



Quantifying Security with an MDP

Quantifying Blockchain Security



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Selfish Mining



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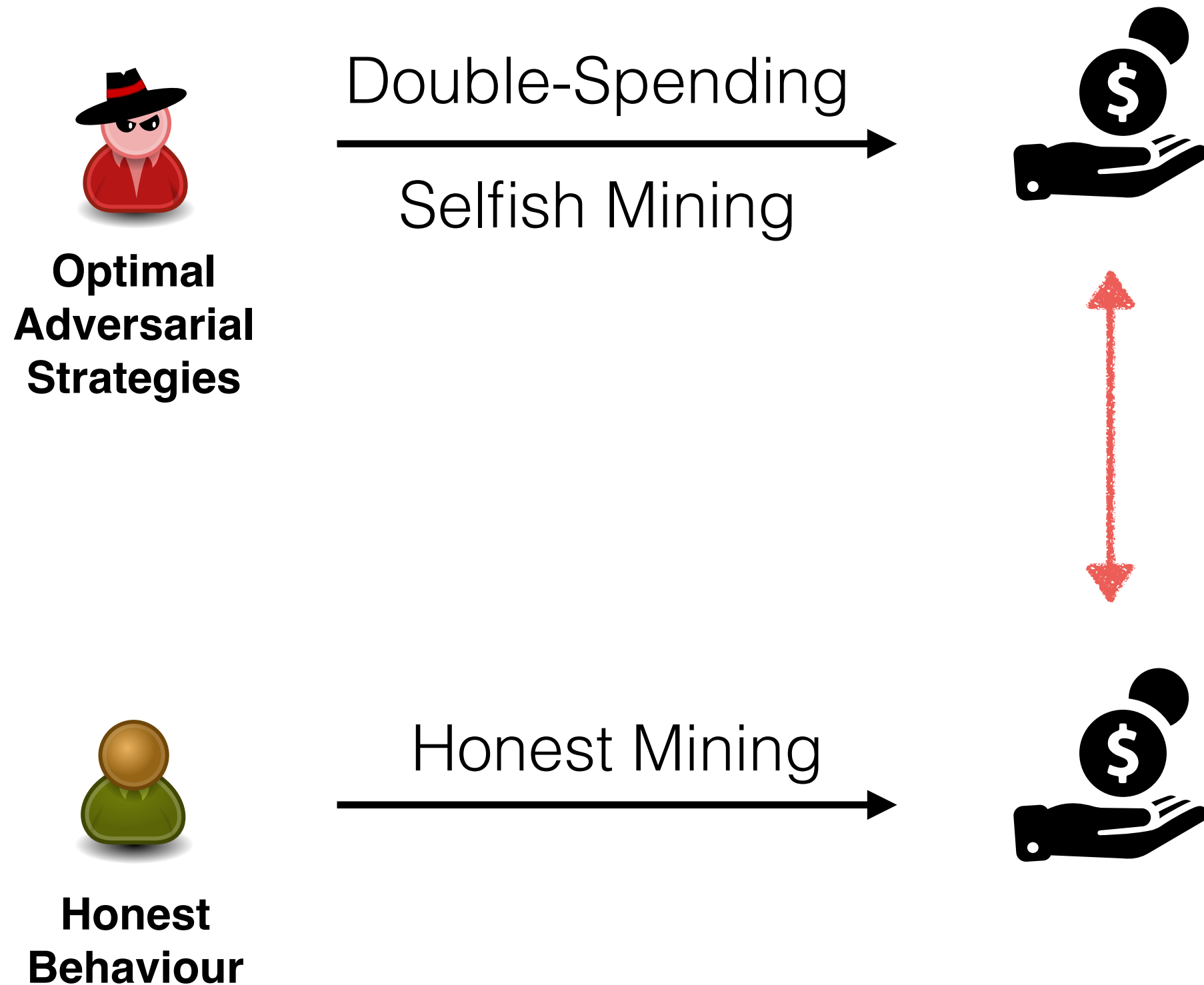


