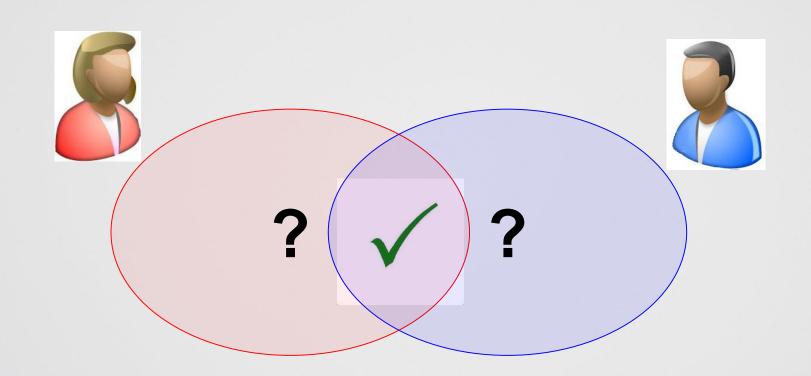
Private Set Intersection (PSI): in the Cloud, or using Circuits

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Private Set Intersection (PSI)





In this talk

- Computing PSI using linear-size circuits, via two-dimensional Cuckoo hashing
 - With Thomas Schneider, Christian Weinert, Udi Wieder.
 - Have efficient implementations for all protocols
 - A very detailed experimental analysis

- PSI of outsourced data in the cloud
 - With Ben Riva
 - Detailed cloud-based experiments



A naïve PSI protocol

- A naïve solution:
 - A has items x₁,...,x_n. B has items y₁,...,y_n.
 - A and B agree on a "cryptographic hash function" H()
 - B sends to A: H(y₁),..., H(y_n)
 - A compares to $H(x_1), ..., H(x_n)$ and finds the intersection
- Does not protect B's privacy if the inputs do not have considerable entropy



Applications of PSI

- Information sharing, e.g., intersection of threat information or of suspect lists
- Matching, e.g., testing compatibility of different properties (preferences, genomes...)
- Identifying mutual contacts
- Computing ad conversion rates



Application: Online Advertising

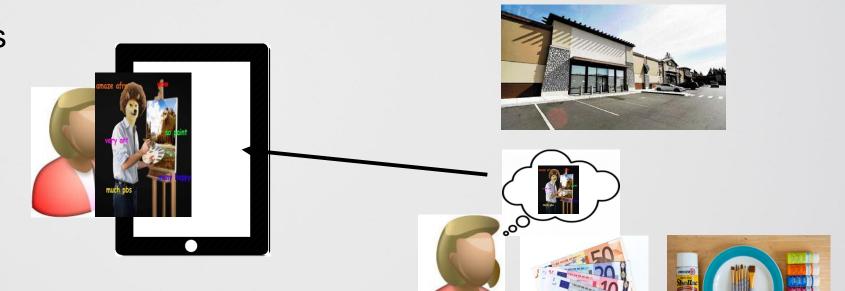
- Retailers show ads using, e.g., Facebook or Google

- For online web stores, it is easy to measure the effectivity of ads

- For offline shops it is harder

Online

Real-World





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Thunder – when clouds intersect (or, PSI of outsourced data)

With Ben Riva



Cloud storage services





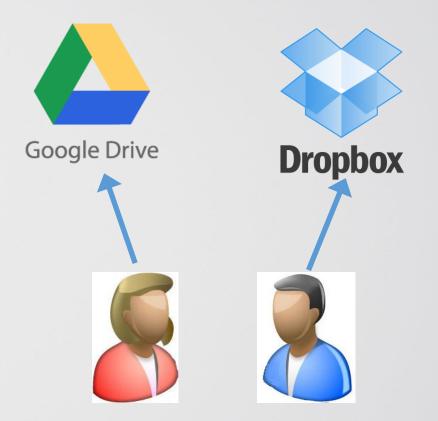




Setting

- Users store huge *encrypted* data sets in the cloud
- Want to run an MPC over their data

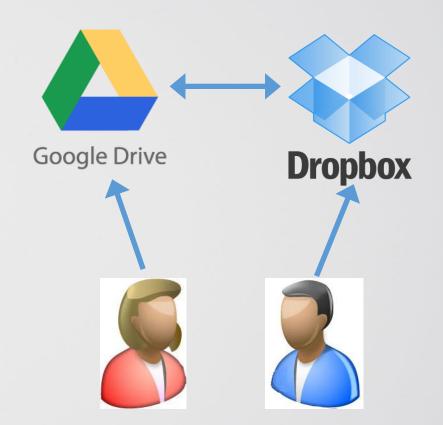
- MPC protocols are for users that have their input in their possession
- Downloading the data before running the MPC is costly





