

A Quest for Provable Security against Side-Channel Attacks

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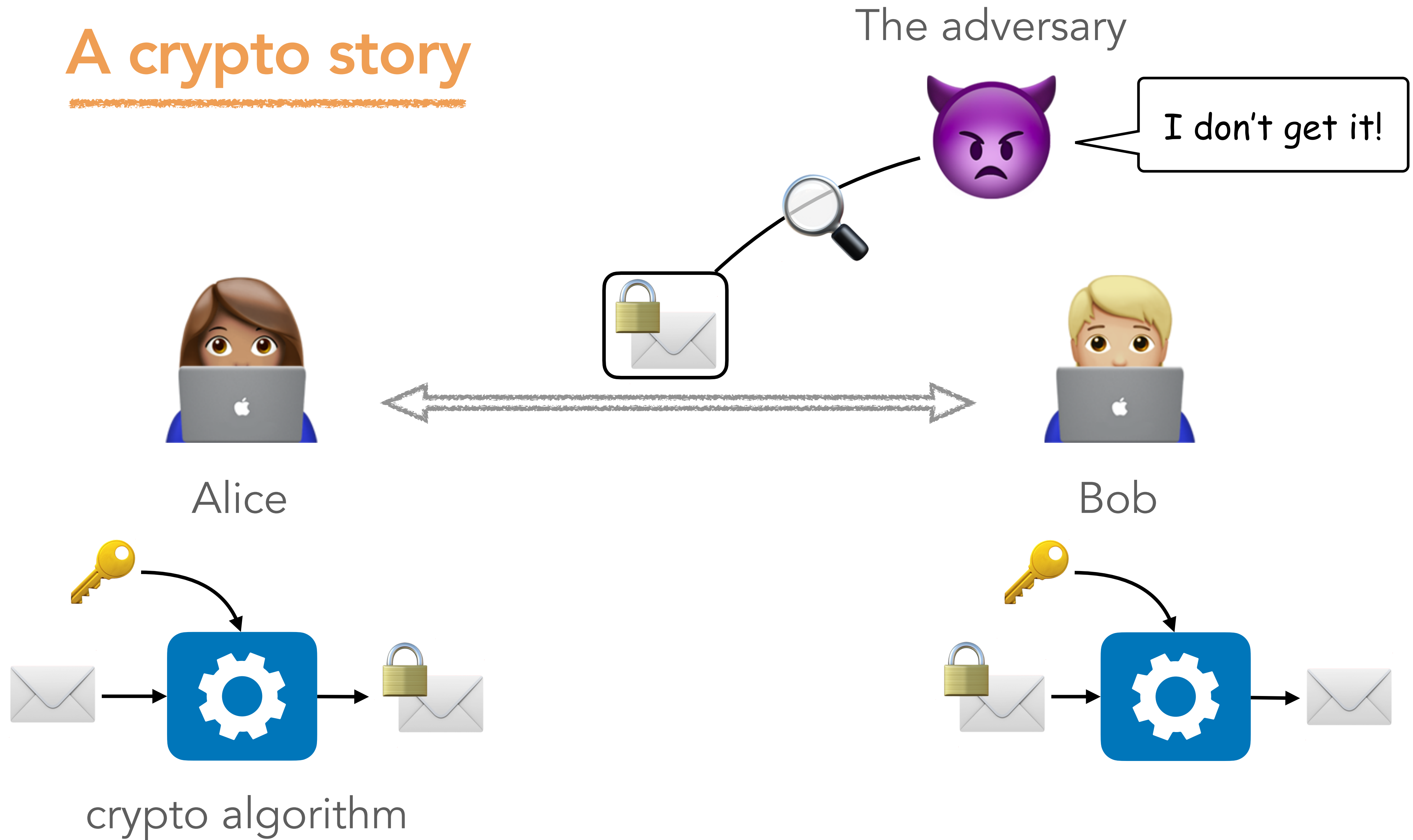
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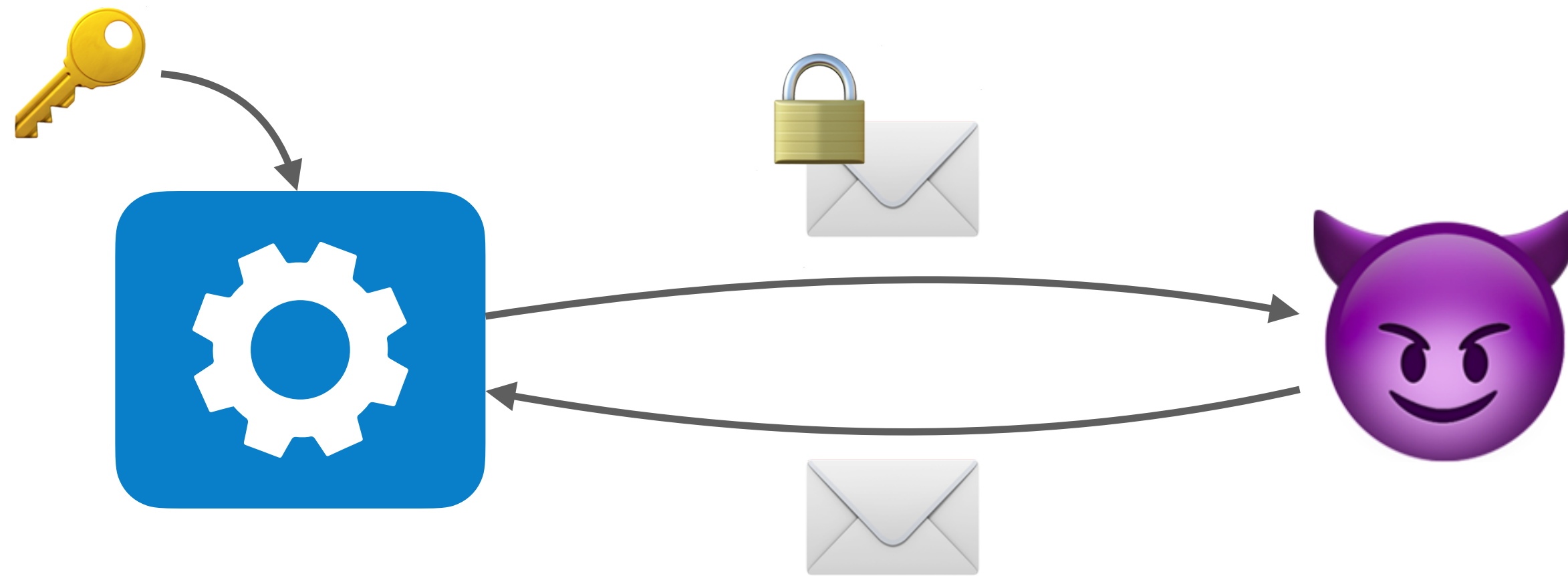


Introduction

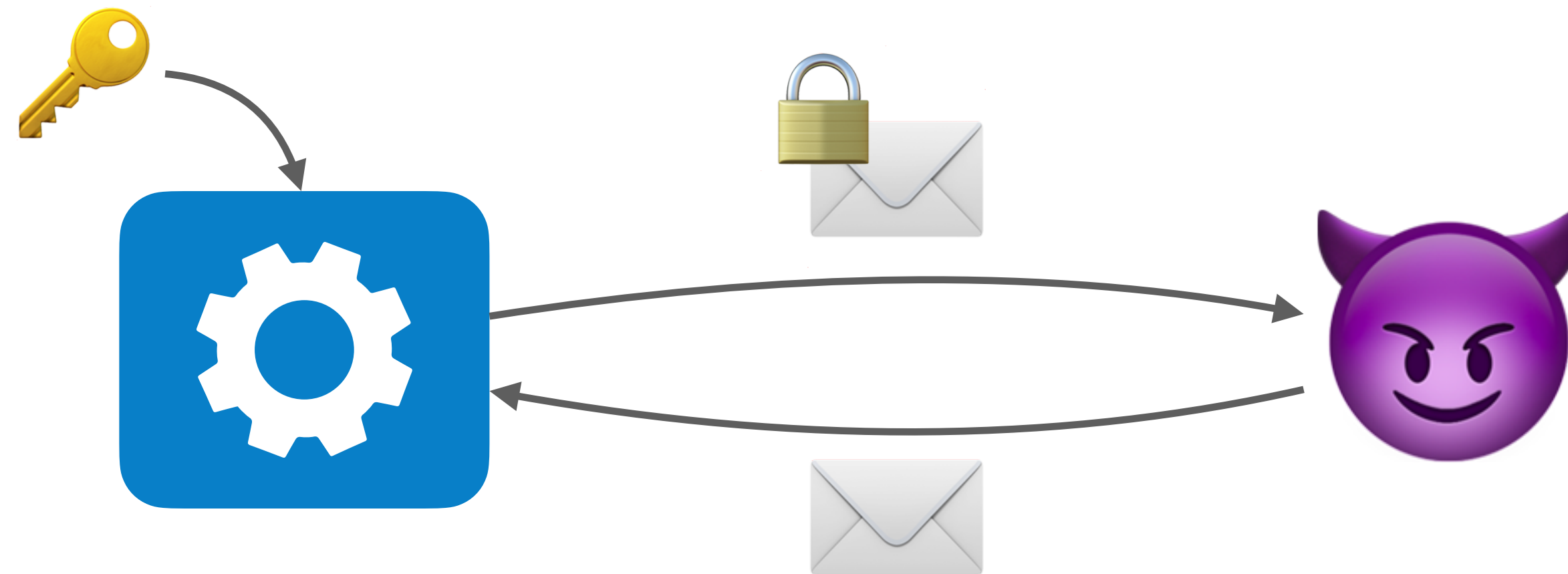
A crypto story



Provable security



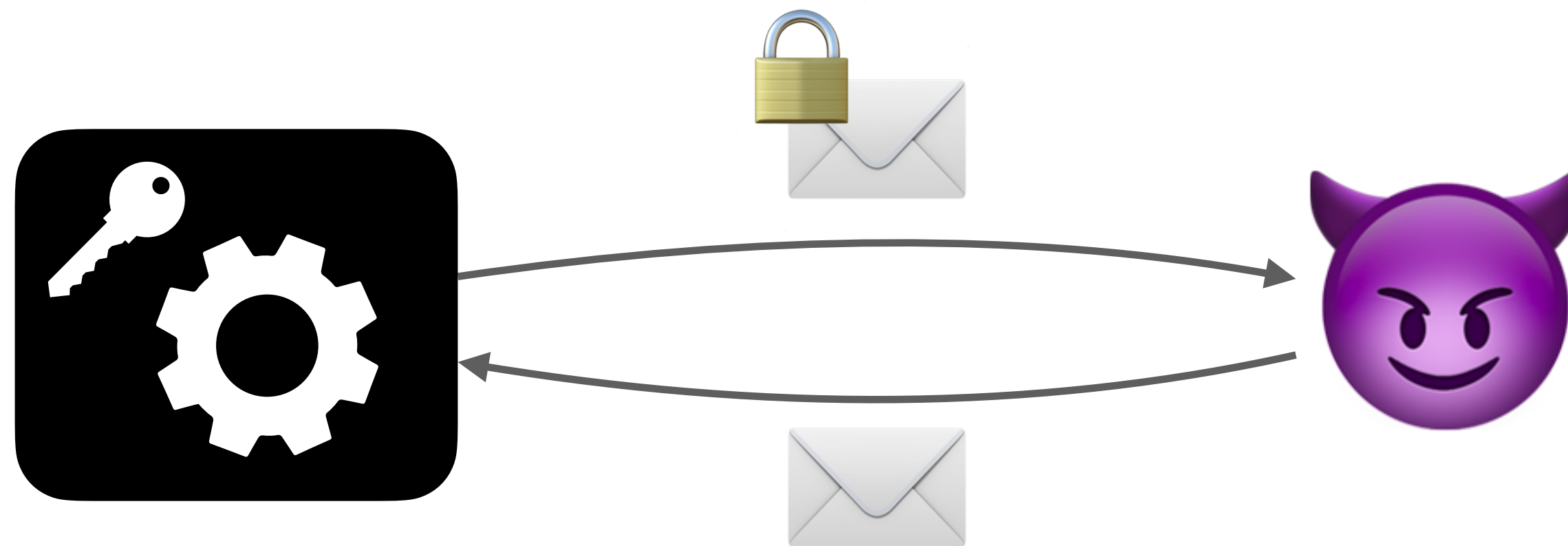
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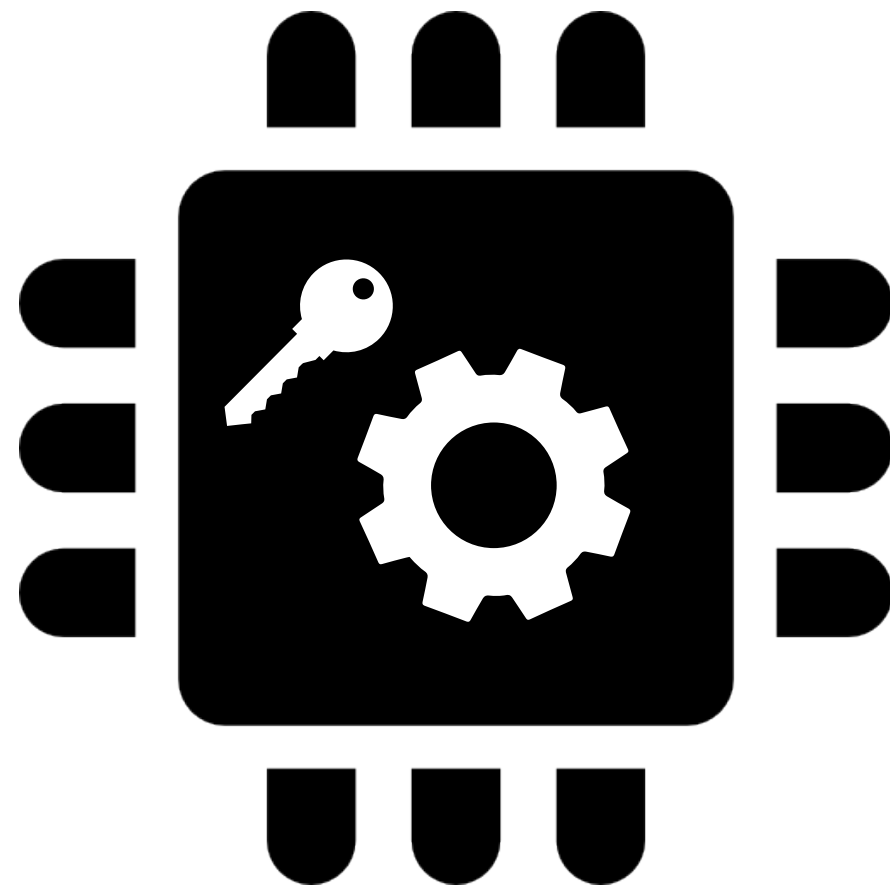
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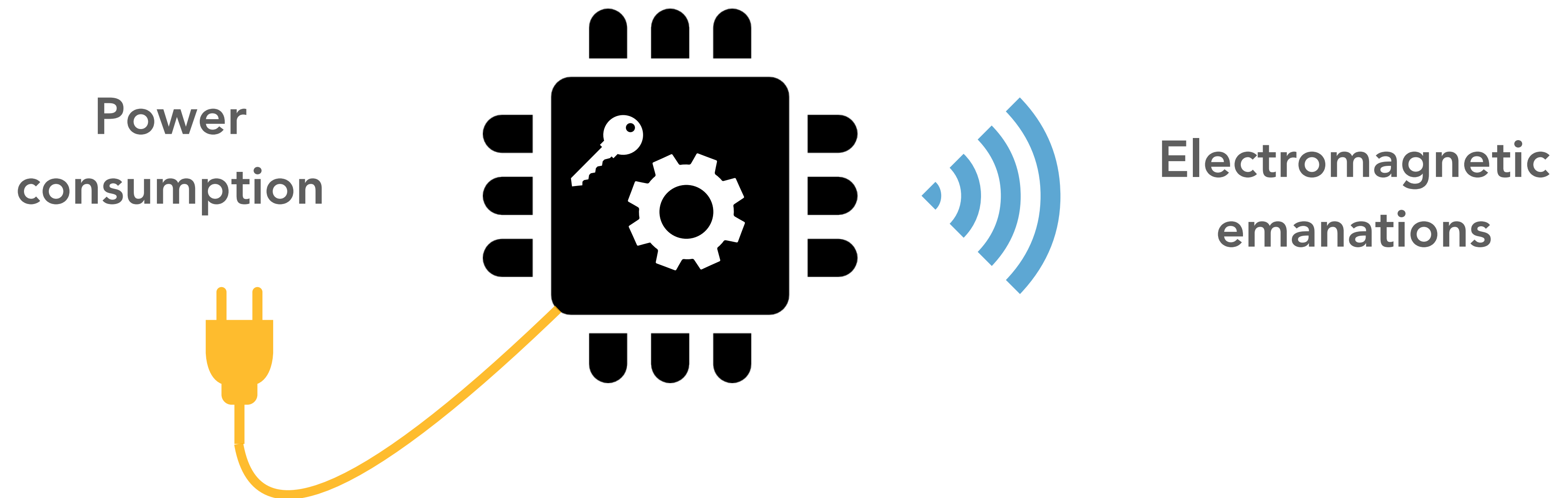
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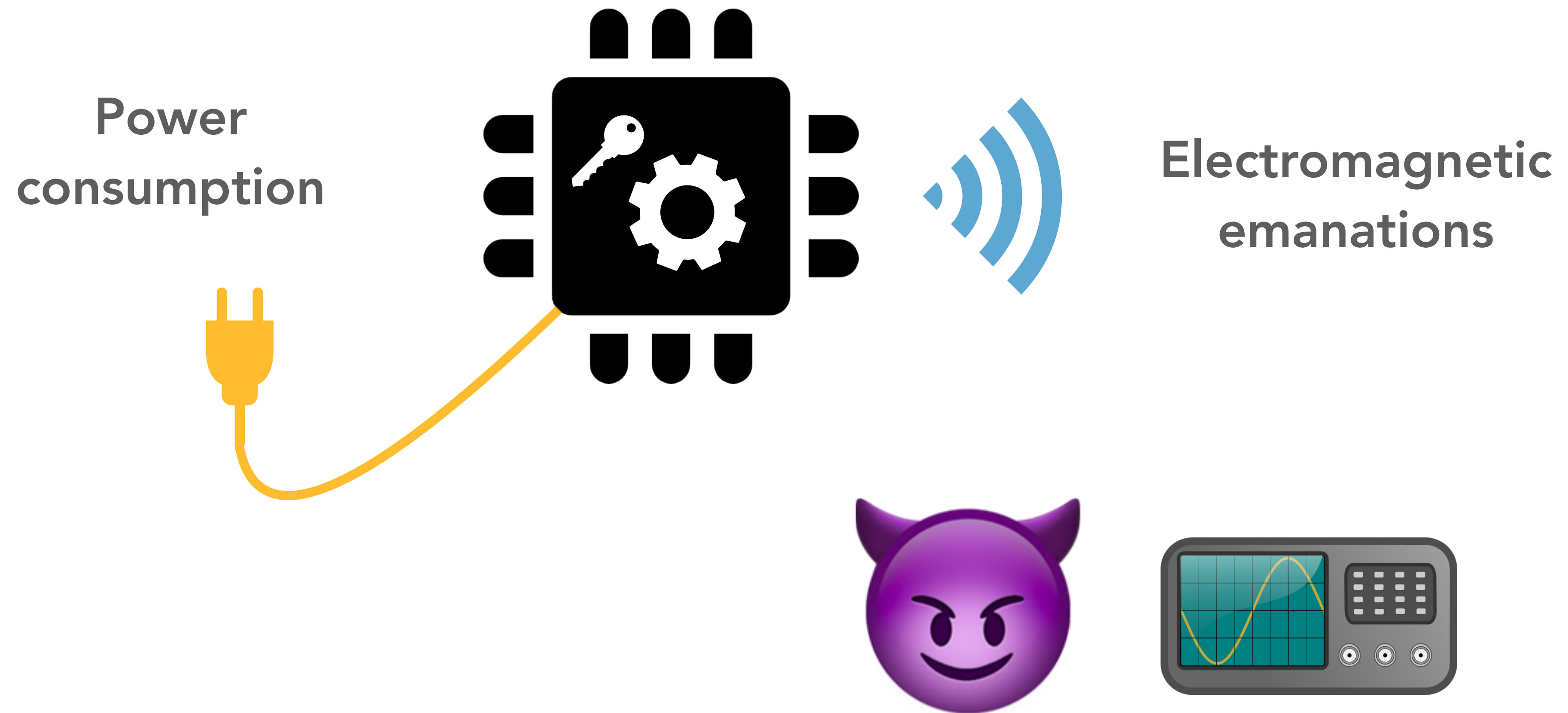
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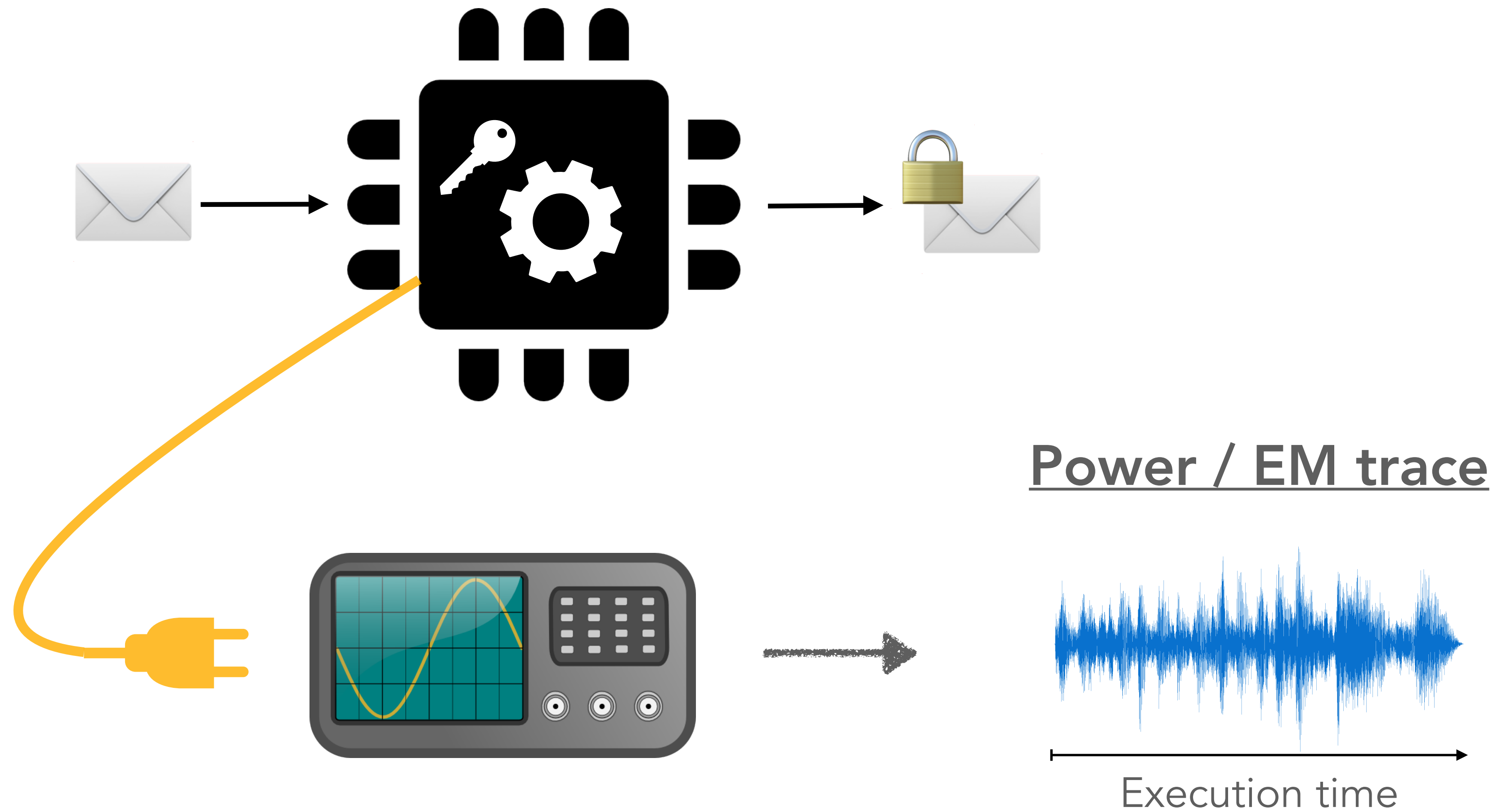
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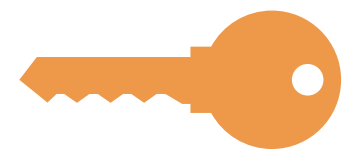
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Key guess



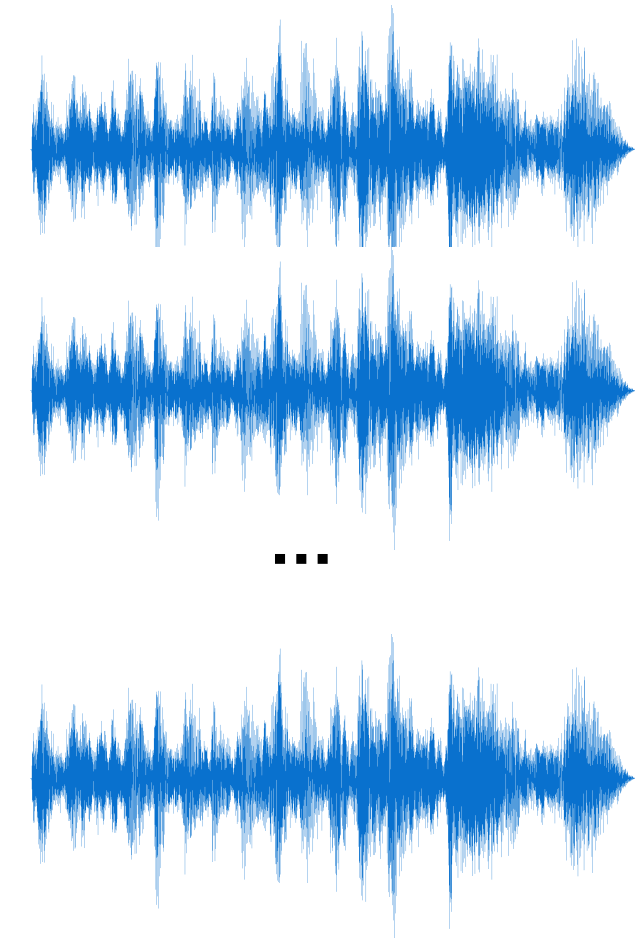
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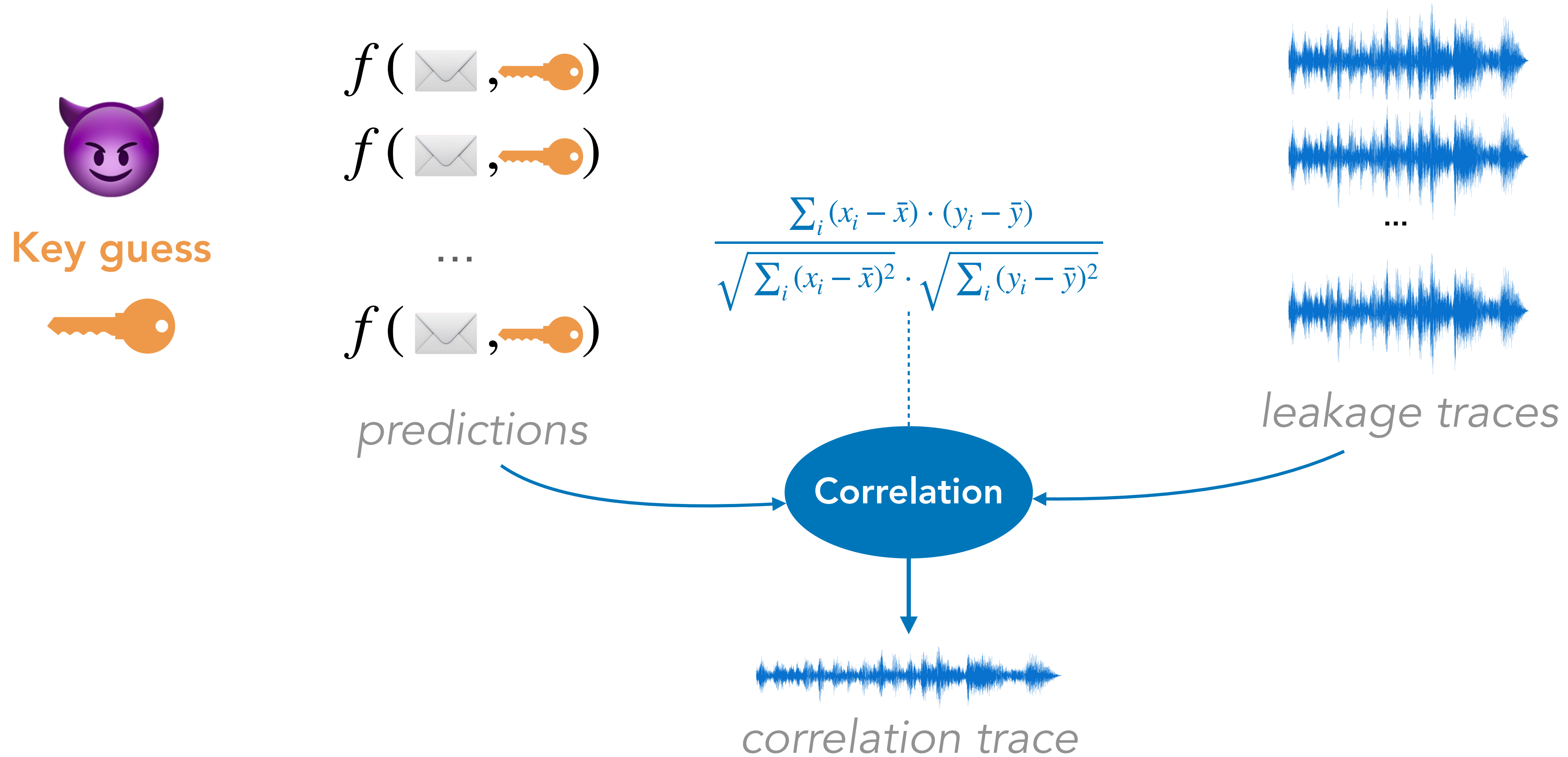
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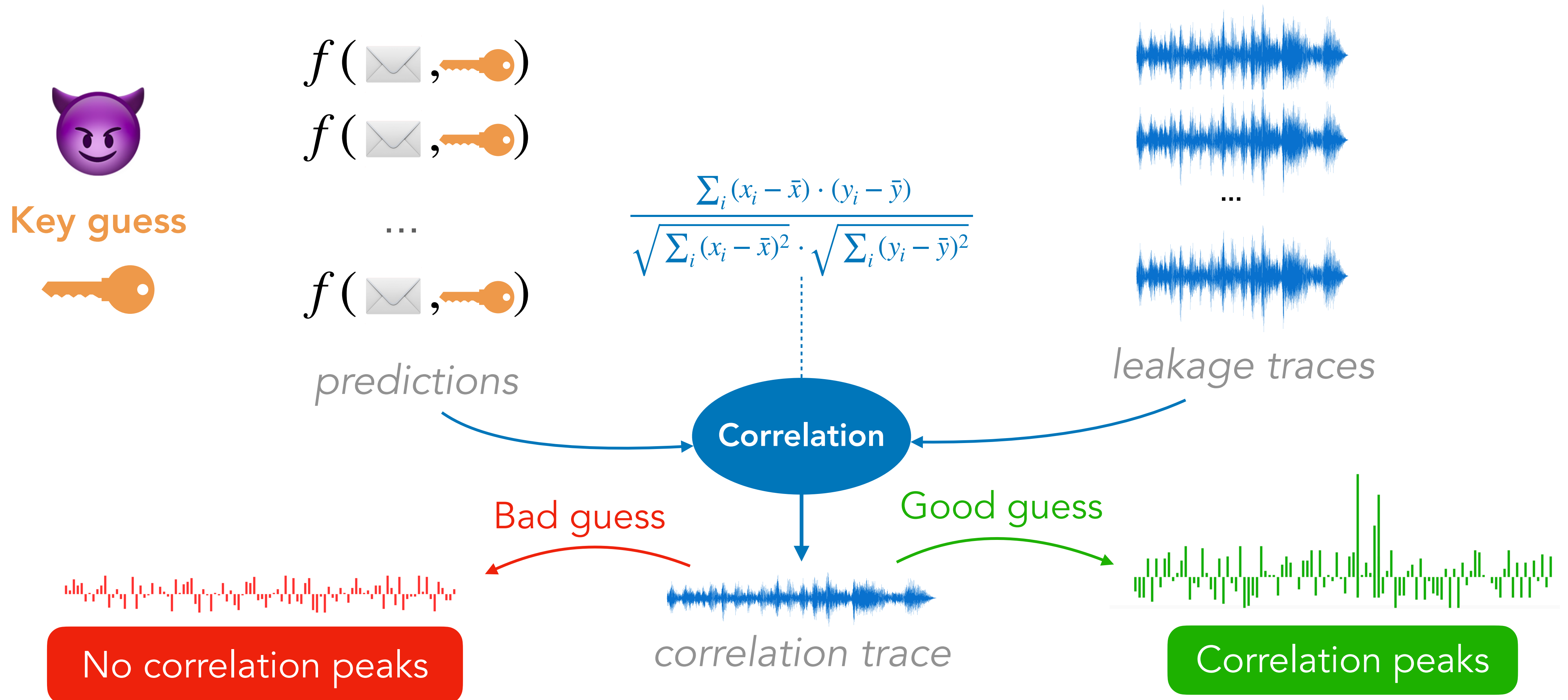
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leakage traces

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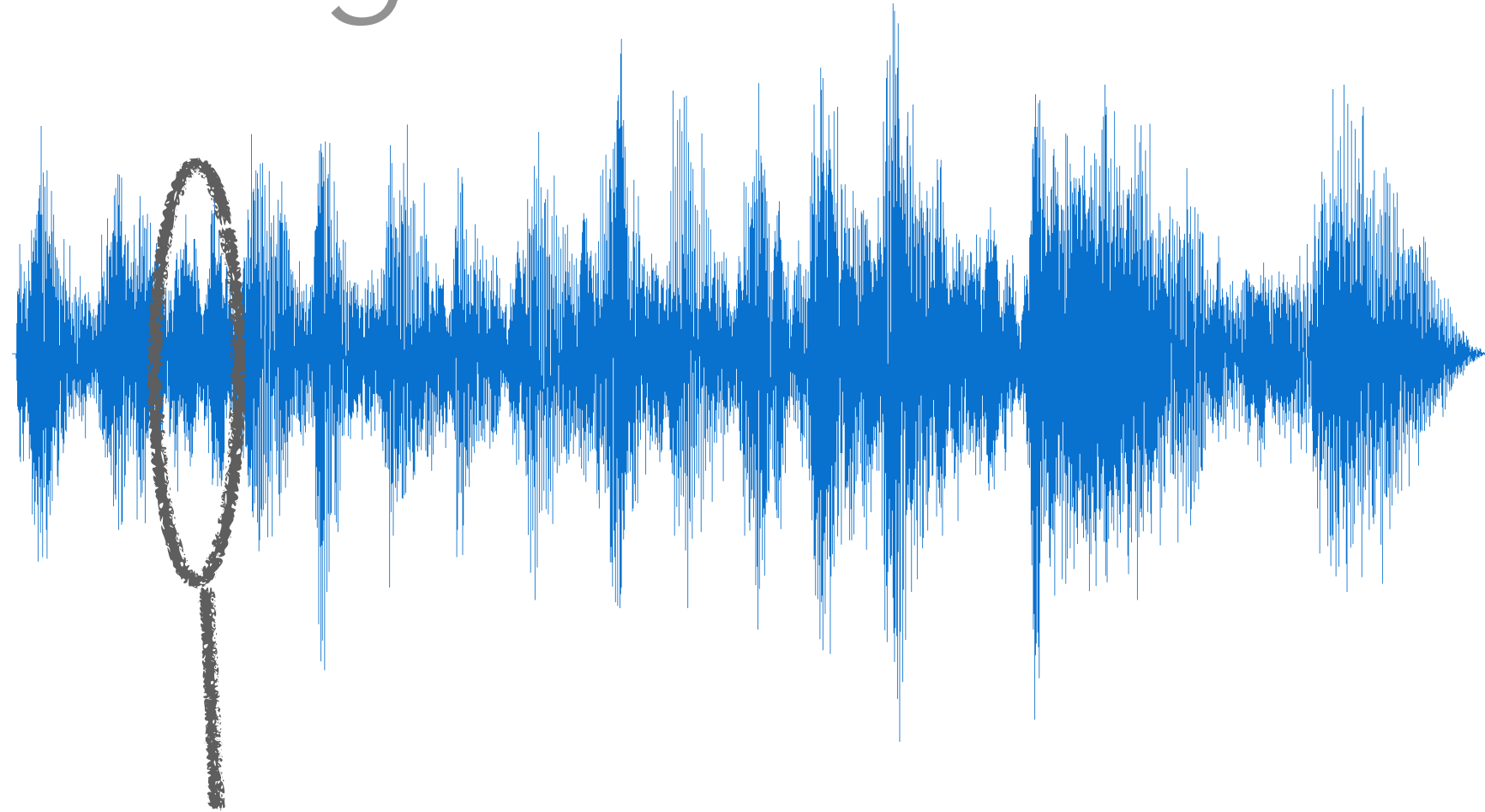


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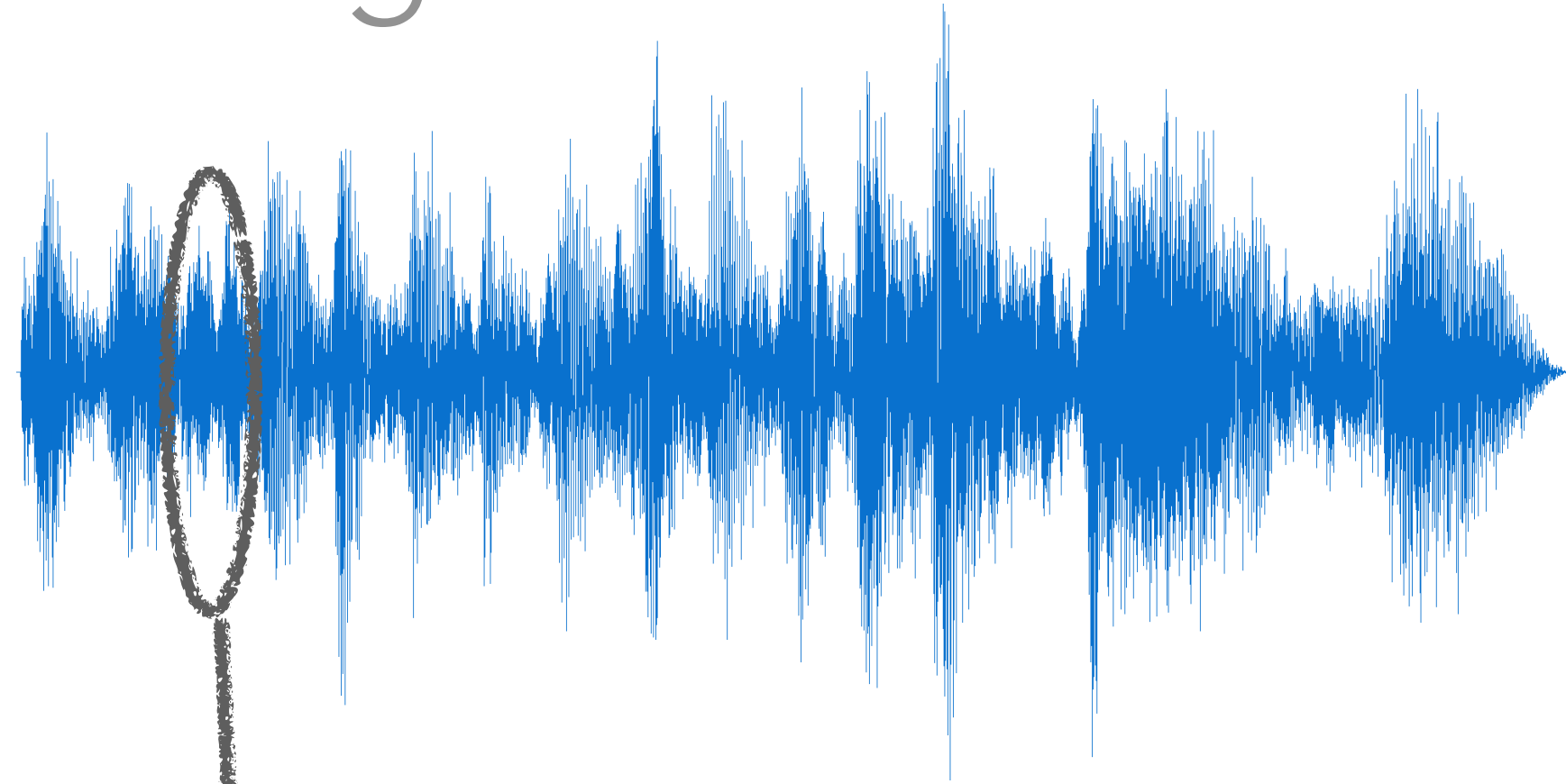
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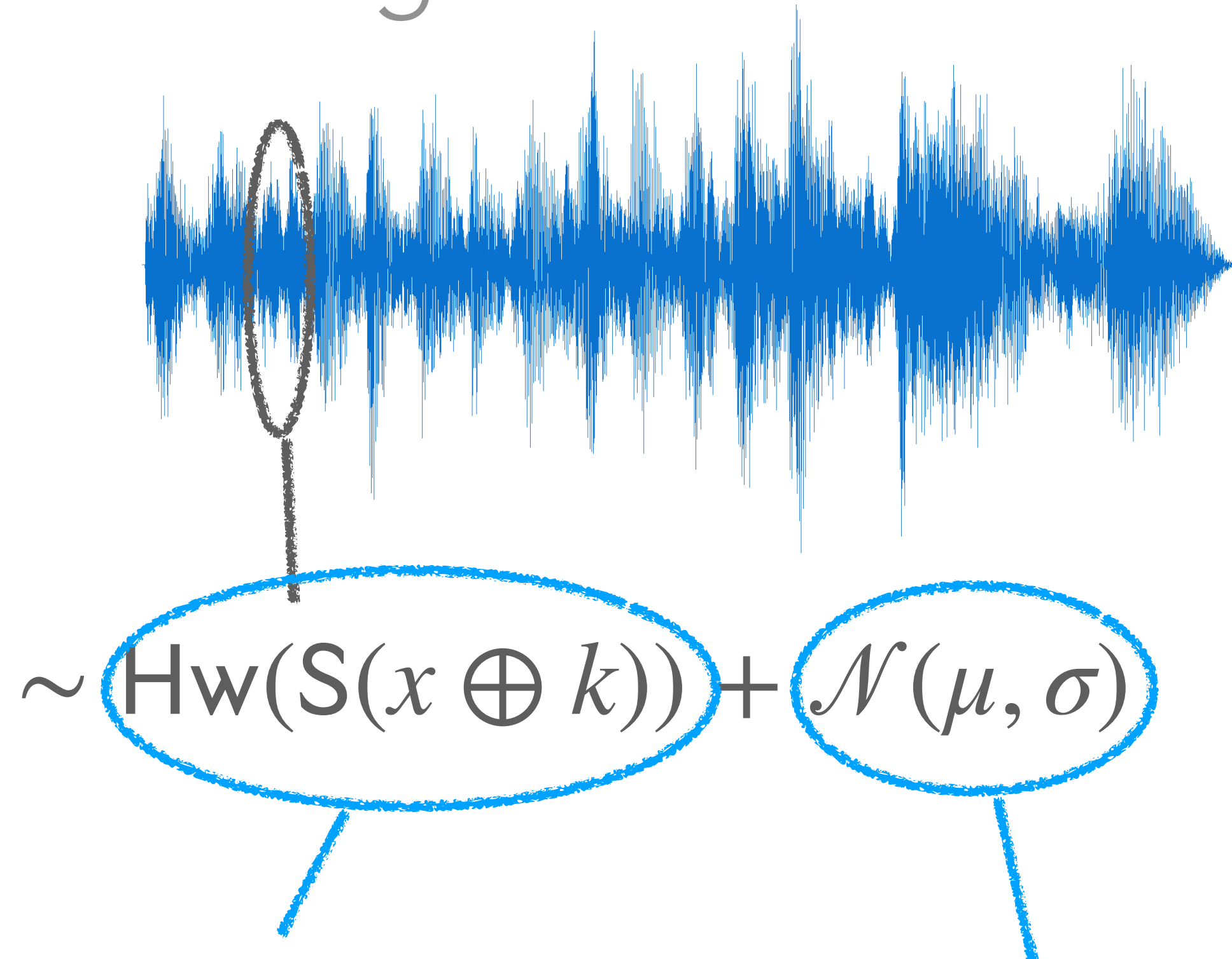


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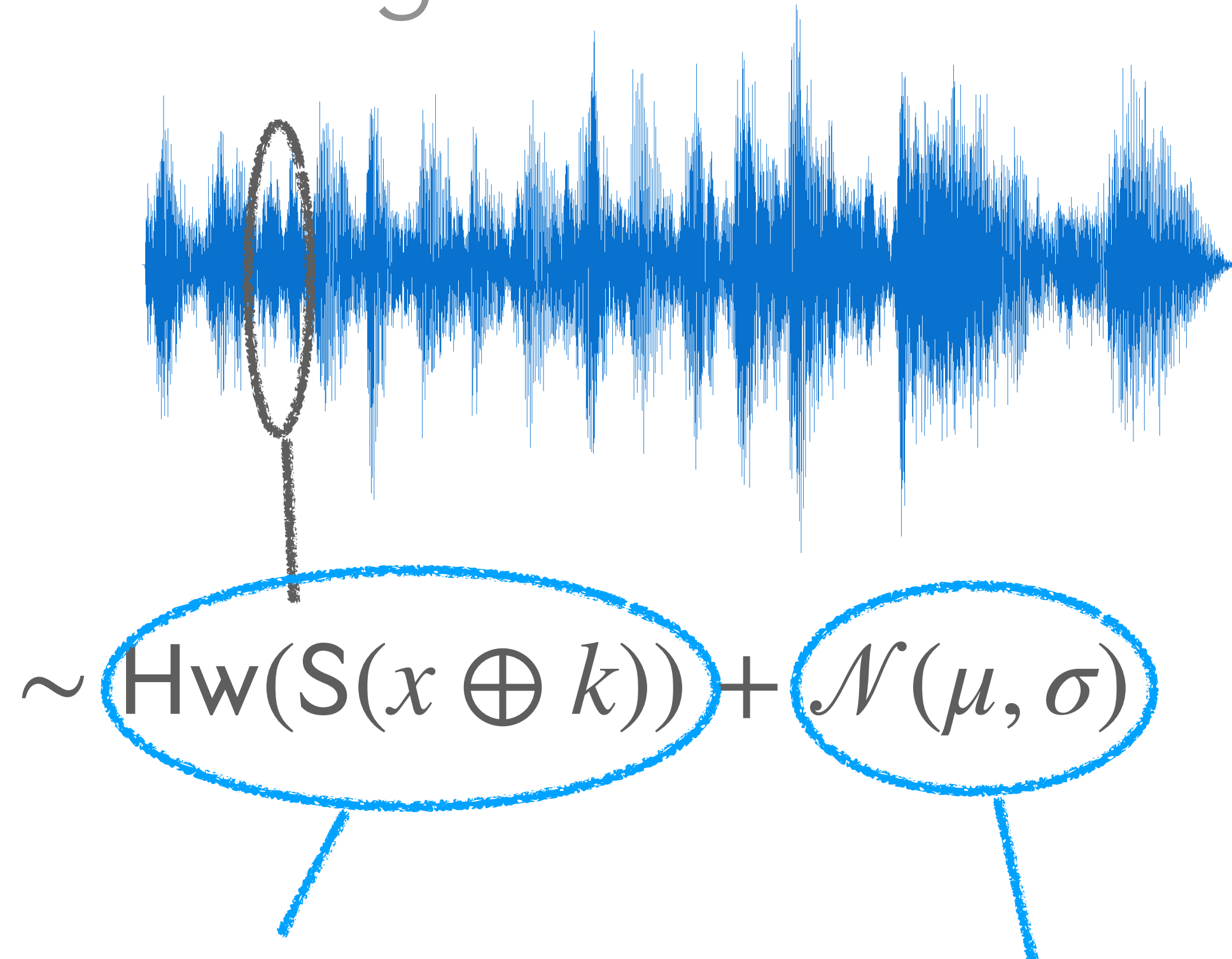

