

Generalized Indifferentiable Sponge and its Application to Polygon Miden VM

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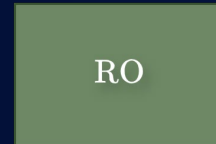


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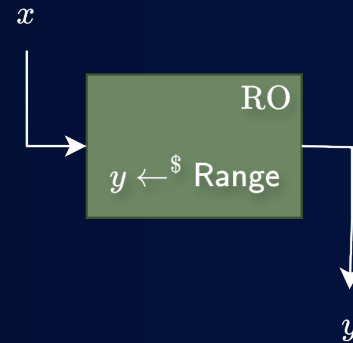
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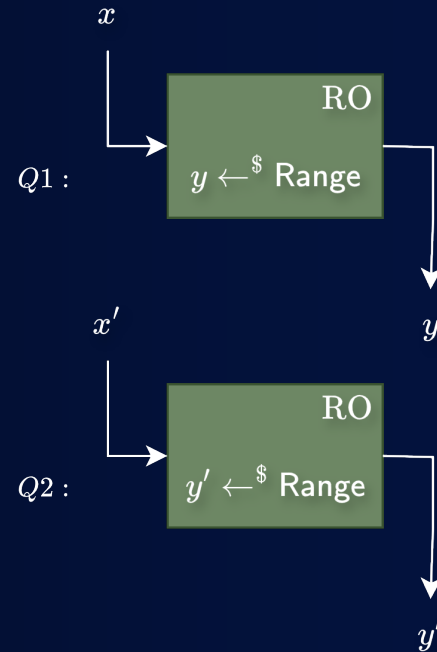
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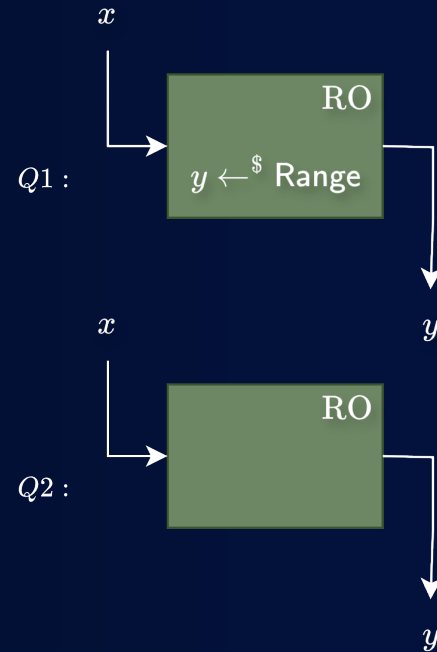
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Applications of Random Oracle in PETs

- Digital Signatures & Threshold Cryptography
(e.g., RSA-PSS, ECDSA, BLS, threshold BLS)
- Zero-Knowledge Proofs & Commitment Schemes
(e.g., Fiat-Shamir Transform, Schnorr Commitment)
- Secure Multi-Party Computation (MPC) & Oblivious Transfer (OT) Extensions
(e.g., SPDZ Protocol, IKNP and KOS OTs)
- Randomness Generation

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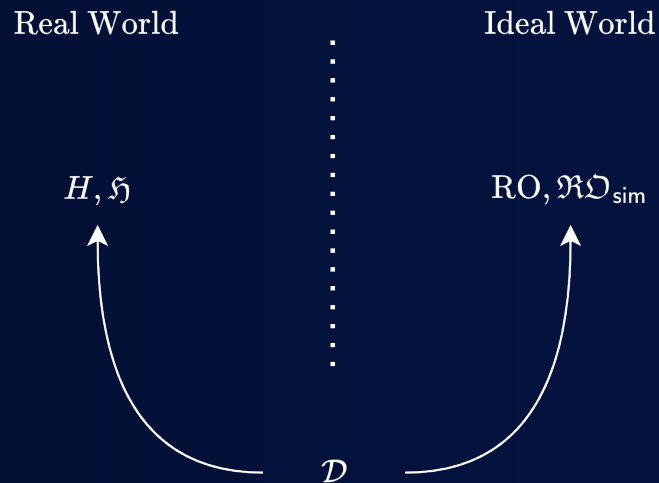
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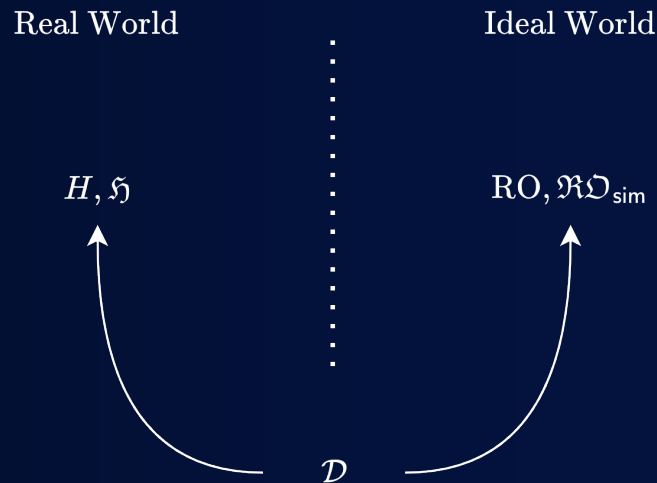
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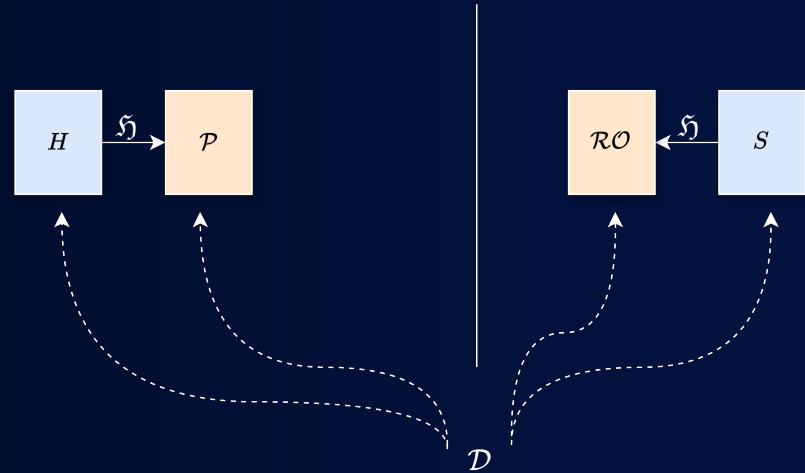
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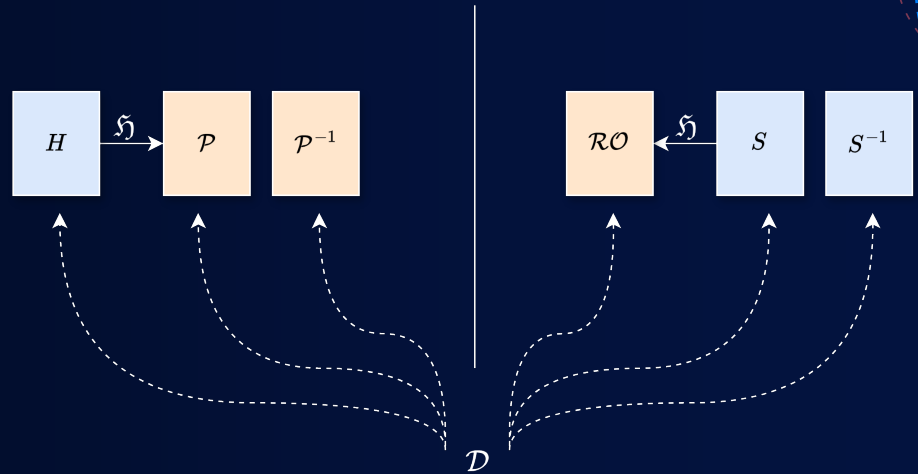
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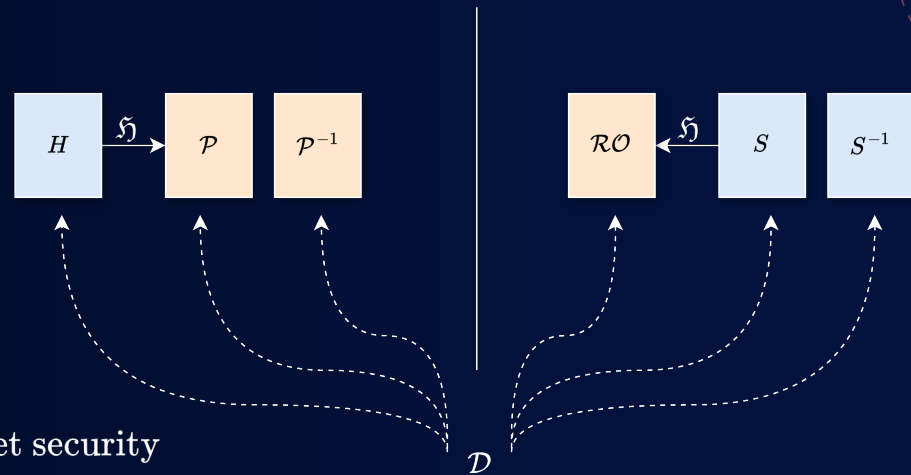
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e.g., collision resistance and (second)-pre-image resistance



