Quantum Private Information Retrieval

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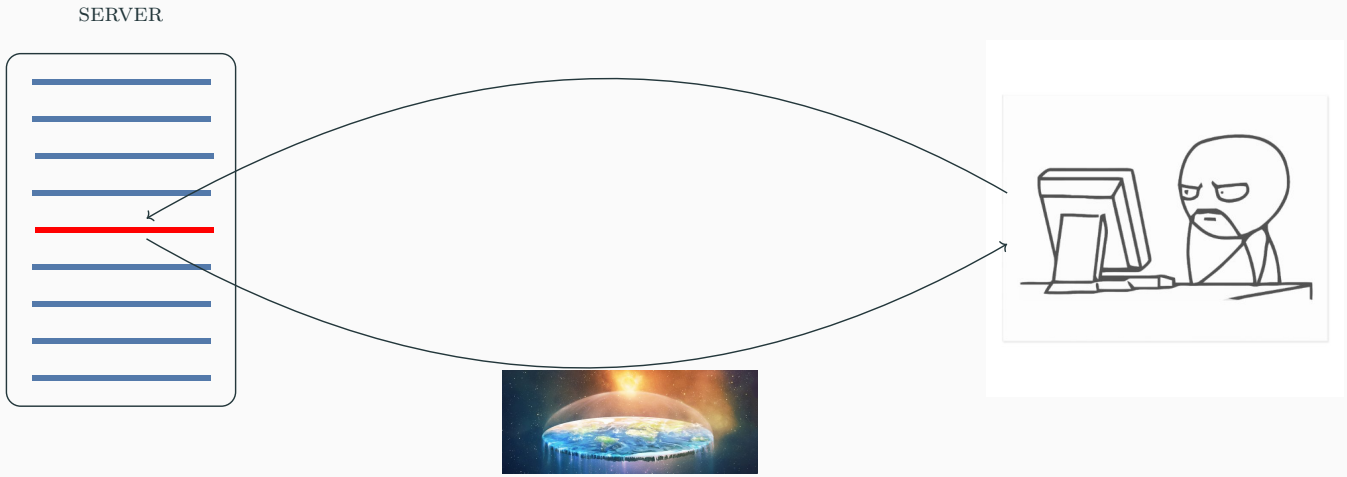

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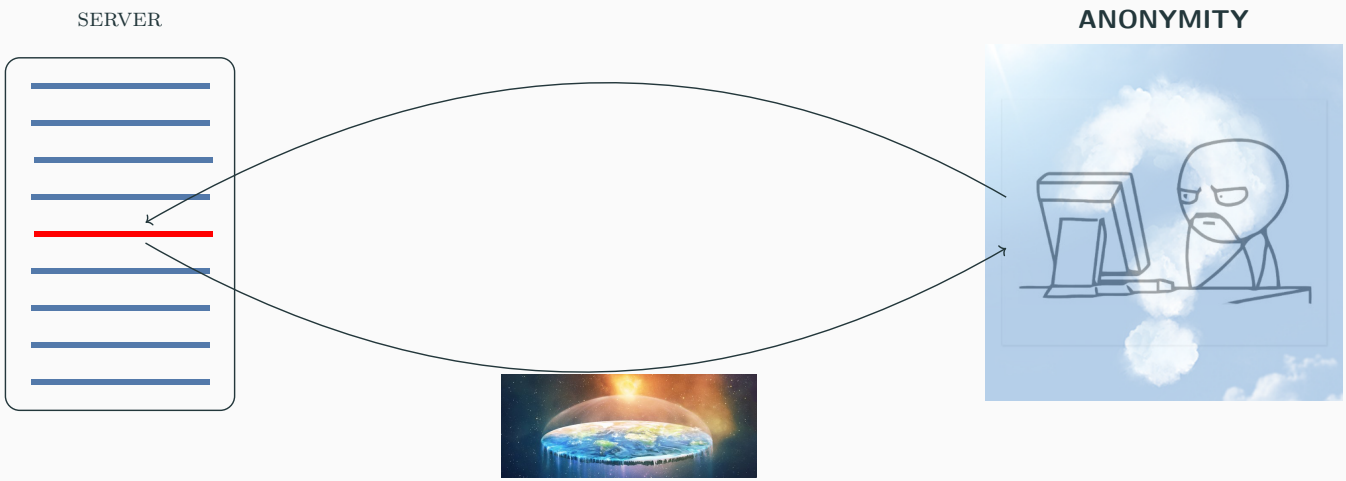

