

Information Theoretic Cryptography

Introduction

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Cryptography

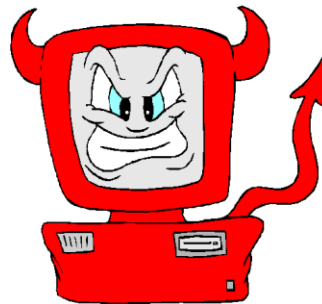
Communication and Computation
in the presence of adversary



Honest party



Honest party



Adversary

Cryptography

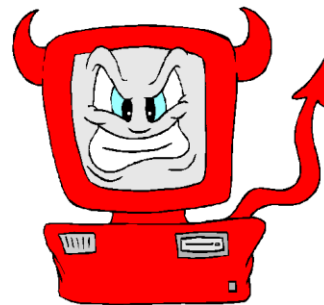
- Encryption
- Authentication



Honest party



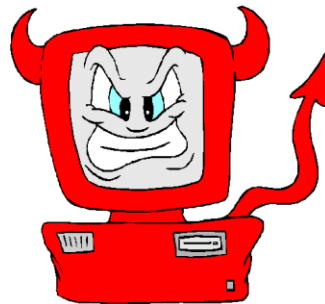
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Cryptography

- Commitments
- Coin Tossing
- ZK-Proofs
- Secure Computation



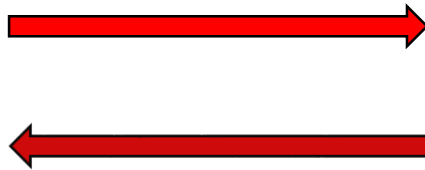
Adversary

Computational Cryptography

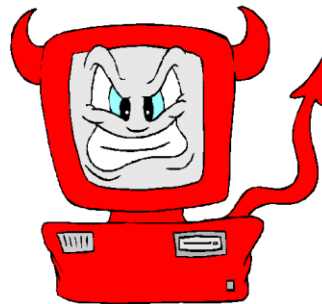
Exploit **computational limitation** to achieve privacy/authenticity/...



Poly-bounded

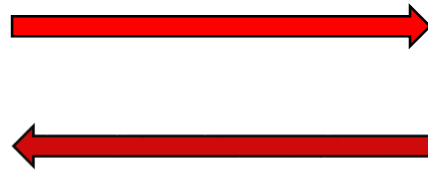


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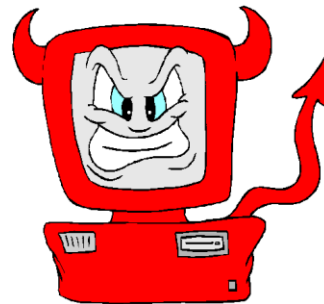


Information-Theoretic **Cryptography**

Exploit **information gaps** to achieve privacy/authenticity/...



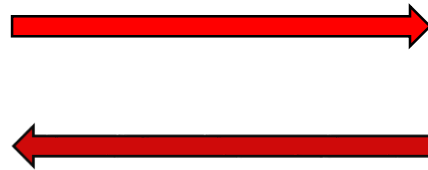
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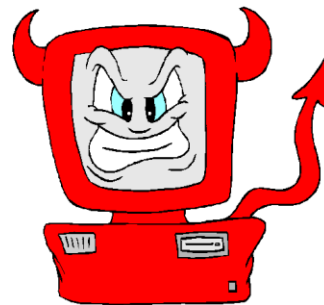
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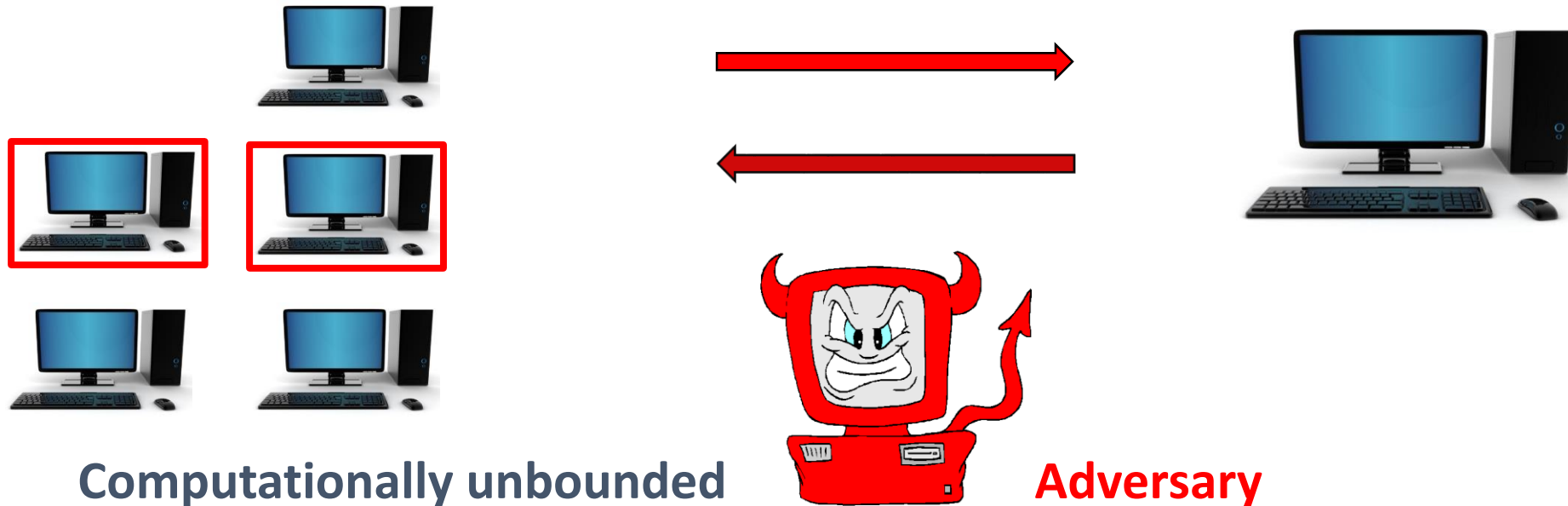
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(Shallow) Comparison

Computational Cryptography

- Comp-limited adversary
- Unproven assumptions
- Composability issues

- Complicated def's

- Allows magic (PRG/PKC/OT/)
- Short keys
- May be comp. expensive

IT Cryptography

- Comp-unbounded adversary
- Unconditional (no assumptions)
- Good closure properties

- Easy to define and work with (concretely)

- No magic (useless w/o information gaps)
- Long keys/large communication
- Typically fast (for short messages)

The Crypto Tower

Obfustopia

Secure Computation

Public-Key

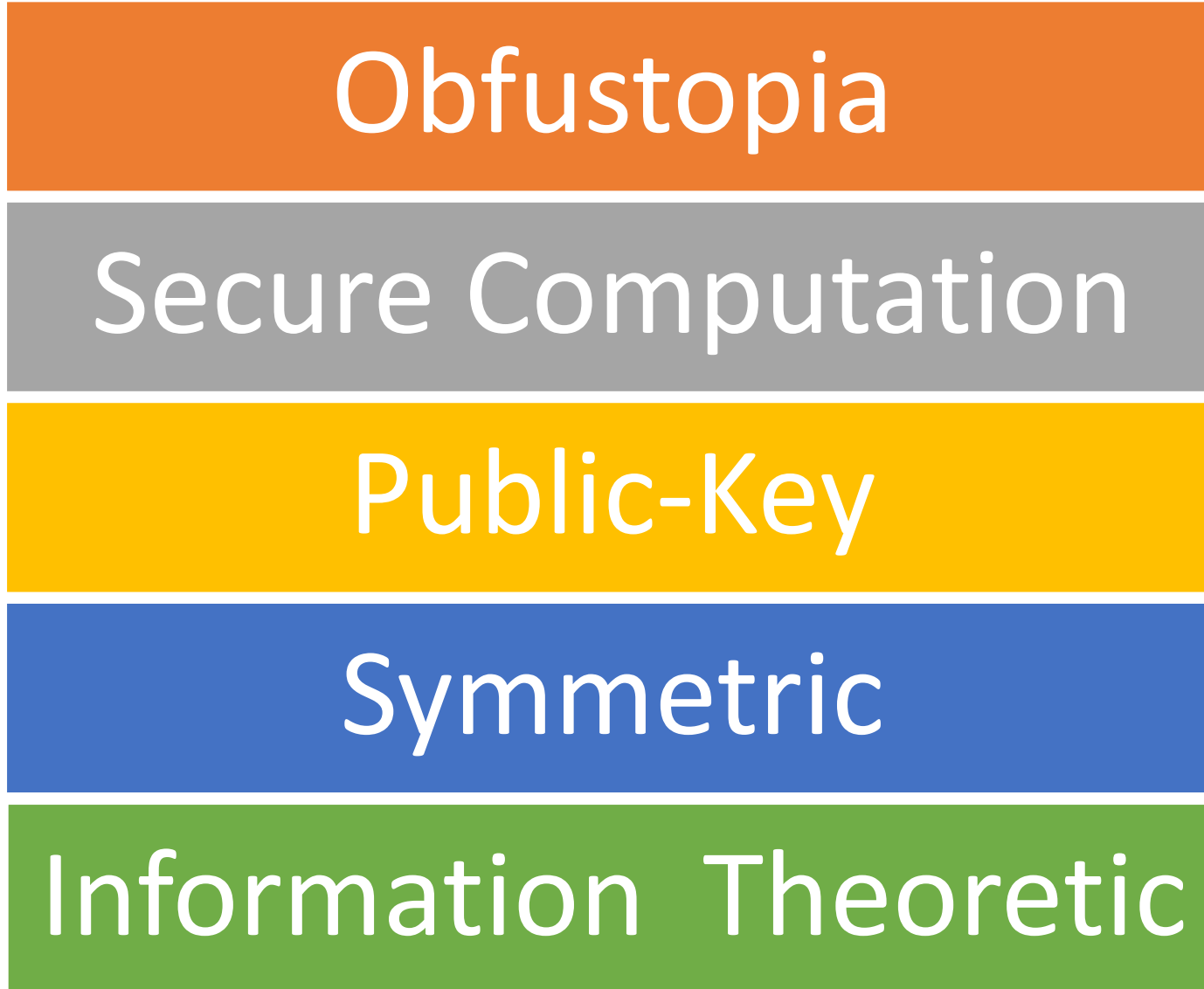
Symmetric

Information Theoretic

Assumption



The Crypto Tower



Obfuscation

OT

RSA

AES

One-time pad

Time
(per-bit)



