



Stacked Garbling Gadget

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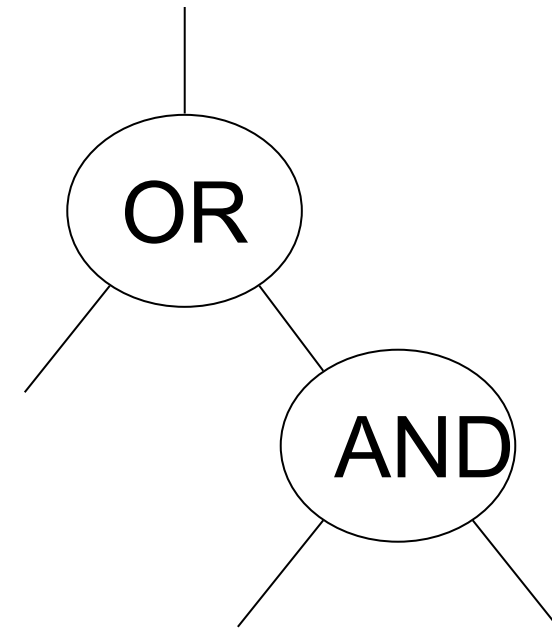
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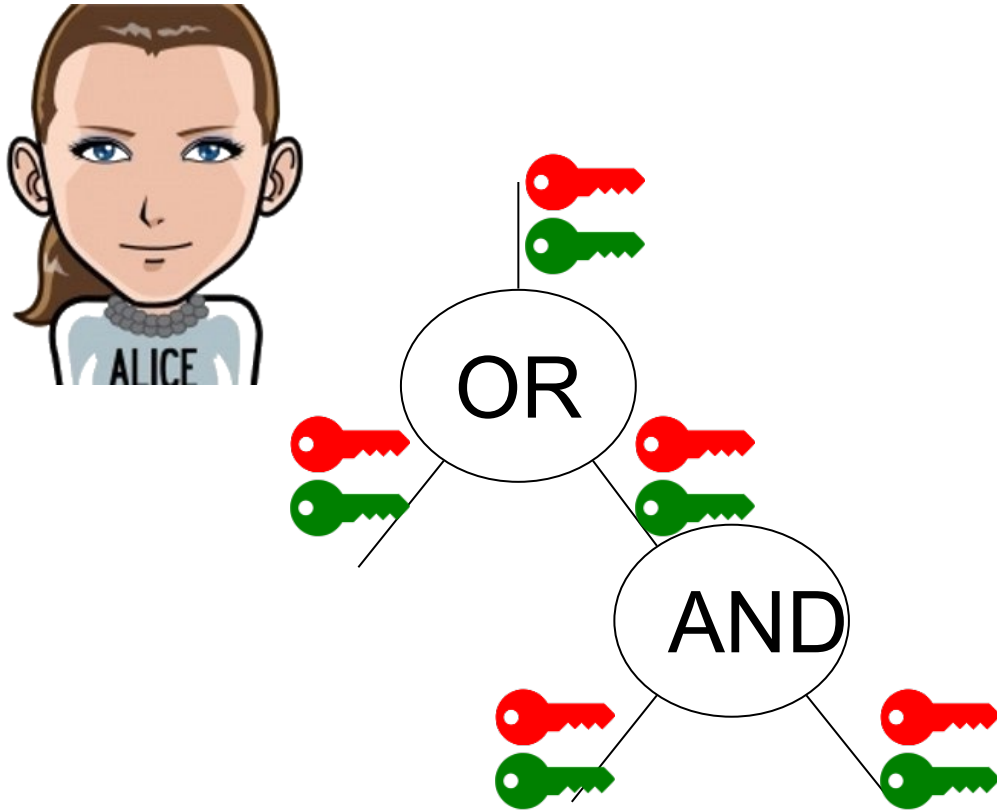
- Garbled Circuits (GC)
- Gadget: Stacked Garbling (SGC)
- Applications and standardization comments

