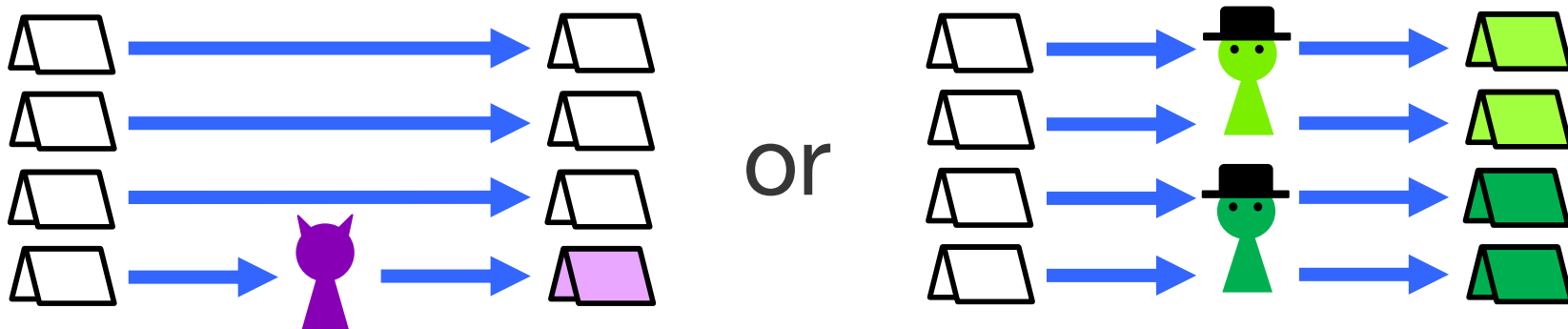


Perfectly Secure Message Transmission against Independent Rational Adversaries



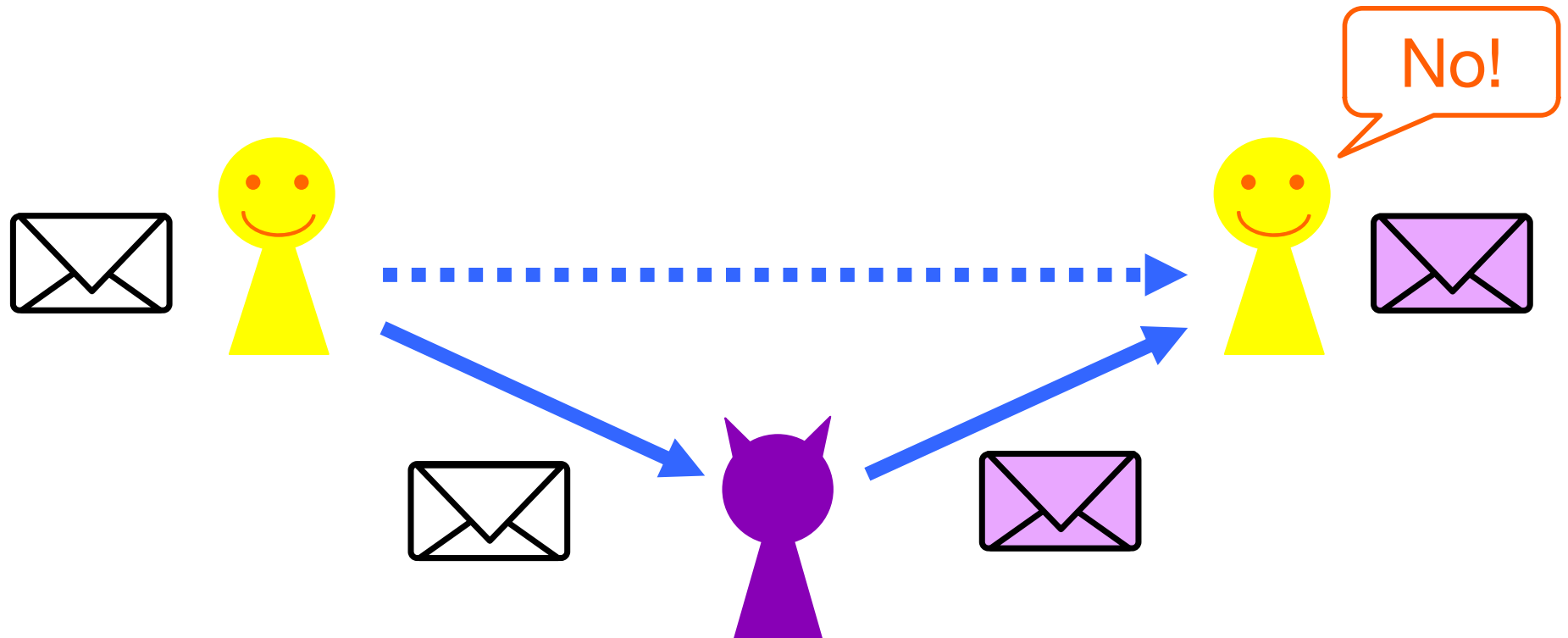
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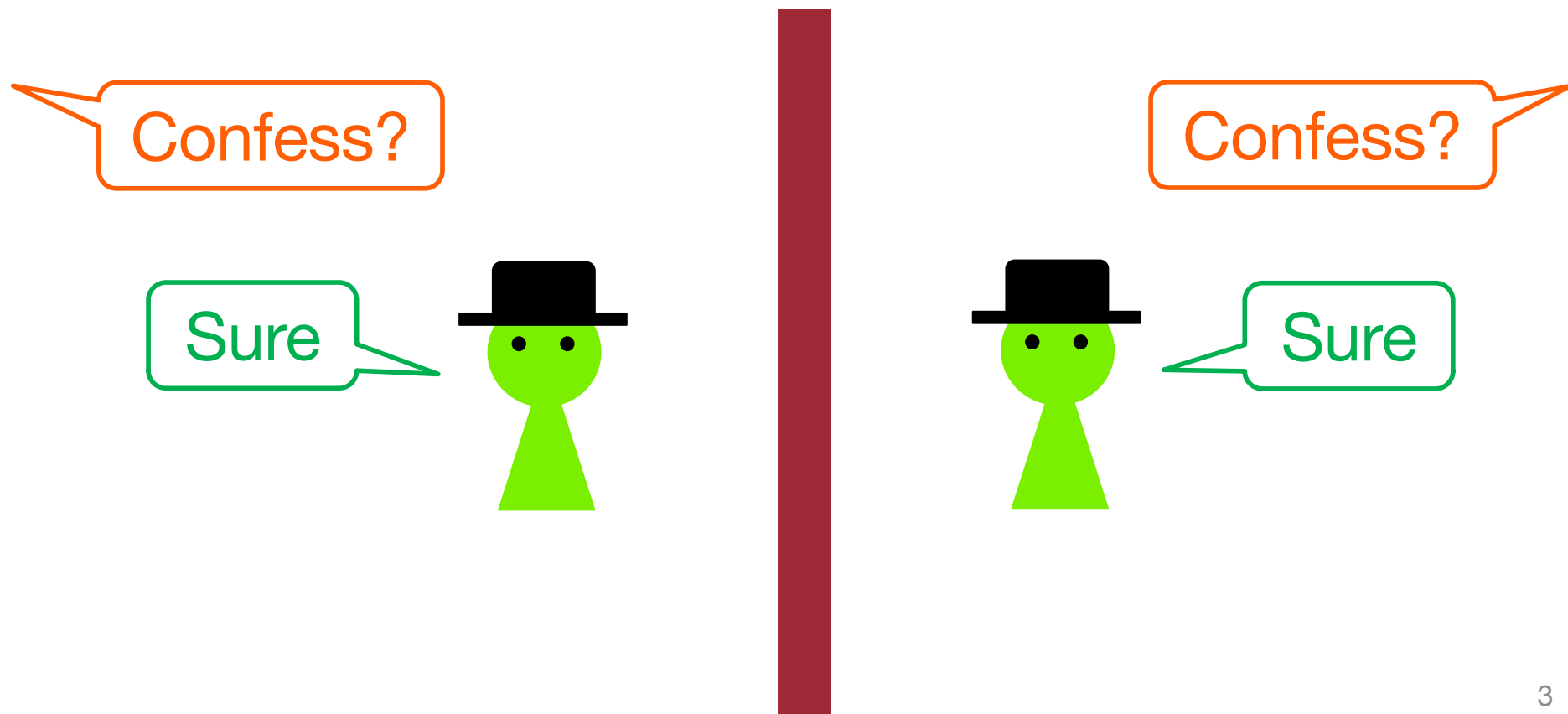
Cryptography