Motivation for running MPC in the cloud

- Why use a cloud service to run an MPC for you?
 - The data is already stored in the cloud
 - Can achieve very low latency by utilizing the elastic computing resources of the cloud (namely, use hundreds of cores and benefit from parallelism)





Requirements

- Clients encrypt their data before uploading it
- Do not know in advance with whom they will run MPC

 Afterwards, they only need to invest an effort that is sublinear in the input size



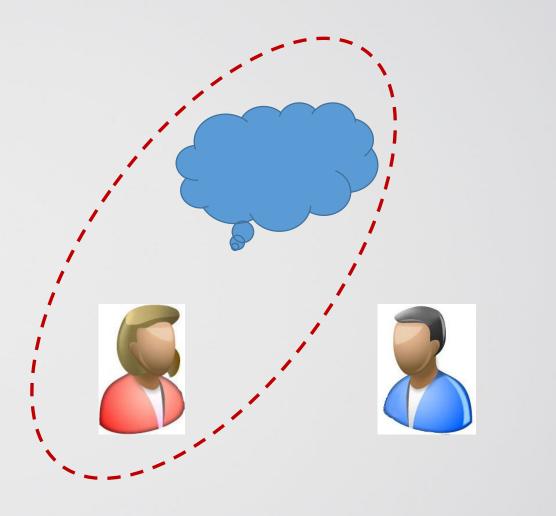
Single vs. multiple cloud services

- Simple solution given non-colluding clouds:
 - Each client sends encrypted data to one cloud service, key to another.
 - The cloud service run an MPC between themselves.
- It is better not to depend on non-collusion between clouds
 - Clients cannot verify that clouds do not collude
 - It is expensive/complicated to setup trust relationships with multiple clouds
- Therefore we assume that cloud services might collude. This is
 equivalent to assuming that a single cloud service is used by all clients.



No client-cloud collusion

- We assume that clients do not collude with the cloud.
- Otherwise, Alice might collude with the cloud, and this will essentially be a two-party computation between Bob and Alice+cloud.
- The only known 2PC protocols with sublinear communication are based on FHE.



