



# **Private Set Intersection: Are Garbled Circuits Better than Custom Protocols?**

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# Motivation --- Common Acquaintances



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# Linear-Complexity Private Set Intersection Protocols Secure in Malicious Model\*

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## Abstract

Private Set Intersection (PSI) protocols allow one party (“client”) to compute an intersection of its input set with that of another party (“server”), such that the client learns nothing other than the set intersection and the server learns nothing beyond client input size. Prior work yielded a range of PSI protocols secure under different cryptographic assumptions. Protocols operating in the semi-honest model offer better (linear) complexity while those in the malicious model are often significantly more costly. In this paper, we construct PSI and Authorized PSI (APSI) protocols secure in the malicious model under standard cryptographic assumptions, with both *linear* communication and computational complexities. To the best of our knowledge, our APSI is the first solution to do so. Finally, we show that our linear PSI is appreciably more efficient than the state-of-the-art.

Our results... and one of our protocols... a relaxed definition where one can... (formalized through indistinguishability) is... intersection that is fully simulatable in the model of cover... means that a malicious adversary can cheat, but will then be caught... composable methods... *union*, *intersection*, and *element reduction*... techniques to a wide range of practical problems, ac... cient results than those of previous work... intersection, ... head of solving... Lastly, we invest... including extending the... as considering the problem of

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## Custom Protocols

Designed around specific crypto **assumptions and primitives**

**Cannot be easily composed** with other secure computations

**New Design** and security **proofs** need to be done for every individual scheme.

## Generic Protocols

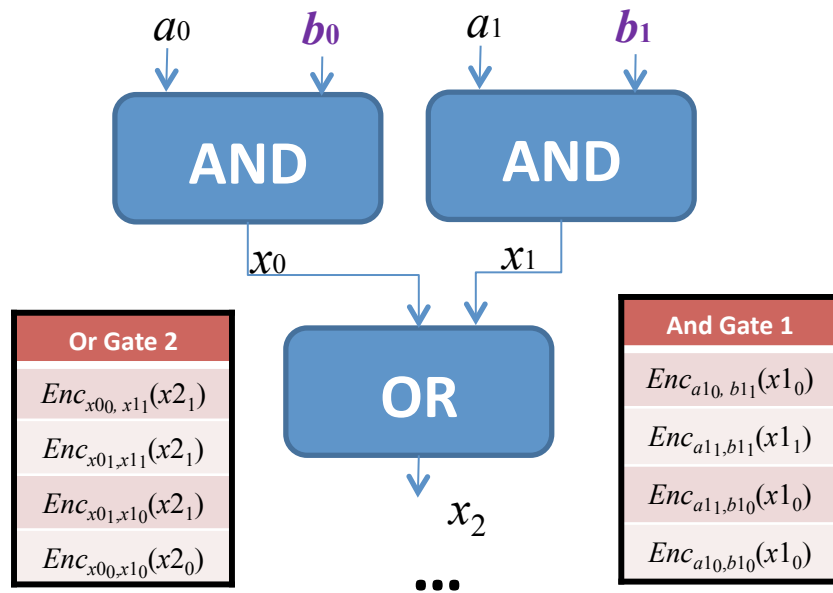
Uses generic and flexible cryptographic primitives

Can securely compute arbitrary function

Security proofs automatically derived from the generic proof.

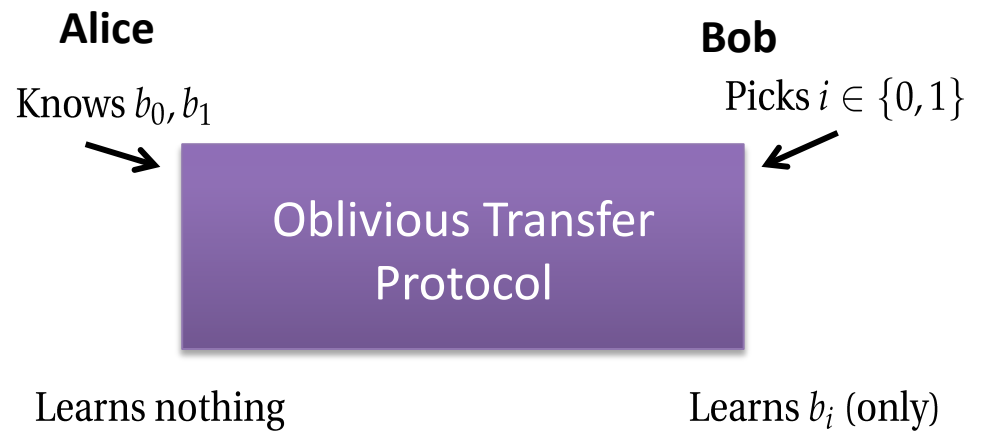
e.g., **Garbled Circuit Protocols**

# Garbled Circuits & Oblivious Transfers



Andrew Yao, 1982/1986

**Free-XOR technique**, Kolesnikov and Shneider, 2008



Rabin, 1981; Even, Goldreich, and Lempel, 1985;  
Naor and Pinkas 2001, Ishai et al., 2003

Y. Huang, D. Evans, J. Katz, L. Malka, Faster Secure Computation Using Garbled Circuits, USENIX Security 2011.

# Threat Model

Semi-Honest Adversary: **follows the protocol as specified**, but tries to learn more from the protocol execution transcript

# Generic PSI Protocols Overview

Protocols	Cost in non-XOR gates	Best for
Bitwise-AND (BWA)	$2^\sigma$	Small element space
Pairwise-Comparison (PWC)	$O(\sigma n^2)$	
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 $n$  – the size of the sets

