



# Safeguarding Privacy In Collaborative Scenarios

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## PICTURE THIS SCENARIO




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## YES!



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## YES!



Your average is 10!

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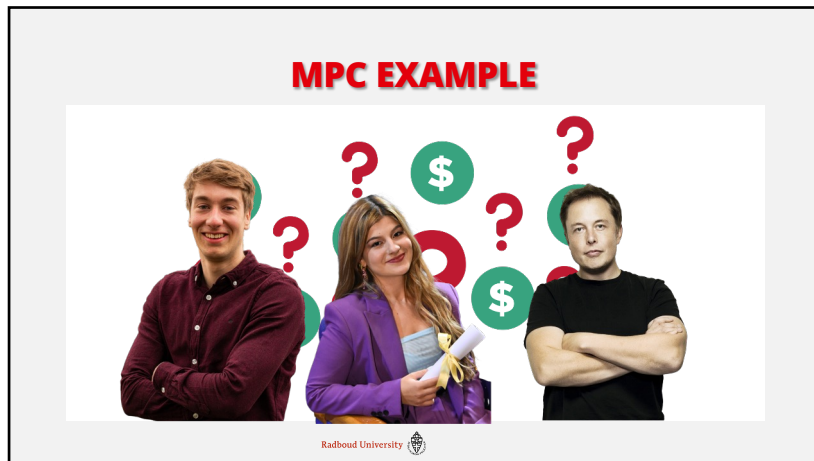
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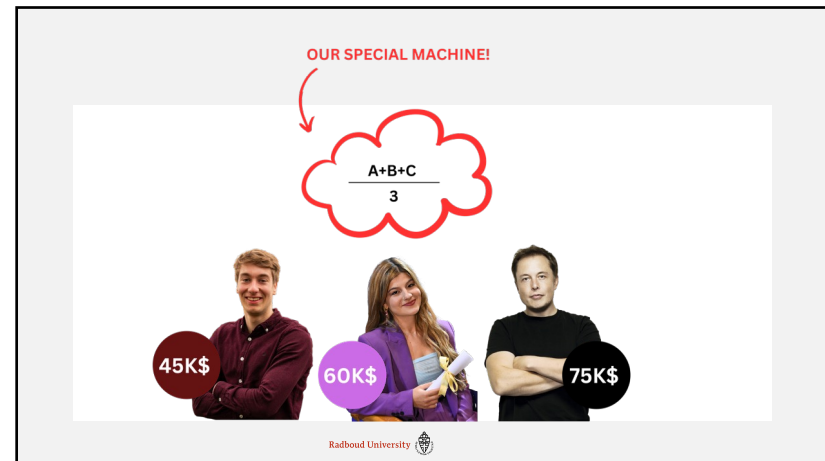
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**Distributive Private Computation**

A cloud contains the formula  $\frac{A+B+C}{3}$ . Below it, three people are shown with various data points in green and red circles: 32, -7, 12, 2, 14, -9, 22, -10, -8, and  $f(x)$ .

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A cloud contains the formula  $\frac{A+B+C}{3}$ . Below it, three people are shown with colored blocks (purple, black, red) representing data points.

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$45K\$ = 32 + 24 + -11$

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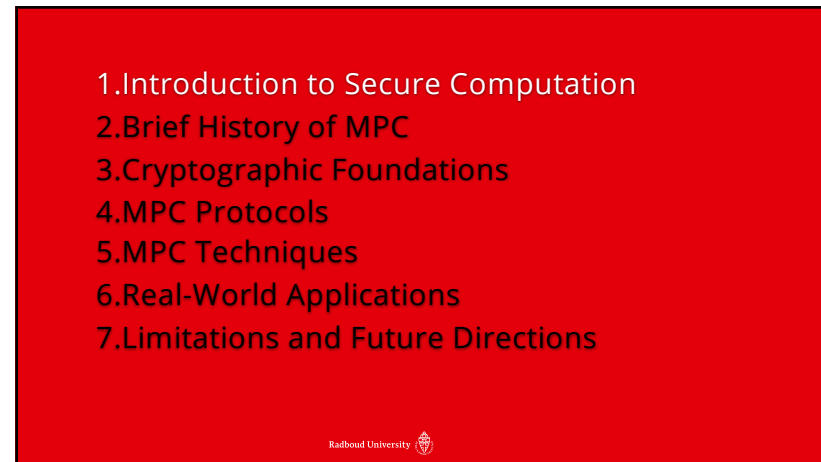
Three people are shown with colored circles containing numbers and dollar amounts: 78K\$, 3K\$, 99K\$, -11, 61, 28, -21, 24, 0, 47, 20, 32.

