

# BitML<sup>x</sup>

Cross-chain Smart Contracts for Bitcoin-style Cryptocurrencies

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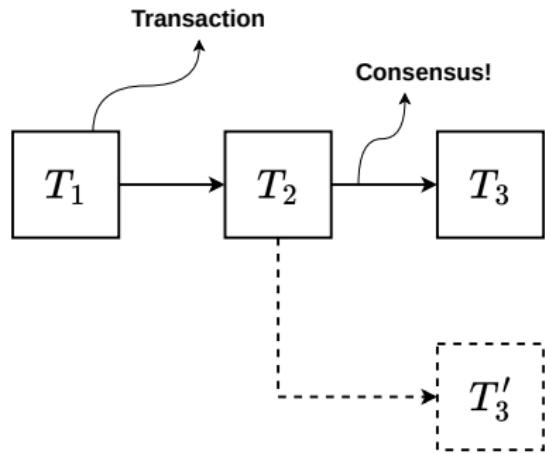
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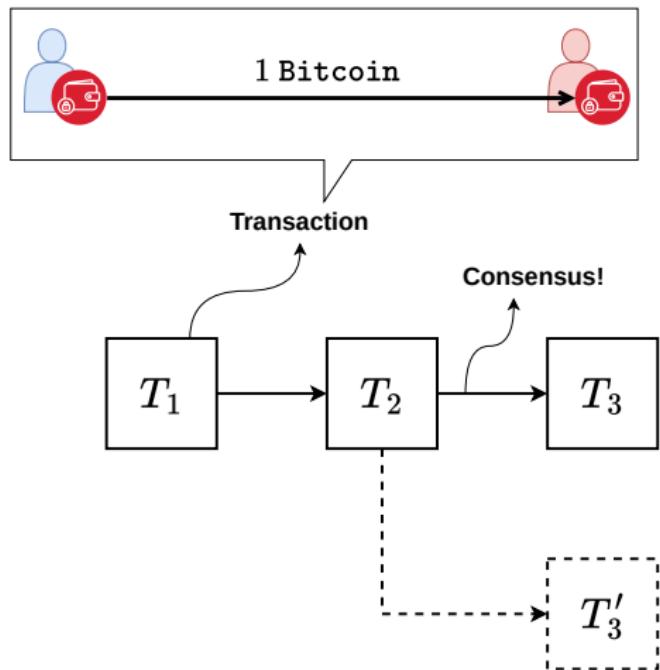
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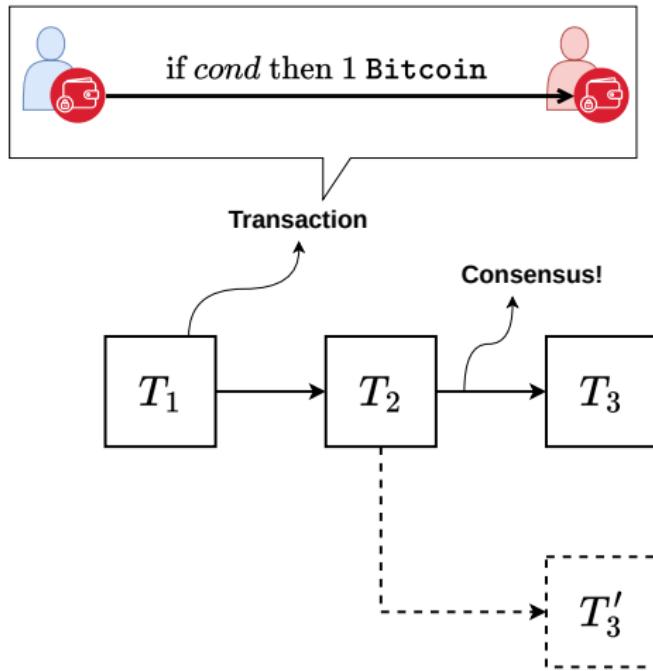
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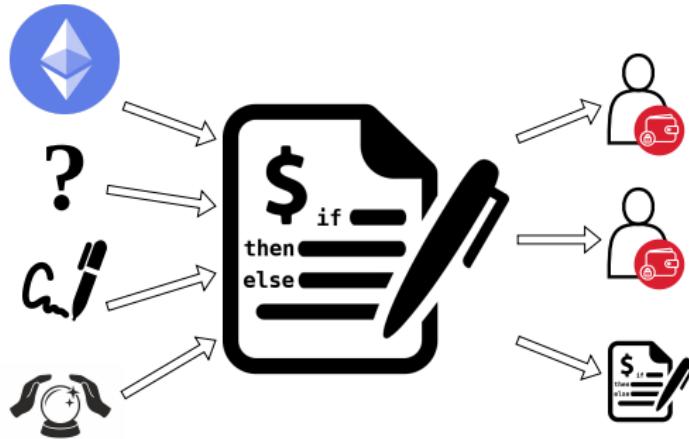
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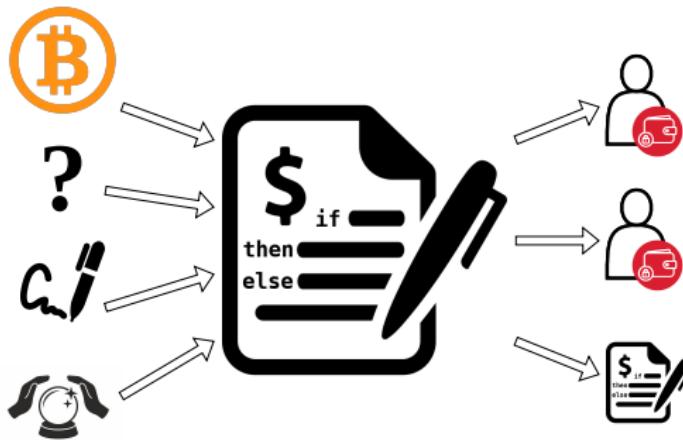
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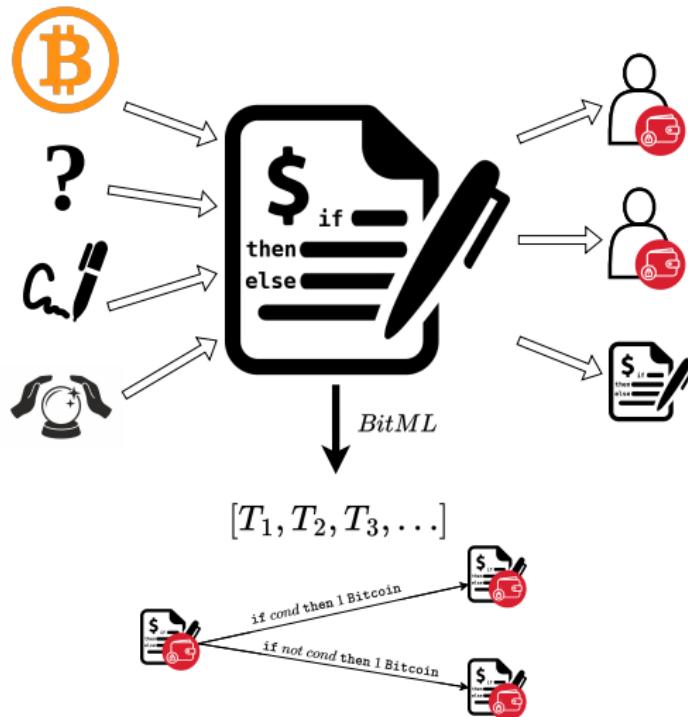
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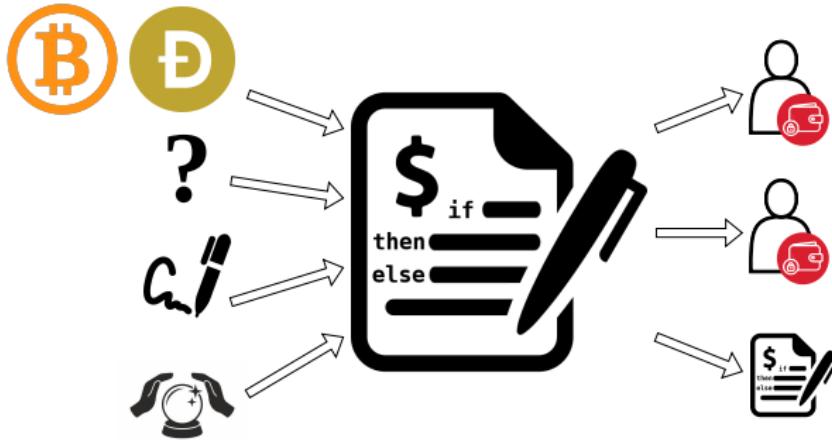
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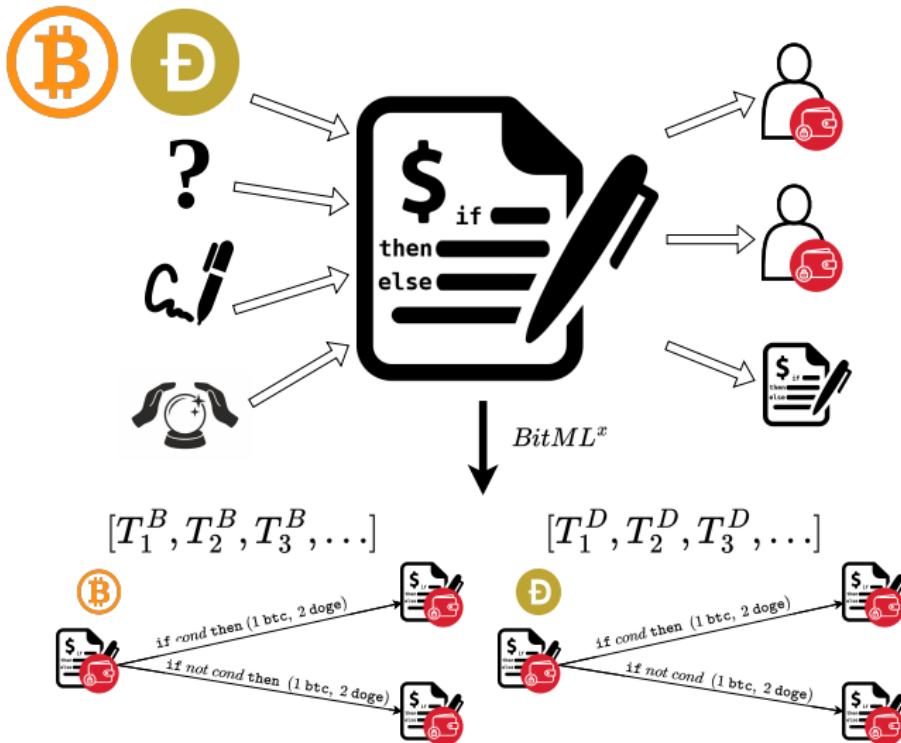
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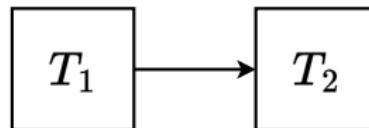
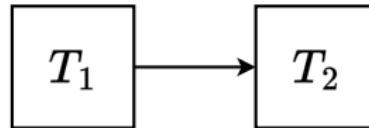


