

3.3.2 Evolution of monetary systems : economic analysis

1. Pure gold money system – purchase created money by the seigneur (= state)

Gold content 0,3gr/ 1 \$  
charge: 0,06gr gold / coin



A      Subjects      L      A      L

Initial state

Real asset  
10000\$  
out of which gold:  
300g=833,3\$

Individual wealth  
10000\$

Real Asset  
1000\$

Individual wealth  
1000\$

Gold handed over  
to the ruler for  
mintage

Real asset  
9166,67\$  
Claim 833,3\$

Individual wealth  
10000\$

Real Asset  
1833,3\$  
out of which gold  
833,3\$

Individual wealth  
1000\$  
Debt 833,3\$

1000\$ EMISSION

Cost of 1000\$:  
300gr gold = 833,3\$

Mintage  
(gold is used up)

DO NOT CHANGE

Real Asset  
1000\$  
MONEY 1000\$

Individual wealth  
166,67\$  
Debt 833,3\$  
MONEY 1000\$

Ruler constraints his own  
money sovereignty, because of  
fixing the gold content of coins



Honour debt

Real asset  
9166,67\$  
MONEY 833,3\$

Individual wealth  
10000\$

Real Asset  
1000\$  
MONEY 166,67\$


Individual wealth  
166,67\$  
MONEY 1000\$

Ruler can be lack of money

Ruler can purchas for 166,67\$ anything he whishes (seigniorage)

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Ruler can be lack of money: <b>BORROW</b>		A Lender subject L		A Other subjects L		A  L	
time ↓	Initial state	MONEY 10\$	Ind. wealth 10\$	Real asset 9166.67\$ MONEY 823,3\$	Ind. wealth 9990\$	Real asset 1000\$ MONEY 166,67\$	Ind. wealth 166,67\$ MONEY 1000\$
	Loan 10\$ Interest rate 10% duration 1 year	Claim 10\$	Ind. wealth 10\$	DO NOT CHANGE		Real asset 1000\$ MONEY 176,67\$	Ind. wealth 166,67\$ MONEY 1000\$ Debt 10\$
	Ruler spends all his money	DO NOT CHANGE		Real asset 8990\$ MONEY 1000\$	Ind. wealth 9990\$	Real asset 1176,67\$	Ind. wealth 166,67\$ MONEY 1000\$ Debt 10\$
	Ruler collects 30\$ tax	DO NOT CHANGE		Real asset 8990\$ MONEY 970\$	Ind. wealth 9960\$	Real asset 1176,67\$ MONEY 30\$	Ind. wealth \$196,67 MONEY \$1000 Debt \$10

## A portrait of a man with dark, curly hair and a mustache, wearing a blue and white ruffled collar and a brown jacket with a red sash. The background is dark and indistinct.

Ruler can be lack of money:

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# Ruler honours her debt

A	Other subjects	L
Real asset \$8990		Ind. wealth \$9960
MONEY \$970		

A	L
Real asset 1176,67\$	Ind. wealth 195,67\$
MONEY 19\$	MONEY 1000\$

## Possibility of new lending

## How to increase profits in a year?

## Use other's money!

## Banknote emission

**PROMISE**

I give on the spot one for  
this paper.

*Rotschild*



1 \$


*Rotschild*

This banknote is a **debt!**

## A portrait of a young man with dark, wavy hair, looking slightly to the left. He is wearing a dark, high-collared garment with a white ruffled shirt and a dark, patterned jacket. The background is dark and indistinct.

