

# Almost-everywhere Secure Computation

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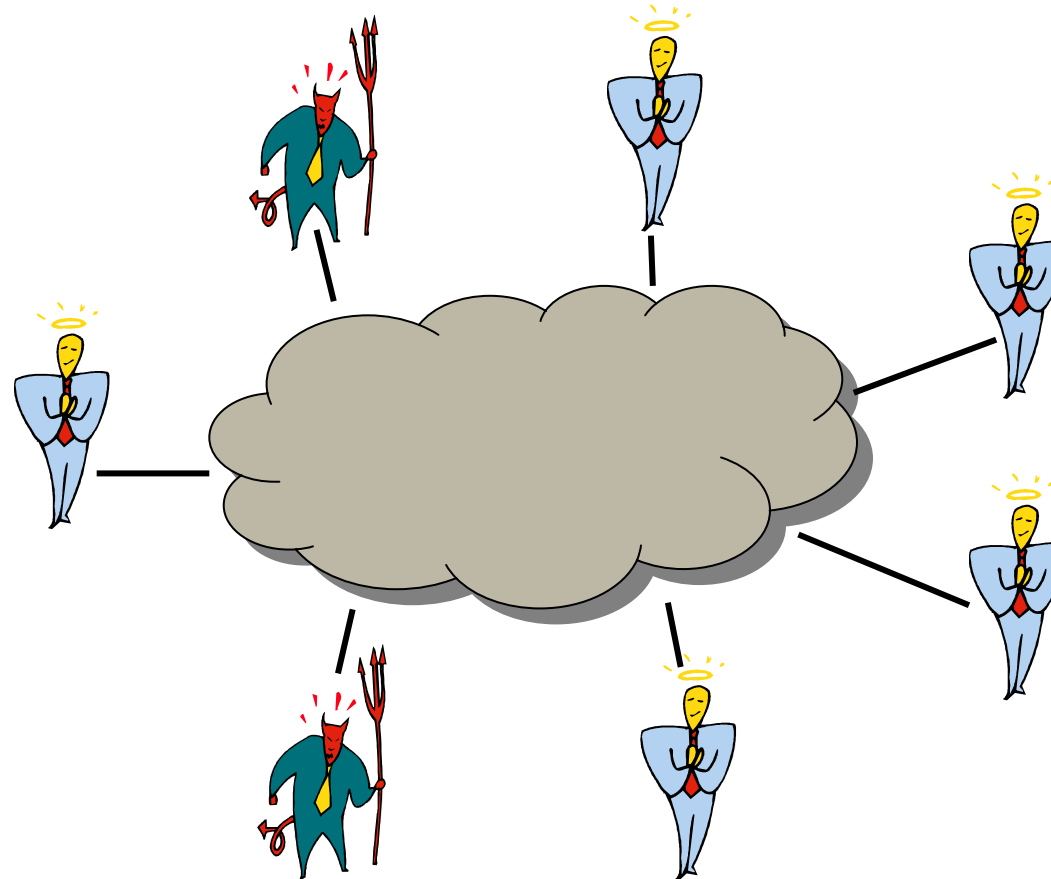
# Secure Multi-party Computation (MPC)

**Multi-party computation (MPC)** [Goldreich-Micali-Wigderson 87] :

- $n$  parties  $\{P_1, P_2, \dots, P_n\}$ ,  $t$  corrupted; each  $P_i$  holds a private input  $x_i$
- One public function  $f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$
- All want to learn  $y = f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$  (Correctness)
- Nobody wants to disclose his private input (Privacy)

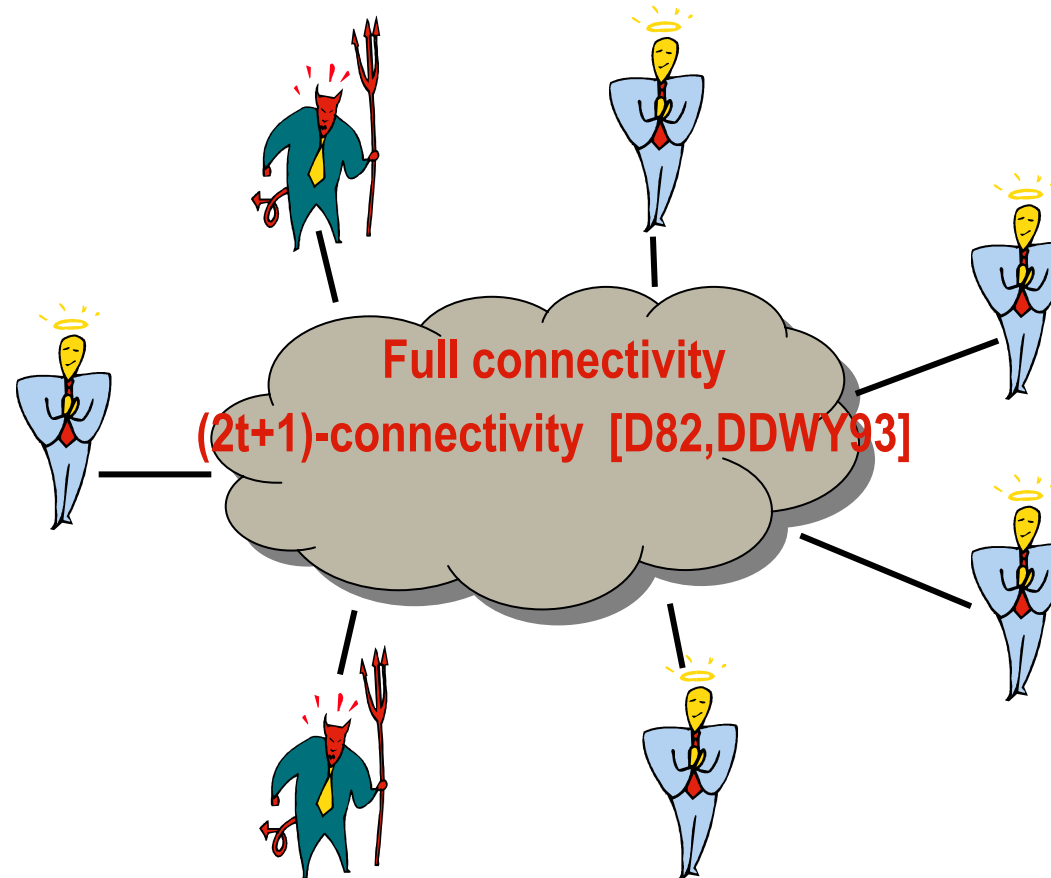
**2-party computation (2PC)** [Yao 82] :  $n=2$

