

# On the Use of Probabilistic Automata for Security Proofs

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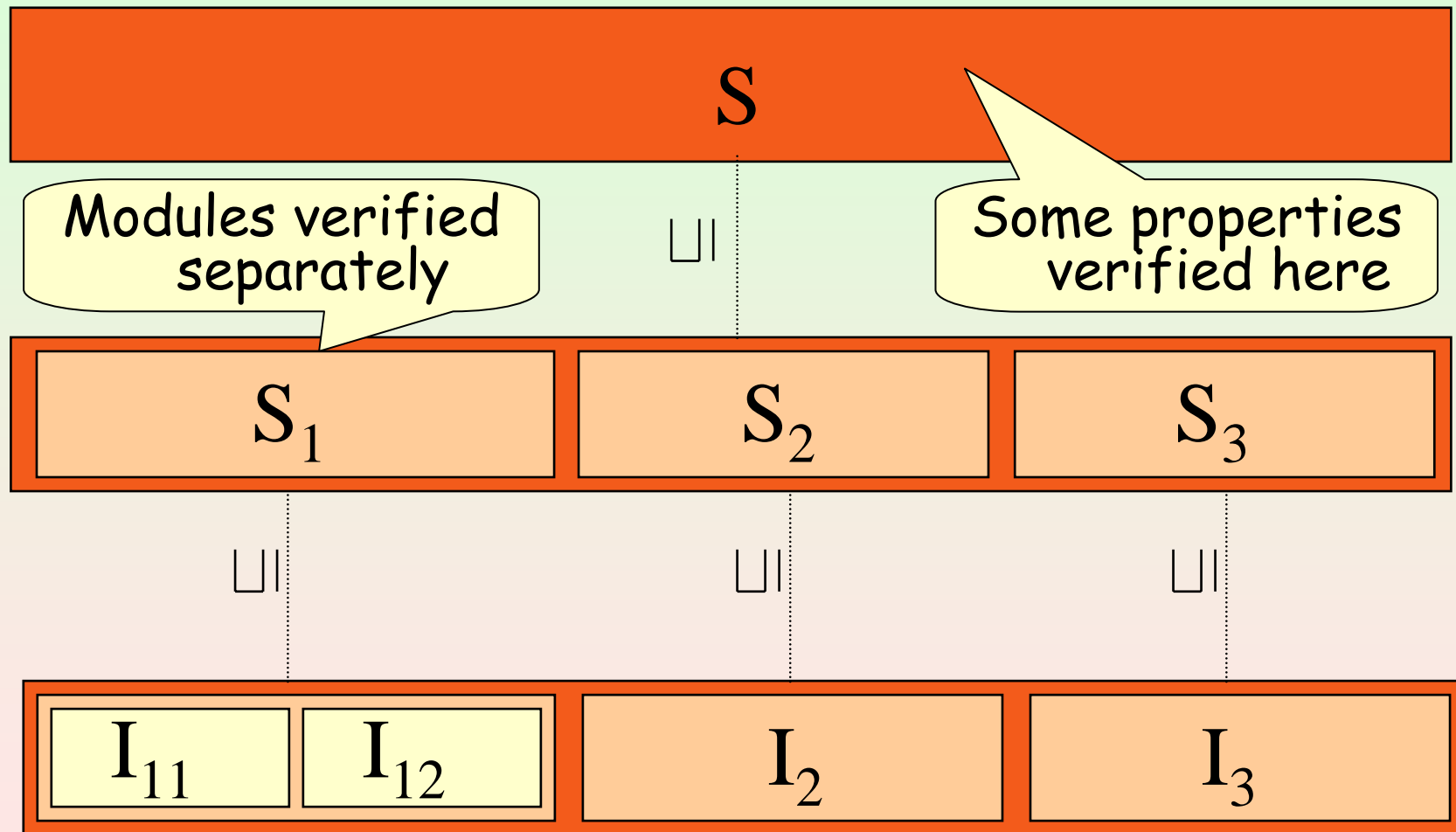


# Motivation

- Proofs of cryptographic protocols are hard
  - Especially in the computational model
  - Limited mathematical tools available
    - ... or limited willingness to work out the details
- Symbolic methods help
  - But proving soundness requires classical proofs
- Many proofs rely on correspondence between computations of different systems
  - Concurrency theory has a lot to say
- Can we take advantage of concurrency theory
  - ... directly in the computational model?



# Hierarchical Compositional Verification



# Implementation

- Typically some form of behavioral inclusion
  - Traces
    - Ordinary, complete, quiescent, fair
  - Failures
    - Traces followed by actions the system refuses to perform
  - Tests
    - Occurrence of some success event in appropriate contexts
- Nice properties
  - Transitive
  - Compositional
  - Affine with logical implication
    - ... when properties are sets of behaviors
- Hard to check
  - Usually Pspace-complete
  - But simulation relations help



# Proving Implementation

- Behavioral inclusion
  - Behaviors are full computations
    - Possibly infinite length
  - Properties of complex objects
    - Global reasoning
  - Easy to end up with “proofs by intuition”
- Simulation relations
  - Sound for behavioral inclusion
  - Properties of single computational steps
    - Local reasoning
  - Easier to be rigorous



# Nondeterminism and Probability

- Nondeterminism
  - Relative speeds of processes
  - Unknown behavior of users
    - Adversary in DY model
  - Underspecification
  - Abstraction
    - Forget about probabilities
- Probability
  - User behavior may obey probability laws
  - Processes may flip coins
    - Randomized algorithms, protocols
    - Nonces, keys, ...



# Overview

- Probabilistic Automata
  - Definition, executions, traces
  - Composition, projection
  - Behavioral inclusion
  - Simulation relations
- Task Probabilistic I/O Automata
  - A way to restrict nondeterminism
  - Case study with oblivious transfer
  - Nondeterminism may leak information
  - Reasoning up to negligible errors
- Approximated simulation relations
  - Relate automata that fail with negligible probability with automata that do not fail
  - Case study with agent authentication
- Using Probabilistic Automata for DY-soundness
  - A possibility?



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# Probabilistic Automata





# The Main Idea

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- Add probability to Concurrency Theory
  - Nondeterminism should remain
  - Should obtain a conservative extension
  
- Proposals to tackle the problem
  - Replace points with **measures**
  - Replace functions with **measurable functions**



# Automata

$$A = (Q, q_0, E, H, D)$$

Transition relation

$$D \subseteq Q \times (E \cup H) \times Q$$

Internal (hidden) actions

External actions:  $E \cap H = \emptyset$

Initial state:  $q_0 \in Q$

States



# Probabilistic Automata

$$PA = (Q, q_0, E, H, D)$$

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$$D \subseteq Q \times (E \cup H) \times \text{Disc}(Q)$$

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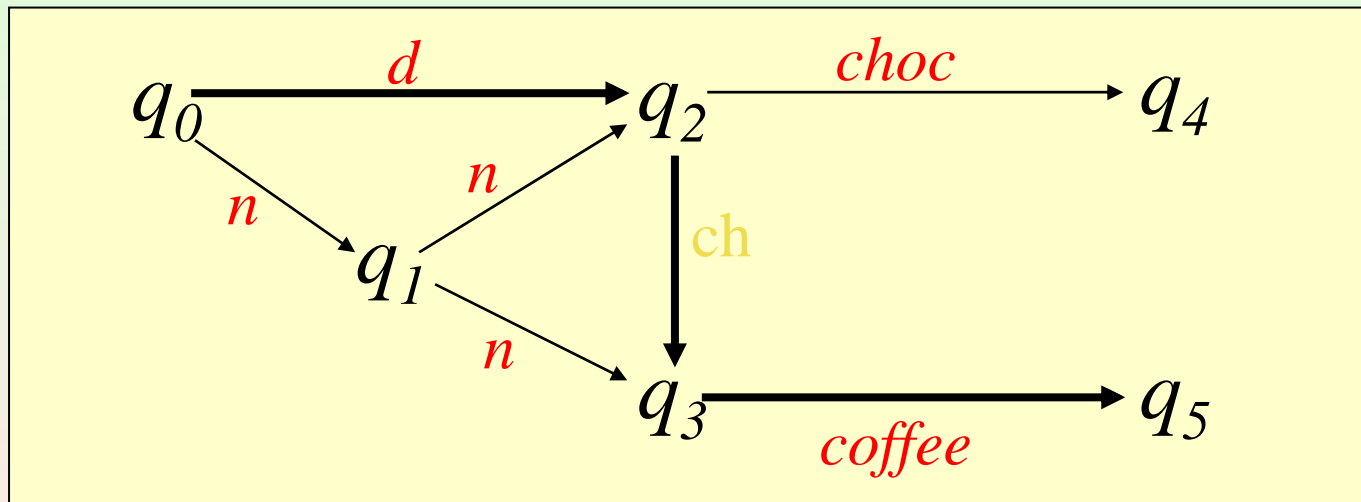
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# Example: Automata

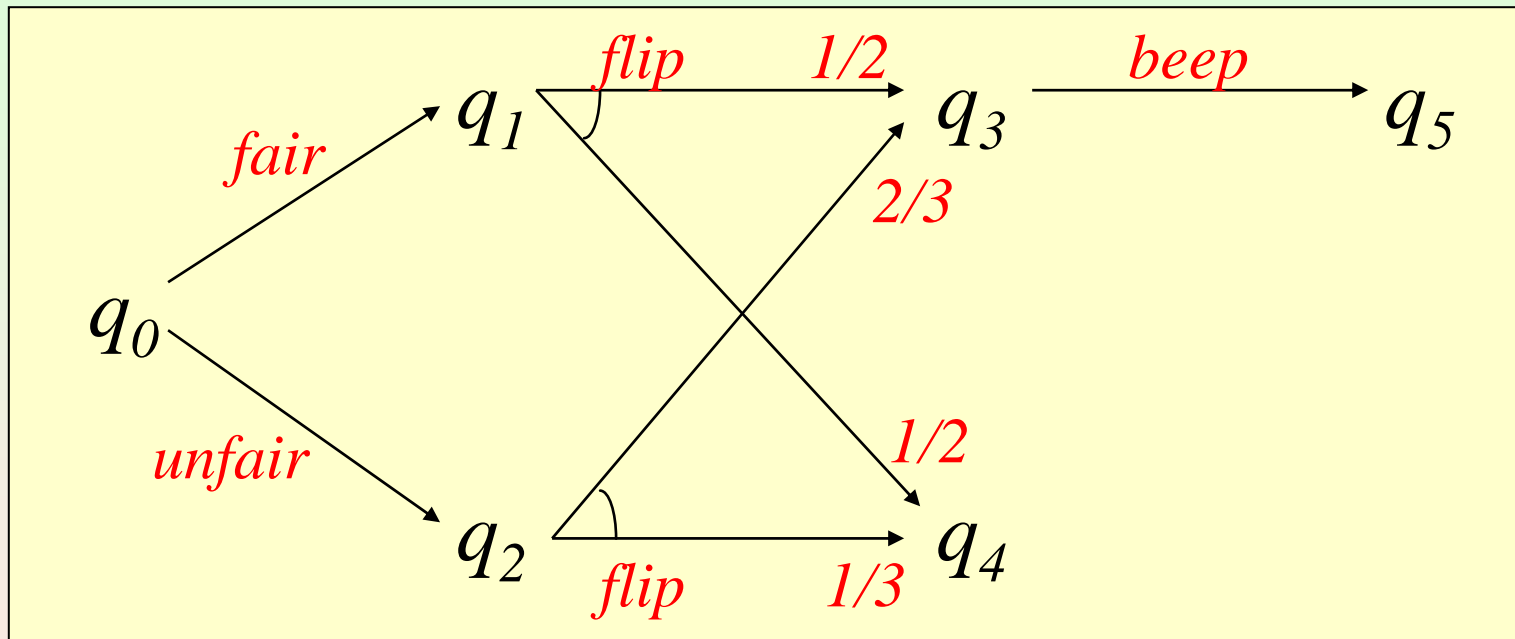
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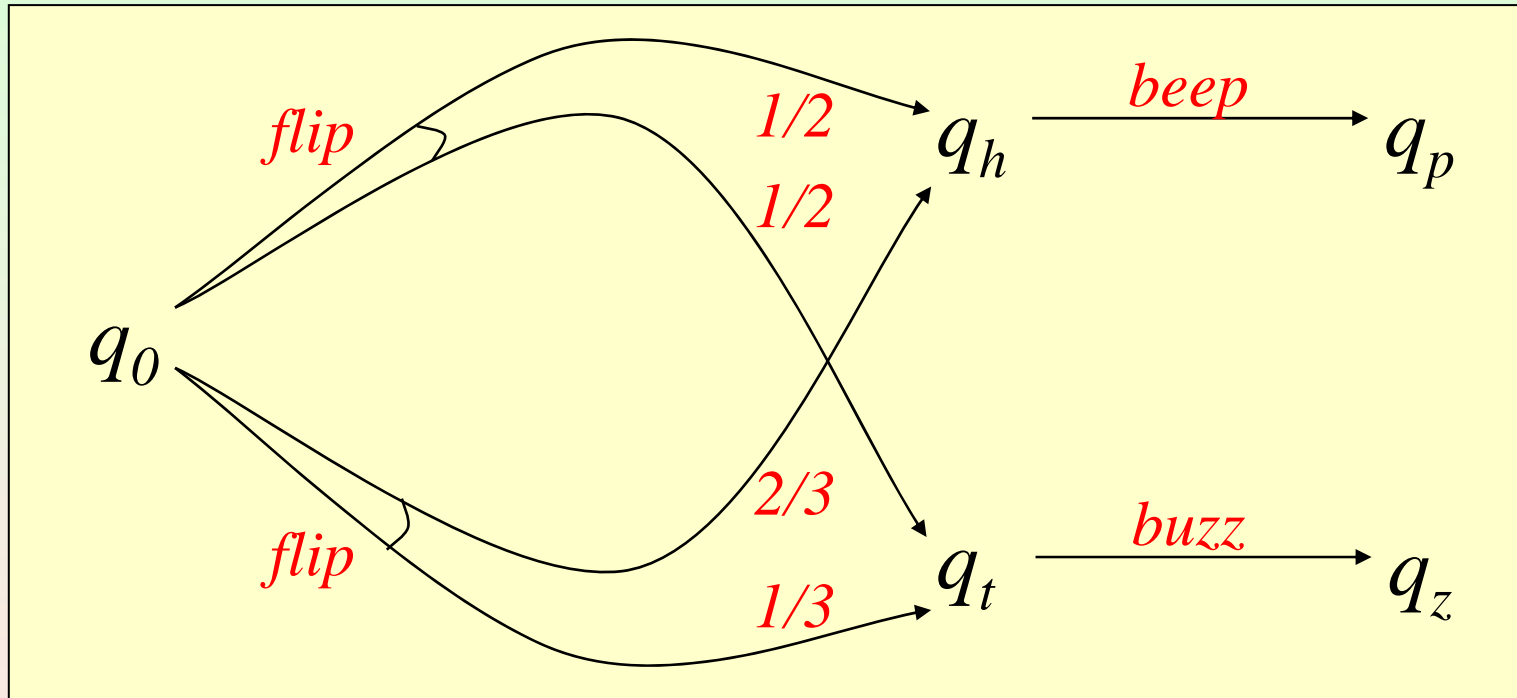
Execution:  $q_0 \xrightarrow{n} q_1 \xrightarrow{n} q_2 \xrightarrow{ch} q_3 \xrightarrow{coffee} q_5$

Trace:  $n \ n \ coffee$

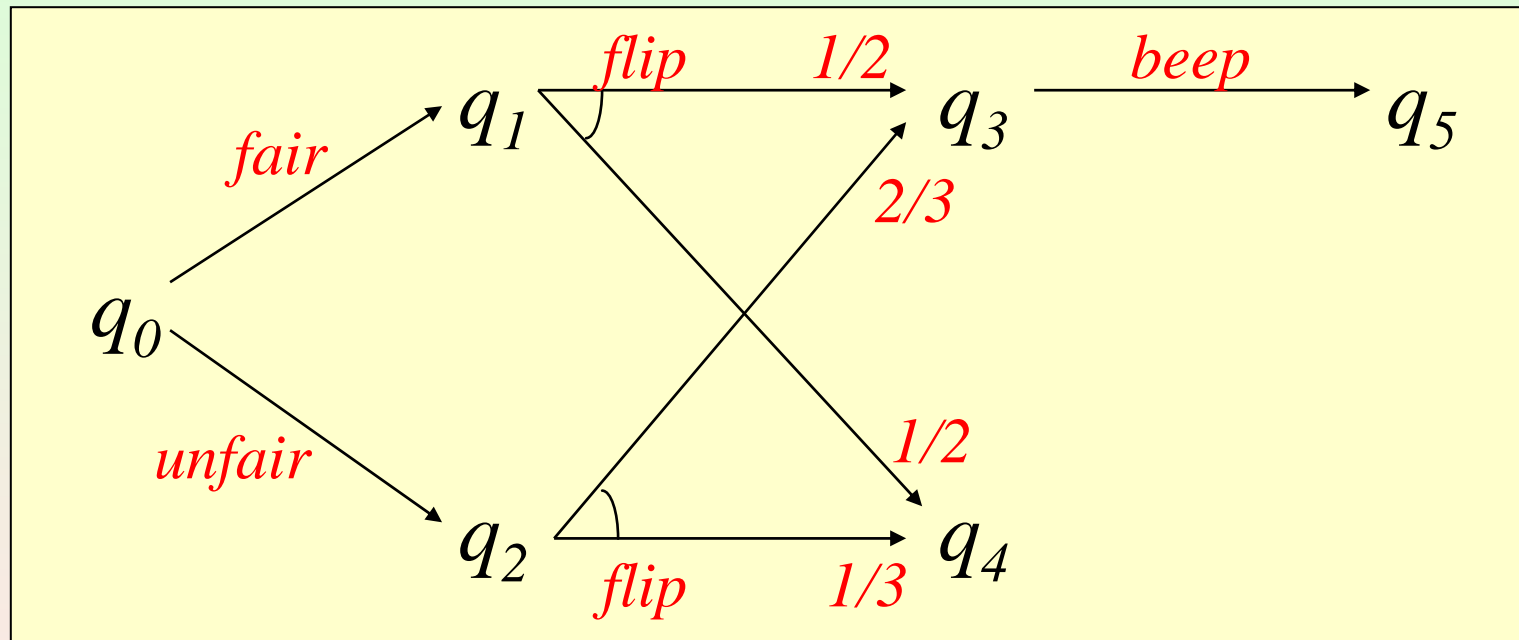
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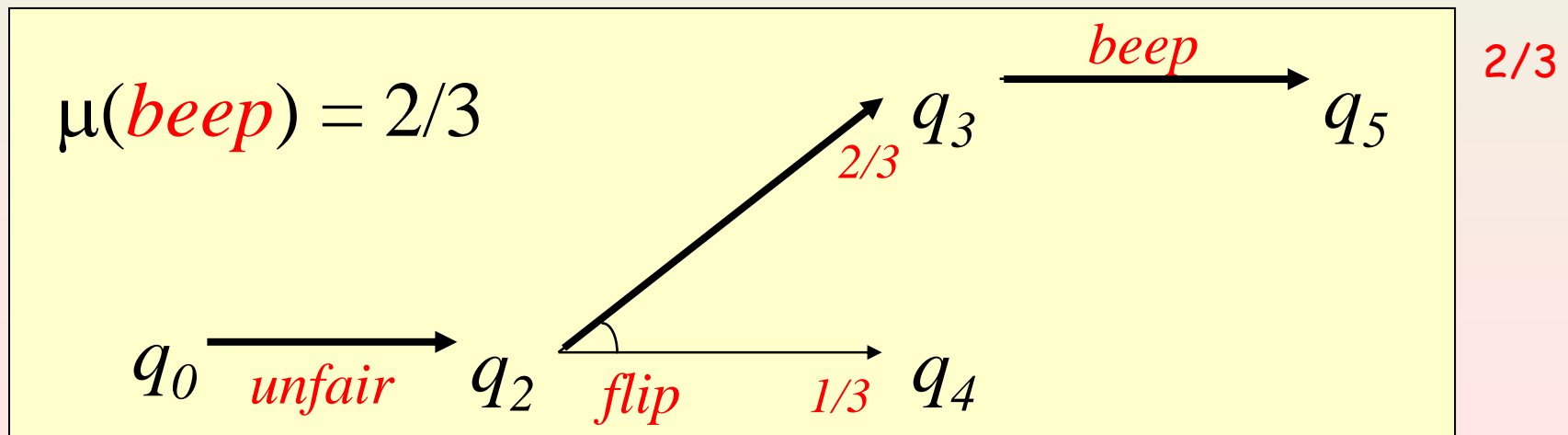
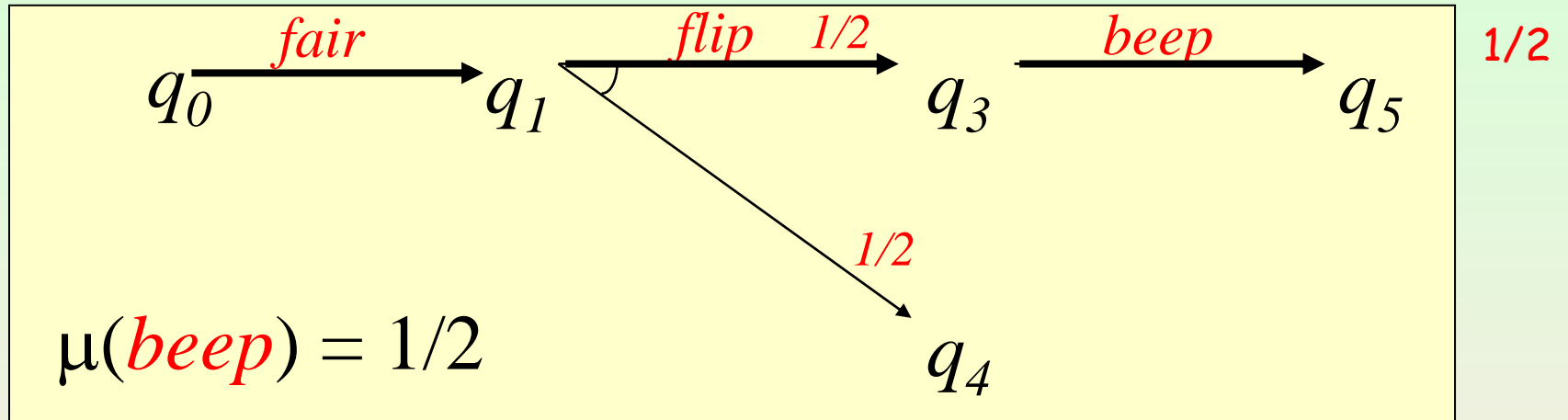


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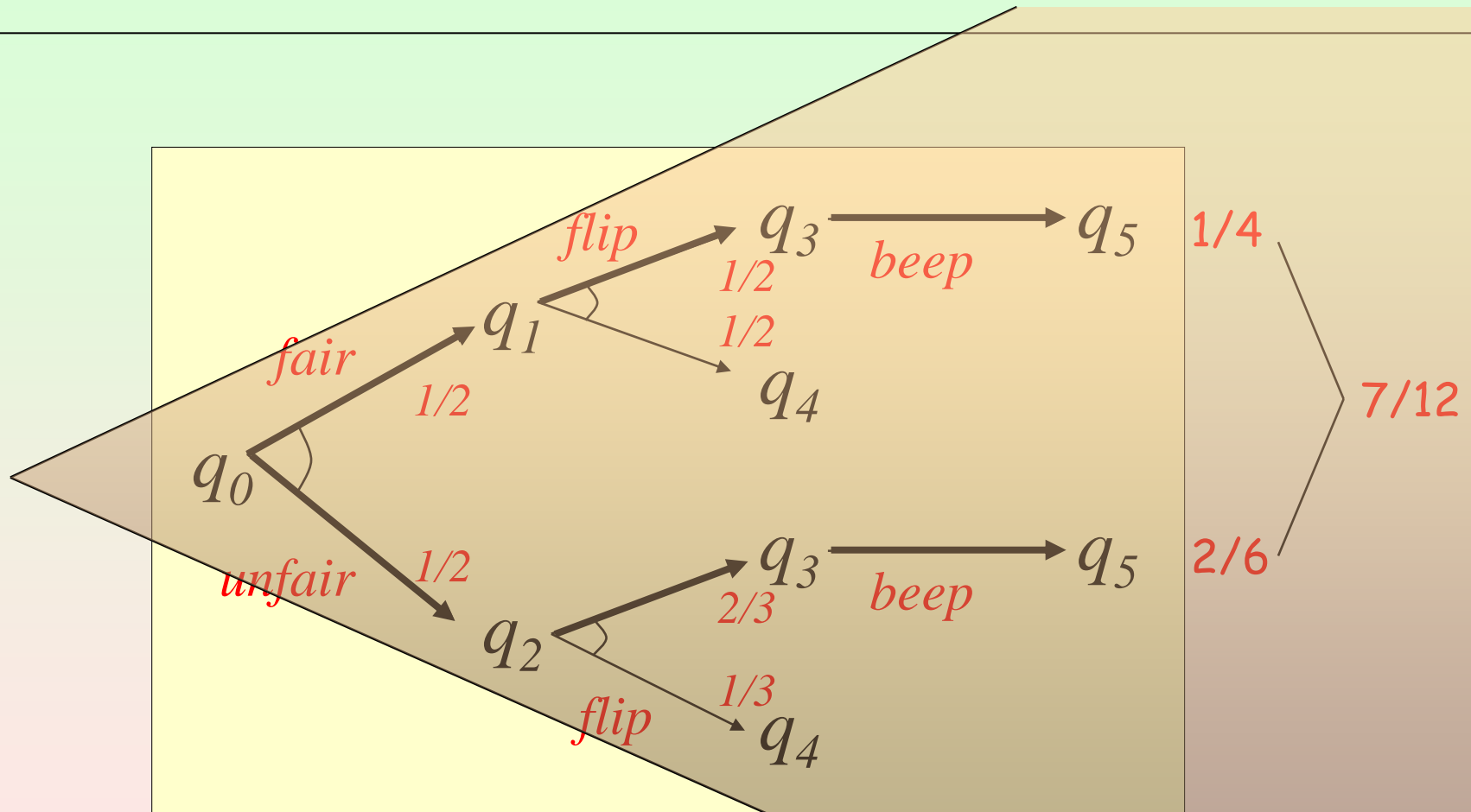
What is the probability of beeping?

