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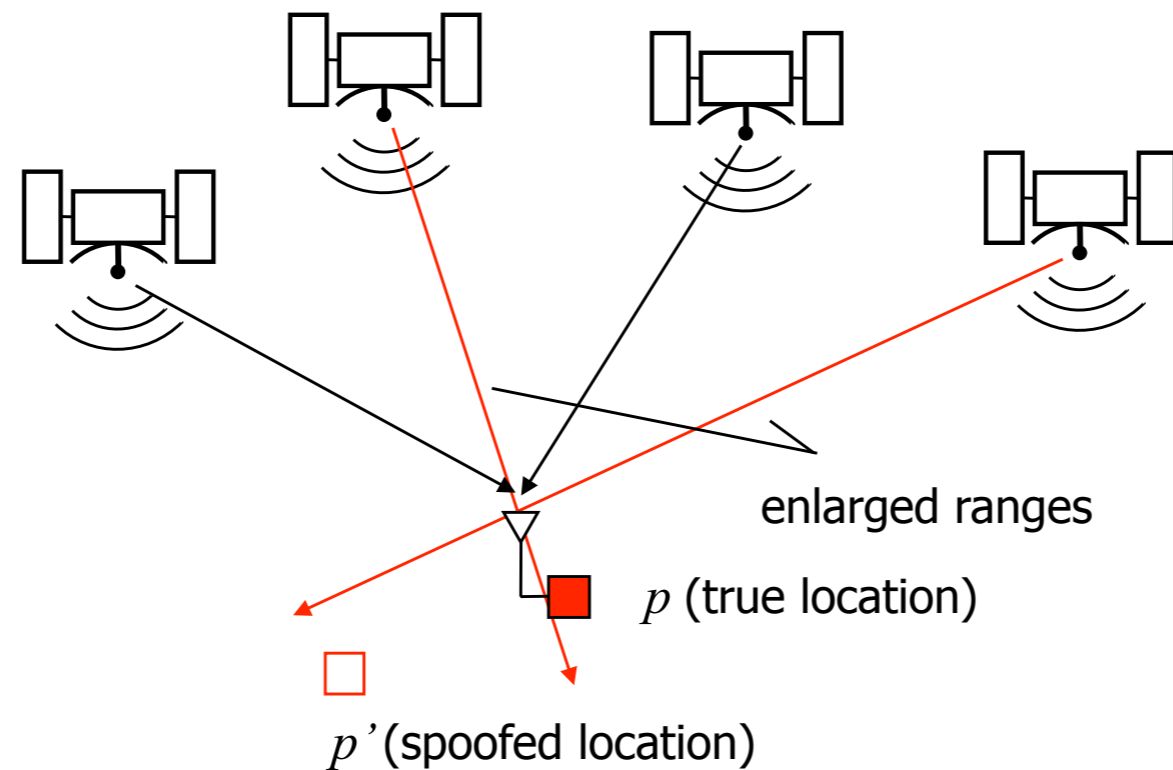
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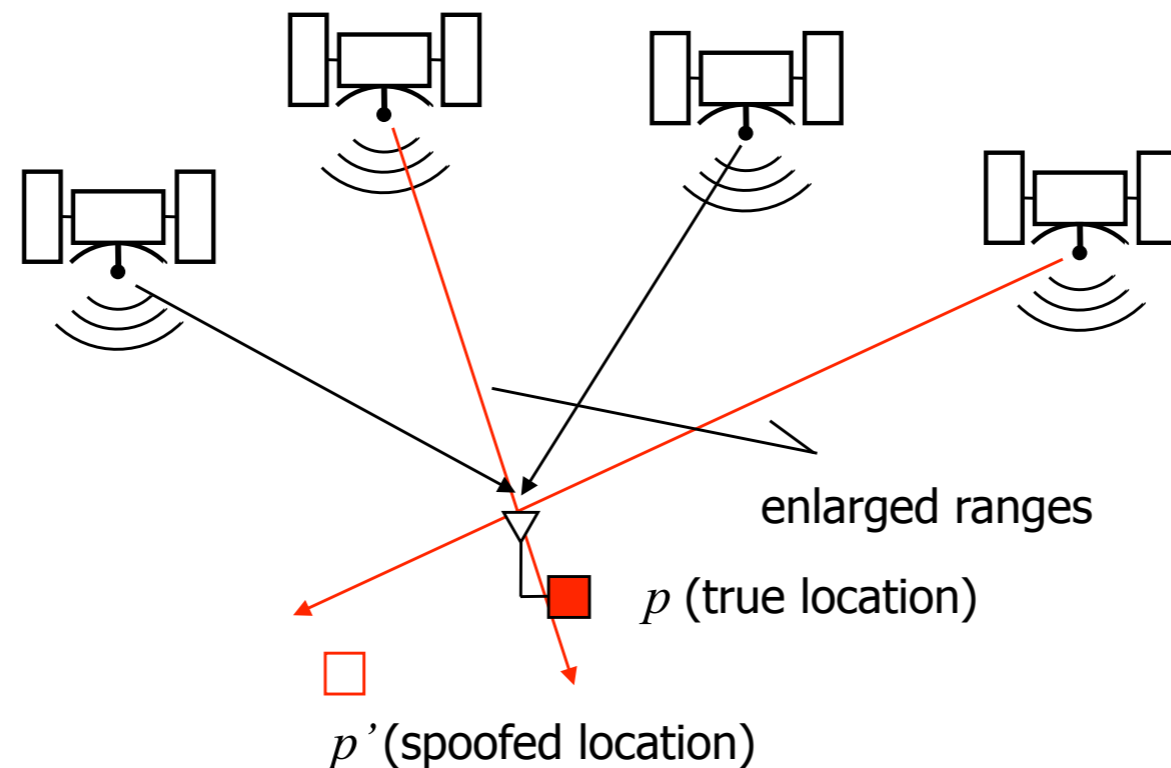
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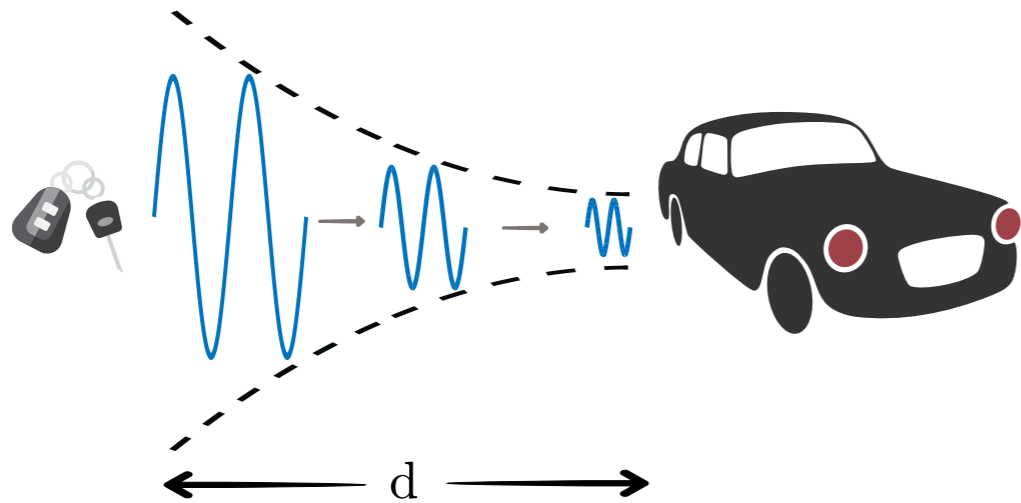
- Secure positioning requires either:
 - bidirectional communication **or**
 - communication from the device to the infrastructure

Secure Proximity Verification

Recommended Readings

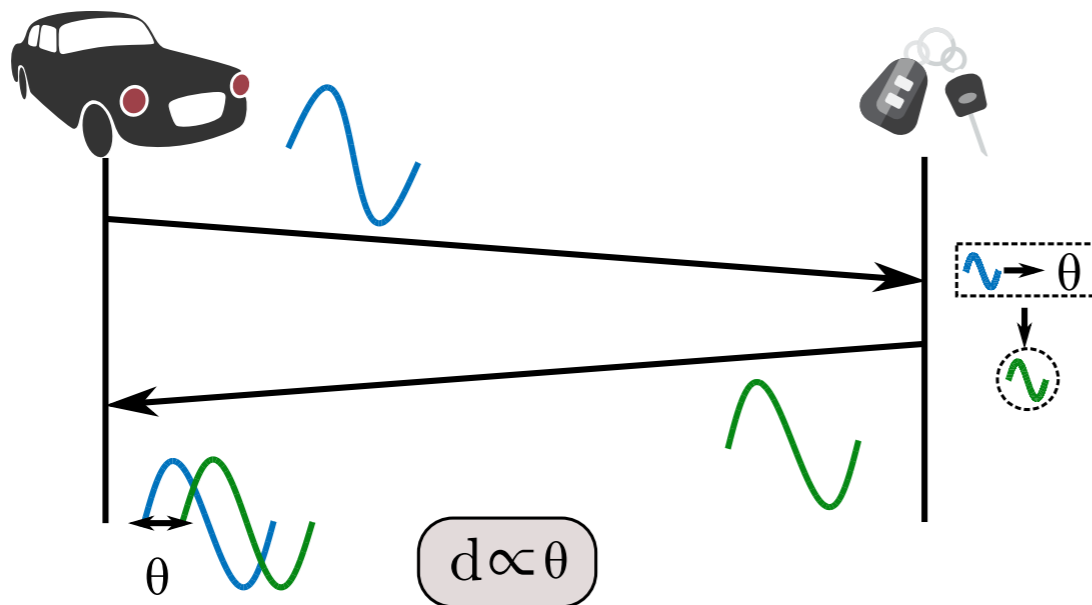
- **Are We Really Close? Verifying Proximity in Wireless Systems.** *Aanjhan Ranganathan, Srdjan Capkun* (IEEE Security and Privacy Magazine)
- **Distance Bounding Protocols.** *Stefan Brands and David Chaum.* (extended abstract - Eurocrypt 1993)
- **Verifiable Multilateration.** *S. Capkun, J. P. Hubaux.* (Secure positioning in wireless networks, IEEE Journal on Selected Areas in Communications: Special Issue on Security in Wireless Ad Hoc Networks, February 2006.)

Estimating Proximity



Received Signal Strength

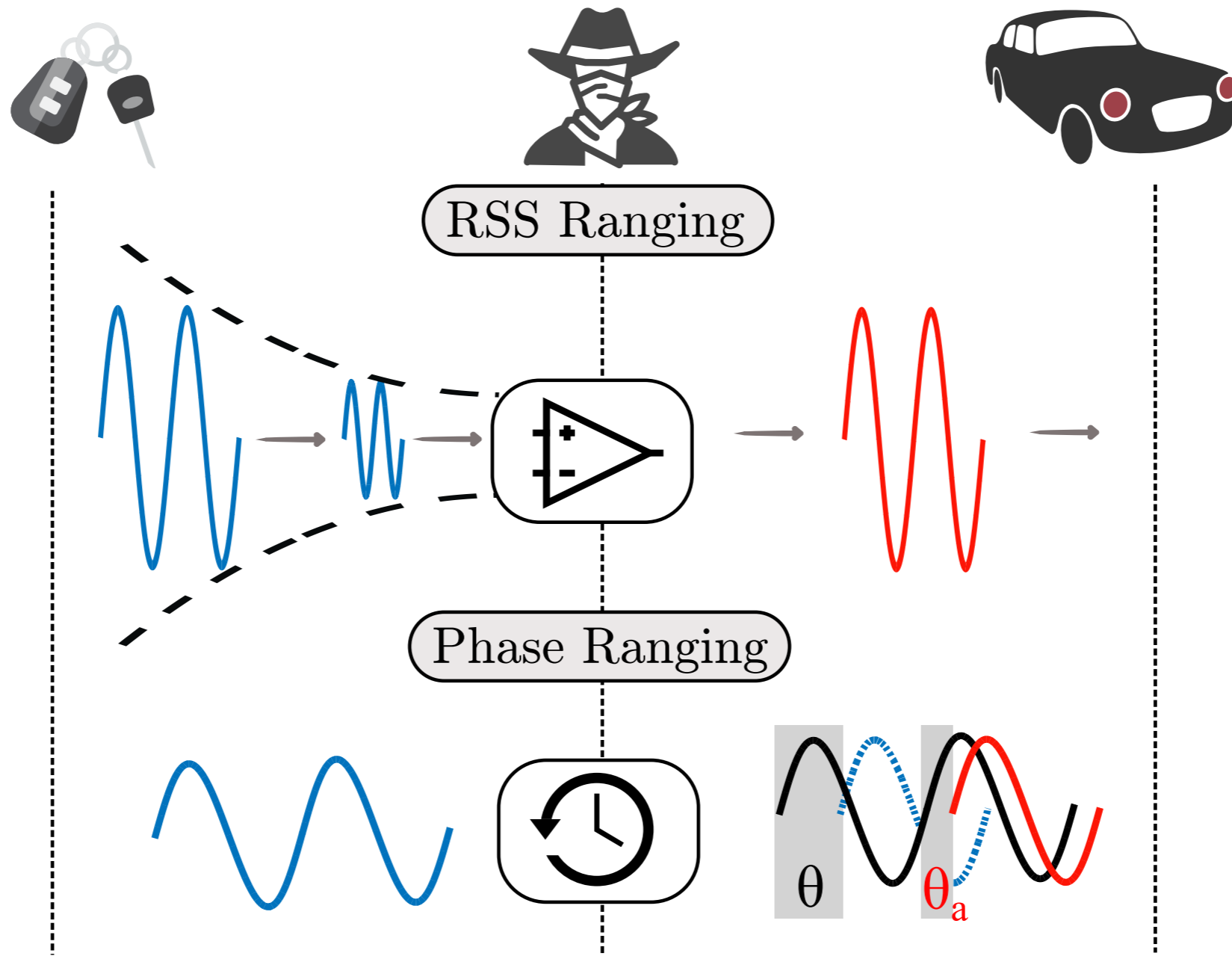
$$d = \frac{\lambda}{4\pi} \sqrt{\frac{P_t G_t G_r}{P_r}}$$



Carrier Phase Ranging

$$d = \frac{c}{2 \cdot f} \cdot \left(\frac{\theta}{2\pi} + n \right)$$

Attacking Proximity

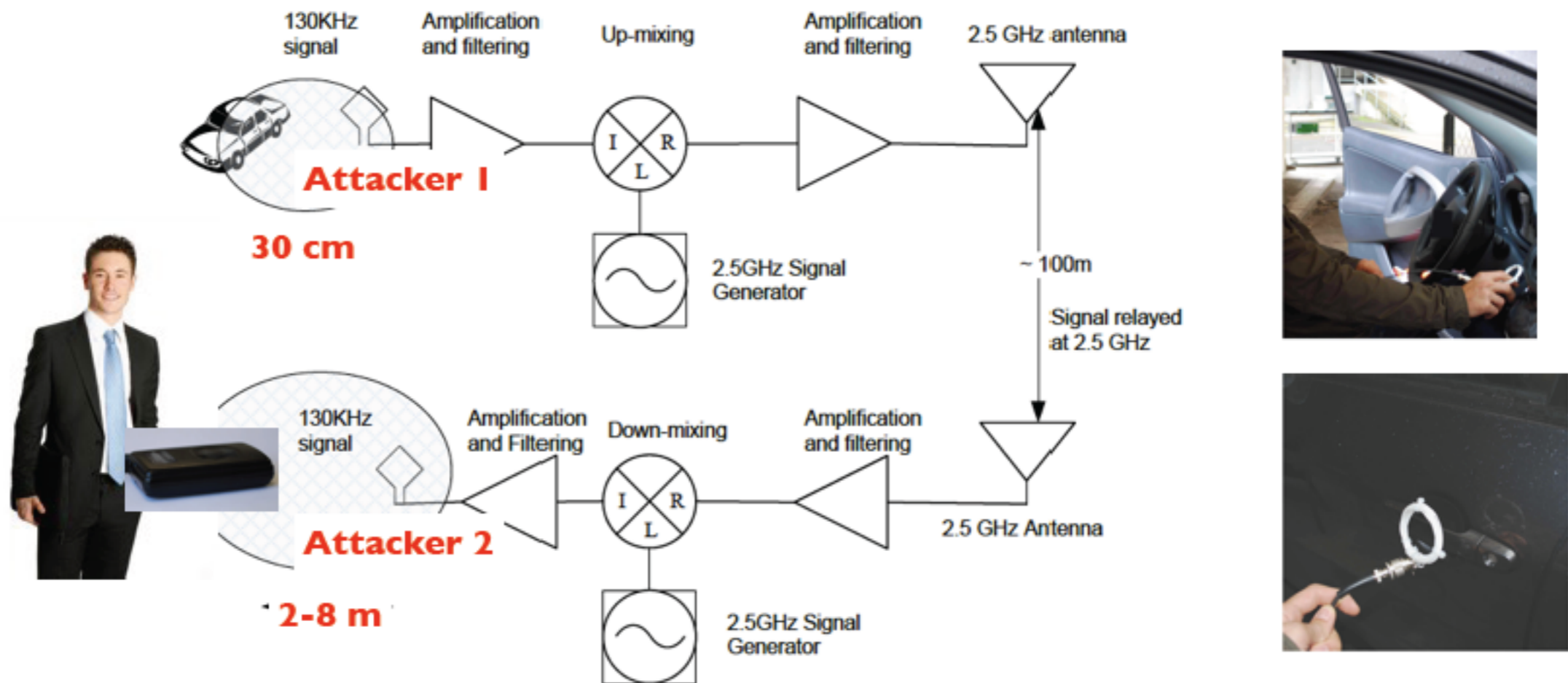


Example: PKES

(deployed by all major car manufacturers)

PKES: Key is “in pocket” - car opens when the key is *close to the car*

- *Relay attack [FrancillonNDSS11]*

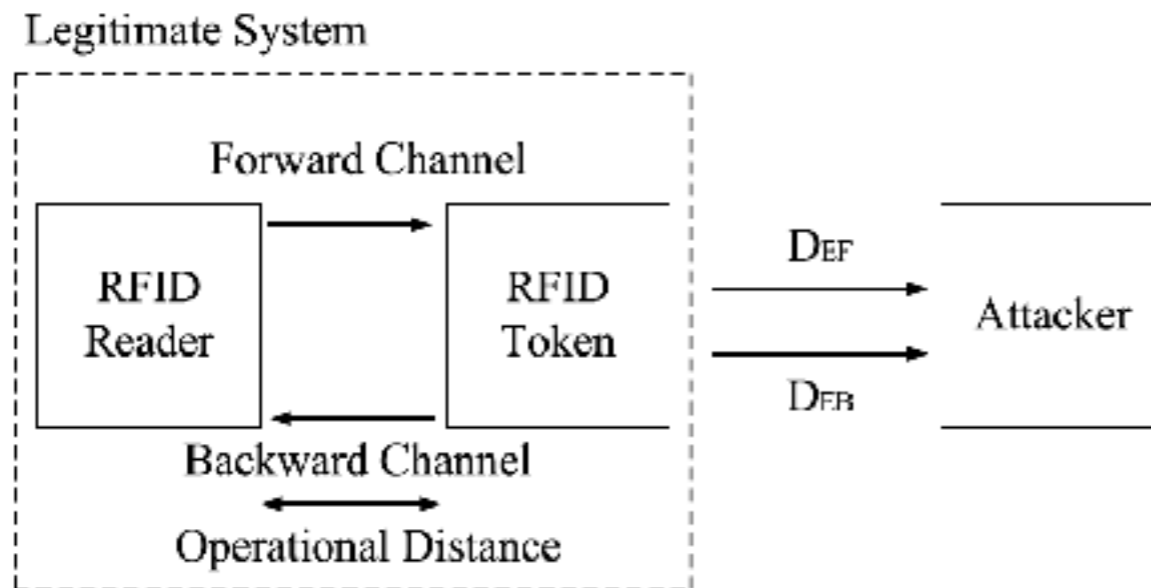


- Tested on 10 car models from 8 manufacturers
- Manufacturers are now redesigning Entry and Start Systems

Example: RFID / NFC communication

Do LF/HF RFID/NFC systems provide guarantees on the communication range?

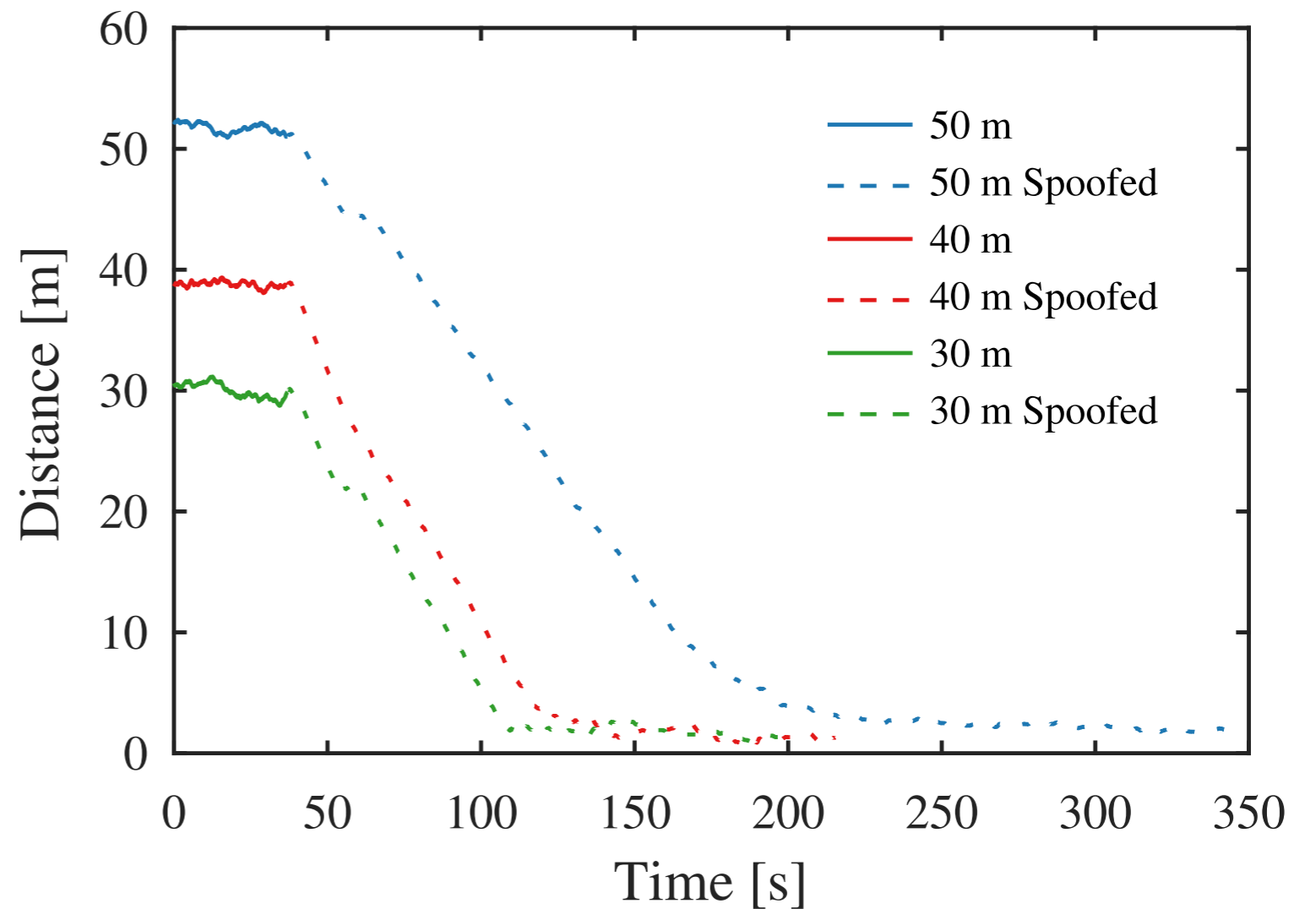
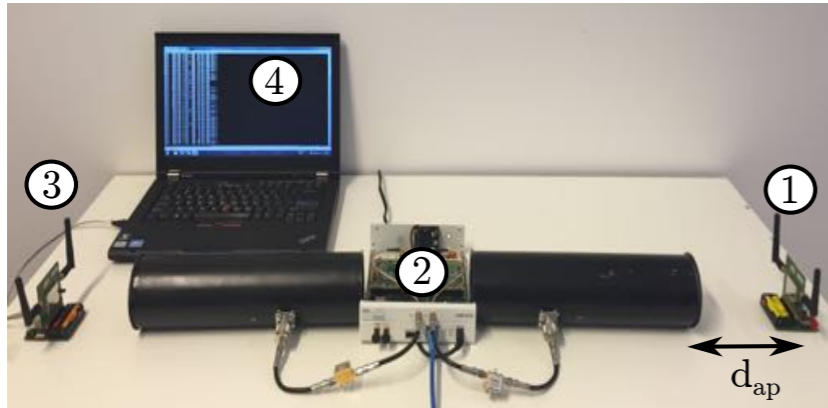
- HF RFID, ISO 14443 and ISO 15693 [Hancke10]



	ISO 14443A	ISO 14443B	ISO 15693
Entrance hall			
1 m	FB	FB	FB
2 m	FB	FB	FB
3 m	Fx	xB	Fx
4 m	Fx	xx	Fx
5 m	Fx	xx	Fx
Lab corridor			
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Table 1: Eavesdropping results: F – Forward channel recovered, B – Backward channel

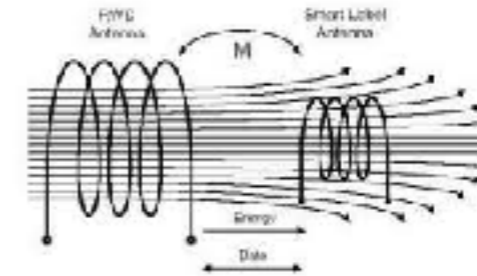
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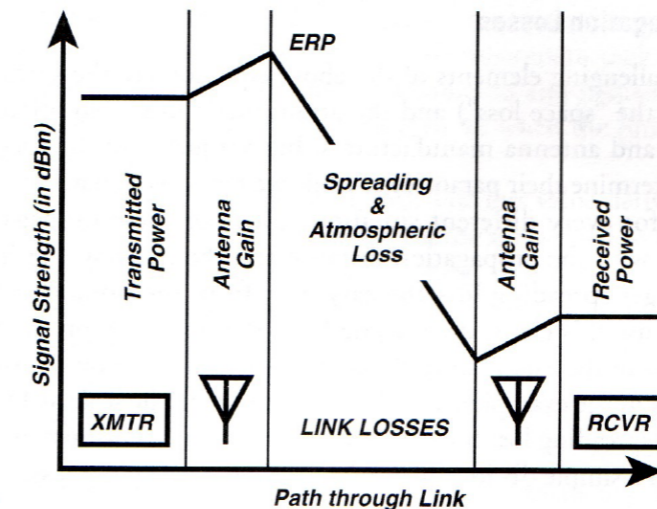
Secure Proximity Verification?

Secure Proximity Verification

- Inductive Coupling
- Radio Communication



*Communication DOES NOT imply physical proximity.
(in adversarial environments)*



To calculate the received signal level (in dBm), add the transmitting antenna gain (in dB), subtract the link losses (in dB), and add the receiving antenna gain (in dB) to the transmitter power (in dBm).

©D. Adamy, A First Course on Electronic Warfare

As shown in PKES systems, relying on the reduced communication range is either not convenient or not secure.

