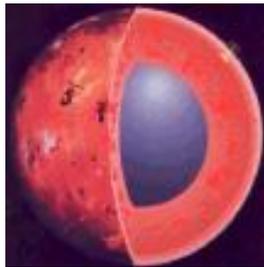


# Data Exchange: Computing Cores in Polynomial Time



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This talk is based on two recent papers:

**G.....: Computing Cores for Data Exchange: New Algorithms and Practical Solutions PODS 2005**

**G.... & Nash: Data Exchange: Computing Cores in Polynomial Time. Submitted to PODS 2006.**

Detailed joint extended version of both papers:

**G.... & Nash: Efficient Core Computation in Data Exchange. Available from the authors (Draft).**

# Talk Structure



## Introduction & basics

## Computing Cores

- for weakly acyclic TGDs as target dependencies
- for EGDs and weakly acyclic TGDs as target dependencies

## Further results (time permitting)

# Cores

Instance:

{  $p(X,Y)$ ,  $p(X,b)$ ,  $p(a,b)$ ,  $p(U,c)$ ,  $p(U,V)$ ,  $q(a,c,d)$  }

Logical meaning

$\exists X, Y, U, V:$

$p(X,Y) \ \& \ p(X,b) \ \& \ p(a,b) \ \& \ p(U,c) \ \& \ p(U,V) \ \& \ q(a,c,d)$

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$\uparrow\downarrow$

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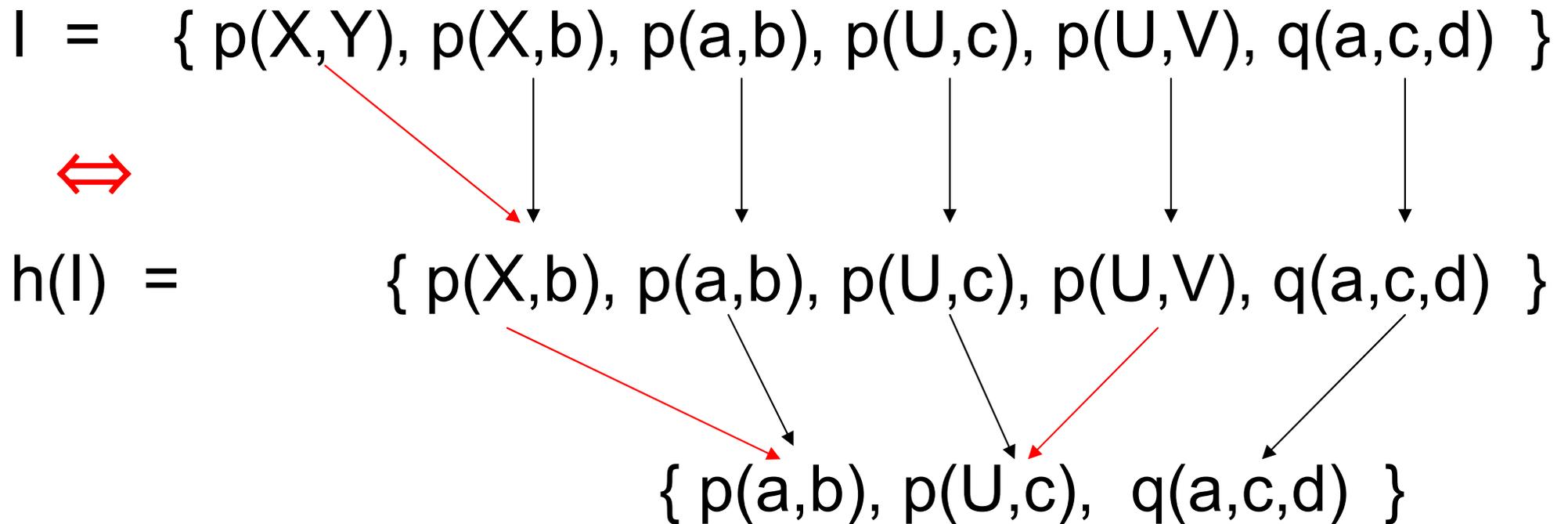
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**no refinement by endomorphisms possible !**

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**Core(I)**

unique up to variable-renaming!

