

# Adaptive Security of Constrained PRFs

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We consider adaptive/full security of recent primitive:

## Constrained Pseudorandom Functions

- [+] Introduce new proof technique and improve reduction of GGM from exponential loss to quasipolynomial loss
- [-] Show that exponential loss for Boneh-Waters CPRF is inherent

## PRG

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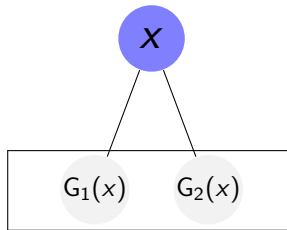
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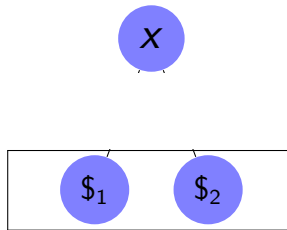
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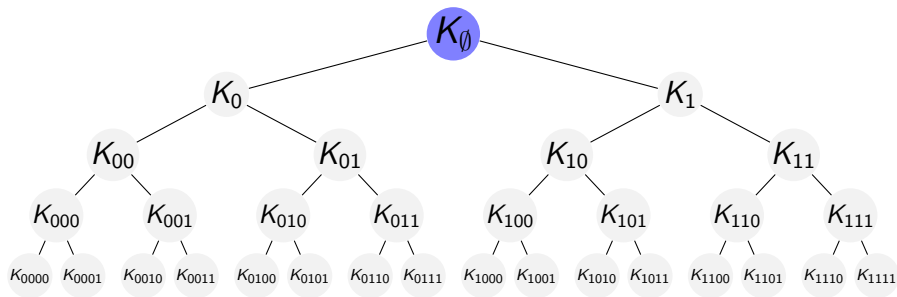
$F: \mathcal{K} \times \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$  is a  $(\epsilon, s, q)$ -secure **pseudorandom function** (PRF) if for all  $\mathcal{A}$ ,  $|\mathcal{A}| \leq s$ , making  $\leq q$  queries:

$$|\Pr_{K \leftarrow \mathcal{K}}[\mathcal{A}^{F(K, \cdot)} \rightarrow 1] - \Pr_{f \leftarrow \mathcal{F}[\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}]}[\mathcal{A}^{f(\cdot)} \rightarrow 1]| \leq \epsilon$$