Ruler can be lack of money:


time



1 \$  
*Rotschild*

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2. End of pure gold money system, birth of private banks

LENDING		A Lender subject L		A Other subjects L		A  L	
time ↓	Initial state	Claim 10\$	Ind. wealth 10\$	Real asset 8890\$ MONEY 1000\$	Ind. wealth 9990\$	Real asset 1176,67\$	Ind. wealth 166,67\$ MONEY 1000\$ Debt 10\$
	Subjects deposit 20% of their gold coins	Claim 10\$ MONEY 200\$	Ind. wealth 10\$ Banknote 200\$	Real asset 890\$ MONEY 800\$ Banknote 200\$	Ind. wealth 9990\$	DO NOT CHANGE	
	Lending with 10% reserve ratio for other subjects	MONEY 20\$ Claim 190\$	Ind. wealth 10\$ Banknote 200\$	Real asset 890\$ MONEY 980\$ Banknote 200\$	Ind. wealth 9990\$ Debt 180\$	DO NOT CHANGE	
	A/ Debts are payed B/ Again 20% of the coins are deposited and again the lender lends ...						

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Profit of lending

10% interest rate

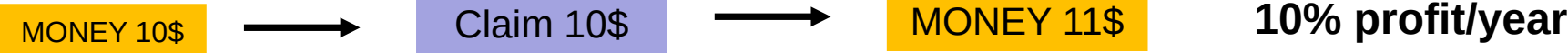
A      Lender subject      L



MONEY 10\$

Ind. wealth 10\$

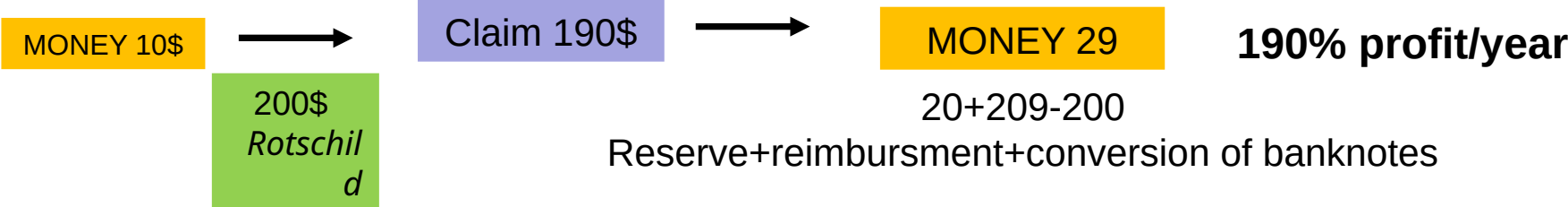
Lending in the pure gold money system



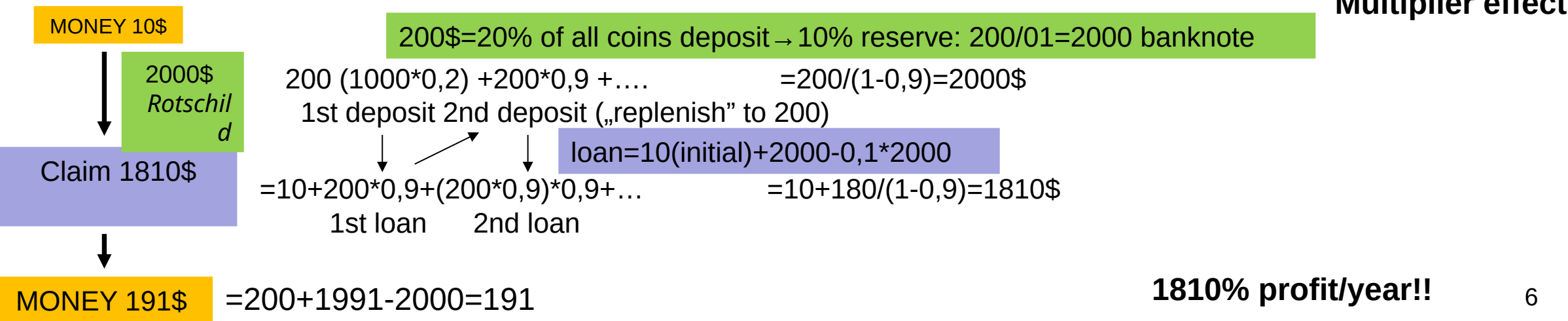
Lending with banknotes

10% reserve in gold coins, 20% of coins is deposited

A/ Lending once (out of deposit)