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Atom-Blocks: corresponding sets of atoms

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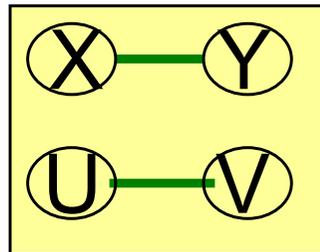
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$\{X,Y\}$

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$\text{blocksize}(I)=2$

Blocks: Connected components in the variable-graph



variable-graph

$\text{blocksize}(I) =$  size of largest block of  $I$

[Fagin, Kolaitis, Popa PODS'03]:

- Computing  $\text{core}(I)$  is NP-hard in general.
- It is tractable for bounded blocksize  $b$ :

$\text{core}(I)$  can be computed in time  
 $n * O(|\text{dom}(I)|^{b+2}) = O(n^{b+3})$

[G. PODS'05]

- Computing  $\text{core}(I)$  tractable for bounded treewidth or hypertree-width of variable-graph

$\Rightarrow$  new bound:  $O(n^{b/2+3})$

based on hypertree decompositions. ( $\rightarrow$  end of talk, time permitting)

# Dependencies

**Tuple generating dependencies TGDs:**

$$\forall X \forall Y \forall Z p(X,Y) \& q(Y,Z) \rightarrow \exists U \exists V r(X,U) \& p(Z,V)$$

**Equality generating dependencies EGDs:**

$$\forall X \forall Y \forall Z p(X,Y) \& p(X,Z) \rightarrow Y=Z$$

We usually omit universal quantifiers...

