

Deterministic Document Exchange Protocols, and Almost Optimal Binary Codes for Edit Errors

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Background

- Edit Distance:

$$x = \text{a} \cancel{\text{x}} \text{b a a b a} \cancel{\text{x}} \text{b a}$$

$$y = \text{a b a a b a b a}$$

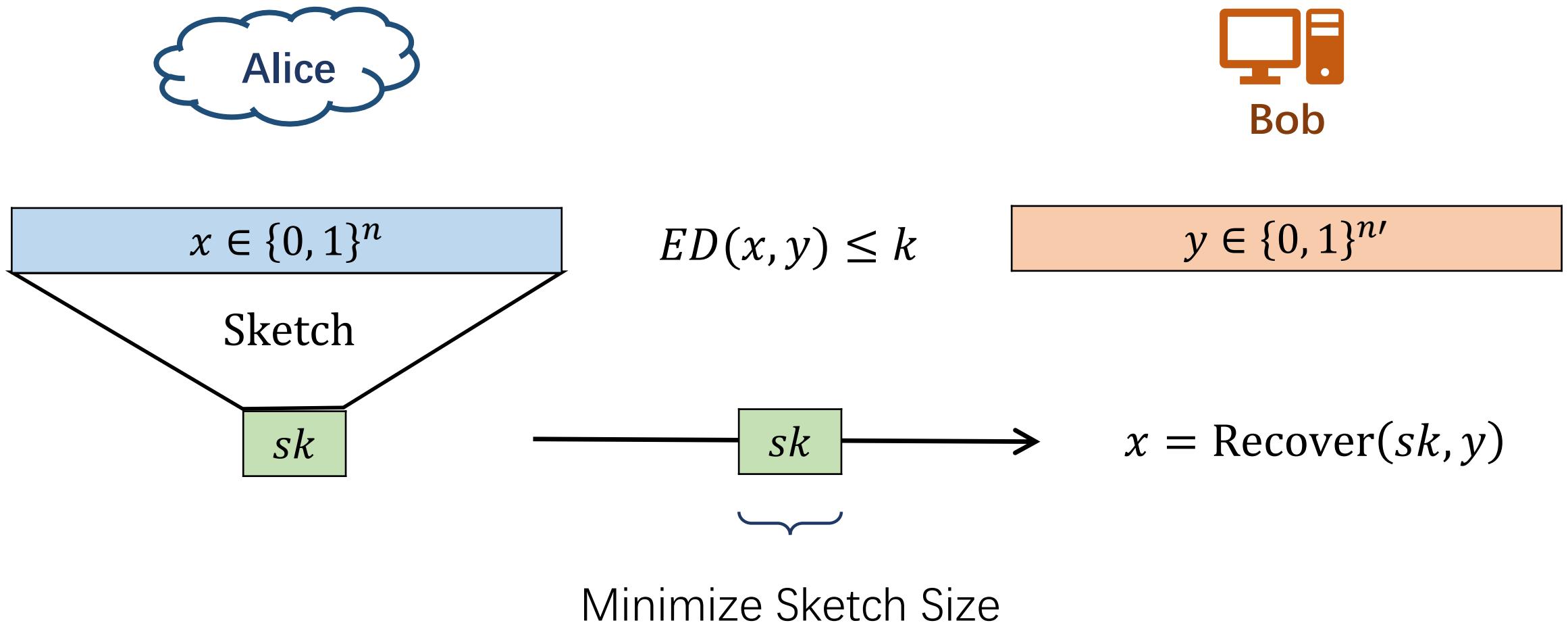
$ED(x, y) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{Minimum number of insertions/deletions transforming } x \text{ to } y.$

- Hamming Distance:

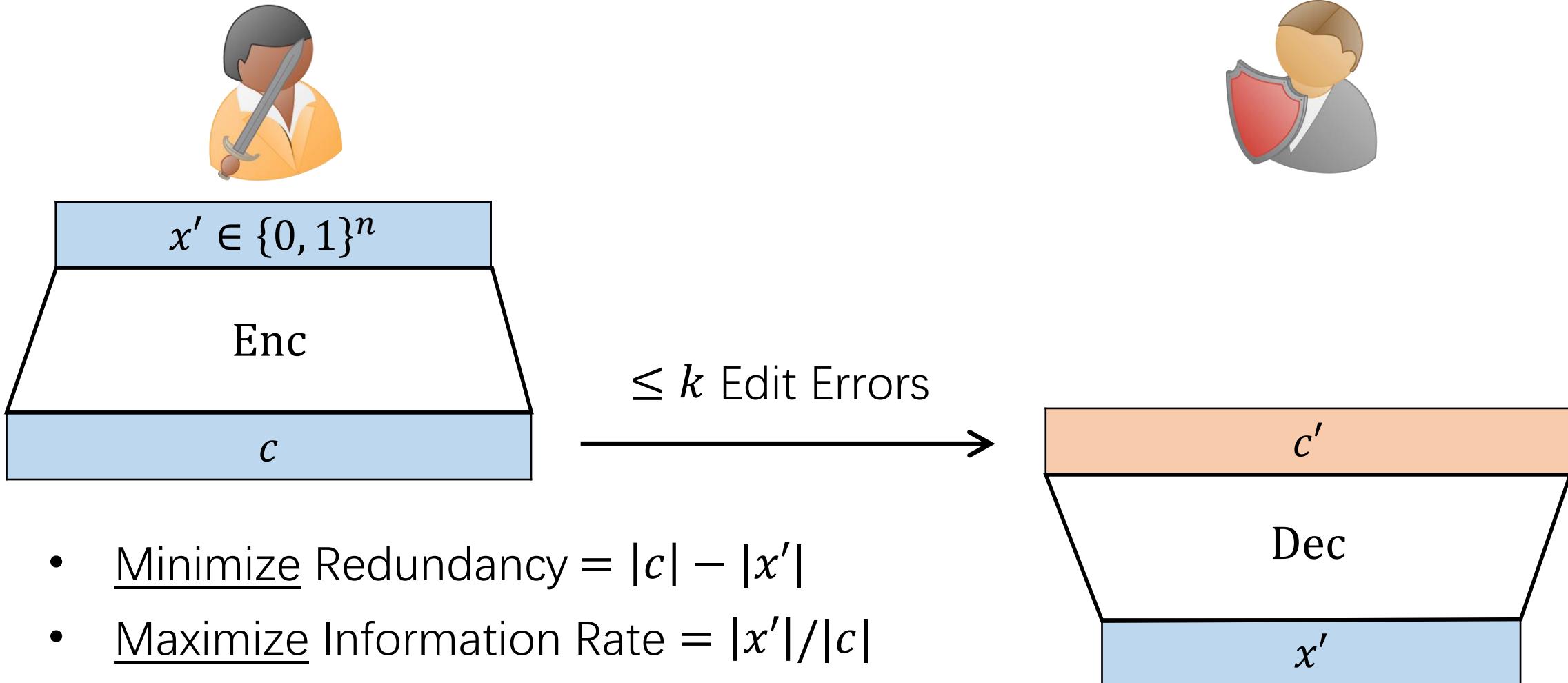
$$x = 0 1 1 0 0 1 0 0 1 0$$
$$y = 0 1 1 \boxed{1} 0 1 \boxed{1} 0 1 0$$

