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Scalable SNARKs from High-Arity Lattice Folding Schemes

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ZK-SNARKs: Advanced Applications

Applications

- zkVM/zkML
- Image/Video Provenance
- ZK Wallet/Passport
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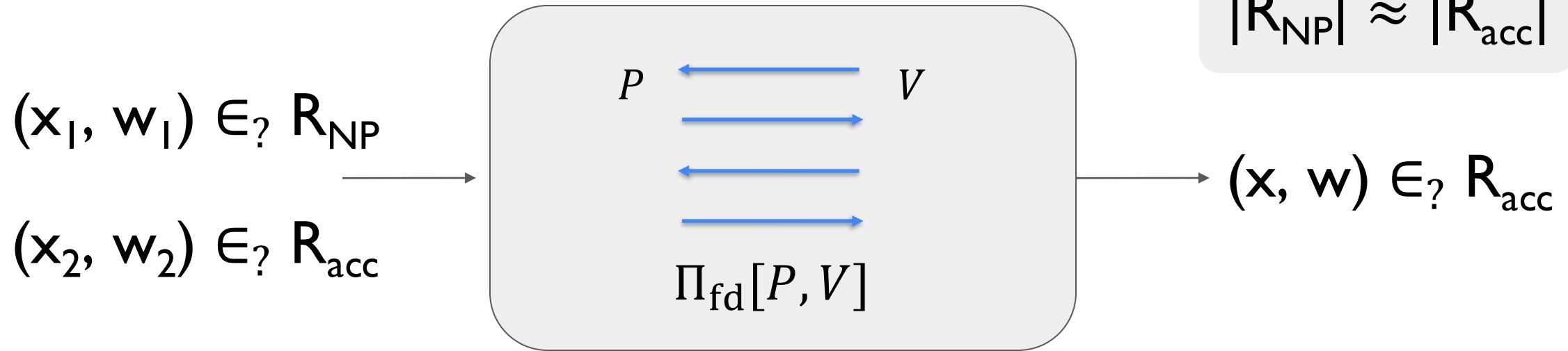
Speed + Memory + Streaming

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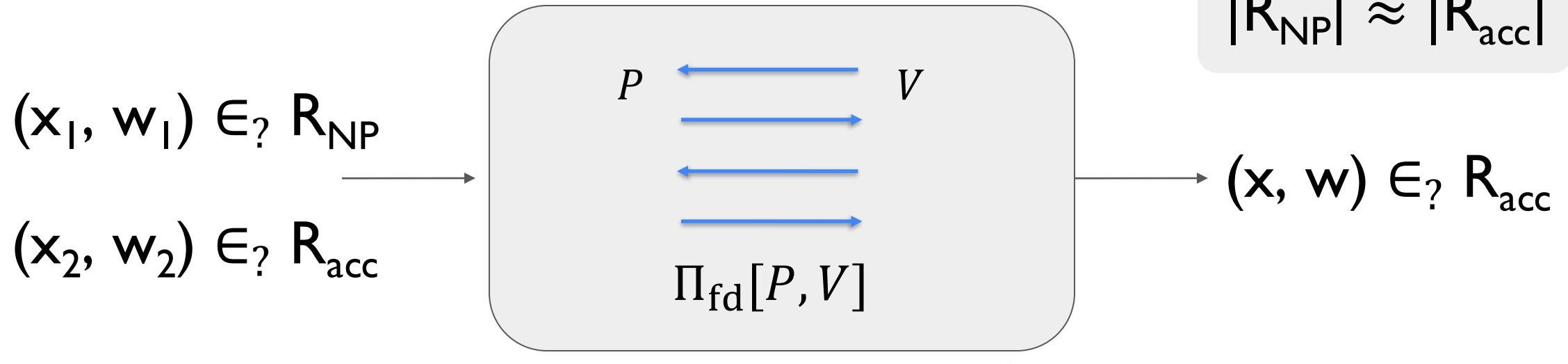
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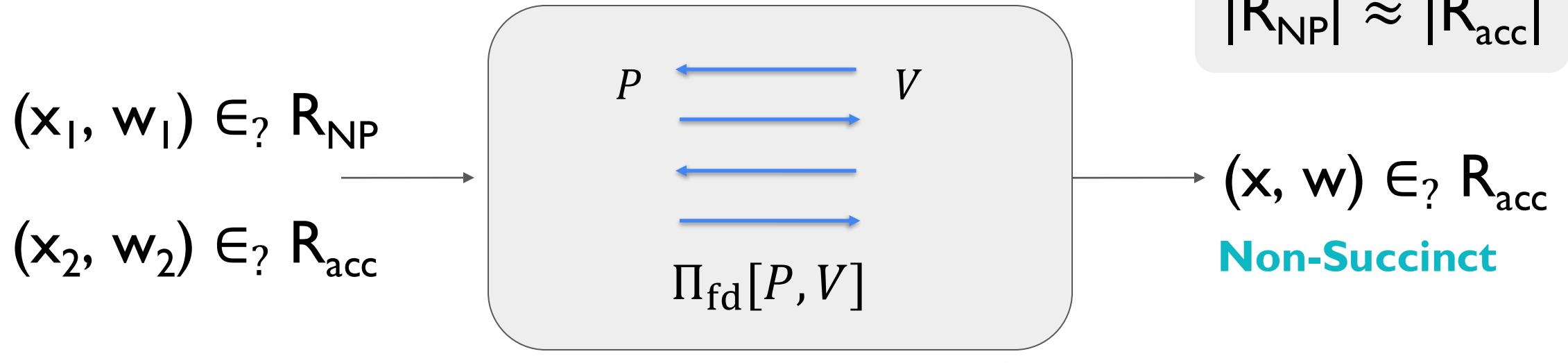


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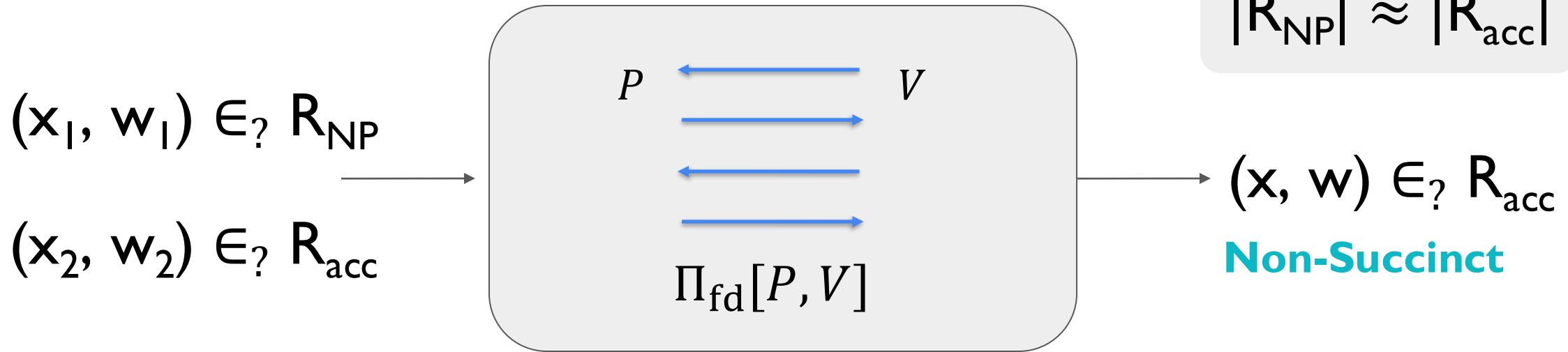
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Advantages:

- Much faster than SNARKs
- Boost SNARK efficiency

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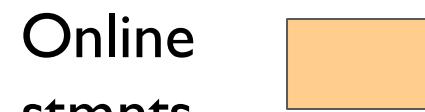
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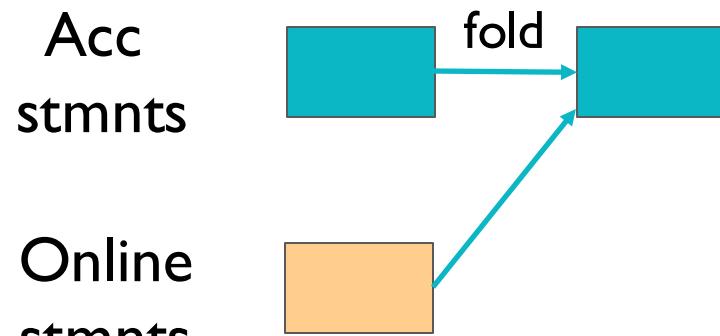
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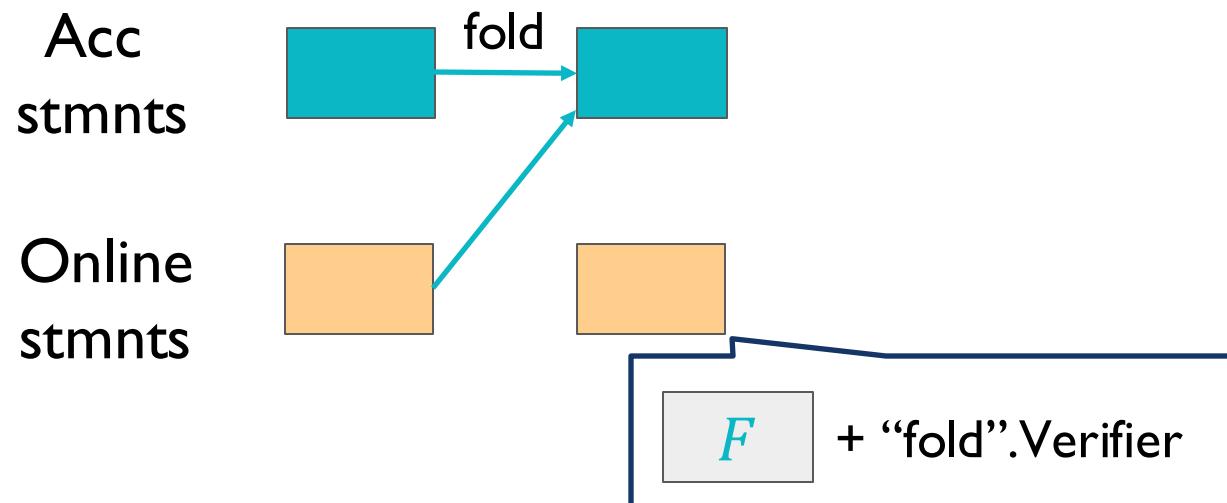
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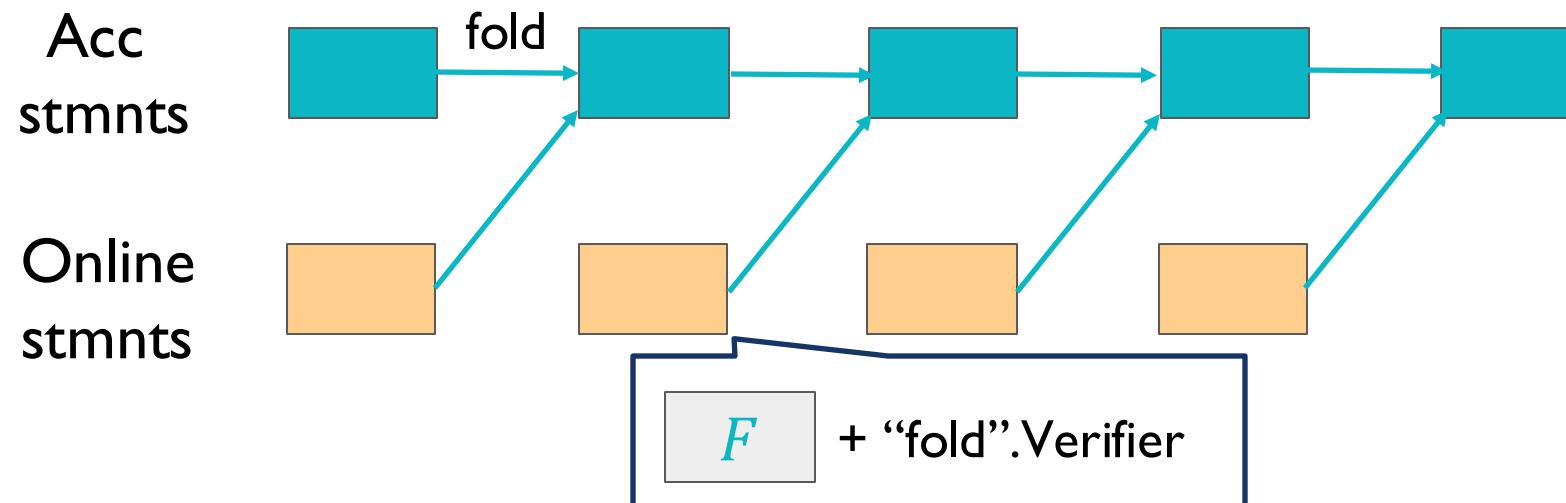
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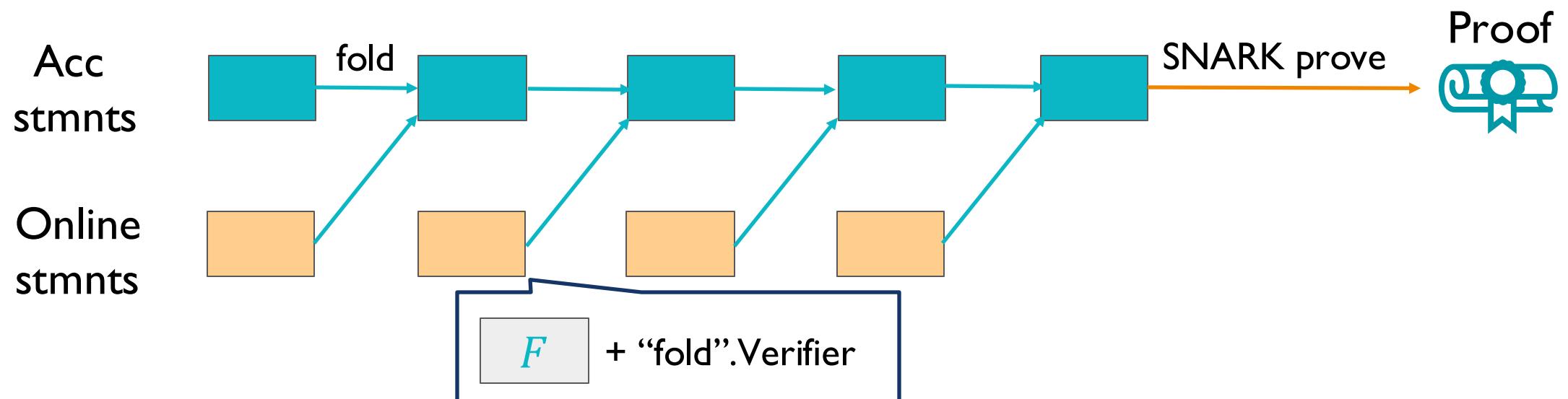
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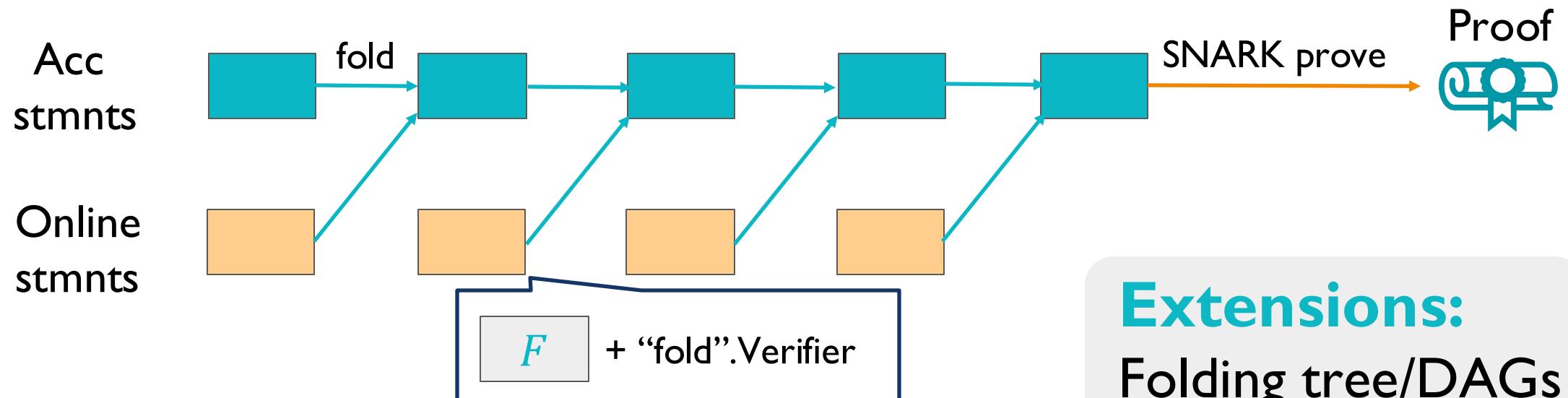
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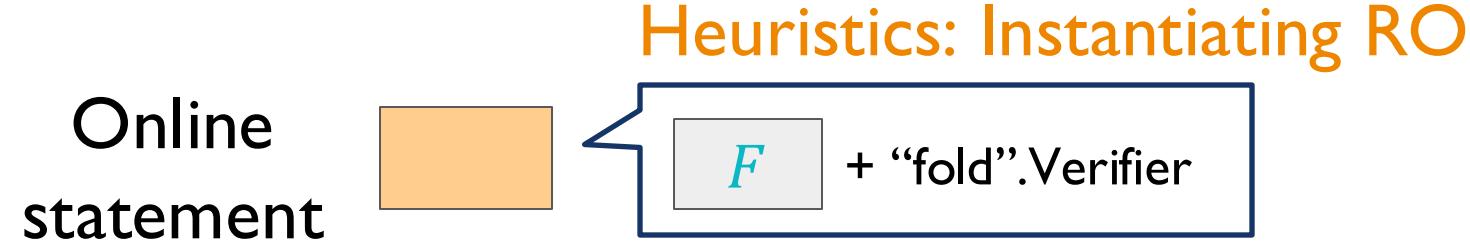
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Online
statement



