

gnark & 2-chain aggregation for Linea

Proof Day: NYC Edition

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Who?

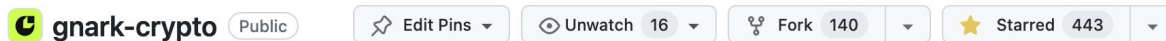
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What?

We're building [gnark](#), a fast and easy to use open source zkSNARK library, in Go.



and [gnark-crypto](#), a fast cryptographic library, in Go.



gnark under the hood

Frontend
(write a “circuit”)

Backend
(proof generation &
verification)

Pairing and elliptic curve cryptography

gnark-crypto

Field arithmetic (~big integer library)

gnark-crypto

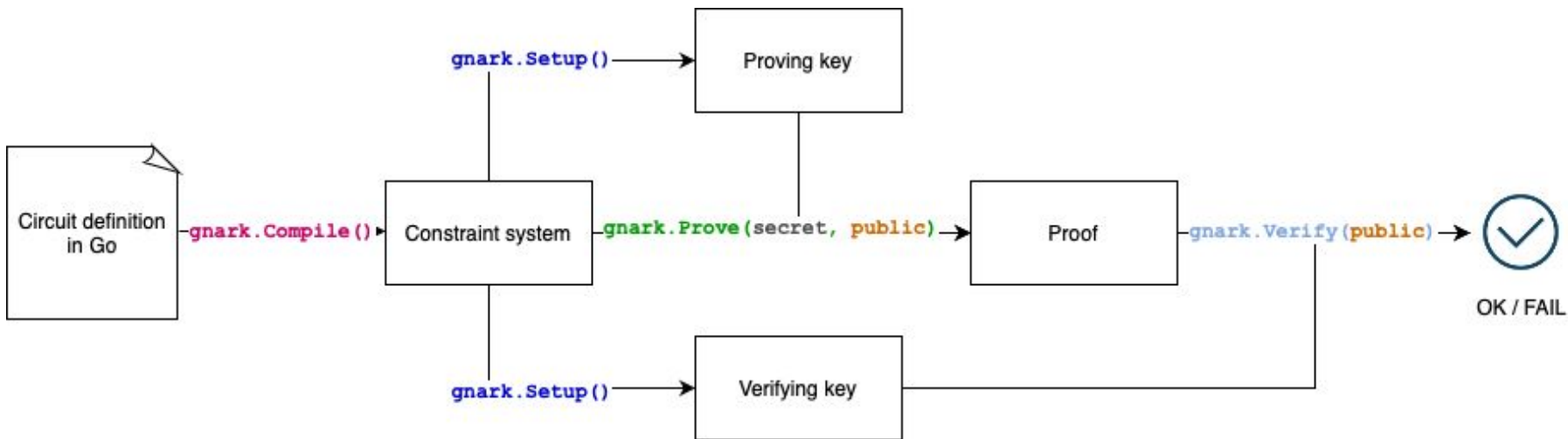
- Groth16, PLONK w/ KZG (or FRI)
- std: hashes, signatures, pairings, commitments...
- Native and non-native field arithmetic

- BN254, BLS12-381, BLS12-377/BW6-761, BLS24...
- Fast cryptographic primitives (MSM, pairings,...)
- KZG, FRI, Plookup...
- Sumcheck (GKR)

- 768-bit, 384-bit, 256-bit, goldilocks... on multi-targets
- SotA mul, Pornin’s inverse, FFT...

gnark workflow

```
pk, vk, err := groth16.Setup(ccs)
proof, err := groth16.Prove(ccs, pk, witness)
err := groth16.Verify(proof, vk, publicWitness)
```



```
ccs, err = frontend.Compile(ecc.BN254.ScalarField(), r1cs.NewBuilder, &c)
ccs, err = frontend.Compile(ecc.BLS12_381.ScalarField(), scs.NewBuilder, &c)
```


gnark playground: play.gnark.io

The gnark playground

Groth16 PlonK

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Examples ▾

```
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9 // gnark is a zk-SNARK library written in Go. Circuits are regular structs.
10 // The inputs must be of type frontend.Variable and make up the witness.
11 // The witness has a
12 //   * secret part --> known to the prover only
13 //   * public part --> known to the prover and the verifier
14 type Circuit struct {
15     Secret frontend.Variable // pre-image of the hash secret known to the prover only
16     Hash    frontend.Variable `gnark:"public"` // hash of the secret known to all
17 }
18
19 // Define declares the circuit logic. The compiler then produces a list of constraints
20 // which must be satisfied (valid witness) in order to create a valid zk-SNARK
21 // This circuit proves knowledge of a pre-image such that hash(secret) == hash
22 func (circuit *Circuit) Define(api frontend.API) error {
23     // hash function
24     mimc, _ := mimc.NewMiMC(api)
25
26     // hash the secret
27     mimc.Write(circuit.Secret)
28
29     // ensure hashes match
30     api.AssertIsEqual(circuit.Hash, mimc.Sum())
31
32     return nil
33 }
34 -- witness.json --
35 {
36     "Secret": "0xdeadbeef"
```