Number of different bits in corresponding indexes

Document Exchange Protocol

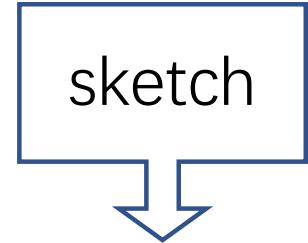


Error Correcting Code



Previous Results For Hamming Errors

- Document Exchange from Systematic Error Correcting Code



$$\text{Enc}(x) = \boxed{x \quad \text{Redundancy}}$$

| | Reed-Solomon Code | Algebraic Geometry Code (Optimal) |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| Redundancy (sketch size) | $k \log n$ | $\Theta\left(k \log \frac{n}{k}\right)$ |
| Information Rate | $1 - \Theta(\epsilon \log n)$ | $1 - \Theta\left(\epsilon \log \frac{1}{\epsilon}\right)$ |

- $\epsilon = k/n$

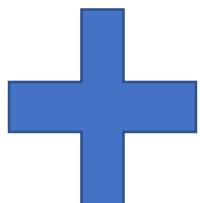
Results

| | Previous | Our Results | Bounds |
|--|--|--|---|
| Error Correcting Code for Edit Distance: | | | |
| Redundancy | $O(k^2 \log k \log n)$ for $k = O(1)$ [BGZ17] | $O(k \log n)$ | $\Theta\left(k \log \frac{n}{k}\right)$ |
| | $O(k^2 + k \log^2 n)$ [Bel15] | $O\left(k \log^2 \frac{n}{k}\right)$ | |
| Information Rate | $1 - \tilde{O}(\sqrt{\epsilon})$ [GL16, GW17] | $1 - \tilde{O}(\epsilon)$ | $1 - \Theta(\epsilon \log(\frac{1}{\epsilon}))$ |
| Document Exchange: | | | |
| Sketch Size | $O(k^2 + k \log^2 n)$ [D] [Bel15] $O(k \log^2 \frac{n}{k})$ [R] [IMS05] | $O\left(k \log^2 \frac{n}{k}\right)$ [D] | $\Theta\left(k \log \frac{n}{k}\right)$ |

- $\epsilon = k/n$
- $O(k \log n) = O(k \log \frac{n}{k})$, when $k = n^{1-a}$, for any $a > 0$.

Overview: Almost optimal ECC for Edit Distance

Document exchange for a uniform random string



Derandomize the random string
using Pseduorandom Generator (PRG)



Error Correcting Code

Document Exchange for a Uniform Random String

Stage I:

- Alice partitions her string into blocks of size $\text{poly}(\log n)$.
- Send $O(k \log n)$ bits to help Bob learn her partition.

Stage II:

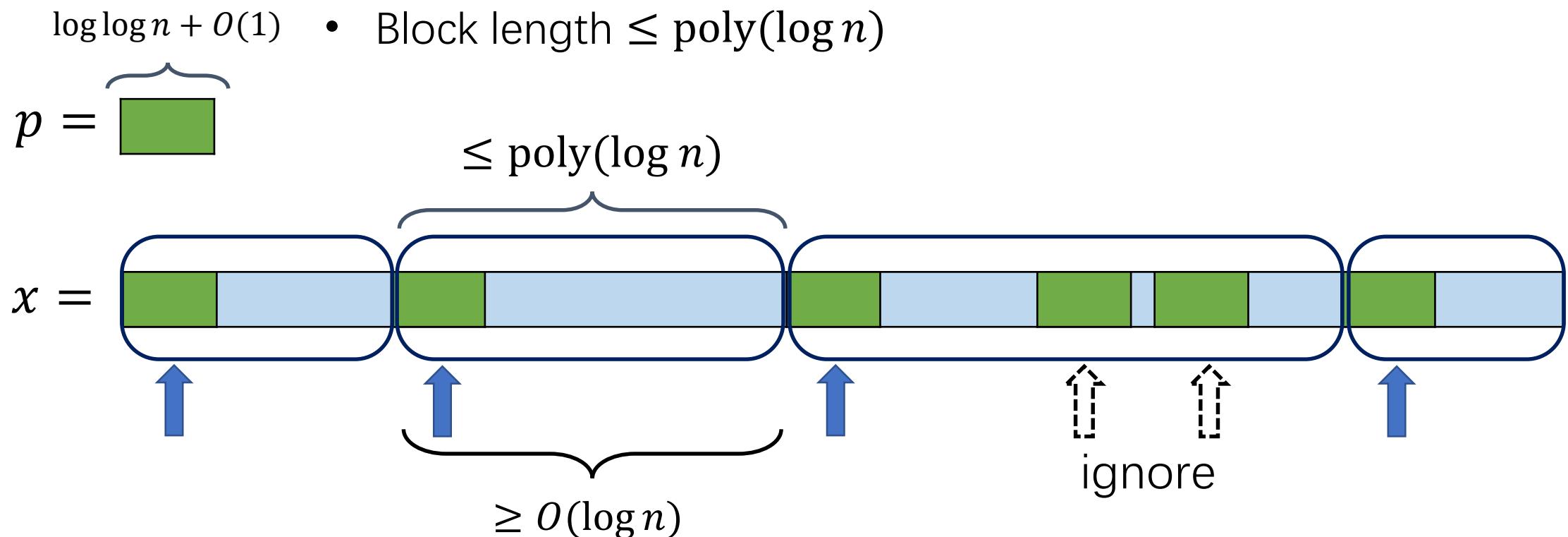
- $O(1)$ levels.
- In each level, divide each block into $O(\log^{0.4} n)$ smaller blocks.
- In each level, Alice sends $O(k \log n)$ bits to help Bob learn most blocks, except $O(k)$ of them are **incorrect/unfilled**.

