

Cryptographic Tools For Privacy-Preserving Data Processing

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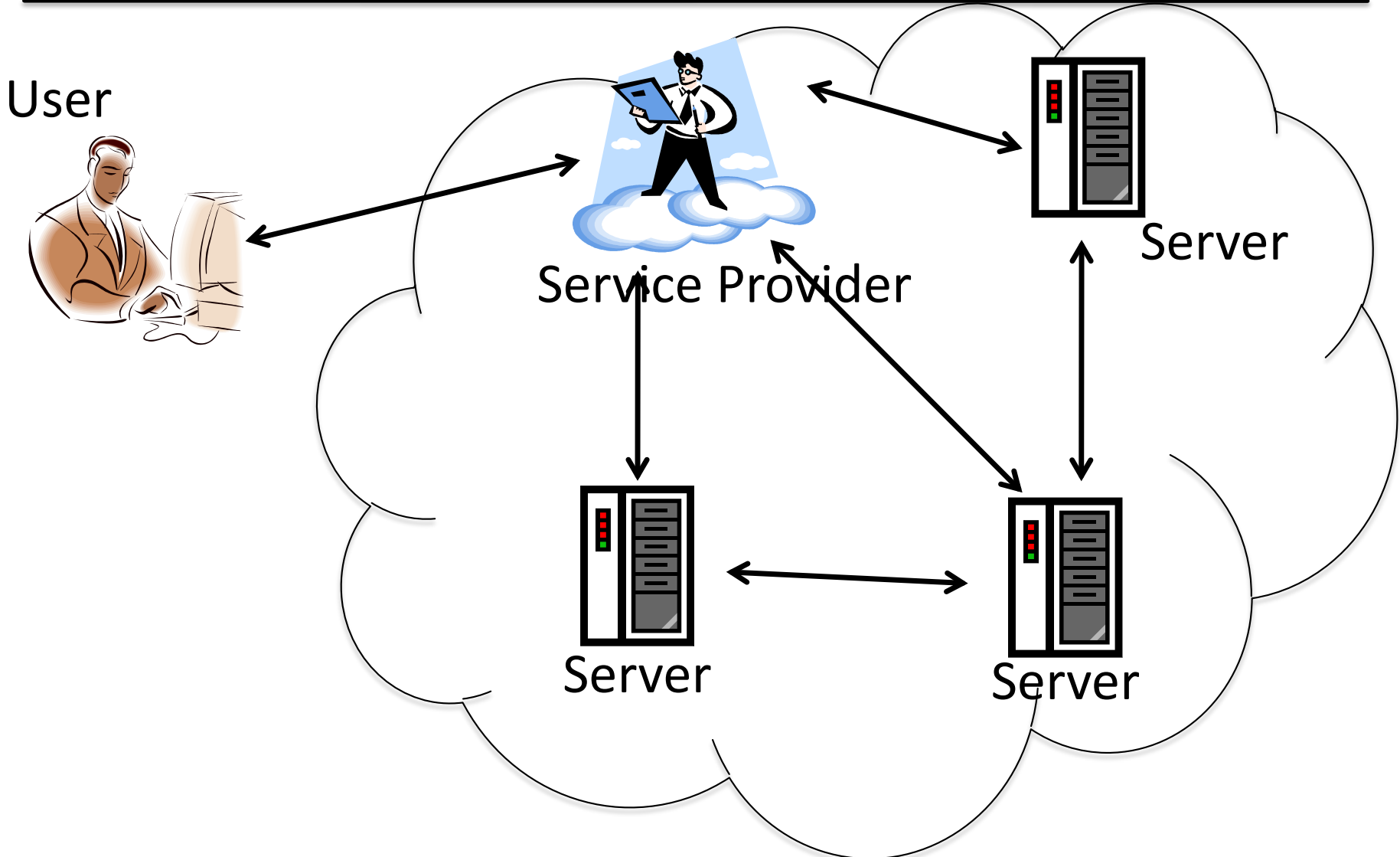
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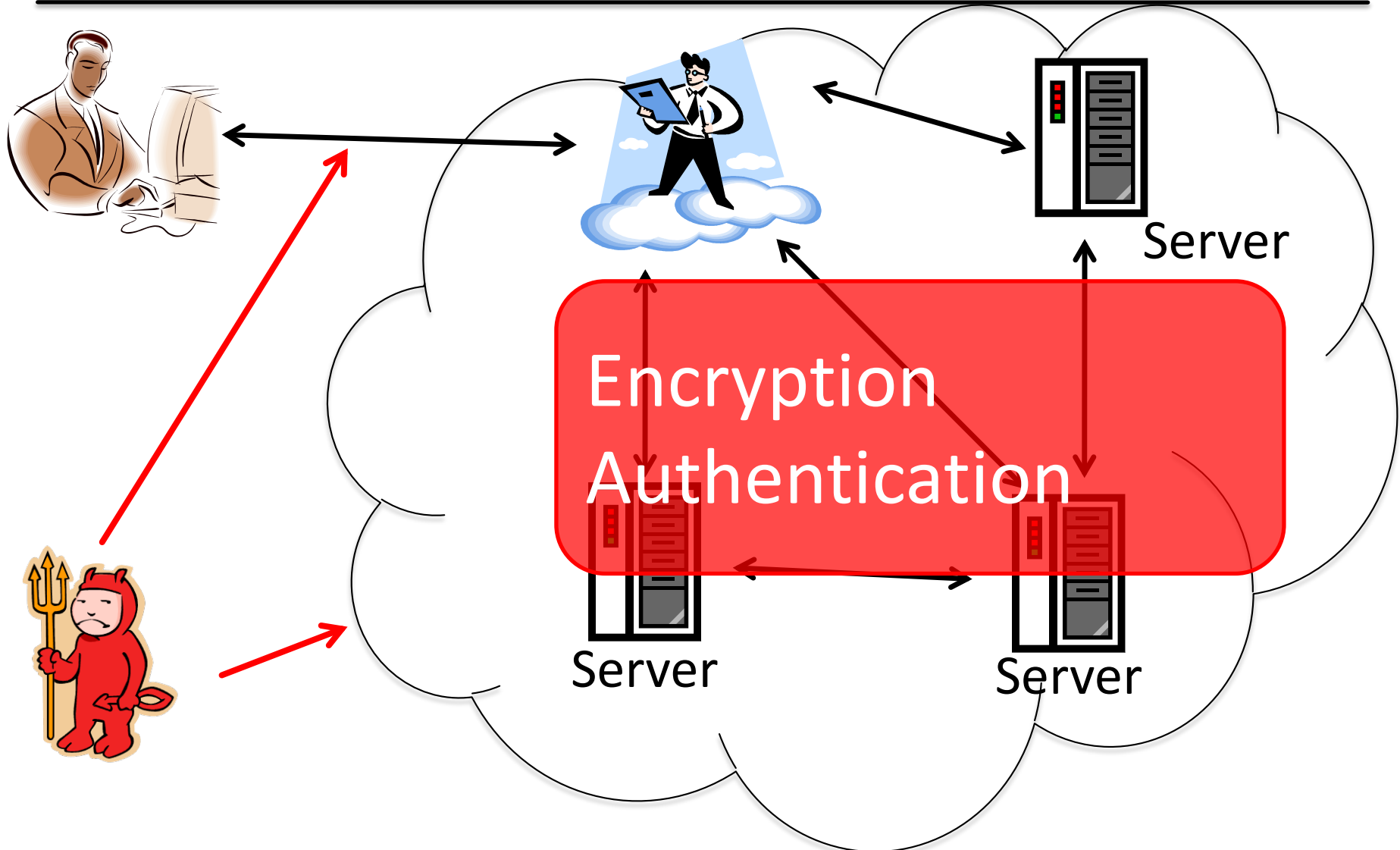
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Introduction

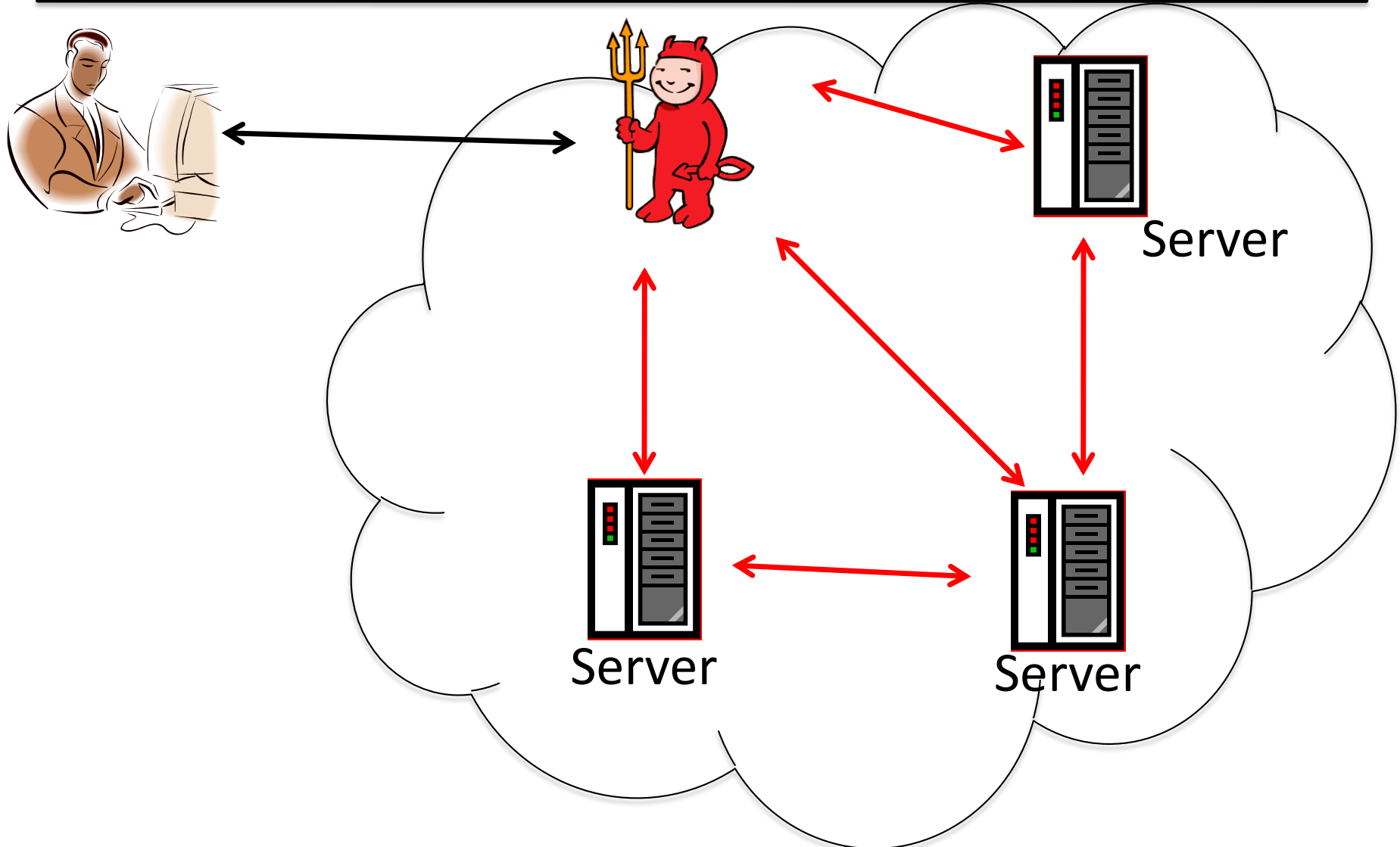
Cloud Computing



Outsider Attacker



Insider Attacker?



Possible Approaches

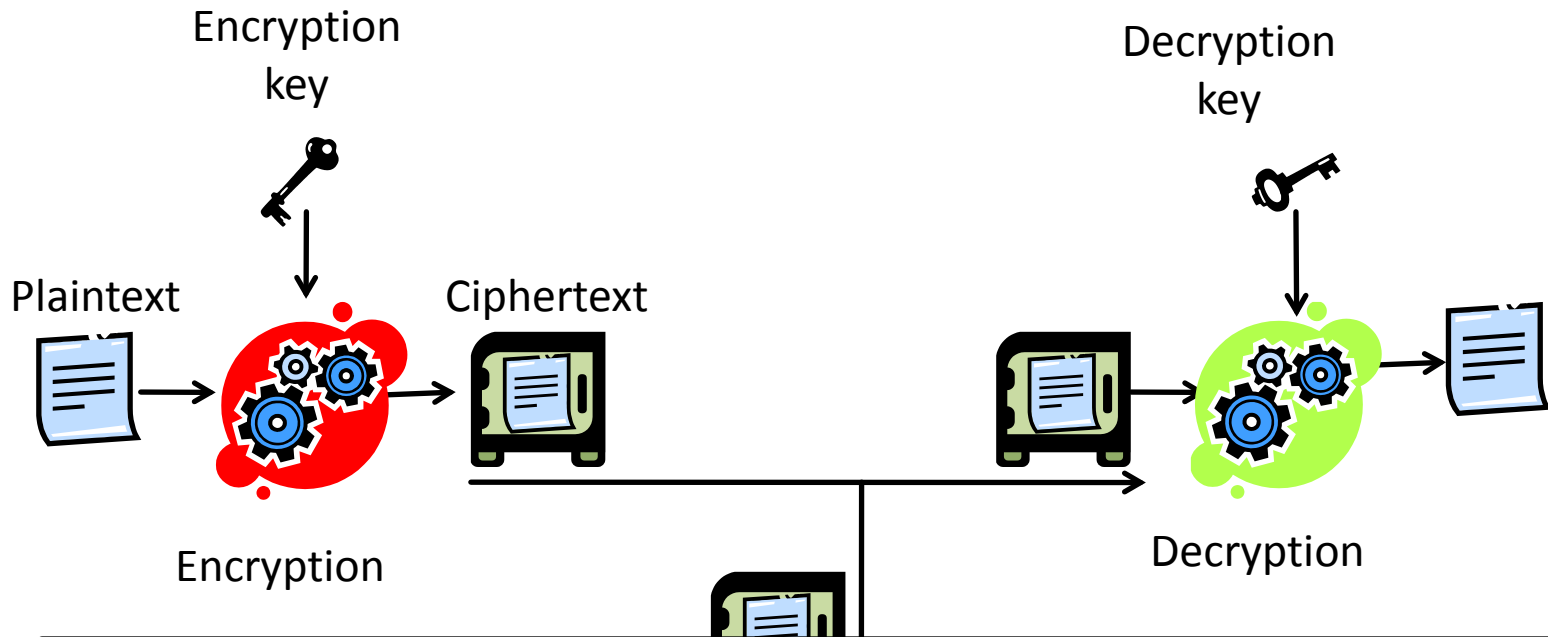
- **Interactive**

- User and provider run an interactive protocol
- Cryptographic techniques: multi-party computation, secure function evaluation
- Advantage: can be quite efficient, good control over who learns what
- Disadvantage: additional involvement of the user

