

Secure Computation on Encrypted Data in Multi-User Systems

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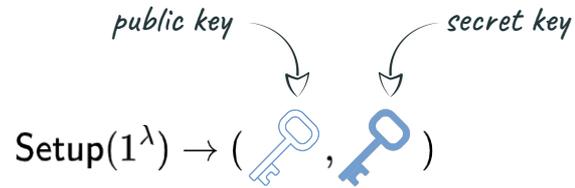
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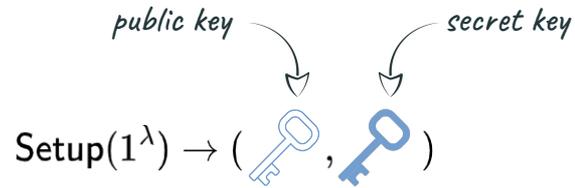
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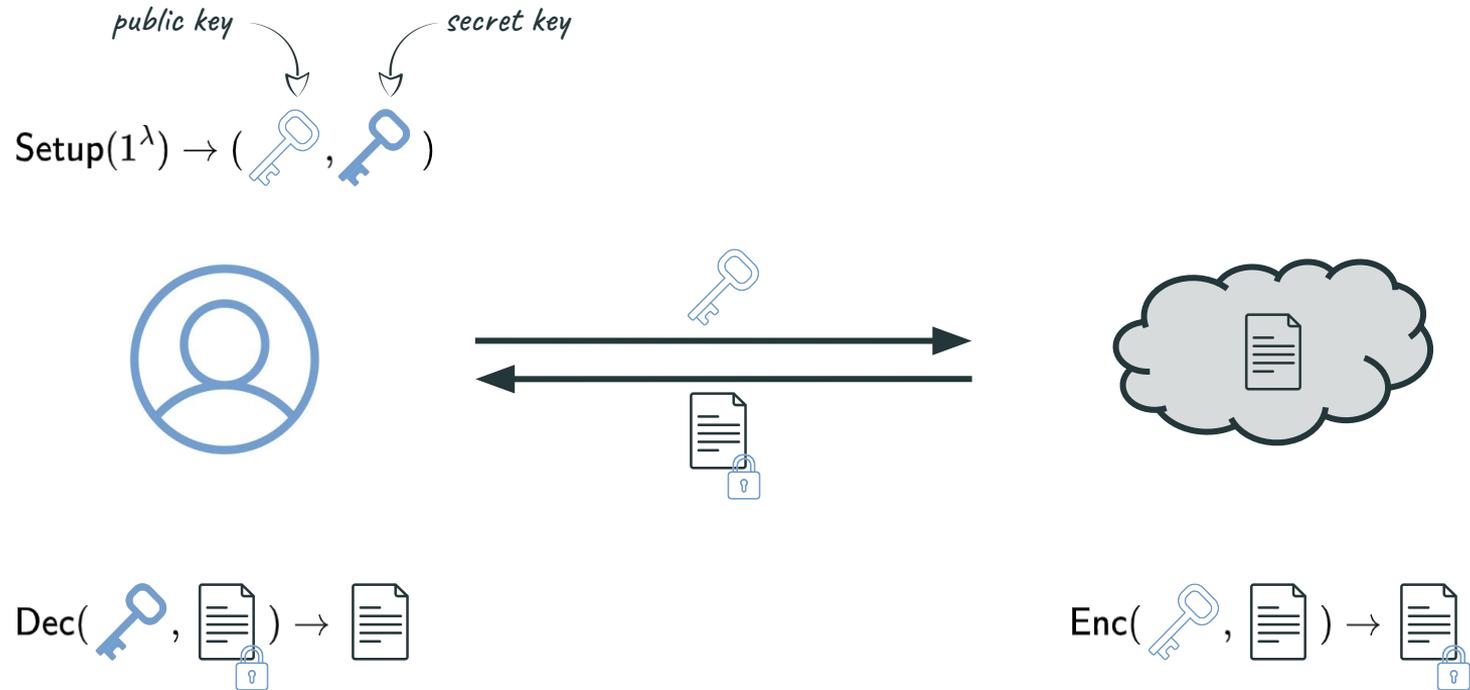
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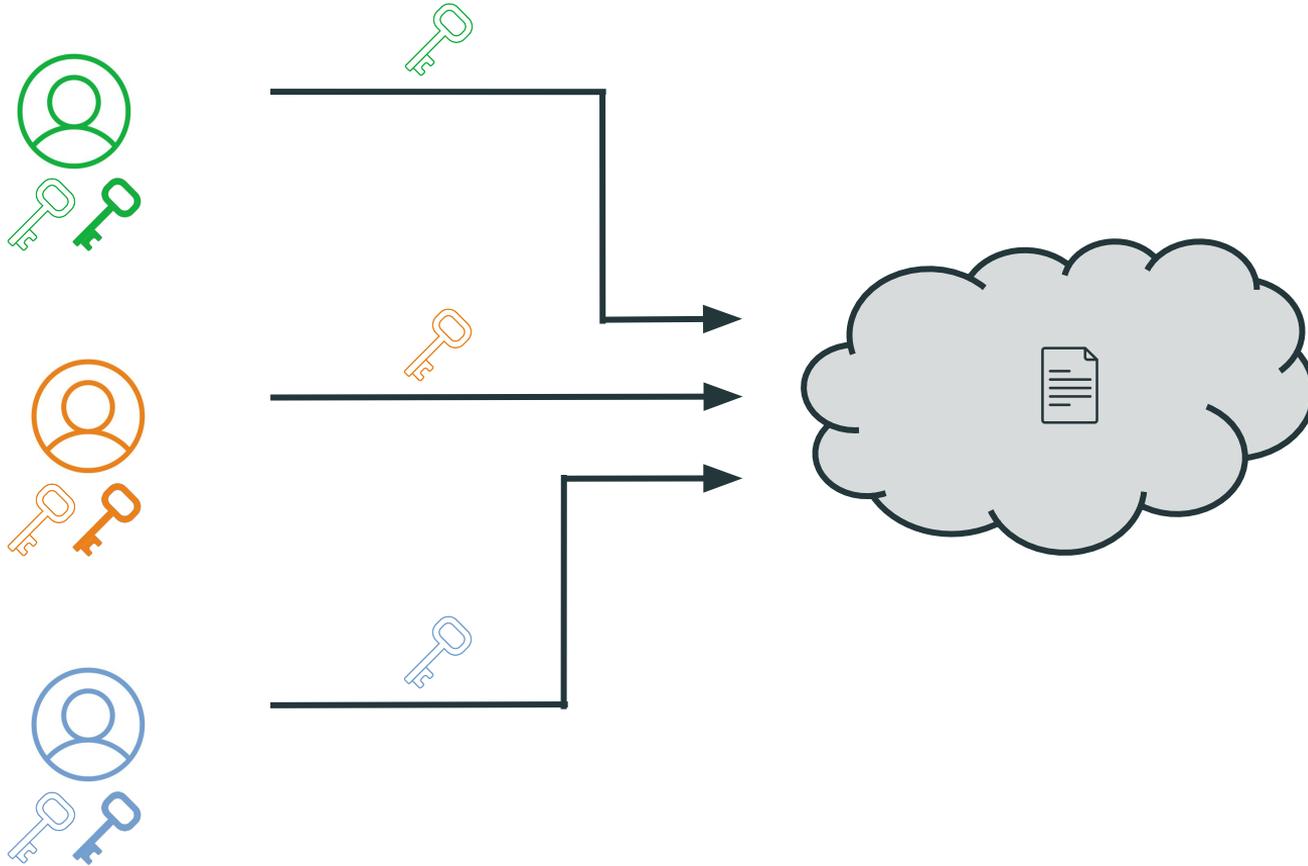
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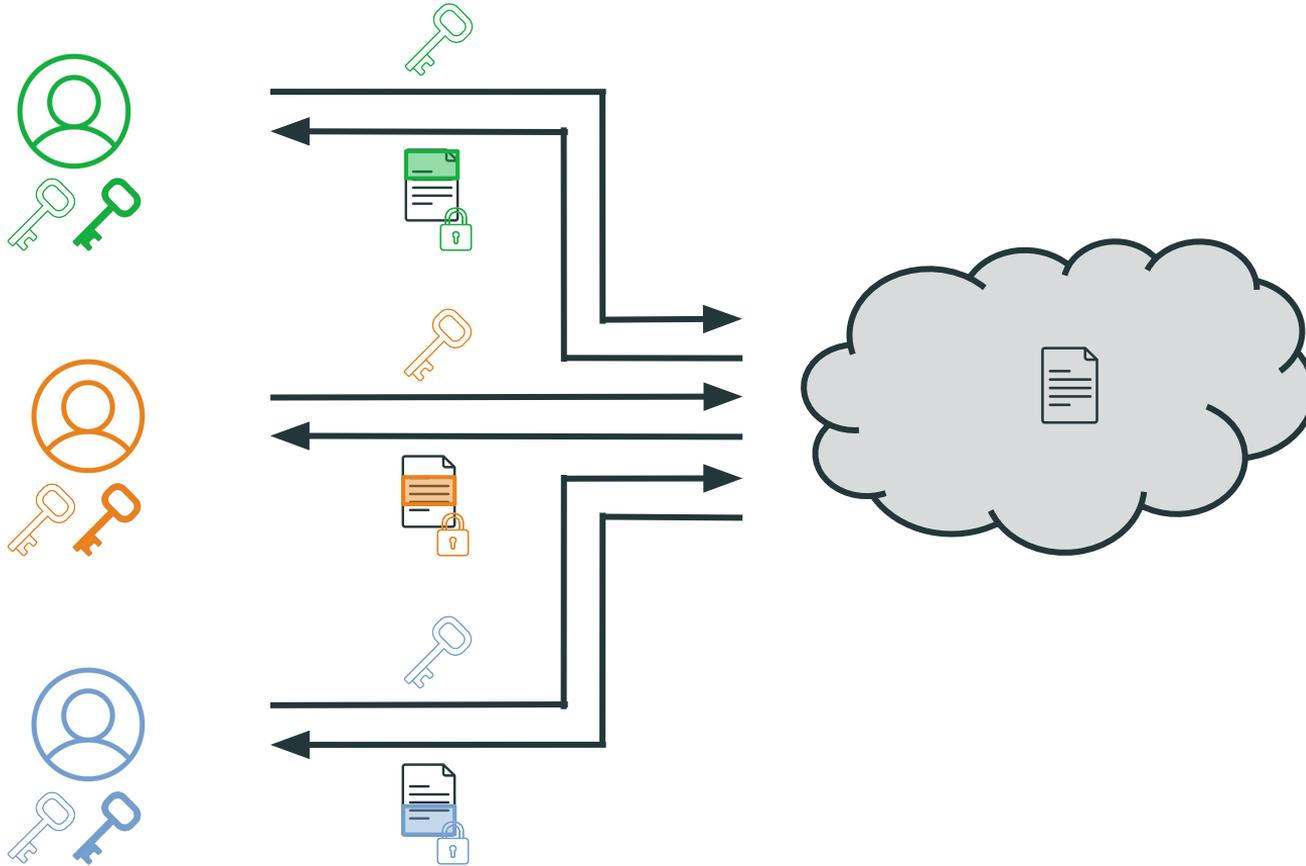
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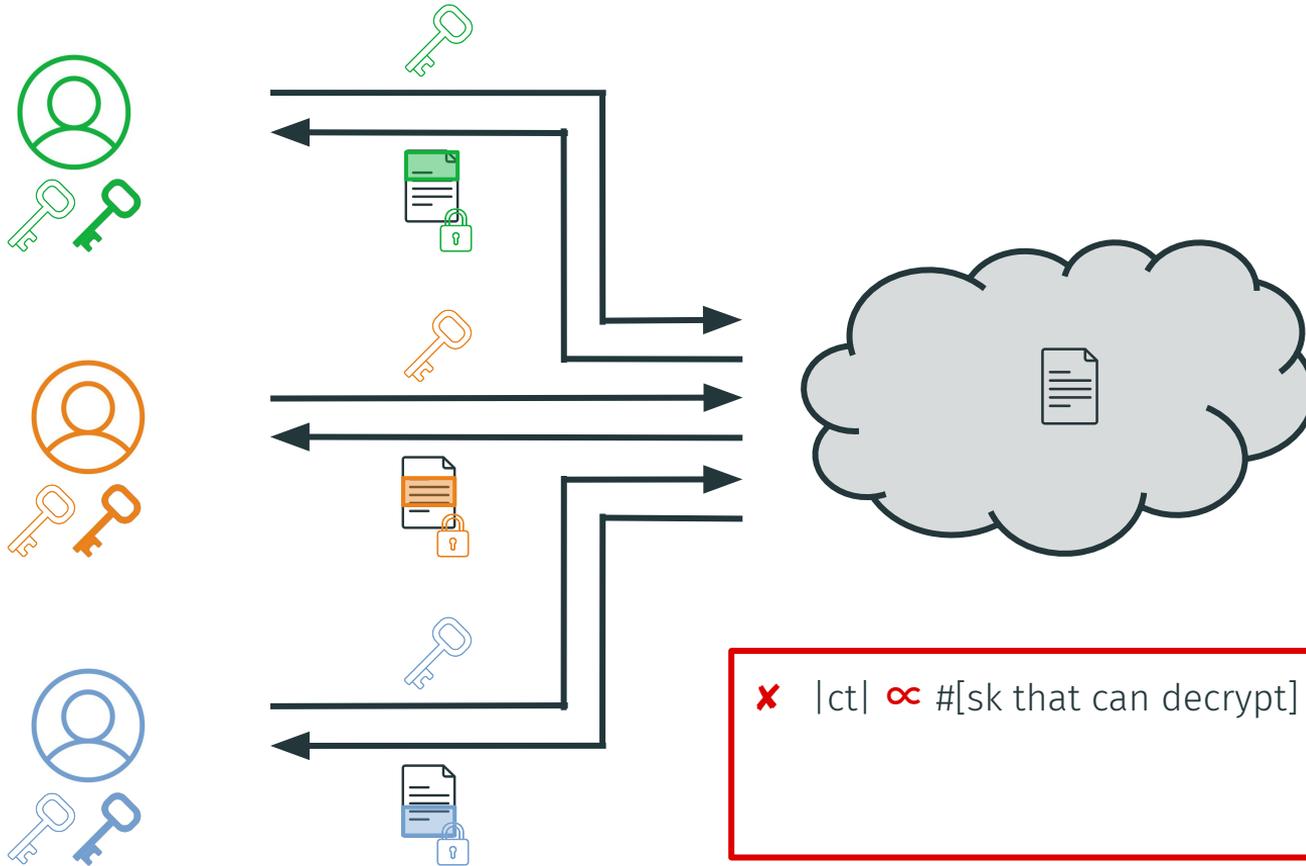
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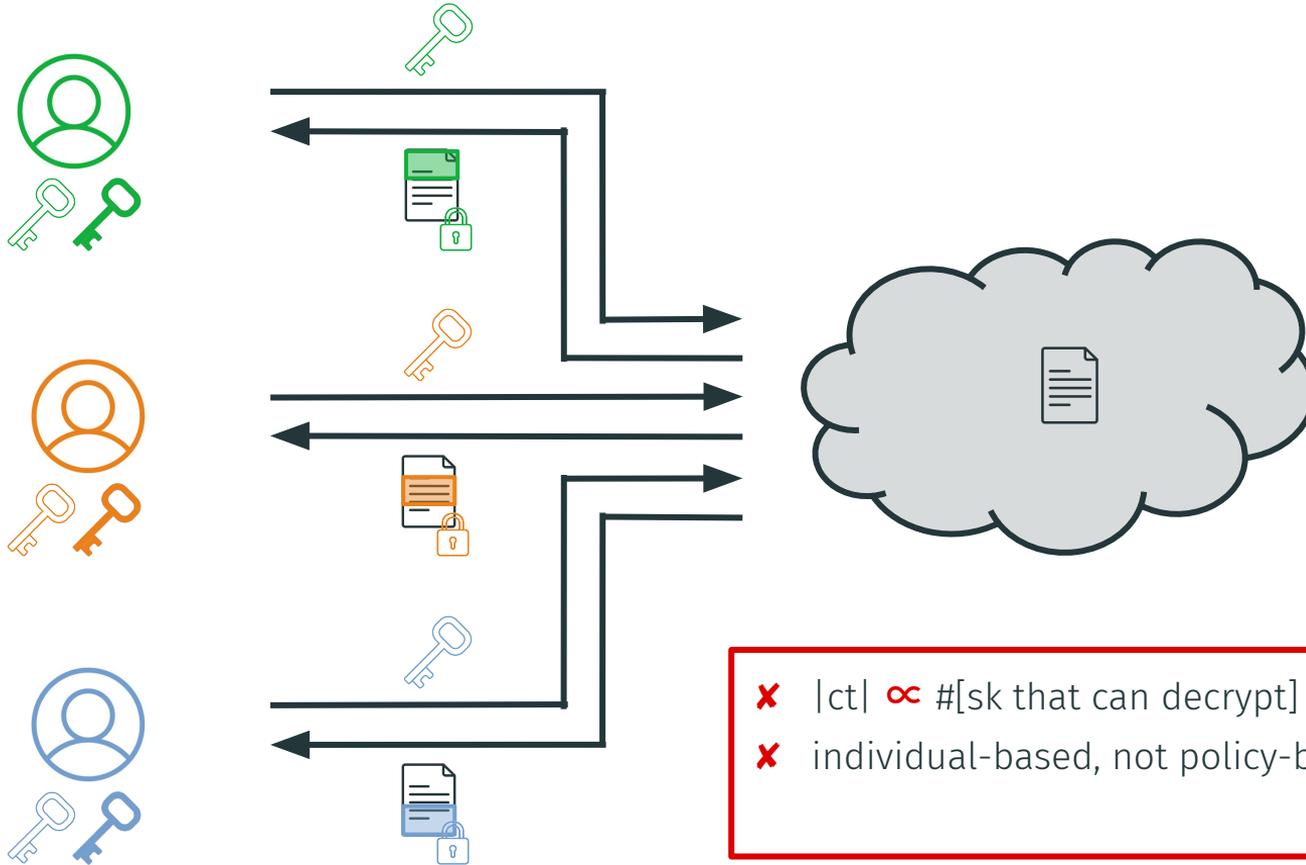
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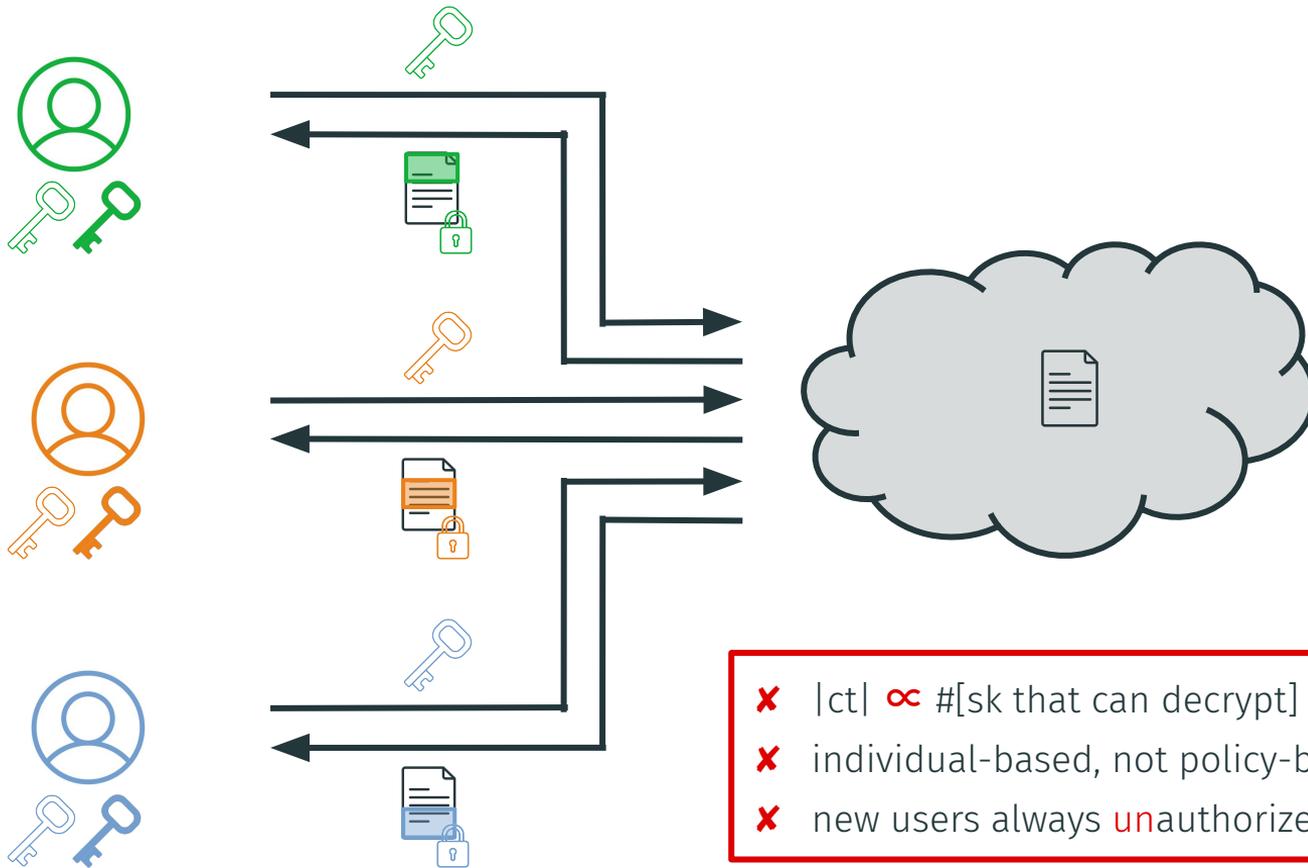