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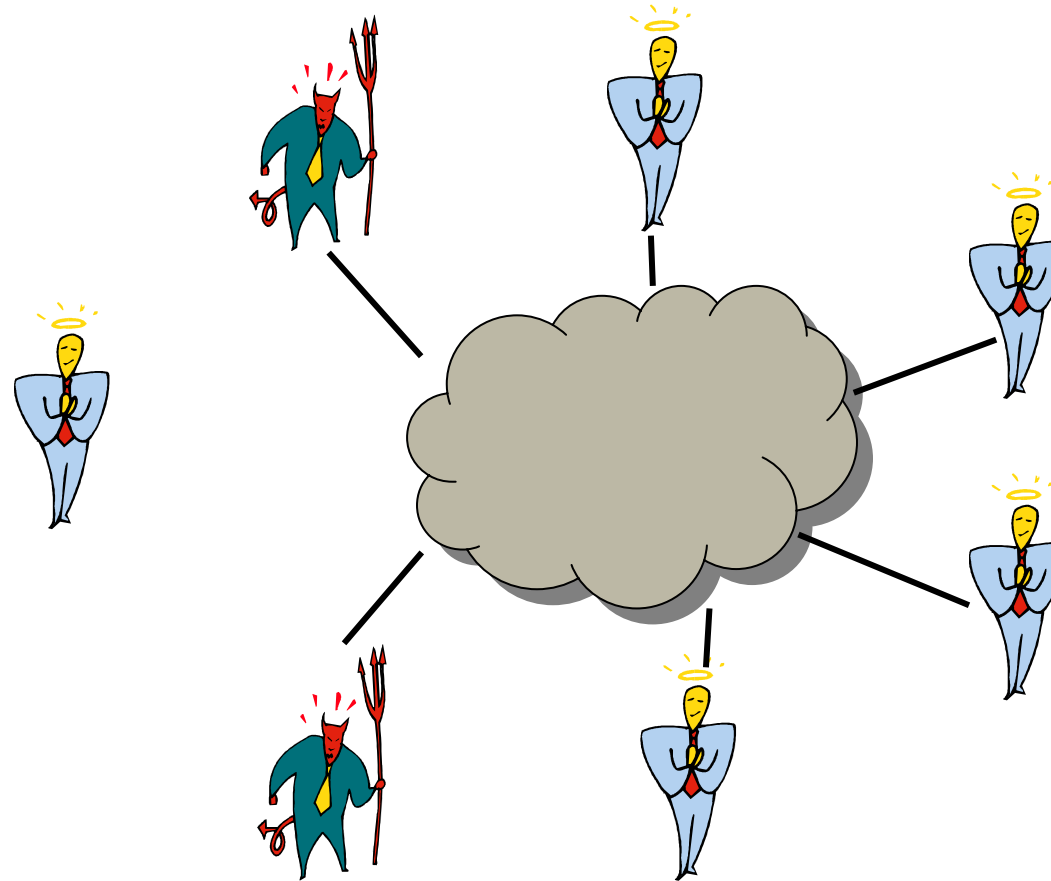
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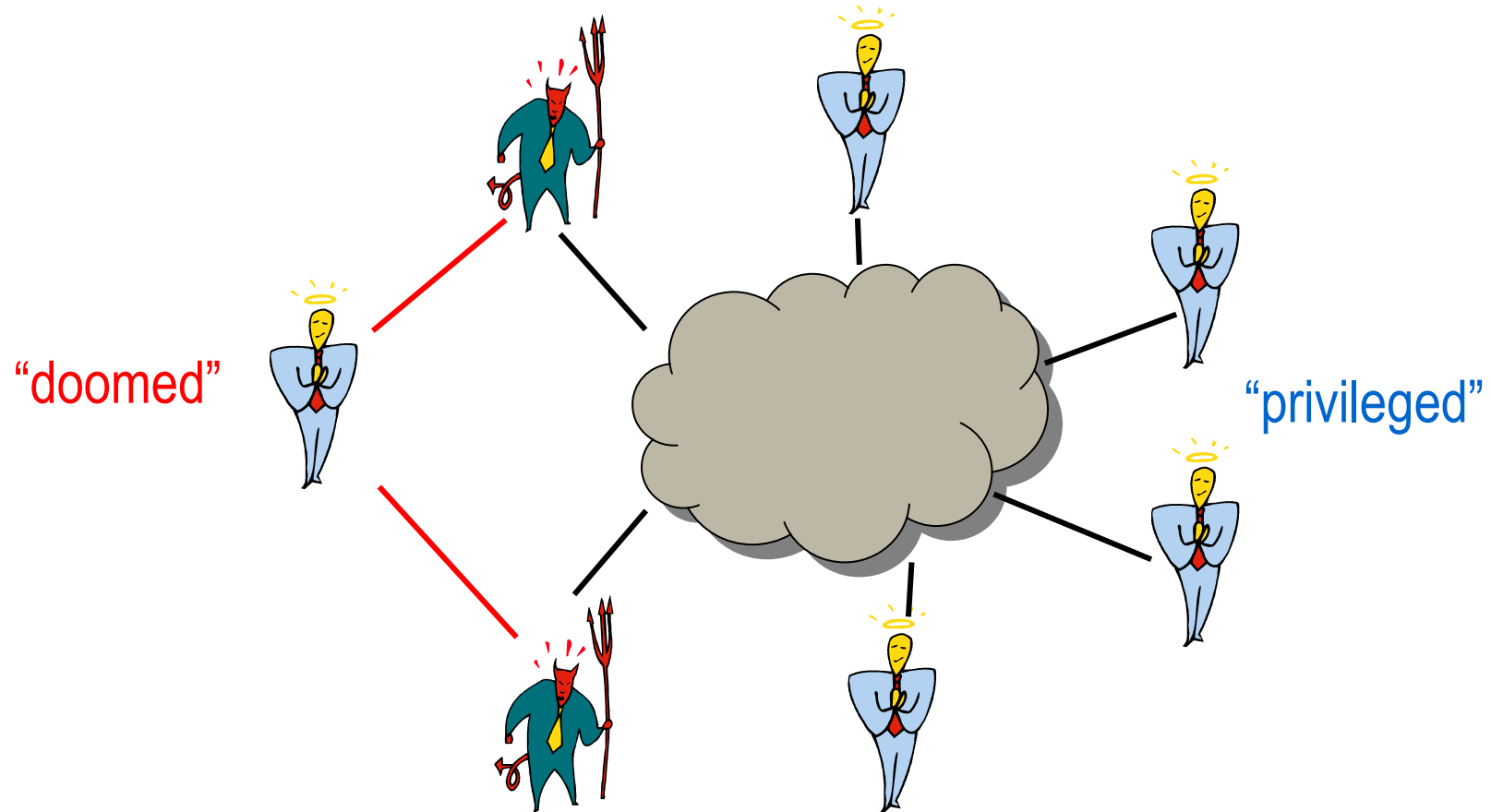