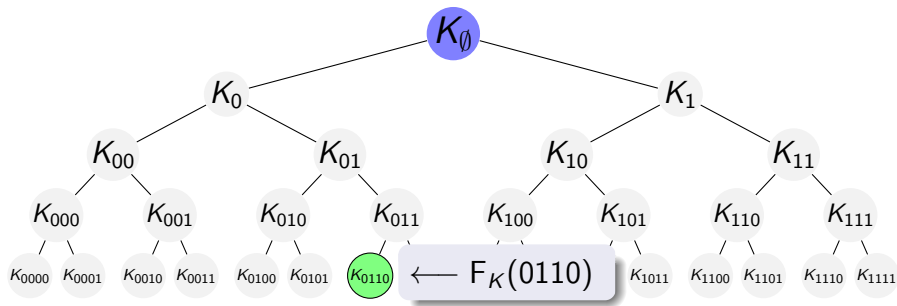




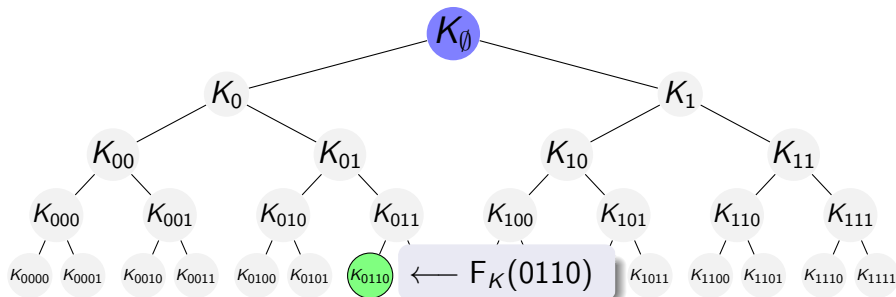
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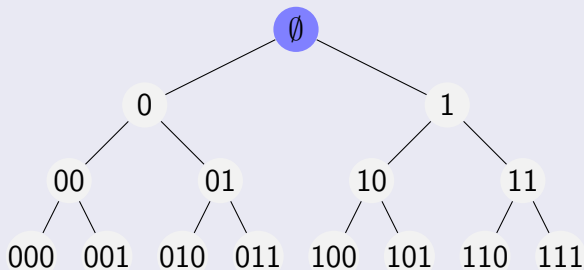


## GGM PRF

- PRG  $G : \{0, 1\}^n \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^{2n}$
- $K = K_\emptyset \leftarrow \{0, 1\}^n$
- $K_{x\|0} \| K_{x\|1} = G(K_x)$
- $F_K(x) = K_x$

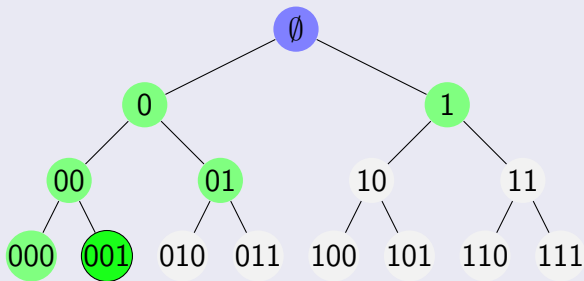
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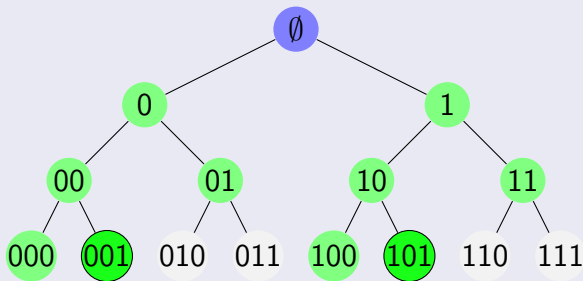
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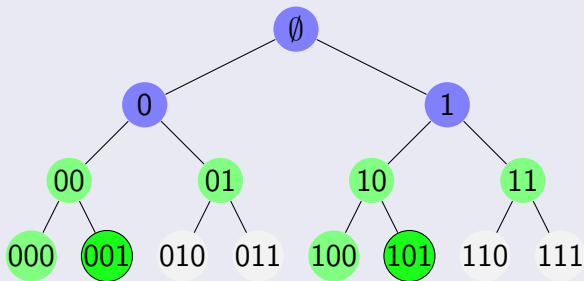
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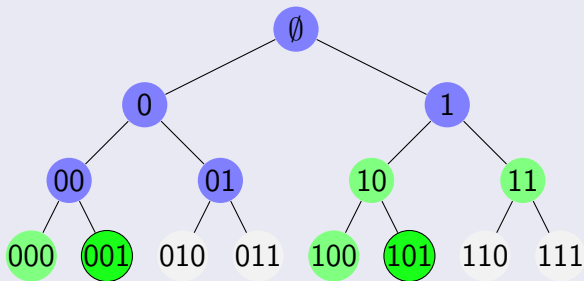
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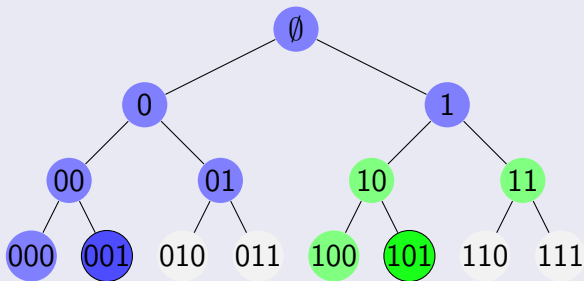
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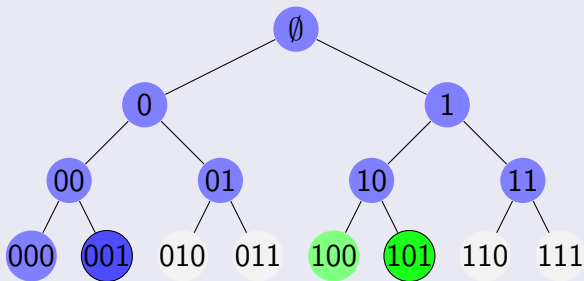
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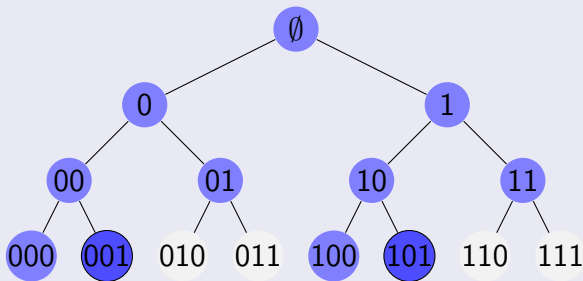
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# GGM hybrid argument