► Proof is valid ✓

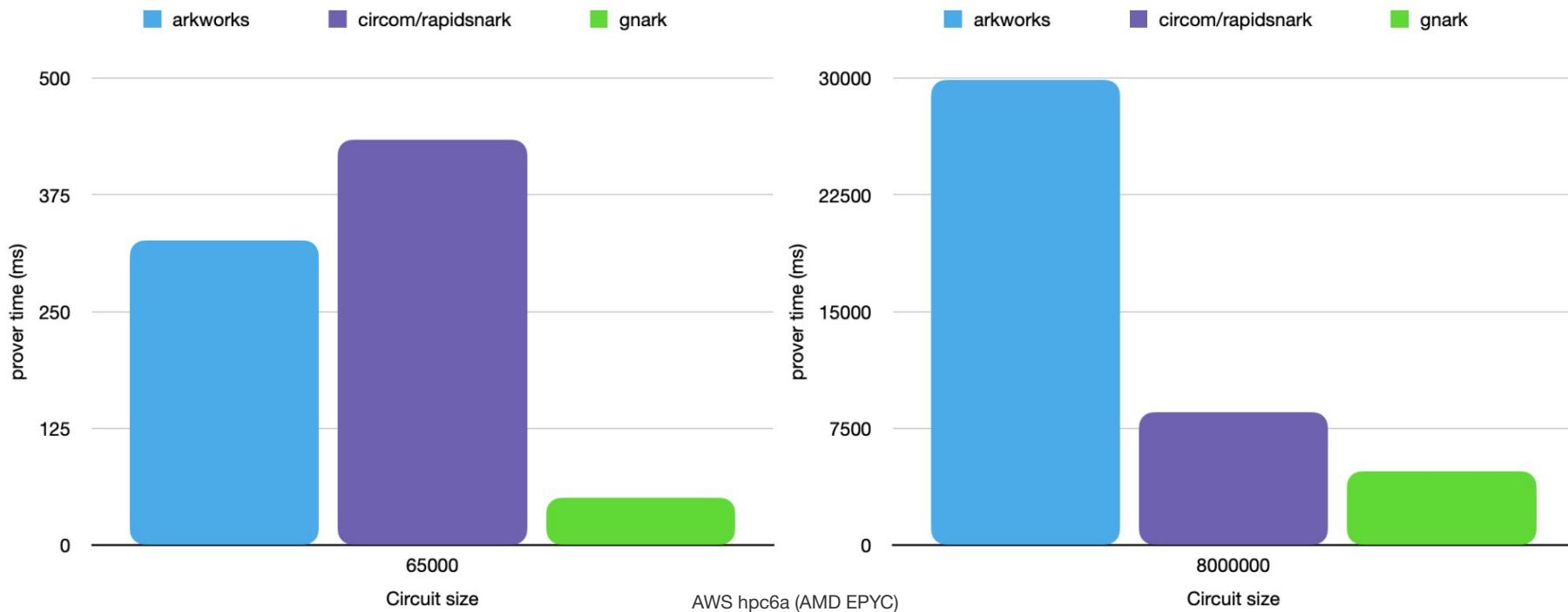
▼ 274 constraints ⌵

$L \cdot R == 0$

#	L	R
0	227063593160049201514509818732644766896230235191445544141110657236065169432 · 1 + Secret	227063593160049201514509818732644766896230235191445544141110657236065169432 · 1 + Secret
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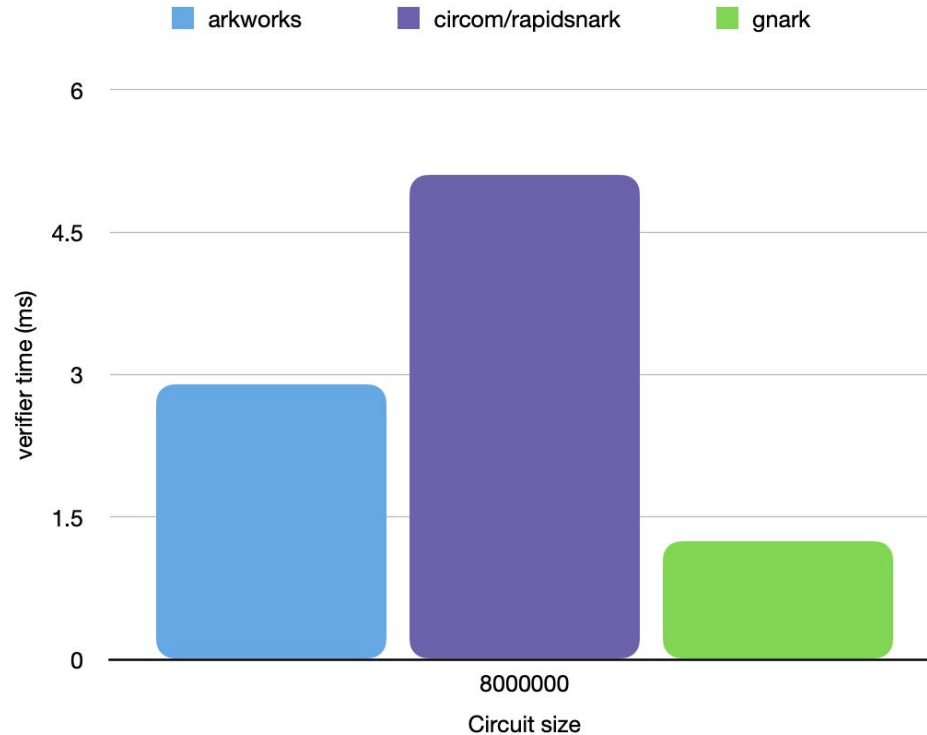
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Groth16 SNARK prover on BN254: MSM, FFT, parallelism



