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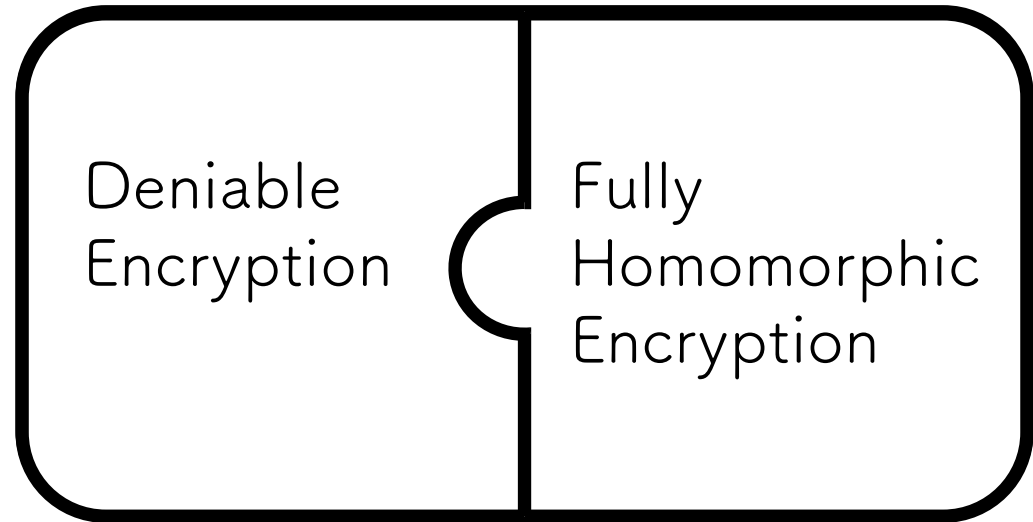
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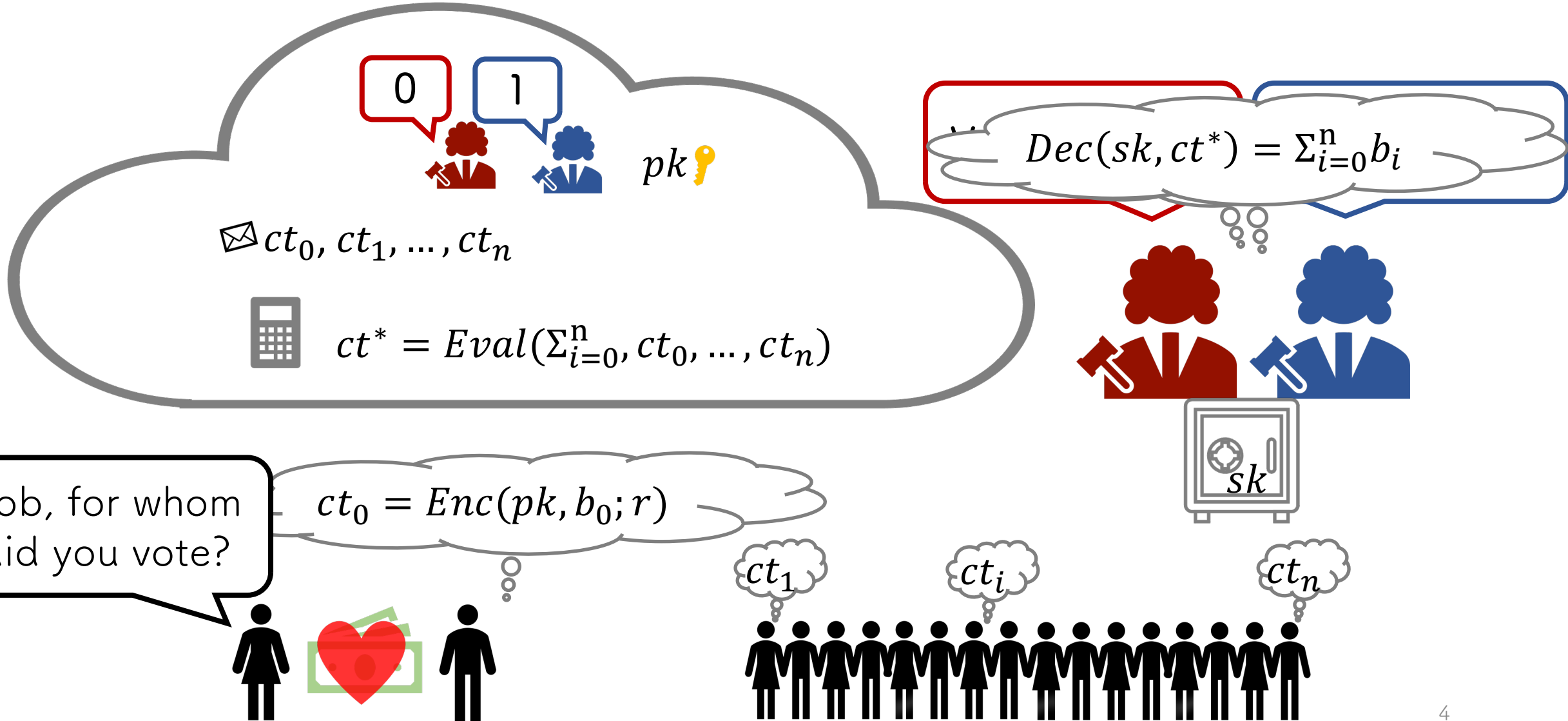
# Deniable FHE

The notion of Deniable FHE





# Deniable FHE



# Deniable FHE

$$ct_0 = Enc(pk, b_0; r) = Enc(pk, \bar{b}_0; r')$$



$$\{pk, Enc(pk, b_0; r), \bar{b}_0, r'\} \approx_c \{pk, Enc(pk, \bar{b}_0; r), \bar{b}_0, r\}$$

