

# Universally Composable Subversion-Resilient Cryptography

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# Background on subversion

- Adversary tamper with implementation/spec of crypto
- Started in 80's and 90's – Subliminal channels [Sim84], kleptography [YY97]
- Picked up steam after Snowden's revelations in 2013

# Current state of affairs

- Standalone security – no guarantees in larger context
- Every protocol needs to re-prove security from scratch
- Many different models: **Reverse Firewall**, watchdog, self-guarding, etc...

# Our Contributions

- Extension of UC framework to deal with subversions
- Sanitize UC commitments and UC coin toss
- Sanitize GMW compiler to achieve malicious MPC

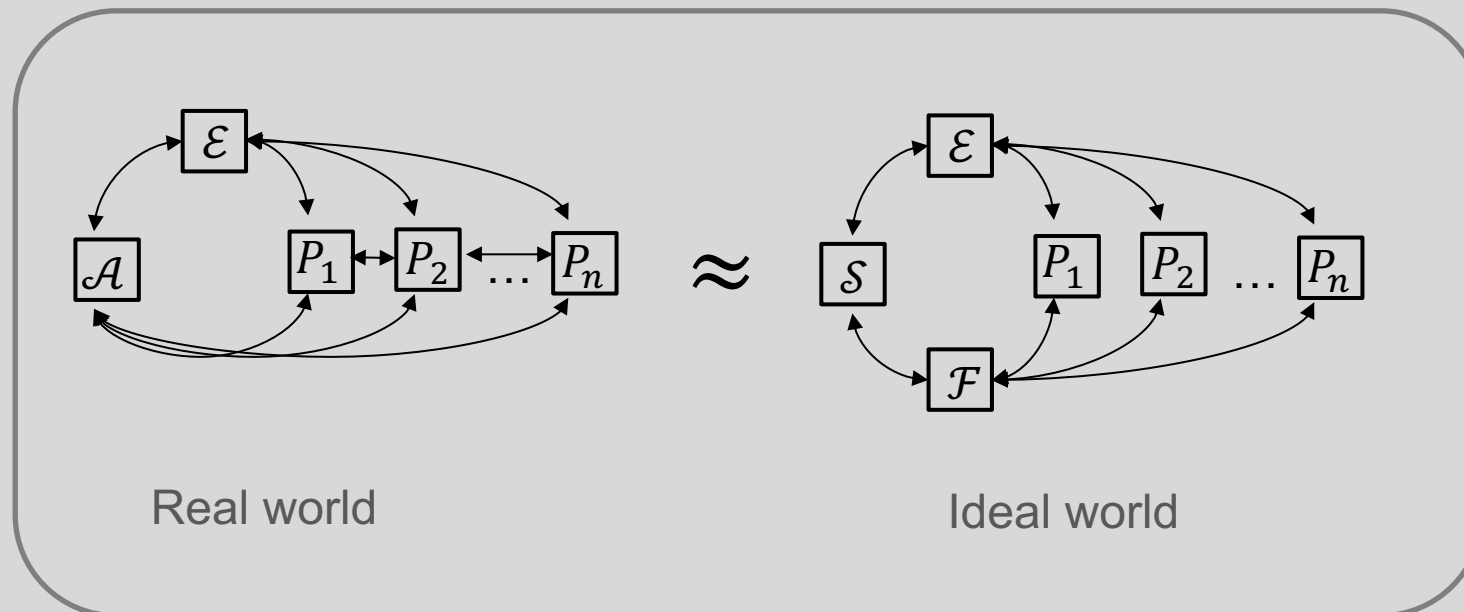
# (very) Quick UC Recap

- Define an “ideal functionality”  $\mathcal{F}$  for a task
- Design a protocol  $\Pi$  that “implements”  $\mathcal{F}$

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$\Pi$  UC-implement  $\mathcal{F}$  if:

$$\exists \mathcal{S} \forall \mathcal{E}: EXEC_{\Pi, \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{E}} \approx EXEC_{\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{S}, \mathcal{E}}$$



# Our Model

- Every UC party  $P_i$  is split into 2 parties  $C_i$  and  $F_i$  :
  - The core  $C_i$  is responsible for computing protocol's messages
  - The firewall  $F_i$  is responsible for sanitizing  $C_i$ 's communication

