

Separating Broadcast *from* Cheater Identification

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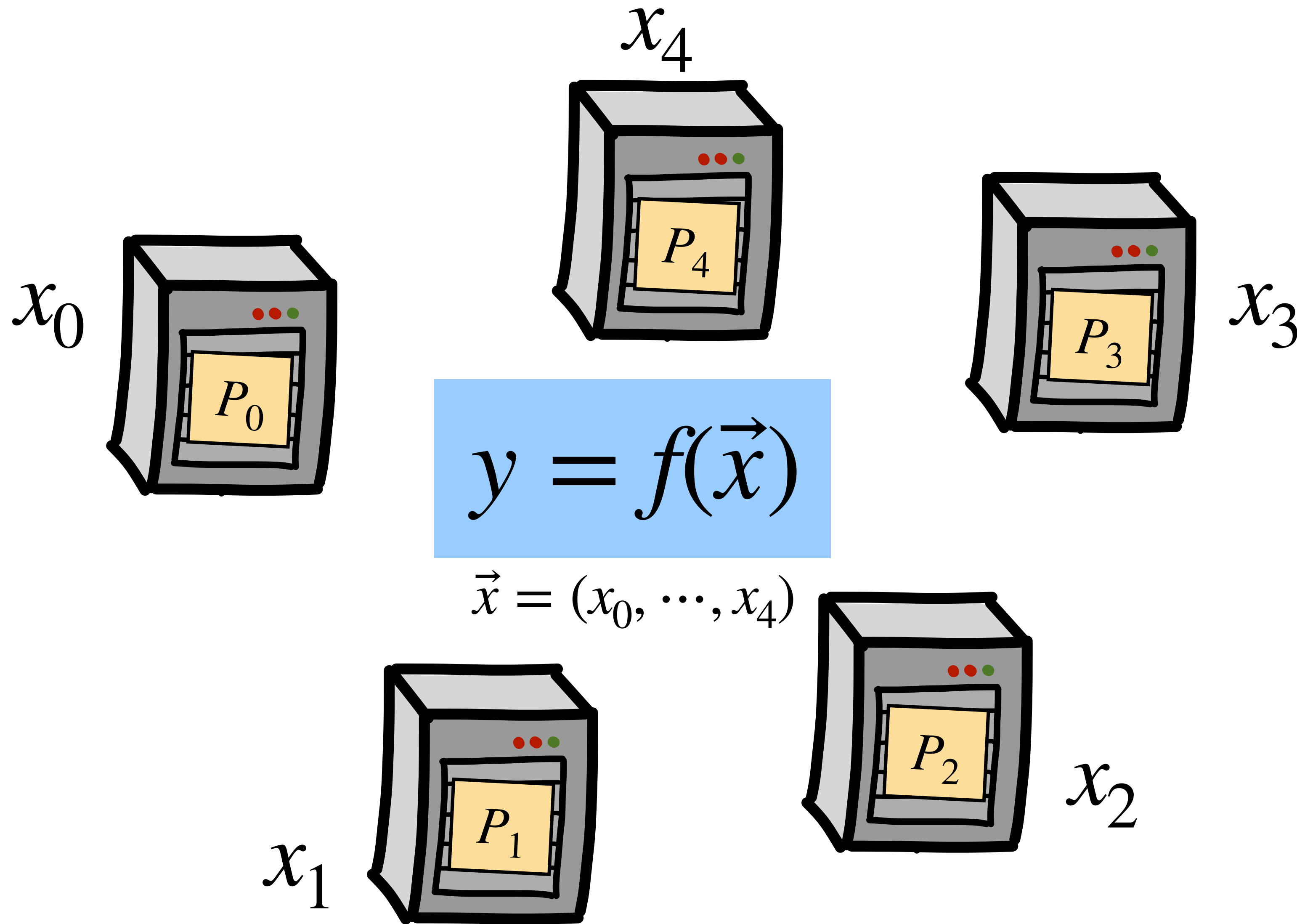


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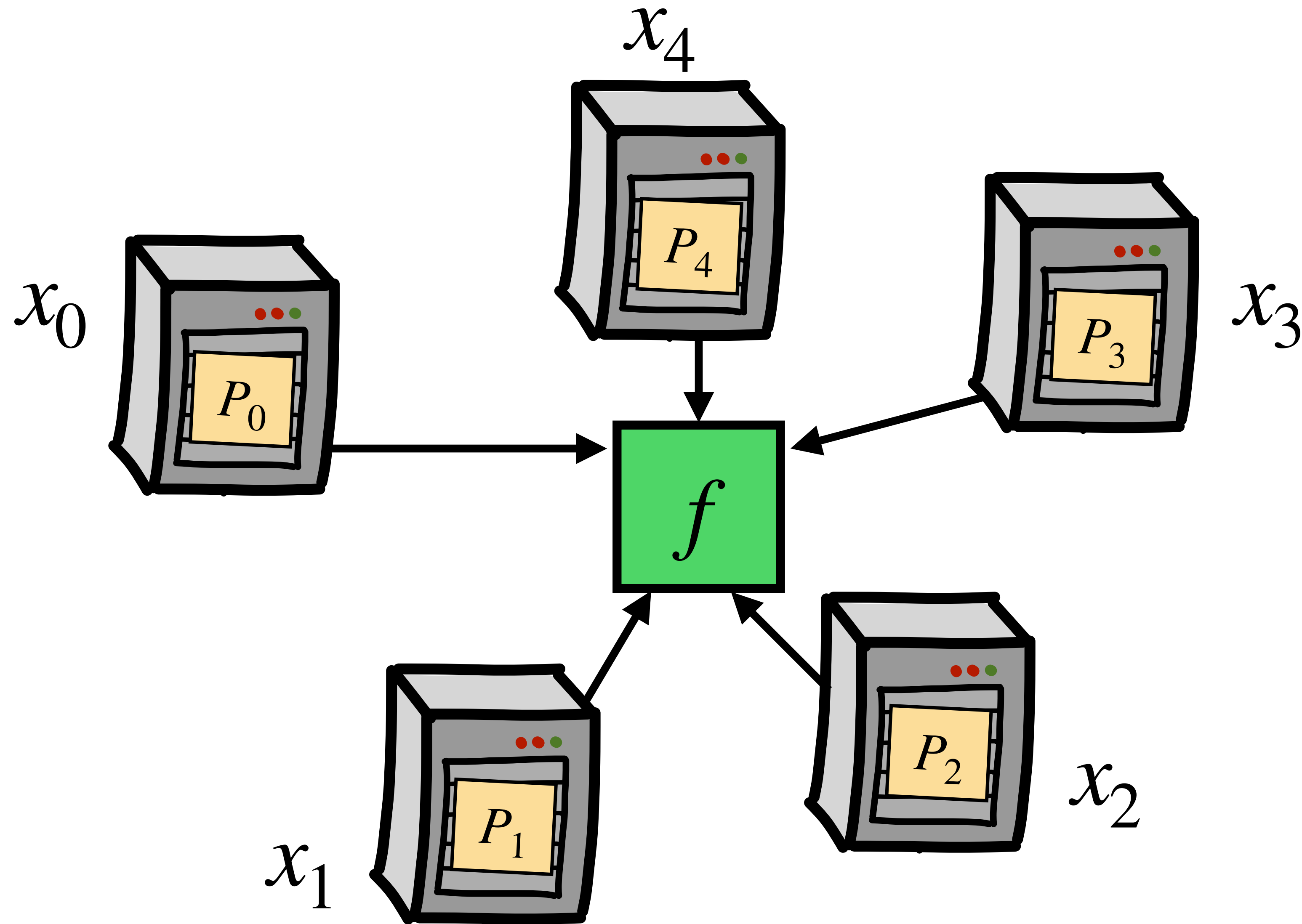
This Talk

- Introduction to Secure Multiparty Computation (MPC) with Identifiable Abort (IA)
- Problem: Most known IA protocols employ broadcast (BC), which is expensive. Is this cost inherent?
- Our results:
 - **Formulate BC-IA** by teasing out the exact requirements on BC in IA setting
 - **Impossibility** in the dishonest majority setting
 - **Simple 2-round BC-IA** in honest majority setting
 - **General compiler**: $\text{MPC-IA using } r \times \text{BC} \rightarrow (r + 1) \times \text{BC-IA} \rightarrow 2(r + 1) \text{ p2p}$
 - **Concrete real-world application**: threshold ECDSA signing

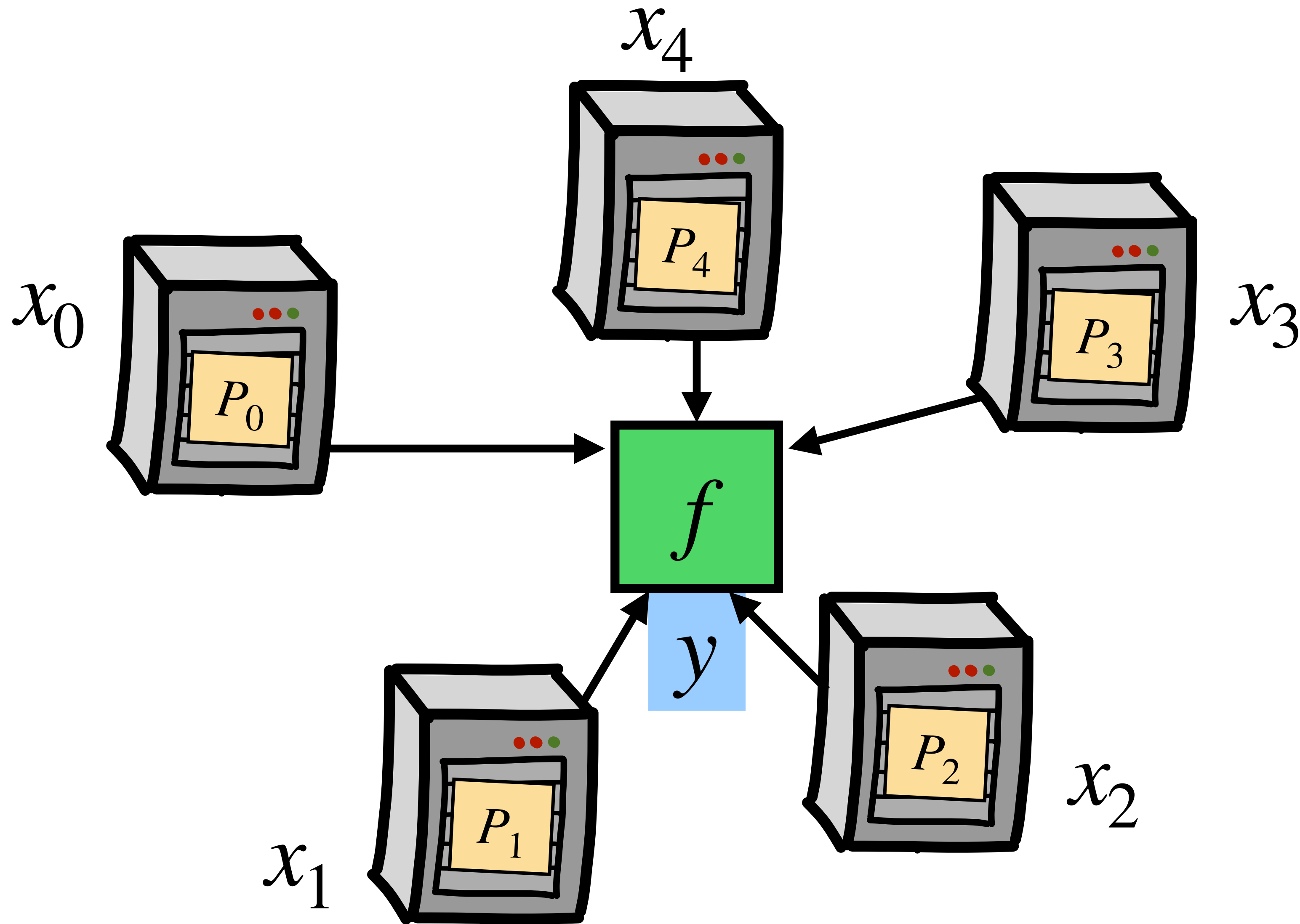
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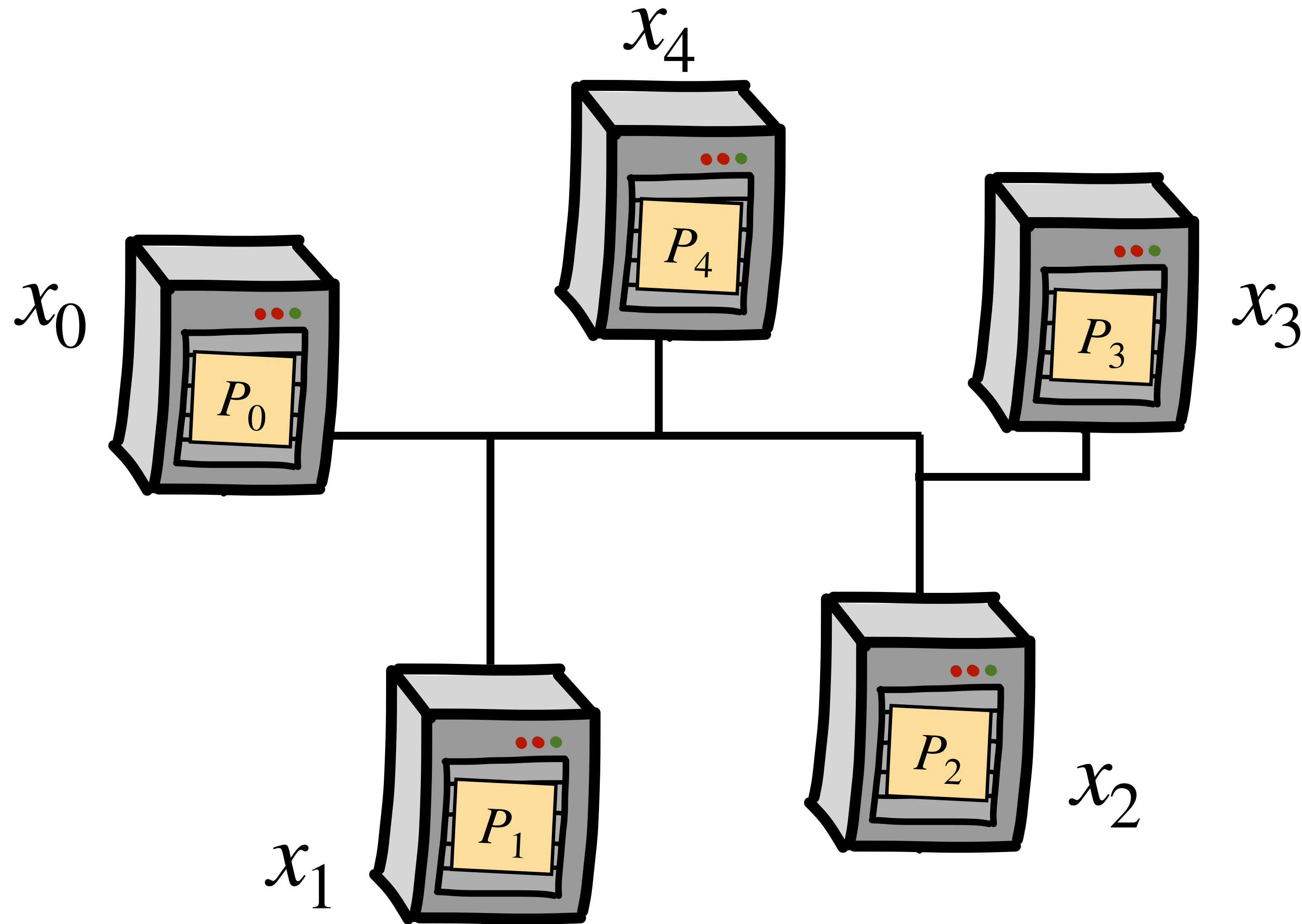
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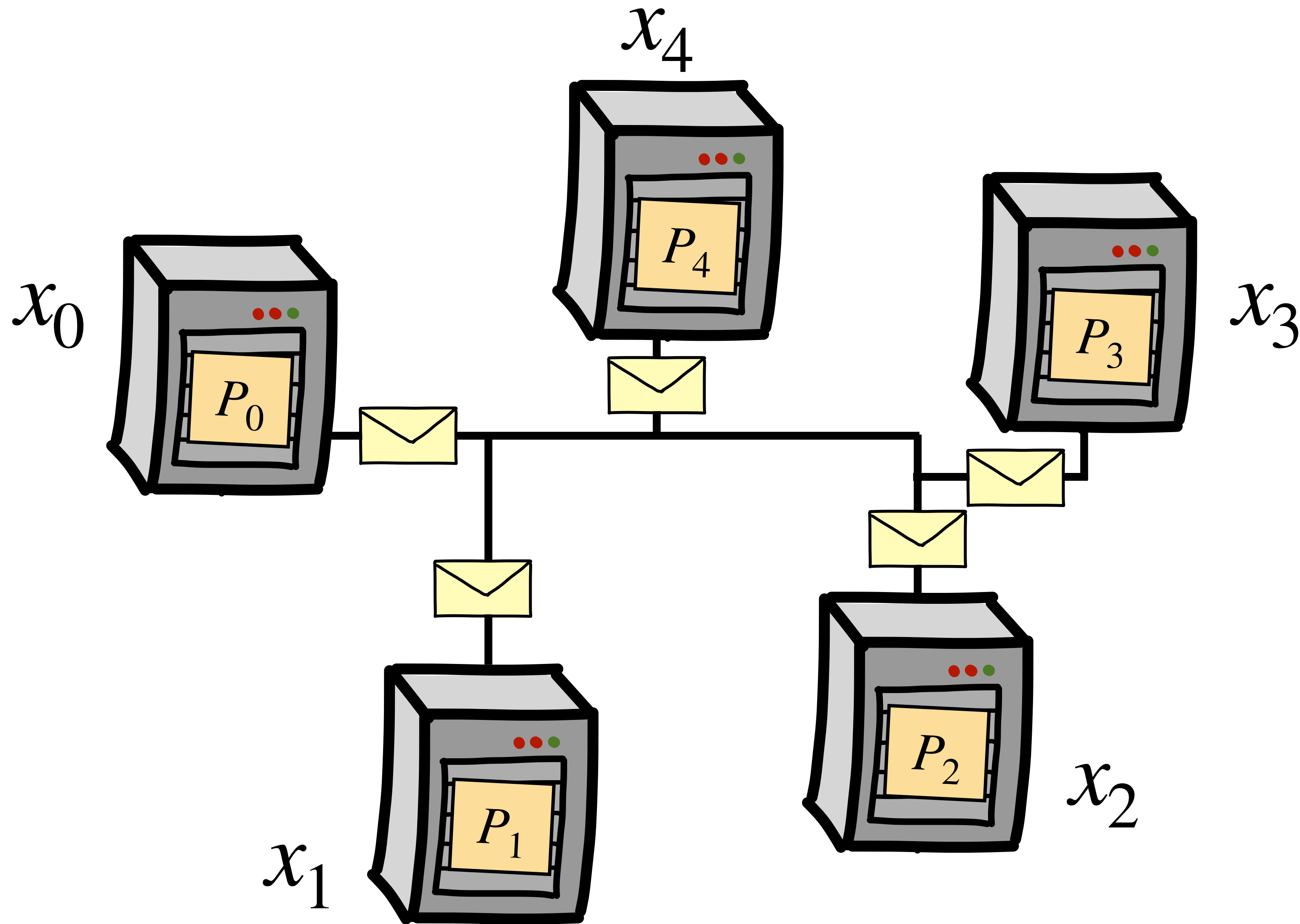
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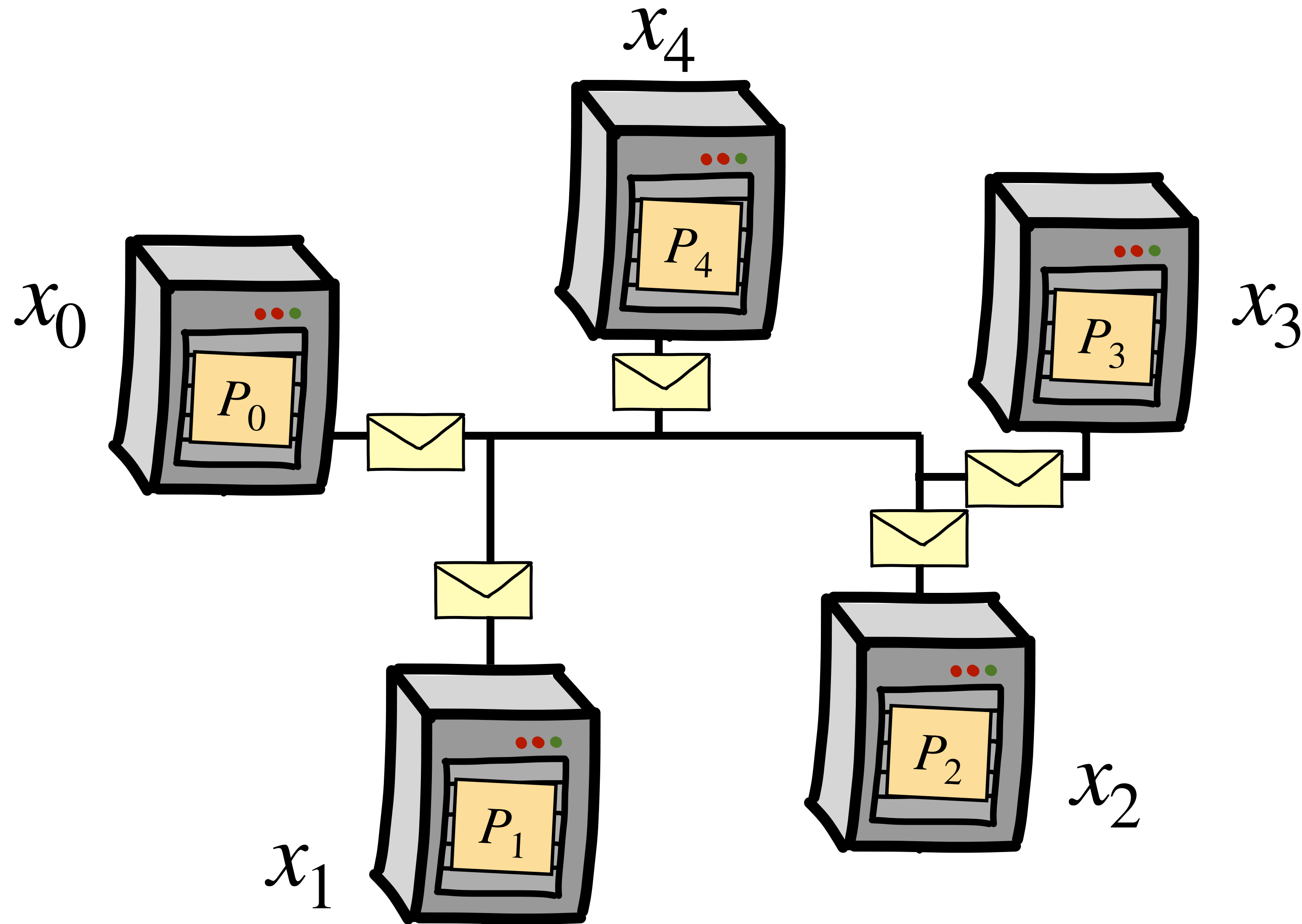
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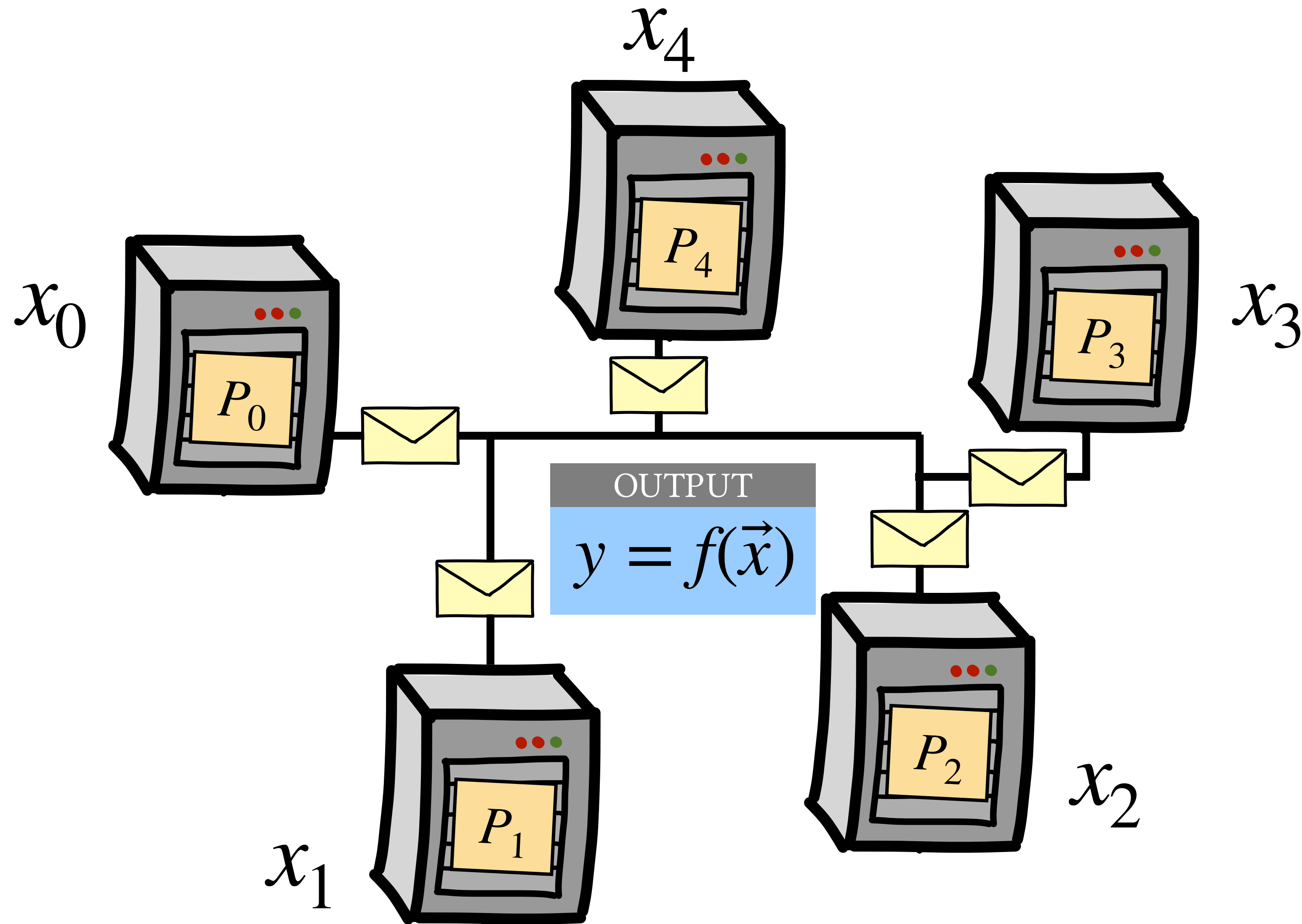
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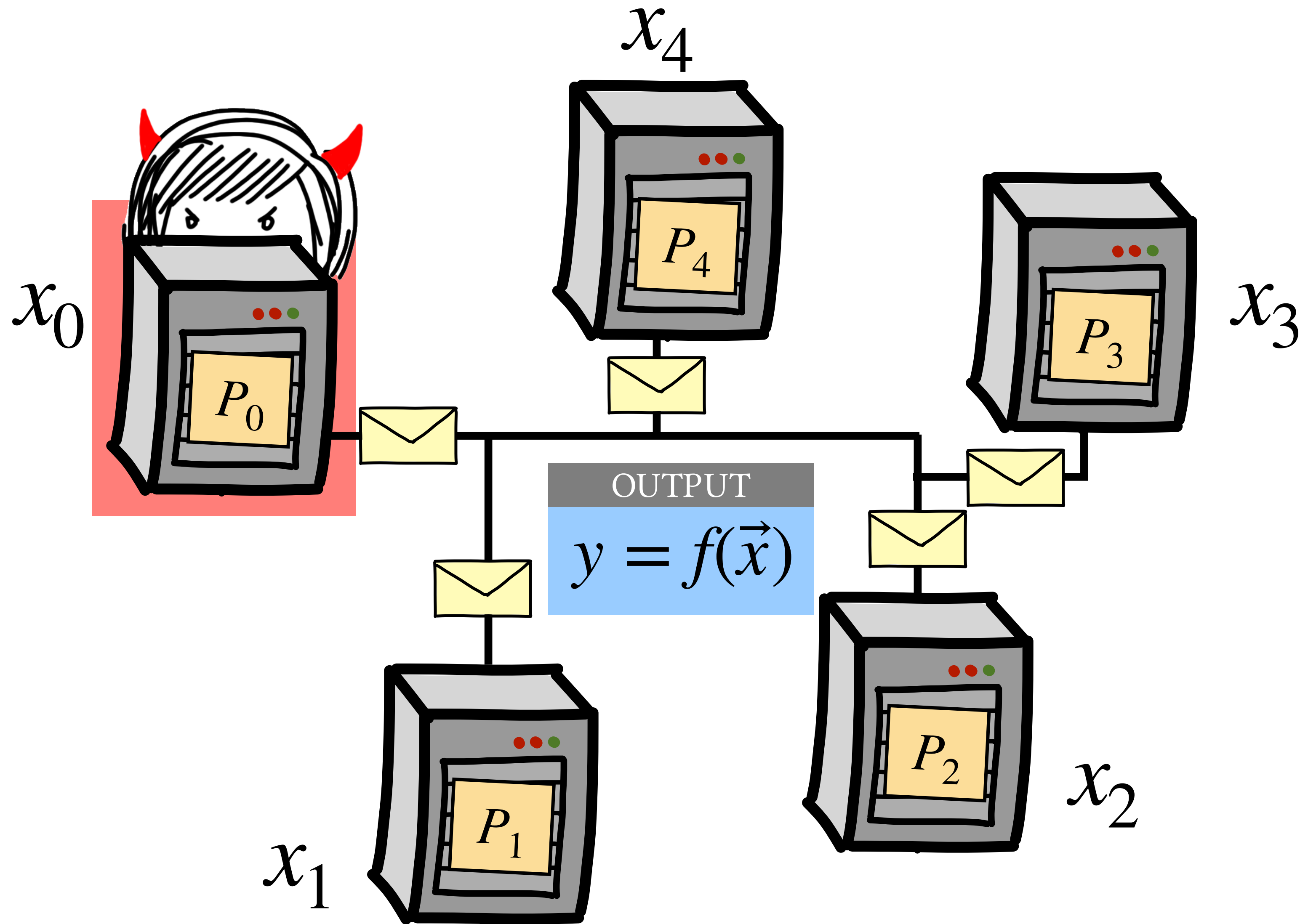
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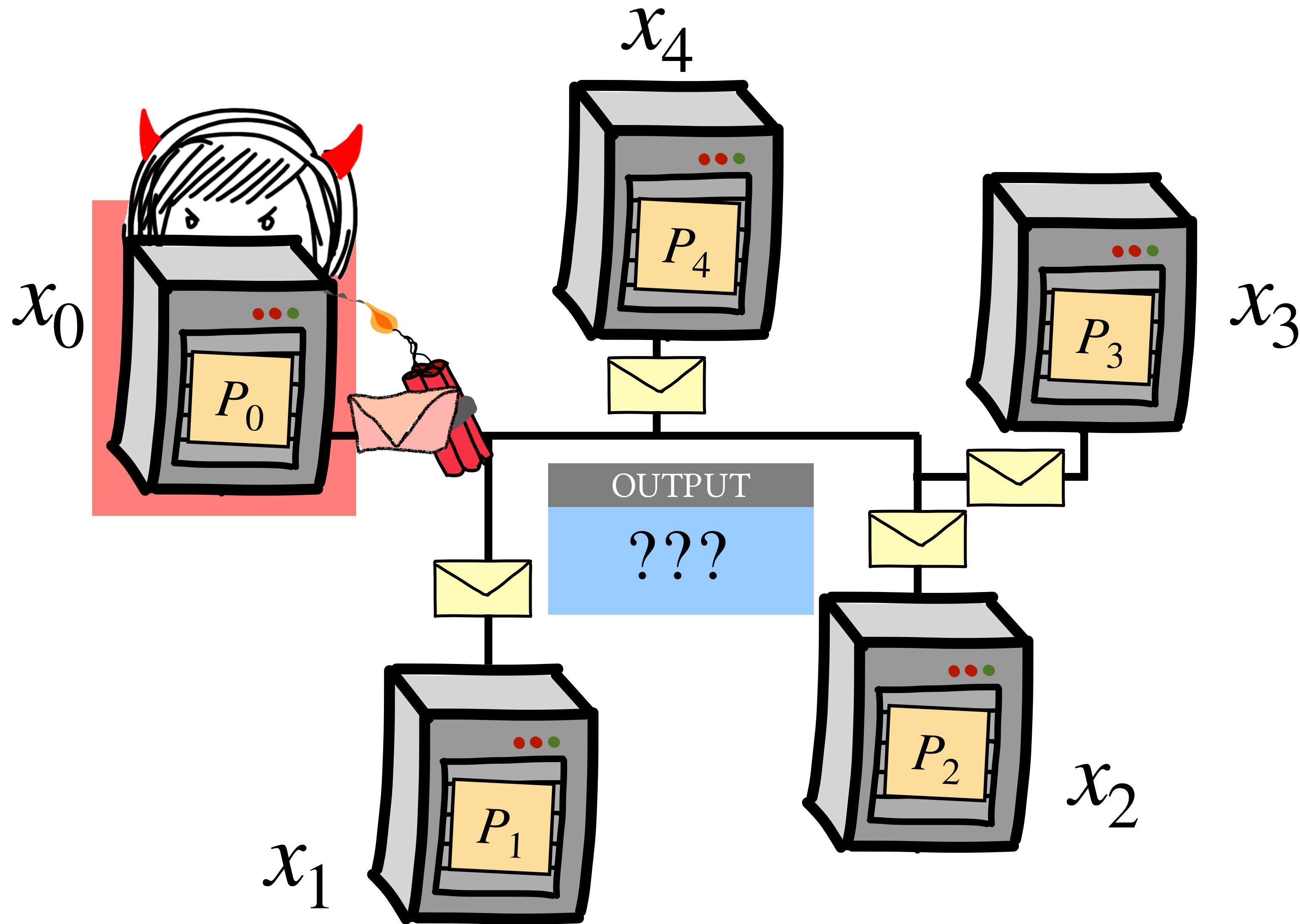
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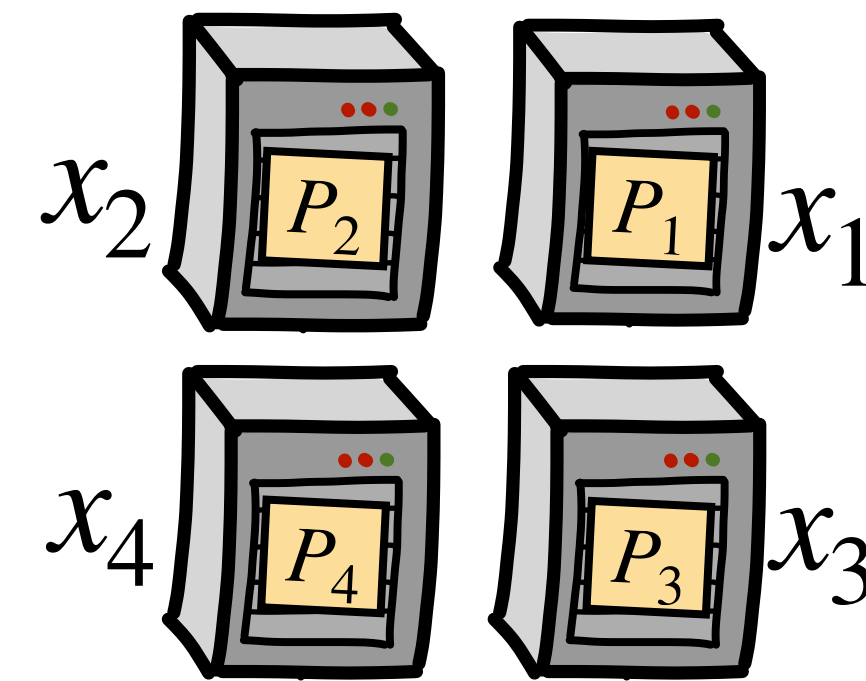
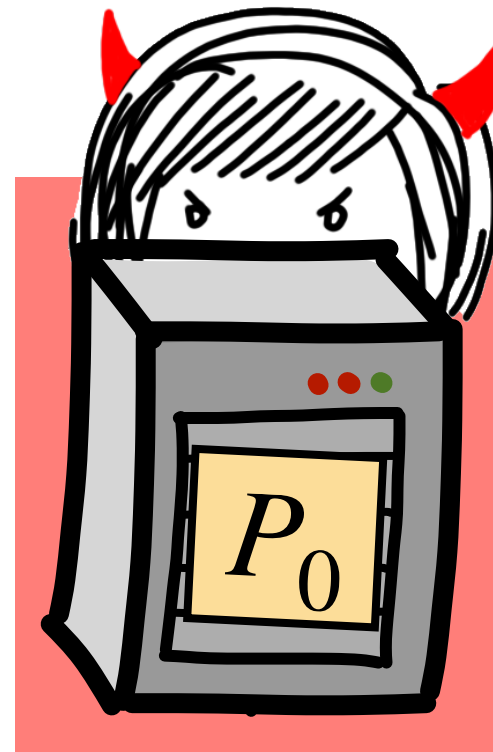
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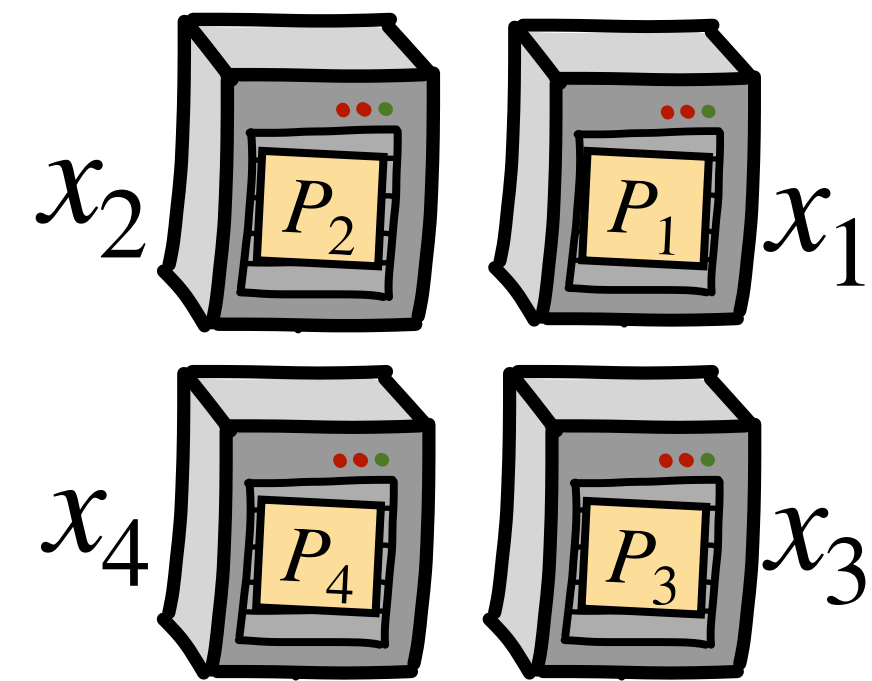
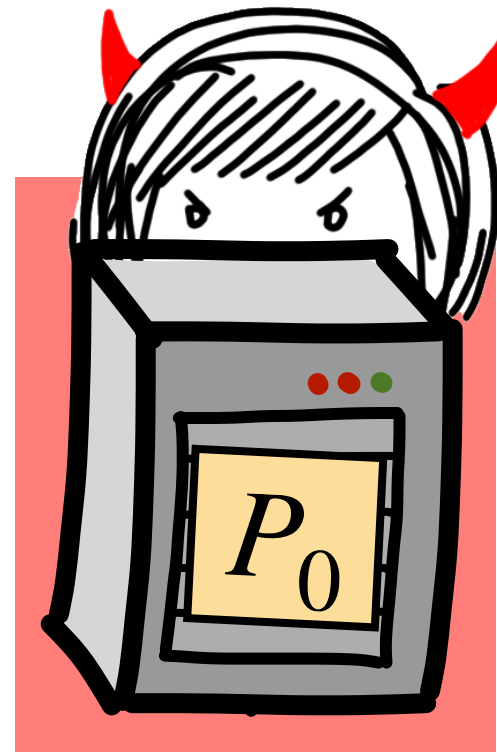


