

# On Actively-Secure Elementary MPC Reductions

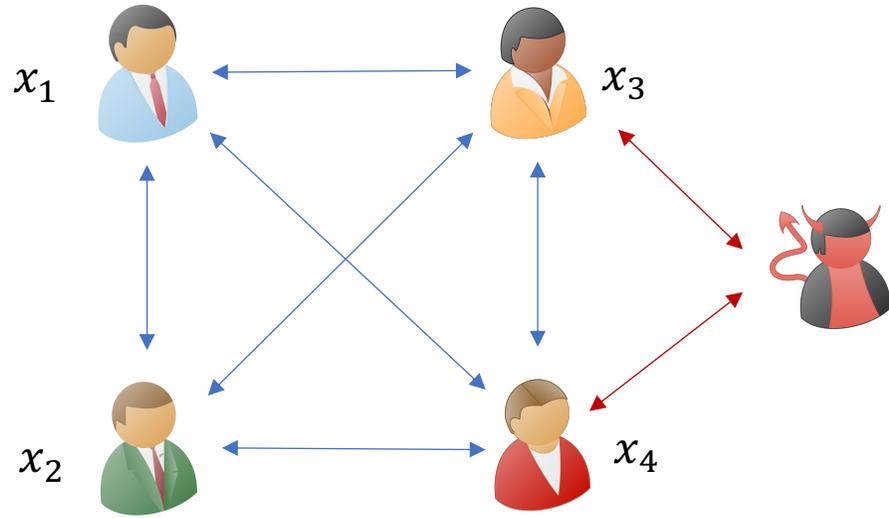
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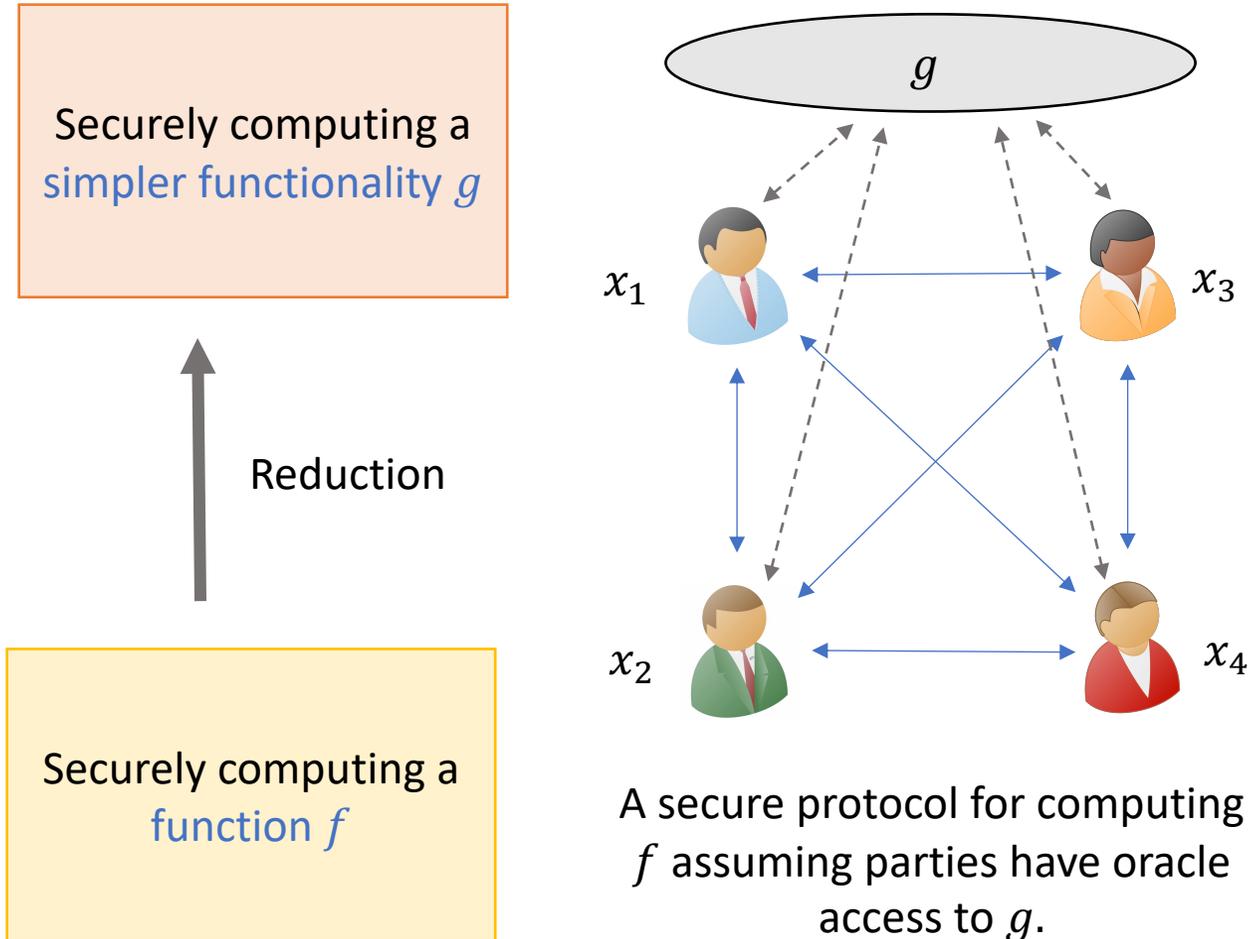
# Secure Multiparty Computation (MPC)



Adversary learns nothing beyond the output  $y$

MPC protocol for computing  $y = f(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4)$

# Secure MPC Reduction

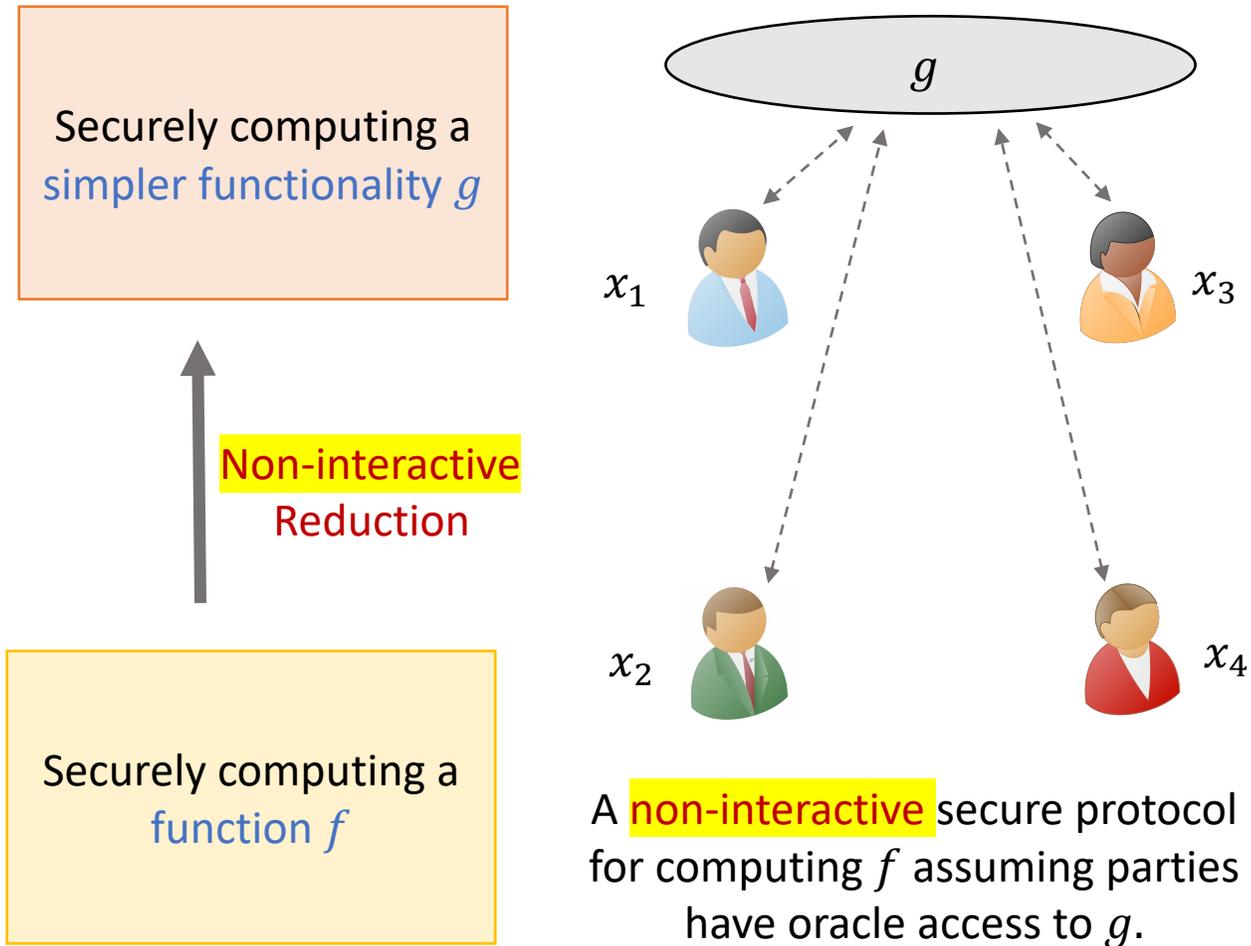


Given such a reduction, we only need to design a secure protocol for the simpler functionality  $g$ .

Classical Examples: [Yao'86, GMW'90] show such a secure reduction from any polynomial function to a two-party OT functionality

A secure protocol for computing  $f$  assuming parties have oracle access to  $g$ .