Functions are circuits

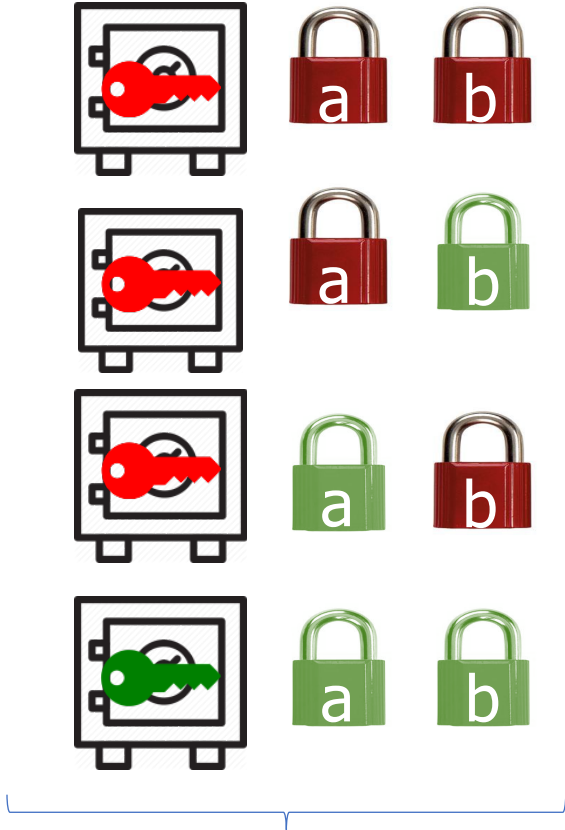
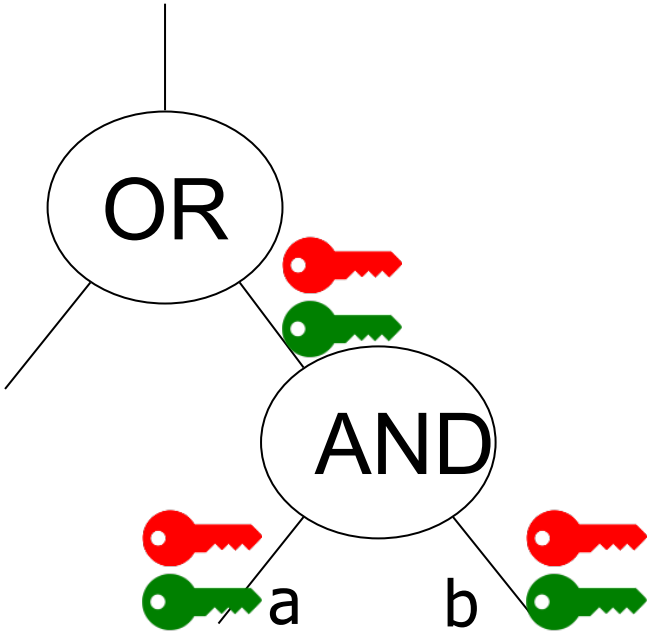
$F(x, y)$



GC intuition: computing on encrypted values

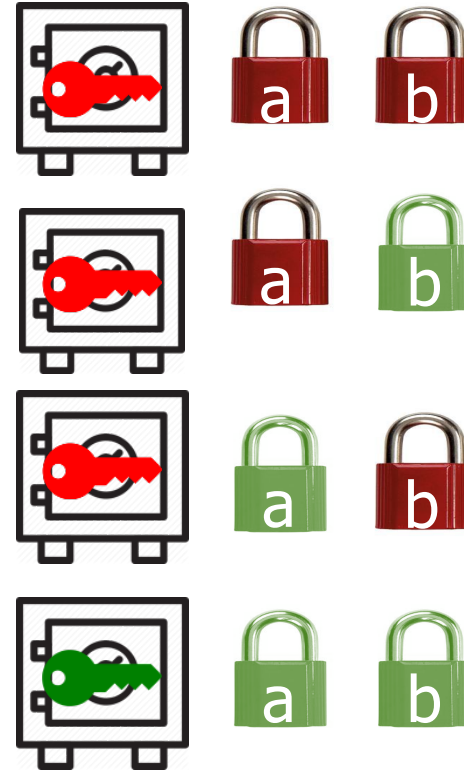
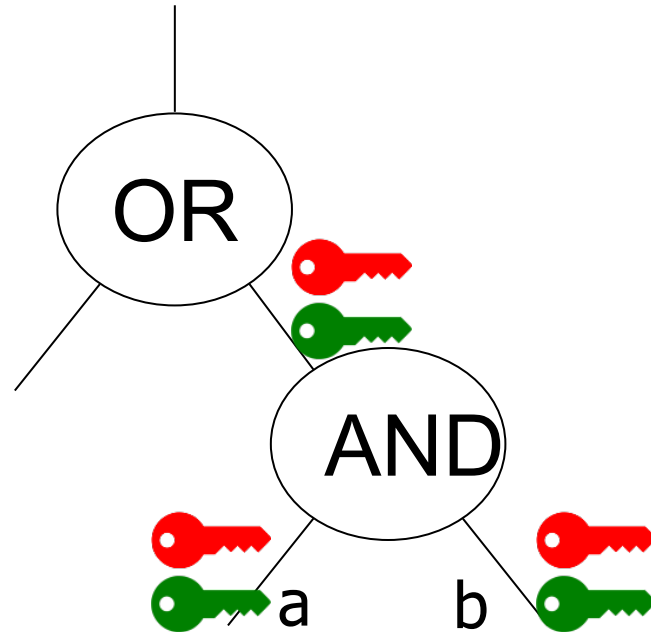