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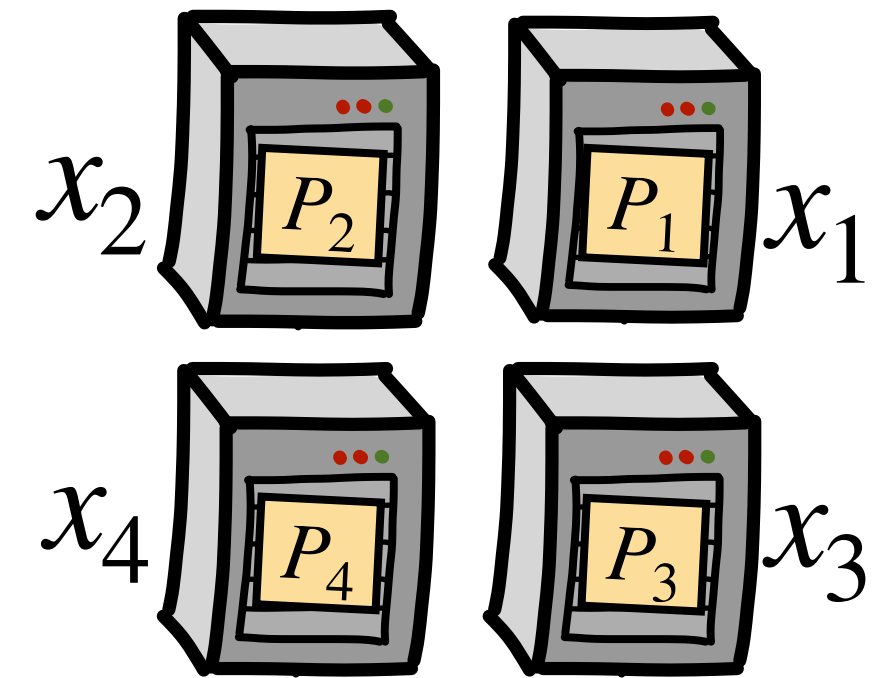
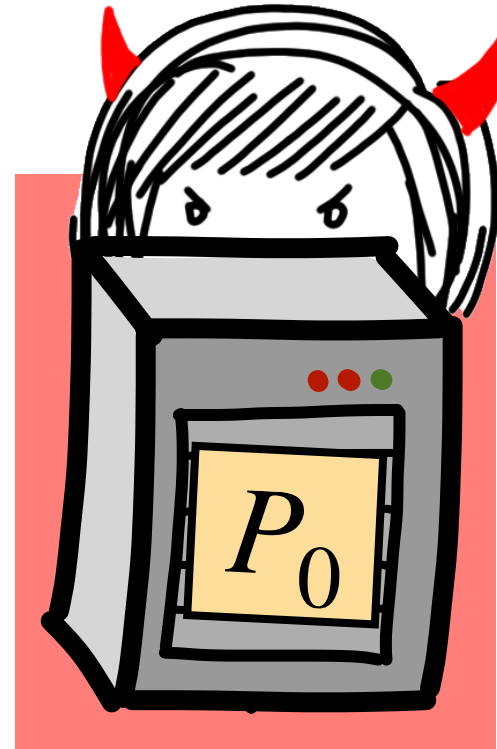
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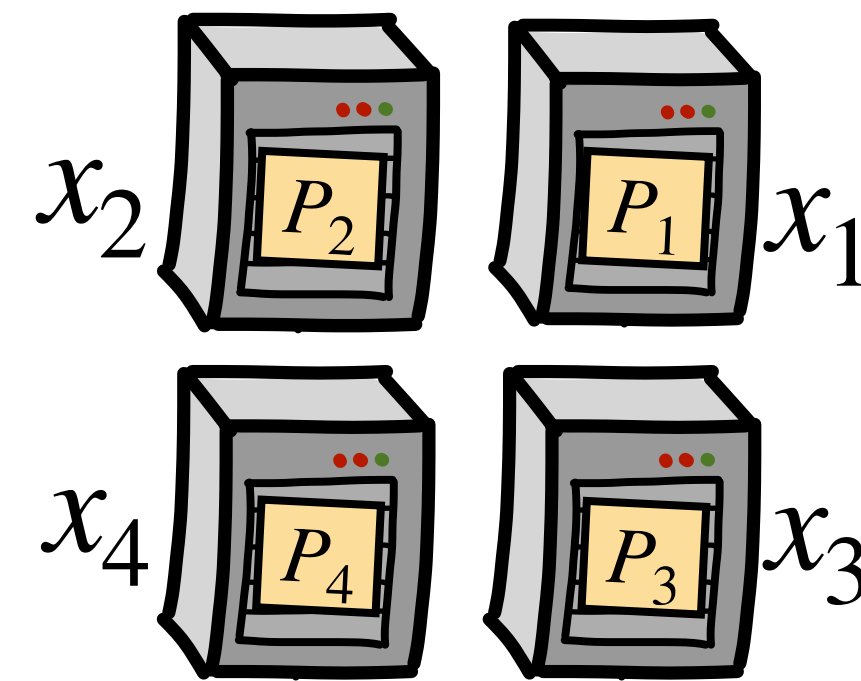
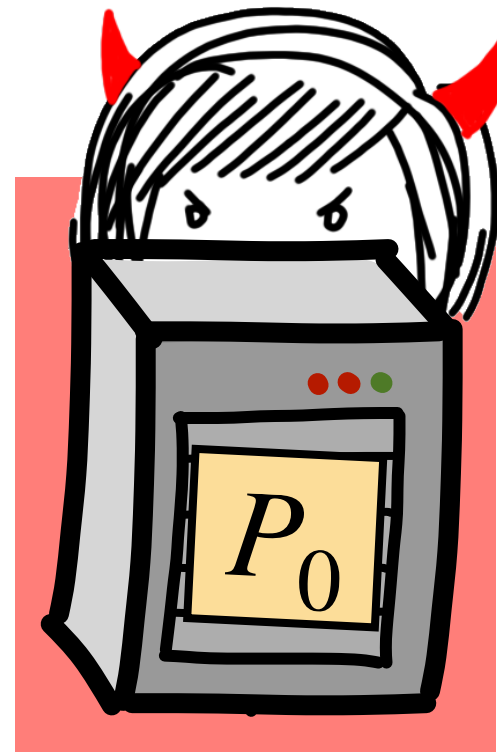
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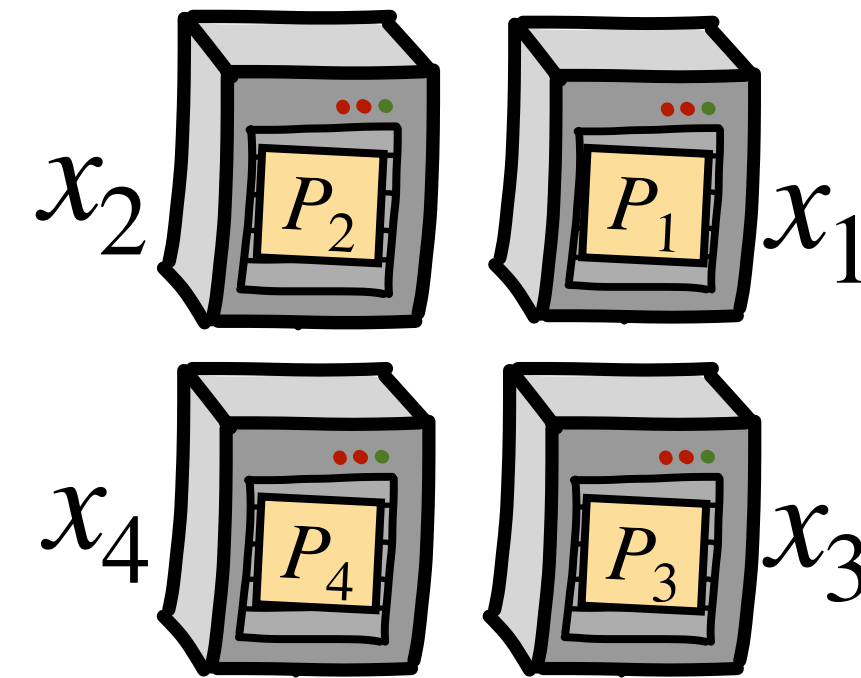
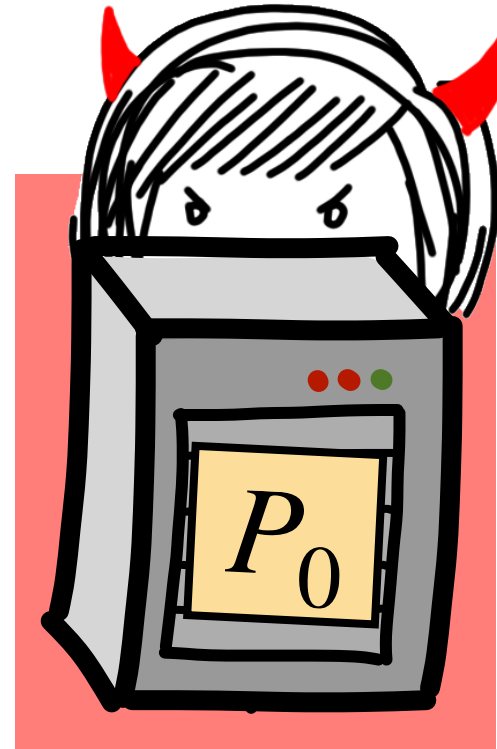
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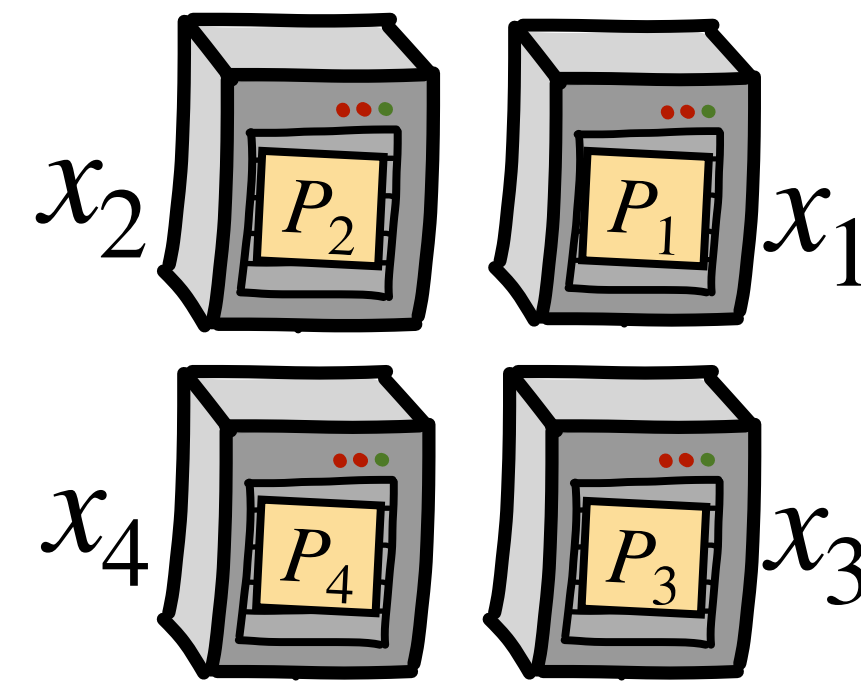
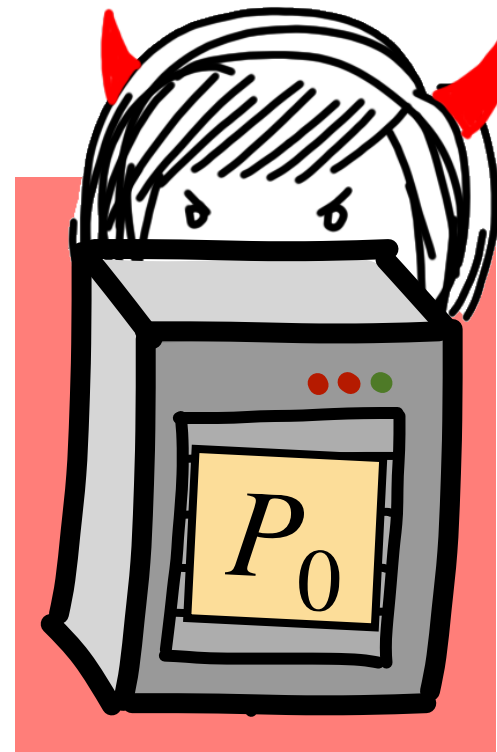
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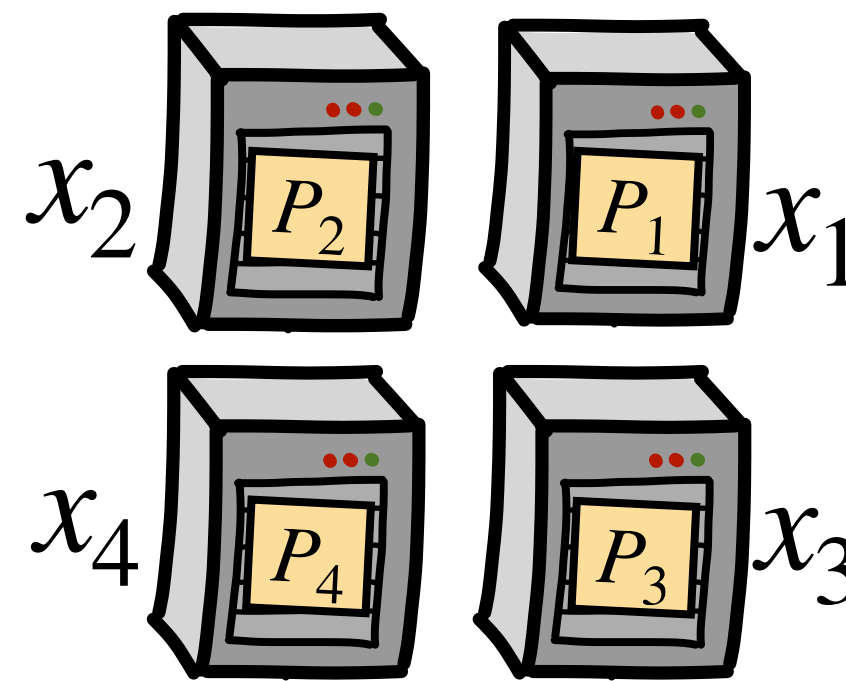
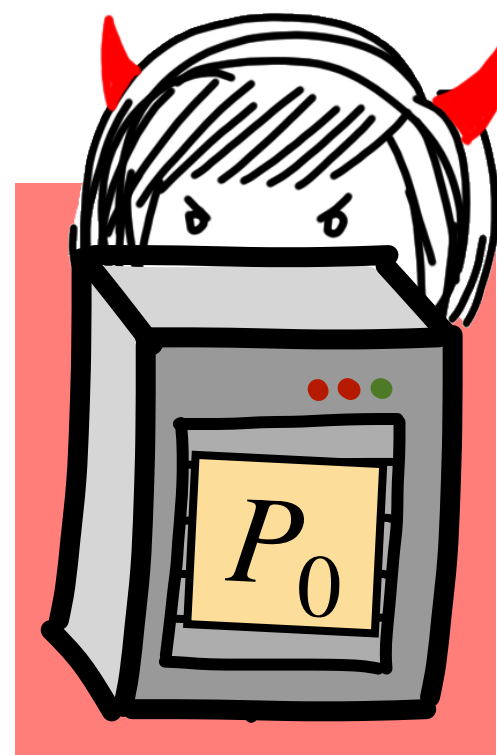
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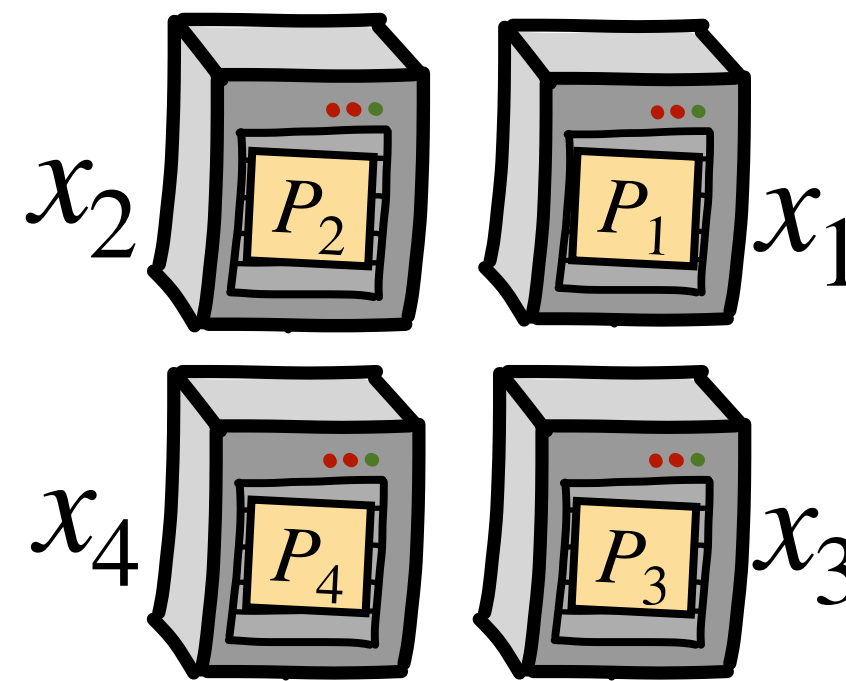
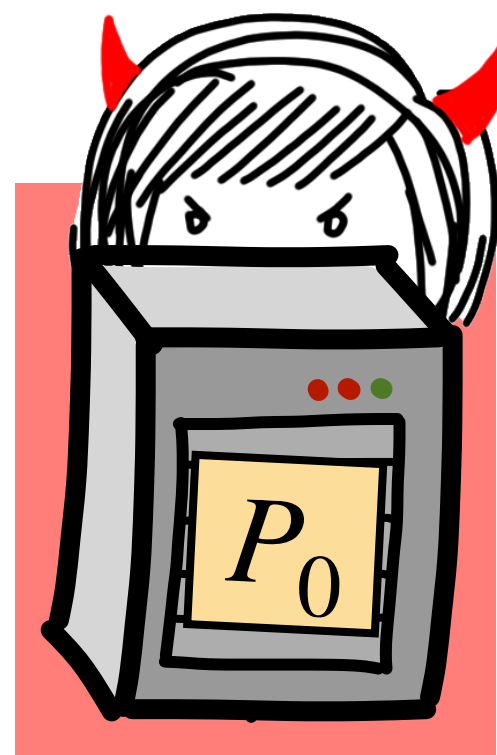
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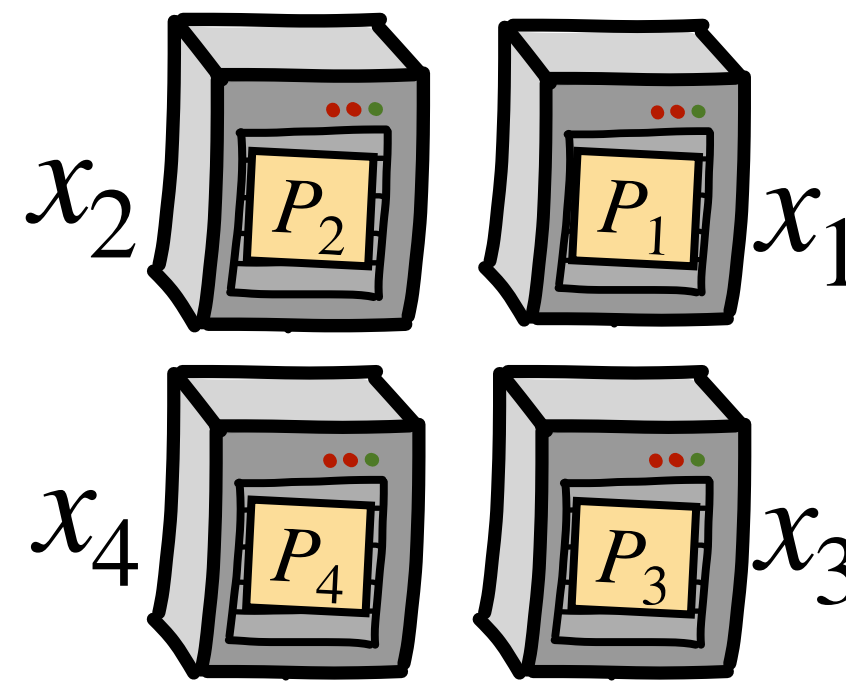
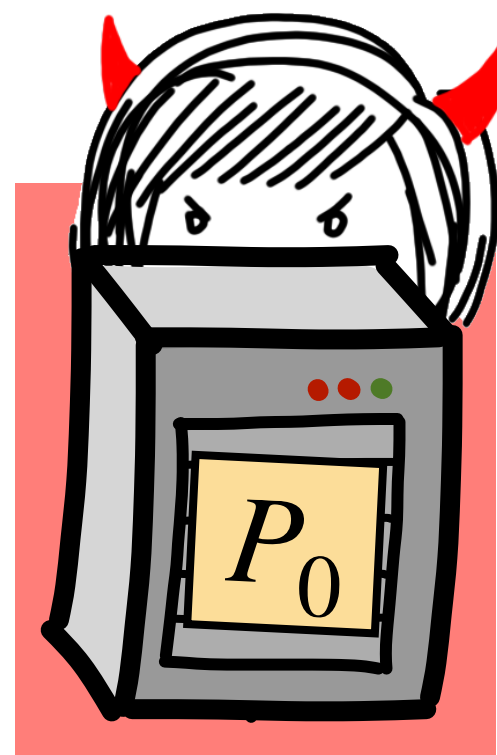
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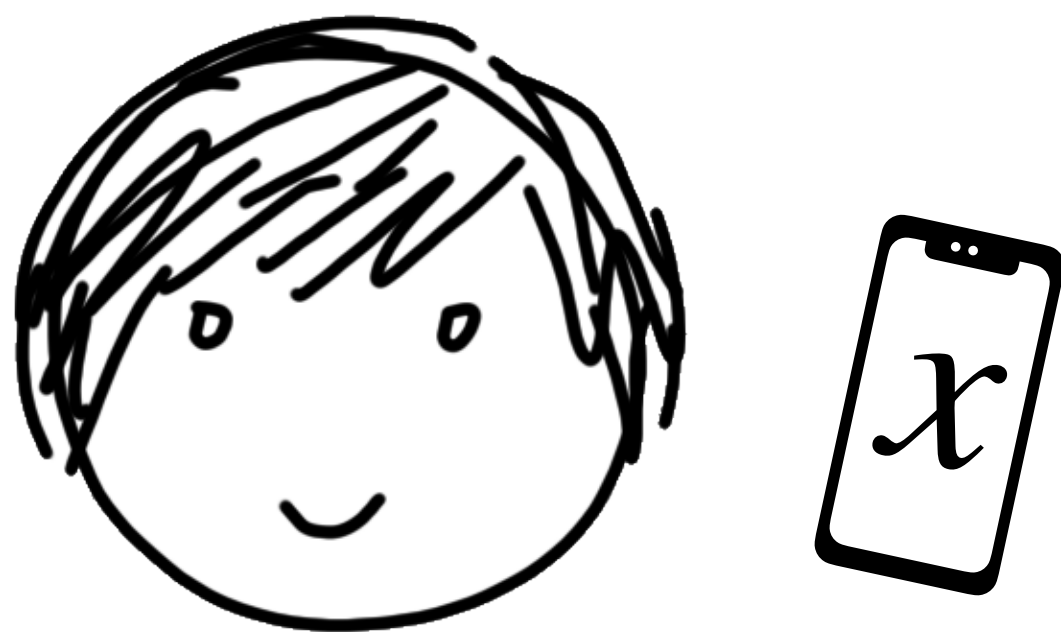
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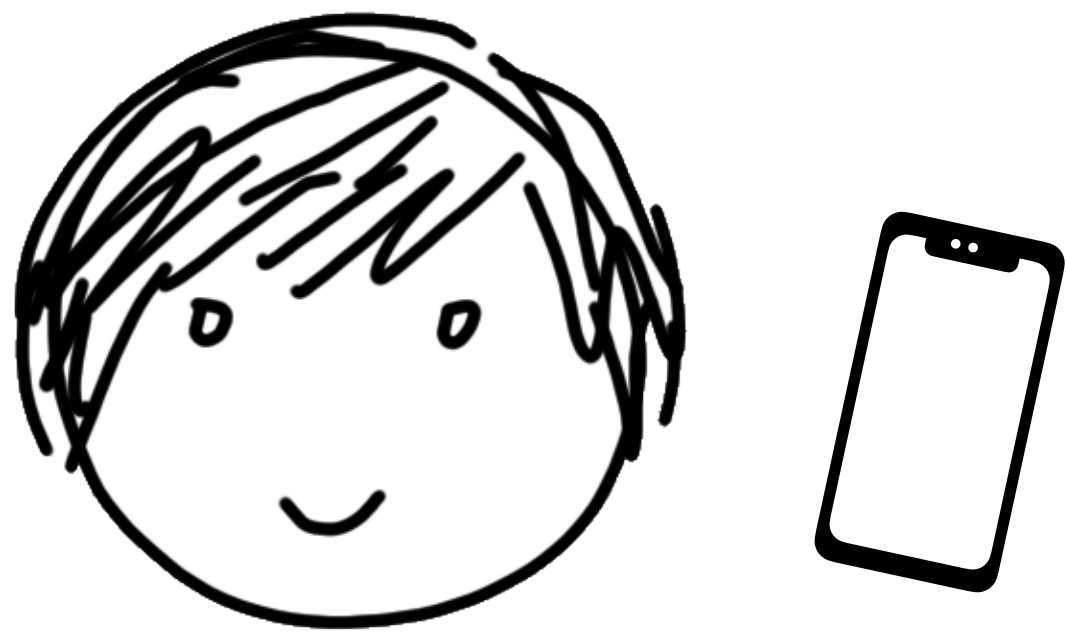
- Security with Abort and Identifiable Abort are feasible (under standard cryptographic assumptions) even if only one party is honest [GMW87]
a.k.a. $t < n$ setting
- Fairness and Guaranteed Output for general functions are only feasible when a majority of parties are honest [Cleve86]
- For the same corruption threshold, *known constructions* for stronger security typically incur a substantial penalty in complexity/performance (not a tight statement)
- IA typically studied as a “compromise” when GOD is infeasible