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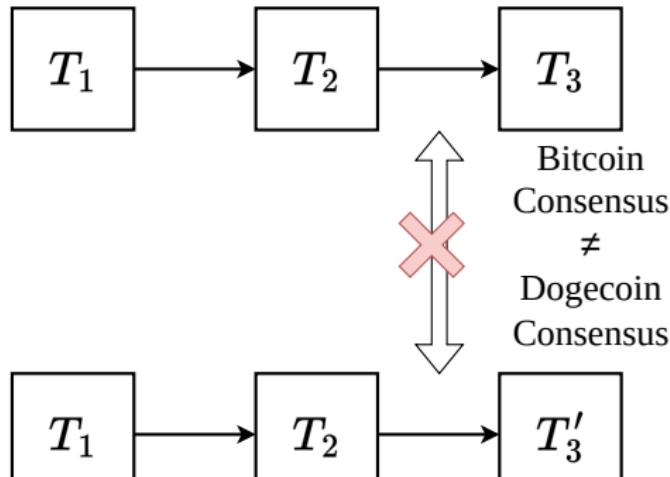

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# Presentation Overview

① BitML & Synchronicity

② BitML<sup>x</sup>

③ Compilation

④ Correctness

# BitML syntax

## Preconditions:

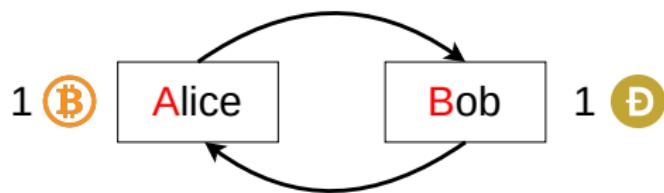
$$\begin{aligned} G ::= & A :: !v \vec{B} && \text{user deposits} \\ | & A : \text{secret } s && \text{secret commitment} \end{aligned}$$

## Contracts:

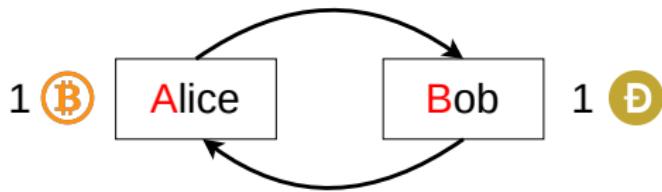
$$\begin{aligned} C ::= & D_1 + D_2 + \dots + D_k && \text{choose any sub-contract} \\ D ::= & A : D && A \text{ signs before executing } D \\ | & \text{after } t : D && \text{wait until } t, \text{ execute } D \\ | & \text{reveal } s \text{ then } C && \text{reveal } s \text{ before executing } C \\ | & \text{split } v \vec{B} \rightarrow \vec{C} && \text{split into many contracts} \\ | & \text{withdraw } A && A \text{ gets the money} \end{aligned}$$

(Don't panic: example in next slide.)

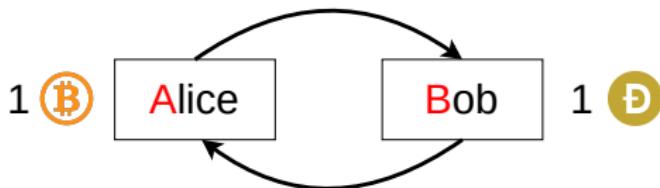
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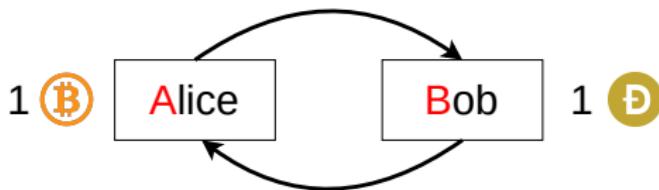

$$\{A : !1\$\text{\AA} \mid B : \text{secret } s\} \text{Swap}^{\text{\AA}}$$

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$\overbrace{\{A : !1\text{BTC} \mid B : \text{secret } s\}}^{\text{preconditions}} \overbrace{\text{Swap}^{\text{BTC}}}_{\text{contract}}$

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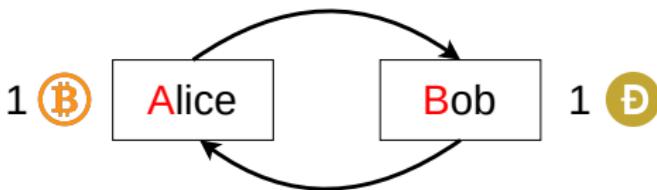
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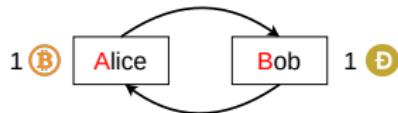
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{  $\underbrace{A : !1\text{\textcolor{orange}{B}}}_{\text{user deposits}}$  |  $\underbrace{B : \text{secret } s}_{\text{secret commitments}}$  }  $\overbrace{\text{Swap}^{\textcolor{teal}{B}}}^{\text{contract}}$  {  $B : !1\text{\textcolor{orange}{D}} | B : \text{secret } s$  }  $\text{Swap}^{\textcolor{teal}{D}}$

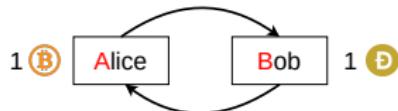
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$\{A :: 1\ddot{B} \mid B : \text{secret } s\} Swap^{\ddot{B}}$

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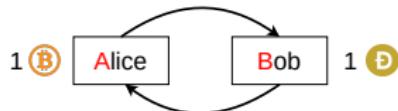


$\{A :! 1\textcolor{brown}{B} \mid B : \text{secret } s\} Swap^{\textcolor{teal}{B}}$

$\{B :! 1\textcolor{brown}{S} \mid B : \text{secret } s\} Swap^{\textcolor{teal}{S}}$

$$Swap^{\textcolor{teal}{B}} = Exchange^{\textcolor{teal}{B}} + Refund^{\textcolor{teal}{B}}$$

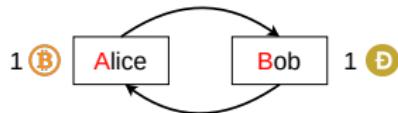
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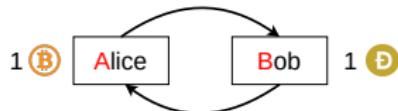
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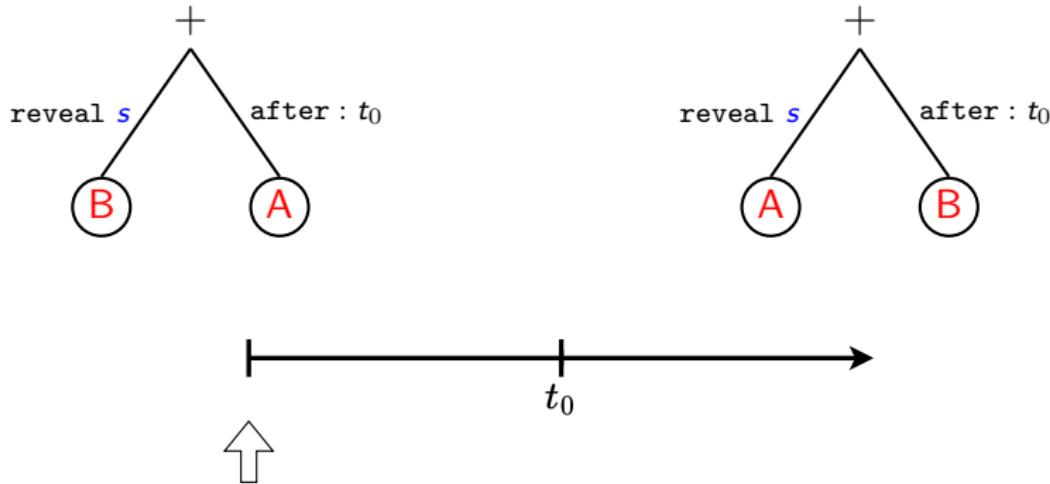
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Bob

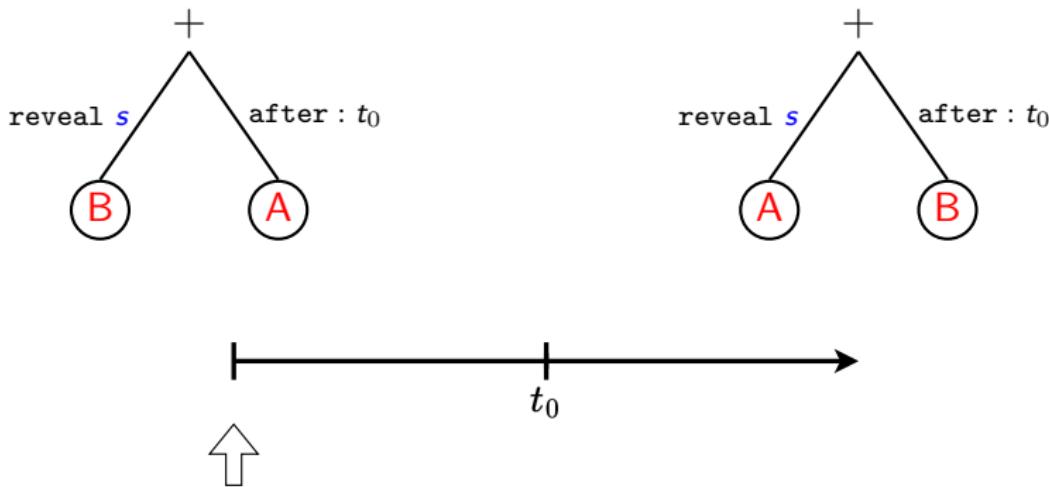


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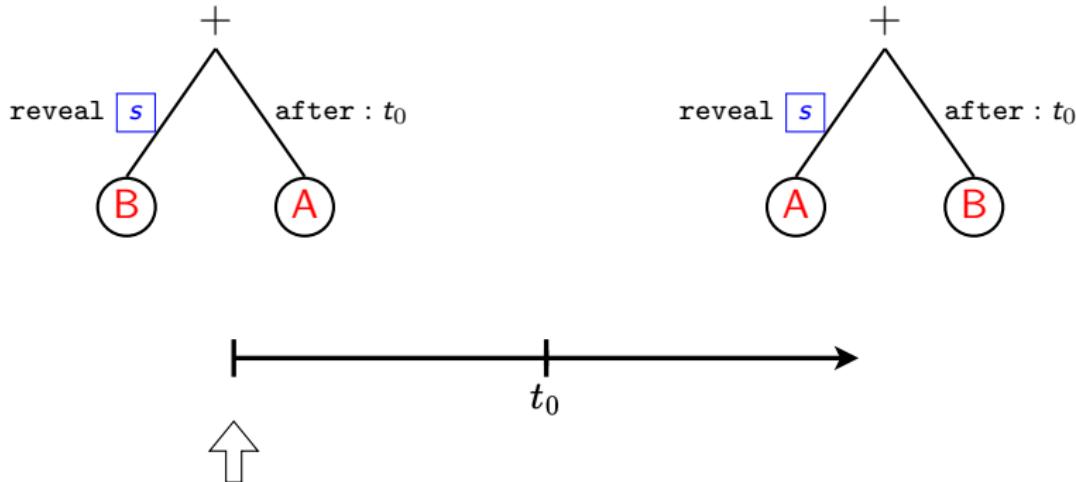
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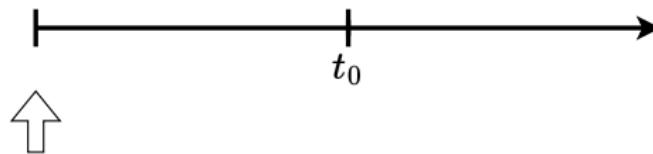
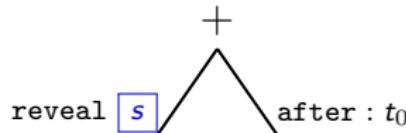
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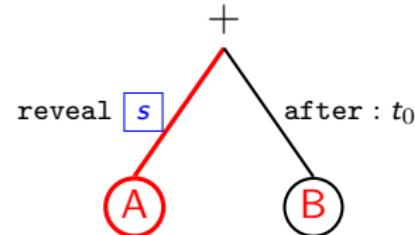
Alice