# Example: Probabilistic Executions



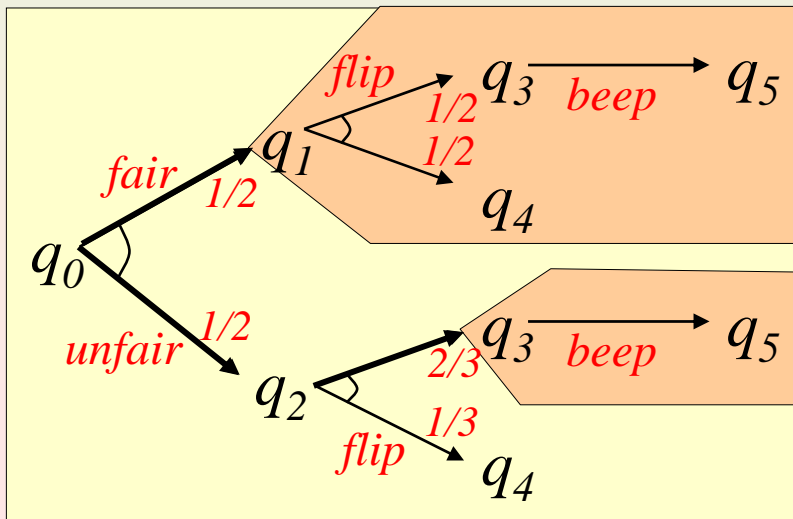
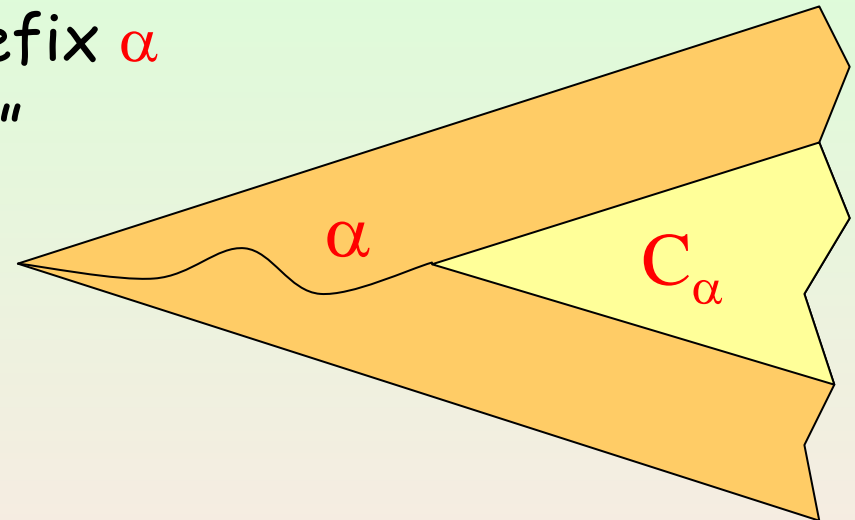


# Example: Probabilistic Executions



# Cones and Measures

- Cone of  $\alpha$ 
  - Set of executions with prefix  $\alpha$
  - Represent event " $\alpha$  occurs"
- Measure of a cone
  - Product edges of  $\alpha$



extends uniquely  
 $\sigma$ -field generated by cones

# Schedulers - Probabilistic Executions

## Scheduler

Function

$$\sigma : \text{exec}^*(A) \rightarrow \text{SubDisc}(D)$$

if  $\sigma(\alpha)((q, a, v)) > 0$  then  $q = \text{lstate}(\alpha)$

Probabilistic execution

generated by  $\sigma$  from state  $r$

Measure

$\mu_{\sigma, r}$

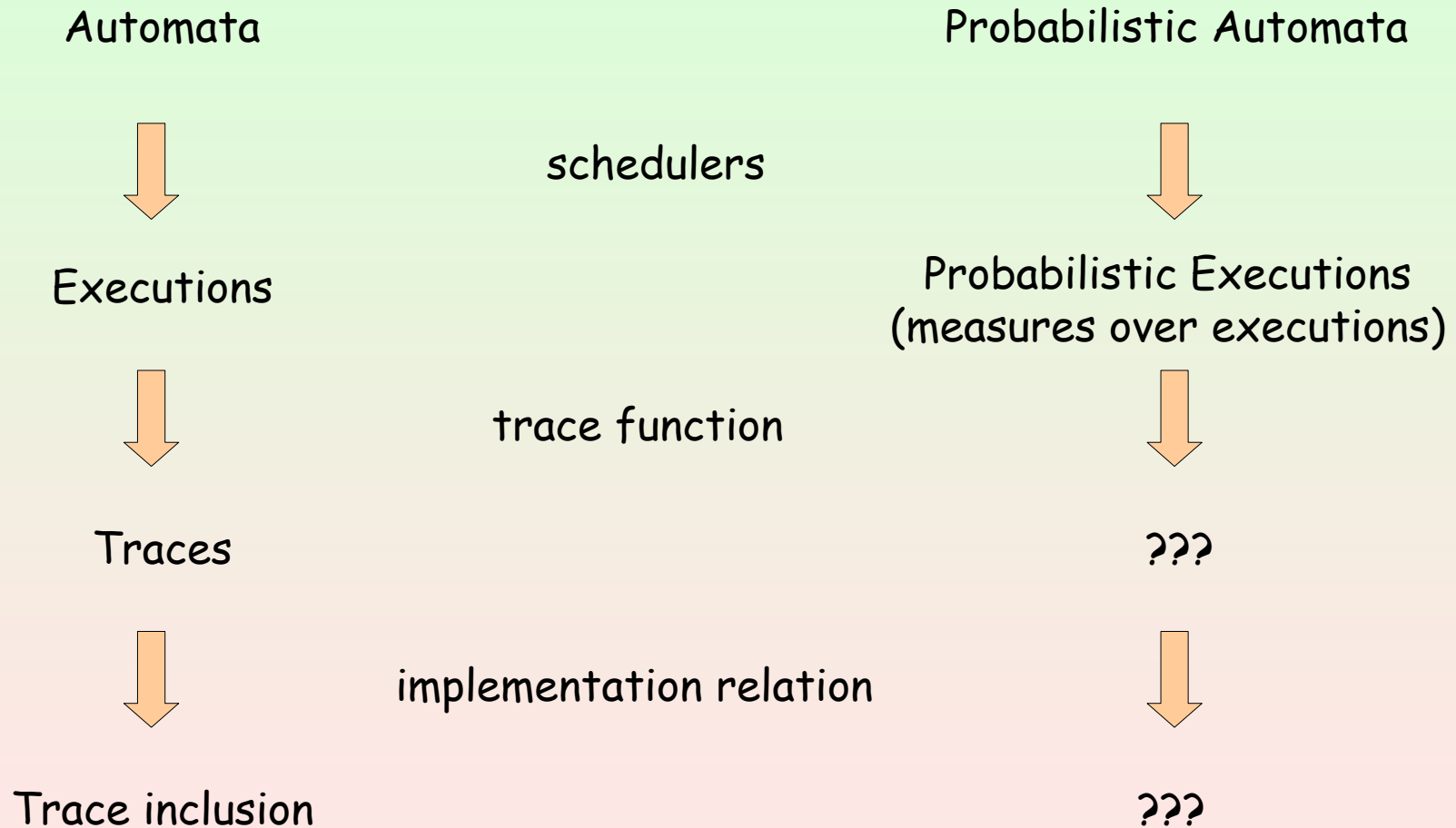
$$\mu_{\sigma, r}(C_s) = 0 \quad \text{if } r \neq s$$

$$\mu_{\sigma, r}(C_r) = 1$$

$$\mu_{\sigma, r}(C_{\alpha a q}) = \mu_{\sigma, r}(C_\alpha) \cdot \left( \sum_{(s, a, v) \in D} \sigma(\alpha)((s, a, v)) v(q) \right)$$



# Summing Up



# Related Models

- Rabin Probabilistic Automata [Rab63]
  - Deterministic Probabilistic Automata
  - Introduced in context of language theory
  - Actions have a different use
- Reactive Systems [LS89, GSST90]
  - Deterministic Probabilistic Automata
- Markov Decision Processes [Bel57]
  - Deterministic Probabilistic Automata
    - Though actions have a completely different use
  - ...plus reward functions
- Labeled Concurrent Markov Chains [HJ89]
  - Probabilistic Automata where
    - States are partitioned into deterministic and probabilistic
    - Nondeterministic states enable several ordinary transitions
    - Probabilistic states enable one transition



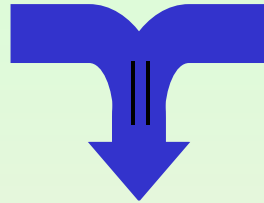
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# Parallel Composition



# Composition of Probabilistic Automata

$$A_1 = (Q_1, q_1, E_1, H_1, D_1)$$



$$A_2 = (Q_2, q_2, E_2, H_2, D_2)$$

$$A_1 \parallel A_2 = (Q_1 \times Q_2, (q_1, q_2), E_1 \cup E_2, H_1 \cup H_2, D)$$

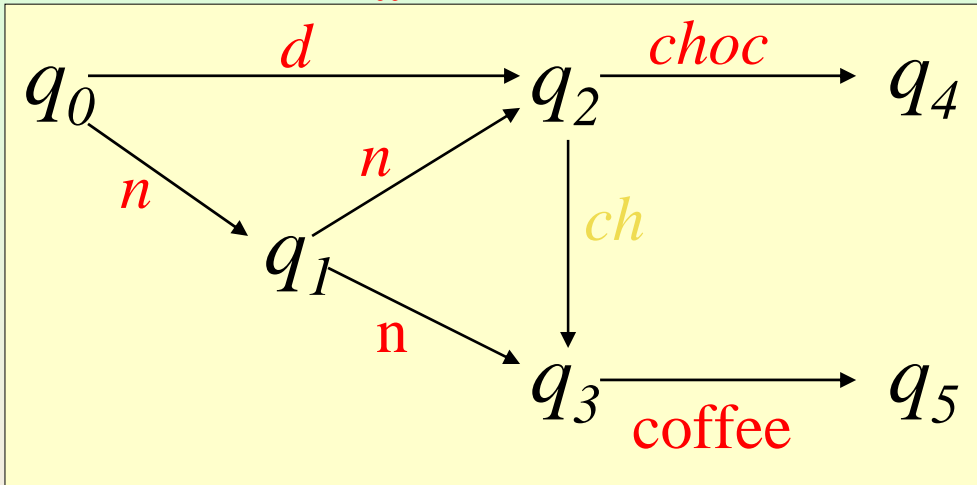
$$D = \left\{ (q, a, (s_1, s_2)) \mid \begin{array}{l} \text{if } a \in E_i \cup H_i \text{ then } (\pi_i(q), a, s_i) \in D_i \\ \text{if } a \notin E_i \cup H_i \text{ then } s_i = \pi_i(q) \end{array} \quad i \in \{1, 2\} \right\}$$

$$D = \left\{ (q, a, \mu_1 \times \mu_2) \mid \begin{array}{l} \text{if } a \in E_i \cup H_i \text{ then } (\pi_i(q), a, \mu_i) \in D_i \\ \text{if } a \notin E_i \cup H_i \text{ then } \mu_i = \delta(\pi_i(q)) \end{array} \quad i \in \{1, 2\} \right\}$$

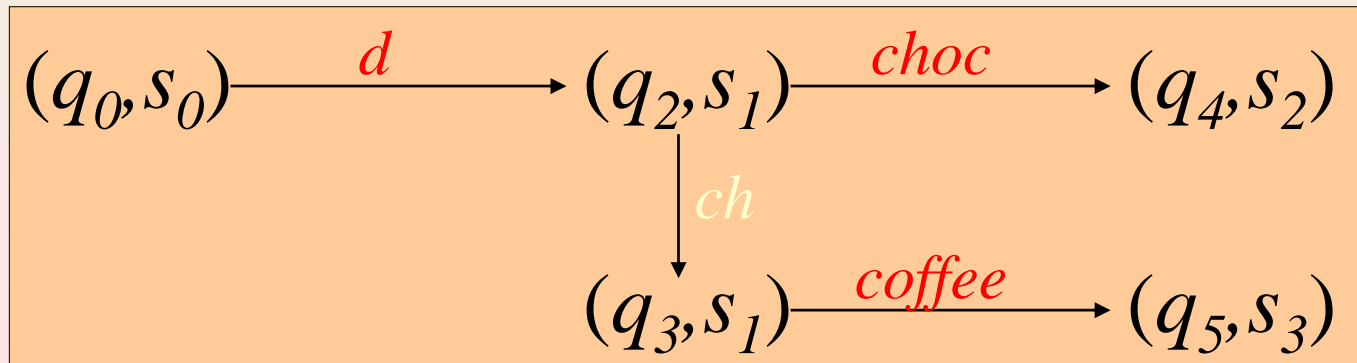
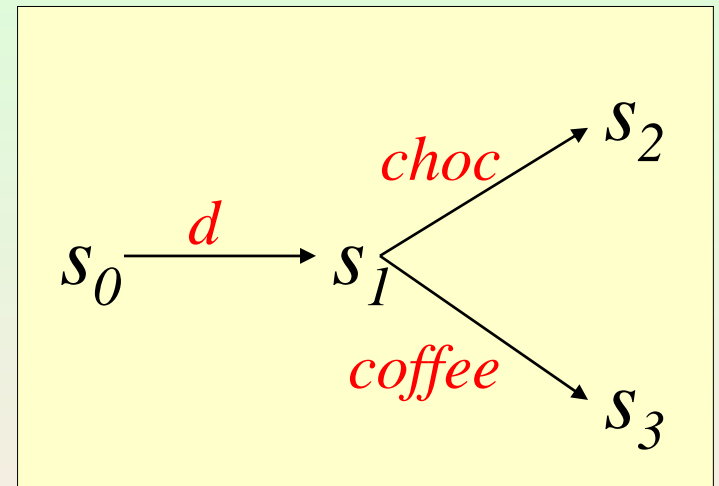


# Example: Composition of Automata

$E = \{n, d, choc, coffee\}$

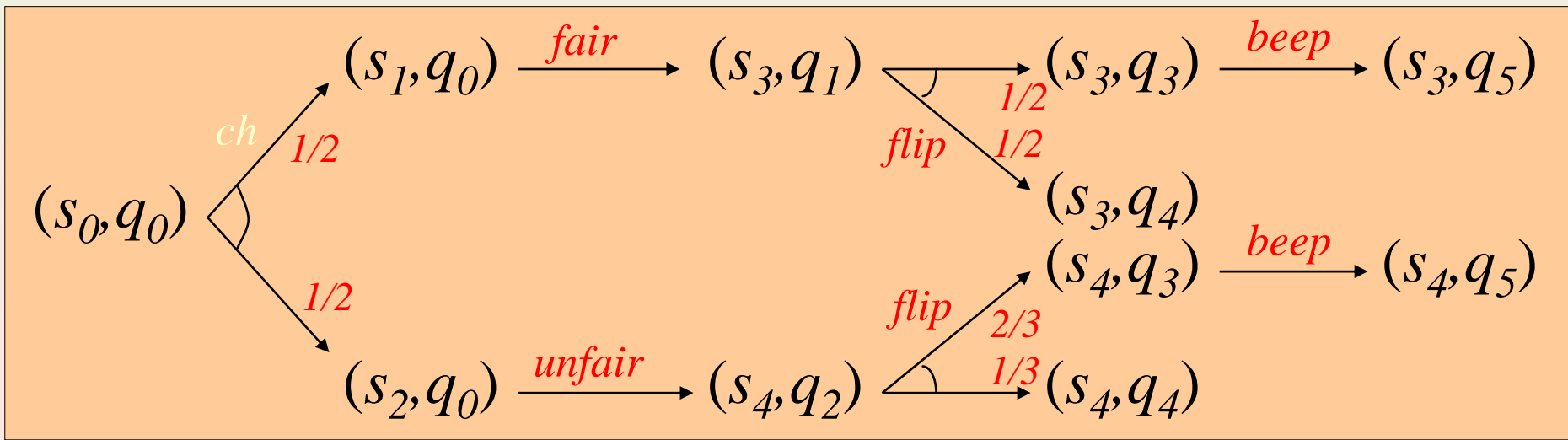
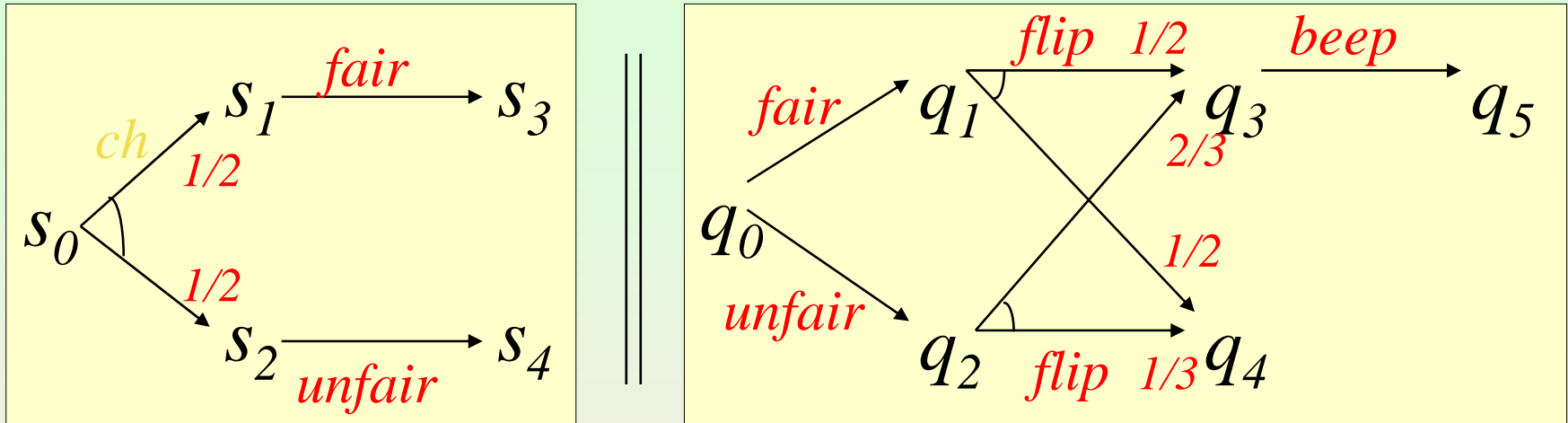


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# Ex. Composition of Probabilistic Automata



# Projections

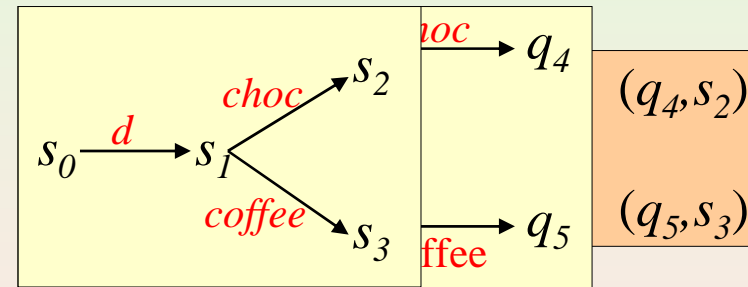
Let  $\alpha$  be an execution of  $A_1 \parallel A_2$

$$\alpha = (q_0, s_0) \mathbf{d} (q_2, s_1) \mathbf{ch} (q_3, s_1) \mathbf{coffee} (q_5, s_3)$$

What are the contributions of  $A_1$  and  $A_2$ ?

$$\pi_1(\alpha) \equiv q_0 \mathbf{d} q_2 \mathbf{ch} q_3 \mathbf{coffee} q_5$$

$$\pi_2(\alpha) \equiv s_0 \mathbf{d} s_1 \mathbf{coffee} s_3$$

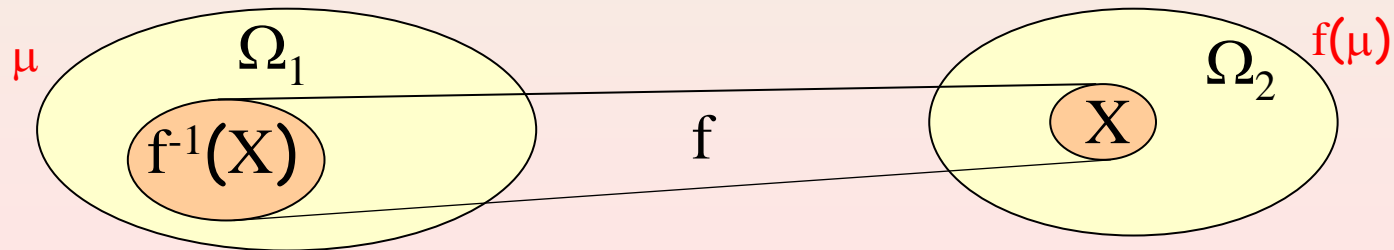


## Theorem

$$\alpha \in \text{execs}(A_1 \parallel A_2) \quad \text{iff} \quad \forall i \in \{1,2\} \quad \pi_i(\alpha) \in \text{execs}(A_i)$$

# Measure Theory: Image Measure

- Measurable function from  $(\Omega_1, F_1)$  to  $(\Omega_2, F_2)$ 
  - Function  $f$  from  $\Omega_1$  to  $\Omega_2$
  - For each element  $X$  of  $F_2$ ,  $f^{-1}(X) \in F_1$
- Image measure  $f(\mu)$ 
  - $f(\mu)(X) = \mu(f^{-1}(X))$



# Projections

The projection function is measurable

$\pi(\mu)$  : image measure under  $\pi$  of  $\mu$

## Theorem

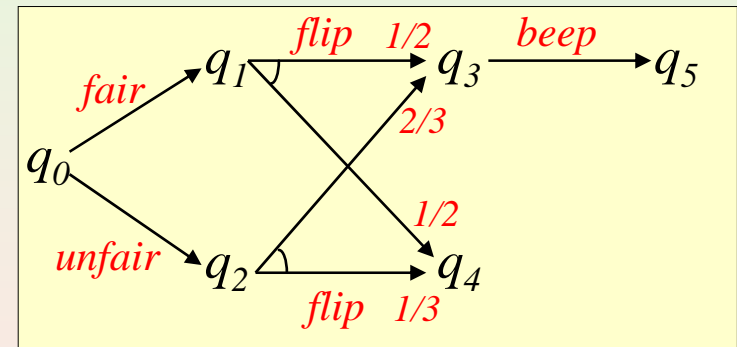
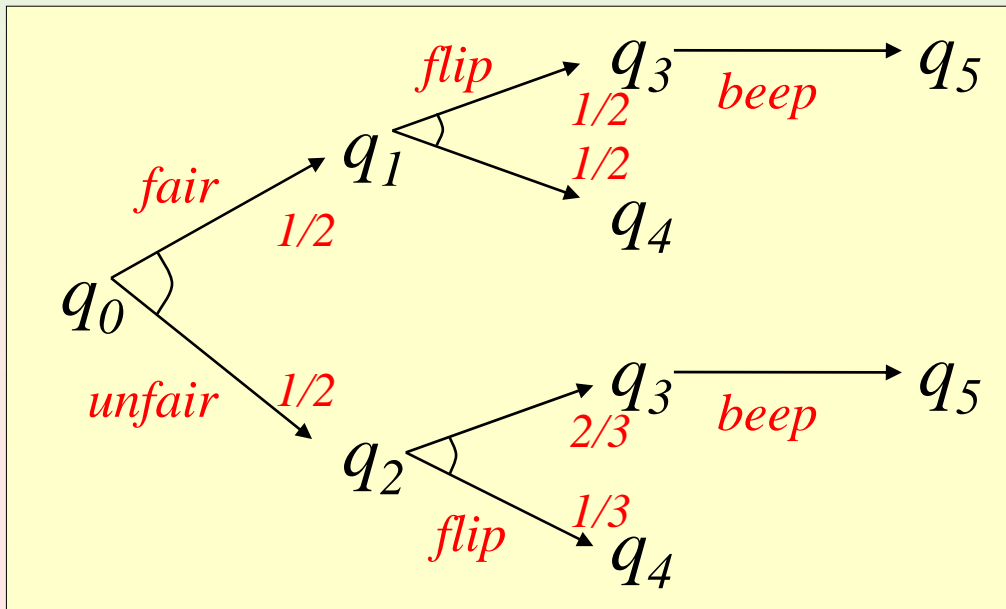
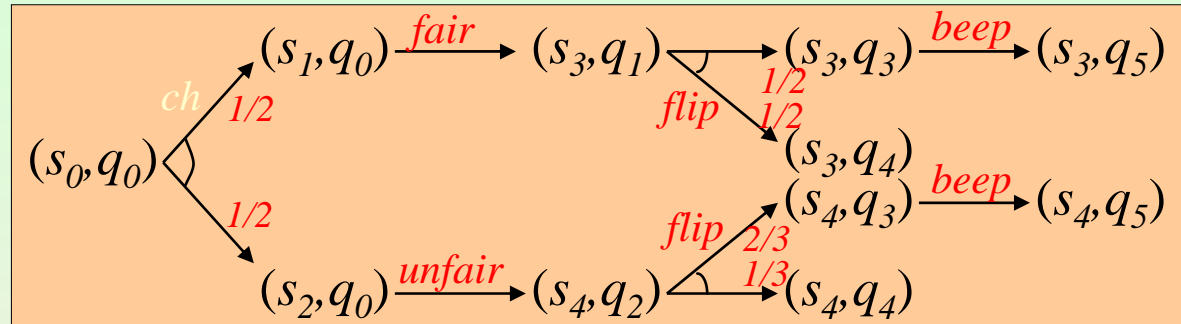
If  $\mu$  is a probabilistic execution of  $A_1 \parallel A_2$   
then

$\pi_i(\mu)$  is a probabilistic execution of  $A_i$



# Example: Projection

Projection onto right component



Note that the scheduler is randomized



# Use of Projections

- Let  $M = MP || CF$
- Suppose that  $MP$  satisfies  $\Phi$  provided that the environment ( $CF$ ) satisfies  $\Psi$
- Suppose that  $CF$  satisfies  $\Psi$  with probability  $p$
- Can I conclude that  $M$  satisfies  $\Phi$  with probability  $p$ ?

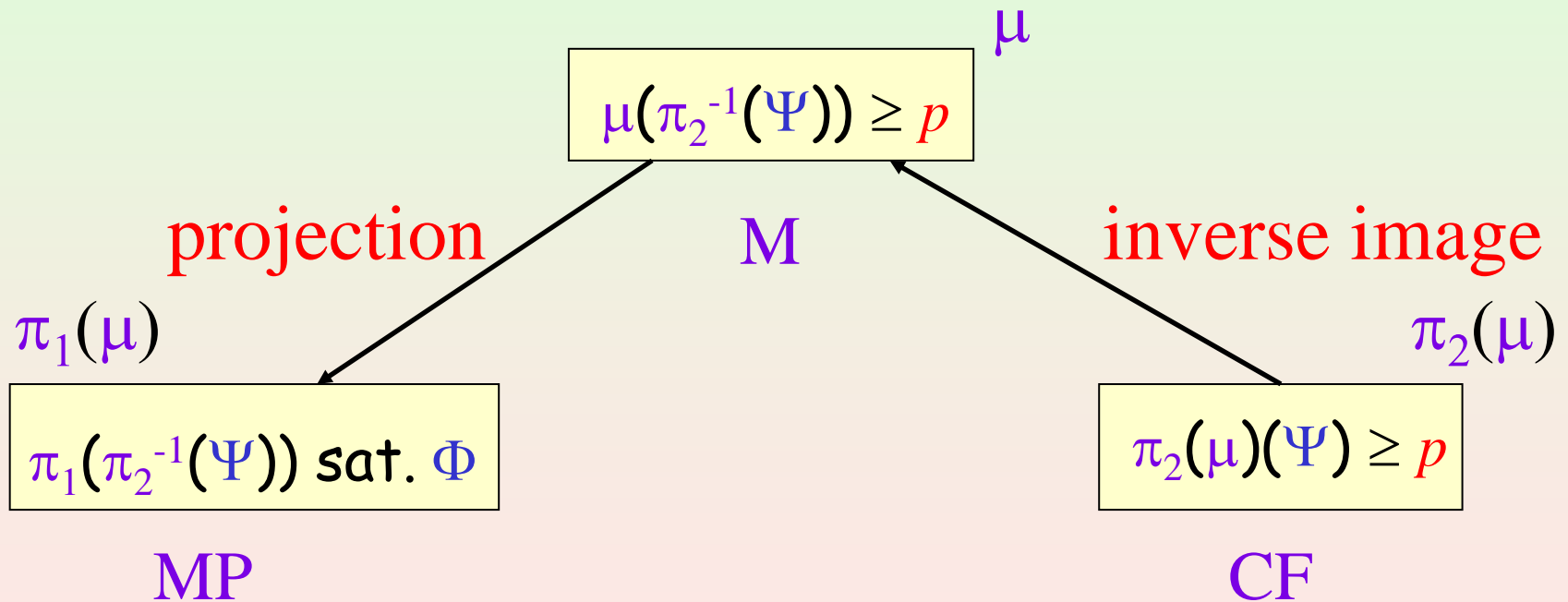
$$\frac{MP \models \Psi \Rightarrow \Phi \quad CF \models [\Psi]_{\geq p}}{M \models [\Phi]_{\geq p}}$$

- This example is taken from a real case study [PLS01]
  - Randomized consensus protocol of Aspnes and Herlihy [AH90]
  - $MP$  is a complex non randomized protocol
  - $CF$  is a relatively simple randomized coin flipper



# Formal Argument

Let  $\mu$  be a probabilistic execution of  $M$ .