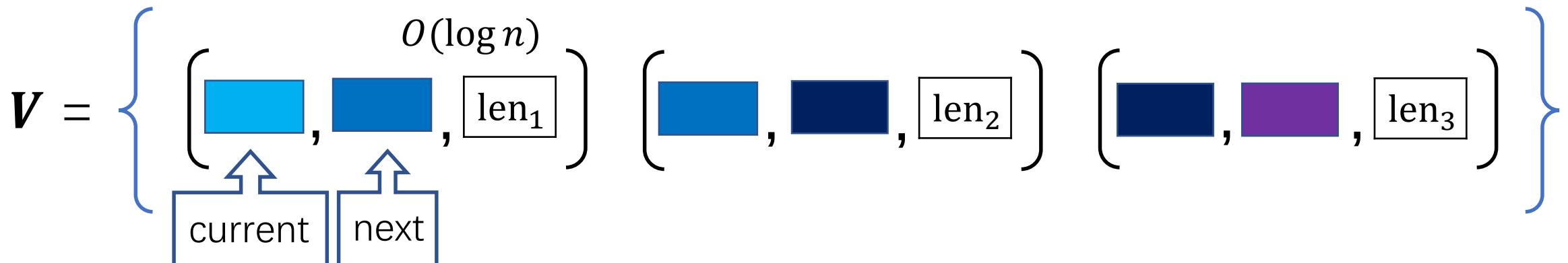
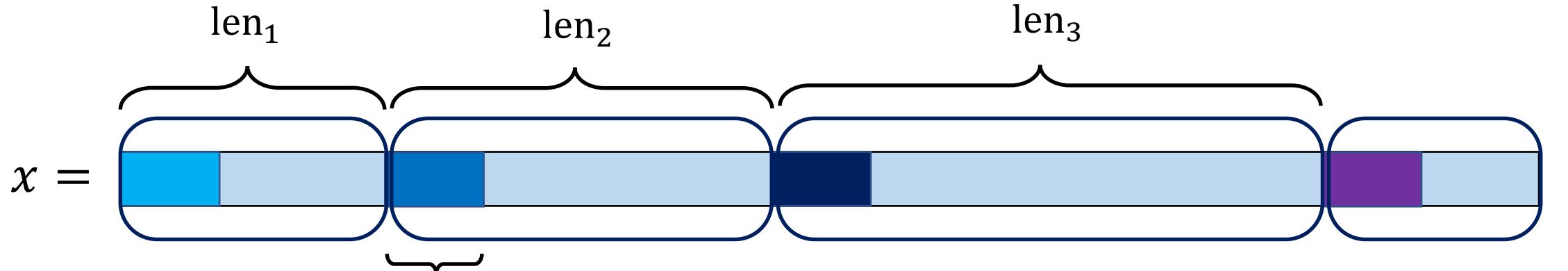
Stage I (Alice)

- Suppose x is uniformly random, use a fixed string p to partition x .

With probability $1 - 1/\text{poly}(n)$,

- Any two substrings of length $O(\log n)$ are distinct.
- Block length $\leq \text{poly}(\log n)$