The Crypto Tower: Realistic View

Obfuscation

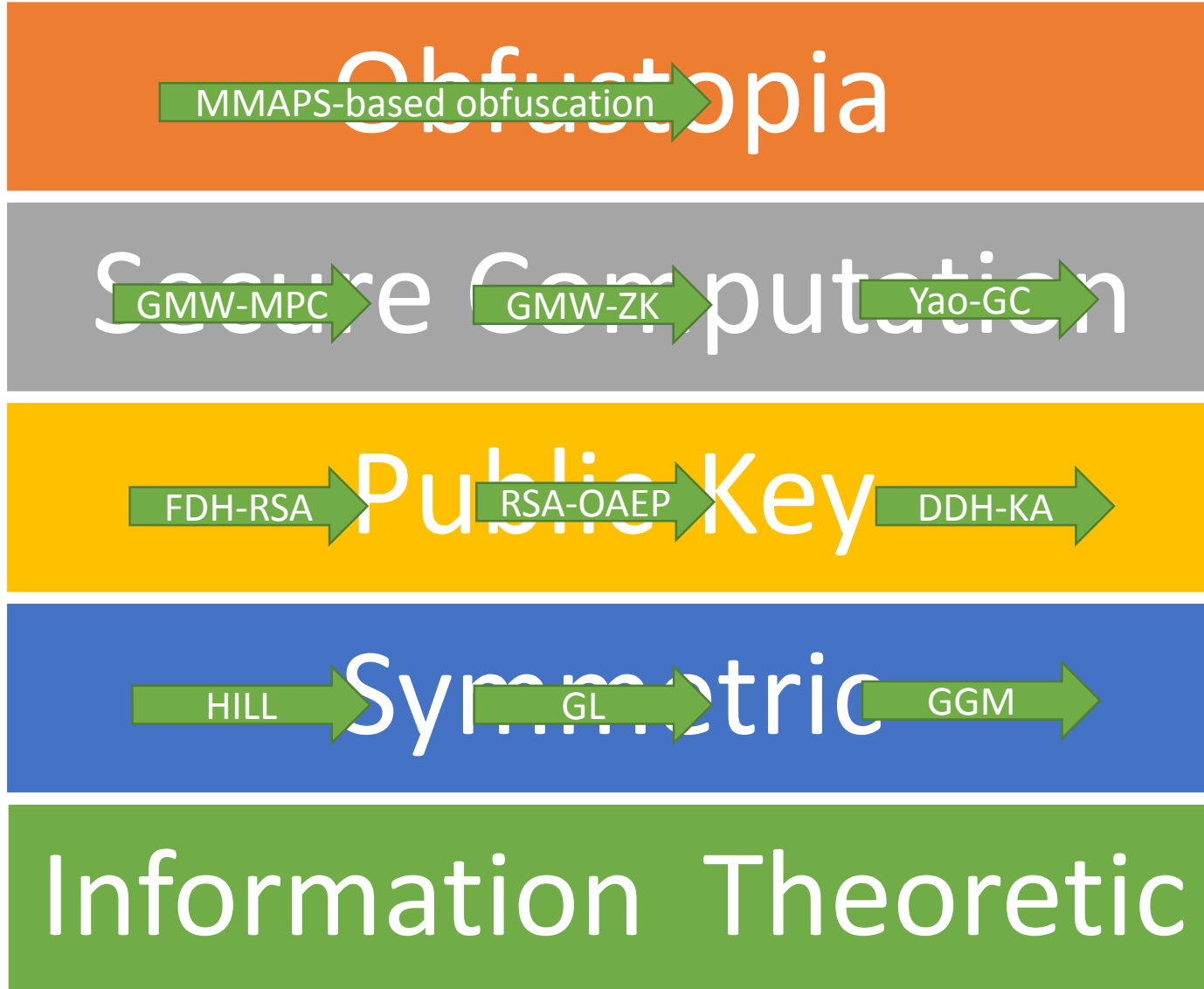
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The best of all worlds

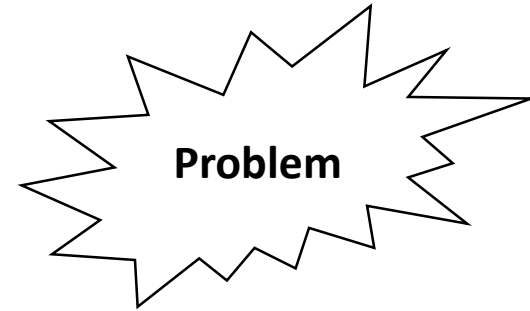
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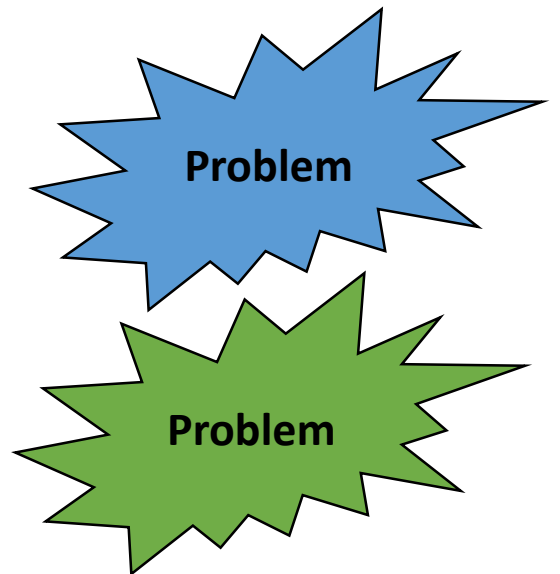
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Two Case Studies:

Perfect Encryption & Error Correcting Codes

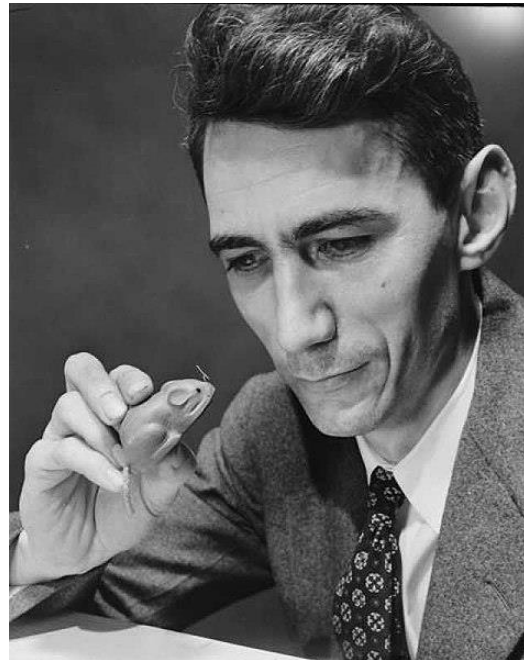


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Case Study 1: Perfect Encryption [Shannon 48]

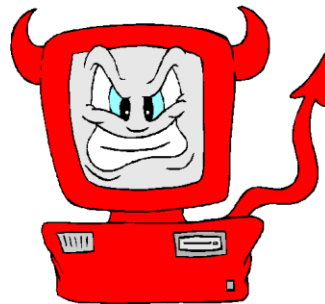
Message $M \in \{0,1\}^n$



Alice



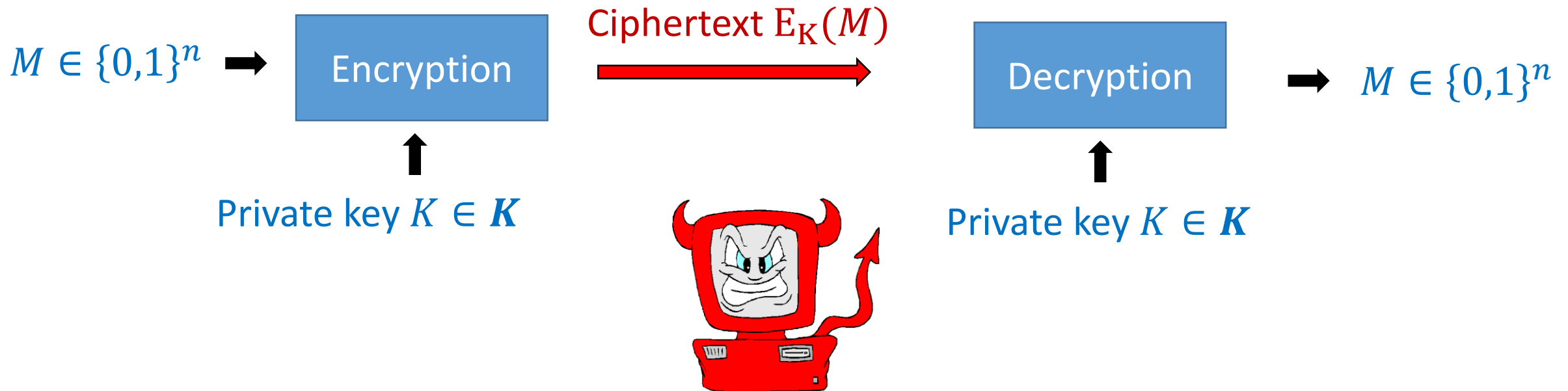
Bob



Case Study 1: Perfect Encryption [Shannon 48]

