Counter-in-Tweak: Authenticated Encryption Modes for Tweakable Block Ciphers

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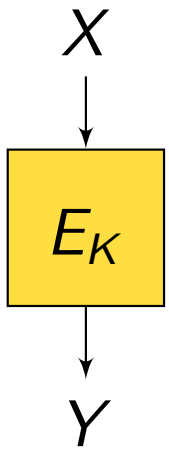

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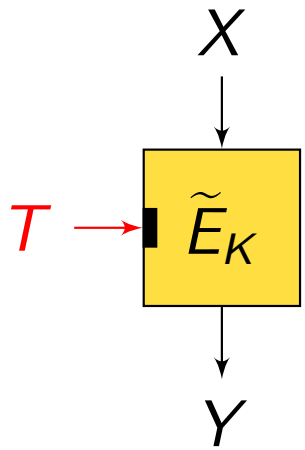

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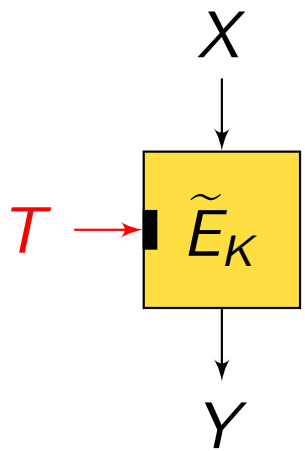

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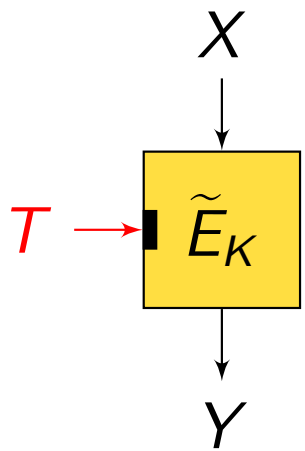

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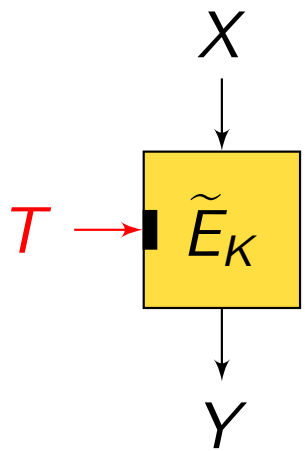

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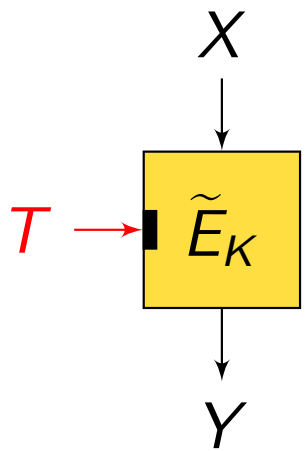

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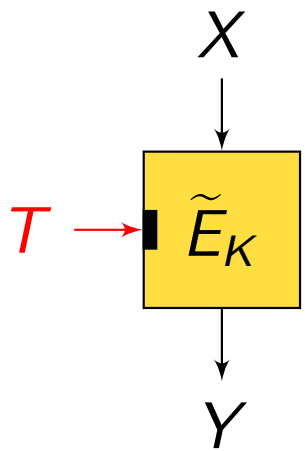

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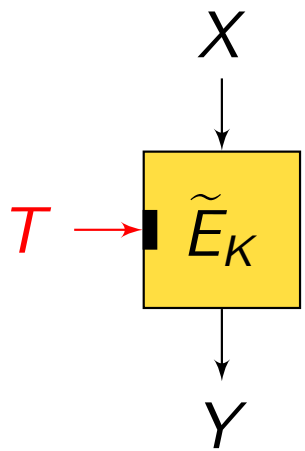

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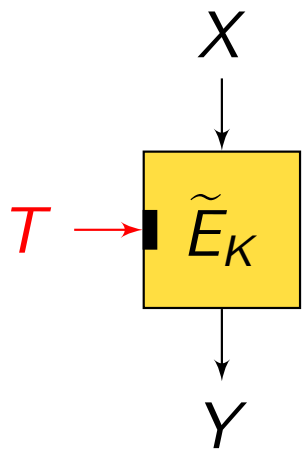

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A nAE scheme Π is a pair of algorithms $(\Pi.\mathrm{Enc}, \Pi.\mathrm{Dec})$ where

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  - (a key K)
  - a nonce N
  - associated data A
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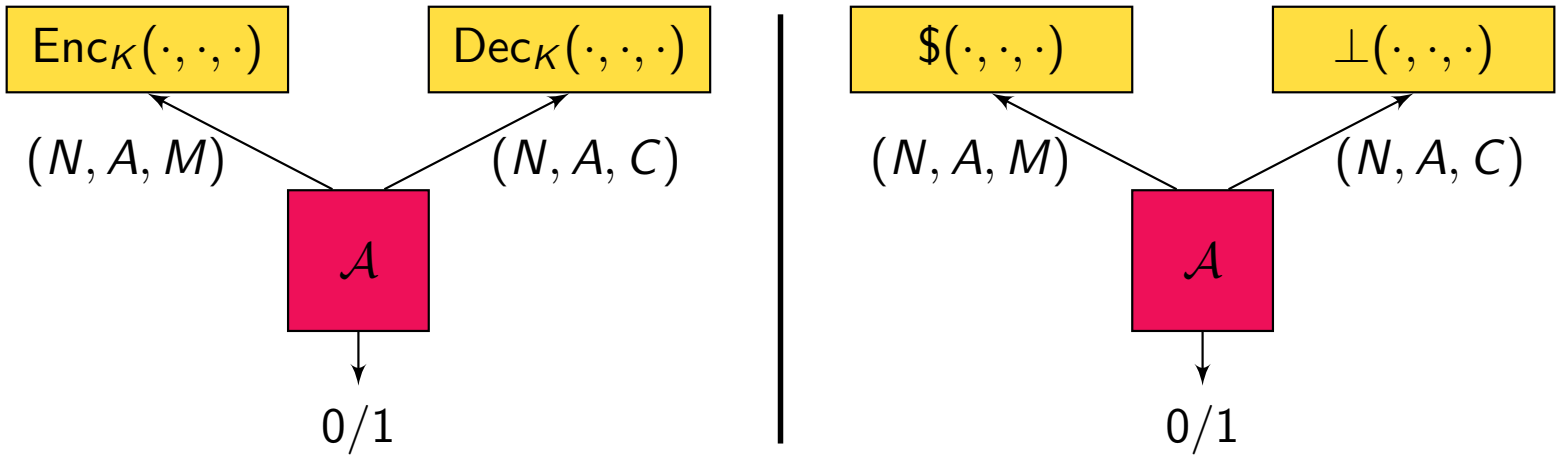

Security (all-in-one definition)

- The scheme Π is secure if adversary $\mathcal{A}$ cannot distinguish $(\mathrm{Enc}_K, \mathrm{Dec}_K)$ and $(\$, \perp)$.
- $\mathcal{A}$ cannot ask a decryption query (N, A, C) if it received C from an encryption query (N, A, M)
- $\mathcal{A}$ is said nonce-respecting if it never repeats a nonce in encryption queries.

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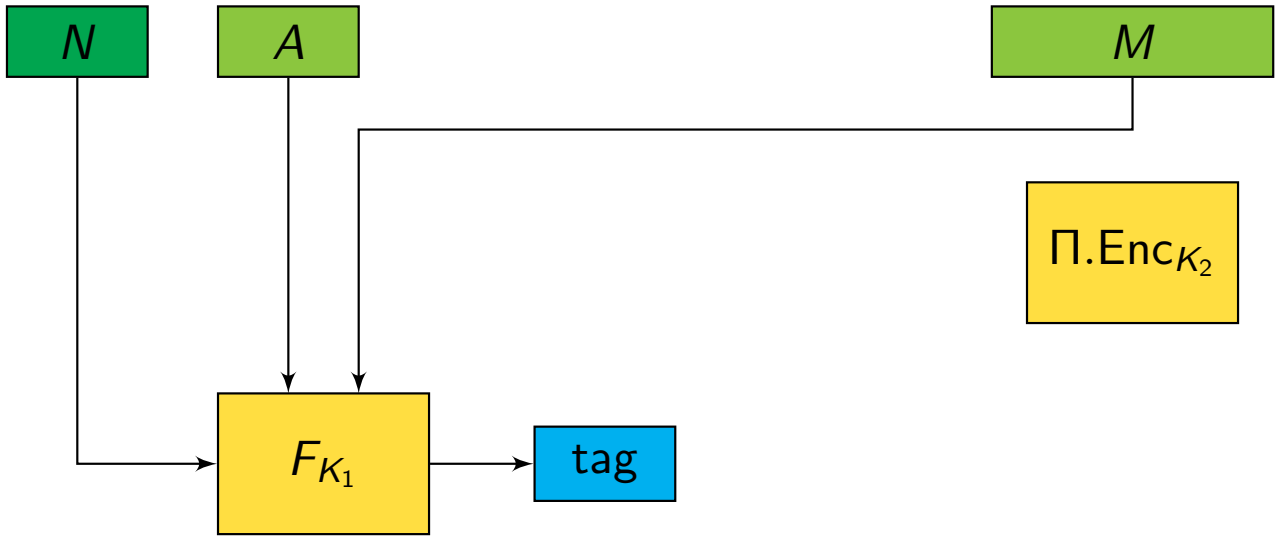

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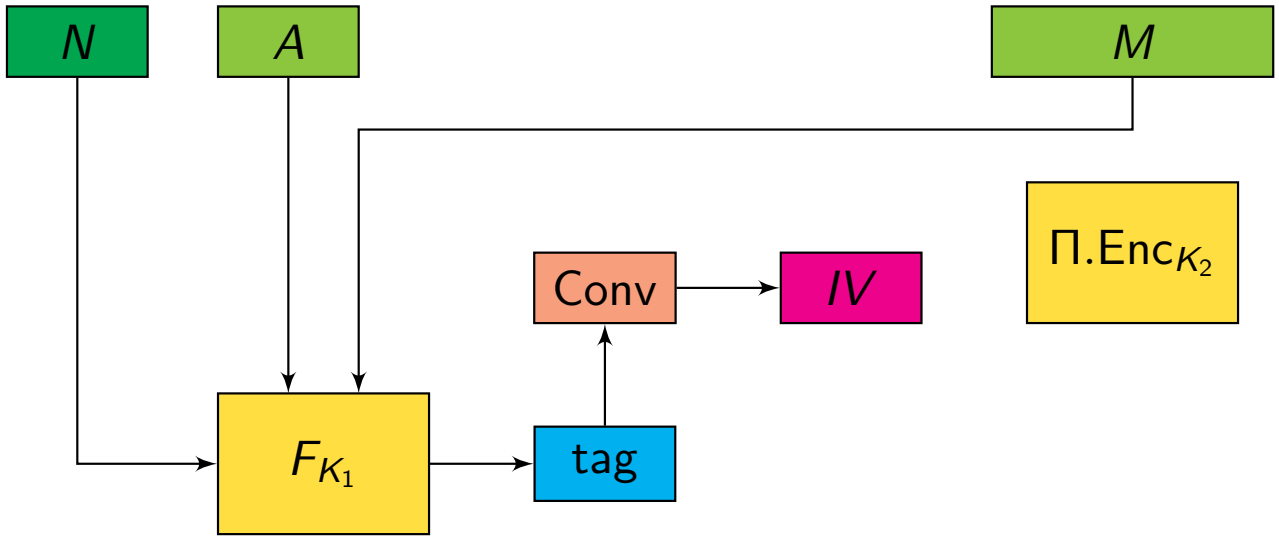

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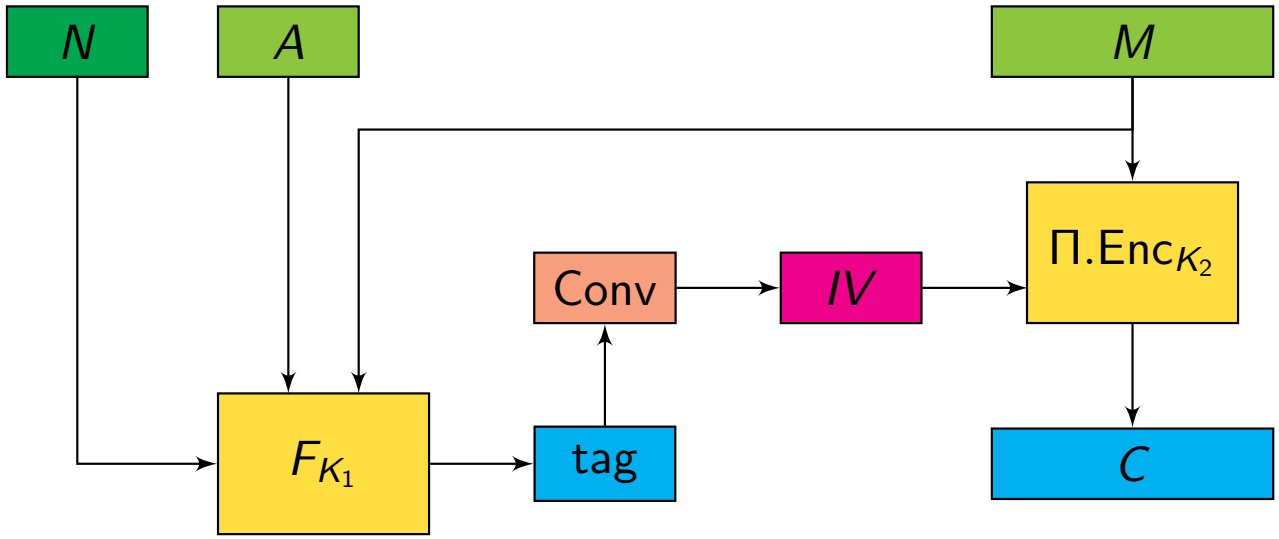