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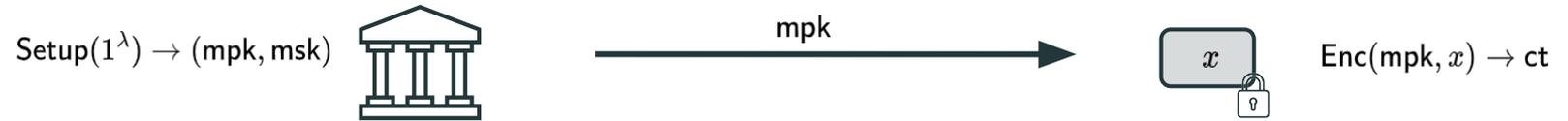
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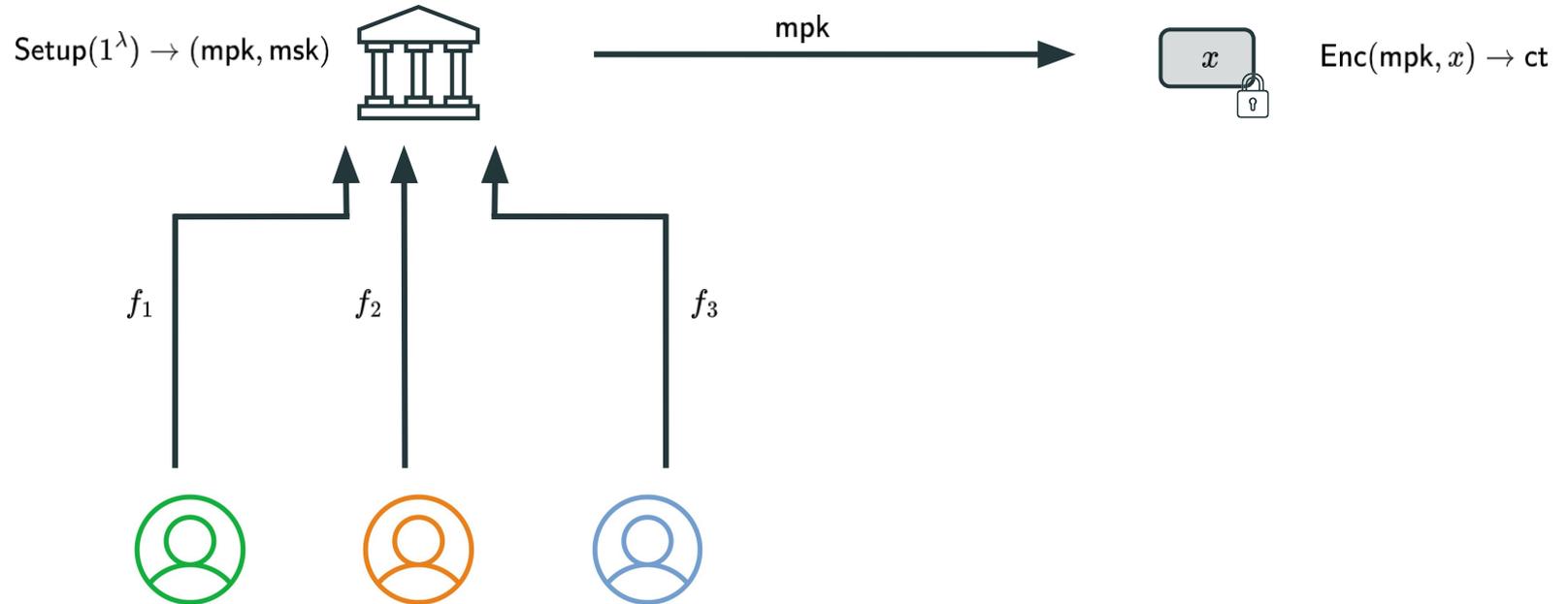
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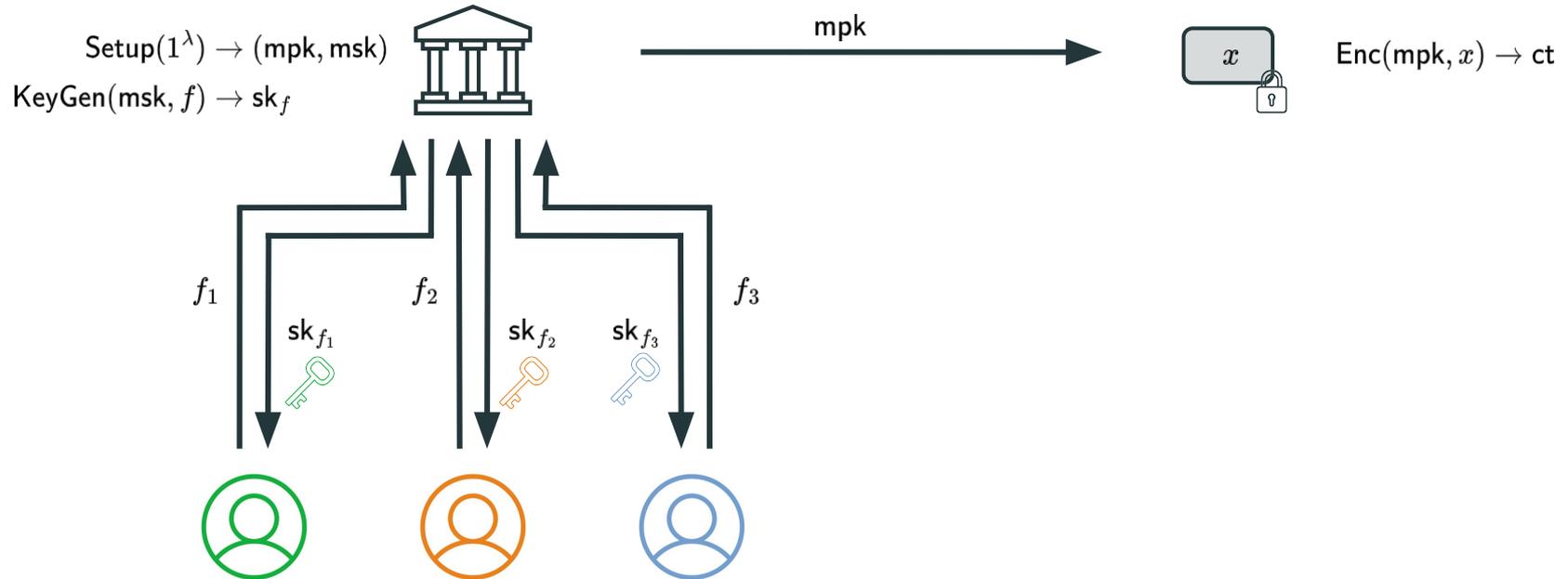
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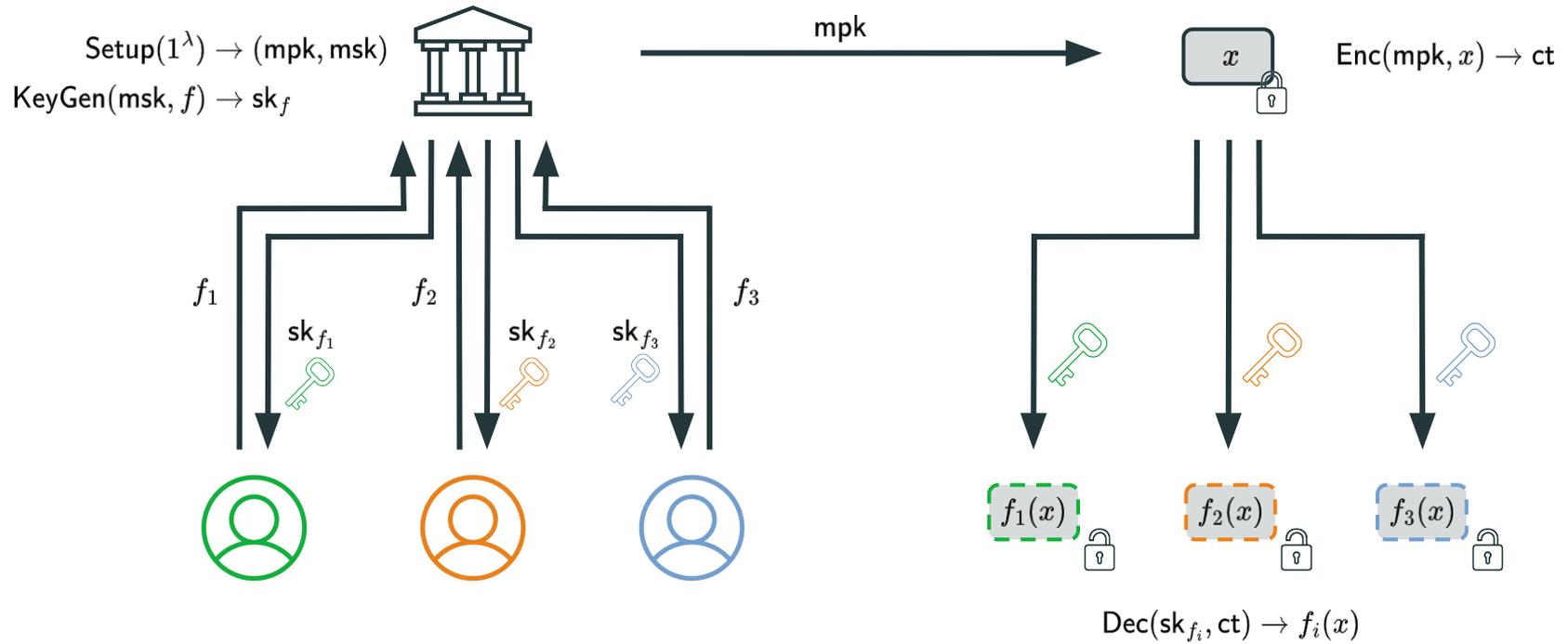
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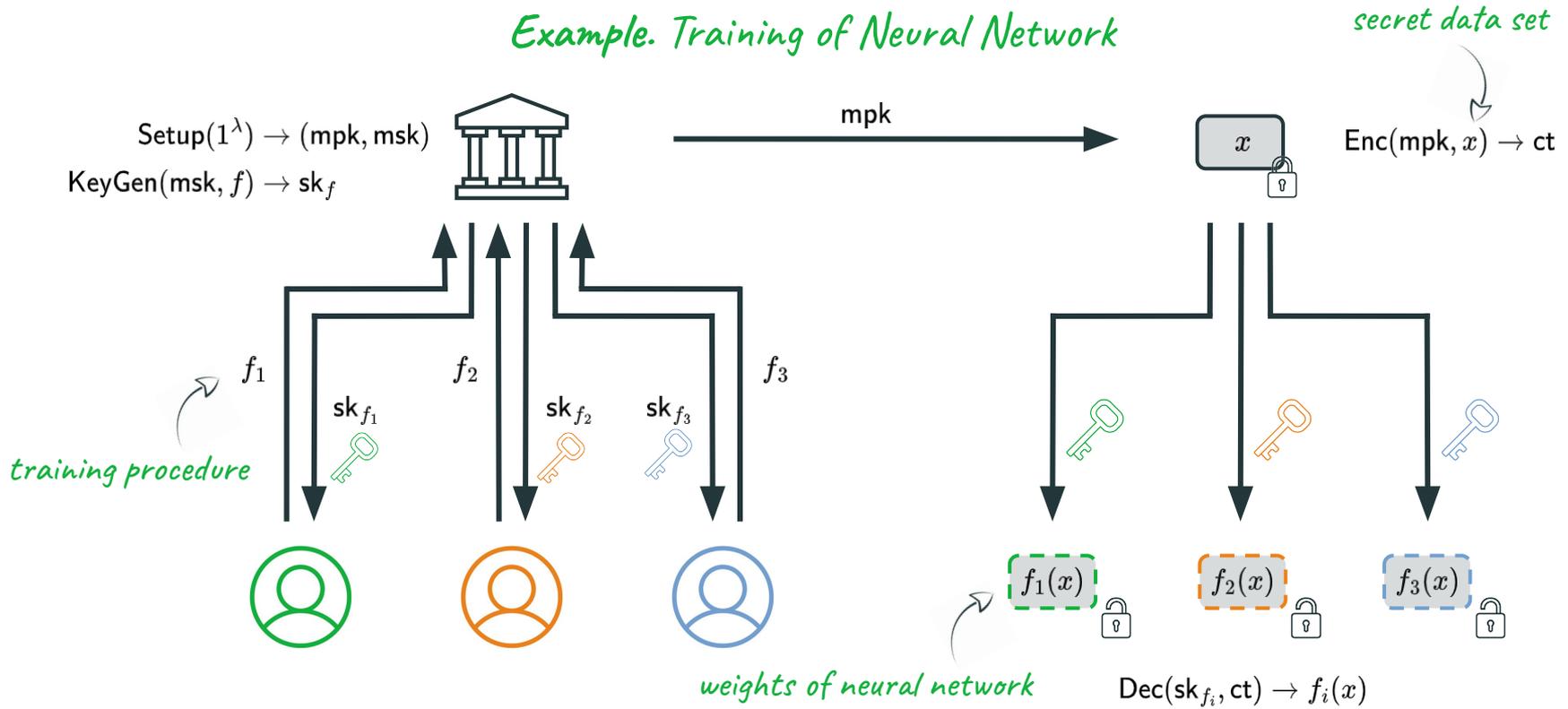


