

# On Pseudorandom Encodings

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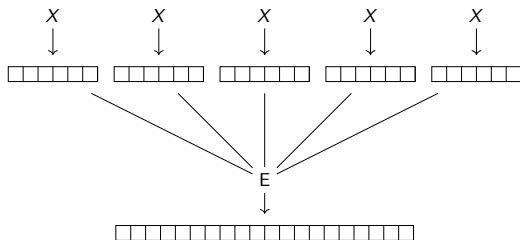
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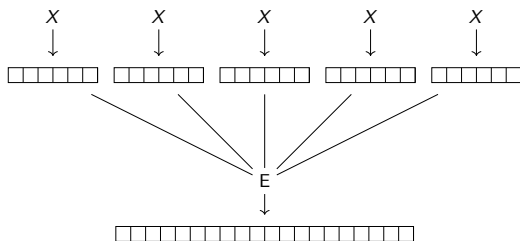
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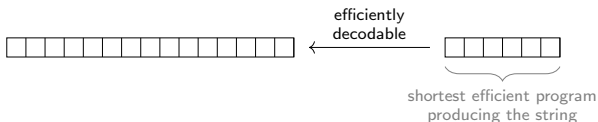
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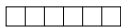
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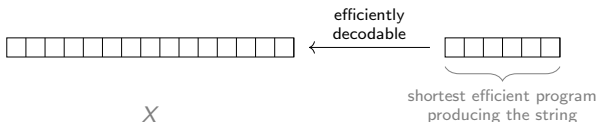
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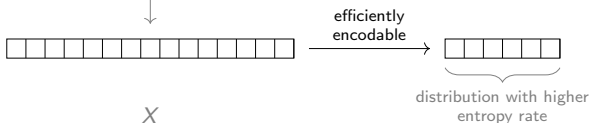
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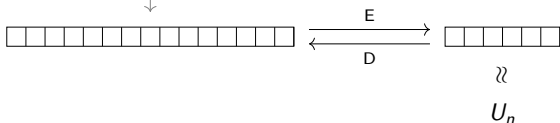
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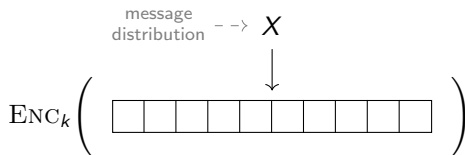