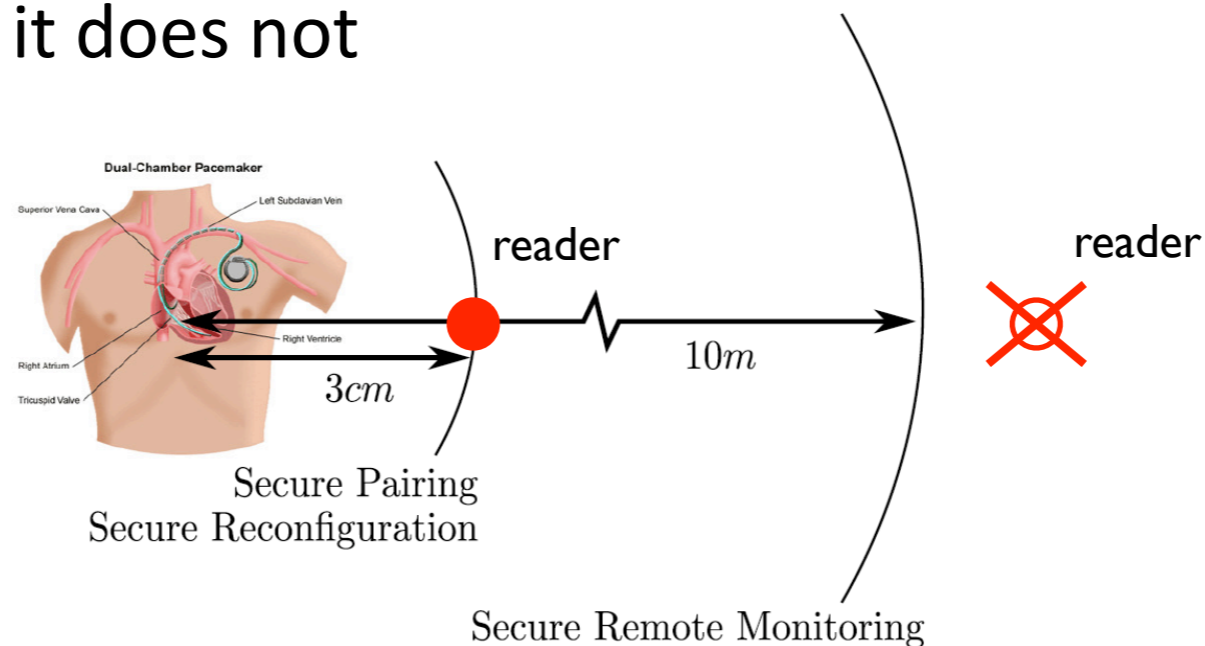
- *We need a difficult problem to hold on to.*

Solution: Secure Proximity Verification **using secure ranging.**

Secure Proximity Verification

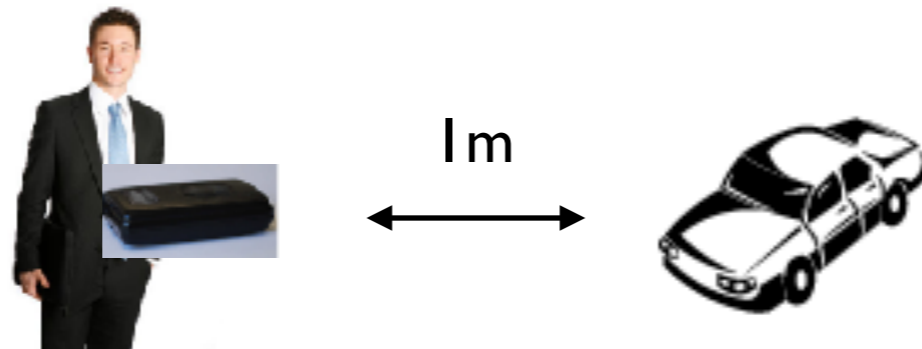
One (untrusted) device wants to *prove to be close* to another device.

- e.g., if a reader is close to the pacemaker, it gets access, otherwise it does not

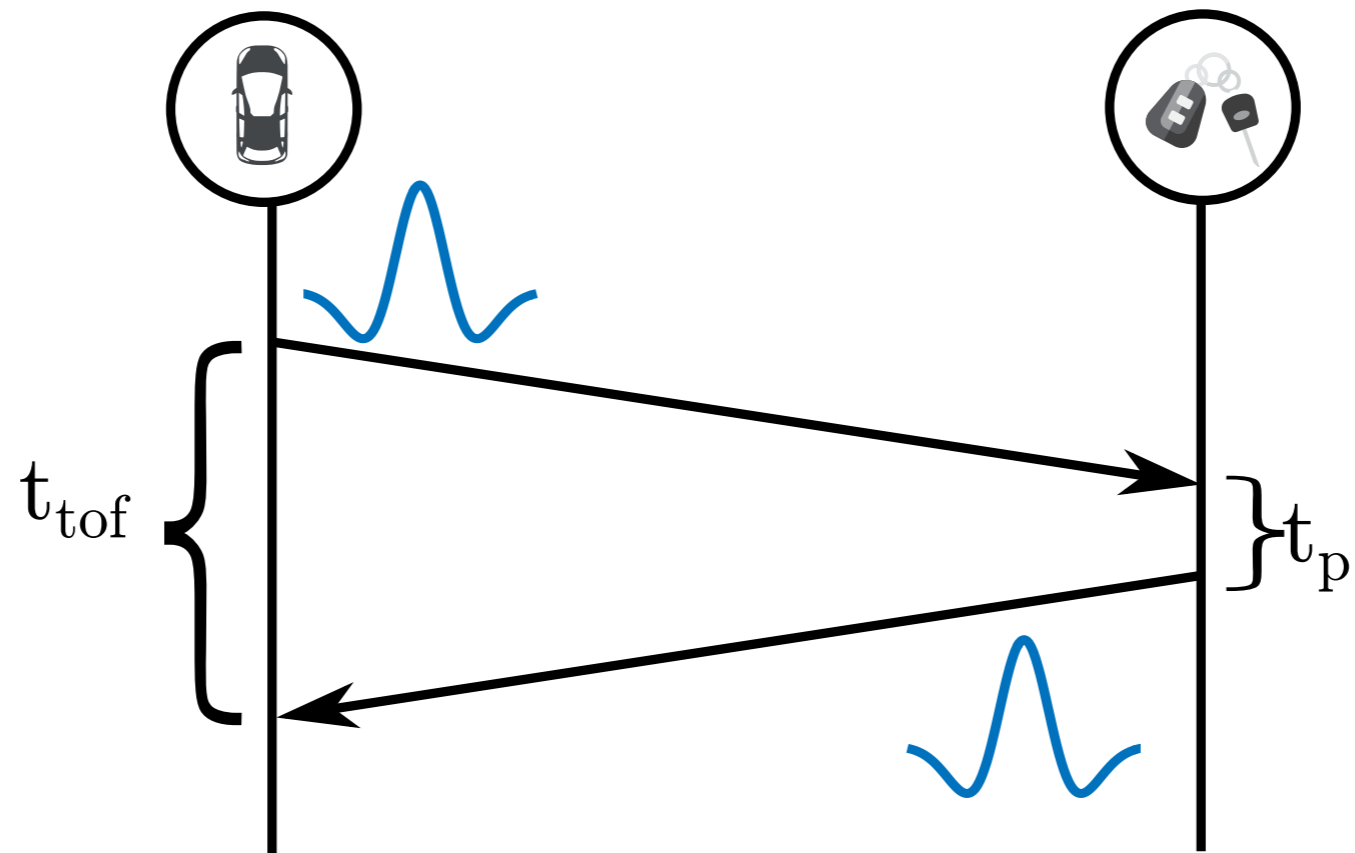


Two devices want to *verify if they are indeed close*.

- e.g., a car and a key want to verify if they are physically close

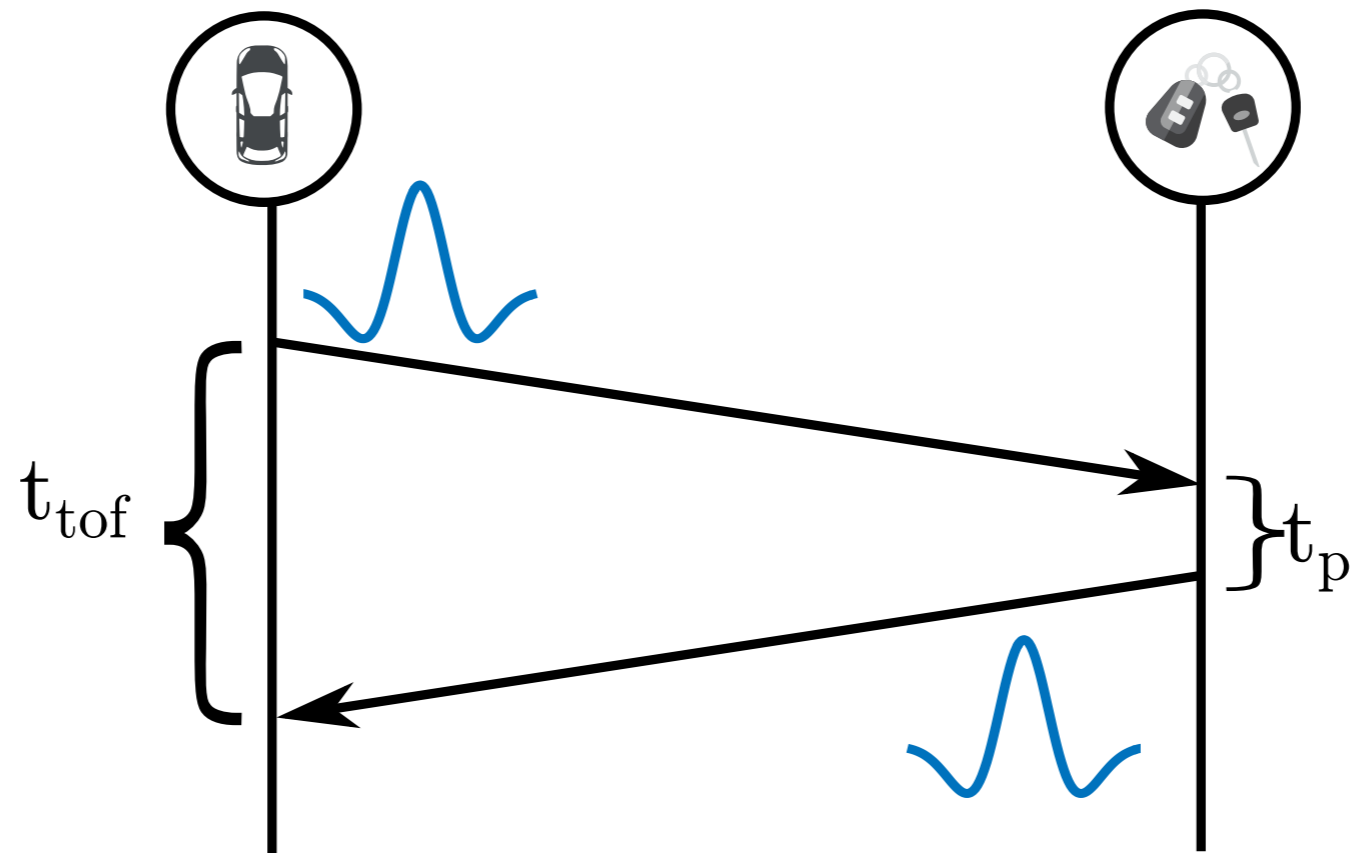


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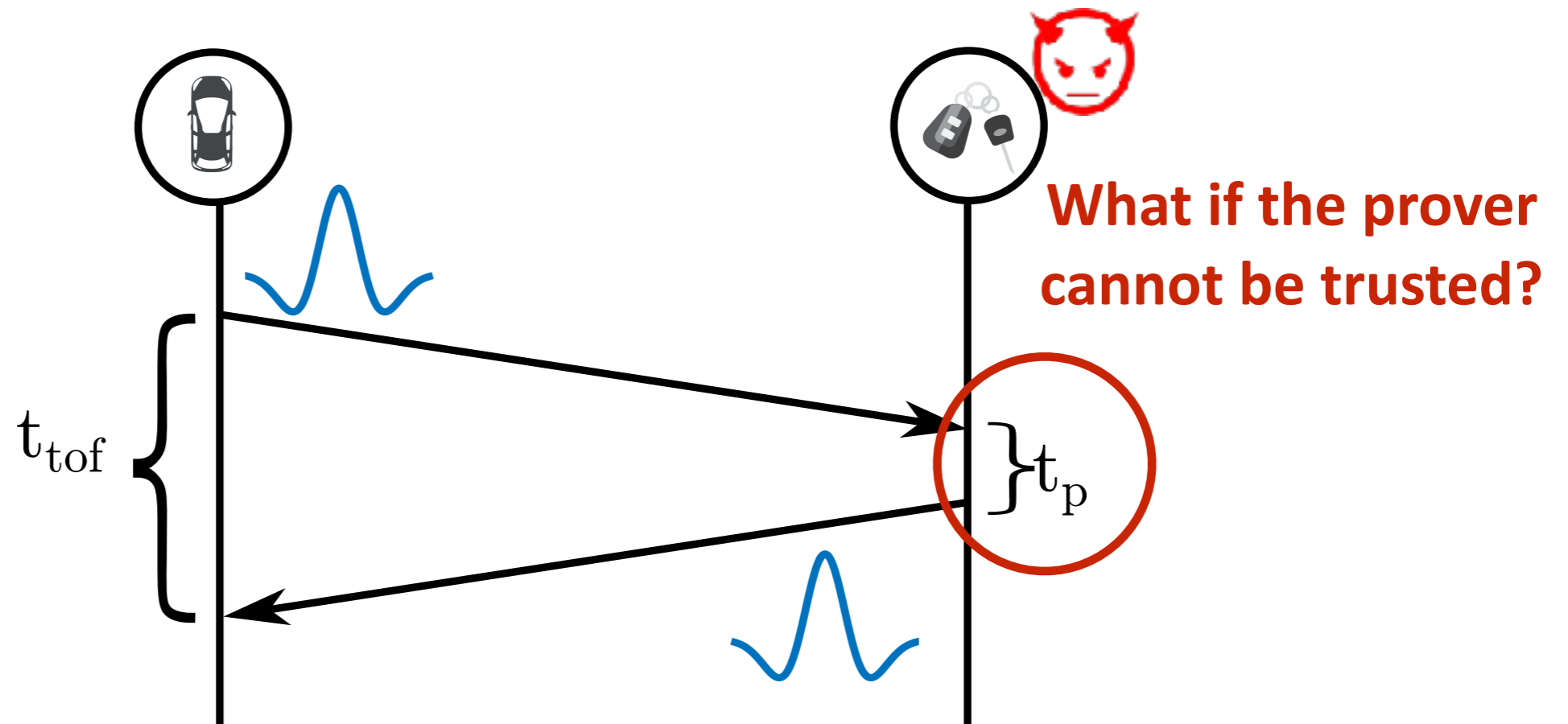
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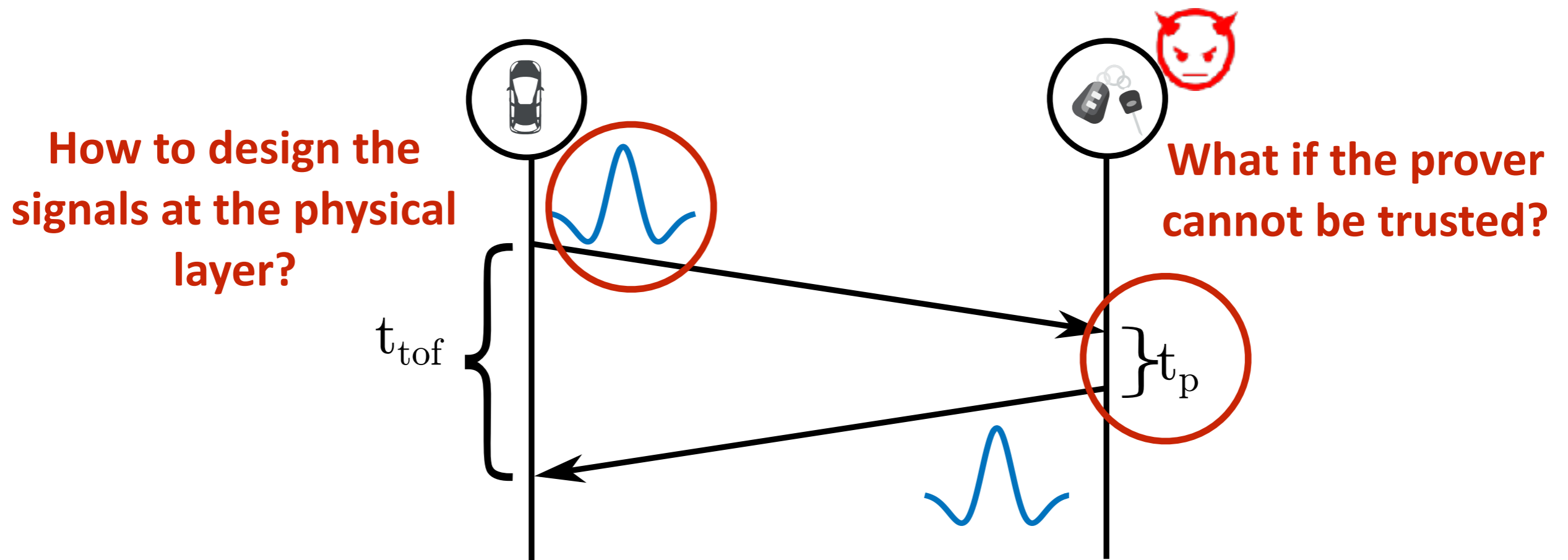
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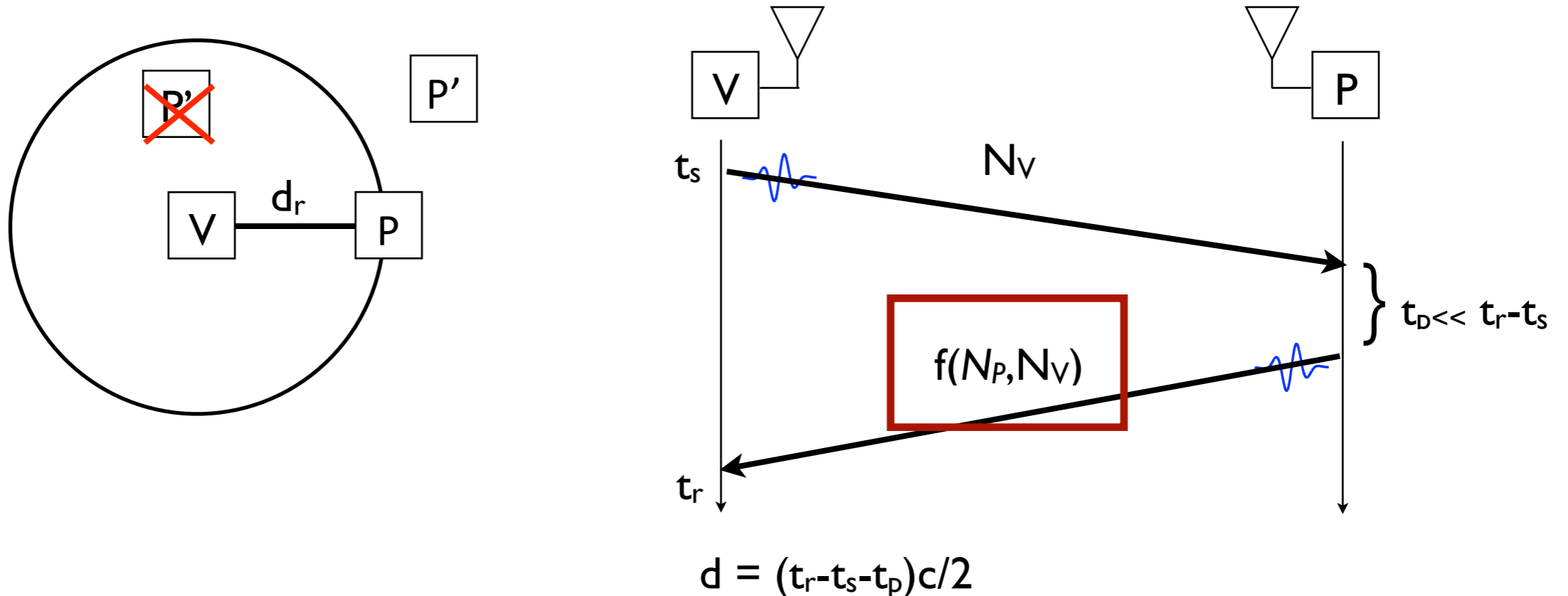
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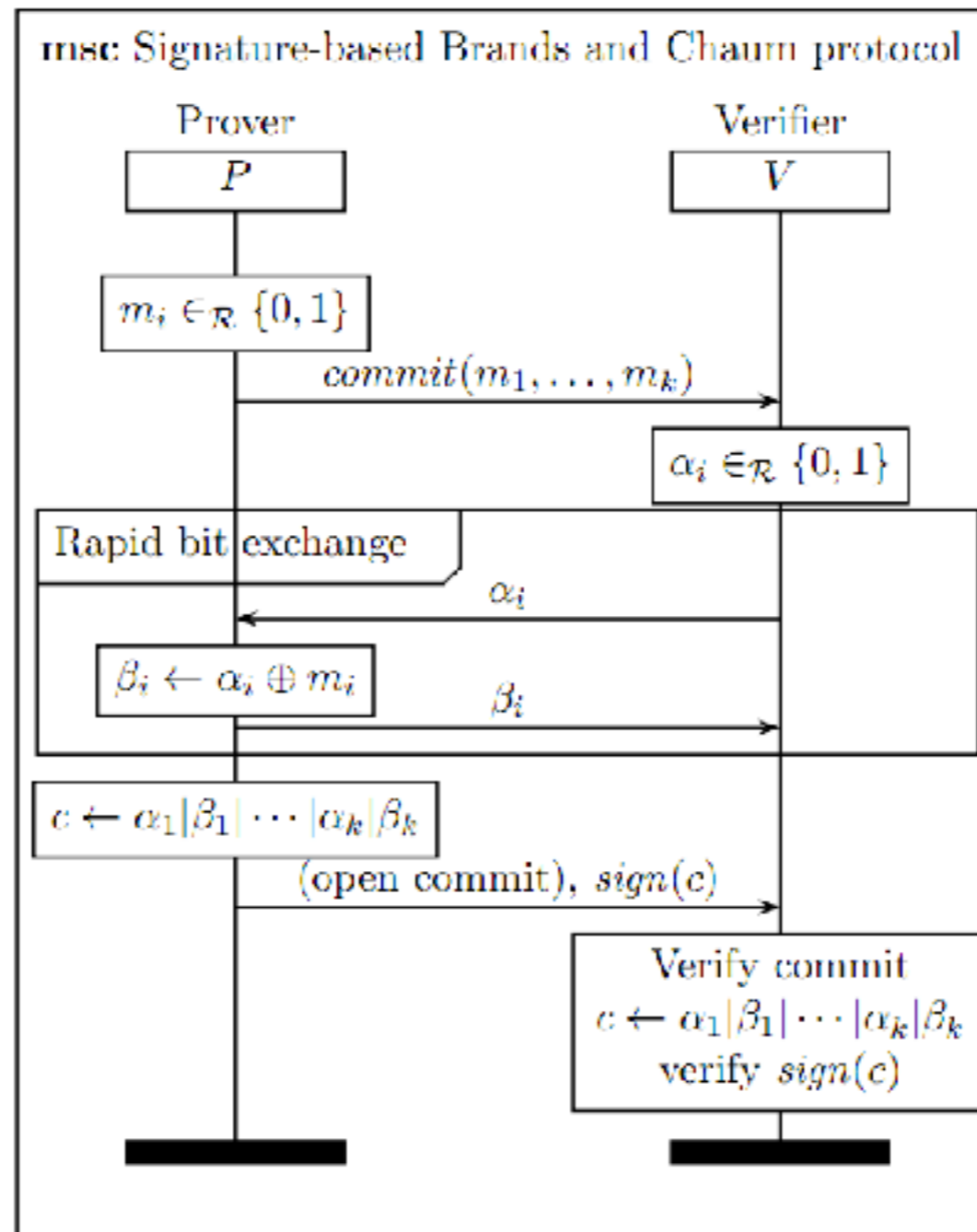
Basic Idea



Property:

Measured distance d should be an *upper bound* on the true distance d_r between V and P .

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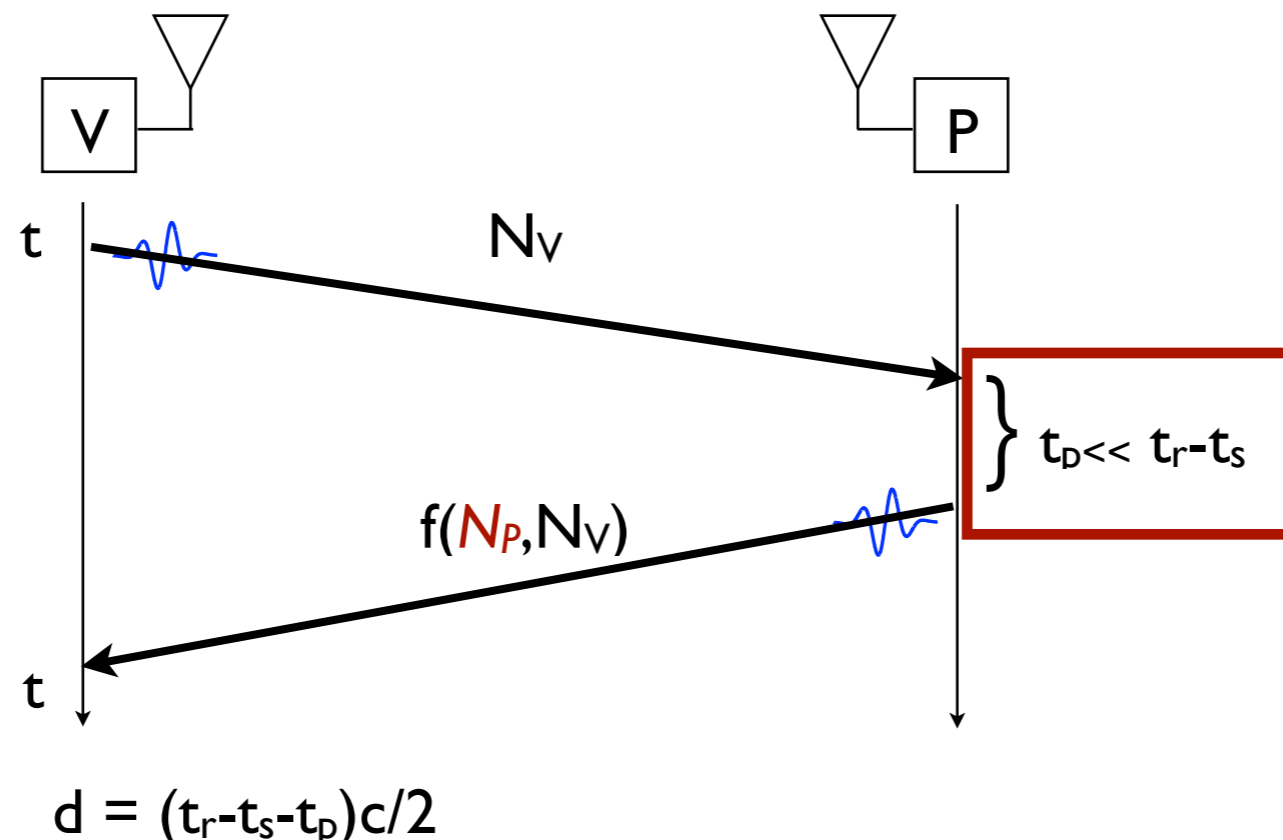


Distance Bounding: $f()$ and t_p

Provers should **quickly receive N_V , compute $f(N_V, N_P)$ and send $f(N_V, N_P)$**

- The verifier estimates prover's processing = t_p
- If attacker's processing = 0 then he **can cheat by $t_p/2$**
- Thus ideally $t_p=0s$, in most applications $t_p=1-2ns$ (15-30cm)
- t_p needs to be **stable and short**