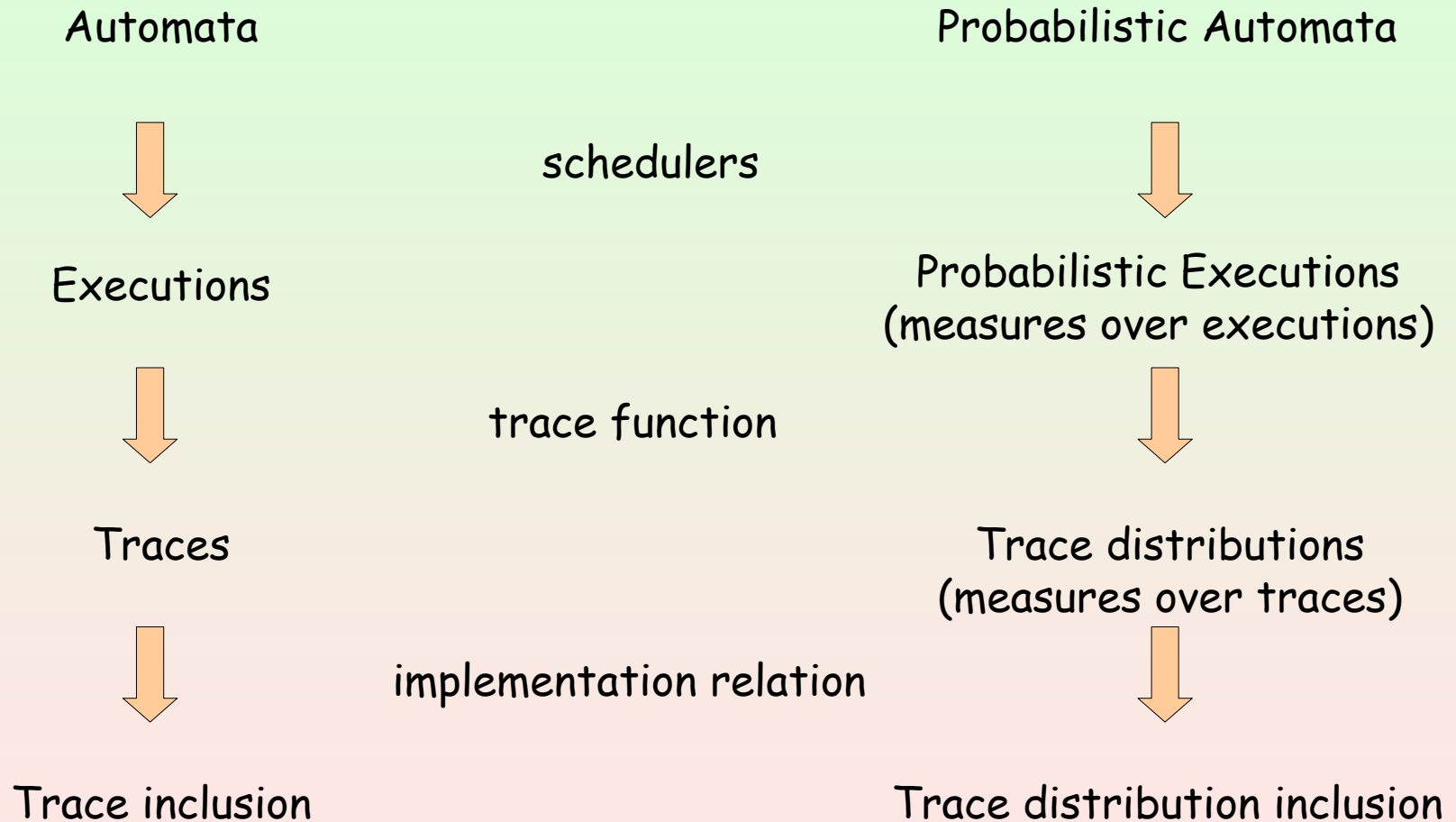
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# Language Inclusion





# Summing Up



# Trace Distributions

The *trace* function is measurable

Trace distribution of  $\mu$

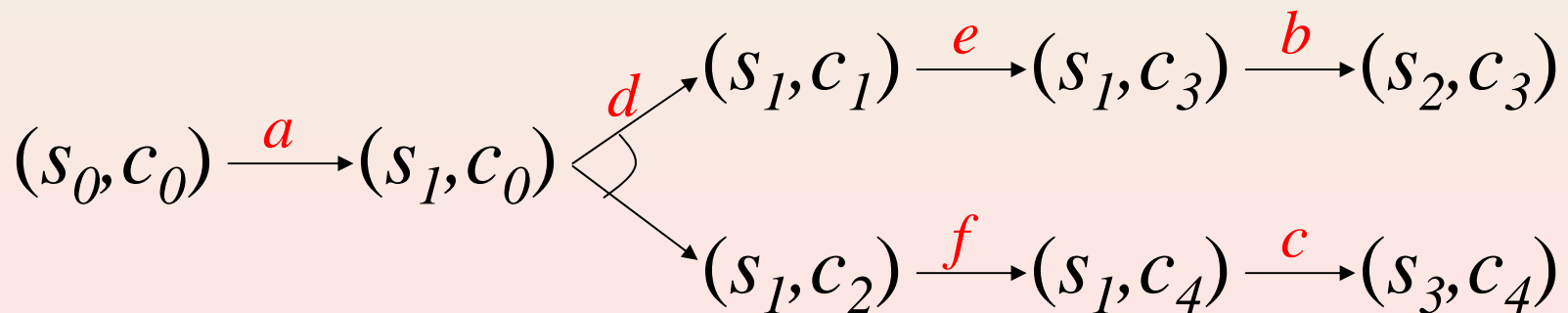
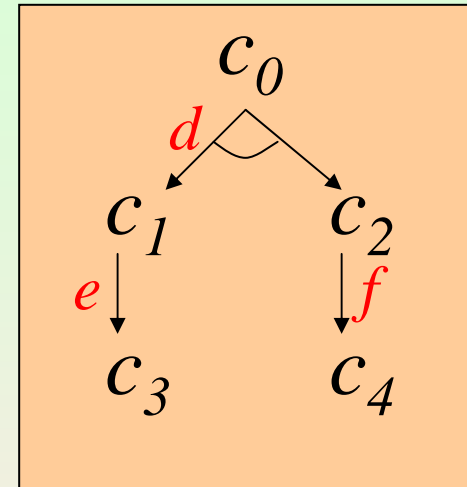
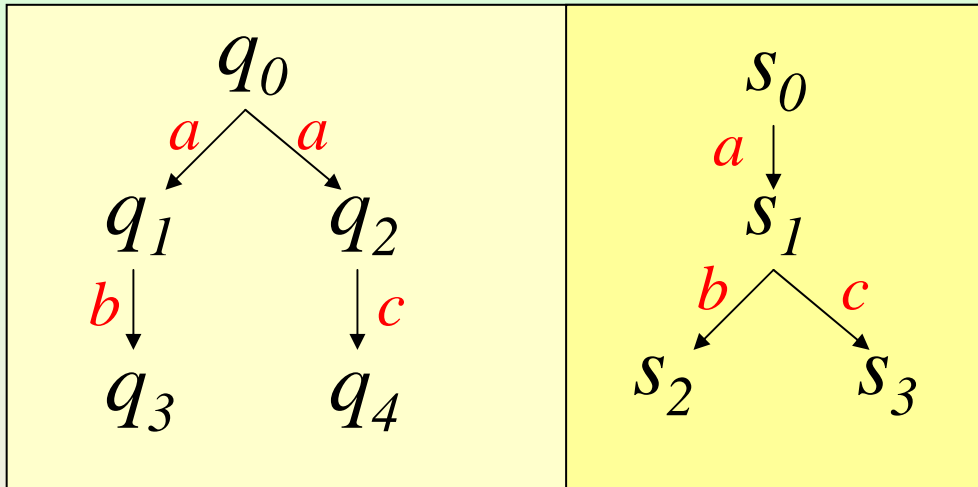
$tdist(\mu)$  : image measure under *trace* of  $\mu$

Trace distribution inclusion preorder

$A_1 \leq_{TD} A_2$  iff  $tdists(A_1) \subseteq tdists(A_2)$



# Trace Distribution Inclusion is not Compositional



# How to Get Compositionality

- Restrict the power of composition
  - Probabilistic reactive modules [AHJ01]
  - Switched probabilistic I/O automata [CLSV04]
- Trace Distribution Precongruence
  - Coarsest precongruence included in preorder
    - That is: close under all contexts
  - Alternative characterizations
    - Principal context [Seg95]
    - Testing [Seg96]
    - Forward simulations [LSV03]



# ... yet, Proving Language Inclusion is Difficult

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- Language inclusion is a global property
  - Need to see the whole result of resolving nondeterminism
- We seek local proof techniques
  - Local arguments are easier
- We use simulation relations



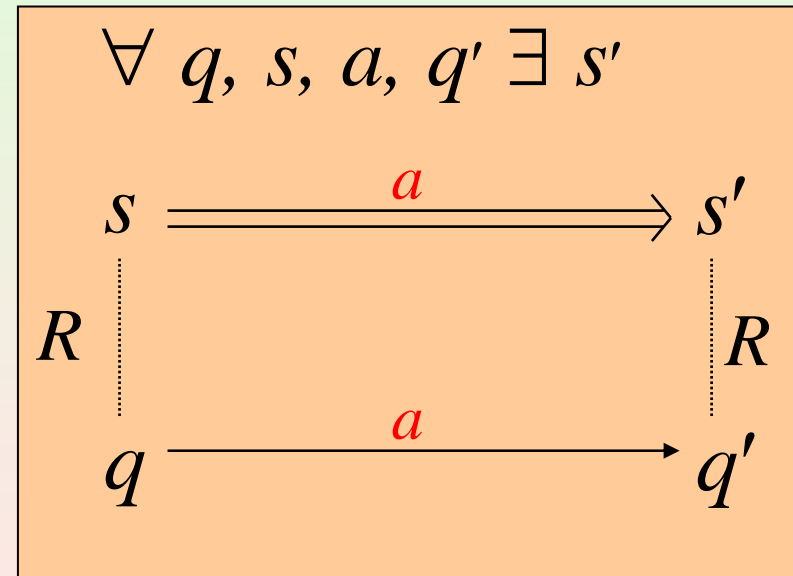
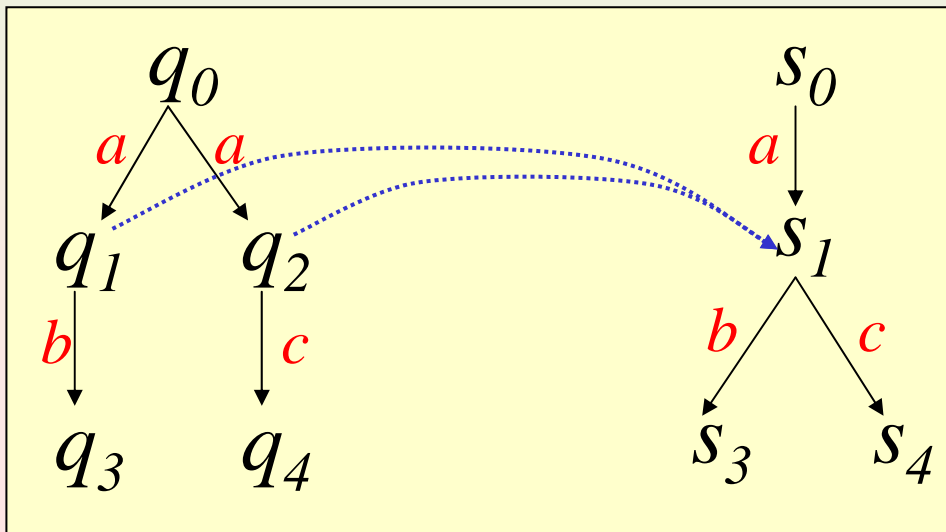
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# Simulations

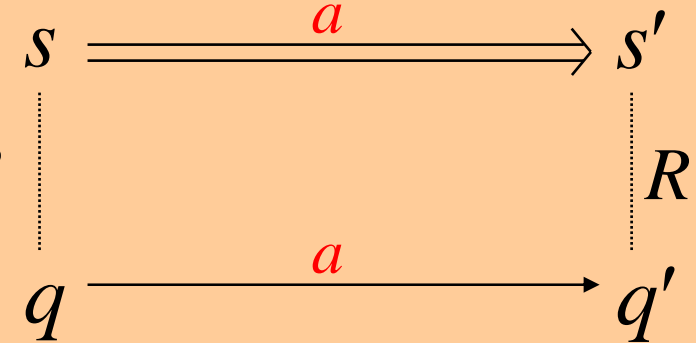


# Forward Simulations (Automata)

Forward simulation from  $A_1$  to  $A_2$  ( $A_1 \leq_F A_2$ )  
 Relation  $R \subseteq Q_1 \times Q_2$  such that

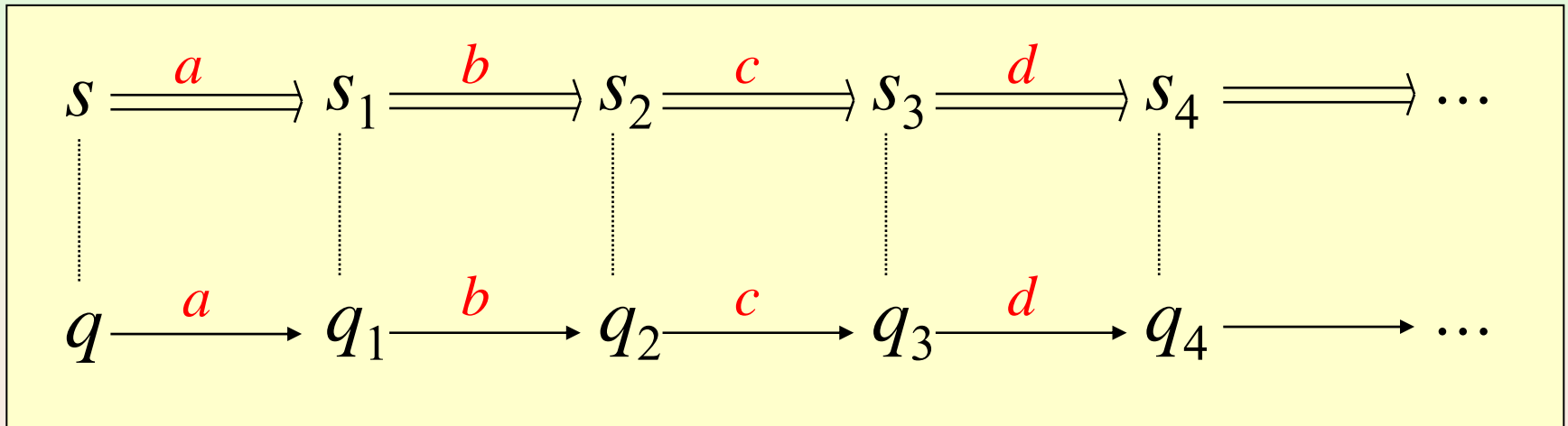


$$\forall q, s, a, q' \exists s'$$



# Simulation Implies Trace Inclusion

- The step condition can be applied repeatedly

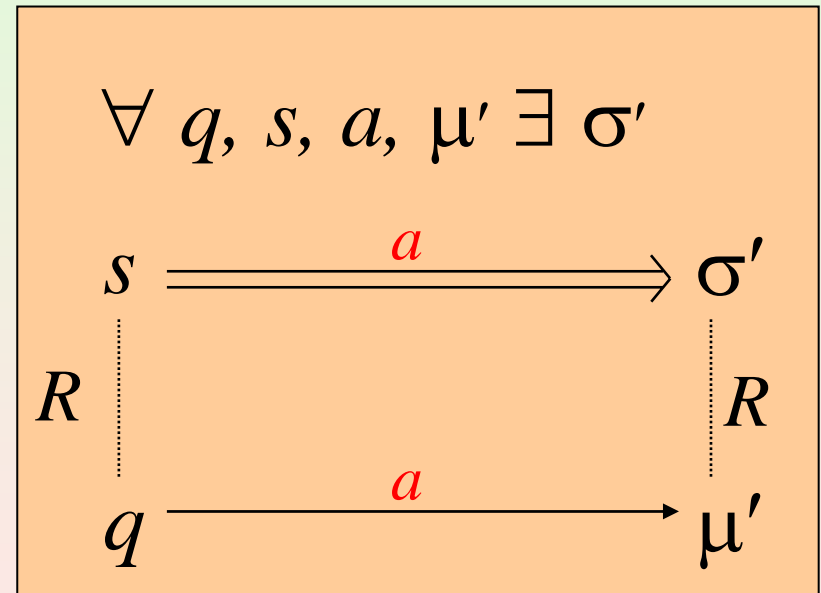
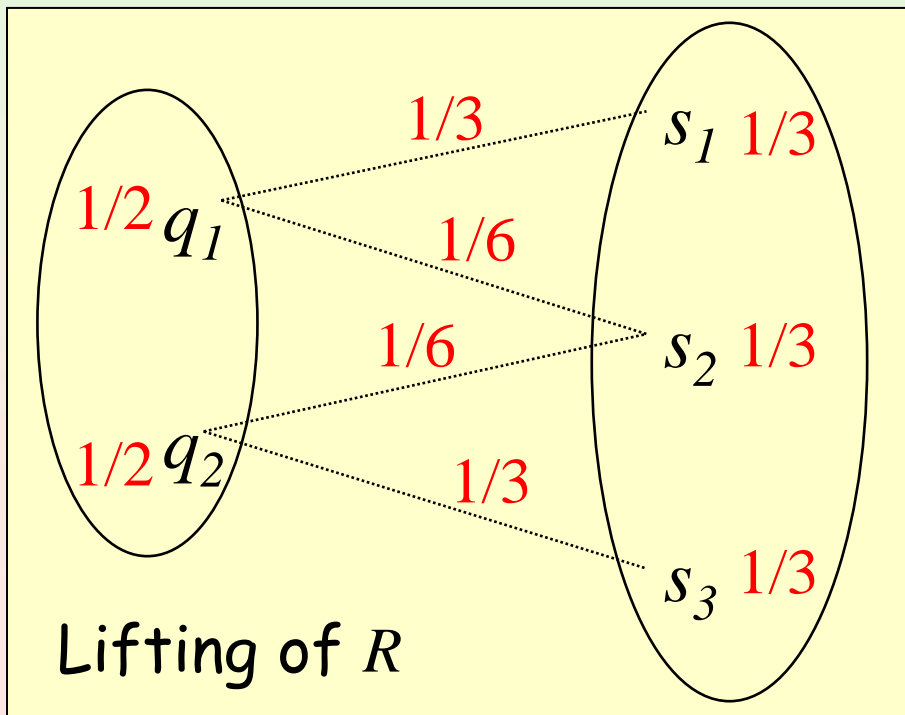


- Thus existence of simulation implies trace inclusion
  - Even more it implies a close correspondence between executions



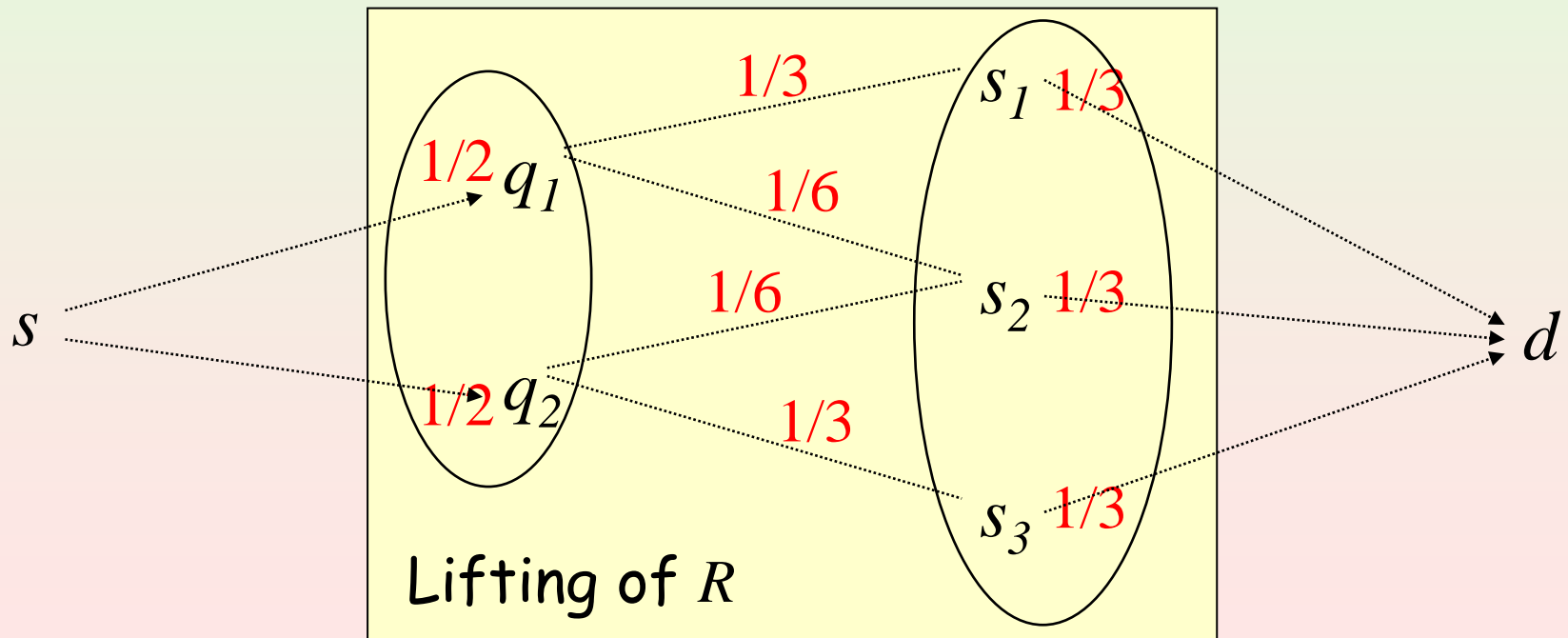
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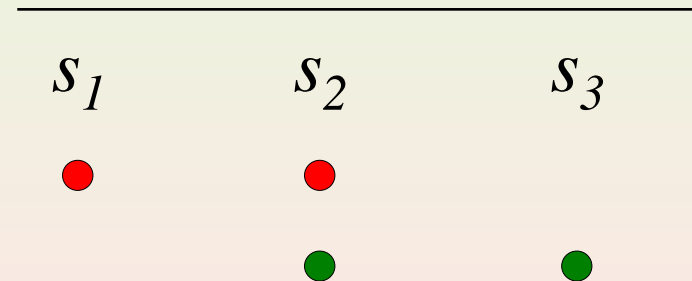
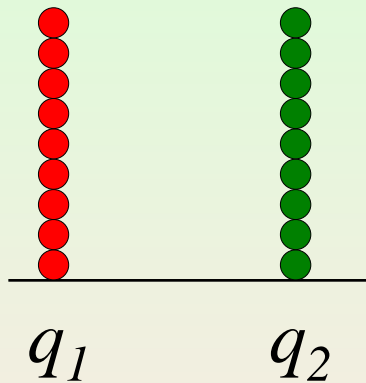


# Considerations about Lifting

- It is the solution of a maximum flow problem
- Alternative characterization
  - $\mu_1 R \mu_2$  iff for each upward closed set  $X$ 
    - $\mu_1(X) \geq \mu_2(X)$



# Lifting and Transfer of Masses



# Lifting and joint Measures

$\mu_1 R \mu_2$  iff there exists a probability measure  $w$  on  $Q_1 \times Q_2$  such that

–  $\text{support}(w) \subseteq R$

• That is,  $w(s_1, s_2) > 0$  implies  $s_1 R s_2$

–  $w(s_1, Q_2) = \mu_1(s_1)$

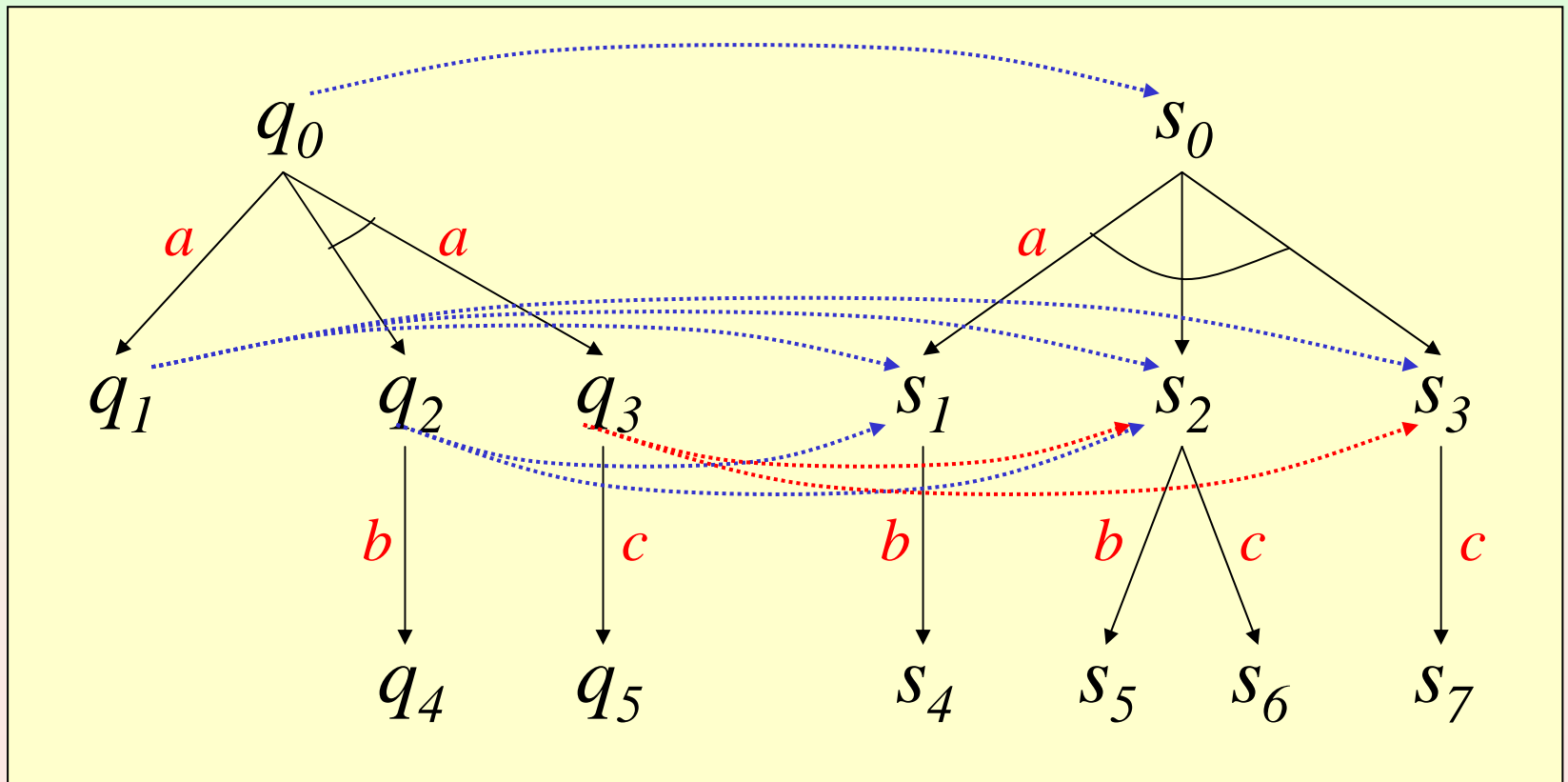
• That is, the left marginal is  $\mu_1$

