



On the Use of Masking to Defeat Power-Analysis Attacks

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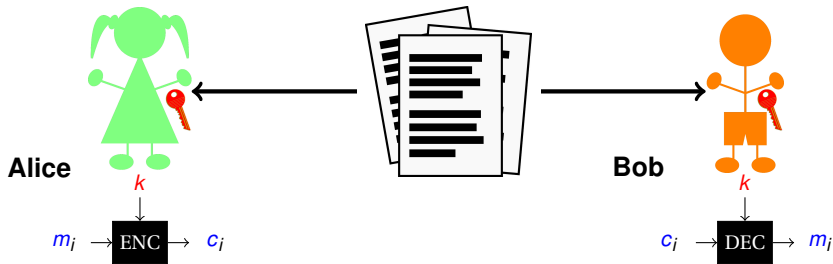
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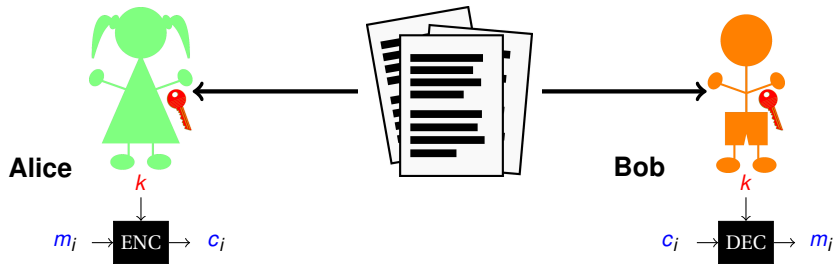
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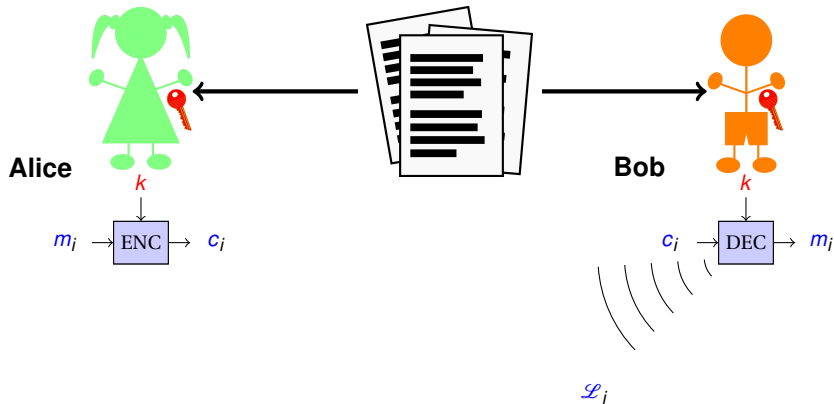
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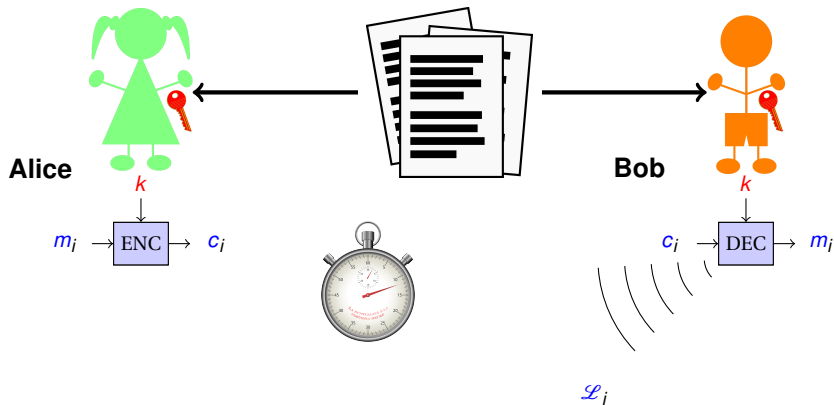
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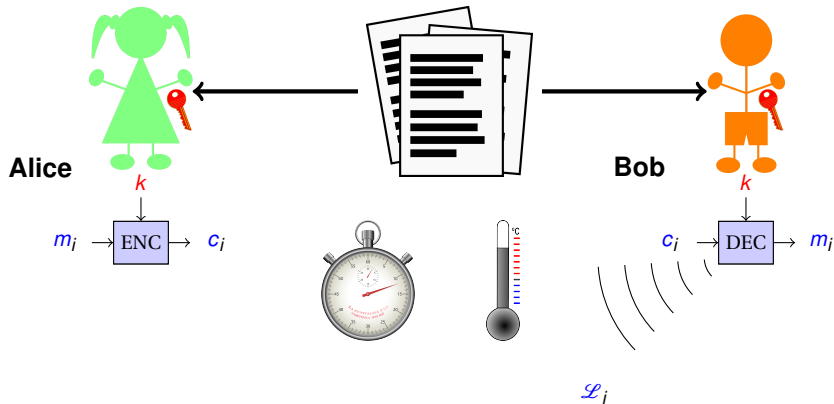
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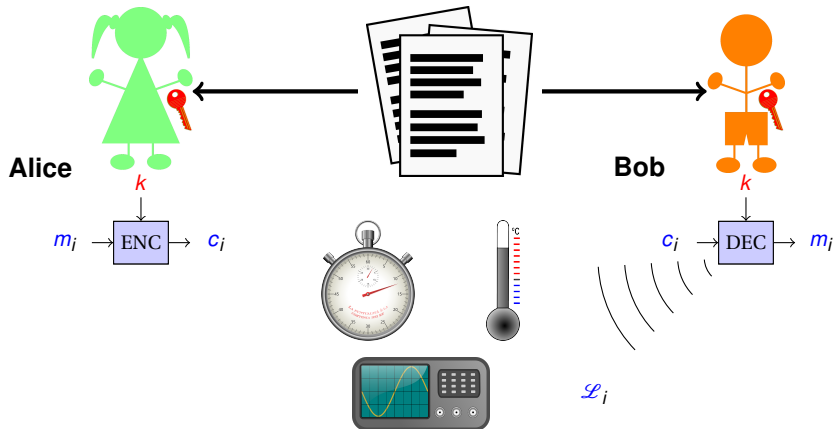
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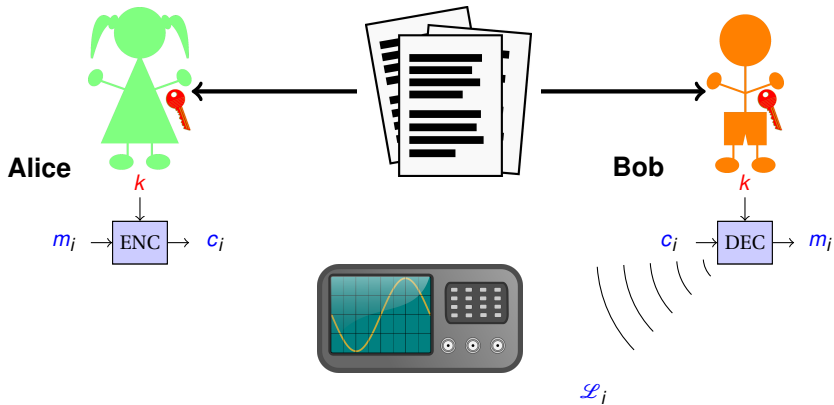
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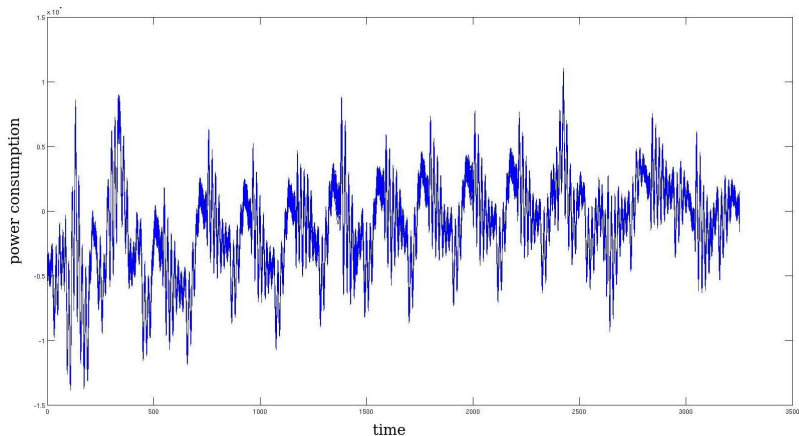


