

Post-Quantum Signatures from Secure Multiparty Computation

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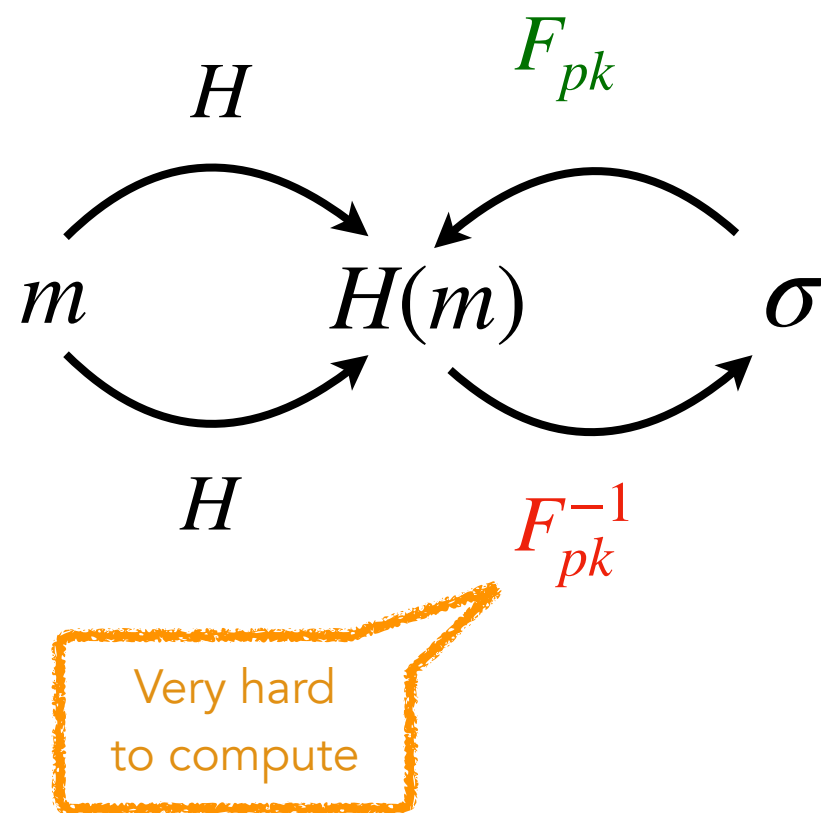
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Introduction

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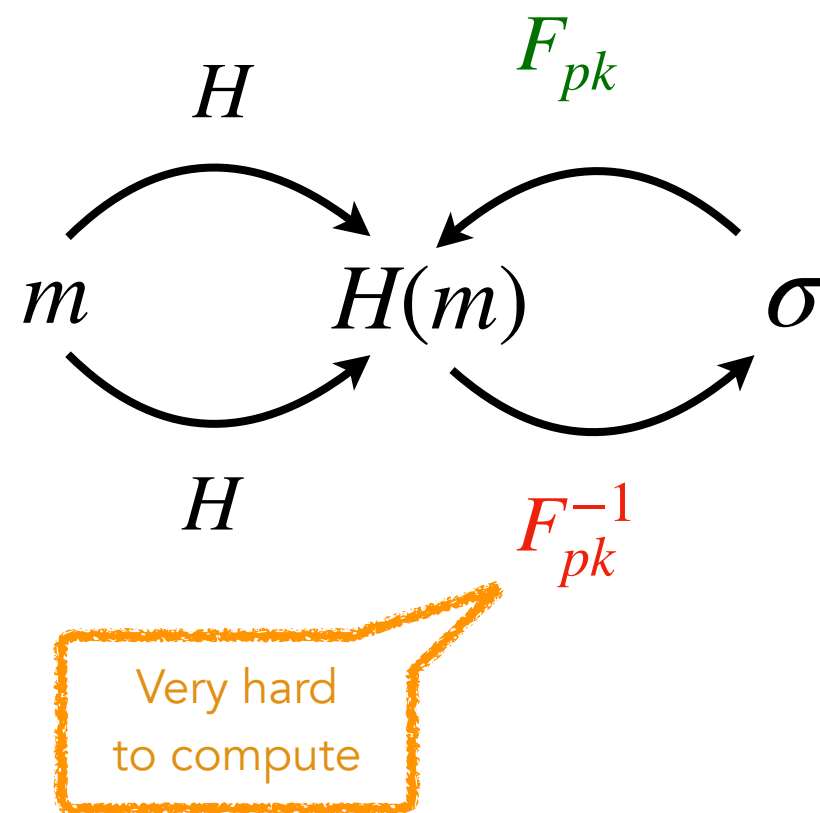
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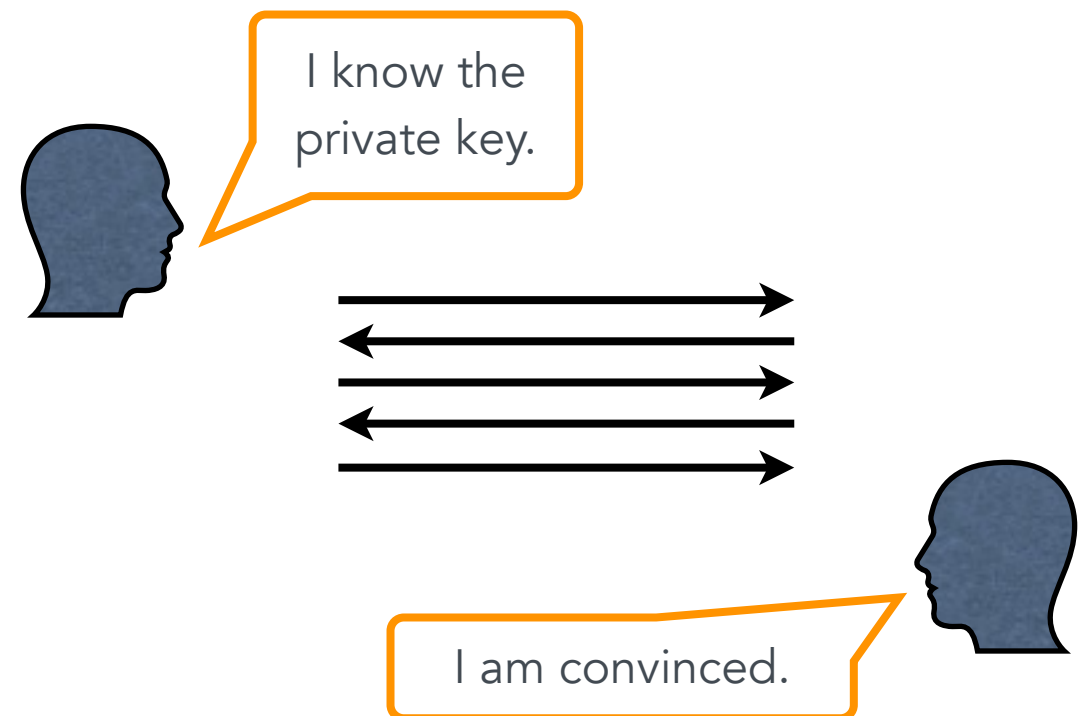
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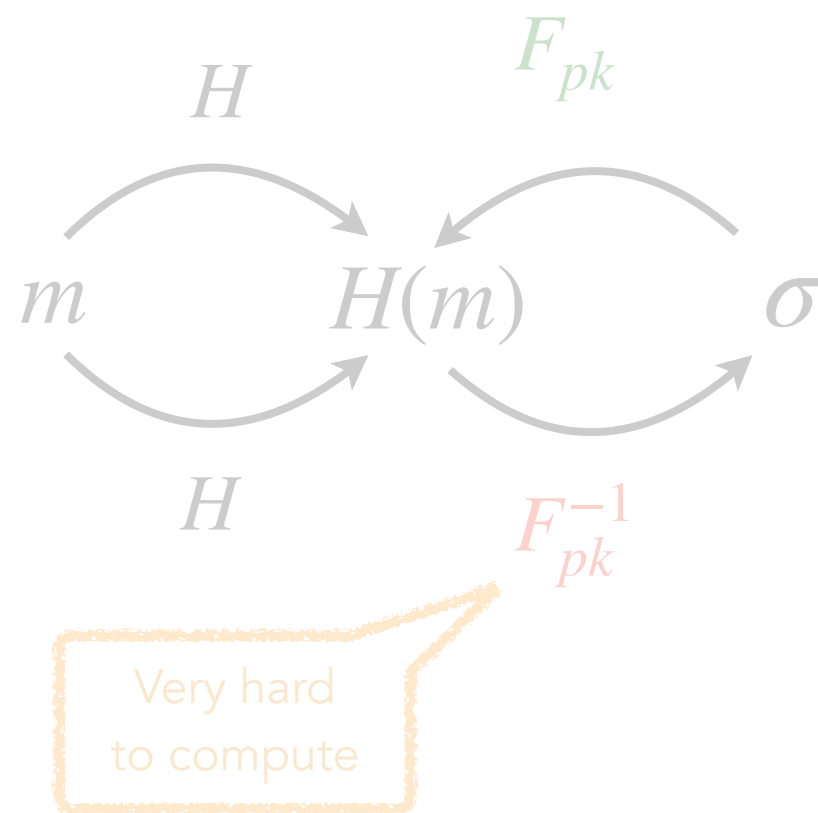
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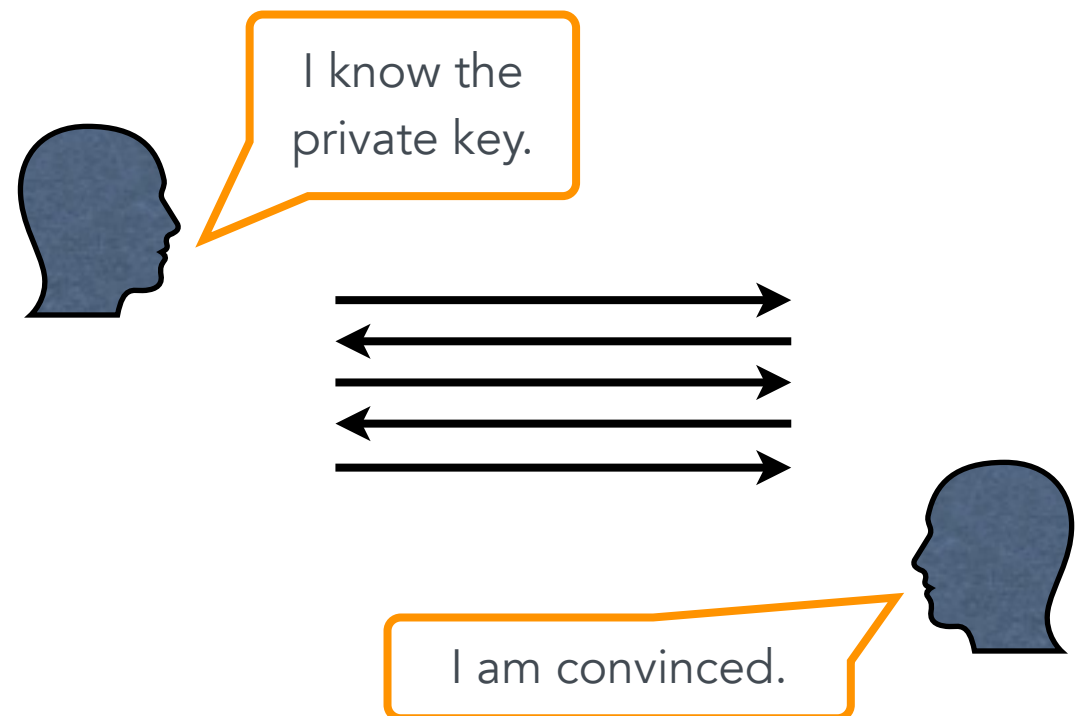
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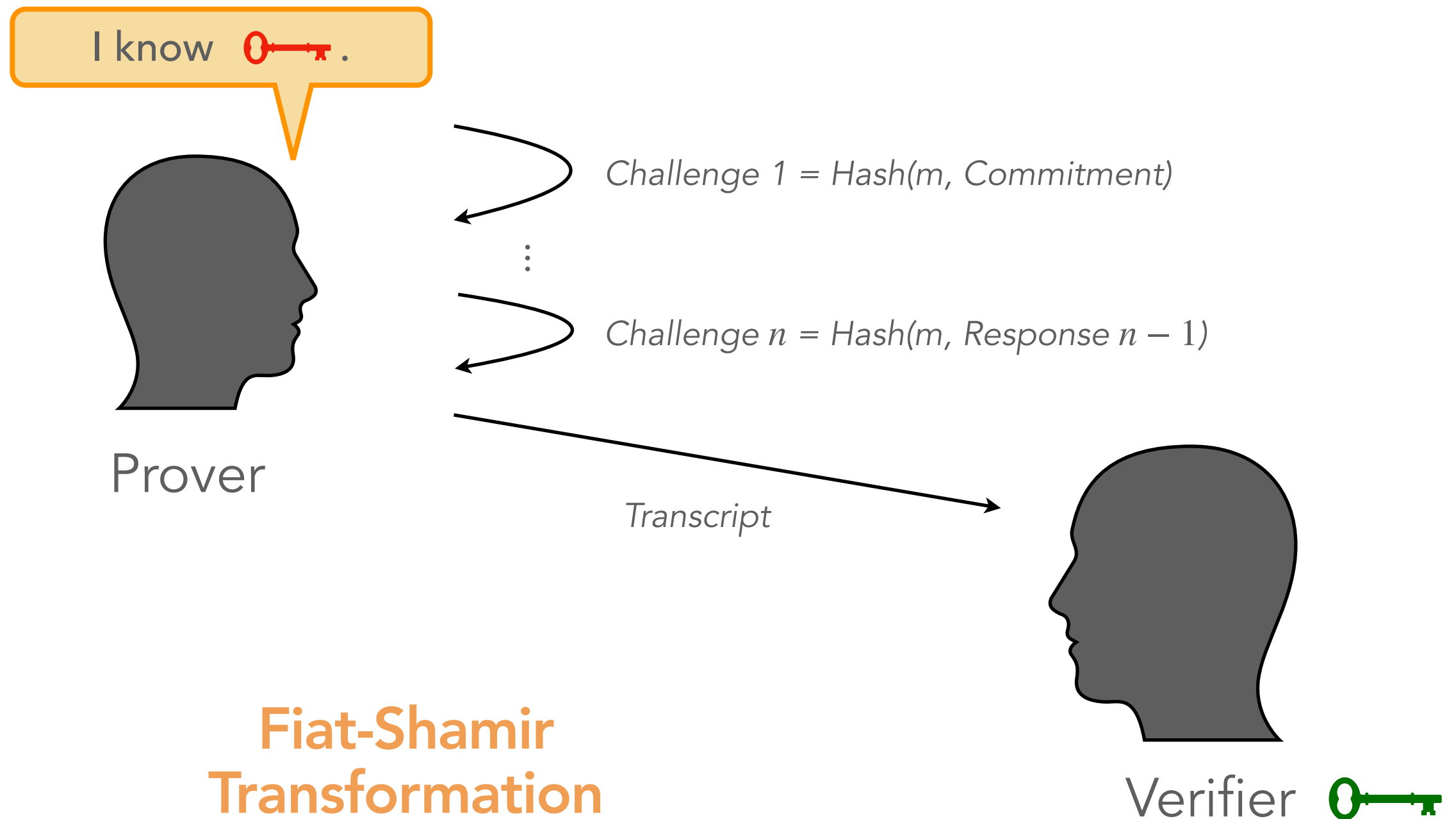
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Identification Scheme



