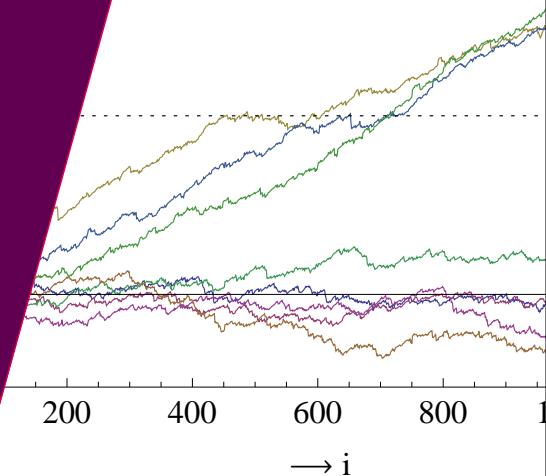


# Collusion-resistant traitor tracing schemes

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Scores of all users



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# Introduction: Illegal redistribution

Digital content is easy to reproduce, so it is easy for people who purchased copyrighted content to distribute it among non-authorized users.

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Alice	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	...
Bob	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	...
Charlie	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	...
Dave	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	...
Eve	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	...
Fred	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	...
George	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	...
Forgery	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	...

Since the content of each copy is the same, it is impossible to find out which of the users is guilty.

# Introduction: Embed watermarks

Embed unique watermarks in each copy so that copies can be identified and traced back to the guilty users.

	w		w w		w		w w w					
Alice	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	...
Bob	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	...
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Dave	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	...
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# Introduction: Collusion-attacks

Colluders compare their copies, searching for differences. Since their data is the same, the differences must be part of the watermark.

	w		w w		w		w w w					
Alice	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	0
Bob	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	1
Charlie	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0
Dave	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Eve	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	0
Fred	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0
George	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	1
Forgery	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	0
Forgery'	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0

Colluders can then detect and edit that part of the watermark, making it hard to trace them.

# Introduction: Traitor tracing schemes

Construct collusion-resistant traitor tracing codes. What makes the problem hard?

- If the watermarks are very different, then it is easy for colluders to detect and edit big parts of the watermark.
- If the watermarks are very similar, then it is hard to distinguish between users and get accurate accusations.

But using certain mathematical techniques, we can construct schemes resistant against collusion attacks: Even if the output is some mix of coalition codewords, we can identify (part of) the coalition.

# Introduction: What do we want?

In general: Low cost, high efficiency.

- Resistance against all pirate strategies.
- Resistance against large coalitions.
- Short watermarks.
- Small alphabet sizes (large alphabet sizes impractical).
- Low complexity for accusations ( $O(n)$  is ok,  $O(n^2)$  is not).
- Avoid accusing innocent users.
- Find at least one guilty user (preferably more).

# Model: Traitor tracing codes

Only focus on the watermarks, not on the data itself.

- Users:  $j = 1, \dots, n$ .
- Set of users:  $U = \{1, \dots, n\}$ .
- Coalition:  $C \subseteq U$  of  $c$  colluders/traitors/pirates/attackers.
- Traitor tracing code:  $\mathcal{C} = \{\vec{x}_j\}$ .
  - ▷ Alphabet:  $Q = \{0, \dots, q - 1\}$ .
  - ▷ Positions:  $i = 1, \dots, \ell$ .
  - ▷ Codewords:  $\vec{x}_1, \dots, \vec{x}_n$ .

The code  $\mathcal{C}$  can also be represented in matrix form by  $X_{ji} = (\vec{x}_j)_i$ .

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} \leftarrow & \vec{x}_1 & \rightarrow \\ & \vdots & \\ \leftarrow & \vec{x}_n & \rightarrow \end{pmatrix} \text{ e.g. } X = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 3 & 3 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \in \{0, \dots, 3\}^{4 \times 7}.$$

A coalition generates a forgery  $\vec{y}$  using some pirate strategy  $\rho : X(C) \mapsto \vec{y}$ .

# Model: Pirate strategies

Marking assumption: If the whole coalition sees the same symbol  $\omega \in Q$  on position  $i$ , then also  $y_i = \omega$ .

Further restrictions: If a coalition sees the symbols  $\omega_1, \dots, \omega_c \in Q$  on position  $i$  (not all the same), then...

- Restricted digit model:  $y_i \in \{\omega_1, \dots, \omega_c\}$ .
- Arbitrary digit model:  $y_i \in Q$ .
- Allowing erasures:  $y_i \in \dots$  or  $y_i = ?$ .
- Binary alphabet: All equivalent.

Most common: Restricted digit model.

Example:

$$\begin{aligned} X(C) &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 & \mathbf{1} & 1 & \mathbf{2} & 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & \mathbf{1} & 2 & \mathbf{2} & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ \vec{y} &\in \{(* \ * \ \mathbf{1} \ * \ \mathbf{2} \ * \ *)\} \\ \text{e.g. } \vec{y}_0 &= (0 \ 3 \ \mathbf{1} \ 2 \ \mathbf{2} \ 1 \ 3) \end{aligned}$$

# Model: Pirate strategies

Let  $q = 2$ , let  $\omega_1, \dots, \omega_c$  be the symbols seen on position  $i$ , and let  $0 < m < c$  be the number of ones seen by the coalition  $C$ .

- Random:  $y_i \in_R \{0, 1\}$ .
- Scapegoat:  $y_i = \omega_j$  for some  $j$ .
- Always 0:  $y_i = 0$  whenever possible.
- Majority voting: If  $m < c/2$  then  $y_i = 0$  and if  $m > c/2$  then  $y_i = 1$ .
  - ▷ If  $m = c/2$  then  $y_i \in_R \{0, 1\}$ .
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  - ▷ If  $m = c/2$  then ...
- Interleaving attack:  $y_i \in_R \{\omega_1, \dots, \omega_c\}$  (so  $\mathbb{P}[y_i = 1] = m/c$ ).
- ...

A scheme should be secure against all strategies.

# Model: Static schemes

Construction:

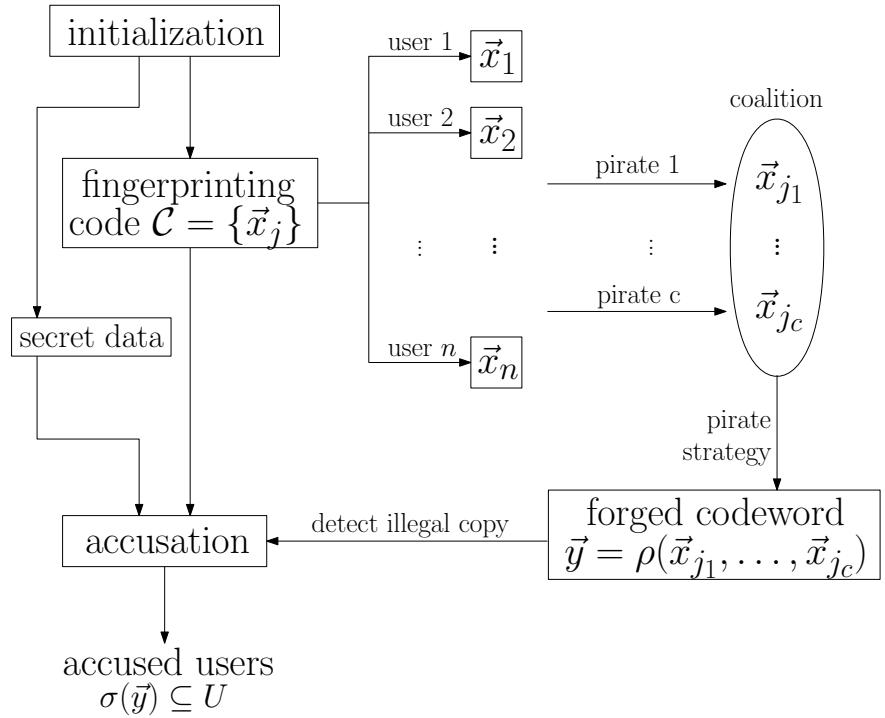
1. Initialization
2. Send codewords
3. Coalition produces some forgery  $\vec{y}$
4. Intercept forgery
5. Accuse certain users

Advantages:

- Many applications
- Only one codeword

Disadvantages:

- Catch only one or few colluders



# Model: Dynamic schemes

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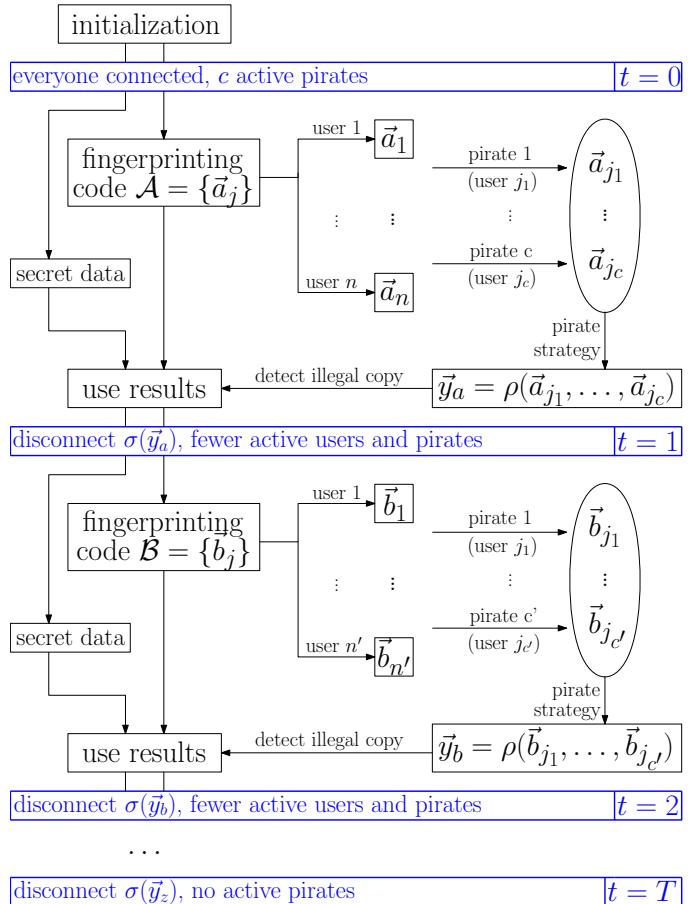
1. Initialization
2. Send first codewords
3. Receive first forgery
4. Disconnect certain users
5. Send new codewords
6. (repeat until no forgeries appear)

Advantages:

- Less total data needed.
- Catch all colluders.

Disadvantages:

- Fewer applications.
- Computations required during the broadcast.



# Model: Deterministic vs. probabilistic

Deterministic schemes: No error.

- Always absolute certainty.
- Soundness: Never accuse any innocent users.
- Completeness: Always accuse at least one guilty user.
- Always alphabet size  $q \geq c + 1$ .
- Works only in restricted digit model.

Probabilistic schemes: Errors bounded by  $\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2 > 0$ .

- Small probability of error.
- Soundness: Accuse no innocent users with probability at least  $1 - \epsilon_1$ .
- Completeness: Accuse a guilty user with probability at least  $1 - \epsilon_2$ .
- Usually soundness is more important:  $\epsilon_1 \ll \epsilon_2$ .
- Alphabet size  $q \geq 2$ .
- Works against any attack model.

# Previous results: All schemes

First half of the project and report: Extensive literature study.