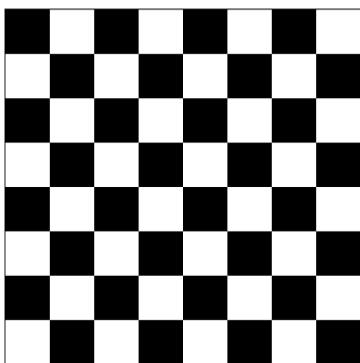


B/ Lending again and again out of deposited coins ...



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#### Profit of lending



If „only” doubles her money (100% profit rate)

- Place one grain of wheat on the first square, two on the second, four on the third and so on, double the number of grains on each subsequent square - told Sissa – and the wheat placed on the board is my reward.
- This is a modest request. – the king smiled.

$$\text{Price of the chess} = 1 + 2 + 2^2 + \dots + 2^{63}$$

If the lender just doubles his 1\$ over 63 years :  $2^{63} = 9\,223\,372\,036\,854\,775\,808 = 9,2 \cdot 10^{18}$

In evidence, this is impossible; however illustrates the strong wealth concentration effect of lending.

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**End of pure gold money system, birth of private banks : banknote and lending**

#### PROPOSITION

If the State is indebted toward private agents, then banknotes (bank's debt enforcable in terms of high powered money) issued by these private agents necessarily become money; the state *de facto* loses its money power.

**Because ...**

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~~Pure gold money system~~

Ruler (state)  
high powered money



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Lender  
private debt → private money



Solution:

**PRIVATE PROBLEM**  
Fractional reserve – often bankruptcies

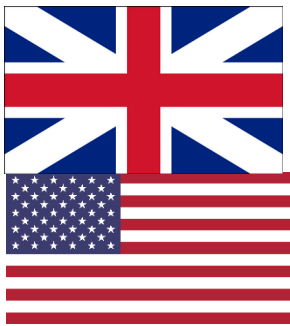


**SOCIAL PROBLEM**  
bank is insolvent = bank's debt disappears = money disappears → monetary economy stops well-functioning

**B. SOLUTION IN THE INTEREST OF PRIVATE BANKERS: Gold standard monetary system**

**3. Gold standard monetary system**

The private bank of privat banks disguised as national bank



1694-: Bank of England

1791-1811: First Bank of the United States;  
1816-1836: Second Bank of the United States;  
1913-: **Federal Reserve System**

Right to issue paper money backed by gold



main lender of the government

**4. Two tier banking system  
Central Bank**

As they exist today, the role of central banks is to maintain the "financial stability" of the private banking system.