"Fake" Distribution

"Honest" Distribution

$$= \sum_{i=0}^n b_i$$



Bob, for whom did you vote?

$$ct_0 = Enc(pk, b_0; r)$$

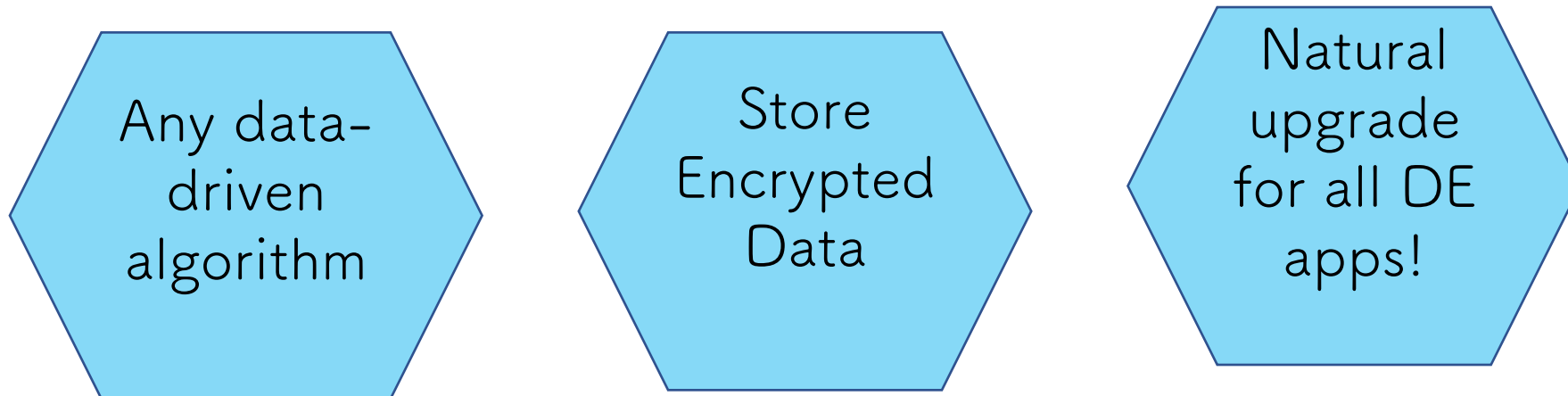
$$r' \leftarrow Fake(pk, b_0, r, \bar{b}_0)$$

$$\bar{b}_0, r'$$



# Elections require Deniability & FHE

- Benefit of Deniable Encryption in Elections:
  - **Honest** Participation
- Benefit of Fully Homomorphic Encryption in Elections:
  - **Homomorphically compute** the voting result



# Deniable Encryption

- Introduced by Canetti, Dwork, Naor and Ostrovsky 1997
  - construction from trapdoor permutations, unique SVP
  - size of  $ct$  is the inverse of the detection probability
- Weak Deniable Encryption
  - can also lie about the encryption algorithm (Enc, Denc)
  - construction with compact  $ct$  and negligible deniability
- Lower bound (Efficiency vs. Deniability)
  - It seems inherent that the length of  $ct$  grows with the inverse of the detection probability in “separable” constructions.
- A significant step forward [SW14]
  - construction from iO and OWF
  - compact  $ct$  and negligible deniability

What does this mean given recent iO results?

# Deniable Encryption

## CDNO

- Based on TDP
- CT size inverse of detection prob

## SW

- Based on iO
- CT size indpt of detection prob



In full model, nothing else known!



# Our Results

- Notion of **Deniable FHE** (full and weak)
- Constructions based on **Learning With Errors**
- Compact *ct* : **size does not depend on detection probability!**
  - Our construction is separable (so not inherent)
  - Total encryption **time** grows with the inverse of the detection probability!
- Support large message space
  - All prior work encode large messages **bit by bit**
- Offline-Online Encryption
  - **Online time independent of the detection probability**

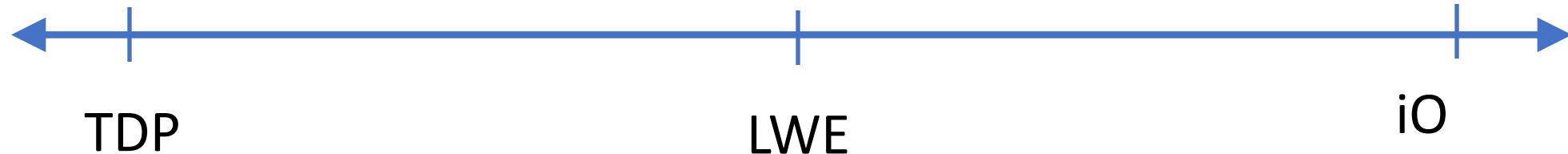
# Our Results: Deniable Encryption

CDNO, 1997

CT size inverse of detection prob

SW, 2014

CT size indpt of detection prob



This Work

- CT size independent of detection prob
- (Offline) encryption **time** inverse of detection prob