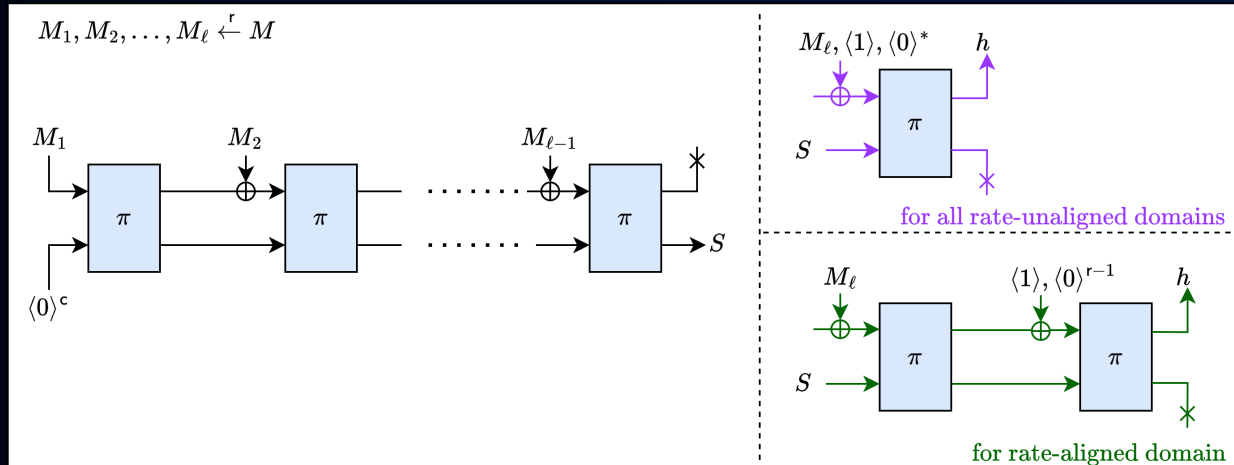
Sponge and its Generalization

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- Proven RO-Indifferentiable for $p = 2$ under ideal permutation model