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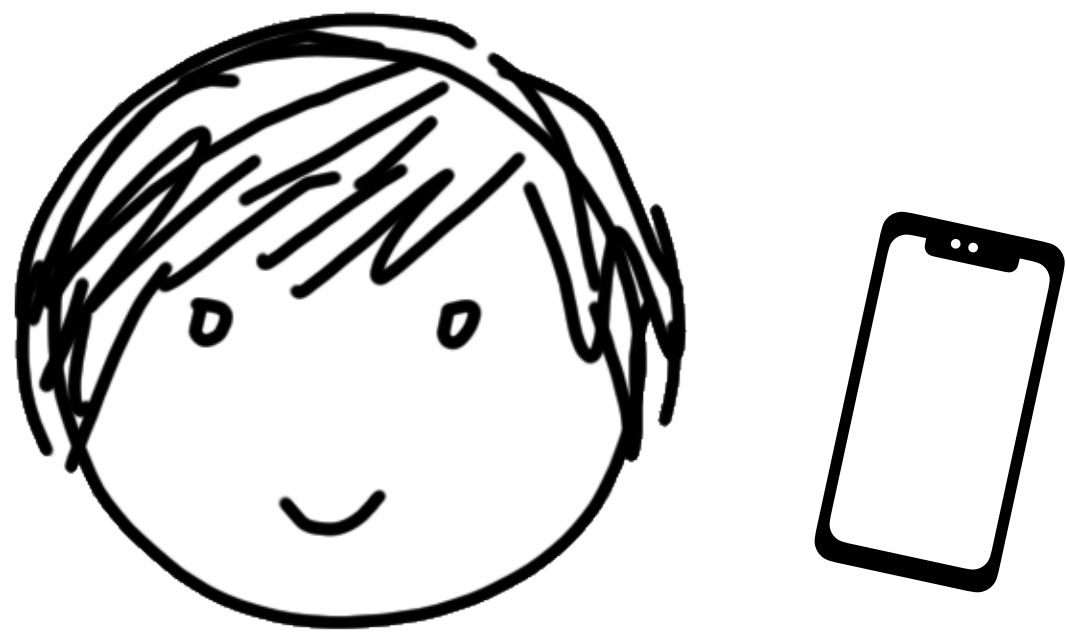
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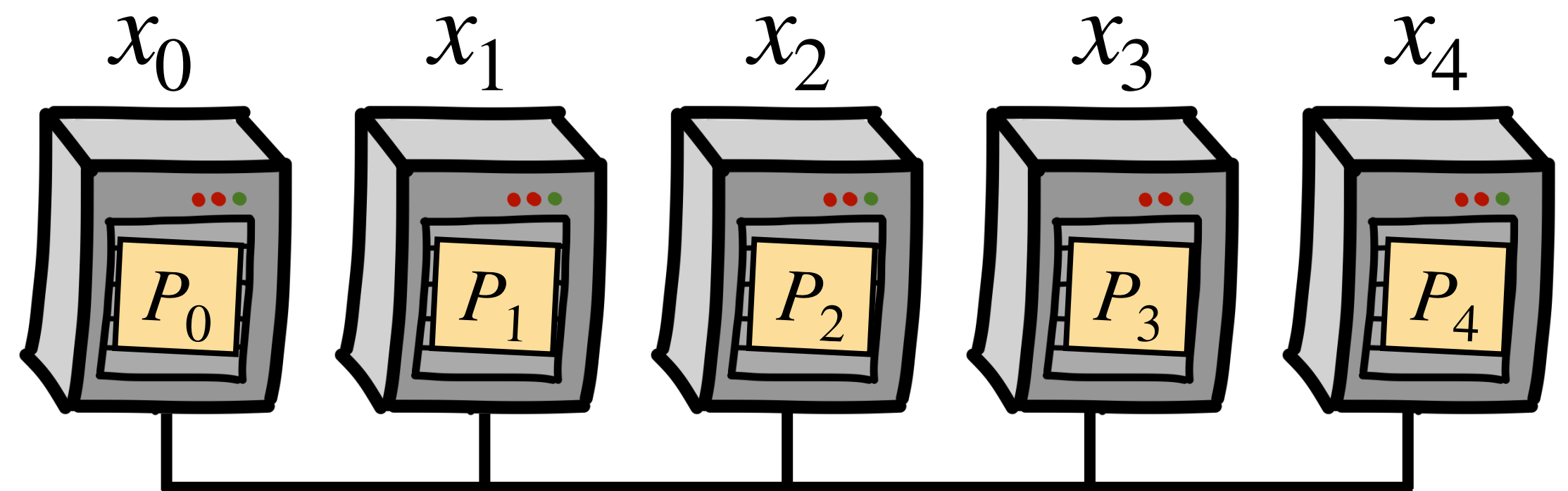
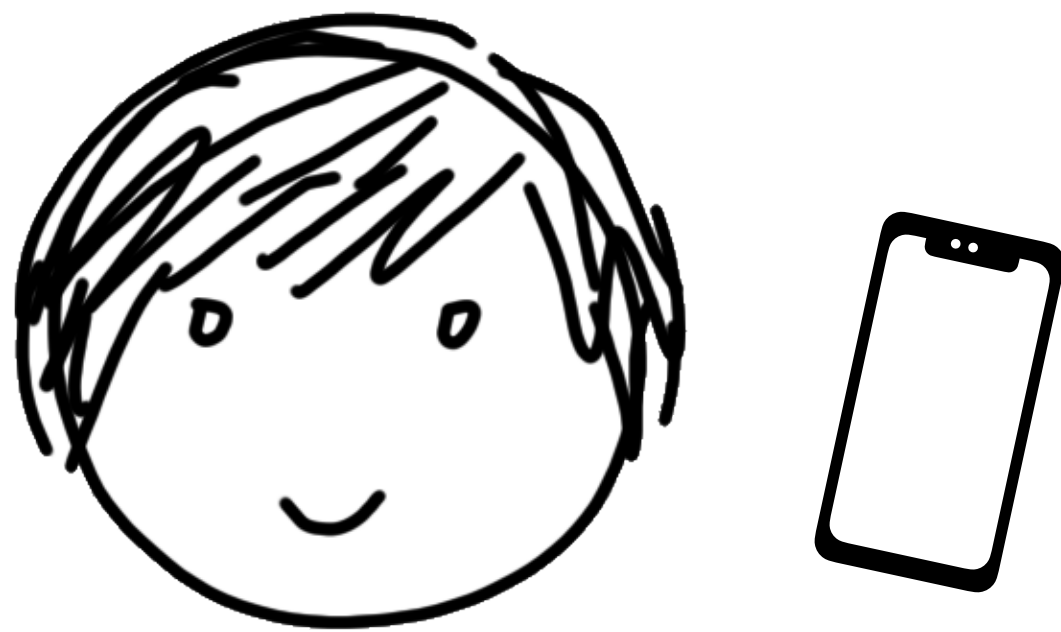


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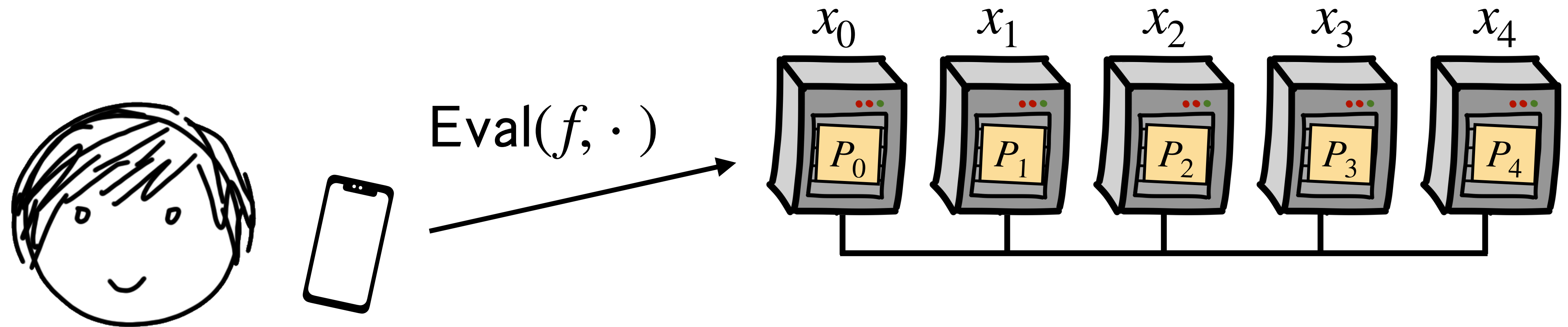
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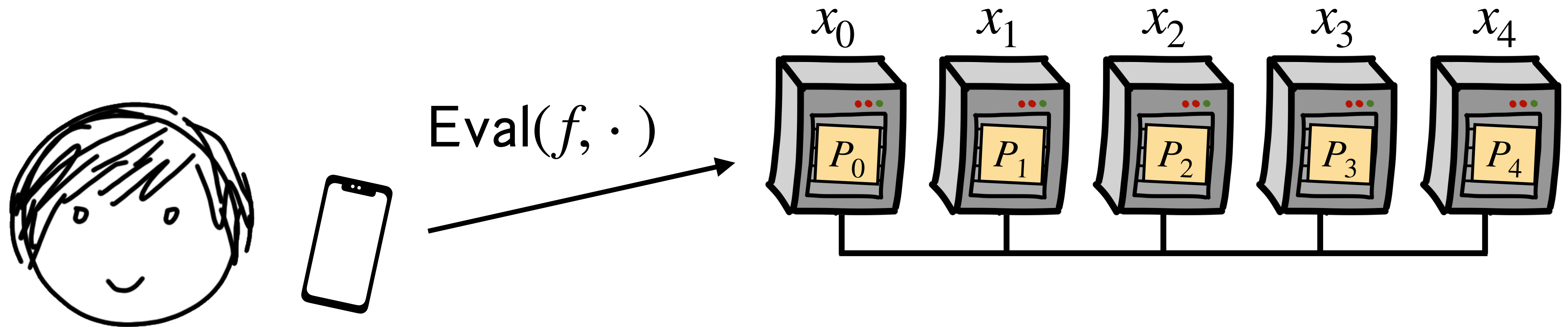
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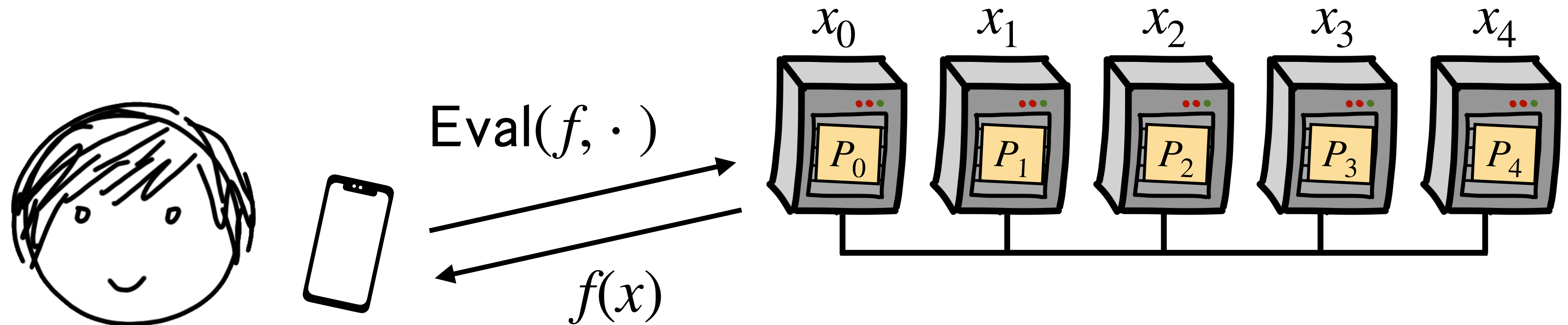
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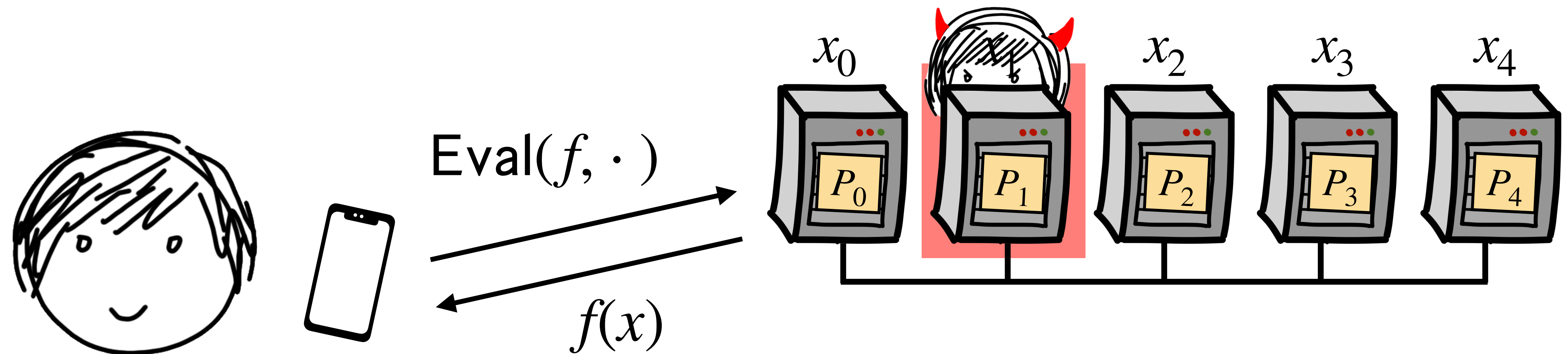
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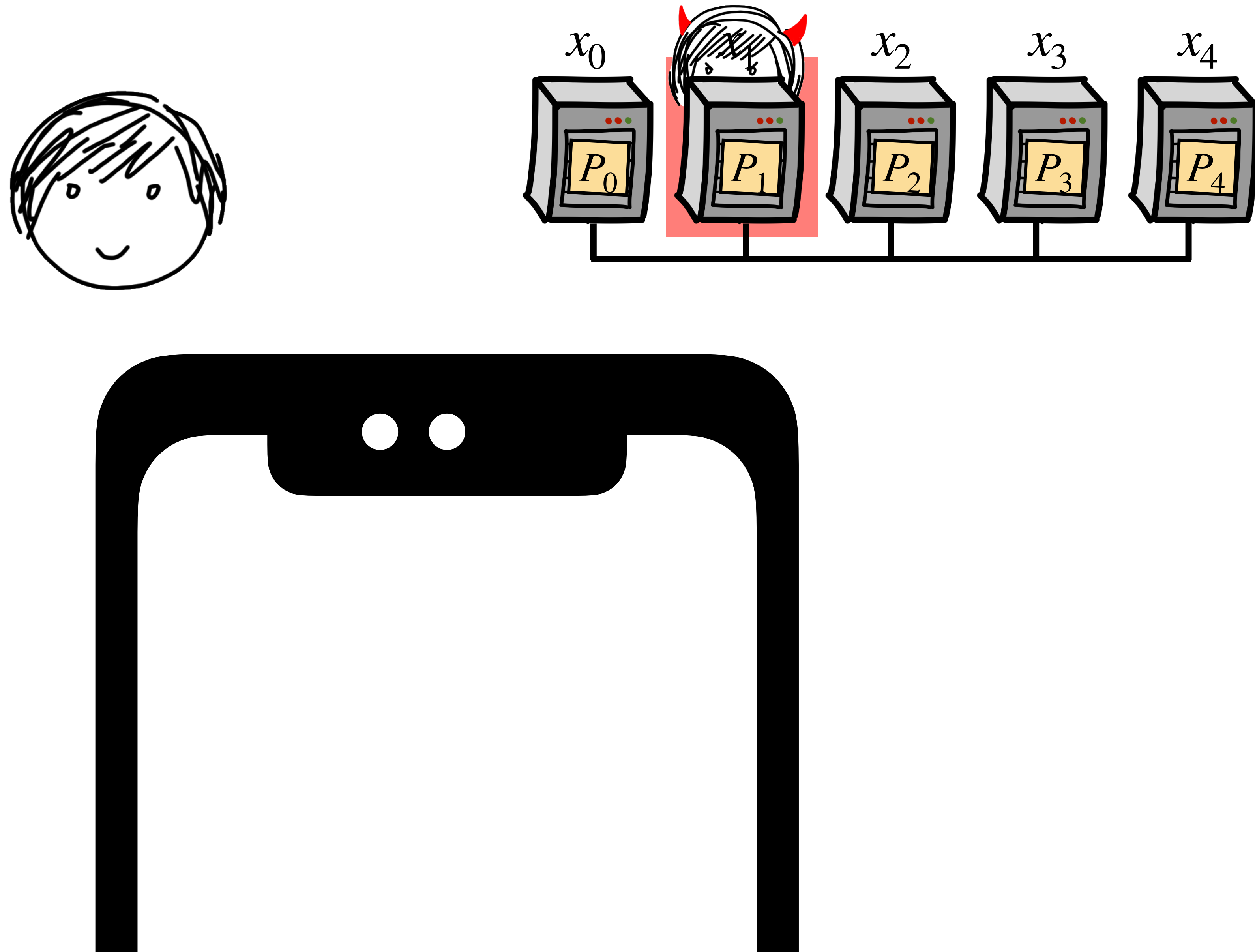
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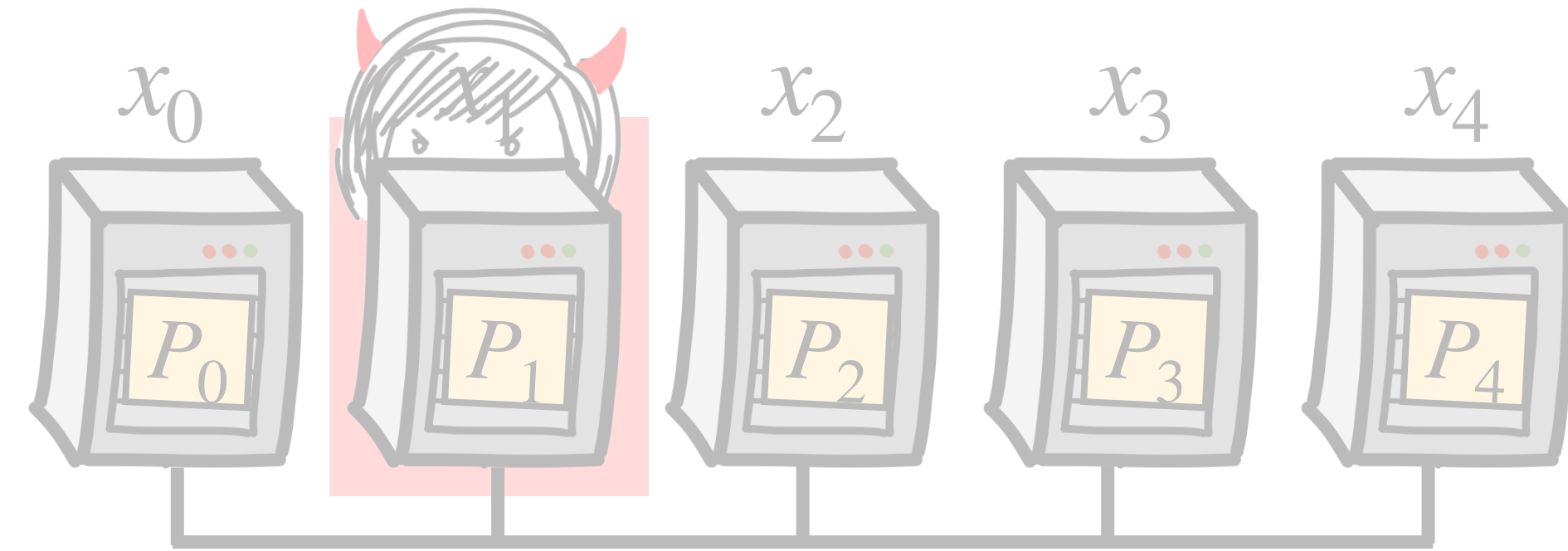
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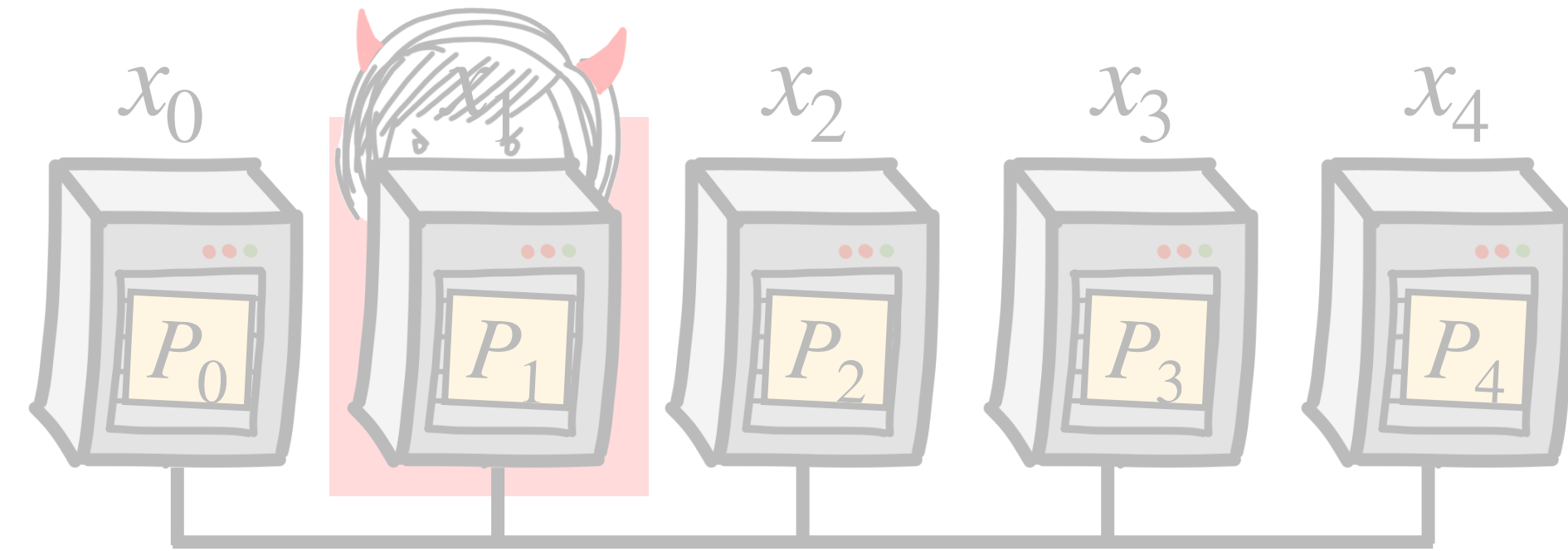
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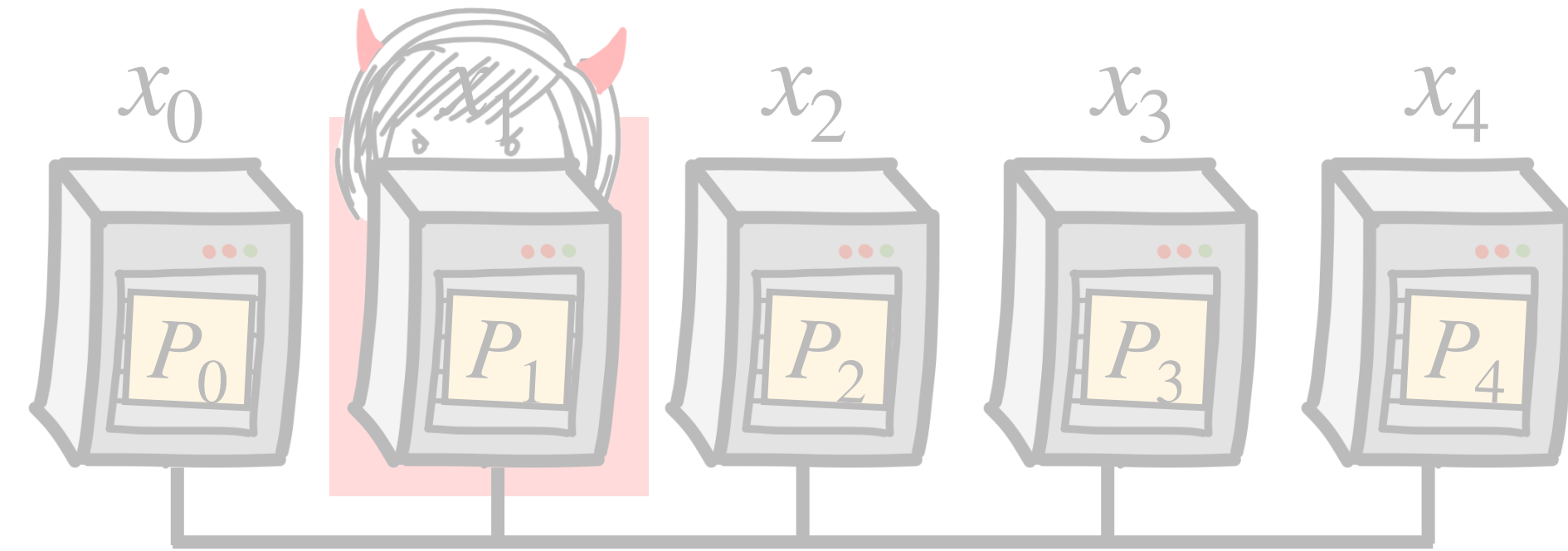
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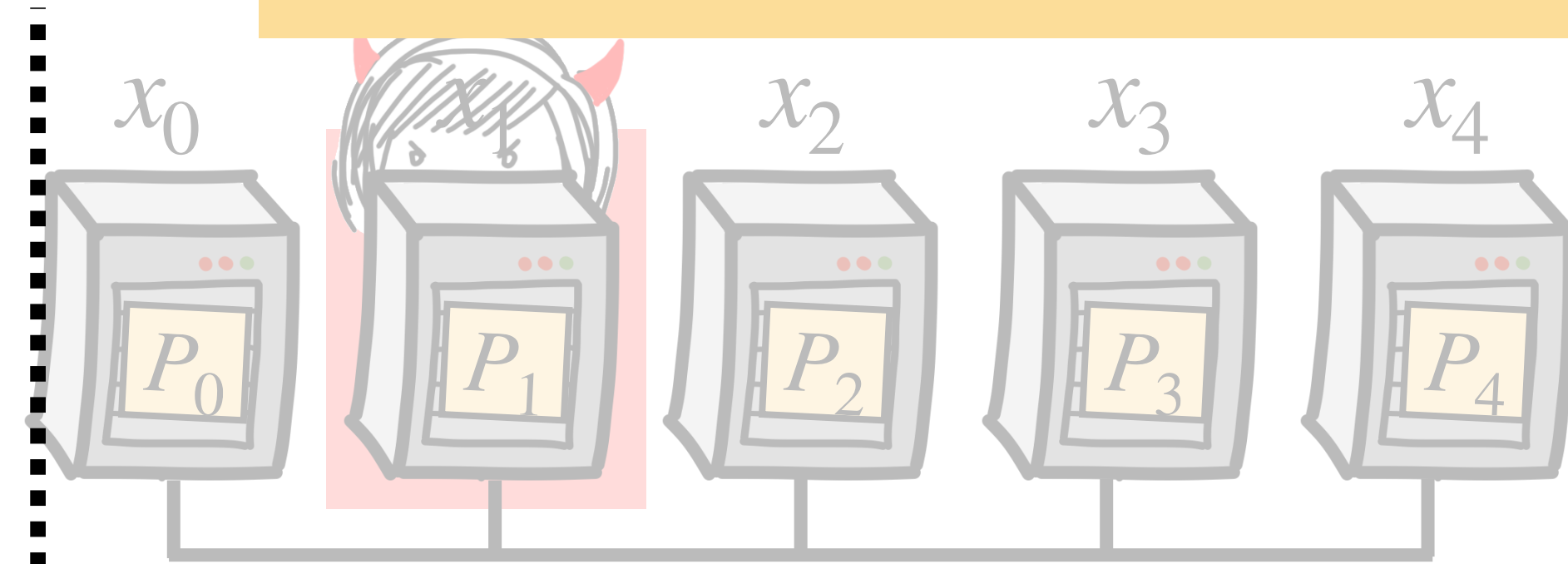
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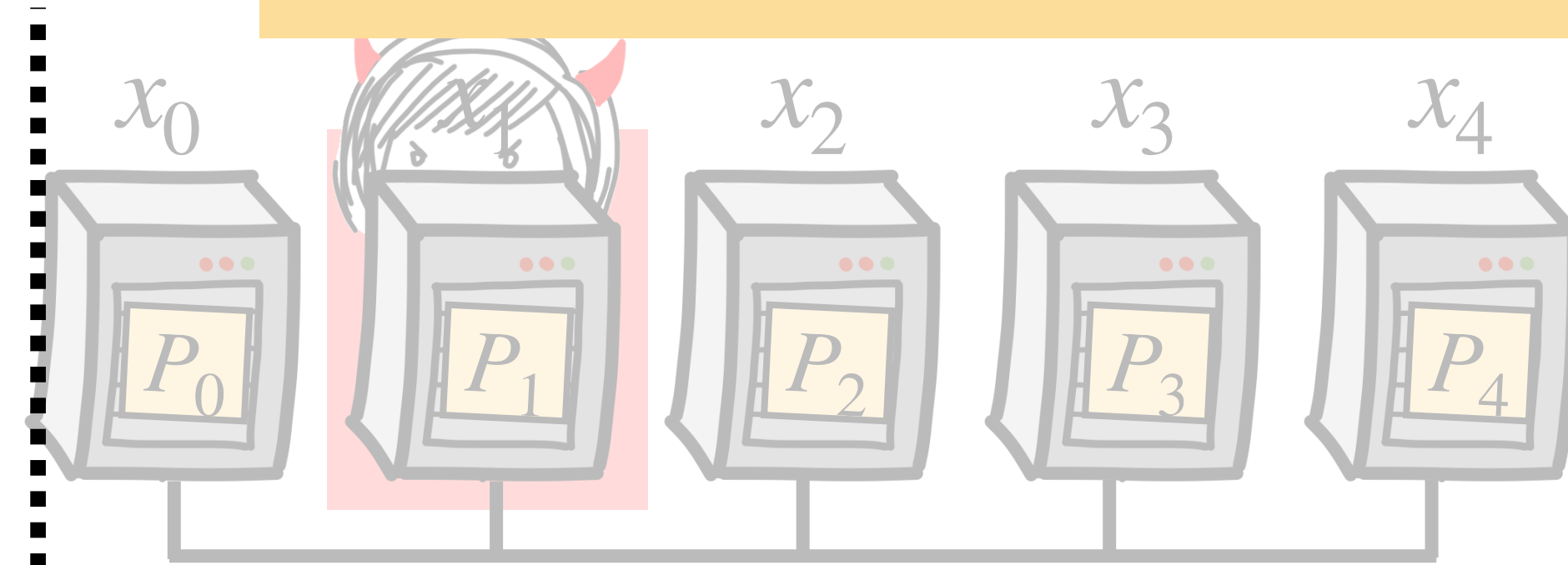


