

Pseudorandom Generators vs. Derandomization for Logspace Algorithms

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- ▶ **Equivalence** of PRGs and derandomization **would itself** give a derandomization!

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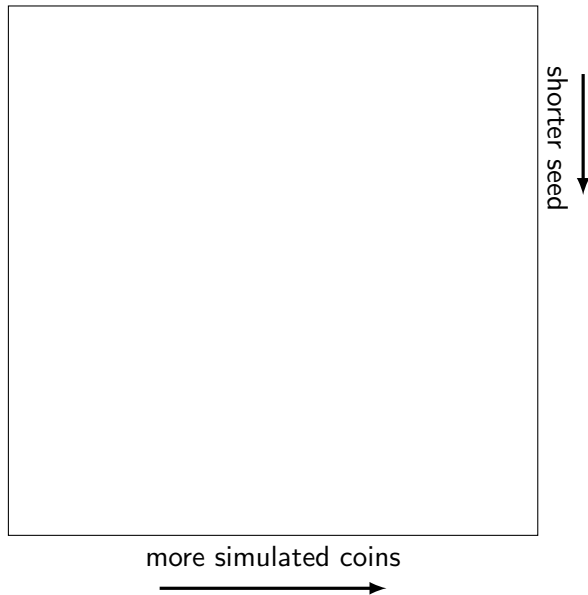
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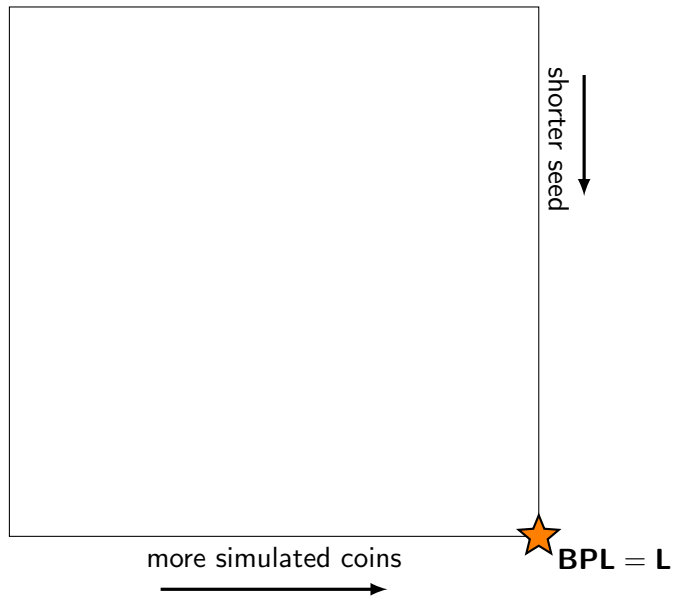