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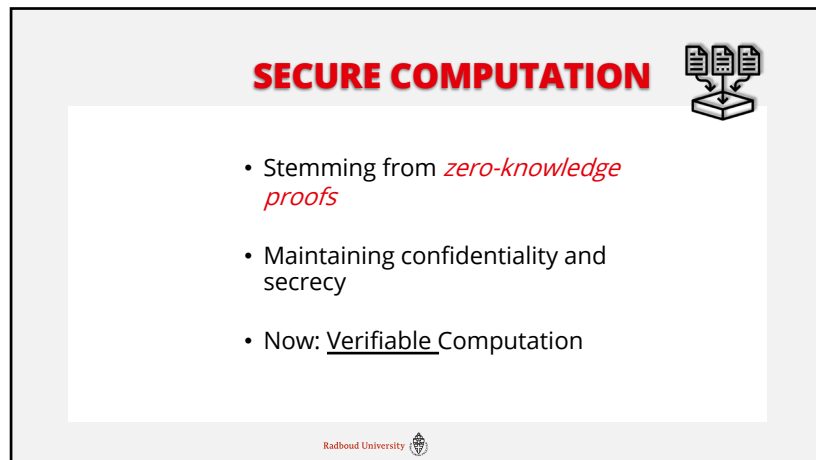
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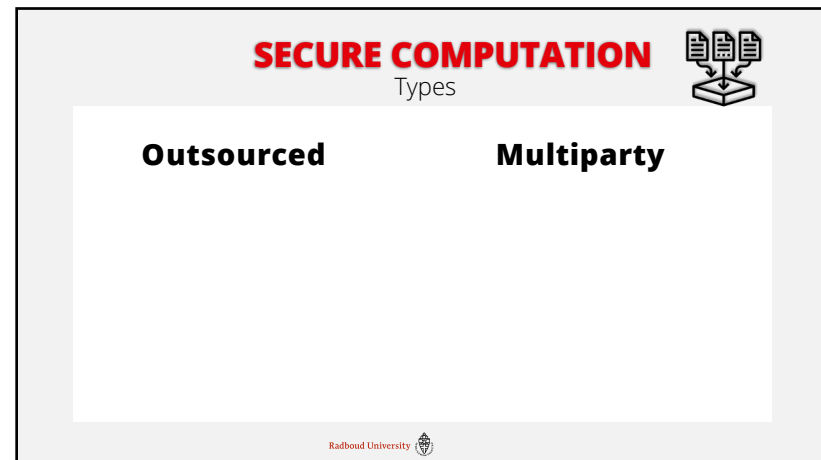
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## SECURE COMPUTATION


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### Outsourced



- Partially and Fully Homomorphic Encryption Schemes

### Multiparty




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- Also called SFE
- FHE

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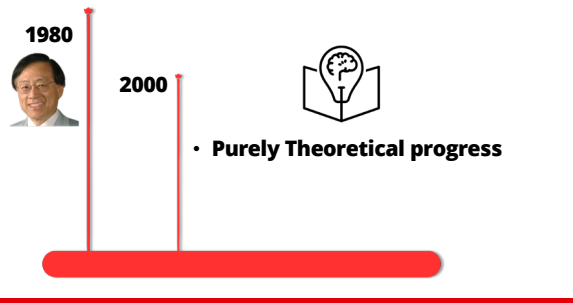



- First Idea on MPC
- (1982) Protocols for Secure Computation
- Garbled circuits.
- Mental Poker


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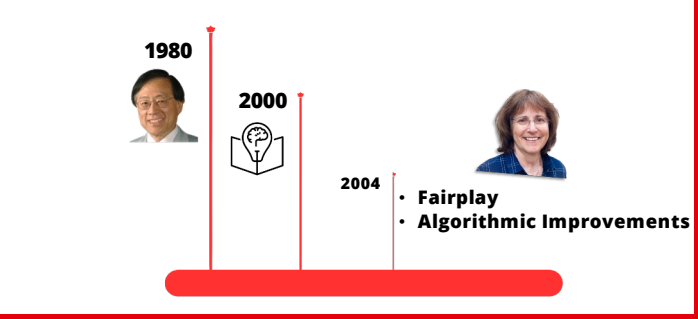
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- Purely Theoretical progress