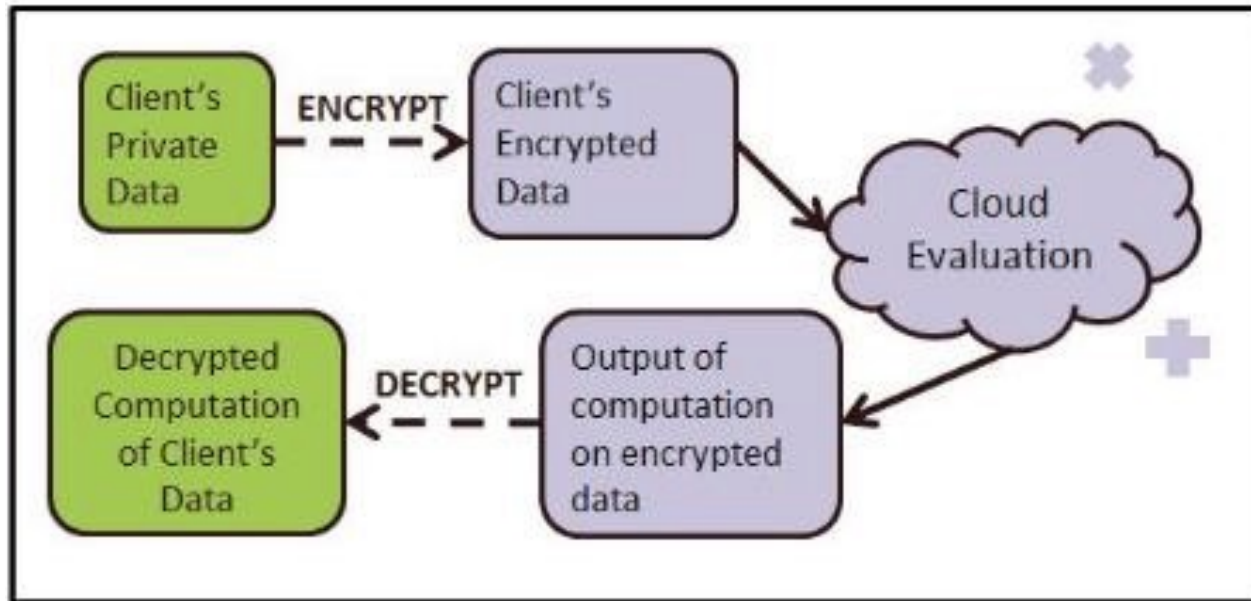


Via special properties in Fully Homomorphic Encryption!



# Fully Homomorphic Encryption

Can be built using LWE (BV11, BGV12, GSW13...)



Expressive  
Functionality:  
Supports  
arbitrary circuits

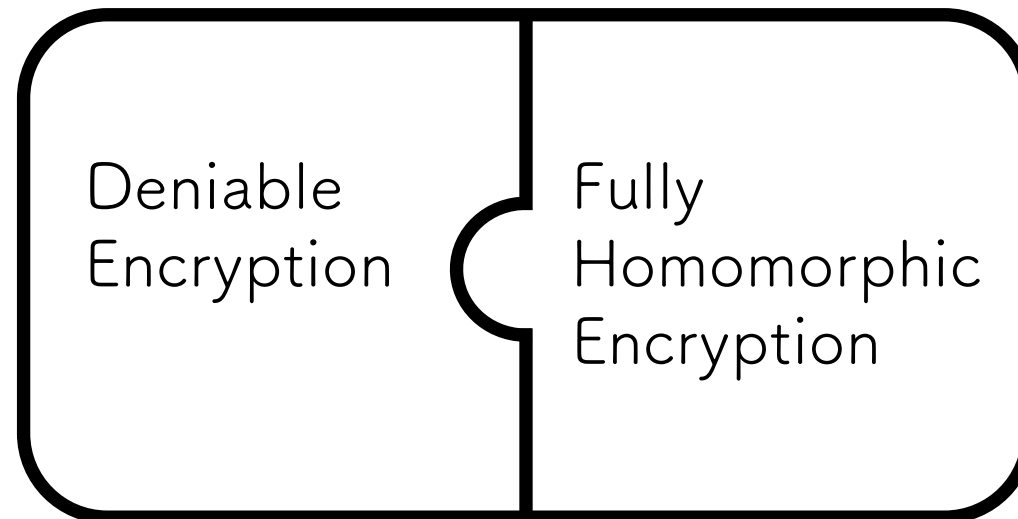
Compact  
ciphertext,  
independent of  
circuit size

Encryption and  
function evaluation  
commute!  
 $\text{Enc}(f(x)) \approx f(\text{Enc}(x))$

\* : roughly

# Adding Deniability to the Mix

- A Deniable FHE scheme  $(Gen, Enc, Eval, Dec, Fake)$ 
  - $(Gen, Enc, Eval, Dec)$  is an FHE scheme
  - $(Gen, Enc, Dec, Fake)$  is a Deniable Encryption scheme



# Deniable FHE

A Deniable FHE scheme ( $Gen, Enc, Eval, Dec, Fake$ ) syntax

- $Gen \rightarrow (pk, sk)$
- $Enc(pk, m; r) = ct$
- $Dec(sk, ct) = b$
- $Eval(pk, f, ct_1, \dots, ct_k) = ct^*$
- $Fake(pk, b, r, \bar{b}) \rightarrow r'$



# Deniable FHE

A Deniable FHE scheme (*Gen, Enc, Eval, Dec, Fake*)

1. Correctness
2. CPA-Security
3. Deniability
4. Compactness

# Correctness versus Deniability

Correctness:

For every  $f$  and  $m_1, \dots, m_k$ :

$$\Pr[\mathit{Dec}(sk, \mathit{Eval}(pk, f, ct_1, \dots, ct_k)) = f(m_1, \dots, m_k)] = \mathbf{1 - \mathit{negl}}$$

where  $ct_i \leftarrow \mathit{Enc}(pk, m_i)$  and  $(pk, sk) \leftarrow \mathit{Gen}$

Cannot simultaneously satisfy perfect correctness and deniability

# $\delta(\lambda)$ - Deniability

We consider (inverse) polynomial deniability

For every bit  $b$ , and PPT adversary  $A$

detection probability

$$\left| \underbrace{\Pr[A(pk, Enc(pk, b; r), b, r)]}_{\text{"Honest" Distribution}} - \underbrace{\Pr[A(pk, Enc(pk, \bar{b}; r), b, r')]}_{\text{"Fake" Distribution}} \right| \leq \delta(\lambda)$$

where  $(pk, sk) \leftarrow Gen$ ,  $r \leftarrow \{0, 1\}^{\ell'}$ , and  $r' \leftarrow Fake(pk, \bar{b}, r, b)$