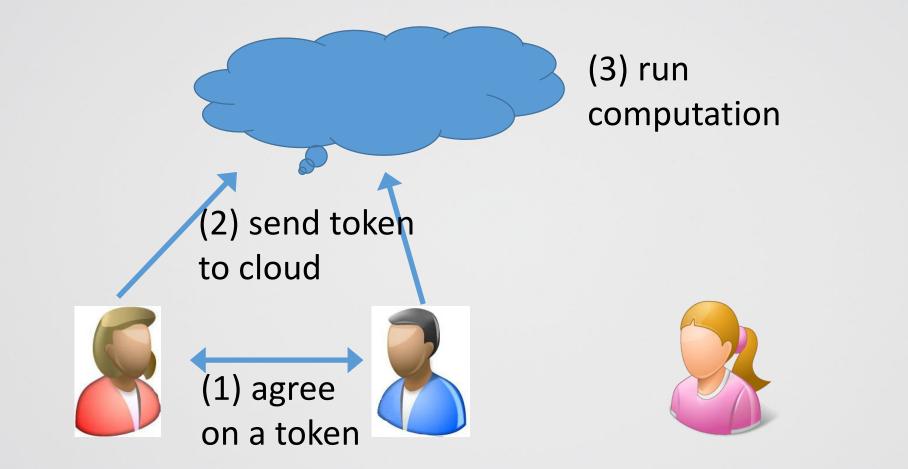


Clients upload data

Each client encrypts its data with its own key

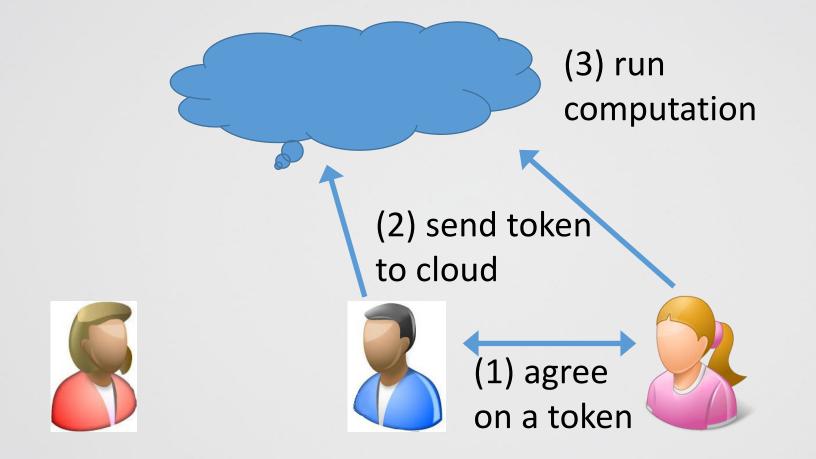


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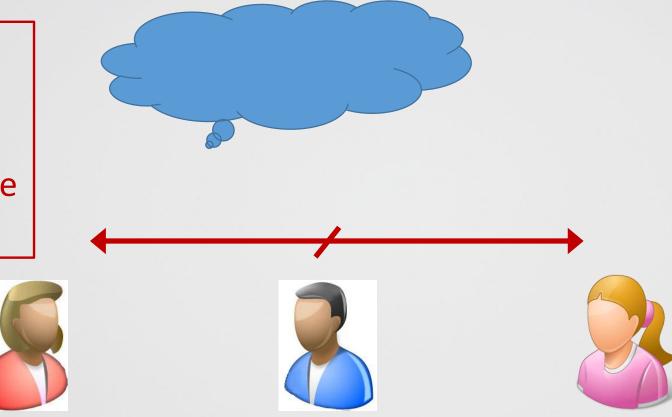
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Bob and Carol wish to run a computation

Cloud still cannot run a computation between Alice and Carol





Why is this interesting?

- Need: the outsourced storage market is booming
- Novelty: current MPC techniques (except FHE) are inadequate for the cloud setting
- Performance: we achieve latency similar to that of best PSI protocols, by using mass parallelism. (Most clients can afford renting, but not <u>buying</u> this computing power)
- PSI is the only problem we know how to to solve in this setting



Related work

- "On the fly MPC on the cloud via multi-key FHE" [LTV12]
- Protocols with client work of $\Theta(n)$
 - Server aided MPC [KMR11,KMR12]
 - Server assisted PSI [K12]
 - MPC between three parties [BGW,CCD]
- Proxy re-encryption [AFGH06]
 - Can convert an encryption to an encryption under a different key
 - But cannot compare the two encryptions since they use different randomness



Bilinear maps

- G₁, G₂, G_T are groups of prime order q
- e: $G_1 \times G_2 \rightarrow G_T$ s.t.
 - If g_1, g_2 are generators of G_1 , G_2 , respectively, then $e(g_1, g_2)$ generates G_T
 - $e(g_1^{a}, g_2^{b}) = e(g_1, g_2)^{ab}$
- We use a Type-III pairing: There is no homomorphism from G_2 to G_T
- The SXDH assumption [BGMM05,GrothSahai08]: Both G₁ and G₂ are DDH hard groups.



The protocol

- Generate **parameters** for G₁, G₂, G_T.
 - g is a generator of G₁
 - A function H(): $\{0,1\}^* \rightarrow G_2$.
- Upload by user Pi
 - Picks a random key $Ki \in [q]$
 - Encrypts each item x by computing $(H(x))^{Ki} \in G_2$



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- Intersection of the data of Pi and Pj:
 - Pi and Pj agree on a key K. Send $g^{K/Ki}$, $g^{K/Kj}$ to the server, respectively.
- The server
 - For each item $(H(x))^{Ki}$ uploaded by Pi, computes $e(g^{K/Ki}(H(x))^{Ki}) = (H(x))^{K} \in G_T$
 - For each item $(H(y))^{Kj}$ uploaded by Pj, computes $e(g^{K/Kj}(H(y))^{Kj}) = (H(y))^{K} \in G_T$
 - Check the intersection of the two computed sets



Security

- Security proof in the random oracle model based on SXDH
 - Main property: values computed in the intersection of Pi and Pj ((H(x))^K ∈ G_T), cannot be compared with values computed in the intersection of Pi and another party ((H(x))^{K'} ∈ G_T).
 - It is crucial that there is no homomorphism from G₂ to G_T
 - Important (and hard) property: given tokens for P_i, P_j, and for P_j, P_k, it is impossible to compute intersection of P_i, P_k.