## Hybrid $H_5$ (the random game)



- $\text{Adv}(H_0, H_{qn}) = \epsilon$        $q = \# \text{queries}$  ,  $n = \text{input length}$ .
- $\Rightarrow \text{Adv}(H_i, H_{i+1}) \geq \epsilon/qn$  for some  $i$
- $\Rightarrow$  break  $G$  with  $\text{adv.} \geq \epsilon/qn$

## constrained PRF

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$\Rightarrow$   $F$  should look random where one cannot evaluate

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$\mathcal{A}$  must choose  $x^* \notin \bigcup S_i$ ,  
 $\{S_i\}$  queried to  $F.\text{cstr}$

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## Complexity leveraging

$\mathcal{A}$  breaks **adaptive** security with adv.  $\epsilon$

$\Rightarrow$

can break **selective** security with adv.  $\epsilon/2^n$ .

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- GGM is **prefix**-constrained PRF
- ie constrained PRF for set system

$$\mathcal{S} = \{S_p \mid p \in \{0, 1\}^{\leq n}\}$$

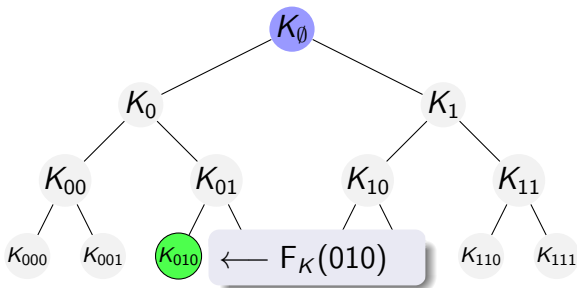
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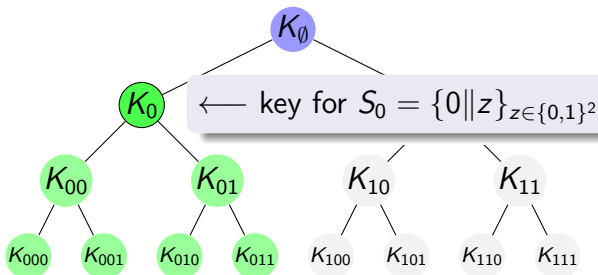