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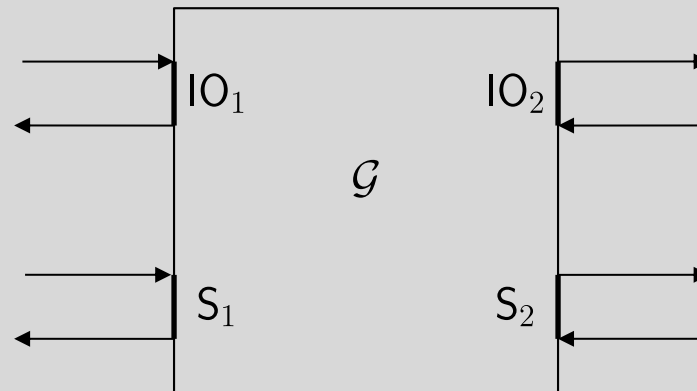
- Core and firewall can be independently corrupted
- We allow for “specious” corruptions of the core
  - Specious core is indistinguishable from an honest core, but may leak information via subliminal channel or trigger

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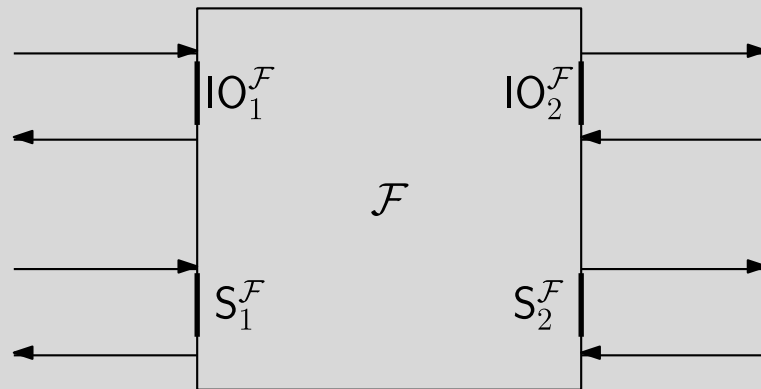
# Sanitizable Ideal Functionality

- Dedicated sanitation interface for firewalls (S)



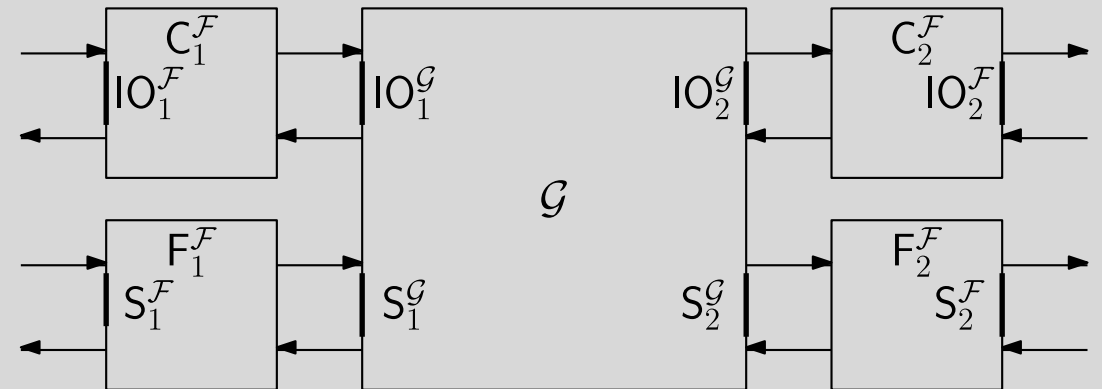
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- Implementing a sanitizable ideal functionality



