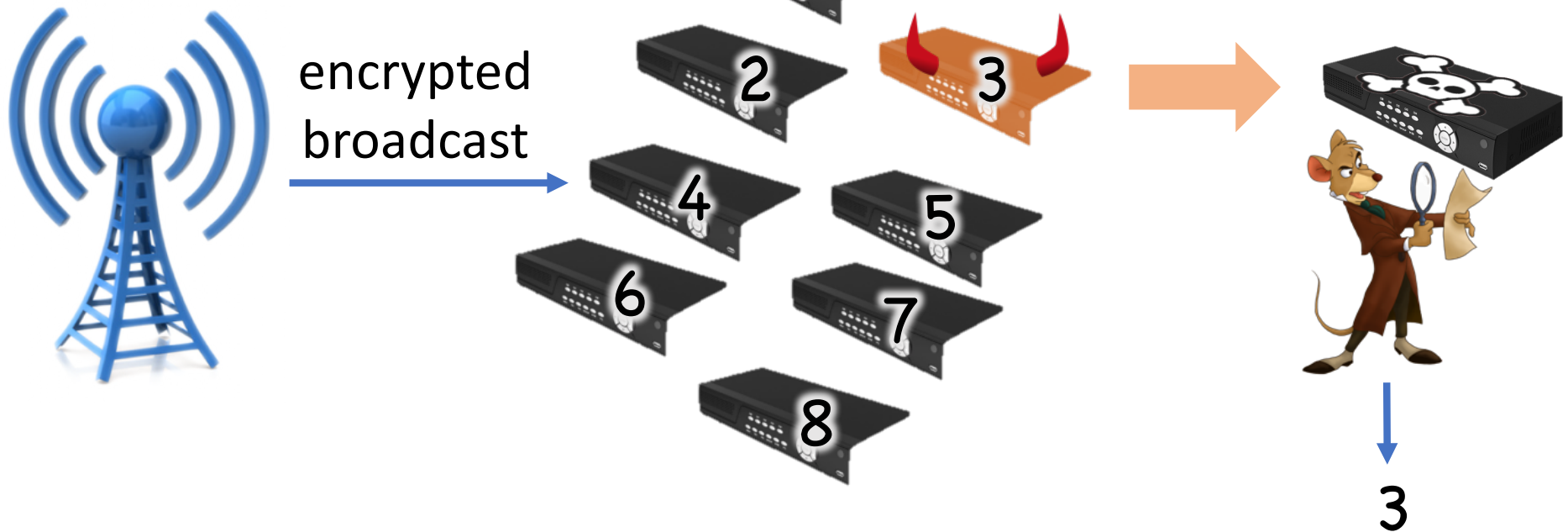


# White Box Traitor Tracing

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# Traitor Tracing

[Chor-Fiat-Naor'94]



## Some Desirable features

Trace decoders  
rather than keys

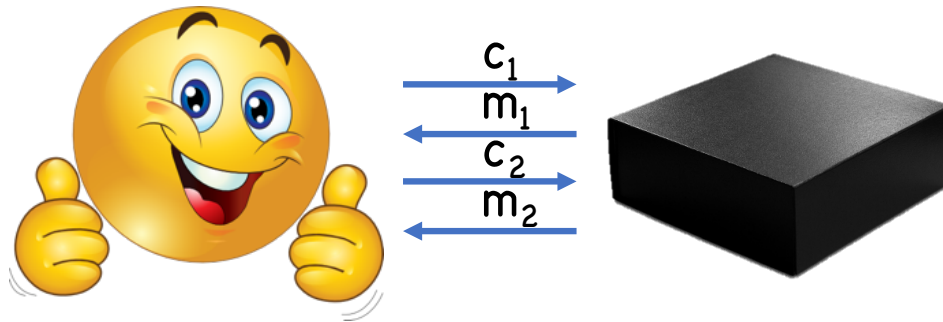
Collusion  
Resistance

Mild  
Assumptions

Imperfect  
decoders

Public  
tracing

# Black Box Tracing



Focus of all “modern” traitor tracing literature

## “Trivial Solution”



$$\begin{aligned}c_1 &= \text{Enc}(pk_1, m) \\c_2 &= \text{Enc}(pk_2, m) \\&\dots \\c_N &= \text{Enc}(pk_N, m)\end{aligned}$$



