

# Spatial Isolation $\Rightarrow$ Zero Knowledge Even in a Quantum World

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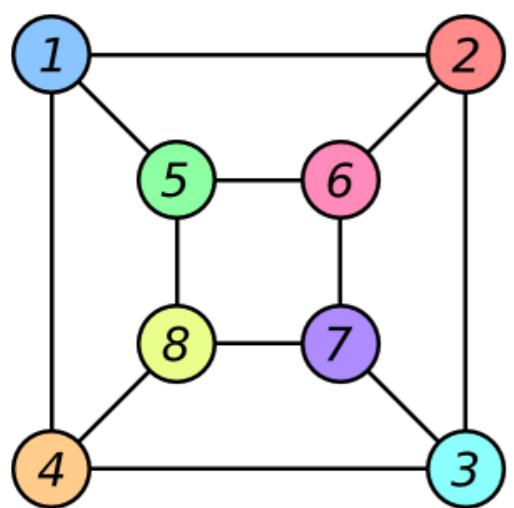
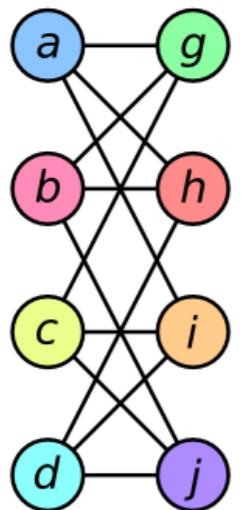
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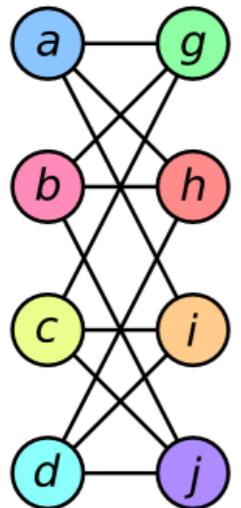
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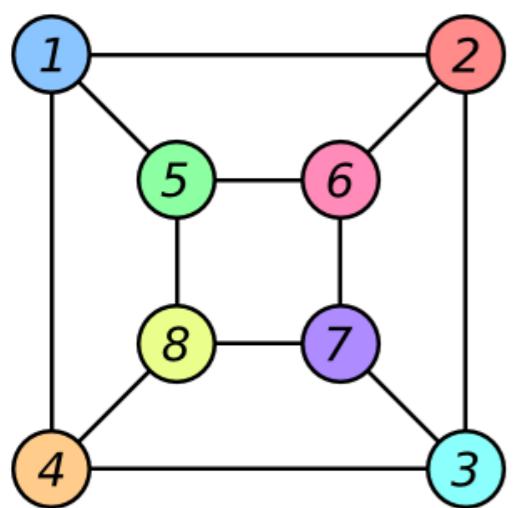
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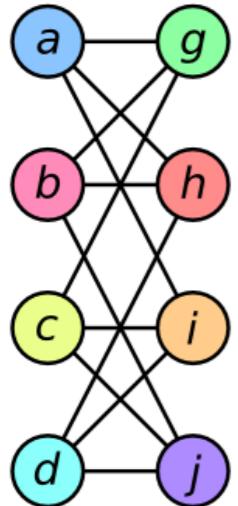
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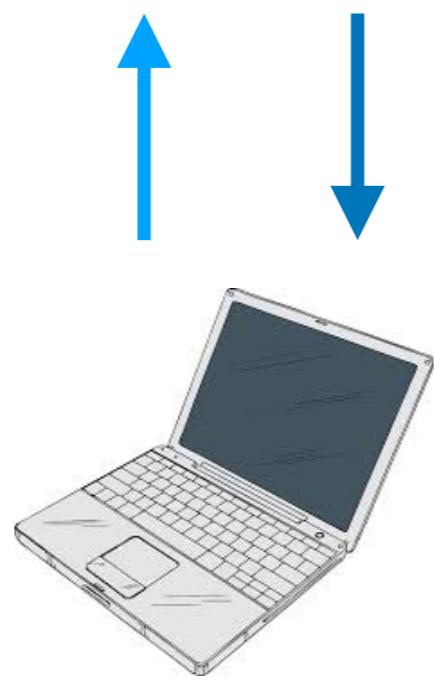
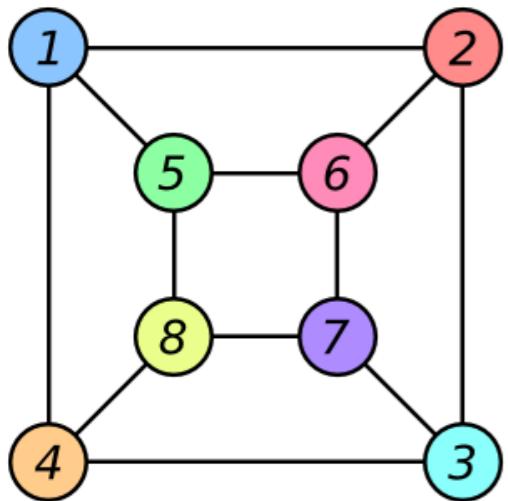
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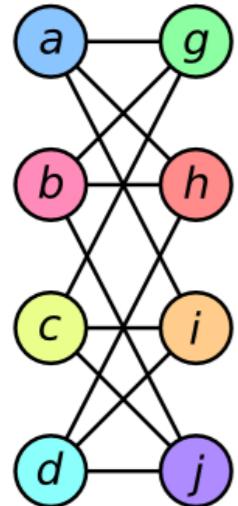
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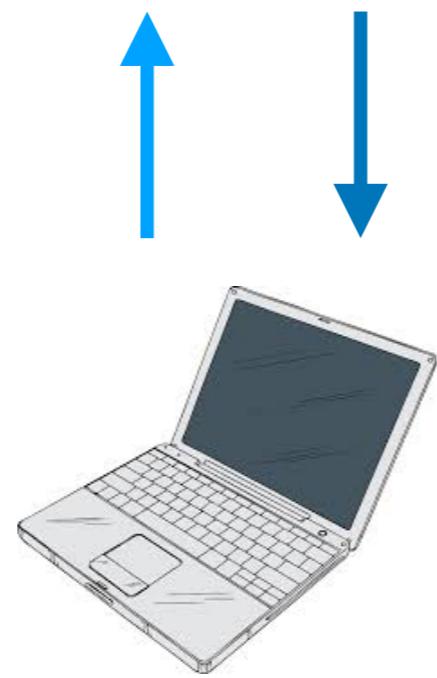
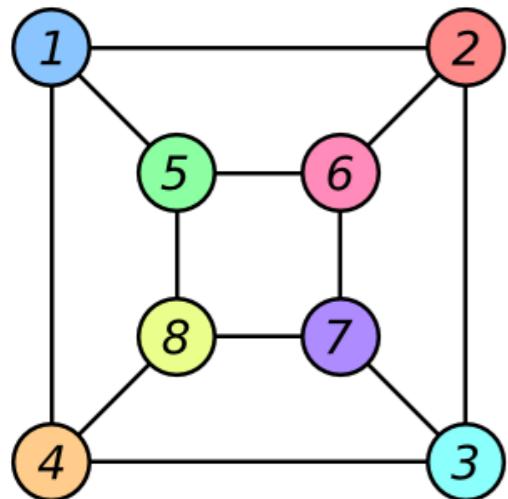
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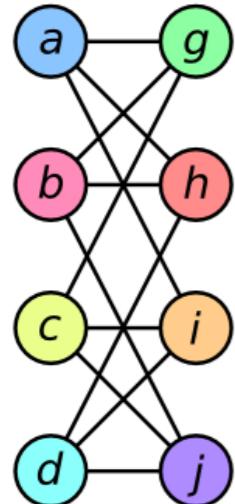
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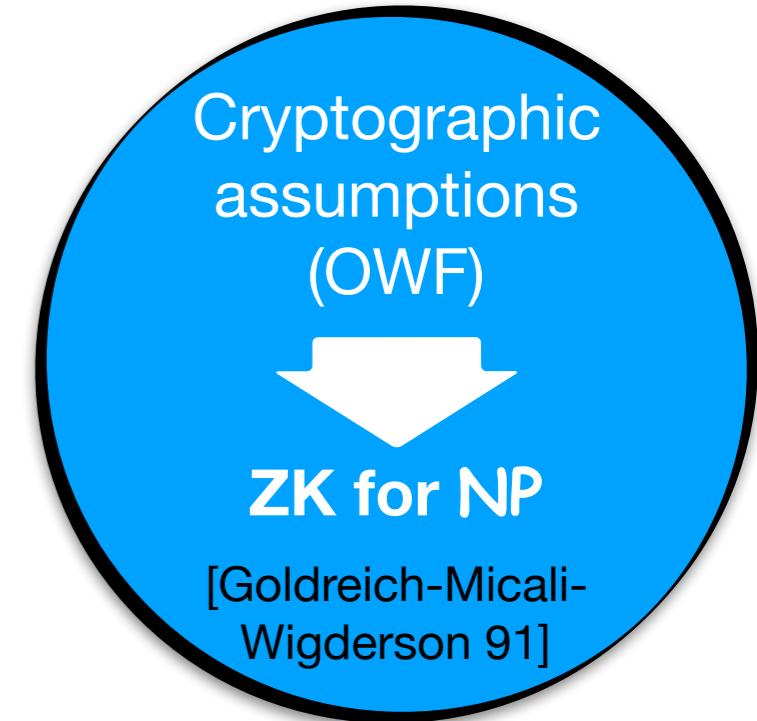
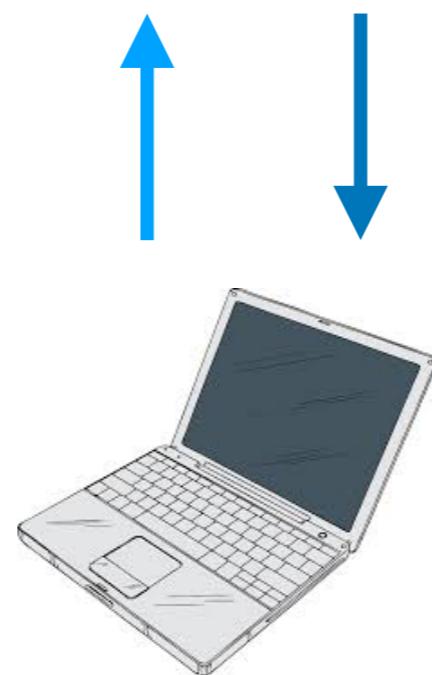
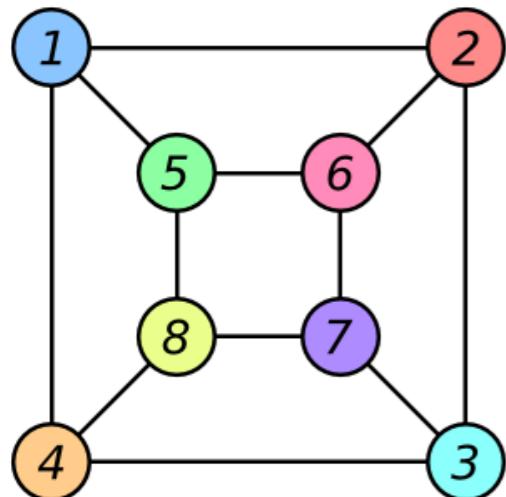
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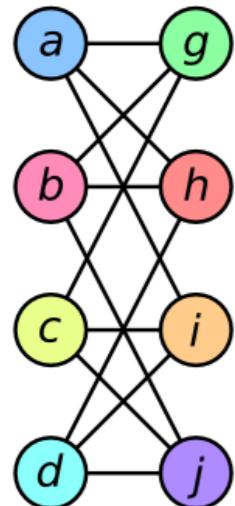
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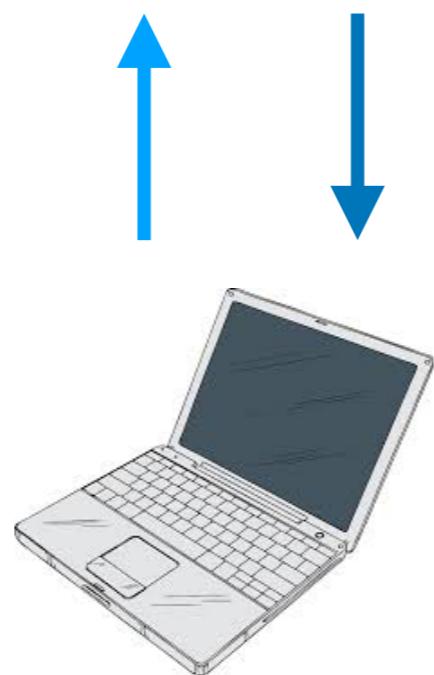
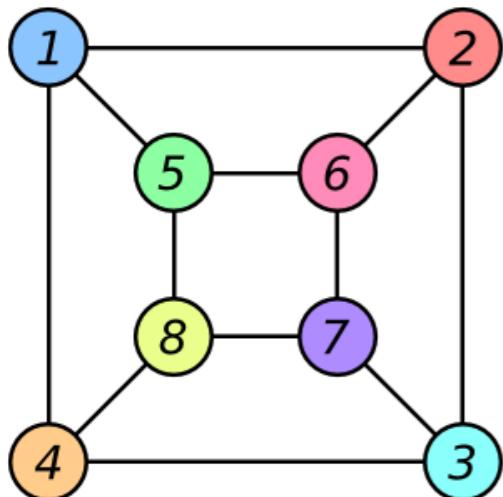
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Cryptographic assumptions  
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**ZK for NP**

[Goldreich-Micali-Wigderson 91]

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[Ostrovsky-Wigderson 93]