# Evaluation & Deniability Compactness

a) For every  $f$  and  $m_1, \dots, m_k$ :

$$|Eval(pk, f, ct_1, \dots, ct_k)| \leq \text{poly}$$

where  $ct_i \leftarrow Enc(pk, m_i)$  and  $(pk, sk) \leftarrow Gen$

Independent of  $k$  and  
the complexity of  $f$

b) For every  $m$ :

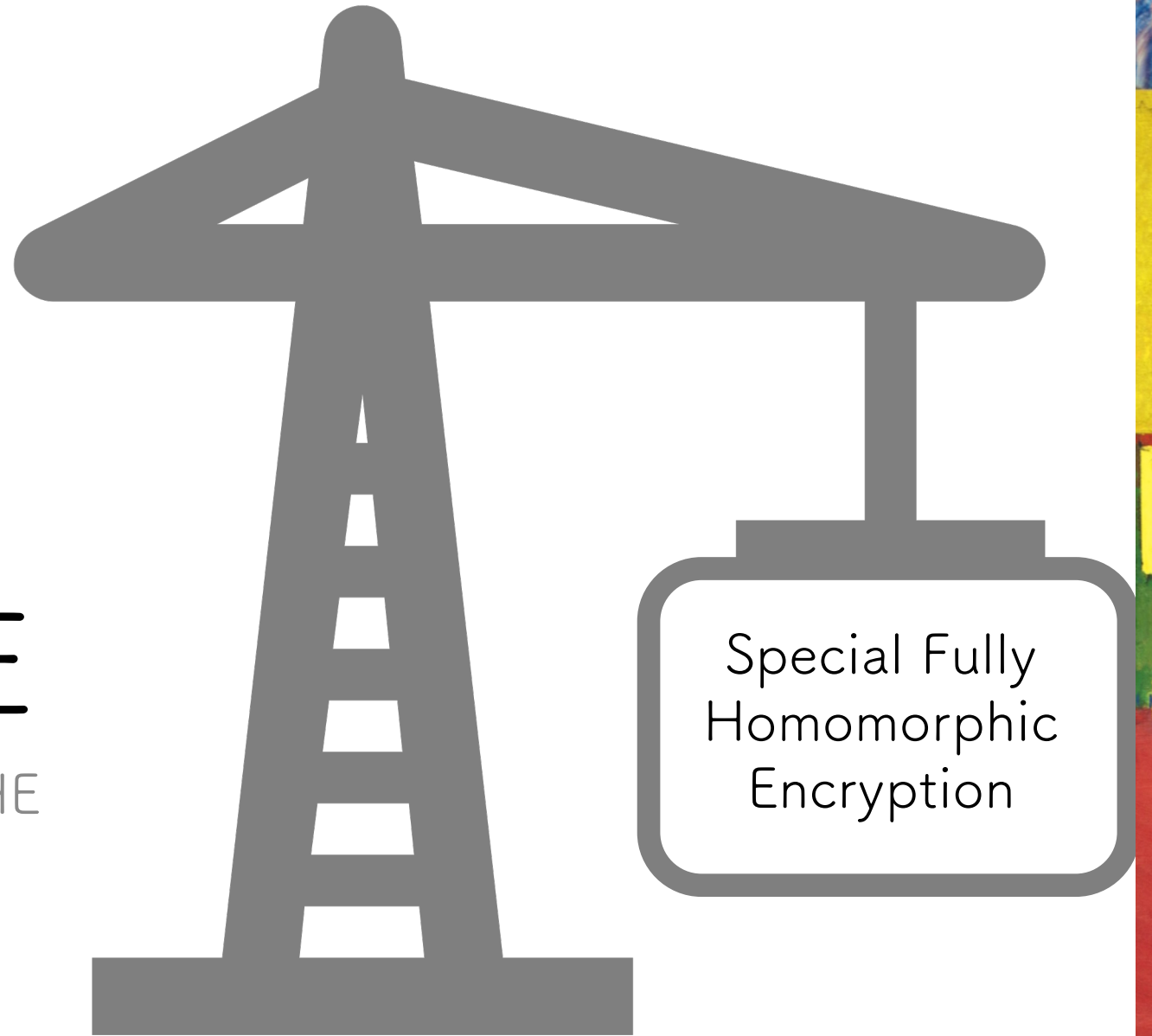
$$|Enc(pk, m)| \leq \text{poly}$$

where  $(pk, sk) \leftarrow Gen$ , regardless of the encryption running time

Independent of the  
detection probability

# Deniable FHE

Our Construction of Deniable FHE



# FHE from LWE: A Very Brief Recap

- All\* known FHE schemes **add noise** in CT for security.
- Homomorphic evaluation of CTs ( $\text{eval}(f, ct_1 \cdots ct_n)$ ) cause noise to **grow**
- **Kills correctness** after noise grows too much
- **Limits** number of homomorphic operations

How to keep going: Gentry's bootstrapping [Gen09]!

# The Magic of Bootstrapping

- Assume that an FHE is powerful enough to support evaluation of its own decryption circuit Dec.