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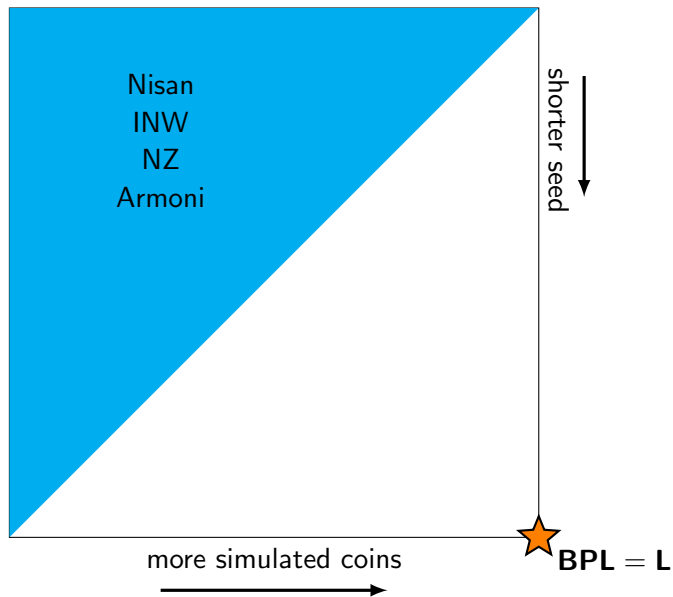
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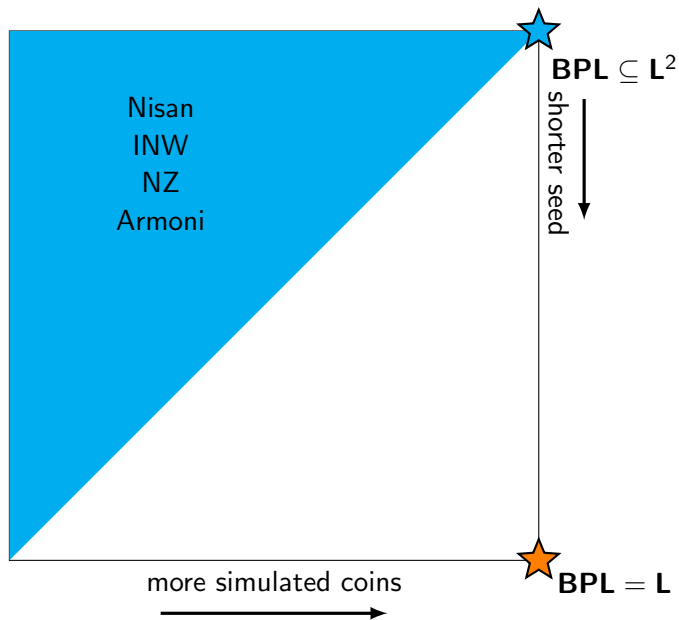
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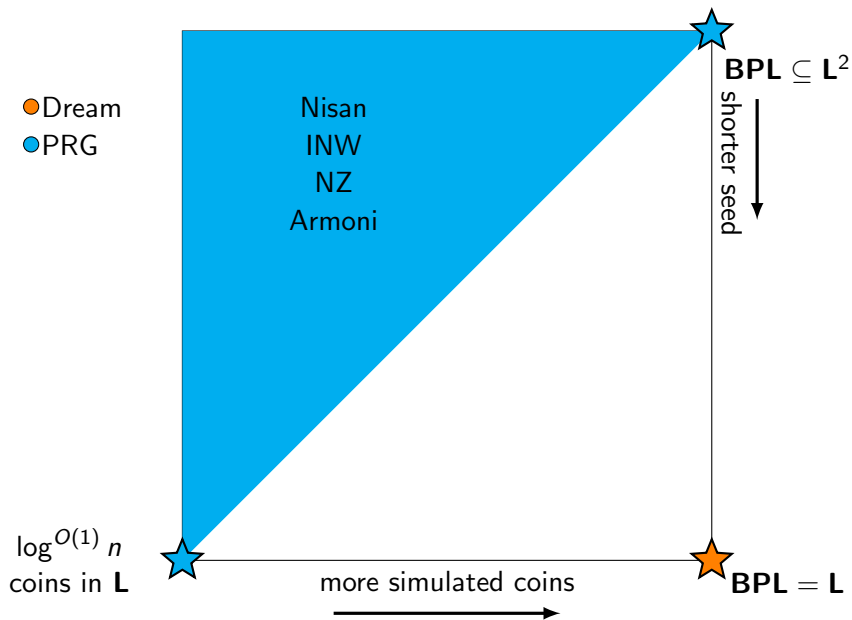


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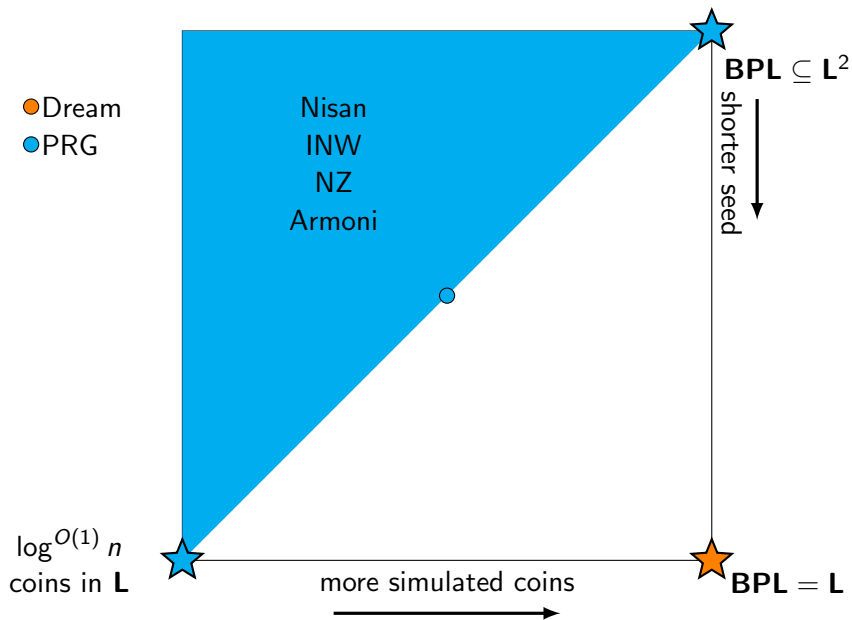