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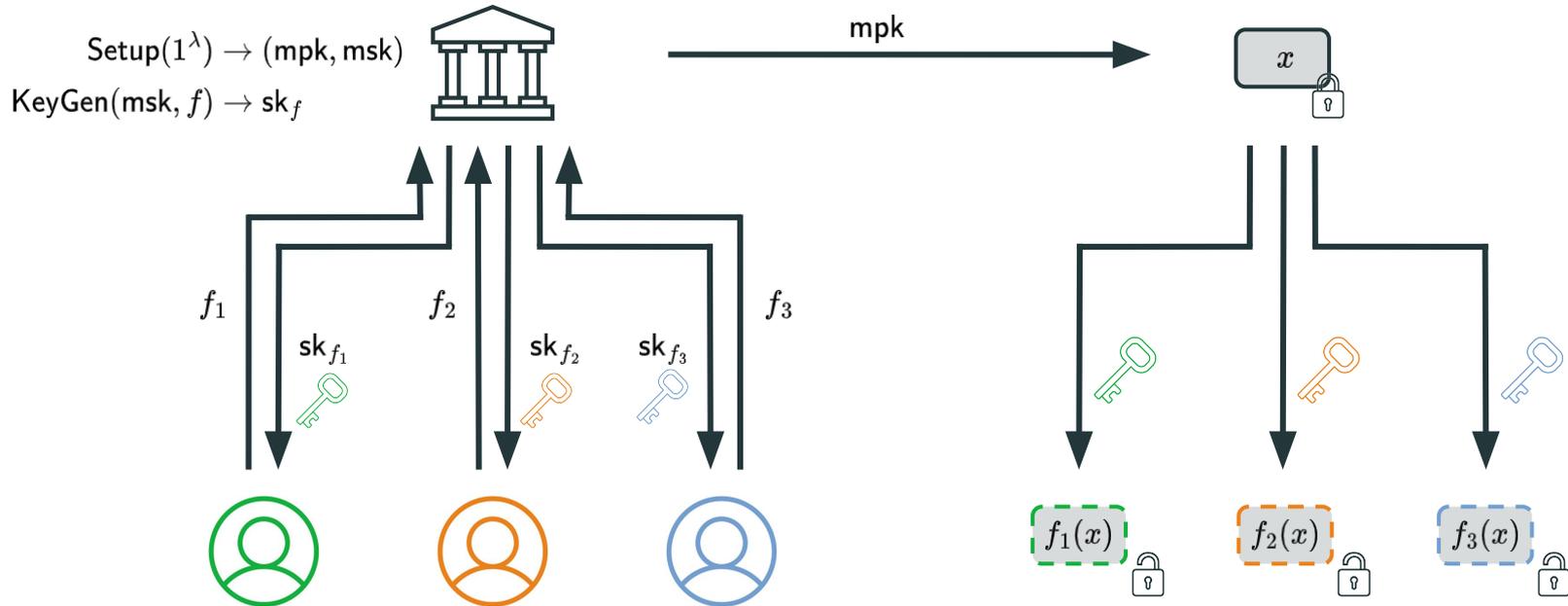


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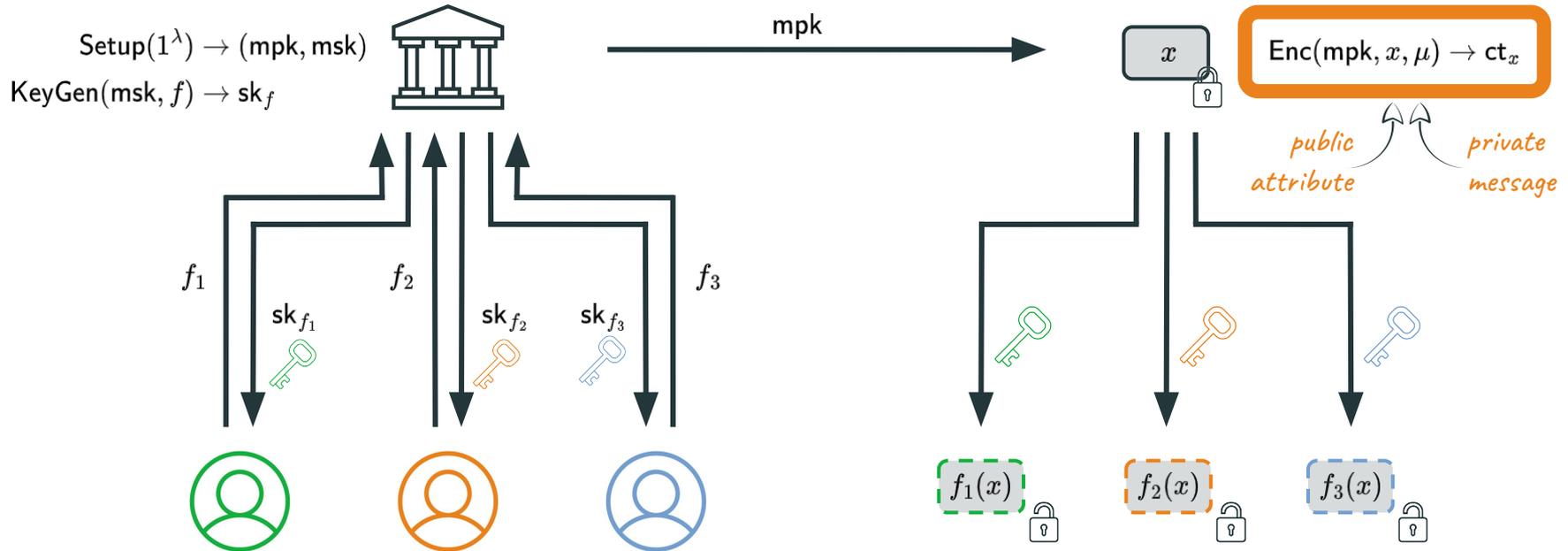
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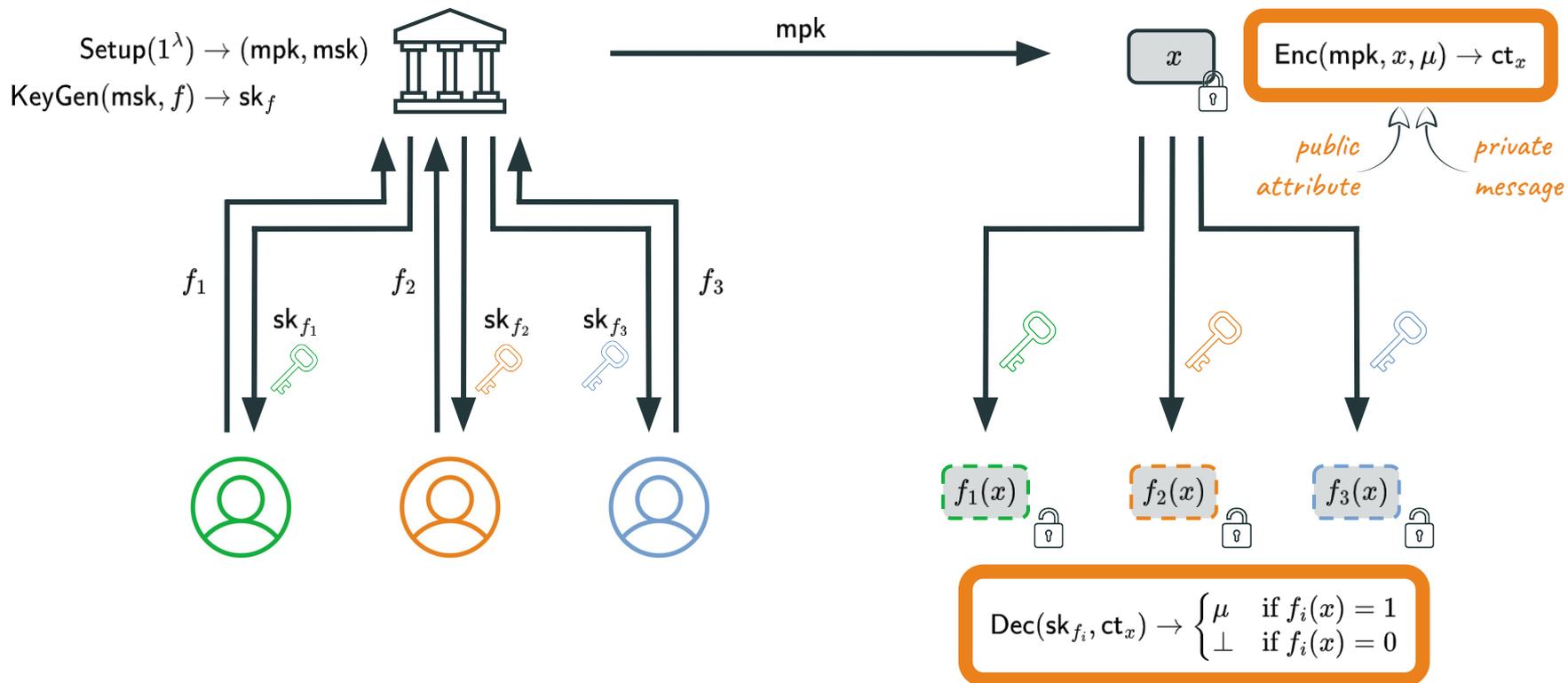
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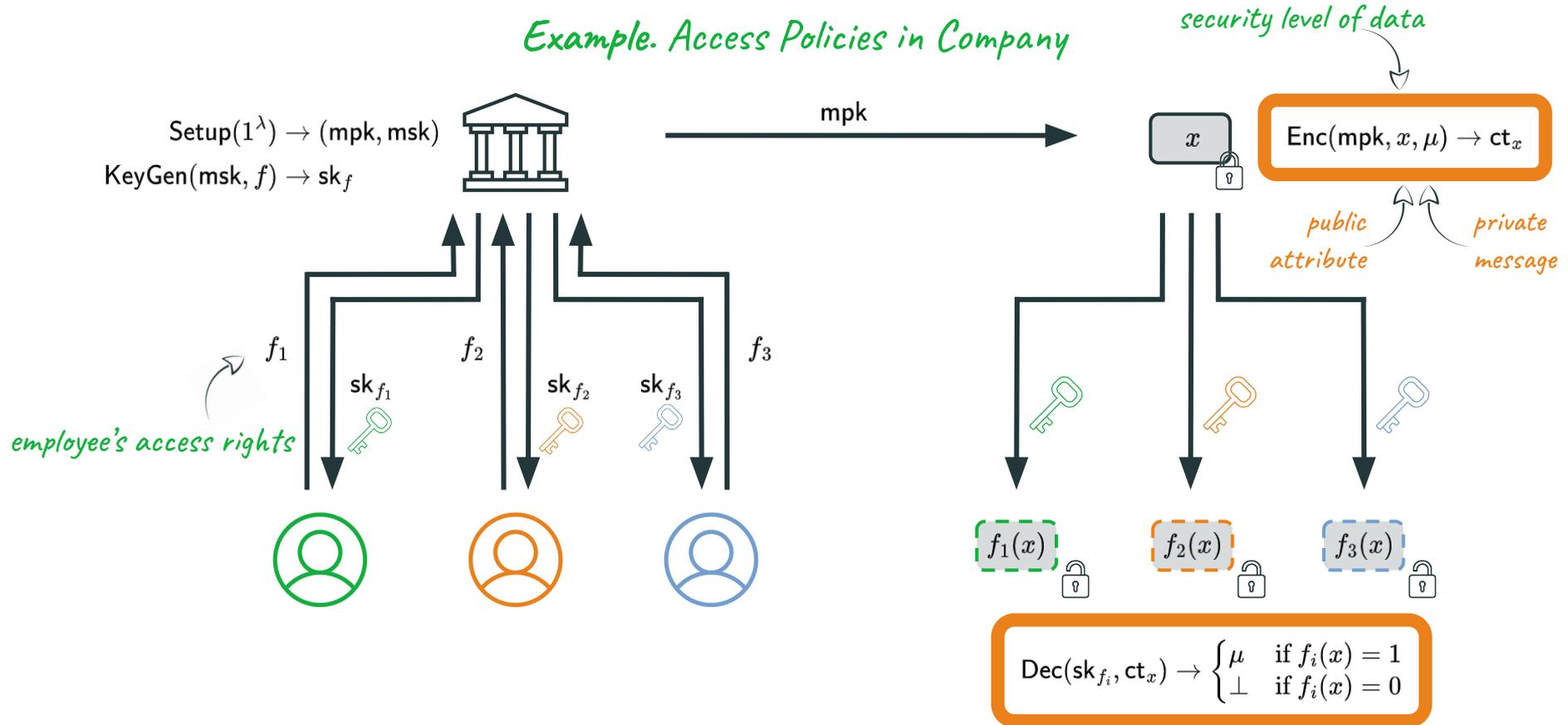


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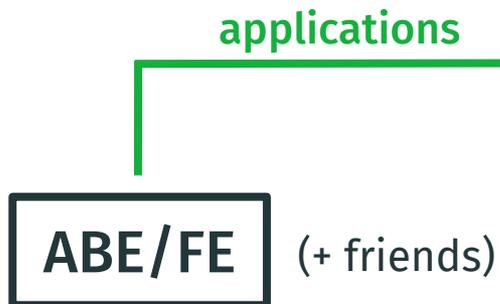


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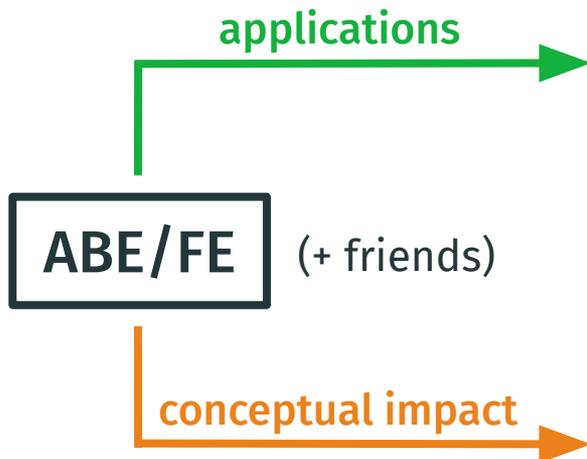


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 - ABE \Rightarrow verifiable delegatable computation [PRV11]
 - FE \Rightarrow indistinguishability obfuscation [BV15, AJ15]
 - (MI-)ABE \Rightarrow non-trivial witness encryption [BJKPW17]
 - Reg-ABE \Rightarrow traitor tracing w/out authority [BLMMRW24]
 - **source of inspiration for new techniques:**
 - succinct CP-ABE [W24, W25a] \Rightarrow SNARGs from SIS [W25b]