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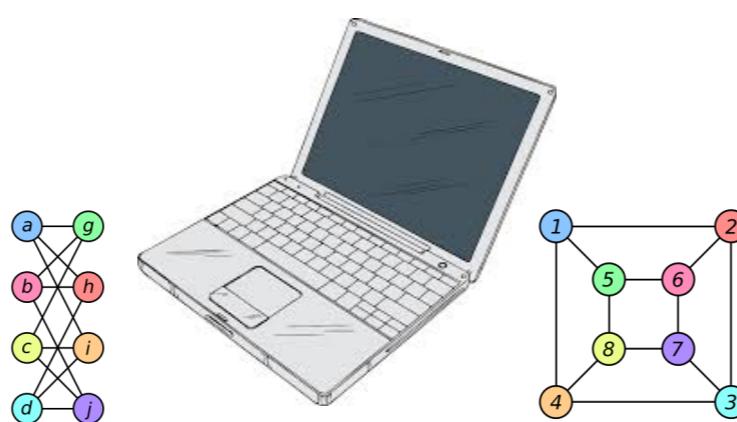
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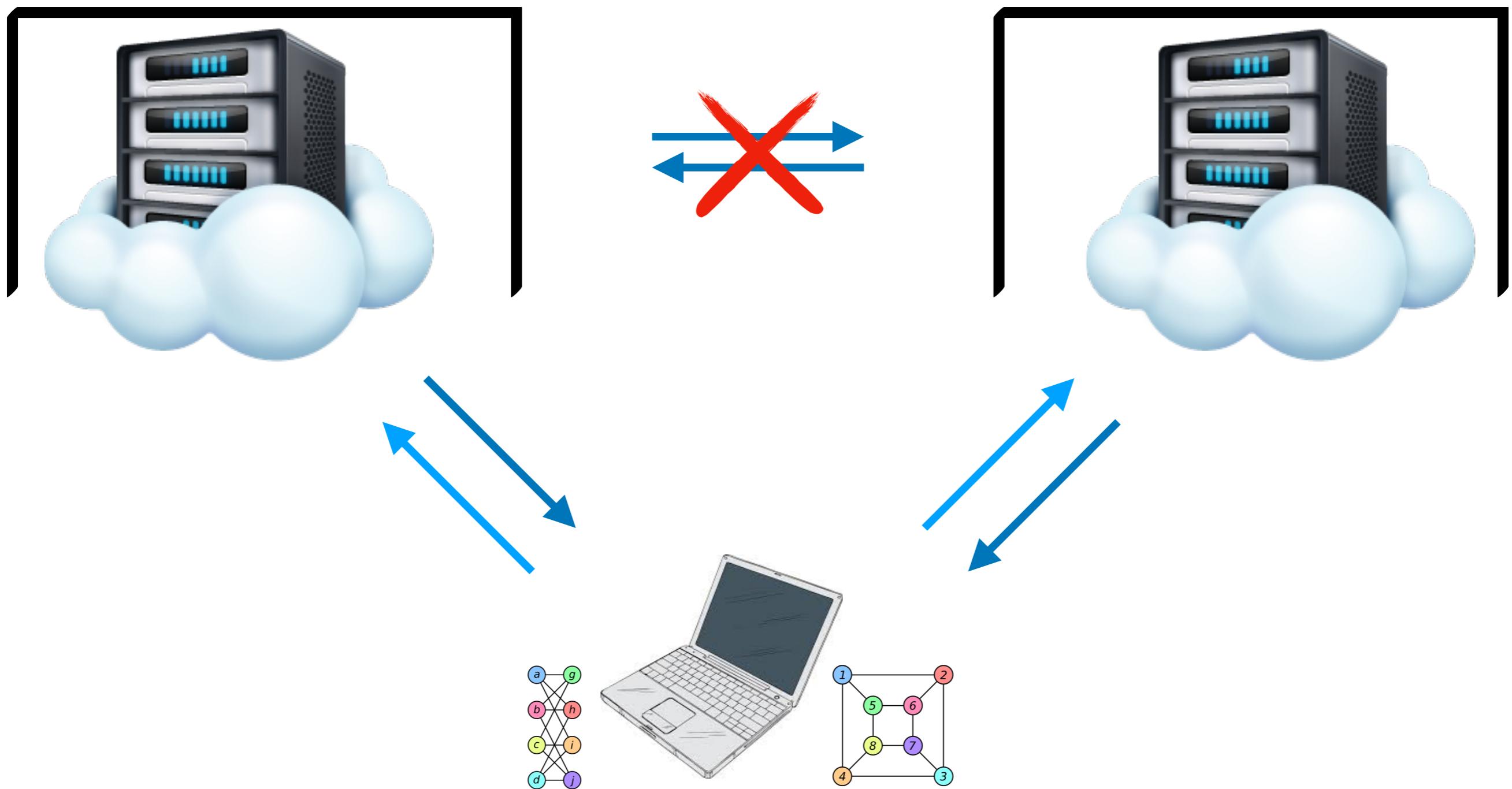
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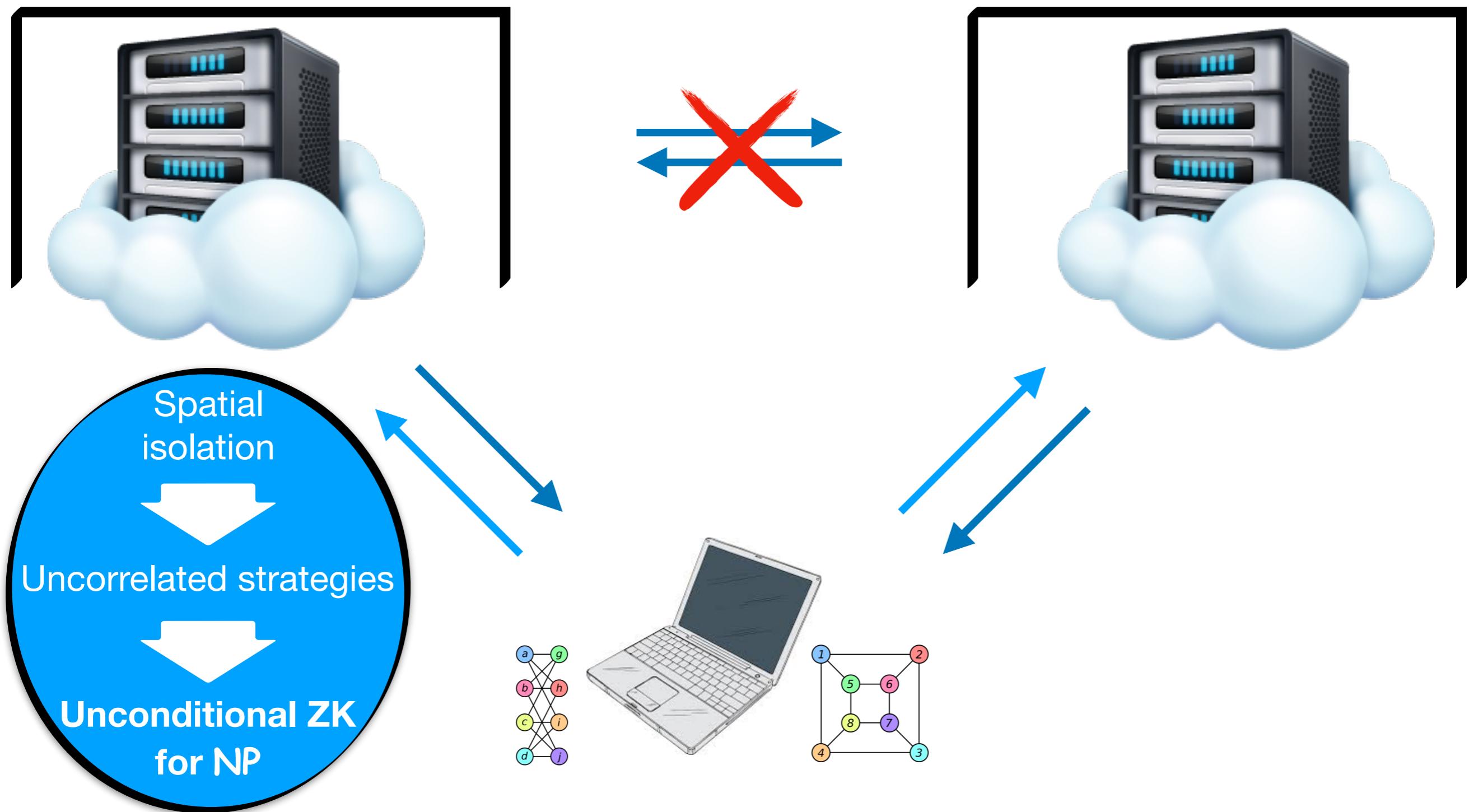
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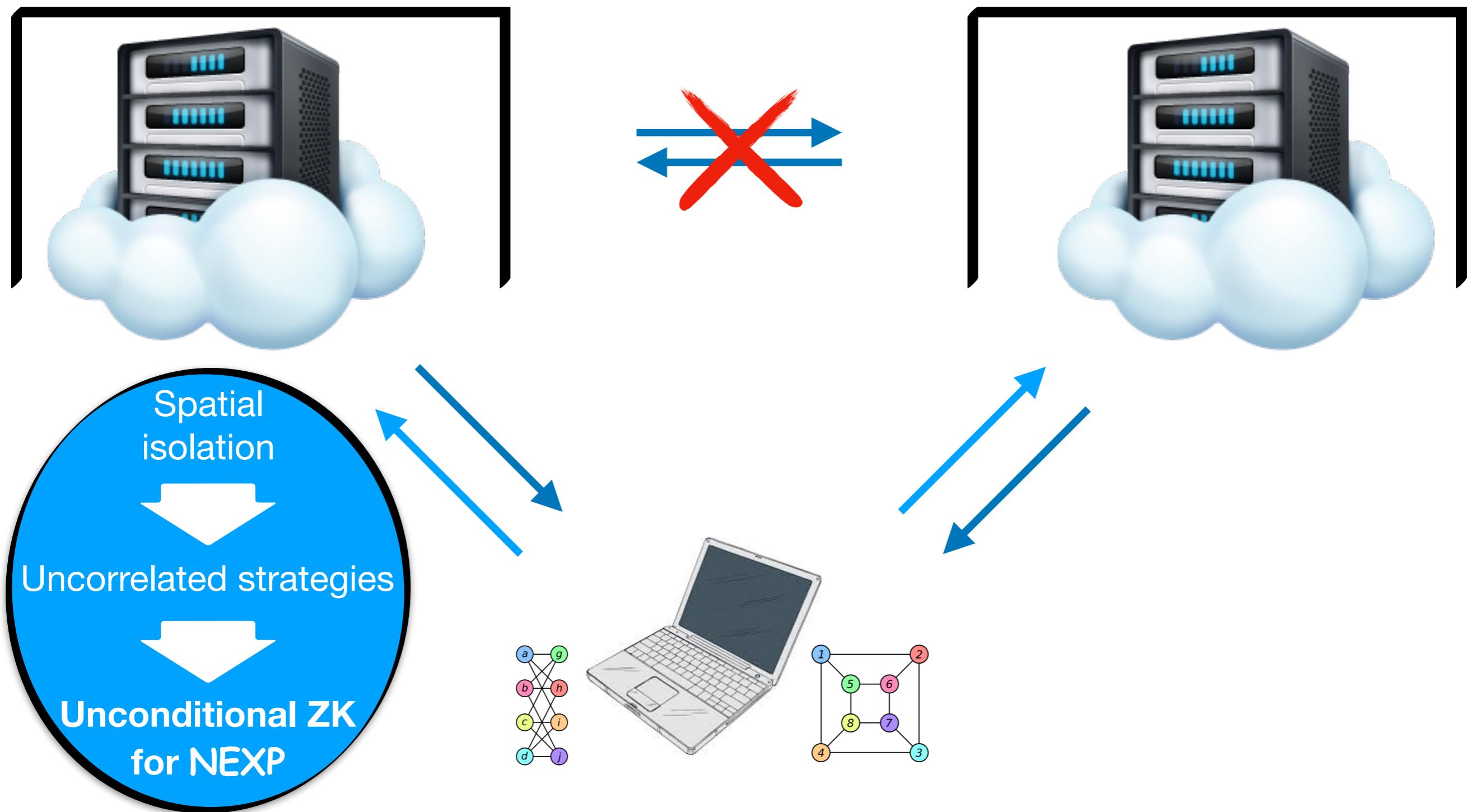
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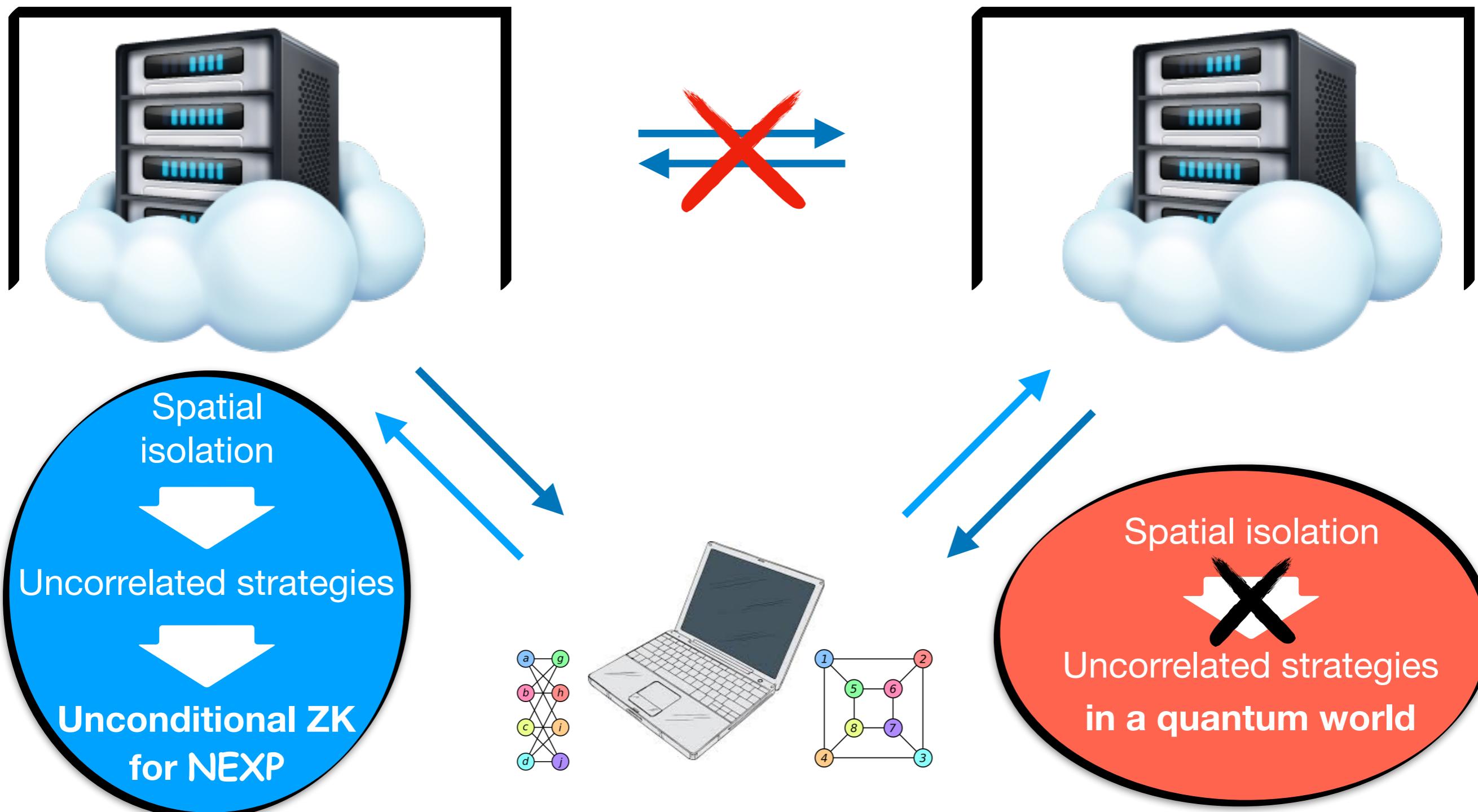
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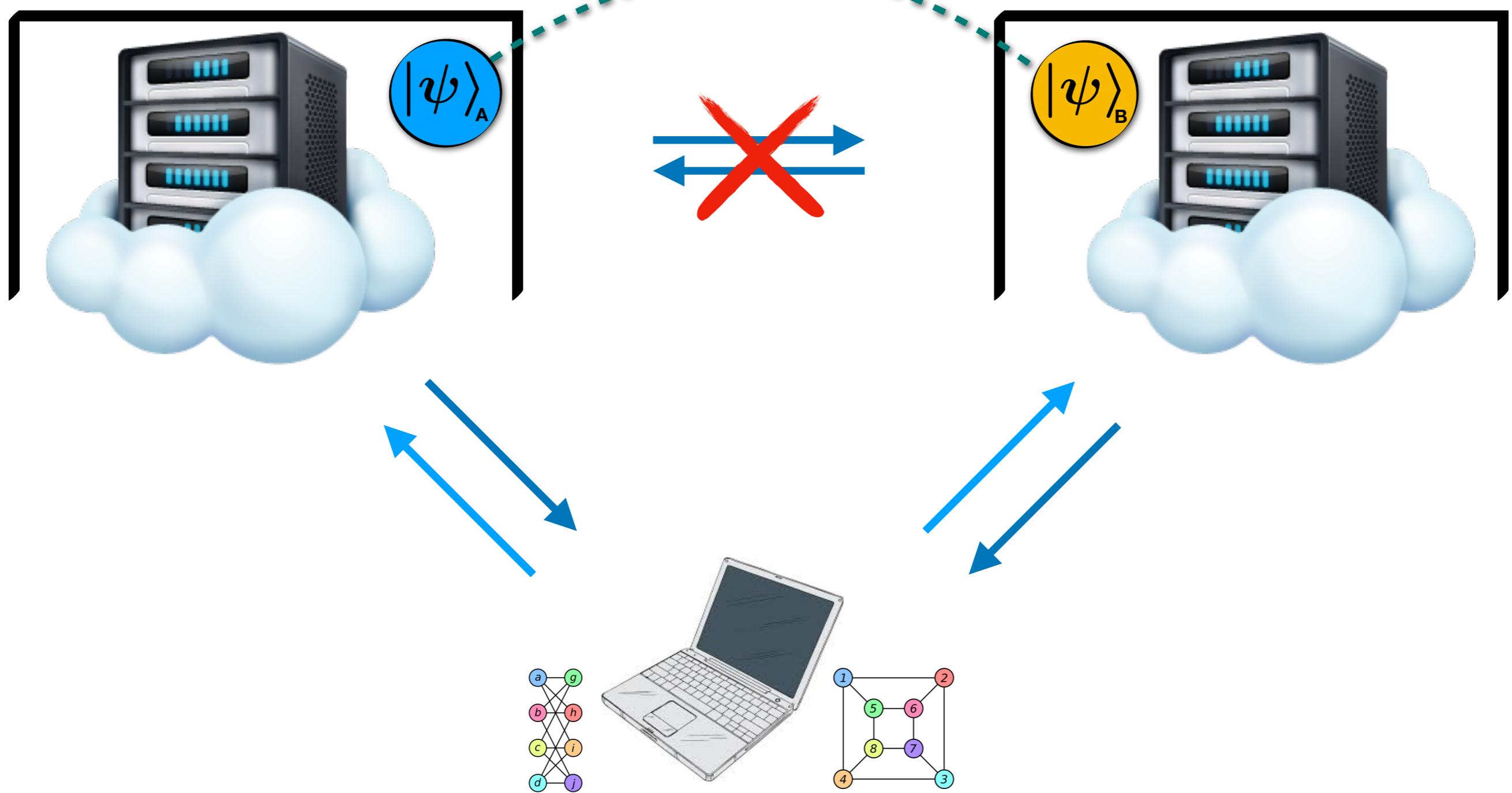
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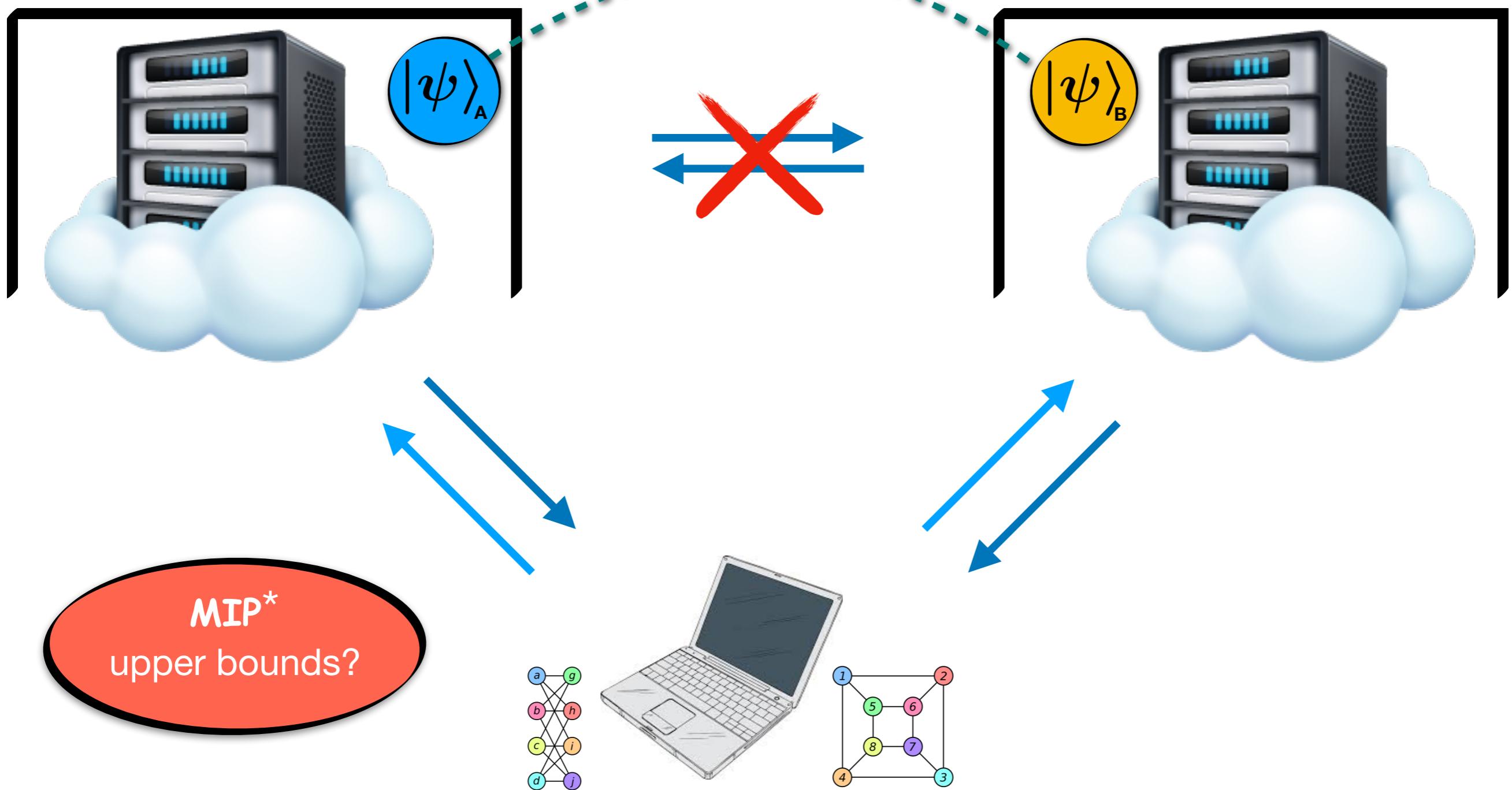
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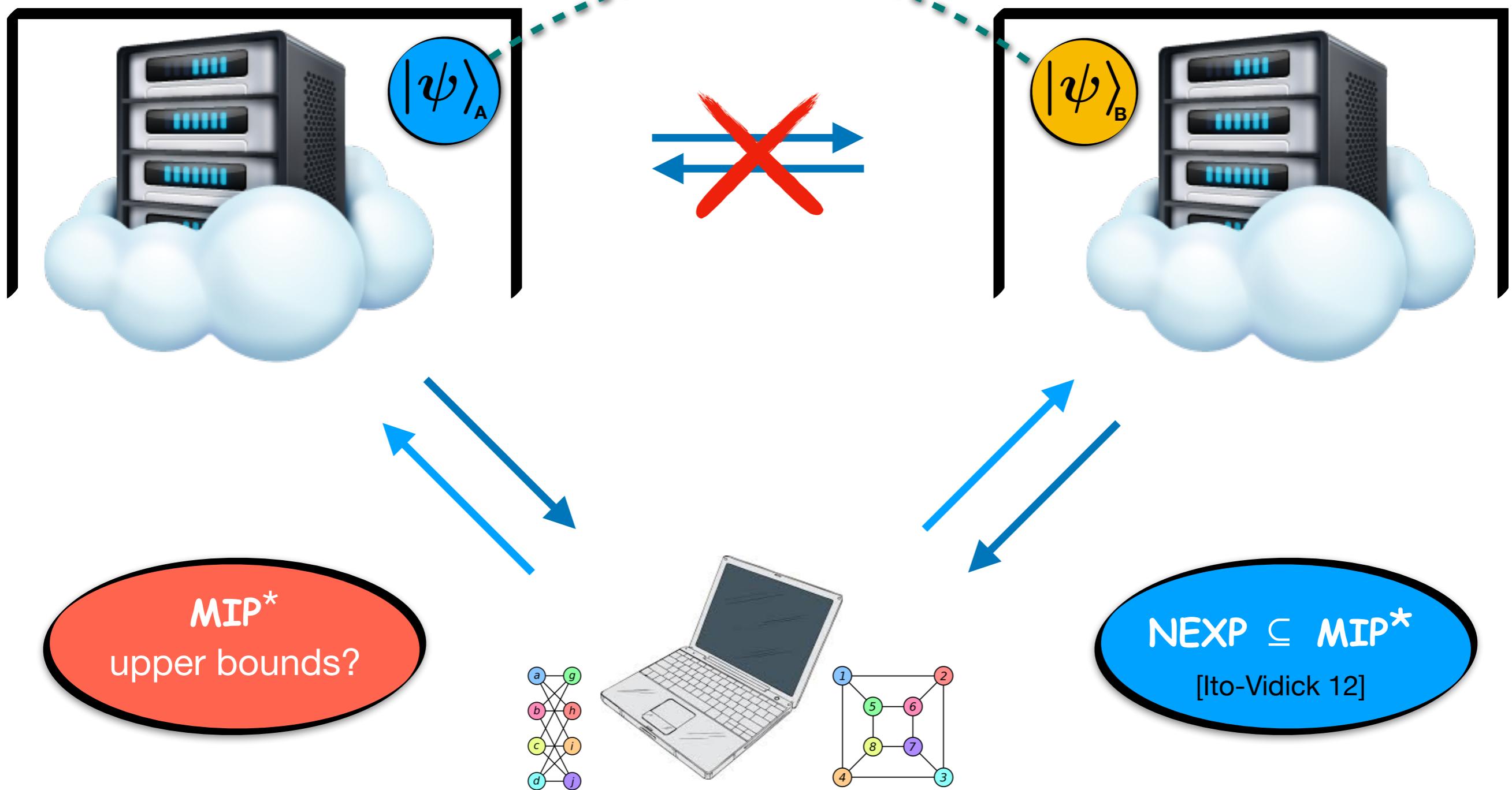
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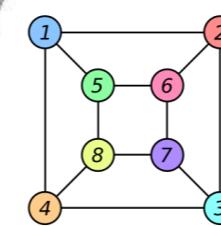
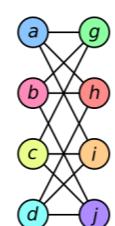
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MIP\*  
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NEXP  $\subseteq$  MIP\*  
[Ito-Vidick 12]

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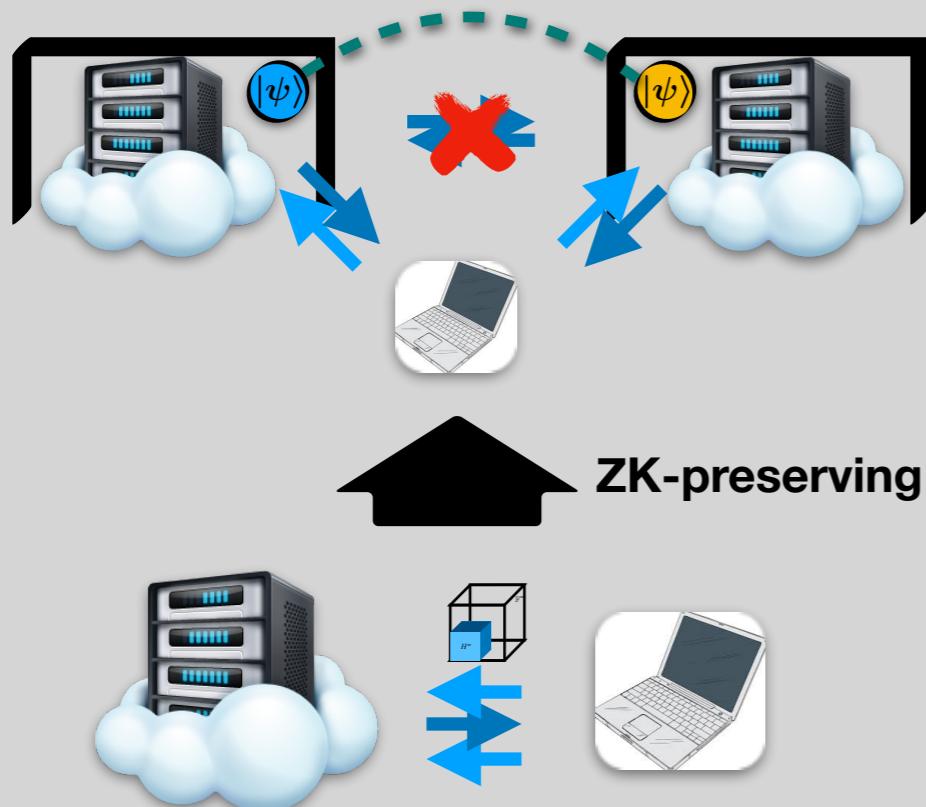
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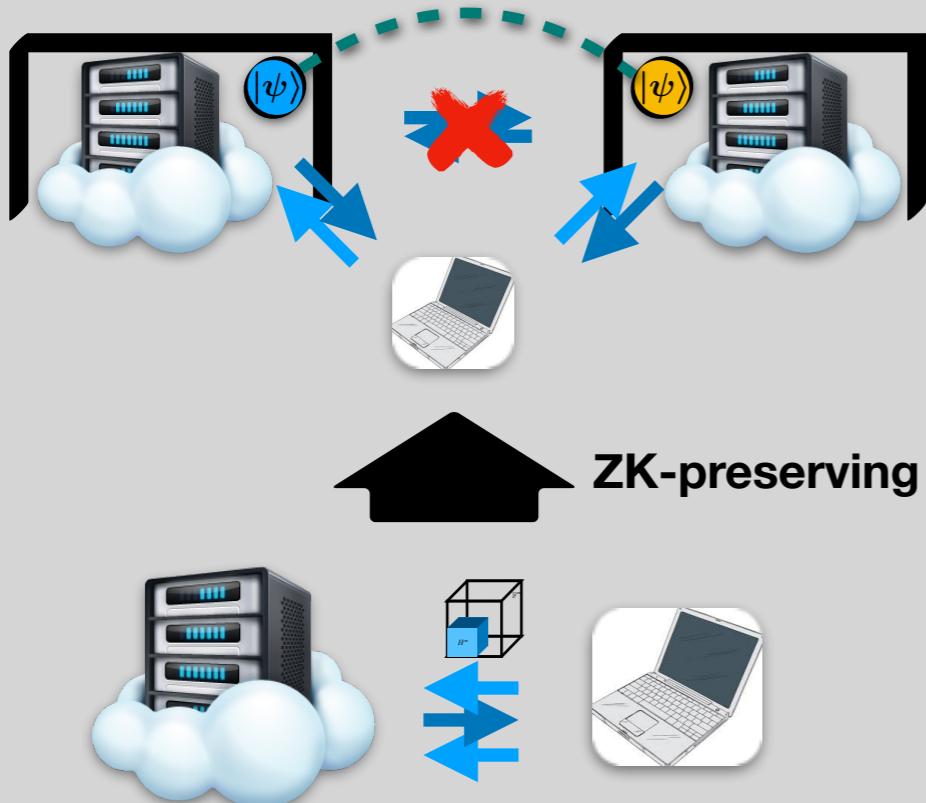


