

# Improving the Security of Shamir's Secret-Sharing

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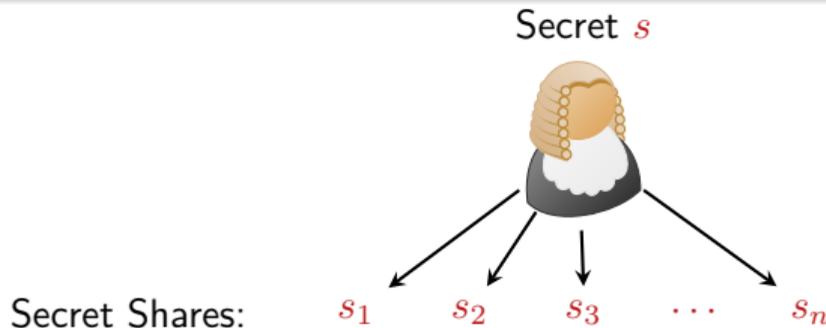
# Protagonists: Relevant Secret-sharing Schemes

## Additive Secret-sharing Scheme ( $n$ parties)

- Secret:  $s \in F$ .
- Secret Shares: Pick  $(s_1, s_2, \dots, s_{n-1})$  randomly from  $F$  and define  $s_n = s - \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} s_i$ .

## Shamir's Secret-sharing Scheme ShamirSS( $n, k, \vec{X}$ ) ( $n$ parties & reconstruction threshold $k$ )

- Secret:  $s \in F$
- Secret Shares
  - 1 Pick a random  $F$ -polynomial  $P(Z)$  such that:  $\deg P < k$  and  $P(0) = s$
  - 2 Pick arbitrary distinct **evaluation places**  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n \in (F^*)^n$
  - 3 Define secret shares of each party  $s_1 = P(X_1)$ ,  $s_2 = P(X_2)$ ,  $\dots$ , and  $s_n = P(X_n)$

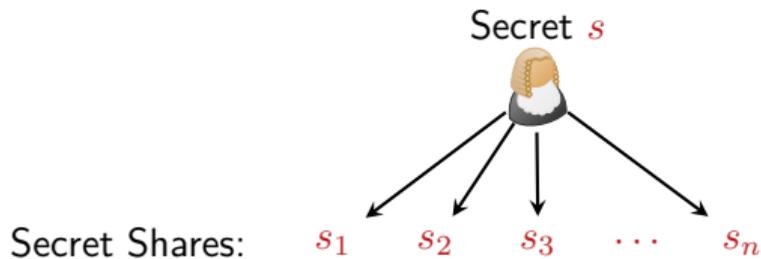


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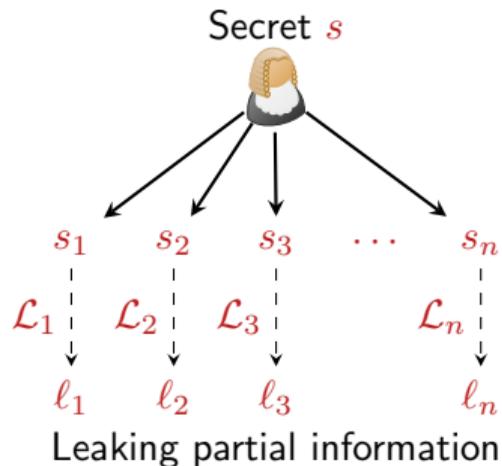
## Applications of Shamir's secret-sharing scheme

- Secure Computation [BenOr-Goldwasser-Wigderson (STOC-88), Chaum-Crépeau-Damgård (STOC-88), Rabin-BenOr (STOC-88), Cramer-Damgård-Ishai(TCC-05)]
- Threshold Cryptography [Desmedt (CRYPTO1987), Desmedt-Frankel(CRYPTO-1991), Gennaro-Rabin-Rabin (PODC-1998), Shoup (EUROCRYPT-2000)]
- Access Control [Naor-Wool(TPDS-1998), Goyal-Pandey-Sahai-Waters (CCS-2006), Waters (PKC-2011), Goyal-Kumar (CRYPTO-2018), Aggarwal-Damgård-Nielsen-Obremski-Purwanto-Ribeiro-Simkin(CRYPTO-2019)]
- Protection against Side Channel Attacks: Masking [Goubin-Martinelli(TCHES-2011), Coron-Prouff-Roche (CARDIS-2012), Cheng-Guilley-Carlet-Danger-Mesnager(TCHES-2021)]