- **Completeness:** $\Pr[\text{verif } \checkmark \mid \text{honest prover}] = 1$
- **Soundness:** $\Pr[\text{verif } \checkmark \mid \text{malicious prover}] \leq \varepsilon$ (e.g. 2^{-128})
- **Zero-knowledge:** verifier learns nothing on .

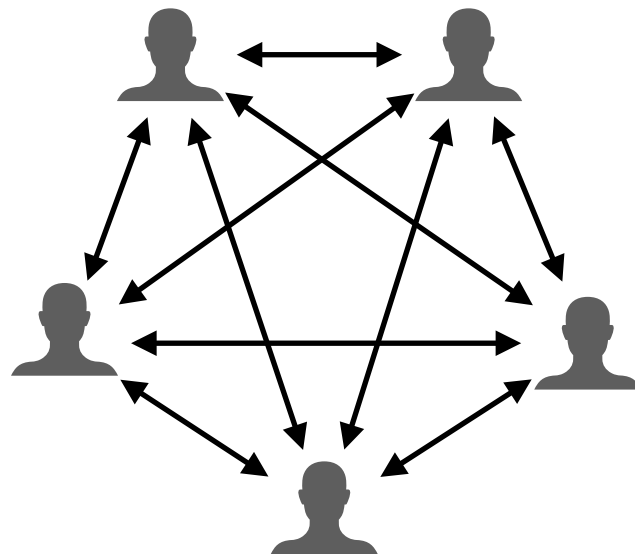
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m : message to sign

MPC in the Head

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“Zero-knowledge from secure multiparty computation” (STOC 2007)
- Turn a *multiparty computation* (MPC) into an identification scheme / zero-knowledge proof of knowledge



- **Generic:** can be applied to any cryptographic problem

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- Convenient to build (candidate) post-quantum signature schemes
- **Picnic**: submission to NIST (2017)
- First round of recent NIST call: 7~9 MPCitH schemes / 40 submissions

AIMer
Biscuit
FAEST
MIRA
MiRitH

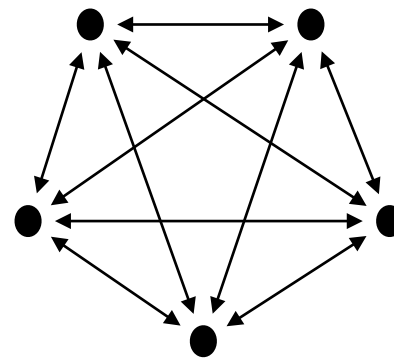
MQOM
PERK
RYDE
SDitH

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E.g. AES, MQ system,
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Multiparty computation (MPC)

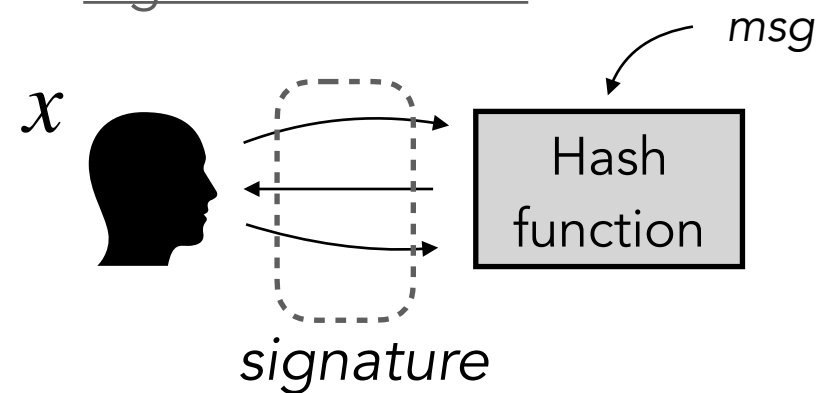


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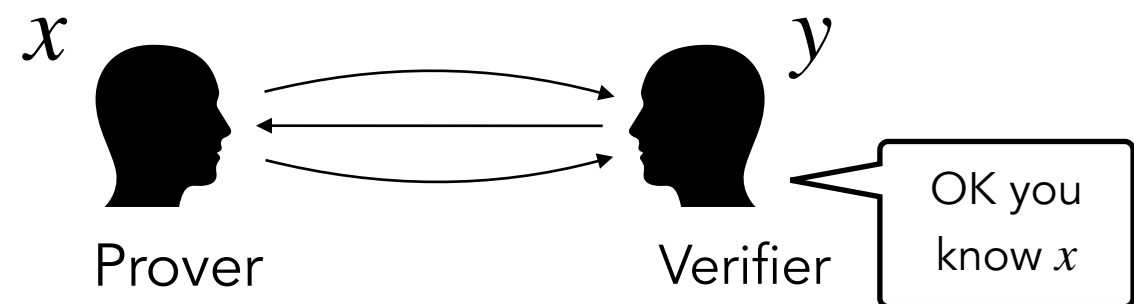
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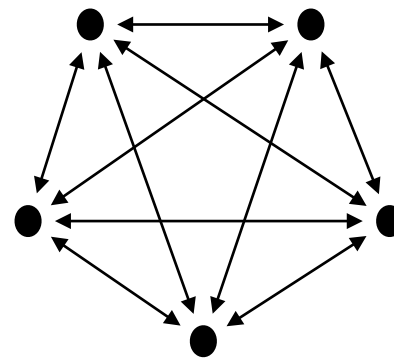


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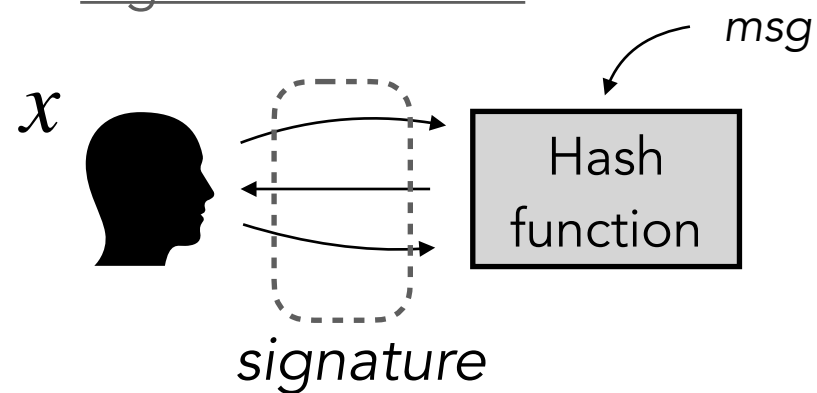


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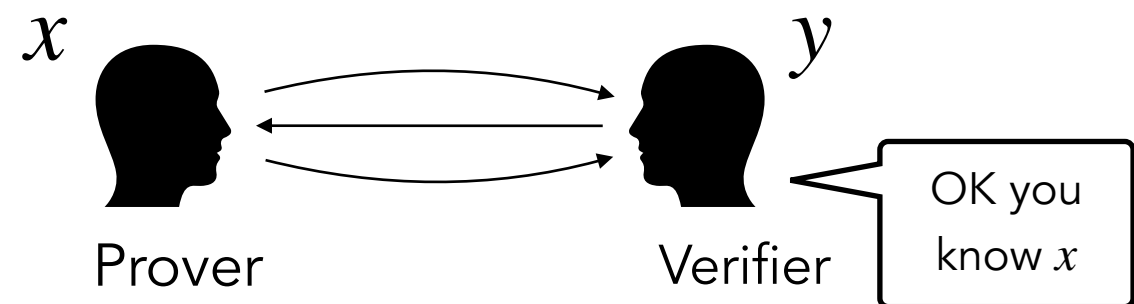
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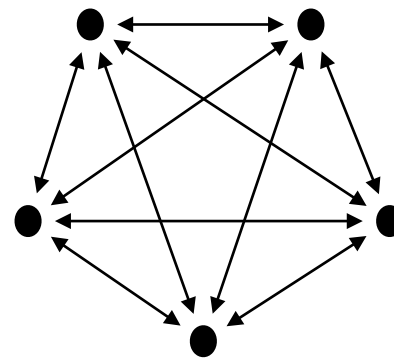


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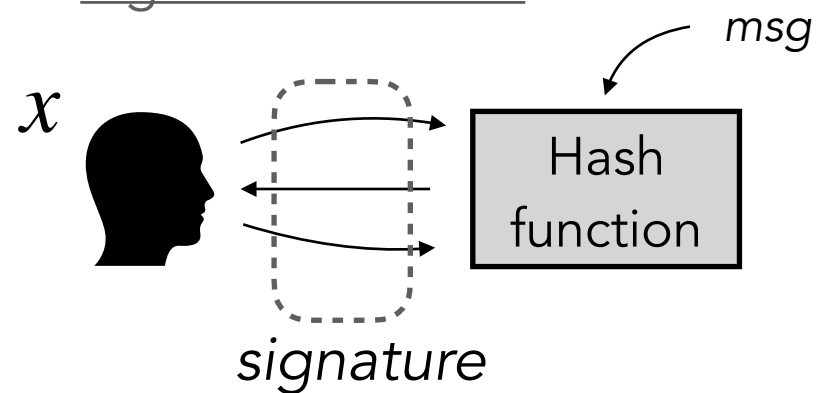


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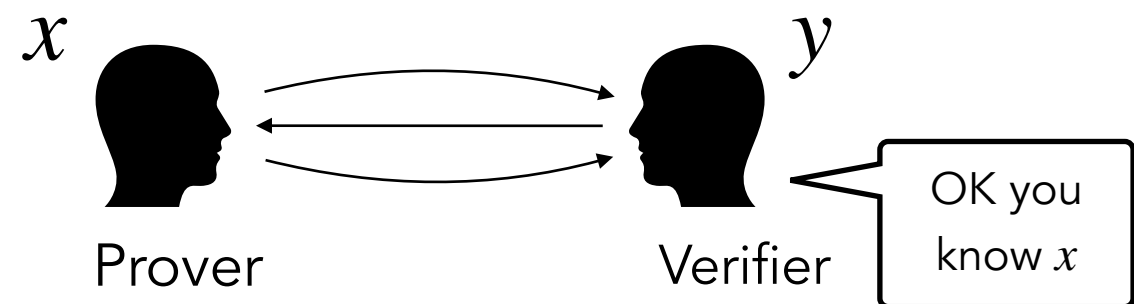
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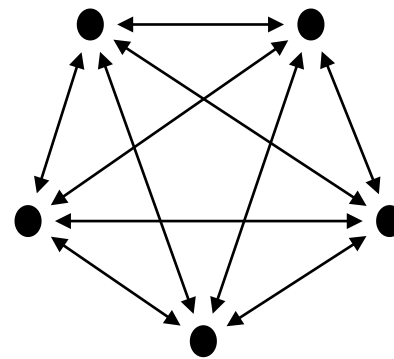


