

Asynchronous Secure Multiparty Computation in Constant Time

[PKC'16]

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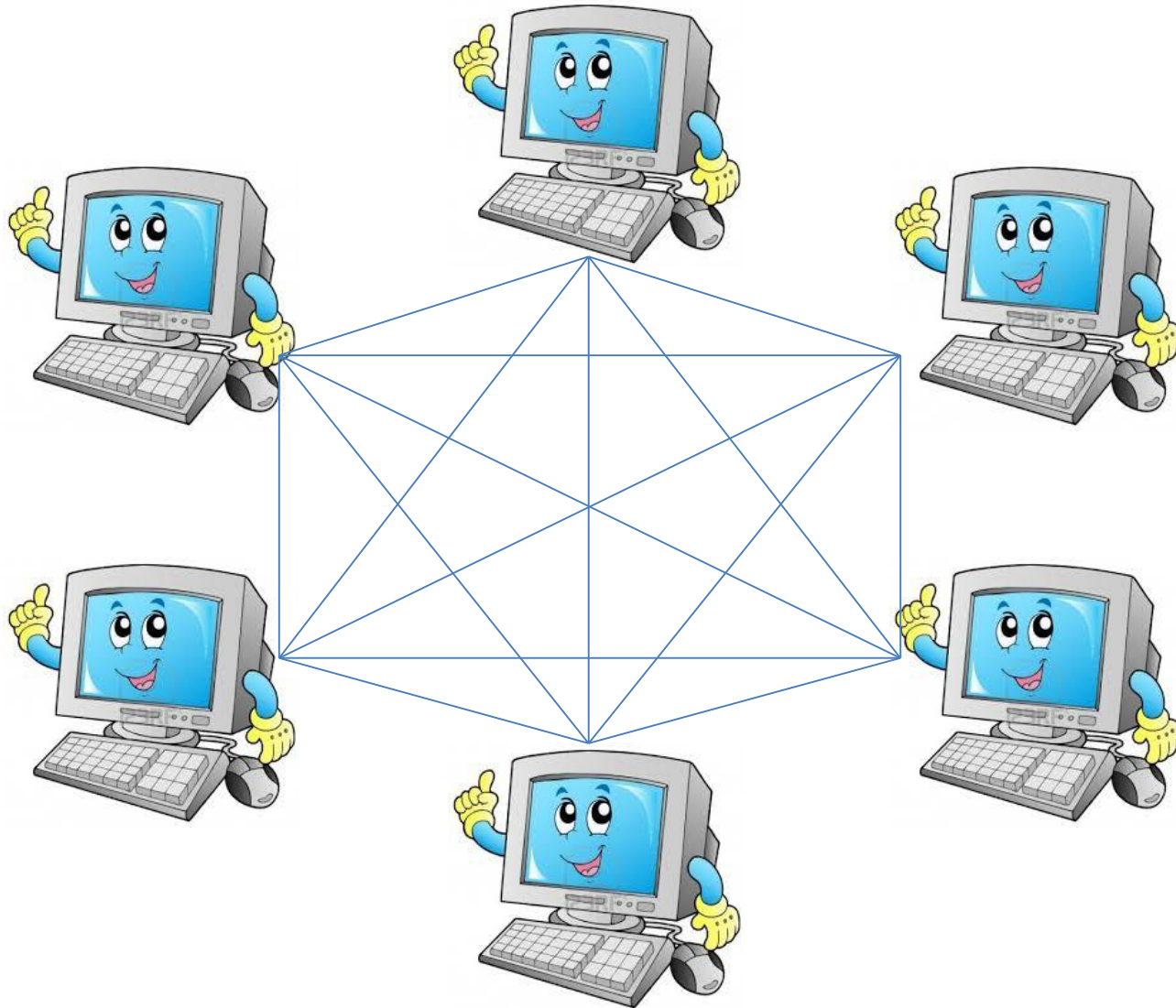
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Information Sharing

- A **terrorist threat** over the world
- Several **intelligence agencies** try to stop it
- Each agency has **secret data** – can't stop attack alone
- If **sufficiently many** agencies join forces – they can stop the attack together
- The terrorists have **double agents** in some agencies
- The terrorists can **delay communication**

Can the world be saved in time?

