

# Modern Cryptography: Lecture 15

## *Selected Topics*

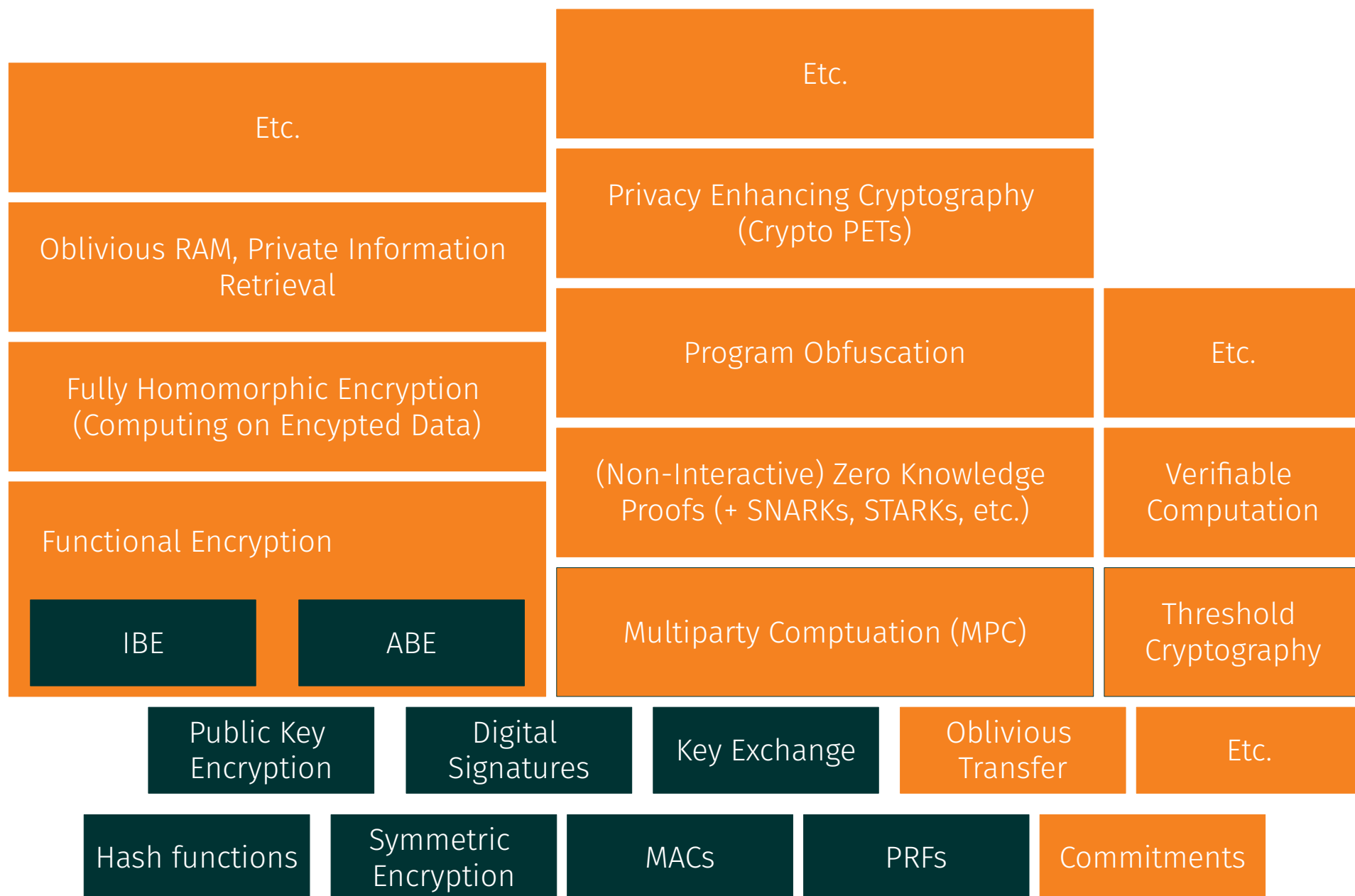
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# Organizational

- Where to find the slides and homework?
  - <https://danielslamanig.info/ModernCrypto18.html>
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- Official page at TU, Location etc.
  - <https://tiss.tuwien.ac.at/course/courseDetails.xhtml?dswid=8632&dsrid=679&courseNr=192062&semester=2018W>
- Tutorial, TU site
  - <https://tiss.tuwien.ac.at/course/courseAnnouncement.xhtml?dswid=5209&dsrid=341&courseNumber=192063&courseSemester=2018W>
- Exam for the second part: Thursday 31.01.2019 15:00-17:00 (Tutorial slot)

# Topics in Advanced Cryptography...



# Selected Topics

- **Threshold cryptography**
  - Distribute operations with the secret key  $sk$  among a set of parties
  - A certain number of participants need to be involved to perform an operation
- **Brief primer on Multiparty Computation (MPC)**
  - A number of parties can compute any function jointly without revealing their inputs to the other parties
- **Puncturable Encryption**
  - Public key encryption with “update capabilities” on the secret key
  - Secret key can be punctured on ciphertext s.t. this ciphertext can no longer be decrypted

# Threshold Cryptography: Motivation

- If the secret key (of an encryption or signature scheme) is in a single location, this represents a single point of failure
  - Problem that happened in practice, e.g., with Bitcoin ECDSA private keys
- We may want to enforce that a signature generation or decryption is only possible when a certain set of participants agree to do so
- Idea
  - Let a set of parties jointly generate a secret key (“shares” of the key may also be distributed to the parties by a trusted dealer)
  - The public key typically looks like a public key of the underlying scheme
    - So public key operations are as usual
  - Using the secret key (i.e., signing or decryption) requires an interactive protocol between (a subset of the) participants

# Secret Sharing

- A dealer shares a secret key between  $n$  participants
- Each participant  $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$  receives a share
- Predefined groups of participants (so called authorized groups) can cooperate to reconstruct the secret from their shares
- Unauthorized groups cannot get any information about the secret
  
- We will look at  $(k, n)$ -threshold secret sharing schemes
  - Every subset of at least  $k$  participants of the  $n$  participants can reconstruct the secret (is authorized)
  - Any subset of  $k-1$  participants can get no any information about the secret (is unauthorized)

# (n,n)-Treshold Secret Sharing

- Let  $s$  be a secret from a finite group  $(G, +)$
- The dealer chooses  $n-1$  uniformly random elements  $s_1, \dots, s_{n-1}$  from  $G$  and computes  $s_n = s - (s_1 + \dots + s_{n-1})$
- The shares are  $(s_1, \dots, s_n)$  and party  $i$  is given share  $s_i$
- Given  $(s_1, \dots, s_n)$ , one can successfully recover  $s = s_1 + \dots + s_n$
- Given  $s_i$  for  $i \neq j$ :  $\sum_{i \neq j} s_i = s - s_j$  is uniformly random (no information)
  
- **Not robust at all!**
  - If a single participant fails to provide the share reconstruction is not possible
- We are interested in **(k,n)-threshold schemes** where  $k < n$

# Shamir Secret Sharing

- Basis
  - Given  $k$  points on the plane  $(x_1, y_1), \dots, (x_k, y_k)$ , all  $x_i$  distinct, there exists a unique polynomial  $f$  of degree  $\leq k - 1$ , s.t.  $f(x_i) = y_i$  for all  $i$
  - Holds also in the field  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  for  $p$  prime
  - Constructive proof: Use Lagrange interpolation
- How is this used?
  - Let  $s$  be a secret in  $\mathbb{Z}_p$
  - Dealer selects a random degree  $k-1$  polynomial  $f(x) = a_{k-1}x^{k-1} + \dots + a_1x + a_0$ 
    - Select  $a_{k-1}, \dots, a_1$  uniformly random from  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  and set  $a_0 = s$
  - For  $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ , give the share  $s_i = (i, f(i))$  to the  $i^{\text{th}}$  participant



# Shamir Secret Sharing

- **Correctness:** the secret  $s$  can be reconstructed from every subset of  $k$  shares
  - Proof: By the Lagrange formula, given  $k$  points  $(x_i, y_i)$ , for  $i = 1, \dots, k$