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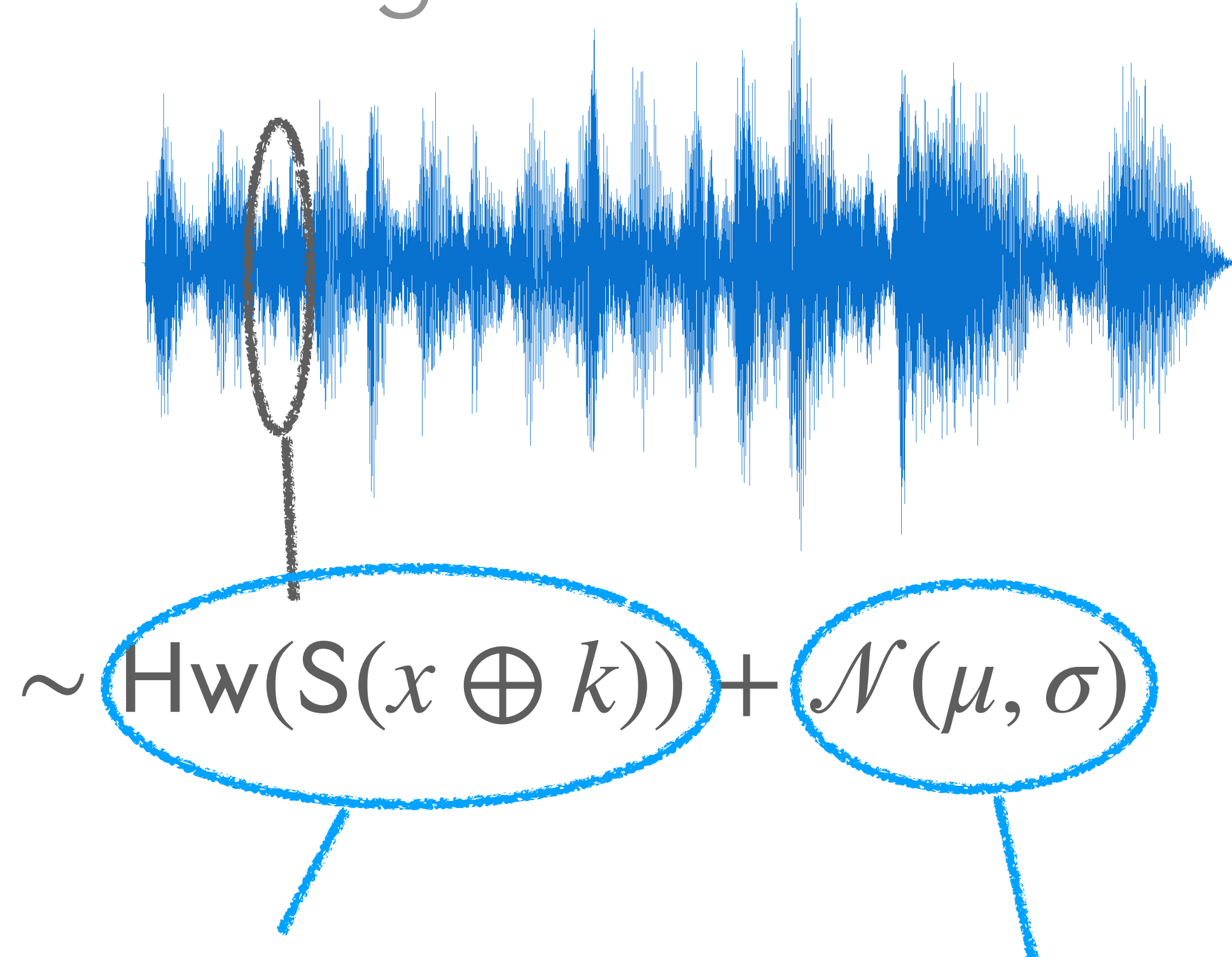
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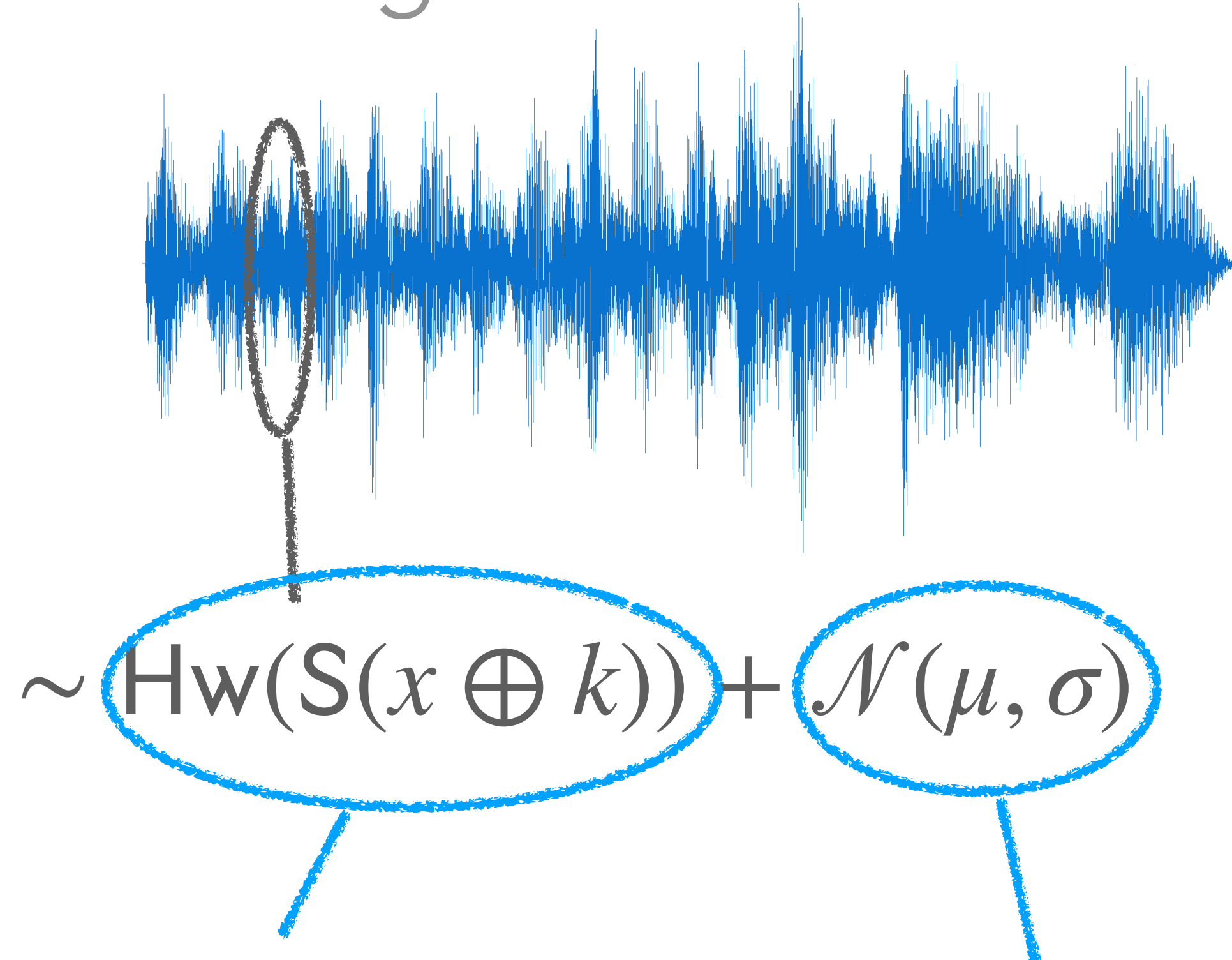
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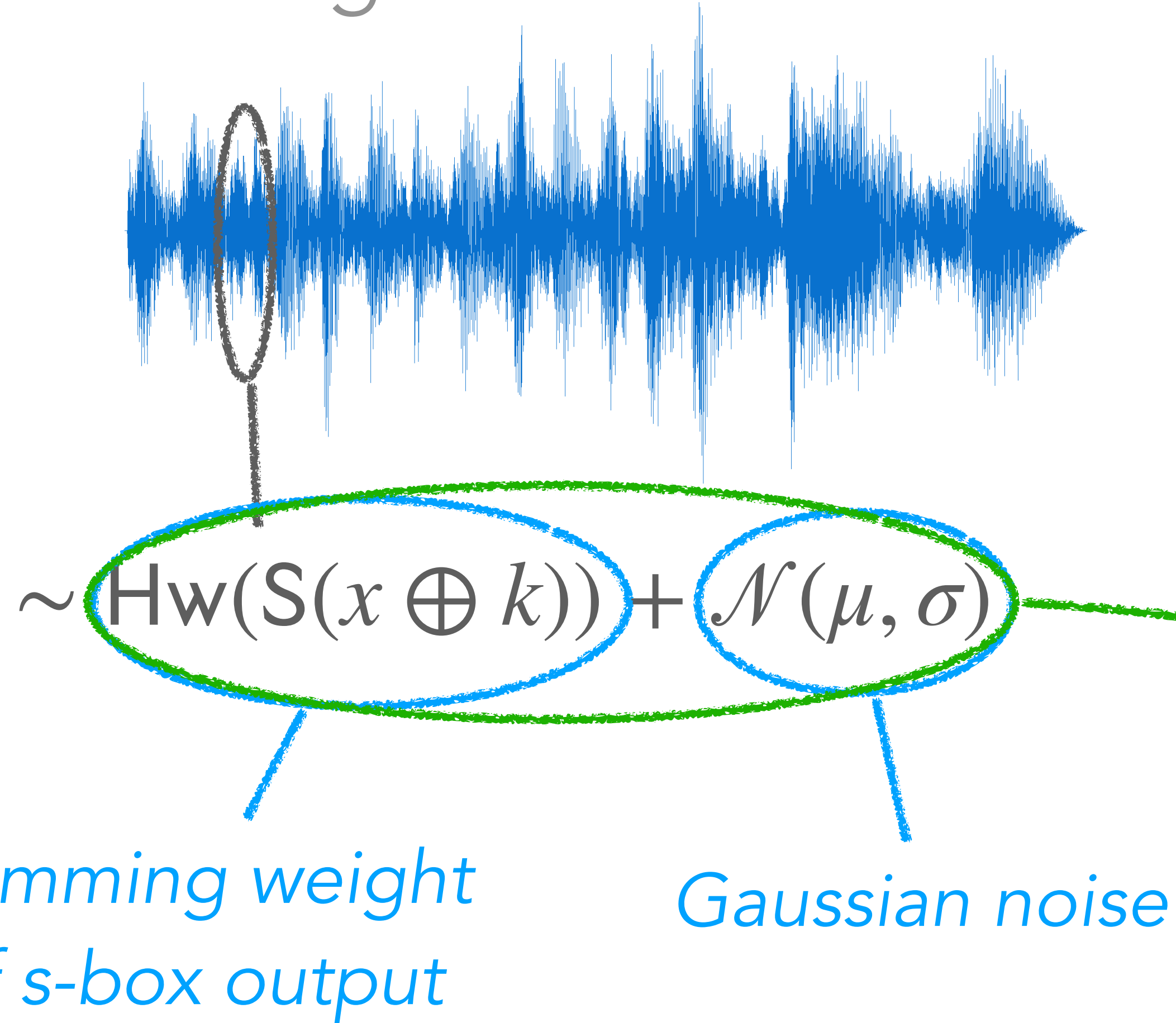
$$f(\text{envelope icon}, \text{key icon}) = \text{Hw}(S(x \oplus \hat{k}))$$

(guess) byte of the key

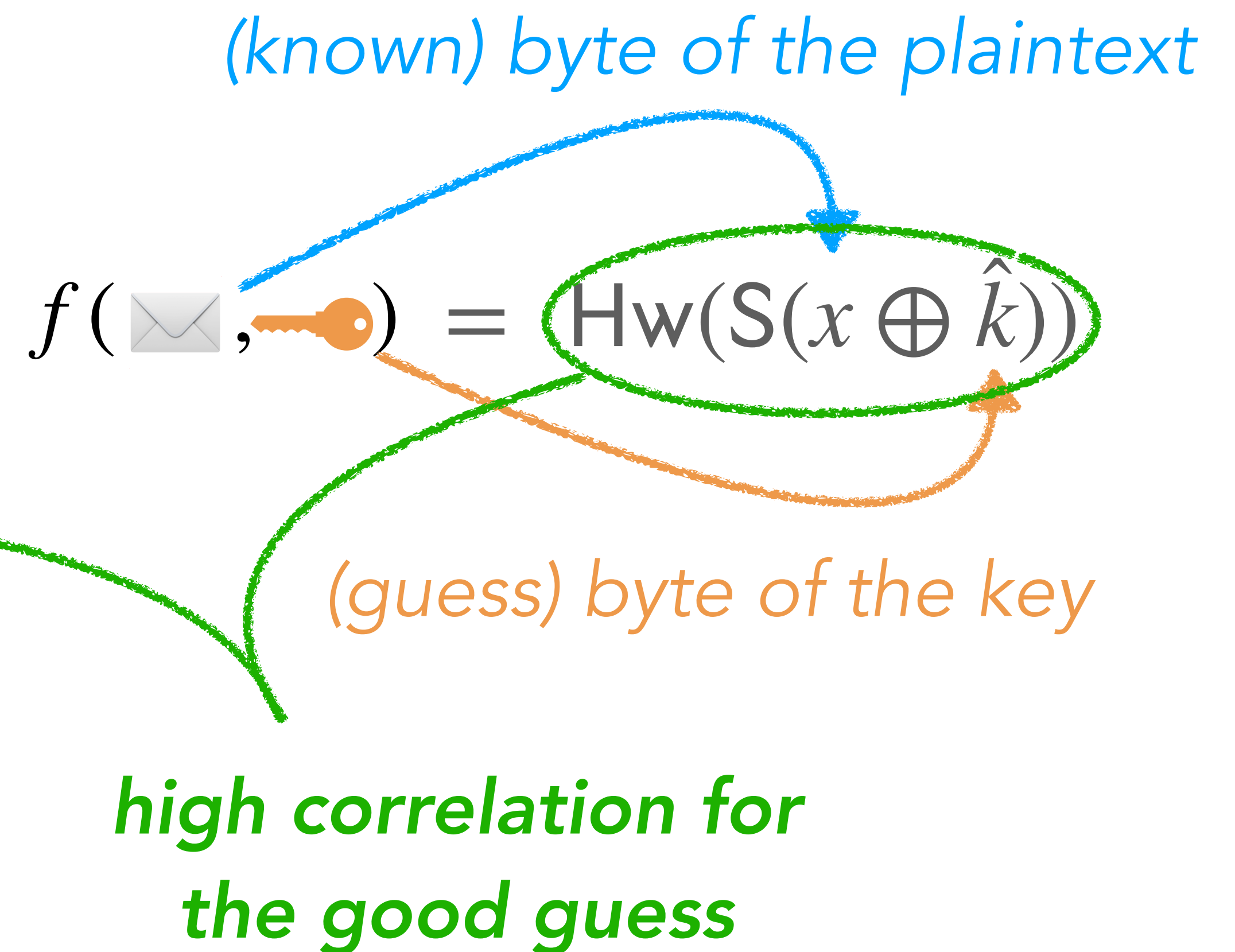
The equation shows the prediction function f taking a plaintext byte (represented by an envelope icon) and a key guess (represented by a key icon) as inputs. A blue arrow points from the plaintext byte label to the envelope icon, and an orange arrow points from the key guess label to the key icon. The output of the function is the Hamming weight of the s-box output for the XOR of the plaintext byte and the key guess.

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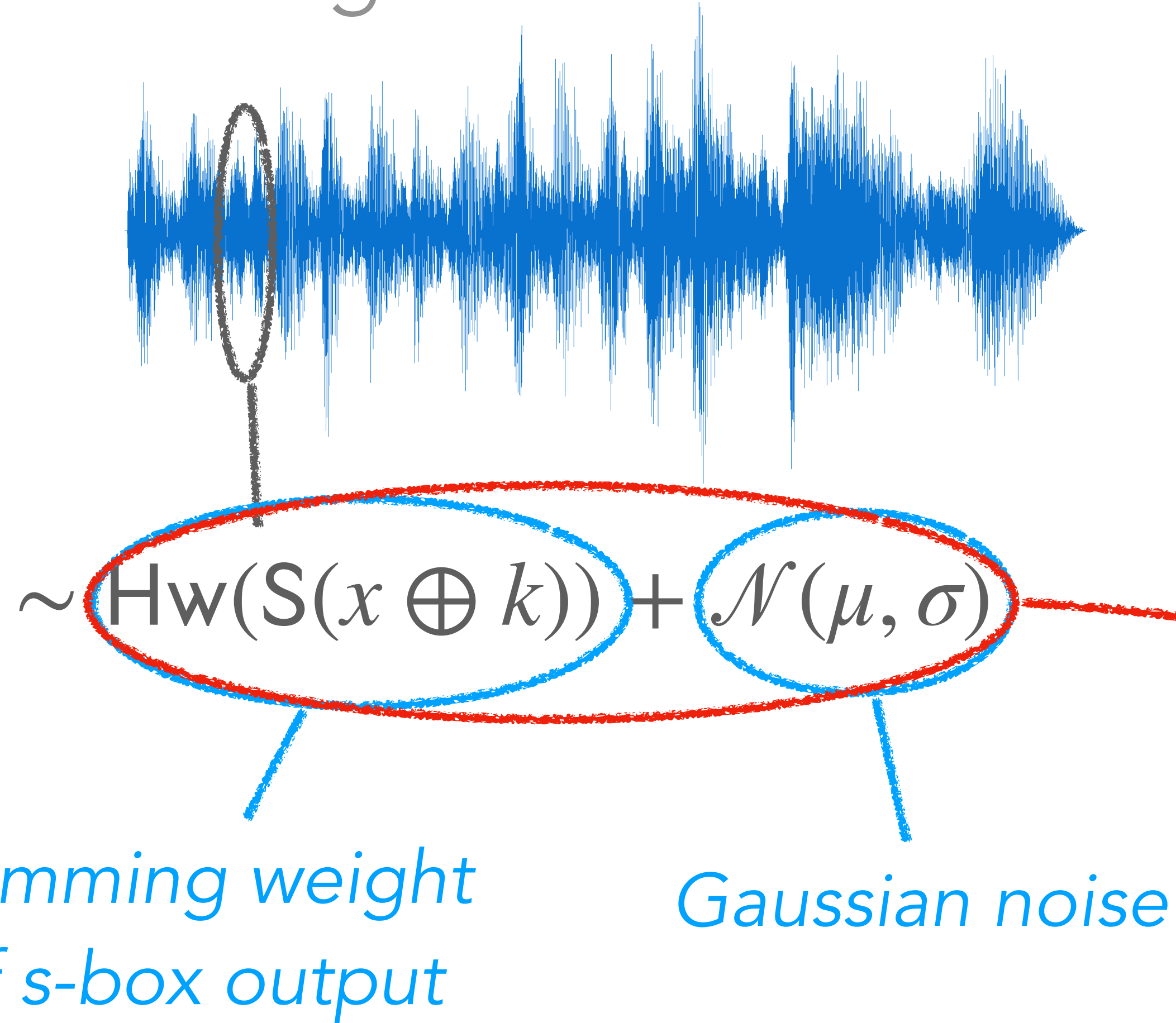


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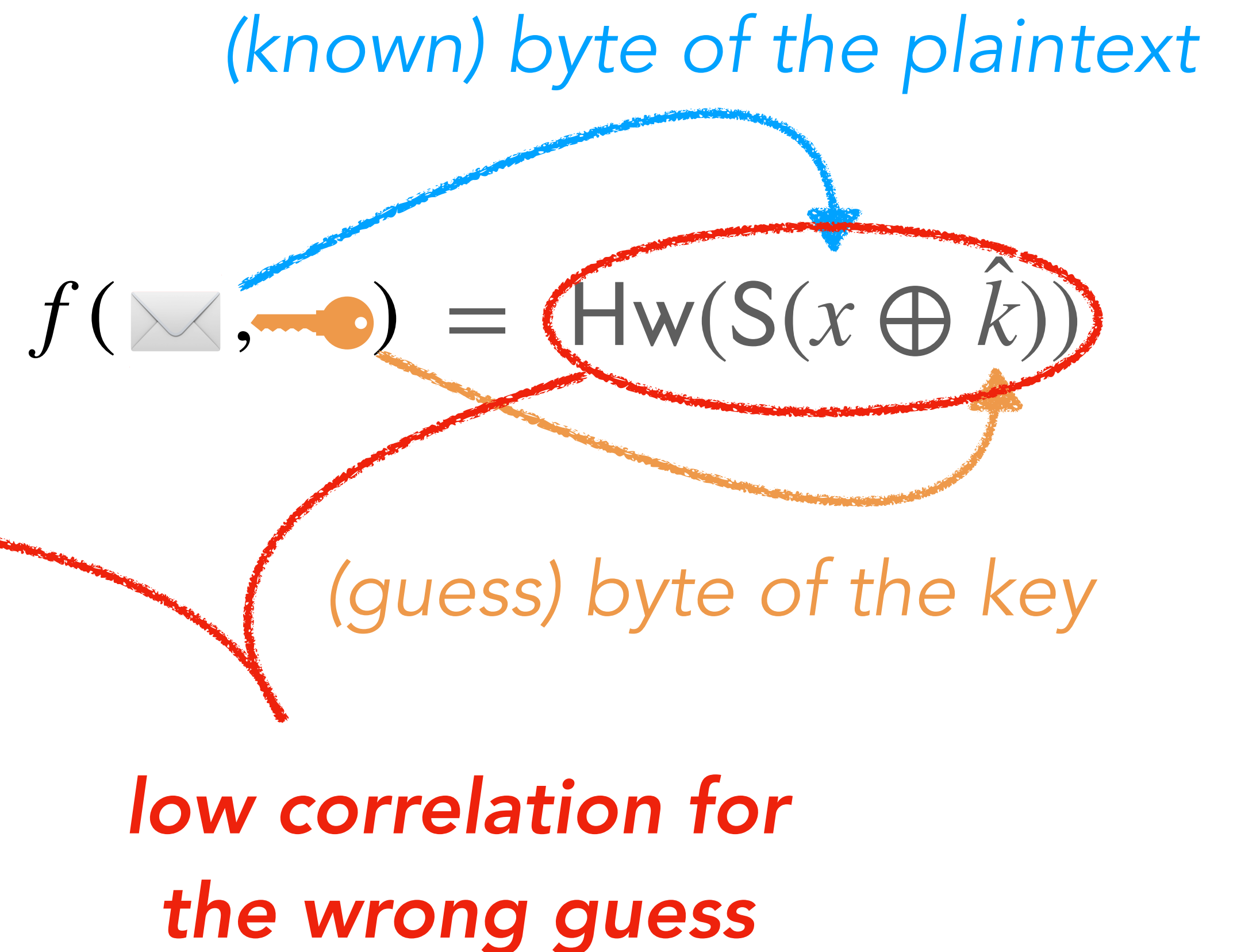


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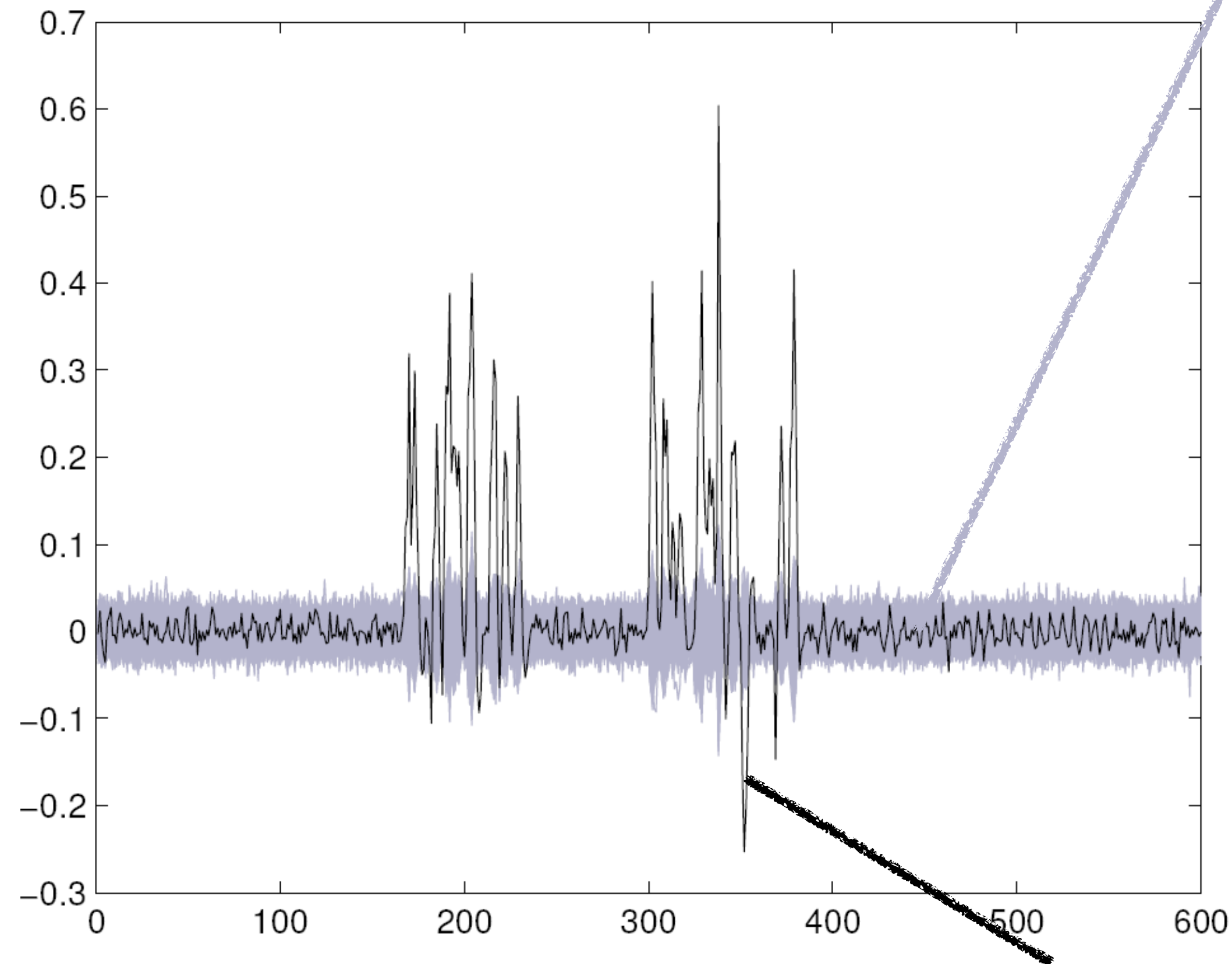
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*correlation traces
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And it
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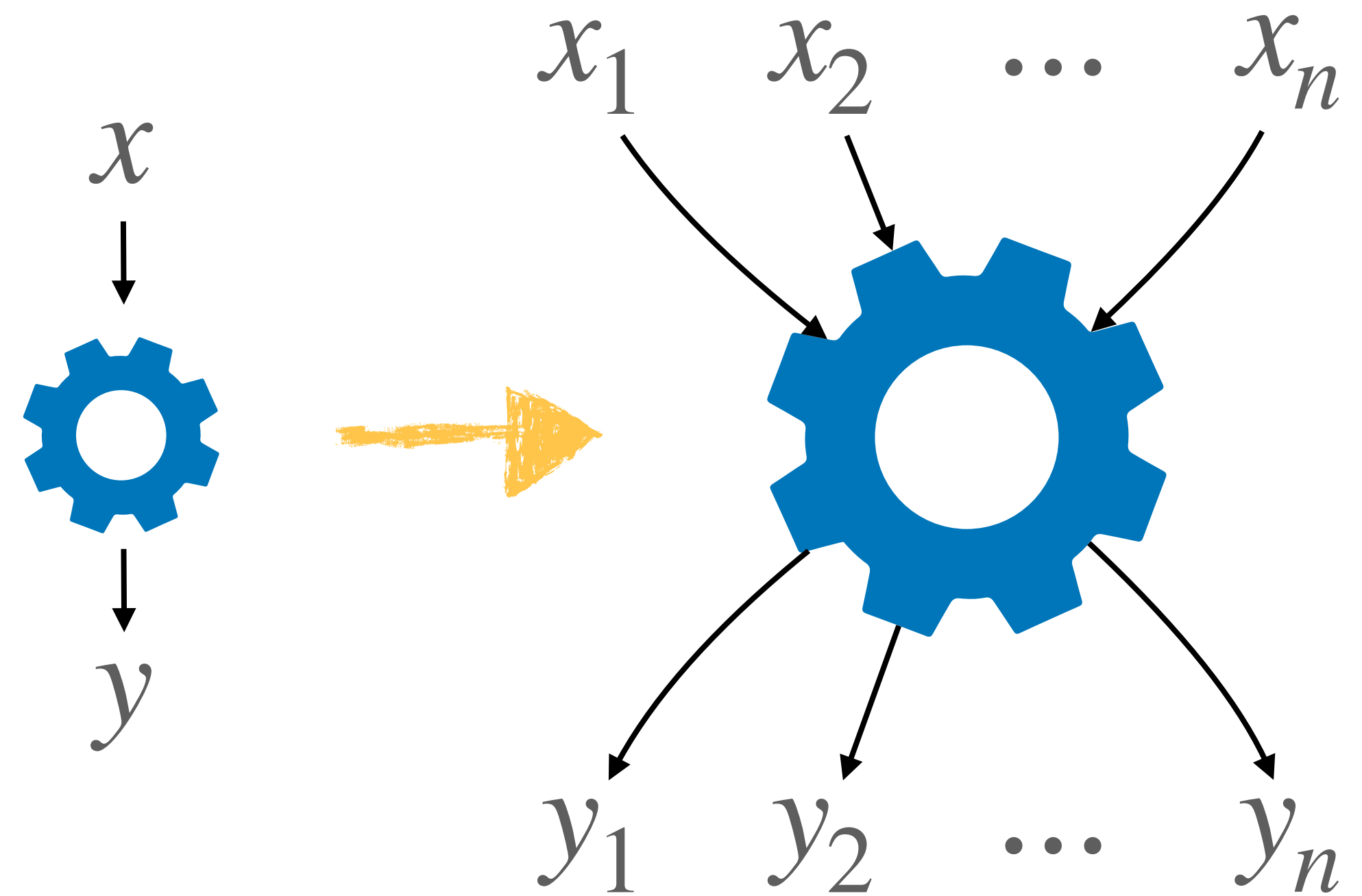


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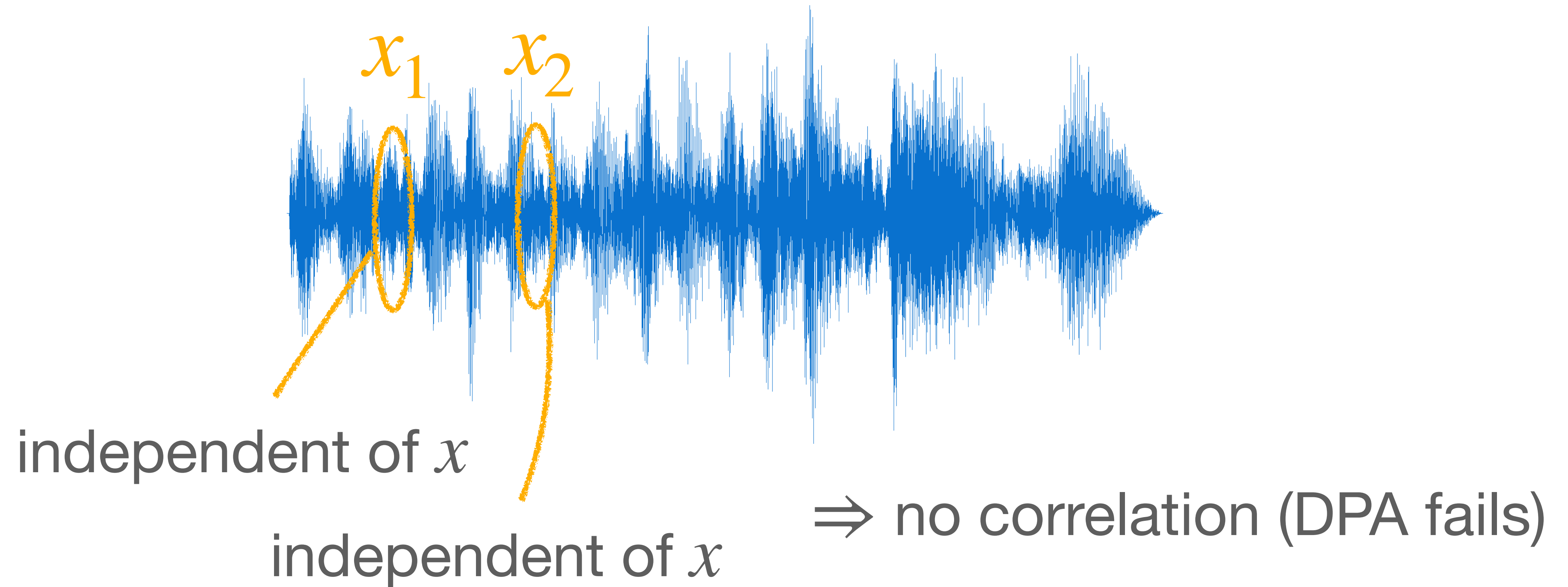
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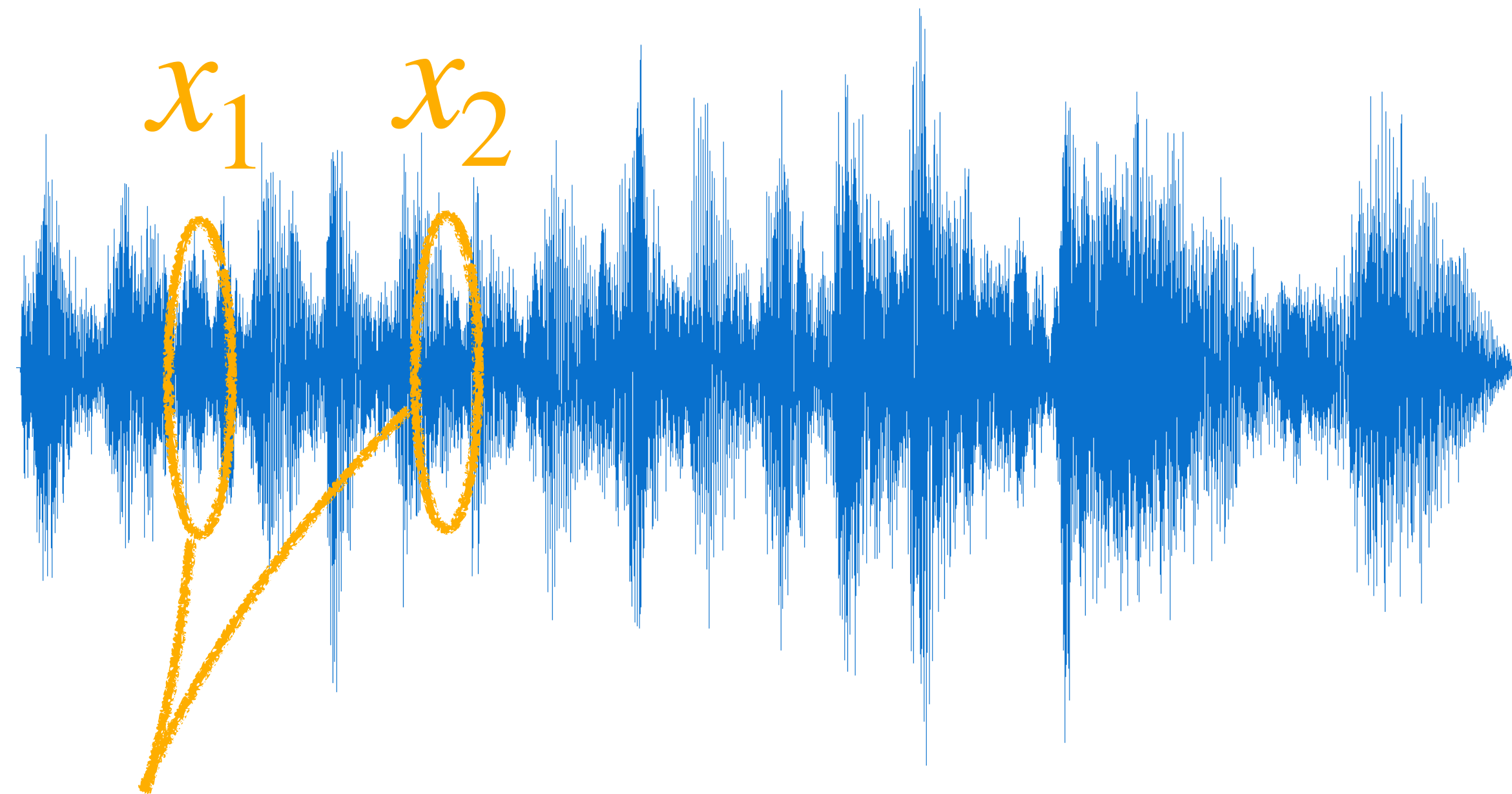
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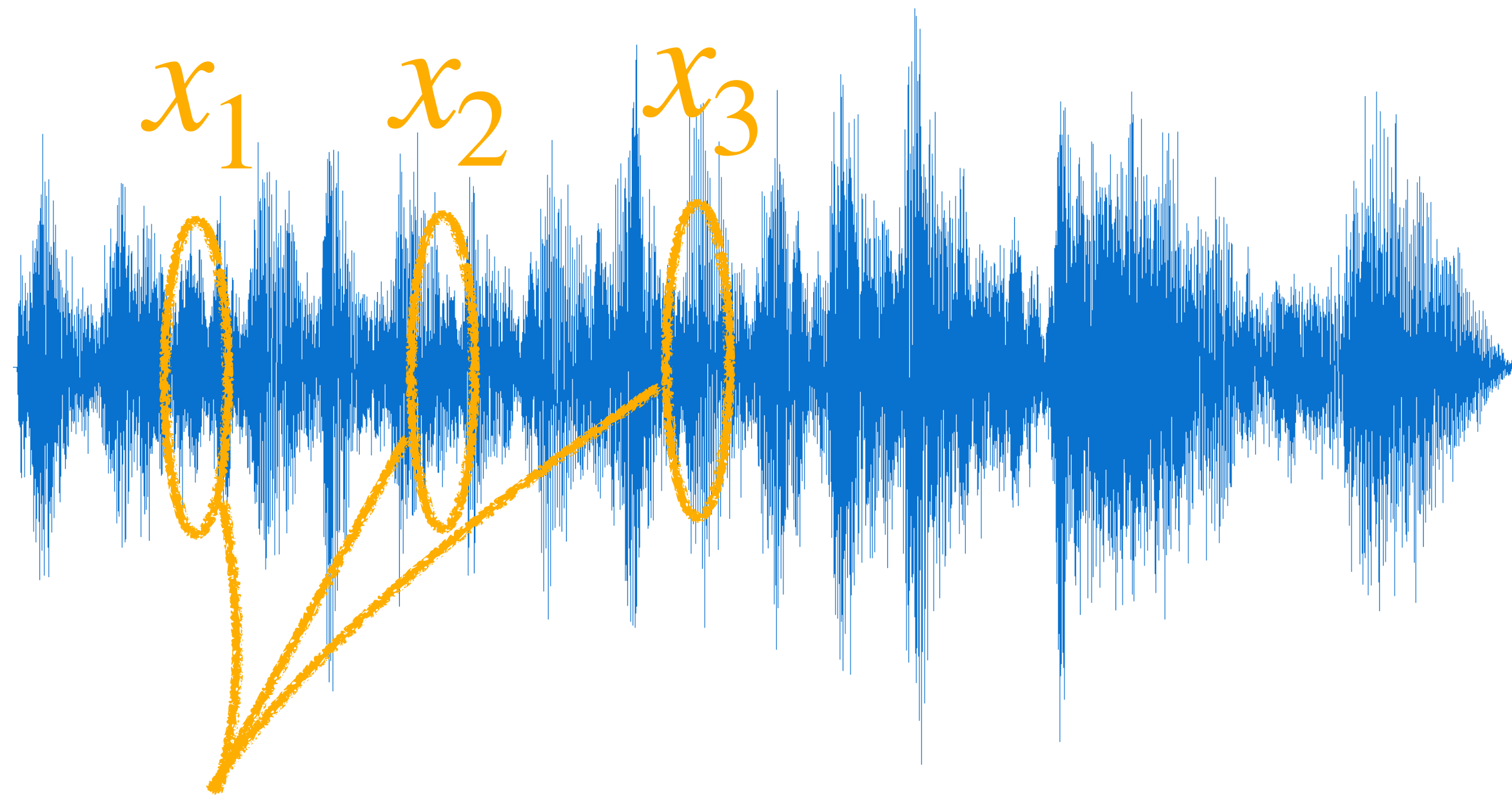
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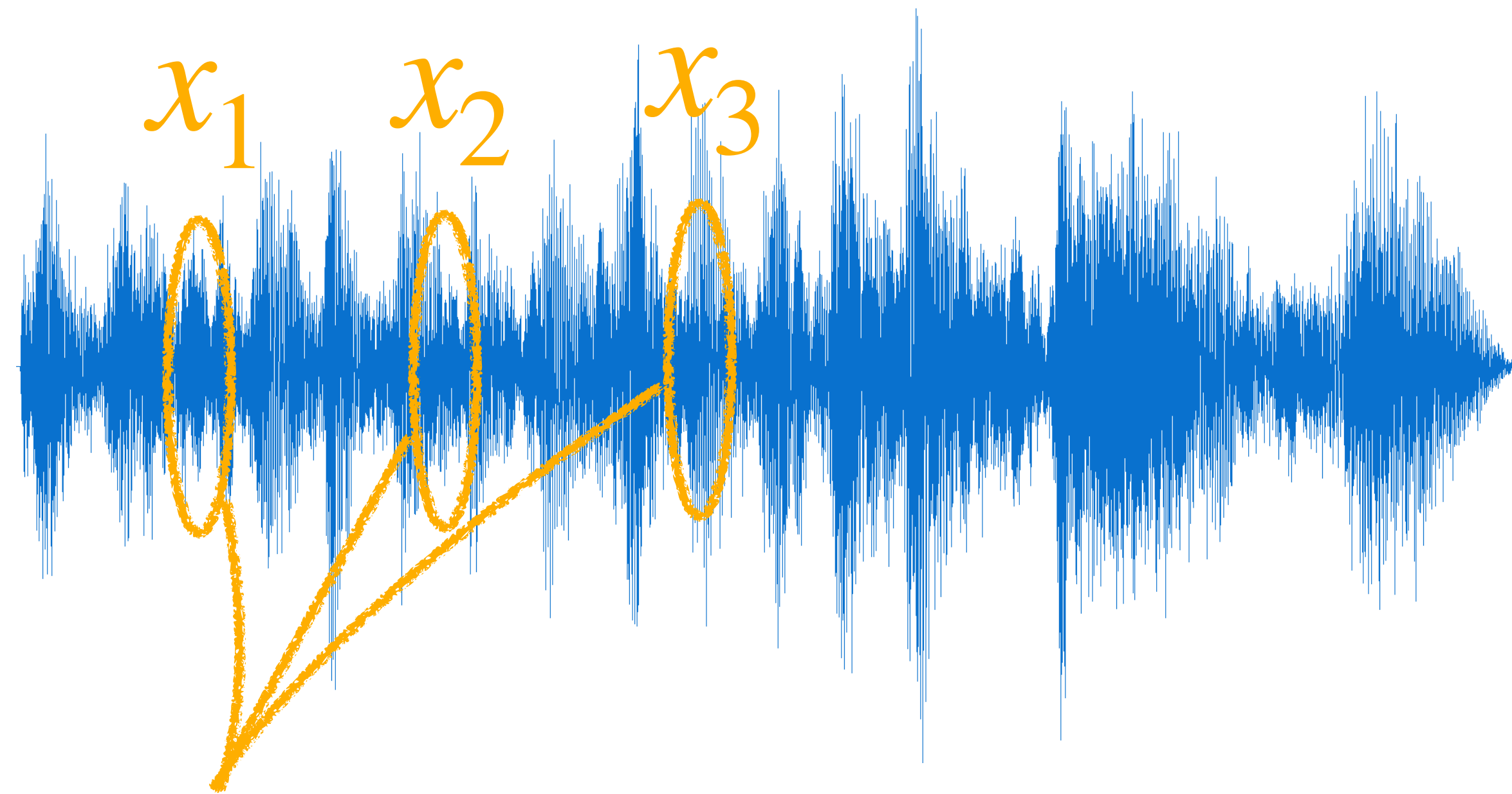
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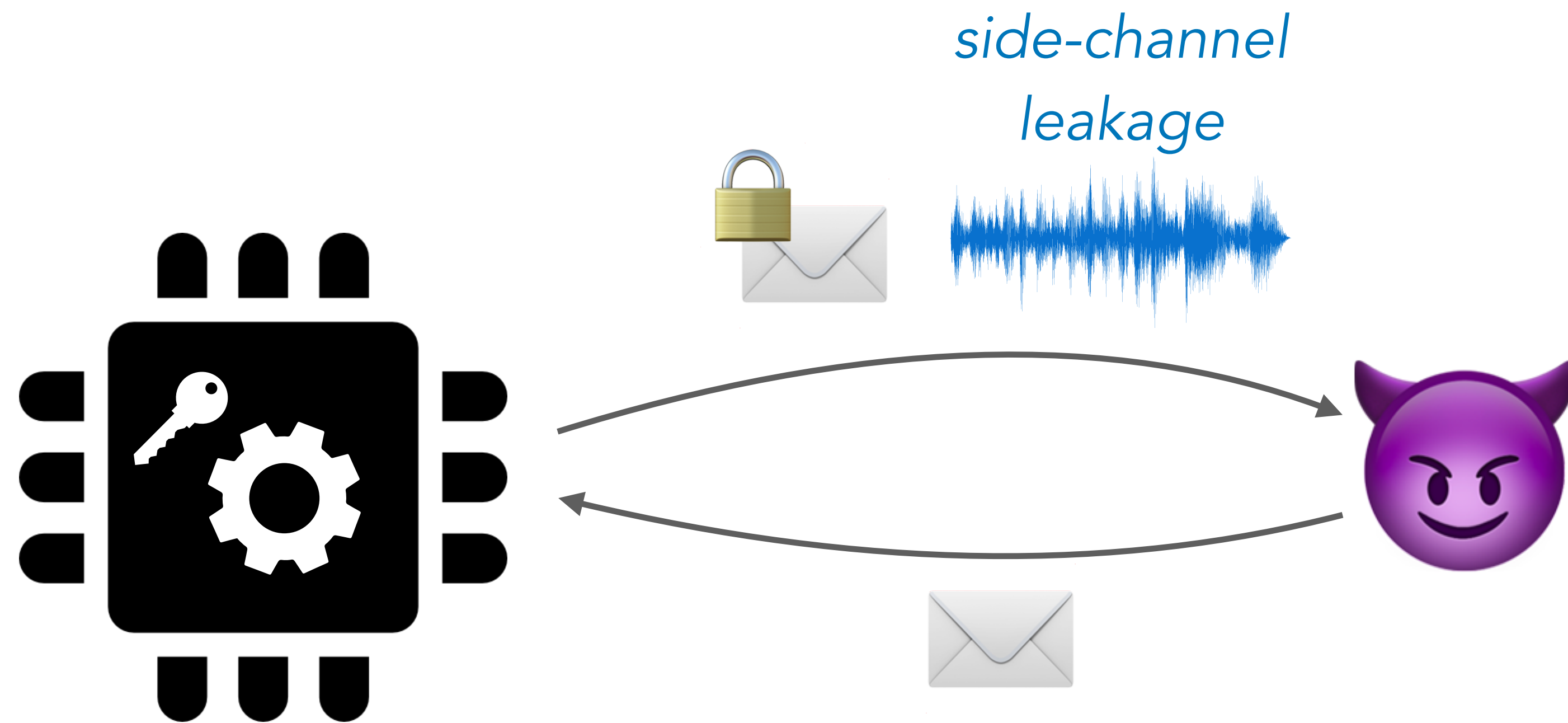
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Provable security in the presence of leakage



