

Attacks on GGH13-based obfuscation

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Indistinguishability Obfuscation (iO)

$$C \equiv C'$$

$C(x) = C'(x)$ for all x



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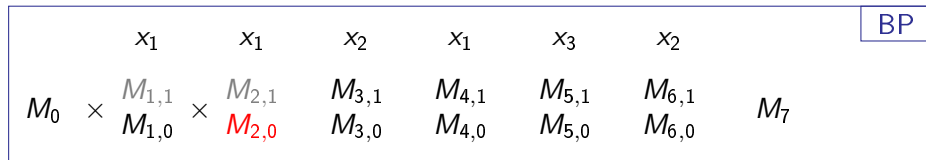
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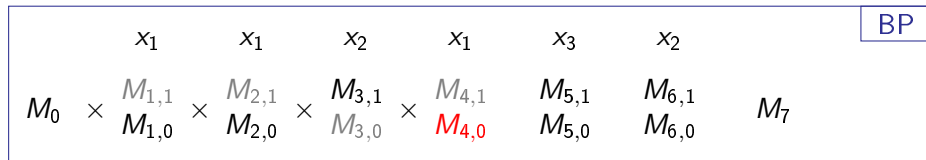
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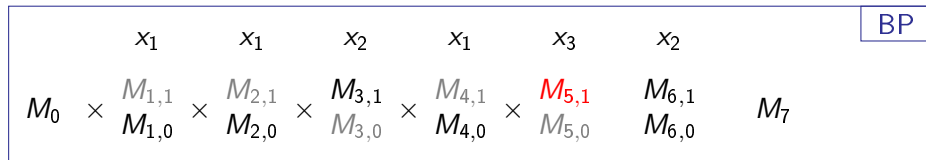
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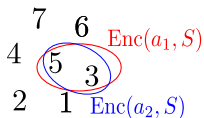
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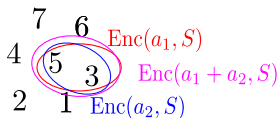
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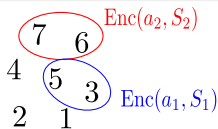
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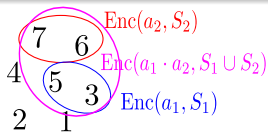
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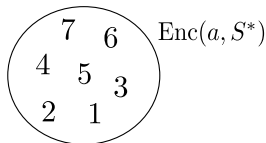
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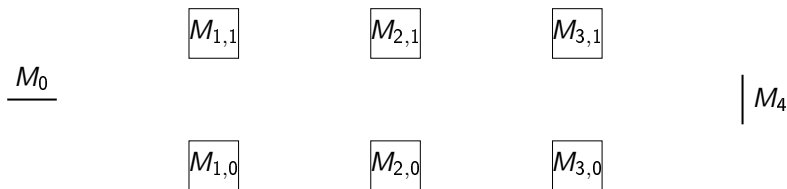
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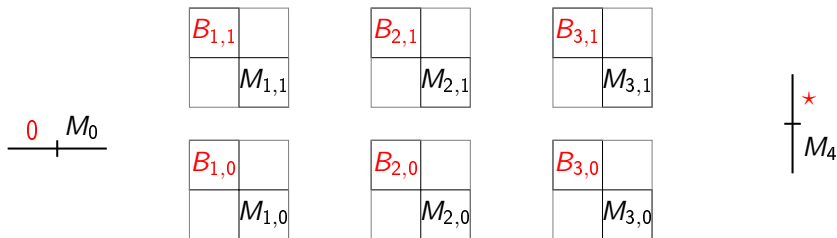
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With a quantum computer

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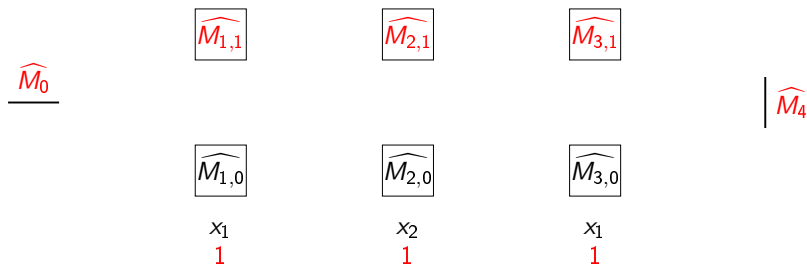
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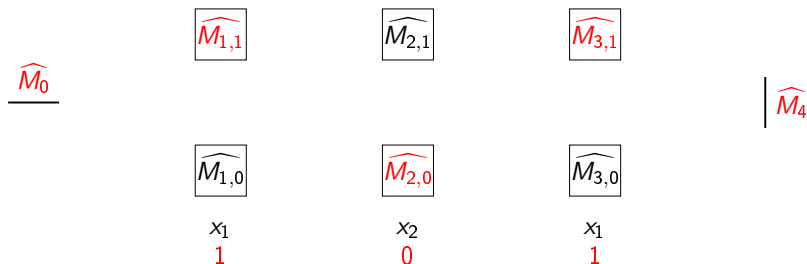
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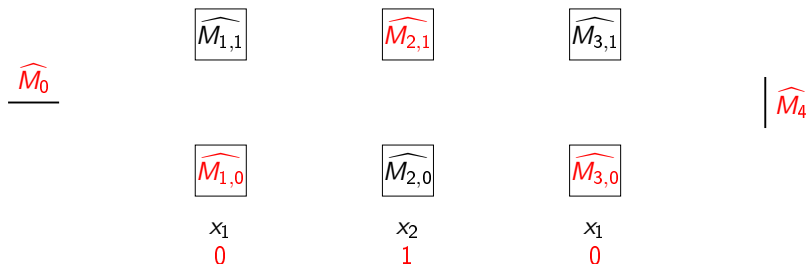
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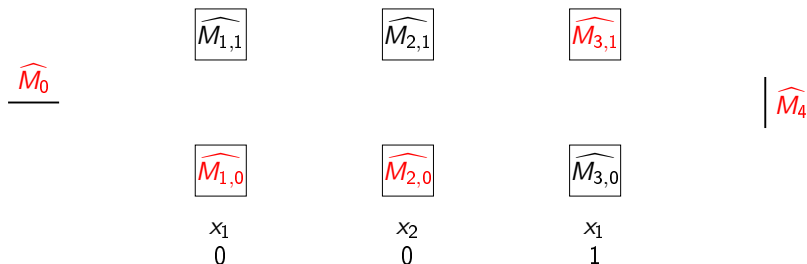
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Objective: Find $C_1 \equiv C_2$ s.t. double mixed input product is 0 on C_1 and $\neq 0$ on C_2 , e.g.