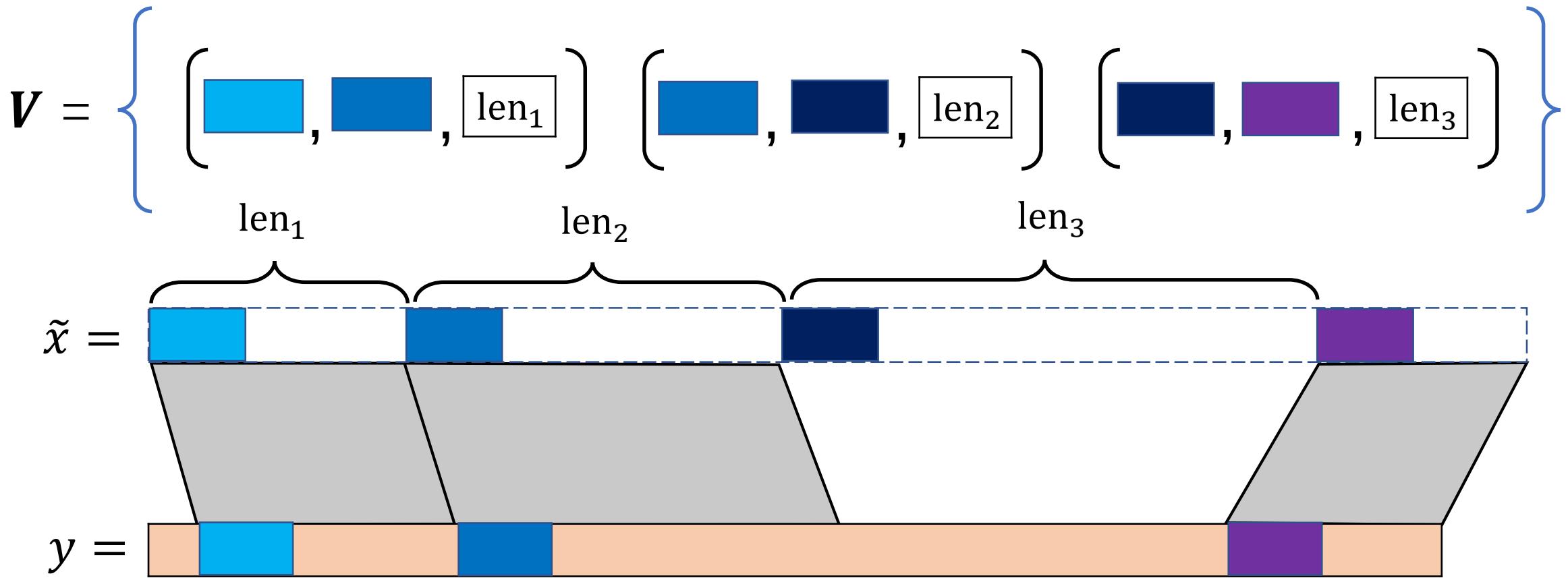




$$\Delta(\text{Alice's version of } V, \text{Bob's version of } V) \leq O(k)$$

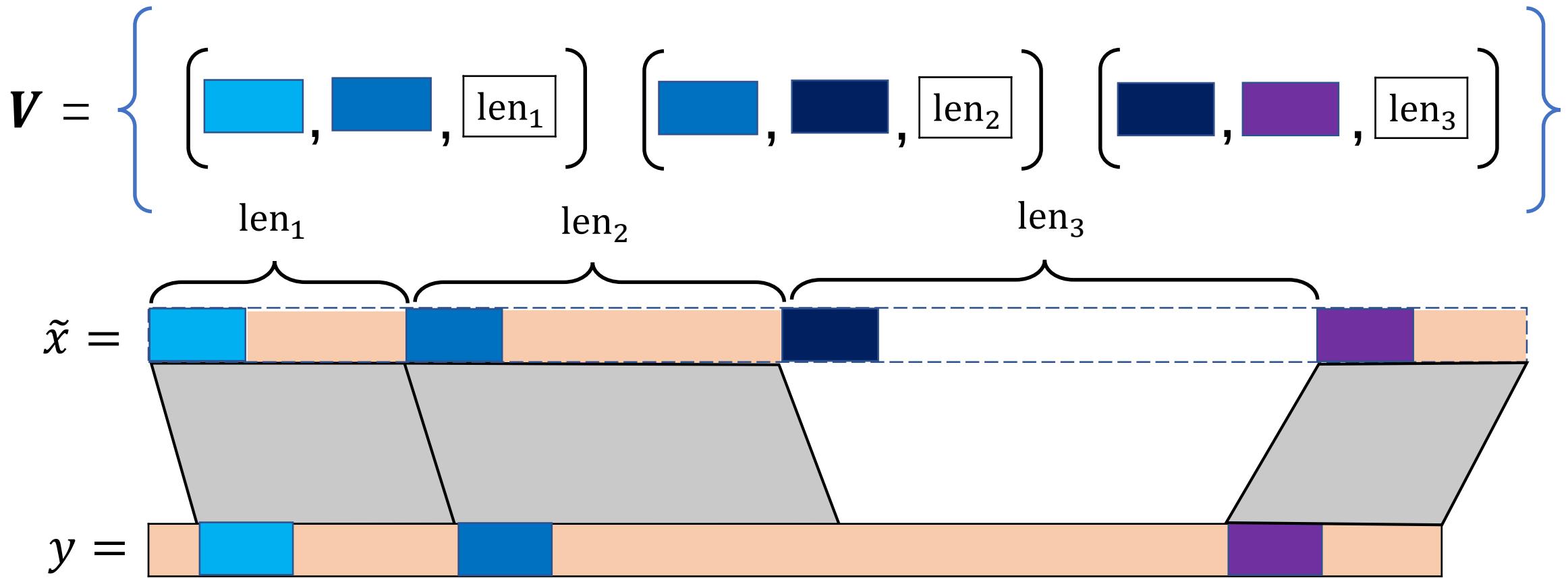
- Using Reed-Solomon Code, Alice computes a redundancy of $O(k \log n)$ bits to help Bob correct V from $O(k)$ Hamming Errors.

Stage I (Bob)



- Match the string y using the $O(\log n)$ -prefixes, then fill \tilde{x} using y .

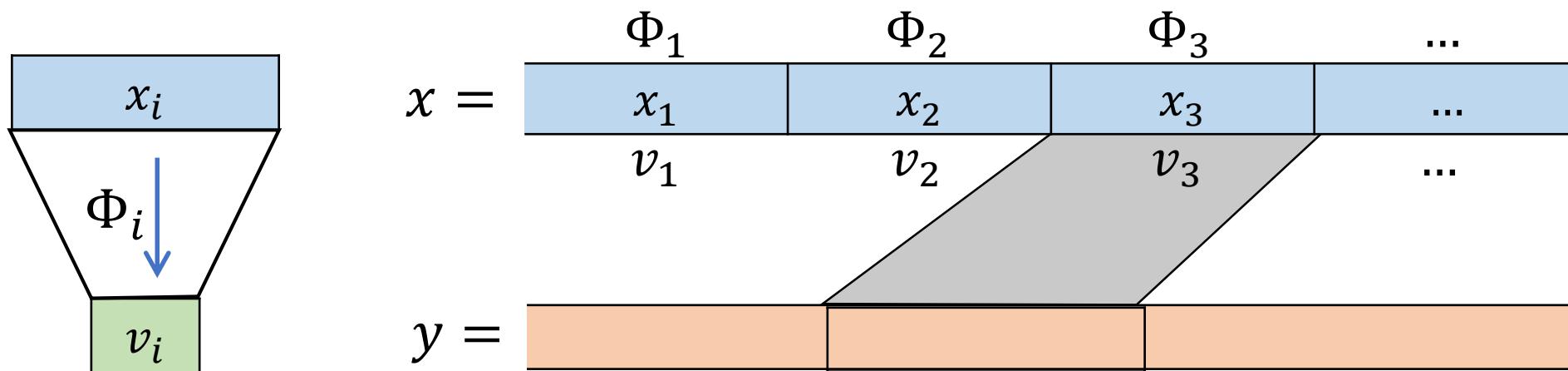
Stage I (Bob)



- Match the string y using the $O(\log n)$ -prefixes, then fill \tilde{x} using y .

