

# PCG Part 3: Silent VOLE and OT Protocols from LPN

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# This week's talks

**VOLE 1:** introduction, basic protocols & applications

**VOLE 2:** application to efficient zero knowledge

**PCG 1-2**

**PCG 3:** PCGs from LPN: the gory details

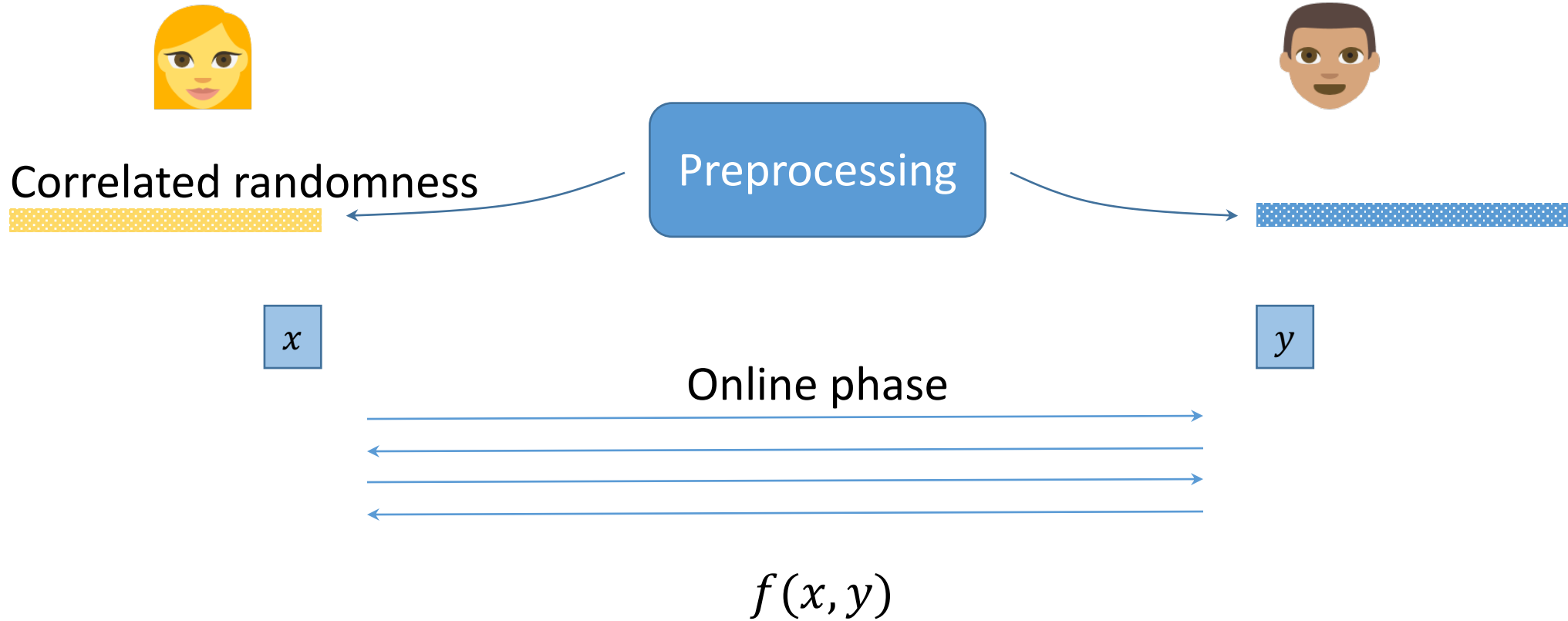
**PCG 4:** PCFs from number-theoretic assumptions

# Outline

- Recap of OT extension (non-silent!)
- Blueprint for silent OT
  - Instantiate with LPN
- PCG setup protocol for silent OT/VOLE
  - Two-rounds, active security
- Conclusion & open problems

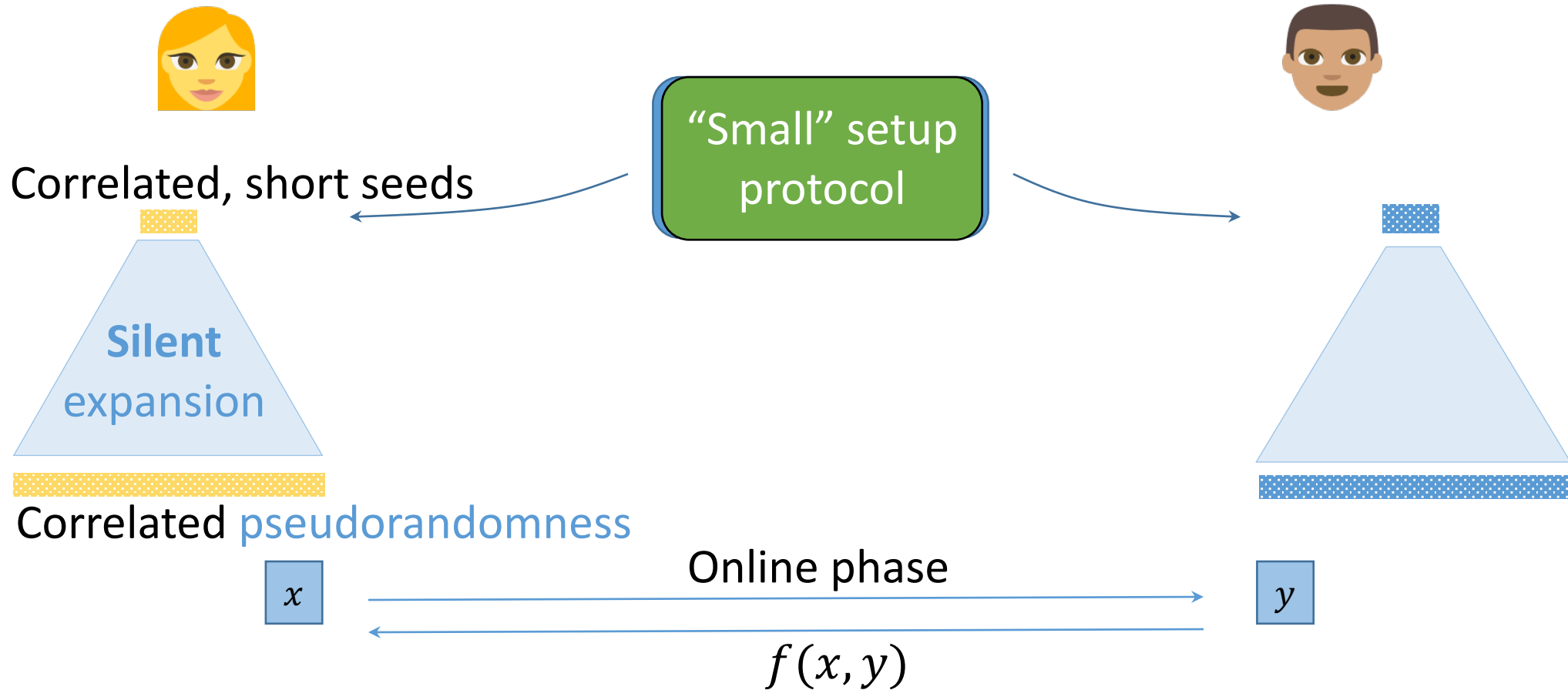
# Secure Computation with Preprocessing

[Beaver '91]