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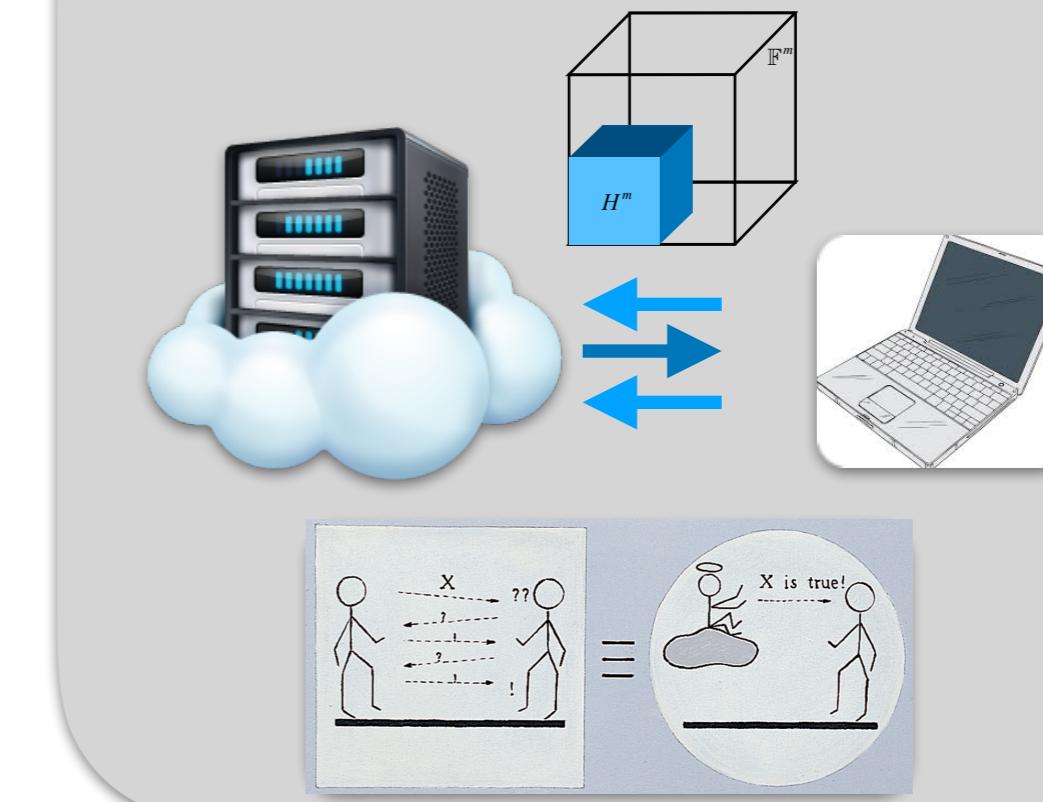
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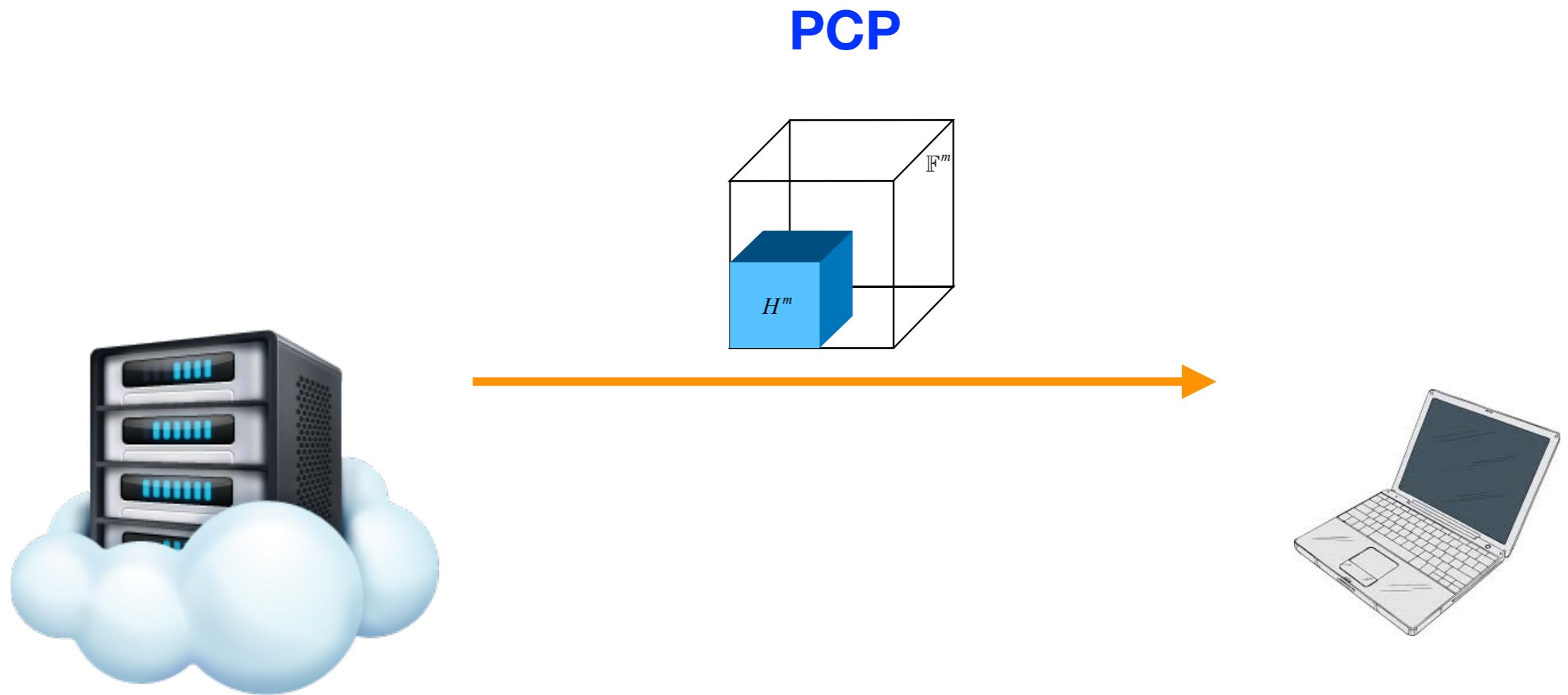
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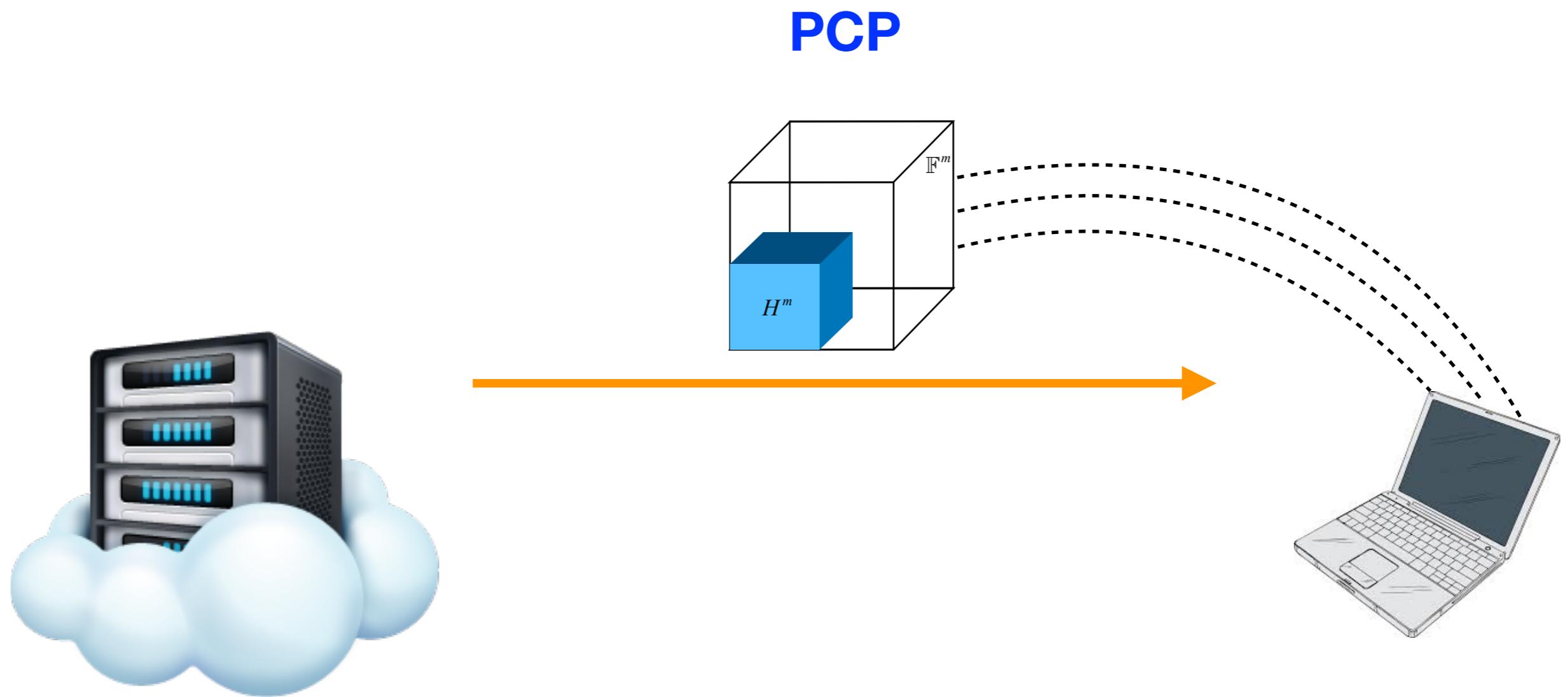
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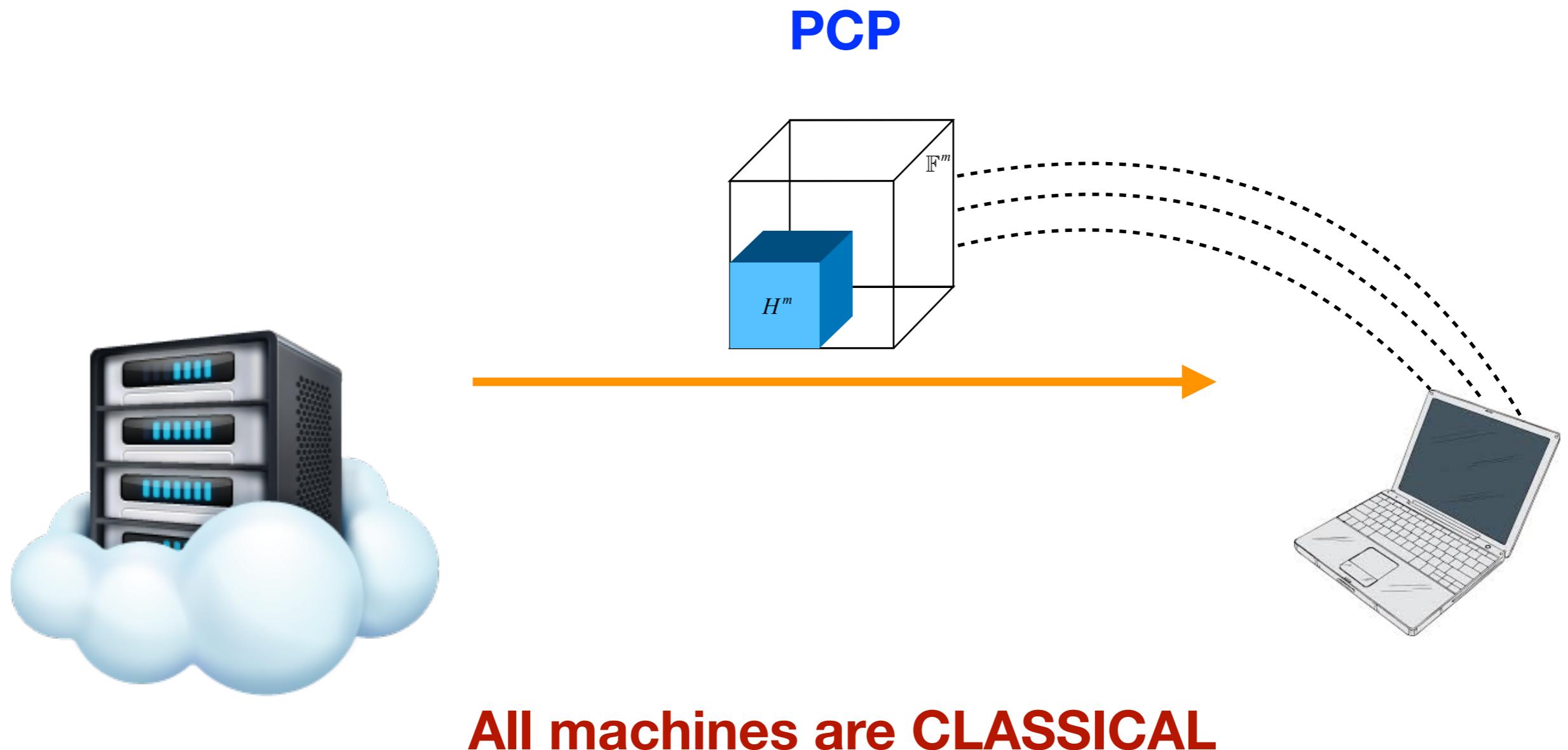
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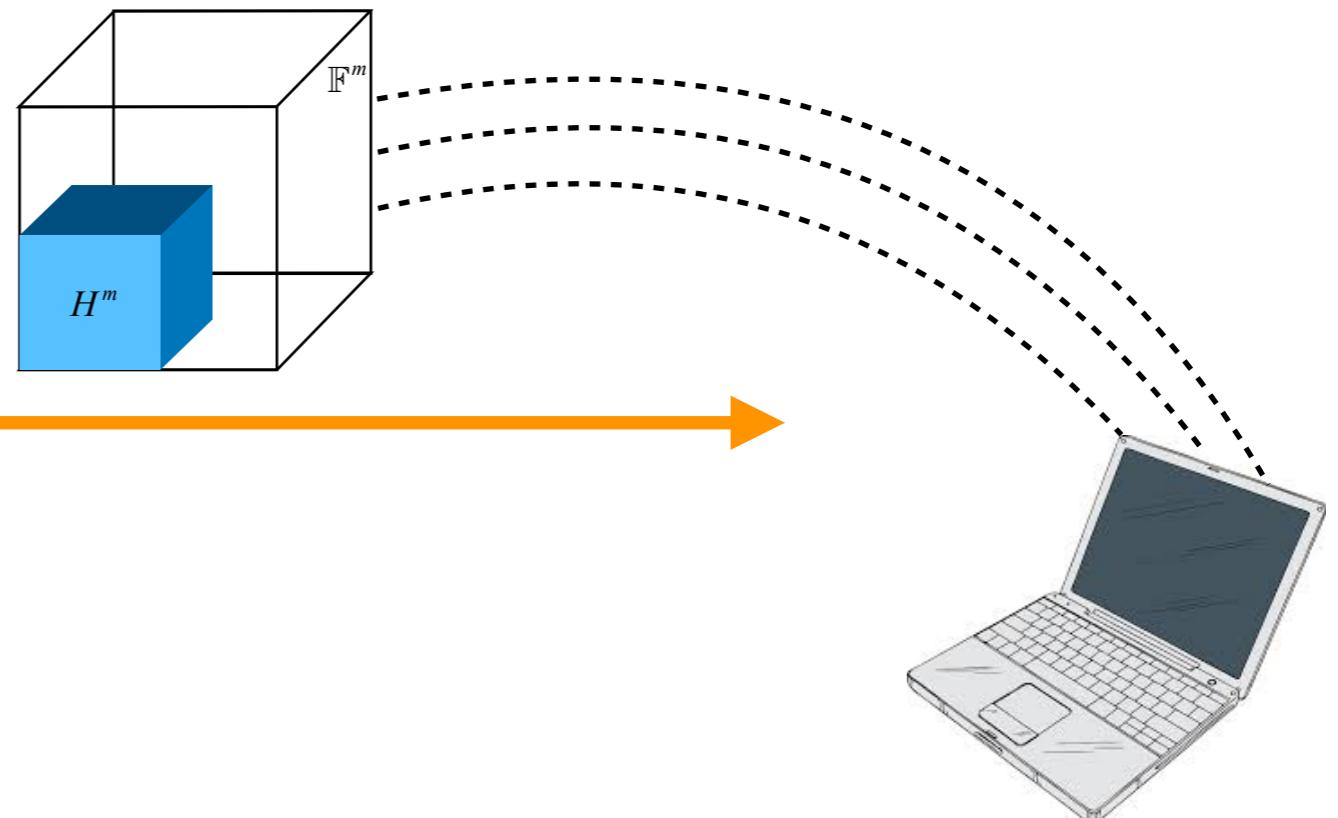
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PCP