- Theory of protocols for protecting honest users from malicious adversaries



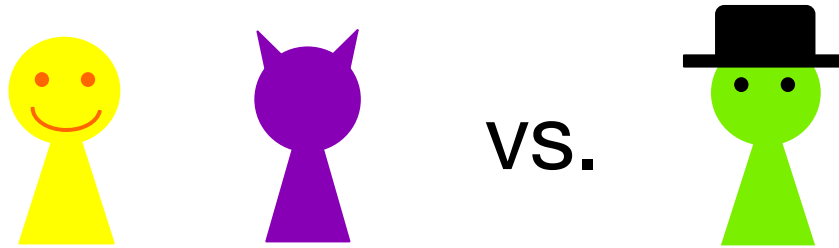
Game Theory

- Theory for analyzing behavior of rational players

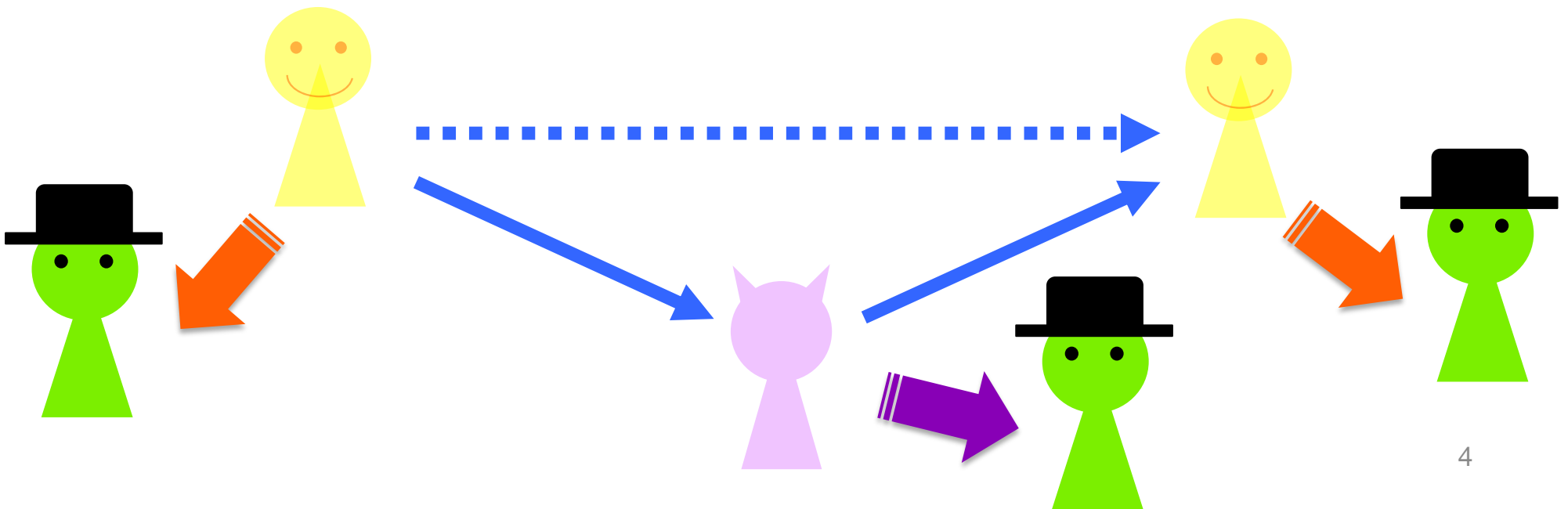


Game Theory in Cryptography

- Both crypto and GT analyze behavior of “players”

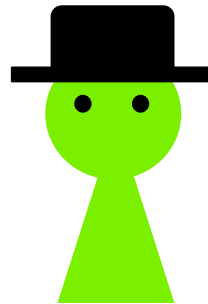


- Q. What if players behave rationally in protocols?



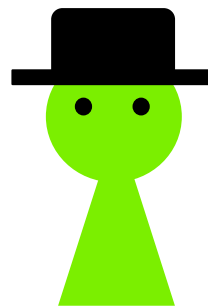
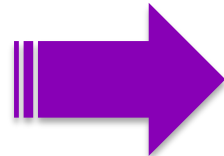
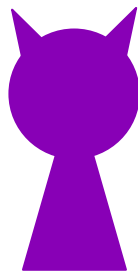
Game Theory in Cryptography

- Direction 1: Honest \rightarrow Rational



Resolve
potential problems

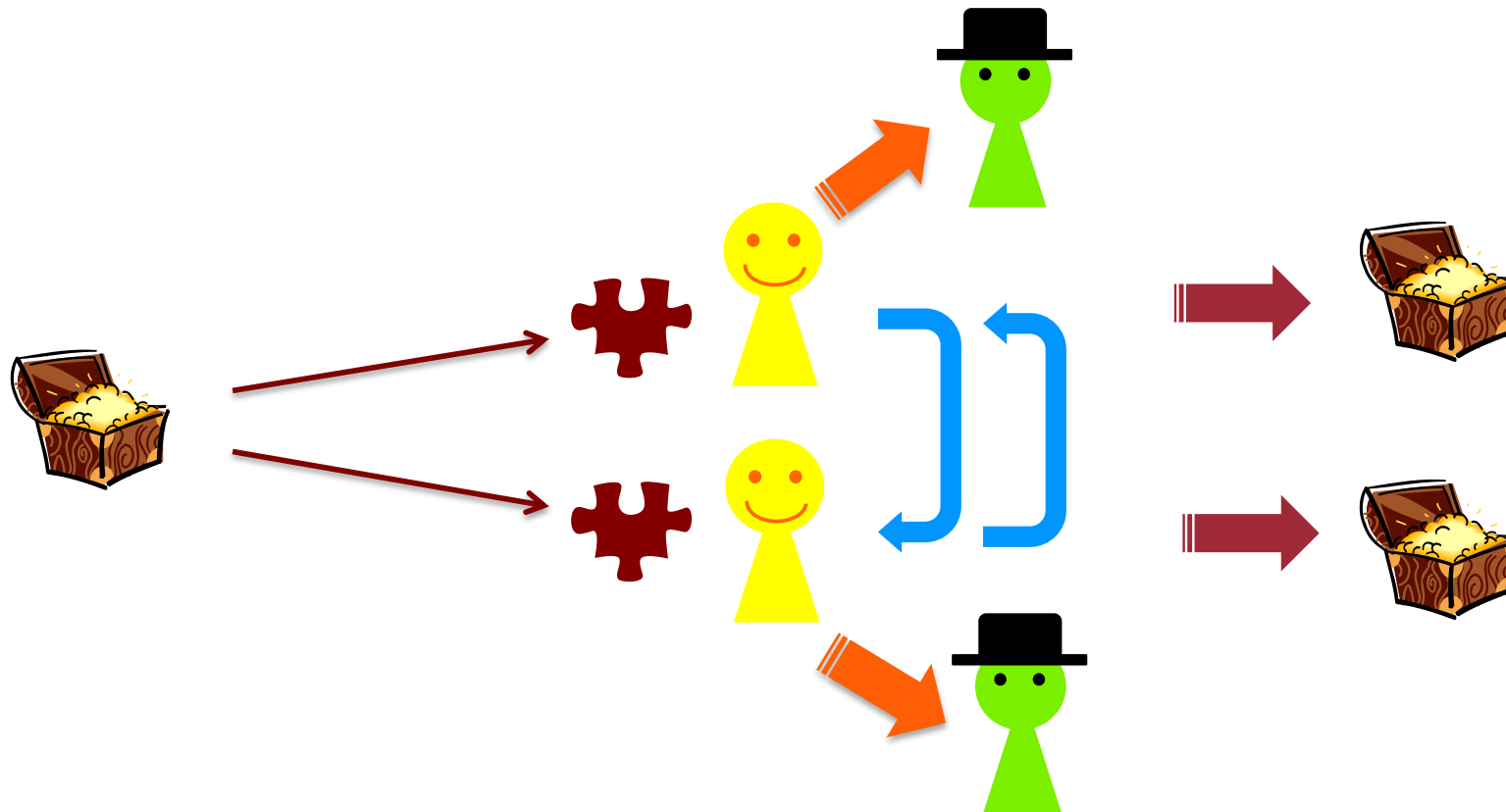
- Direction 2: Malicious \rightarrow Rational



Overcome
existing barriers

Halpern and Teague (STOC'04)