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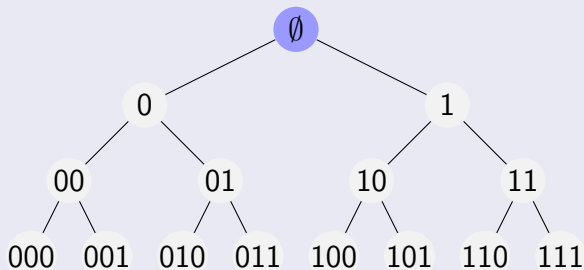
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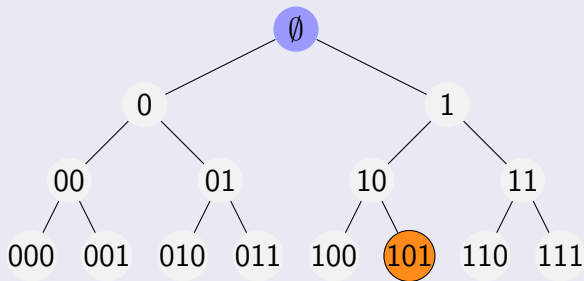


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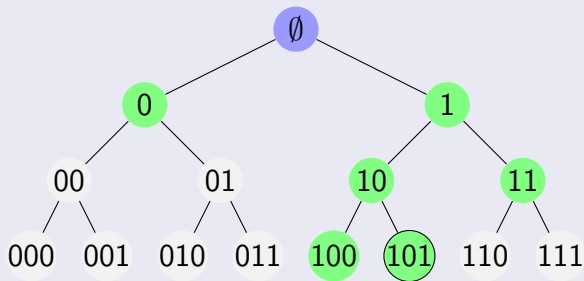
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## Submitted challenge