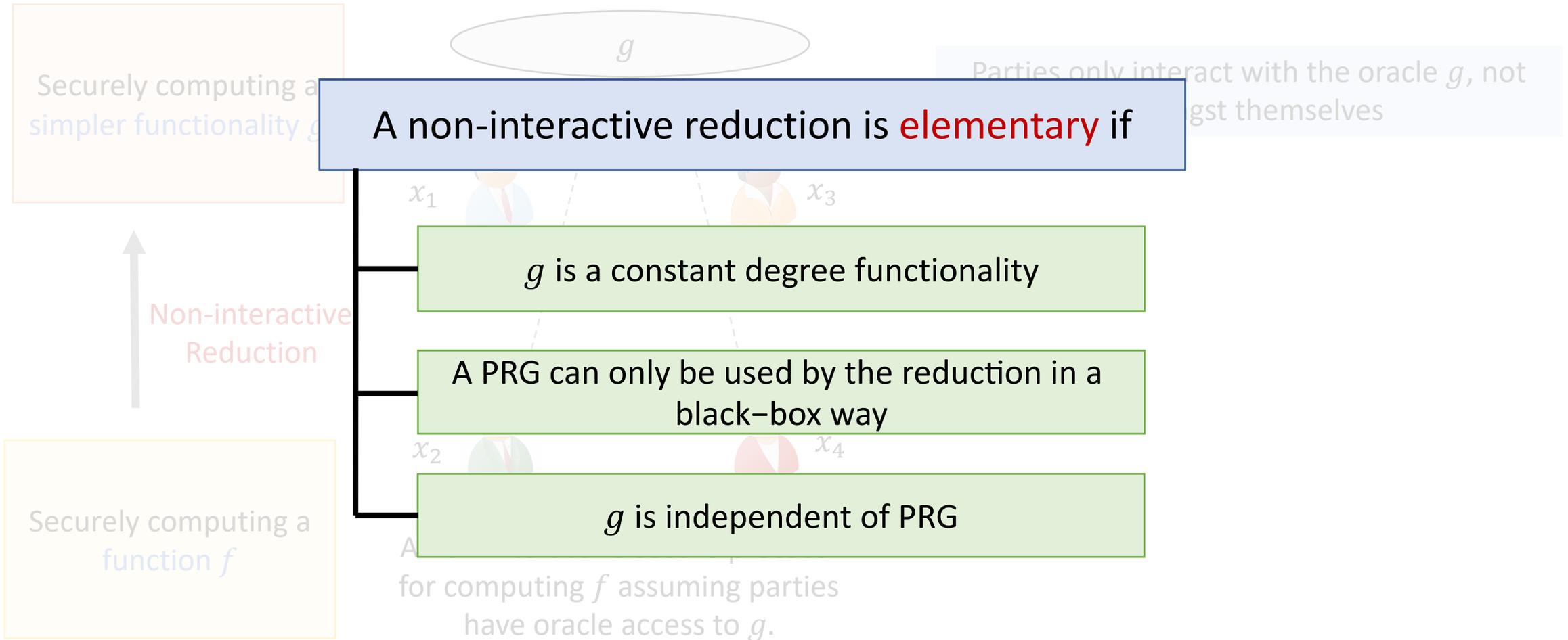
# Non-interactive MPC Reduction



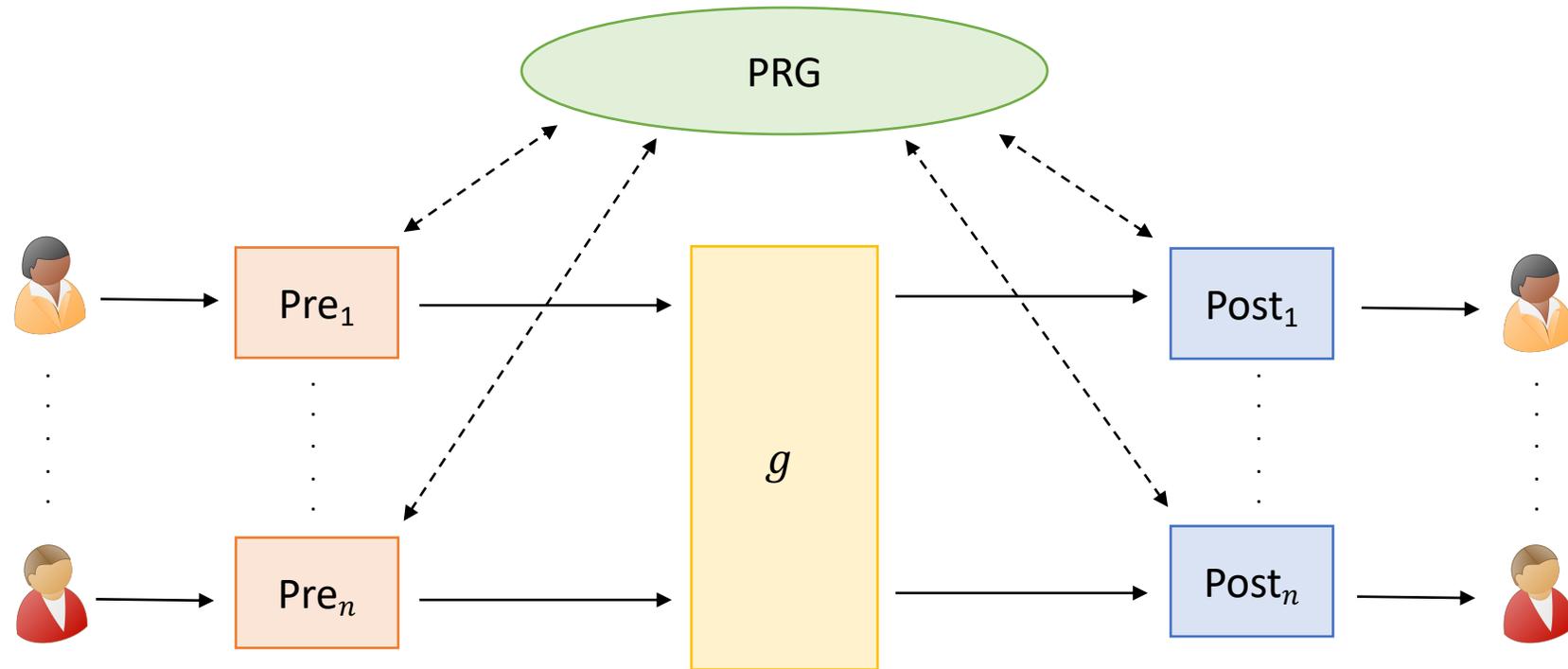
Parties only make a single call to oracle  $g$ , but do not talk to each other.

- Functionality  $g$  is allowed to have **internal randomness**
- There exists a general non-interactive reduction from such functionalities to **deterministic** ones [IK'02, AIK'04].

# Elementary MPC Reduction



# Elementary Reduction



$g$  is a constant degree functionality and is independent of PRG

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[AIK05] shows (non-elementary) non-interactive reduction in this setting to a constant-degree function  $g$ , but  $g$  depends on PRG (in NC<sup>1</sup>)

**Main Question:** Does an elementary reduction exist in this setting?

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No black-box calls to PRG

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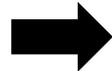
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3 Decade old open problem!!



A **constant-round** protocol  $\forall$  **2-party** function in P/Poly with inverse-polynomial average-case information-theoretic security in **OT-hybrid model**.



A **constant-round** protocol  $\forall$  **3-party** function in P/Poly with inverse-polynomial average-case information-theoretic security.

# Our Contributions (Positive Result)

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Similar reduction is implicit in [BOSSV20].

If parties are allowed to interact twice with  $g$ , then we can achieve fairness.

Can get full-security if  $g$  is allowed to depend on the PRG.

# Our Main Ideas (Lower Bound)

# Lower Bound (Talk Outline)

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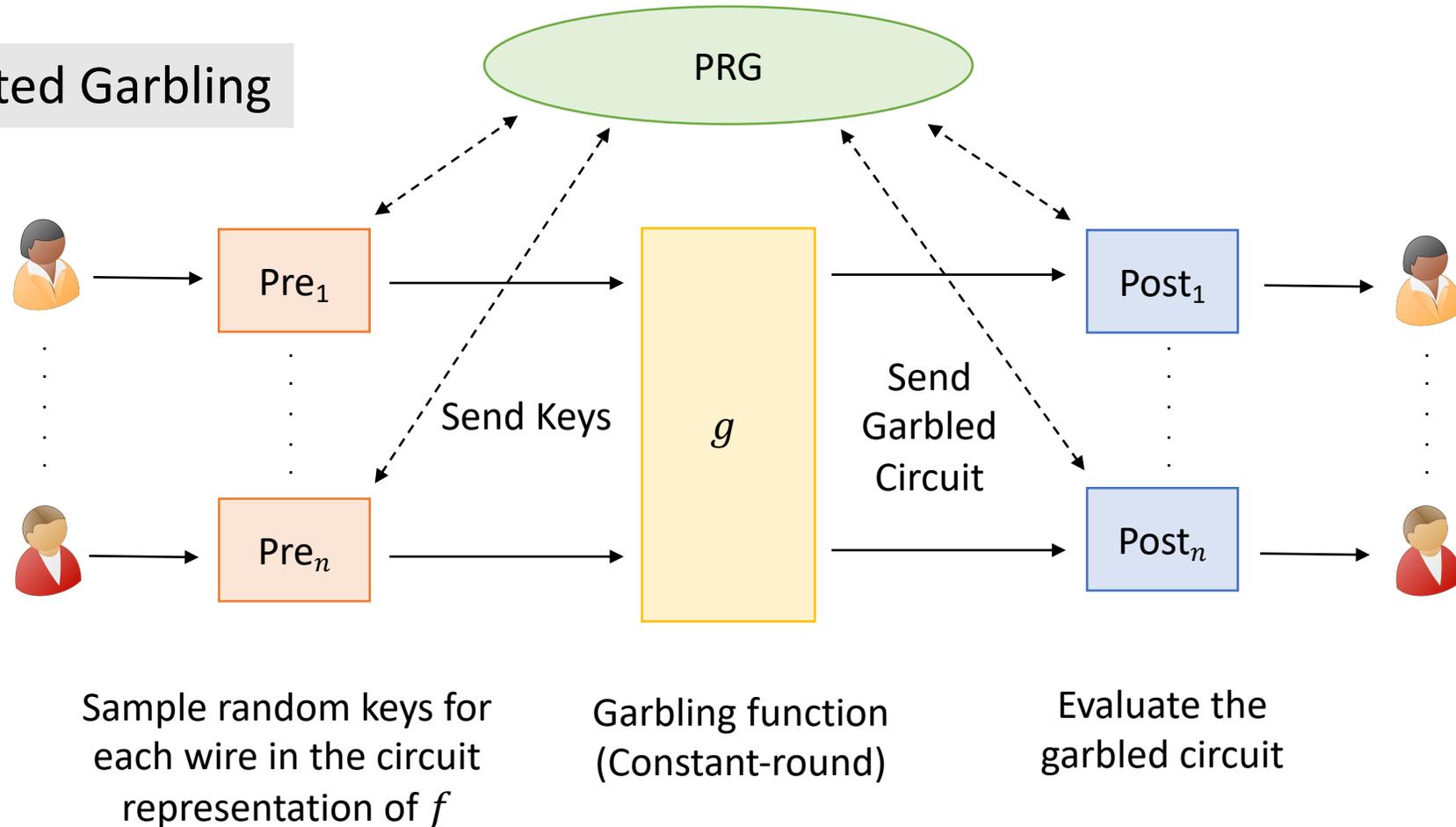
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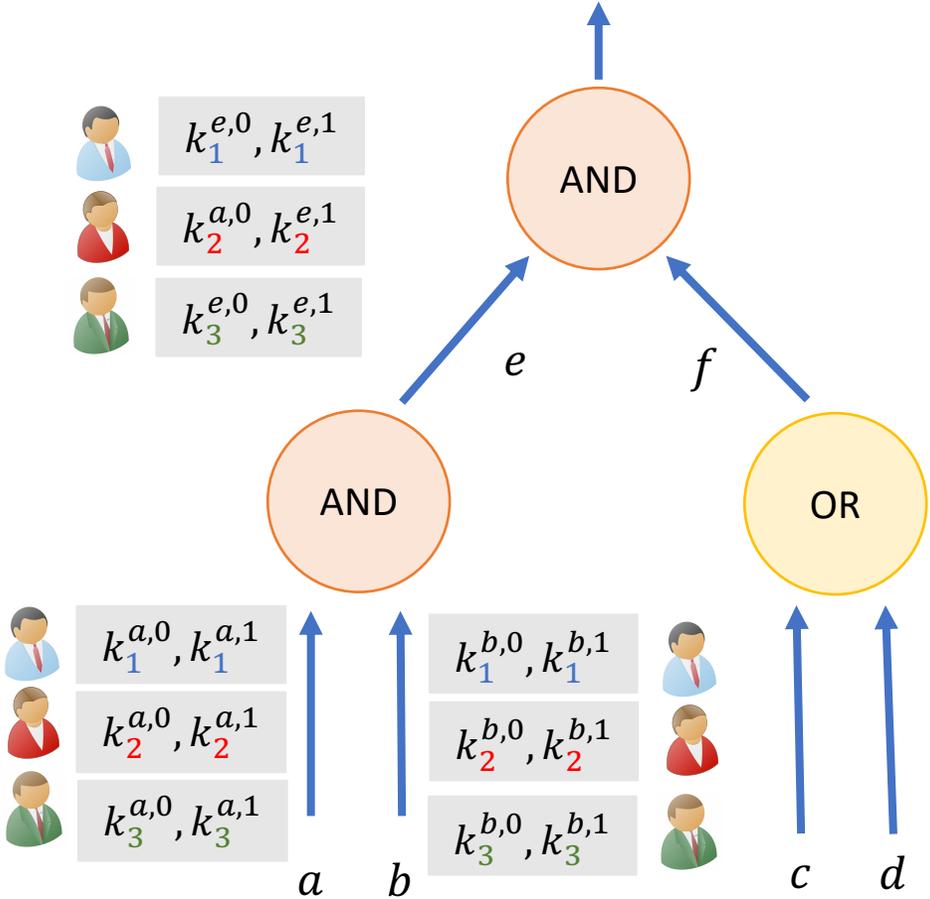
# Existing Passively Secure Elementary Reductions

## Distributed Garbling



What are the PRG calls used for?