- **Non-interactive**

- Data needs to be available to the service provider but at the same time intrinsically protected
- Solution: encryption

Encryption

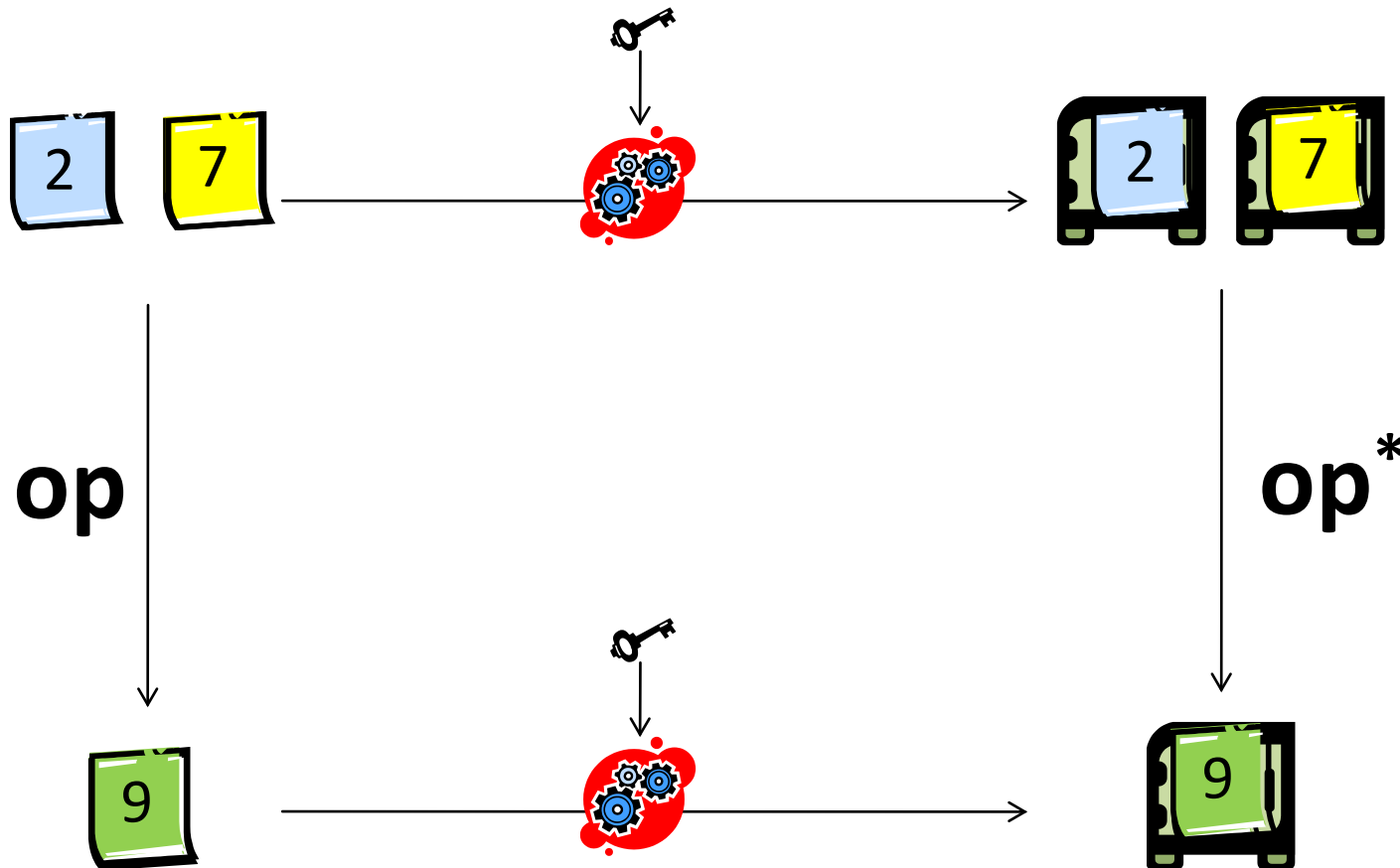


Common goal: destroy data structure as much as possible
Contradicts outsourcing of operation



Homomorphic Encryption


Encryption that allows for meaningful operations on encrypted data



Example: RSA (1978)

Parameters: $N=p \cdot q$ with p, q large primes (approx. 1000 bits)

 **Plaintext space:** \mathbb{Z}_N ($=\{0, \dots, N-1\}$ modulo N)

 **Ciphertext:** \mathbb{Z}_N ($=\{0, \dots, N-1\}$ modulo N)

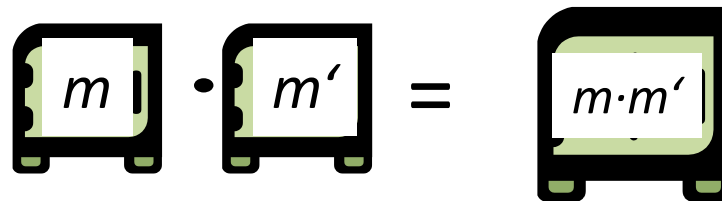
 **Encryption Key:** $e \in \mathbb{Z}_N$ with $\gcd(e, (p-1)(q-1))=1$

 **Decryption key:** $d \in \mathbb{Z}_N$ with $e \cdot d \bmod ((p-1) \cdot (q-1)) = 1$

 **Encryption of m :** $c := m^e \bmod N$

 **Decryption of c :** $c^d \bmod N = m$

Homomorphism: $m^e \cdot m'^e = (m \cdot m')^e$

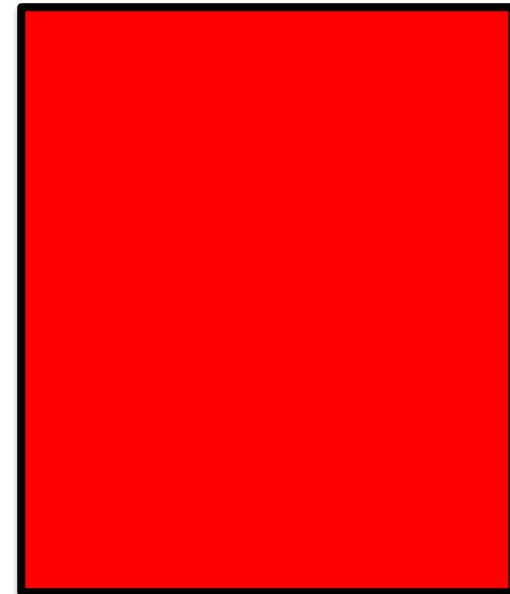
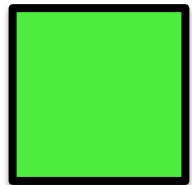


Group Homomorphic Encryption

Classical Encryption Scheme

Plaintext
space

Ciphertext
space



Reminder: Group

- A **group** (in mathematical sense) is a set G together with a binary operation $\circ: G \times G \rightarrow G$ such that

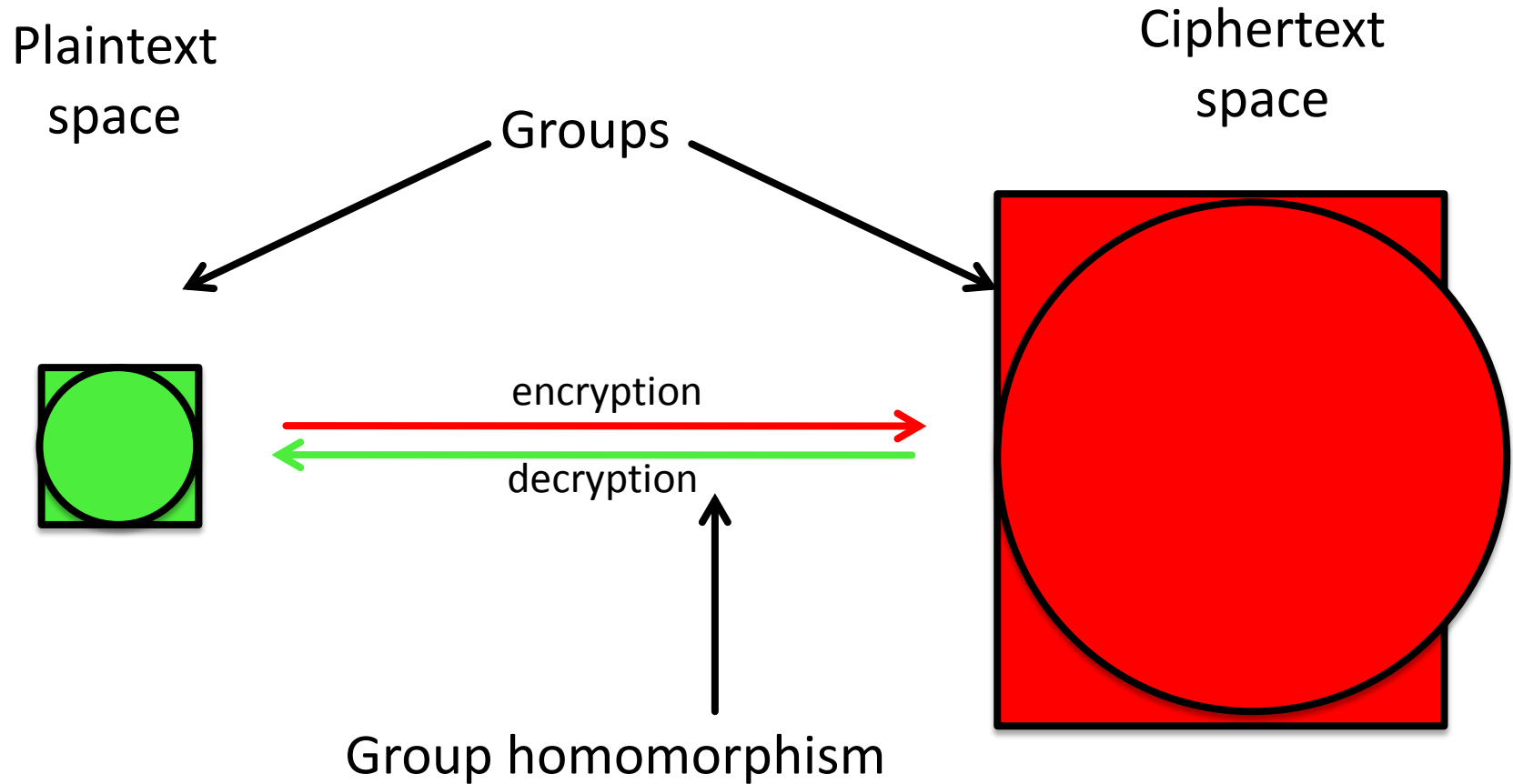
Group Axiom	Property
Closure	For all $g, g' \in G$: $g \circ g' \in G$
Associativity	For all $g, g', g'' \in G$: $(g \circ g') \circ g'' = g \circ (g' \circ g'')$
Neutral element	$e \circ g = g \circ e = g$
Inverse element	For all $g \in G$ exists $g' \in G$ such that $g \circ g' = g' \circ g = e$

Example: Rational numbers without zero

Neutral element: 1

Inverse element: x^{-1}

Considered Hom. Encr. Schemes



Overview of some homomorphic encryption schemes

Scheme	Plaintext Space	Security related to
RSA; 1978	Integers modulo $N=p*q$	Factorization
Goldwasser, Micali; 1984	1 Bit	Quadratic residues mod N
Benaloh; 1985	Integers modulo R s.t. ...	R^{th} residues mod N
ElGamal; 1985	Cyclic group G	Decision Diffie-Hellman in G
Paillier; 1999	Integers modulo N	N^{th} residues mod N^2
Daamgard, Jurik; 2001	Integers modulo N^s	N^{th} residues mod N^{s+1}

- Different approaches
- For some proofs of security are known, for other not
- Some are much better understood than others
- Question: Unified view on security and design of homomorphic schemes

Security of Some Existing Schemes

Scheme	IND-CPA secure if the following problem is hard	IND-CCA1 secure if the following problem is hard
ElGamal; 1985	Decision Diffie-Hellman; 1998	[Lipmaa; 2010]
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Boneh et al.; 2005	Decision Diffie-Hellman; 2005	??

Our Result: Abstraction

A., Katzenbeisser, Peters. Designs, Codes and Cryptography 2013.