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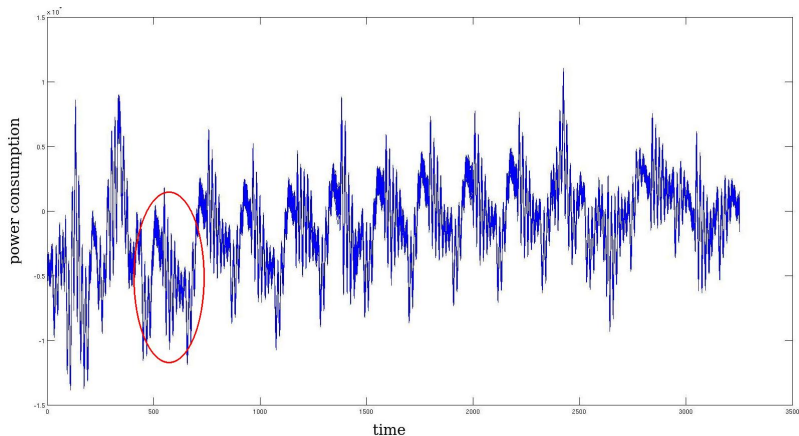
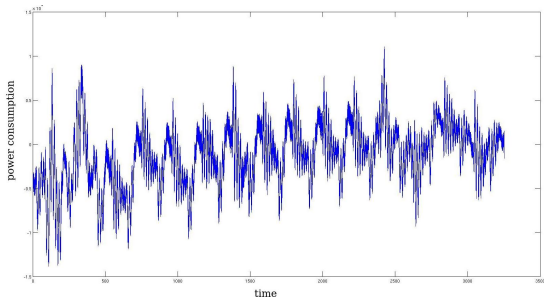
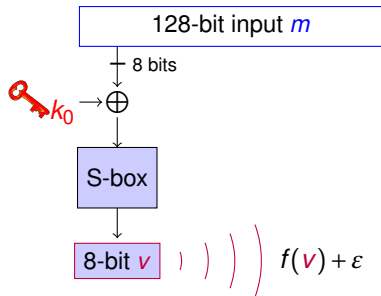
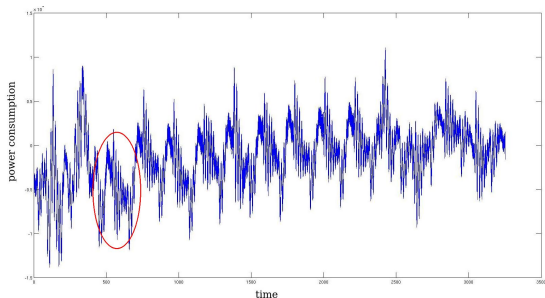
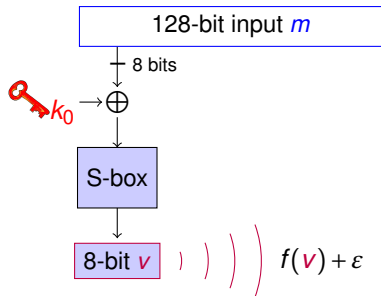


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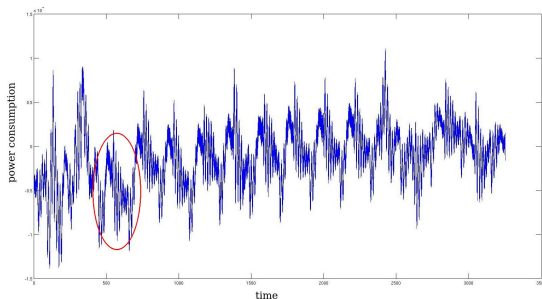
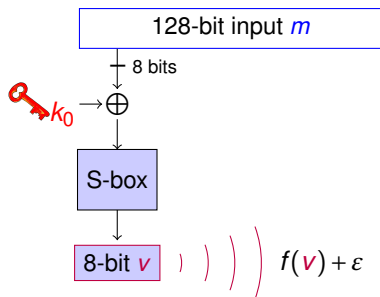
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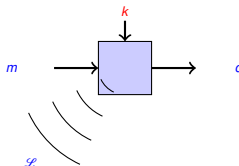
- ▶ **prediction** of the outputs for the 256 possible 8-bit secret
- ▶ **correlation** between predictions and leakage
- ▶ **selection** of the best correlation to find the correct 8-bit secret

Attack on 128 bits

- ▶ **repetition** of the attack on 8 bits on each S-box

Algorithmic Countermeasures

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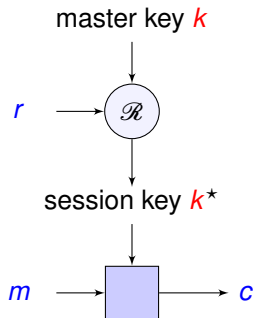


