

# A Practical Universal Circuit Construction and Secure Evaluation of Private Functions



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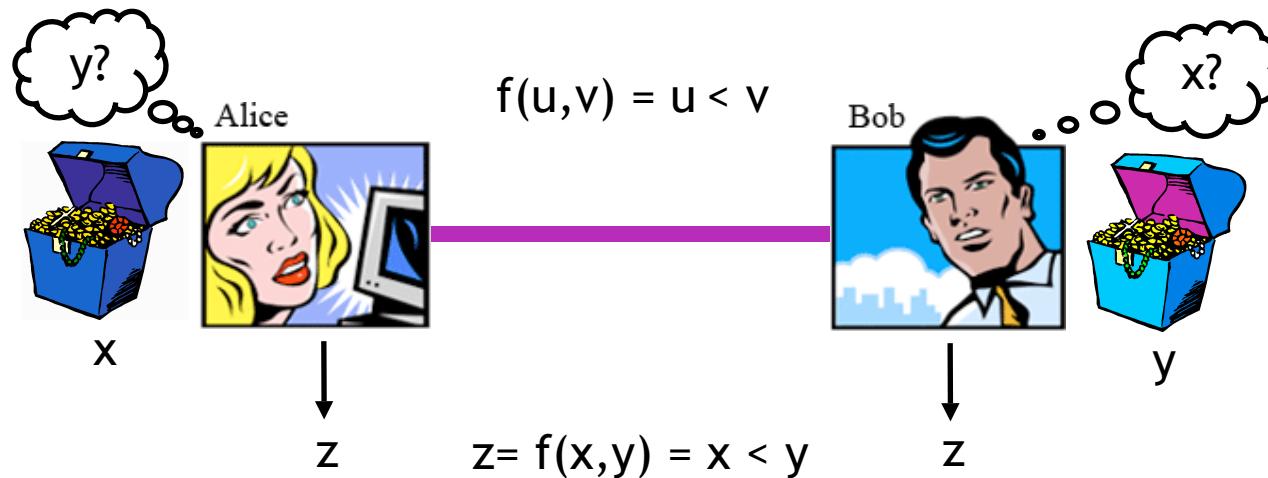


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3. Universal Circuits (UC)
  - Valiant's UC Construction
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## Secure Function Evaluation

**Millionaires Problem:** Two millionaires want to compute who has more money while preventing the other party to learn one's private input. They don't want to trust a third party to do the computation for them.



SFE allows two parties A and B to securely evaluate a function  $f(u,v)$  on their private inputs  $x$  and  $y$ :