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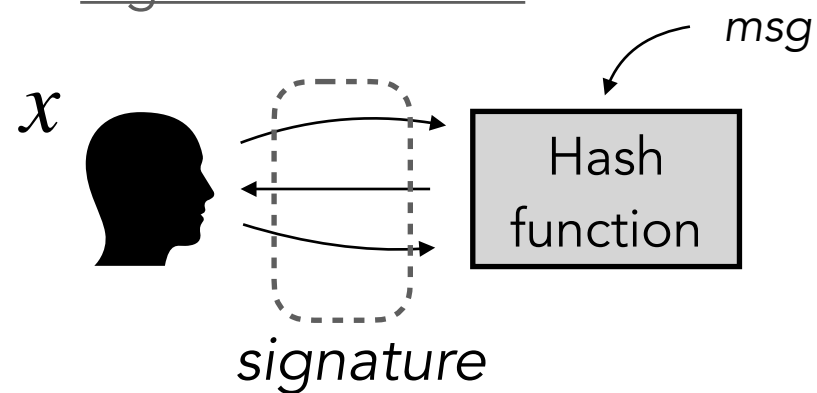
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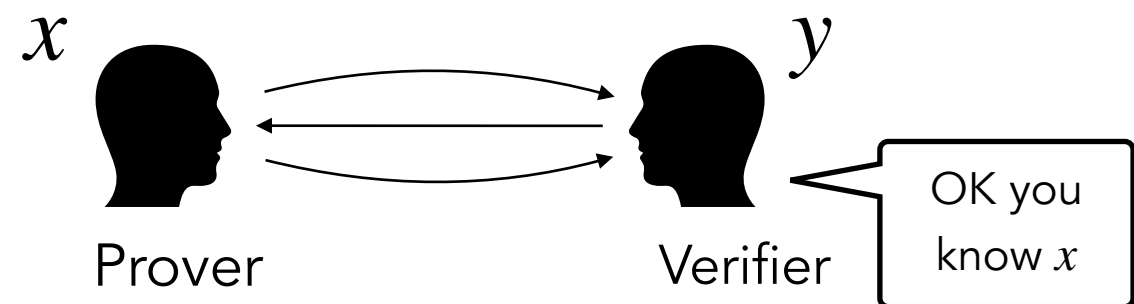
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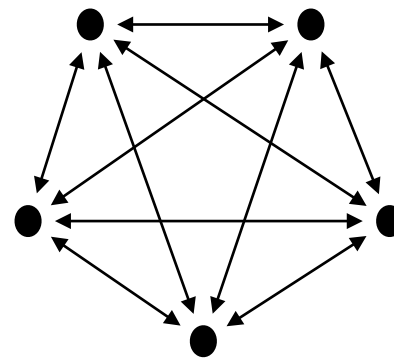


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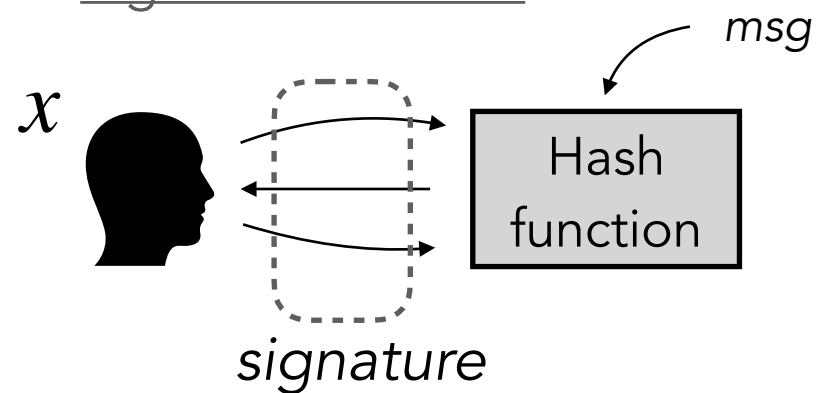


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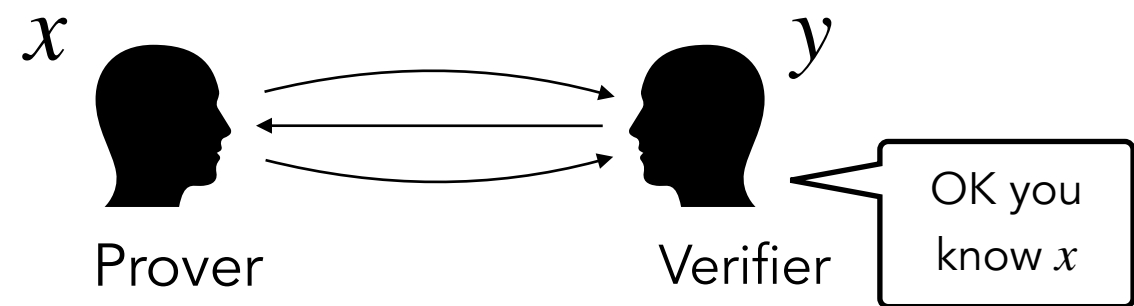
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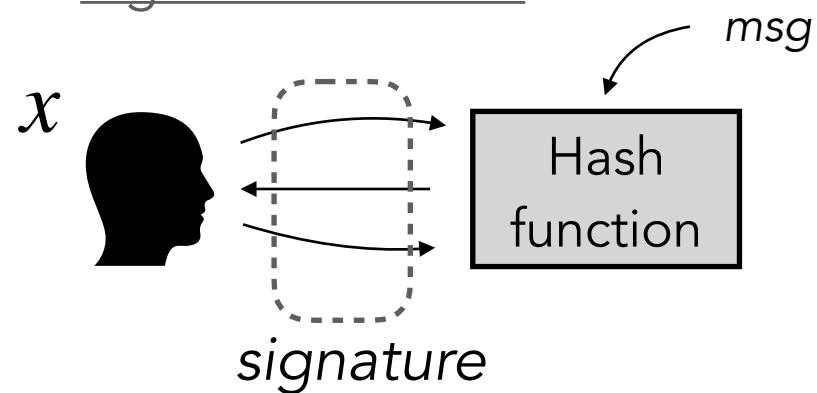


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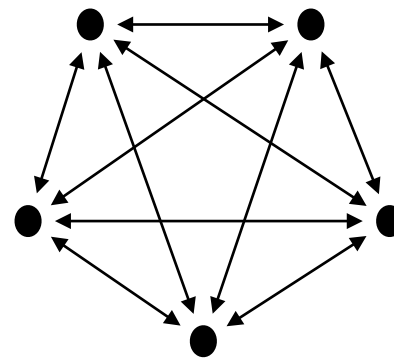
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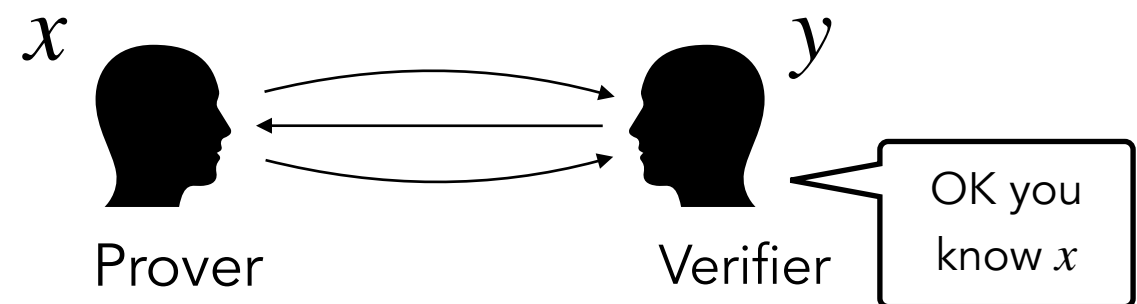


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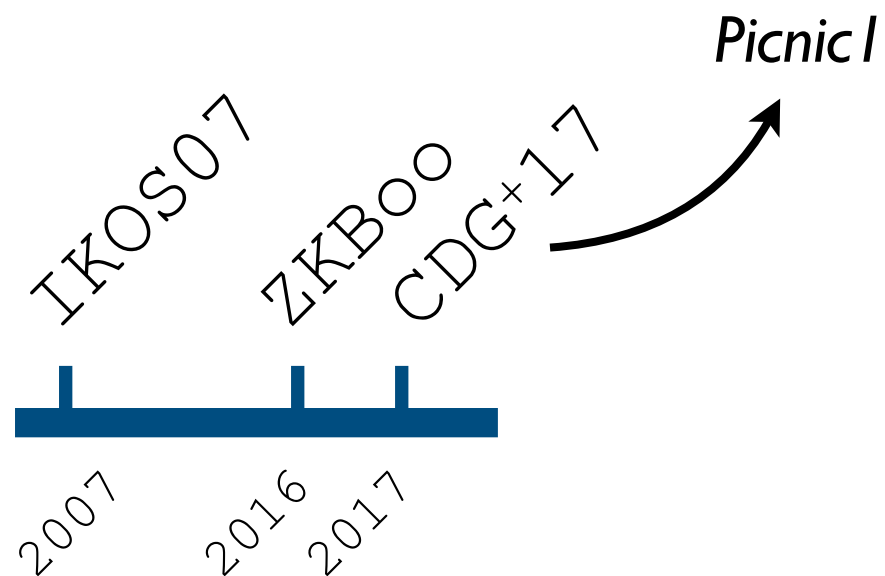
MPC-in-the-Head transform

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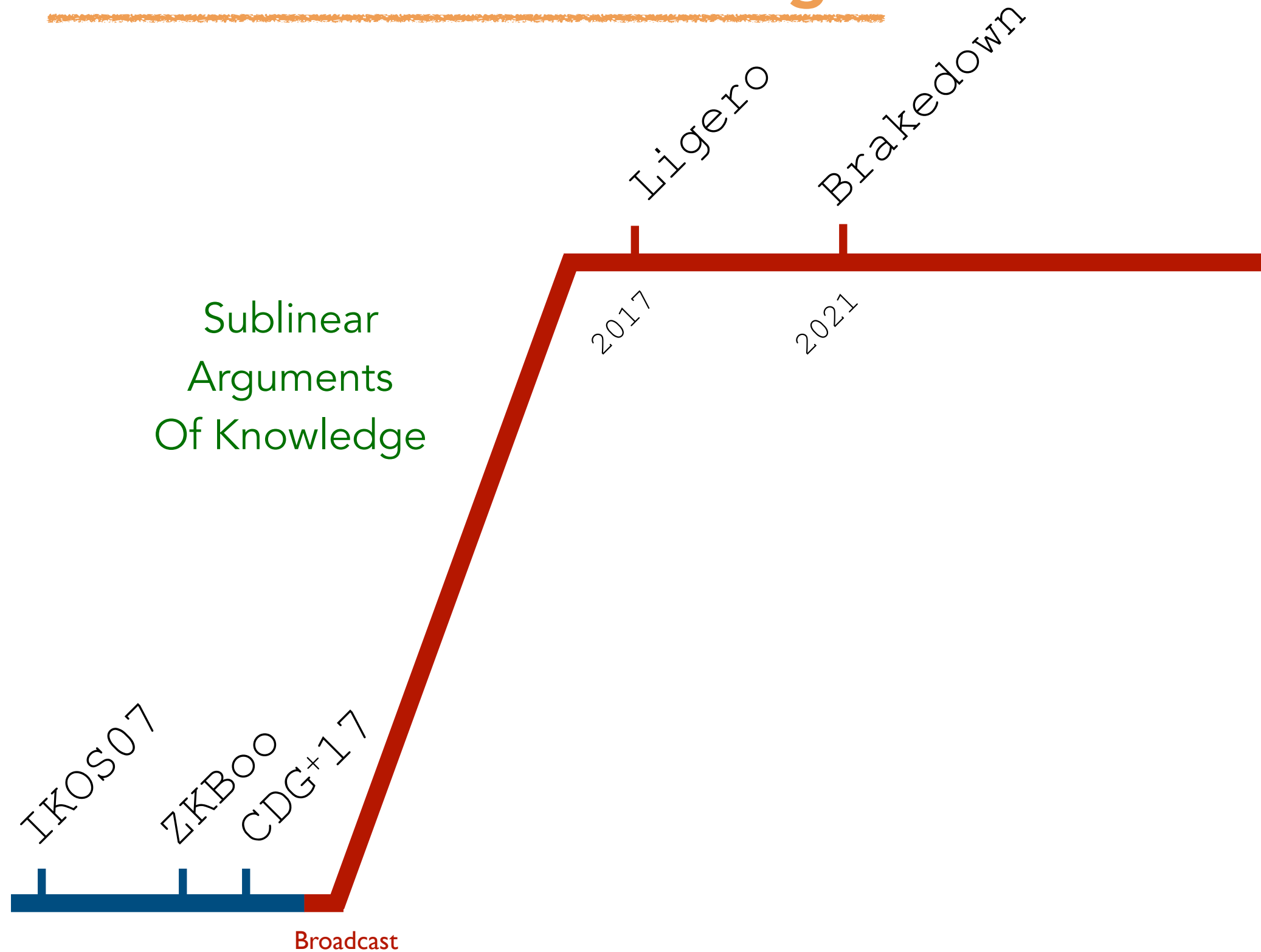