Heuristics: Instantiating RO

F

+ “fold”.Verifier



Scientist

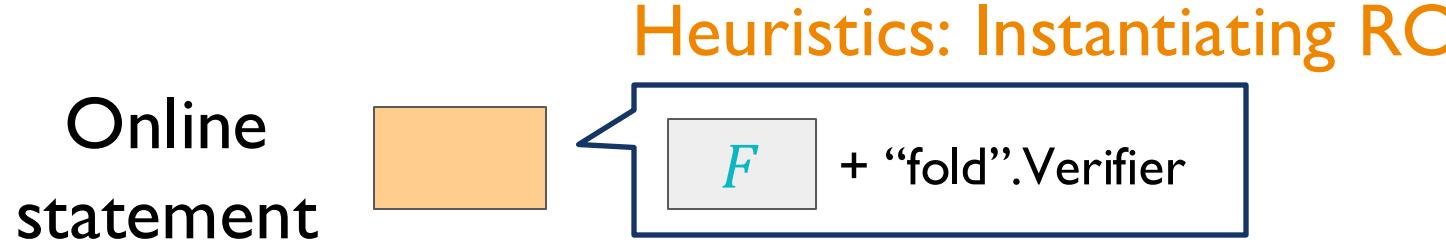
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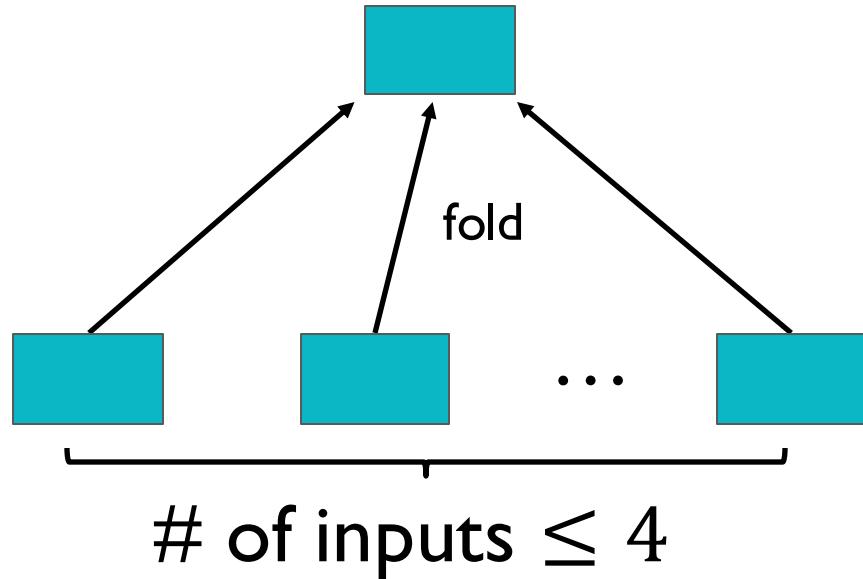
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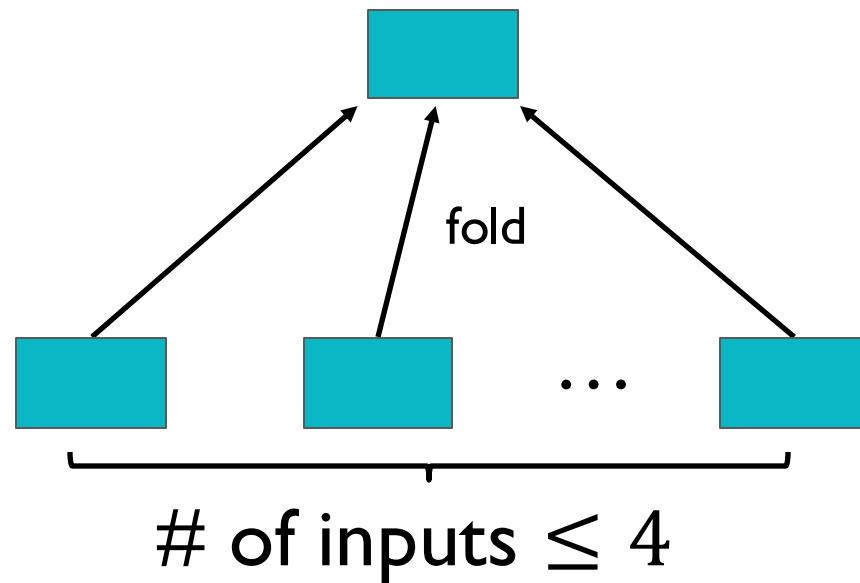
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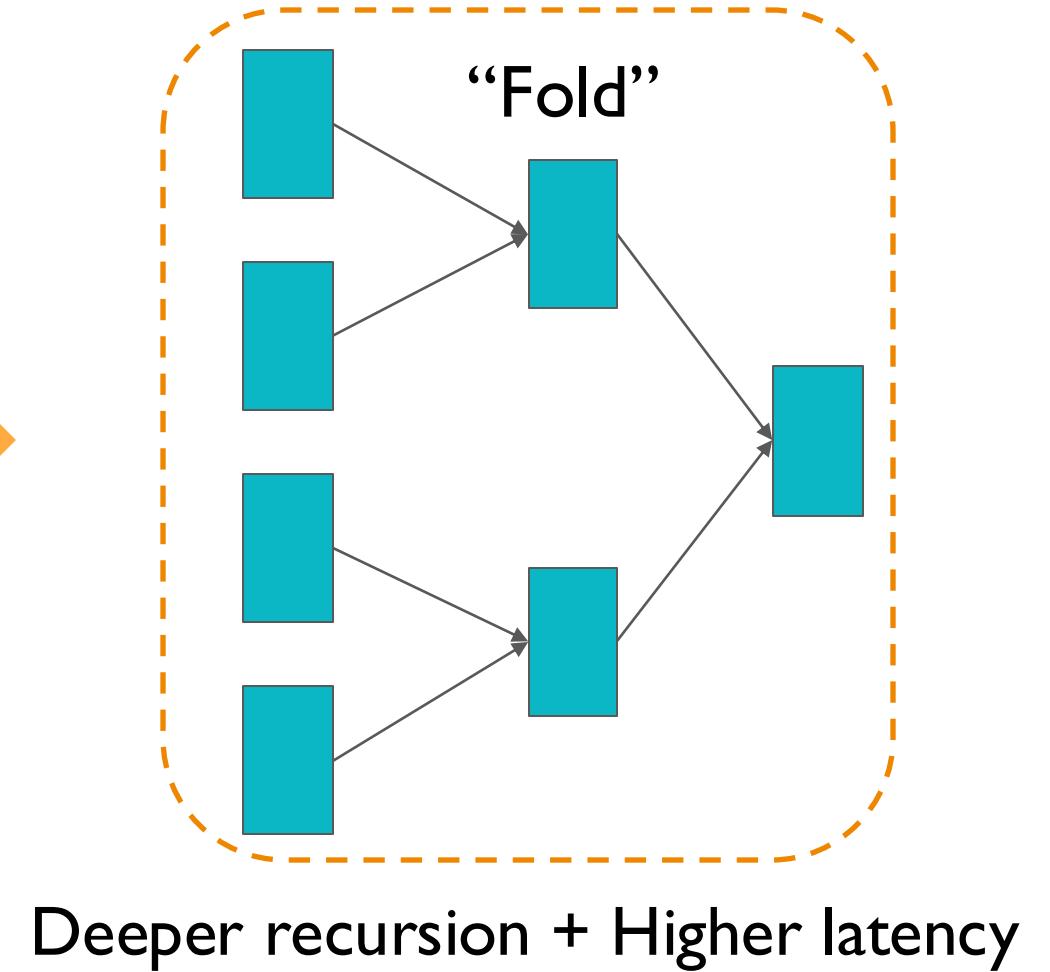
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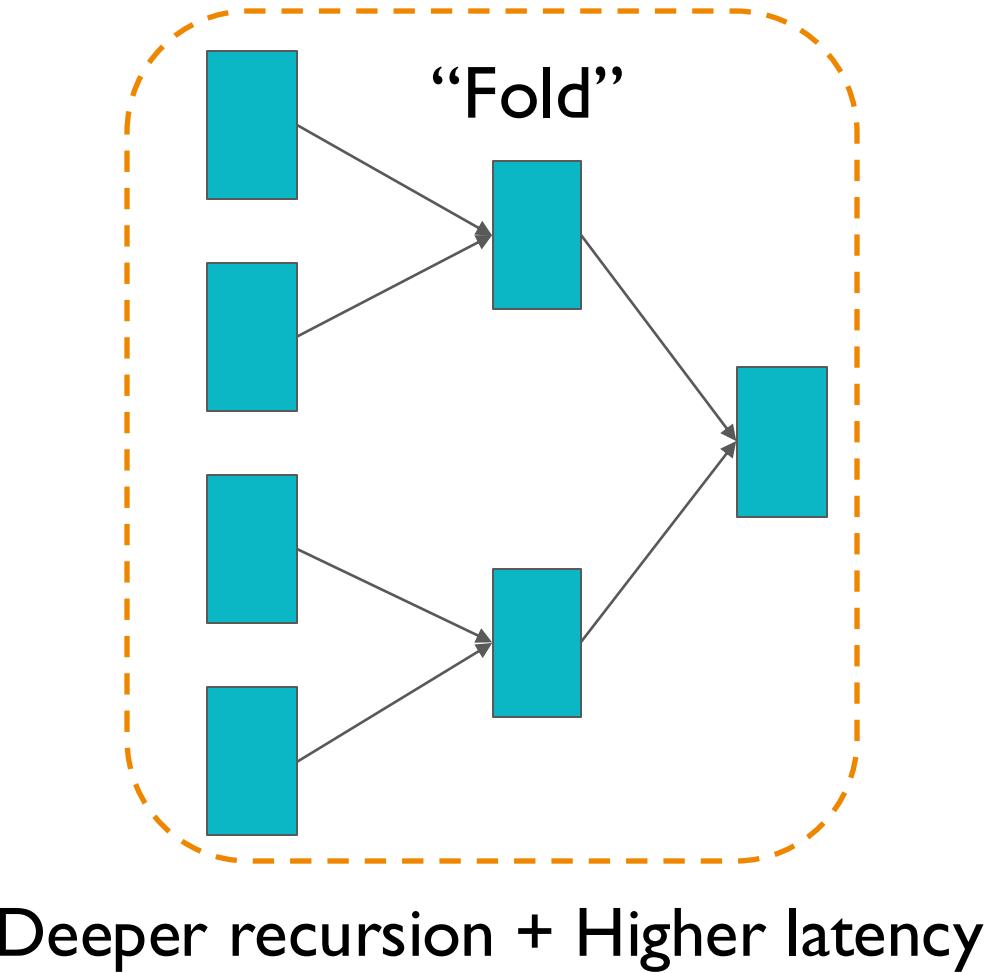
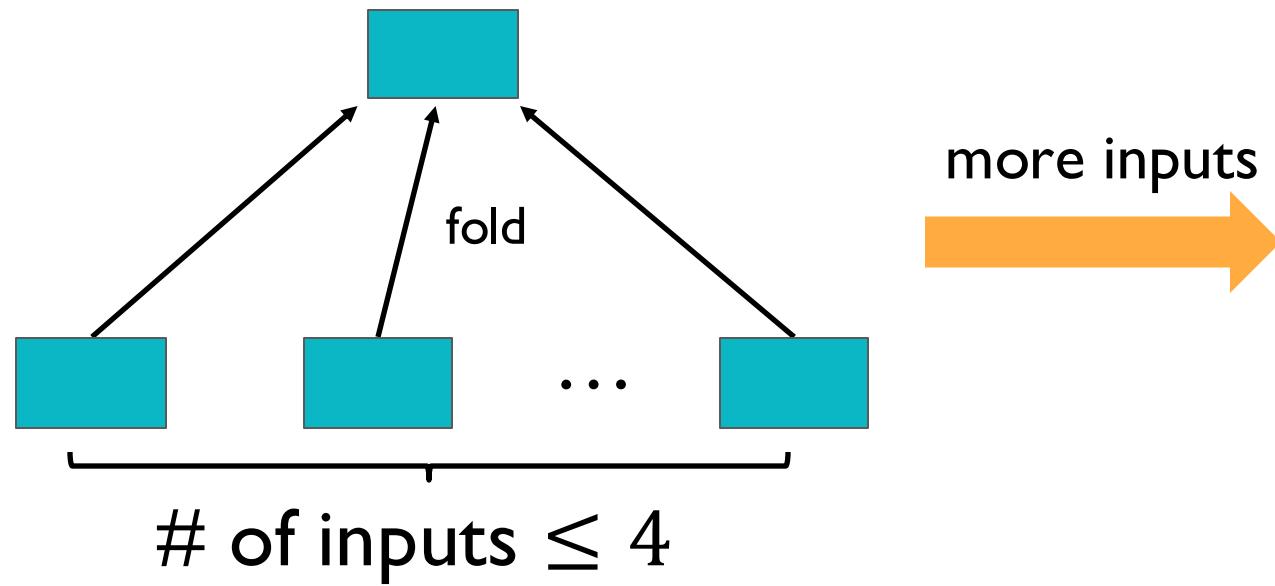
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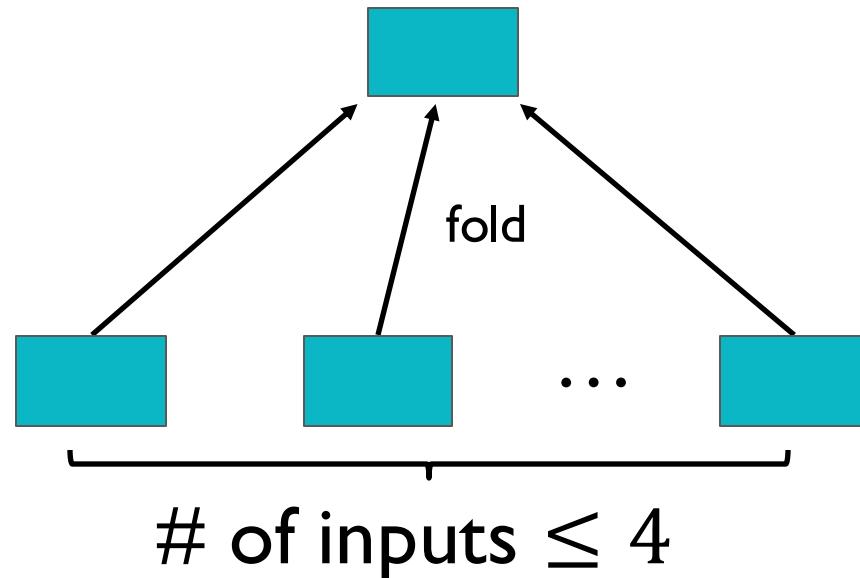


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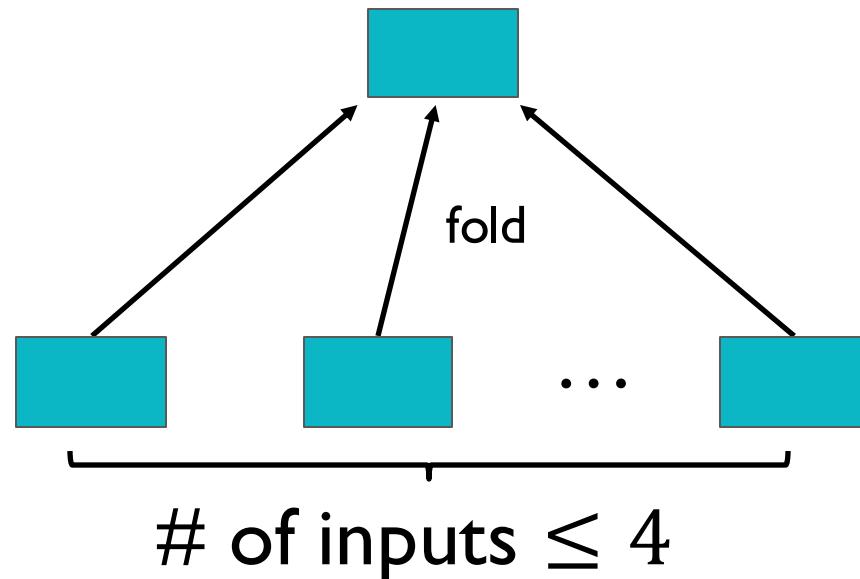


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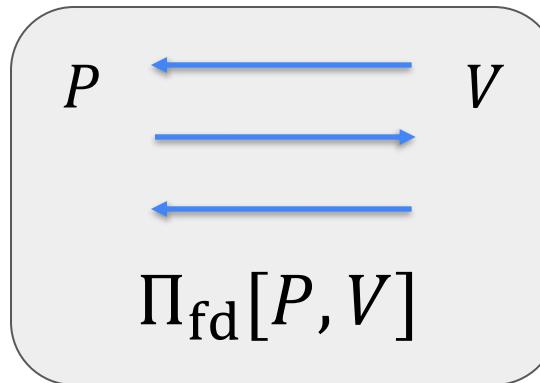
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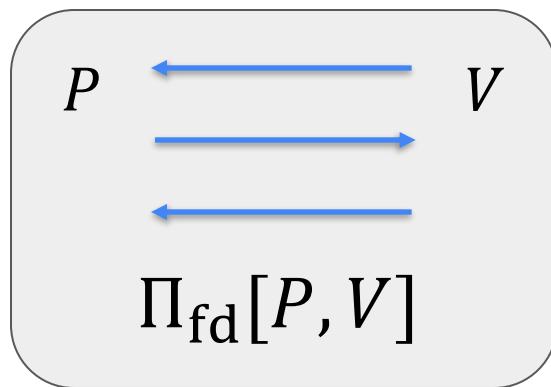
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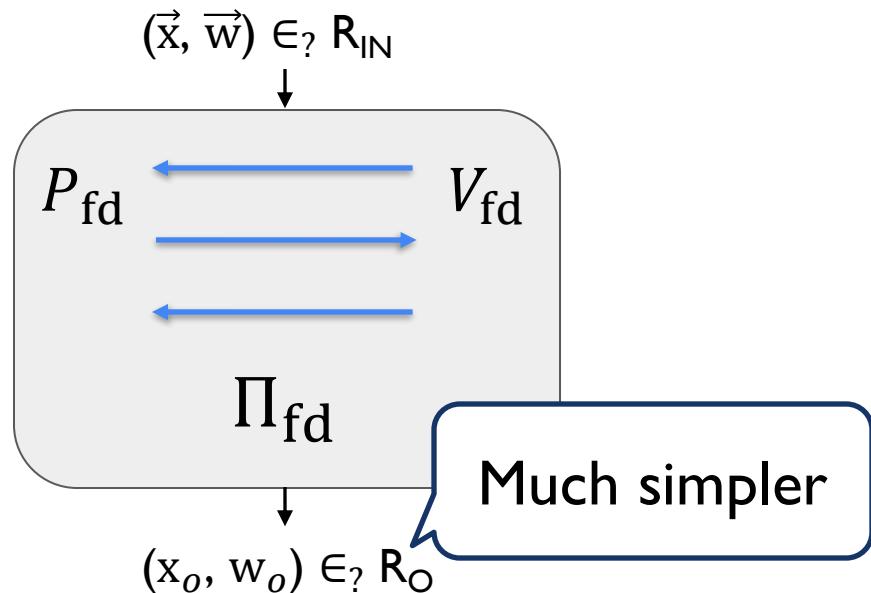
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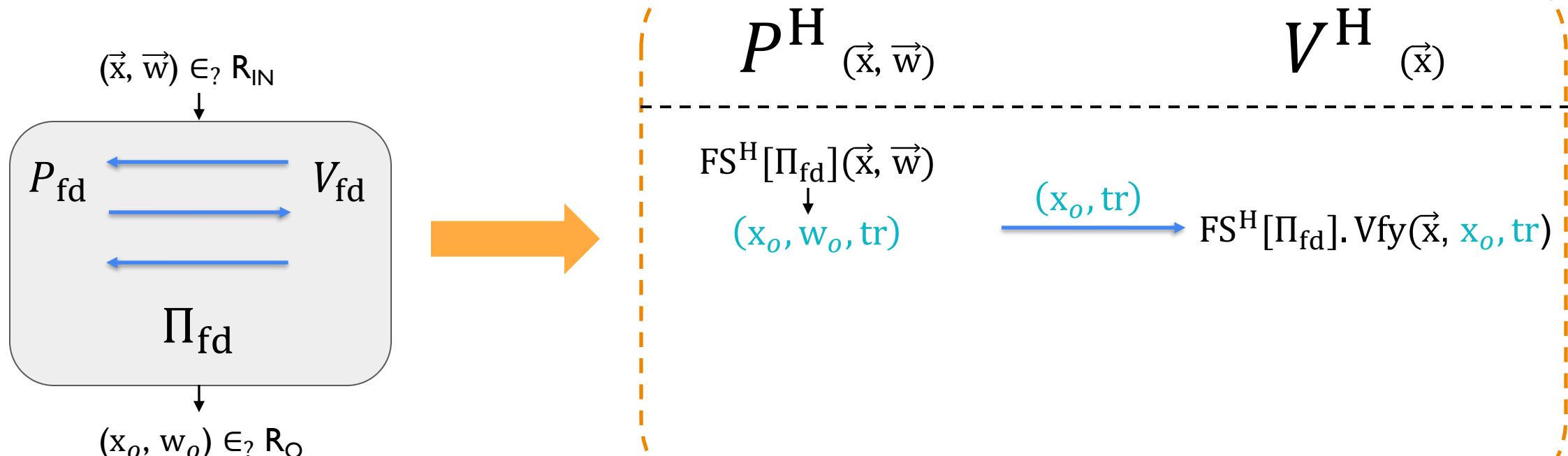
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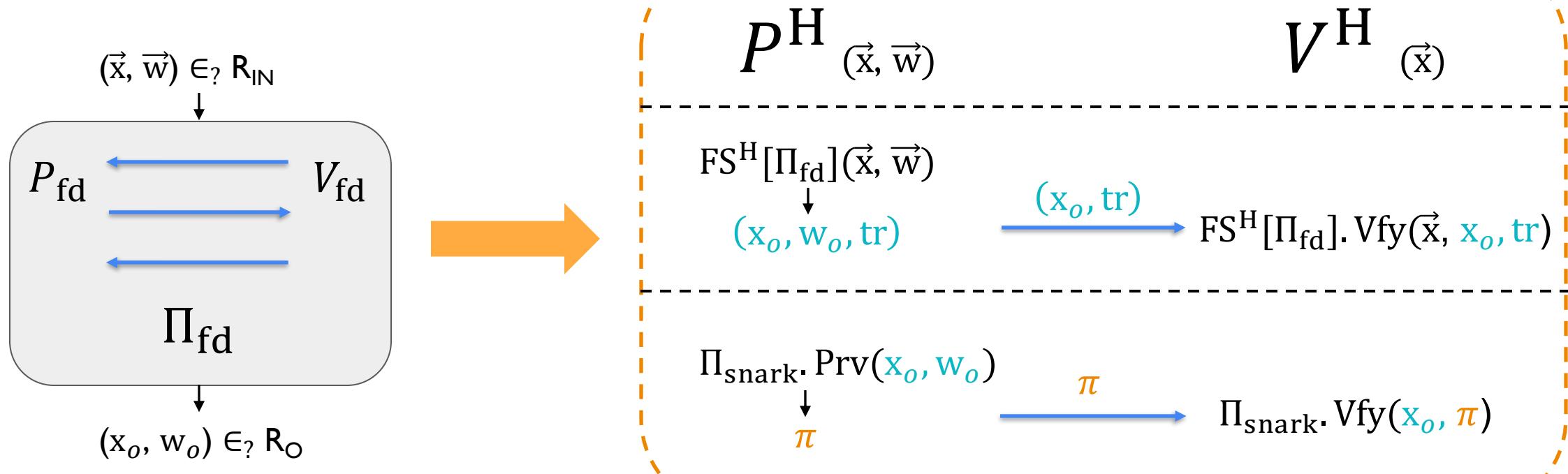
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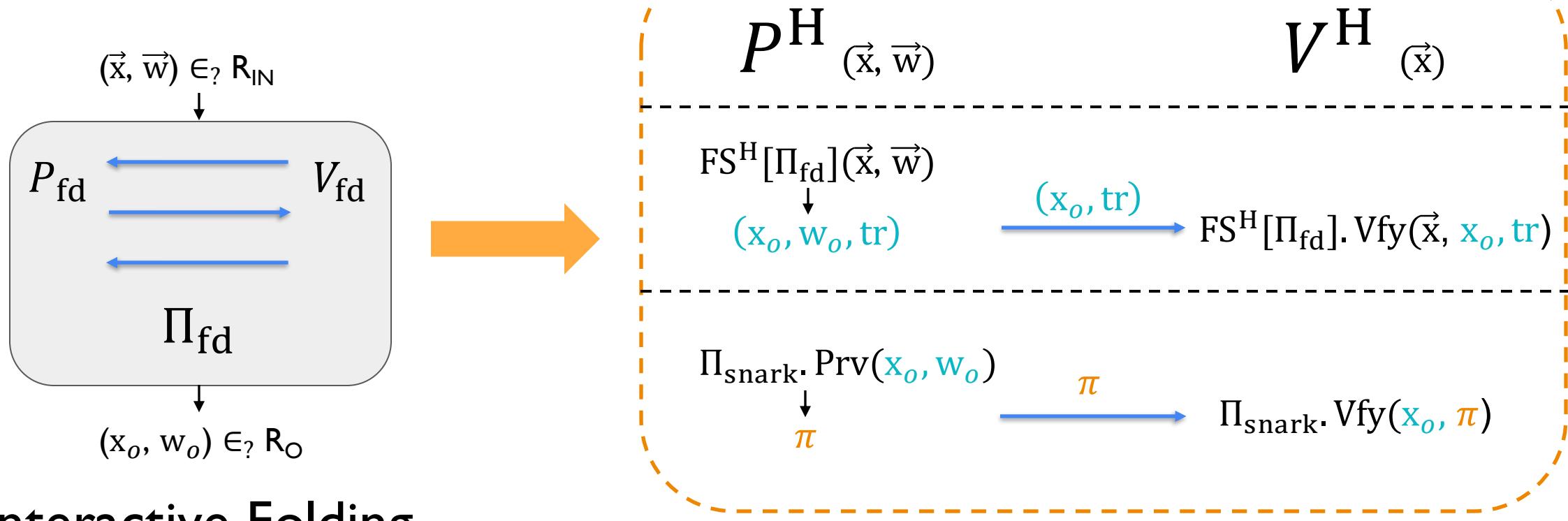
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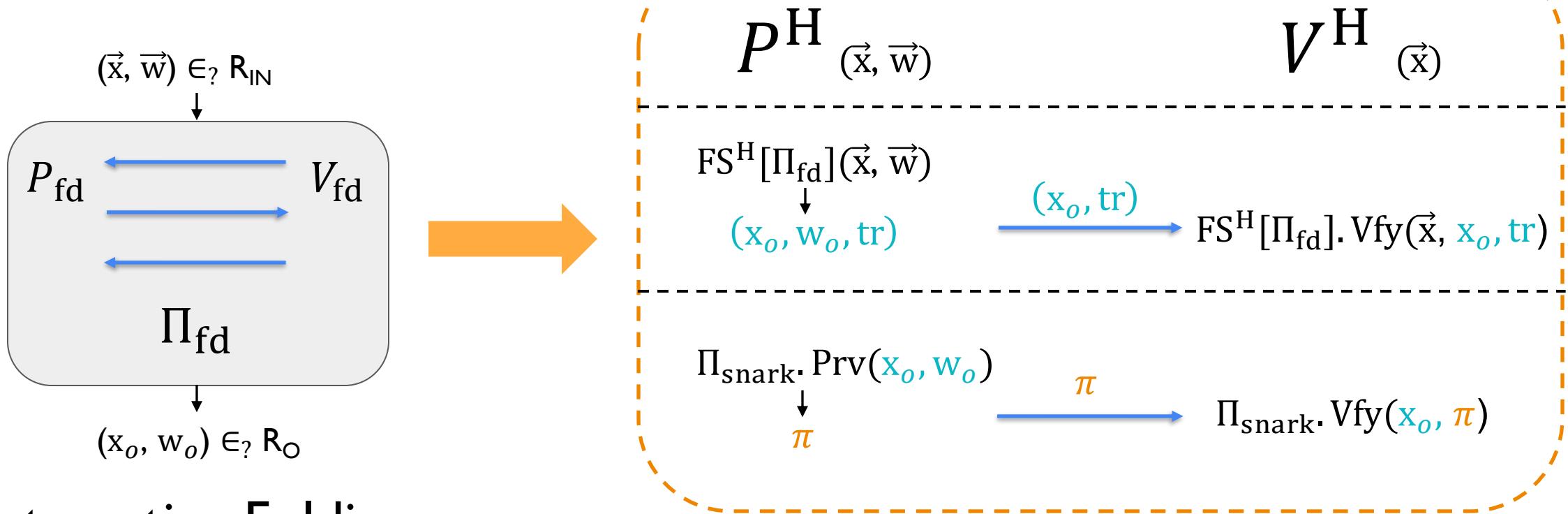