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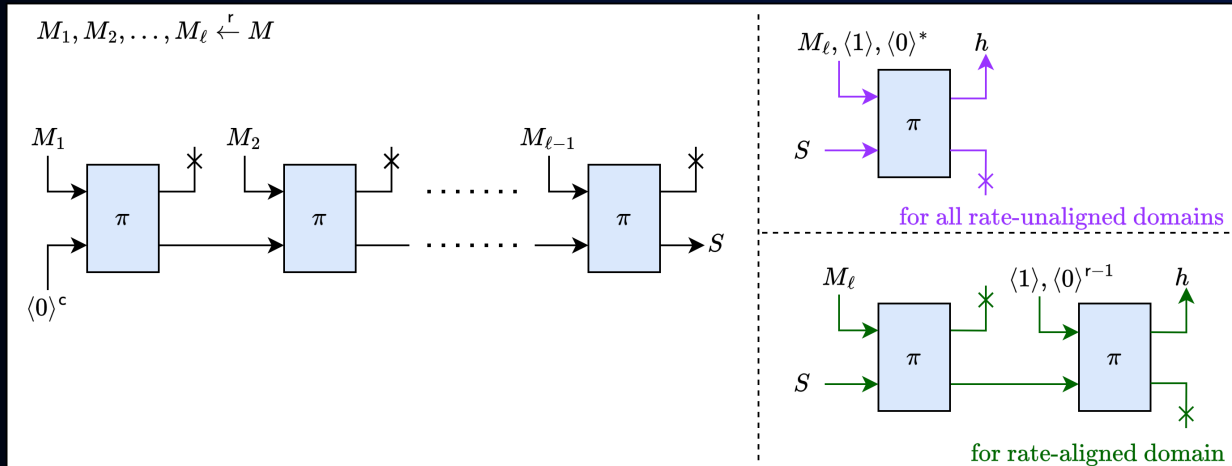
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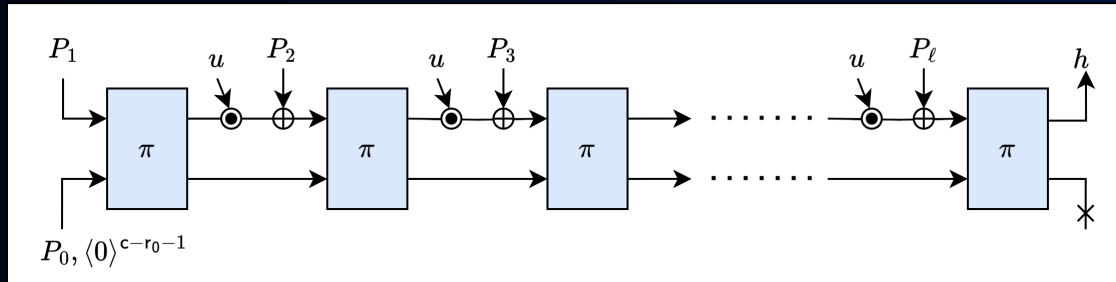
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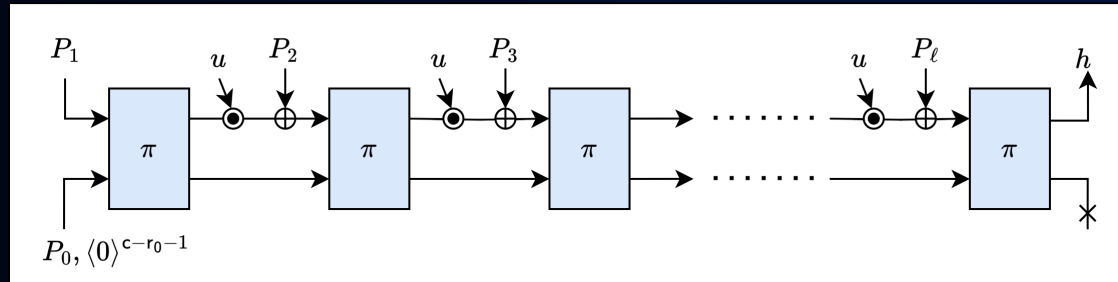
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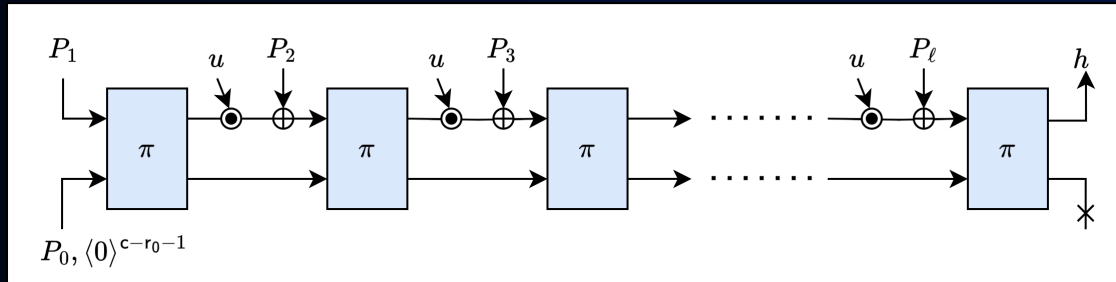
- For 1) input chaining style, 2) field setting, and 3) injective pre-/post- padding types
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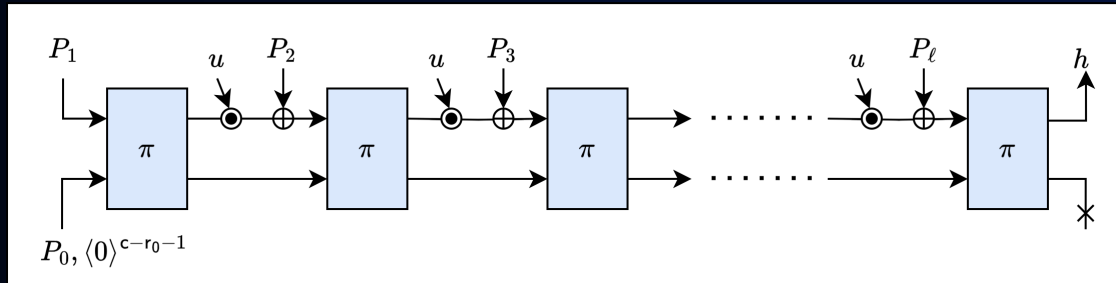
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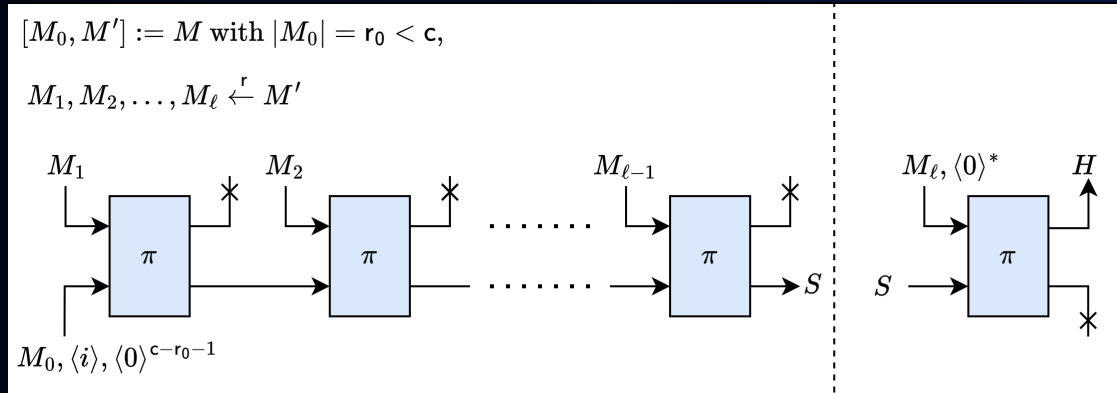
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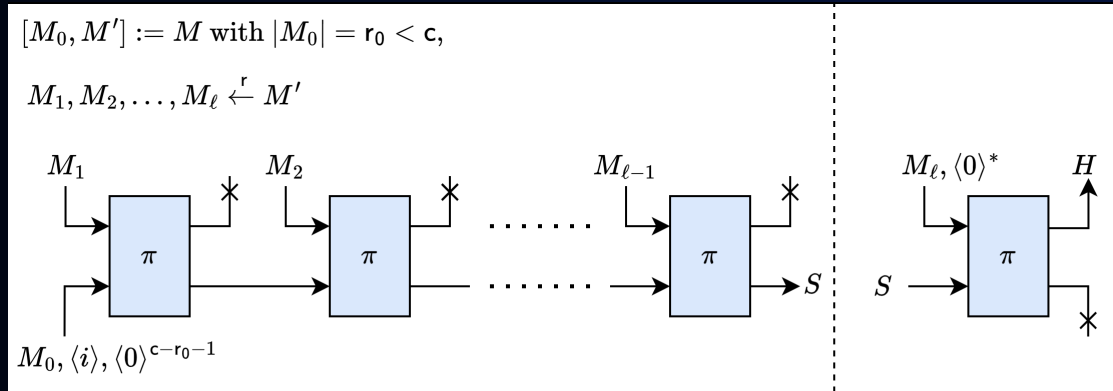
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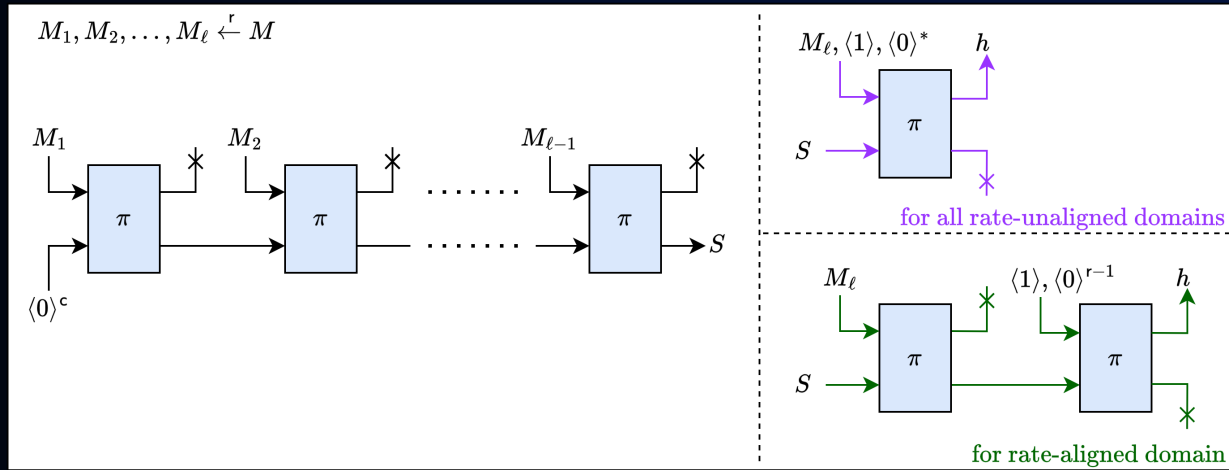
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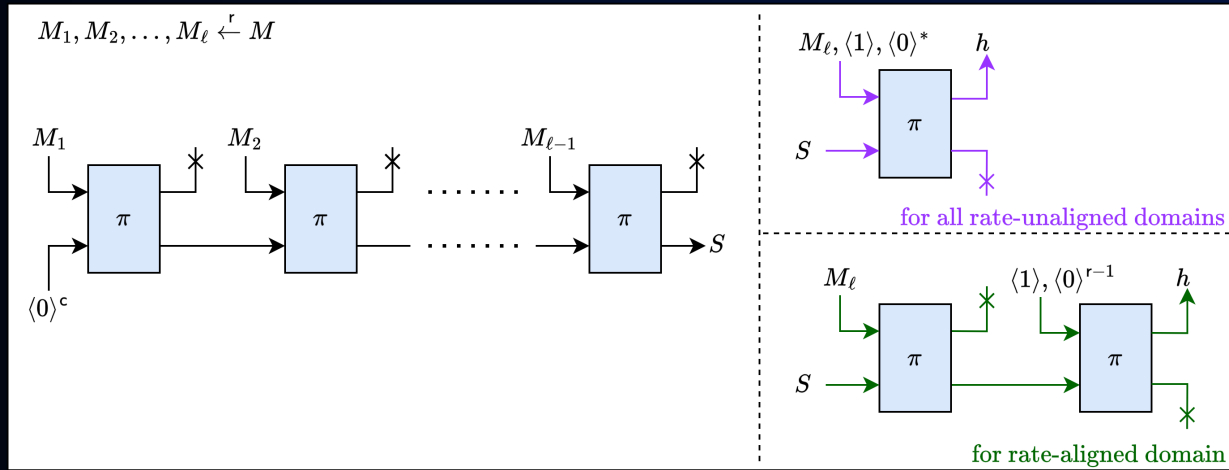
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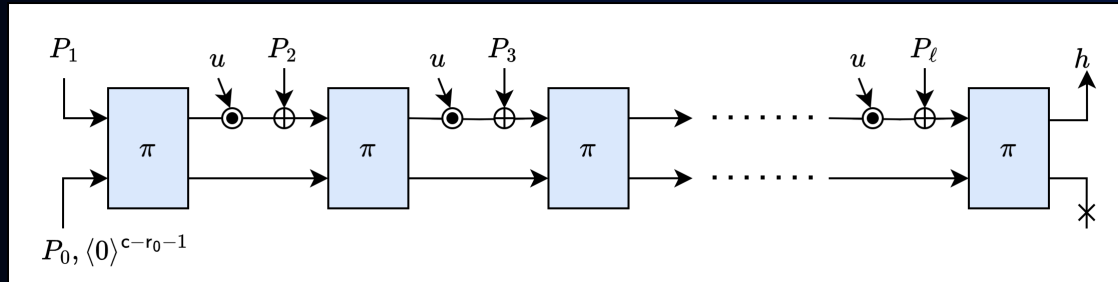
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- **50%** improved rate over Sponge in *2-to-1 Hashing with Metadata*
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- Support of Multi-rate and Multi-protocol applications of *Sponge2*