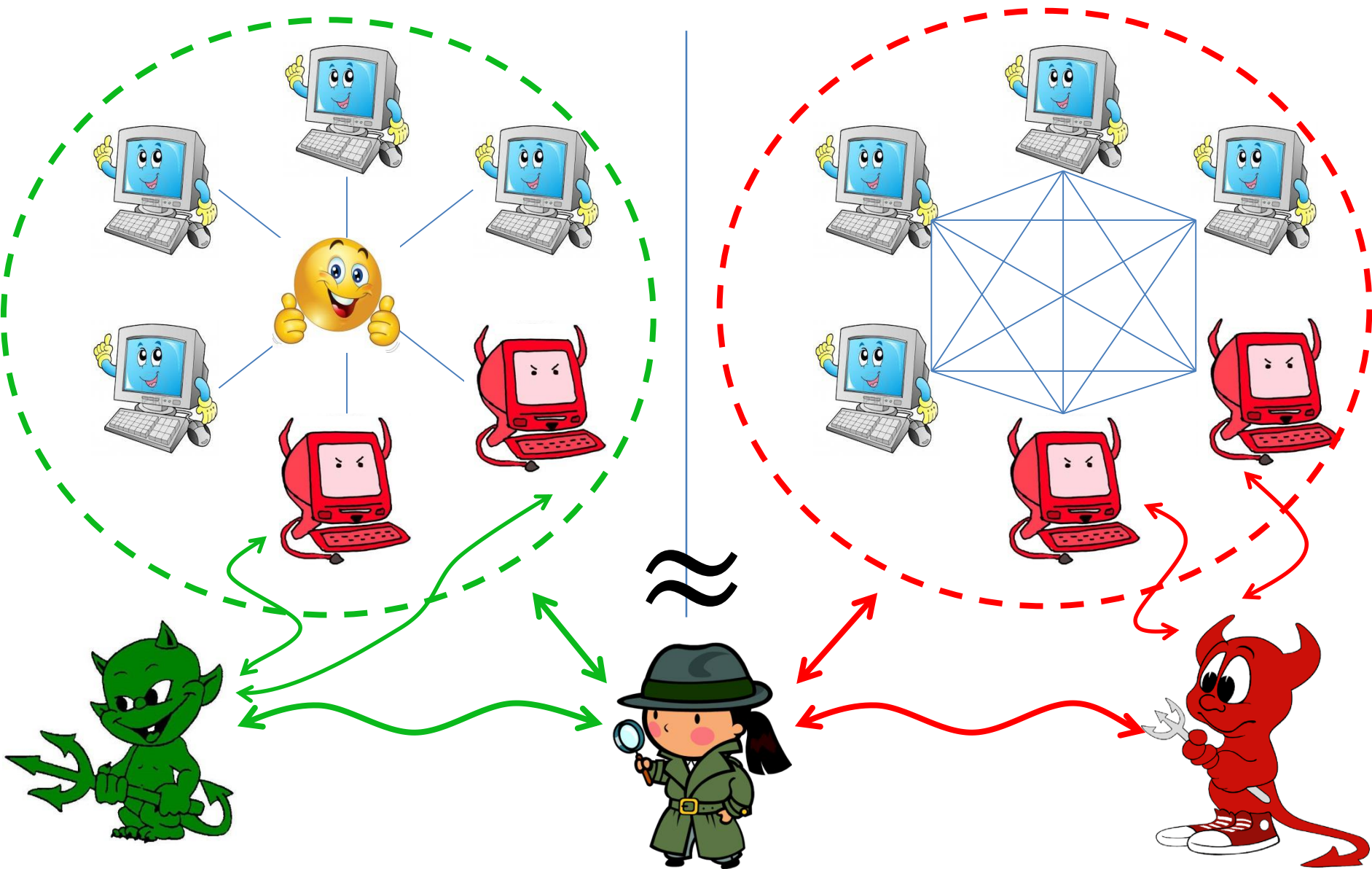
Secure Multiparty Computation



Security Requirements

- **Correctness**: parties obtain correct output (even if some parties misbehave)
- **Privacy**: only the output is learned (nothing else)
- **Input completeness**: the inputs of all honest parties are considered in the computation
- **Guaranteed termination**: the computation completes after a finite number of steps

