

Leveraging Discrete CKKS to Bootstrap in High Precision

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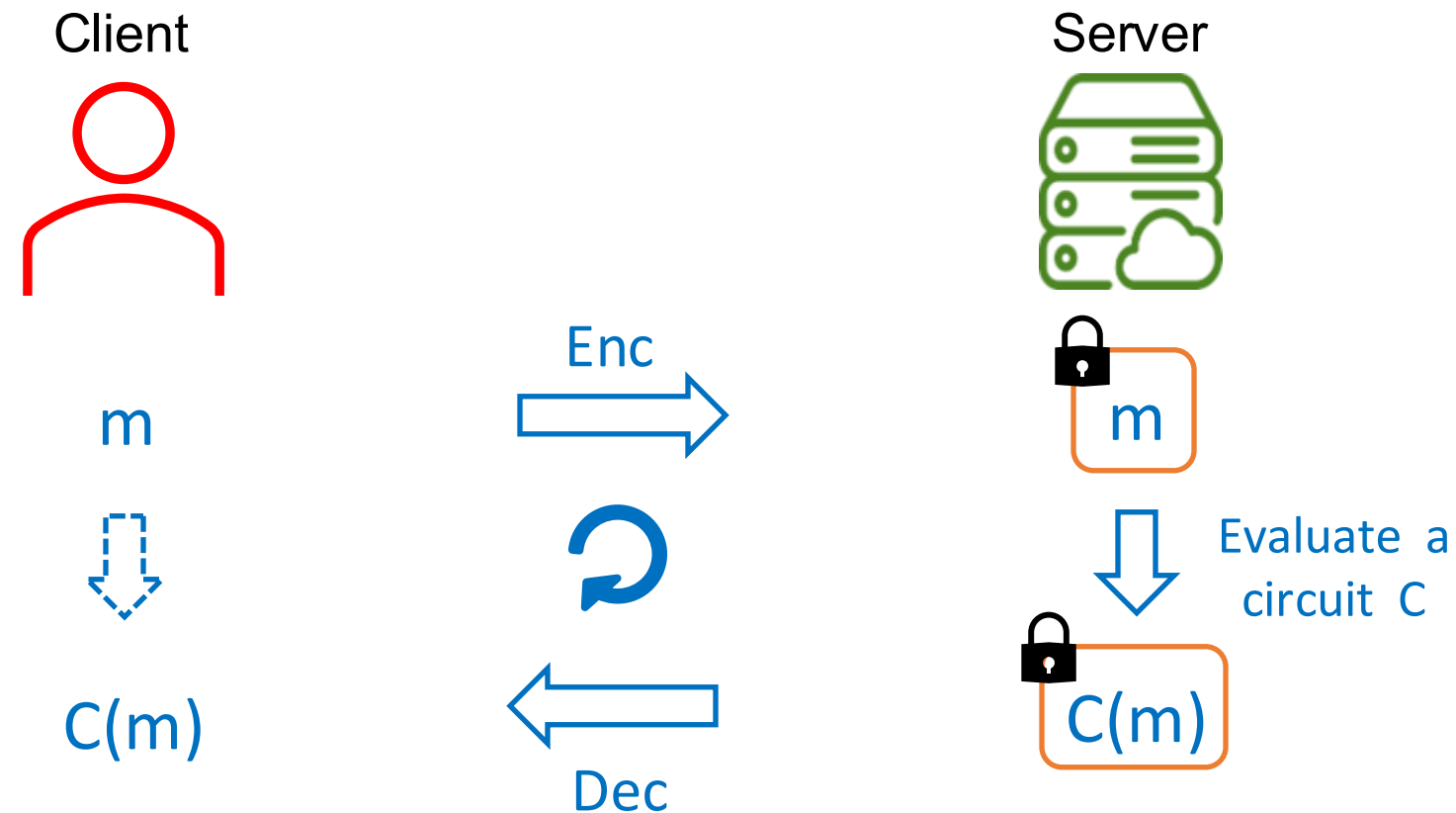
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Fully Homomorphic Encryption

- **FHE** enables computations on encrypted data without decryption.
 - Allows *Evaluation on Data* while keeping *Privacy*
 - One of the most popular Privacy Enhancing Technologies (PETs)





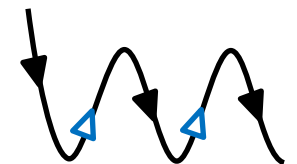
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- Arbitrary computation thanks to **Bootstrapping**
 - **Mult** consumes modulus Q for ciphertext
 - $\text{Ecd}_{\Delta}(m_1) \cdot \text{Ecd}_{\Delta}(m_2) \approx \Delta \cdot \text{Ecd}_{\Delta}(m_1 \odot m_2)$: need $\times \Delta^{-1}$: modulus Q becomes Q/Δ
 - **Bootstrapping** refreshes Q and allows further computation
 - Usually, ≤ 20 bits of precision





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	Decrypted: 3.1415926535897932	7	Incorrect digit
+	Exponential Noise: 0.00150964880763503		
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	Result: 3.14	310230239742830	Incorrect digits