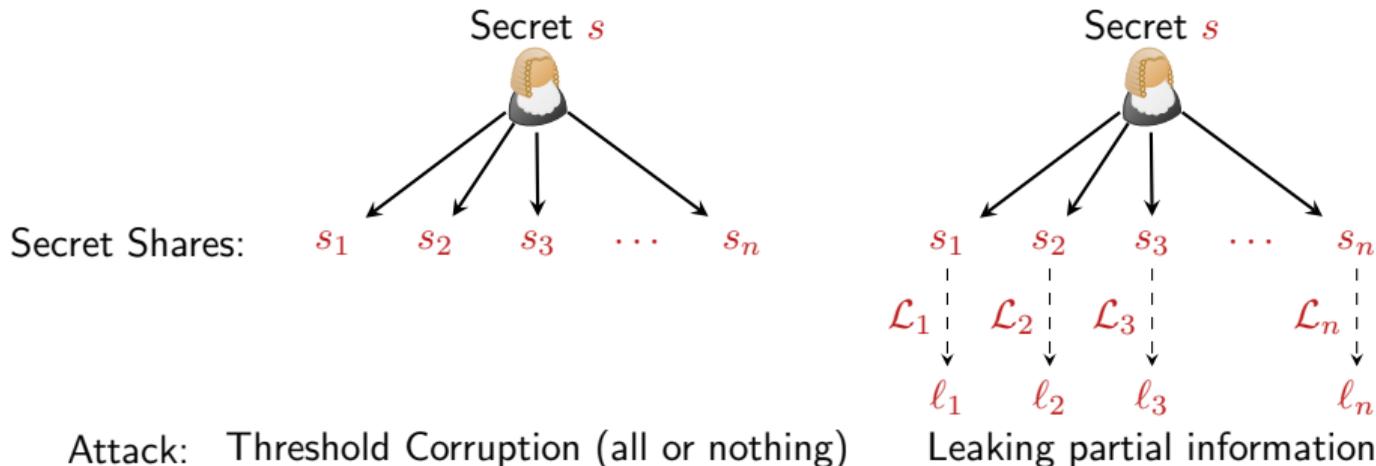
# Traditional Security Notion



Attack: Threshold Corruption (all or nothing)



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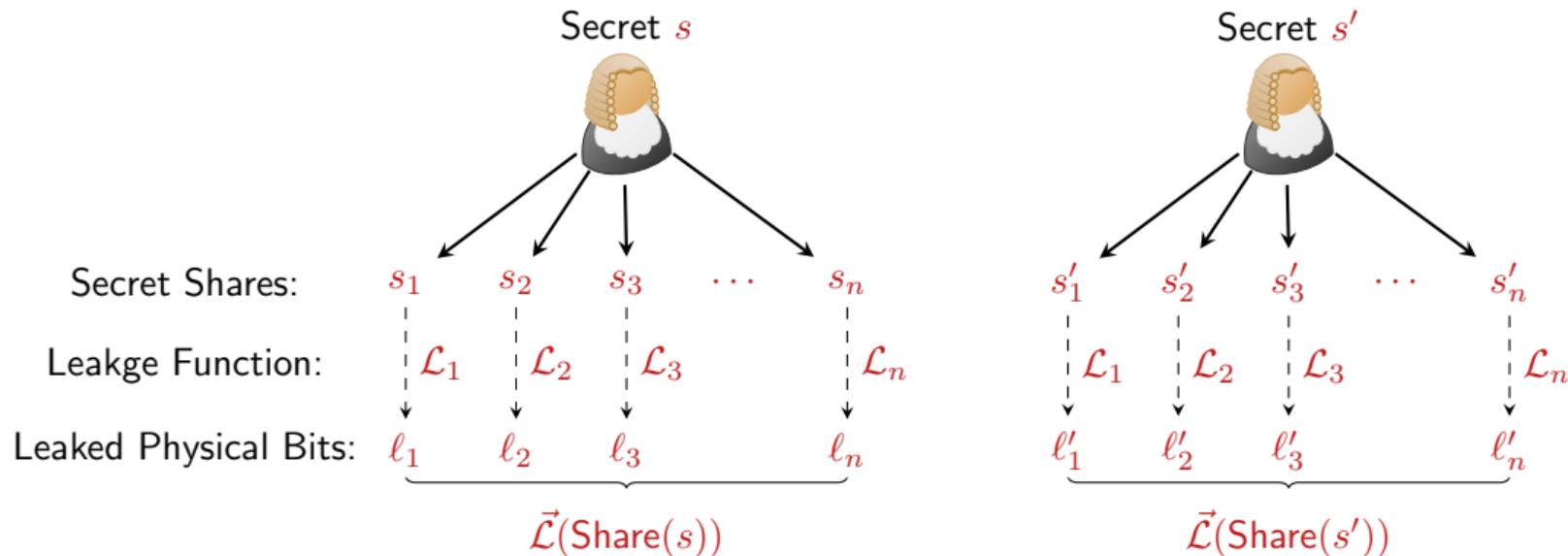
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# Adversarial Model (for Today's Talk)