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- Thanks! I'm taking ₩ 😊



Bob

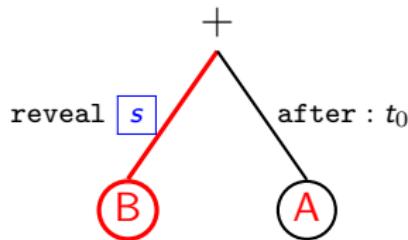
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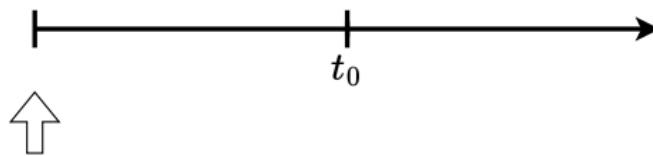
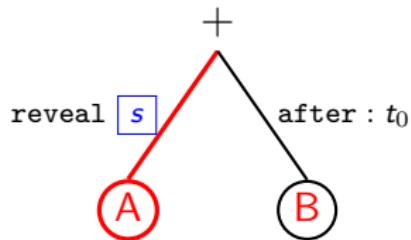
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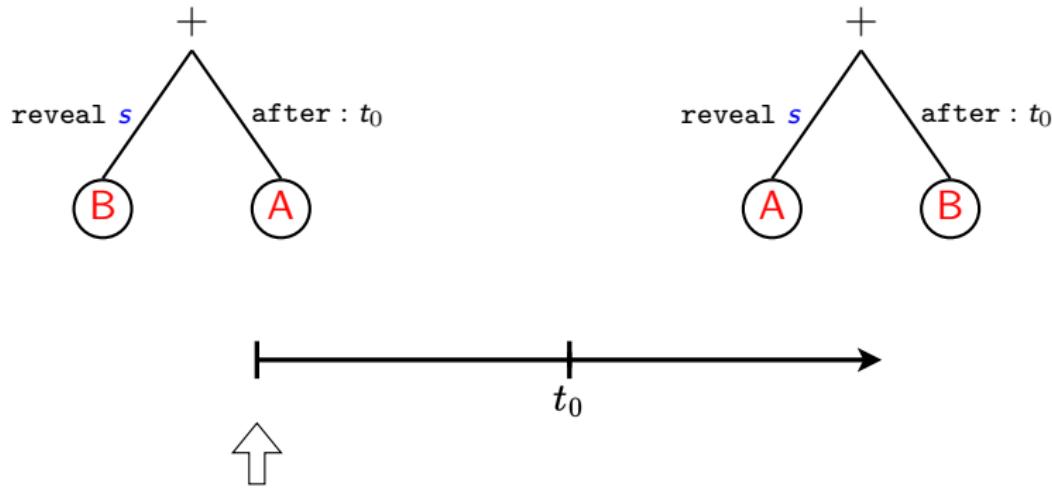
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- And I'm taking ₿😊



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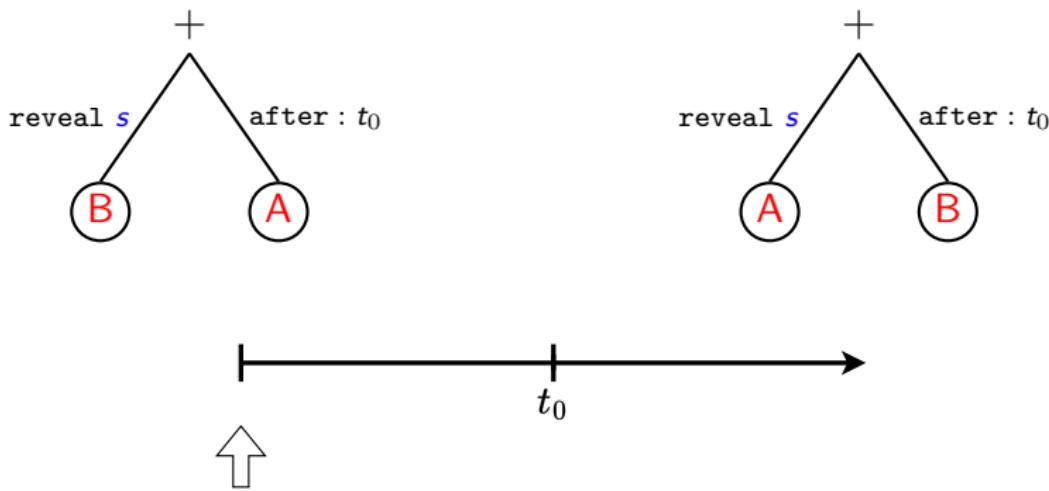


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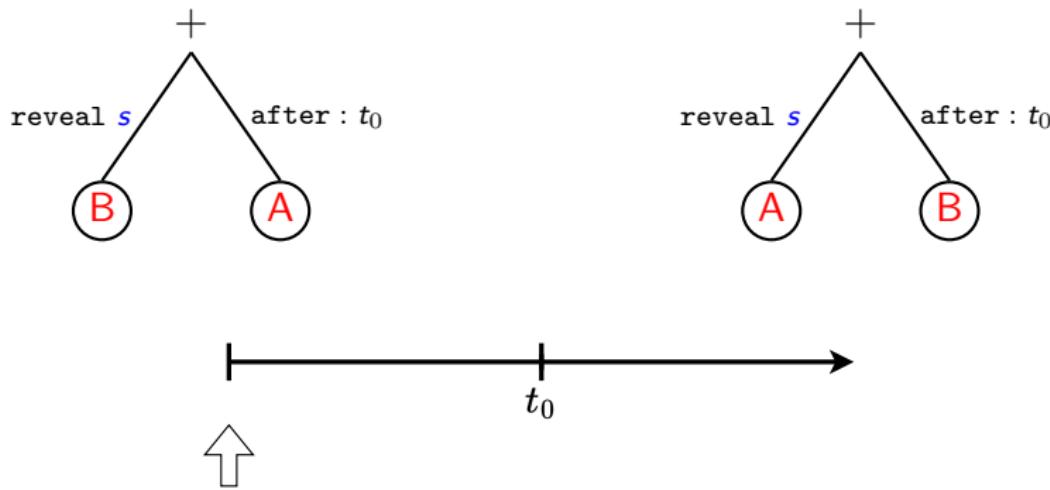
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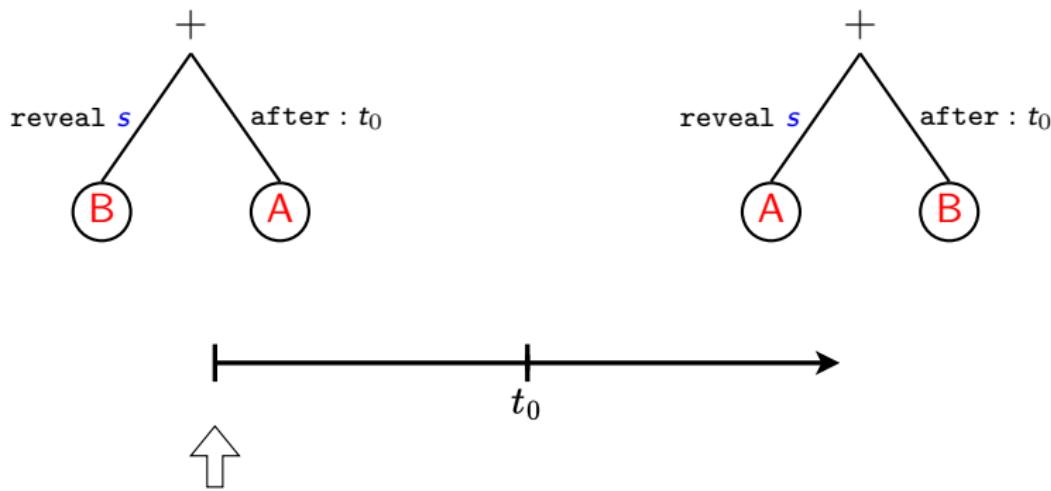
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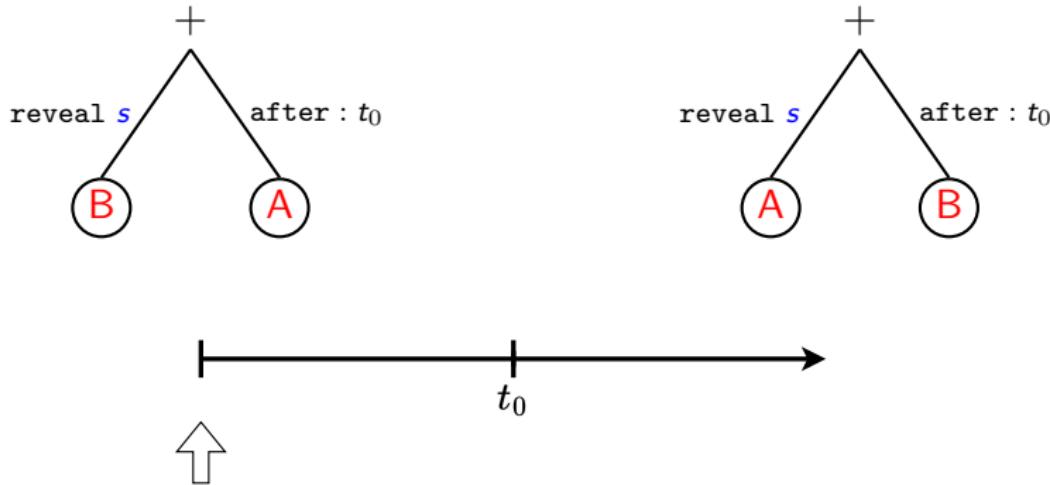
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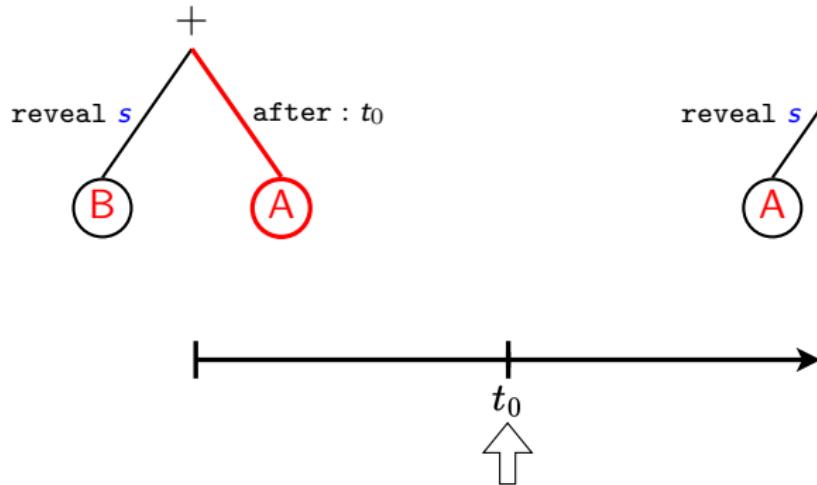
- Not really.
- Yeah, sorry. 