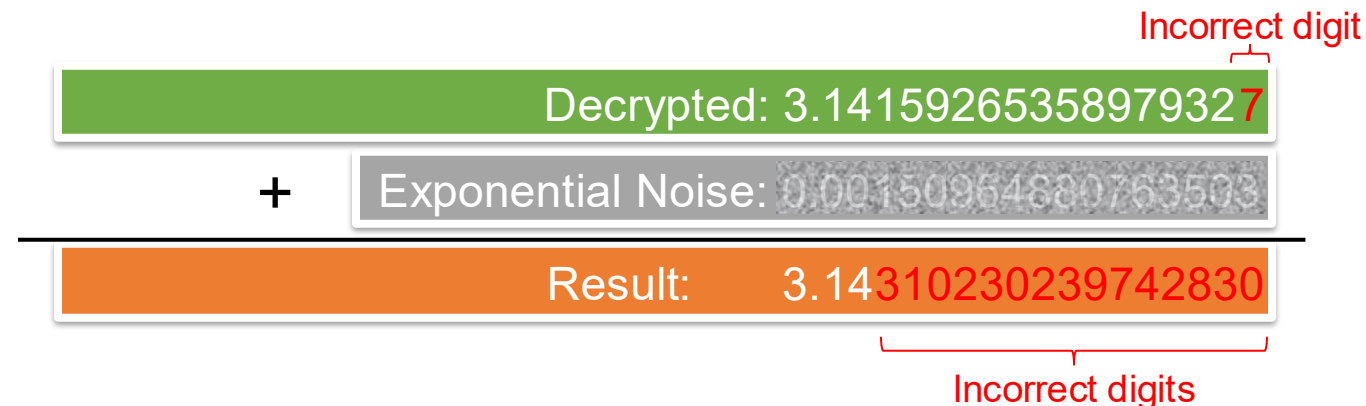
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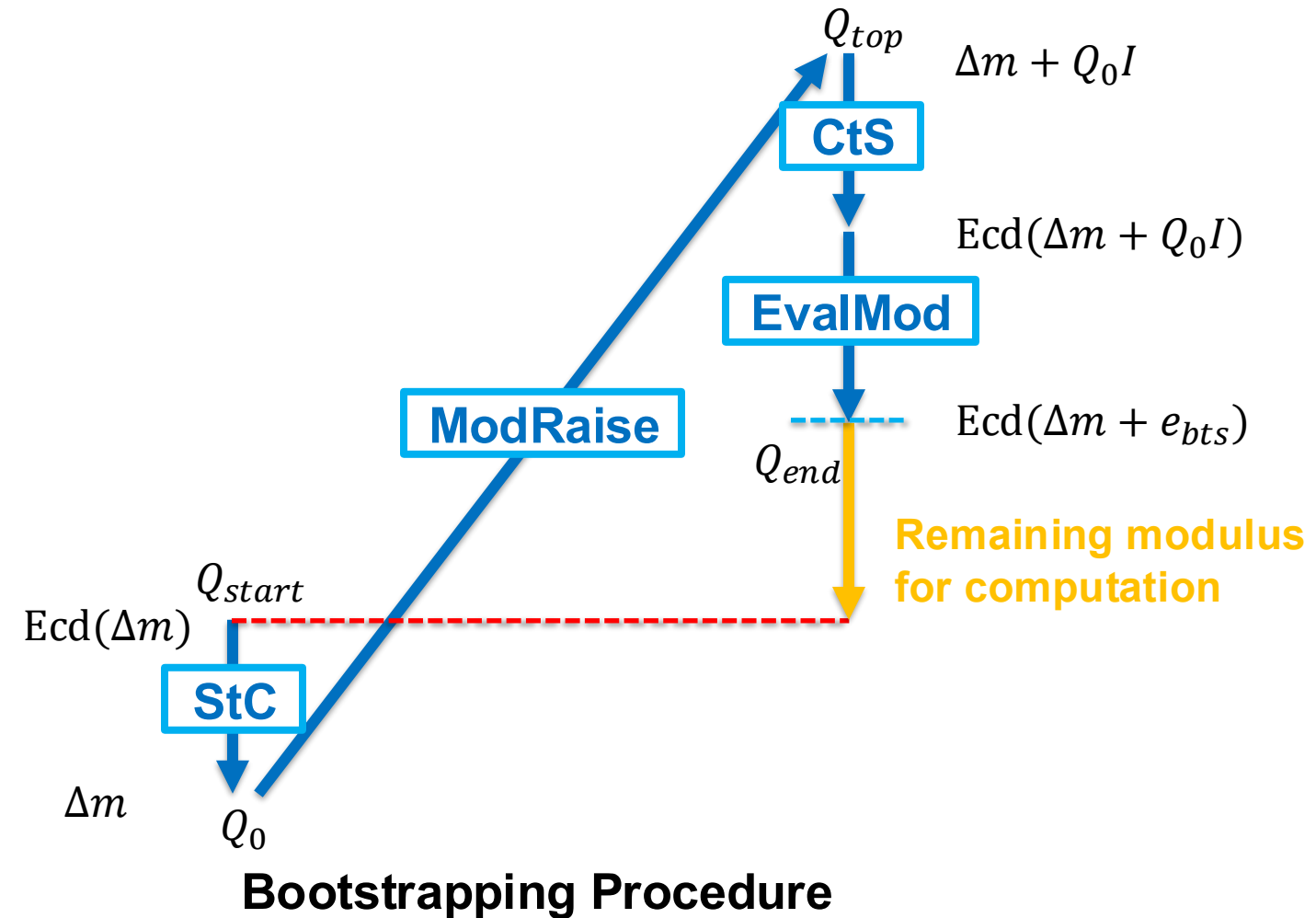
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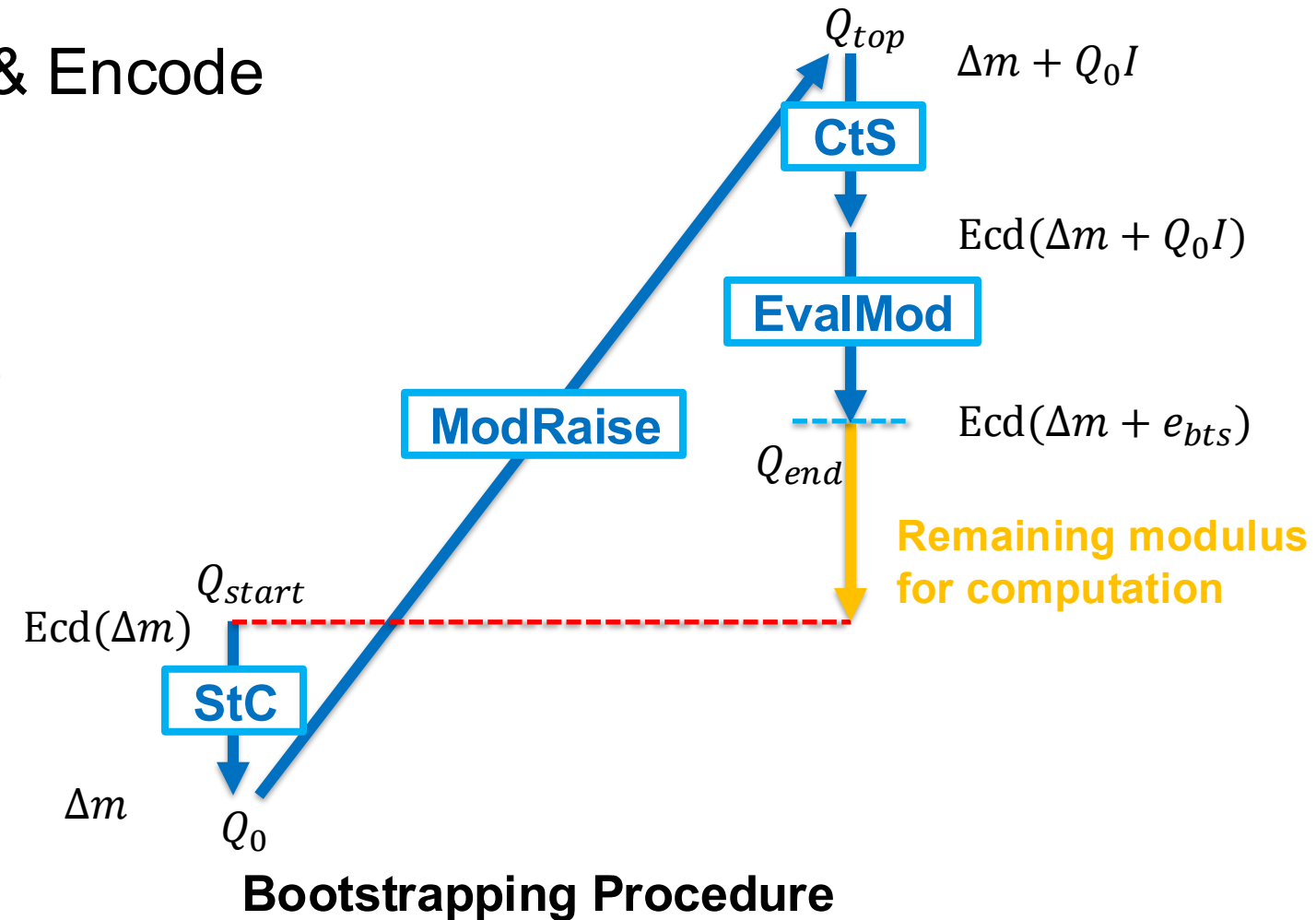
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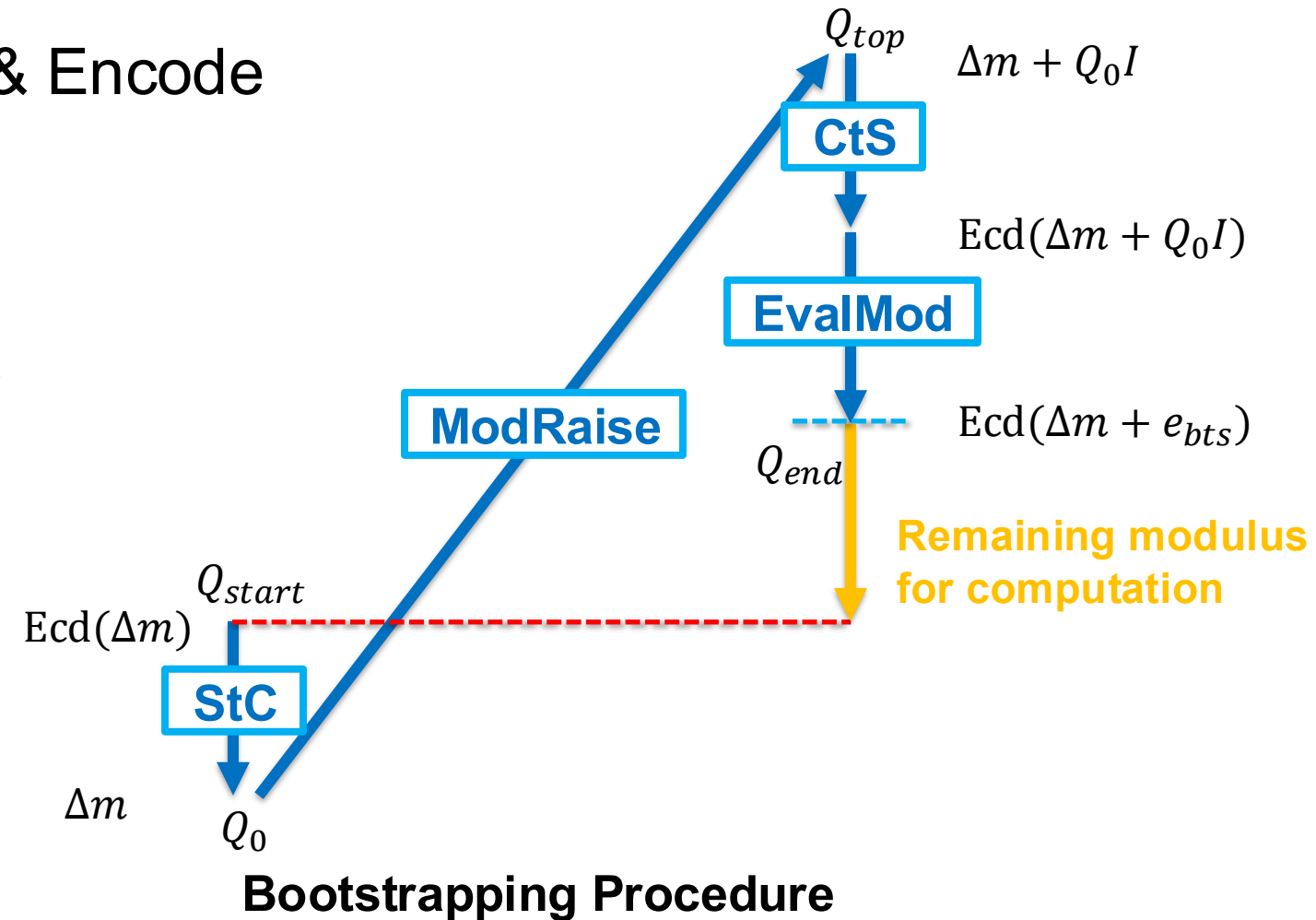
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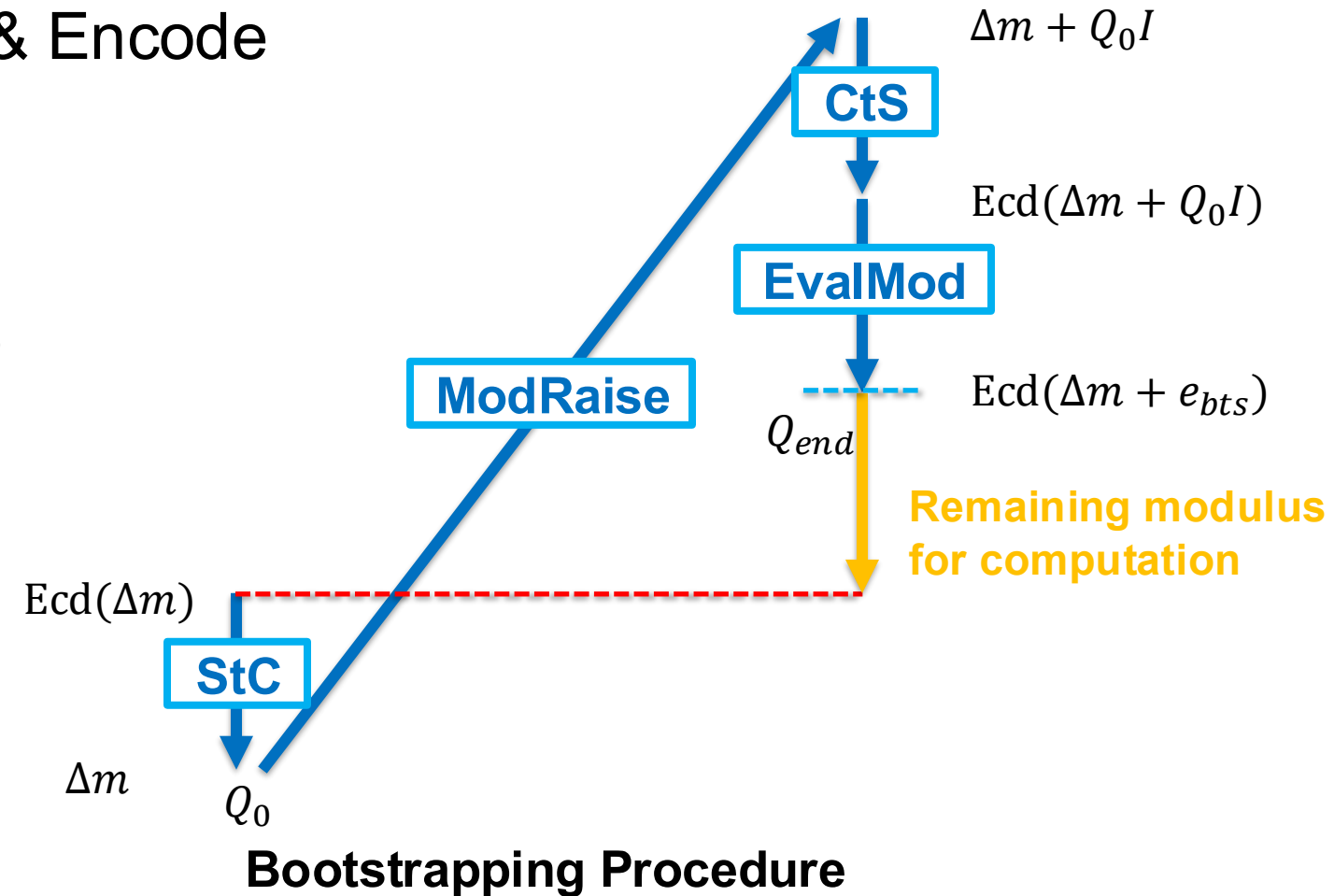
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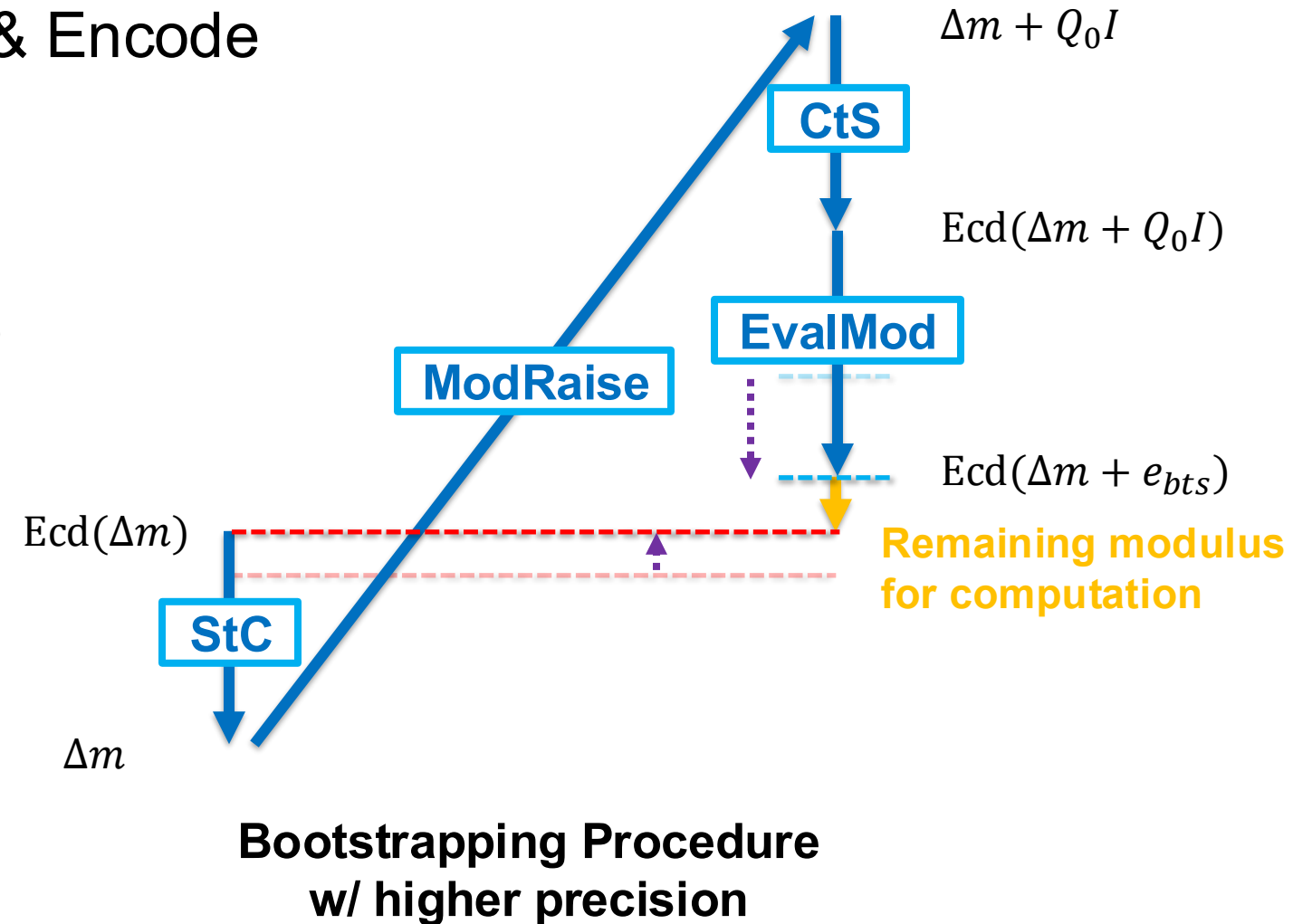
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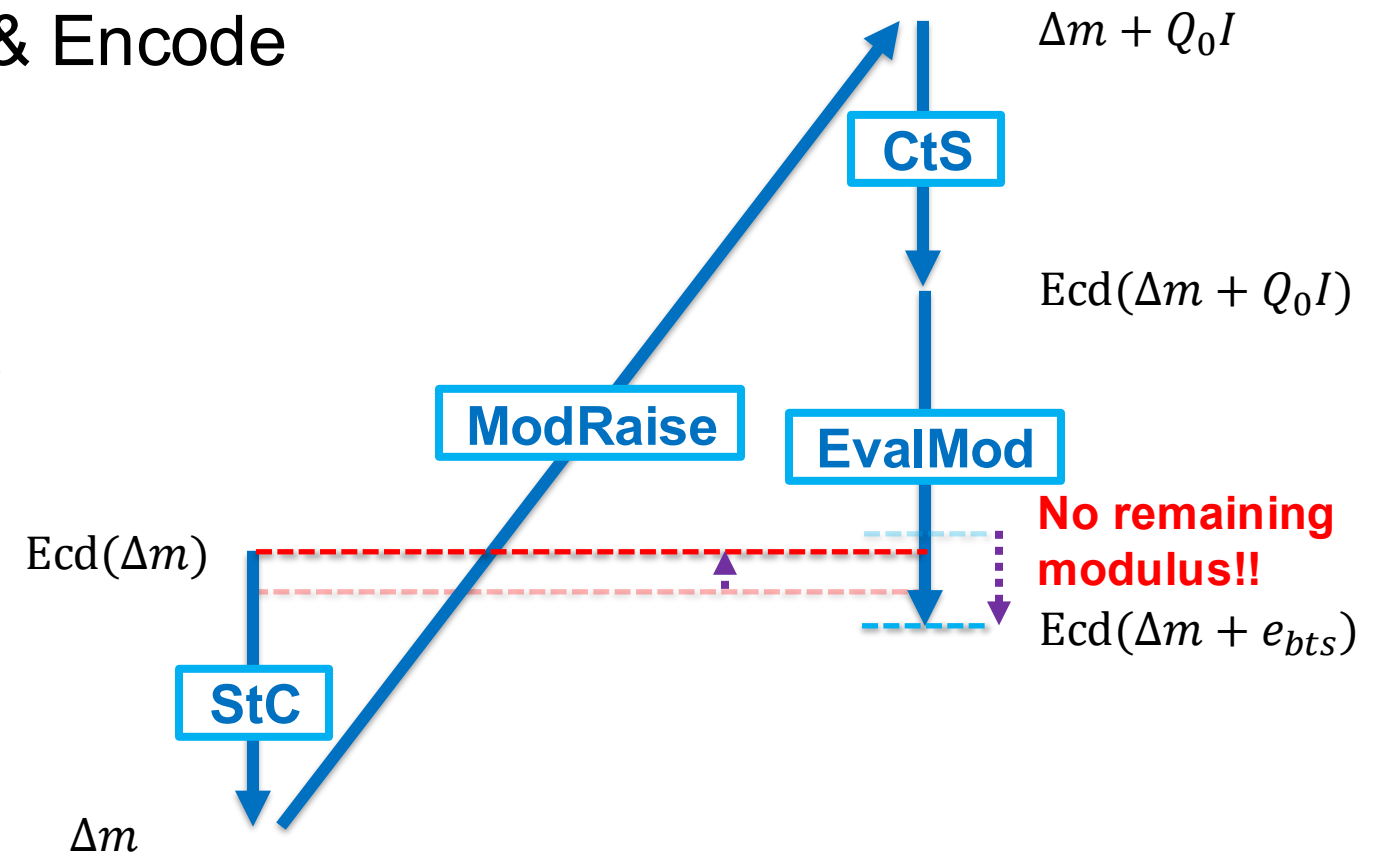
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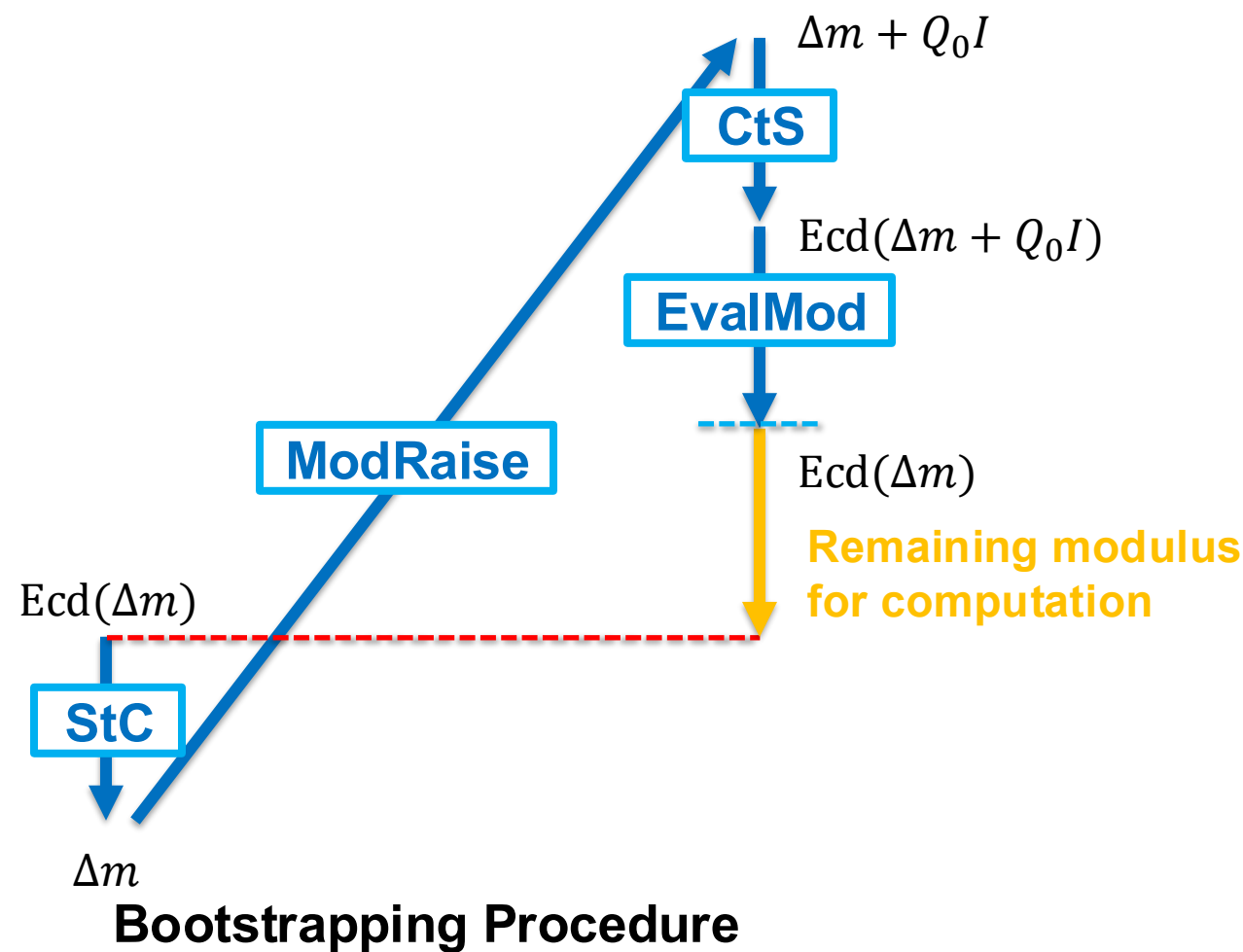