# Distributed Garbling



Each gate in the **circuit** is individually garbled

**Each garbled gate:** Set of 4 randomly permuted ciphertexts

**Each ciphertext** is a distributed encryption, where:

$$keys = \left( (k_1^{a,\alpha}, k_2^{a,\alpha}, k_3^{a,\alpha}), (k_1^{b,\beta}, k_2^{b,\beta}, k_3^{b,\beta}) \right)$$

$$msg = (k_1^{e,\gamma}, k_2^{e,\gamma}, k_3^{e,\gamma})$$

for some  $\alpha, \beta \in \{0,1\}$  and  $\gamma = \text{AND}(\alpha, \beta)$

For circuits with more than polylog depth, **keys** must be shorter than **msg**

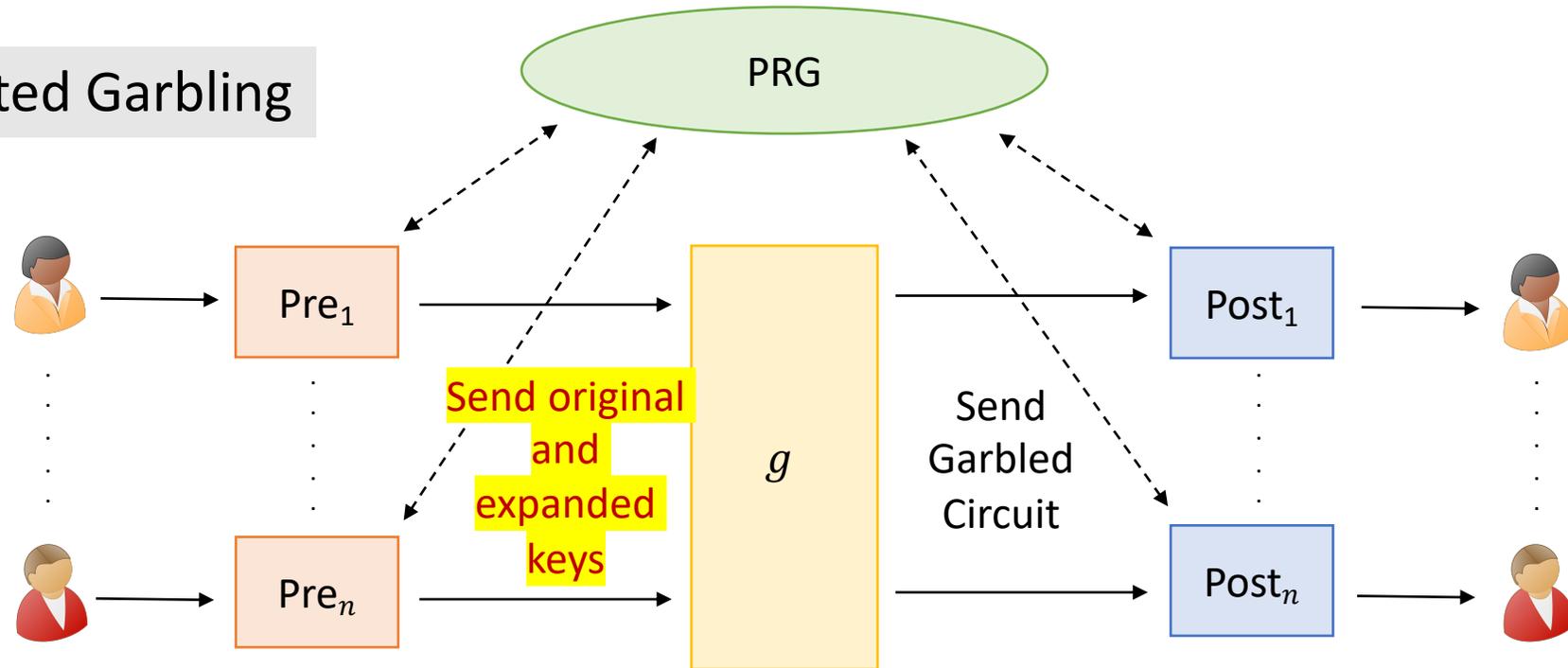
**Distributed encryption/decryption** uses PRGs to expand **keys**

**Key-expansion using** PRGs can be done by the parties locally

Parties sample random keys for each wire in the circuit

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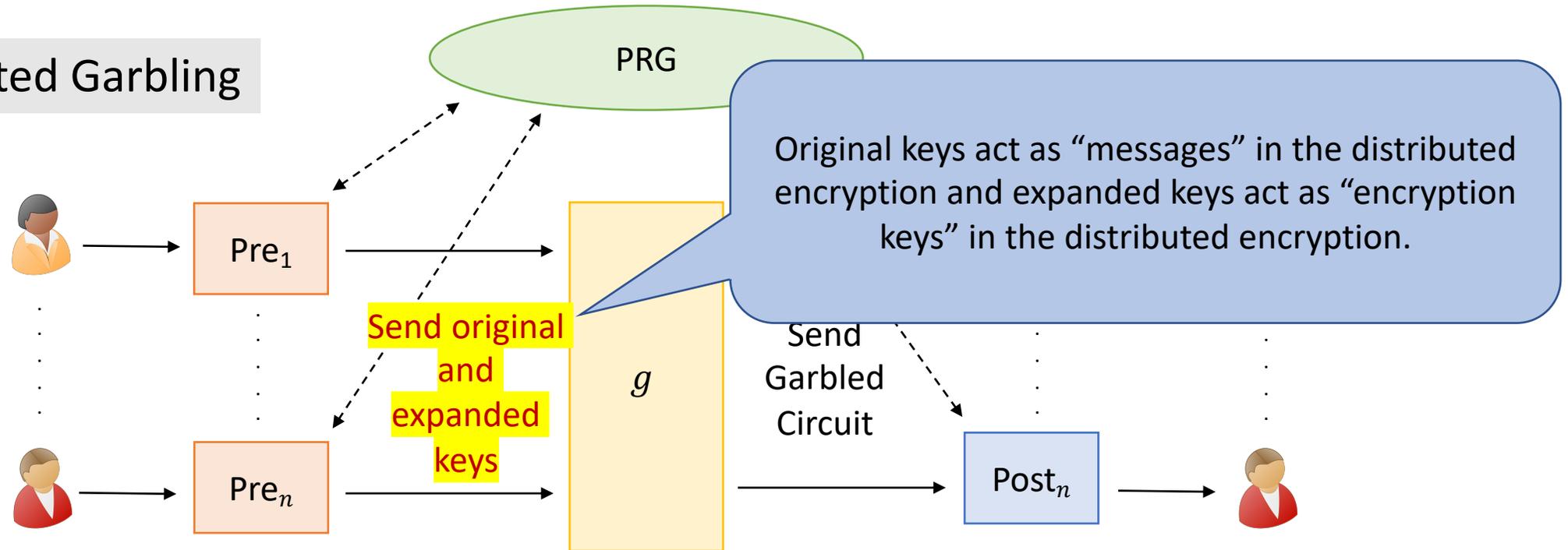
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Original keys act as "messages" in the distributed encryption and expanded keys act as "encryption keys" in the distributed encryption.

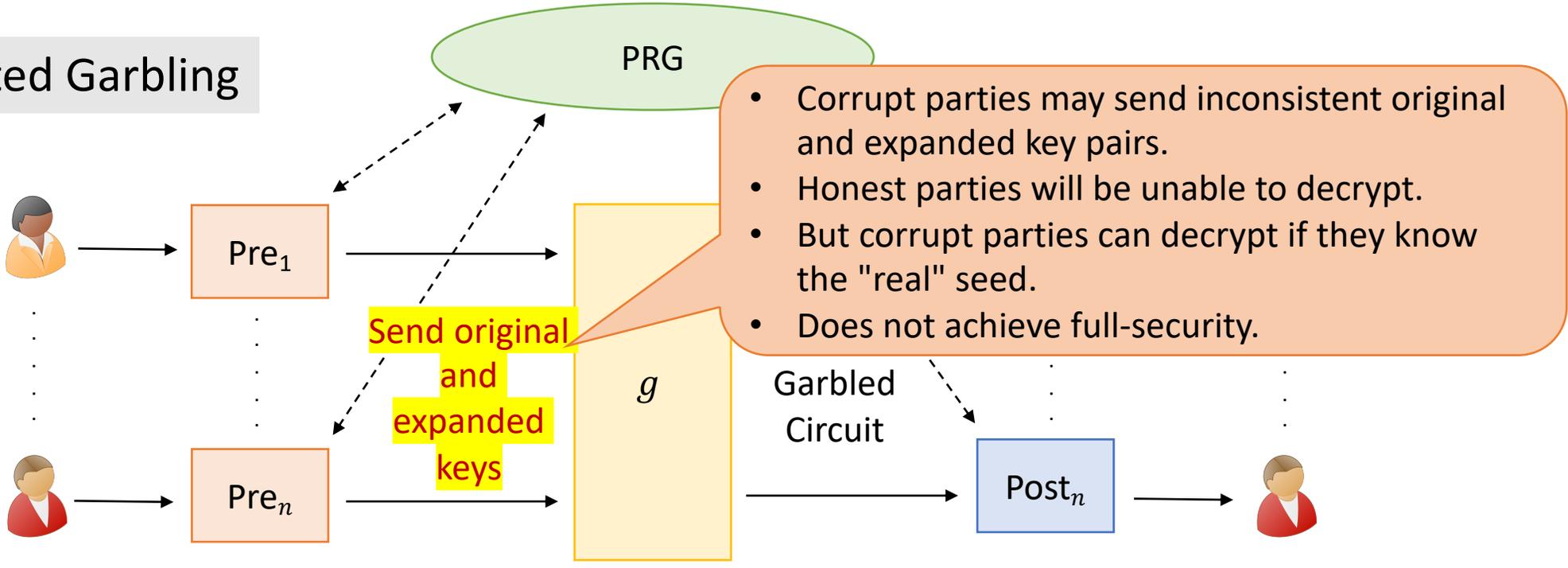
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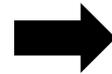
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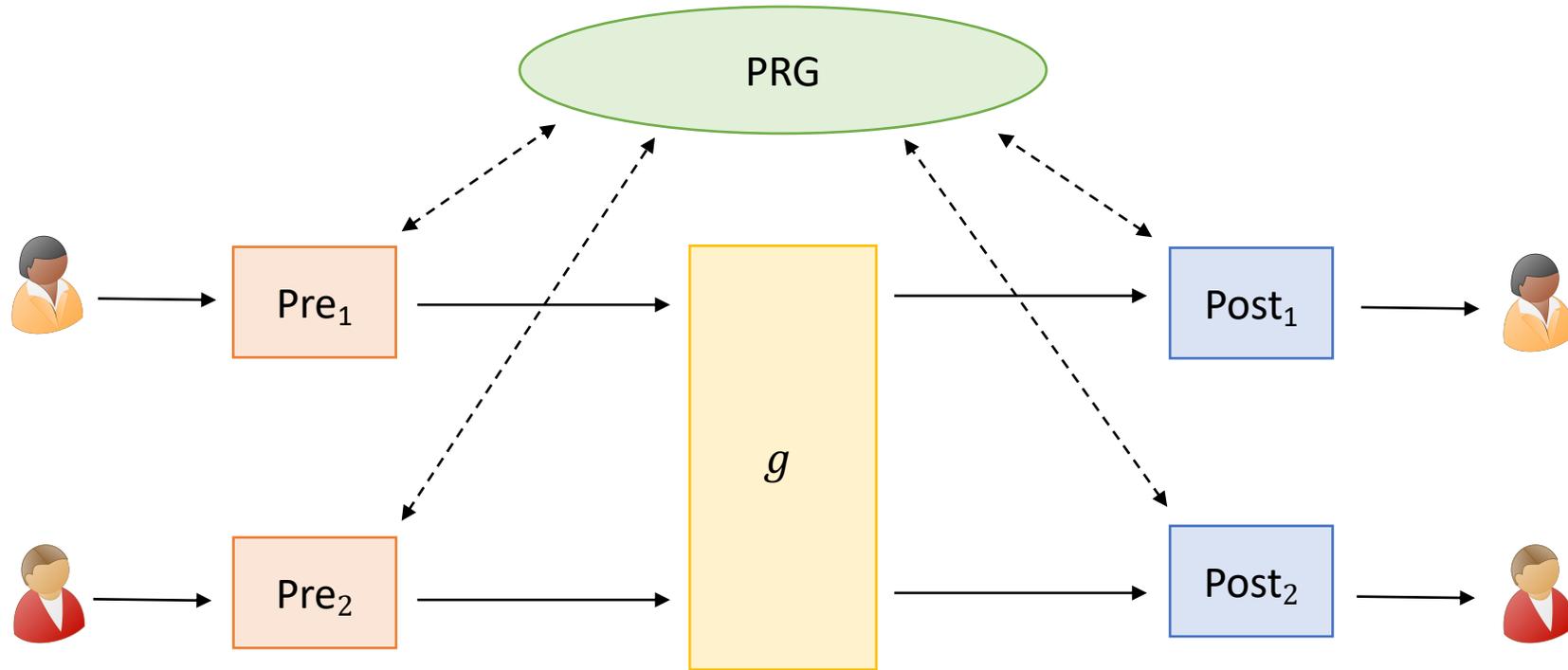
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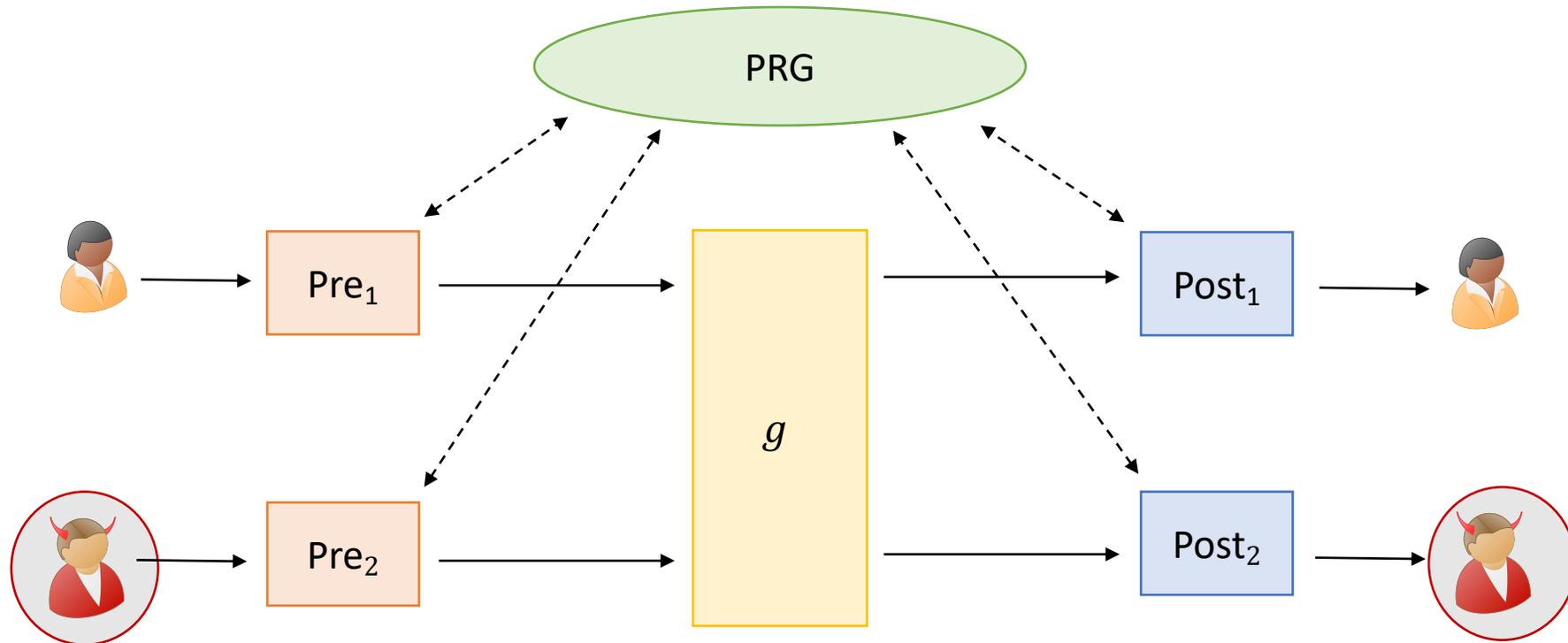
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This restriction can be removed if parties only make random queries to the RO