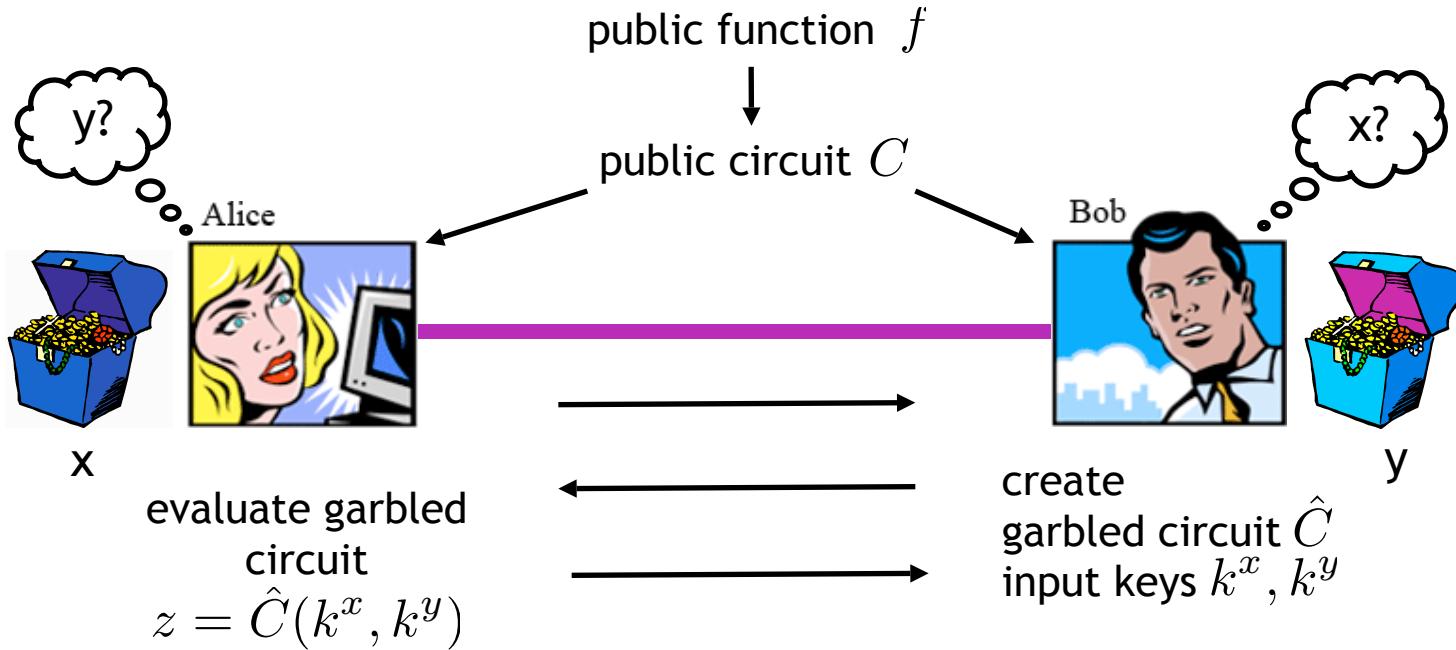
- Each party learns the result  $z = f(x,y)$ .
- Each party learns nothing about the other party's secret  $y$  resp.  $x$ .

# Secure Function Evaluation - One-Round Protocols

Information theoretically secure SFE protocols: [Kilian88], [IK\*\*], [Kolesnikov05]

Computationally secure SFE protocols:

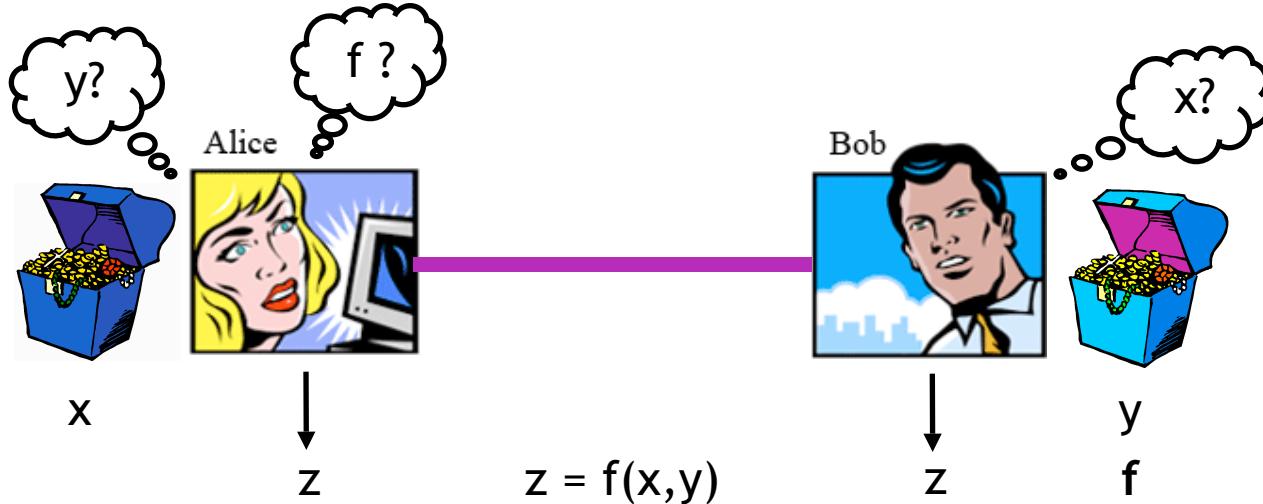
- [Yao86], [LP04] Yao's protocol
- [MNPS04] Fairplay - a secure two-party computation system



Fairplay demonstrates practicability of SFE for circuits with  $\sim 1M$  gates.