TGDs can be cyclic in which case the Chase may not terminate

**Cyclic TGD:**

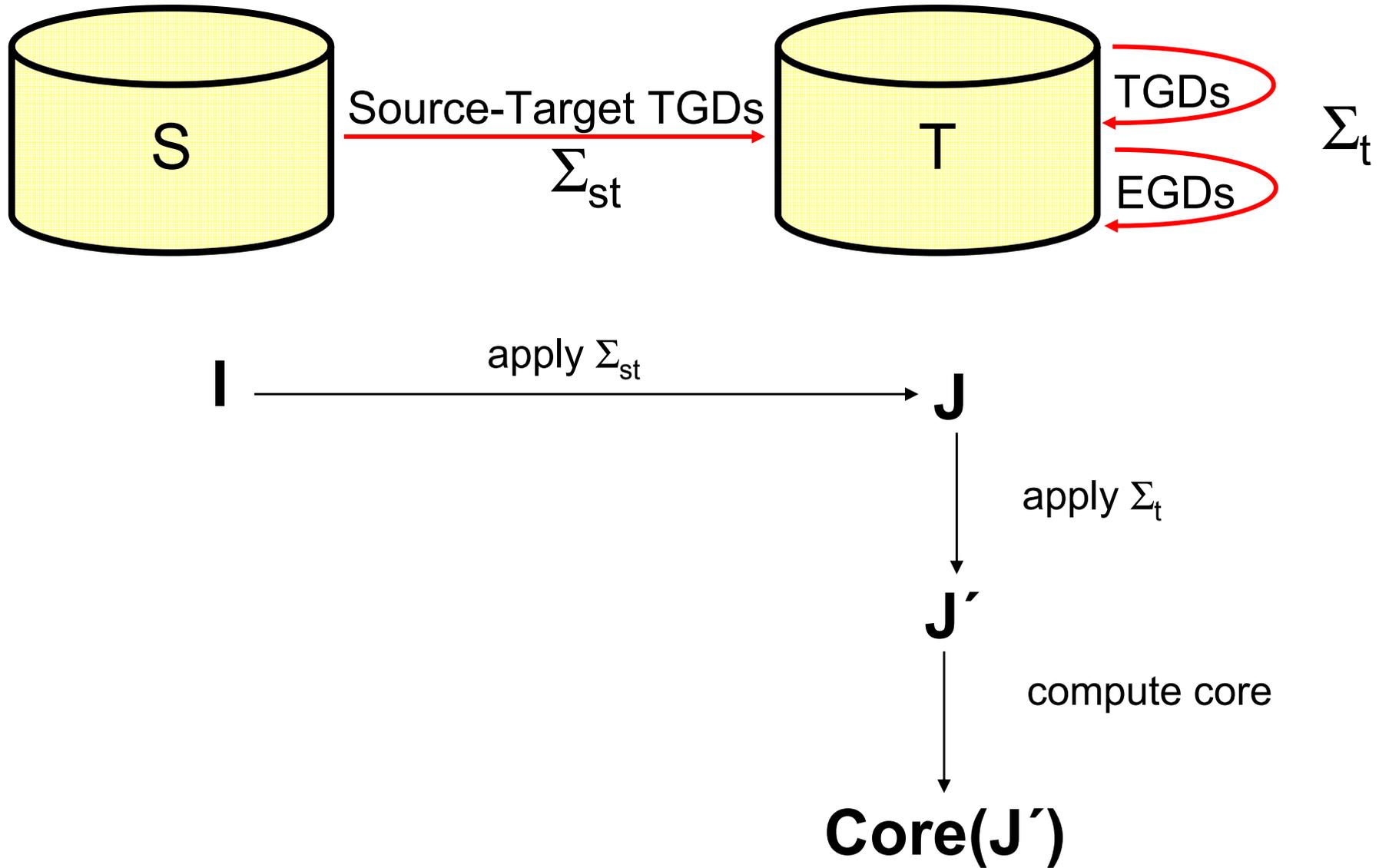
$$p(X,Y) \& q(Y,Z) \rightarrow \exists U,V r(X,U) \& p(Z,V)$$


We restrict ourselves to setting of  
**weakly acyclic sets of TGDs + arbitrary EGDs**  
( [Fagin, Kolaitis, Popa 03], [Deutsch, Tannen 03] )