Scheme	IND-CPA secure if the following problem is hard	IND-CCA1 secure if the following problem is hard
Abstract scheme	Abstract problem: SMP (subgroup membership problem)	Abstract problem: SOAP (splitting oracle assisted SMP)

Application: Easy Confirmation of Known Results

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Application: Missing Characterizations

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Application: New Schemes

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Scheme 1	K-linear Problem	New Problem
Scheme 2	Gonzales Nieto et al.; 2005	New Problem

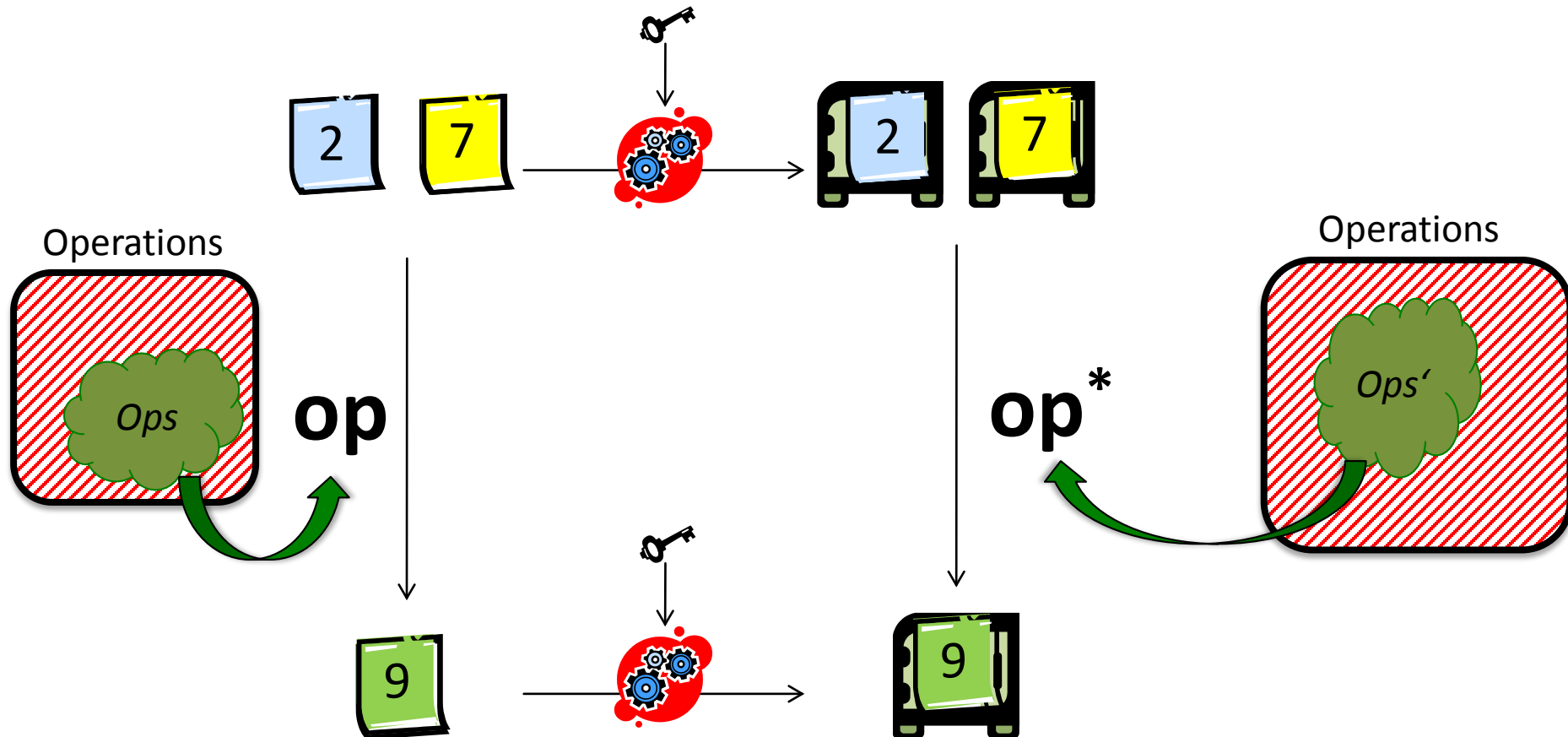
Summary

- **Situation for group homomorphic encryption schemes very well understood**
- **Open questions:**
 - What about symmetric key schemes?
 - What about schemes that support more operations?

Somewhat Homomorphic Encryption

Somewhat Homomorphic Encryption

Generalization: An encryption scheme is homomorphic wrt a set of operations Ops if there exists a set Ops^* such that ...



Example

A., Augot, Perret, Sadeghi. Cryptography and Coding 2011.

- **Generic construction for homomorphic schemes based on certain error-correcting codes**
- **Advantages**
 - Allows for unlimited additions and fixed (but arbitrary) number of multiplications
 - Many instantiations possible, e.g., Reed-Solomon codes, Reed-Muller codes
 - Simple operations
 - Decryption is very efficient
- **Disadvantages**
 - Number of encryptions needs to be limited
 - Length of ciphertexts

Concrete Implementation

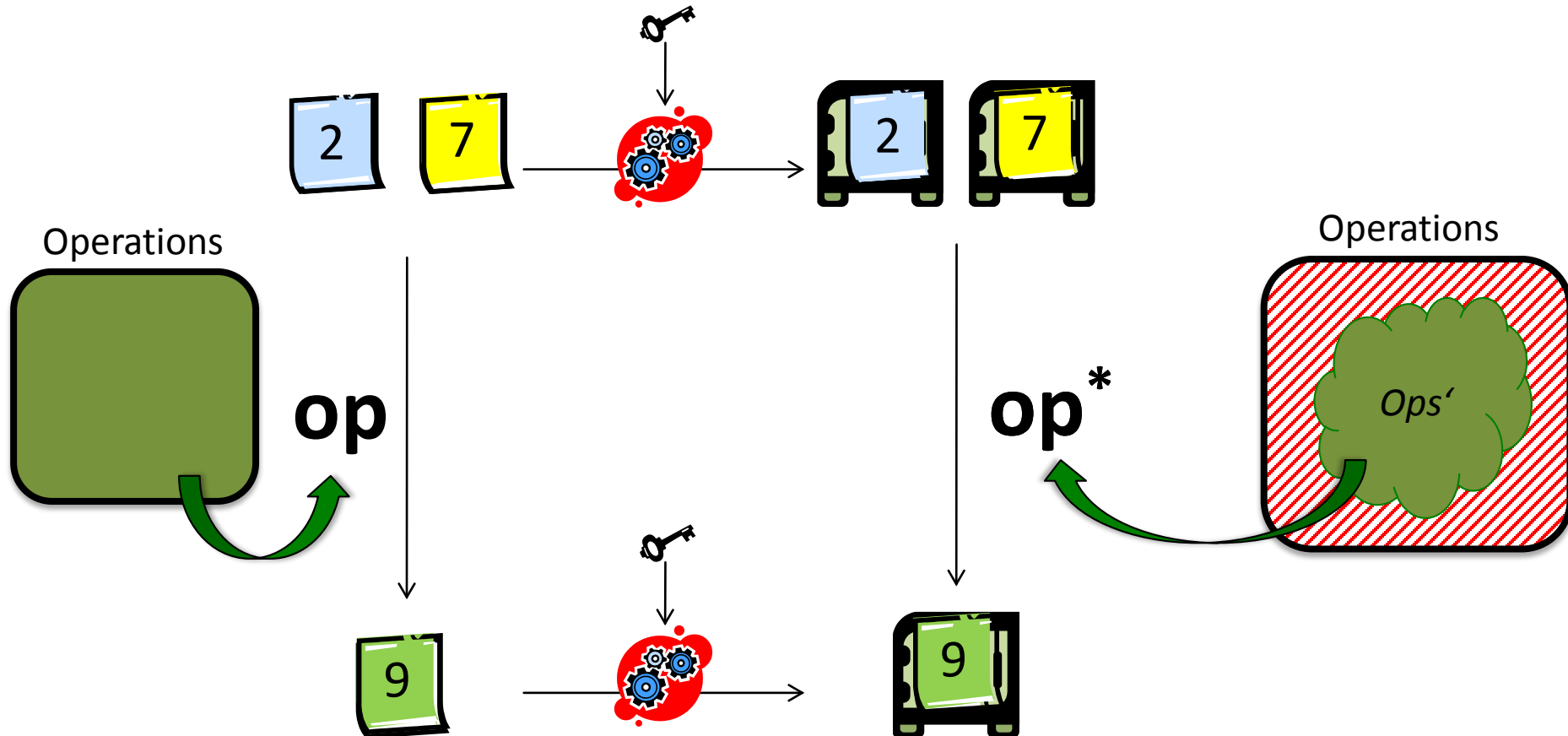
- $\mu - 1 = \# \text{multiplications, } \# \text{fresh encryptrions} \approx n/2$
- **Observe: we can use any finite field that is big enough, e.g., $\text{GF}(2^r)$ (efficiency)**

Security Parameter	$s = 80$	$s = 128$	$s = 256$	$s = 80$	$s = 128$	$s = 256$
μ	$\mu = 2$			$\mu = 3$		
n_{\min}	4,725	8,411	19,186	14,236	26,280	61,044
$\log_2(a_{\min})$	17	18	23	18	19	24

Parameters	Effort Setup	Effort Encryption	Effort Decryption	Effort Addition	Effort Multiplication
$\mu = 2$ $s = 80$	Min: 1m 57.781 s Max: 1m 58.998s Av: 1m 58.33s	Min: 0.031s Max: 0.11s Av: 0.072s	Min: $< 10^{-28}$ s Max: 0.032s Av: 0.001	Min: $< 10^{-28}$ s Max: 0.016s Av: 0.000573s	Min: $< 10^{-28}$ s Max: 0.032s Av: 0.005238s
$\mu = 2$ $s = 128$	Min: 1h 18m 22.089 s Max: 1h 20m 21.024s Av: 1h 19m 12.149s	Min: 0.686s Max: 1.014s Av: 0.817s	Min: $< 10^{-28}$ s Max: 0.016s Av: 0.004s	Min: $< 10^{-28}$ s Max: 0.031s Av: 0.0017s	Min: $< 10^{-28}$ s Max: 0.032s Av: 0.01044s
$\mu = 3$ $s = 80$	Min: 46m 3.089 s Max: 47m 4.024s Av: 46m 40.149s	Min: 0.171s Max: 0.312s Av: 0.234s	Min: $< 10^{-28}$ s Max: 0.016s Av: 0.002s	Min: $< 10^{-28}$ s Max: 0.016s Av: 0.0015s	Min: $< 10^{-28}$ s Max: 0.047s Av: 0.014s

Fully Homomorphic Encryption

A fully homomorphic encryption scheme is homomorphic wrt all possible operations



Gentry's Breakthrough Result (2009)

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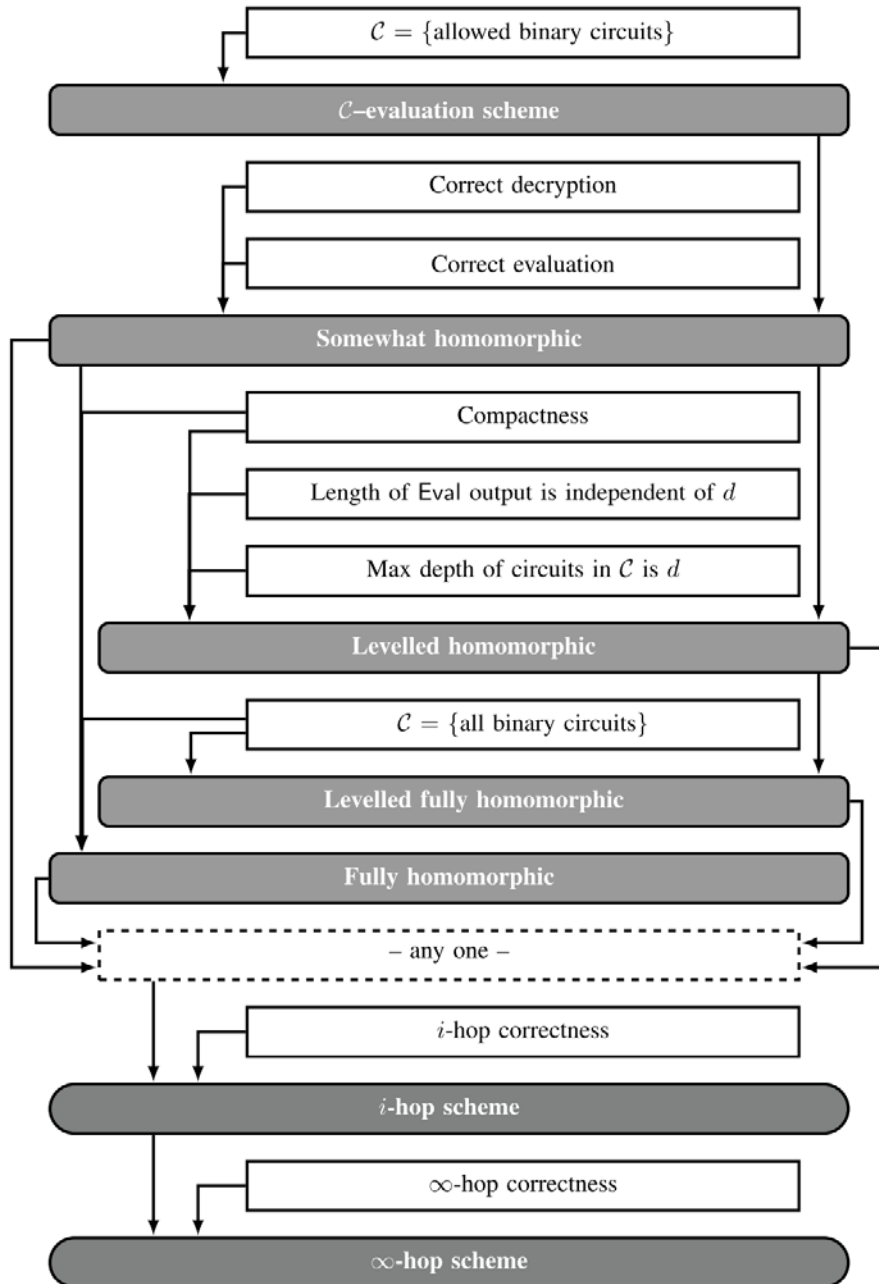
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Theory?



Practice?

Homomorphic Evaluation of the AES Circuit

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June 15, 2012

Abstract

We describe a working implementation of leveled homomorphic encryption (without bootstrapping) that can evaluate the AES-128 circuit in three different ways. **One variant takes under over 36 hours** to evaluate an entire AES encryption operation, using NTL (over GMP) as our underlying software platform, and running on a large-memory machine. Using SIMD techniques, we can process over 54 blocks in each evaluation, yielding an amortized rate of just under 40 minutes per block. **Another implementation takes just over two and a half days** to evaluate the AES operation, but can process 720 blocks in each evaluation, yielding an amortized rate of just over five minutes per block. We also detail a **third implementation**, which theoretically could yield even better amortized complexity, but in practice turns out to be **less competitive**.

Our Implementation. Our implementation was based on the NTL C++ library running over GMP, we utilized a machine which consisted of a processing unit of Intel Xeon CPUs running at 2.0 GHz with 18MB cache, and most importantly with 256GB of RAM.²

State of the Art?