- By correctness of decryption,  $\text{Dec}(ct_x, sk) = x$

$$\text{Dec} \left( \boxed{x}, sk \right) = x$$

- Define circuit  $\text{Dec}_{ct}(sk) = \text{Dec}(sk, ct)$

- By correctness of homomorphic evaluation,  $\text{Eval}(F, ct_x) = ct(F(x))$

$$\text{Eval} \left( \text{Dec}_{ct}, \boxed{sk} \right) = \boxed{\text{Dec}_{ct}(sk)} = \boxed{x}$$



# The Magic of Bootstrapping

- Originally introduced to reduce noise in evaluated ciphertext
- Homomorphic evaluation of decryption
  - removes large old noise
  - adds small new noise (size small since decryption shallow)

This work: Oblivious Sampling of FHE ciphertexts!

# The Magic of Bootstrapping

- **Assume** that decryption always outputs 0 or 1
  - even if input ct is not well formed
- Then, bootstrapping always outputs proper encryption of 0 or 1!

$$\text{Eval} \left( \text{Dec}_{\text{ct}}, \text{sk} \right) = \text{Dec}_{\text{ct}}(\text{sk}) = x$$

Even if input "ct" is a random element in ciphertext space!

# The Magic of Bootstrapping

- **Assume** that decryption outputs 0 w.o.p for random input
- Then, bootstrapping outputs encryption of 0 w.o.p for random input

$$\text{Eval} \left( \text{Dec}_{\text{rand}}, \text{sk} \right) = \text{Dec}_{\text{rand}}(\text{sk}) = 0$$

Given  $\text{enc}(\text{sk})$ , run dec homomorphically on random to generate encryption of 0 w.o.p!

# But, wait a minute...

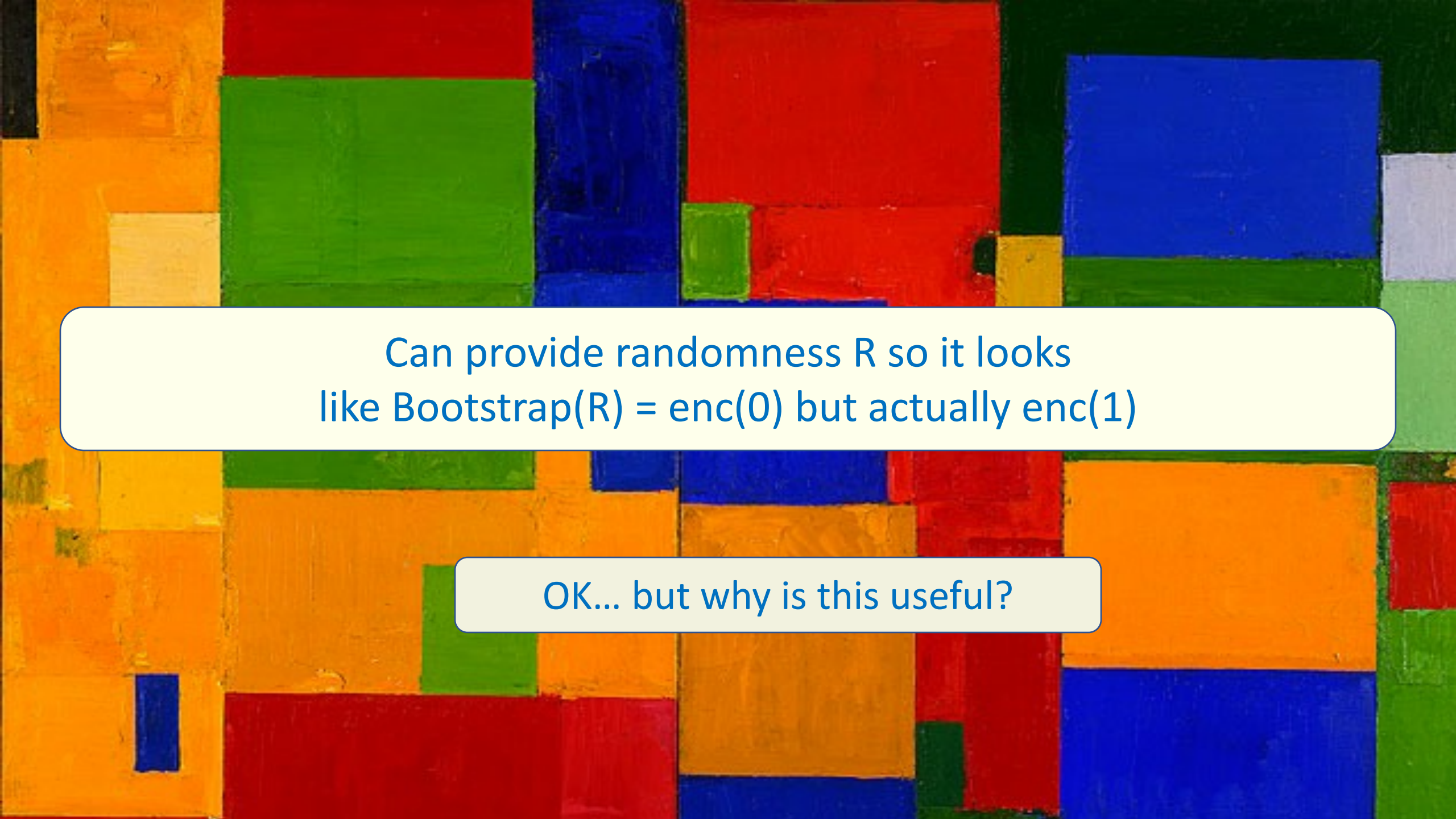
- Given encryption of 1, decryption outputs 1 w.o.p
- Encryption of 1 is indistinguishable from random!

$$\text{Eval} \left( \text{Dec}_{\text{ct}1}, \text{sk} \right) = \text{Dec}_{\text{ct}1}(\text{sk}) = 1$$

- Can pretend as if  $\text{ct}1 = \text{enc}(1)$  is a random string

Pretend bootstrapping outputs  $\text{enc}(0)$  but actually  $\text{enc}(1)$ !