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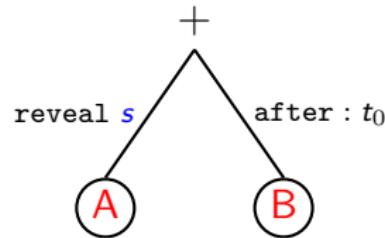
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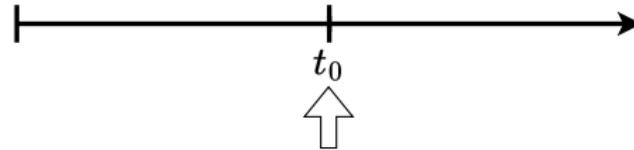
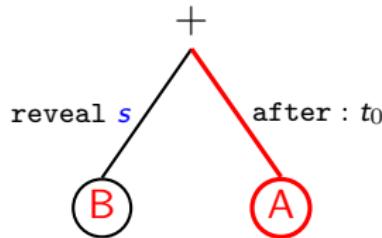
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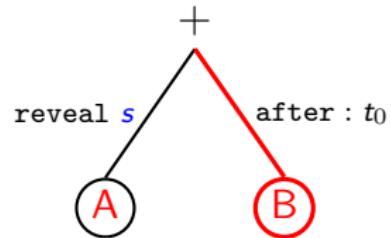
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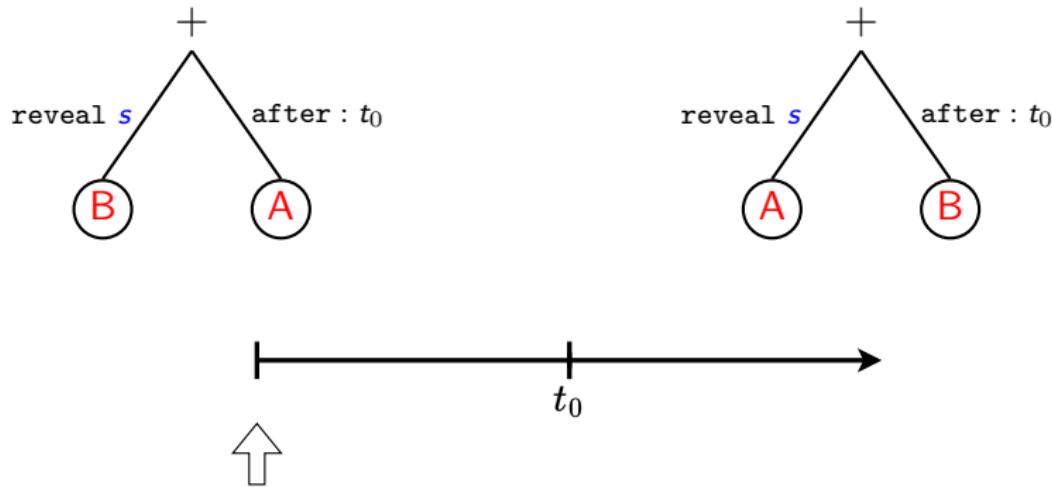
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But...

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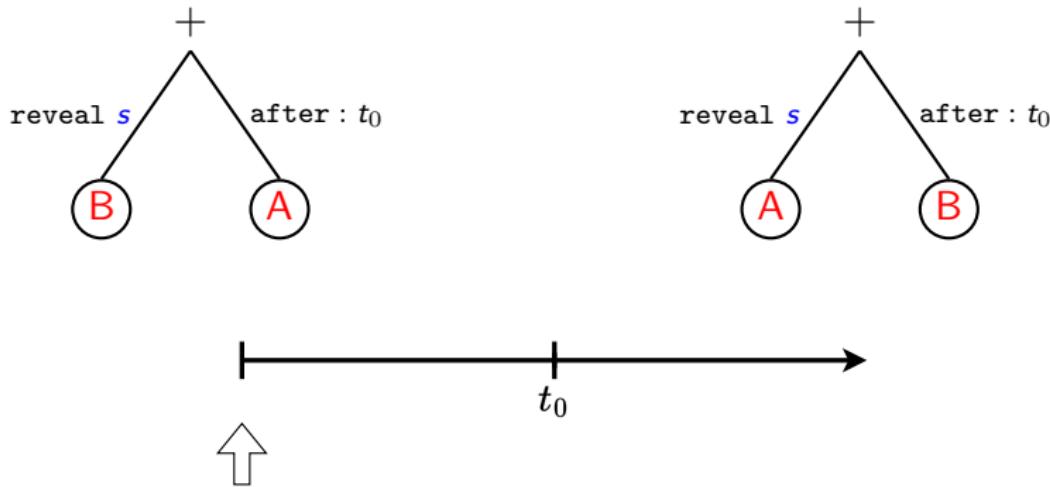


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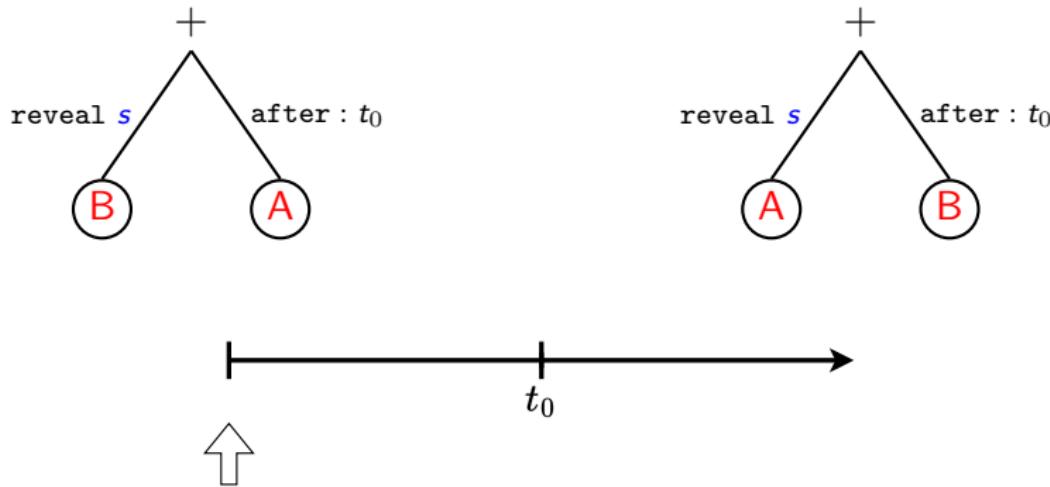
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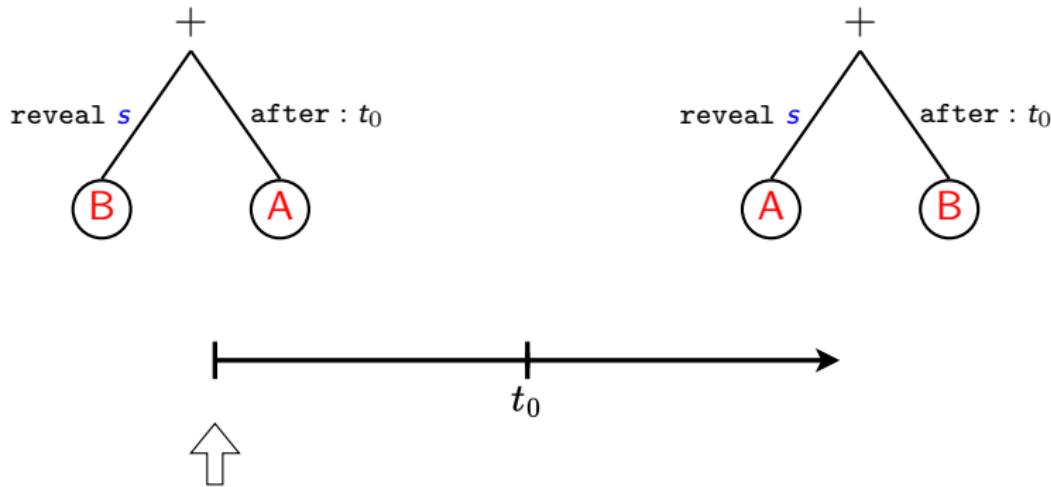
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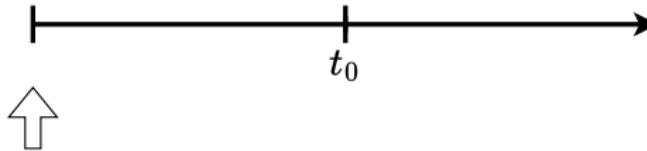
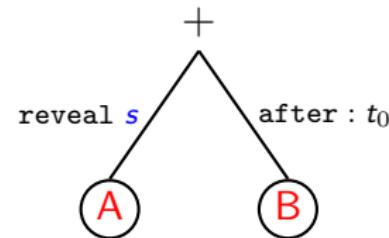
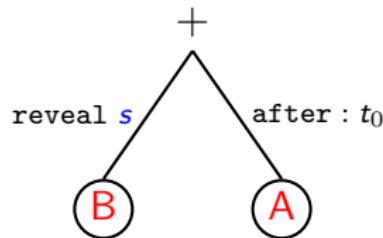
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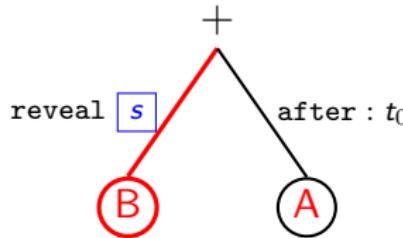
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- Yes... totally ok. 😊



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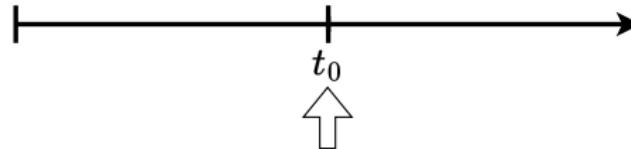
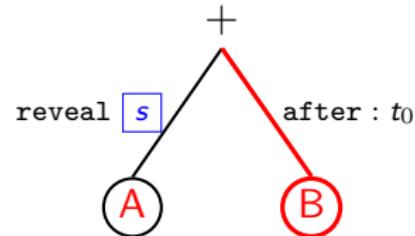
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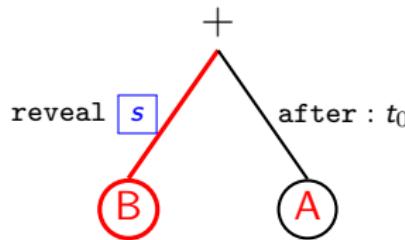
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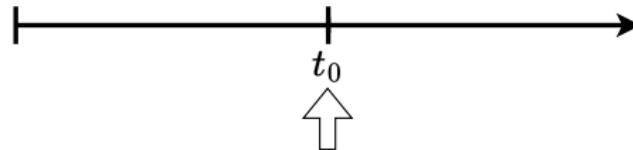
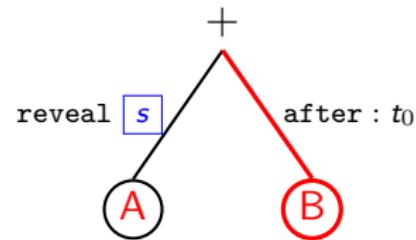
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Bob

- Not really.
- Yes... totally ok. 😐
- See ya, looser. 😈



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Alice should have read the bibliography on sound cryptographic protocol designs.