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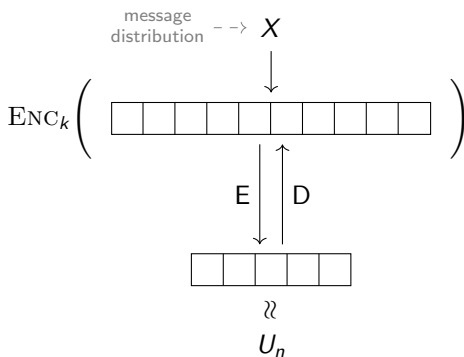
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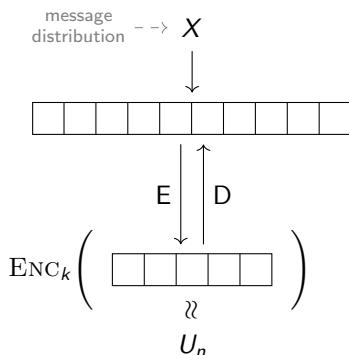
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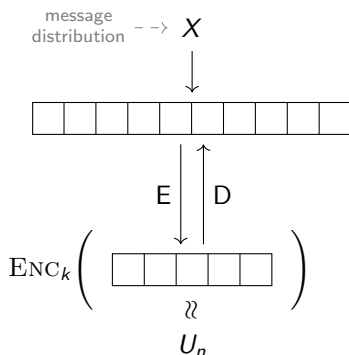
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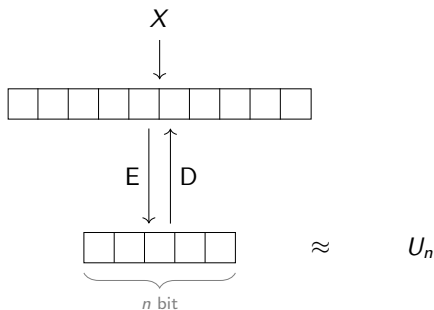
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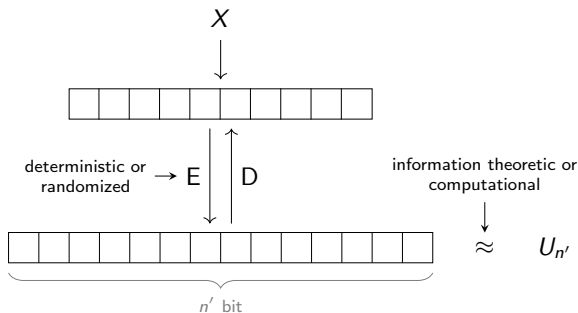
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  - ▶ consider *deterministic* and *randomized*  $E$  } similar to “honey encryption” [JR14]
  - ▶ consider *information theoretic* and *computational* guarantees
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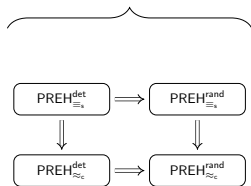
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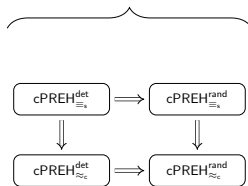