# Secure Function Evaluation of Private Functions (PF-SFE)

In some applications, the function itself needs to be kept secret:



PF-SFE = SFE + everything about the function  $f$  remains secret (besides size)

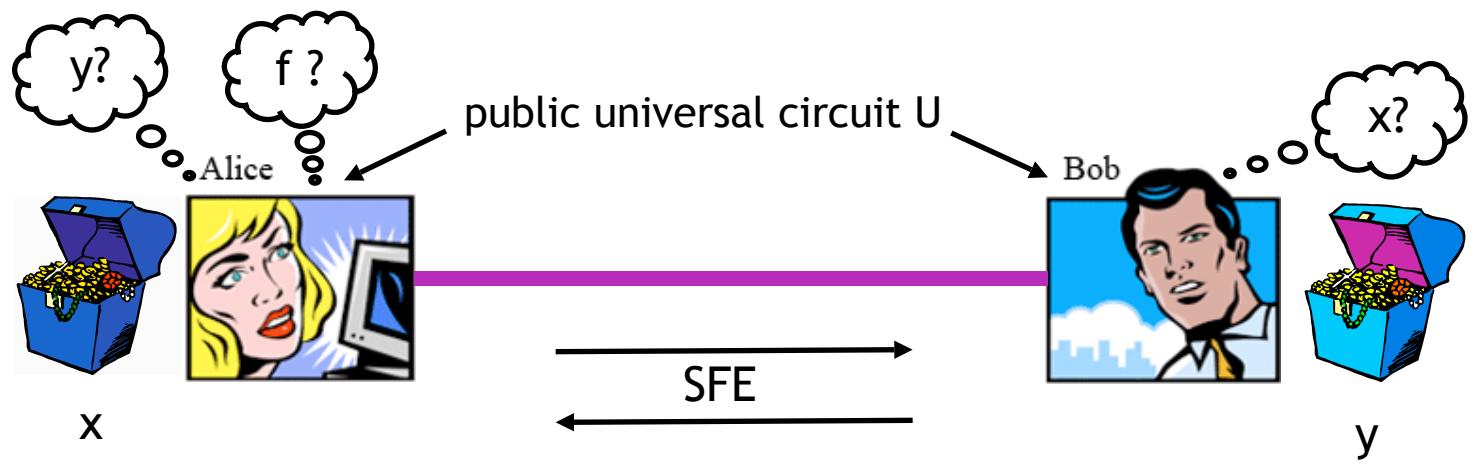
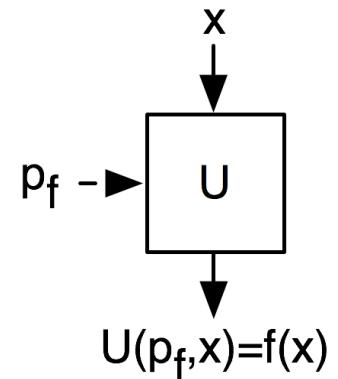
Examples:

- No Fly List Checking: Bob wants to check private data  $x$  of Alice (list of passengers) with private checking function  $f$  (no-fly-function).
- Similar: Credit Report Checking, Medical History Checking
- Mobile Code: Bob executes private code  $f$  in untrustworthy environment A.
- Privacy Preserving Database Querying (e.g. patent database): Client B executes private query on private database  $x$  of DB server A.

