

# Security Notions

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# Recap

- OTP and perfect secrecy of OTP
- Construction of Stream ciphers using PRG
- Statistical Tests
- Block Ciphers, DES, AES
- Modes of Operation
- This class: Security definitions and notions

# Security So Far

- Perfect security: OTP
- Stream ciphers are not perfectly secure
- Computational security
- Attack models, Ciphertext only, plaintext-only, chosen plaintext attack (CPA), chosen cipher text attack (CCA)
- Adaptive vs non-adaptive attack
- Indistinguishability

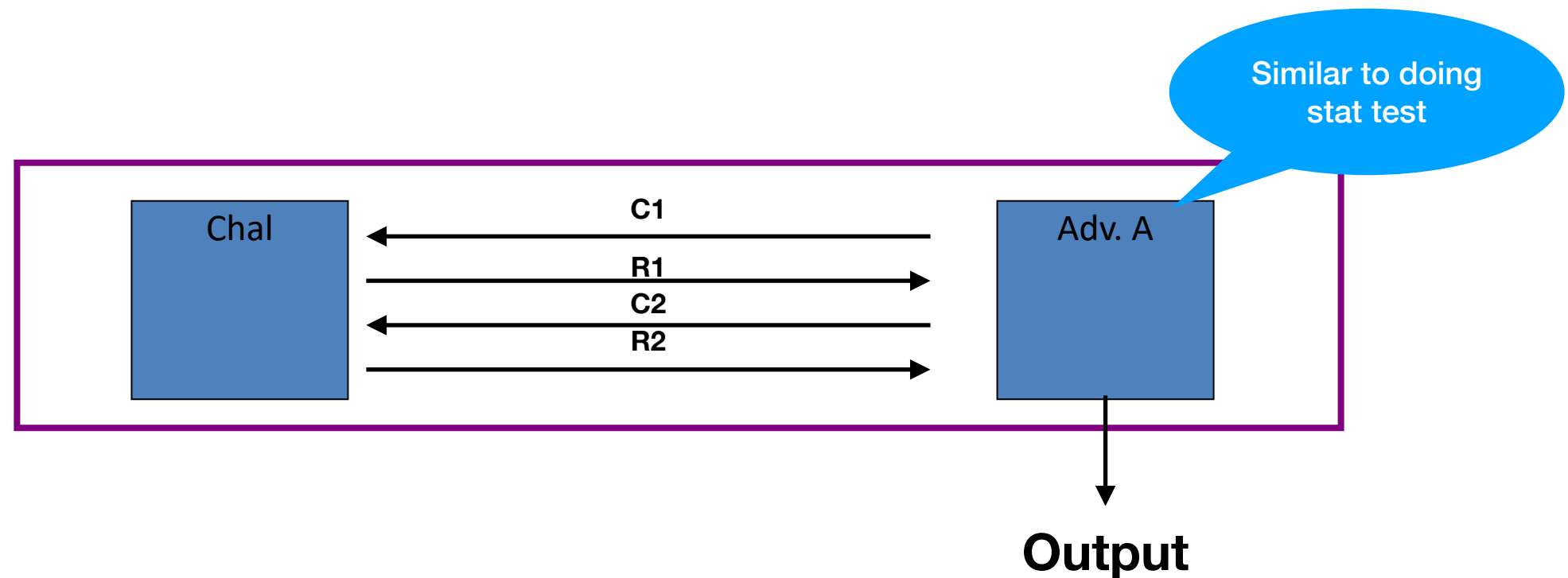
# Revisiting SKE

- $\mathcal{E} = (\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{K})$
- $KeyGen(1^k) \rightarrow k \in \mathcal{K}$
- For  $m \in \mathcal{M}, k \in \mathcal{K}, E(m, k) \rightarrow c$
- $D(c, k) \rightarrow m'$
- Correctness:  $\forall k \in \mathcal{K}$  and messages  $m \in \mathcal{M}$ , if we execute  $c \xleftarrow{R} E(m, k), m' \leftarrow D(c, k)$ , then  $m = m'$  with probability 1
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# Semantic Security

- $\mathcal{E} = (E, D)$ , defined over  $(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{K})$
- For all predicates  $\phi$  and all messages  $m_0, m_1 \in \mathcal{M}$ ,  $k$  chosen uniformly at random from  $\mathcal{K}$
- $Pr[\phi(E(m_0, k))] = Pr[\phi(E(m_1, k))]$
- Instead we also say  
 $|Pr[\phi(E(m_0, k))] - Pr[\phi(E(m_1, k))]| < \epsilon$ ,  $\epsilon$  is neg