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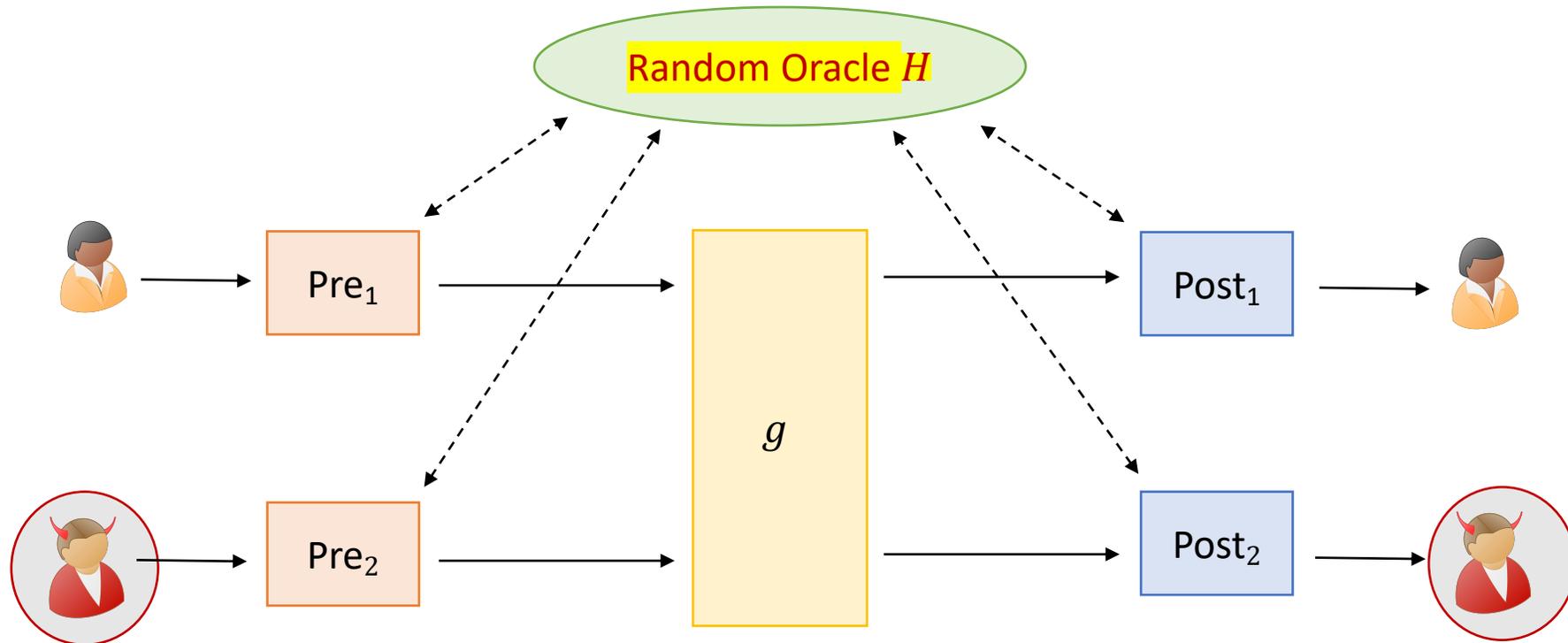
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Fairness only when Bob is corrupt

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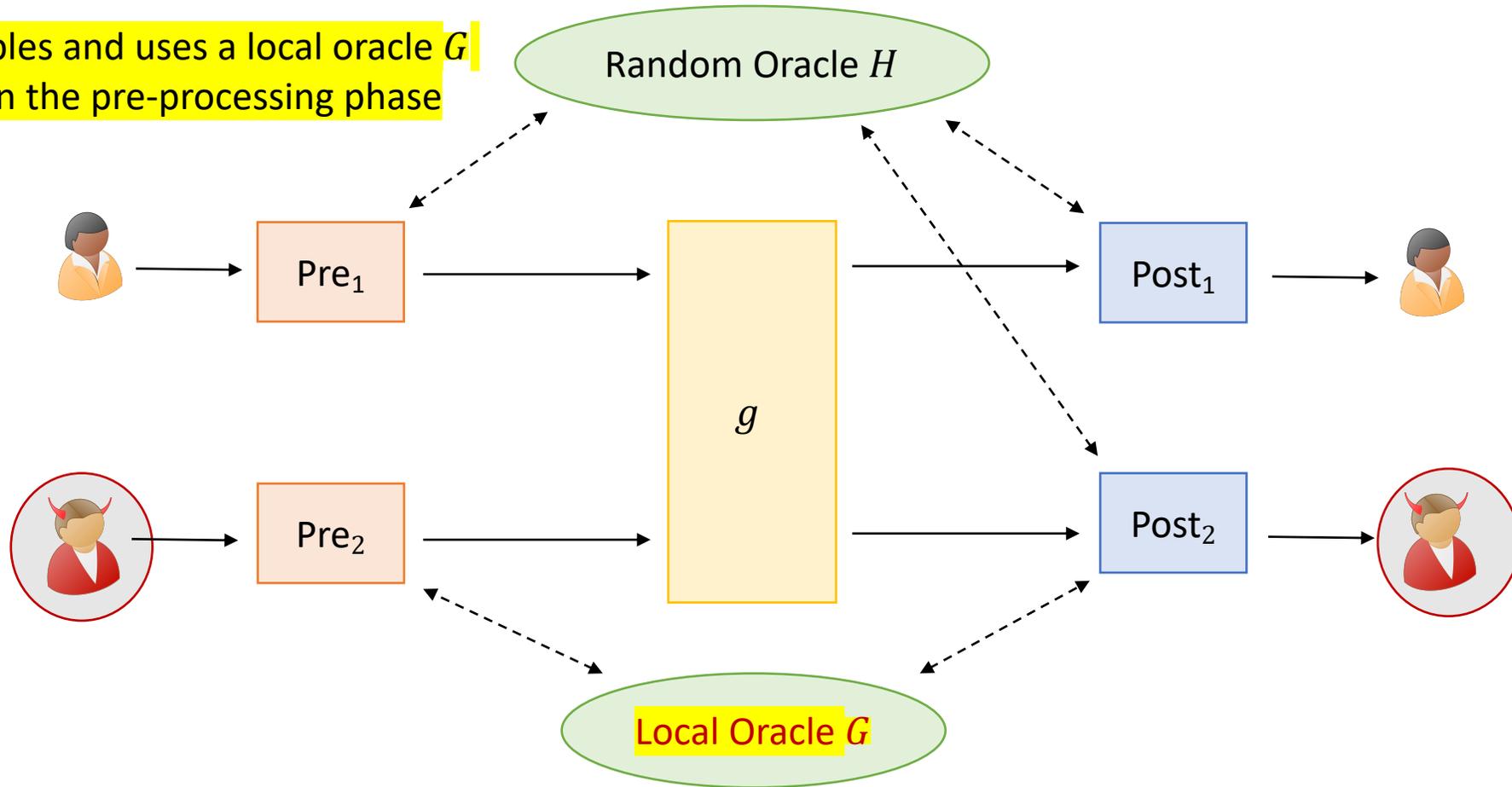
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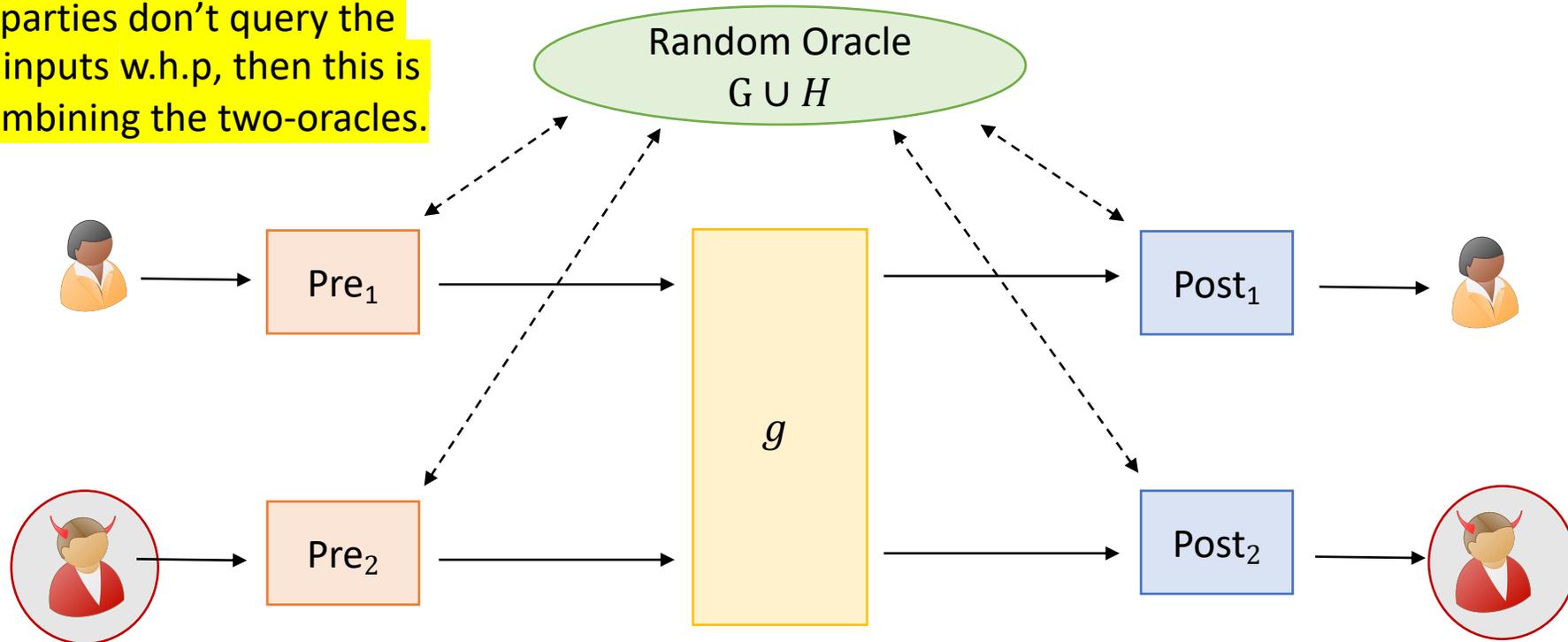
Adversary samples and uses a local oracle  $G$  instead of  $H$  in the pre-processing phase