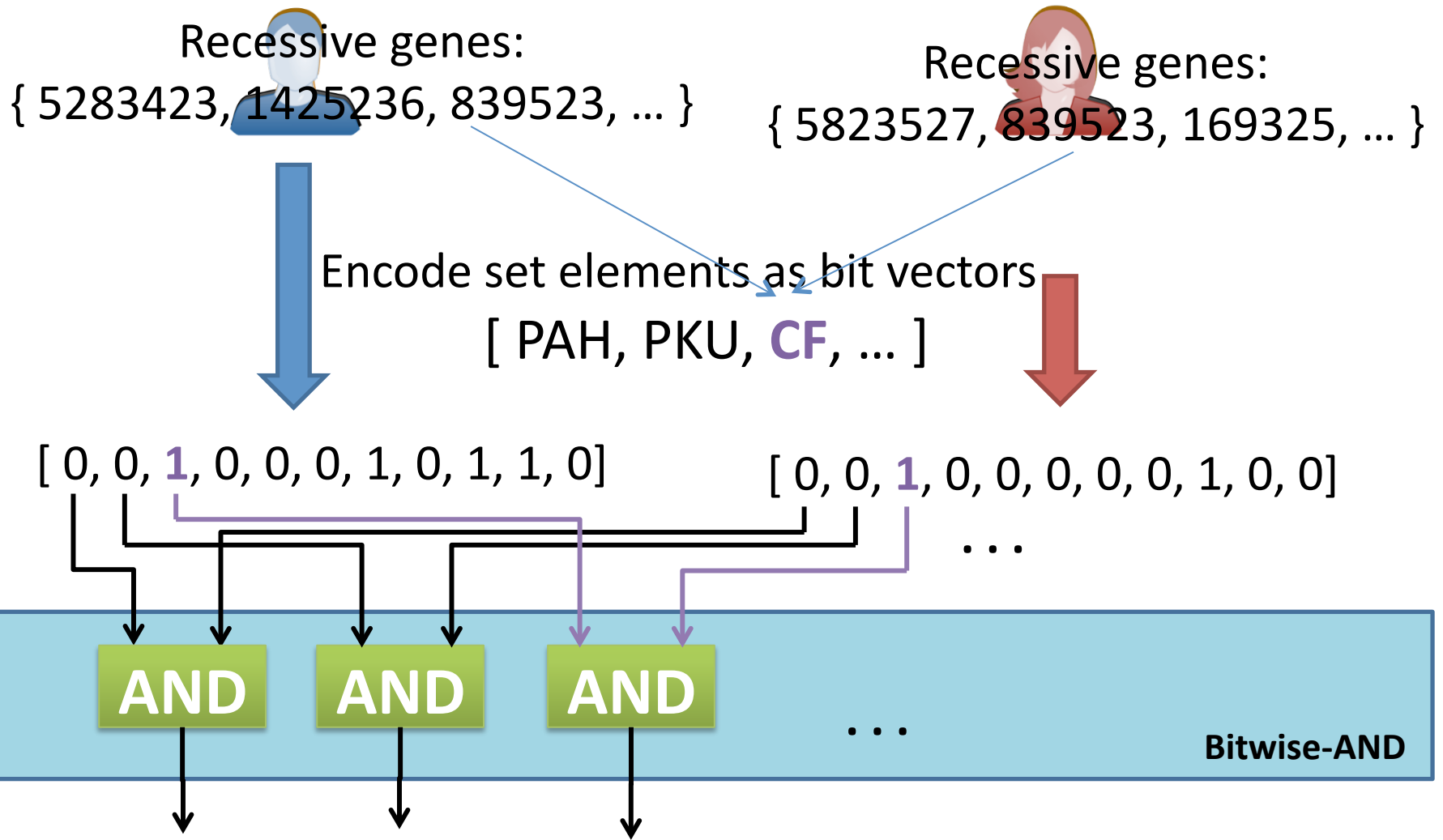
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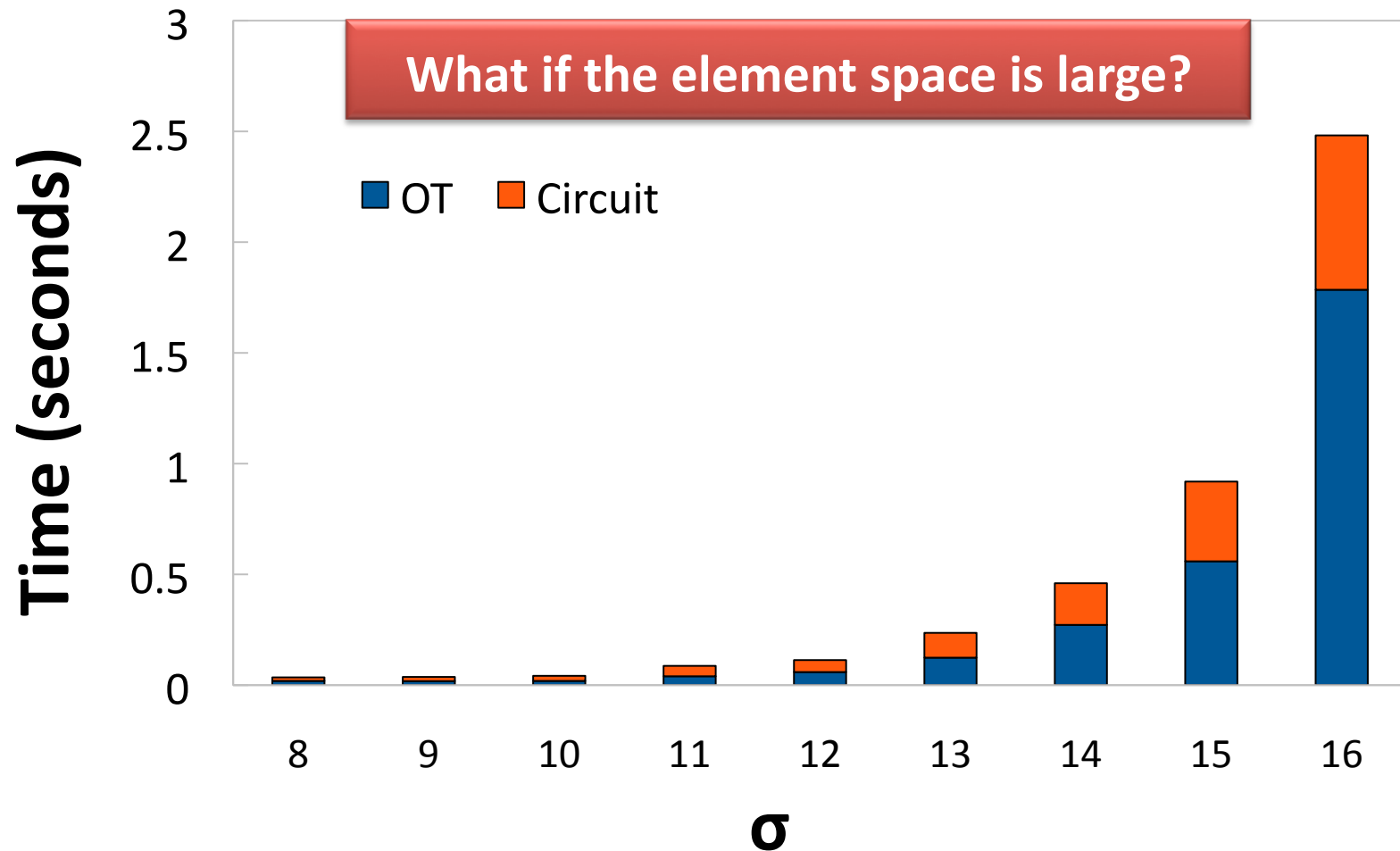