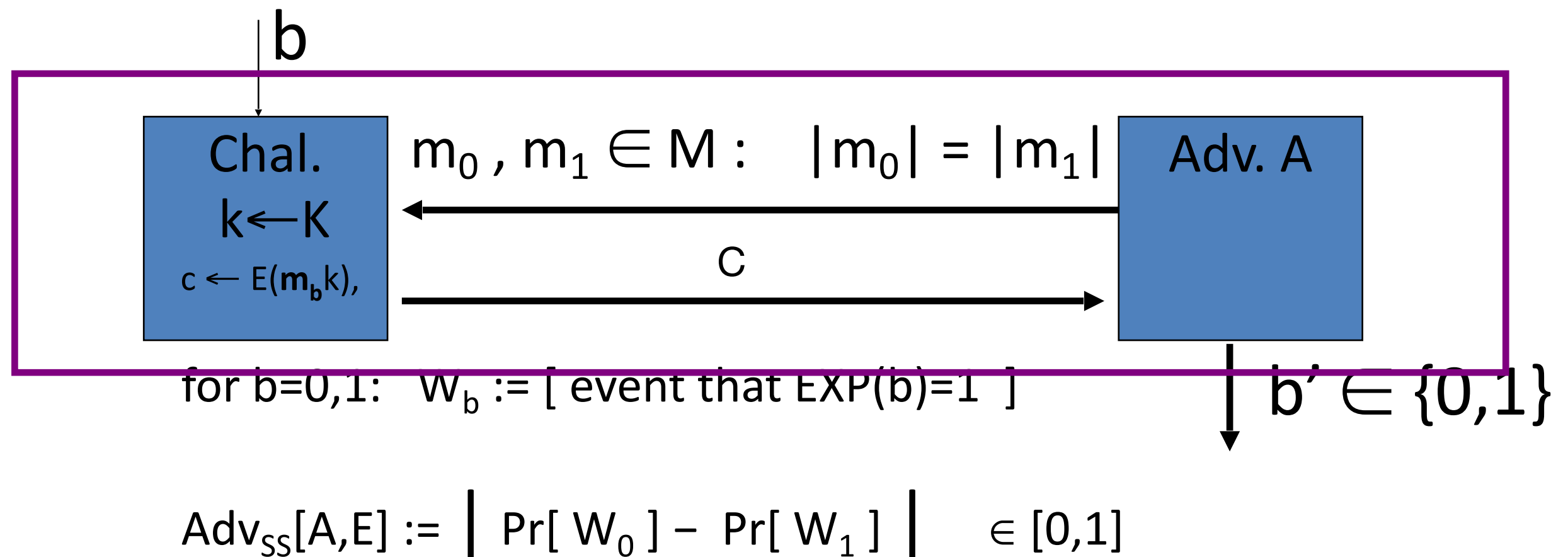
# Semantic Security



- Attack game between challenger C and adversary A
- We calculate the Adversary's advantage of winning the game
- Length of messages

# Semantic Security (one-time key)

For  $b=0,1$  define experiments  $\text{EXP}(0)$  and  $\text{EXP}(1)$  as:



The cipher is **Semantically secure** if for all efficient adversaries,  $A$ ,  $\text{Adv}_{\text{SS}}[A, E]$  is neg

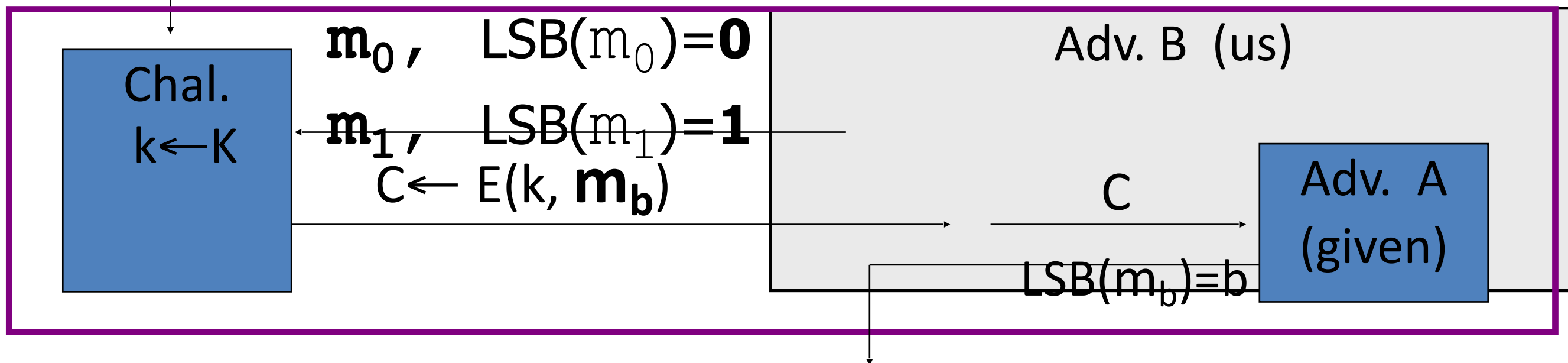
# Knowing LSB of PT

Suppose efficient A can always deduce LSB of PT from CT.

