

# Property Preserving Symmetric Encryption

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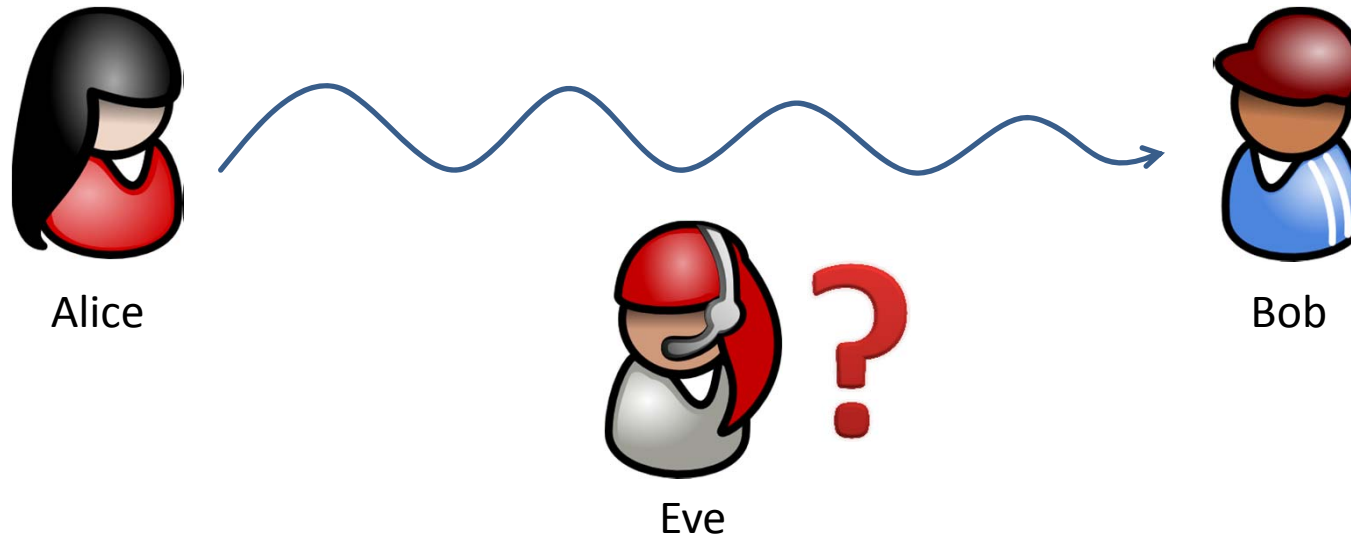
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# Traditional Cryptography

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# New Goal: Computations on Encrypted Data

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- Indexing
- Range queries
- Data clustering
- Keyword search
- General computations