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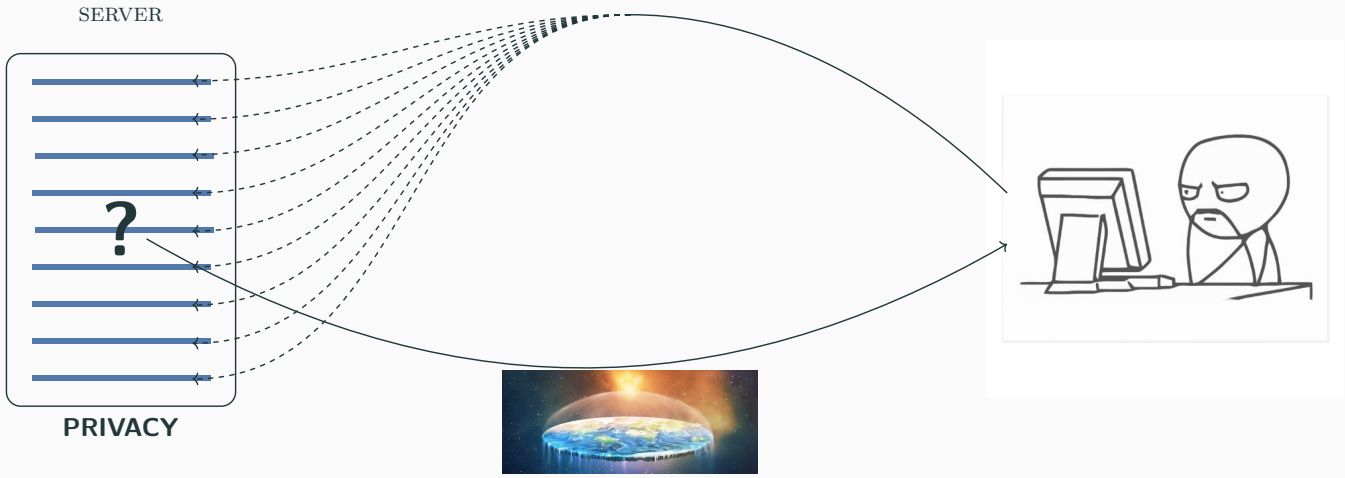

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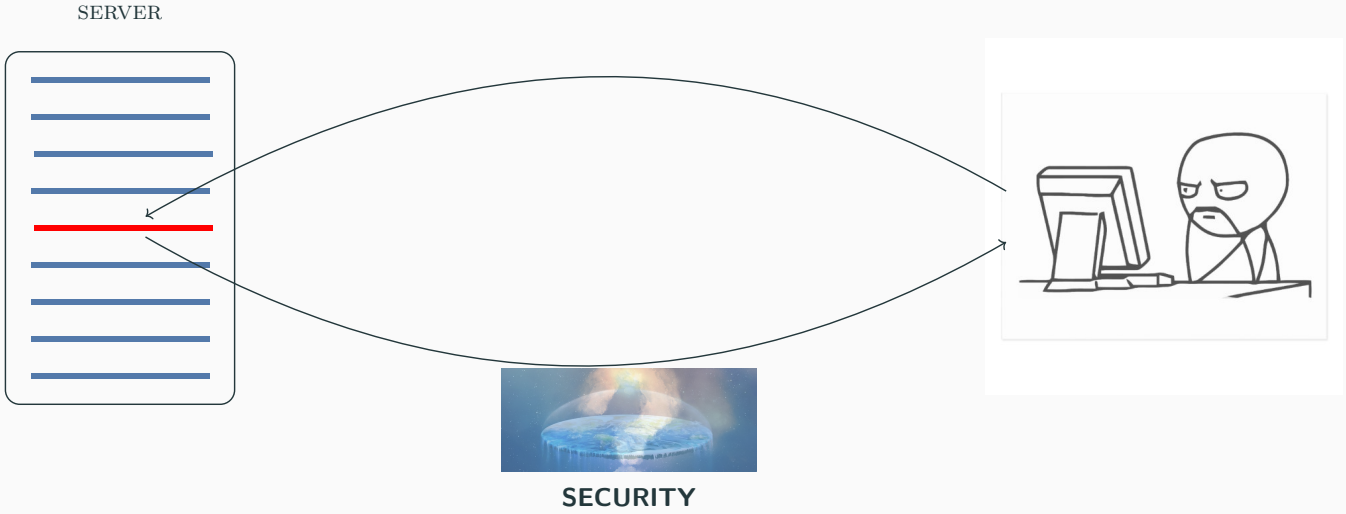