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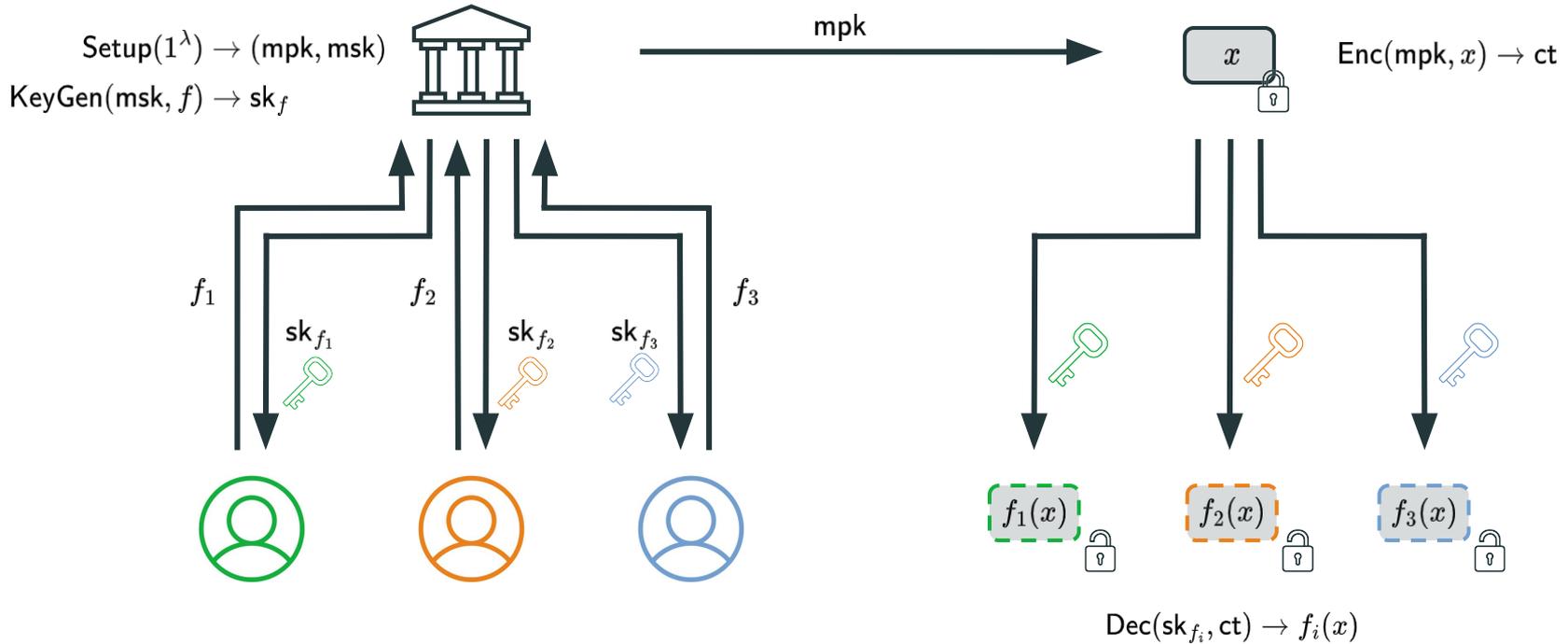
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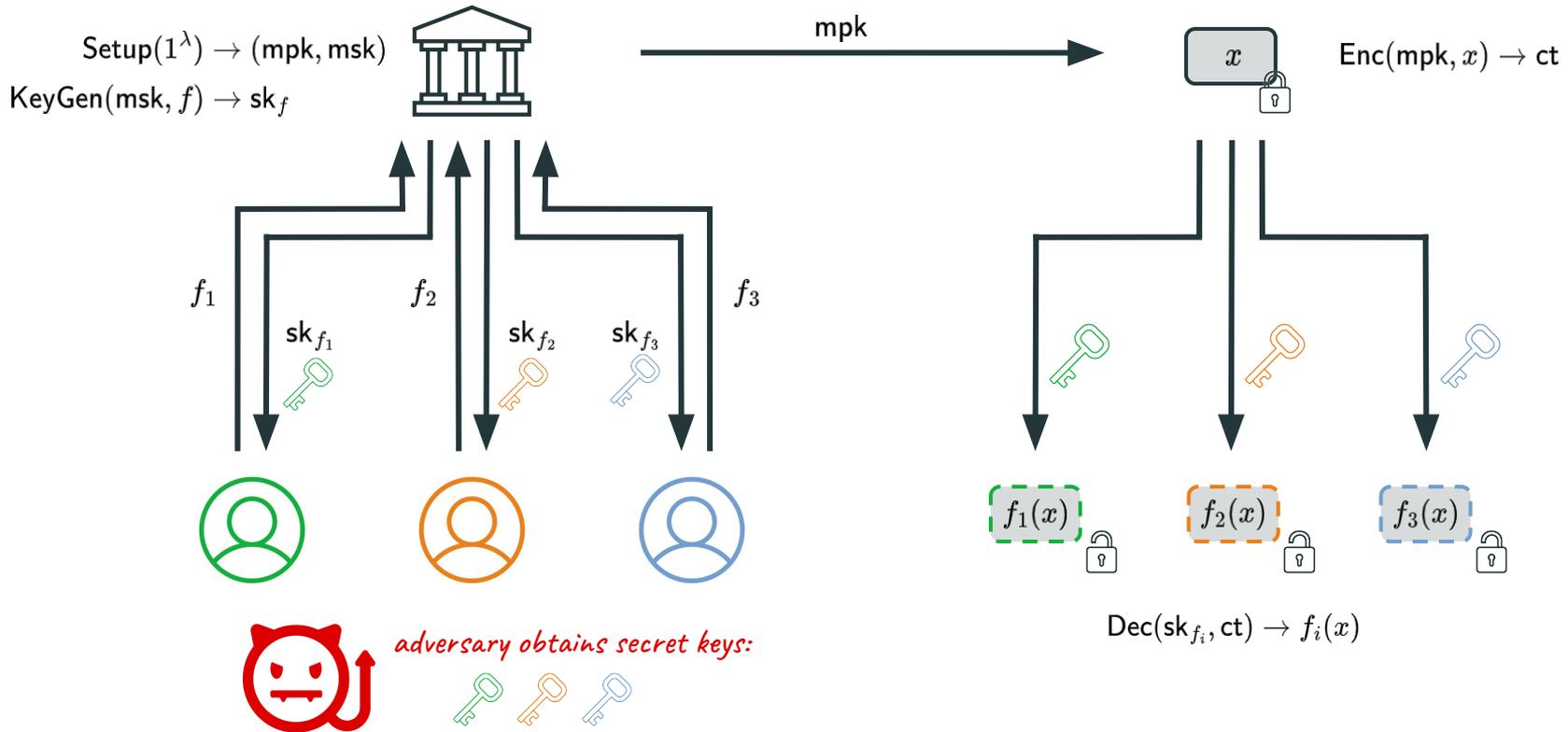
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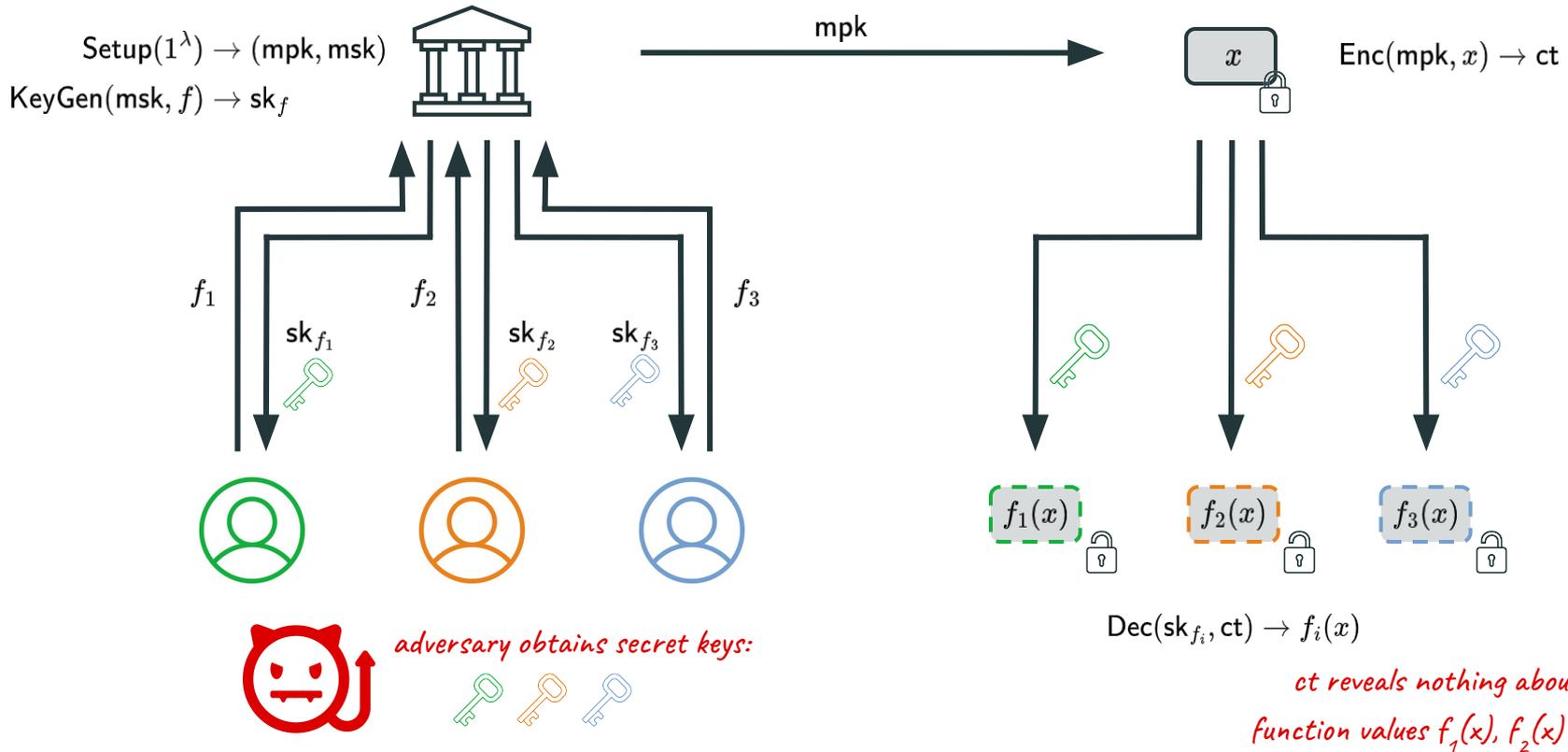
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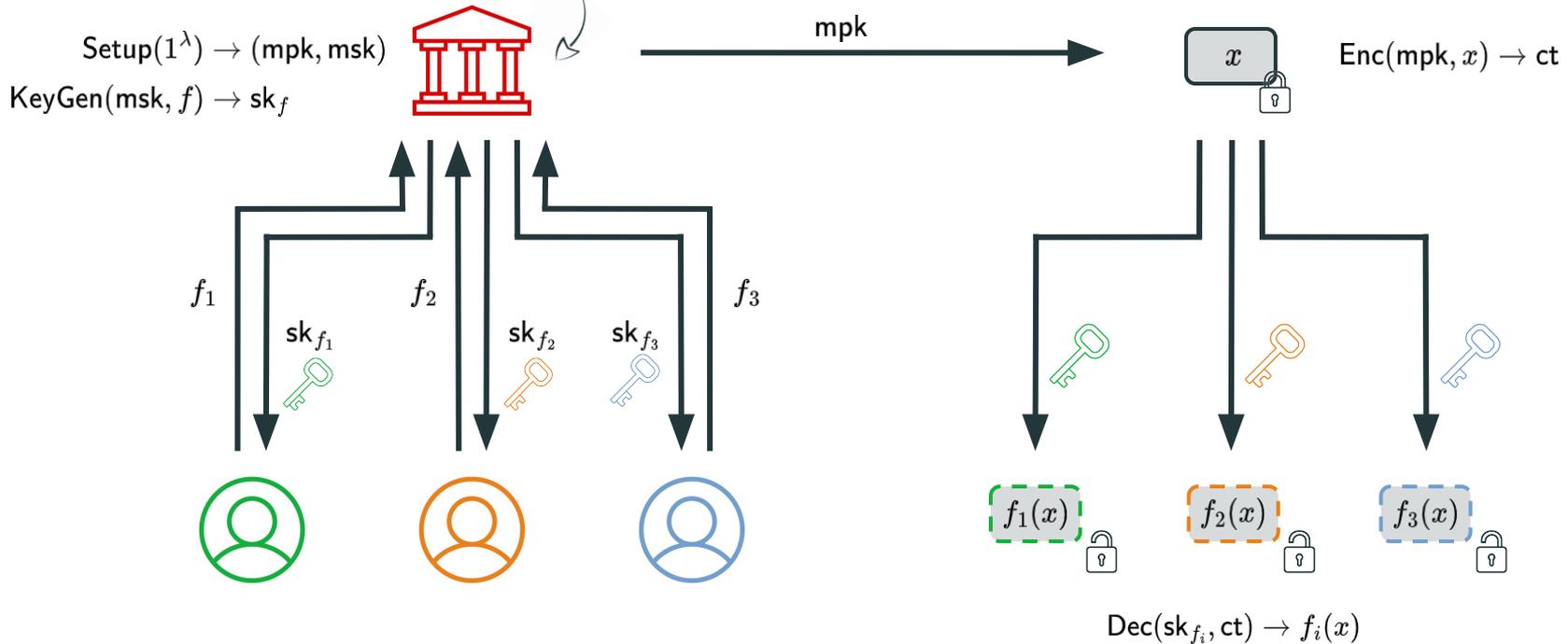


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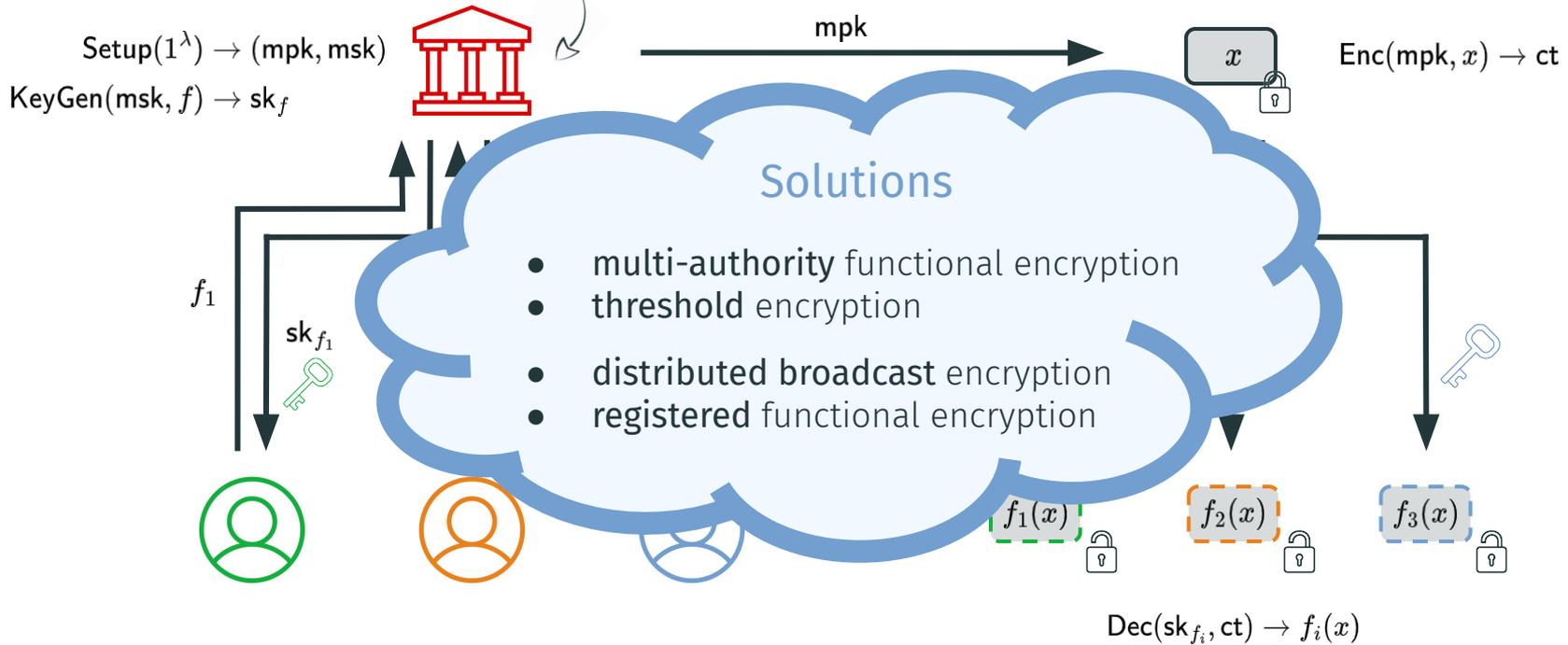
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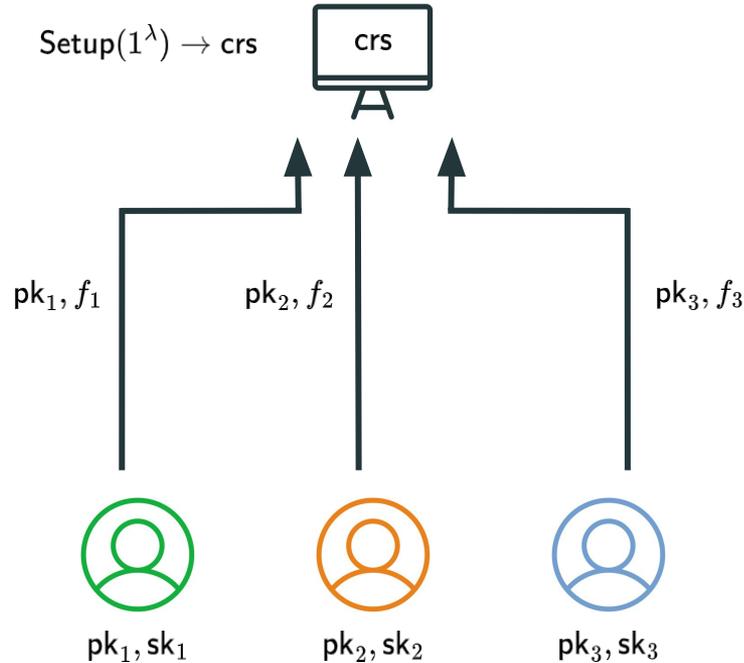