	$q$ (alphabet size)	$\ell, t$ (codelength,time)
Deterministic, static	$q \geq c + 1$	$\ell \geq \Omega(c^2 \log(n))$
- Staddon et al.	$q = \mathcal{O}(c^2 k)$	$\ell = \mathcal{O}(c^2 \log(n))$
- Alon et al.	$q = c + 1$	$\ell = \mathcal{O}(c^2 \log(n))$
Probabilistic, static	$q \geq 2$	$\ell \geq \Omega(c^2 \ln(n/\epsilon))$
- Boneh and Shaw	$q = 2$	$\ell = \mathcal{O}(n^3 \ln(n/\epsilon))$
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- Tardos	$q = 2$	$\ell = \mathcal{O}(c^2 \ln(n/\epsilon))$
Deterministic, dynamic	$q \geq c + 1$	$t \geq \Omega(\frac{c^2}{q-c} + c \log(n))$
- Fiat and Tassa	$q = 2c + 1$	$t = \mathcal{O}(c \log(n))$
- Berkman et al.	$q = c + 1$	$t = \mathcal{O}(c^3 \log(n))$
- Berkman et al.	$q = c + 1$	$t = \mathcal{O}(c^2 + c \log(n))$
Probabilistic, dynamic	$q \geq 2$	?
- Tassa	$q = 2$	$\ell \cdot t = \mathcal{O}(c^4 \log(n) \ln(c/\epsilon))$

# Previous results: Probabilistic schemes

(probabilistic, $q = 2$ )	$\ell$ (for small $c$ )	$\ell$ (for large $c$ )
Static schemes	$\ell \geq \Omega(c^2 \ln(n/\epsilon))$	$\ell \geq 1.38c^2 \ln(n/\epsilon)$
- Boneh and Shaw	$\ell \approx 2n^3 \ln(n/\epsilon)$	$\ell \approx 2n^3 \ln(n/\epsilon)$
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- Tardos	$\ell = 100c^2 \ln(n/\epsilon)$	$\ell = 100c^2 \ln(n/\epsilon)$
- Vladimirova et al.	$\ell = 90c^2 \ln(n/\epsilon)$	$\ell \approx 39.48c^2 \ln(n/\epsilon)$
- Blayer and Tassa	$\ell = 85c^2 \ln(n/\epsilon)$	$\ell \approx 19.74c^2 \ln(n/\epsilon)$
- Skoric et al.	(vague)	$\ell \approx 9.87c^2 \ln(n/\epsilon)$
- Nuida et al.	$\ell \approx 5c^2 \ln(n/\epsilon)$	$\ell \approx 5.35c^2 \ln(n/\epsilon)$
Dynamic schemes	?	?
- Tassa	$\ell \cdot t = \mathcal{O}(c^4 \log(n) \ln(c/\epsilon))$	$\ell \cdot t = \mathcal{O}(c^4 \log(n) \ln(c/\epsilon))$

# New results

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<b>- Laarhoven (1)</b>	$\ell \approx 24c^2 \ln(n/\epsilon)$	$\ell \approx 4.93c^2 \ln(n/\epsilon)$
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<b>- Laarhoven (2)</b>	$\ell \cdot t \approx 26c^2 \ln(n/\epsilon)$	$\ell \cdot t \approx 4.93c^2 \ln(n/\epsilon)$
<b>- Laarhoven (3)</b>	$\ell \cdot t \approx 26c^2 \ln(nc^2/\epsilon)$	$\ell \cdot t \approx 4.93c^2 \ln(nc^2/\epsilon)$
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# The Tardos scheme: Outline

Initialization:

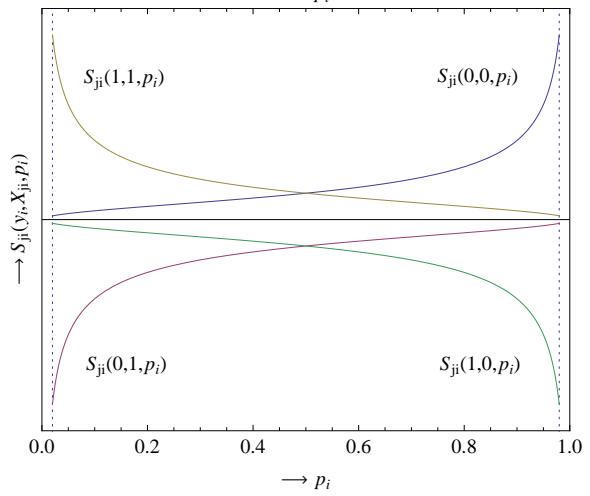
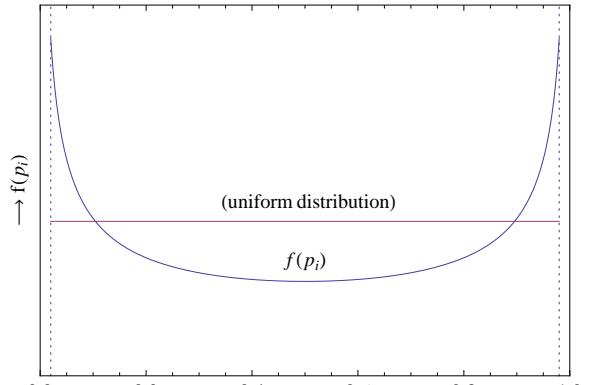
- Take  $\ell = \mathcal{O}(c^2 \ln(n/\epsilon_1))$ .
- Take  $\delta = \mathcal{O}(c^{-4/3})$ .
- Take  $Z = \mathcal{O}(c \ln(n/\epsilon_1))$ .

Codeword generation:

- Generate  $p_i \in [\delta, 1 - \delta]$  from  $f(p)$ .
- Generate  $X_{ji}$  using  $\mathbb{P}[X_{ji} = 1] = p_i$ .

Accusation: (after intercepting  $\vec{y}$ )

- Calculate  $S_{ji} = S_{ji}(y_i, X_{ji}, p_i)$ .
- Calculate  $S_j = \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} S_{ji}$ .
- Accuse user  $j$  if  $S_j > Z$ .



# The Tardos scheme: Example

Let  $n = 8$ , let  $c = 3$  and let the error probabilities be given by  $\epsilon_1 = \epsilon_2 = 0.01$ . From the initialization we get  $\ell = 1208$ ,  $Z = 146.4$ ,  $\delta = 0.0115$  and  $f(p) = 0.368811 \cdot p^{-1/2}(1 - p)^{-1/2}$ .

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Dave	0	0	1	1	$X_{4,5}$	$X_{4,6}$	$\dots$	$X_{4,1208}$
Eve	0	0	1	0	$X_{5,5}$	$X_{5,6}$	$\dots$	$X_{5,1208}$
Fred	1	0	1	0	$X_{6,5}$	$X_{6,6}$	$\dots$	$X_{6,1208}$
George	0	0	1	0	$X_{7,5}$	$X_{7,6}$	$\dots$	$X_{7,1208}$
Henry	0	0	0	1	$X_{8,5}$	$X_{8,6}$	$\dots$	$X_{8,1208}$

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$X_{j,i}$	0.20	0.05	0.88	0.79	0.98	$p_6$	$\dots$	$p_\ell$
Alice	0	0	1	1	1	$X_{1,6}$	$\dots$	$X_{1,1208}$
Bob	1	0	1	1	1	$X_{2,6}$	$\dots$	$X_{2,1208}$
Charlie	1	0	0	1	0	$X_{3,6}$	$\dots$	$X_{3,1208}$
Dave	0	0	1	1	1	$X_{4,6}$	$\dots$	$X_{4,1208}$
Eve	0	0	1	0	1	$X_{5,6}$	$\dots$	$X_{5,1208}$
Fred	1	0	1	0	1	$X_{6,6}$	$\dots$	$X_{6,1208}$
George	0	0	1	0	1	$X_{7,6}$	$\dots$	$X_{7,1208}$
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$X_{j,i}$	0.20	0.05	0.88	0.79	0.98	0.09	...	$p_\ell$
Alice	0	0	1	1	1	0	...	$X_{1,1208}$
Bob	1	0	1	1	1	0	...	$X_{2,1208}$
Charlie	1	0	0	1	0	1	...	$X_{3,1208}$
Dave	0	0	1	1	1	0	...	$X_{4,1208}$
Eve	0	0	1	0	1	0	...	$X_{5,1208}$
Fred	1	0	1	0	1	1	...	$X_{6,1208}$
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$X_{j,i}$	0.20	0.05	0.88	0.79	0.98	0.09	...	0.18
Alice	0	0	1	1	1	0	...	0
Bob	1	0	1	1	1	0	...	0
Charlie	1	0	0	1	0	1	...	0
Dave	0	0	1	1	1	0	...	0
Eve	0	0	1	0	1	0	...	0
Fred	1	0	1	0	1	1	...	0
George	0	0	1	0	1	0	...	0
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Alice	0	0	1	1	1	0	...	0
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Charlie	1	0	0	1	0	1	...	0
Dave	0	0	1	1	1	0	...	0
Eve	0	0	1	0	1	0	...	0
Fred	1	0	1	0	1	1	...	0
George	0	0	1	0	1	0	...	0
Henry	0	0	0	1	1	0	...	0
Forgery								

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Eve	0	0	1	0	1	0	...	0
Fred	1	0	1	0	1	1	...	0
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Eve	0	0	1	0	1	0	...	0
Fred	1	0	1	0	1	1	...	0
George	0	0	1	0	1	0	...	0
Henry	0	0	0	1	1	0	...	0
Forgery	0	0	0	1				

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Eve	0	0	1	0	1	0	...	0
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George	0	0	1	0	1	0	...	0
Henry	0	0	0	1	1	0	...	0
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Dave	0	0	1	1	1	0	...	0	0
Eve	0	0	1	0	1	0	...	0	0
Fred	1	0	1	0	1	1	...	0	0
George	0	0	1	0	1	0	...	0	0
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Charlie	-2.0	0	0	1	0	1	...	0	-2.0
Dave	+0.5	0	1	1	1	0	...	0	+0.5
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Alice	+0.5	+0.2	1	1	1	0	...	0	+0.7
Bob	-2.0	+0.2	1	1	1	0	...	0	-1.8
Charlie	-2.0	+0.2	0	1	0	1	...	0	-1.8
Dave	+0.5	+0.2	1	1	1	0	...	0	+0.7
Eve	+0.5	+0.2	1	0	1	0	...	0	+0.7
Fred	-2.0	+0.2	1	0	1	1	...	0	-1.8
George	+0.5	+0.2	1	0	1	0	...	0	+0.7
Henry	+0.5	+0.2	0	1	1	0	...	0	+0.7
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Alice	+0.5	+0.2	-0.4	1	1	0	...	0	+0.4
Bob	-2.0	+0.2	-0.4	1	1	0	...	0	-2.1
Charlie	-2.0	+0.2	+2.7	1	0	1	...	0	+1.0
Dave	+0.5	+0.2	-0.4	1	1	0	...	0	+0.4
Eve	+0.5	+0.2	-0.4	0	1	0	...	0	+0.4
Fred	-2.0	+0.2	-0.4	0	1	1	...	0	-2.1
George	+0.5	+0.2	-0.4	0	1	0	...	0	+0.4
Henry	+0.5	+0.2	+2.7	1	1	0	...	0	+3.5
Forgery	0	0	0	1	1	0	...	0	

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Alice	+0.5	+0.2	-0.4	+0.5	1	0	...	0	+0.9
Bob	-2.0	+0.2	-0.4	+0.5	1	0	...	0	-1.6
Charlie	-2.0	+0.2	+2.7	+0.5	0	1	...	0	+1.5
Dave	+0.5	+0.2	-0.4	+0.5	1	0	...	0	+0.9
Eve	+0.5	+0.2	-0.4	-1.9	1	0	...	0	-1.6
Fred	-2.0	+0.2	-0.4	-1.9	1	1	...	0	-4.1
George	+0.5	+0.2	-0.4	-1.9	1	0	...	0	-1.6
Henry	+0.5	+0.2	+2.7	+0.5	1	0	...	0	+4.0
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Bob	-2.0	+0.2	-0.4	+0.5	+0.1	0	...	0	-1.5
Charlie	-2.0	+0.2	+2.7	+0.5	-7.2	1	...	0	-5.7
Dave	+0.5	+0.2	-0.4	+0.5	+0.1	0	...	0	+1.0
Eve	+0.5	+0.2	-0.4	-1.9	+0.1	0	...	0	-1.4
Fred	-2.0	+0.2	-0.4	-1.9	+0.1	1	...	0	-3.9
George	+0.5	+0.2	-0.4	-1.9	+0.1	0	...	0	-1.4
Henry	+0.5	+0.2	+2.7	+0.5	+0.1	0	...	0	+4.1
Forgery	0	0	0	1	1	0	...	0	