Scheme	Underlying Problems	Asymptotic Runtime	Concrete Instantiation Runtime
Gentry: A Fully Homomorphic Encryption Scheme [18]	BDDP & SSSP	$\mathcal{O}(\lambda^6 \log(\lambda))$ per gate	-
van Dijk, Gentry, Halevi, Vaikuntanathan: FHE over the Integers [35]	AGCD & SSSP	$\mathcal{O}(\lambda^{10})$	-
Coron, Naccache, Tibouchi: Public Key Compression and Modulus Switching for FHE over the Integers [13]	DAGCD & SSSP	-	Recryption (a step that takes place after every addition/multiplication) takes about 11 minutes.
Brakerski, Vaikuntanathan: Efficient FHE from (standard) LWE [9]	DLWE	$\tilde{\mathcal{O}}(\lambda^{2^C})$ where C is a very large parameter that ensures bootstrappability.	-
Brakerski, Vaikuntanathan: FHE from Ring-LWE and Security for Key Dependent Messages [10]	PLWE	-	-
Brakerski, Gentry, Vaikuntanathan: FHE without Bootstrapping [8]	RLWE	Per-gate computation overhead $\tilde{\mathcal{O}}(\lambda \cdot d^3)$ (where d is the depth of the circuit) without bootstrapping, $\tilde{\mathcal{O}}(\lambda^2)$ with bootstrapping.	In [21]: 36 hours for an AES encryption on a supercomputer
Smart, Vercauteren: FHE with Relatively Small Key and Ciphertext Sizes [34]	PCP & SSSP	-	Key generation took several hours even for small parameters which do not deliver a fully homomorphic scheme, for larger parameters the keys could not be generated
Rohloff, Cousins: A Scalable Implementation of Fully Homomorphic Encryption Built on NTRU [32]	SVP & RLWE	-	Recryption at 275 seconds on 20 cores with 64-bit security
Halevi, Shoup: Bootstrapping for HELib [27]	RLWE	-	Vectors of 1024 elements from $\text{GF}(2^{16})$ was recrypted in 5.5 minutes at security level ≈ 76 , single CPU core.

Observations

- Somewhat-homomorphic \Rightarrow fully-homomorphic seems to induce high costs
- Rothblum's result on fully-homomorphic encryption schemes: symmetric key \Leftrightarrow public key
- Question: are efficient fully-homomorphic encryption schemes possible at all?

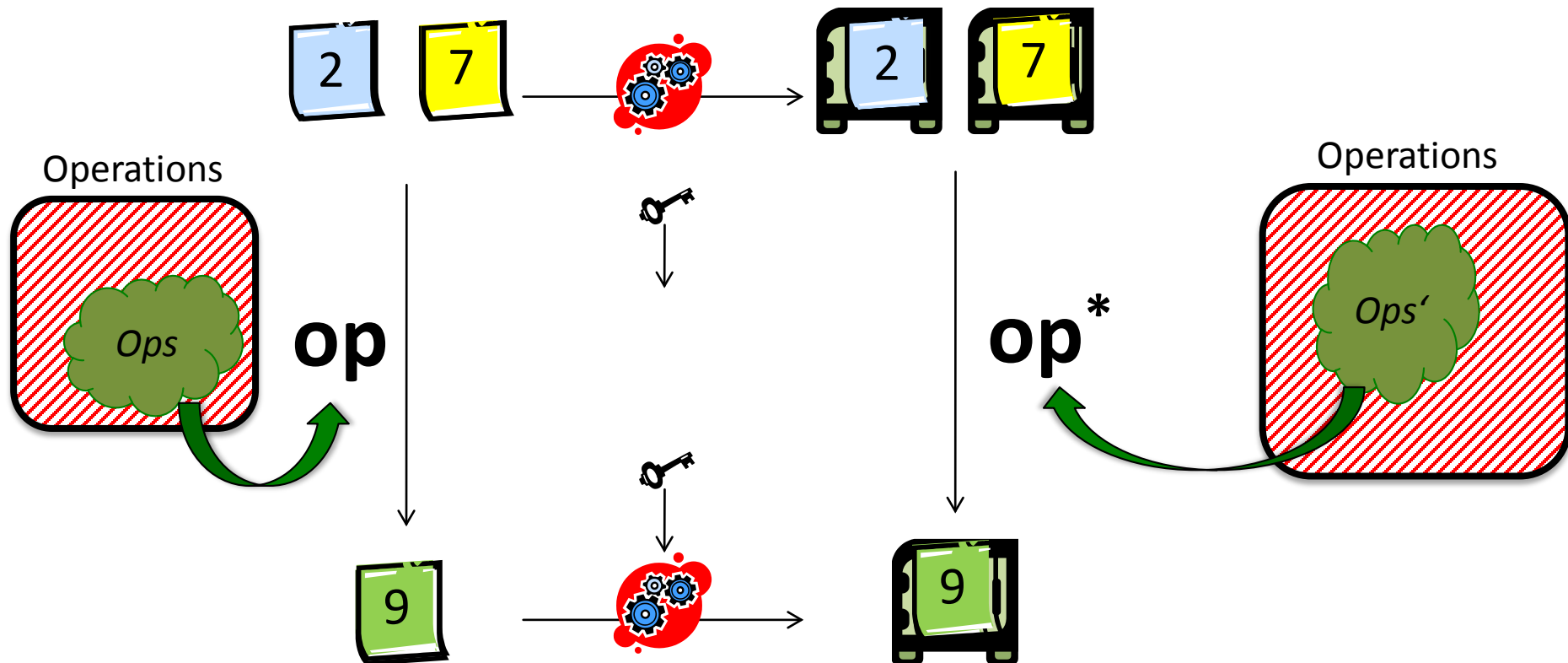
Counter-question: do we need fully-homomorphism in practice?

- Examples exist where a scheme with less functionalities would be sufficient
- Adapted homomorphic encryption schemes

Adapted Homomorphic Encryption

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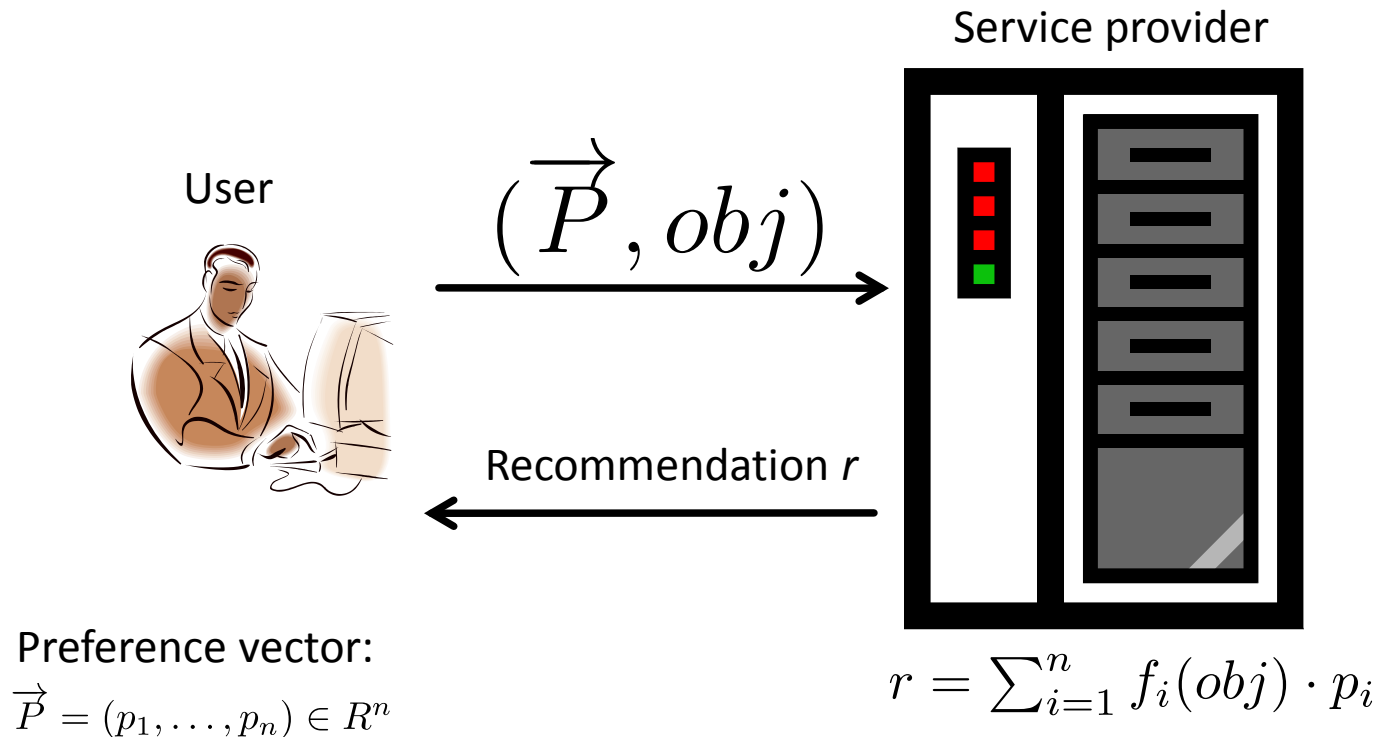
1. Given: a concrete use case
2. Identify the necessary operations
3. Develop appropriate encryption scheme



Example: Recommender System

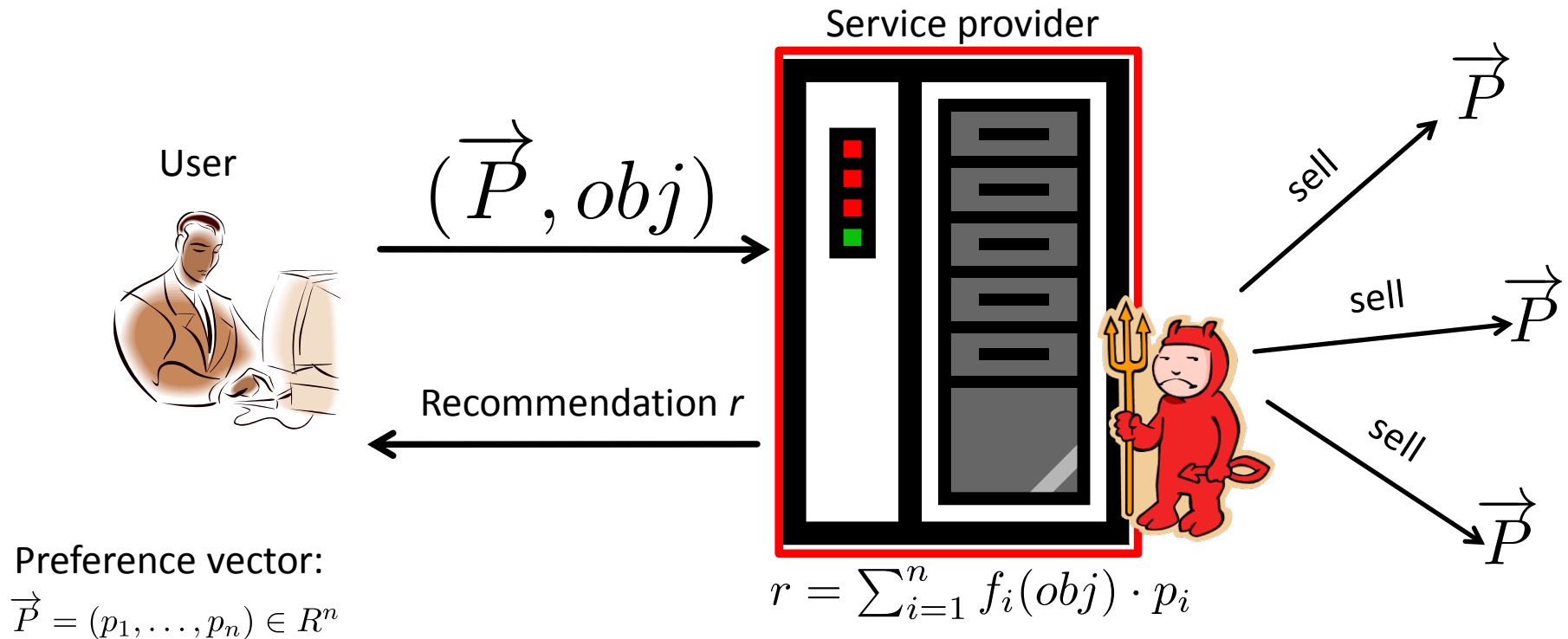
- **Recommender systems are a way of suggesting like or similar items and ideas to a user.**
- **Automates quotes like:**
 - "I like this book; you might be interested in it"
 - "I saw this movie, you' ll like it"
 - "Don' t go see that movie!"
- **Examples**
 - Amazon
 - Ebay