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MPC failed to deliver output.
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Practical Application: Re-staking

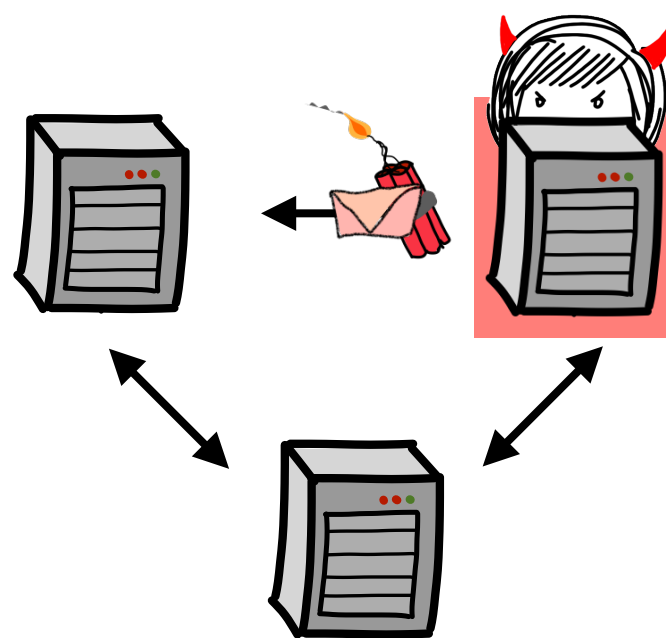
- Re-staking TLDR:
 - Operators buy into the protocol (service/AVS) with “re-staked” assets
 - In case of malicious behaviour, this stake can be “slashed”
 - Economic security: protocol deviations are disincentivized
- Identifiable Abort is a natural fit for this setting
 - Cheating parties can be identified and slashed
 - DoS resistant MPC via economic incentives
- **Hope**: complexity of IA closer to Sec w. Abort than Guaranteed Output Delivery

Identification Mechanisms

- Cheater *could* be found through out of band methods.
- We want **certifiable** protocol mechanism to identify who crashed the protocol
⇒ each party either gets output, or **identity of cheating party + cert. of cheat**

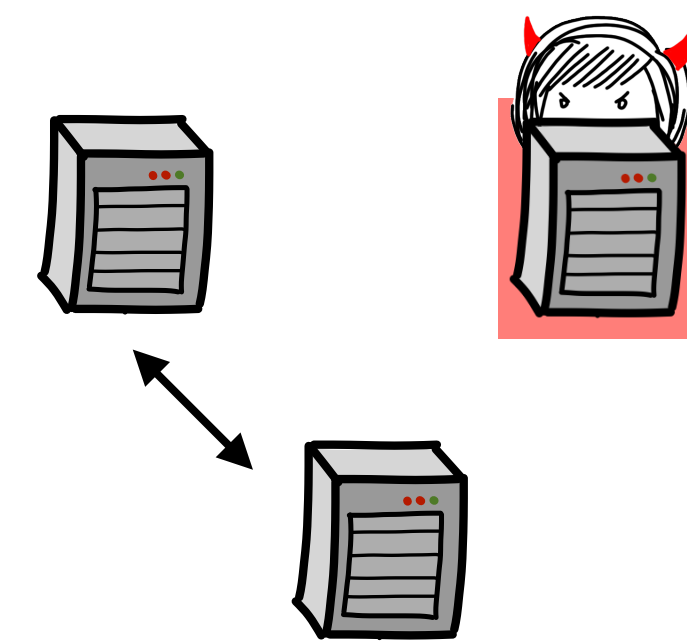
Note: no consensus on identity

- Two ways to crash protocol:



1. Malformed protocol message

⋮



2. No message at all

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Can of worms

“Broadcast”?

- Engineering Anecdota:
 - “Do I really need to implement broadcast?”
 - “*yes*”
 - “Is it just for some theoretical proof nonsense?”
 - “*no, it’s to catch parties that don’t send messages for example*”
 - “That seems unnecessary, I can just <insert heuristic>”
- In some settings [Lin22]: coordinator routes all messages
⇒ reasonable in sec. w. abort. setting, very strong assumption for IA
- Other settings [GMPS21, GKM+22, ZYP23]: use a blockchain
⇒ expensive, slow, introduces external dependencies

Broadcast Protocols

- [Cohen Lindell 14] MPC-IA implies broadcast: compute \mathcal{F}_{PKI} with IA
 - Assuming PKI (+synchrony), broadcast is *feasible* [Dolev Strong 83]
...but **round complexity is an issue**: $O(t)$ deterministic, or expected $O(1)$ randomized with large constants
[Katz Koo 06][Abraham Devadas Dolev Nayak Ren 19]
 - This is straightforward in the security with abort setting, via simple echo broadcast [Goldwasser Lindell 02]
- Can we construct a simple instantiation of BC as suitable for IA?
Goal: MPC-IA protocols that are easy to deploy over p2p channels

BC-IA Properties

- **Consistency**: All honest parties that output a valid (dealer signed) message will be in agreement
- If the sender is corrupt, an honest party alternatively obtains a certificate:
 - (An attempt to) violate consistency, yields a **certificate of cheating** Ω
 - If the sender sends nothing, yields a **certificate of non-responsiveness** ω
- Ω vs. ω : Definite misbehaviour vs. potential network fault—different penalties
- **Defamation-freeness**: Honest party can't be framed with Ω or ω

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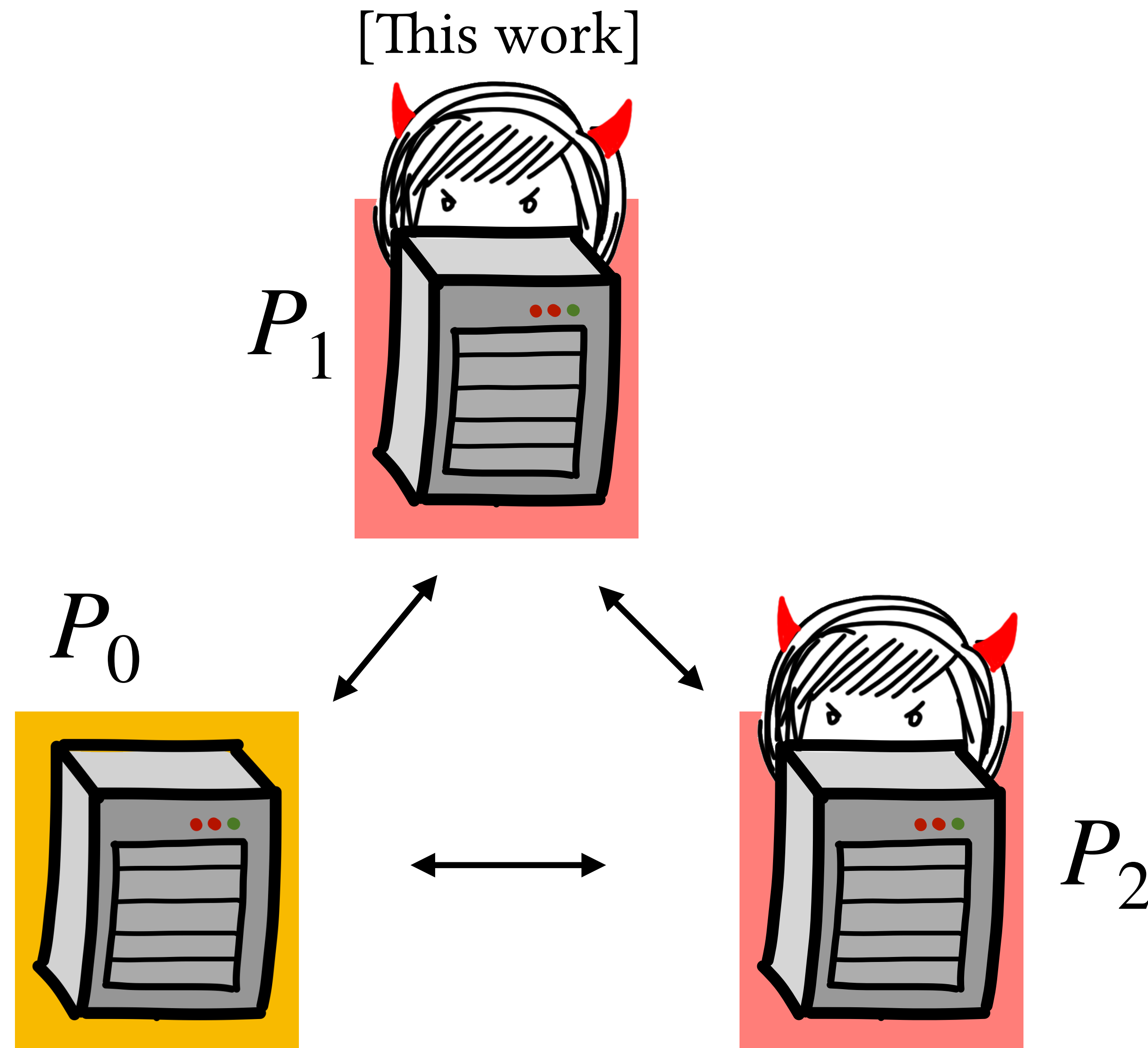
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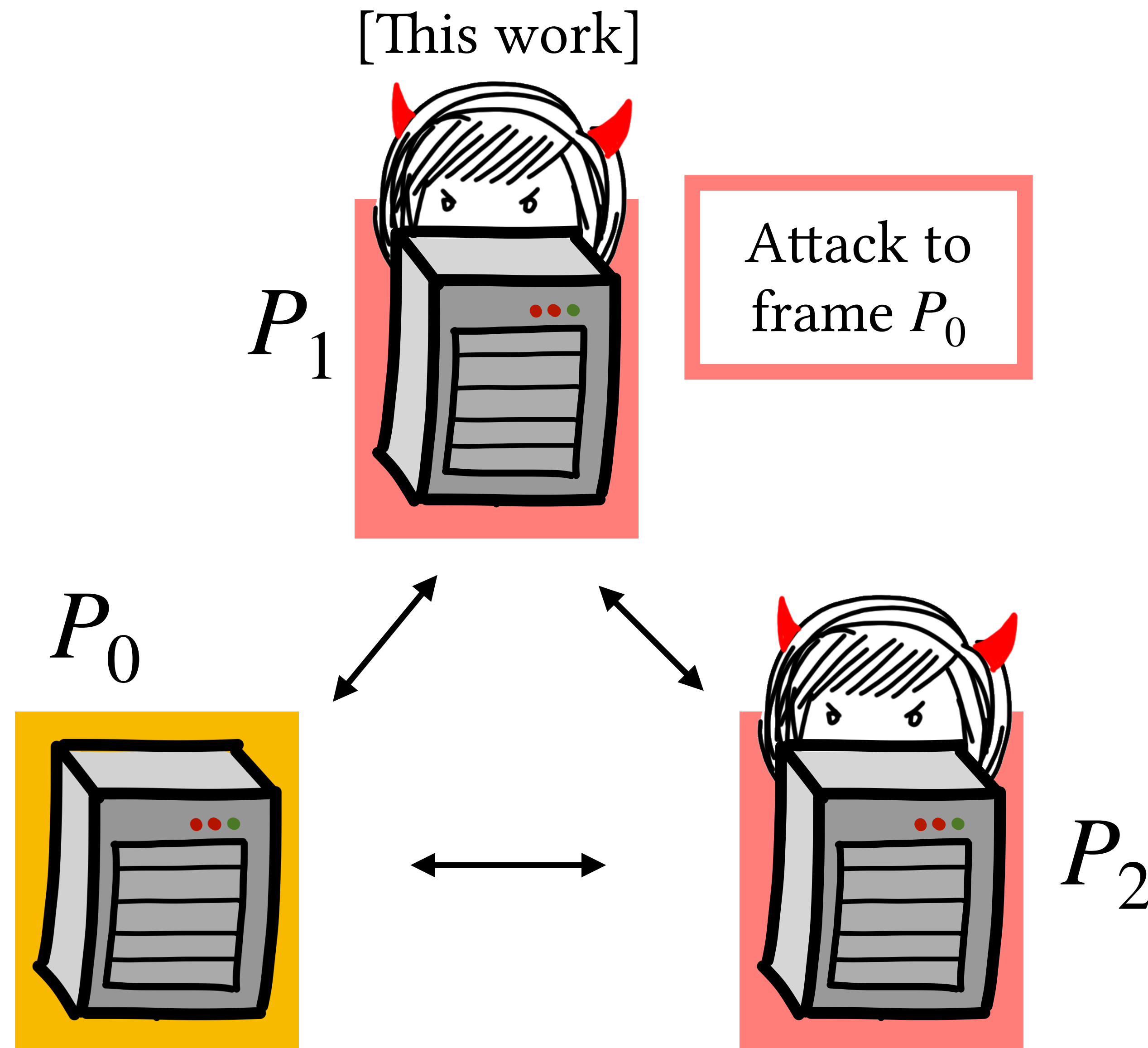
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- Impossible w. dishonest majority
- 2-round honest-majority protocol

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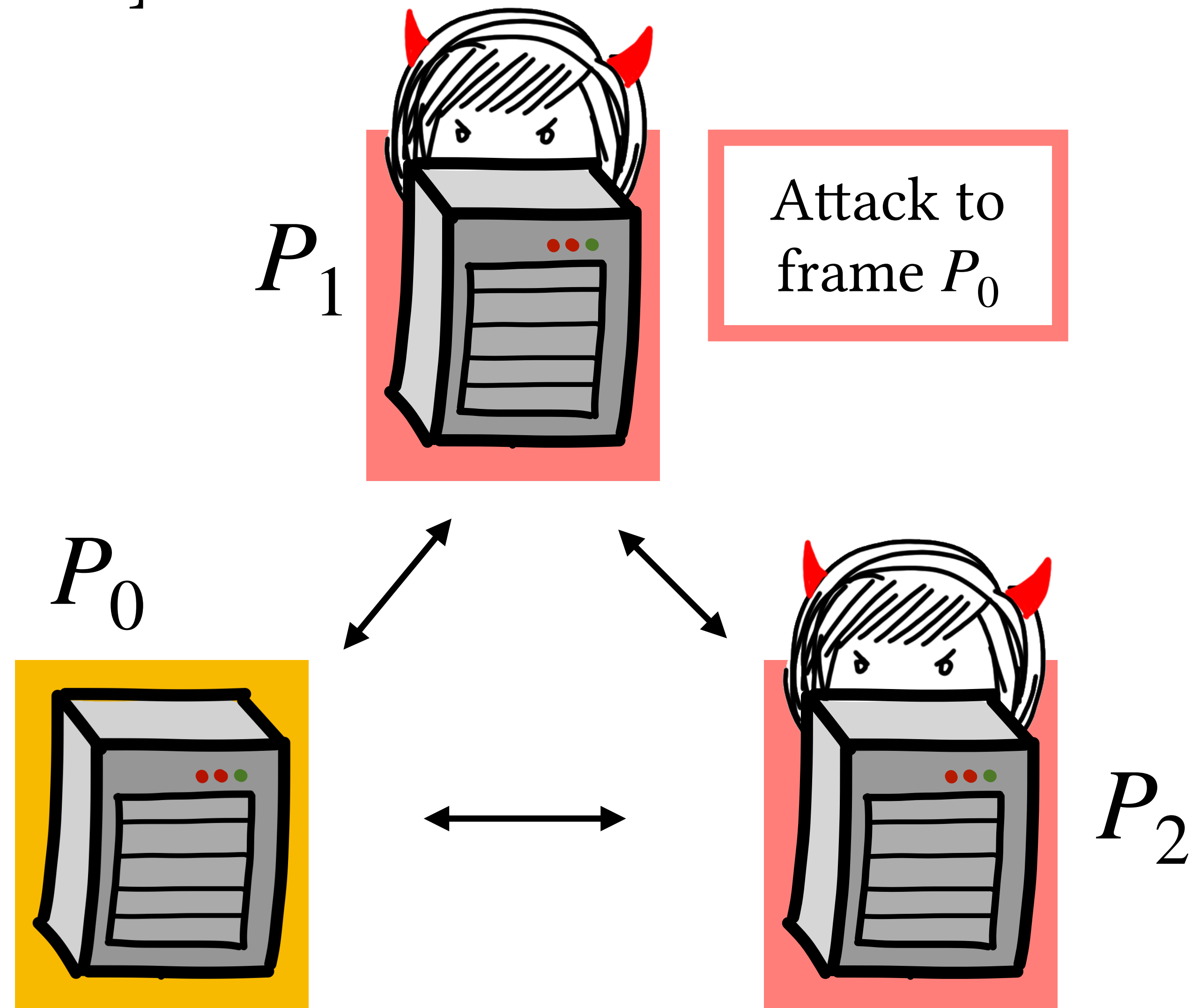


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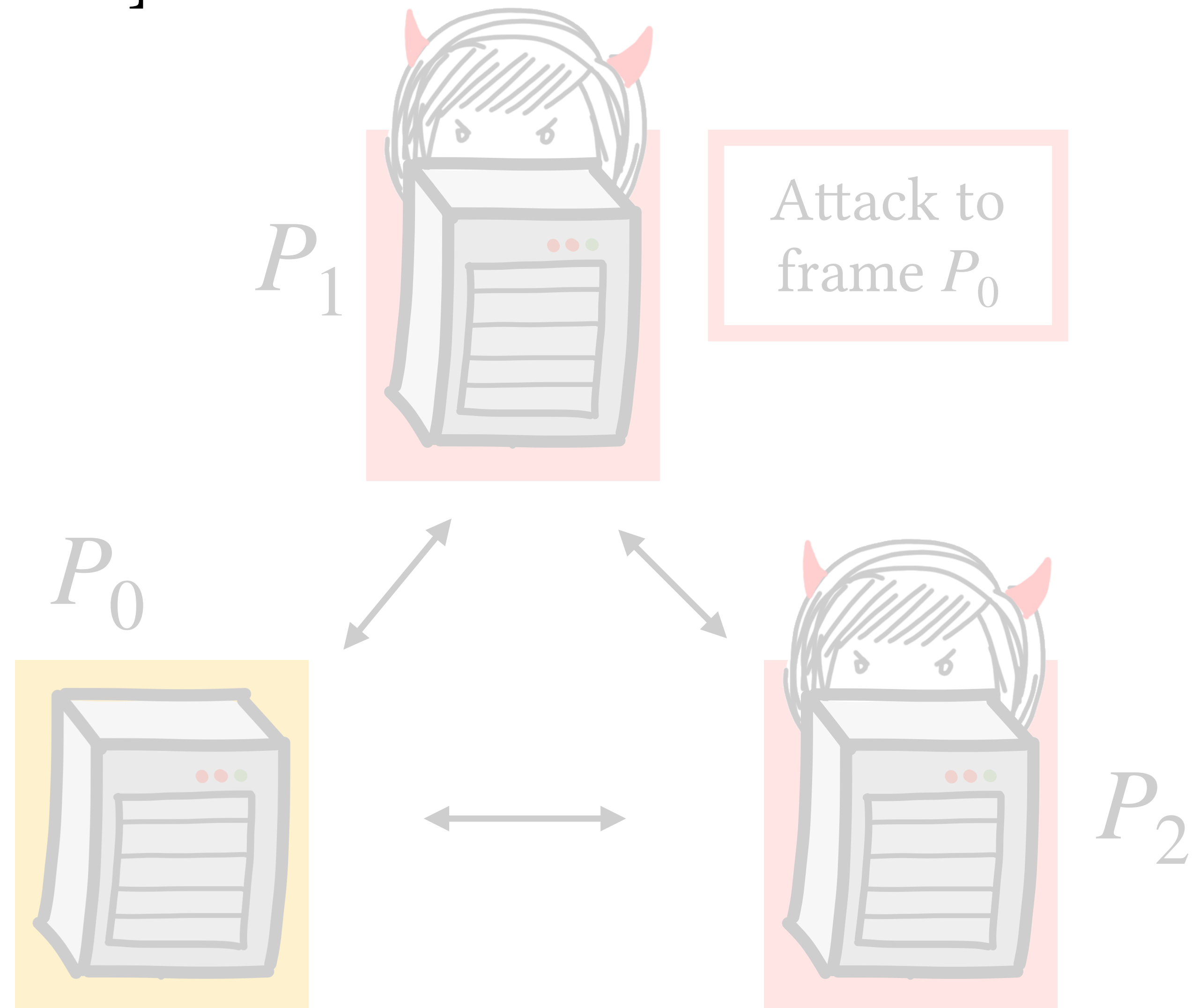
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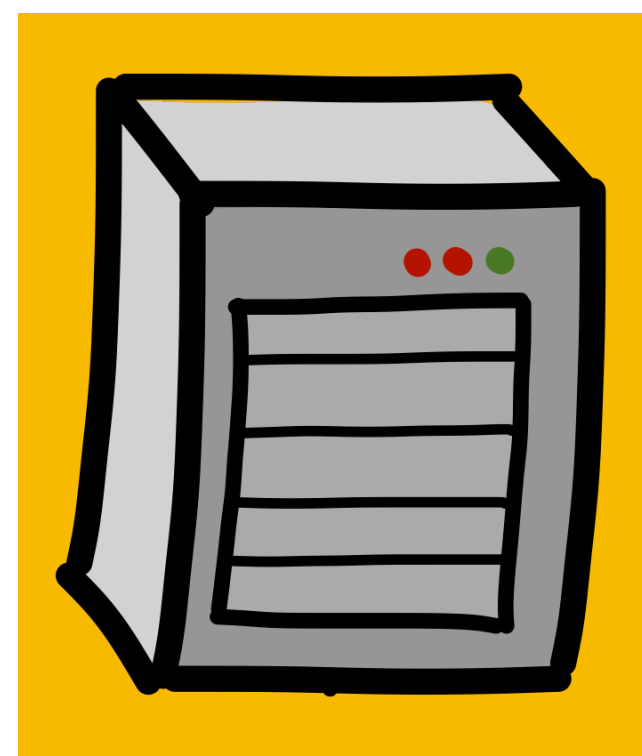
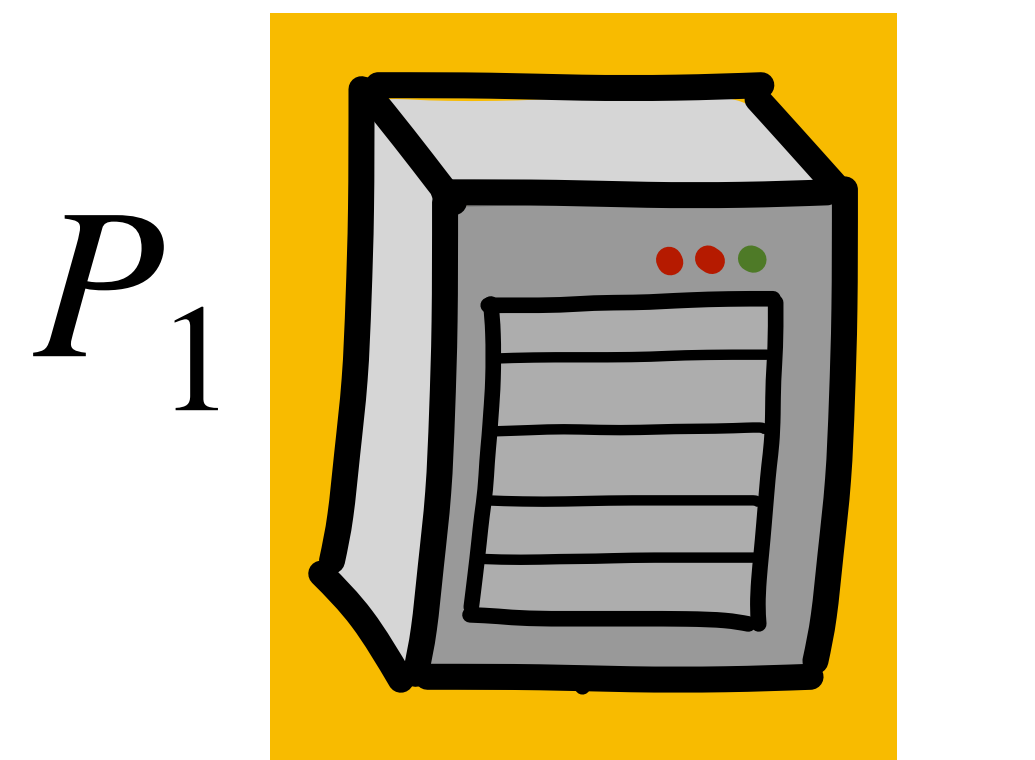
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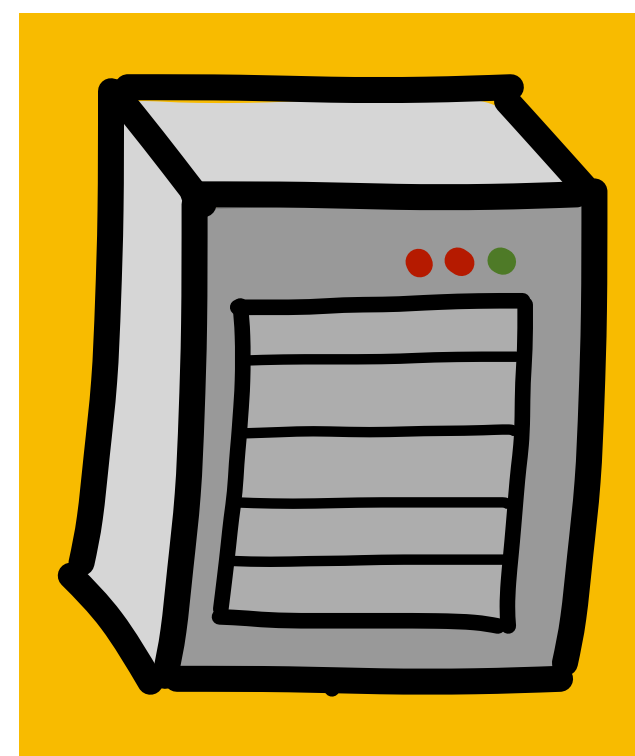