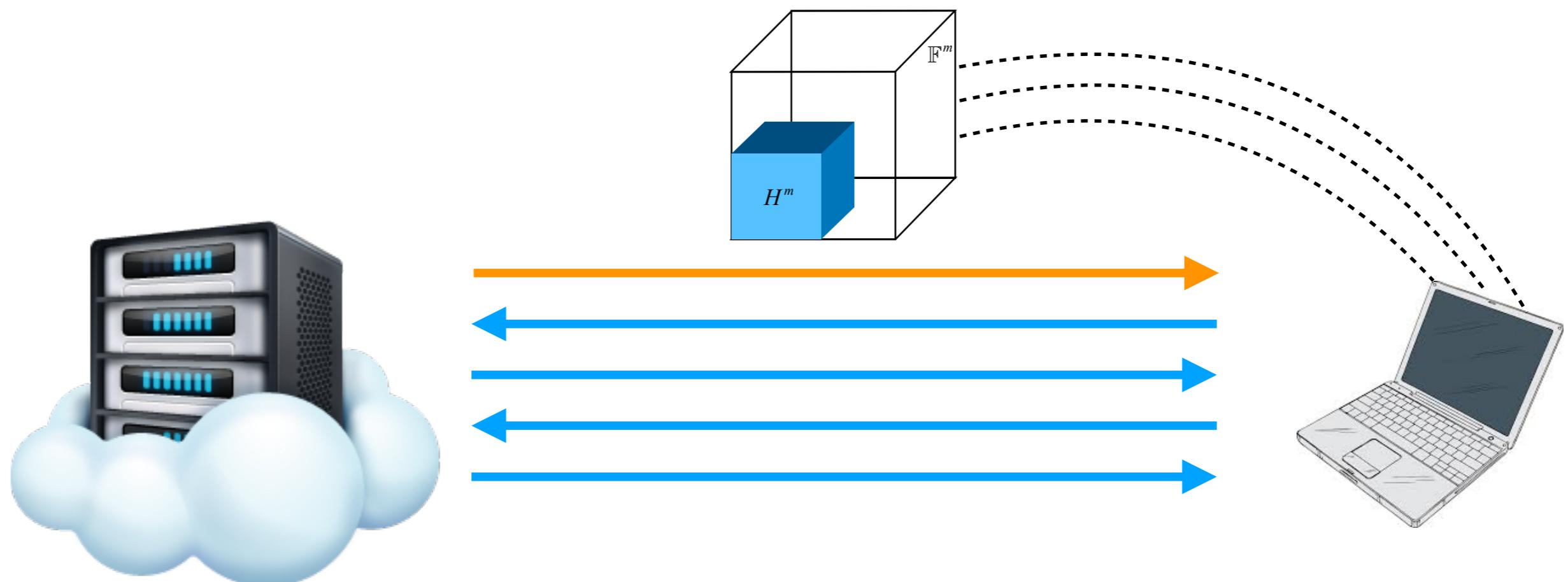
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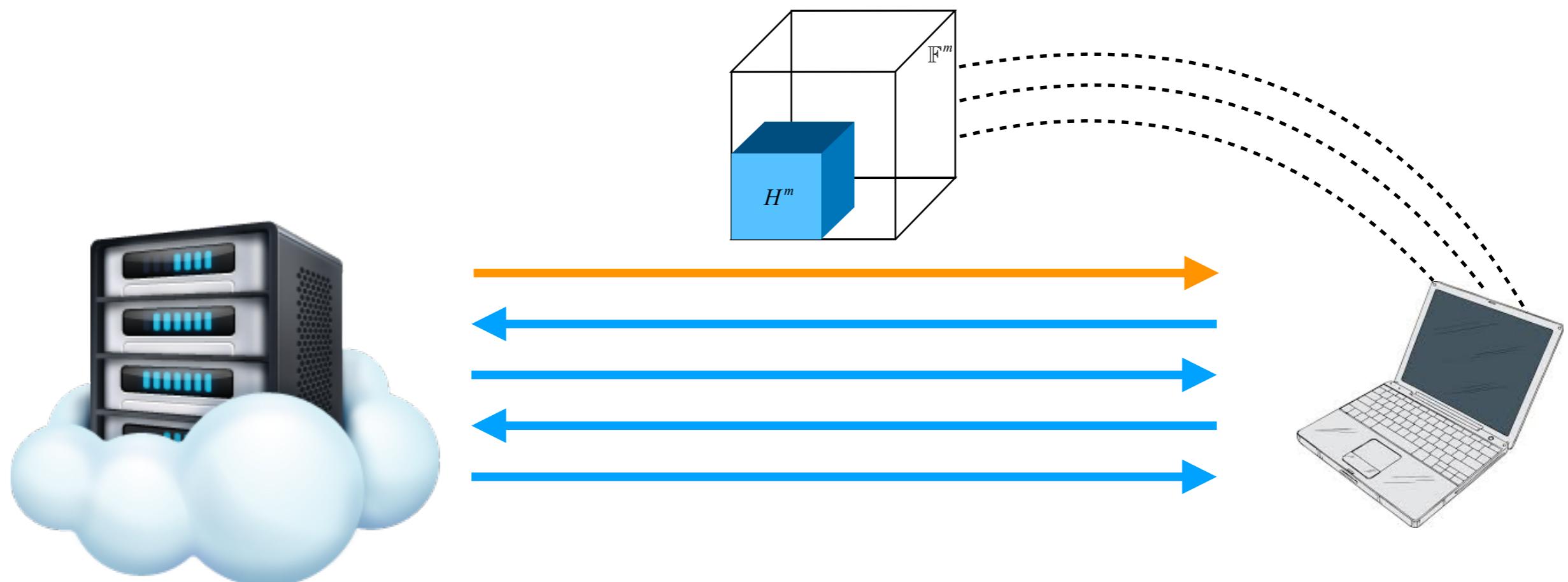
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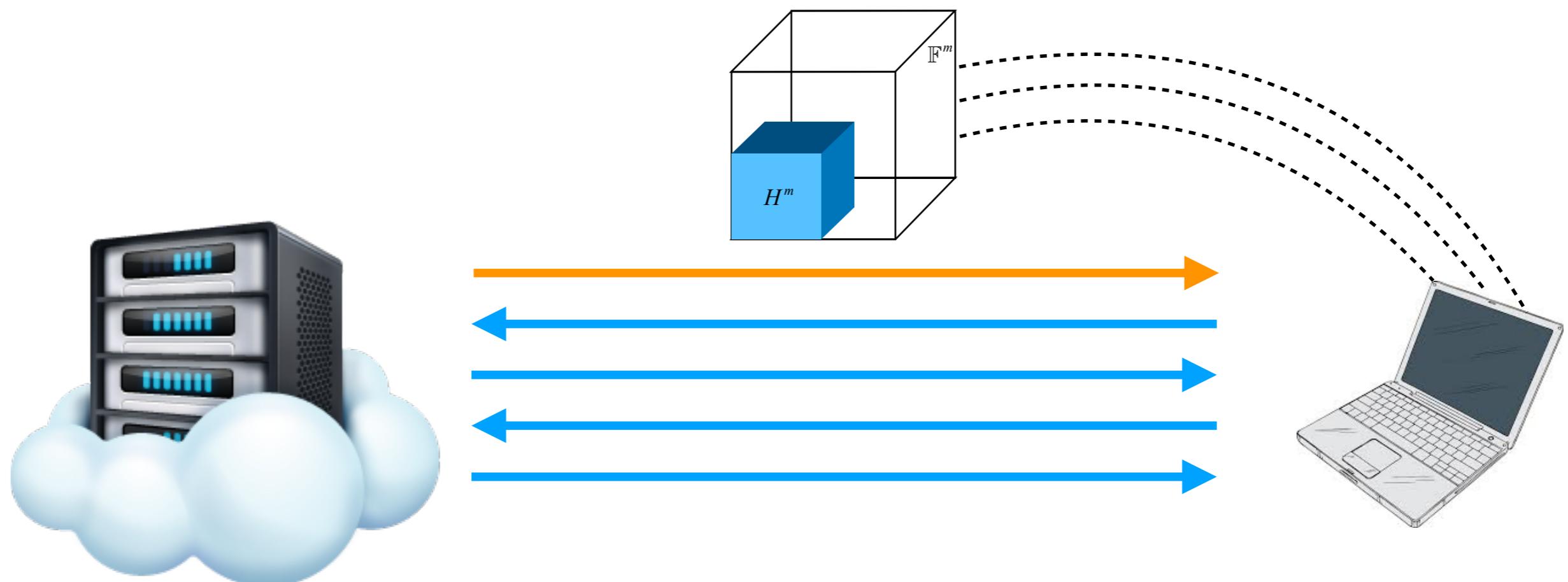
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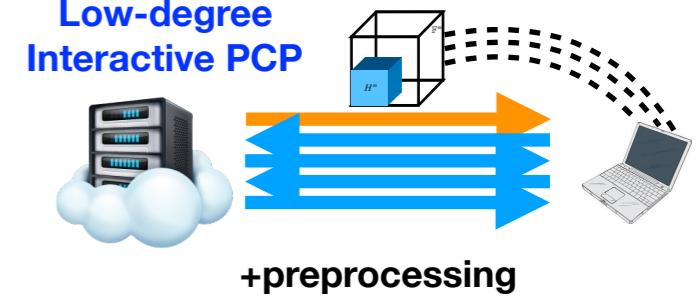
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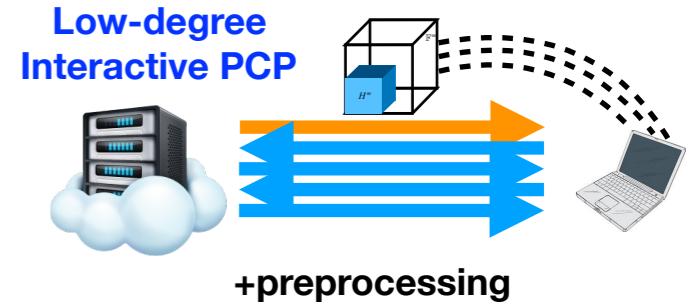
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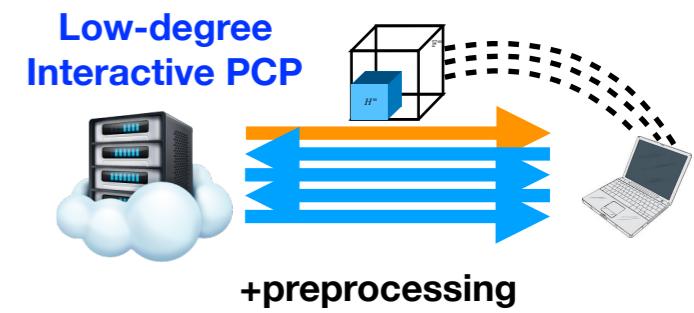
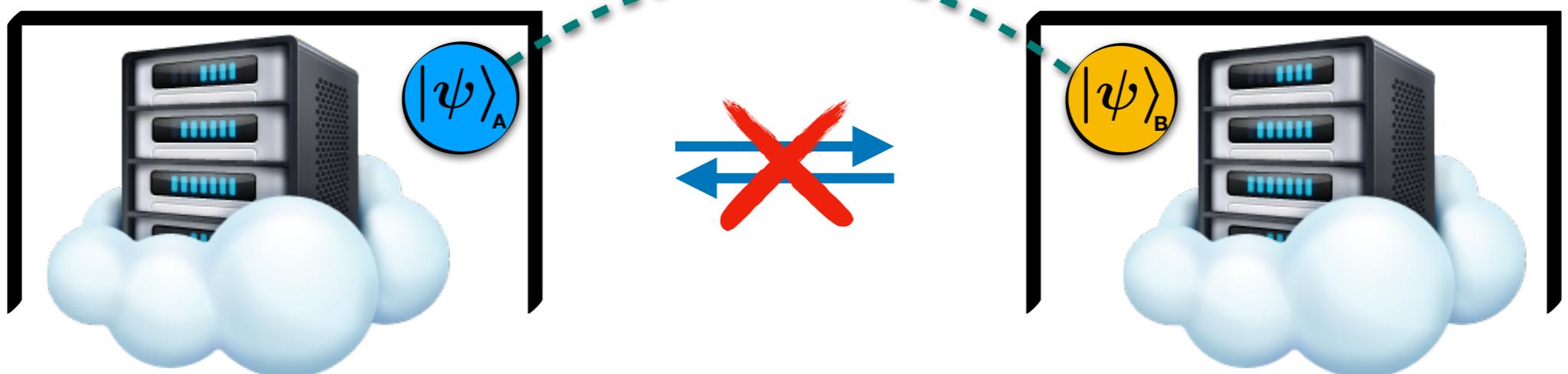
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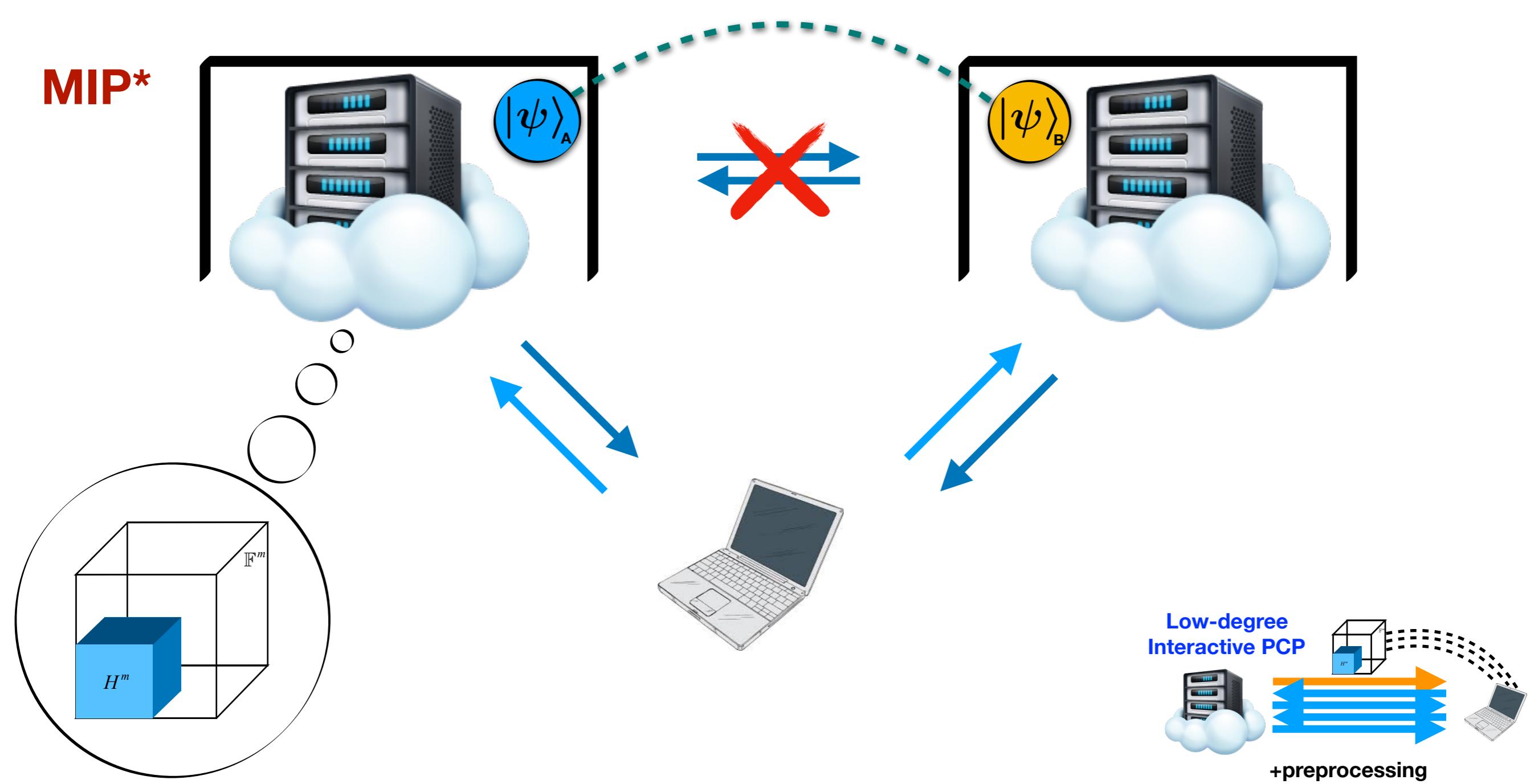
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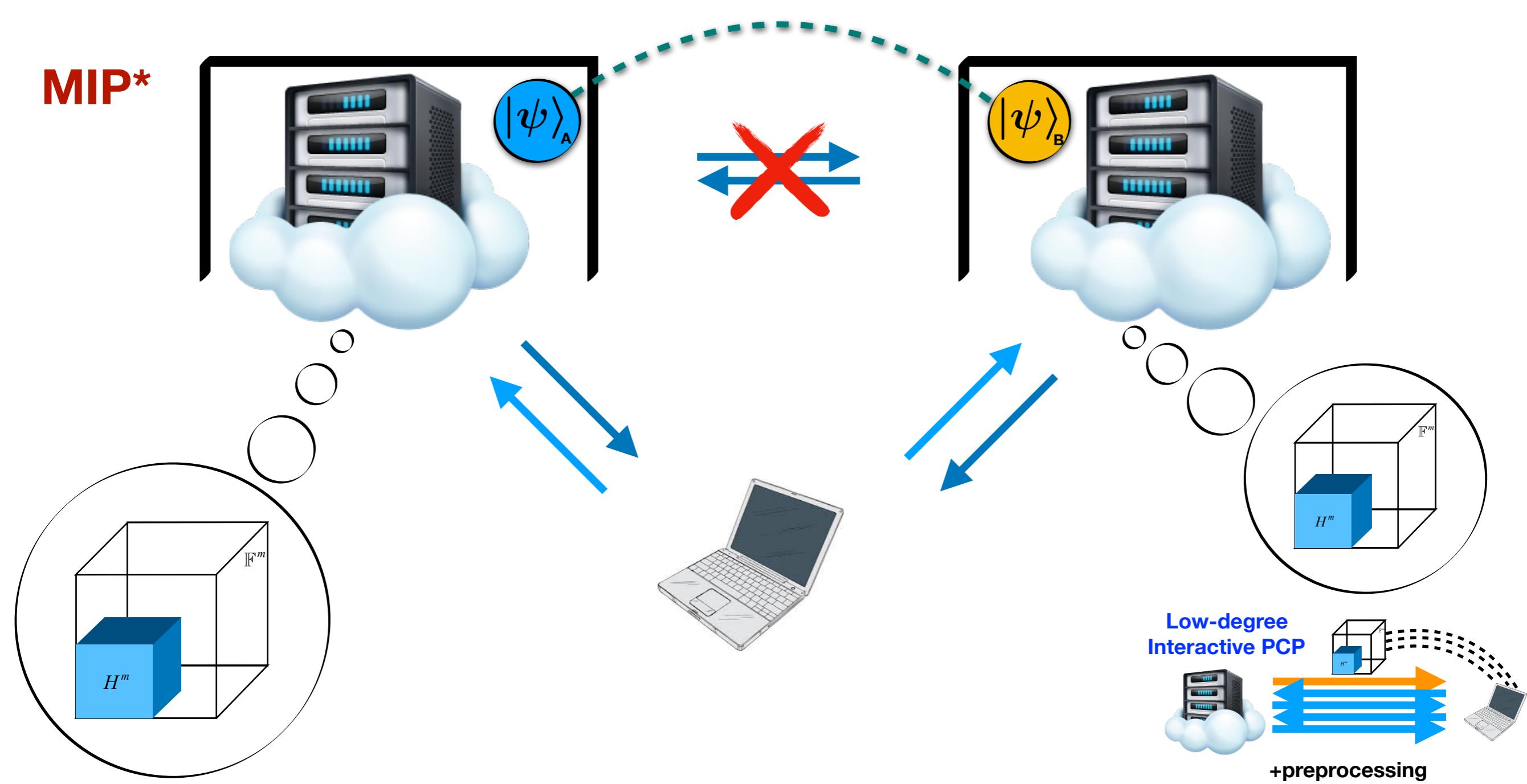
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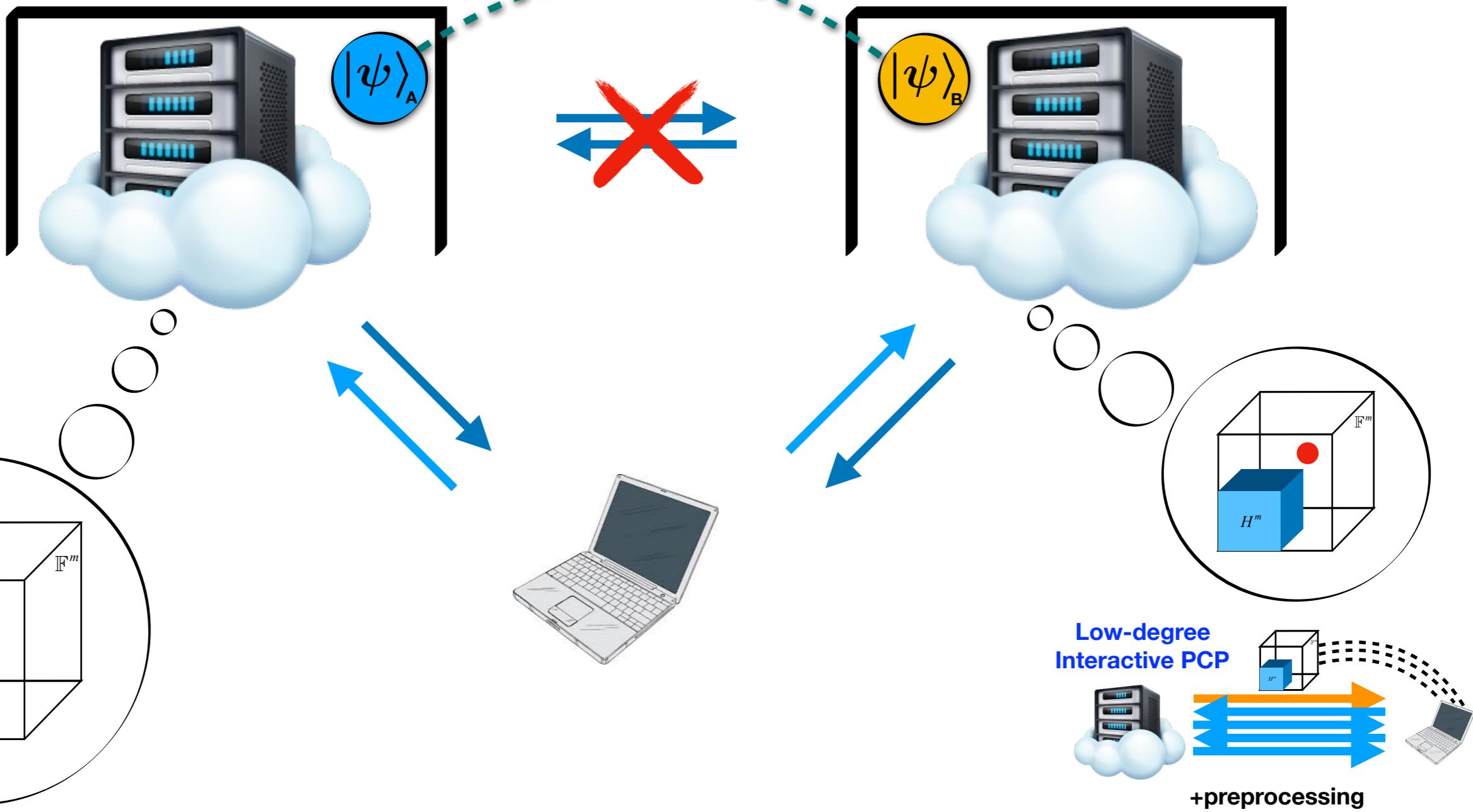
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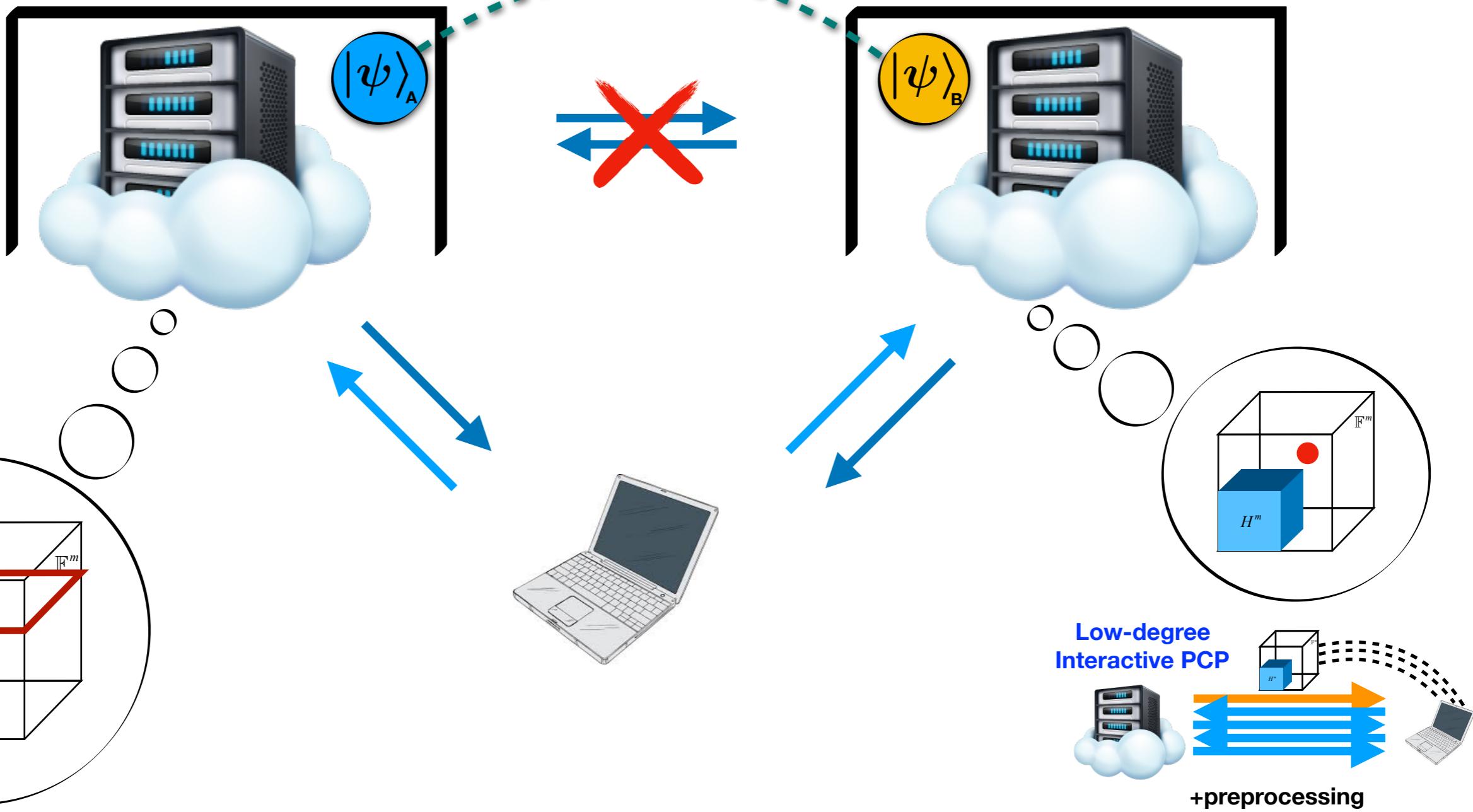
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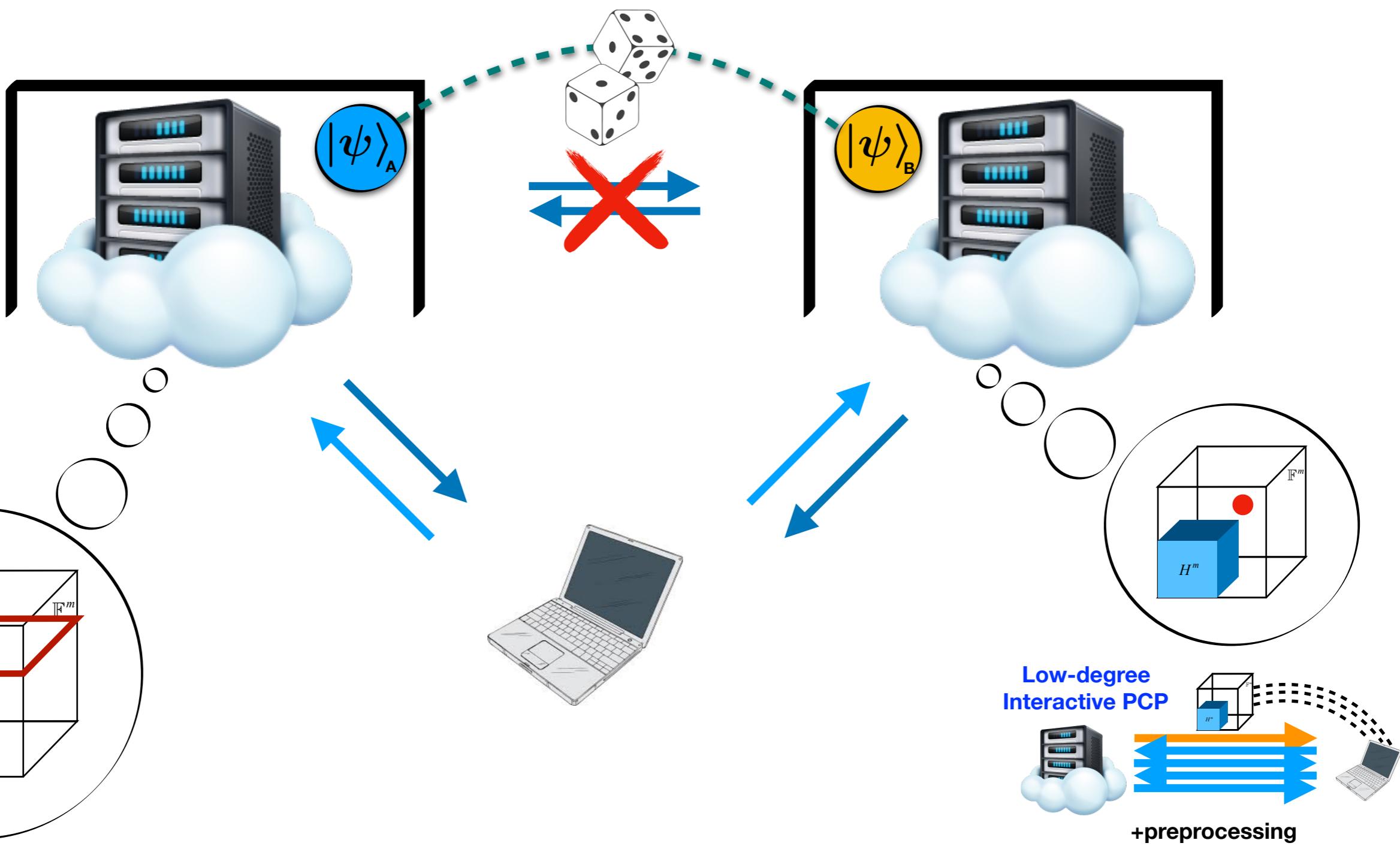
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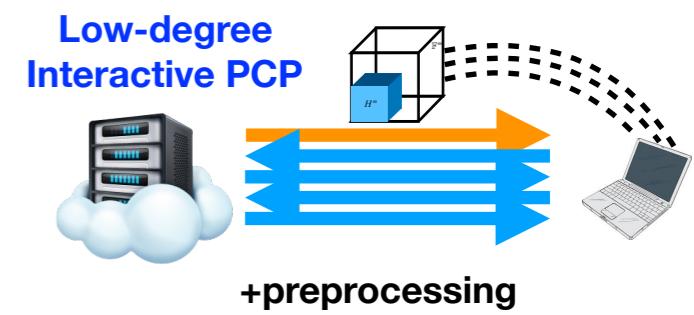
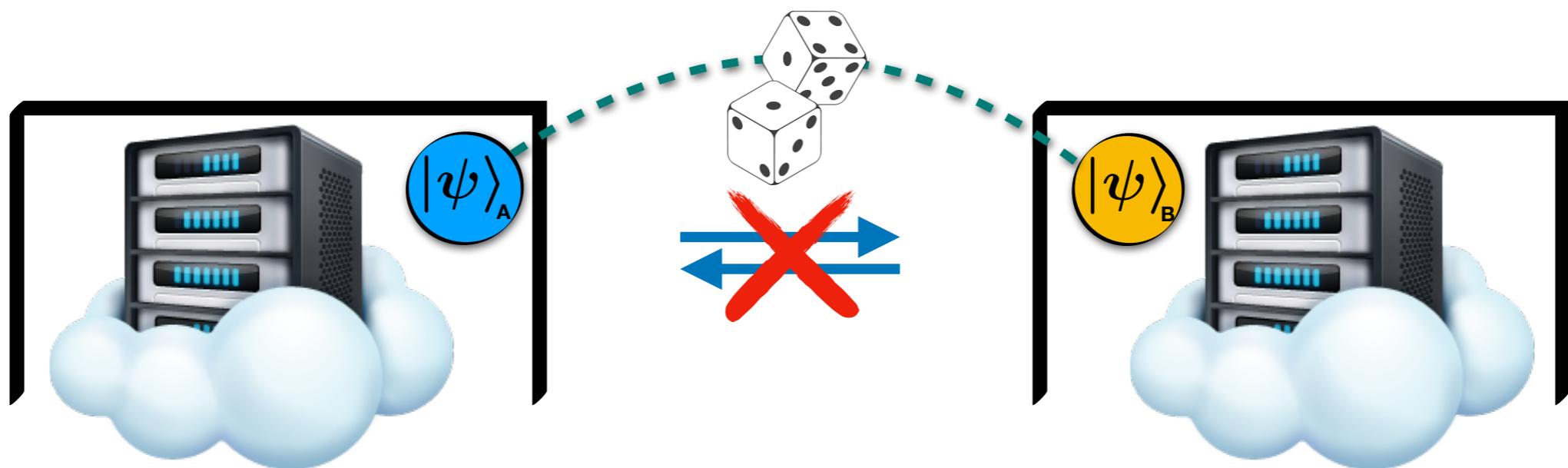
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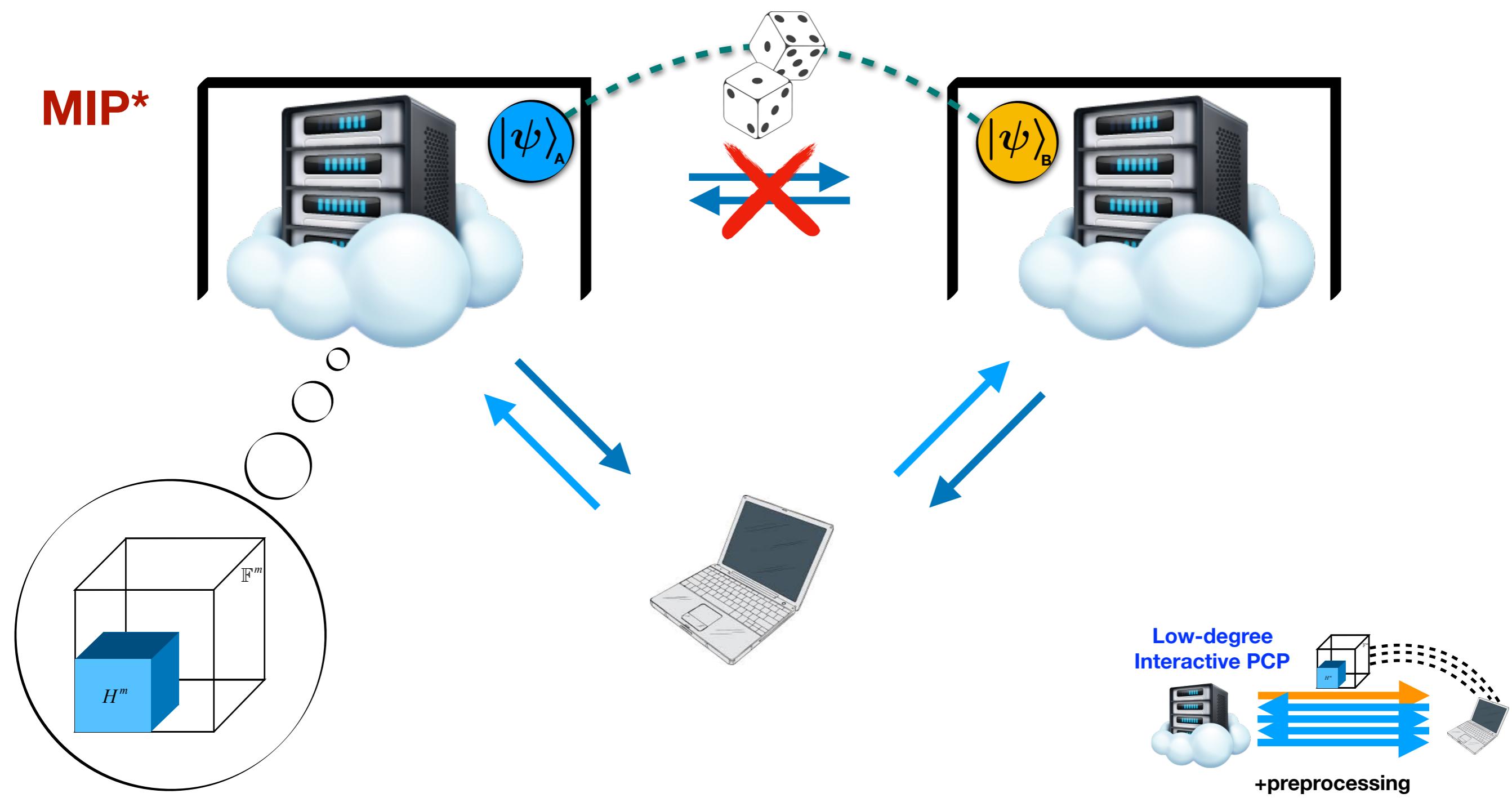
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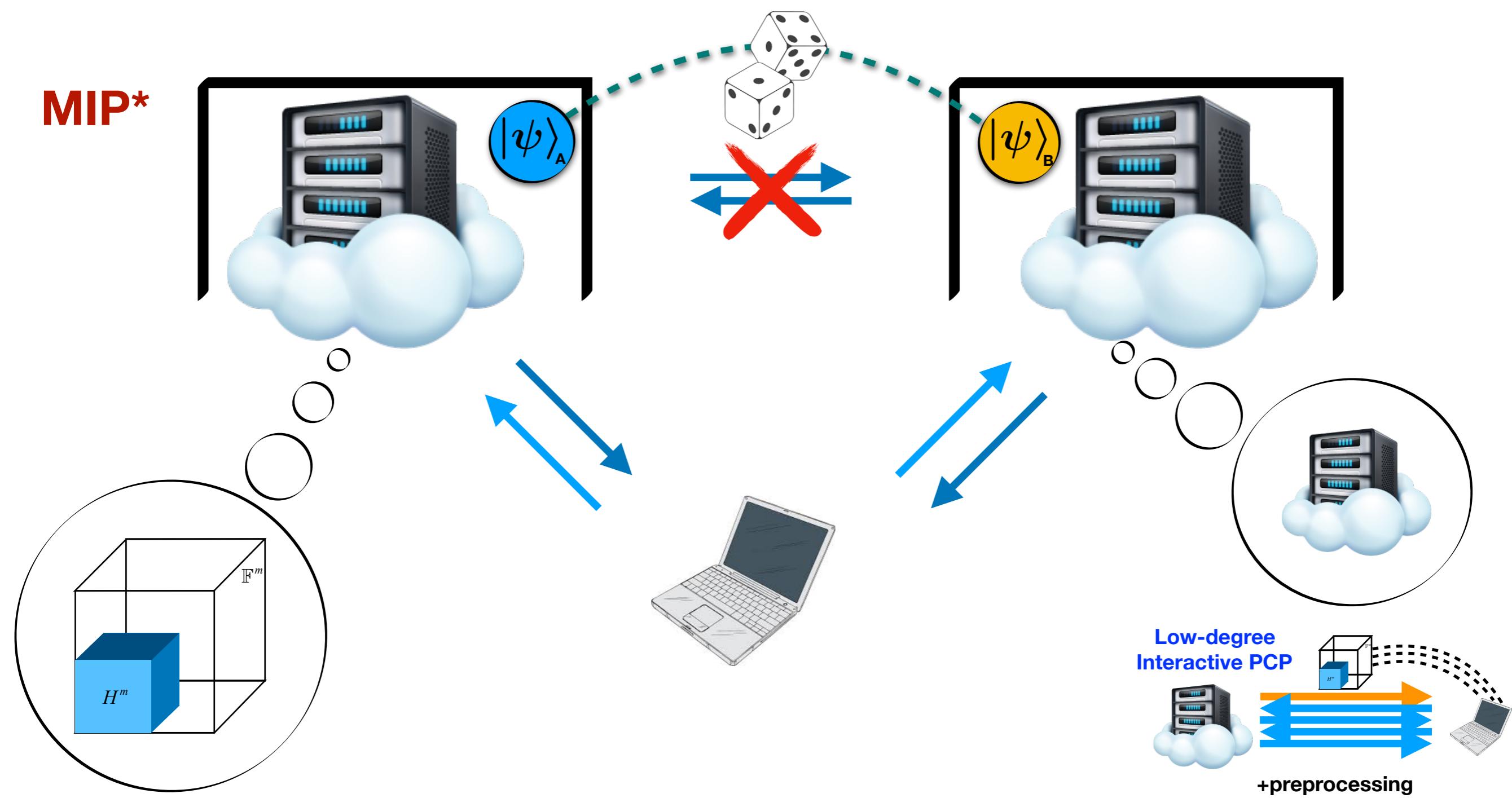
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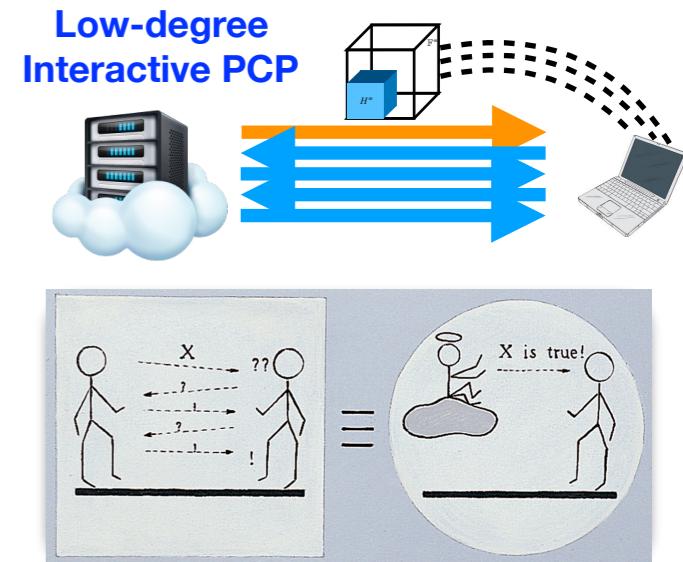
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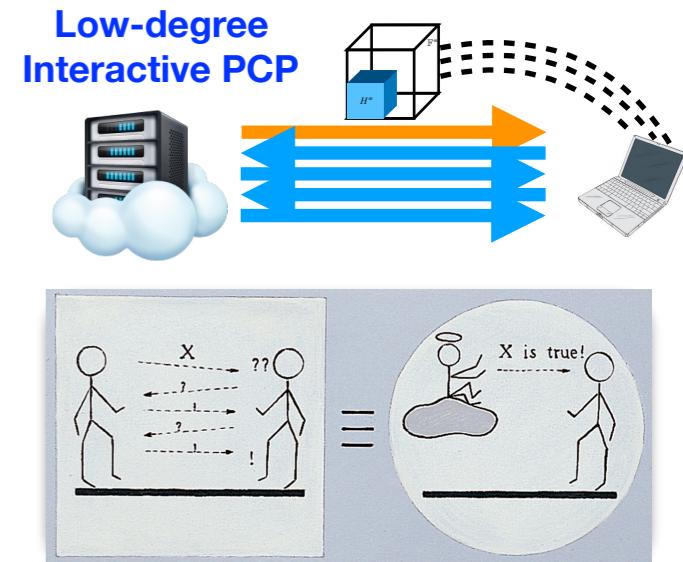
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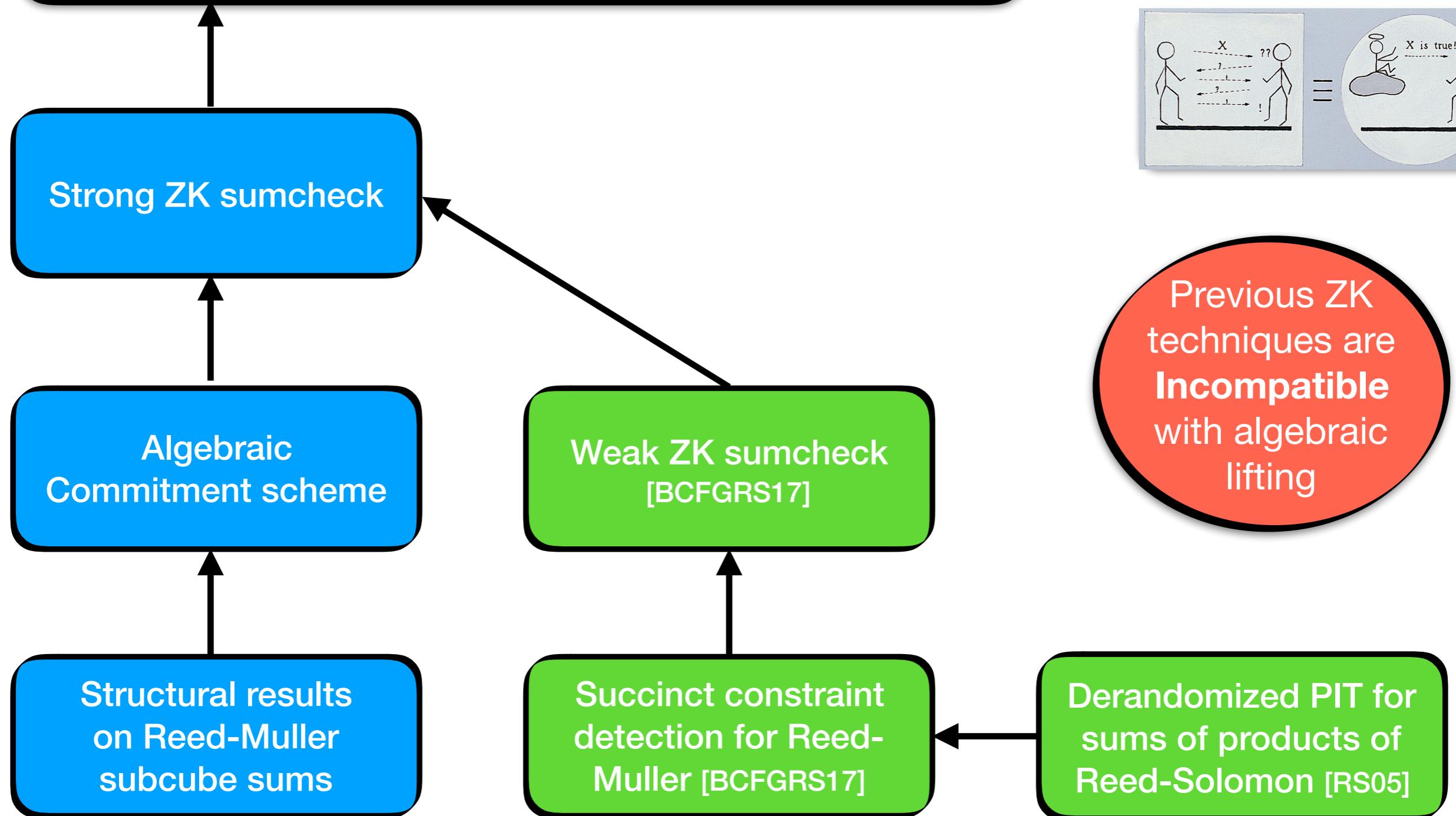
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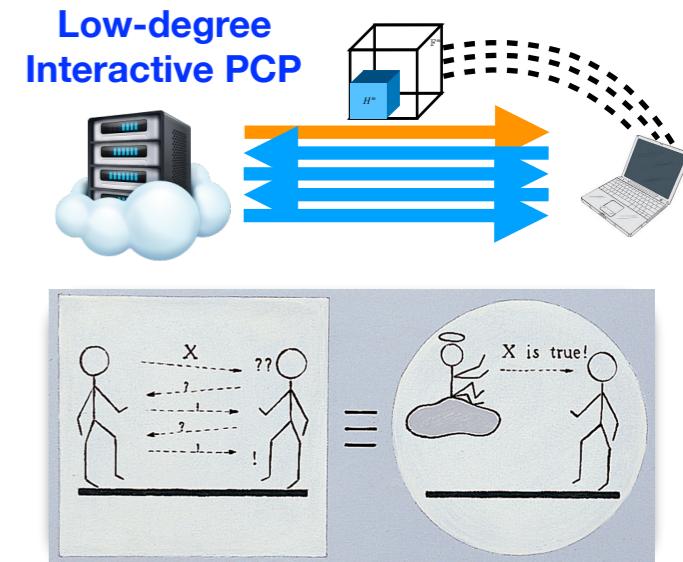
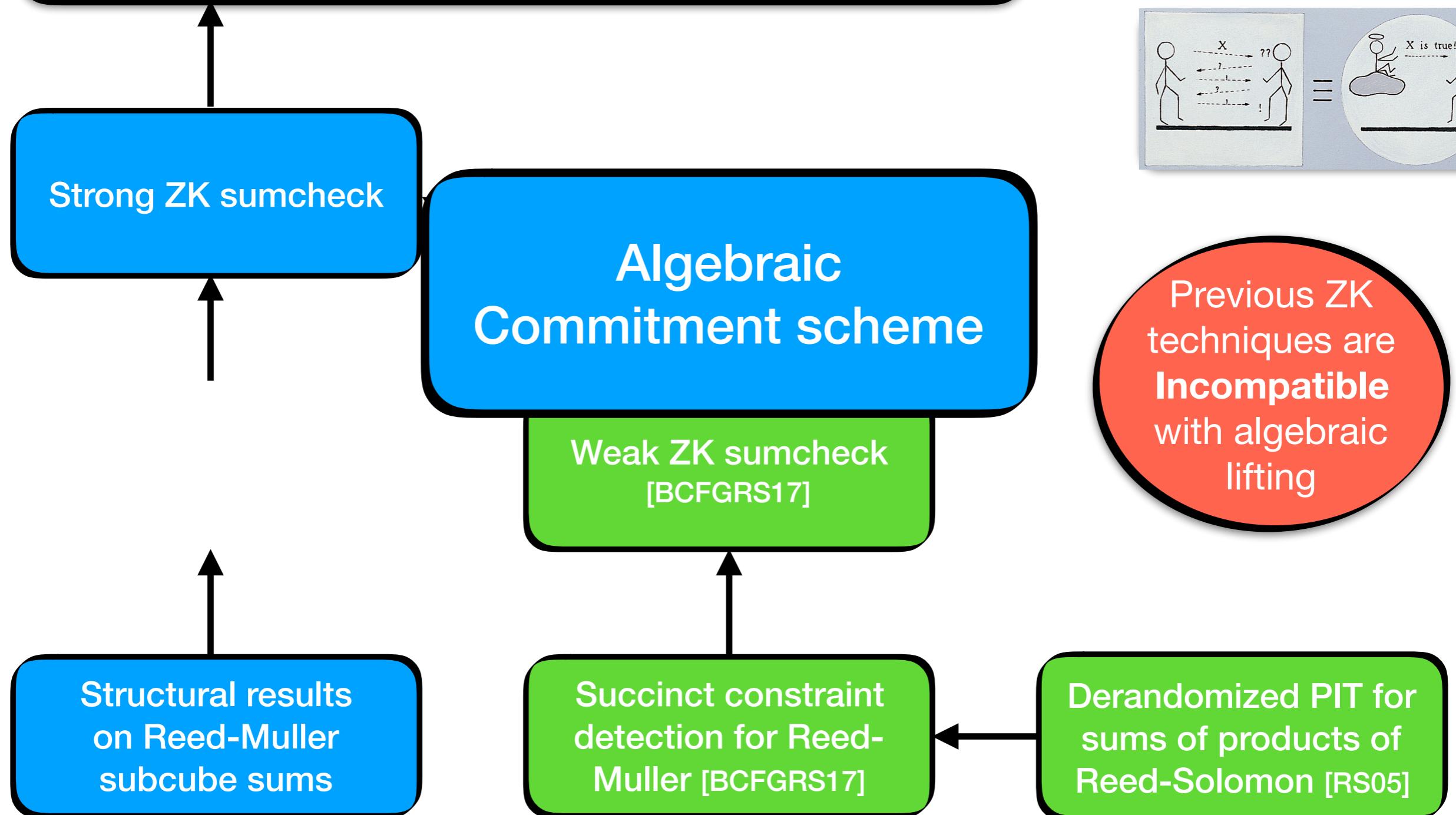
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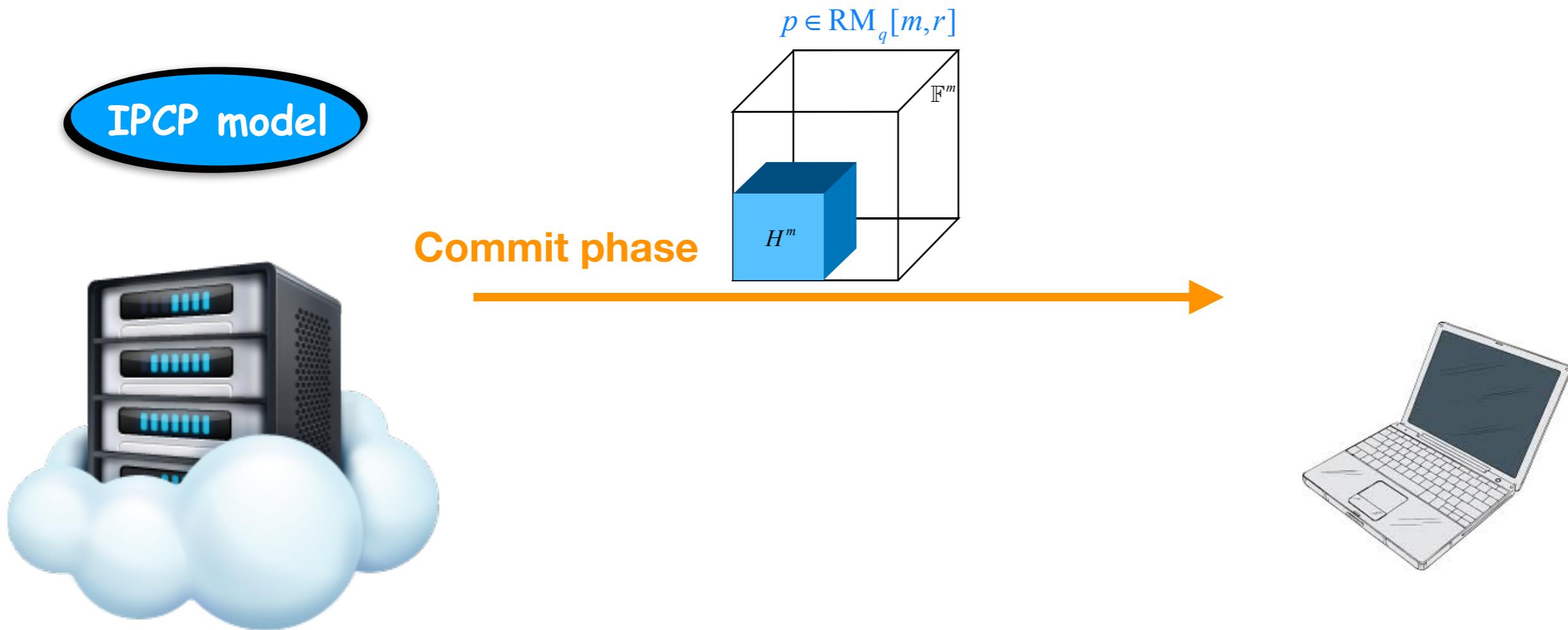
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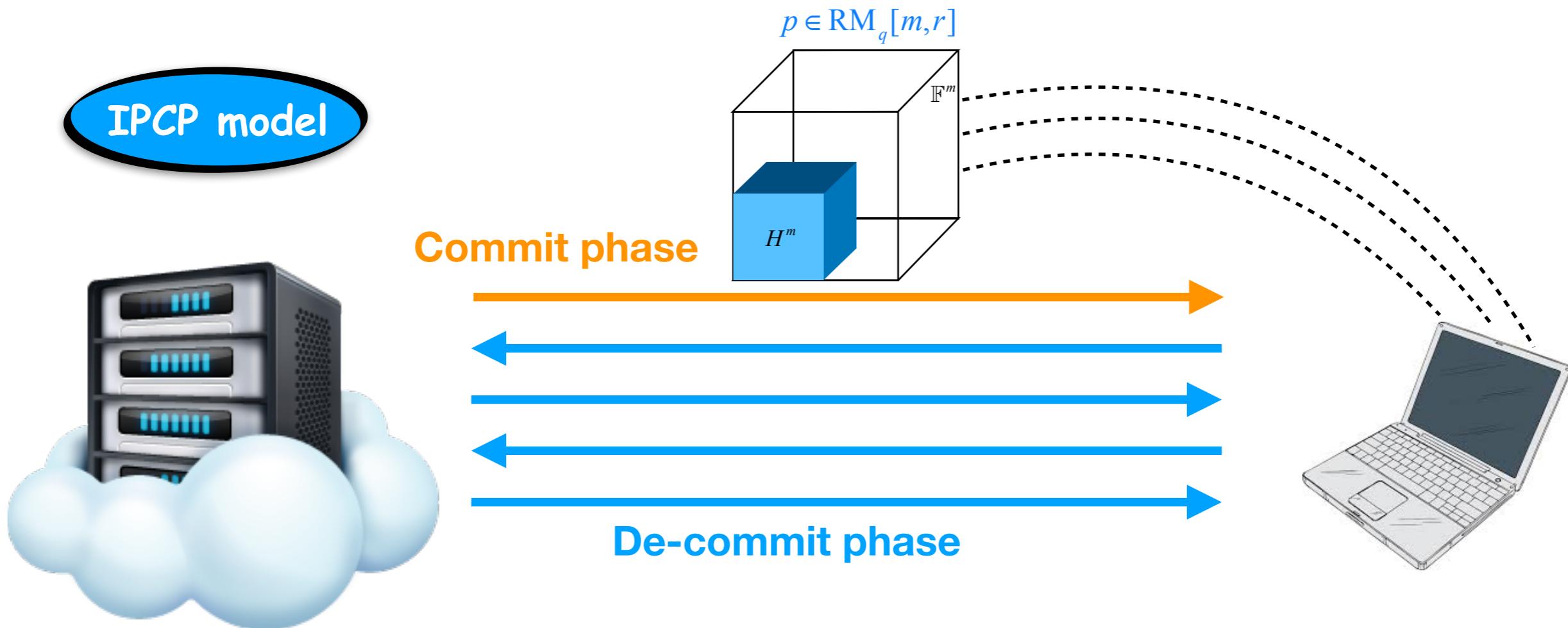