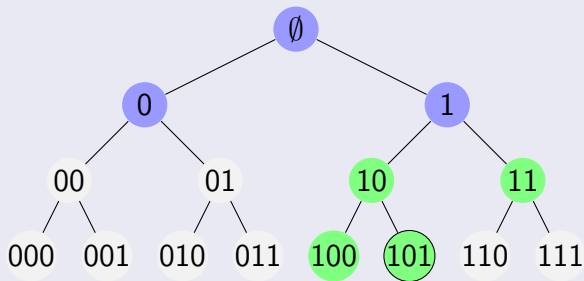
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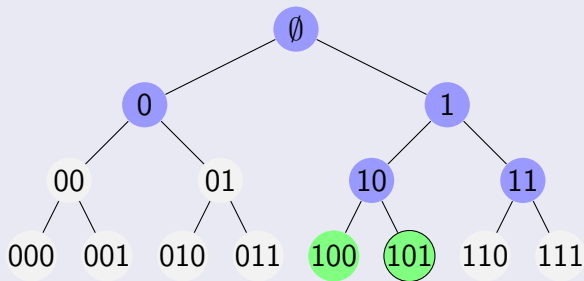
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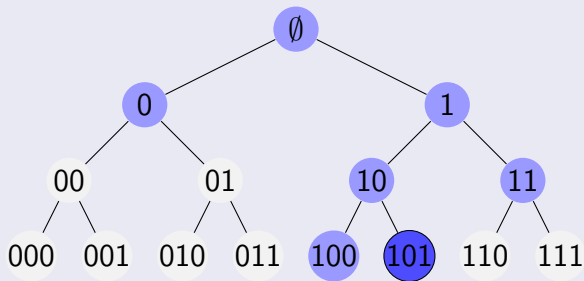
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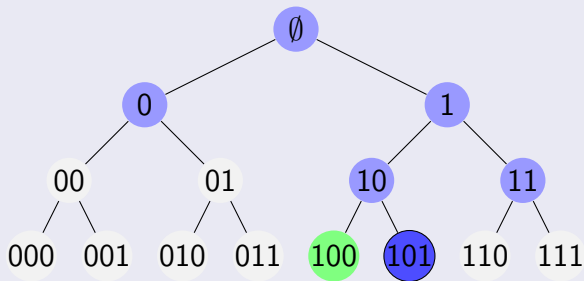
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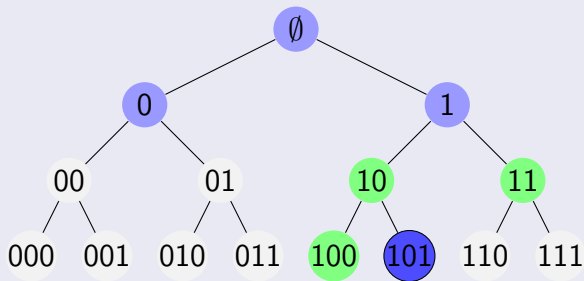
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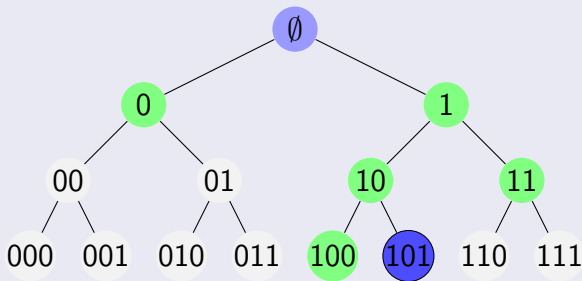
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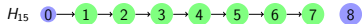
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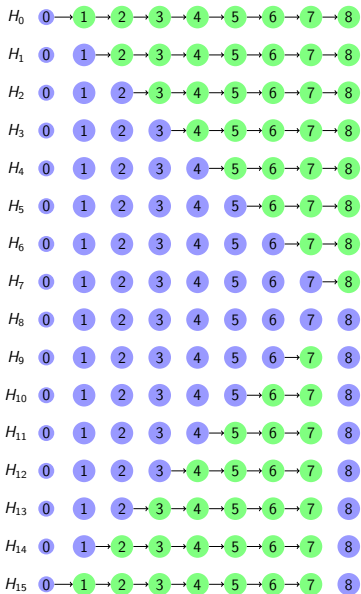
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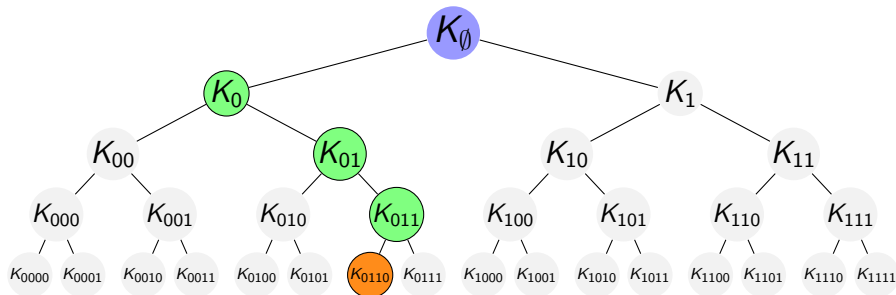
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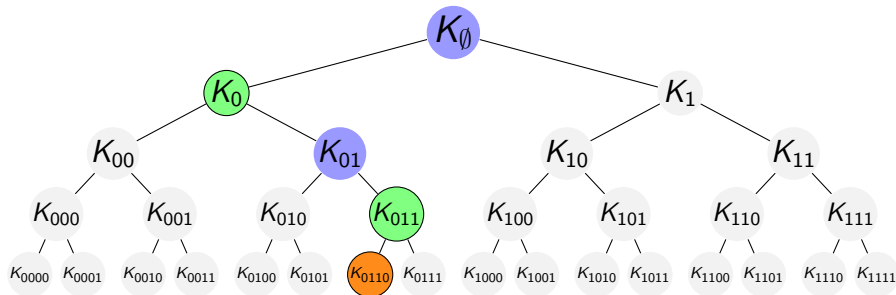
- need to embed random points on path to  $x^*$
- but don't know  $x^*$   $\Rightarrow$  could guess  $x^*$   
 $\Rightarrow$  lose  $2^n$