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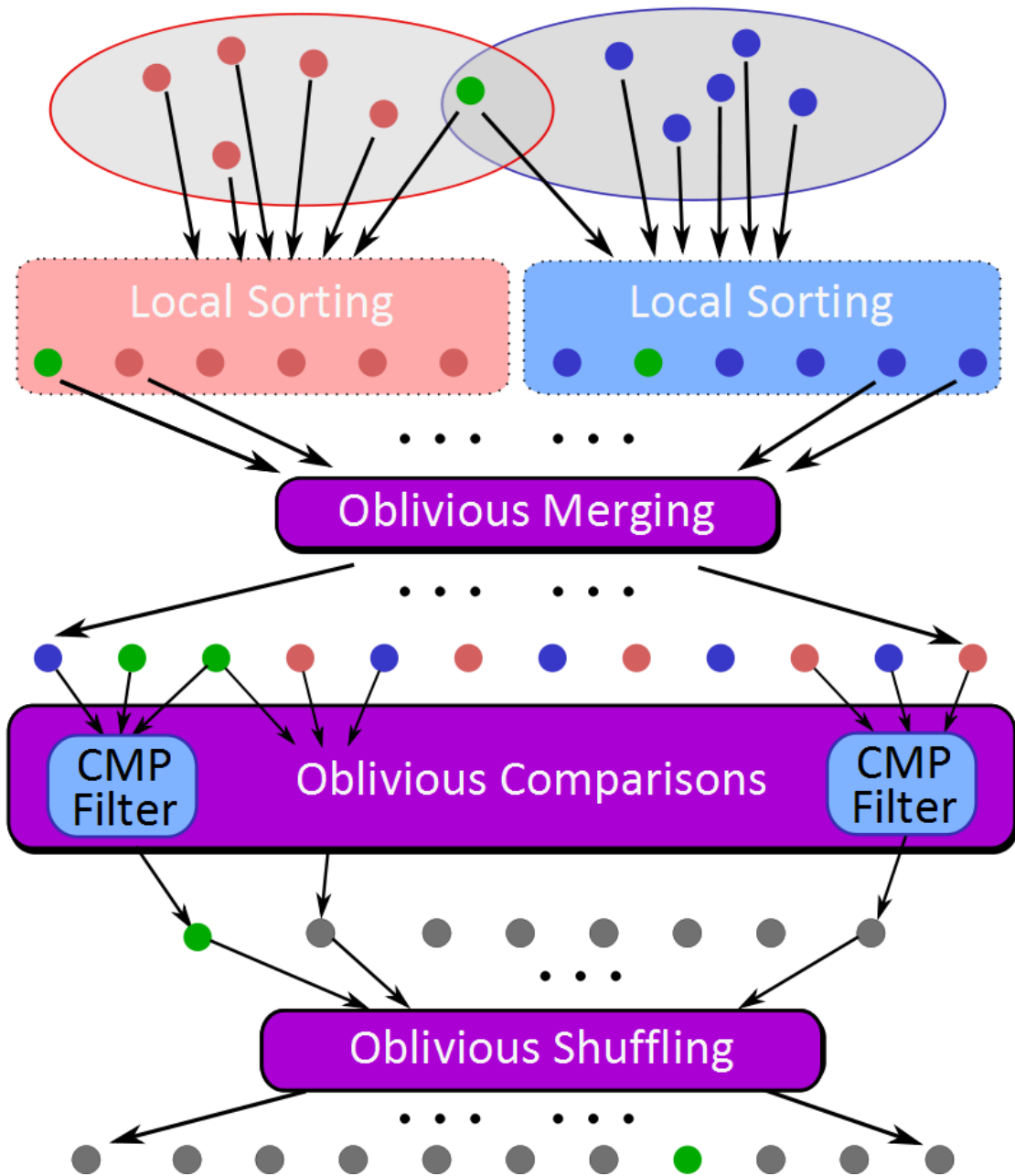
# PSI: Needn't be Complex