## Reduction from PF-SFE to SFE

function  $f \rightarrow$  data  $p_f$  [Turing36: Universal Turing Machine]

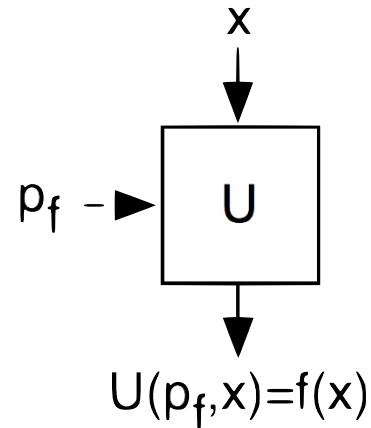
A universal circuit  $U$  is a programmable circuit that takes a function description  $p_f$  (program) of a function  $f$  as input and computes the function  $f$  on the input  $x$ .



PF-SFE can be reduced to SFE of a universal circuit  $U$ .

## Universal Circuits

A **Universal Circuit**  $UC_v^u$  is an acyclic circuit  $U$  which computes any boolean function  $f : \{0, 1\}^u \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^v$  on input of the function description  $p_f$  (program) and the data  $x \in \{0, 1\}^u$ .



[Valiant76: Universal Circuits]: Asymptotically optimal  
Construction of a  ${}^k UC_v^u$  that can simulate all circuits with

- **u inputs and v outputs**
- **k gates** (2 inputs, 1 output, arbitrary fan-out)
- construction based on universal graphs
- no explicit programming algorithm given

$$size(UC_v) \sim (19k + 9.5u + 9.5v) \log k$$

Feasible circuit size for PF-SFE with Fairplay and Valiant's UC:

$$19k \log k < 1M \Rightarrow k < 4,354$$

⇒ Need practical UC construction for PF-SFE of circuits of that size !

## Basic Building Blocks needed in our Construction

$P_v^u$  permutation block:

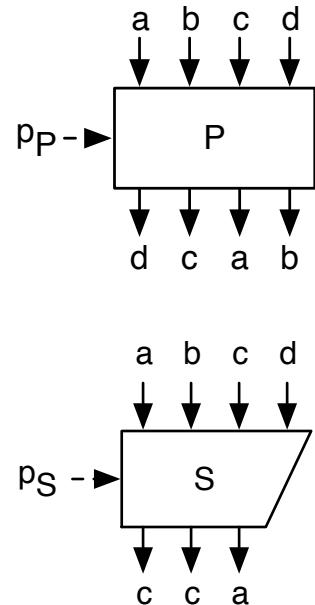
Permute the  $u$  inputs to the  $v$  outputs (no duplicates)