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where $K \in_R K$

$$E_K(X) \equiv E_K(Y)$$



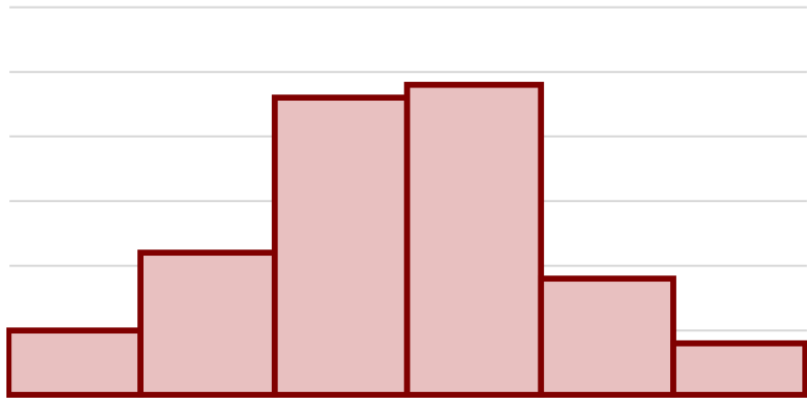
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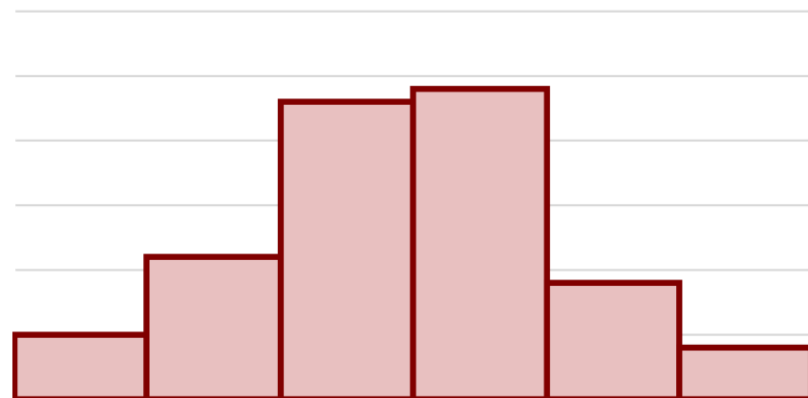
$$E_K(X) \equiv E_K(Y)$$

$$\forall C, \Pr_{K}[E_K(X) = C] = \Pr_{K}[E_K(Y) = C]$$

$E_K(X)$



$E_K(Y)$



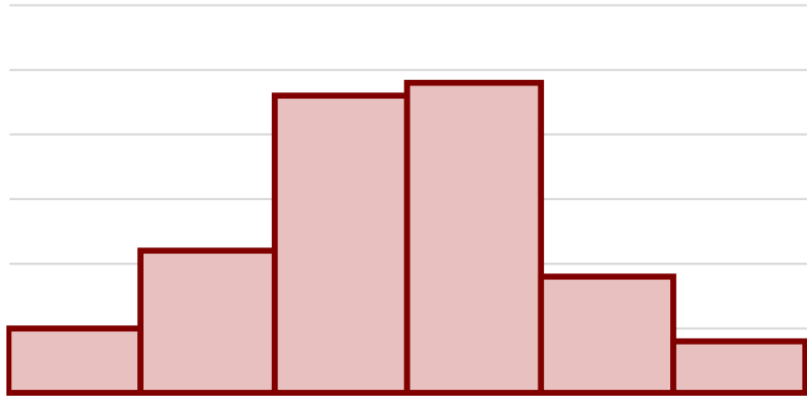
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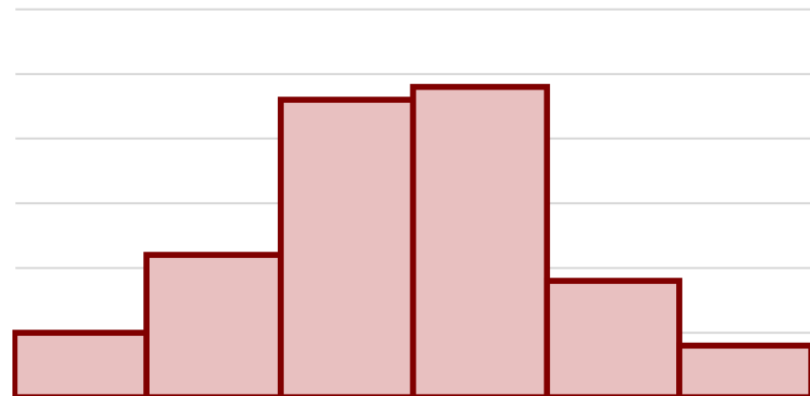
$$E_K(X) \approx E_K(Y)$$

\forall set of ciphertexts S , $\Pr_{K}[E_K(X) \in S] \approx_{\delta} \Pr_{K}[E_K(Y) \in S]$

$E_K(X)$



$E_K(Y)$



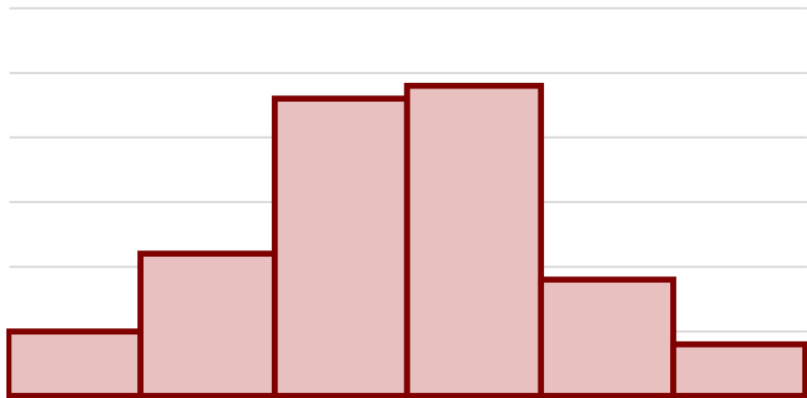
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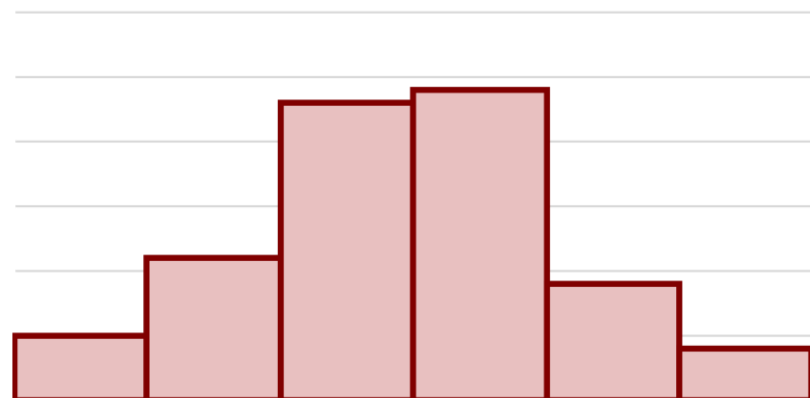
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$$\forall \text{ unbounded } Adv, \left| \Pr_K[Adv(E_K(X)) = 1] - \Pr_K[Adv(E_K(Y)) = 1] \right| \leq \delta$$

$E_K(X)$



$E_K(Y)$



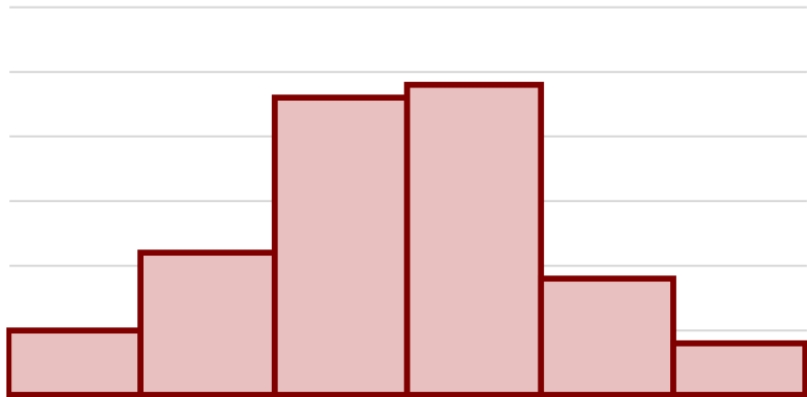
Computational Secrecy [GM'82]