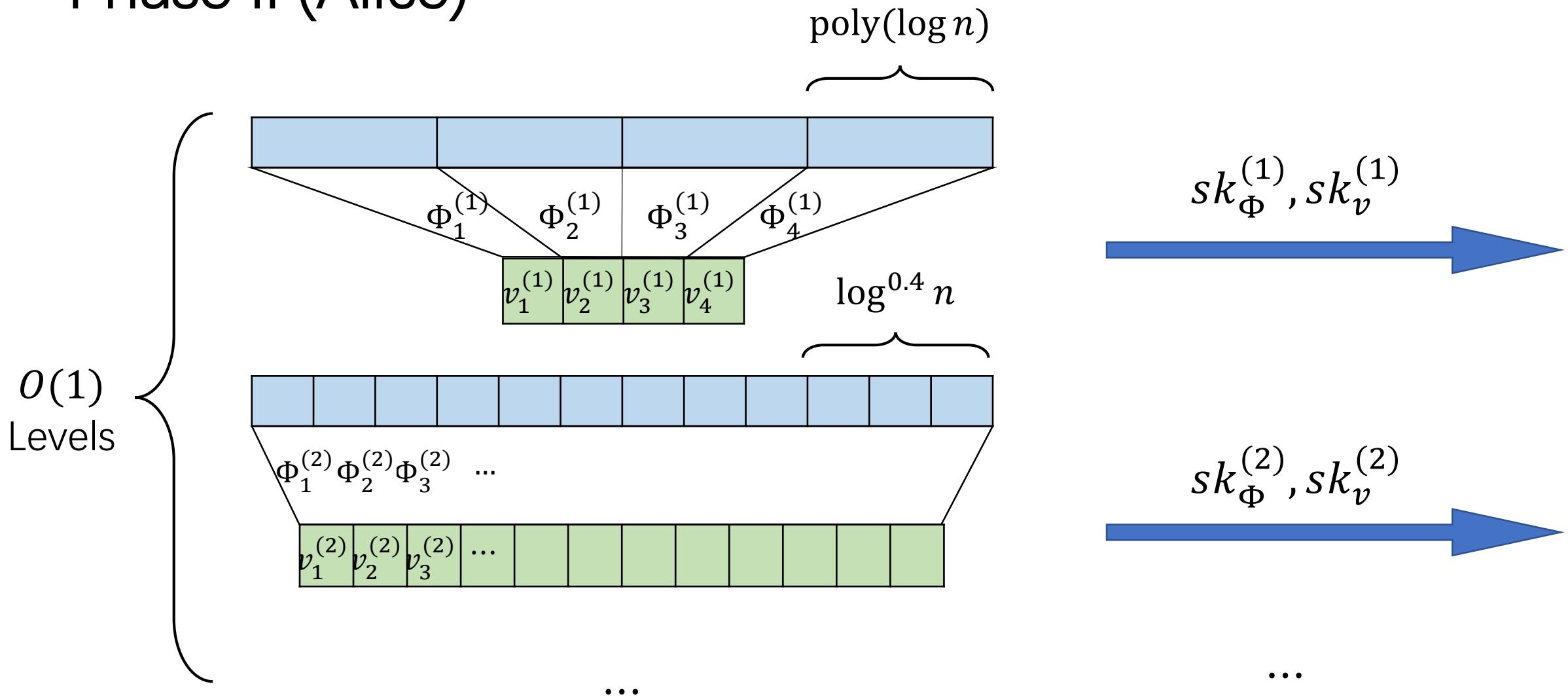
Matching under Hash Functions

- Match between x and y under hash functions
- Block Size = T , Φ_i are hash functions.

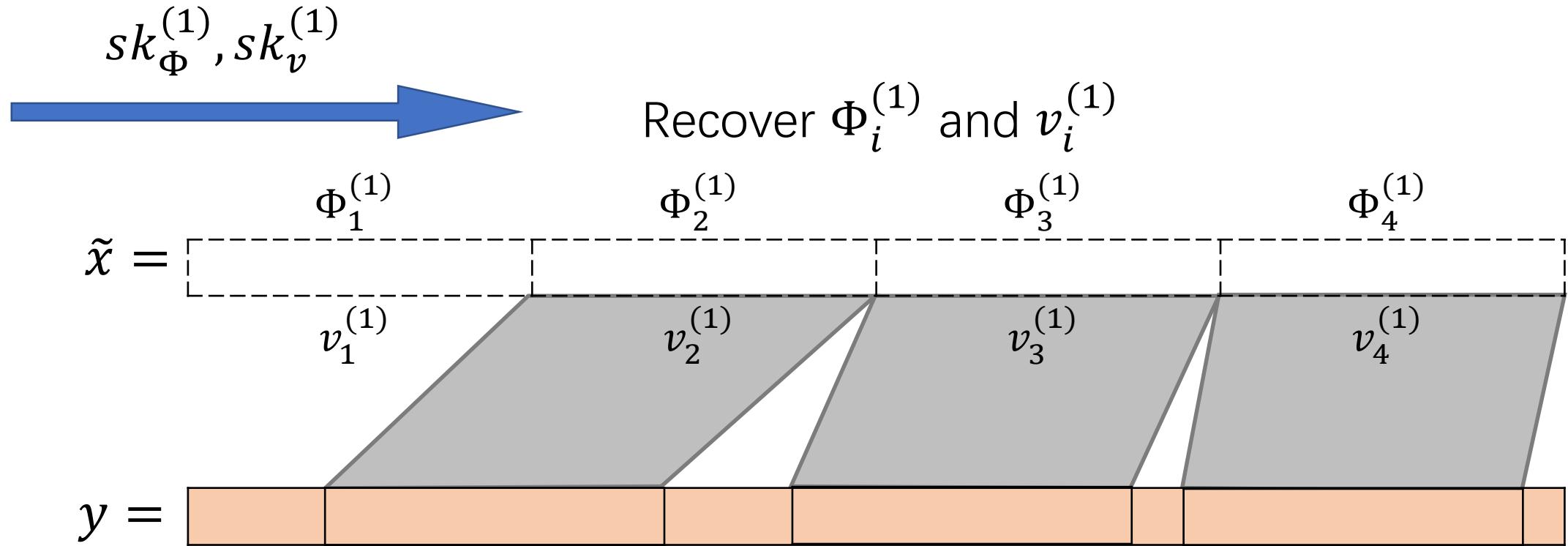


Matched $\Leftrightarrow \Phi_i(\text{[orange box]}) = \boxed{v_i}$

Phase II (Alice)