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Groth16 SNARK verifier: Pairing on BN254

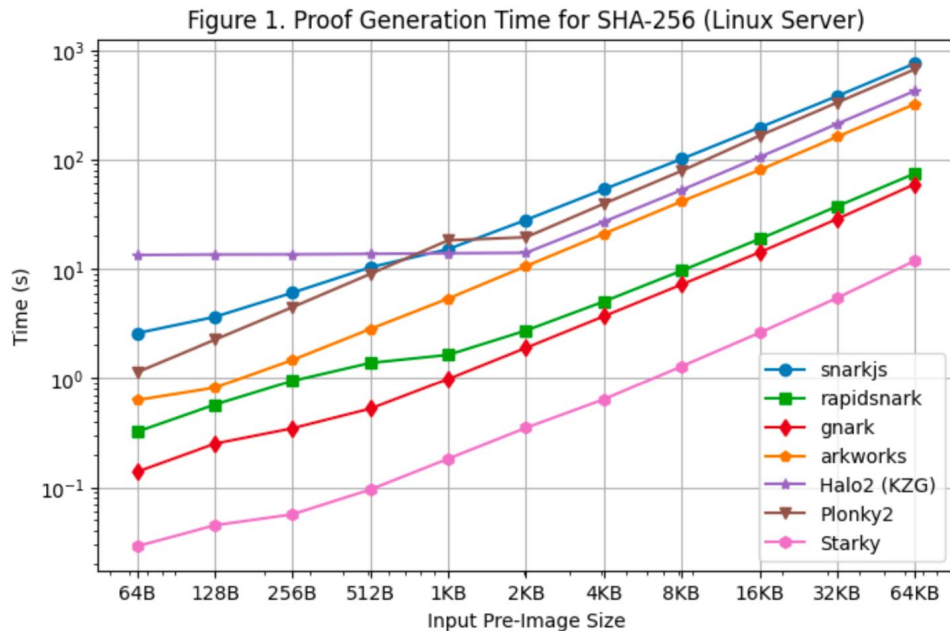


AWS hpc6a (AMD EPYC)

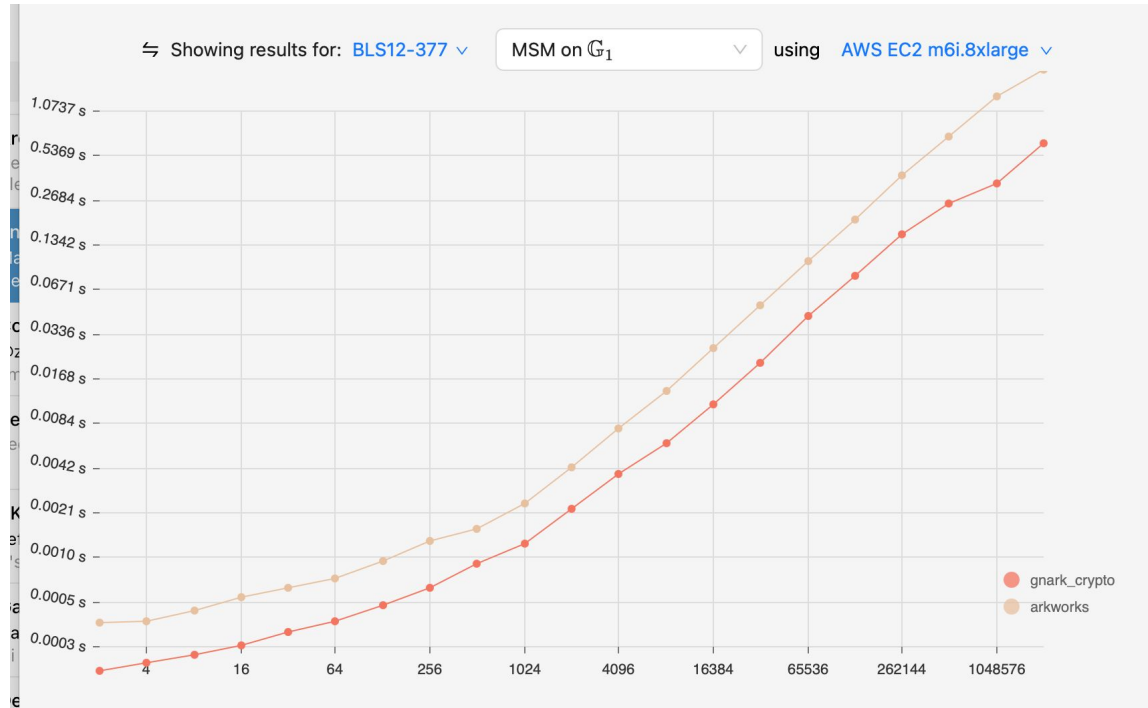
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SHA2 preimage knowledge