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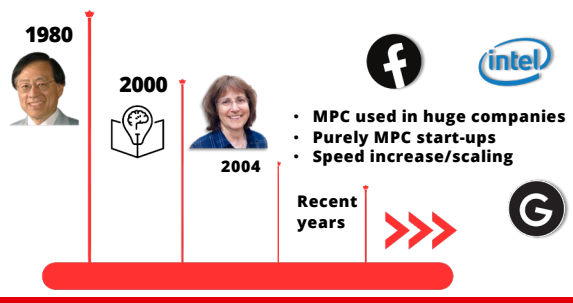
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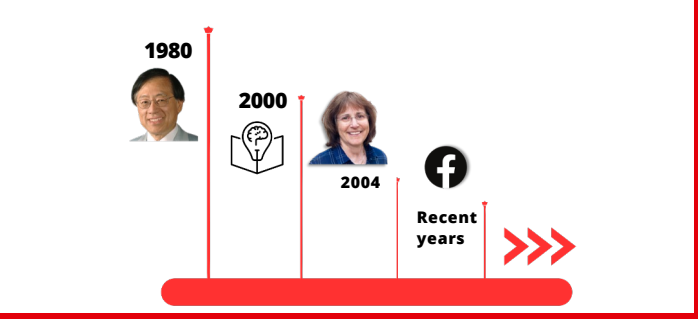
- MPC used in huge companies 
- Purely MPC start-ups 
- Speed increase/scaling


Recent years  


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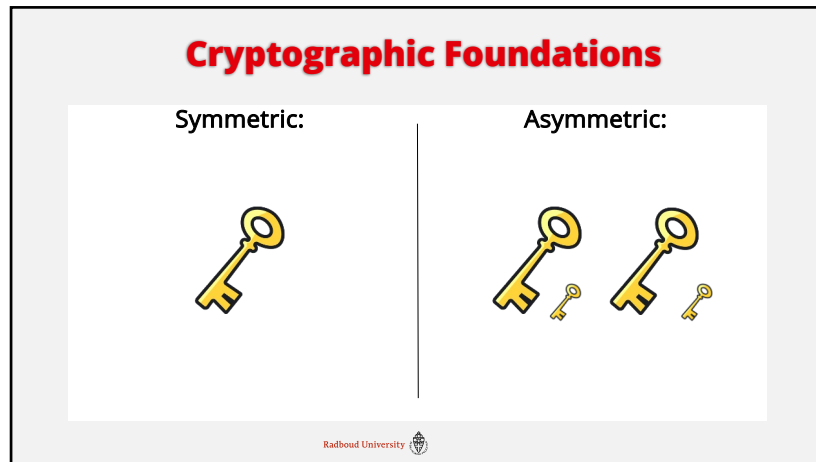
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- Only accessible to authorized entities
- Unaltered during transmission, accurate and up to date
- Consistently and readily available for authorized entities

