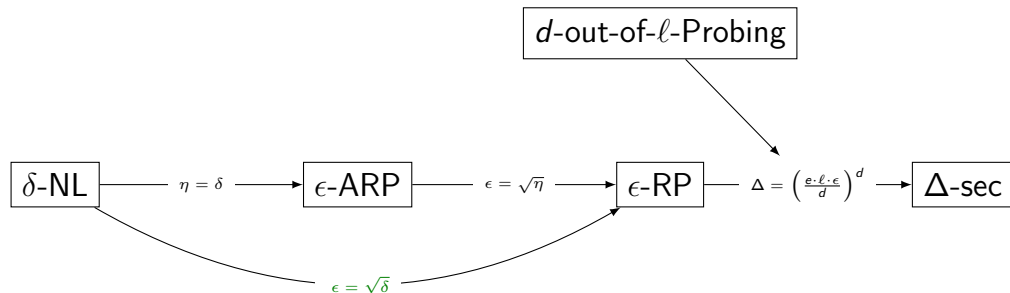
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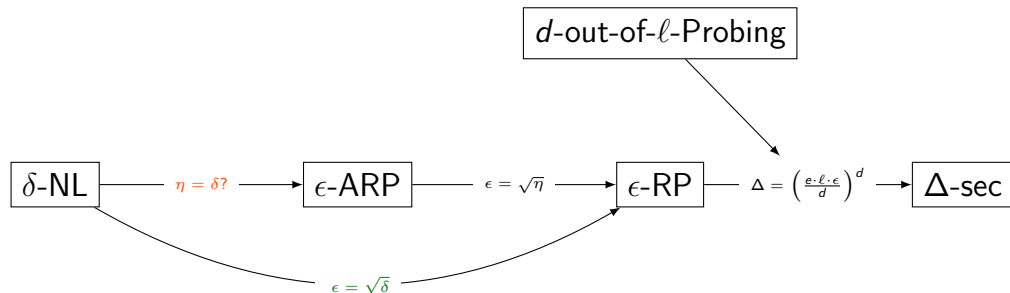
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Pointers

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Coron's keynote at CARDIS 23 on masking lattice-based cryptography

Cassiers' keynote at COSADE 23 on masking composability

Nicolas Bordes' thesis with nice examples of probing notions.

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