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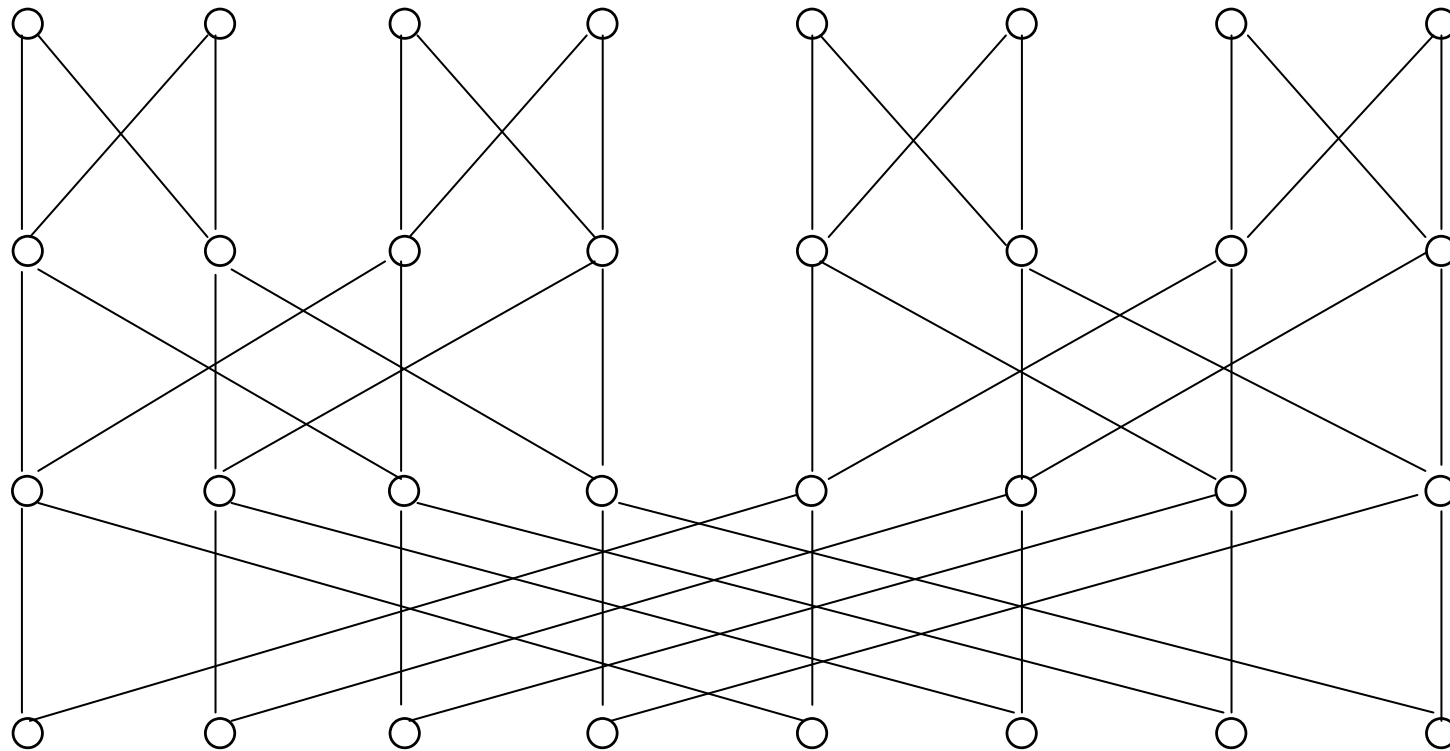


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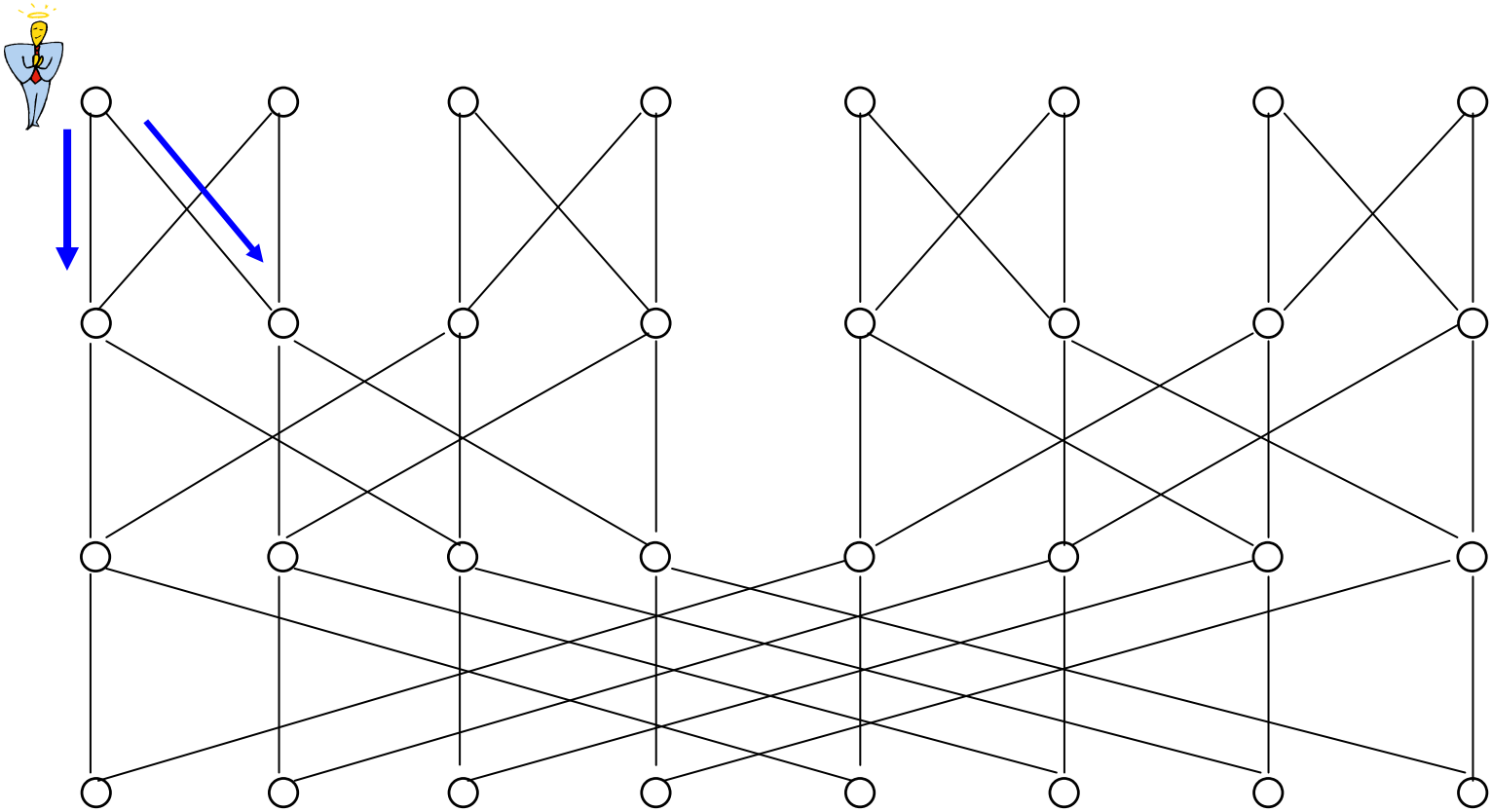