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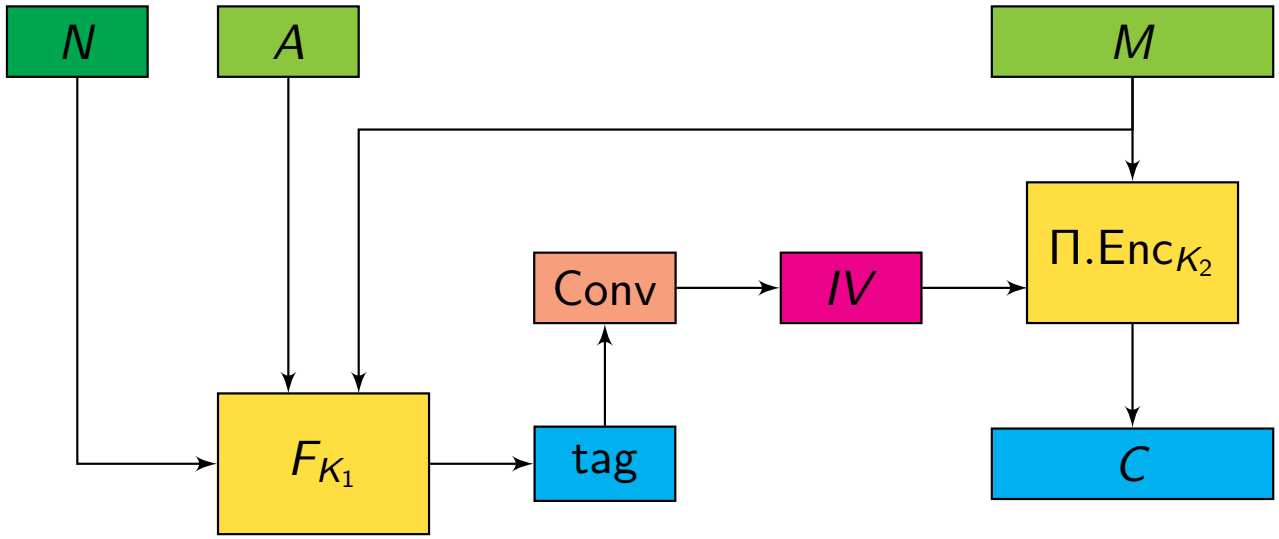

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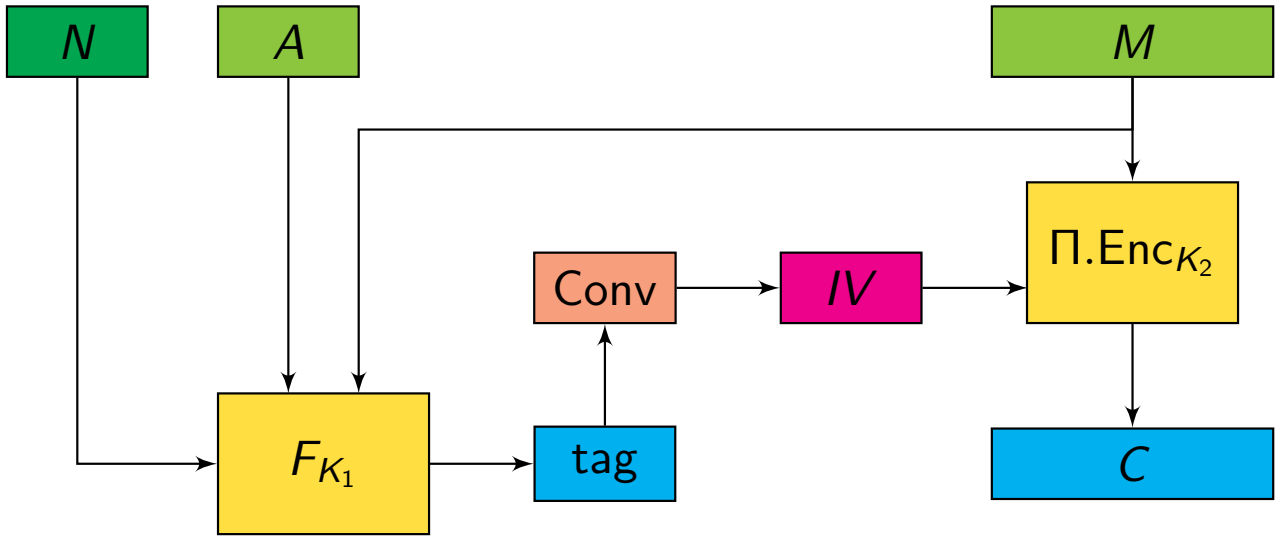

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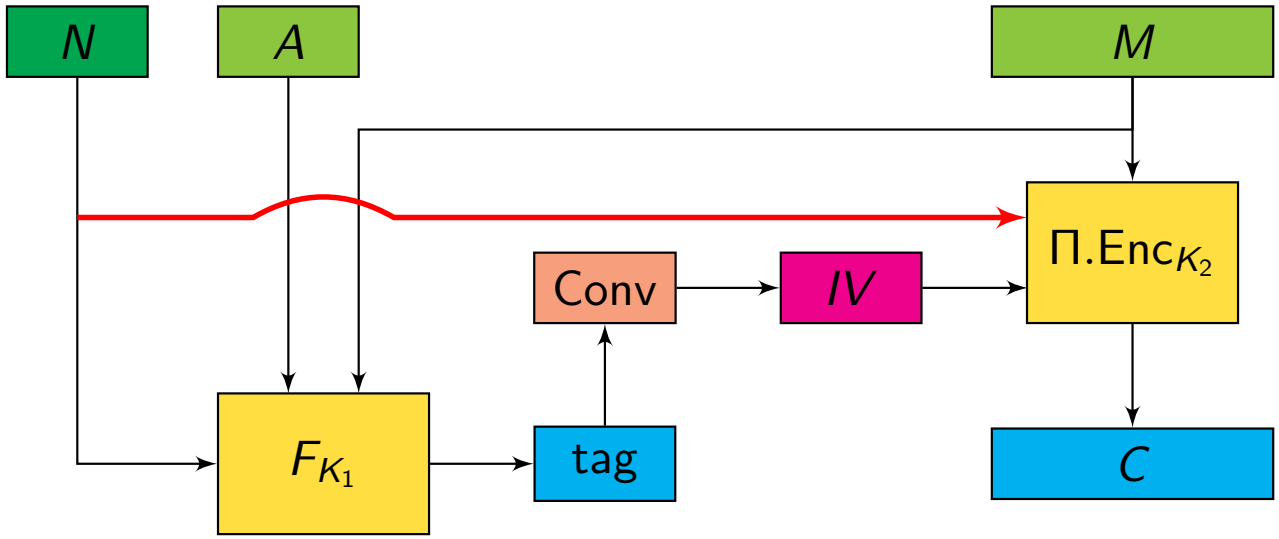

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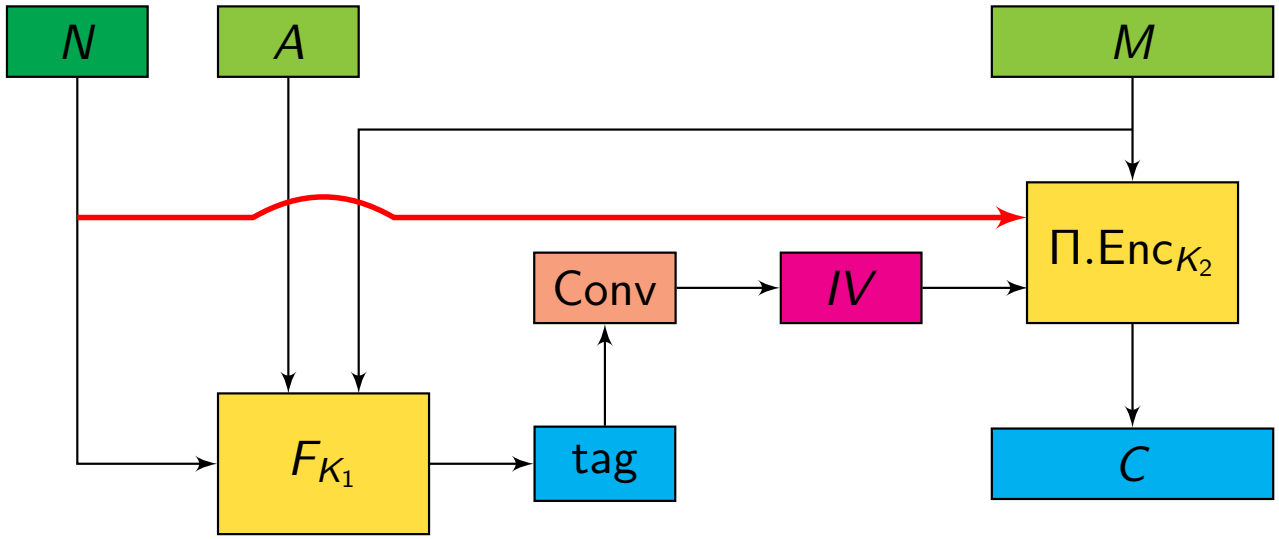

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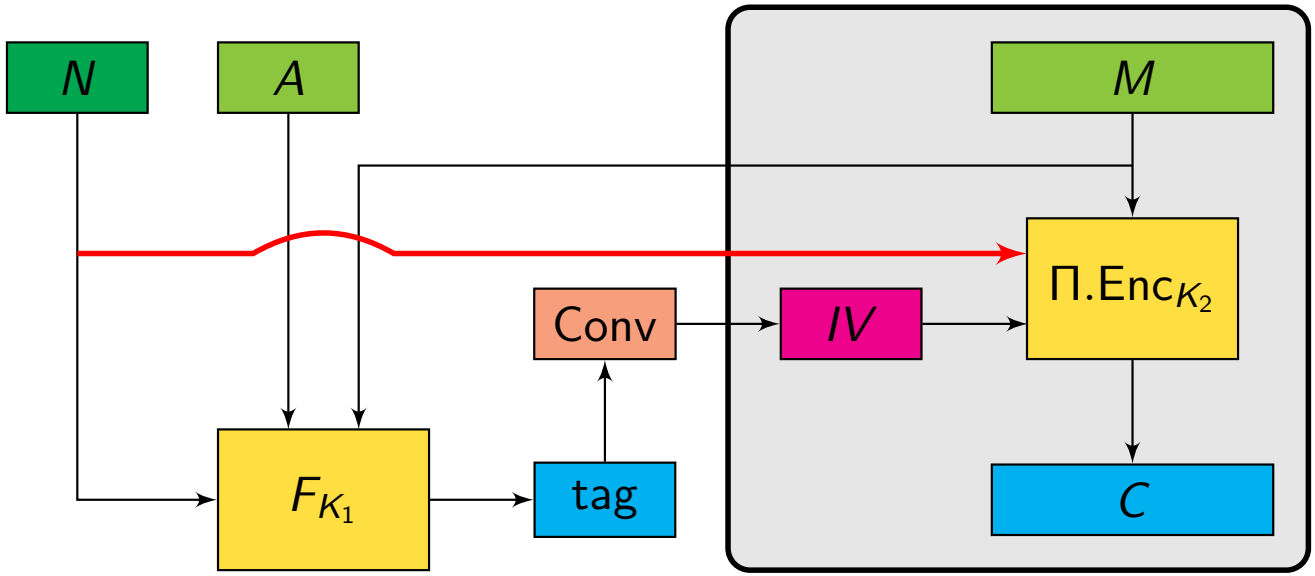

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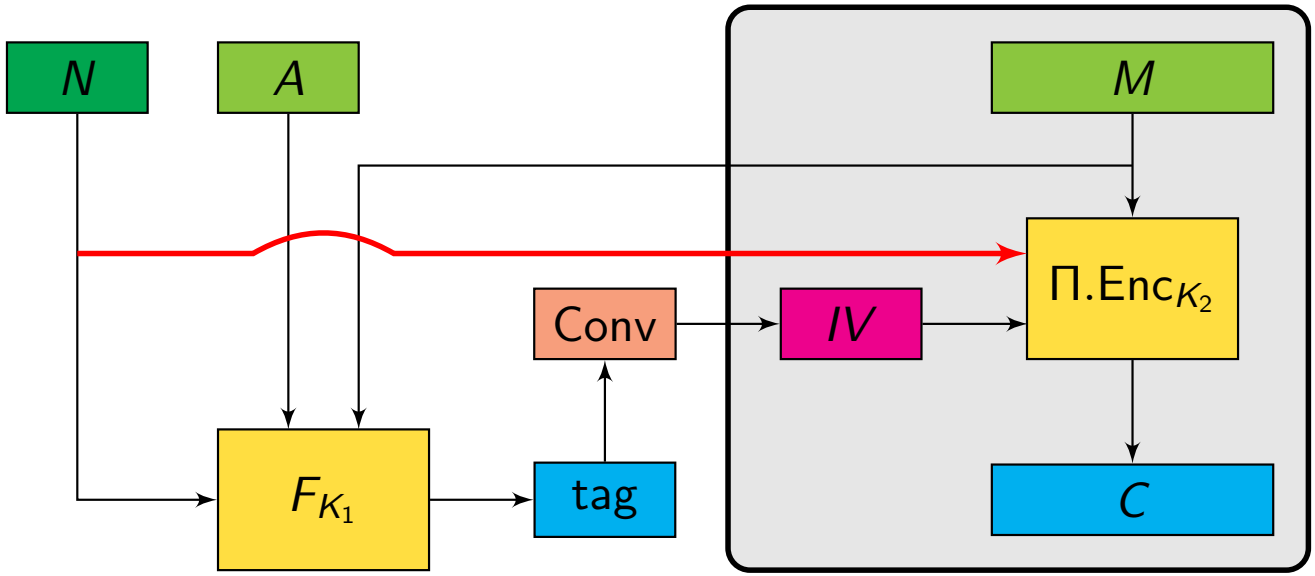

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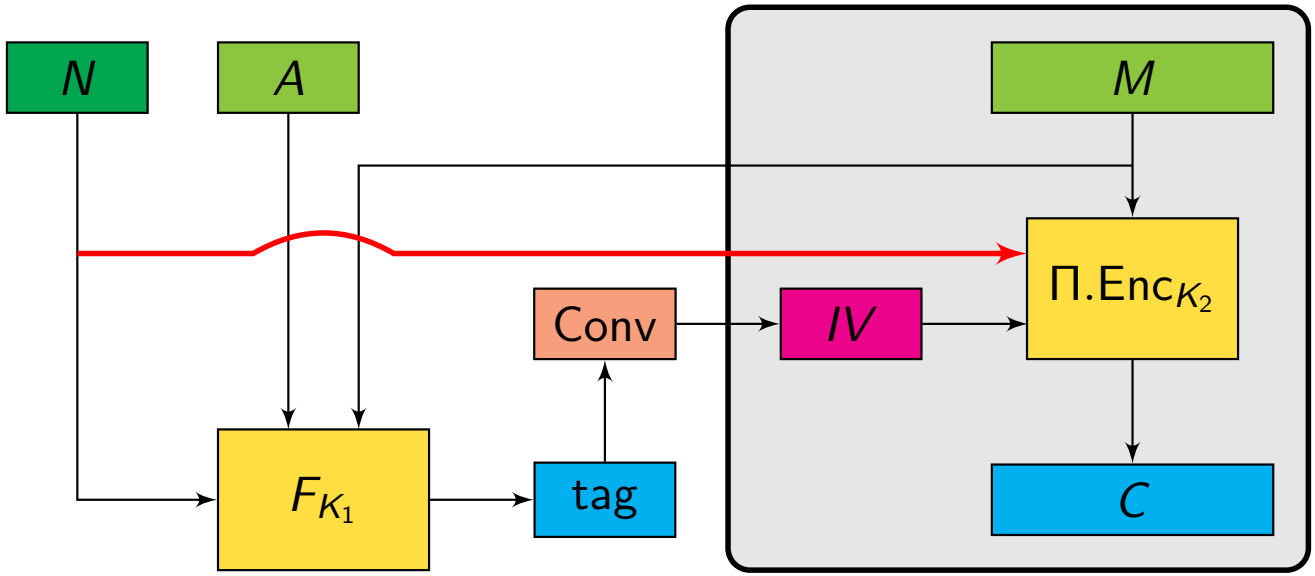