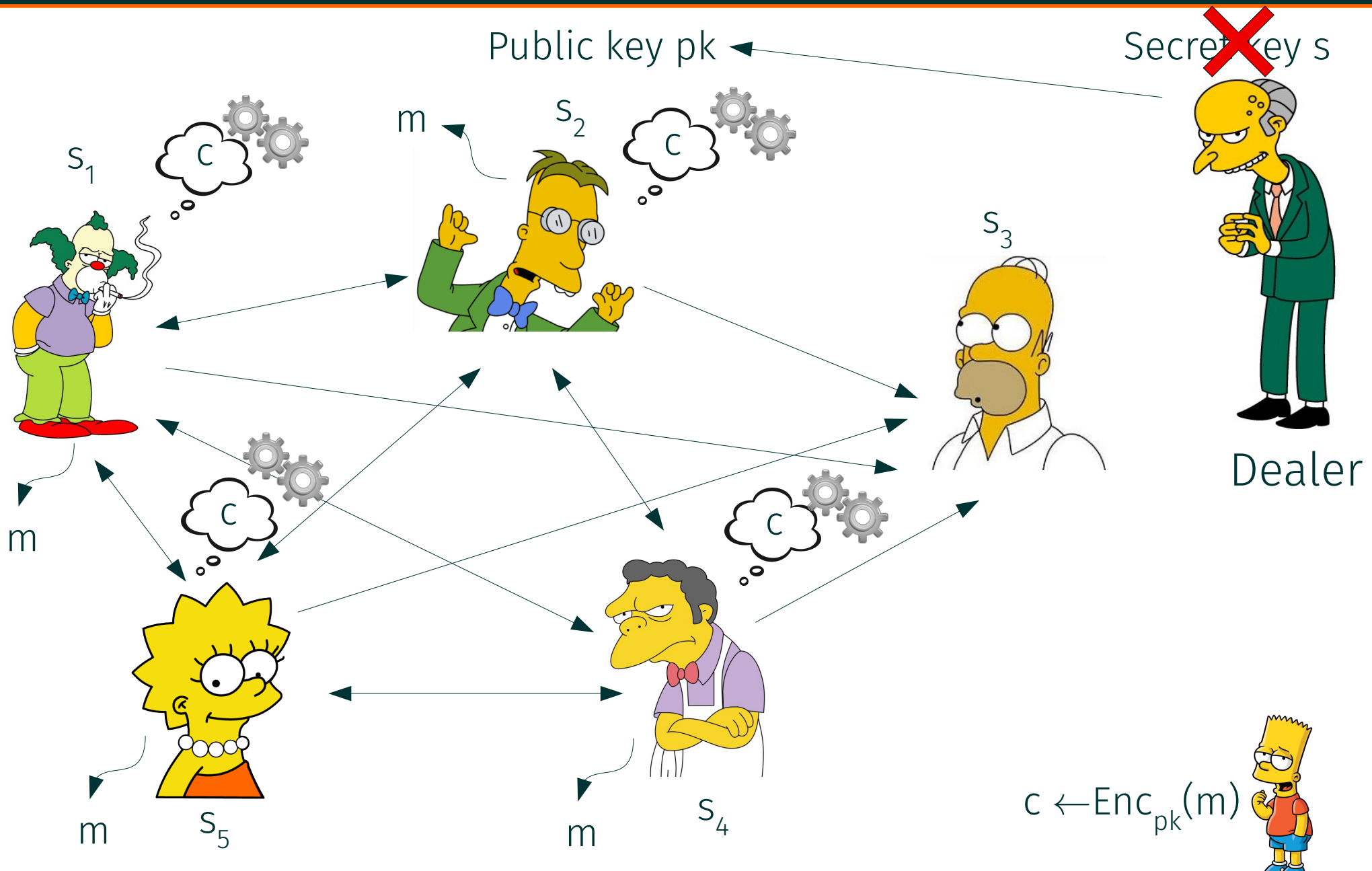
$$f(x) = \sum_{i=1}^k y_i \prod_{j=1, j \neq i}^k \frac{x - x_j}{x_i - x_j} \pmod{p}$$

- and consequently

$$s := f(0) = \sum_{i=1}^k y_i \prod_{j=1, j \neq i}^k \frac{-x_j}{x_i - x_j} \pmod{p} \quad \Delta_i$$

- **Secrecy (perfect):** Any subset of up to  $k - 1$  shares does not leak any information on the secret
  - Proof: Given  $k - 1$  shares  $(x_i, y_i)$  every candidate secret  $s' \in \mathbb{Z}_p$  corresponds to a unique polynomial of degree  $k-1$  for which  $f(0)=s'$ . For all  $s' \in \mathbb{Z}_p$  the probabilities  $\Pr[s' = s]$  are equal.

# Threshold Encryption



# Threshold ElGamal Encryption

- Let  $x$  be the ElGamal secret key and  $y := g^x$  the public key (we work in a group  $G$  of prime order  $q$  generated by  $g$ ).
- Every participant  $i$  receives a share  $s_i = (i, x_i)$  of  $x$  obtained from Shamir  $(k, n)$ -threshold secret sharing
- We observe (notice that  $\Delta_j$  are publicly computable) that

$$x = \sum_{j \in X} x_j \Delta_j \quad \text{and} \quad g^x = \prod_{j \in X} (g^{x_j})^{\Delta_j}$$

- Given an ElGamal ciphertext  $(c_1, c_2) = (g^r, m y^r)$  we assume a honest set  $X$  of  $t$  participants
  - Every participant  $j$  in  $X$  broadcasts  $w_j := (c_1)^{x_j}$
  - Everyone in  $X$  can recover the plaintext as  $m = \frac{c_2}{\prod_{j \in X} w_j^{\Delta_j}}$

Correctness: 
$$\frac{c_2}{\prod_{j \in X} w_j^{\Delta_j}} = \frac{m(g^x)^r}{g^{r \sum_{j \in X} x_j \Delta_j}} = \frac{m g^{rx}}{g^{rx}}$$

# Threshold Cryptography: Remarks

- We have assumed that the parties participating in the decryption are honest
  - Malicious parties can enforce an incorrect result by publishing a malformed  $w_j$  value
  - Can be prevented by forcing the parties to prove that the  $w_j$  values are well formed (i.e., by attaching a non-interactive zero-knowledge proof)
- Can come up with threshold versions of various signature schemes
  - Schnorr, (EC)DSA, etc.
  - Somewhat hot topic today (cryptocurrencies)

Why you need threshold signatures  
to protect your wallet

Arvind Narayanan  
Princeton

Joint work with



Steven Goldfeder



Harry Kalderon



Rosario Gennaro



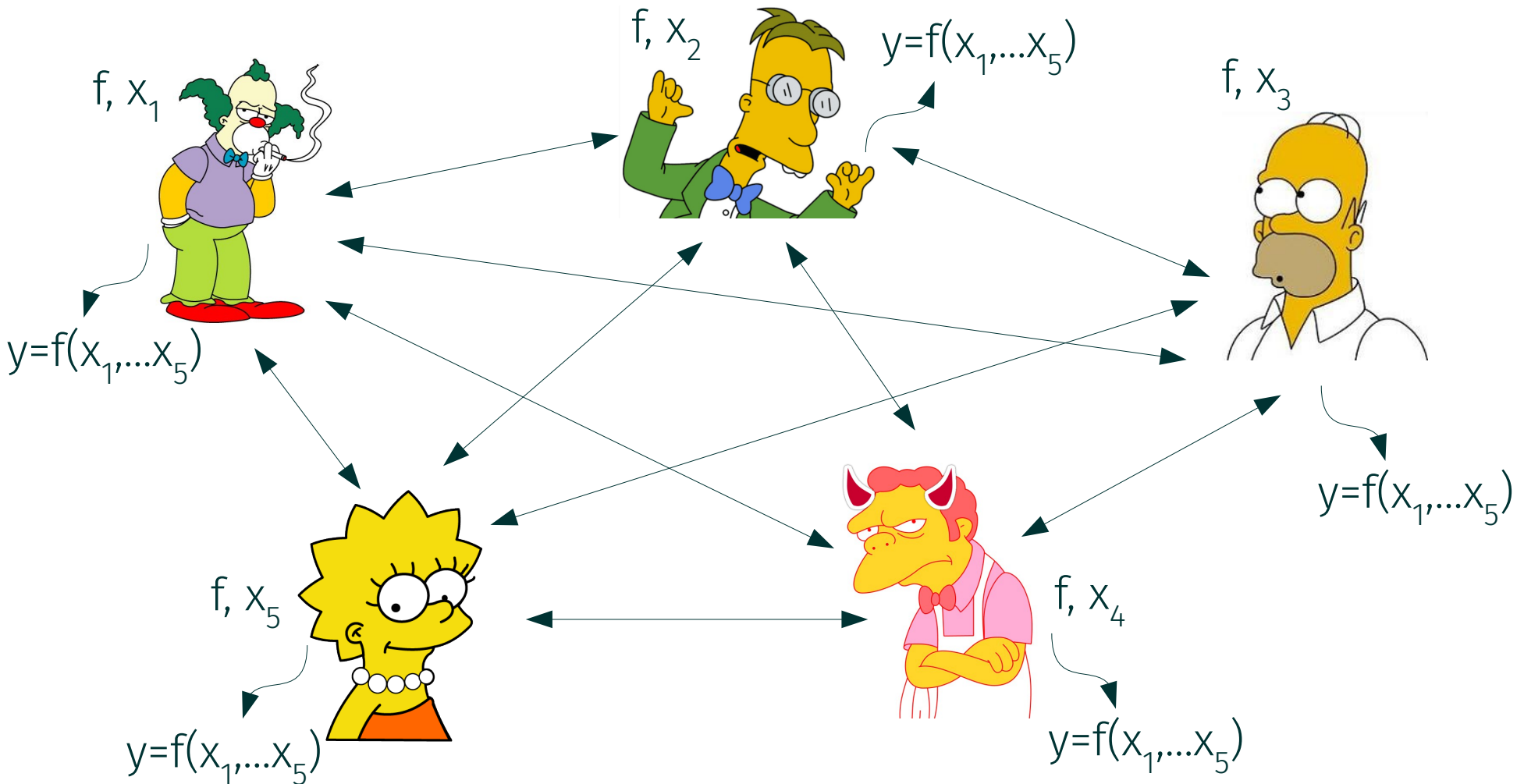
Threshold Signatures are a 'Significant Milestone' in Bitcoin Security