Can provide randomness  $R$  so it looks  
like  $\text{Bootstrap}(R) = \text{enc}(0)$  but actually  $\text{enc}(1)$

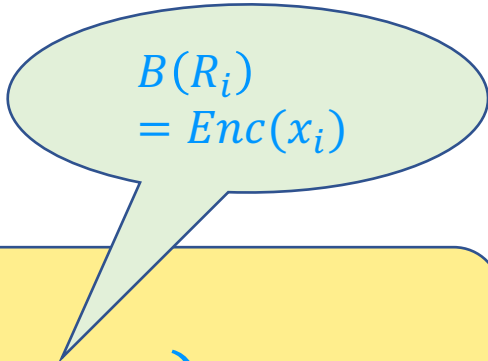
OK... but why is this useful?

# Leveraging our trick (binary msg space)

- Let  $B(x) = Eval(pk, Dec_x, ct_{sk})$  the bootstrapping procedure
  - recall  $Dec_x(sk) = Dec(sk, x)$

- Denote homomorphic addition (mod 2) as

$$Eval(pk, +, ct_a, ct_b) = ct_a \oplus ct_b$$


$$B(R_i) = Enc(x_i)$$

$$B(R_1) \oplus \cdots \oplus B(R_n) = Enc(\text{Parity}(x_1, \dots, x_n))$$

# Construction

*Gen*:

1.  $(pk, sk) \leftarrow Gen$
2.  $ct_{sk} \leftarrow Enc(pk, sk)$
3. Output  $pk = (pk, ct_{sk}), sk = sk$

# Construction

$$rand = (x_1, \dots, x_n, \{R_i\}_{x_i=0}, \{r_i\}_{x_i=1})$$

$Enc(pk, b)$ :

1. Sample  $x_1, \dots, x_n \leftarrow \{0,1\}$  s.t.  $\sum_i x_i = b \pmod{2}$
2. For  $x_i = 0$ , sample  $R_i \leftarrow \mathcal{R}^\ell$
3. For  $x_i = 1$ , sample  $r_i \leftarrow \{0,1\}^{\ell'}$  and set  $R_i = Enc(pk, 1; r_i)$
4. Compute  $ct = B(R_1) \oplus \dots \oplus B(R_n)$
5. Output  $ct$

$B(\mathcal{R}^\ell)$  is a valid  
encryption of 0 w.h.p



# Construction

$$rand = (x_1, \dots, x_n, \{R_i\}_{x_i=0}, \{r_i\}_{x_i=1})$$

*Fake*( $pk, b, rand, \bar{b}$ ):

1. If  $b = \bar{b}$ , output  $rand$
2. Sample  $k \leftarrow [n]$  s.t.  $x_k = 1$
3. Set  $x'_k = 0$  and  $R'_k = \text{Enc}(pk, 1; r_k)$
4. For  $i \neq k$ , set  $R'_i = R_i$  and  $r'_i = r_i$
5. Output  $rand' = (x'_1, \dots, x'_n, \{R'_i\}_{x'_i=0}, \{r'_i\}_{x'_i=1})$

Pseudorandom  
Ciphertext

By pretending one ciphertext  $\text{enc}(1)$  is random, parity flipped!

Statistical distance from honest dist is  $1/\text{poly}(n)$

# Construction

$Eval(pk, f, ct_1, \dots, ct_k)$ :

1. Interpret  $ct_i$  as special FHE ciphertext  $ct_i$
2. Output  $Eval(pk, f, ct_1, \dots, ct_k)$

$Dec(dsk, ct)$ :

1. Interpret  $ct$  as special FHE ciphertext  $ct$
2. Output  $Dec(sk, ct)$

As before!

# Deniable FHE



Proof of Correctness, CPA-Security, Compactness, Deniability

# Proof: Correctness

- The output is a ciphertext of the Special FHE.
- If with high probability  $B(\mathcal{R}^\ell)$  is a valid encryption of 0, then with high probability  $Enc(pk, b)$  is a valid encryption of  $b$ .

$Enc(pk, b)$ :

1. Sample  $x_1, \dots, x_n \leftarrow \{0,1\}$  s.t.  $\sum_i x_i = b \pmod{2}$
2. For  $x_i = 0$ , sample  $R_i \leftarrow \mathcal{R}^\ell$
3. For  $x_i = 1$ , sample  $r_i \leftarrow \{0,1\}^{\ell'}$  and set  $R_i = Enc(pk, 1; r_i)$
4. Compute  $ct = B(R_1) \oplus \dots \oplus B(R_n)$
5. Output  $ct$

1. Correctness

For every  $f$  and  $m_1, \dots, m_k$ :

$$\Pr[Dec(sk, Eval(pk, f, ct_1, \dots, ct_k)) = f(m_1, \dots, m_k)] = 1 - \text{negl}$$

where  $ct_i \leftarrow Enc(pk, m_i)$  and  $(pk, sk) \leftarrow Gen$



# Proof: CPA-Security

- The output is a ciphertext of the Special FHE.
- The public key is  $(pk, ct_{sk})$
- If the special FHE is circular secure, then the scheme is secure.