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Alice	+0.5	+0.2	-0.4	+0.5	+0.1	+0.3	...	0	+1.3
Bob	-2.0	+0.2	-0.4	+0.5	+0.1	+0.3	...	0	-1.2
Charlie	-2.0	+0.2	+2.7	+0.5	-7.2	-3.3	...	0	-9.0
Dave	+0.5	+0.2	-0.4	+0.5	+0.1	+0.3	...	0	+1.3
Eve	+0.5	+0.2	-0.4	-1.9	+0.1	+0.3	...	0	-1.1
Fred	-2.0	+0.2	-0.4	-1.9	+0.1	-3.3	...	0	-7.2
George	+0.5	+0.2	-0.4	-1.9	+0.1	+0.3	...	0	-1.1
Henry	+0.5	+0.2	+2.7	+0.5	+0.1	+0.3	...	0	+4.4
Forgery	0	0	0	1	1	0	...	0	

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Alice	+0.5	+0.2	-0.4	+0.5	+0.1	+0.3	...	+0.5	+14
Bob	-2.0	+0.2	-0.4	+0.5	+0.1	+0.3	...	+0.5	-19
Charlie	-2.0	+0.2	+2.7	+0.5	-7.2	-3.3	...	+0.5	+291
Dave	+0.5	+0.2	-0.4	+0.5	+0.1	+0.3	...	+0.5	+29
Eve	+0.5	+0.2	-0.4	-1.9	+0.1	+0.3	...	+0.5	+292
Fred	-2.0	+0.2	-0.4	-1.9	+0.1	-3.3	...	+0.5	-53
George	+0.5	+0.2	-0.4	-1.9	+0.1	+0.3	...	+0.5	-42
Henry	+0.5	+0.2	+2.7	+0.5	+0.1	+0.3	...	+0.5	+269
Forgery	0	0	0	1	1	0	...	0	

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# The Tardos scheme: Accusation

Let  $n = 8$ , let  $c = 3$  and let the error probabilities be given by  $\epsilon_1 = \epsilon_2 = 0.01$ . From the initialization we get  $\ell = 1208$ ,  $Z = 146.4$ ,  $\delta = 0.0115$  and  $f(p) = 0.368811 \cdot p^{-1/2}(1 - p)^{-1/2}$ .

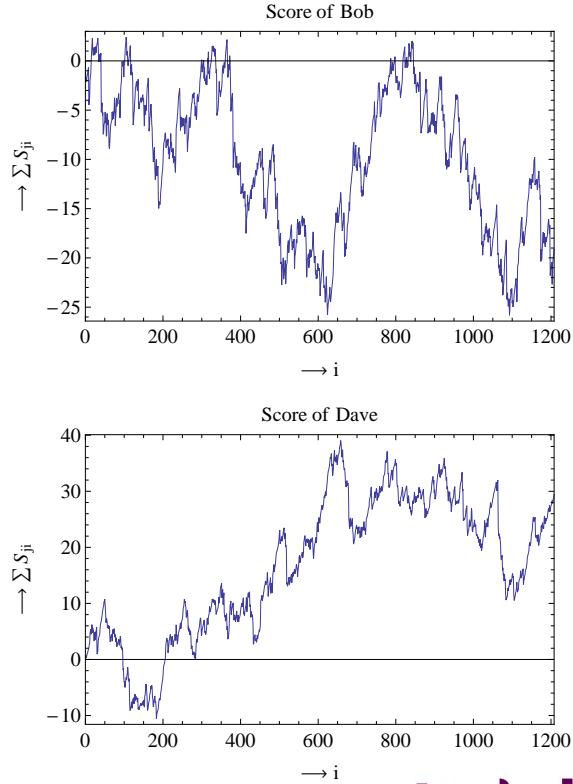
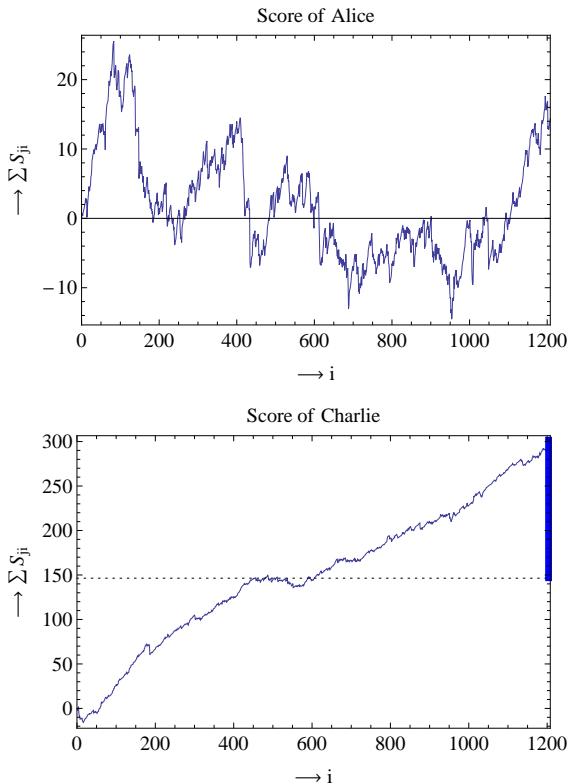
$S_{j,i}$	0.20	0.05	0.88	0.79	0.98	0.09	...	0.18	$\Sigma S_{j,i}$
Alice	+0.5	+0.2	-0.4	+0.5	+0.1	+0.3	...	+0.5	+14
Bob	-2.0	+0.2	-0.4	+0.5	+0.1	+0.3	...	+0.5	-19
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Dave	+0.5	+0.2	-0.4	+0.5	+0.1	+0.3	...	+0.5	+29
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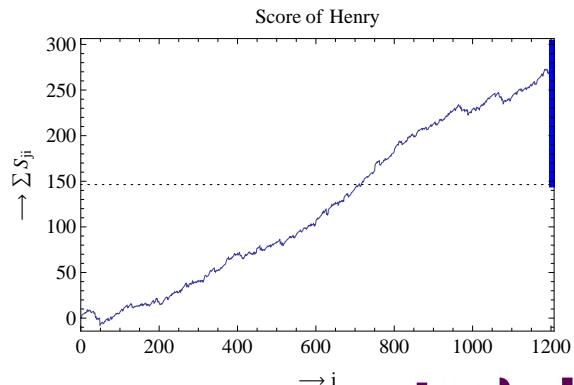
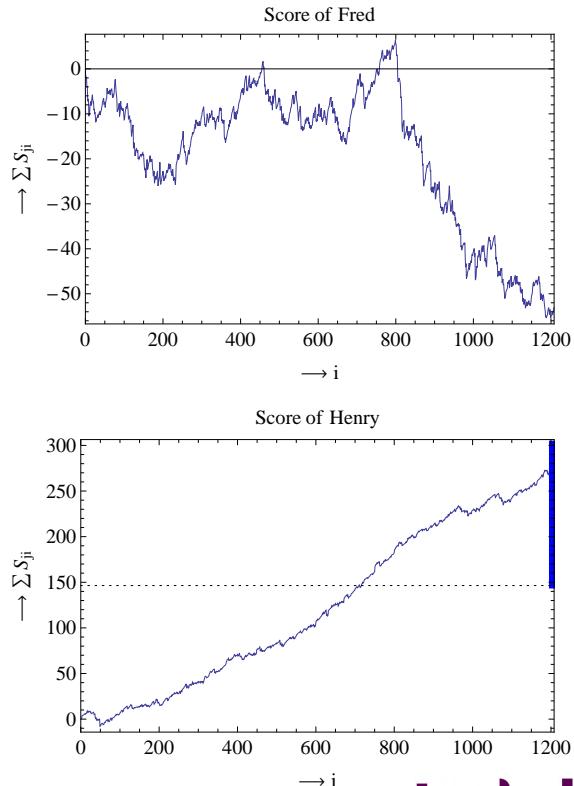
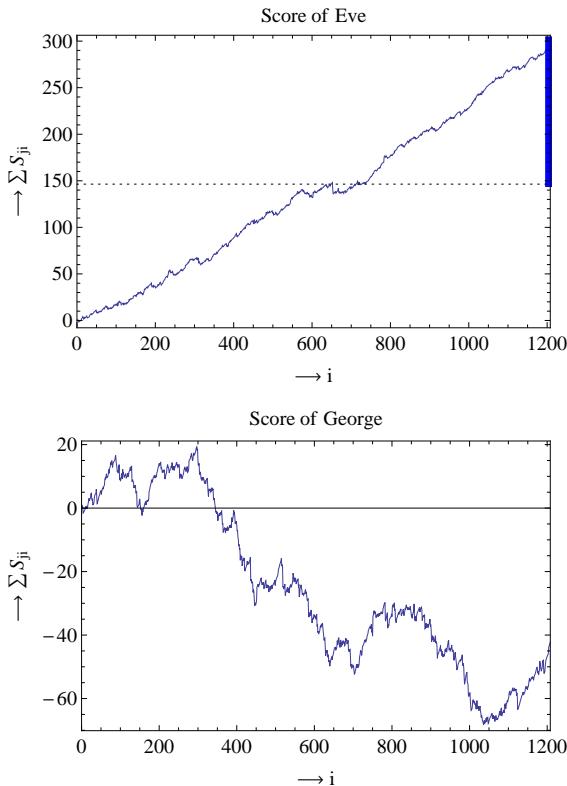
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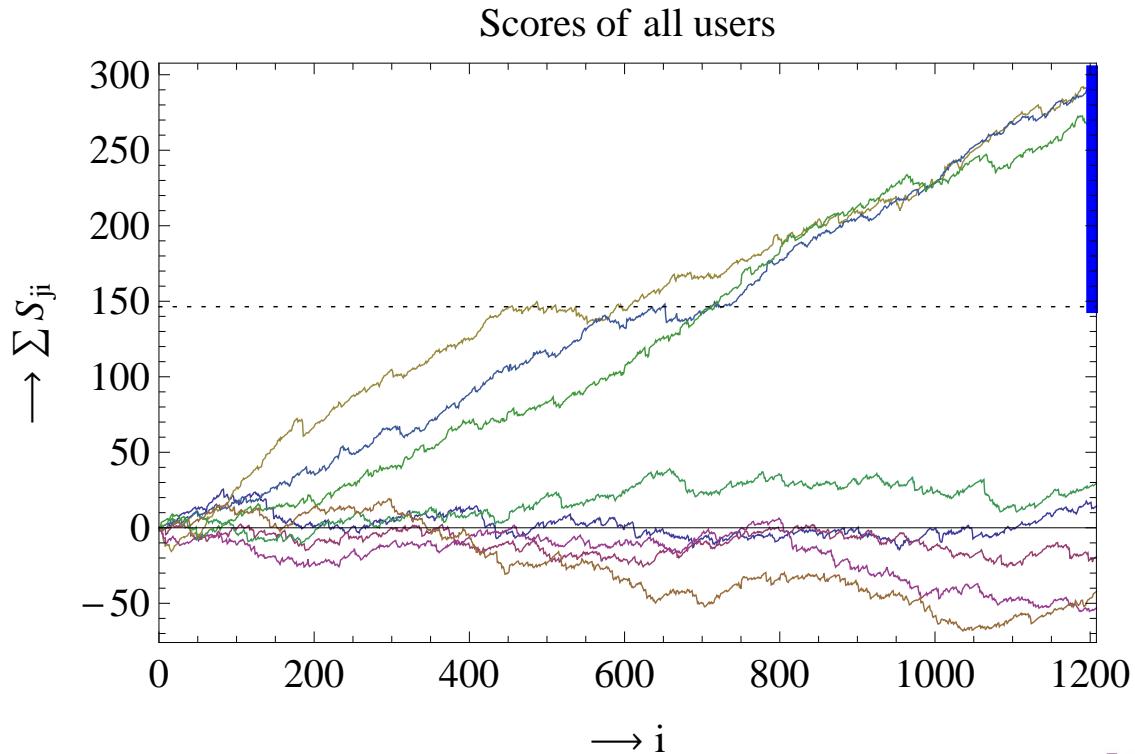
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# The Tardos scheme: Why does it work?

Why are no innocent users accused?

- All codewords are independent, so it is impossible to frame anyone.
- The probability that a random walk exceeds  $Z$  is sufficiently small.

Why are guilty users accused?