430 Total views - Total shares



# Multiparty Computation

- We have seen a very specific functionality computed in a distributed way without requiring the participants to reveal their secret inputs
- Can we do every computation in such a threshold manner? Yes!



# Multiparty Computation

- We look at Ben-Or, Goldwasser, Wigderson (BGW) in a finite field  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ 
  - Every possible function in  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  is a polynomial
  - We need to show how we can do addition and multiplication
- BGW is a general MPC protocol that provides information theoretic guarantees
  - in the presence of **semi-honest adversaries** controlling a minority of parties ( $< n/2$ )
  - in the presence of **malicious adversaries** controlling less than a third of the parties ( $< n/3$ ).

# Multiparty Computation

- Use Shamir's  $(k, n)$ -threshold secret sharing with  $k > n/2$  (honest majority)
- Every party  $i$  has a secret  $s_i$  and polynomial  $f_i(0) = s_i$
- Every party  $j$  holds shares  $f_i(j)$ ,  $i \neq j$ ,
- **Addition:** Given  $f_1(j)$  and  $f_2(j)$  just add the shares: participants then share the polynomial  $f_1 + f_2$  with  $(f_1 + f_2)(0) = s_1 + s_2$ .
- **Multiplication:** if  $h = (f_1 \cdot f_2)$  then  $h(0) = s_1 \cdot s_2$ 
  - However,  $h$  would have degree  $\deg f_1 + \deg f_2 = 2k - 2$
  - Coefficients of  $h$  are not uniformly random
  - After every multiplication the parties perform a simple protocol that reduces the degree of  $h$  and adds uniformly random values to all coefficients of  $h$ , except to  $h_0$

# Puncturable Encryption

- Public key encryption with “update capabilities” on the secret key
- Secret key can be punctured on ciphertext s.t. this ciphertext can no longer be decrypted

## Conventional encryption scheme:

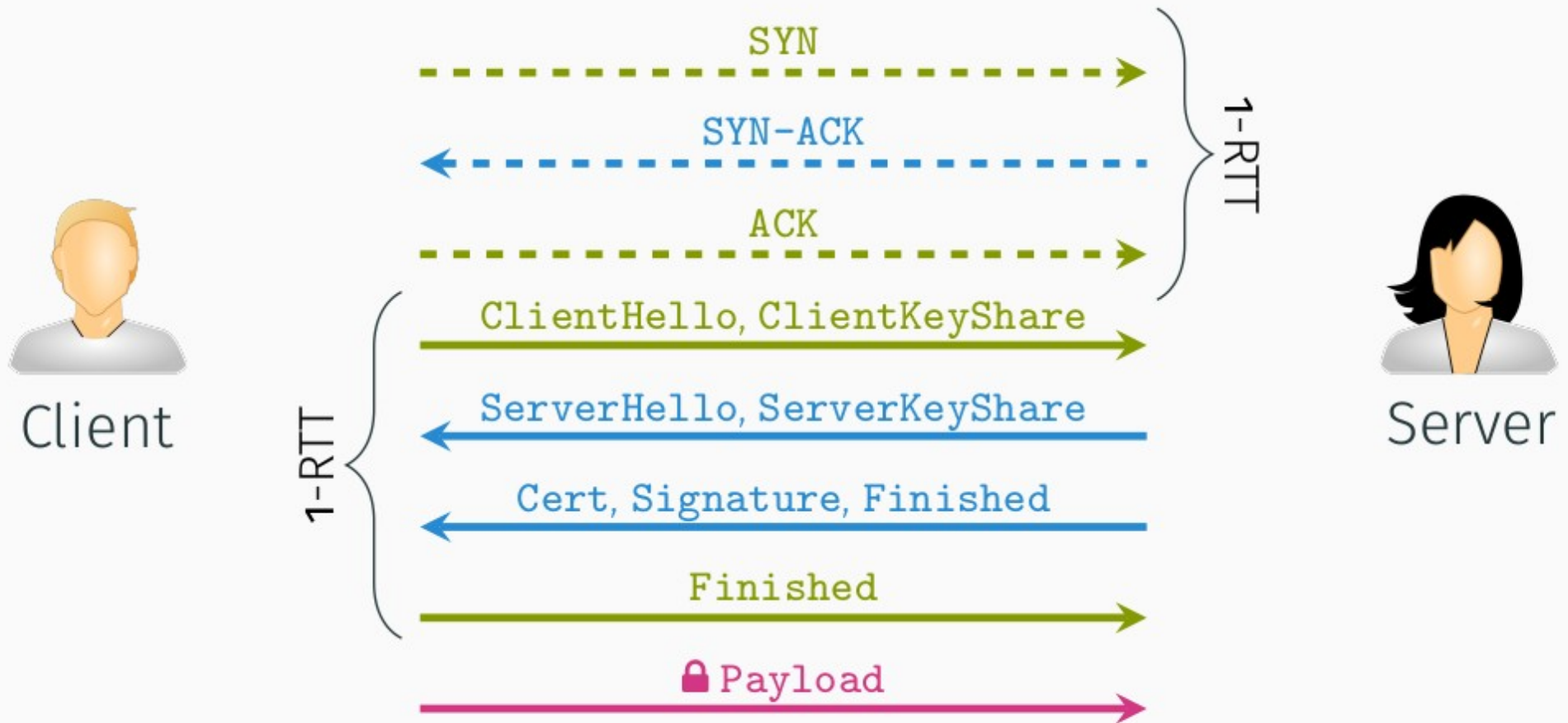
- (KeyGen, Enc, Dec)
- + Additional algorithm  $\mathcal{Q}_k' \leftarrow \text{Punc}(\mathcal{Q}_k, C)$

## Properties

- $\mathcal{Q}_k'$  no longer useful to decrypt  $C$
- $\mathcal{Q}_k'$  still useful to decrypt other ciphertexts
- Repeated puncturing possible



# Puncturable Encryption: Application fs 0-RTT Key Exchange

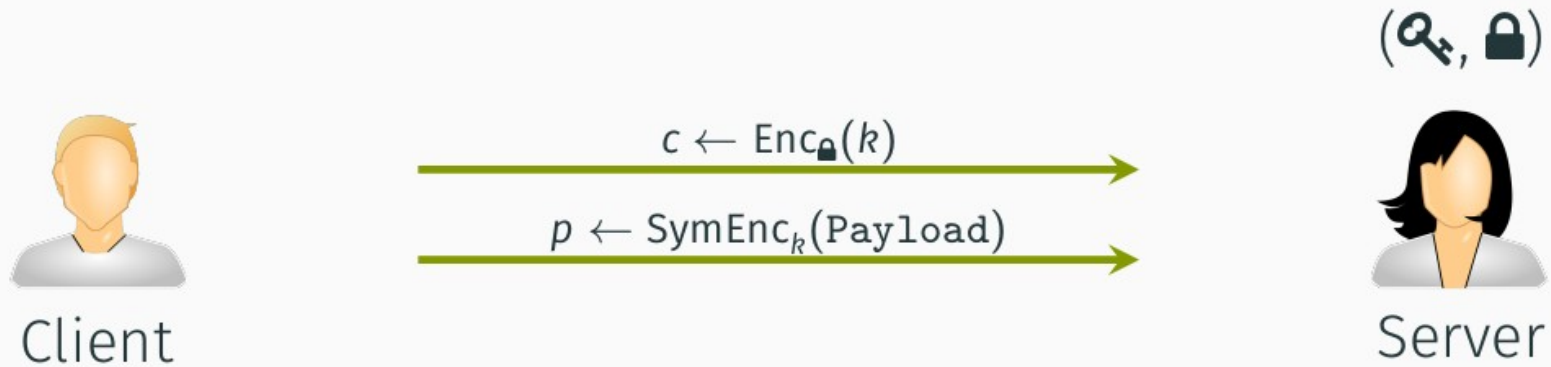


Can we already send encrypted payload with the first message in the second round?