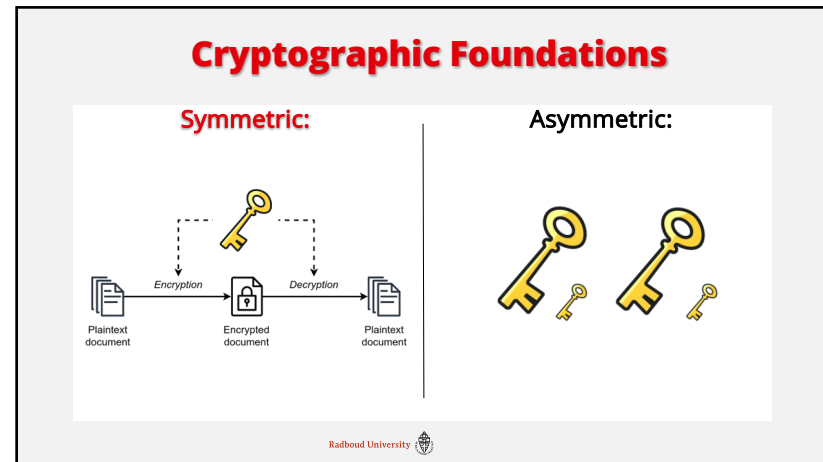


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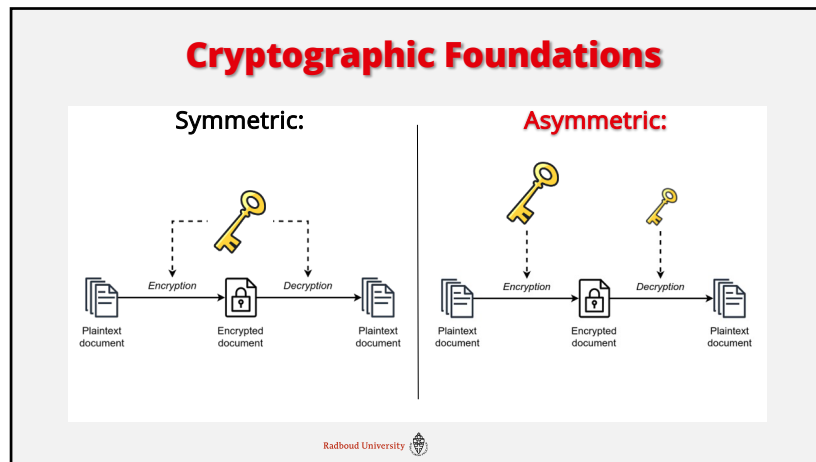




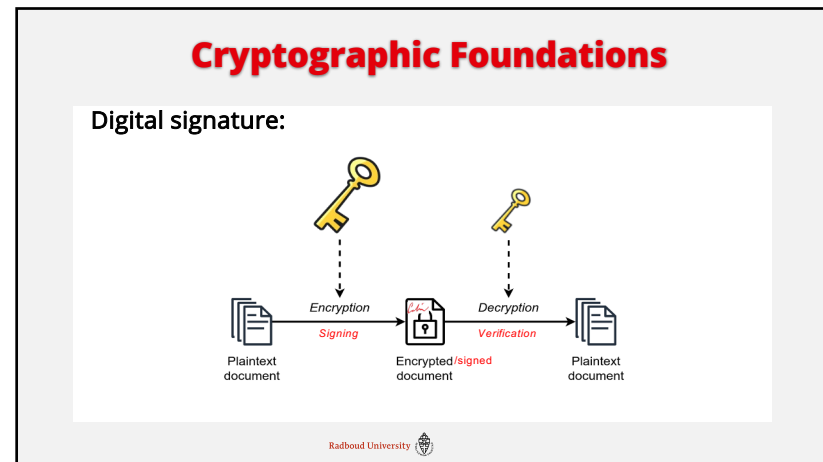
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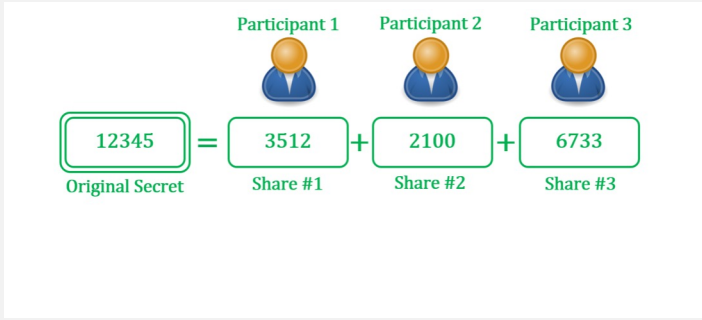
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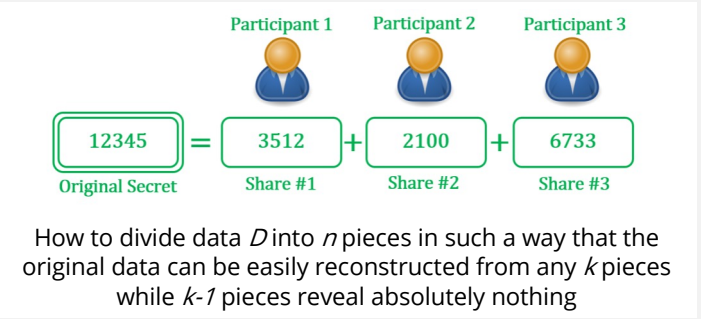