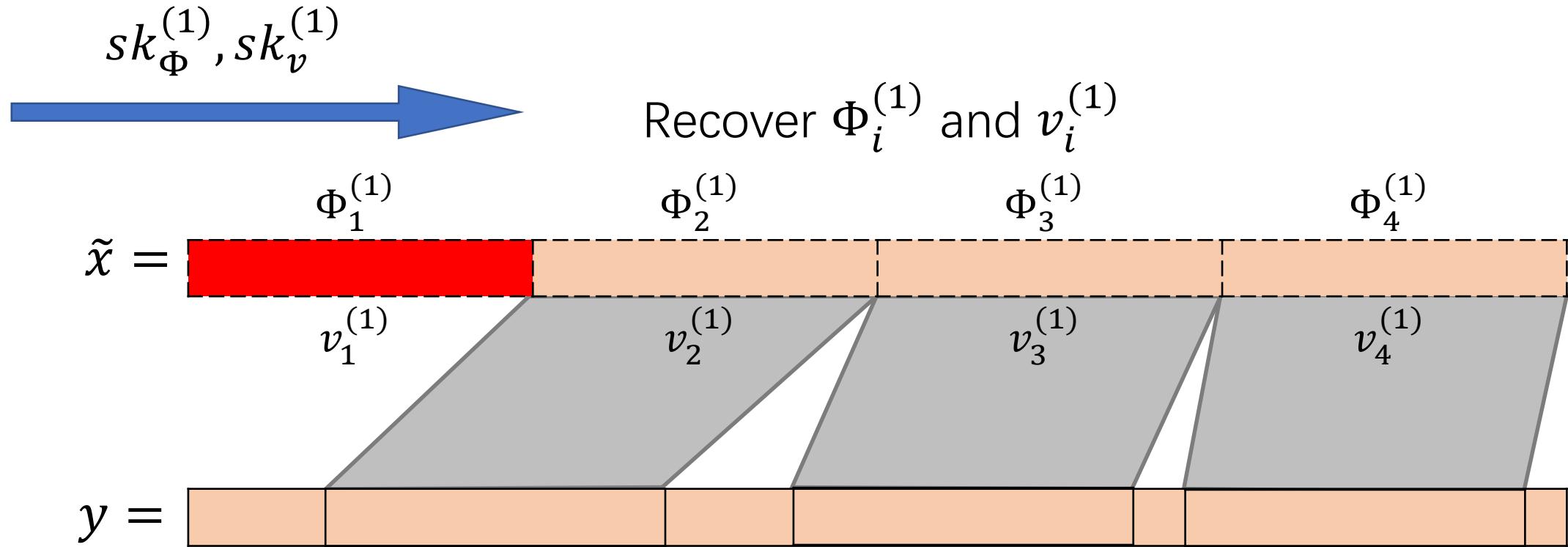


Phase II (Bob)



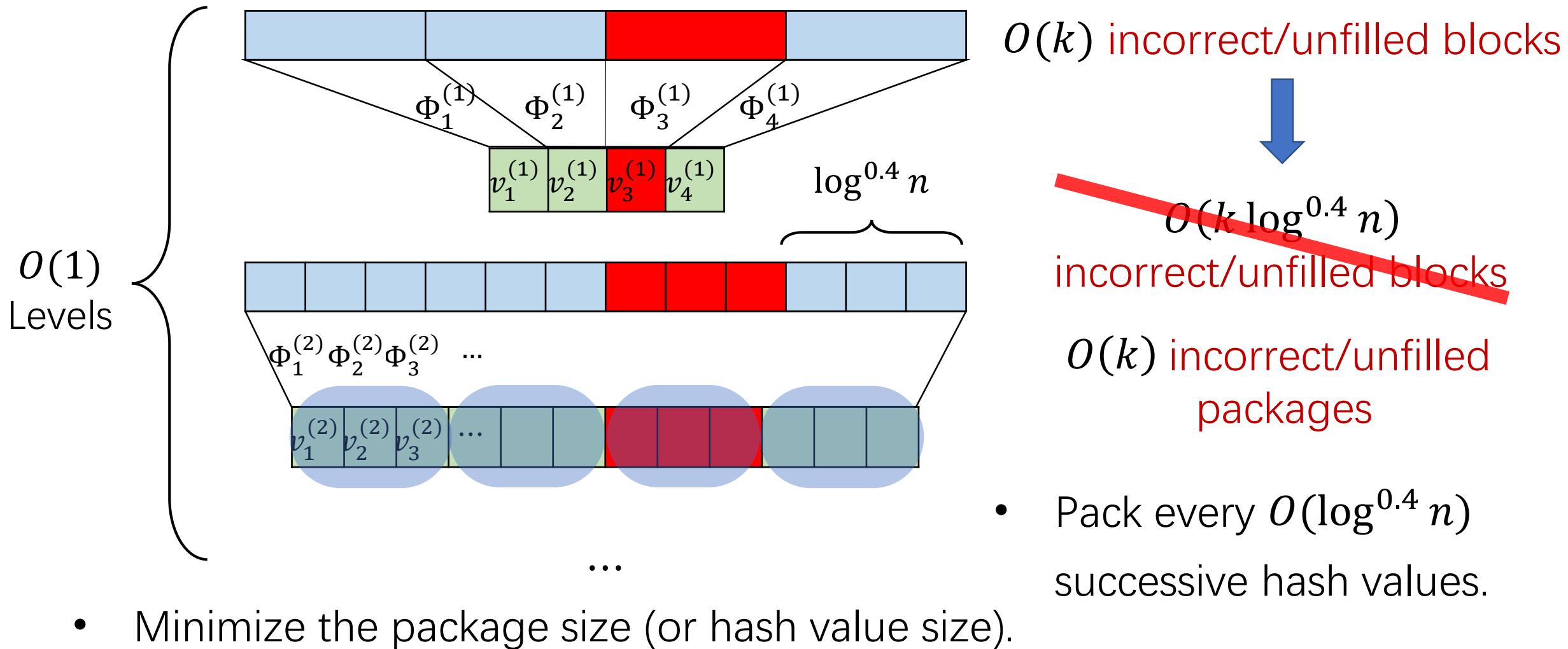
- Find the maximum monotone matching between x and y under Φ_i .
- Fill \tilde{x} using the matching. Objective: #incorrect / unmatched blocks $\leq O(k)$