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Coded Storage

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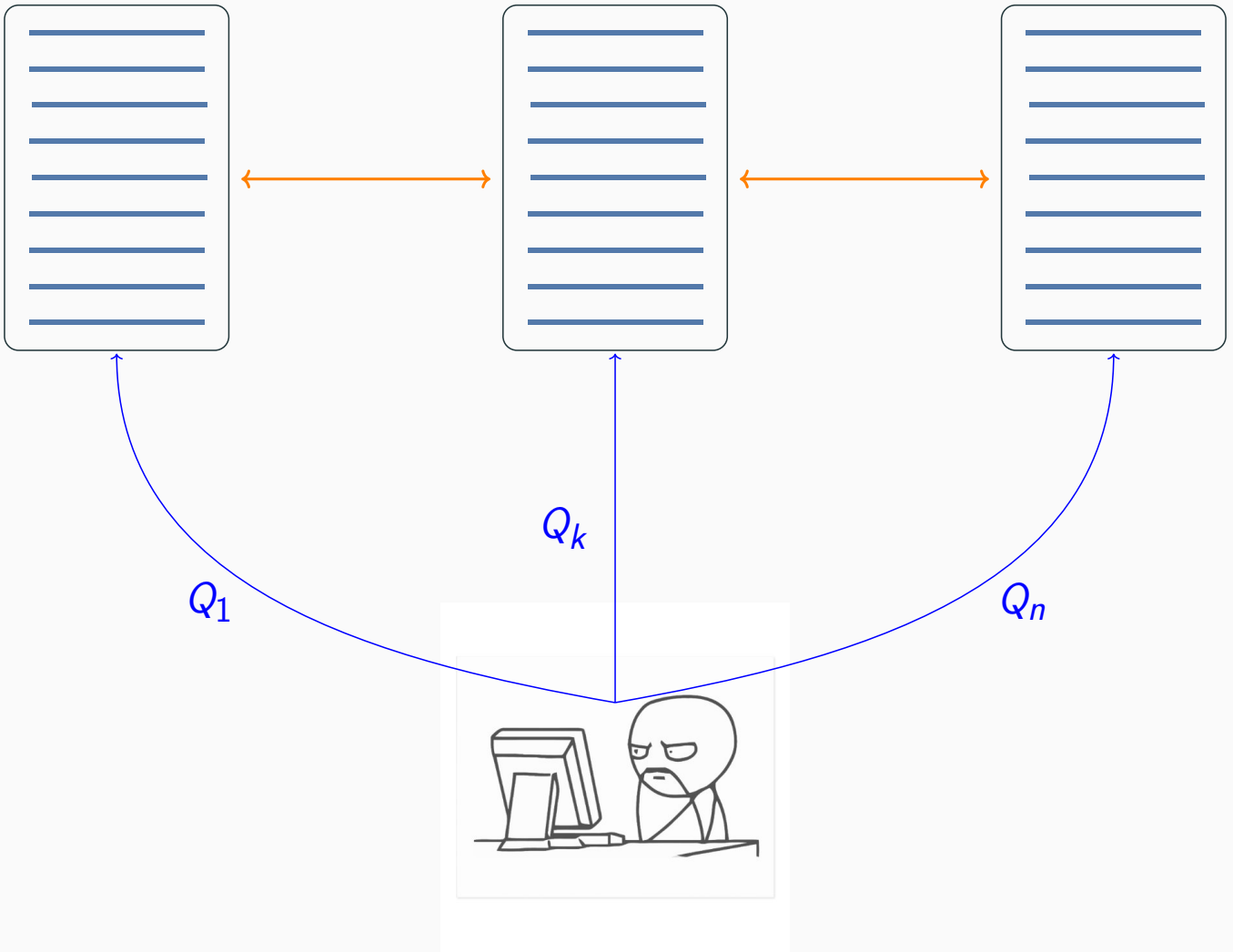