- Target: Secret Sharing
- Direction: **Honest** → **Rational**



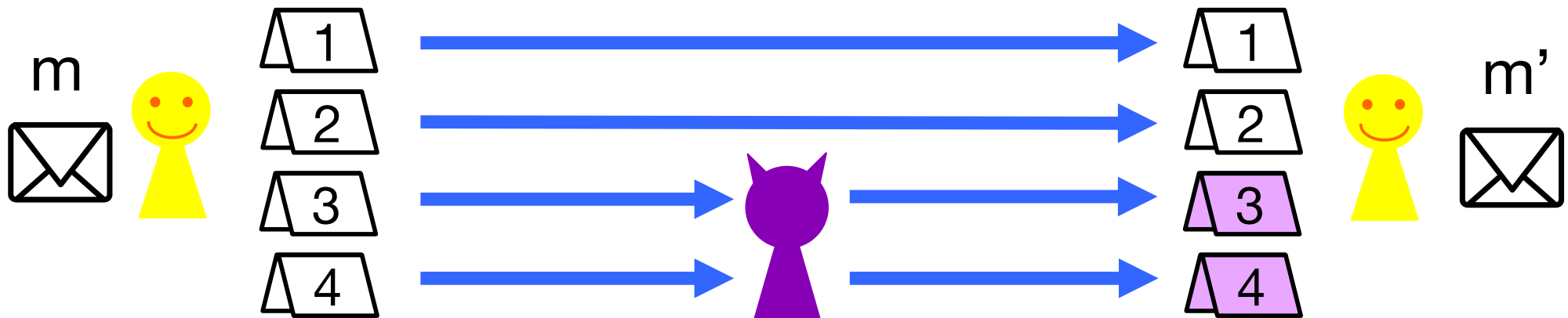
Following Work

Target	Direction	References
Secret Sharing	Honest → Rational	[HT04, GK06, ADGH06, KN08, OPRV09, FKN10, AL11, KOTY17, etc.]
Leader Election	Honest → Rational	[Gra10, ADH13, AGFS14]
Public-Key Encryption	Honest → Rational	[Y16, YY17]
Byzantine Agreement	Malicious → Rational	[GKTZ12]
Multiparty Computation	Malicious → Rational	[ACH16, GK12]
Protocol Design	Malicious → Rational	[GKMTZ13]
Delegated Computation	Malicious → Rational	[AM13, GHRV14, GHRV16]
Secure Message Transmission	Malicious → Rational	[FYK18]

Our Target & Direction

Secure Message Transmission (SMT)

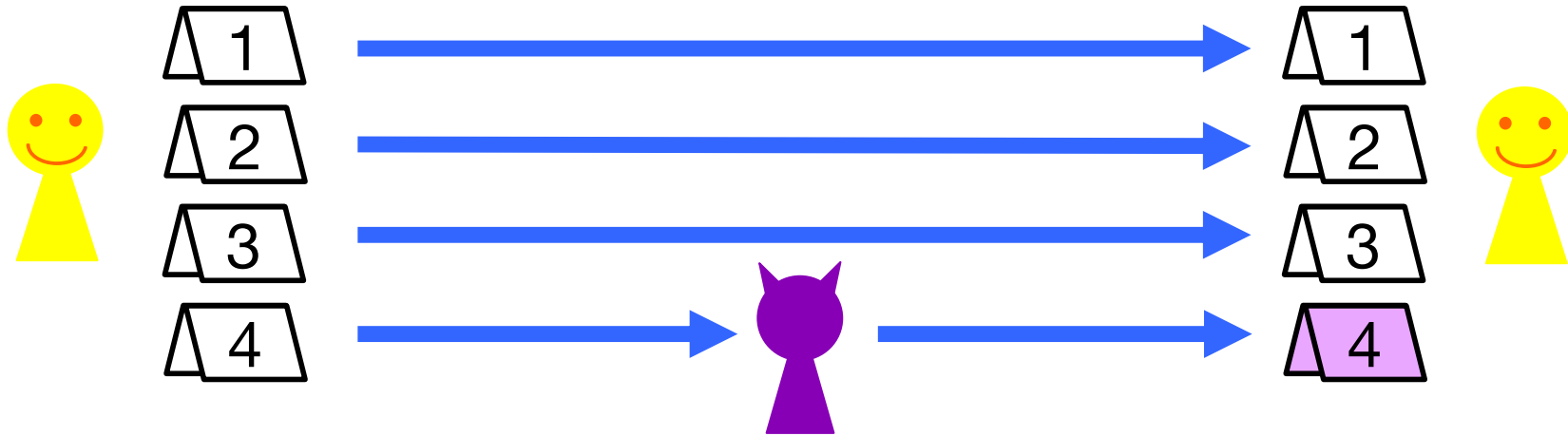
- Send messages “securely” and “reliably” through n channels
- Adversary corrupts t channels



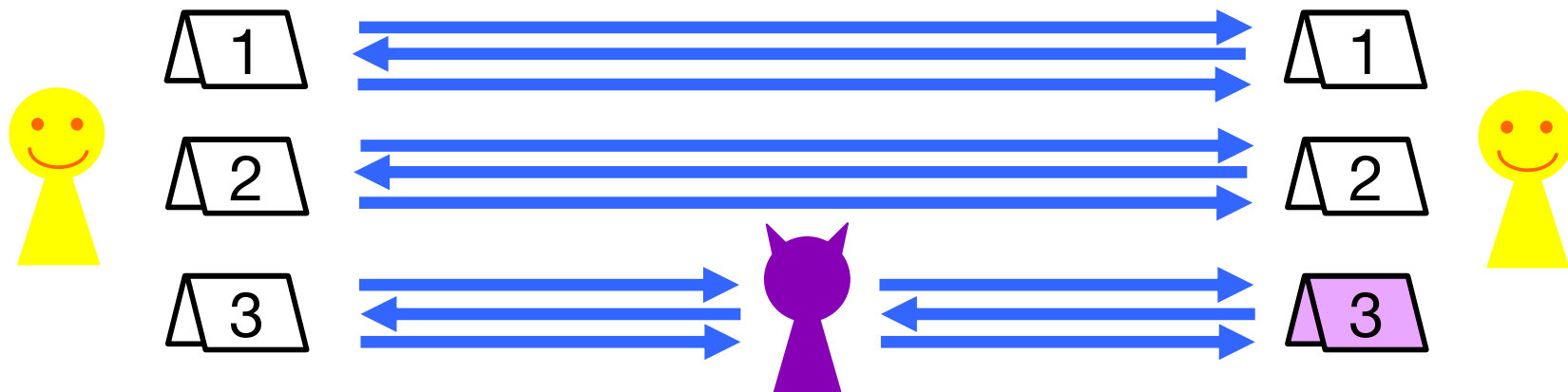
- **Secrecy:** m is hidden from Adversary
- **Reliability:** $m' = m$
- **Perfect SMT** \Leftrightarrow Perfect Secrecy & Reliability

Known Facts of Perfect SMT (PSMT)