# BWA Performance



# Sort-Compare-Shuffle

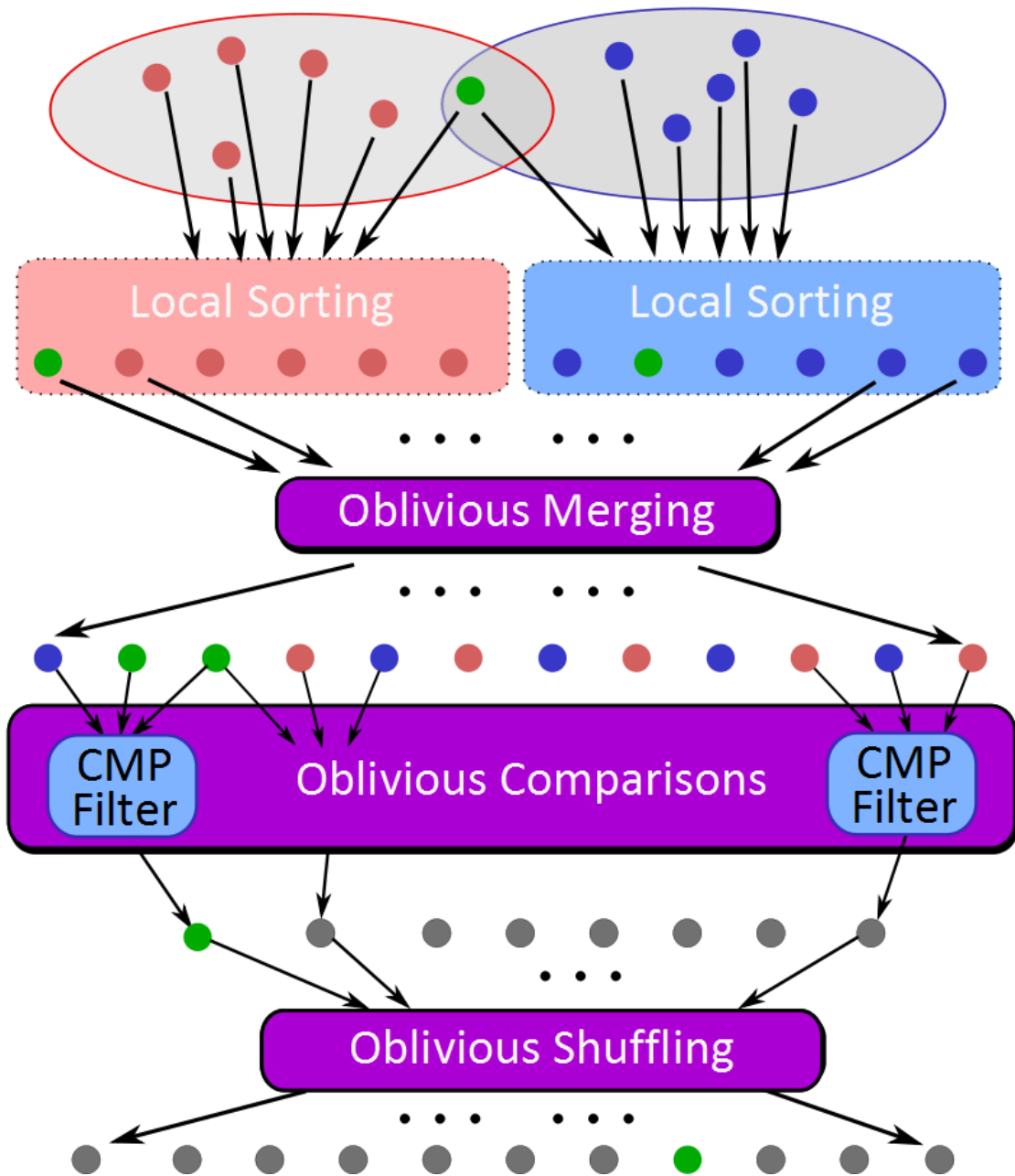


Sort: Take advantage of total order of elements

Compare adjacent elements

Shuffle to hide positions

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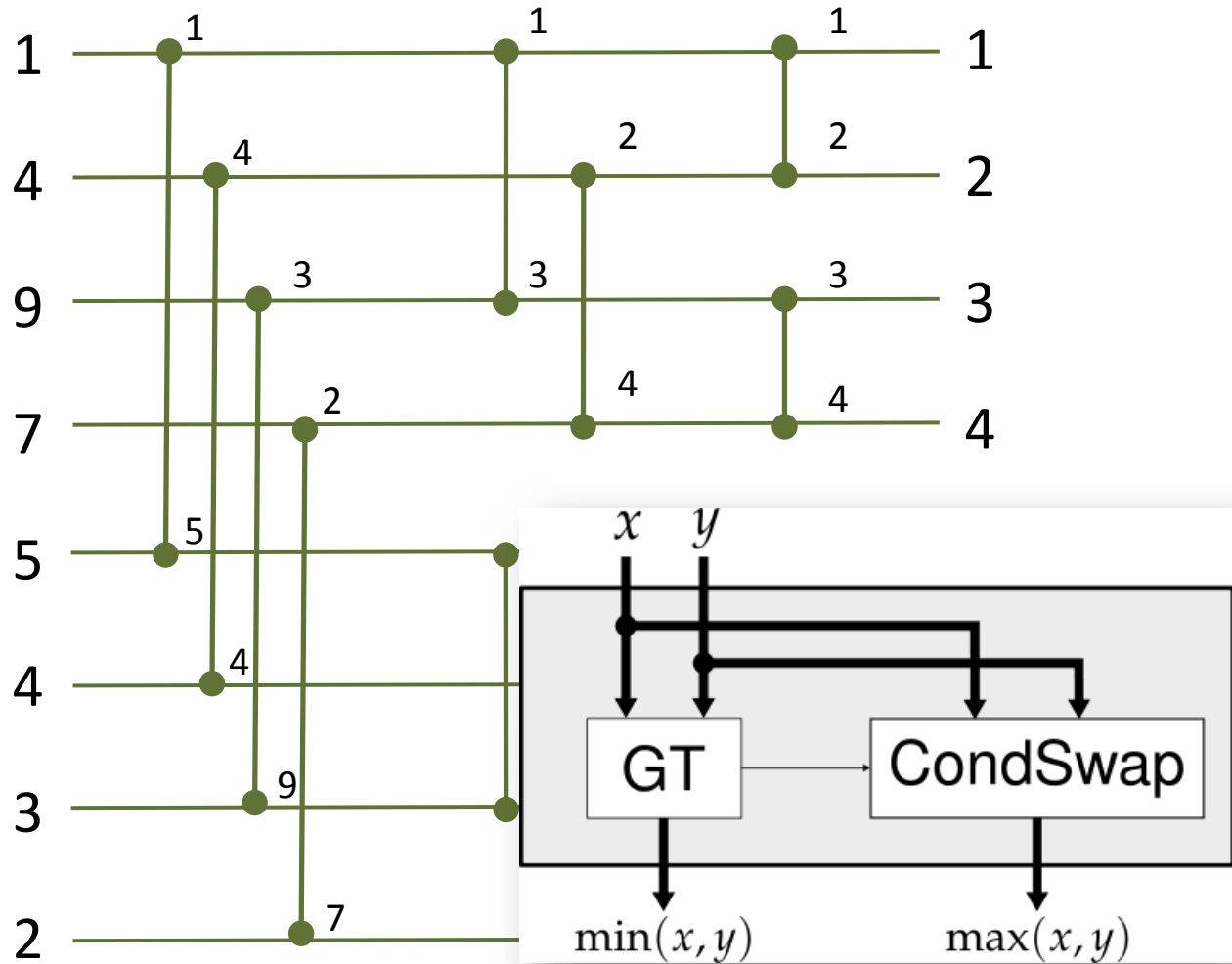