- On undetectable positions,  $S = \sum_{j \in C} S_j$  increases a lot.
- On other positions, pirates cannot decrease  $S$  by a lot. (Even if  $p_i$  is known!)
- If  $S > cZ$  then at least one user is accused.

Note: Never guarantee of catching multiple colluders!

# The Tardos scheme: Improvements

Suggested improvements:

- Use a symmetric accusation function. (Škorić et al.)
- Tighten the analysis in the proofs. (Škorić et al., Blayer and Tassa)
- Use the Gaussian approximation to estimate error probabilities. (Simone and Škorić)
- Use an optimal discrete distribution function  $f(p)$ . (Nuida et al.)

With the last optimization, one can achieve  $\ell \approx 5.35c^2 \ln(n/\epsilon_1)$  for large  $c$ .

# The improved Tardos scheme: Intro

Combine earlier improvements:

- Use a symmetric accusation function. (Škorić et al.)
- Tighten the analysis in the proofs. (Škorić et al., Blayer and Tassa)

Basically: Apply analysis of Blayer and Tassa to improved scheme of Škorić et al.

# The improved Tardos scheme: Intro

Original Tardos scheme: No parametrization:

- Constant 100:  $\ell = 100c^2 \ln(n/\epsilon_1)$
- Constant 20:  $Z = 20c \ln(n/\epsilon_1)$
- Constant 300:  $\delta = 1/(300c)$
- Constant  $c/4$ :  $\epsilon_2 = (\epsilon_1/n)^{c/4}$

Proof of soundness:

- Constant 10:  $\alpha = 1/(10c)$
- Constant 1.7:  $\alpha/\sqrt{\delta} \leq 1.7$

Proof of completeness:

- Constant 1:  $\beta = 1\sqrt{\delta}/c$
- Constant 0.25:  $\frac{1-2c\delta}{\pi-4\delta'} + \beta c \geq 0.25$

# The improved Tardos scheme: B&T

Blayer and Tassa's improvement: Full parametrization:

- Introduce  $d_\ell$ :  $\ell = d_\ell c^2 \ln(n/\epsilon_1)$
- Introduce  $d_z$ :  $Z = d_z c \ln(n/\epsilon_1)$
- Introduce  $d_\delta$ :  $\delta = 1/(d_\delta c)$
- Introduce  $\eta$ :  $\epsilon_2 = (\epsilon_1/n)^\eta$

Proof of soundness:

- Introduce  $d_\alpha$ :  $\alpha = 1/(d_\alpha c)$
- Introduce  $r$ :  $\alpha/\sqrt{\delta} \leq h(r)$  (where  $h^{-1}(x) = (e^x - 1 - x)/x^2$ )

Proof of completeness:

- Introduce  $s$ :  $\beta = s\sqrt{\delta}/c$
- Introduce  $g$ :  $\frac{1-2c\delta}{\pi-4\delta} + h^{-1}(s)\beta c \geq g$

# The improved Tardos scheme: B&T

## Theorem (Blayer and Tassa)

For  $c \geq 2$  and  $\epsilon_2 \geq \epsilon_1/n$  one can prove secureness with scheme parameters:

$$\ell = 81.25c^2 \ln(n/\epsilon_1), \quad Z = 14.15c \ln(n/\epsilon_1), \quad \delta = 1/(39.19c).$$

## Theorem (Blayer and Tassa)

For large  $c$  one can prove soundness and completeness with scheme parameters:

$$\ell \approx 2\pi^2 c^2 \ln(n/\epsilon_1), \quad Z \approx 2\pi c \ln(n/\epsilon_1), \quad \delta \approx 0.$$

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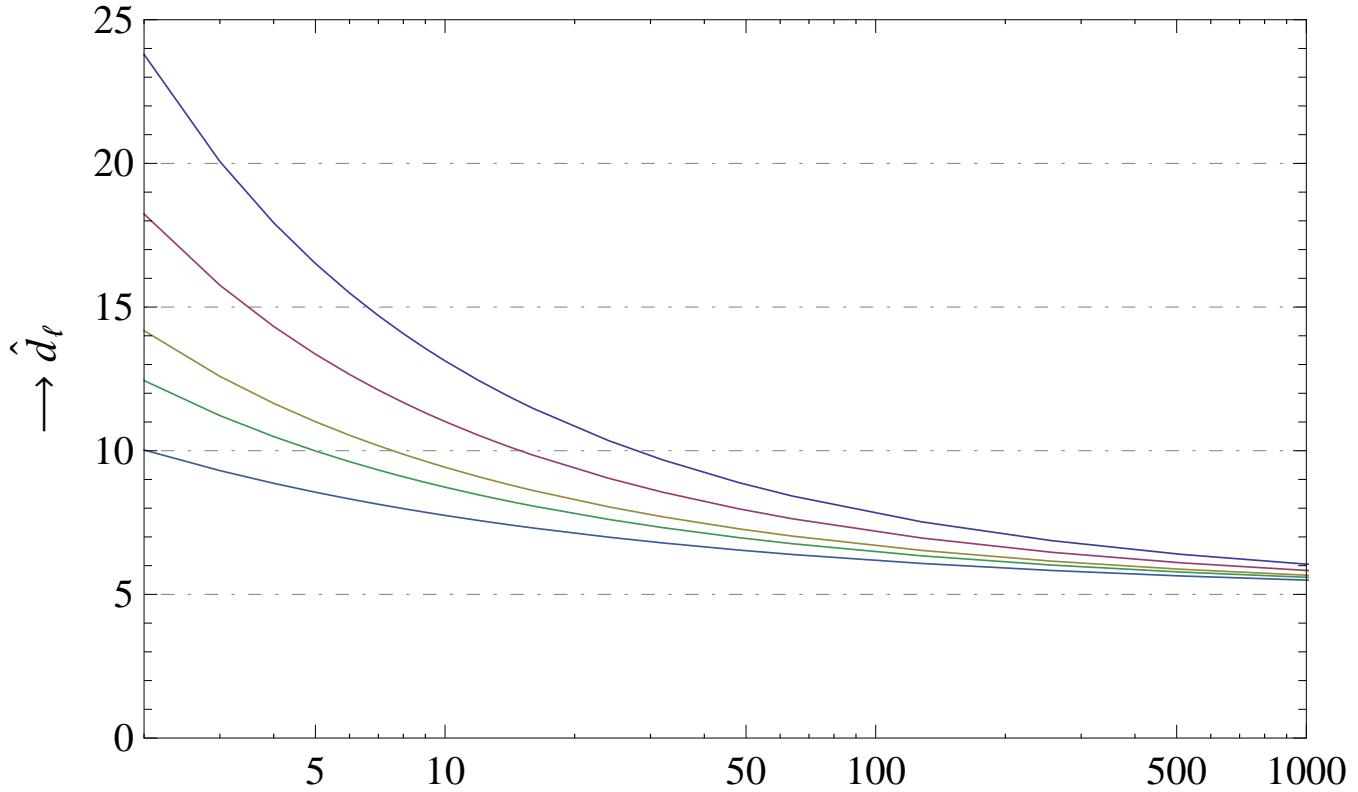
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# The improved Tardos scheme: Results

Optimal codelength constant  $\hat{d}_\ell = \ell/(c^2 \ln(n/\epsilon_1))$ , for  $\epsilon_2 = \epsilon_1/n$  (top) and  $\epsilon_2 \gg \epsilon_1/n$  (bottom).



# The improved Tardos scheme: Summary

Small  $c$ :

- Codelengths more than 3.5 times shorter than Blayer and Tassa.
- Codelengths more than 2 times shorter than Škorić et al.
- Codelengths slightly longer than Nuida et al.

Large  $c$ :

- Codelengths 4 times shorter than Blayer and Tassa.
- Codelengths 2 times shorter than Škorić et al.
- Codelengths 1.08 times shorter than Nuida et al.
- Codelengths asymptotically optimal for this construction.

# The dynamic Tardos scheme: Intro

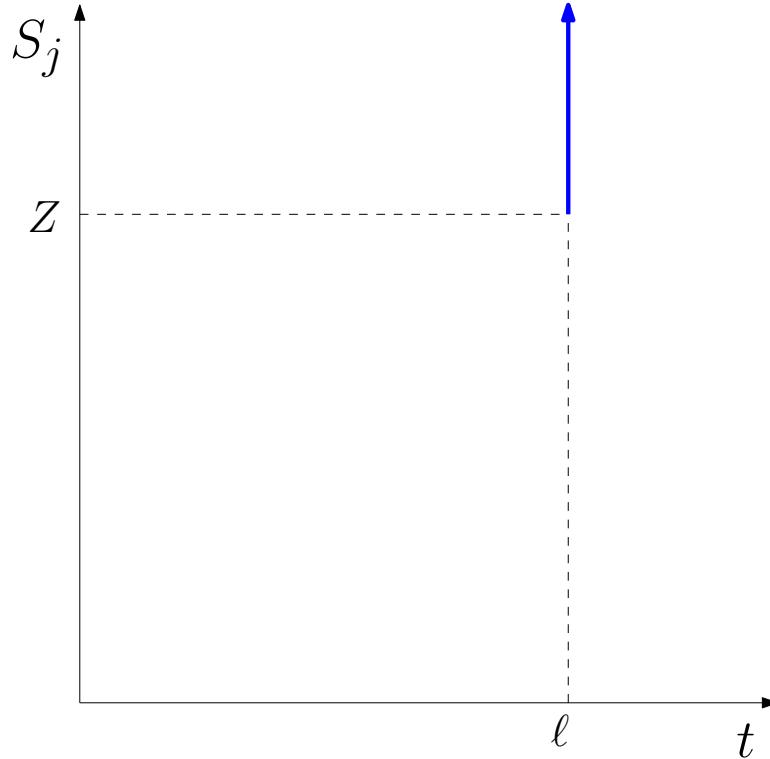
Recall: Dynamic schemes:

- Distribution of  $i$ th symbol may depend on  $y_1, \dots, y_{i-1}$ .
- Ability to disconnect users at any time  $i$ .
- Possibility to catch *all* colluders.
- No good probabilistic dynamic schemes (until now...).

# The dynamic Tardos scheme: Intro

Recall: Static Tardos scheme:

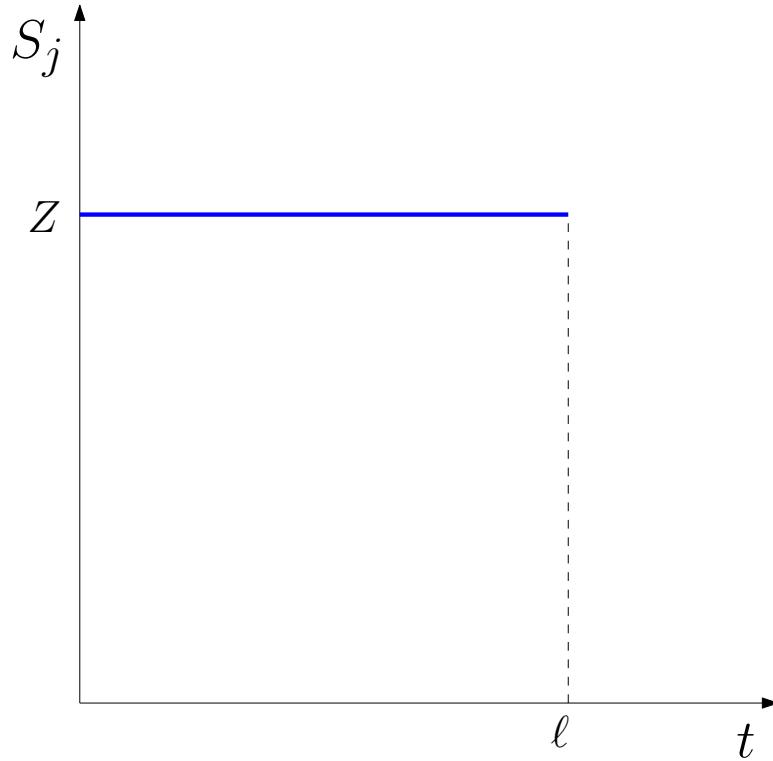
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# The dynamic Tardos scheme: Outline

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- Take  $\delta = \mathcal{O}(c^{-4/3})$ .
- Take  $Z = \mathcal{O}(c \ln(n/\epsilon_1))$ .