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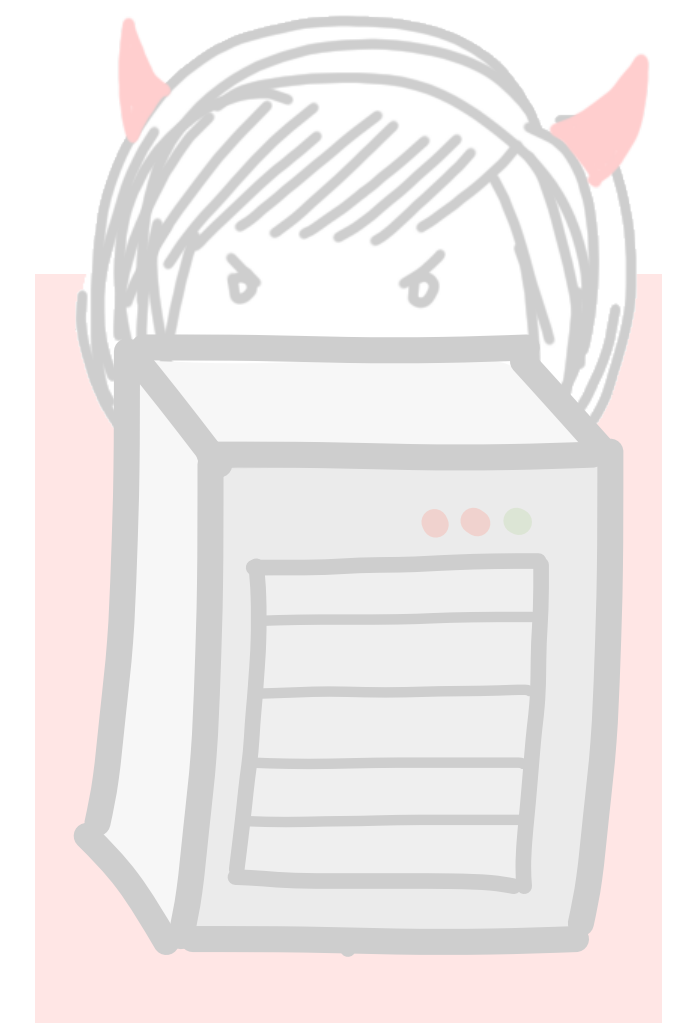
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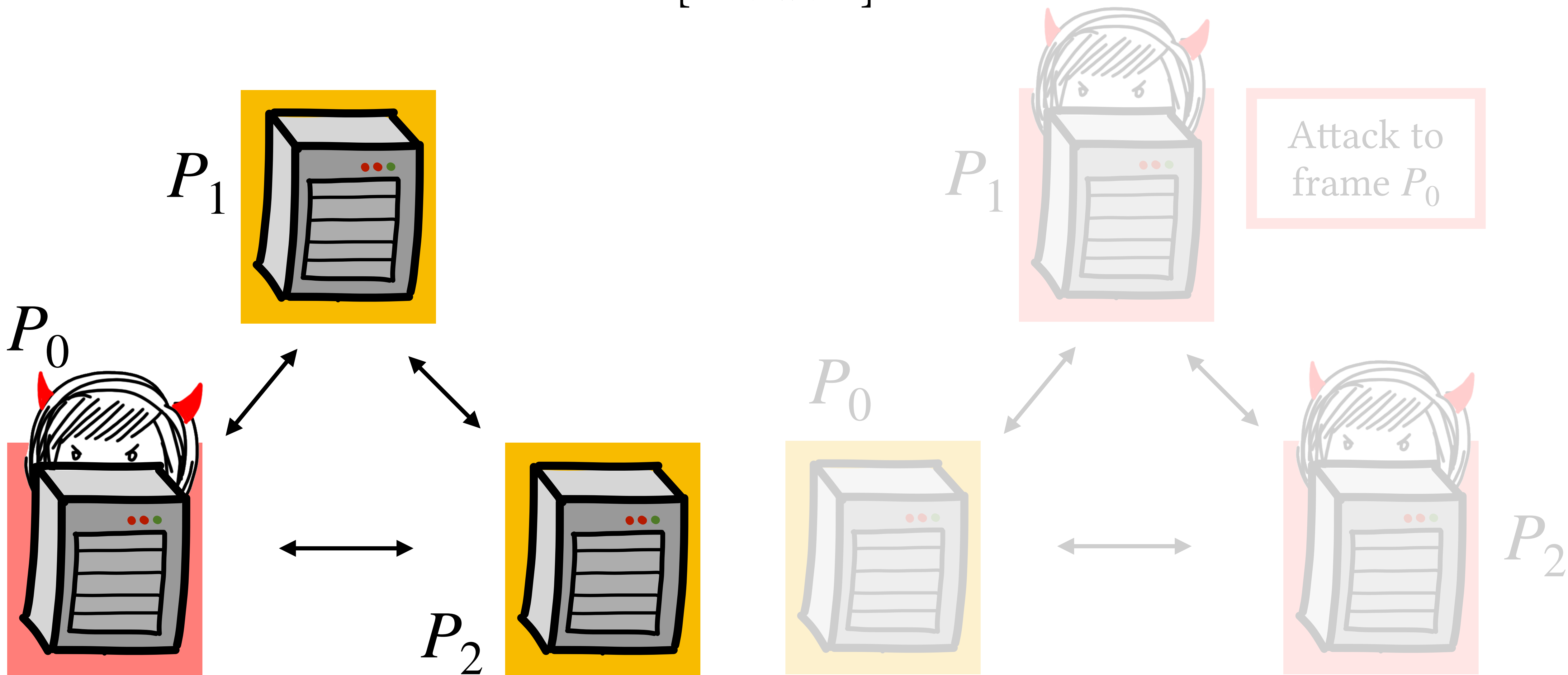
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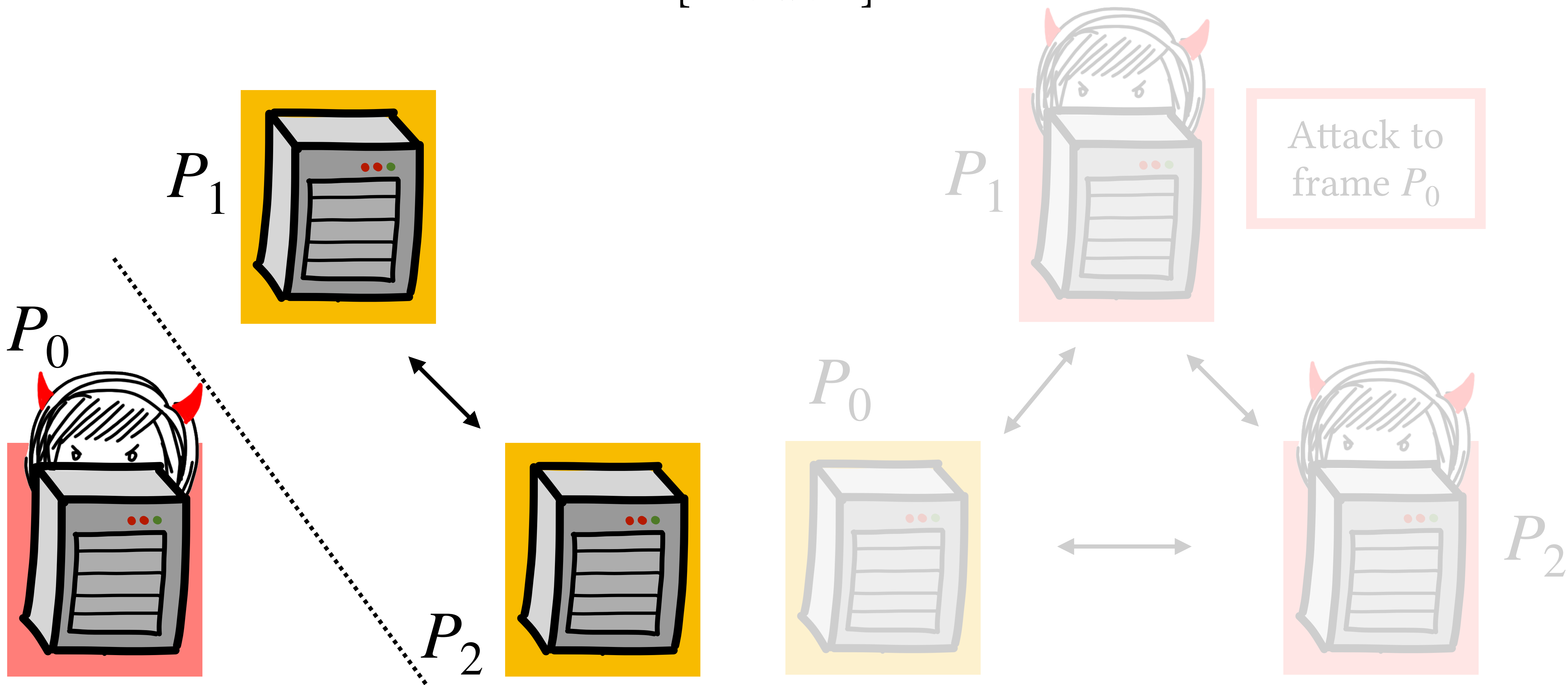
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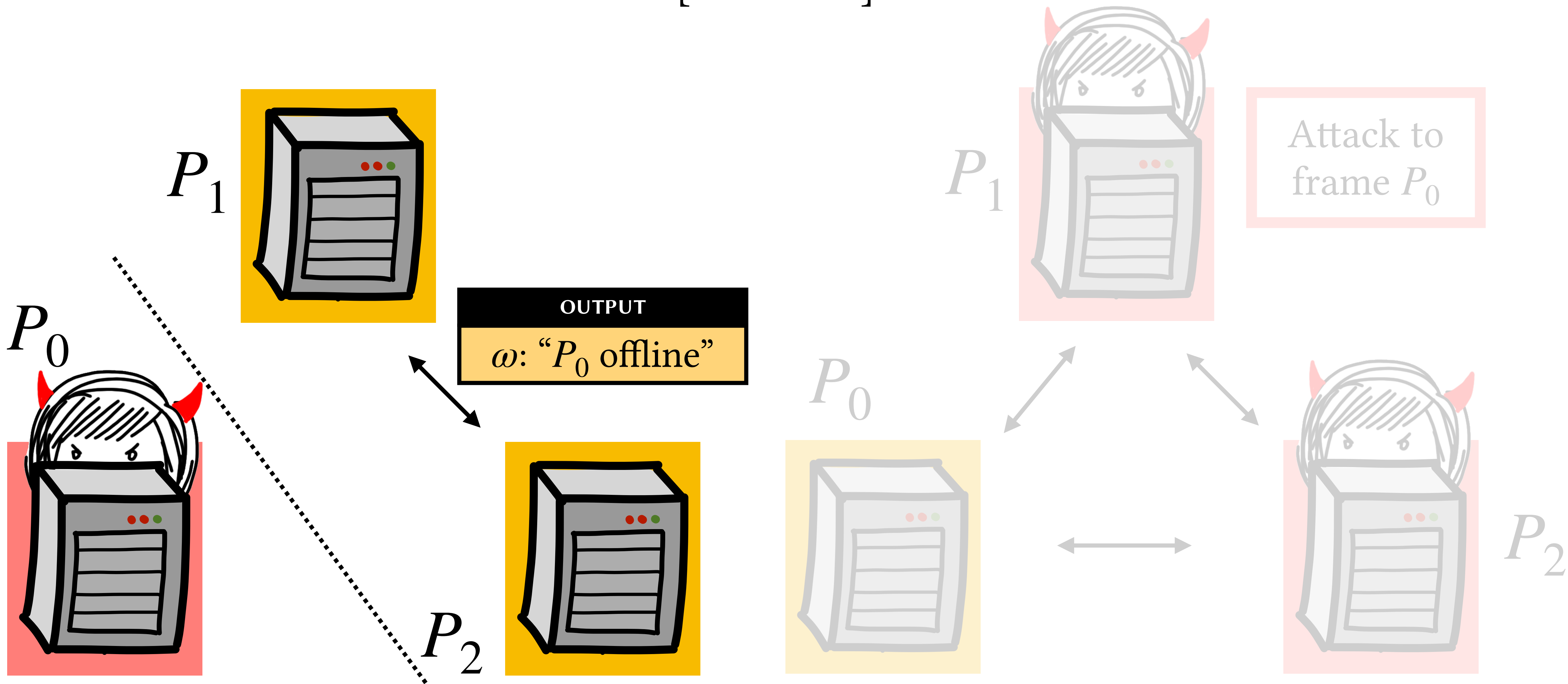
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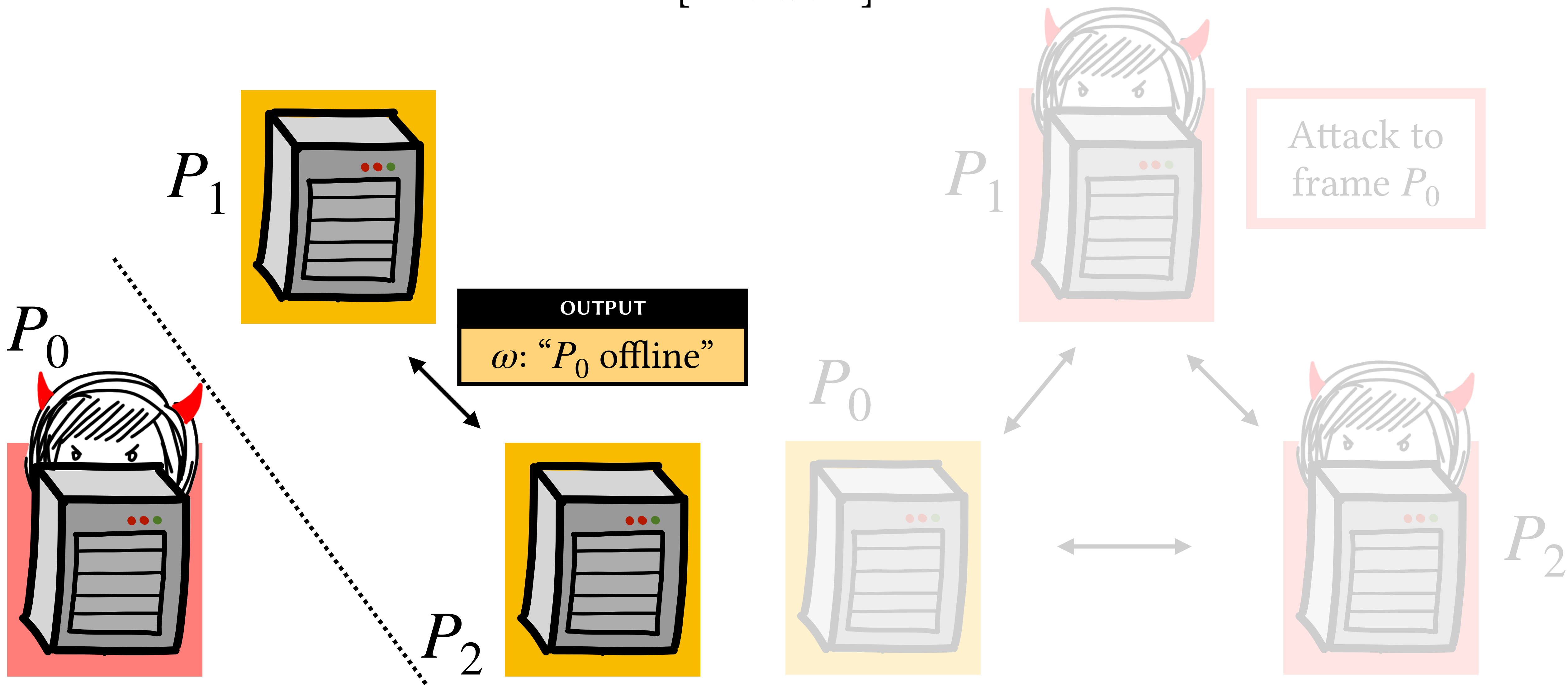
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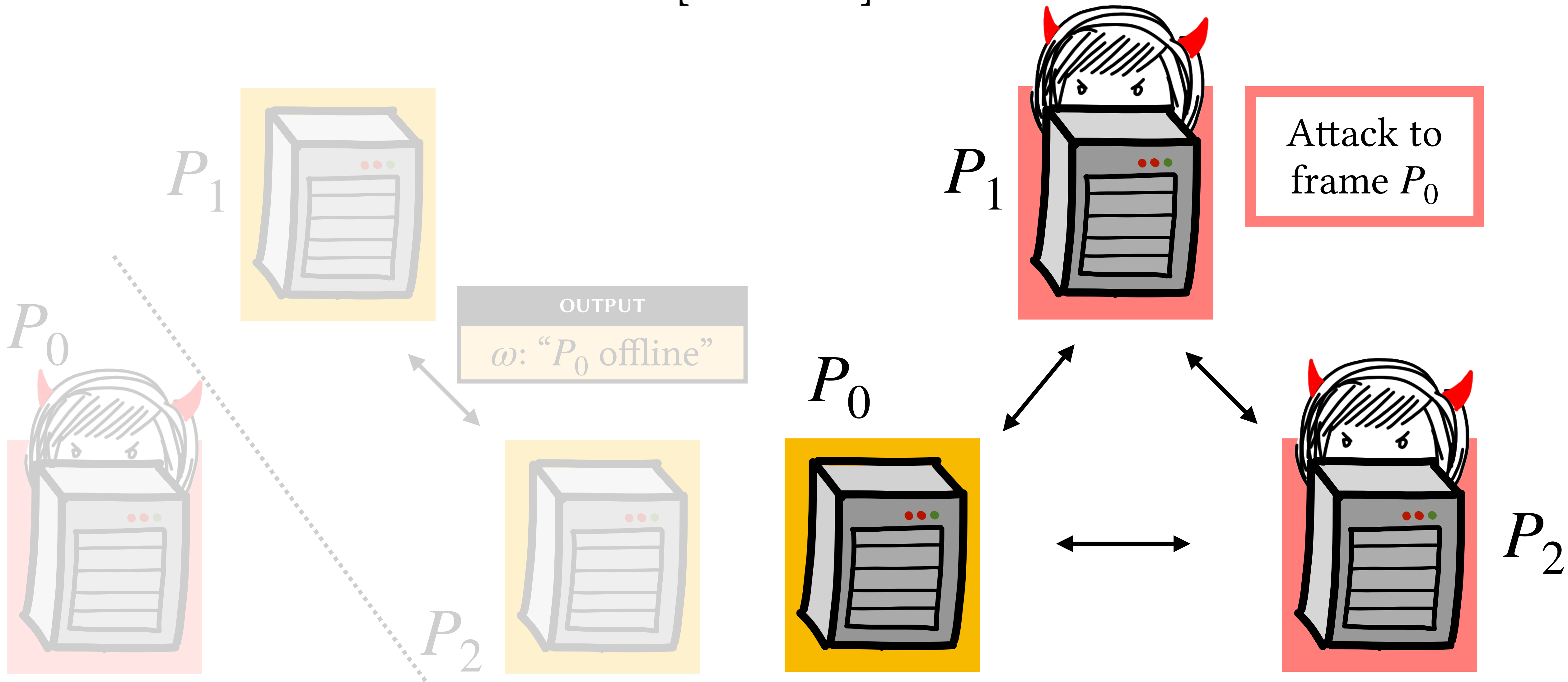
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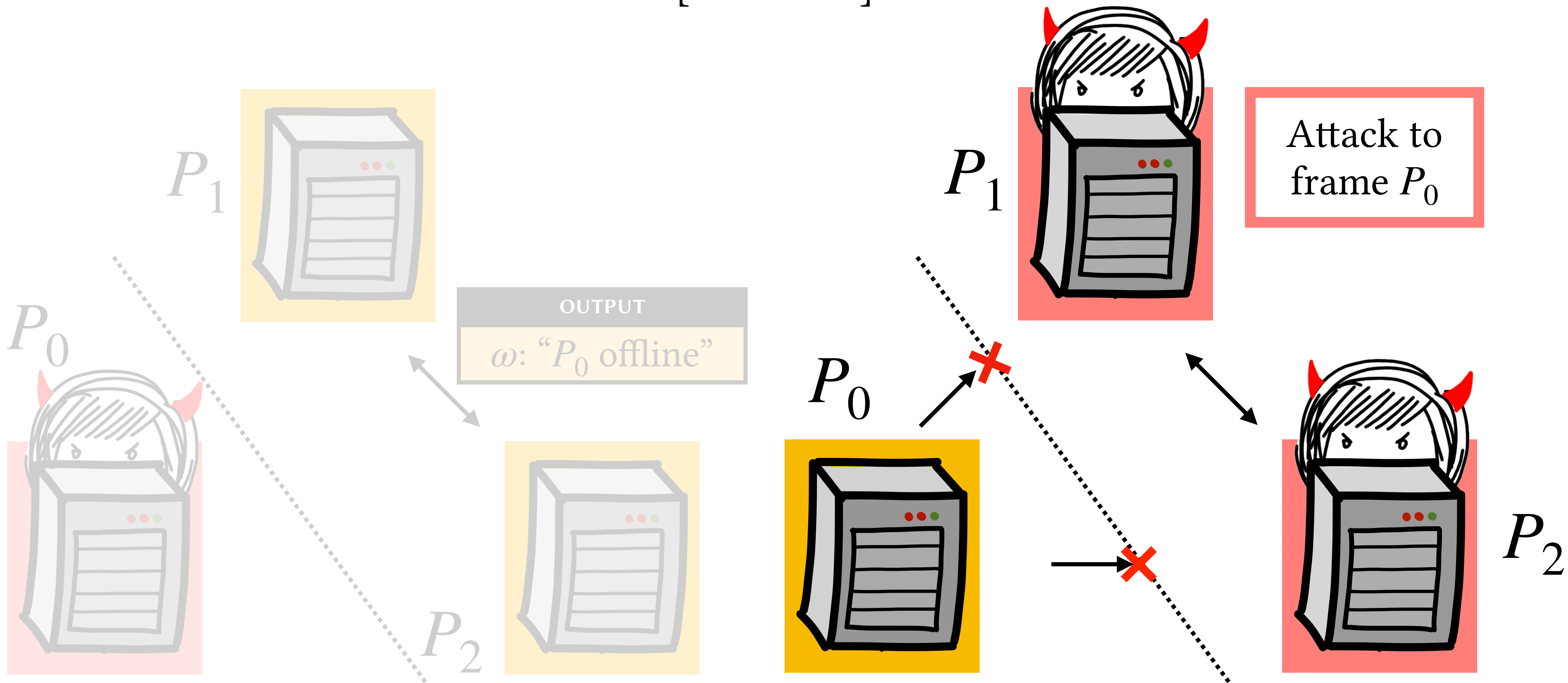
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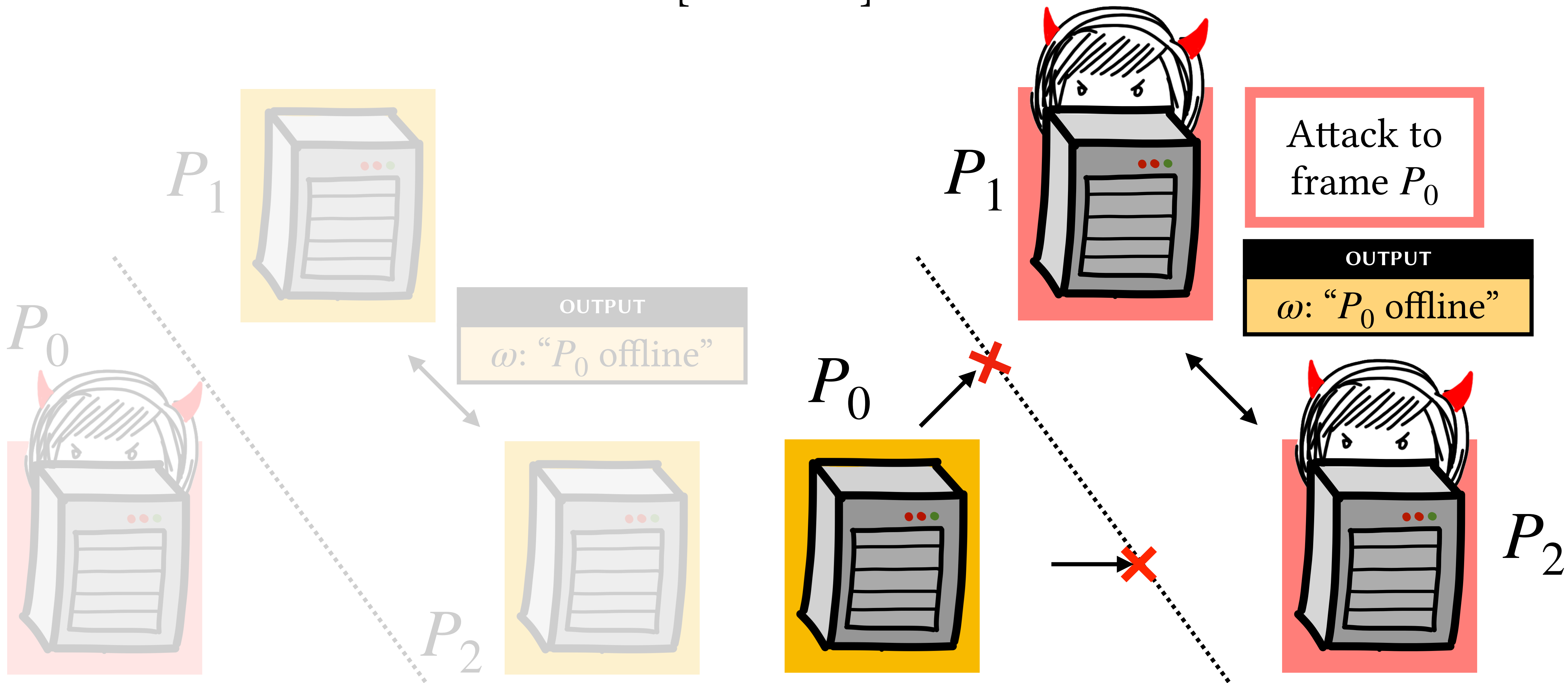
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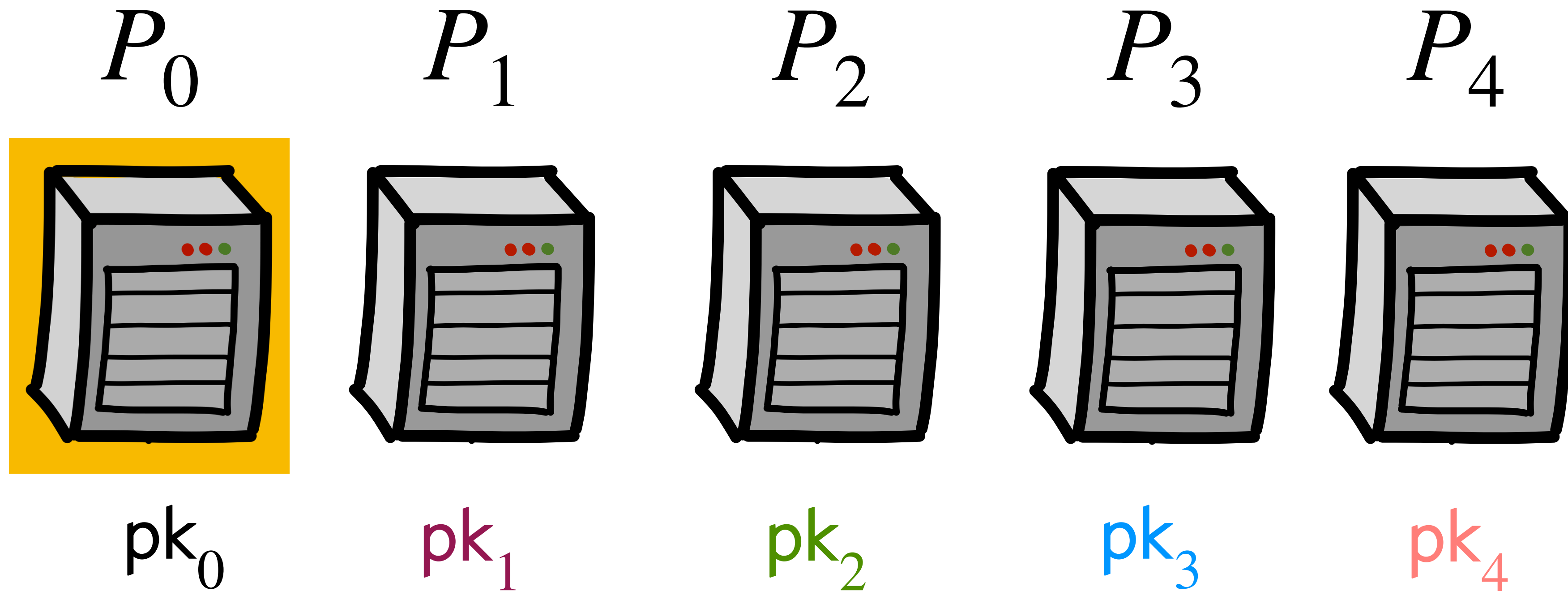
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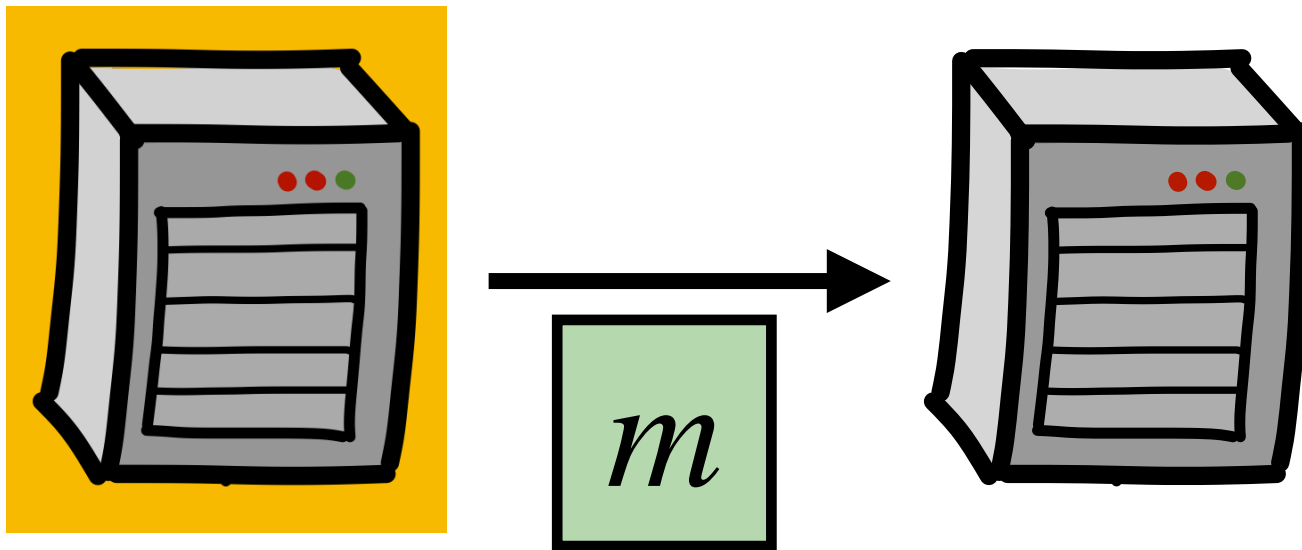
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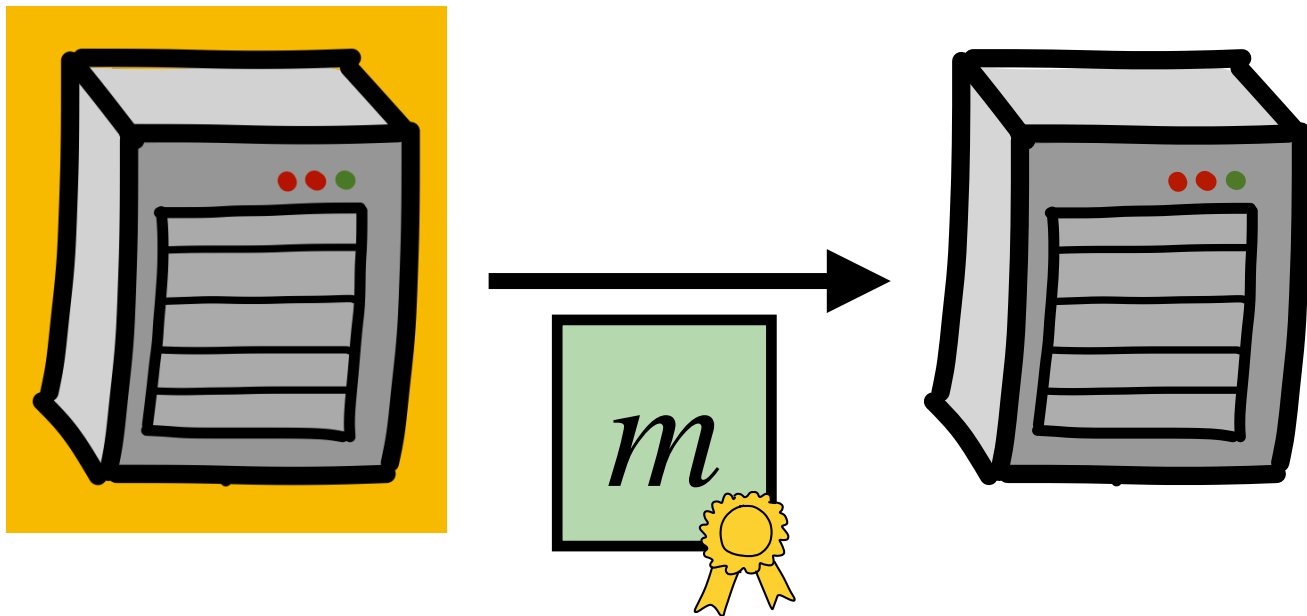
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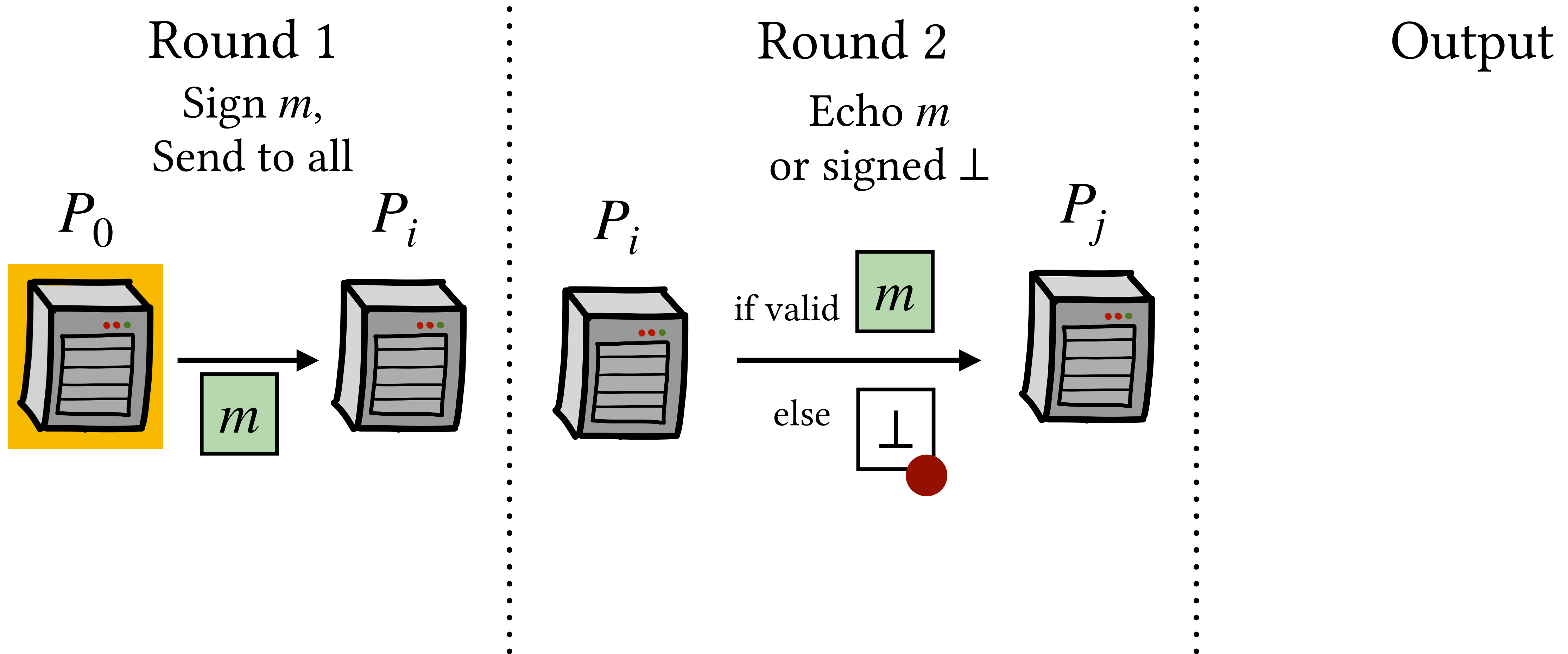