### Advantages:

- Collusion resistant
- Minimal assumptions
- Traces imperfect decoders
- Public tracing
- Black box tracing

**Problem:** large ciphertexts/public keys

[Boneh-Sahai-Waters'06]:  
Pairings  $\Rightarrow (N^{1/2}, 1, N^{1/2})$

Trivial:  
PKE  $\Rightarrow (N, 1, N)$

[Boneh-Naor'02,  
Sirvent'06, Billet-Phan'08]:  
PKE  $\Rightarrow (N^2, N^2, 1)$

Consequence:  
Most tracing literature = shorter parameters

[Garg-Gentry-Halevi-Sahai-  
Waters'13, Boneh-Z'13]:  
iO  $\Rightarrow (1, 1, 1)$

[Goyal-Koppula-Waters'18]:  
LWE  $\Rightarrow (1, 1, 1)$

[Z'20]:  
Pairings  $\Rightarrow (N^{1/3}, N^{1/3}, N^{1/3})$   
IBE  $\Rightarrow (1, N^{2/3}, N^{2/3})$

Notation: (  $|pk|$ ,  $|msk|$ ,  $|ctxt|$  )

# Desirable Feature: Embedded Identities

[Nishimaki-Wichs-**Z**'16]

Most schemes:

(including trivial scheme)

$\text{user id} = \text{index} \in [N]$

Embedded identities:

$\text{user id} \in \{0,1\}^n$

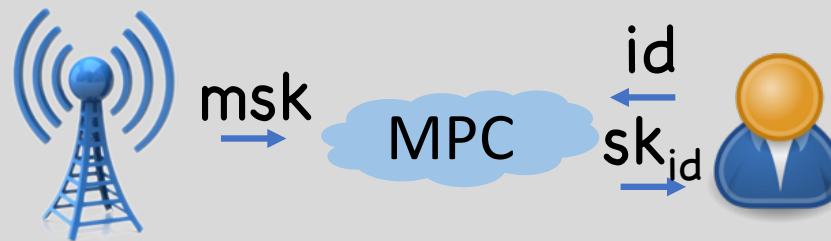
Advantages of embedded identities:

- Increased deterrence (esp. w/ public tracing)
- “Anonymity”

## Desirable Feature: Anonymity/User Privacy

Suppose  $id$  contains sensitive info. Can it be kept secret?

[Nishimaki-Wichs-**Z**'16]:



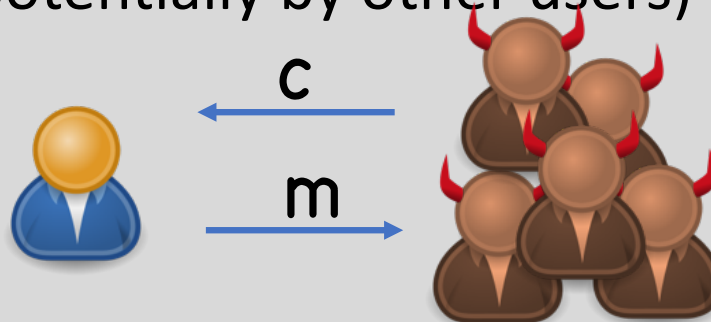
$id$  hidden from  
content distributor



## Desirable Feature: Anonymity/User Privacy

Suppose id contains sensitive info. Can it be kept secret?

This work: CCA attacks by  
(potentially by other users)