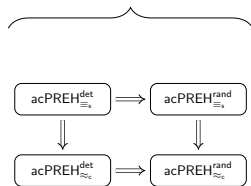
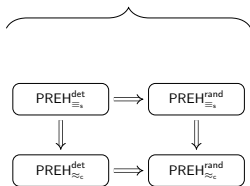
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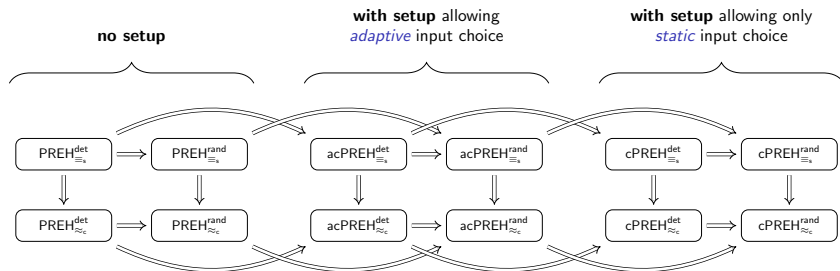
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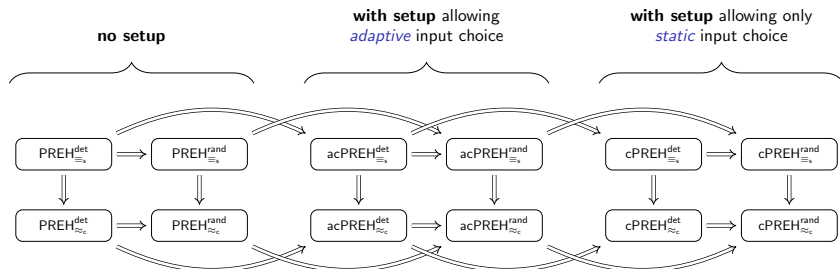
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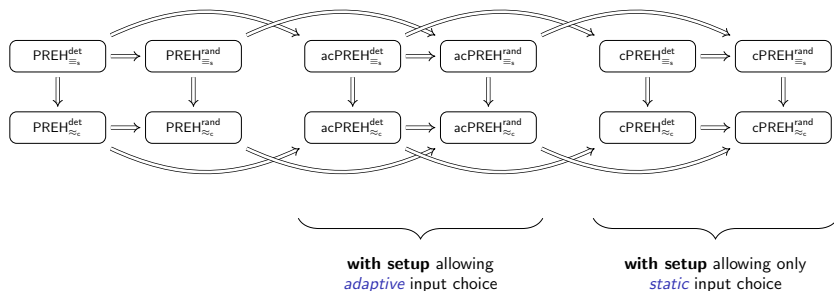


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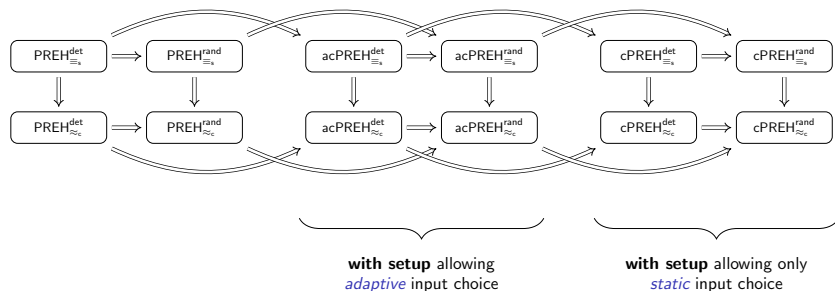




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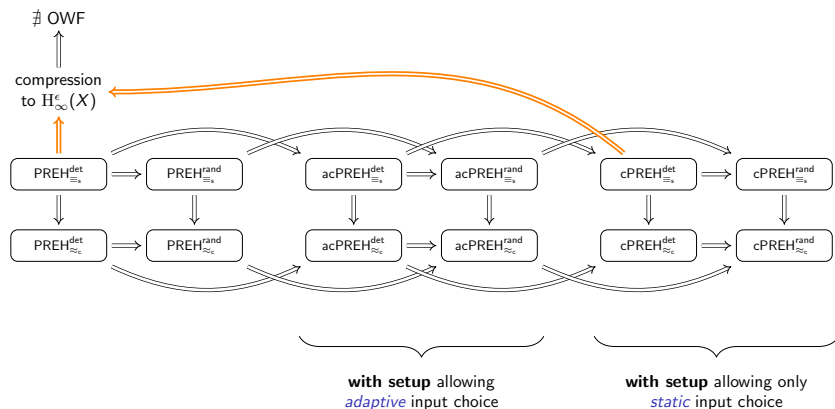
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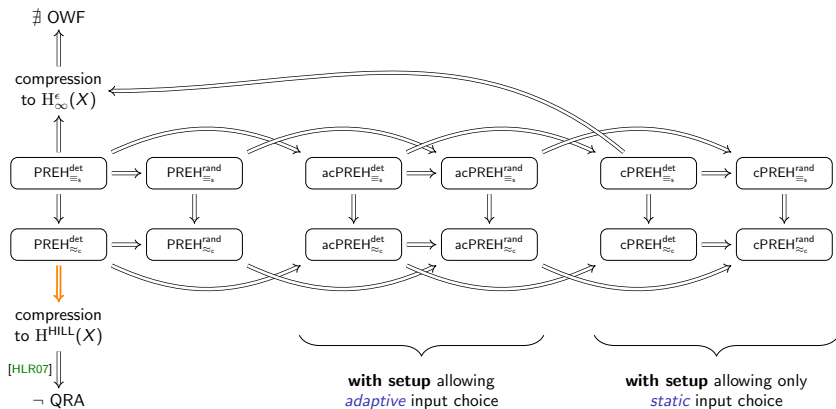
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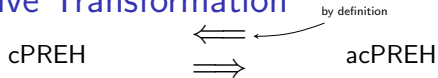
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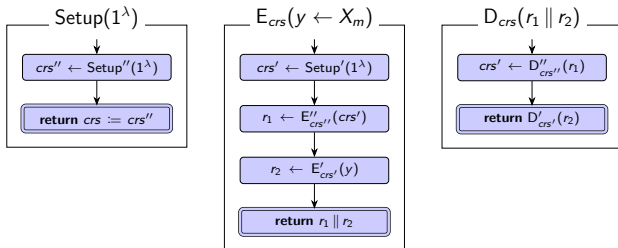