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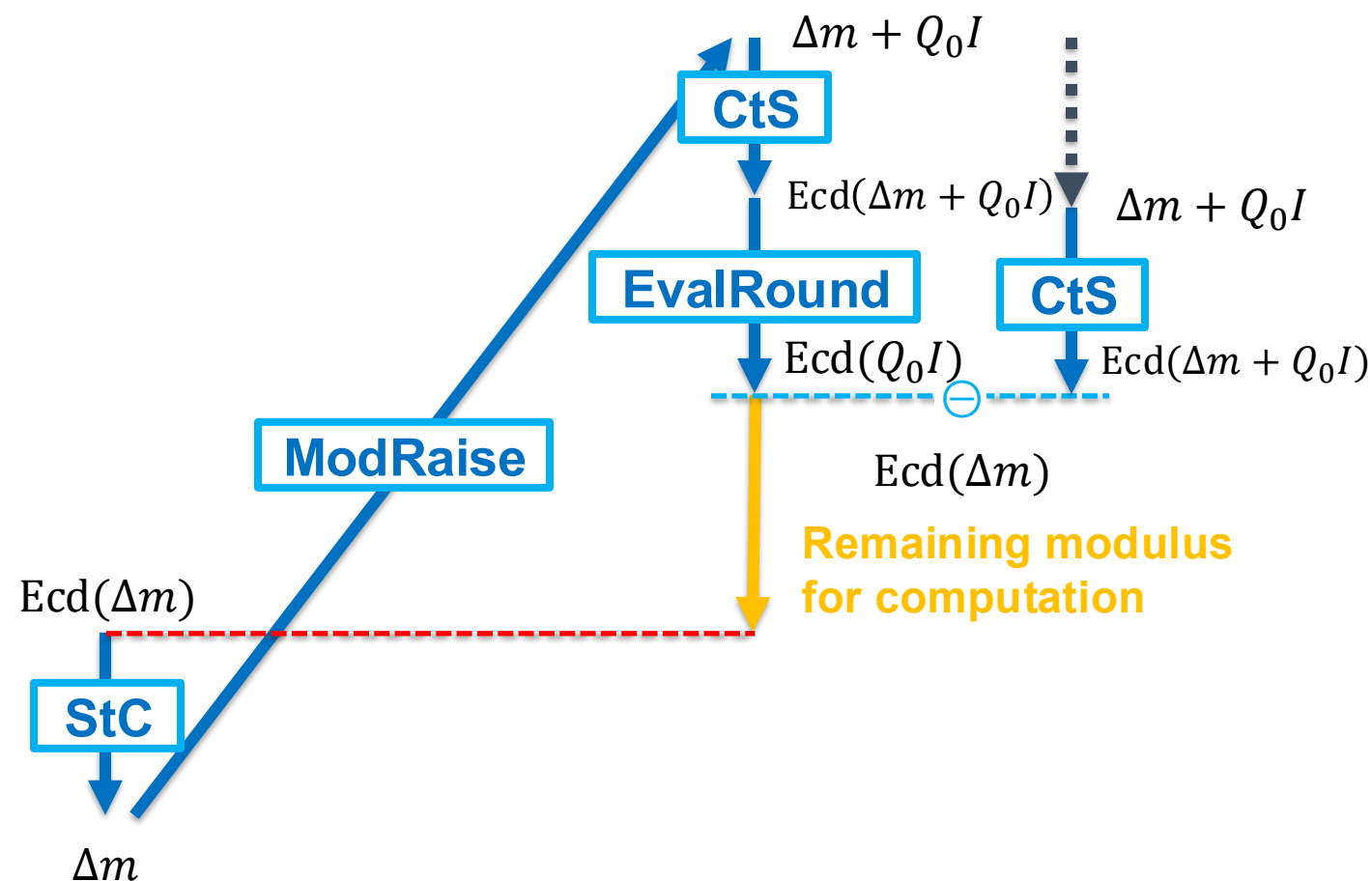