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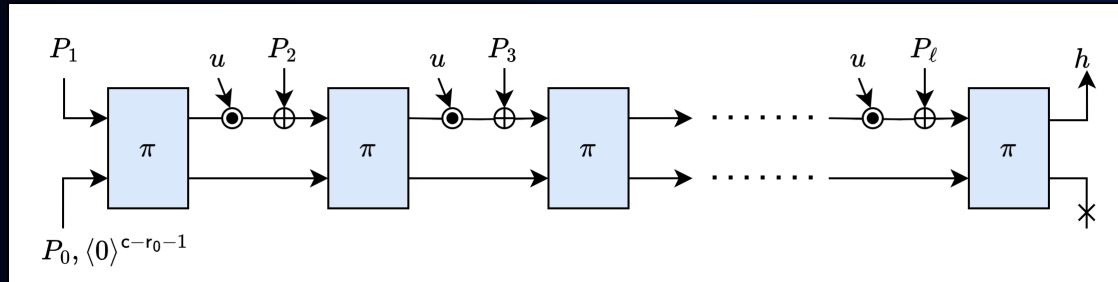
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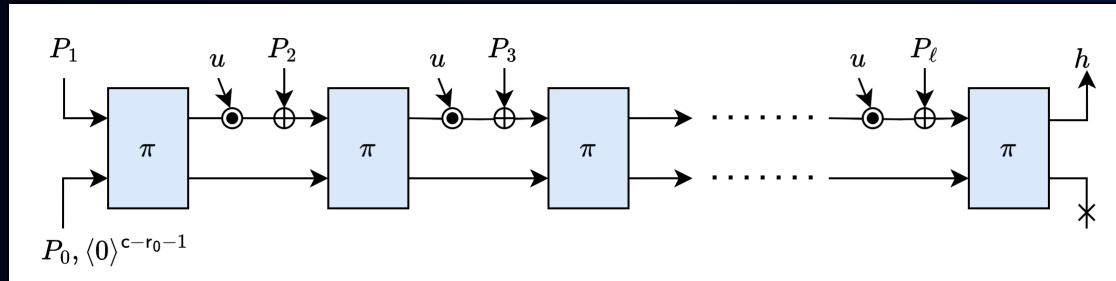