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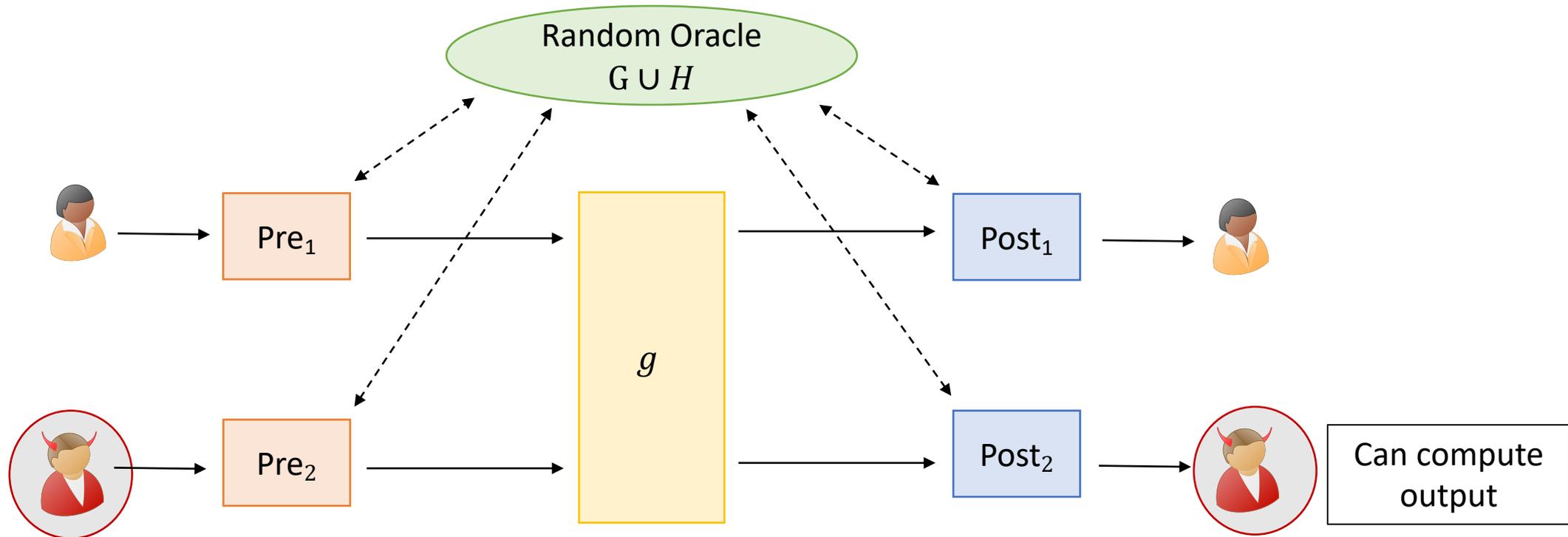
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Assuming the parties don't query the oracle on same inputs w.h.p, then this is equivalent to combining the two-oracles.



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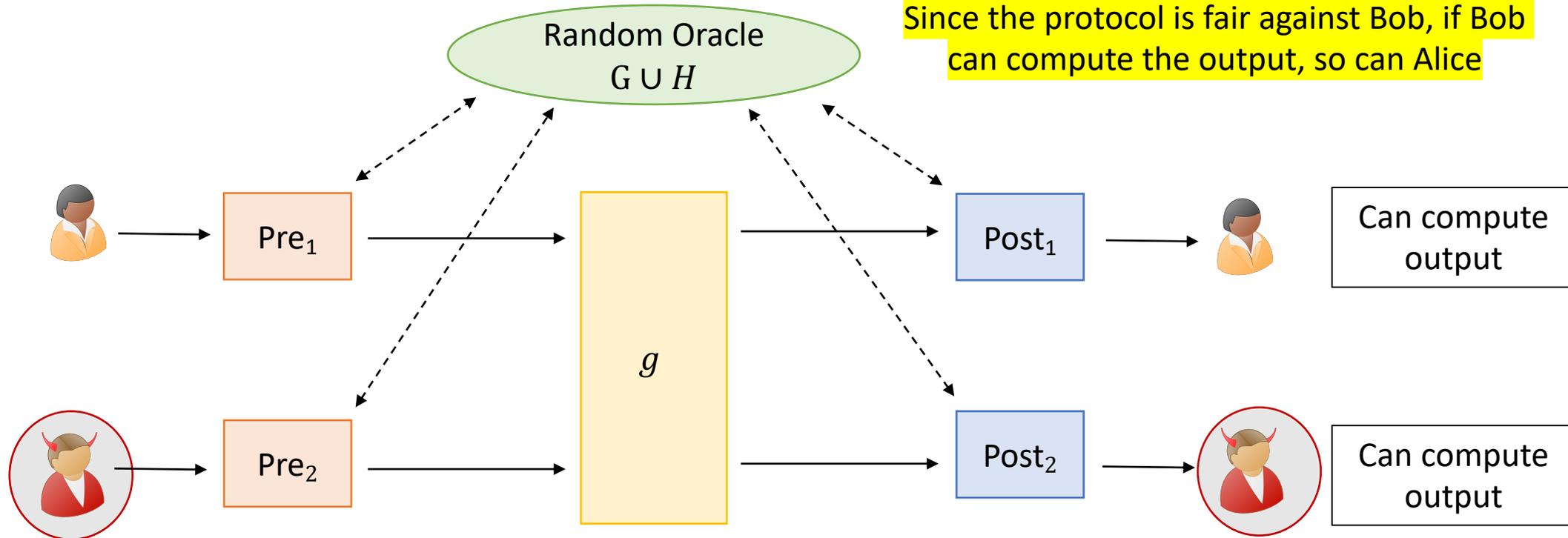
Since the Bob knows both  $G$  and  $H$ , it can compute the correct output.

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This modified protocol has correctness.

Since the protocol is fair against Bob, if Bob can compute the output, so can Alice

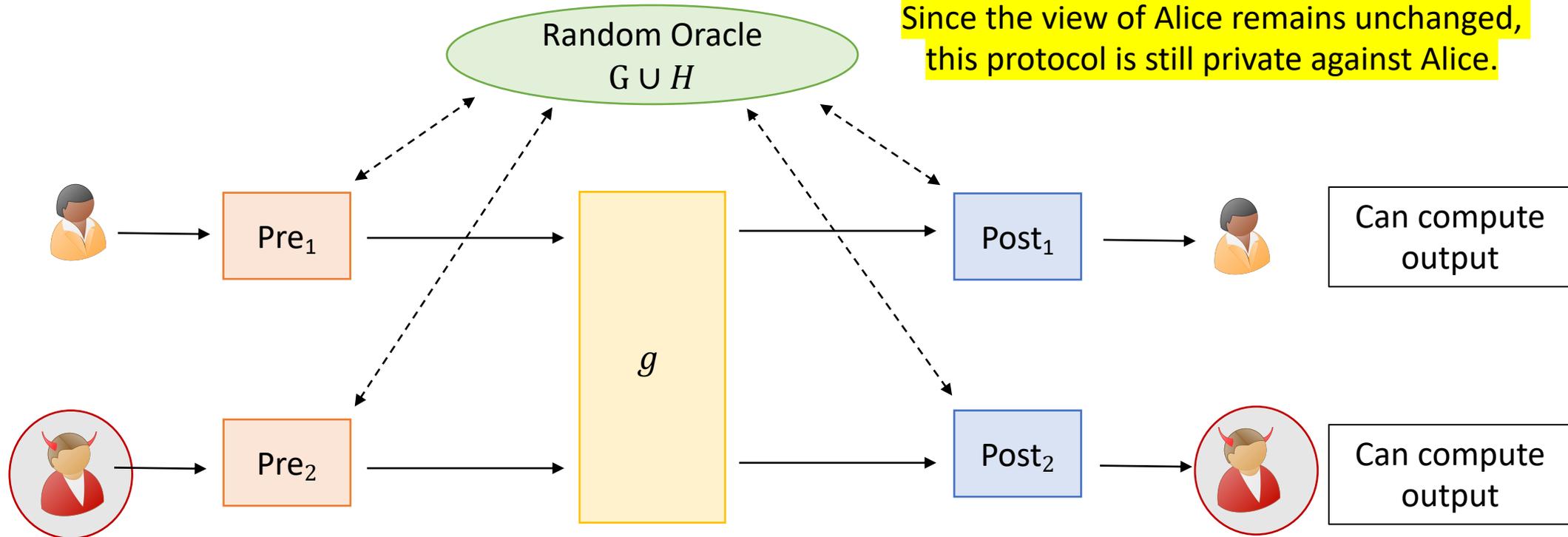


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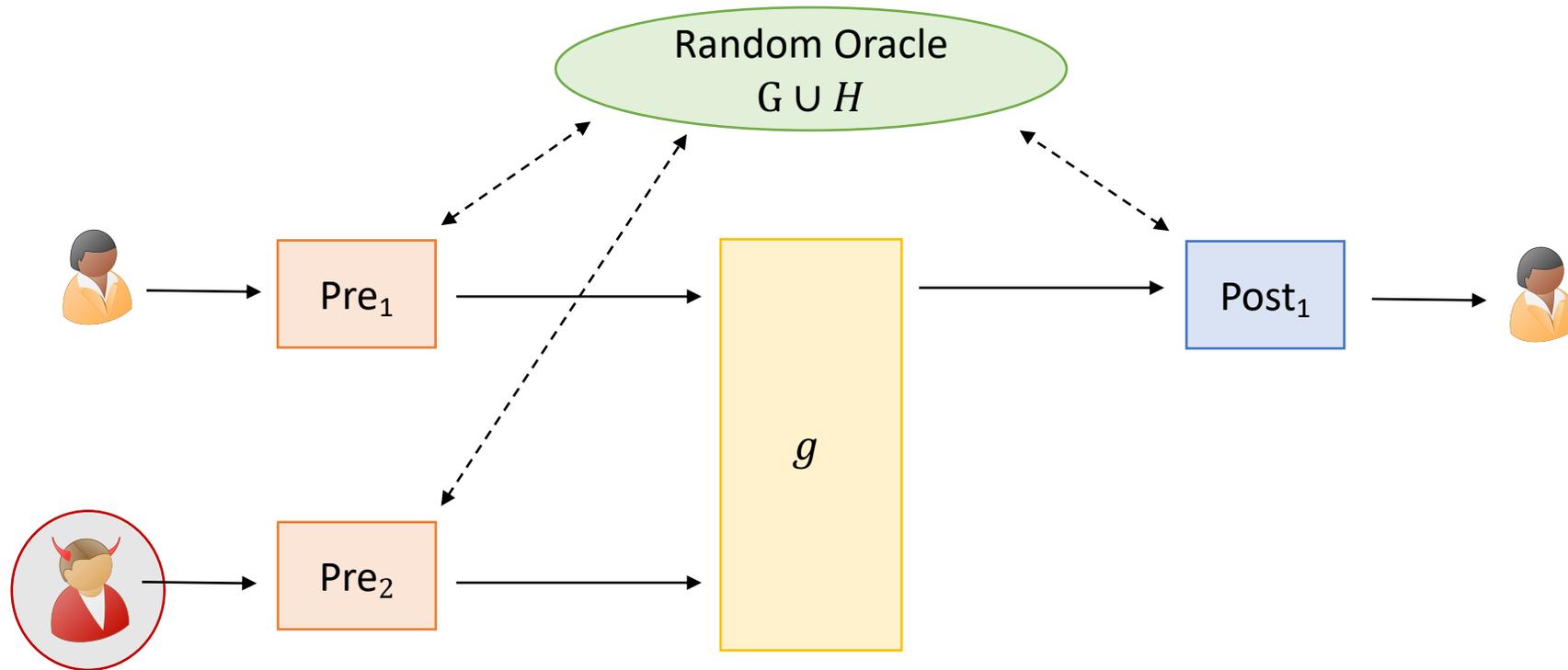
Since the view of Alice remains unchanged, this protocol is still private against Alice.