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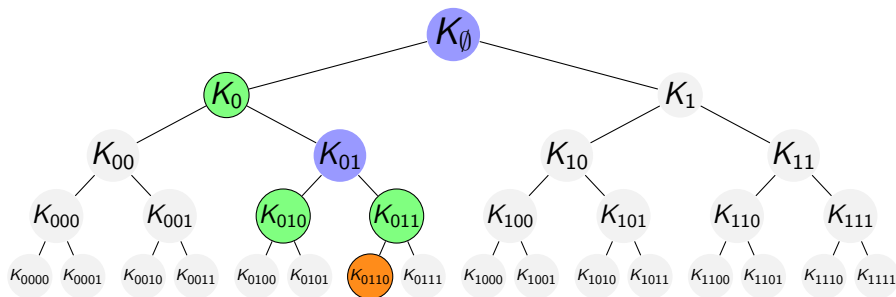
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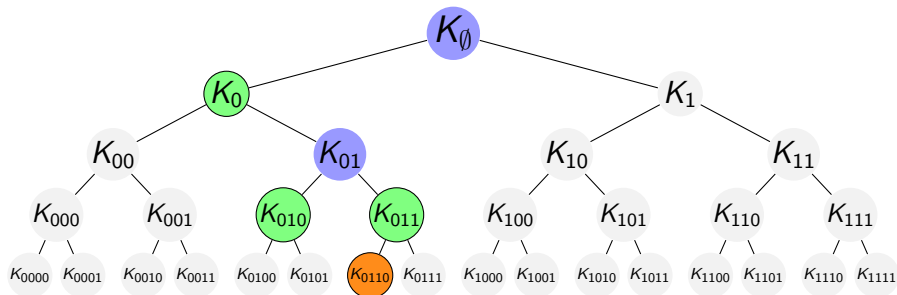
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- **problem:** what if there was a query before?



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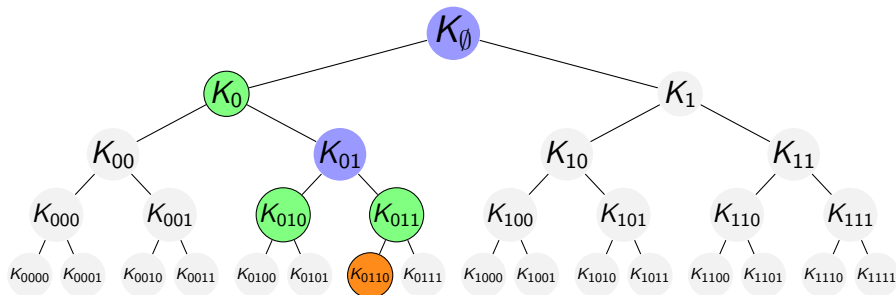
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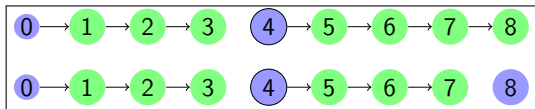


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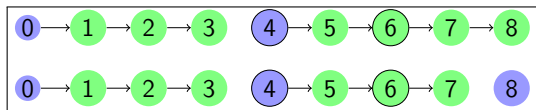
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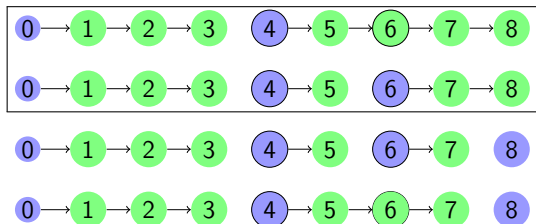


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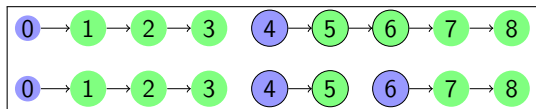


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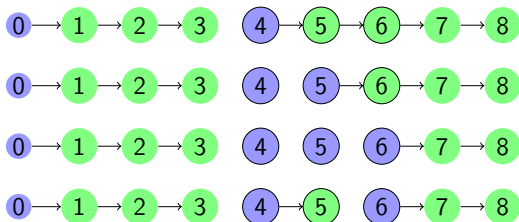