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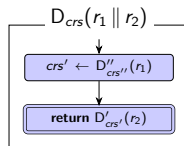
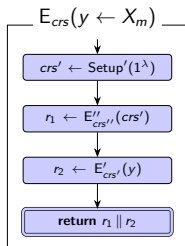
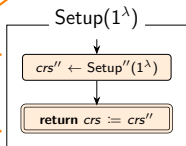
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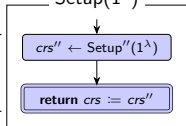
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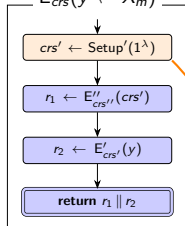
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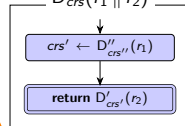
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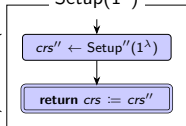
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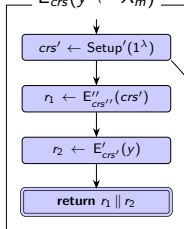
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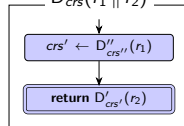
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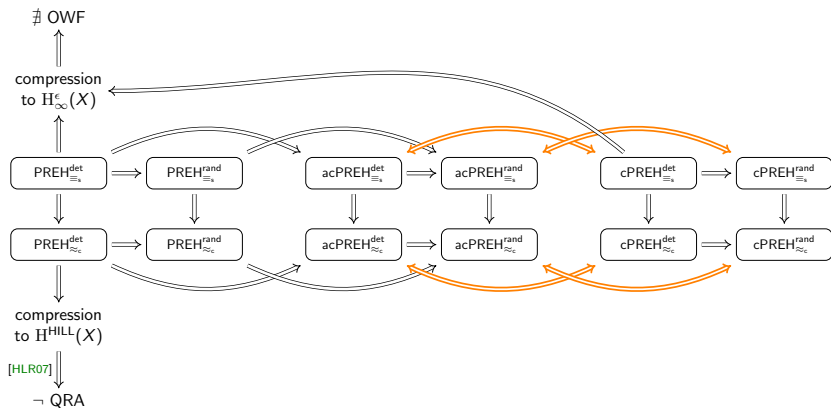