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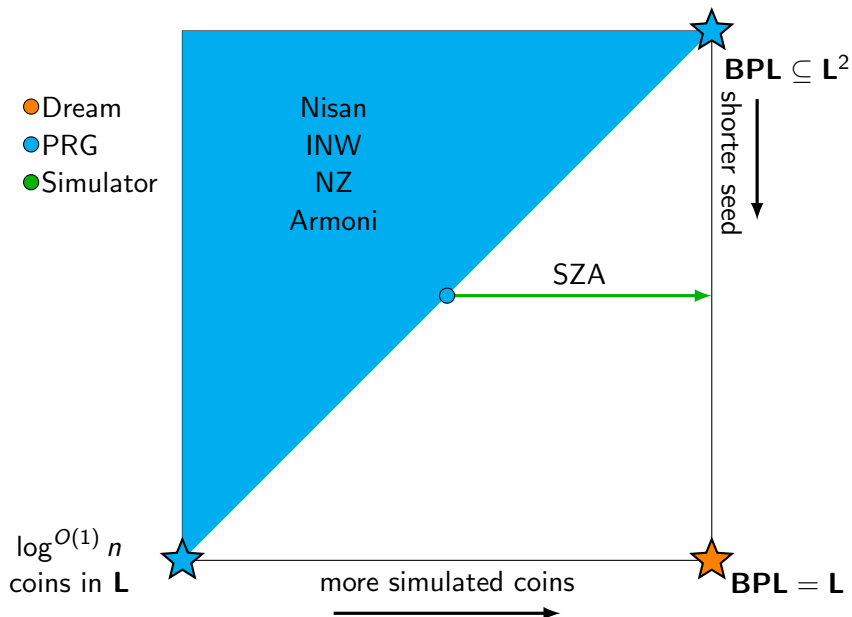
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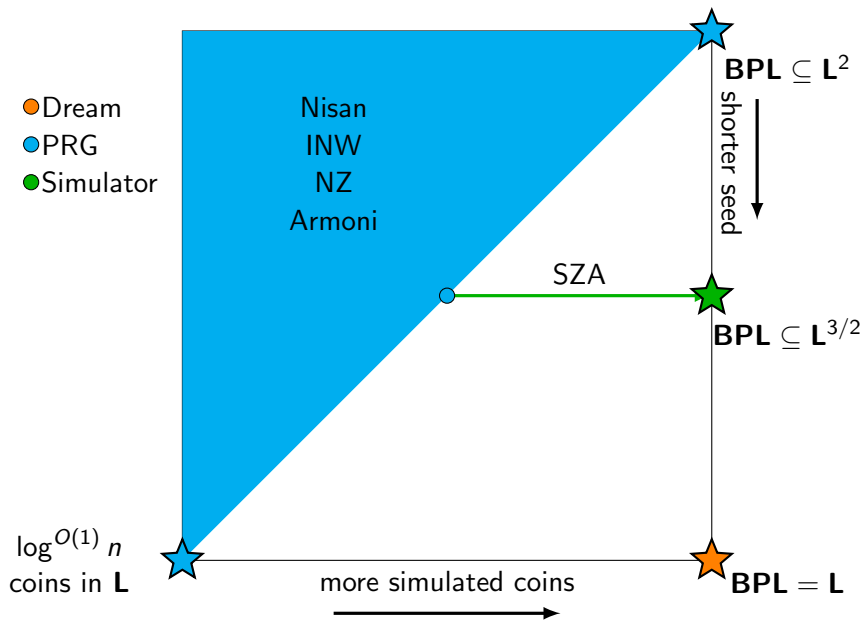
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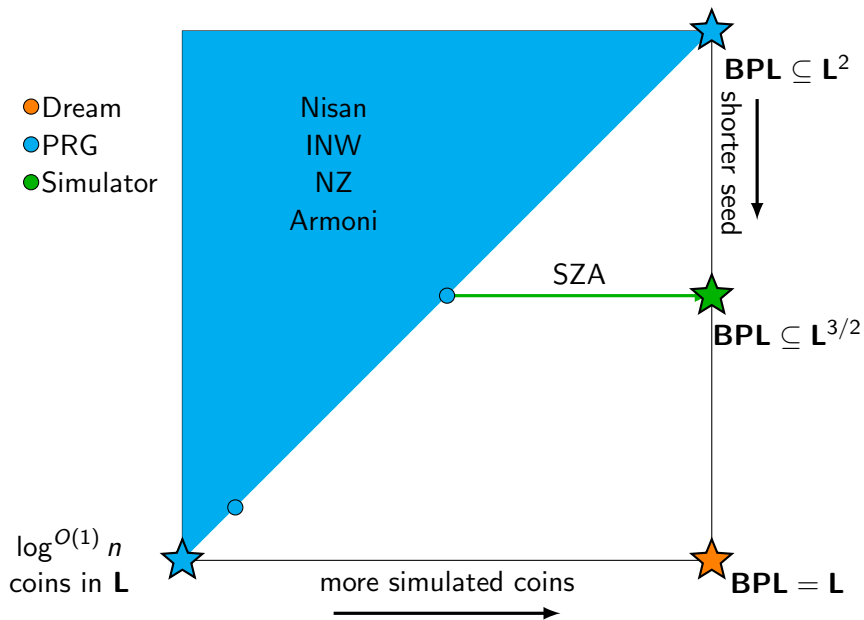
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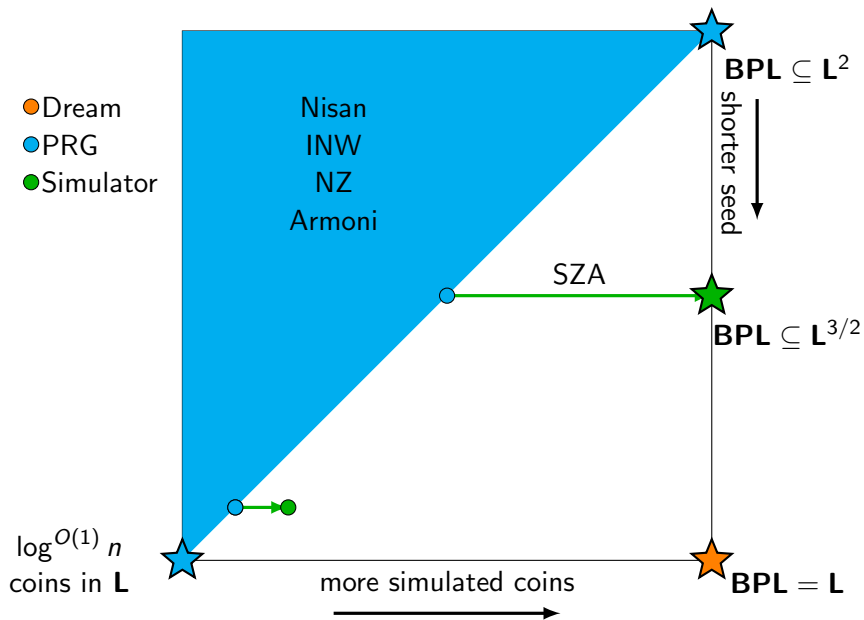