# Secure Computation with **Silent** Preprocessing

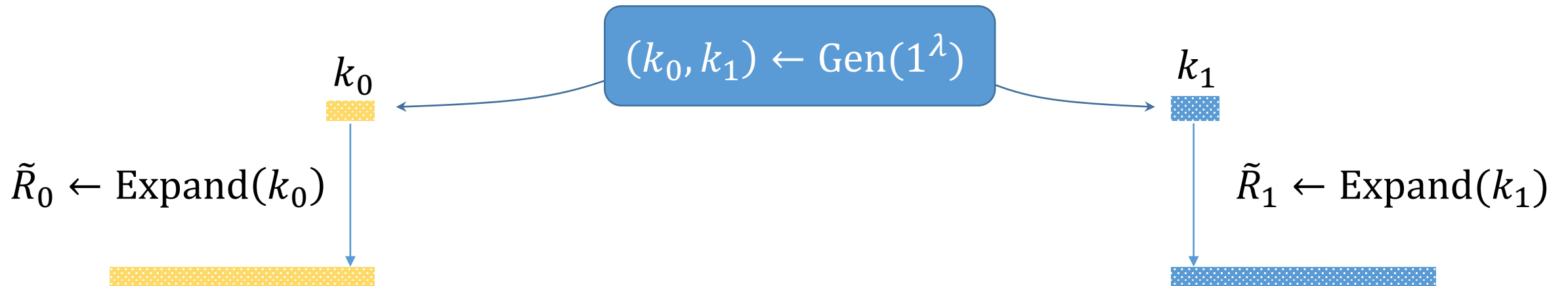
[BCGI 18, BCGIKS 19]



# Pseudorandom Correlation Generators

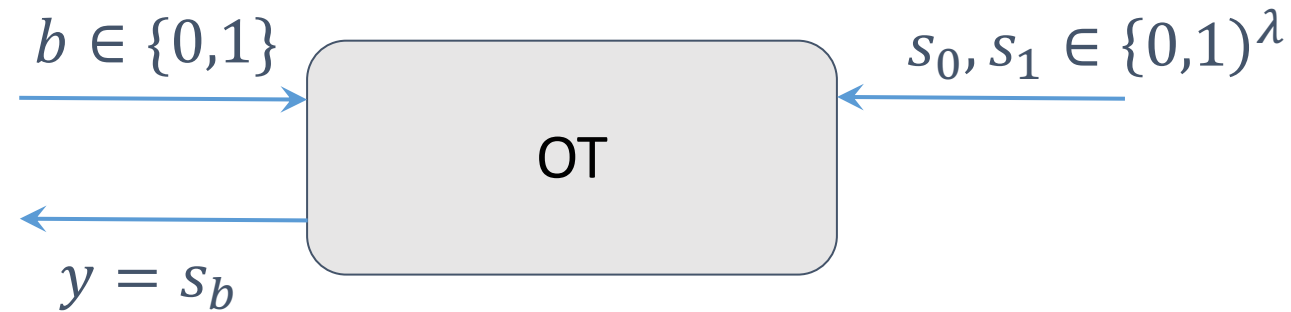
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- Target correlation:  $(R_0, R_1)$
- Algorithms Gen, Expand:



Security:  $(k_0, \tilde{R}_1) \approx (k_0, [R_1 | R_0 = \text{Expand}(k_0)])$

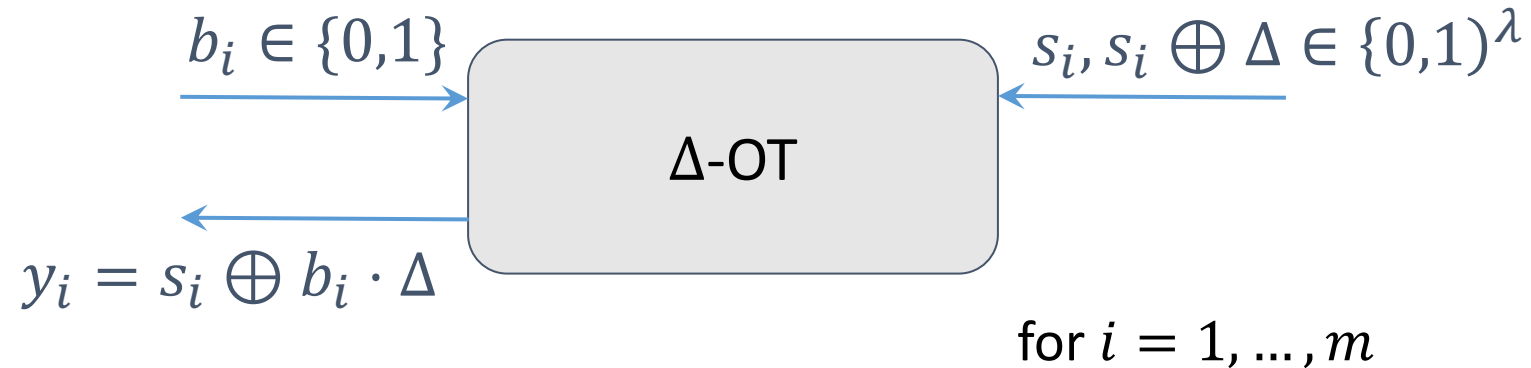
# Oblivious Transfer



OT requires **public-key cryptography**

OT extension: costly PK operations **only in setup phase**

# (Batch of) Correlated Oblivious Transfers

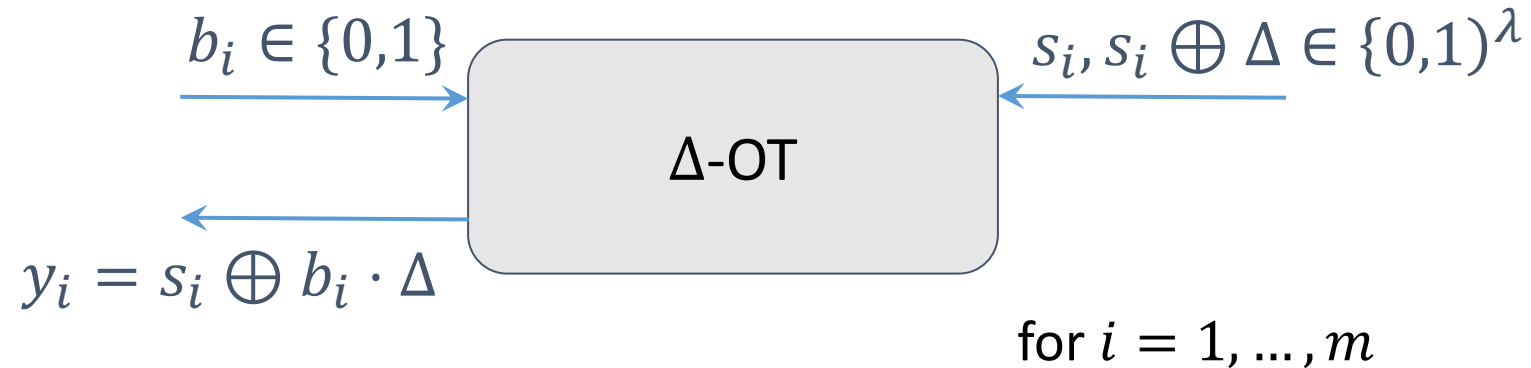


(Equivalent to subfield VOLE, or information-theoretic MACs over  $\mathbb{F}_2$ )



# From correlated OT to random OT

[IKNP 03]



↓

$$m_i^{b_i} = H(y_i)$$

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$H$ : correlation robust hash function

$$m_i^0 = H(s_i)$$
$$m_i^1 = H(s_i \oplus \Delta)$$

# IKNP OT Extension: Correlate, Transpose & Hash

[IKNP 03]