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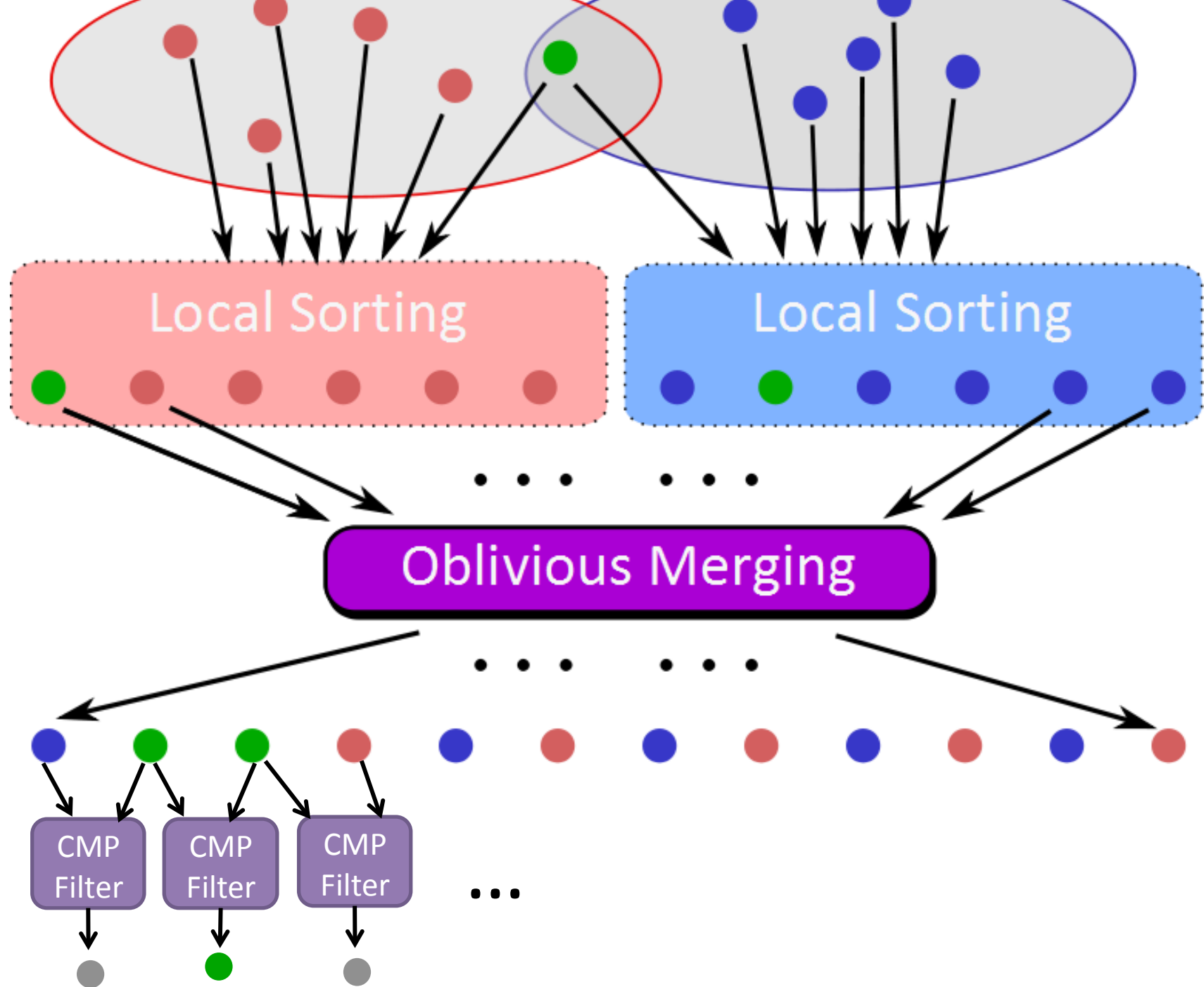
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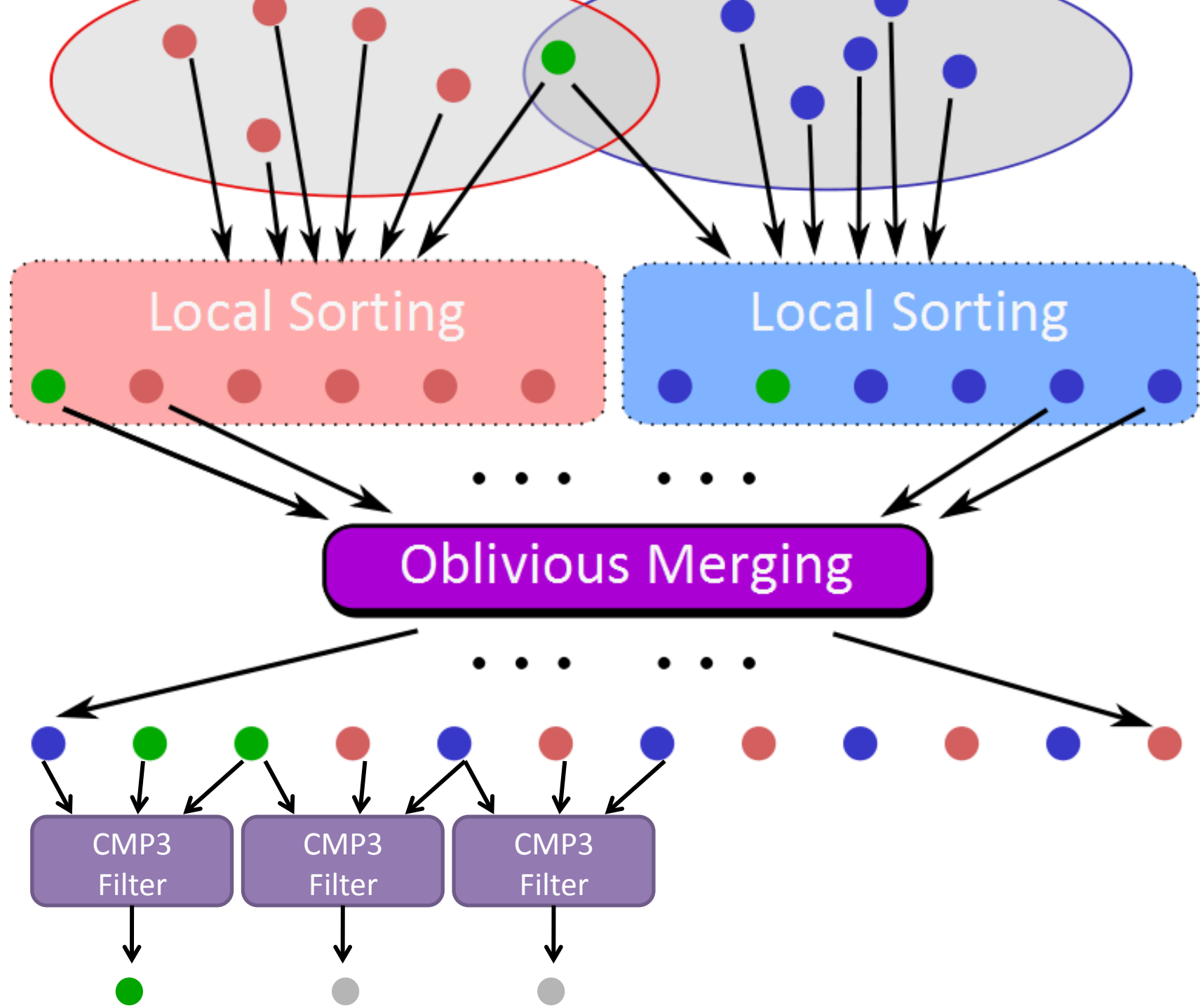
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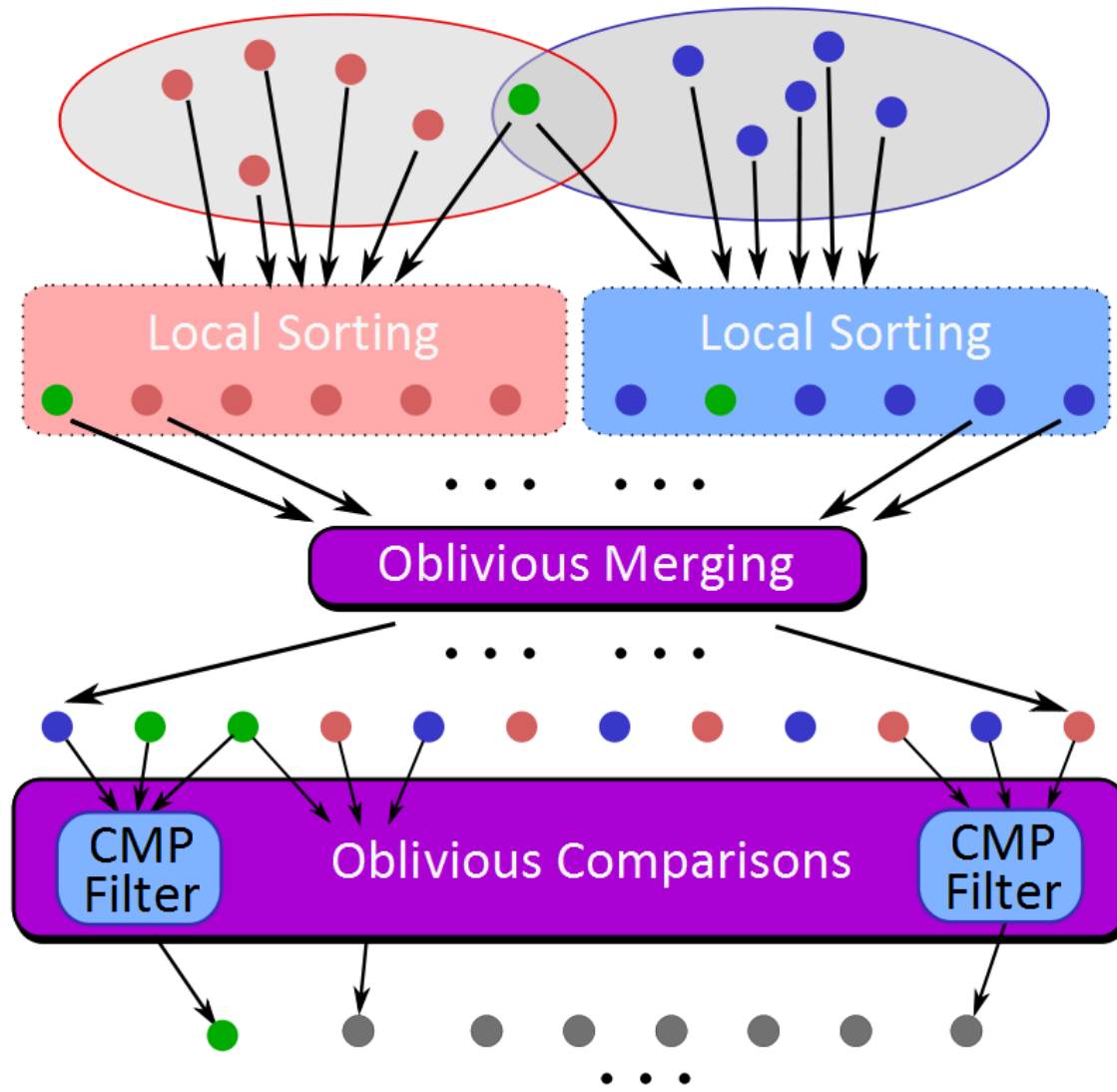
# Bitonic Sorting