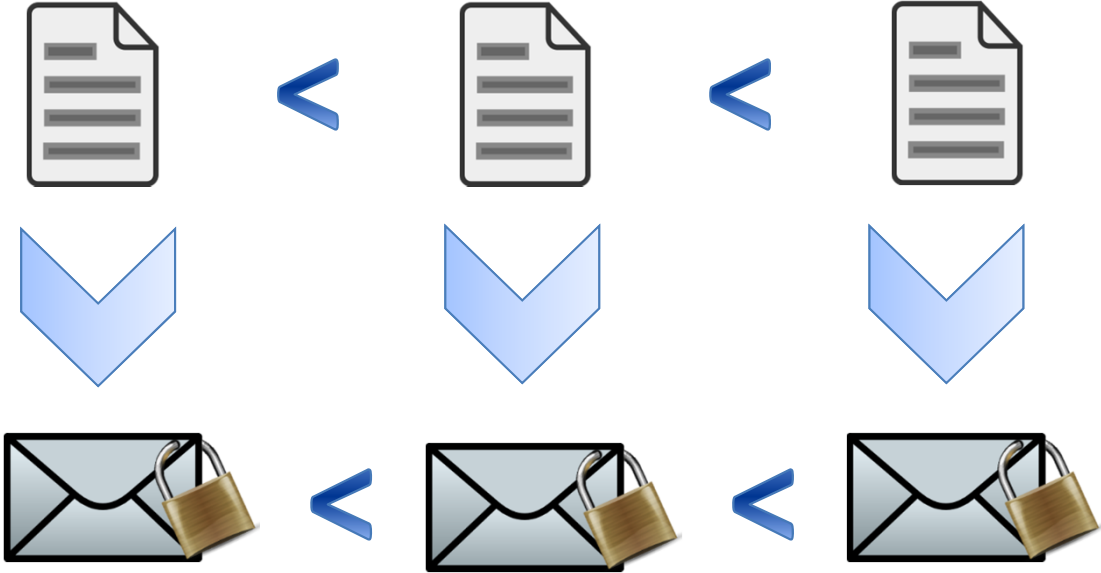


# Order-Preserving Encryption [BCLO09, BC011]

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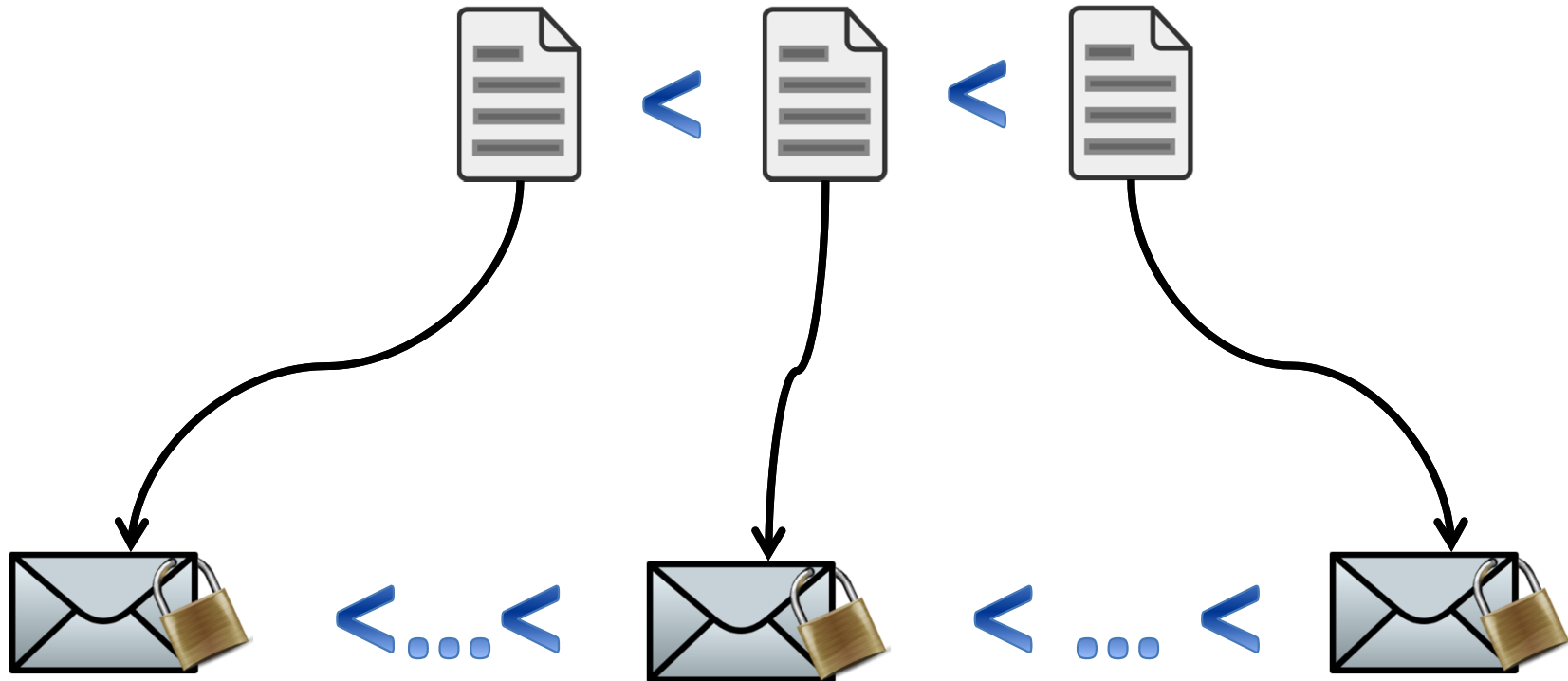


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# Order-Preserving Encryption [BCLO09, BC011]

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- Exponential size ciphertext space  
Or
- High min-entropy plaintext distributions

Are there properties /  
schemes with no such  
restrictions?

# Property Preserving Encryption

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A property  $P$  is a function of arity  $k$