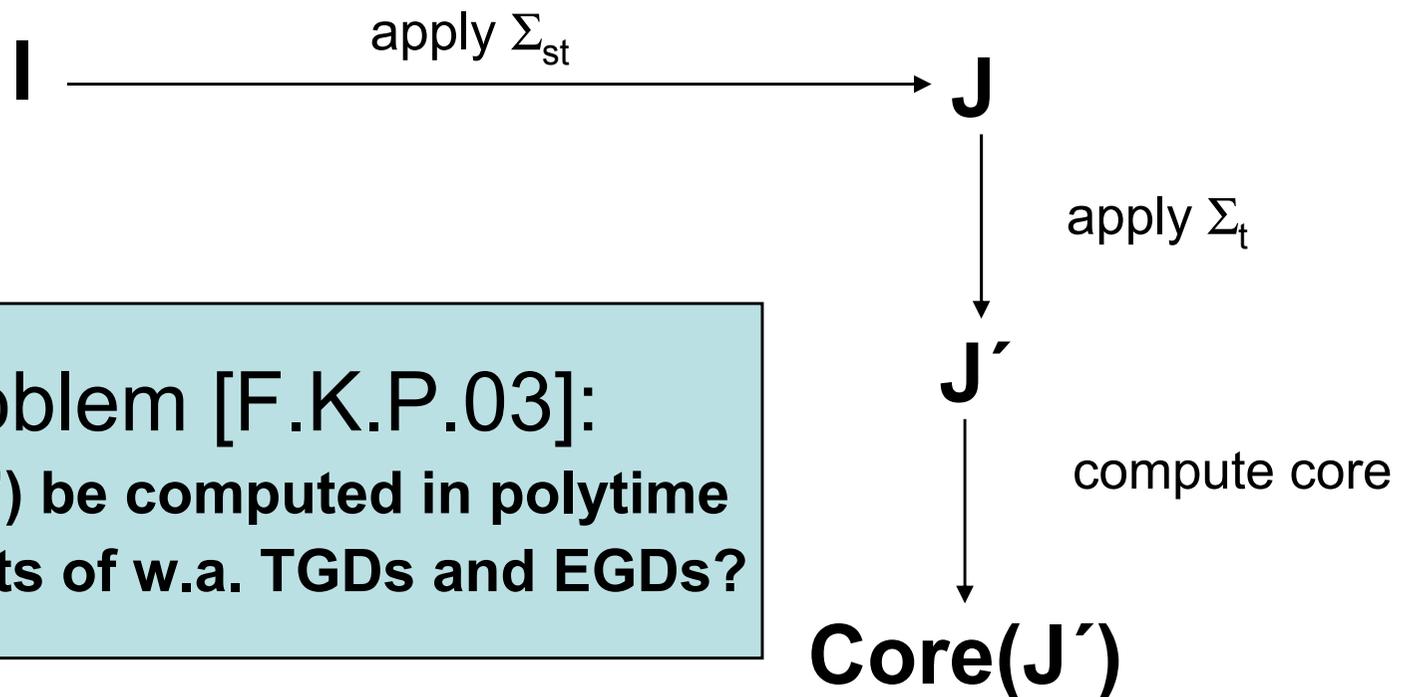
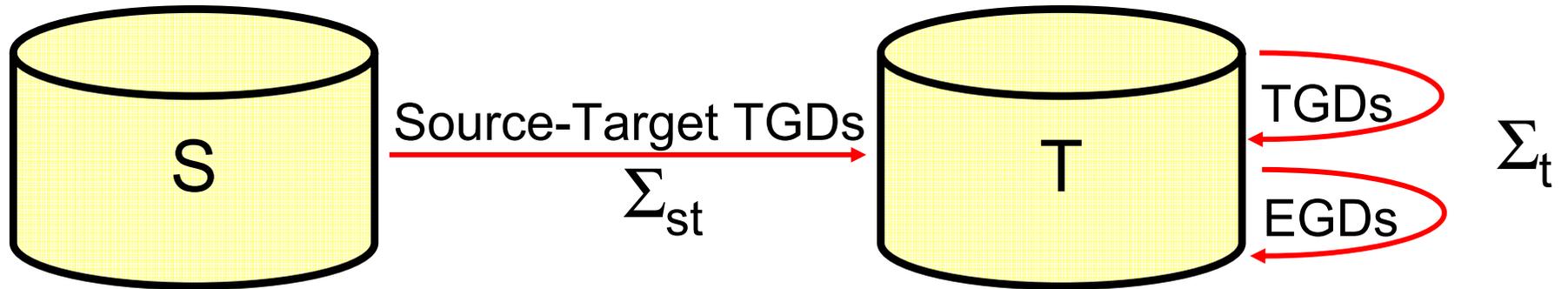
This covers the overwhelming part of relevant constraints:

- Functional dependencies
- w.a. inclusion dependencies
- referential integrity
- foreign key constraints...
- ...