Sort  $2n$  bitonic inputs with  $n \log(2n)$  CompareSwap circuits.







Can't reveal results yet! Position leaks information.



# A Permutation Network

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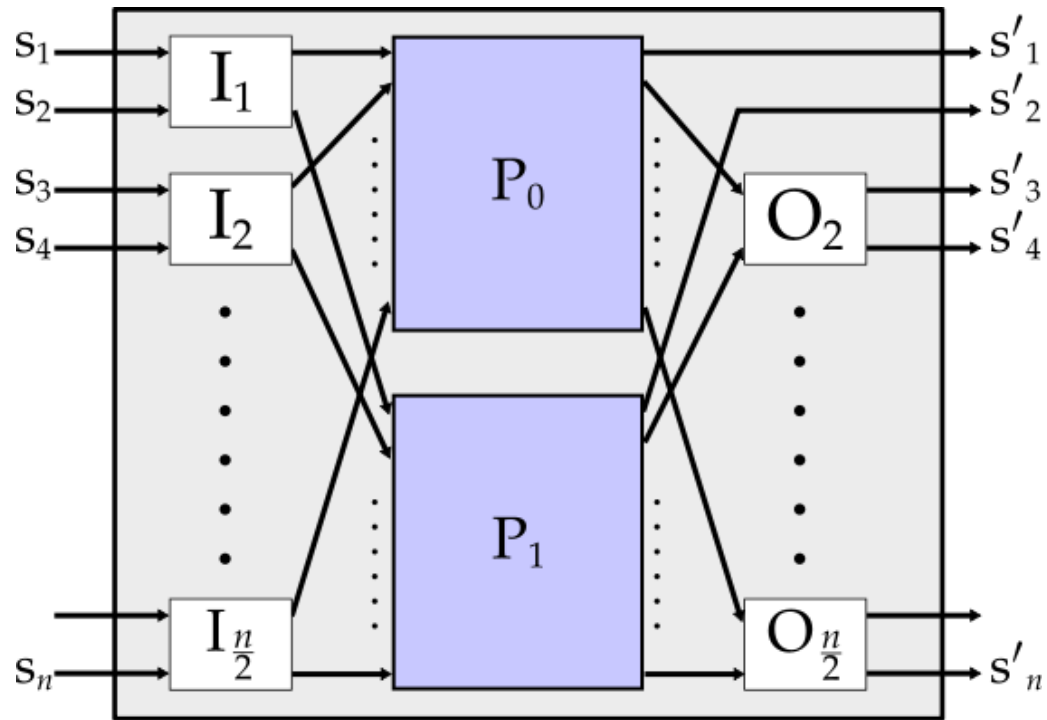
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ABSTRACT. In this paper the construction of a switching network capable of  $n!$ -permutation of its  $n$  input terminals to its  $n$  output terminals is described. The building blocks for this network are binary cells capable of permuting their two input terminals to their two output terminals.