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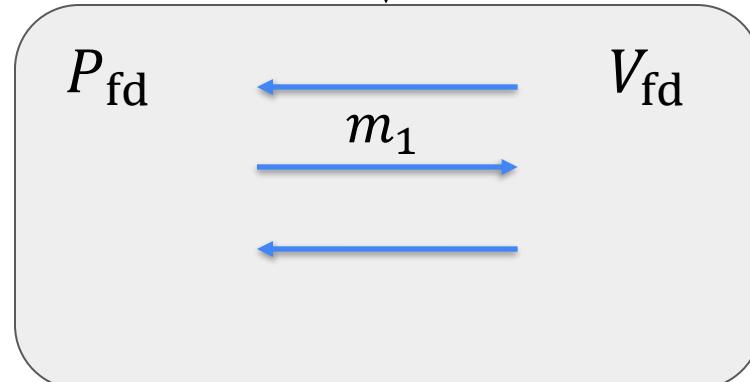
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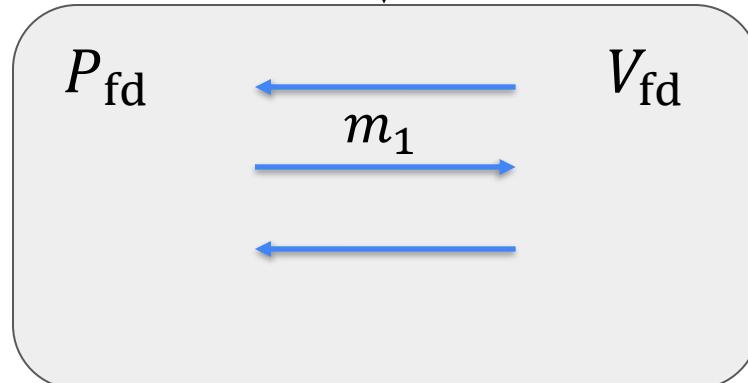
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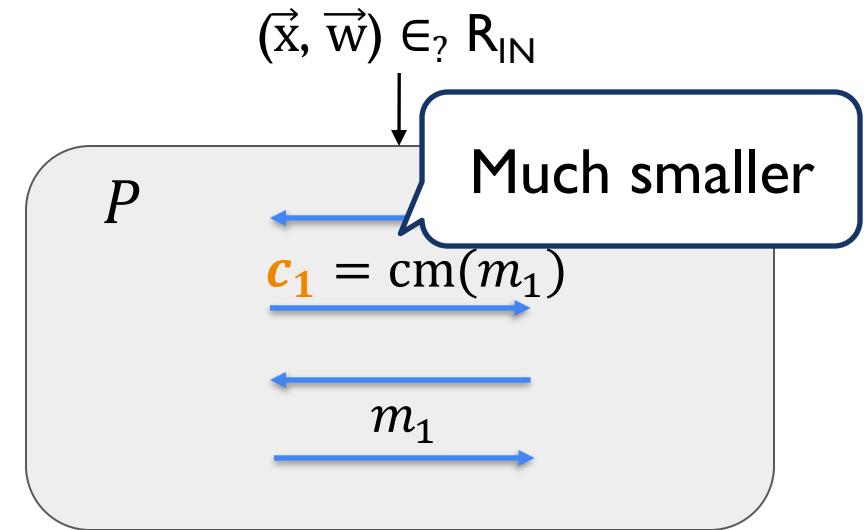
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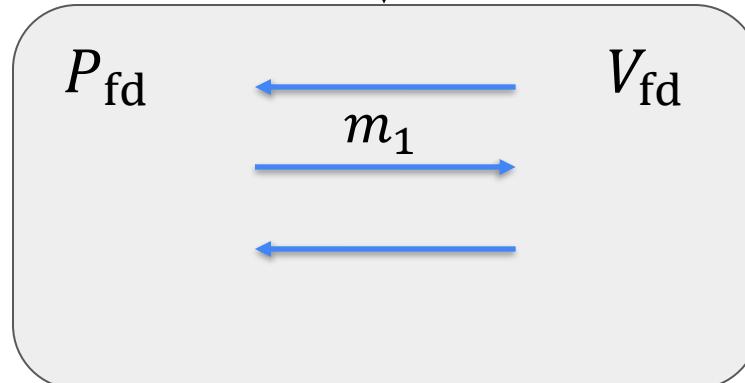
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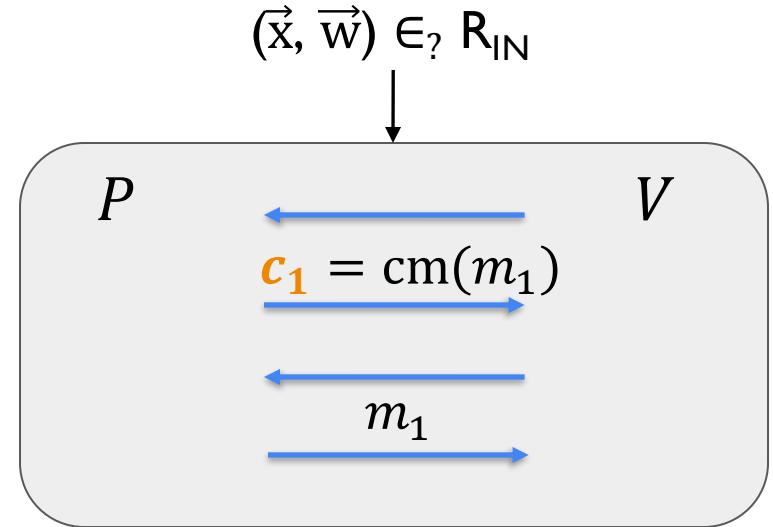
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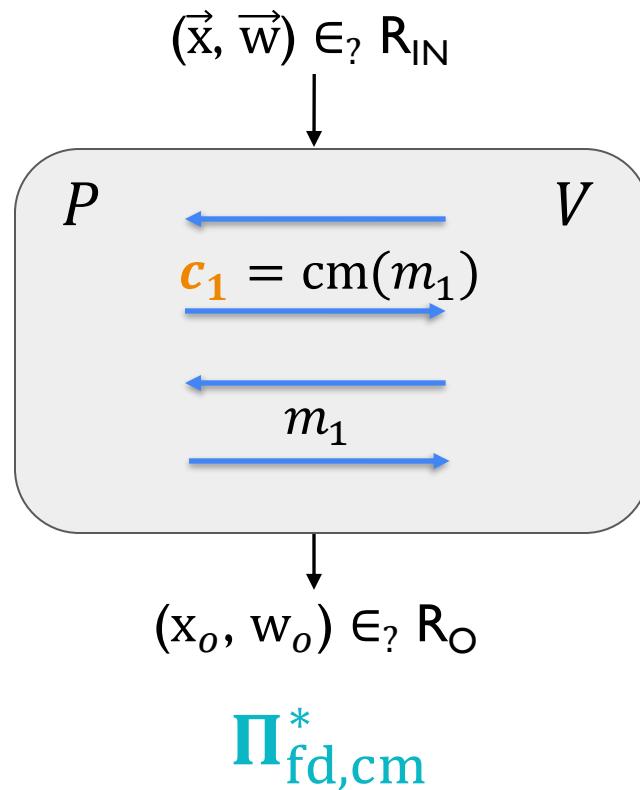
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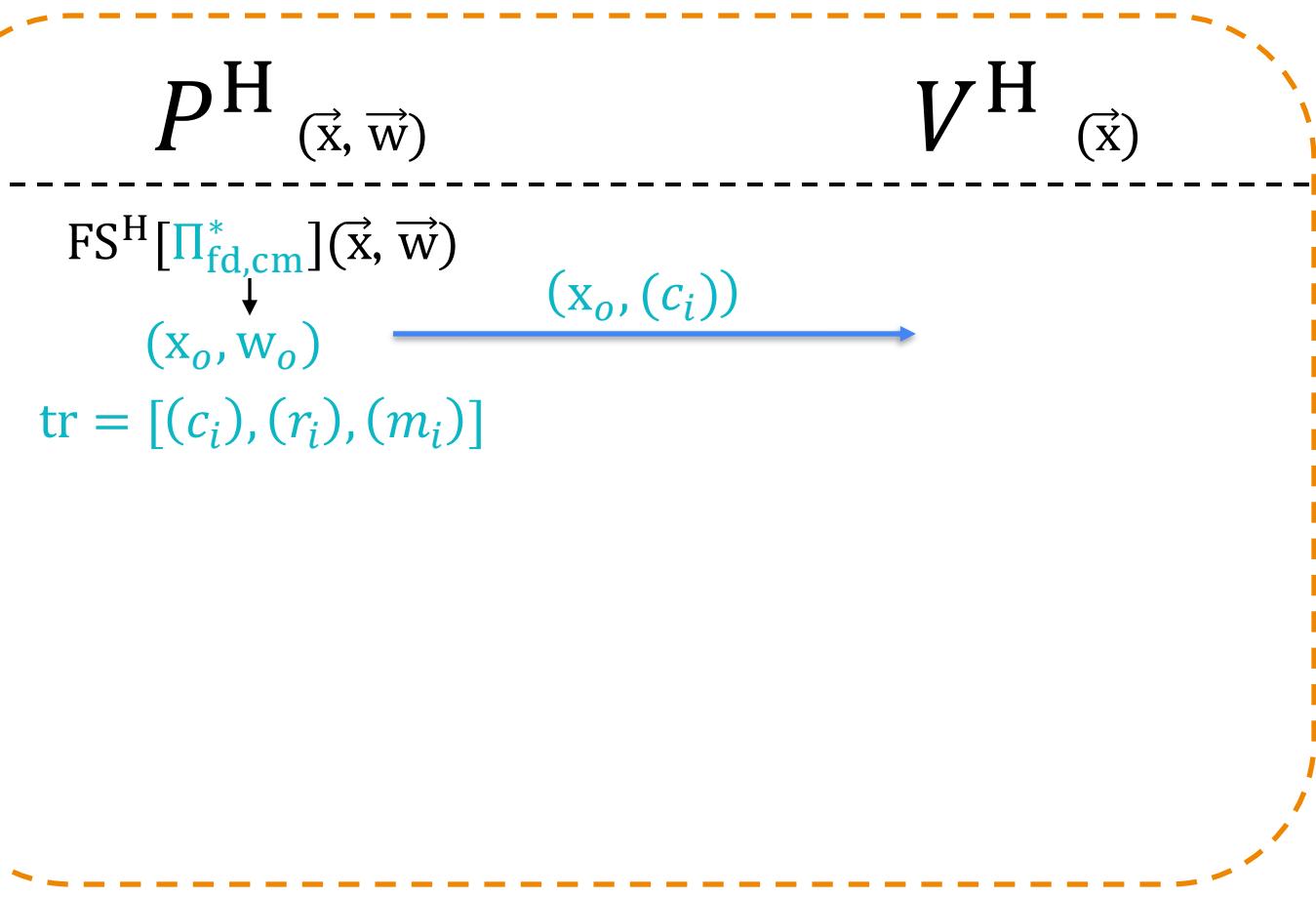
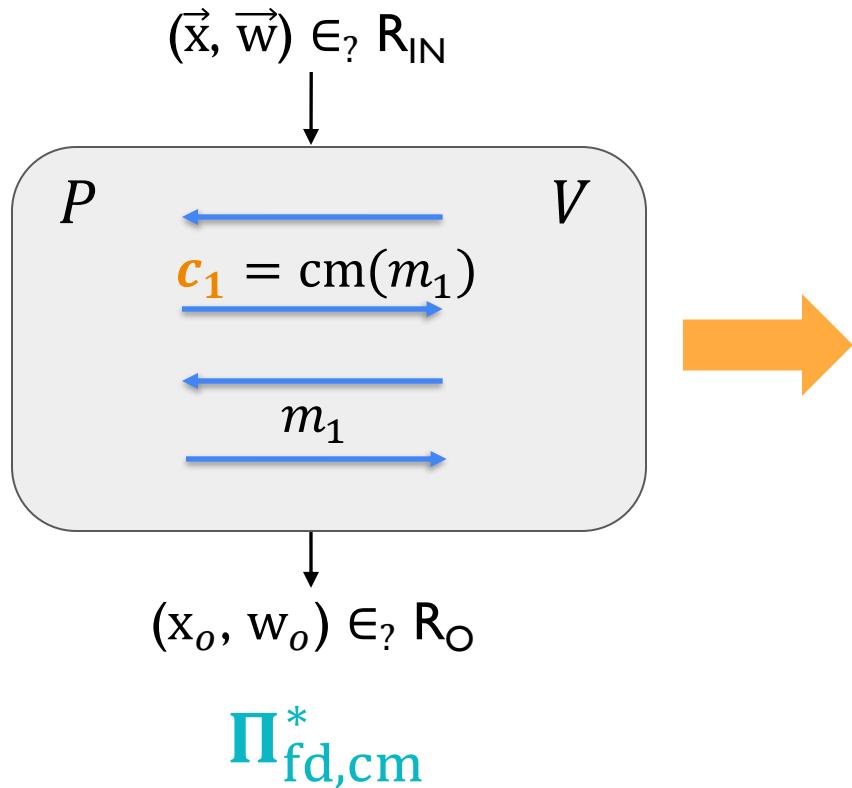
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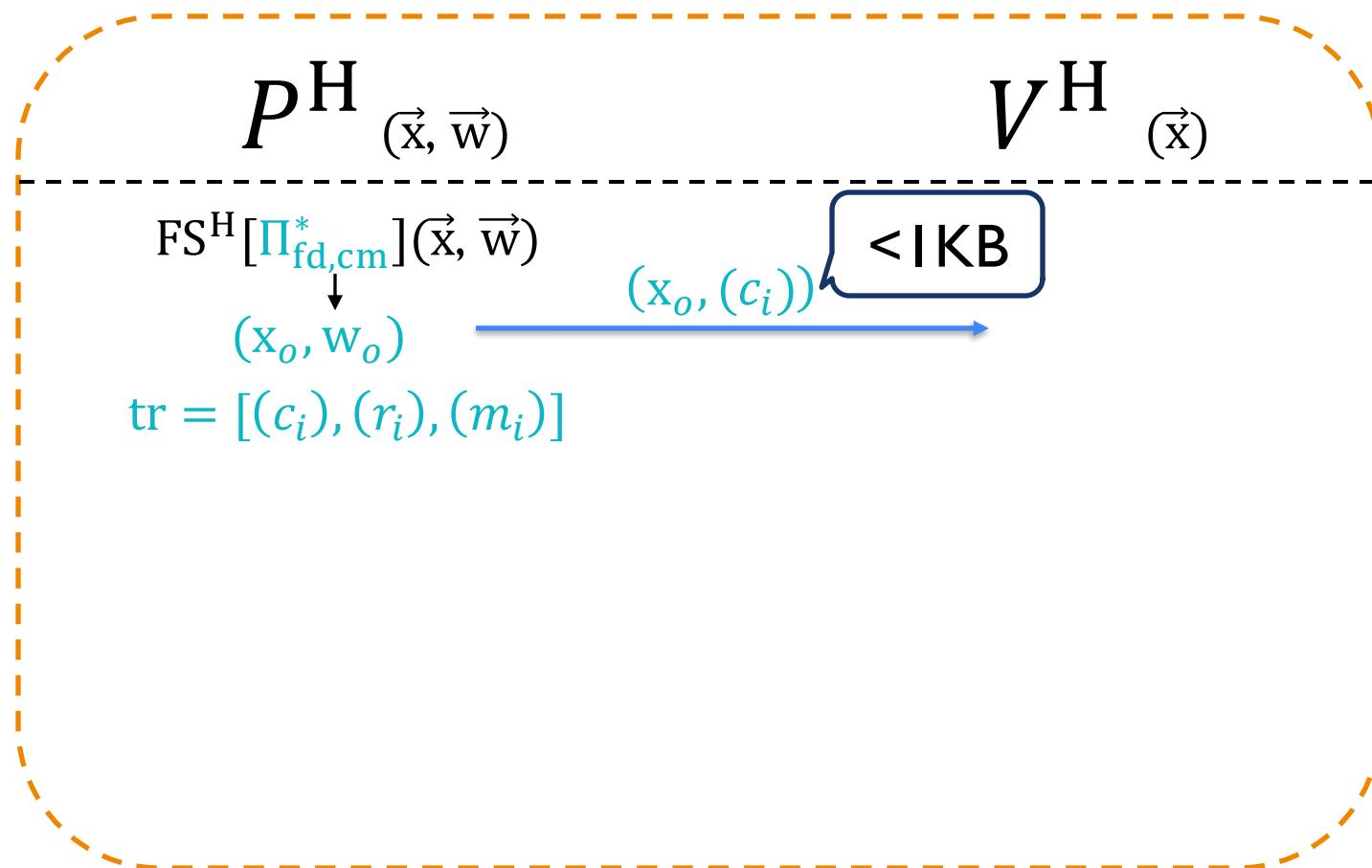