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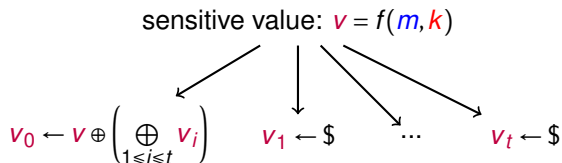
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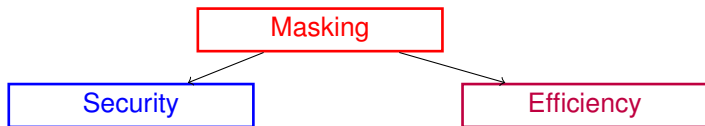
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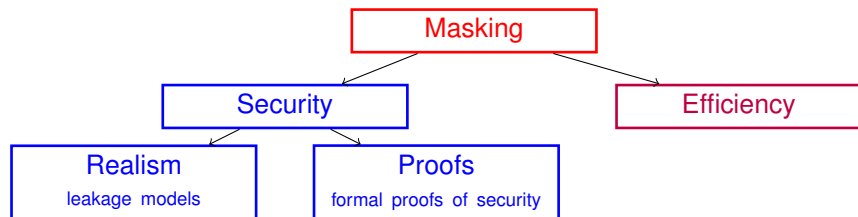
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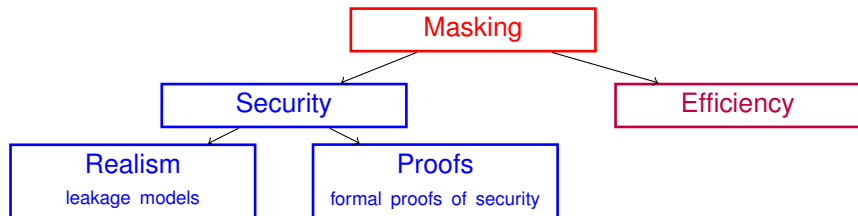
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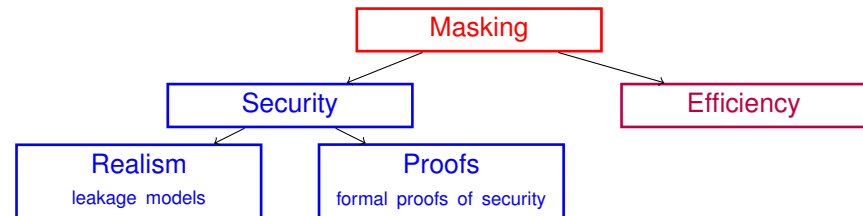
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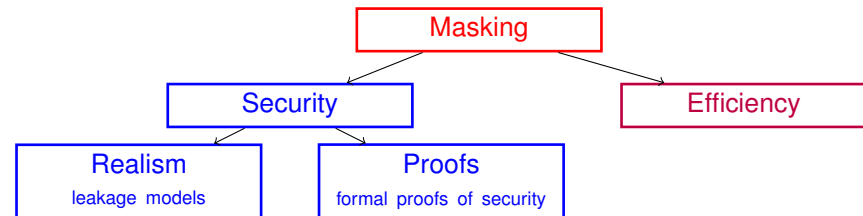
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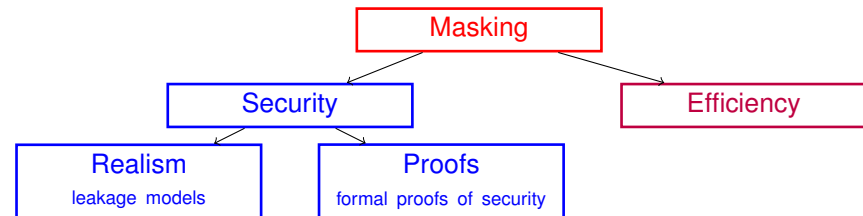
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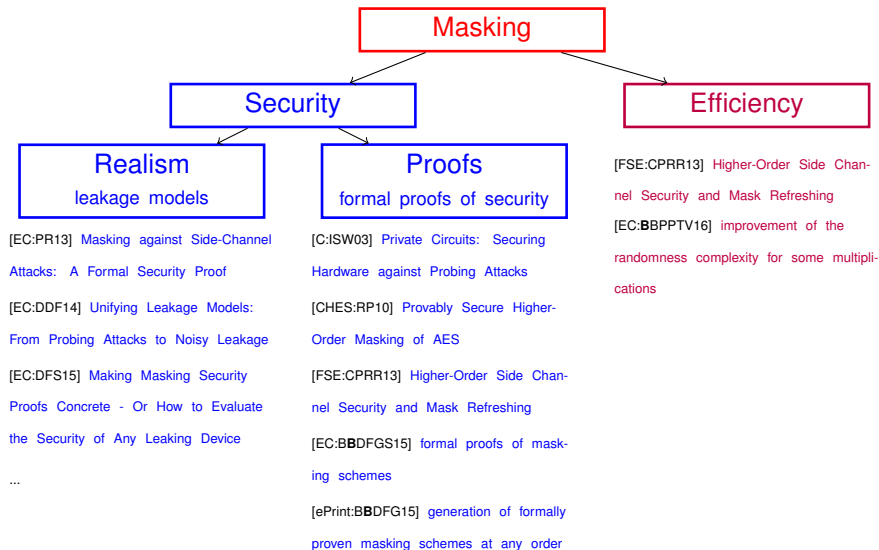
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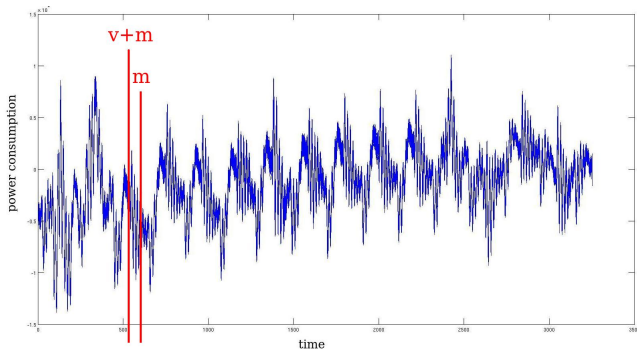
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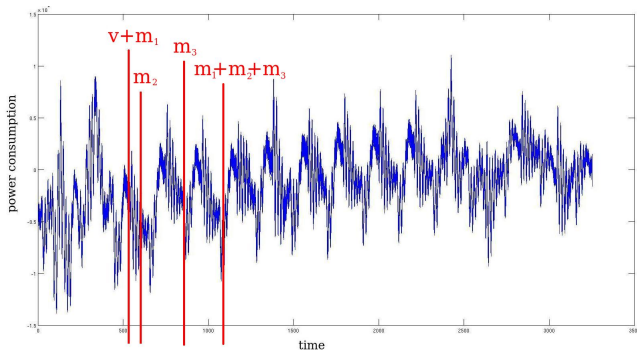
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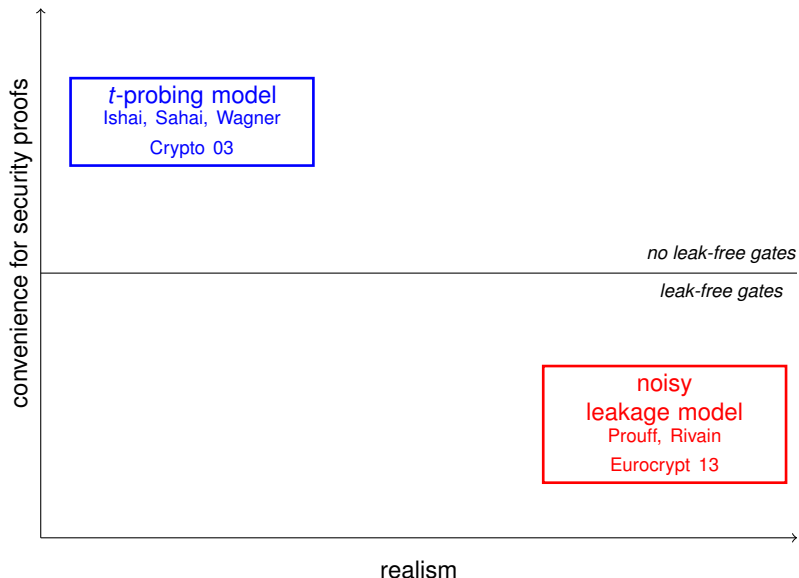
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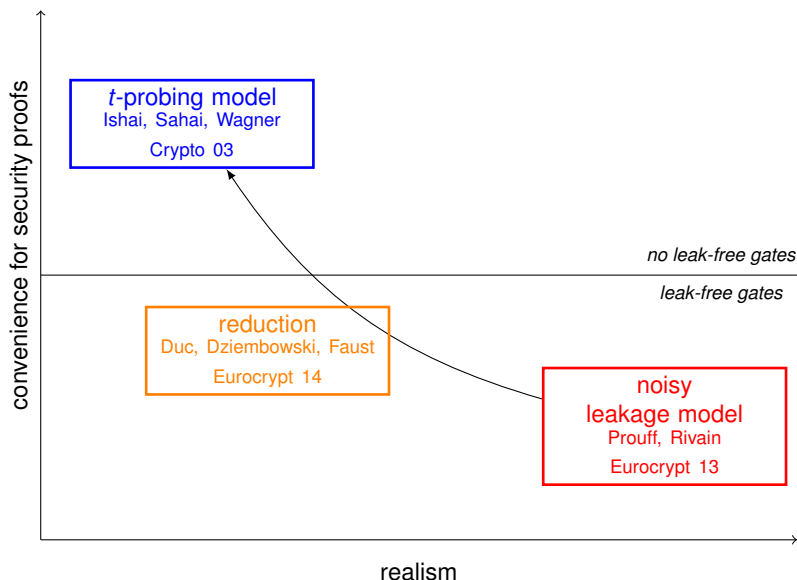


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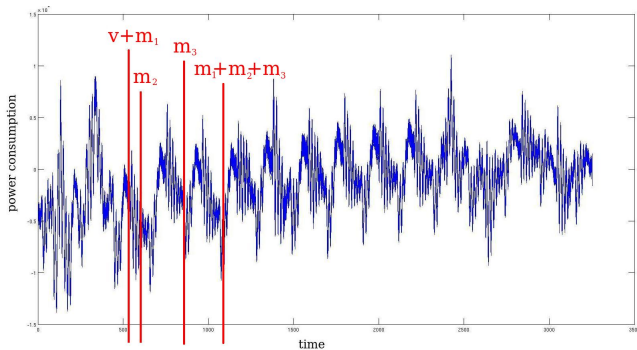
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t -probing model assumptions:

- ▶ only one variable is leaking at a time
- ▶ the attacker can get the exact value of at most t variables

→ show that all the t -uples are independent from the secret



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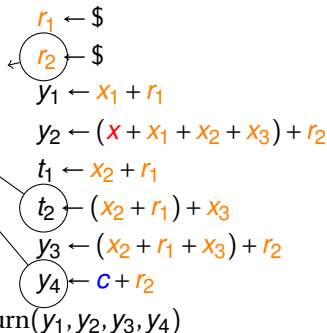
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2. test 286 3-uples

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Contributions:

1. new algorithm to decide whether a t -uple is independent from the secret
 - ▶ no false positive
 - ▶ more efficient than existing works
2. new algorithm to enumerate all the t -uples
 - ▶ more efficient than existing works



Gilles Barthe, Sonia Belaïd, François Dupressoir, Pierre-Alain Fouque, Benjamin Grégoire, and Pierre-Yves Strub.

Verified proofs of higher-order masking. [EUROCRYPT 2015](#).

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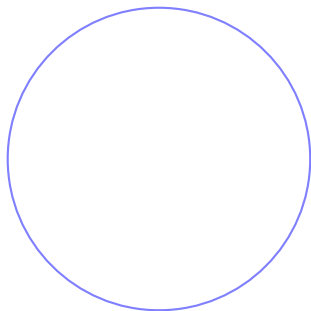
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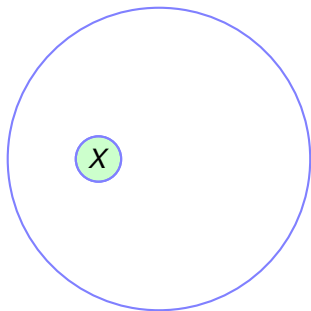


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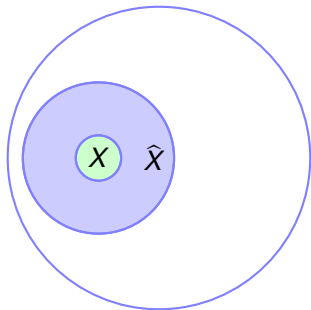
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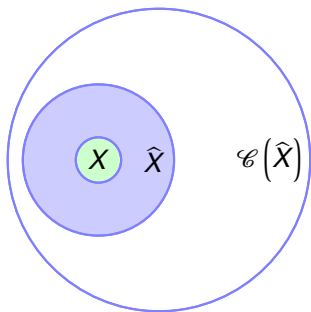
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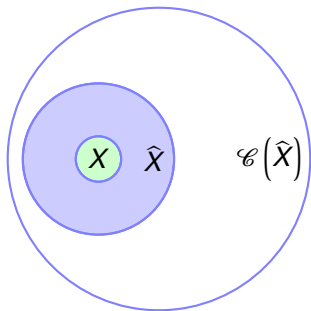
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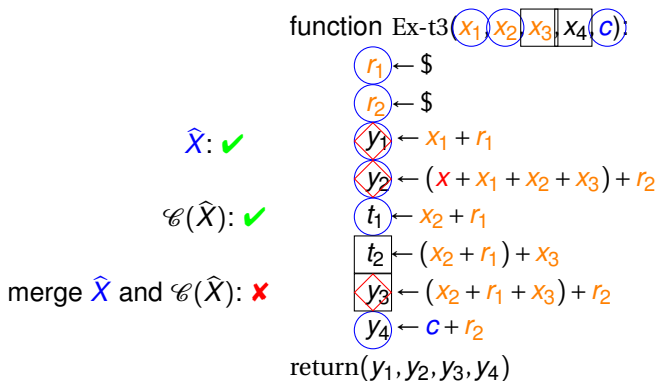
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→ 207 proofs instead of 286