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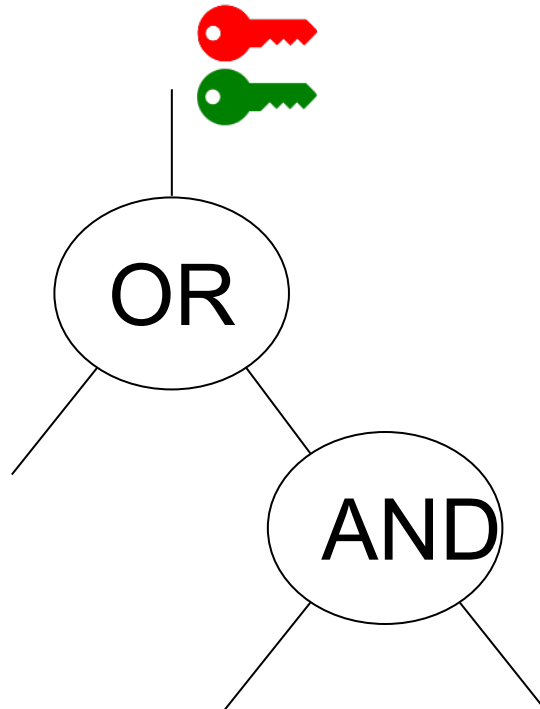
a	b	a^b
0	0	0
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1



GC intuition: computing on encrypted values



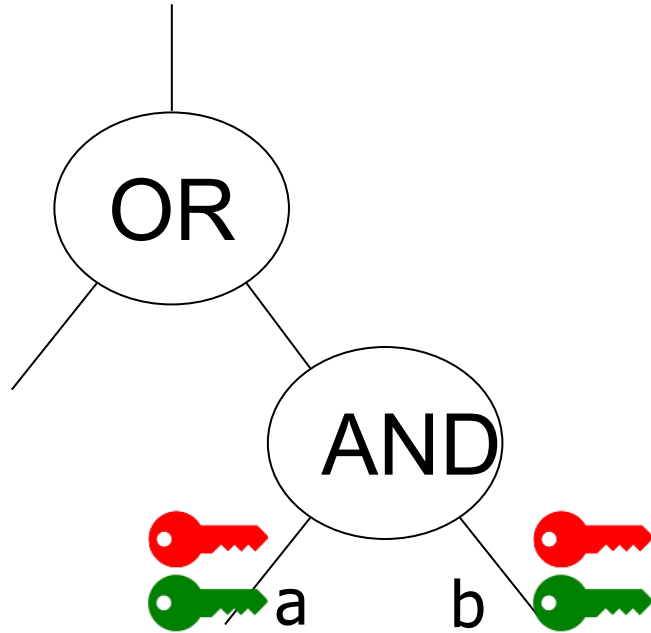
a	b	$a \oplus b$
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	0

GC intuition: decoding encrypted output



	0
	1

GC intuition: OT for transferring input labels



Stacked garbling [HK20]

- Sequence of works [K18, HK20a, HK20b, HK21]
- Let's question the circuit model of computation.
- But not too much..
- Just consider circuits with conditionals

Let C_0, C_1 be two arbitrary circuits. The space of circuits is defined as follows:

$$C ::= \text{Netlist}(\cdot) \mid \text{Cond}(C_0, C_1) \mid \text{Seq}(C_0, C_1)$$

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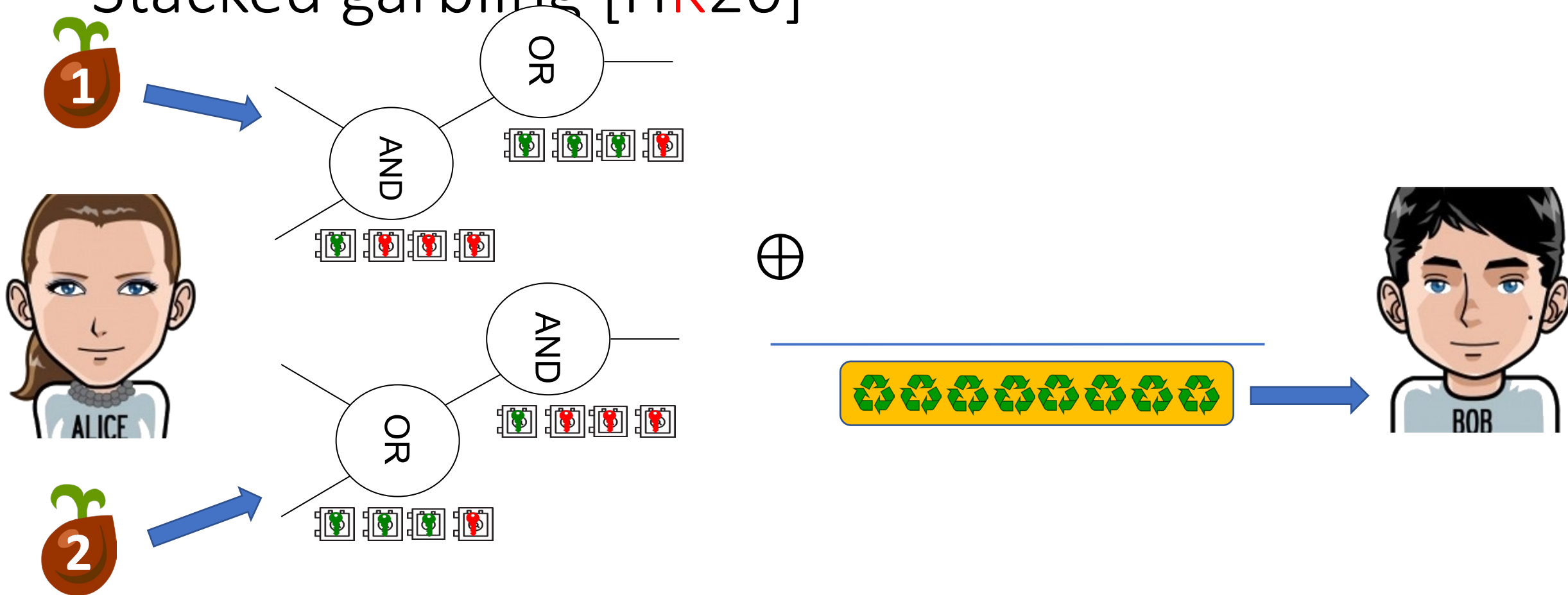
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HK20: Can evaluate $\text{Cond}(C_0, C_1)$ while transmitting only one branch