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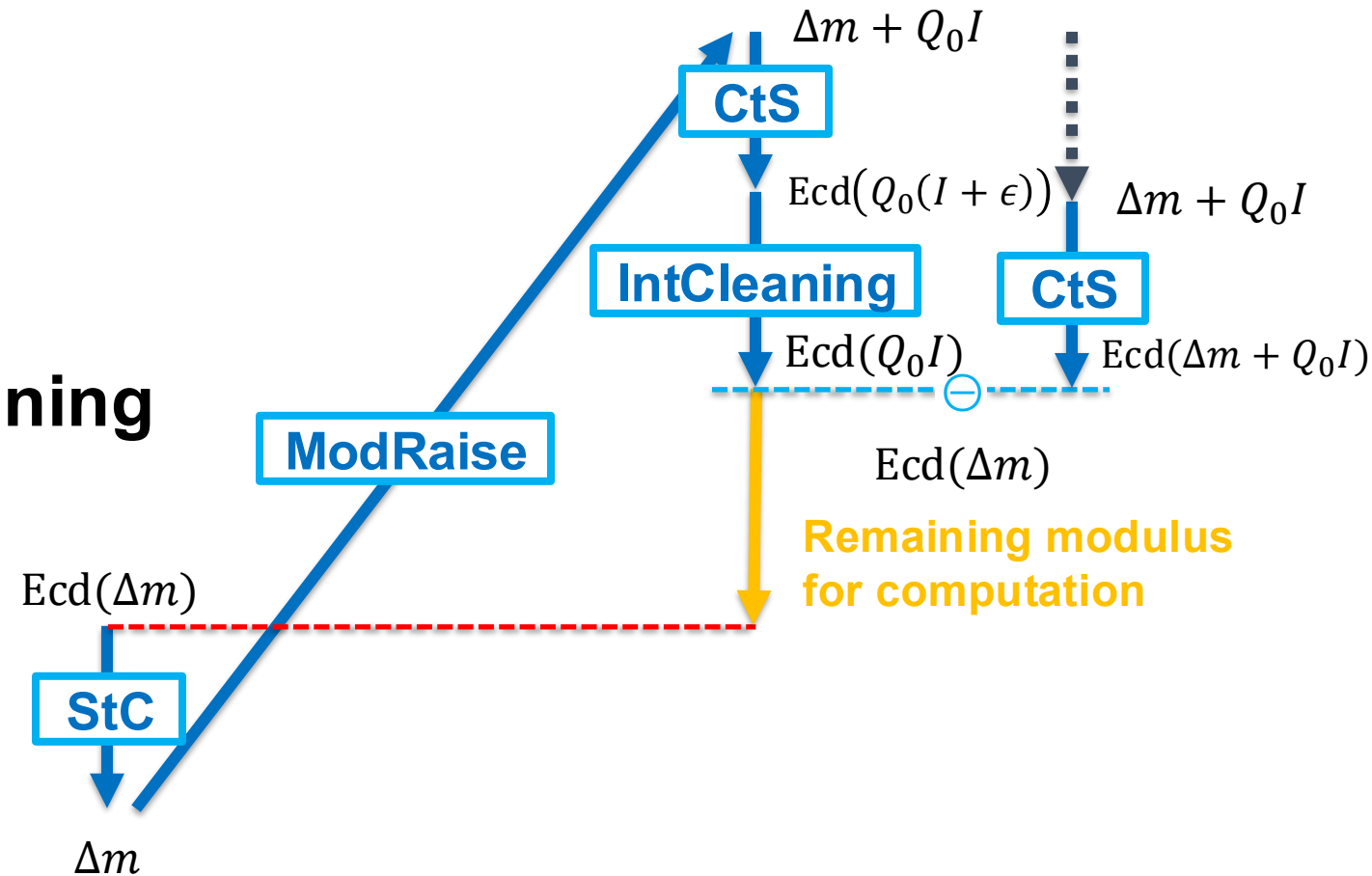
- One can regard this as **Integer Cleaning**