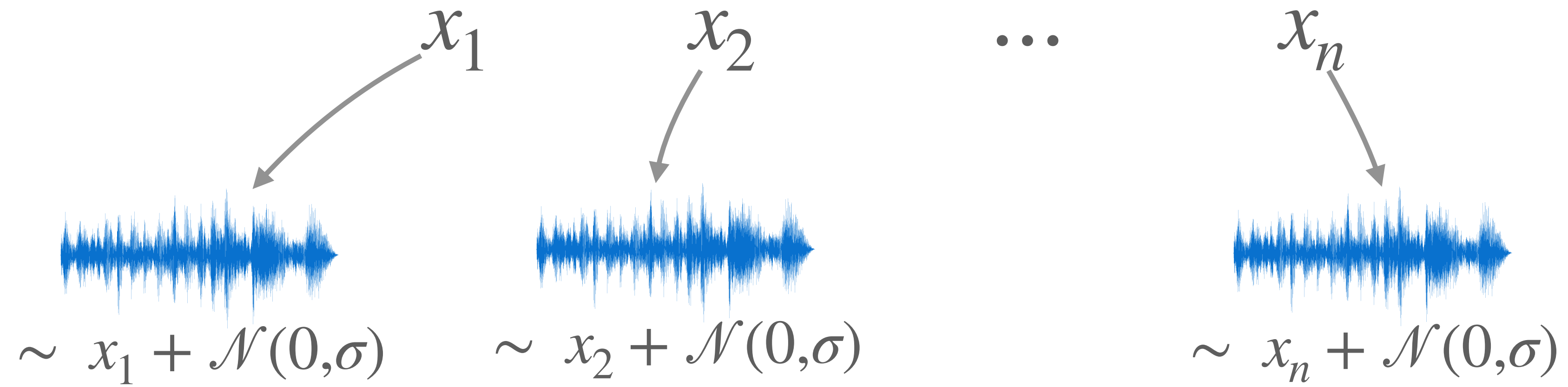
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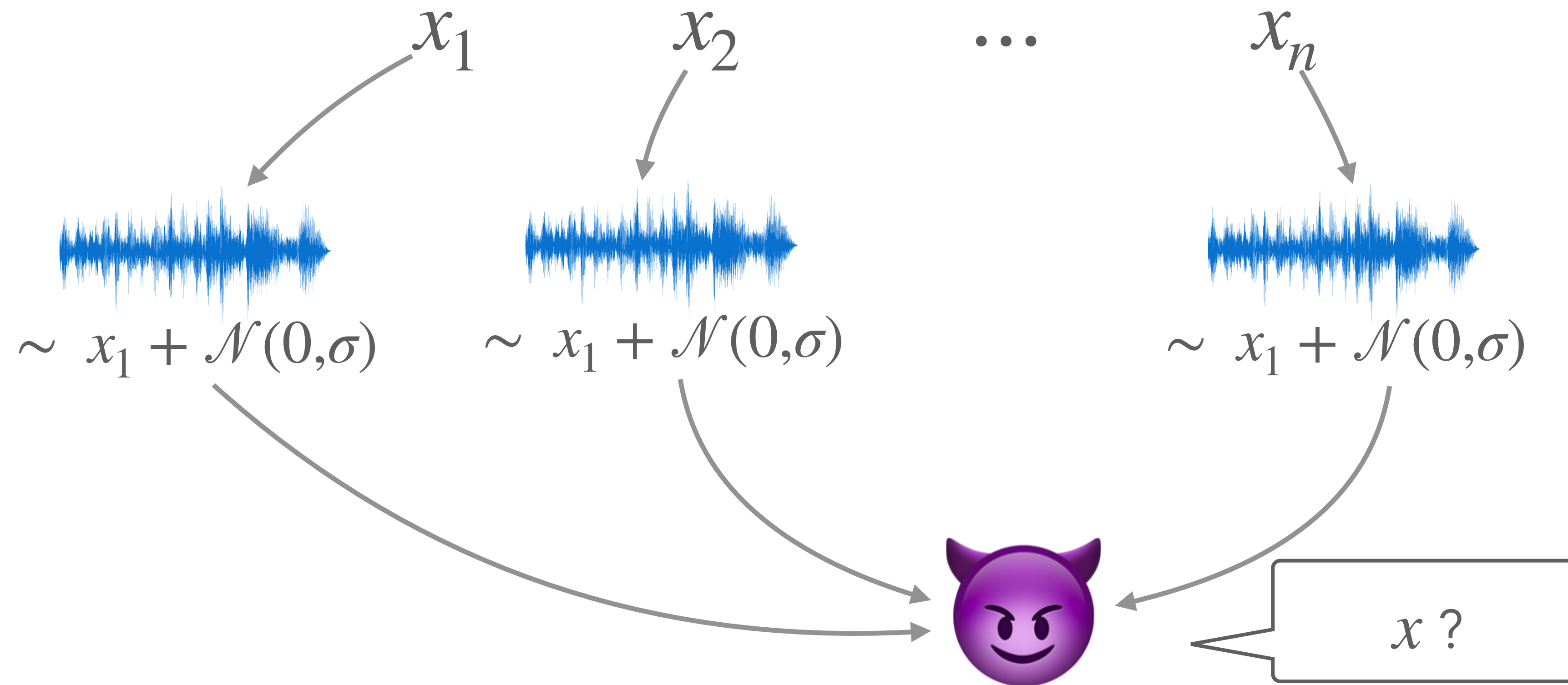
Modelling noisy leakage



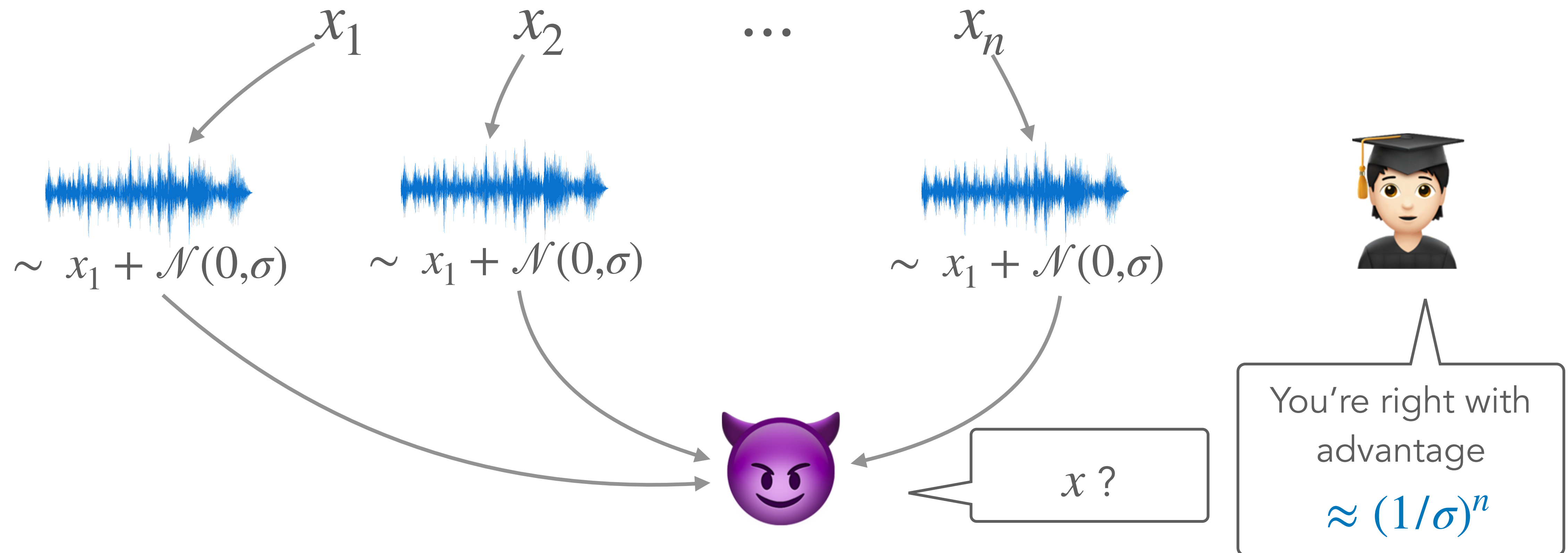
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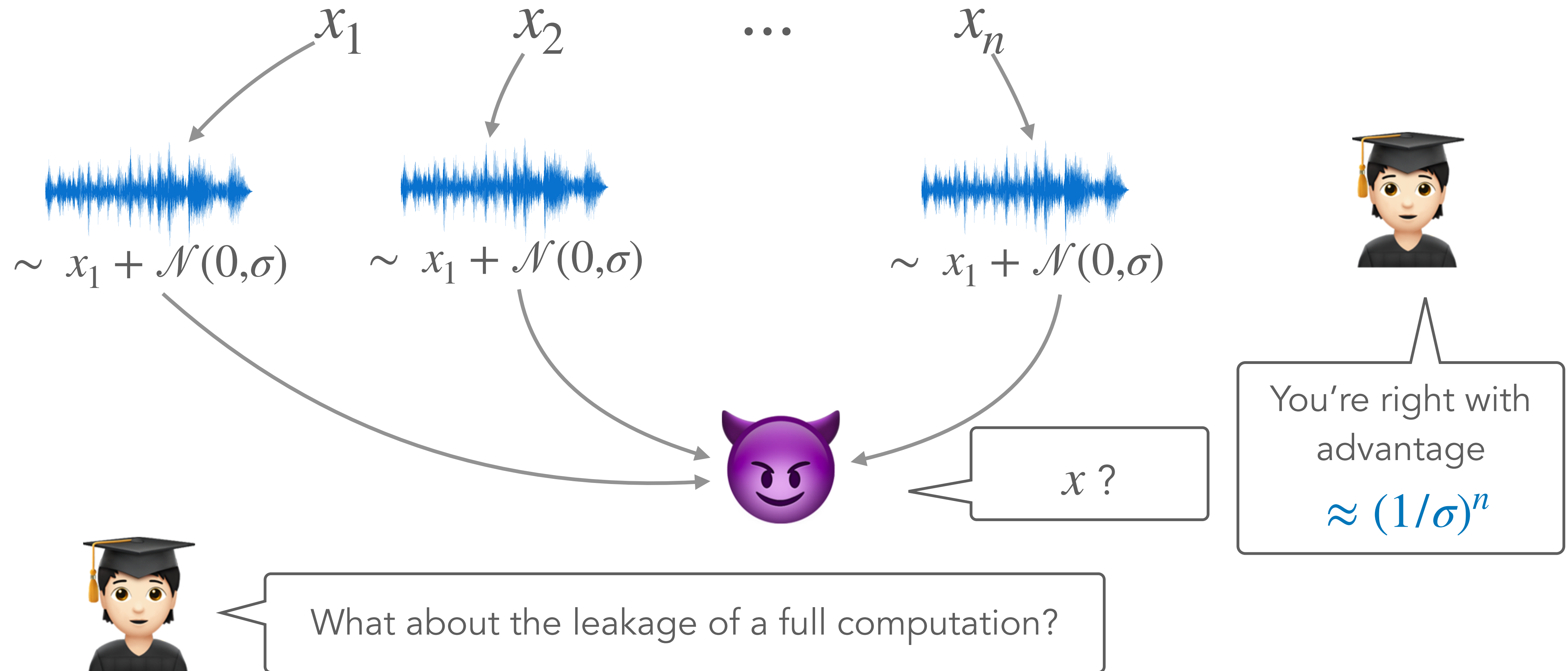
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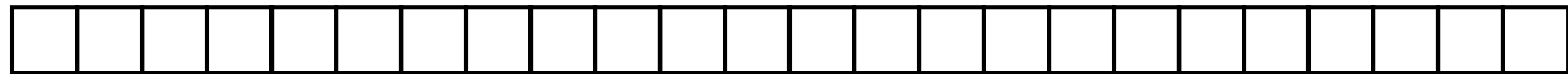


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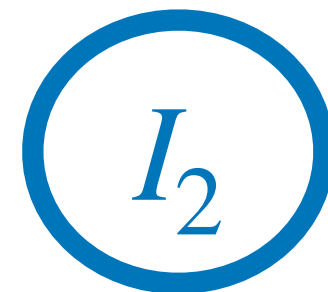
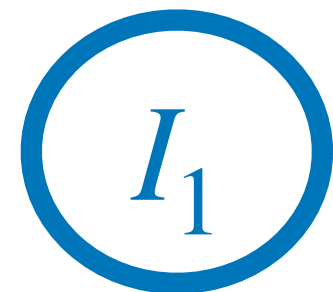


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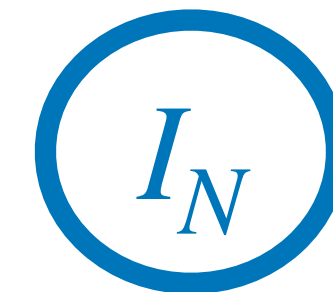
Memory



Computation



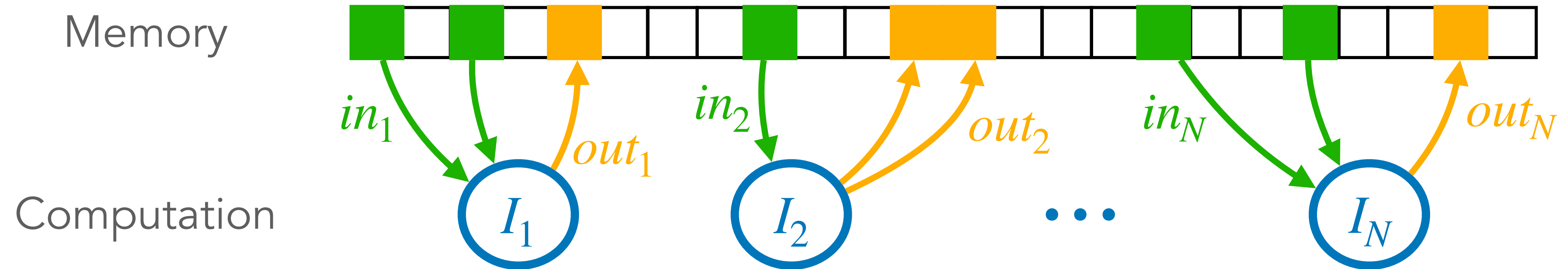
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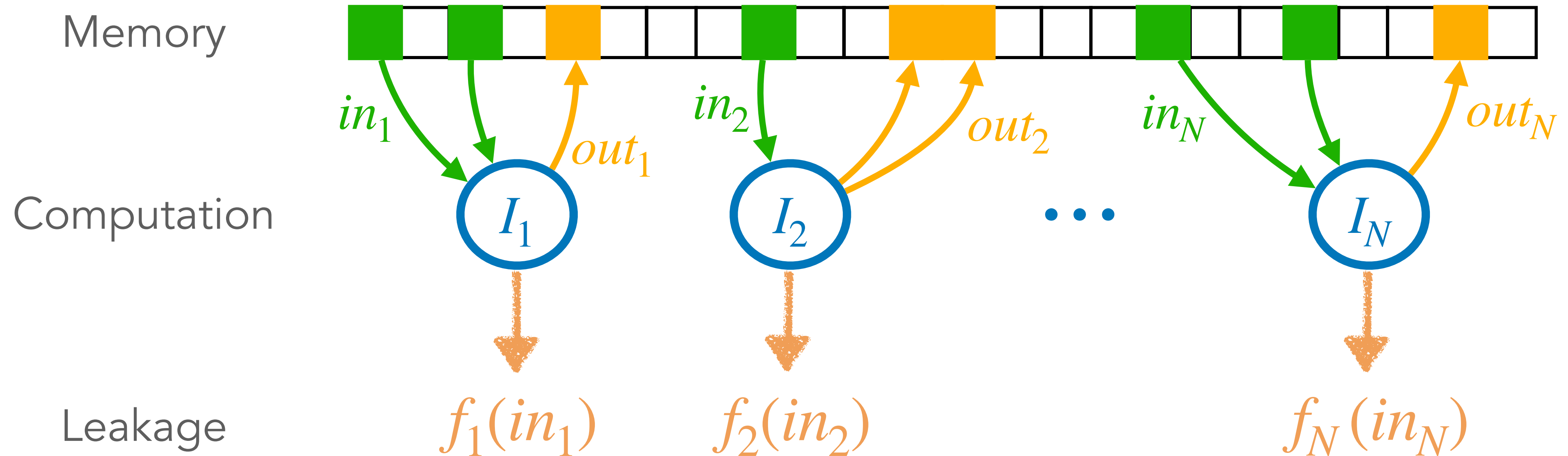
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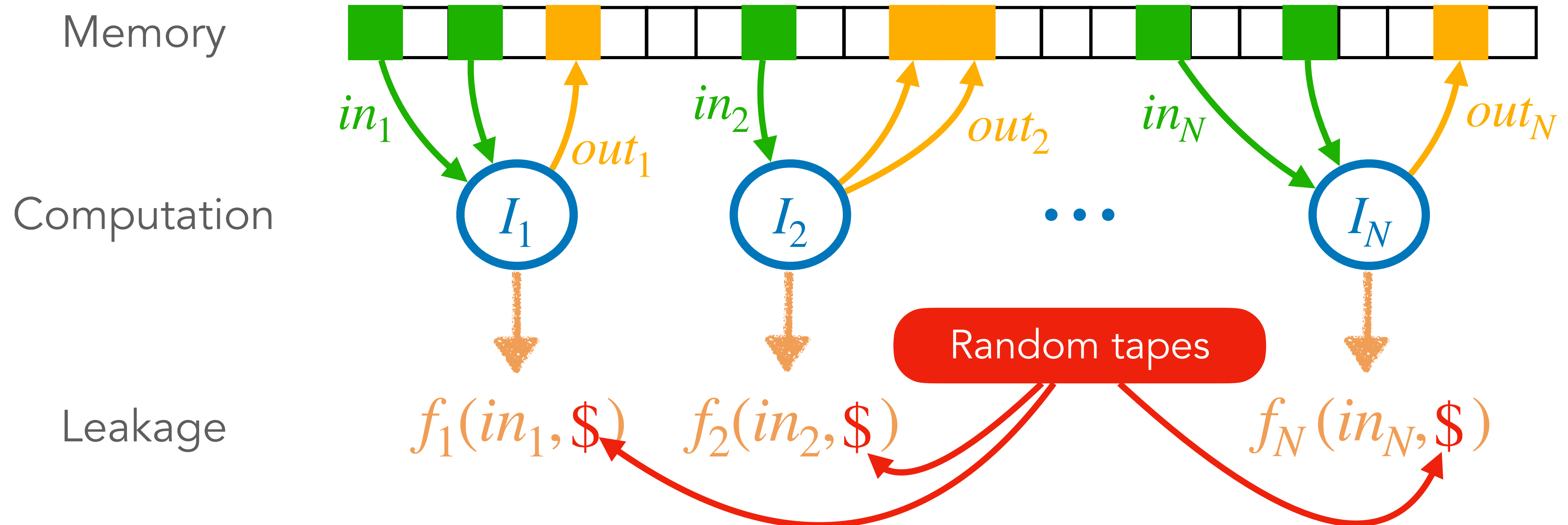
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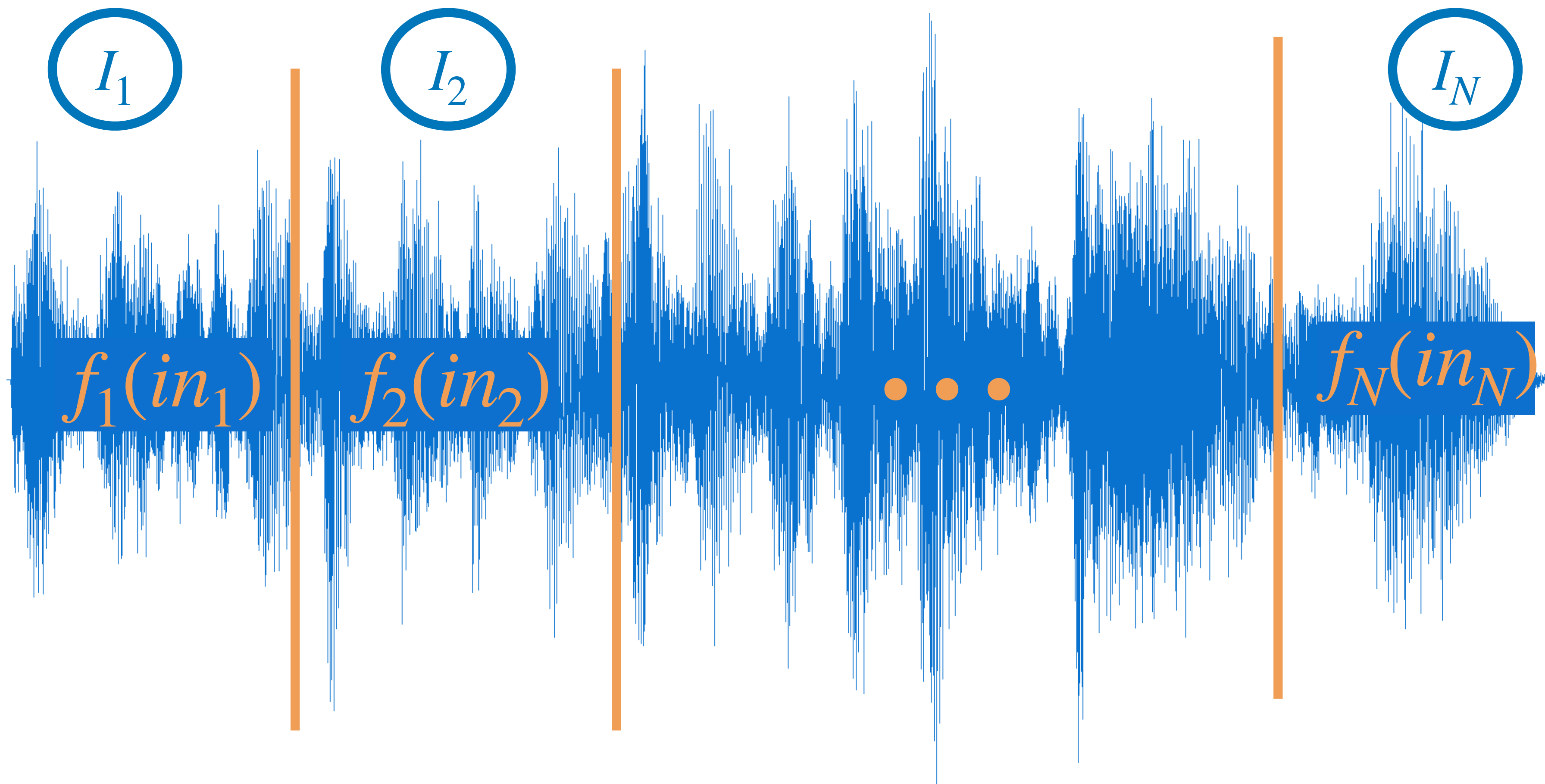
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$f_i(in_i) \Rightarrow$ multivariate noisy leakage

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more noise
 $\Rightarrow$ *smaller δ*

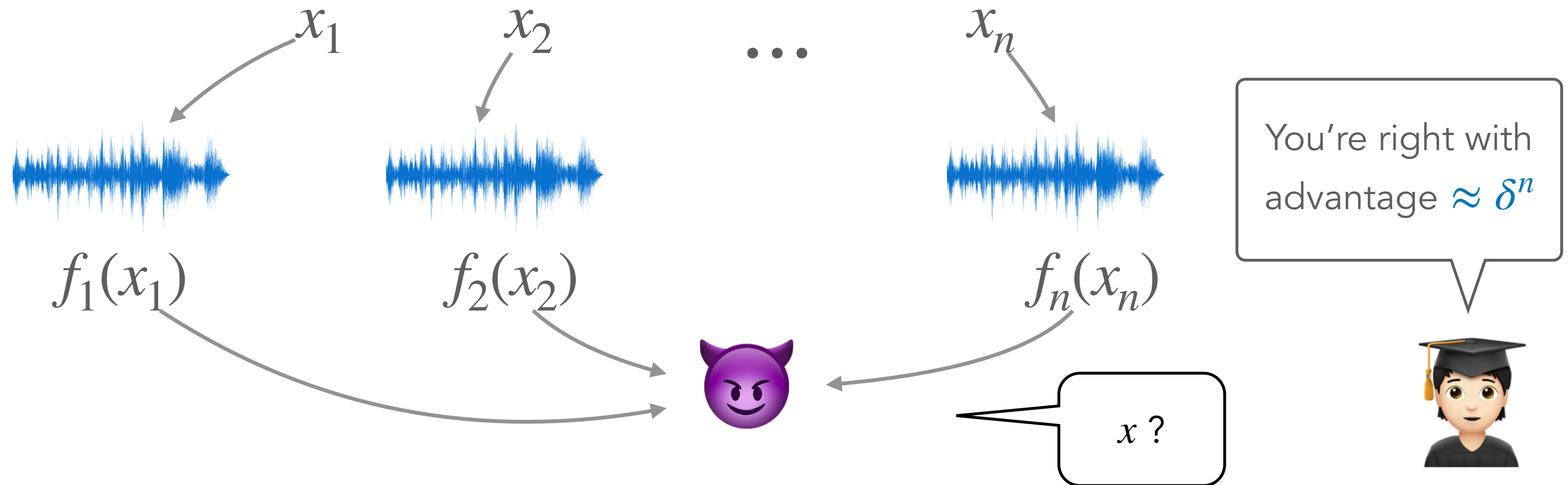
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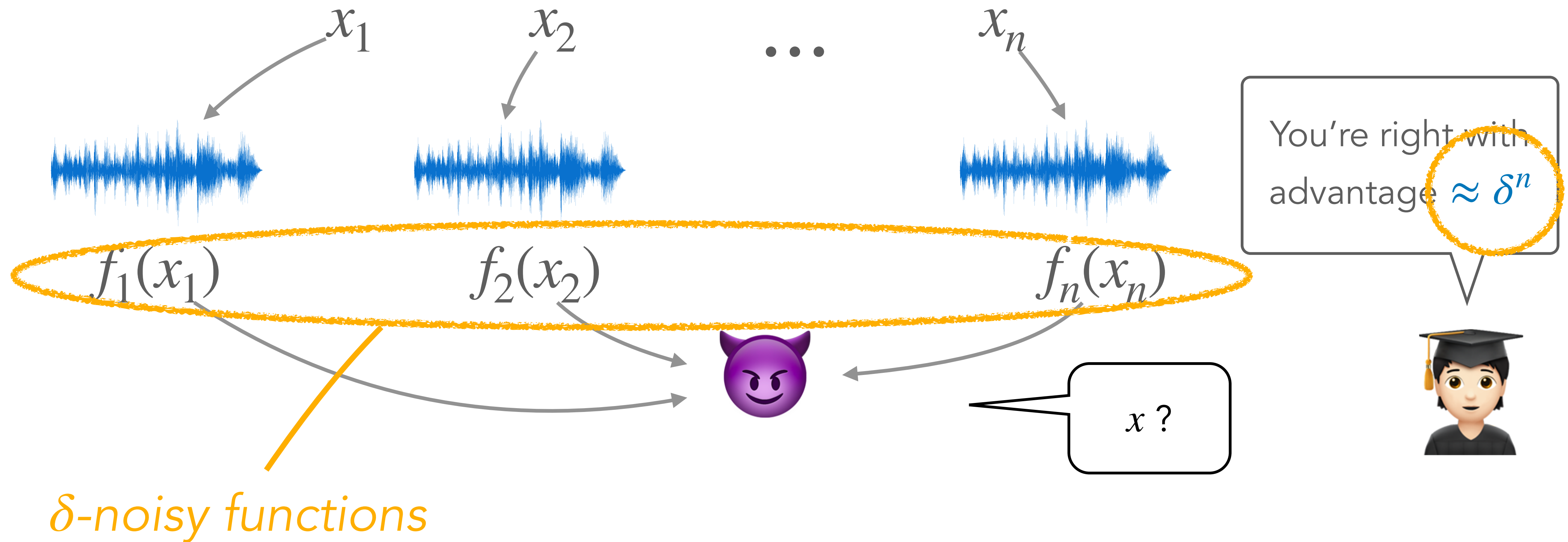
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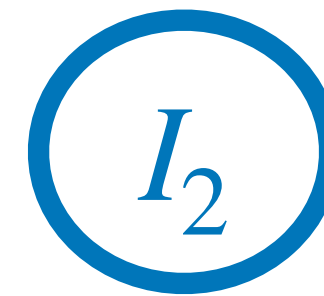
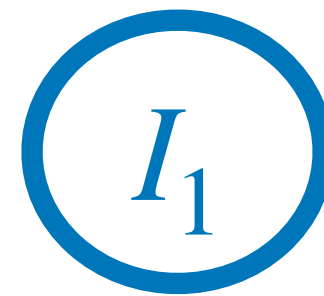
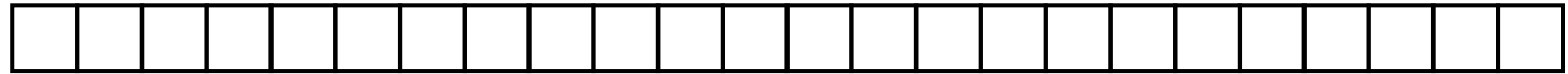


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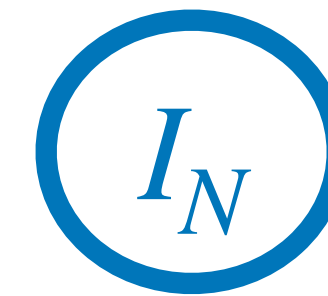


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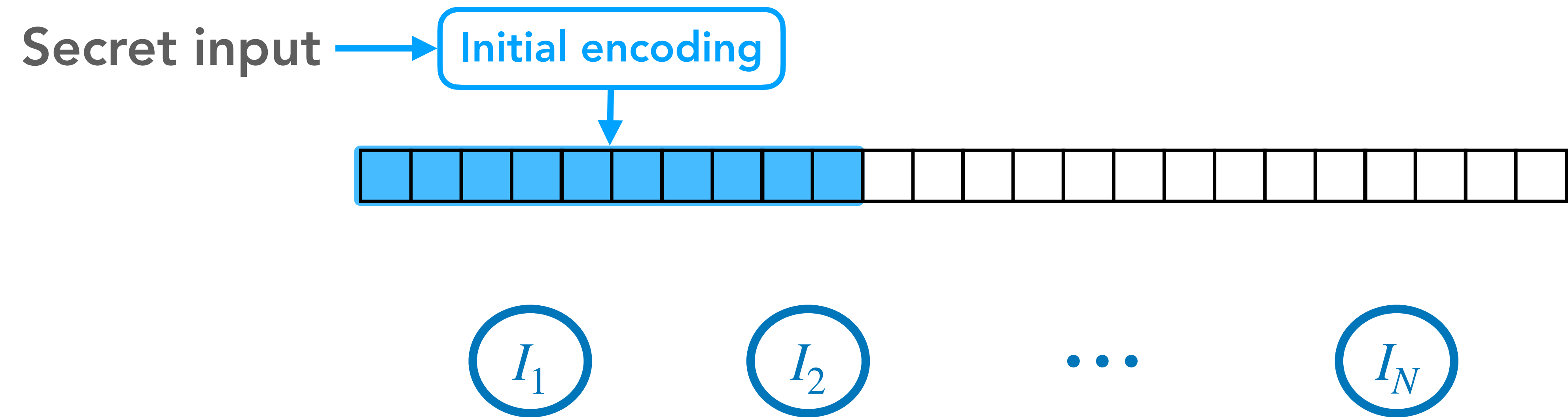
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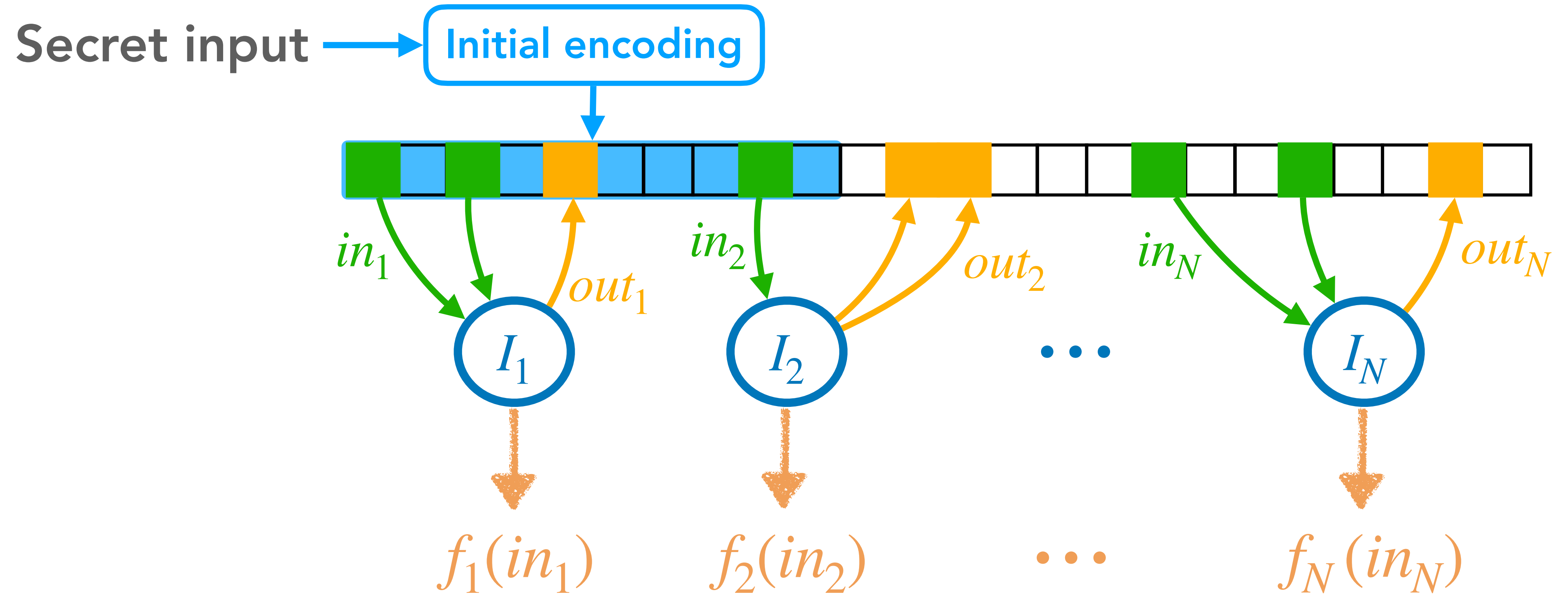
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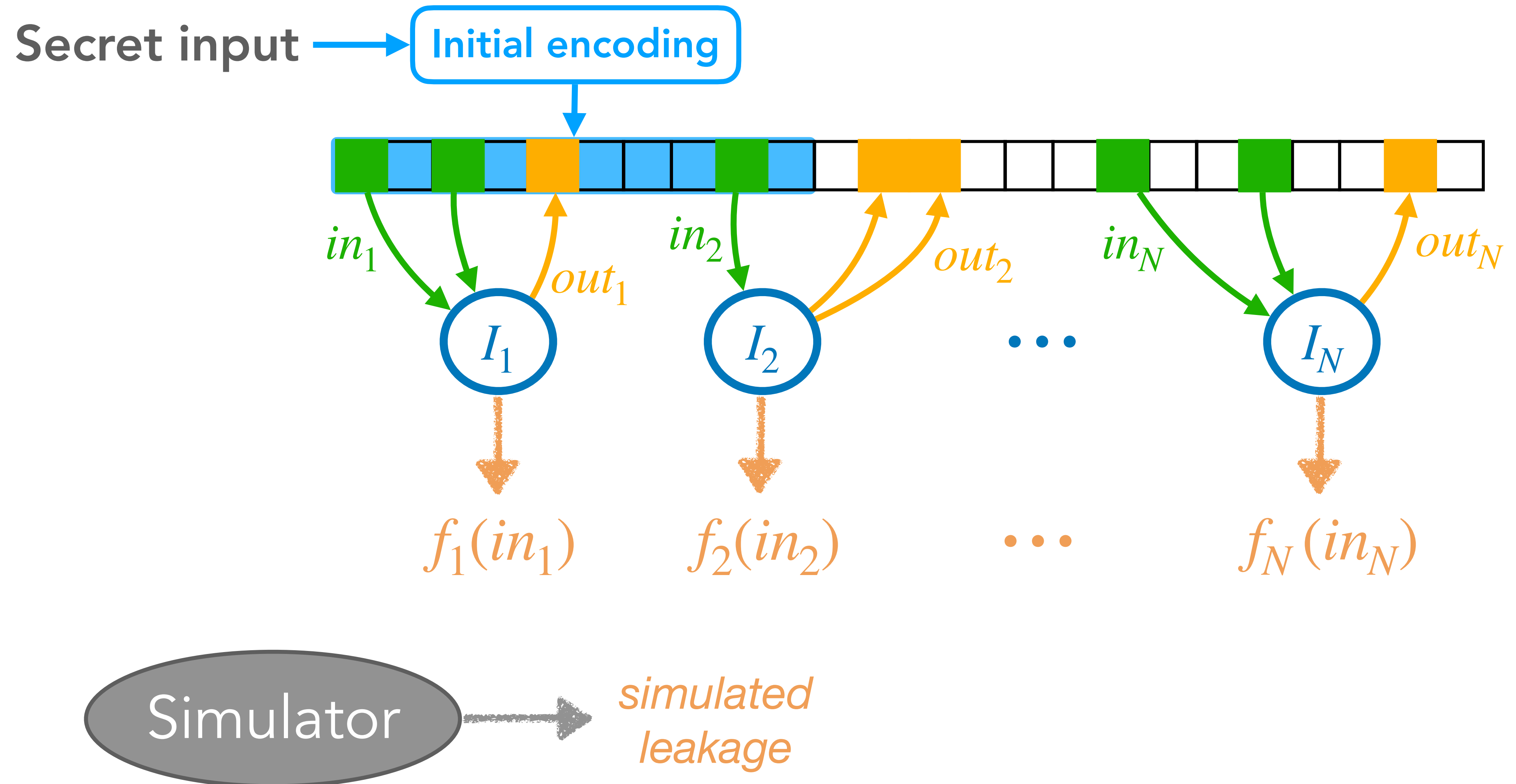
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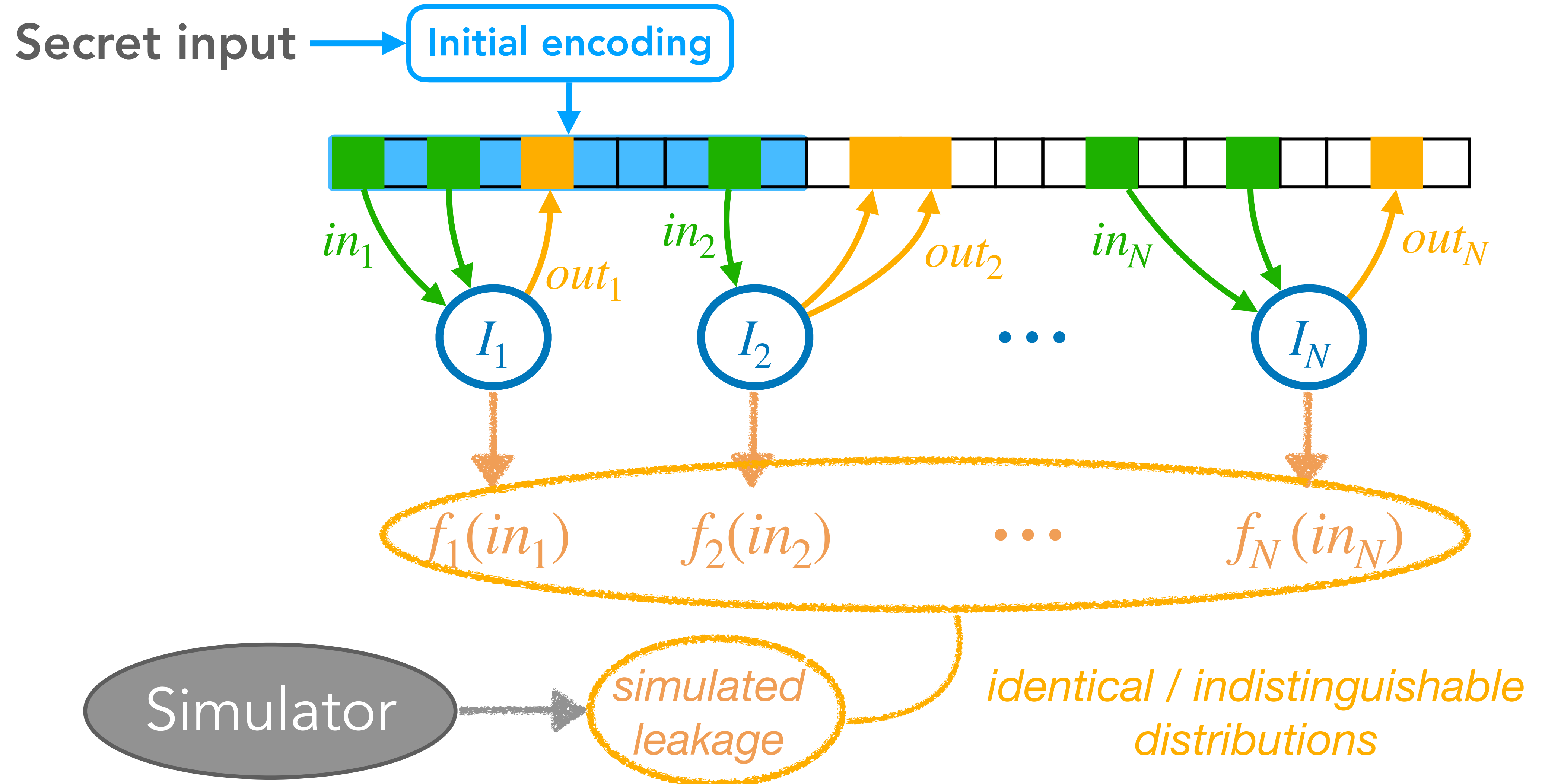
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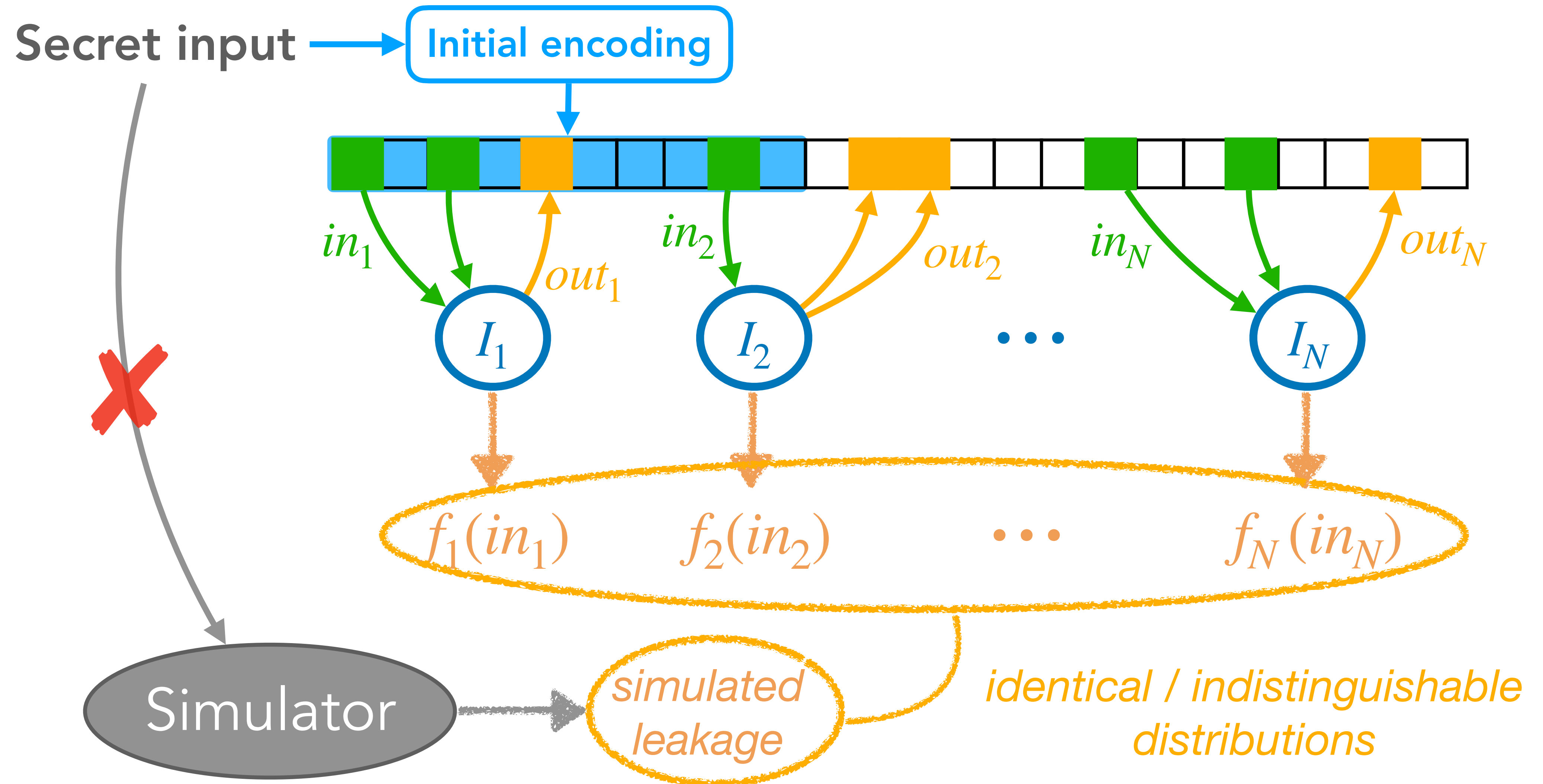
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Masked computation



Masking

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sharing

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Masking

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$x = x_1 + \dots + x_n$ (on a field $\mathbb{K}$) n number of shares

The diagram illustrates the masking process. It starts with a value x on the left. A grey arrow points to a blue circle containing $\vec{x}$, with the word "sharing" written in blue above it. This is followed by an equals sign and a blue oval containing the tuple $(x_1, \dots, x_n)$, with the phrase "the shares" written in blue above it. Below this, the equation $x = x_1 + \dots + x_n$ is shown, with the text "(on a field $\mathbb{K}$)" to its right. A blue circle around the n in the equation has a blue line pointing to the phrase "number of shares" written in blue below it.