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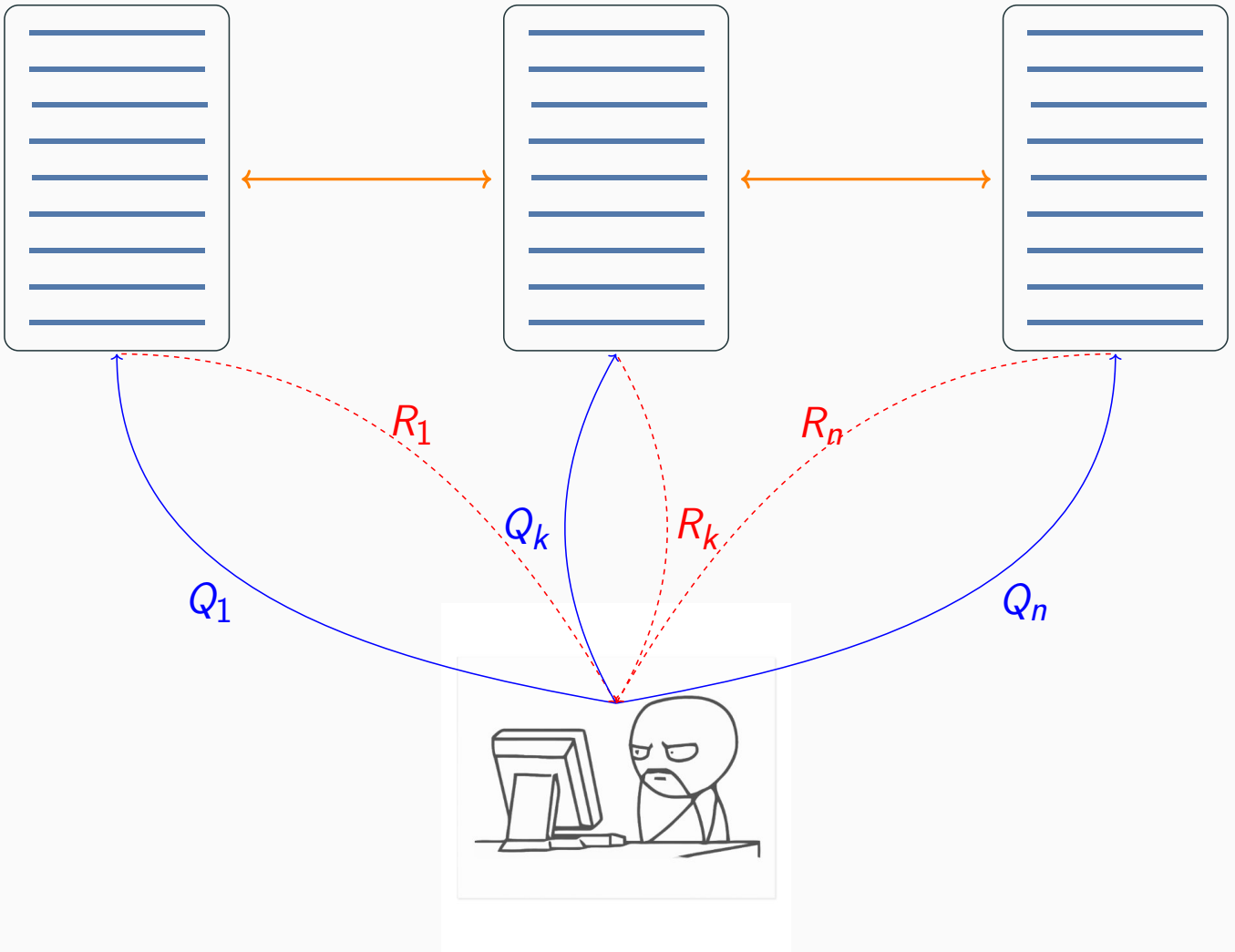

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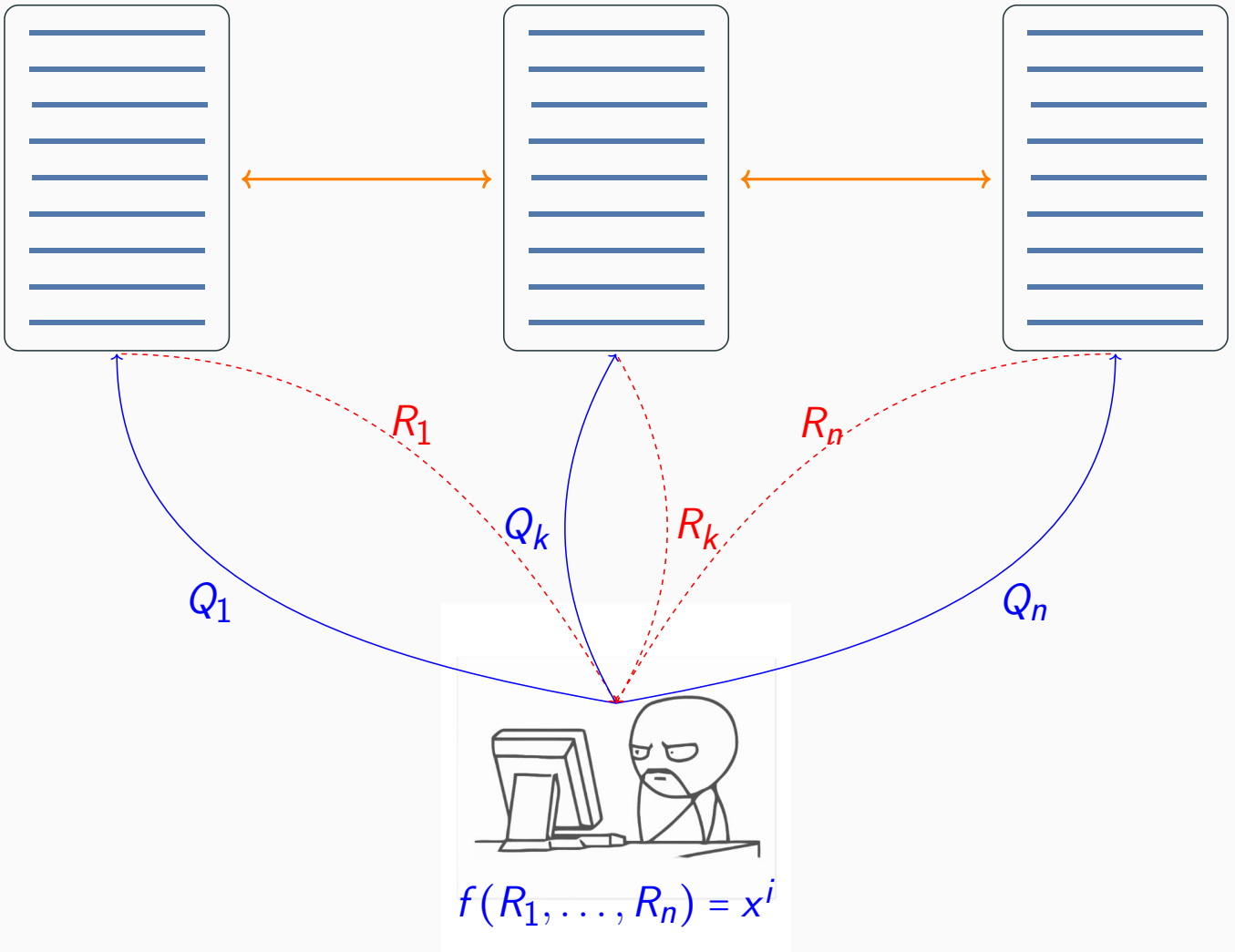