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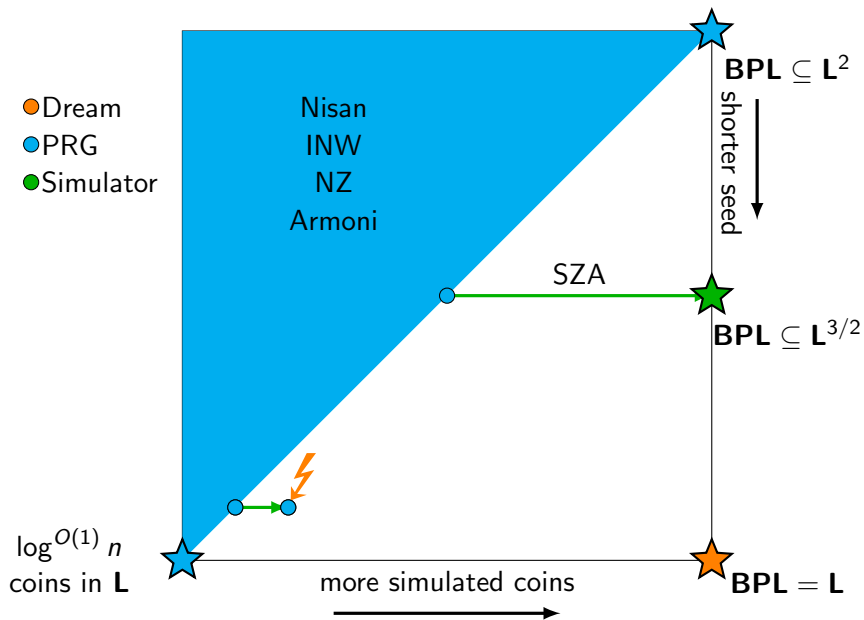
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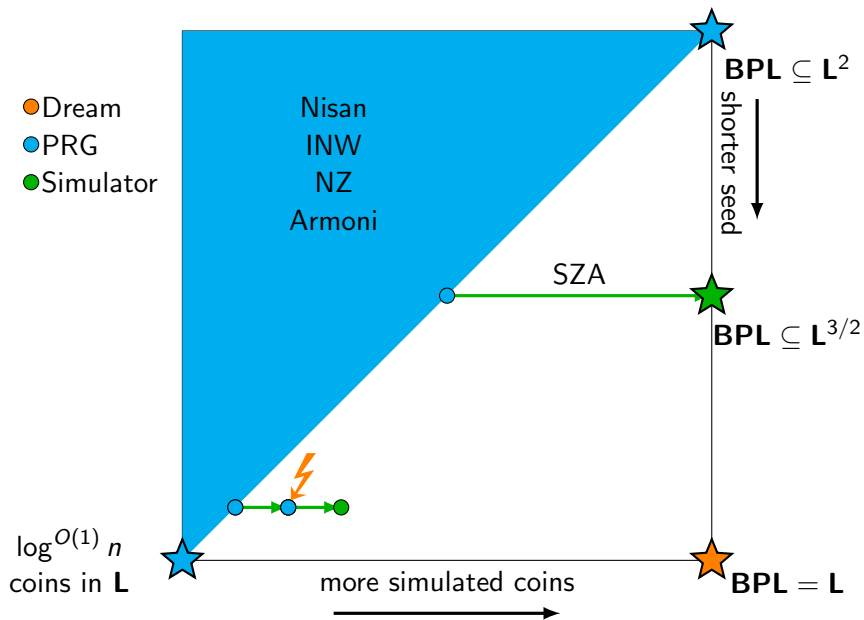
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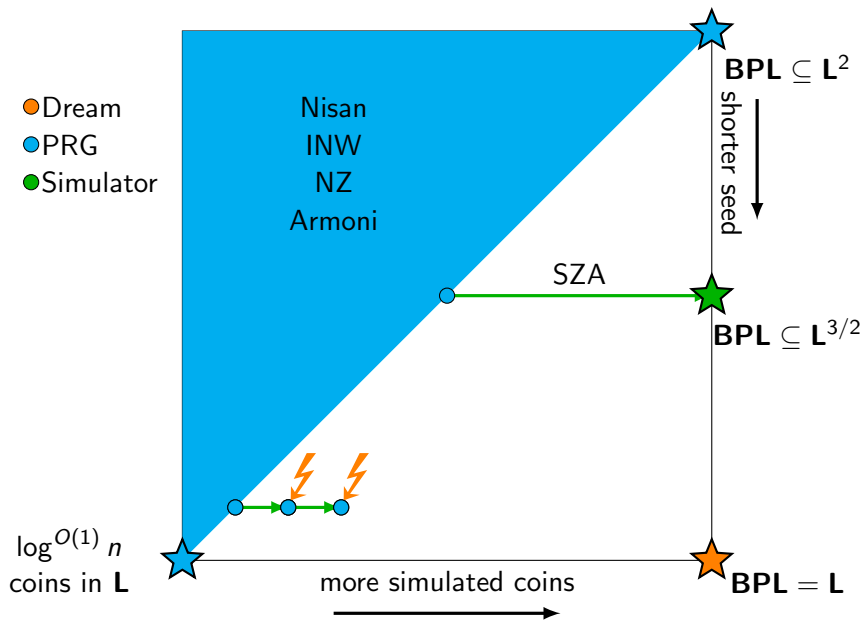
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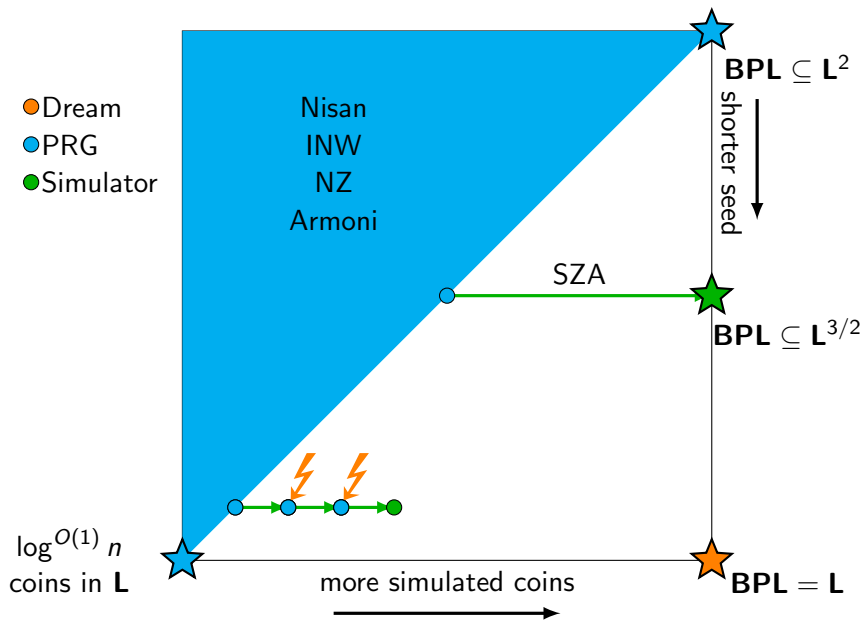