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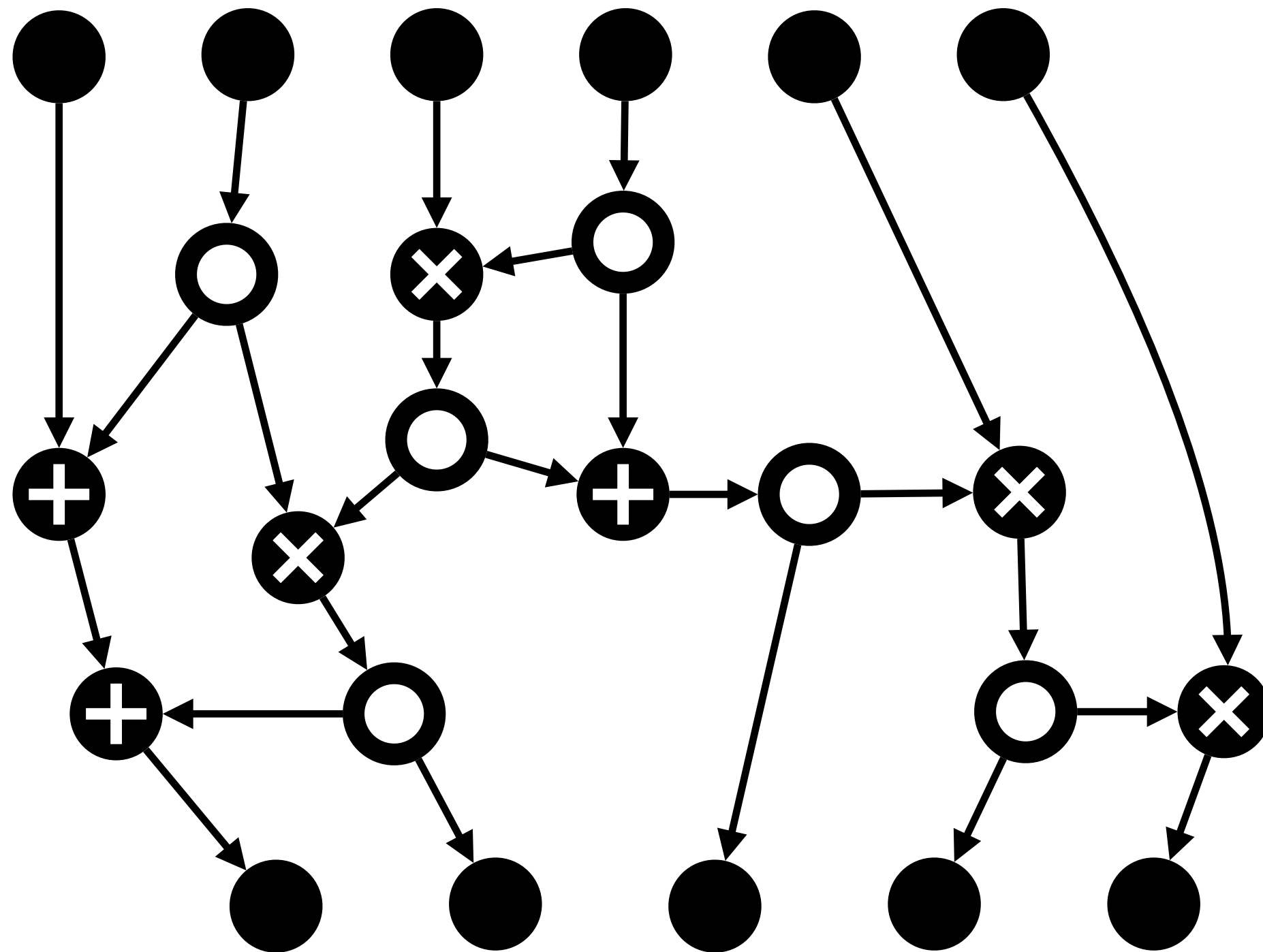
number of shares (points to n)

⚠ all the shares are
necessary to recover x

🎲 any $n - 1$ shares are
completely random

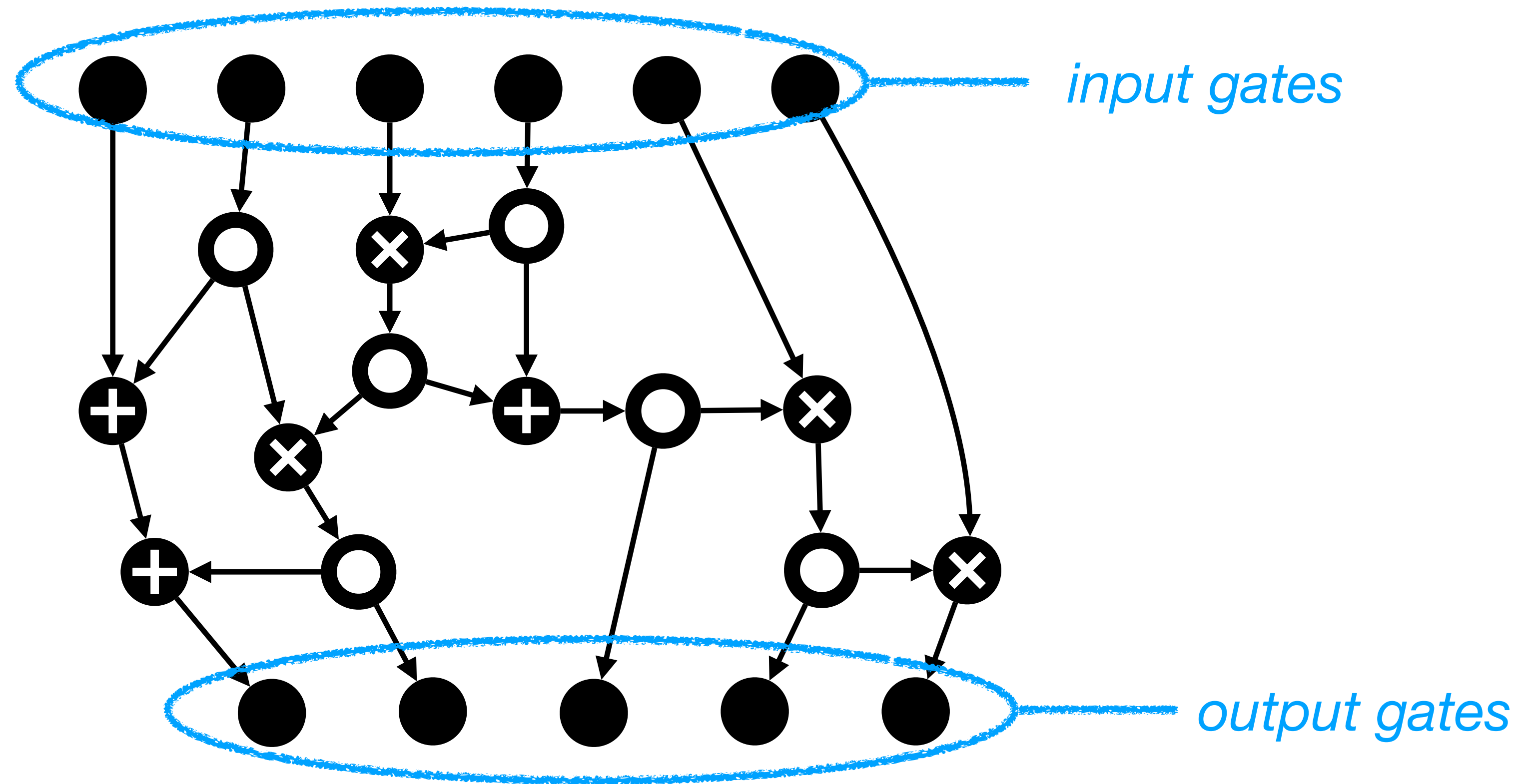
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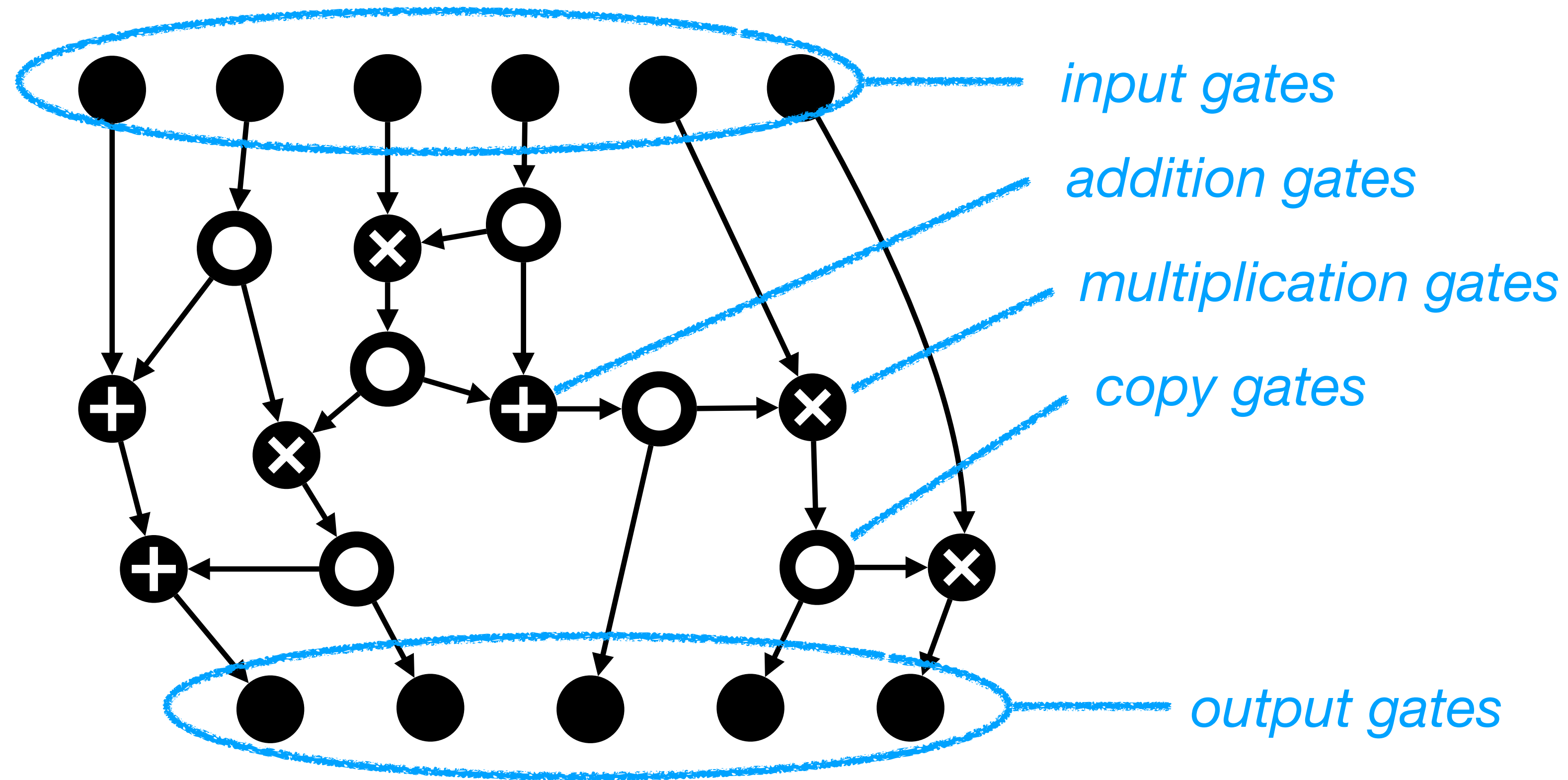
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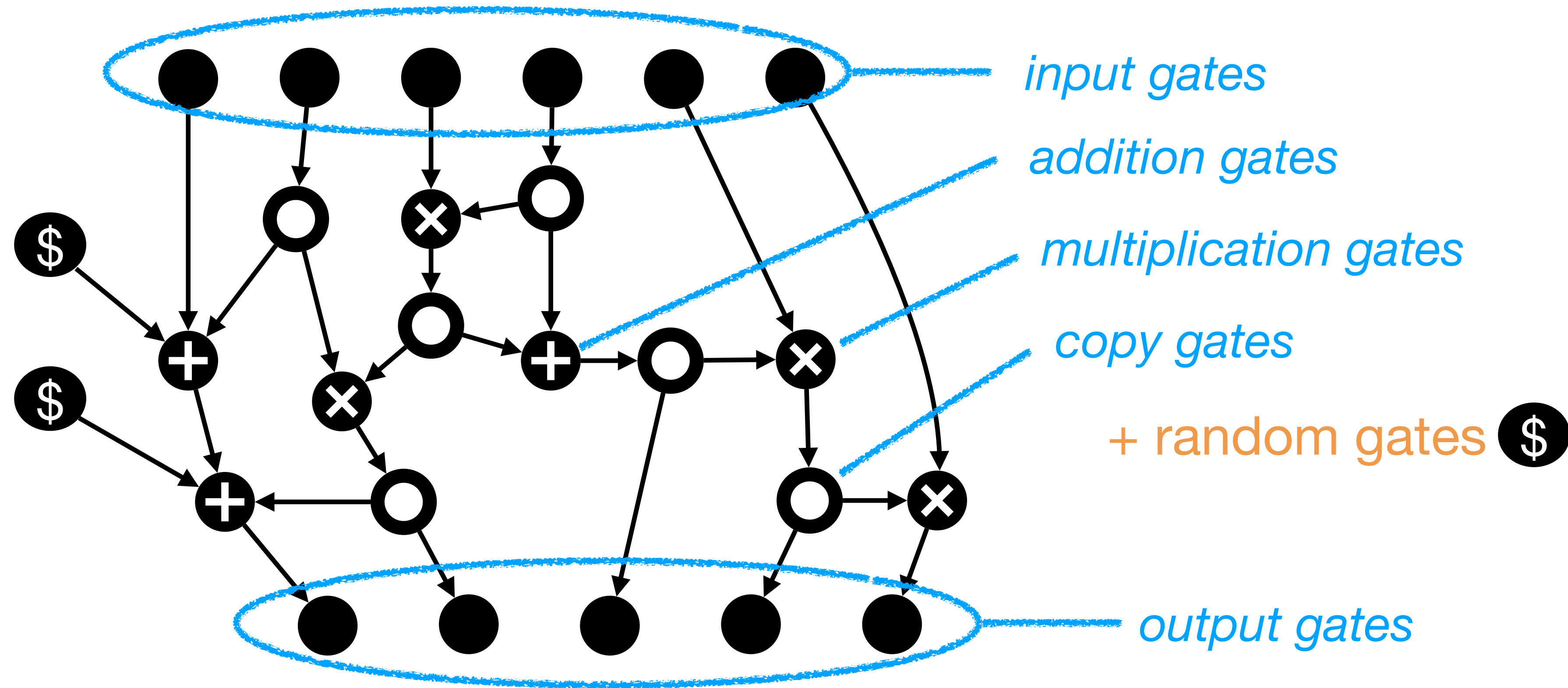
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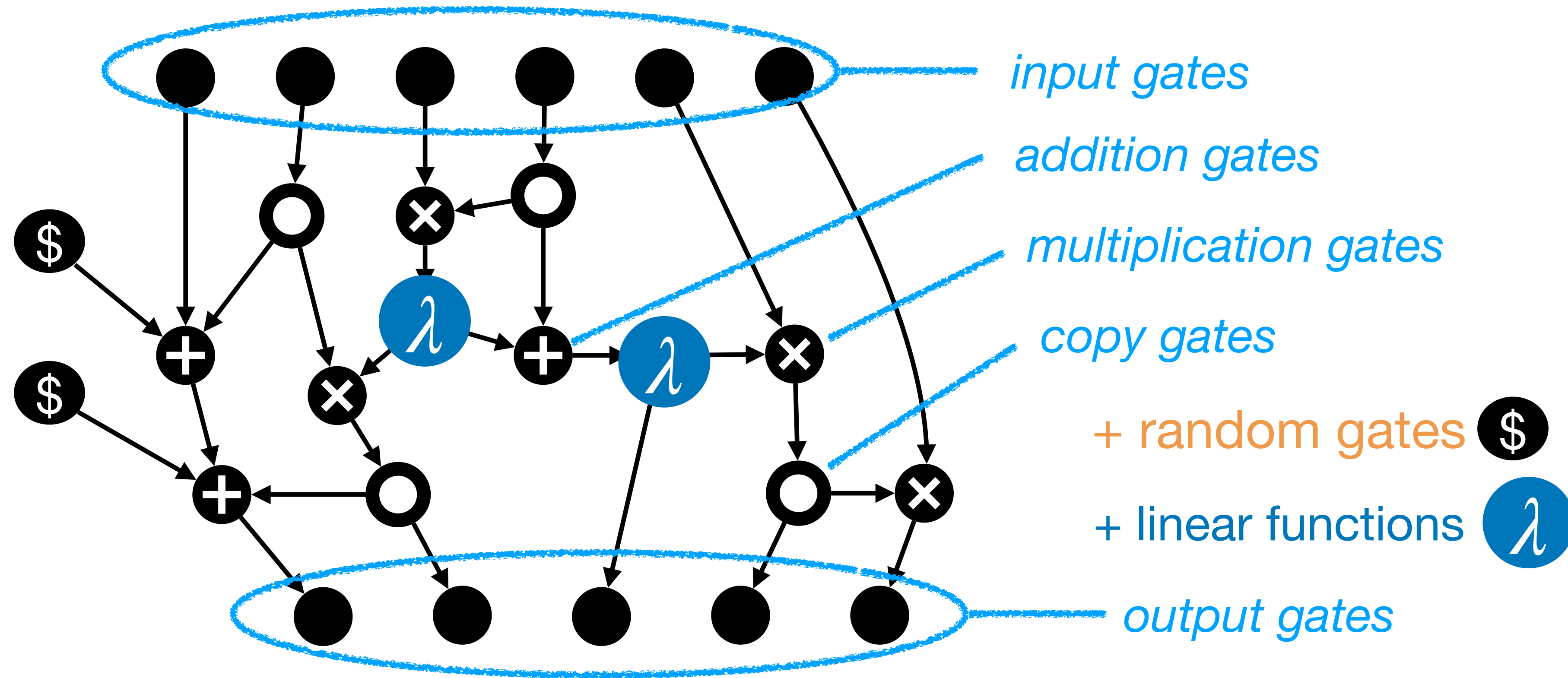
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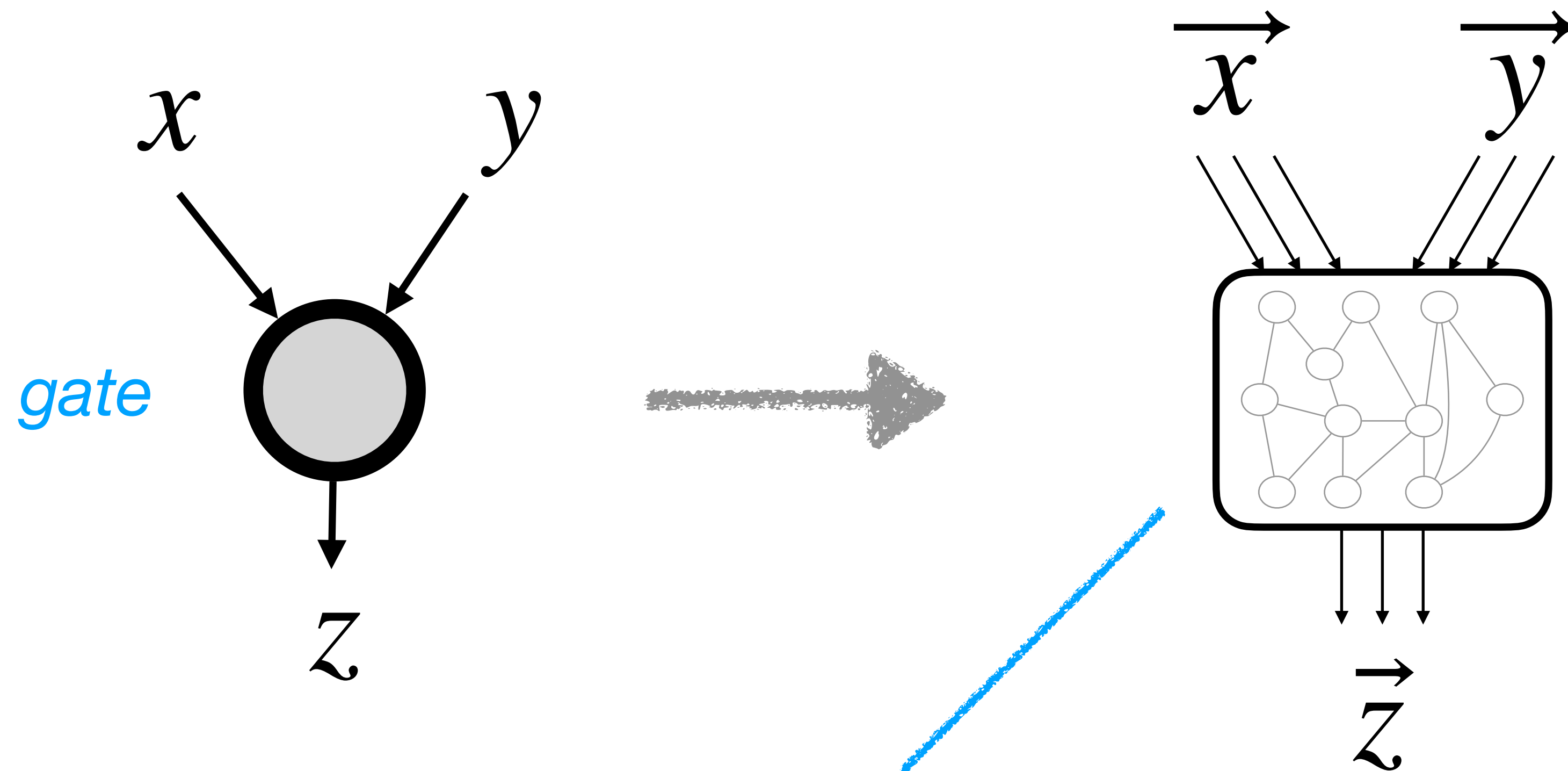


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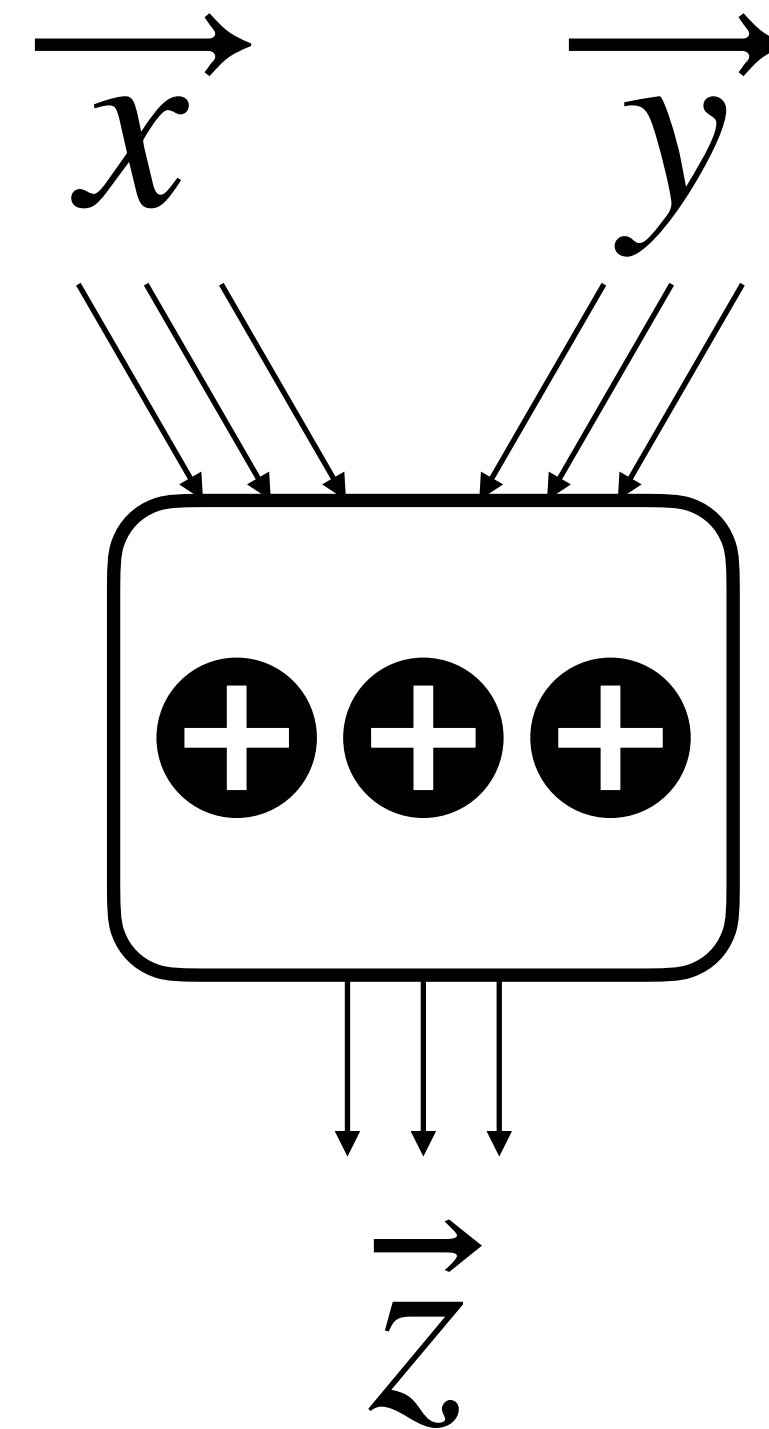
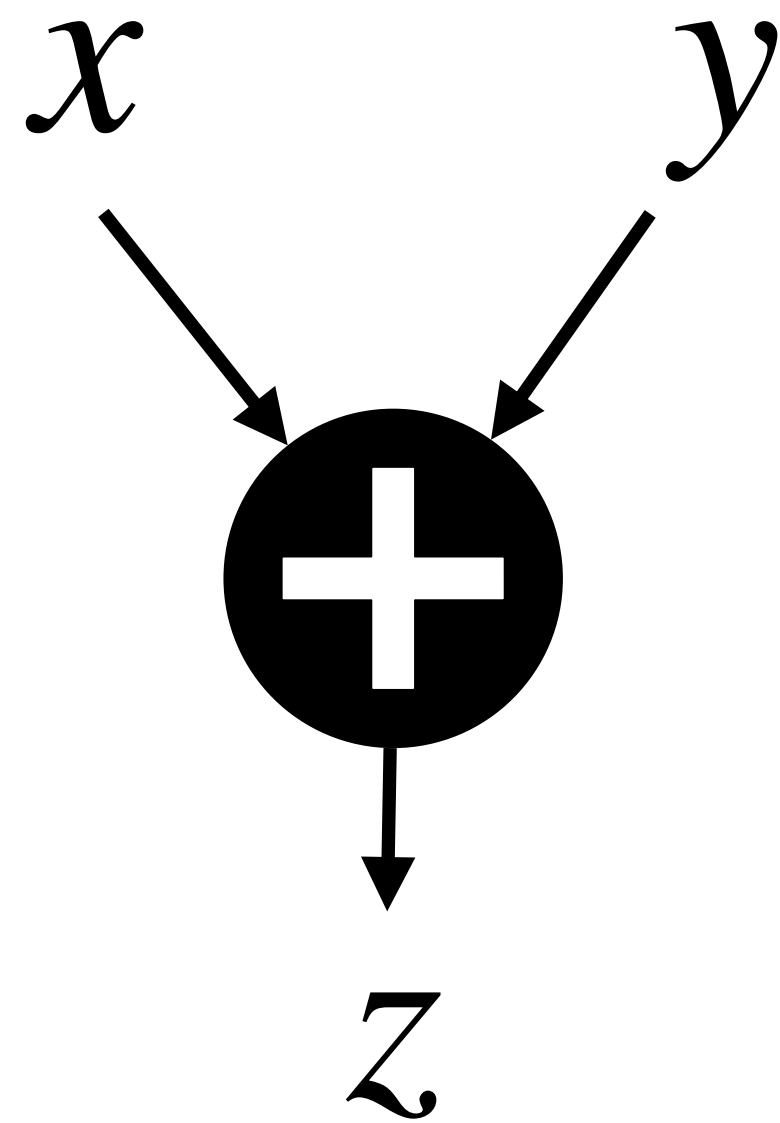


Gadgets



*gadget : small circuit computing
an operation on sharings*

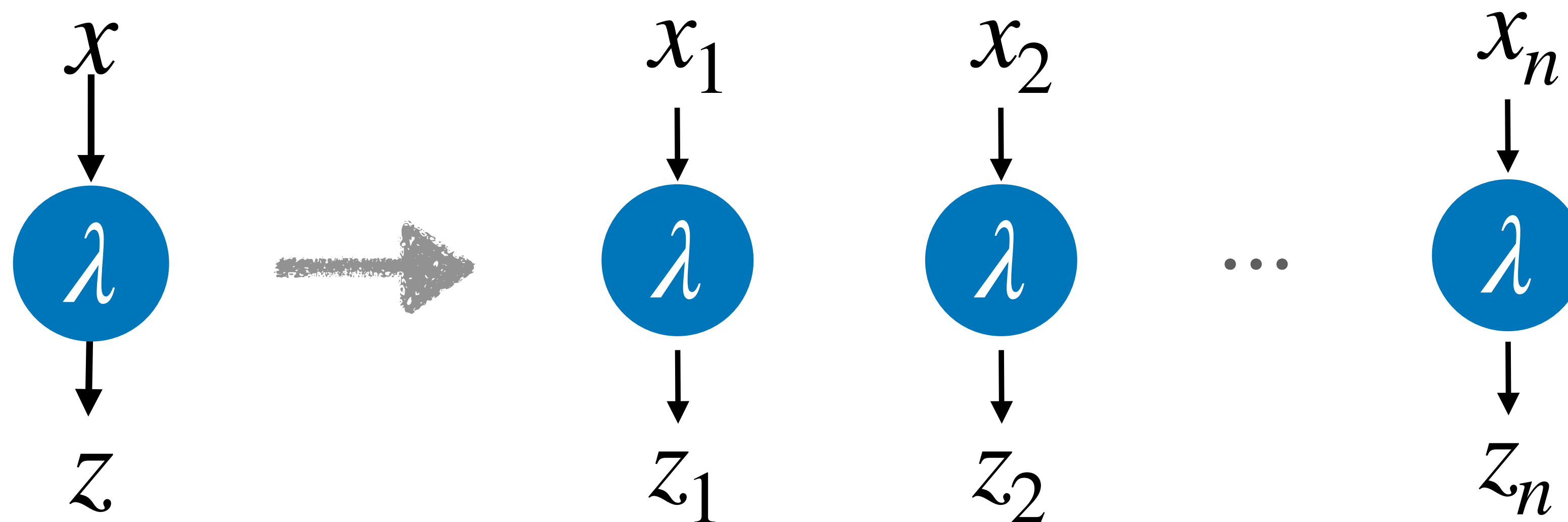
Addition gadget



sharewise computation

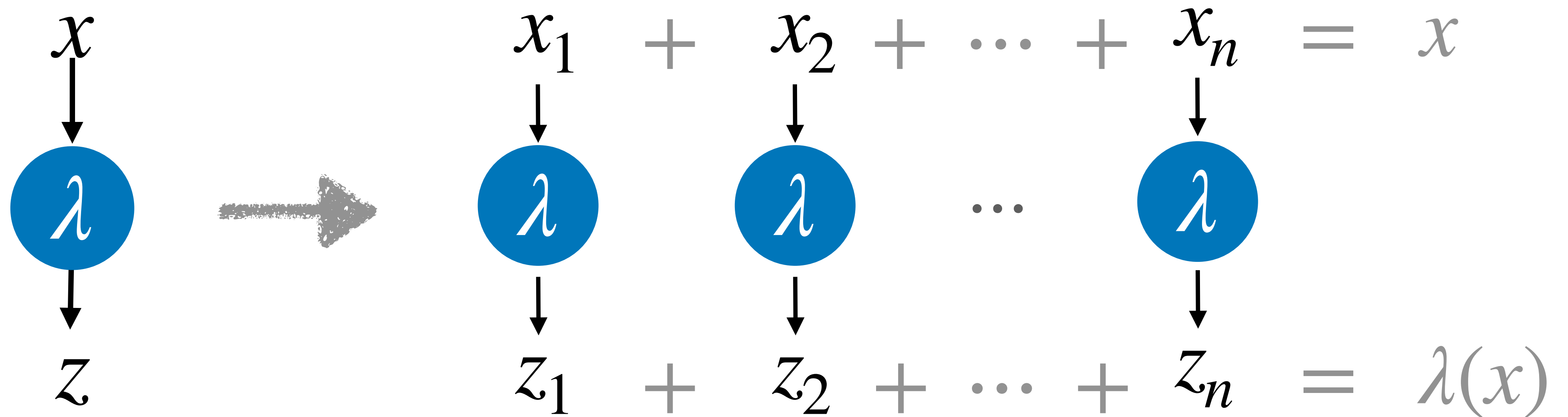
$\Rightarrow n$ addition gates

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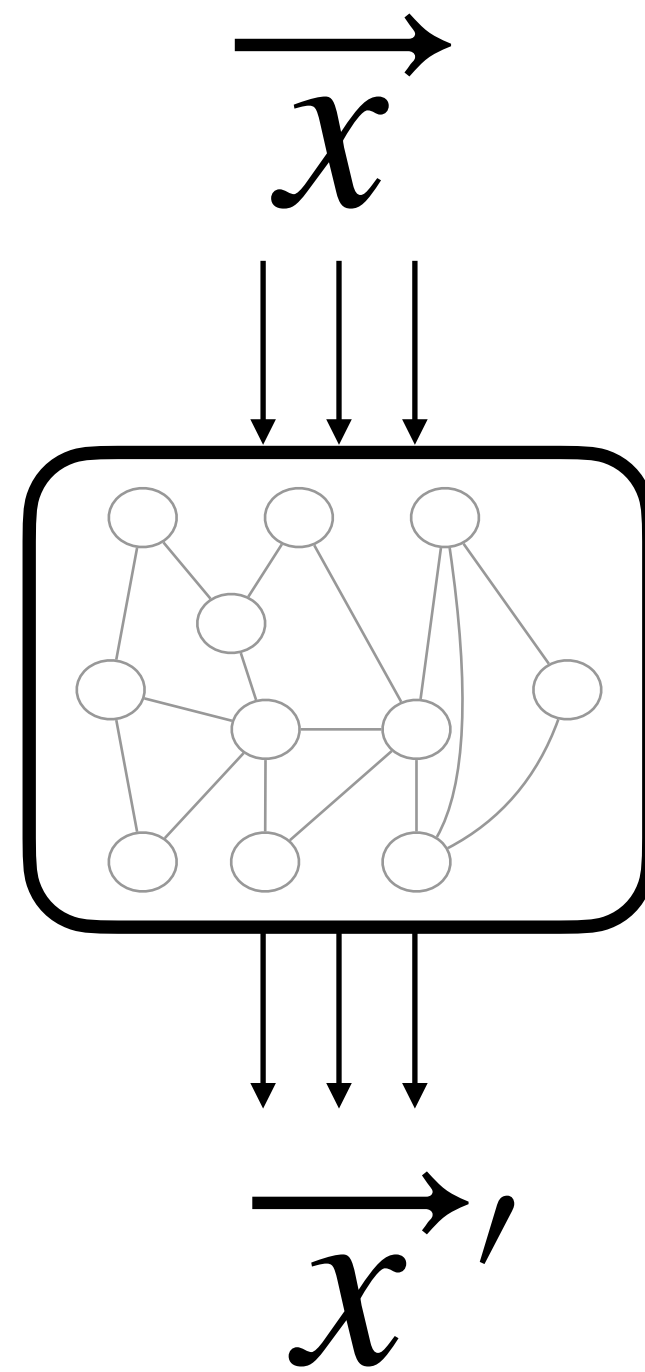
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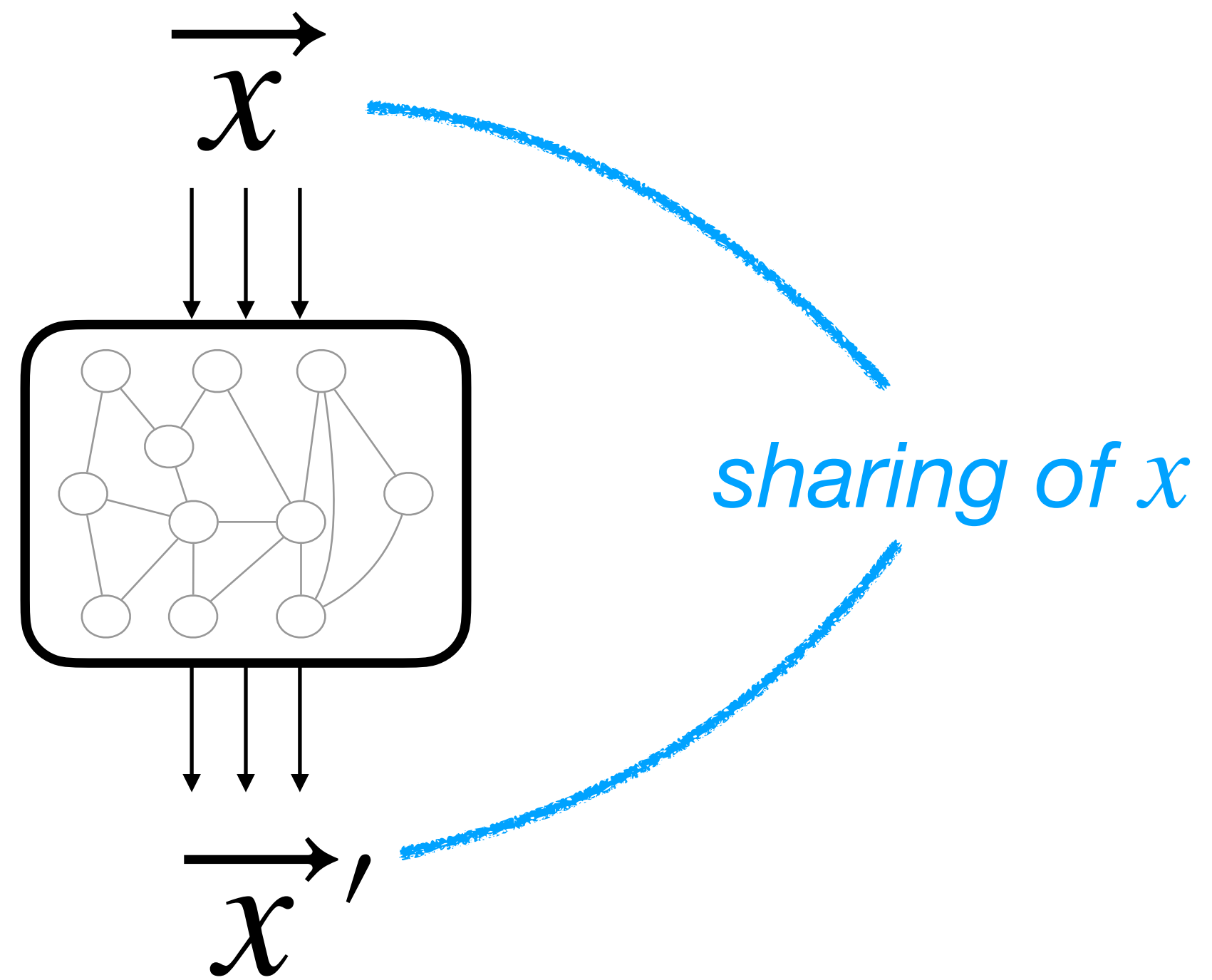
z_n

+ fresh randomness

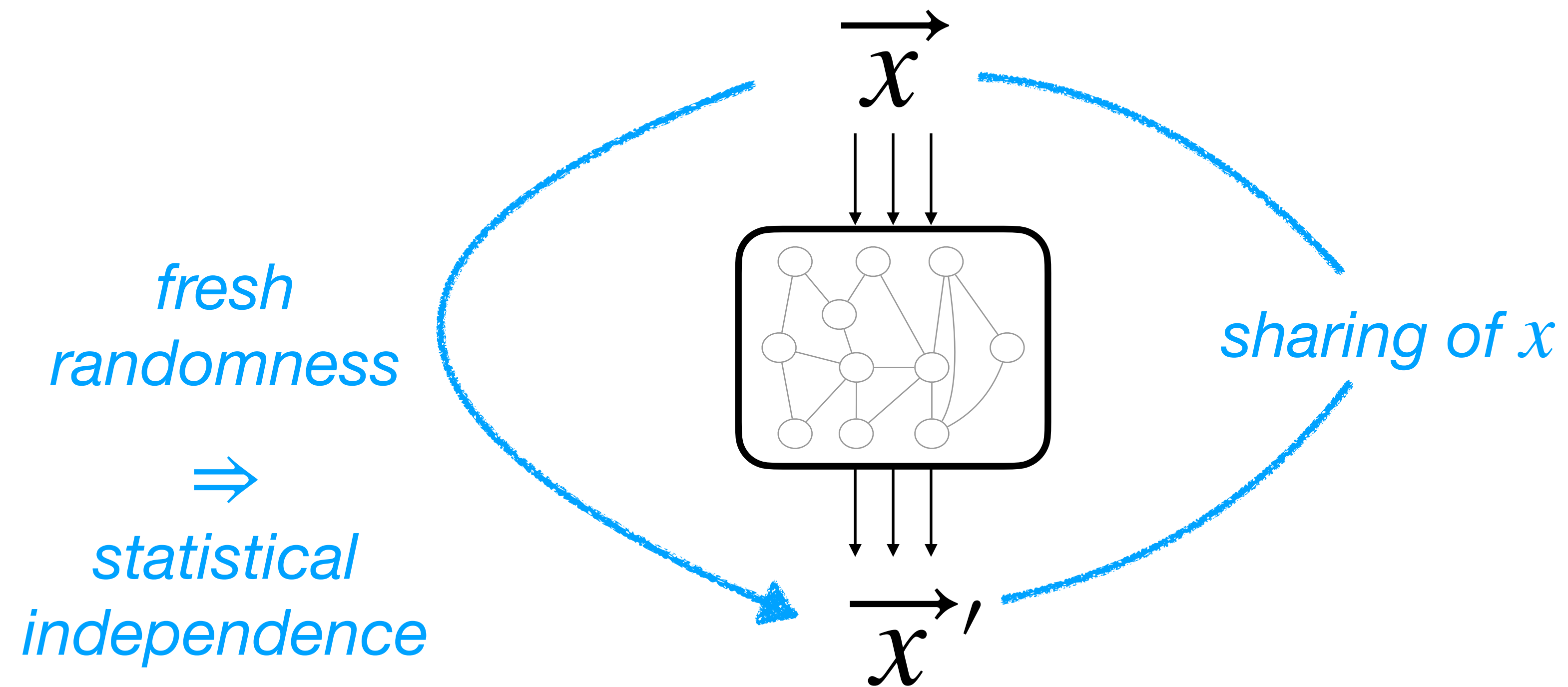
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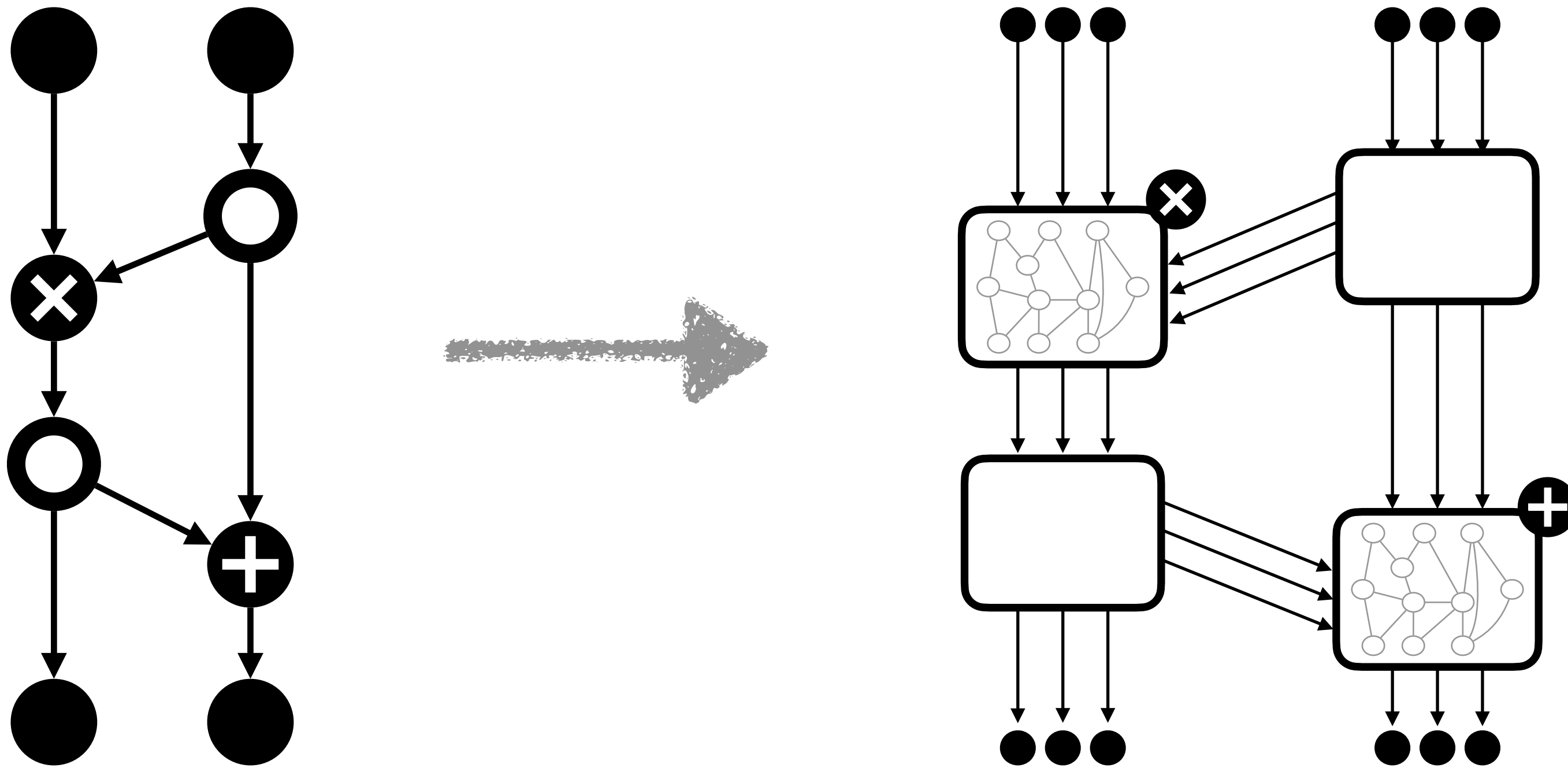
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Standard circuit compiler

wire $\rightarrow n$ wires (sharing)