$\Rightarrow E = (E, D)$  is not semantically secure.

Use A to break semantic security

$b \in \{0, 1\}$



Then  $\text{Adv}_{ss}[B, E] = | \Pr[ \mathbf{EXP}(0)=1 ] - \Pr[ \mathbf{EXP}(1)=1 ] | = | 0 - 1 | = 1$

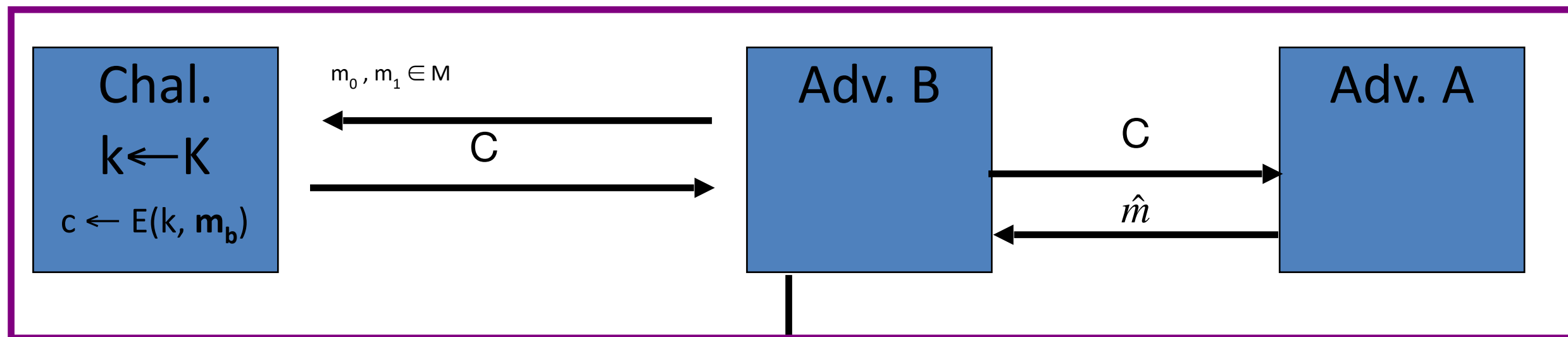


# Message Recovery Attacks

- $\varepsilon = (E, D)$ , defined over  $(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{K})$
- Intuitively, in a message recovery attack, an adversary is given an encryption of a random message, and is able to recover the message from the ciphertext with probability significantly better than random guessing, that is, probability  $1/|\mathcal{M}|$
- Attack game:
- Challenger computes  $m \xleftarrow{R} \mathcal{M}, k \xleftarrow{R} \mathcal{K}, c \xleftarrow{R} E(m, k)$  & sends  $c$  to Adv A
- Adv A outputs  $\hat{m} \in \mathcal{M}$
- Let  $W$  be the event,  $\hat{m} = m$
- A wins the game with a message recovery advantage
- $Adv_{MR}[A, \mathcal{E}] = |Pr[W] - 1/|\mathcal{M}||$
- **To show secure against message recovery we show that the above adv is neg**
- Proof sketch: Any efficient adversary  $A$  that can effectively mount a message recovery attack on  $\mathcal{E}$  can be used to build an efficient adversary  $B$  that breaks the semantic security of  $\mathcal{E}$ ;
- Since semantic security implies that no such  $B$  exists, we may conclude that no such  $A$  exists.

# Security Reductions

Construct B, such that  $Adv_{MR}[A, \mathcal{E}] \leq Adv_{SS}[B, \mathcal{E}]$



$p_b$  be the probability that B outputs 1 if B's SS challenger encrypts  $m_b$ ,