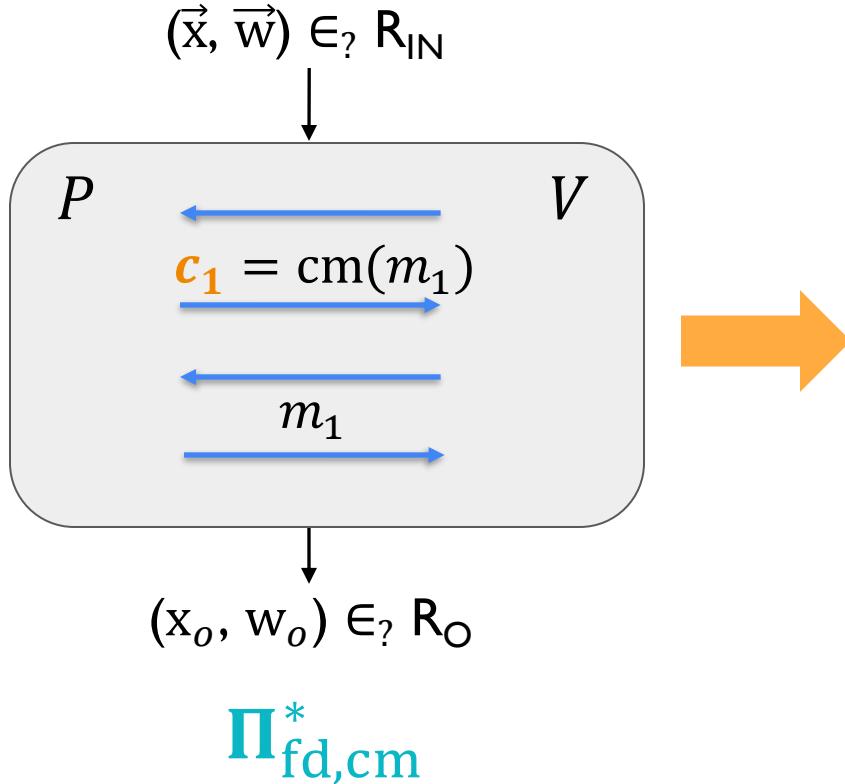
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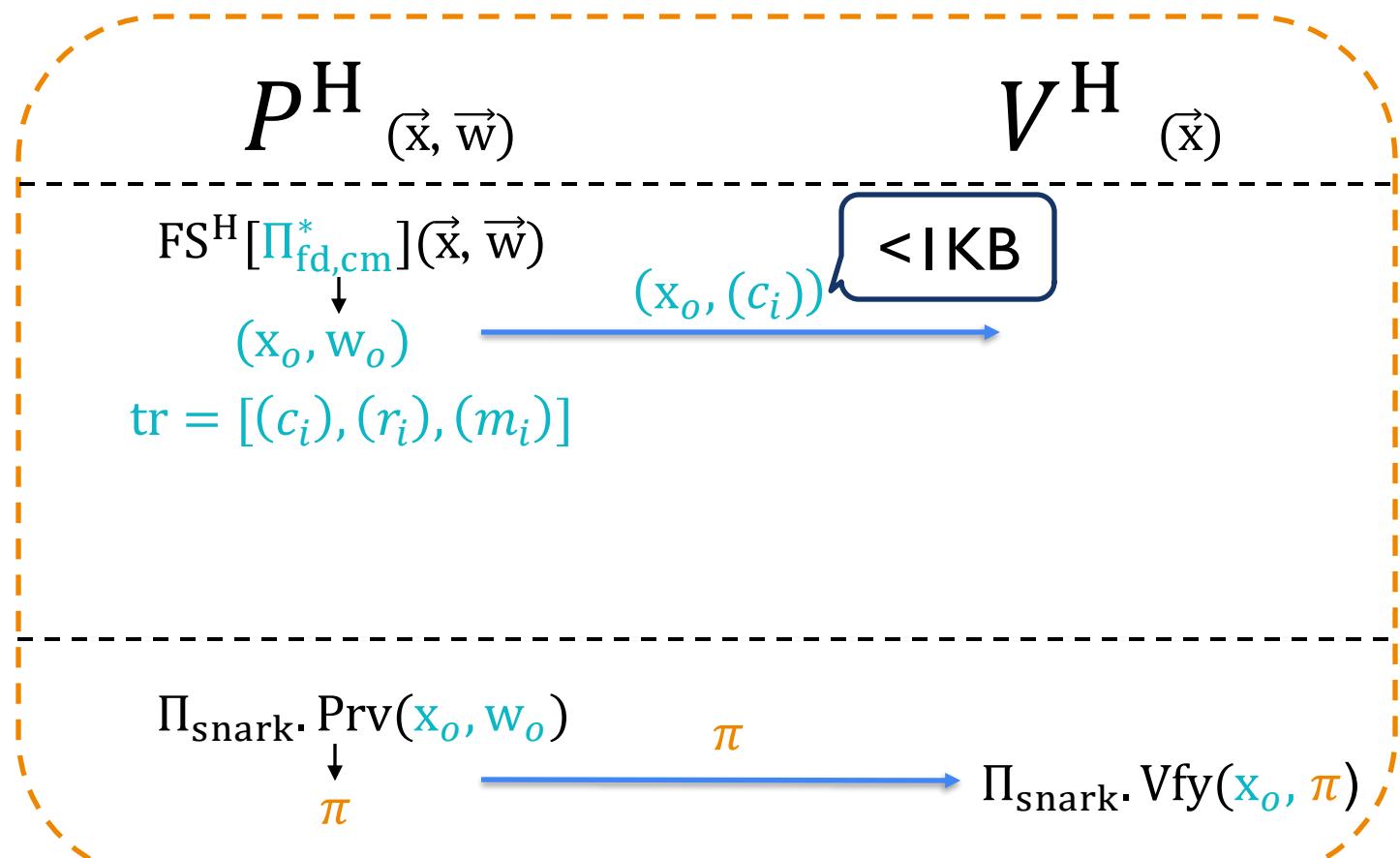
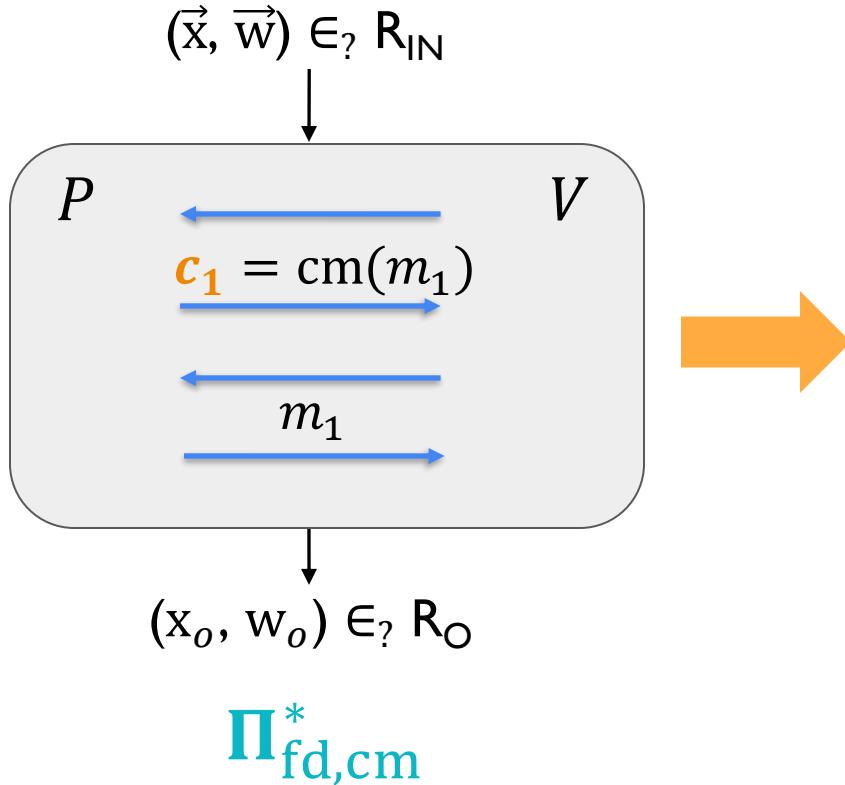
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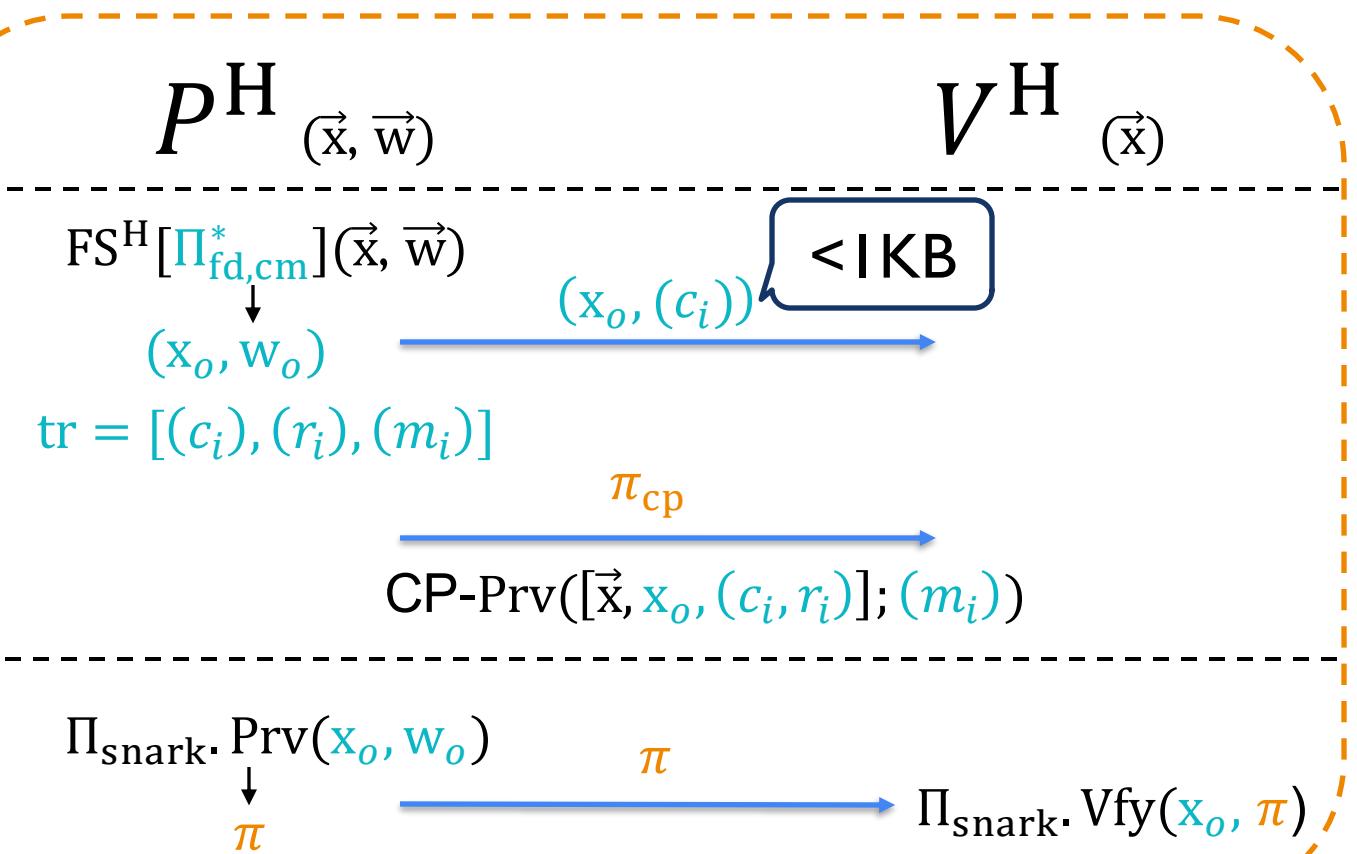
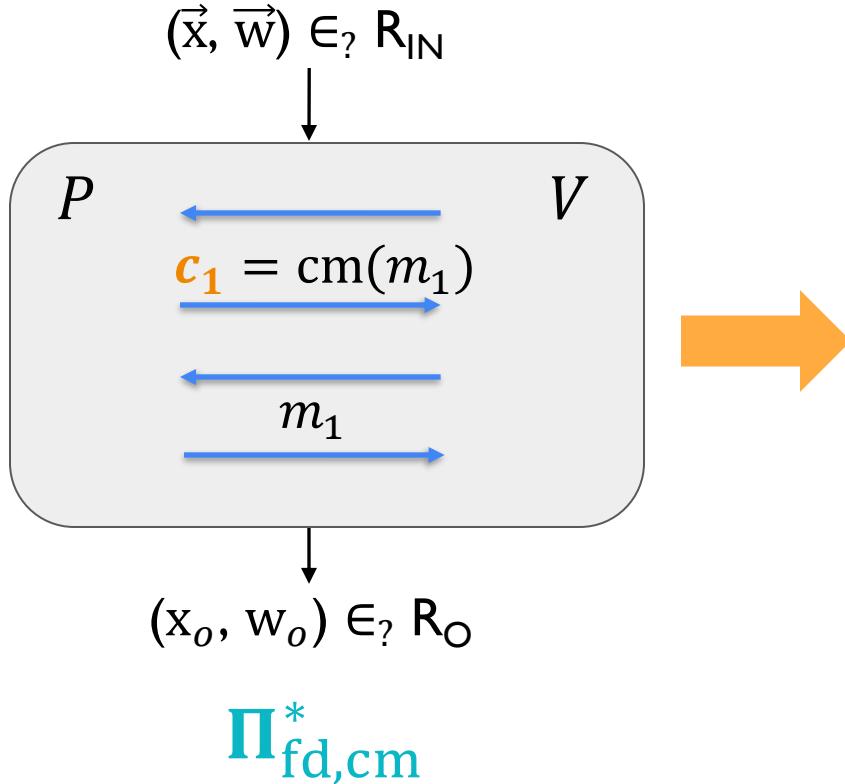
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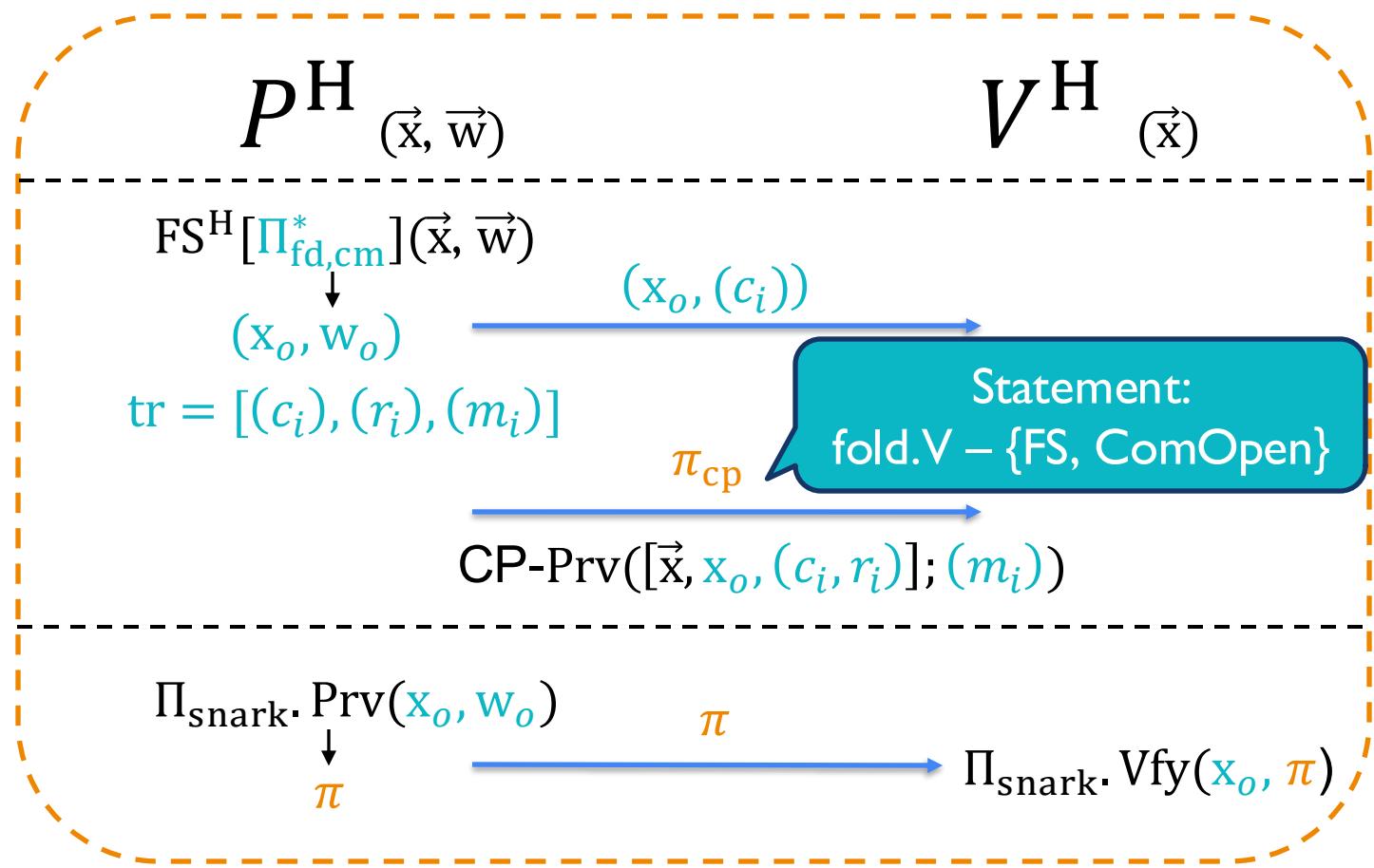
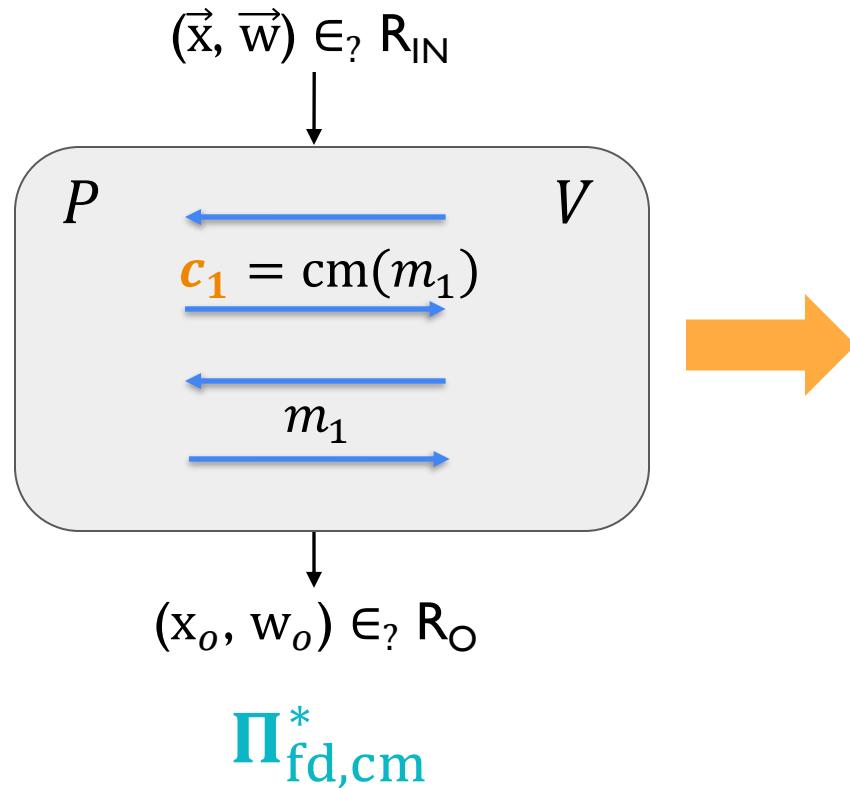
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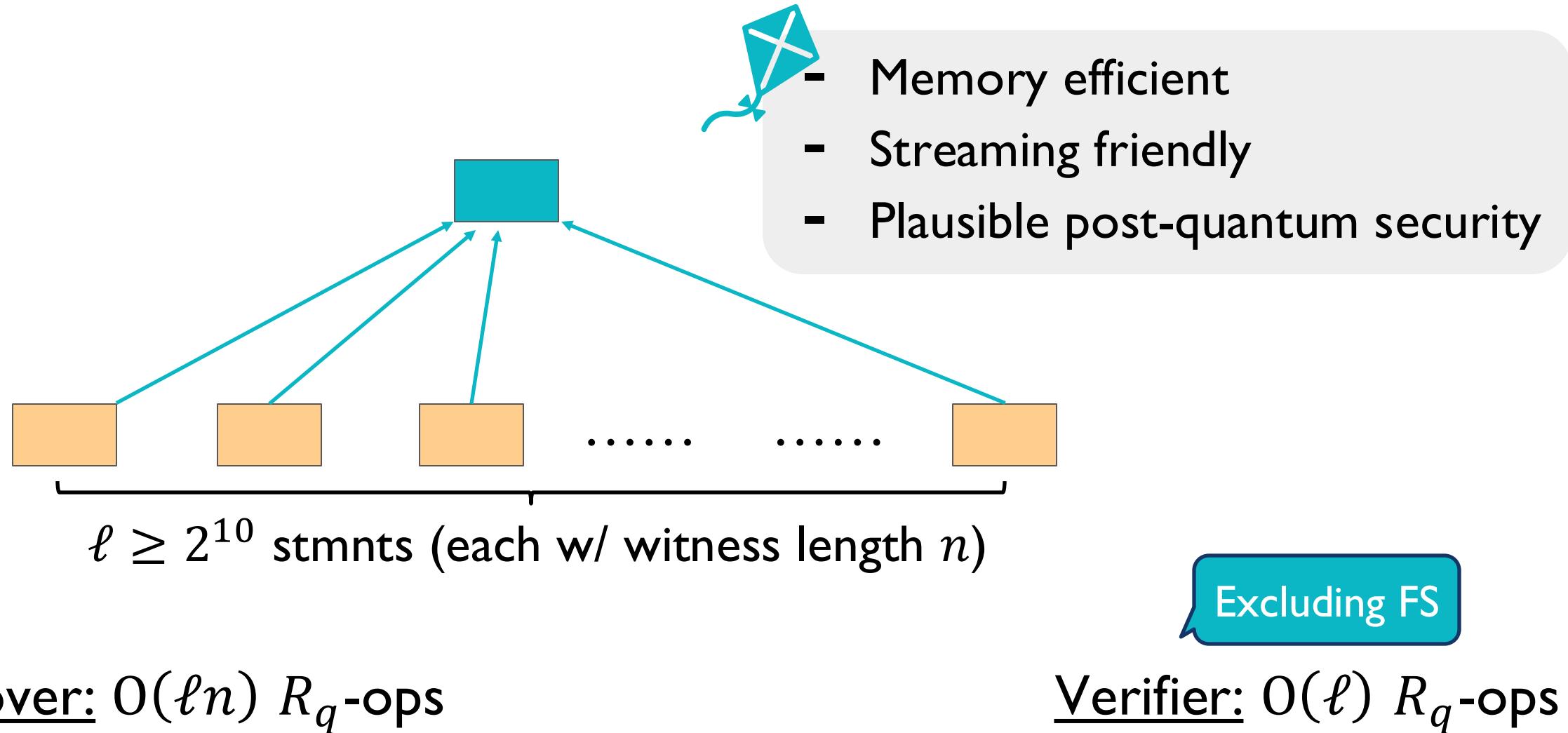
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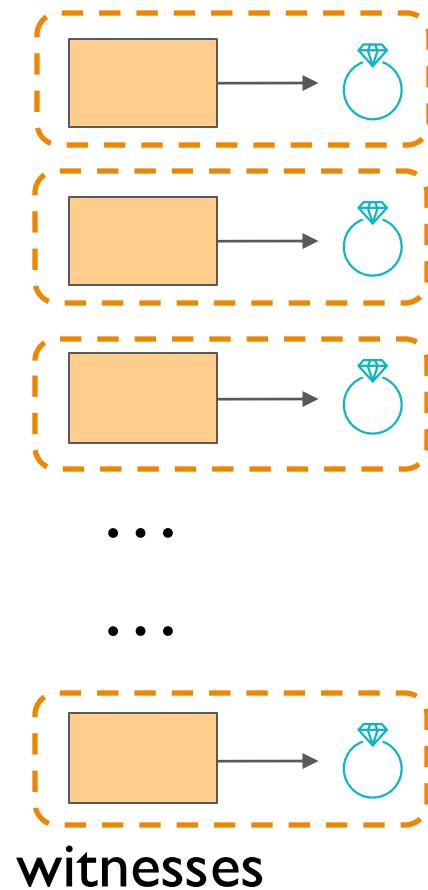
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- Minimize $|\text{fold.V} - \text{Fiat-Shamir}|$