Desired properties:

- Replay protection
- Forward secrecy

# Puncturable Encryption: Application fs 0-RTT Key Exchange



## Major deficiencies:

- No forward secrecy
- Vulnerable to replay attacks

# Puncturable Encryption

- We are looking at one construction idea
  - Construct a scheme with non-negligible correctness error: does not matter too much for key-exchange
  - E.g., 1 in 1000 sessions fail (can then fallback to 1-RTT)
- The most basic construction is called Bloom Filter Encryption (BFE)
  - Bloom Filter: data structure for probabilistic set membership checks

# Puncturable Encryption: Bloom Filters



- Initial state  $T := \mathbf{0}^m$
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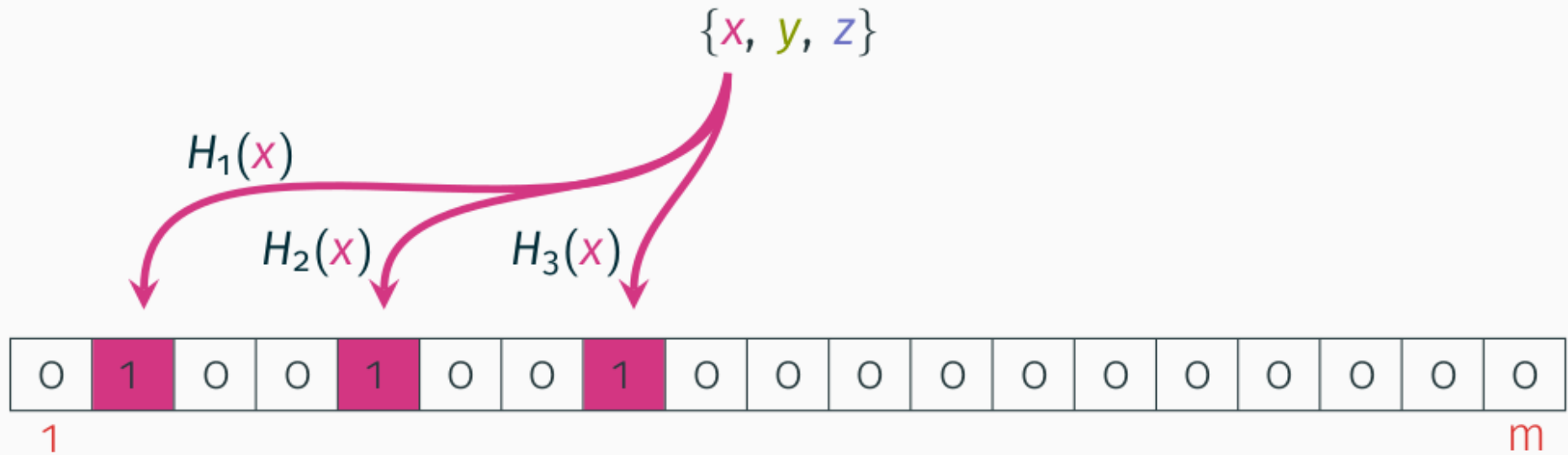
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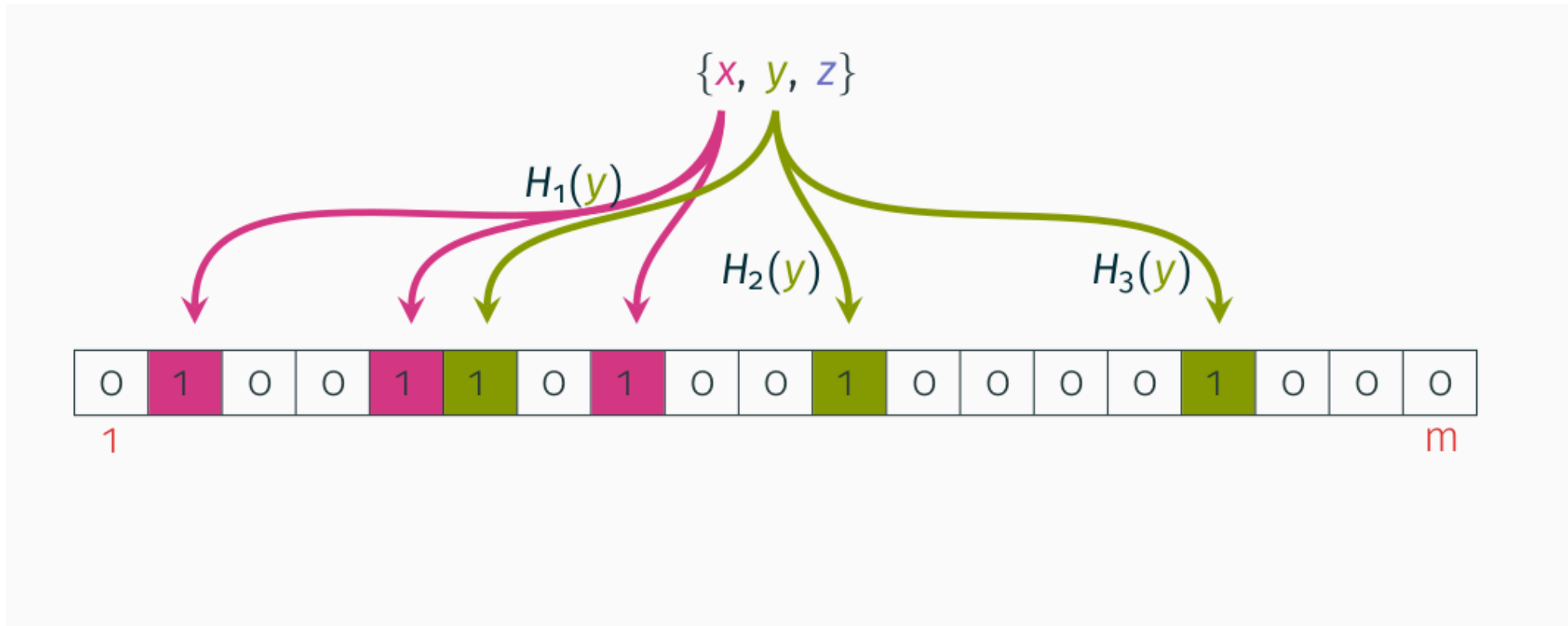