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Alice should have ~~read the bibliography on sound cryptographic protocol designs~~, switched to BitML<sup>x</sup>!

$$B = [v_1 \mathbb{B}_1, \dots, v_k \mathbb{B}_k] \quad \text{balance}$$

$$G ::= A :! B \quad \text{user deposit (in all chains)}$$

$$| A : \text{secret } s \quad \text{secret commitment}$$

$$C ::= D \rightarrowtail C \quad \text{choose } D \text{ or skip to } C$$

$$| \text{withdraw } \vec{B} \rightarrow \vec{A} \quad \text{last choice is always withdraw}$$

$$D ::= A : D \quad \text{reveal secrets before executing } C$$

$$| \text{reveal } s \text{ then } C \quad \text{split into many contract}$$

$$| \text{split } \vec{B} \rightarrow \vec{C}$$

$$\text{withdraw } \vec{B} \rightarrow \vec{A} \quad \text{distribute the balance among users}$$

# Swap In BitML<sup>x</sup>

$$\{A :: (1\$\$B, 0\$D) \mid B :: (0\$\$B, 1\$D)\} Swap^x$$

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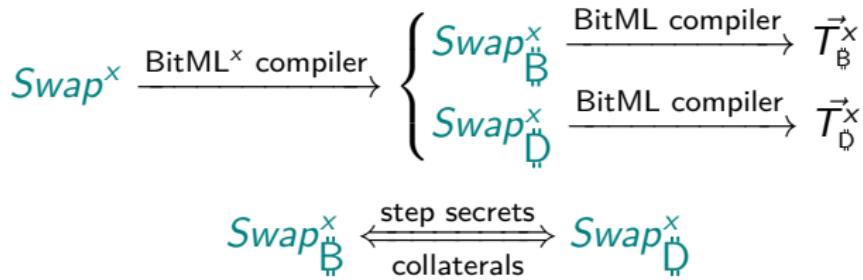
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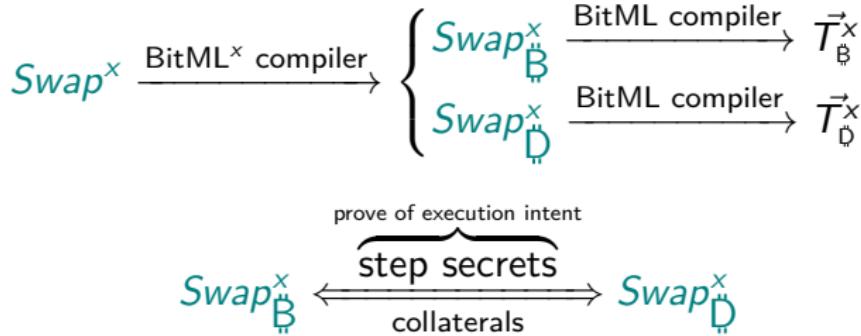
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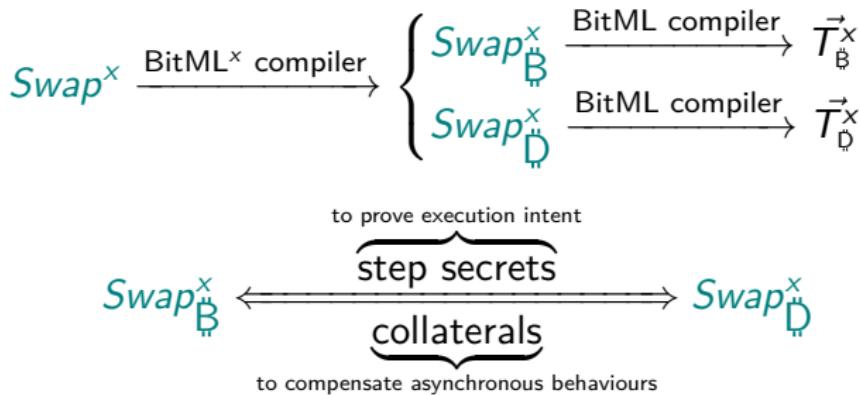
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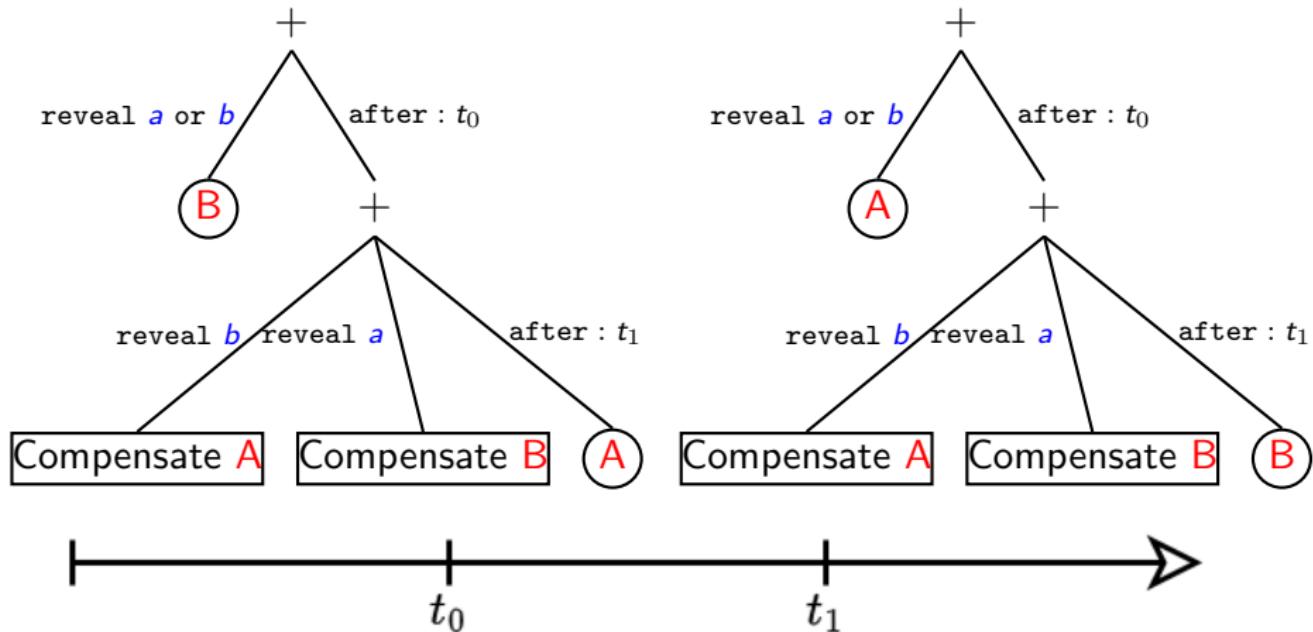
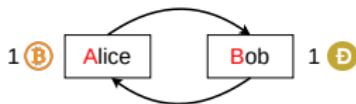
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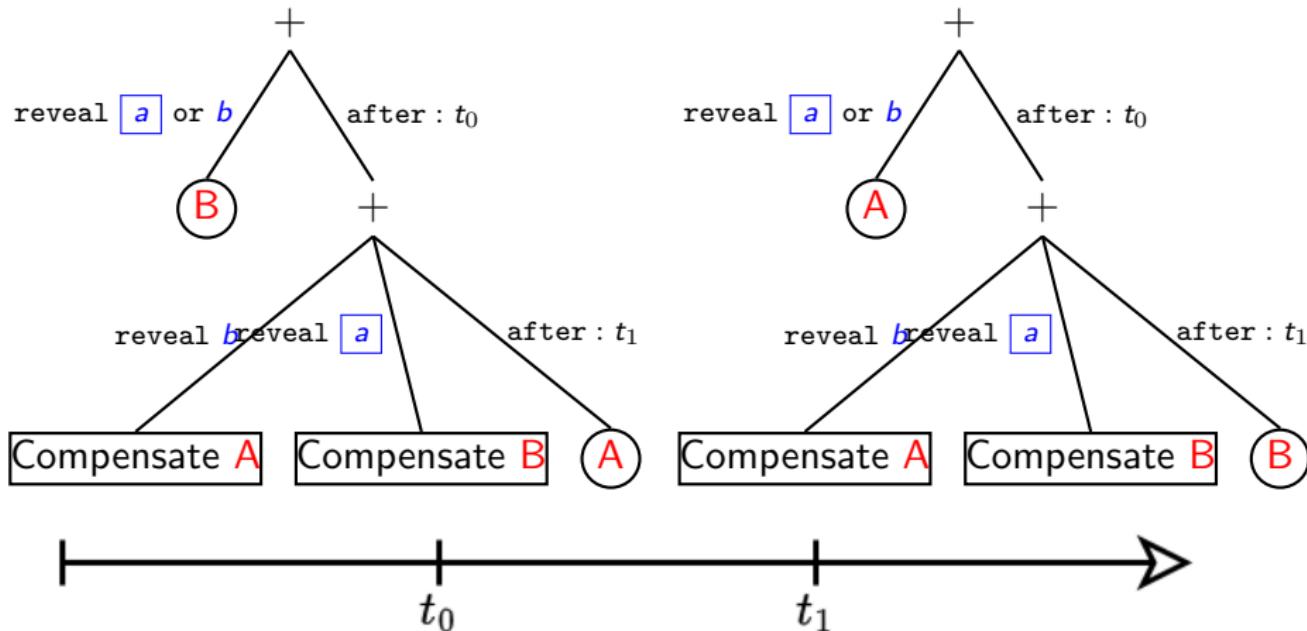
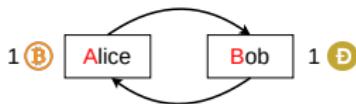
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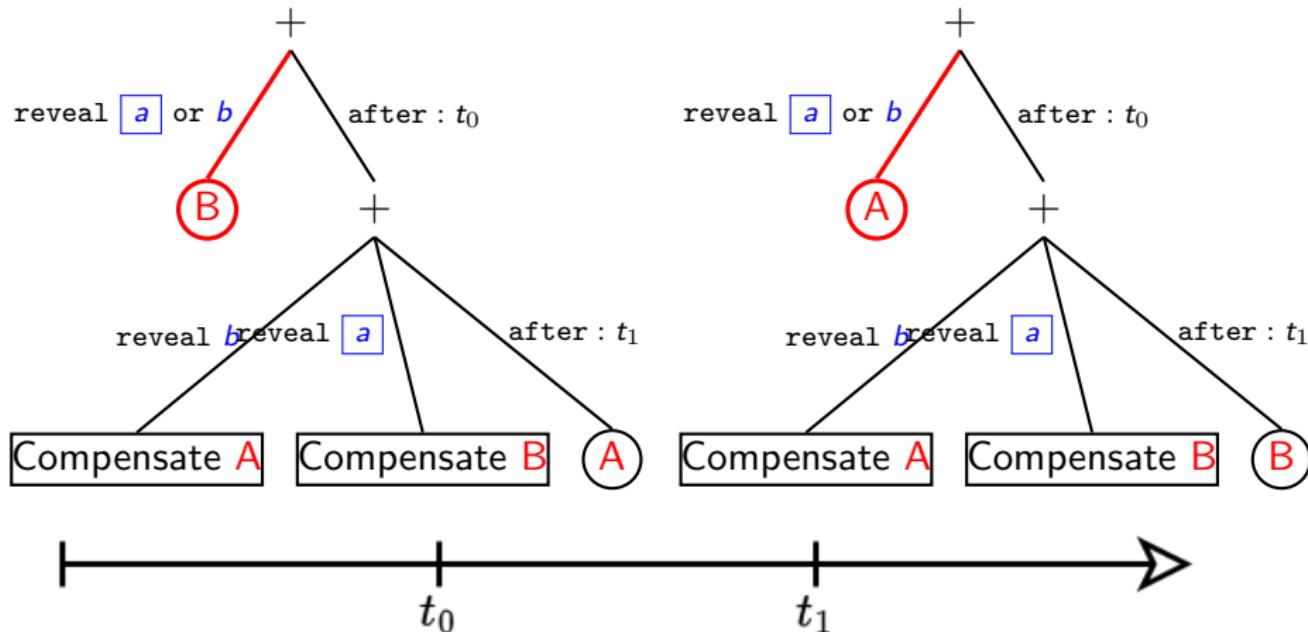
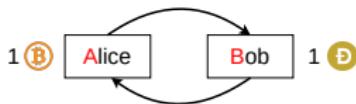
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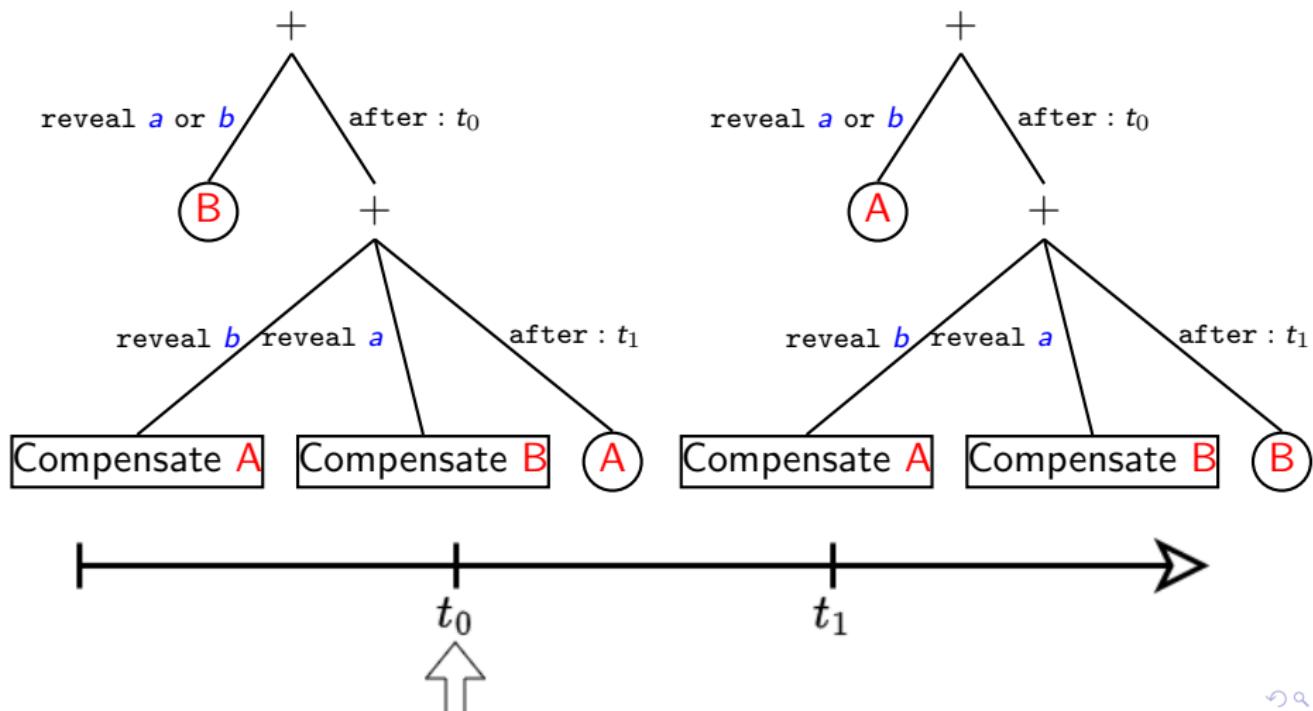
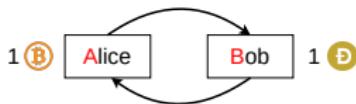
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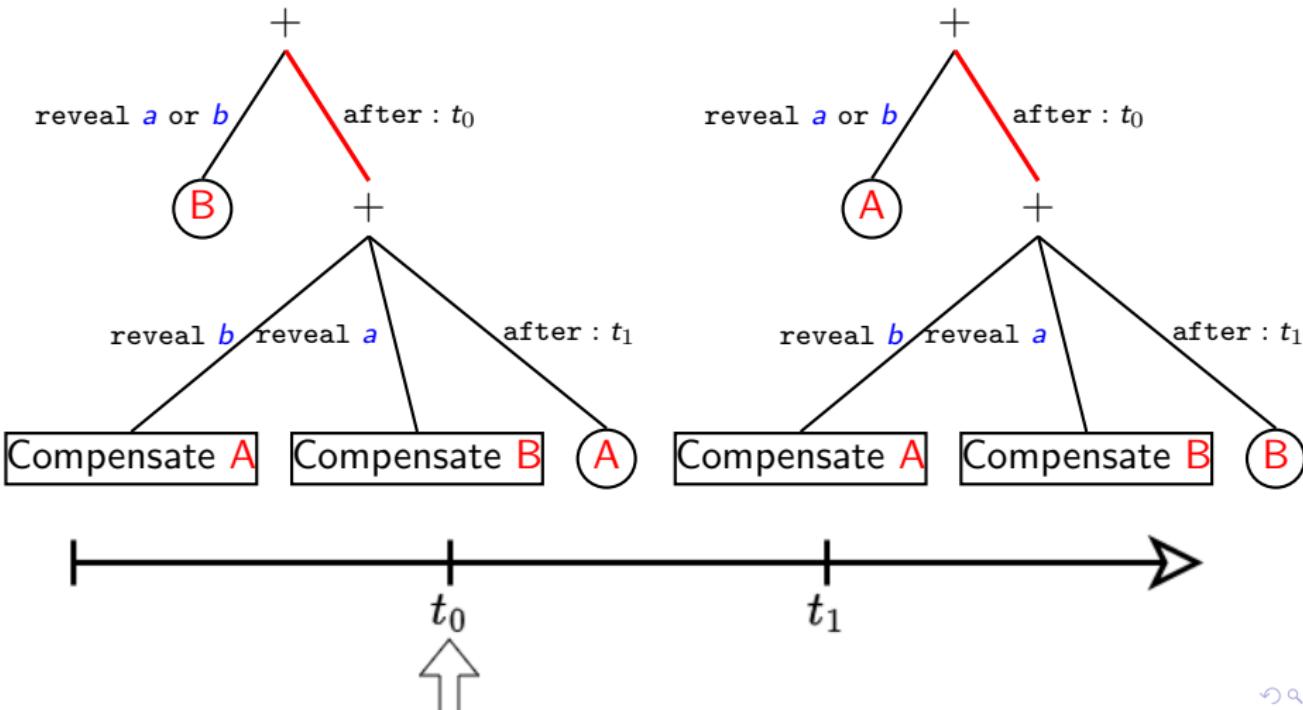
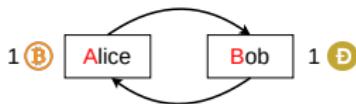