<https://github.com/celer-network/zk-benchmark>

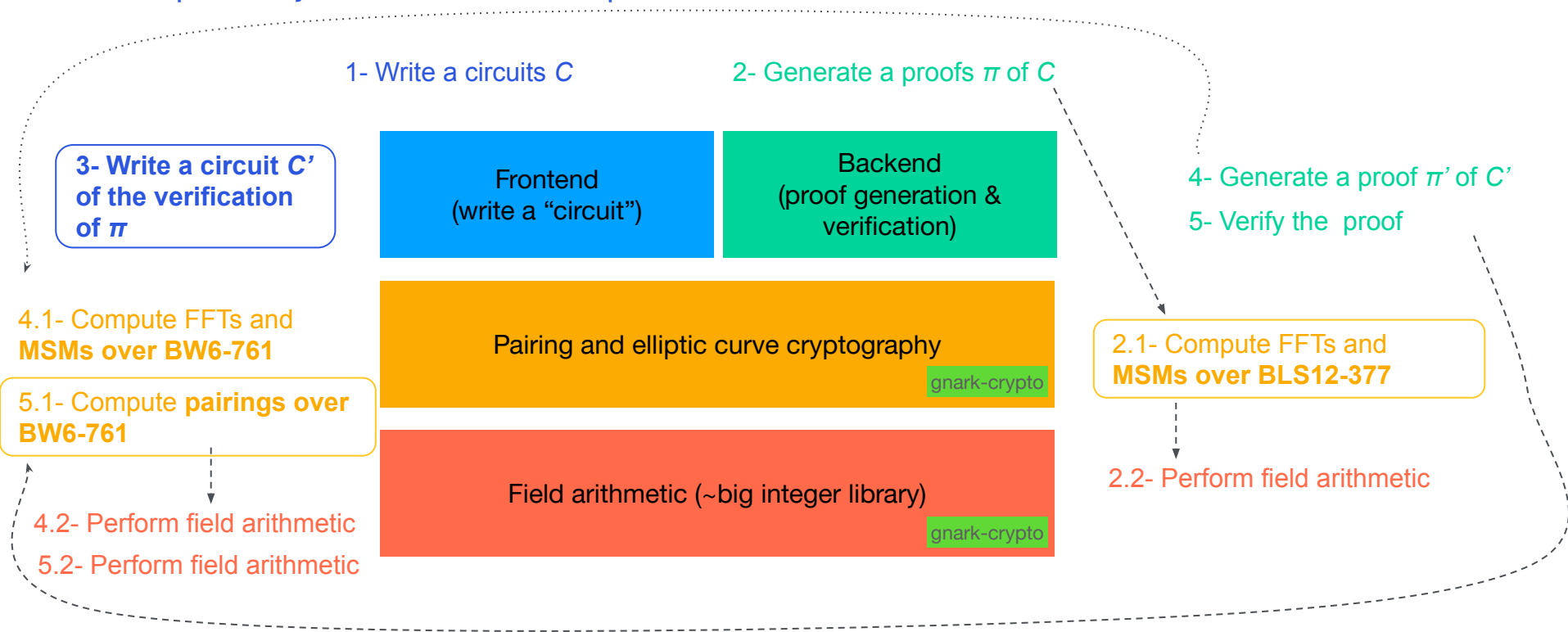


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Why is gnark that fast?