- $Q_0(I + \epsilon) \mapsto Q_0 \cdot I$

- I : integer, $\epsilon = \Delta m / Q_0$

- Regard Q_0 as a scale factor

- It cleans *erroneous integer* $I + \epsilon$.

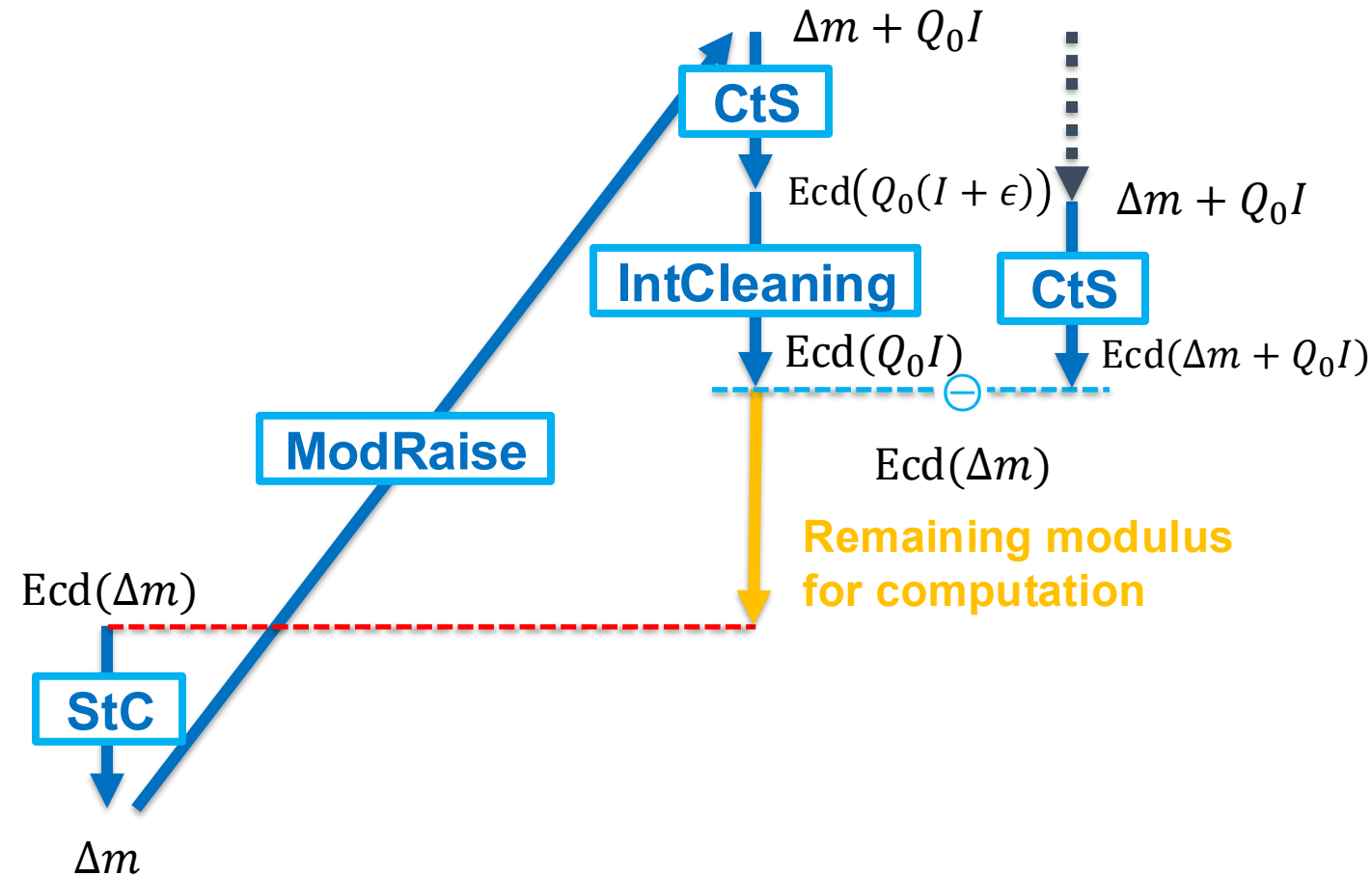


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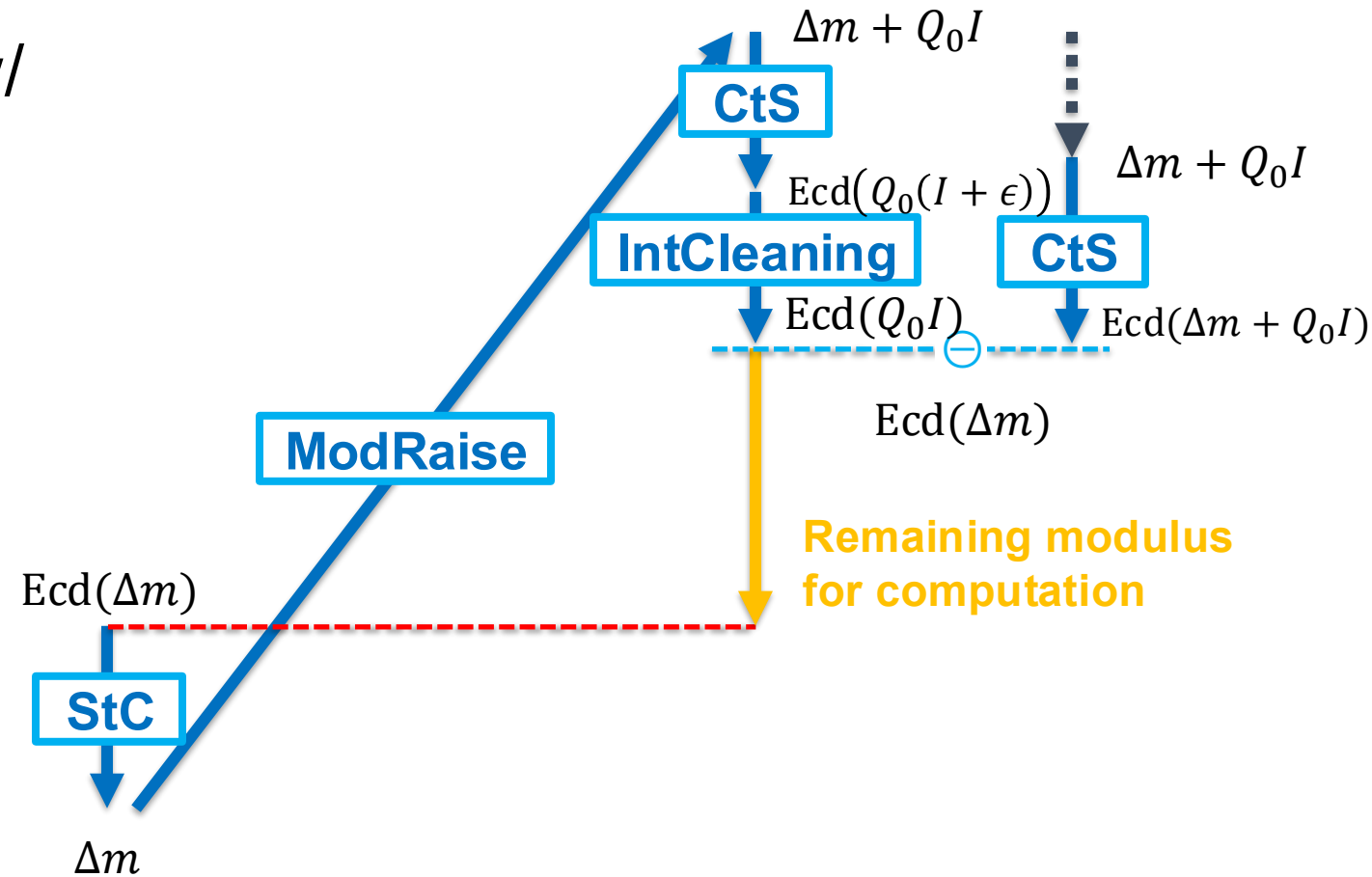