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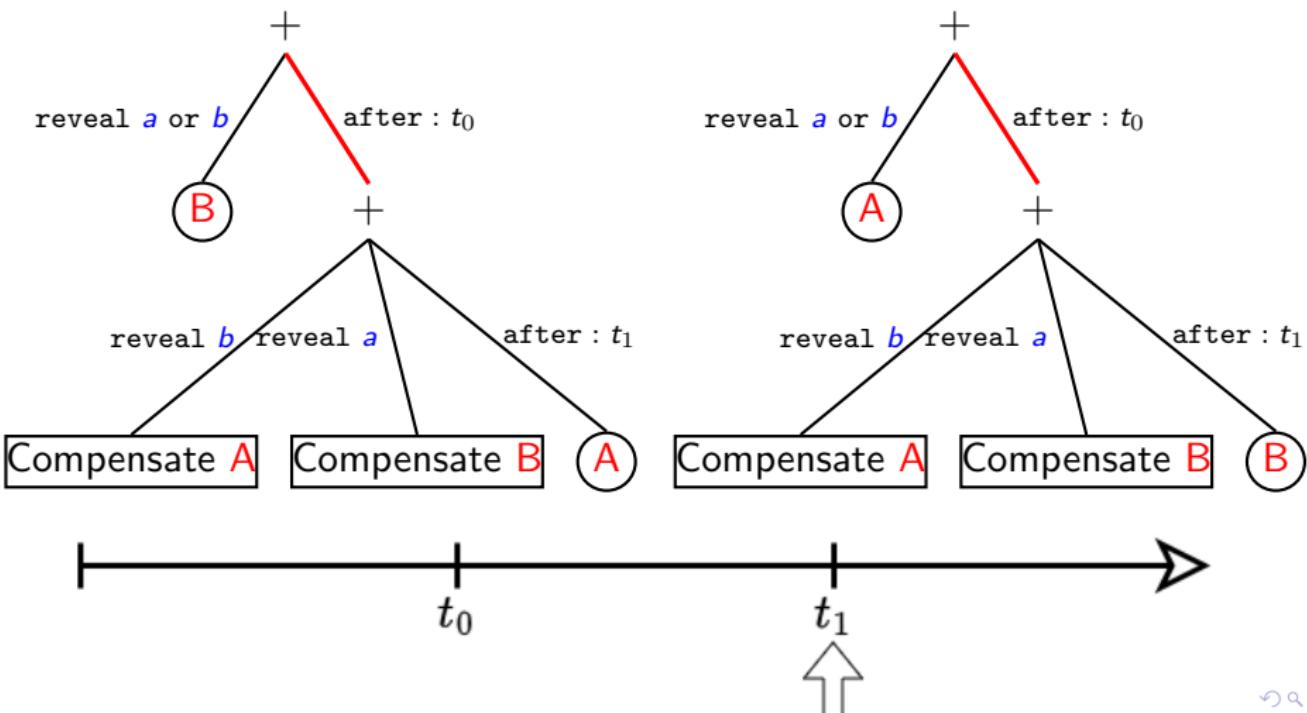
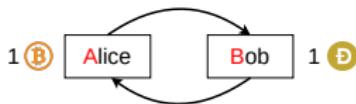
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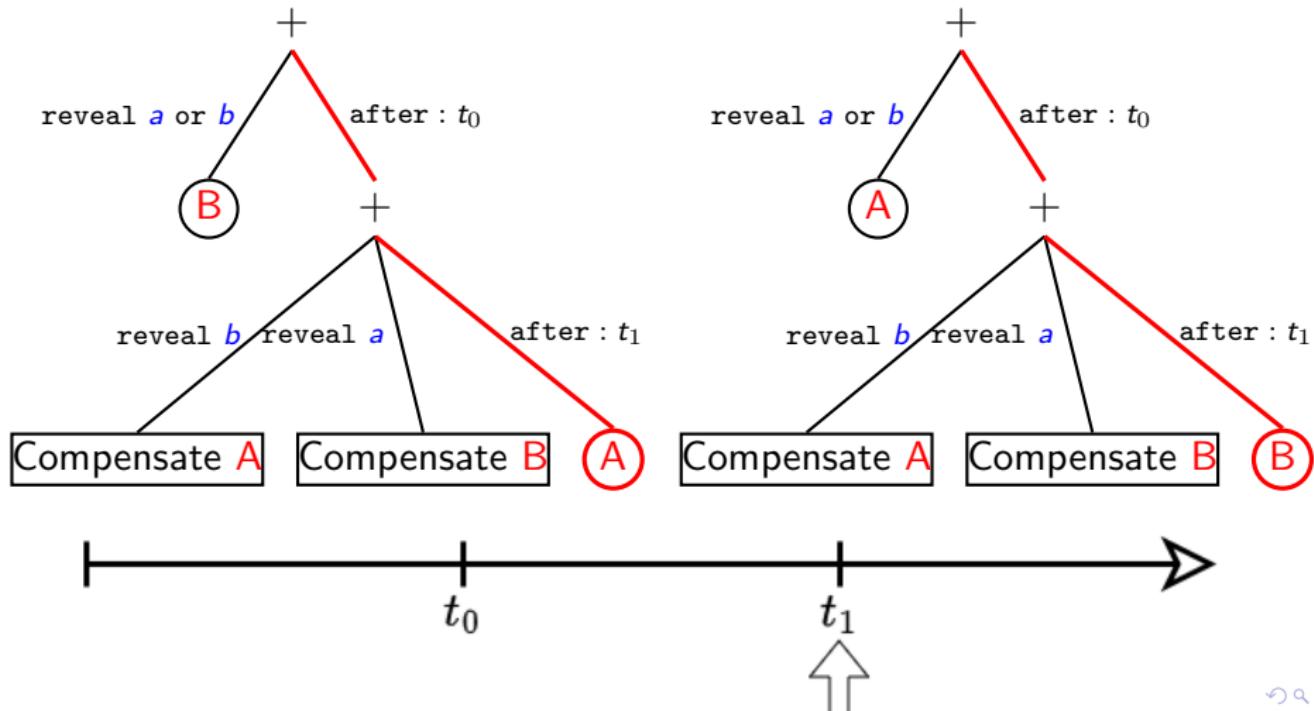
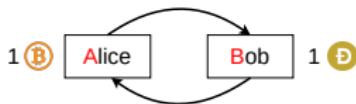
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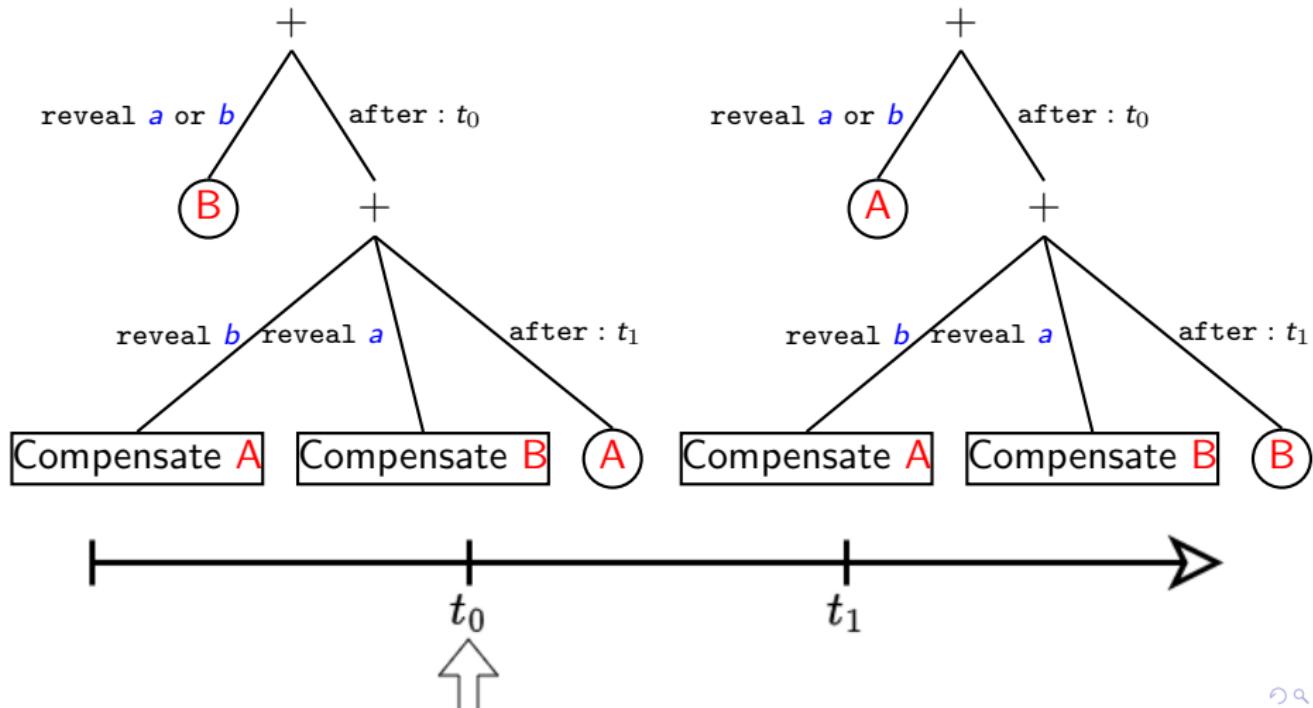
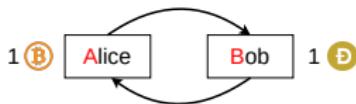
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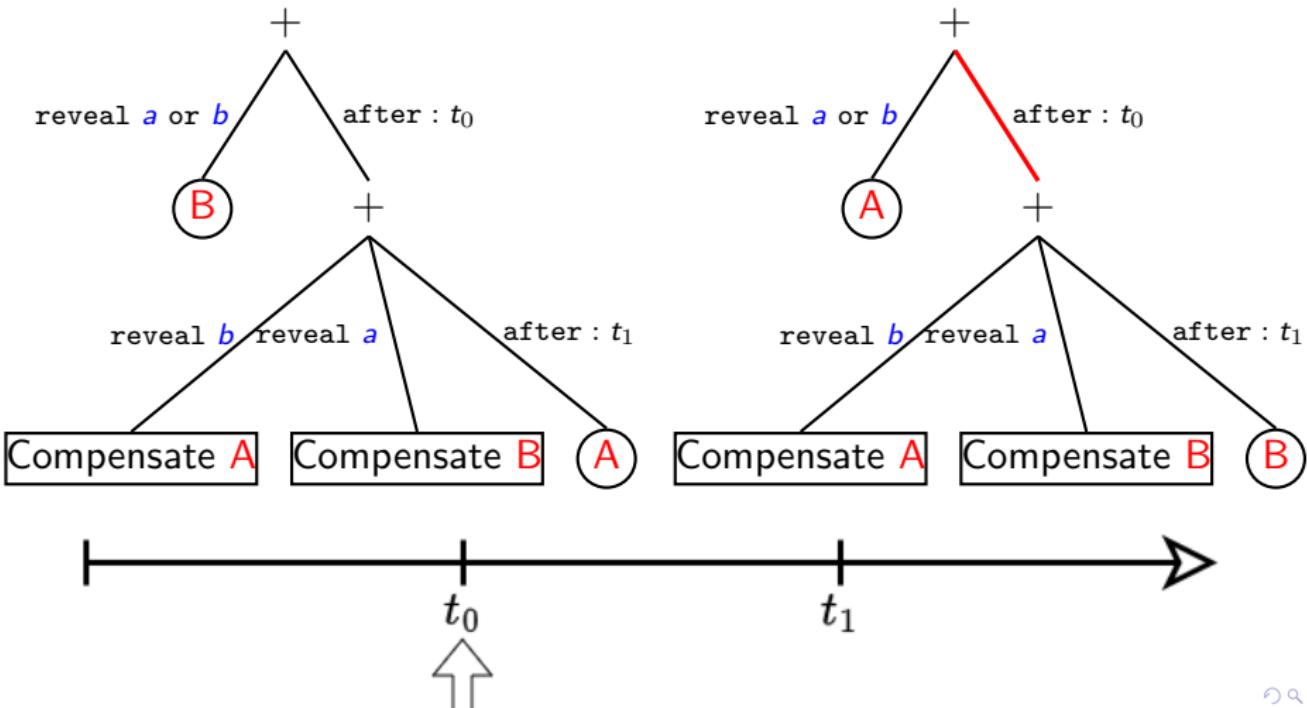
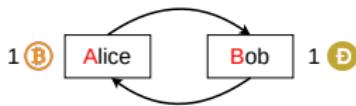
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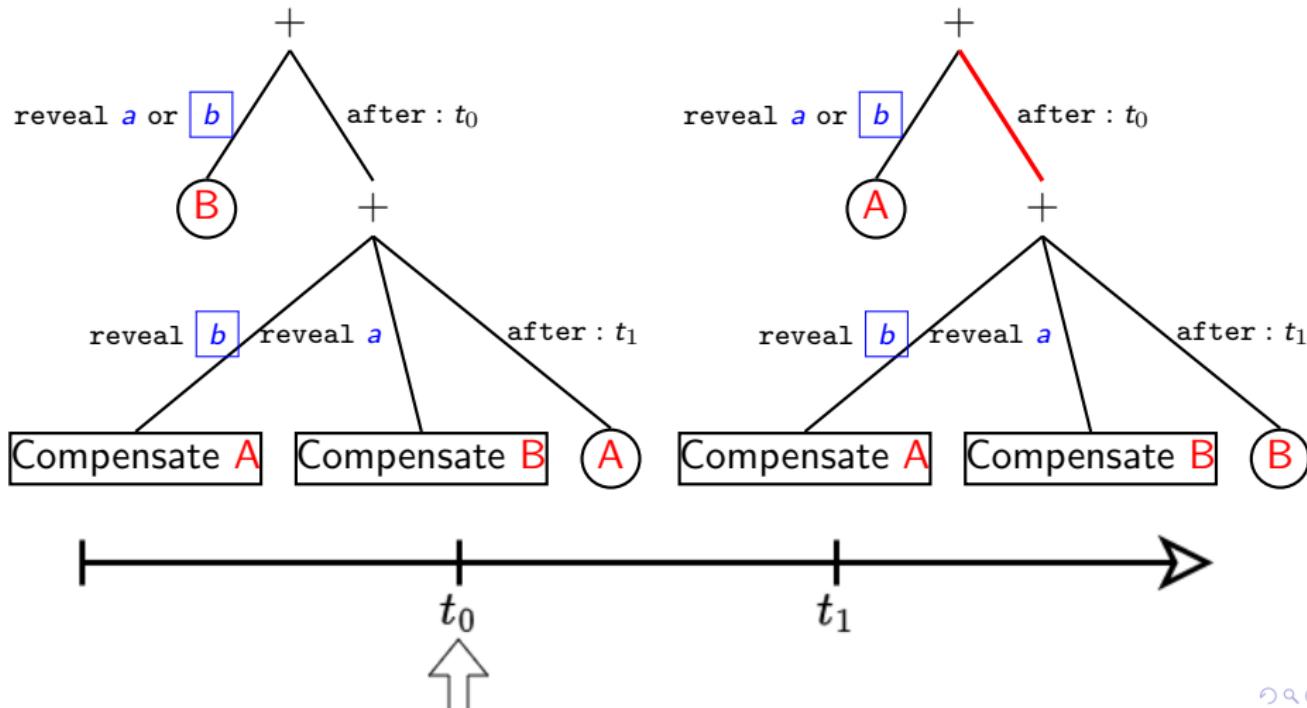
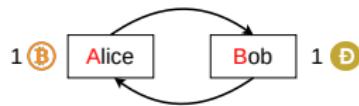
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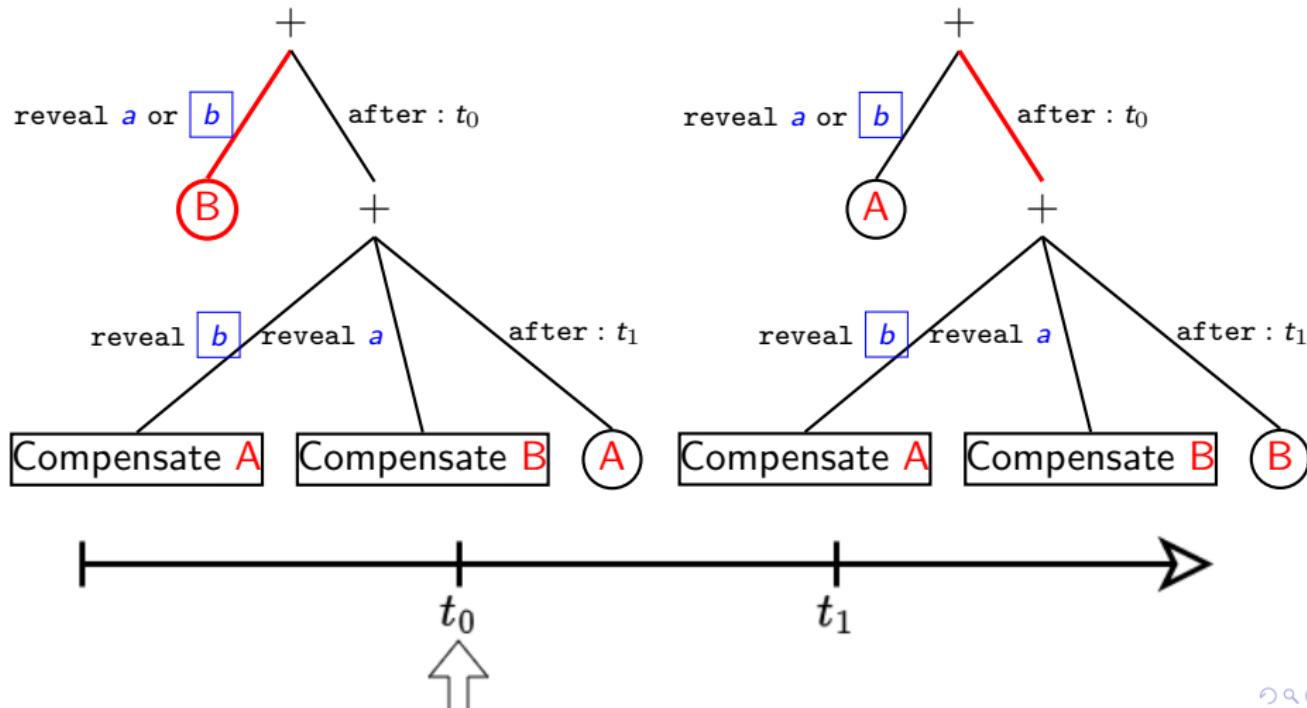
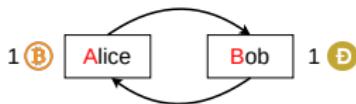
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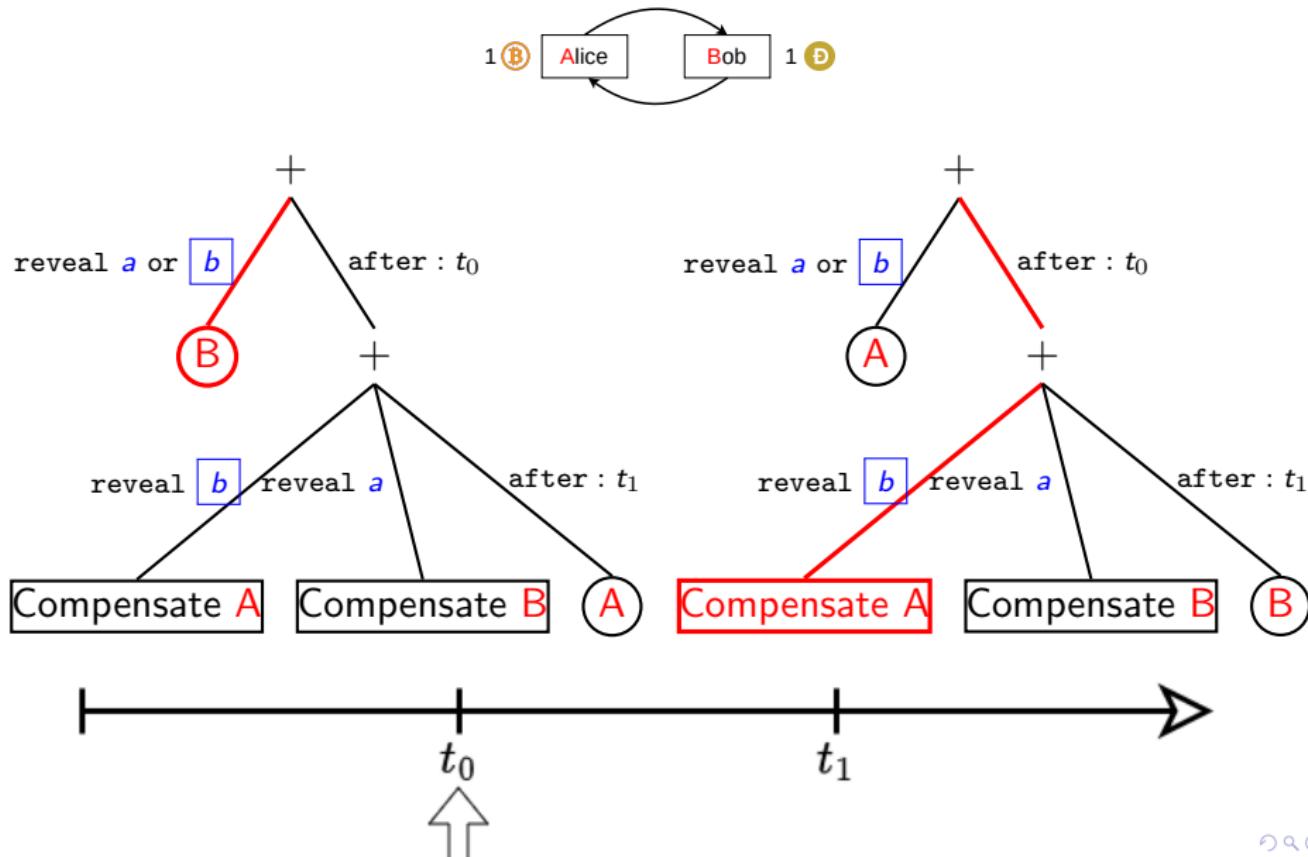
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then Compensate A