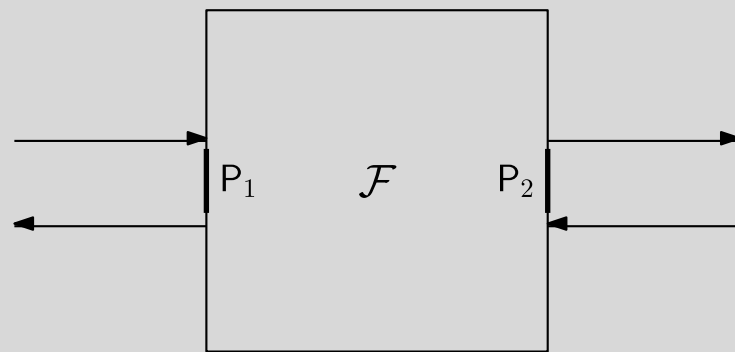
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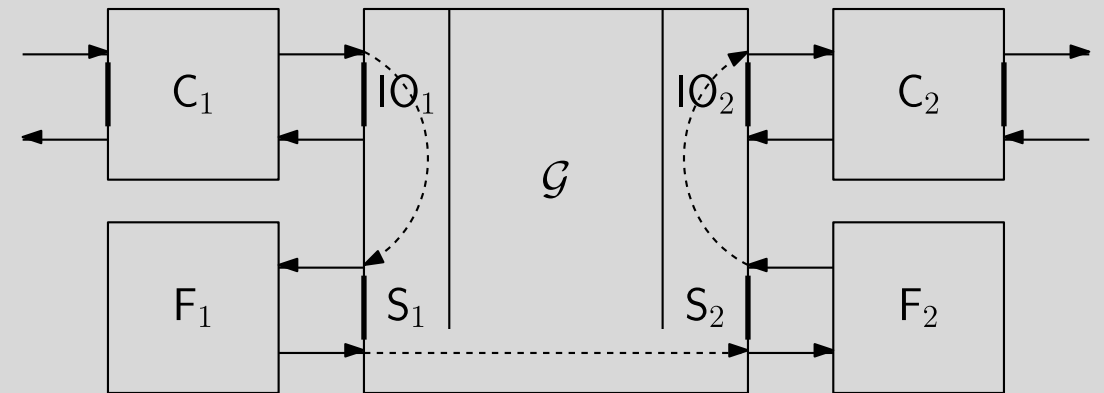
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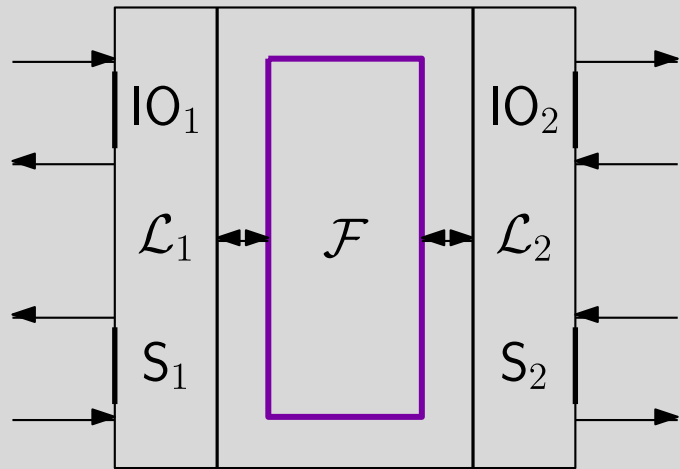
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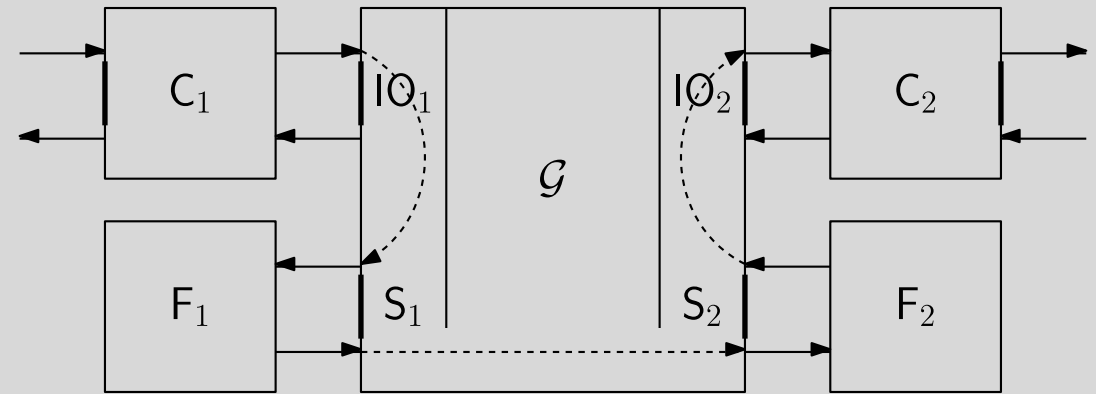
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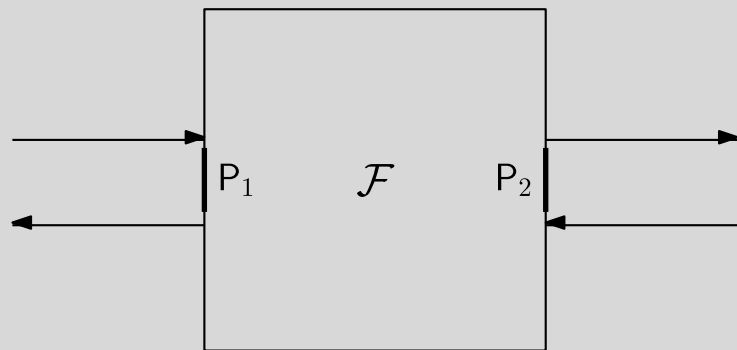
$\text{Wrap}(\mathcal{F})$

$\approx$



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- Transparency
  - Honest core alone is **indistinguishable** from honest core + firewall

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- Many more cases to analyze!