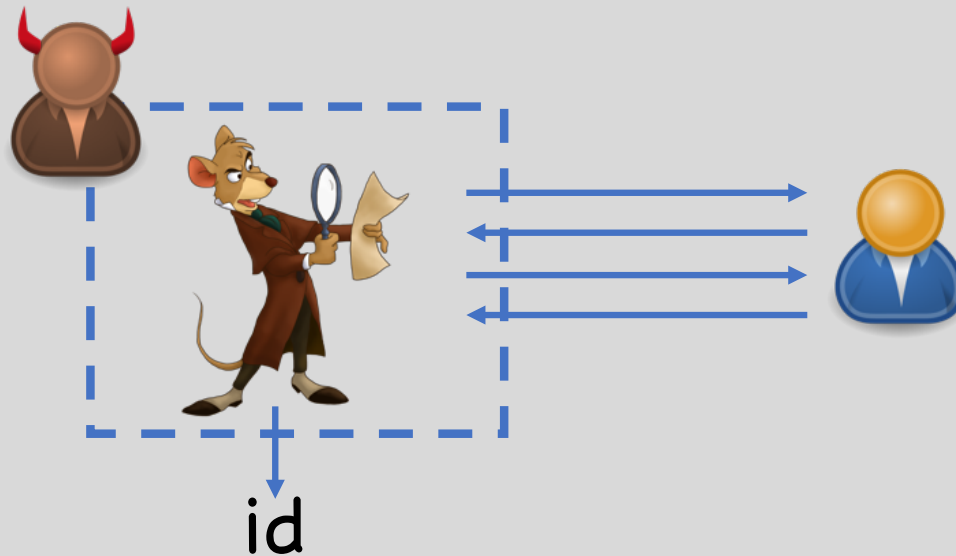


Is id hidden?

# Impossibility

**Thm:** Black Box  $\Rightarrow$  No user privacy under CCA attacks, against anyone who can trace

Proof:



## Positive Result

**Thm:** Functional Encryption (+ NIZKs)  
 $\Rightarrow$  public tracing + user privacy

**Note:** Necessarily use *white box* tracing (inspect actual code)

# Proof Idea: Unobfuscatable Programs

Non-learnable



Reverse engineer-able



[Barak-Goldreich-Impagliazzo-Rudich-Sahai-Vadhan-Yang'01]

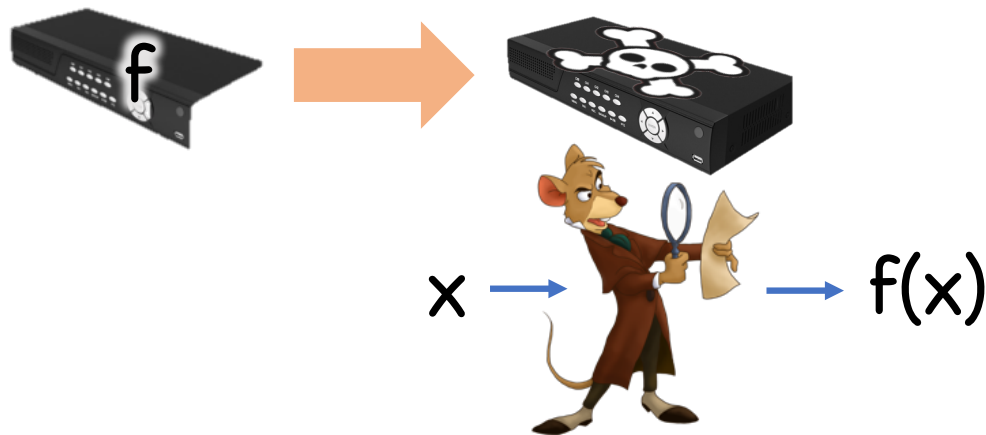
# Failed Attempt

Assume embedded identity system (with black box tracing)

id =  ?

Problem: remote user recovers  using black box tracing

# Our Solution: Function-Embedded TT



But can't learn code for  $f$ !

**Thm:** FE (+ NIZKs)  $\Rightarrow$   
Function-Embedded TT

Extension of  
[Nishimaki-Wichs-**Z**'16]

## Our Solution: Function-Embedded TT

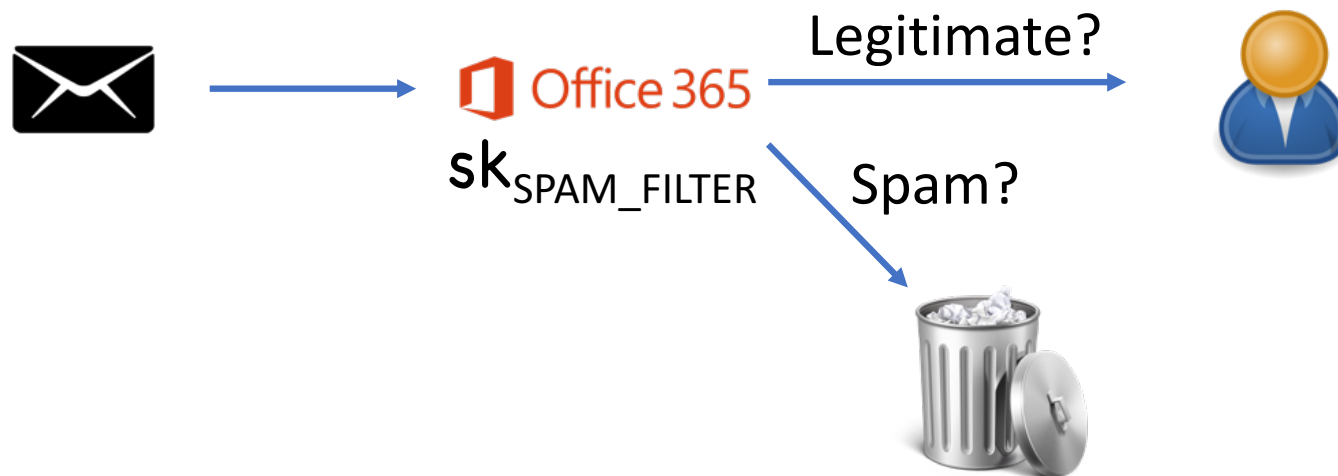
**Thm:** Function-Embedded TT (even w/ black box tracing)  
+ Un-obfuscatable Programs  
 $\Rightarrow$  public tracing + user privacy