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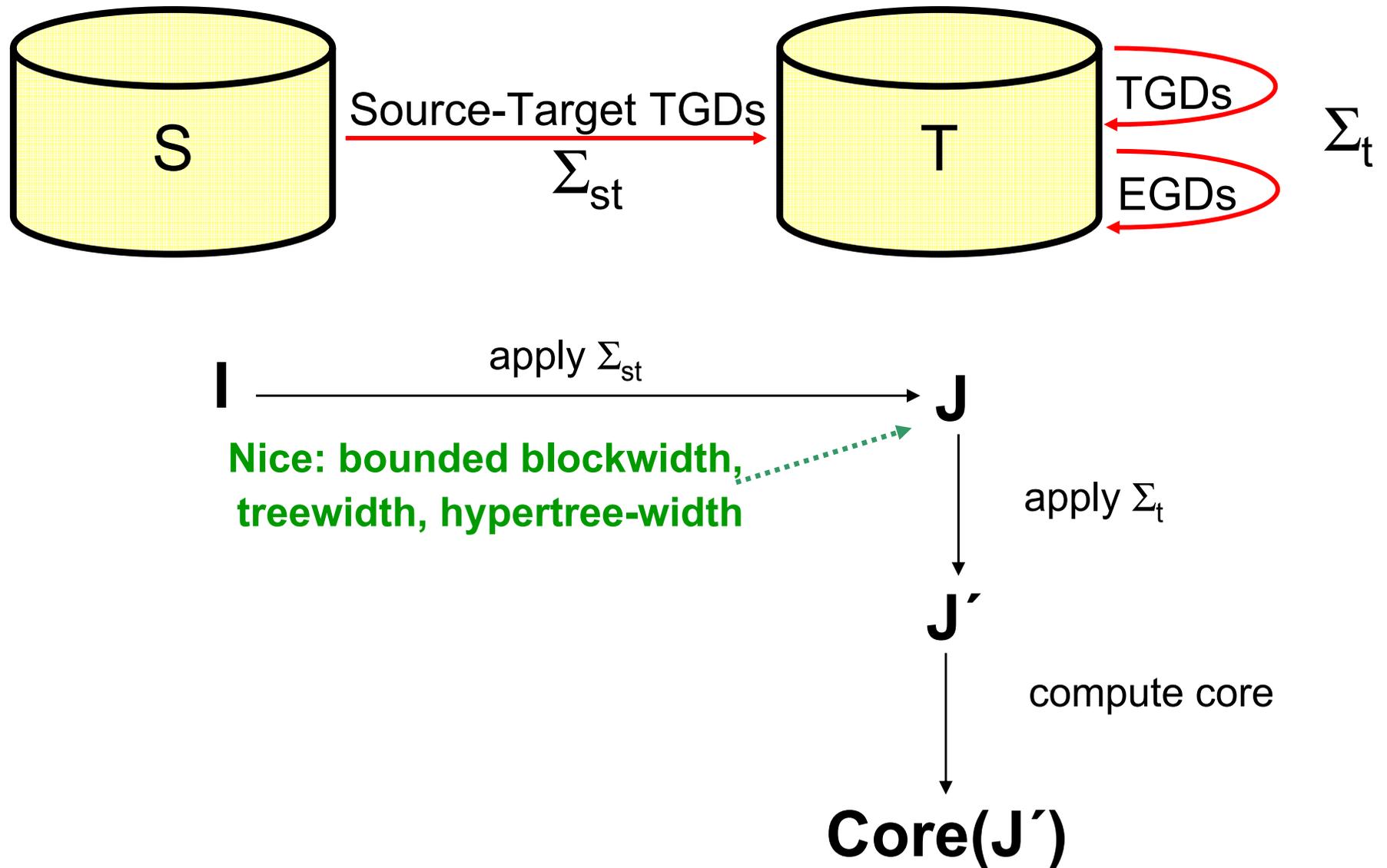