- Fact 1. \exists 1-round PSMT $\Leftrightarrow t < n/3$

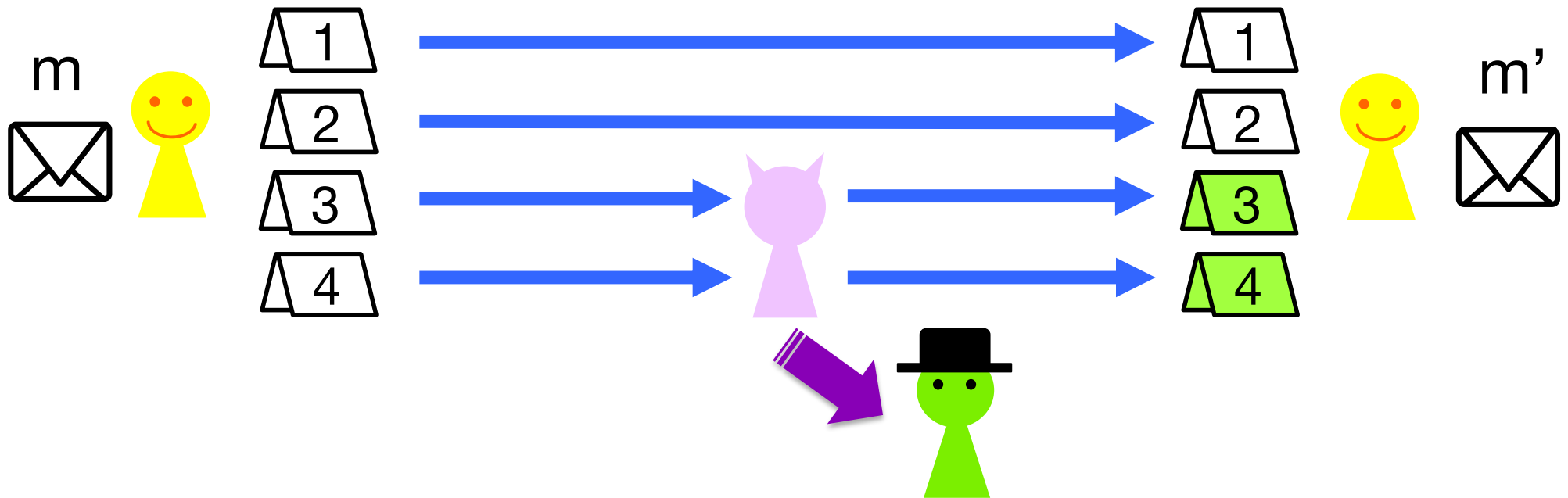


- Fact 2. \exists multi-round PSMT $\Leftrightarrow t < n/2$



Our Work & Direction

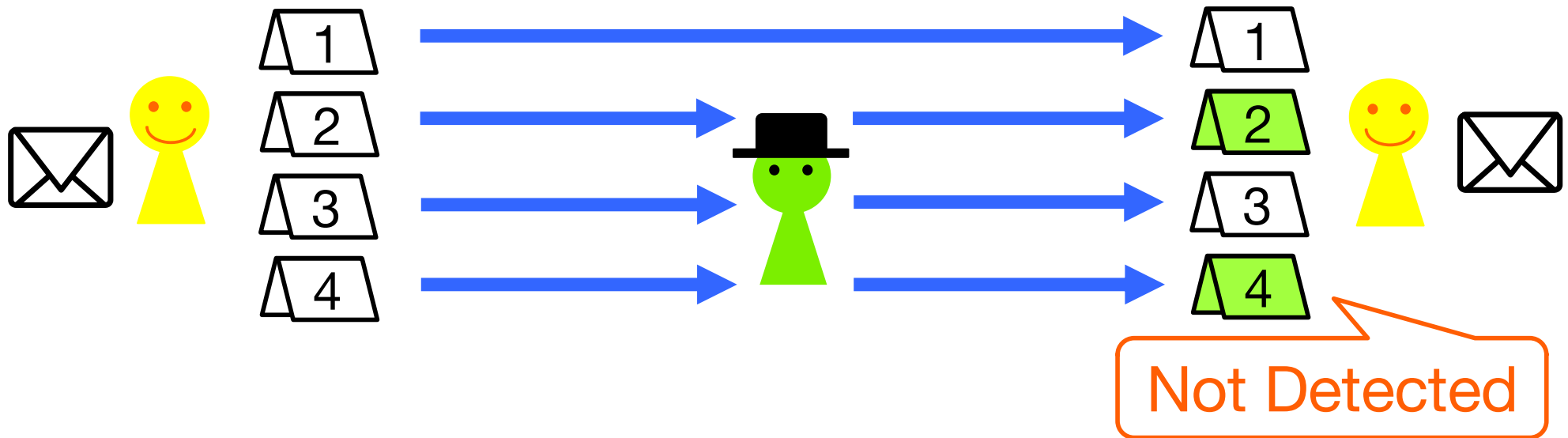
- PSMT against rational adversaries
 - Direction: Malicious \rightarrow Rational



- Q. Can we overcome the existing barriers?

Previous Work

- Fujita, Yasunaga, Koshihara (GameSec 2018)
 - “Timid” adversary, who avoid being detected



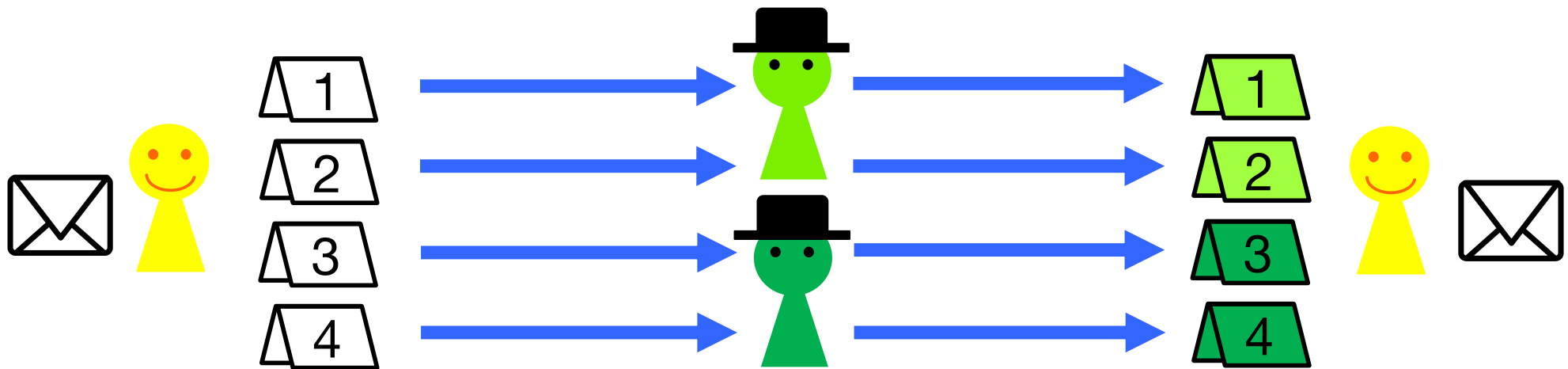
- Construct PSMT against a timid adversary corrupting $t < n$ channels

Overcome the PSMT barrier $t < n/2$

This Work

- PSMT against “multiple” timid adversaries
- **All channels** can be corrupted

Impossible for malicious adversaries



Our Results

- Construct four PSMT protocols P_1, P_2, P_3, P_4

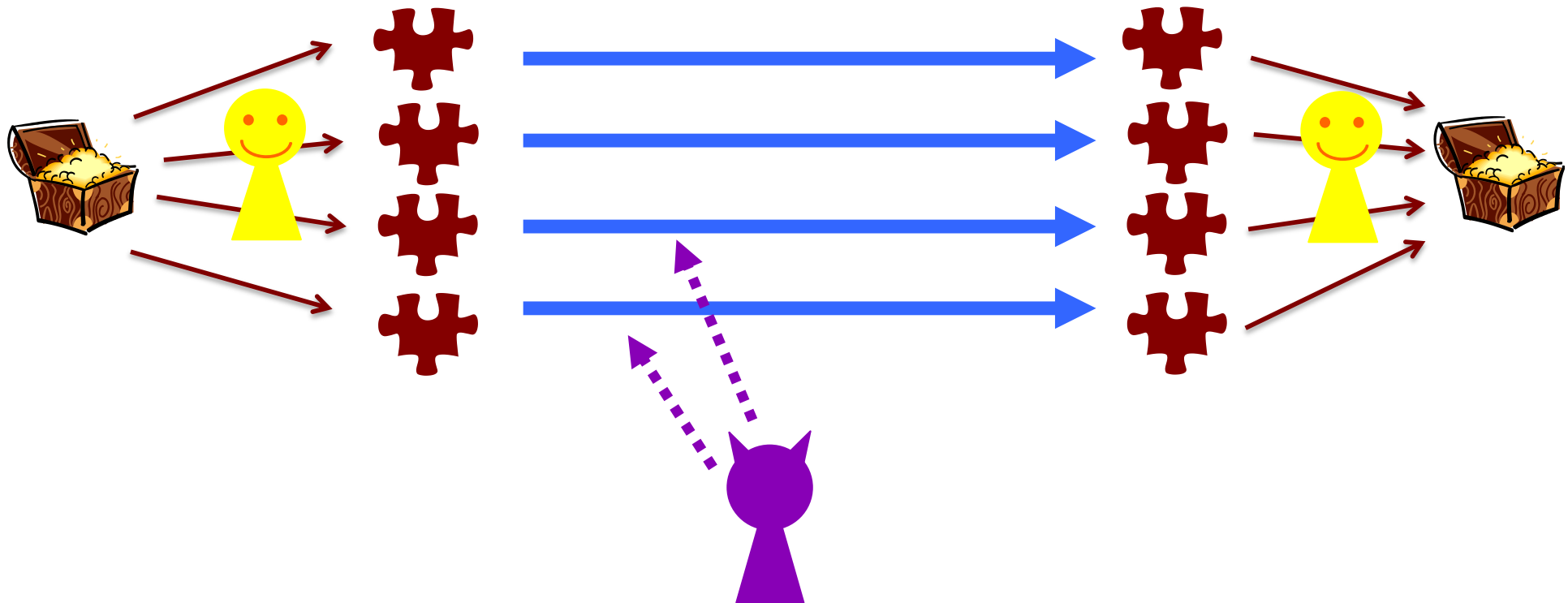
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P_1	Public channel	$< n$	3	PSMT of [SJST11]
P_2	—	$< n/2$	1	CISS of [HK18]
P_3	Strictly-timid adversaries	$< n$	1	P_2 & Punishment
P_4	Mixing of rational/malicious	$< n/6$	1	P_2 & Error Correction