Proof:

$f =$



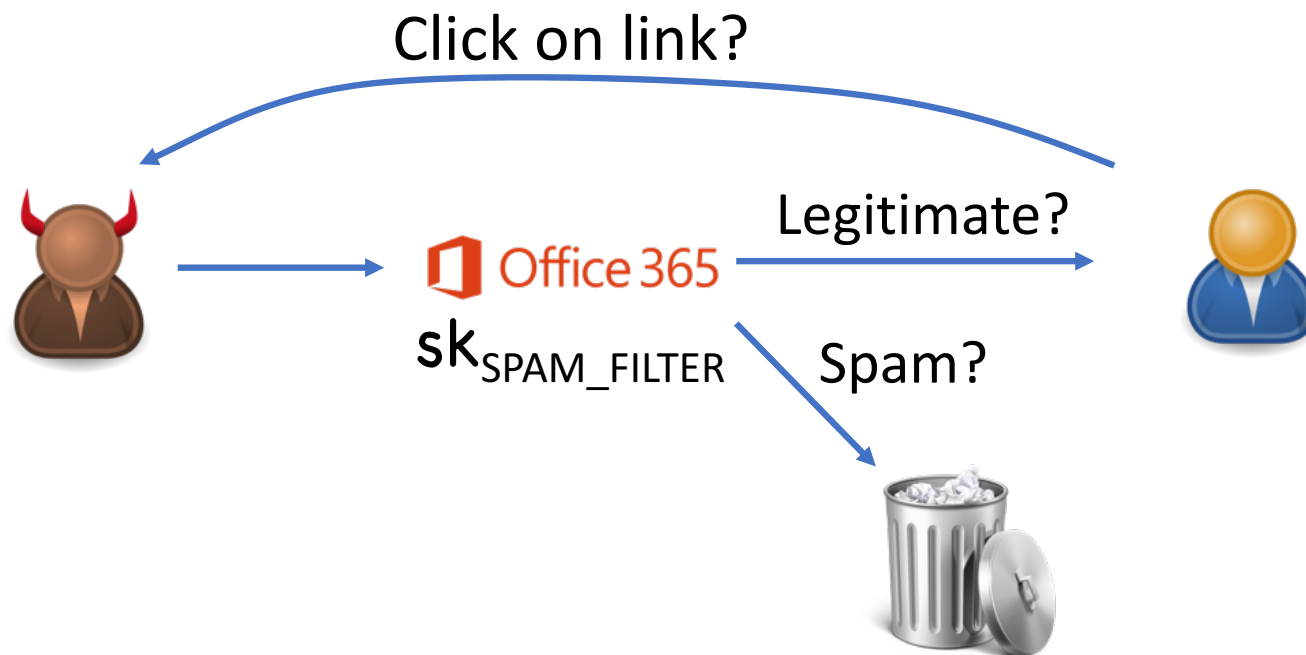
## Aside: CCA Attacks on Functional Encryption



FE motivation: hide message content from email provider

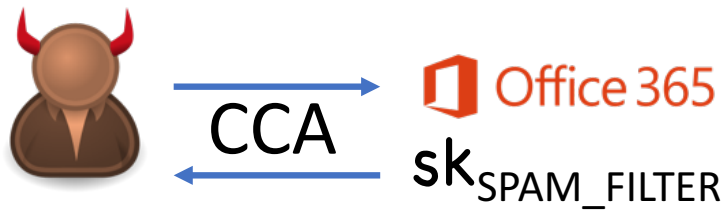


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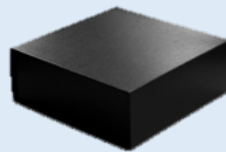
Q: what about security against spammer?