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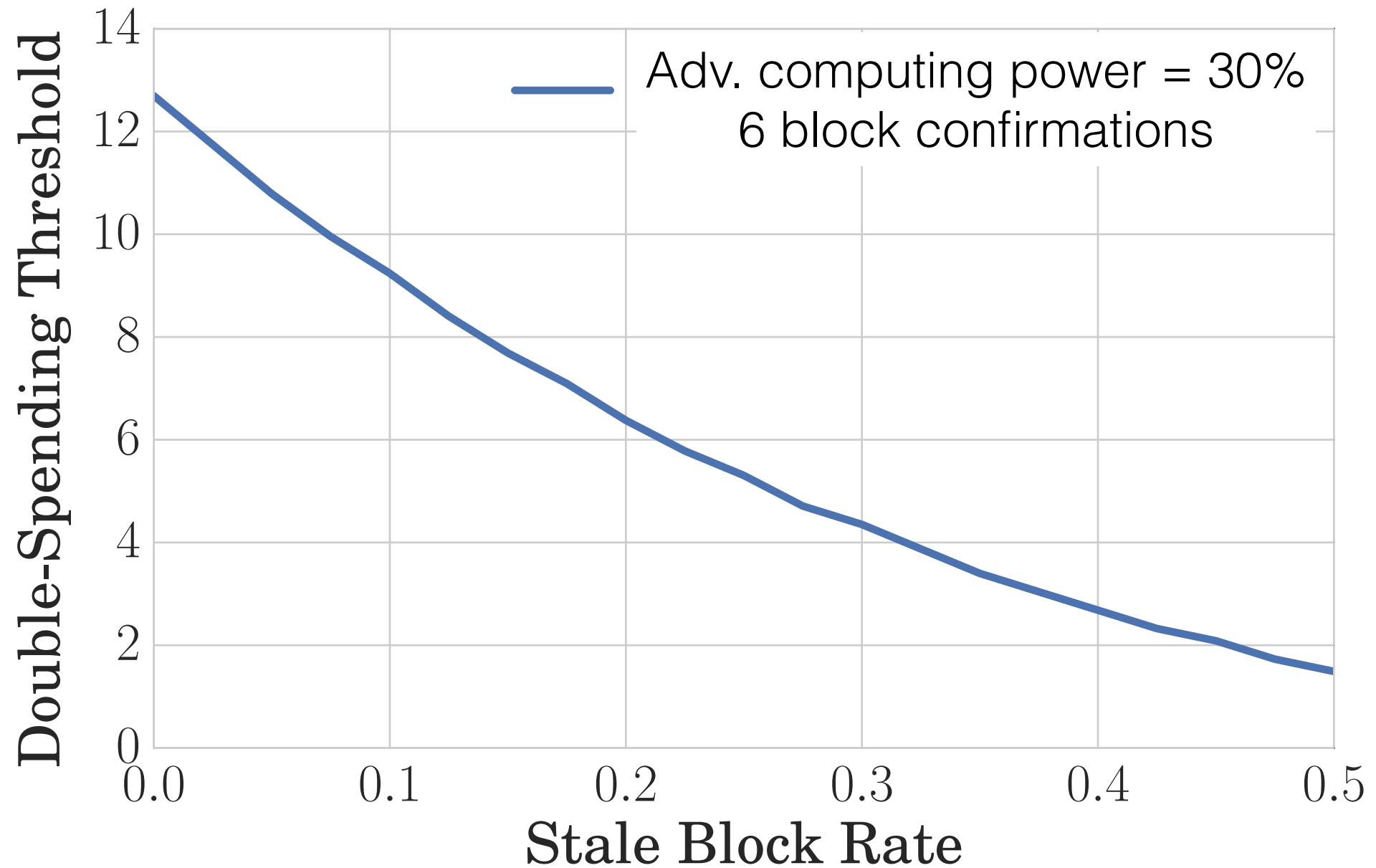