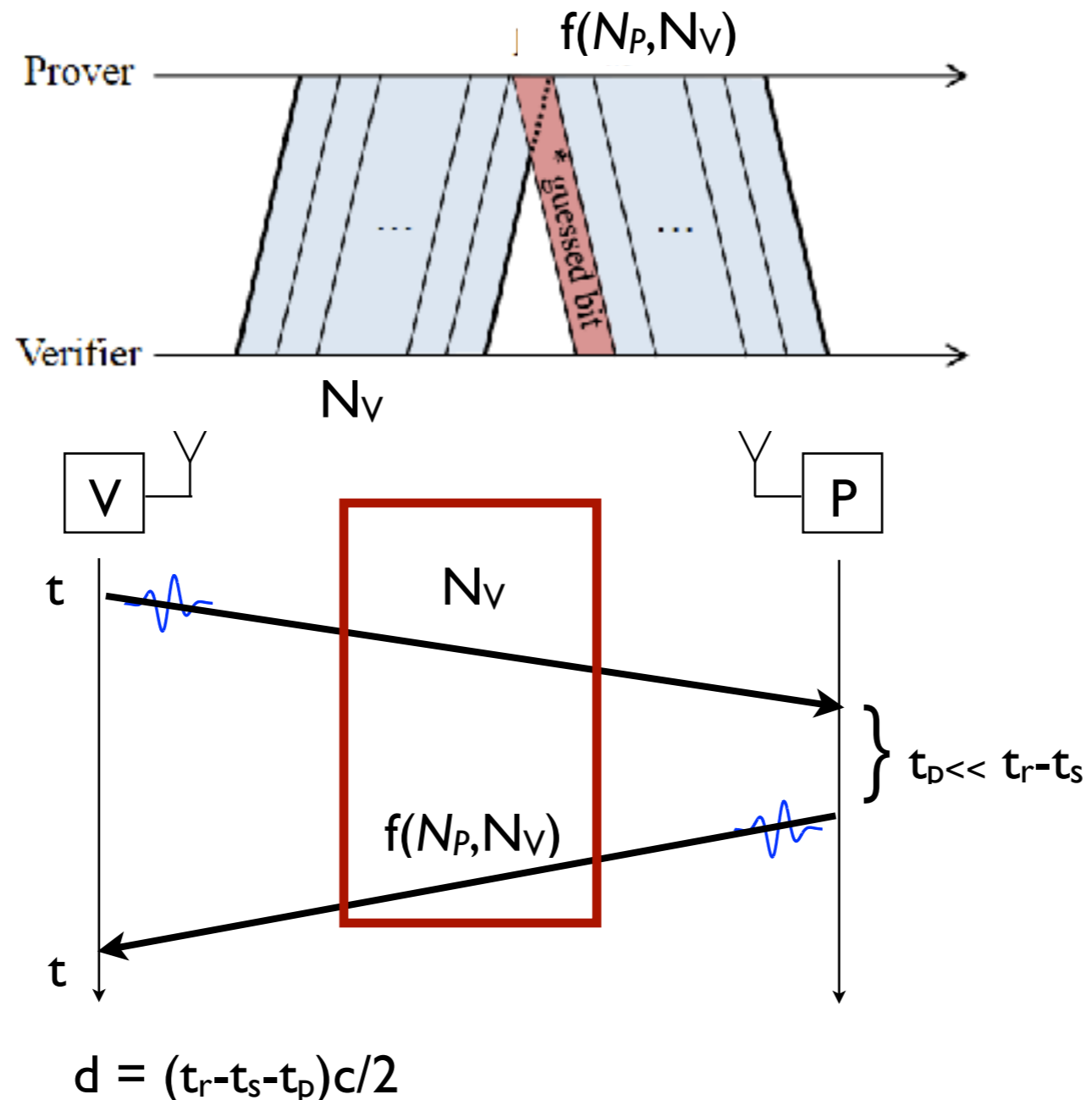
Main assumption: we do not control the prover



Distance Bounding: N_V

N_V and $f(N_V, N_P)$ should be “short” in the # of bits [HankeKuhn]

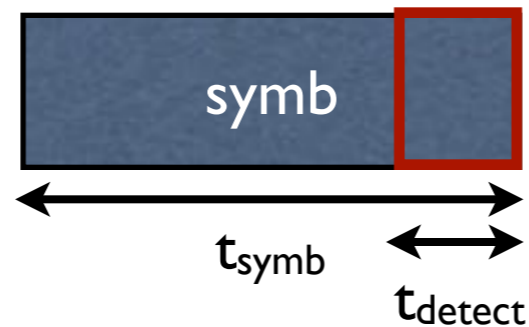
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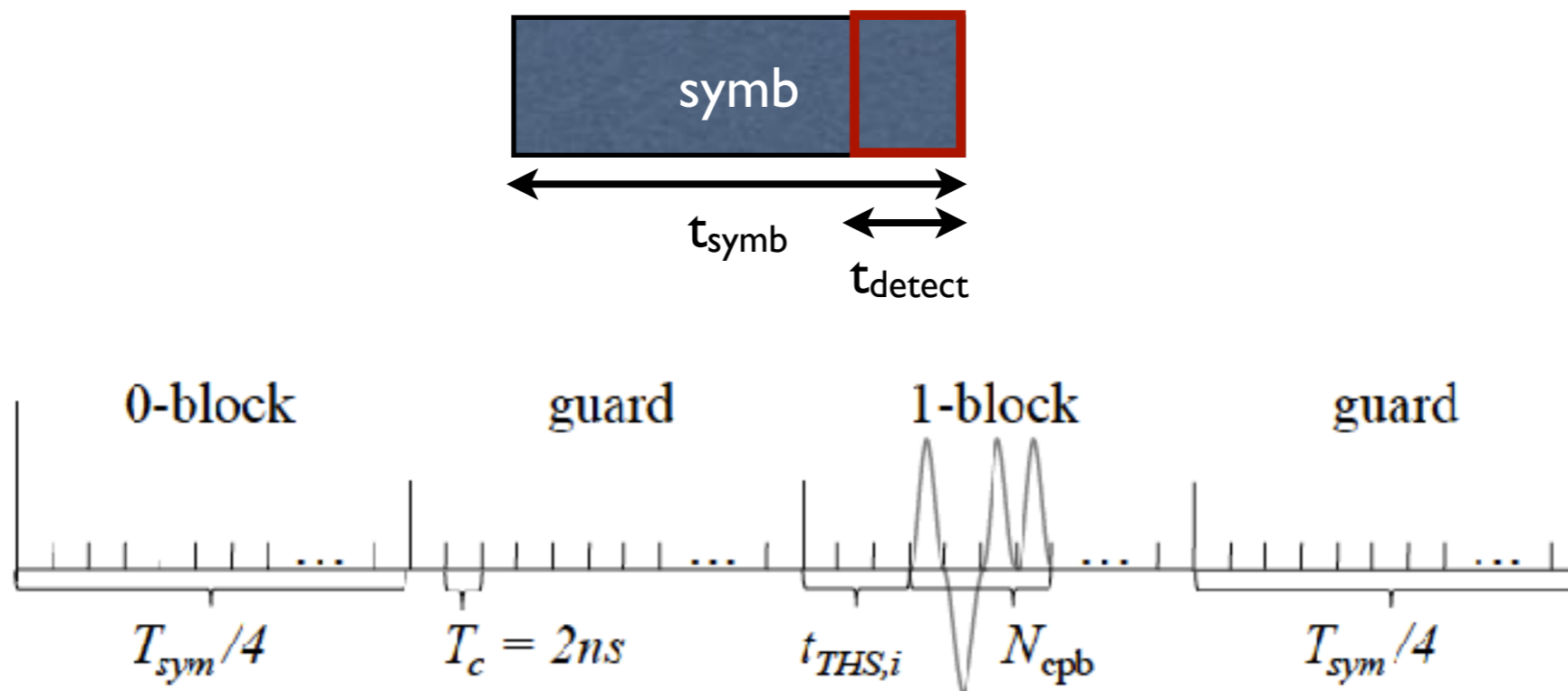
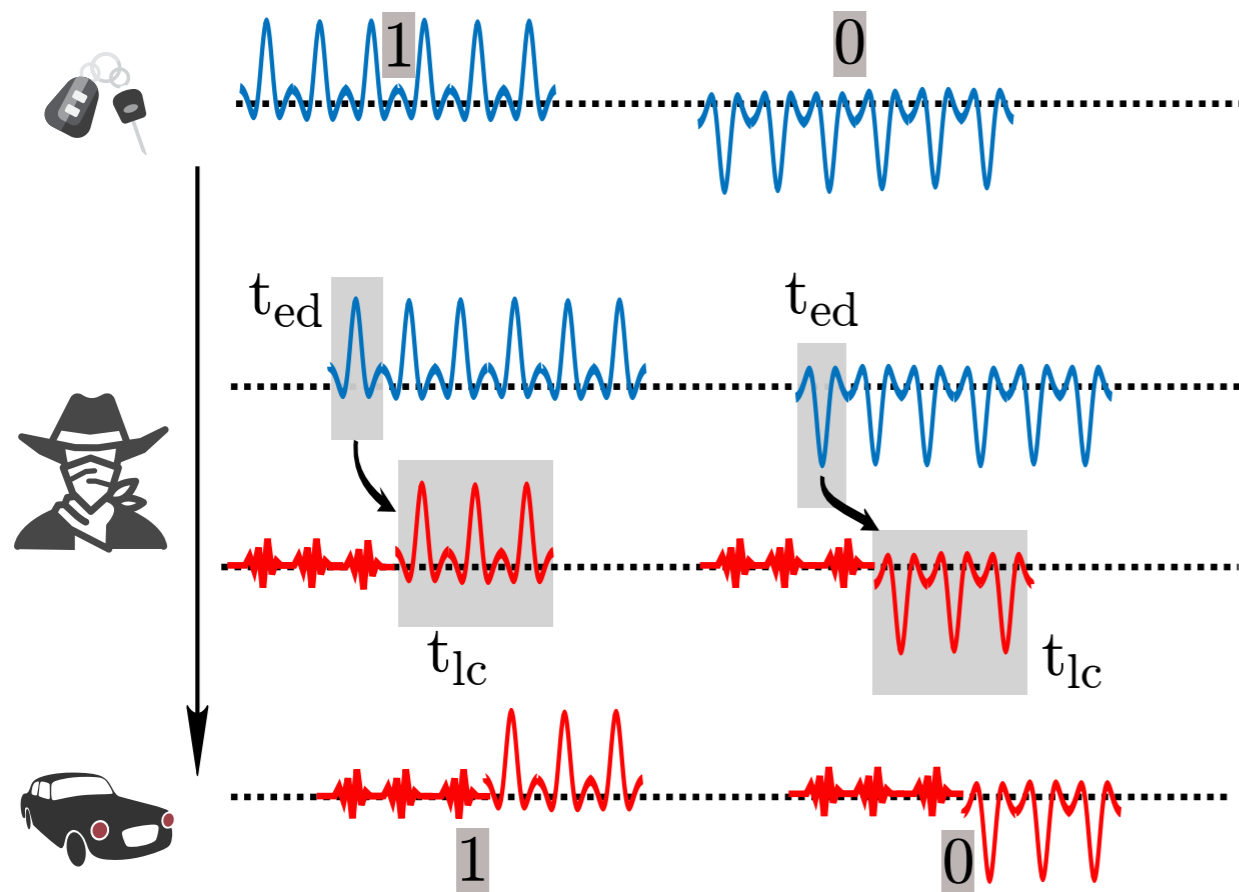


Figure 4.2: IEEE 802.15.4a data symbol structure [Poturalski2011]

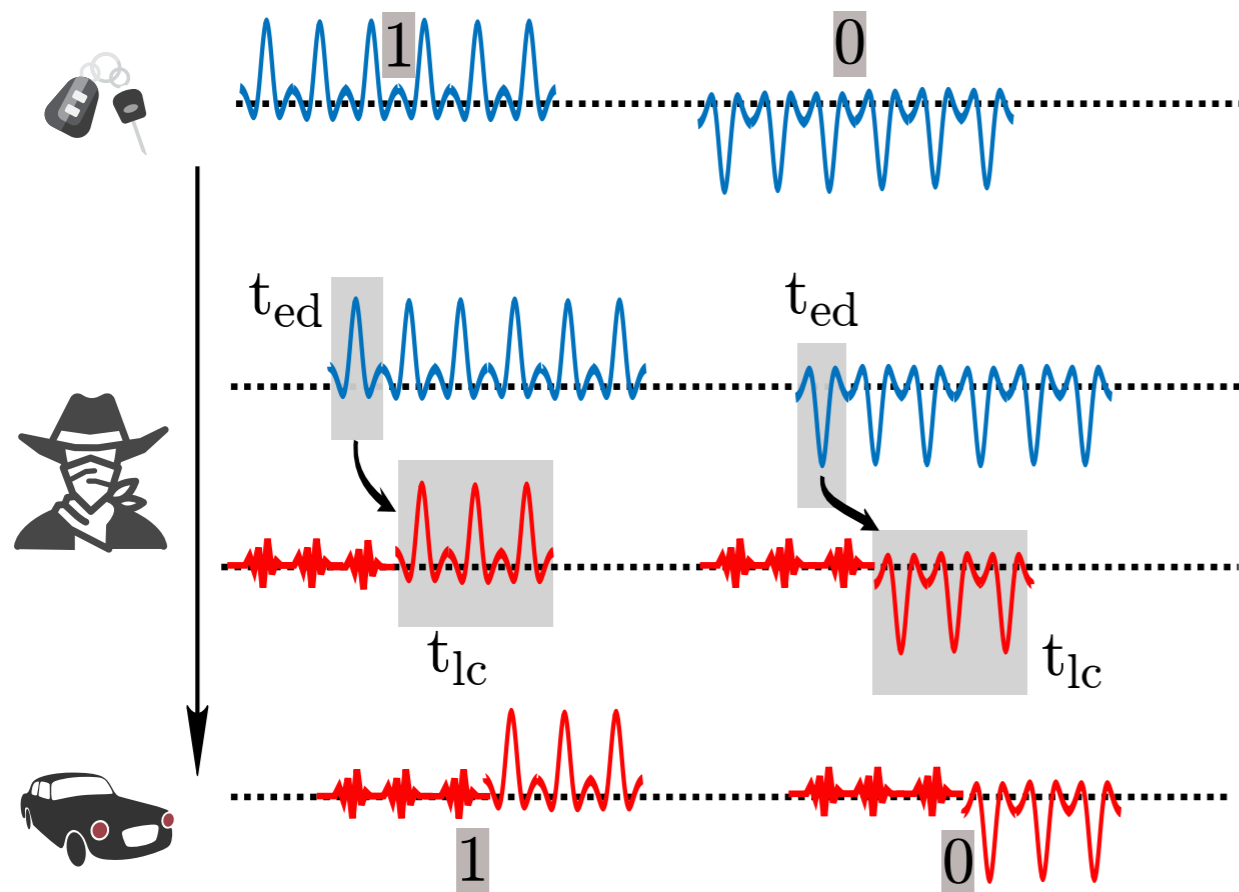
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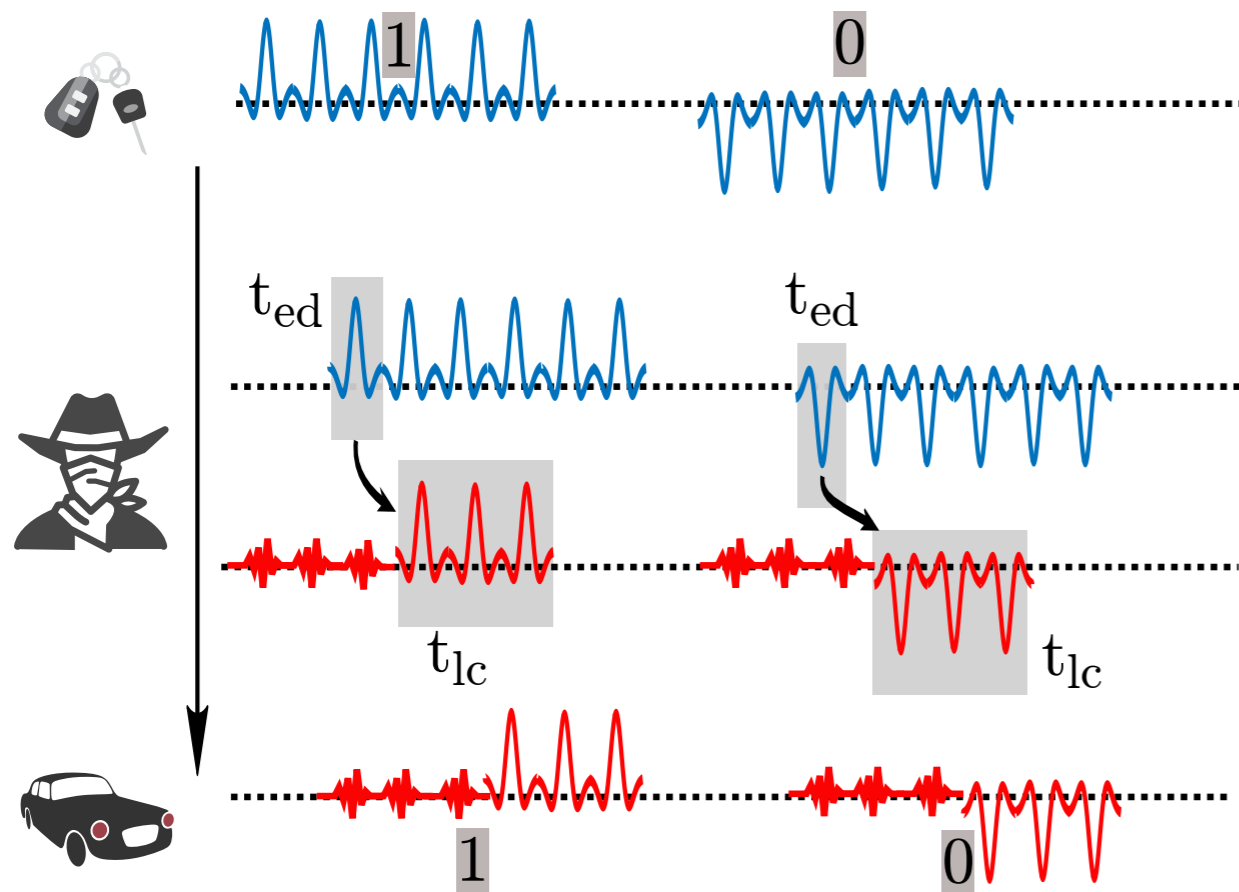
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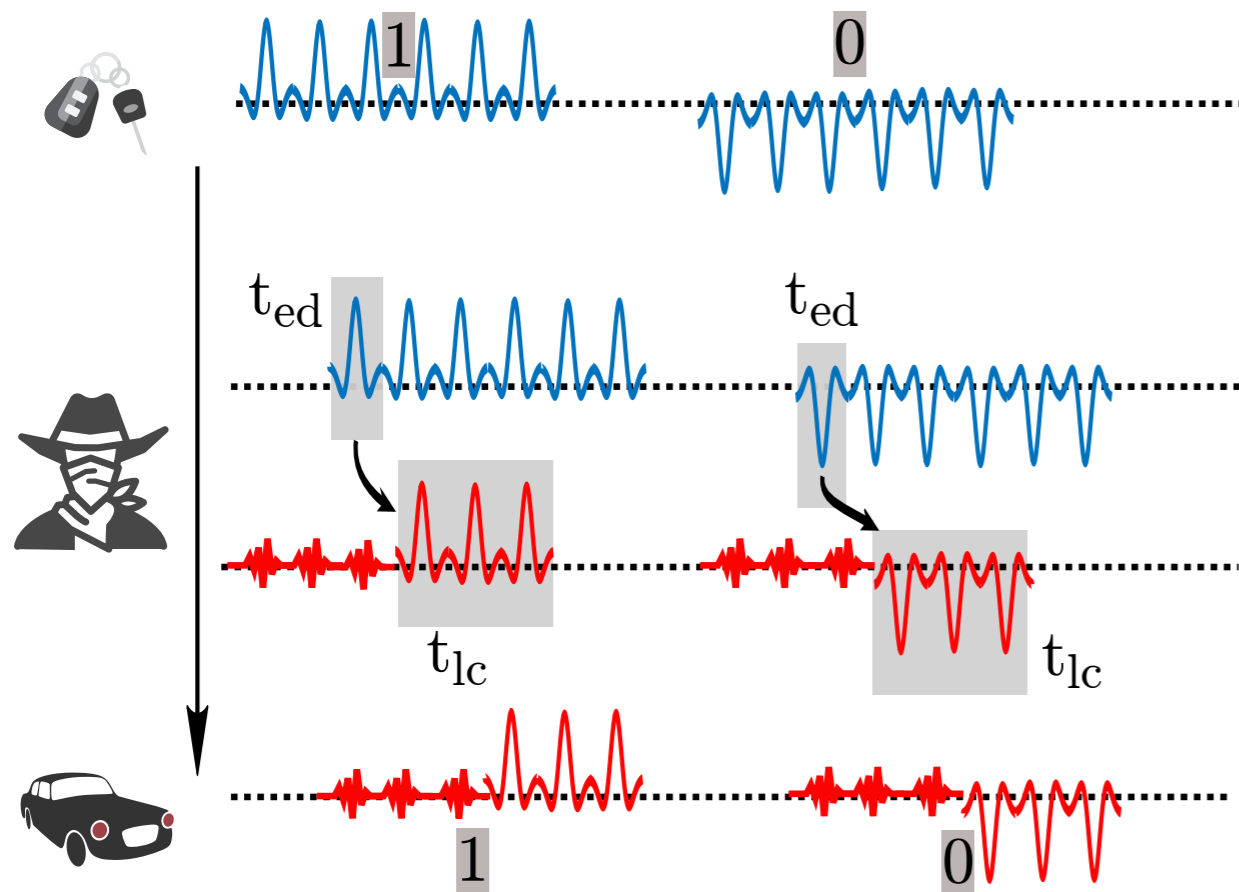
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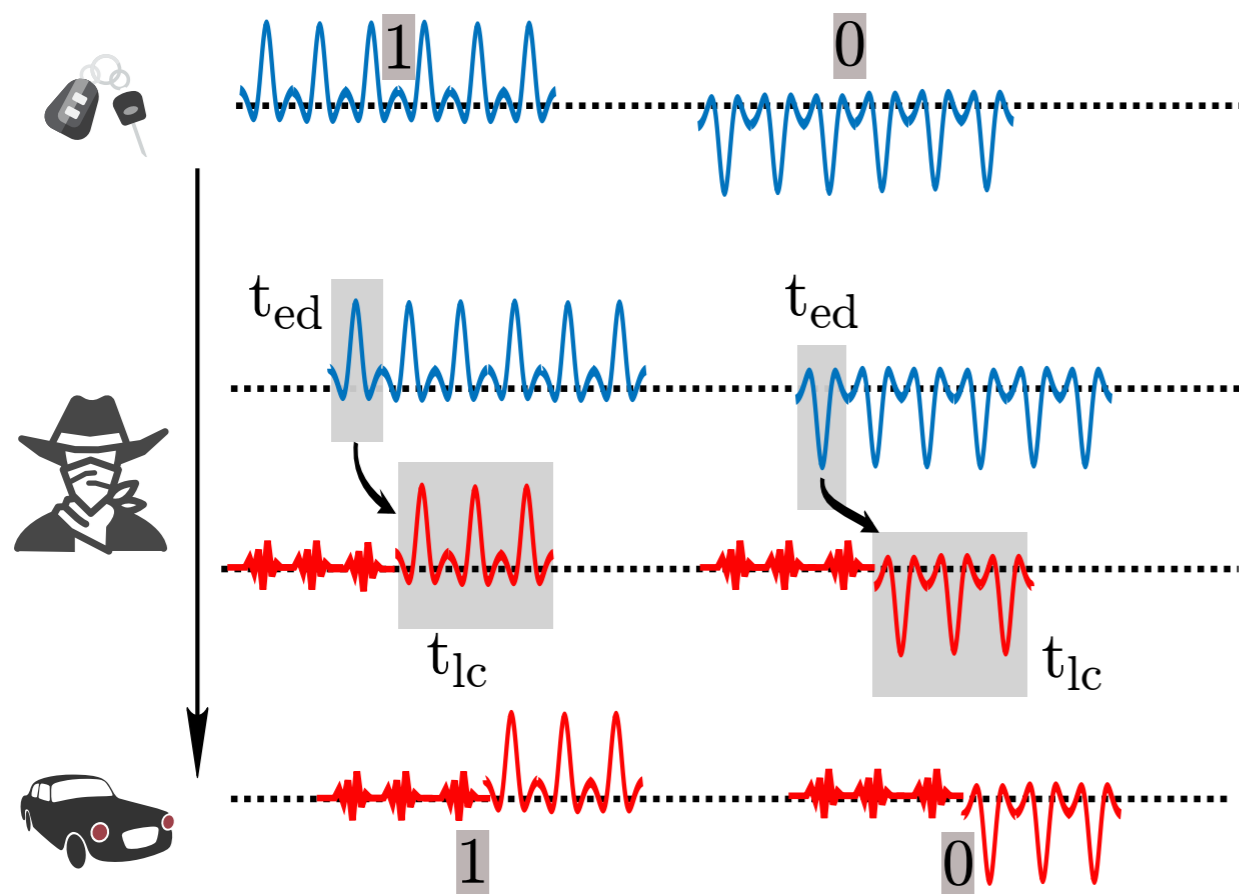
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Distance Bounding

experiments on 802.15.4a (IR UWB)

[Poturalski2011]

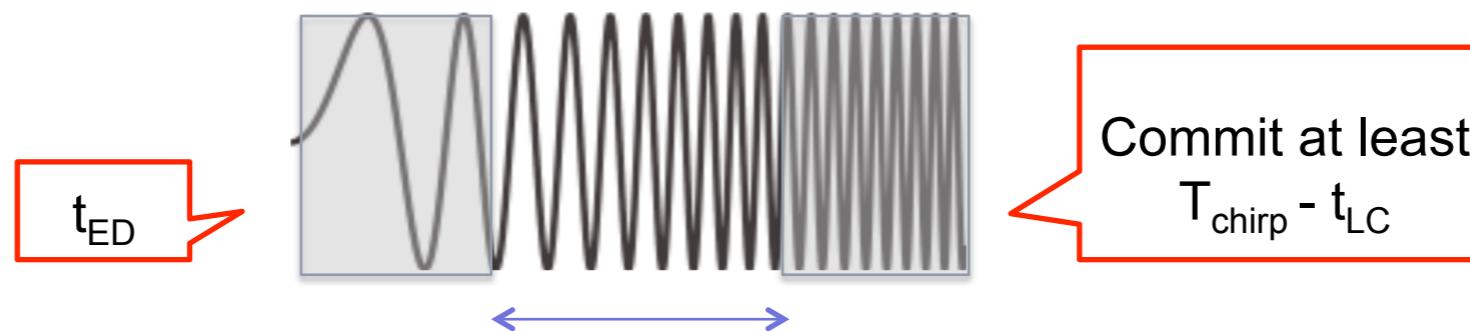
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<i>Relay Attack</i>	ED+LC	$T_{\text{sym}}/2 + t_{\text{PLC}} - t_{\text{det}}^{\text{A}}$	171m	+ 0	+ 0m
Rake against En.D.					
<i>Malicious Prover</i>	ED-only	$T_{\text{sym}}/2 + (t_{\text{det}} - t_{\text{det}}^{\text{A}})/2$	162m	$+ T_{\text{sym}}/4 + t_{\text{THS}}^{\text{max}}$	+ 151m
	ED+LC	$3/4 \cdot T_{\text{sym}} + (t_{\text{PLC}} + t_{\text{det}} - t_{\text{det}}^{\text{A}})/2$	248m	$+ T_{\text{sym}}/4 + t_{\text{THS}}^{\text{max}}$	+ 151m
<i>Relay Attack</i>	ED+LC	$T_{\text{sym}} - t_{\text{THS}}^{\text{max}} + t_{\text{PLC}} - t_{\text{det}}^{\text{A}}$	251m	$+ T_{\text{sym}}/2 + 2 \cdot t_{\text{THS}}^{\text{max}}$	+ 302m
	ED-only	$T_{\text{sym}}/2 - t_{\text{THS}}^{\text{max}} - t_{\text{det}}^{\text{A}}$	79m	$+ T_{\text{sym}}/2 + 2 \cdot t_{\text{THS}}^{\text{max}}$	+ 302m
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Table 4.2: Upper-bound on (relay) time-gain and (relay) distance-decrease of various PHY attacks in various “adversarial receiver against honest receiver” configurations. The left column presents conservative attacks, that work with 100% success probability. The right column presents the maximal additional time-gain/distance-decrease that can be achieved by combining PHY attacks and guessing attacks (when time guessing probability approaches the guessing probability of pure guessing attacks). Time-gain is expressed in terms of T_{sym} – data symbol duration, $t_{\text{det}} = 48\text{-}60\text{ns}$ – detection time of honest receivers without ED-countermeasure, $t_{\text{det}}^{\text{A}}$ – detection time of the adversary, $t_{\text{PLC}} < t_{\text{det}}$ – pulse LC delay, $t_{\text{THS}}^{\text{max}}$ – maximum time-hopping offset. The distance-decrease is shown for the IEEE 802.15.4a mandatory modes and delay values that maximize the distance-decrease.

Distance Bounding: *symbols*

*Chirp SS ranging (802.15.4) systems strongly affected**

- long symbol lengths allow for simple ED and LC attacks
- Early Detection
- Late Commit



$$t_{GAIN} = t_{LC} - t_{ED} - t_{HW}$$

$$D = c \times t_{GAIN}$$

Realization of RF Distance Bounding: *Processing Function $f(N_v, N_p)$*

$f(N_v, N_p)$ is computed by the prover:

- takes as input N_v (received from the verifier)
- takes as input N_p (locally generated by the prover)
- Should allow that the prover: *receives N_v , computes and outputs $f(N_v, N_p)$ in a short time (few ns)*

DB protocols in the literature:

[BethDesmedt] $\text{sign}(N_v); h(N_v); \text{mac}(N_v); E(N_v); \dots \Rightarrow t_p \gg \text{ns}$

[BrandsChaum, CapkunInfocom05, ...] *XOR* $\Rightarrow t_p = ?$

[HanckeKuhn, TippenhauerESORICS09, ...] *bit comparison* $\Rightarrow t_p = ?$

> 20 proposed protocols, not one was **fully** implemented

Can the proposed DB protocols be realized?