MPCitH for signature schemes

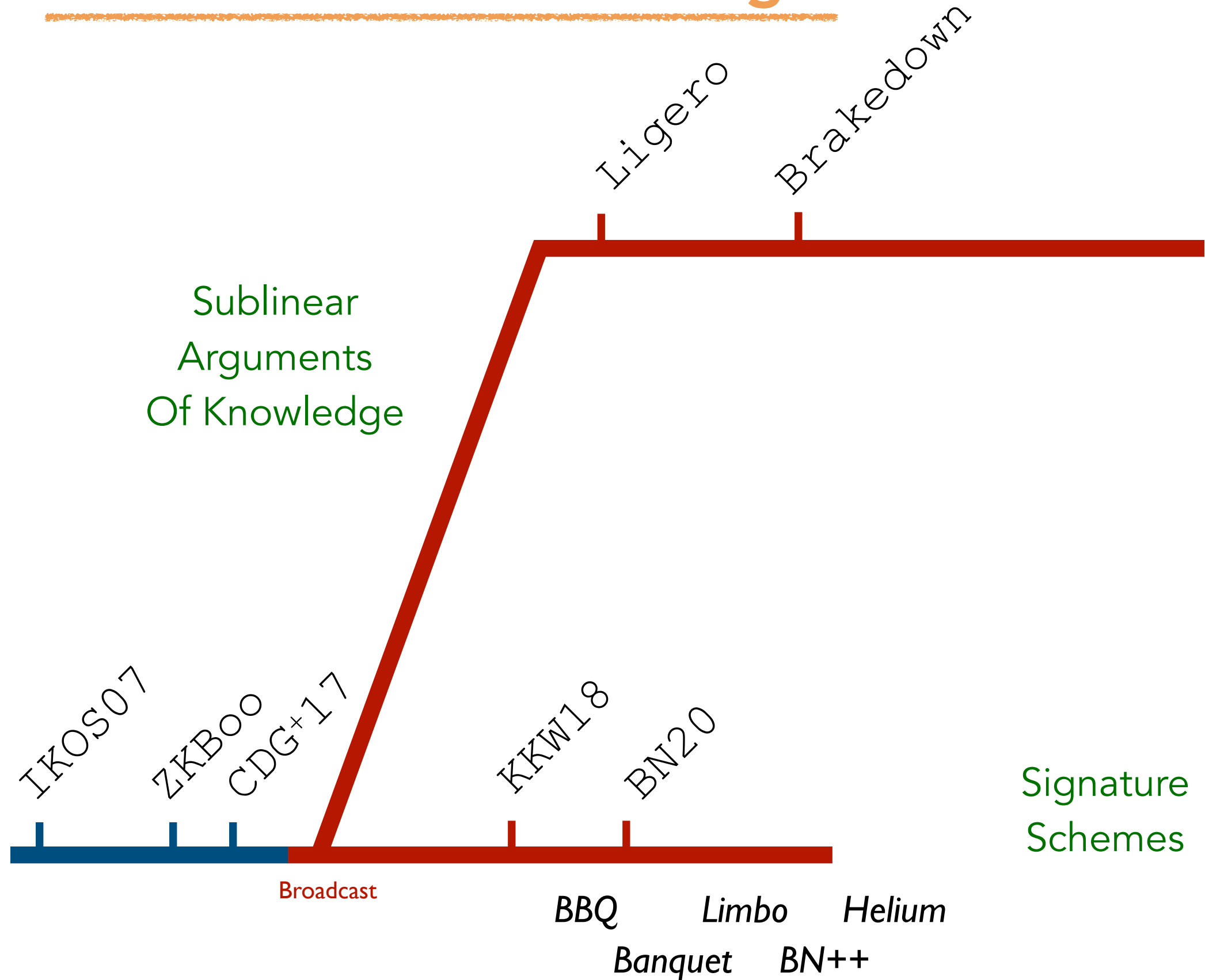
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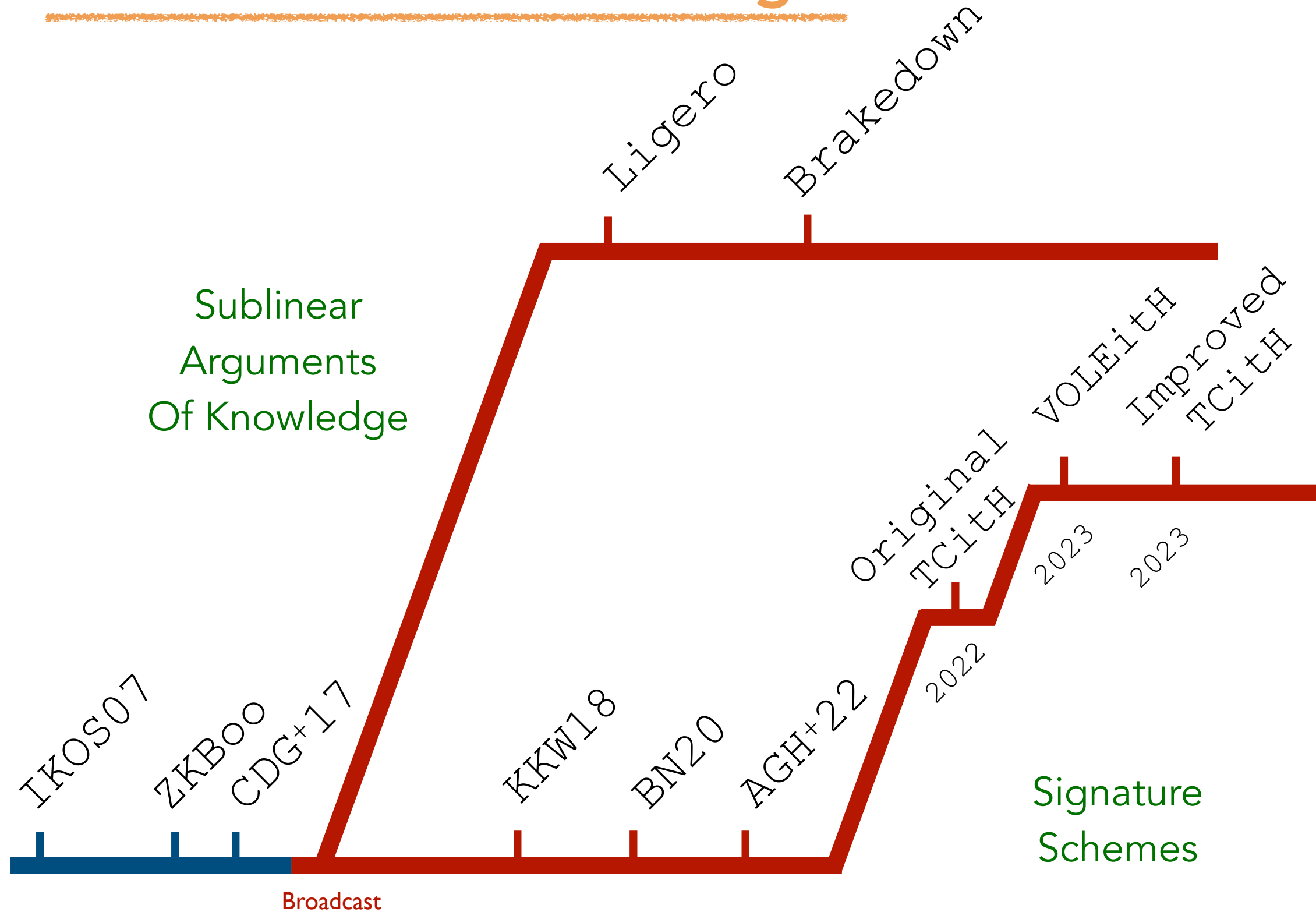
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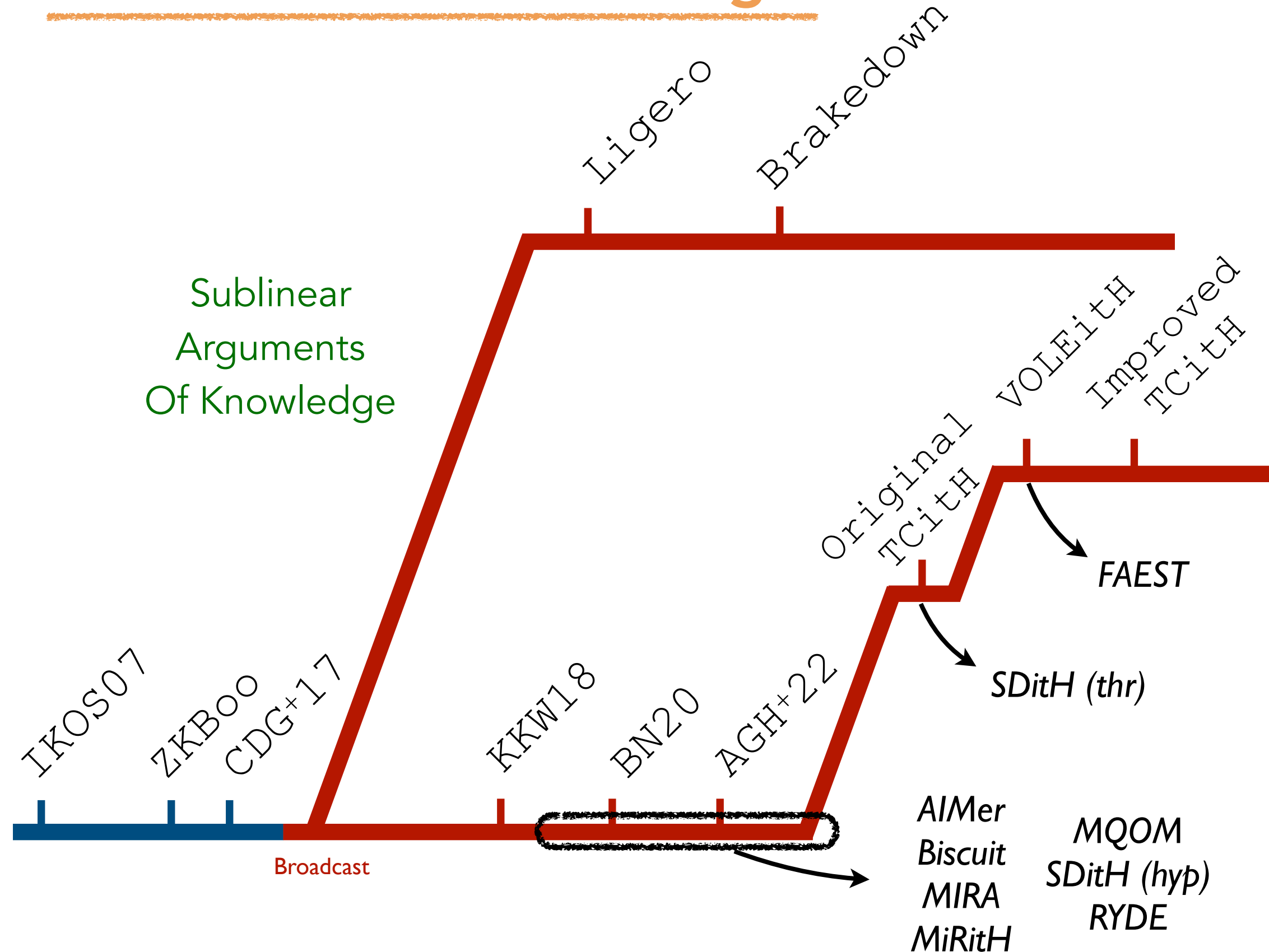
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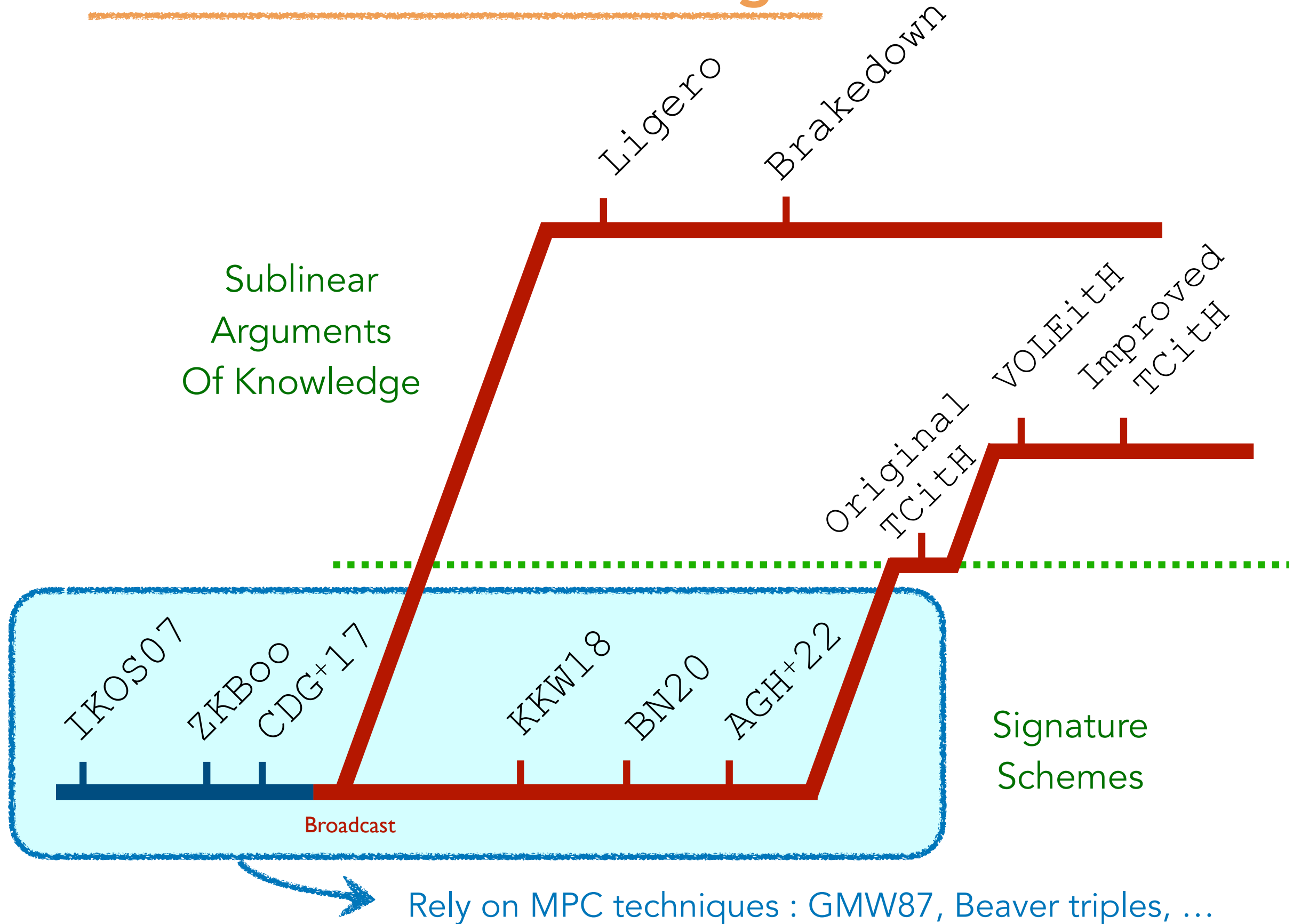
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Can be interpreted as
Polynomial IOP (Interactive
Oracle Proof)