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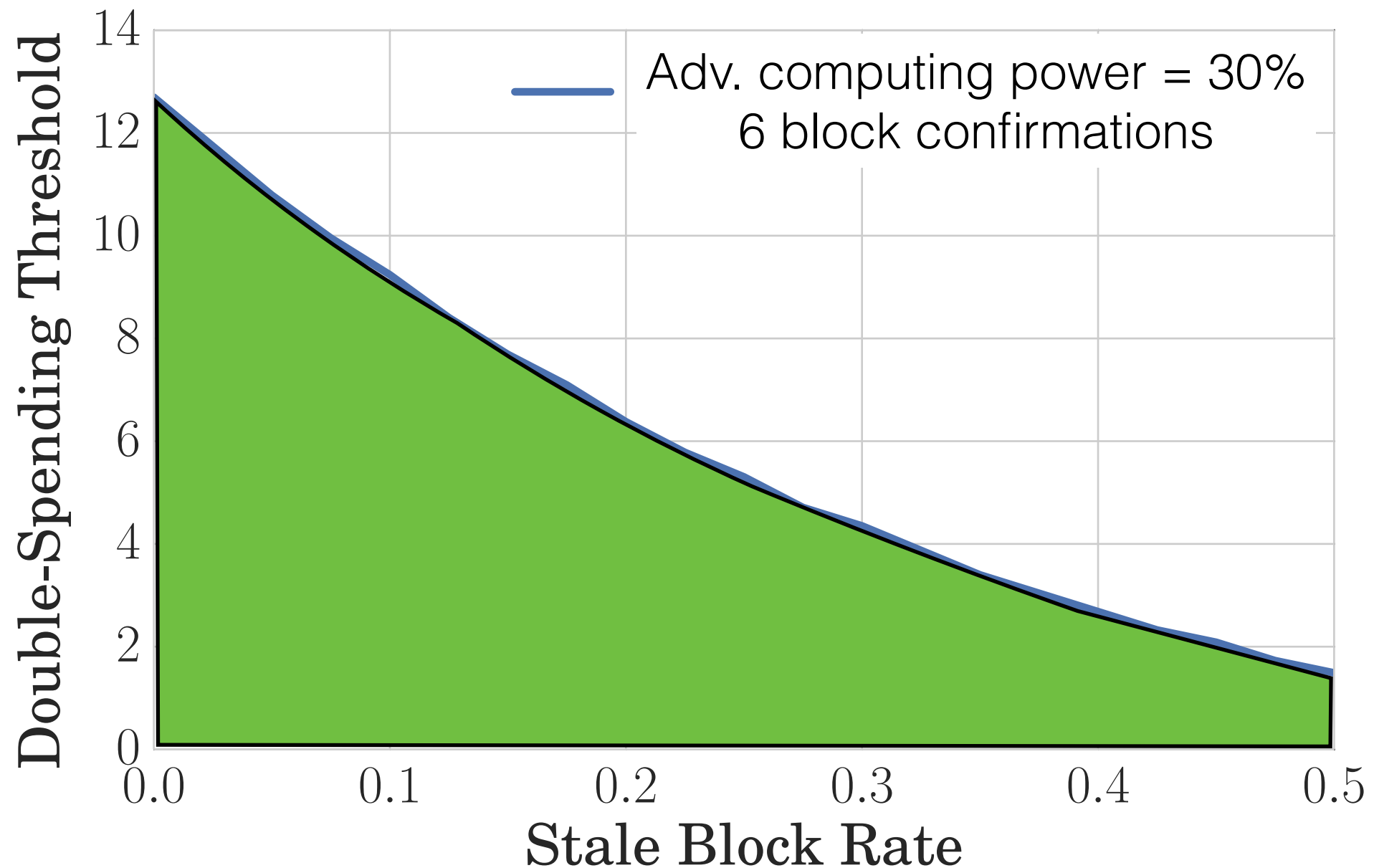
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