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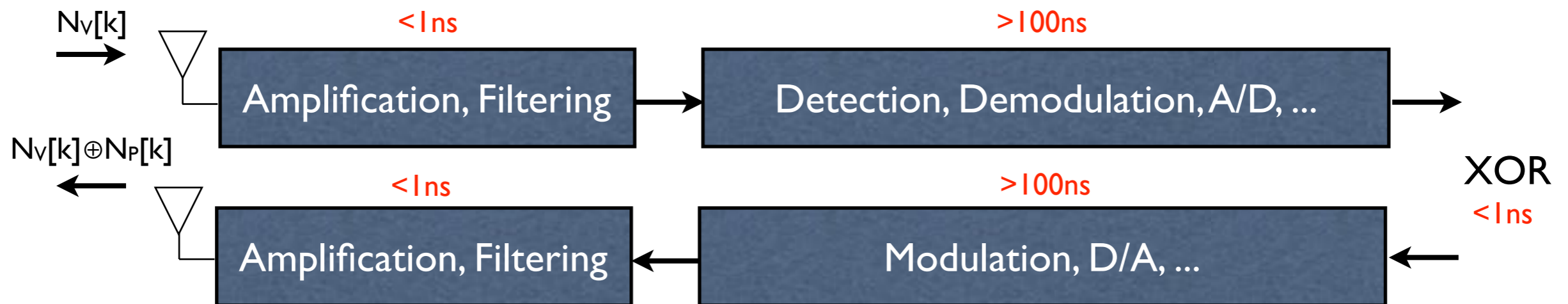
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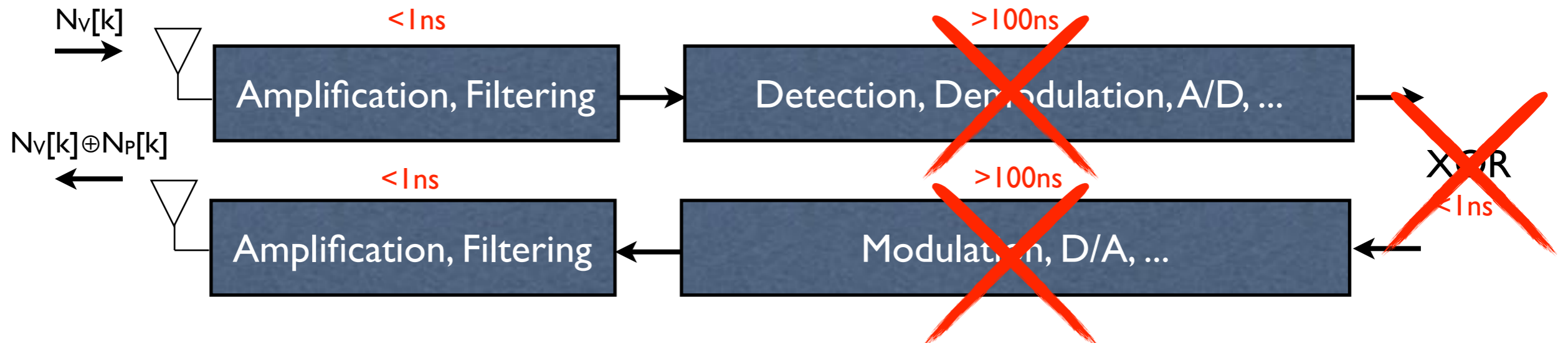
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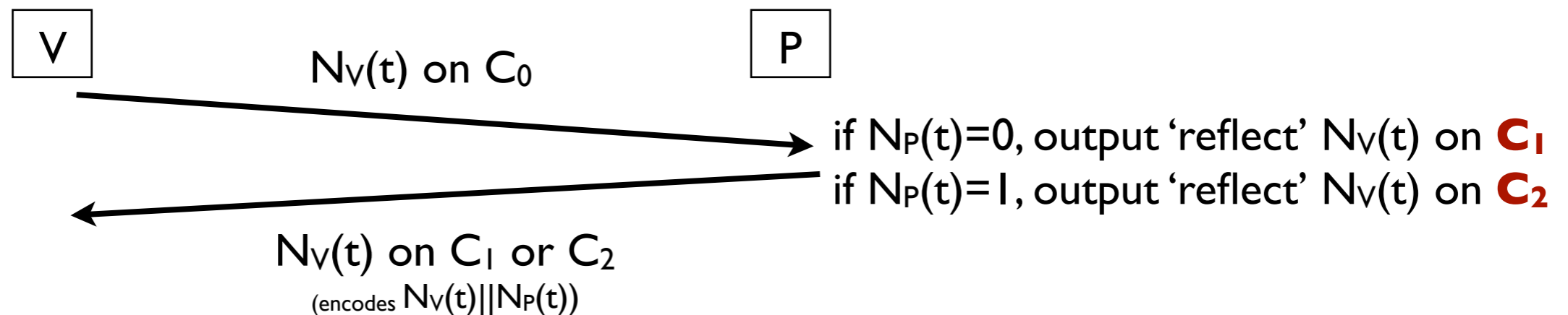
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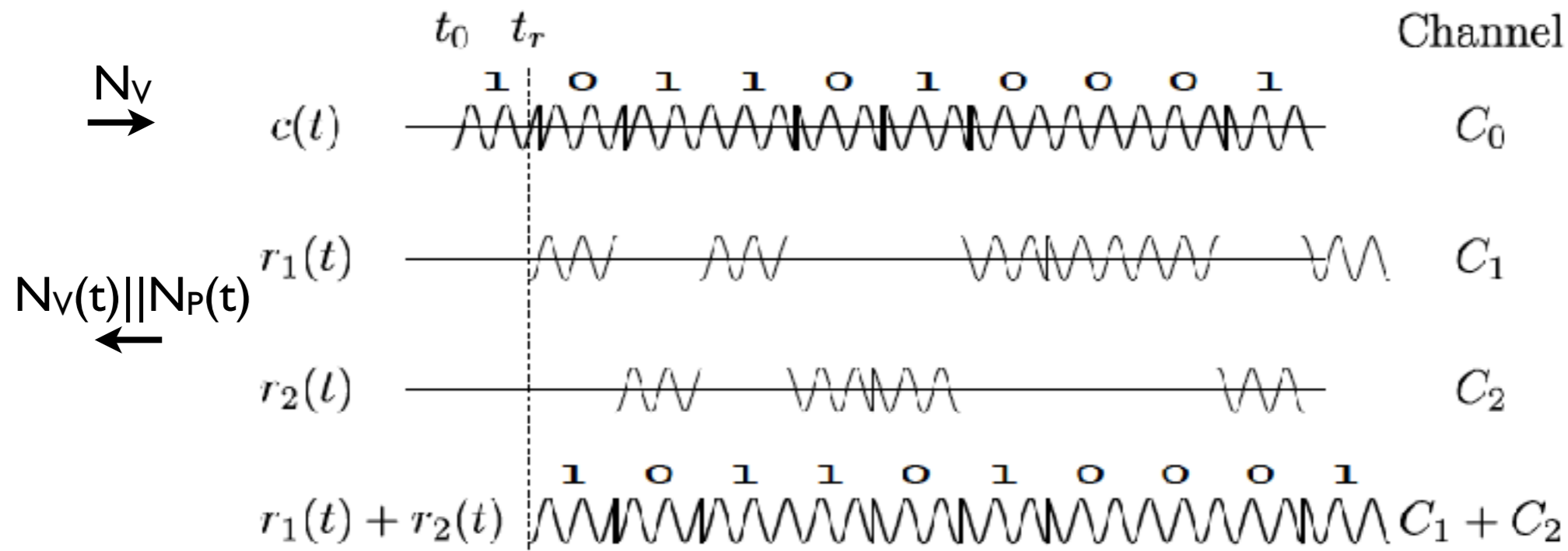
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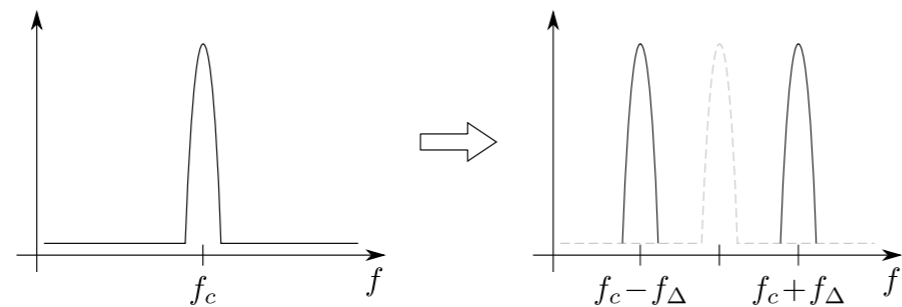
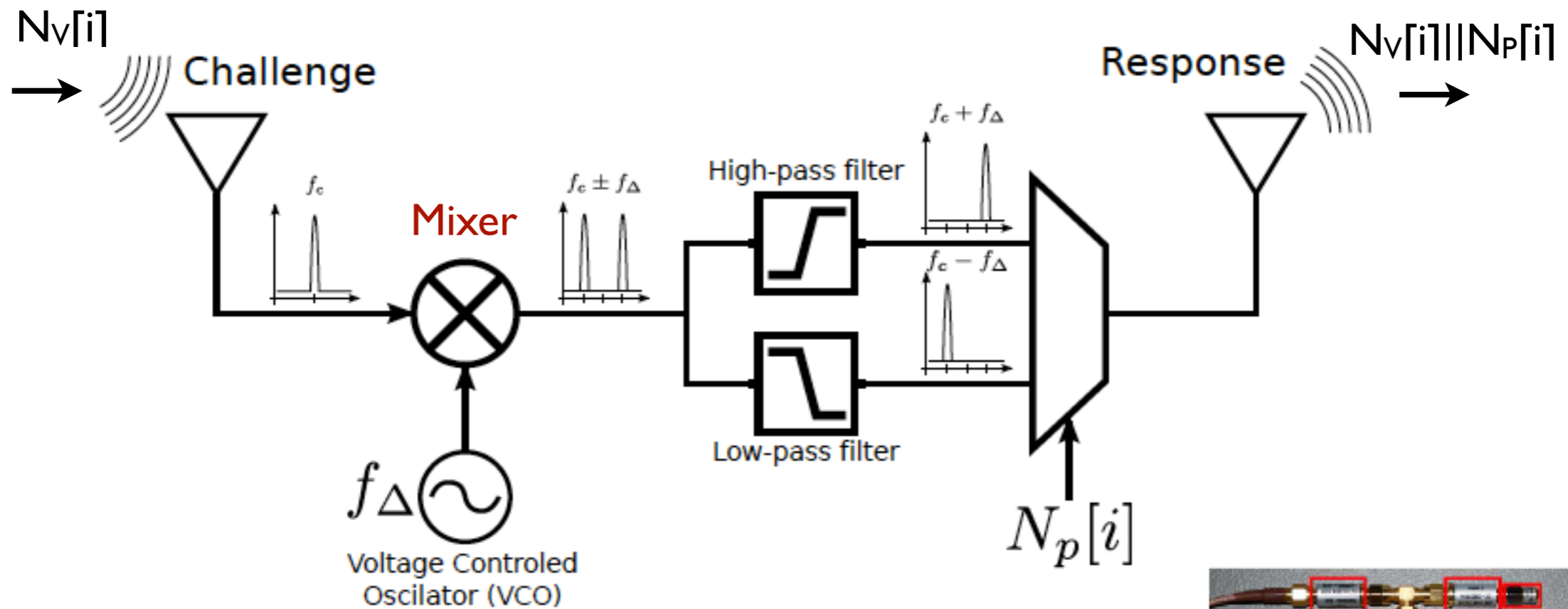
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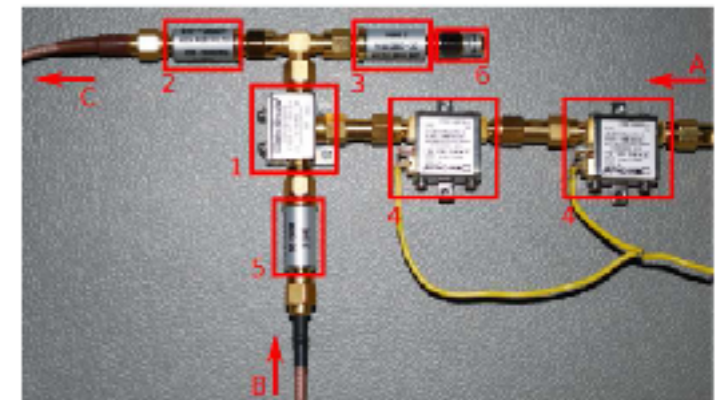


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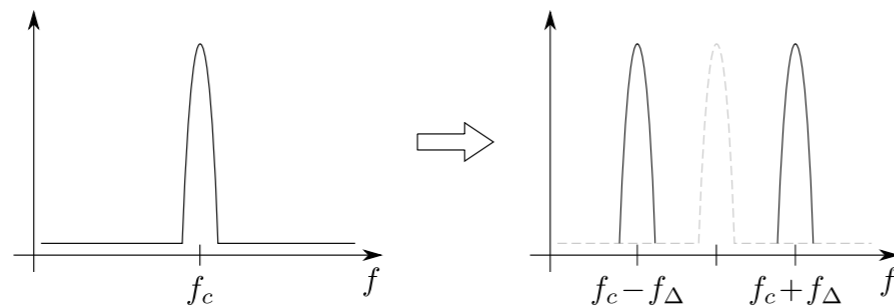
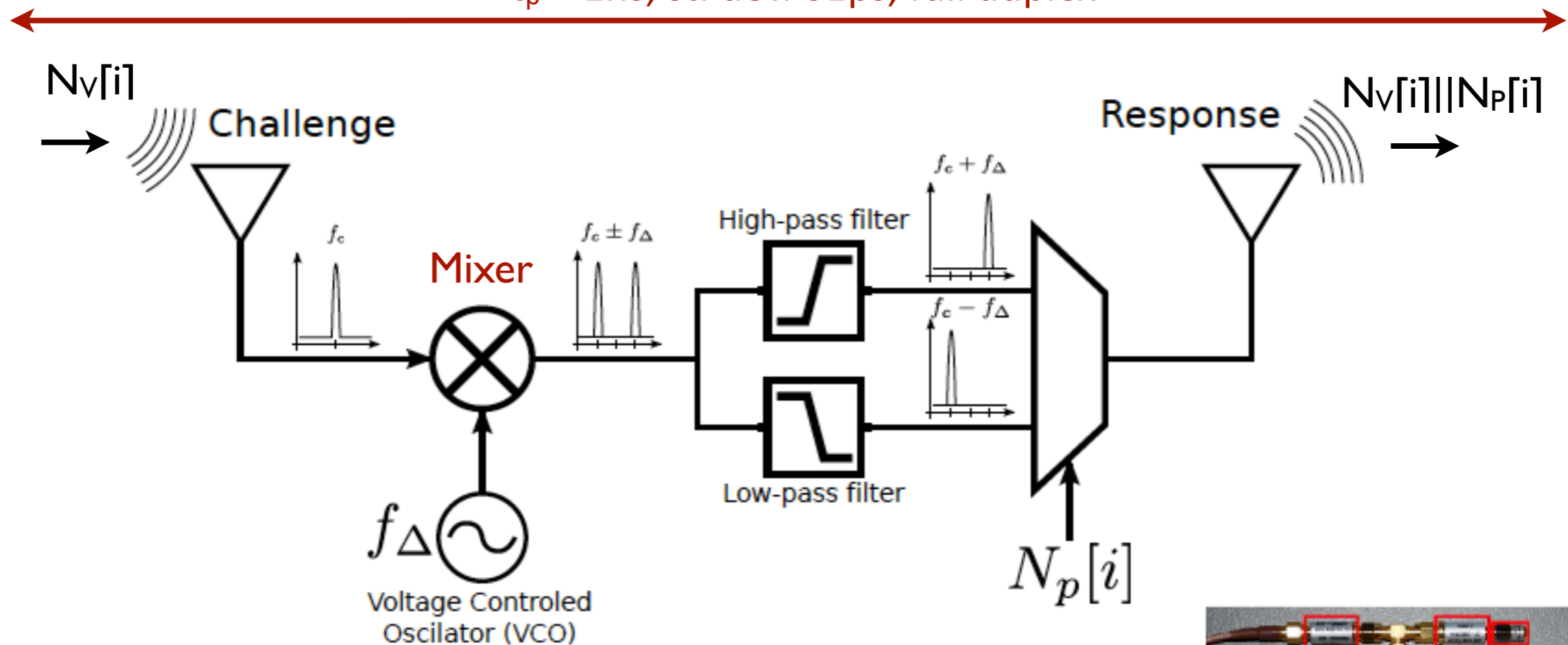
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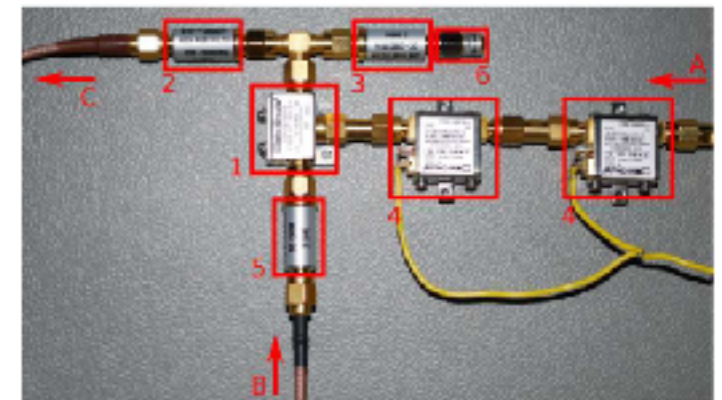
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$t_p < 1\text{ns}$, st. dev. 61ps, full duplex



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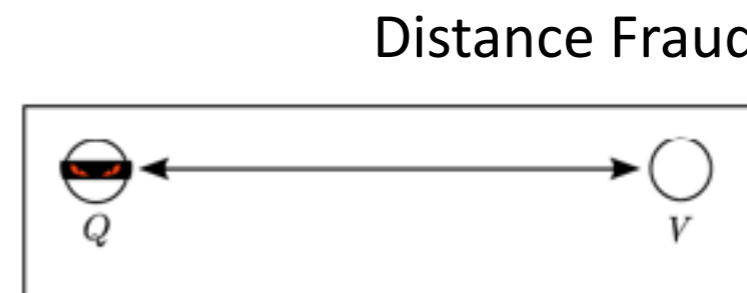
CRCs++ (measured at the input/output of the prover)



Two basic Attacks on DB protocols

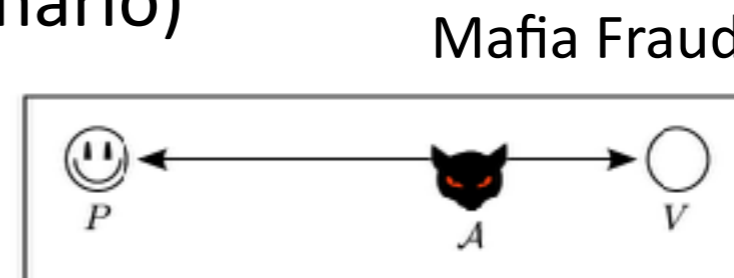
Distance Fraud

- dishonest prover pretends to be closer to the verifier
- “pacemaker scenario”



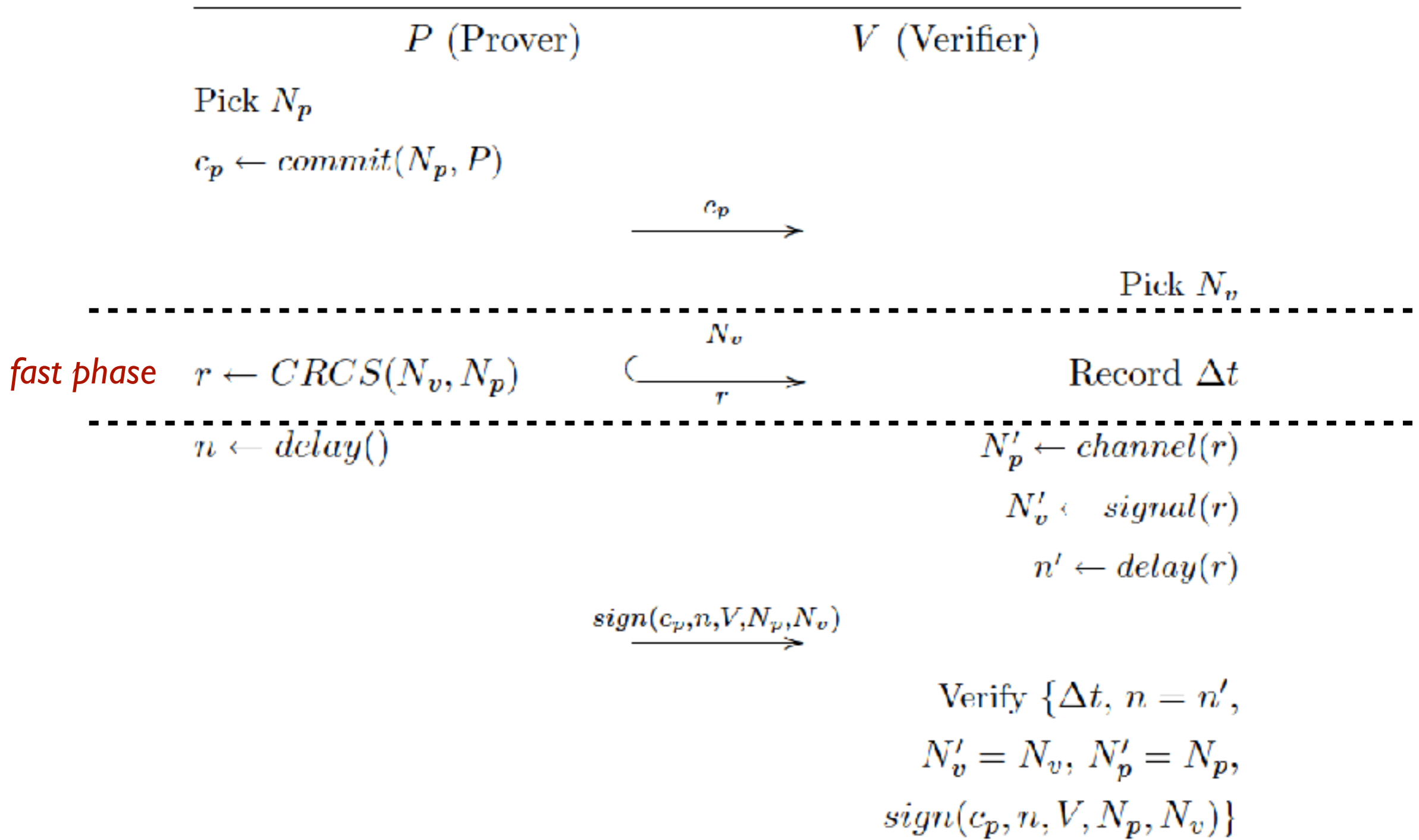
Mafia Fraud

- honest prover
- attacker convinces verifier and prover that they are closer
- relay attack (“car and key scenario”)