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Indistinguishability  
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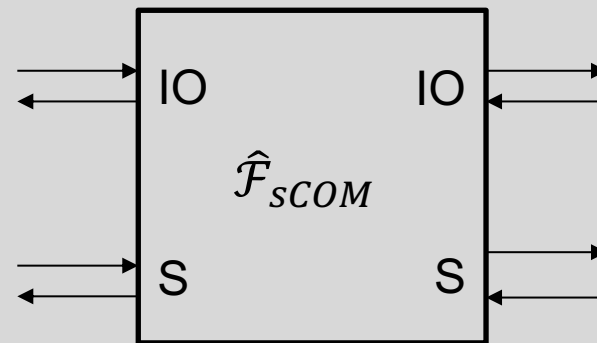
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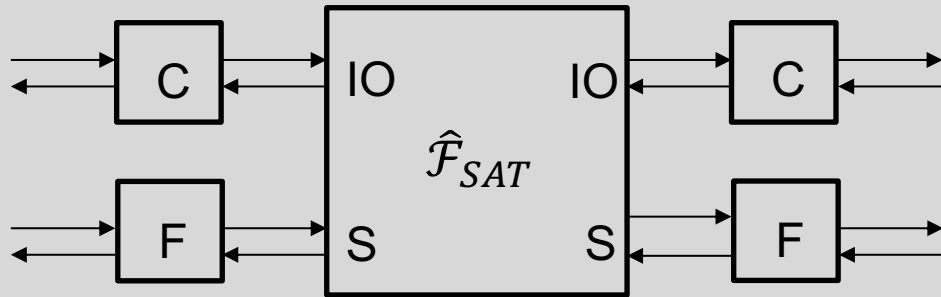
# Sanitizable commitment functionality

- Gives the firewall the option to blind the input:  $\hat{s}_i = s_i \oplus r_i$
- Upon opening, the receiver gets  $\hat{s}_i$



# Sanitizable commitment protocol

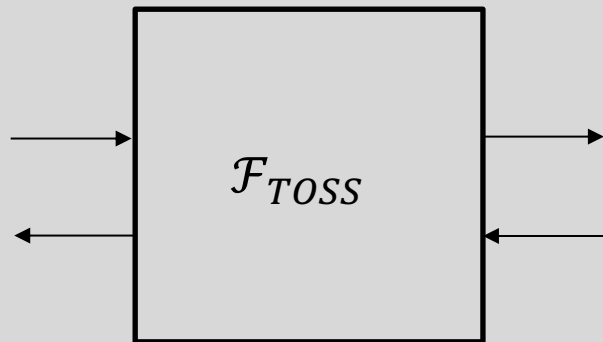
- Inspired on the UC commitment of [Canetti, Sarkar and Wang'20]
- Based on the hardness of DDH
- Allows the firewall to sanitize the input and randomness
- Details on our paper!