Idea:

- * the same GC *material* M is used for evaluation of C_0 and C_1 .
- * GC outputs a key to Eval which converts material M to a valid GC when evaluated on the active branch or to a random-looking string otherwise (Eval can't distinguish)
- * Eval evaluates both C_0, C_1 . One of them will produce garbage labels. They are canceled (garbage-collected) by gadgets constructed by Garbler.
- * **Material reuse** (novel general idea; works for other protocols as well)

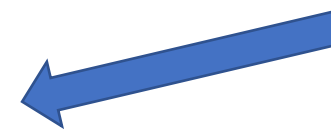
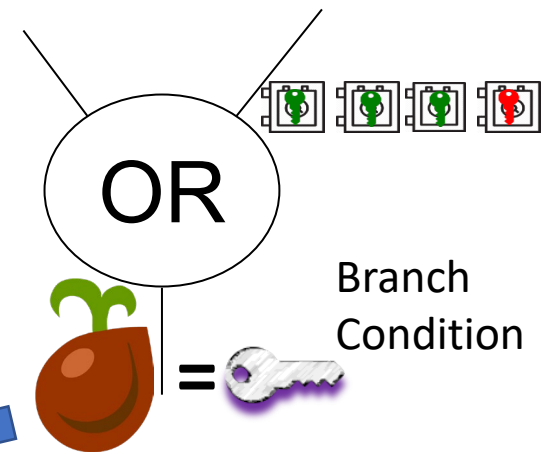
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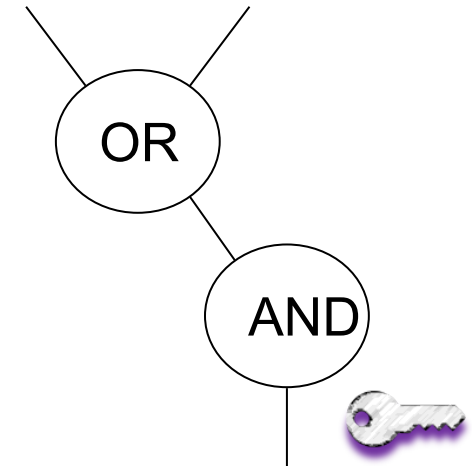
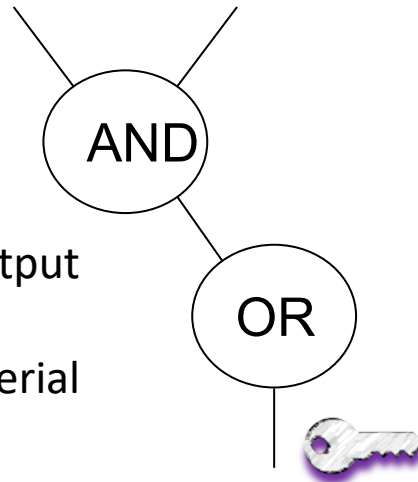
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Guess active branch 1
 Expand seed as branch 2
 Guess active branch 2
 Expand seed as branch 1