Sublinear
Arguments
Of Knowledge

IKOS07

ZKBoo

CDG⁺17

KKW18

BN20

AGH⁺22

Broadcast

Ligero

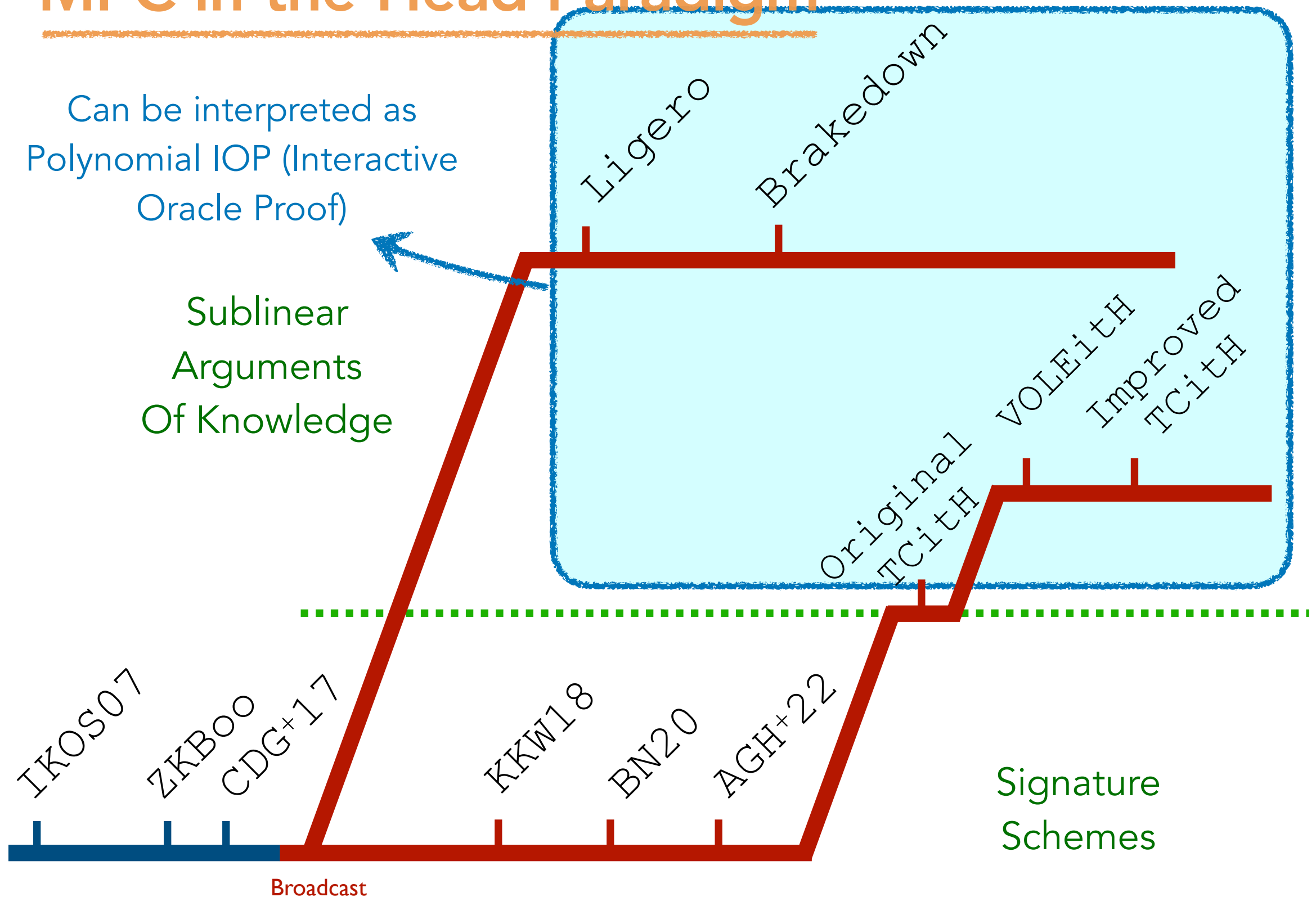
Brakedown

Original
TCiTH

VOLEiTH

Improved
TCiTH

Signature
Schemes



TCitH and VOLEitH Frameworks, in the *PIOP* formalism

(for signature schemes)

I know w_1, \dots, w_n such that

$$\begin{cases} f_1(w_1, \dots, w_n) &= 0 \\ \vdots \\ f_m(w_1, \dots, w_n) &= 0, \end{cases}$$

where f_1, \dots, f_m are public **degree- d polynomials**.

Prover

Prove it!

Verifier

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- ① For all i , sample a random degree- ℓ polynomial $P_i(X)$ such that $P_i(0) = w_i$
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$\text{Com}(P_1, \dots, P_n)$

Prover

Verifier

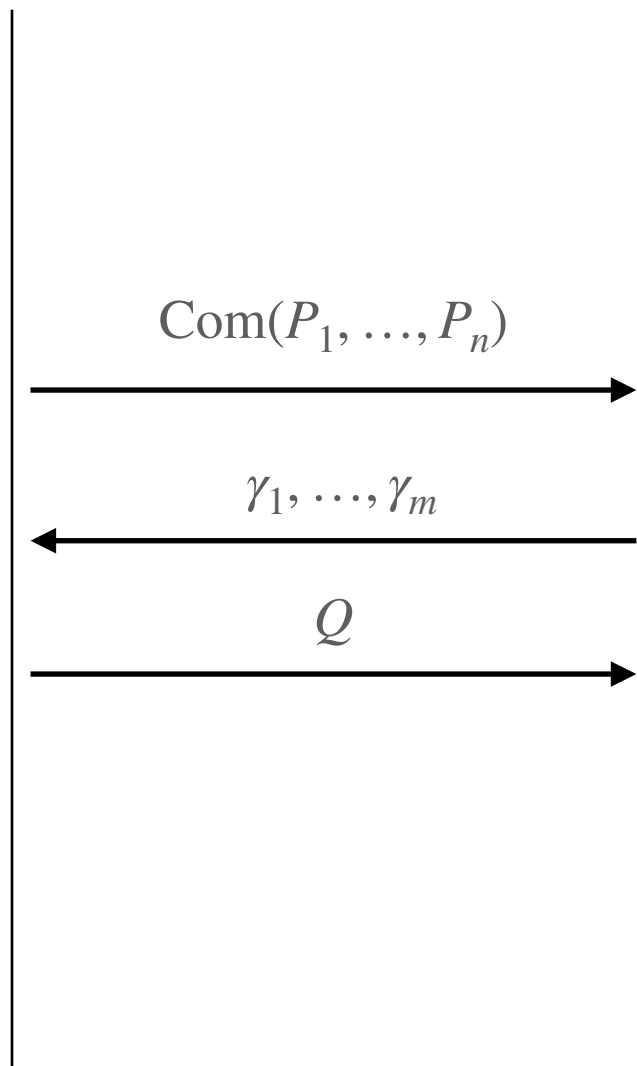
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Well-defined!

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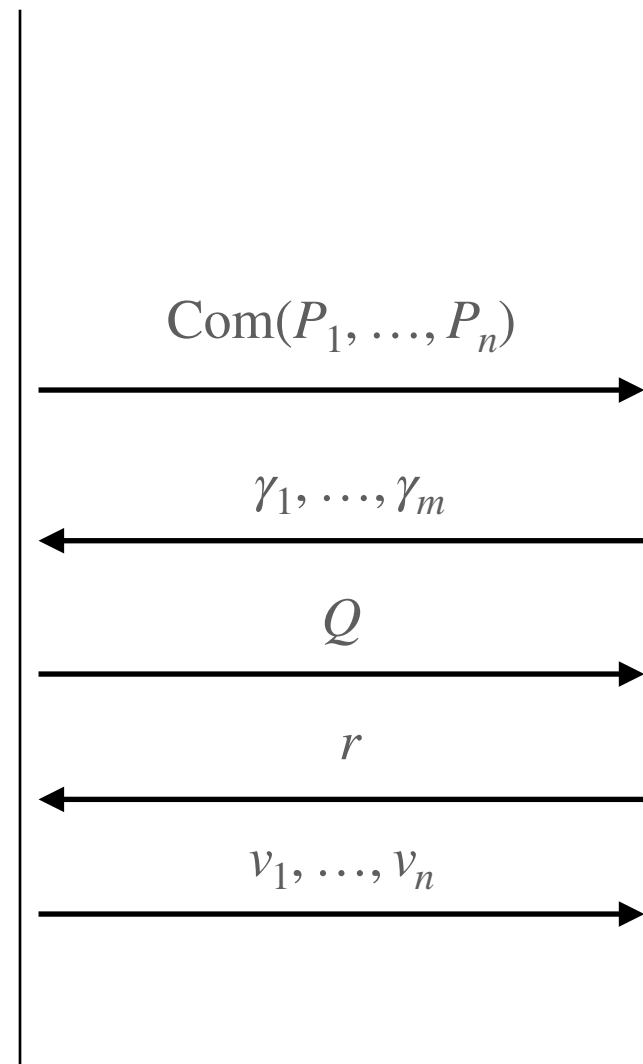
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$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{j=1}^m \gamma_j \cdot f_j(P_1(0), \dots, P_n(0)) &= \sum_{j=1}^m \gamma_j \cdot f_j(w_1, \dots, w_n) \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^m \gamma_j \cdot 0 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

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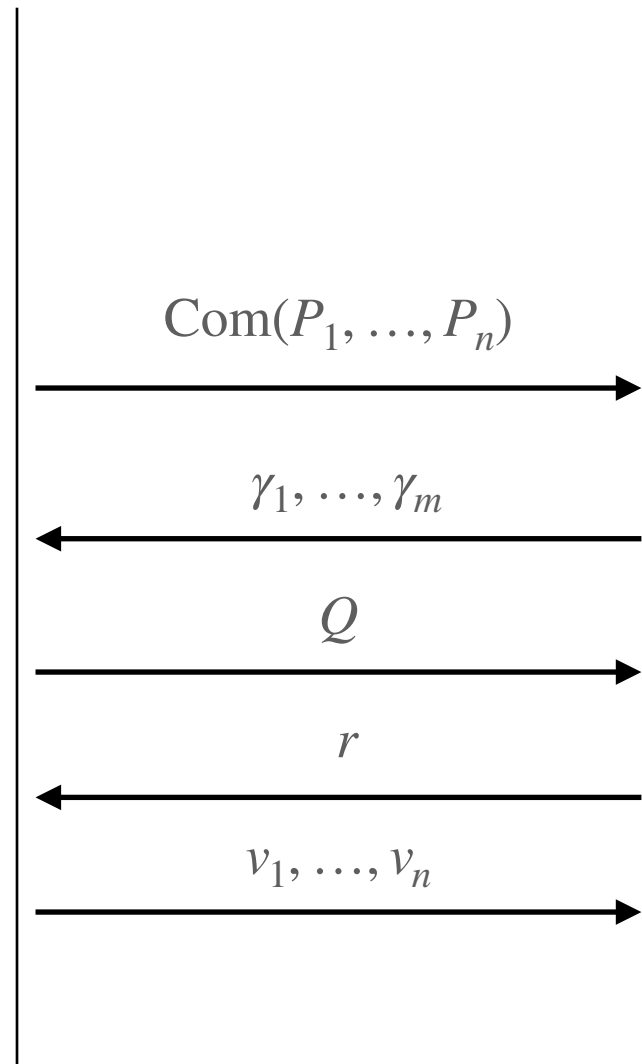
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It is an inequality with **high probability** over the randomness of $\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_m$, since we have

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Schwartz-Zippel Lemma: Since it is a degree- $(d \cdot \ell)$ relation,

$$\Pr[\text{verification passes}] \leq \frac{d \cdot \ell}{|S|}.$$

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Revealing an evaluation of $P_i(X)$
leaks no information about w_i .