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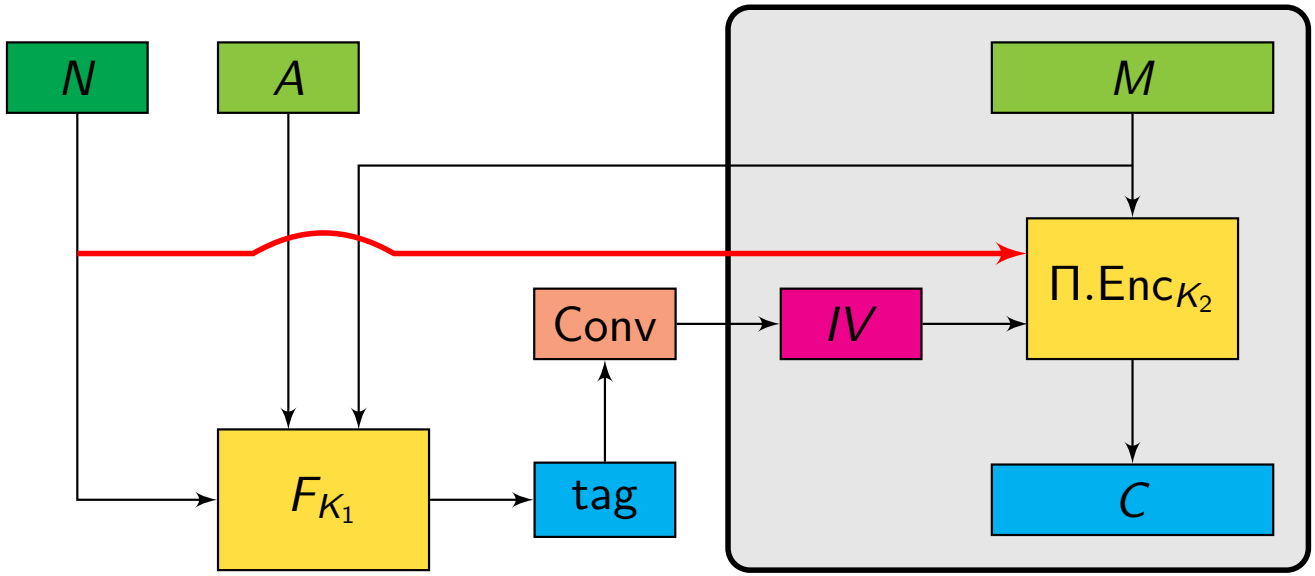

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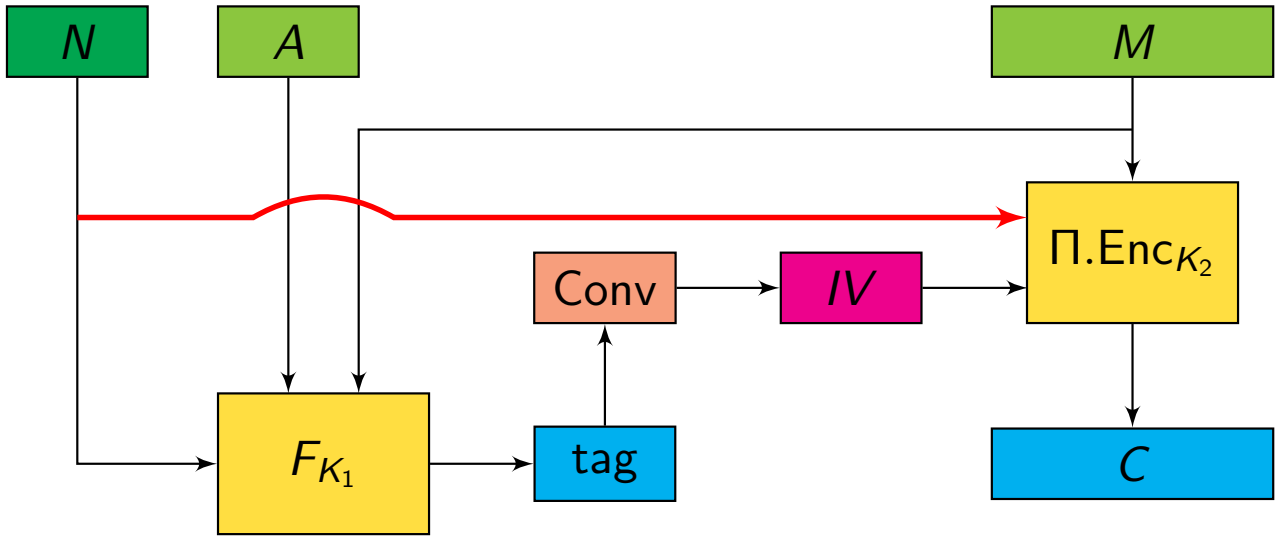

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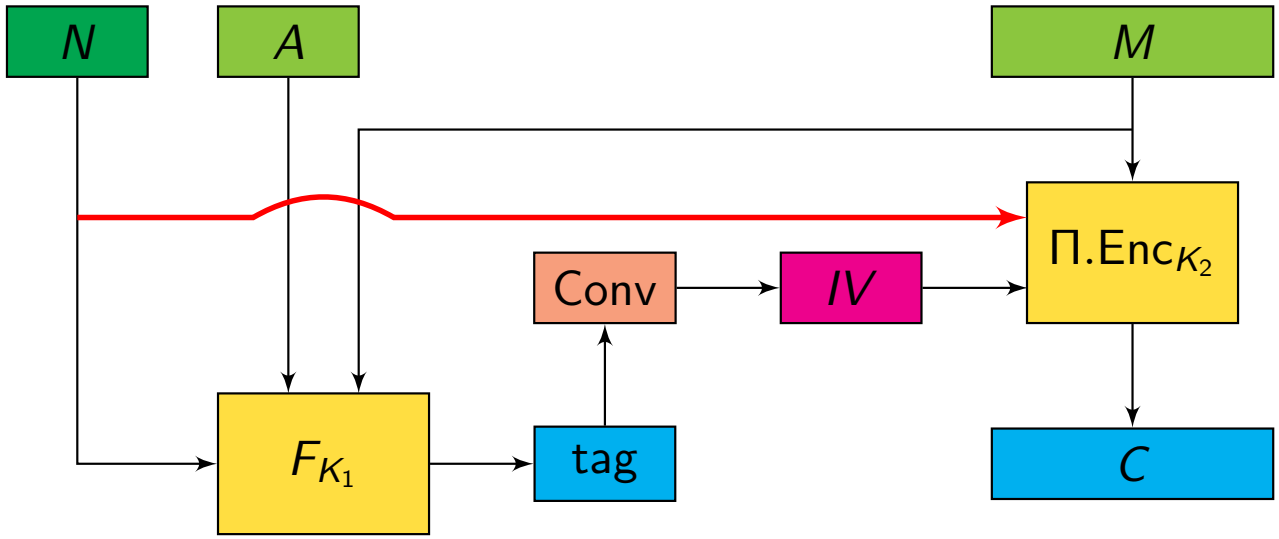

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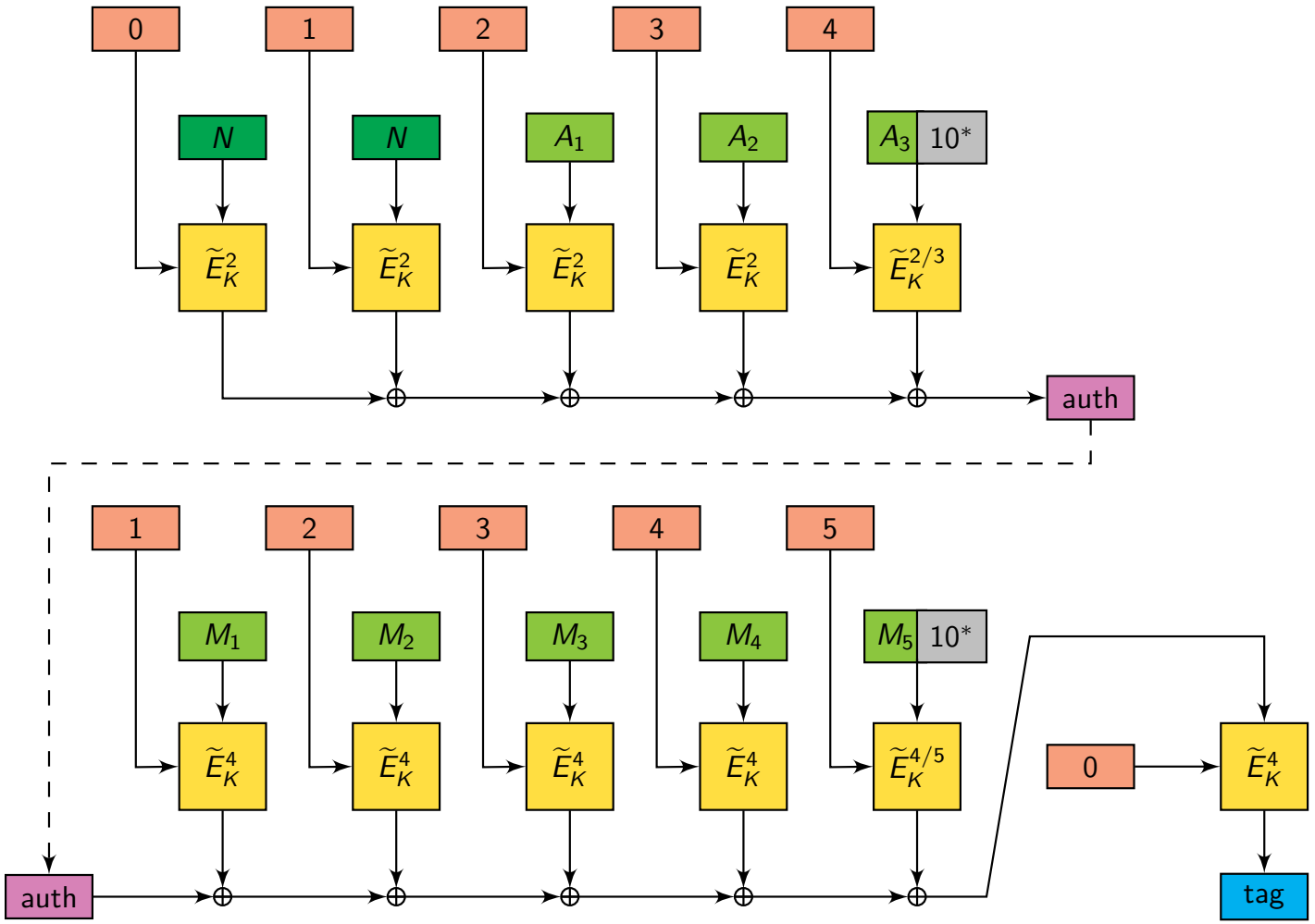

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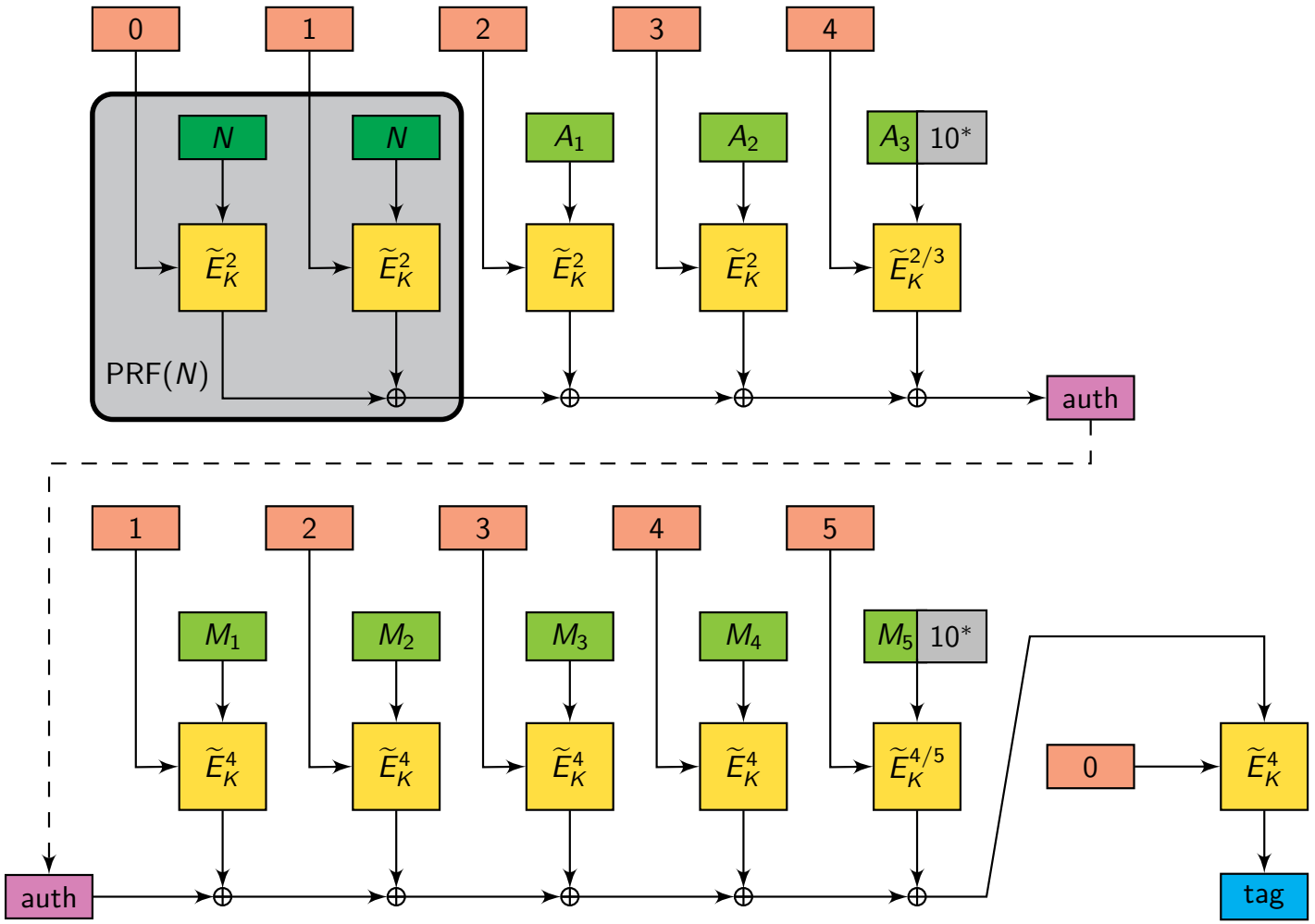