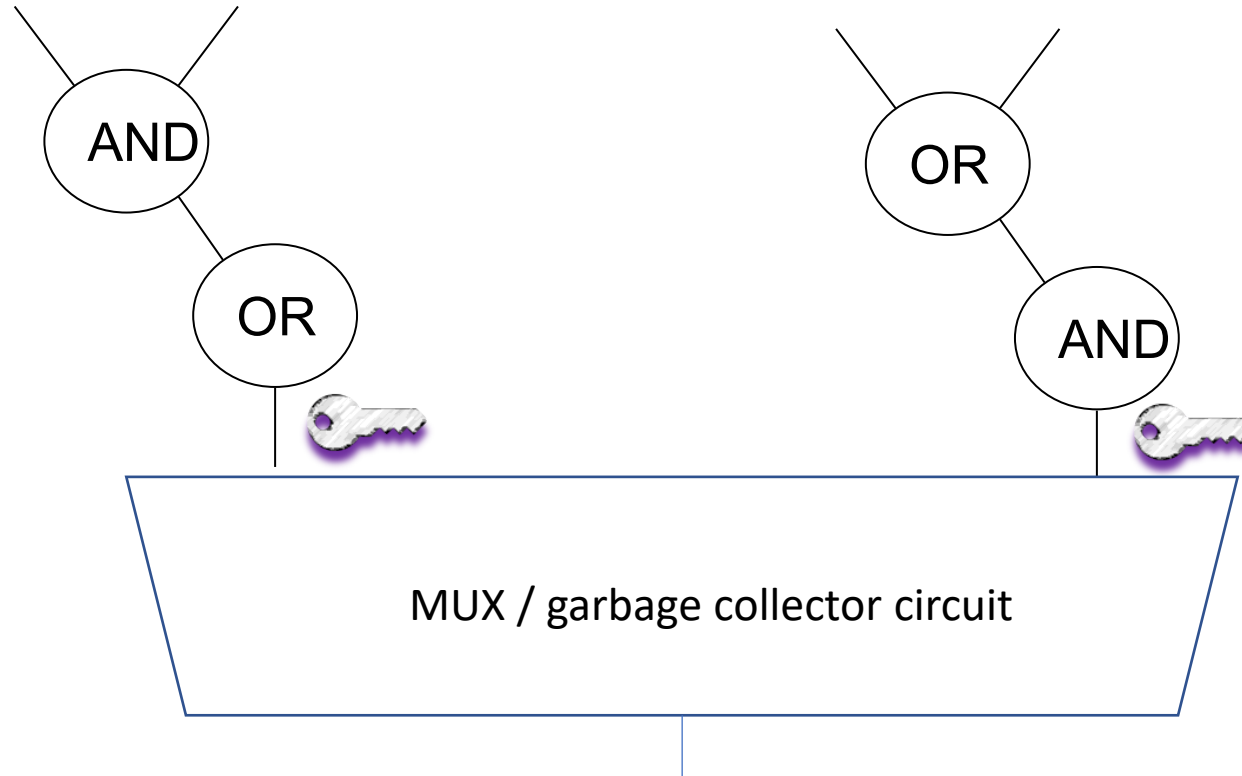
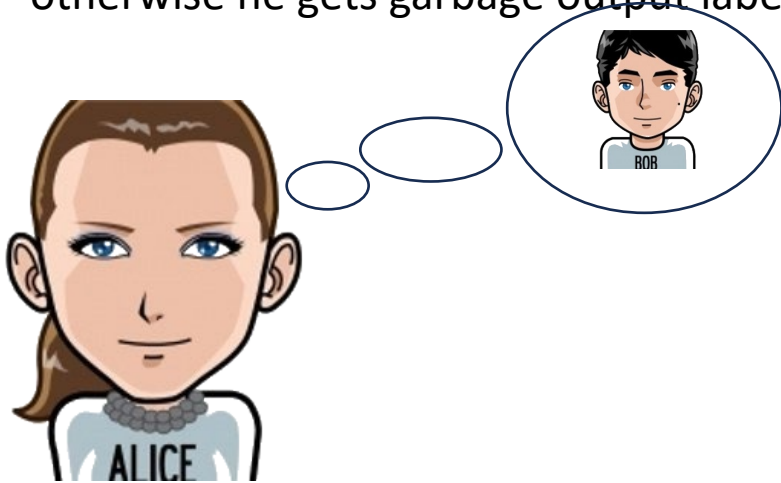


For each branch, if it is active, Bob gets a good output label, otherwise he gets garbage output label. He can't tell which is which (requires that GC material and labels look random – achieved by half-gates scheme)



Stacked garbling [HK20]

For active branch, Bob gets a valid label, otherwise he gets garbage output label.



We need to obviously discard garbage.

Key idea: Bob is deterministic and Alice can emulate him and *predict* the possible garbage keys. Then Alice constructs a MUX gadget which collects garbage.