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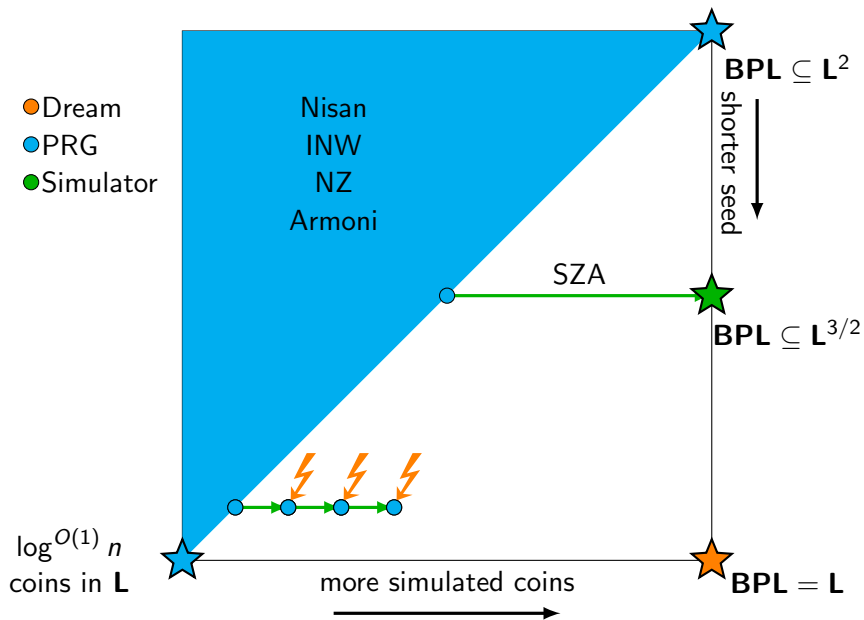
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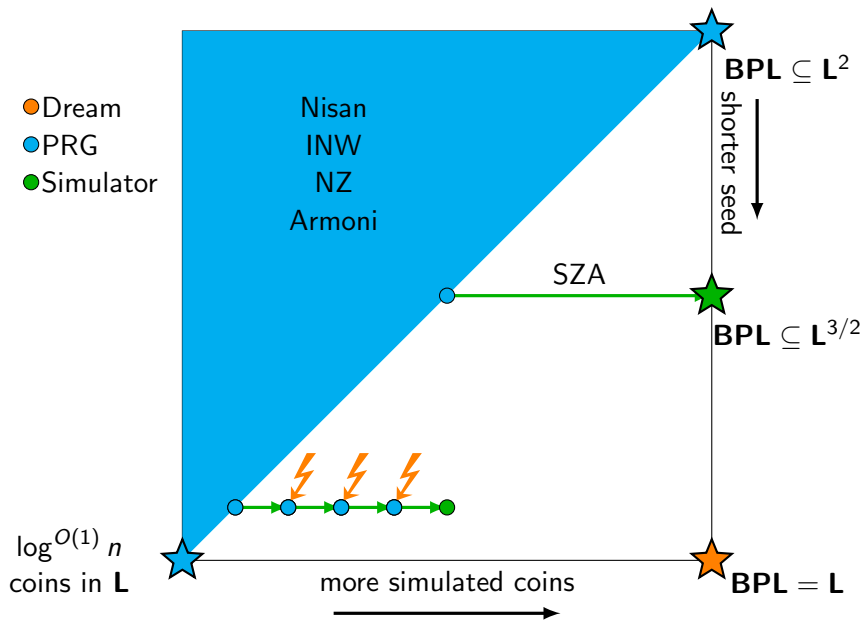
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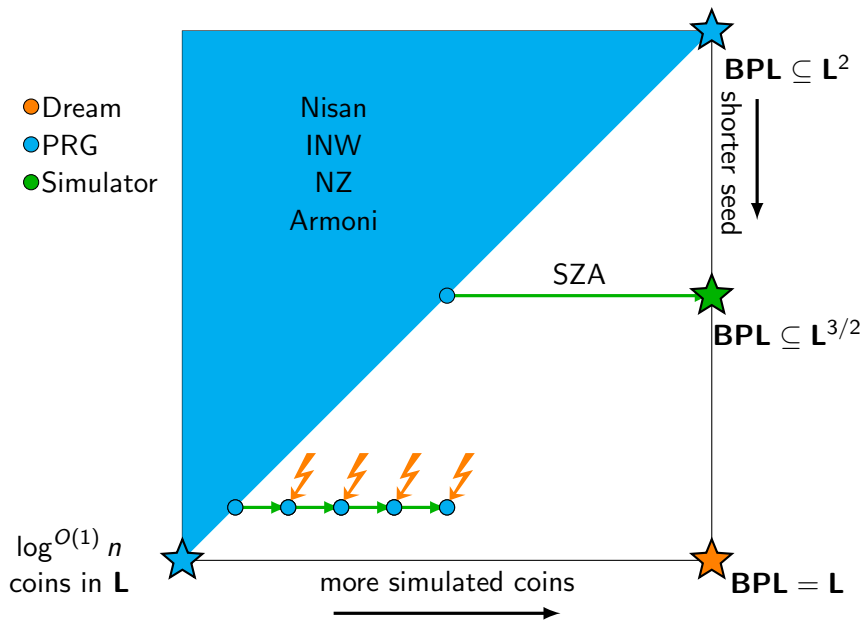
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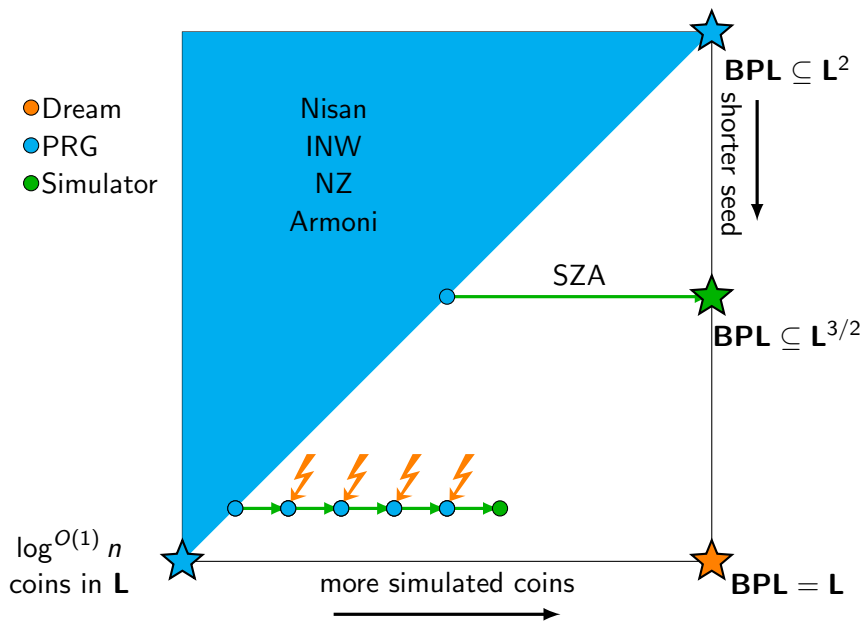