Considered General Scenario



Example: Regularized Matrix Factorization (RMF) Recommender

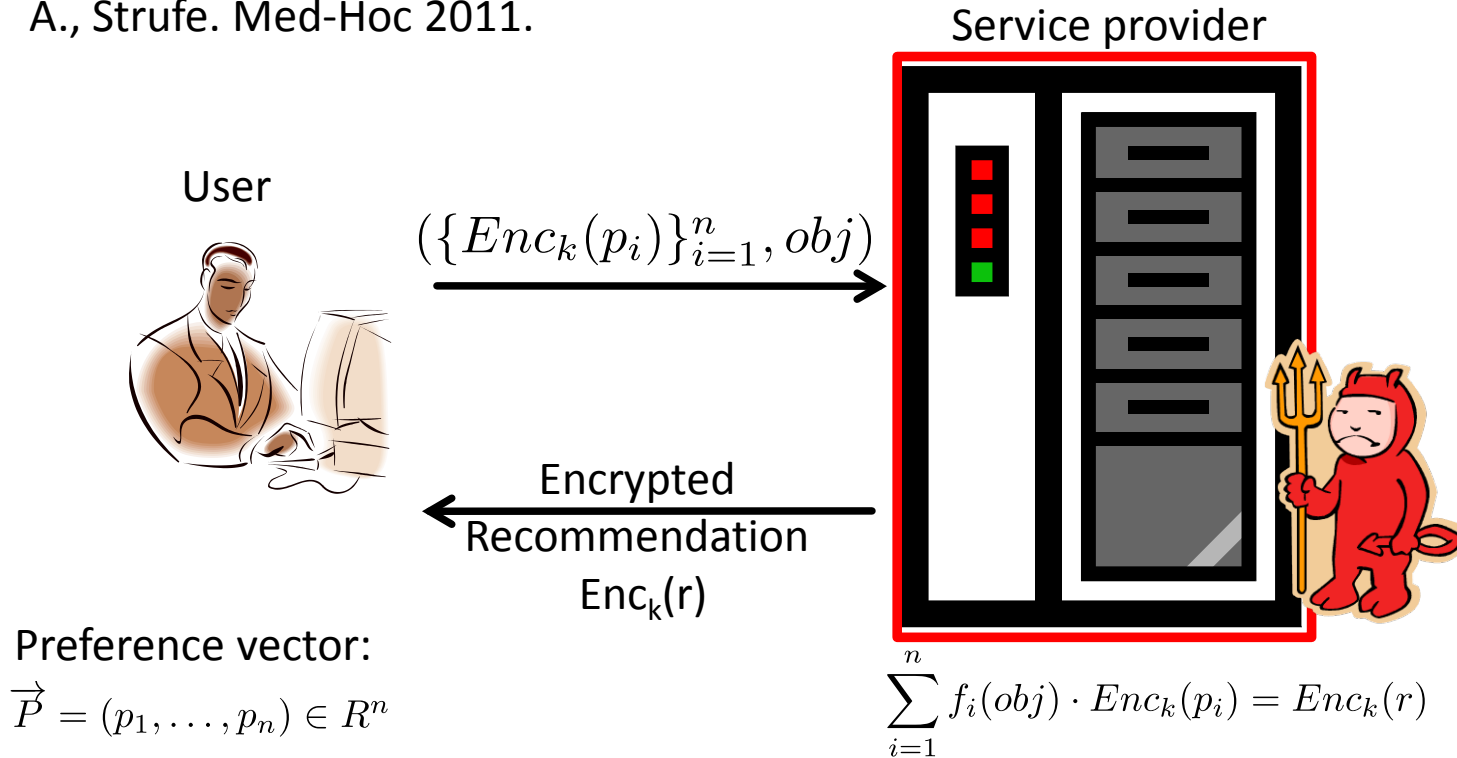
Threat: data misuse



Question: Is it possible to ask for recommendations without revealing the preferences?

Solution

A., Strufe. Med-Hoc 2011.



Challenge: Develop an appropriate encryption scheme!

Our Solution

- **Encrypt preference vector such that**
 - Service provider cannot read the encrypted preferences
 - Computation on encrypted data possible

- **More formal:**

- Encryption scheme $Enc_k(.)$ encrypts real-valued data
- Additively homomorphic:

$$Enc_k(m) \circ Enc_k(m') = Enc_k(m + m') \quad \forall m, m' \in R$$

- „External homomorphism“:

$$\lambda \cdot Enc_k(m) = Enc_k(\lambda \cdot m) \quad \forall \lambda, m \in R$$

Concrete Scheme

- **Adaptation of the 2011 code-based scheme**
- **Key generation**
 - Sample vector $\vec{K} \in R^n \setminus \{\vec{0}\}$
- **Encryption of a real value m**
 - Generate a vector $\vec{C} \in R^n$ such that
$$\langle \vec{C}, \vec{K} \rangle = m$$
- **Decryption of a ciphertext**
 - Compute $\langle \vec{C}, \vec{K} \rangle = m$

Properties

- **Efficient (pre-computation)**
- **Additive homomorphism:** Let \vec{C} and \vec{C}' be an encryption of m and m' , respectively. Consider the decryption of $\vec{C} + \vec{C}'$:

$$(\vec{C} + \vec{C}')^T \cdot \vec{K} = \vec{C}^T \cdot \vec{K} + \vec{C}'^T \cdot \vec{K} = m + m'$$

- **External homomorphism:** Let \vec{C} be an encryption of m and let λ be an arbitrary real value. Consider the decryption of $\lambda \cdot \vec{C}$:

$$(\lambda \cdot \vec{C})^T \cdot \vec{K} = \lambda \cdot (\vec{C}^T \cdot \vec{K}) = \lambda \cdot m$$

Conclusion

Summary

- **Homomorphic encryption allow for processing encrypted data without the need of decryption**
- **Many applications**
- **Problem: efficiency (in the case of huge data amount)**
- **Alternative approach: adapted homomorphic encryption schemes**

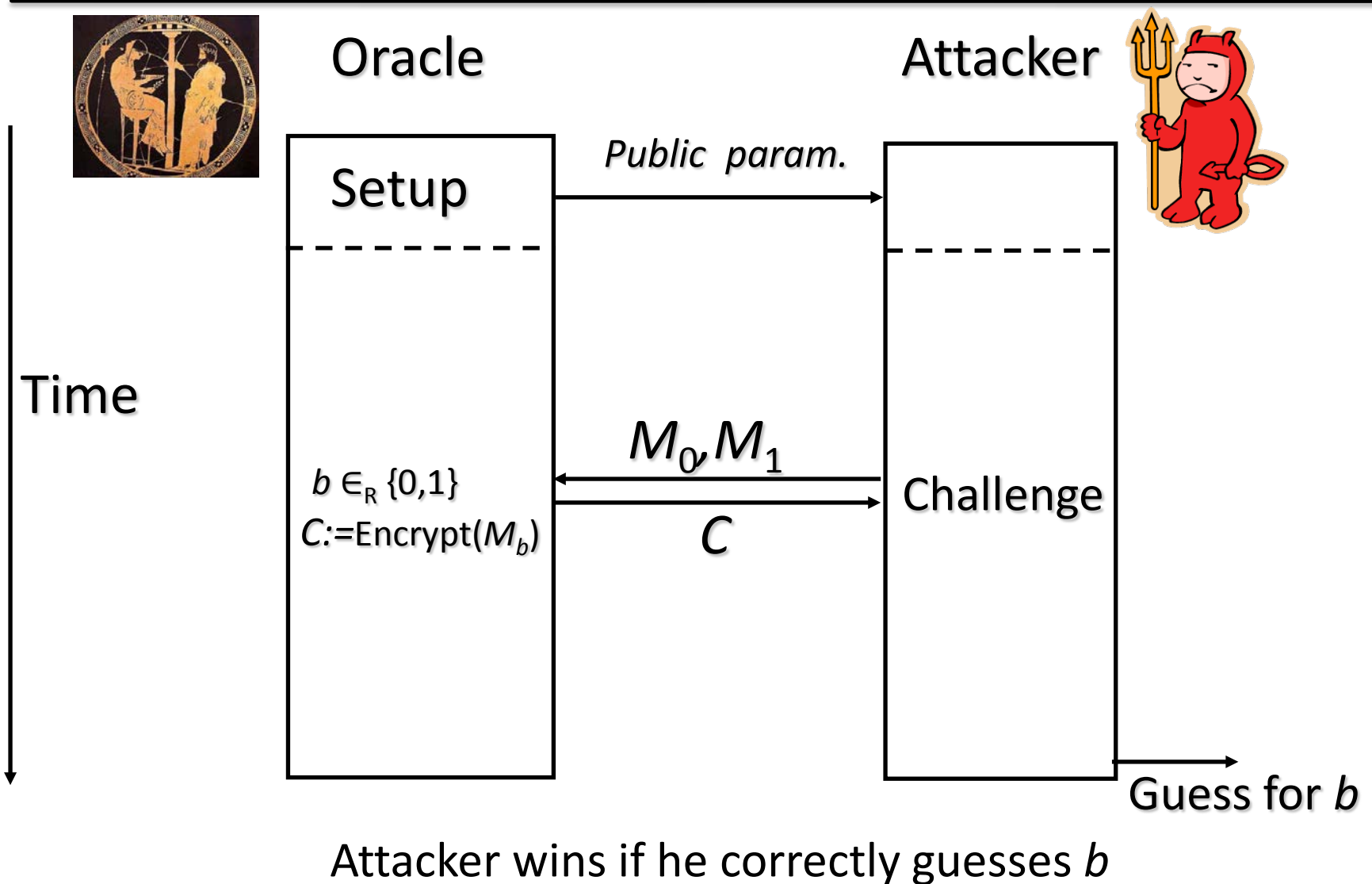
Open Questions

- **Identify further (more realistic) use cases**
- **Improve understanding between conditions and design possibilities**
- **Develop appropriate adapted cryptographic schemes**

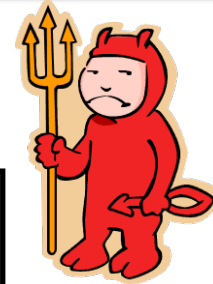
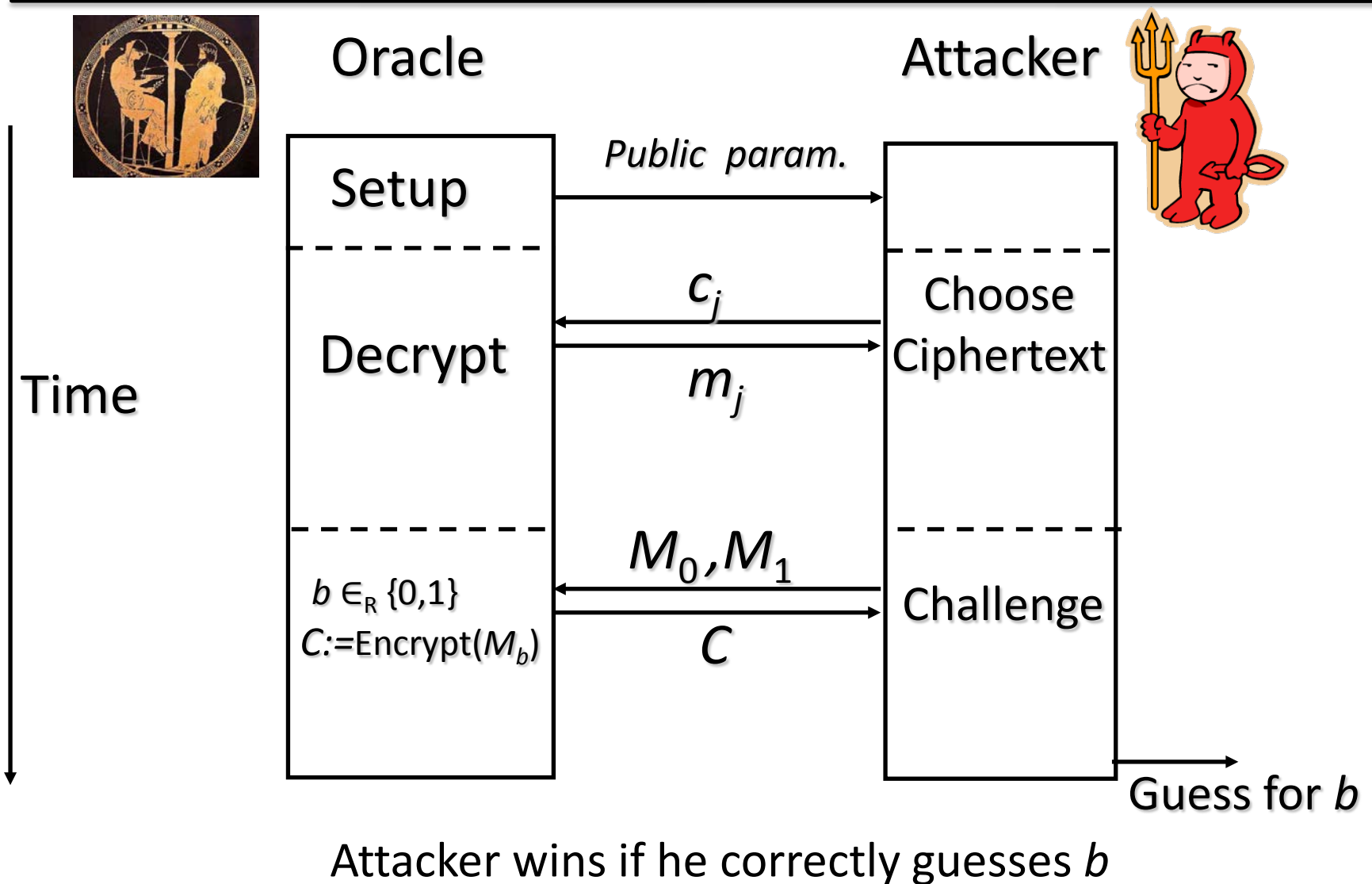
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Security Characterizations

Defining security: IND-CPA



Defining security: IND-CCA1

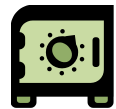


Proof of Security

Goal: Prove security of scheme



**Approach:
Reduce security**



Crypto
scheme



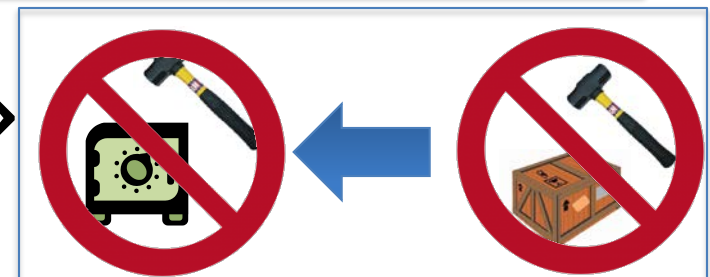
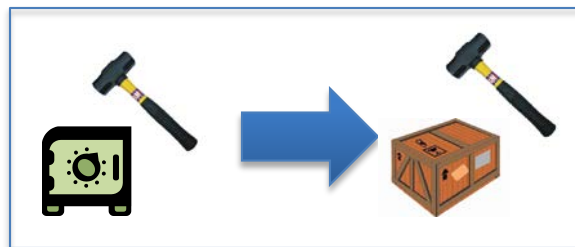
Mathematical
Problem

Assumption:

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problem is is
hard to solve



Reduction:

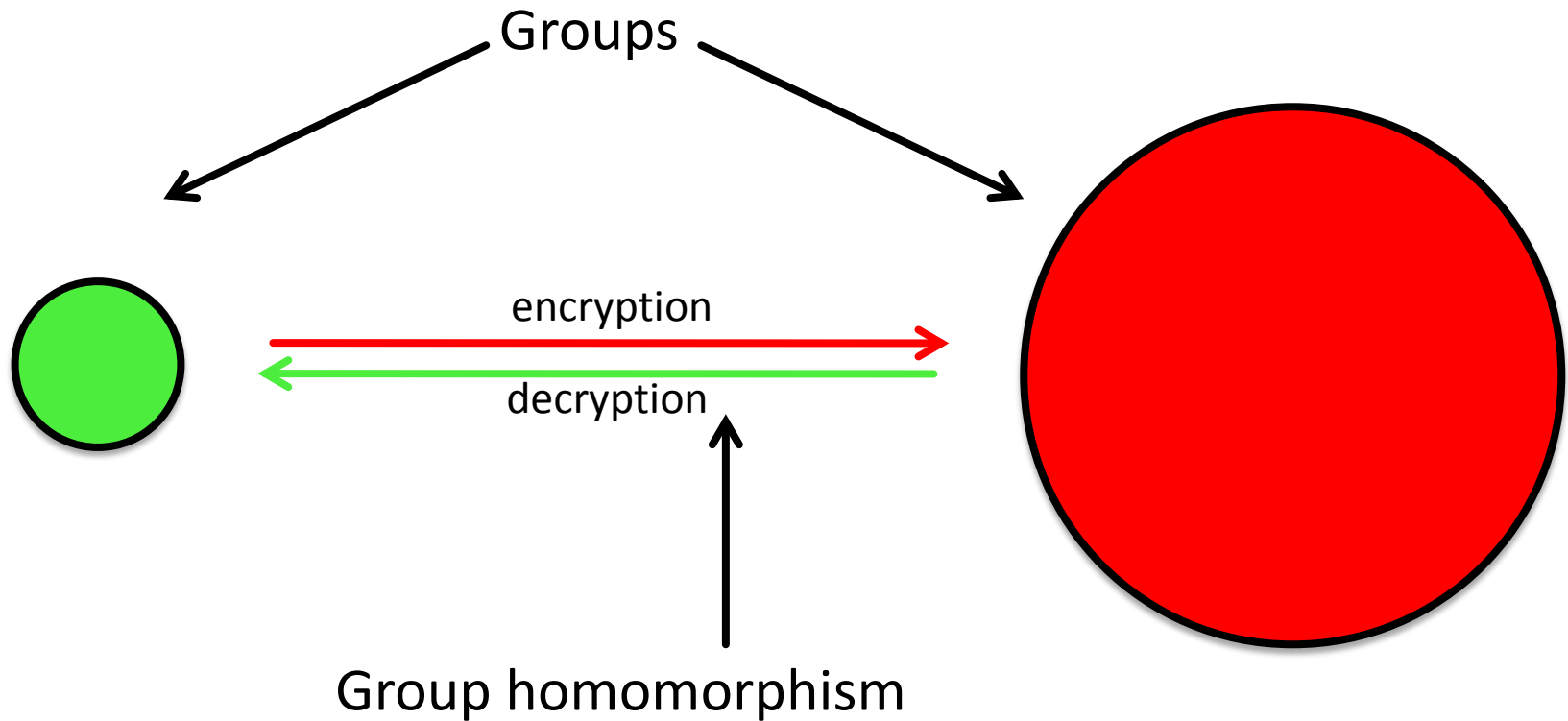


Characterization of Group Homomorphic Encryption Schemes

Recall: Considered Hom. Encr. Schemes

Plaintexts

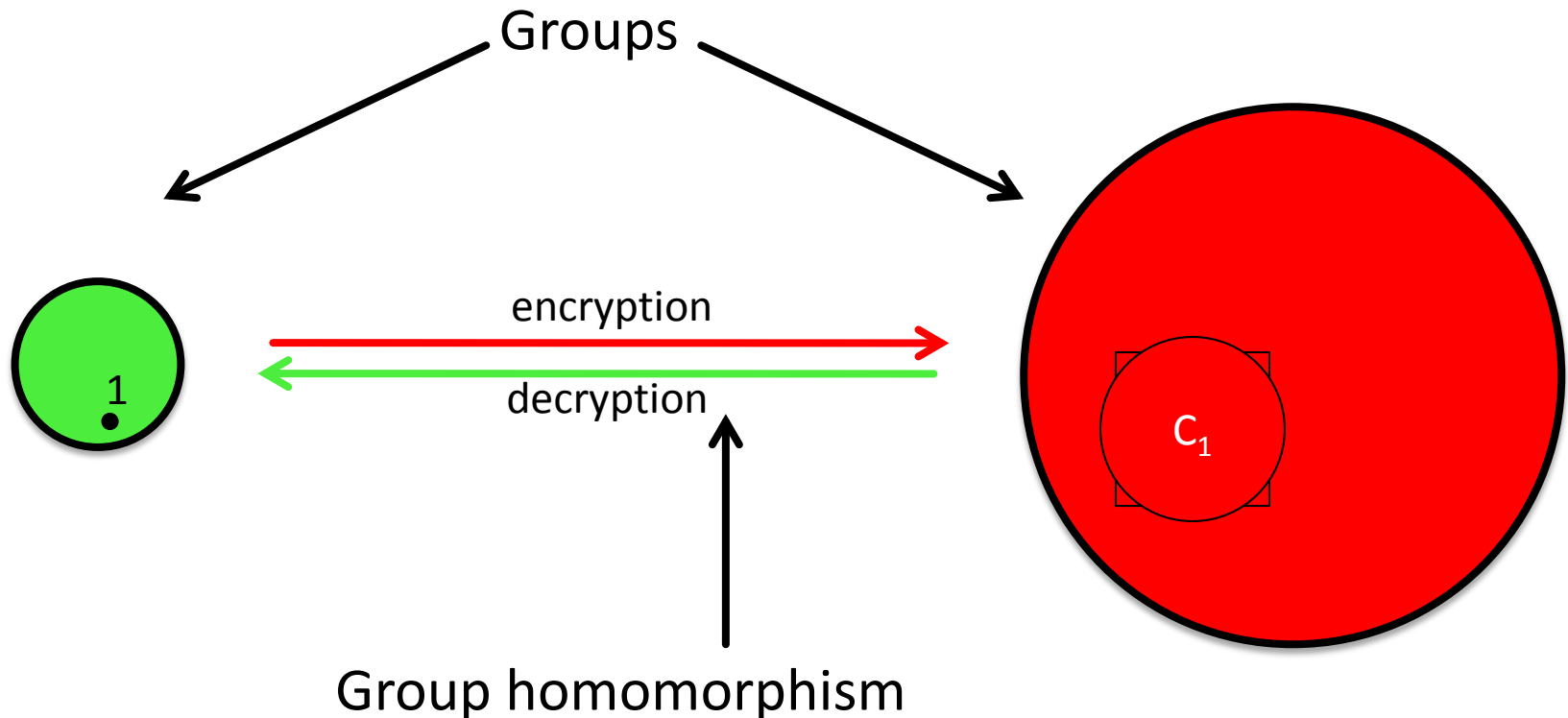
Ciphertext



1st Observation: Encryption of “1”

Plaintexts

Ciphertext

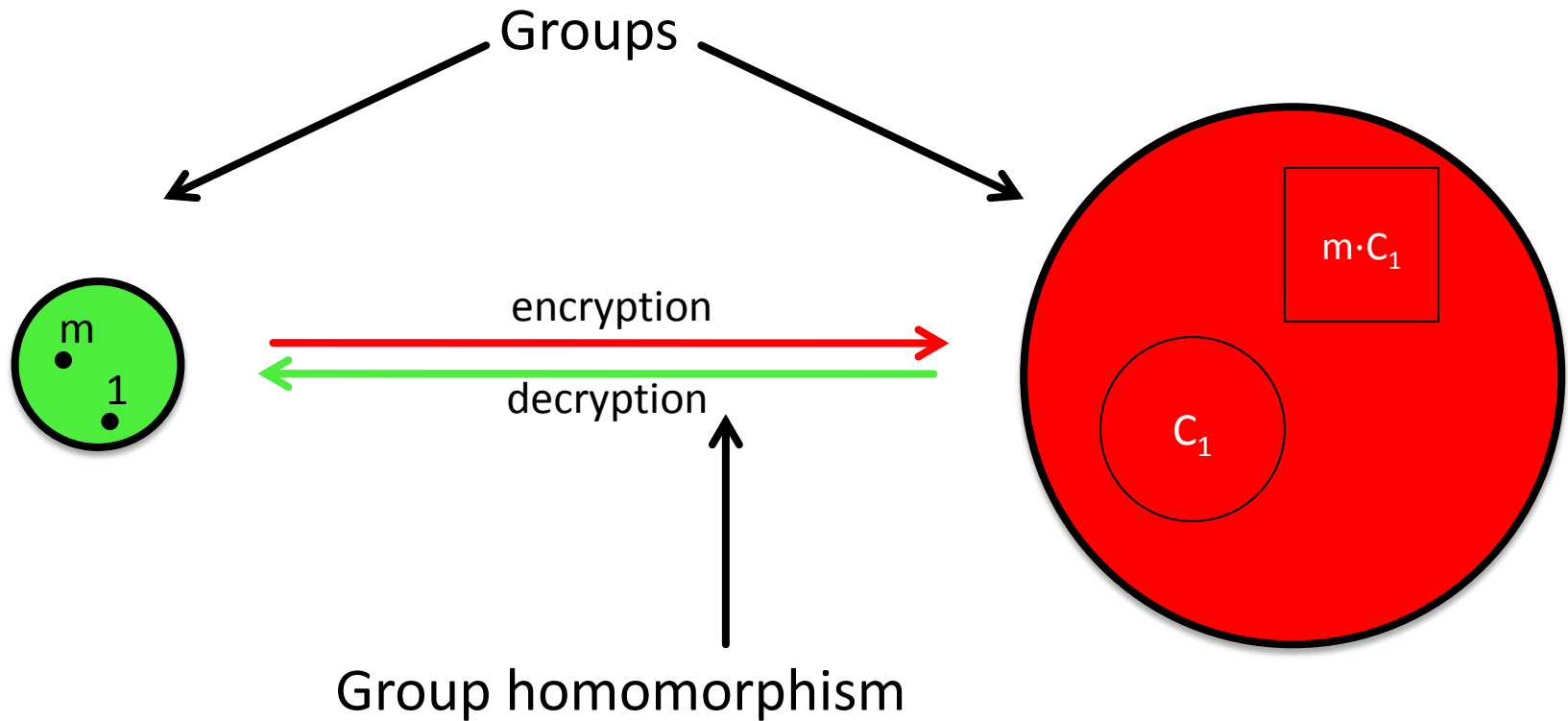


Encryptions of „1“ form a subgroup of the ciphertext space!

2nd Observation: Encryption of $m \neq 1$

Plaintexts

Ciphertext



Set of encryptions of „ m “ is equal to $m \cdot C_1$

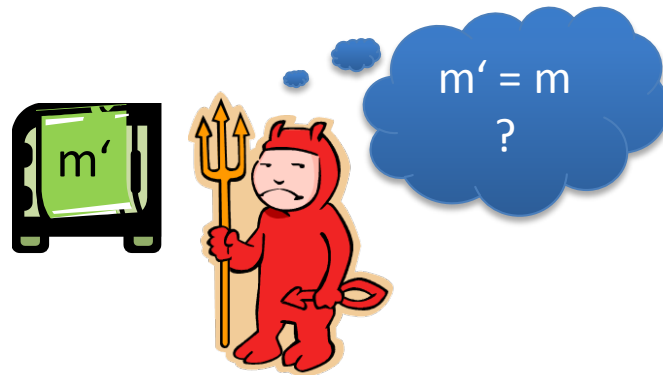
Consequence

Simple observation:

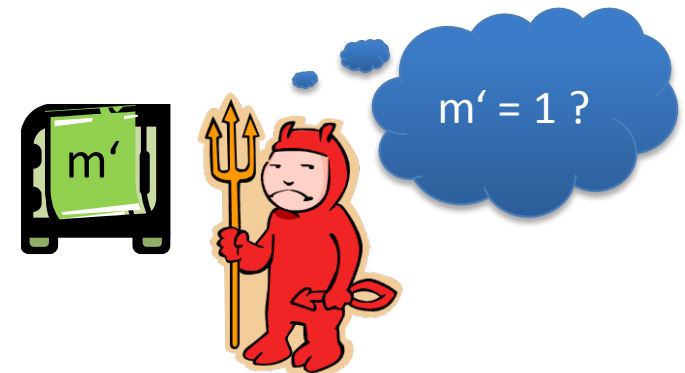
$$c = \text{encryption of } m \iff c \in m \cdot C_1 \iff c \cdot m^{-1} \in C_1$$

Consequence:

Recognizing encryptions of m



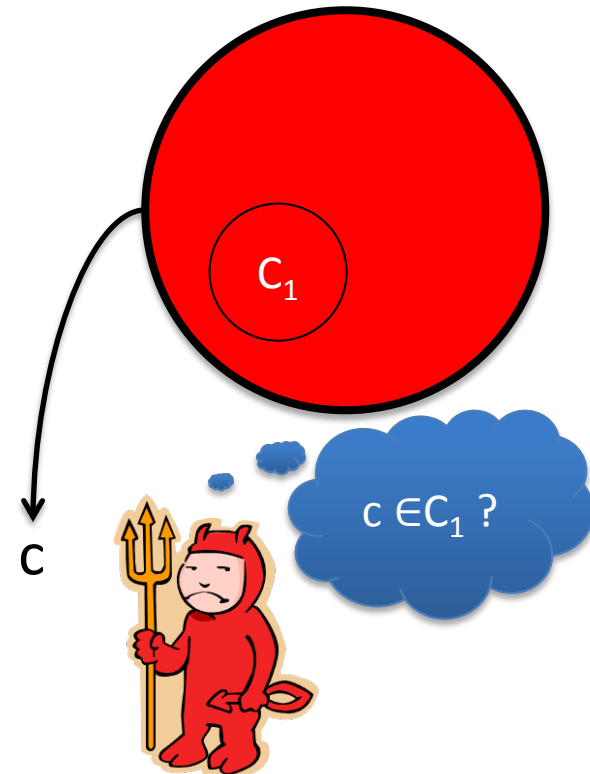
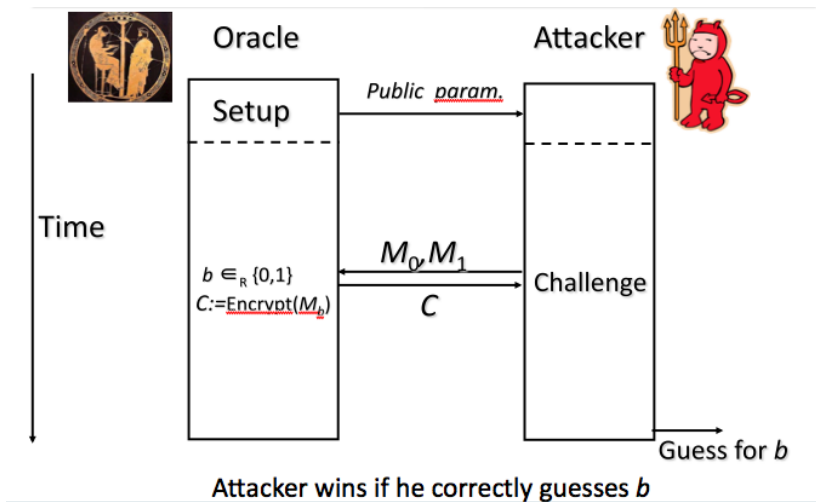
Recognizing encryptions of 1