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Server privacy: The user does not learn any information about the files other than the requested one, *i.e.*,

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A scheme with both user and server privacy is called *symmetric*.

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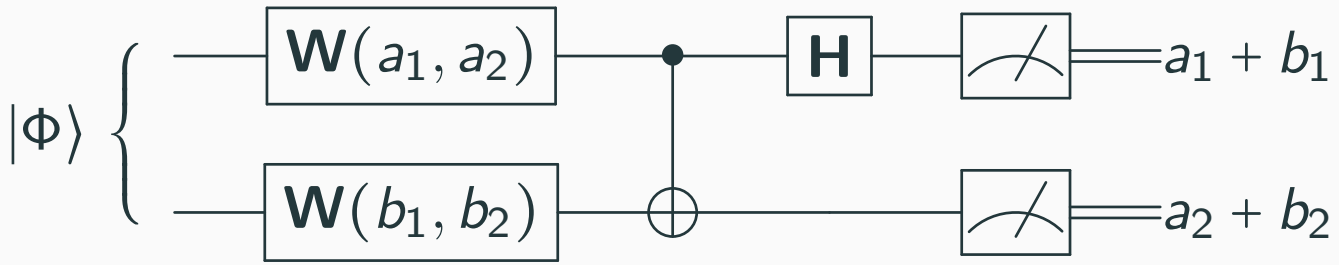

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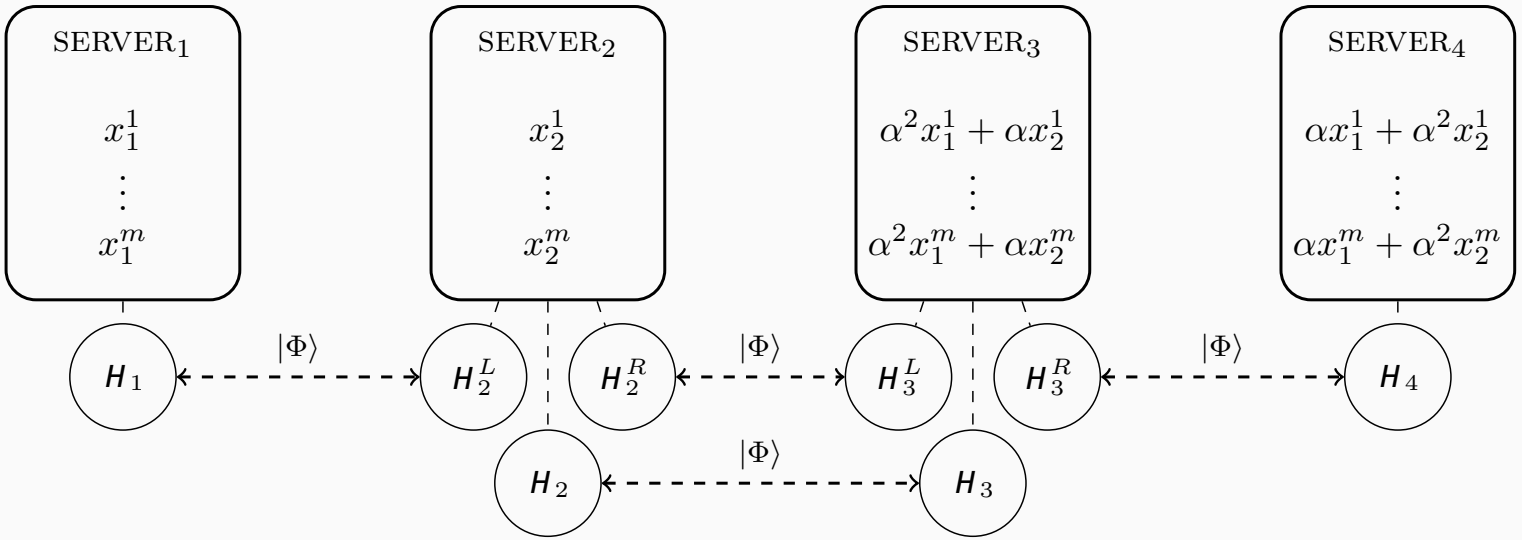