Lattice-based High-Arity Folding Scheme



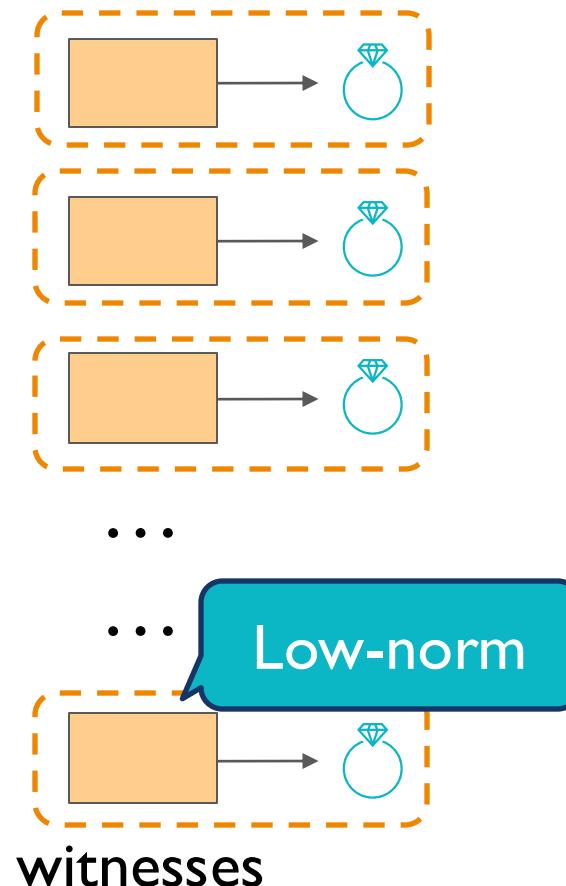
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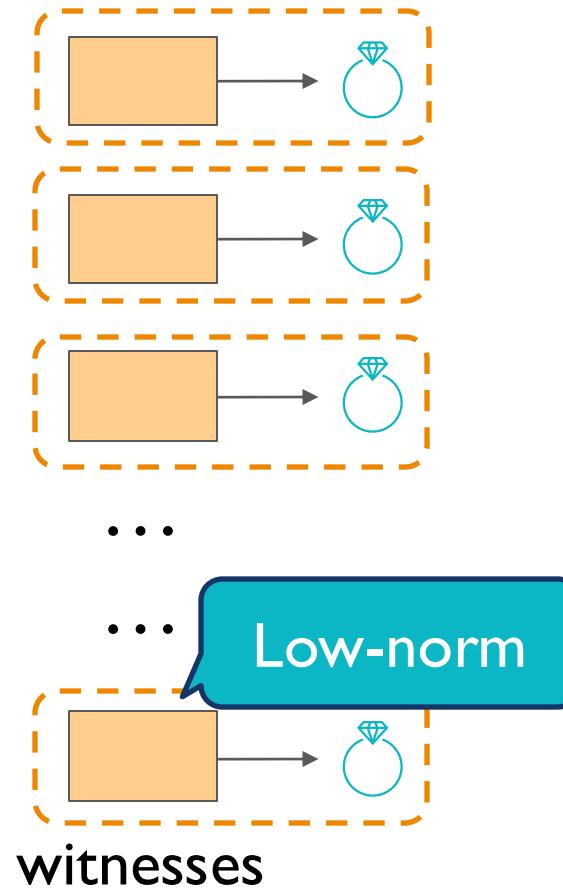
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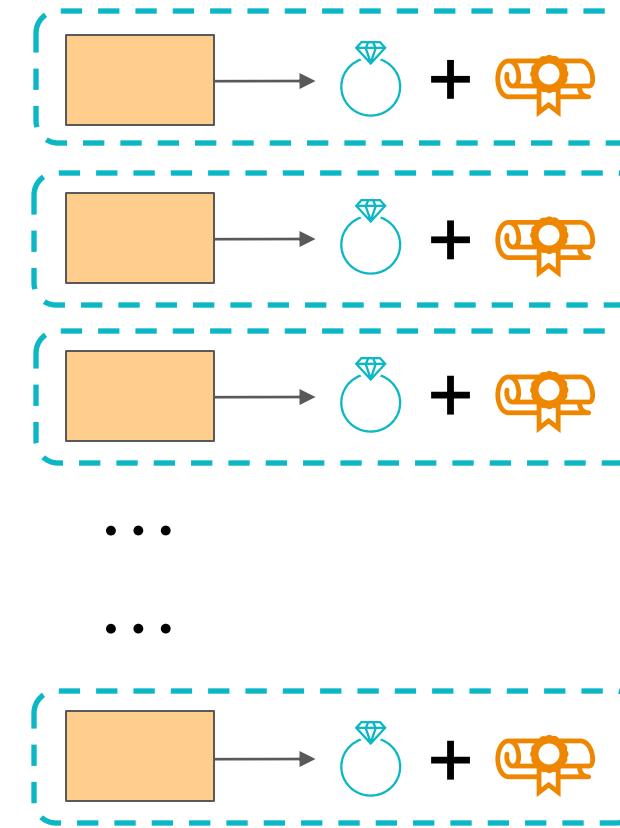


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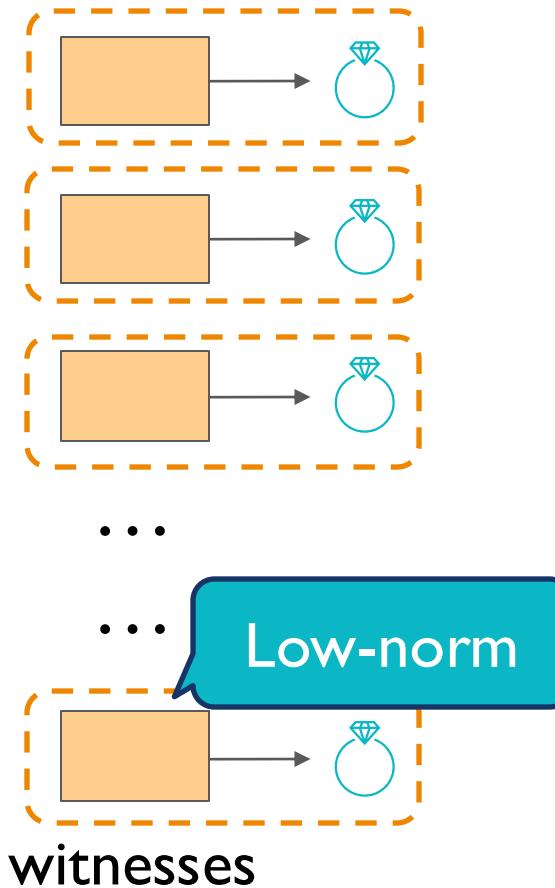


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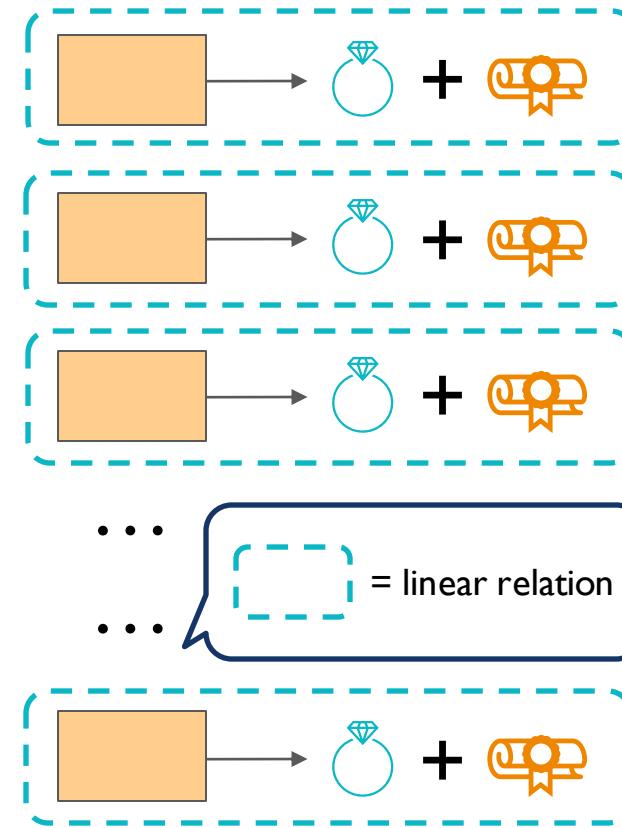


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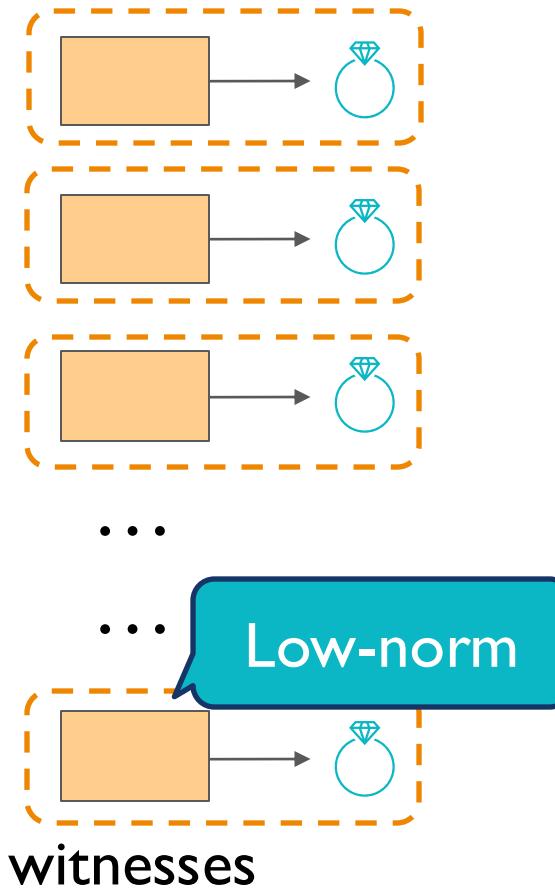


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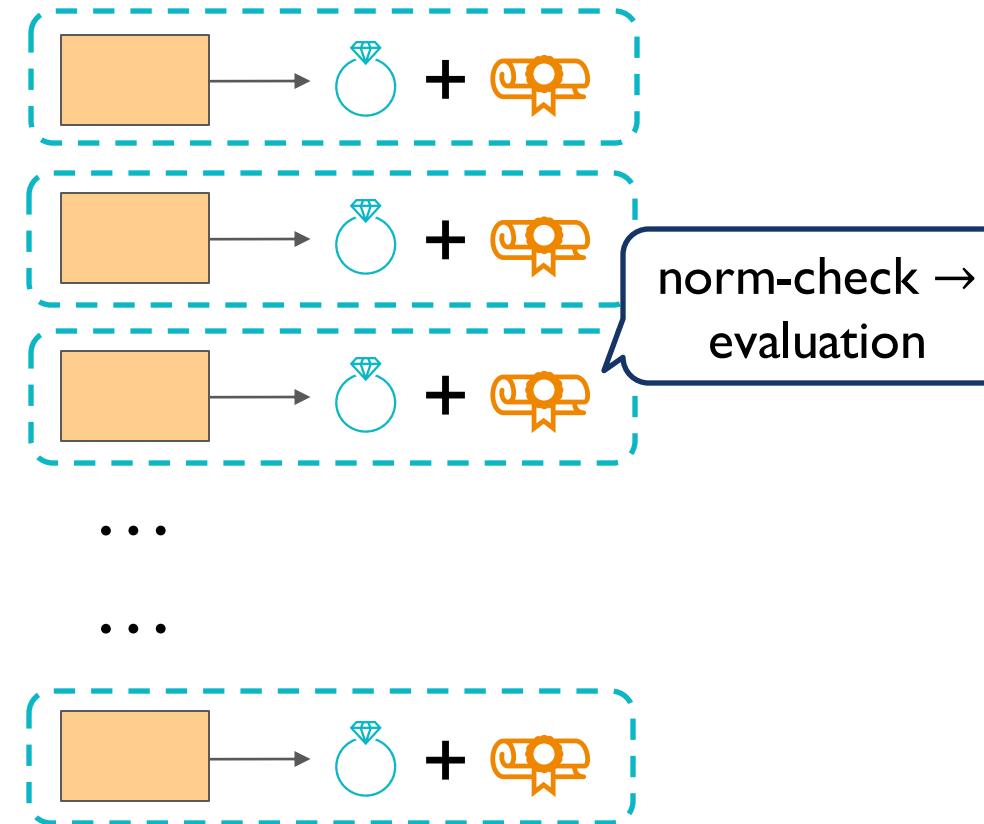


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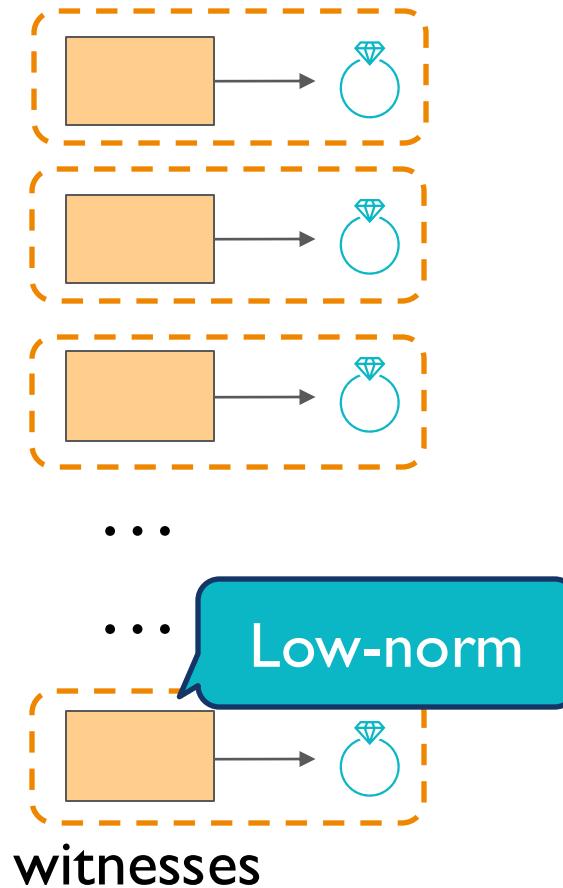


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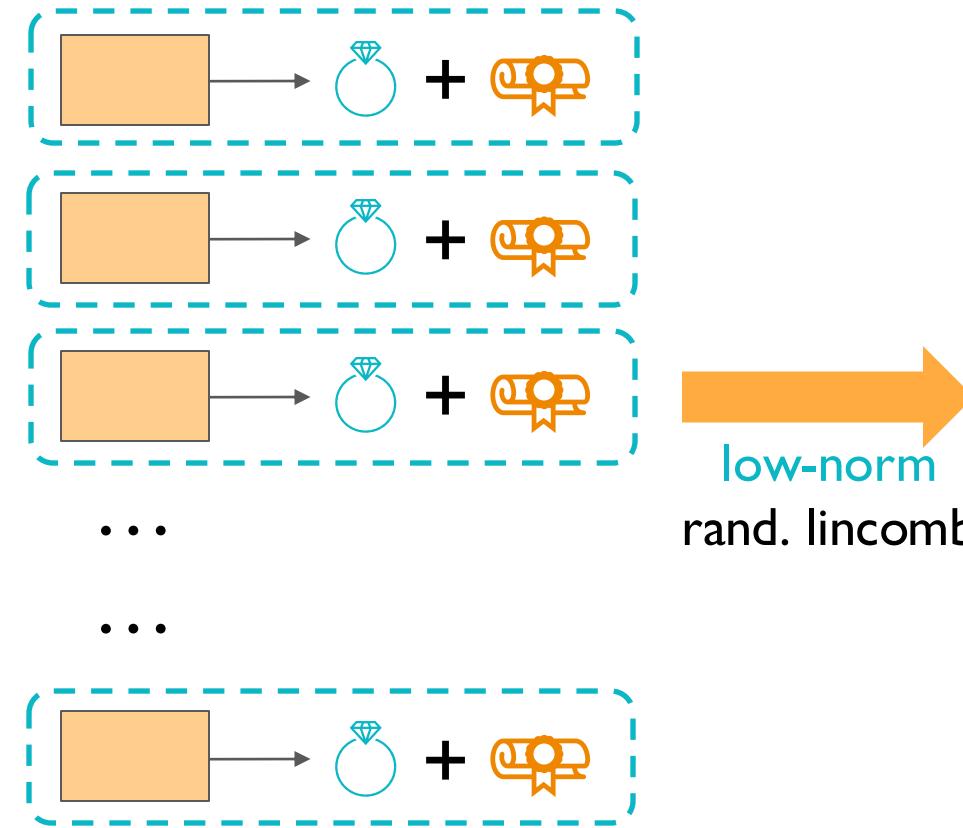


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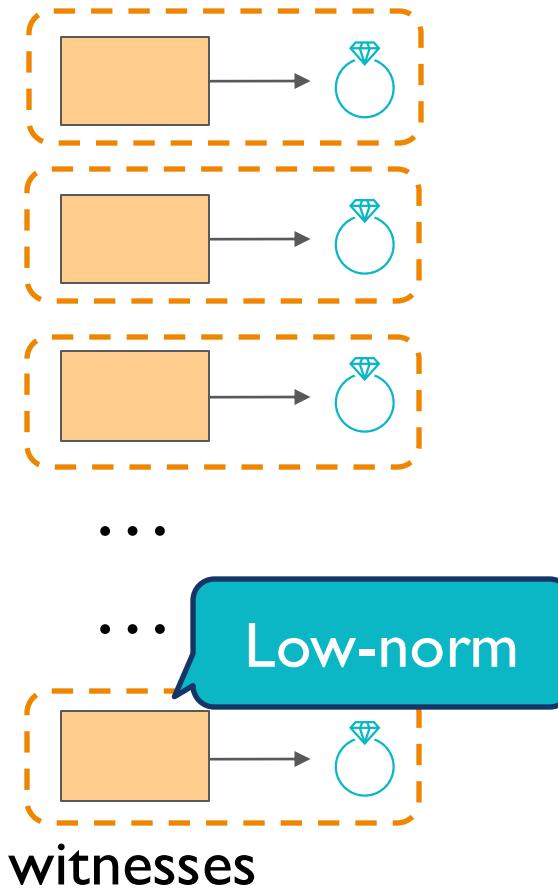
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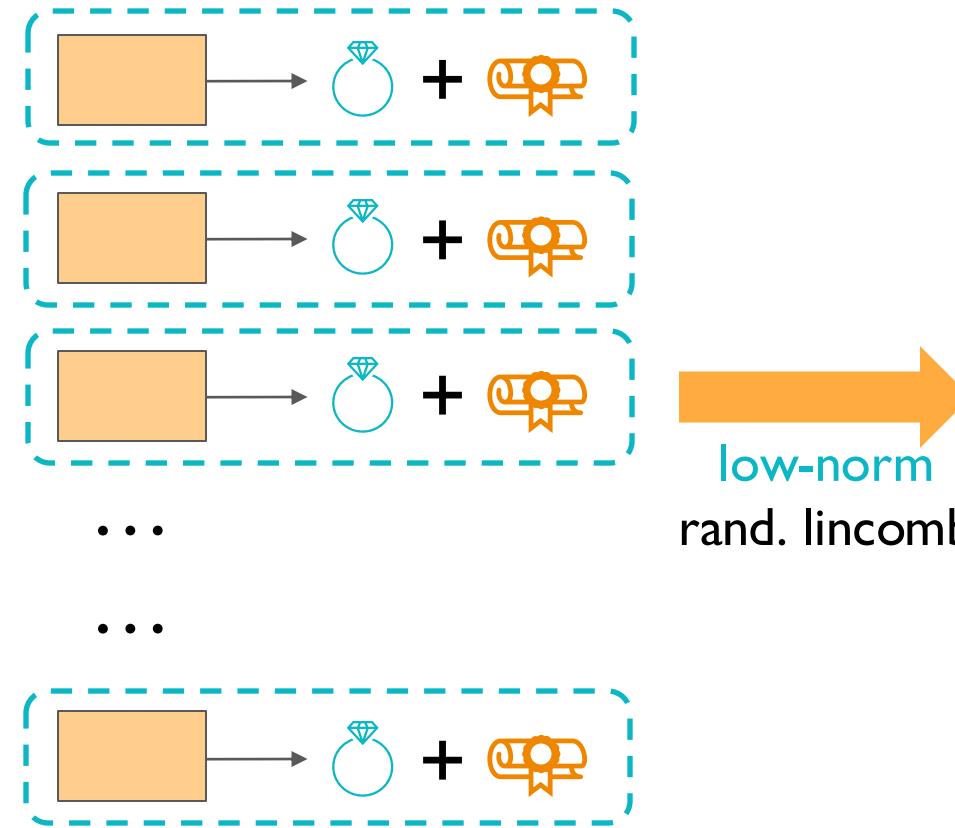
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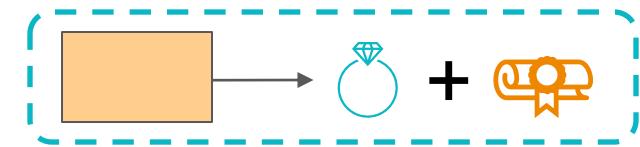
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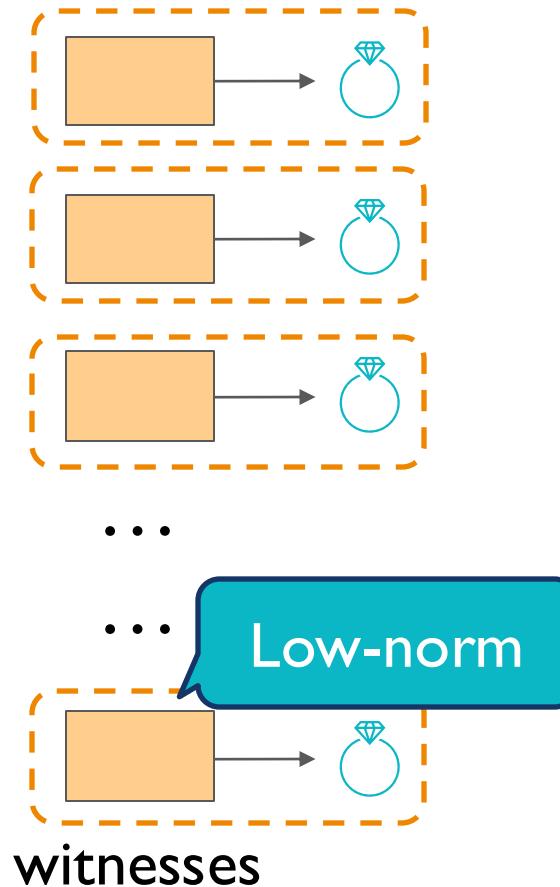