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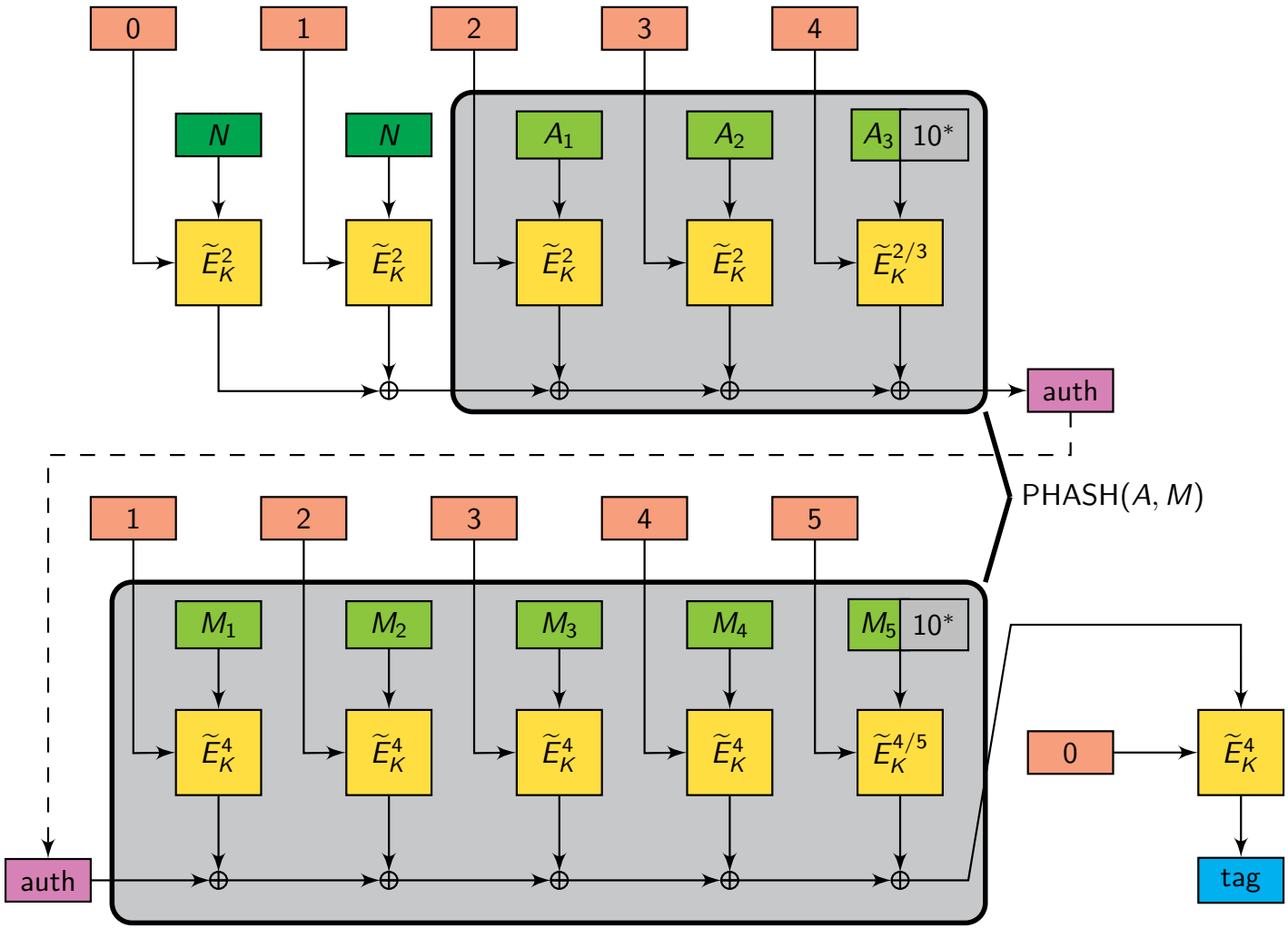

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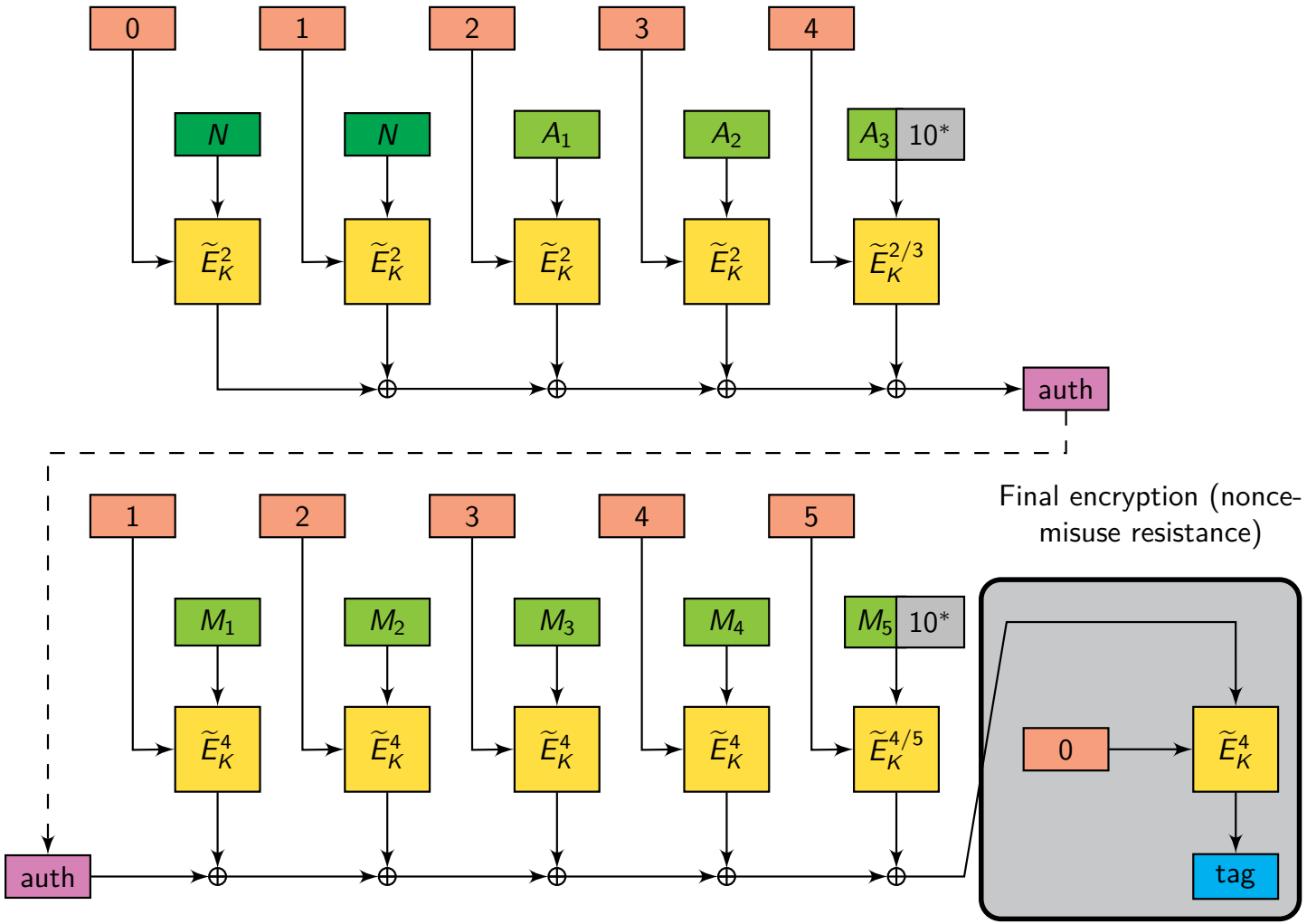

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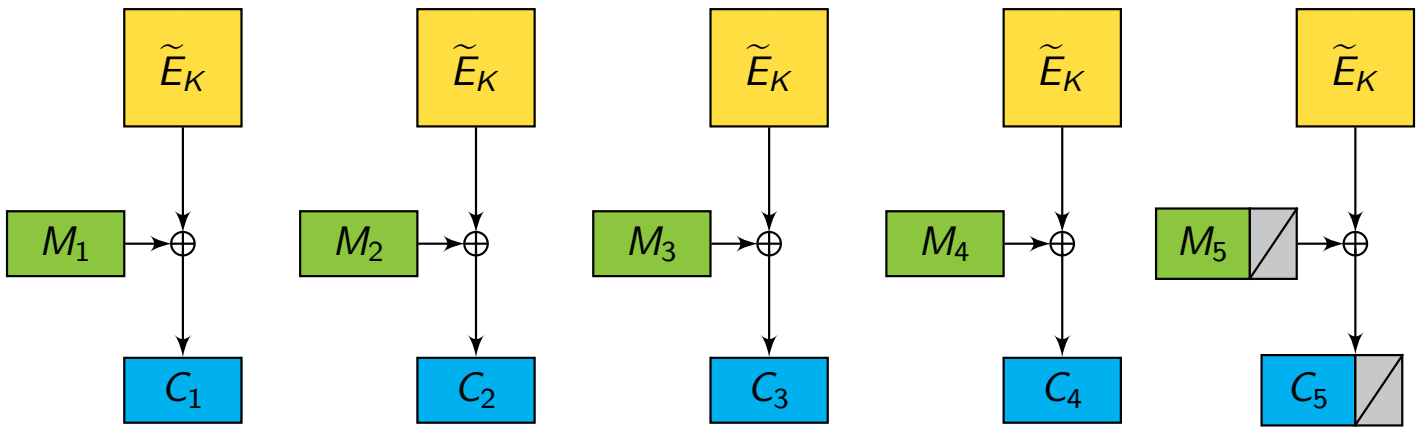

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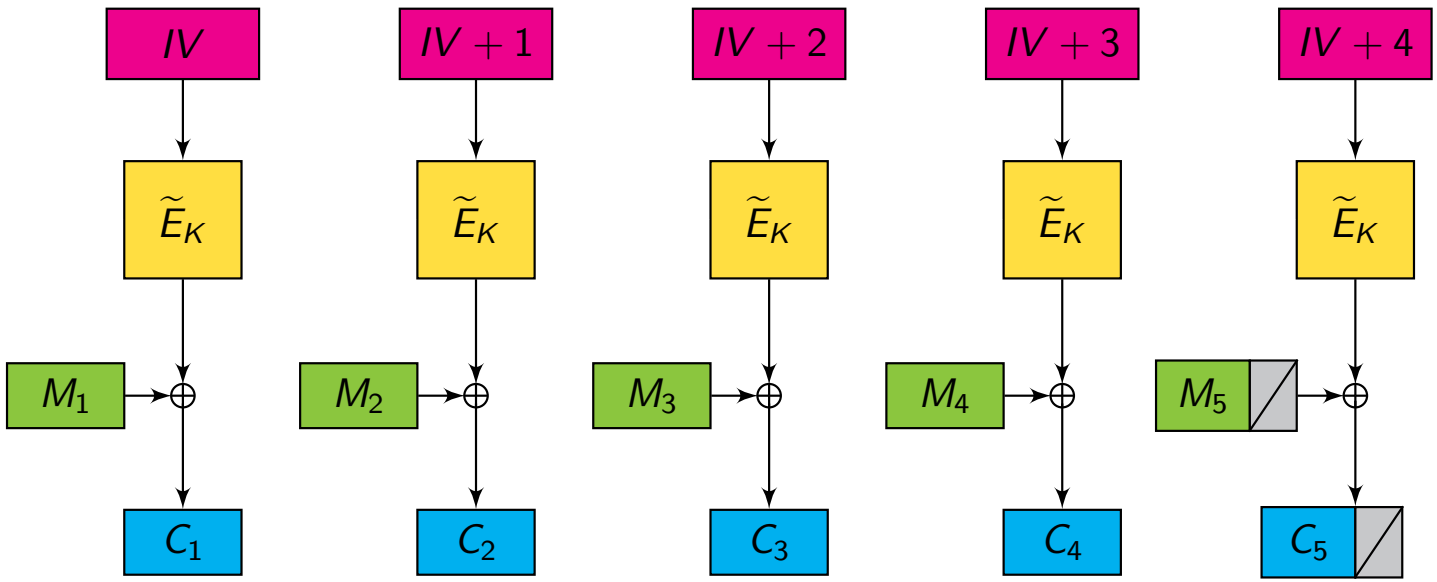