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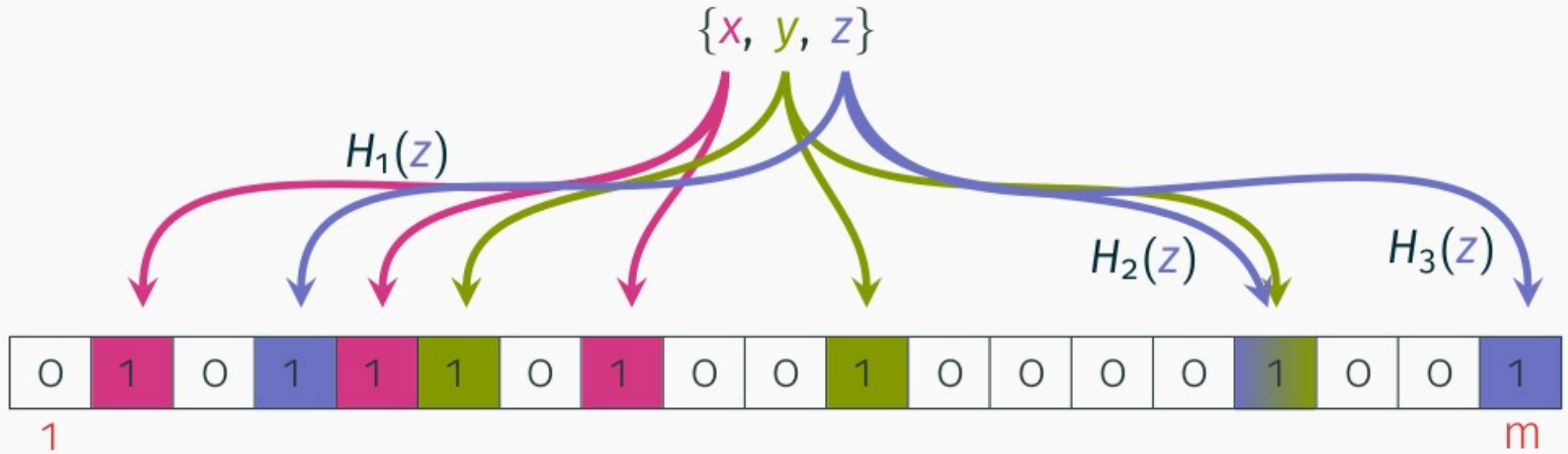
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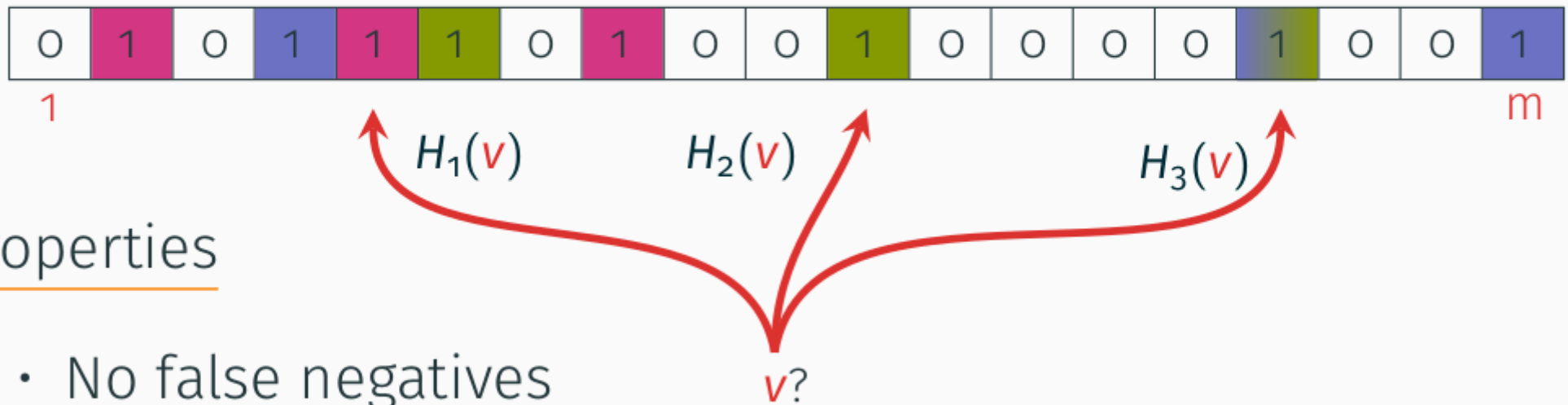
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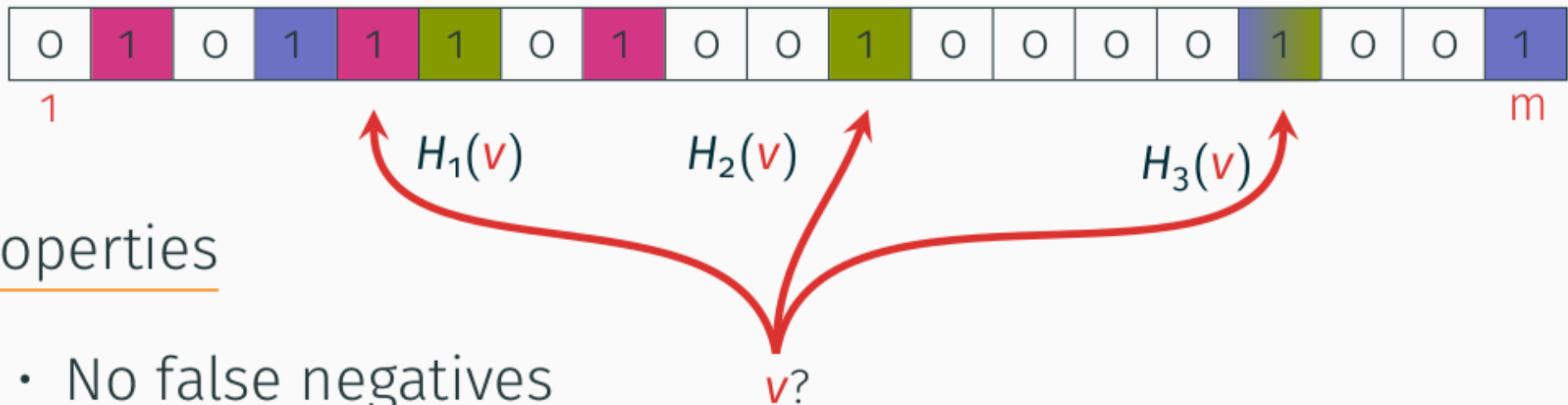


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- Probability determined by  $k$ ,  $m$ , and  $\#$  inserted elements

# Puncturable Encryption: BFE Construction



## KeyGen

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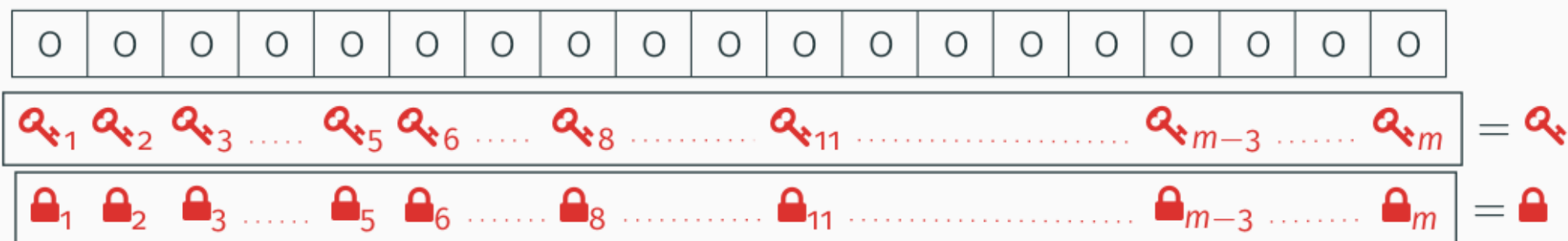
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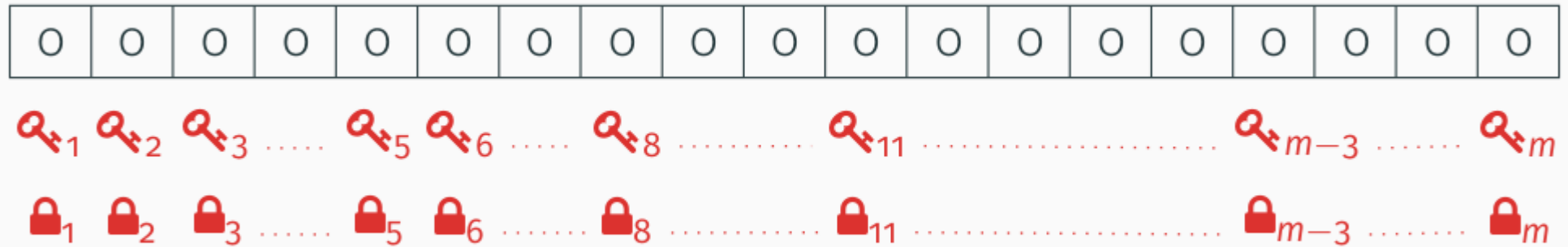
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- Compose BFE key pair ( $k, l$ )