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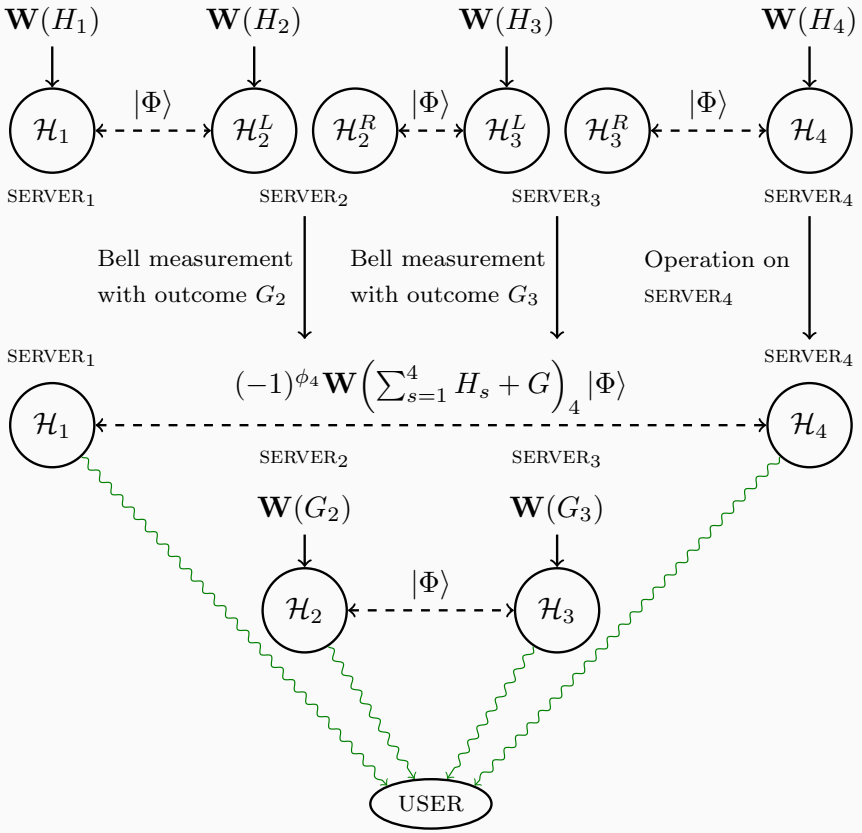

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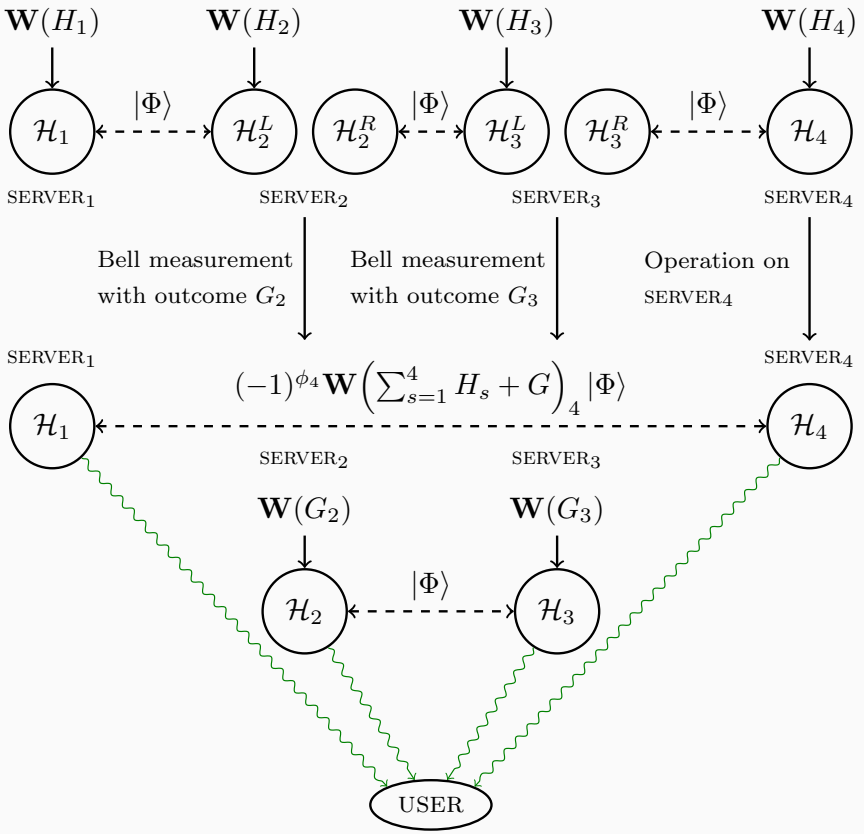