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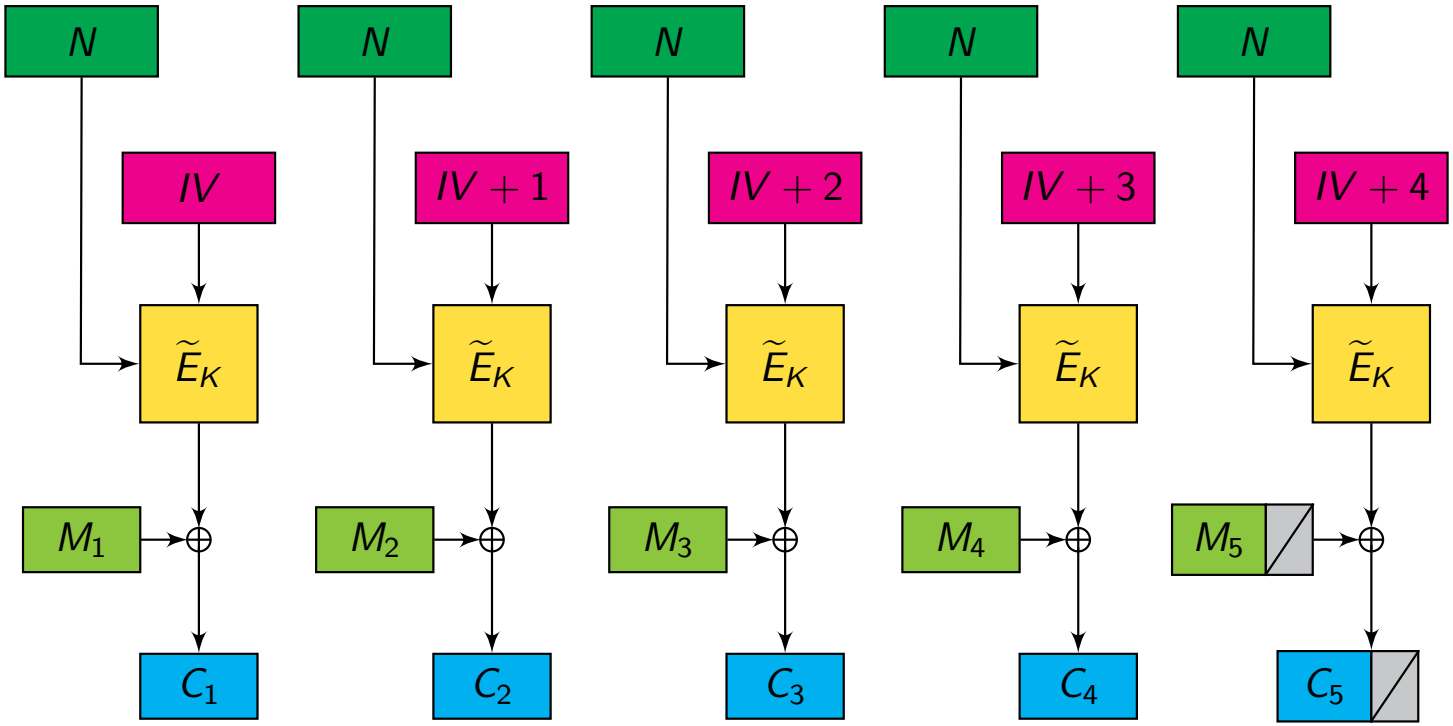

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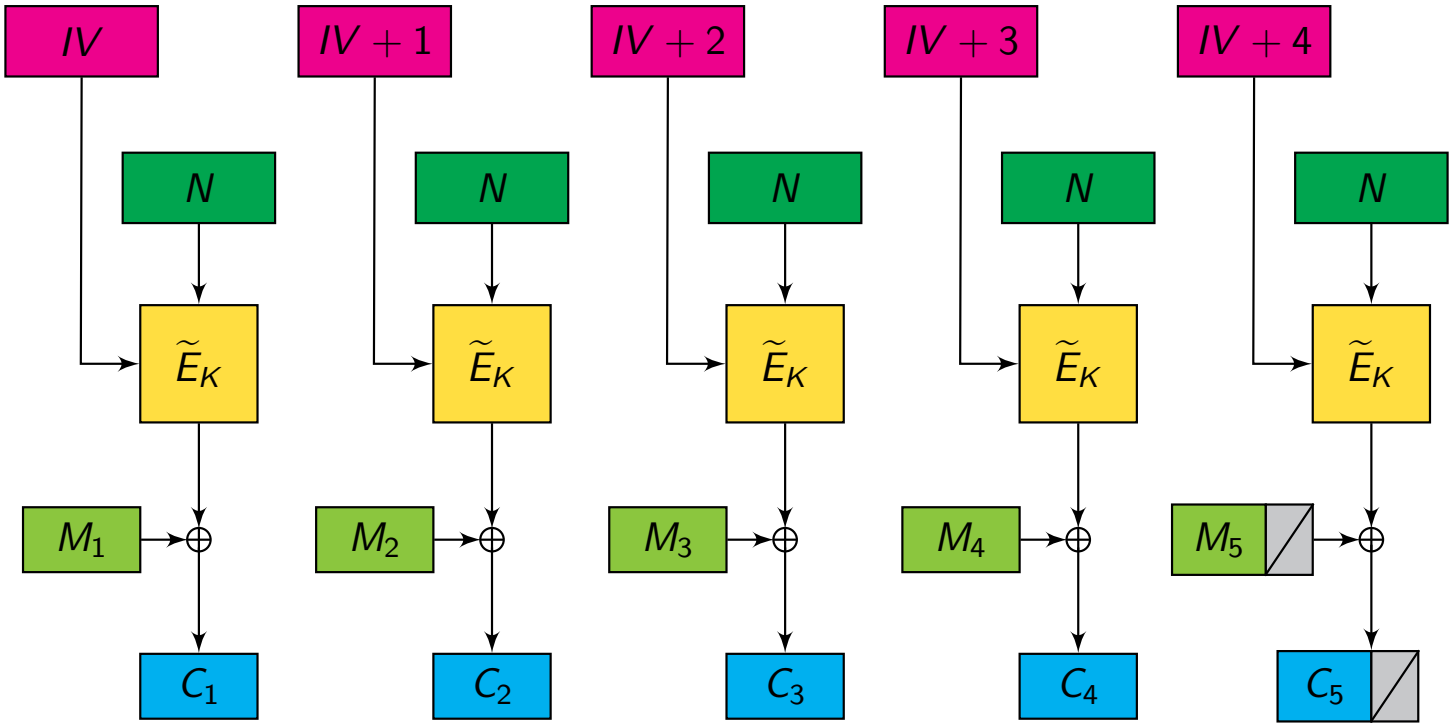

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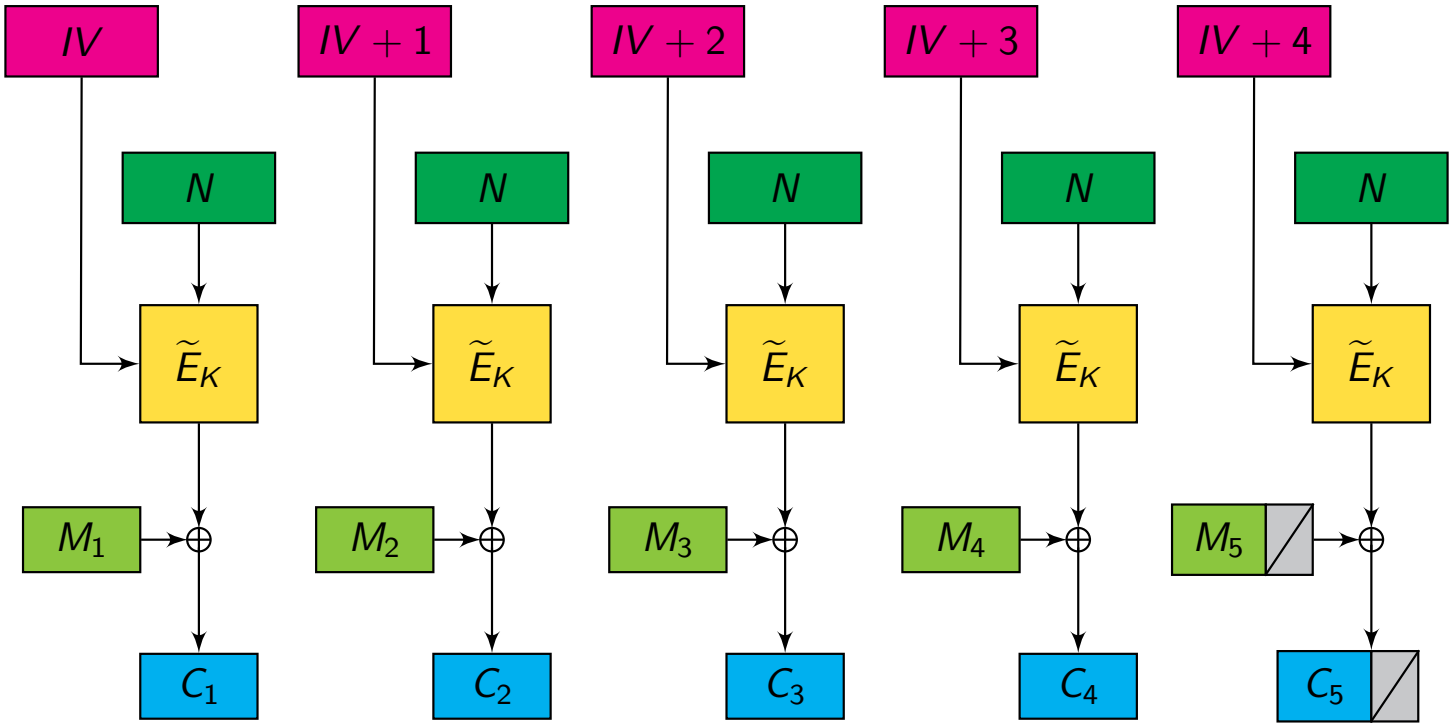

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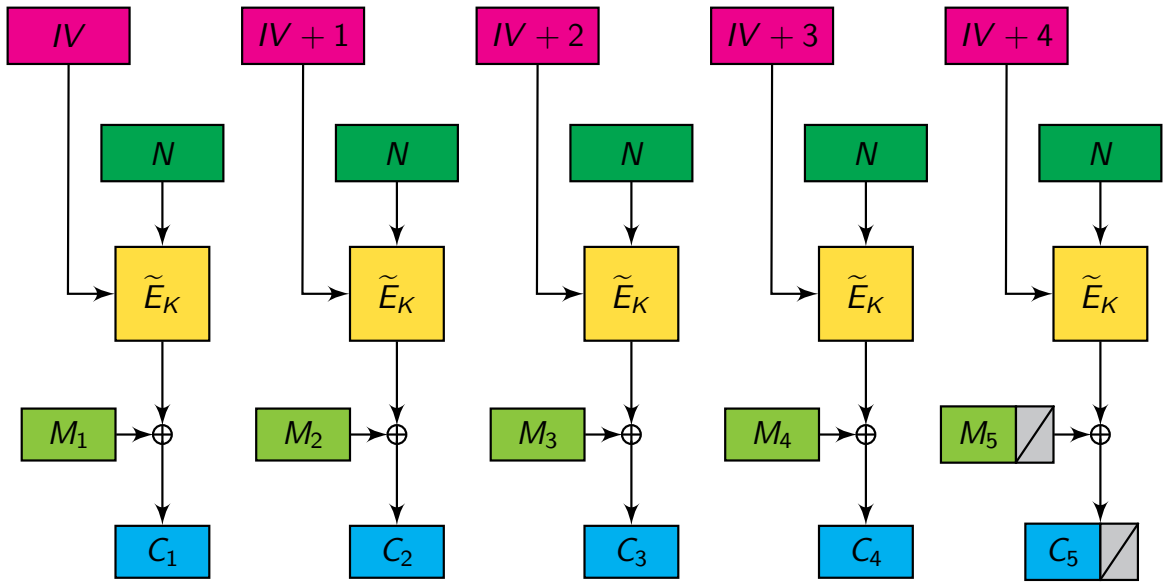

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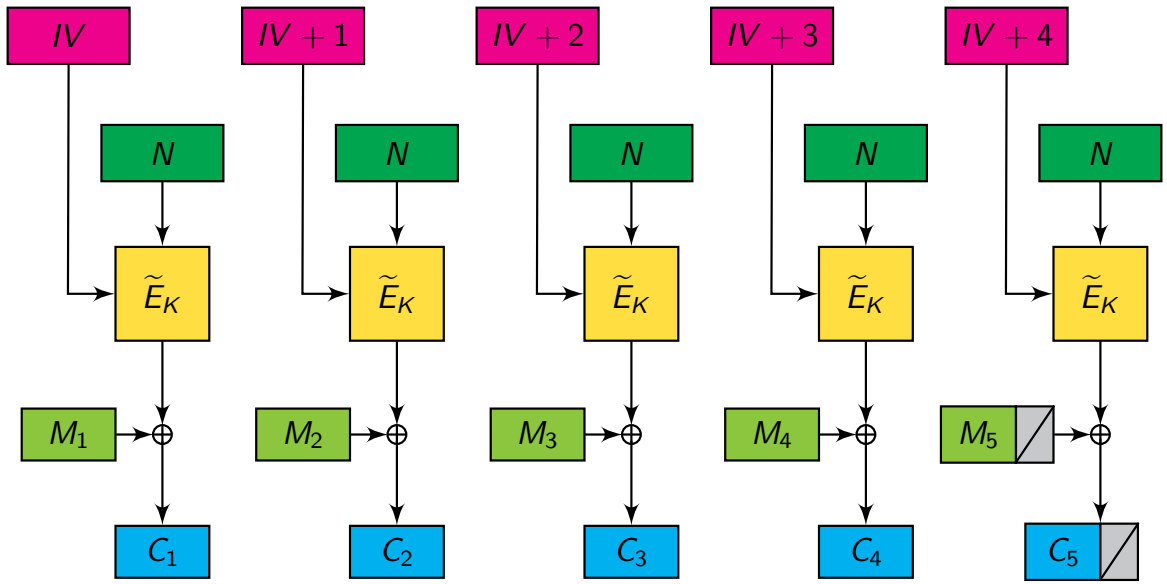

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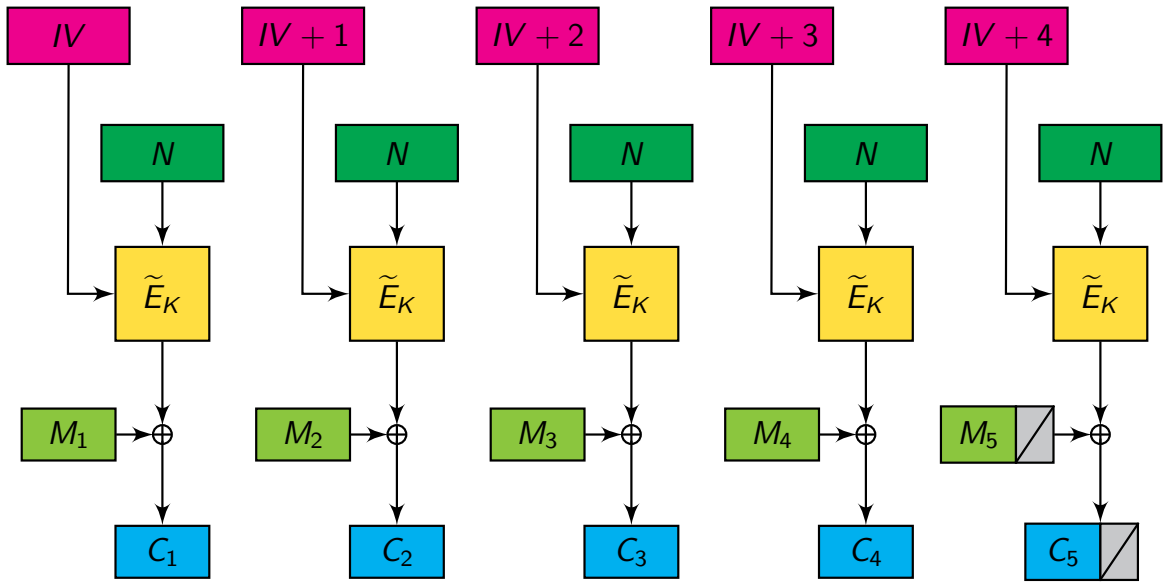