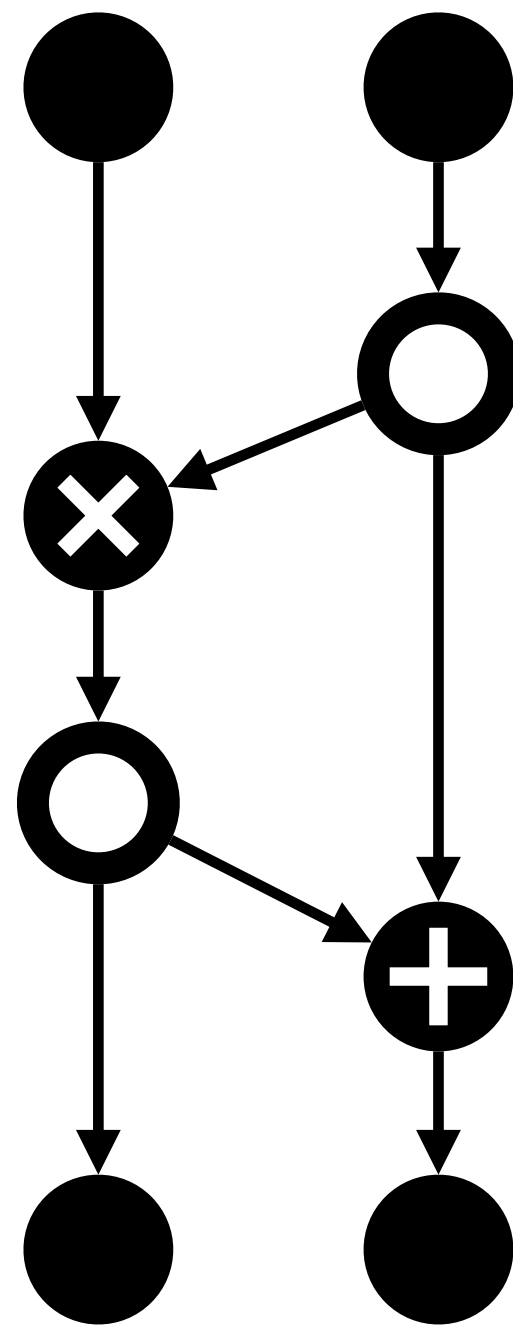
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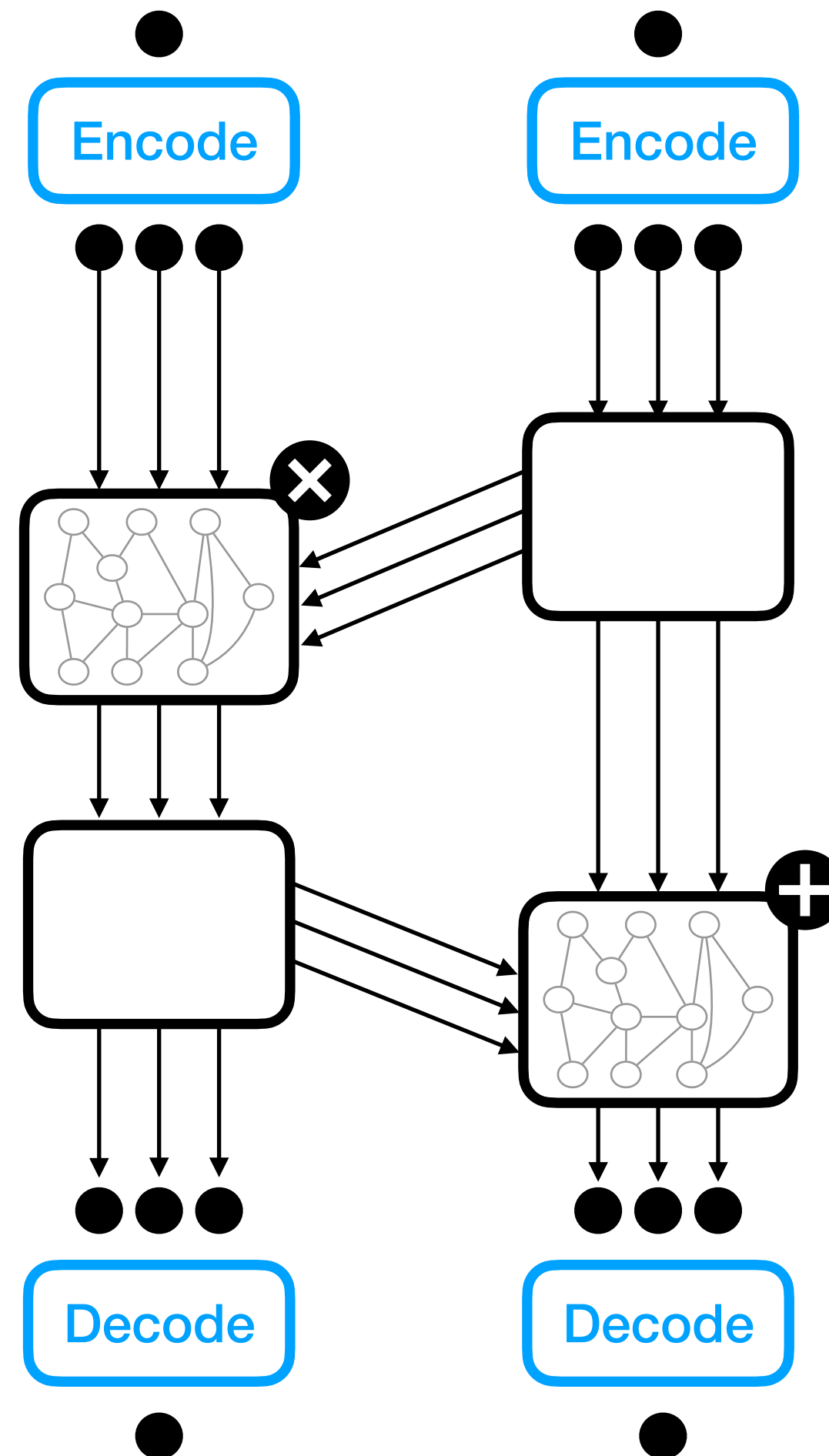
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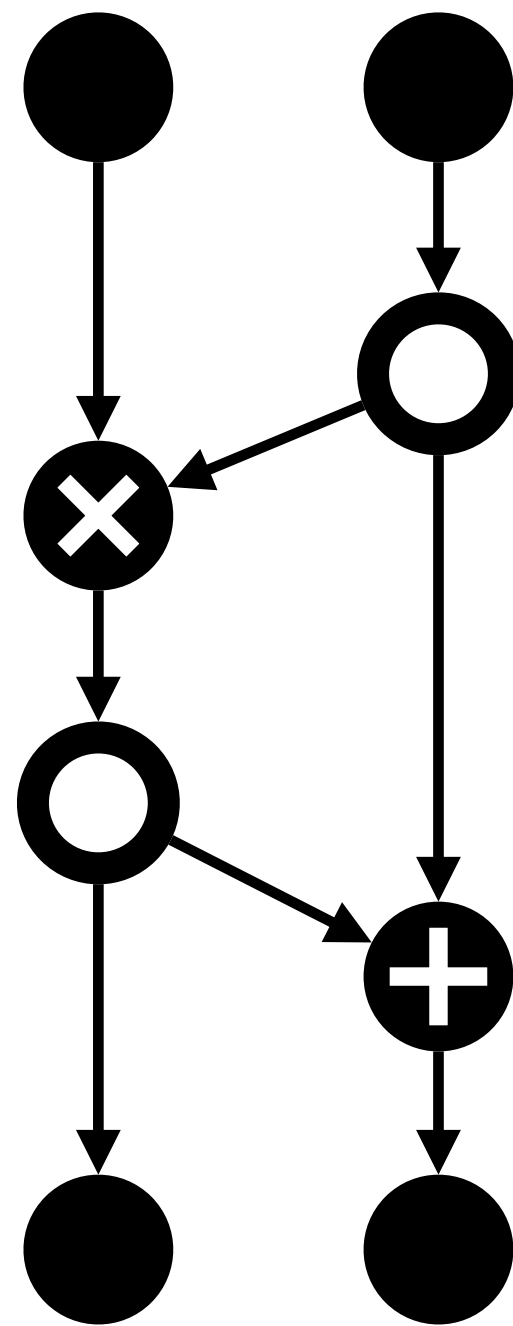
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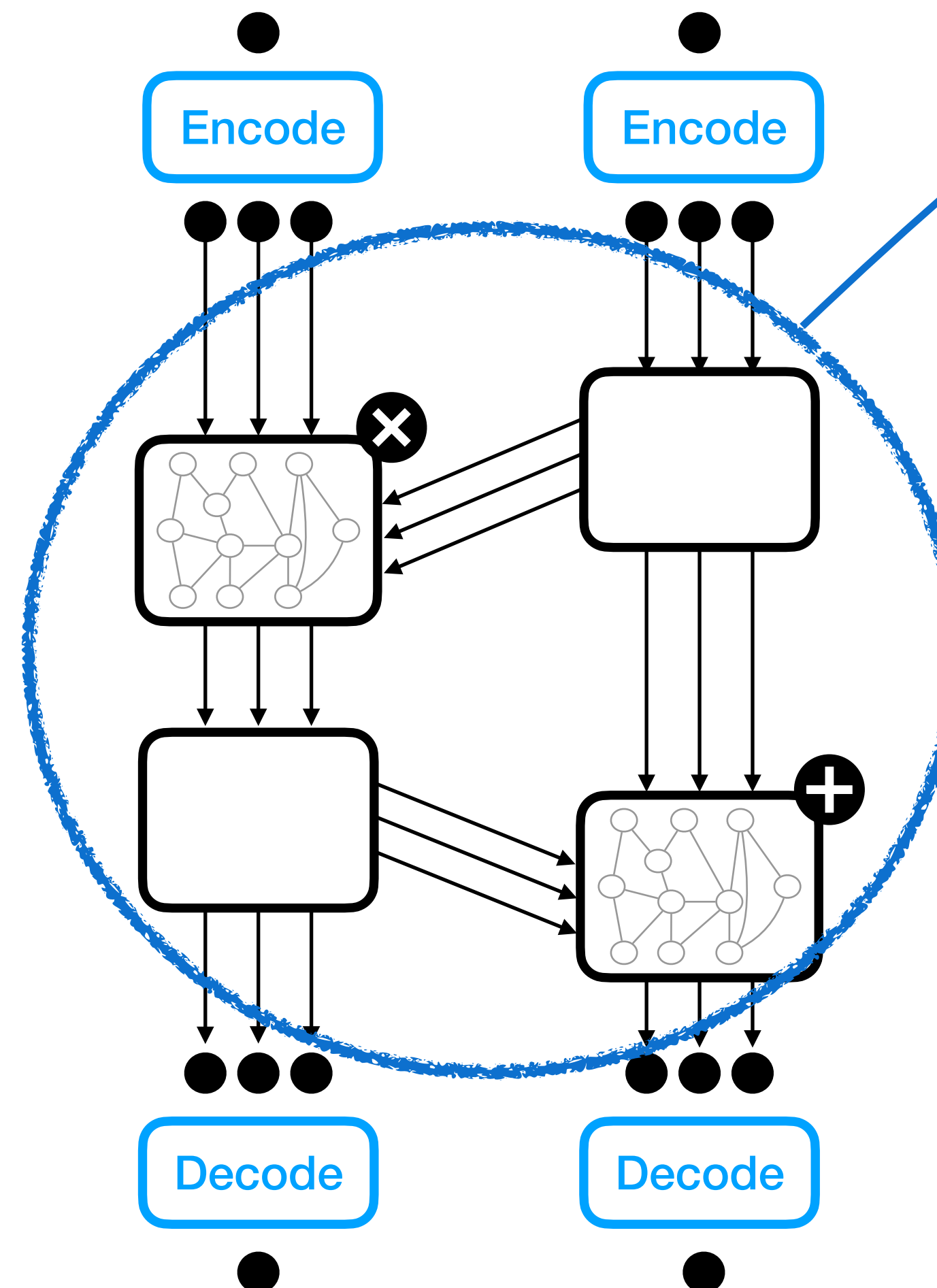
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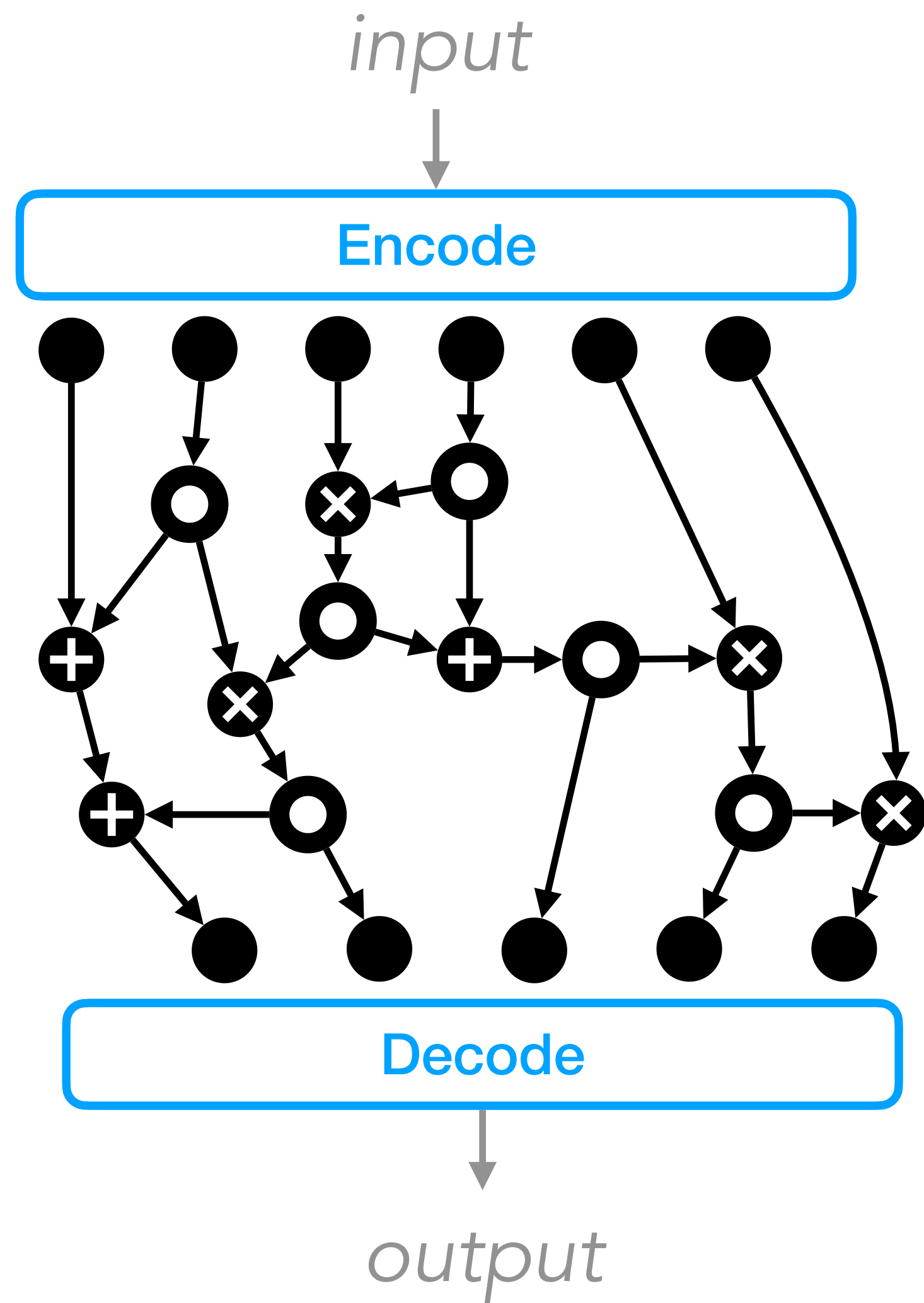
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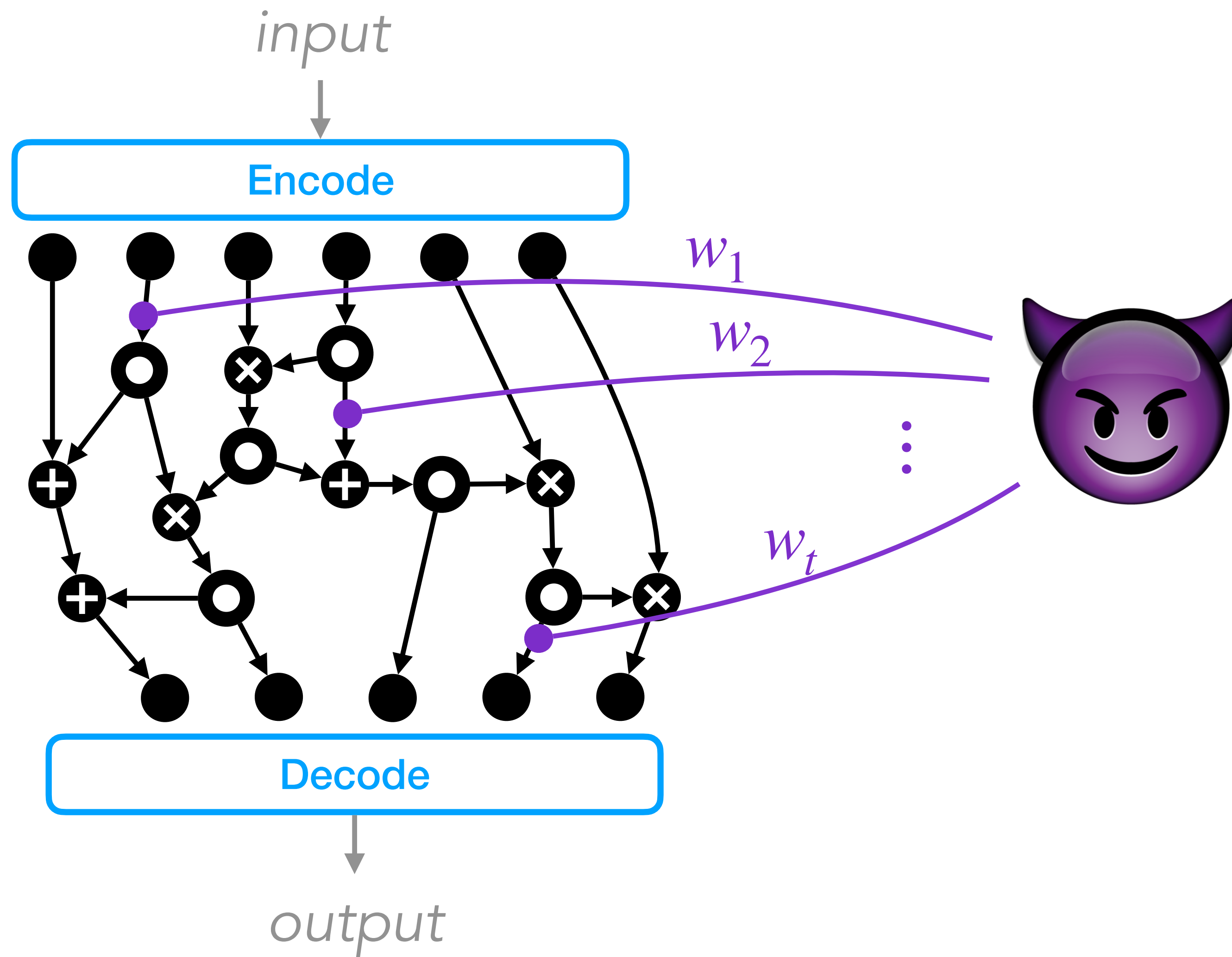
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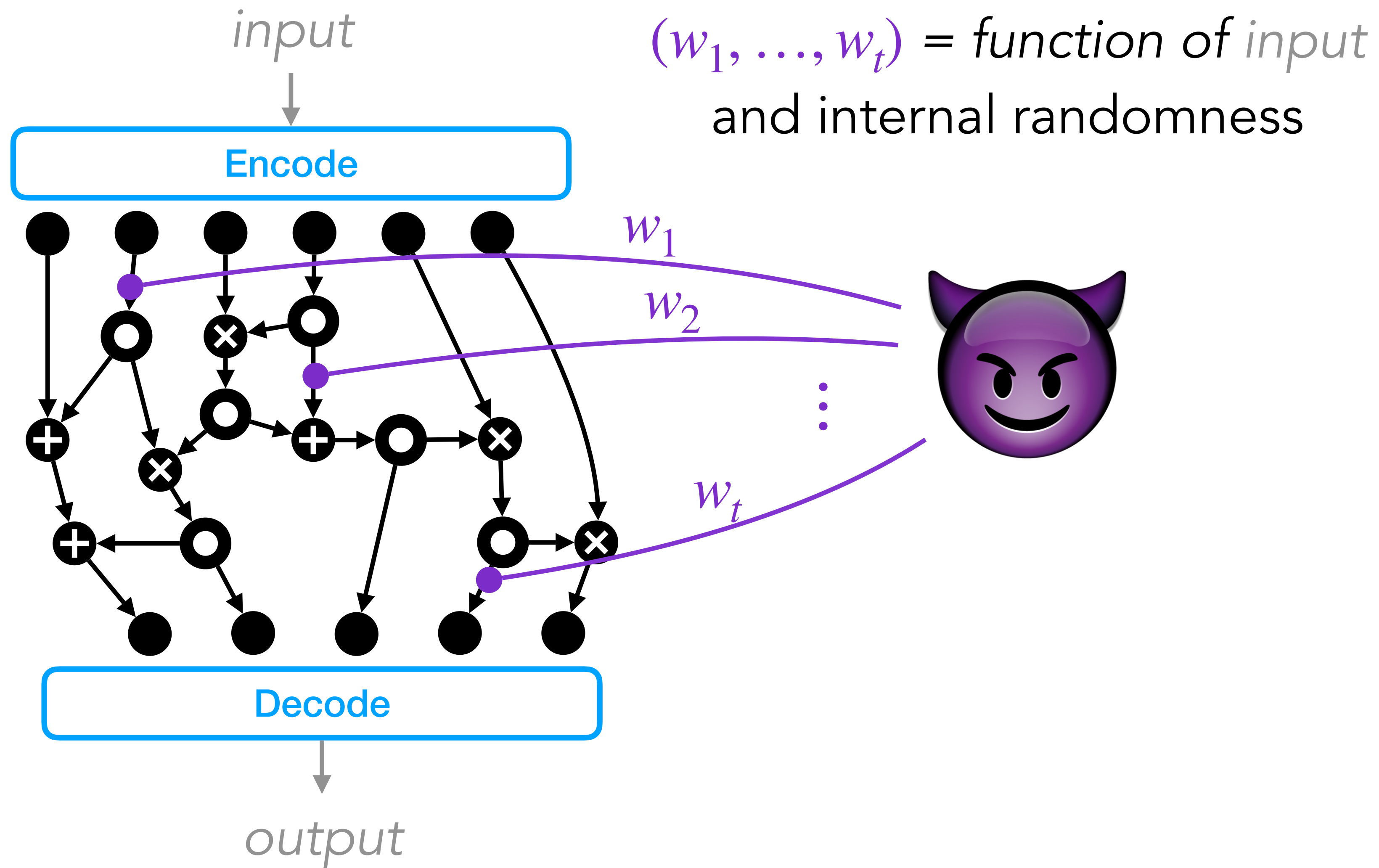
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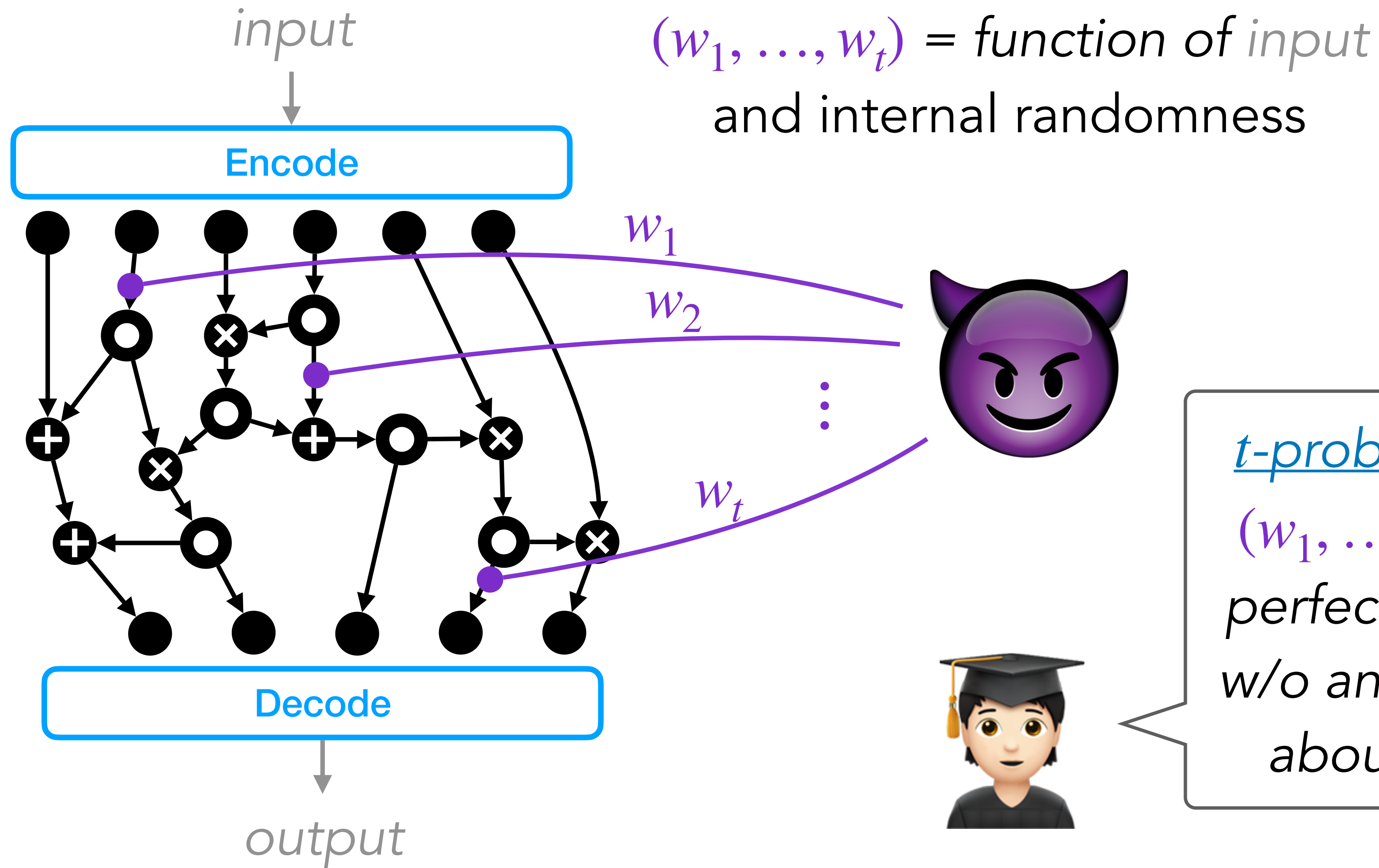
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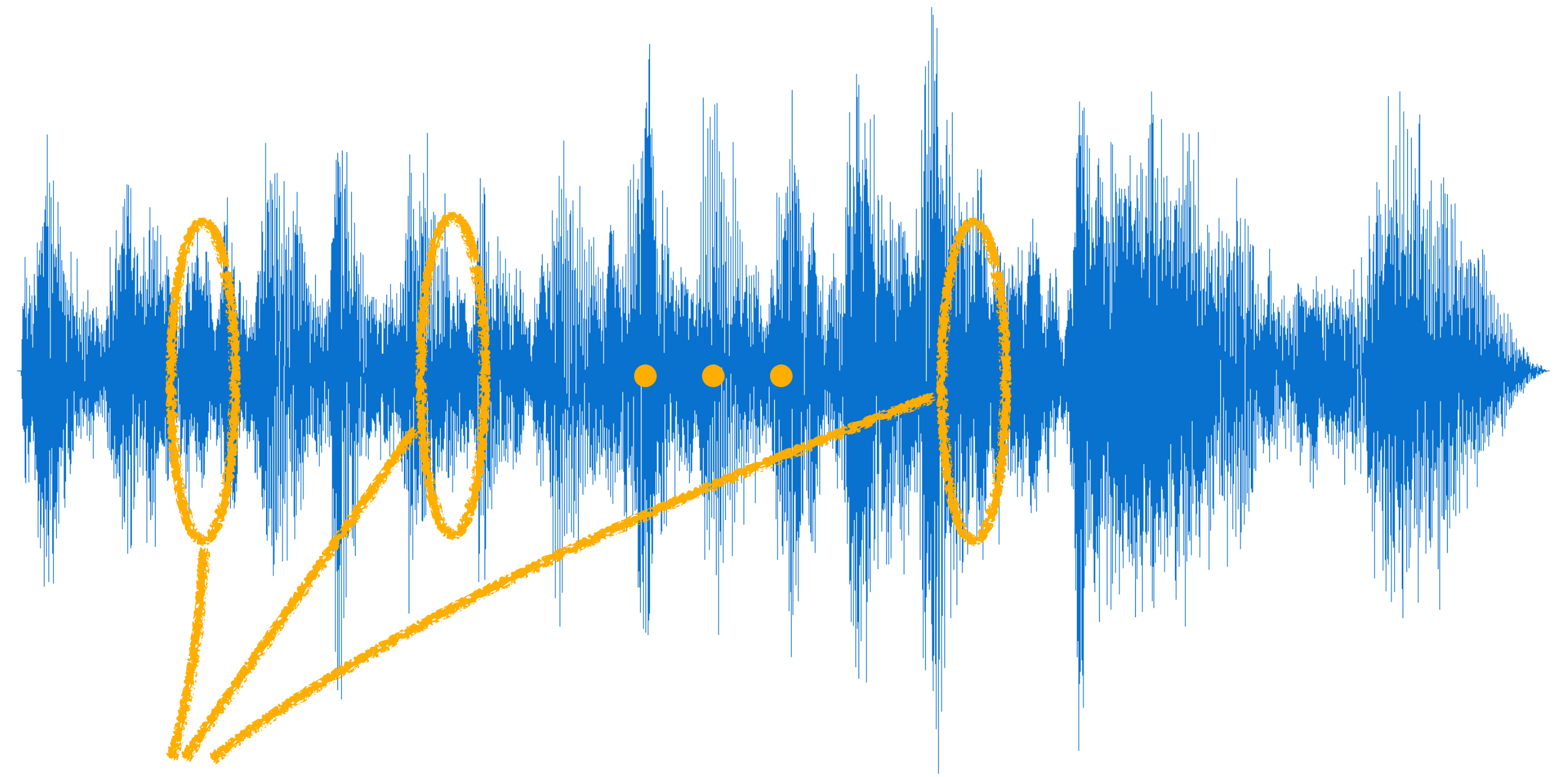
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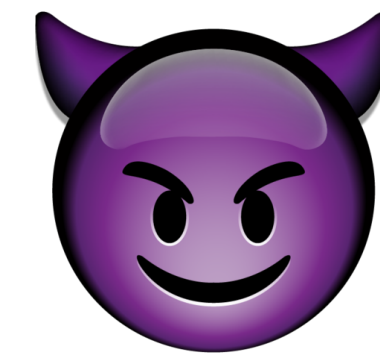
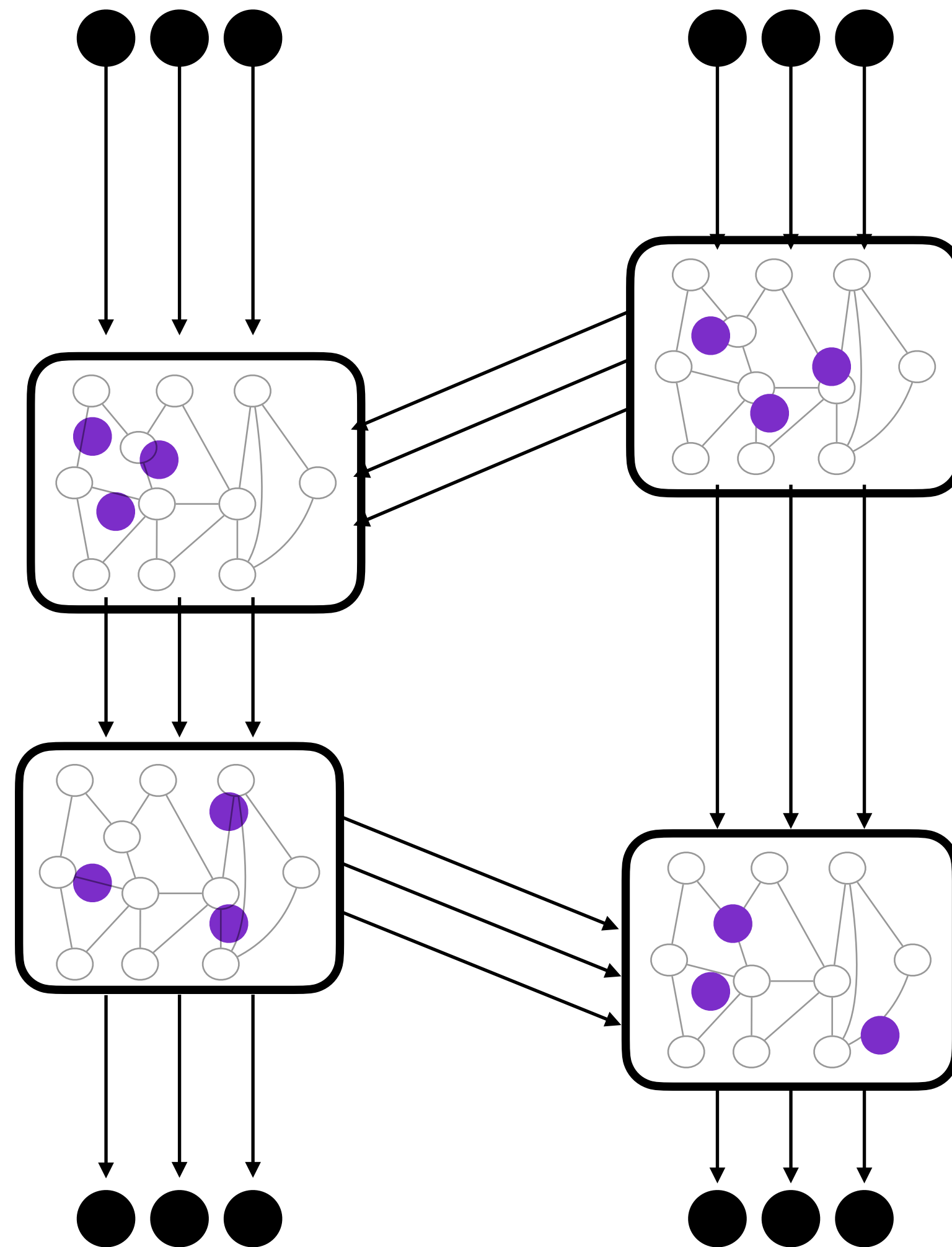


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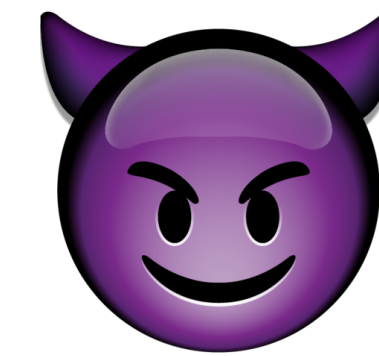
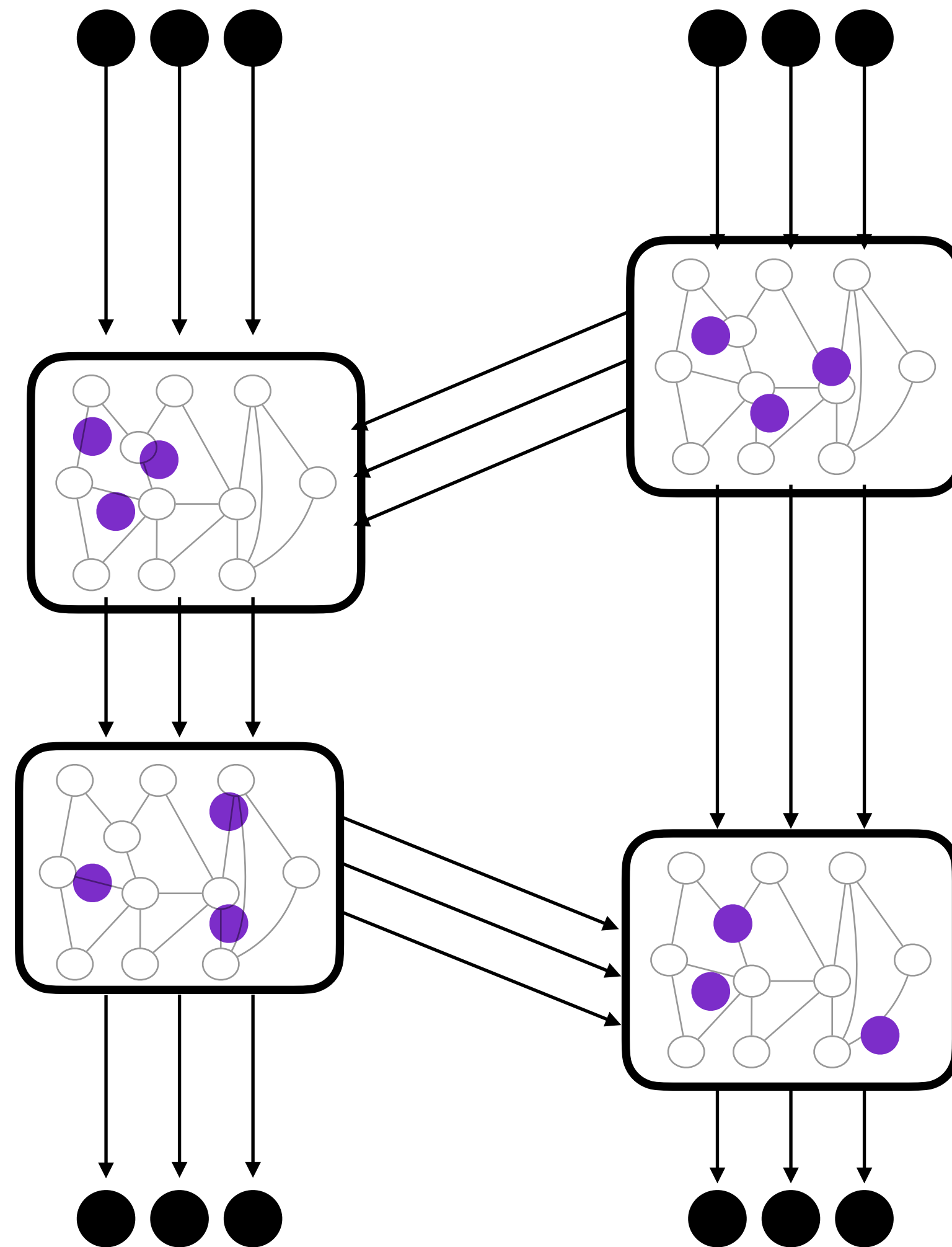
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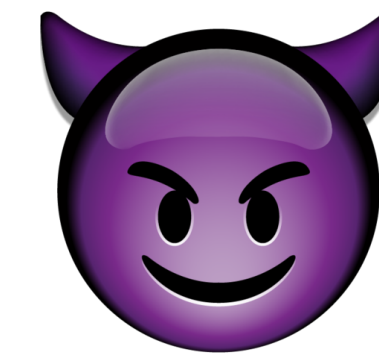
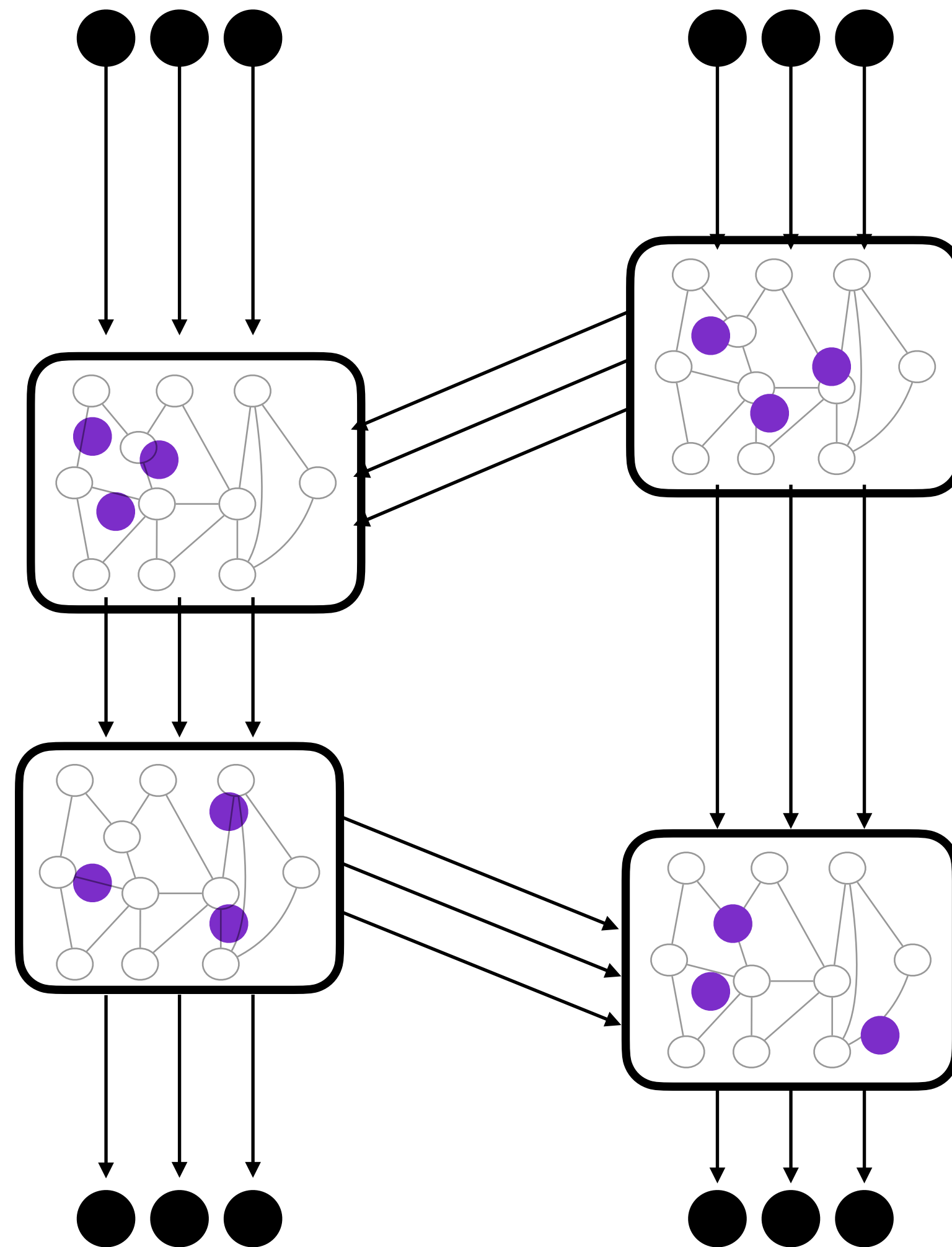
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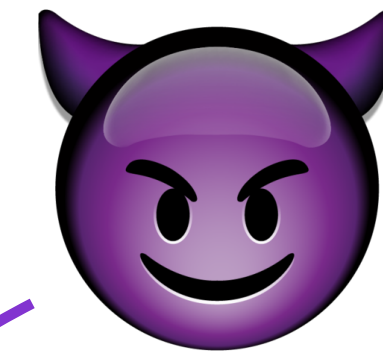


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= completely
random 🎲

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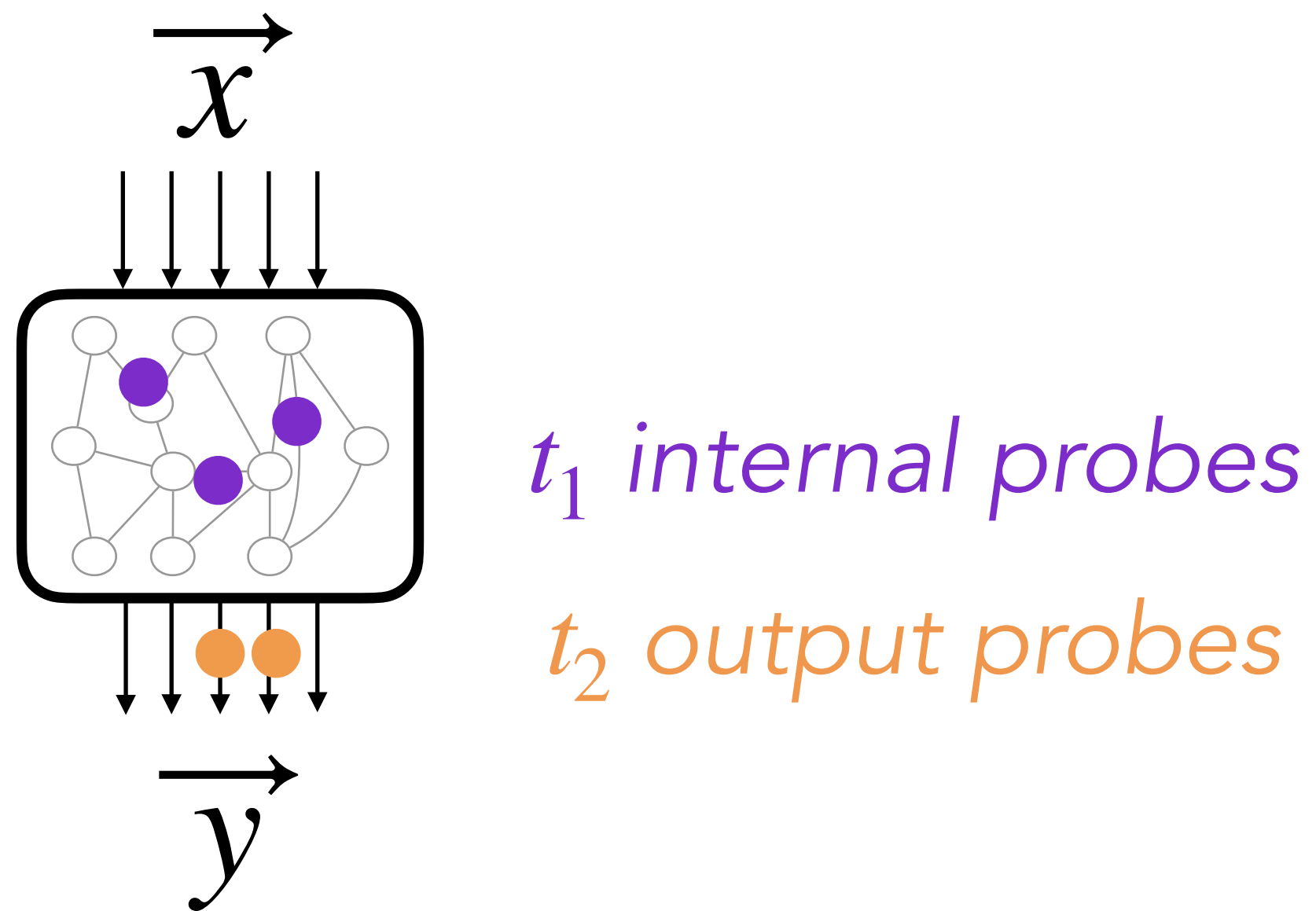
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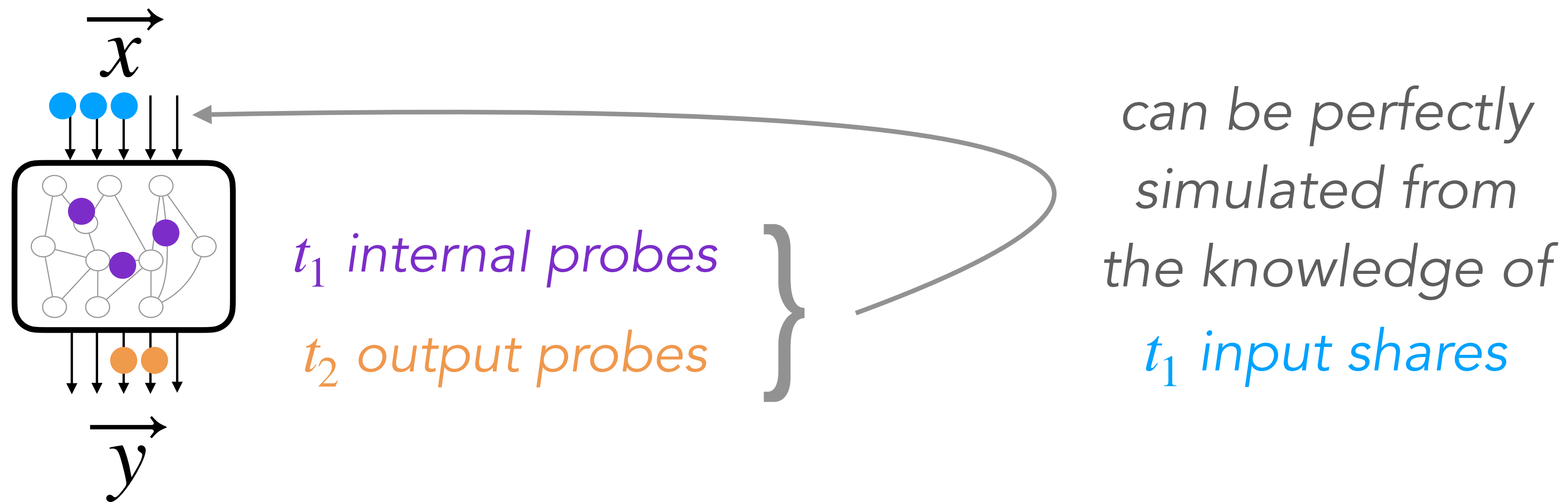