Application to the Sbox [CPRR13, Algorithm 4]

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Second-Order Masking				
naive	12,561	✓	12,561	0.180s
Alg. 1			851	0.046s
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Third-Order Masking				
naive	4,499,950	✓	4,499,950	140.642s
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naive	2,277,036,685	✓	-	unpractical
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*run on a headless VM with a dual core (only one core is used in the computation) 64-bit processor clocked at 2GHz

Benchmarks

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	full Keccak-f	13,466	✓	5,421	405
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CHES10	Sbox	7,140	1 st -order flaws (2)	866	0.045
CHES10	AES KS	23,041,866	✓	771,263	340,745
FSE13	2 rnds AES	25,429,146	✓	511,865	1,295
FSE13	4 rnds AES	109,571,806	✓	2,317,593	40,169
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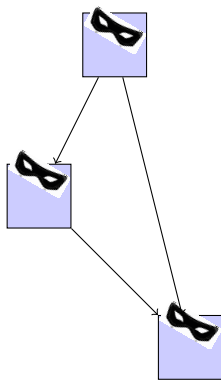
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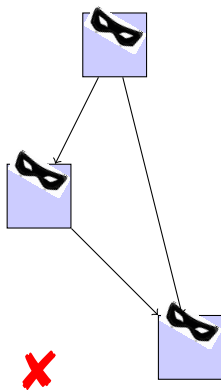
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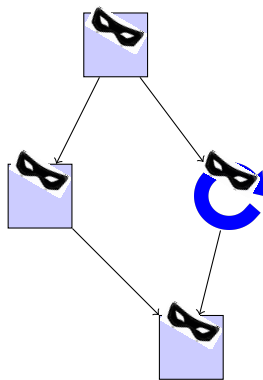
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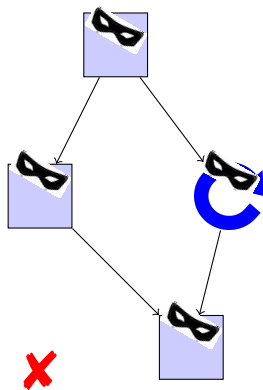


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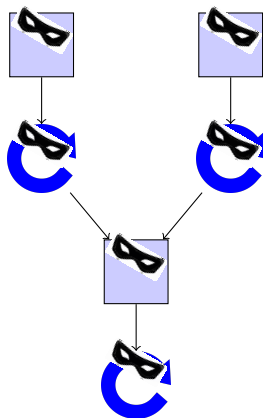
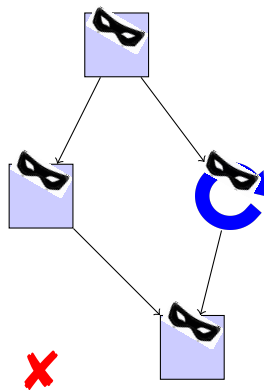
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Contributions:

1. new algorithm to verify the security of compositions
 - ▶ formal security
 - ▶ any order
2. compiler to build a higher-order secure scheme from any C implementation
 - ▶ efficient
 - ▶ any order