Simulation-Based Security



Communication Model

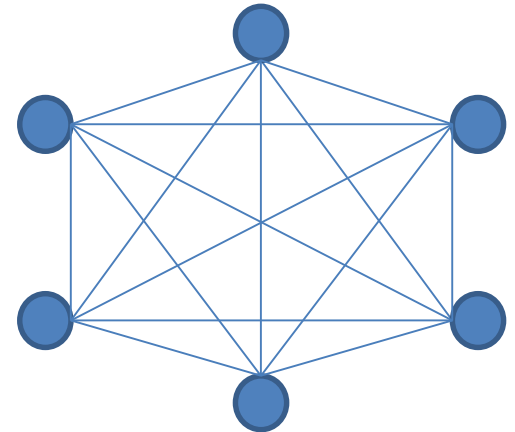


Point-to-Point (P2P) Model

Authenticated communication lines between every pair of parties

Message delivery:

- Synchronous
- Asynchronous (with eventual delivery)
- Fully-asynchronous (no guaranteed delivery)



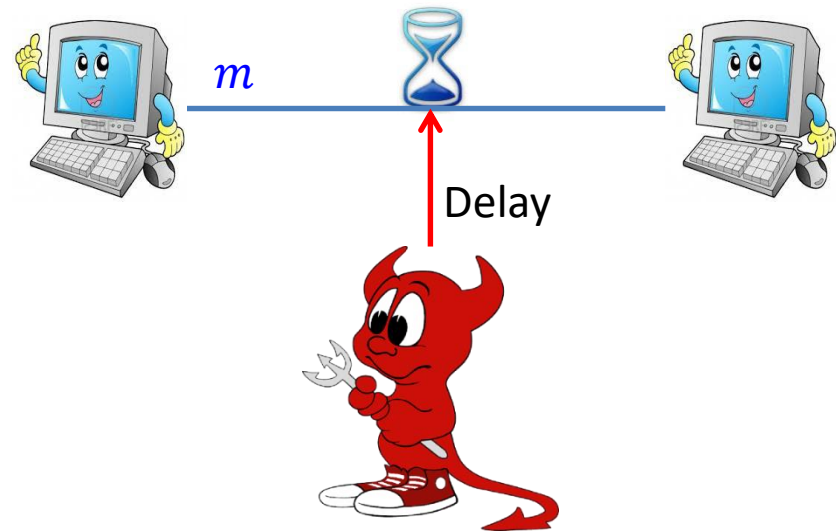
Message Delivery

- Synchronous communication
 - Guaranteed delivery (within known time window)
 - Round structure (time-outs)
 - Mainly used in stand-alone setting
- Fully-asynchronous communication
 - *A* has **full control** over message delivery
 - Delivery of each message is **not guaranteed**
 - The communication model in UC [[Canetti'01](#)]

Asynchronous with Eventual Delivery

- Delivery of each message is **guaranteed**
- *A* has control over **timing** of message delivery
- Eventual-delivery channels [KMTZ'13]
(arbitrary & finite delay)