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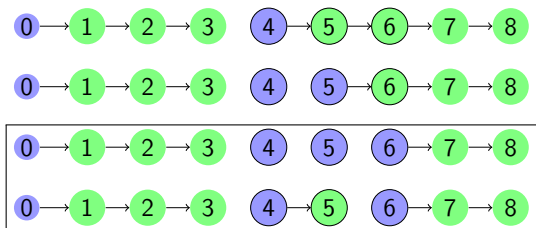


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## Theorem

If  $G: \{0, 1\}^\lambda \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^{2\lambda}$  is an  $(\epsilon_G, s_G)$ -secure PRG then (for any  $n, q$ )  $\text{GGM}^G: \{0, 1\}^n \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^\lambda$  is a **fully**  $(\epsilon, s, q)$ -secure constrained PRF for  $\mathcal{S}_{\text{pre}}$ , where

$$\epsilon = \epsilon_G \cdot (3q)^{\log n} \quad s = s_G - O(q \cdot n \cdot |G|)$$

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[HKW14] Hohenberger, Koppula, Waters. *Adaptively secure puncturable pseudorandom functions in the standard model*. IACR eprint 2014/521

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[Hof14] Hofheinz. *Fully secure constrained pseudorandom functions using random oracles*. IACR eprint 2014/372

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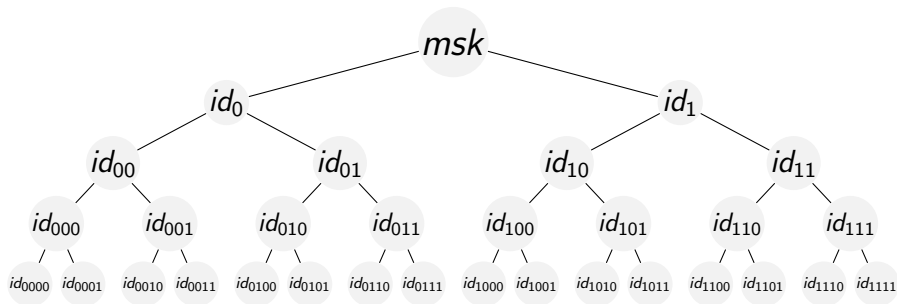
## Our results

- We show that exponential loss for adaptive security is **inherent** (even when restricted to prefix-fixing)
- Re-use a technique by Lewko and Waters, who show exponential loss for certain HIBE systems

[LW14] Lewko, Waters: *Why proving HIBE systems secure is difficult.*  
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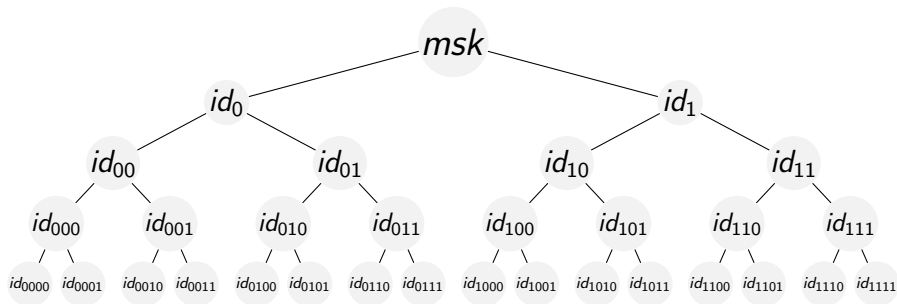
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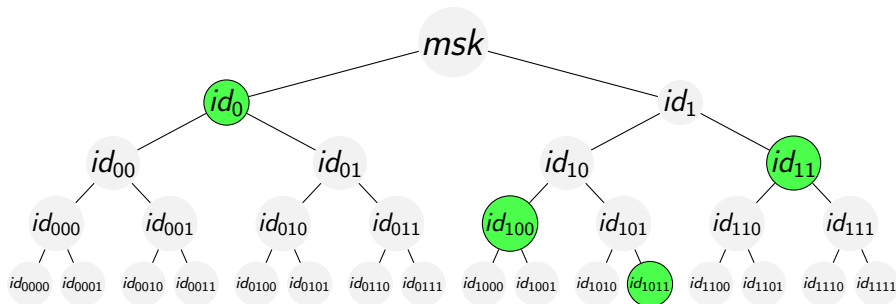