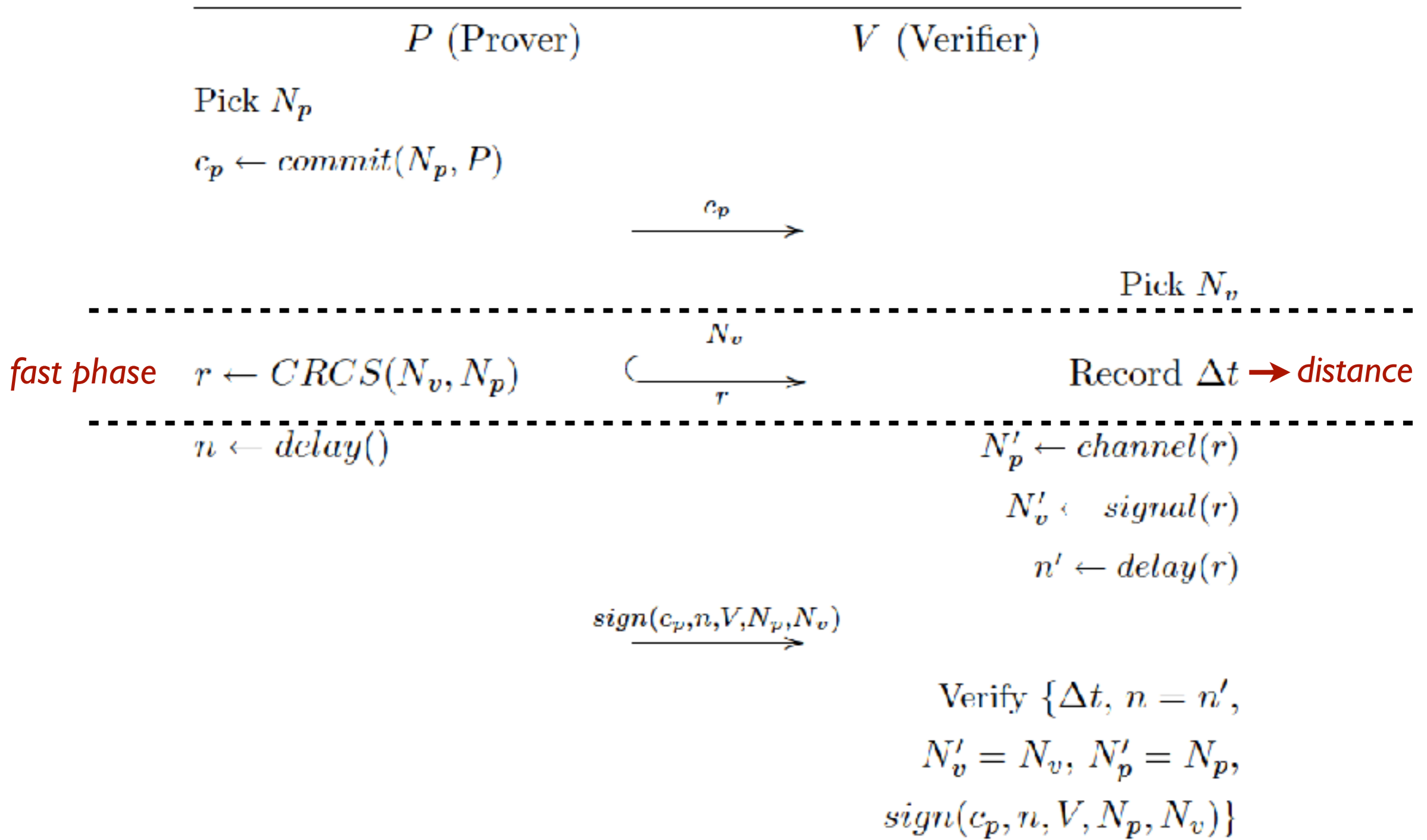
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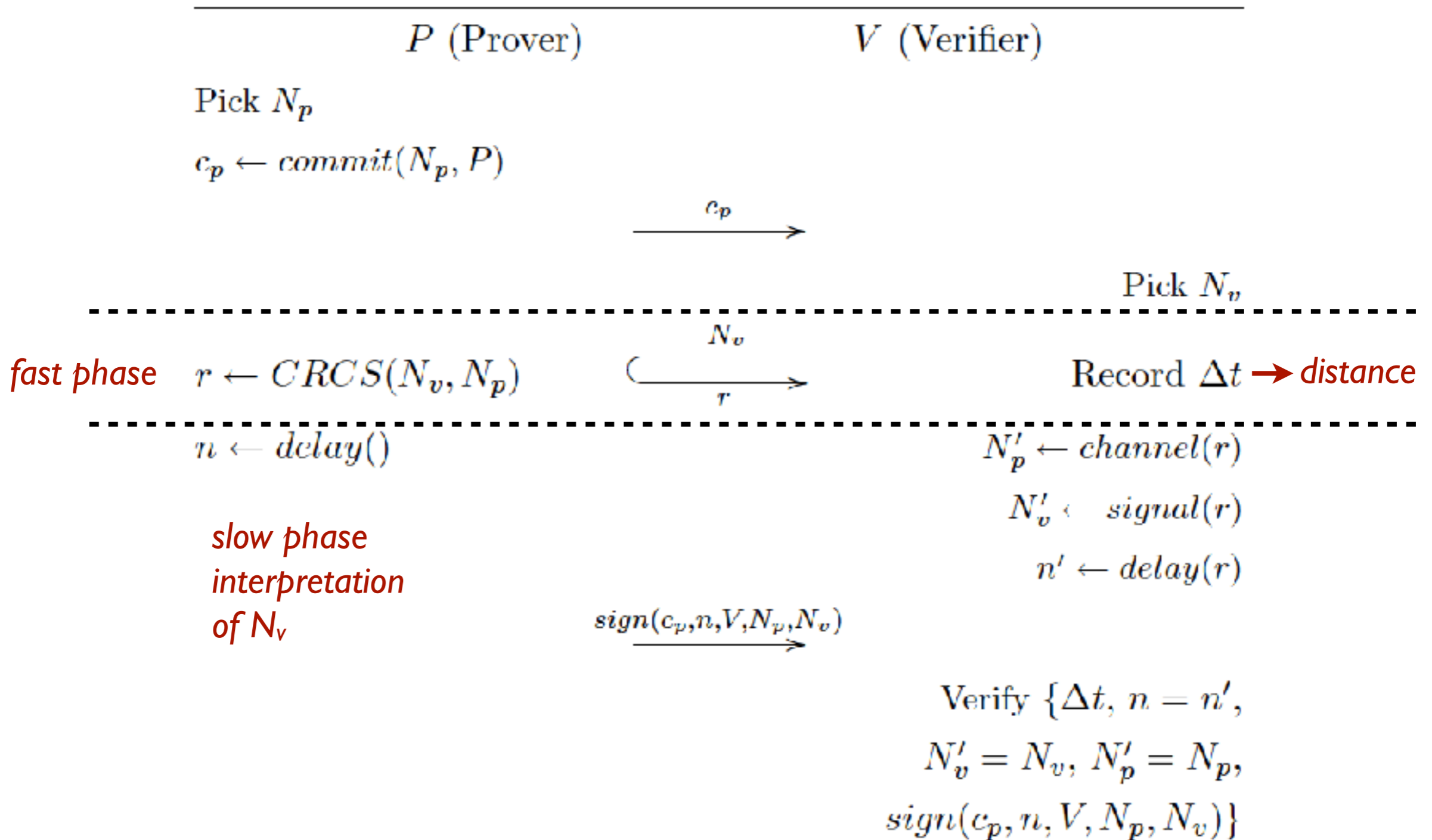
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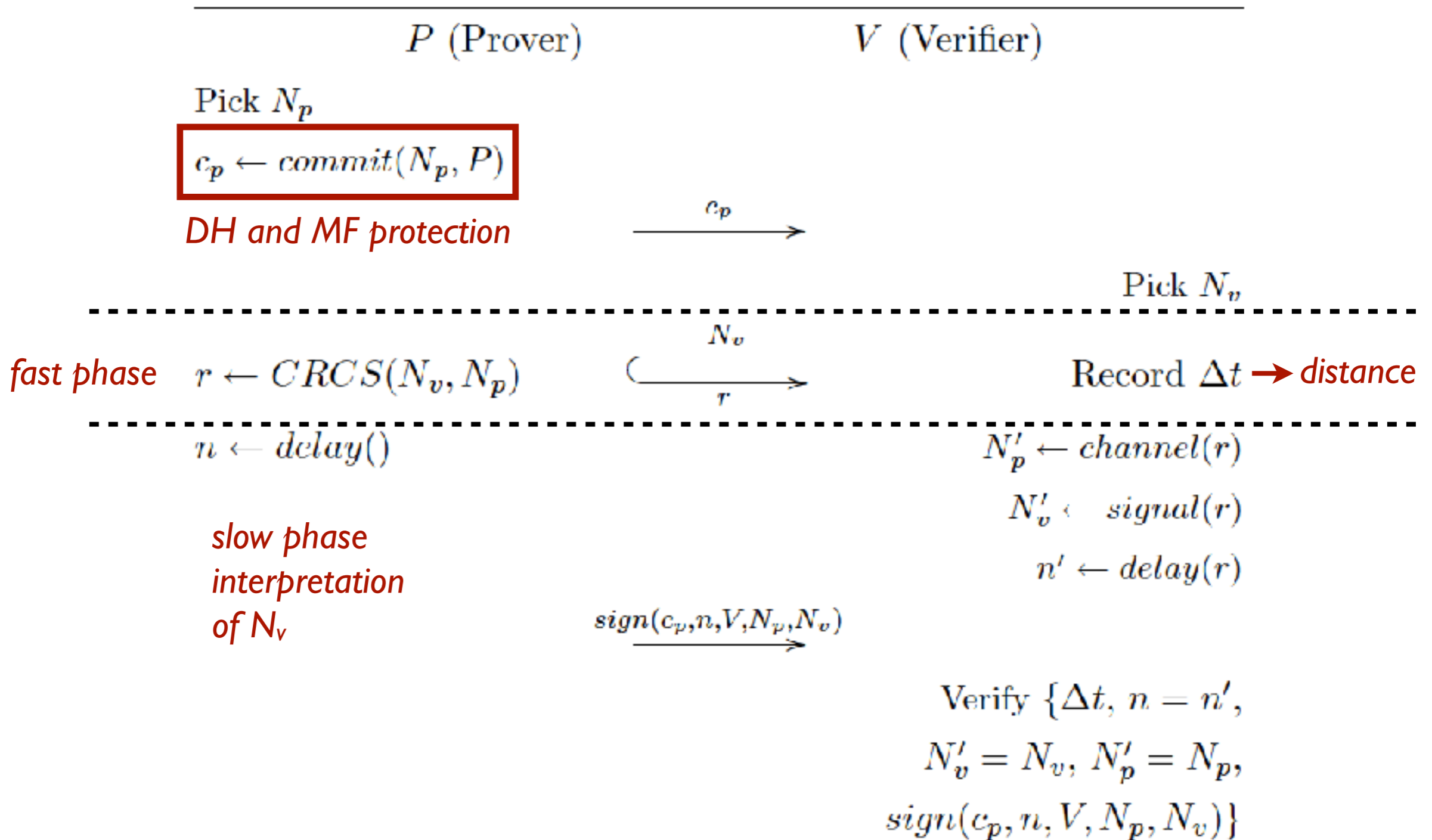
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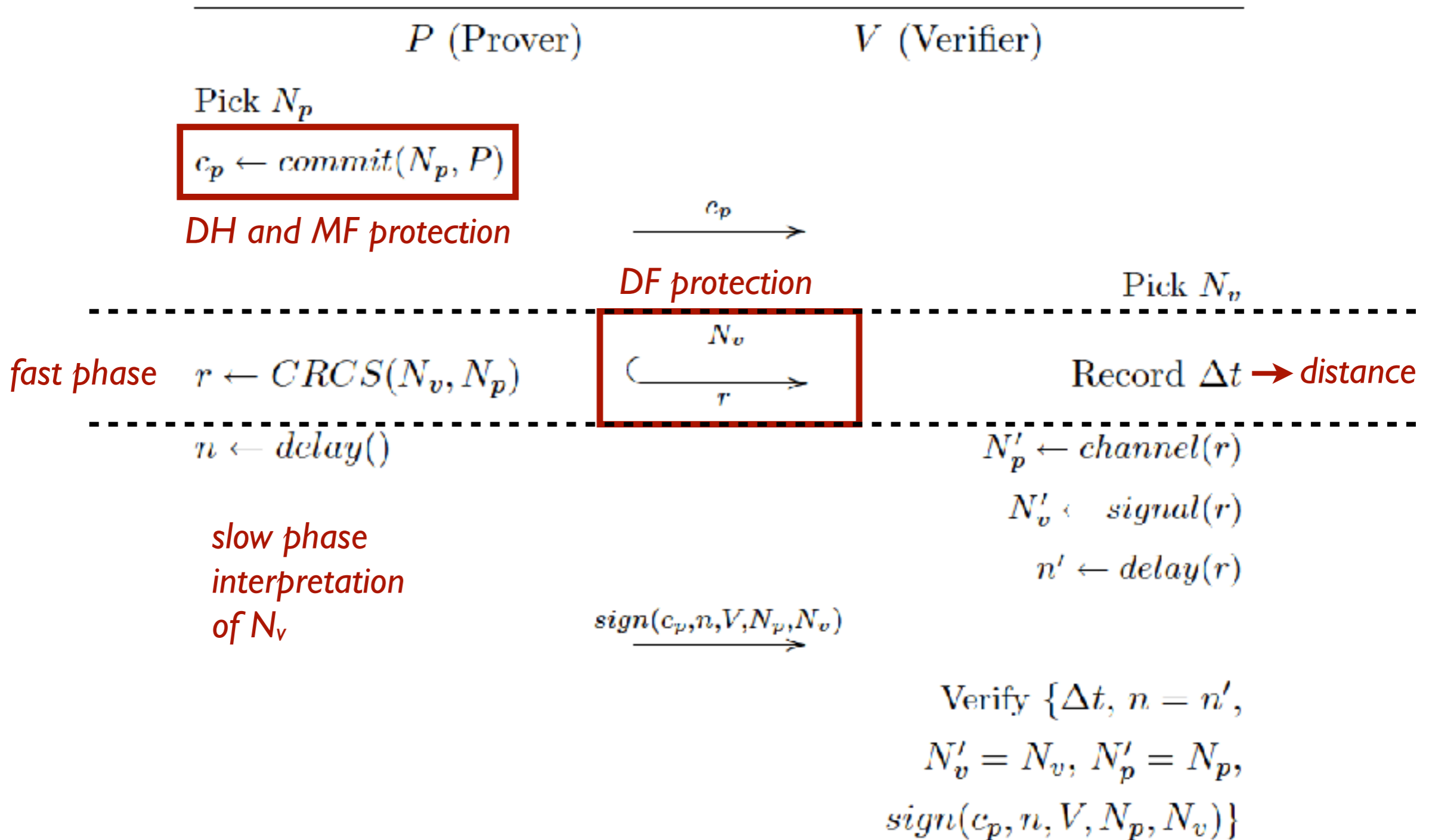
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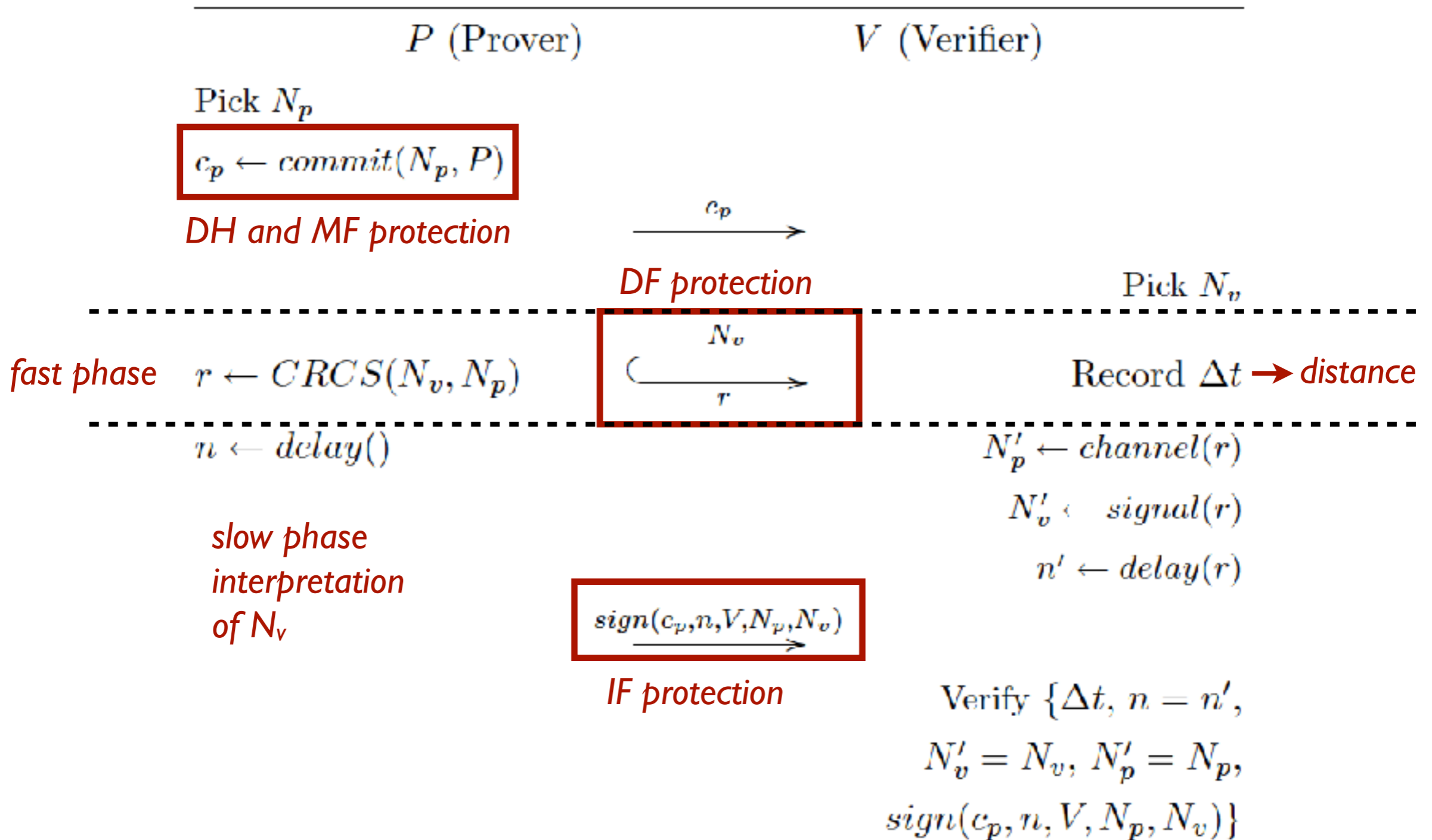
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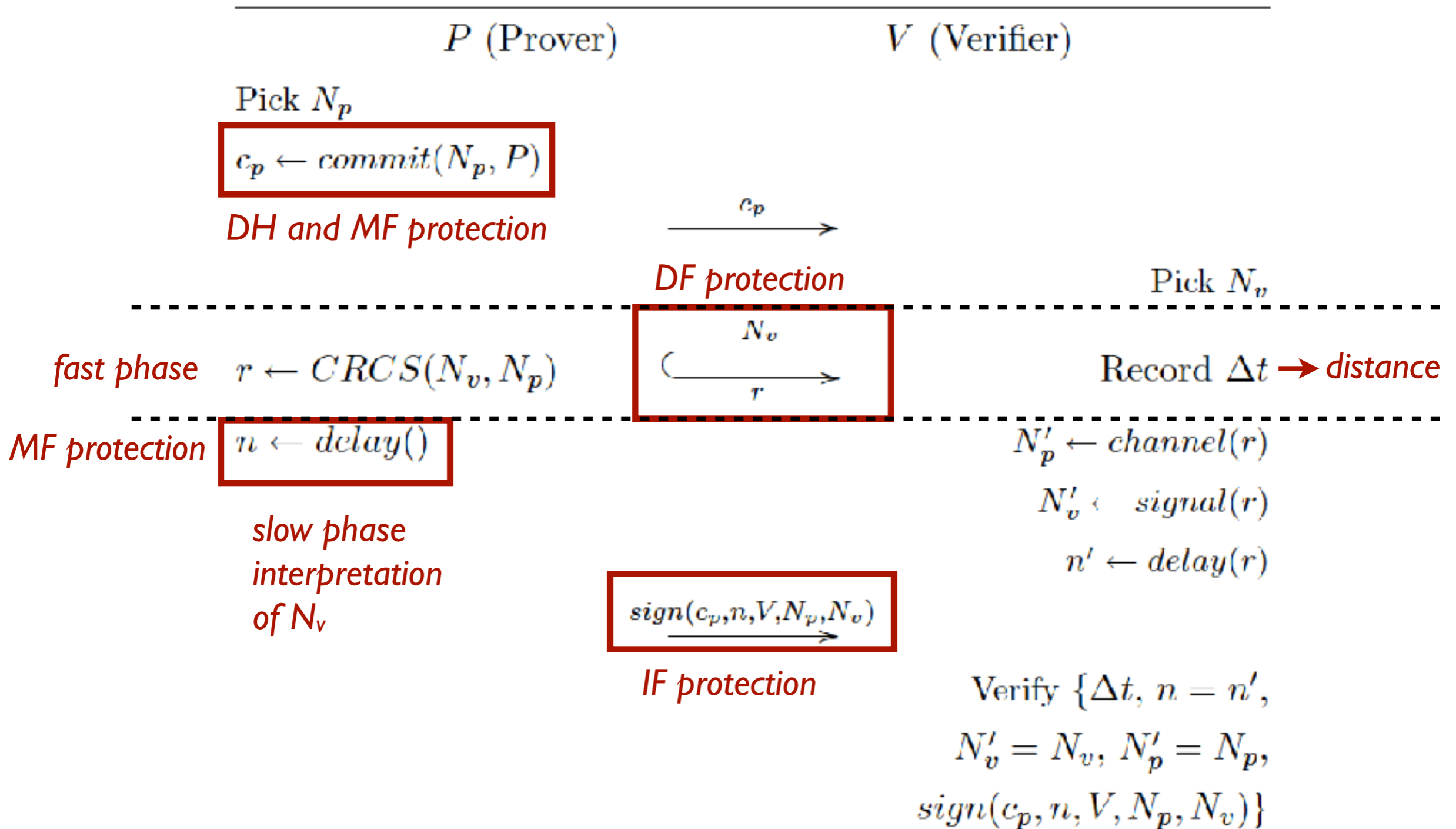
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Using CRCS the prover also reflects noise

=> CRCS increases complexity of the Verifier

In essence, CRCS trades

- robustness for increased security
- reduces complexity of the prover but increases the complexity of the verifier
- range might be affected by the use of CRCS (?)

What I didn't talk about (synchronization, preambles, ...).

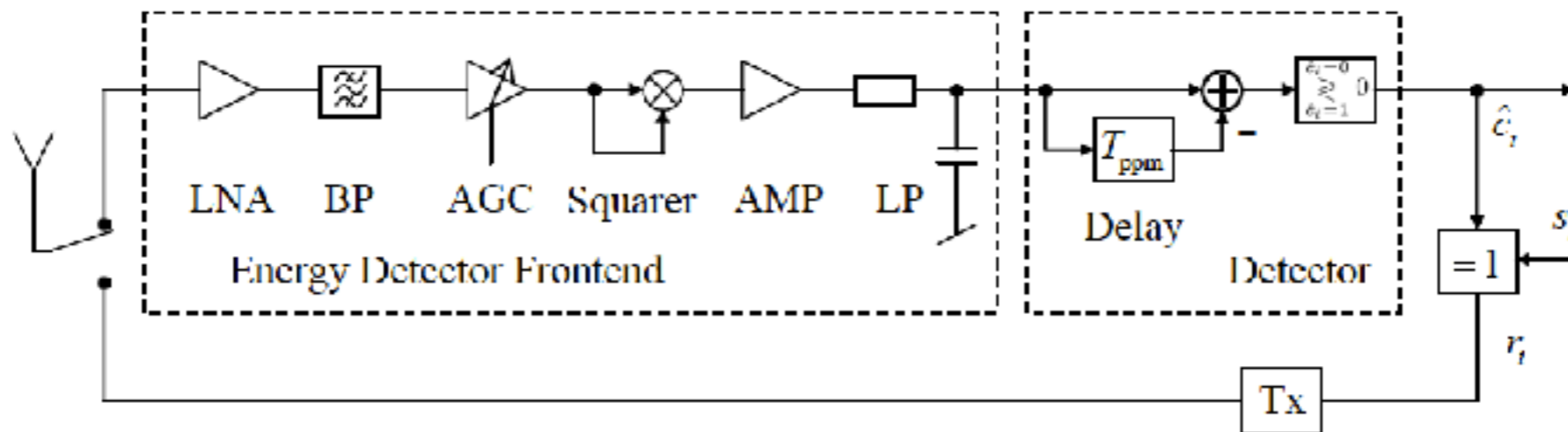
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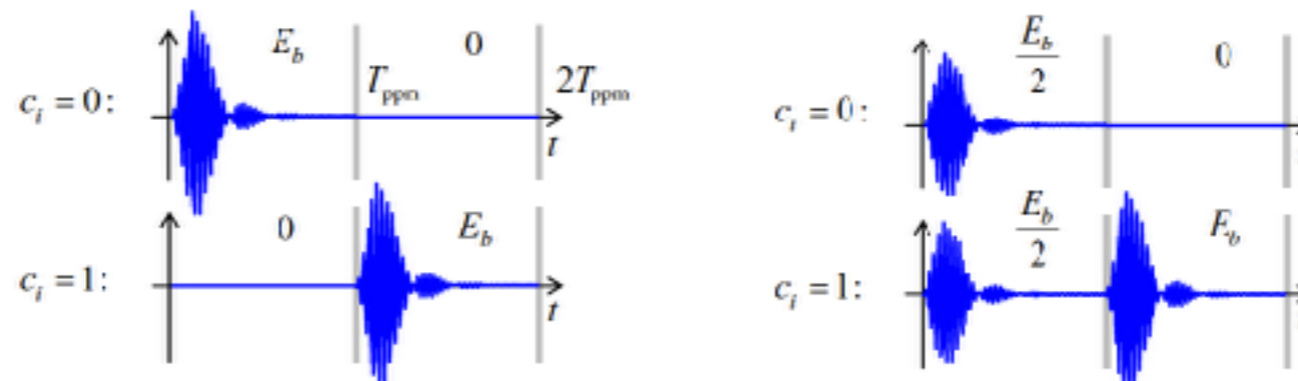
Other Implementation Efforts

Going back to XOR.

- What is the “fastest” implementation that we can make with $f(N_v, N_p) = N_v \oplus N_p$?
- What kind of a receiver are we considering?



- A different modulation (SEM vs BPPM)



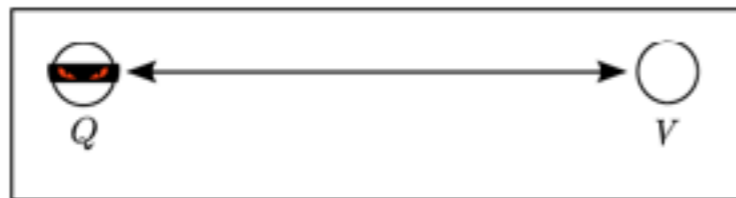
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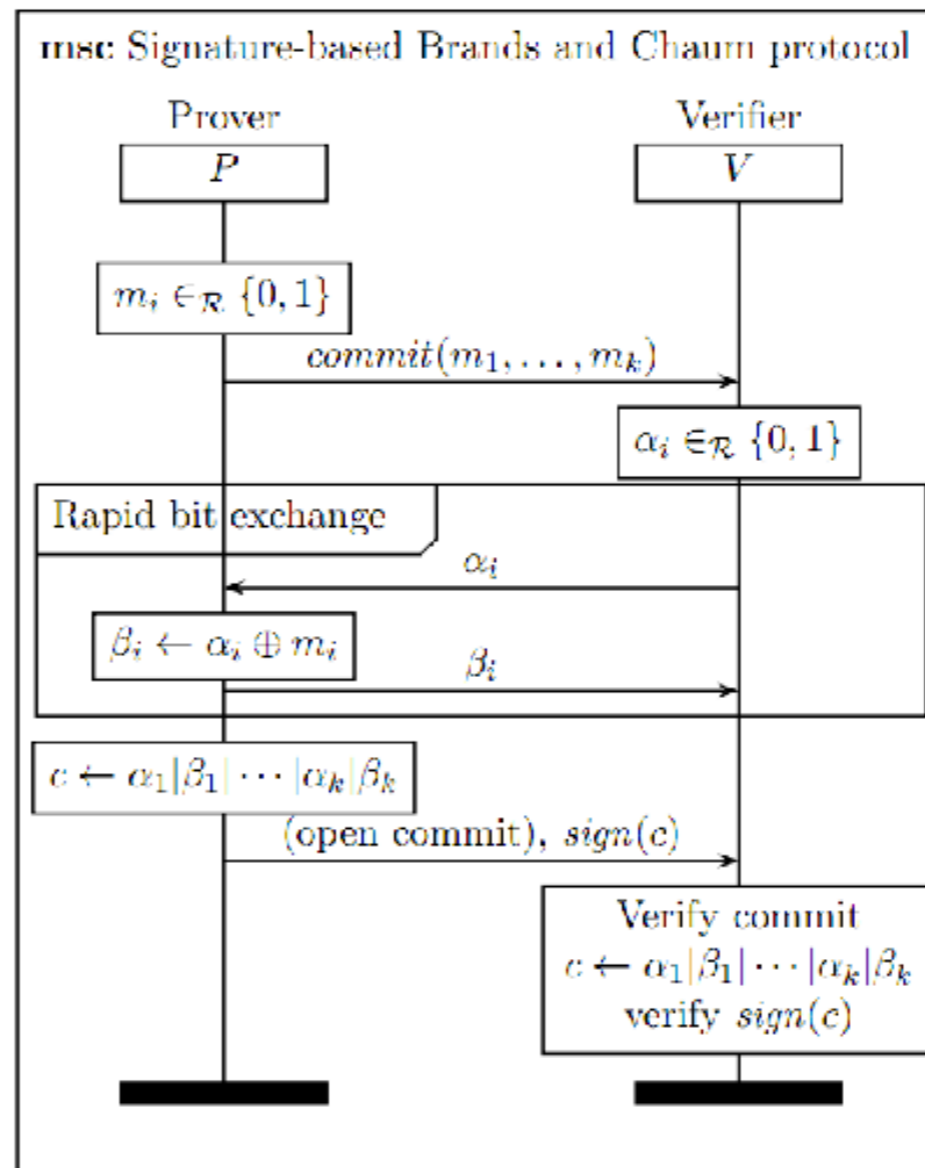
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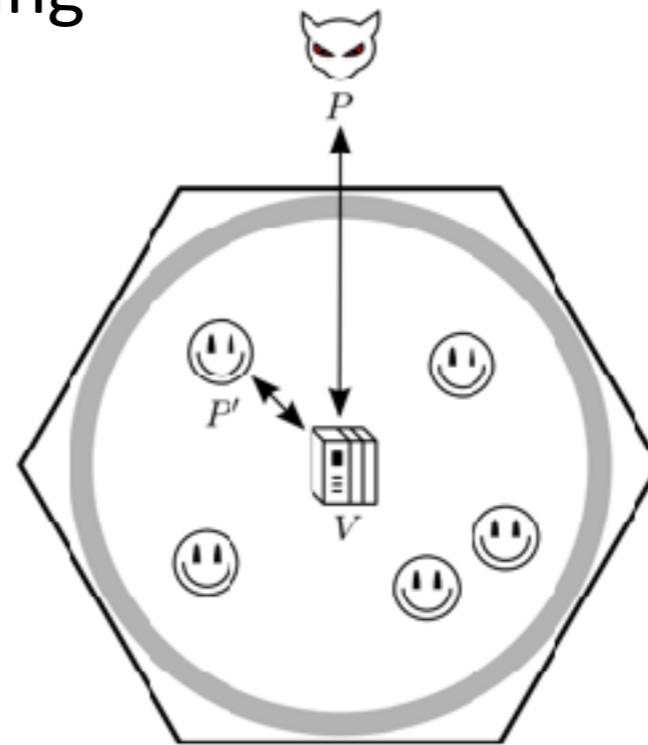
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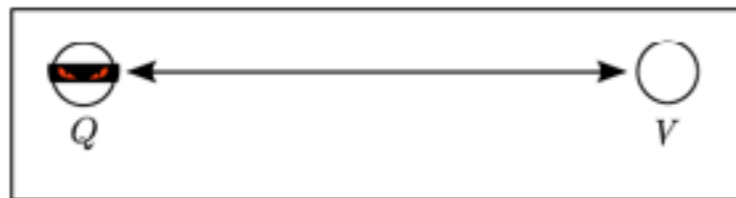