**exclusive** right to issue paper money

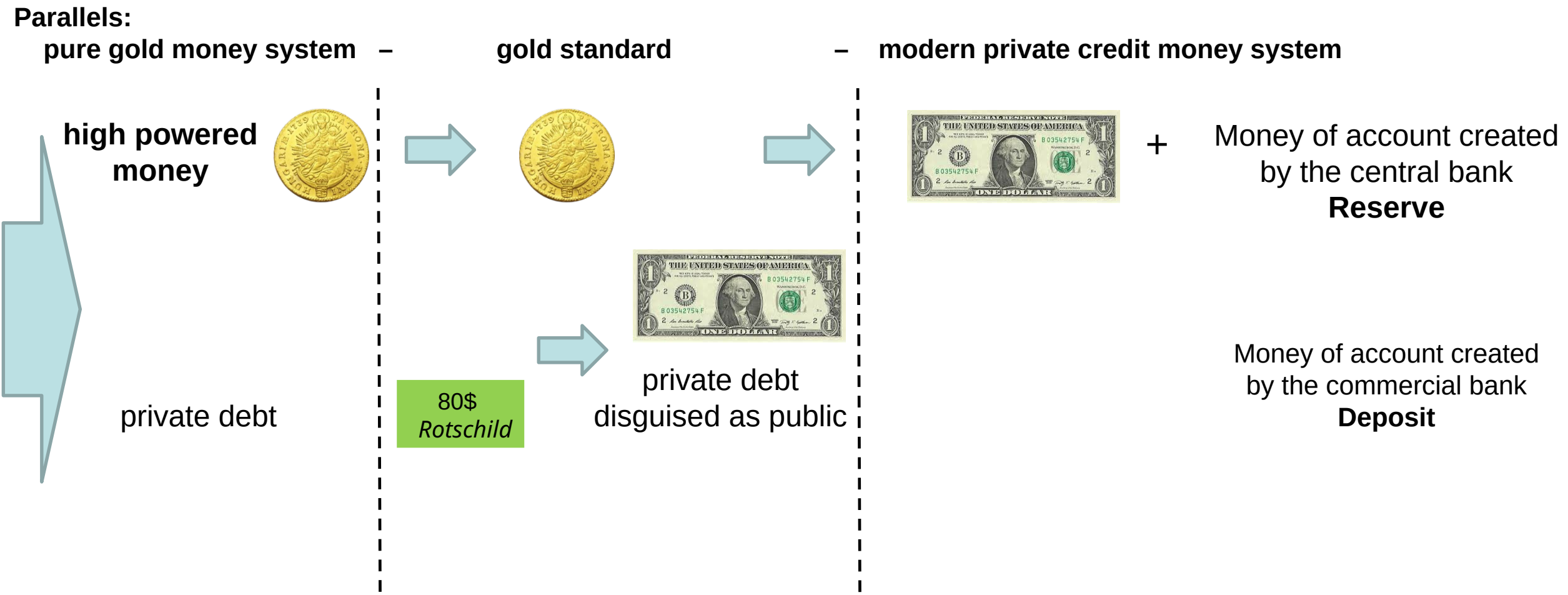
1971 Bretton Woods: \$ is not linked to gold anymore