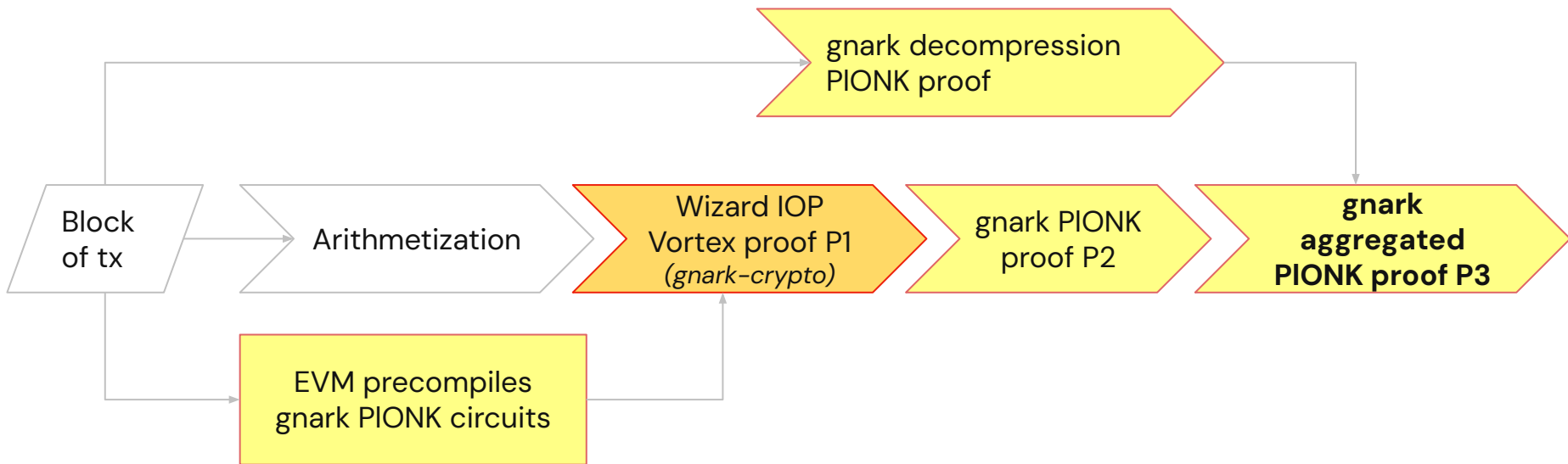
Example: 1-layer recursive PLONK proof



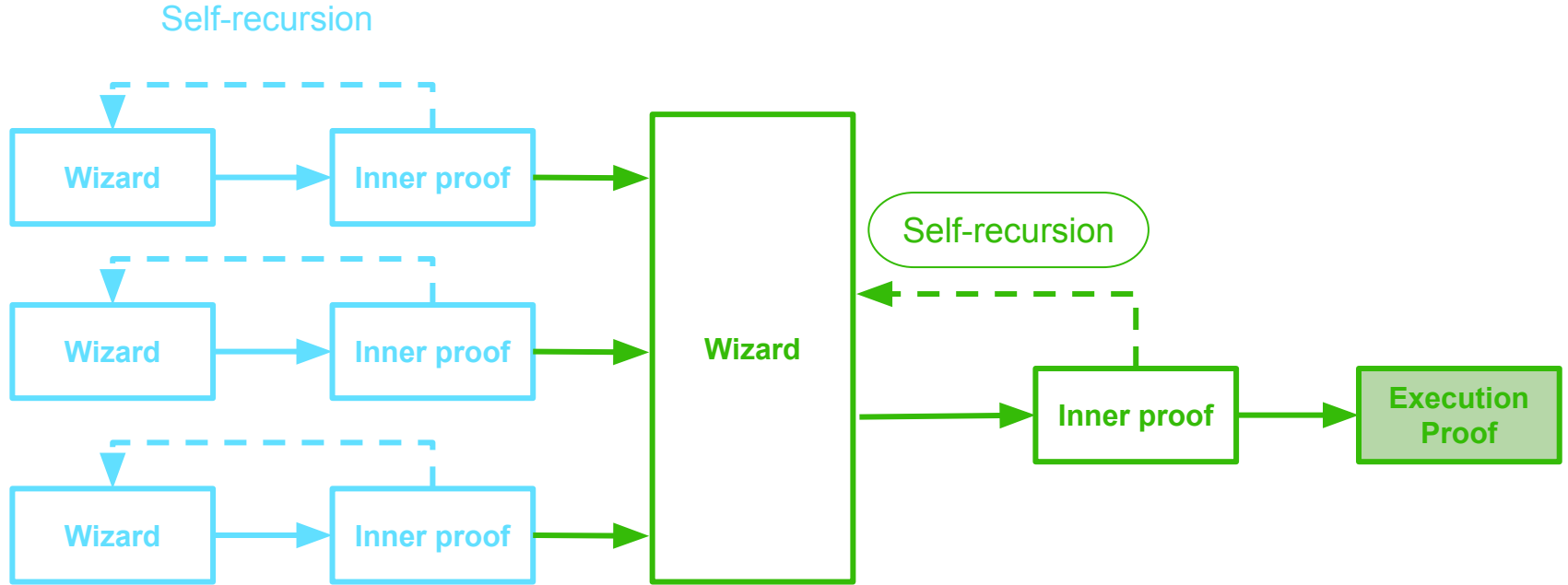
gnark applications

- zkEVMs (**Linea**)
- Rollups (zkBNB)
- Binance proof of solvency
- Worlcoin Groth16 prover
- Celer zkBridge and Brevis zkCoprocesor
- gnark-crypto: Algorand, EIP-4844 (go-kzg) and geth (EIP-2537)...
- Vocdoni - blockchain voting
- Noir or Sindri with a gnark backend
- Ingonyama (hardware accelerator): GPU support for Groth16 and PlonK.
- Some formal verification (Lean) on gnark circuits.
- Succinct labs (i.e. verify plonky 2 proofs in a gnark circuit)
- Base: keystores, FFLONK
- ...