Time complexity:
Normalize the maximal
delay of a message to **1**



ED-Asynchronous – Main Obstacle

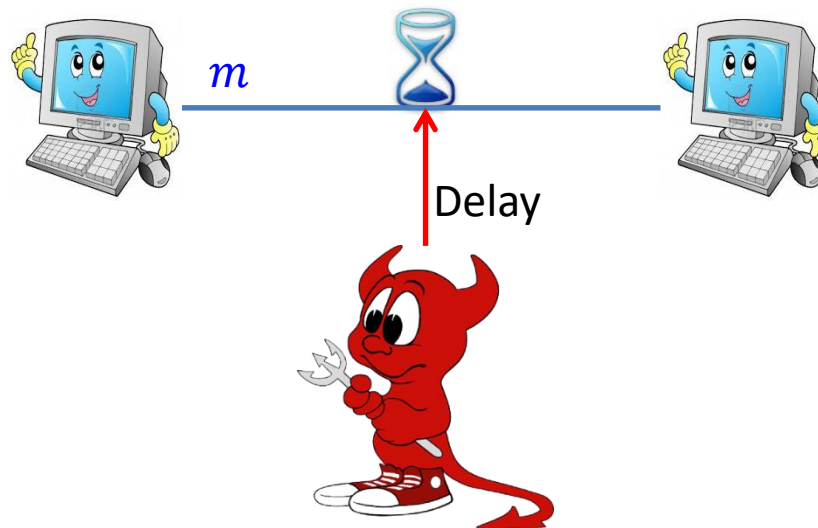
No time-out

Honest parties cannot distinguish between:

- 1) A corrupted party not sending a message



- 2) An honest party whose messages are delayed



Asynchronous Byzantine Agreement (ABA)

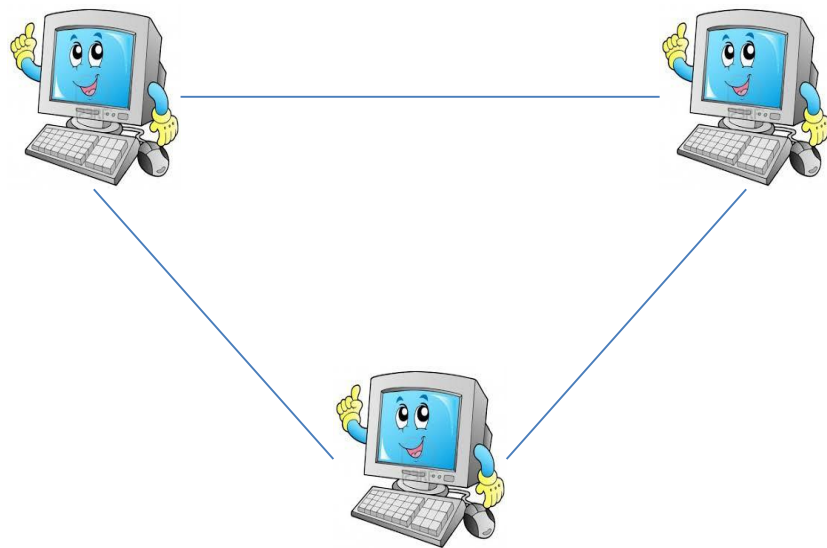
Each party P_i has an input bit $x_i \in \{0,1\}$

- **Agreement:** all honest parties output the same bit
- **Validity:** if all honest parties have the same input, this is the common output