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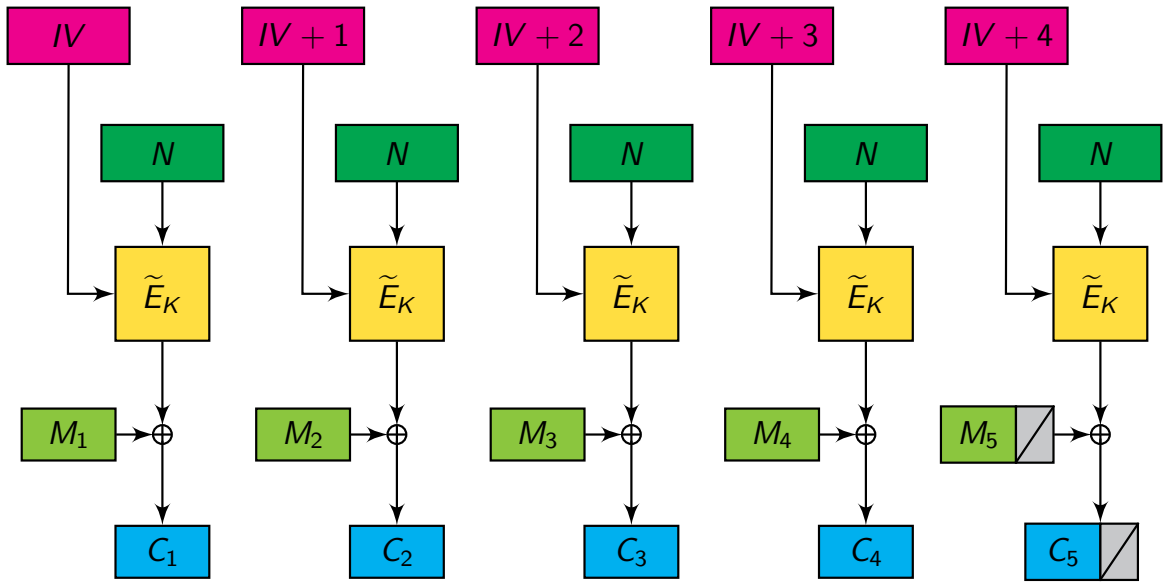

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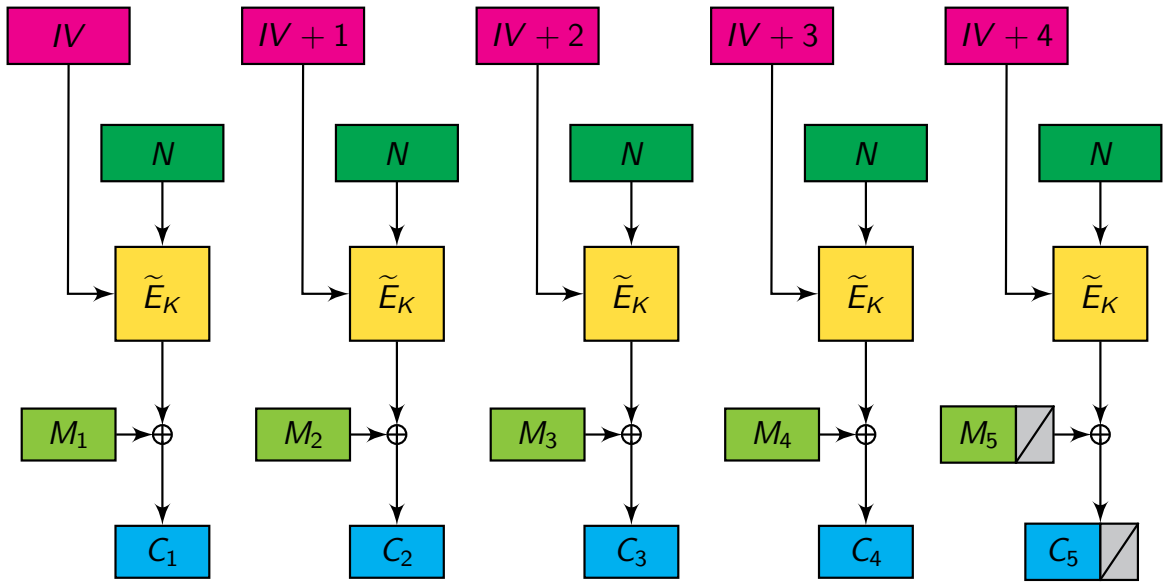

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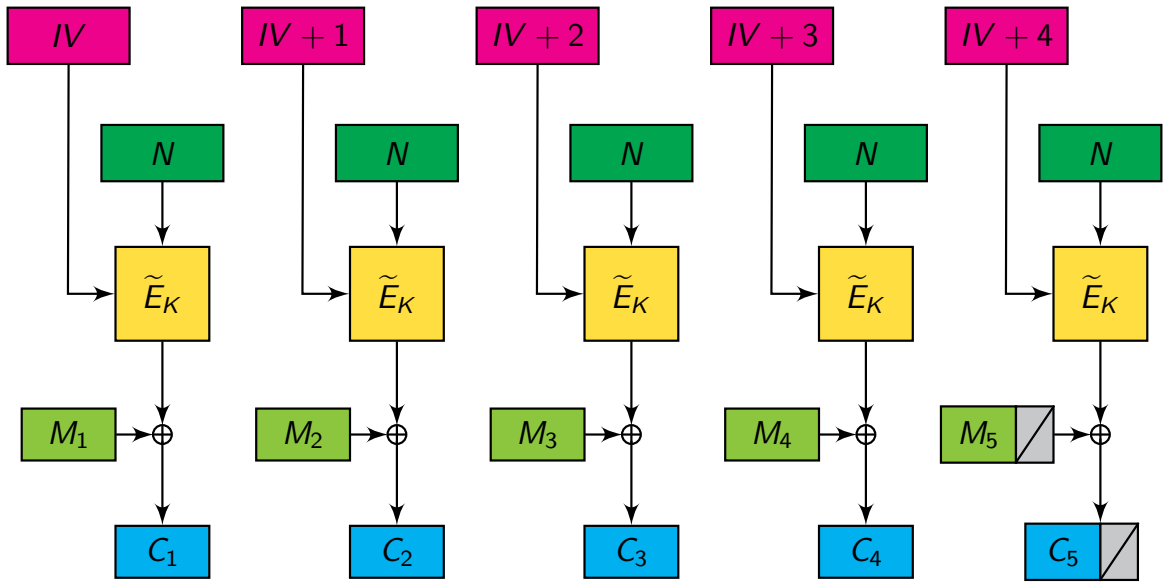

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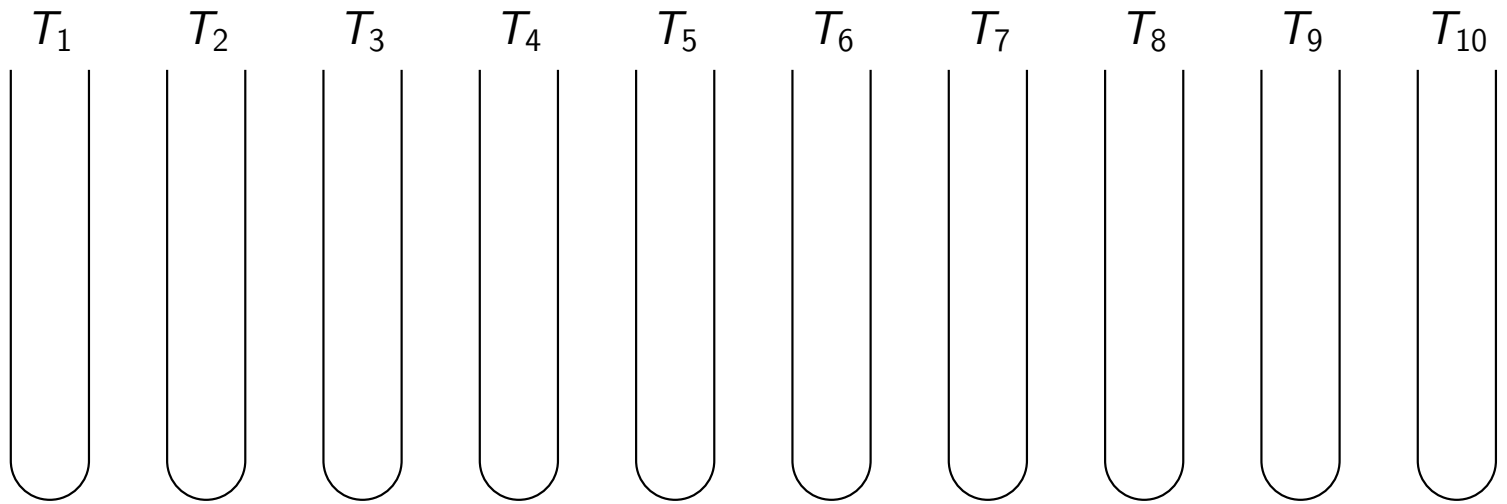

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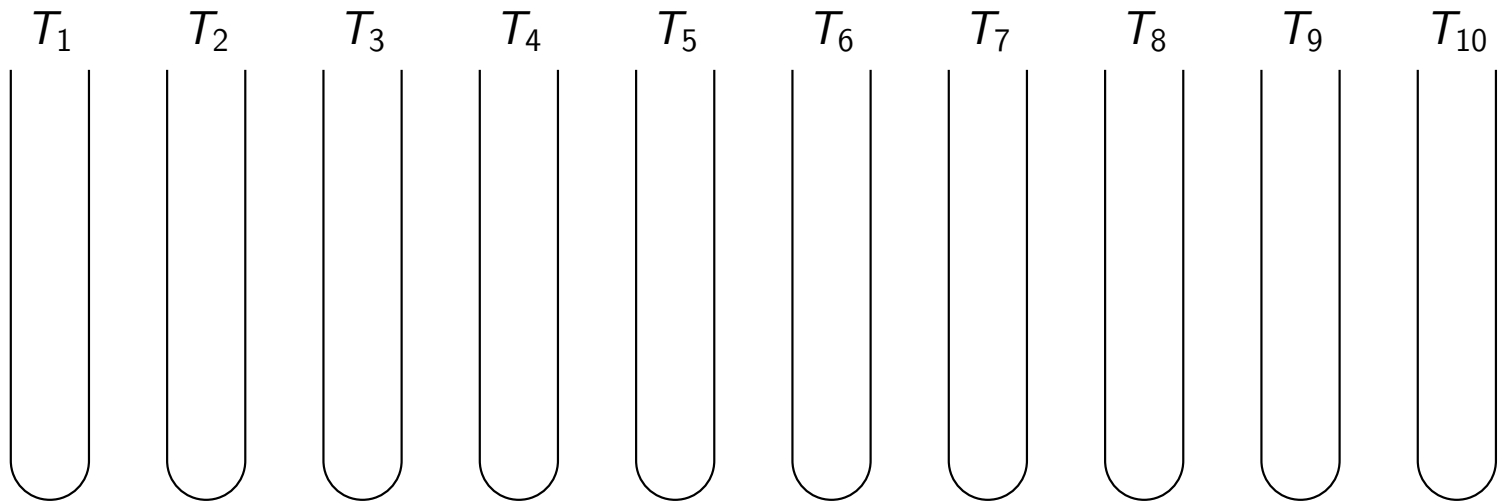

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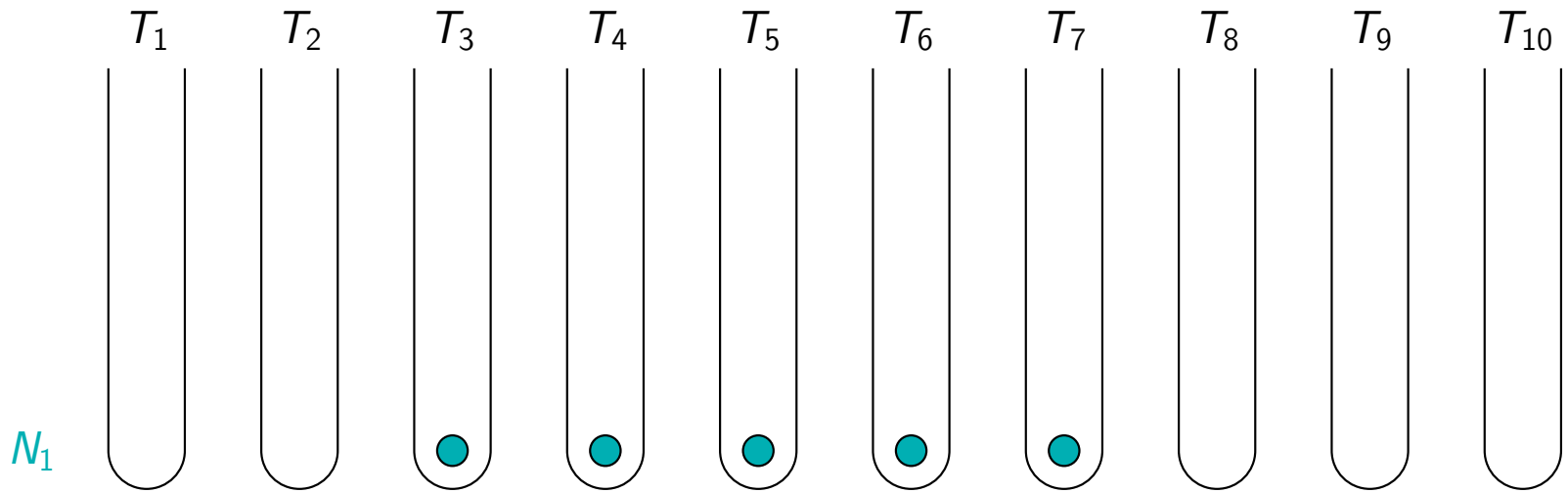