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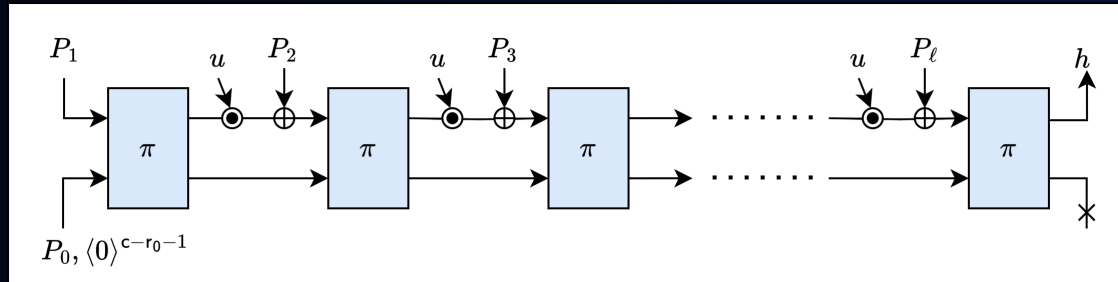
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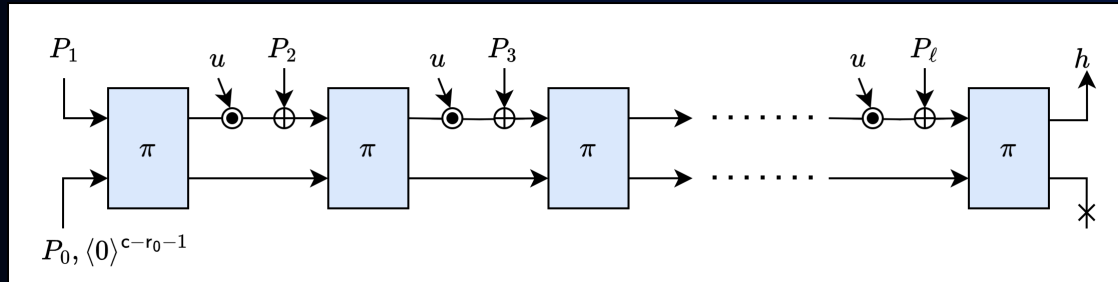


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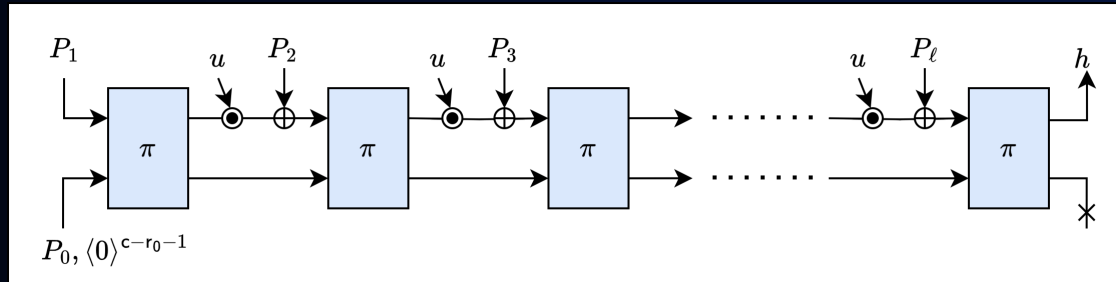