## Physical Bit Leakage [Ishai-Sahai-Wagner (CRYPTO-2003)]

- Field elements are stored in their binary representation
- Adversary can leak physical bits from the stored secret shares



# Threat Example 1: Parity-of-Parity Attack on Additive Secret-Sharing

- Secret Shares of Additive Secret-Sharing: Random  $s_1, s_2, \dots, s_k$  s.t.  $s_1 + s_2 + \dots + s_k = s$
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## Theorem (Threat Assessment: Parity-of-Parity Attack)

For additive secret-sharing scheme, there is an attack that leaks one physical bit from each secret share and can distinguish two secrets with advantage  $\geq (2/\pi)^n$ .

[Adams-Maji-Nguyen-Nguyen-PaskinCherniavsky-Suad-Wang (ISIT-2021),  
Maji-Nguyen-PaskinCherniavsky-Suad-Wang-Ye-Yu (ITC-2022)]

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- Assume  $p = 1 \pmod k$
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### Observation

$$s_1 + s_2 + \dots + s_k = \sum_{i=1}^k P(X_i) = ks$$

# Research Question

## Security against Leakage Attacks

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- Adversarial model: Physical bit leakage from the secret shares

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 $\text{ShamirSS}(n, k, \vec{X})?$

## Remark

[NIST] recently called for recommendations and guidelines to improve the security of multi-party threshold schemes.

## Full Derandomization

- Derandomization is the problem we want to tackle today

# Example of secure evaluation places for ShamirSS(2, 2, $\vec{X}$ ) when $p = 8191$

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- Each element  $X$  in the above table stands for evaluation places  $(1, X)$
- For example, the element 95 stands for

$$95 \cdot \langle 2 \rangle = \{95, 2 \cdot 95, 2^2 \cdot 95, \dots, 2^{12} \cdot 95\}$$

$$= \{95, 190, 380, 760, 1520, 3040, 6080, 3969, 7938, 7685, 7179, 6167, 4143\}$$

# Question for Today's Technical Part of the Talk

## Setting

- What evaluation places can make Shamir's secret-sharing scheme ( $\text{ShamirSS}(2, 2, \vec{X}), \text{ShamirSS}(3, 2, \vec{X})$ ) secure against  $(m = 1)$ -bit leakage attack?

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# New Result: Our Recommendation for Modulus & Evaluation Places

- Recommended Modulus:  $\lambda$ -bit Mersenne prime  $p = 2^\lambda - 1$ . (For example, 3, 7, 31, 127, 8191, 131071, 524287, 2147483647, etc.)
- Evaluation places:

## Decision Algorithm to identify Secure Evaluation Places against Physical Bit attack

**Input.** Distinct evaluation places  $X_1, X_2 \in F^*$ ,  $F$  is prime field of order  $p$ , a Mersenne prime

**Output.** Decide if  $\text{ShamirSS}(2, 2, (X_1, X_2))$  is secure to all physical bit leakage attacks

### Algorithm.

- 1 If there is  $k \in \{0, 1, \dots, \lambda - 1\}$  such that  $2^k X_1 = X_2$ : Return insecure
- 2 For  $k \in \{0, 1, \dots, \lambda - 1\}$ :
  - 1 Call the decision algorithm to **find secure evaluation places against LSB attack for ShamirSS(2, 2, ( $2^k \cdot X_1, X_2$ ))**
  - 2 If the algorithm returns “may be insecure,” return may be insecure
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## Notation: Length of a Finite Field Element

Consider an element  $x \in F$ , the prime field of order  $p \geq 3$ . Suppose  $x = x' \pmod p$ , where  $x' \in \{-(p-1)/2, \dots, 0, 1, \dots, (p-1)/2\} \subseteq \mathbb{Z}$ . The *length of the element* is a function  $|\cdot|_p: F \rightarrow \{0, 1, \dots, (p-1)/2\}$  defined below.

$$|x|_p := \begin{cases} x', & \text{if } x' \in \{0, 1, \dots, (p-1)/2\} \\ -x', & \text{if } x' \in \{-(p-1)/2, \dots, -1\} \end{cases}$$

- For example, if  $x = (p-1) \pmod p$ , then  $x' = -1 \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $|x|_p = 1$ .

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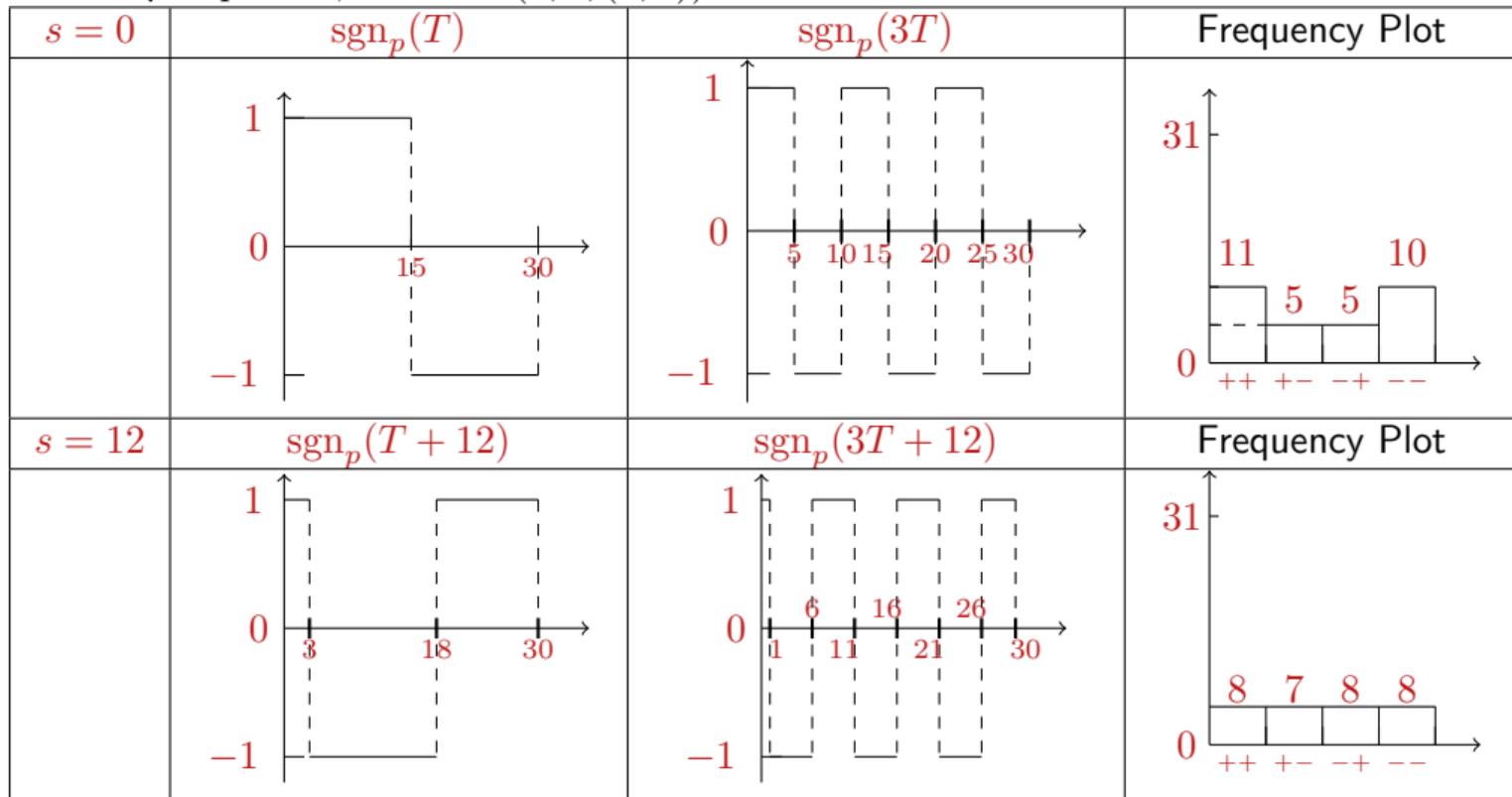
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## Conclusion