$$P(m_1, m_2, \dots, m_k) = 0 \text{ or } 1$$

A Property Preserving Encryption (PPE) scheme contains

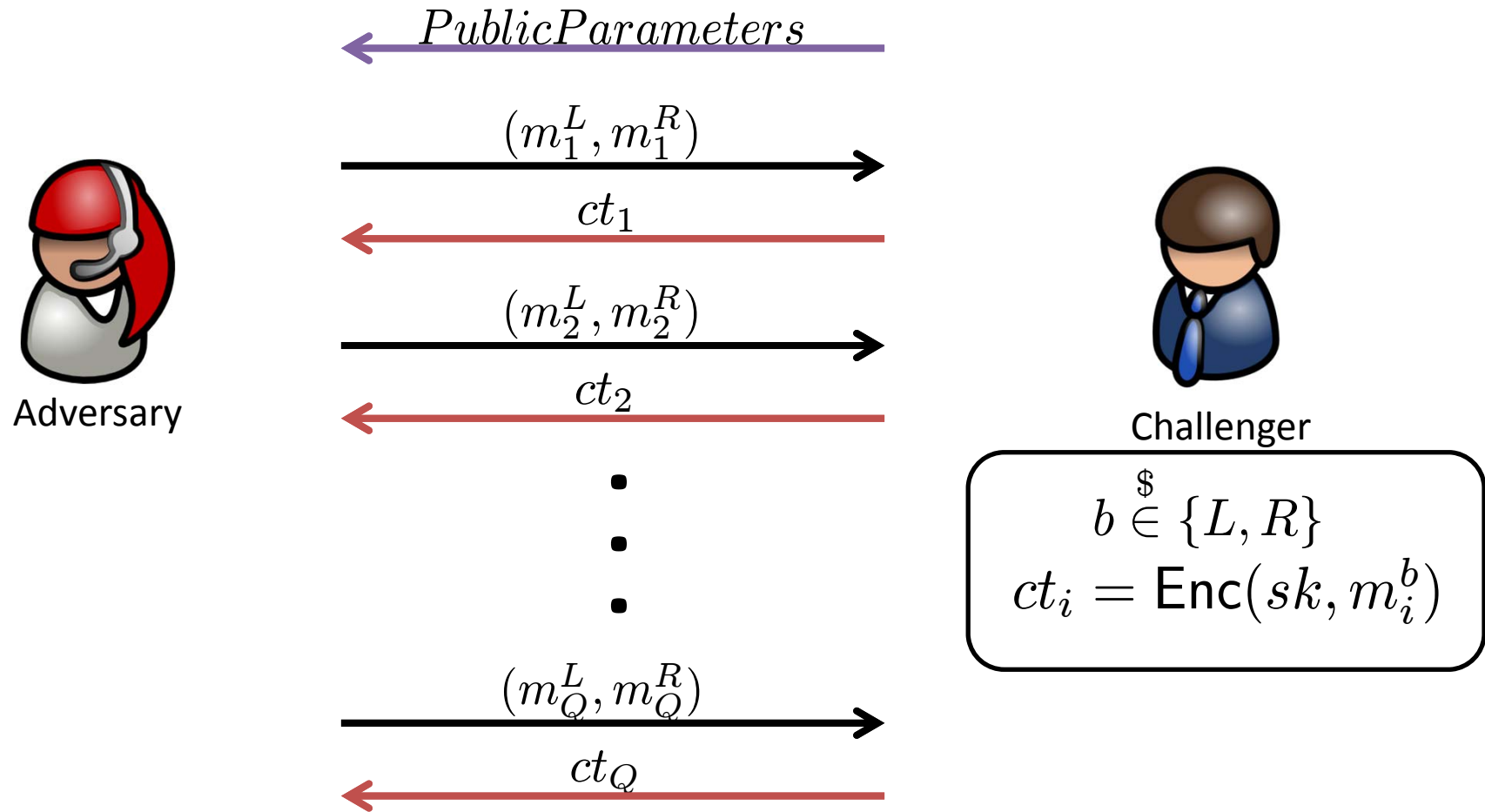
- Setup  $\rightarrow (pp, sk)$
- Encrypt( $sk, m$ )  $\rightarrow ct$
- Decrypt( $sk, ct$ )  $\rightarrow m$
- Test( $pp, ct_1, ct_2, \dots, ct_k$ )  $\rightarrow \{0, 1\}$

Test should satisfy:

$$\text{Test}(pp, ct_1, ct_2, \dots, ct_k) = P(m_1, m_2, \dots, m_k)$$

*publicly computable*  $\rightarrow$  symmetric key encryption.