Phase II (Bob)



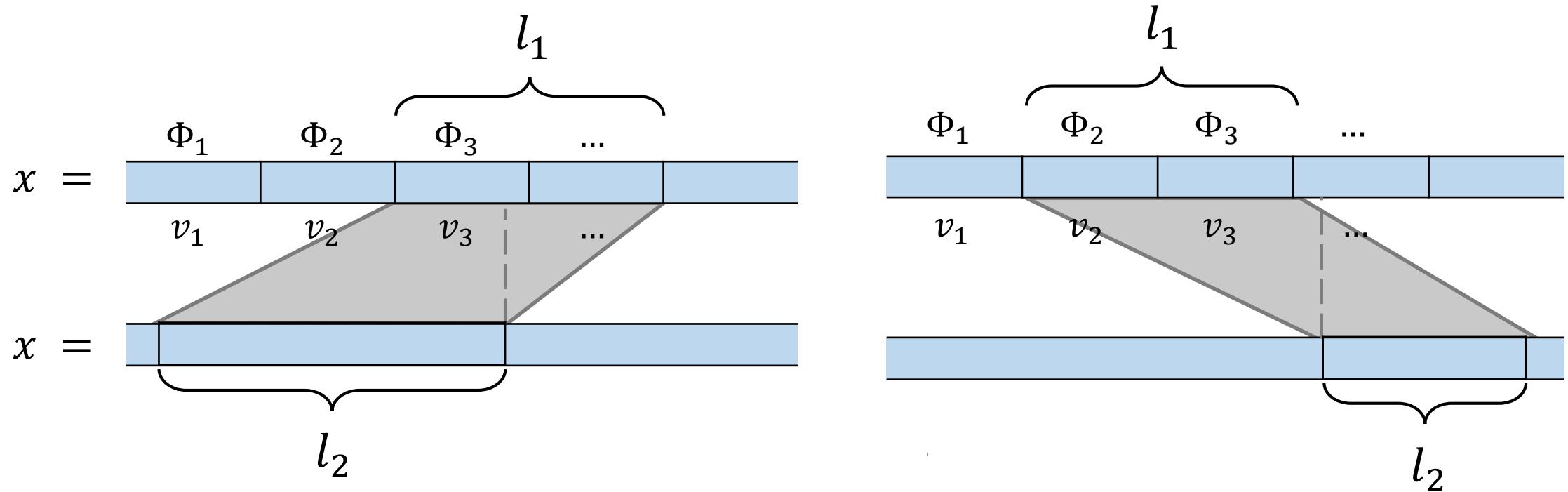
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Phase II : Packing



ϵ -Synchronization Hash Functions: Definition

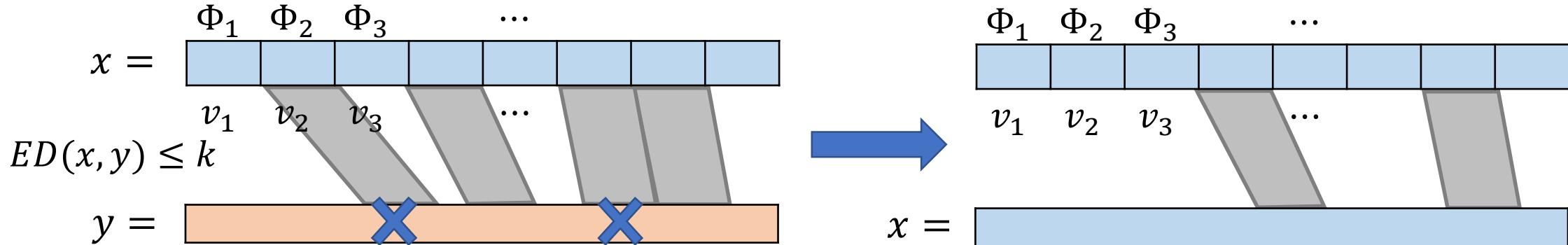
- ‘Skew-Shape’: Two adjacent intervals.



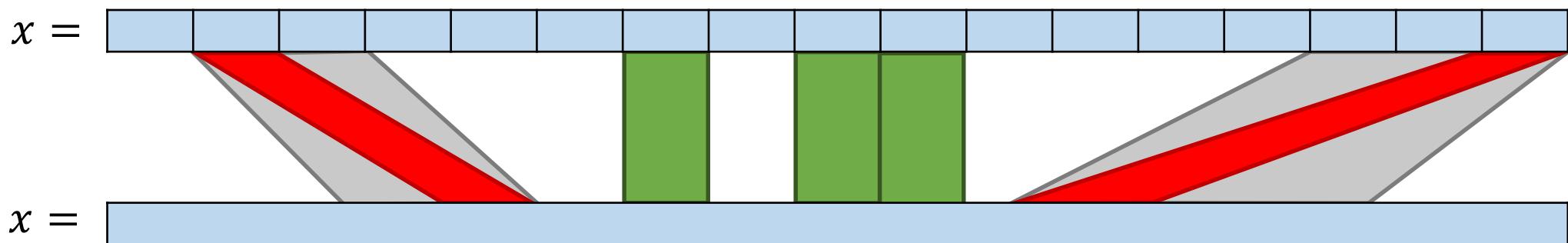
- \forall ‘Skew-Shape’, $\#\text{MATCHING} \leq \epsilon \left(l_1 + \frac{l_2}{T} \right)$, (T = block size).