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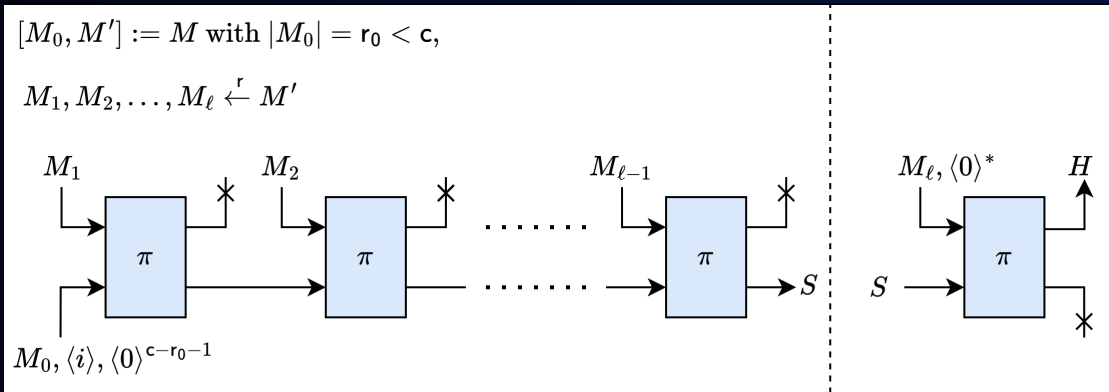
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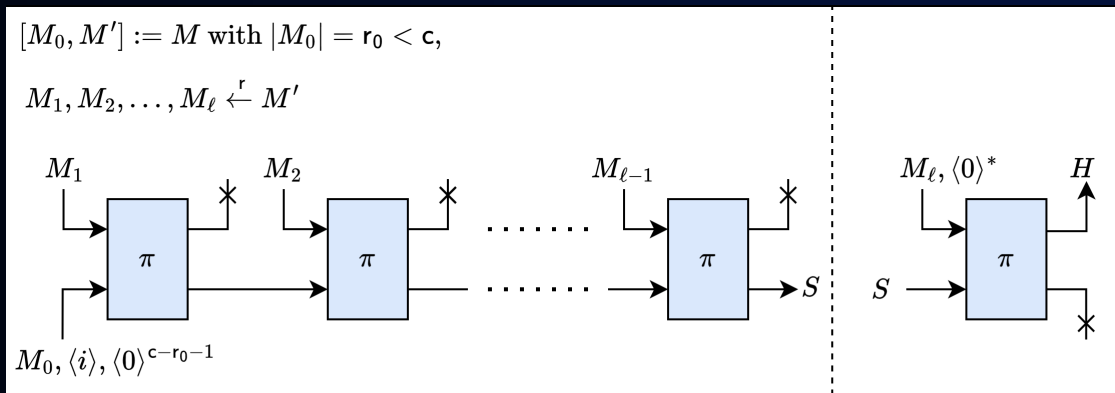
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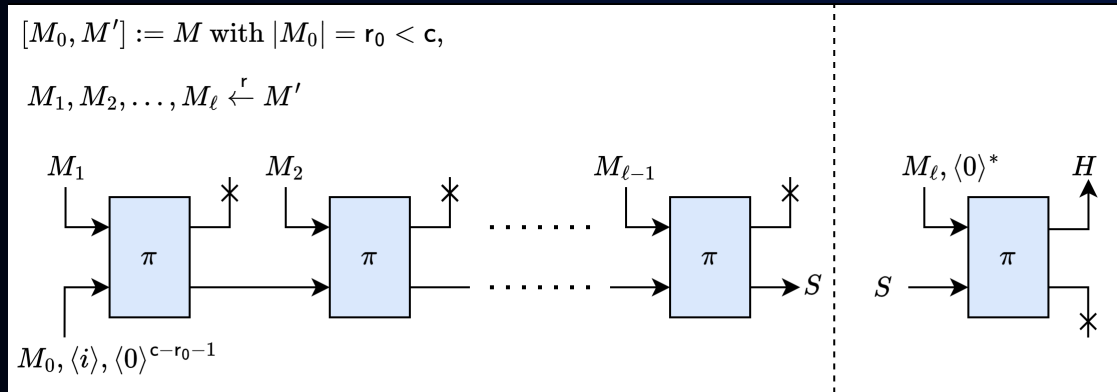


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- For $r_0 = c/2$ and $p > 2$, $\exists S$ such that for any \mathcal{D} making q many π calls :

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- In security margins, Sponge2 provides $(c \cdot \log_2 p - 4)/2$ bits of indifferentiability
- i.e., 126 bits of security when $p \approx 2^{64}$ and $c = 4$