# IKNP: correlate



$y$

=

$s$

+

$b \cdot \Delta$

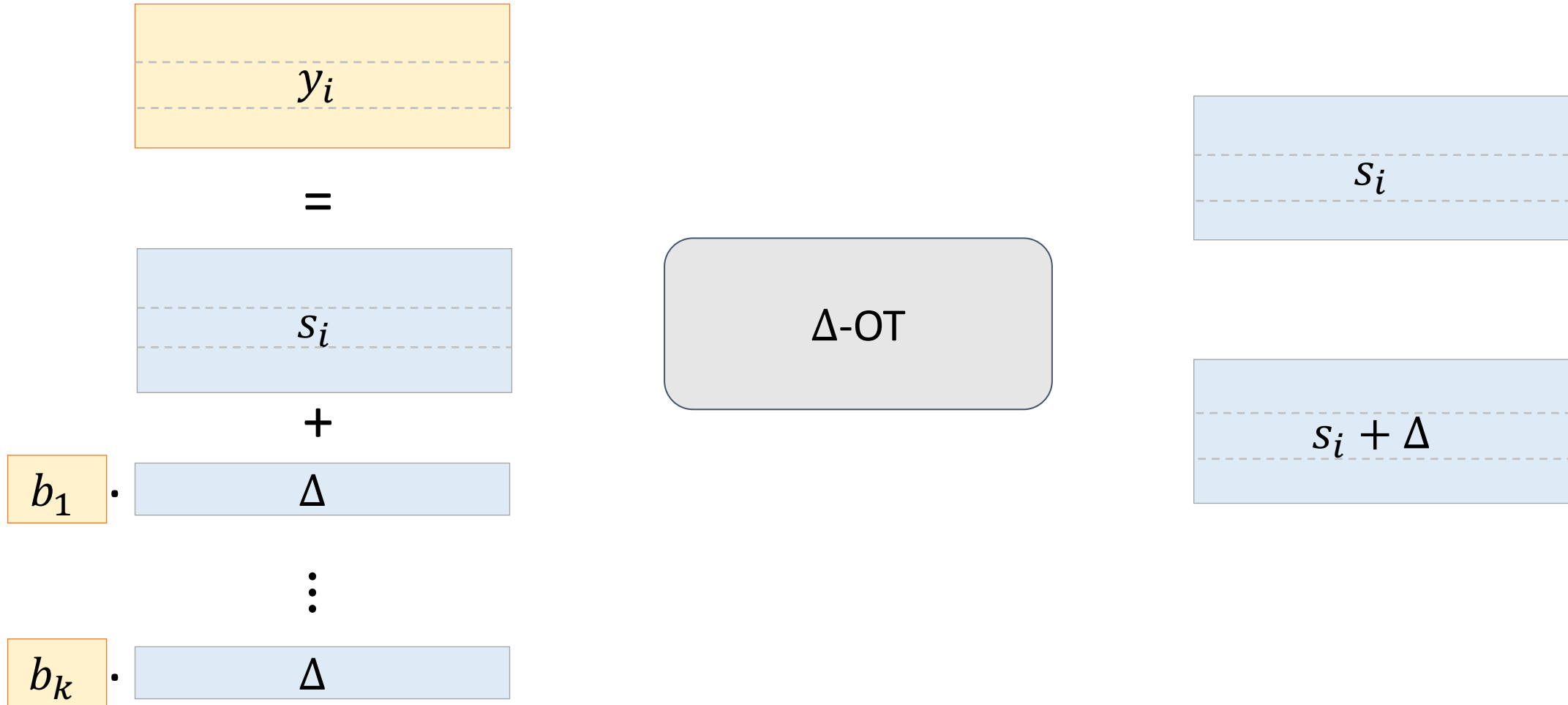
$\Delta$ -OT



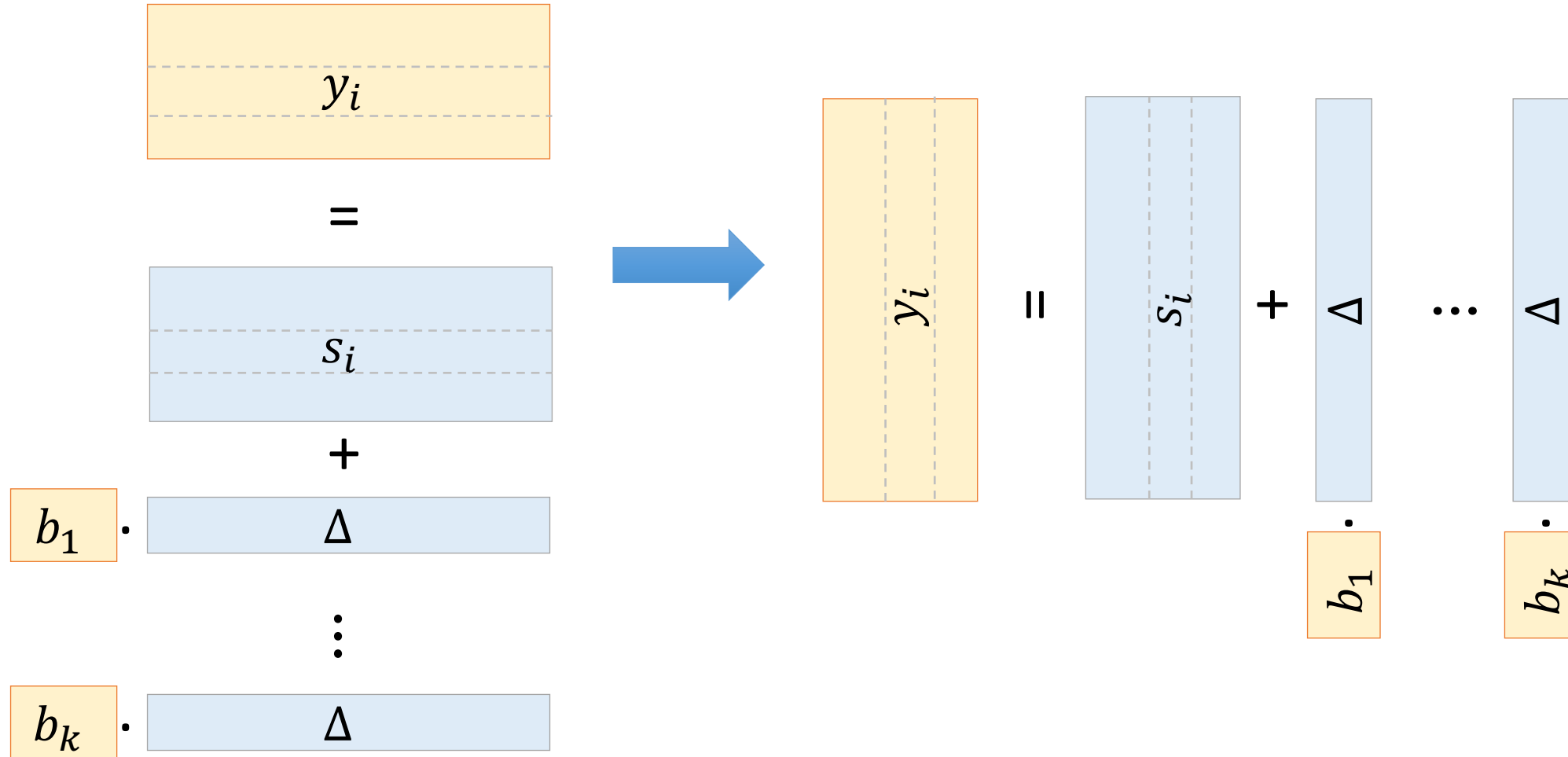
$s$

$s + \Delta$

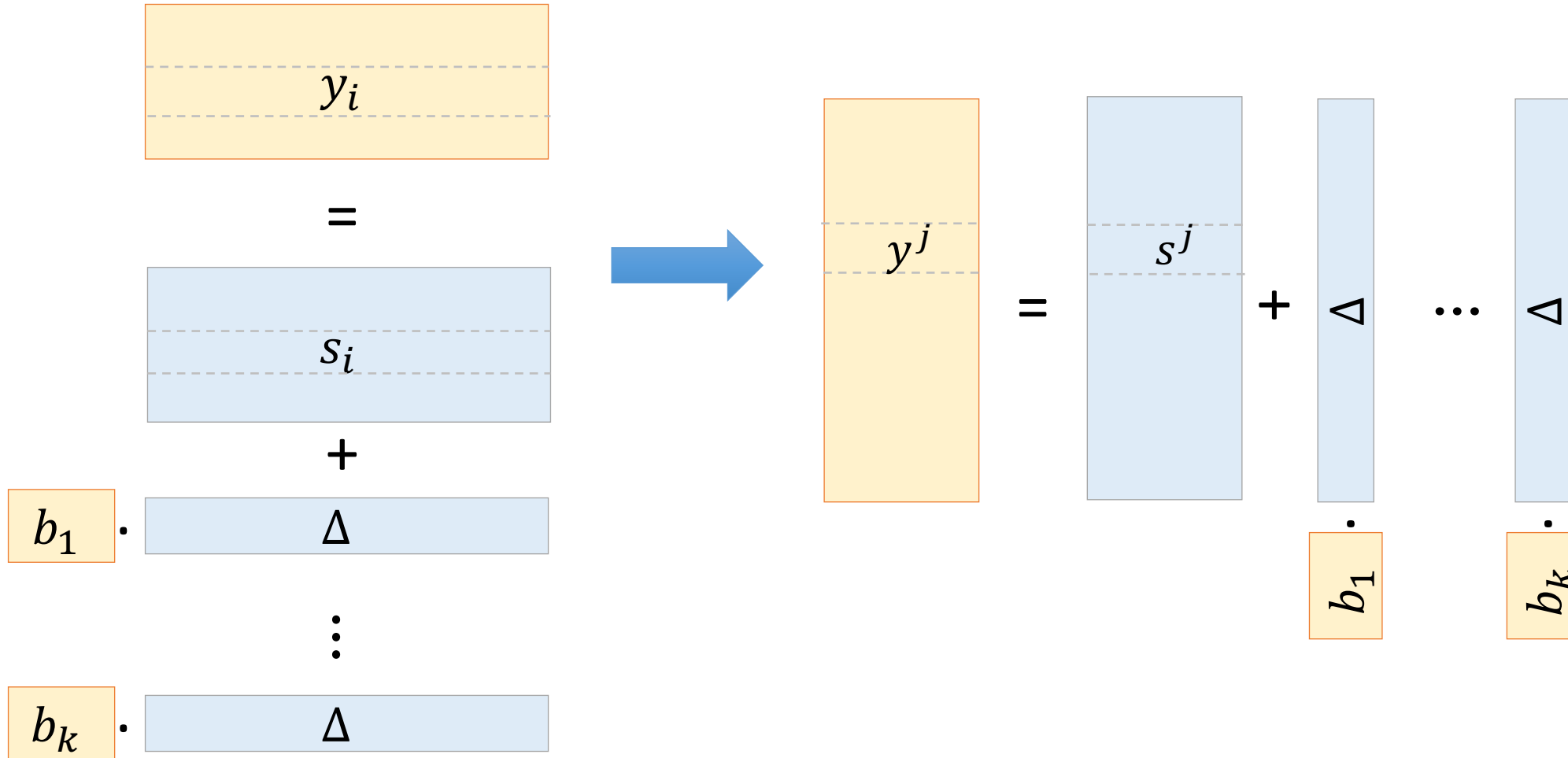