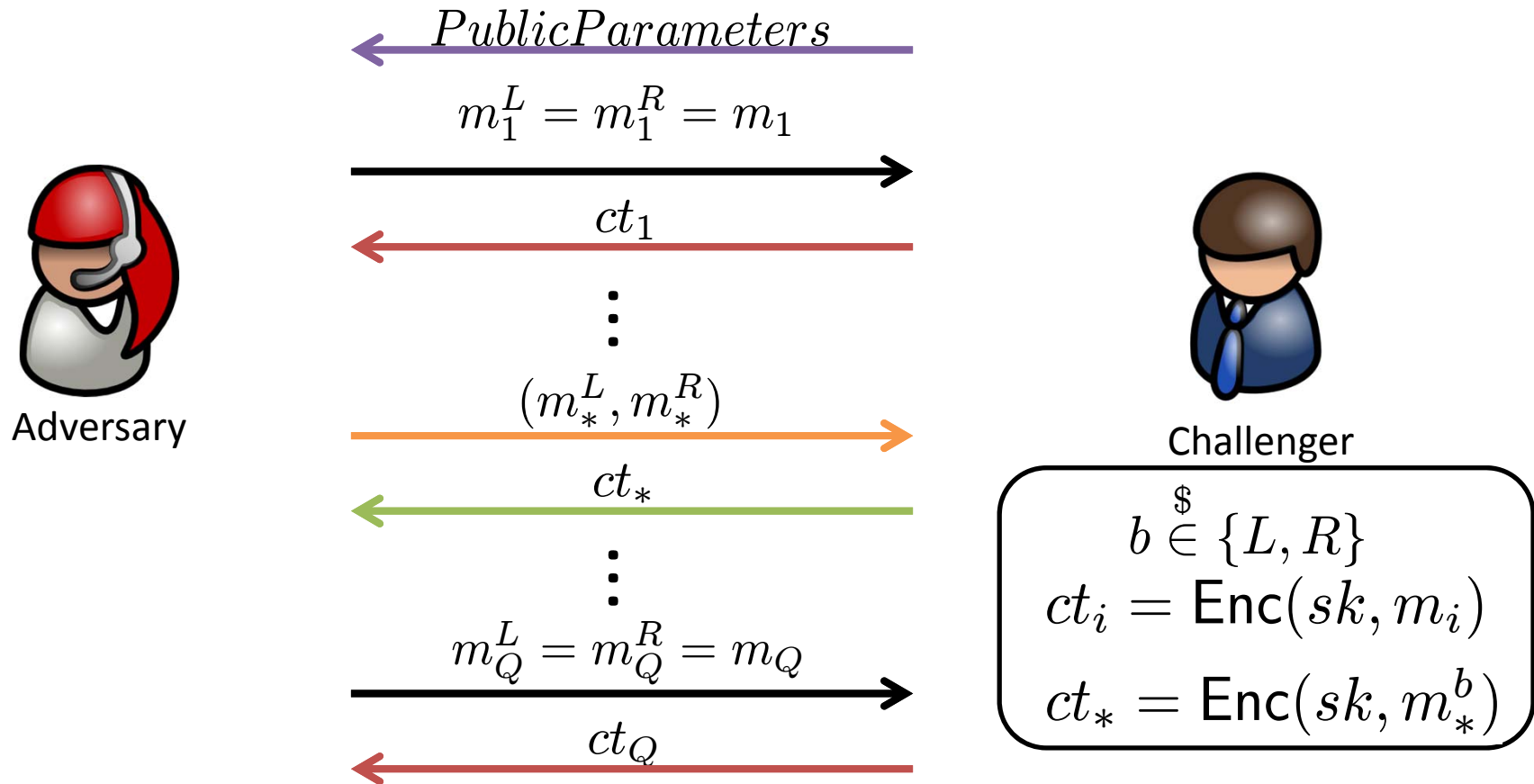
# Left or Right Security [BDJR97]



**Restriction:** For all  $(i_1, i_2, \dots, i_k) \in [Q]^k$  :

$$P(m_{i_1}^L, m_{i_2}^L, \dots, m_{i_k}^L) = P(m_{i_1}^R, m_{i_2}^R, \dots, m_{i_k}^R)$$

# Find Then Guess Security [BDJR97]



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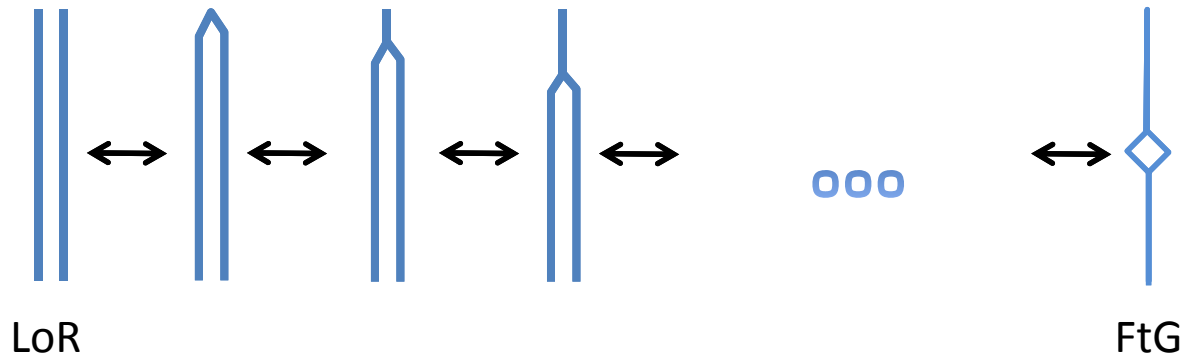
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# Definitional Relationships

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Standard Symmetric Key Cryptography [BDJR97]:  
Hybrid Argument



(Symmetric) Property Preserving Encryption:  
Not Possible

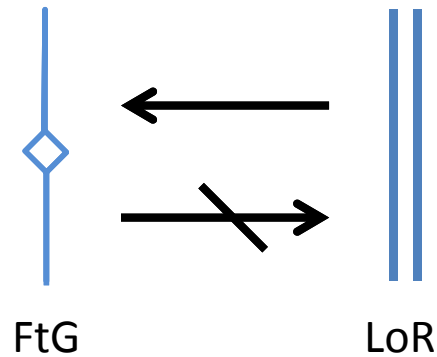
- Left Sequence not “reachable” from Right Sequence
- Same equality pattern – Different “reachability” class
- Depends on the property at hand