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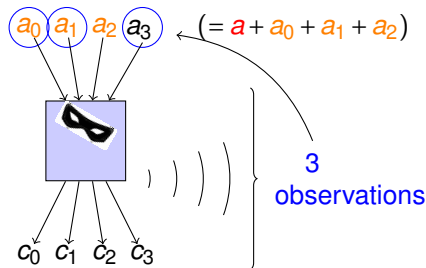
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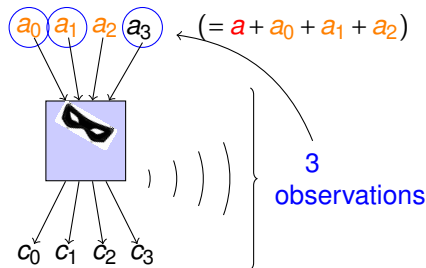
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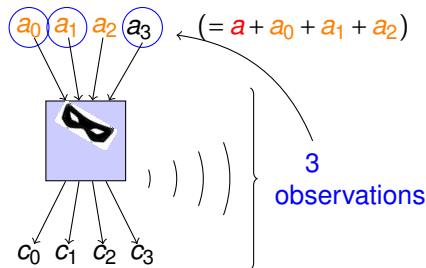
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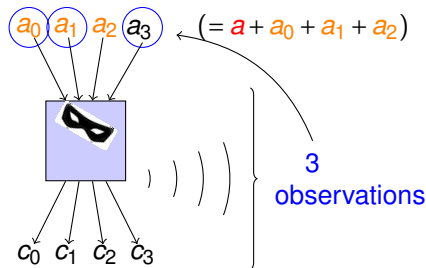
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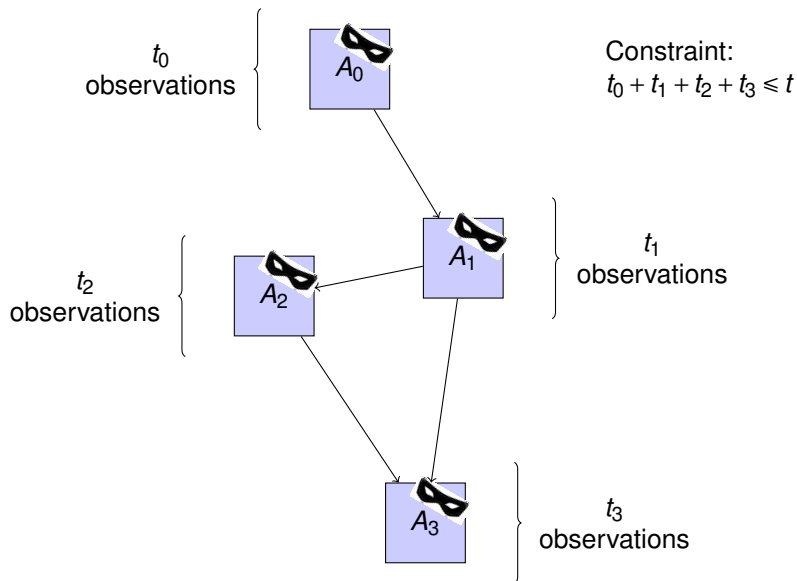
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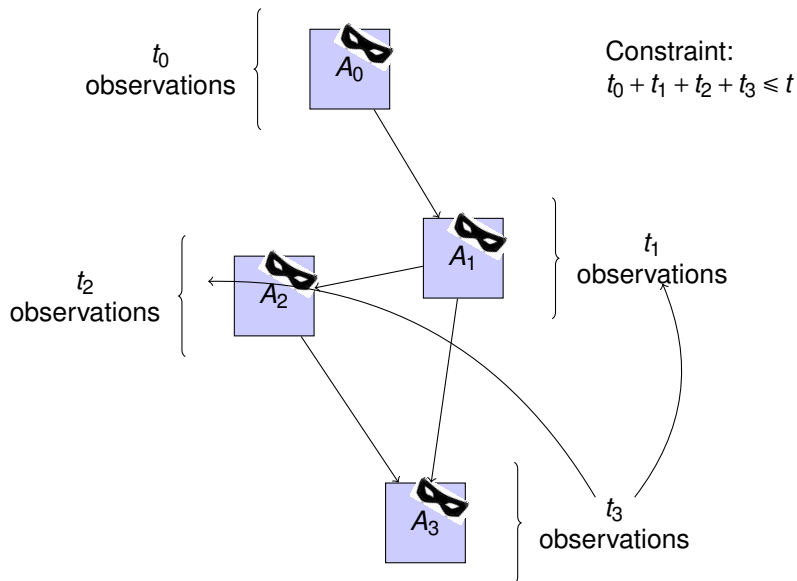
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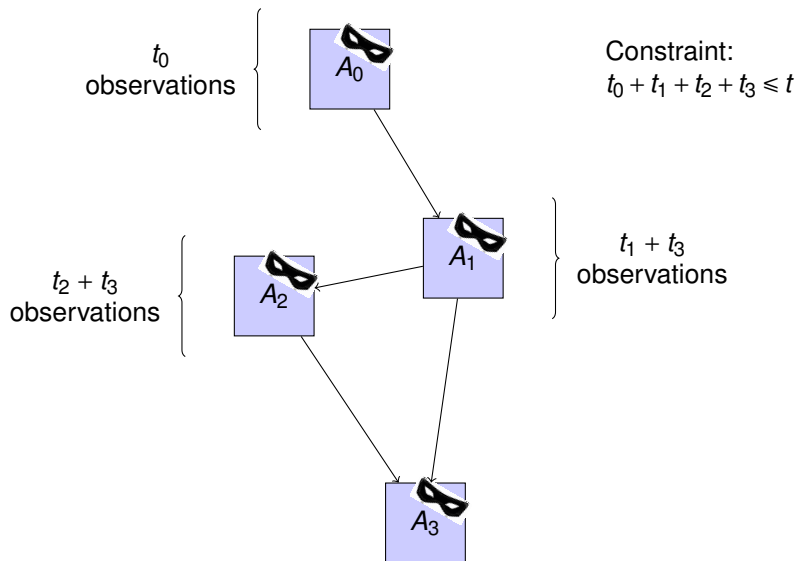
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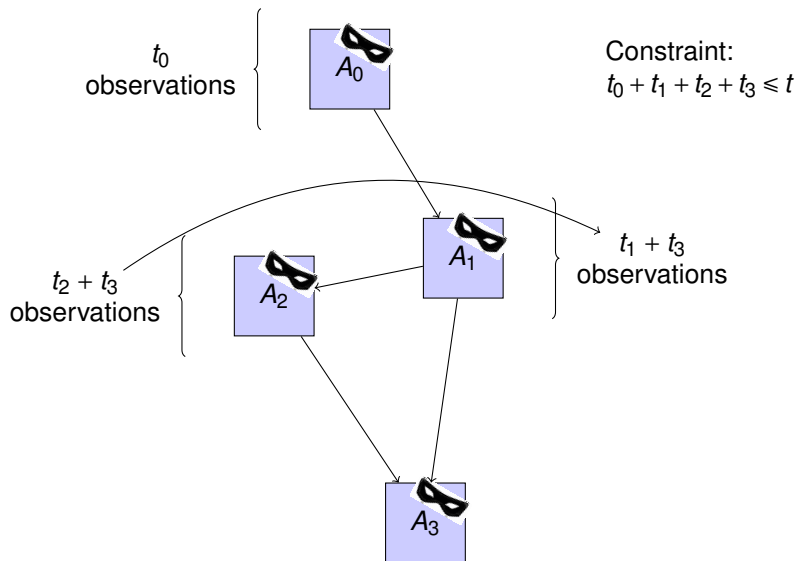
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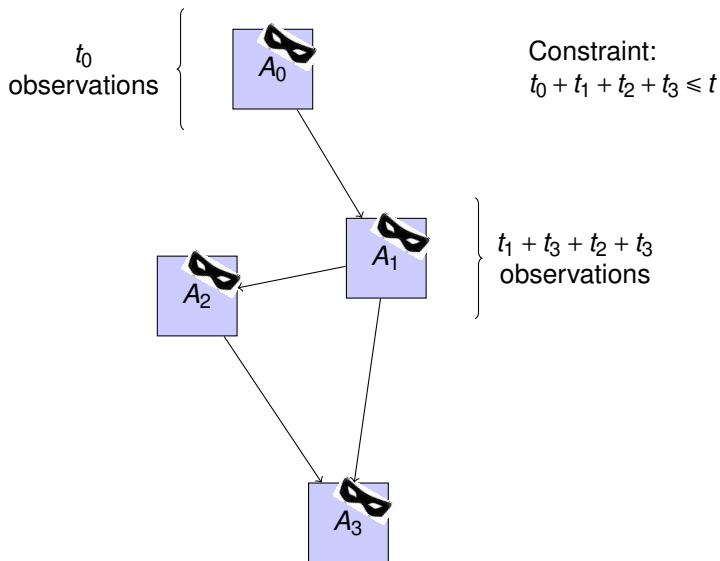
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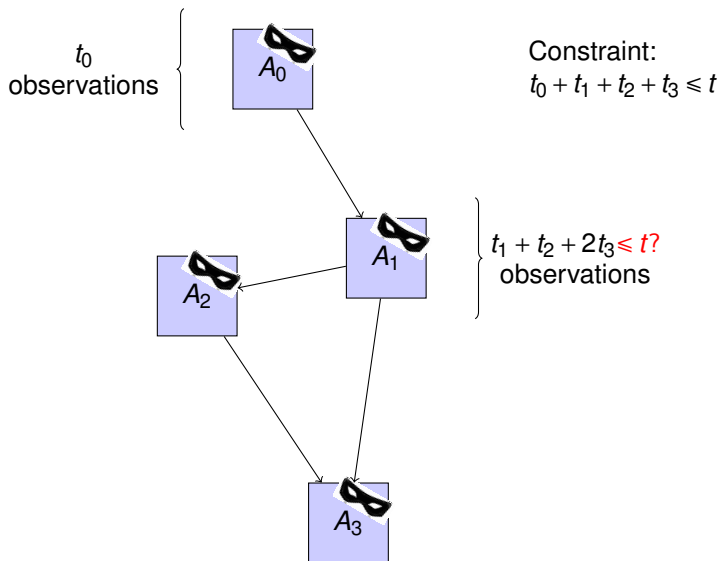
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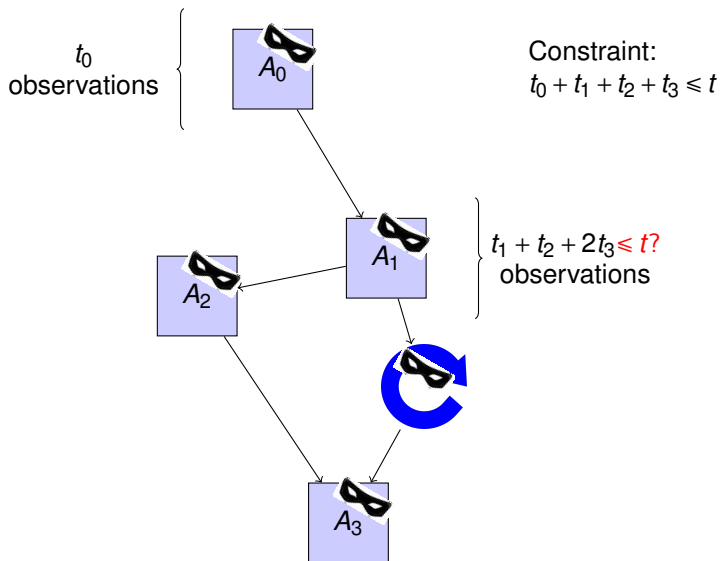