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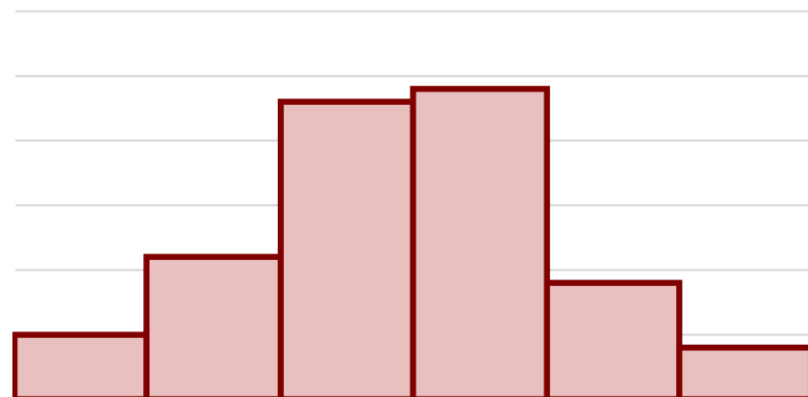
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One-Time Pad is Perfectly Secure

$$\forall X, Y, \quad E_K(X) \equiv E_K(Y)$$

Message
 $M \in G$



Encryption

$$E_K(M) = K + M$$



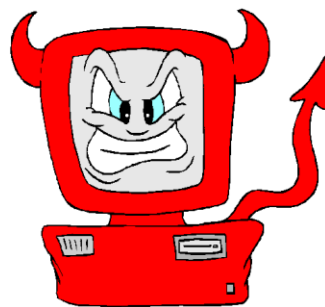
Decryption

$$D_K(C) = C - K$$

Private key $K \in_R G$



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Proof

$$\forall X, Y, \quad E_K(X) \equiv E_K(Y)$$

Claim: $\forall X, C, \Pr_K[E_K(X) = C] = 1/|G|$

$$\Pr_K[K + M = C] = \Pr_K[K = C - M] = 1/|G|$$

Put differently: For every X the mapping
$$K \mapsto E_K(X)$$

is a bijection from randomness space to ciphertext space

In fact, **non-degenerate linear mapping**

Efficiency Measures

Communication, Randomness, Round complexity

- OTP: Optimal !

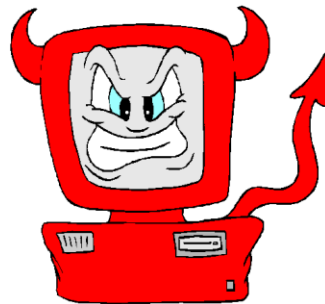
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Alice

Private key $K \in_R \{0,1\}^n$

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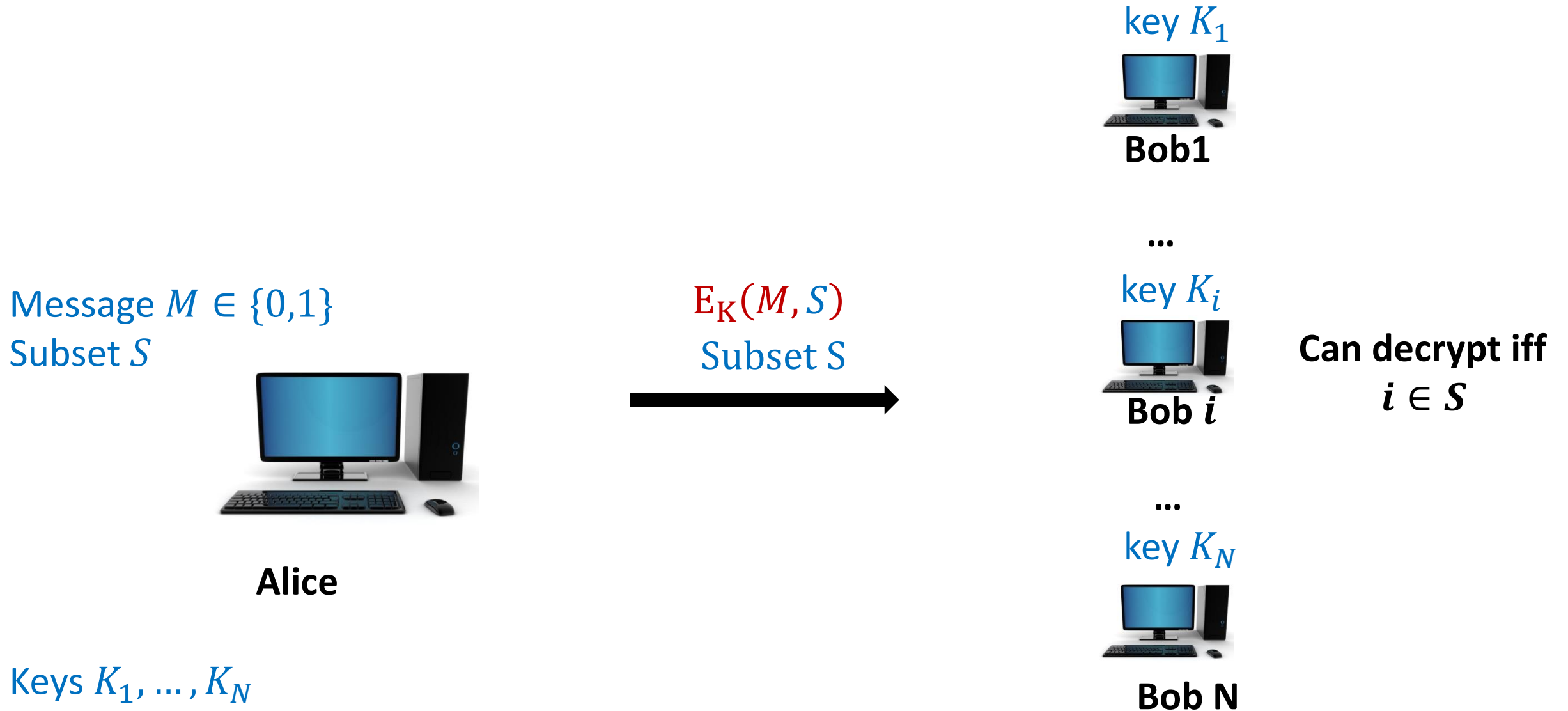
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Riddle: Broadcast Encryption [Fiat-Naor94]



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Communication?

Randomness (length of each key)?

Best tradeoffs?

Message $M \in \{0,1\}$

Subset S

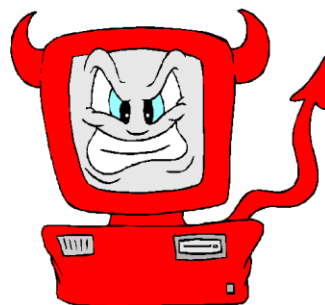


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Keys K_1, \dots, K_N

$E_K(M, S)$

Subset S



key K_1



Bob 1

...

key K_i



Bob i

Can decrypt iff

$i \in S$

...

key K_N



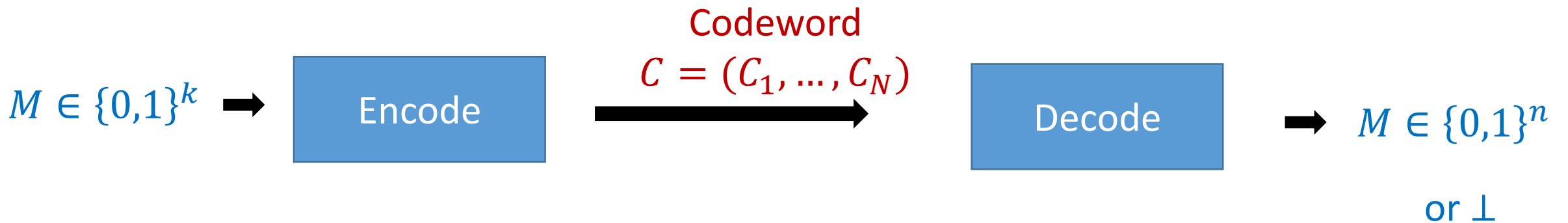
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Case Study 2: Error Correction/Detection

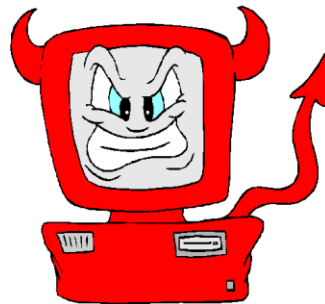
[Hamming47, Shannon48]

Shannon: Solutions with optimal communication overhead

- Random linear mapping is optimal [Varshamov]
- Later efficient constructions



Can tamper (erase/corrupt)
up to δ -fraction of symbols



Unified view: Distributed Storage

Coding setting:

Adv. actively corrupts/erase servers

Message $M \in \{0,1\}^k$



Alice

Encoding



C_1

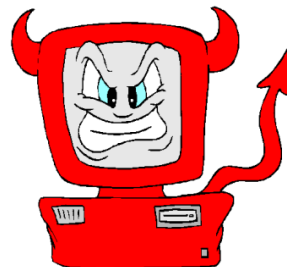


C_i



C_N

Bob N



Decoding



$M \in \{0,1\}^k$

Unified view: Distributed Storage

Secrecy setting:

Adversary passively corrupts servers

Message $M \in \{0,1\}^k$



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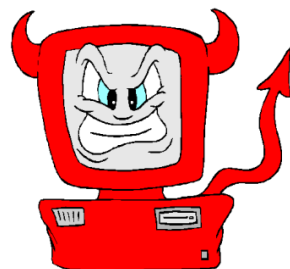


C_i



C_N

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Decoding



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K

Message $M \in \{0,1\}^k$

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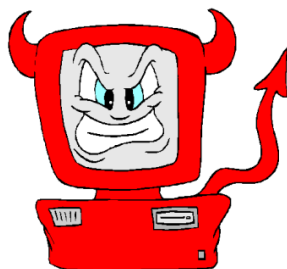
Decoding



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Alice



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Message $M \in \{0,1\}^k$



Alice

Encoding



K_1



K_i

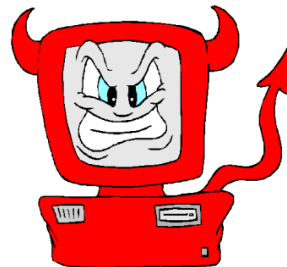


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Decoding



$M \in \{0,1\}^k$



$M + K_1 + \dots + K_N$

Can we achieve privacy & resiliency?