t = # corrupted channels per adversary

CISS = Cheater-Identifiable Secret Sharing

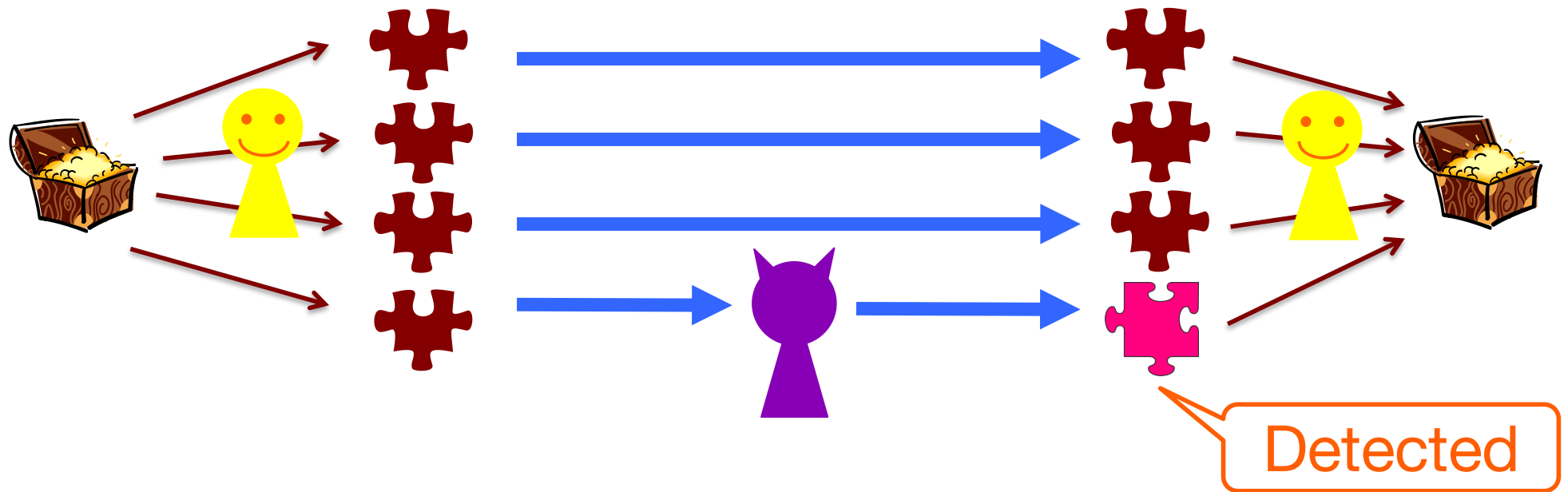
(t, n) Secret Sharing

- Generate n shares  from  such that $\leq t$ shares reveal no information on 



Cheater-Identifiable Secret Sharing (CISS)

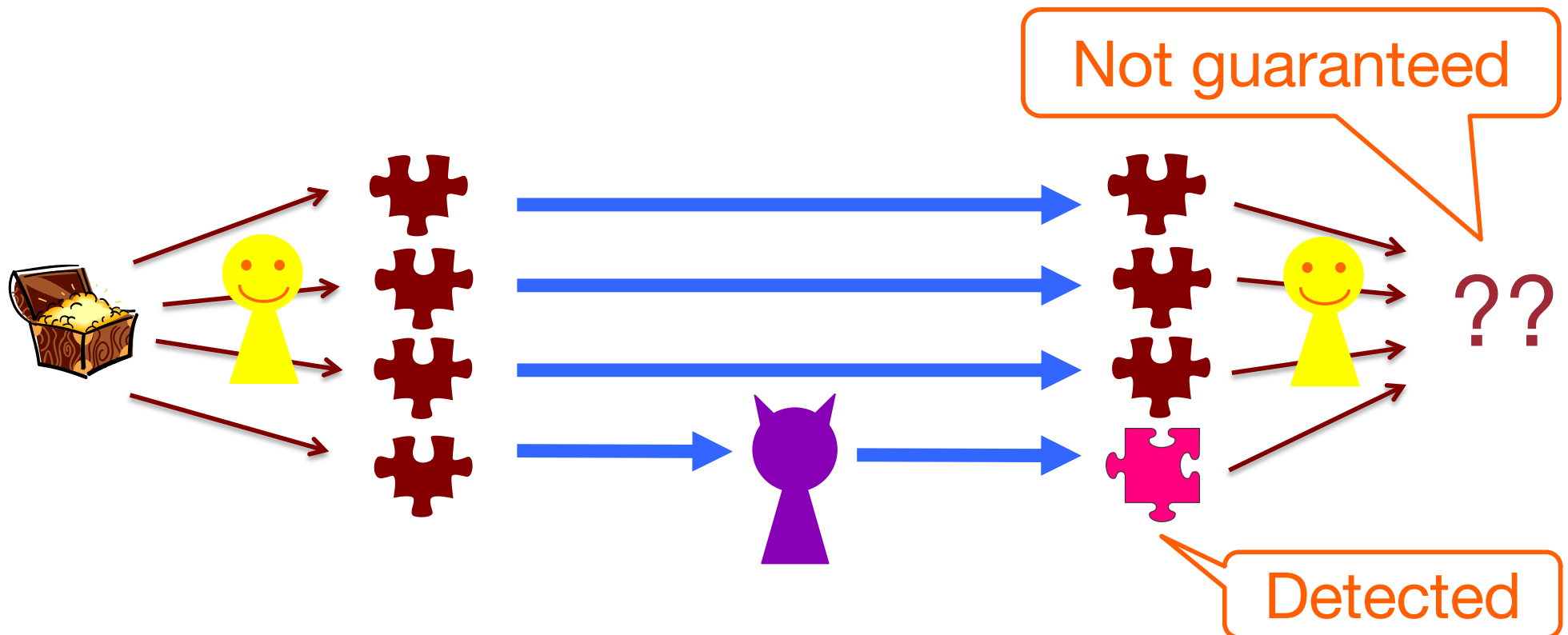
- Identify the cheated shares



- Q. Is CISS a complete solution of PSMT?

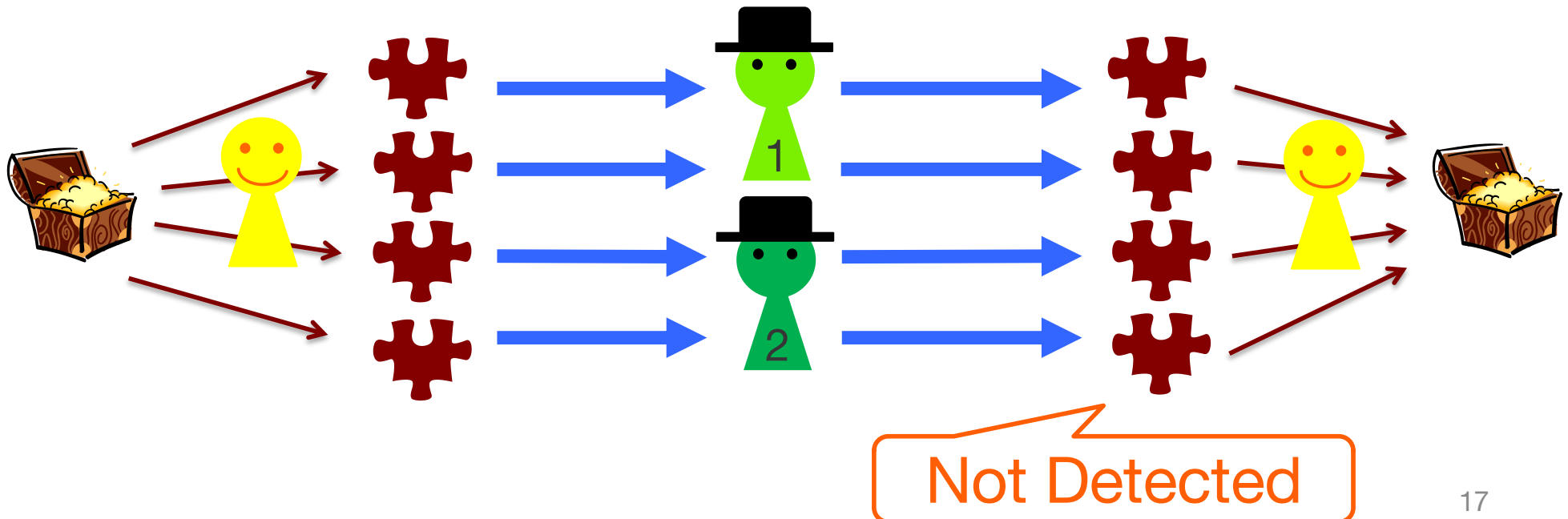
Q. Is CISS a complete solution of PSMT?