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# The dynamic Tardos scheme: Details

Soundness:

- Error probability increases by a factor at most 2.

Completeness (here: catch all colluders):

- Error probability increases by a factor at most  $2e^s$ .

## Theorem (Laarhoven, ...)

For  $c \geq 2$ ,  $\epsilon_2 \geq \epsilon_1/n$  and  $n/\epsilon_1 \geq 10^9$  we can prove secureness with scheme parameters:

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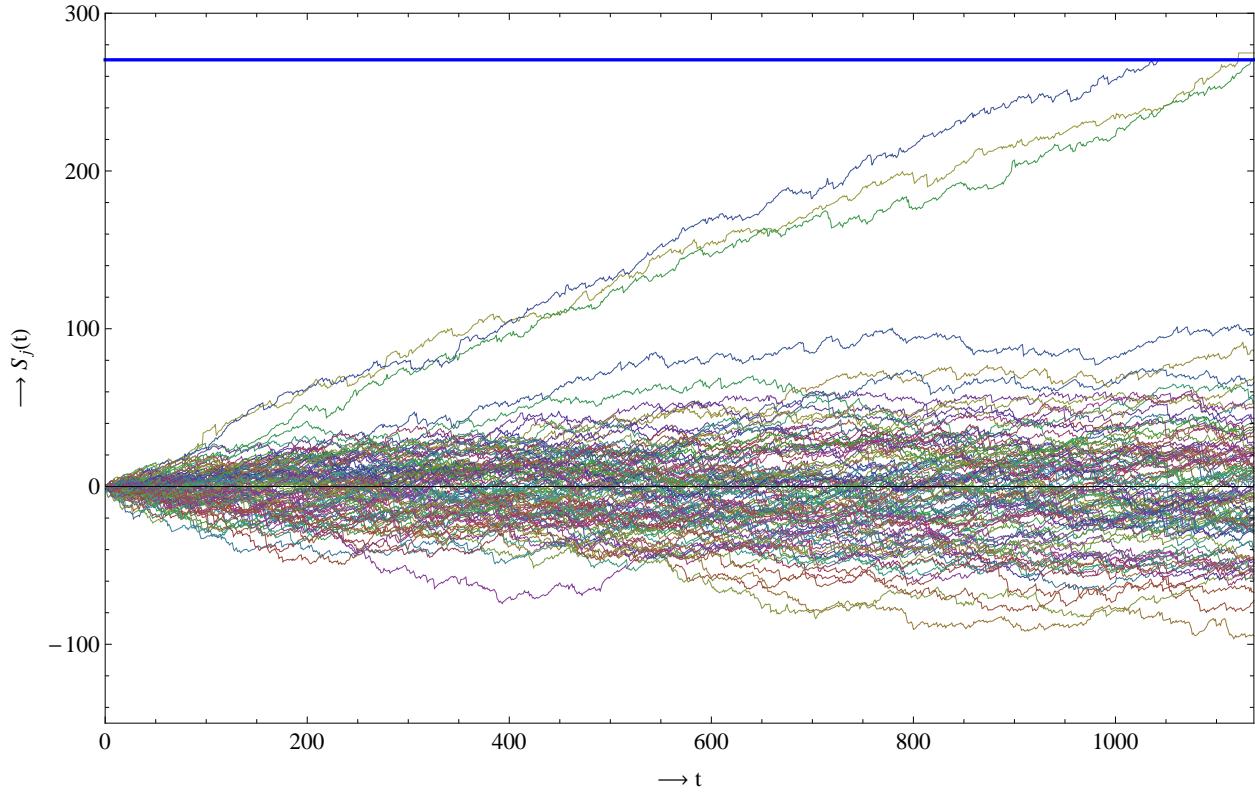
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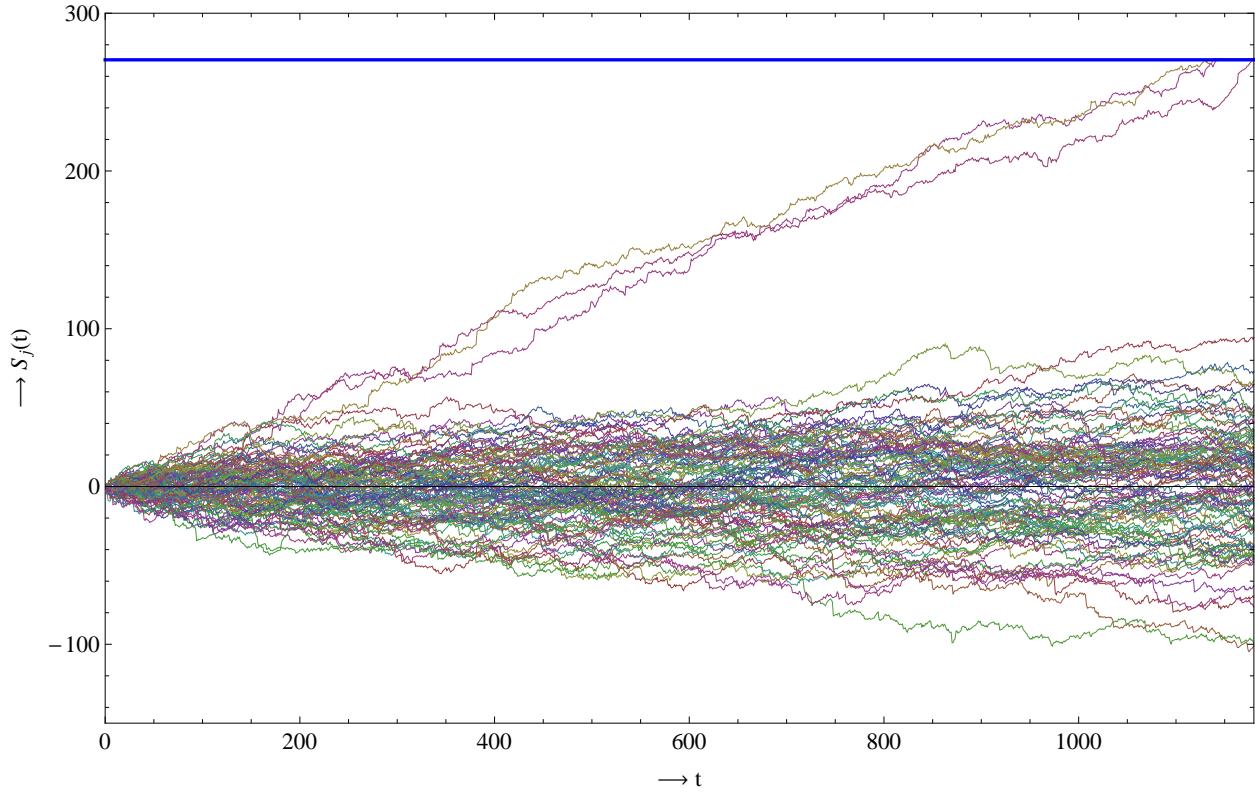
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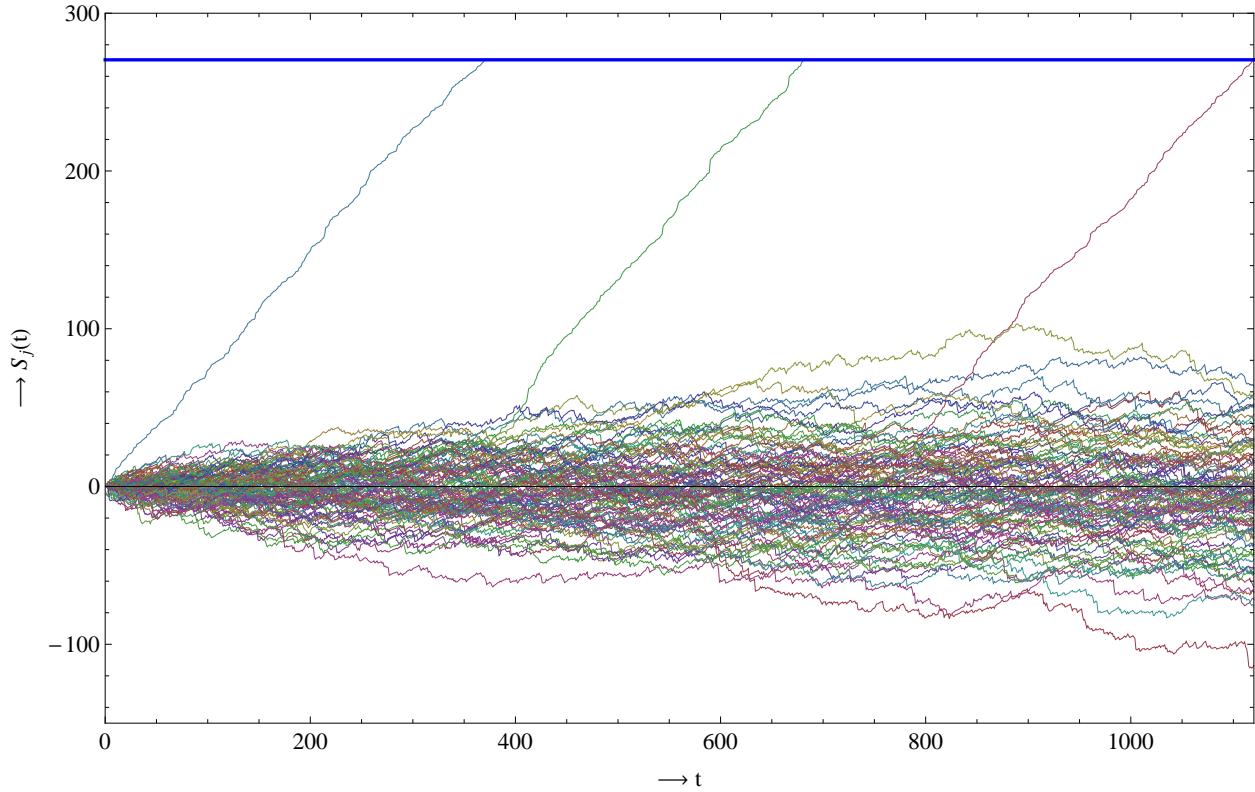
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# The universal Tardos scheme: Intro

The Tardos scheme depends on  $c$ :

- Distribution  $f$  depends on  $\delta$  and hence on  $c$ .
- Scores do not depend on  $c$ .

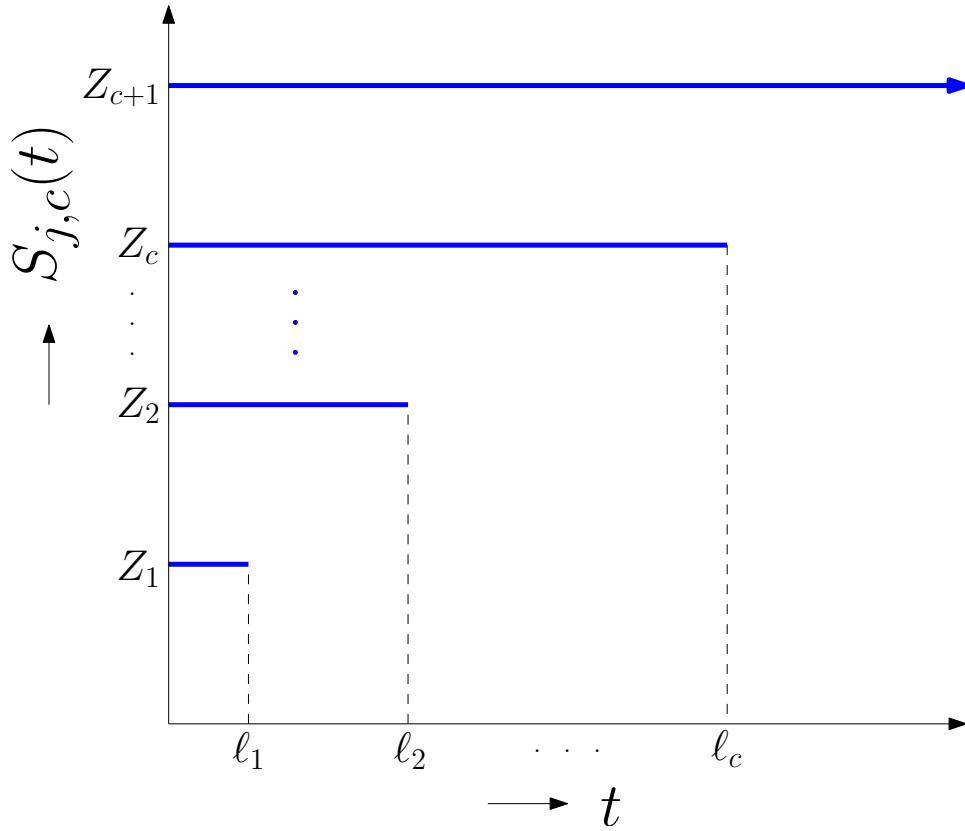
First idea: Generate  $p_i$  and  $X_{ji}$  using  $u(p)$ , and for scores for fixed  $c$ , simply disregard  $p_i \notin [\delta_c, 1 - \delta_c]$ . The values that are in  $[\delta_c, 1 - \delta_c]$  are then distributed as  $f_c(p)$  because  $f_c(p) = K_c \cdot u(p)$ .