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⚠ Leak information about the witness w_1, \dots, w_n

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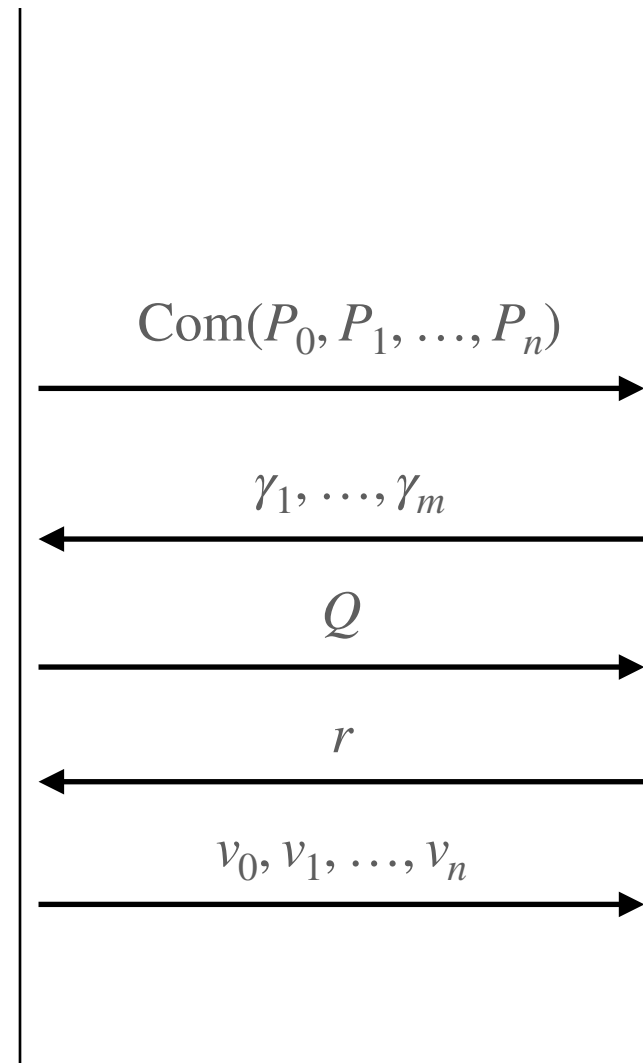
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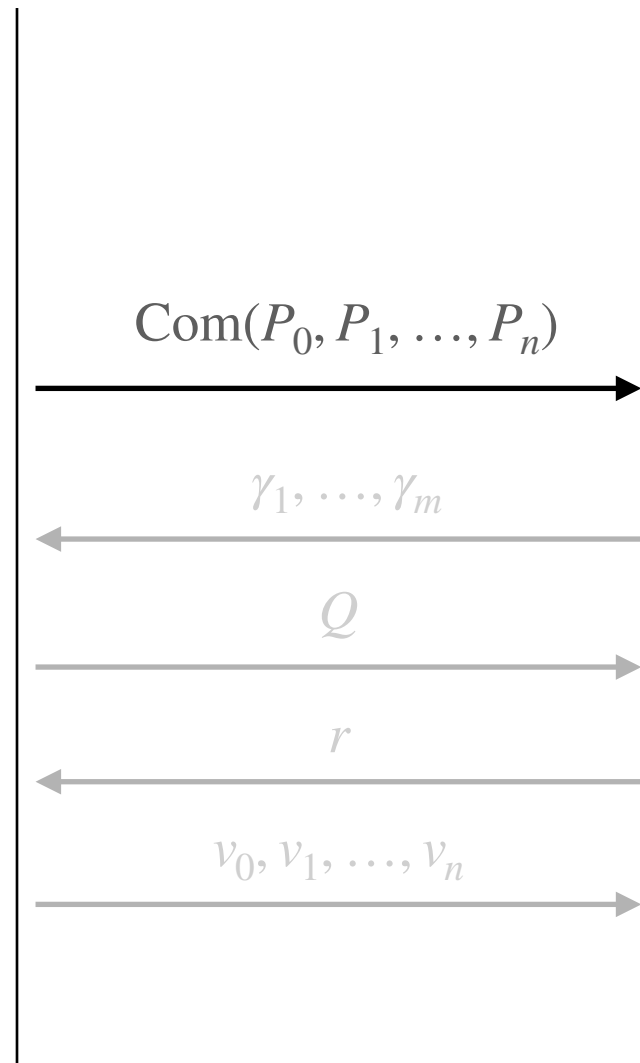
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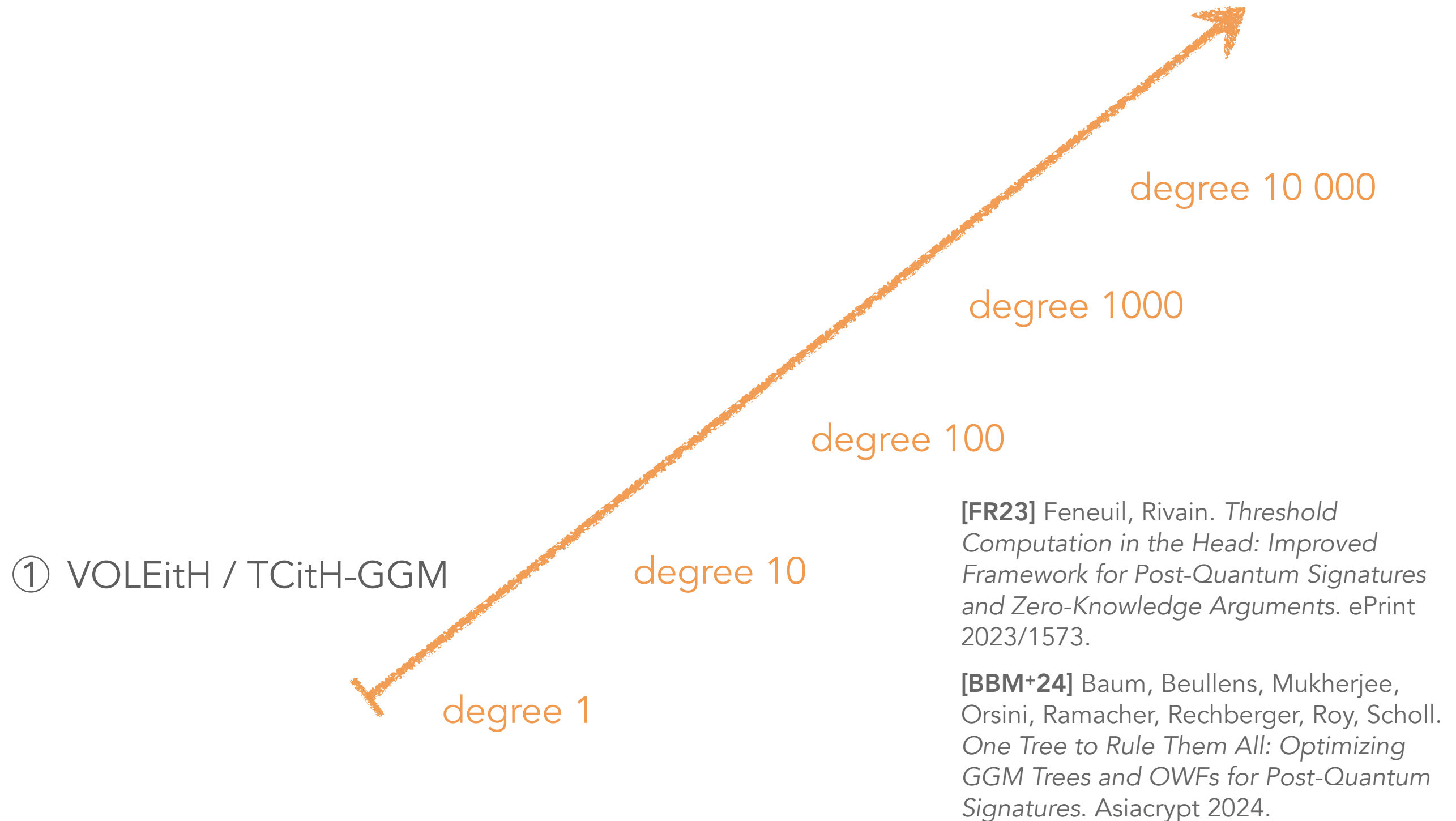
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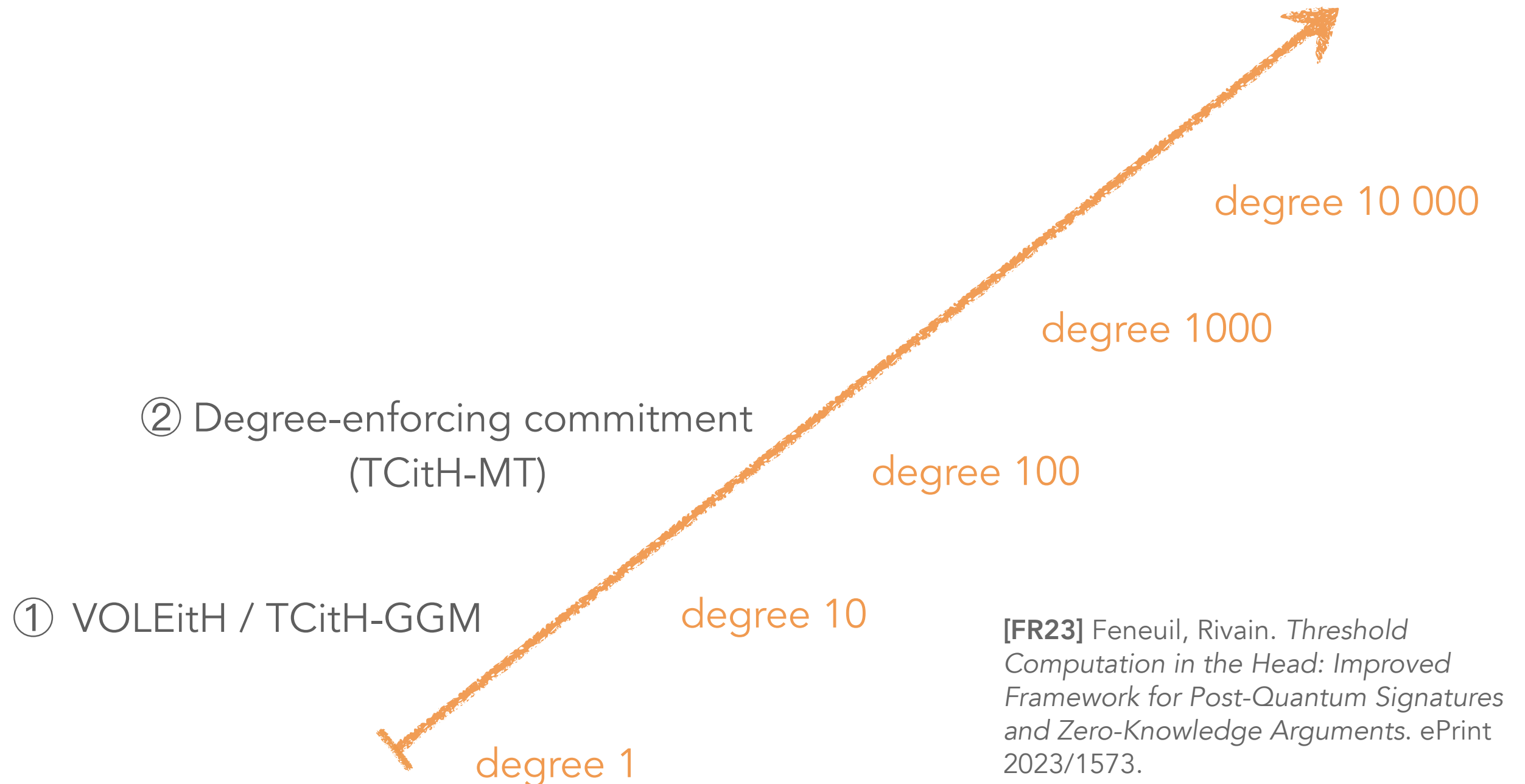