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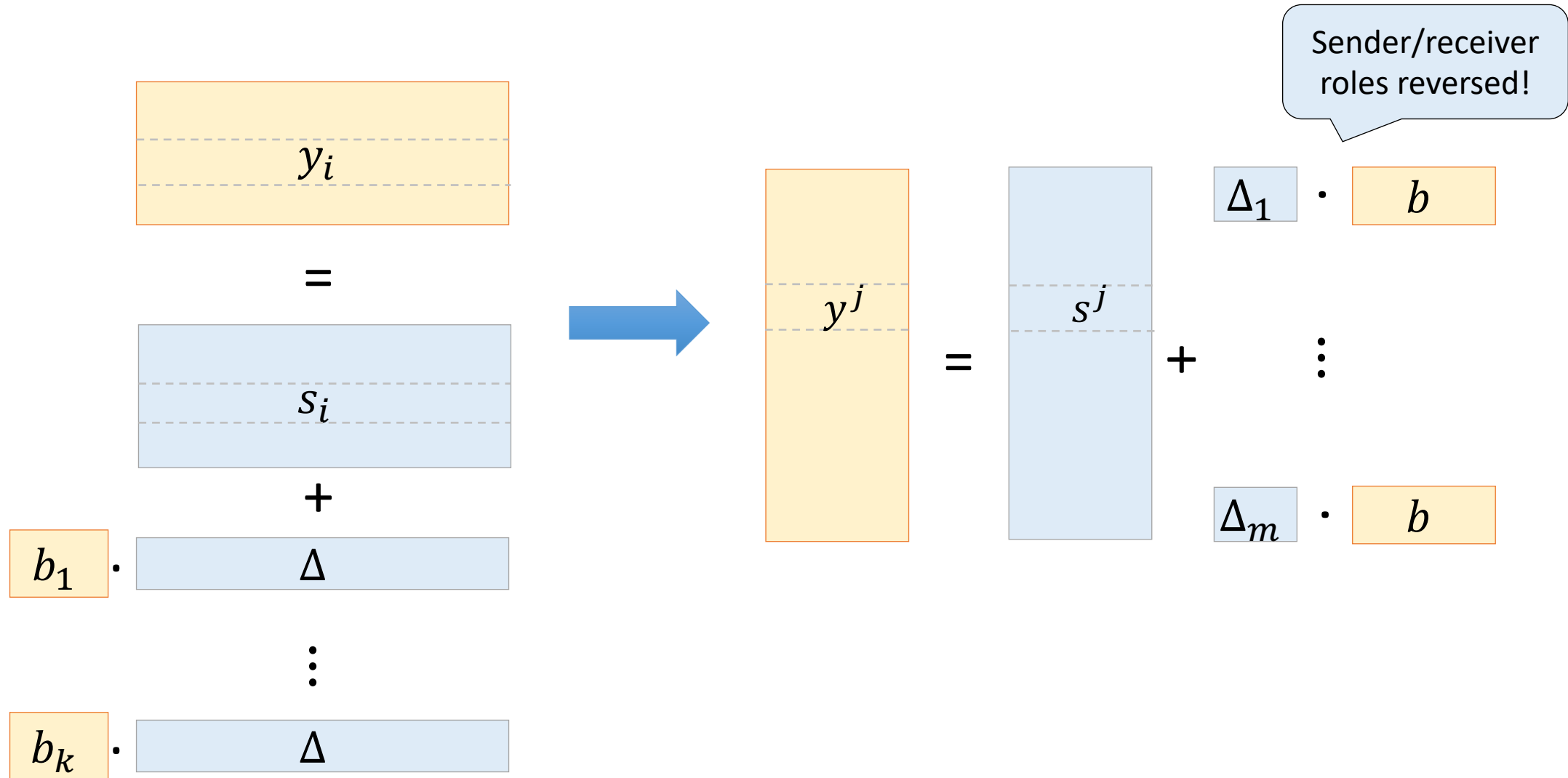
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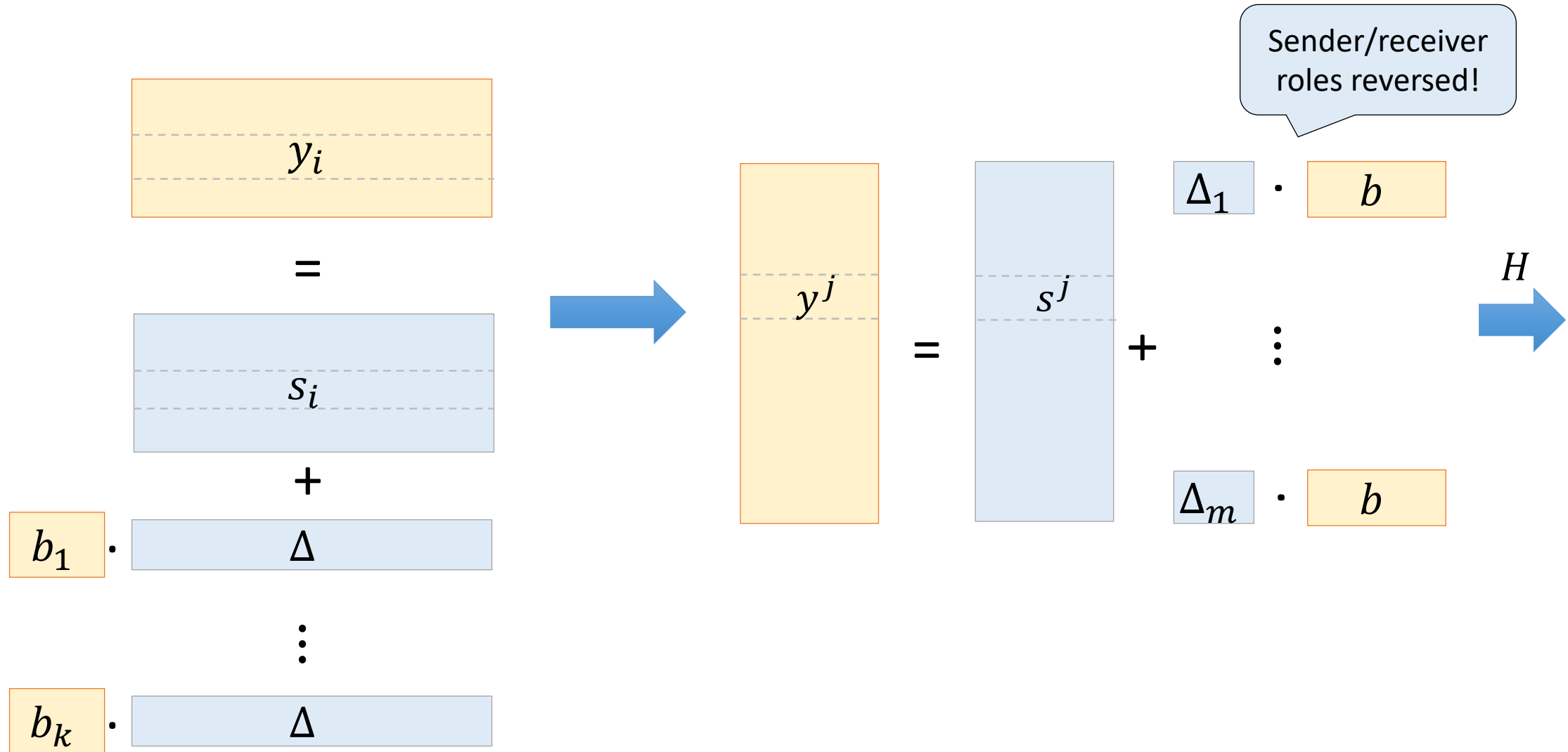
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Bottleneck:

- Long correlated OTs
- Cost: 128 bits per OT

# IKNP OT Extension: Correlate, Transpose & Hash

[IKNP 03]

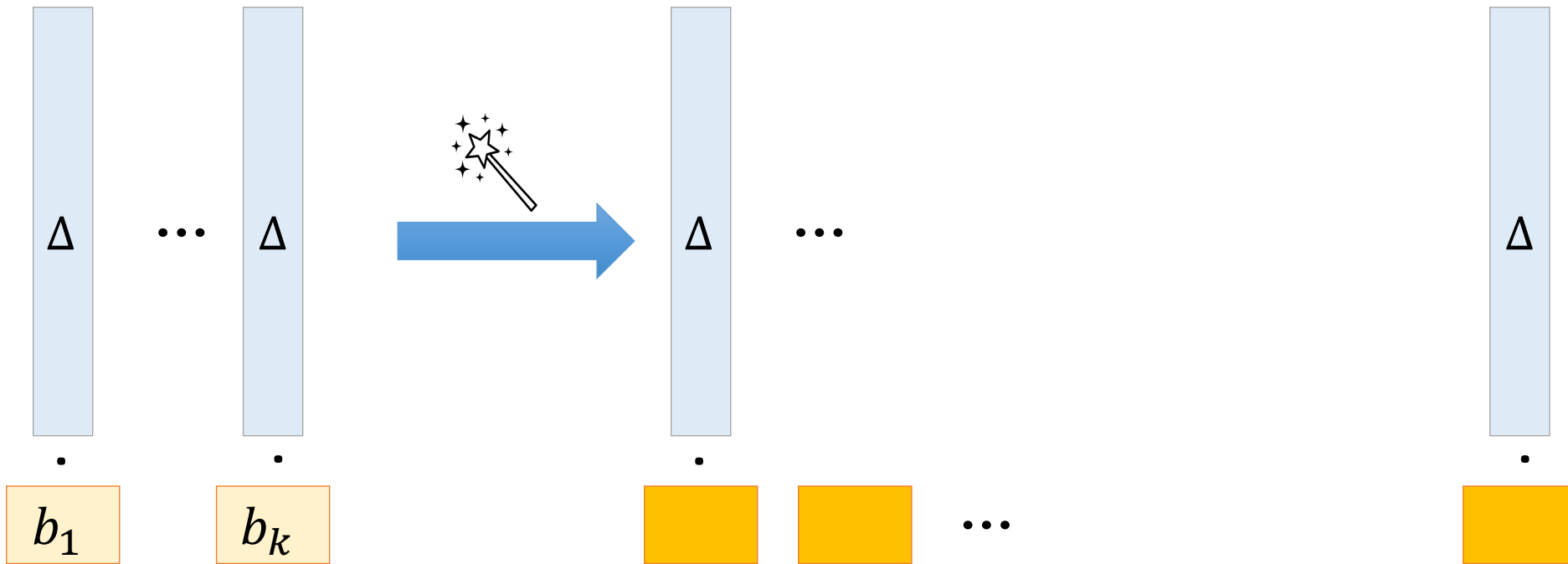
Much “smaller” correlation

- Roles stay the same

# Silent OT Extension: Correlate, **Expand** & Hash

[BCGIKS 19]

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# Silent expansion via homomorphic PRGs?

- Suppose we have a PRG where

$$G(s + t) + G(t)$$


- Receiver can expand  $\vec{b} \rightarrow G(\vec{b})$ 
  - Parties expand  $s_i, y_i$  the same way
  - Preserves OT relation
- $G$  is **totally insecure!**
- Lattice-based PRGs are **almost-homomorphic**
  - Good enough for weaker form of silent OT [S 18]

# Silent expansion via learning parity with noise

[BCGI 18]

Given  $A \in \mathbb{Z}_p^{m \times n}$ :

$$A \cdot s + e \pmod{p} \approx u$$

## LWE

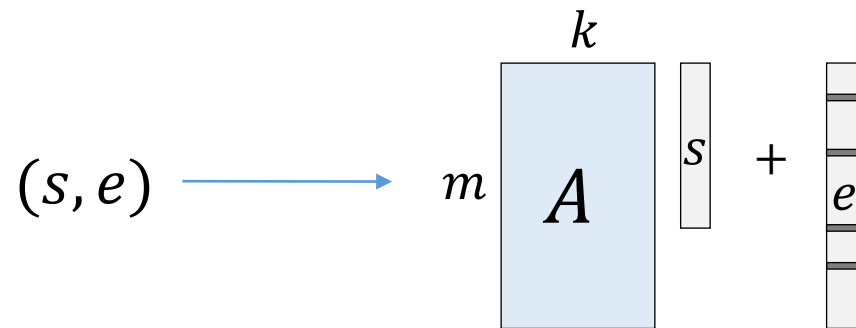
- $p > 2$
- $s \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p^n$
- $\|e\|_\infty$  is small