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- For each  $c$ , initialize a counter  $t_c = 0$ .
- For each  $c$  and  $j$ , initialize scores  $S_{j,c}(0) = 0$ .

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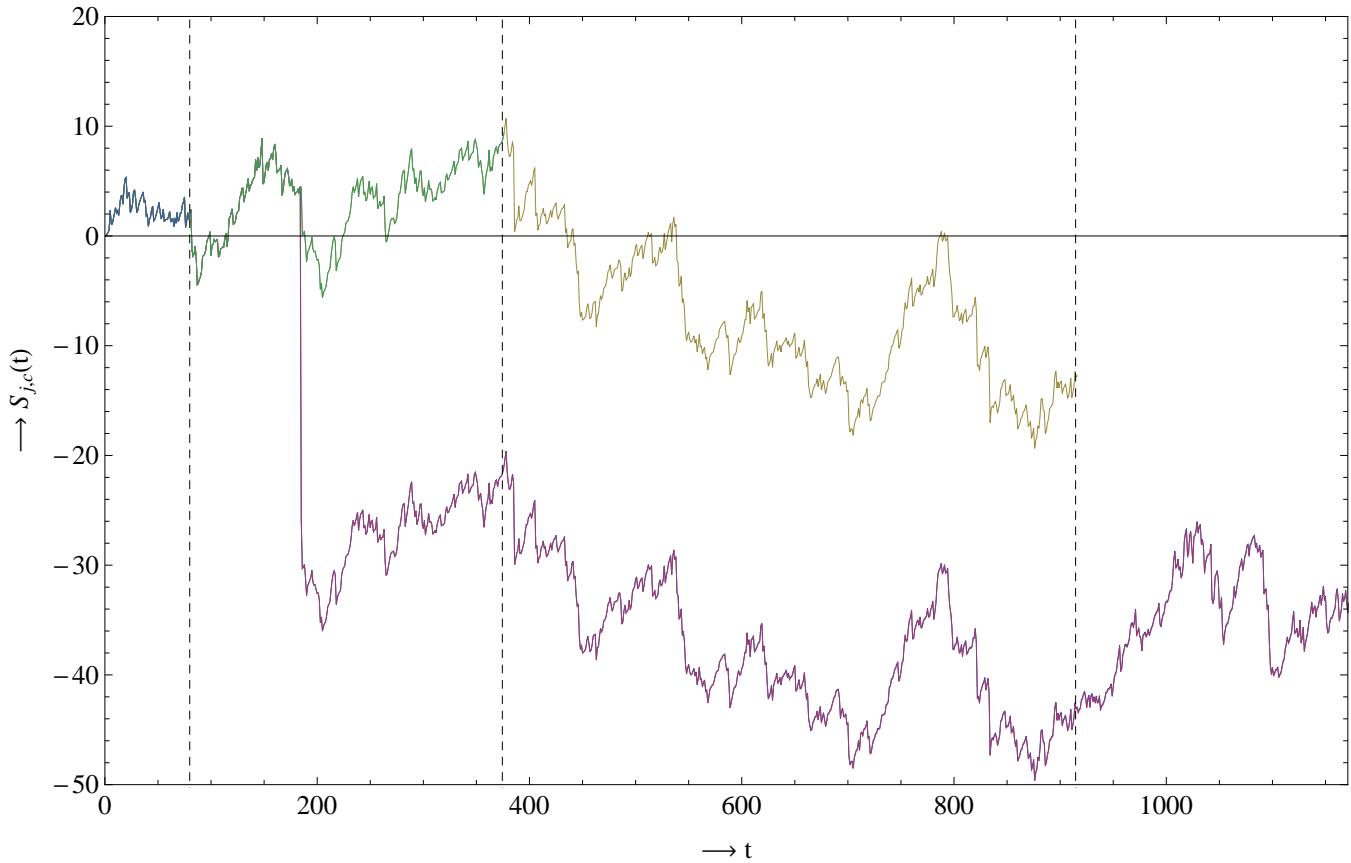
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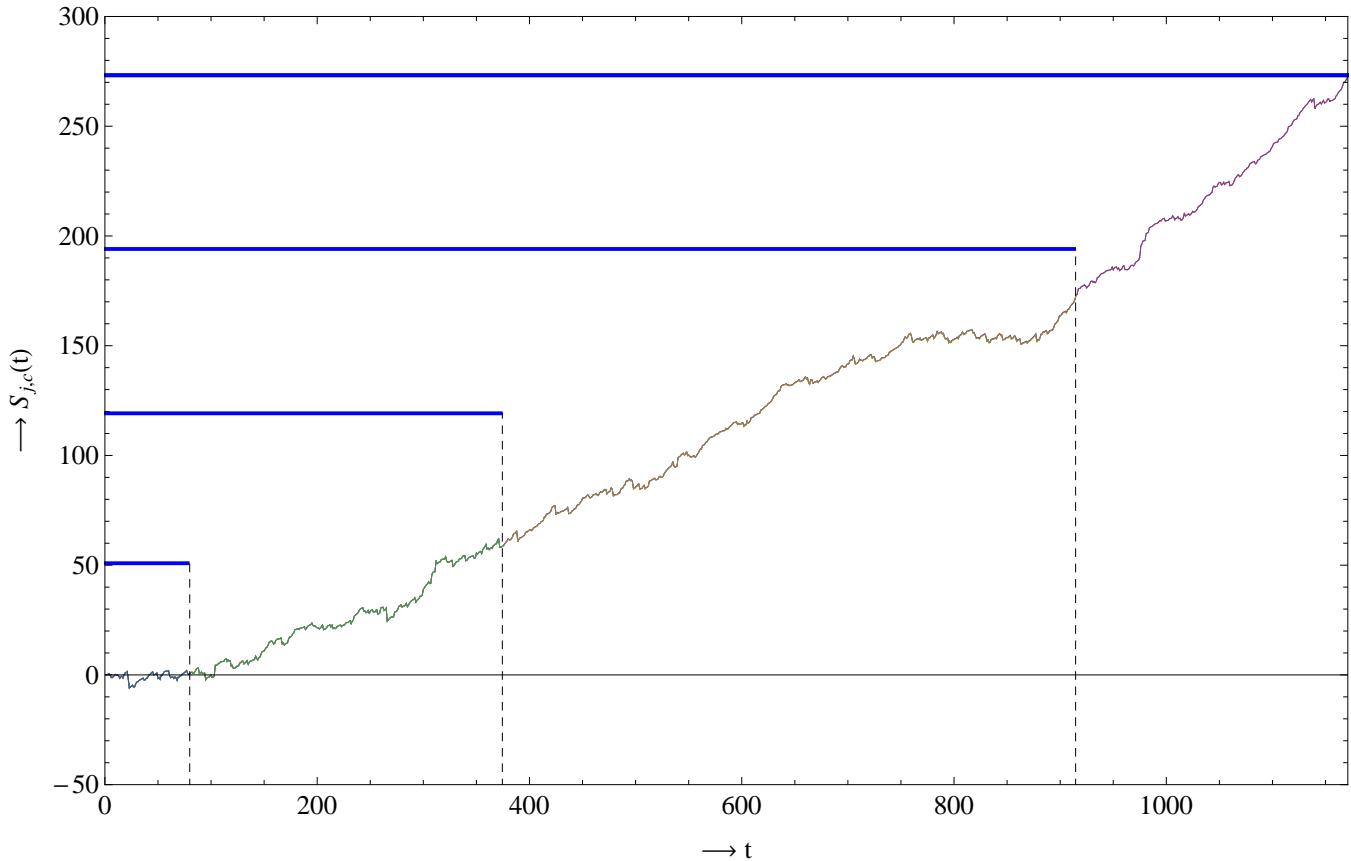
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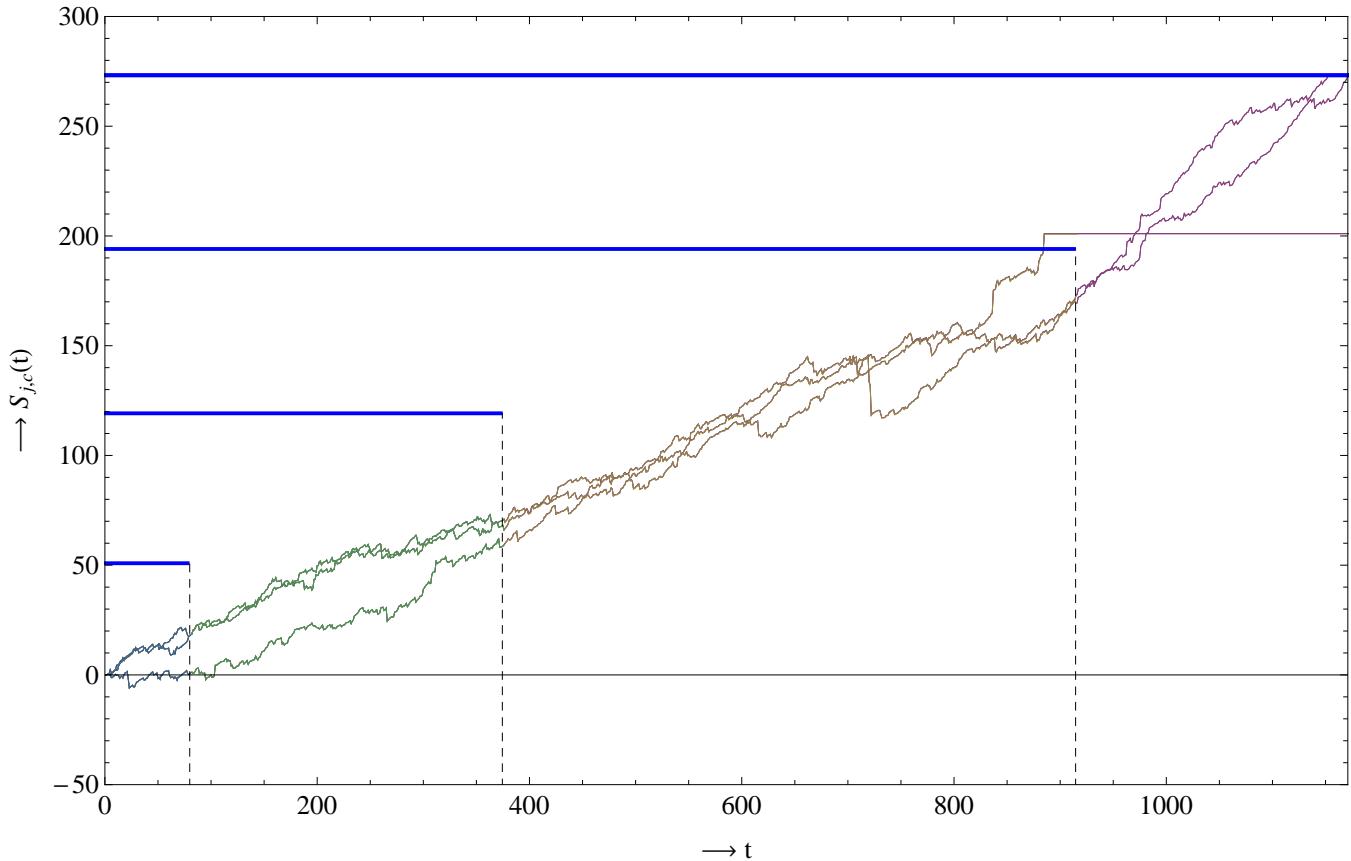
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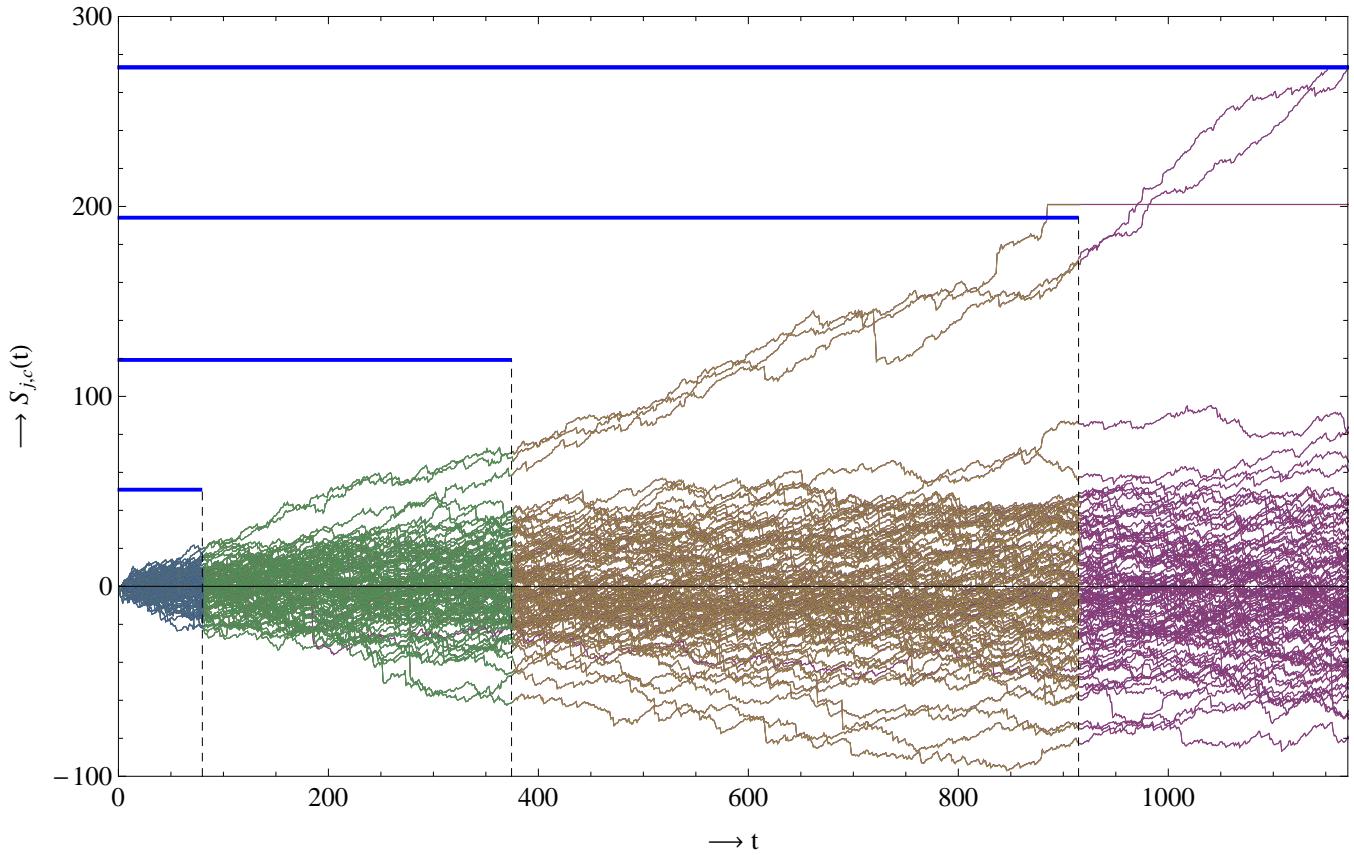
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# The universal Tardos scheme: Details