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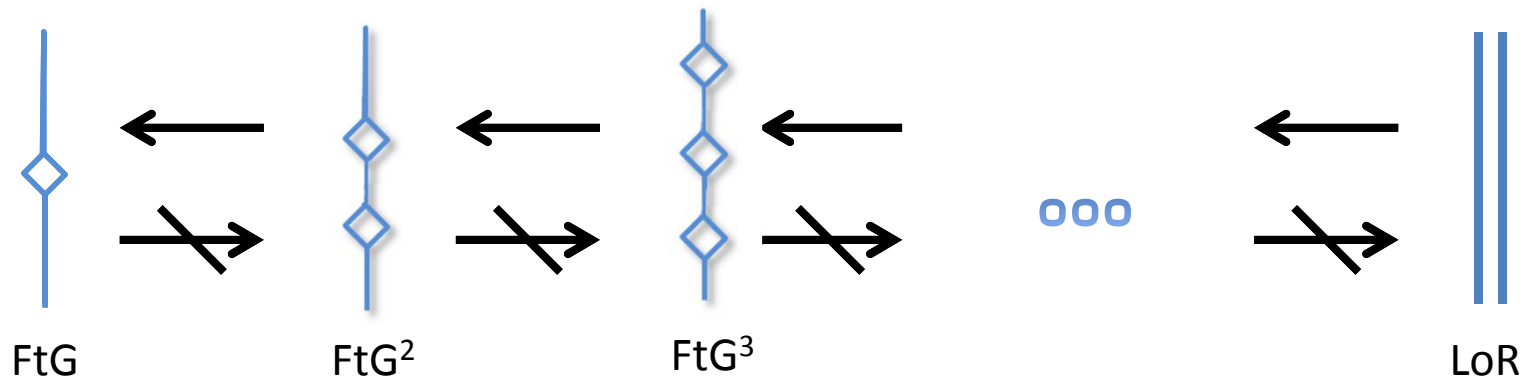
Theorem (informal):

*Left or Right security **strictly stronger** than Find then Guess*



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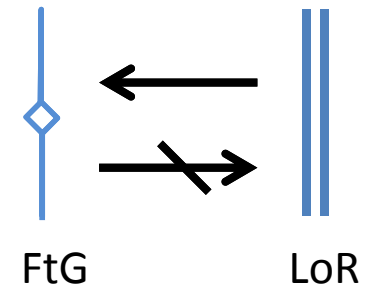
*There exists a **hierarchy** of Find then Guess*



# Proving the Separation

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We will assume that there exists an FtG secure scheme



$$\Pi = (\text{Setup}, \text{Encrypt}, \text{Decrypt}, \text{Test})$$

We will construct a new scheme

$$\Pi^* = (\text{Setup}^*, \text{Encrypt}^*, \text{Decrypt}^*, \text{Test}^*)$$

Such that:  $\Pi^*$  is FtG secure, **but** not LoR secure.

# Proving the Separation

## Quadratic Residues

Consider  $\mathcal{M} = \mathbb{Z}_p^* = \{1, 2, \dots, p-1\}$ ,  
where  $p$  prime. We have that:

$$QR = \{x \in \mathbb{Z}_p^* \mid \exists y \in \mathbb{Z}_p^* : x = y^2\}$$

$$QNR = \mathbb{Z}_p^* \setminus QR$$

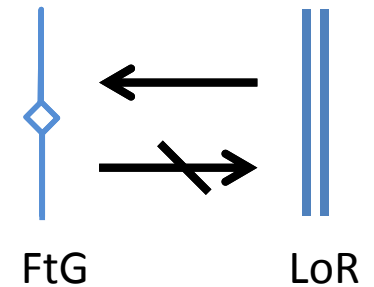
For  $z = xy$ , where  $x, y, z \in \mathbb{Z}_p^*$ ,

$z$  is in  $QR$  if and only if

Both  $x$  and  $y$  are in  $QR$

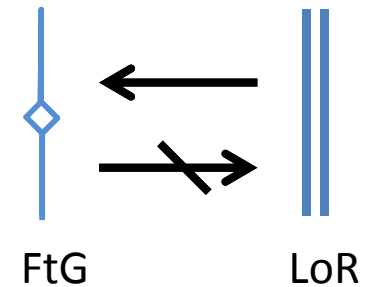
OR

Both  $x$  and  $y$  are in  $QNR$



# Proving the Separation

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Consider the binary property:

$$P(x, y) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \cdot y \in QR \\ 0 & \text{if } x \cdot y \in QNR \end{cases}$$

Suppose  $\Pi = (\text{Setup}, \text{Encrypt}, \text{Decrypt}, \text{Test})$  is FtG secure on property P:

$$\text{Test}(\text{Encrypt}(x), \text{Encrypt}(y)) = P(x, y)$$

# Proving the Separation

Create a new scheme

$$\Pi^* = (\text{Setup}^*, \text{Encrypt}^*, \text{Decrypt}^*, \text{Test}^*)$$

where:

$\text{Setup}^*$ :

Calls  $\text{Setup} \rightarrow (pp, sk)$

Samples  $t$  from  $\{0, 1\}$

Outputs  $pp^* = pp$  and  $sk^* = (sk, t)$

One-time pad

$\text{Encrypt}^*(sk^*, m)$ :

