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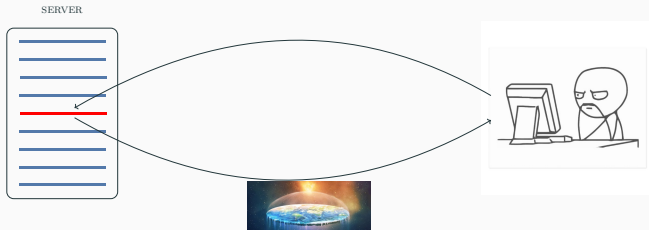
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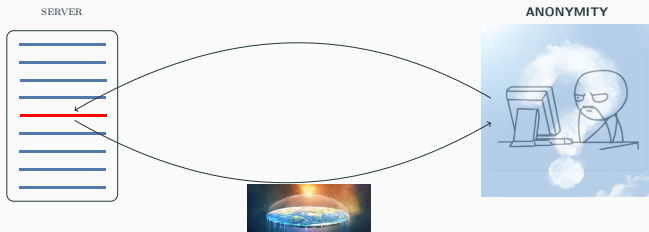
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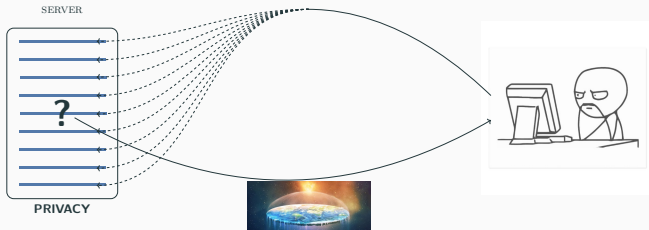
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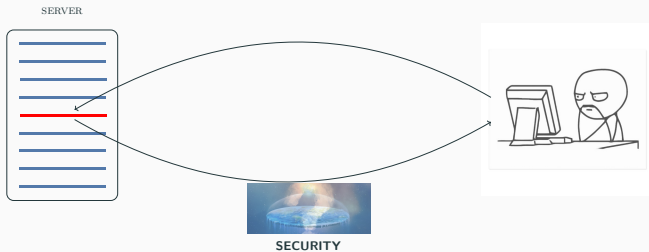
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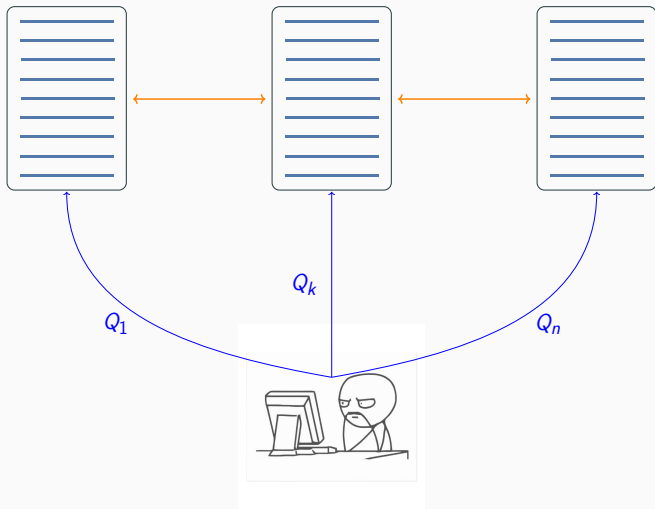
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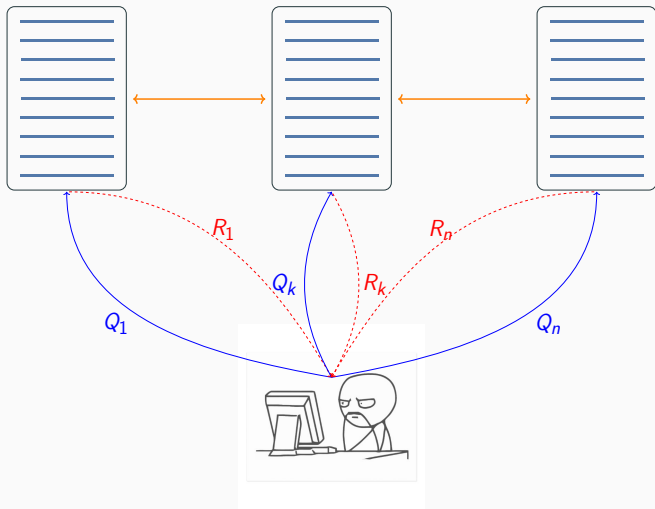
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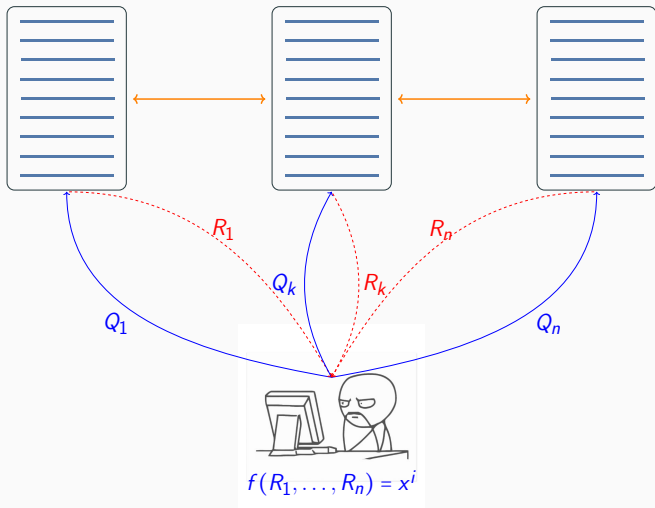
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**Server privacy:** The user does not learn any information about the files other than the requested one, *i.e.*,