## LPN

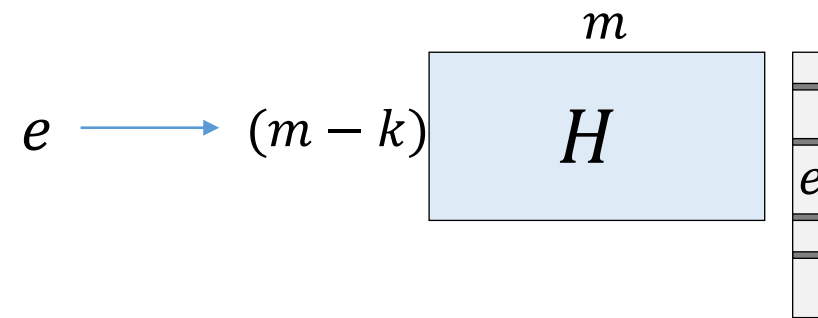
- $p \geq 2$  (arithmetic generalization)
- $s \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p^n$
- $HW(e)$  is small

# “Linear-ish” PRGs from LPN

## “Primal” construction



## “Dual” construction



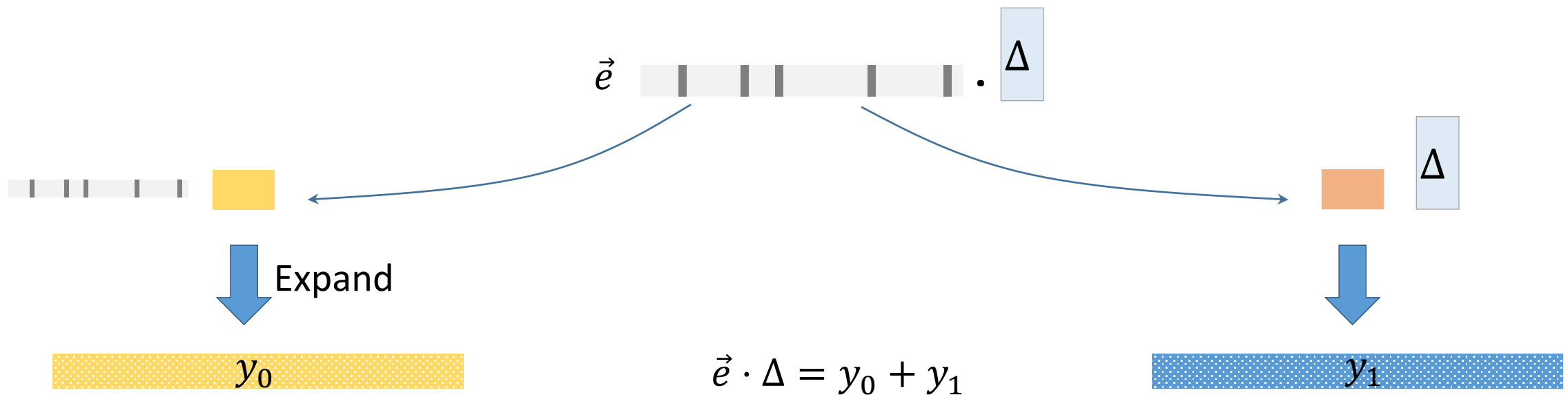
Evaluation is linear in  $(s, e)$ !

Limited to **quadratic stretch**

Arbitrary poly stretch  
(increase  $m$ , fix  $HW(e)$ )  
 $\Rightarrow$  best attack:  $\exp(HW(e))$

# Secret-sharing sparse vectors: core of PCGs from LPN

**Goal:** *compress* secret-shares of sparse vector



# Main tool: puncturable PRF

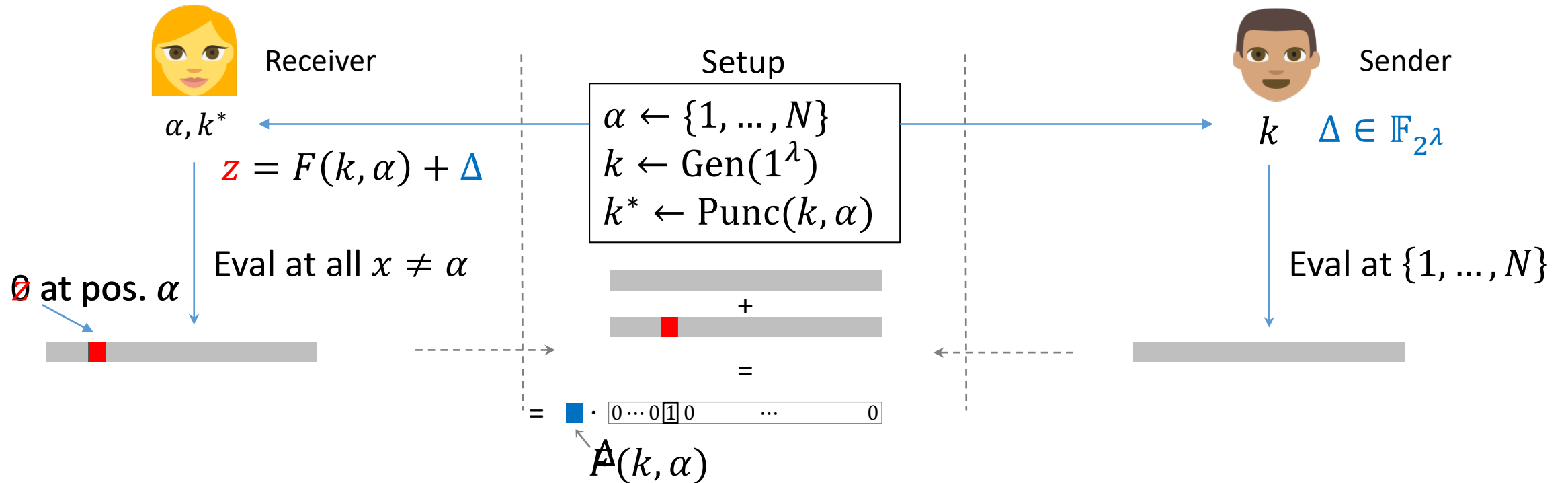
FSS is overkill!

- PRF  $F : \{0,1\}^\lambda \times \{1, \dots, N\} \rightarrow \{0,1\}^\lambda$
- $k \leftarrow \text{Gen}(1^\lambda)$ 
  - Master key: allows evaluating  $F(k, x)$  for all  $x$
- $k^* \leftarrow \text{Punc}(k, \alpha)$ 
  - Punctured key: can evaluate at all points except for  $x = \alpha$
- Security:  $F(k, \alpha)$  is pseudorandom, given  $k^*$

Simple tree-based construction from a PRG:  $|k| = \lambda, \quad |k^*| = \lambda \cdot \log N$

[BW13], [BGI 13], [KPTZ 13]

# Sharing sparse vectors from puncturable PRF

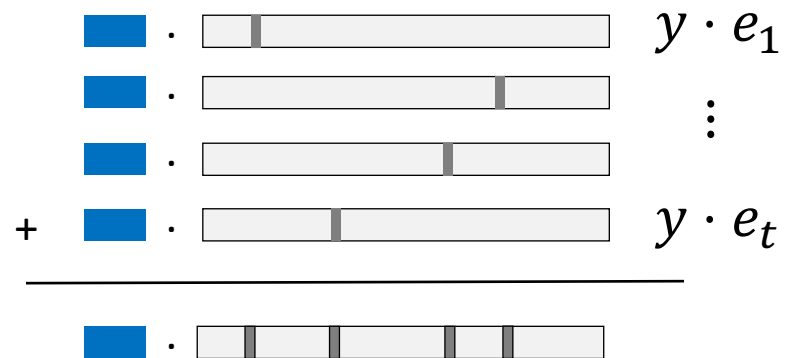


- Shares compressed from  $\lambda \cdot N$  to  $\approx \lambda \cdot \log N$  bits
- Can tweak to multiply by arbitrary  $\Delta \in \mathbb{F}_{2^\lambda}$