**Not allowed to lend to the government** (as a main rule)





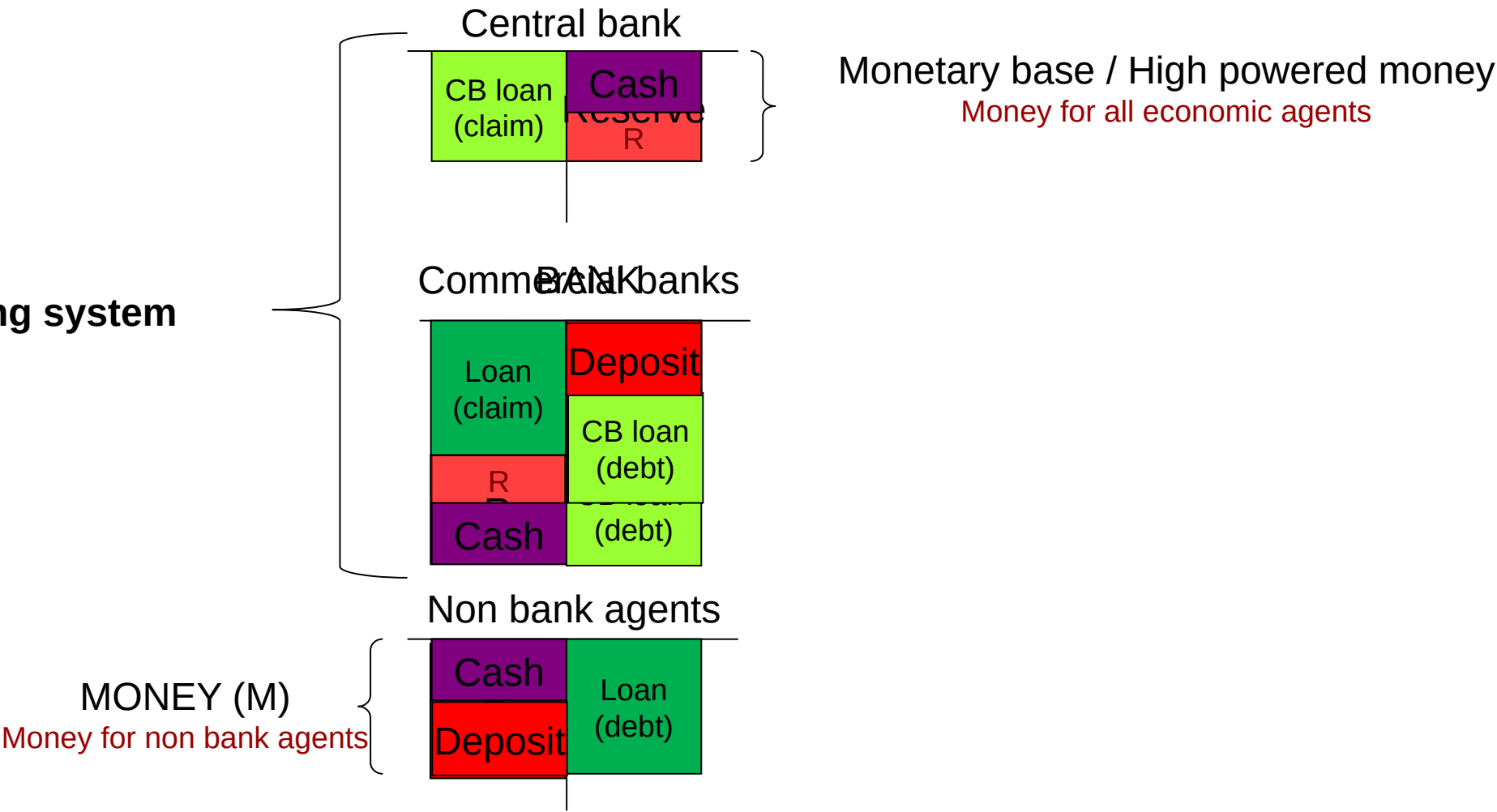
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1971 Bretton Woods -

4. Modern credit money system

Two tier banking system



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4. Modern credit money system (without cash): government loan

Is the central bank able to restrict the money creation of private banks by refusing lending to them?

Central bank

CB loan	R <sub>Bank</sub>
Bond <sub>gov</sub>	R <sub>gov</sub>

For that eventuality central bank should not accept government bonds.  
→ NO

Access to extra reserves

Commercial banks

Claim	D
R	CB loan
Bond <sub>gov</sub>	D
R <sub>Bank</sub>	D

Non bank private agents

D	Debt
D	

States have no right to create money via purchase = treasury has no right to take loans directly from the central bank