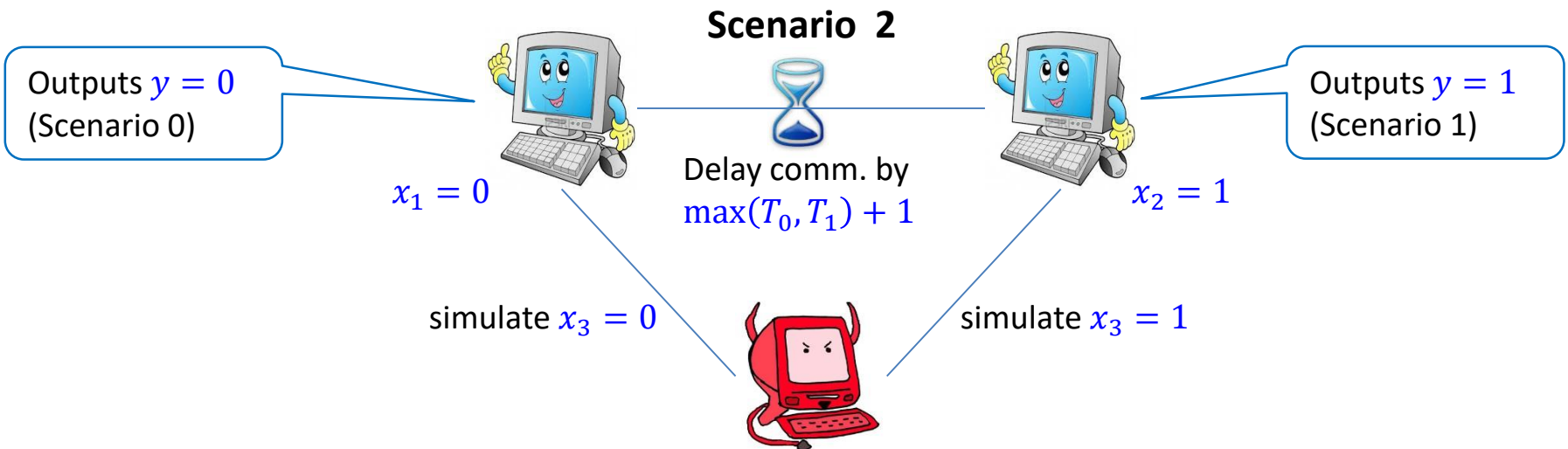
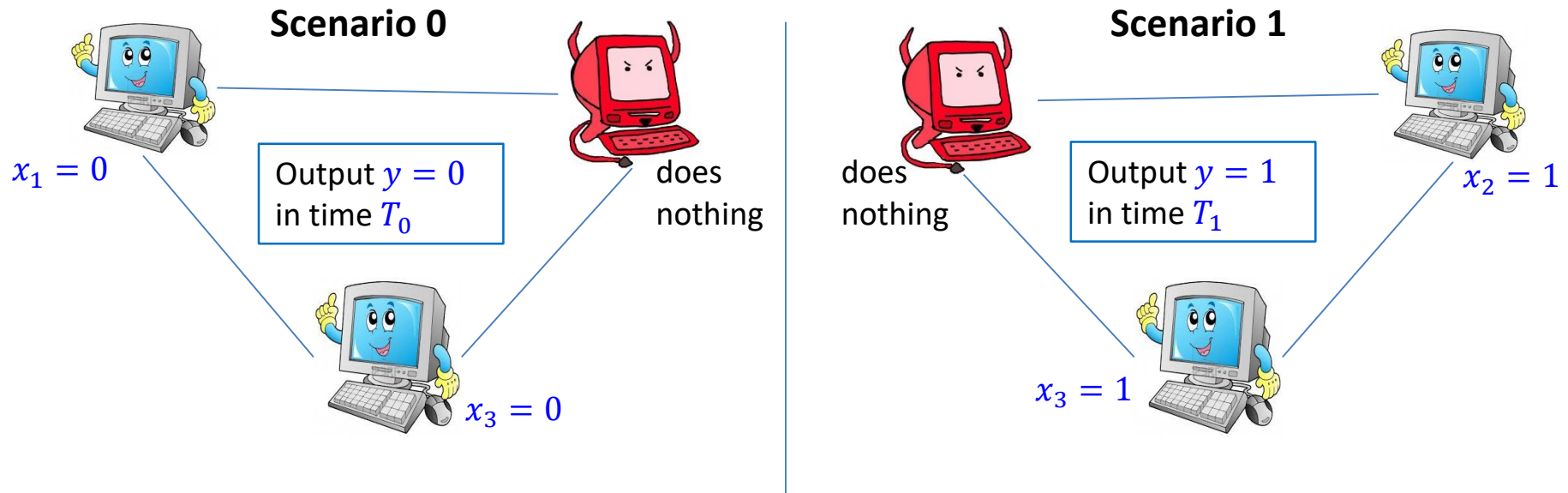
Thm [Toueg'84]: No ABA for $t \geq n/3$ (even with PKI)