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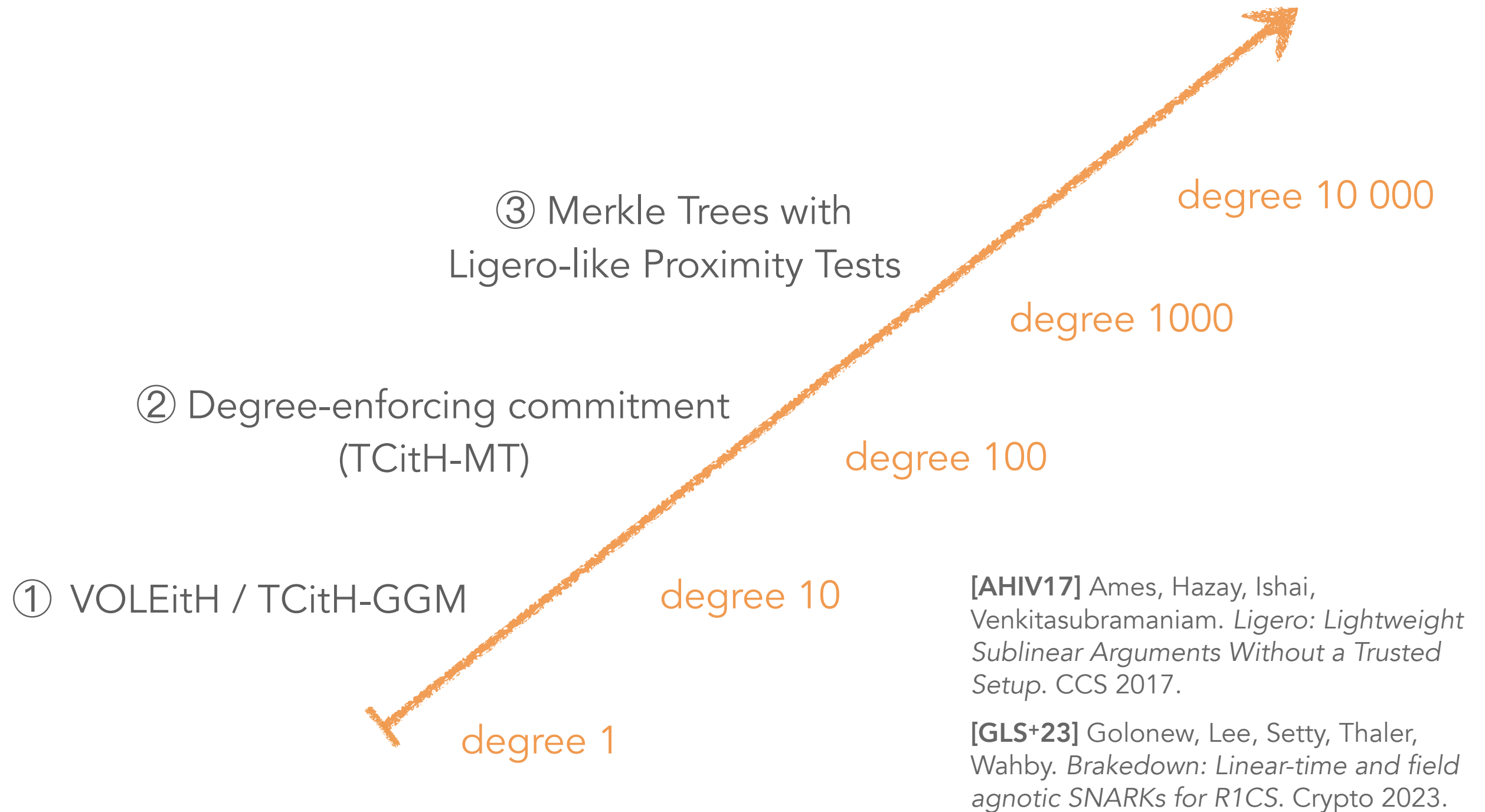
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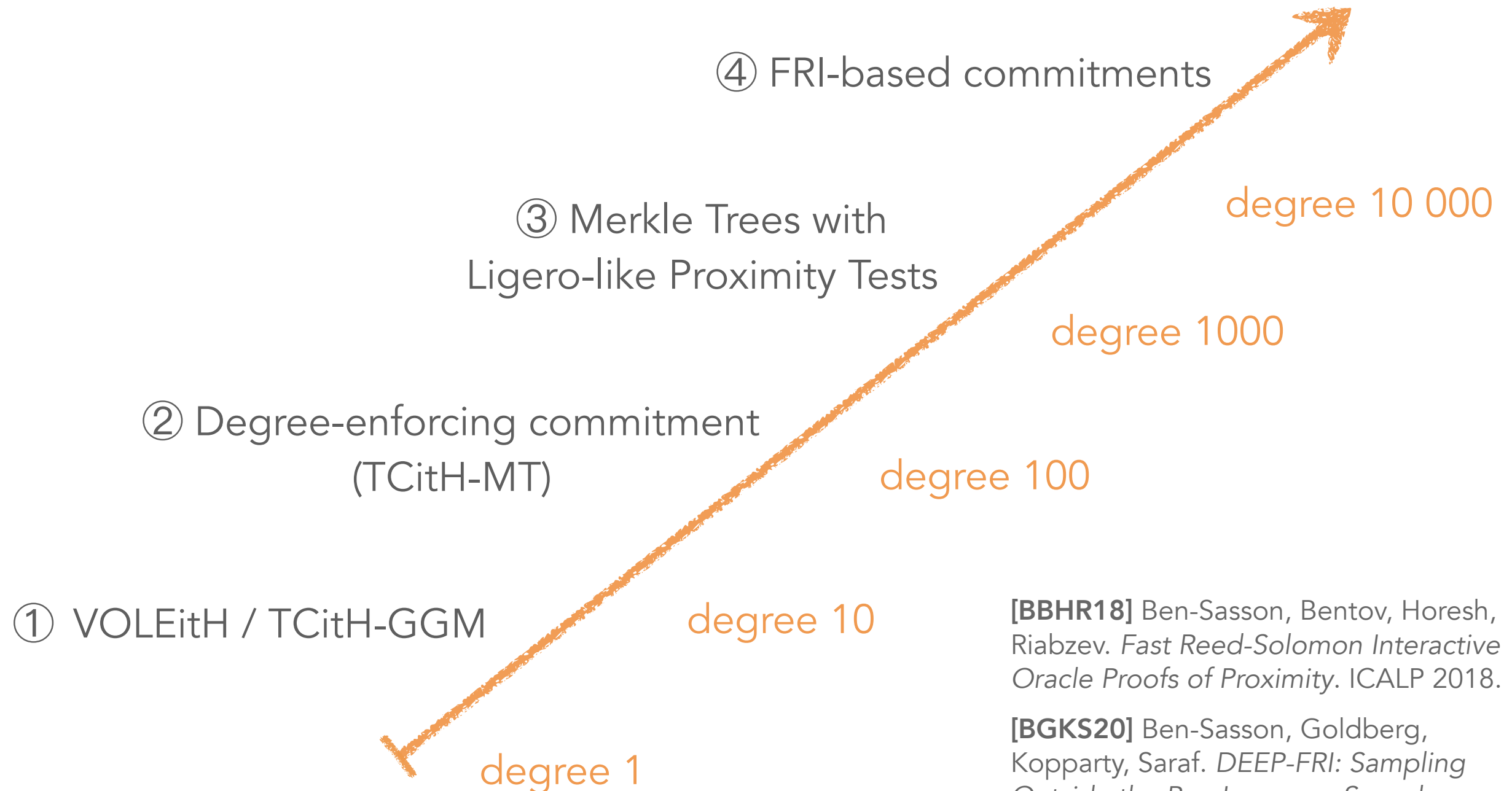
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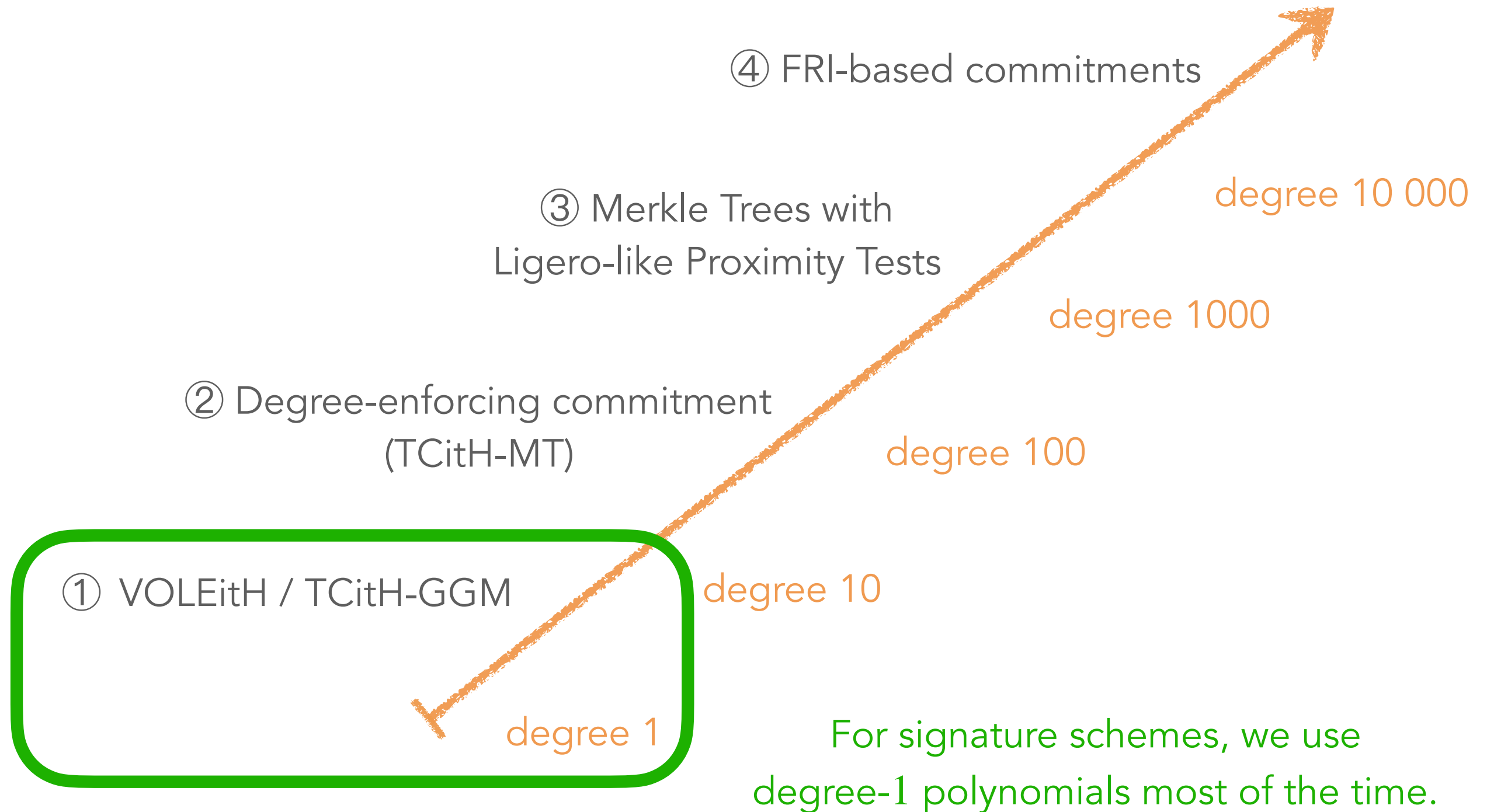
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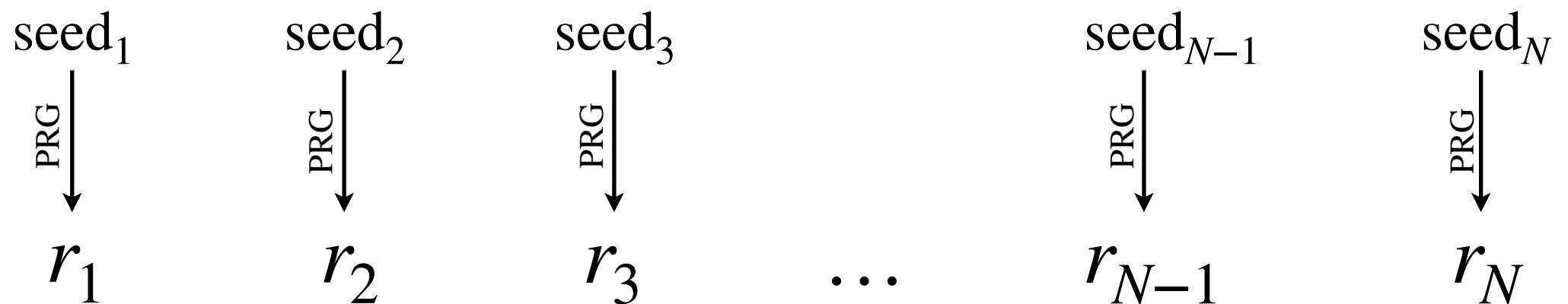
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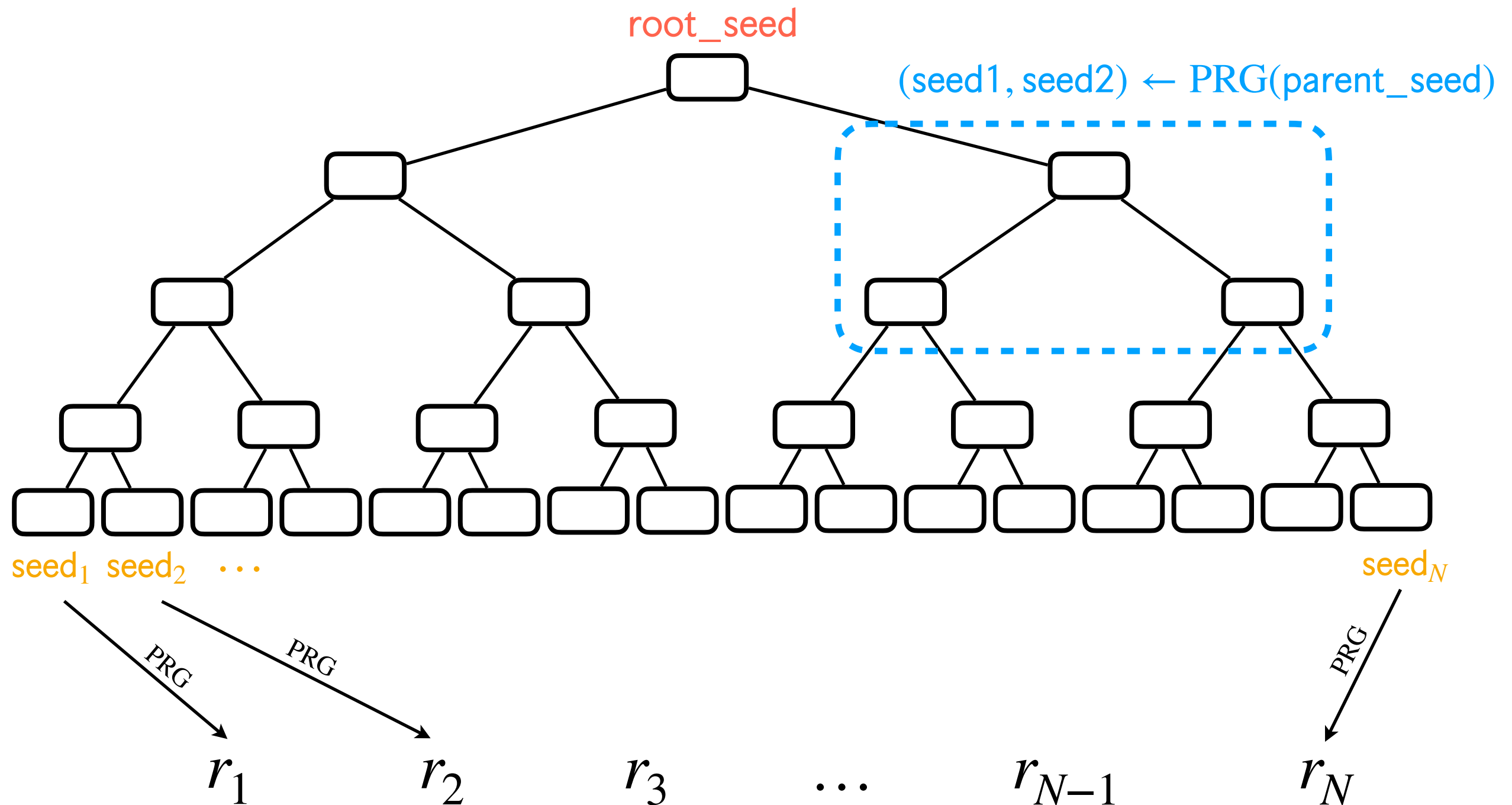