Sponge2: Intuitive Indifferentiability Proof

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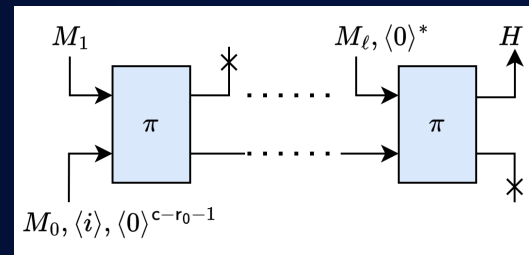
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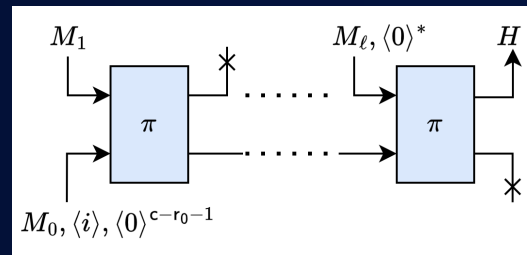
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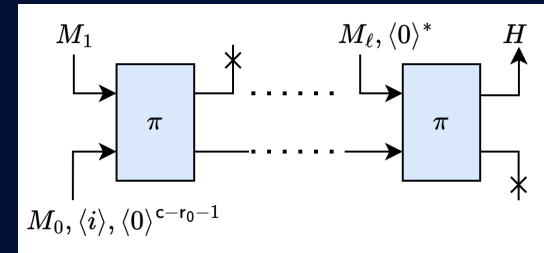
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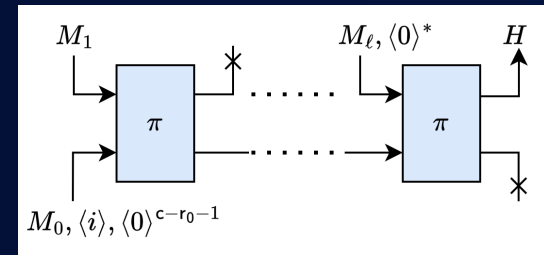
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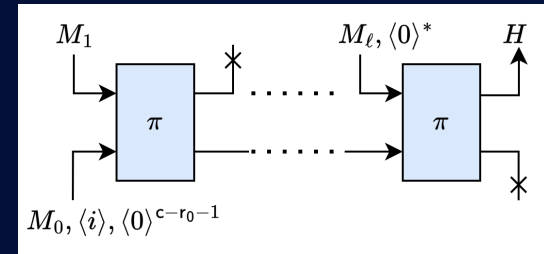
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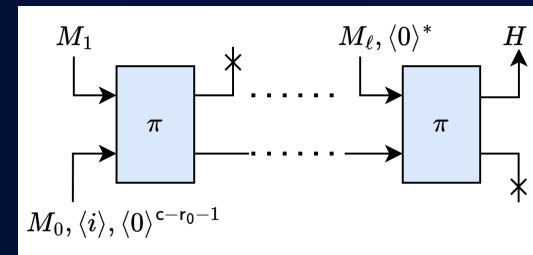
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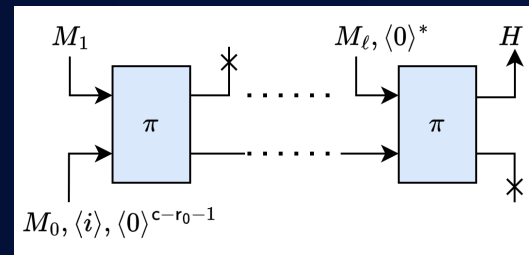
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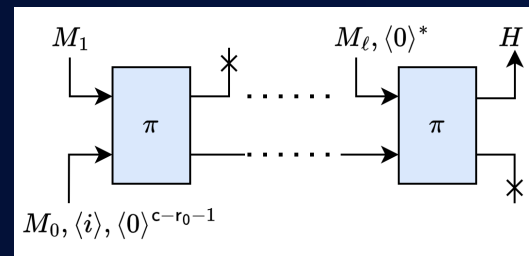
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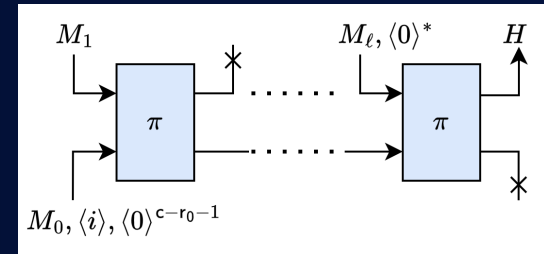
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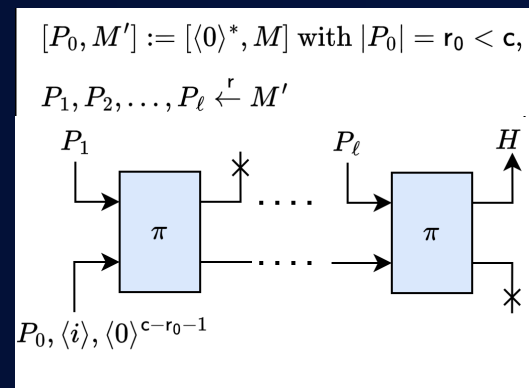


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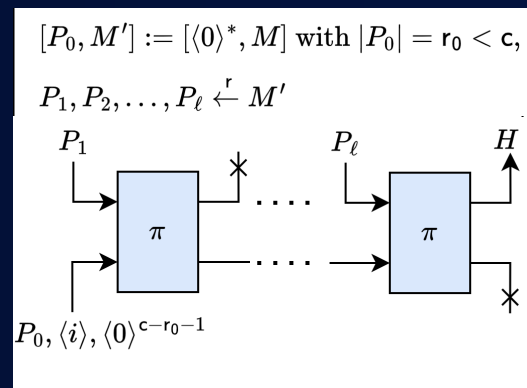
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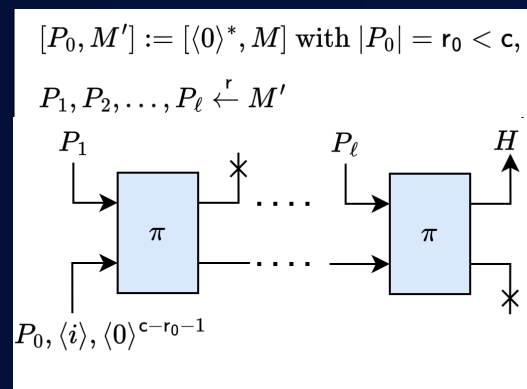
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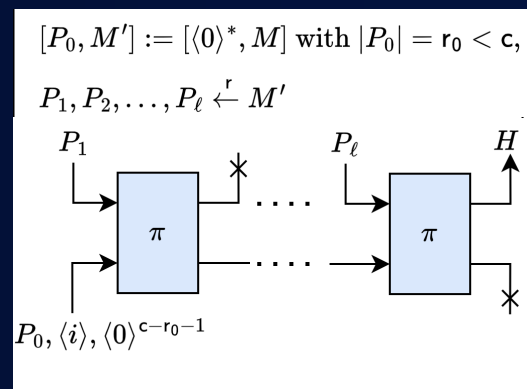
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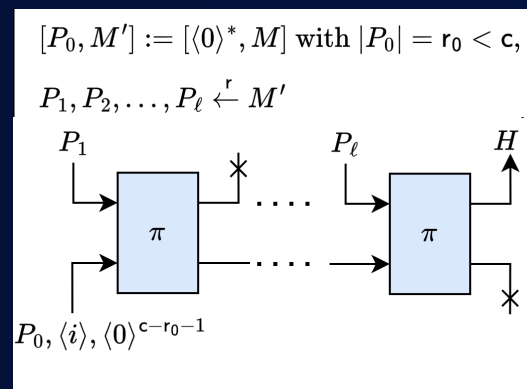
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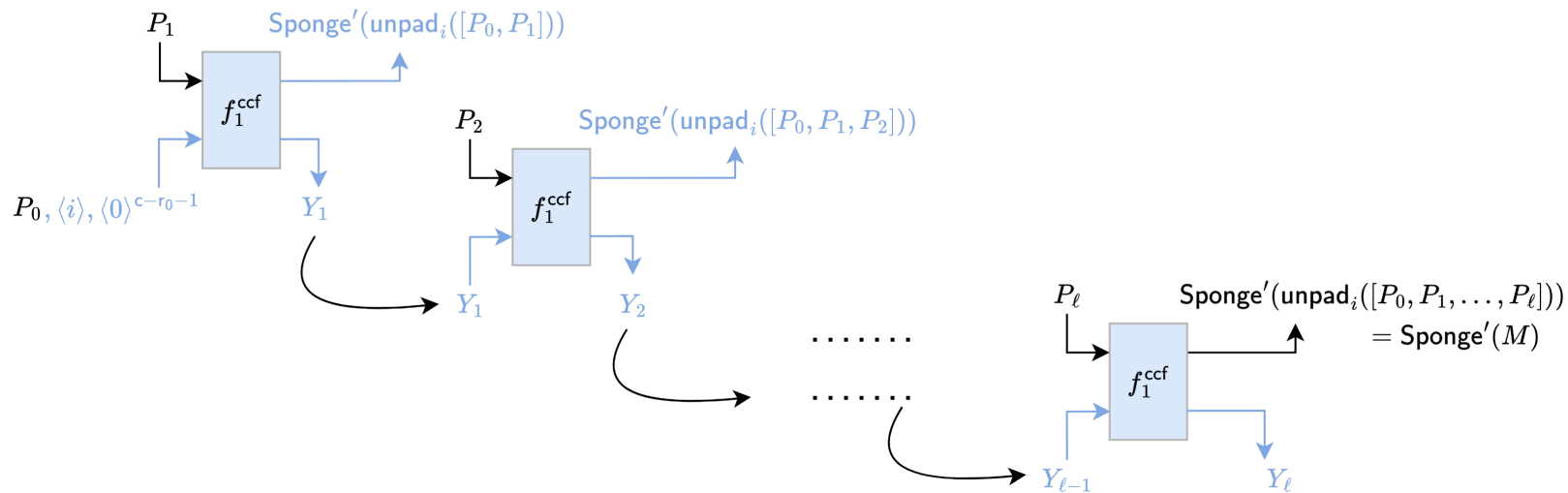