Tousand billion HUF

**HUNGARY**

Government bonds held by commercial banks<sub>2024jan</sub> = 11,9

R<sub>2024jan</sub> = 10,5

Cash<sub>2024jan</sub> = 8,1

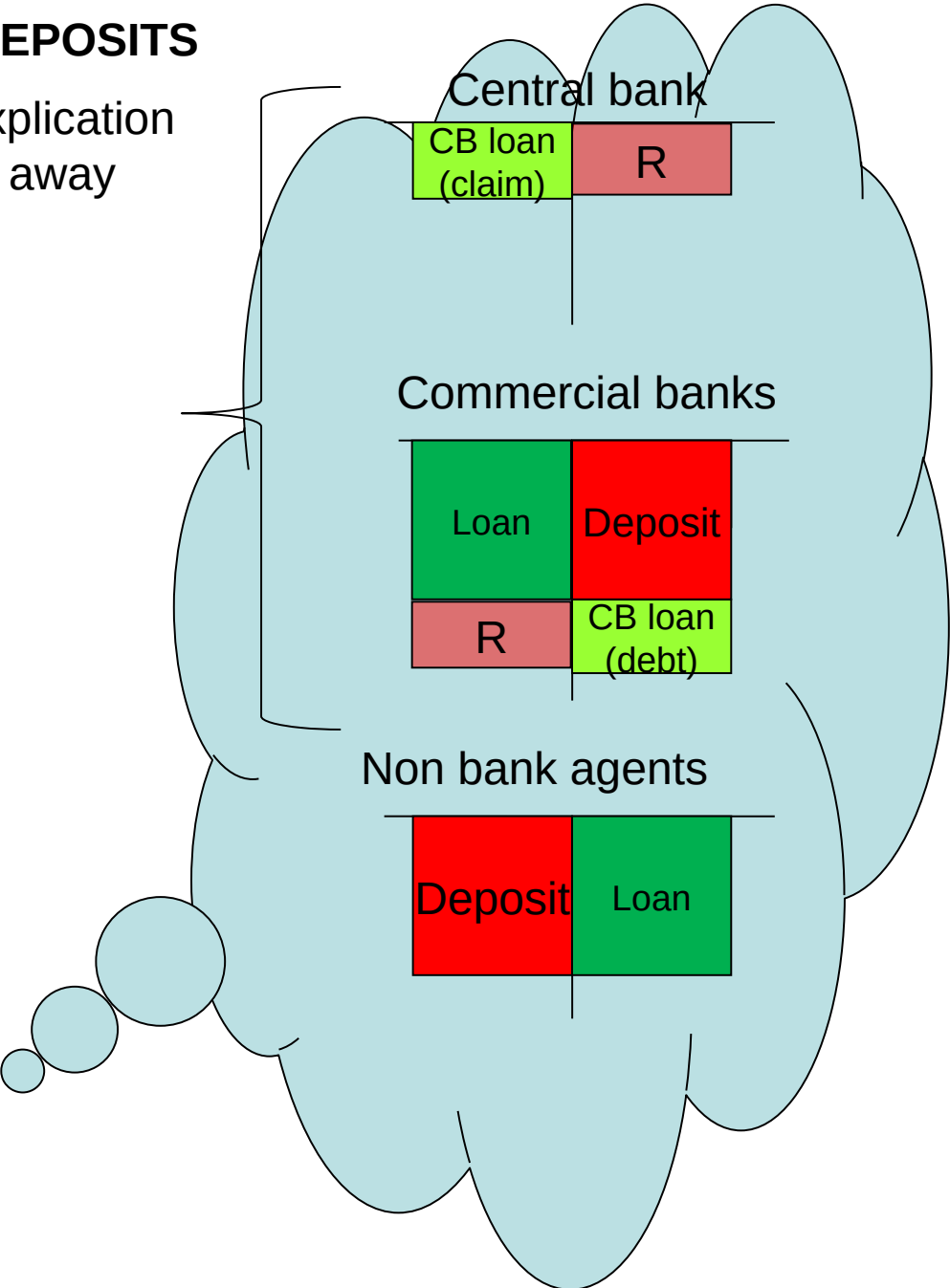
Thus, the quantity of (potential) reserves is enough for 1,5 times as much money stock

Government

R <sub>gov</sub>	Bond <sub>gov</sub>
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**LOANS MAKE DEPOSITS**