If the frequencies of signs for secret  $s = 0$  are not (close to) uniform, then there will be a secret with very different frequency of sign.

# What would happen to evaluation places (1, 3)?

- Example:  $p = 31$ , ShamirSS(2, 2, (1, 3)).



# Orthogonality of Signs of Lines

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- **Uniformity of all frequencies** is equivalent as the line  $\text{sgn}_p(X_1 \cdot T)$  is (nearly) orthogonal to  $\text{sgn}_p(X_2 \cdot T)$ . We call this “**orthogonality of signs of lines**”.
- Leakage resilient is equivalent to “orthogonality of signs of lines”.

## Problem

How do we know if  $\text{sgn}_p(X_1 \cdot T)$  and  $\text{sgn}_p(X_2 \cdot T)$  are orthogonal to each other?

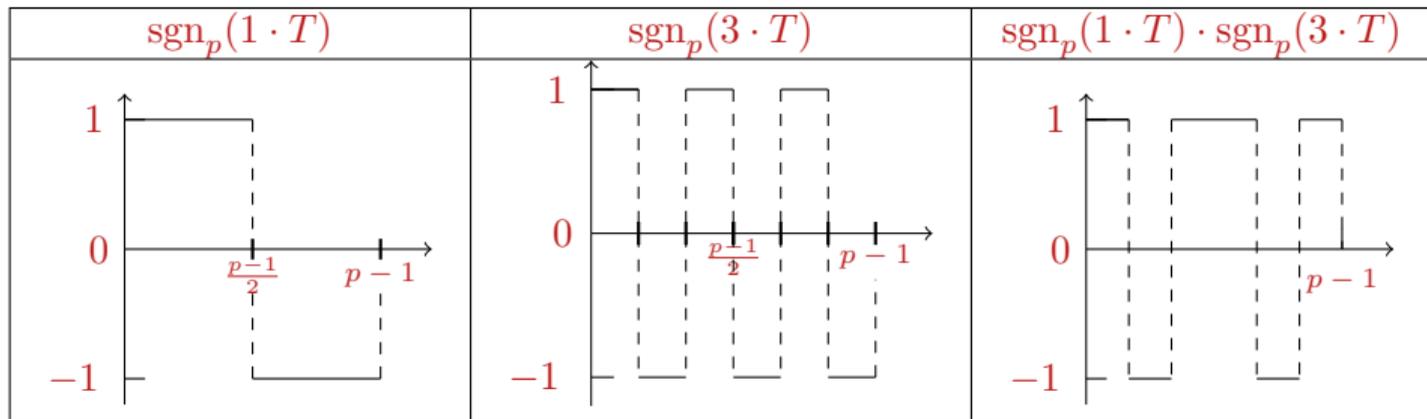
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What's next?