Soundness:

- Errors stack: Total error probability  $\sum_{c=1}^{\infty} \epsilon_{1,c}$ .
- Use e.g.  $\sum_{c=1}^{\infty} 1/c^2 = \pi^2/6$ .
- Taking  $\epsilon_{1,c} = 6\epsilon_1/(\pi^2 c^2)$  gives  $\sum_{c=1}^{\infty} \epsilon_{1,c} \leq \epsilon_1$ .

Completeness:

- Success probability at least as big as in regular dynamic scheme.

Time needed:

- On average  $\ell_c/(1 - \frac{4}{\pi} \arcsin(\sqrt{1/(d_\delta c)})) = \mathcal{O}(c^2 \ln(n/\epsilon_1))$  time needed.
- Probability of needing more time decreases exponentially.

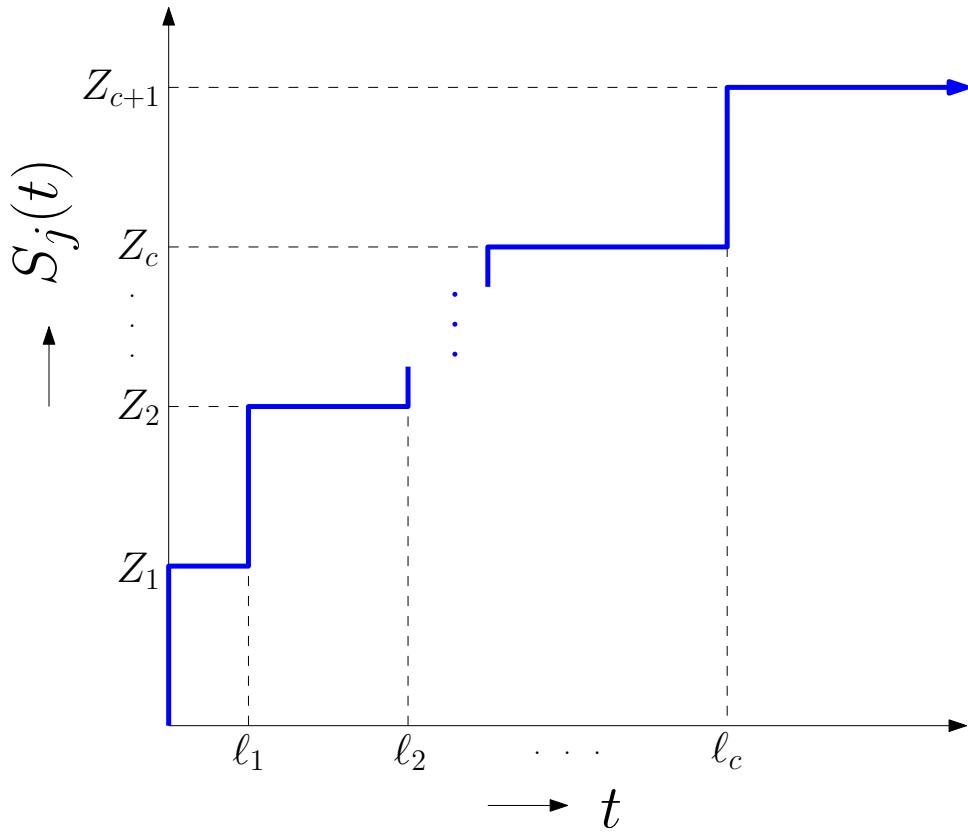
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Comparison with dynamic Tardos scheme:

- Still high certainty about catching all colluders.
- Still with high probability no innocent users are ever accused.
- General algorithm: Can be applied for any coalition size.
- Code can still be generated in advance.
- Codelength/time slightly increases.
- Symbols always distributed using same  $u(p)$ .
- Only downside: Need to keep scores per user and per  $c$ .