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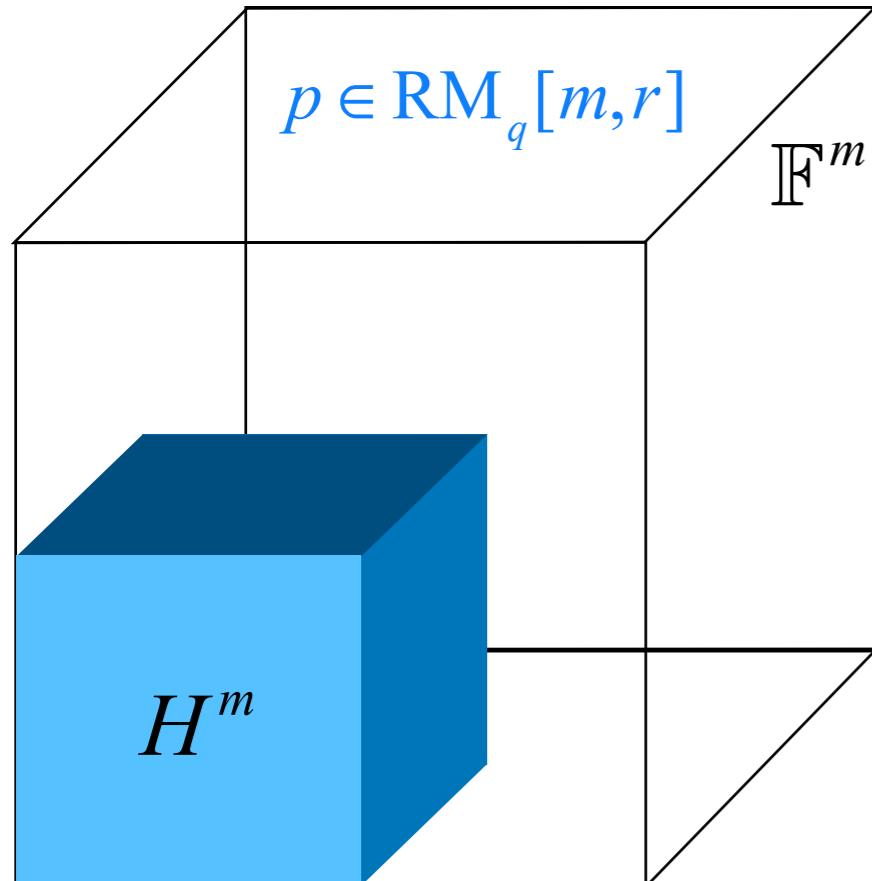
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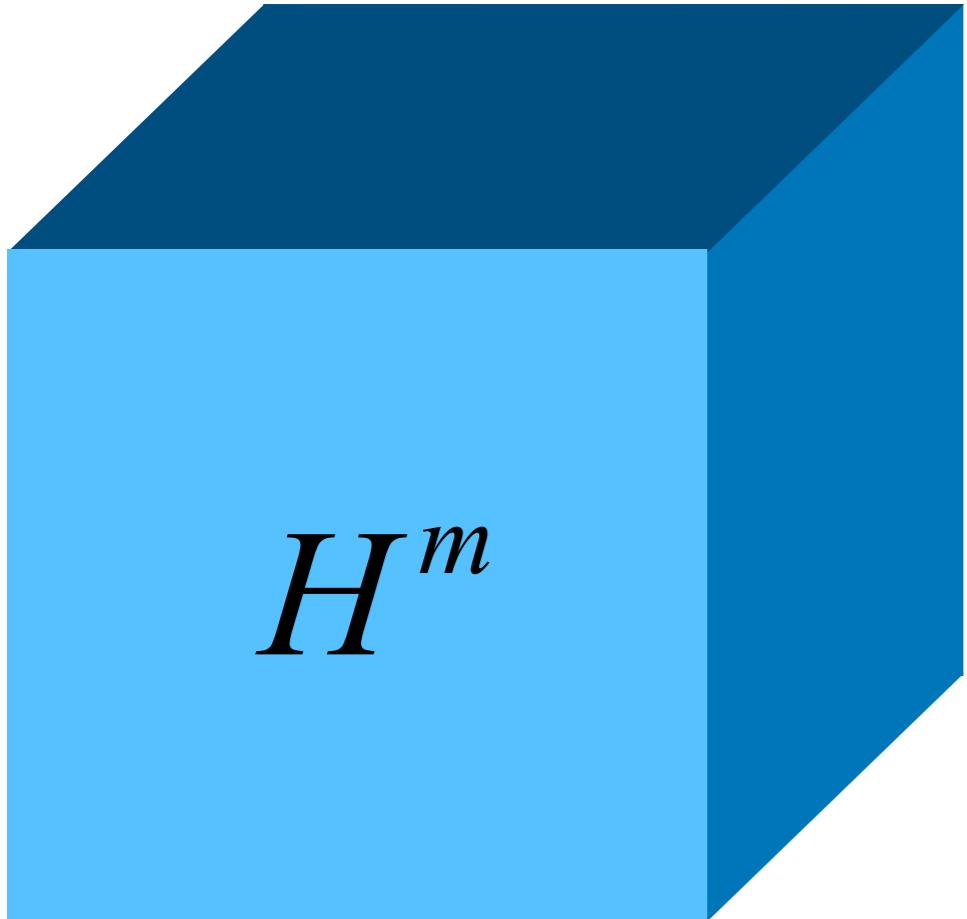
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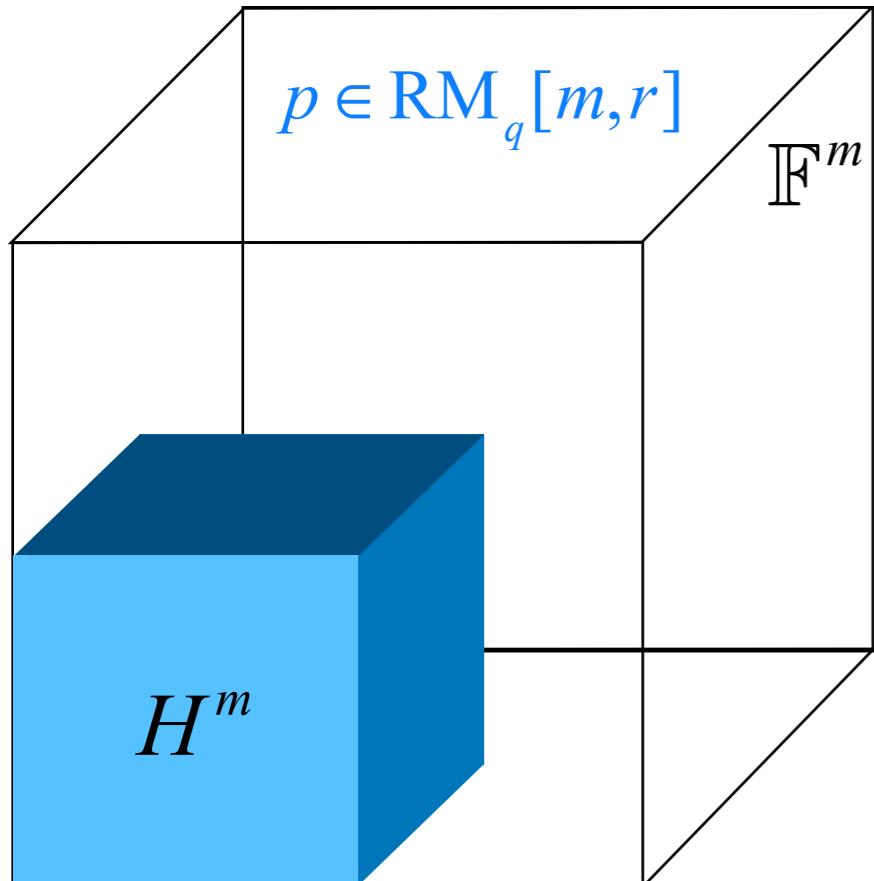