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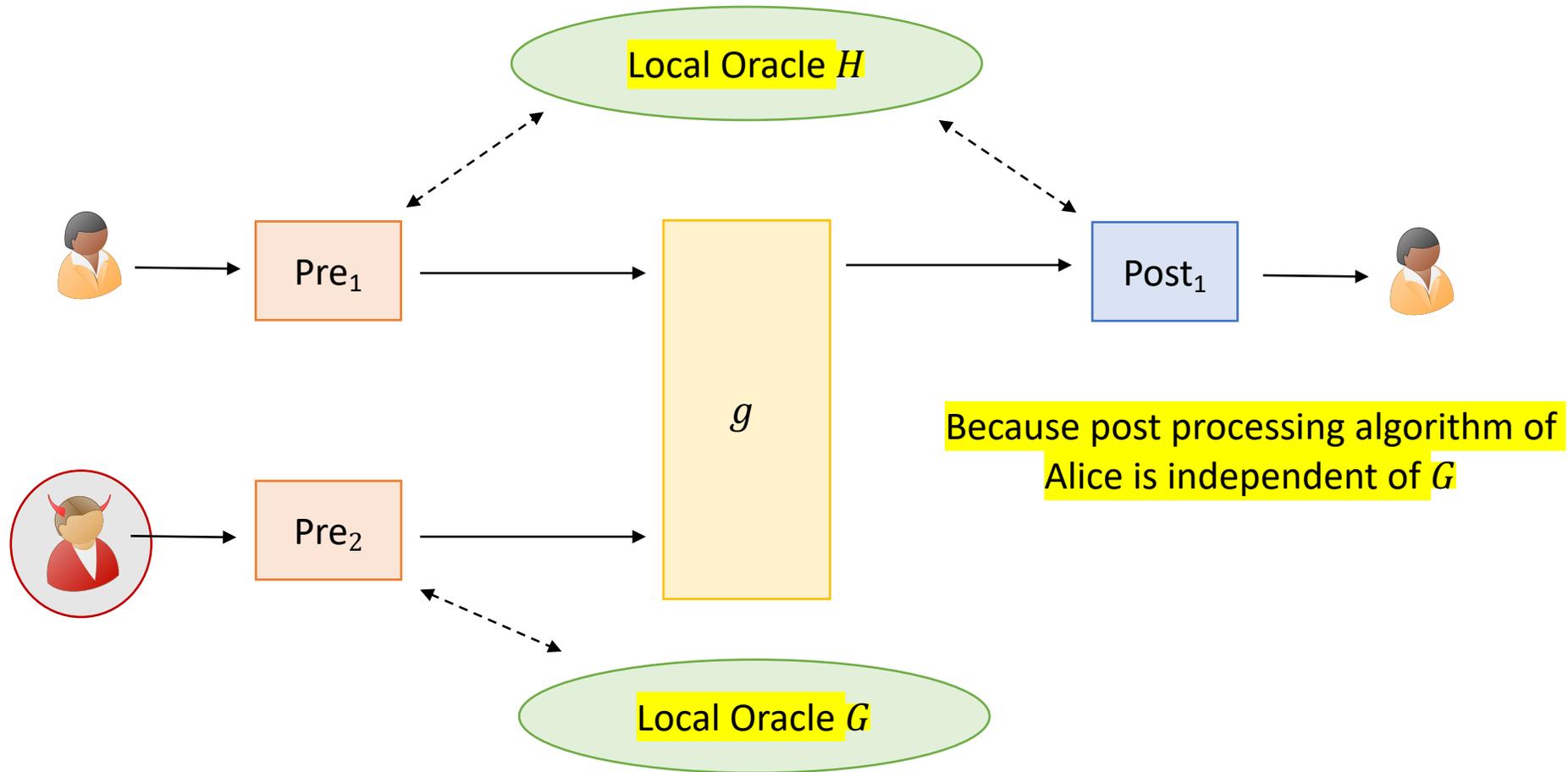
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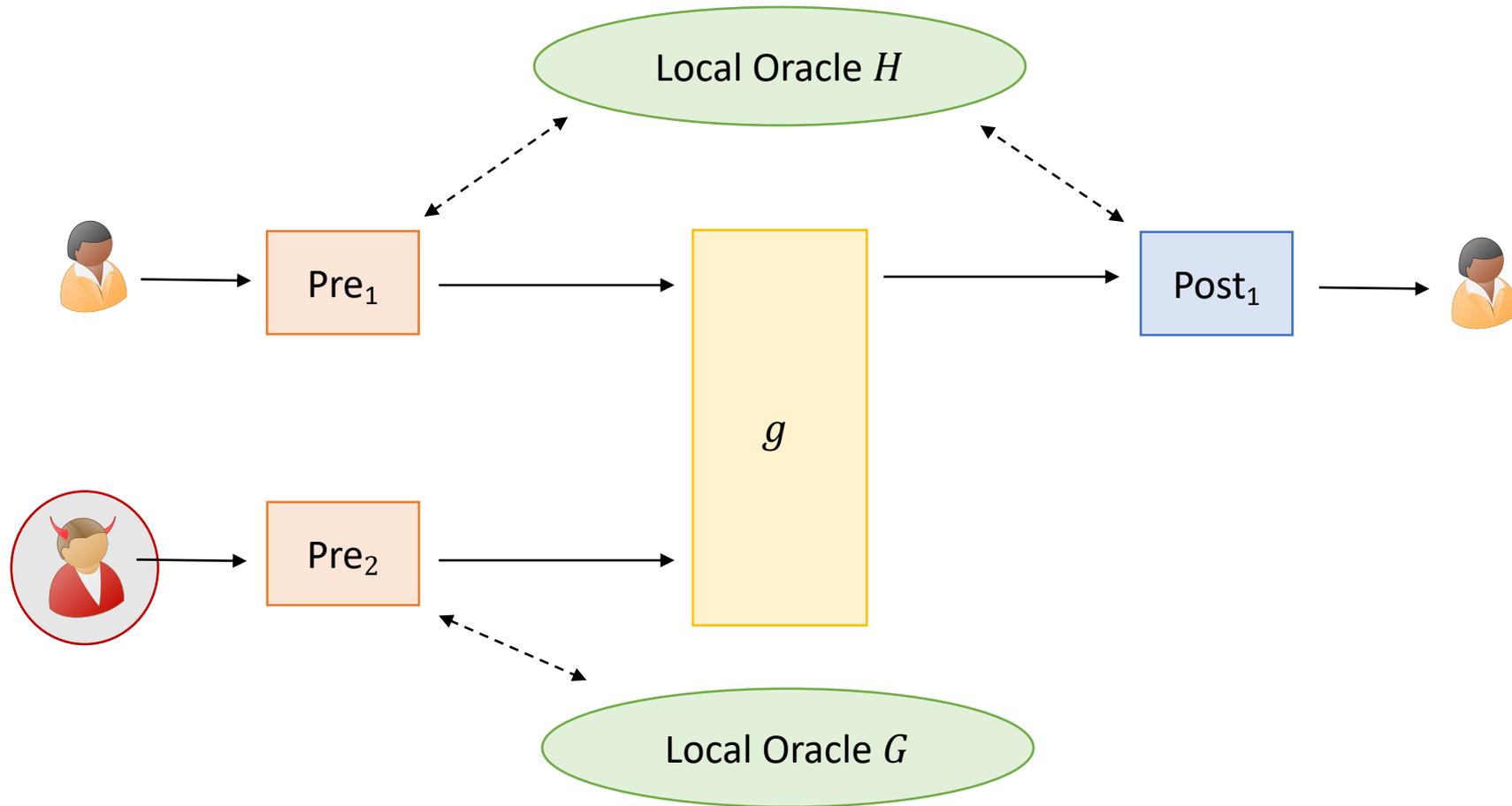
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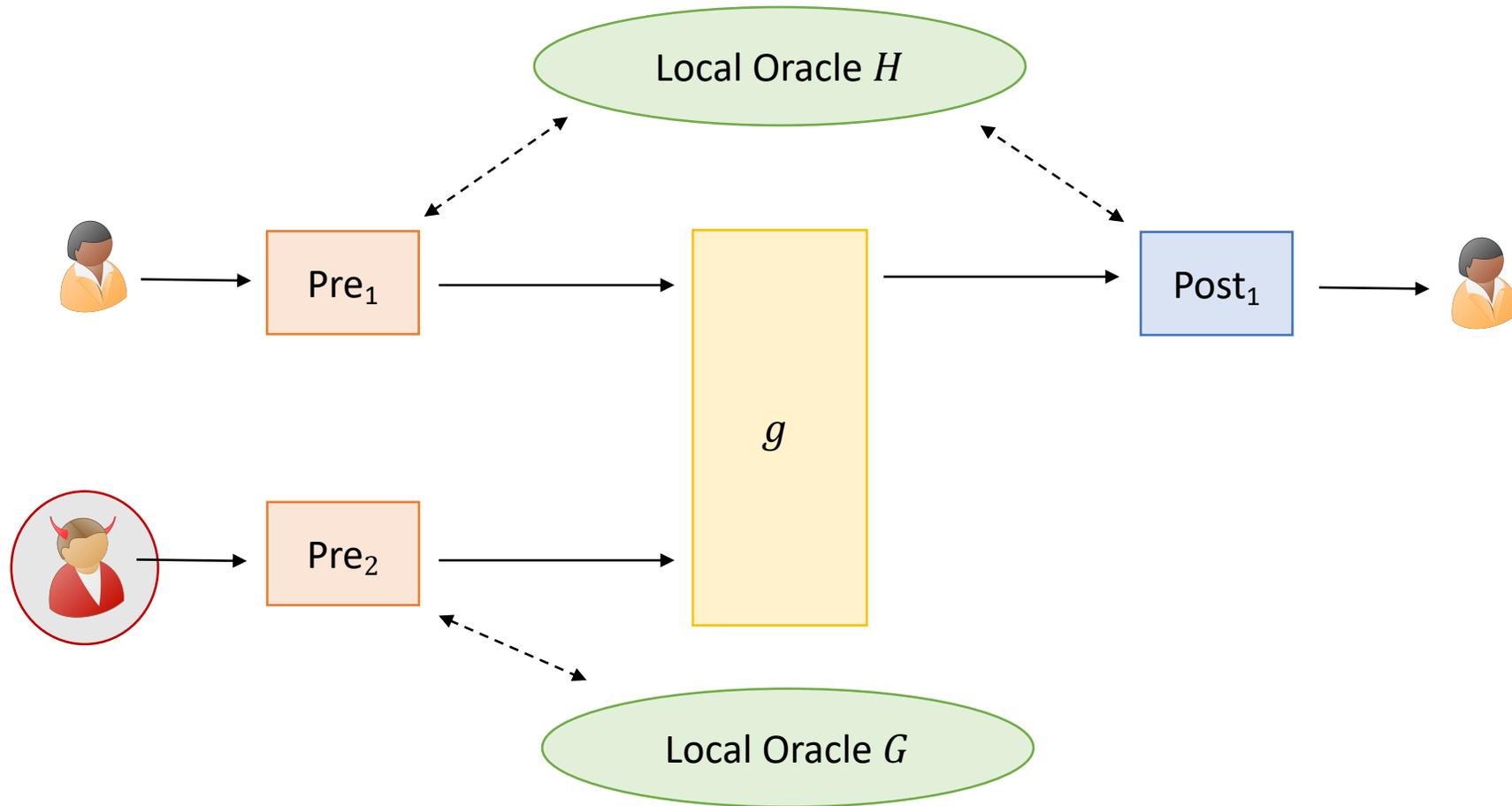
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This is an information-theoretic passively-secure elementary reduction for single output functionalities.

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**Two-copies** of the above reduction gives an information-theoretic elementary reduction for all two-input functionalities.

# Our Lower Bound: Removing Simplifying Assumptions

Simplifying Assumption I

Simulation-based definition of fairness  $\Rightarrow$  If corrupt Bob gets the output so does Alice

How to Remove it

- Use authenticated functionalities that give Bob a MAC computed on his input, under a key chosen by Alice.
- Fairness w.r.t. such functionalities implies the above simplified notion.

Simplifying Assumption II

Alice and Bob's queries to the PRG do not intersect

How to Remove it

- Identify "heavy queries" [BM09].
- Corrupt Bob only queries its local oracle on "non-heavy" queries.
- Only allows us to get inverse-polynomial average-case security.
- Ensure correctness by adding a "detect-and-reveal" mechanism to functionality  $g$ .

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Existing examples only satisfy at most 2 of these

[HOZ'13,MMP'14]: Random oracles are “useless” for secure 2-party computation of various functionalities.