Secrecy setting:

Adversary passively corrupts servers

Message $M \in \{0,1\}^k$



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Encoding



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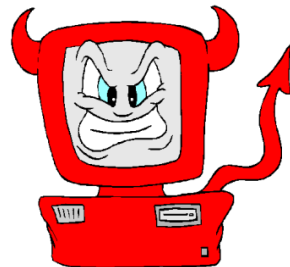
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Secret-Sharing (Gilad's talk)

Threshold setting:

Corruption bounds

$T_{active}, T_{erasure}, T_{passive}$

Message $M \in \{0,1\}^k$



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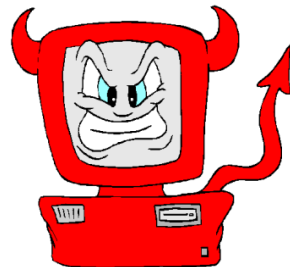
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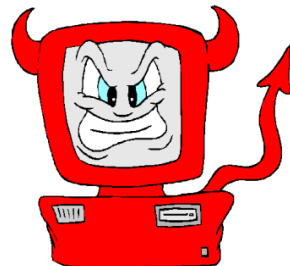
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C_i



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Decoding



$M \in \{0,1\}^k$

General Secret-Sharing (Benny's talk)

General corruption patterns:

- Related to Broadcast encryption problem
- Huge gaps between LBs and UBs

Message $M \in \{0,1\}^k$



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Encoding



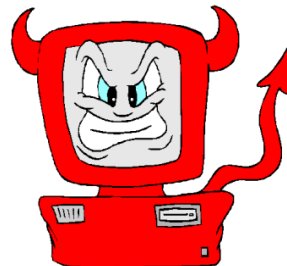
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Private Information Retrieval (Yuval+Klim)

Message $M \in \{0,1\}^k$



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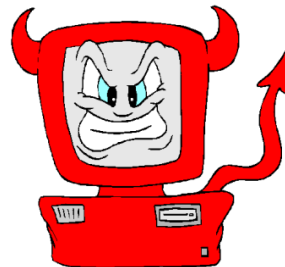


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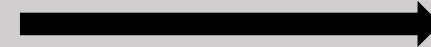


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Bob N

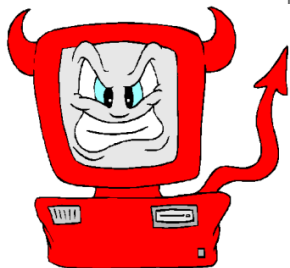
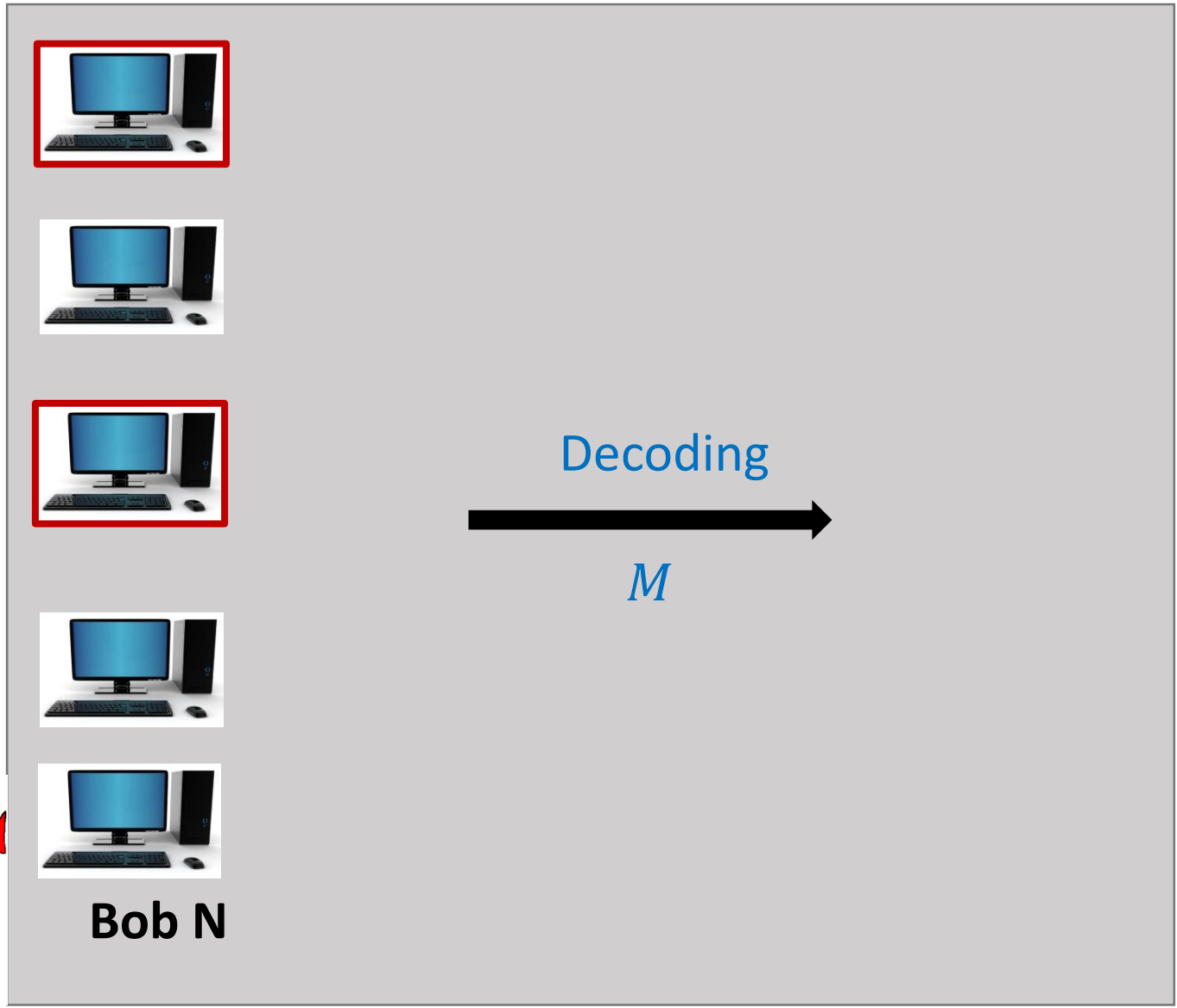


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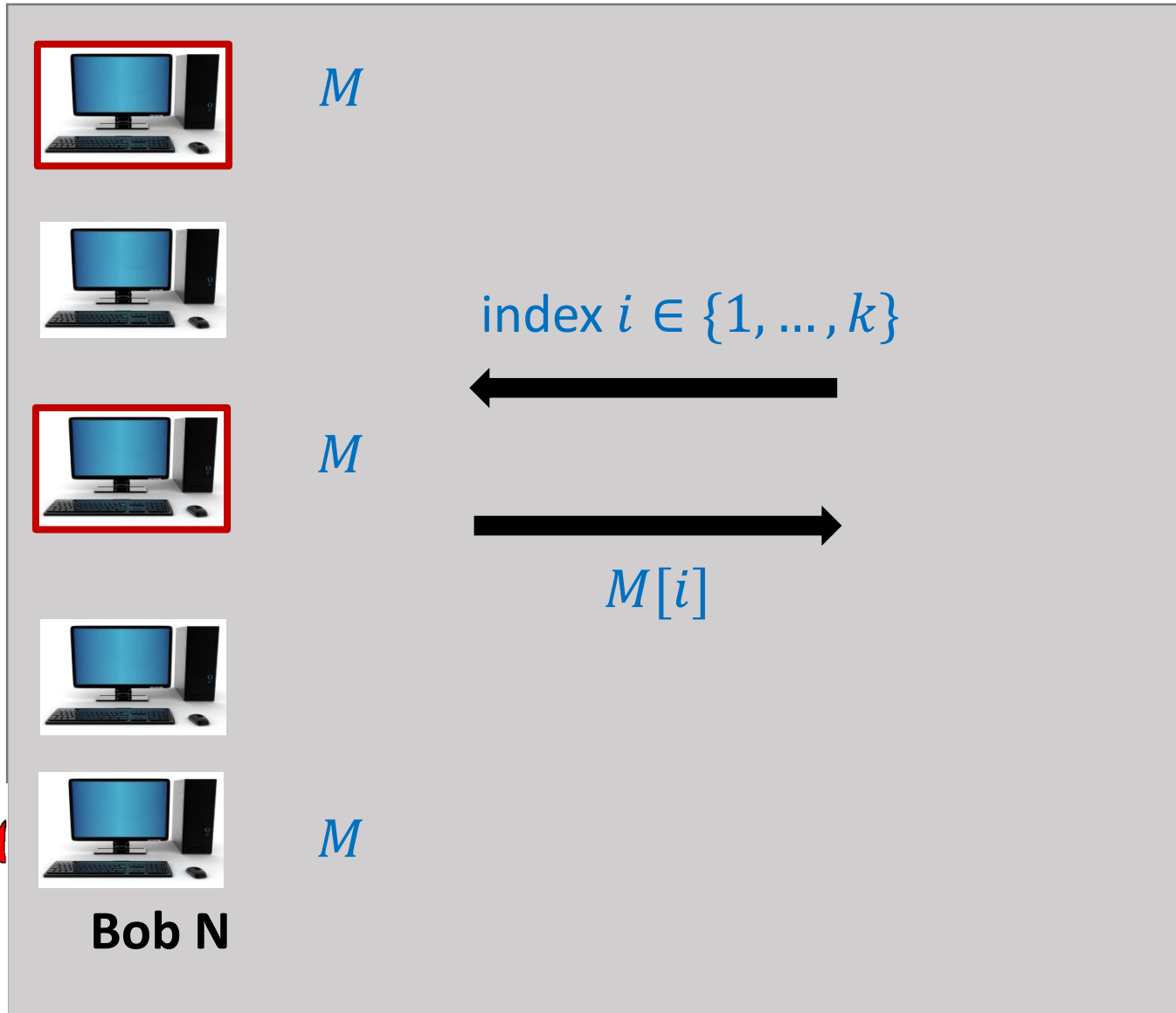