**Small (constant) connectivity!**

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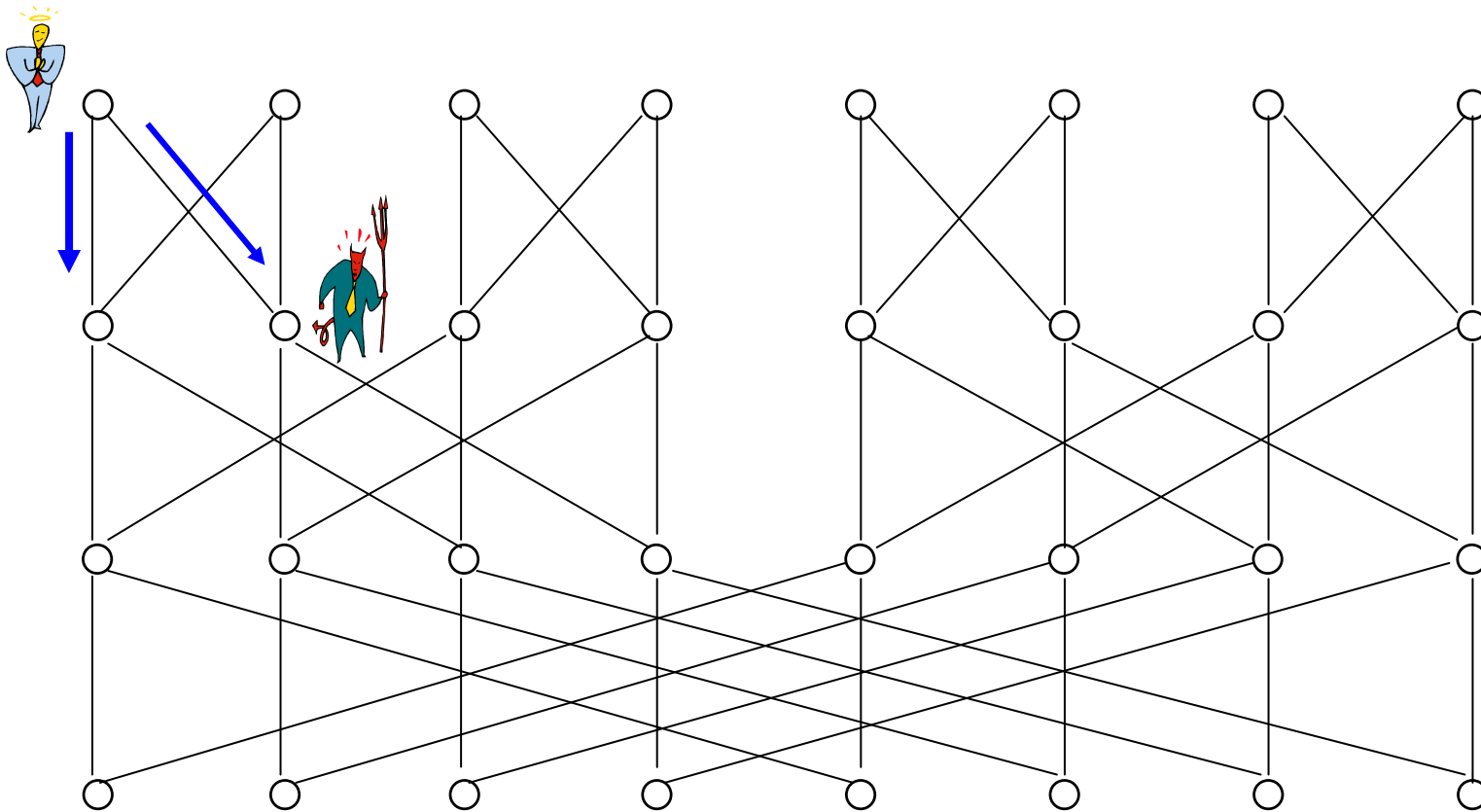


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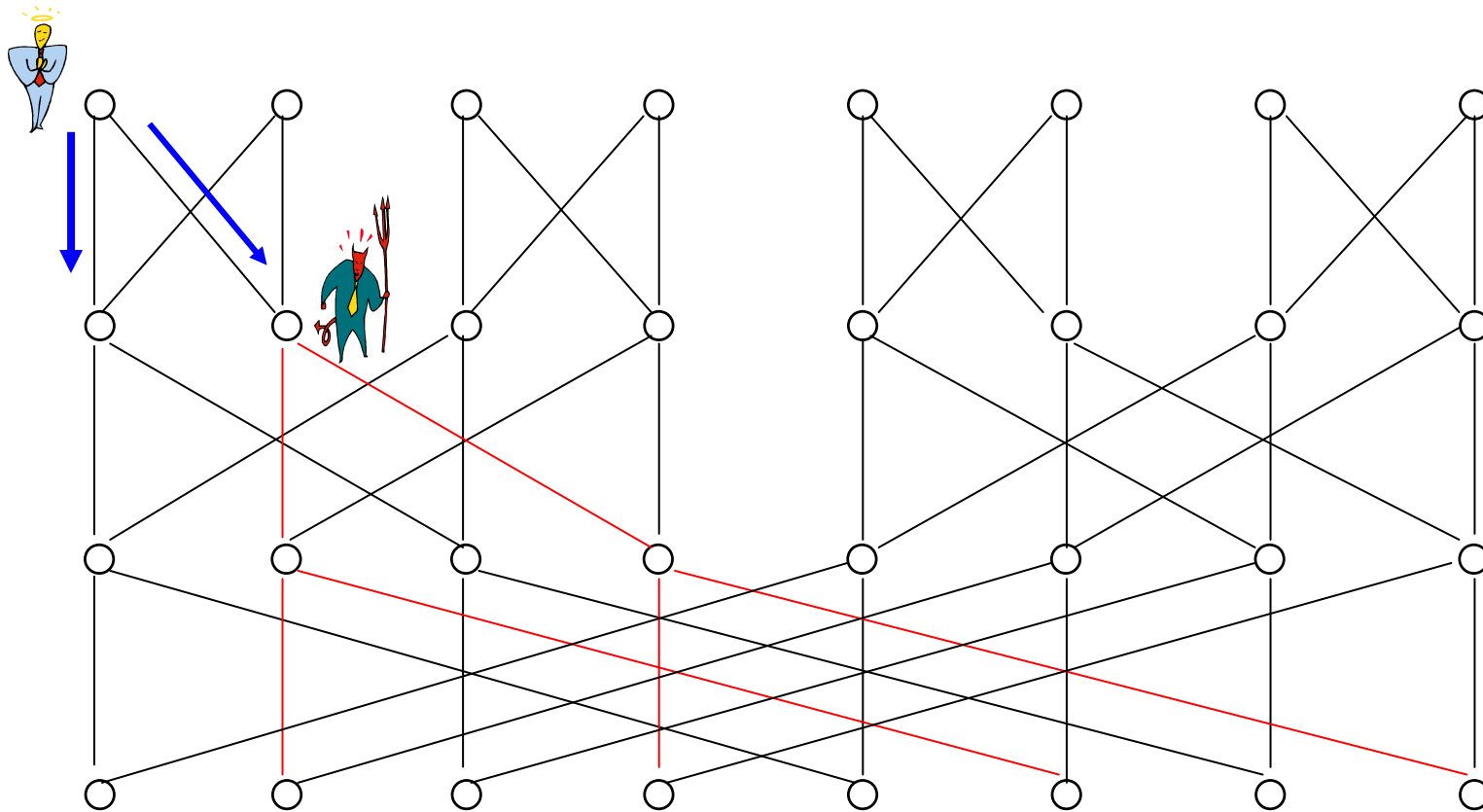