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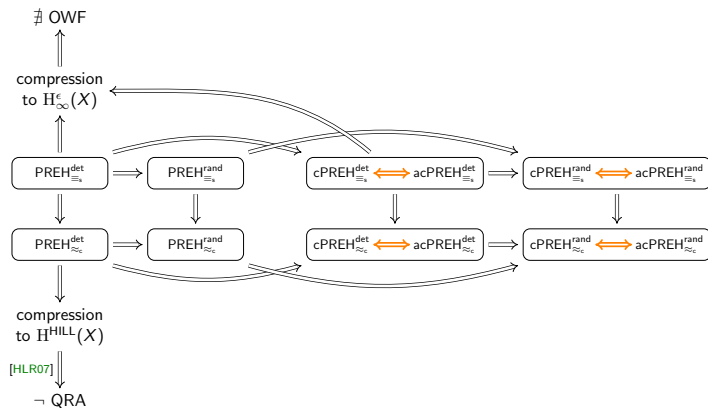
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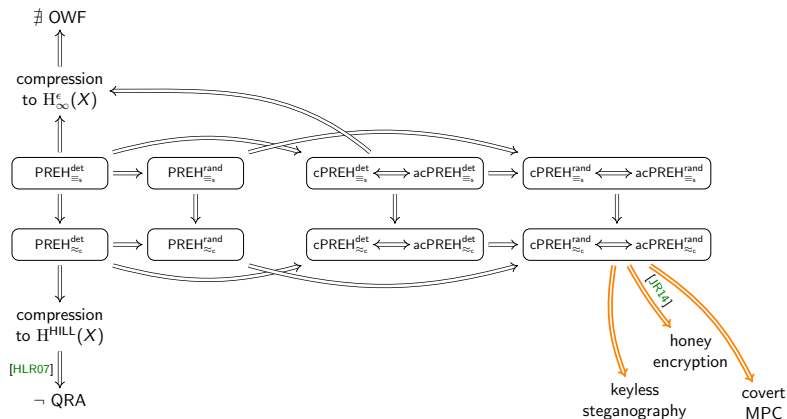
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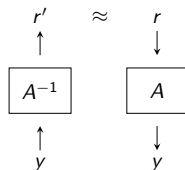
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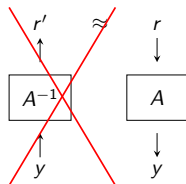
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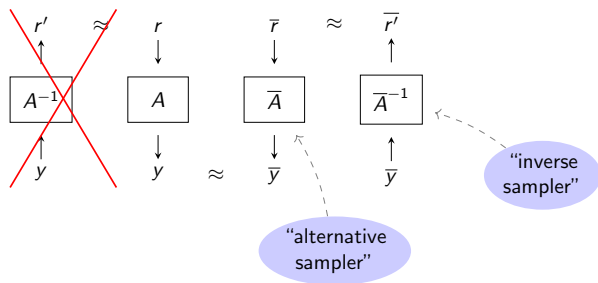
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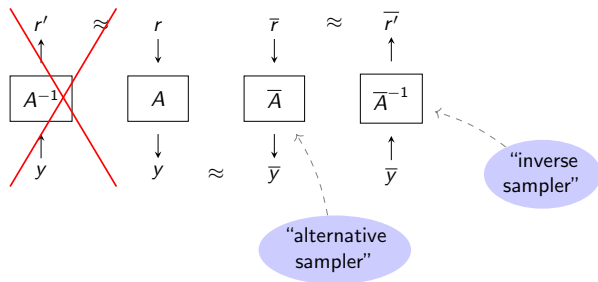
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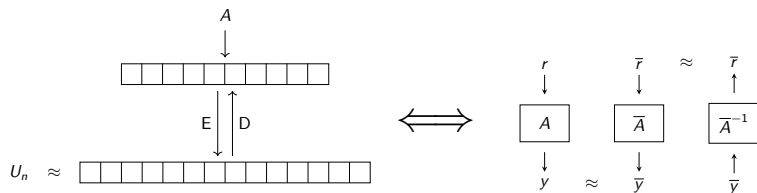


- ▶ invertible sampling is an intriguing problem studied in [CFG96; DN00; GKM+00; IKOS10]