[Waksman68: A Permutation Network]:  $u = v = N = 2^n$

Efficient construction  $\text{size}(P_N) = 2N \log N - 2N + 2$

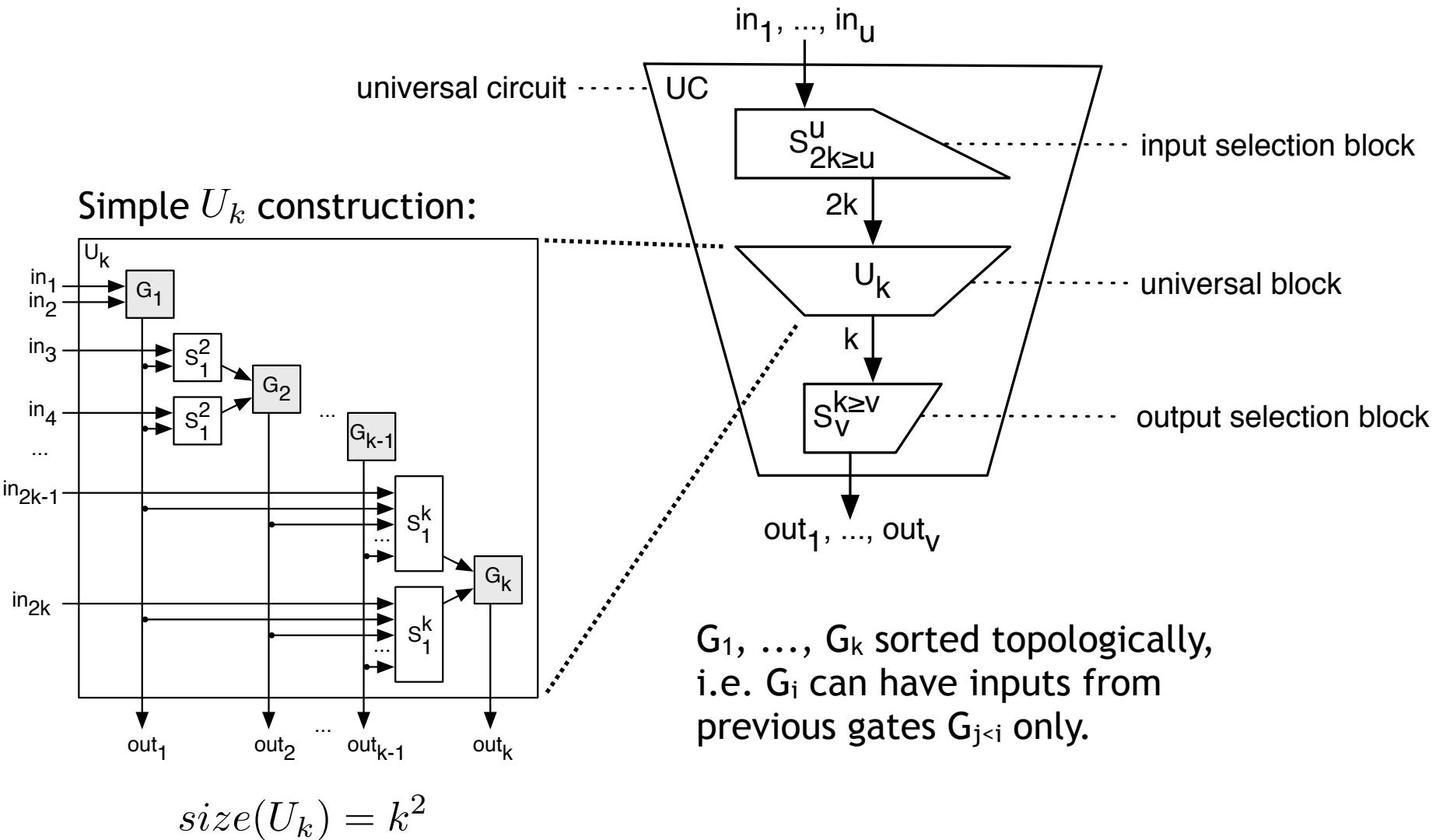
**New: Generalized Permutation Blocks:** arbitrary  $u, v$

$S_v^u$  selection block: Select for each of the  $v$  outputs one of the  $u$  inputs (with duplicates).