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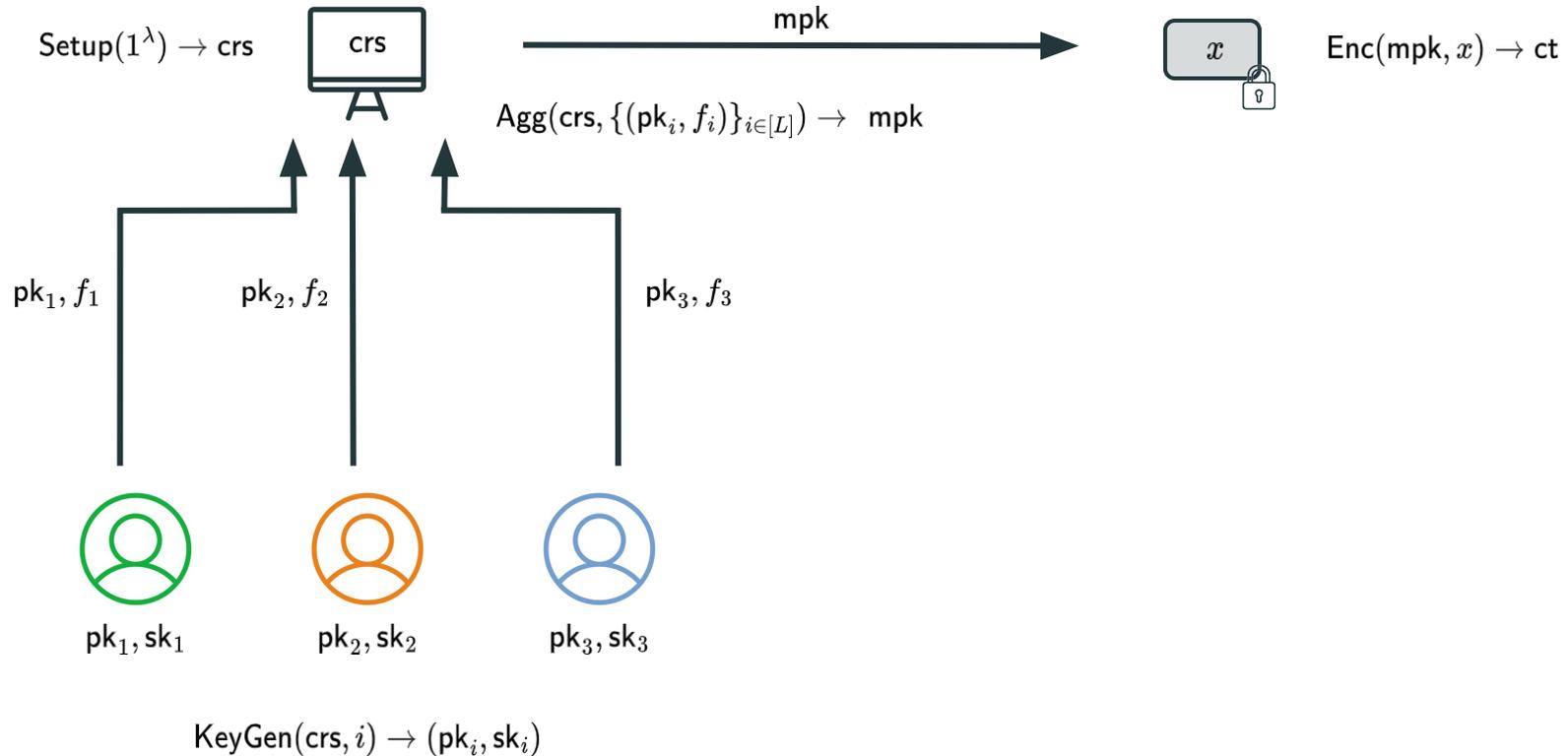
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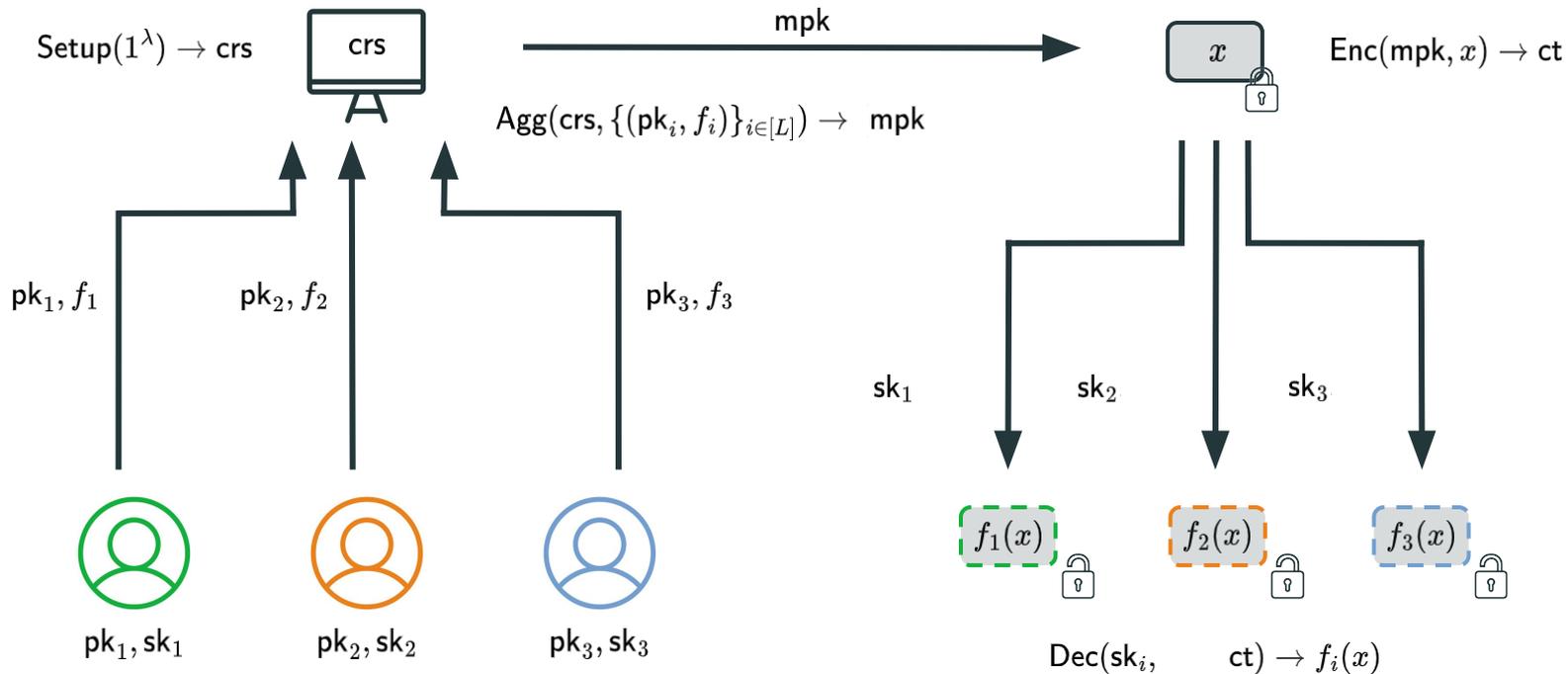
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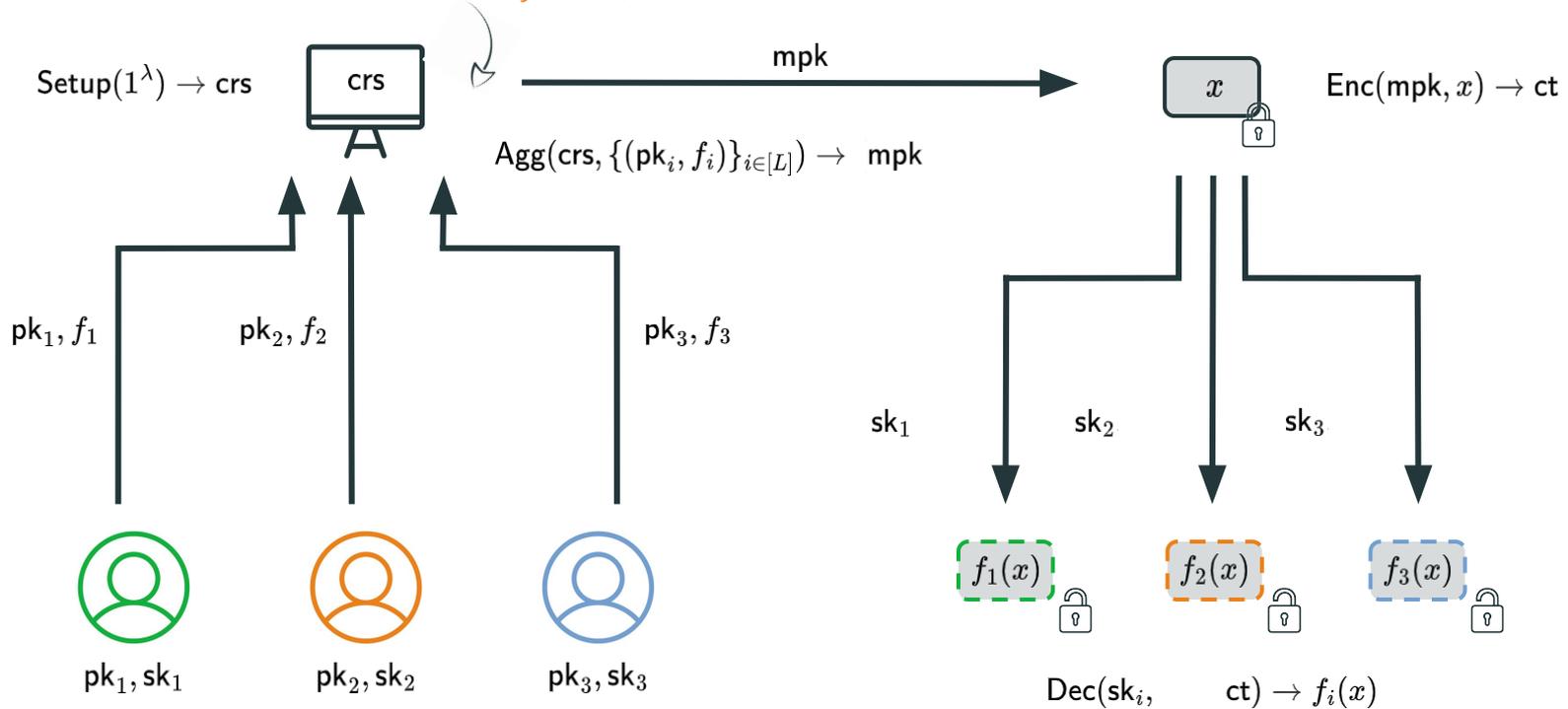


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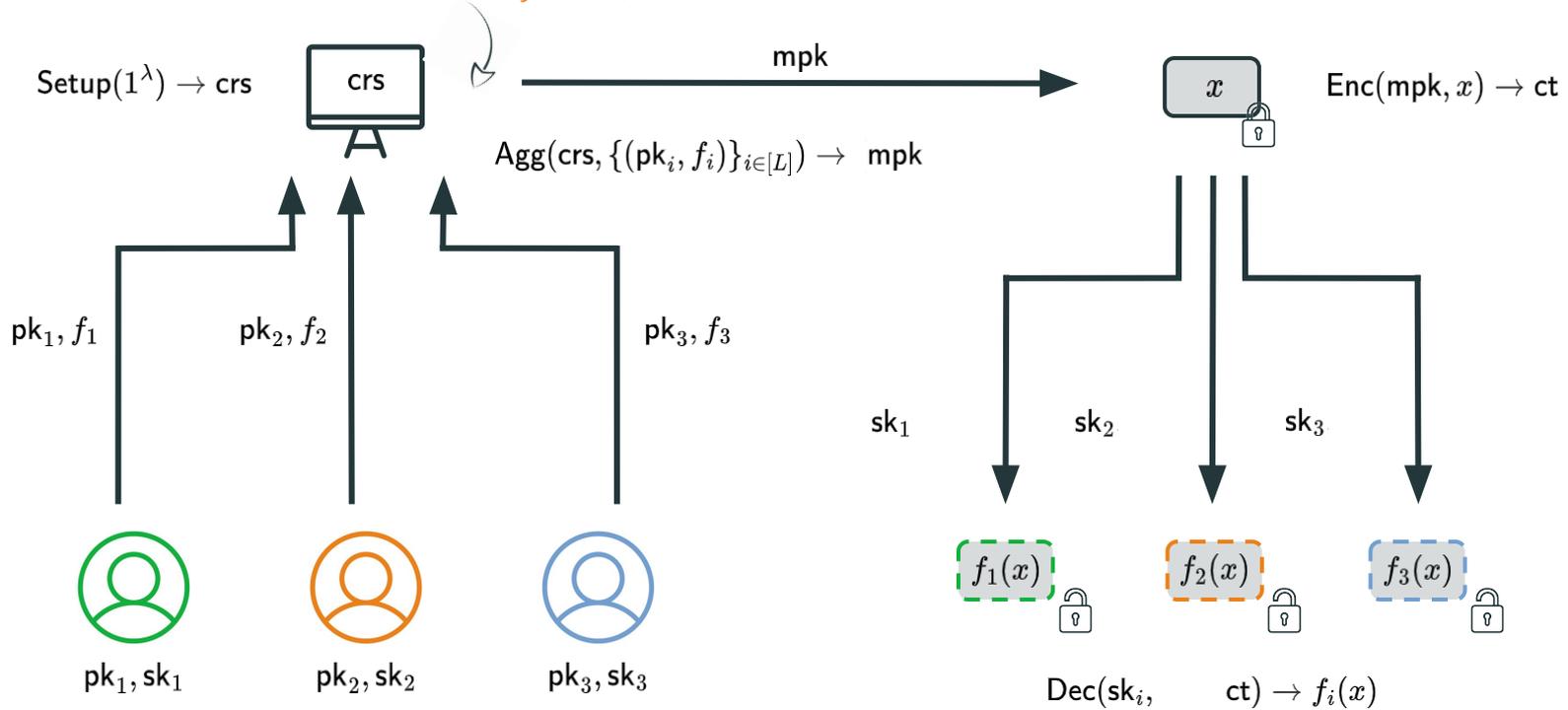


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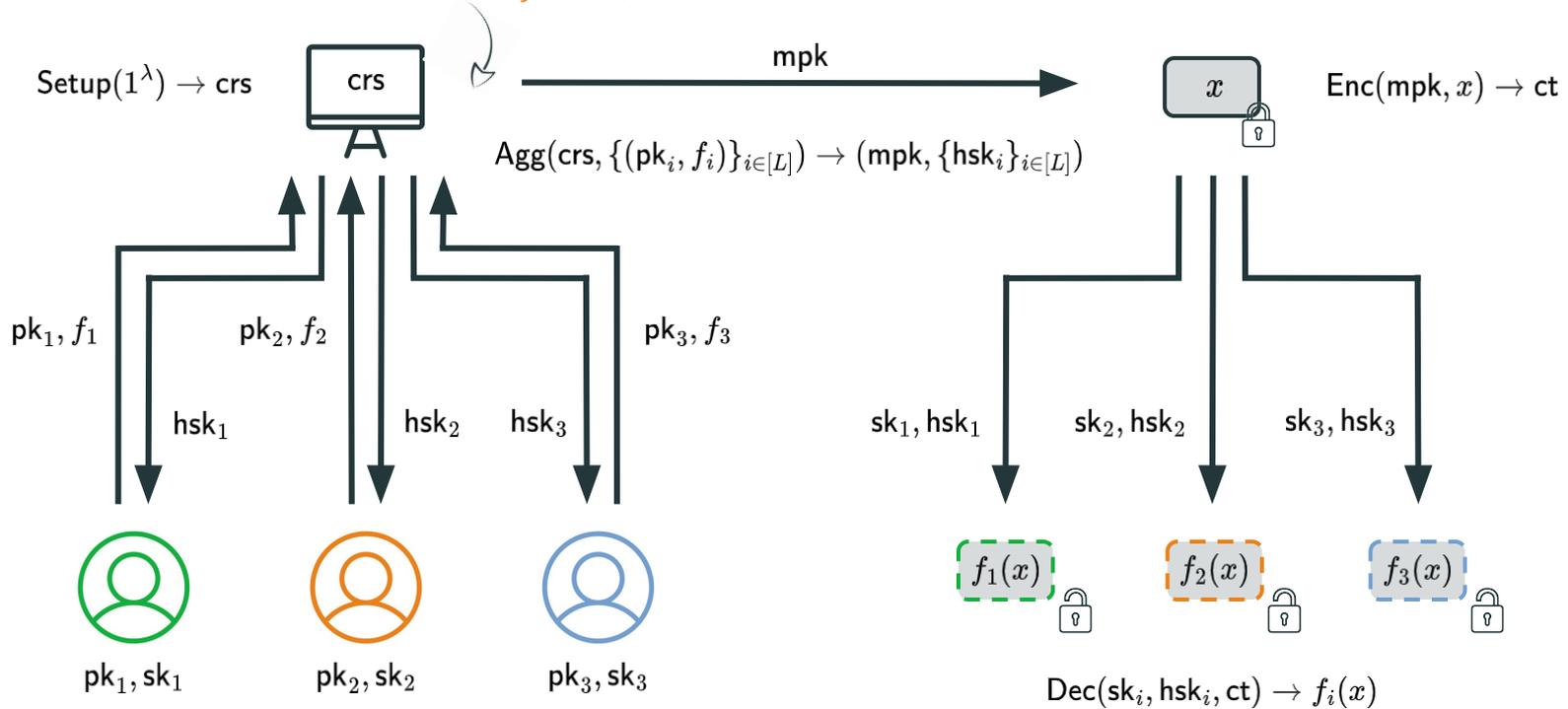
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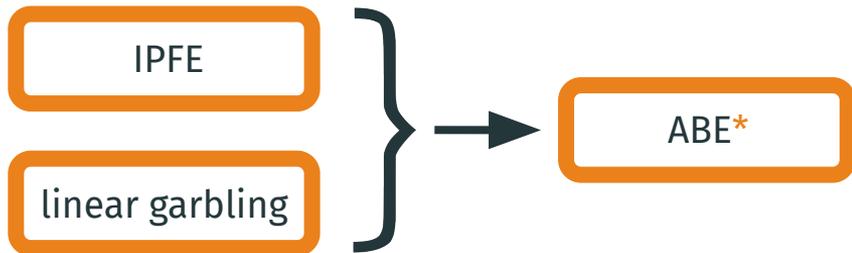


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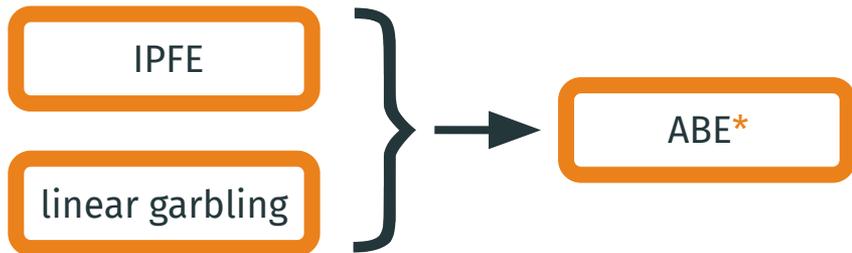
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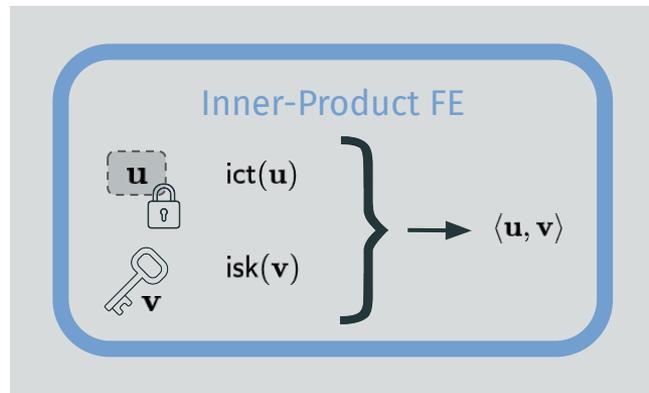
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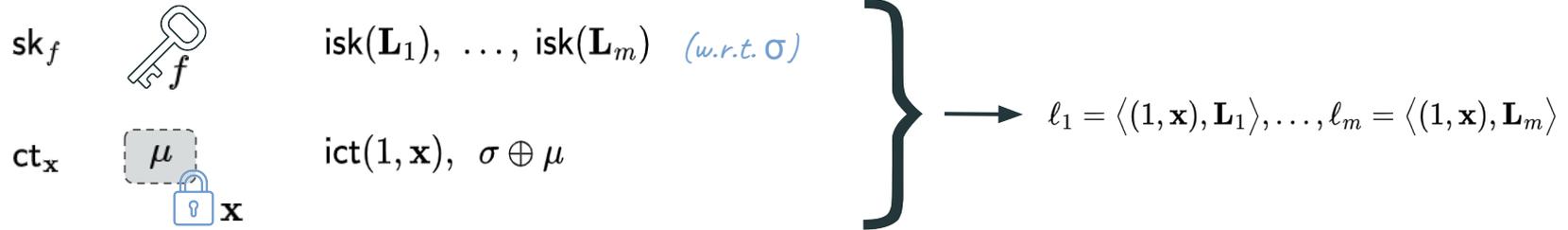