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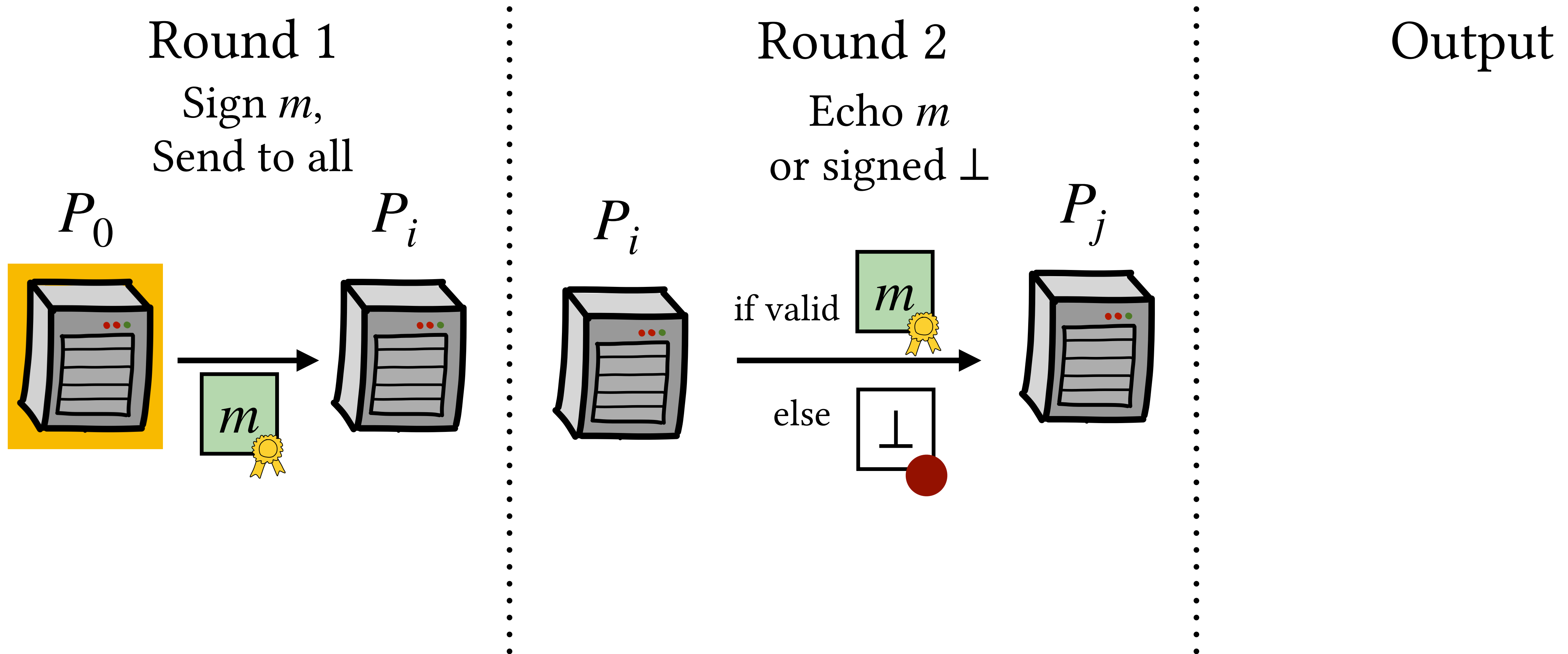
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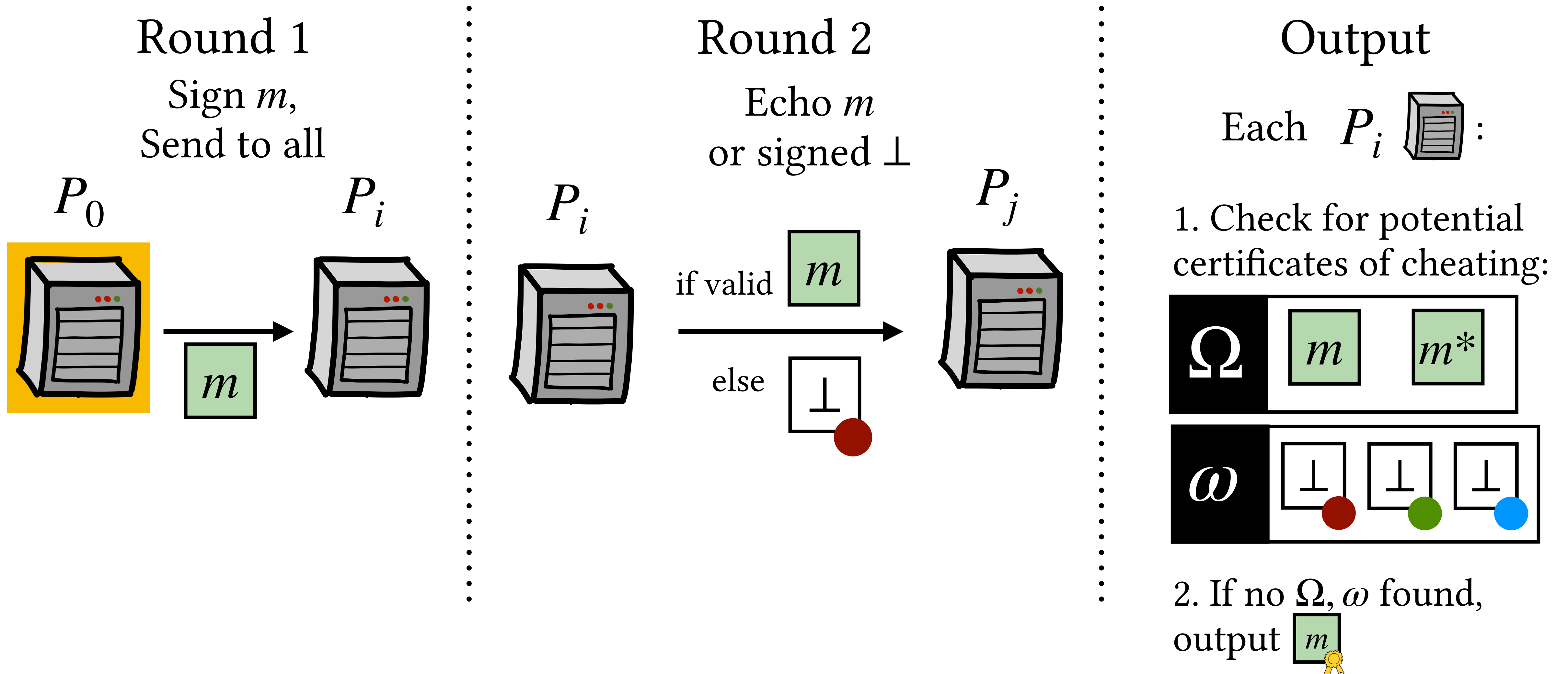
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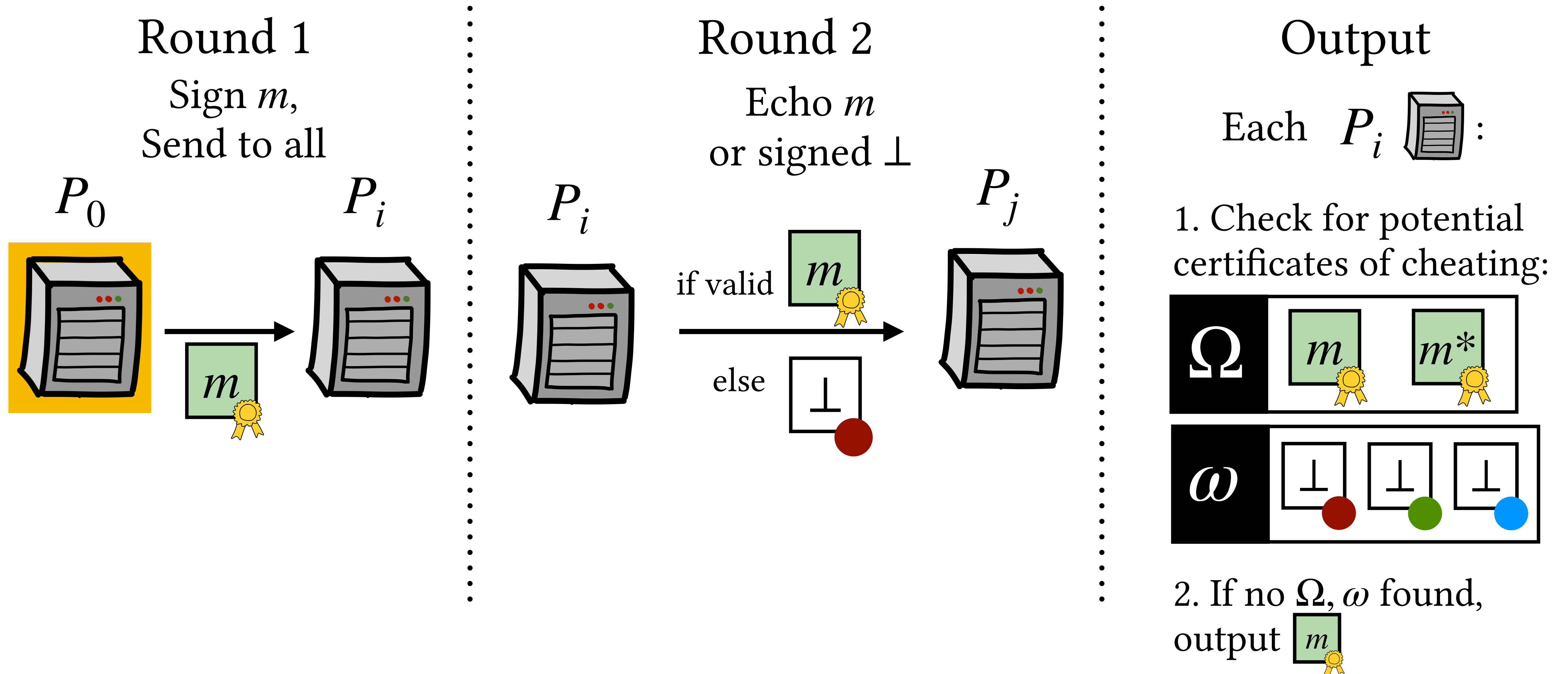
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Broadcast-IA: Analysis

- **Honest P_0 :** Complete, defamation-free
 - No Ω : Will not sending conflicting m, m^*
 - No ω : At most t corrupt parties will echo $\perp \Rightarrow$ not enough sigs
- **Corrupt P_0 :** Consistent
 - If any honest parties receive $m, m^* \Rightarrow$ yields Ω
 - If m withheld from *all* honest parties \Rightarrow yields ω
 - Send m to any honest party $\Rightarrow m$ committed as output
- Notes on output m :
 1. Accompanied by $\text{sig}(m)$ from P_0 : proves P_0 sent m to P_i
 2. P_i producing $\text{sig}(m)$ DOES NOT prove that some P_j also output m

Synchrony

- Protocol assumes a well-defined network time-out (i.e. synchrony)
- Inherent: Identifiable Abort not well-defined in p2p asynchronous setting
 - Honest parties w. bad network indistinguishable from corrupt
- Important to reason about what happens when network goes bad:
 - Honest parties may be certified non-responsive (ω)
 - \Rightarrow Very bad idea to take drastic action based on non-responsiveness alone
 - Liveness may be violated
 - Cheat (Ω) remains attributable to corrupt parties only
 - \Rightarrow Higher level protocols can still maintain safety/privacy of secrets