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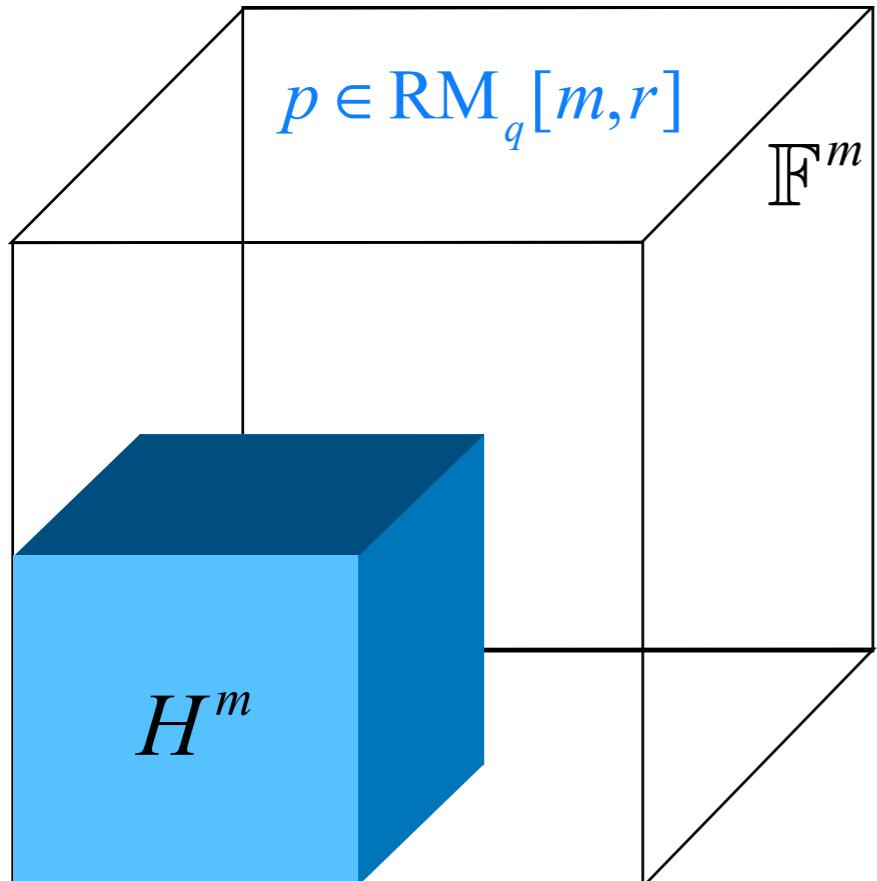
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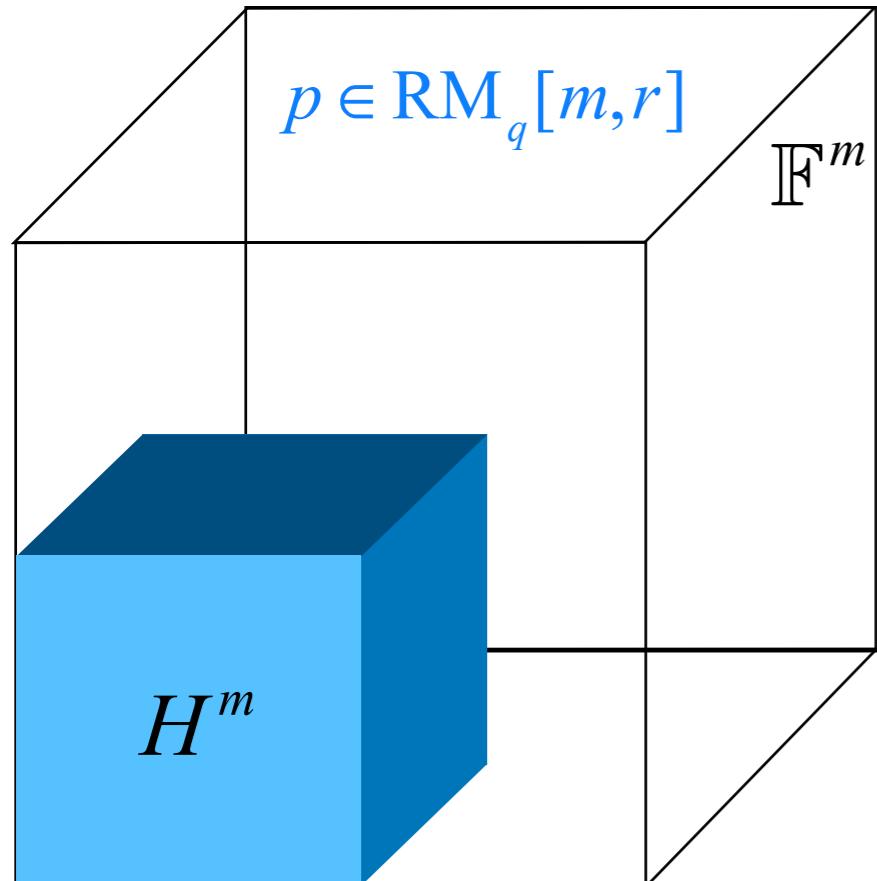
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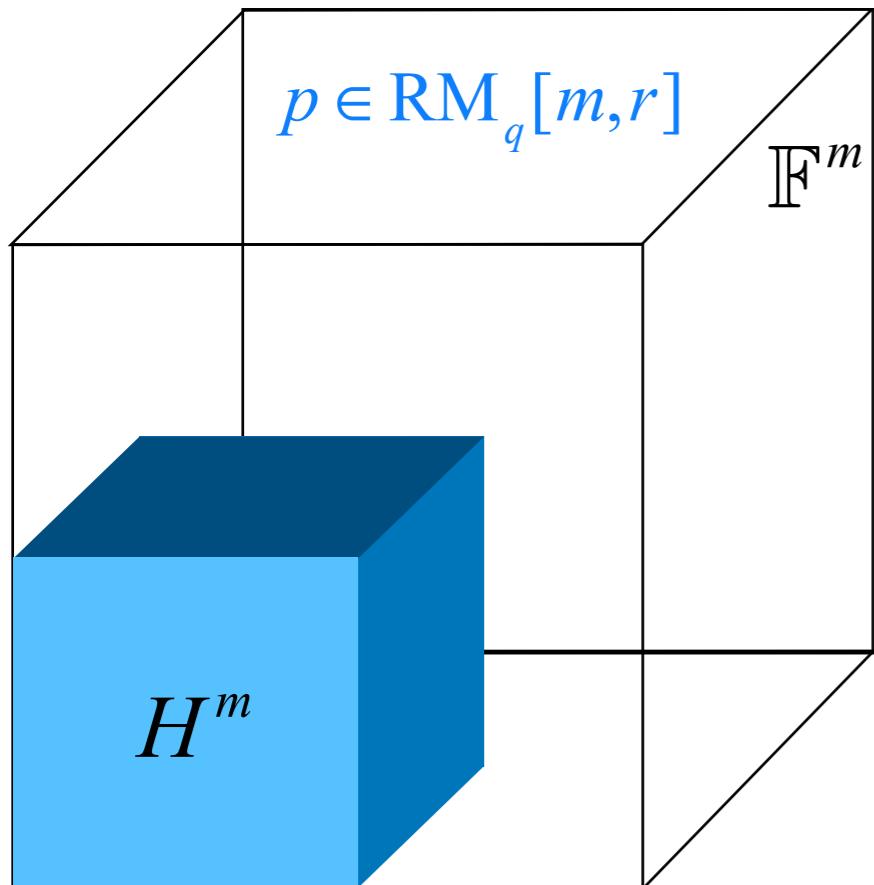
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(multilinear extension)