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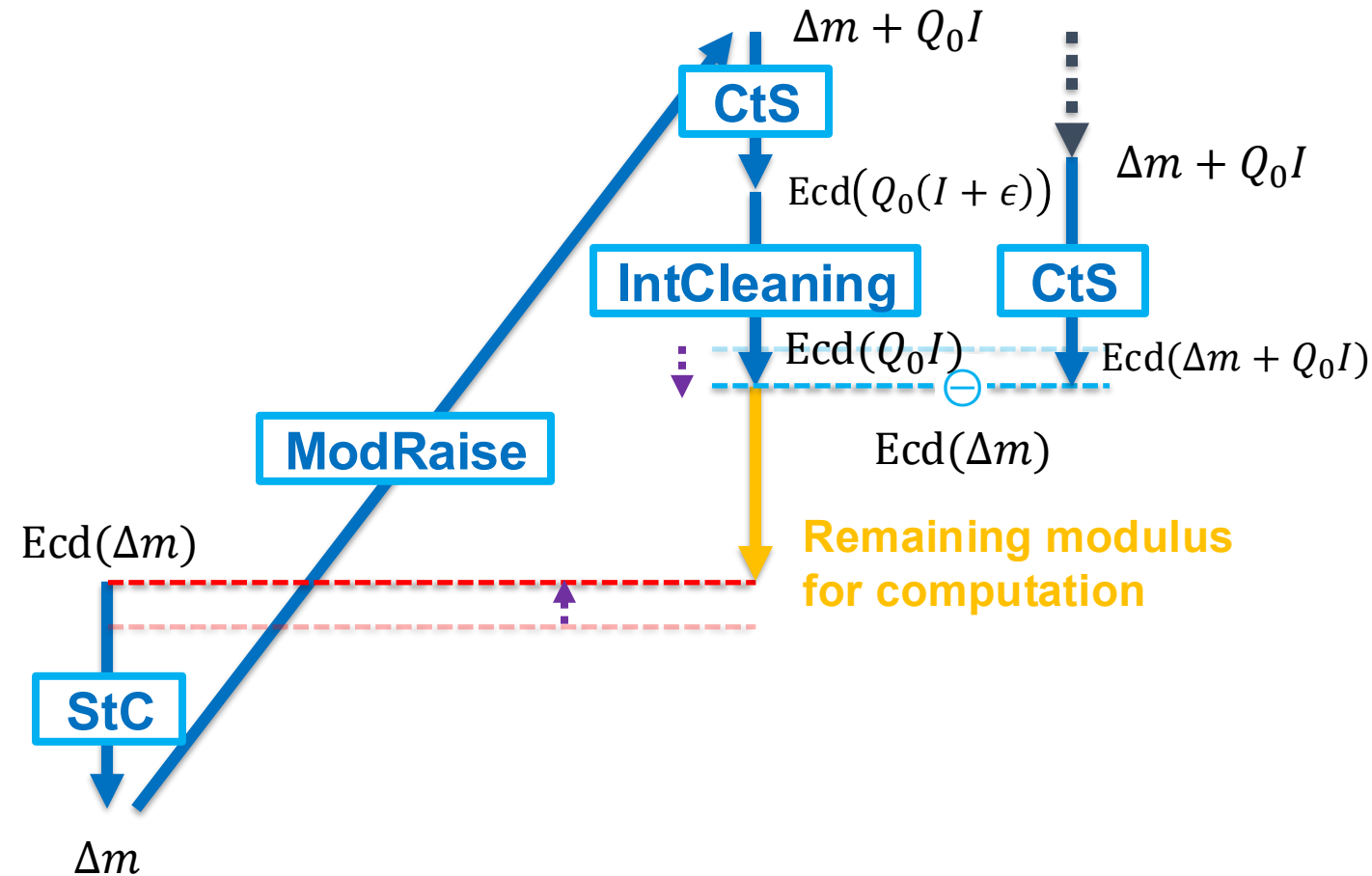


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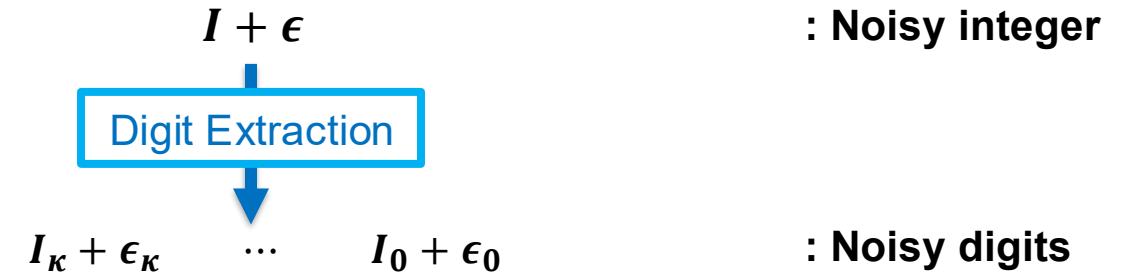


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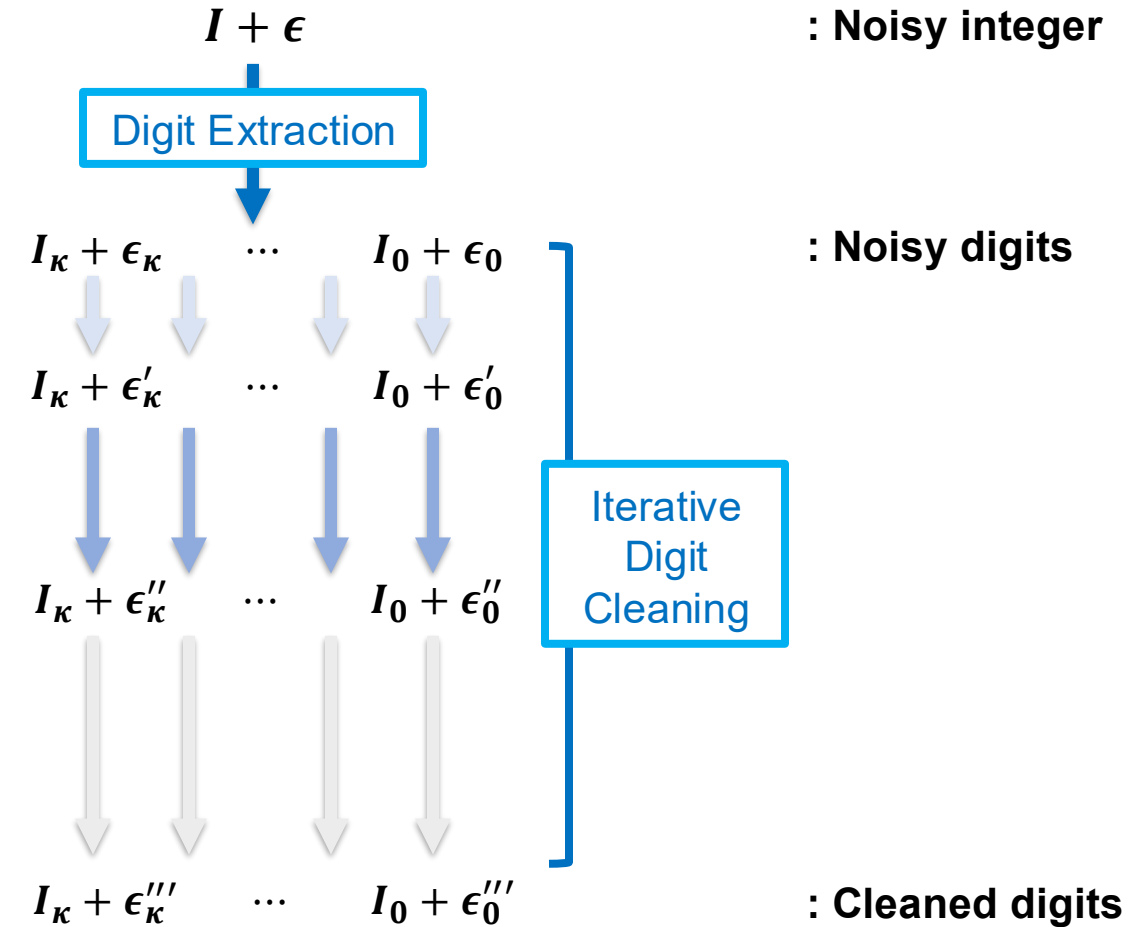
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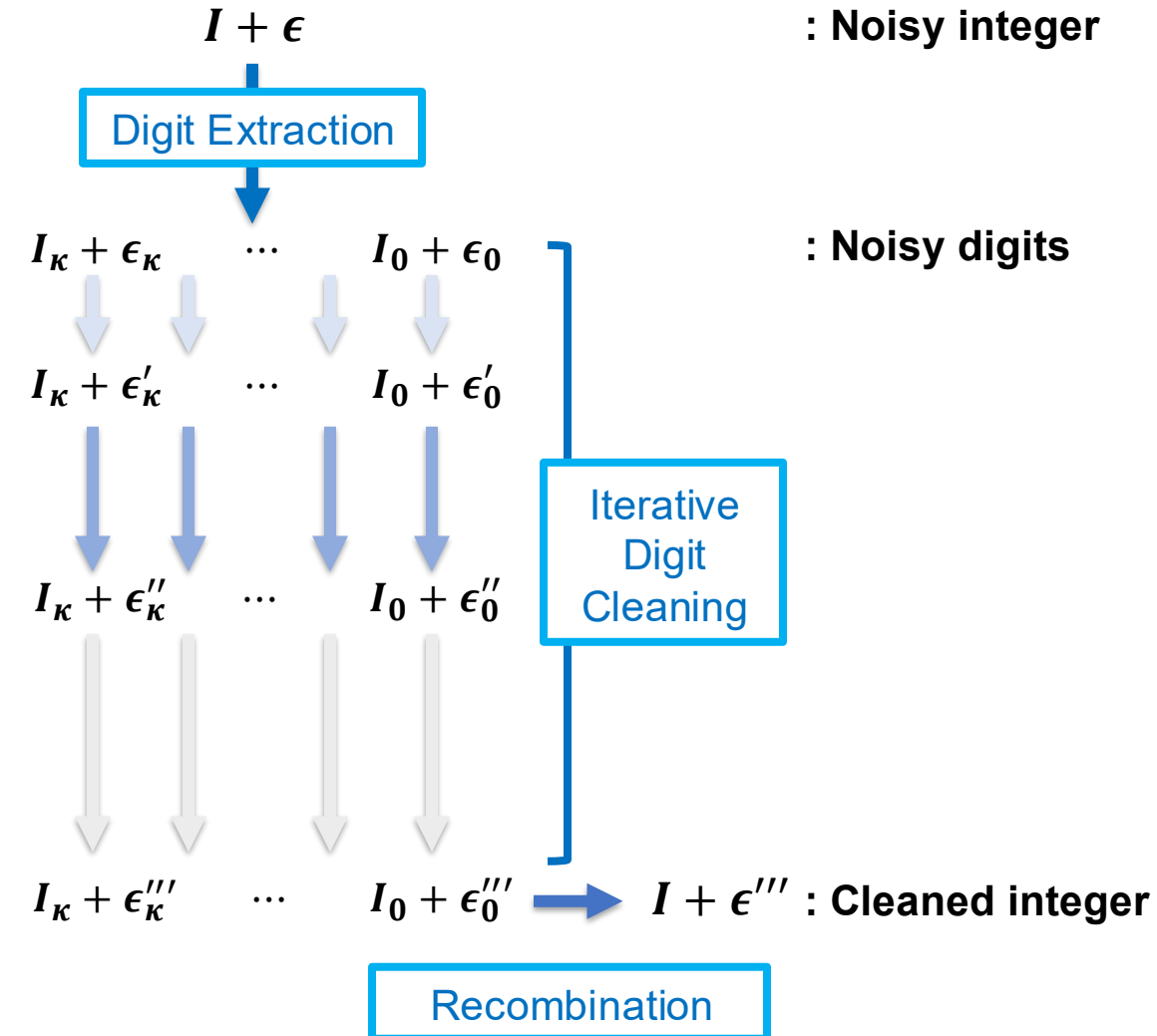
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 - $\epsilon''' \ll \epsilon$