Extensions

- Computing encryptions and pairings is highly parallelizable
- Can also preprocess the work of the intersection step, so that in realtime compute exponentiations instead of pairings
- Computing the intersection of three (or more) parties
 - Send tokens g^{R1/K1}, g^{R2/K2}, g^{-(R1+R2)/K3}
 - The server computes (H(x))^{R1}, (H(x))^{R2}, (H(x)) -(R1+R2) and looks for triplets of items that multiply to 1



The Thunder prototype

- Implemented in Microsoft Azure (F16 Linux machines with 16 cores)
- Pairings were implemented using MIRACL 4.0
 - Curve with 80 bit security (CP curve with K=2)
- Batching pairings: many pairings with the same element of G₂
 - Reduced run time by 50% to about 1ms / pairing.



Uploading data



Data stored in MySQL database

Uploads encrypted data to server



Client encrypts its data



Receives intersection token from a pair of clients









worker machines (in the cloud) get data and token







worker machines work...







worker machines return result







server computes the final
intersection results (using
C++ unordered_sets API)





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Faster than best PSI OT-based protocols [PSSZ15,KKRT16]



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Total CPU time is
~same regardless
of # of workers.
Latency is
improved with
more workers.



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- 10 workers: 88%-96%
- 50 workers: 70%-92%
- 100 workers: 60%-88%

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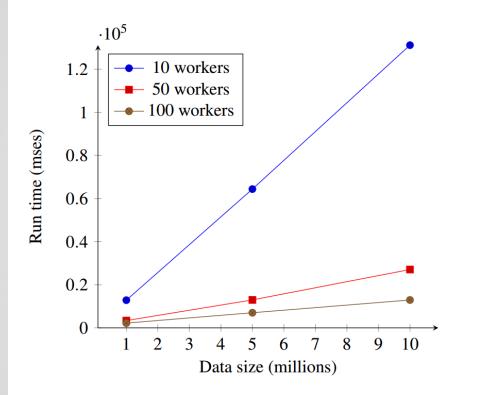


Figure 3: Run times for different data sizes.

Cost of F16 machine is \$0.80 / hour

Therefore, computing PSI on sets of 10⁶ items costs

- \$0.0286 with 10 workers
- \$0.0469 with 100 workers

Computing PSI on sets of 10⁷ items costs between \$0.286 to \$0.299



Running experiments in the cloud

- Distributing data to workers and gathering the results is not simple
 Different ideas we had were not compatible with the existing API
- AWS does not guarantee which machine will run your program
 - Therefore used Azure
- Network congestion depends on other users and on time of day
- It's expensive



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Recent constructions [PSZ1, PSSZ15, KKRT16]

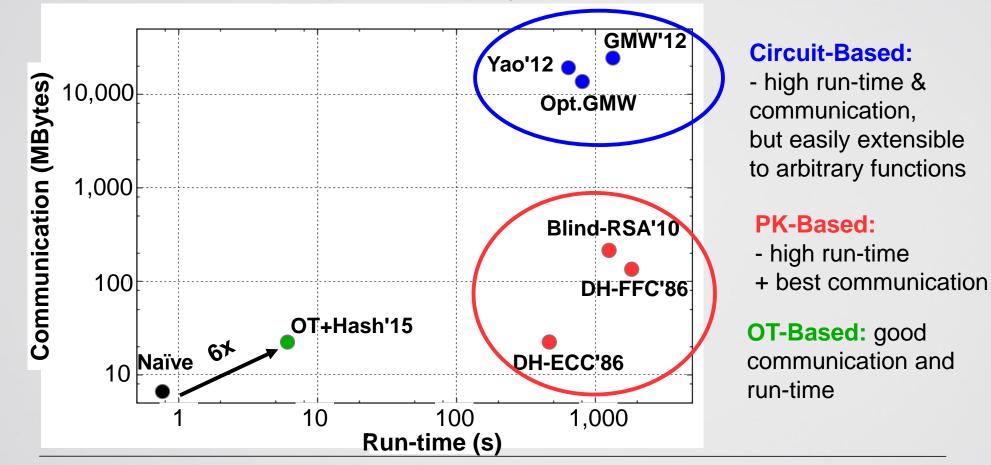
- PSI is "equivalent" to oblivious transfer
- Realized that oblivious transfer extension (which is very fast) can enable very efficient PSI

Used different hashing ideas to dramatically reduce the overhead of PSI



Performance Classification [PSZ]

- PSI on $n = 2^{18}$ elements of s=32-bit length for 128-bit security on Gbit LAN





Motivation for using circuits

• PSI is a specific case of secure two-party computation:

Two parties with private inputs want to compute a function of their inputs while leaking no other information

 There are generic protocols ("MPC") for securely computing any function, as long as it is expressed as a binary circuit



Motivation for using circuits

Why use a circuit-based generic protocol for computing PSI?