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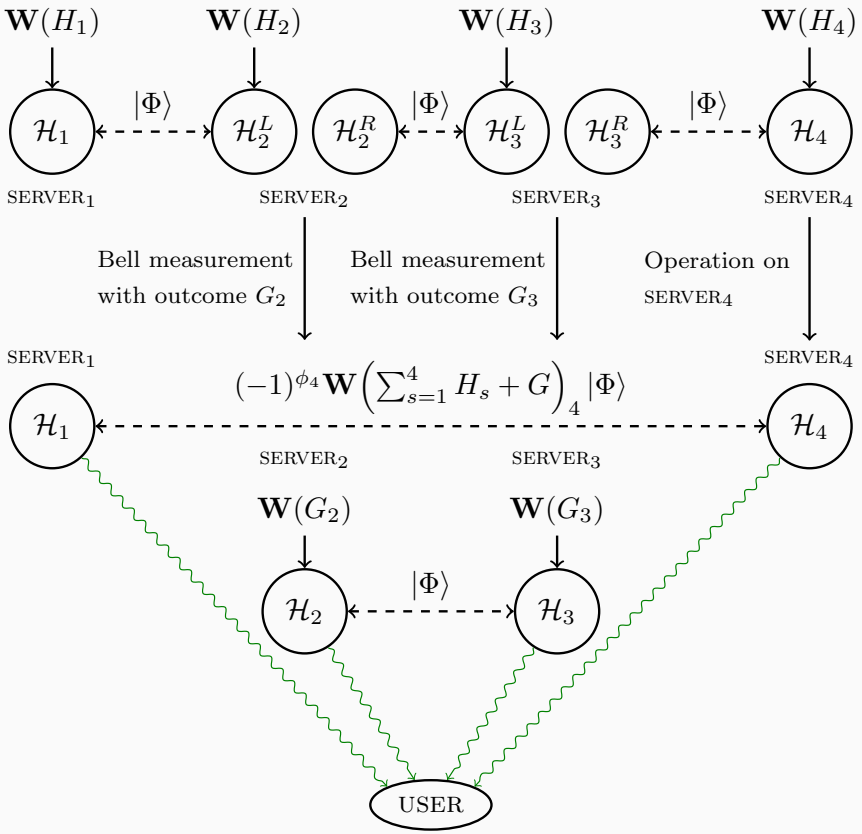

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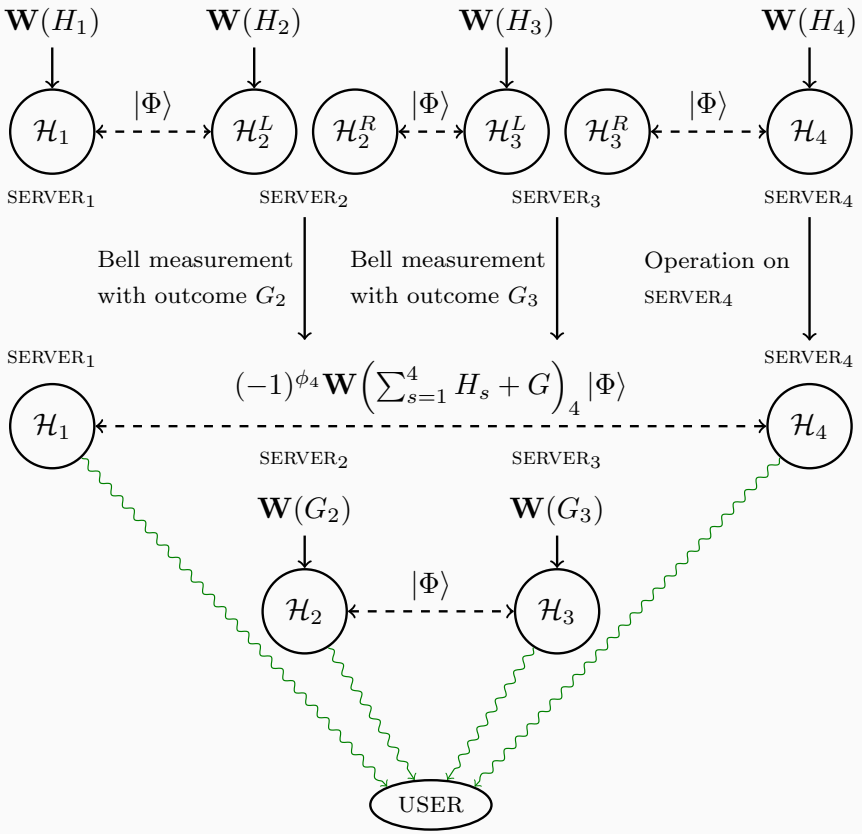