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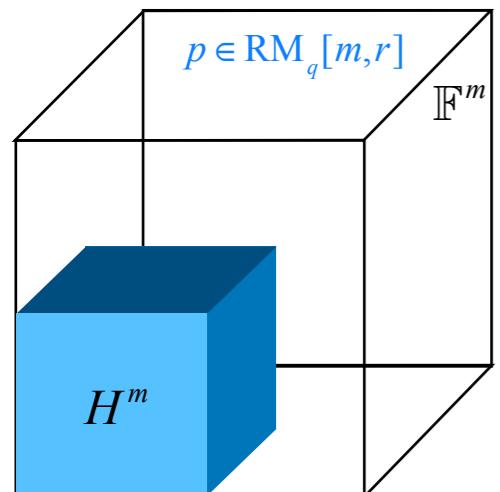
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[JKRS09]

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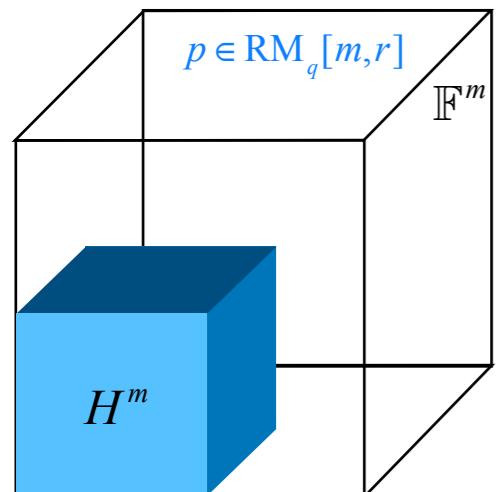


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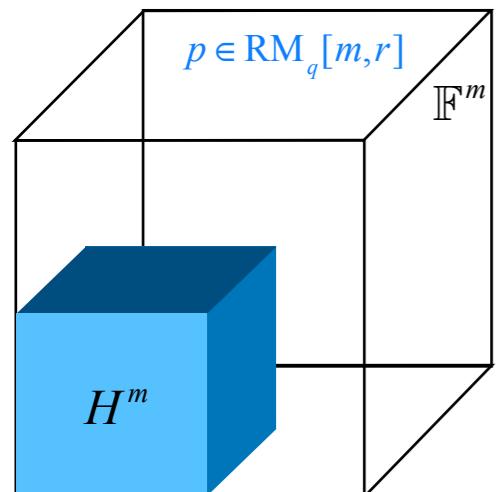


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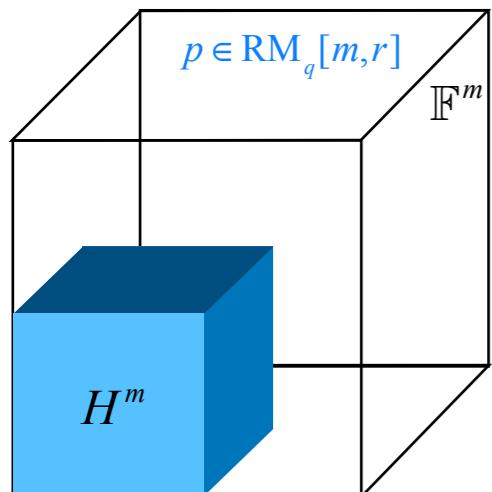
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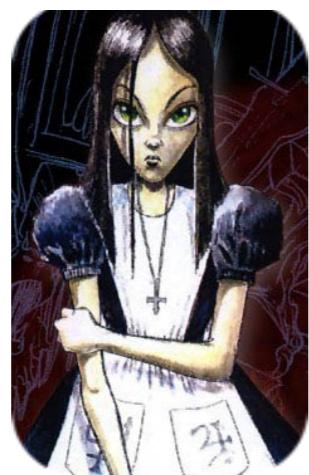
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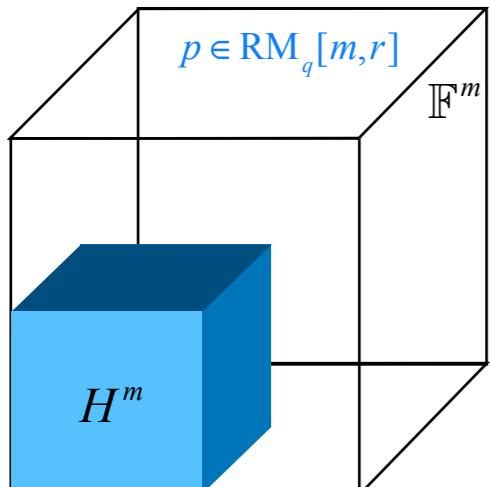
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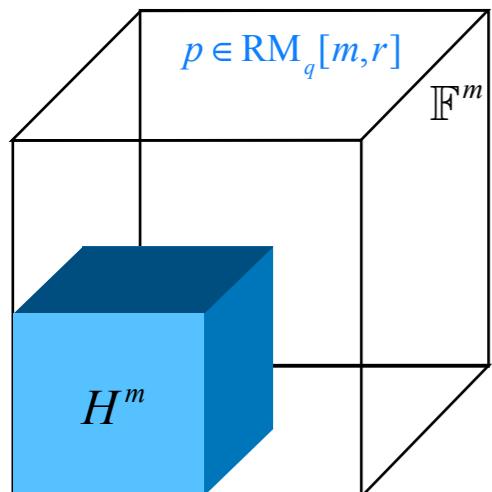


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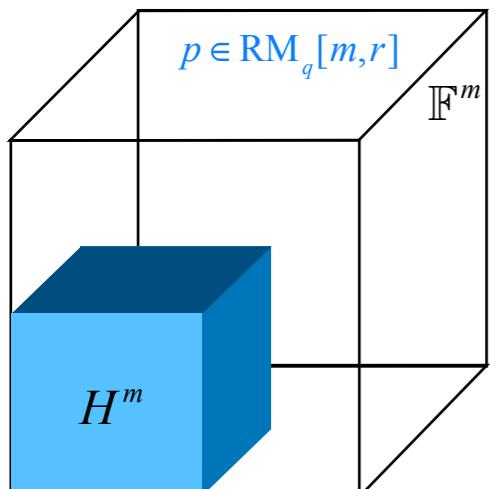


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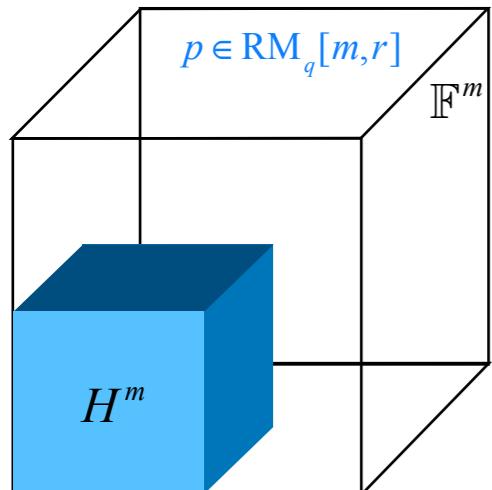


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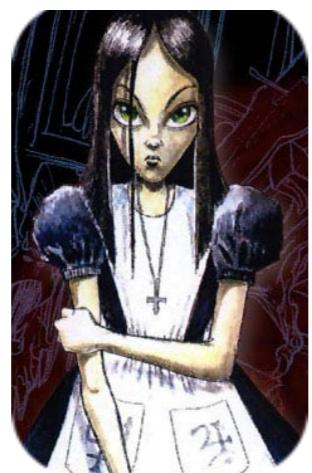
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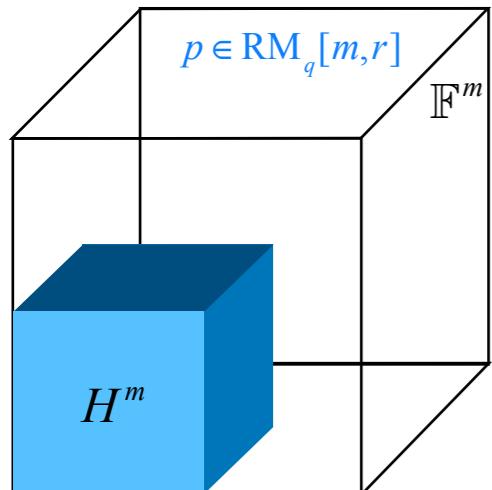
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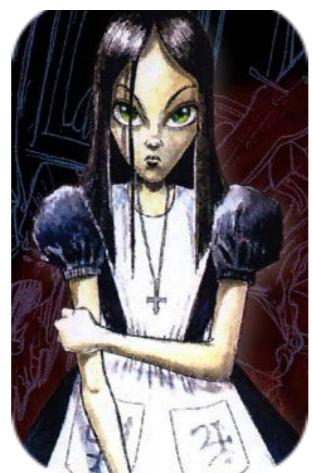
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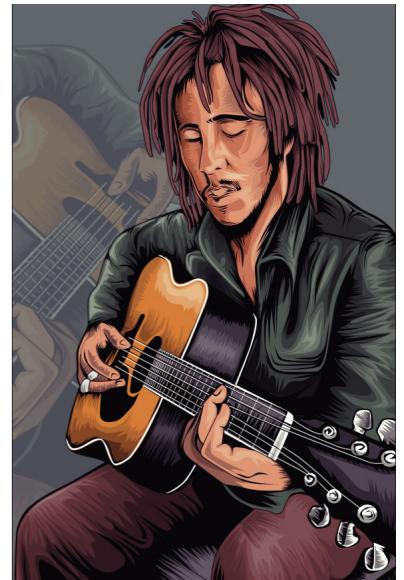
**Construct a protocol for unique disjointness!**

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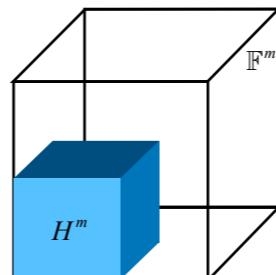
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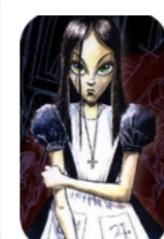
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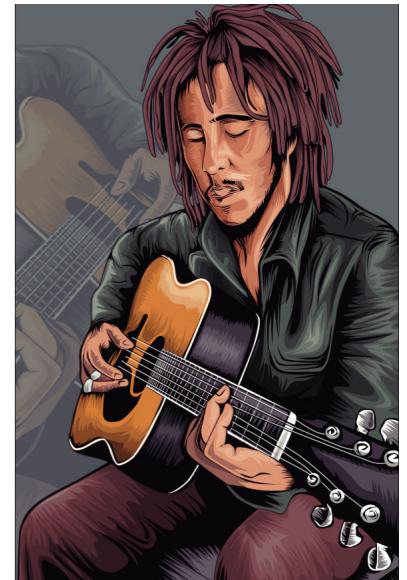
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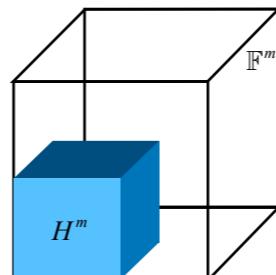


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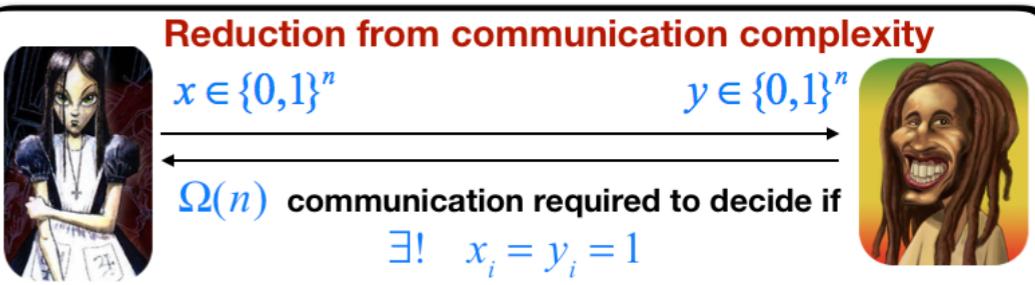
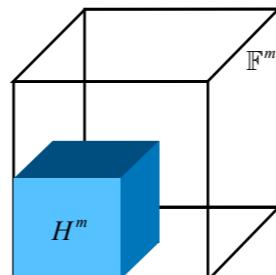


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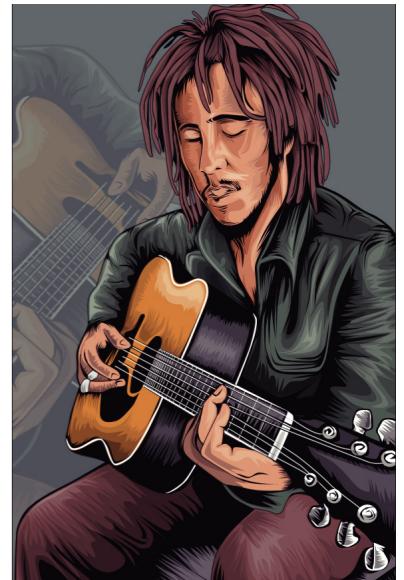
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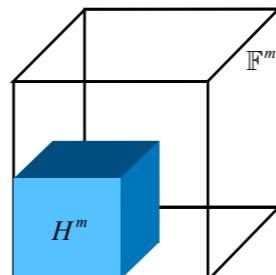


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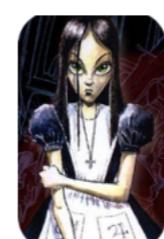
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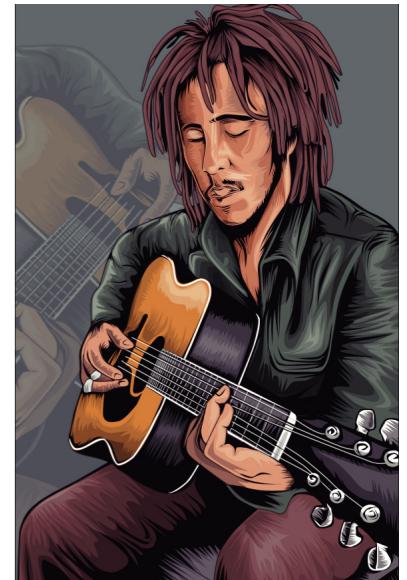
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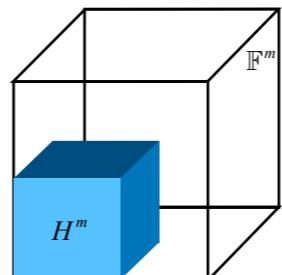
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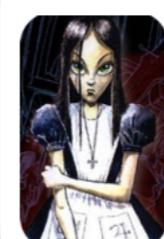
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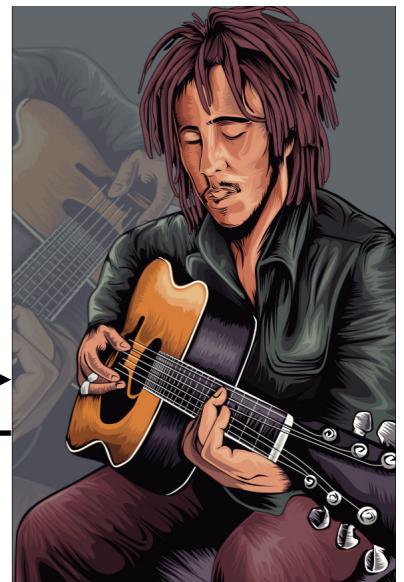
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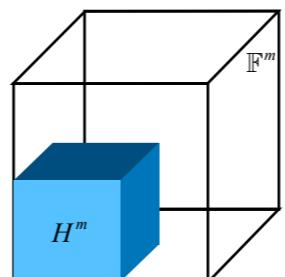


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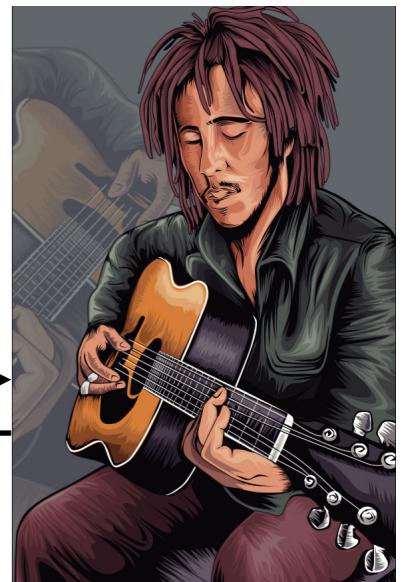
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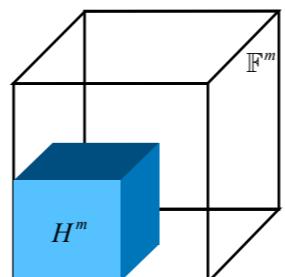


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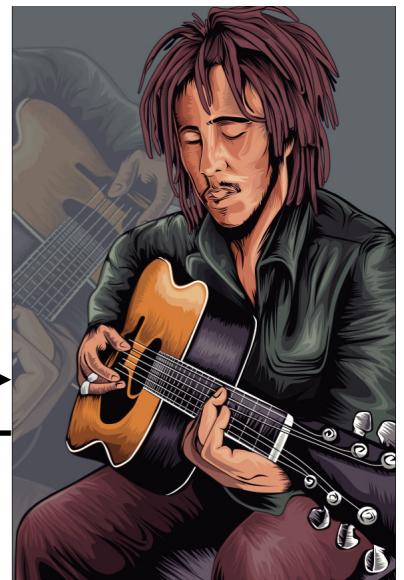
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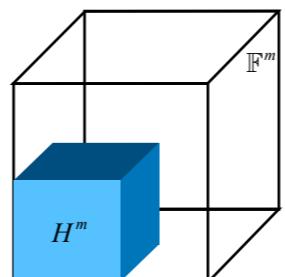
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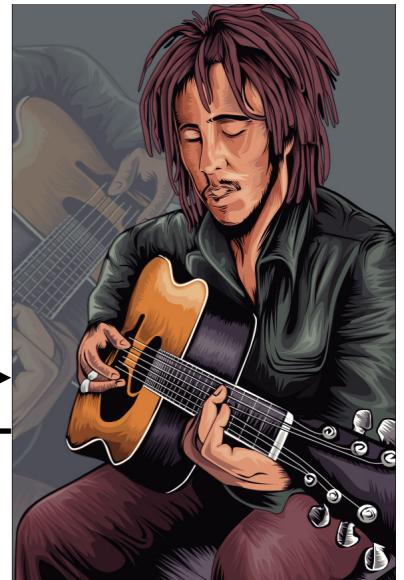
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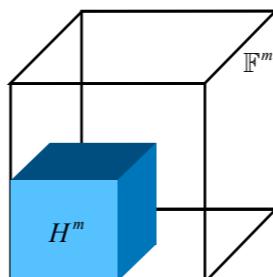
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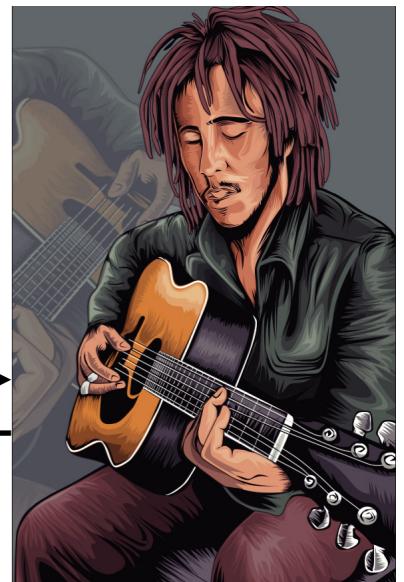
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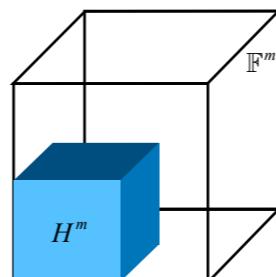
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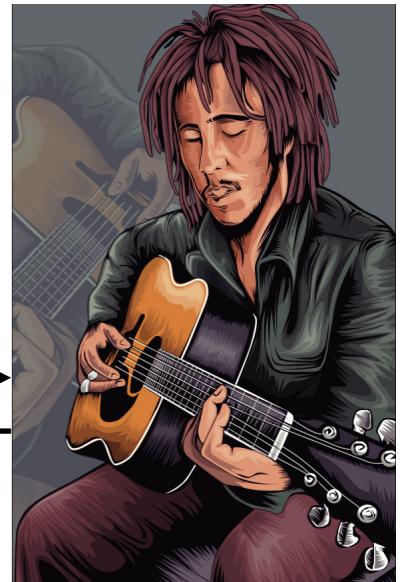
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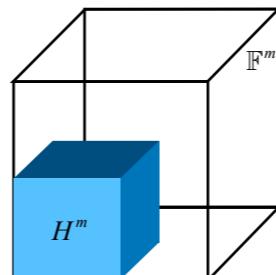