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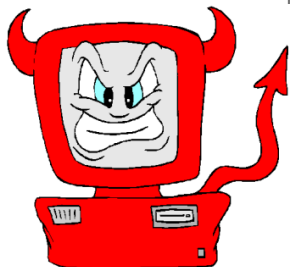
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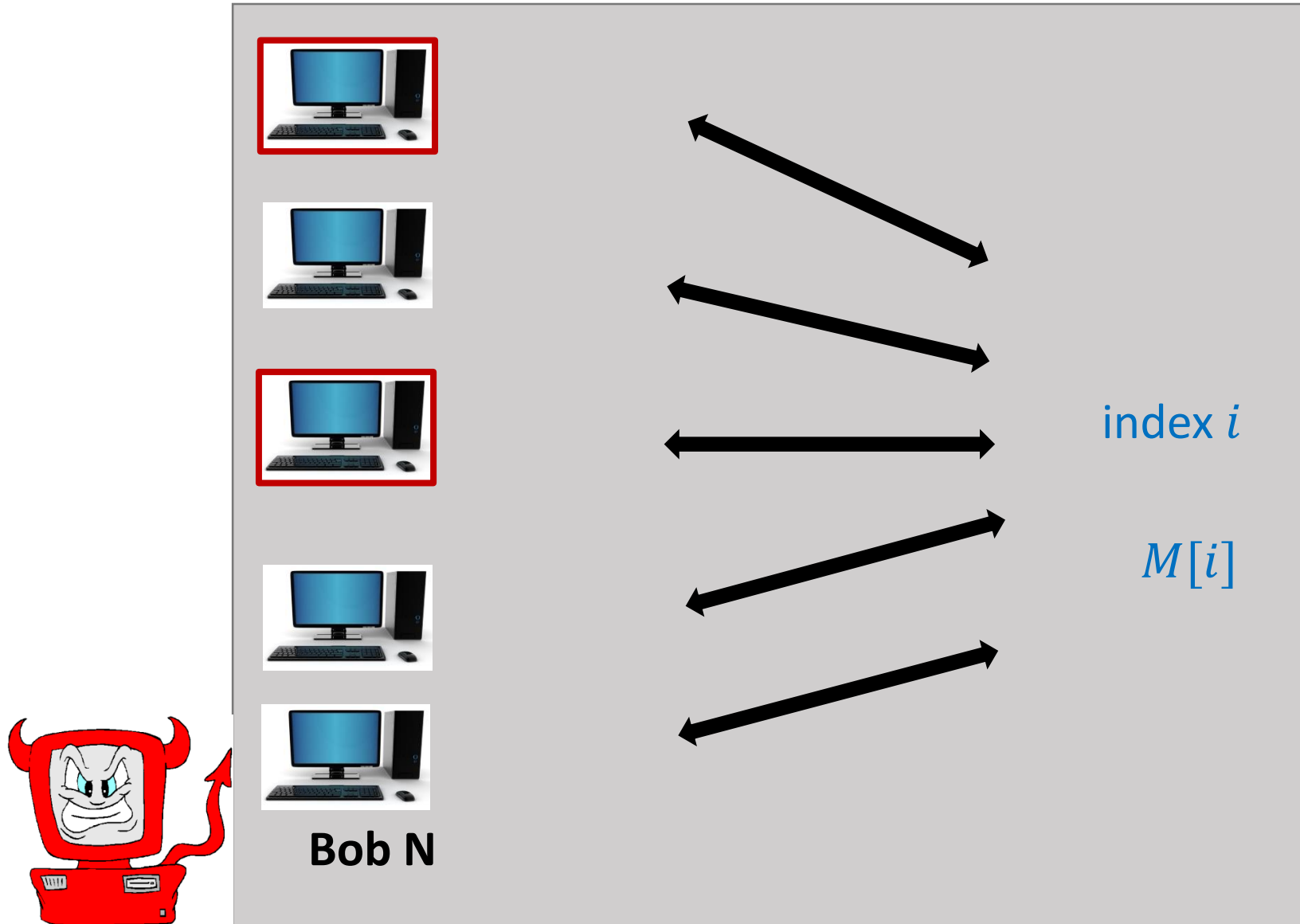
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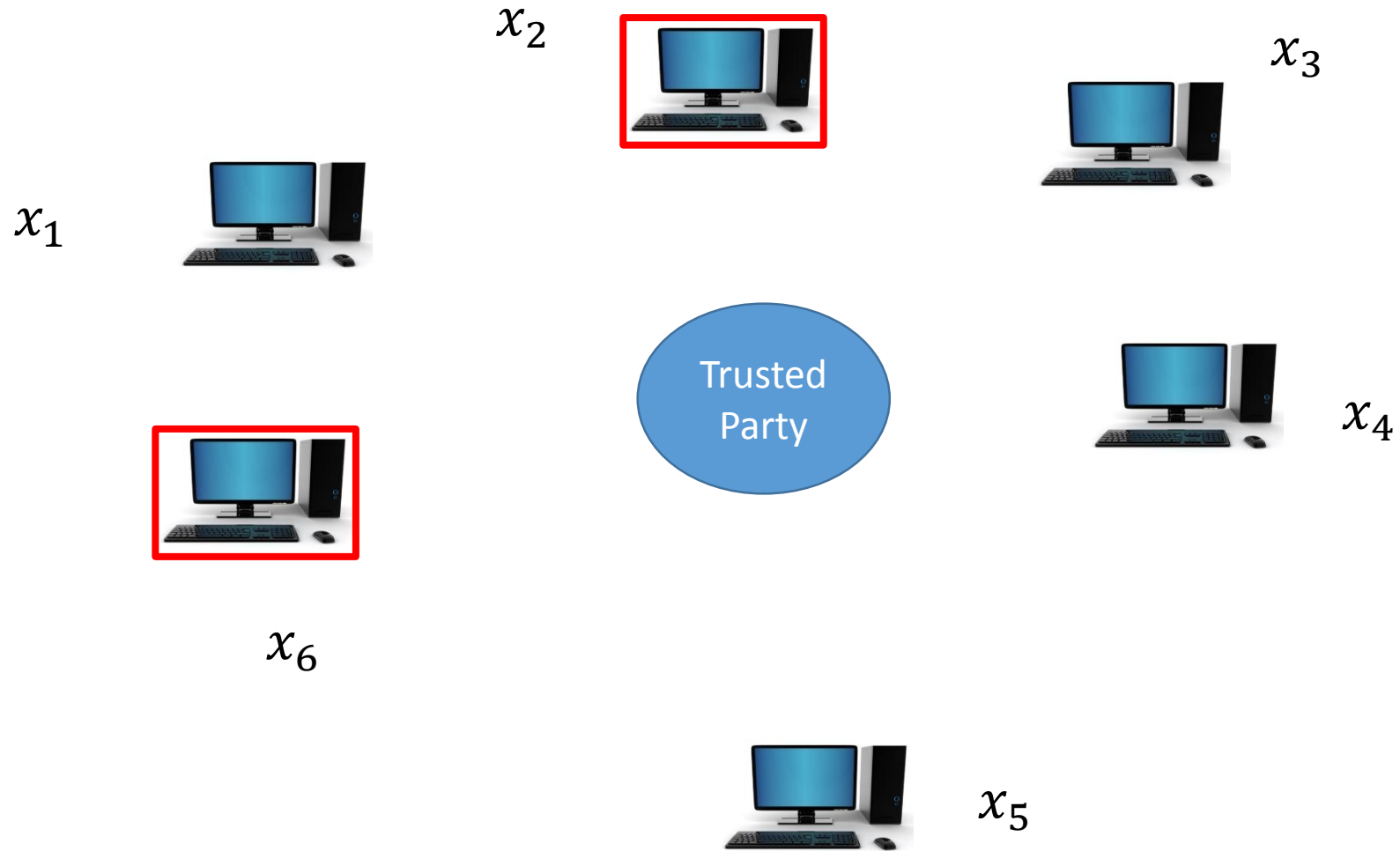
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- Power of non-linearity
- Huge gaps between LBs and UPs