So,  $Adv_{SS}[B, \mathcal{E}] = |p_0 - p_1|$

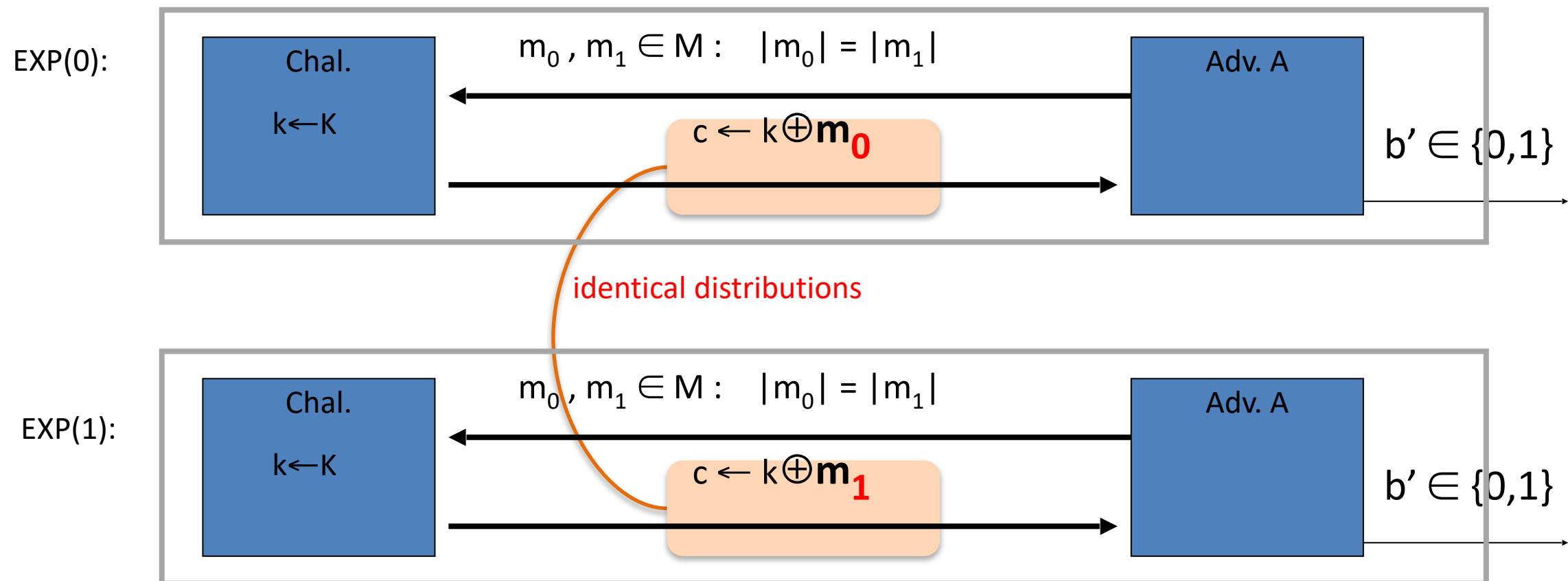
$c$  is an encryption of  $m_1$ , the probability  $p_1$  is precisely equal to A's probability of winning the message recovery game, so  $p_1 = p$ .

$c$  is an encryption of  $m_0$ , the adversary A's output is independent of  $m_1$ , and so  $p_0 = 1/|M|$ .

$$Adv_{SS}[B, \mathcal{E}] = |p_1 - p_0| = |p - 1/|M|| = Adv_{MR}[A, \mathcal{E}]$$

$\hat{b} = 1$  if  $\hat{m} = m_1$   
 $\hat{b} = 0$ , o.w.  
 Probability that A wins the MR game is  $p$   
 $\Rightarrow Adv_{MR}[A, \mathcal{E}] = |p - 1/|M||$

# OTP is Semantically Secure



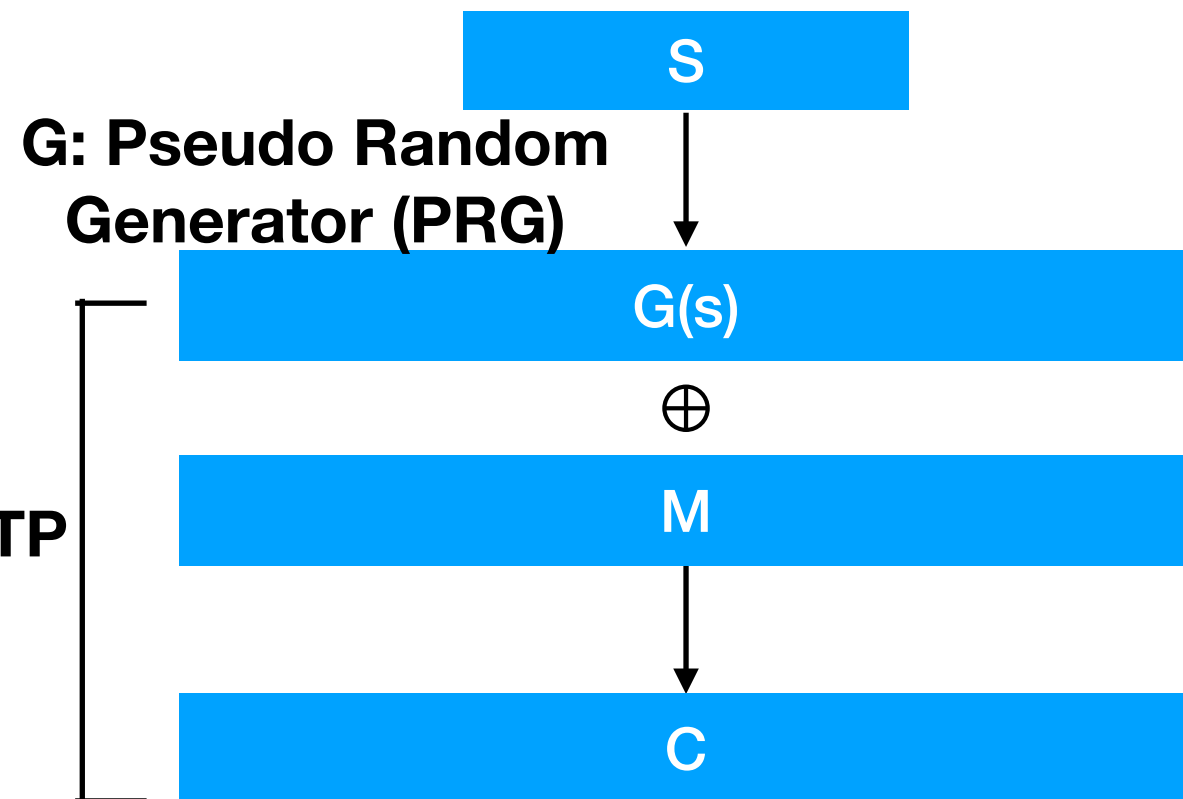
For all A:  $\text{Adv}_{ss}[A, \text{OTP}] = \left| \Pr[ A(k \oplus m_0) = 1 ] - \Pr[ A(k \oplus m_1) = 1 ] \right| = 0$