else wait until Refund\_B^x

# Correctness

## Theorem (Compiler correctness, informal)

*Each strategy of an honest user  $A$  on a BitML $^x$  contract  $C$  translates into a strategy on the concurrently executing compiled BitML contracts  $C_B \mid C_D$  that allows  $A$  to extract at least as many assets from  $C_B \mid C_D$  as from  $C$  with the original strategy.*

# Thanks!

- BitML<sup>x</sup> allows you to model cross-blockchain smart contracts.
- It's compiled to concurrently executing BitML contracts.
- Security by mechanisms of step secrets and collaterals.
- Work in Progress:
  - Done: BitML<sup>x</sup> compiler in Haskell.
  - Currently: proving BitML<sup>x</sup> correctness.

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## Bonus 1: Adversarial Scheduling

BitML

$$C_1 + \dots + C_k$$

- Users can always execute a valid option.
- Guaranteed to meet deadlines.
- In case of many valid options, adversary decides.

BitML<sup>x</sup>

$$C_1^x \rightarrowtail \dots \rightarrowtail C_k^x$$

- Only one valid option at a time.
- Round-based execution.
- Users can act before a subcontract is skipped.

## Bonus 2: Collaterals

Every user locks, on each blockchain  $\mathbb{B}$ , an extra collateral deposit of value:

$$c_{\mathbb{B}} = b_{\mathbb{B}} \times (n - 2)$$

where  $b_{\mathbb{B}}$  is the contract balance in that blockchain, and  $n$  is the number of participants.