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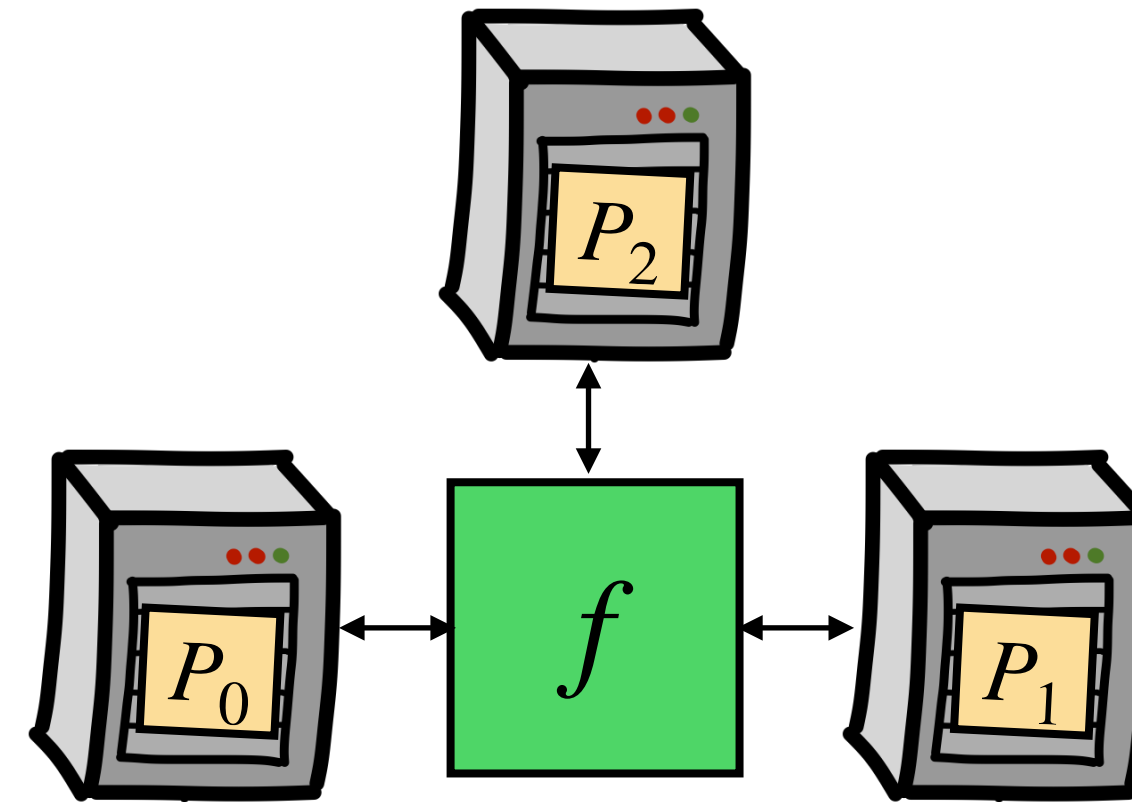
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If Π^{BC} is a protocol that realizes $\mathcal{F}_{\text{IA}}^f$ using r Ideal Broadcasts, then $\Pi^{\text{BC-IA}}$ realizes $\mathcal{F}_{\text{IA}^*}^f$ using $(r + 1)$ BC-IA instances
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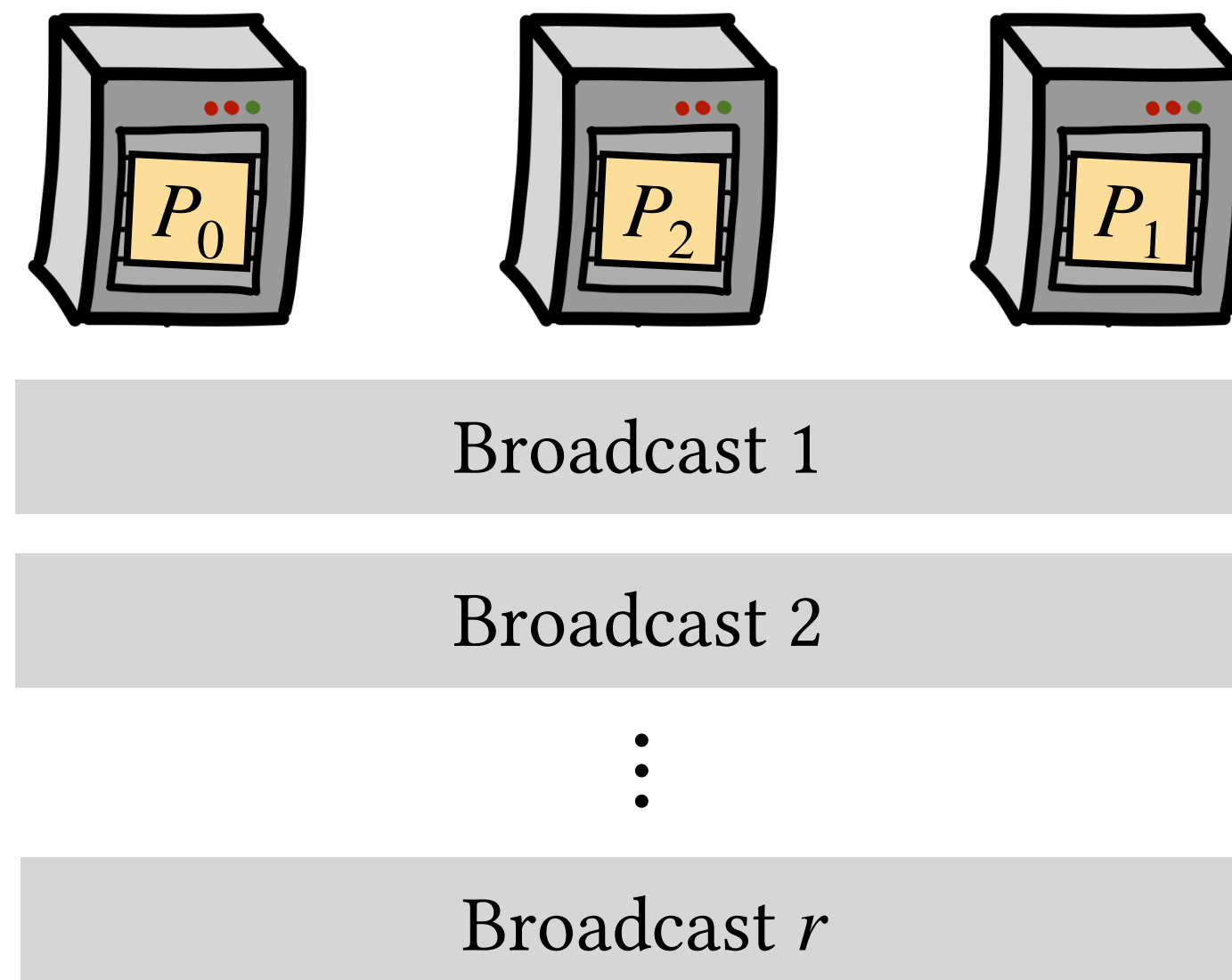
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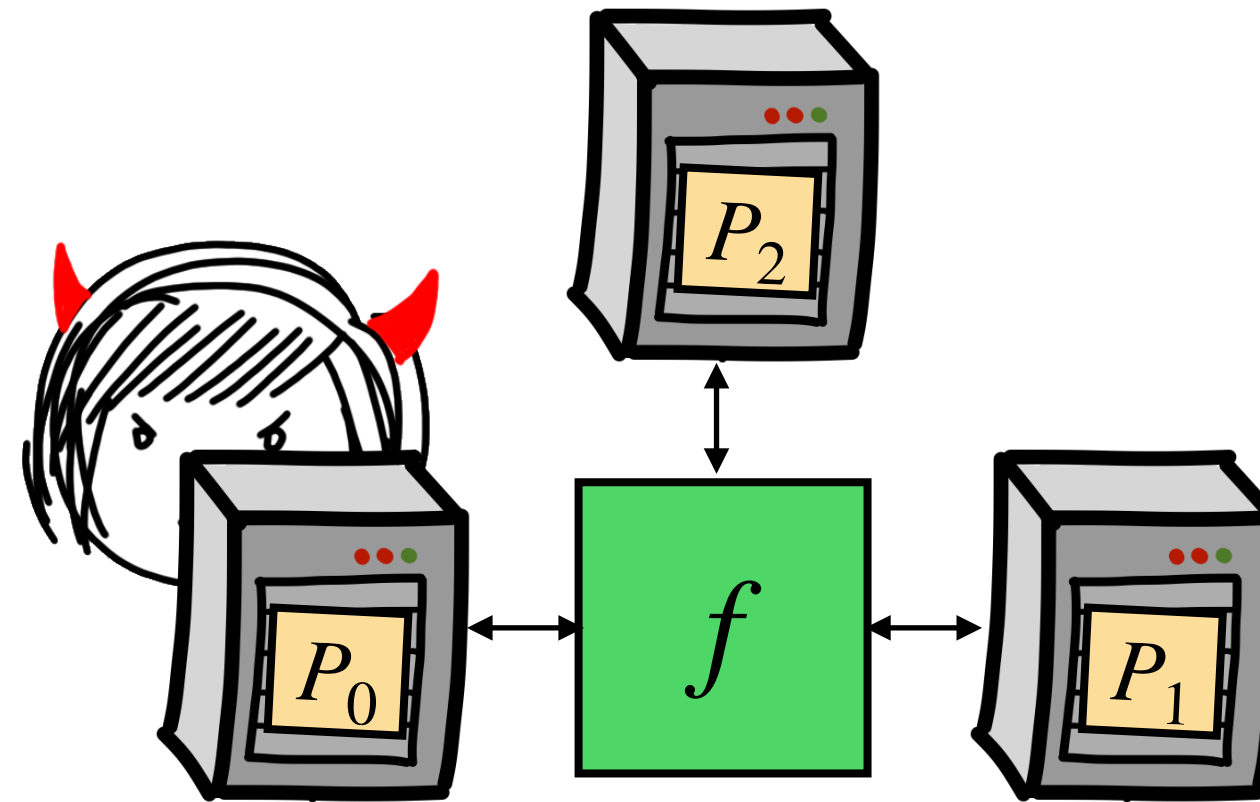
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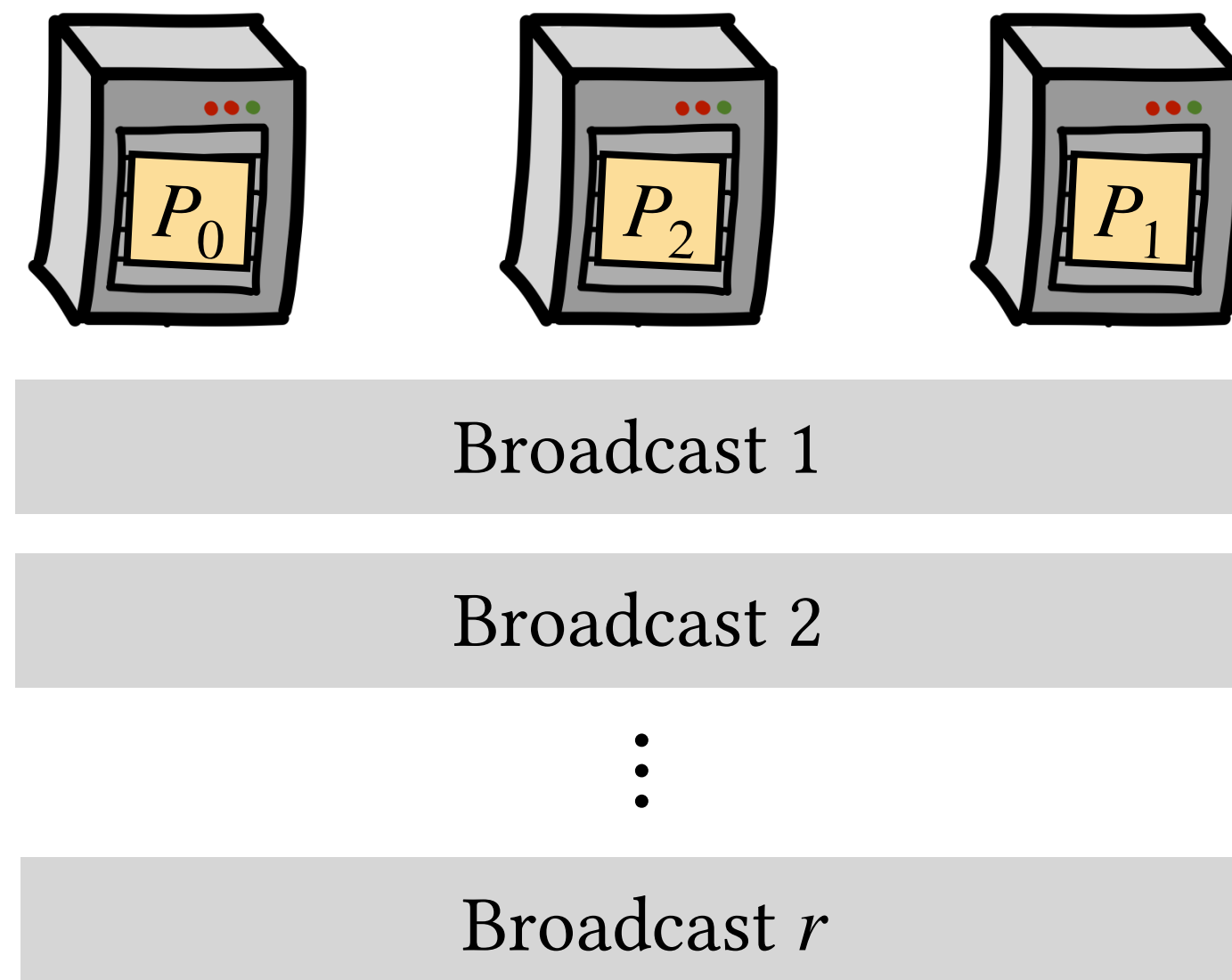
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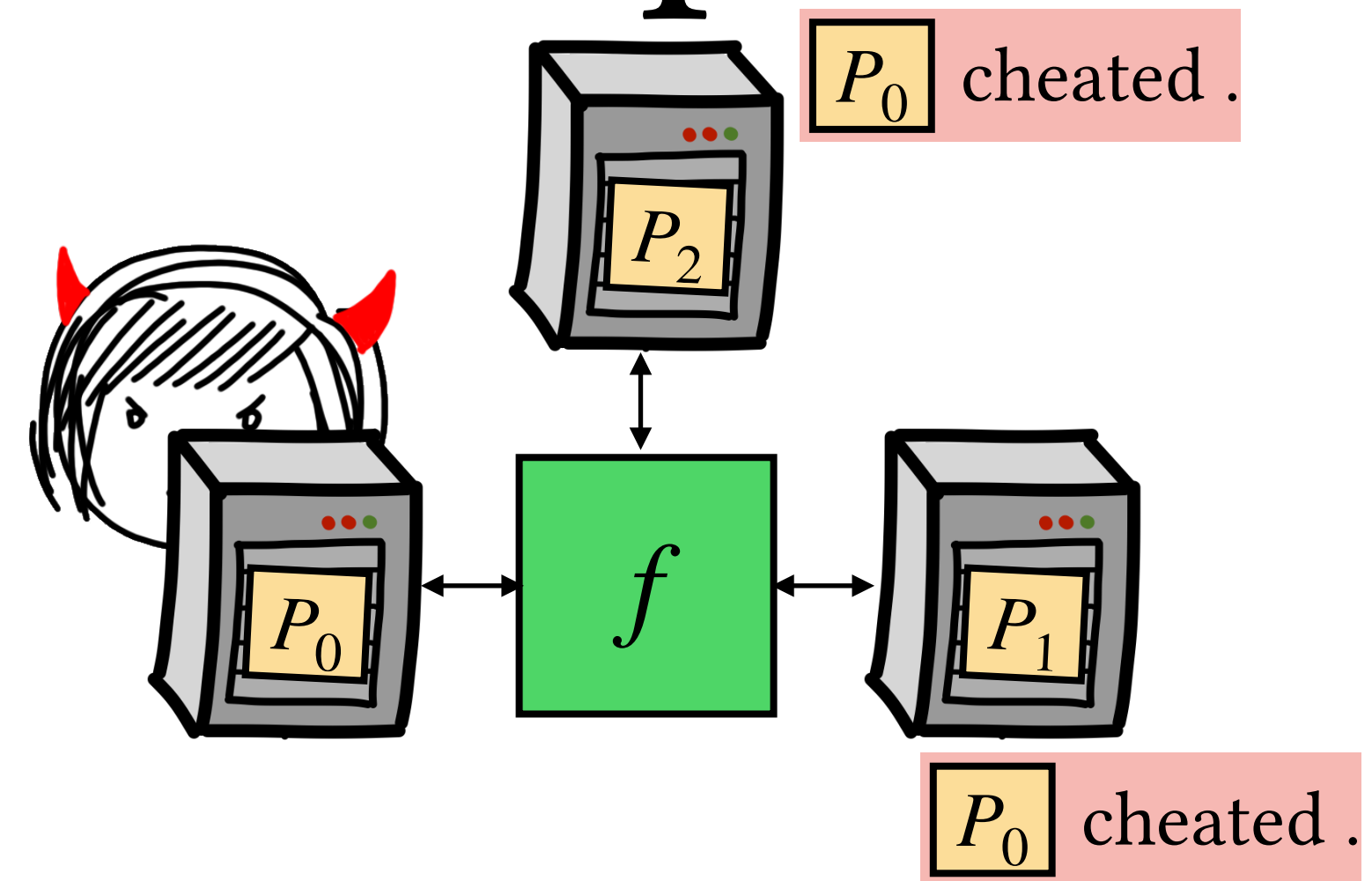
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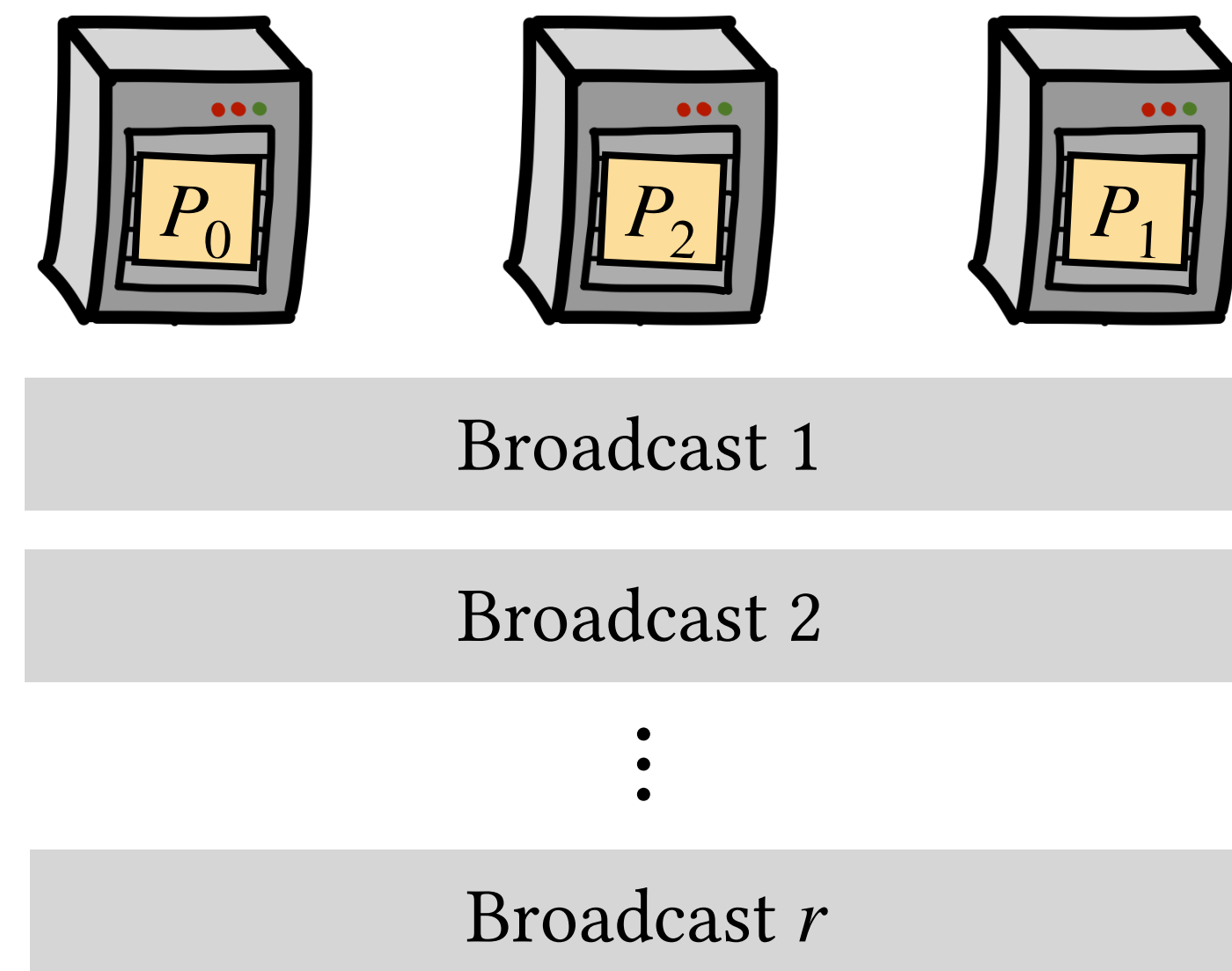
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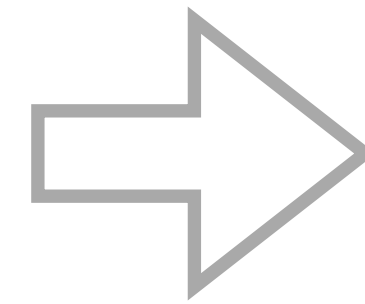
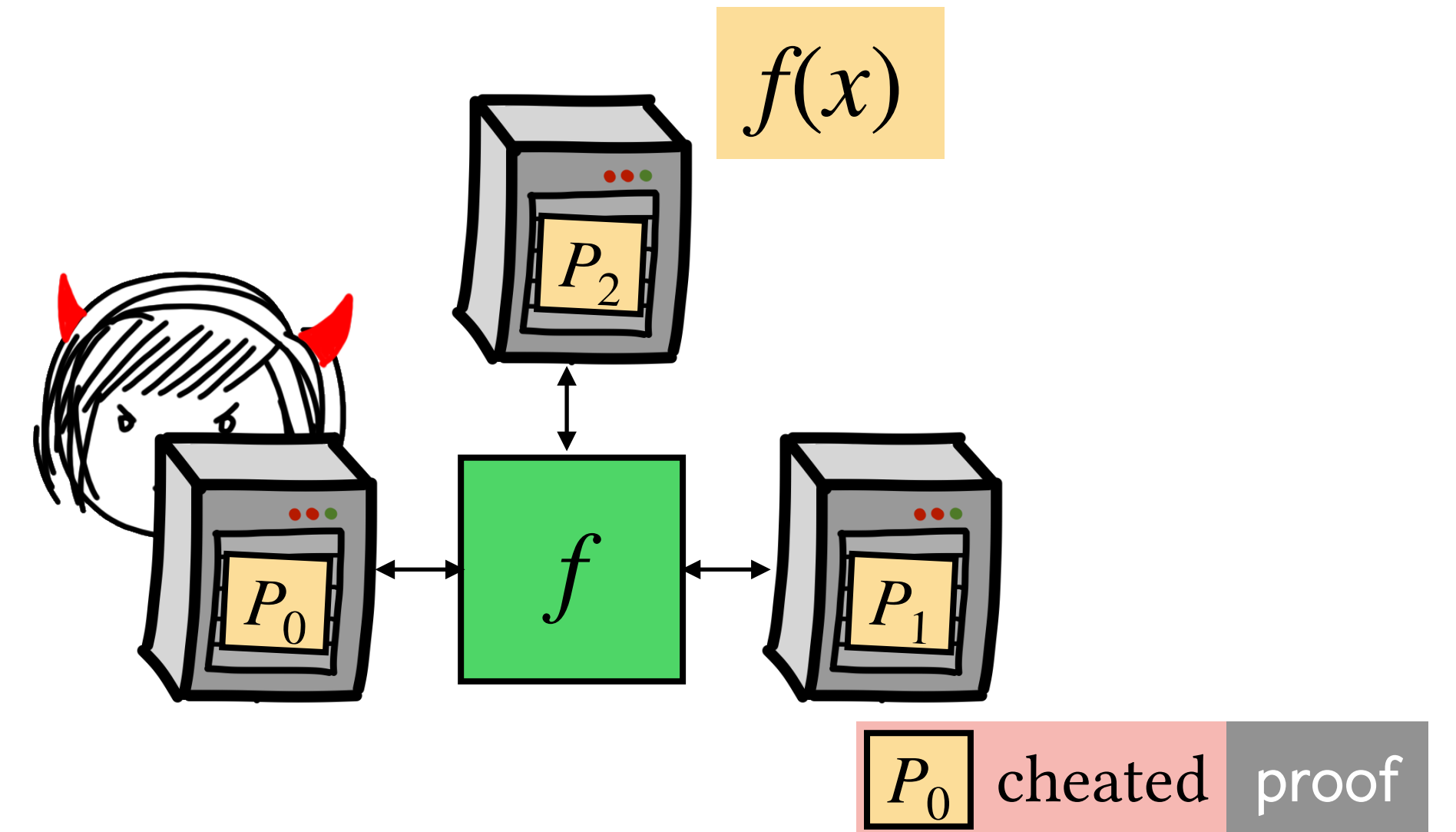
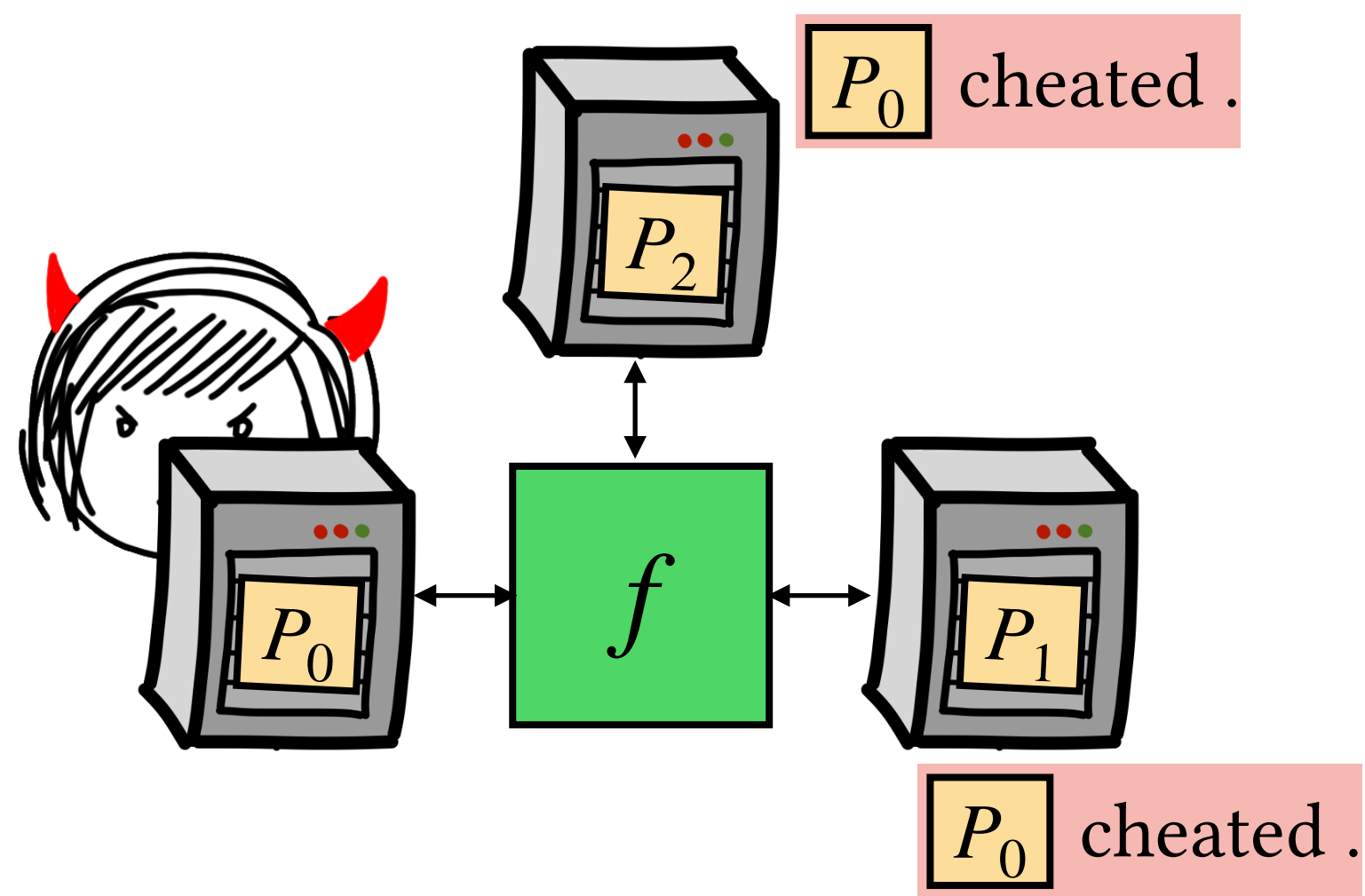
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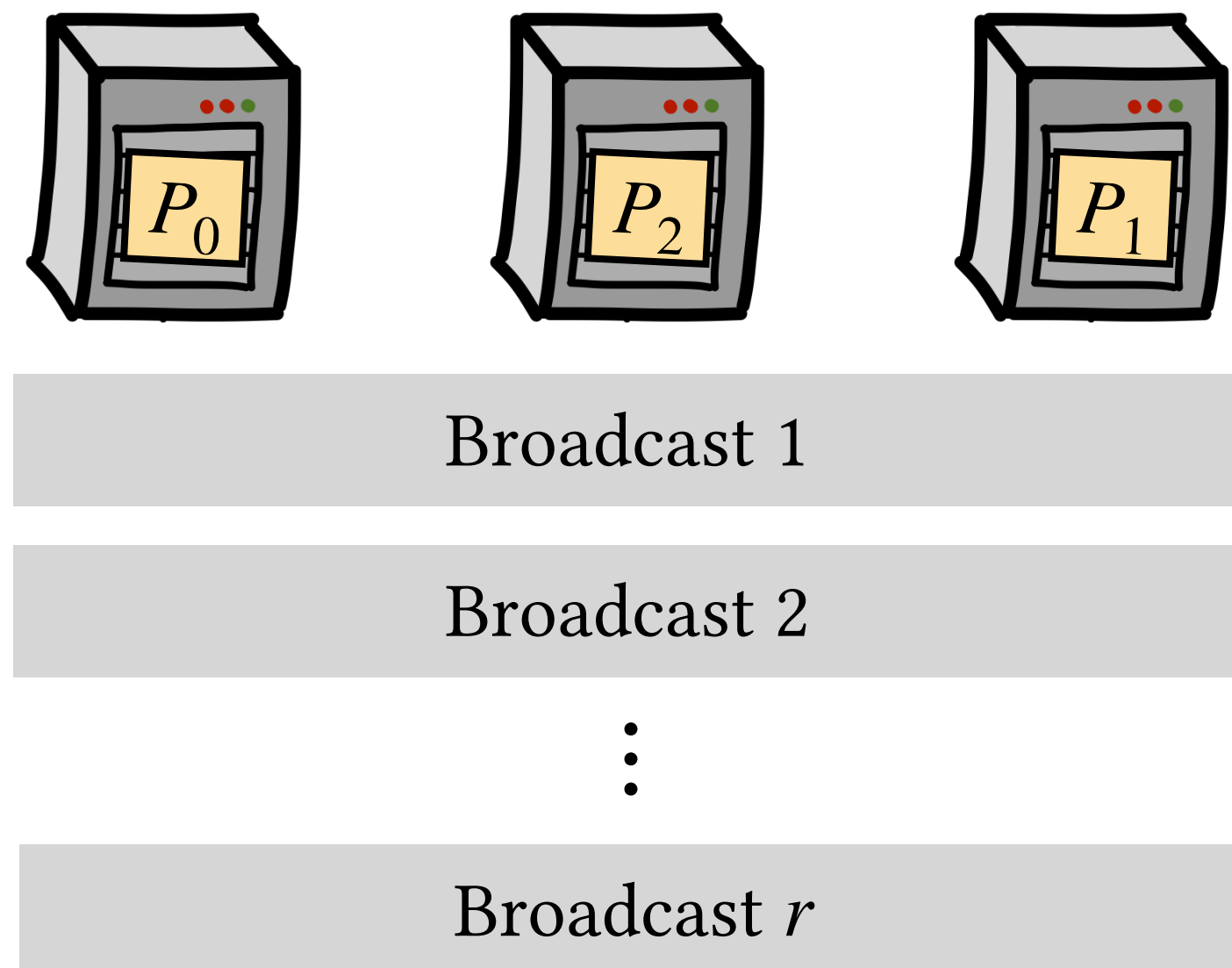
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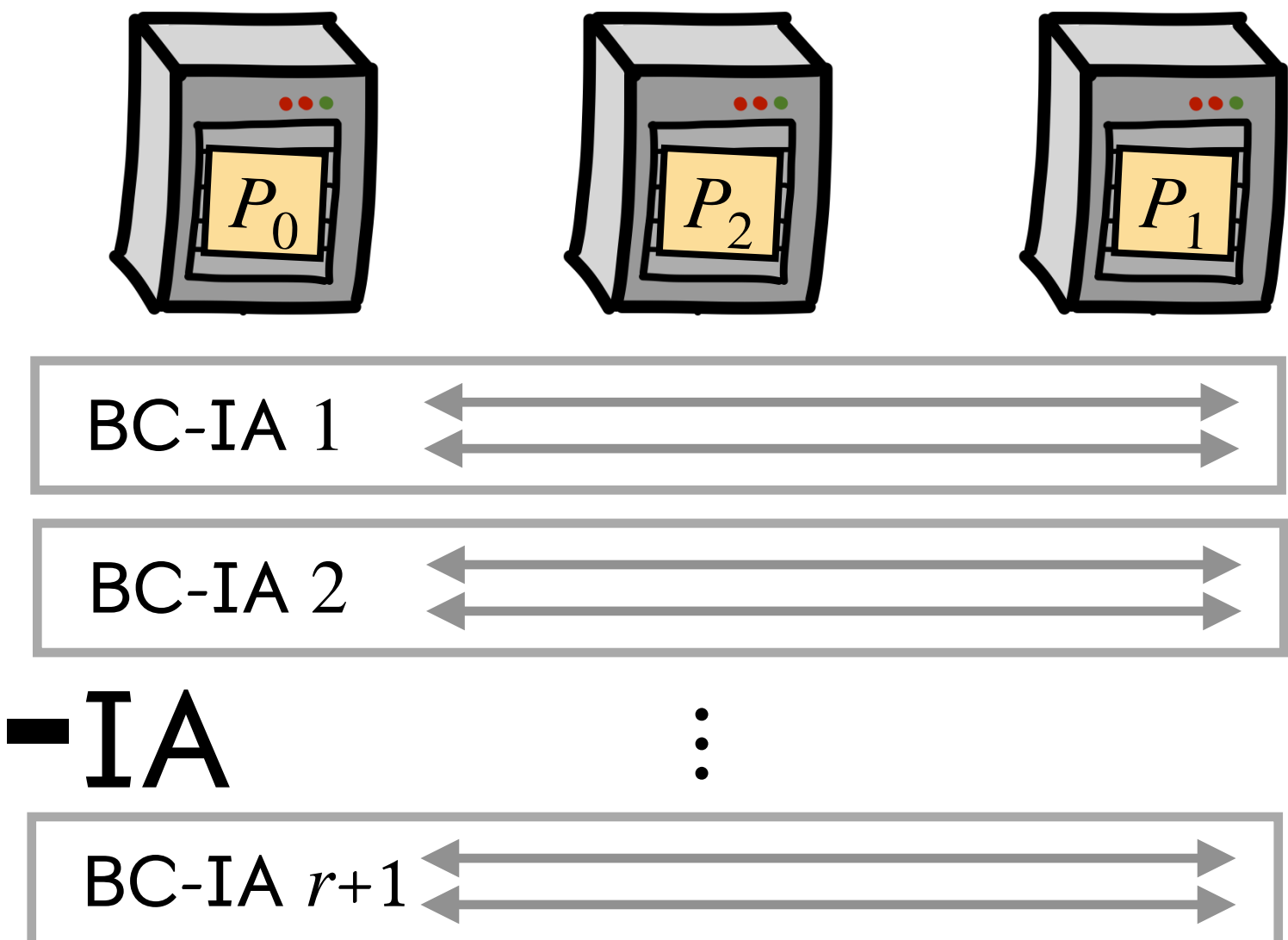


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Real-World Application: Threshold ECDSA

This work: Instantiate ECDSA-IA

Mechanism to guarantee
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Light ZK proofs in \mathbb{G}
+ verifiable complaints

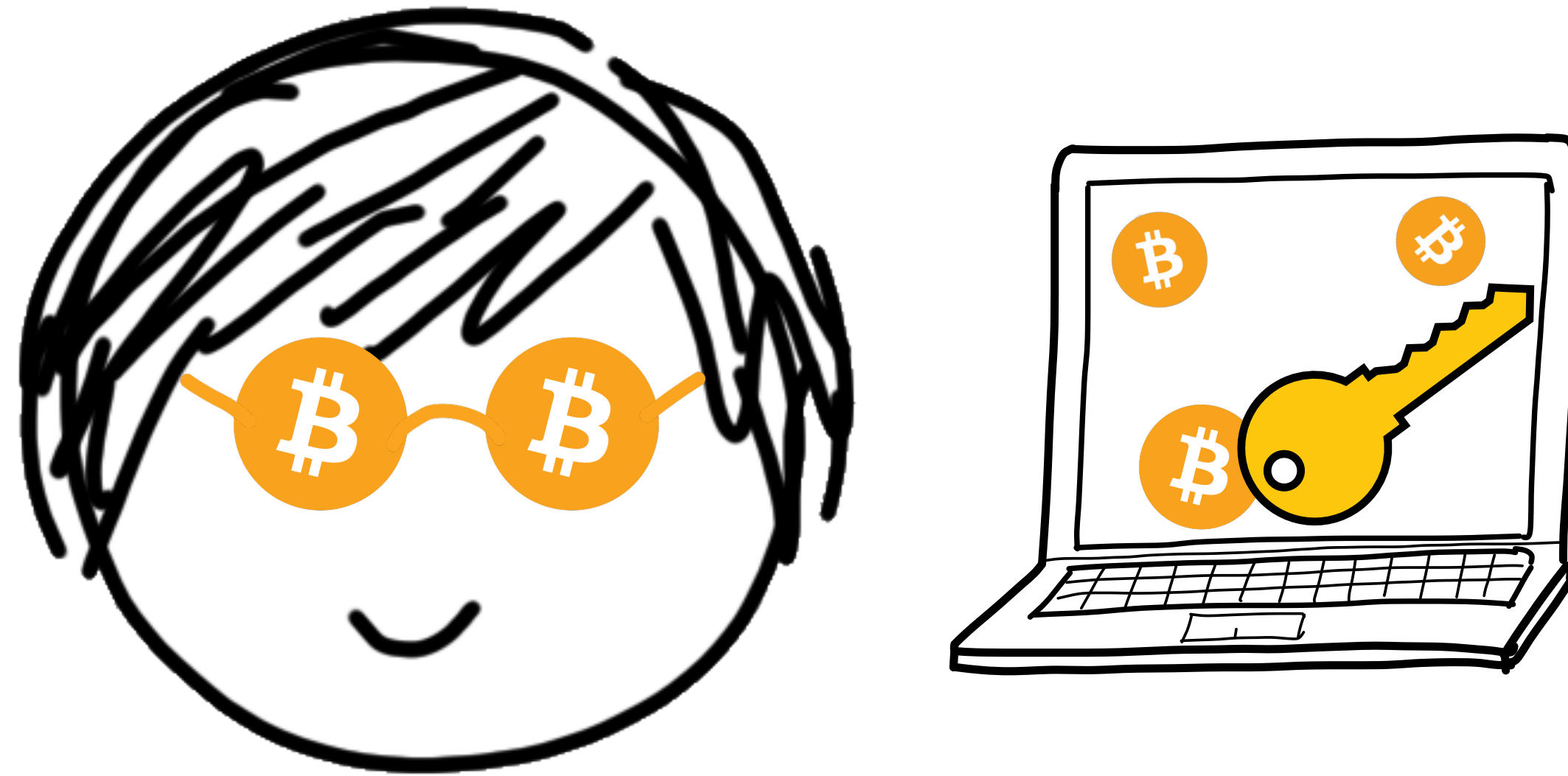
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3-BC-round honest-majority
ECDSA signing à la [DKLs23]