The number of cells used by the network is  $\langle n \cdot \log_2 n - n + 1 \rangle = \sum_{k=1}^n \langle \log_2 k \rangle$ . It could be argued that for such a network this number of cells is a lower bound, by noting that binary decision trees in the network can resolve individual terminal assignments only and not the partitioning of the permutation set itself which requires only  $\langle \log_2 n! \rangle = \langle \sum_{k=1}^n \log_2 k \rangle$  binary decisions.

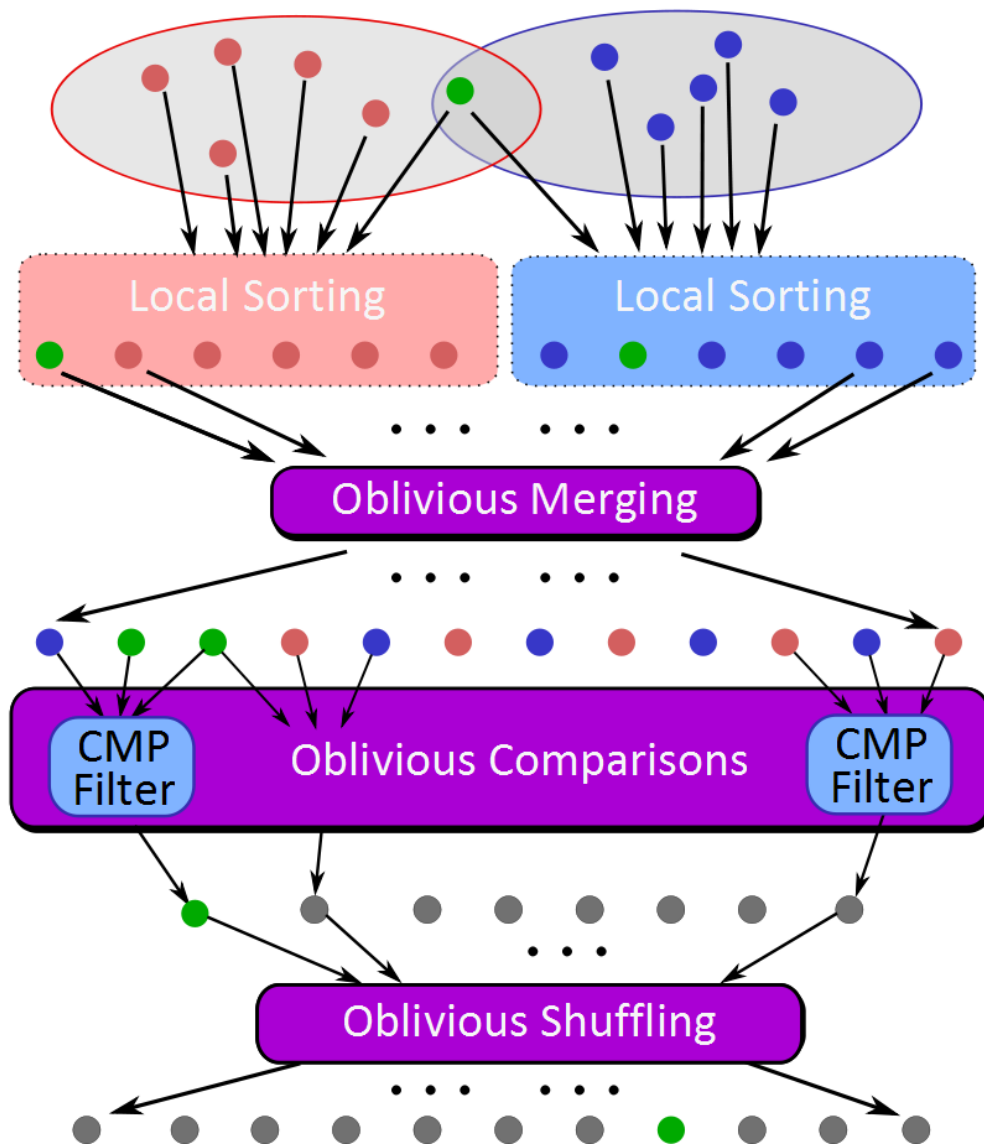
*Journal of the ACM, January 1968*

# Waksman Network



Same circuit can generate any permutation:  
select a random permutation, and pick swaps

$$\frac{\sigma(n \log n - n + 1)}{3} \text{ gates}$$



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# Private Set Intersection Protocol