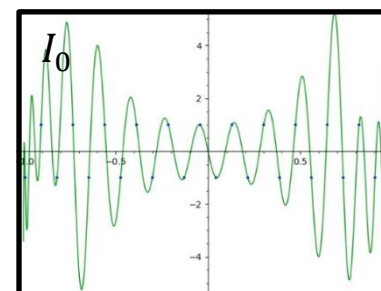
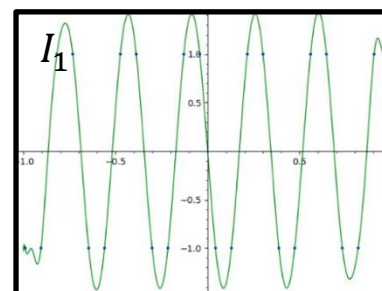
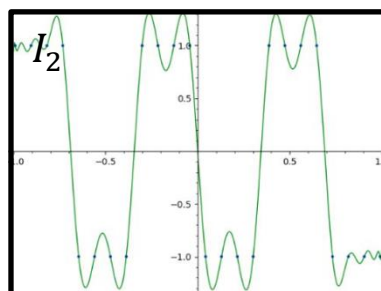
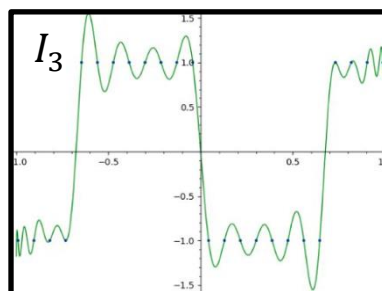
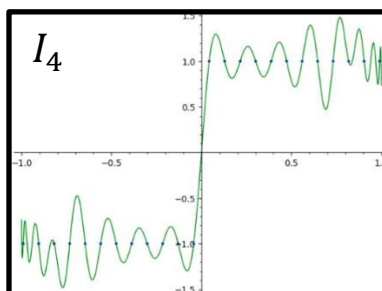
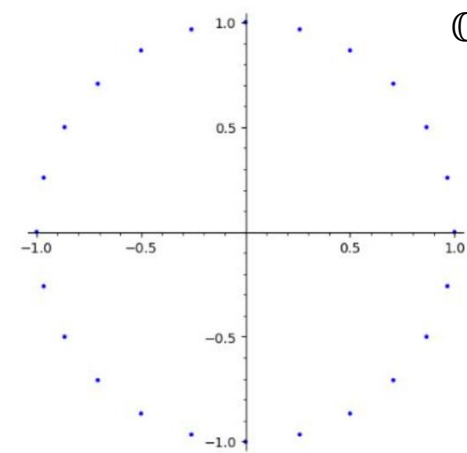




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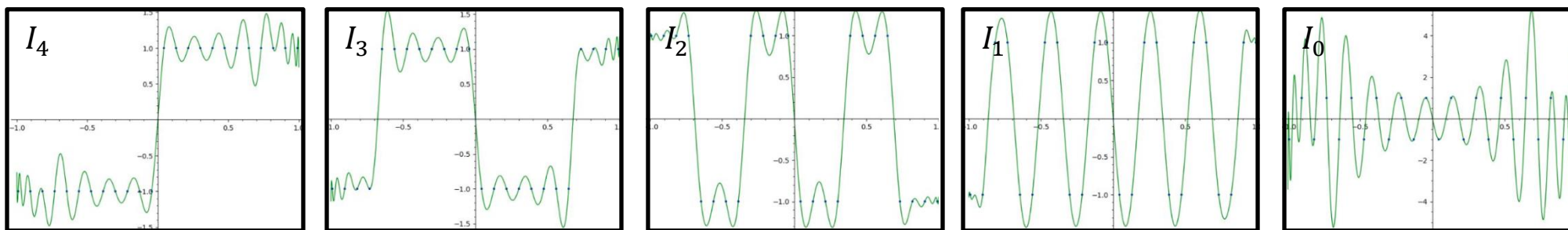
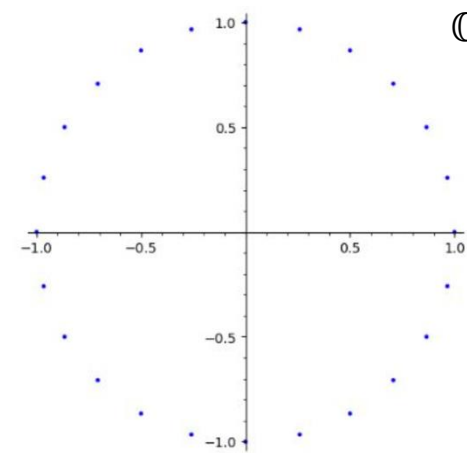


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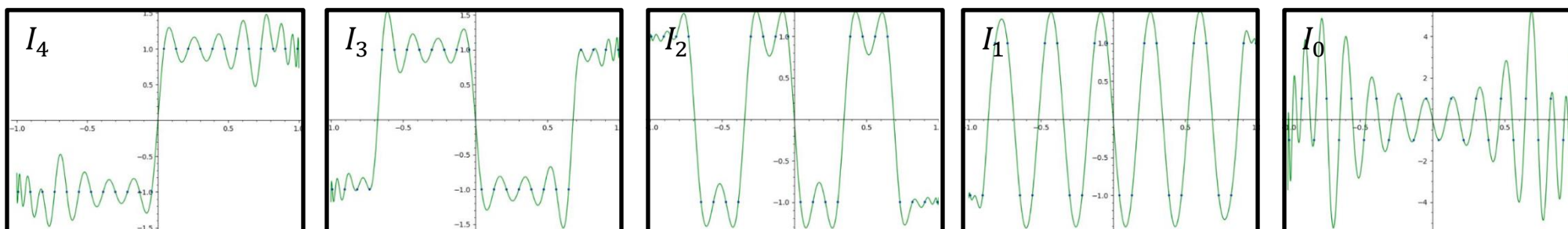
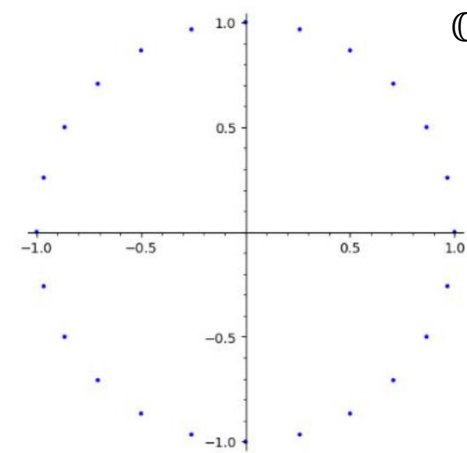
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First cleaning consumes $4 \log_2 \Delta$ bits.
It doubles for later iterations... **quite a bit!**

We introduce **Thrifty approach** which
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- $x = b + \epsilon$ with $\epsilon = O(\Delta^{-1}) \rightarrow h_1(x) + O(\Delta^{-2}) = b + O(\epsilon^2 + \Delta^{-2}) = b + O(\epsilon^2)$

Basic (a.k.a. Black-box)

- 1) $ct_1(\Delta^2 \mathbf{x}, Q) = \Delta \cdot ct$
- 2) $ct_2(\Delta^2 \mathbf{x}^2 + \mathbf{e}, Q/\Delta^2) = \text{Mult}(ct_1, ct_1)$
- 3) $ct_3(\Delta^2 \mathbf{x}^3 + \mathbf{e}', Q/\Delta^4) = \text{Mult}(ct_1, ct_2)$
- 4) $ct_{res}(\Delta^2 h_1(x) + \mathbf{e}'', Q/\Delta^4) = 3ct_2 - 2ct_3$

- All error $\mathbf{e}, \mathbf{e}', \mathbf{e}''$ are $O(1)$.
- Δ should be an integer.