Security Characterization

Scheme is
IND-CPA SECURE

Subgroup membership
problem (SMP)
is hard w.r.t. C_1

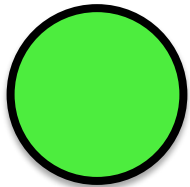


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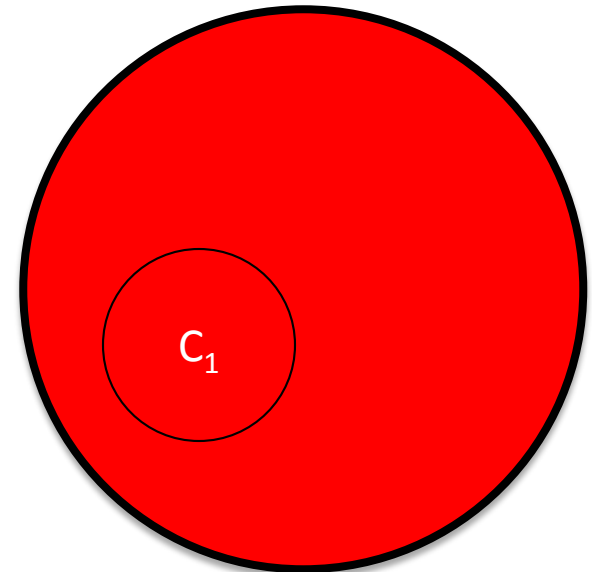
Let a homomorphic scheme be given

Goal: IND-CPA security characterization

Plaintexts



Ciphertext



1. Identify subgroup C_1 (= encryptions of 1)
2. Formulate SMP wrt. to C_1

Application: Easy IND-CPA characterization of existing schemes

Scheme	IND-CPA secure <u>if and only if</u> the following problem is hard	IND-CCA1 secure if the following problem is hard
ElGamal; 1985	Decision Diffie-Hellman; 1998	[Lipmaa; 2010]
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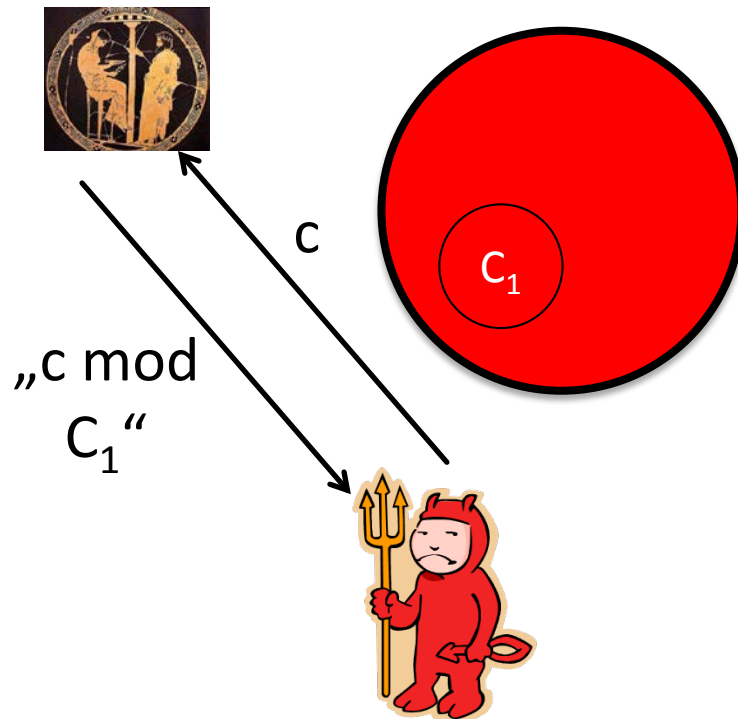
What about IND-CCA1 ?

SOAP

SOAP = **S**plitting **o**racle **a**ssisted **S**MP

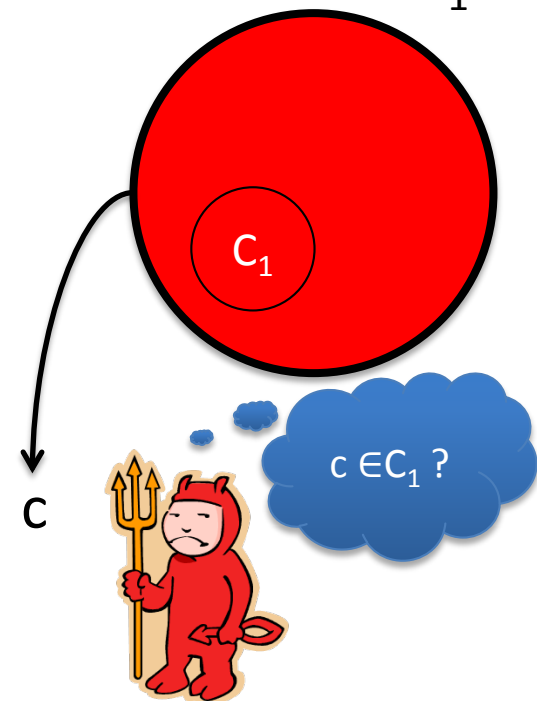
Phase 1: Learning

Splitting Oracle



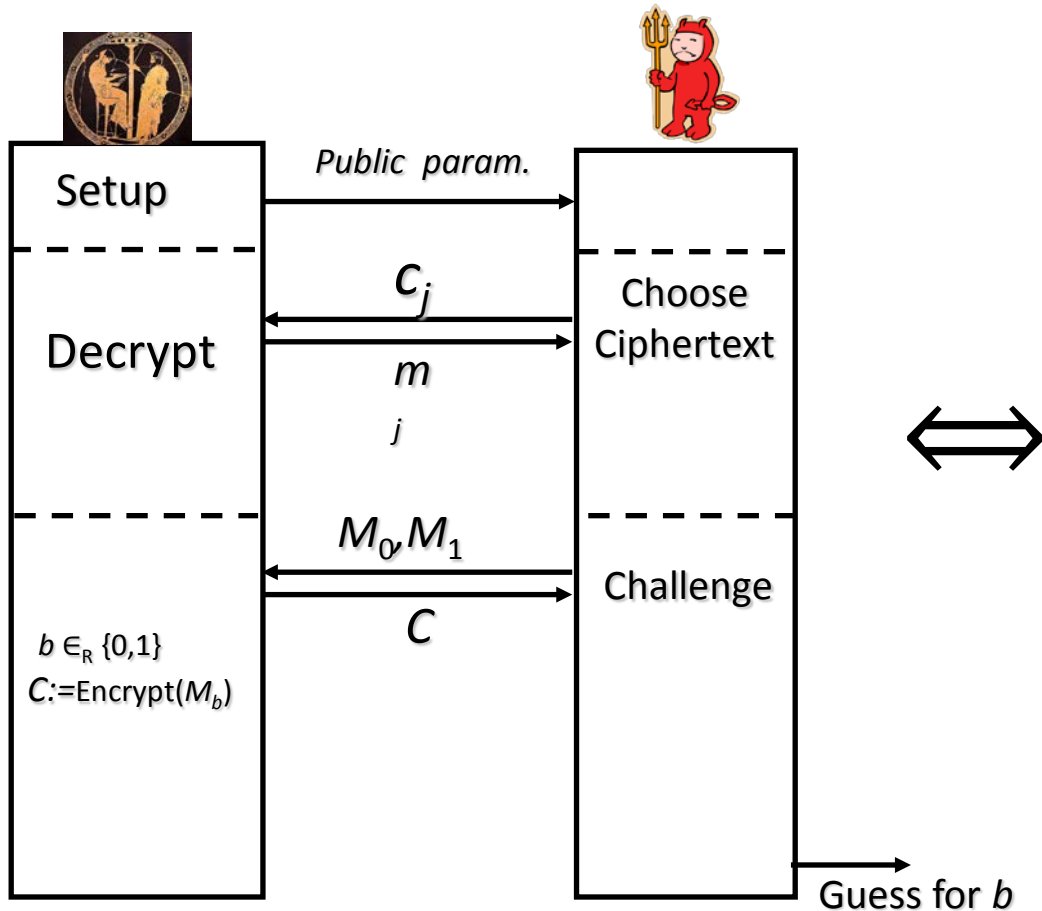
Phase 2: Challenge

SMP w.r.t. C_1

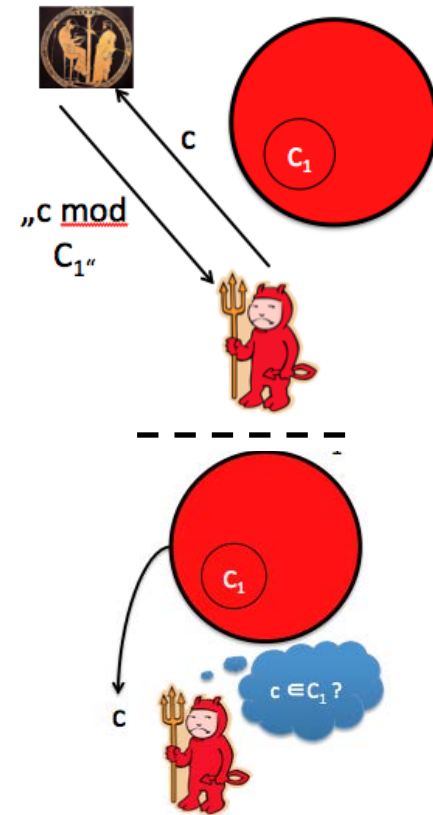


Security Characterization

Scheme is
IND-CCA1 SECURE



SOAP
is hard w.r.t. C_1

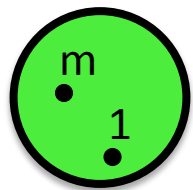


Application: IND-CCA1 Characterization of Existing Schemes

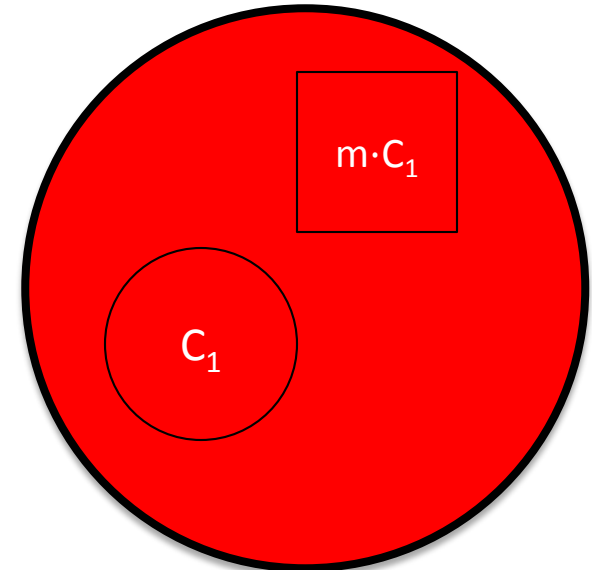
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Generic scheme

Plaintexts

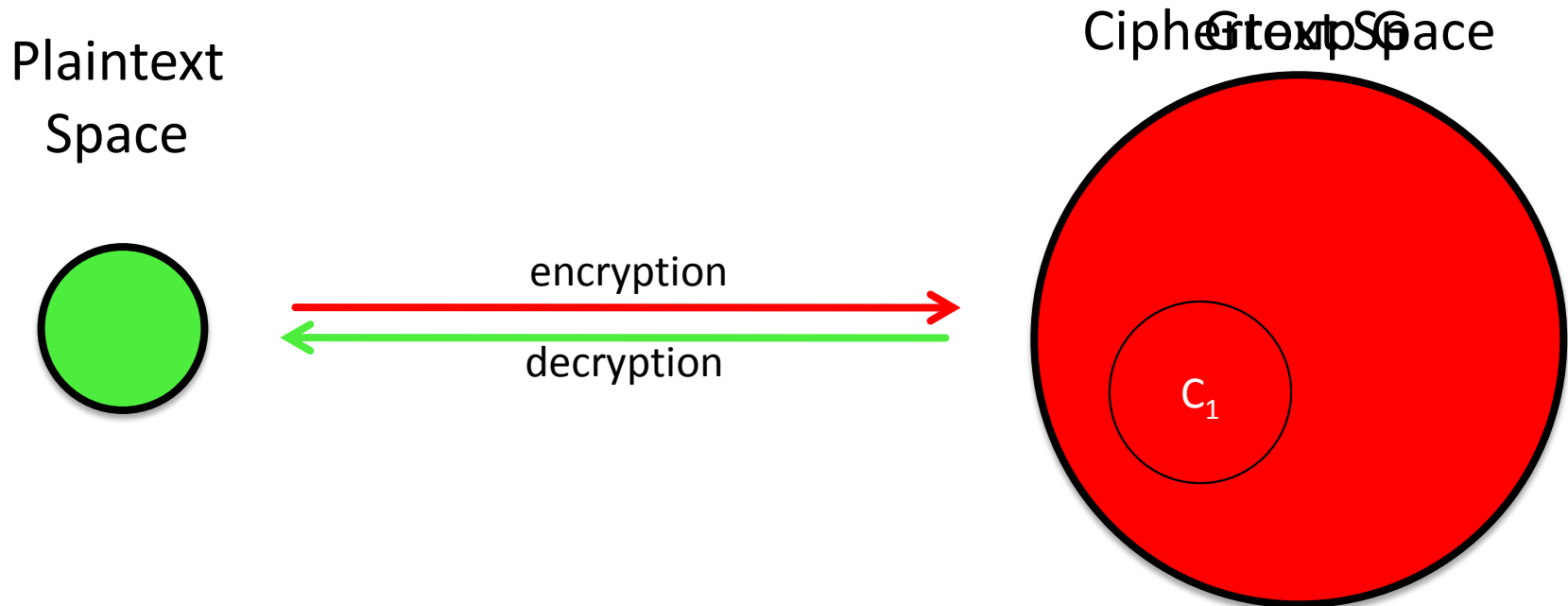


Ciphertext



- Encryption of m :
 - Sample $c' \in C_1$
 - Output $c := m \cdot c'$
- Decryption of c :
 - Determine $c \bmod C_1$