Gates to generate and evaluate

*Free*

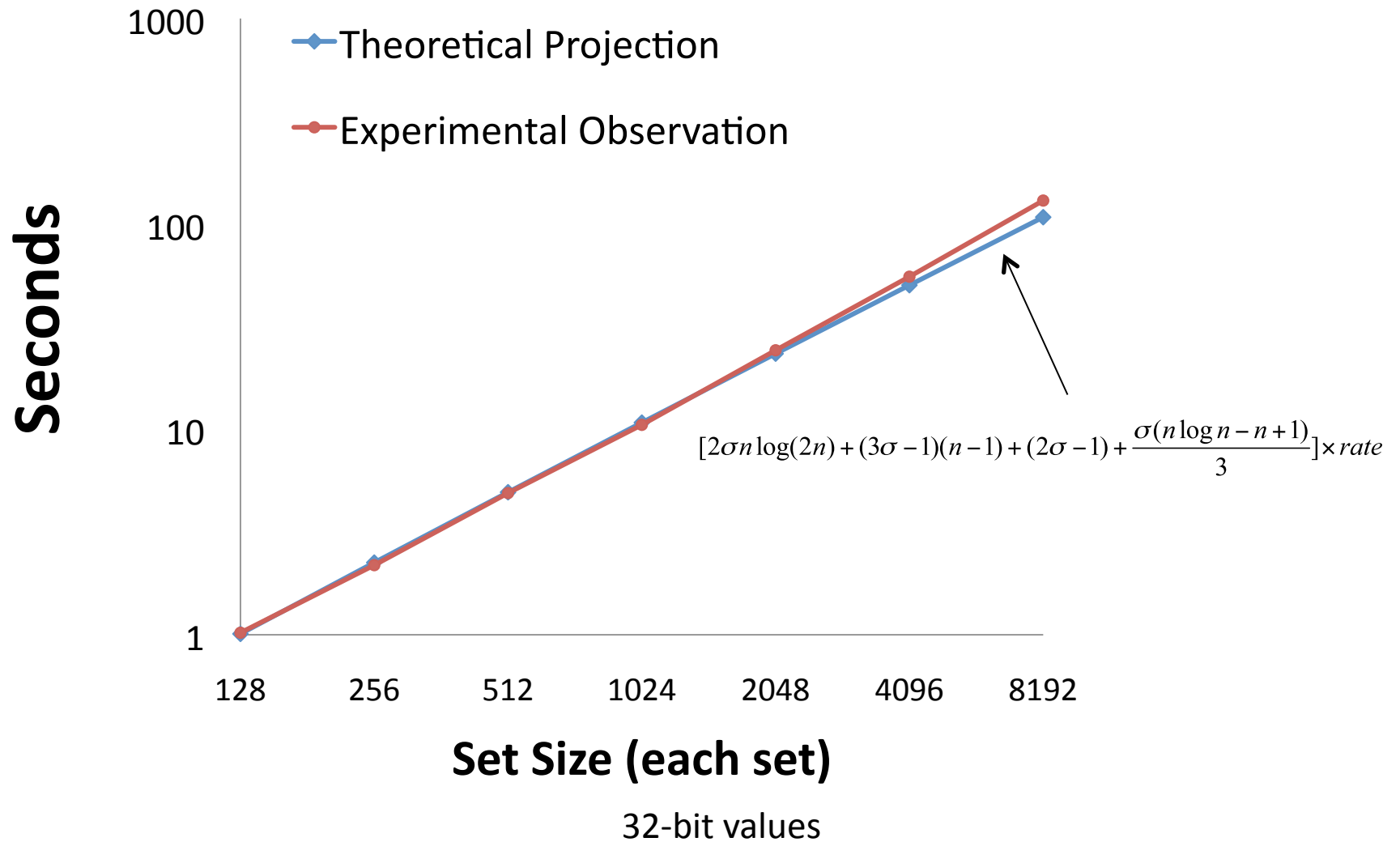
$$n \log(2n) \times 2\sigma$$

$$(3\sigma - 1)(n - 1) + (2\sigma - 1)$$

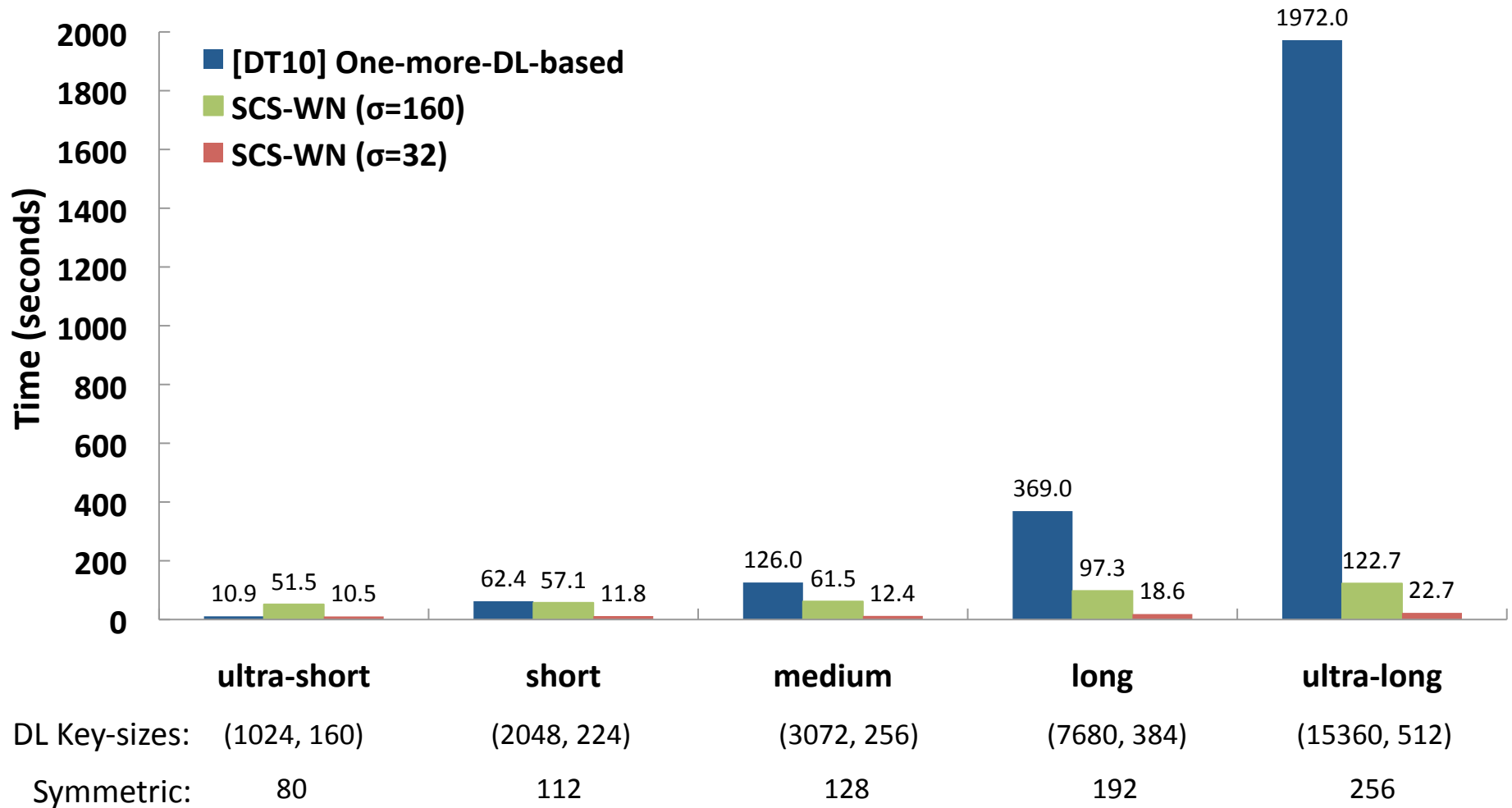
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# SCS-WN Protocol Results



# Relating Performance to Security



# Conclusion

## Generic protocols offer many advantages

Composability

Flexibility on hardness assumptions

Design cost

Performance



Q & A?