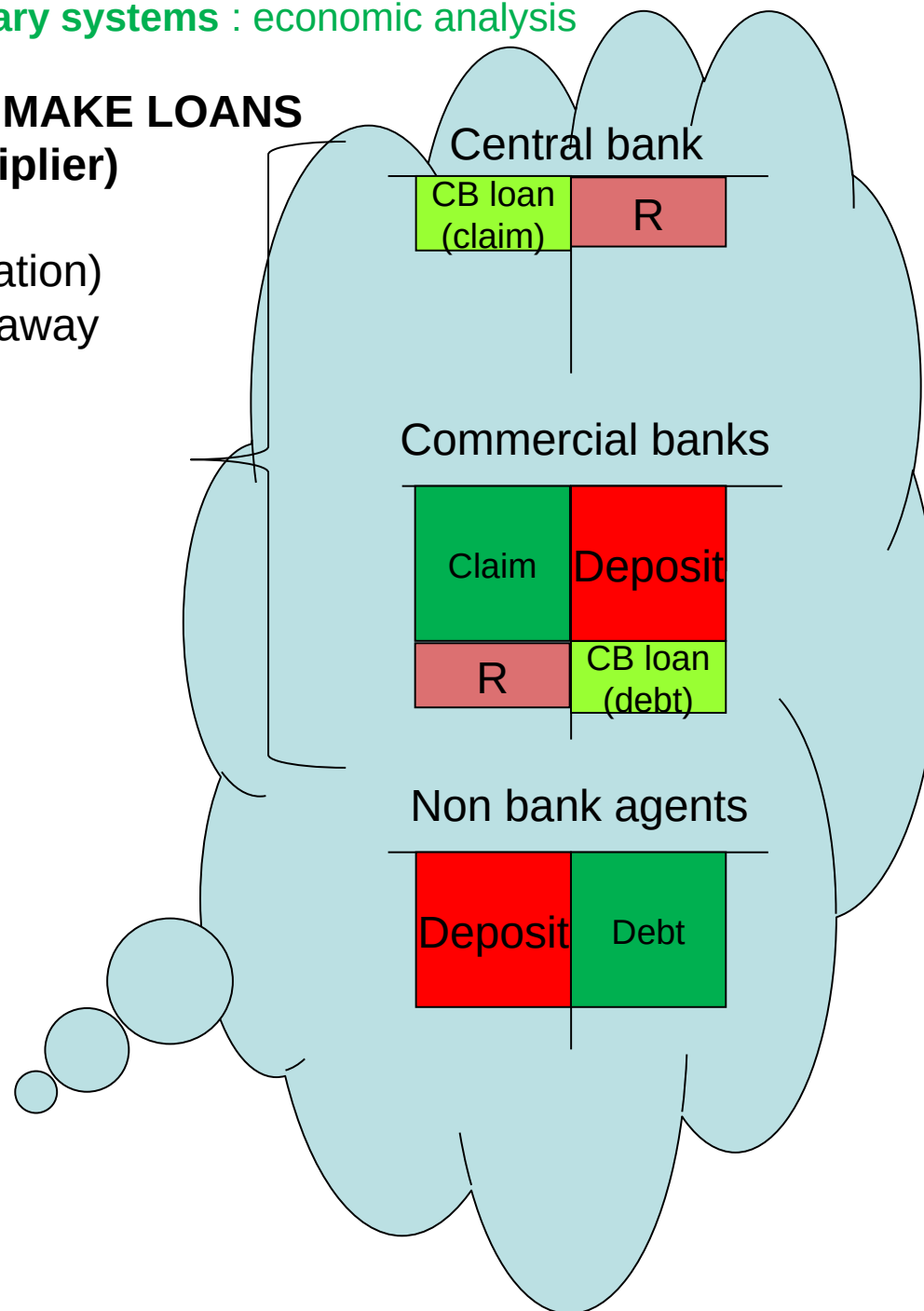
(Post-Keynesian explication  
Cash simplified away)



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#### AND NOT DEPOSITS MAKE LOANS (money multiplier)