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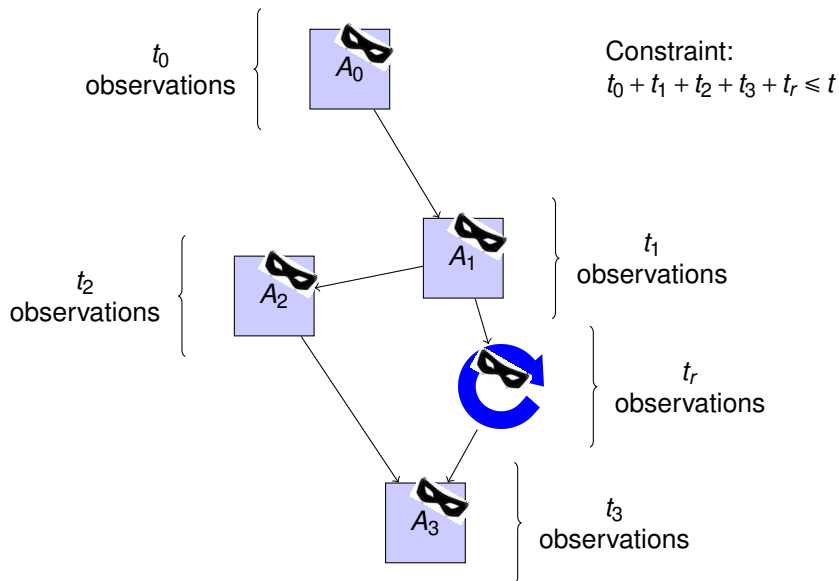
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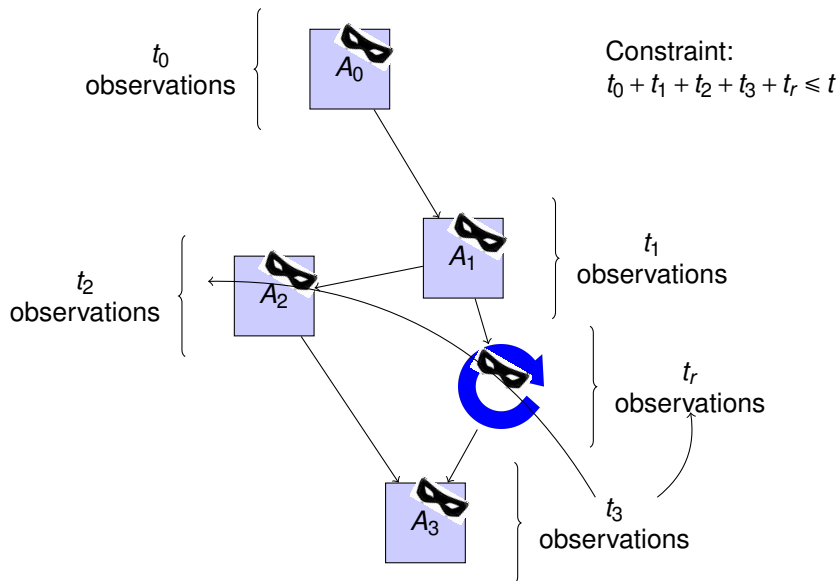
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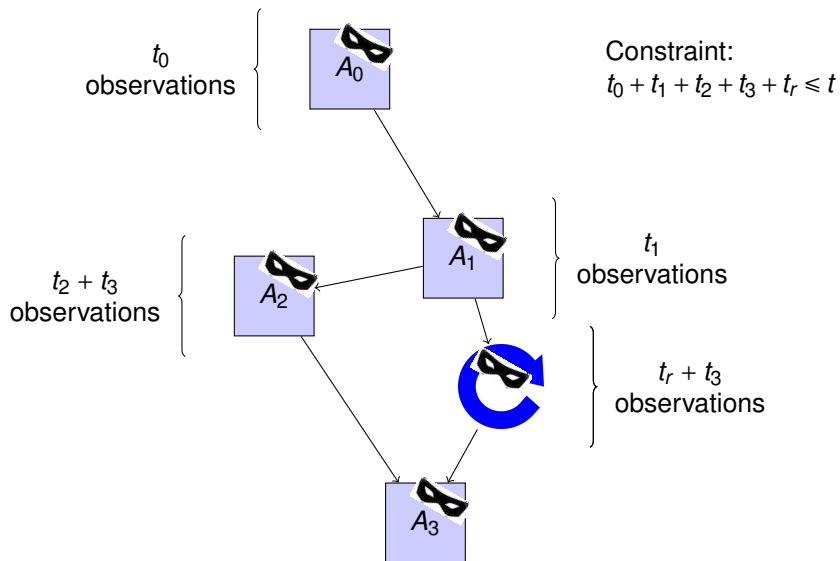
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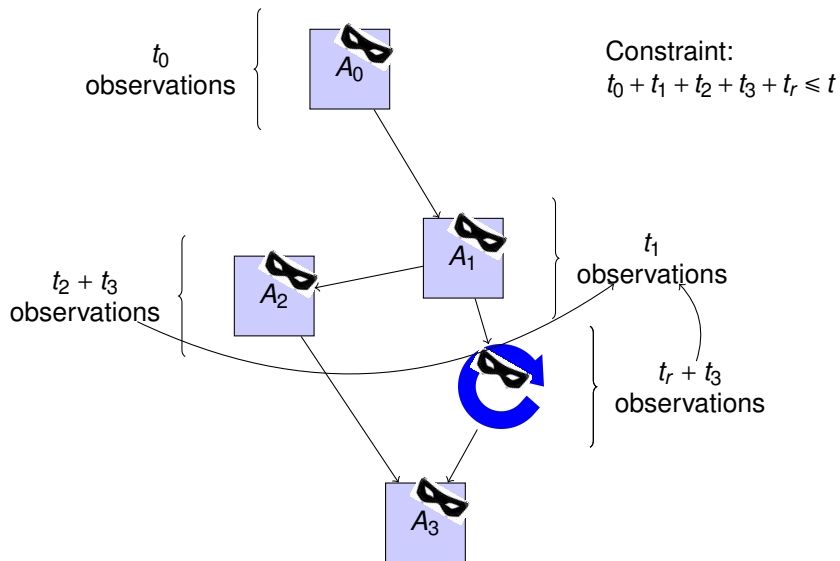
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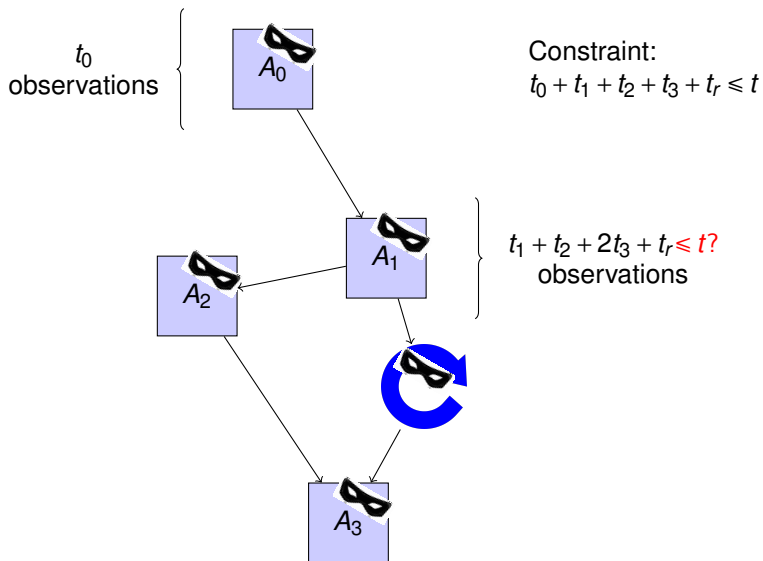
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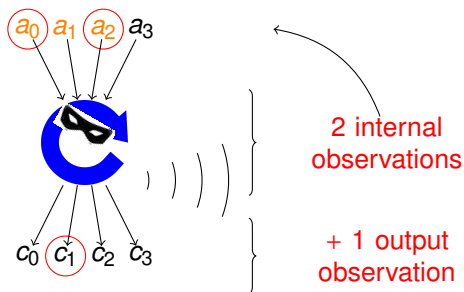
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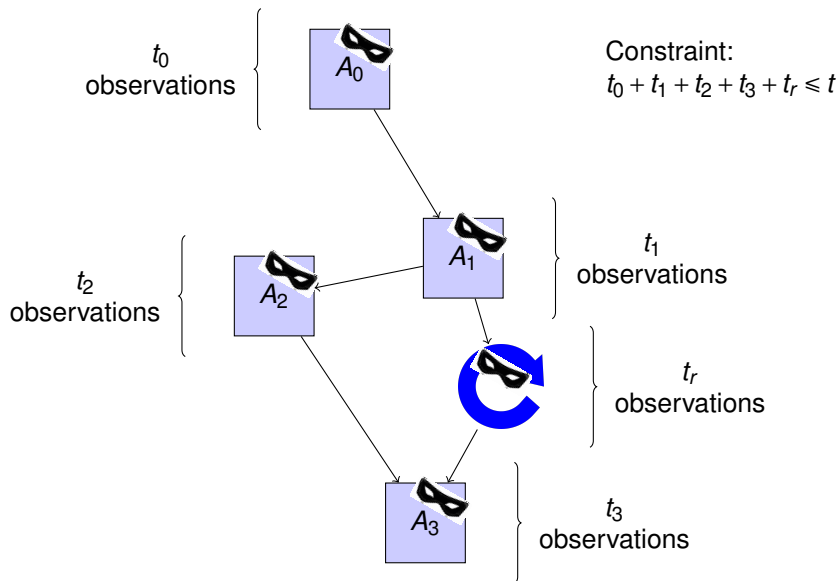
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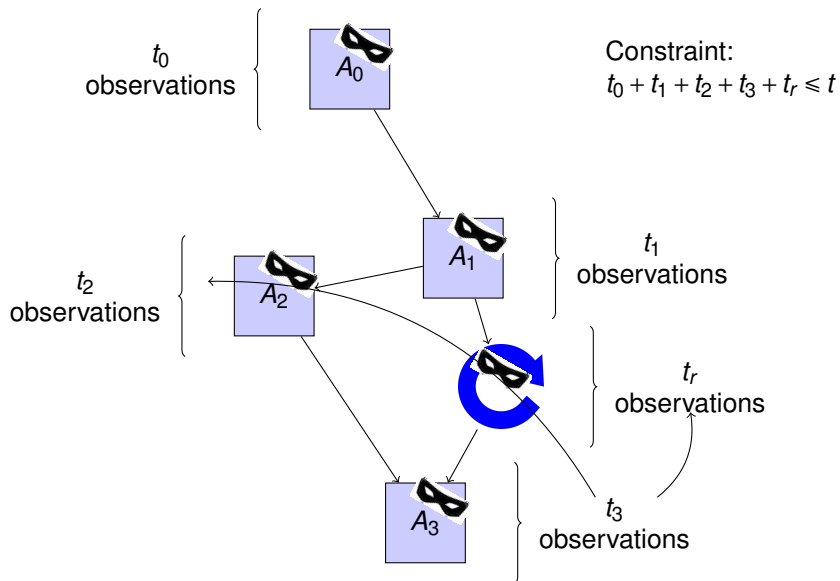
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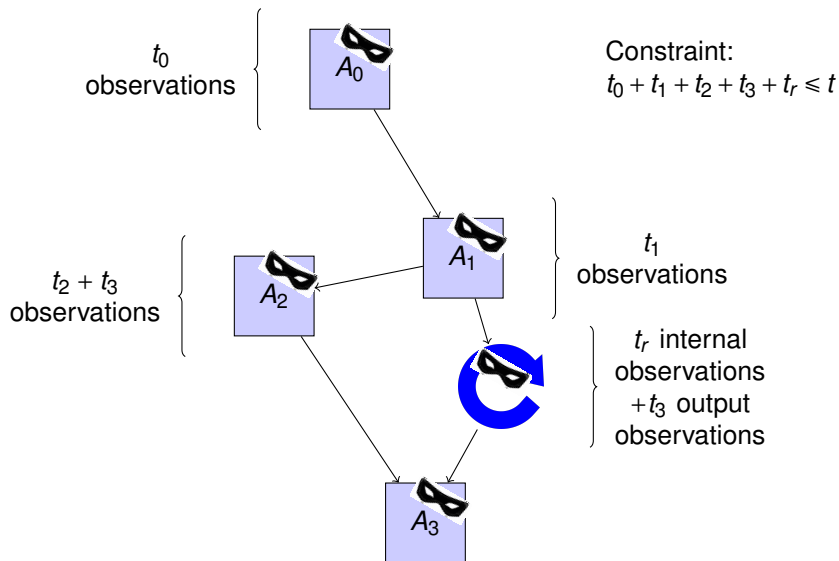
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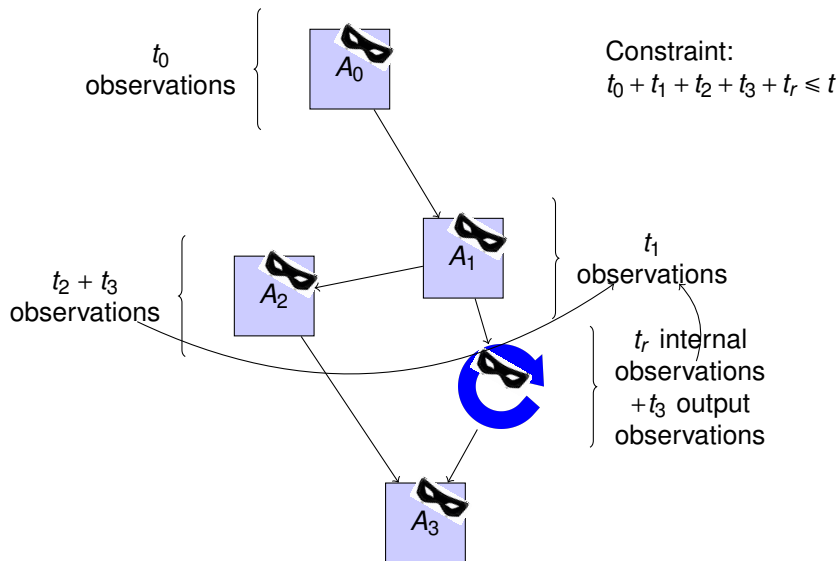