Estimating the exponential sum

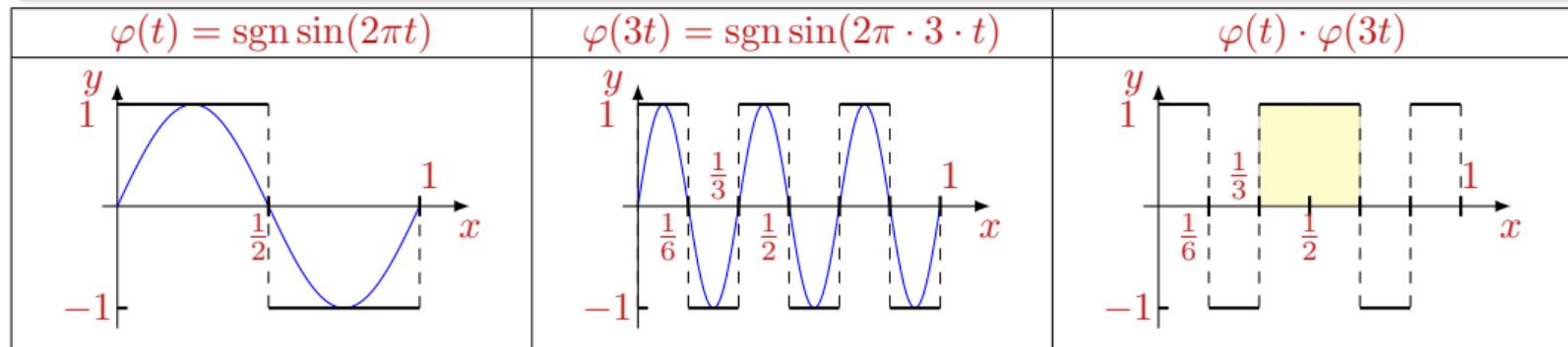
$$\Sigma := \sum_{T \in F} \operatorname{sgn}_p(X_1 \cdot T) \cdot \operatorname{sgn}_p(X_2 \cdot T).$$

# Estimating the summation using integral

## Definitions

- Define the periodic function  $\varphi: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \{\pm 1\}$  as  $\varphi(t) := \text{sgn} \sin(2\pi t)$ .
- Family of square waves
- Define the integral

$$I := \int_0^1 \varphi(X_1 \cdot t) \cdot \varphi(X_2 \cdot t) dt.$$



# Quality of Estimation

## Problem

- The quality of transferring from integral estimate to summation estimate depends on the number of oscillations in the function.
- It is proportional to  $(|X_1|_p + |X_2|_p)/p$ .
- The integral estimate is useless if the evaluation places are very large.

# Dirichlet's Approximation Theorem

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## LLL to the rescue

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553	555	557	559	563	567	569	573	575	581	583	587	589	591	...

- Each element  $X$  in the above table represents the set of elements

$$\{X, X \cdot 2, X \cdot 2^2, \dots, X \cdot 2^{\lambda-1}\}$$

- Each element  $X$  stands for the equivalence class of evaluation places  $[1 : X]$
- For example, the element 95 stands for

$$95 \cdot \langle 2 \rangle = \{95, 2 \cdot 95, 2^2 \cdot 95, \dots, 2^{12} \cdot 95\}$$

$$= \{95, 190, 380, 760, 1520, 3040, 6080, 3969, 7938, 7685, 7179, 6167, 4143\}$$

# Thank you!

- We have the analogous result for  $\text{ShamirSS}(3, 2, \vec{X})$  which allows one multiplication in GMW types MPC protocols
- We also have results for composite order fields

# Generalize to any $n = k$

## Security against arbitrary Physical Bit Leakage for ShamirSS( $n, n, \vec{X}$ )

**Input.** Distinct evaluation places  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n \in F^*$ ,  $F$  is a prime field of order  $p = 2^\lambda - 1$ .

**Output.** Determine whether ShamirSS( $n, n, \vec{X}$ ) is secure against physical bit leakage.

- 1 For each  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  : Compute and save  $\beta_i = \left( X_i \prod_{j \neq i} (X_i - X_j) \right)^{-1}$
- 2 For each  $j \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  :
  - 1 For each  $\ell \in \{j+1, \dots, n\}$  :
    - 1 Check if  $(\beta_j, \beta_\ell)$  are secure evaluation places for ShamirSS( $2, 2, (\beta_j, \beta_\ell)$ )  $\leftarrow$
    - 2 If yes, return secure
- 3 Return may be insecure