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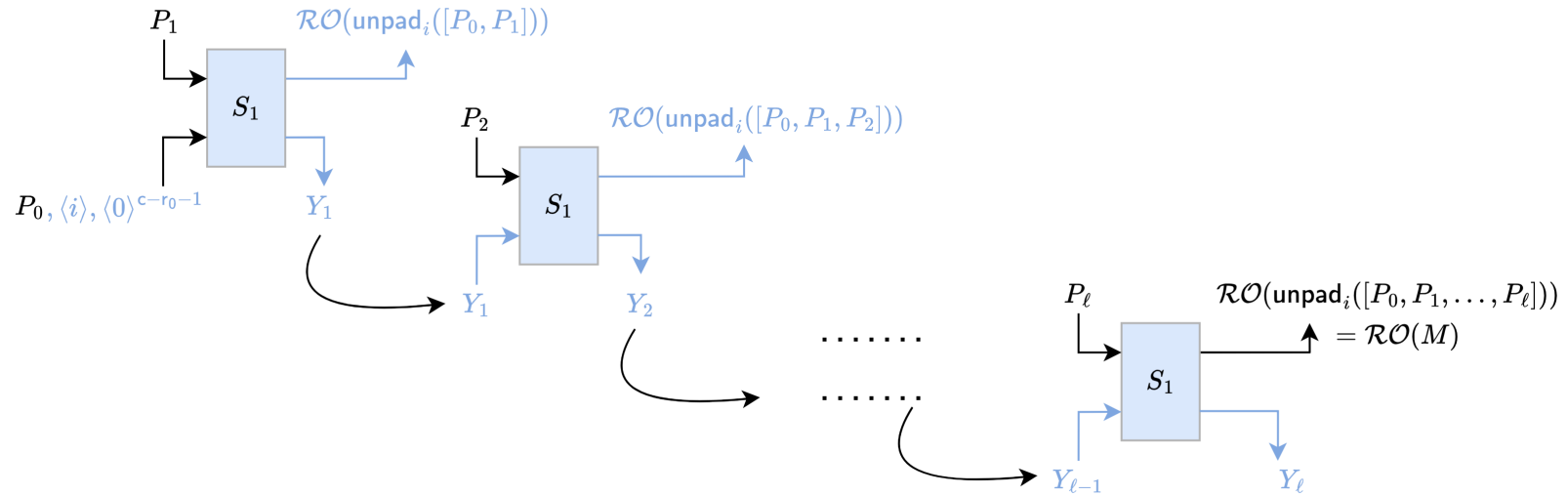
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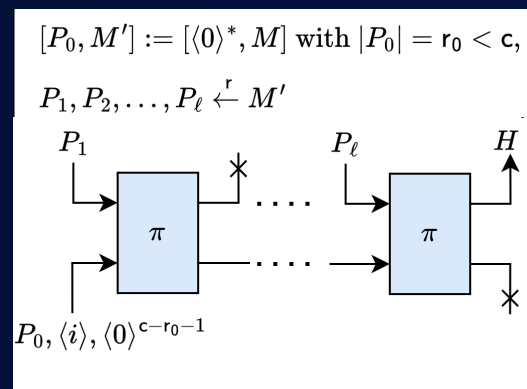
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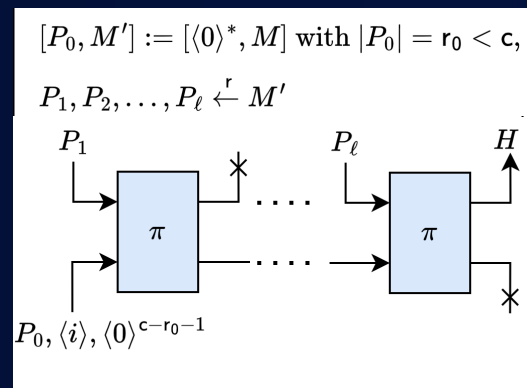
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