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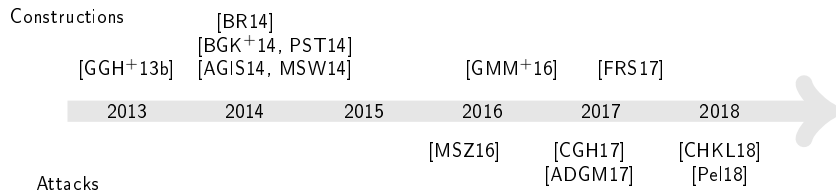
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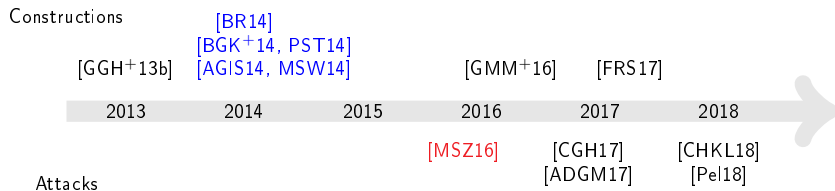
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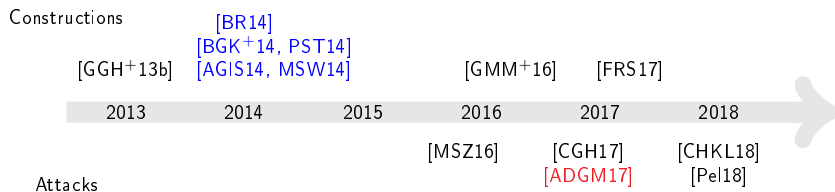


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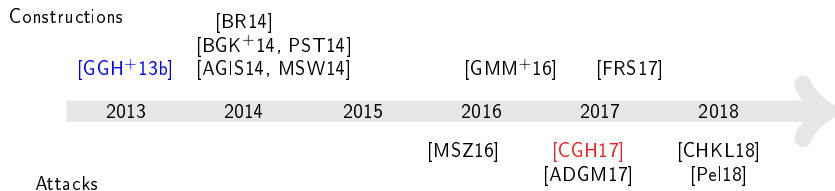
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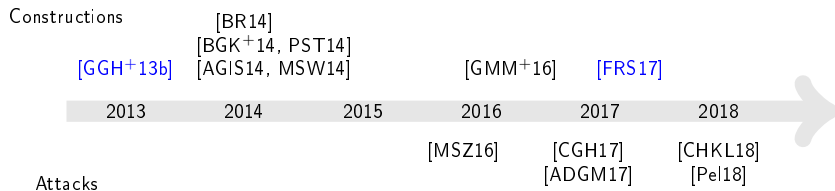


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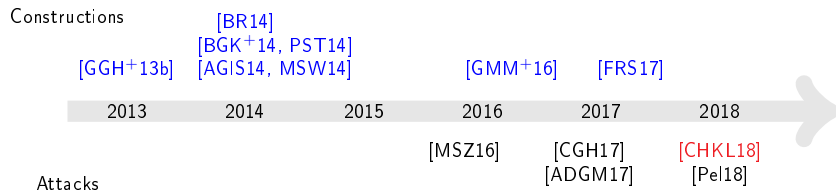


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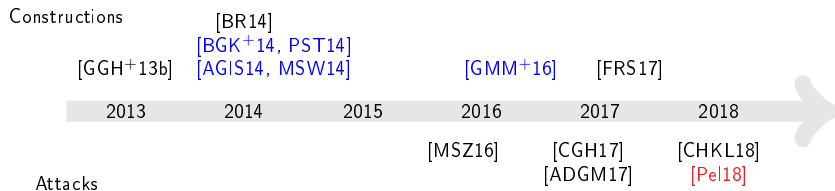
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