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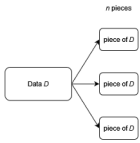
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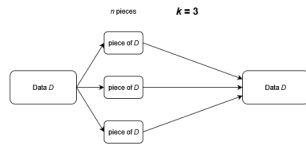


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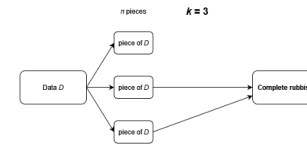


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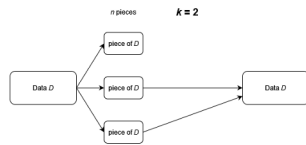


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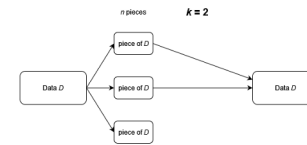


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**1979's scheme by *Adi Shamir***

- Threshold scheme
- Based on polynomial interpolation and modular arithmetic



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**Solution:**

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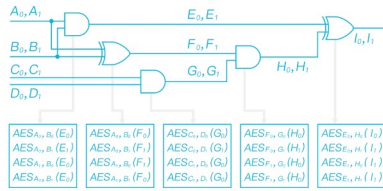
**Solution:**


Use the Yao's **Garbled Circuits** protocol!

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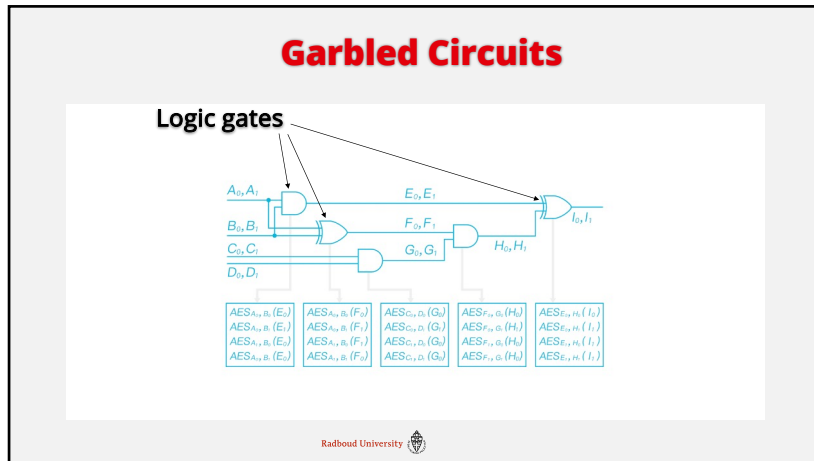
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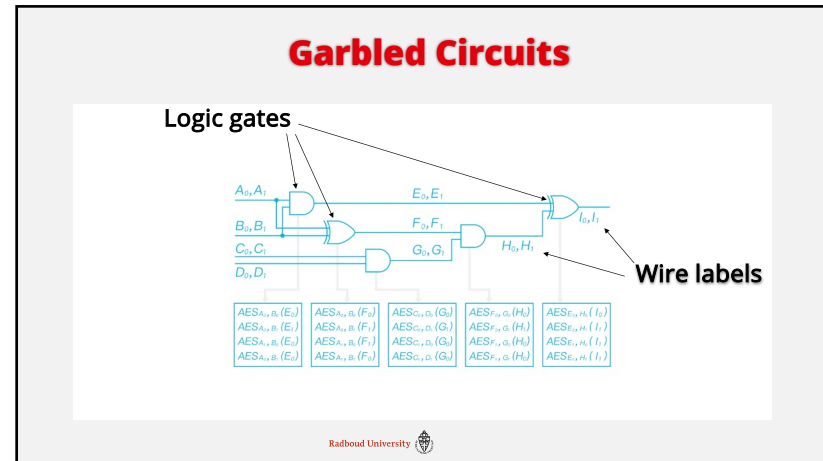