Logstack

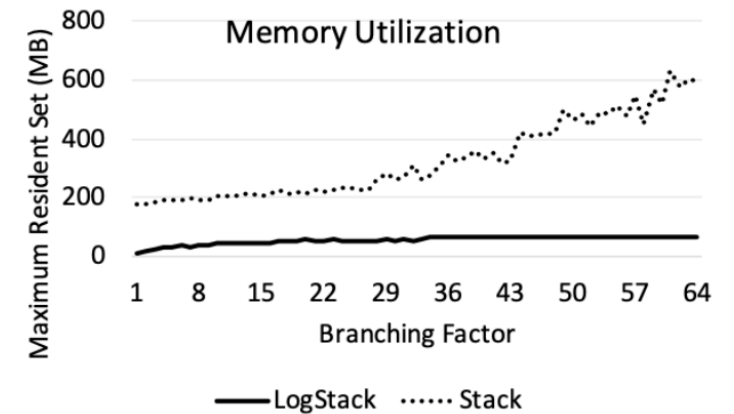
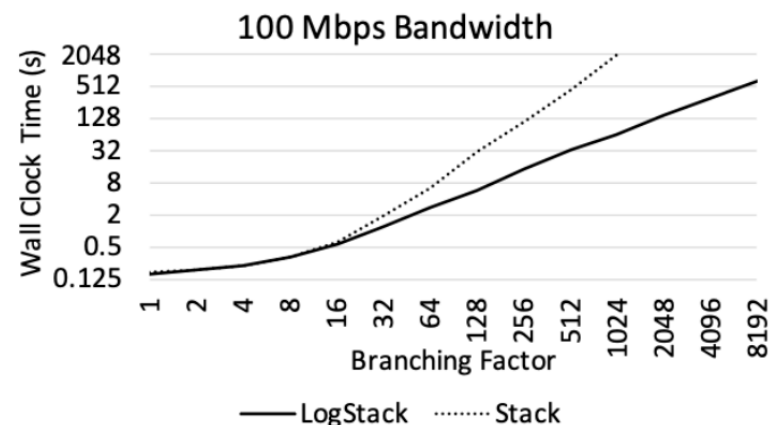
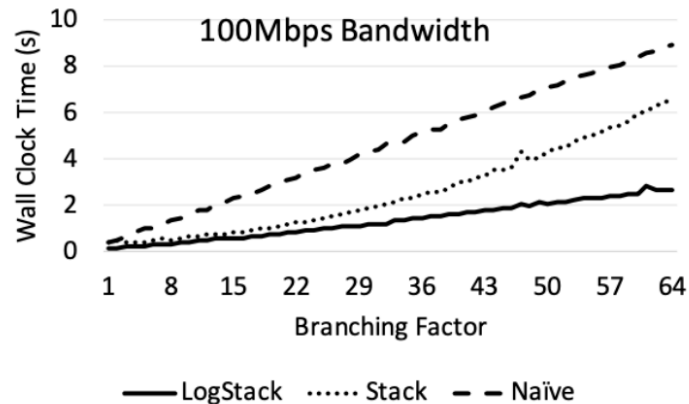
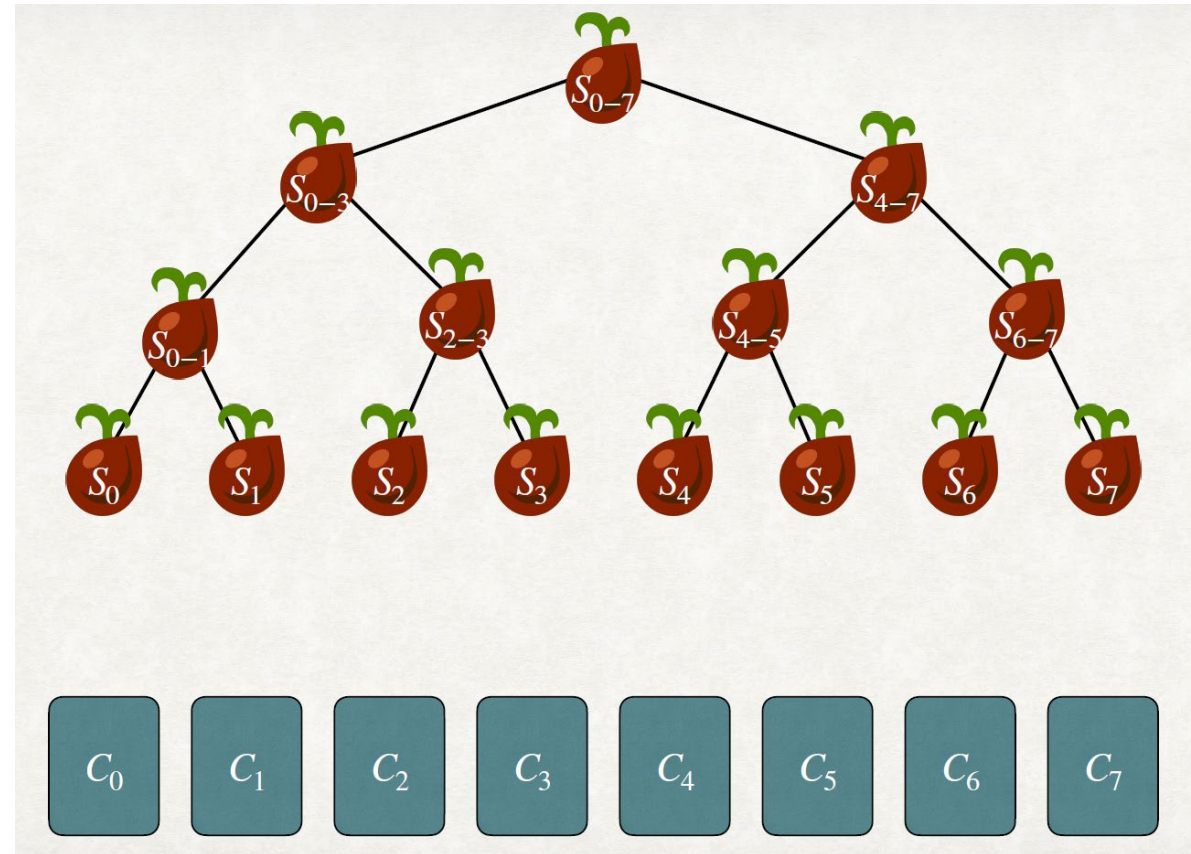
SGC