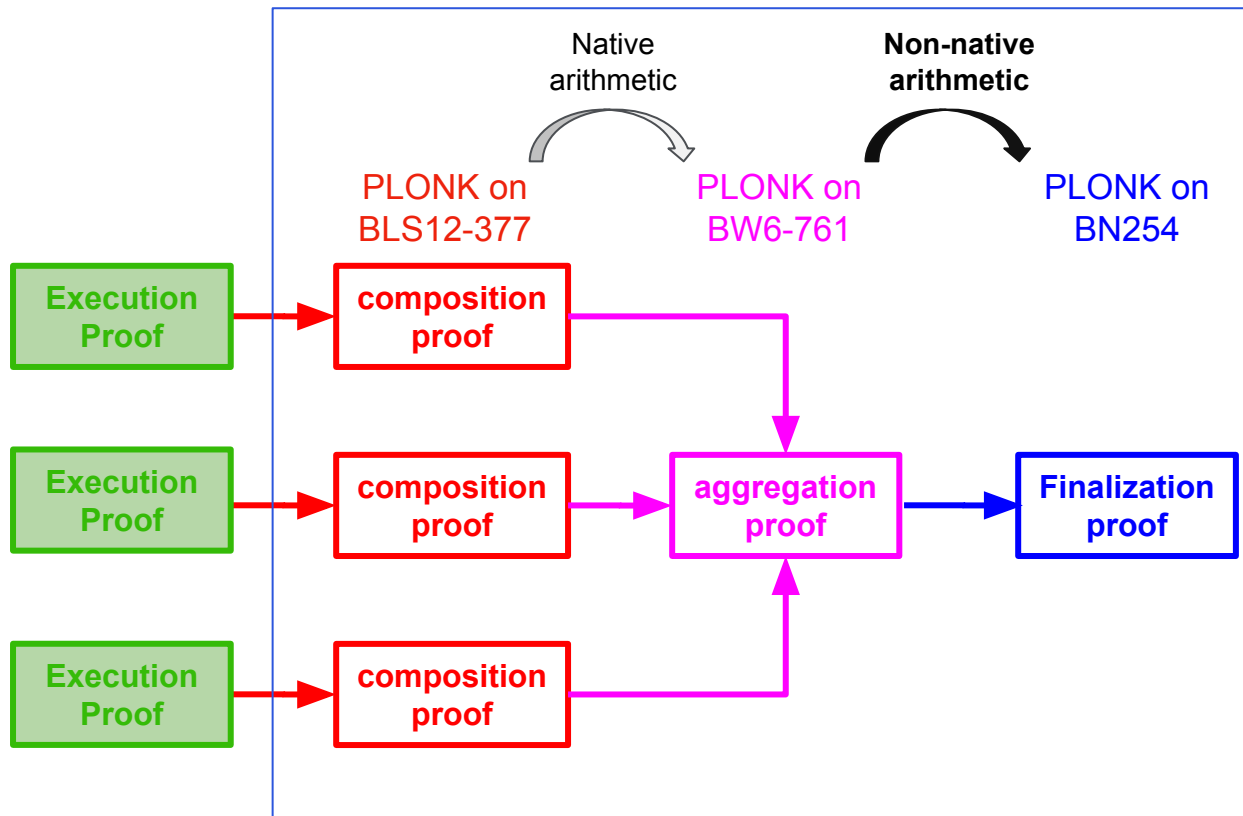
gnark in Linea



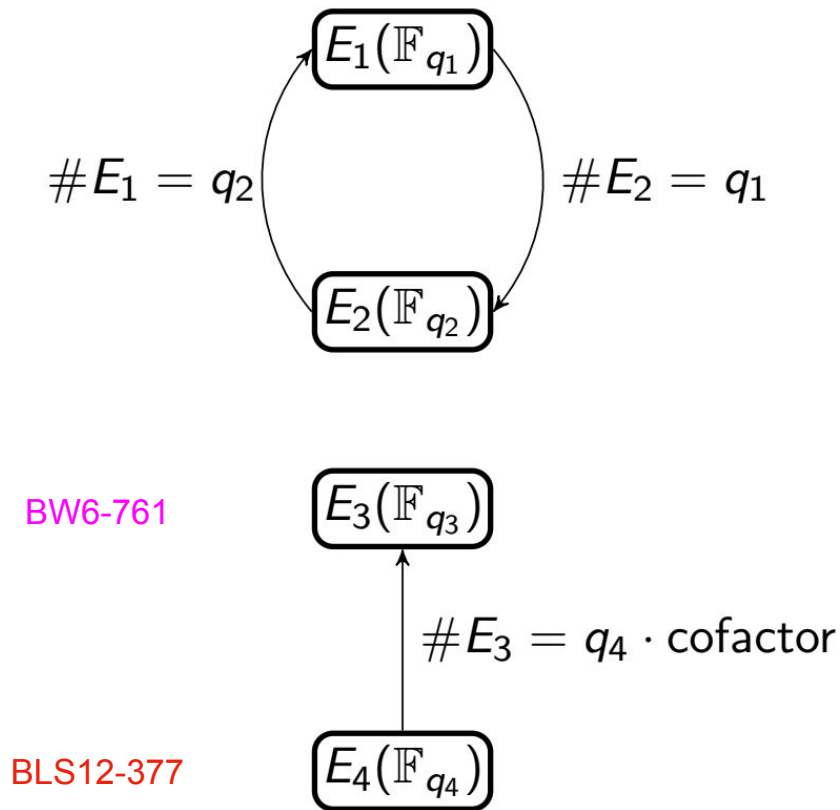
Aggregation for inner proofs



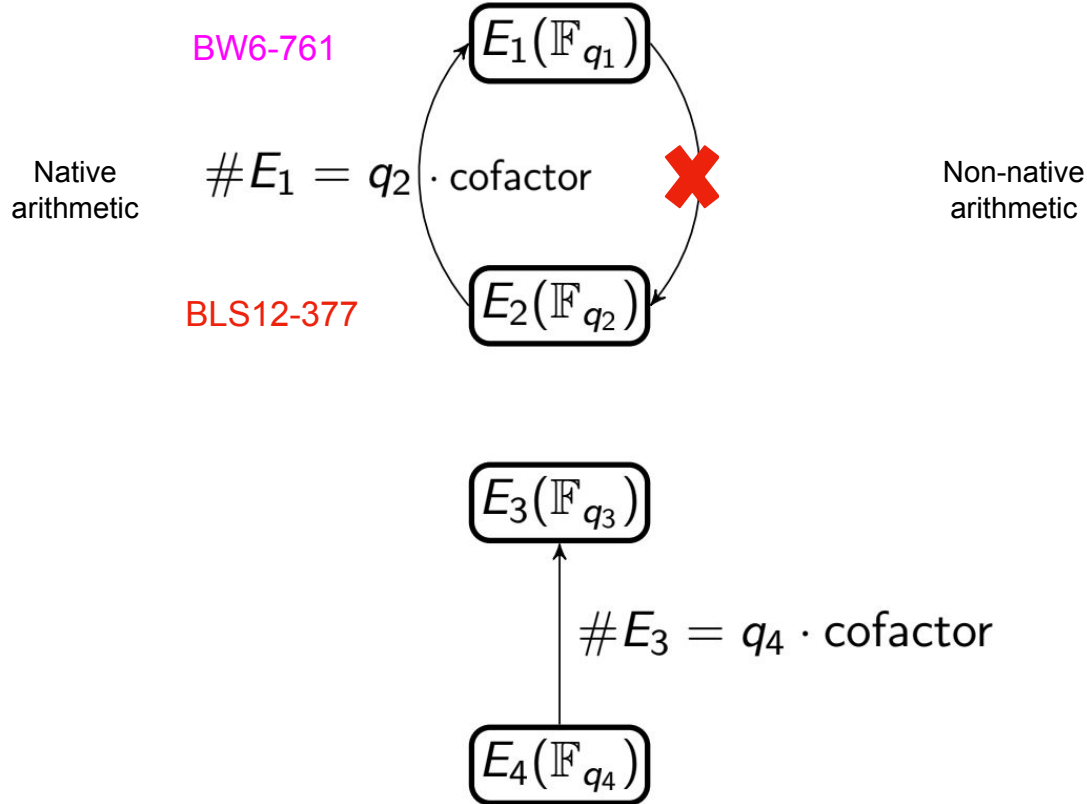