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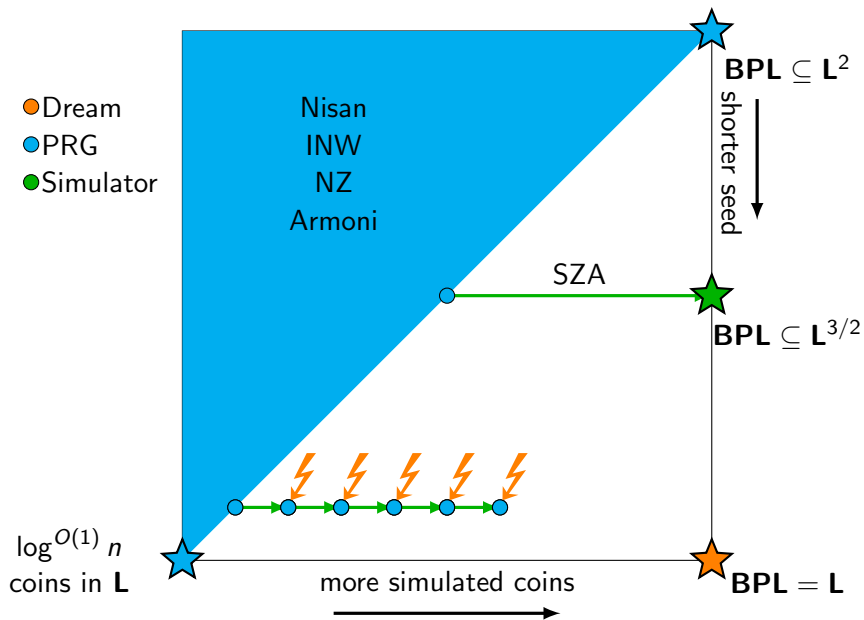
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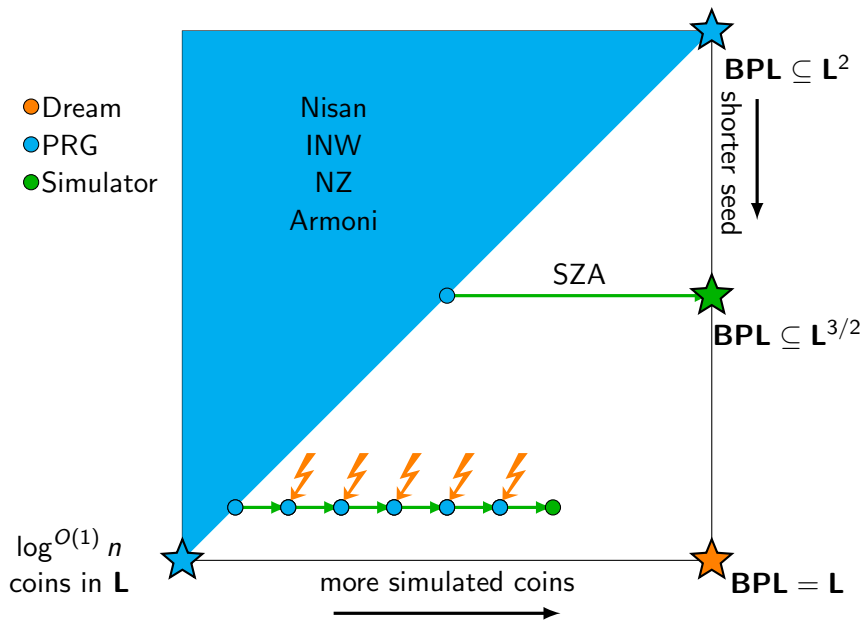
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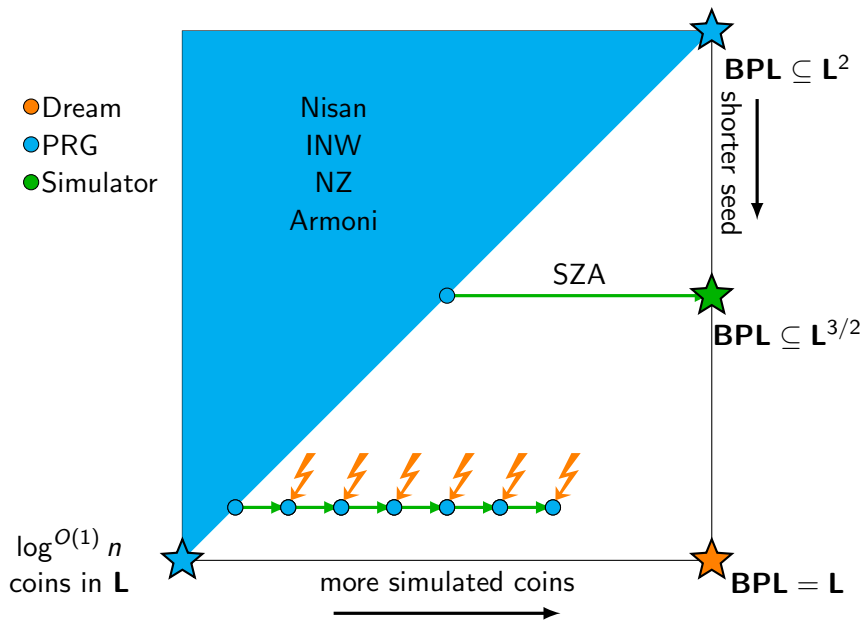
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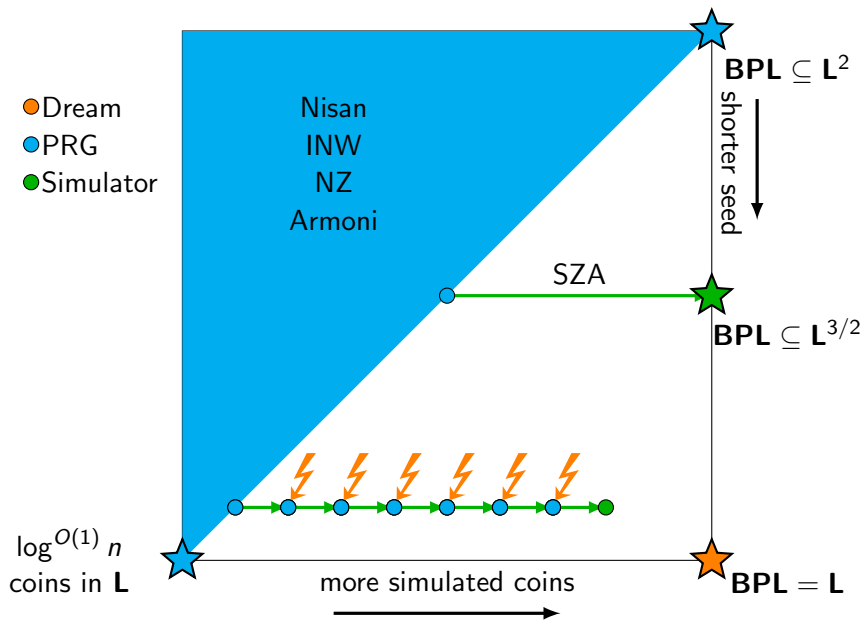