- For each of b branches, E will attempt b guesses
- Each produces different output wire keys (total $O(b^2)$)
- To proceed past the conditional we must collect **garbage outputs** that result from each possible bad evaluation
- Garbler's work is $O(b^2)$

Logstack (HK21)

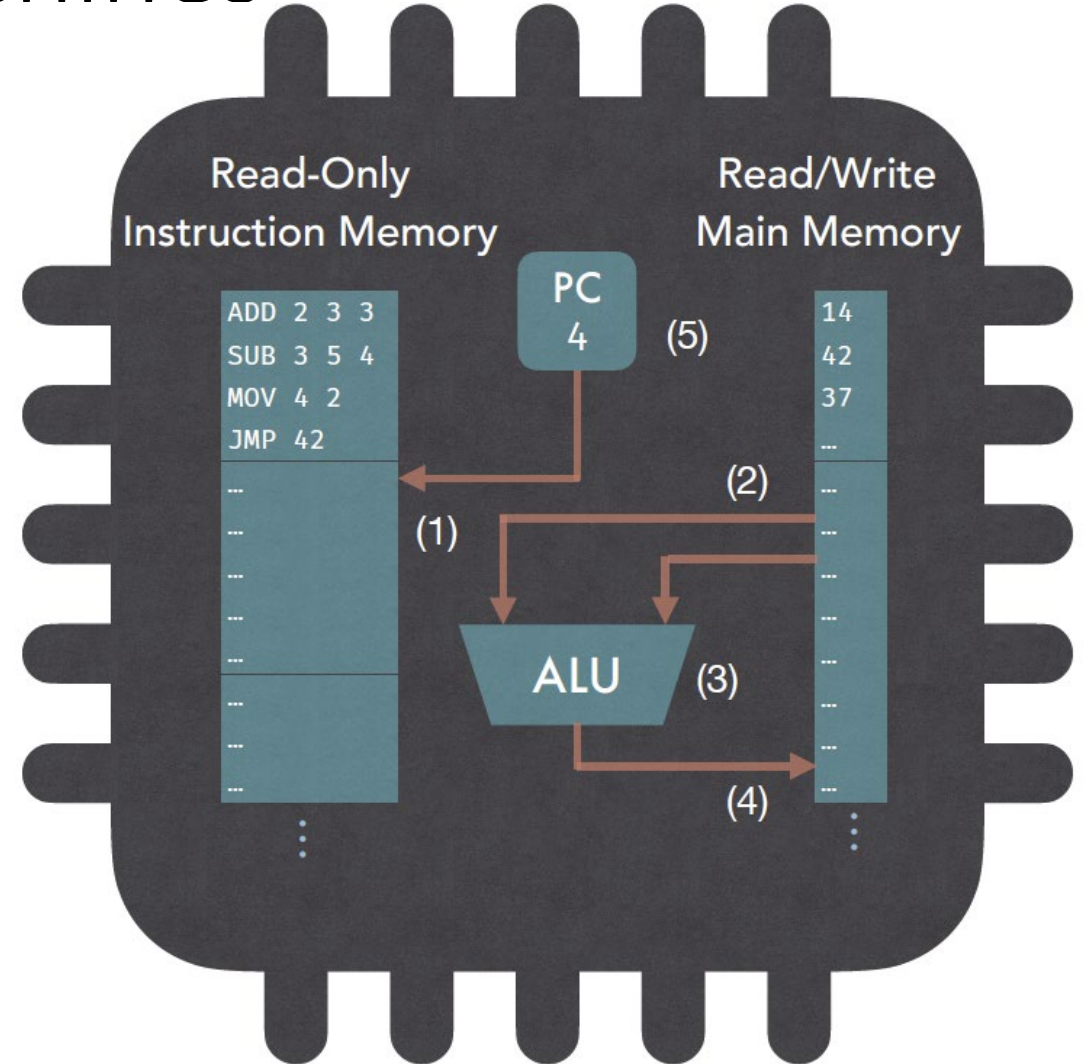
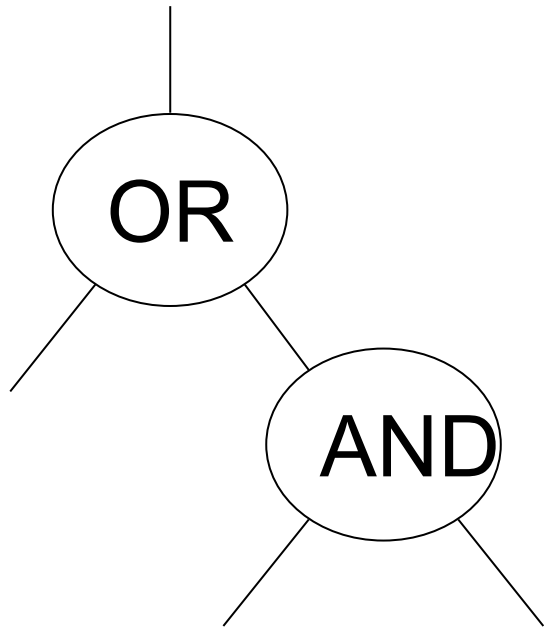
Idea

