

# Oblivious Computation

## Part III - OptORAMa

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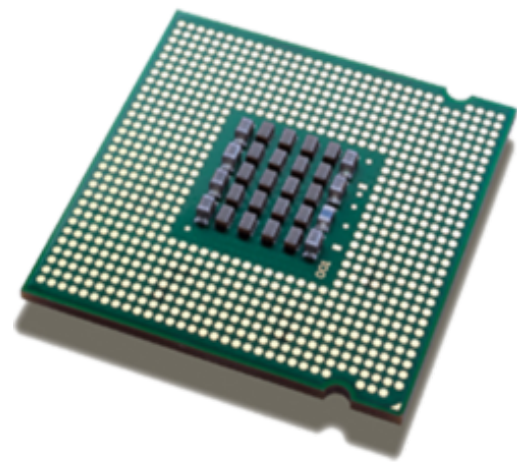
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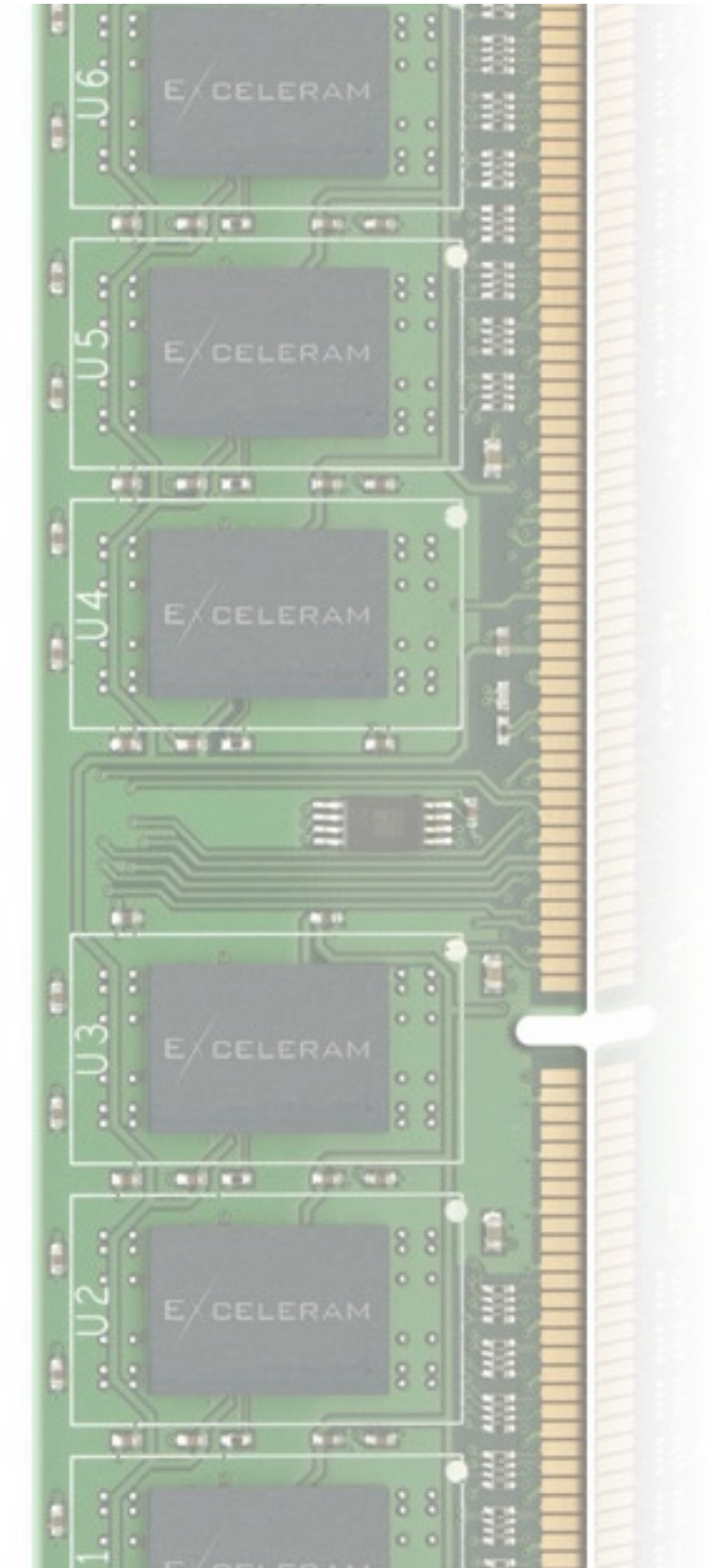