Calls  $\text{Encrypt}(sk, m) \rightarrow ct$

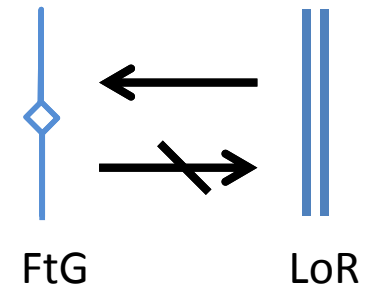
Samples  $b$  from  $\{0, 1\}$

If  $b = 0$  outputs

$$ct^* = (ct, b, t)$$

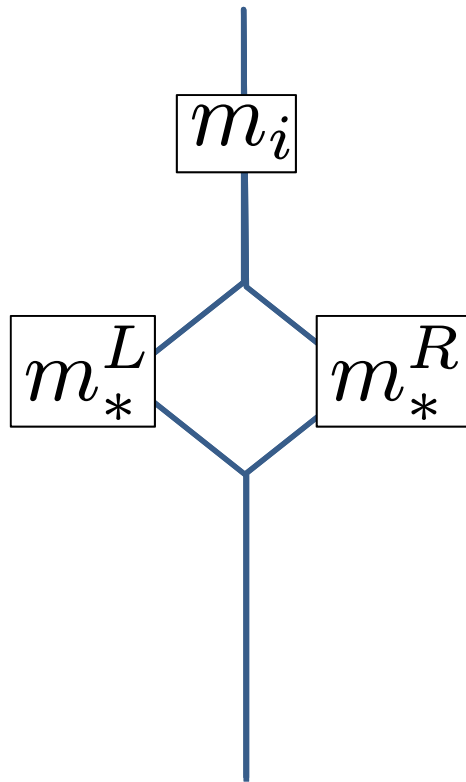
If  $b = 1$  outputs

$$ct^* = (ct, b, t \oplus \mathcal{J}(m))$$



$$\mathcal{J}(m) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } m \in QR \\ 1 & \text{if } m \in QNR \end{cases}$$

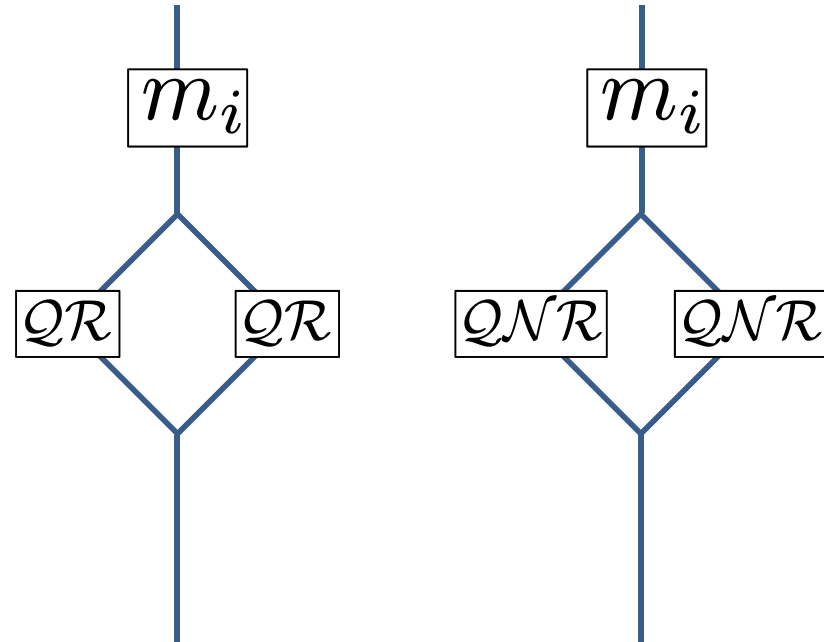
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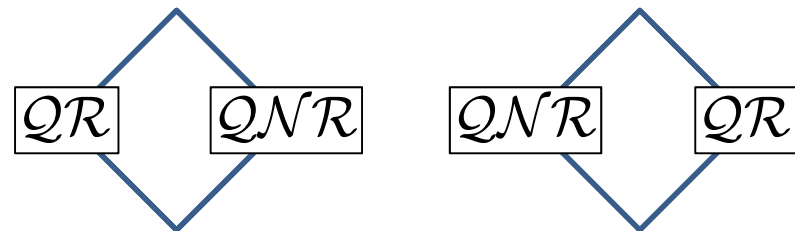
It is true:

$$P(m_i, m_*^L) = P(m_i, m_*^R)$$

Case 1:  $\mathcal{J}(m_*^L) = \mathcal{J}(m_*^R)$



Case 2:  $\mathcal{J}(m_*^L) \neq \mathcal{J}(m_*^R)$



# Proving the Separation: $\Pi^*$ is FtG secure

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Encrypt $^*(sk^*, m)$ :  
Encrypt( $sk, m$ )  $\rightarrow ct$   
 $b \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} \{0, 1\}$   
If  $b = 0$  then  $ct^* = (ct, b, t)$   
else  $ct^* = (ct, b, t \oplus \mathcal{J}(m))$

Case 1:  $\mathcal{J}(m_*^L) = \mathcal{J}(m_*^R)$

Simulator knows  $t$  and simulates the game perfectly by answering all single queries and the challenge query.