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Remark

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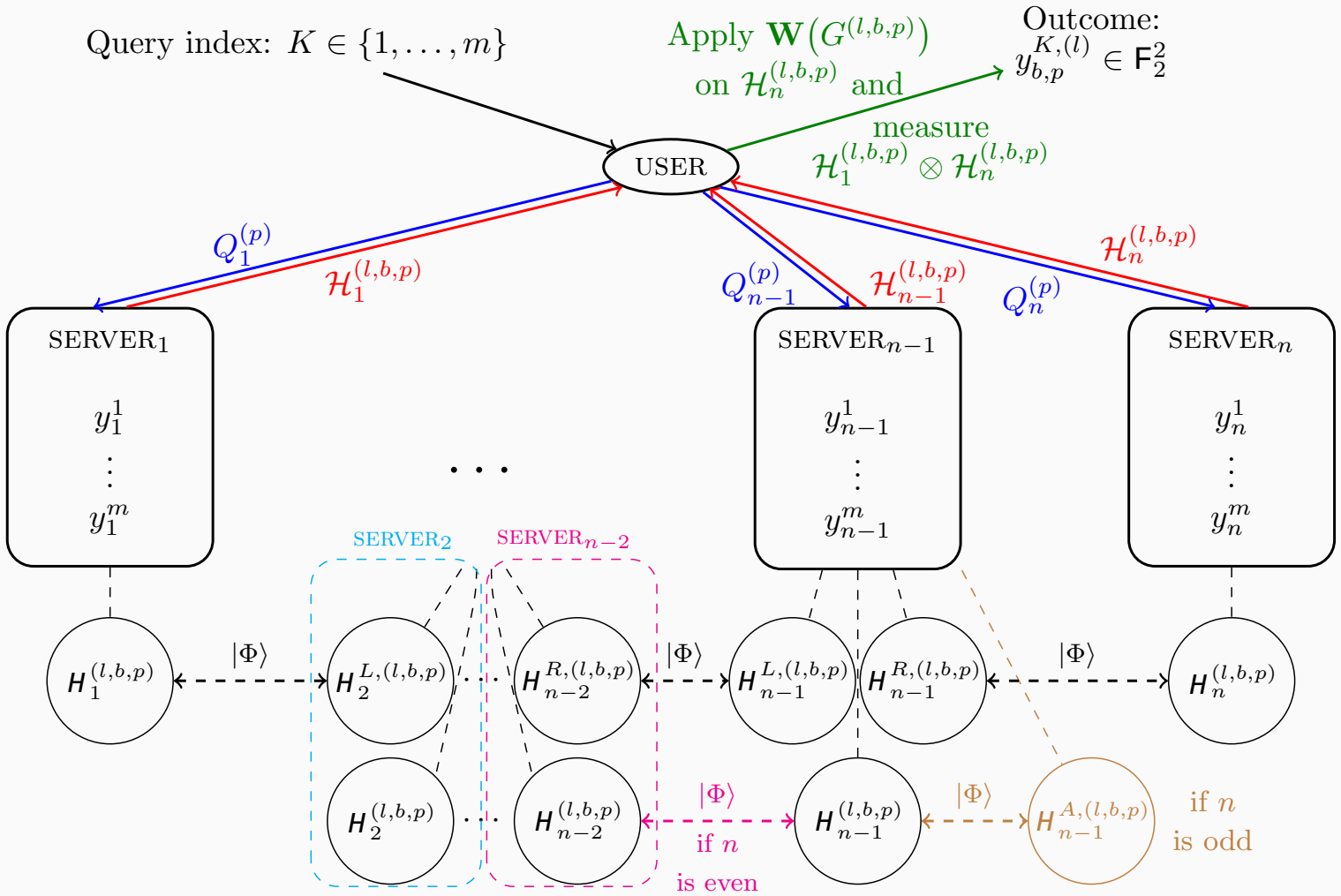

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Improvements with Locally Repairable Codes (LRC)

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The local codes $\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{A}_l}$ of an optimal LRC $\mathcal{C}$ are $[r + \rho - 1, r]$-MDS.

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  - $t = \rho - 1$ colluding nodes, provided that no more than t nodes collude per local group.
  - For such collusion patterns, the scheme can resist collusion of up to $t\mu = (\rho - 1)\mu$ servers

Thank You!