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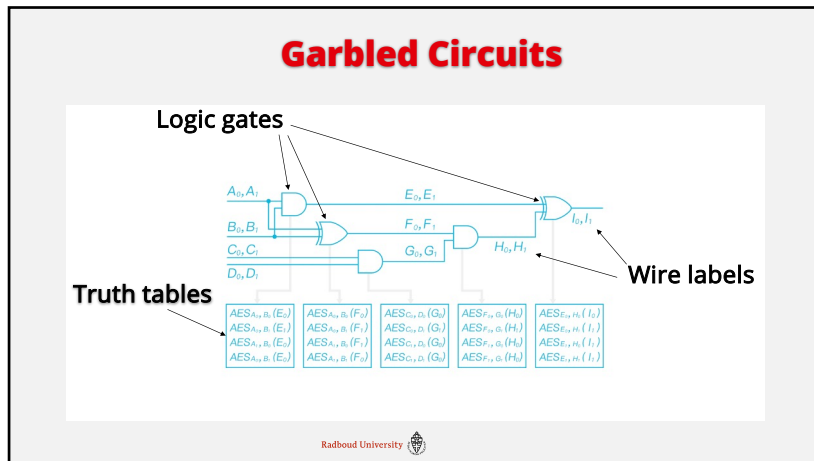
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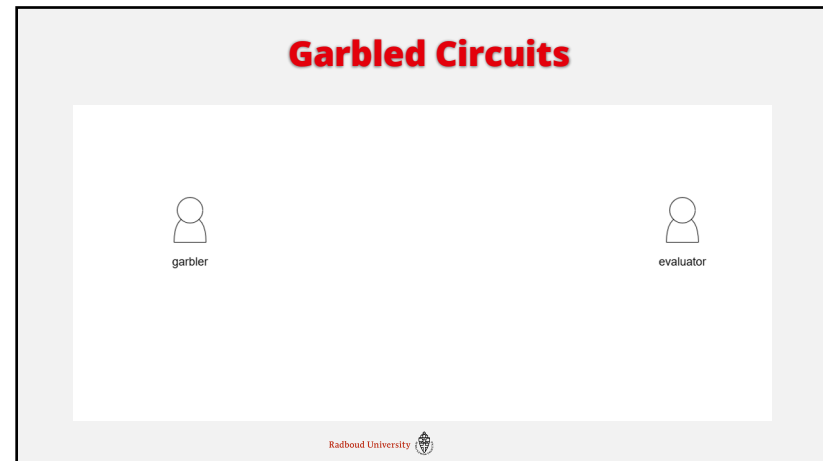
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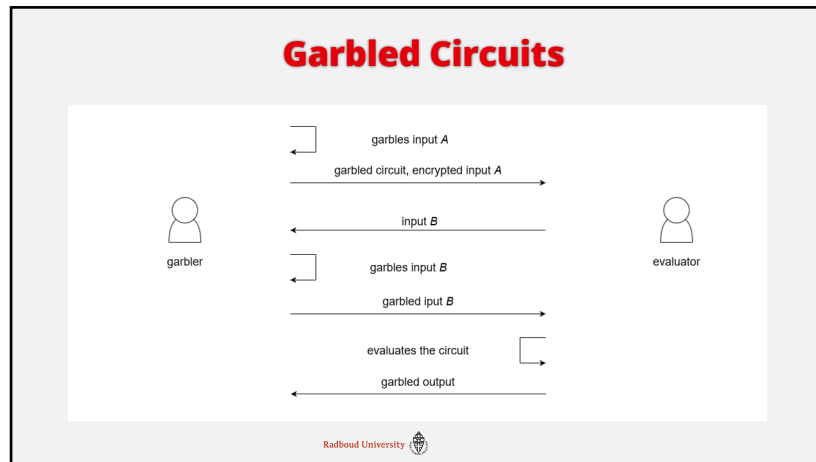
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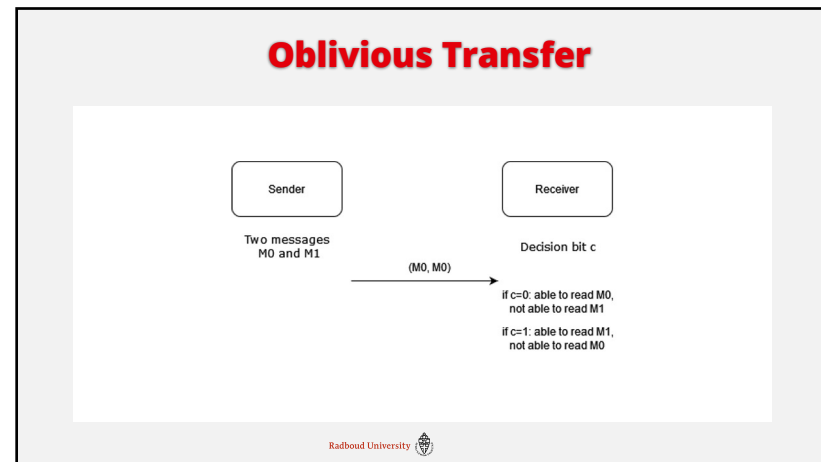
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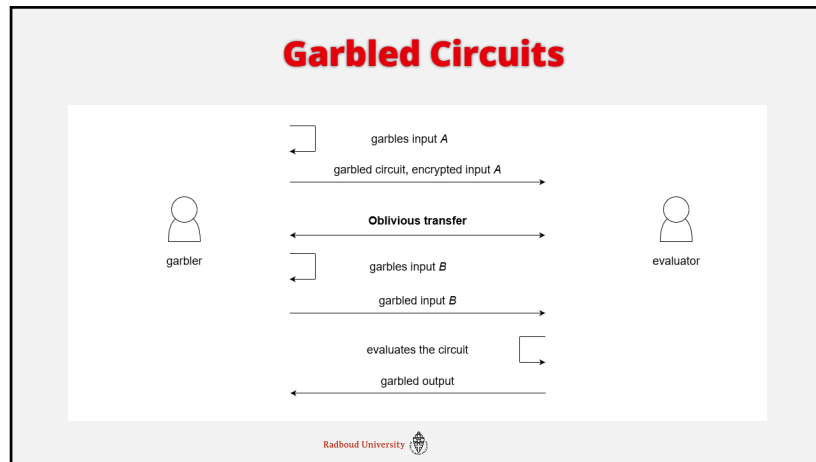
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- Improved in efficiency, security and practicality