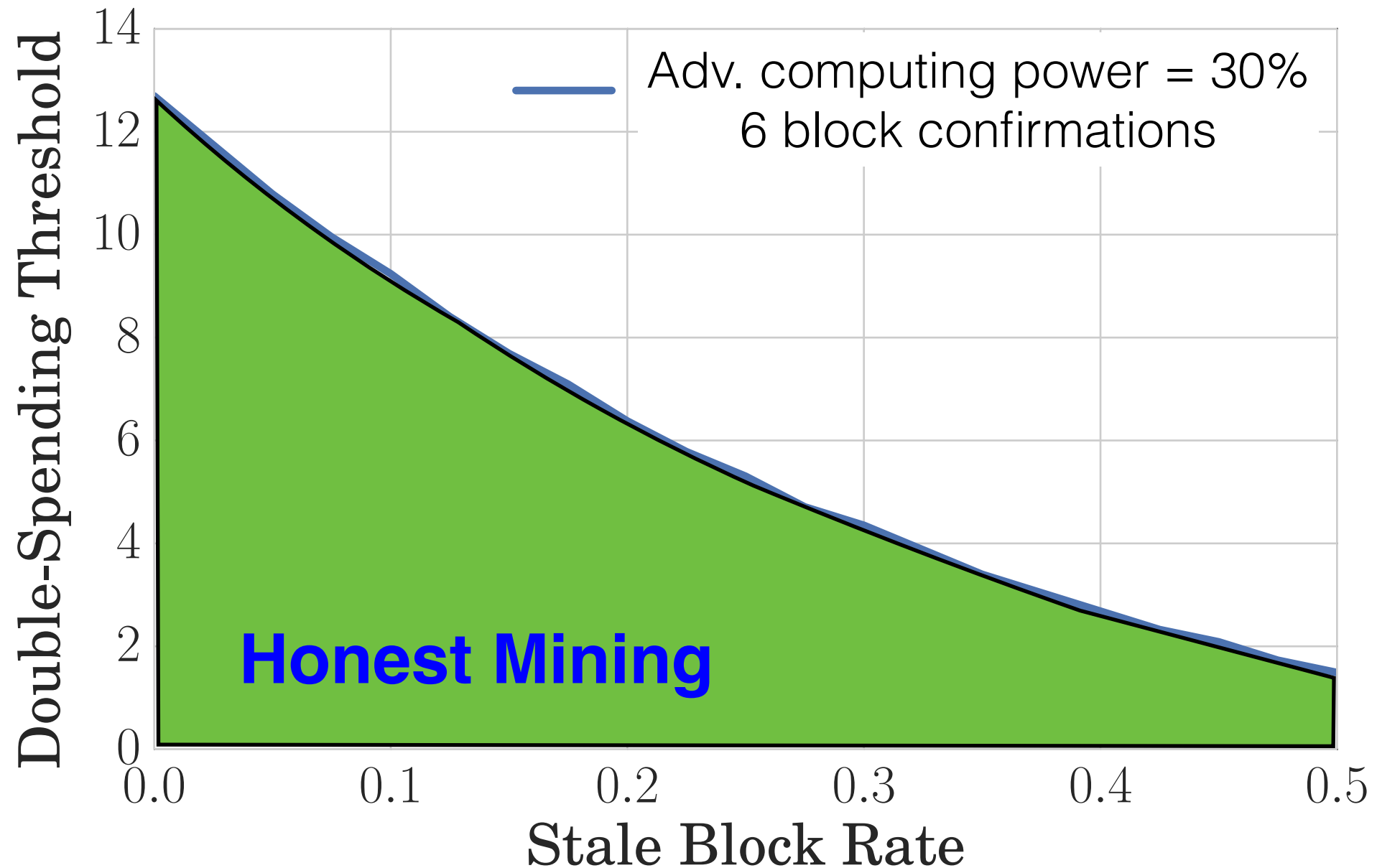
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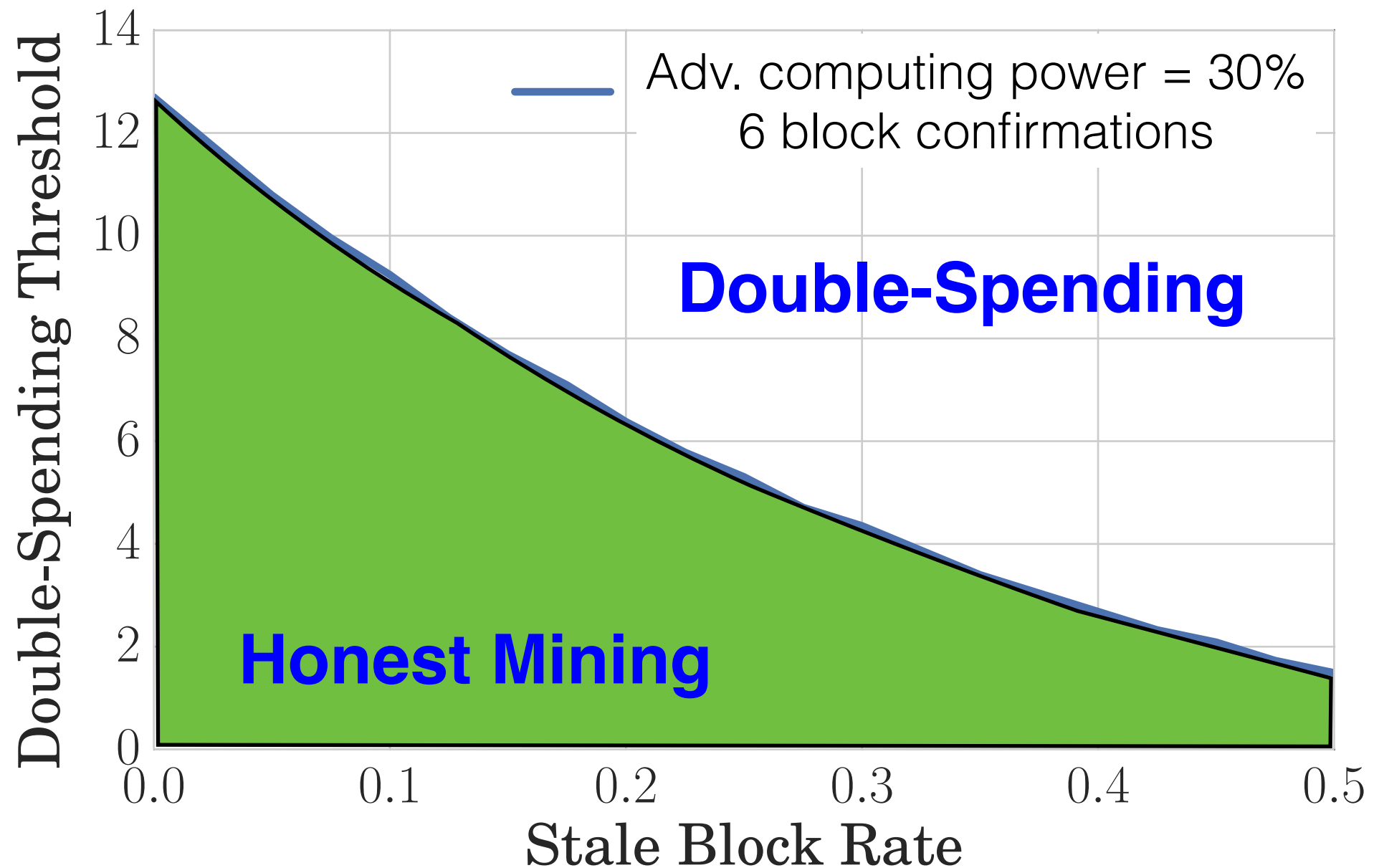
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Double-Spending Defence - Confirmation Time