–  $w(Q_1, s_2) = \mu_2(s_2)$

• That is, the right marginal is  $\mu_2$

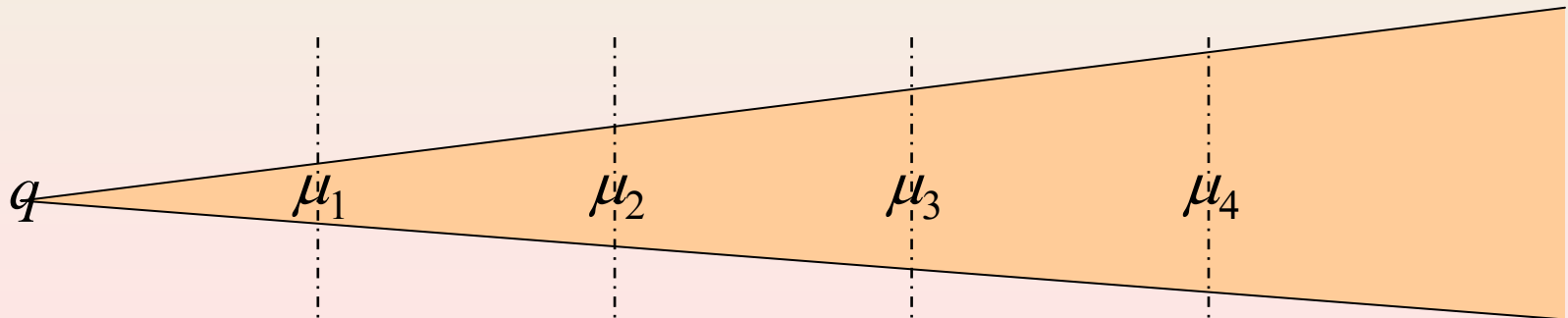
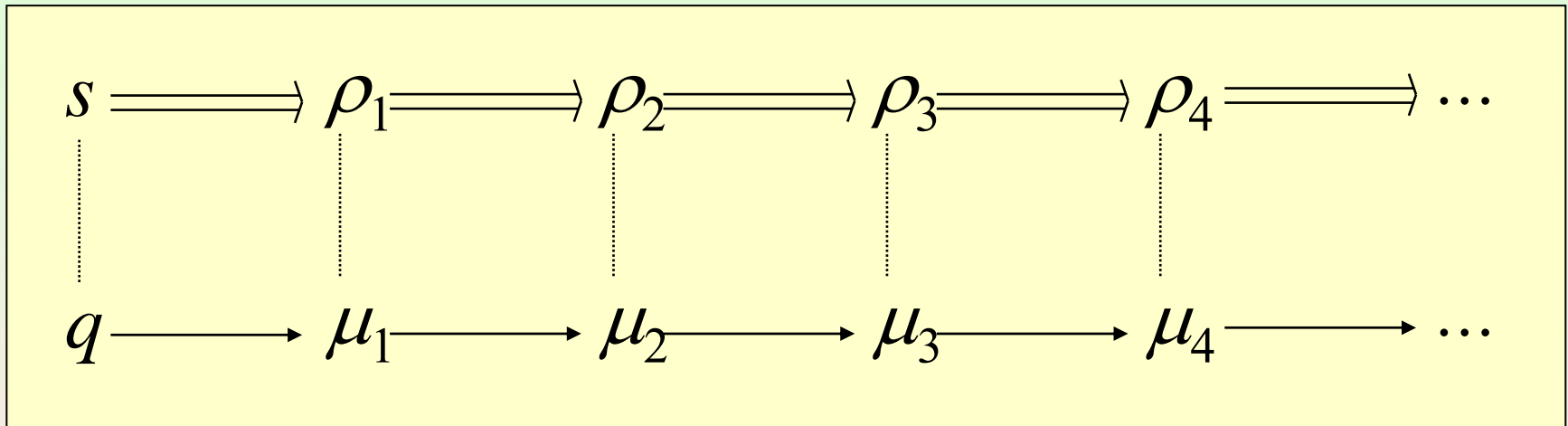


# Example: Simulations



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# Probabilistic I/O Automata

- Probabilistic Automata where
  - External actions partitioned
    - Input actions
    - Output actions
  - Input actions always enabled
- In parallel composition
  - Each action is output of at most one automaton
- Therefore
  - The environment never blocks output actions
  - Language inclusion preserves more properties
  - We know always who controls each action



# Case Study:

## Oblivious Transfer

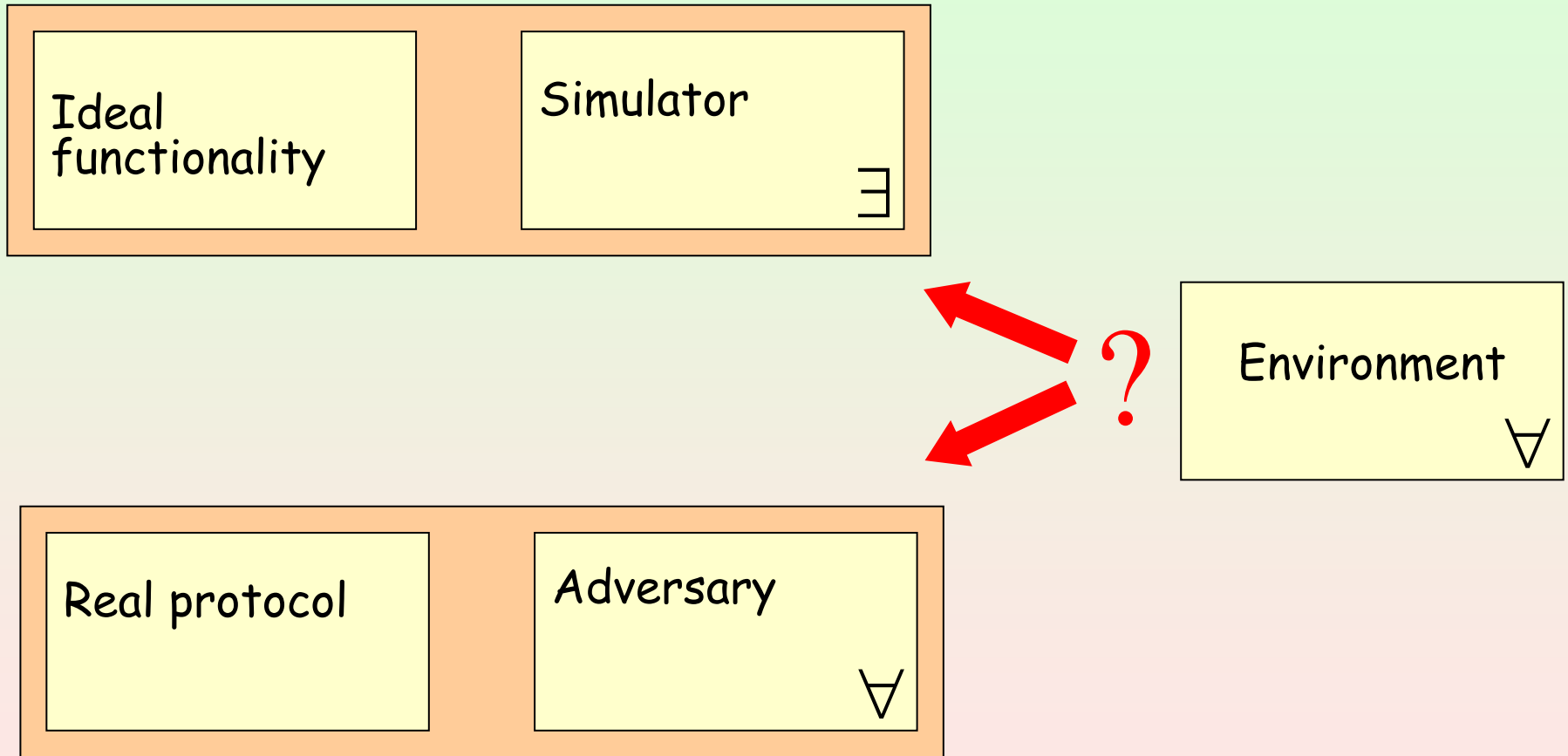
Even, Goldreich, Lempel 85

Canetti, Cheung, Kaynar, Liskov, Lynch, Pereira, Segala





# UC-Framework [Canetti]



# Oblivious Transfer

- Ideal functionality
  - Receive
    - input  $x \in \{0,1\} \longrightarrow \{0,1\}$  (just to avoid writing  $x_0, x_1$ )
    - input  $i \in \{0,1\}$
  - Return
    - $x(i)$  (or could be  $x_i$ )
- Failure model
  - Either Transmitter or Receiver may be corrupt
  - Adversary sees input of faulty agents
  - Faulty agents send output to adversary
  - Adversary may only forward messages and/or talk to environment
- In practice we have four cases
  - We consider case where no agent is faulty



# Automaton for Ideal Functionality

## No Faulty Agents

### Signature

### Input

$\text{in}(x)_T \quad x \in \{0,1\} \longrightarrow \{0,1\}$

$\text{in}(i)_R \quad i \in \{0,1\}$

### Output

$\text{out}(w)_R$

### State

$xval \in \{0,1\} \longrightarrow \{0,1\}$  initially  $\perp$

$ival \in \{0,1\} \cup \{\perp\}$  initially  $\perp$

### Transitions

$\text{in}(x)_T$

Effect

If  $xval = \perp$  then  $xval := x$

$\text{in}(i)_R$

Effect

If  $ival = \perp$  then  $ival := i$

$\text{out}(w)_R$

Pre

$xval, ival \neq \perp$

$w = xval(ival)$

Effect

none

wait

$\text{in}(x)_T, \text{in}(i)_R$

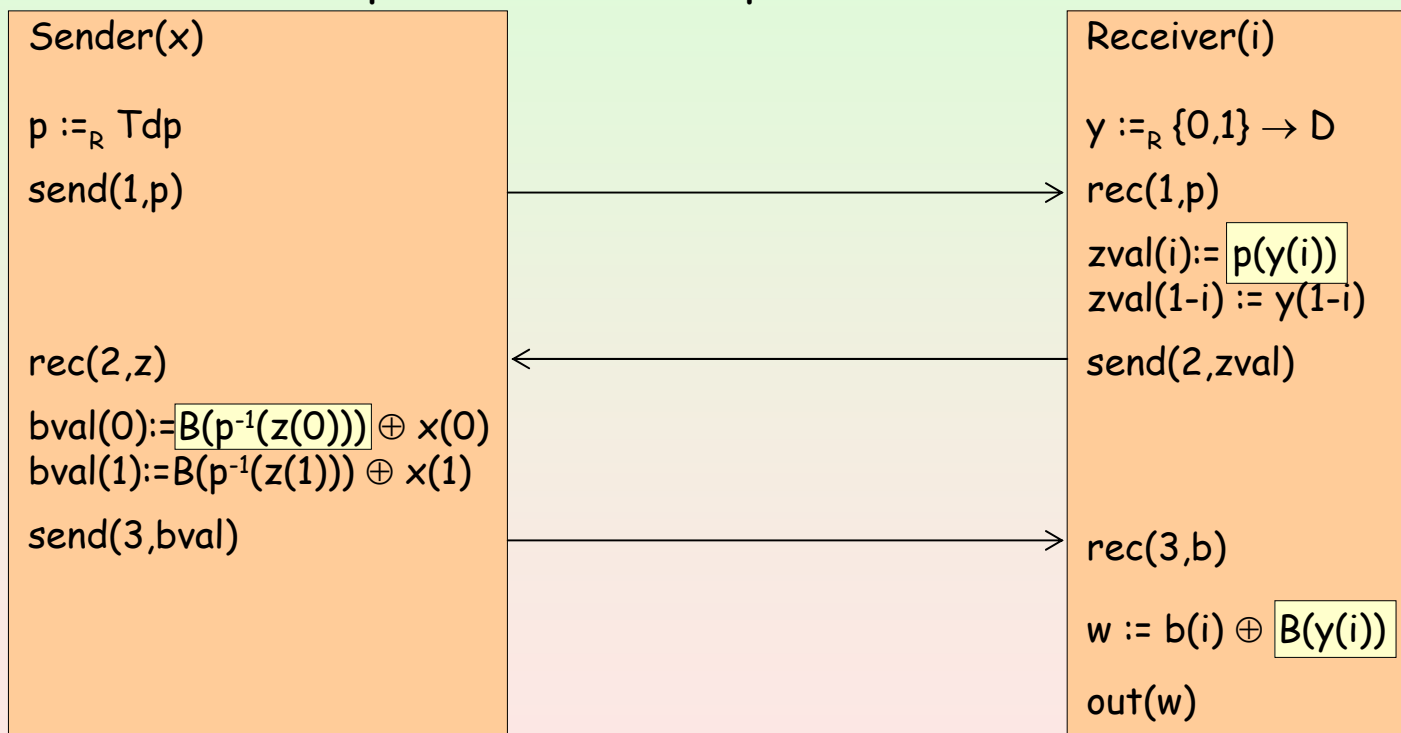
output

$\text{out}(x(i))_R$



# The Protocol

Tdp: trap-door permutation  
 D: domain of Tdp  
 B: hard-core predicate for Tdp



$$b(i) \oplus B(y(i)) = B(p^{-1}(z(i))) \oplus x(i) \oplus B(y(i)) = B(y(i)) \oplus x(i) \oplus B(y(i)) = x(i)$$



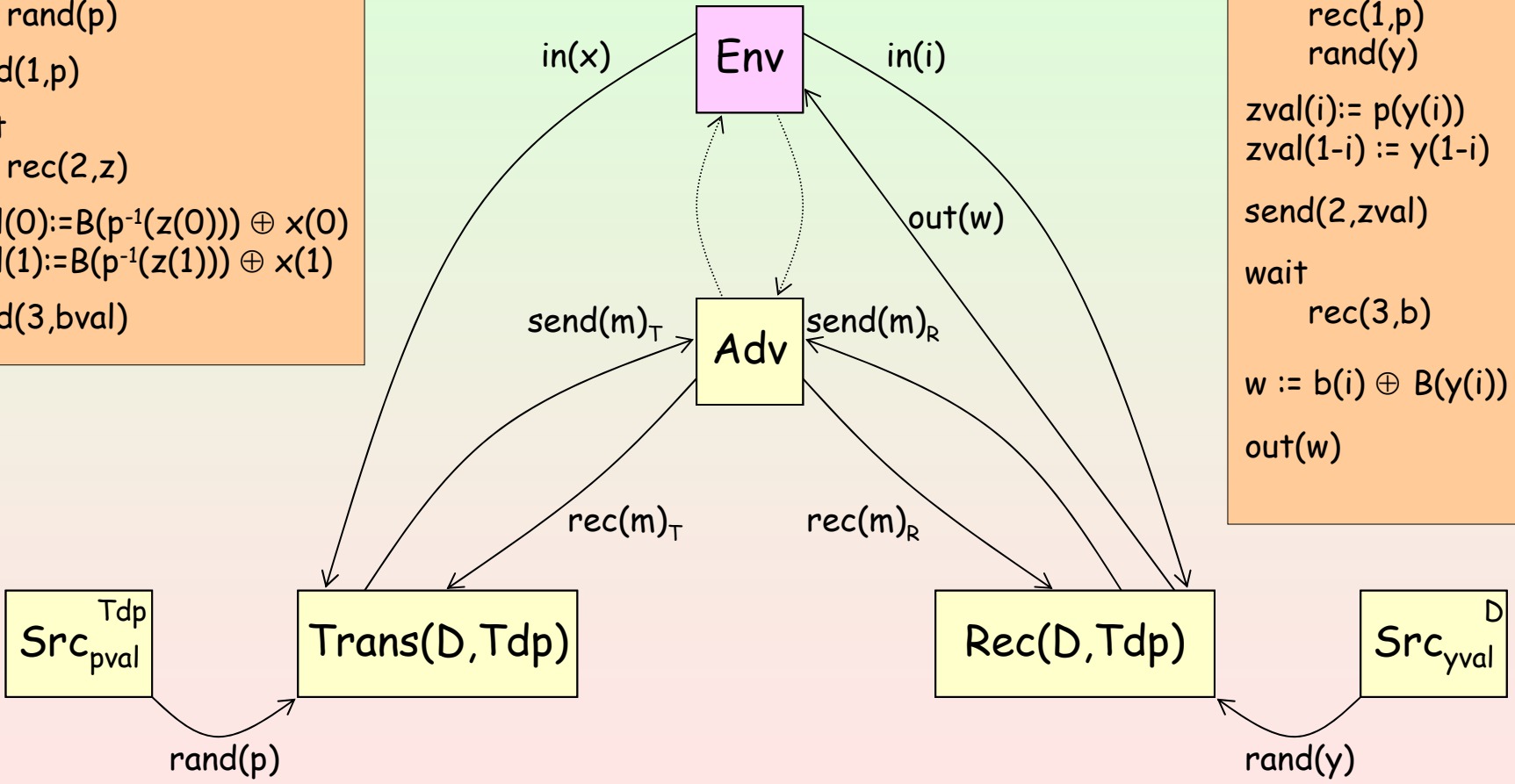
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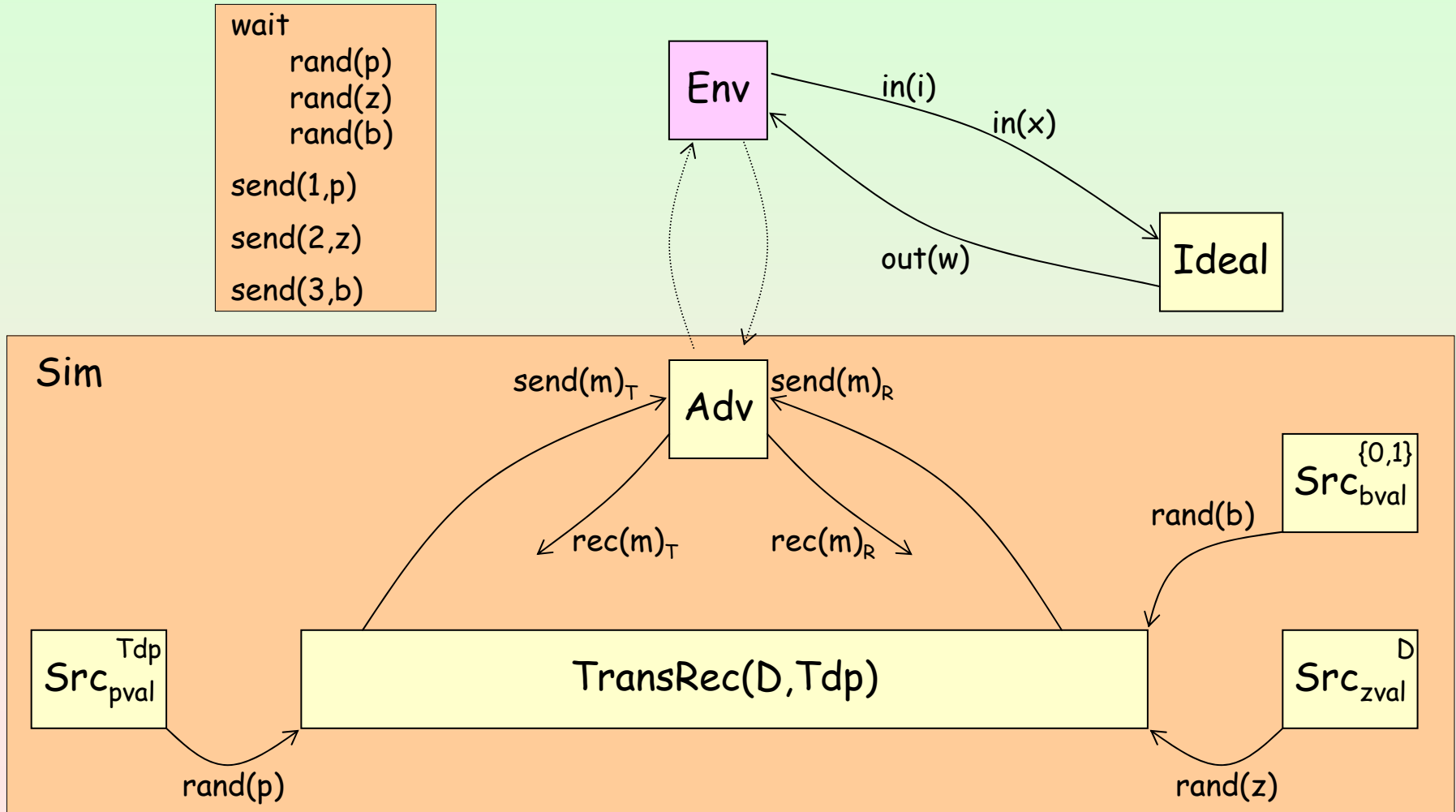
wait
in(x)
rand(p)
send(1,p)
wait
rec(2,z)
bval(0):=B(p-1(z(0))) ⊕ x(0)
bval(1):=B(p-1(z(1))) ⊕ x(1)
send(3,bval)
    
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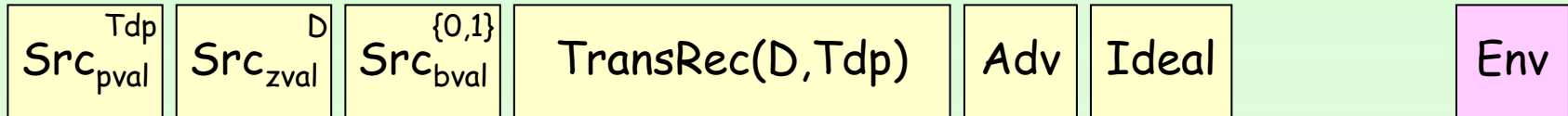
wait
in(i)
rec(1,p)
rand(y)
zval(i):= p(y(i))
zval(1-i) := y(1-i)
send(2,zval)
wait
rec(3,b)
w := b(i) ⊕ B(y(i))
out(w)
    
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# Ideal Protocol with Simulator



# What we should Prove

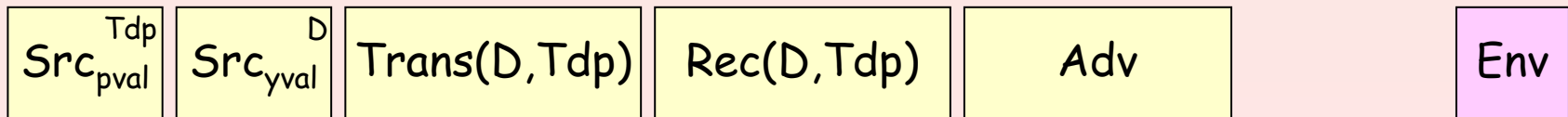


Objective:

Env should not distinguish real from ideal  
 Let Env have a special **accept** action

$\leq_{\text{neg,pt}}$

for each PPT environment Env  
 for each trace distribution of  $\text{Real} \mid \text{Env}$   
 there exists a trace distribution of  $\text{Ideal} \mid \text{Env}$   
 the probabilities of **accept** differ by a negligible value



# Implementation Relation

## Extends Computational Indistinguishability

- Families of probabilistic automata
  - Indexed by security parameter  $k$
- Time bounded automata (by some polynomial  $p$ )
  - Elements representable with  $p(k)$  bits
  - Elements computable in time  $p(k)$
- $\{A_k\} \leq_{\text{neg,pt}} \{B_k\}$  iff
  - For each polynomial  $p, p_1$
  - There exists a polynomial  $p_2$
  - There exists a function  $\varepsilon$  negligible in  $k$   $(\forall c \exists k \forall k > k)$
  - For each Environment  $\{E_k\}$ 
    - $p$ -bounded
    - with special action **accept**
  - For each trace distribution of  $A_k | E_k$  of length at most  $p_1(k)$
  - There exists a trace distribution of  $B_k | E_k$  of length at most  $p_2(k)$ 
    - Probabilities of **accept** differ at most by  $\varepsilon(k)$   $(\leq k^{-c})$



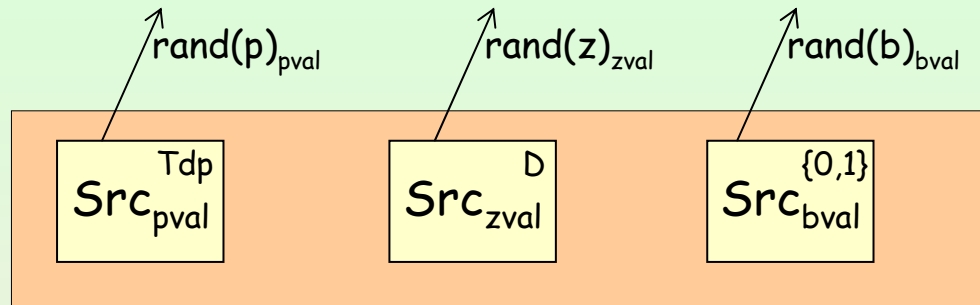


# Hard Core Predicate Trap-door permutation

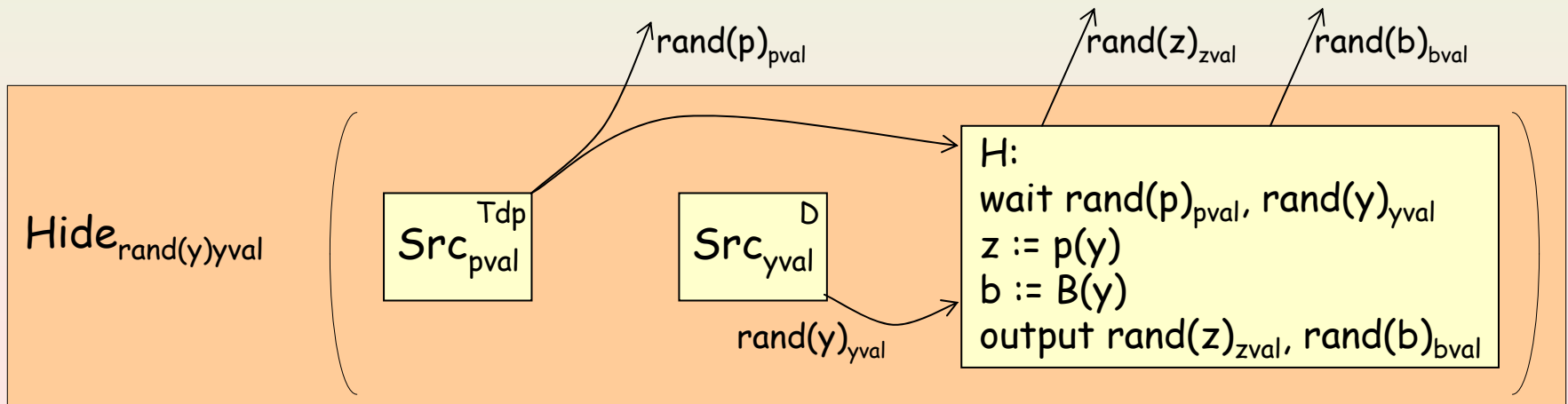
- Domain  $D = \{D_k\}$
- Trap-door permutation  $Tdp = \{Tdp_k\}$
- Hard-core predicate  $B : \{D_k \rightarrow \{0,1\}\}$ 
  - Poly-time computable
  - For each poly-time predicate  $G$  there exists negligible  $\varepsilon$

$$\left| \Pr \left[ \begin{array}{l} f \leftarrow Tdp_k; \\ z \leftarrow D_k \\ b \leftarrow B(f^{-1}(z)); \\ G_k(f, z, b) = 1 \end{array} \right] - \Pr \left[ \begin{array}{l} f \leftarrow Tdp_k; \\ z \leftarrow D_k \\ b \leftarrow \{0,1\}; \\ G_k(f, z, b) = 1 \end{array} \right] \right| \leq \varepsilon(k)$$