2. CPA-Security

$$\{pk, Enc(pk, 0)\} \approx_c \{pk, Enc(pk, 1)\}$$

where  $(pk, sk) \leftarrow Gen$

*Gen*:

1.  $(pk, sk) \leftarrow Gen$
2.  $ct_{sk} \leftarrow Enc(pk, sk)$
3. Output  $pk = (pk, ct_{sk}), sk = sk$

# Proof: $\delta(\lambda)$ -Deniability

- First, prove that  $Enc(pk, \bar{b}; r) = Enc(pk, b, r')$ .
- We can remove the ciphertext from  $A$ 's input.
  - It is a function of  $A$ 's input.
- Last, prove the distance is  $\delta(\lambda)$

## 3. $\delta(\lambda)$ -Deniability

For every bit  $b$ , and PPT adversary  $A$

$$|\Pr[A(pk, b, r)] - \Pr[A(pk, b, r')]| \leq \delta(\lambda)$$

where  $(pk, sk) \leftarrow Gen$ ,  $r \leftarrow \{0, 1\}^{\ell'}$ , and  $r' \leftarrow Fake(pk, \bar{b}, r, b)$

# Proof: $\delta(\lambda)$ -Deniability

• Prove that  $Enc(pk, \bar{b}; r) = Enc(pk, b, r')$

• uniform  $r$  and  $r' \leftarrow Fake(pk, \bar{b}, Enc(pk, b))$

• Real:  $r = x_1, \dots, x_n, \{R_i\}_{x_i=0}, \{r_i\}_{x_i=1}$

•  $r$  is uniform conditioned on  $\sum x_i$

$Enc(pk, b)$ :

1. Sample  $x_1, \dots, x_n \leftarrow \{0,1\}$  s.t.  $\sum_i x_i = b \pmod{2}$
2. For  $x_i = 0$ , sample  $R_i \leftarrow \mathcal{R}^\ell$
3. For  $x_i = 1$ , sample  $r_i \leftarrow \{0,1\}^{\ell'}$  and set  $R_i = Enc(pk, 1; r_i)$
4. Compute  $ct = B(R_1) \oplus \dots \oplus B(R_n)$
5. Output  $ct$

• Fake:  $r' = x'_1, \dots, x'_n, \{R'_i\}_{x'_i=0}, \{r'_i\}_{x'_i=1}$

•  $r'$  is equal to  $r$  except:

•  $x'_k = \bar{x}_k = 0$  and  $R'_k = Enc(pk, 1; r_k)$

$Fake(pk, b, rand, \bar{b})$ :

1. If  $b = \bar{b}$ , output  $rand$
2. Sample  $k \leftarrow [n]$  s.t.  $x_k = 1$
3. Set  $x'_k = 0$  and  $R'_k = Enc(pk, 1; r_k)$
4. For  $i \neq k$ , set  $R'_i = R_i$  and  $r'_i = r_i$
5. Output  $rand' = (x'_1, \dots, x'_n, \{R'_i\}_{x'_i=0}, \{r'_i\}_{x'_i=1})$

$$\sum x'_i = b \pmod{2}$$

Output is identical

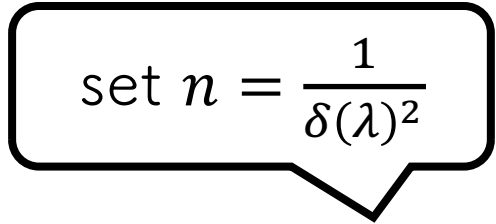
# Proof: $\delta(\lambda)$ -Deniability

- Last, prove the distance is  $\delta(\lambda)$
- If special FHE has pseudorandom ciphertext, then the following are computational indistinguishable
  - Fake  $r' = x'_1, \dots, x'_n, \{R'_i\}_{x'_i=0}, \{r'_i\}_{x'_i=1}$  s.t.
    - $R'_k = \text{Enc}(pk, 1; r_k)$  and  $r_k \leftarrow \{0,1\}^{\ell'}$
  - Mid  $r' = x'_1, \dots, x'_n, \{R'_i\}_{x'_i=0}, \{r'_i\}_{x'_i=1}$  s.t.
    - $R'_k \leftarrow \mathcal{R}^{\ell}$



# Proof: $\delta(\lambda)$ -Deniability

- Last, prove the distance is  $\delta(\lambda)$


$$\text{set } n = \frac{1}{\delta(\lambda)^2}$$

- The Statistical Distance of the following two distributions is  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$

- Mid  $r' = x'_1, \dots, x'_n, \{R'_i\}_{x'_i=0}, \{r'_i\}_{x'_i=1}$  s.t.

- Sample  $x_1, \dots, x_n \leftarrow \{0,1\}$  such that  $\sum x_i = \bar{b} \pmod{2}$
- Sample  $k \leftarrow [n]$  such that  $x_k = 1$
- Set  $x'_k = 0$  and for  $i \neq k$  set  $x'_i = x_i$

- Real  $r = x_1, \dots, x_n, \{R_i\}_{x_i=0}, \{r_i\}_{x_i=1}$  s.t.

- Sample  $x_1, \dots, x_n \leftarrow \{0,1\}$  such that  $\sum x_i = b \pmod{2}$


$$E[\sum x_i] > E[\sum x'_i]$$

# Proof: Compactness

- The output is a ciphertext of the Special FHE.

## 4. Compactness

- a) For every  $f$  and  $m_1, \dots, m_k$ :

$$|\mathit{Eval}(\mathit{pk}, f, \mathit{ct}_1, \dots, \mathit{ct}_k)| \leq \mathit{poly}$$

Independent of  $k$  and  
the complexity of  $f$

where  $\mathit{ct}_i \leftarrow \mathit{Enc}(\mathit{pk}, m_i)$  and  $(\mathit{pk}, \mathit{sk}) \leftarrow \mathit{Gen}$

- b) For every  $m$ :

$$|\mathit{Enc}(\mathit{pk}, m)| \leq \mathit{poly}$$

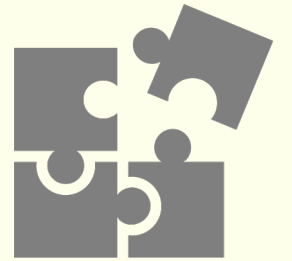
Independent of the  
faking probability

where  $(\mathit{pk}, \mathit{sk}) \leftarrow \mathit{Gen}$ , regardless of the encryption running time