# Indistinguishability

# Practical OTP

No  
Size of K is  
smaller than  
message

Q1: Does this have perfect secrecy?



Size of message is L

Q1: What is G? What properties does it have?

$|s| < |M|$ . **K should look like a random string r of length L .**

How to do this?

We use Statistical Tests

Q3: What can we say about the security of this cipher?

$$C = M \oplus G(K)$$

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This does not have perfect secrecy, so we define a new type of security called “semantic Security”

**These are called stream ciphers**

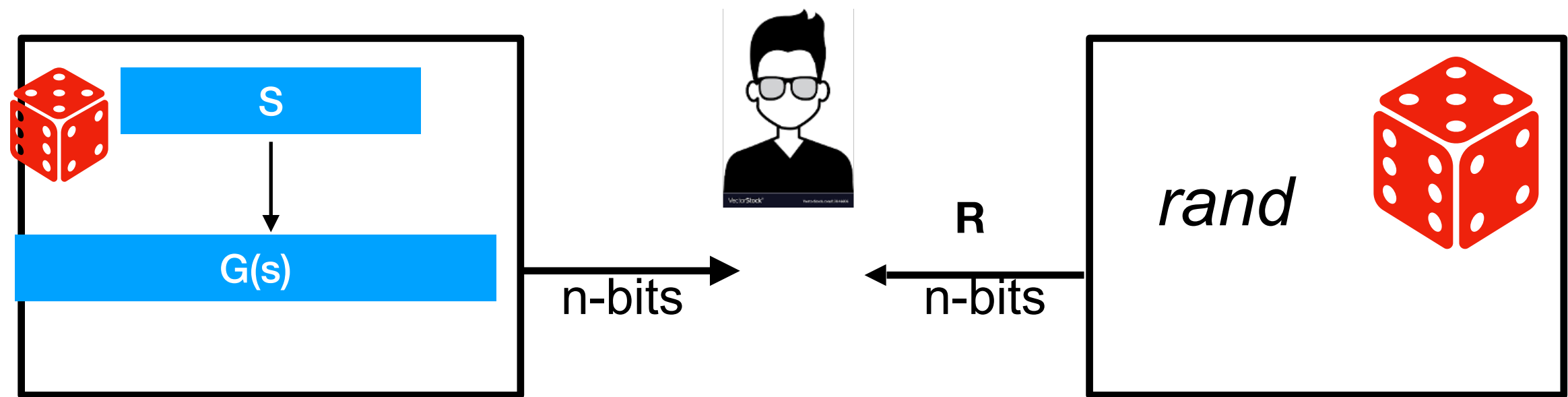
# Turing Tests [1950]



Distinguisher

If robot is intelligent, Bob can't distinguish between Alice and Robot

# PRG Indistinguishability test



**Properties of a distinguisher?**

Efficient: Probabilistic polynomial time (PPT) algo. (Poly in length of input)

Should be able to distinguish with non-neg probability

Given  $n$  bit input (s.t.  $|x| = n$ ) is there an efficient algorithm that:

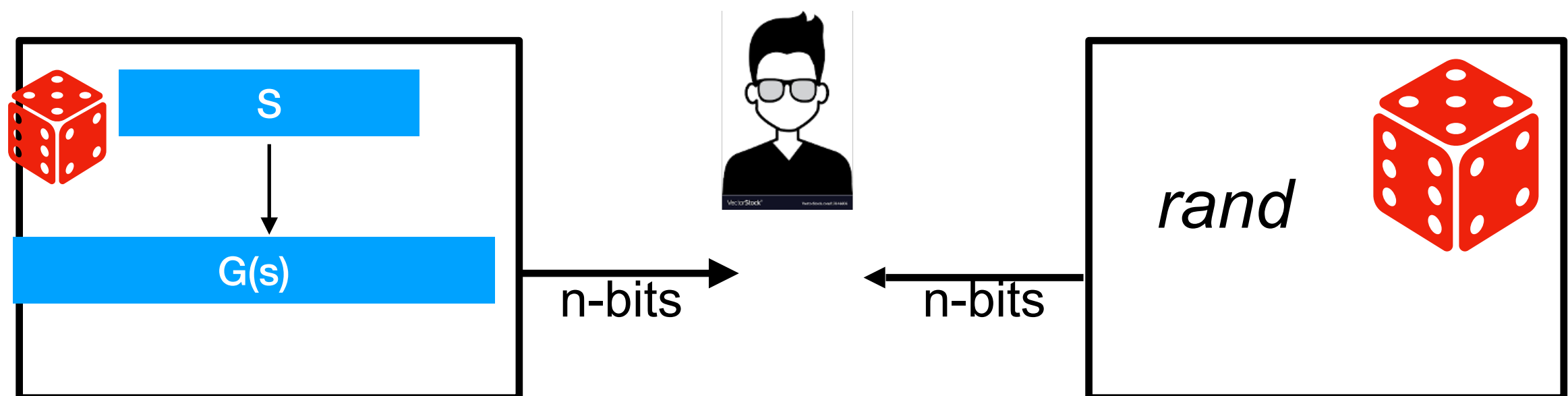
Finds  $x^2$ ?

Finds the factors of  $x$  ?

Find  $y$ , such that  $x = f(y)$ ?

# PRG Indistinguishability test

A PRG is secure if no efficient adversary can effectively tell the difference between  $G(s)$  and  $r$ : the two are **computationally indistinguishable**.





# Semantic Security of PRG

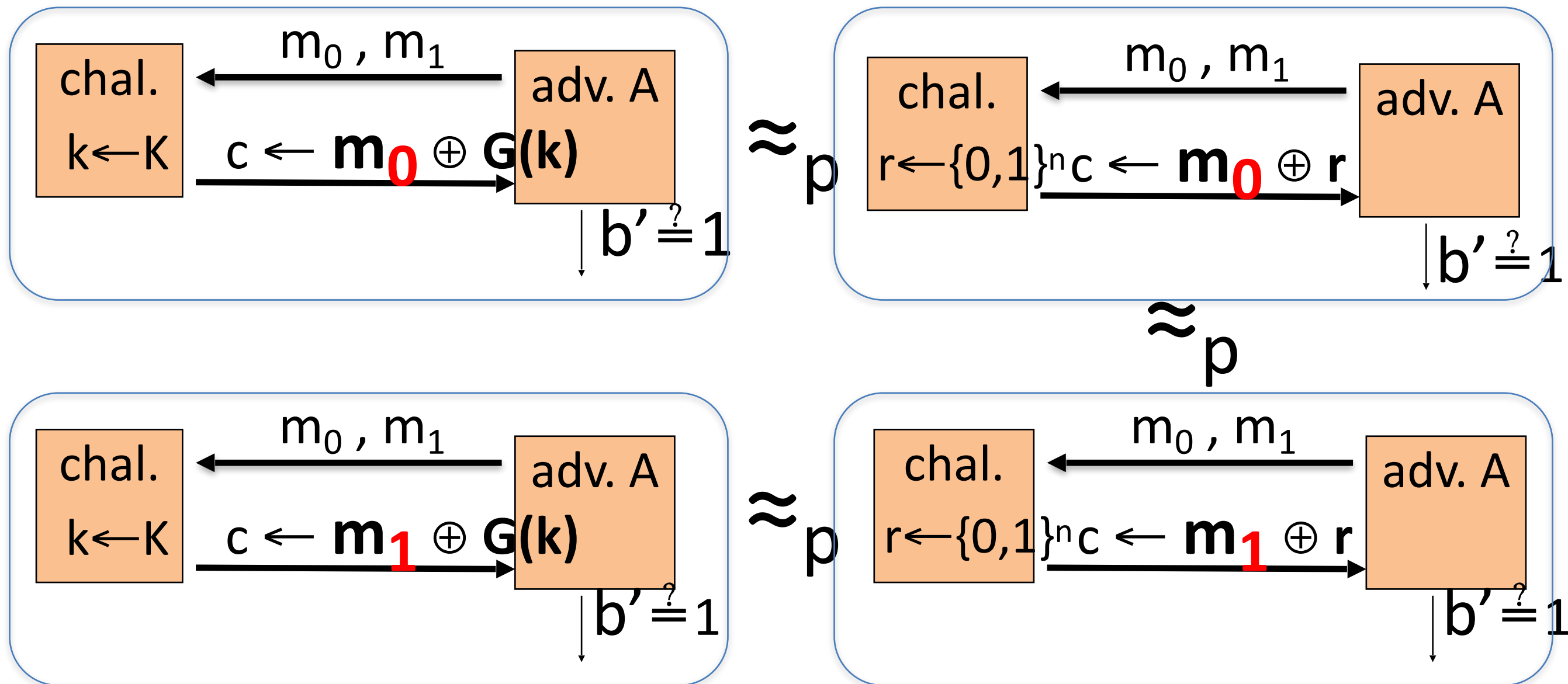
Thm:  $G:K \rightarrow \{0,1\}^n$  is a secure PRG  $\Rightarrow$   
stream cipher  $E$  derived from  $G$  is semantically secure.