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Only **two** parties can be involved!

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Solution? **GMW!**

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### Goldreich, Micali and Wigderson

Solves the problem!

- Developed in 1987
- Designed for multiparty computation


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But how?

- Extending Yao's Garbled Circuits


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**Attacks**

What do we need to protect?



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## Attacks

What do we need to protect?

- Correctness
- Privacy




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## Attacks

Different types

- Semi-honest
- Malicious



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## Efficiency Metrics

**Computation Complexity**

- Measures participant workload in MPC
- FHE \$\$

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### Efficiency Metrics

**Computation Complexity**

**Communication Complexity**

- Quantifies the total data transmitted by all parties
- GC \$\$
- FHE \$



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### Efficiency Metrics

**Computation Complexity**

**Communication Complexity**


**Round Count**


- A round represents message exchange between parties
- GC \$



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### Phase Separation







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### Phase Separation

- Executes protocol parts independent of inputs
- Potentially longer in duration
- Optimized for handling complexities and inefficiencies

**Offline**





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## Phase Separation

- Requires input sharing
- Focuses on simpler and more efficient computations
- Facilitates faster execution of the protocol once inputs are known



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- Very limited applications, and not on a large scale (Sugar Beet Auction, Boston Wage Equity Study, Key sharing)



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## Satellite Collision Avoidance



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## The **sharemind** Platform BY CYBERNETICA

- Prominent player in the field of MPC
- We contacted the company for further information on their applications



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## Application 1



- Implemented by CentAR
- Analyzed the employment rate of students with SEN from general schools compared to special needs schools after a legislative change in Estonia



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## Application 2



- AssistOK and CAP Tulsa

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- **Hypothesis:** Identifying overlap between the two organizations' populations can improve outreach and increase access to services
- **Use of Sharemind and MPC technology:** Securely analyzed data, validated privacy-preserving methods, and achieved accurate results (94.07% overlap of age-eligible children served by AssistOK but not enrolled in CAP Tulsa)





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## Application 3

### Students and Taxes: a Privacy-Preserving Study Using Secure Computation

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- random number generations
- slow down runtime

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Computational overhead and **high** communication costs

- More parties => more resources needed
- Financial problem

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## Future directions

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- Post-quantum protocols



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**Areas of Debate**

**Security vs Efficiency vs practicality**

- Sensitive data
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**So, what do YOU think?**

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**Thank you for your attention!**

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