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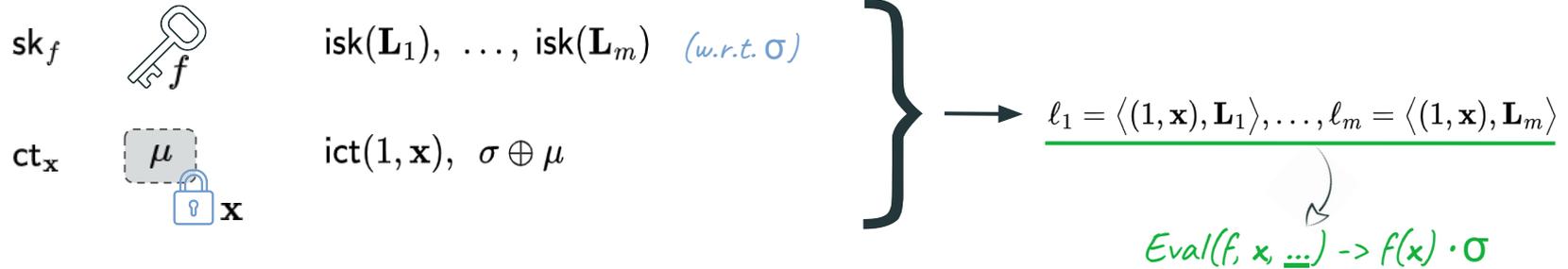
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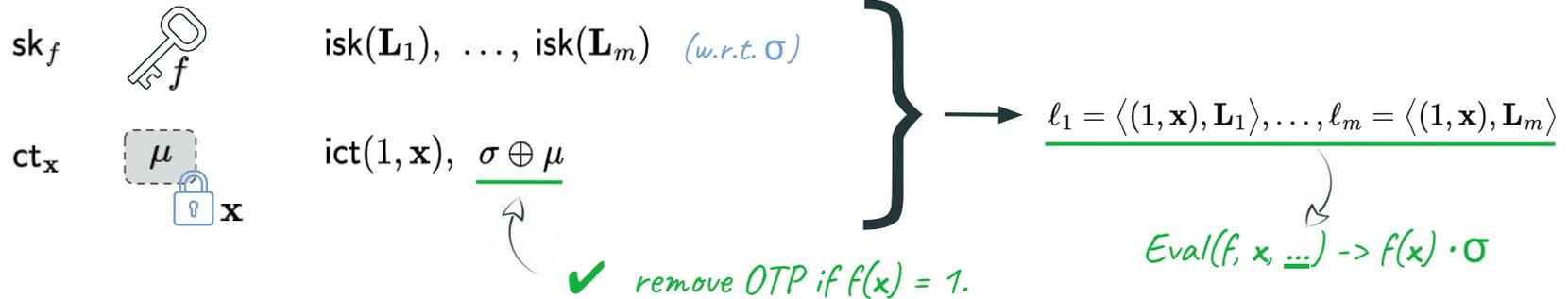
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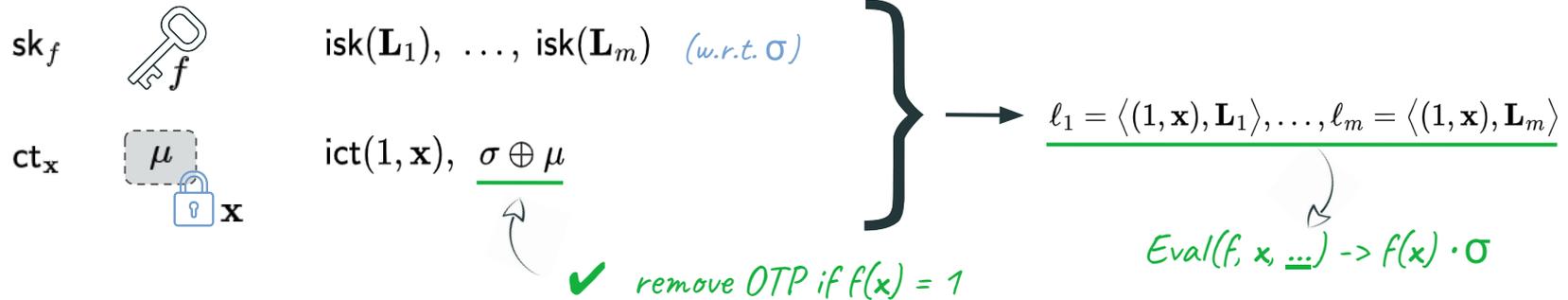
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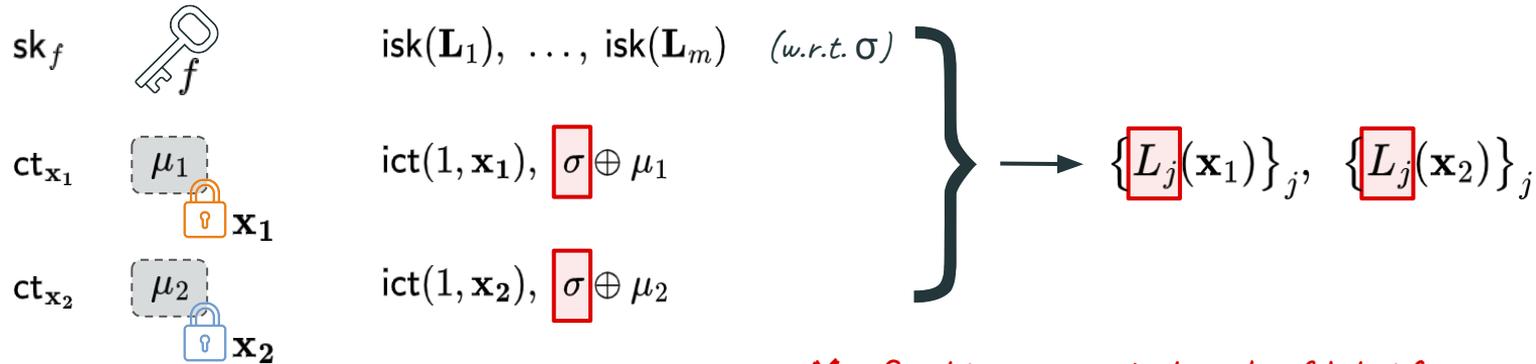
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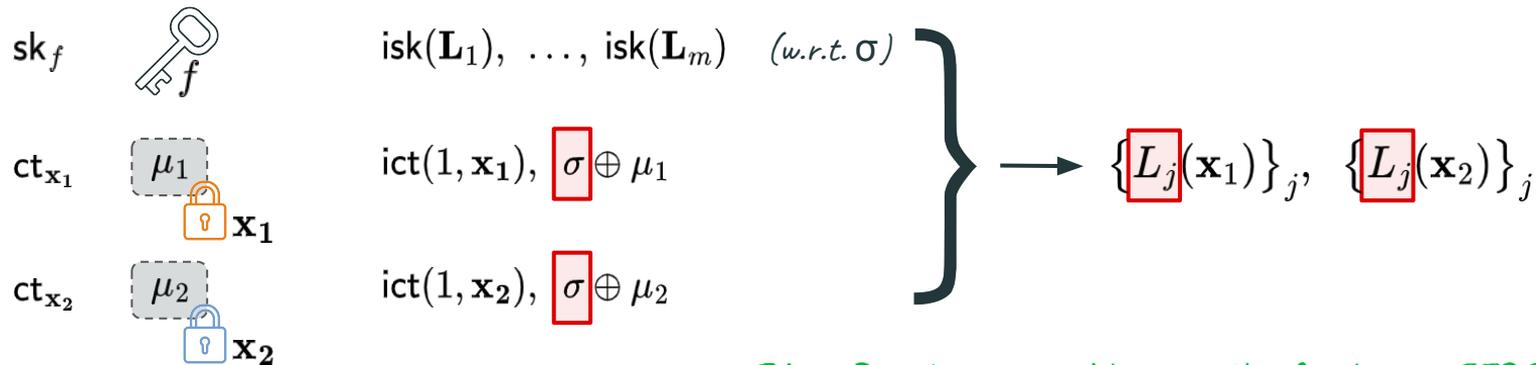


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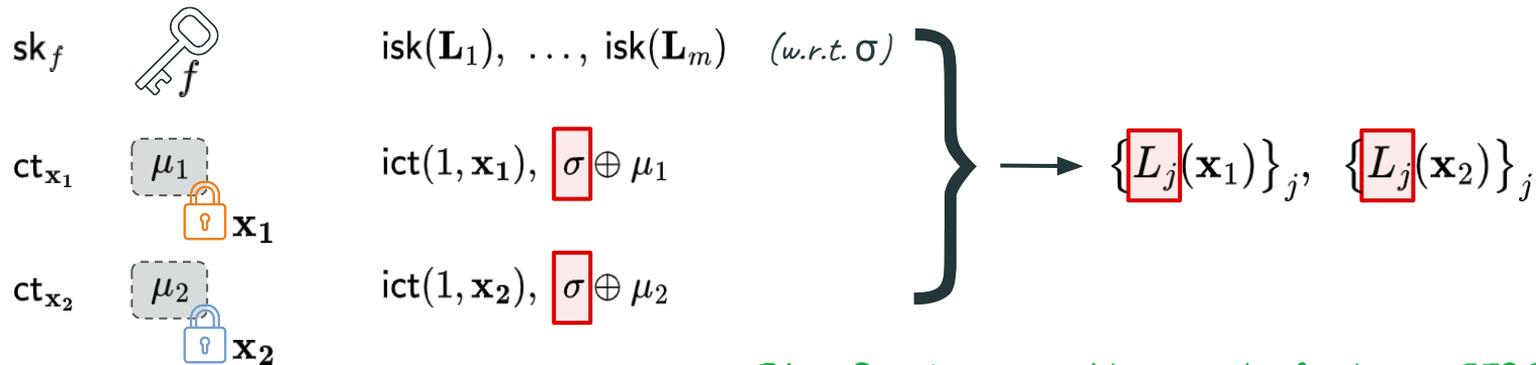
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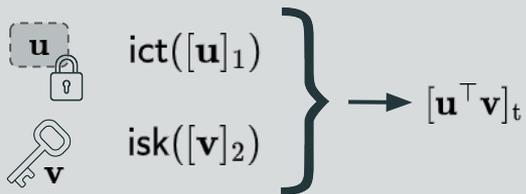
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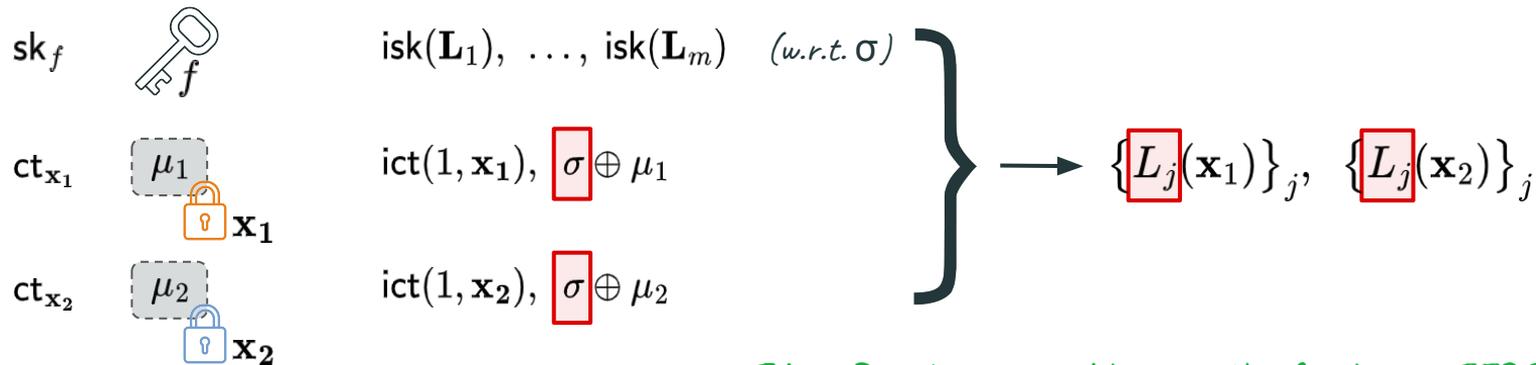


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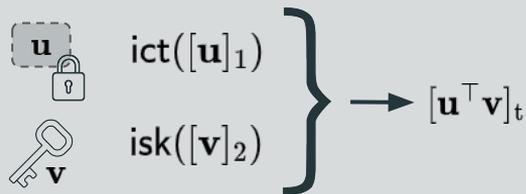


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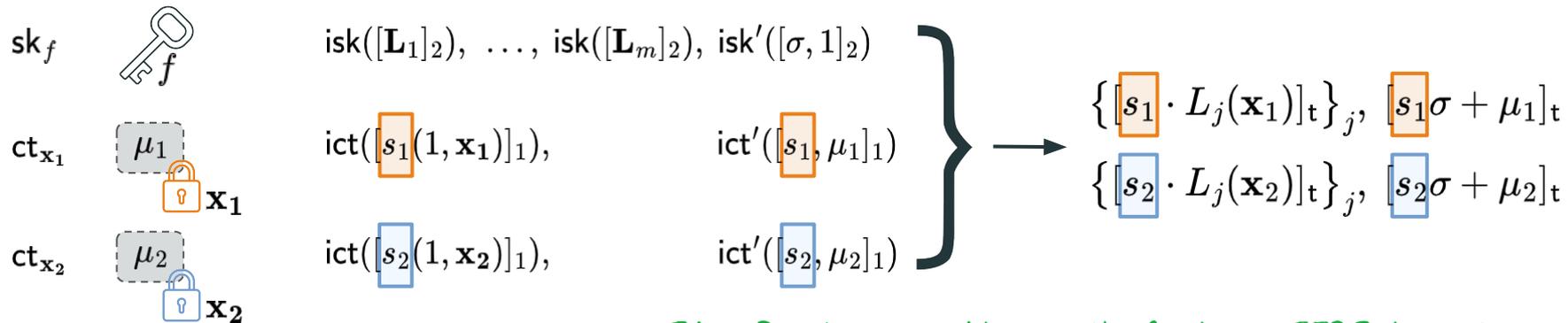
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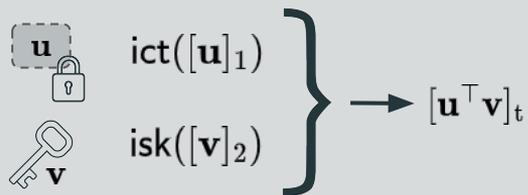
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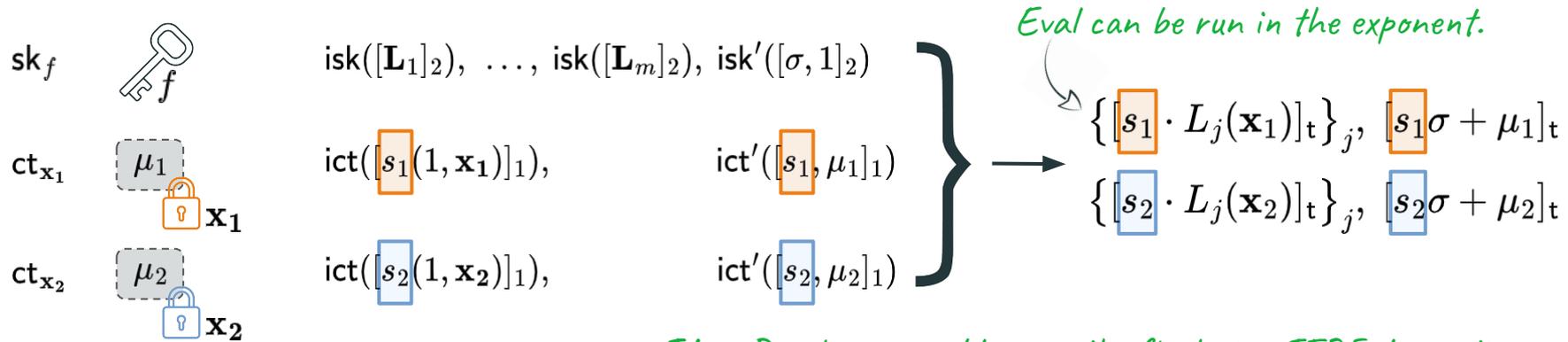
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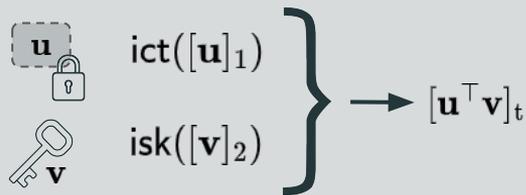
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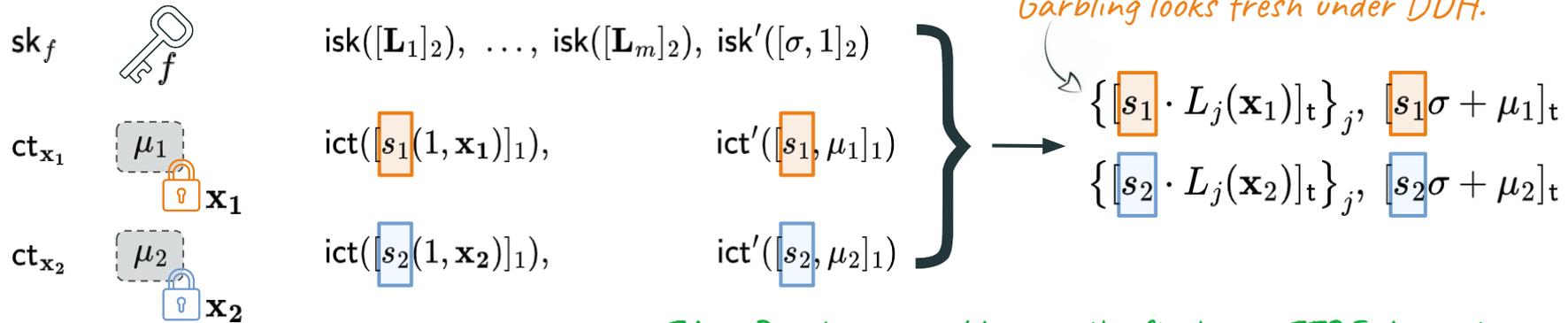
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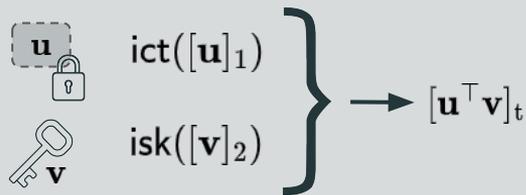
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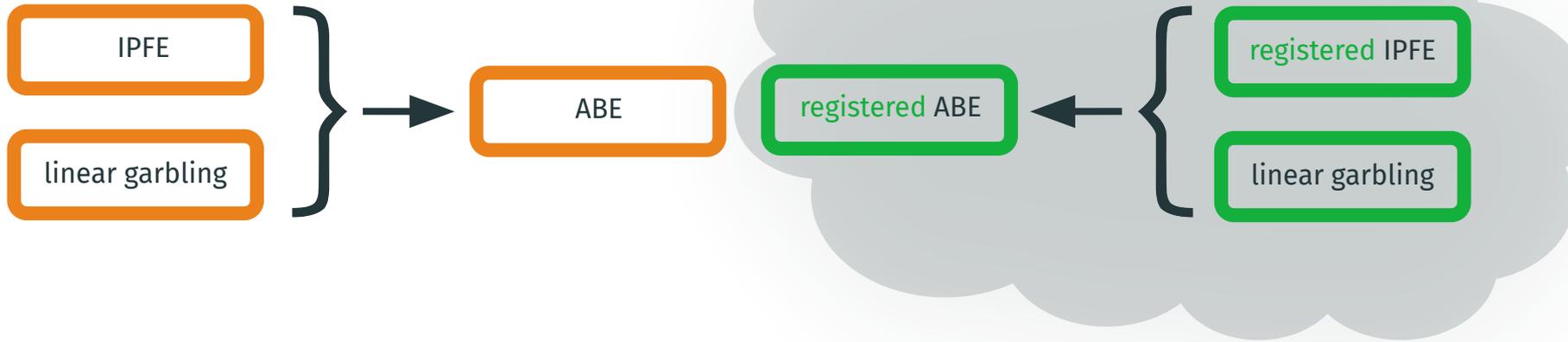
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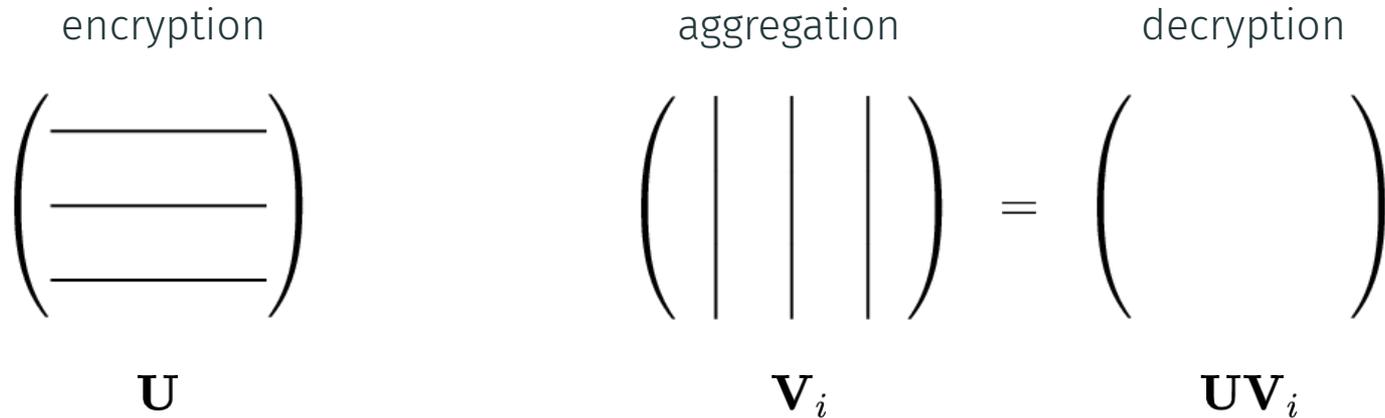
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- run **offline phase** during **setup**, **online phase** during **aggregation**
→ we need **generalization of inner product functionality**