We prove that:

$\forall$  SS adversary  $A$ ,  $\exists$  a PRG adversary  $B$  s.t.

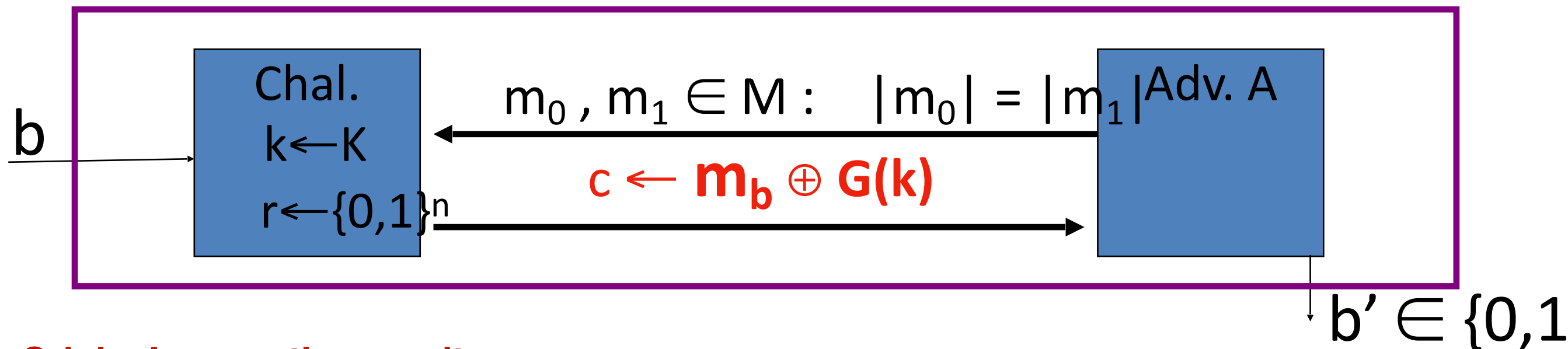
$$\text{Adv}_{\text{SS}}[A,E] \leq 2 \cdot \text{Adv}_{\text{PRG}}[B,G]$$

# Proof: Intuition



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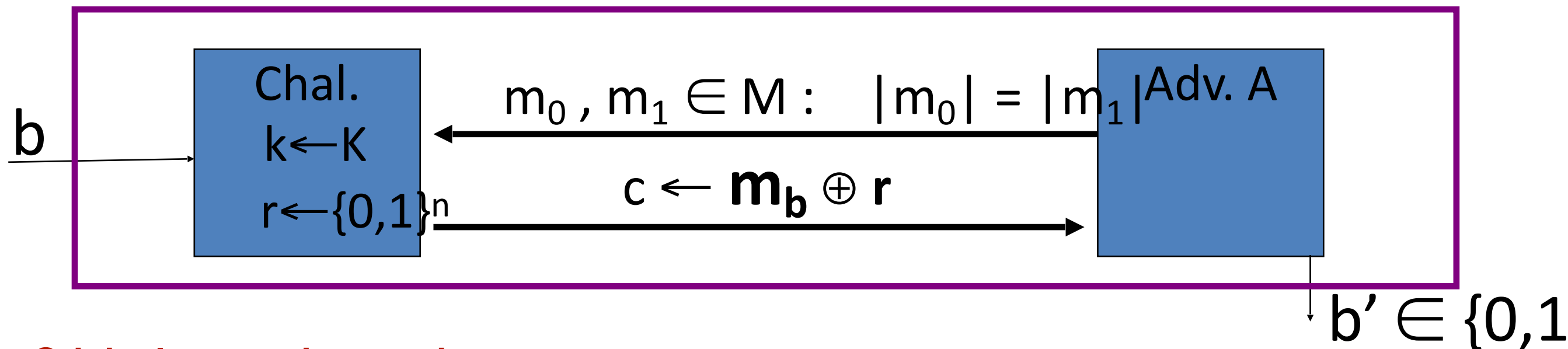
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## Security game from random key in OTP