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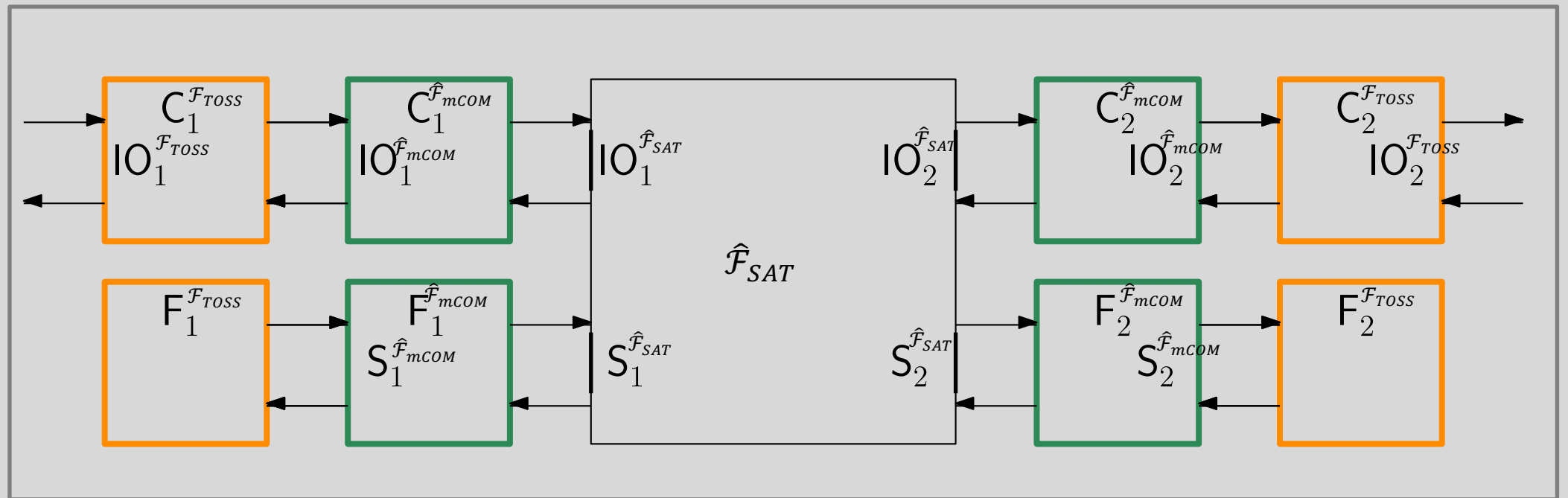
# Sanitizing Coin toss (in the $\hat{\mathcal{F}}_{sCOM}$ -hybrid model)

- Each core commits to a random  $s_i$  with  $\hat{\mathcal{F}}_{sCOM}$
- Each firewall samples a random  $r_i$  and sends it to  $\hat{\mathcal{F}}_{sCOM}$
- Each core output  $s = s_i \oplus r_i \oplus (\oplus_{j \neq i} \hat{s}_j)$



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# Protocol $\hat{\Pi}_{TOSS}$



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# GMW Compiler

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- Can't prove things about UC commitments!

# Sanitizable Commit-and-Prove functionality

- As in [CLOS02] we need a commit-and-prove functionality
- Allows parties to commit to value and prove statements about the committed values
- The firewall has the option to blind the committed values and to verify the proven statements

# Sanitizable Commit-and-Prove functionality

- We srUC-realize  $\hat{\mathcal{F}}_{C\&P}$  combining the sanitizable commitment construction + re-randomizable NIZKs

# Putting it all together: Completeness Theorem

- $\hat{\Pi}_{GMW}$  is described in  $(\hat{\mathcal{F}}_{C\&P}, \mathcal{F}_{\text{TOSS}})$ -hybrid model

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- Random tape generation:
  - Core  $C_i$  commits to  $s_i$  with  $\hat{\mathcal{F}}_{C\&P}$
  - Firewall  $F_i$  samples random  $r_i$  and sends it to  $\hat{\mathcal{F}}_{C\&P}$
  - All cores interact with  $\mathcal{F}_{TOSS}$  to generate  $s_i^*$  for core  $C_i$
  - Core  $C_i$  set its random tape to be  $\hat{r}_i = s_i^* \oplus (s_i \oplus r_i)$

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- Input commitment:
  - The core sends input  $x_i$  to  $\hat{\mathcal{F}}_{C\&P}$  that stores it in a list  $\bar{x}_i$
  - The firewall choose to **not blind**  $x_i$  (the input does not change)

# Putting it all together: Completeness Theorem

- Protocol execution
  - The core  $C_i$  runs the code of  $\Pi$  on its list  $\bar{x}_i$ , transcript  $\tau$ , and random tape  $\hat{r}_i$
  - For each message  $\mu$  sent by  $P_i$  in  $\Pi$ , core  $C_i$  proves (by asking  $\hat{\mathcal{F}}_{C\&P}$ ) that  $\mu$  is the correct next message w.r.t list  $\bar{x}_i$ , transcript  $\tau$ , and random tape  $\hat{r}_i$
  - The firewall now checks that the statement is good, i.e., that  $s_i^*$  is the output of  $\mathcal{F}_{TOSS}$  and  $\tau$  is the correct transcript up to now
  - Upon receiving OK from  $\hat{\mathcal{F}}_{C\&P}$ , core and firewall just append  $\mu$  to transcript and start over



# Conclusions and future work

- New model for handling subversions under composition
- Design firewalls for other functionalities (e.g. OT, ZK, etc)
- MPC with adaptive corruptions?