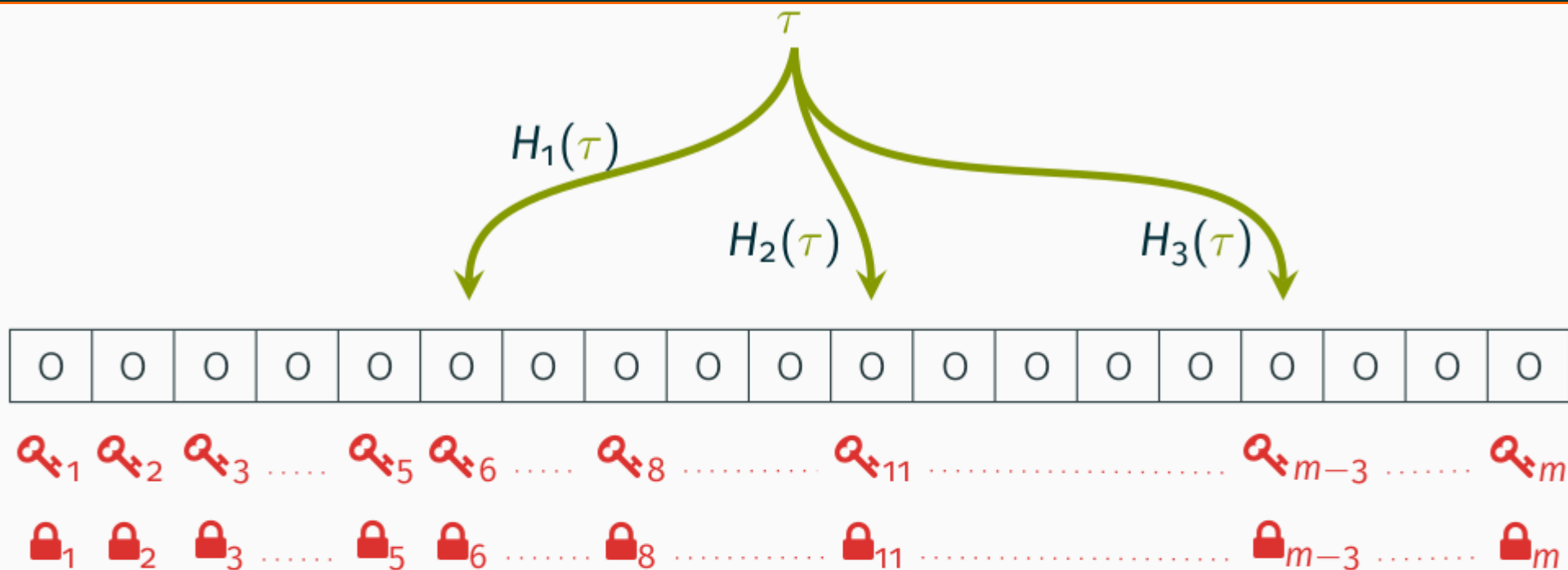
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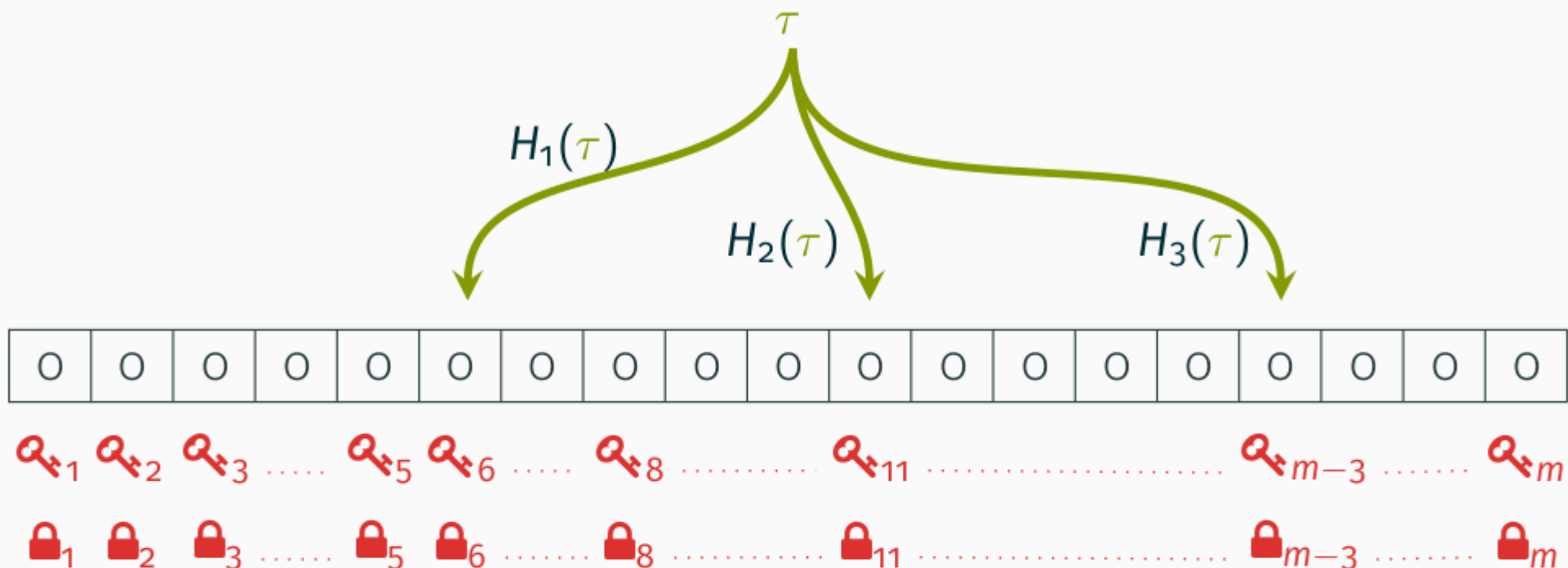


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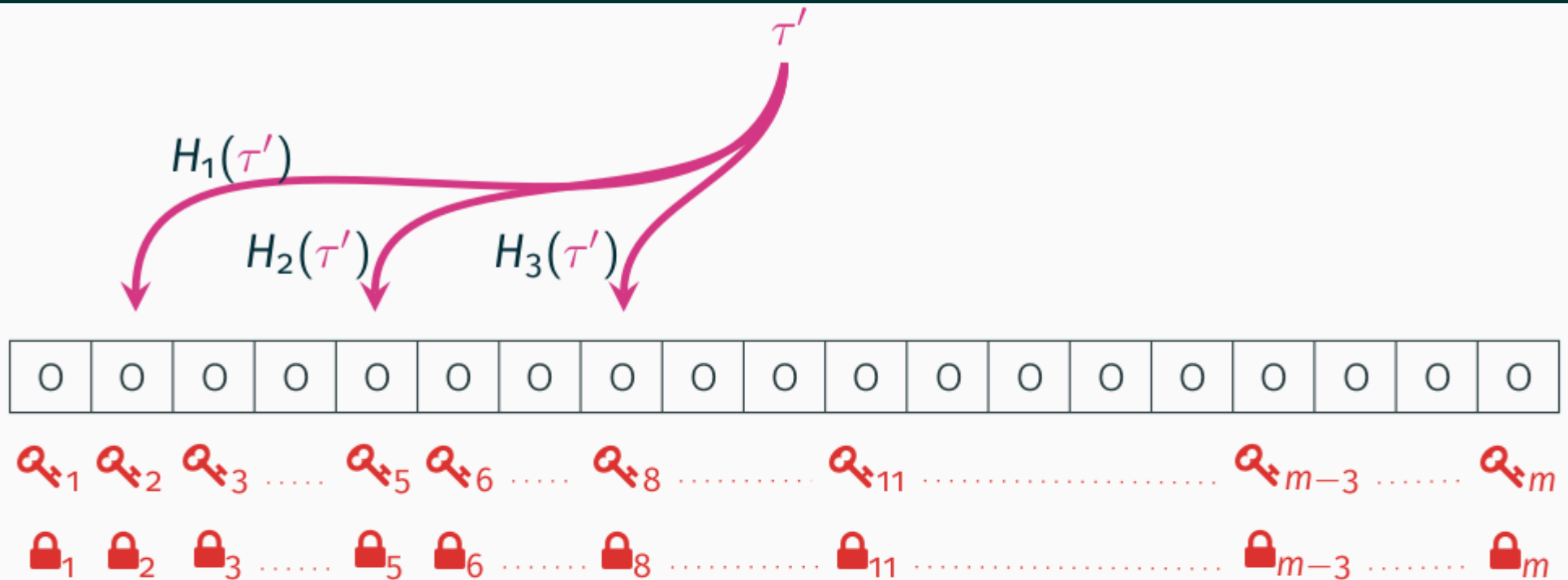
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- $C_\tau \leftarrow \text{Enc}_{K_6 \vee K_{11} \vee K_{m-3}}(M)$