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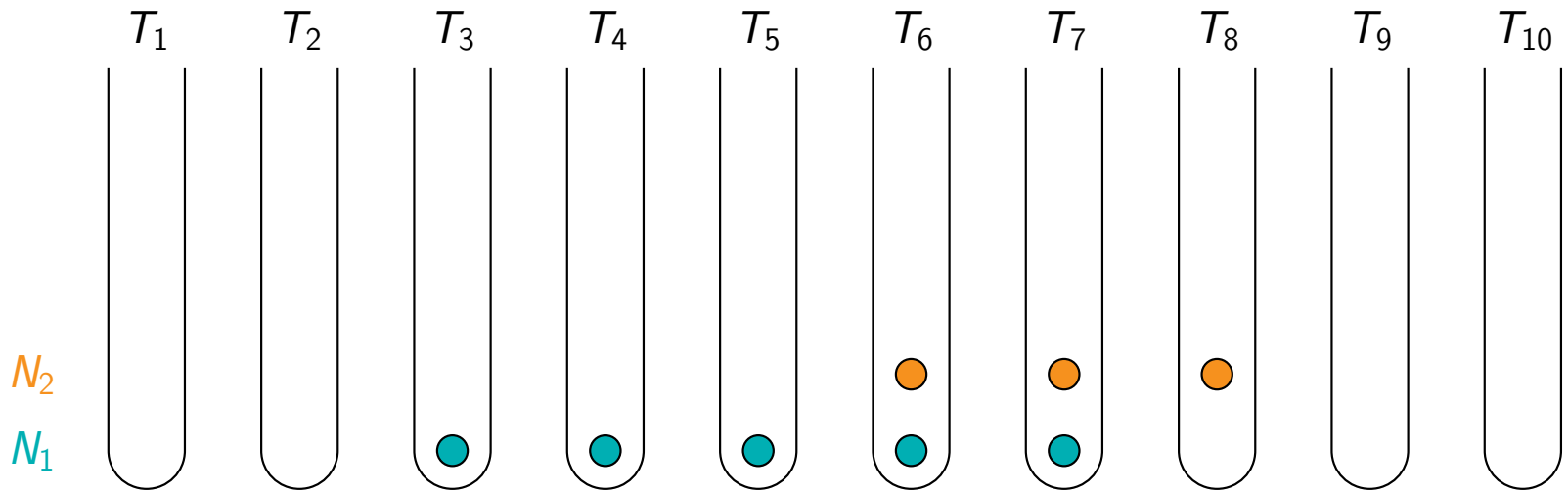

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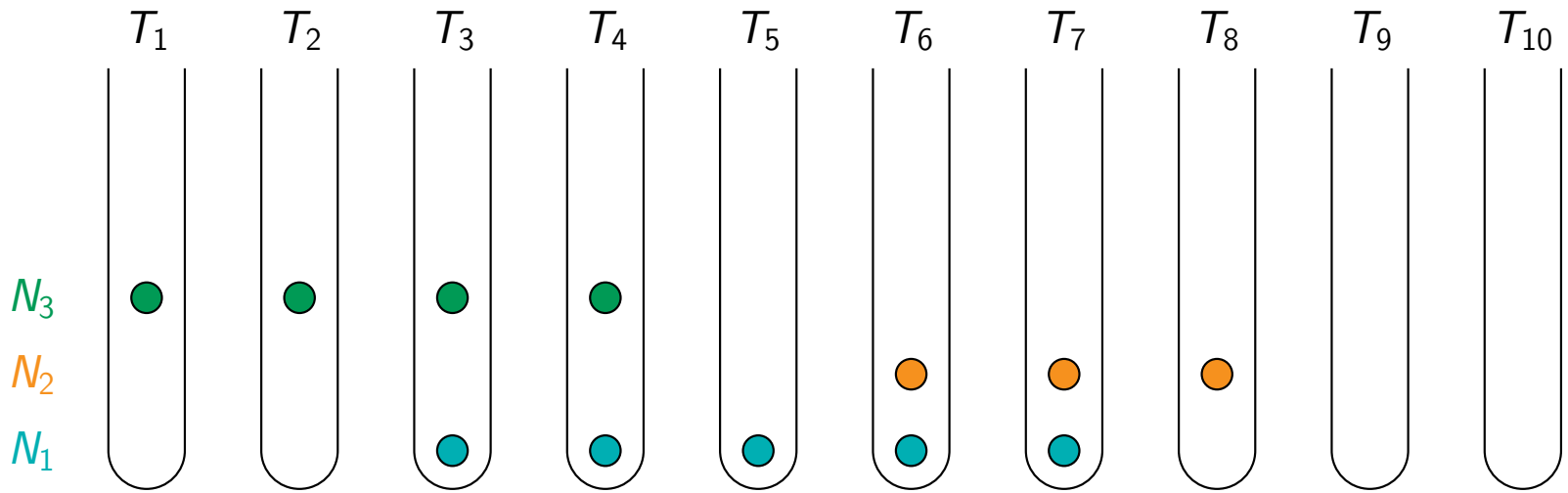

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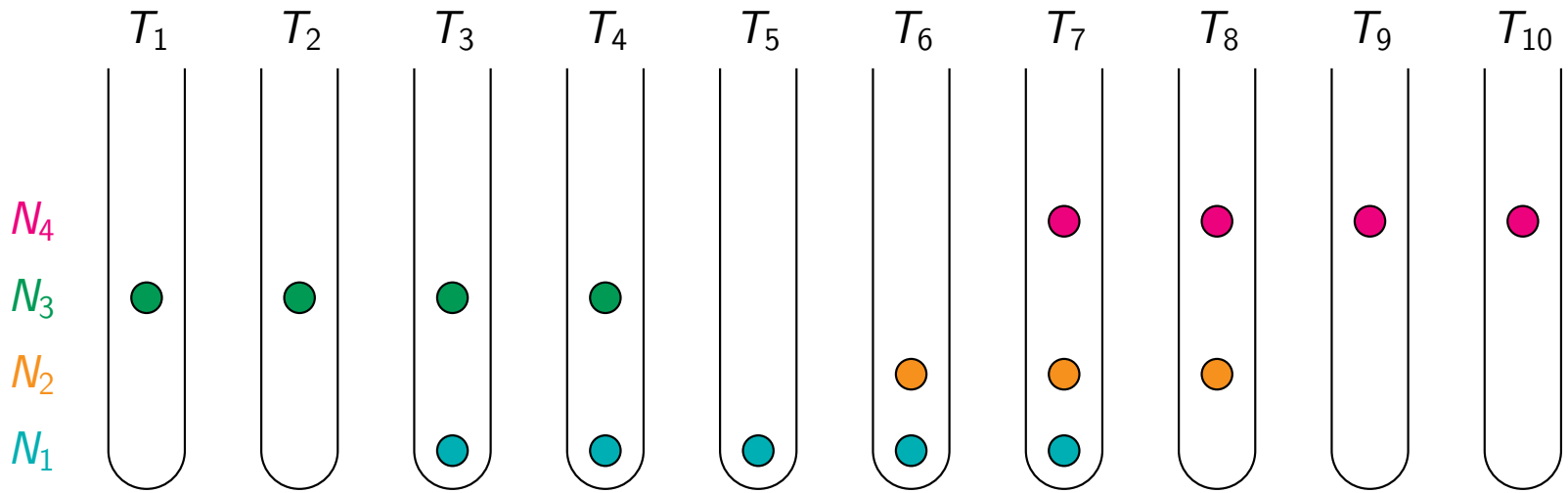

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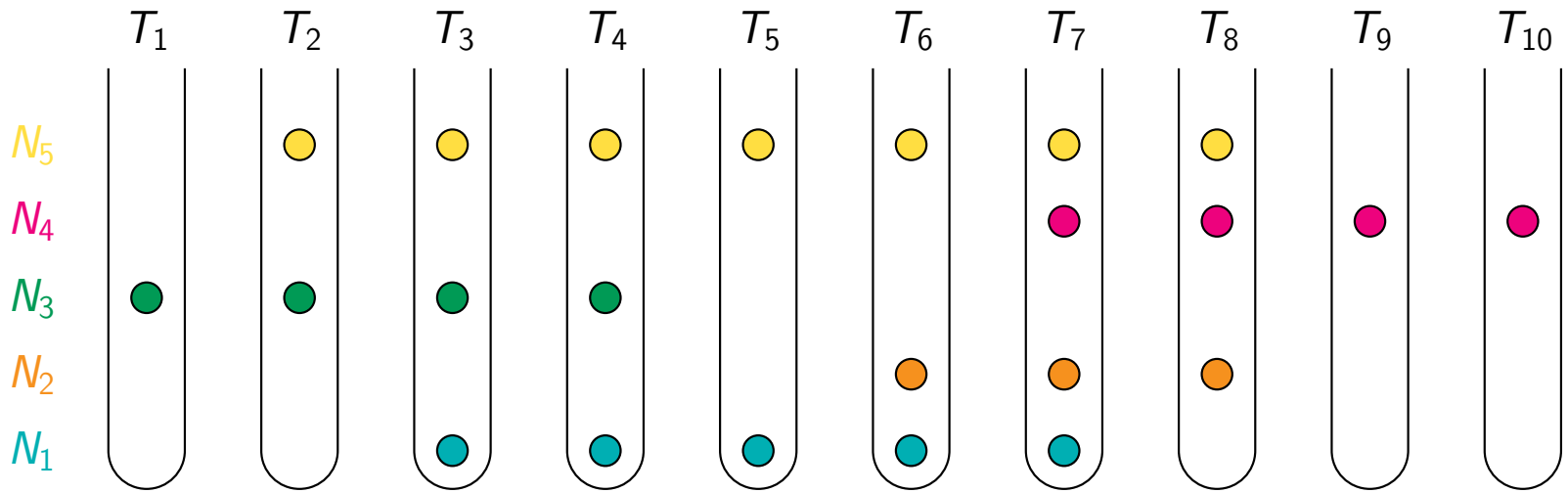

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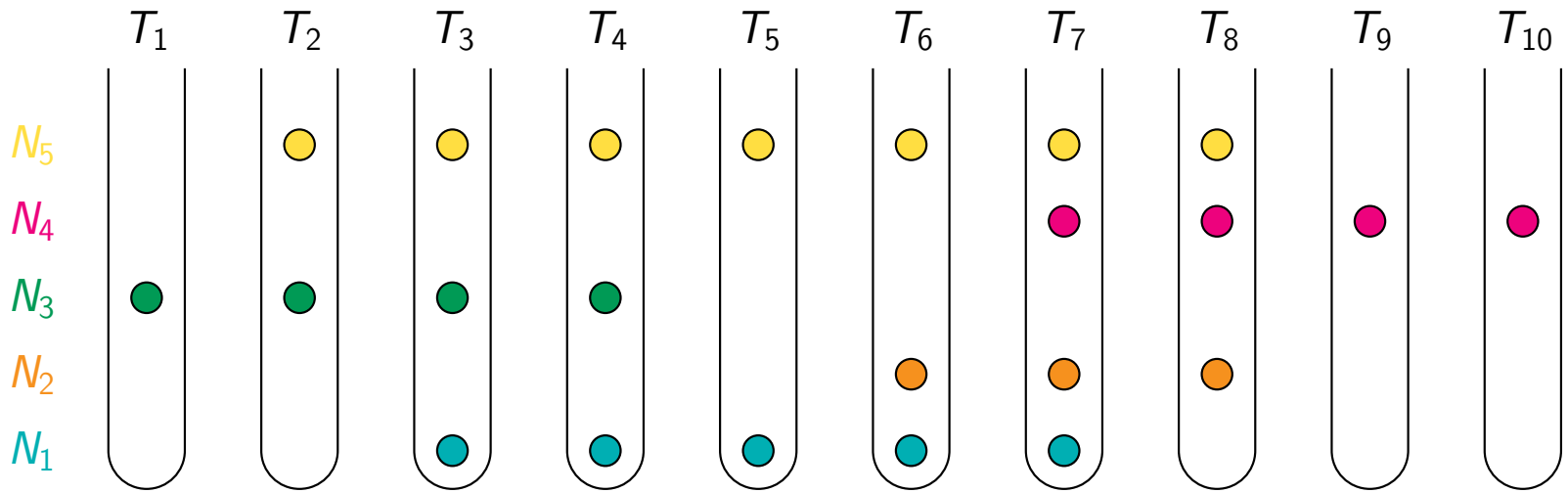

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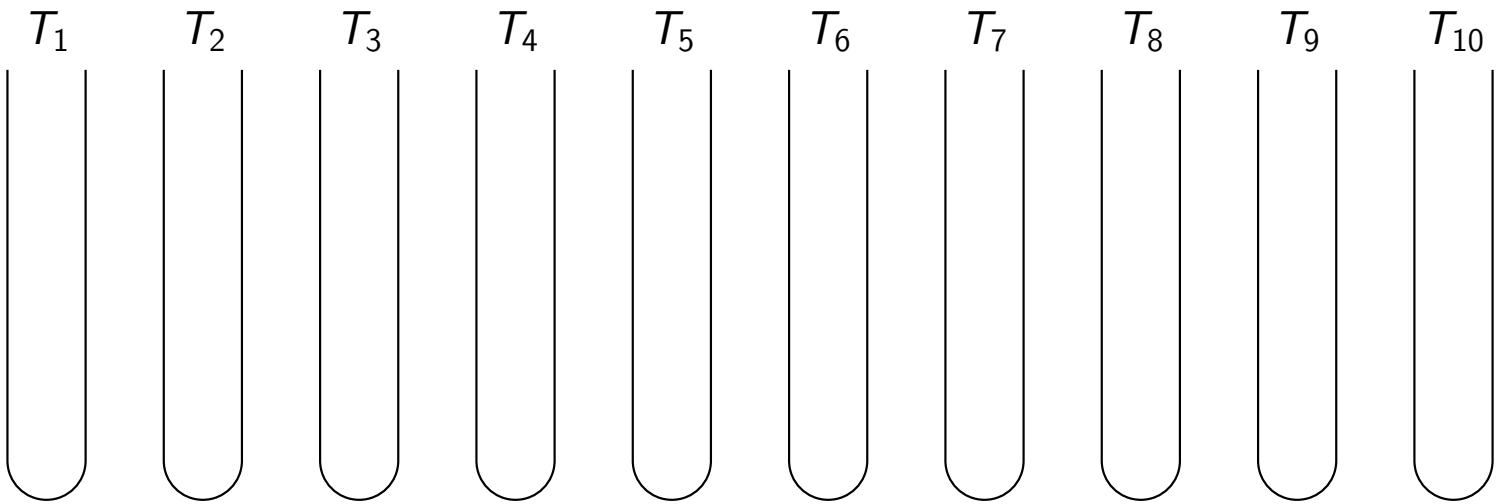