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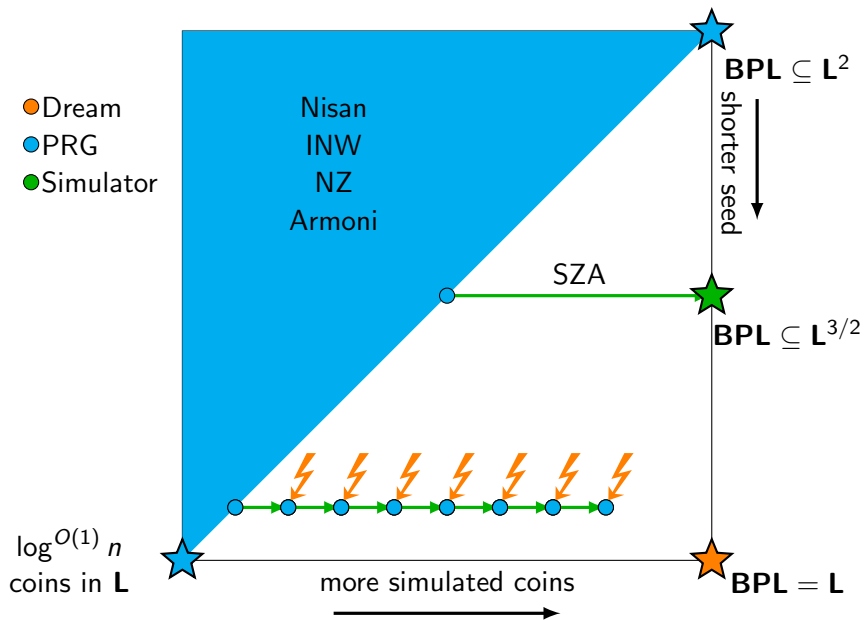
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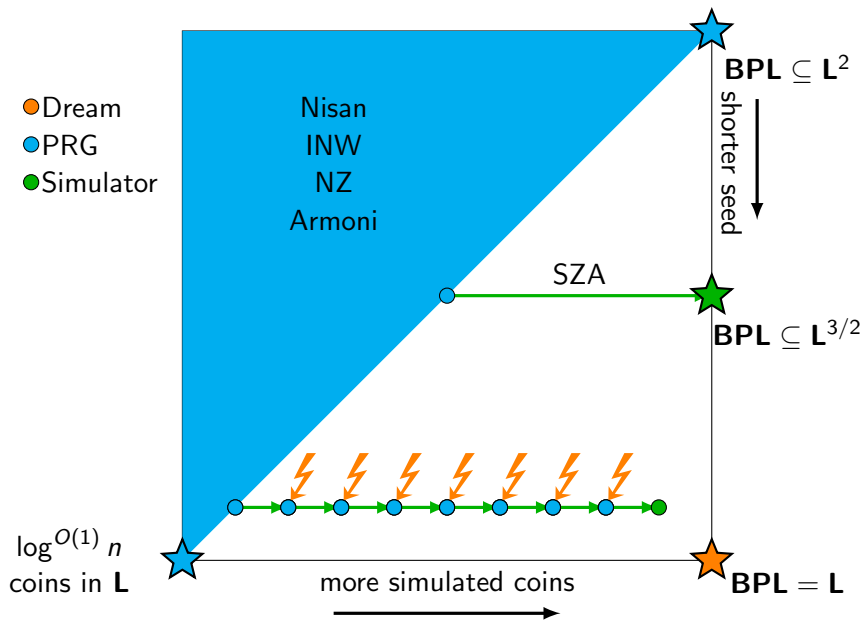
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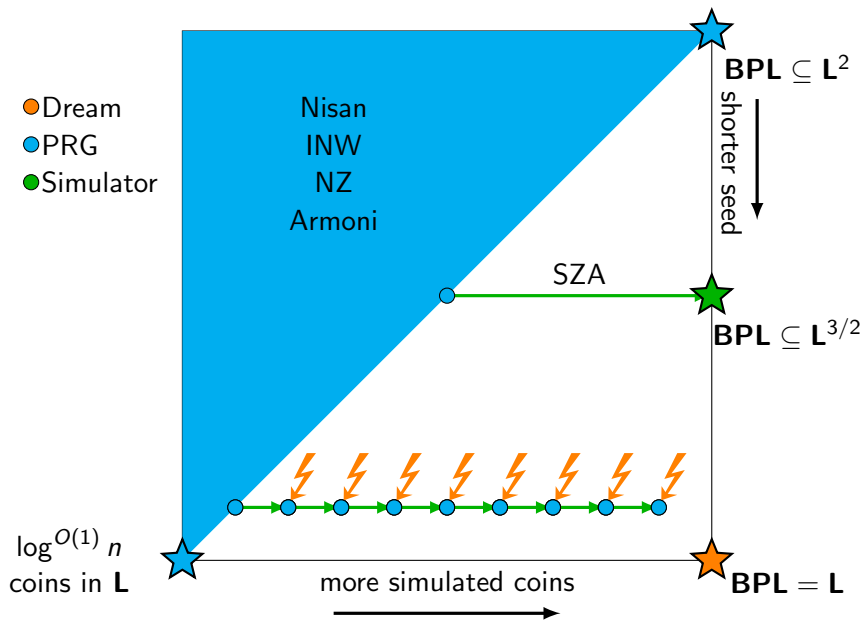
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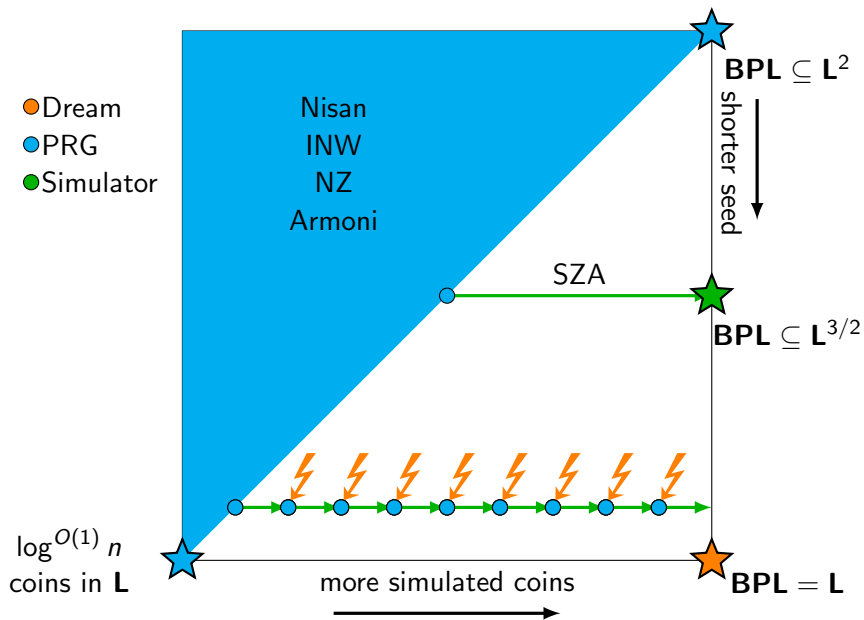