1-layer 2-chain aggregation



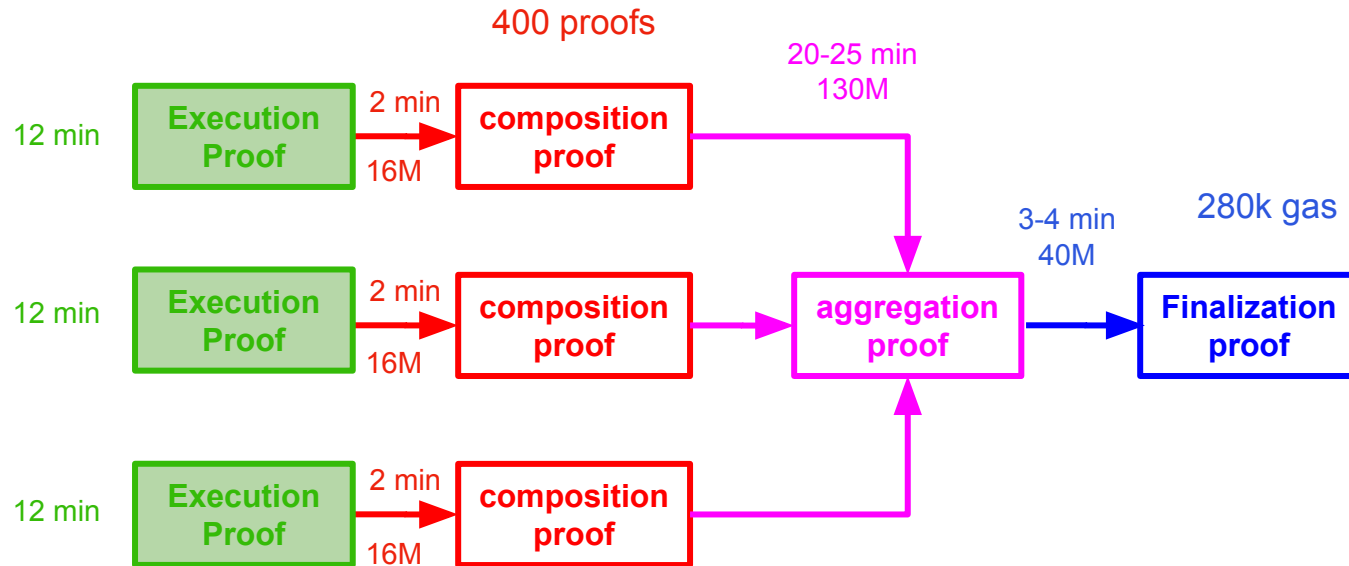
2-chain



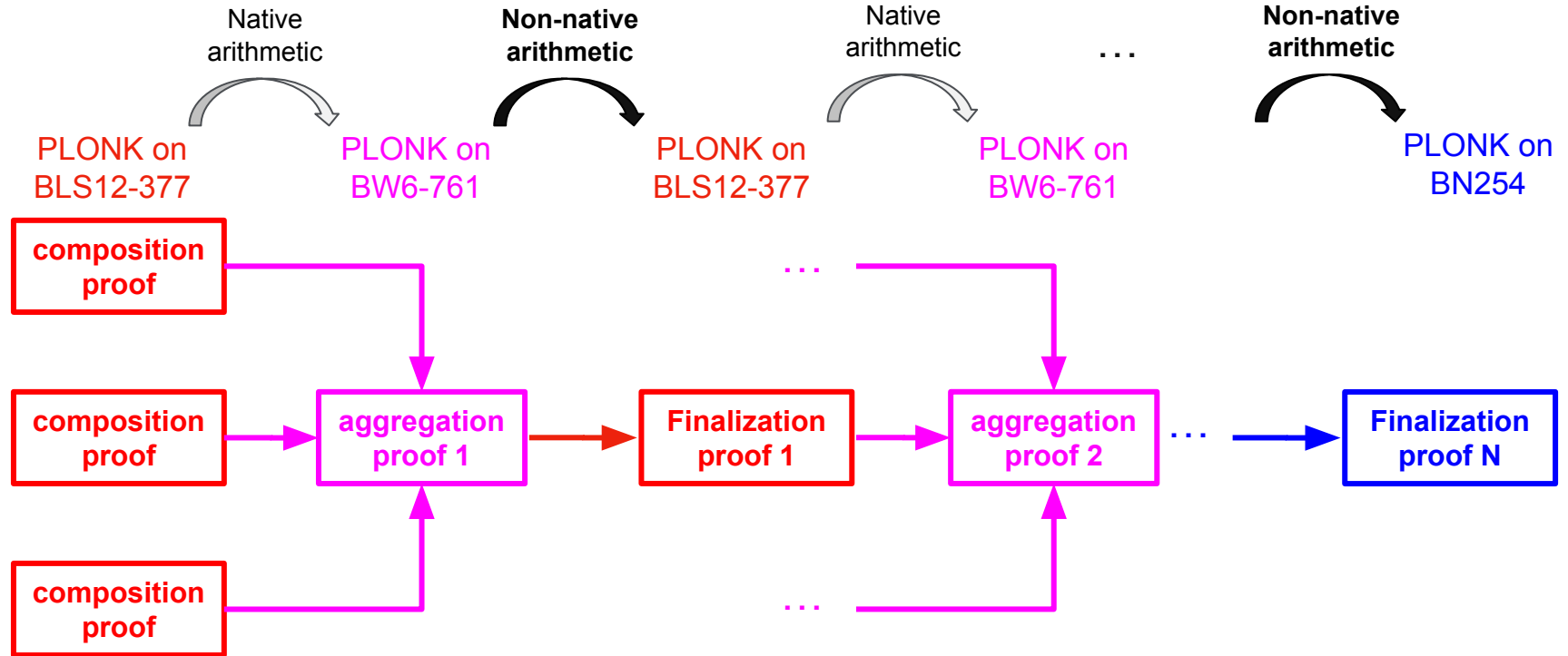
2-chain or *non-native* 2-cycle?