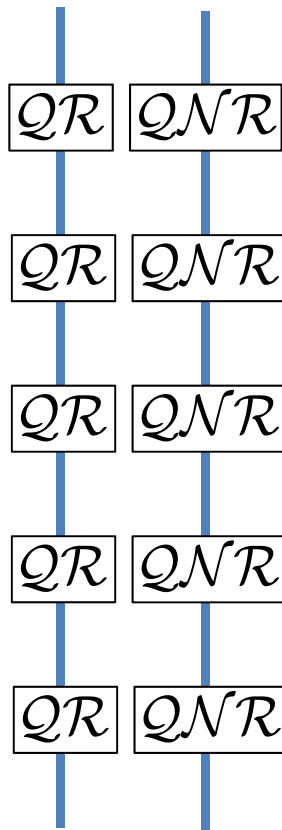
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Simulator responds to the *one* query with  $(ct, b_1, b_2)$  where  $b_1, b_2$  uniformly random bits.



# Proving the Separation: $\Pi^*$ is not LoR secure

Attack:



Encrypt $^*(sk^*, m)$ :

Encrypt( $sk, m$ )  $\rightarrow ct$

$b \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} \{0, 1\}$

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Valid:

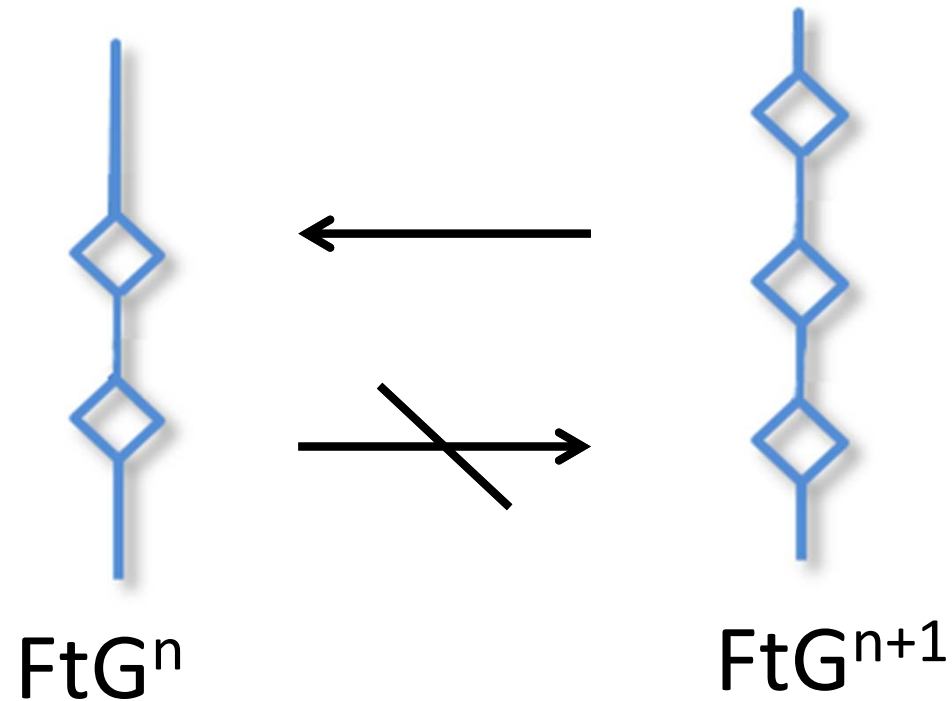
$$P(m_i^L, m_j^L) = P(m_i^R, m_j^R) = 1 \text{ for all } i, j$$

Successful:

W.h.p. the attacker learns  $t$  and can deduce  $\mathcal{J}(m)$

# Proving the Hierarchy

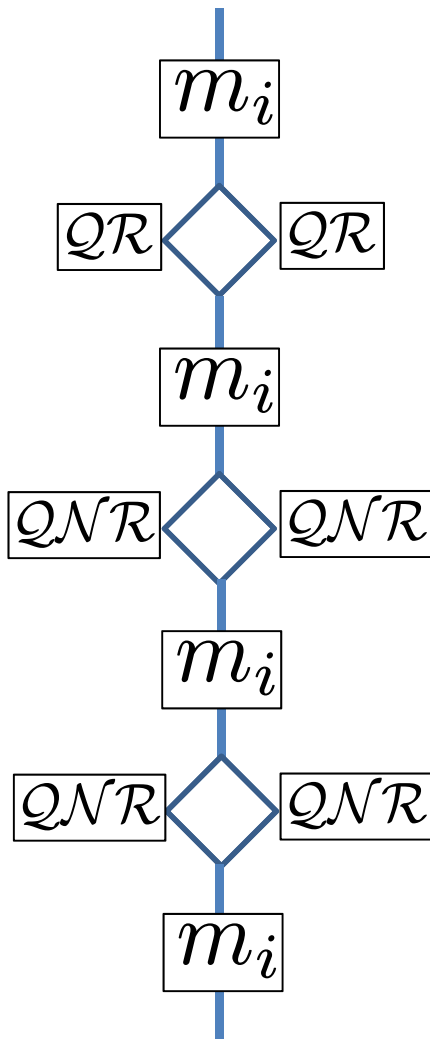
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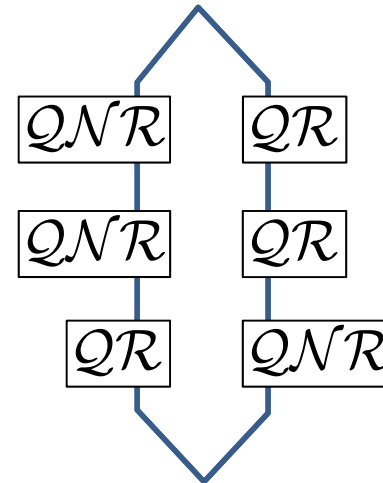
Assuming there exists an  $\text{FtG}^n$  secure scheme  $\Pi$ , we construct a scheme  $\Pi^*$  that is  $\text{FtG}^n$  secure, but not  $\text{FtG}^{n+1}$  secure.

# Proving the Hierarchy: Main Ideas

Case 1:



Case 2:



- Use an  $n$ -time pad to encode information about sign.
- In case 1 simulate perfectly knowing the pad.
- In case 2 output suitable random integers.
- Correct simulation until  $n$  challenge queries.
- Break with constant probability at  $n+1$  challenge queries.

# Constructions

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- Unary Properties: Trivial generic construction
- Binary Properties using Predicate Encryption [KSW08]:
  - Requires very strong security
  - No candidate construction known for non trivial properties
- Ternary properties and above: Open Problem

# Pairings in Composite Order Groups

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Let  $\mathbb{G}$  be a group of *composite* order  $N = p \cdot q$  with a bilinear mapping:

$$e : \mathbb{G} \times \mathbb{G} \rightarrow \mathbb{G}_T \text{ and } e(g^a, g^b) = e(g, g)^{ab}$$

## **Independence Property:**

Let  $g_0, g_1$  be generators of the subgroups of order  $p, q$ , respectively. Then:

$$e(g_0^a \cdot g_1^b, g_0^c \cdot g_1^d) = e(g_0, g_0)^{ac} \cdot e(g_1, g_1)^{bd}$$

In particular:  $e(g_0^a, g_1^b) = 1$

# Orthogonality

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**Property:** Orthogonality of  $n$ -dimensional vectors in  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ .

$$\vec{a} = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \quad \vec{b} = (b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n)$$

$$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = a_1 \cdot b_1 + a_2 \cdot b_2 + \dots + a_n \cdot b_n$$

$$P(\vec{a}, \vec{b}) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 0 \pmod{p} \\ 1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

# Explicit Construction: Setup and Encrypt

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Secret key:  $g_0, g_1$  and  $v, t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n \in \mathbb{Z}_p$  such that:

$$v^2 = t_1^2 + t_2^2 + \dots + t_n^2$$

Encryption of  $\vec{a} = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$ :

Pick  $r, s \in \mathbb{Z}_p$  and output

$$g_1^{rv}, (g_0^{sa_1} \cdot g_1^{rt_1}, g_0^{sa_2} \cdot g_1^{rt_2}, \dots, g_0^{sa_n} \cdot g_1^{rt_n})$$

# Explicit Construction: Test

$$\begin{array}{l}
 Enc(\vec{a}) : \\
 Enc(\vec{b}) :
 \end{array}
 \left( g_1^{rv}, g_0^{sa_1} g_1^{rt_1}, g_0^{sa_2} g_1^{rt_2}, \dots, g_0^{sa_n} g_1^{rt_n} \right)
 \left( g_1^{r'v}, g_0^{s'b_1} g_1^{r't_1}, g_0^{s'b_2} g_1^{r't_2}, \dots, g_0^{s'b_n} g_1^{r't_n} \right)$$

First pairing:  $e(g_1, g_1)^{rr'v^2}$

Product of  $n$  pairings:

$$e(g_0, g_0)^{ss'a_1b_1} e(g_1, g_1)^{rr't_1^2} \dots$$

$$e(g_0, g_0)^{ss'a_nb_n} e(g_1, g_1)^{rr't_n^2}$$

$$= e(g_0, g_0)^{ss' \cdot (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b})} e(g_1, g_1)^{rr'(t_1^2 + \dots + t_n^2)}$$



# New Directions

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- New interesting properties:
  - Ternary properties and above.
  - Arithmetic progressions.
  - Geometric shapes - Straight Lines.
  - General properties.
- Using lattices, since pairings seem suitable only for binary properties.
- “Privatizing” popular algorithms:
  - Clustering
  - Data classification
- Generalizing the properties to functions
  - Powerful public computations on encrypted data.

Thank you

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**Questions ?**