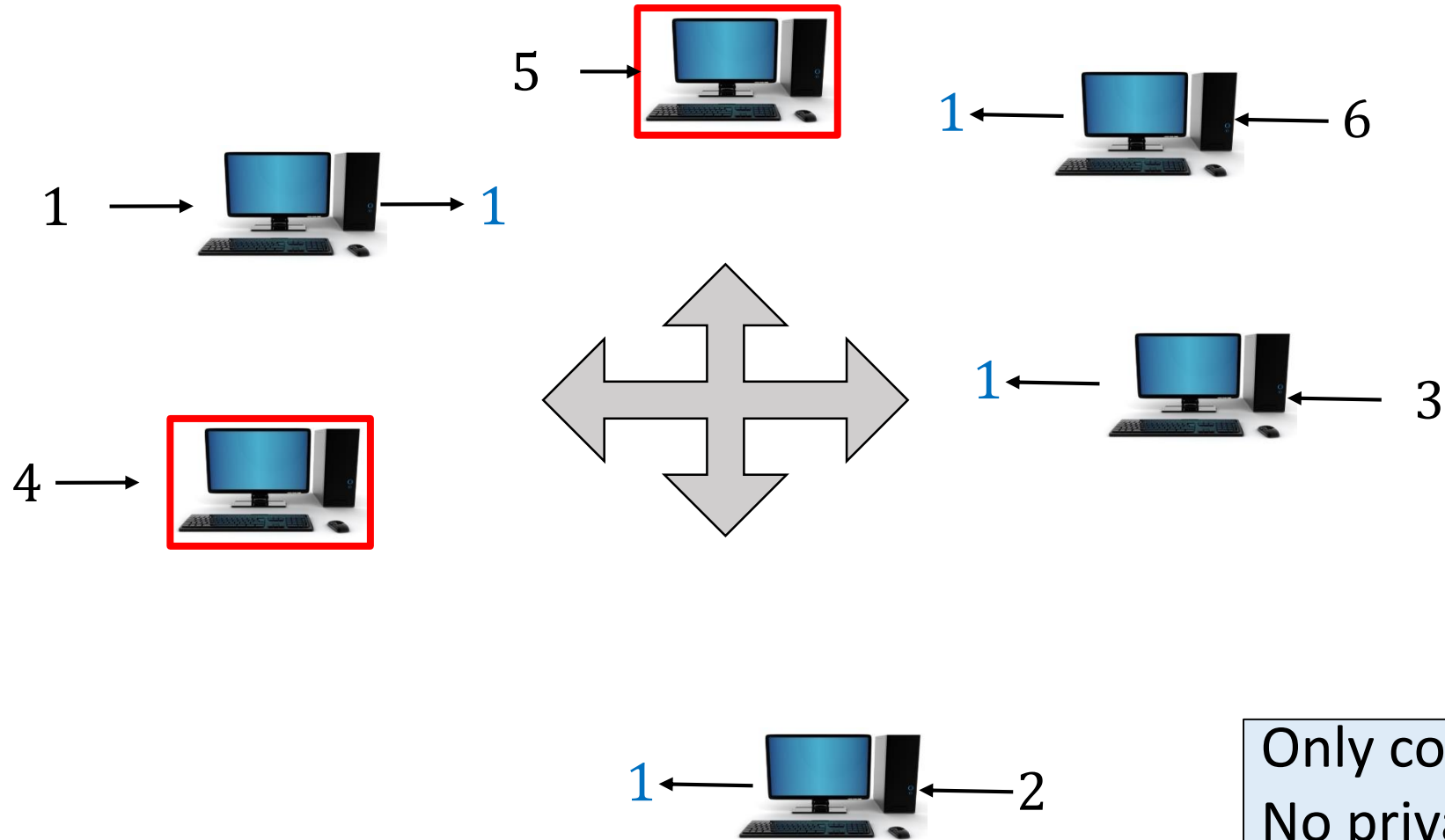
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Computation: Beyond Storage



Consensus (Ittai's talk)

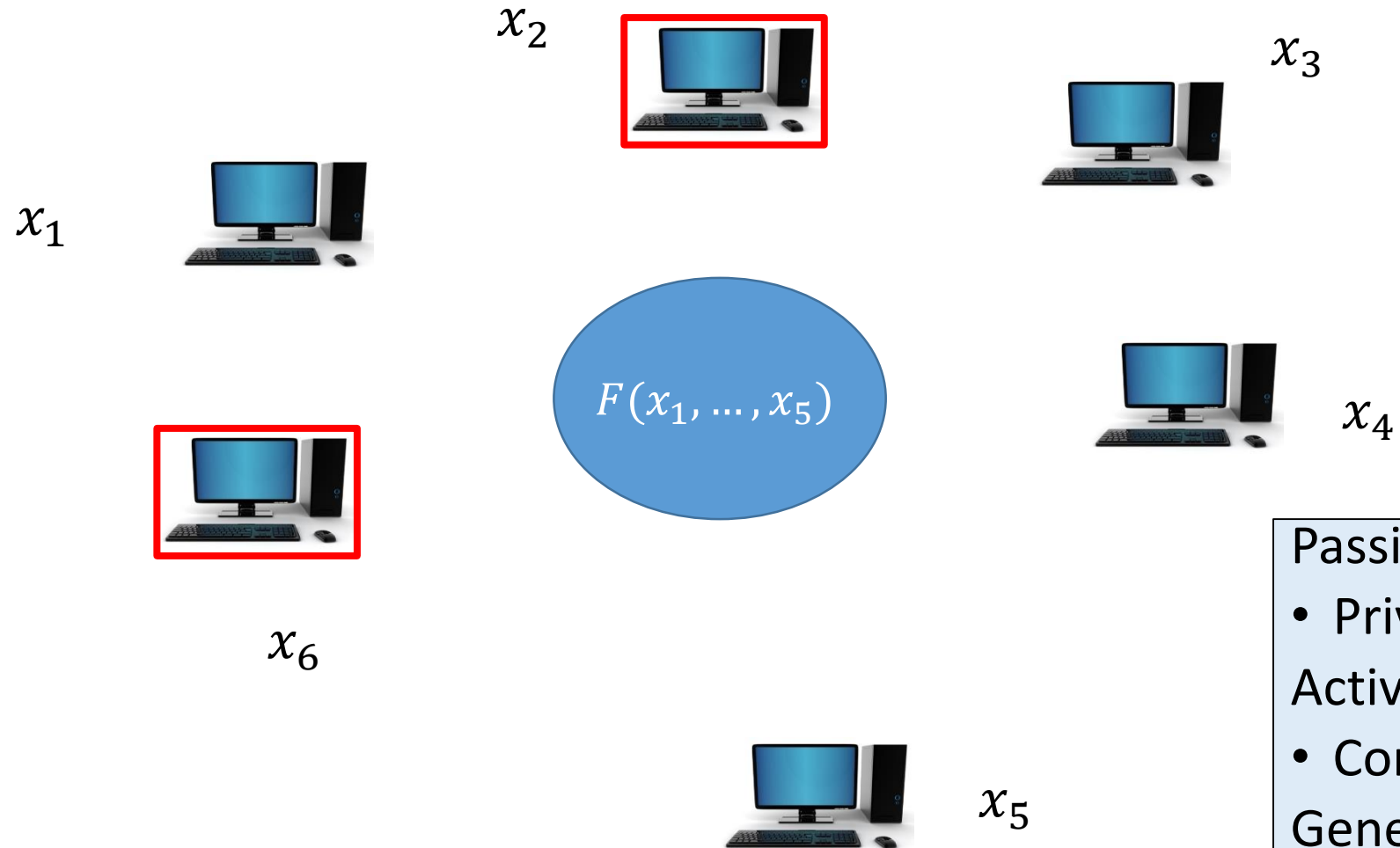
Achieving Agreement at the presence of failures/corruptions/delays



Only correctness requirement
No privacy requirements

General Secure Computation (Yuval's talk)

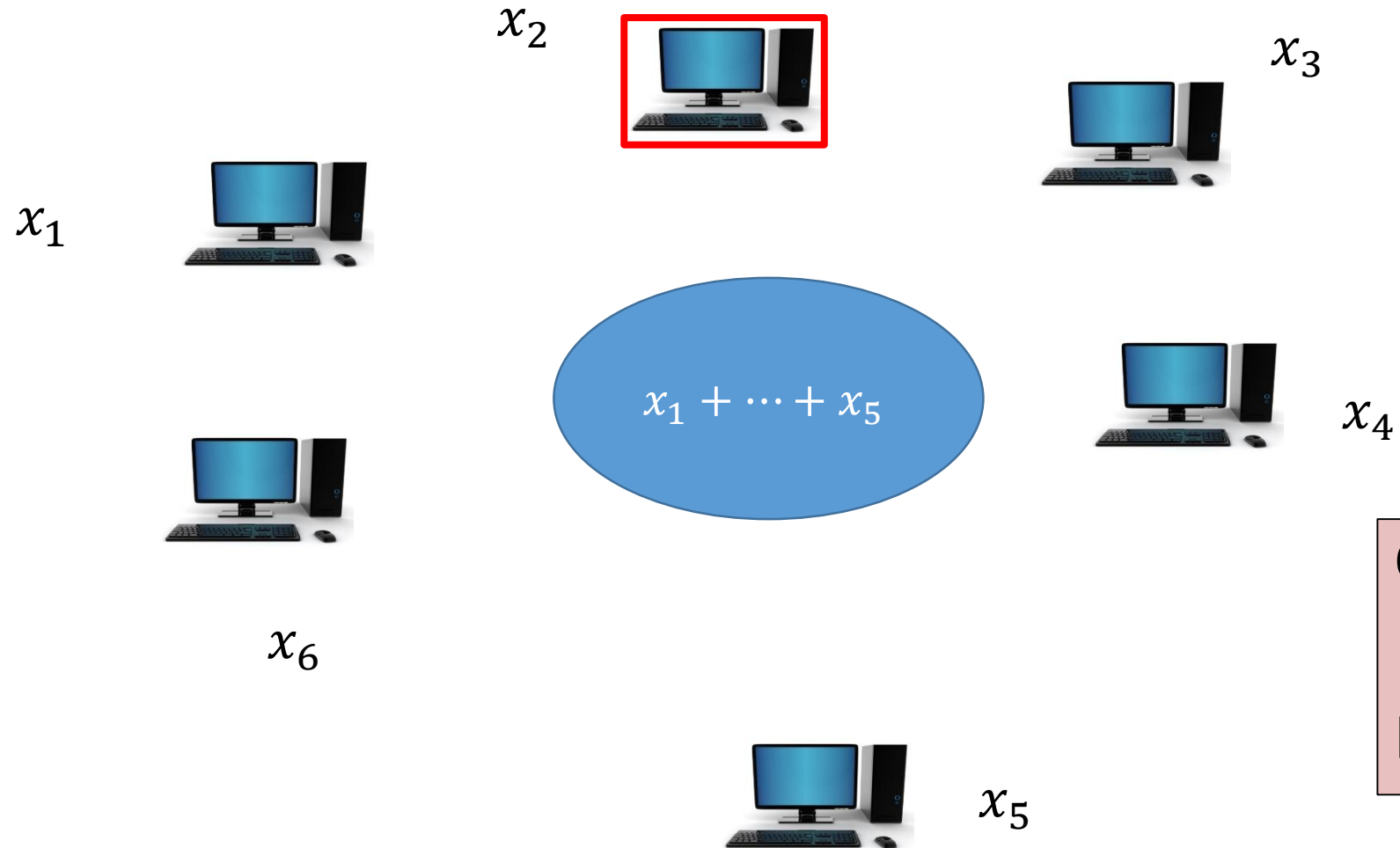
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- Passive adversaries
 - Privacy
- Active adversaries
 - Correctness & Privacy
- General Functions