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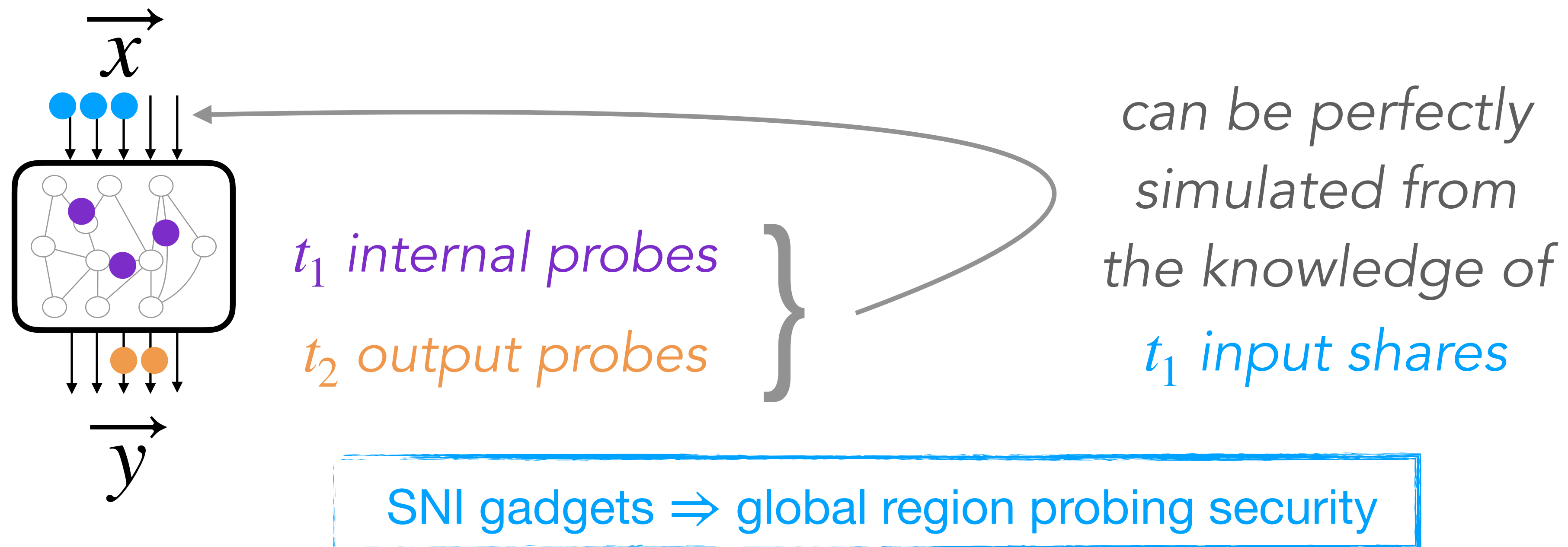


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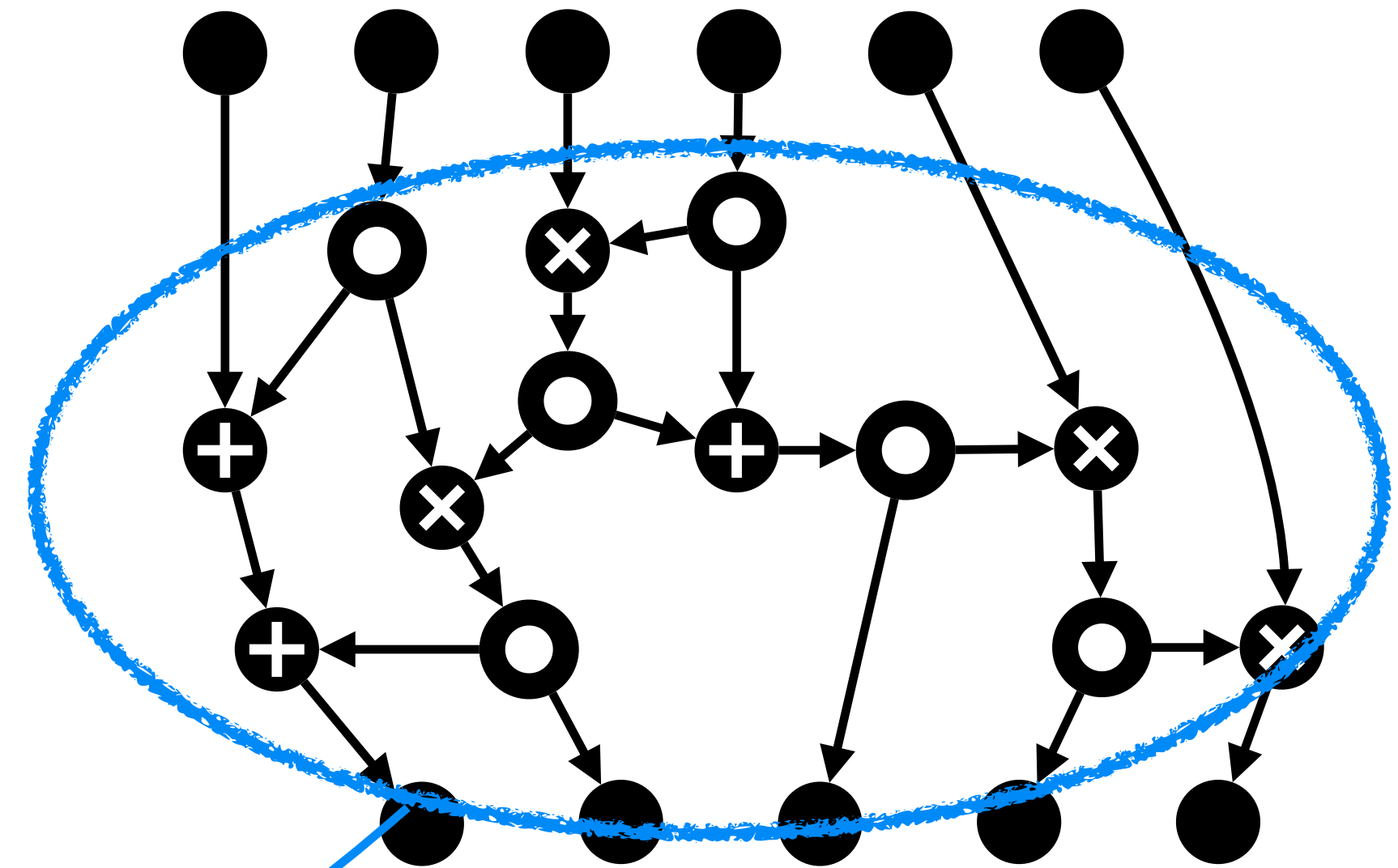
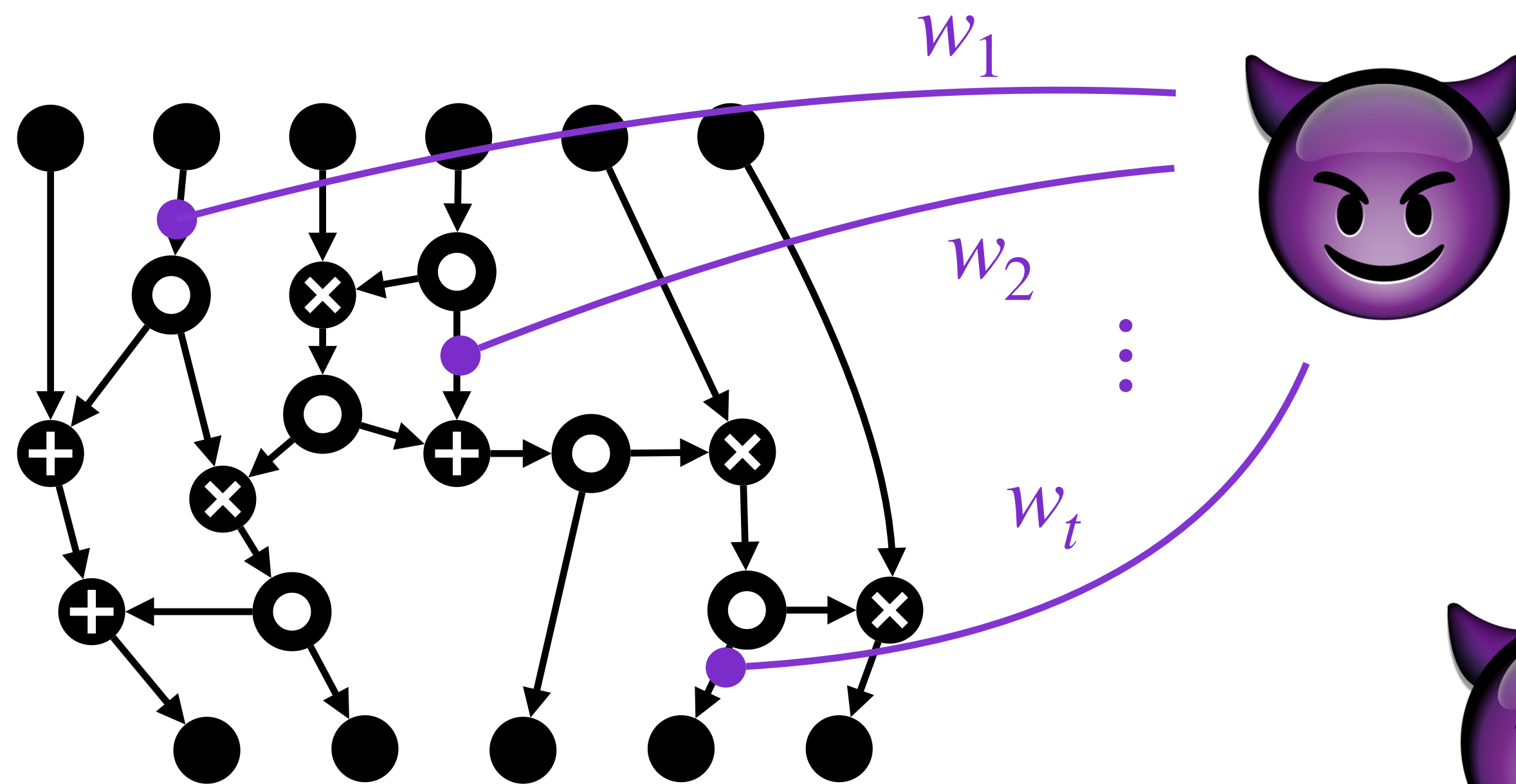
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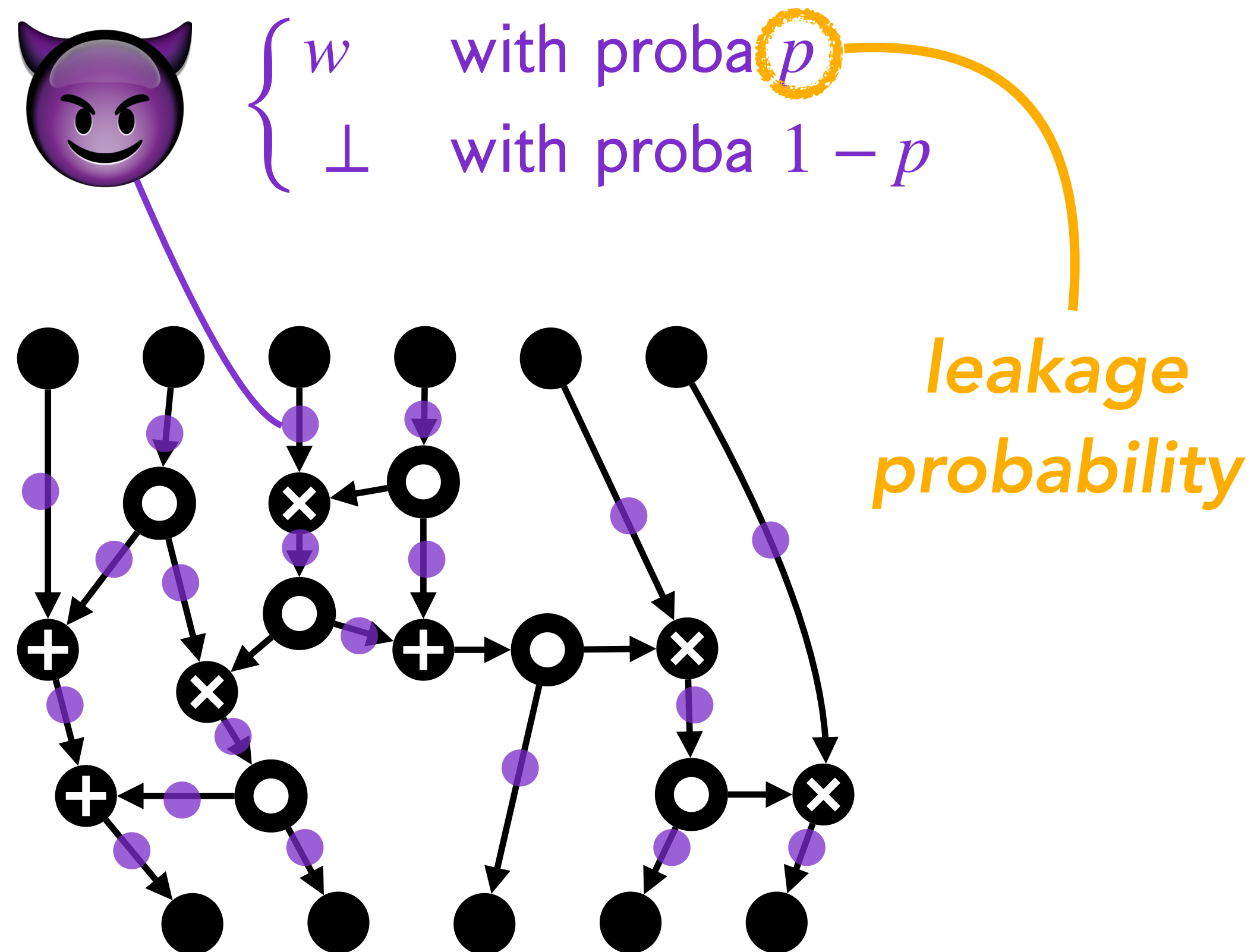


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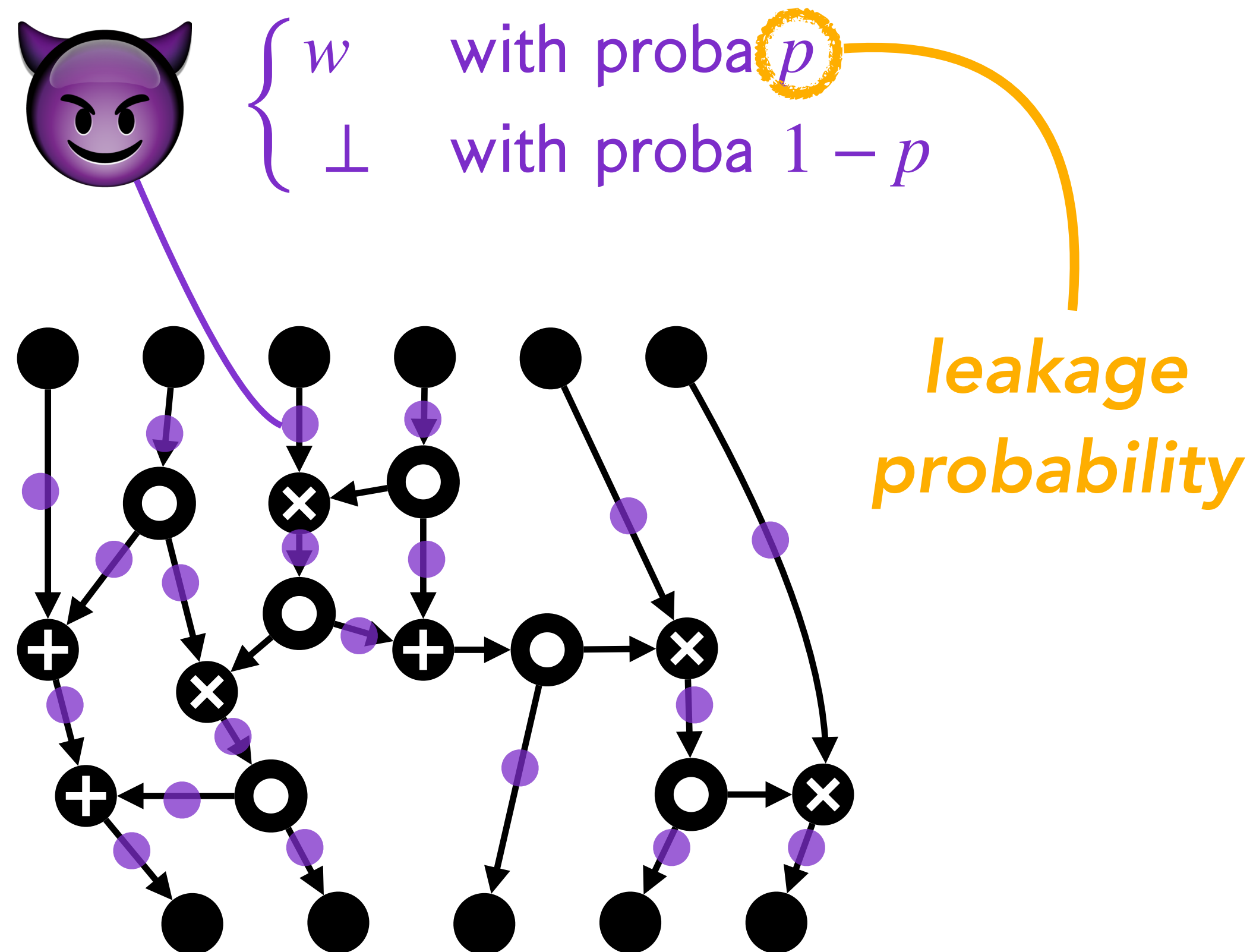


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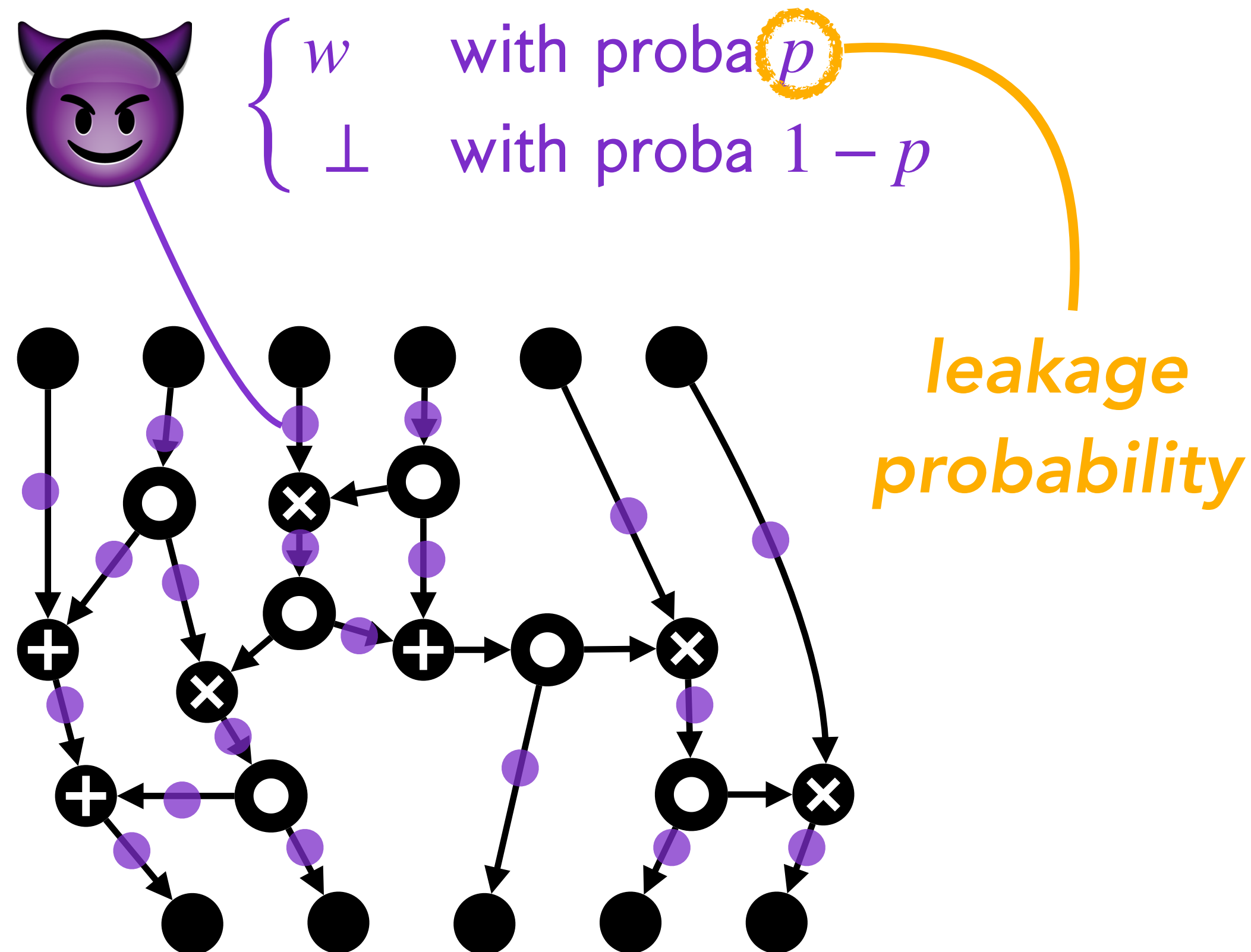


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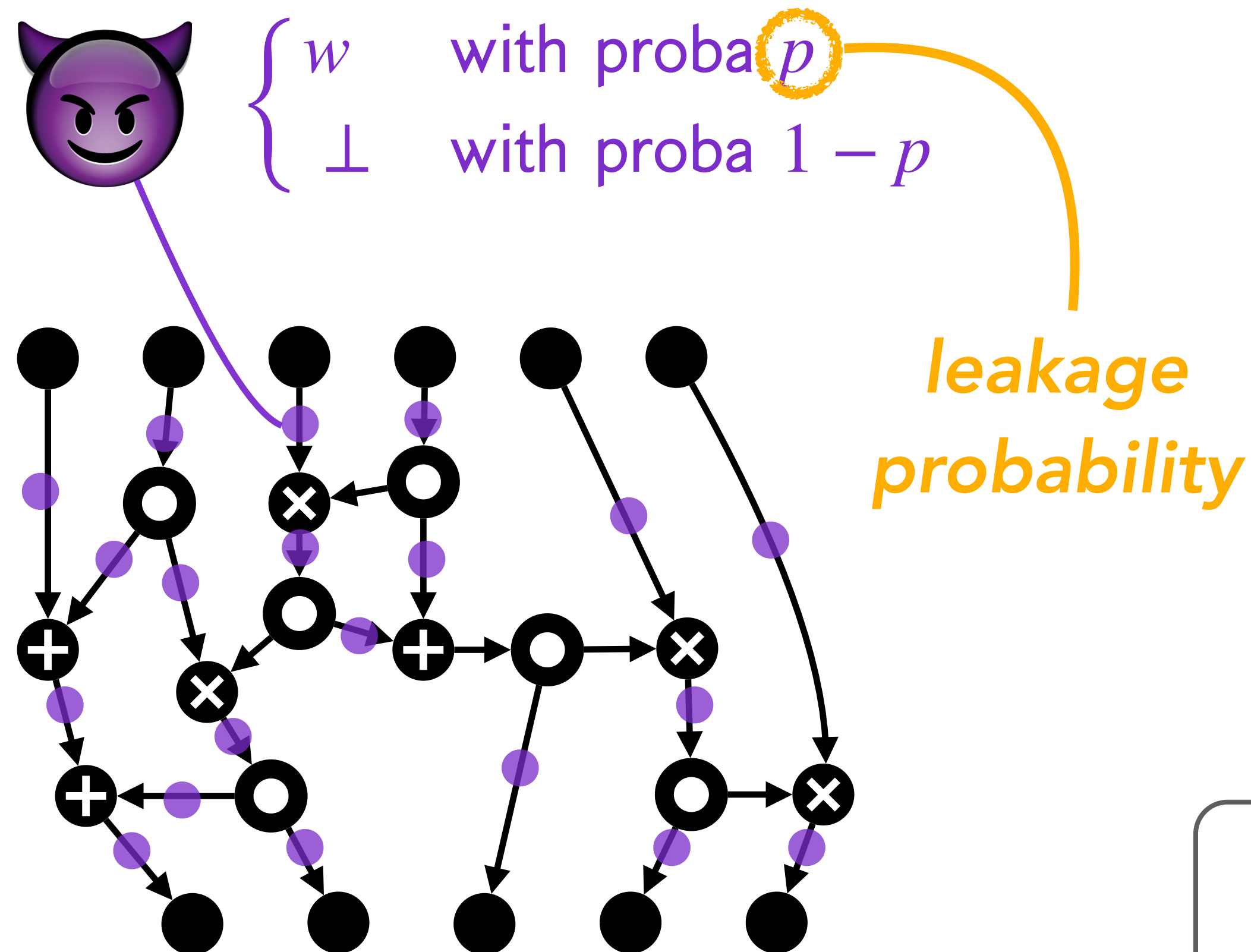
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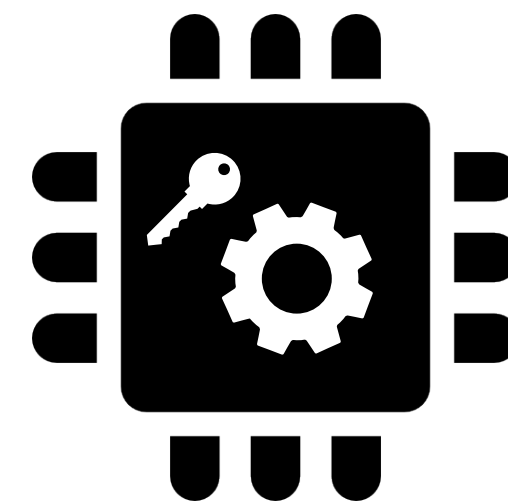
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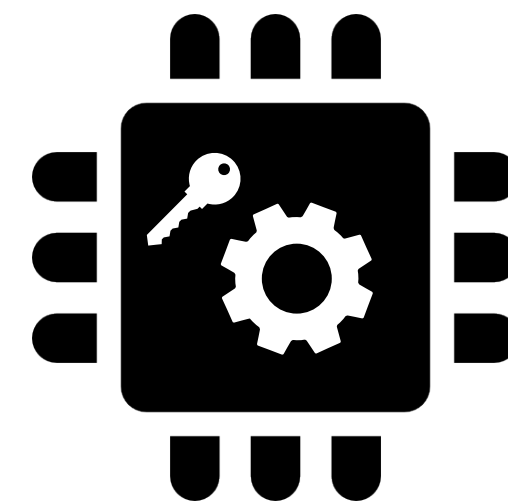
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*efficient masking schemes
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Secure schemes



State of the art

- State-of-the-art noisy-leakage-secure schemes
 - most schemes with **at least $\mathcal{O}(n^2)$ complexity**
 - a few schemes with $\mathcal{O}(1)$ leakage rate, but **constant not explicit**
- In what follows
 - region probing security in **quasilinear complexity**
 - random probing security with **explicit constant leakage rate**

Security in quasilinear complexity



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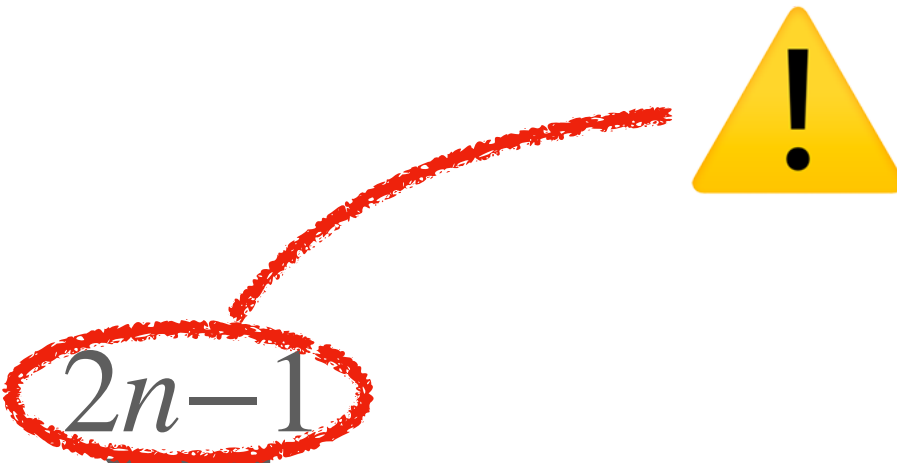
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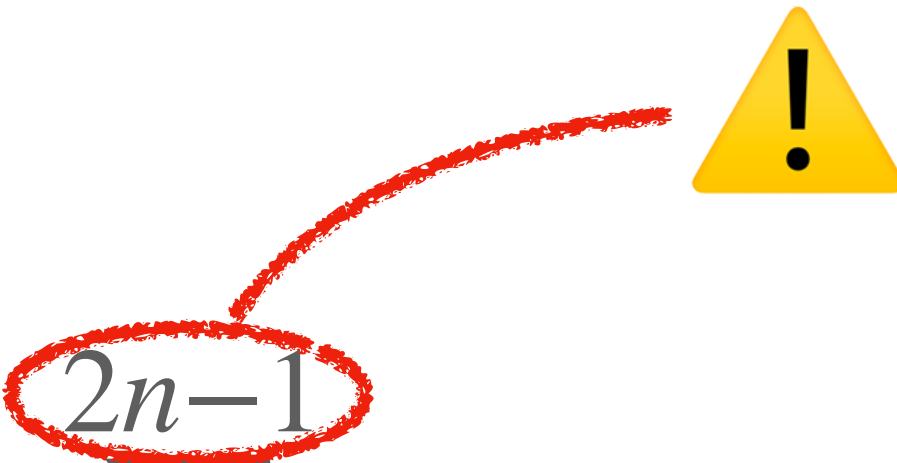
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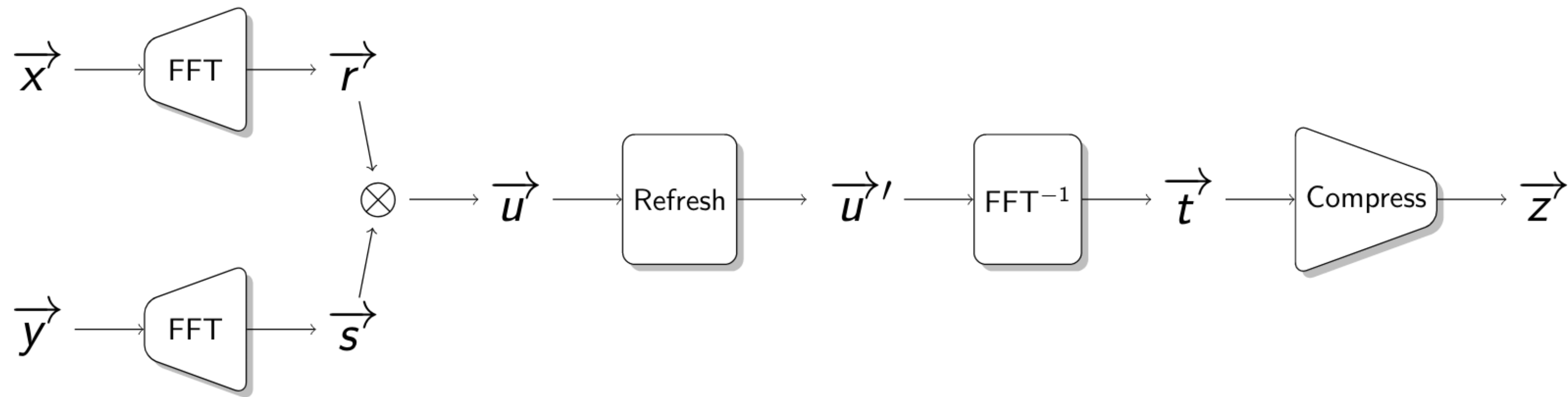
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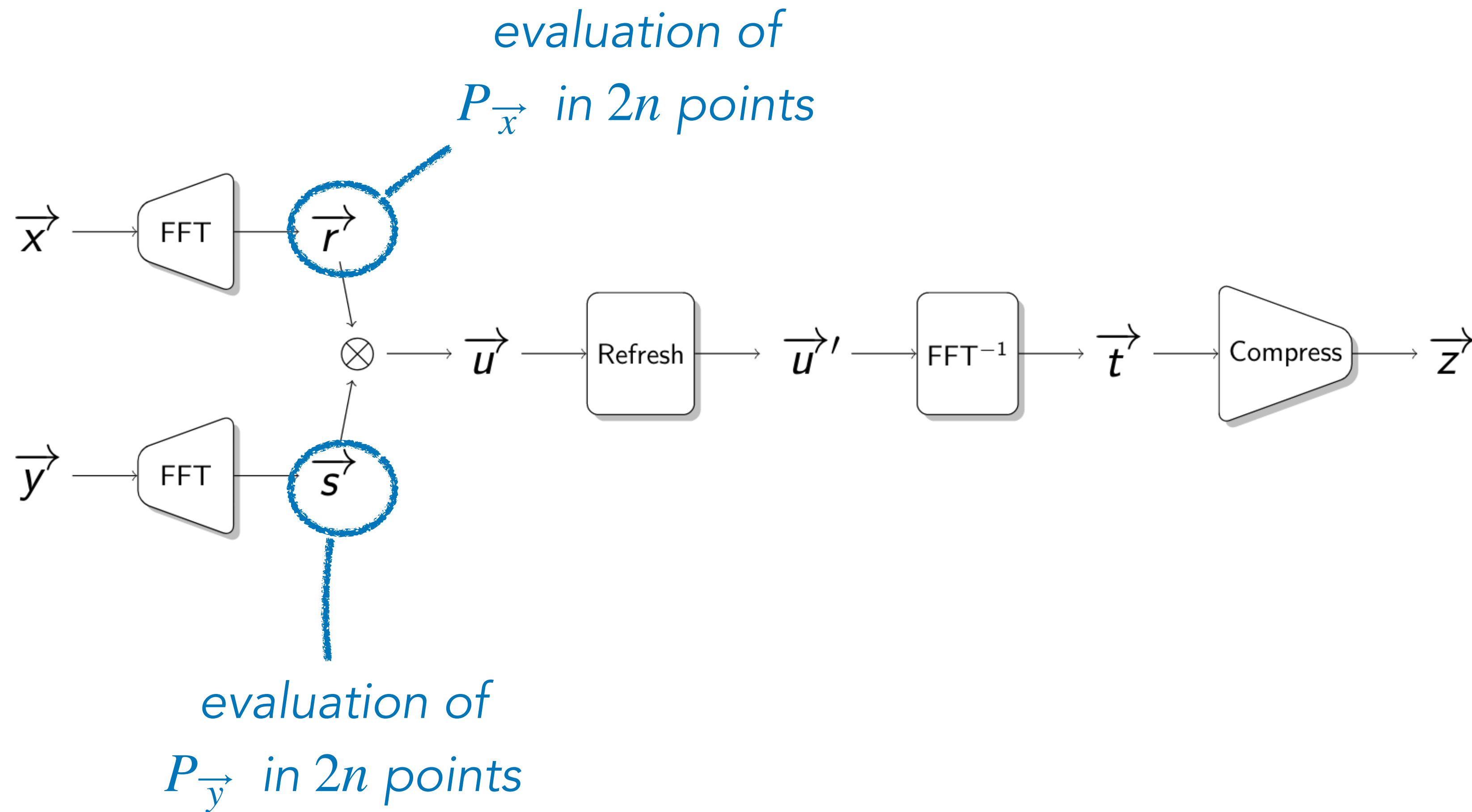
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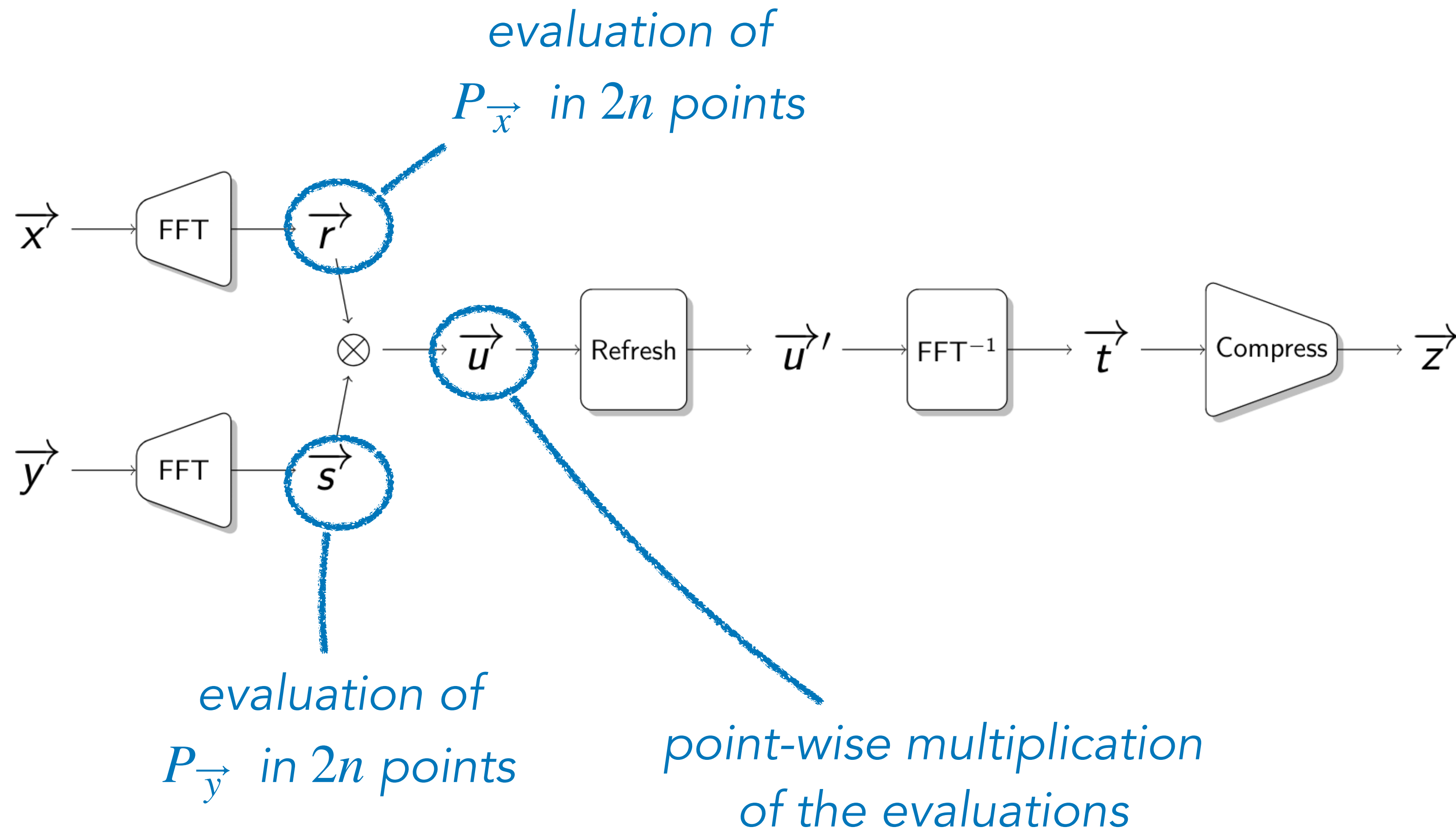
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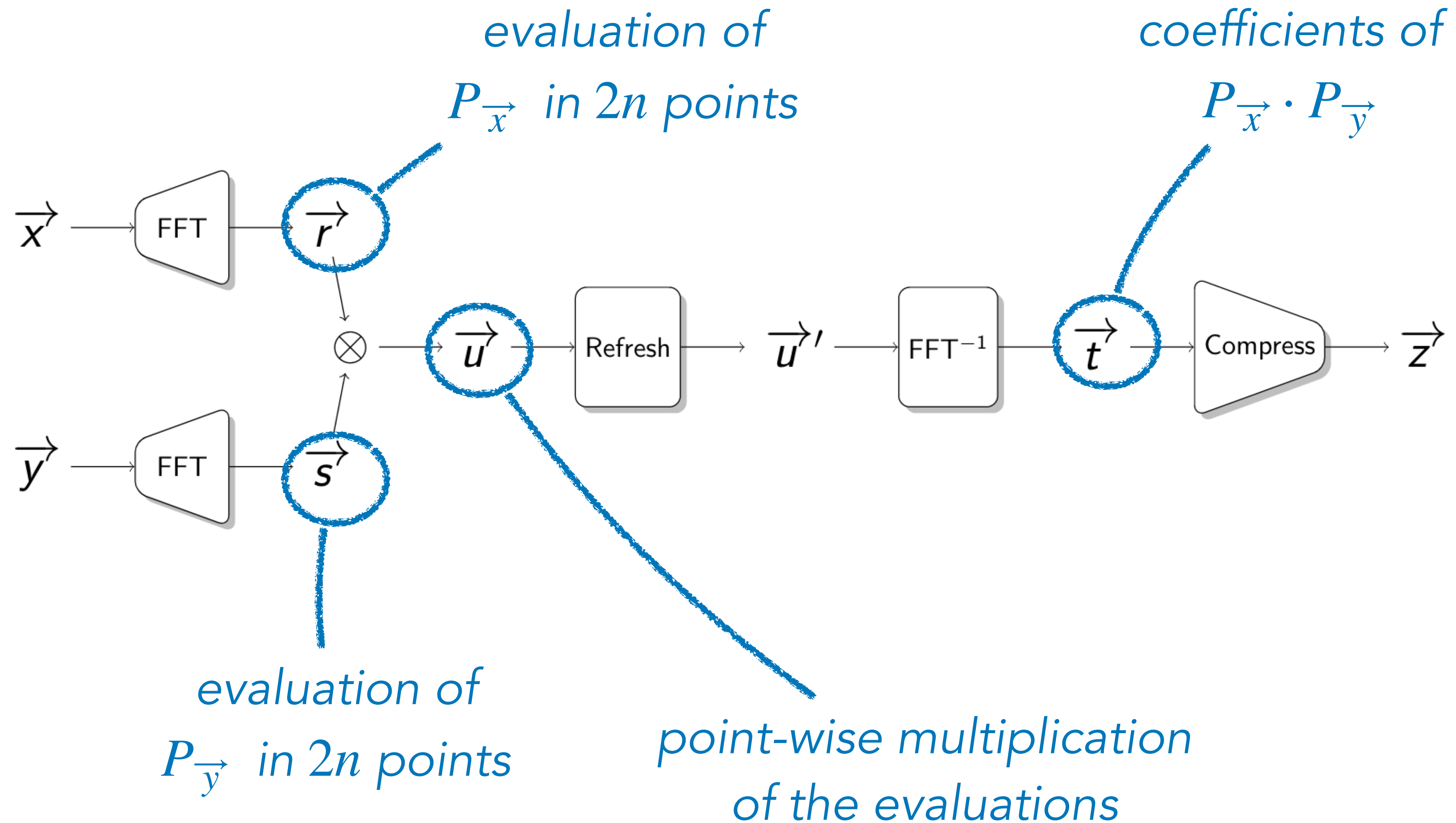
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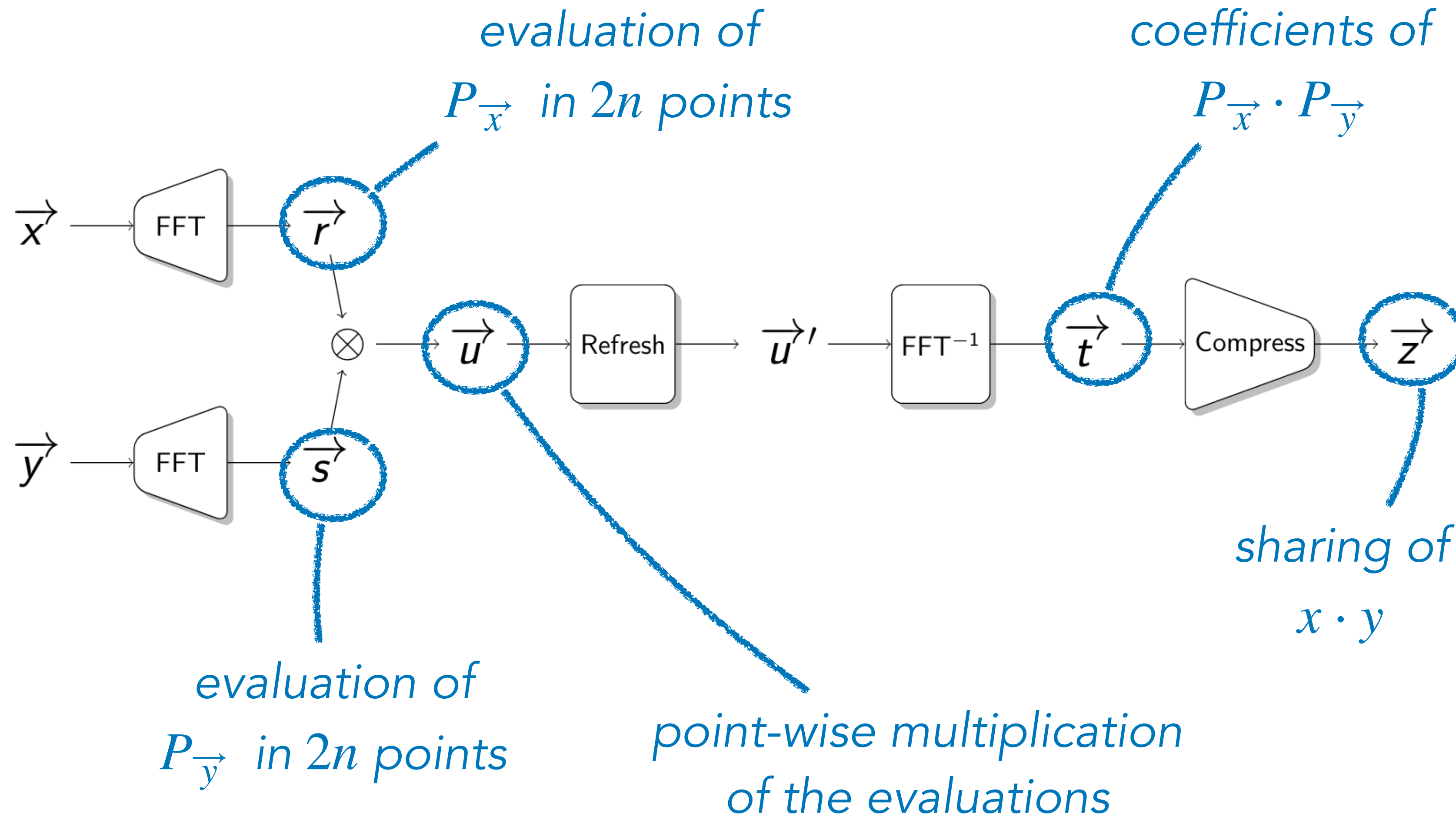
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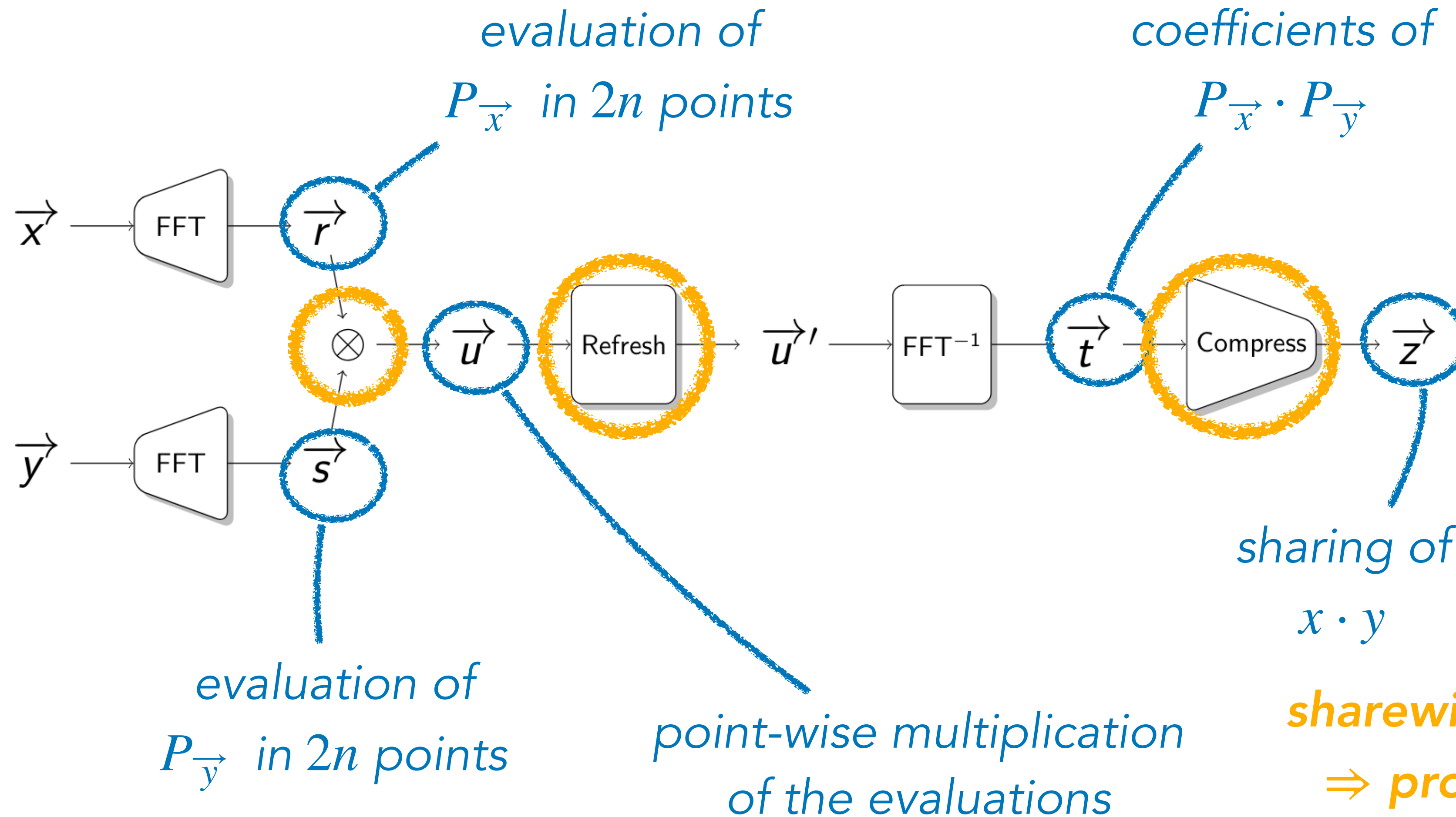
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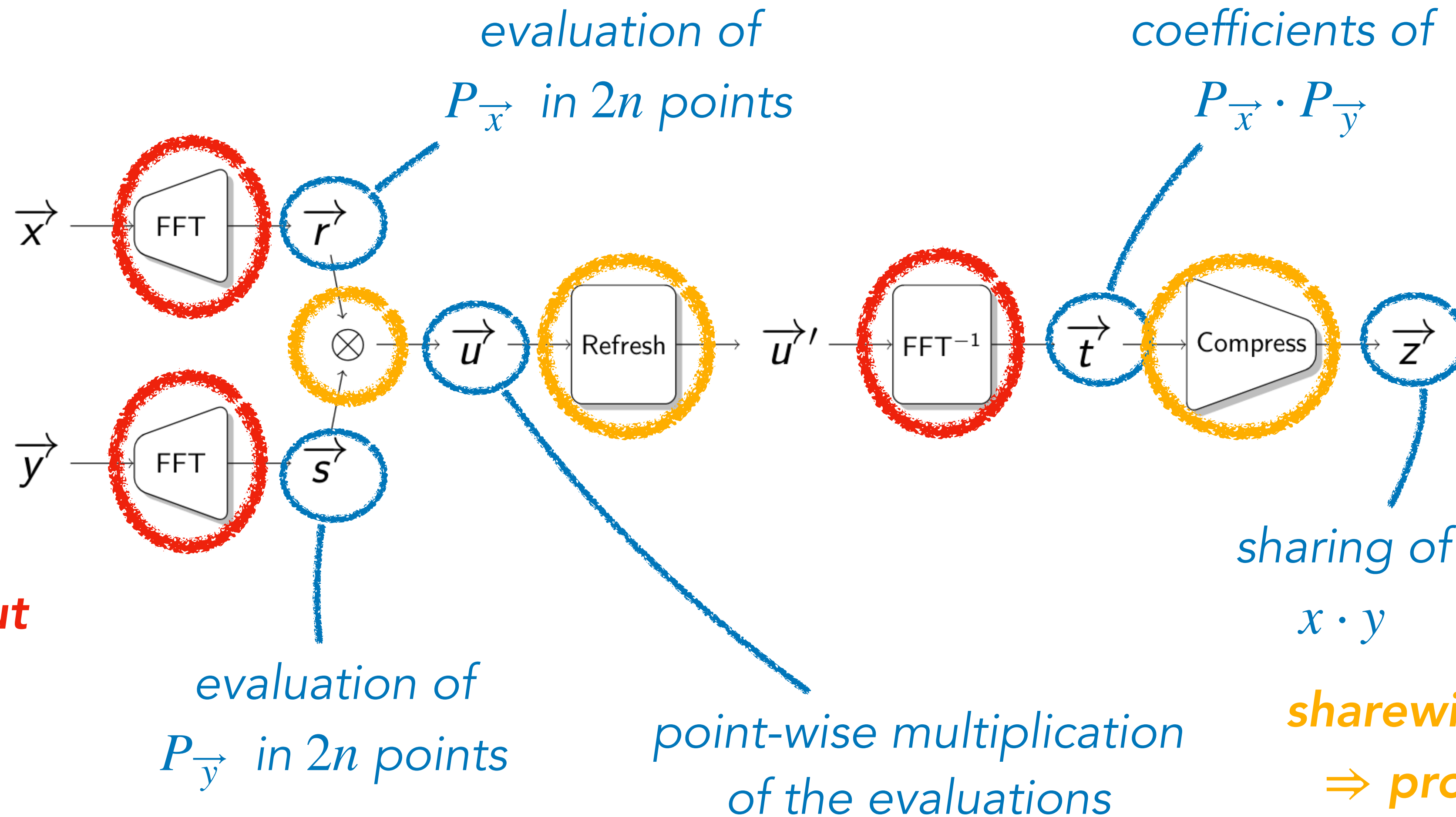
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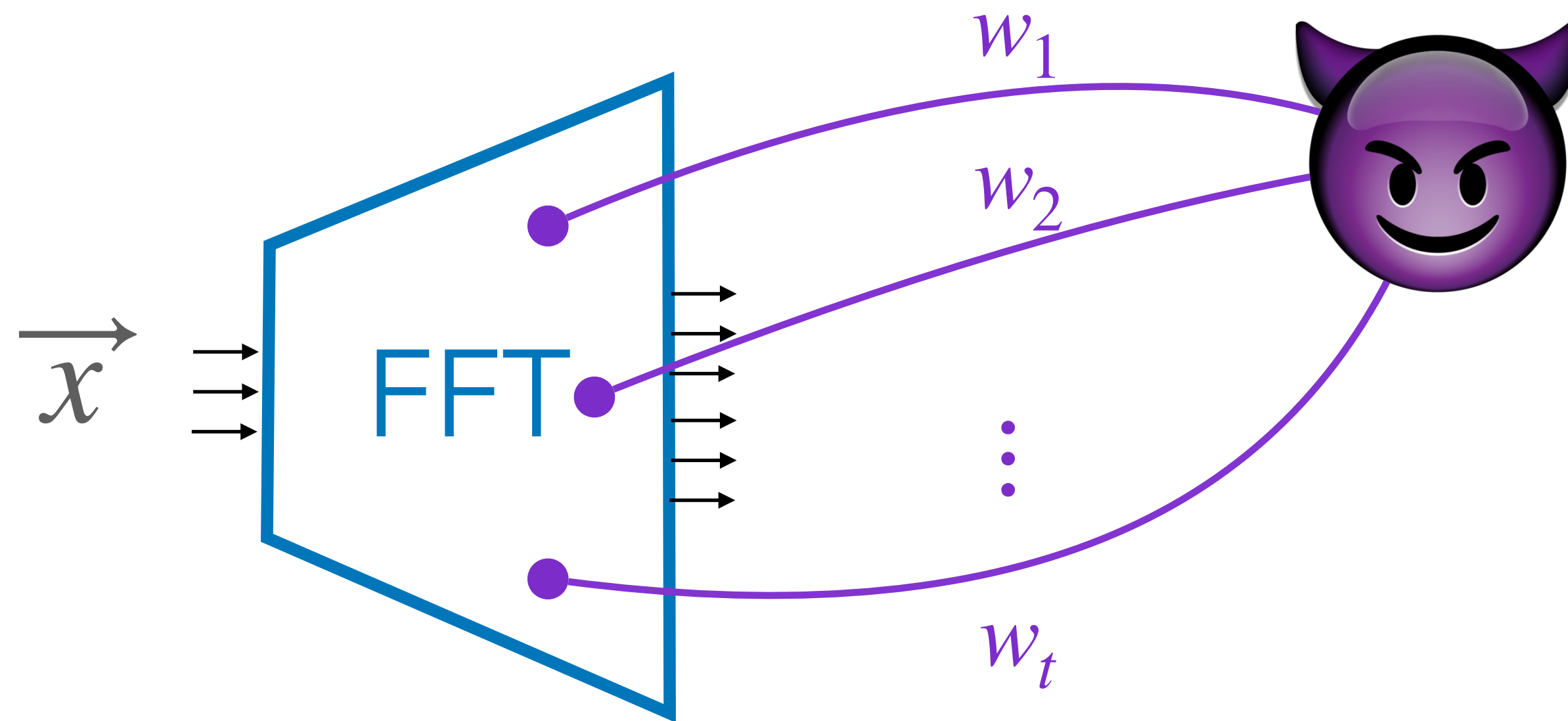