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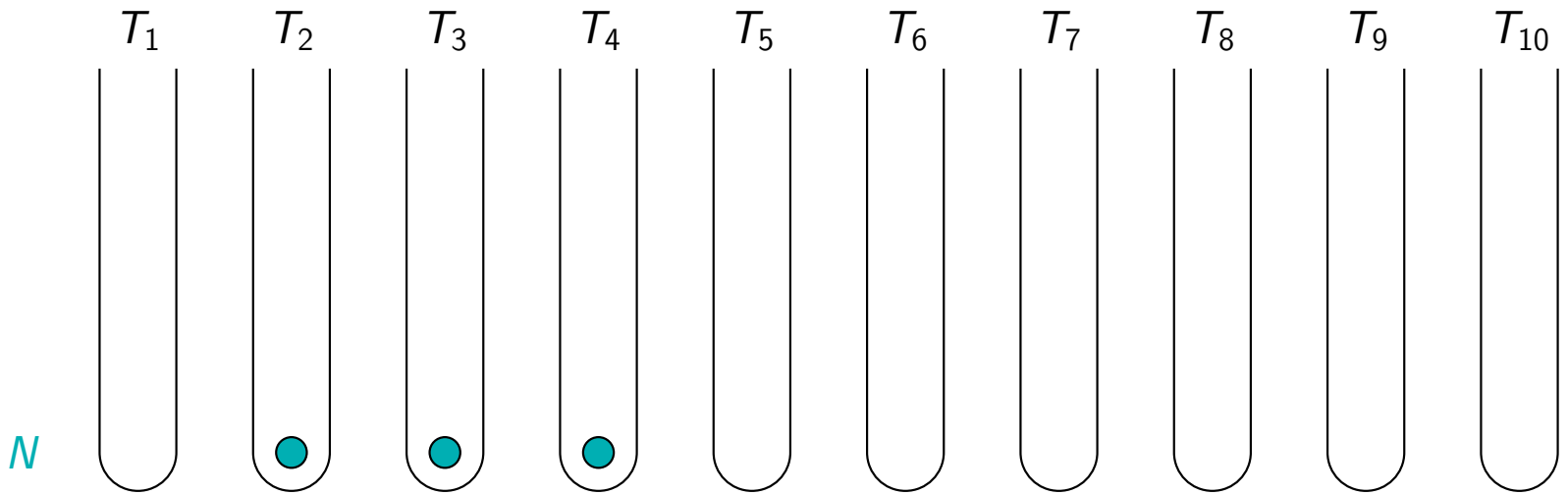

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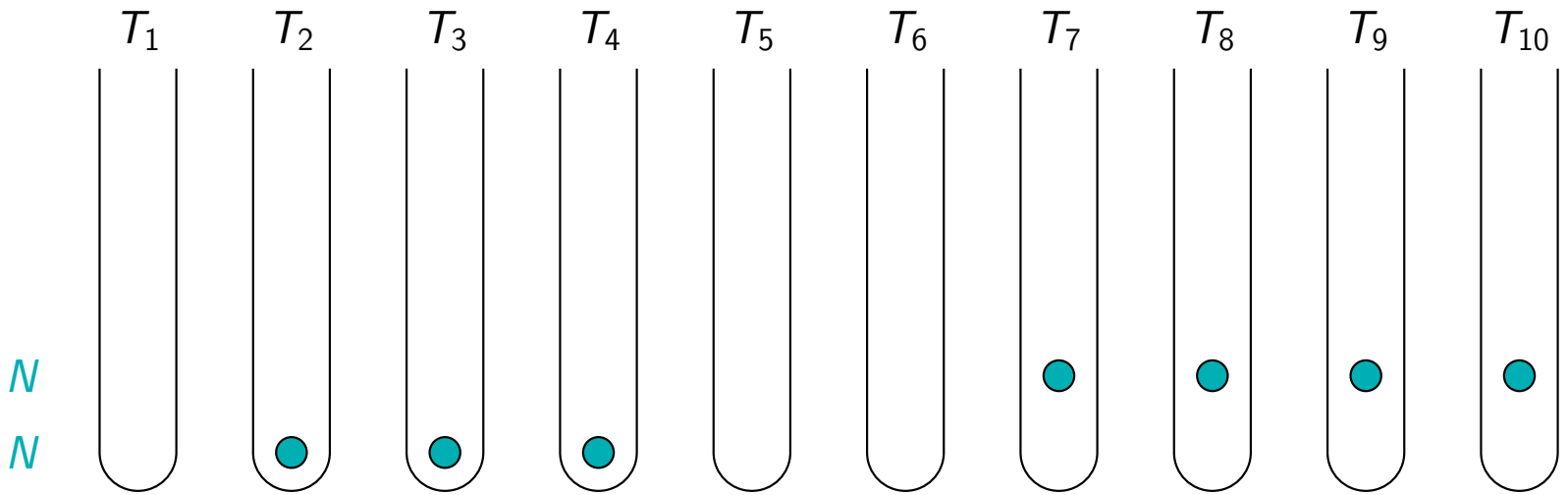

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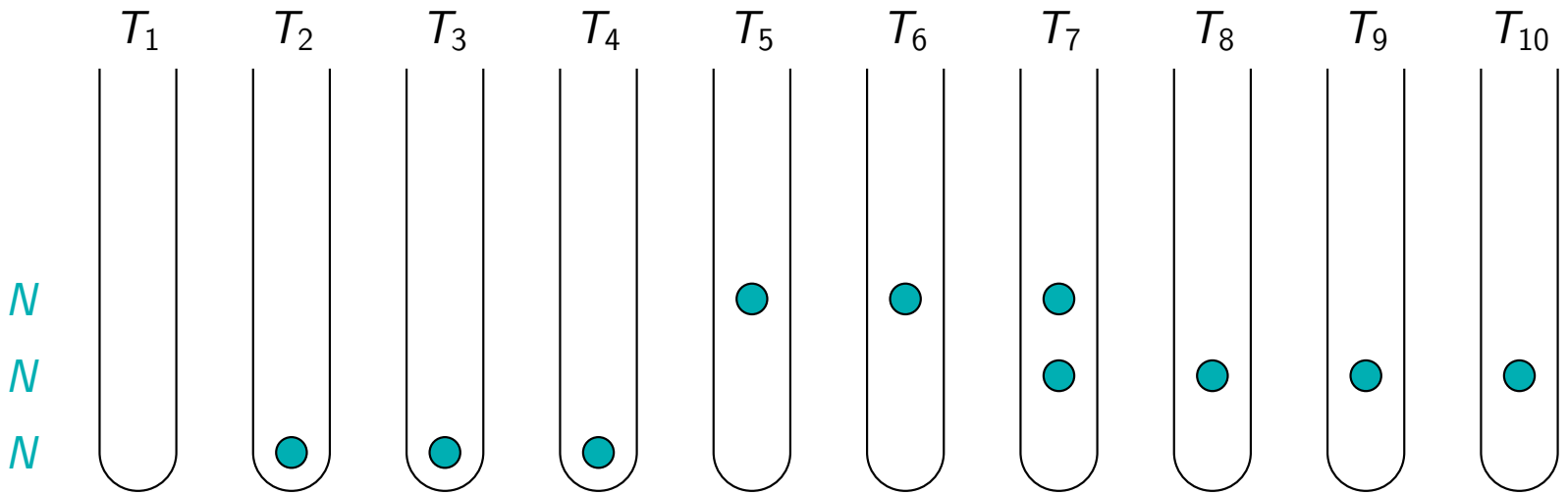

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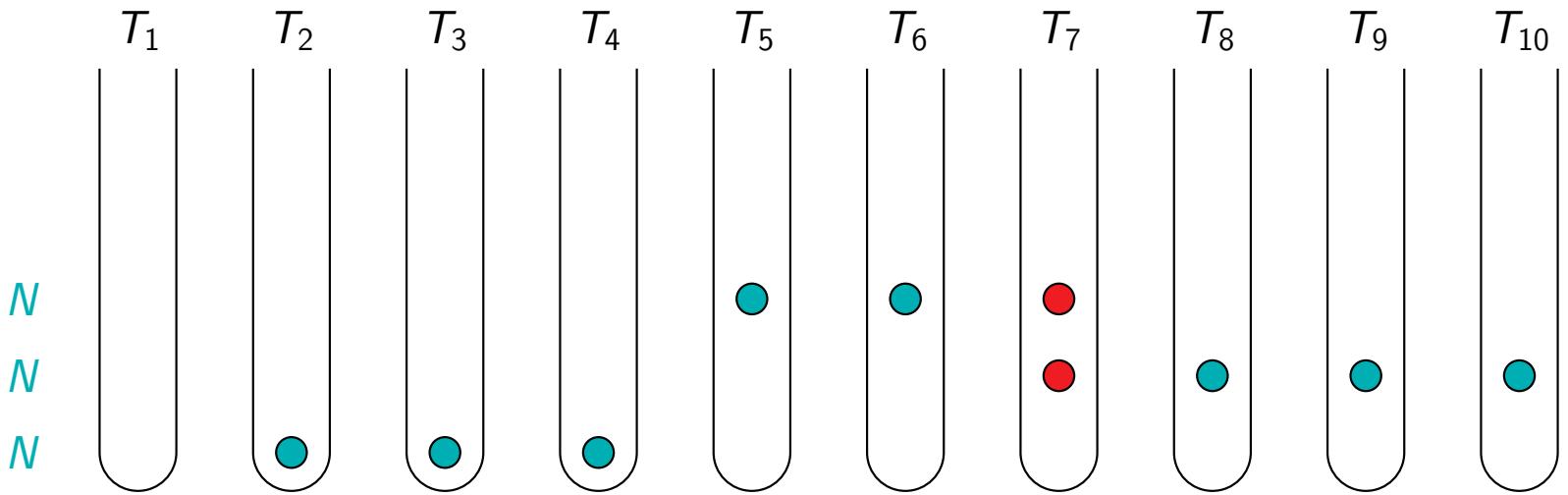

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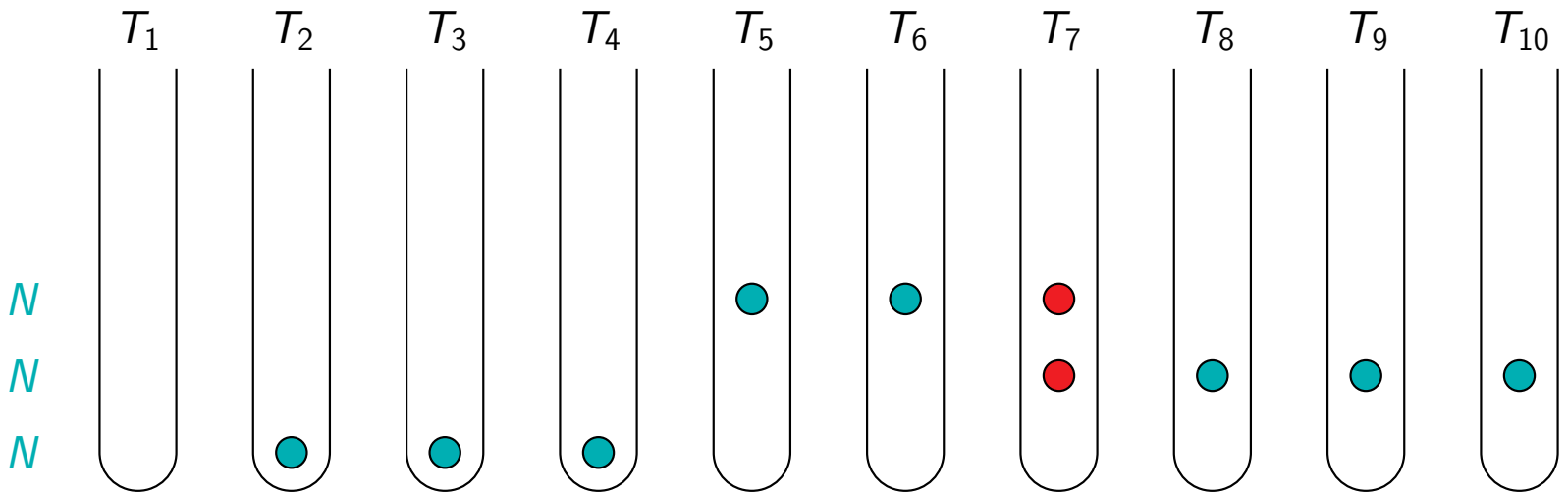

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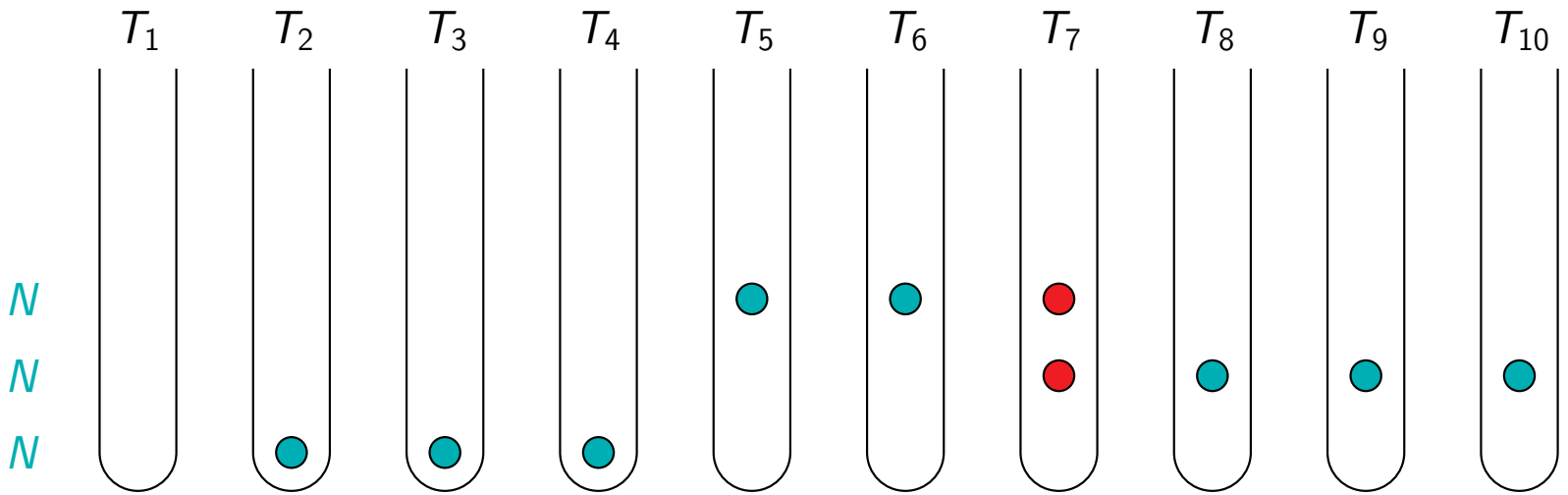

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