- A. No.
 - CISS only guarantees cheater identification
 - PSMT requires recovering the message



Our Idea for Protocol P_2

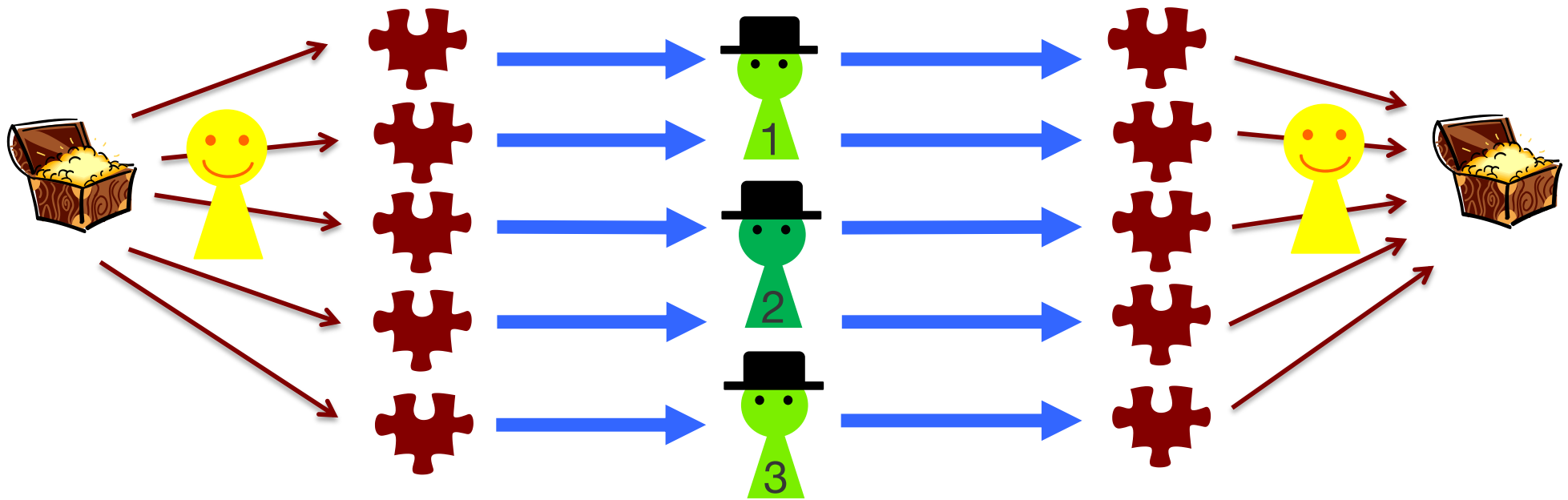
- CISS can work as PSMT if adversaries avoid being detected
 - Being silent is rational (a Nash equilibrium)
 - Use CISS of [HK18] w/ stronger hash functions



Protocol P_2

- **Theorem:** P_2 is PSMT against multiple timid adversaries, each corrupting $t < n/2$ channels

$$\exists \text{CISSE} \Leftrightarrow t < n/2$$



- **Q.** Can we overcome this barrier?

Our Idea for Protocol P_3

- A. Yes.
 - CISS with $t \geq n/2$ works as PSMT if adversaries strongly dislike being detected

Avoiding detection is the most important

- Construct $(n-1, n)$ -type CISS such that if cheating is detected at channel i for share s_j , then both i & j are punished (regarded cheating)

Strictly timid adversaries will not cheat

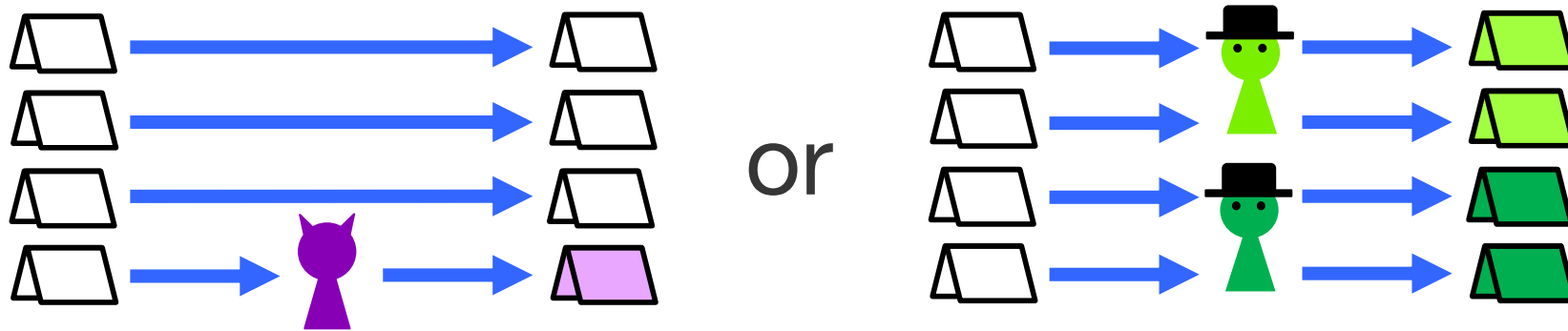
Protocol P_3

- **Theorem:** P_3 is PSMT against multiple strictly-timid adversaries, each corrupting $t < n$ channels

Summary of Our Results

	Additional Assumption	t	# round	Construction Idea
P_1	Public channel	$< n$	3	PSMT of [SJST11]
P_2	—	$< n/2$	1	CISS of [HK18]
P_3	Strictly-timid adversaries	$< n$	1	P_2 & Punishment
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Conclusions



This Work

- Target: PSMT
- Direction: Malicious → Rational
- Feature: All channels can be corrupted

Future Work

- Further study on mixing rational & malicious
- “Malicious → Rational” for other protocols

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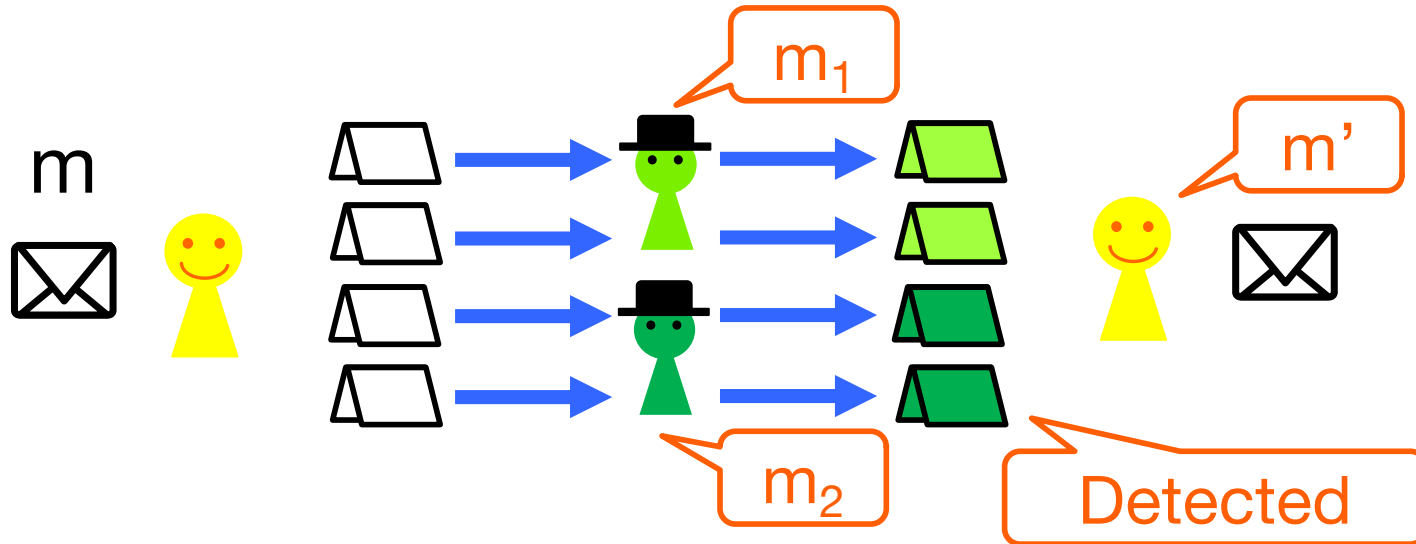
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SMT Game (for Two Adversaries A_1, A_2)