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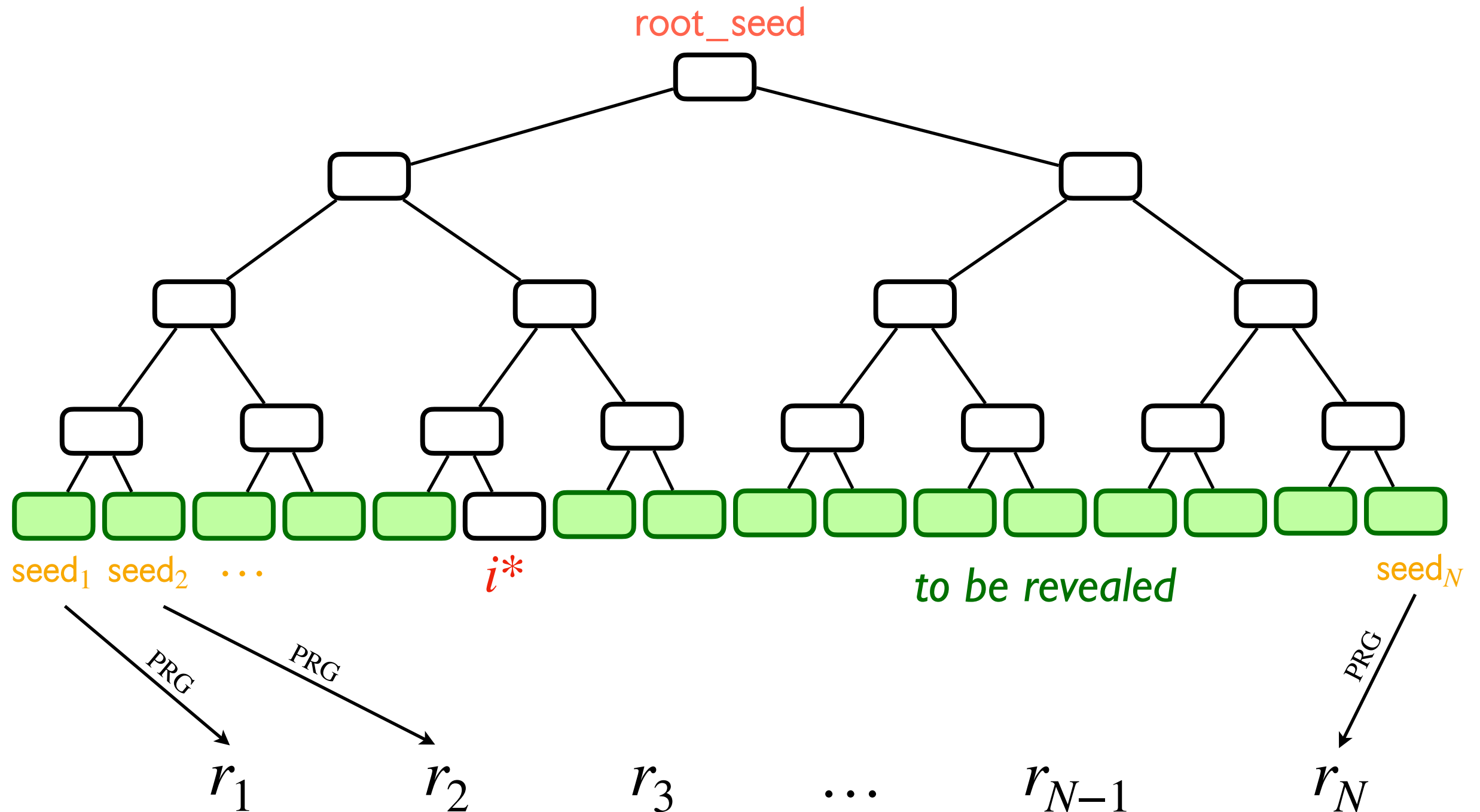
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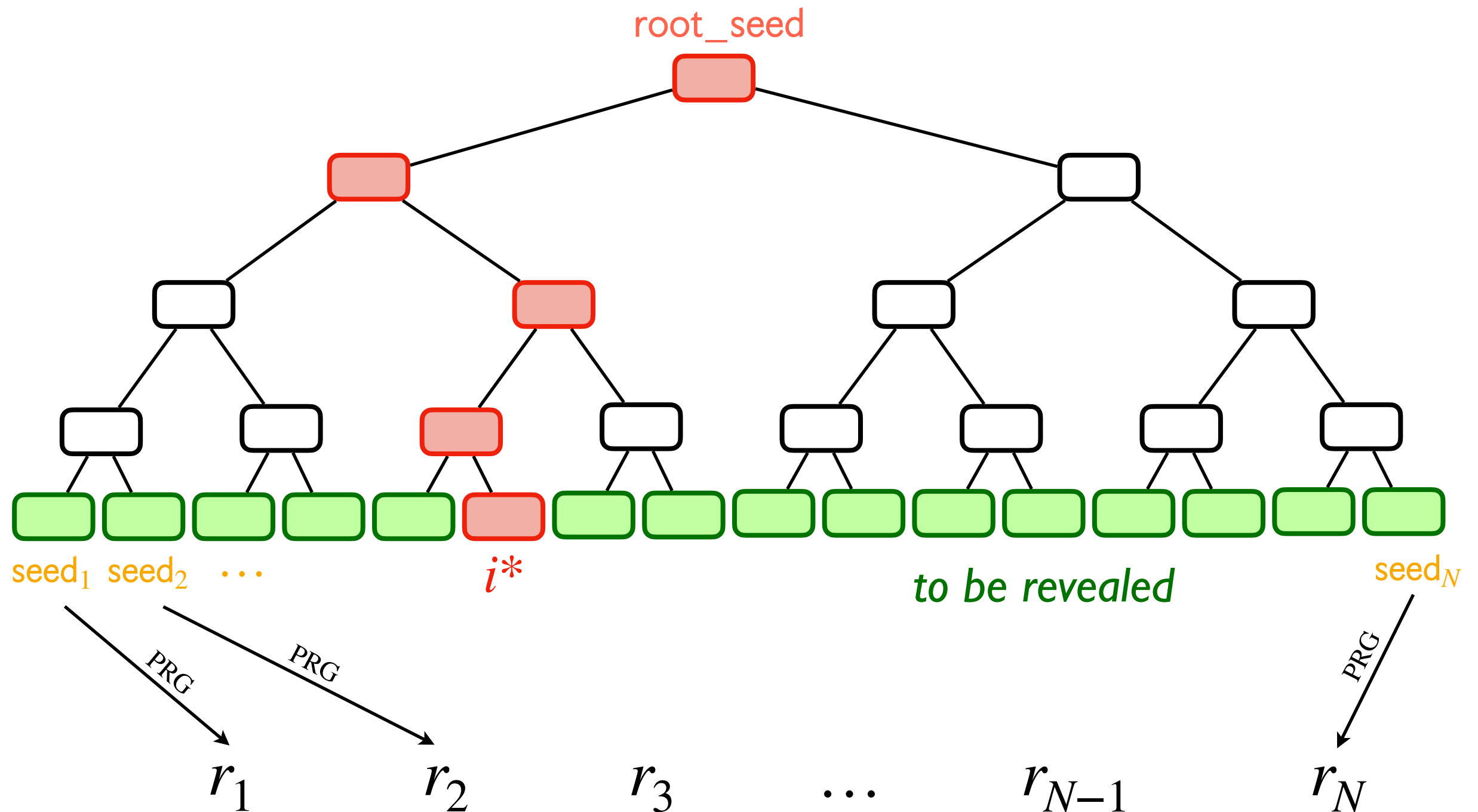
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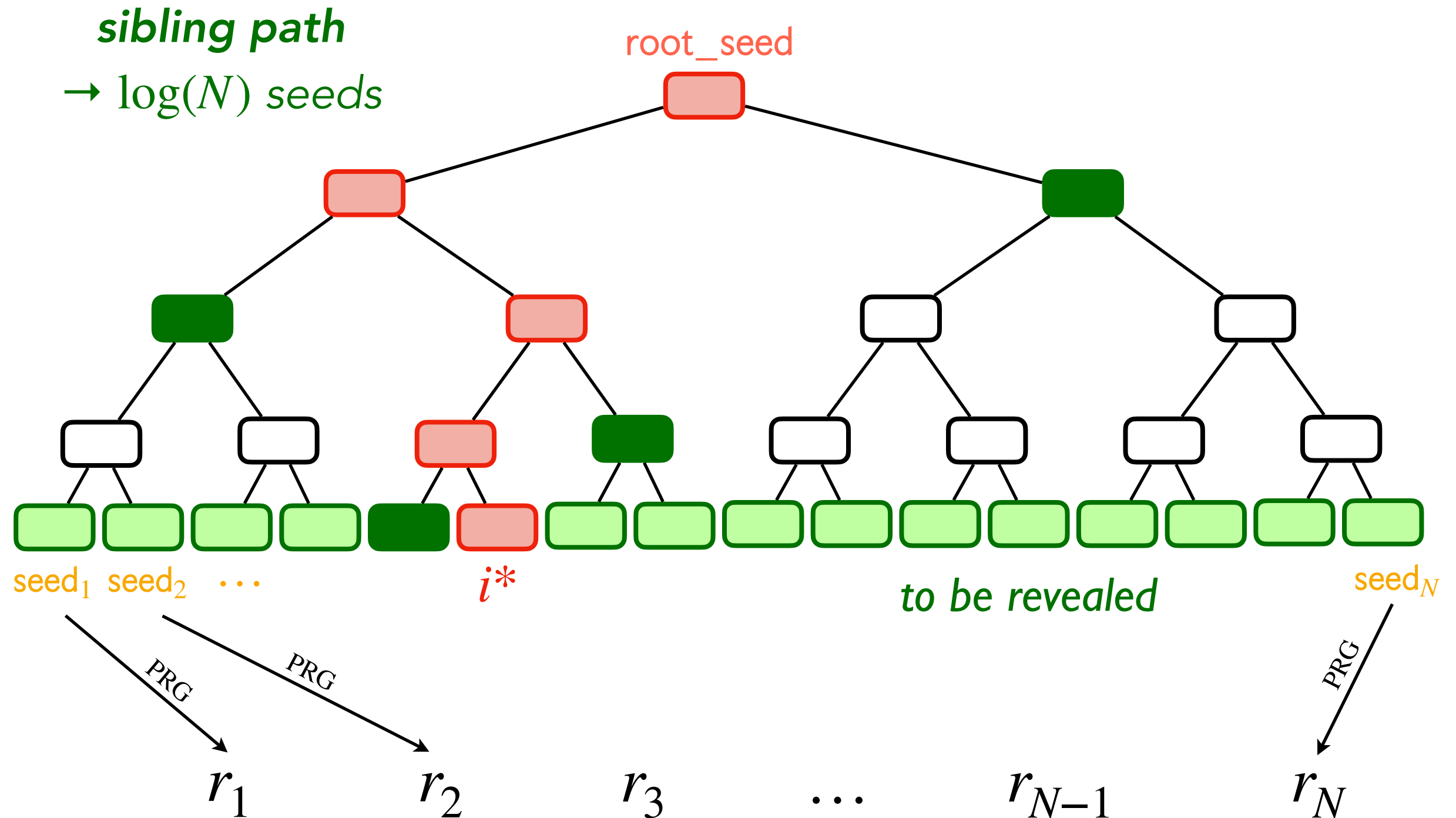
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Running times of few ten millions of cycles.

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