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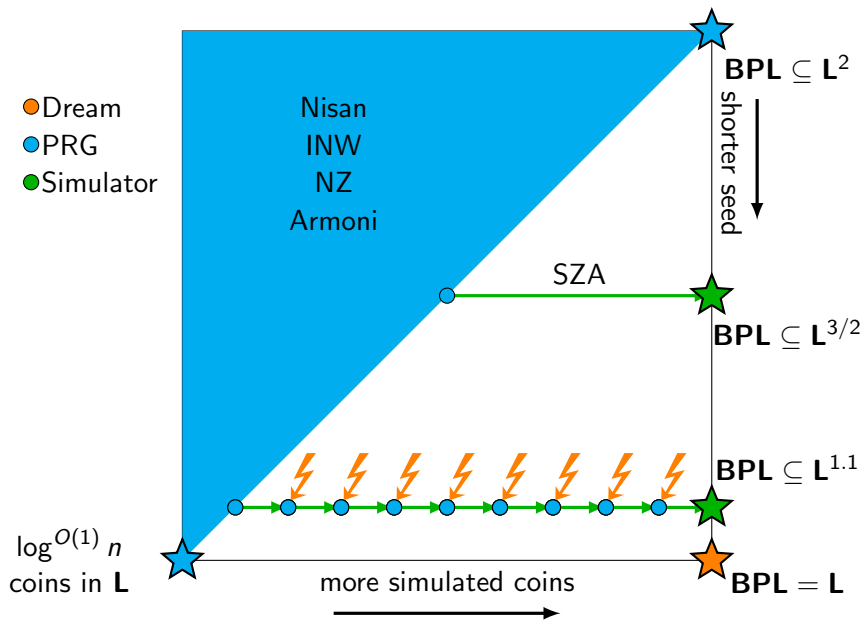
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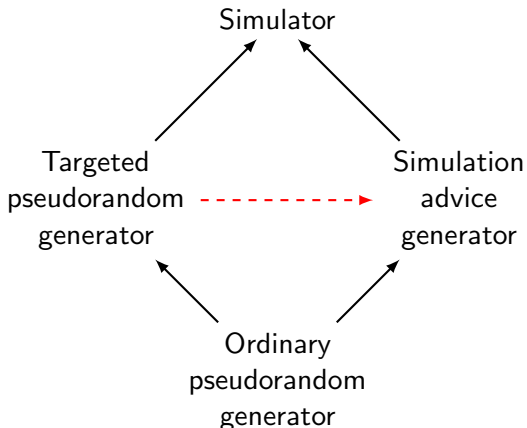
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Stronger version of main result



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- ▶ **Any questions?**