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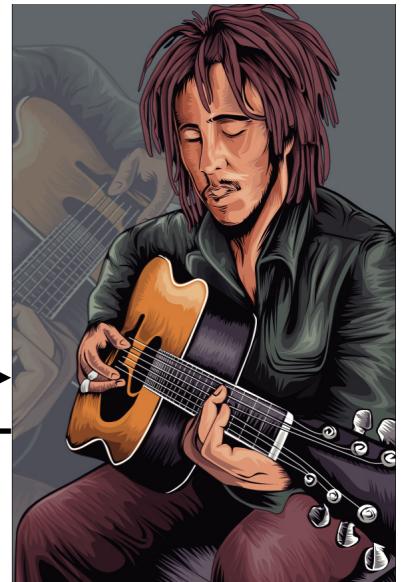
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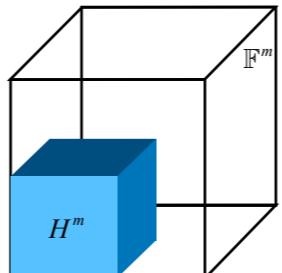


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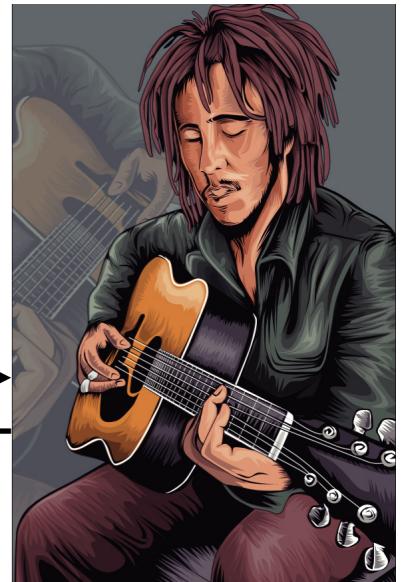
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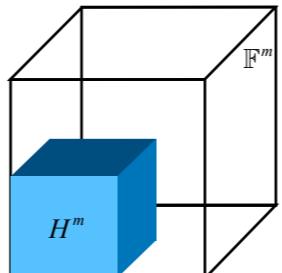


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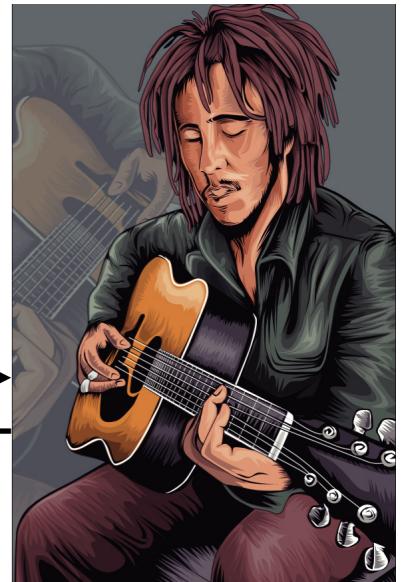
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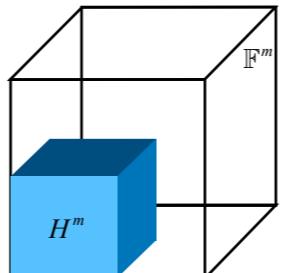


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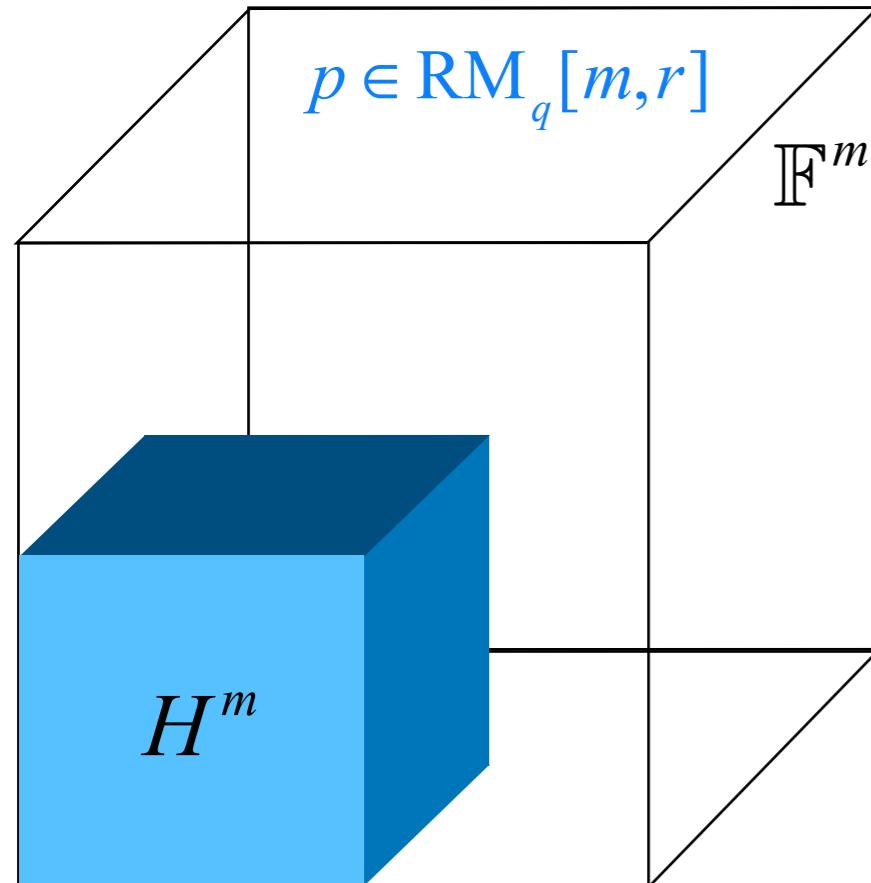
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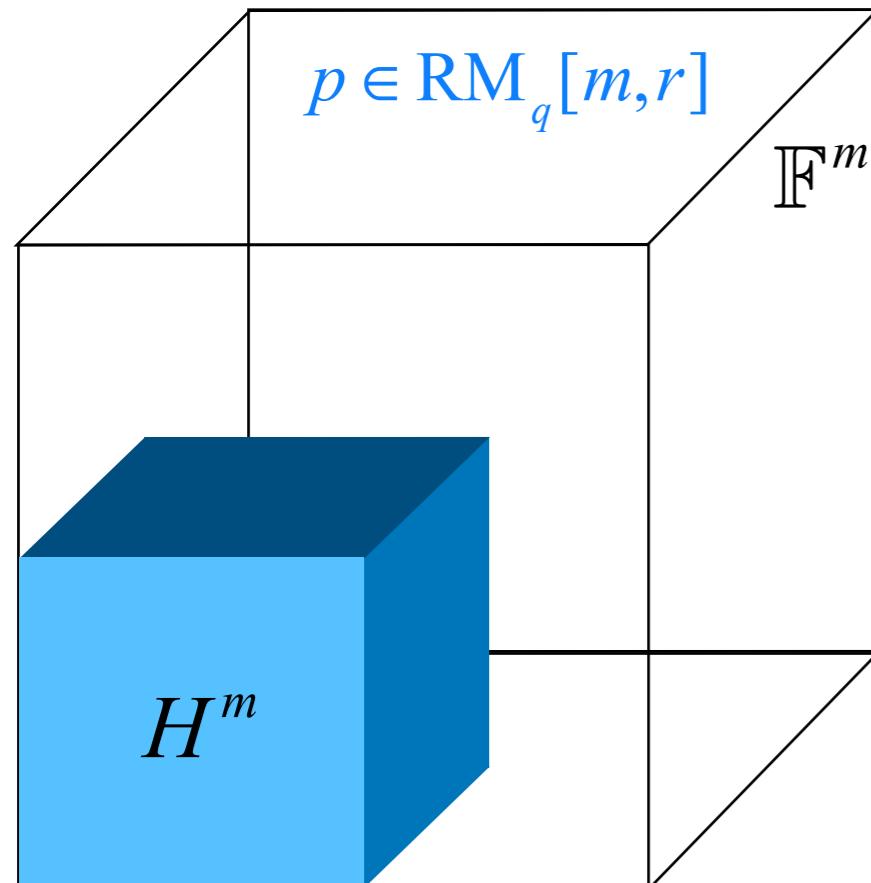


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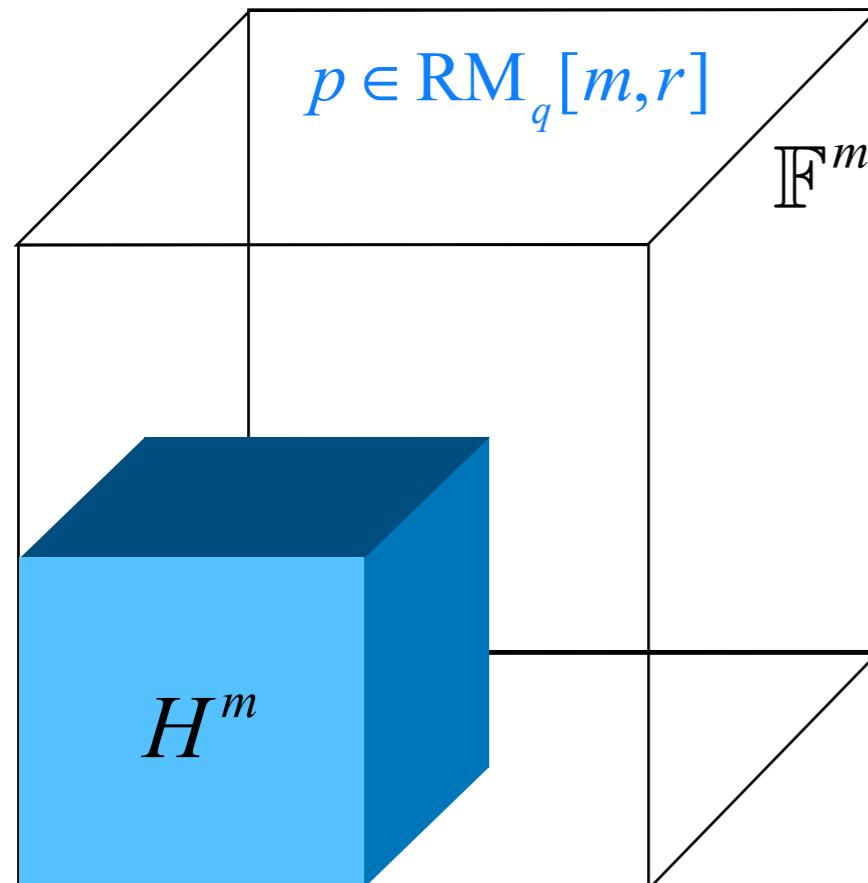
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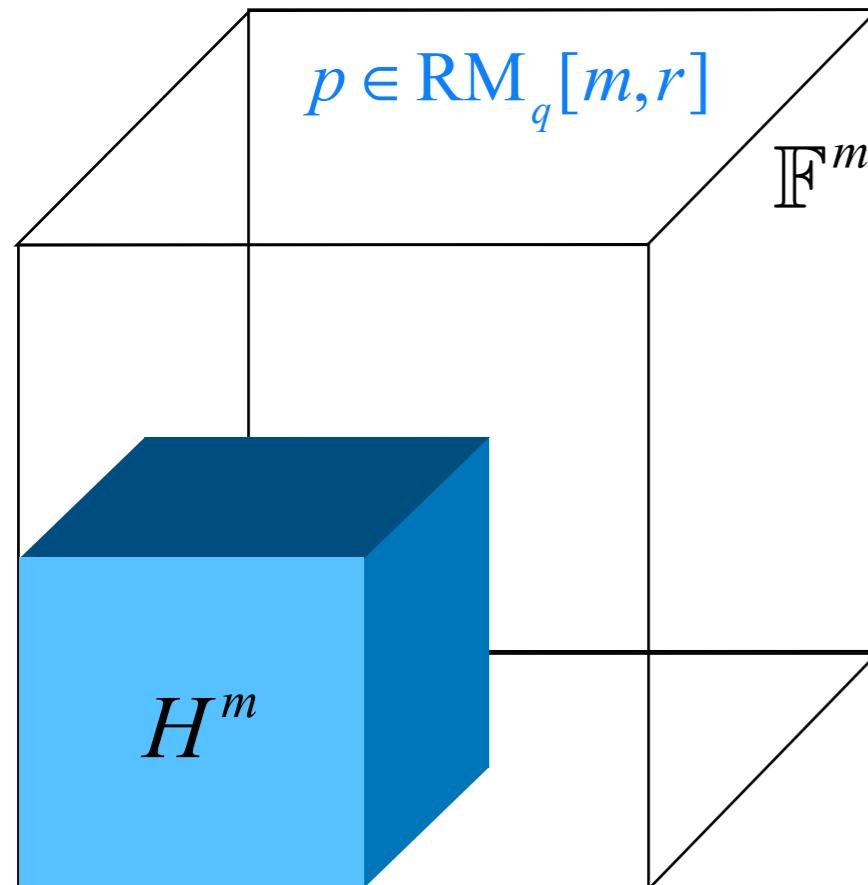
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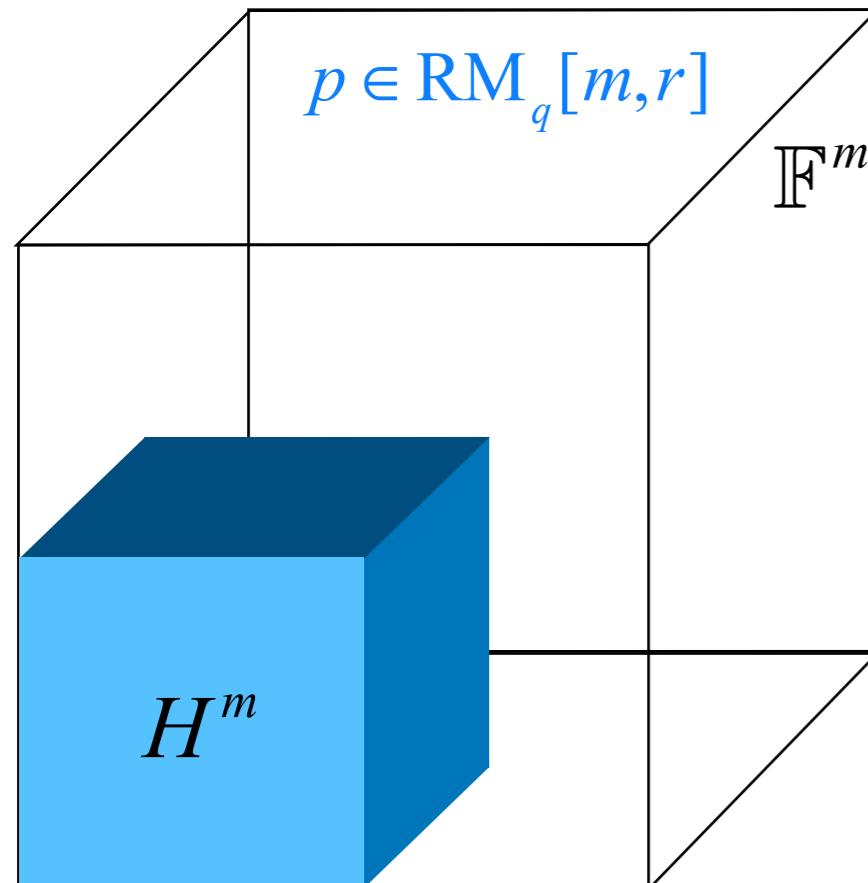
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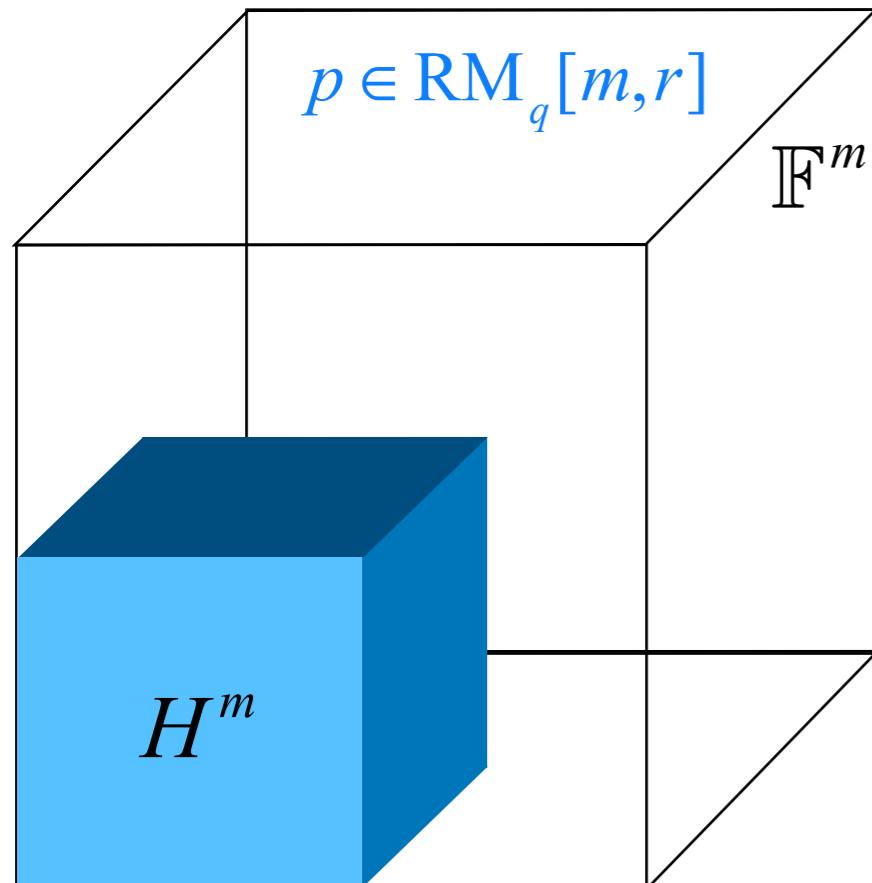
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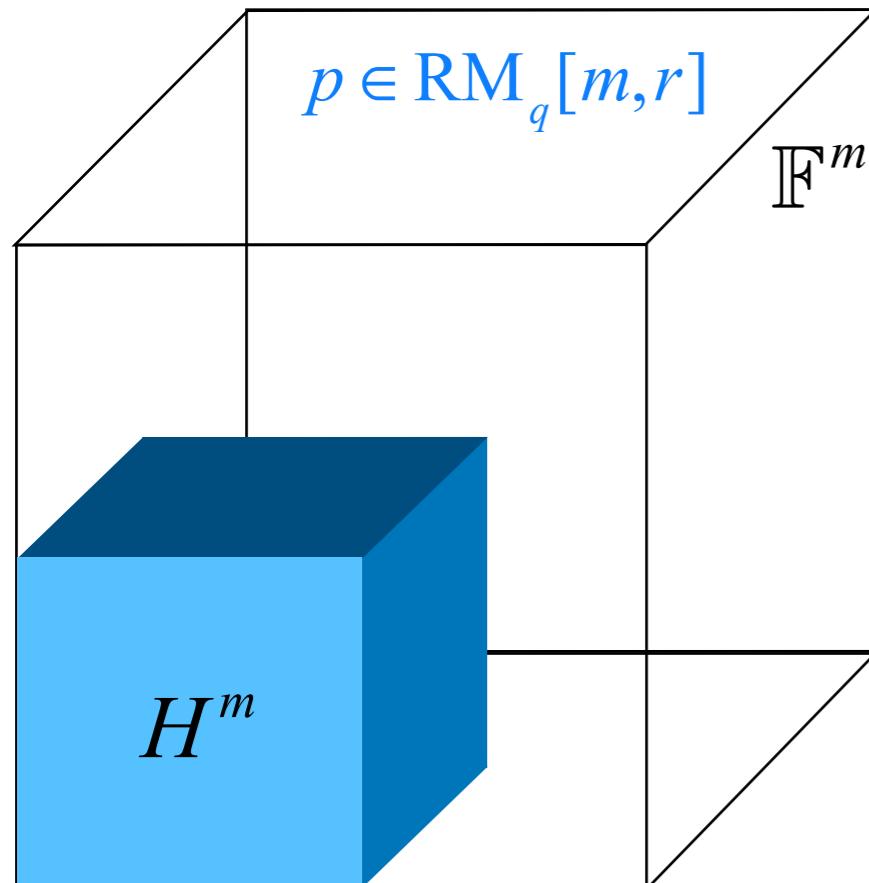
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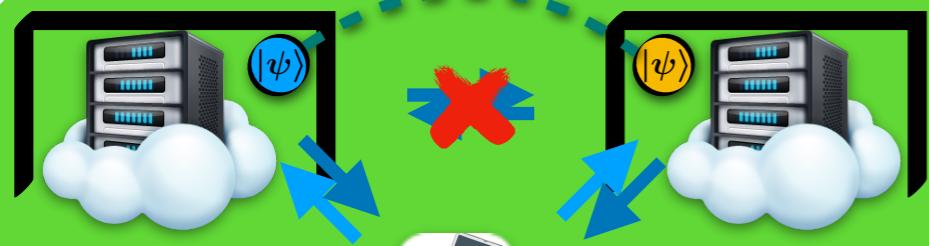
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