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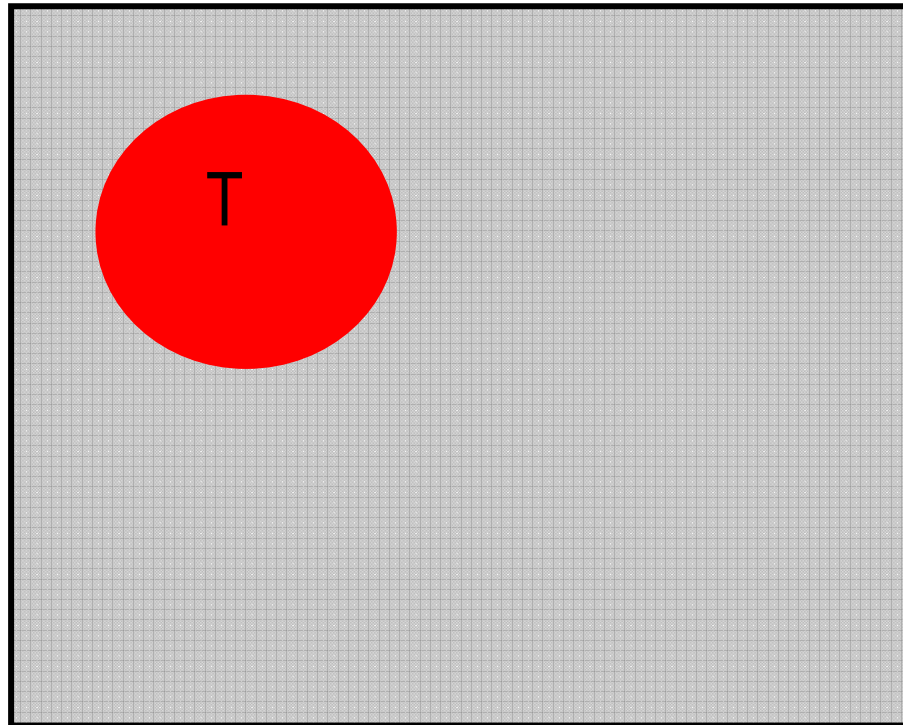
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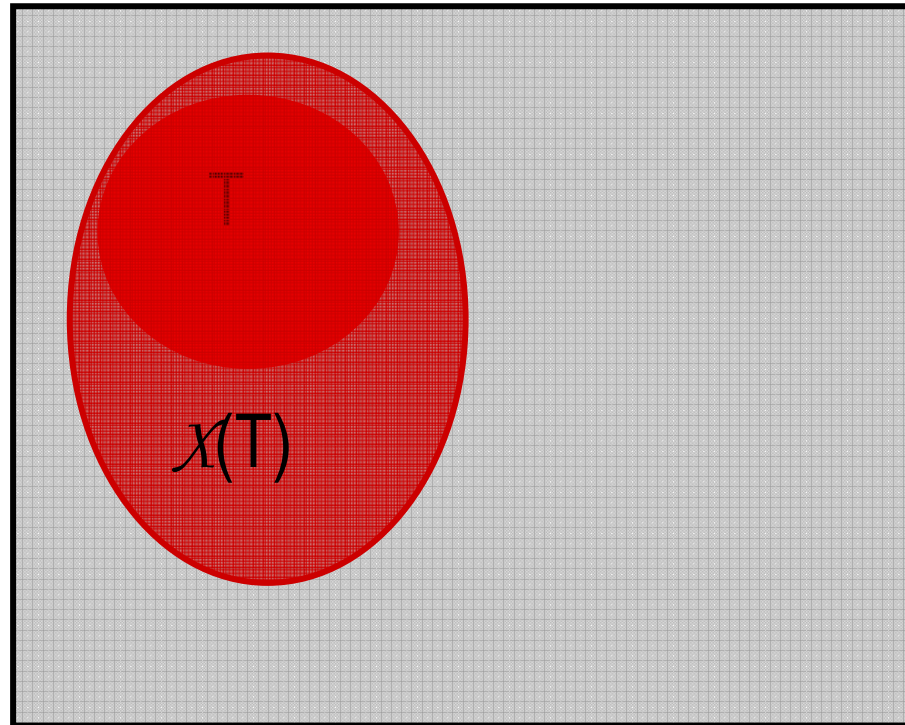
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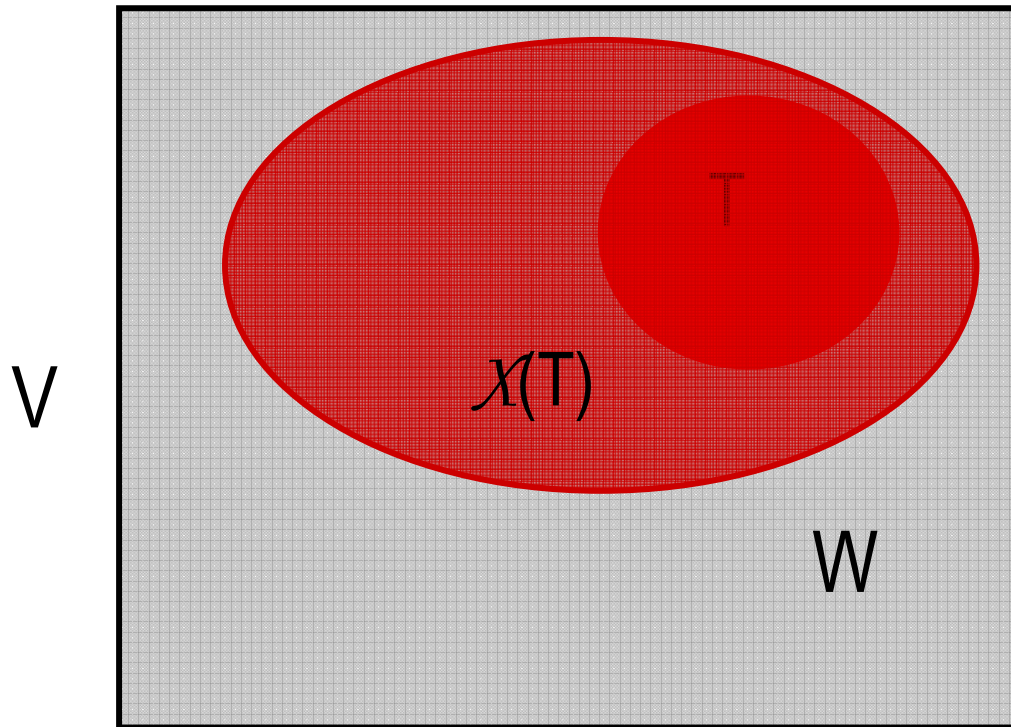
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- $W$ : *Privileged* set



## Almost-everywhere MPC (cont'd)

- $G = (V, E)$ ,  $|T| = t$ ,  $\mathcal{P} = 2^V$
- $\mathcal{X}: \mathcal{P}^{(\leq t)} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}$ 
  1.  $T_1 \subseteq T_2 \Rightarrow \mathcal{X}(T_1) \subseteq \mathcal{X}(T_2)$
  2.  $T \subseteq \mathcal{X}(T)$
$$X = \max_T \{|\mathcal{X}(T)|\}$$
- Protocol  $\Pi$  achieves **X-MPC** if  $\exists W$ ,  $|W| \cong n - X$ , s.t. all players in  $W$  are able to perform MPC
- Fully connected network:  $\mathcal{X}(T) = T$

# “Commit-and-Compute” Paradigm

A two-phase protocol  $\Pi$  achieves **X-MPC** if for any PPT function  $F$  the following are satisfied

**1. Commit phase:** Players in  $V$  commit to their inputs

**Binding:** For all  $P_i \in V$  there is uniquely defined  $x_i^*$

**Privacy:** For all  $P_i \in W$ ,  $x_i^*$  is information-theoretically hidden

**2. Computation phase:**

**Correctness:** For all  $P_i \in W$ ,  $P_i$  outputs  $F(x_1^*, x_2^*, \dots, x_n^*)$

**Privacy:** For all  $X_W^*, Y_W^*, Z_{\mathcal{X}(T)}^*$  such that

$$F(X_W^*, Z_{\mathcal{X}(T)}^*) = F(Y_W^*, Z_{\mathcal{X}(T)}^*)$$

the adversary can't distinguish  $\Pi(X_W^*, Z_{\mathcal{X}(T)}^*)$  from  $\Pi(Y_W^*, Z_{\mathcal{X}(T)}^*)$

# X-MPC Protocols: Preview

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## General strategy:

- Large privileged set  $W$ ,  $X = n - |W|$
- Endow players in  $W$  with resources needed (in fully connected networks) for unconditional MPC
- Require  $X < n/3 \Rightarrow$  MPC on  $W$



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- “*Almost-everywhere agreement*” [DPPU86, BG90, Upf92]
- Perfectly secure message transmission (PSMT) [DDWY89,...]
  - $(2t+1)$ -connectivity for reliable and private comm.
- Privacy amplification/secret key agreement [BBR88,BBCM95,...]
  - Authentic public channel + private (corrupted) channel
- “Hybrid” corruptions [GP92, FHM98]
  - Adv. actively corrupts some players, wiretaps others
- Secure computation on incomplete networks [Vaya07]