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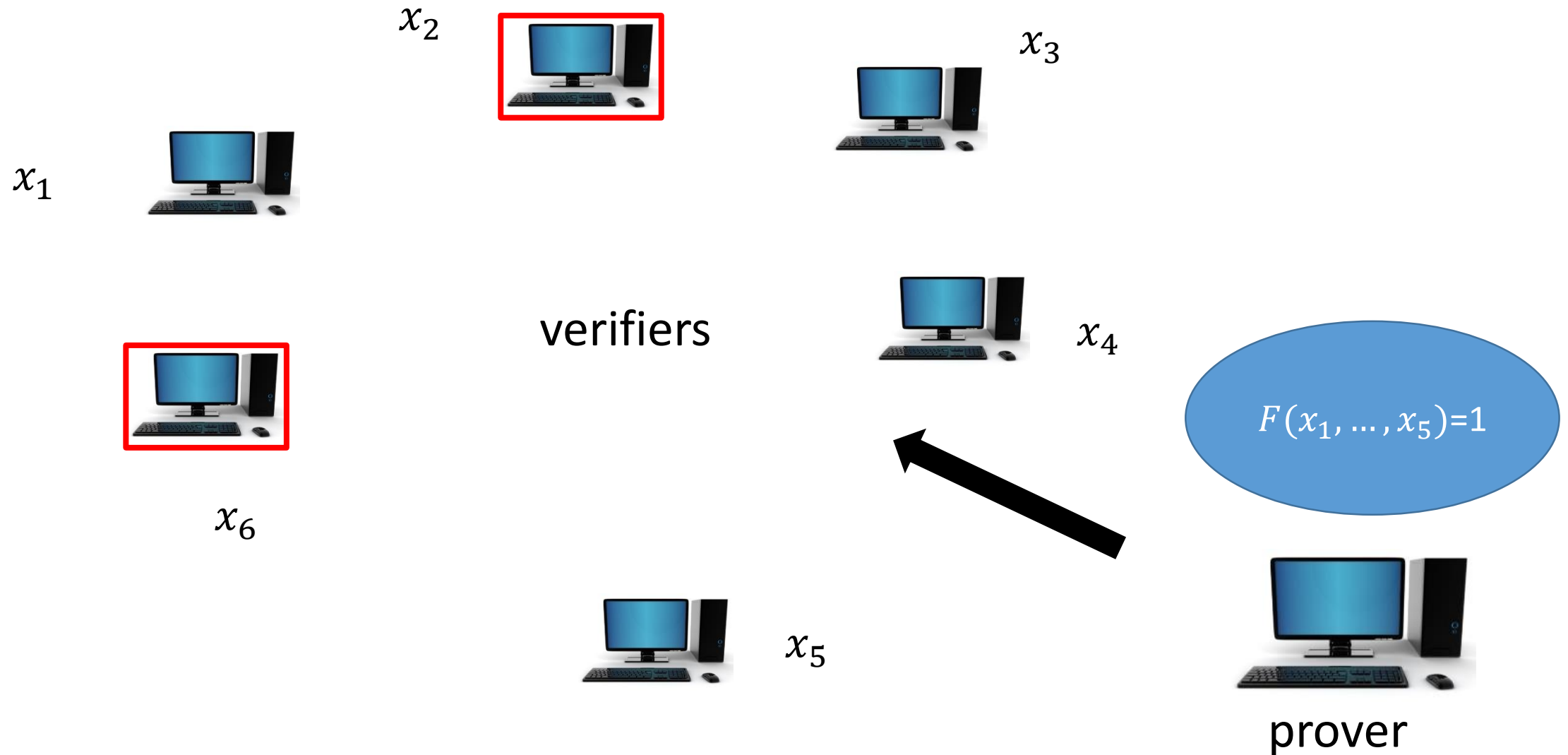
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Challenge:

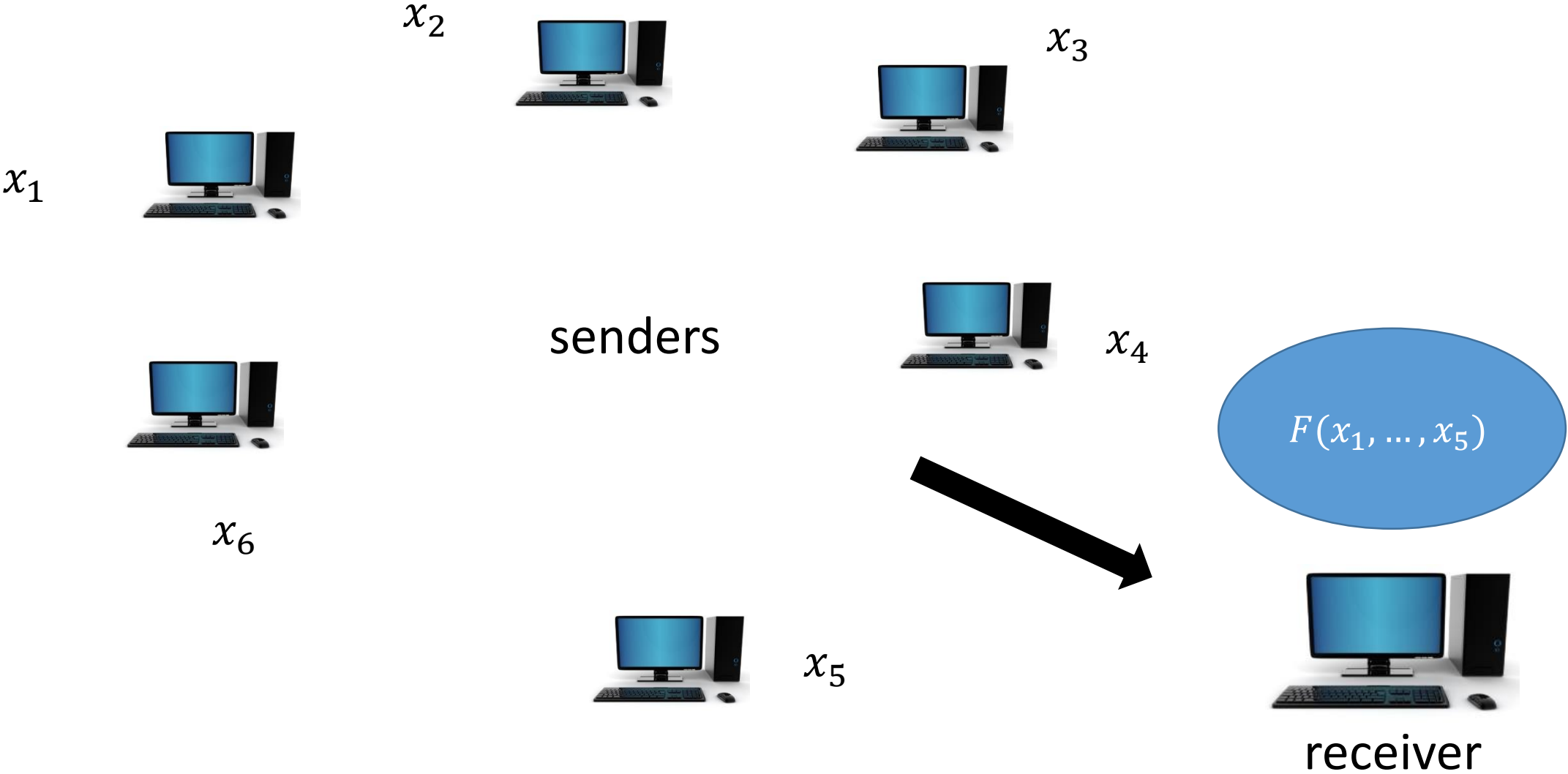
Design 1-private
protocol for sum over \mathbf{G}

Proofs in Non-Interactive Setting (Niv's Talk)



Randomized Encoding & Constant-Round MPC

(Benny's Talk)



Summary: Information Theoretic Cryptography

- Cool questions
- Exciting connections with
 - Coding, Information-theory, Communication Complexity, Computational complexity, Theory of Computation
- Relevant to computational crypto as well
- Many open problems
- New conference: ITC 2020, June 17-19, 2020 in Boston
 - PC: Daniel Wichs, General Chairs: Adam Smith & Yael Kalai

Have a Good Time!