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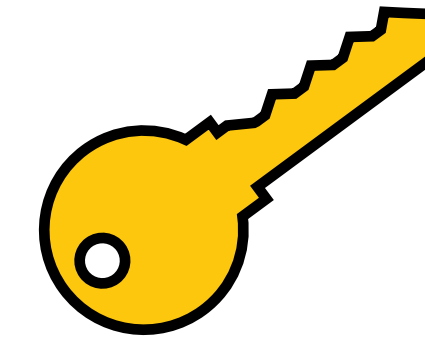
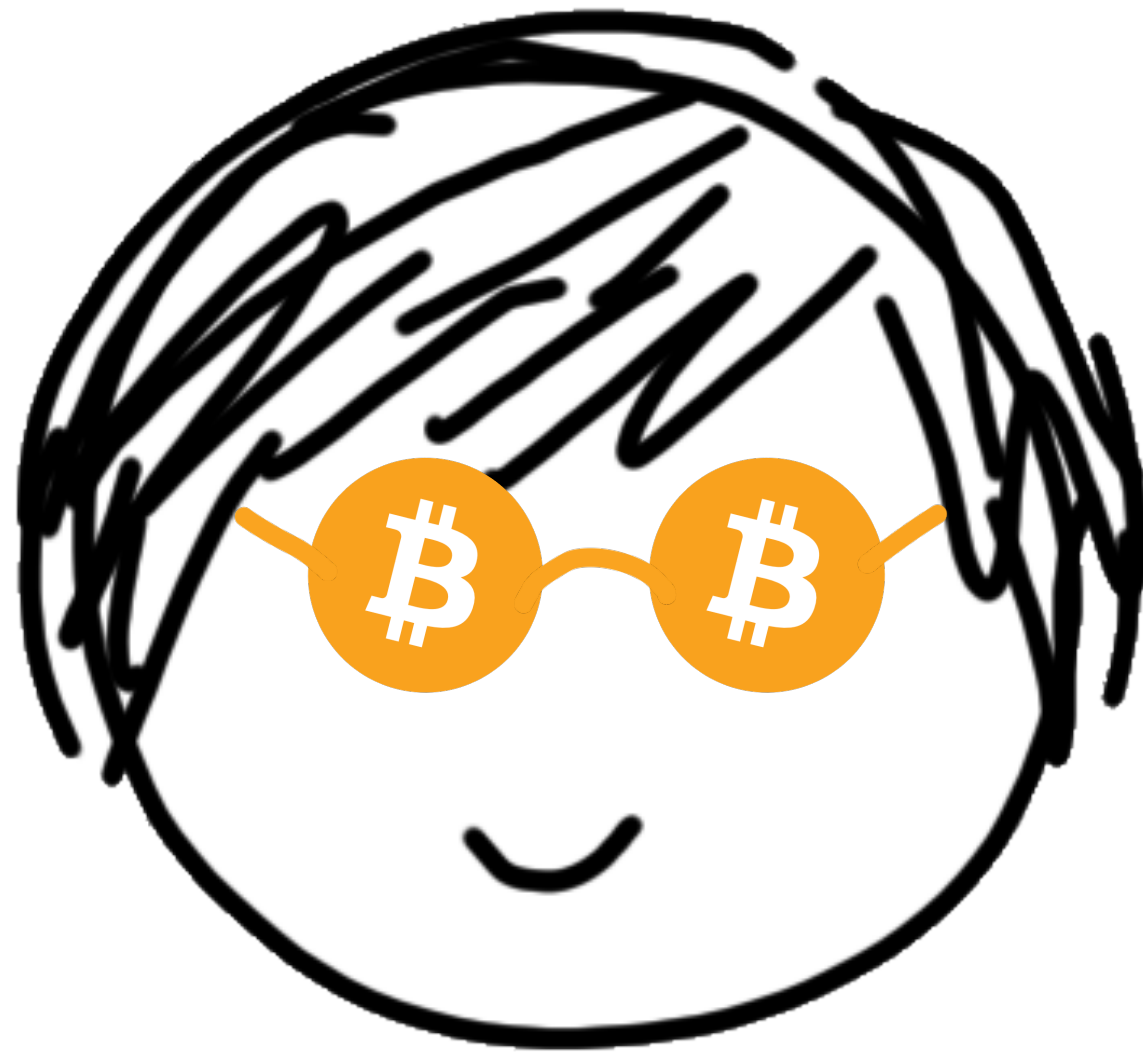


Spend  by signing transactions

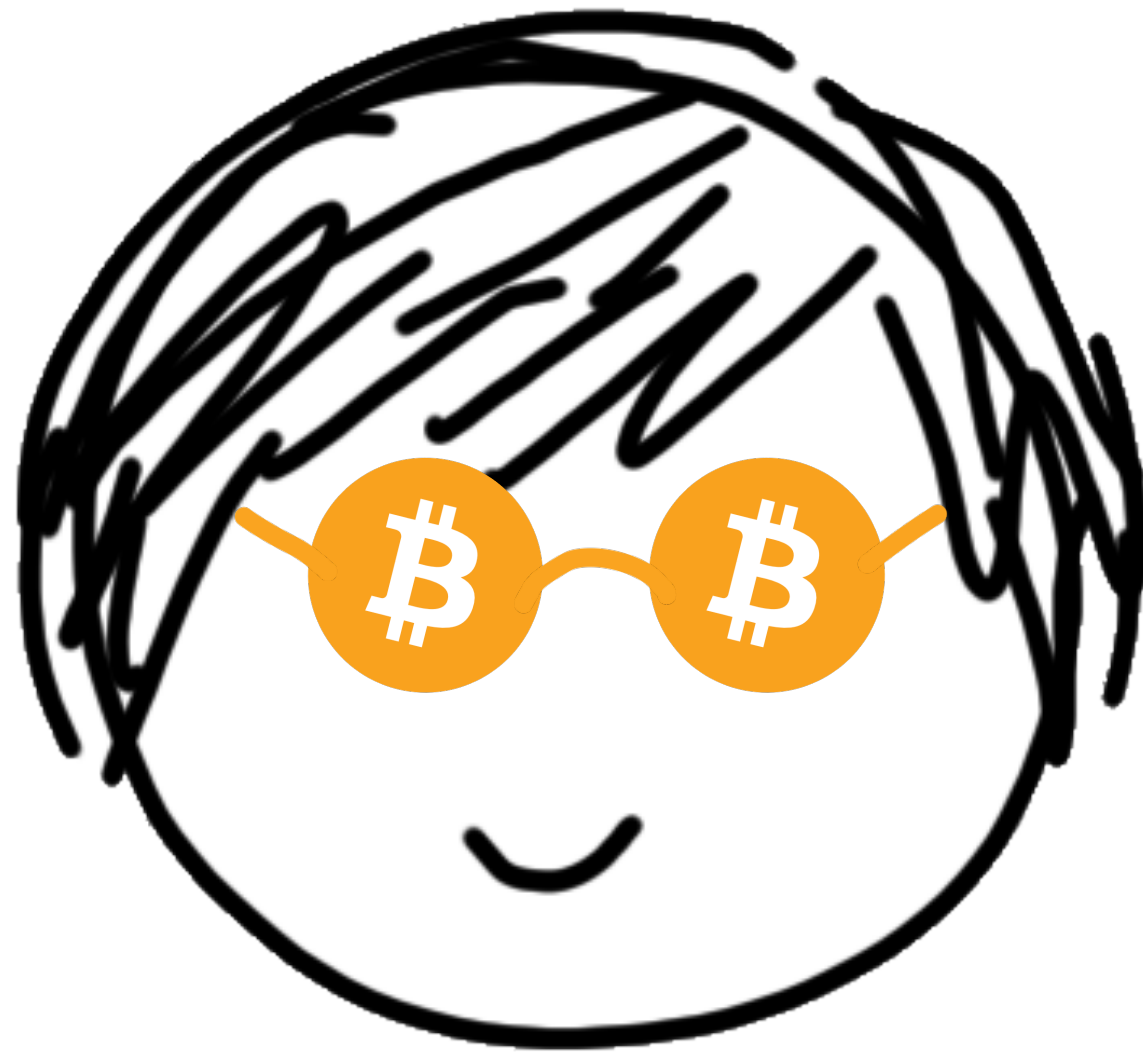
Signing key stored on laptop

Laptop hacked \Rightarrow funds gone

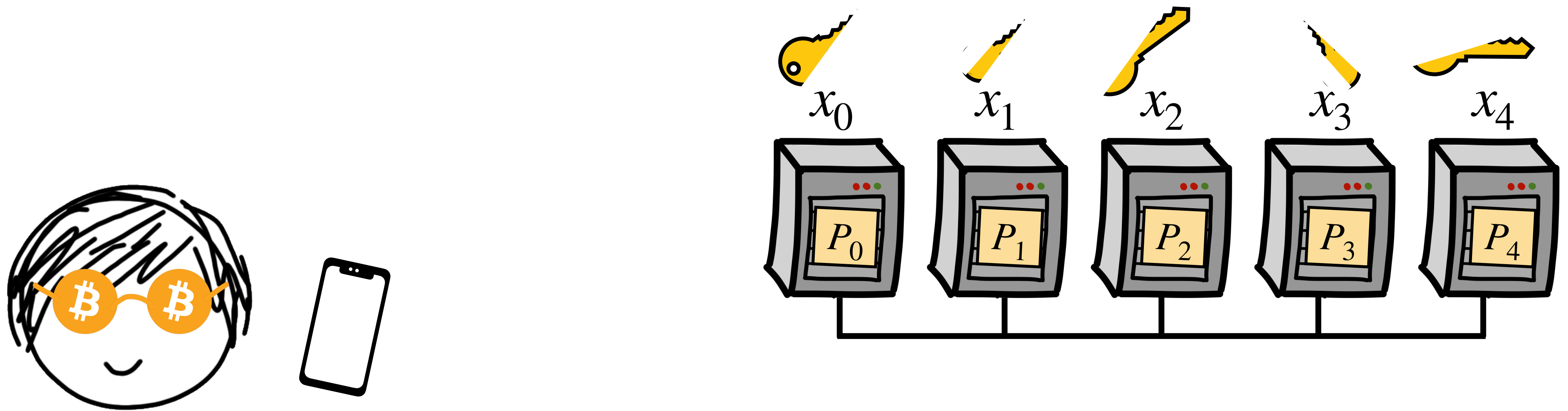
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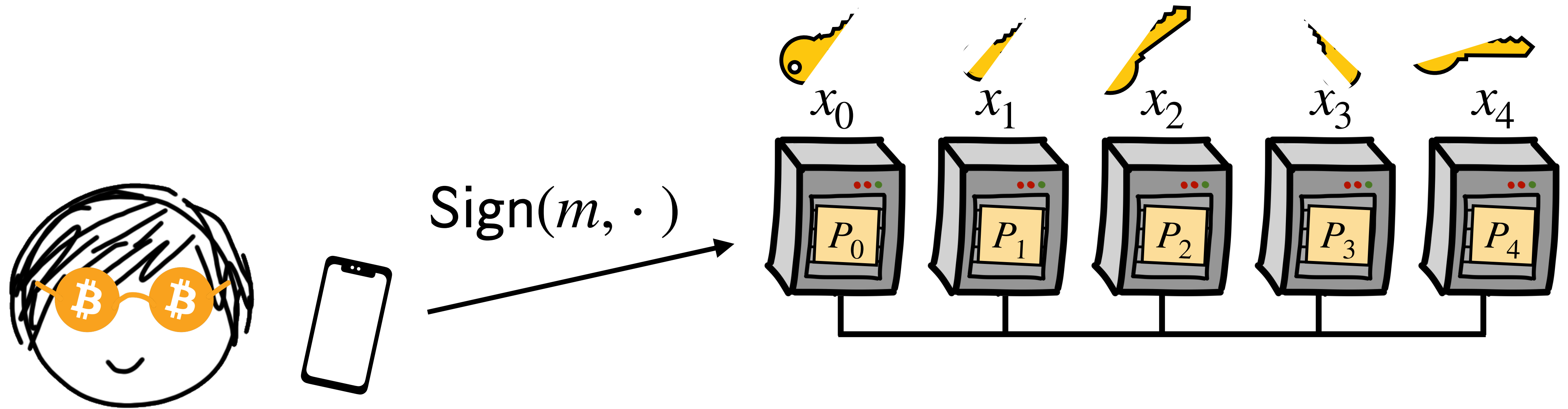
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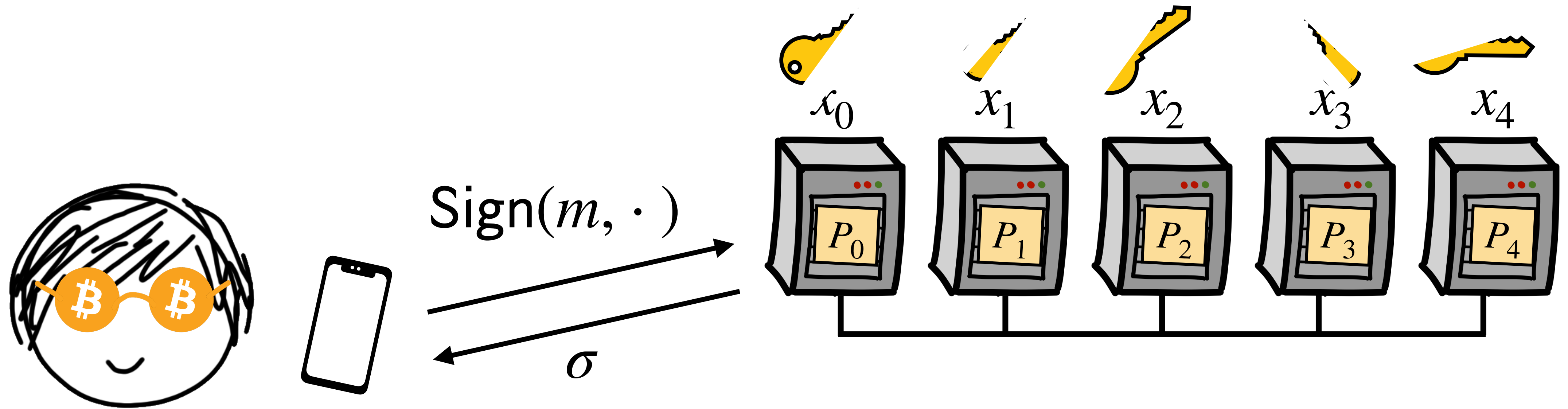
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Distributed Risk: Attacker will need
to compromise multiple devices

ECDSA

- Elliptic Curve Digital Signature Algorithm
- Devised by Scott Vanstone in 1992, standardised by NIST
- Widespread adoption across the internet
- Natural target for threshold signing



Threshold ECDSA: Structure

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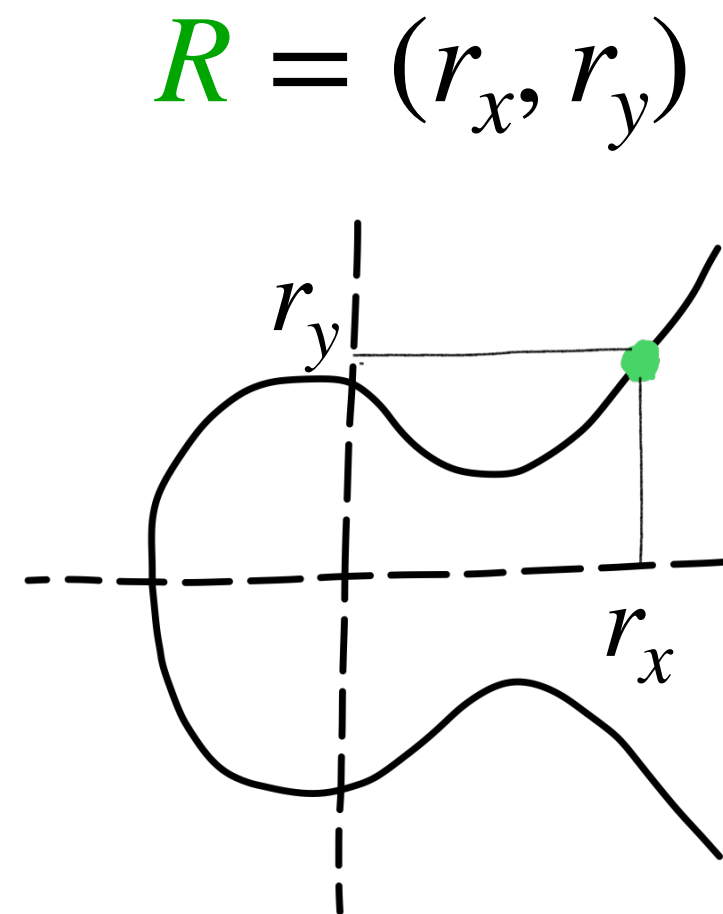
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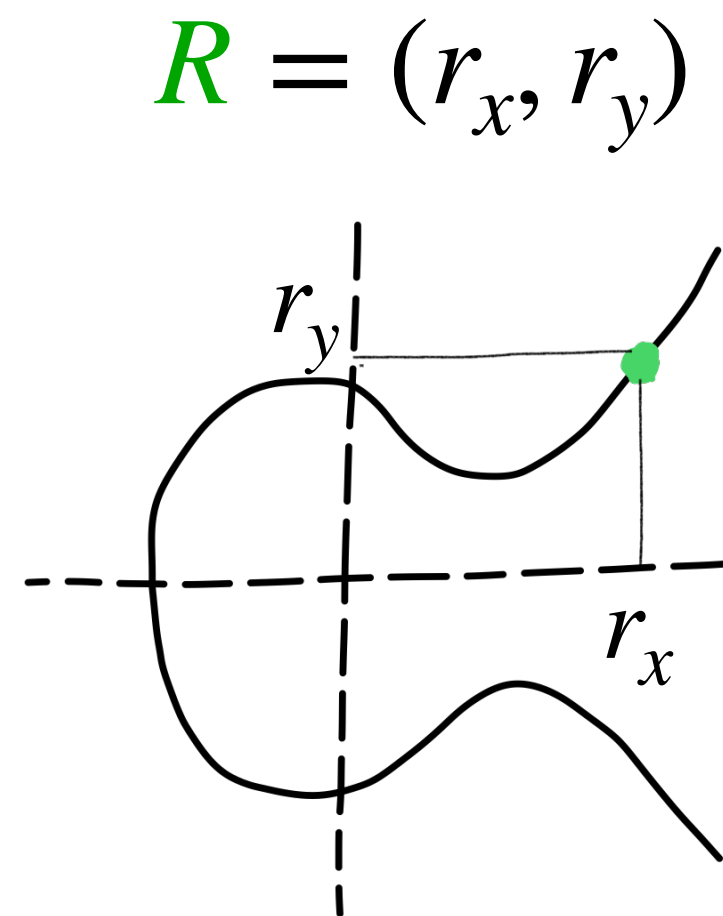
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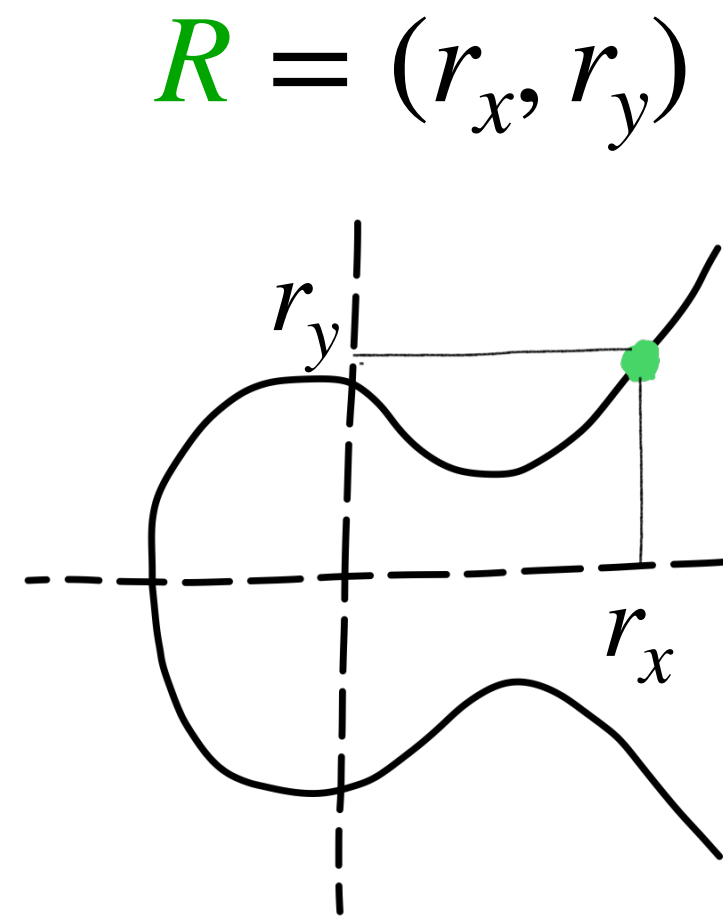
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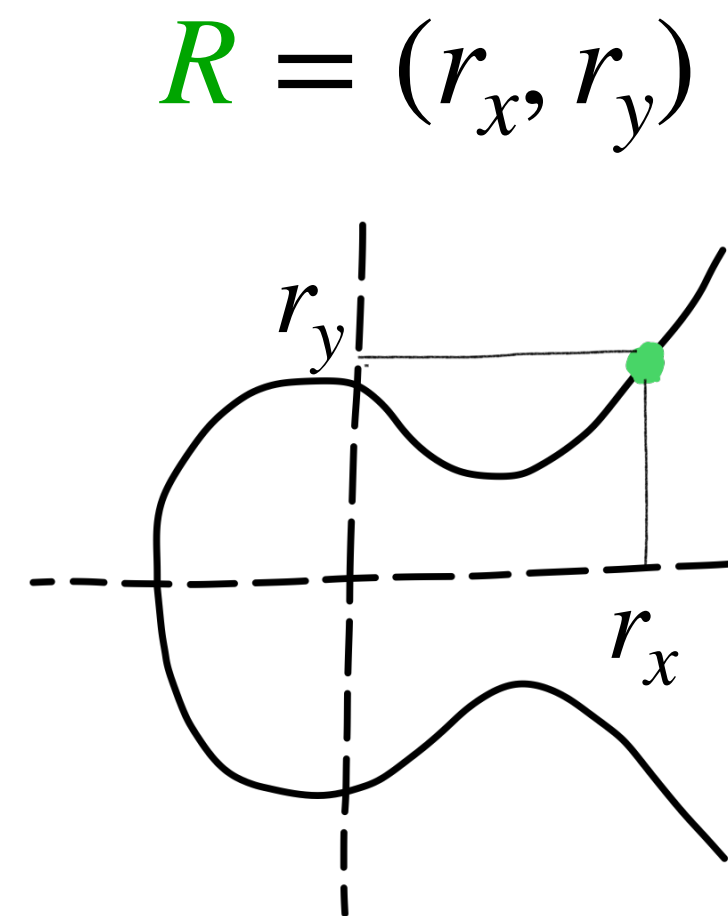
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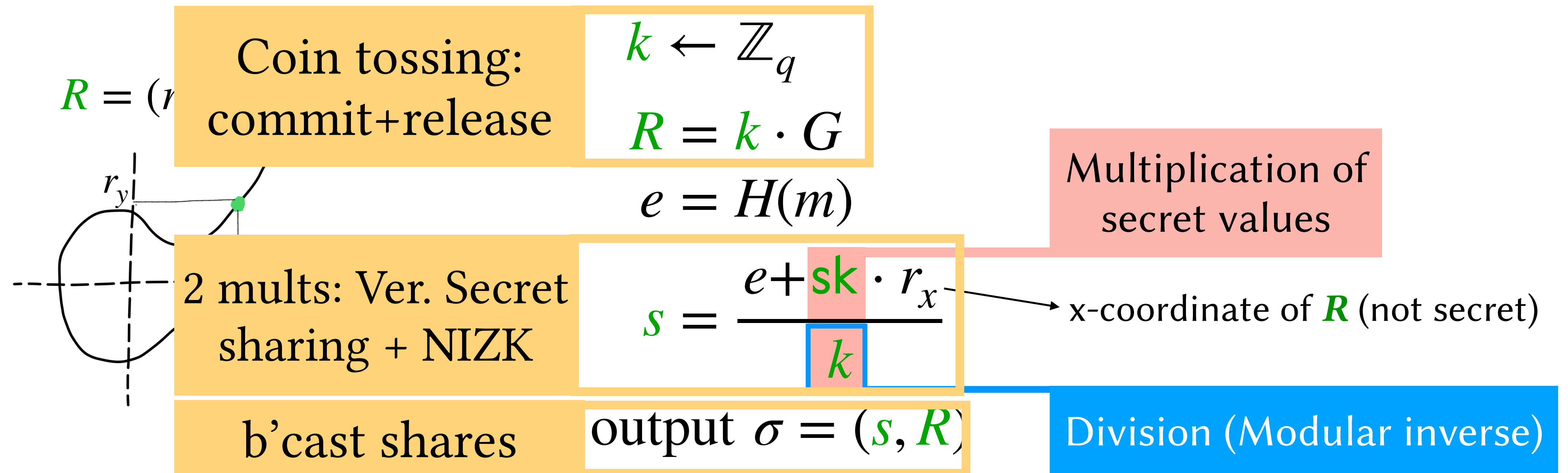
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Division (Modular inverse)



Threshold ECDSA: Structure

ECDSASign(sk, m) :



Overall: 3 BC-IA rounds \Rightarrow 6 p2p rounds

ECDSA-IA: Efficiency

- Envisioned mode of operation:
 - Run [DKLs23] (sec w. abort) by default
 - Fall back to this protocol if too many aborts observed
- Worst case execution path most relevant to measuring efficiency
 - $(t, n) = (10, 21)$: ~500ms compute time on standard hardware
 - Relative to dishonest majority
 - noticeably slower than (s.w.a.) OT-based ECDSA [DKLs23]
 - order of magnitude faster than Paillier-based ECDSA-IA [CGGMP20]
- Actual worst-case performance depends on network conditions
 - Up to $6 \times$ Network Timeout

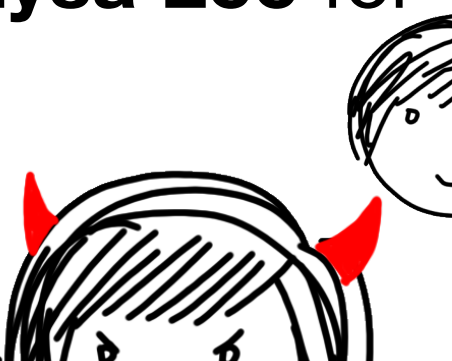
In Conclusion

- Identifiable Abort can offer meaningful DoS-resistance (sometimes more desirable than Guaranteed Output)
 - IA requires some form of broadcast (tricky to instantiate)
- We define Broadcast-IA to certify cheaters: silent parties and protocol deviations
 - Prove *impossible* w. dishonest majority
 - 2-round $t < n/2$ construction over p2p channels (synchrony + PKI)
- Use this tool to instantiate Threshold ECDSA-IA over p2p channels
 - Simpler, more efficient than Guaranteed Output
 - Ongoing research: General Secure Function Evaluation with IA

Thanks!

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Signing from ECDSA Tuples

[Abram Nof Orlandi Scholl Shlomovits 22]

$$[sk] \quad [k] \quad [\phi] \quad [\phi \cdot k] \quad [\phi \cdot sk]$$

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Round 2

Establish $R = [k] \cdot G$

Round 3

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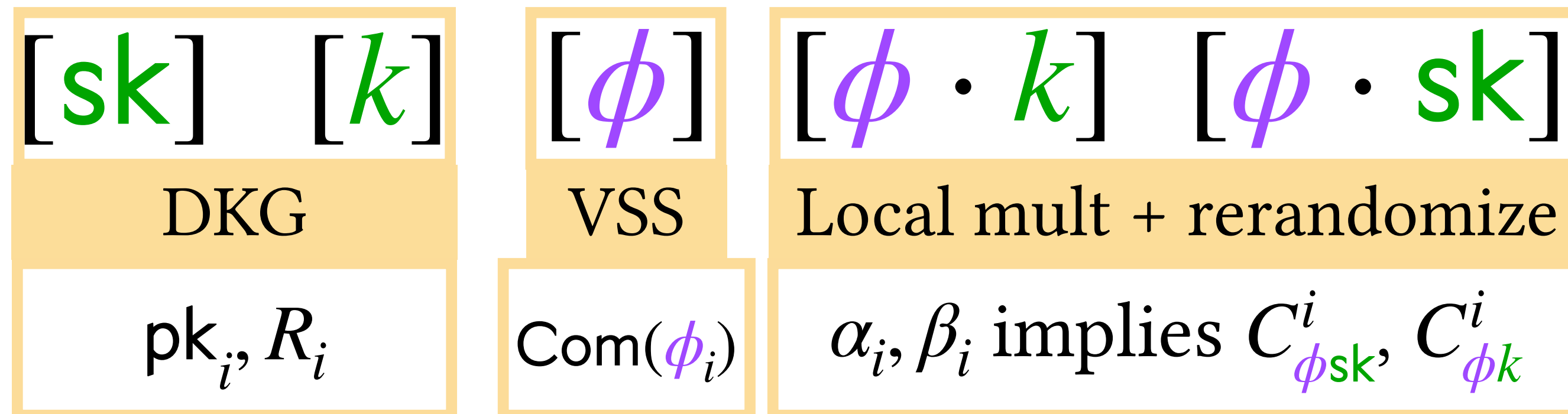
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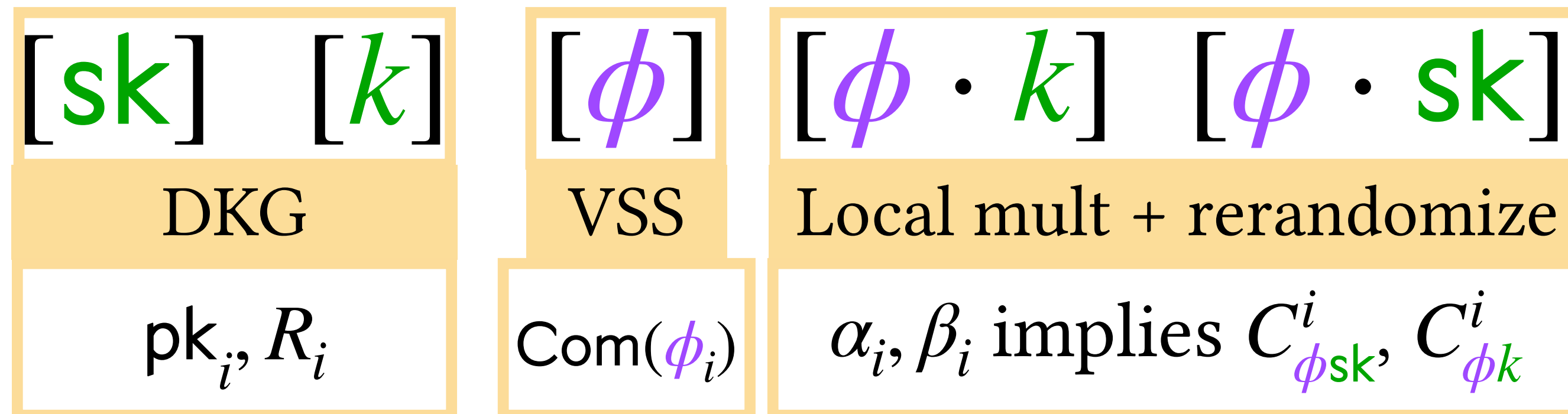
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