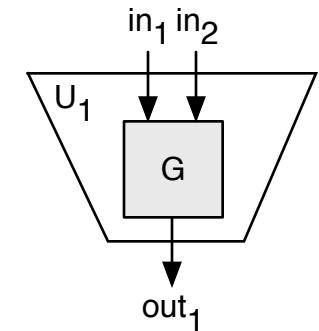
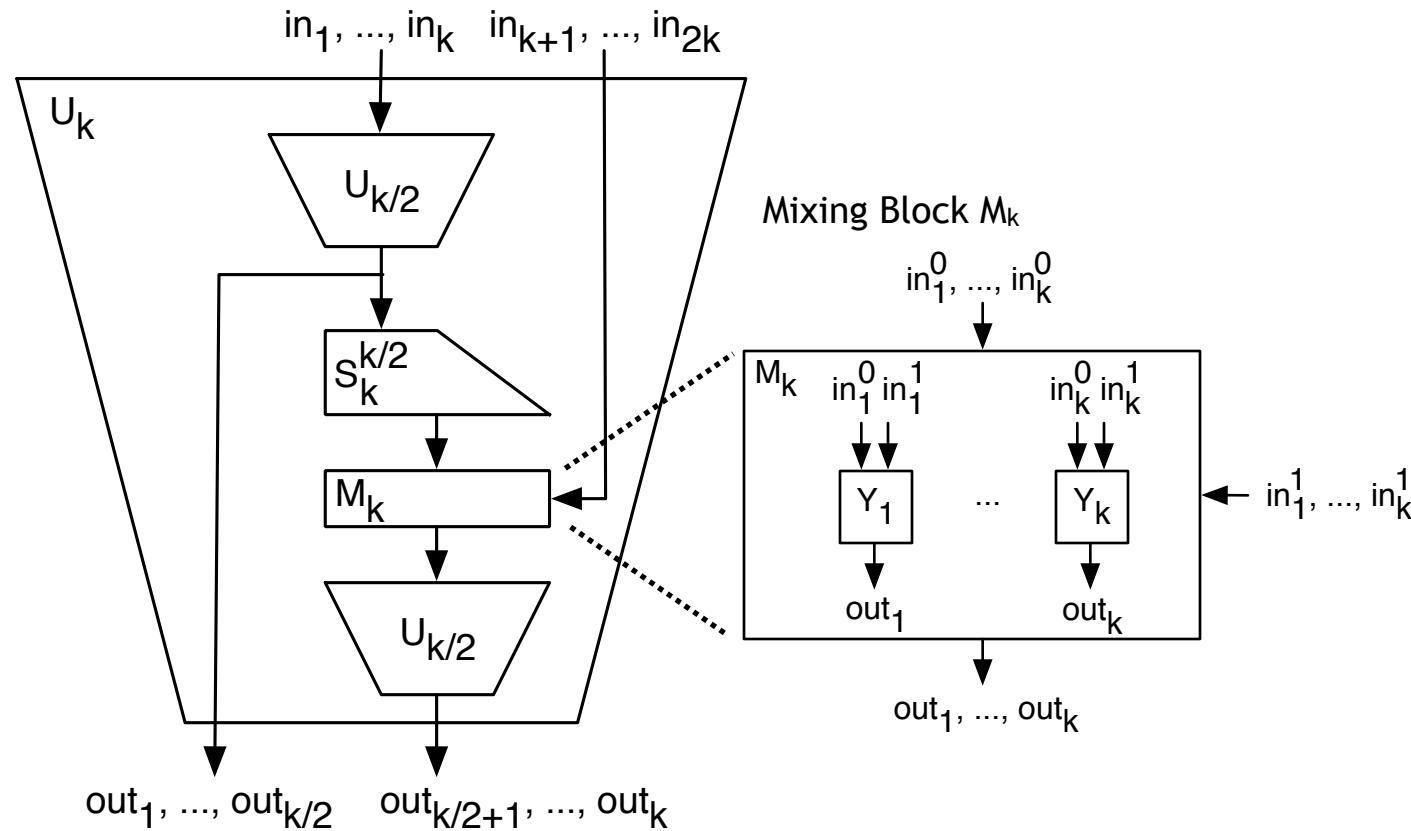


**New: Permutation-based  $S_v^u$  Selection Blocks**  
size and efficient programming  $\in O((u + v) \log(u + v))$

# Block based Universal Circuit



# Recursive Universal Block Construction



$$size(U_k) = 1.5k \log^2 k - 1.5k \log k + 6k - 5$$

$$size(UC_k) = 1.5k \log^2 k + 2.5k \log k + 9k + 1 + (u + 2k) \log u + (k + 3v) \log v - 2u - 4v$$