Ethereum



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37

6

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about
60 minutes



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Litecoin



Dogecoin



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28

about
70 minutes

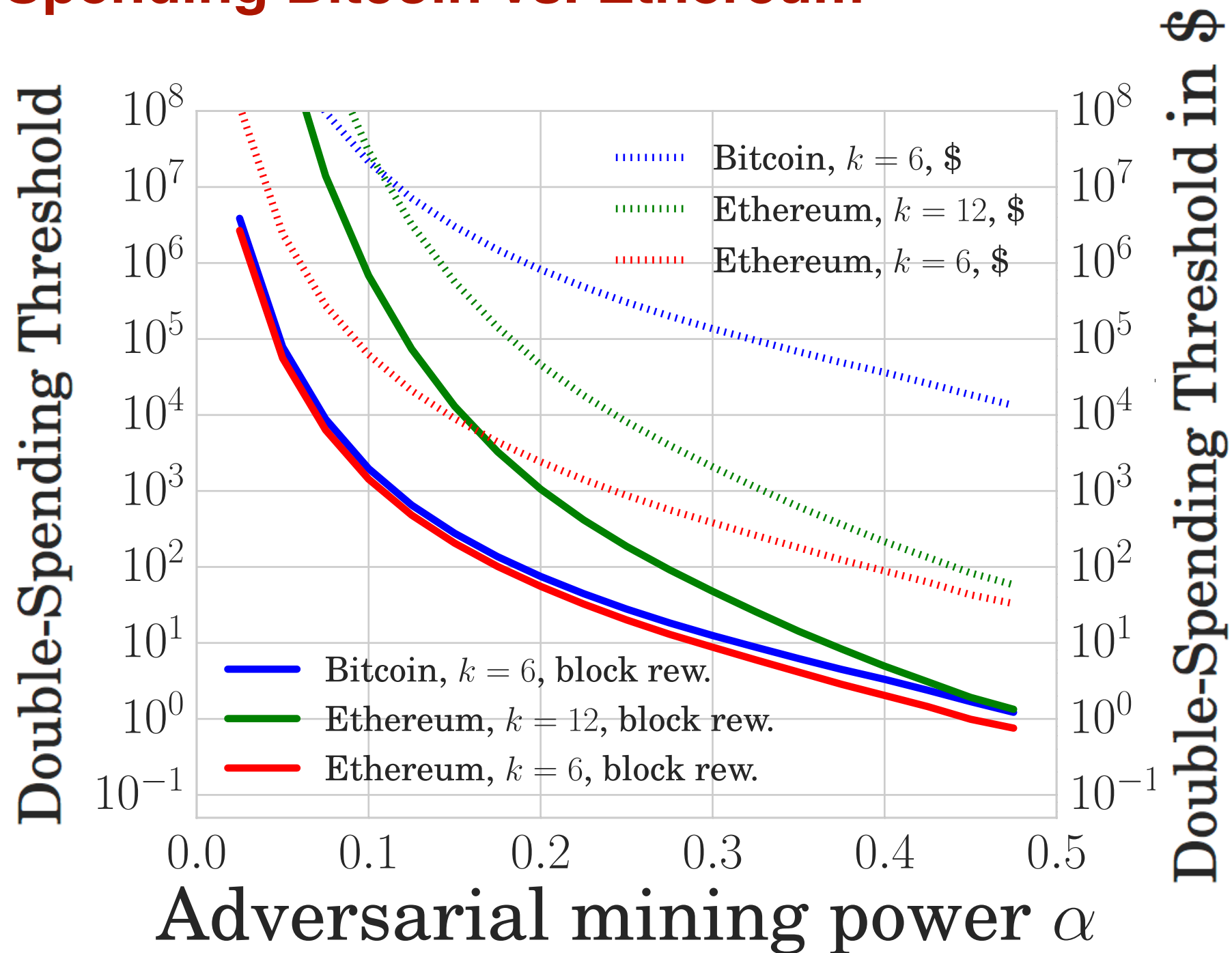
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Double Spending Bitcoin vs. Ethereum



Double-spending resistance of
Ethereum (k in $\{6, 12\}$) vs. Bitcoin ($k=6$)