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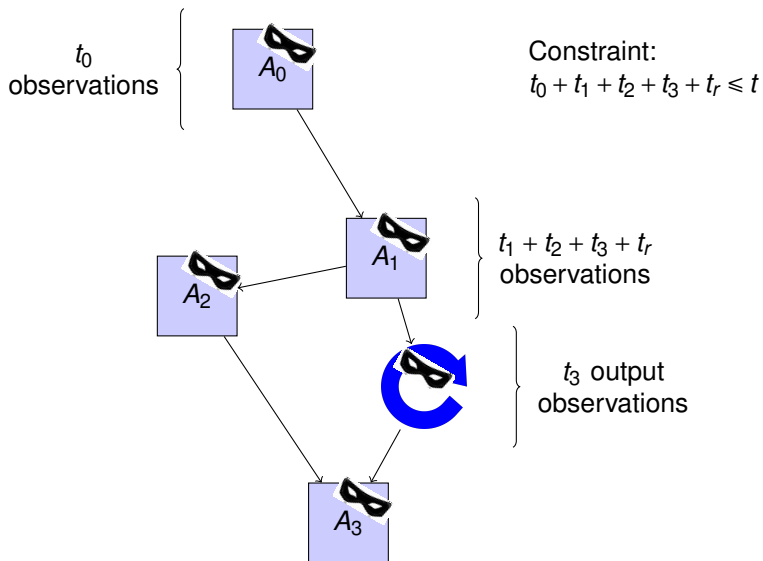
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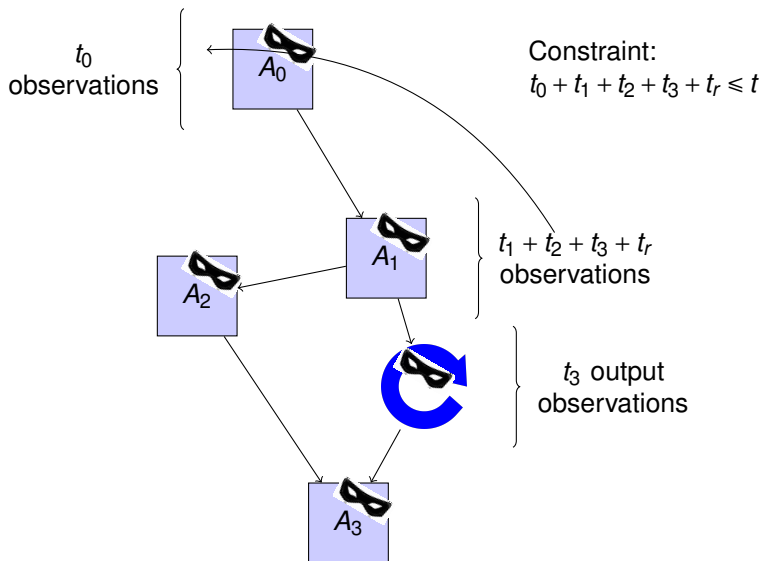
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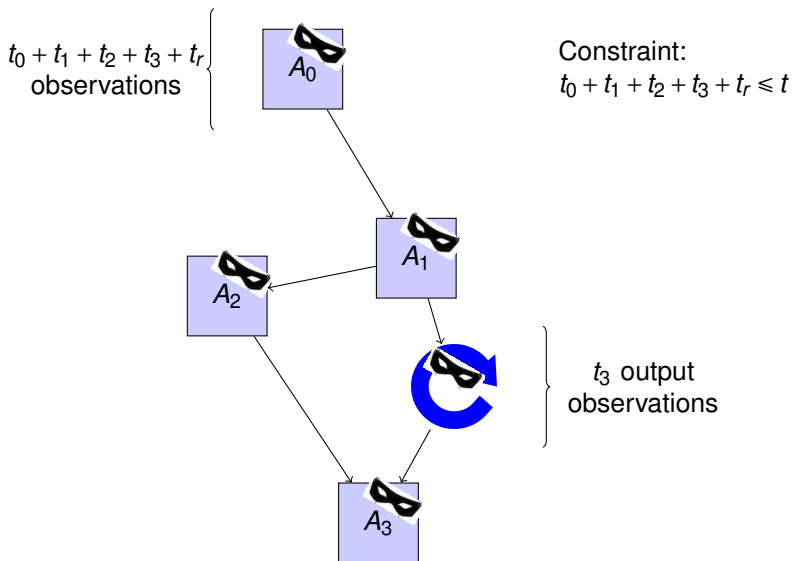
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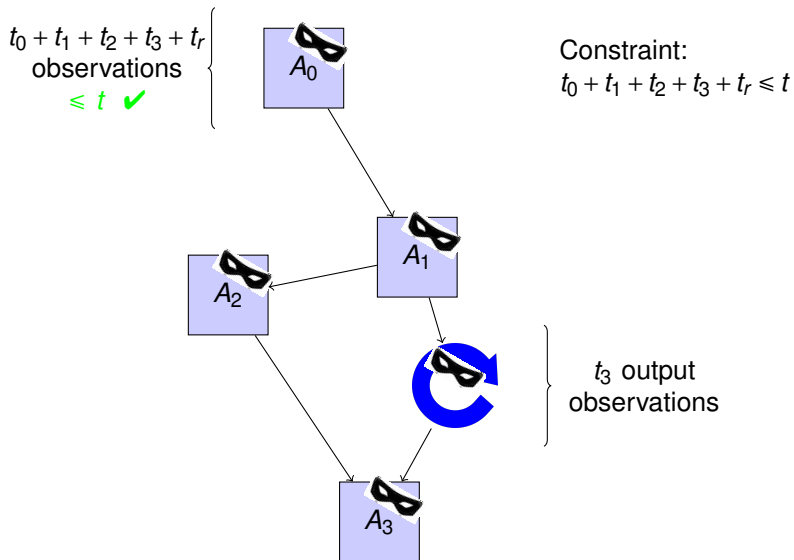
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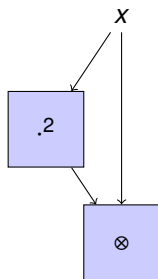
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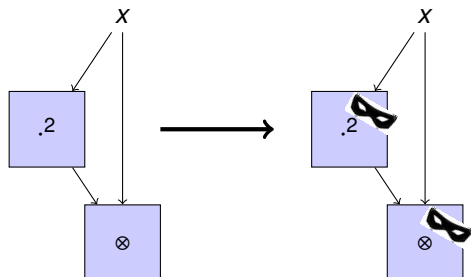
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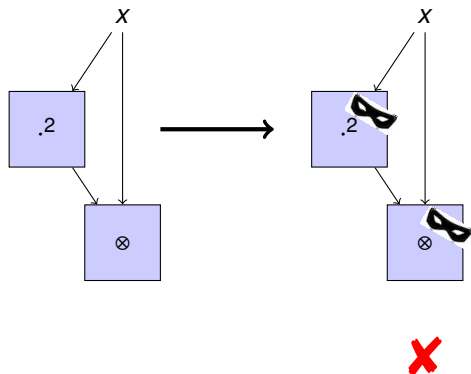
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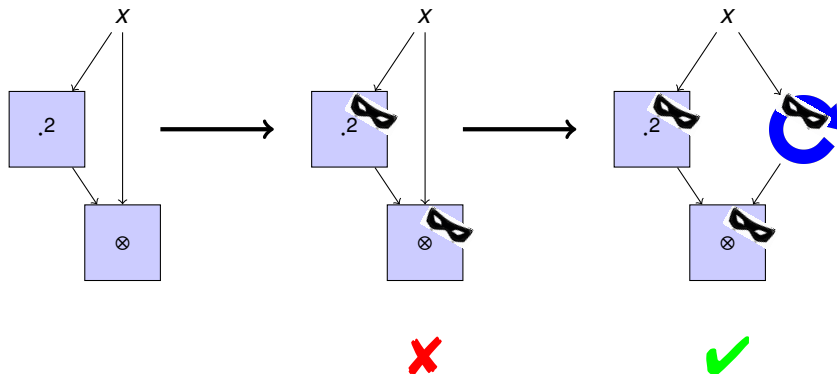
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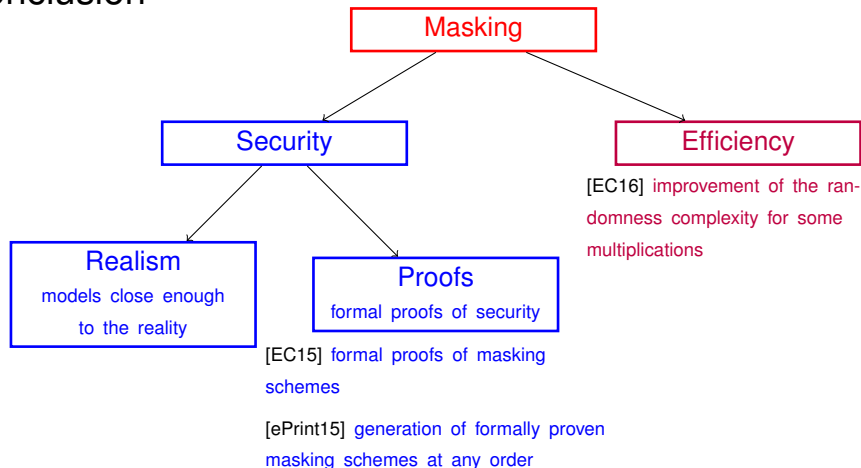
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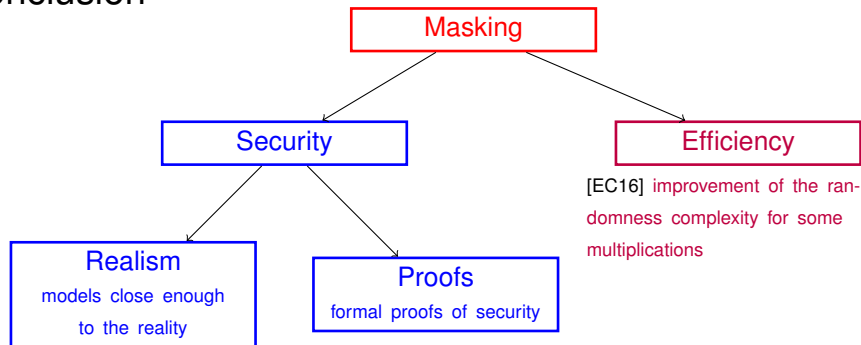
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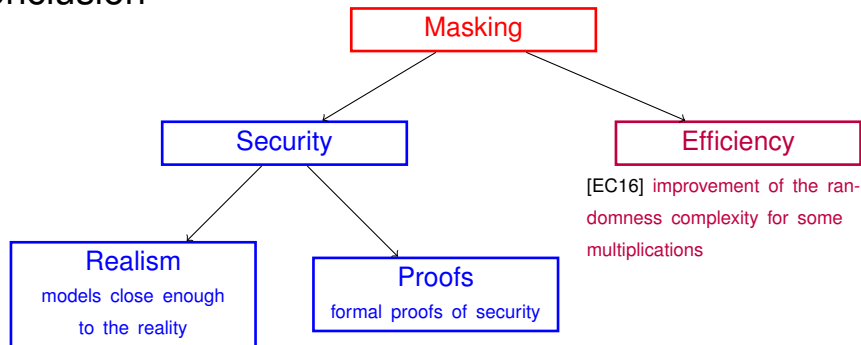