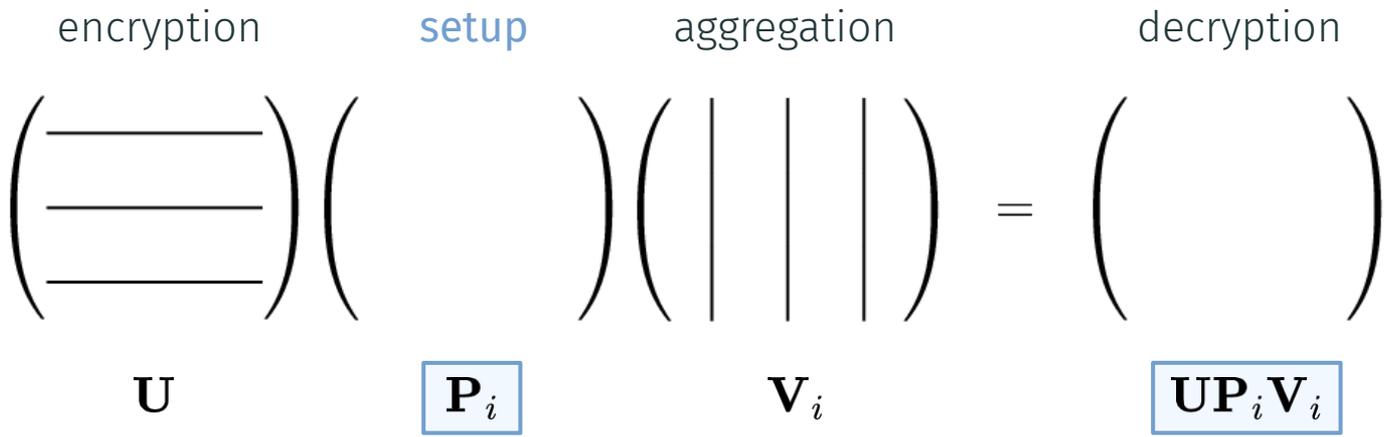
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Theorem. Reg-FE for Pre-IP can be built from (bilateral) MDDH. [ZLGQ24, AC:PS25]

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 -> study concrete garbling schemes

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[PST25]. Construction from **Lattices**

- (KP|CP) Reg-ABE and predicate encryption
 - ✓ unbounded depth circuits
 - ✓ (almost) optimal asymptotic parameters
 - ✓ general Turing machines
 - ✗ uses *pseudorandom* FE for specific samplers
(can be instantiated from private-coin evasive LWE)

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Lattice-Based. Constructions from **Falsifiable Assumptions**

- state of the art: **key-policy** Reg-ABE for **bounded** depth circuits
- future targets:
ciphertext-policy Reg-ABE, **unbounded** depth circuits, **uniform** models of computations

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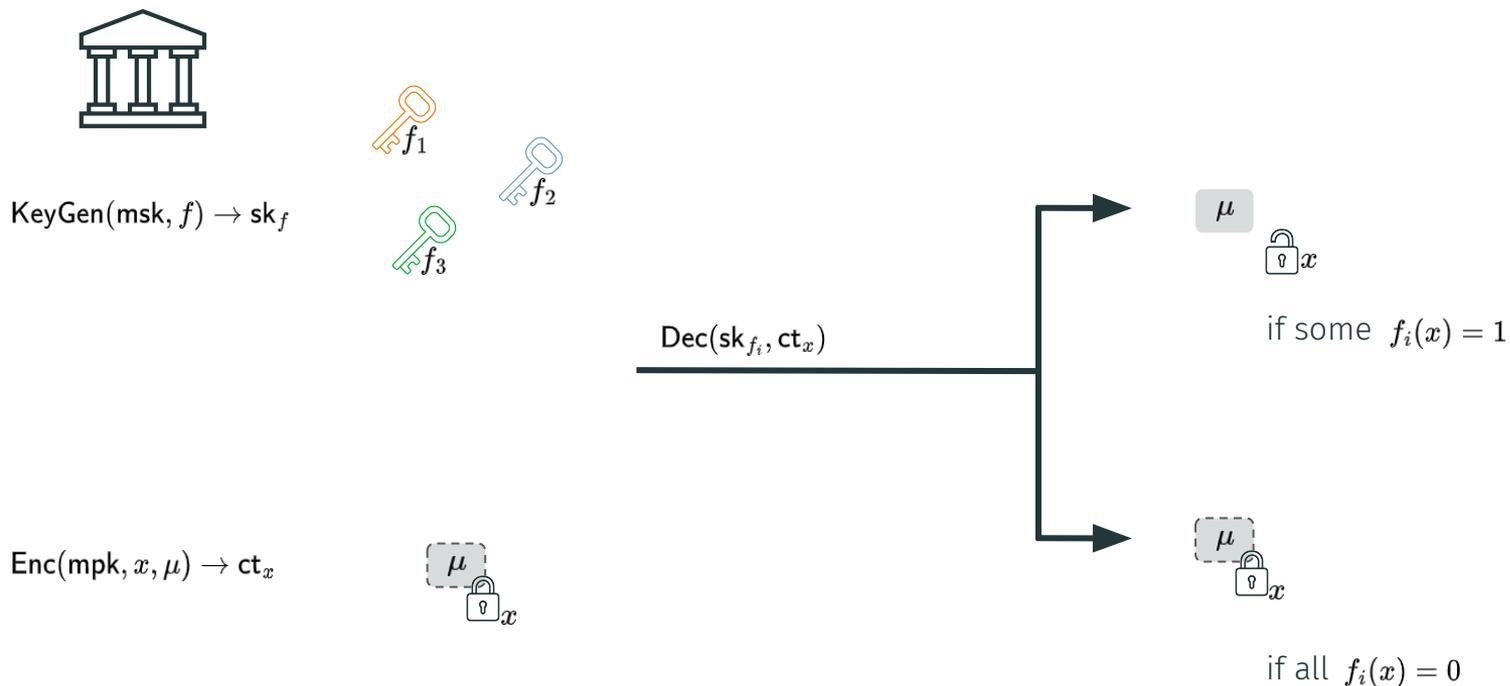
Part I. Removing the Trusted Authority (Registered ABE and FE)

- registered ABE via general paradigm [AC:PS25a]
- more [PS25b, PST25]

Part II. Supporting Multiple Encryptors (Multi-Client ABE)

- formal definition, first instantiations [TCC:PS24]
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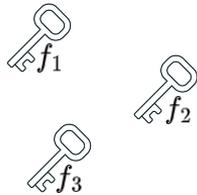
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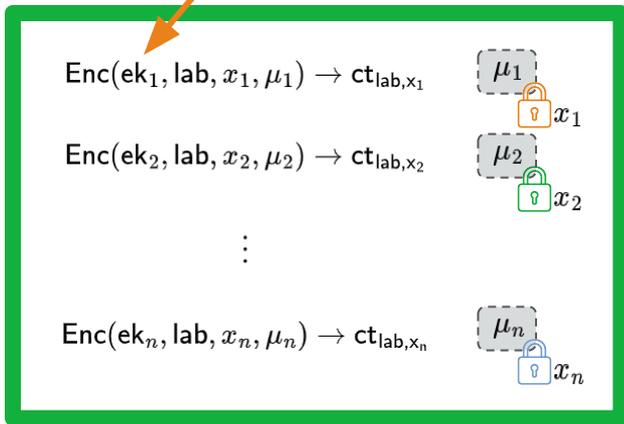
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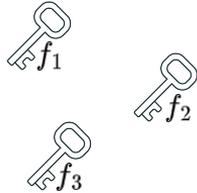


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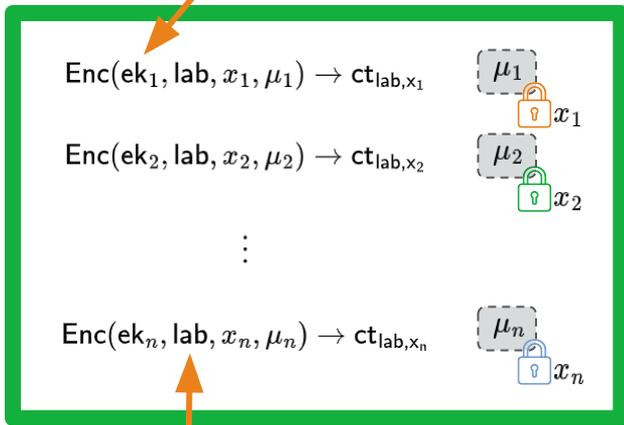
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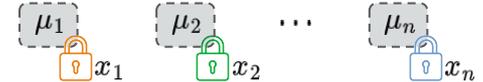


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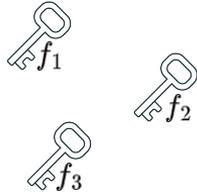


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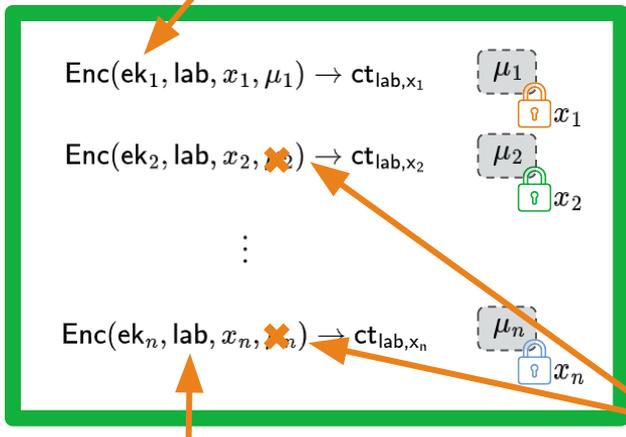
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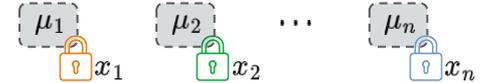
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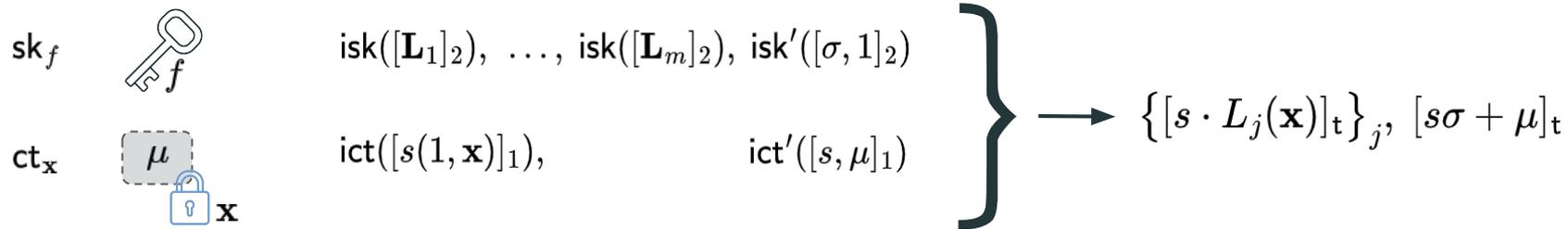


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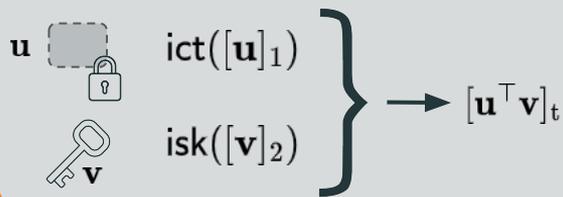


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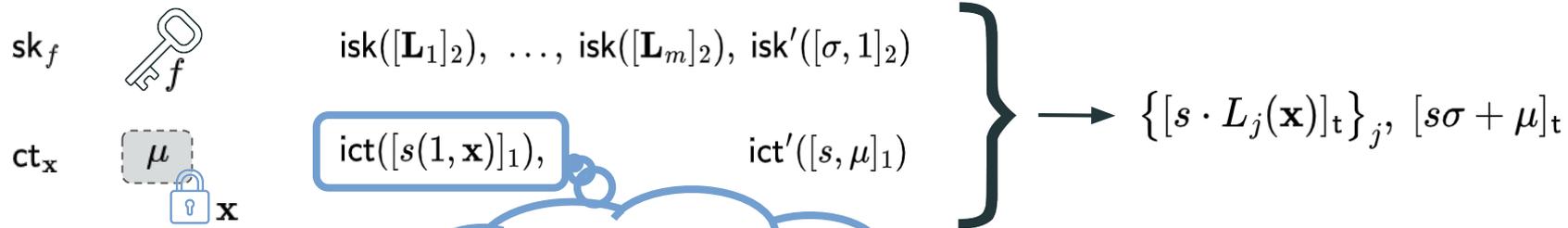