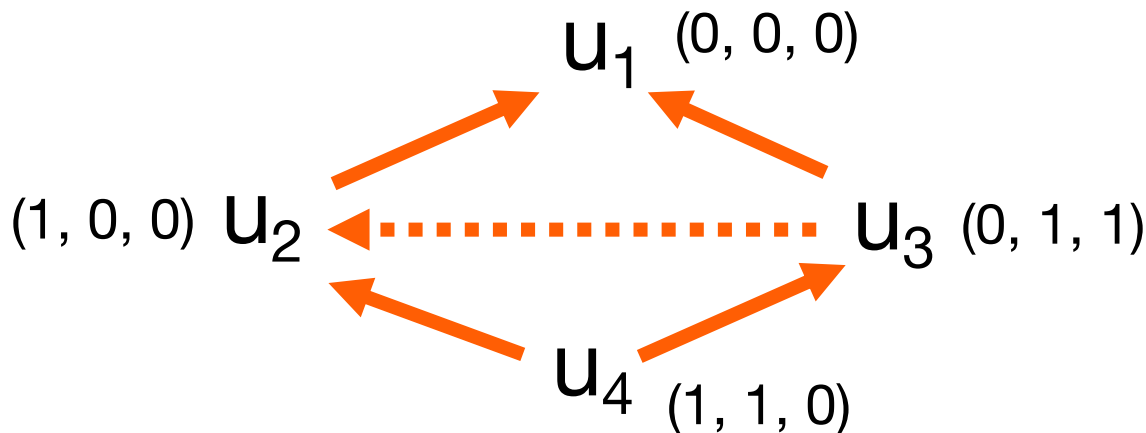
1. Set $\text{suc} = \text{guess}_1 = \text{guess}_2 = \text{detect}_1 = \text{detect}_2 = 0$.
2. Run the SMT protocol for random message m



3. Set
 - $\text{suc} = 1$ if the receiver outputs m
 - $\text{guess}_1 = 1$ if A_1 outputs m
 - $\text{guess}_2 = 1$ if A_2 outputs m
 - $\text{detect}_1 = 1$ if the protocol detects deviation of A_1
 - $\text{detect}_2 = 1$ if the protocol detects deviation of A_2

Utility of Timid Adversaries

- For outcome $(\text{suc}, \text{guess}_1, \text{guess}_2, \text{detect}_1, \text{detect}_2)$, adversary A_1 gets **higher** utility if either
 - $\text{suc} = 0$ (rather than $\text{suc} = 1$), Reliability fails
 - $\text{guess}_1 = 1$ (rather than $\text{guess}_1 = 0$), Secrecy fails
 - $\text{detect}_1 = 0$ (rather than $\text{detect}_1 = 1$), or Not detected
 - $\text{detect}_2 = 1$ (rather than $\text{detect}_2 = 0$) A_2 detected
- **“Strictly”** timid adversary A_1 gets **higher** utility if
 - $\text{suc} = 1$ rather than $\text{detect}_1 = 1$



	suc	detect ₁	detect ₂
u_1	0	0	0
u_2	1	0	0
u_3	0	1	1
u_4	1	1	0

Security Definition

Protocol π is PSMT against (t_1, t_2) -adversaries



$\exists B_1, B_2$ corrupting t_1, t_2 channels, resp. such that

1. **Perfect security:** π is PSMT against (B_1, B_2)

2. **Nash equilibrium of (B_1, B_2) :**

$\forall A_1, A_2$ corrupting the same channels as B_1, B_2 ,

$U_1(A_1, B_2) \leq U_1(B_1, B_2)$ and $U_2(B_1, A_2) \leq U_2(B_1, B_2)$

Adversaries have no incentive to deviate from (B_1, B_2)

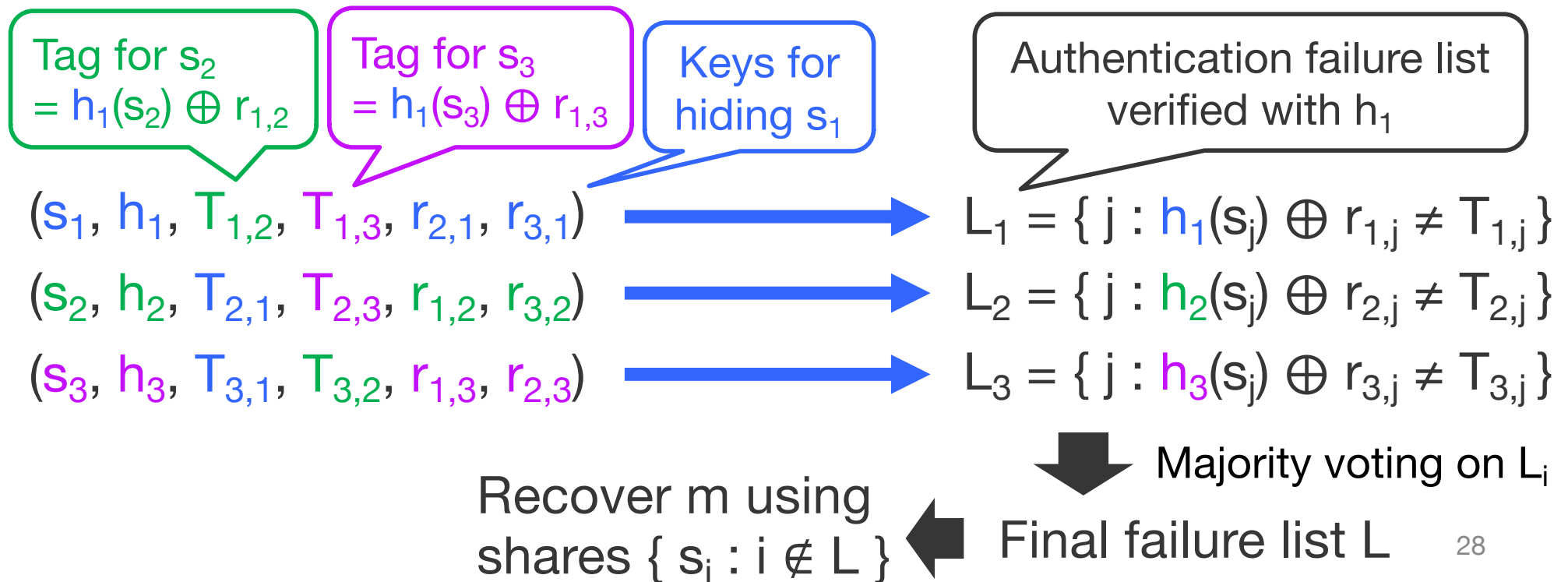
Our Protocols

- Suppose A_1, A_2 corrupts t_1, t_2 channels, resp.

	Additional Assumption	t_1	t_2	# round	Construction Idea
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P_3	Strictly-timid adversaries	$< n$	$< n$	1	P_2 & Punishment
P_4	A_1 is malicious	$< n/3$	$< n/3$ $< n/2 - t_1$	1	P_2 & Error Correction

Protocol P_2

- (s_1, \dots, s_n) : shares of $((n - 1)/2, n)$ -secret sharing for $m \in \{0,1\}^s$
- $h_i \in H$: family of pairwise ind. hash functions $h_i : \{0,1\}^s \rightarrow \{0,1\}^k$
 - $h_i(s_j)$: the authentication tag for s_j using h_i
- $r_{i,j} \in \{0,1\}^k$: random key for encrypting $h_i(s_j)$
 - $T_{i,j} = h_i(s_j) \oplus r_{i,j}$: encrypted tag for s_j