Application: Design of New Schemes



- Given: SMP with group G and subgroup S
- Interpret G as ciphertext space and S as encryption of 1
- Construct encryption/decryption as described before
- Scheme is IND-CPA secure iff initial SMP is hard

Application: New Schemes

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Scheme 2	Gonzales Nieto et al.; 2005	New Problem

Scheme 1

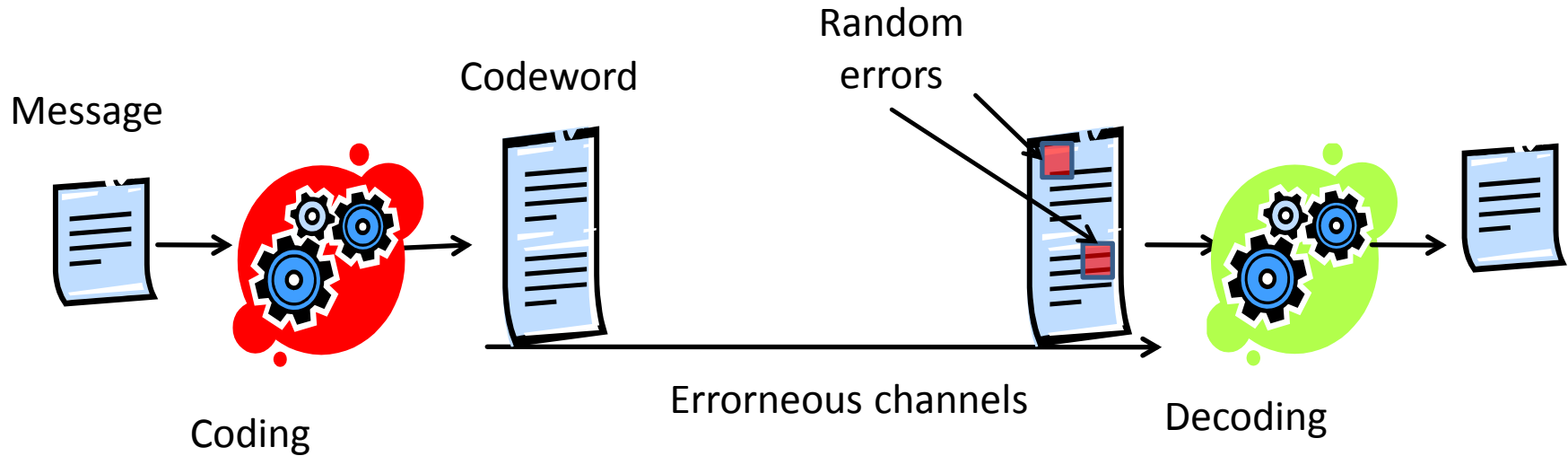
- **IND-CPA secure if and only if k-linear problem is hard**
- **K-linear problem:**
 - Extension of Diffie-Hellman problem
 - Can be instantiated for any positive integer k
 - In generic group model: is hard for $k+1$ even if weak for k

Scheme 2

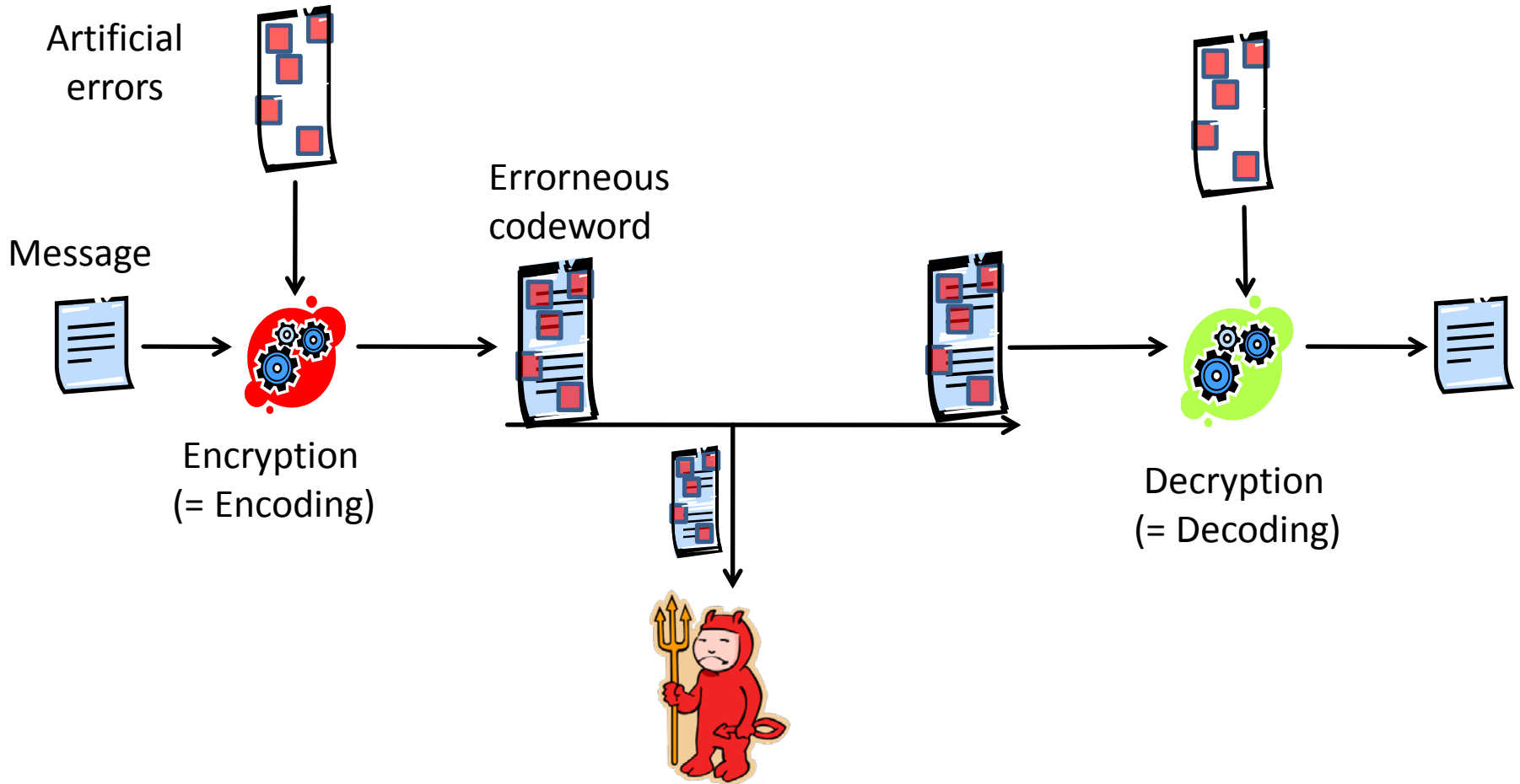
- **IND-CPA secure if and only if a problem introduced by Manuel González, Boyd, and Dawson is hard**
- **Distinctive feature: First homomorphic scheme with a cyclic ciphertext group**
- **Can be directly combined with a work by Hemenway and Ostrovsky for efficiently constructing IND-CCA2 secure schemes**

The Code-Based Encryption Scheme

Coding Theory



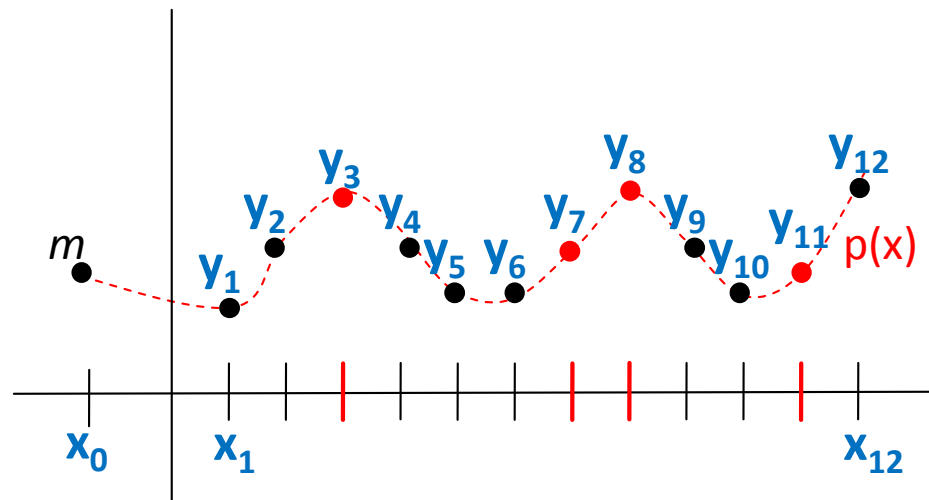
Encryption based on Coding Theory



Example: Reed-Solomon Codes

Encryption of a plaintext m

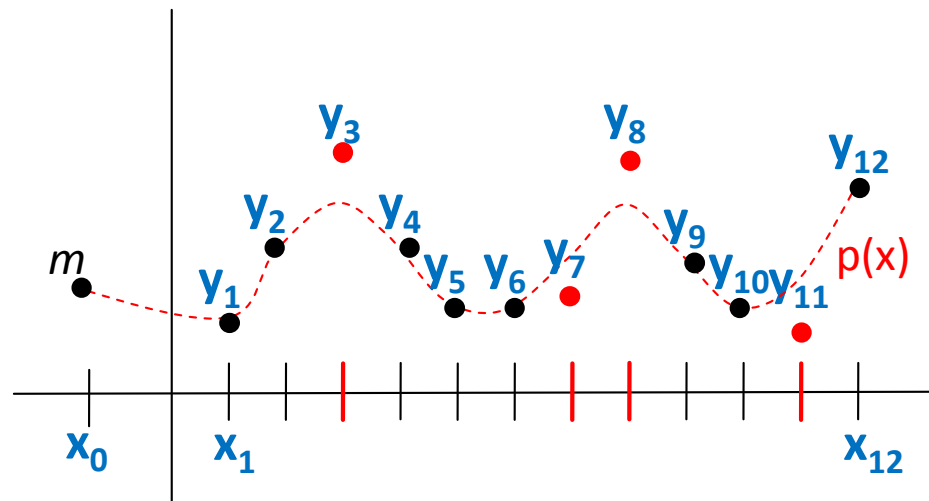
- **Parameters:**
 - Finite field F ; support points x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n ; degree d
 - Encryption key: I = error positions
- **Encryption of a message m :**
 - Choose random polynomial $p(x)$ of degree d with $p(x_0) = m$
 - Compute $Y := (y_1, \dots, y_n) := (p(x_1), \dots, p(x_n))$
 - Randomize y_i at error positions
 - Ciphertext $C = (y_1, \dots, y_n)$ (= erroneous Reed-Solomon codeword)



Example: Reed-Solomon Codes

Decryption of a ciphertext $\vec{c} = (y_1, \dots, y_n)$:

- Ignore erroneous y_i - values
- Interpolate $p(x)$ through the remaining, correct y_i -values
- Compute $p(x_0) = m$



Additive Homomorphism

$$\vec{c} = (p(x_1), c_2, p(x_3), c_4, c_5, p(x_6))$$

= encryption of
 $p(x_0) = m$

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$$\vec{c}' = (p'(x_1), c'_2, p'(x_3), c'_4, c'_5, p'(x_6))$$

= encryption of
 $p'(x_0) = m'$

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$$\vec{c}'' = ((p+p')(x_1), c''_2, (p+p')(x_3), c''_4, c''_5, (p+p')(x_6)) = \text{encryption of } (p+p')(x_0) = m+m'$$

Multiplicative Homomorphism

$$\vec{c} = (p(x_1), c_2, p(x_3), c_4, c_5, p(x_6))$$

= encryption of
 $p(x_0) = m$

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$$\vec{c}' = (p'(x_1), c'_2, p'(x_3), c'_4, c'_5, p'(x_6))$$

= encryption of
 $p'(x_0) = m'$

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$$\vec{c}'' = ((p \cdot p')(x_1), c''_2, (p \cdot p')(x_3), c''_4, c''_5, (p \cdot p')(x_6)) = \text{encryption of } (p \cdot p')(x_0) = m \cdot m'$$

if degree is not too high

Generic Scheme

- **Key generation:**
 - Sample vector $\vec{K} \in \mathbb{F}^n \setminus \{\vec{0}\}$ with certain properties
- **Encryption of a real value m**
 - Output a vector $\vec{C} \in \mathbb{F}^n$ such that

$$\vec{C}^T \cdot \vec{K} = m$$

- **Decryption of a ciphertext $\vec{C} \in \mathbb{F}^n$**

- Compute $\vec{C}^T \cdot \vec{K} = m$

Restrictions

1. Number of encryptions needs to be limited

- Otherwise, key can be recovered by solving a system of linear equations

2. Cannot be public-key

- All encryptions of 0 form a sub-space C_0
- If public-key, an attacker can derive a basis for C_0
- Once such a basis is known, one can easily decide if ciphertext is encryption of 0
- This is equivalent to win the IND-CPA game

Security

- **Proof of security**
 - Scheme is secure if Decisional Synchronized Codeword Problem (DSCP) is hard
- **Hardness of DSCP?**
 - Depends on the deployed code
 - For Reed-Muller codes, extensive analysis conducted
 - Identified parameter ranges that seem to provide certain levels of security