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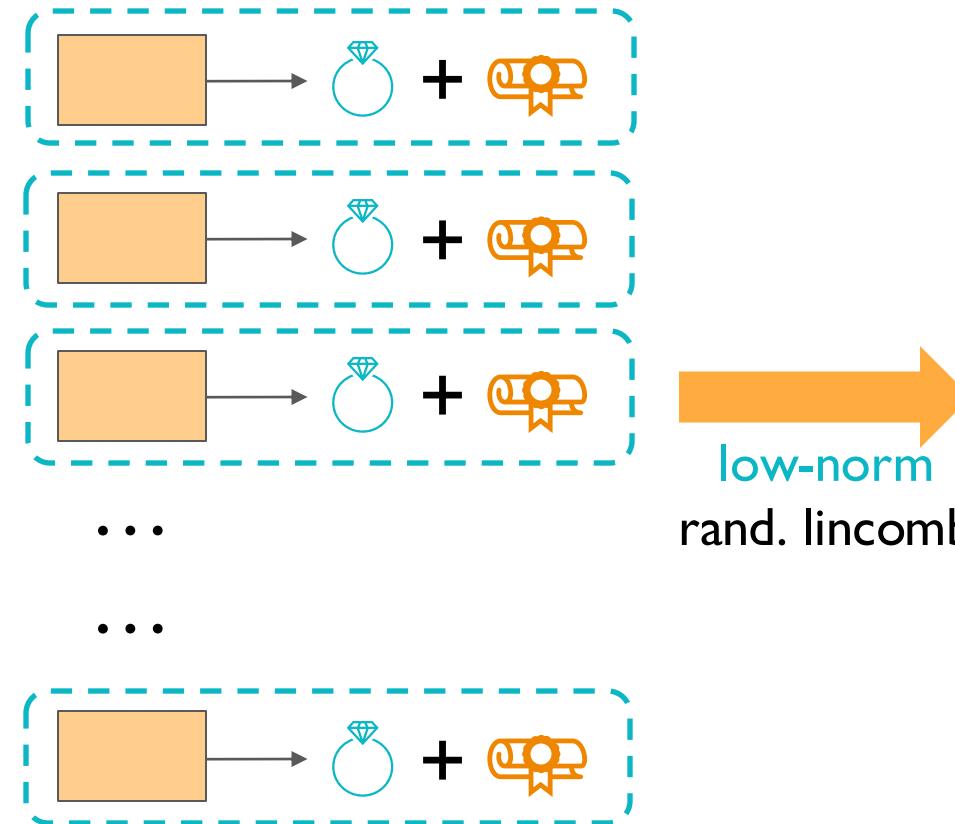


A Standard Lattice-Folding Framework

Step 1: Commit



Step 2: Linearize + Range-chk



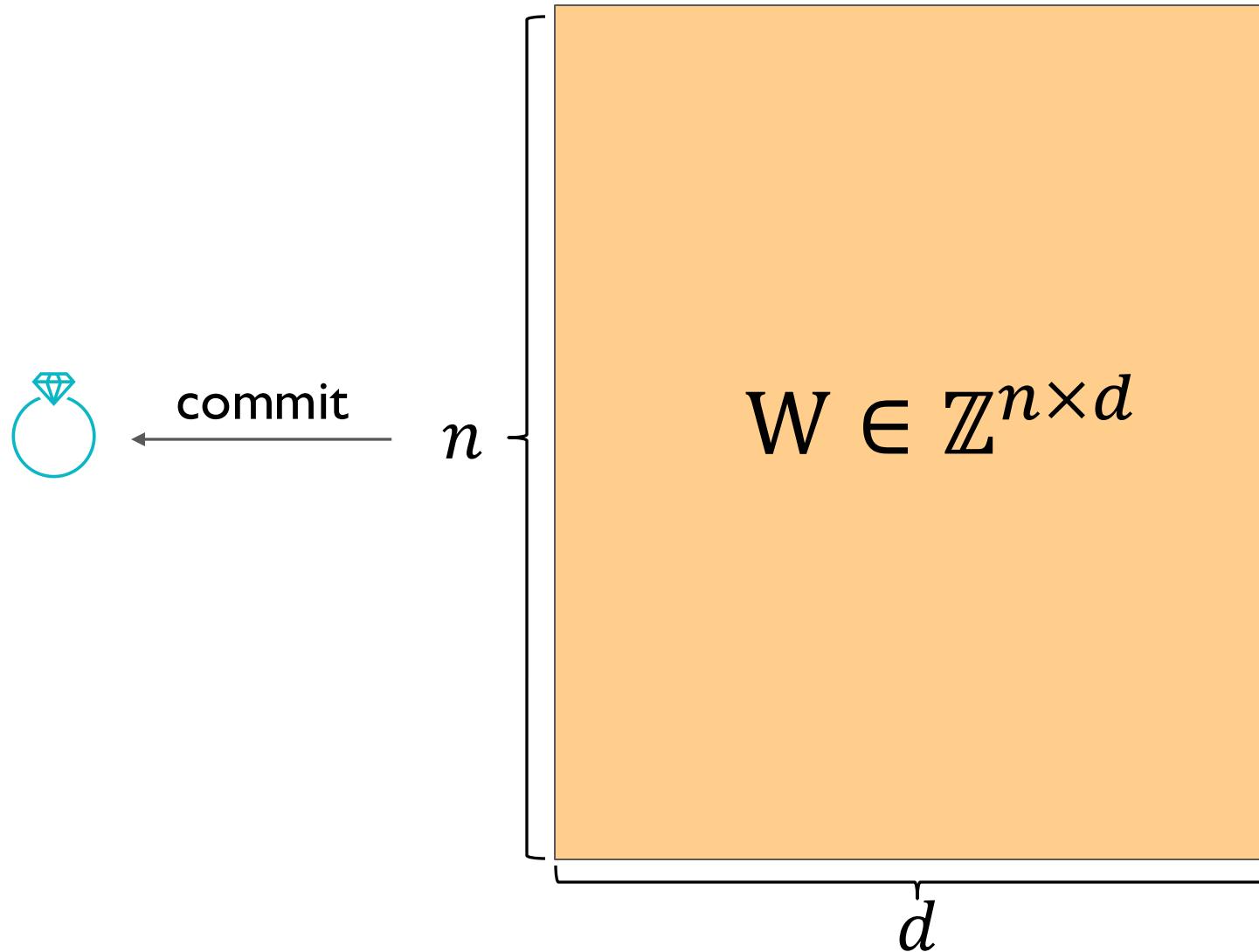
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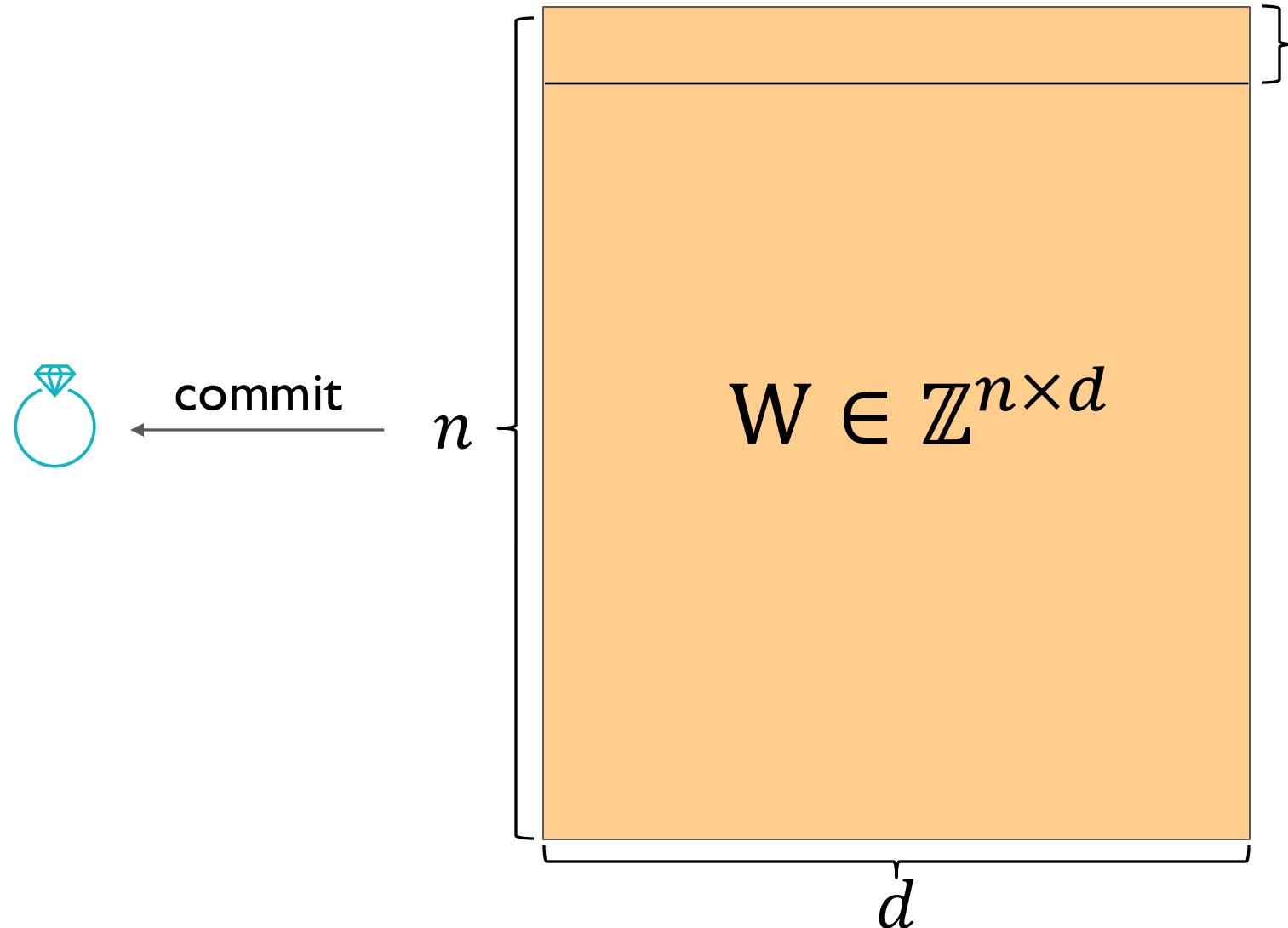
Challenge:
Lattice range-check

Idea: Approximate range-proof is enough in the high-arity setting!

Lattice-Based Range Proofs

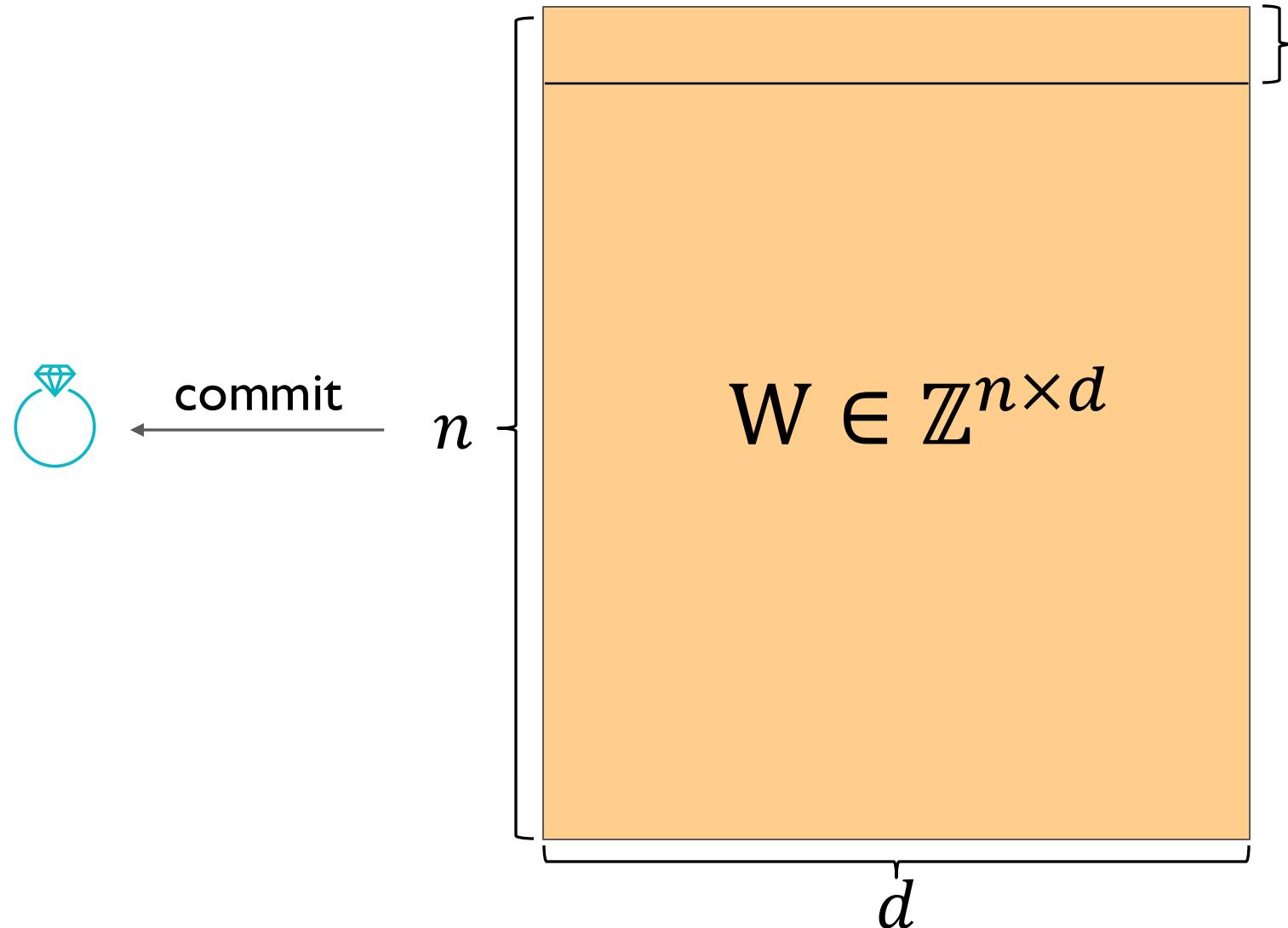


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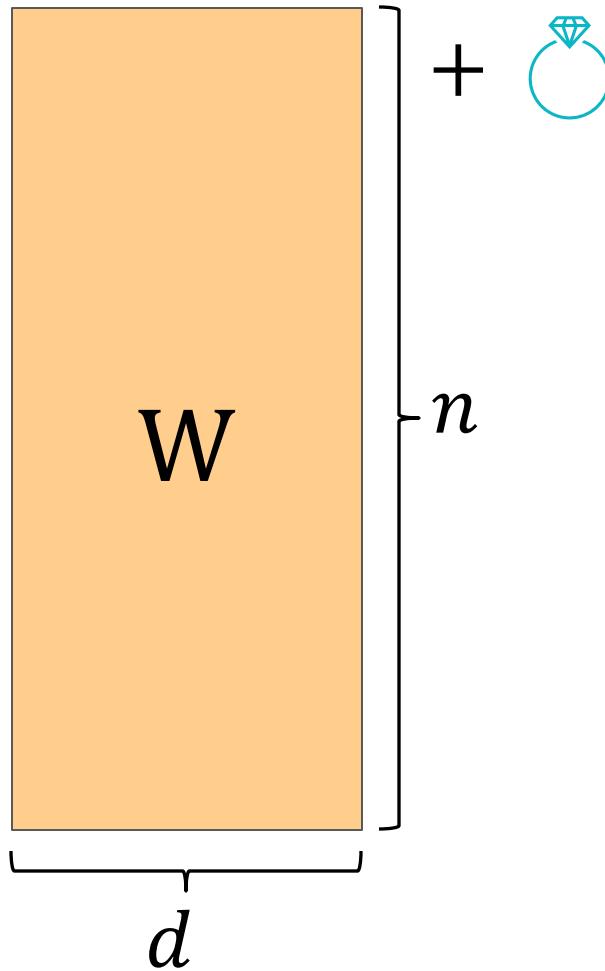


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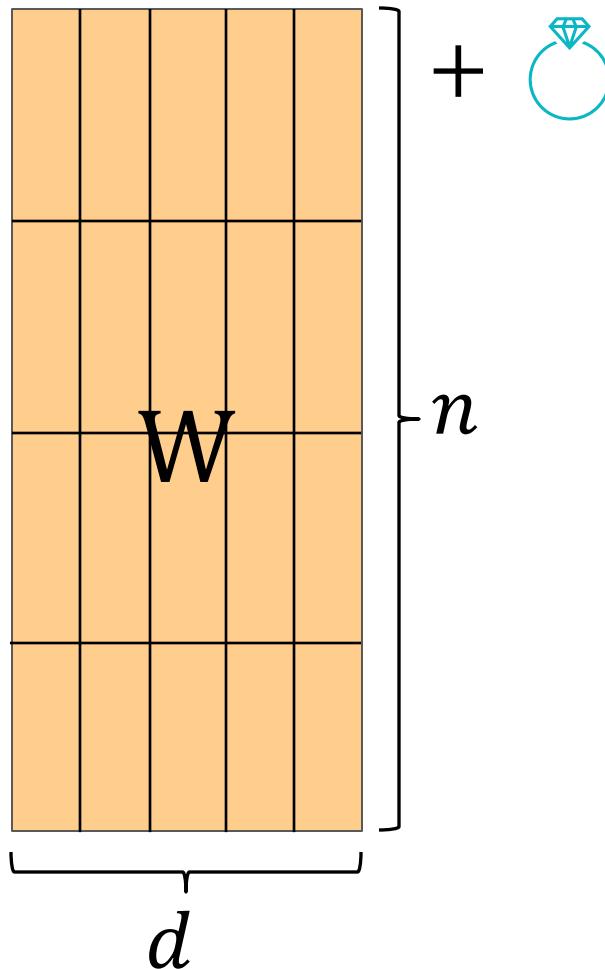
Goal check:

$$\|W\| < B$$

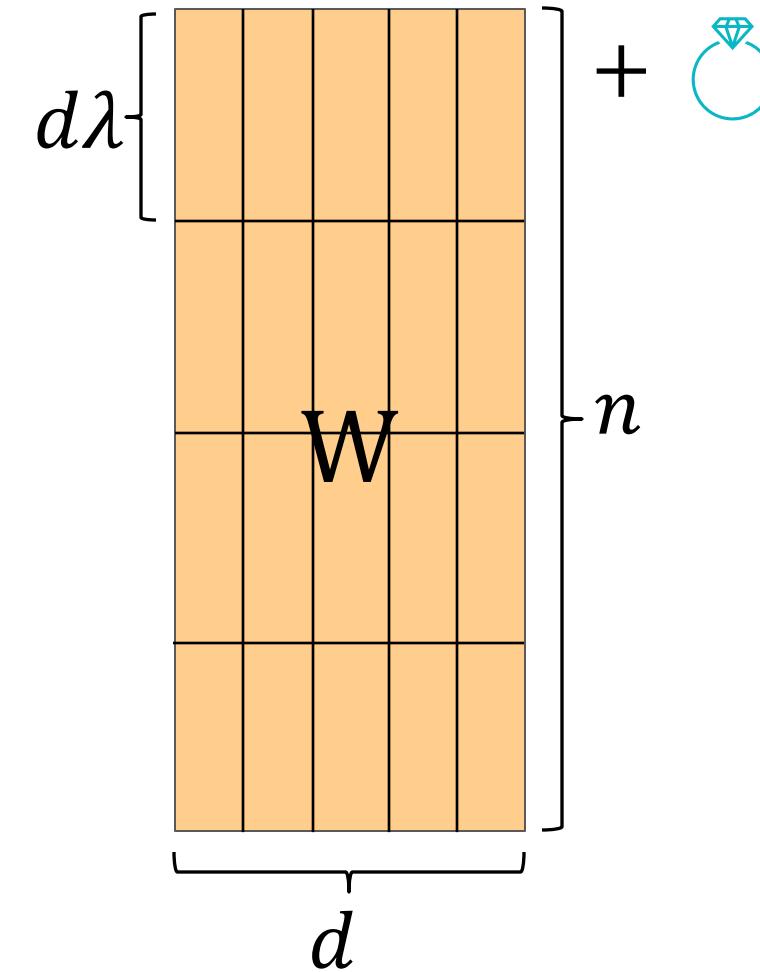
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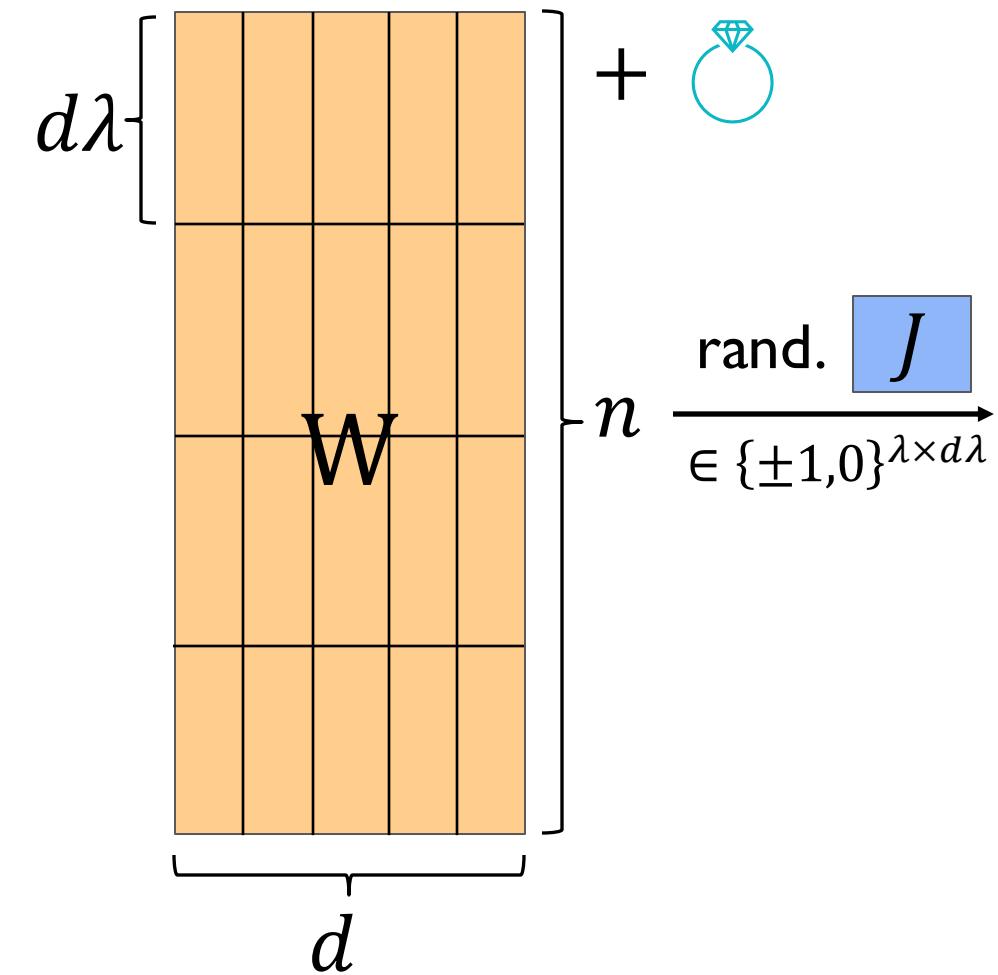
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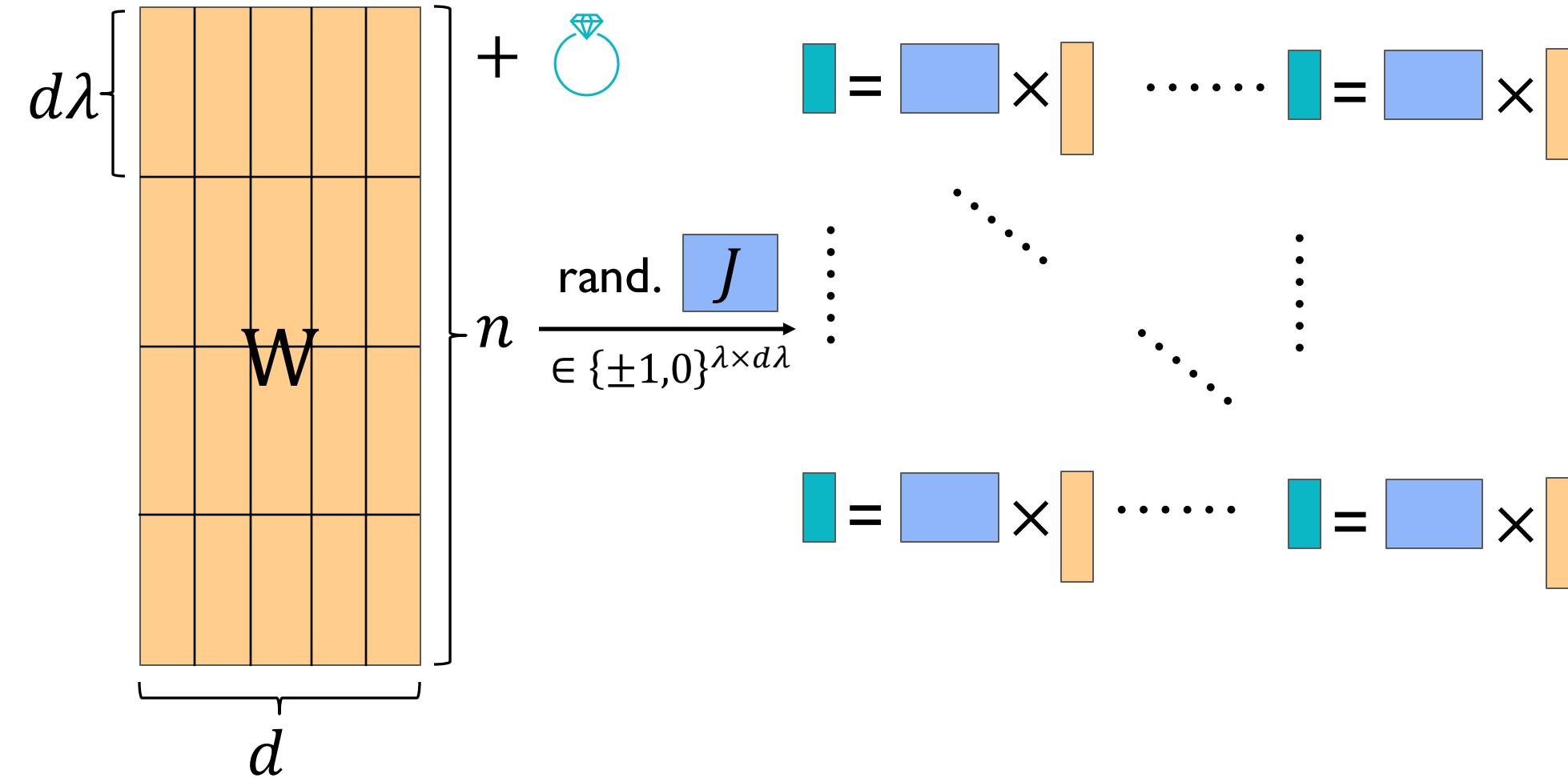
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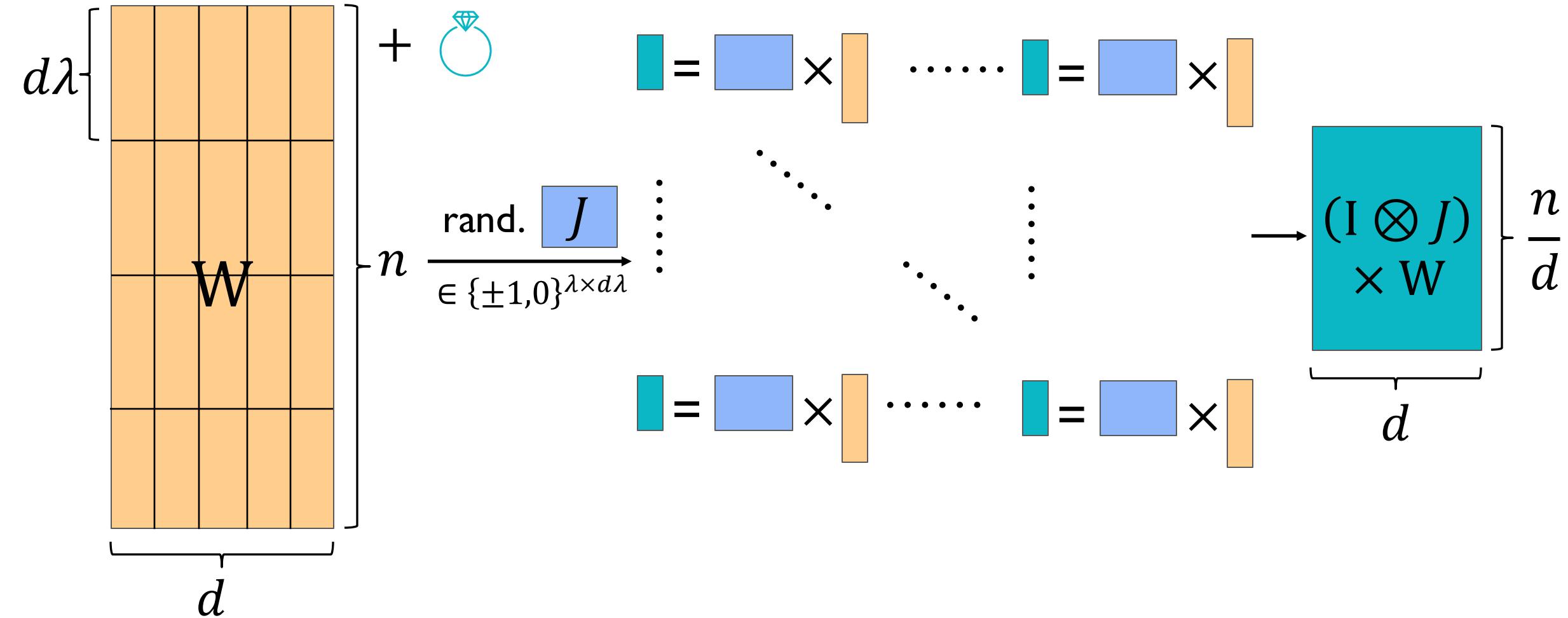
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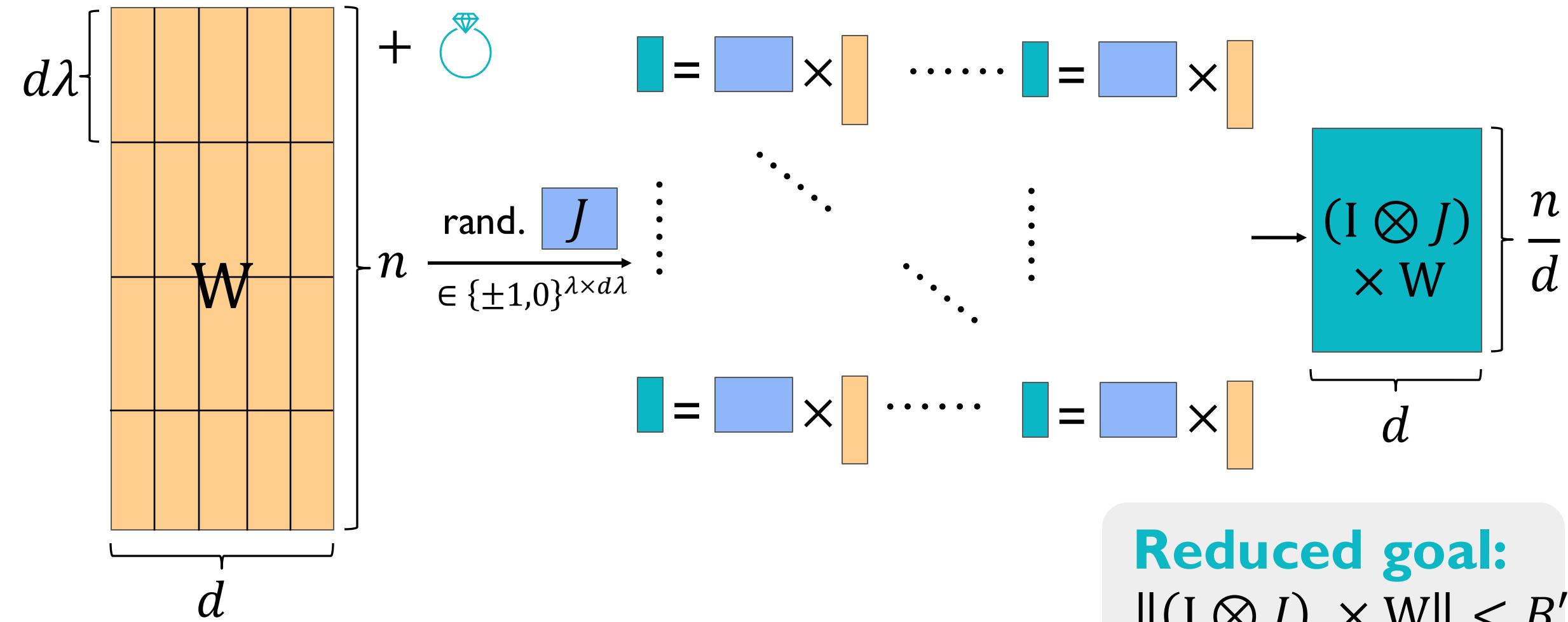
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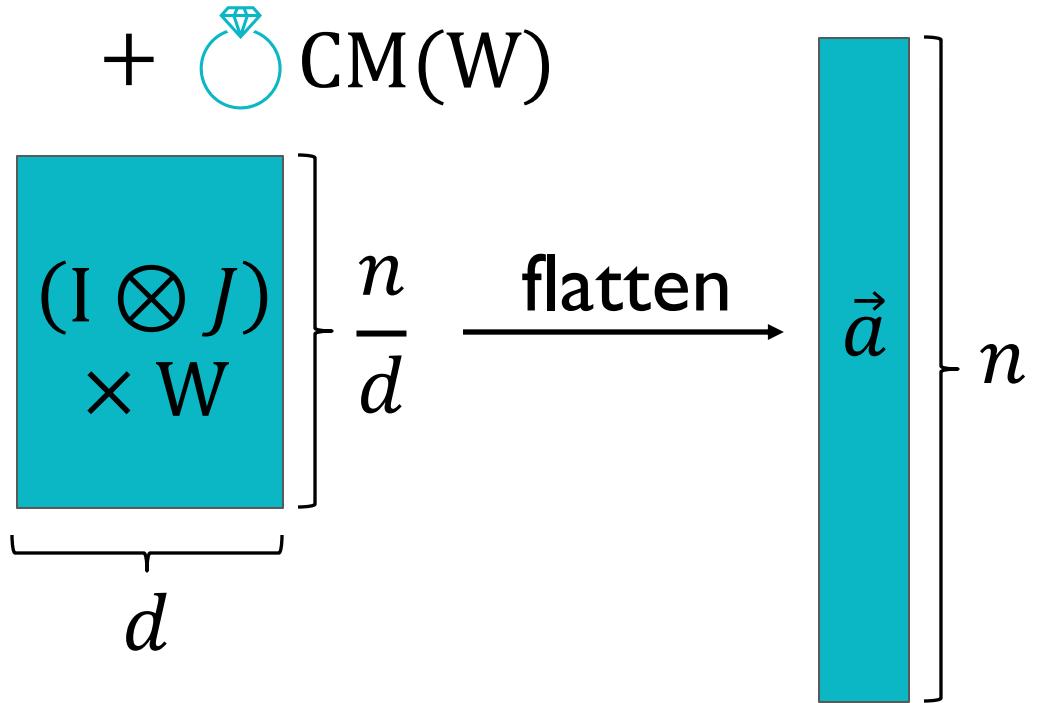
Reduced goal:
 $\|(I \otimes J) \times W\| < B'$

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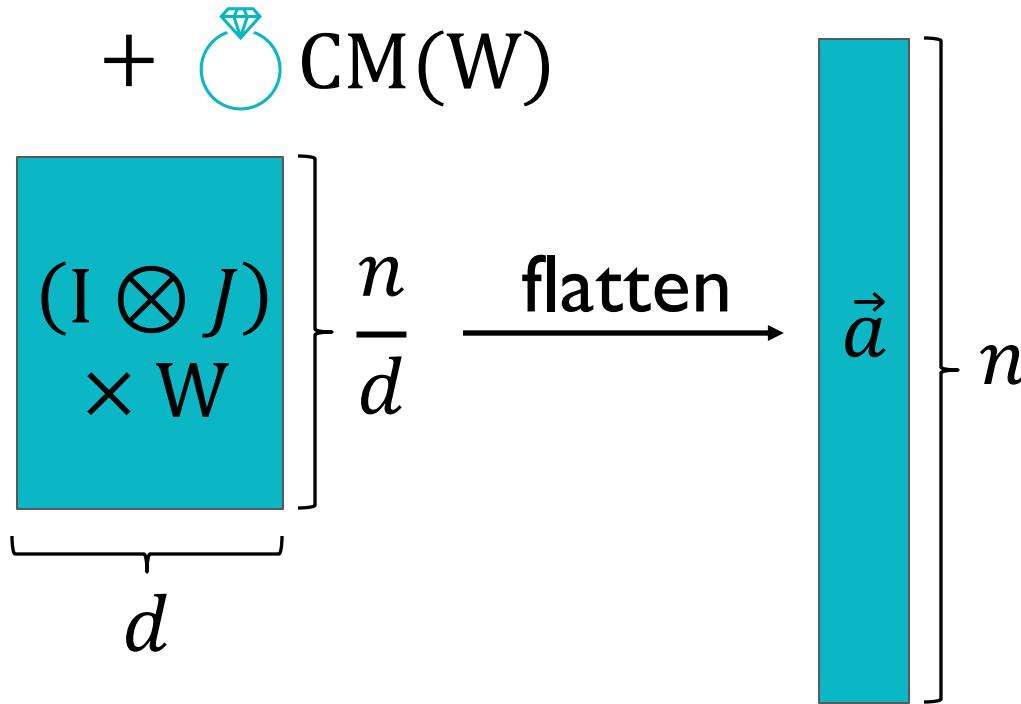
+  CM(W)