Security Proof of P_2

Theorem. P_2 is PSMT against (t_1, t_2) -adversaries with $t_1, t_2 \in [1, (n - 1)/2]$, $t_1 + t_2 \leq n$ if

$$k \geq \log_2((u_1 - u_4)/(u_2 - u_4)) + 2\log_2(n+1) - 1.$$

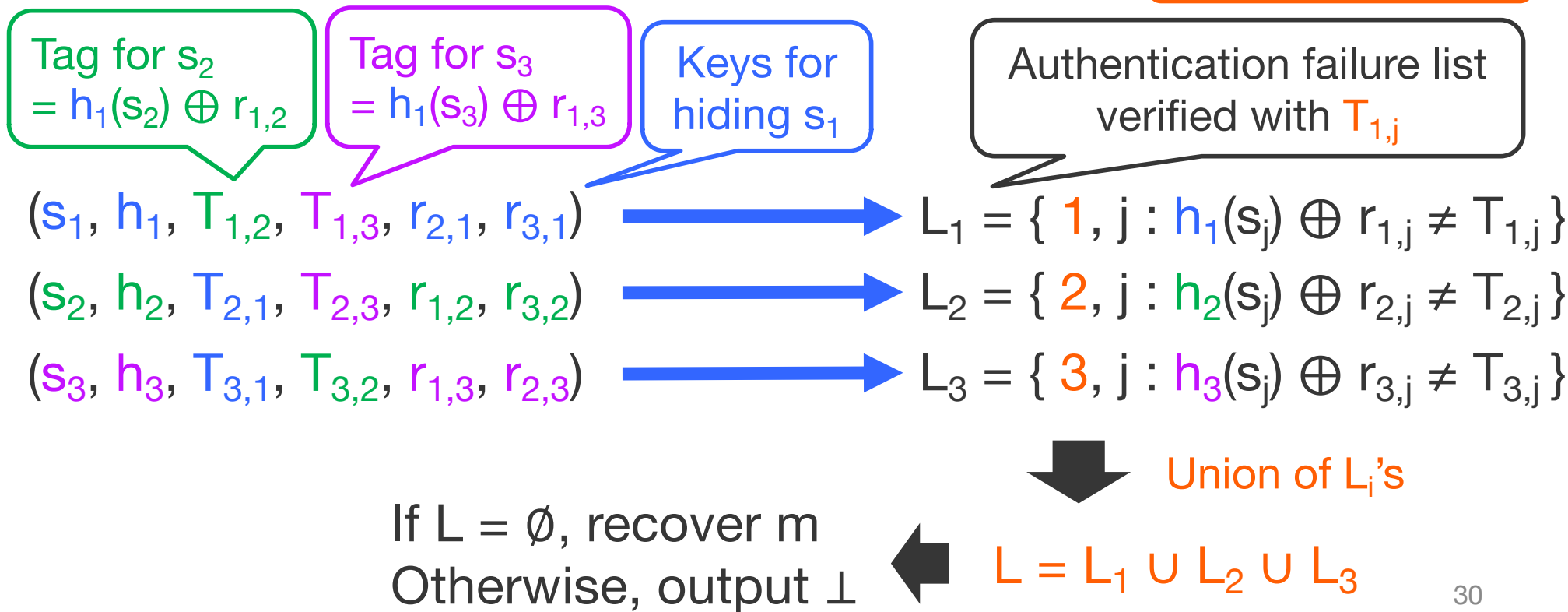
Proof:

- (B_1, B_2) be the strategy of doing nothing $\rightarrow U_i(B_1, B_2) = u_2$
- P_2 is PSMT against (B_1, B_2)
- To get higher utility (than u_2), A_1 needs either
 1. $\text{suc} = 0$
 - \rightarrow Tampering is detected on majority ($\geq 1 - t_1$) lists L_i
 2. $\text{detect}_2 = 1$
 - \rightarrow Impossible due to majority voting & $t_1 < n/2$

Protocol P_3

- (s_1, \dots, s_n) : shares of $(n - 1, n)$ -secret sharing for $m \in \{0,1\}^s$
- $h_i \in H$, $r_{i,j} \in \{0,1\}^k$, $T_{i,j} = h_i(s_j) \oplus r_{i,j}$ are the same as P_2
- If $T_{i,j}$ verification fails, L_i includes both i and j

i is also punished



Security Proof of P_3

Theorem. P_3 is PSMT against strictly-timid (t_1, t_2) -adversaries with $t_1, t_2 \in [1, n - 1]$, $t_1 + t_2 \leq n$ if

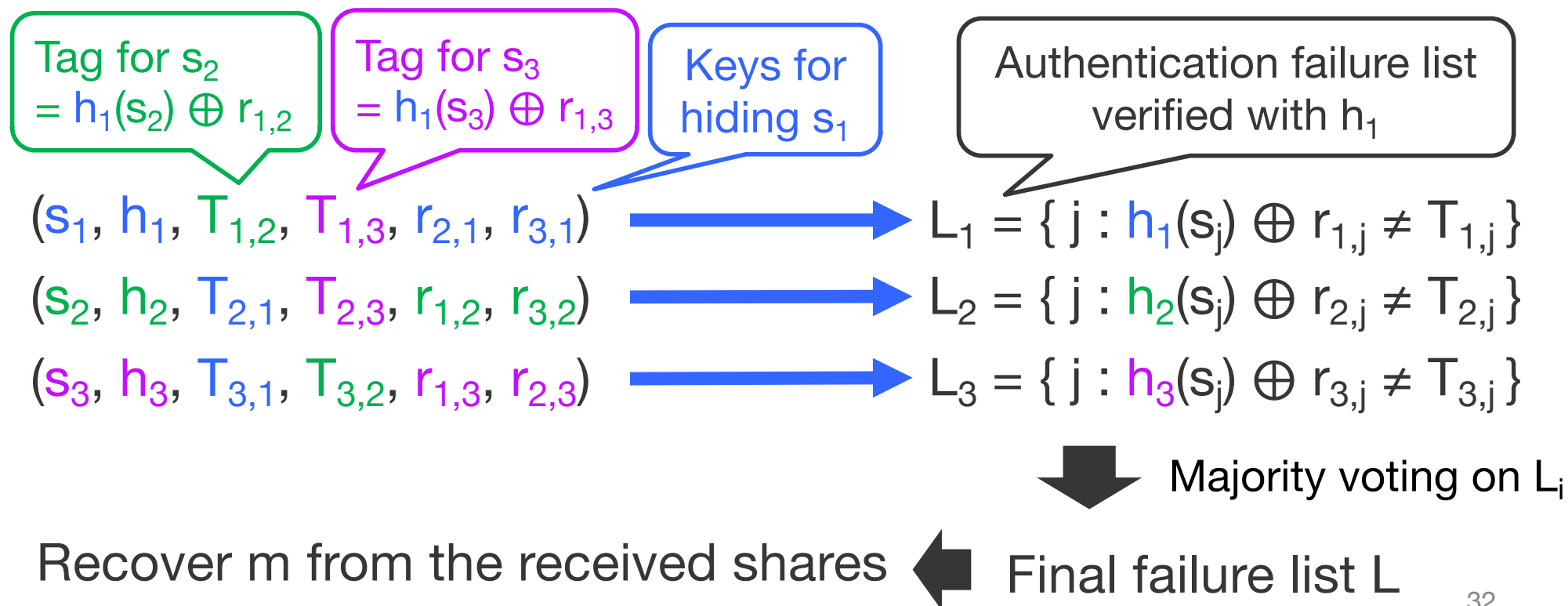
$$k \geq \log_2((u_1 - u_3)/(u_2 - u_3)) - 1.$$

Proof:

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- P_2 is PSMT against (B_1, B_2)
- To get higher utility (than u_2), A_1 needs either
 1. $\text{suc} = 0$
 \rightarrow Tampering is detected w.h.p., implying $\text{detect}_1 = 1$
 2. $\text{detect}_2 = 1$
 \rightarrow Also cause $\text{detect}_1 = 1$, which A_1 should avoid

Protocol P_4

- (s_1, \dots, s_n) : shares of $((n - 1)/3, n)$ -secret sharing for m with **error-correcting property**
 - Even if $(n - 1)/3$ shares are erroneous, m is recoverable
- $h_i \in H$, $r_{i,j} \in \{0,1\}^k$, $T_{i,j} = h_i(s_j) \oplus r_{i,j}$ are the same as P_2



Security Proof of P_4

Theorem. P_3 is PSMT against (t_1, t_2) -adversaries with $t_1 \in [1, (n-1)/3]$, $t_2 \in [1, \min\{(n-1)/2 - t_1, (n-1)/3\}]$, $t_1 + t_2 \leq n$, where A_1 is a malicious adversary, if

$$k \geq \log_2 \left(\frac{u_1 - u_4}{u_2 - u_4} \right) - 1.$$

Proof:

- B_2 be the strategy of doing nothing
 - Even if A_1 malicious, m can be recovered $\rightarrow U_2(A_1, B_2) = u_2$
- P_2 is PSMT against (A_1, B_2)
- To get higher utility (than u_2), A_2 needs either
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