- Adaptability
 - Instead of hiring a crypto expert, hire an undergrad
- Existing code base
- Existing applications compute functions over the results of PSI
 - E.g., computing the sum of revenues from ad views

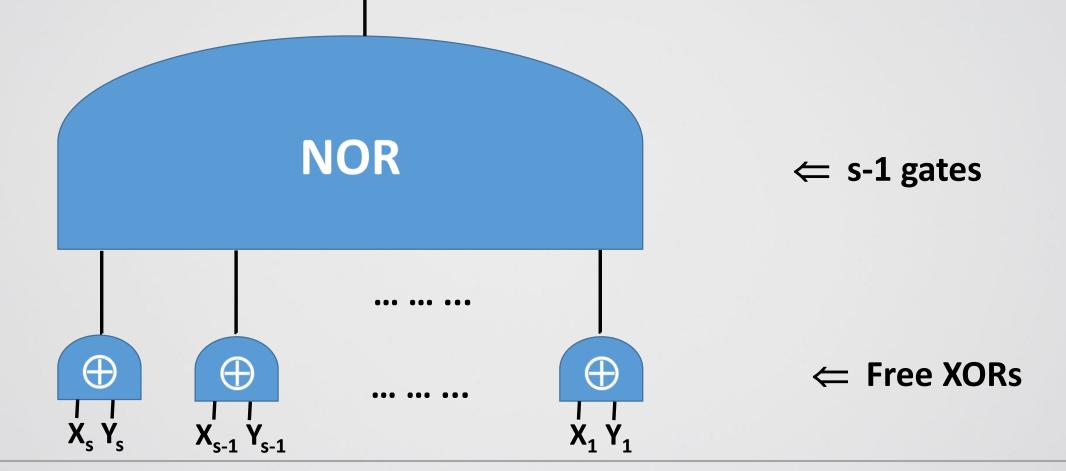


A circuit based protocol

- There are generic protocols for securely computing any function expressed as a Binary circuit
 - GMW, Yao,...
 - Parties do not learn anything but the required output
 - The overhead depends on the size of the circuit
- A naïve circuit for PSI uses n² comparisons of words
- Can we do better?



A circuit comparing two s-bit values





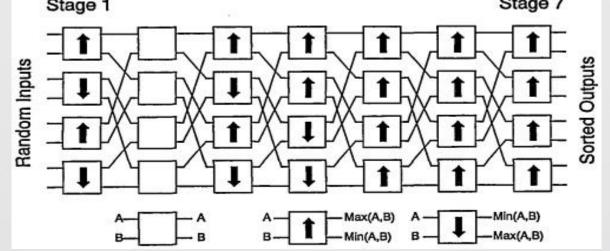
Comparing two items is efficient

Our goal is to arrange two sets of n items so that the intersection can be computed with as few comparisons as posible



Sorting networks

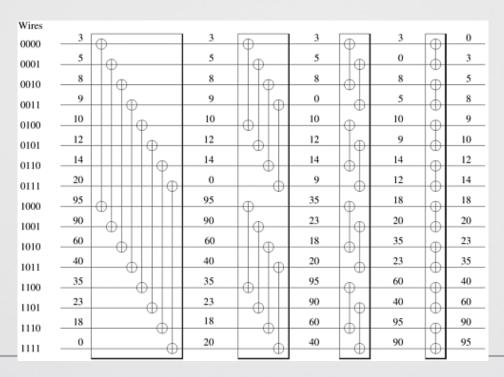
- An algorithm that sorts values using a fixed sequence of comparisons
- Can be thought of as a network of wires and comparator modules
 Stage 1
 Stage 7





A circuit based PSI protocol [HEK12]

- A PSI circuit that has three steps
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 - Sort: Merge two sorted lists using a bitonic merging network [Bat68]. Computes the sorted union using nlog(2n) comparisons.
 - Compare: Compare adjacent items. Uses 2n equality checks.
 - Shuffle: Randomly shuffle results using a Waxman permutation network [W68], using ~nlog(n) swappings.
 - Overall Computes O(nlogn) comparisons.
 Uses s.(3nlogn + 4n) AND gates. (s is input length)