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

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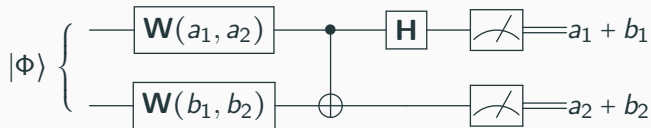
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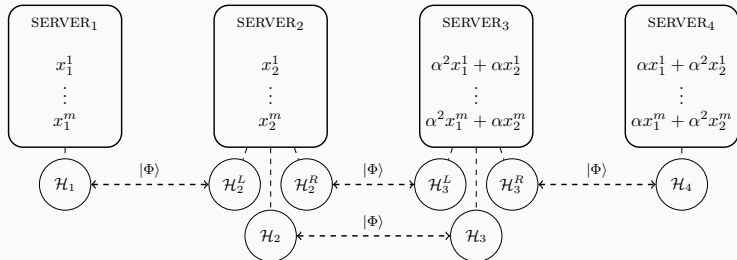
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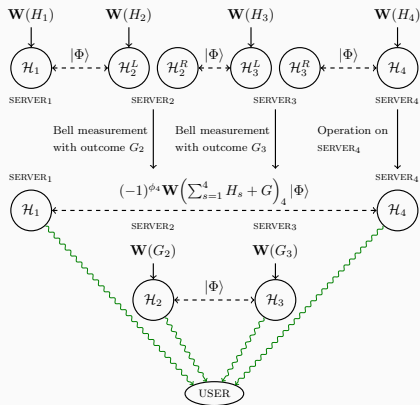
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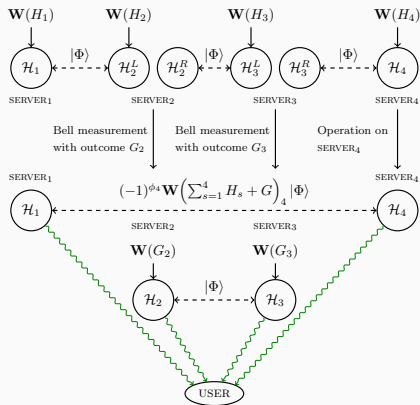
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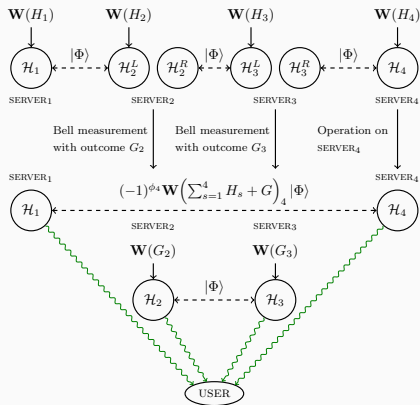
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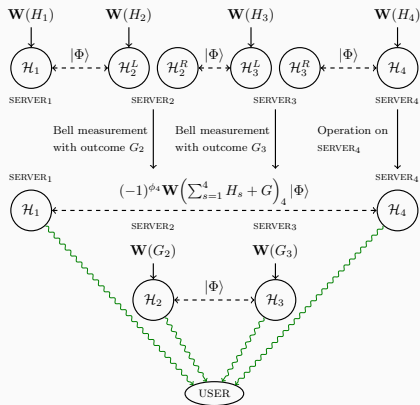
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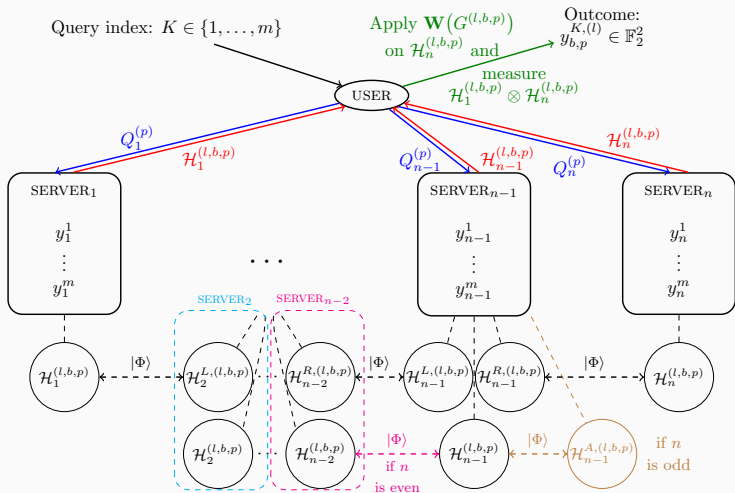
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$$R_{\text{PIR}} = \begin{cases} \frac{2}{n}, & \text{if } n \text{ is even,} \\ \frac{2}{n+1}, & \text{if } n \text{ is odd,} \end{cases}$$



## Improvements with Locally Repairable Codes (LRC)

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**Thank You!**