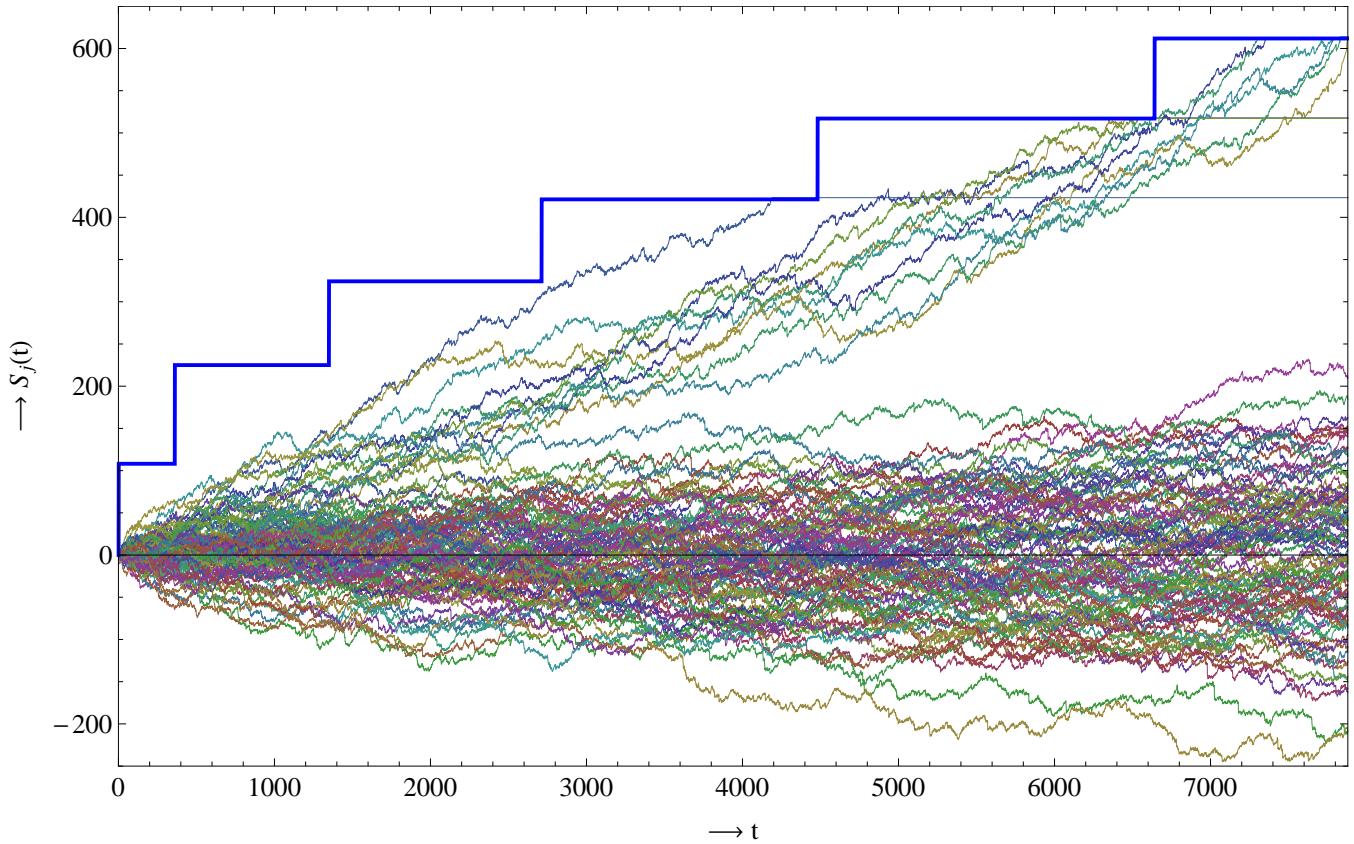
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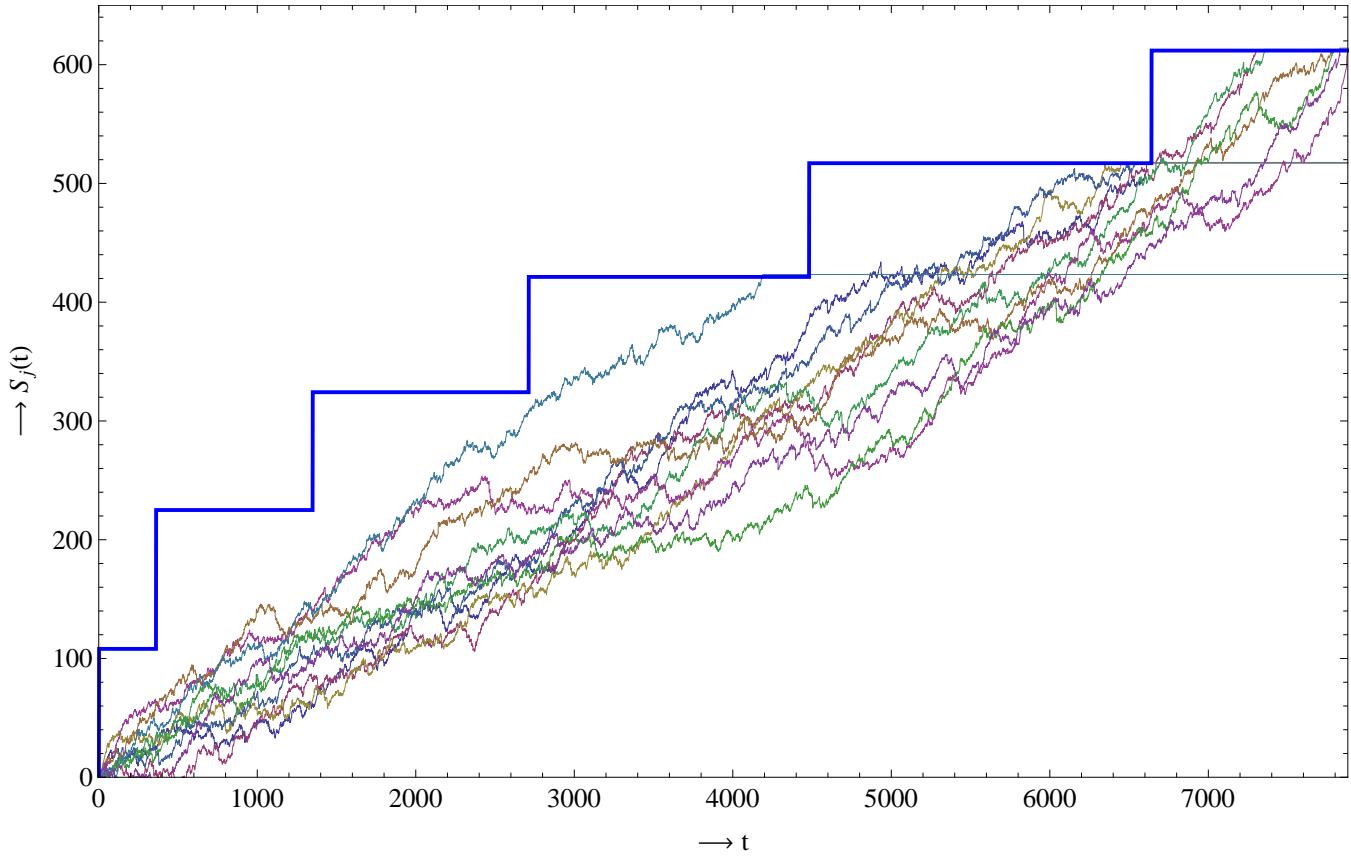
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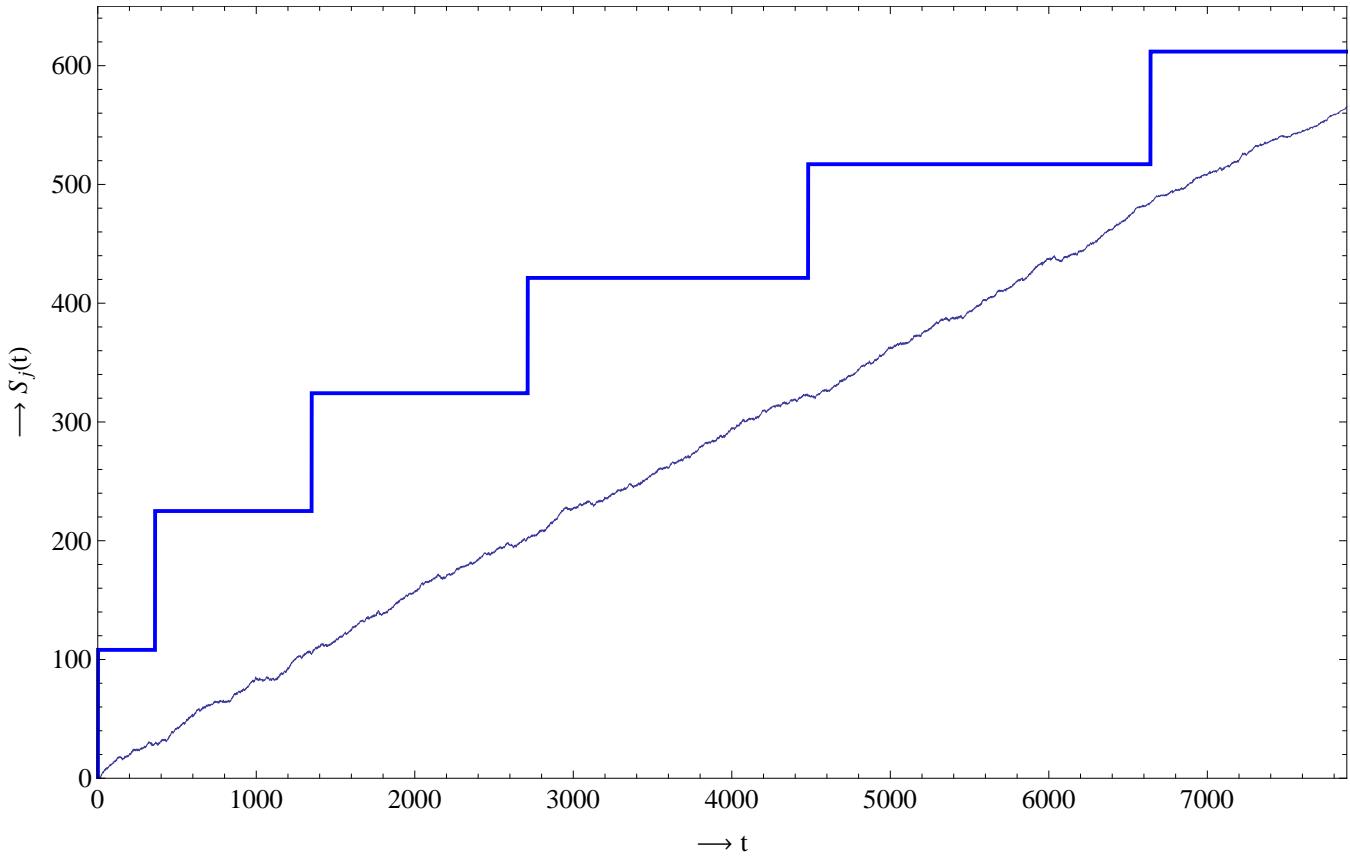
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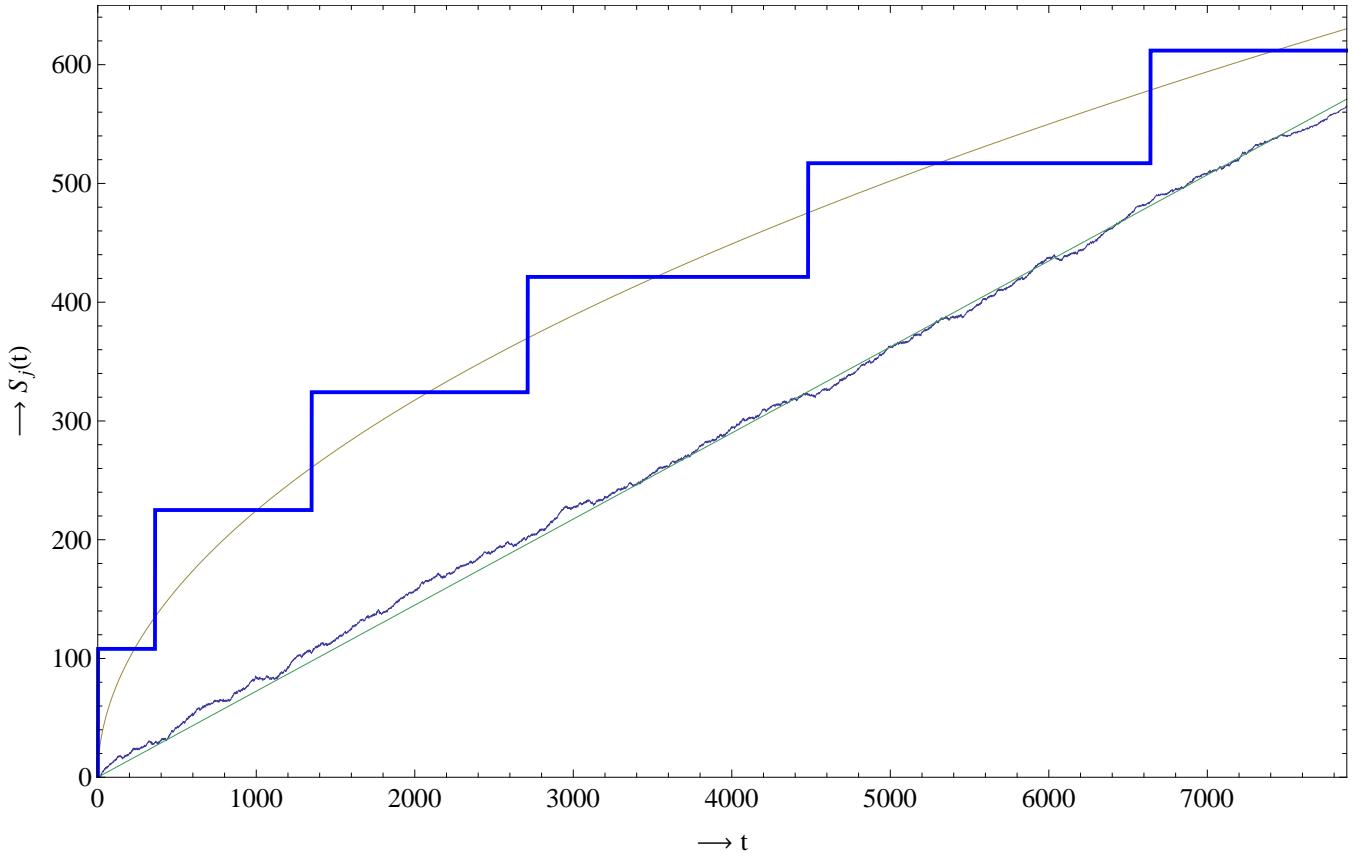
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Soundness:

- Errors still stack: Total error probability  $\sum_{c=1}^{\infty} \epsilon_{1,c}$ .
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Completeness:

- Success probability still at least as big as in dynamic scheme.

Time needed fixed: After  $\ell_c$  time, at least  $1 - \epsilon_2$  chance of having caught the whole coalition.

# The staircase Tardos scheme: Summary

Alternative to universal Tardos scheme: Staircase Tardos scheme:

- Update distribution of  $f(p)$  after  $\ell_1, \ell_2, \dots$
- Advantage: Keep only one score per user.
- Advantage: Always use all positions.
- Advantage: Slightly shorter (fixed) codelengths.
- Disadvantage: Distribution  $f(p)$  depends on time  $t$ .
- Disadvantage: Less flexible for stopping/continuing tracing.

# Conclusion

First half of the project:

- Extensive literature study.
- Report: Detailed analysis of many known schemes.
- Gap in literature: Probabilistic dynamic schemes.

Second half of the project:

- New result (2): Dynamic Tardos scheme.
- Problem: Which Tardos scheme to use? Blayer and Tassa? Skoric?
- New result (1): Improved Tardos scheme.
- Problem: Dynamic Tardos scheme depends on  $c$ ...
- New result (3): Universal Tardos scheme.
- New result (4): Staircase Tardos scheme.

After the project:

- Paper 1: Improved Tardos scheme.
- Paper 2: Dynamic Tardos schemes.

# Questions

Thank you for your attention! Any questions?