The Algorithmic Challenge

- Goal: Find the smallest circuit for computing PSI
 - Alice and Bob can prepare their inputs
 - Circuit must not depend on data!
- Any symmetric function of the intersection could be added on top
 - The size of the intersection, or whether size is greater than some threshold, potentially after adding noise to ensure differential privacy
 - Sum of values associated with the items in the intersection
- Minimize # of comparisons (and length of items)



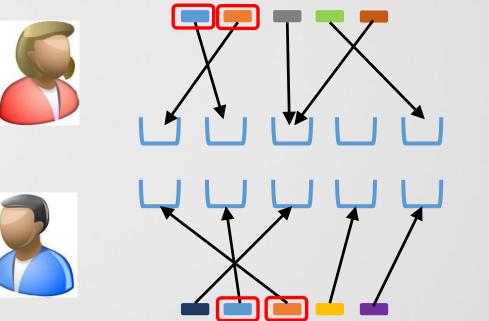
Contributions

- O(n) circuit-based PSI
 - 1. A construction with $O(n)^{(*)}$ provable asymptotic overhead ^(*) $\omega(n)$ if failure probability should be negligible
 - 2. A construction with O(n) **experimentally verified** overhead, with very small constants
- Implementation and experiments
 - Run time is (surprisingly) better than that of a former O(n logn / loglogn) construction
- New analysis of Cuckoo hashing



Hashing

- Suppose each party uses a hash function H(), (known to both parties) to hash his/her n items to n bins.
 - Then obviously if Alice and Bob have the same item, both of them map it to the same bin
 - Need only compare matching bins
- The problem
 - Some bins have more items than others
 - Must hide how many items were mapped to each bin





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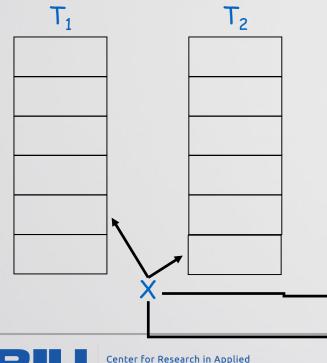
- Solution
 - Pad each bin with dummy items
 - so that all bins are of the same size as the most populated bin
- Mapping n items to n bins
 - The expected size of a bin is O(1)
 - The maximum size of a bin is whp O(logn/loglogn)
 - The resulting size of a circuit is ...



Cuckoo Hashing with a Stash [PR01], [KMW08]

- Tables $T_1,\,T_2$ and stash S
- Hash functions h_1 , h_2
- Invariant: Store x in $T_1[h_1(x)]$ or in $T_2[h_2(x)]$ or in S

S



- Fact: If size of table > $(1 + \epsilon)n$ then it is possible to store n items and keep the invariant
- Except with probability $n^{-(s+1)}$
 - Slightly more than 2n table entries
 - Each of size 1



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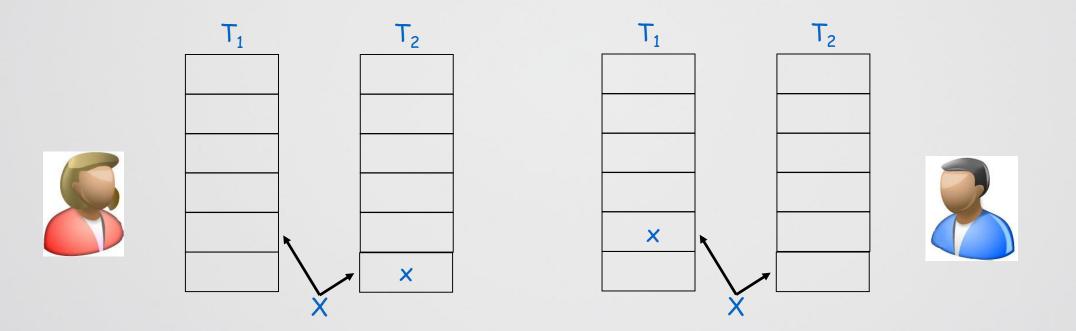
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- Smaller than 2^{-Stat}, e.g. 2⁻⁴⁰?
 - s = O(1) (but what is the exact size?)
- Negligible in n ?
 - s = $\omega(1)$



Cuckoo Hashing – can it help?