[ABGIS'20]: Impossibility of elementary reductions to oblivious transfer

# Our Main Ideas (Positive Result)

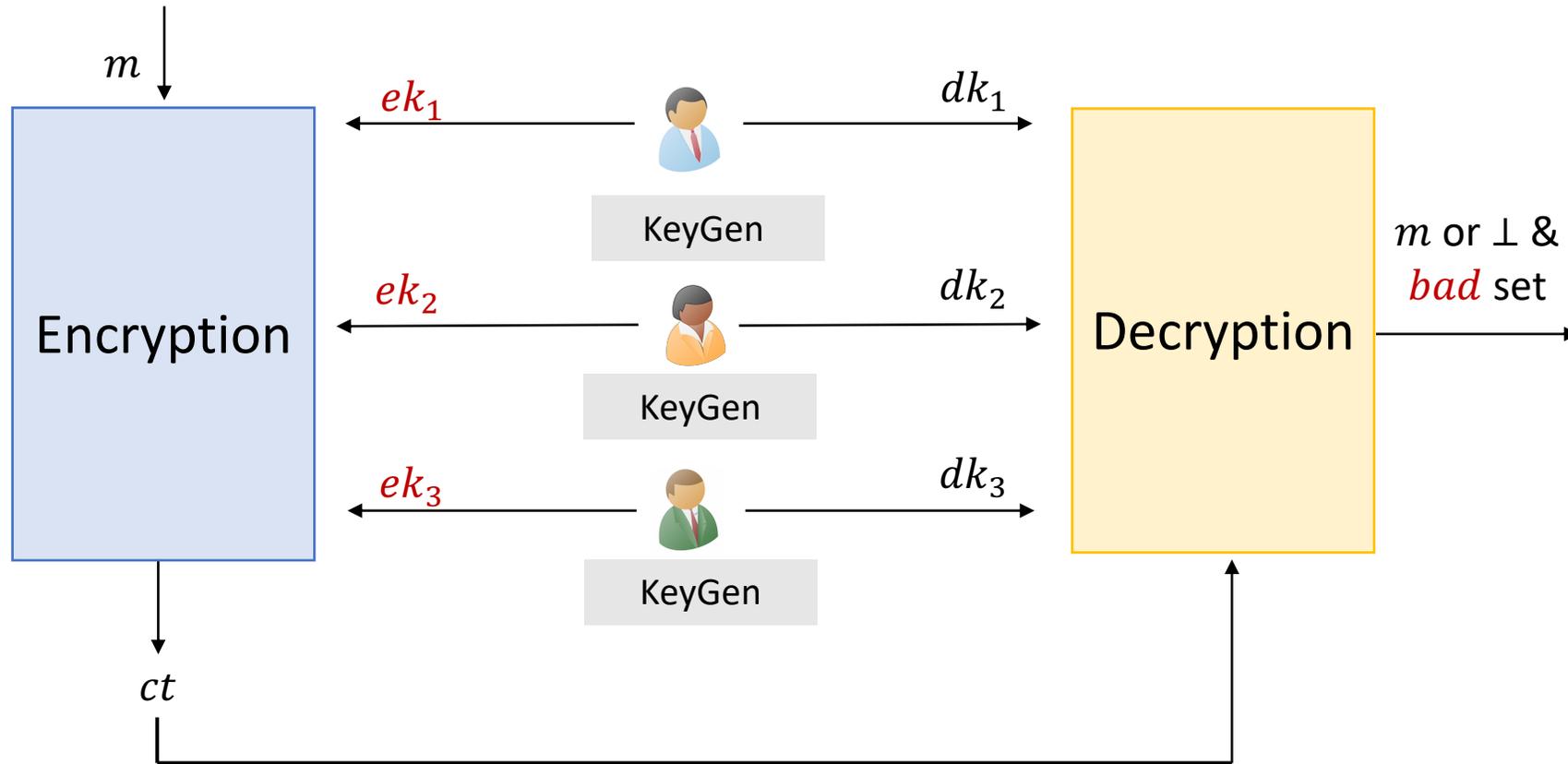
# Positive Results

Elementary reduction from every poly-sized  $n$ -input functionality, that achieves **security with identifiable abort** against any  $t < n$  active corruptions.

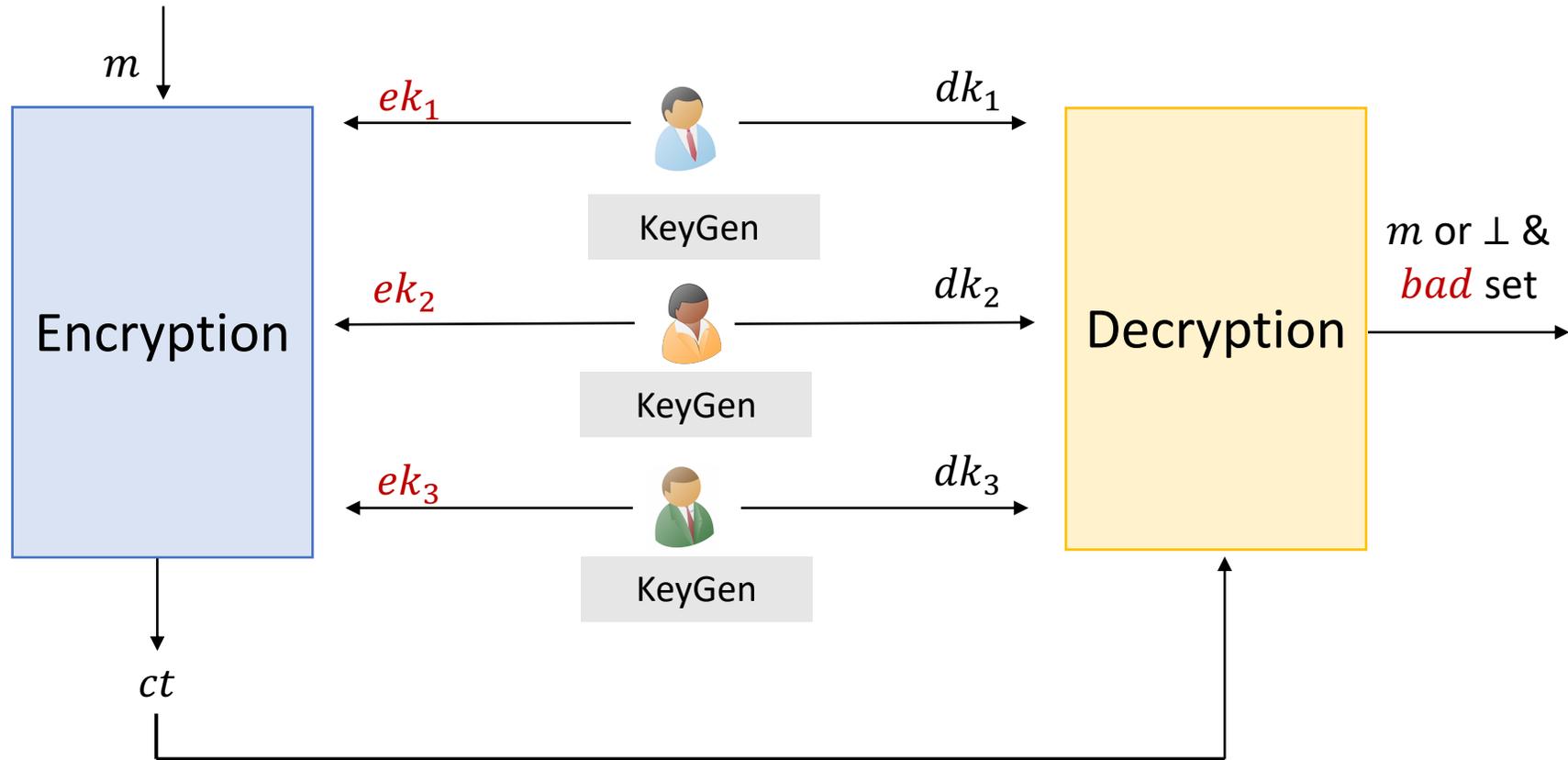
Define a notion of distributed encryption with identifiable abort and give a construction

This distributed encryption when used with the standard garbling protocol achieves security with identifiable abort

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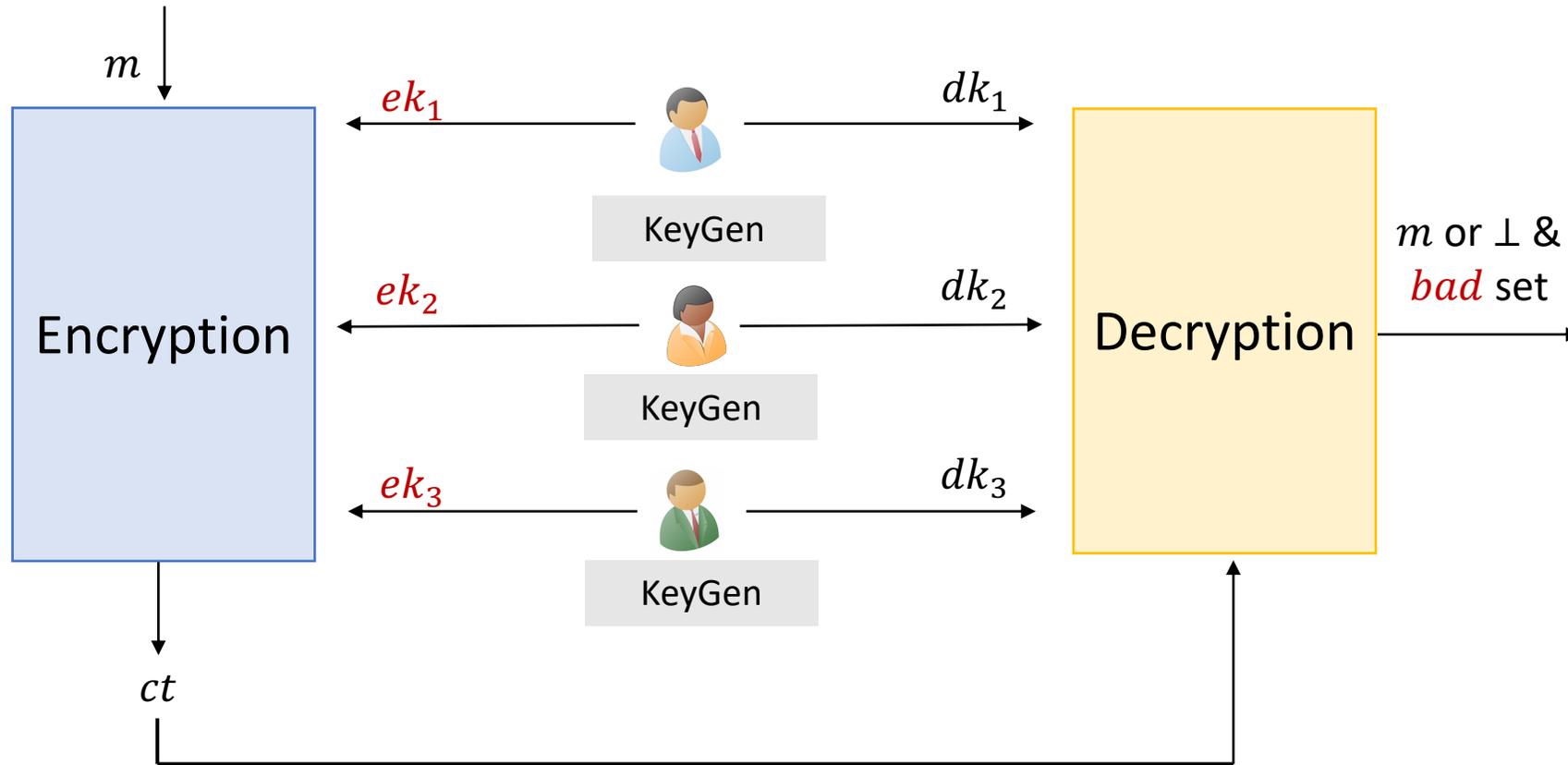


Symmetric-key Encryption

Only KeyGen and Decryption are allowed to depend on a PRG.