Protocol Analysis

Novel attack: Distance Hijacking



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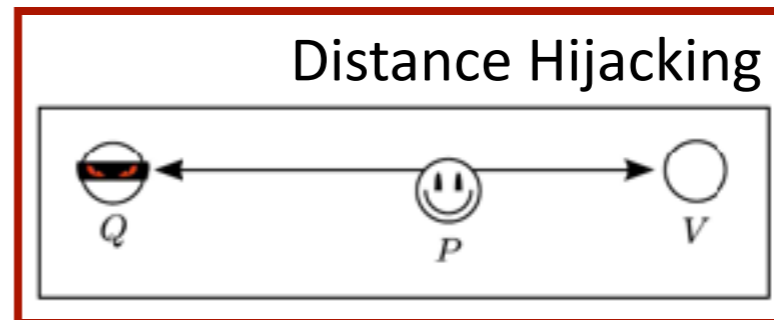
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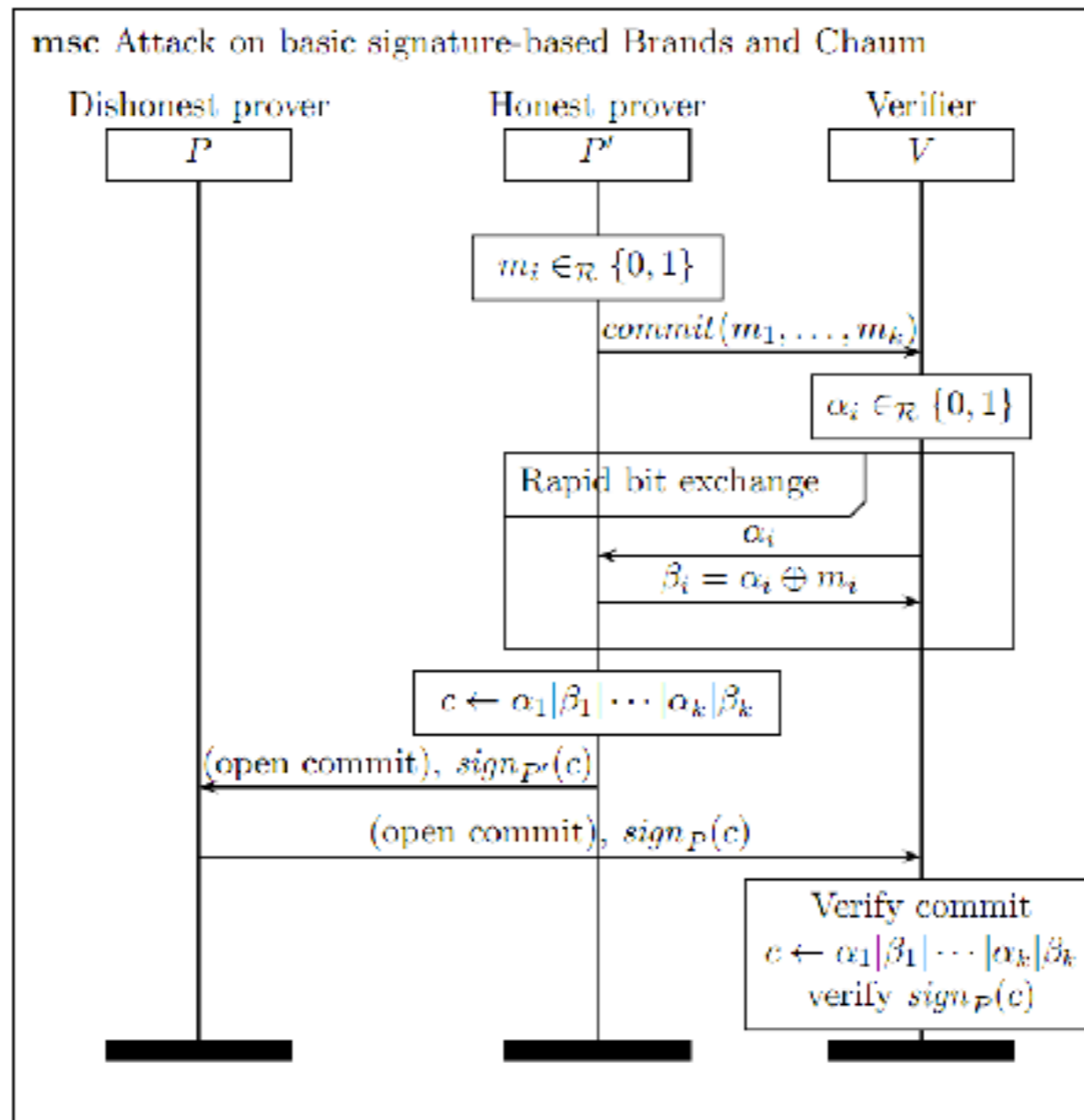


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Distance Hijacking on Brands and Chaum



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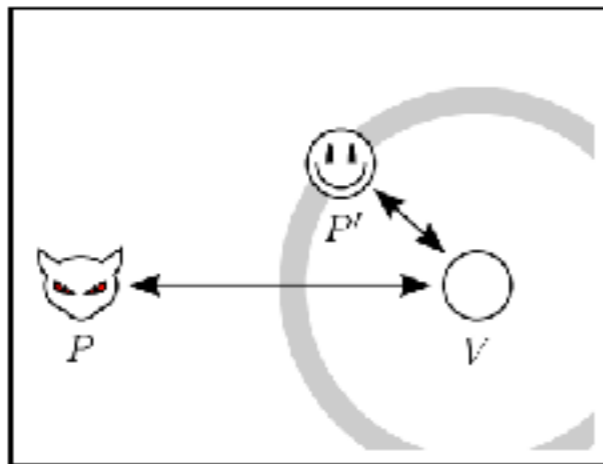


Figure 7: Scenario in which V accepts protocol sessions from multiple provers, here P and P' , where Distance Hijacking may be a threat.

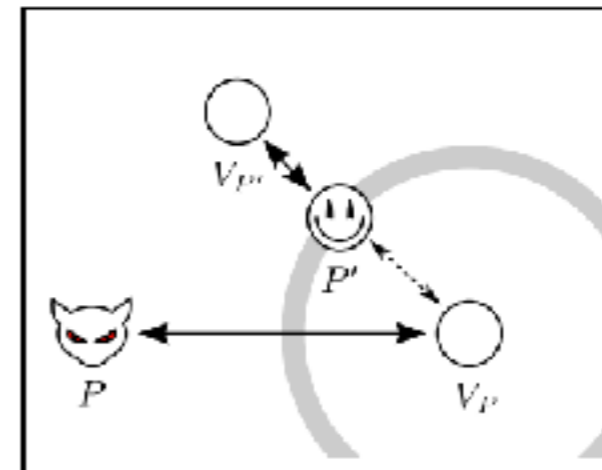
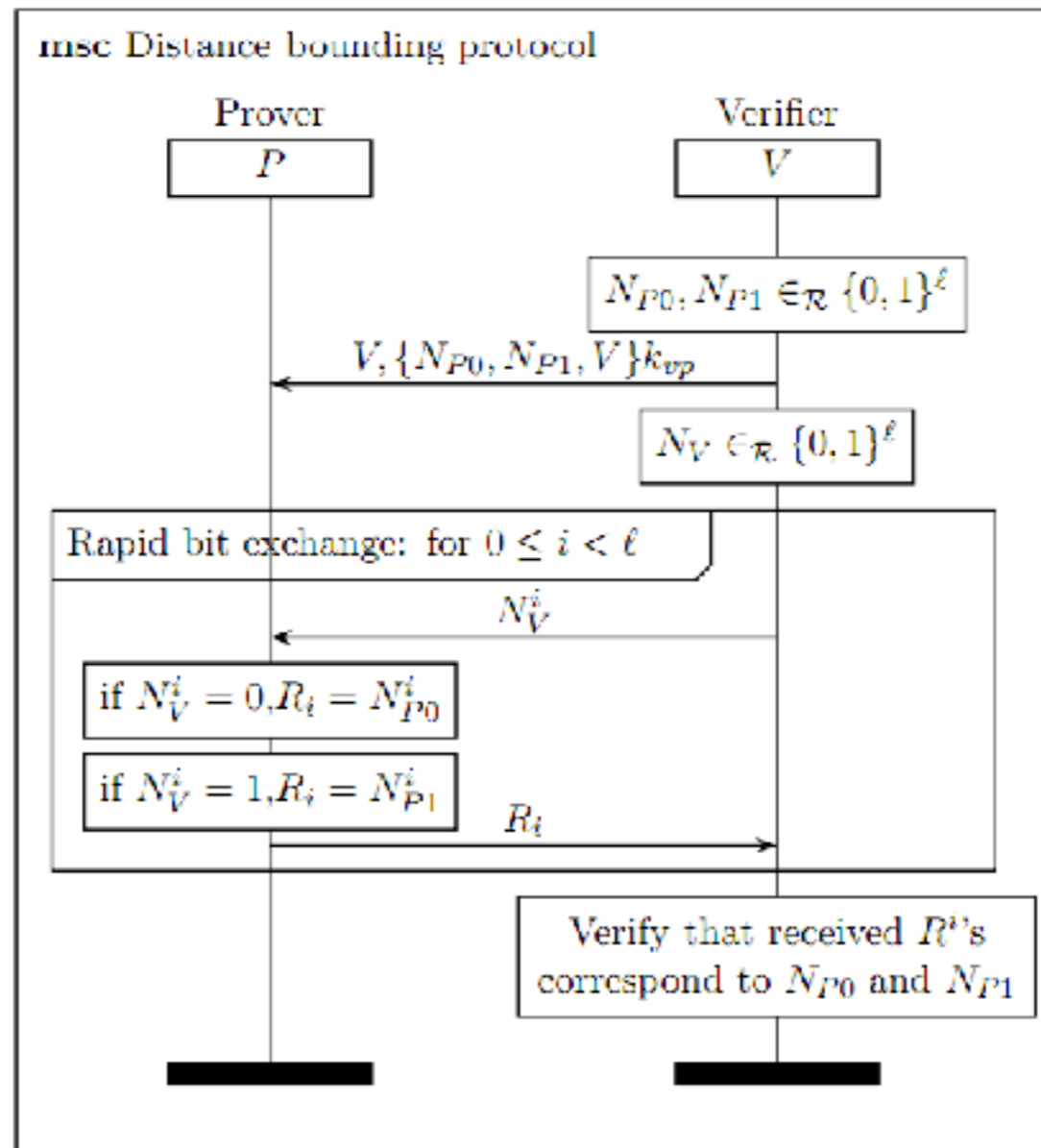


Figure 8: Scenario with multiple prover/verifier pairs, where V_x only accepts sessions from x . Even in this case, Distance Hijacking may be possible.

Protocol Analysis

Attack on Hancke-Kuhn (indirect)



DB Protocol Analysis (Formal)

Authentication and Key Establishment protocols

- analyzed in the Dolev-Yao model
- no notions of location, channel characteristics, (or time)
- the same frameworks cannot analyze DB protocol

Some new framework can capture physical properties (*time, location, physical layer*) e.g., [Basin10]

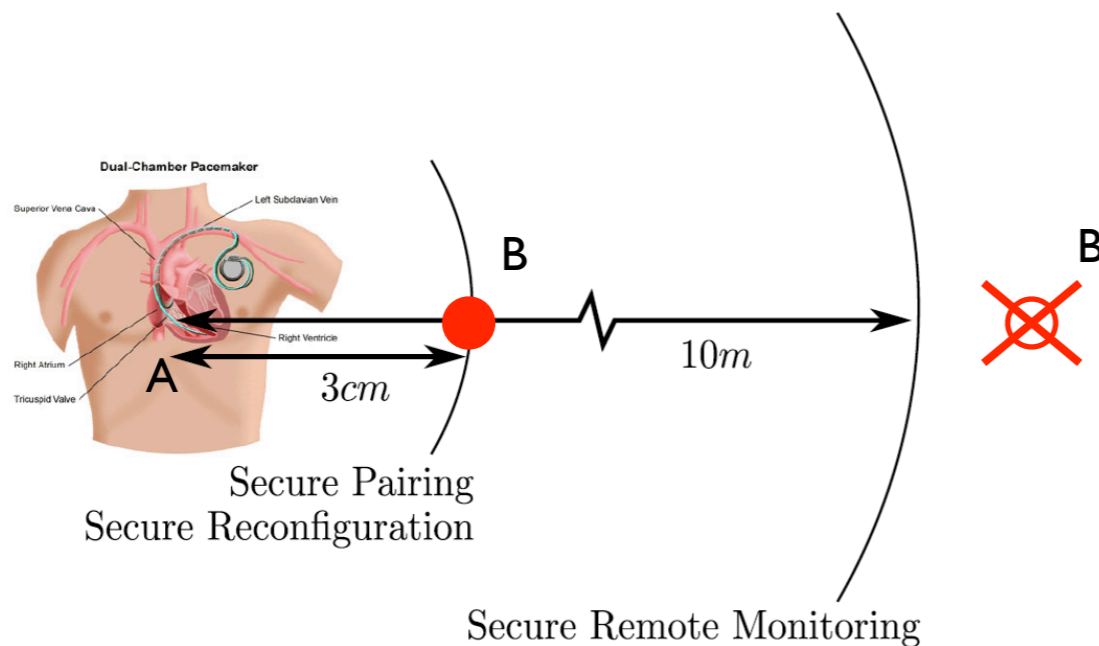
- Model based on experiments with real systems
- Enables formal analysis of DB protocols
- Captured new attacks on DB that we missed in the informal analysis

Other frameworks: Avoine, Meadows,

Game is not over ... (ref. Distance Hijacking attacks)

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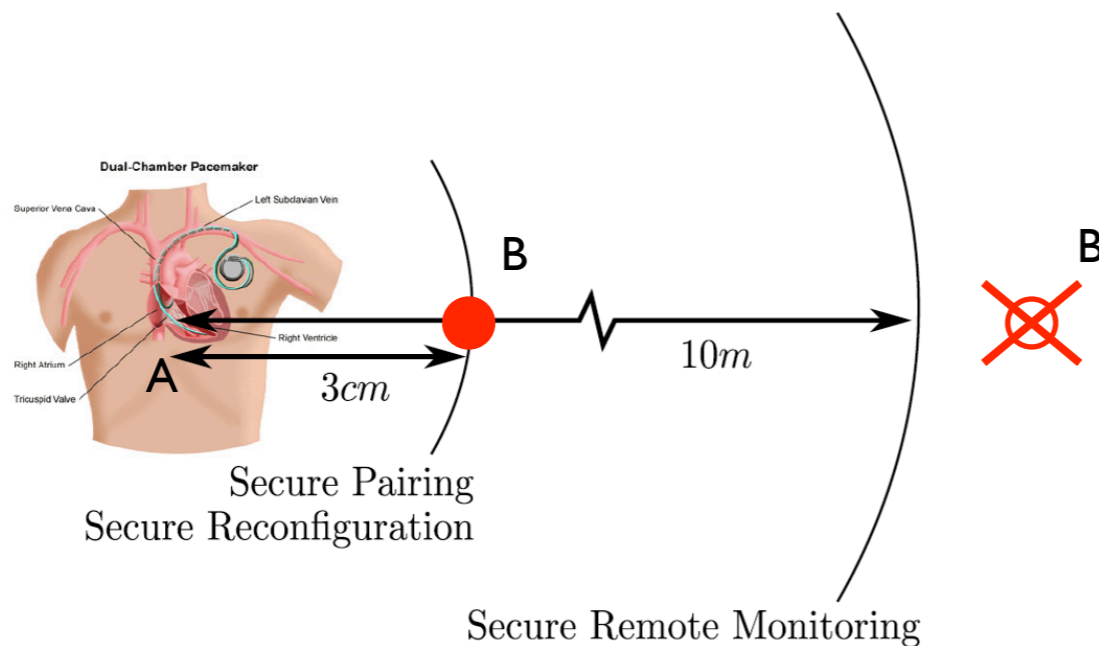
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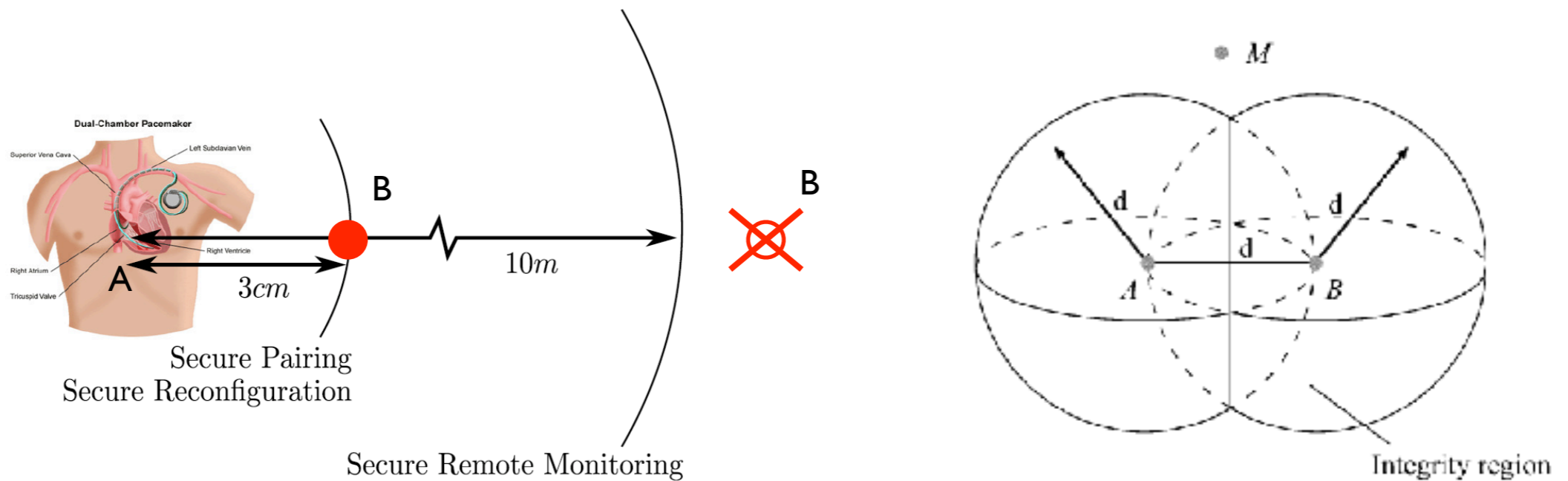


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Secure Localization

*From Proximity Verification
to Location Verification and Secure Localization*

Secure Localization

User's perspective:

to obtain a correct information about its own location

Infrastructure perspective:

to obtain a correct information about the location of a device

Secure localization goals

- Compute a 'correct' location of a (trusted) device in the presence of an attacker. (*Secure Localization*)
- Verify the correctness of a location of an untrusted device. (that e.g., claims a certain location) (*Location Verification*)

Secure Localization Schemes

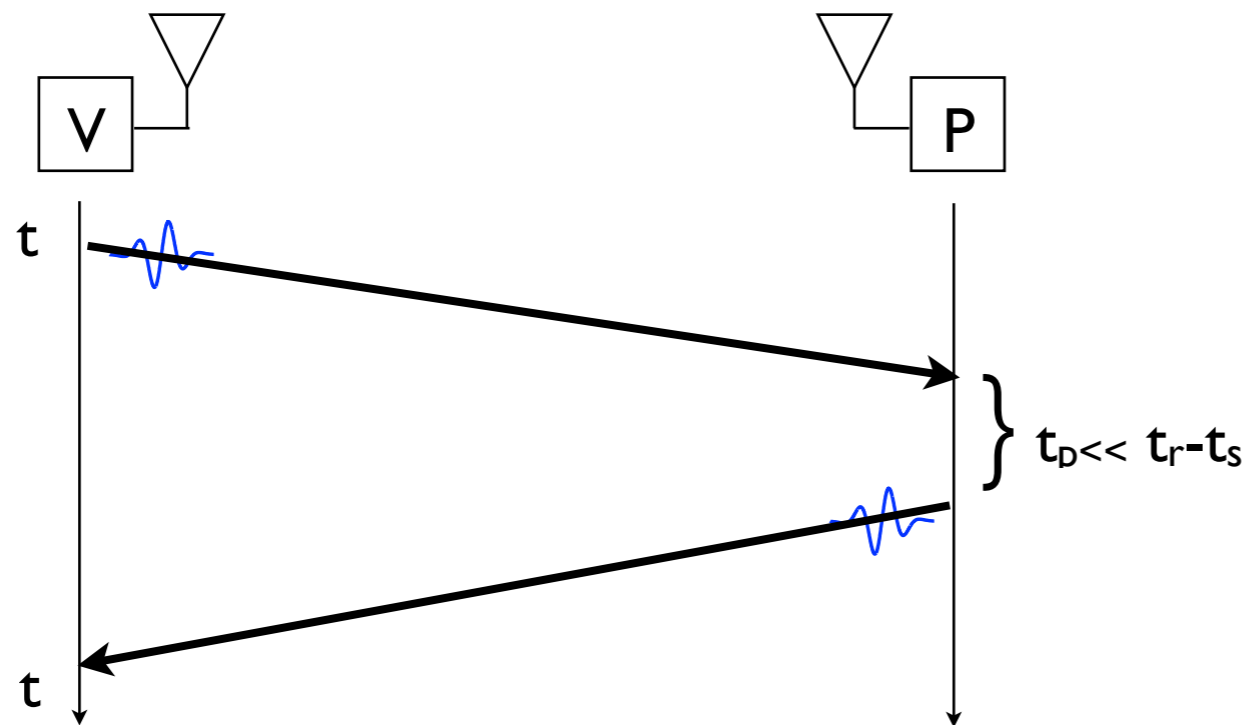
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- *Secure Broadcast Localization and Time Synchronization
(will be covered later in the lectures)*

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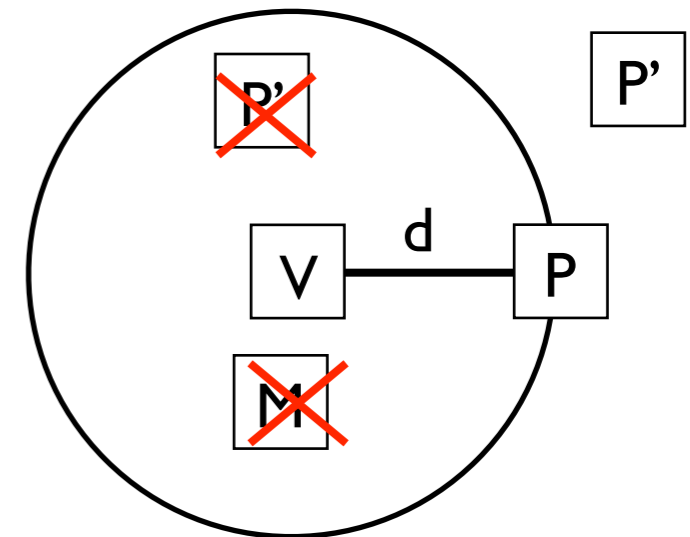
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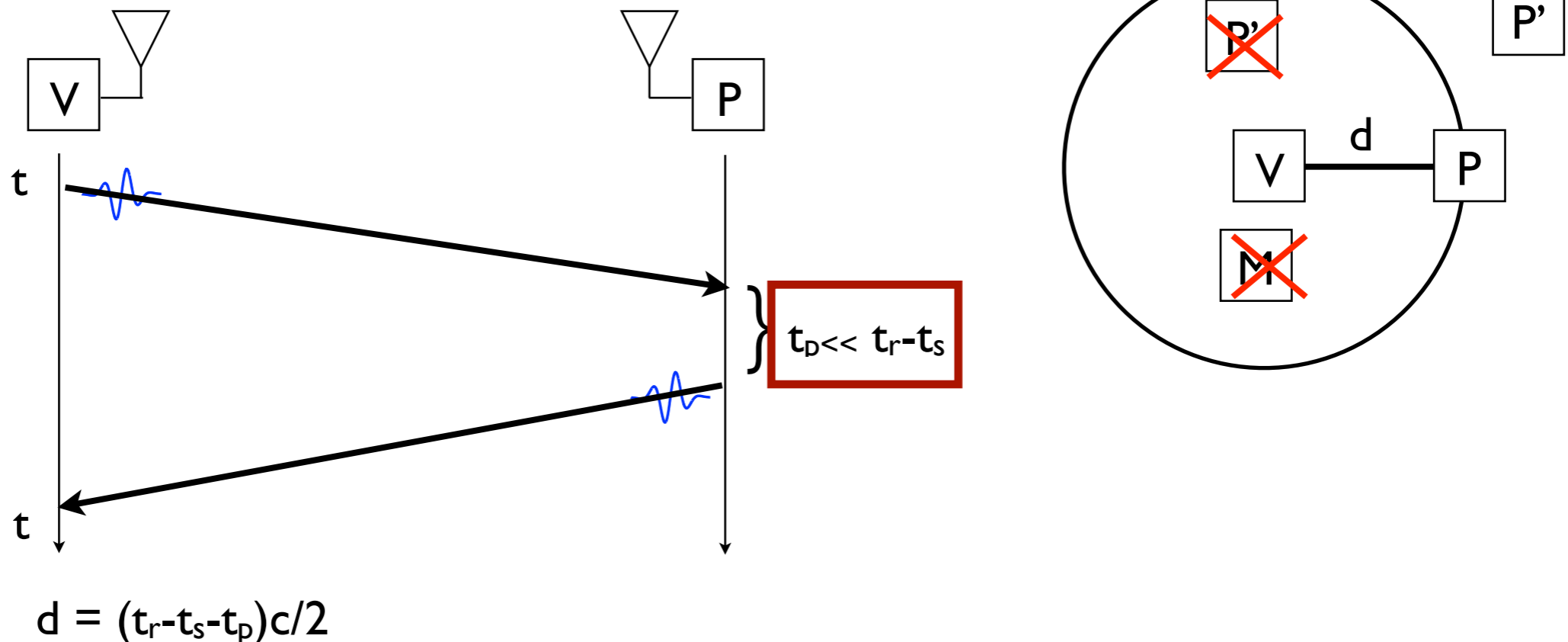


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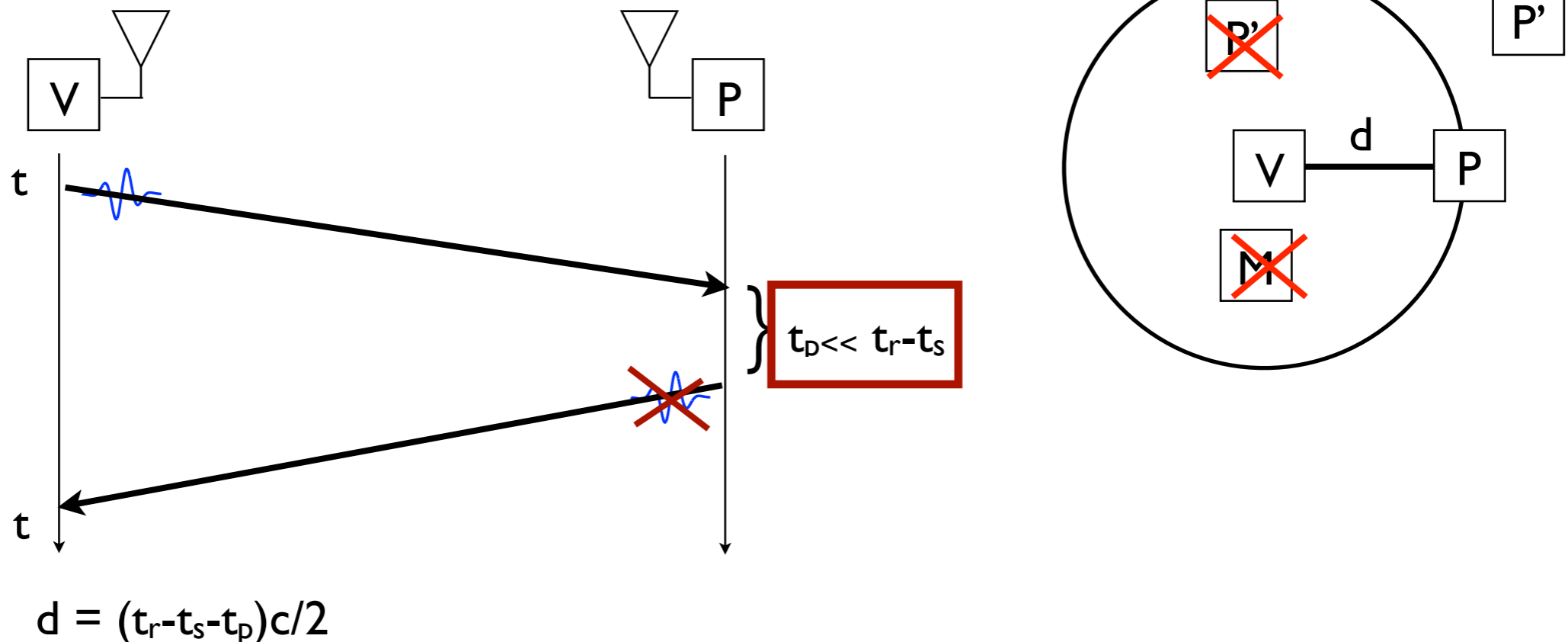