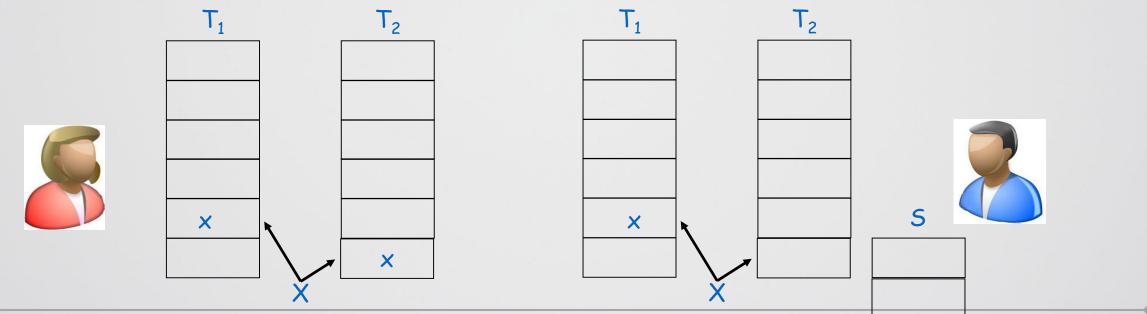
- What if each party stores its items using CH
 - Can we get O(n) comparisons?
 - No. Alice may store x in T₂ while Bob in T₁





[FNP04], [PSSZ15]

- Alice places its items in **both** tables. Bob uses Cuckoo hashing.
 - In Alice's tables the buckets are of size O(log n/ loglog n)
 - Total of O(n log n / loglogn) comparisons + O(n) for Bob's stash
 - "Permutation based hashing" can be used to store only short values





The New Constructions

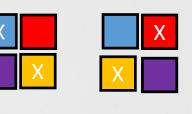


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Circuit size:

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- Analysis is based on known properties of Cuckoo hashing [©]
- But the constants are <u>not</u> small 😣



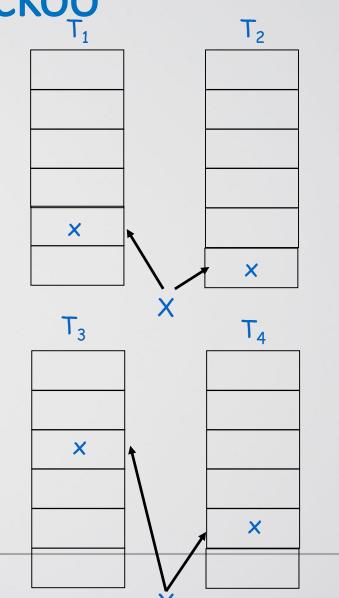
Why does the stash size matter?

- All items in the main tables are compared using O(n) comparisons (namely, 8n comparisons)
 - Permutation based hashing [PSSZ16] => compared values are short
- Each item in the stash must be compared with n items
 - With s items in each stash, and 4 CHs, and two parties, we end up adding 8sn comparisons.



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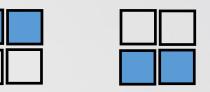
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- **Bob:** Places item in $(T_1 \text{ and } T_3)$ or $(T_2 \text{ and } T_4)$

(the actual protocol is a bit different)



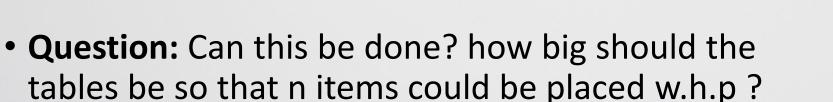






An Experimental Solution – 2D Cuckoo

- Like a quorum system
- If both parties have the same item then there is exactly one location in which both store it
- The circuit simply compares the item that Alice places in a bin to the item that Bob places in the same bin