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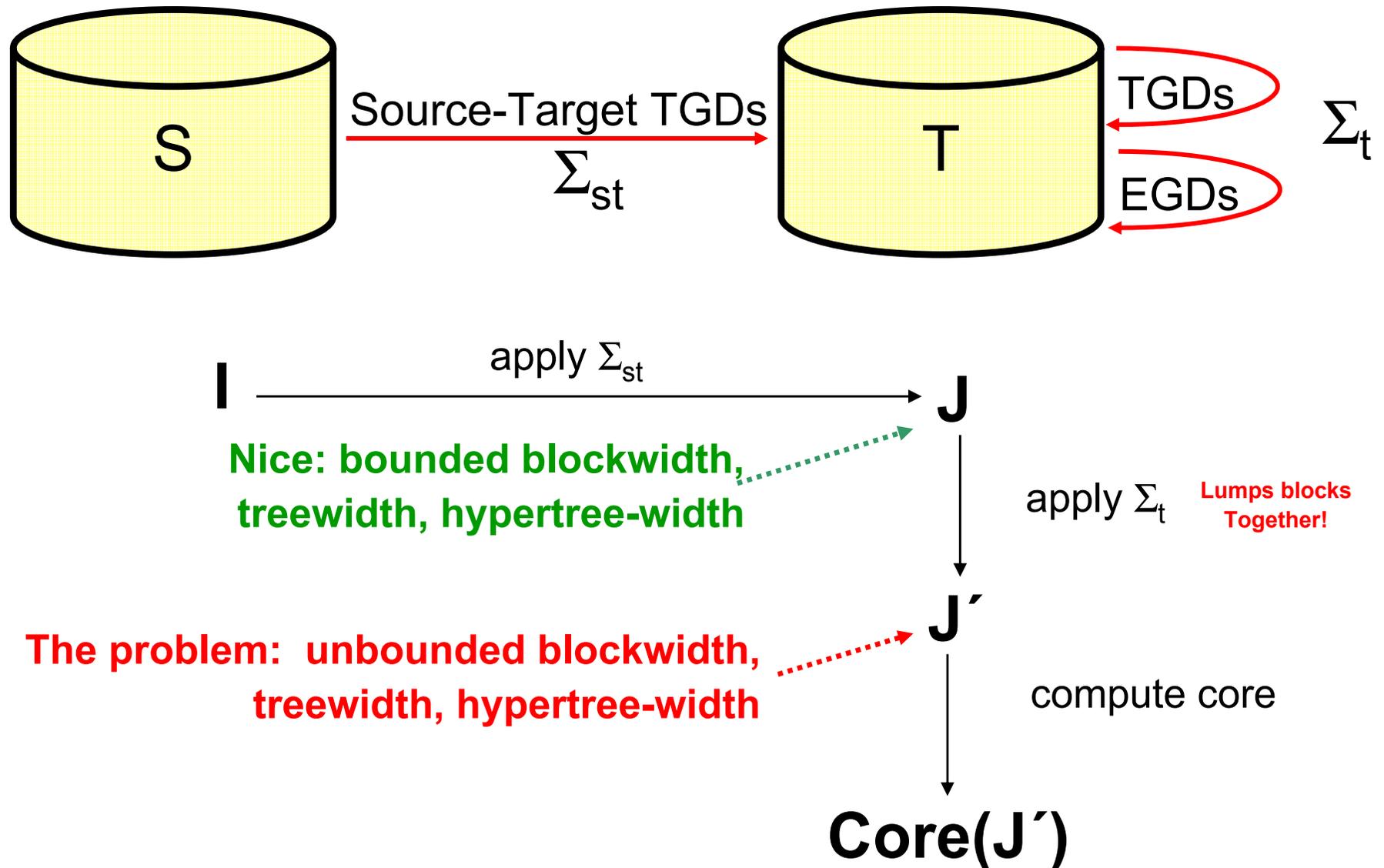


Open Problem [F.K.P.03]:  
Can  $\text{Core}(J')$  be computed in polytime  
if  $\Sigma_t$  consists of w.a. TGDs and EGDs?

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TGD:  $p(R, S) \ \& \ p(R', S') \ \rightarrow \ p(R, R')$

$p(X, U)$

$\{X, Y, U, V\}$     blocksize=4

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- In summary: Whenever we know we can compute universal solutions in PTIME, we know we can compute their cores in PTIME

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