# From weight-1 vectors to weight- $t$ vectors

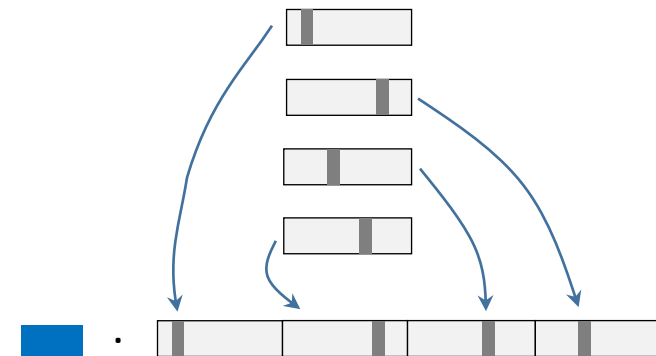
## Approach 1: addition



Weight e.g.  $t = 4$

**Expansion cost:**  $O(t \cdot N)$  (naïve)  
 $O(N)$  (cuckoo hashing [SGRR 19])

## Approach 2: concatenation



$$O\left(t \cdot \frac{N}{t}\right) = O(N)$$

**Note:** regular error pattern

# The missing pieces: plugging in LPN

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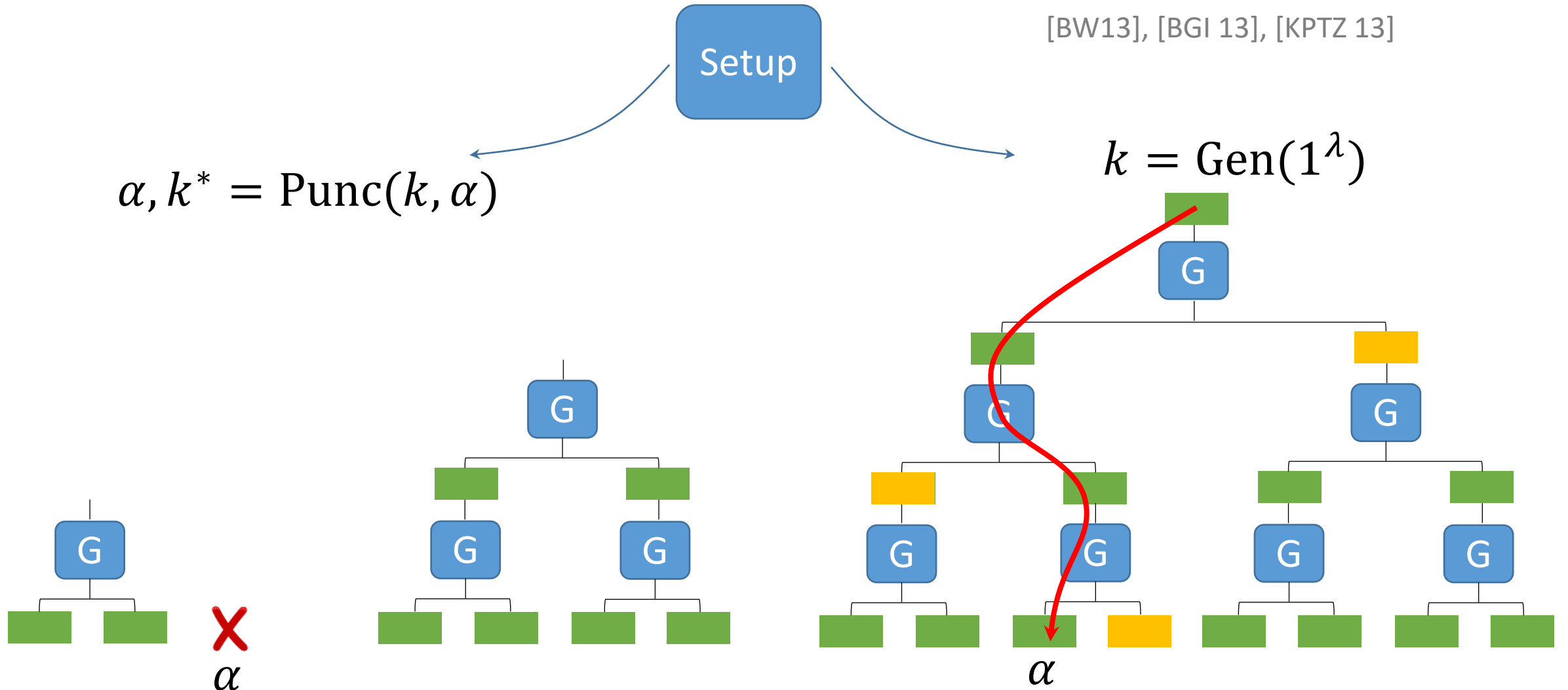
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Cyclotomic ring-LPN (only for OLE)	Primal/dual	$\tilde{O}(m)$	[BCGIKS 20]

# PCG setup protocol: some details

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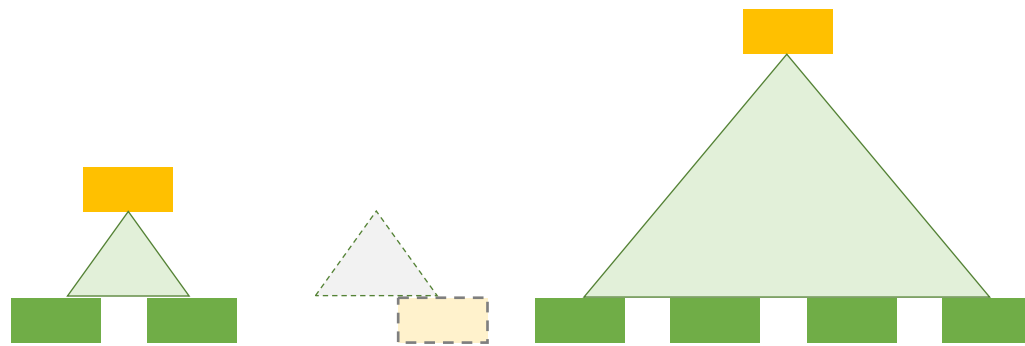
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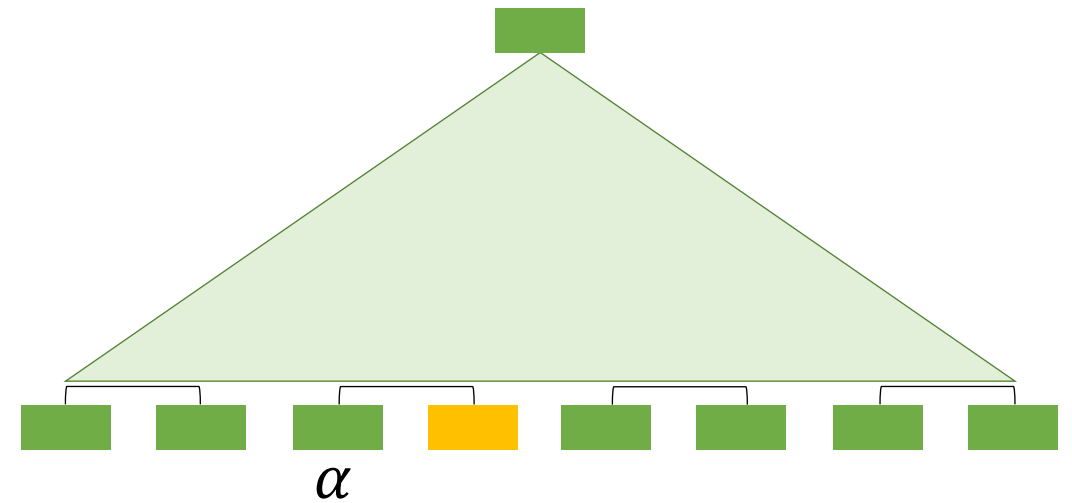
# Setup protocol: inside the puncturable PRF