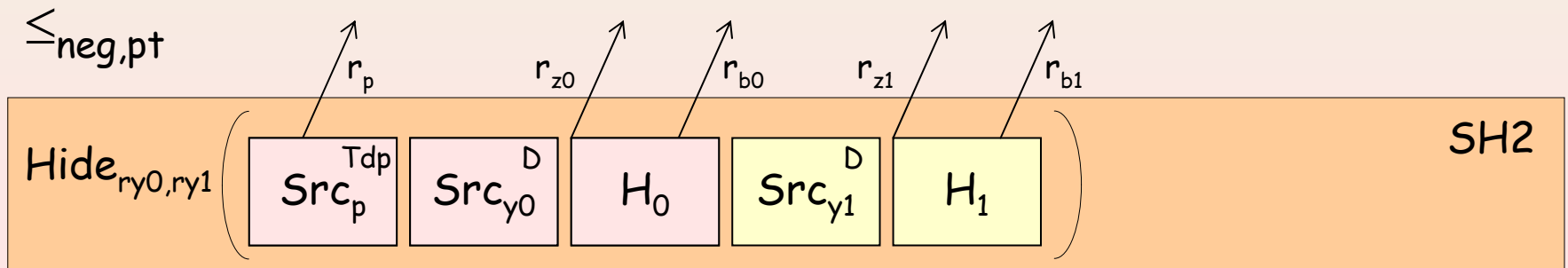
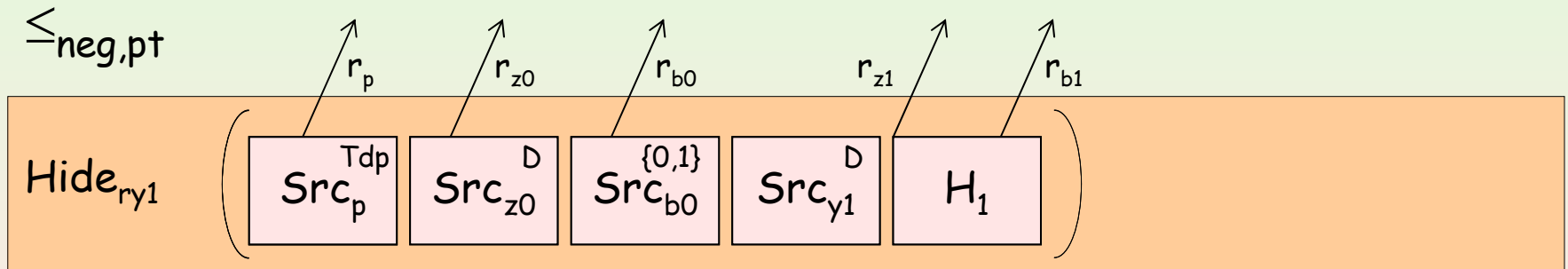
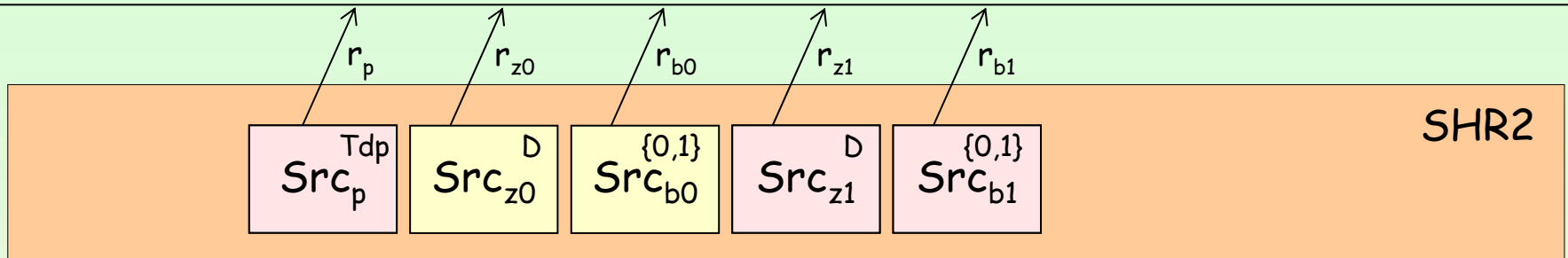
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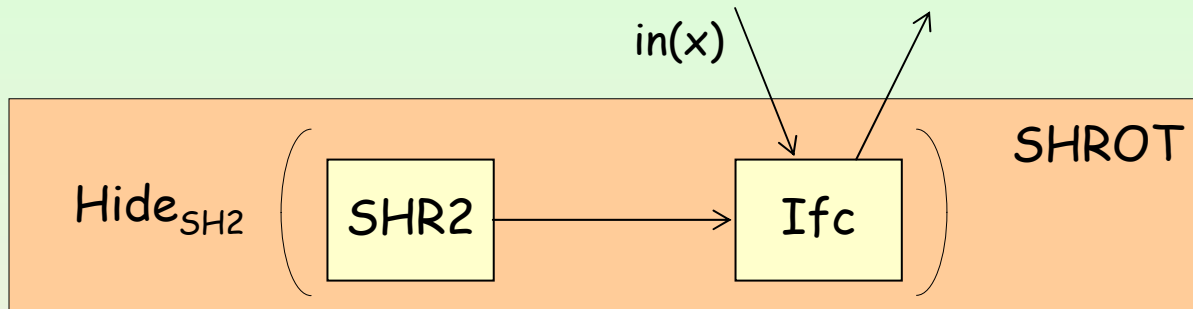
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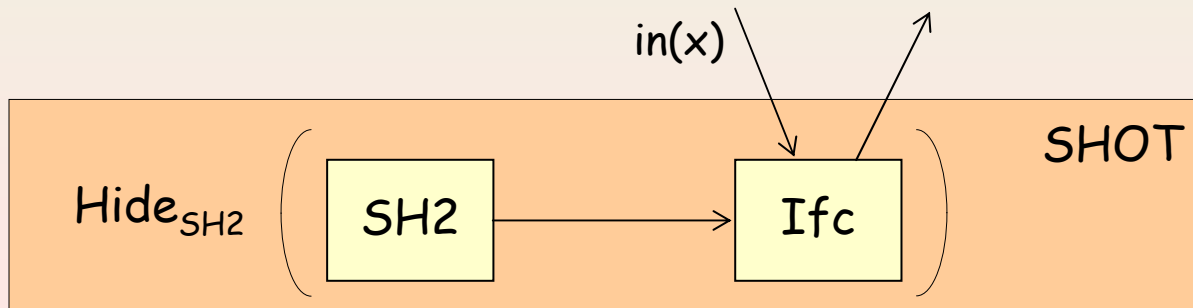
# Playing with Hard-Core Predicates



# Playing with Hard-Core Predicates



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Ifc:

wait

$\text{in}(x)$

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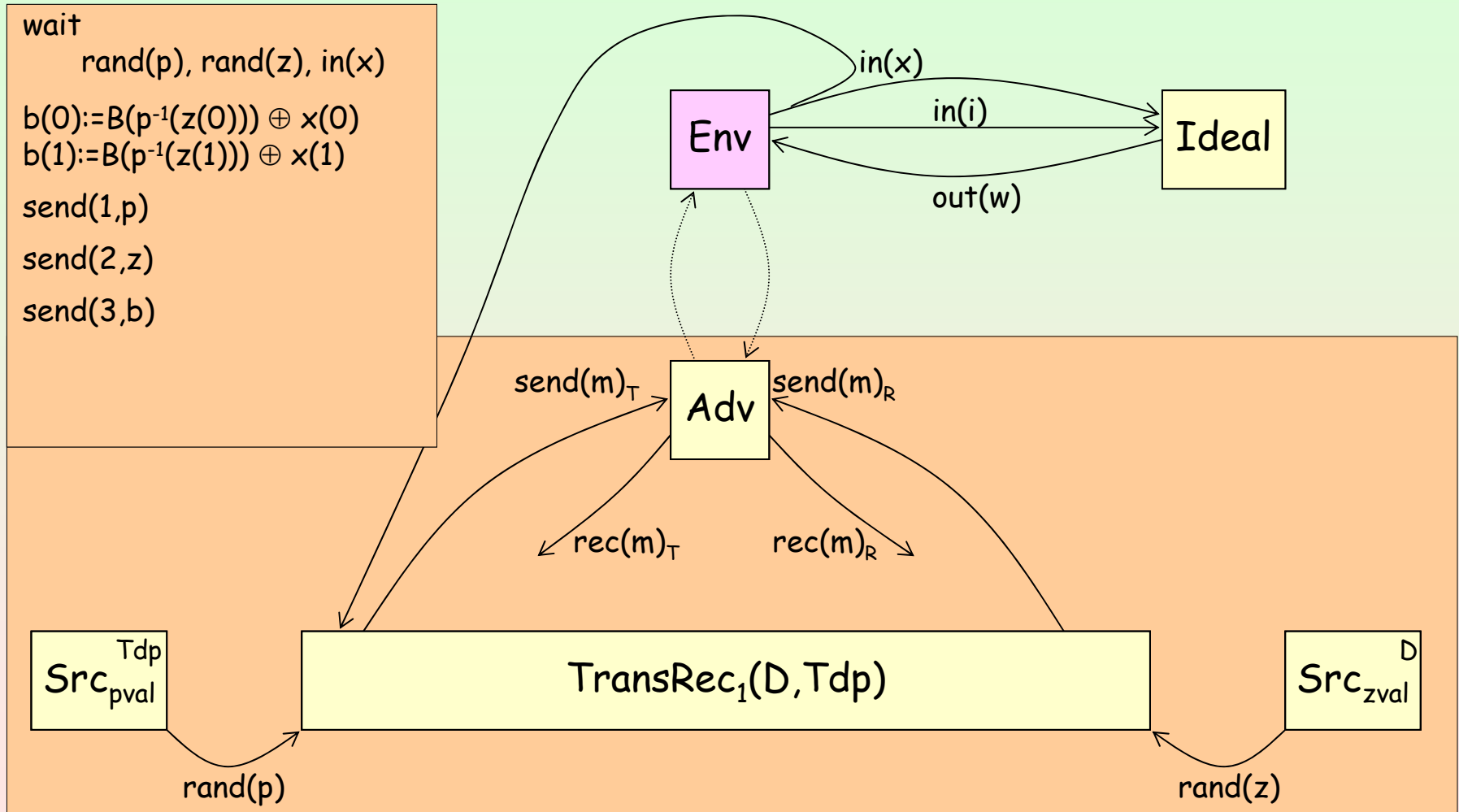
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send(3,b)



# Ideal Protocol with Intermediate Simulator 1



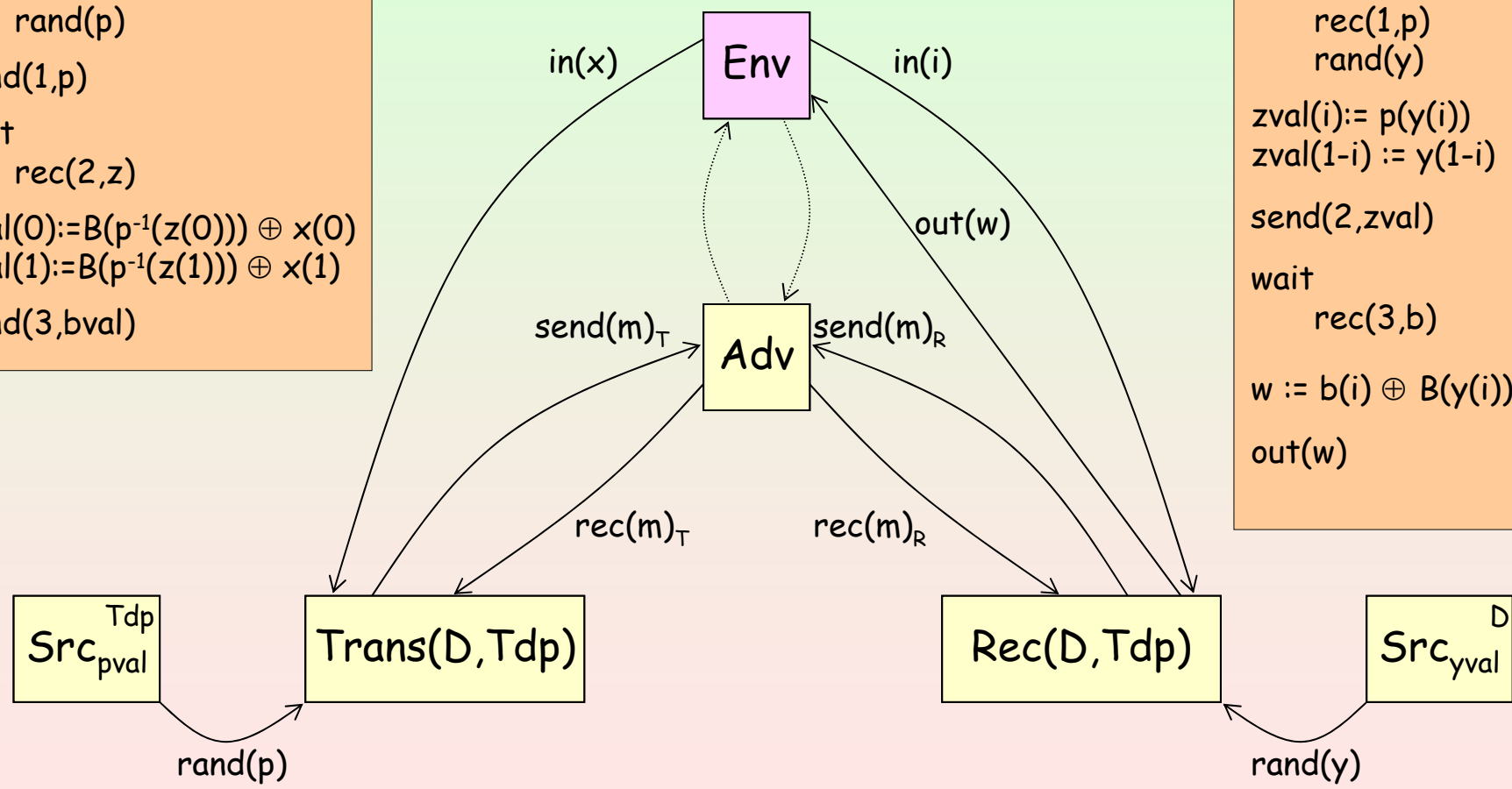
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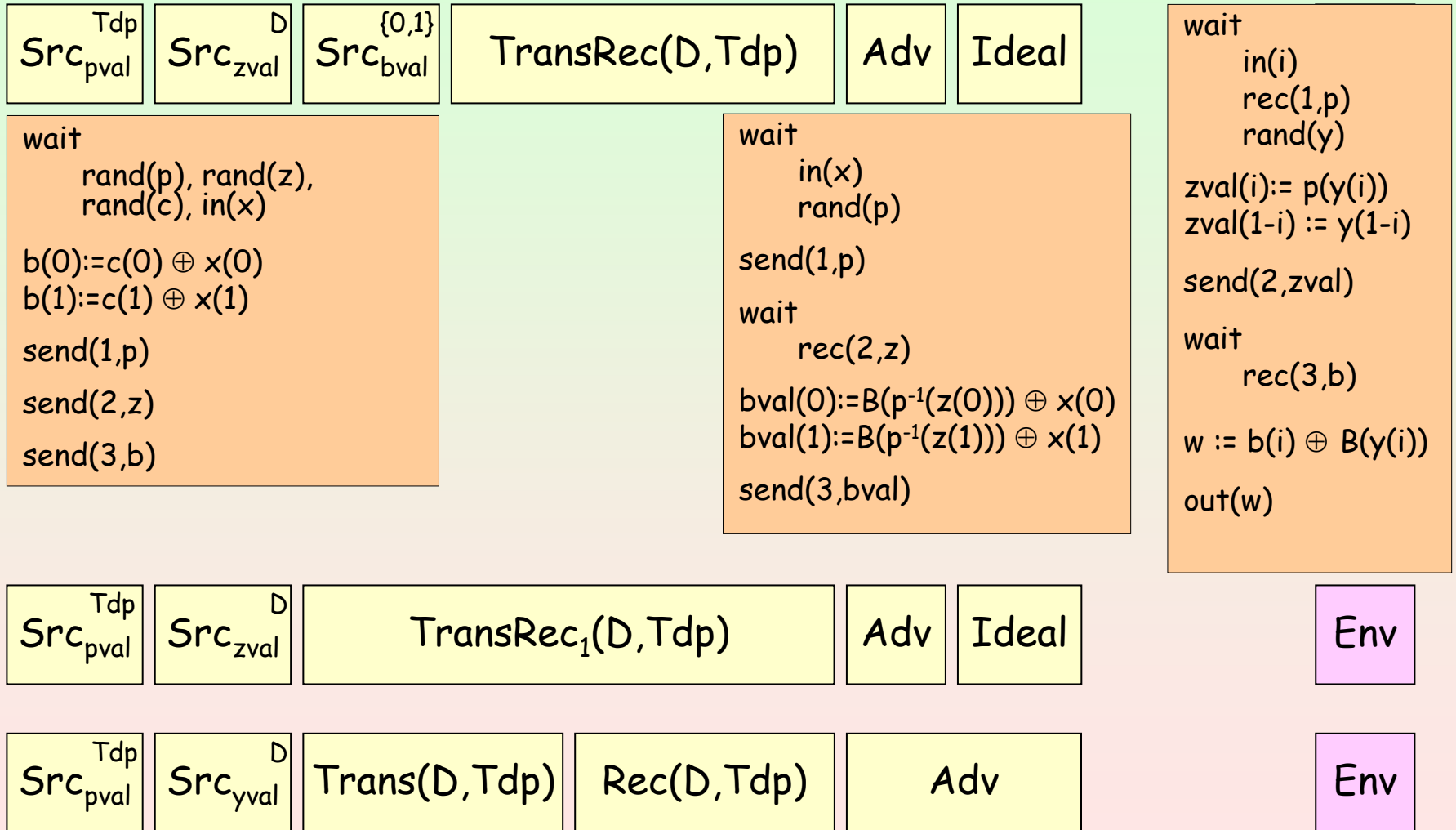
wait
  in(x)
  rand(p)
send(1,p)
wait
  rec(2,z)
bval(0):=B(p-1(z(0))) ⊕ x(0)
bval(1):=B(p-1(z(1))) ⊕ x(1)
send(3,bval)
  
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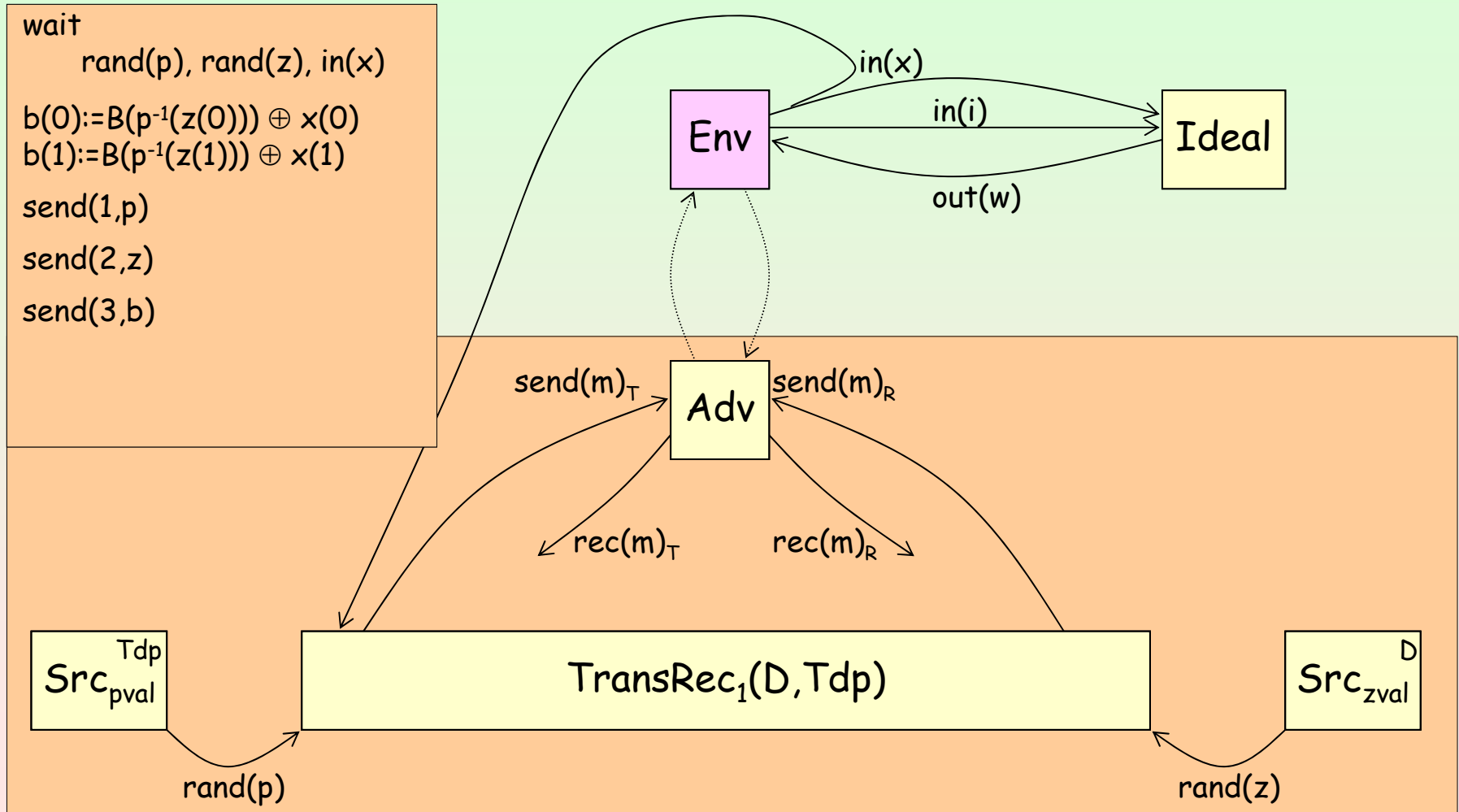
wait
  in(i)
  rec(1,p)
  rand(y)
zval(i):= p(y(i))
zval(1-i) := y(1-i)
send(2,zval)
wait
  rec(3,b)
w := b(i) ⊕ B(y(i))
out(w)
  
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# The Proof

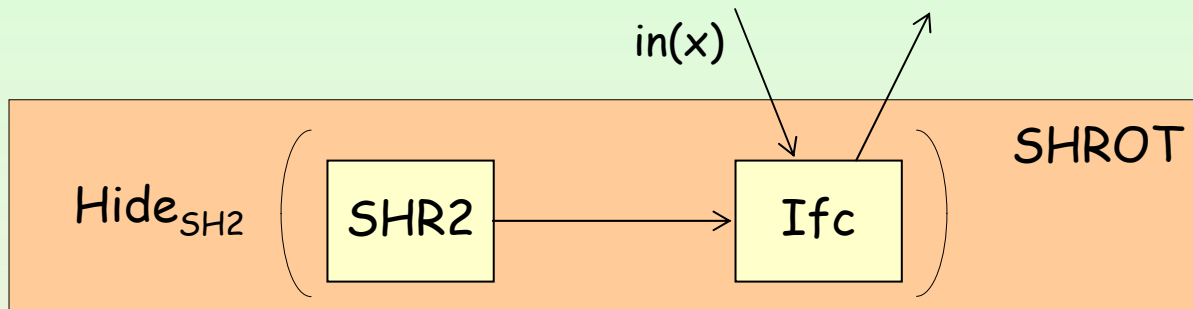


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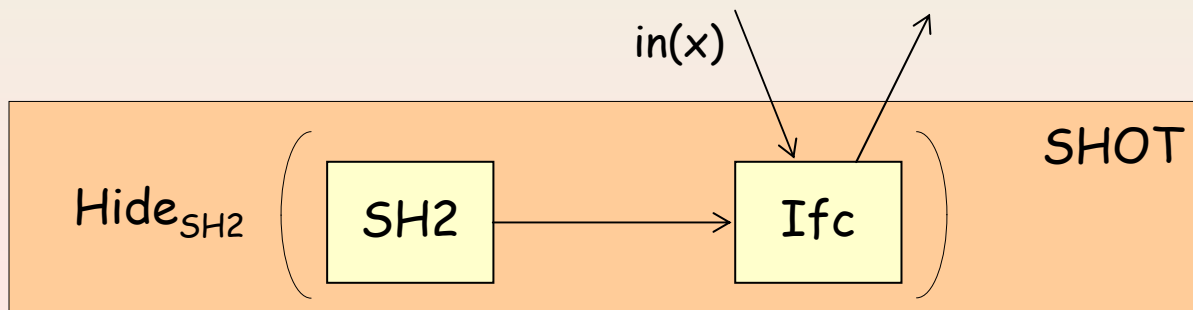




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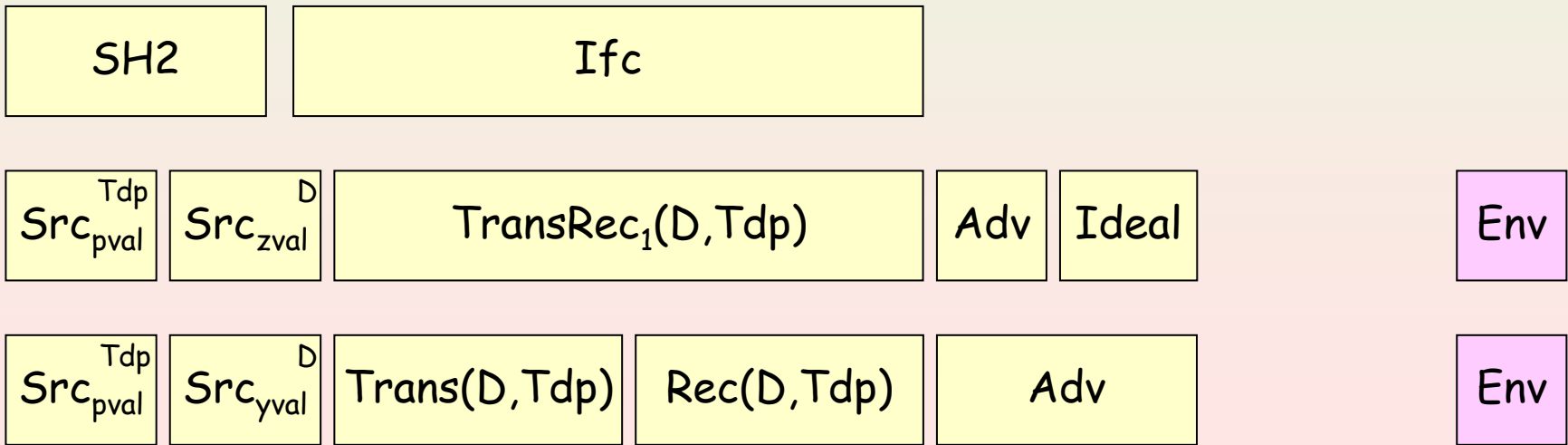
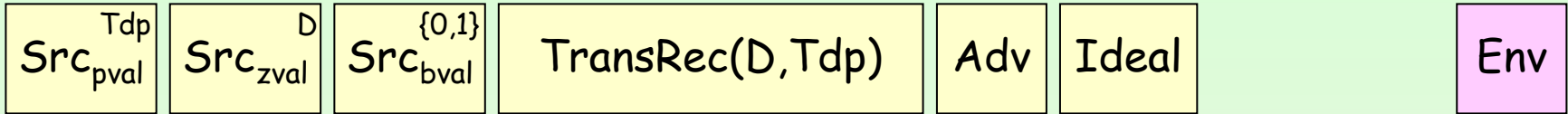
$z(1) := z_1$

send(1,p)

send(2,z)

send(3,b)