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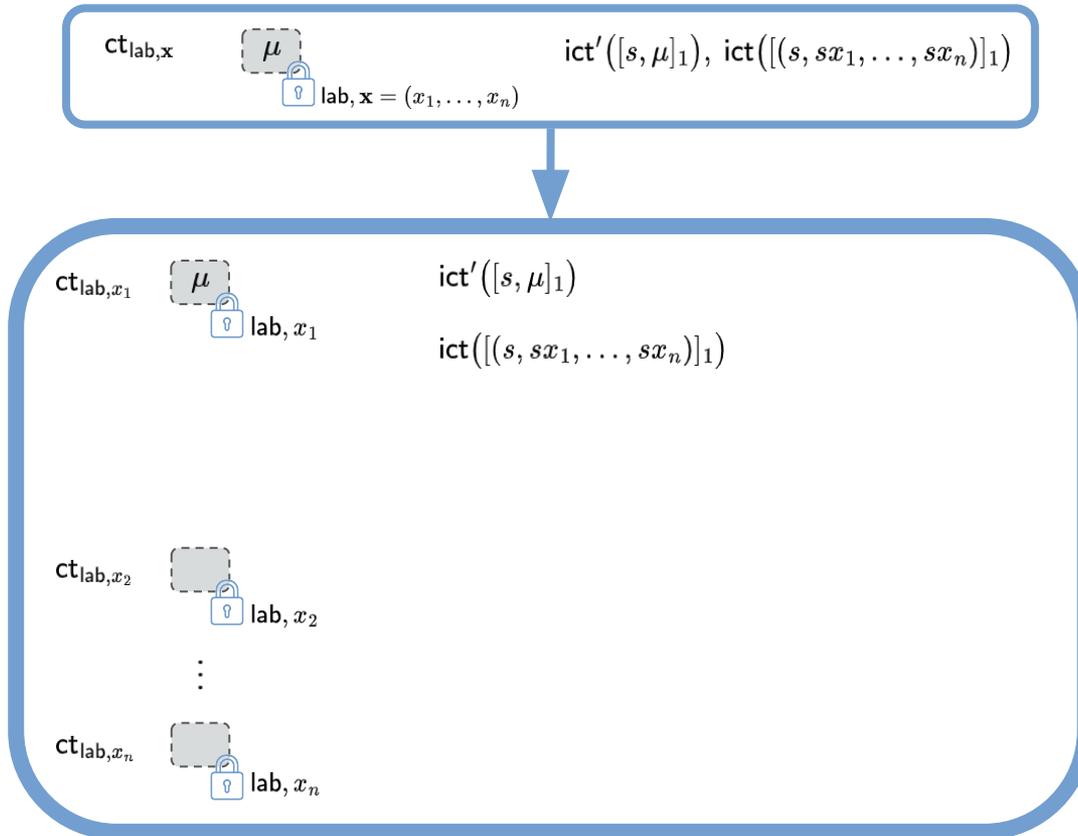
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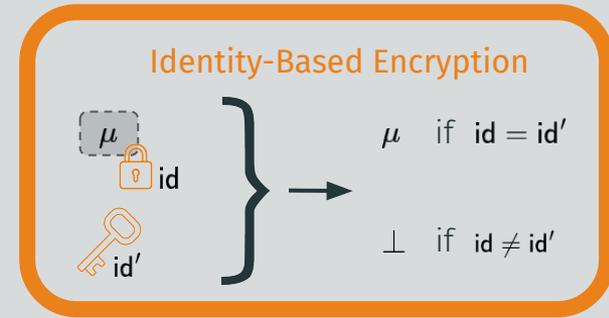
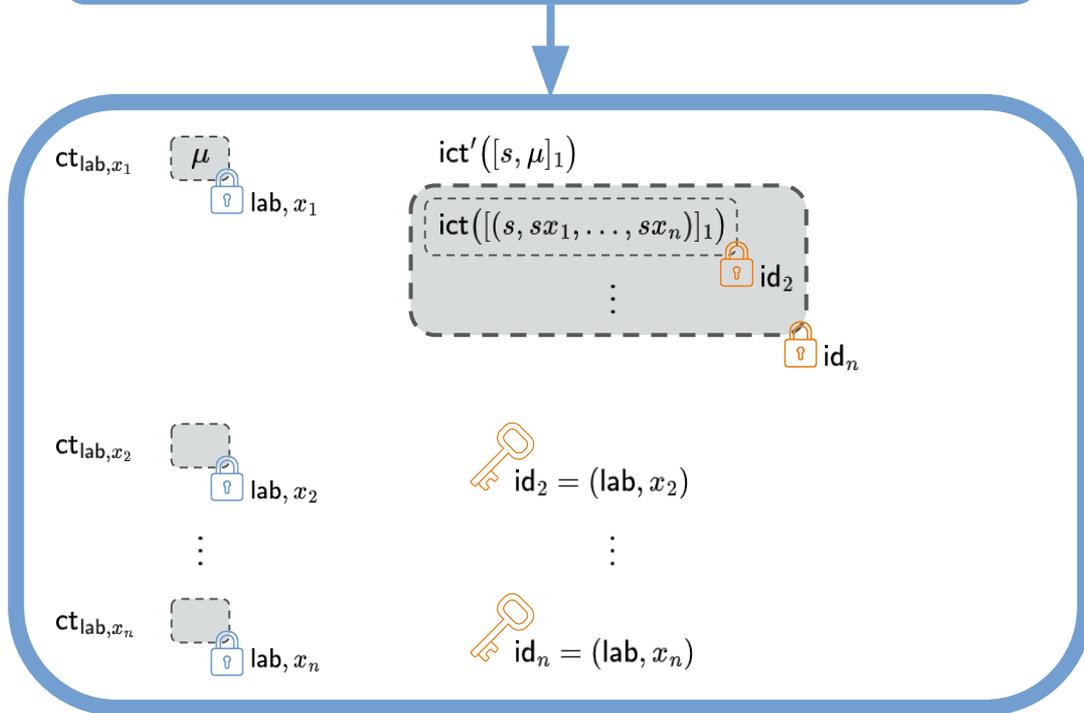
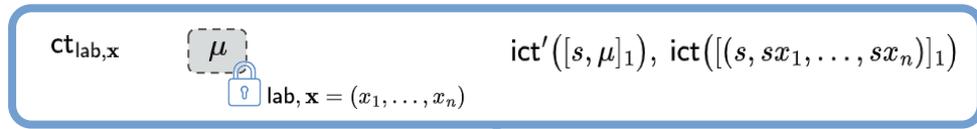
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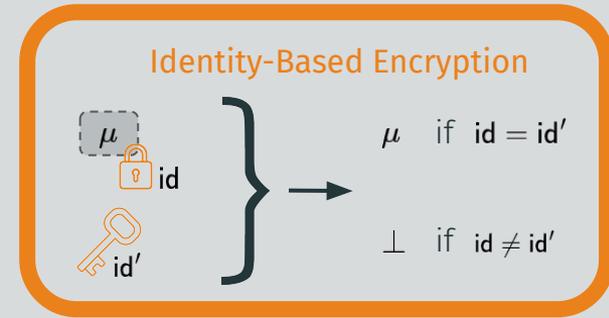
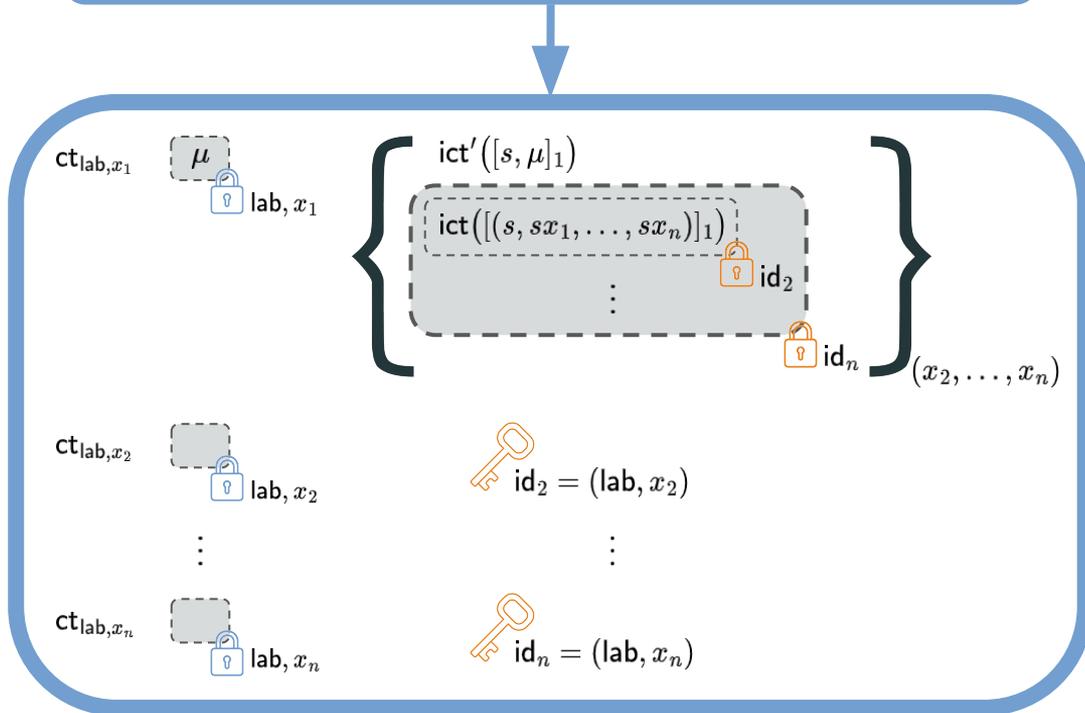
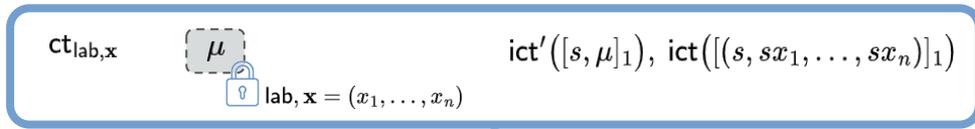
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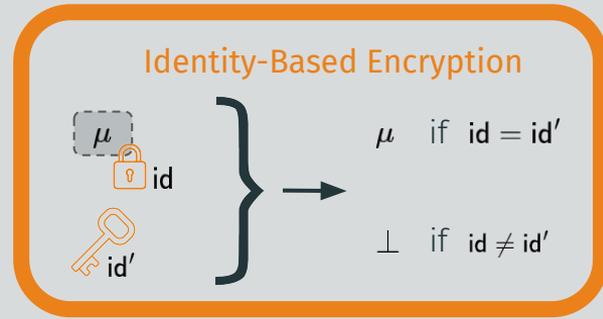
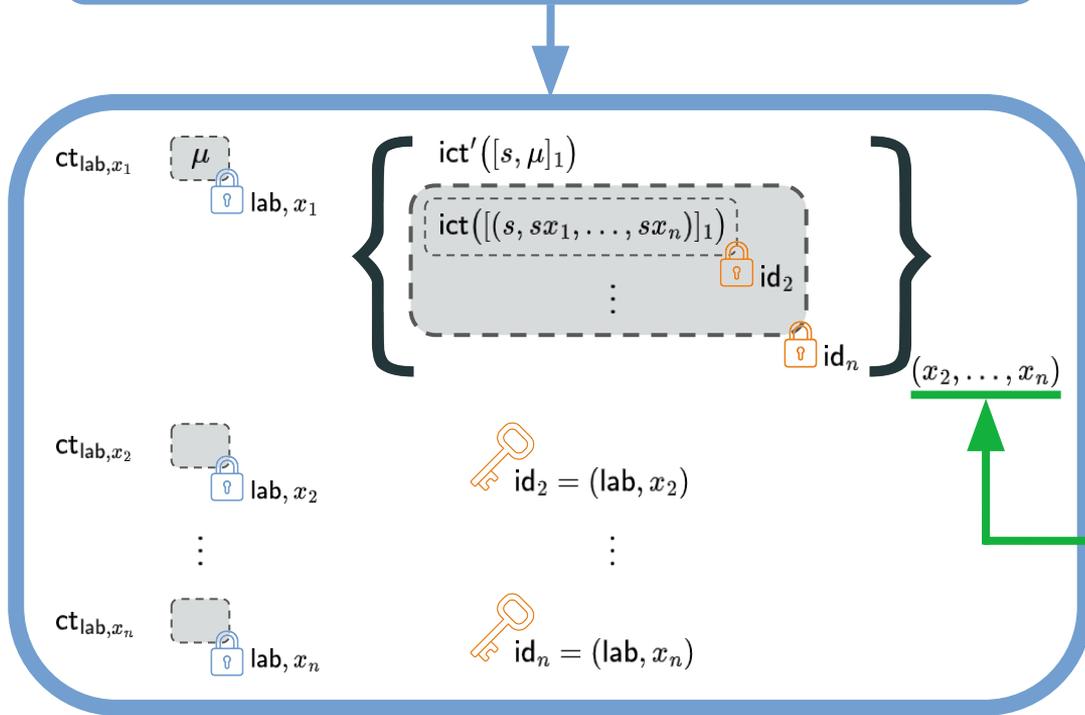
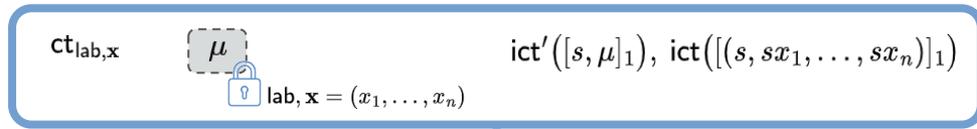
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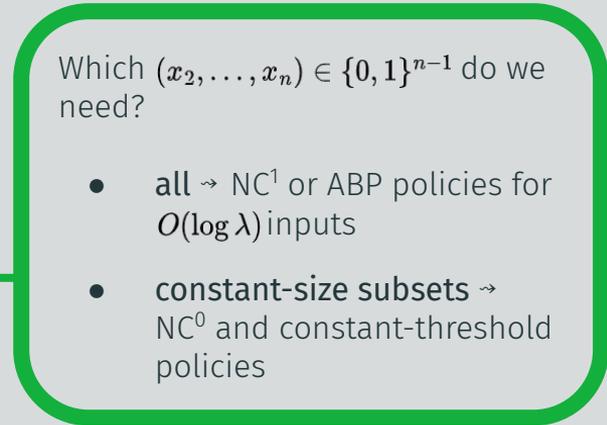
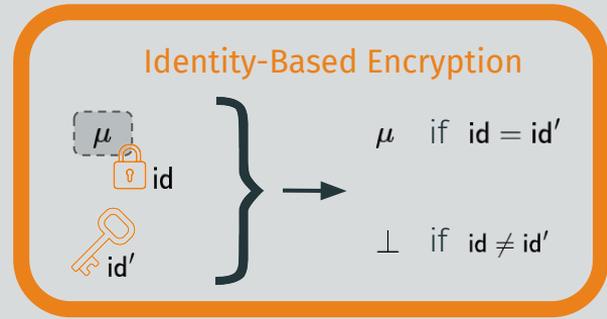
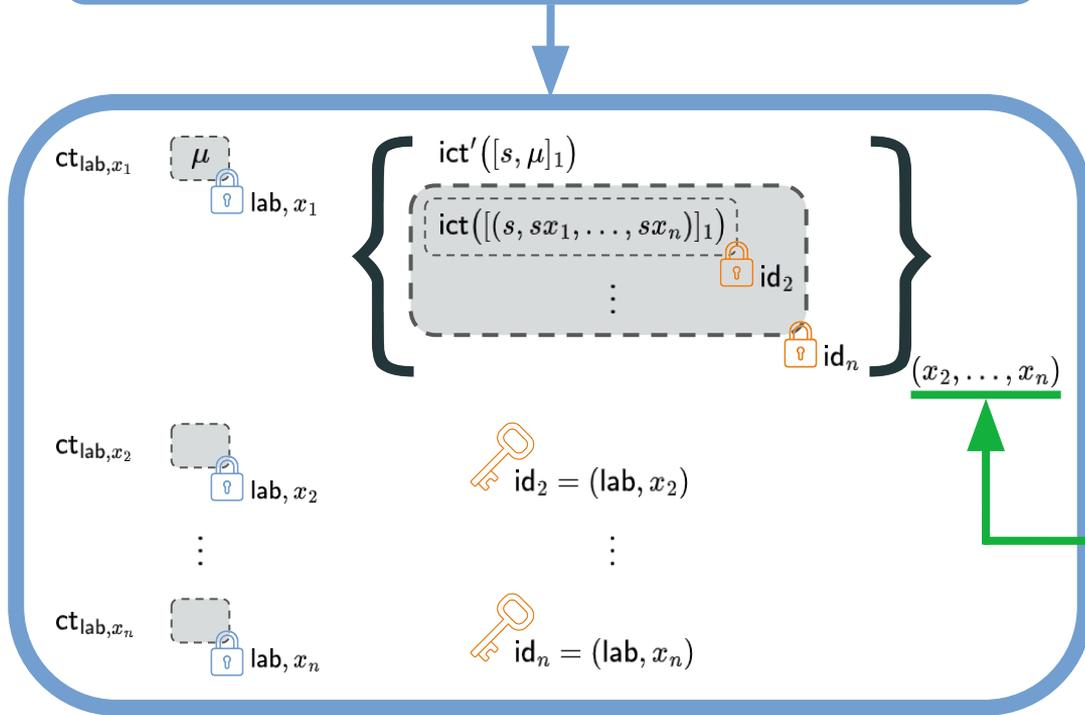
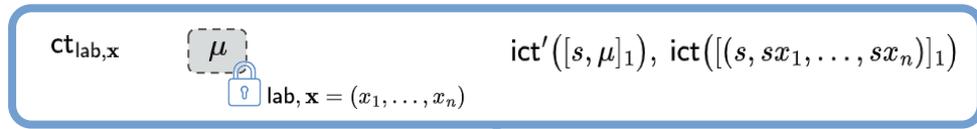
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Fact. MI-ABE for polynomial arity and NC^1 policies \Rightarrow witness encryption for NP

We consider settings that *circumvent* this implication.

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 - more than NC⁰ policies** (ideally: at least NC¹)
 - based on **falsifiable lattice assumption** (ideally: standard)

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Thank you! :-)

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Arithmetization of TM Computations

- consider TM $M = (Q, \mathbf{y}_{\text{acc}}, \delta)$ and denote by (N, S, T) the input length, space and runtime
- set of internal configurations $\mathcal{C} = [N] \times [S] \times \{0, 1\}^S \times [Q]$ with initial configuration $c_0 = (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1}, \mathbf{0}_S, \mathbf{1})$
(input tape head, working tape head, working tape, state)
- define transition matrix $\mathbf{T}(\mathbf{x}) \in \mathbb{Z}_p^{\mathcal{C} \times \mathcal{C}}$ as

$$\mathbf{T}(\mathbf{x})[c', c] = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } c \rightarrow_M c' \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$c' = (k', j', w', q')$ $c = (k, j, w, q)$

- we have $\mathbf{T}(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \mathbf{e}_c^\top = \mathbf{e}_{c'}^\top$ and more general

$$M|_{N,S,T}(\mathbf{x}) = (\mathbf{1} \otimes \mathbf{y}_{\text{acc}}) \cdot (\mathbf{T}(\mathbf{x}))^T \cdot \mathbf{e}_{c_0}^\top$$

... so we only need to garble matrix multiplication

Arithmetic Key Garbling for Logspace TMs

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telescoping sum

Security? (1) $L_1(\mathbf{x}), \dots, L_{T+1}(\mathbf{x})$ are jointly pseudorandom
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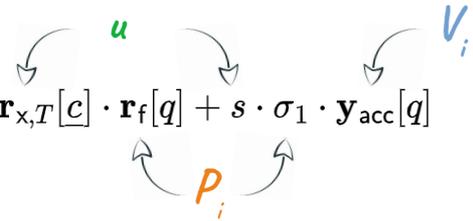
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u (green arrow pointing to $\mathbf{r}_{x,t-1}[c]$)
 P_i (orange arrow pointing to $\mathbf{r}_f[q]$)

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decomposition of the last term:

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