what about
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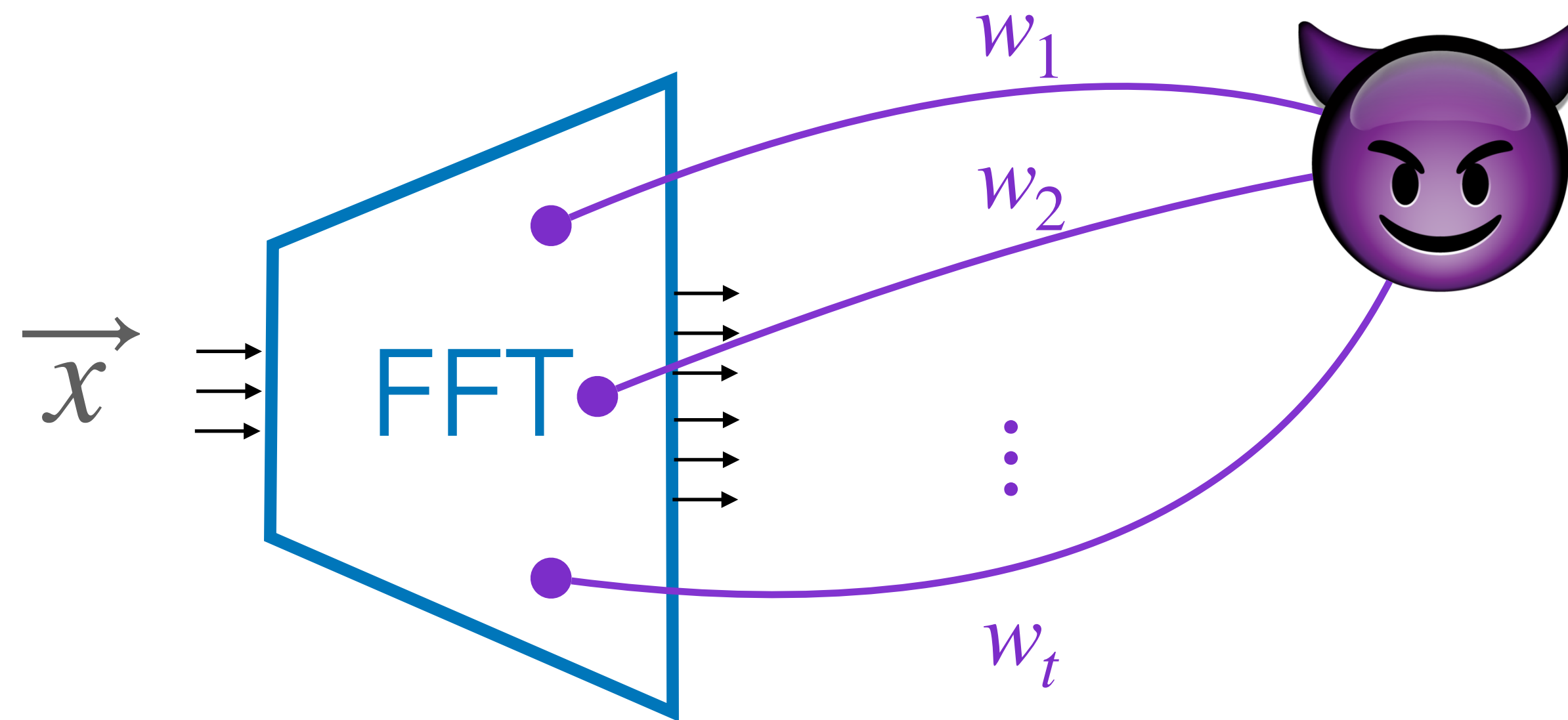
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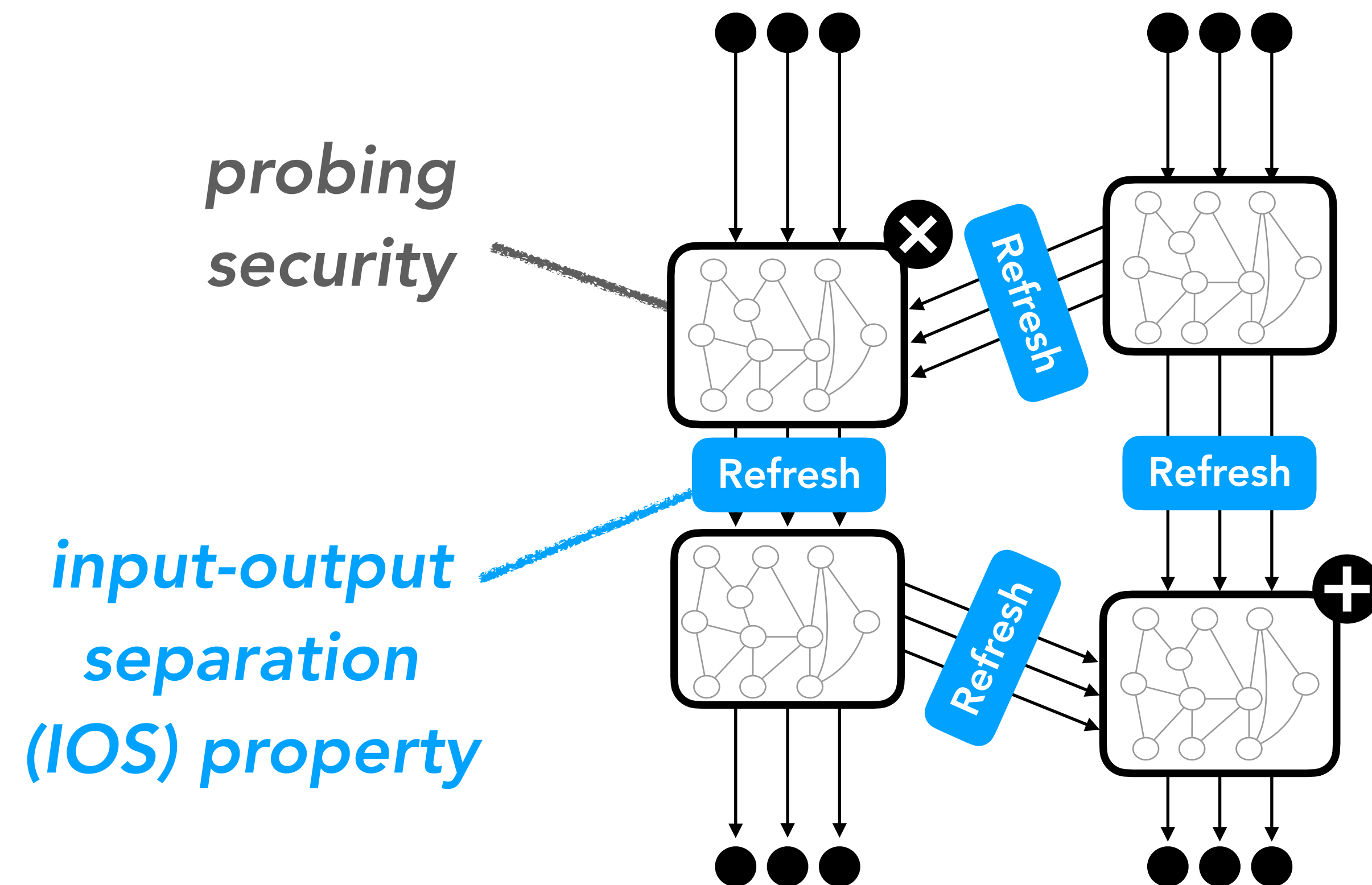


Lemma 1 + Lemma 2

$$P \left[(w_1, \dots, w_t) \text{ cannot be simulated} \right] \leq \frac{t}{|\mathbb{F}|} < \frac{n}{|\mathbb{F}|}$$

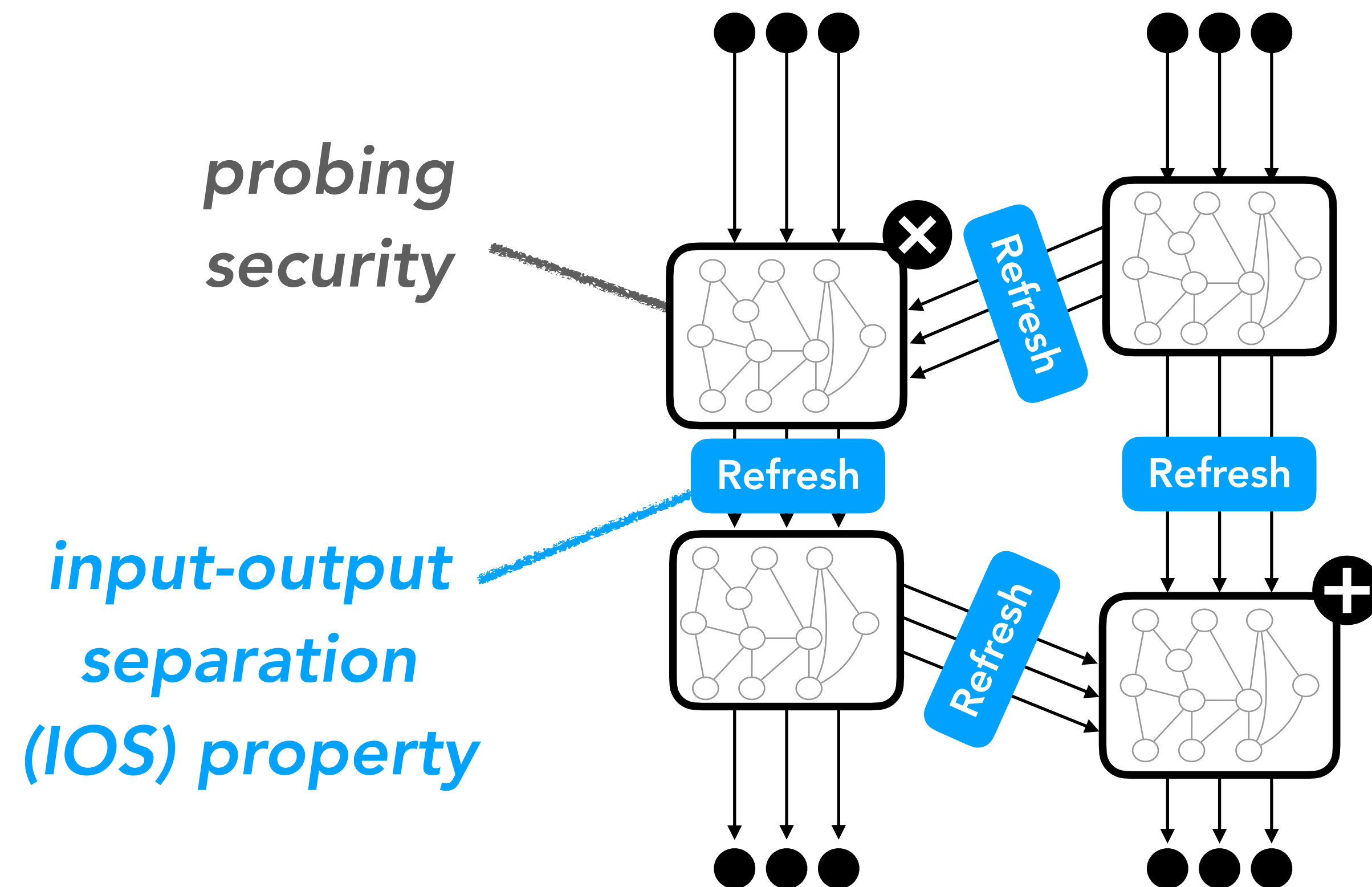


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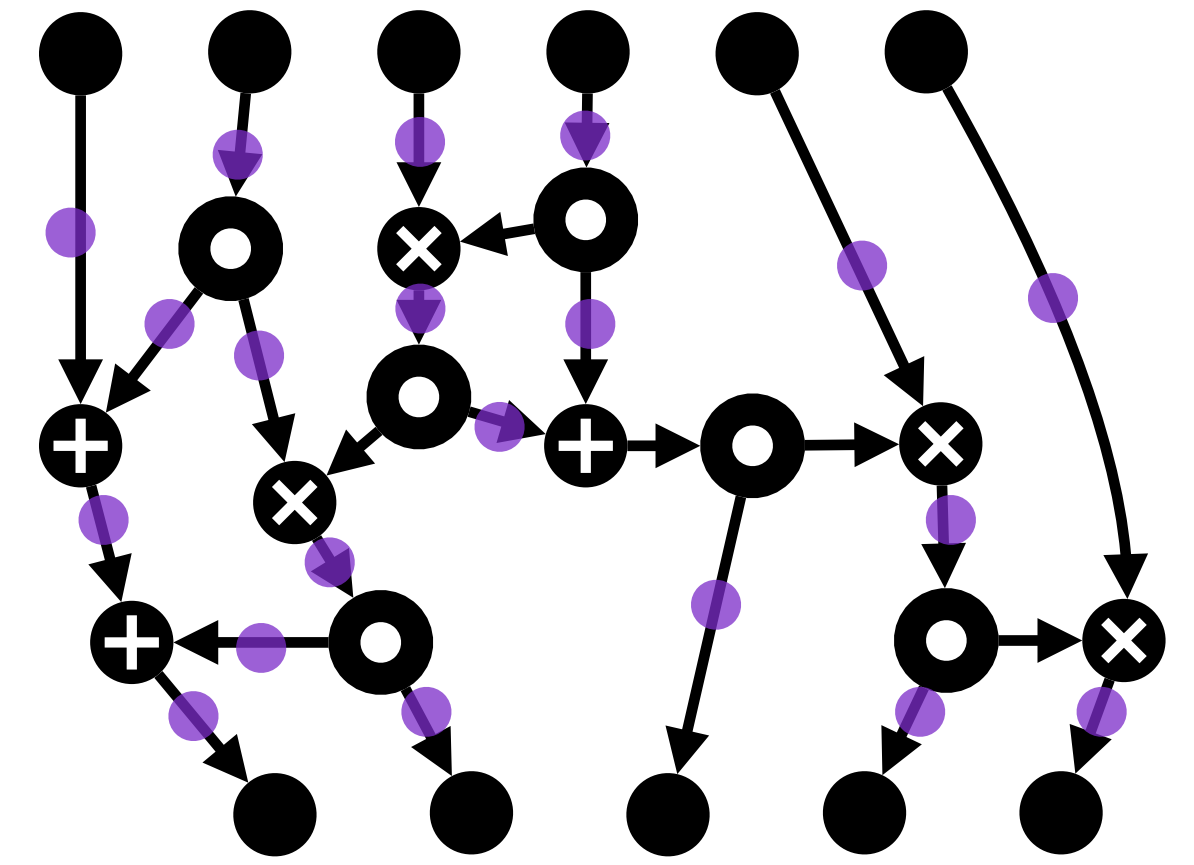
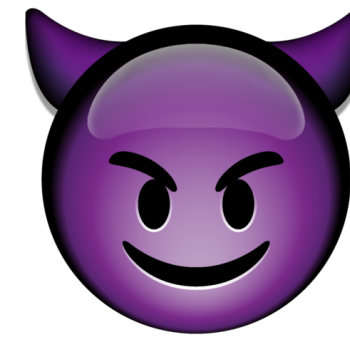
Security with constant leakage rate



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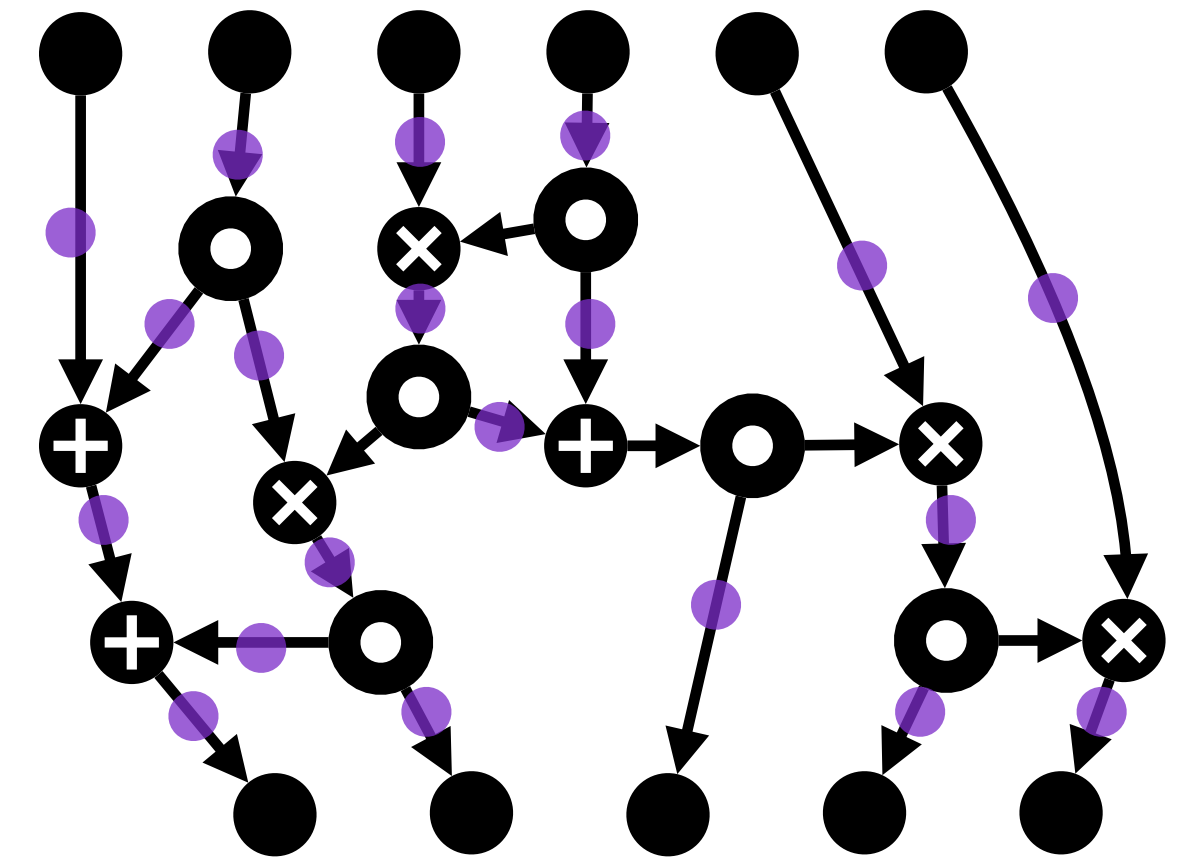
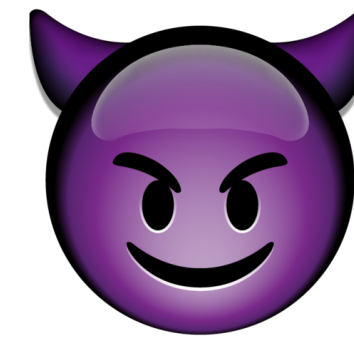
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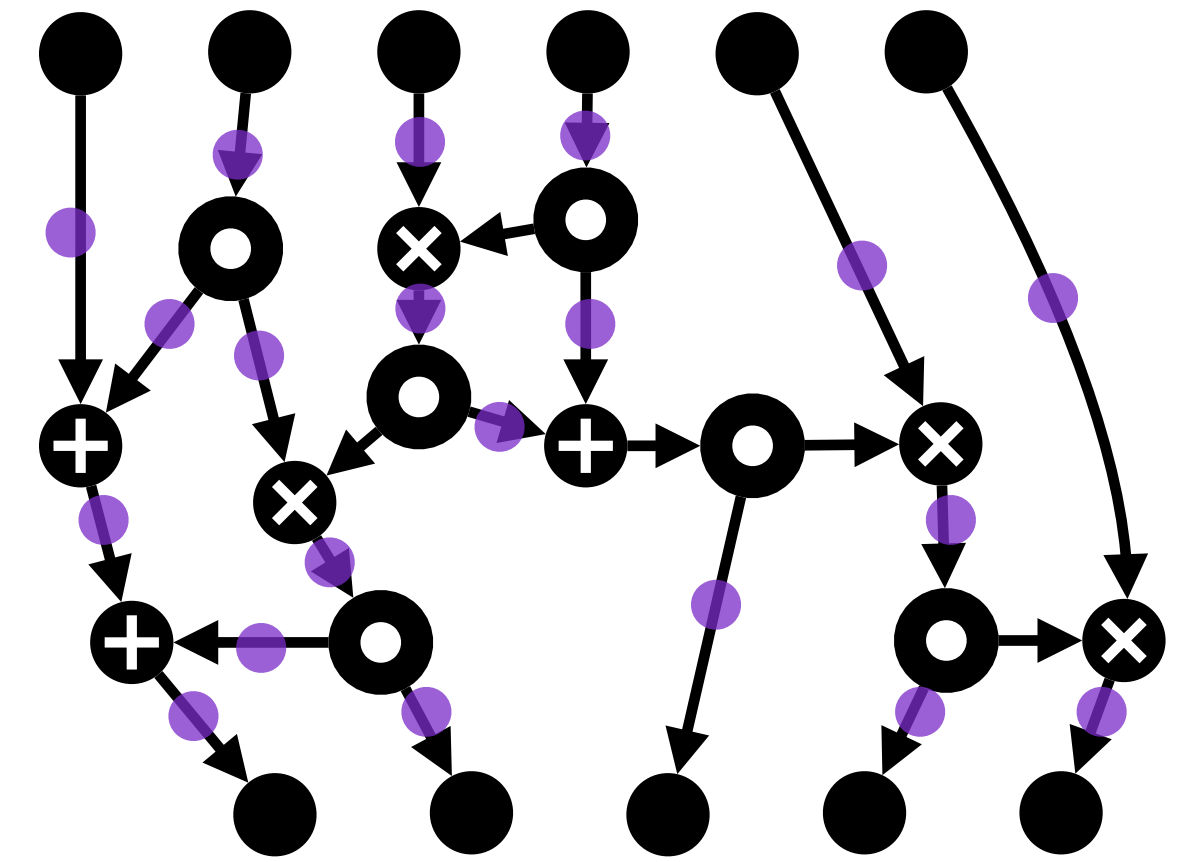
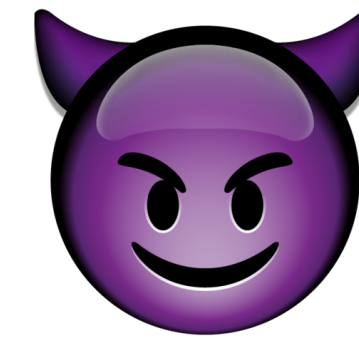
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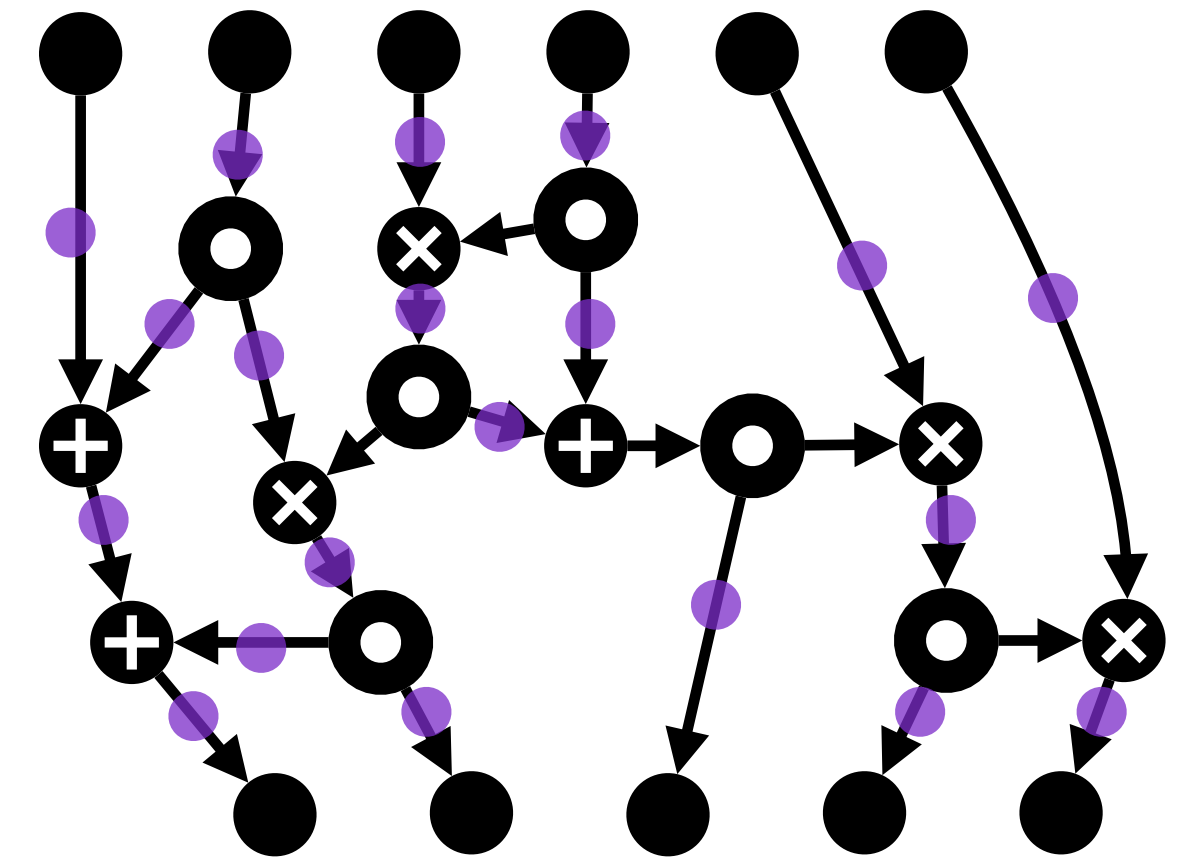
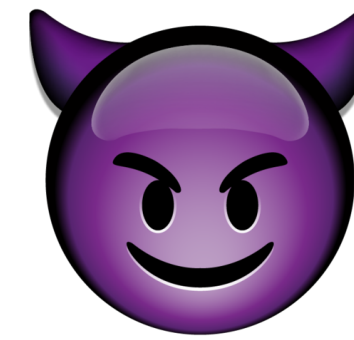
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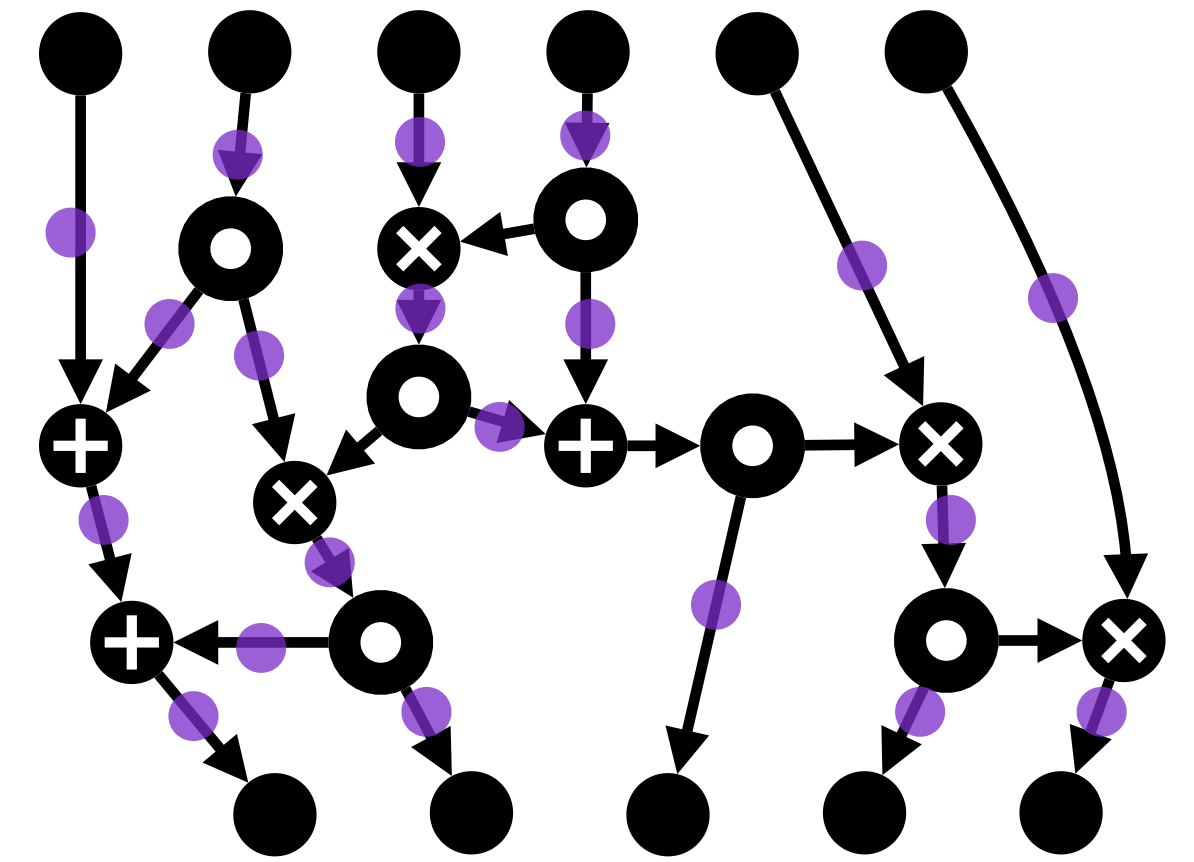
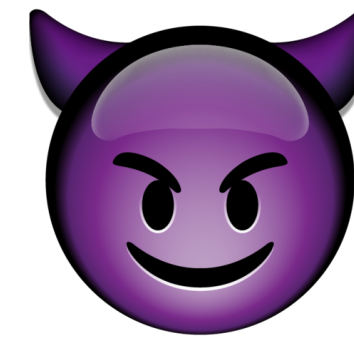
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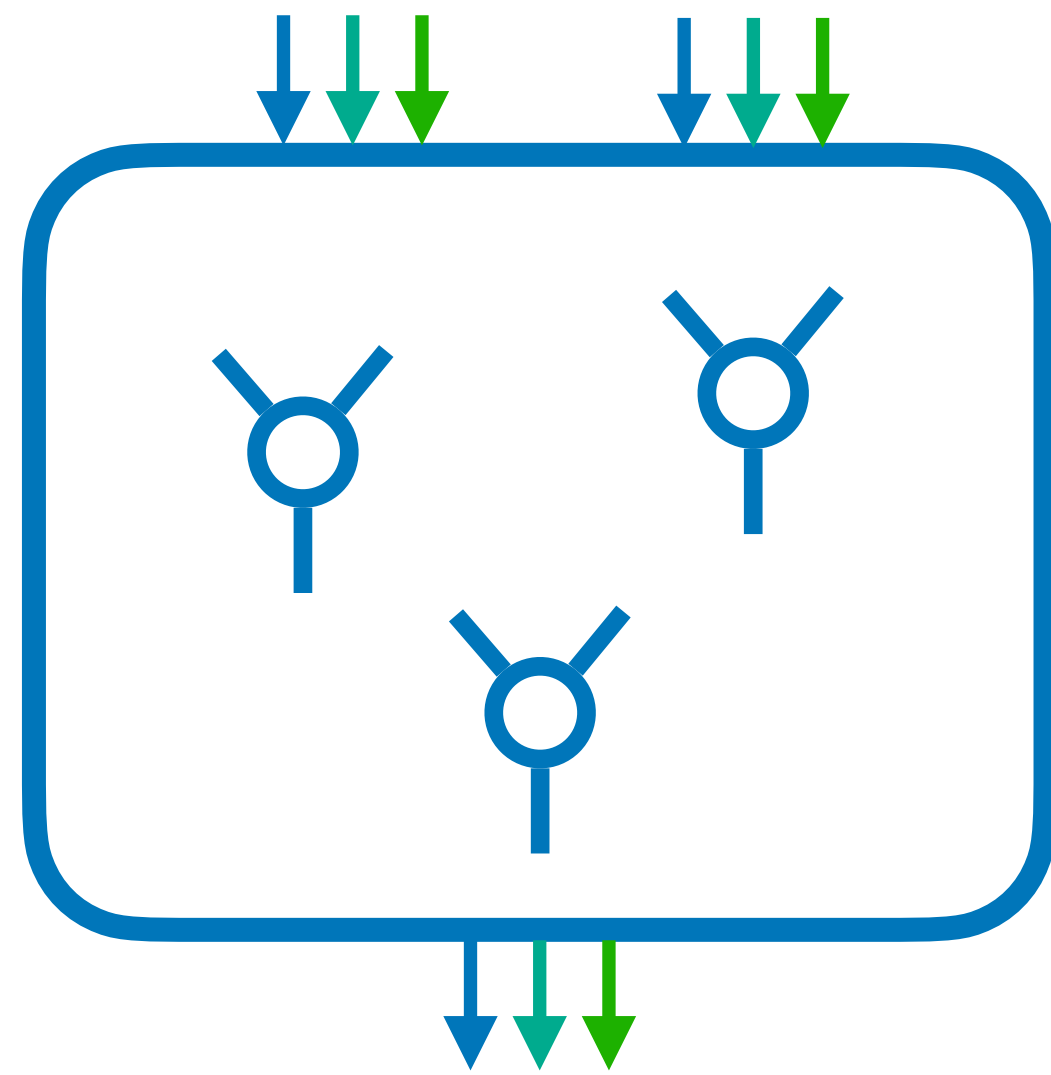
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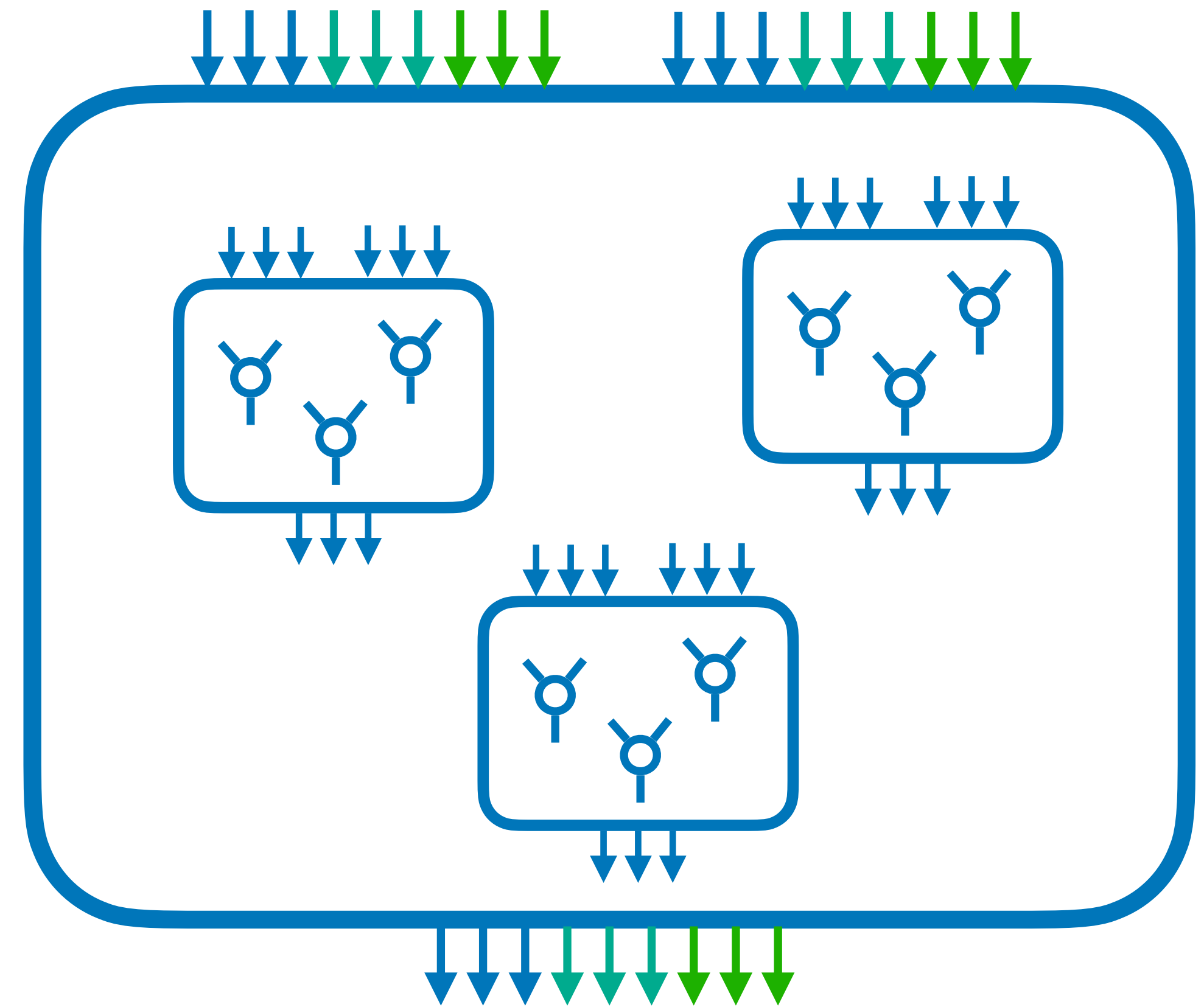
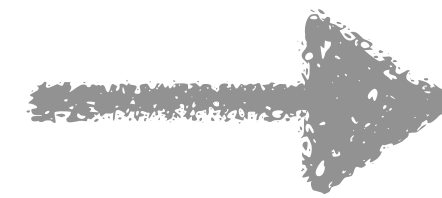