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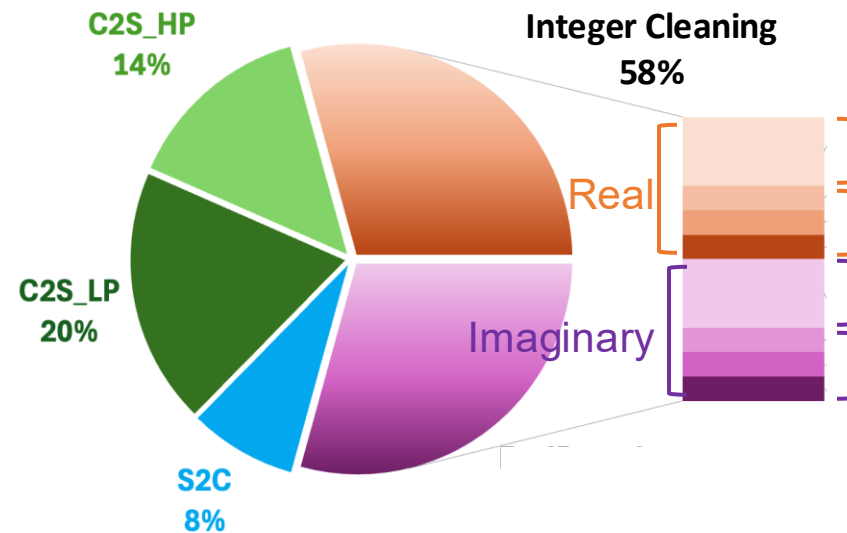
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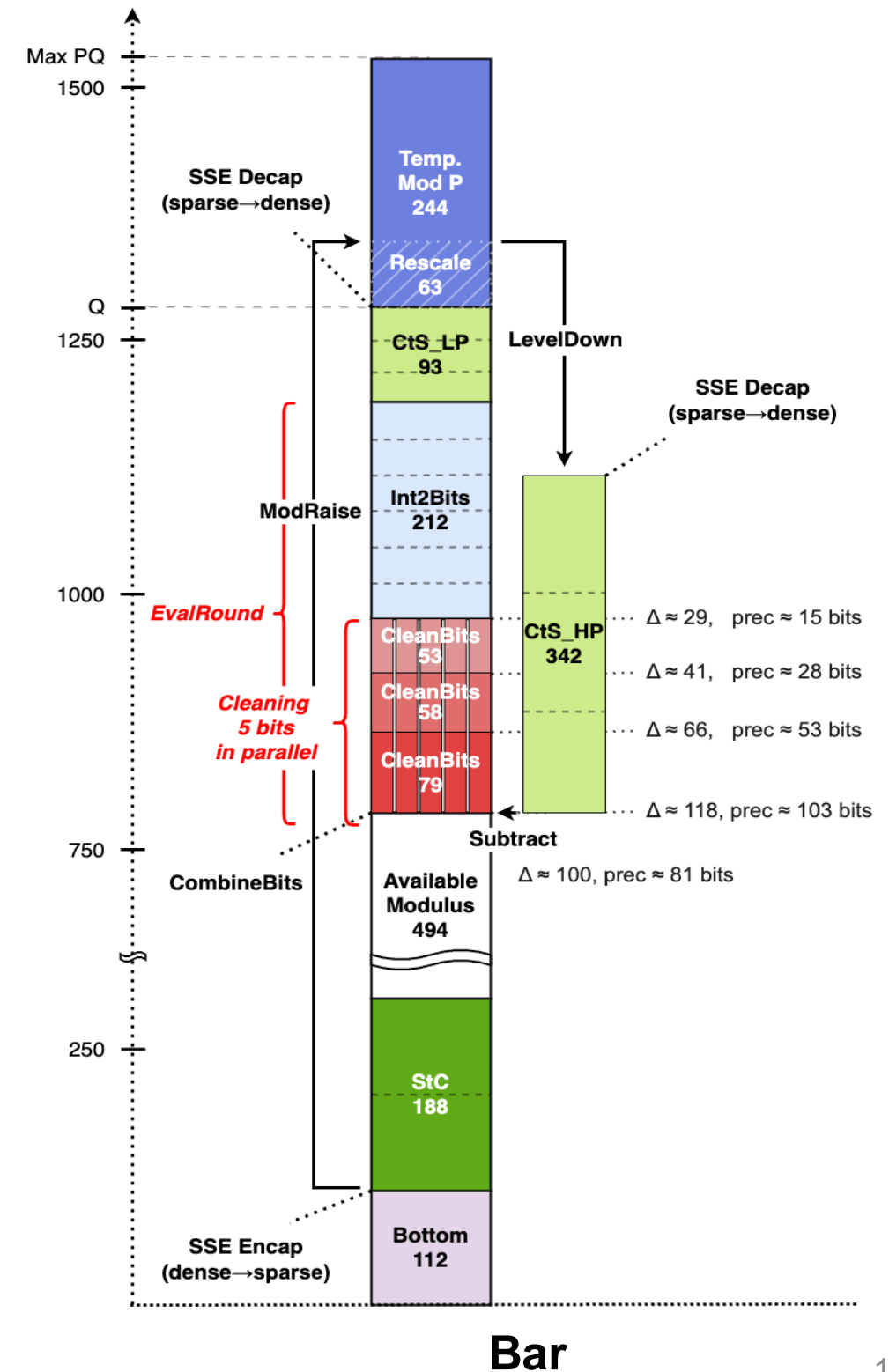
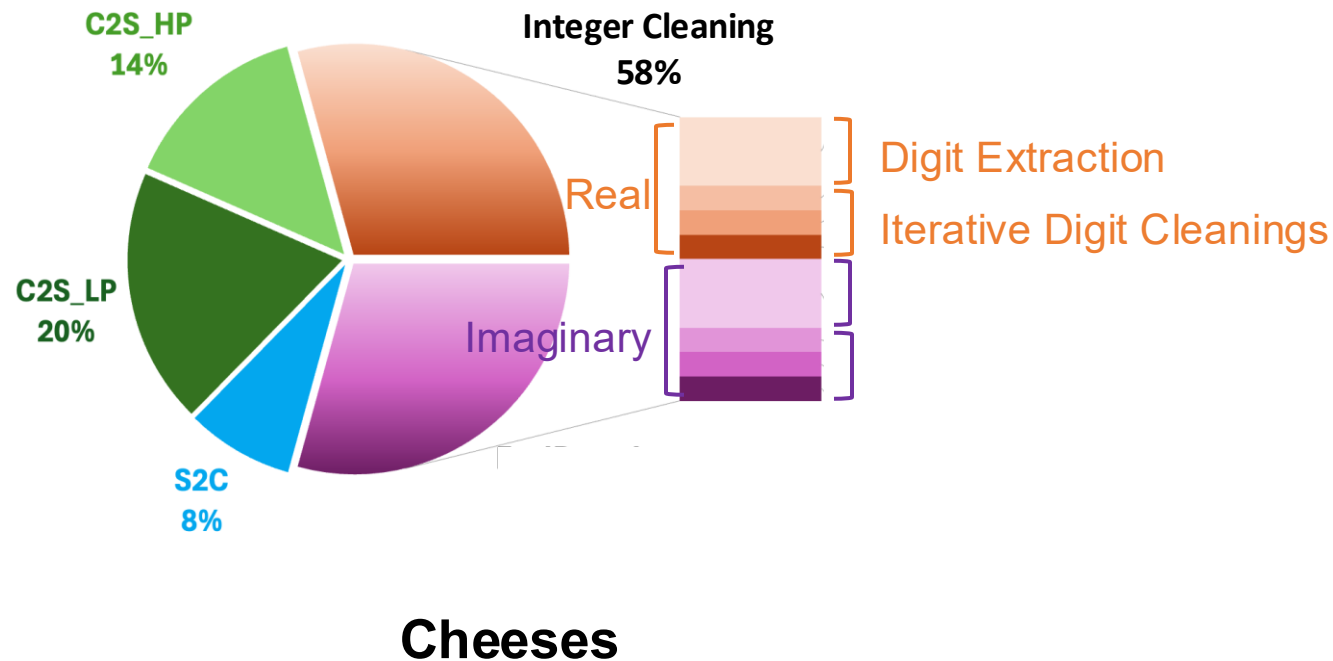


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