## Comparison of our practical UC construction $UC_P$ and Valiant's $UC_V$

$$size(UC_P) = 1.5k \log^2 k + 2.5k \log k + (u + 2k) \log u + (k + 3v) \log v + O(k)$$

$$size(UC_V) = 19k \log k + 9.5u \log k + 9.5v \log k + O(k)$$

- Asymptotically not optimal ( $\Rightarrow$  use Valiant's UC for large circuits)
- For practical circuits our UC construction is smaller than Valiant's especially for circuits with many in- and outputs (e.g. comparison/search)
  - relative size  $size_{rel} = \frac{size(UC_P)}{size(UC_V)}$ , break-even point  $k_{eq} = k|_{size_{rel}=1}$

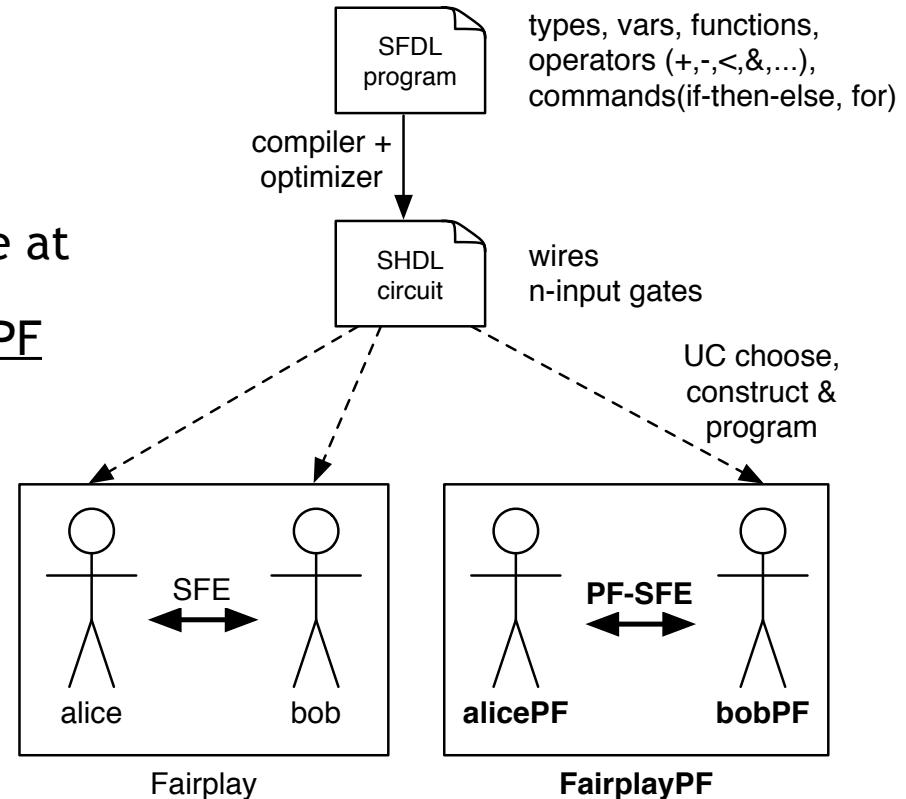
circuit inputs and outputs		break-even point $k_{eq}$	relative size $size_{rel}$			
			u	v	$k = 1,000$	$k = 5,000$
few	$o(k)$	$o(k)$	2,048	91.8%	110.2%	118.1%
	$0.5k$	$0.1k$	5,000	86.0%	100.1%	106.2%
	$0.5k$	$0.25k$	8,000	83.1%	96.4%	102.1%
	$1k$	$0.5k$	117,000	69.0%	79.5%	84.0%
many	$2k$	$1k$	26,663,000	53.6%	60.9%	64.1%

## Implementation of PF-SFE based on Fairplay $\Rightarrow$ FairplayPF

- Our practical recursive UC construction is small, easy and can be efficiently programmed based on the structure of the given circuit.
- Practical PF-SFE implemented as extension for Fairplay system:

Source and Documentation available at

<http://thomaschneider.de/FairplayPF>



- Coming soon:  
New SFE protocol optimized for UCs  $\Rightarrow$  further improve PF-SFE by factor of 4.

Thank you for  
your kind attention.