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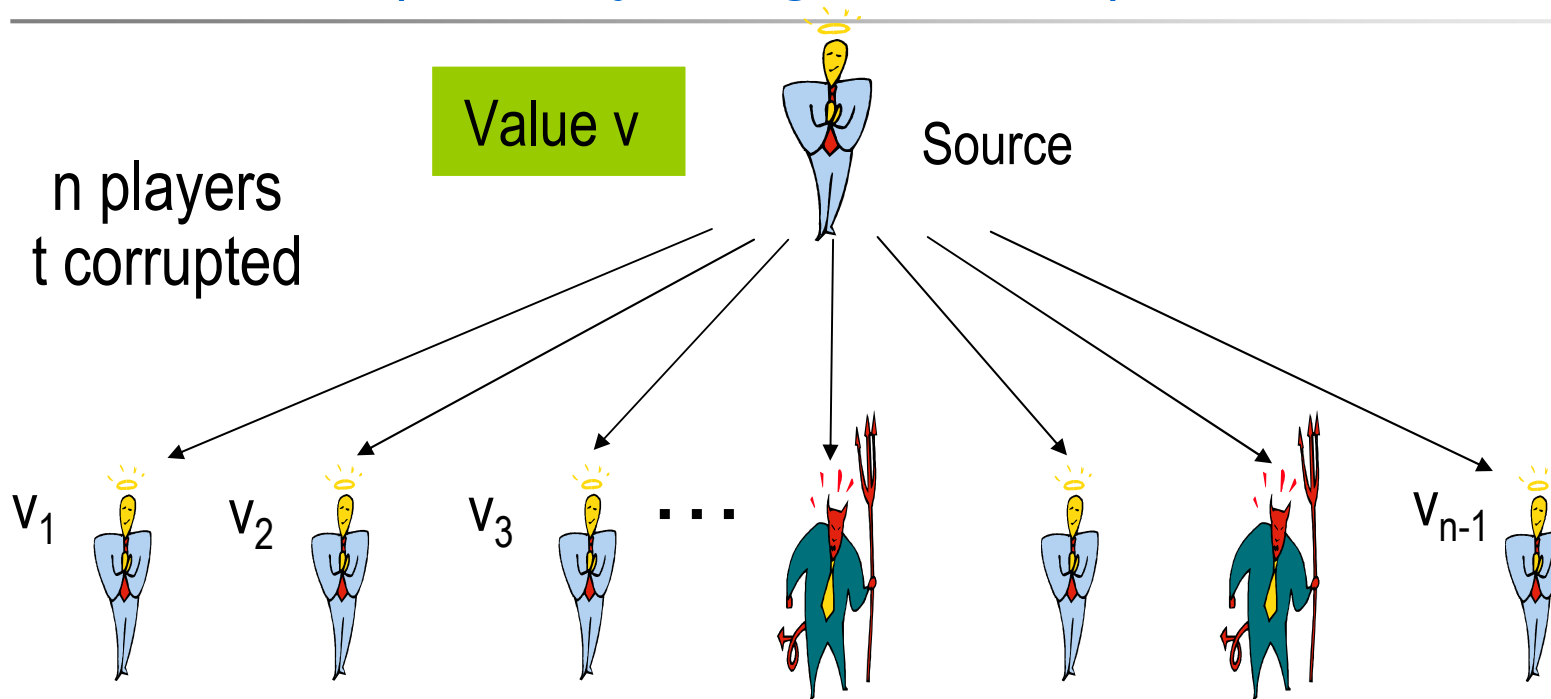
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# Broadcast (aka Byz. agreement) [PSL80, LSP82]



- If source is honest,  $v_i = v$  (Validity)
- $v_i = v_j$  (Agreement)

$$n > 3t$$

## *Almost-Everywhere Agreement* [DPPU86]

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- Byzantine agreement in partially connected networks
- Transmission scheme to simulate sending of a message between any two nodes
- If nodes  $\in W (= V - \mathcal{X}(T))$ , then simulation is faithful
- $\Rightarrow$  Possible to simulate BA protocol for fully connected networks treating processors in  $\mathcal{X}(T)$  as faulty (no **privacy**)
- “Almost-everywhere *broadcast*”

## *Almost-Everywhere Agreement* (cont'd)

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- [DPPU86] graphs:
  - Unbounded degree ( $n^\varepsilon$ ,  $0 < \varepsilon < 1$ )
  - Bounded degree (butterfly, expander graphs)
- Objective: Large sets  $T$ , “small”  $\chi(T)$
- [Upf92]: Bounded-degree graphs with
  - $T = O(n)$ ,  $\chi(T) = O(n)$
  - Only one uncorrupted path between pairs of nodes in  $W$

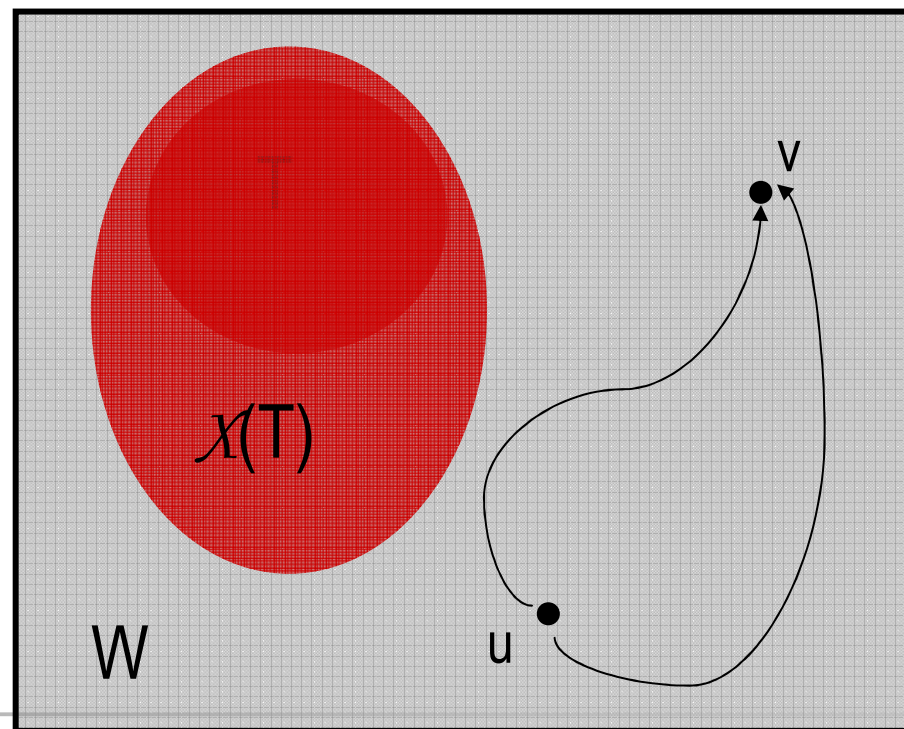


# Admissible Graphs

## *Almost-everywhere (i,t)-admissible graphs*

1. Almost-everywhere broadcast in  $W$ ;
2. there exists a computable map  $\text{Select-Path}(G,u,v)$  s. t.
  - $\forall u,v \in V$ ,  $|\text{PATHS}(u,v)| \in O(\text{poly}(n))$
  - $\forall u,v \in W$ ,  $\text{PATHS}(u,v)$  contains  $\cong i$  disjoint uncorrupted paths