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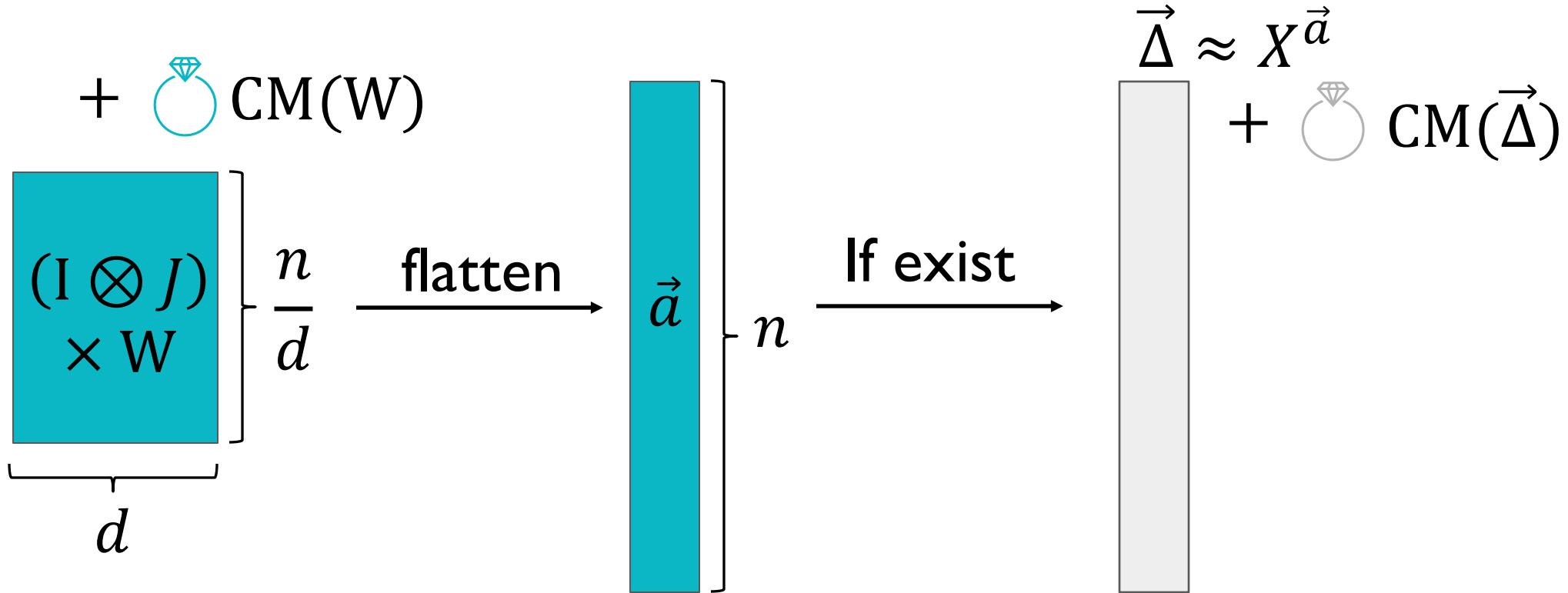
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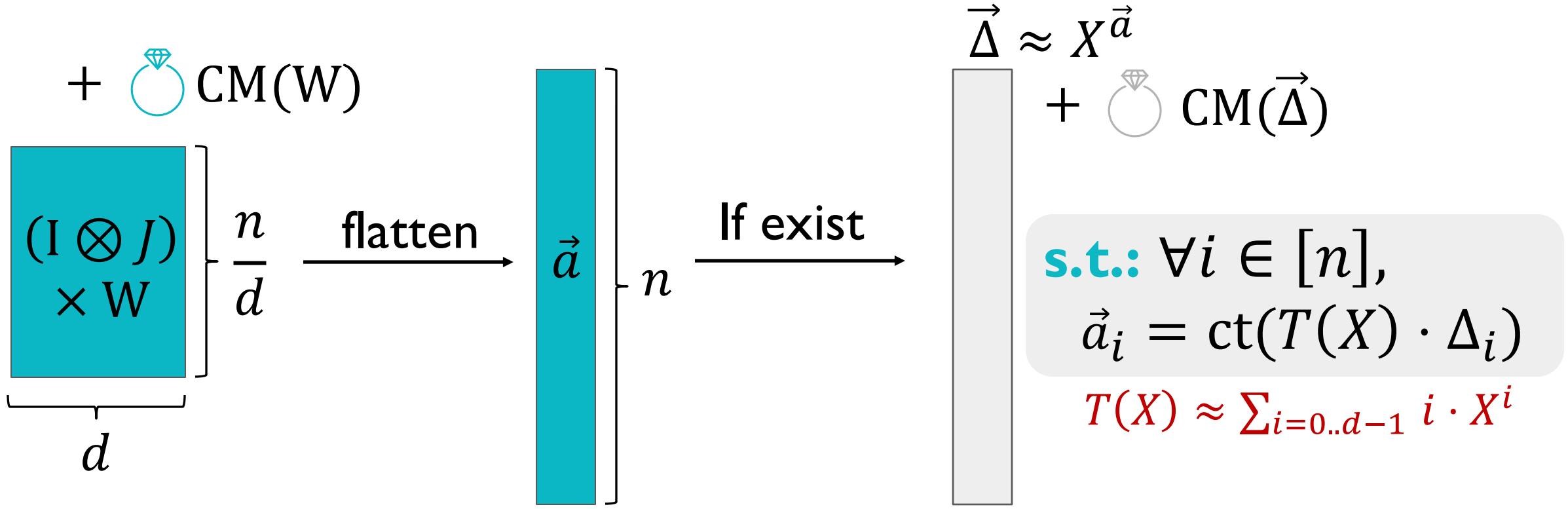
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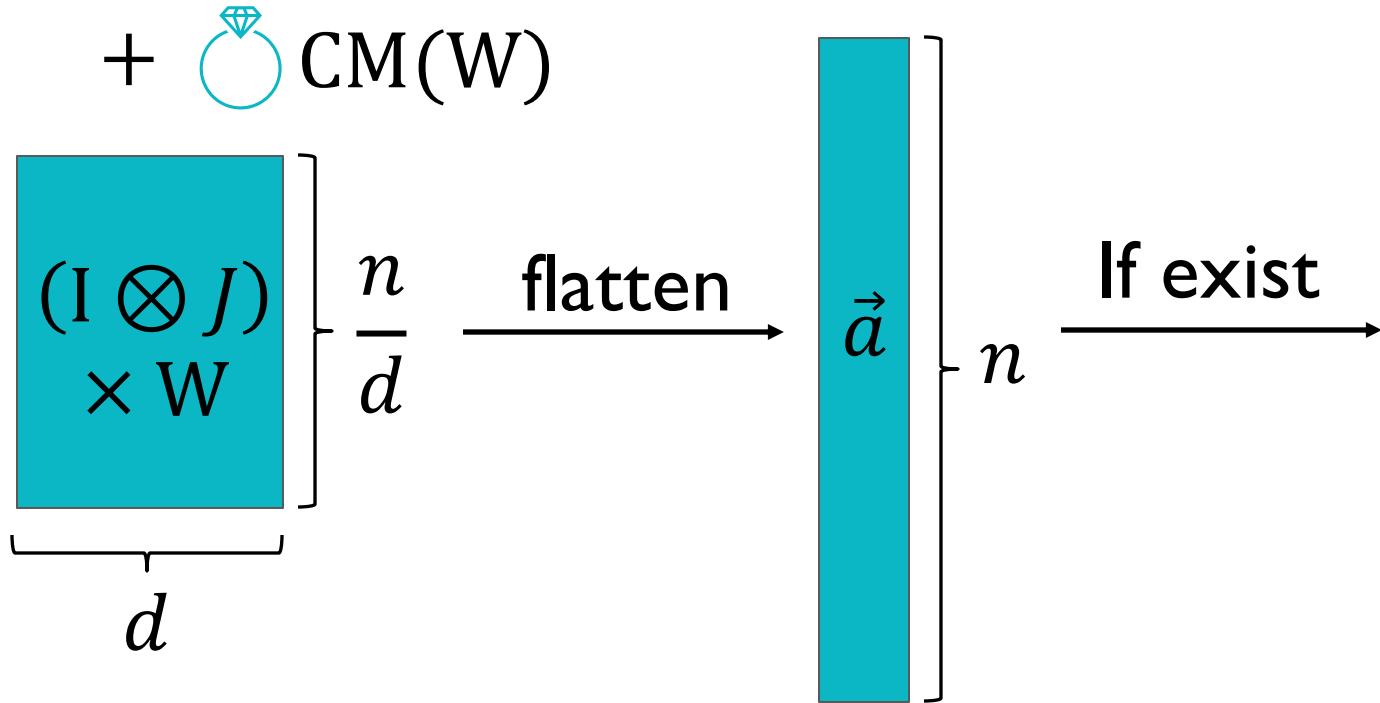
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$$\vec{\Delta} \approx X^{\vec{a}}$$

$$+ \diamond \text{CM}(\vec{\Delta})$$

s.t.: $\forall i \in [n],$
 $\vec{a}_i = \text{ct}(T(X) \cdot \Delta_i)$

$$T(X) \approx \sum_{i=0..d-1} i \cdot X^i$$

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Efficiency [BC'25]

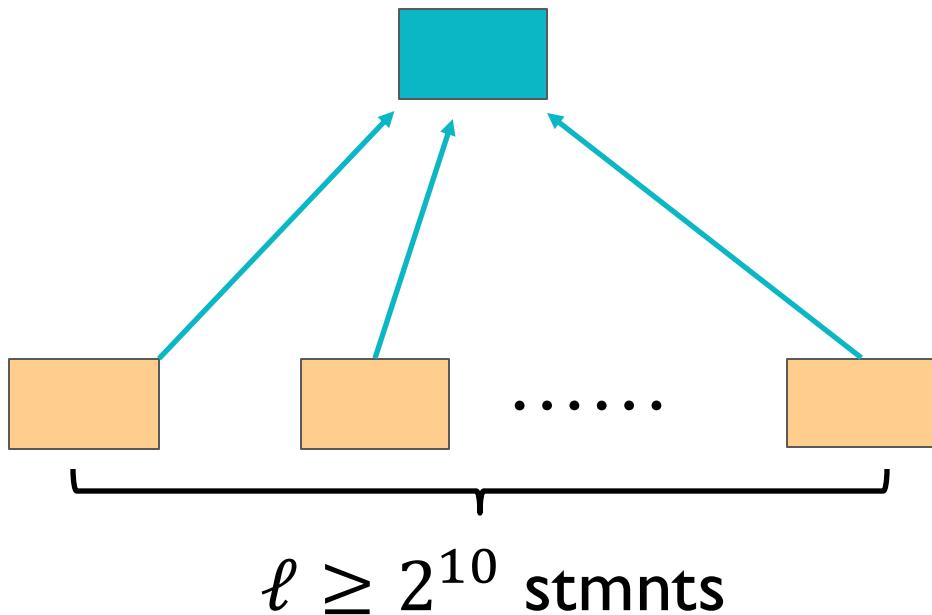
Prover: $O(n)$ R_q -add

Verifier: $O(d + \log(n))$ \mathbb{F} -ops

d times cheaper
than [BC'25]

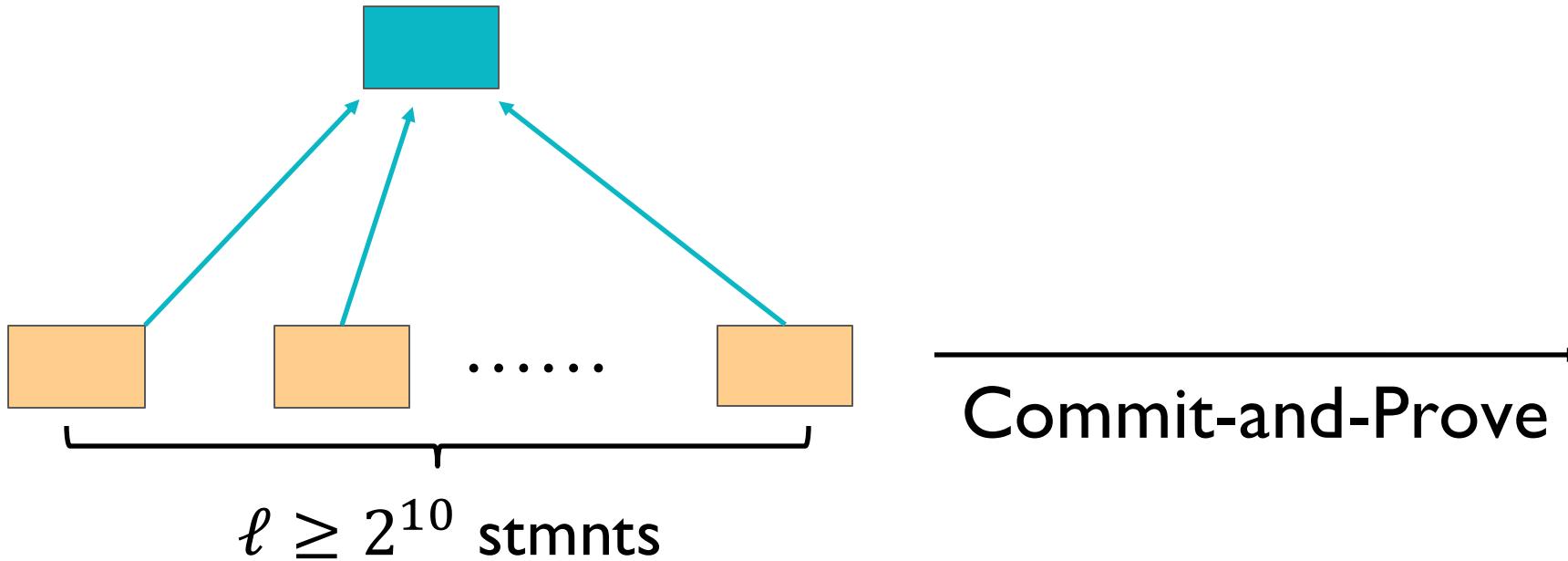
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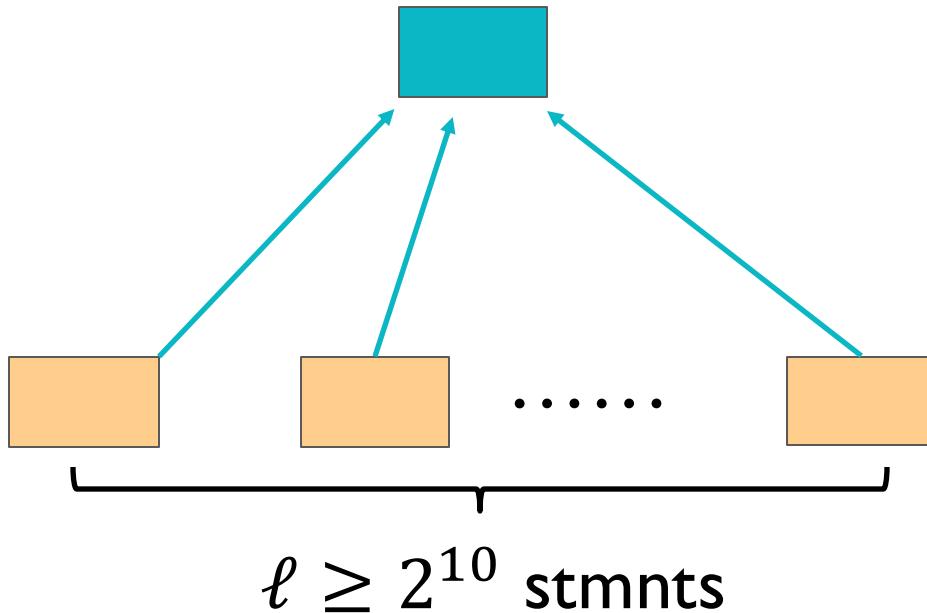


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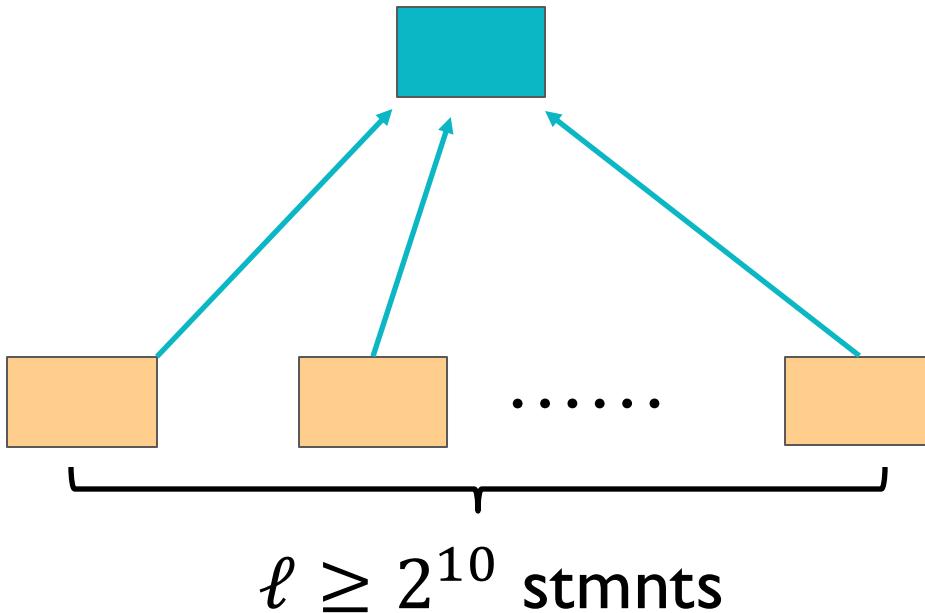


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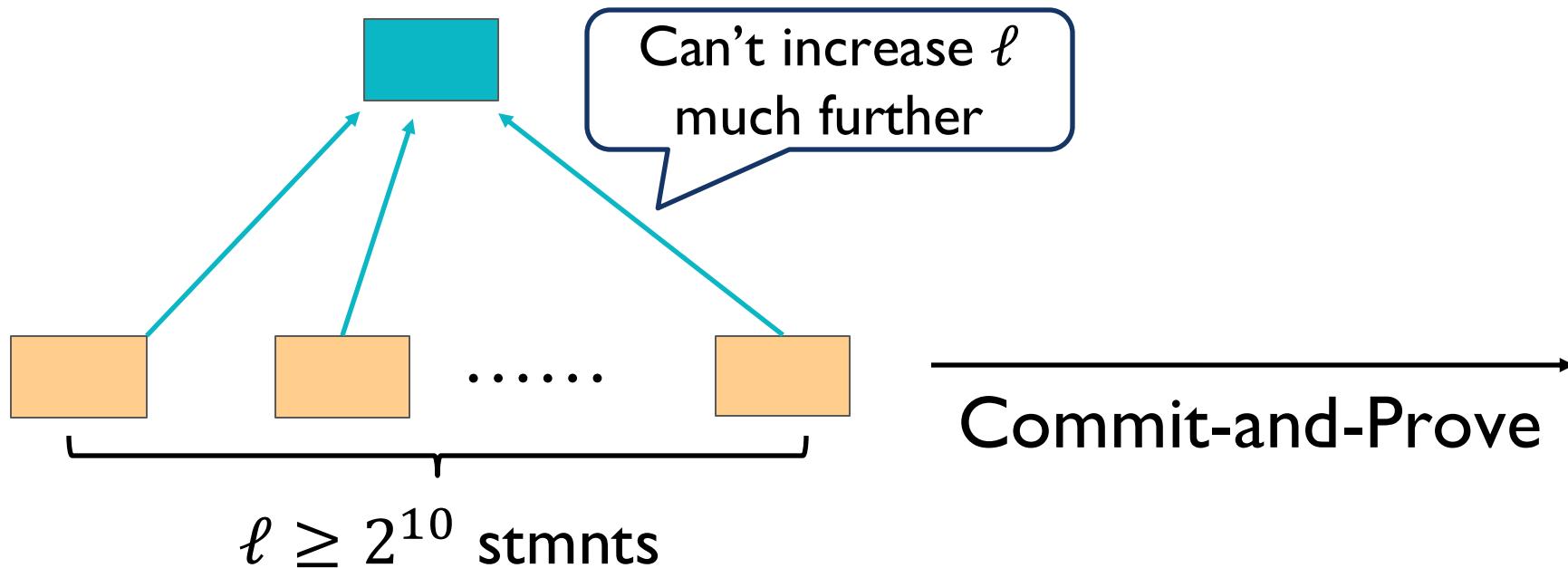
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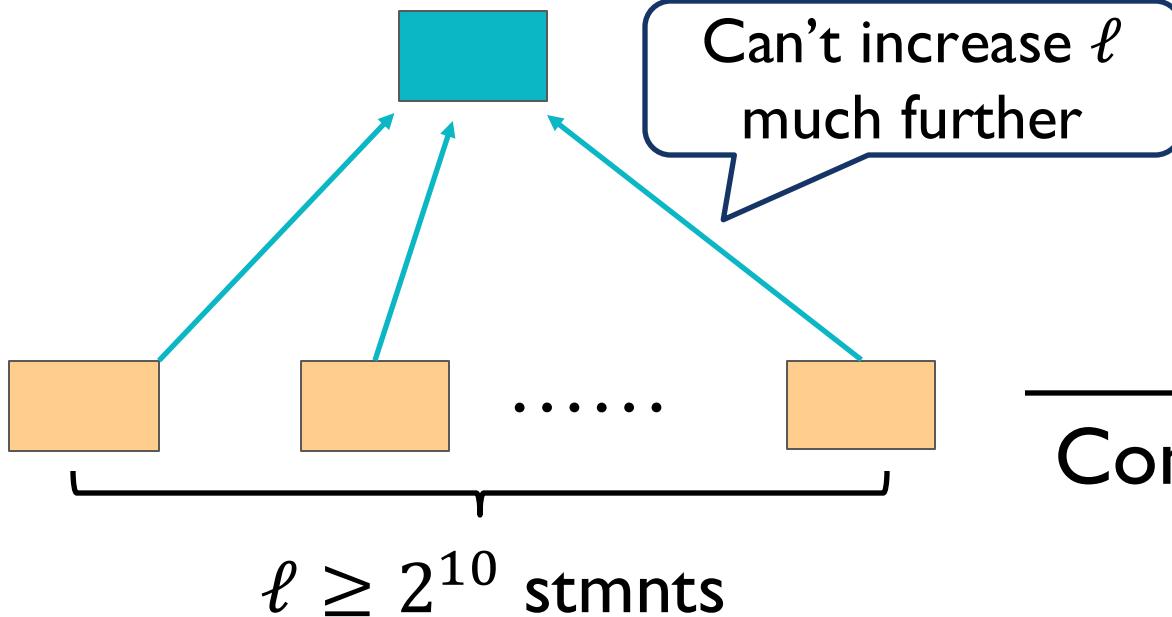
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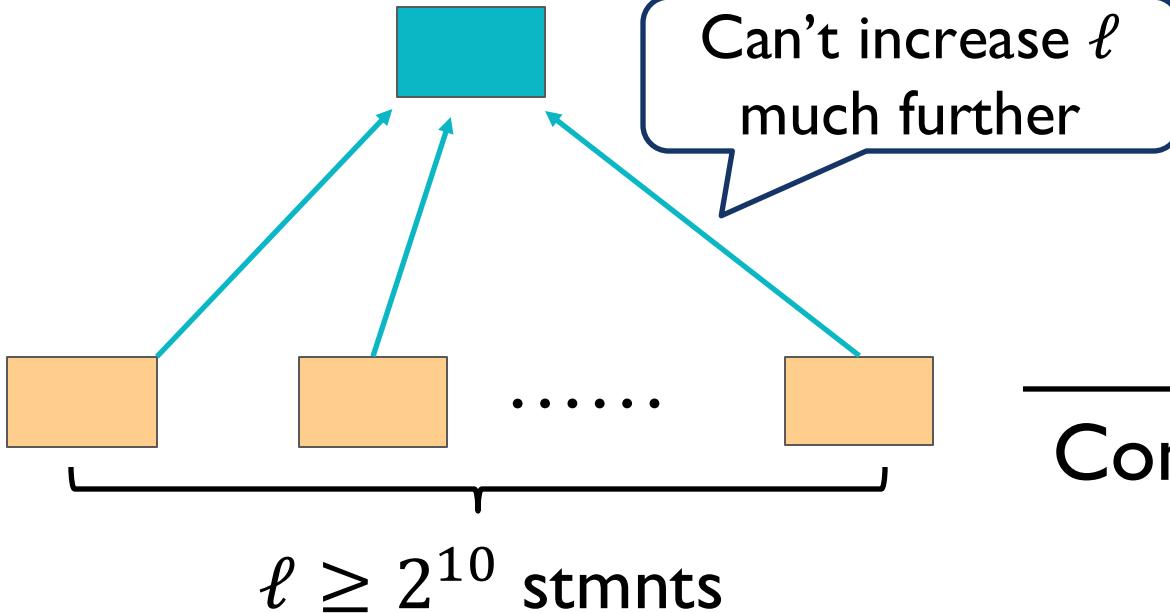
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norm blowup &
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Open Problems

Symphony: $2 + \log\log(n)$ passes

One-pass small-memory prover without recursion

Arity boosting based on standard MSIS assumption

Folding verifier w/ $\text{o}(\ell)$ -complexity

QROM analysis?

THANK YOU