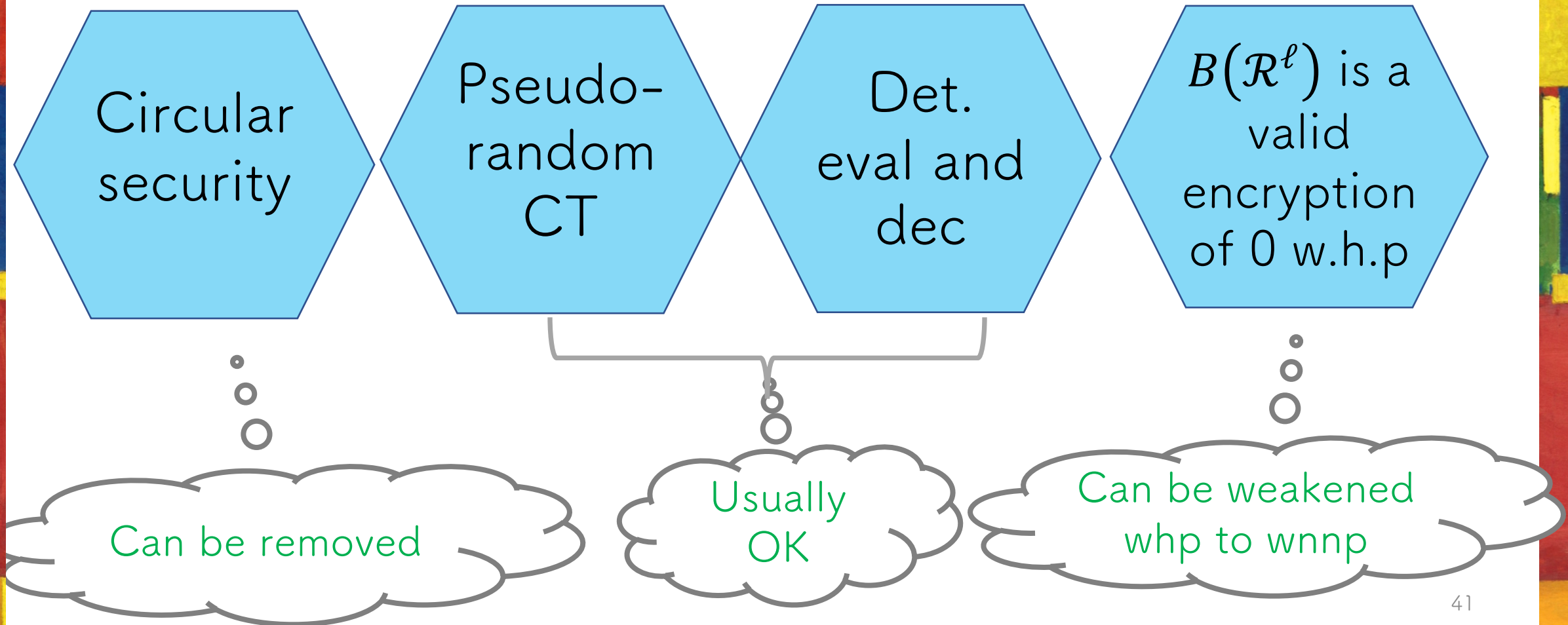
Deniability Compactness from Evaluation Compactness!

# Special FHE

Definition and Instantiation



# Special FHE





# Weaker Special FHE

1. Pseudorandom Ciphertext
2. Deterministic evaluation and decryption
3. Decryption always outputs a valid message and

Almost always the case

$$\Pr[\mathit{Dec}(sk, R) = \mathbf{0}] = \mathbf{1/poly}$$

where  $R \leftarrow \mathcal{R}^\ell$  and  $(pk, sk) \leftarrow \mathit{Gen}$

[BGV14] FHE satisfies all properties!

# Instantiation of Special FHE

- In [BGV14] given the  $sk$  one can check if  $ct$  is well-formed
- We modify the decryption algorithm of [BGV14]:

If well-formed:  
then, output  $Dec(sk, ct)$ ,  
else output 0

Set  $q$  to be super polynomial,  
then  $\frac{B}{q}$  is negligible

$$Dec(sk, ct) = \left[ [\langle sk, ct \rangle]_q \right]_2$$

Ciphertexts:

$$[\langle sk, ct \rangle]_q = b + 2e$$

where  $|e| < B$

Random elements:

$$[\langle sk, R \rangle]_q = b + 2e$$

where  $\Pr[|e| < B] = \frac{B}{q}$

# Online-Offline Encryption

Bulk of the computation is independent of the message, and may be performed in an offline pre-processing phase.

*Enc*(*dpk*, *b*):

1. Select  $x_1, \dots, x_n \leftarrow \{0,1\}$  s.t.  $\sum_i x_i = b \pmod{2}$
2. For  $x_i = 0$ , select  $R_i \leftarrow \mathcal{R}^\ell$
3. For  $x_i = 1$ , select  $r_i \leftarrow \{0,1\}^{\ell'}$  and set  $R_i = \text{Enc}(pk, 1; r_i)$
4. Output  $dct = B(R_1) \oplus \dots \oplus B(R_n)$

$n-1$  computations of  $B(R_i)$  can be done offline:  
choose  $R_n$  depending on  $b$  and compute  $B(R_n)$  online



Main Takeaway:  
Evaluation compactness in FHE implies deniability  
compactness in DE!



# Going Forward

- Compact CT → compact encryption runtime?
  - Analogy to FE [LPST16,GKPVZ13]
- Technical barrier: unidirectional cheating
- Need: **Invertible oblivious sampling with bias**
  - SW construction may be viewed through this lens
- From LWE: can have oblivious sampling with bias (this work) or oblivious sampling with inversion but not both (so far).



Thank You

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