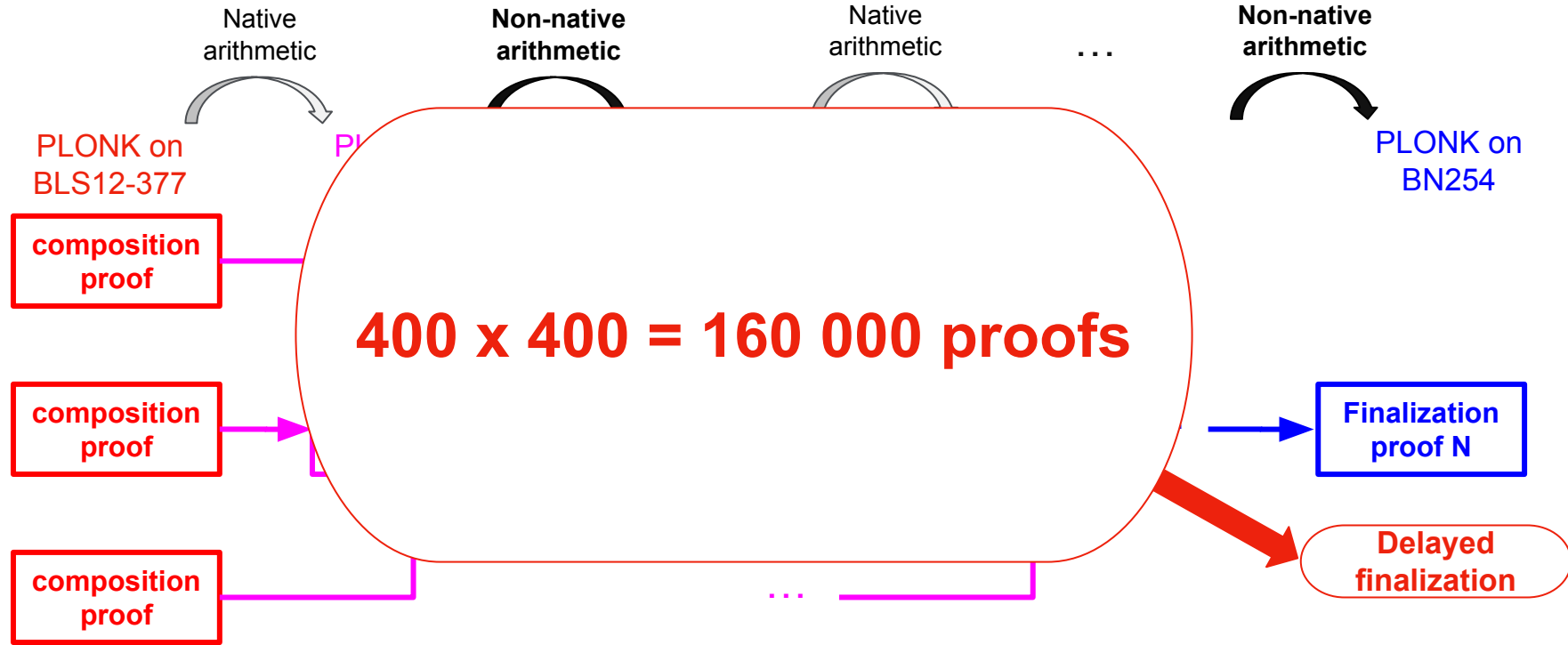
Benchmarks (hp6a)



Multi-layer 2-chain aggregation?



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