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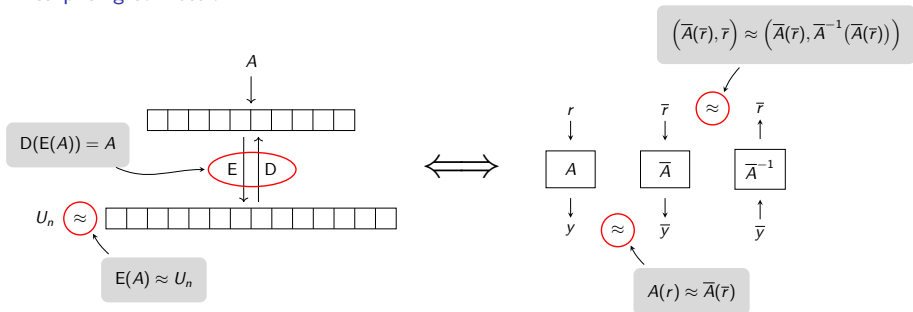
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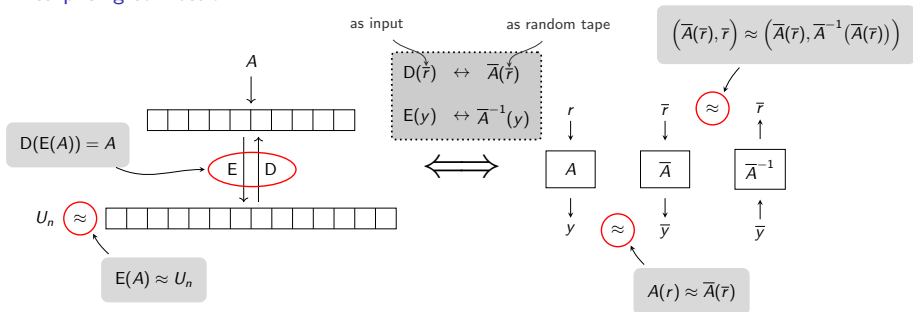
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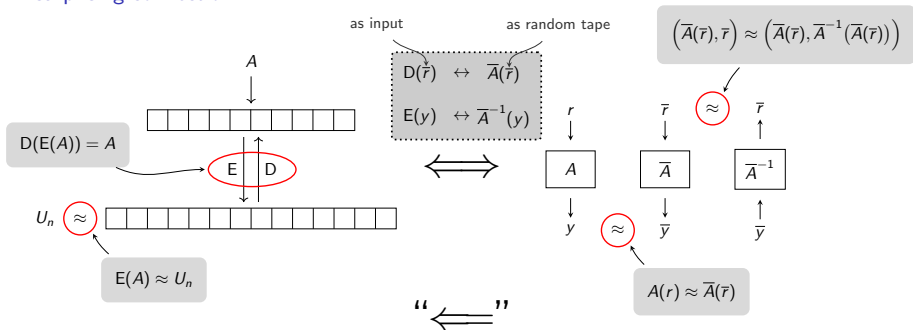
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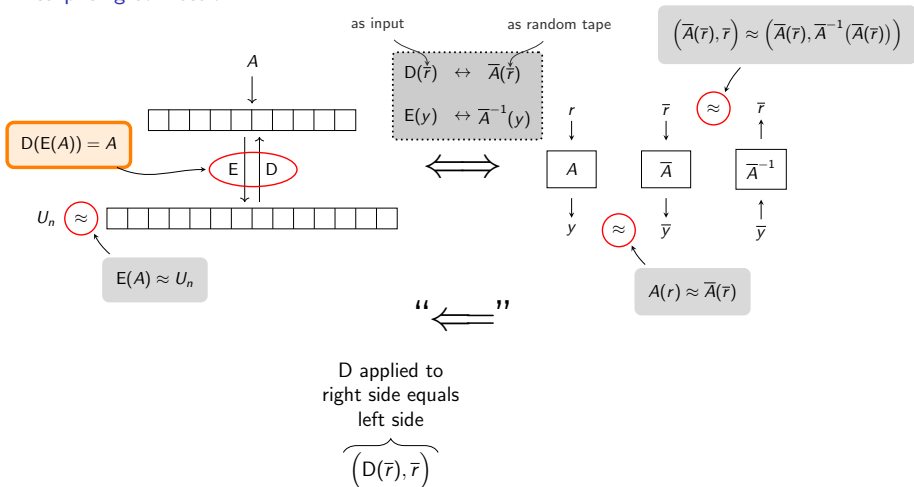
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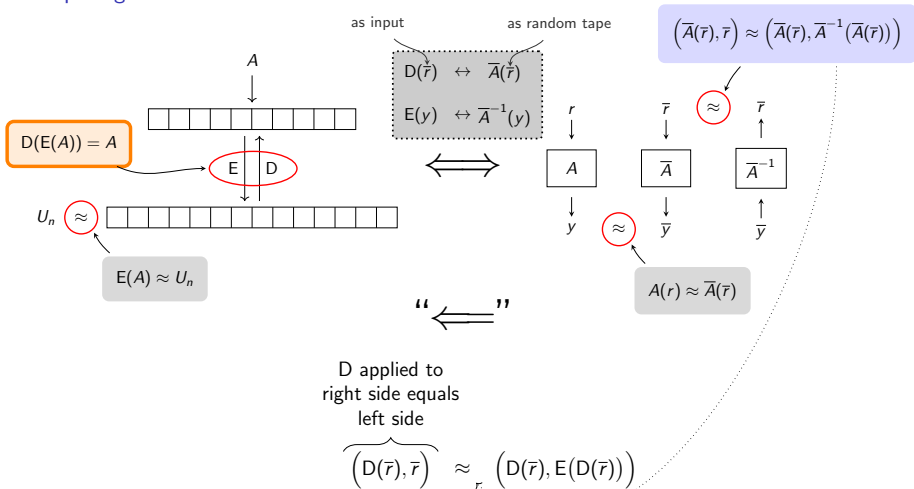
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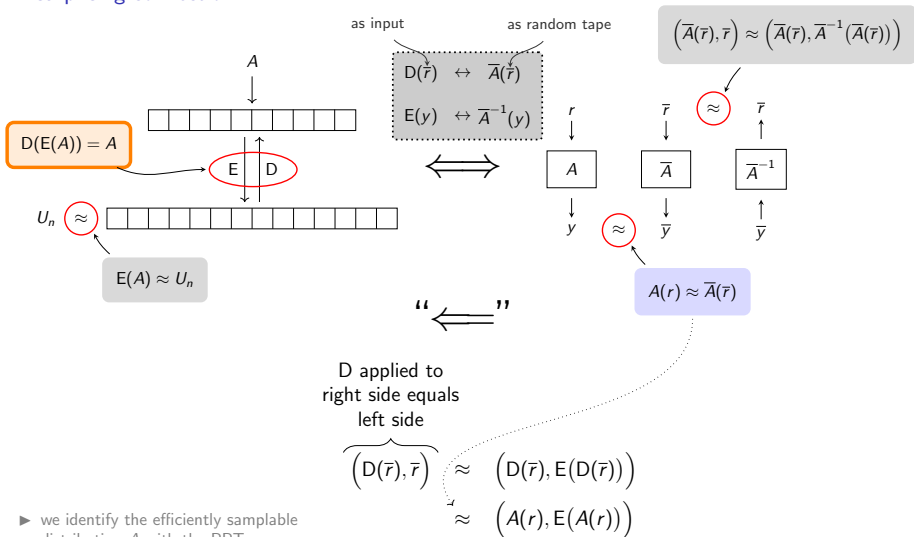
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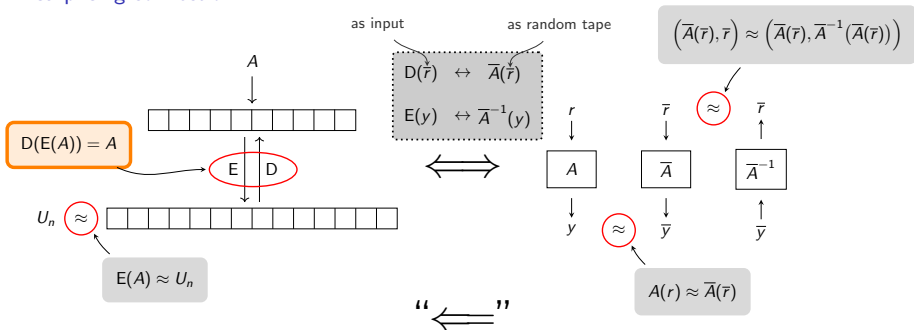
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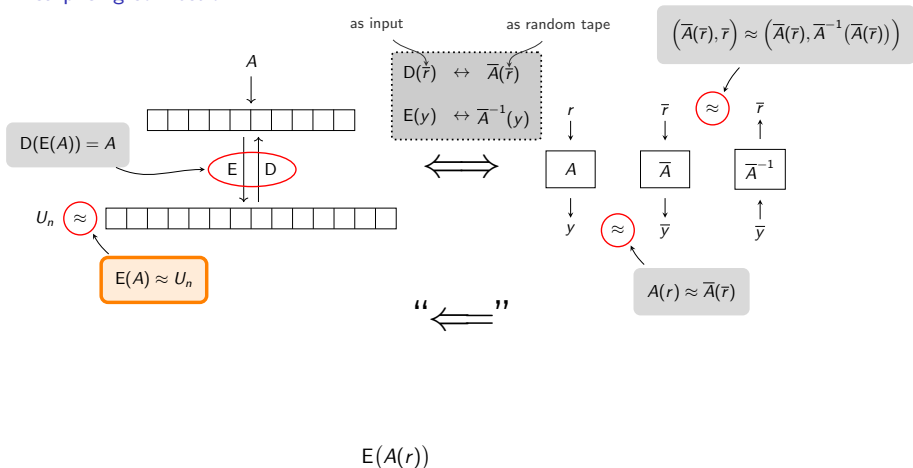
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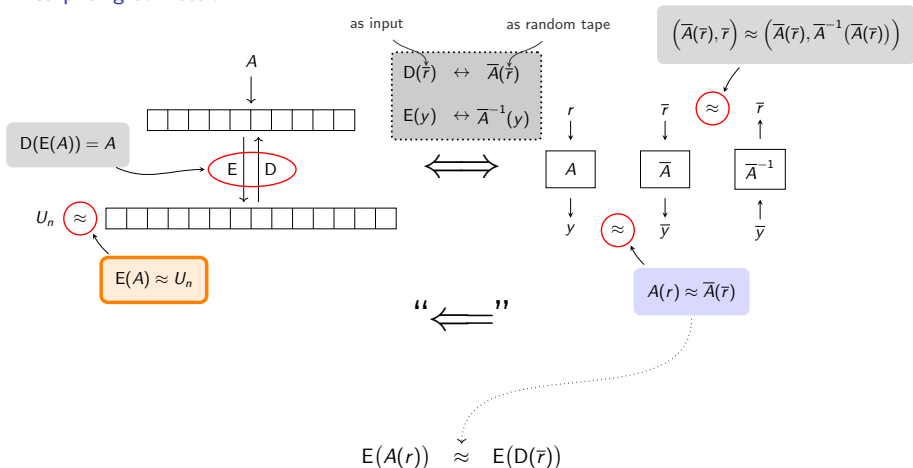