Security if at least one key-pair is honestly generated

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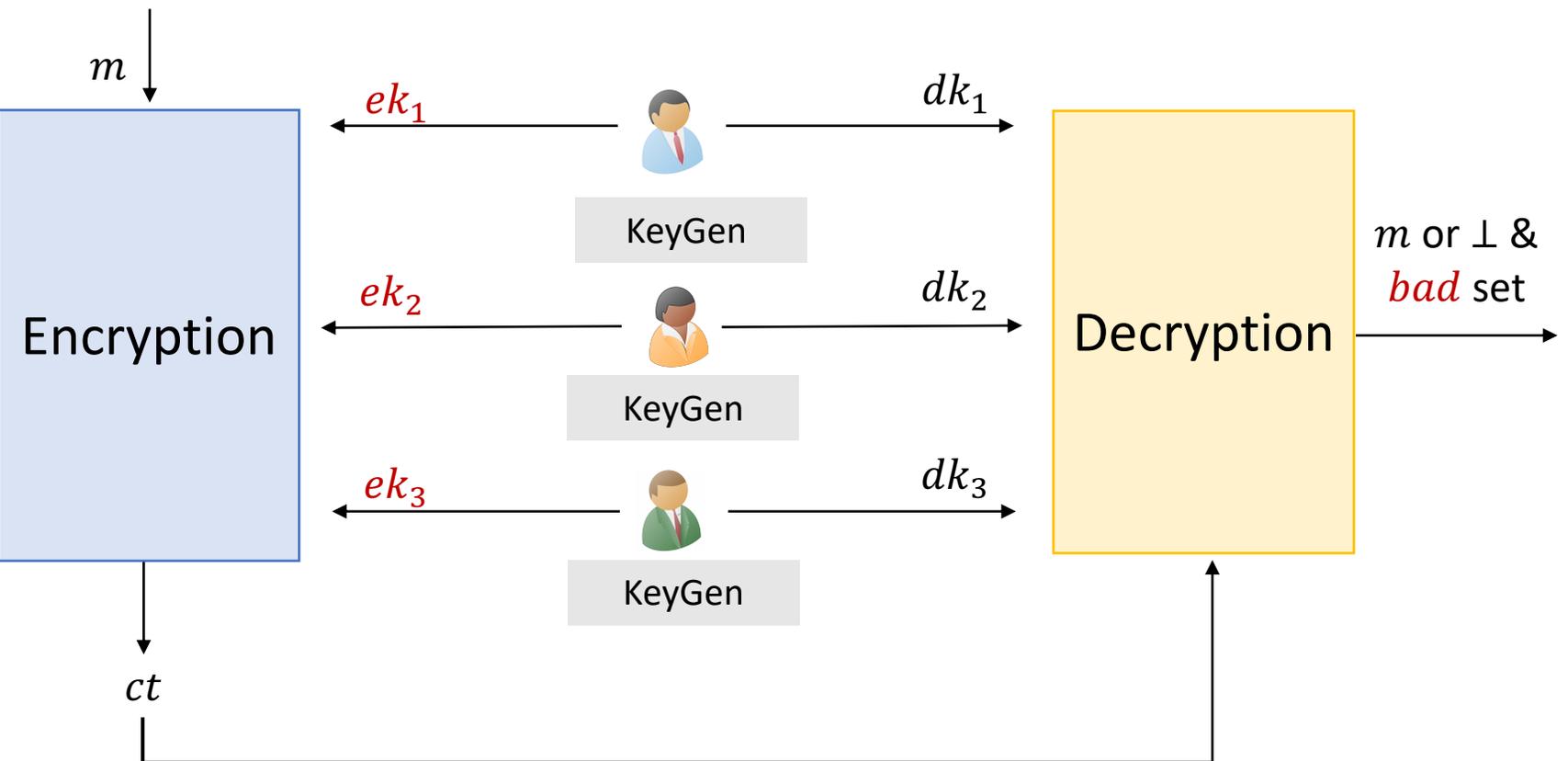


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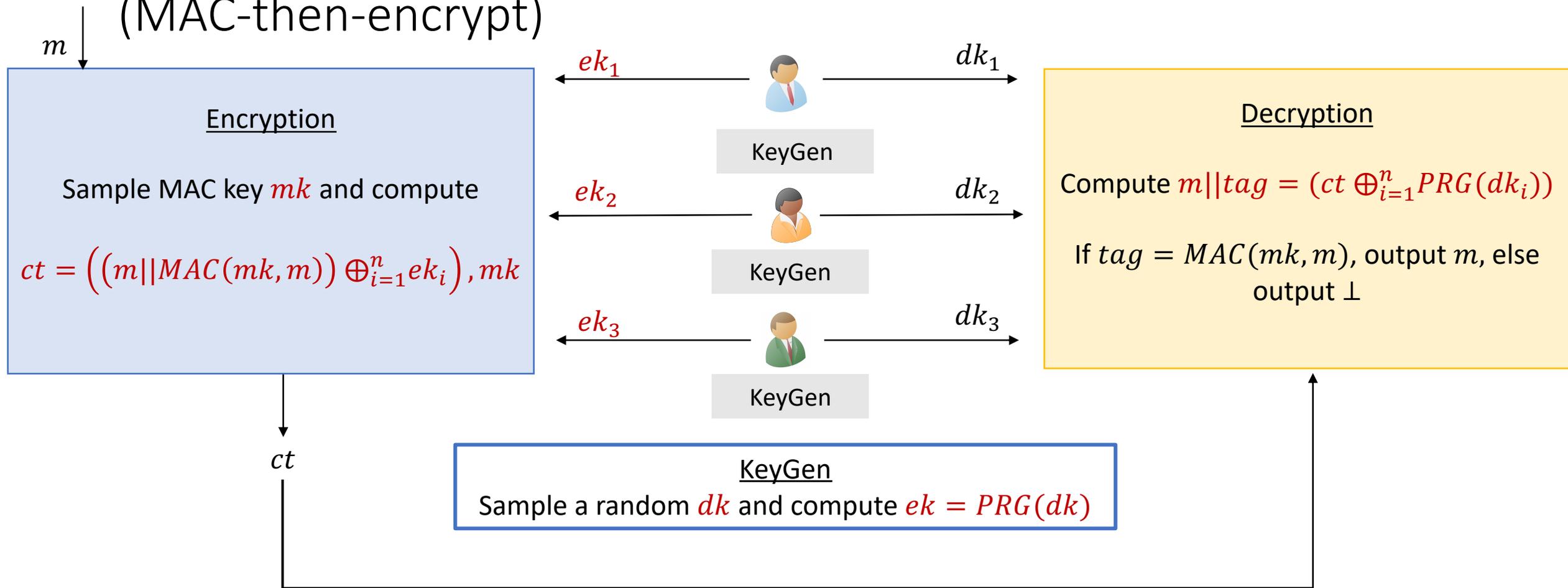
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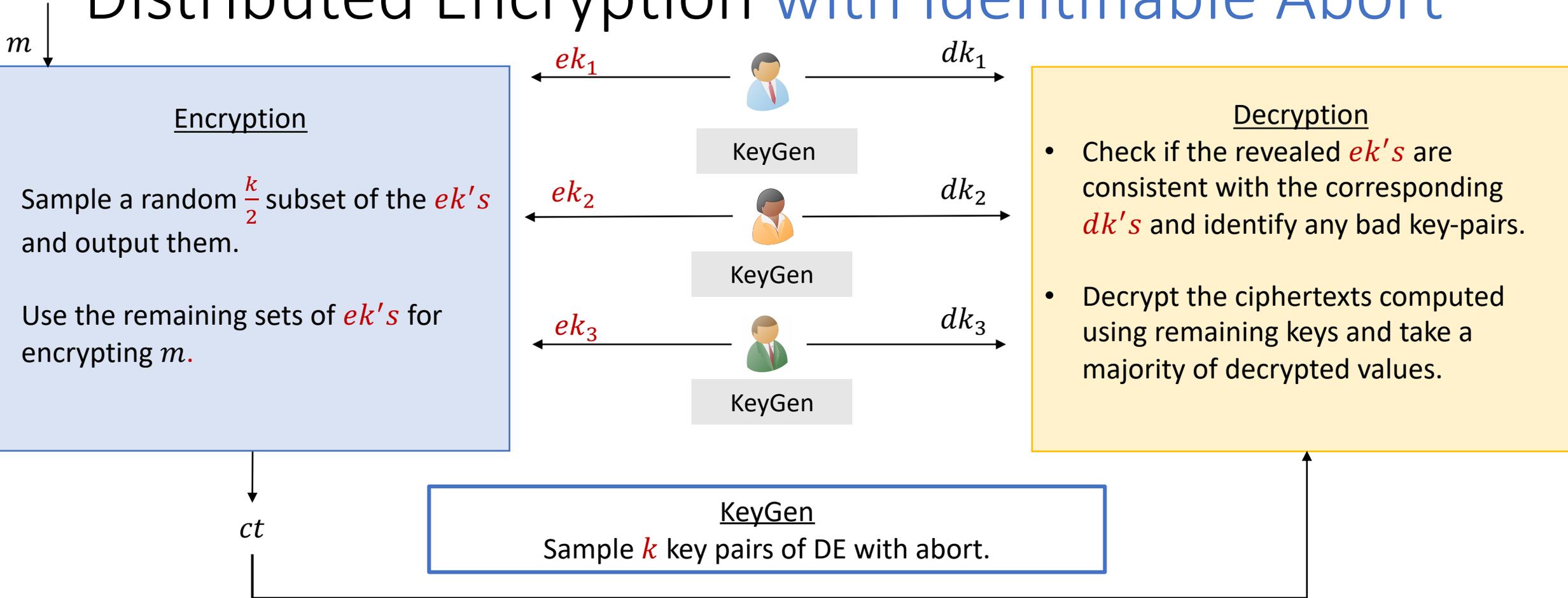
# Distributed Encryption *with Abort*

(MAC-then-encrypt)



Simulating the Outcome of Decryption: Output  $\perp$ , if  $\oplus_{i=1}^n (ek_i \oplus PRG(dk_i))$  is a non-zero-string

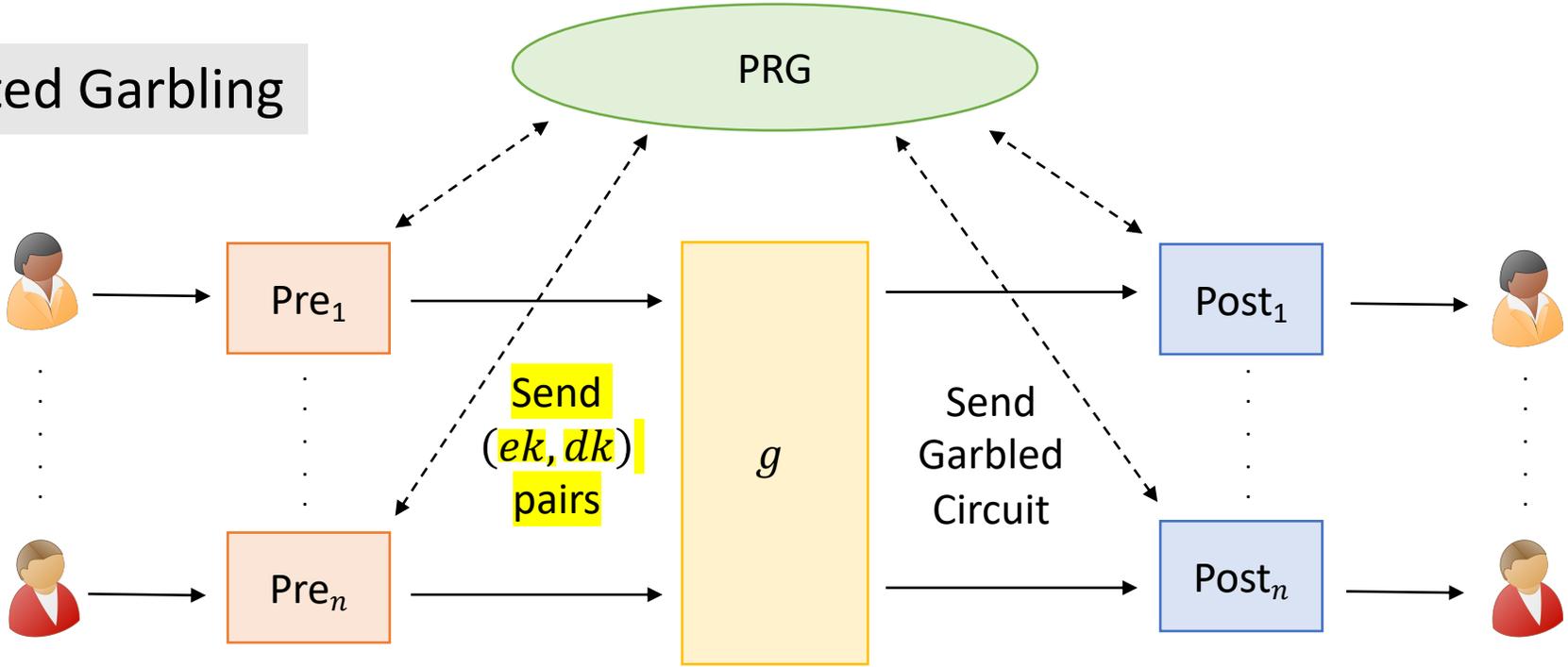
# Distributed Encryption with Identifiable Abort



Simulating the Outcome of Decryption: Sample a random  $\frac{k}{2}$  subset of  $ek$ 's and check if they are consistent with the corresponding  $dk$ 's and identify any bad key-pairs.

# Elementary Reduction with Identifiable Abort

Distributed Garbling



Run key generation to sample  $(ek, dk)$  pairs for each wire in the circuit representation of  $f$  and expands them using PRG

Garbling function implements encryption algorithm of distributed encryption scheme with identifiable abort

Evaluate the garbled circuit by running decryption algorithms

# Conclusion

Elementary reduction for all efficiently computable functions that achieve **full-security** against any  $t < n$  active corruptions is **unlikely**

**Existence** of elementary reduction for all efficiently computable functions that achieve **identifiable abort** against any  $t < n$  active corruptions.

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