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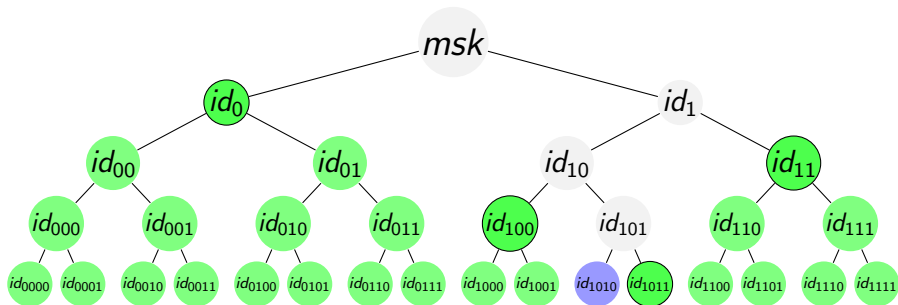
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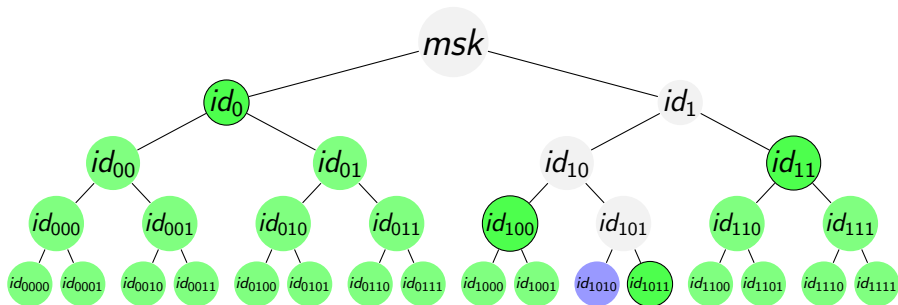
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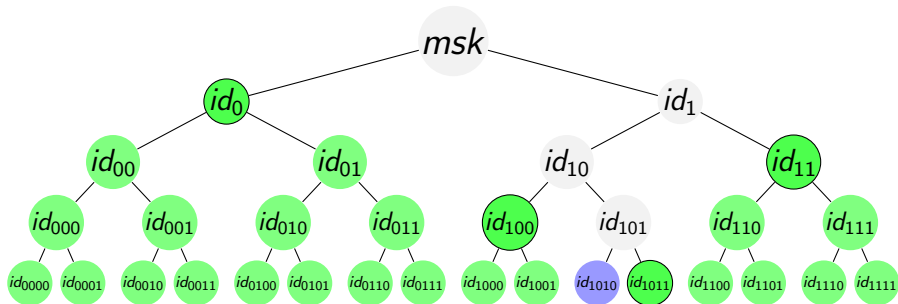
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**Result**

**Simple** reductions for HIBE must lose factor  $\exp.$  in depth

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## Theorem

*Let  $\Pi(\lambda)$  be a decisional problem such that no algorithm running in time  $t = \text{poly}(\lambda)$  has an advantage non-negligible in  $\lambda$ . Let  $R$  be a simple  $(t, \epsilon, q, \delta, t')$  reduction from  $\Pi$  to unpredictability of the Boneh-Waters prefix-constrained PRF with domain  $\{0, 1\}^n$ , with both  $t, t'$  polynomial in  $\lambda$ , and  $q \geq n - 1$ . Then  $\delta$  vanishes exponentially as a function of  $n$  (up to terms that are negligible in  $\lambda$ ).*

Thank you! 😊