# The Proof



# Ideal Protocol with Intermediate Simulator 2

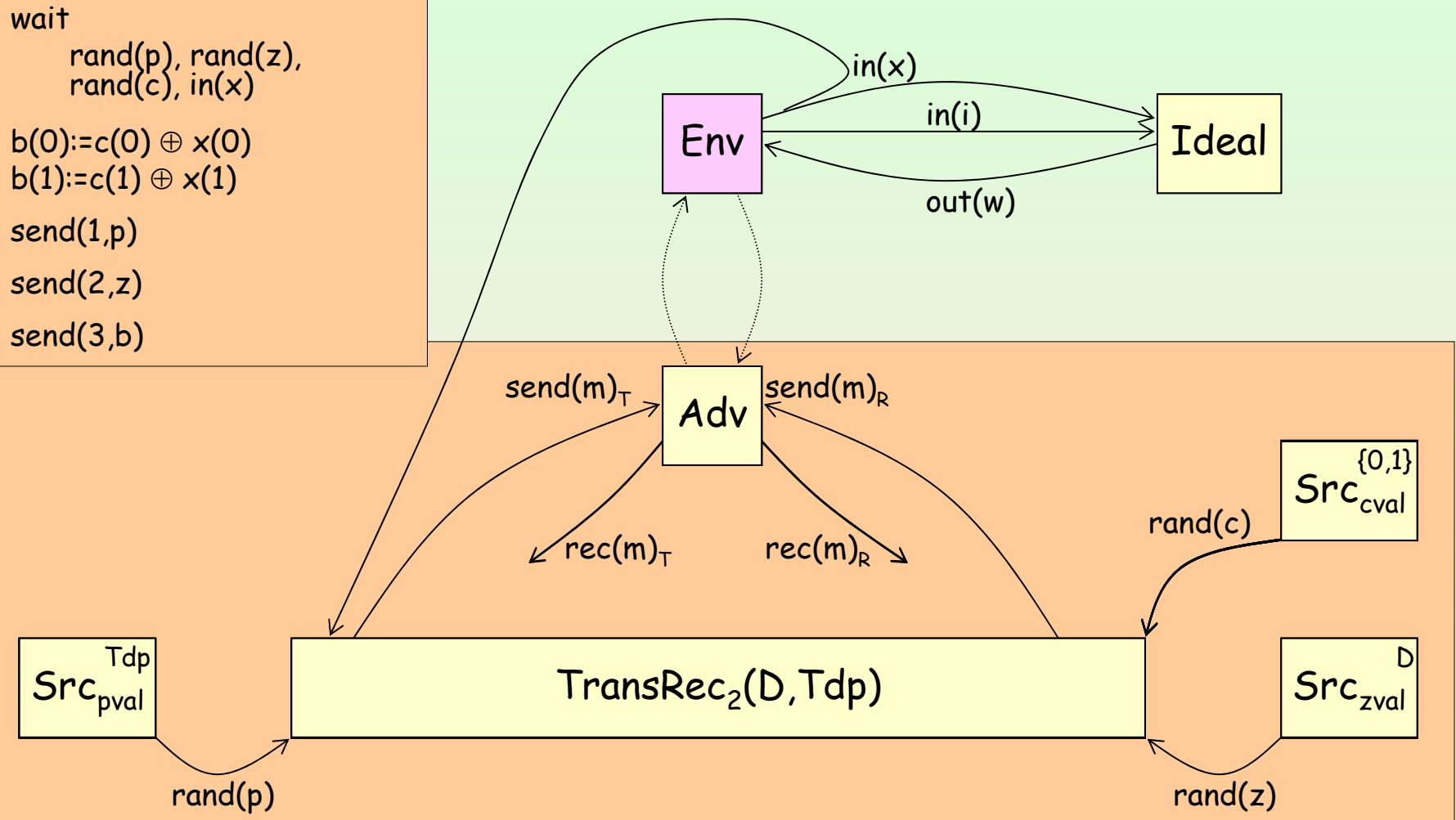
wait  
 $\text{rand}(p), \text{rand}(z),$   
 $\text{rand}(c), \text{in}(x)$

$b(0) := c(0) \oplus x(0)$   
 $b(1) := c(1) \oplus x(1)$

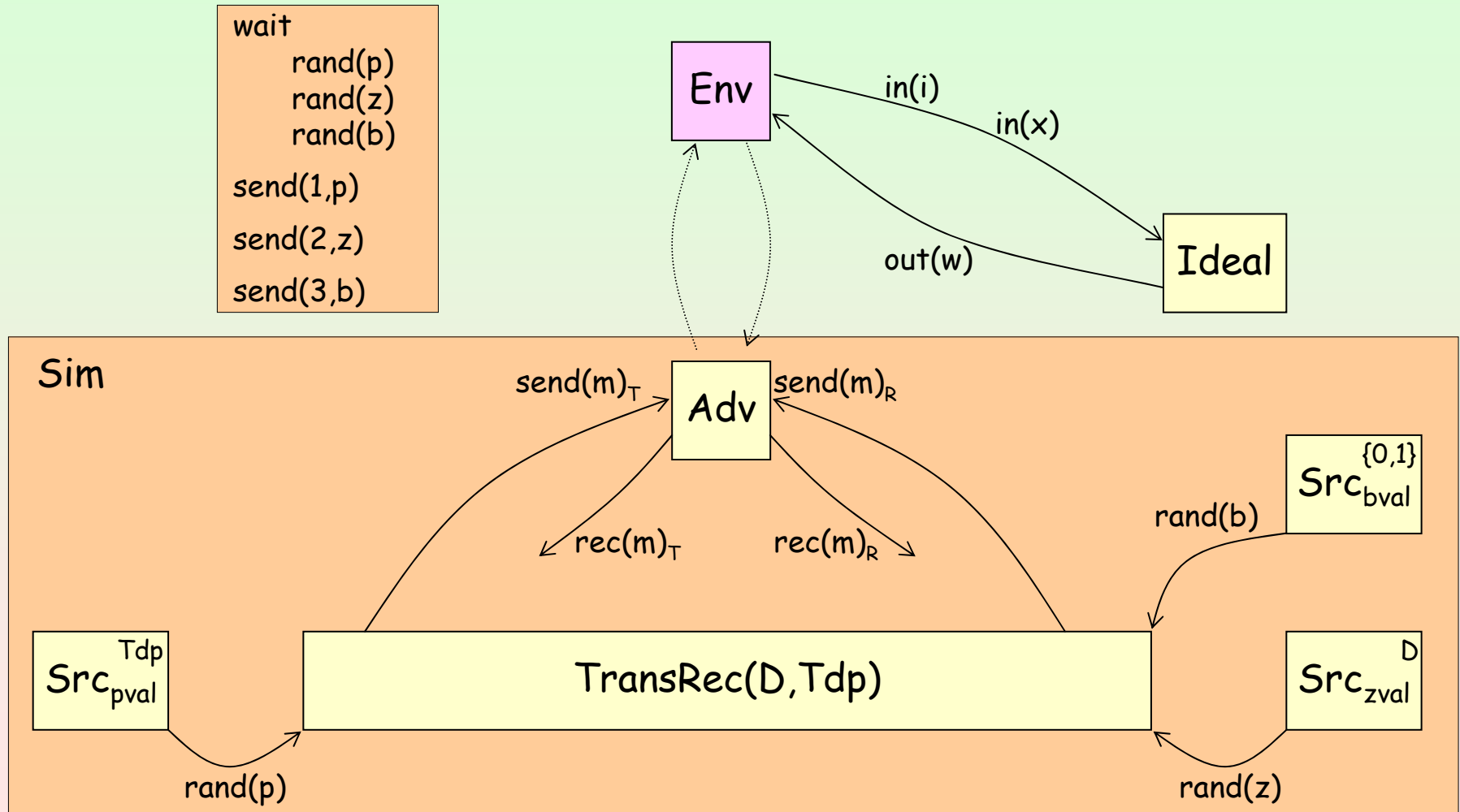
send(1,p)

send(2,z)

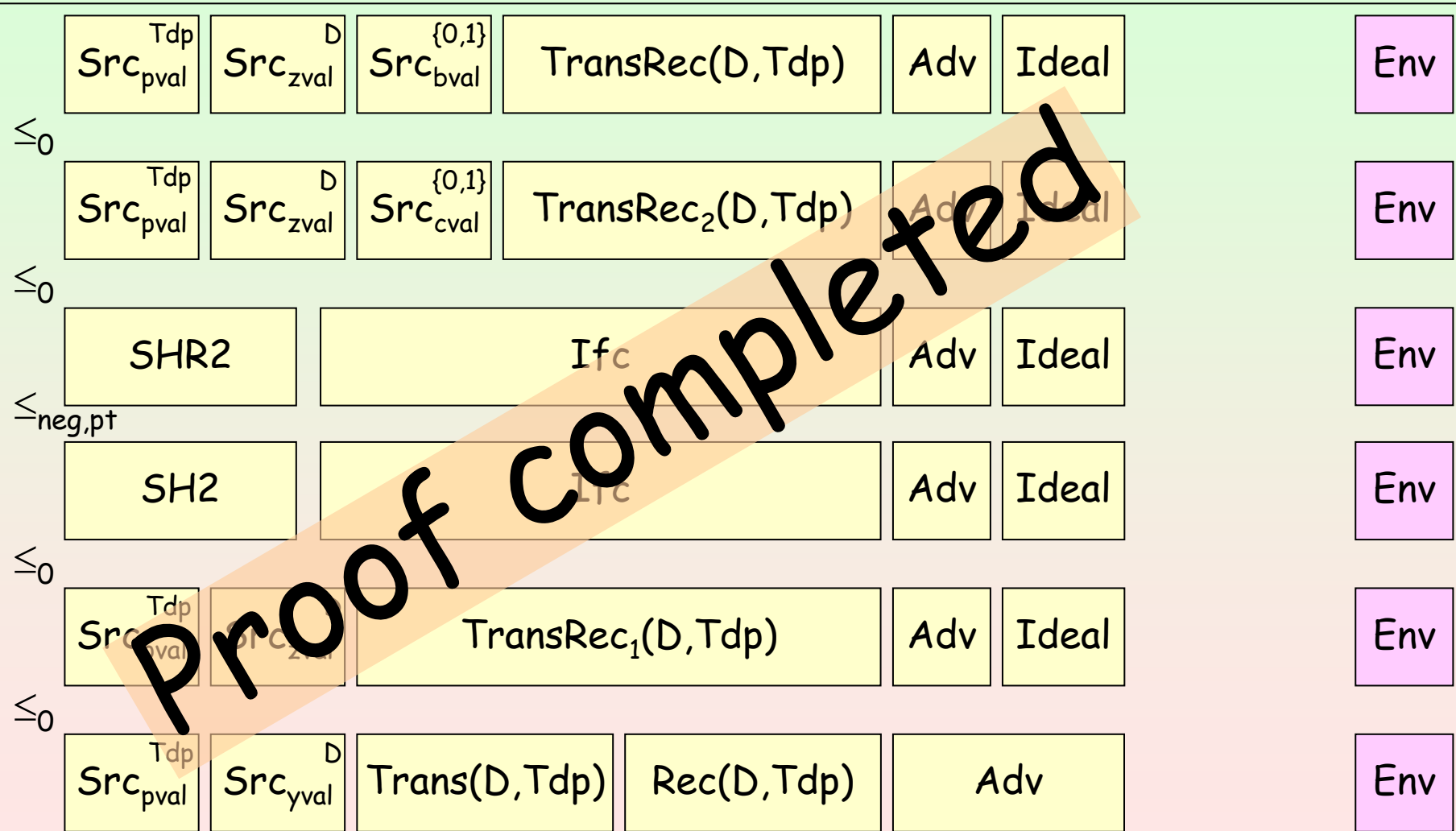
send(3,b)



# Ideal Protocol with Simulator



# The Proof



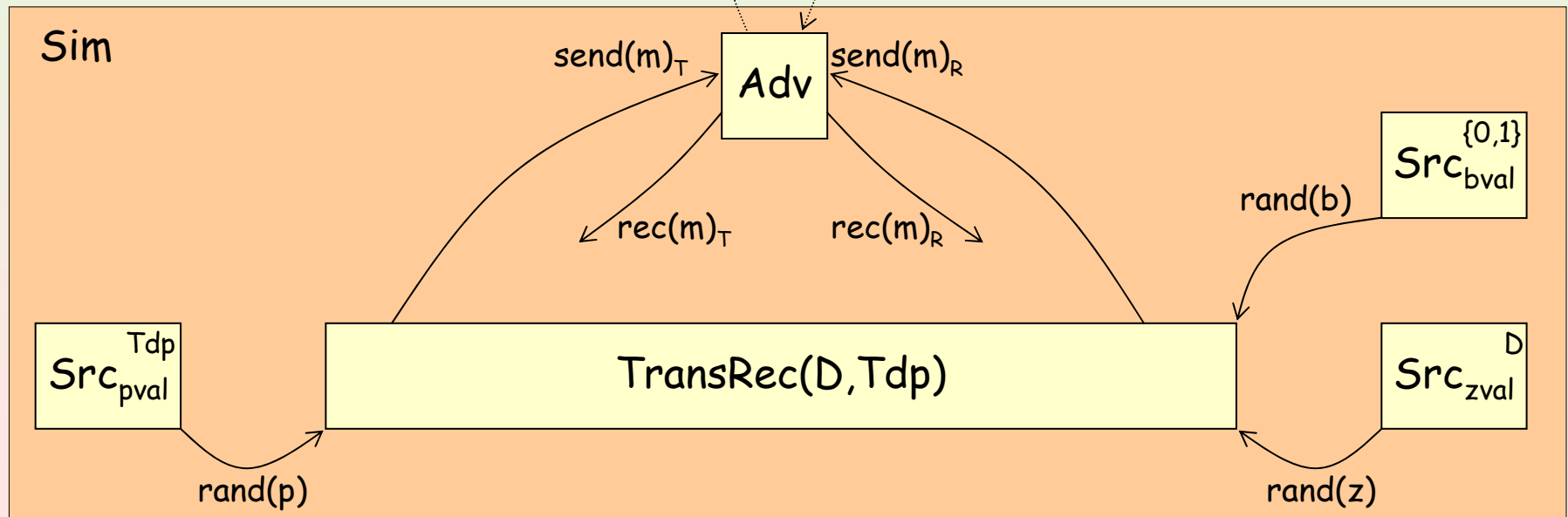
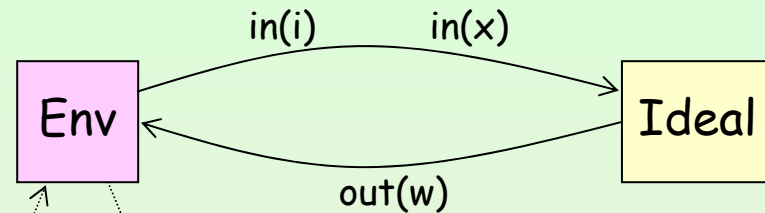
# Problems with Nondeterminism