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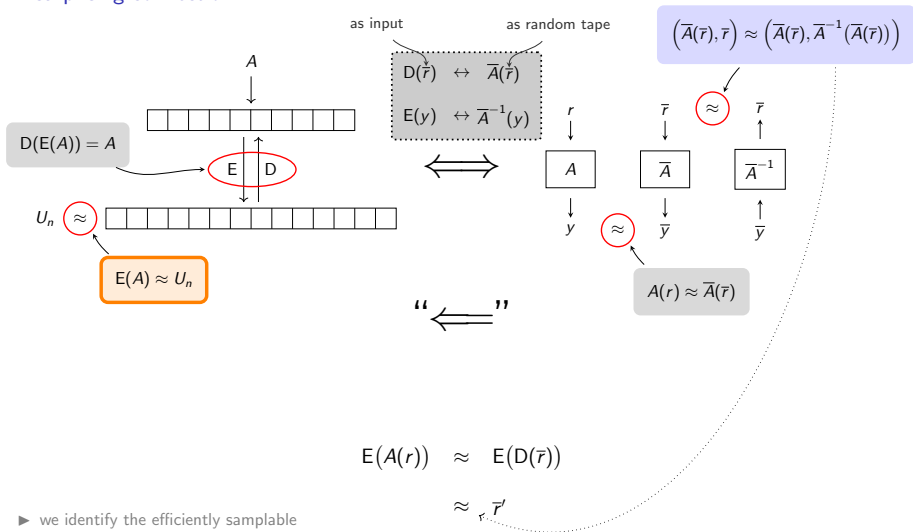
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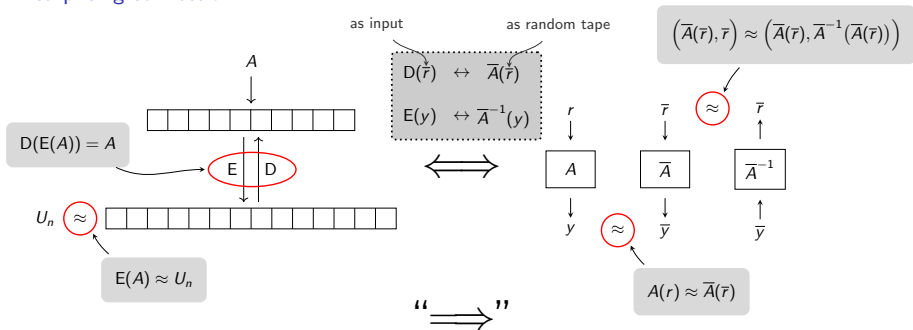
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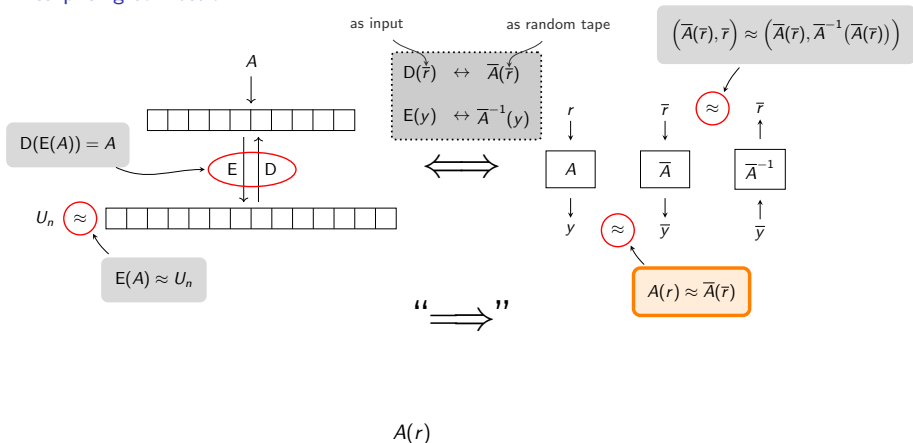
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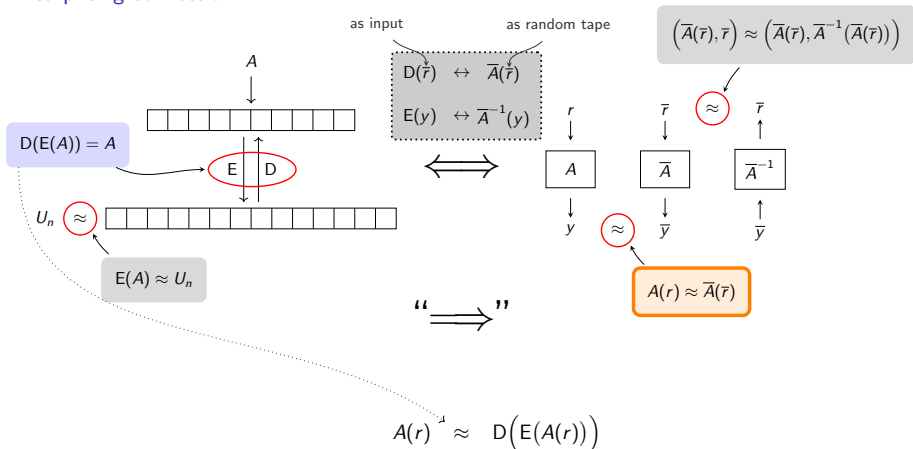
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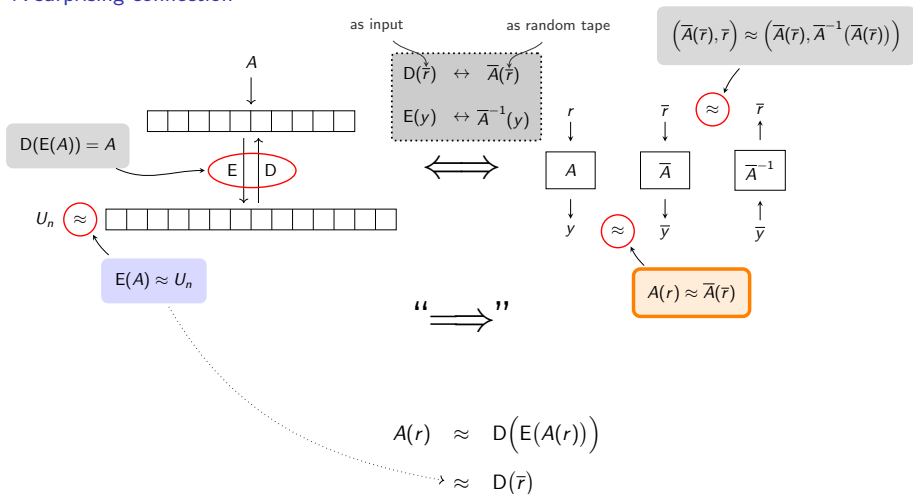
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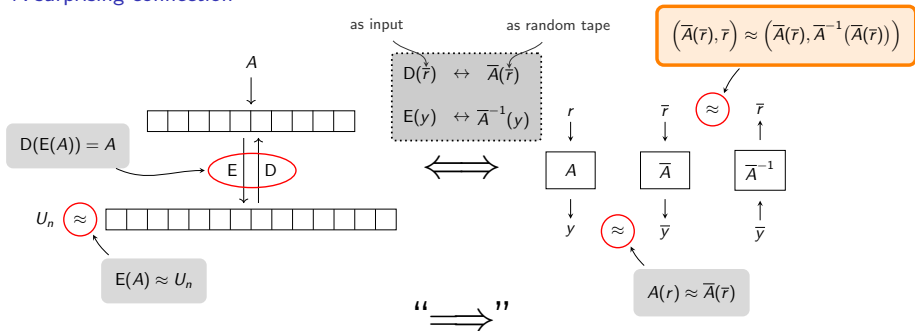
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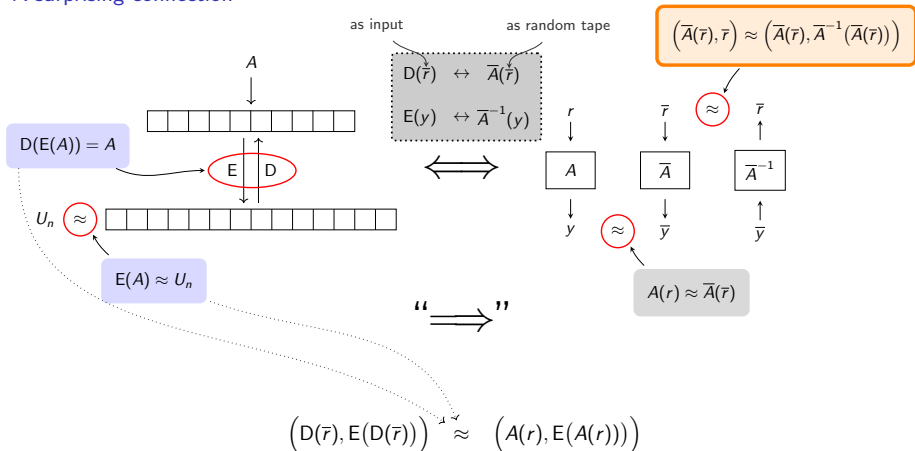
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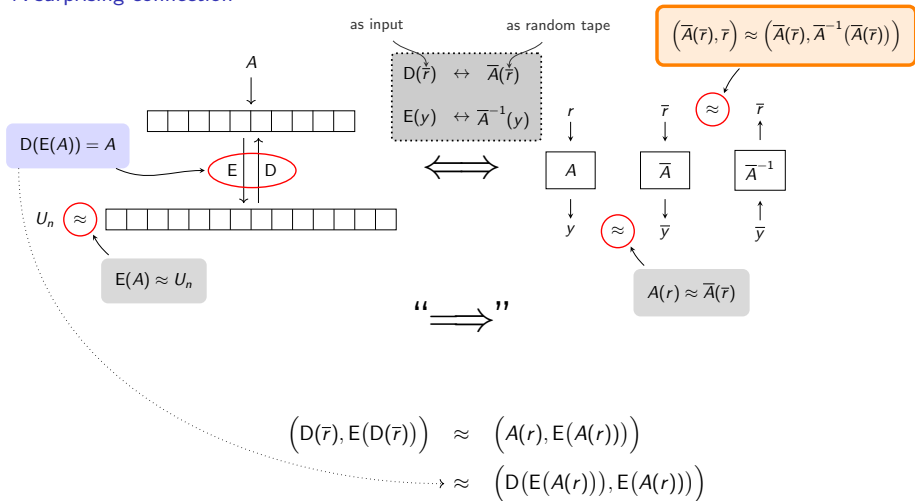
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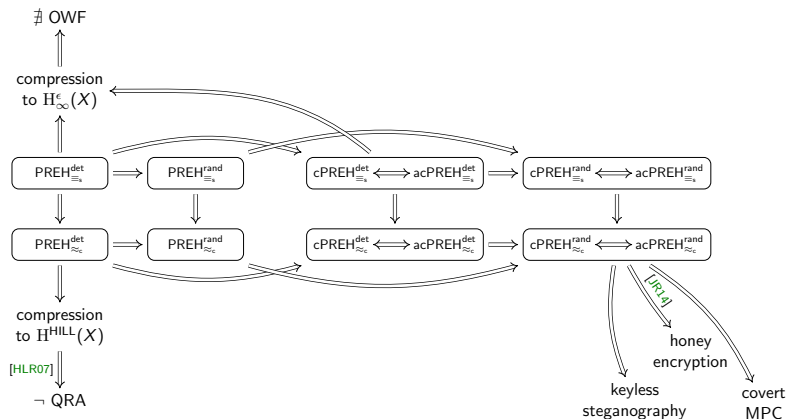