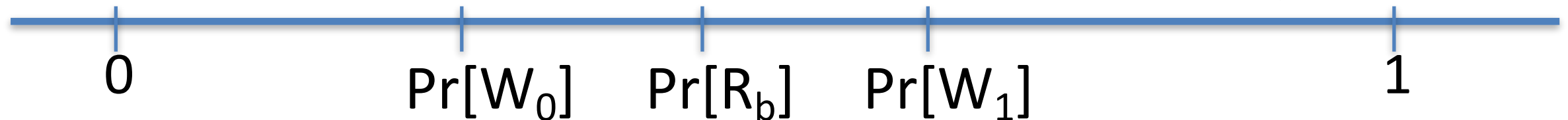
For  $b=0,1$ :  $R_b :=$  [ event that  $b'=1$ , when receiving OTP enc of  $m_b$  ]

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Claim 1:  $\left| \Pr[R_0] - \Pr[R_1] \right| = \text{Adv}_{SS}[A, OTP] = 0$

Claim 2:  $\exists B: \left| \Pr[W_b] - \Pr[R_b] \right| = \text{Adv}_{PRG}[B, G]$

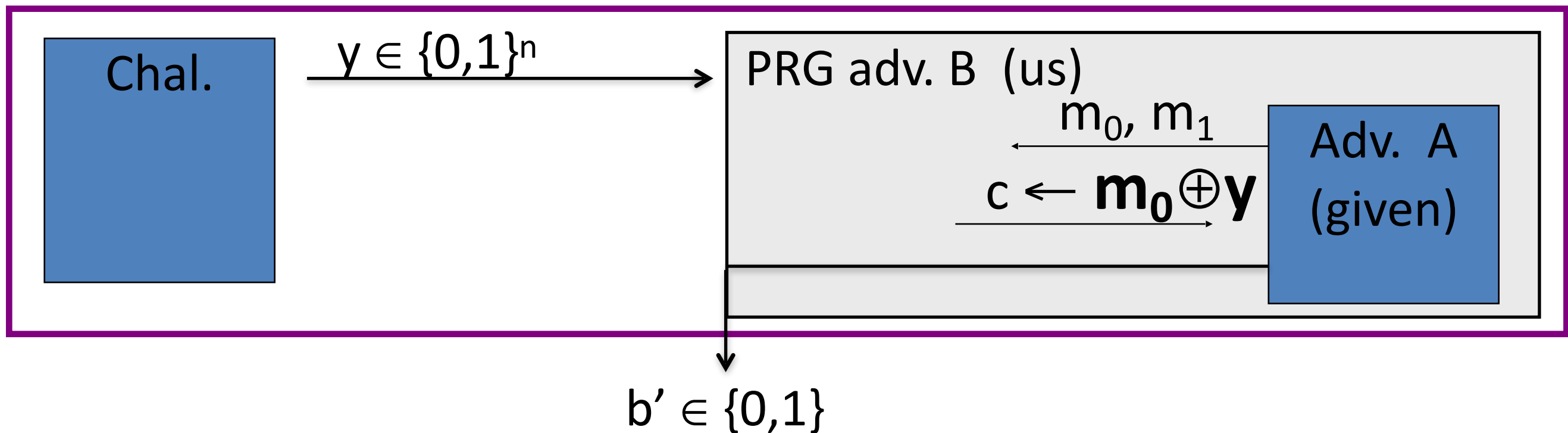


$\Rightarrow \text{Adv}_{SS}[A, E] = \left| \Pr[W_0] - \Pr[W_1] \right| \leq 2 \cdot \text{Adv}_{PRG}[B, G]$

# Proof

Proof of claim 2:  $\exists B: |\Pr[W_0] - \Pr[R_0]| = \text{Adv}_{\text{PRG}}[B, G]$

Algorithm B:



$$\text{Adv}_{\text{PRG}}[B, G] = |\Pr_{r \leftarrow \{0,1\}^n}^R[B(r) = 1] - \Pr_{k \leftarrow \mathcal{K}}^R[B(G(k)) = 1]| = |\Pr[R_0] - \Pr[W_0]|$$

**Thank you**