(2,t)-admissible graph  $V$



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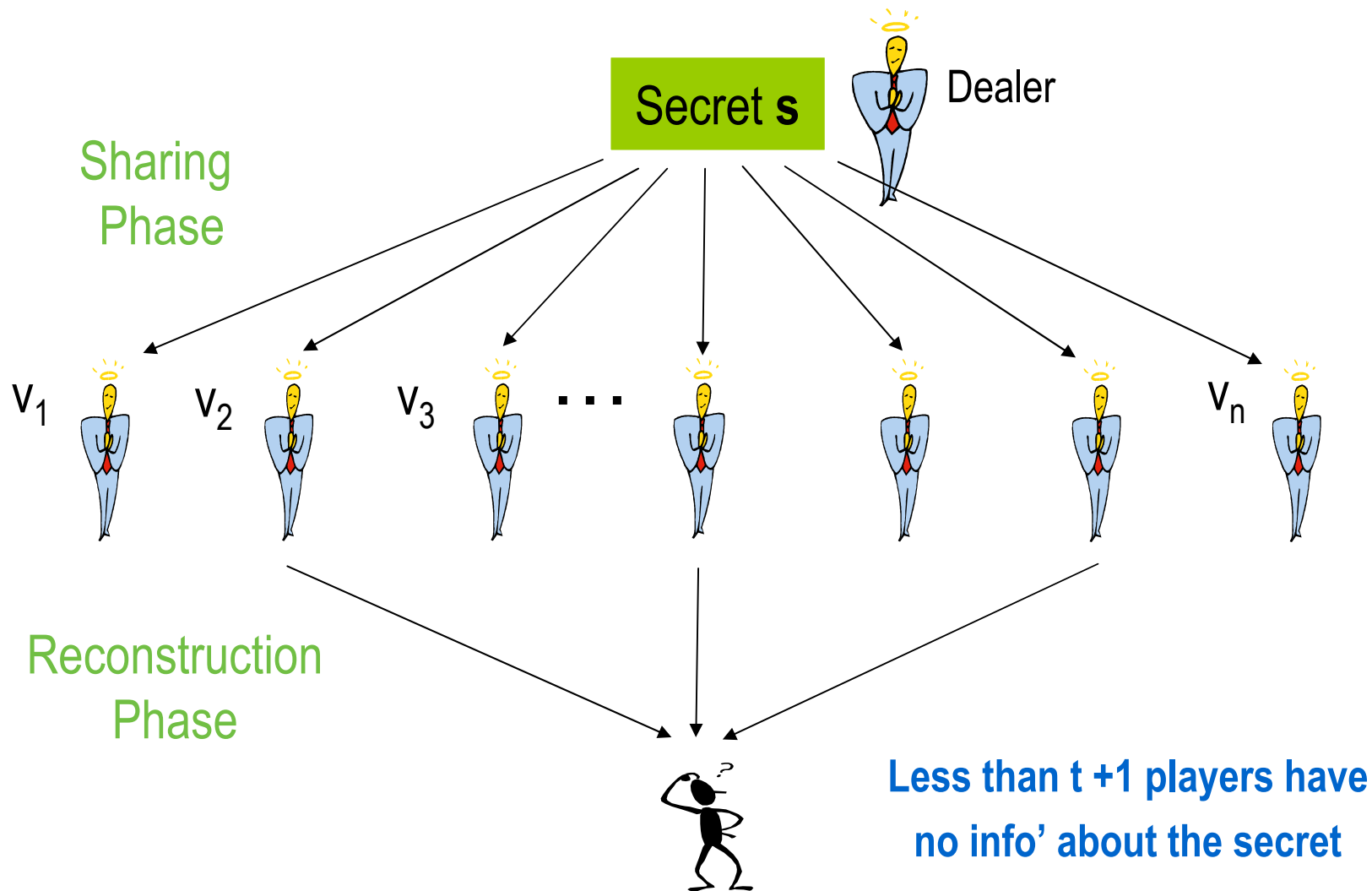
**Lemma:** Given two  $(1,t)$ -admissible graphs  $G_n(V,E)$  and  $G'_{2n}(V',E')$ , it is possible to construct a  $(2,t)$ -admissible graph  $G''_{2n}(V'',E'')$  with  $|W''| = 2n - O(X'')$ , where  $X'' = X + X'$ .

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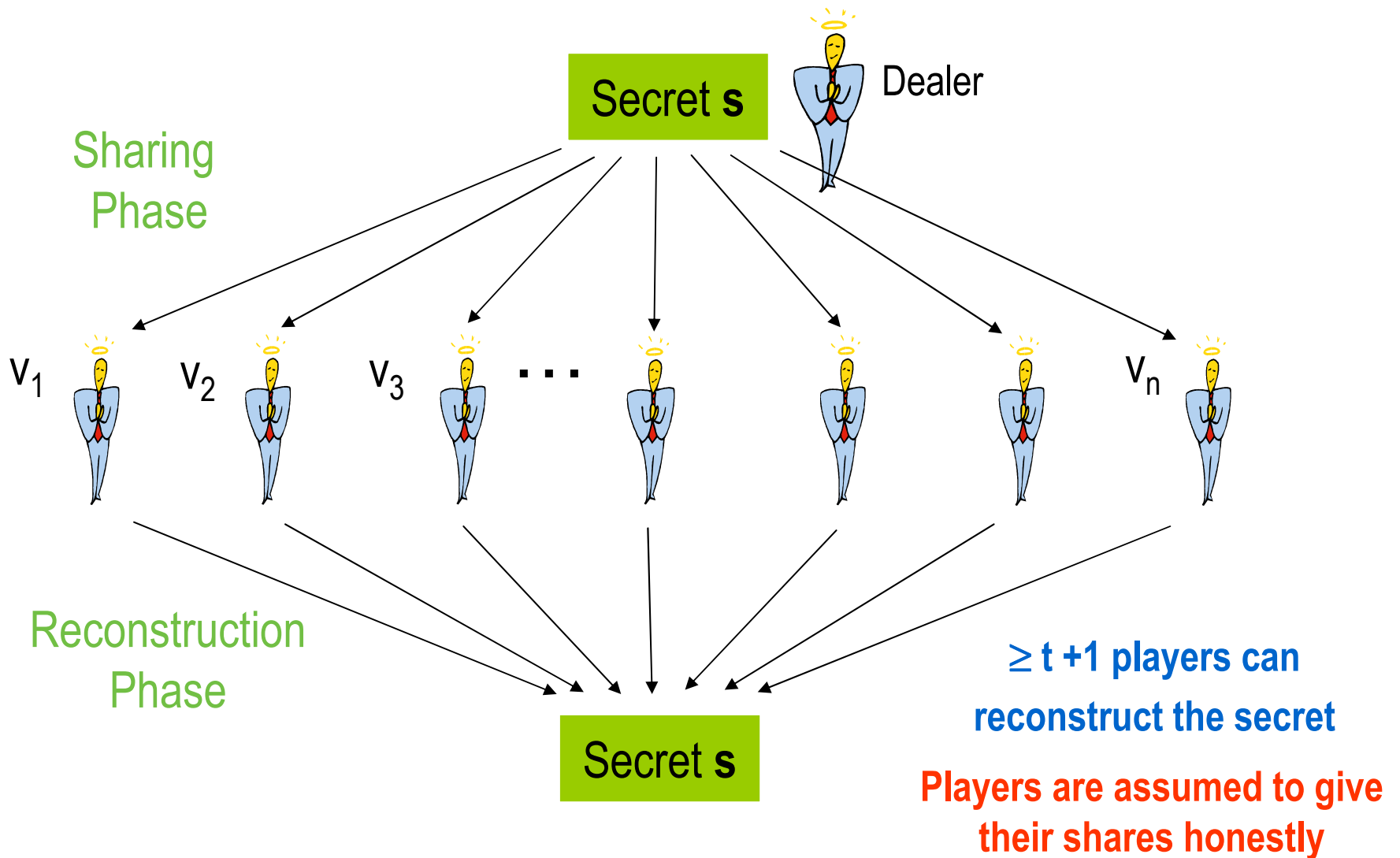
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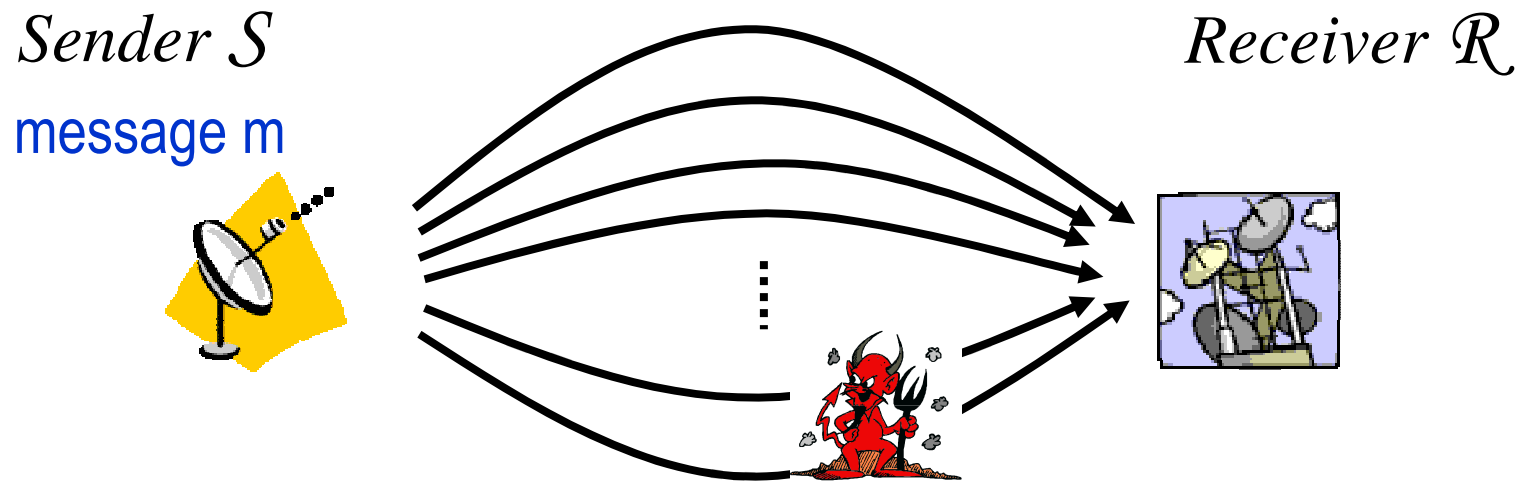