## Aside: CCA Attacks on Functional Encryption



Black box  
function privacy:

$\leq$



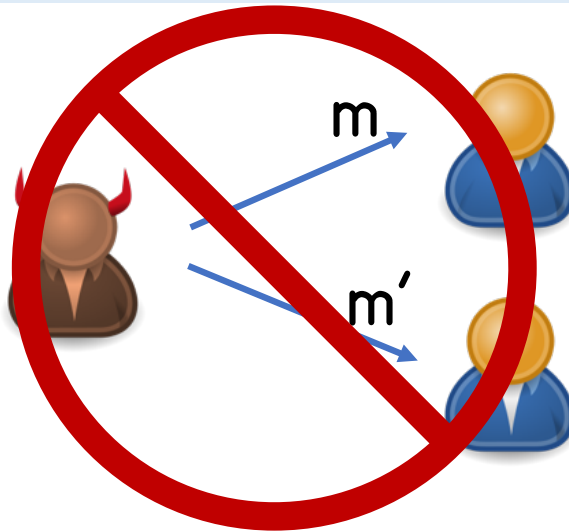
Q: What can adv learn  
about SPAM\_FILTER?

$\geq$   , maybe:



# Desirable Feature: Consistency

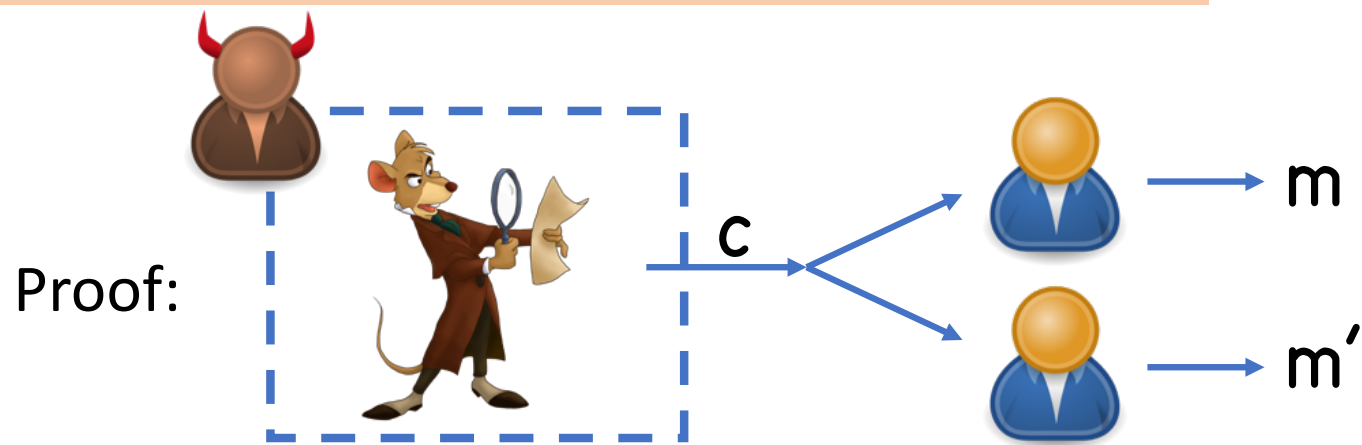
Typical malicious MPC assumption:  
reliable broadcast channel



Q: What if channel encrypted under TT scheme?

# Impossibility

**Thm:** Black Box + Public Tracing  $\Rightarrow$   
Inconsistent decryptions



**Thm:** FHE + Lockable Obfuscation  $\Rightarrow$   
Consistency, tracing under  $O(1)$  collusions

**Note:** again, necessarily *white box* tracing

**Proof idea:**

- Tracing requires secrets
- Secrets encrypted under FHE
- Tracing performed homomorphically
- Use lockable obfuscation to get result

## Future Direction: Software Watermarking



Traitor tracing  $\approx$  watermarking  
for decryption programs

All prior watermarking results  
use black box tracing

Q: Privacy, consistency for other watermarking settings?

Q: Watermark more programs with white box tracing?