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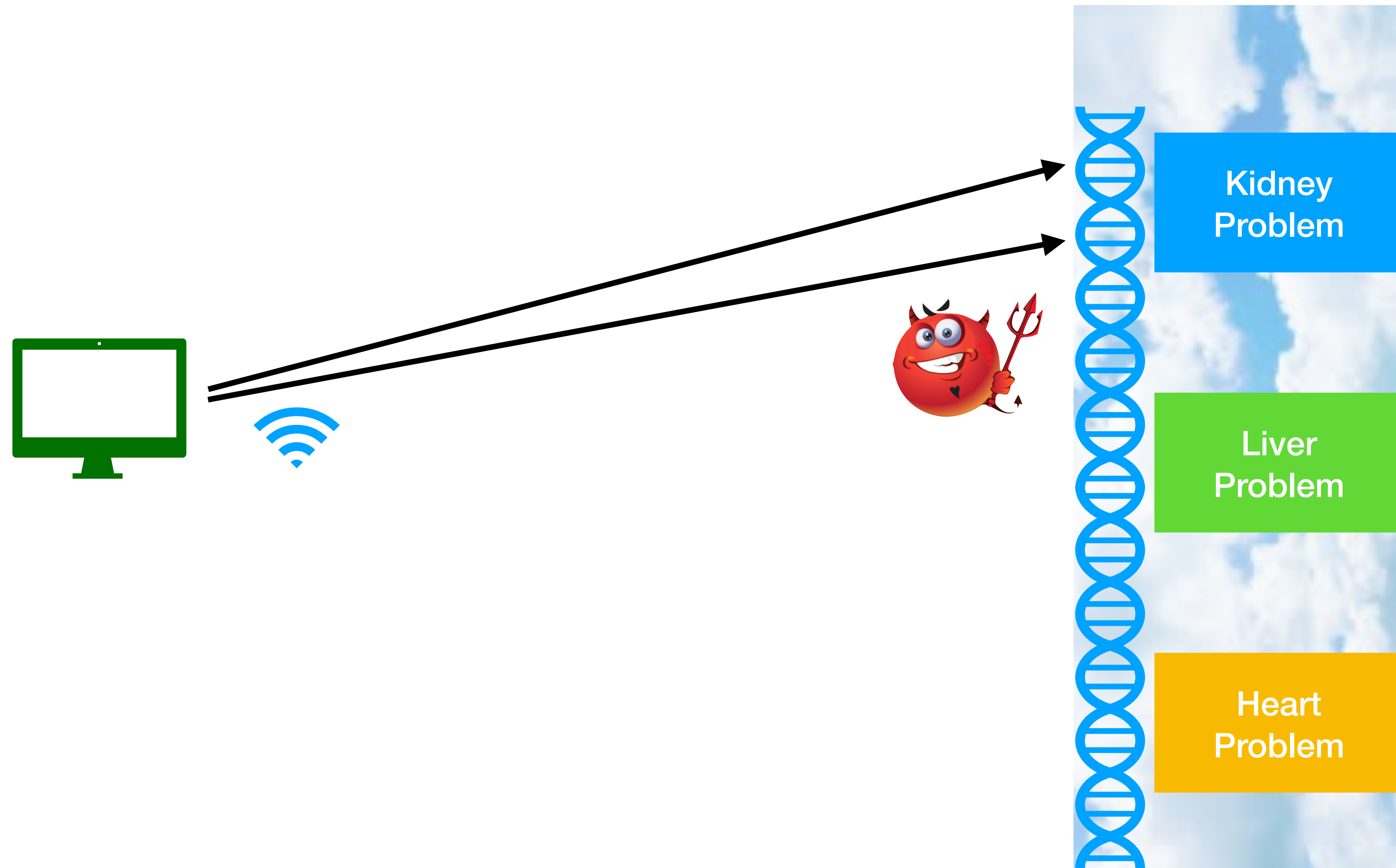
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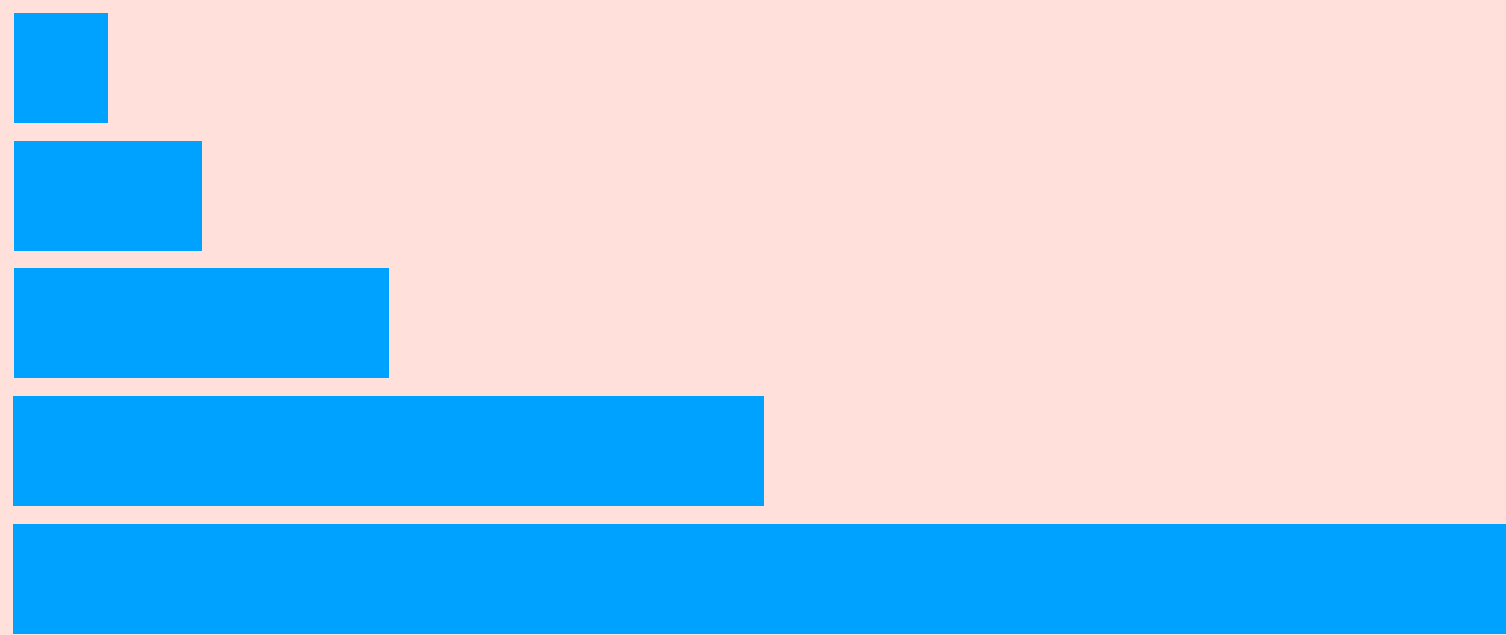
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# Oblivious RAM Compiler: State of the Art