(standard explication)  
Cash simplified away



**BECAUSE**



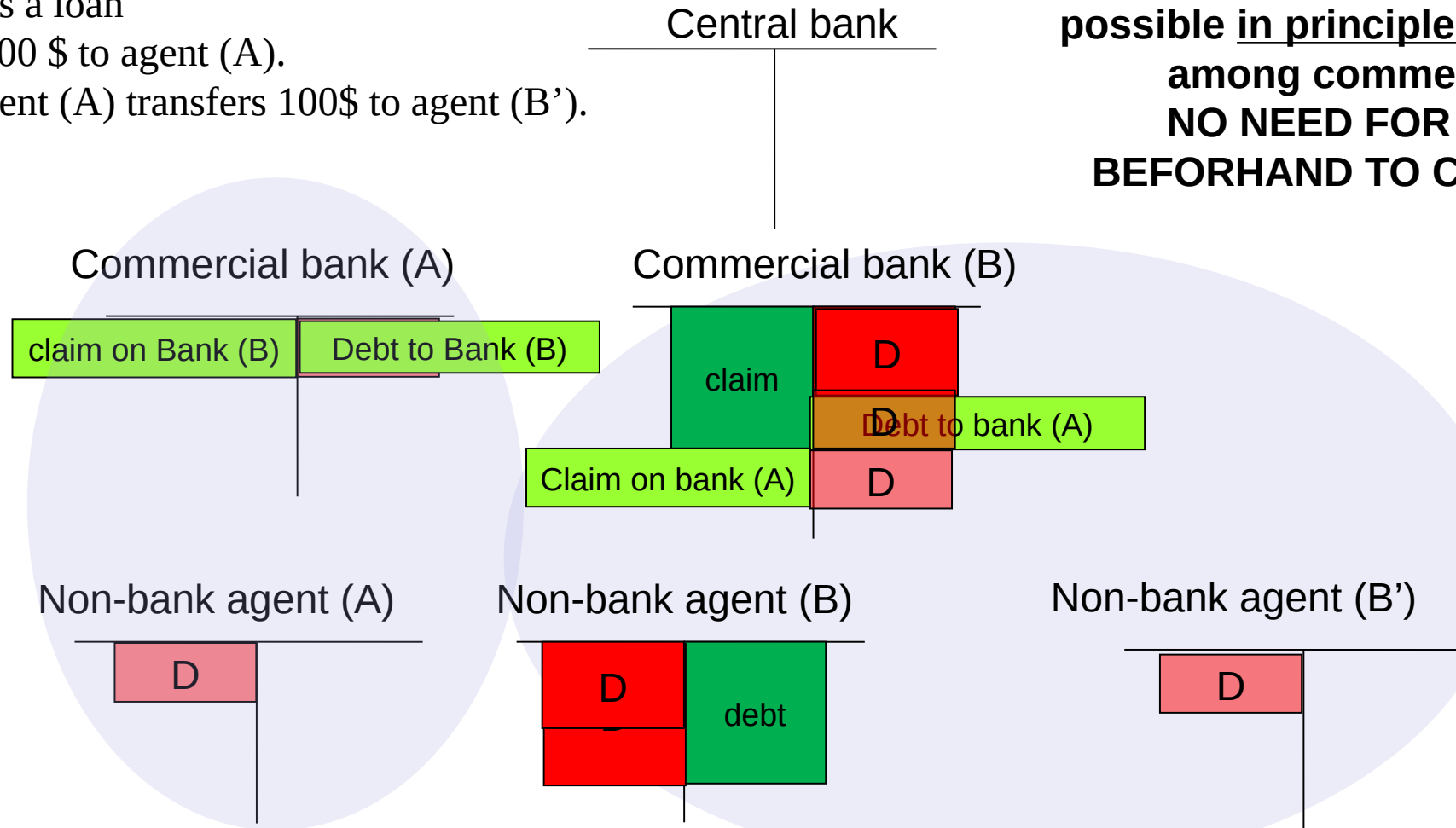
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#### BECAUSE (1)

Agent (B) takes a loan  
and transfers 100 \$ to agent (A).

Afterwards, agent (A) transfers 100\$ to agent (B').

**Clearing (settlement of mutual debts) is  
possible in principle without reserves  
among commercial banks!  
NO NEED FOR RESERVES  
BEFORHAND TO CREATE MONEY**



BECAUSE (2)

Out of \$200 in coins, the lender can only lend \$180, while the reserve in coins is 10%?? What is the reserve ratio for the first loan?

In this example, the loan is in coins only. Banks now lend only in cash?