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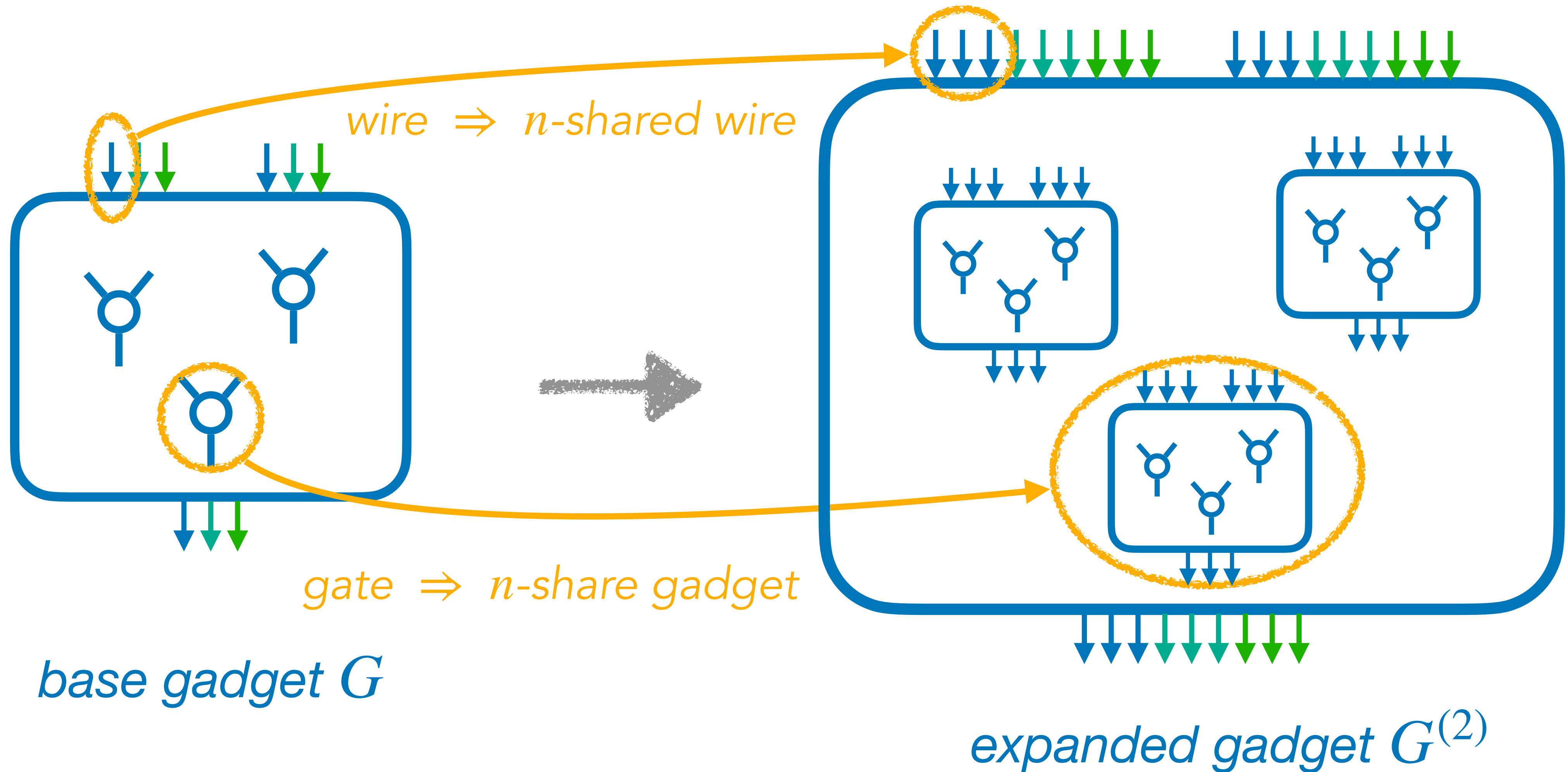


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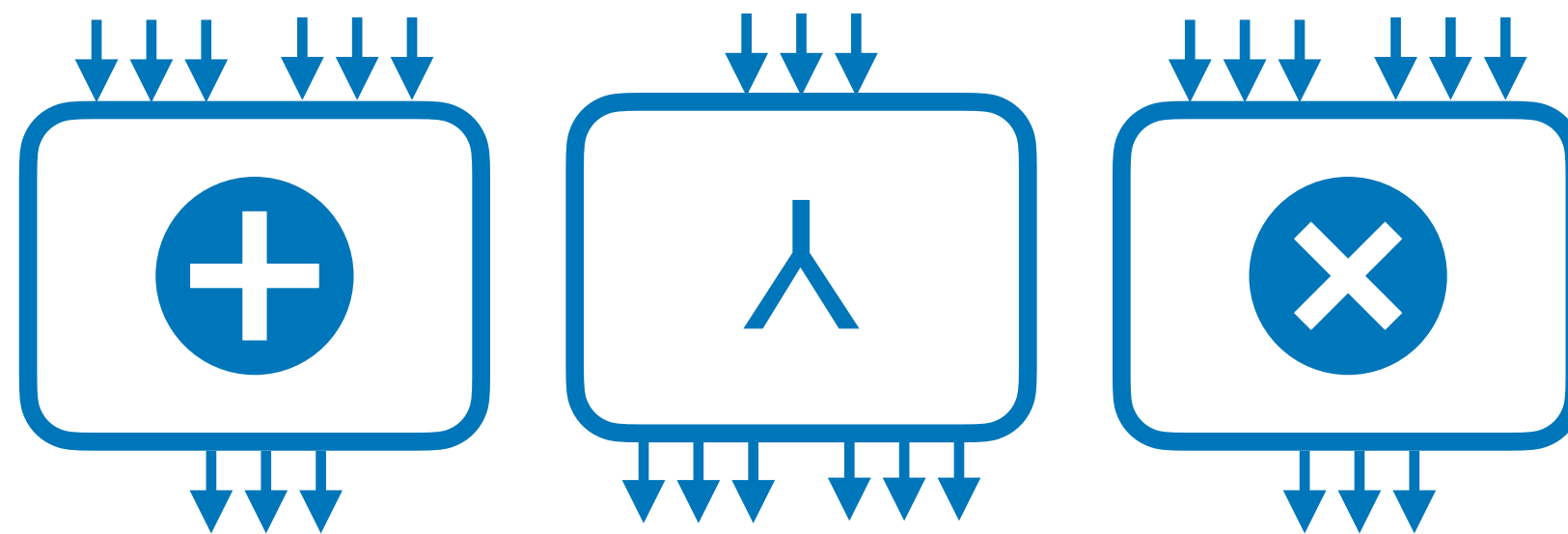
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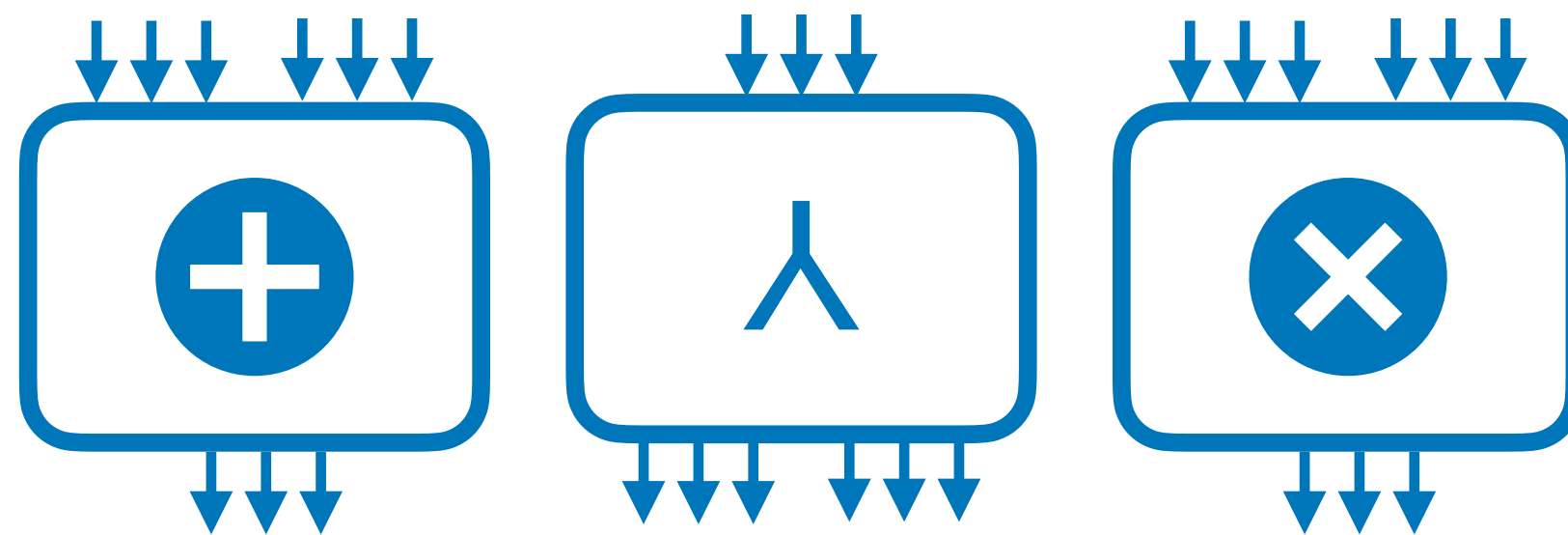
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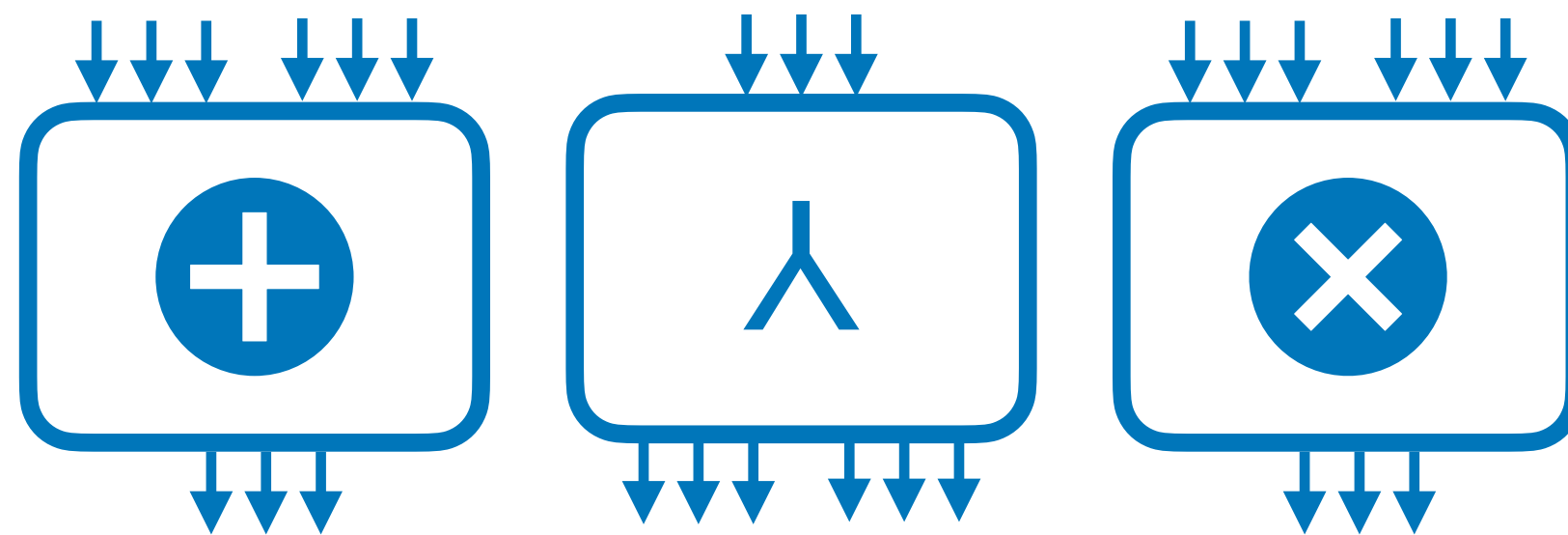
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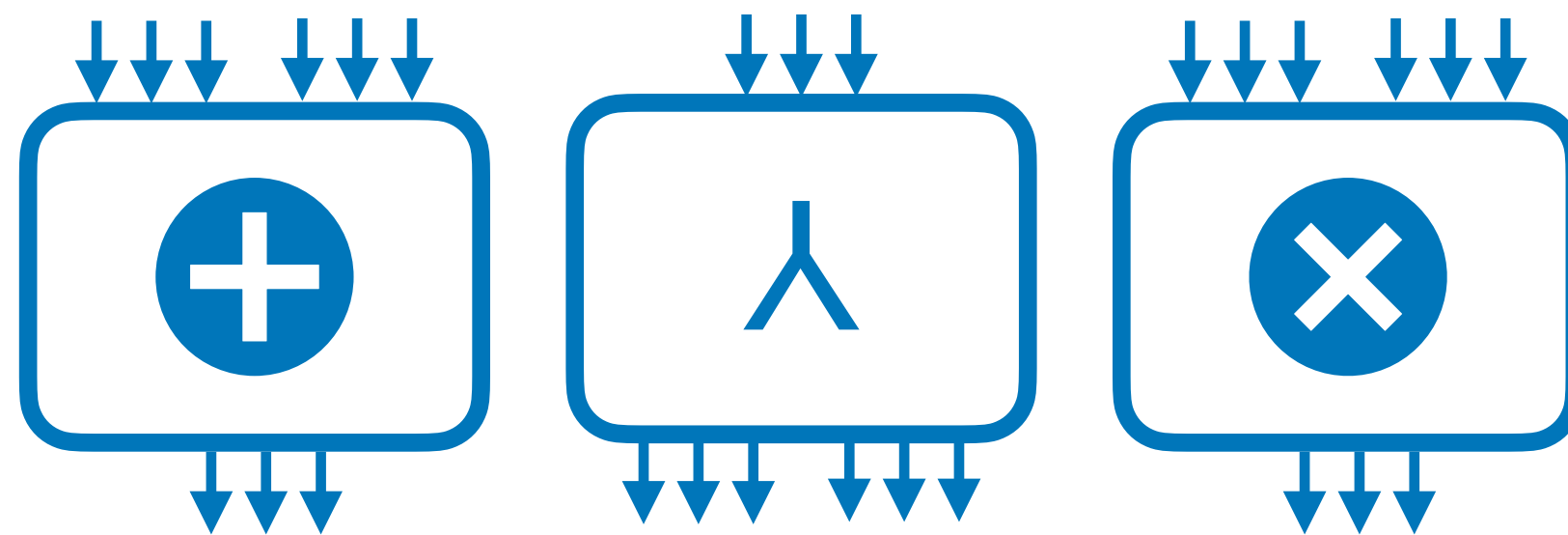
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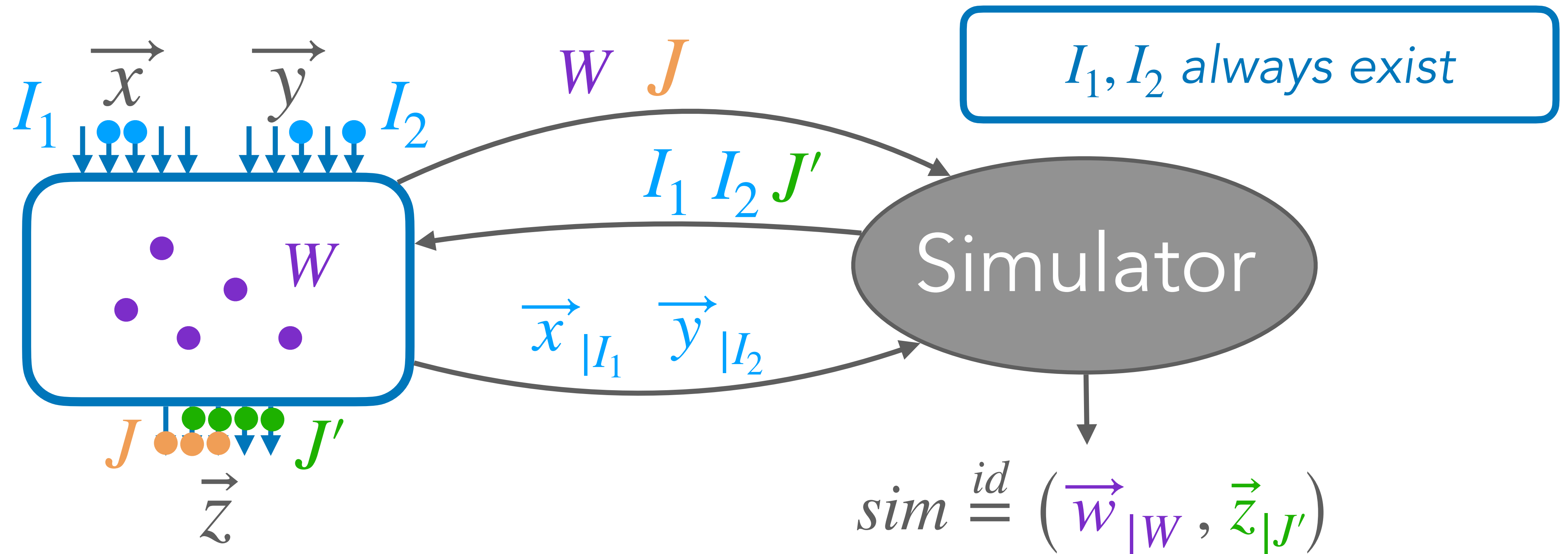
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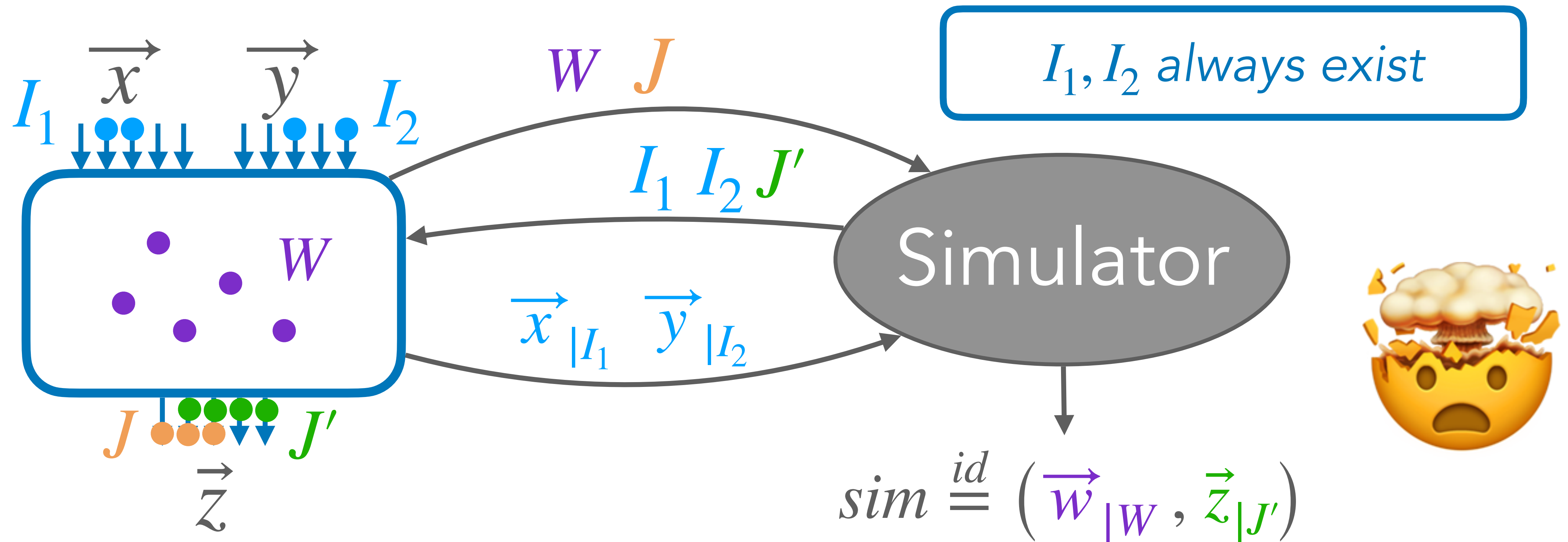
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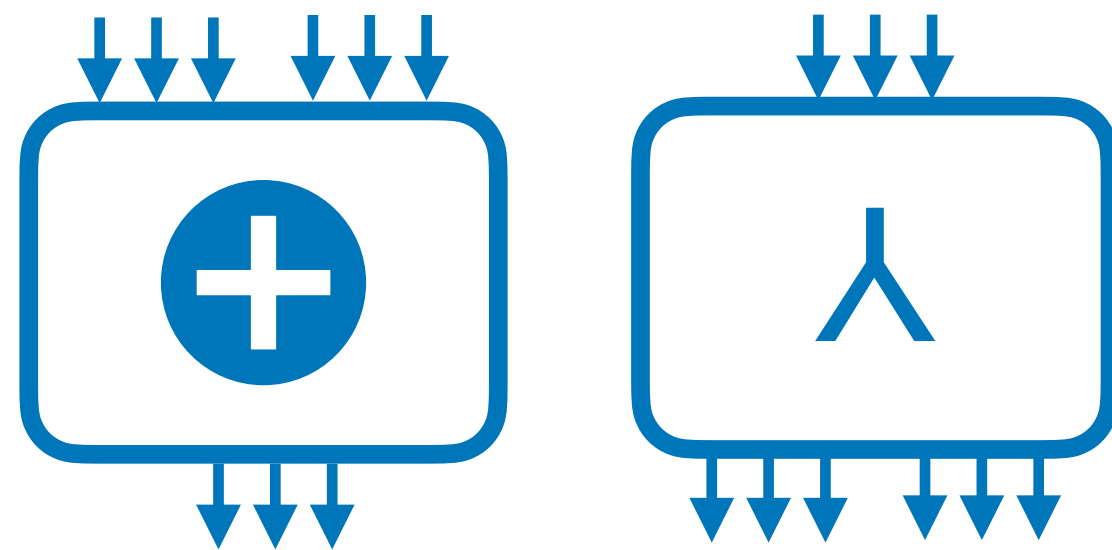
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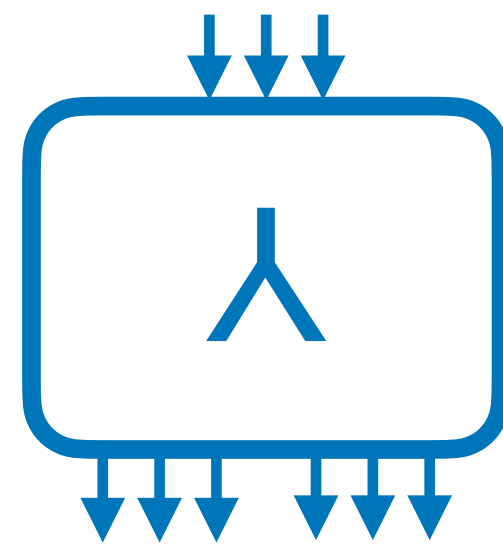
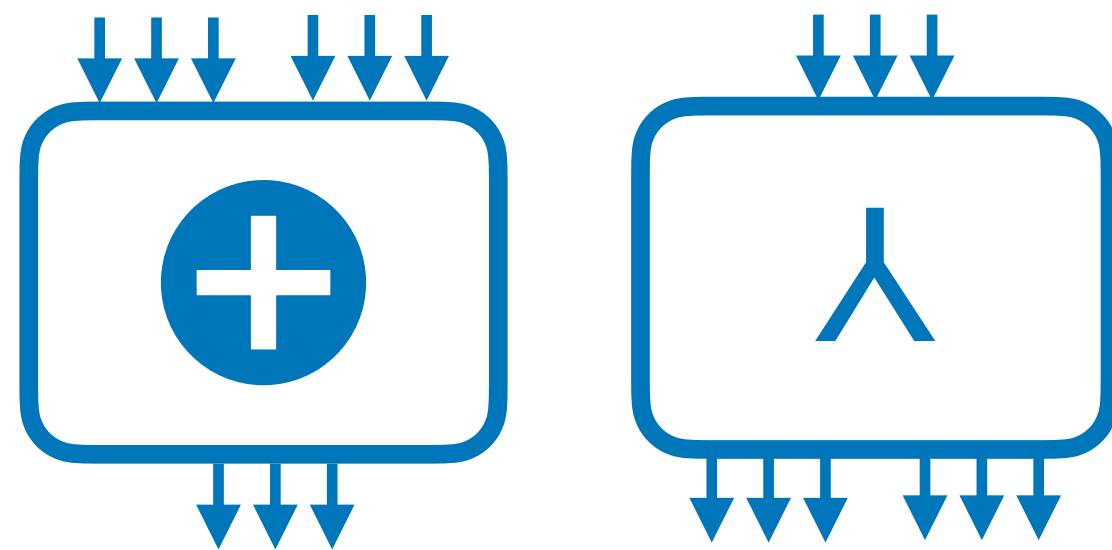
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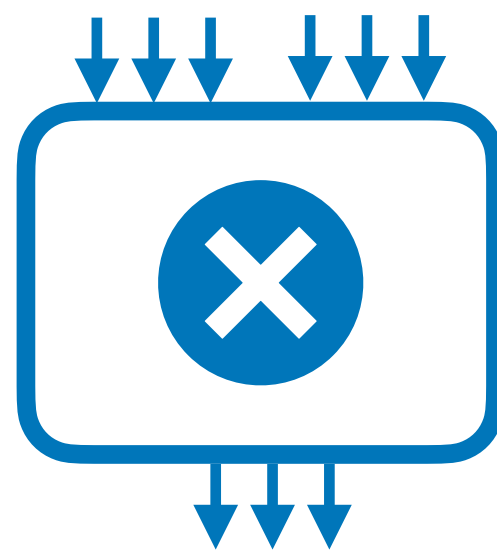
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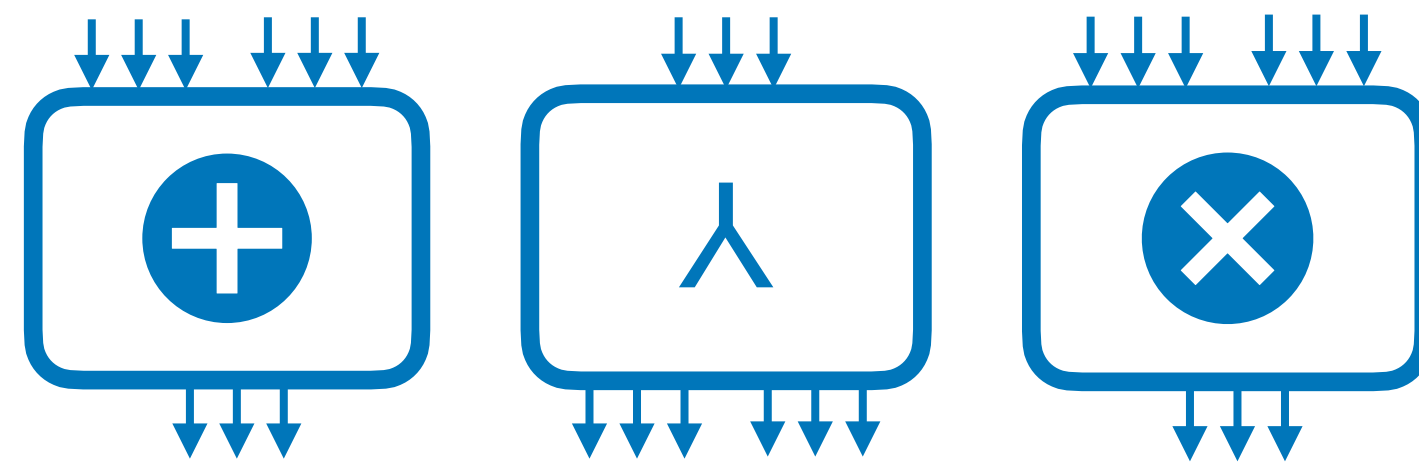
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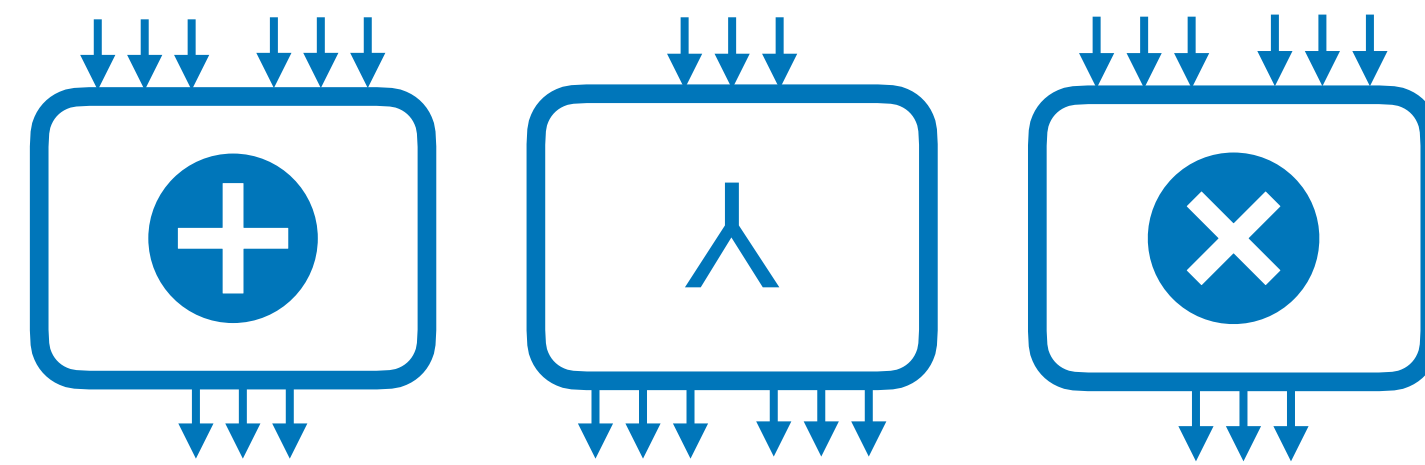
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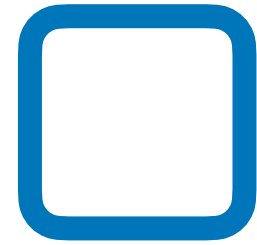
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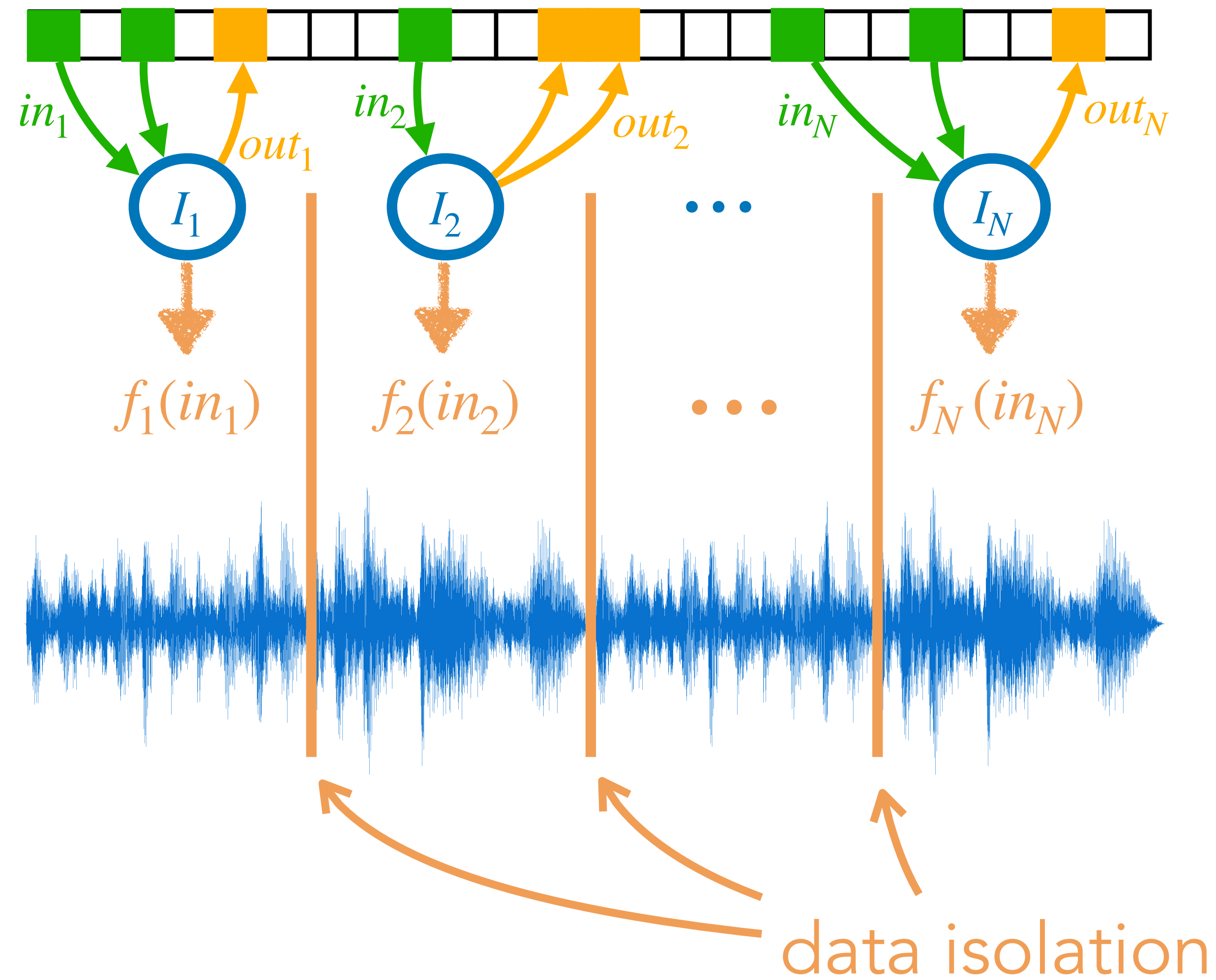


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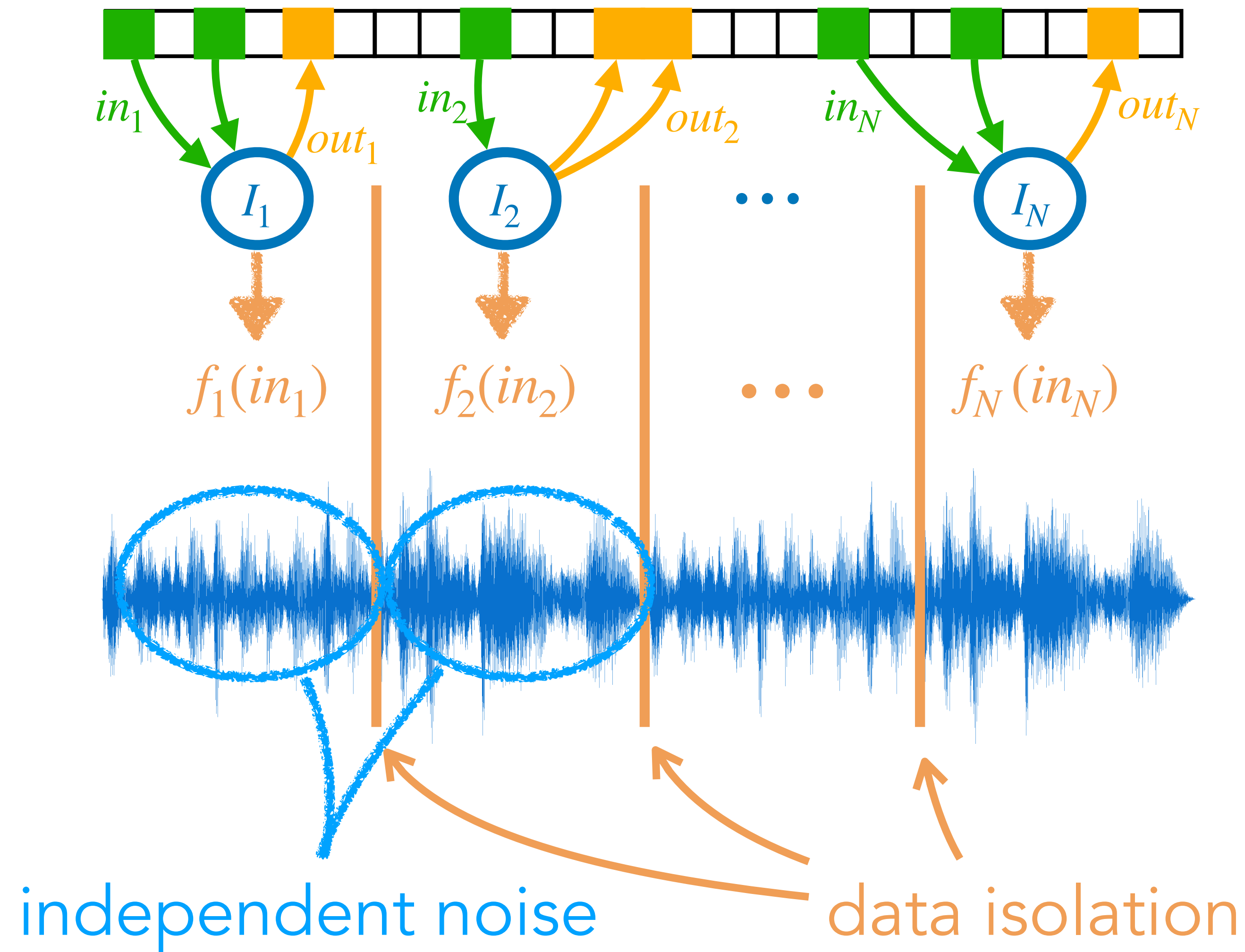


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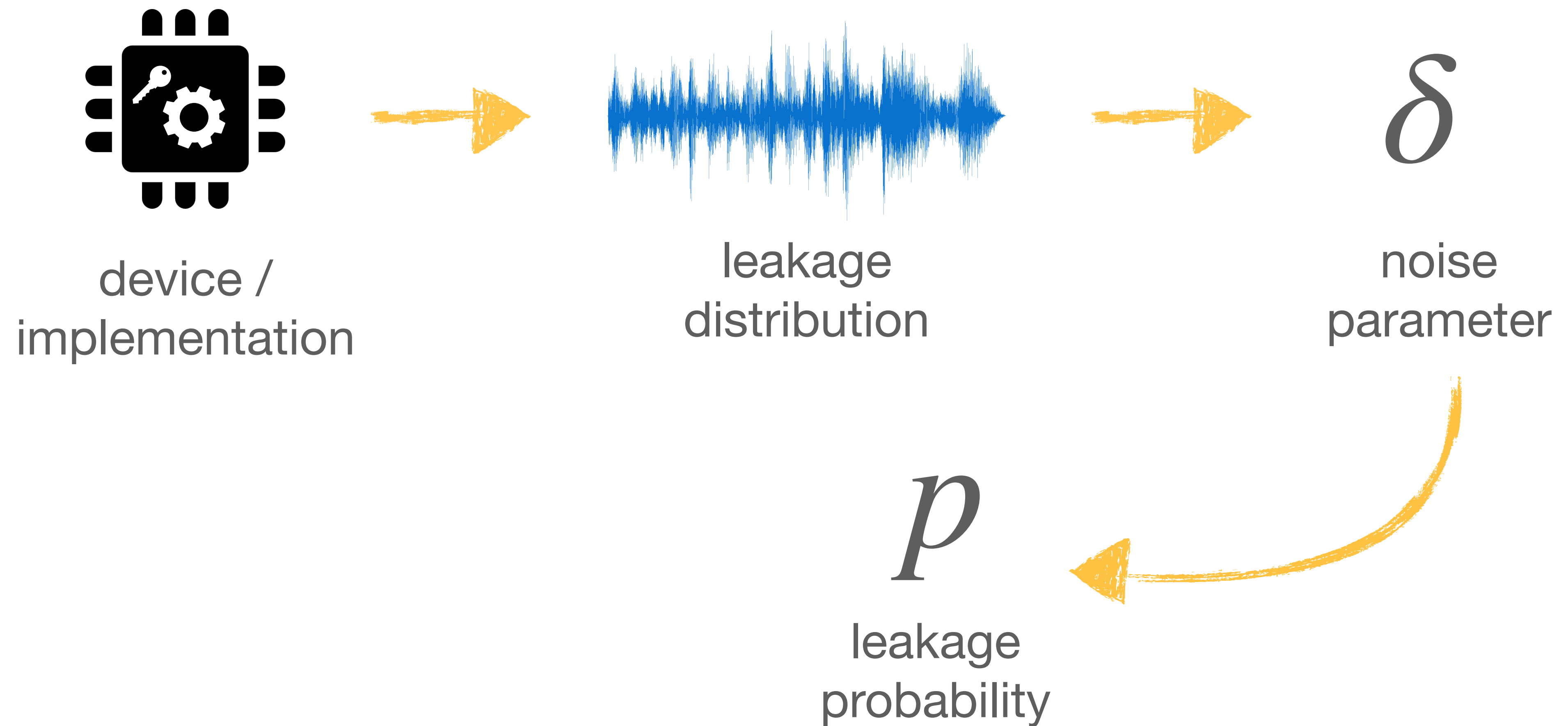
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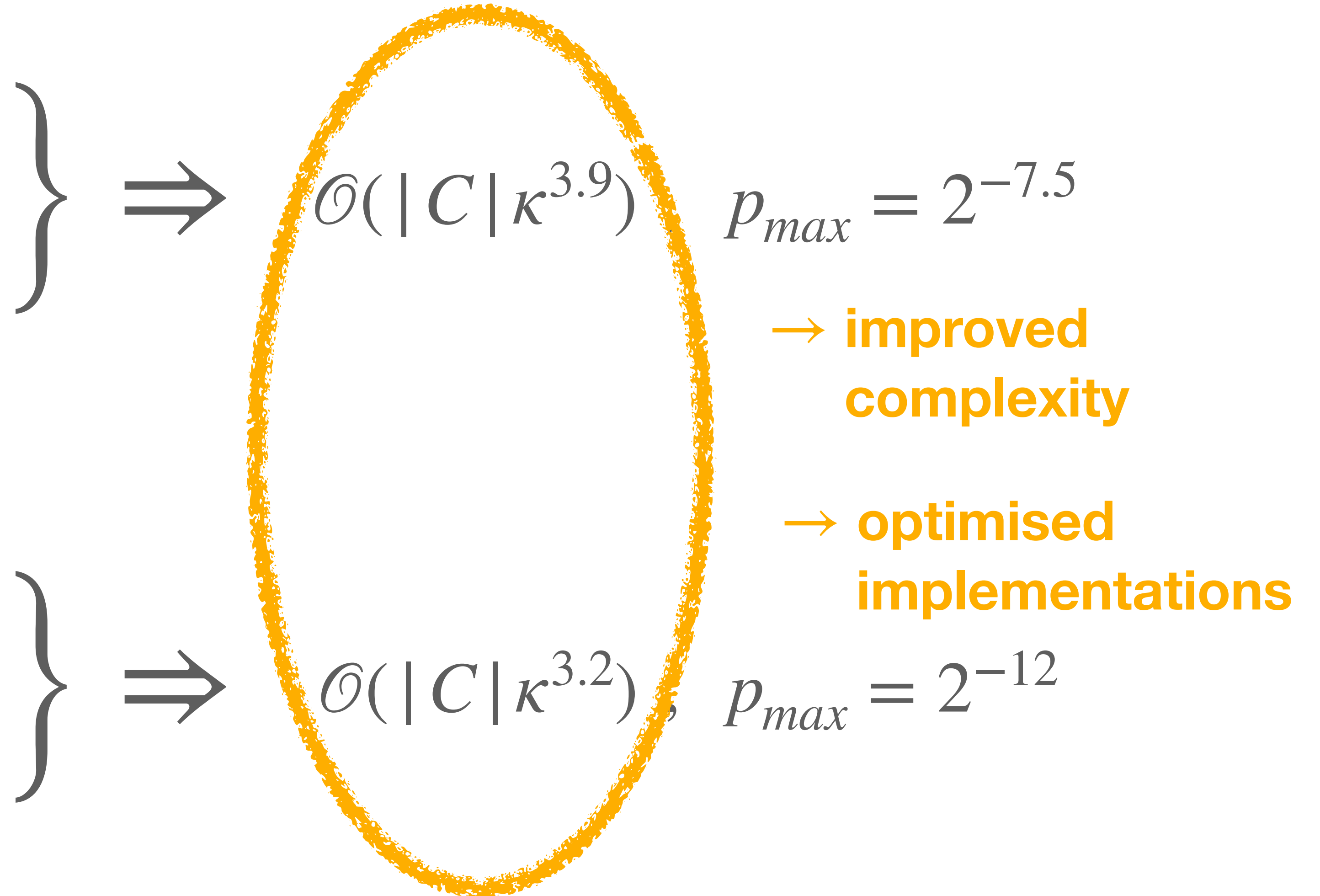
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