## Ideal Protocol with Simulator

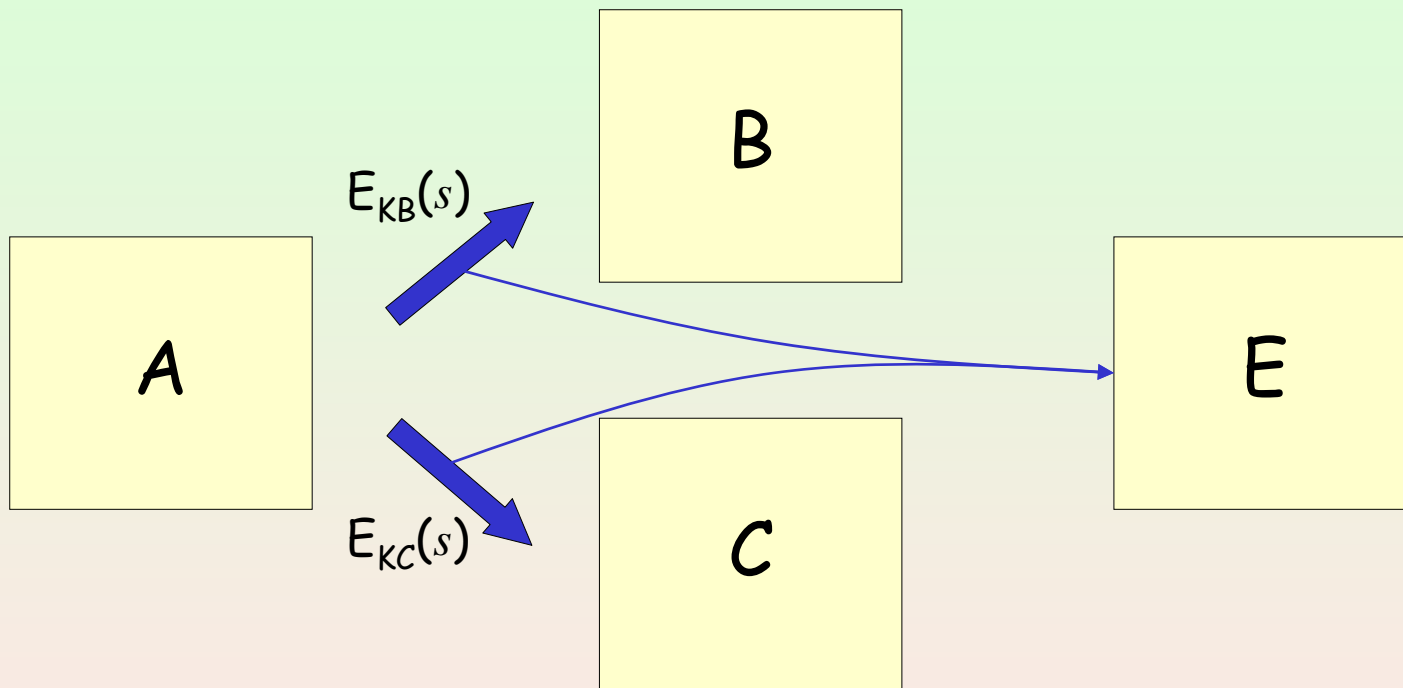
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if  $x(1-i) = 0$ 
  schedule  $\text{send}(m)_T \text{rec}(m)_T \text{send}(m)_R$ 
else
  schedule  $\text{send}(m)_T \text{send}(m)_R \text{rec}(m)_T$ 
  
```

Adv learns  $x(1-i)$   
 by ending in different states  
 Adv communicates  $x(1-i)$  to Env



# Problems with Nondeterminism



- Order of messages may reveal one bit of  $s$  to E

# Approaches to Nondeterminism

- UC framework
  - ITMs have a token passing mechanism
  - No nondeterminism
- Reactive simulatability
  - Again token passing mechanism (implicit)
  - Nondeterminism based on local information only
- Symbolic Dolev-Yao
  - No probability
  - Symbols hide information
- Process Algebras
  - Scheduler sees only enabled action type
- Switched PIOAs
  - Token passing mechanism (explicit)
  - Nondeterminism based on local information only
- Task PIOAs
  - Define equivalence classes of actions
  - Scheduler sees only equivalence classes, not elements
- Careful specifications
  - Avoid dangerous nondeterminism in the specification
  - Is it always possible?





# Task PIOAs

- Probabilistic I/O Automata with ...
  - Action determinism
    - For each action at most one transition enabled
  - Output and internal actions partitioned into tasks
  - Task determinism
    - For each task at most one transition enabled
- A scheduler is a sequence of tasks
  - Upon scheduling a task from a state  $q$ 
    - Automaton performs unique transition enabled if it exists
    - Automaton idles if task not enabled
- Essentially scheduling does not depend on secret info



# Task PIOAs What???

- Scheduler are oblivious
  - Not quite
  - We can encode the token passing mechanism
  - We could elect an automaton as adversary
- Do simulations continue to work?
  - We have to change the step condition
    - A task should be matched by a task
    - A simulation relates measures over executions
      - Need to know what tasks induced the measure
- Can we do better?
  - We do not know
  - But tasks work better than we expected
  - We can generalize them in many simple ways
  - Yet it would be nice to find something less “oblivious”



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# Case Study:

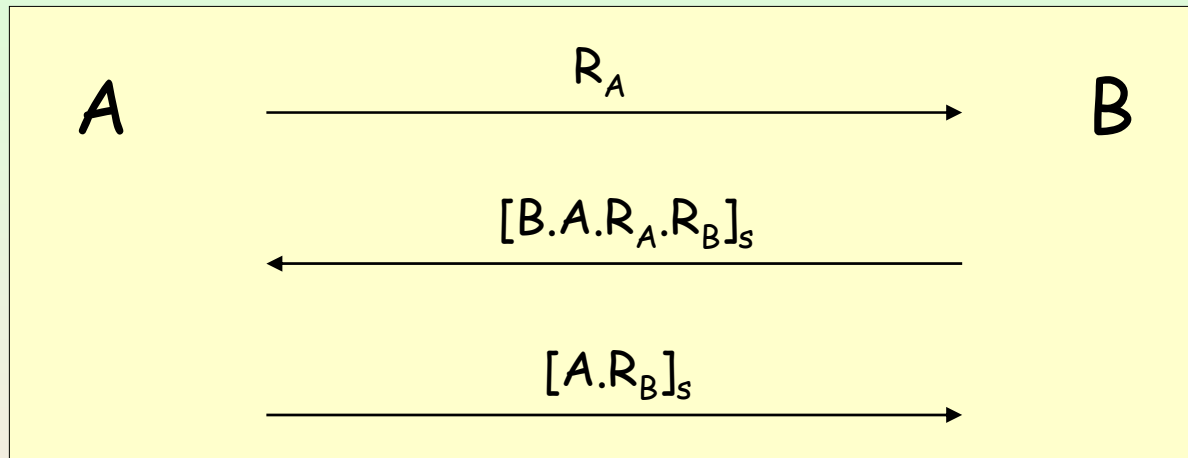
## Agent Authentication

Bellare Rogaway 93

Segala, Turrini



# Bellare and Rogaway MAP1 Protocol



- Nonces are generated randomly
- The key  $s$  is the secret for a Message Authentication Code
  - Specifically, MAC based on pseudo-random functions

# Nonces

- Number ONCE
  - Typically drawn randomly
- Claim
  - For each constant  $c$  and polynomial  $p$
  - There exists  $k$  such that for each  $k \geq k$
  - If  $n_1, n_2, \dots, n_{p(k)}$  are random nonces from  $\{0, 1\}^k$
  - Then  $\Pr[\exists_{i \neq j} n_i = n_j] < k^{-c}$



# Message Authentication Code

- Triple  $(G, A, V)$ 
  - $G$  on input  $1^k$  generates  $s \in \{0,1\}^k$
  - For each  $s$  and each  $a$ 
    - $\Pr[V(s,a,A(s,a))=1]=1$
- Forger
  - On input  $1^k$  obtains MAC of strings of its choice
  - Outputs a pair  $(a,b)$
  - Successful if  $V(s,a,b)=1$  and  $a$  different from previous queries
- Secure MAC
  - Every feasible forger succeeds with negligible probability



# MAP1: Matching Conversations

- Matching conversation between A and B
  - Every message from A to B delivered unchanged
    - Possibly last message lost
    - Response from B returned to A
  - Every message received by A generated by B
    - Messages generated by B delivered to A
    - Possibly last message lost
- Correctness condition
  - Matching conversation implies acceptance
  - Negligible probability of acceptance without matching conversation



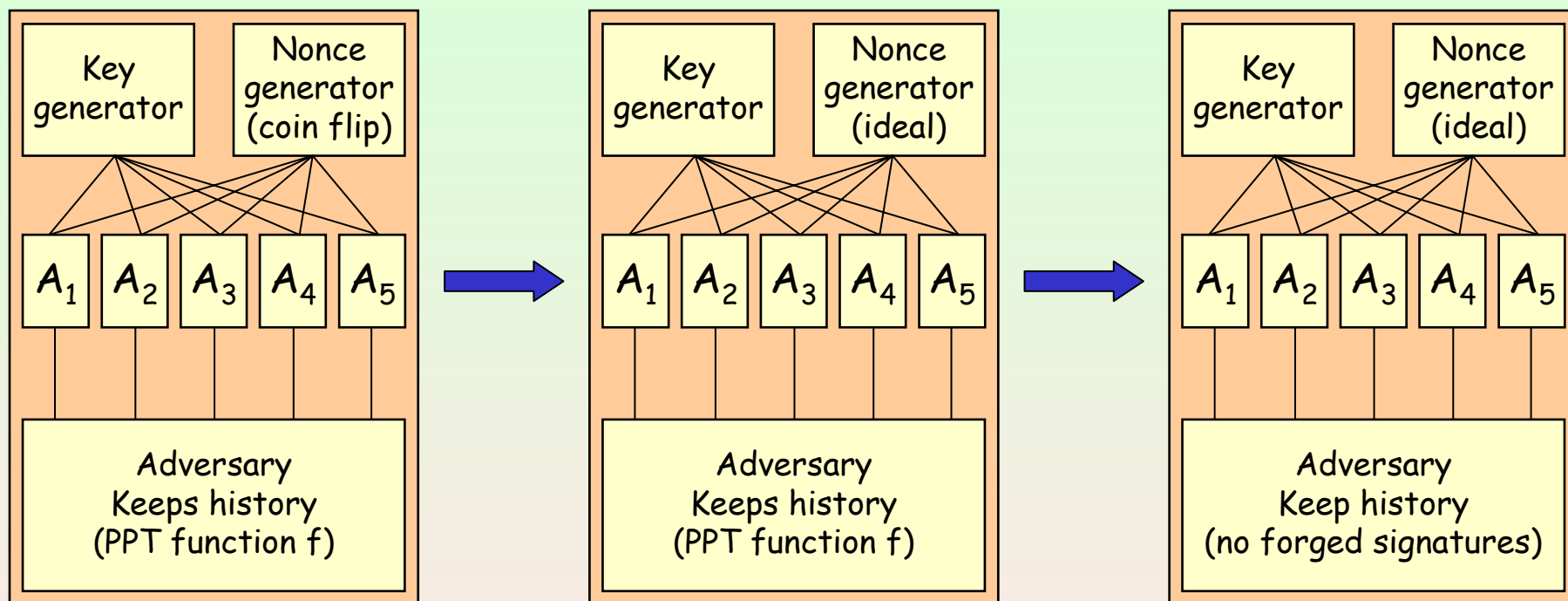
# MAP1: Correctness Proof

- Let  $A$  be a PPT machine that interacts with the agents
- Show that  $A$  induces "no-match" with negligible probability
  - Argue that repeated nonces occur with negligible probability
  - Argue that  $A$  is an attack against a message authentication code
- Features
  - Relies on underlying pseudo-random functions
  - Proves correctness assuming truly random functions
  - Builds a distinguisher for PRFs if an attack exists
- Criticism
  - The arguments are semi-formal and not immediate
  - Three different concepts intermixed
    - Nonces
    - Message authentication codes
    - Matching conversations





# MAP1: Hierarchical Analysis



- Agents indexed by  $X, Y, t$
- Need to find suitable simulations
  - Step conditions lead to local arguments
  - Yet transitions cannot be matched exactly

# Nonce Generators

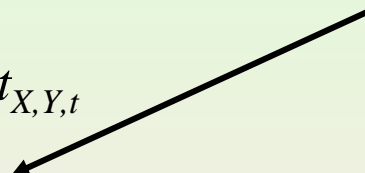
- State

- $value_{X,Y,t}$  initially  $\perp$
- $FreshNonces$  initially  $\{0,1\}^k$

- Transitions

- Input  $NonceRequest_{X,Y,t}$
- Effect
  - Let  $v \in_R \{0,1\}^k$
  - $value_{X,Y,t} = v$
  - $FreshNonces = FreshNonces - \{v\}$
- Output  $NonceResponse_{X,Y,t}(n)$
- Precondition
  - $n = value_{X,Y,t}$
- Effect
  - $value_{X,Y,t} = \perp$

Coin flip



Ideal



- Let  $v \in_R FreshNonces$



# Adversary

- Keeps a variable *history*
  - Holds all previous messages
- Real adversary
  - Runs a cycle where
    - Computes the next message to send using a PPT function  $f$
    - Sends the message
    - Waits for the answer if expected
- Ideal adversary
  - Highly nondeterministic
  - Stores all input
  - Sends messages that do not contain forged authentications



# Problems with Simulations

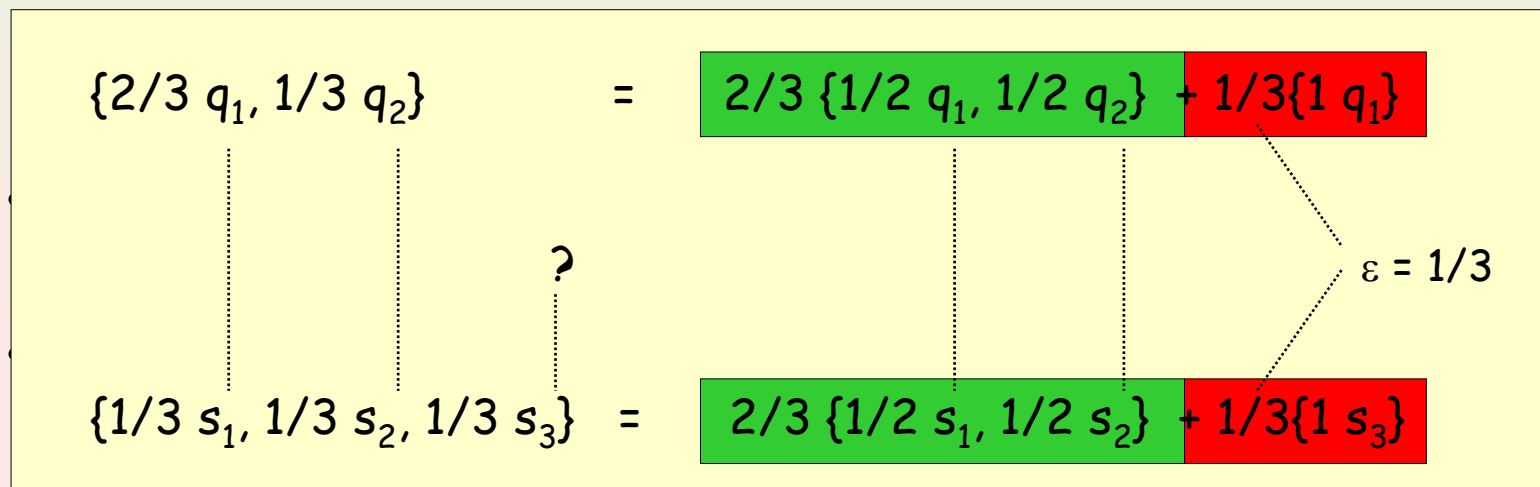
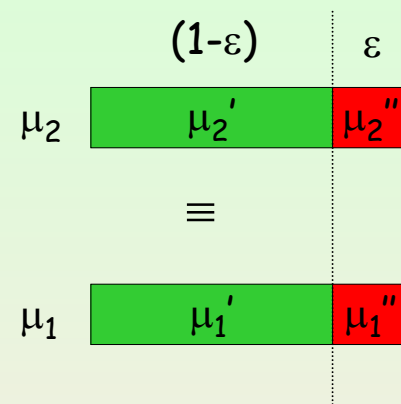
- Problem
  - Consider a transition of the real nonce generator
  - With some probability there is a repeated nonce
  - The ideal nonce generator does not repeat nonces
  - Thus, we cannot match the step
- Solution
  - Match transitions up to some error



# Approximate Simulations [ST07]

- Change equivalence on measures

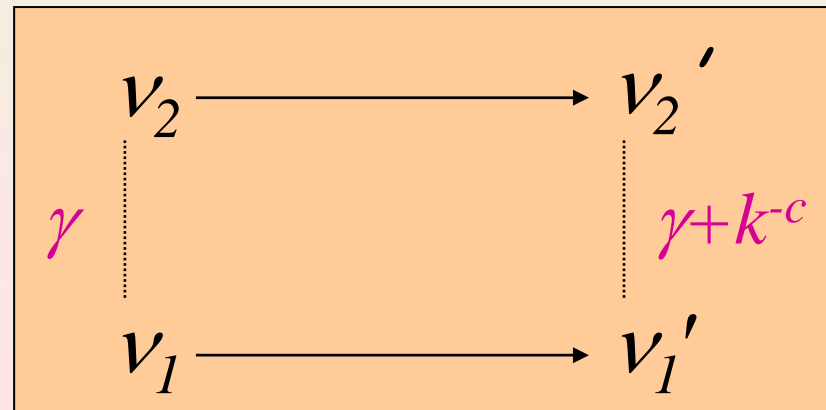
- $\mu_1 \equiv_\varepsilon \mu_2$  iff
  - $\mu_1 = (1-\varepsilon)\mu_1' + \varepsilon\mu_1''$
  - $\mu_2 = (1-\varepsilon)\mu_2' + \varepsilon\mu_2''$
  - $\mu_1' \equiv \mu_2'$



# Approximate Simulations

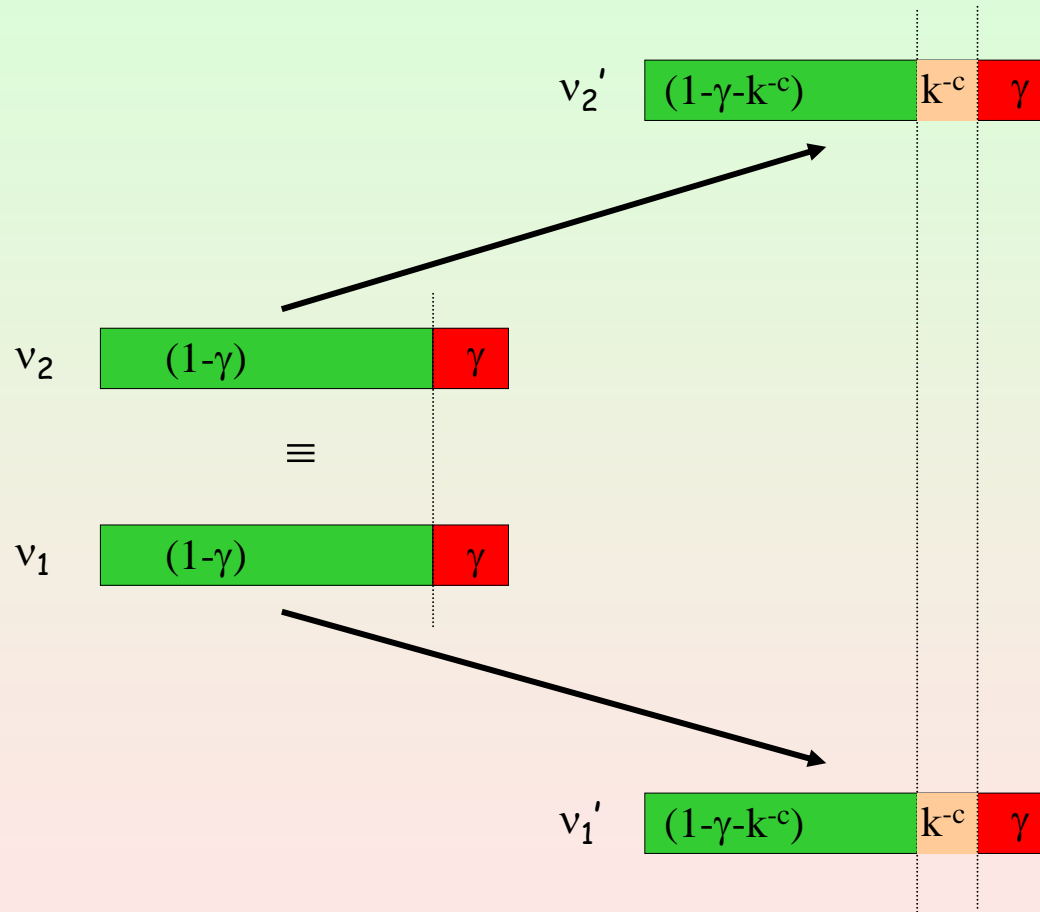
$$\{A_k\} \quad \{R_k\} \quad \{B_k\}$$

- For each constant  $c$  and polynomial  $p$
- There exists  $k$  such that for each  $k \geq k$
- Whenever
  - $v_1$  reached within  $p(k)$  steps in  $A_k$
  - $v_1 \stackrel{L(R_k, \gamma)}{\rightarrow} v_2$
  - $v_1 \rightarrow v_1'$
- There exists  $v_2'$  such that
  - $v_2 \rightarrow v_2'$
  - $v_1' \stackrel{L(R_k, \gamma+k^c)}{\rightarrow} v_2'$



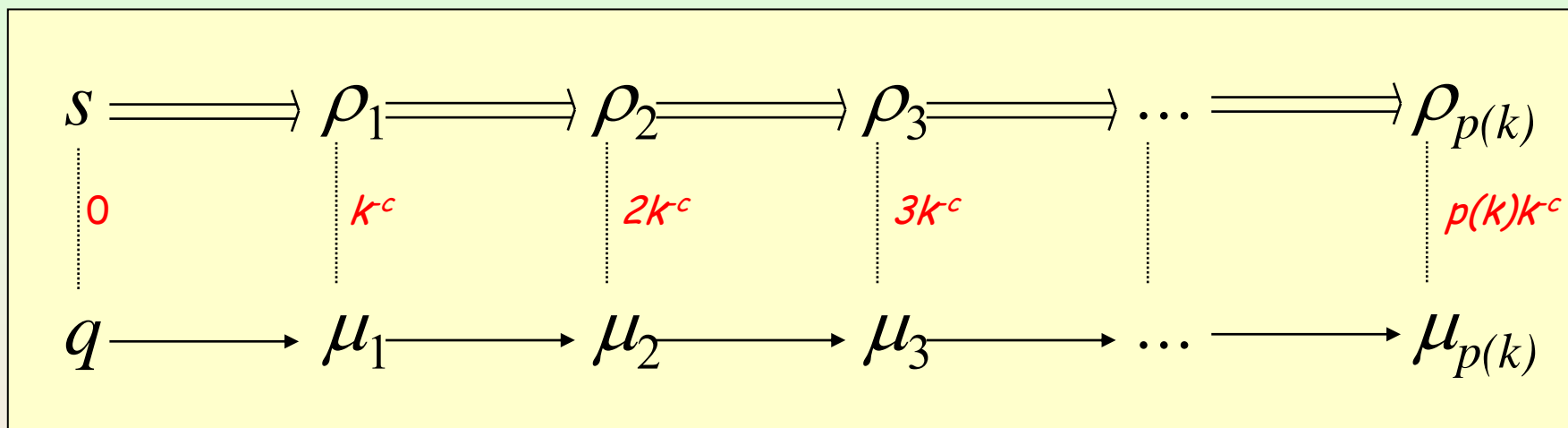
# Approximate Simulations

## Step Condition



# Simulation Implies Behavioral Inclusion

- The step condition can be applied repeatedly



- Observation
  - $p(k)k^c$  can be smaller than any  $k^{c'}$  by choosing  $c = c' + \text{degree}(p)$



# Execution Correspondence under Approximated Simulations

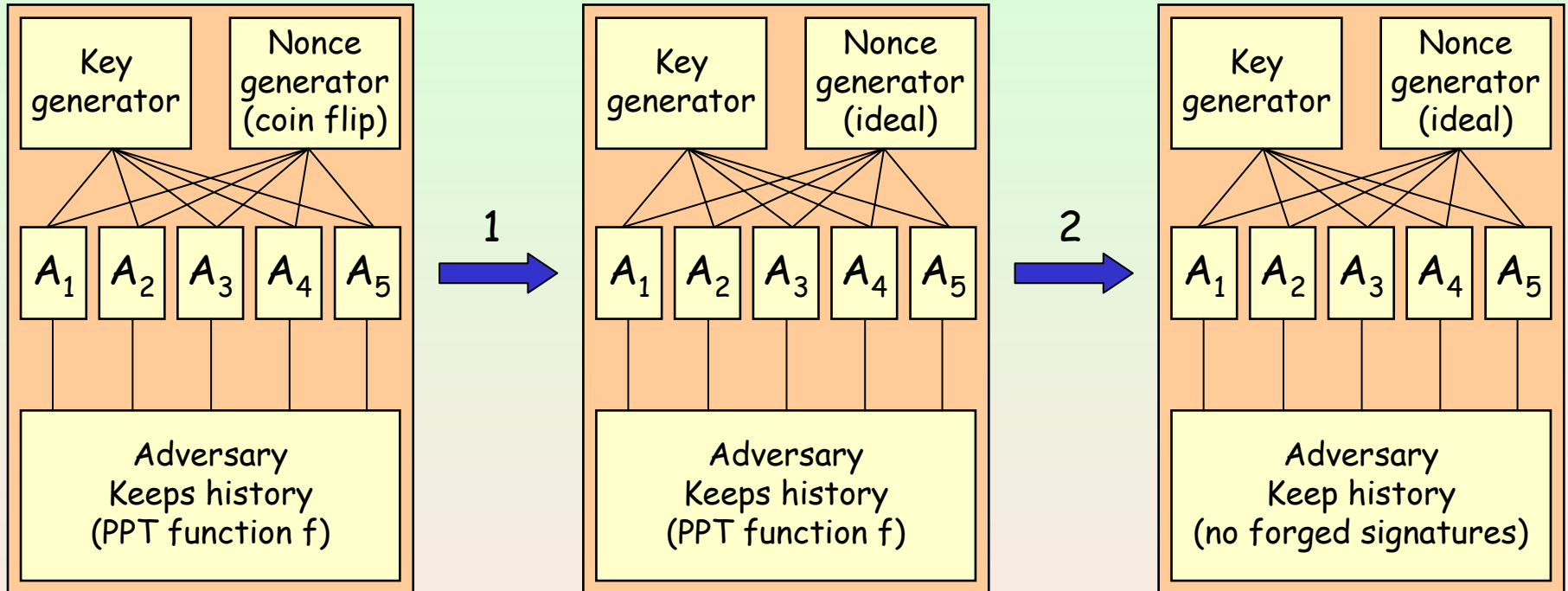
If  $\{A_k\} \{R_k\} \{B_k\}$  then

- For each constant  $c$  and polynomial  $p$
- There exists  $k$  such that for each  $k \geq k$
- For each scheduler  $\sigma_1$ 
  - $v_1$  reached within  $p(k)$  steps in  $A_k$  with  $\sigma_1$
- There exists  $\sigma_2$  such that
  - $v_2$  reached within  $p(k)$  steps in  $B_k$  with  $\sigma_2$
  - $v_1 \xrightarrow{L(R_k, p(k)k^c)} v_2$
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# Example: Approximate Simulations

## Bellare-Rogaway MAP1 Protocol

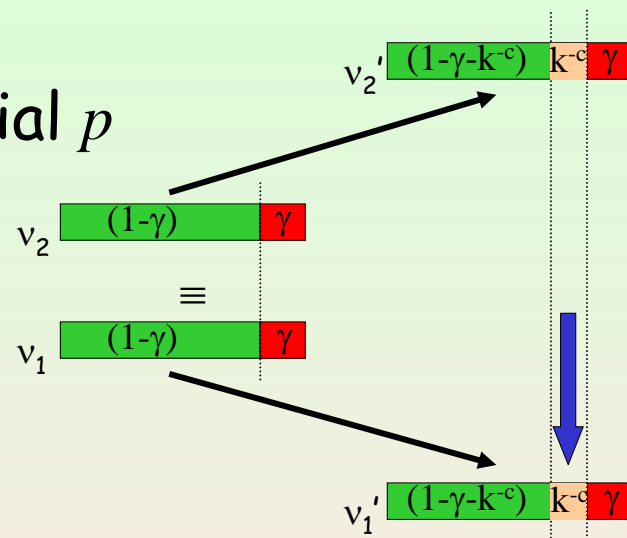


- Negation of the step condition
  - 1: Two random nonces are equal with high probability
  - 2: Function  $f$  defines a forger for a signature scheme

# Negation of Step Condition

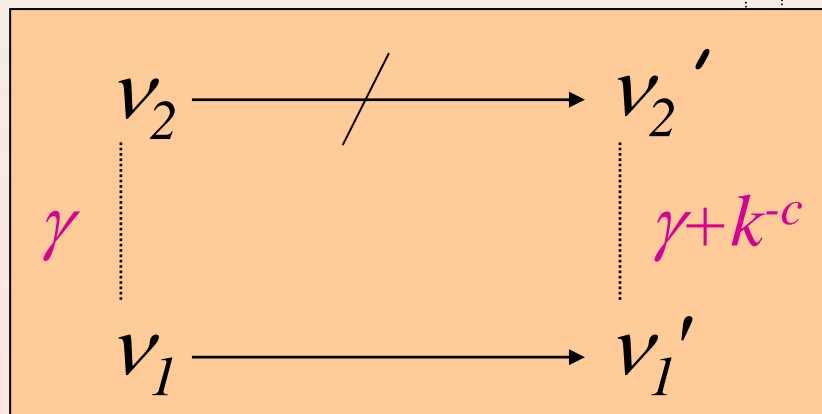
$$\{A_k\} \quad \{R_k\} \quad \{B_k\}$$

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- There exists
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- There is no  $v_2'$  such that
  - $v_2 \rightarrow v_2'$
  - $v_1' \xrightarrow{L(R_k, \gamma + k^{-c})} v_2'$



• ~~Sigma~~ **Sigma not unrefined in  $v_1'$**

- Probability at least  $k^{-c}$



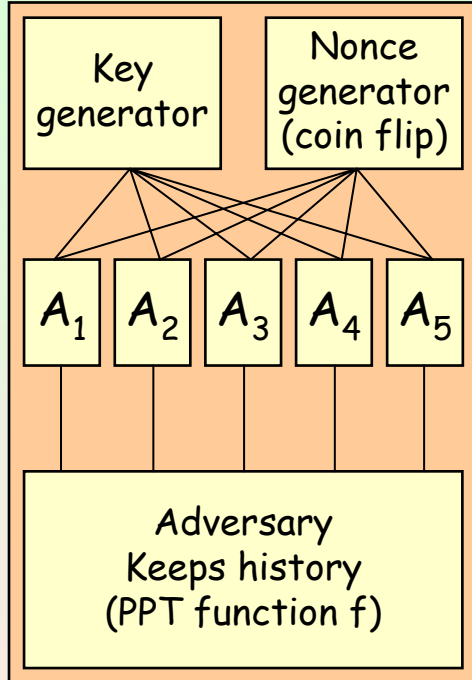
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# Problems with Nondeterminism

## MAP1 Protocol [BR93]



- Authentication protocol
  - Symmetric key signature schema
  - Computational Dolev-Yao
  - Adversary queries agents
- Potential problems
  - Let  $s$  be the shared key
  - Adversary queries  $k$  agents
  - Agent  $i$  replies if  $i^{\text{th}}$  bit of  $s$  is 1
  - The adversary knows the shared key
- Solution
  - One query at a time
  - Wait for the answer (agents as oracles)

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# More About Approximated Simulations



# Conditional Automata

- Let  $A$  be a probabilistic automaton
- Let  $B$  be a set of bad states
- Let  $G = Q - B$  be a set of good states
- Let  $A|G$  be the same as  $A$  except that
  - $D_{A|G} = \{(q, a, \mu|G) : (q, a, \mu) \in D_A \text{ and } \mu(G) > 0\}$

## Theorem

$\text{id}_Q$  is a polynomially accurate simulation from  $A$  to  $A|G$   
iff  $B$  is negligible

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# A Property of Approximated Lifting

Given a relation  $R$  from  $Q_1$  to  $Q_2$

Then  $\mu_1 \sqsubseteq L(R, \varepsilon) \mu_2$  iff there exists

$$w: Q_1 \times Q_2 \rightarrow [0,1]$$

-  $w$  supported on  $R$

$$- w(Q_1, Q_2) = 1 - \varepsilon$$

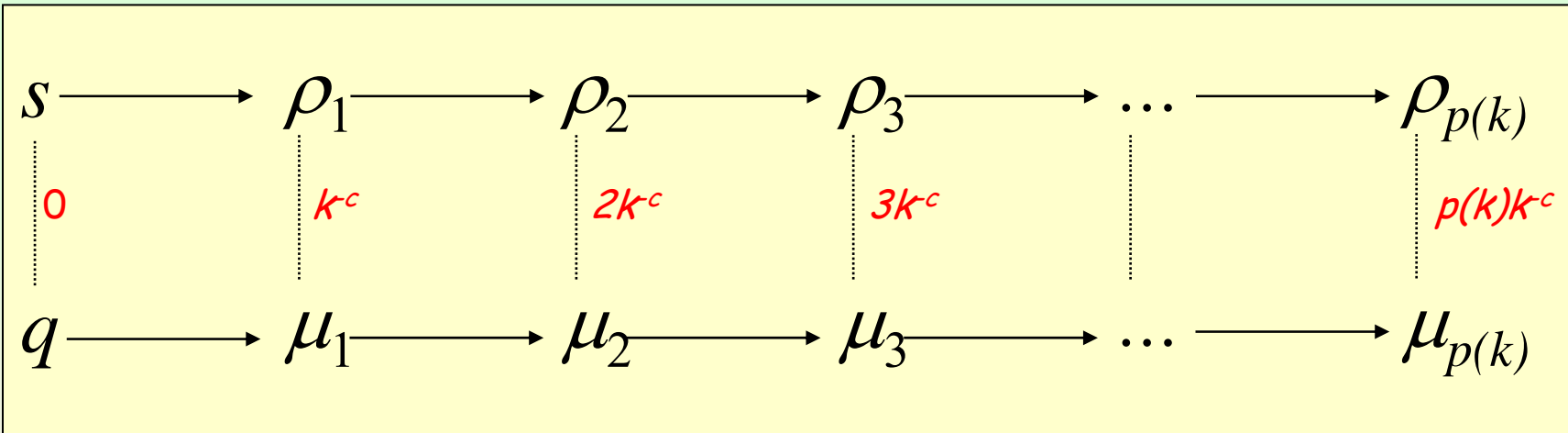
$$- w(s, Q_2) \leq \mu_1(a)$$

$$- w(Q_1, s) \leq \mu_2(a)$$

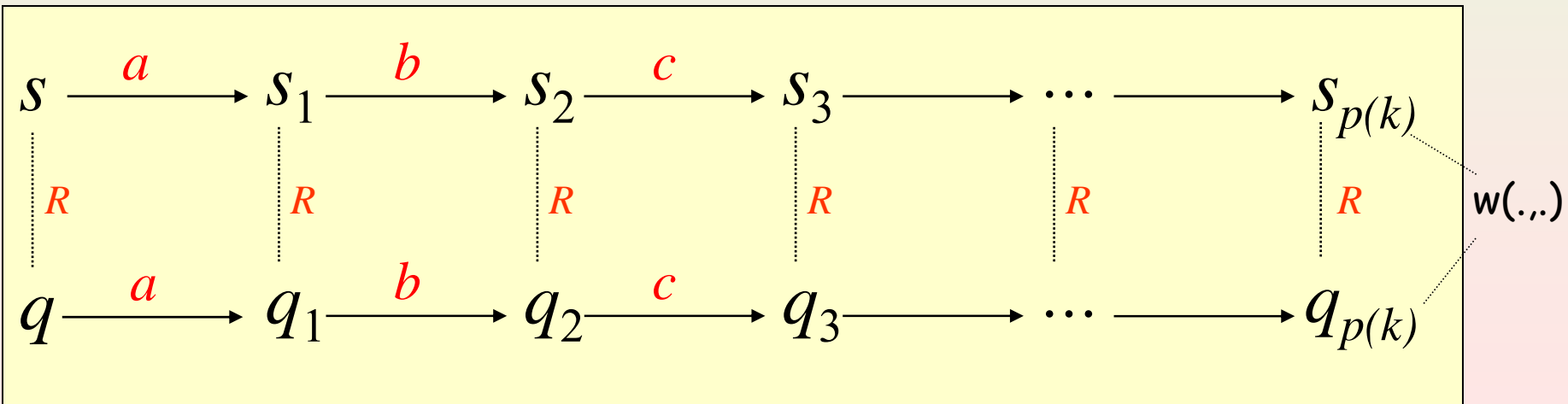




# Approximated Correspondence

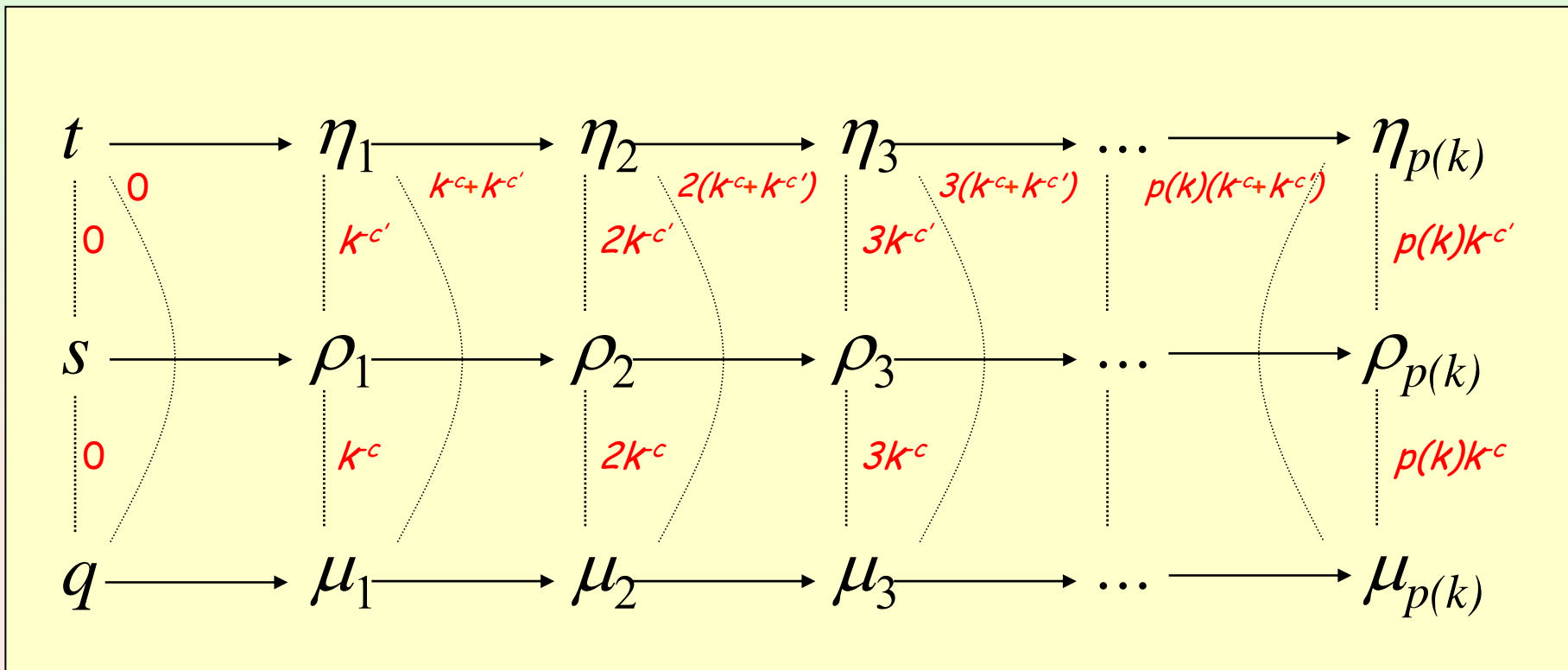


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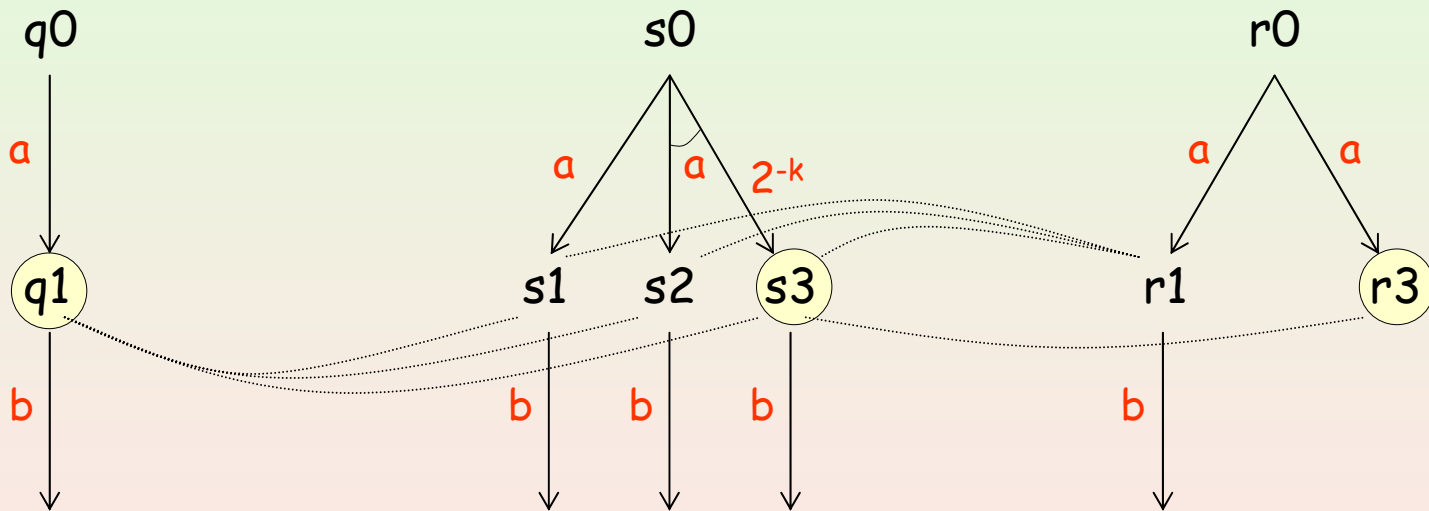
# Transitivity

Claim.  $\mu \mathcal{L}(R, \varepsilon) \rho$  and  $\rho \mathcal{L}(R', \tau) \eta$  imply  $\mu \mathcal{L}(RR', \varepsilon + \tau) \eta$



# Are approximated simulations transitive?

- We do not know
  - ... but the result of the previous slide suffices

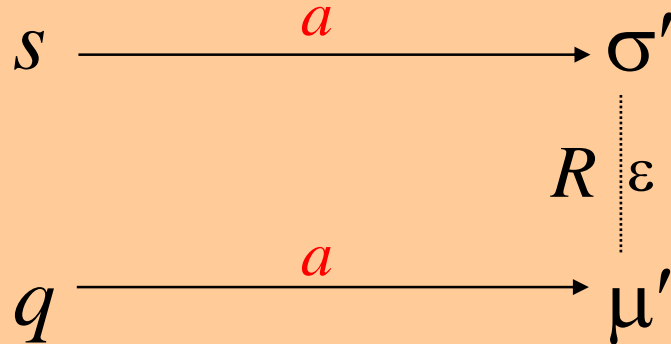


# Are Approximated Simulations Compositional?

No. Need a more refined relation.

$s S(R, \varepsilon) q$  iff

$\forall q, s, a, \mu' \exists \sigma'$



Step condition

For each  $c$  there exists  $k$   
 For each  $k > k$ , each  $\mu_1, \mu_2, \gamma, w$

If  $\mu_1 L(R_k, \gamma) \mu_2$  via  $w$   
 then

$\Sigma \{w(q_1, q_2) : q_1 \text{ not}(S(R_k, k^{-c})) q_2\} < k^{-c}$

Conditional automata continue to work



# How About Weak Relations?

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- Only one constraint to add
  - Length of matching steps bounded
    - By a constant
    - By a polynomial on length of history



# Case Study:

## Dolev-Yao Soundness

Cortier Warinschi 04

Segala, Turrini



# Protocol Syntax

- Sorts
  - SKey, VKey, EKey, DKey
  - Id, Nonce, Label, Cipertext, Signature, Pair
  - Term: supersort that includes all others
    - Labels should be left out
- Operators
  - $\langle \_ , \_ \rangle : \text{Term} \times \text{Term} \rightarrow \text{Pair}$
  - $\{ \_ \}_\_ : \text{EKey} \times \text{Term} \times \text{Label} \rightarrow \text{Cipertext}$
  - $[ \_ ]_\_ : \text{SKey} \times \text{Term} \times \text{Label} \rightarrow \text{Signature}$
- Variables
  - Sorted variables
  - $X = X.n \cup X.a \cup X.c \cup X.s \cup X.l$
  - $X.a = \{A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n\}$ ,  $n$  number of protocol participants
  - $X.n = \cup_{A \in X.a} \{X_{A,j} \mid j \in \mathbb{N}\}$



# Protocol Syntax

- Roles
  - Finite sequence of rules
  - $((\{\text{init}\} \times T_{\Sigma}(X)) \times (T_{\Sigma}(X) \times \{\text{stop}\}))^*$
- k-party protocol