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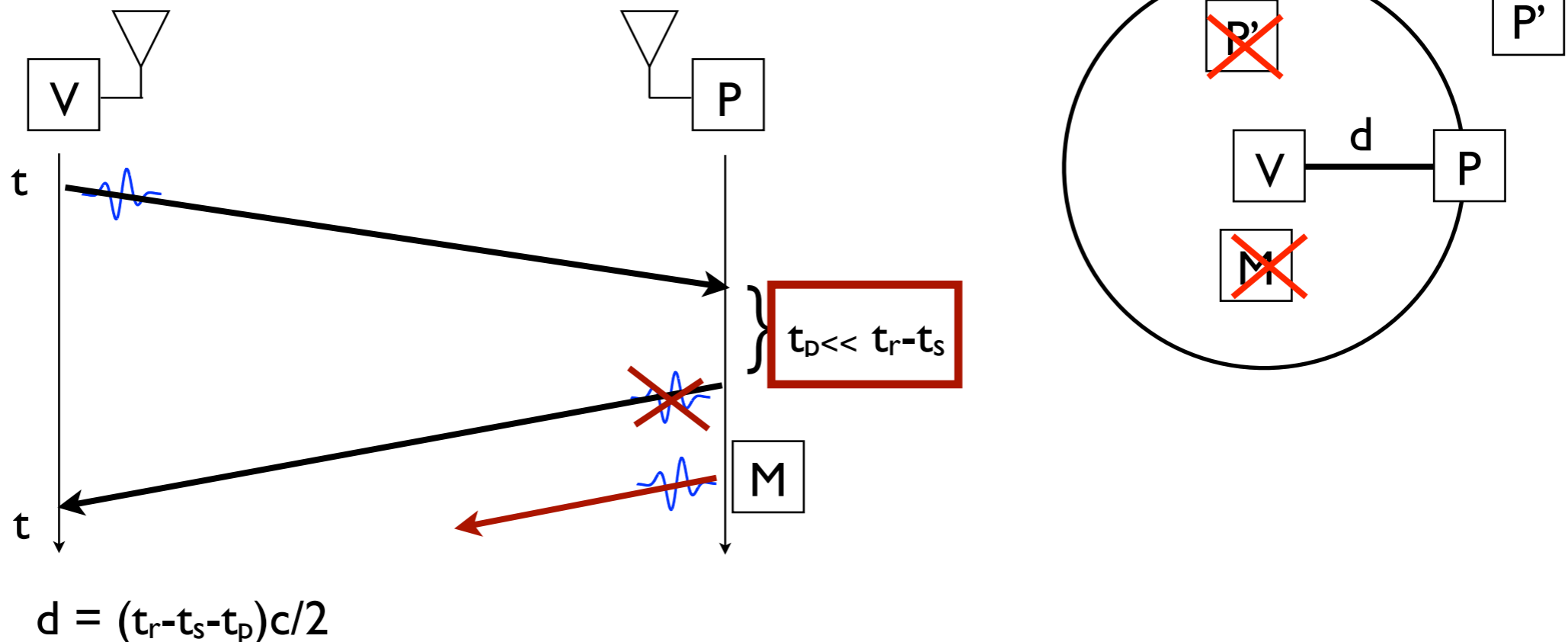


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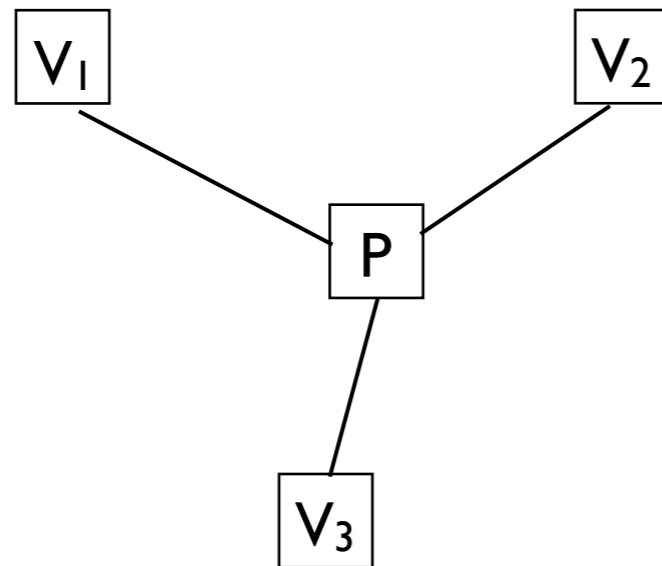
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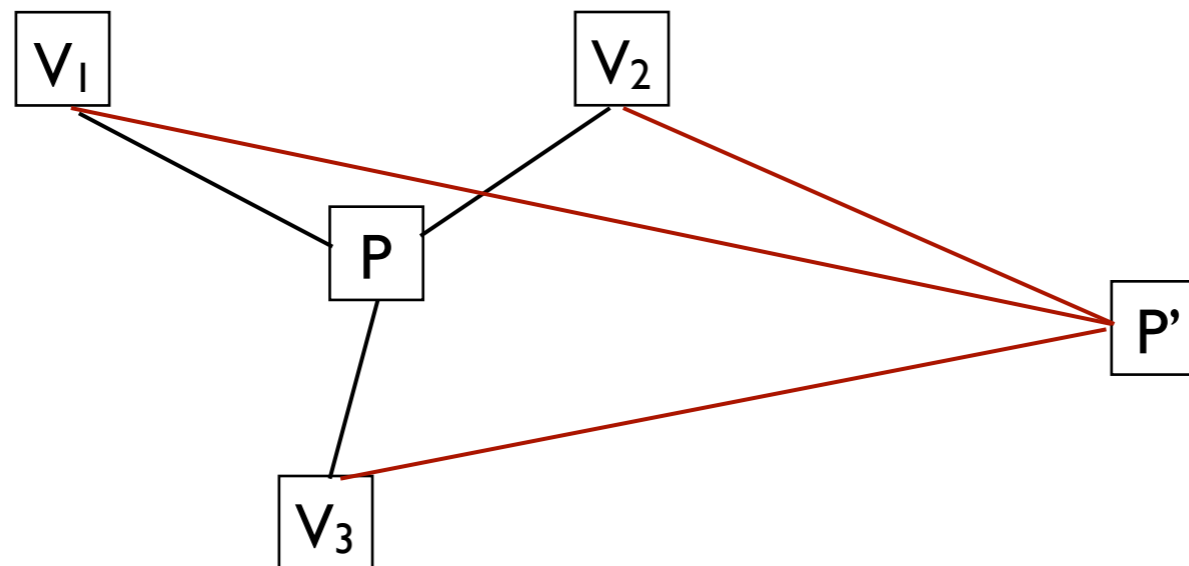
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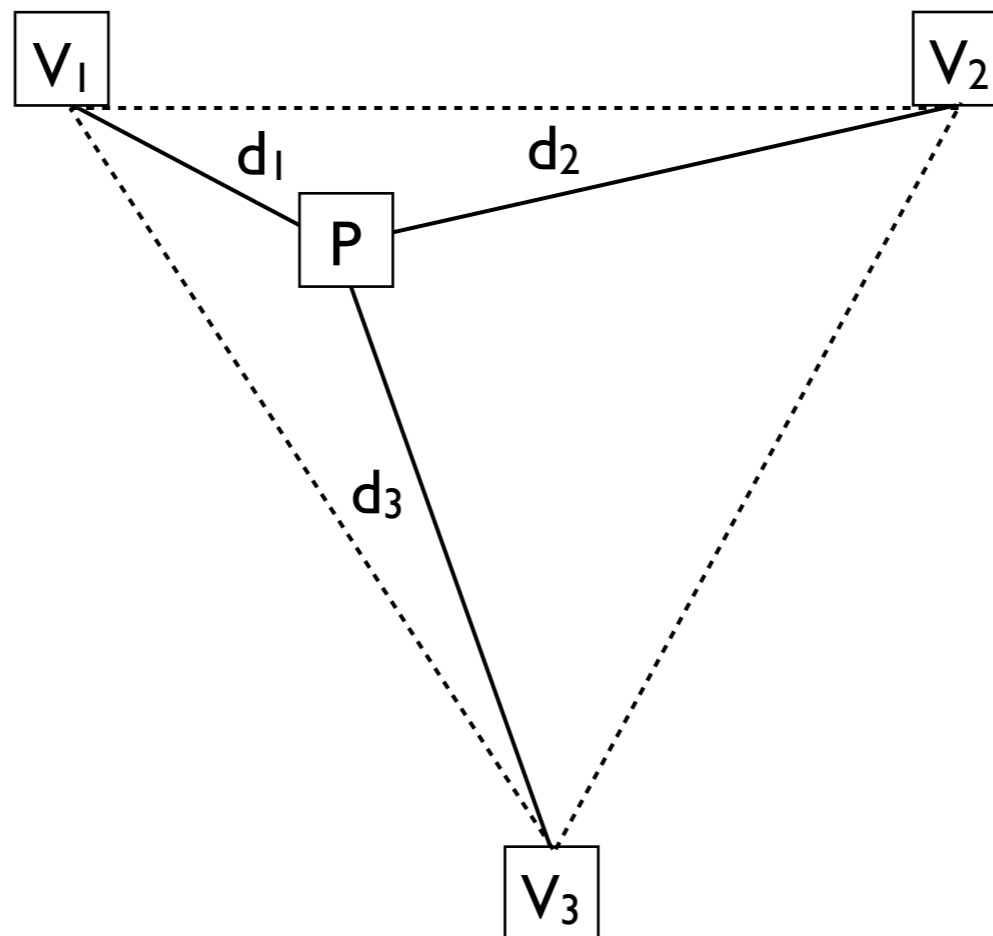
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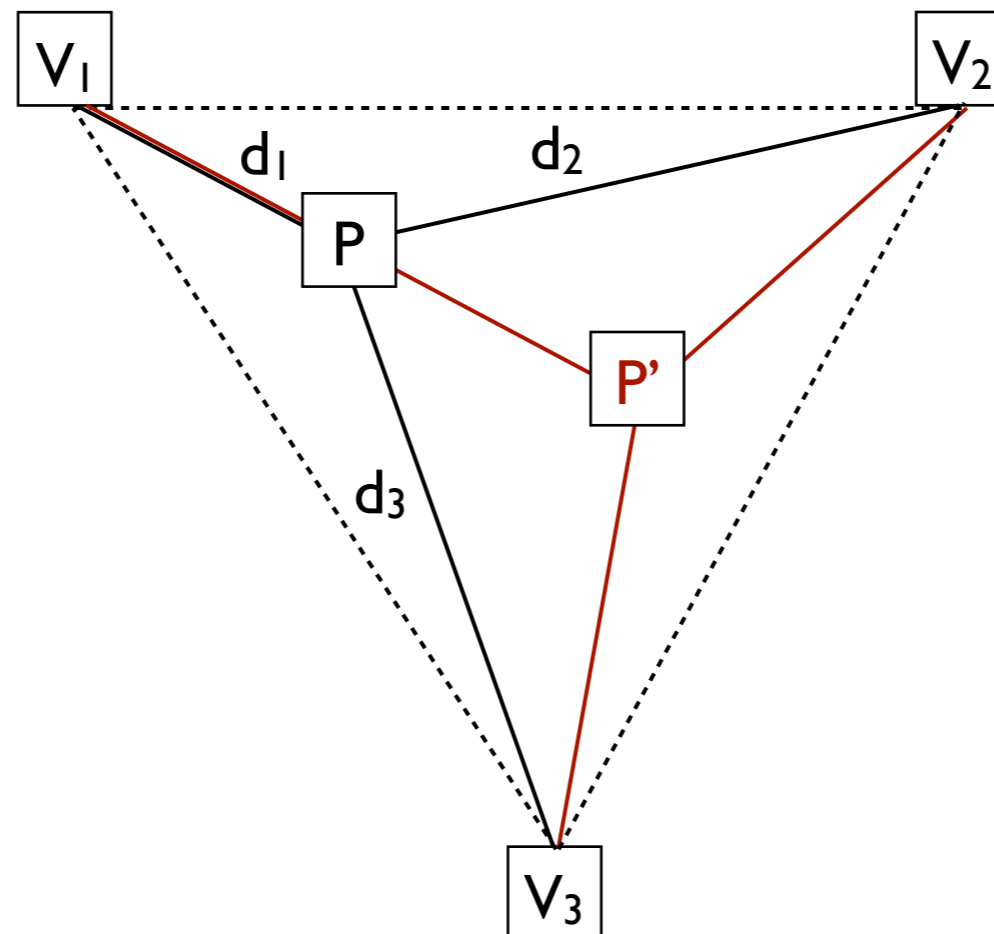
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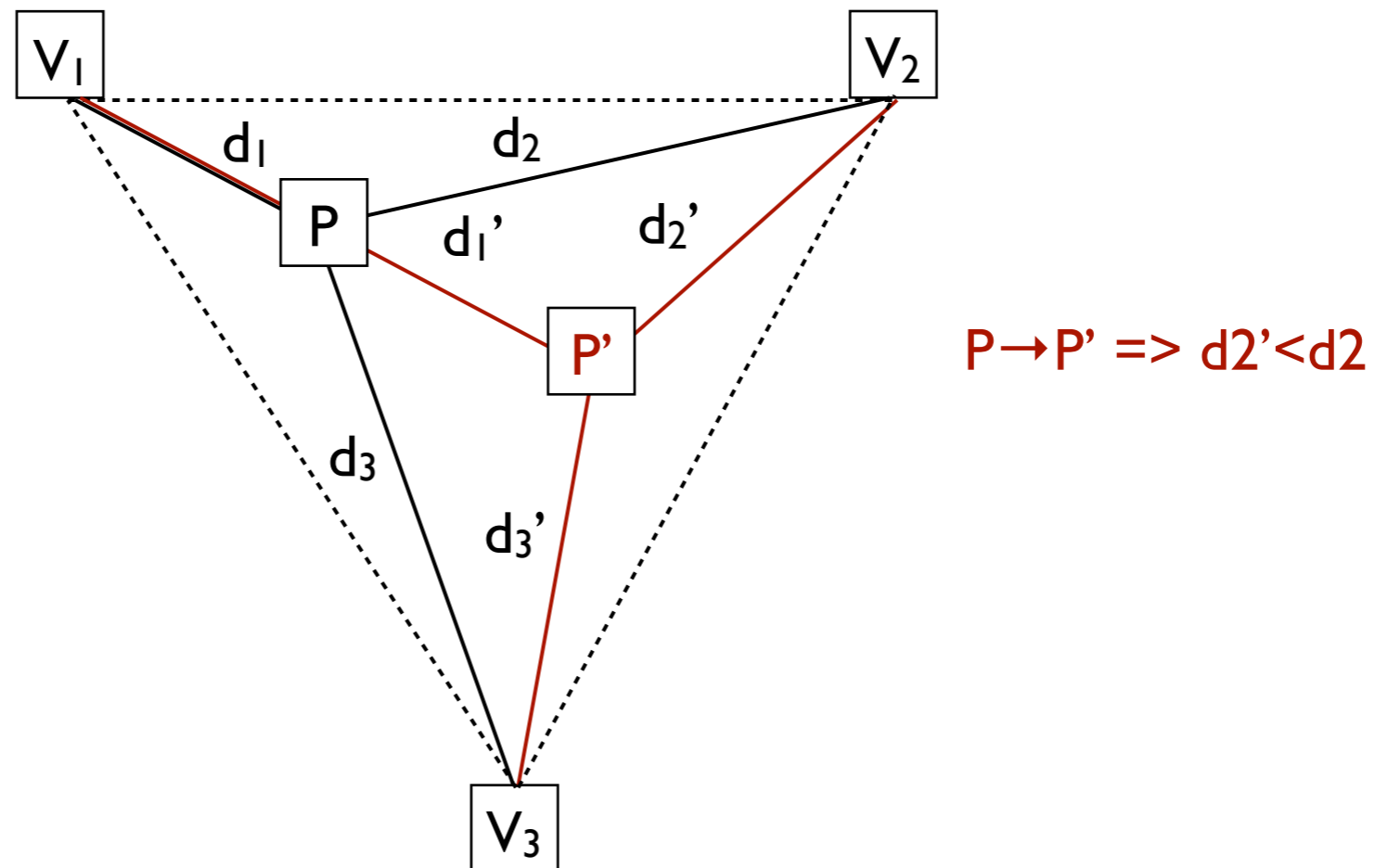
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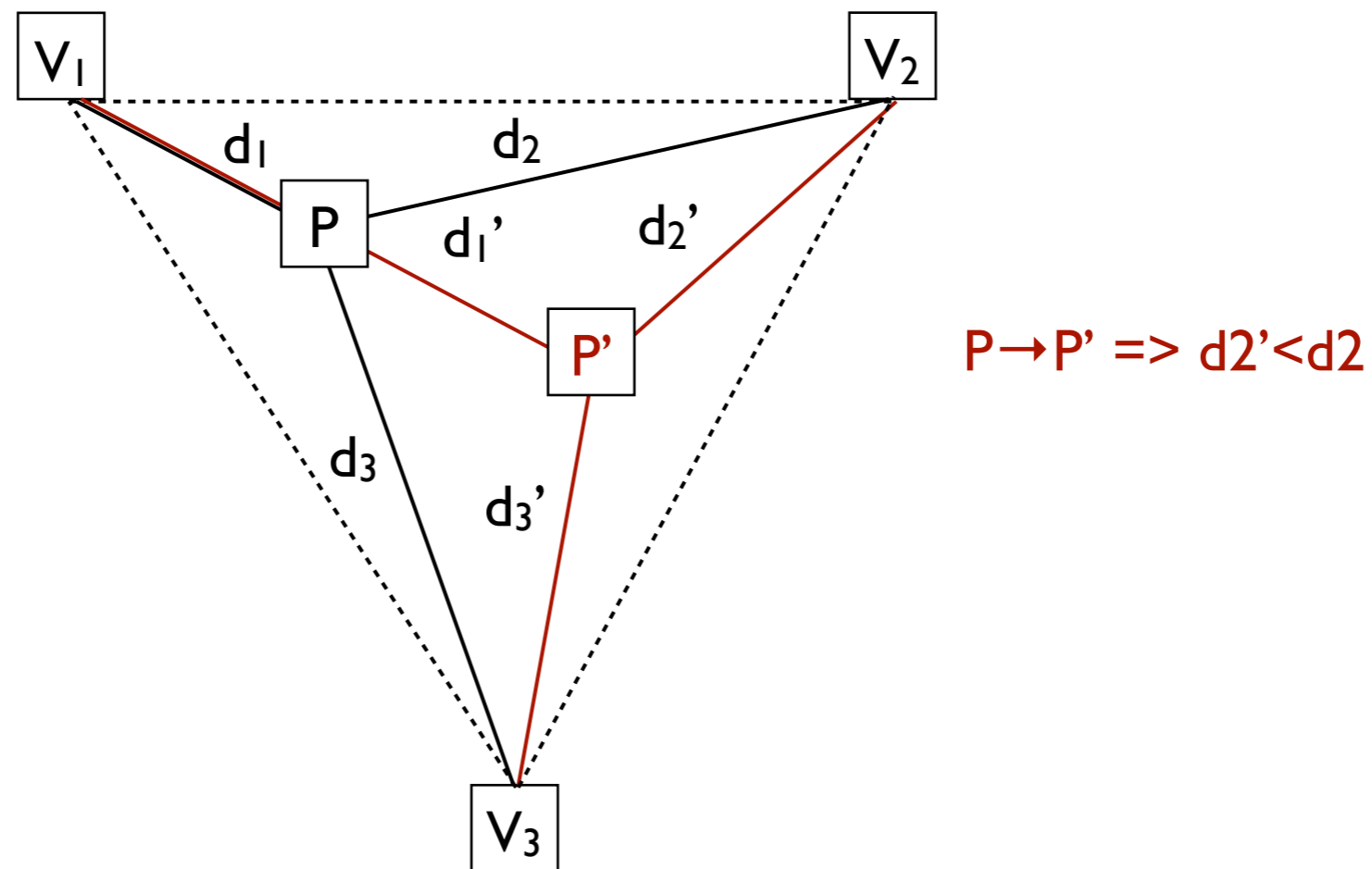
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2. *M cannot convince Vs and P that P is at $P' \neq P$ where P' is within the triangle*
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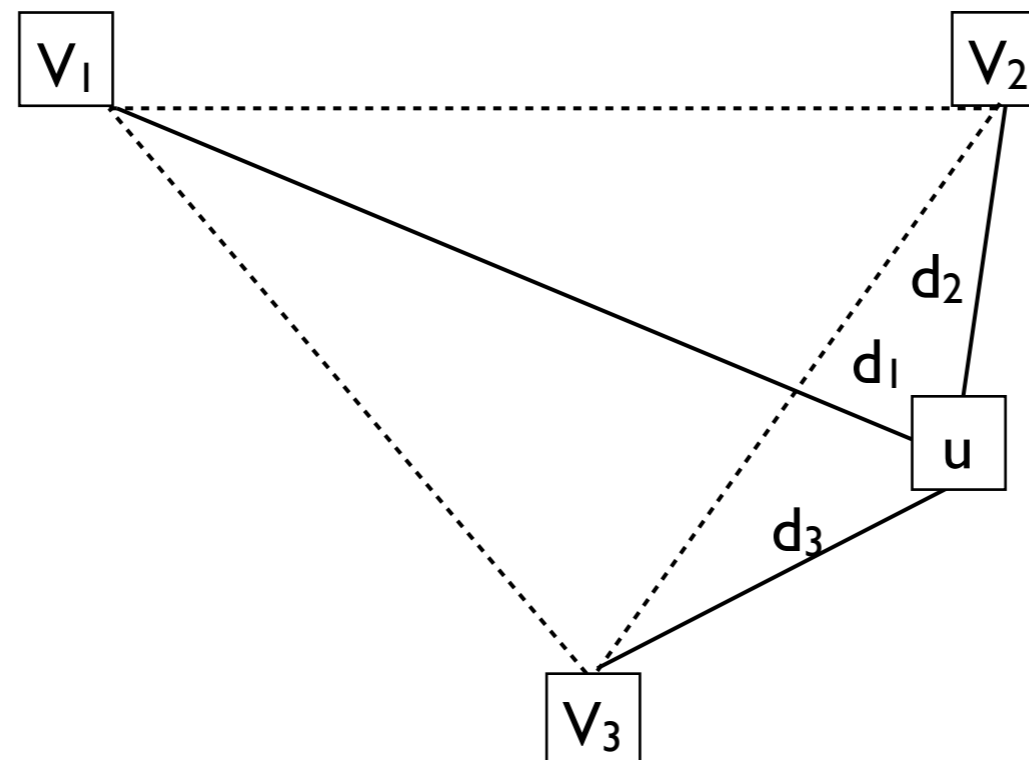
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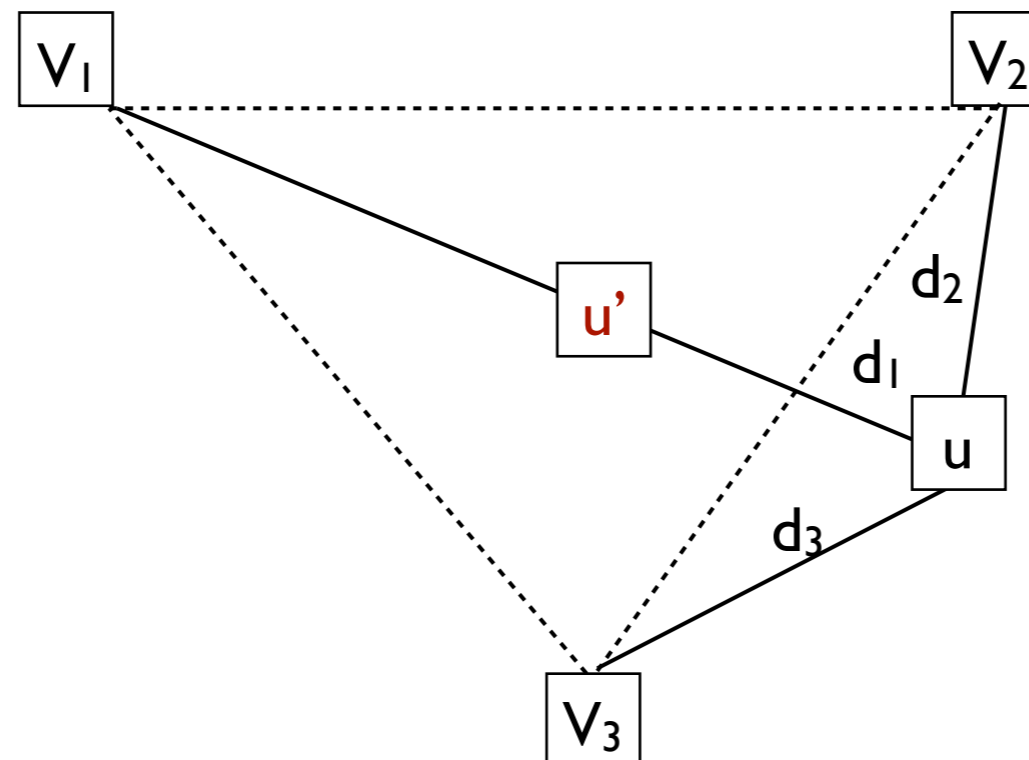
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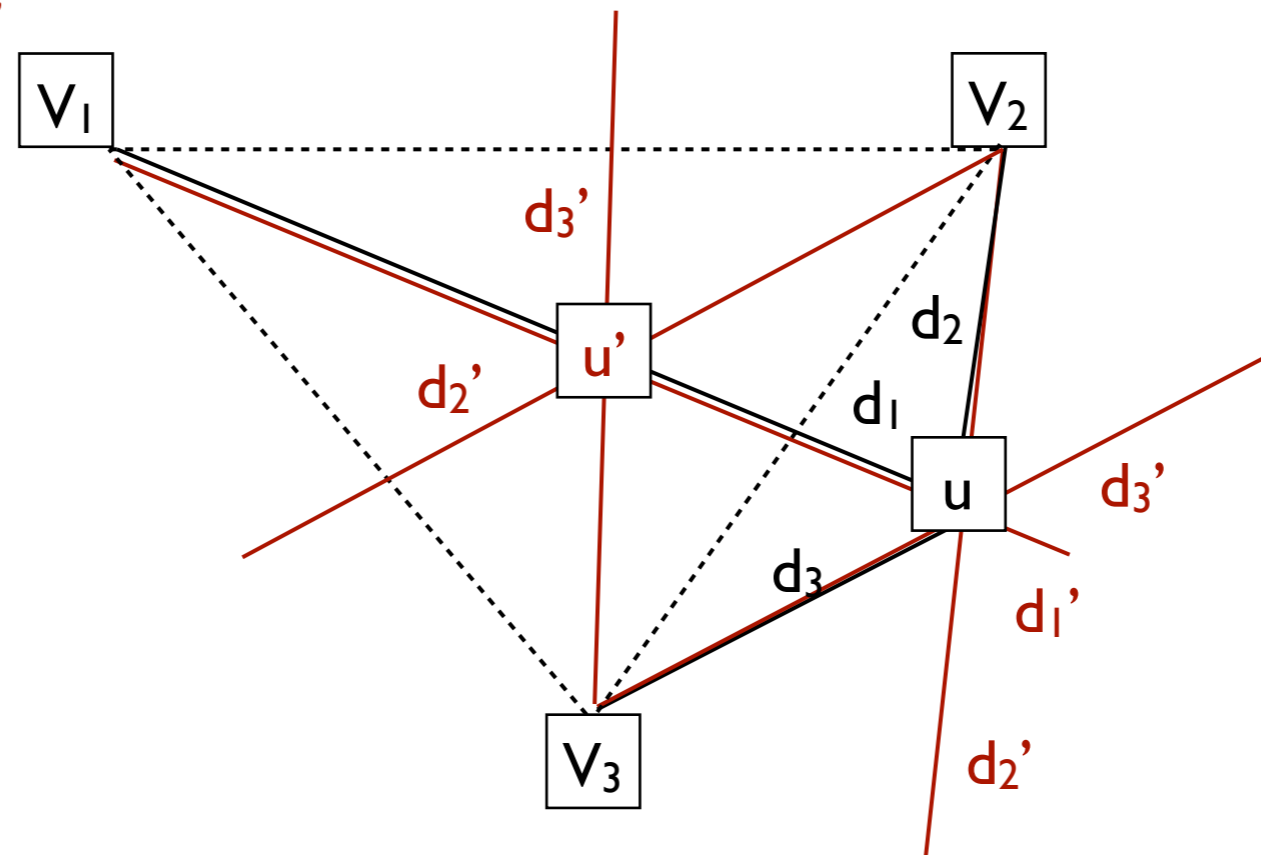
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Verifiable Multilateration Algorithm