- Consolidate garbage collection by setting branches/seeds into a binary tree
- Each branch's garbage depends on *which sibling subtree holds the active branch*. Hence, each branch has $\lceil \log b \rceil$ possible garbage labels
- G can precompute all garbage in $O(\lceil \log b \rceil)$ time and build a garbage-collecting multiplexer



Applications to threshold cryptography

From circuits to RAM machines



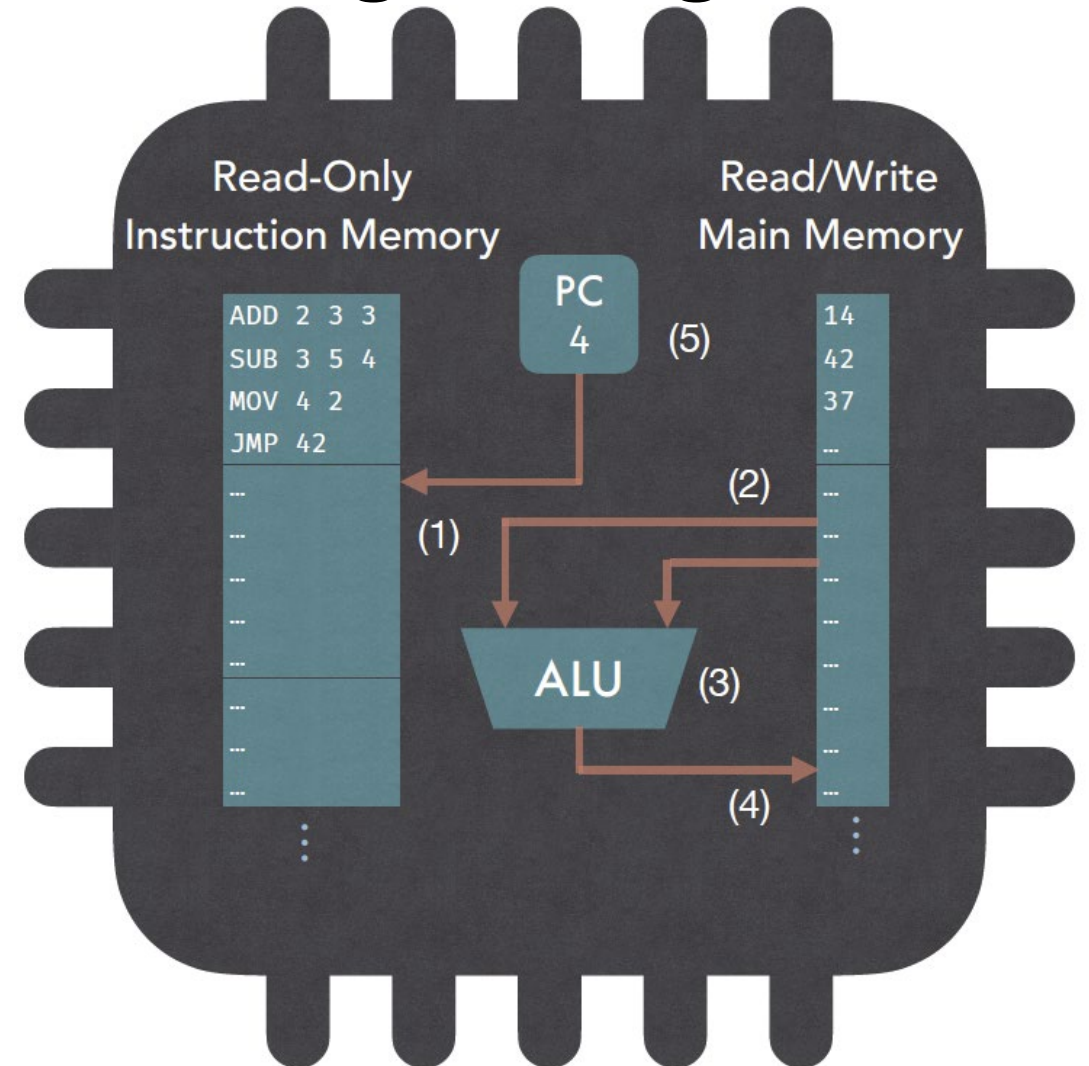
Need: compute F
Represent F as circuit vs as a C program

Implementing CPU with Stacked garbling

[HK20] For circuit $C = \text{Cond}(C_0, C_1, \dots, C_{n-1})$
Performance improvement factor n

CPU is such a conditional circuit!

Implement N CPU steps as sequence of N circuits. Each circuit ALU is now as large as a single instruction!



GC is basic

- It is a simple object; it is not a protocol
- Standardizing just GC gives cryptographic object with clean security properties.
- Optional OT/GC usage standardization makes is a secure MPC standard
- In MPTS'20, GC world was relatively simple. Since then there were some nice developments.

GC standardization

Basic GC is very stable.

Standardizing basic GC

- Not likely to hinder future algorithmic enhancements
- Encourage development and standardization of gadgets
- Will aid in Threshold crypto (mandate of this group),
 - and be a catalyst for MPC development *and adoption*.

So let's go!