Based on [Doerner-shelat '17]

Suppose Receiver has  for first 2 levels:



Use OT to transfer next  :



Left/right   (sum of L, sum of R)

Recover  



OTs for all levels can be done in parallel!  
(Unlike [Ds 17] for DPF)

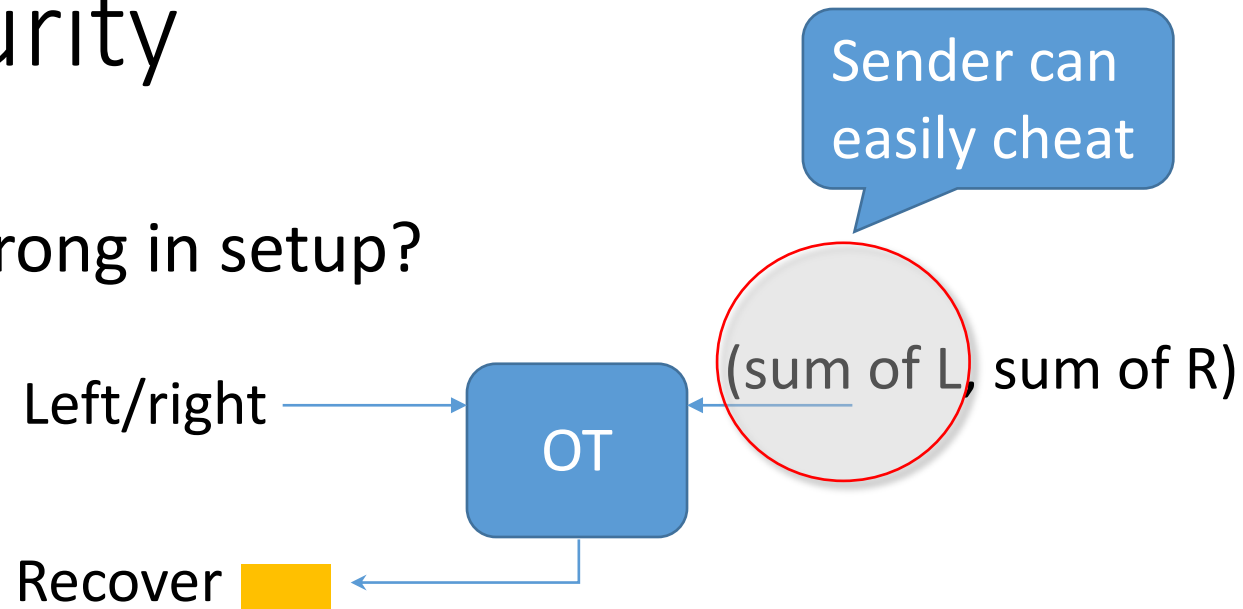


# Setup Protocol for Silent OT/VOLE

- 2-round **punctured PRF setup** from any 2-round OT
  - $\log N$  **parallel** OTs
- 2-round **Silent OT setup** from any 2-round OT
  - Total cost:  $\approx t \log N$  “seed” OTs for LPN noise weight  $t$
  - (VOLE: also need seed VOLE)
- Two-round OT extension on **chosen inputs**
  - Can convert from random  $\rightarrow$  chosen **in parallel with setup**
  - First **concretely efficient** two-round OT extension (previously only [Beaver '95])

# Active security

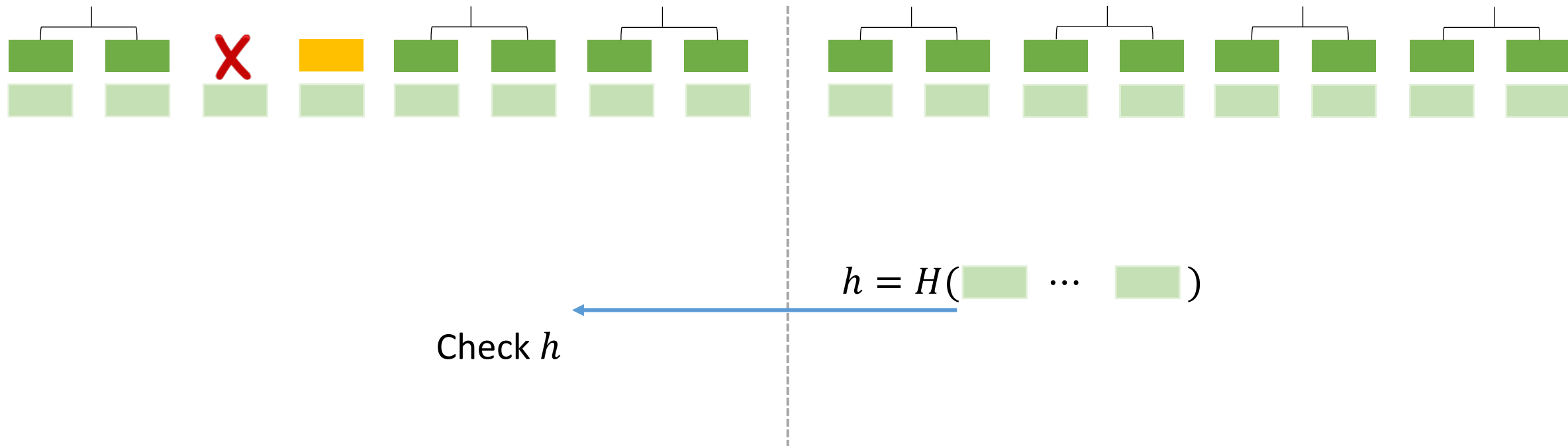
- What can go wrong in setup?



- Solution: **consistency checks**

- Still allows **selective failure attacks** – sender can guess 1 bit of LPN error
- Assume problem is hard with 1-bit leakage

# Consistency check: hash the PPRF tree [BCGIKRS 19]



Collision-resistance  $\Rightarrow$  tree is consistent

# Ensuring consistency among the trees

- What if sender uses different  $\Delta$ 's?
  - Hash check doesn't catch this...
- Solution: another check!
  - Random linear combination (like MAC check)
- Ferret/Wolverine [YWLZW 20, WYKW 21]:
  - Linear combination **instead of** hash check
  - Simpler, also ensures consistent  $\Delta$ 's

# Performance for $n=10$ million random OTs (LAN)

128-bit security

Protocol	One-time setup (kB)	Comms	Time (ms)	Primal/dual
IKNP	-	160 MB	~400	-
[BCGIKRS 19]	-	<b>122 kB</b>	~5000	Dual (quasi-cyclic)
Ferret [WYKY 20]	1130 kB	550 kB	~500	Primal
Silver [CRR 21]	-	<b>122 kB</b>	<b>~300</b>	Dual (structured LDPC)

# Conclusion

- Silent OT and VOLE:
  - Linear structure of LPN
  - Sharing sparse vectors via PPRF
- Two-round setup protocols
  - Actively secure
  - Give two-round OT extension
- Open problems:
  - More **silent-friendly** applications
  - Optimize **multi-point PPRF**:  $\lambda \log N \rightarrow \lambda + \log N$ ?
  - Setup: can we do **1-round**?
  - **Security** of LPN variants
    - Especially structured LDPC, VD-LPN, ring-LPN...

# Thank you!



Efficient Pseudorandom Correlation Generators: Silent OT Extension and More  
*Boyle, Couteau, Gilboa, Ishai, Kohl, Scholl*

<https://ia.cr/2019/129>

Two-Round OT Extension and Silent Non-Interactive Secure Computation  
*BCGIKS + Rindal*

<https://ia.cr/2019/1159>