$\mathcal{T} = \emptyset$; set of verification triangles enclosing u

$\mathcal{V} = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$; set of verifiers in the power range of u

1 For all $v_i \in \mathcal{V}$, perform distance bounding

from v_i to u and obtain db_i

2 With all $v_i \in \mathcal{V}$, compute the estimate (x'_u, y'_u) of the position by MMSE

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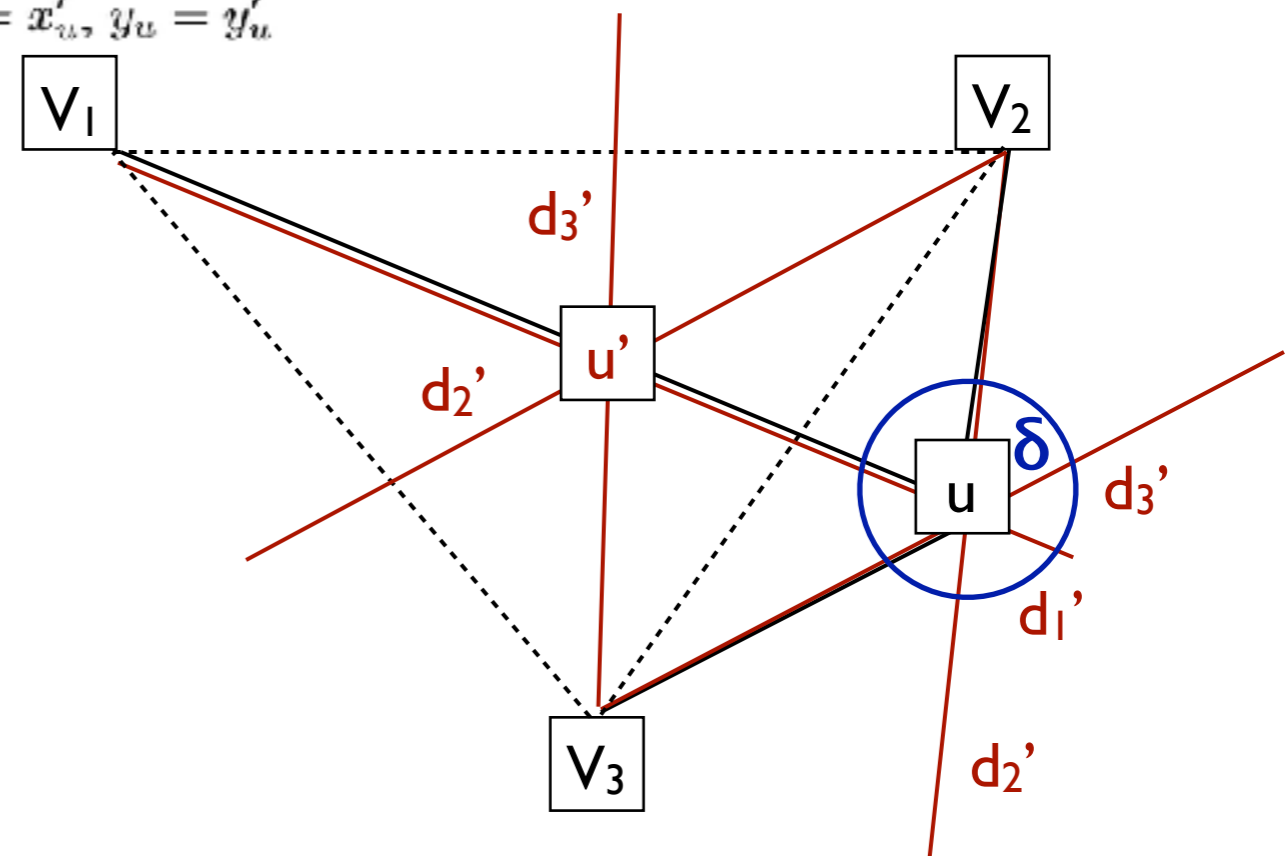
for all $(v_i, v_j, v_k) \in \mathcal{V}^3$, if $(x'_u, y'_u) \in \Delta(v_i, v_j, v_k)$

then $\mathcal{T} = \mathcal{T} \cup (v_i, v_j, v_k)$

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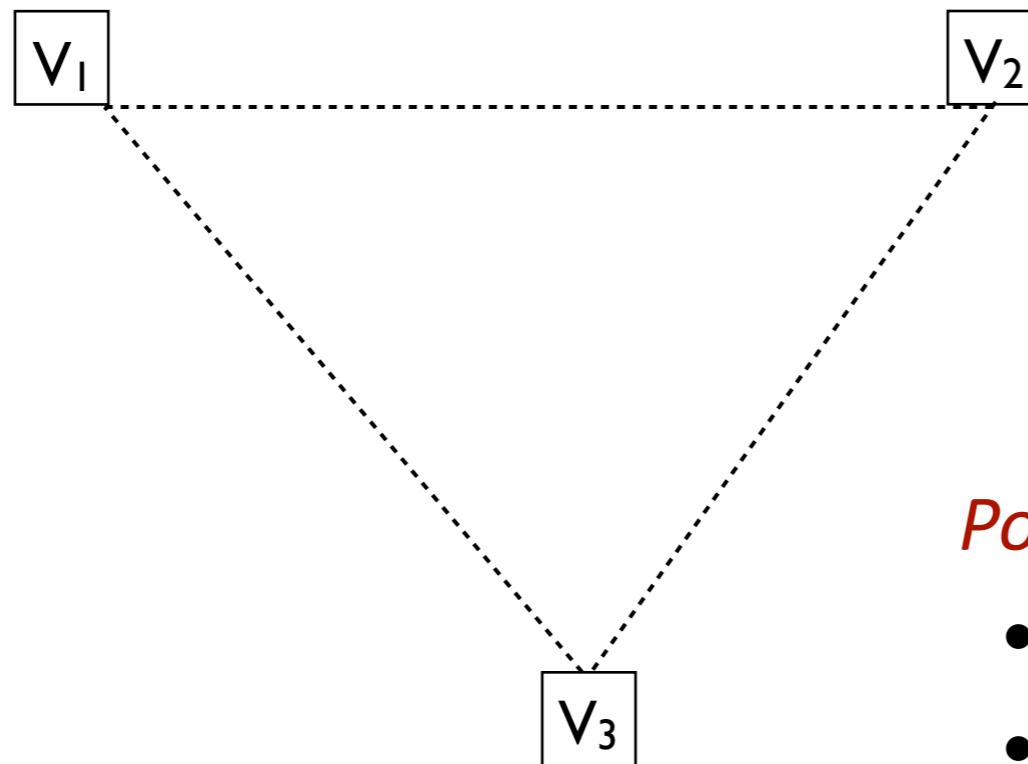
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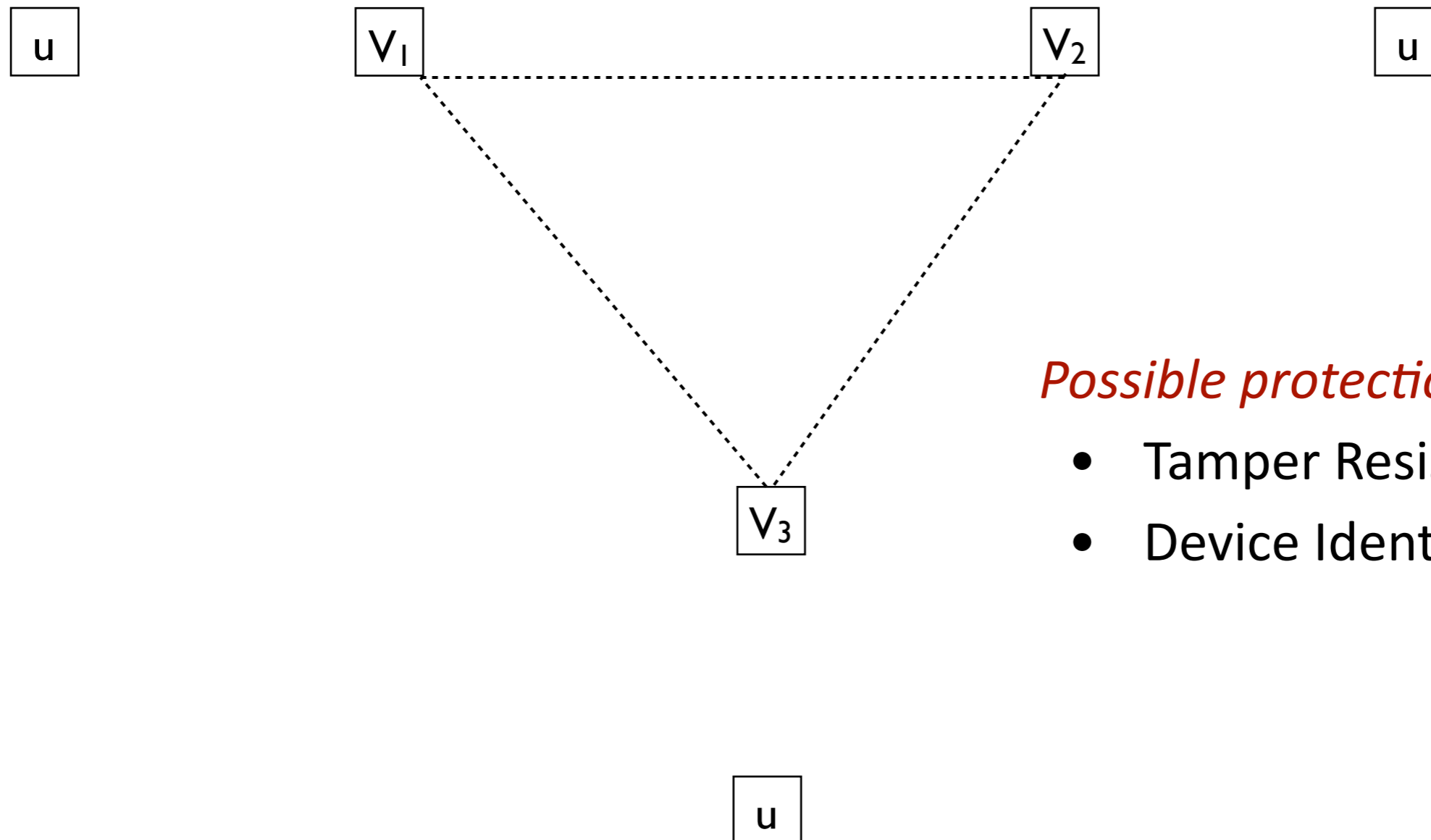
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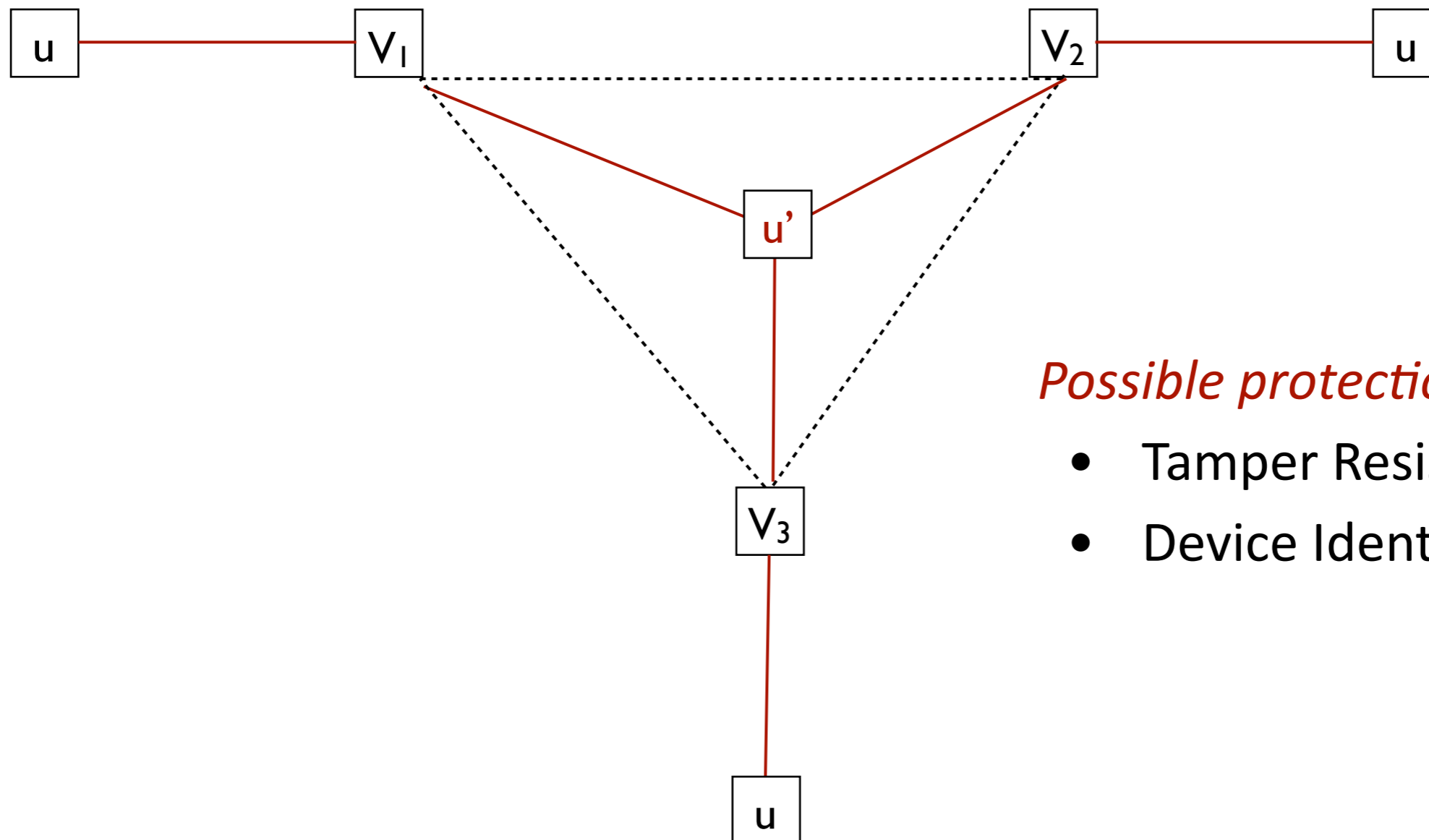
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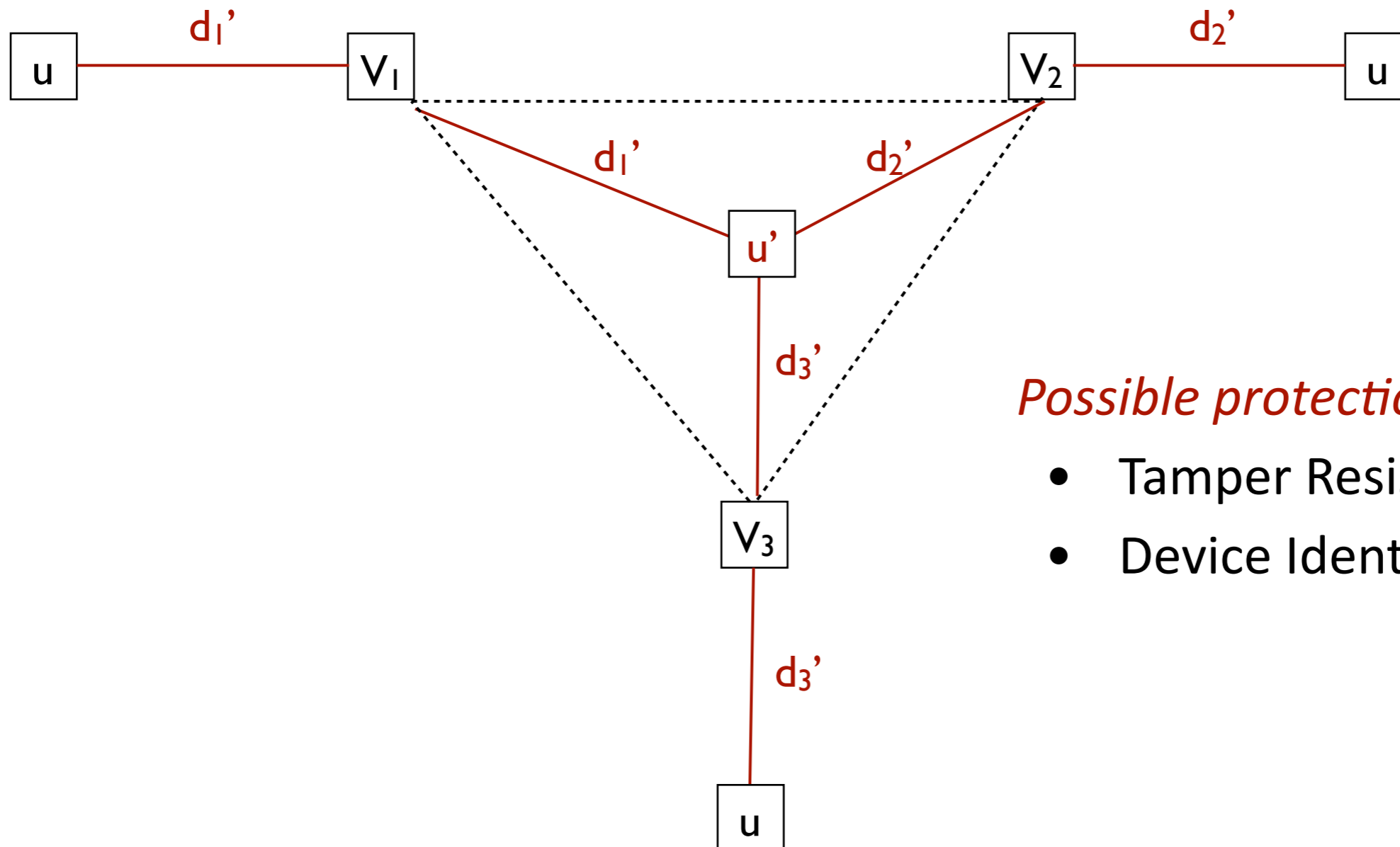
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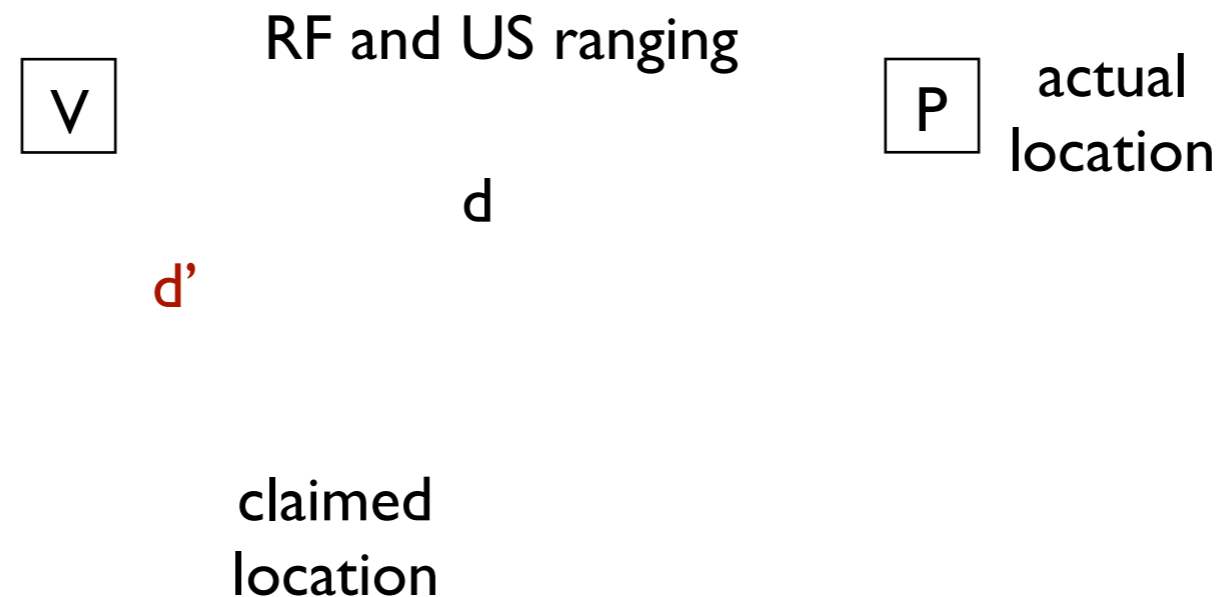
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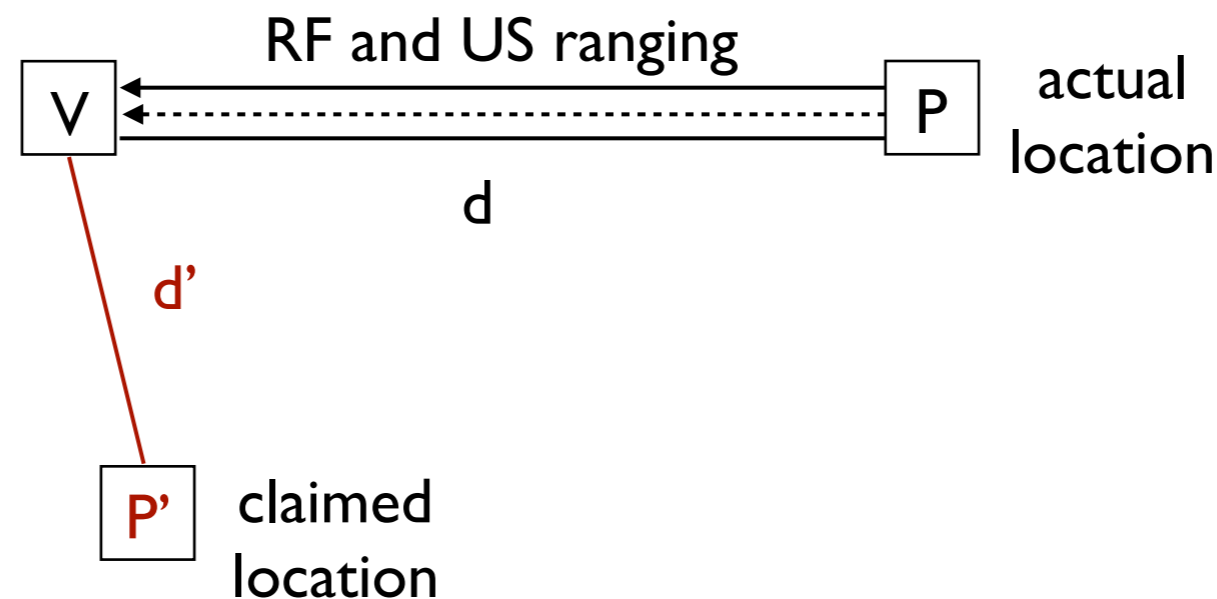
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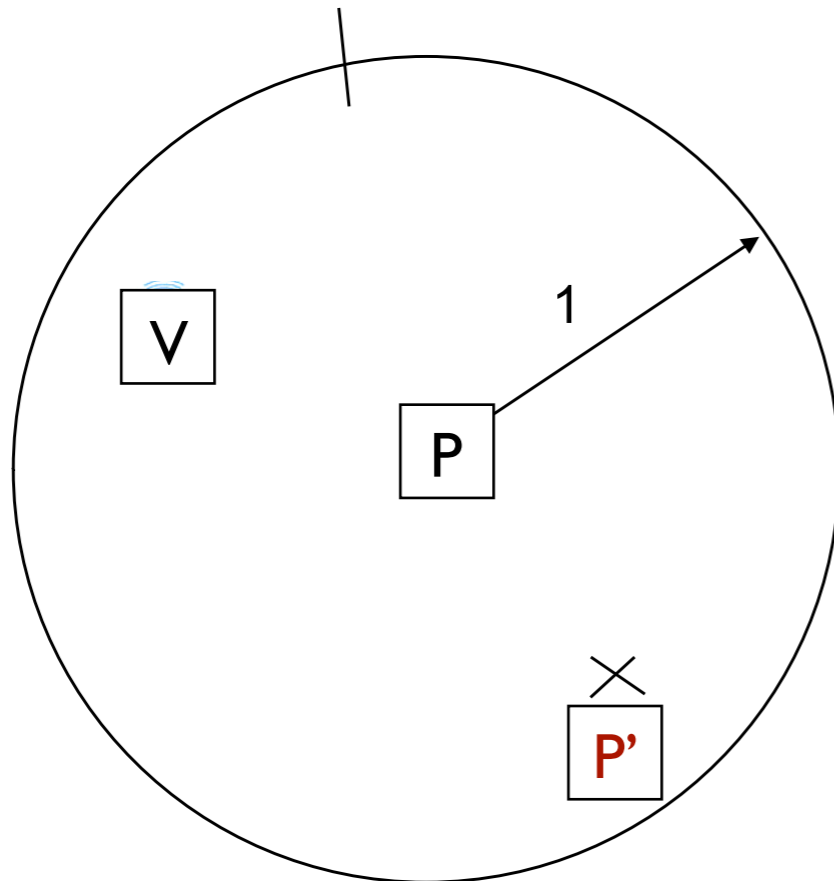
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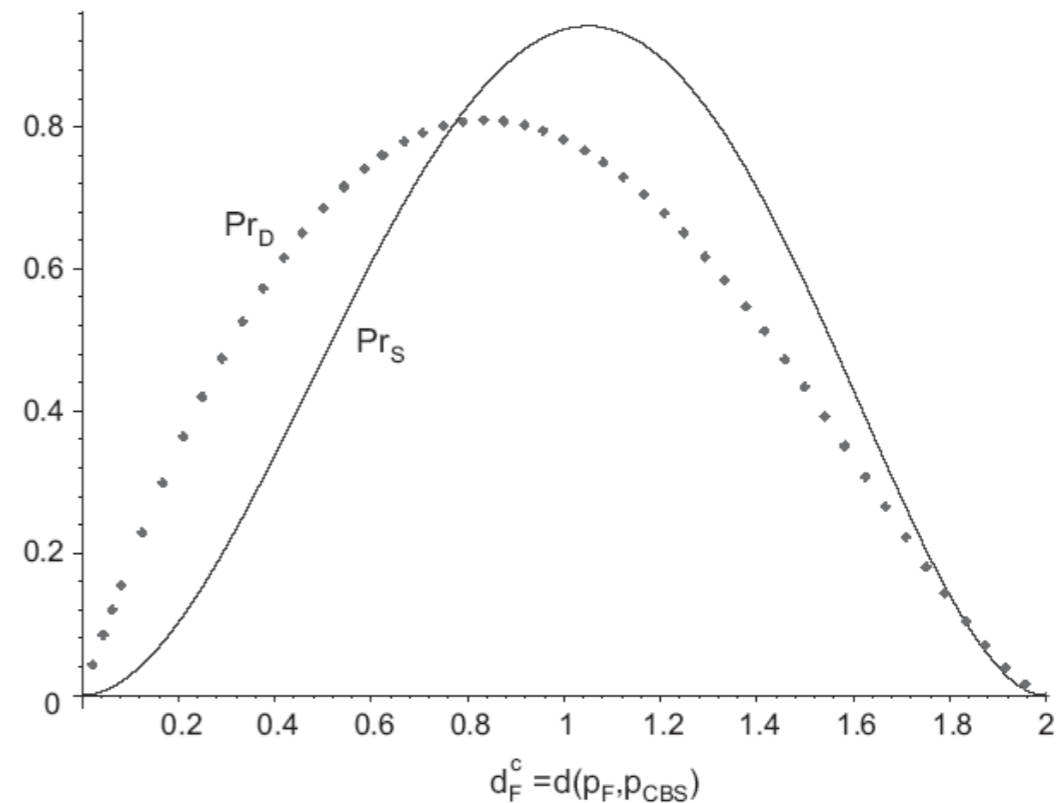
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Observation 1:



not all distances are equally likely

- Not all locations are equally easy to fake (center is the 'easiest').
- *Problems if the attacker knows where verifiers cannot be.*

Summary (on secure localization)

Main ideas

- Use time as a side-channel (e.g., distance bounding)
- Use hidden verifier locations
- Use spread spectrum communication (hide the signals such that they cannot be manipulated - in time)

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Summary

- Secure Localization / Location Verification is a fascinating area
- Brings up interesting interactions between logical and physical layer
- New challenges in formal protocol analysis
- Can be used for Secure Localization and Location Verification
- Numerous Applications
 - Physical and Logical Access Control, Anti-Spoofing, Protection of Networking Functions, ...

