# Breaking the Circuit-Size Barrier in Secret Sharing 

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## Base gates [Liu-Vaikuntanathan-Wee'18]

We define slice functions, there are $2^{\left(n_{n / 2}^{n}\right)}$ of them and they have secret scharing scheme with share size $2 \tilde{O}(\sqrt{n})$.

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$F_{\text {bot }}, F_{\text {top }}$ has monotone formula of size $2^{h(.49) \cdot n}=2^{\left(1-c^{\prime}\right) n}$
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$\Longrightarrow$ Share size of $F_{\text {mid }}=2^{(1-c) n}$
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$\Longrightarrow$ Share size of $F=2^{(1-c) n}+2 \cdot 2^{\left(1-c^{\prime}\right) n}$

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Share size $=\tilde{\Theta}\left(2^{n / 2}\right)$

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$$
\text { size: } 2^{0.999 n}
$$

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## Corollary: Monotone Span Program Complexity

Every monotone $F$ has a monotone span program of size $2^{0.999 n}$.

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[Yek'08,Efr'09,DG'15]

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