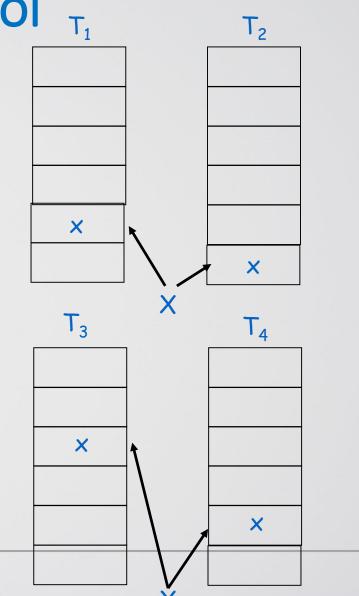






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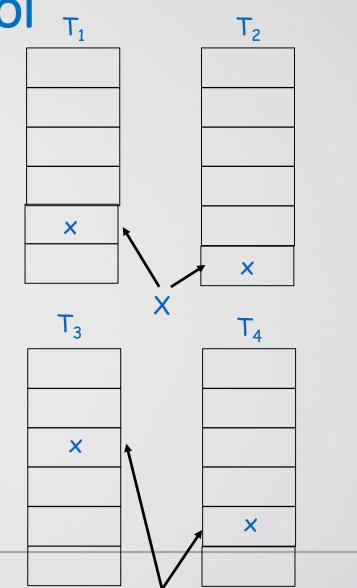
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- Theorem: n items could be placed maintaining the invariant w.h.p. if each table has > 2n buckets of size 1.
- Total of 8n buckets and 8n comparisons
- The stash adds 2sn comparisons (there are many protocol variants; stash size is the main differentiator)



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- THM was proved using a new proof technique!
- The new proof can also prove known theorems about CH, as well as more general constructions
- BUT, we don't have (yet) an analysis for the size of the stash





An even better 2D Cuckoo variant

- Instead of 4 tables of size (2+ε)n, where each entry holds one item...
- Use 4 tables of size $(1+\varepsilon)n$, where each entry can store **two** items
- In simple CH it was shown (first experimentally and then theoretically) that storing two items in a bin reduces the overall size of the tables
- We don't know how to prove this for 2D CH
 - But we can check experimentally



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Must use experiments to find exact parameters



Experiments

- How to verify a failure probability of 2⁻⁴⁰?
- We ran 2⁴⁰ experiments of hashing n items to 4 tables, where each table has 1.2.n entries of size 2
 - We used $n = 2^6, 2^8, 2^{10}, 2^{12}$
 - The # of times that a stash was needed (i.e., the failure probability) behaved as n⁻³. (Agreeing with a sketch of a theoretical analysis)
- Used about 2,230,000 core hours!
 - Possibly the largest hashing experiment per date?
- For n=2¹² the stash was needed only once (in experiment # 2^{39.15})
 - Giving a 99.9% confidence level that $p \le 2^{-37}$ for $n=2^{12}$.
 - Therefore for $2^{13} \le n$ we have 99.9% confidence that $p \le 2^{-40}$



Circuit size

Circuit size (# of AND gates) for sets of n=2²⁰ elements of length 32 bit each

Construction	Circuit size (AND	Normalized size	
Sorting network [HEKM12]	1,408,238,538	O(nlogn)	2.04
Cuckoo + simple hashing [PSSZ15]	688,258,388 O(nlo	g/loglogn)	1
2D Cuckoo with separate stashes	313,183,300	O(n)	0.45
2D Cuckoo with a combined stash	215,665,732	O(n)	0.31



Evaluation – run time

	LAN n=2 ¹⁶	LAN n=2 ²⁰	WAN n=2 ¹⁶	WAN n=2 ²⁰
DH/ECC PSI-CA [DGT12]	51,469	819,820	52,178	831,108
[PSSZ15]	15,322		177,245	
2D Cuckoo separate stashes	7,655	90,078	81,995	1,113,169
2D Cuckoo combined stash	6,046	64,258	63,369	761,318

- Run times (in msec) for computing the size of the intersection

- ECC PSI-CA is a Diffie-Hellman based protocol for computing size of the intersection



Evaluation

	LAN n=2 ¹⁶		LAN n=2 ²⁰		WAN n=2 ¹⁶	WAN n=2 ²⁰
DH/ECC PSI-CA [DGT12]	8.5	51,469	12.8	819,820	52,178	831,108
[PSSZ15]	2.53	15,322			177,245	
2D Cuckoo separate stashes	1.26	7,655	1.4	90,078	81,995	1,113,169
2D Cuckoo combined stash	1	6,046	1	64,258	63,369	761,318

Over a LAN, the new two-dimensional hashing protocols perform best



Contributions of the new protocol

- Asymptotically better: O(n) vs. O(nlogn/loglogn)
- Runs faster
- New analysis techniques for Cuckoo hashing

• Simplifies the usage of PSI



Conclusions

- PSI in an important and interesting primitive
- Research benefits from ideas from other subfields
- Most previous work was on simple two-party PSI
- New results:
 - Generic computation over PSI
 - PSI over outsourced data
 - Multi-party PSI