Proof

Assume that a 3-party protocol is secure for $t = 1$



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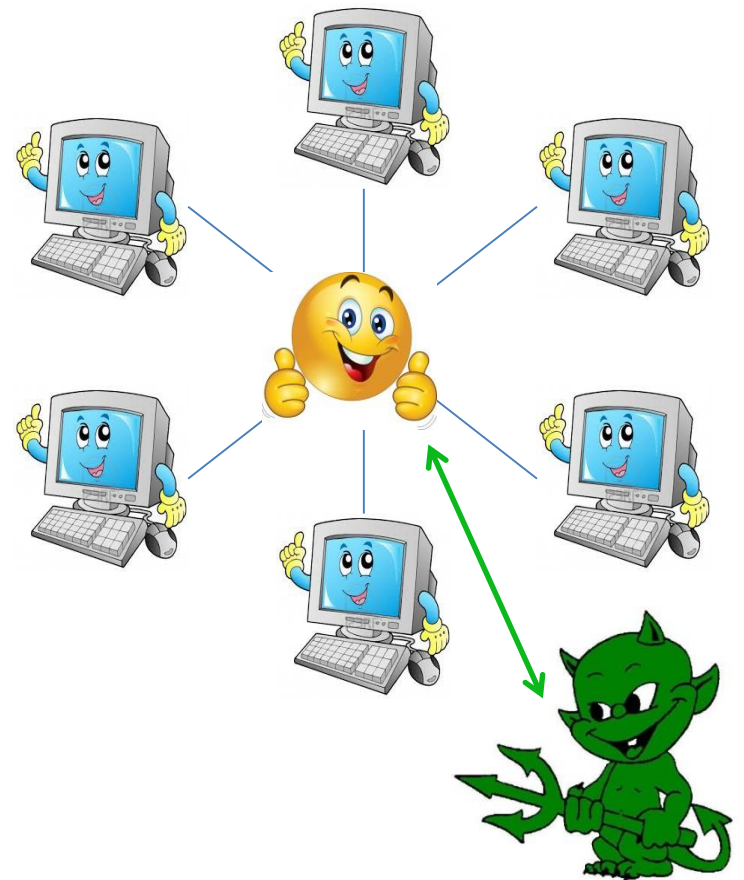
Known Feasibility Results

	Synchronous [GMW'87] [BGW'88]	Fully Asynchronous [CLOS'02]	ED Asynchronous [CLOS'02] [BCG'93] [BKR'94]	
Input Completeness	✓	✓	✓	✗
Guaranteed Termination	✓	✗	✗	✓
Constant Time	✓ [BMR'90]	✓ [IPS'08]	✓ [IPS'08]	?
Comm. ind. of f	✓ [AJLTVW'12]	✓ [AJLTVW'12]	✓ [AJLTVW'12]	?

The Ideal Model

No input completeness with guaranteed termination:

- \mathcal{A} specifies a core-set \mathcal{C} of $n - t$ input providers (t might be corrupted)
- When \mathcal{T} receives inputs for \mathcal{C} :
 - fix default inputs for $\mathcal{P} \setminus \mathcal{C}$
 - compute $y = f(x)$
 - prepare (y, \mathcal{C}) as output
- Each party requests the output from \mathcal{T}
- \mathcal{A} can instruct \mathcal{T} to ignore an arbitrary (polynomial) number of requests from P_i



Our Results

Theorem:

Assuming **threshold signatures** and **threshold FHE**:

- 1) There exists a **constant-time** AMPC protocol in the **ABA-hybrid** model, for $t < n/2$
Communication complexity independent of the circuit
- 2) There exists an **expected constant-time** AMPC protocol, for $t < n/3$

No constant-time protocols [FLP'85]

(2) follows from (1) using the concurrent ABA protocol of [BE'03]

Warmup – Multiparty ZKP

A prover P proves a statement x to all other parties

– **Threshold signatures:** sk is $(n - t)$ -out-of- n secret shared ($n - t$ signature shares are needed to sign)