# Puncturable Encryption: Bloom Filters

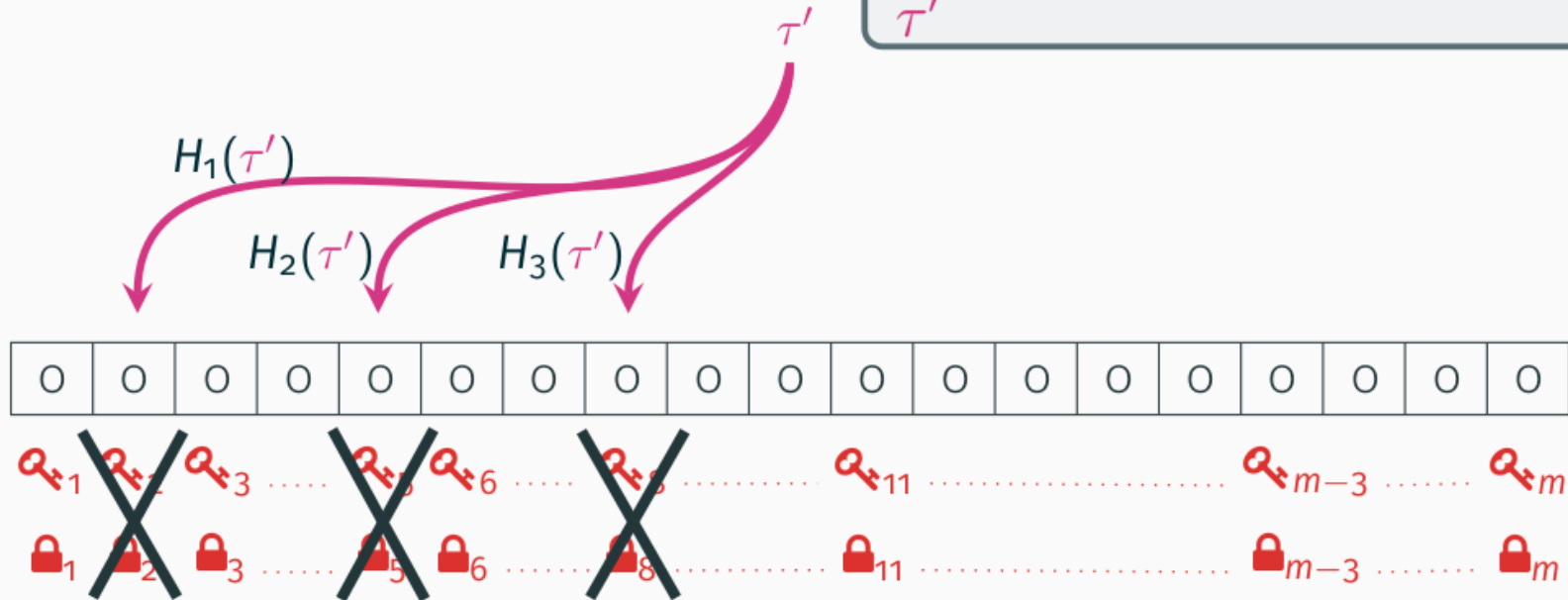


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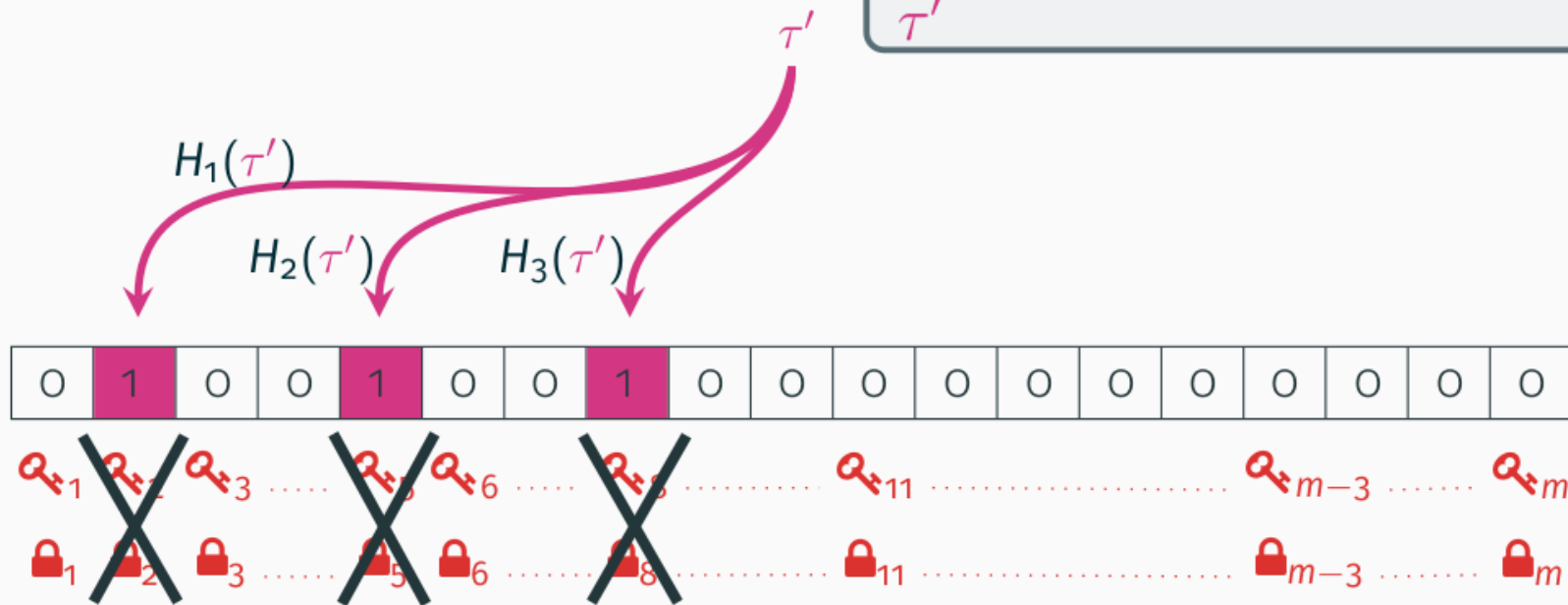


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- Determine BF indexes from  $\tau'$
- Delete associated keys

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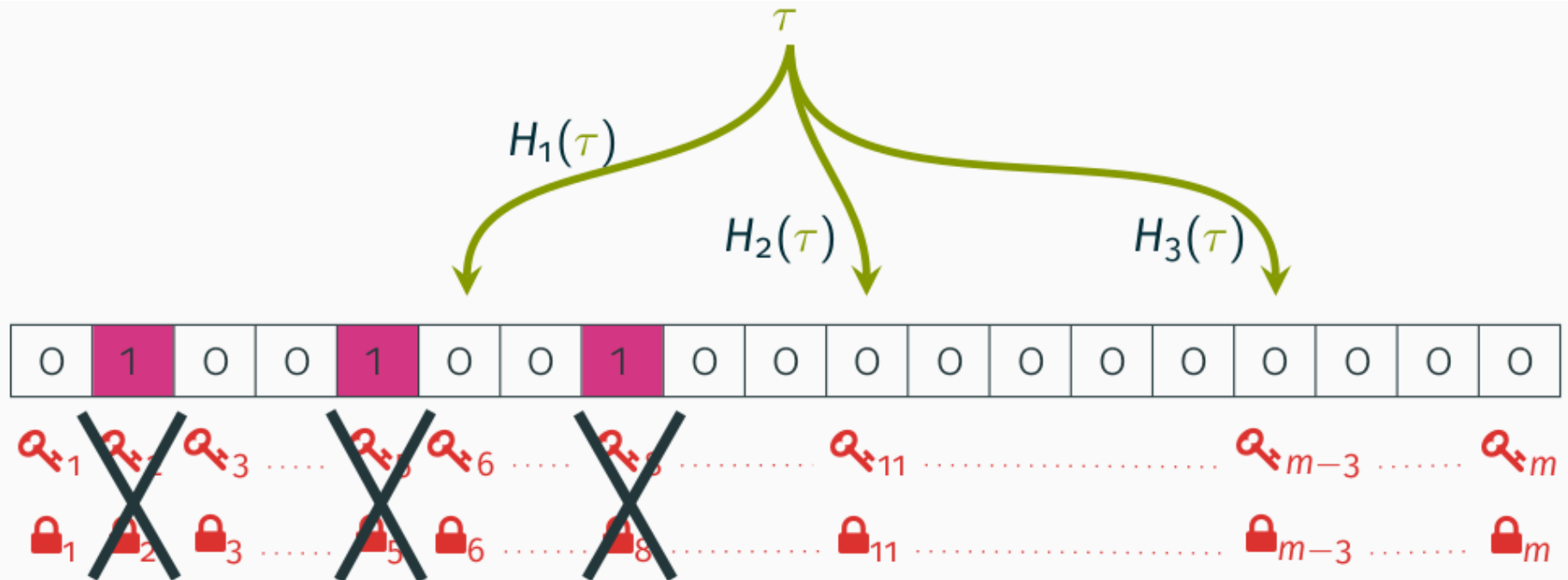
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- Determine BF indexes from  $\tau'$
- Delete associated keys
- Update BF state