  - $\Pi : \{1, \dots, k\} \rightarrow \text{Roles}$
  - $\Pi(i)$  is the program of player  $i$
- Idea
  - An adversary instantiates protocols and queries parties
  - If role  $i$  is ready to execute the pair  $(l,r)$  and role  $i$  is given input  $m$
  - $m$  is parsed according to  $l$ 
    - Pattern matching, unification
    - Some variables may be bound to new values
  - $r$  is returned as a result





# Example: Needham-Schroeder-Lowe

$$\begin{aligned} A &\rightarrow B : \{Na, A\}_{ek(B)} \\ B &\rightarrow A : \{Na, Nb, B\}_{ek(A)} \\ A &\rightarrow B : \{Nb\}_{ek(B)} \end{aligned}$$
$$\Pi(1) = (\text{init}, \quad \{X_{A1,1}, A_1\}_{ek(A2), ag(1)}) \\ (\{X_{A1,1}, X_{A2,1}, A_2\}_{ek(A1), L}, \{X_{A2,1}\}_{ek(A2), ag(1)})$$
$$\Pi(2) = (\{X_{A1,1}, A_1\}_{ek(A2), L1}, \quad \{X_{A1,1}, X_{A2,1}, A_2\}_{ek(A1), ag(1)}) \\ (\{X_{A2,1}\}_{ek(A2), L2}, \quad \text{stop})$$


# Formal Execution Model

- Messages are ground terms from an algebra
  - $T ::= N \mid a \mid ek(a) \mid dk(a) \mid sk(a) \mid vk(a) \mid n(a,j,s) \mid \langle T, T \rangle \mid \{T\}_{ek(a),ag(i)} \mid \{T\}_{ek(a),adv(i)} \mid [T]_{sk(a),ag(i)} \mid [T]_{sk(a),adv(i)}$
- Global state:  $(SId, f, H)$ 
  - $SId$ : set of session Ids of the form  $(n,j,(a_1,\dots,a_k))$
  - $f$ : associates state  $(\sigma,i,p)$  to each session id
    - Partial function  $\sigma$  associates terms to variables
    - $i$  is the role being executed
    - $p$  is the program counter (next pair to match)
  - $H$  is a set of terms (knowledge of adversary)



# Formal Execution Model

- Initially no session ids ,  $H$  contains nonces of adversary
- Transitions
  - $\text{corrupt}(a_1, \dots, a_l)$ 
    - $H$  updated with knowledge of  $a_1, \dots, a_l$
  - $\text{new}(i, (a_1, \dots, a_k))$ 
    - New session id  $S$  created with index  $s$
    - $f(S) = (\sigma, i, 1)$
    - Function  $\sigma$  binds agent variable  $A_j$  to  $a_j$
    - Function  $\sigma$  binds nonce variable  $X_{A_i, j}$  to  $n(a_i, j, s)$
  - $\text{send}(S, t)$ 
    - Let  $f(S)$  be  $(\sigma, i, p)$  and let  $(l, r)$  be the  $p^{\text{th}}$  pair of  $\Pi(i)$
    - Match  $t$  with  $l$  updating  $\sigma$ . Stop if unsuccessful.
    - Compute  $r$  and add it to  $H$
    - Update  $f(S)$  to  $(\sigma, i, p+1)$

Restriction:

$t$  must be DY-deducible from  $H$



# Concrete Execution Model

- Agent id's, nonces, messages are **bitstrings**
- Security parameter  $v$  identifies lengths
- Global state:  $(SId, g, H)$ 
  - $H$  is the knowledge of the adversary
  - $SId$ : set of session Ids of the form  $(n, j, (\eta_1, \dots, \eta_k))$
  - $g$ : associates state  $(\tau, i, p)$  to each session id
    - Partial function  $\tau$  associates **bitstrings** to variables
    - $i$  is the role being executed
    - $p$  is the program counter (next pair to match)



# Concrete Execution Model

- Initially no session ids
- Transitions
  - $\text{corrupt}(\eta_1, \dots, \eta_l)$ 
    - $H$  updated with knowledge of  $\eta_1, \dots, \eta_l$
    - The necessary missing keys are generated
  - $\text{new}(i, (\eta_1, \dots, \eta_k))$ 
    - New session id  $S$  created with index  $s$
    - $g(S) = (\tau, i, 1)$
    - Function  $\tau$  binds agent variable  $A_j$  to  $\eta_j$
    - Function  $\tau$  binds nonce variable  $X_{A_i, j}$  to random bitstrings
    - Random coins are flipped for the randomization of encryption and signature
  - $\text{send}(S, t)$ 
    - Let  $g(S)$  be  $(\tau, i, p)$  and let  $(l, r)$  be the  $p^{\text{th}}$  pair of  $\Pi(i)$
    - Match  $t$  with  $l$  updating  $\tau$ . Stop if unsuccessful.
      - May need to decrypt and verify signatures
    - Compute  $r$  and add it to  $H$ 
      - May need to encrypt and sign
    - Update  $g(S)$  to  $(\sigma, i, p+1)$



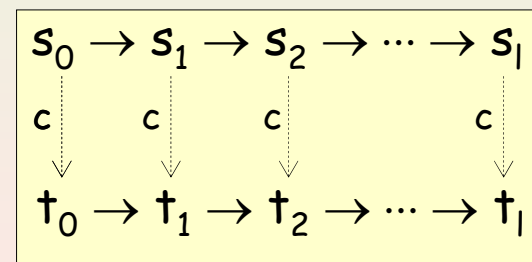
# Computations of Concrete Model

- In the model of [CW04]
  - Choice of transitions by PPT adversary
  - Length of computations bounded by a polynomial
  - Number of needed random bits known in advance
  - Unique computation for each value of the random bits
  - This induces a probability measure on computations
- With Probabilistic Automata
  - Random bits generated within transitions
  - Avoid reasoning about guessing future random bits
    - ... though in [CW04] this reasoning is not present



# Correspondence Between Computations

- Let  $c$  be a mapping from ground terms to bitstrings
- Let  $s = (SId, f, H)$  be a state of the formal model
- Let  $t = (CId, g, H')$  be a state of the concrete model
- Define  $s \equiv_c t$  iff
  - $CId = \{c(S) \mid S \in SId\}$
  - $\forall_{S \in SId} g(c(S)) = c(f(S))$
- Where
  - $c(n, i, (a_1, \dots, a_k)) = (n, i, (c(a_1), \dots, c(a_k)))$
  - $c(s, i, p) = (c(s), i, p)$
- Define  $s_0 s_1 \dots s_l \equiv t_0 t_1 \dots t_l$  iff
  - $\exists_c \text{ injective } \forall_j s_j \equiv_c t_j$
- Concrete model safe iff
  - For each measure  $\mu$  on concrete executions induced by random coins
  - $\mu(\{a \mid \exists_b a \equiv b\})$  is overwhelming



# Structure of Original Proof

- Prove properties of DY-non-deducibility
  1. Signature forged, or
  2. Encrypted data used without decrypting
- Fix random coins and get concrete execution  $\alpha$
- Show  $\alpha$  is instantiation of some symbolic execution  $\beta$ 
  - Follow  $\alpha$  building  $\beta$  and mapping bitstrings to abstract terms
    - How do I know the mapping exists?
      - Example: reencrypt a message with a different label and encryptions are the same
  - Let  $c$  be the inverse of the mapping above
    - How do I know the mapping is invertible?
      - Example: forward an encrypted message
    - How do I know  $c$  is injective?
      - The inverse of a mapping is injective
- Show  $\beta$  follows DY-deducibility with overwhelming probability
  - If not, then either 1 or 2 with non-negligible probability
  - Build attacker to corresponding primitive



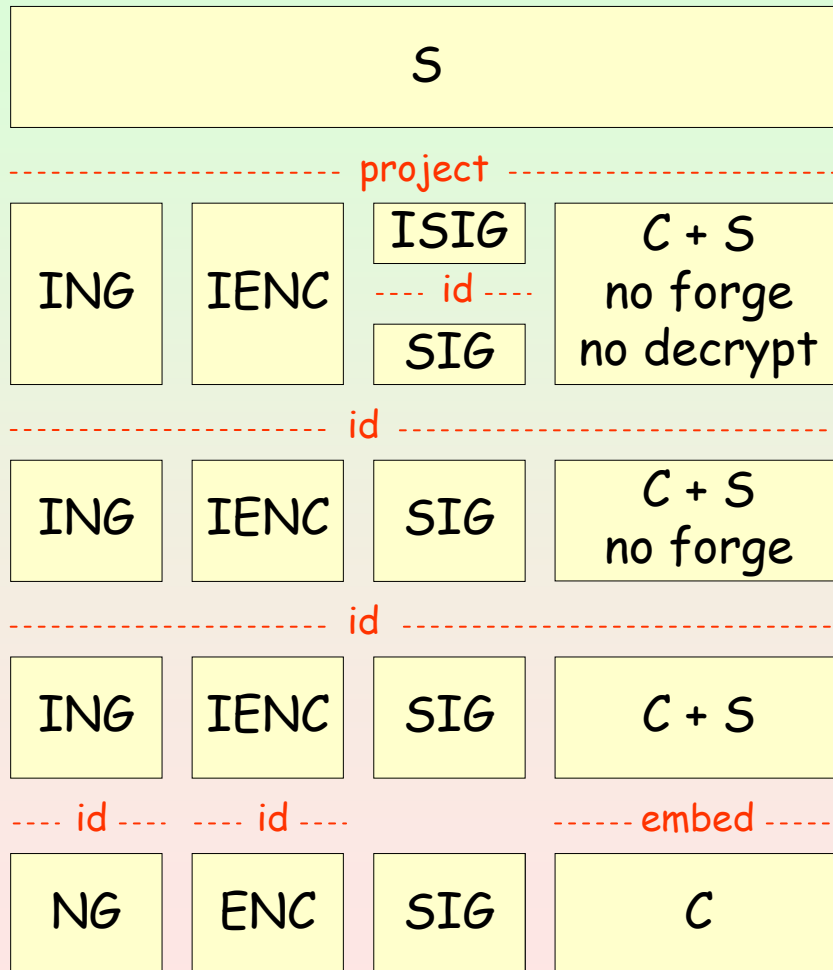


# Properties of non-DY-Deducibility

- Let  $S$  be a set of messages and  $m$  a message such that
  - $S \not\vdash m$
  - $m$  built out of atoms of elements in  $S$
- Then either
  - There exists subterm  $[t]_k$  of  $m$  which is not a subterm of terms in  $S$ , or
  - There exists a subterm  $t$  of  $m$  such that
    - all its super-terms in  $m$  are not deducible
    - $t$  appears encrypted in  $S$
- Problem
  - A message that contains atoms not in  $S$  is not deducible
  - Scenario not included in the cases above



# Structure of the Proof with Probabilistic Automata



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# Problems Encountered Concrete Model

- Explicit encoding of
  - Parsing of left expression
  - Computation of right expression
  - Invocations to cryptographic primitives
- What arguments are needed for and computed by ...
  - Left parsing
  - Right computation
- Answer
  - The mapping  $\tau$

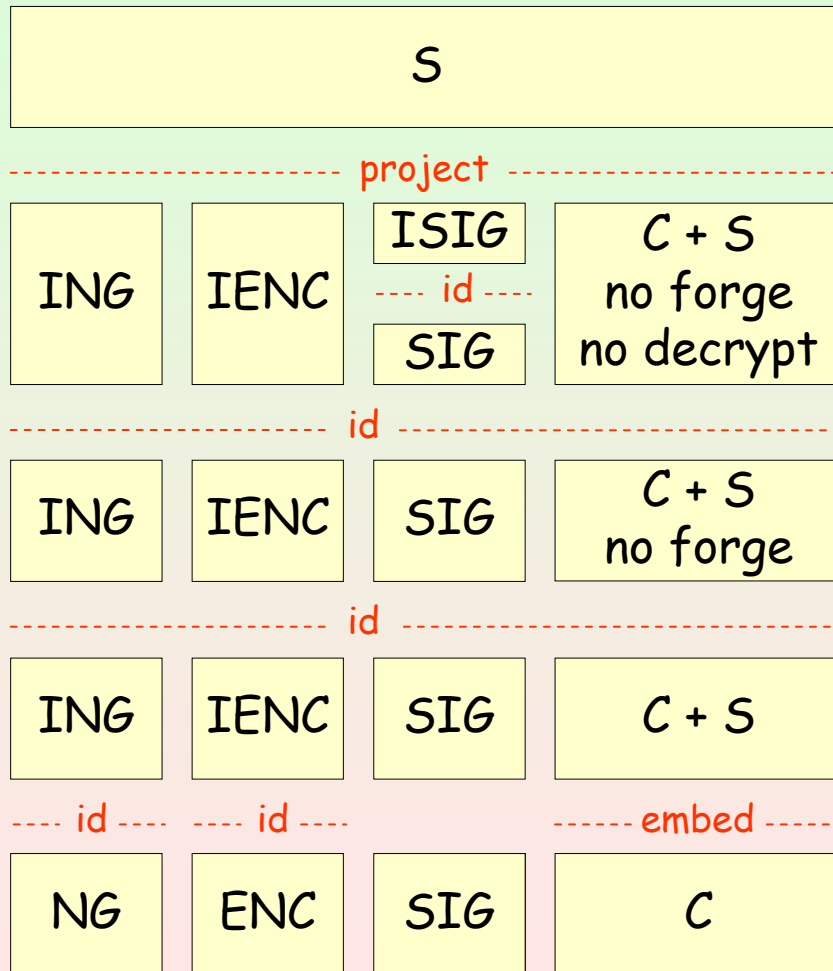


# Concrete Model: Some examples

- $(\text{init}, X_{A1,1}) (\{X_{A2,1}\}_{ek(a_1),L}, \{X_{A2,1}\}_{ek(a_1),ag(1)}) (X_{A2,2}, \text{stop})$ 
  - After initialization  $\tau(X_{A1,1}) = \eta_1$
  - Upon receiving a bitstring  $\eta_2$ 
    - It is decrypted with  $dk(a_1)$  and  $\tau(X_{A2,1}) = \eta_3$
    - What should  $L$  be mapped to?
    - Then  $\eta_3$  is encrypted with  $ek(a_1)$  leading to  $\eta_4$
  - Upon receiving  $\eta_5$ ,  $\tau(X_{A2,2}) = \eta_5$  and terminate
- $(\text{init}, X_{A1,1}) (\{X_{A2,1}\}_{ek(a),L}, \{X_{A2,1}\}_{ek(a),L}) (X_{A2,2}, \text{stop})$ 
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# Problems Encountered

## Definition of $C + S$

- If the bitstring I receive does not parse what symbolic message should I use?
  - Not said/considered in the original proof
- The bitstring should be kept, though
  - A real system could reuse it later
- Our solution
  - Use a special symbol  $\perp$
  - Its meaning is that we are sending junk
  - Function  $c$  does not map  $\perp$



# Consequences of our Solution

- All the symbols we use in send actions are build from atomic terms that appear in the history
- The new statement about non-deducibility suffices
  - Do not need to worry about guessing the future

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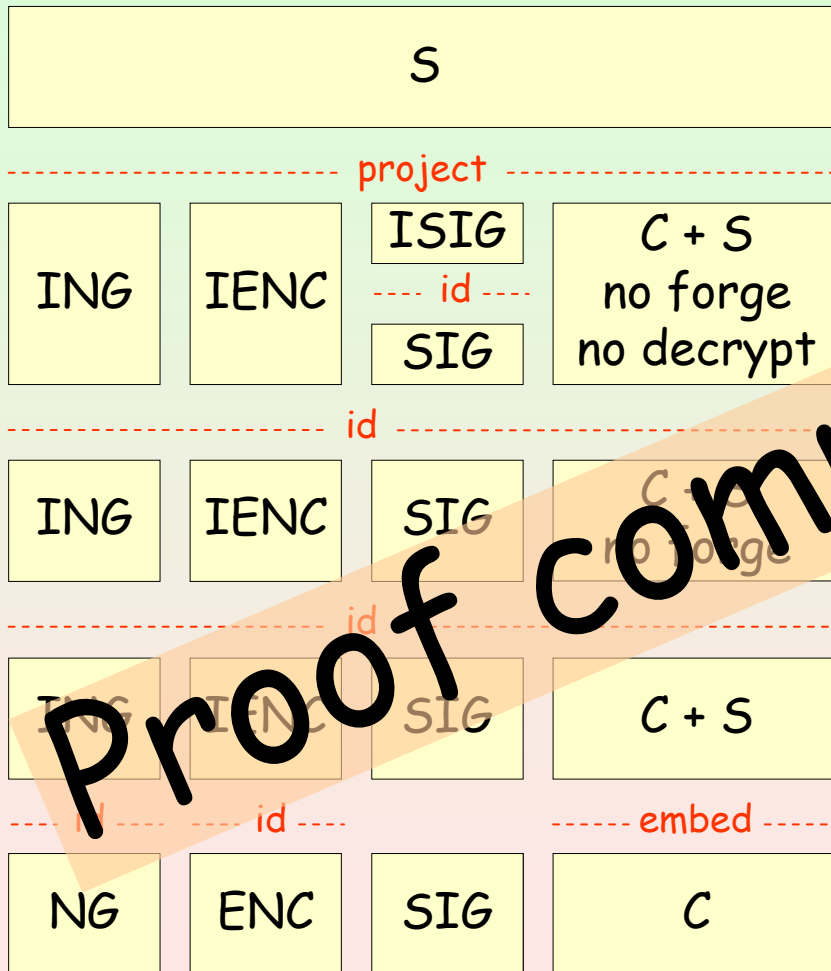
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# Summing Up ...

- What we have seen
  - A theory of Probabilistic Automata
    - Conservative extension of automata
    - Language inclusion
    - Simulation relations
    - Hierarchical compositional reasoning
  - A notion of task PIOA with restricted schedulers
    - Task equivalence relation on states
    - Action deterministic
    - At most one action for each task
    - A schedule (sequence of tasks) determines a probabilistic execution
  - A notion of approximated language inclusion
    - For each trace distribution of  $A$  there exists an indistinguishable trace distribution of  $B$
  - A notion of approximated simulation
    - Works for PAs



# Summing Up ...

... what we have seen

- Analysis of oblivious transfer in UC framework
  - Task PIOAs as model
  - Hierarchical verification via simulations
  - Crypto-steps via approximated language inclusion
- Analysis of MAP1 protocol
  - PAs as model
  - Approximated simulations as technique
  - Mixture of Dolev-Yao and computational models
  - No restriction of nondeterminism
    - Yet accurate description of objects
- Analysis of DY-soundness
  - PAs as model
  - Approximated simulations, hierarchical compositional analysis
  - Easy to find problems ... more difficult to fix them



# Several Open Questions

- **Connections**
  - Approximated simulations with
    - Approximated language inclusion
    - Restricted schedulers
  - Semantics
    - Metrics and exact equivalences
- **Properties of definitions**
  - Are we transitive?
  - Are there weaker compositional refinements?
- **Flexibility on restrictions**
  - Task PIOAs are very restrictive
    - ... though they work
    - Chatzikokolakis and Palamidessi may help (Concur07)
- **Understanding of restrictions**
  - Are we restricting too much?
- **More case studies**
  - Need to understand common points
  - Need to discover missing pieces



# A Note about Formal Analysis

- Formal methods are too heavy to use
  - Is it reasonable to apply them all the times?
  - Is it reasonable to use them all the times?
  - Is it reasonable to know them?
  - Are automatic tools everything we need?
- Rarely we can be absolutely rigorous
  - We rather limit the places where to use intuition
  - Formal methods give a lot of sanity checks
  - It is useful to be aware of the formal meaning of what we say
  - It is useful to have theoretical results
    - Some doubts can be eliminated quickly
    - Some bugs may be discovered in a few seconds



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# Thank You



# Convex Combination of Measures

- Let  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$  be probability measures
- Let  $p_1$  and  $p_2$  be reals in  $[0,1]$  such that  $p_1+p_2=1$
- Define a new measure  $\mu = p_1\mu_1+p_2\mu_2$  as follows
  - $\forall X, \mu(X) = p_1\mu_1(X)+p_2\mu_2(X)$
- Theorem:  $\mu$  is a probability measure
- Same result extends to countable summation



# Weak Transition

$$q \xRightarrow{a} \rho$$

There is a probabilistic execution  $\mu$  such that

- $\mu(\text{exec}^*) = 1$  (it is finite)
- $\text{trace}(\mu) = \delta(a)$  (its trace is  $a$ )
- $\text{fstate}(\mu) = \delta(q)$  (it starts from  $q$ )
- $\text{lstate}(\mu) = \rho$  (it leads to  $\rho$ )

$$q \xRightarrow{a} s \text{ iff } \exists \alpha: \text{trace}(\alpha)=a, \text{fstate}(\alpha)=q, \text{lstate}(\alpha)=s$$