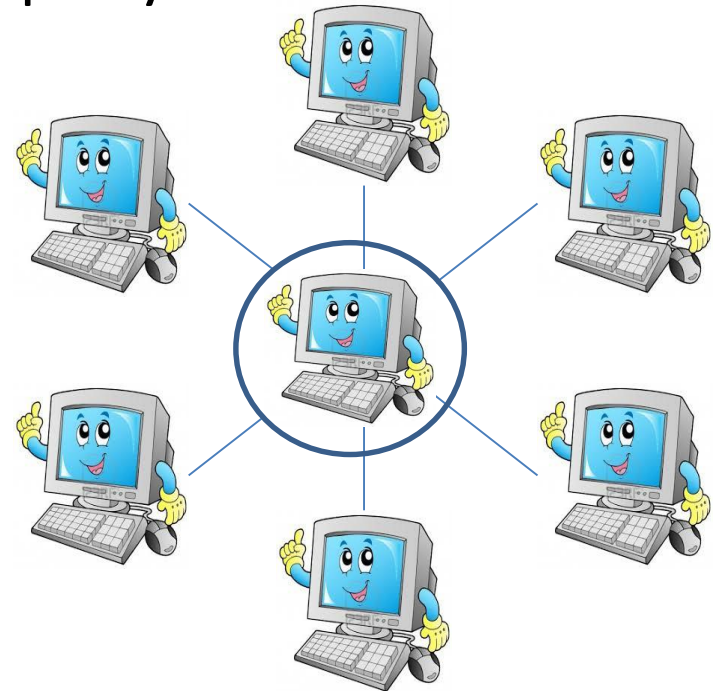
1) P proves x to each party V_i (using 2-party ZKP)

2) Once V_i accepts the proof signs a share σ_i for $\langle x \text{ is valid} \rangle$

3) V_i proves to P that σ_i valid (2-ZKP)

4) Upon receiving $n - t$ valid shares P reconstructs signature σ

5) σ is a non-interactive proof for x



The Protocol (Builds on [HNP'08])

Threshold FHE: sk is $(t + 1)$ -out-of- n secret shared
($t + 1$ decryption shares are needed to decrypt)

- Pre-process: key distribution

Distribute keys for threshold signatures and threshold FHE schemes

- 1) Input-distribution phase
- 2) Computation and threshold-decryption phase
- 3) Termination phase

Input-Distribution Phase

Goal: agree on a core-set of $n - t$ input providers and their encrypted inputs

- 1) Each P_i computes $c_i \leftarrow Enc_{pk}(x_i)$ and proves to all parties knowledge of the plaintext
- 2) P_i collects valid proofs from $n - t$ parties $A_i = \{P_{i_1}, \dots, P_{i_{n-t}}\}$, and sends the set A_i to all the parties
- 3) P_i collects $n - t$ such sets $\{A_{j_1}, \dots, A_{j_{n-t}}\}$, denotes $A = \cup A_j$
- 4) For every $k \in [n]$ run ABA with input 1 iff $P_k \in A$
- 5) Let w_k be the k th ABA result. Set $C = \{P_k \mid w_k = 1\}$

Computation and Threshold Decryption

Goal: evaluate the circuit and decrypt result

- 1) Party P_i sets default inputs for $\mathcal{P} \setminus C$ and evaluates the circuit over $\{c_j\}_{j \in C}$, obtaining \tilde{c}
- 2) P_i decrypts \tilde{c} (obtains share of the output) distributes to all parties proves correctness
- 3) When P_i collects $t + 1$ valid decryption shares, reconstructs the output y
- 4) Next, P_i distributes y and proves correctness

Termination Phase

Goal: ensure termination of all honest parties

(After P_i obtains output he must assist proving other parties' statements)

Using **Bracha-style termination:**

- When P_i receives $t + 1$ messages for the output y with a valid proof, it accepts y and forwards the proof
- When P_i receives $n - t$ messages for the output y with a valid proof, it terminates

Summary

- 1) Constant-time AMPC in ABA-hybrid for $t < n/2$
 - 2) Expected constant-time AMPC for $t < n/3$
- Communication complexity independent of f

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