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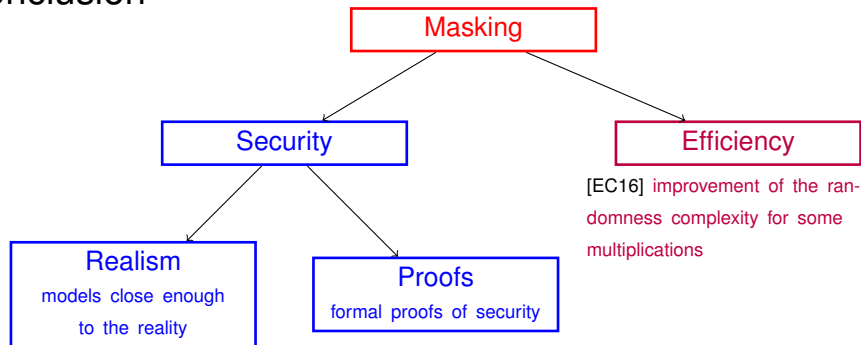
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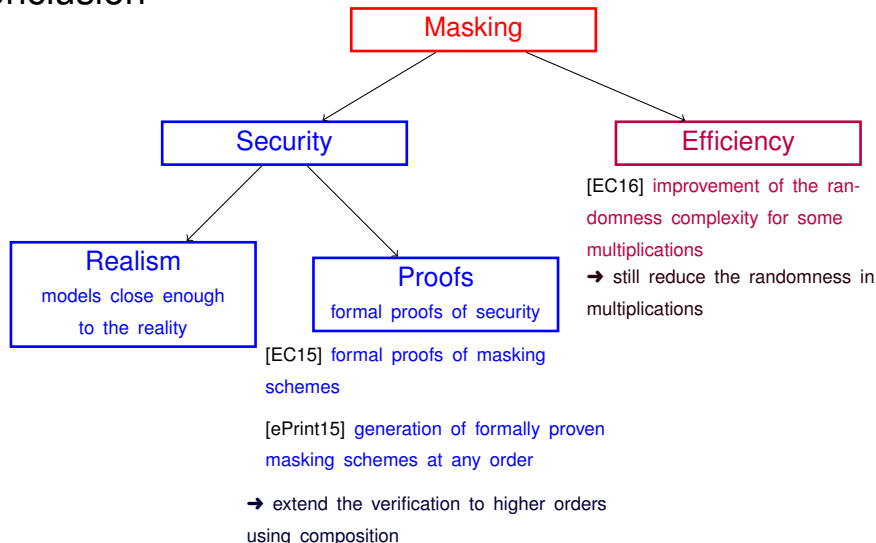
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