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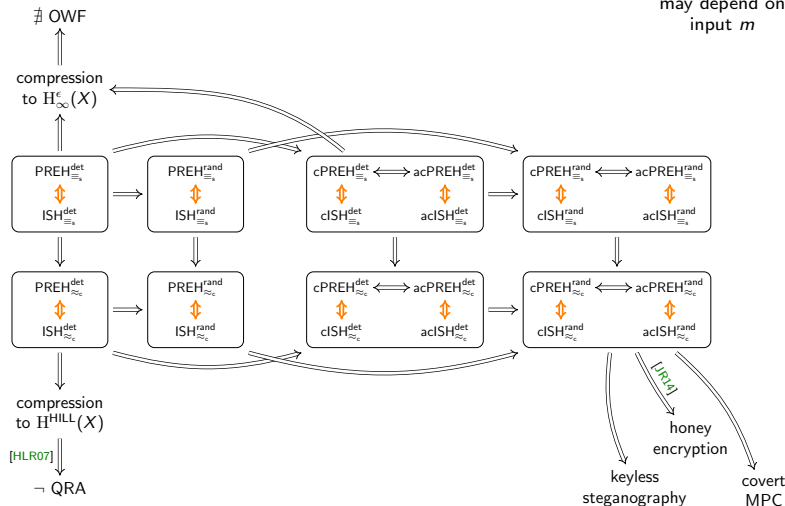
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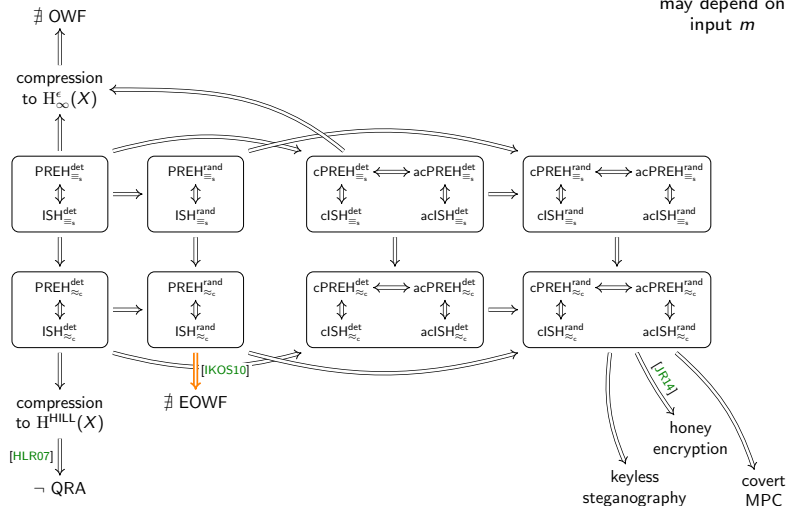
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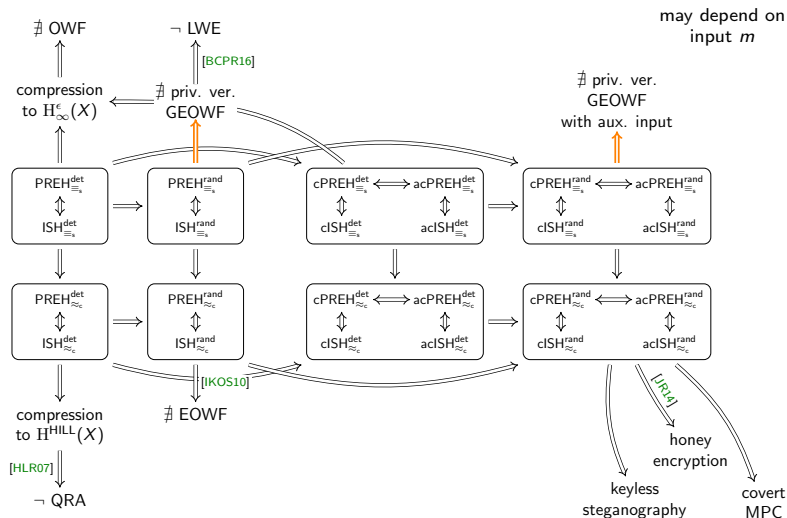
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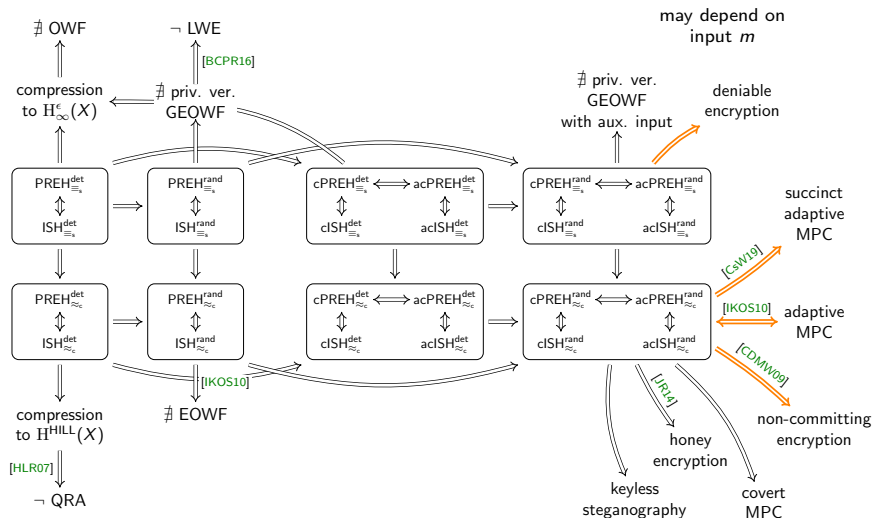
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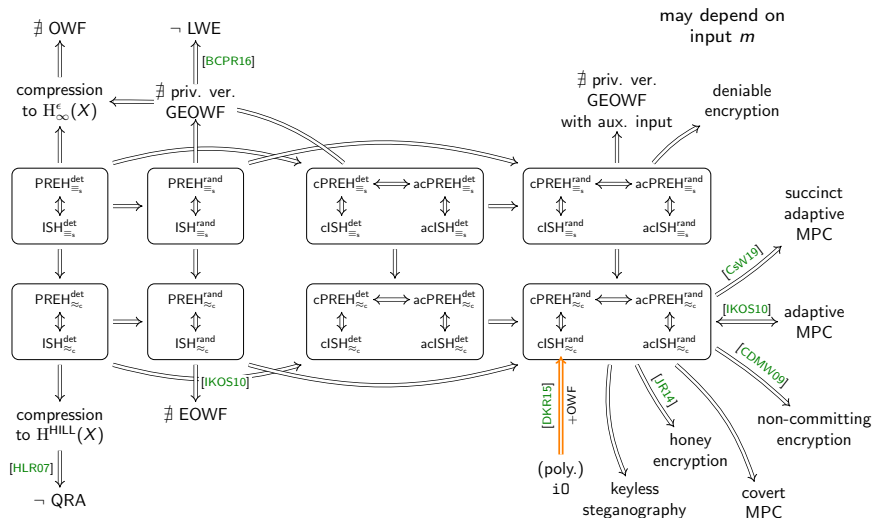
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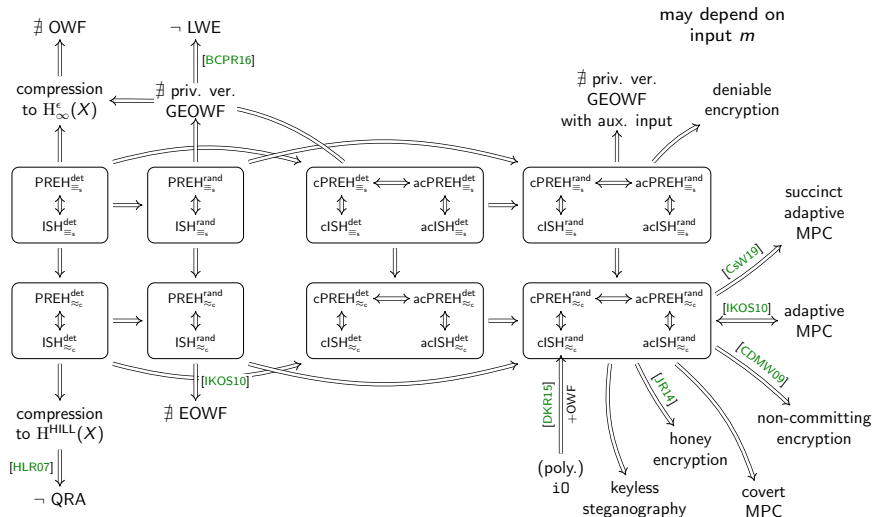
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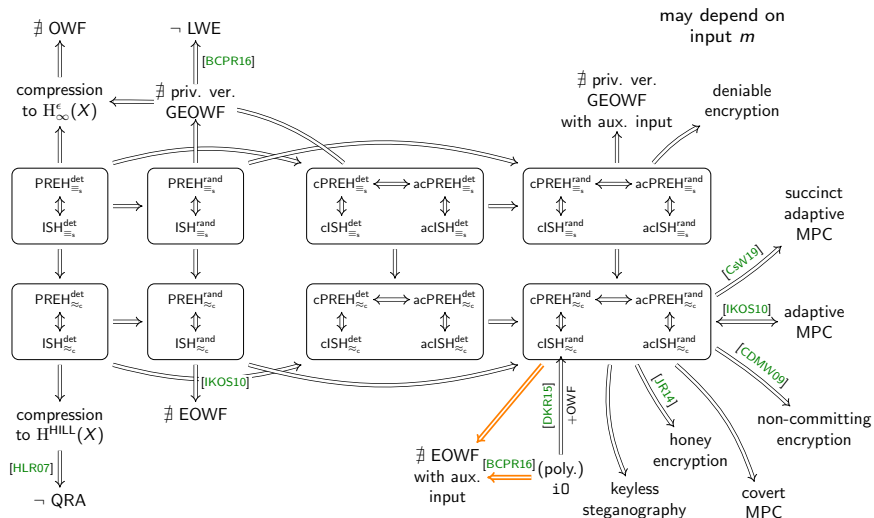
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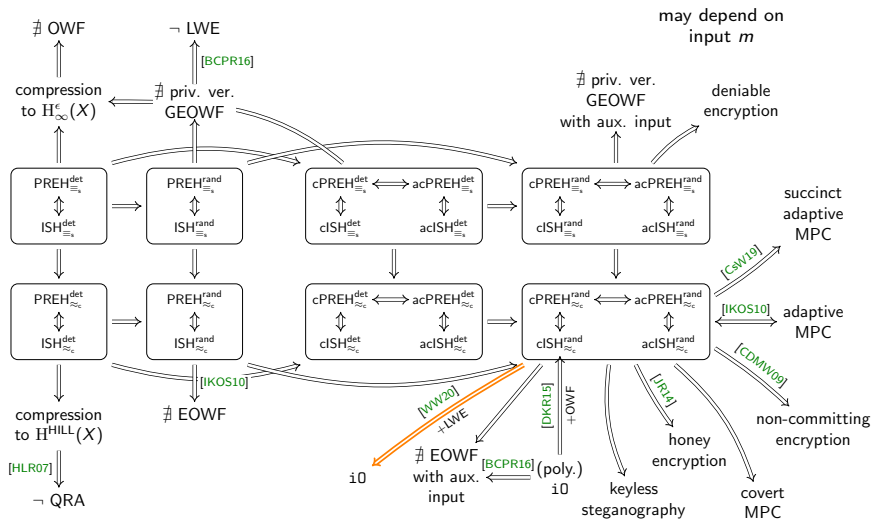
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