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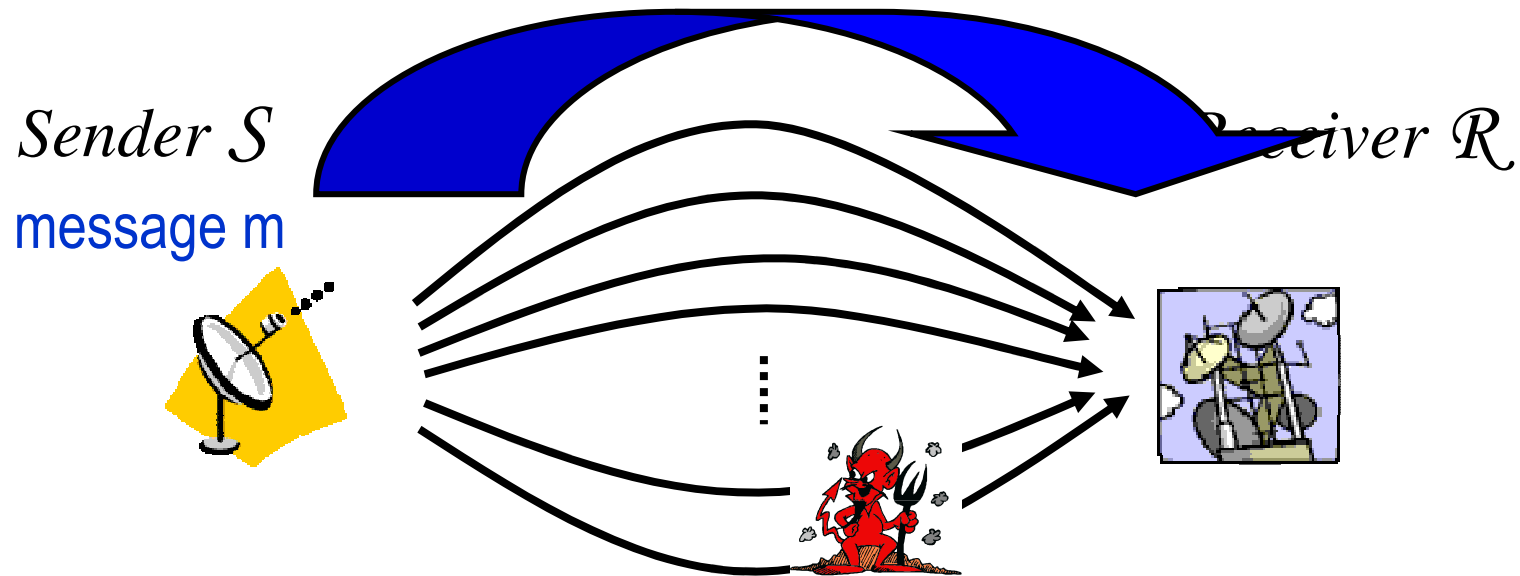
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Plus public channel:  $n > t$  ( $n > t+1$ )

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Send message  $M$ ,  $|M| = q$ ,  $k = k(q, N, \epsilon)$

1.  $S \rightarrow \mathcal{R}$ : Send random  $R_i$ ,  $|R_i| = O(k)$  over each channel,  $C_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq N$
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**Theorem:** Pub-SMT is a four-round SMT protocol transmitting  $O(\max(q, \log N/\epsilon))$  bits on each of the  $N$  channels and  $N \cdot O(\max(q, \log N/\epsilon))$  bits over the public channel.

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- Nodes in privileged set  $W$  have
    1. Almost-everywhere broadcast
    2. p2p private channels (Simulated by Pub-SMT)
  - General strategy:
    - MPC on  $(2,t)$ -admissible graphs with  $T, X$  and  $W$  s.t.  $X < n/3$  replacing Sends & Receives of full MPC protocol by Pub-SMT
    - Communication structure: “super-round,” with players taking turns\* (recall “rushing” adversary)
- \* For simplicity

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**Theorem:**  $G_n = (V, E)$ , 2-admissible graph,  $X < n/3$ . Then C&C-MPC achieves X-MPC against adaptive  $t$ -adversary.

# X-MPC on Classes of Networks

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- $G_n$  of degree  $O(n^\epsilon)$ ,  $t = O(n) \rightarrow O(t)$ -MPC [DPPU86]
- $G_n$  of *constant* degree,  $t = O(n/\log n) \rightarrow O(t)$ -MPC [DPPU86]
- $G_n$  of *constant* degree,  $t = O(n) \rightarrow O(t)$ -MPC<sup>(\*\*)</sup> [U92]  
(\*\*) Inefficient

# Summary and Future Research

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- Introduced *almost-everywhere MPC* (X-MPC), using
  1. AE (2,t)-admissible graphs
  2. SMT by public discussion
- Efficiency (e.g., [BG92] techniques)
- Security definitions: *Meaningful* simulation-based definition
- Pub-SMT: Comm. improvements and lower bounds
- Poly-time protocol for AE-agreement (and thus AE-MPC) on bounded-degree networks tolerating linear no. of corruptions

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