ϵ -Synchronization Hash Functions: Properties

- Matching between x and y induces a ‘self-matching’ on x itself.



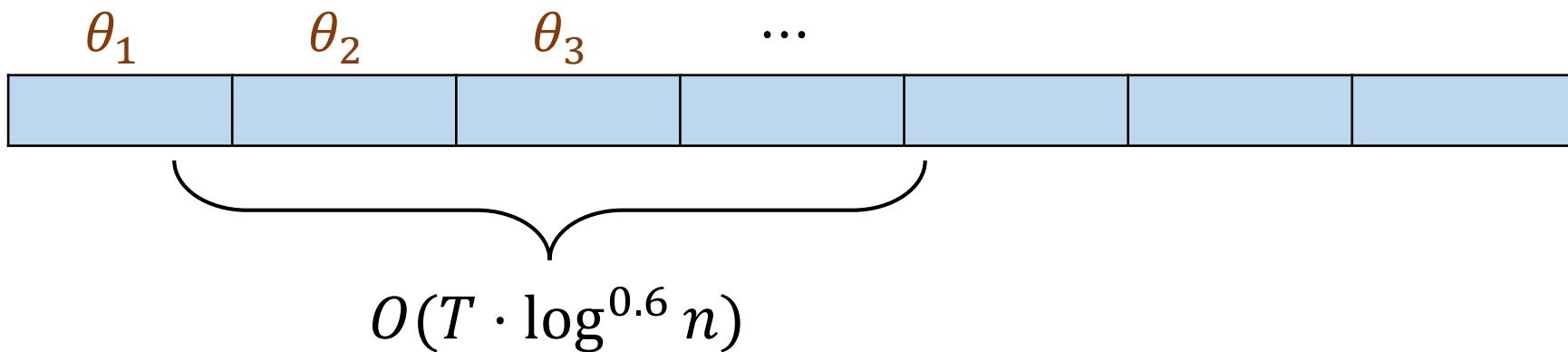
- The **wrong self-matchings** can be grouped into ‘Z-Shapes’



- The two properties keeps #incorrect/unfilled blocks $\leq O(k)$, while minimize the hash value size.

ϵ -Synchronization Hash Functions: Construction

- For large intervals ($l_1 + l_2/T \geq \log^{0.6} n$): use uniform random functions ϕ_i (Probability Method).
- For small intervals: Use ‘locally injective’ hash functions θ_i .



- $\Phi_i([\square]) = (\phi_i([\square]), \theta_i([\square])), \forall i$

Pseudorandom Generator (PRG)

- A generator $g: \{0, 1\}^r \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^n$ is a PRG against a function $f: \{0, 1\}^n \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ with error ϵ , if

$$|\Pr[f(U_n) = 1] - \Pr[f(g(U_r)) = 1]| \leq \epsilon$$

- ϵ -almost κ -wise independence generator: An explicit construction of $g: \{0, 1\}^d \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^n$, $(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n) = g(U_r)$, s.t.

$$\forall i_1, i_2, \dots, i_\kappa \in [n], \quad |\Pr[X_{i_1}, X_{i_2}, \dots, X_{i_\kappa} = x] - 2^{-\kappa}| \leq \epsilon$$

ϵ -Synchronization Hash Functions: Derandomization

Use almost κ -wise independence generator:

- A large fraction of random seed satisfies the properties we want.
- Use exhaustive search to find the appropriate random seed.
- For ϕ_i , random seed size = $O(\log n)$. Send it directly.
- For θ_i , random seed size = $O(\log \log n)$ bits, packing them and send a redundancy in $O(k \log n)$ bits.

Error Correcting Codes from Sketch

$$\begin{array}{c} \boxed{x'} \\ \oplus \\ \boxed{\text{PRG}(r)} \\ = \\ \text{Enc}(x) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \boxed{x} \parallel \text{Enc}'(\boxed{sk(x)} \boxed{r}) \end{array}$$

With probability $1 - 1/\text{poly}(n)$,

- Any two substrings of length $O(\log n)$ are distinct.
- Block length $\leq \text{poly}(\log n)$

$$c' = \boxed{\text{gray bar}} \parallel \boxed{\text{white bar}}$$

Sketch Recover



↓ Dec'

$$\boxed{sk(x')} \quad \boxed{r}$$

x

\oplus

PRG(r)

=

$$\text{Dec}(c') = \boxed{x'}$$

Derandomize the Uniform Random String

With probability $1 - 1/\text{poly}(n)$:

1. Any two substrings of length $O(\log n)$ are distinct.
2. Any interval of length $\text{poly}(\log n)$ contains p .

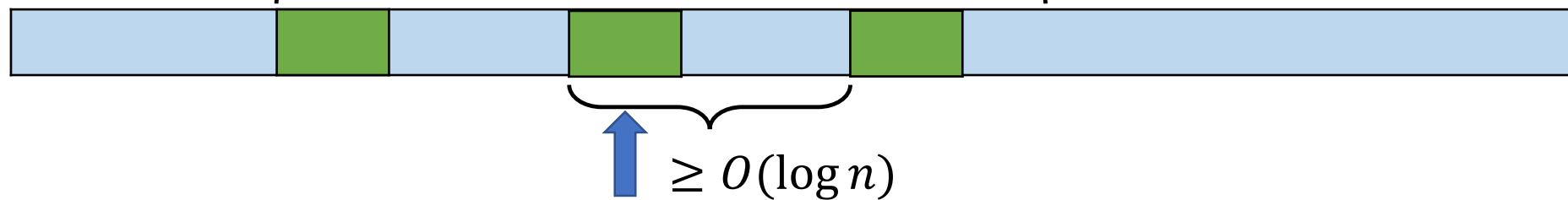
PRG_1

$\text{poly}(\log n)$



3. Any interval of length $\text{poly}(\log n)$ starting from p contains a chosen p .

PRG_2



$$\text{PRG}(r) = \text{PRG}_1(r) \oplus \text{PRG}_2(r) \oplus \text{PRG}_3(r), \quad |r| = O(\log n)$$

Open Questions

- Optimal Error Correcting Code and Deterministic document exchange for all k .

Thank You!