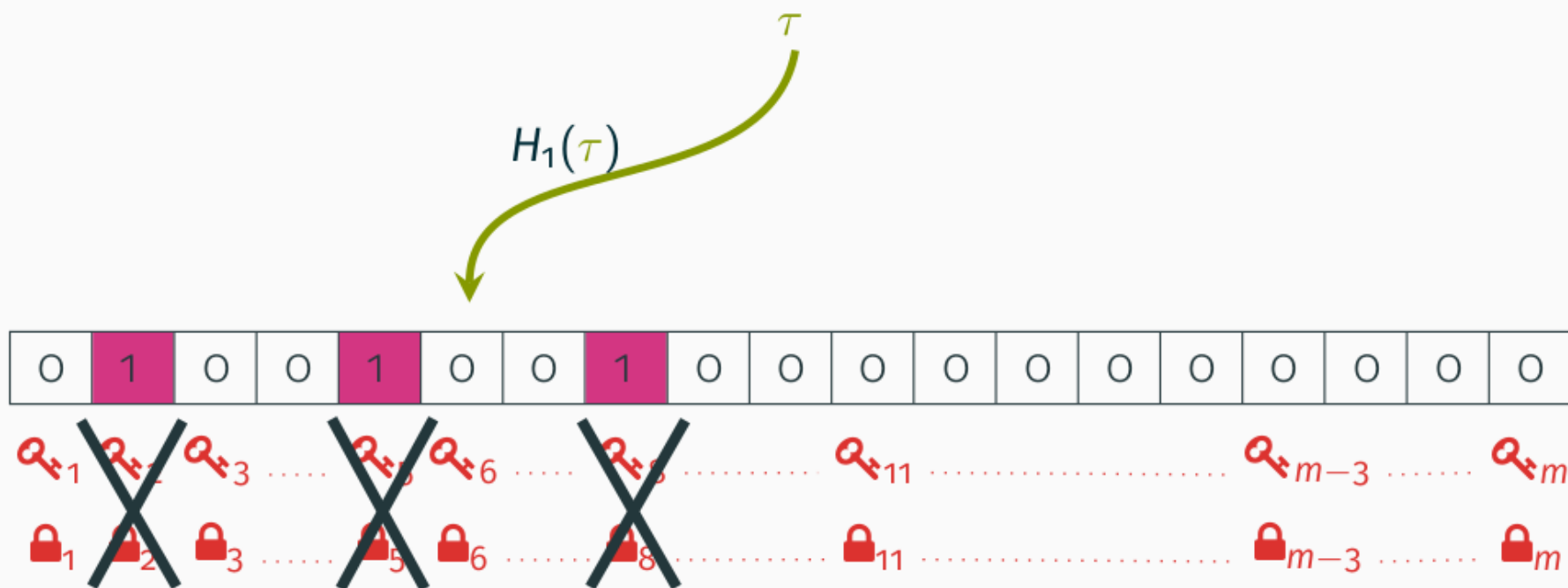
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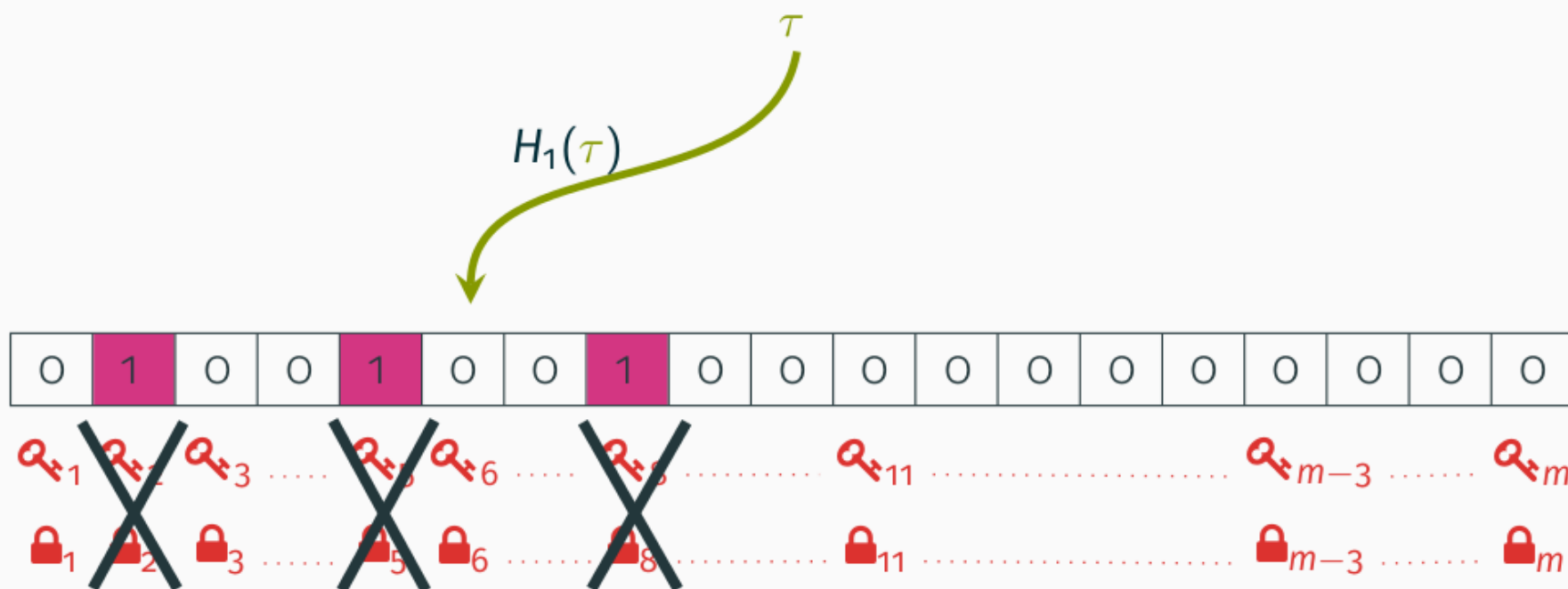
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- $M \leftarrow \text{Dec}_{\mathcal{K}_i}(C_\tau)$

# Puncturable Encryption: Bloom Filters

- Maximum # of elements in BF:  $2^{20}$ 
  - $\approx 2^{12}$  puncturings/day for full year
- False positive probability:  $10^{-3}$
- BF size  $m = n \cdot \ln p / (\ln 2)^2 \approx 2\text{MB}$
- # hash functions  $k = \lceil m/n \cdot \ln 2 \rceil = 10$
  
- Constructions from different primitives
  - Identity-based encryption (IBE), Attribute-based encryption (ABE)
  - Identity-based broadcast encryption (IBBE)

Construction			C	Dec	Punc
IBE [Crypto'01]	$O(1)$	$O(m)$	$O(k)$	$O(k)$	$O(k)$
ABE [CT-RSA'13, AC'15]	$O(m)$	$O(m^2)$	$O(1)$	$O(k)$	$O(k)$
IBBE [AC'07] <sup>1</sup>	$O(k)$	$O(m)$	$O(1)$	$O(k)$	$O(k)$



# The End

- Thank you all for participating in the course! It was a lot of fun!
- If you are interested in summer internships/bachelor/master projects please just contact me

Good luck for the final exam!!