Lower bound:  $\Omega(\log N)$

[GoldreichOstrovsky'96, LarsenNeilsen'18]



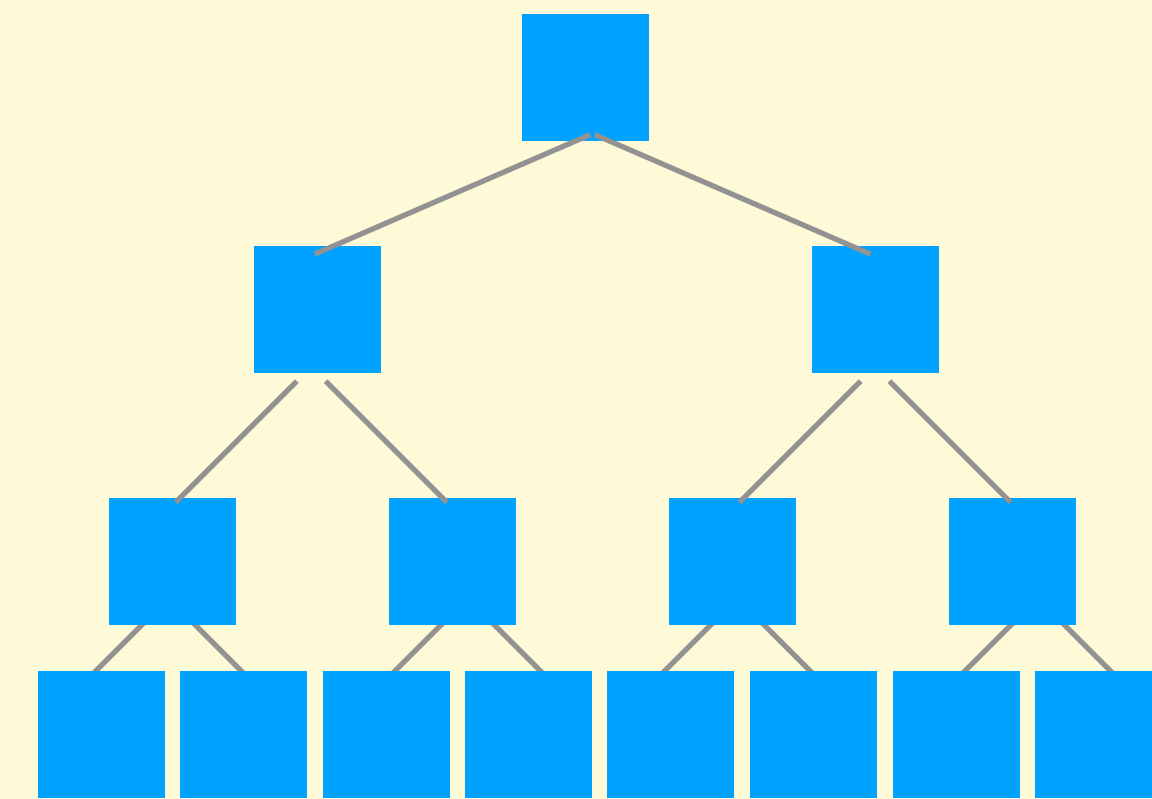
Hierarchical

[O90,GO96]

$O(\log N)$

Computational security

[OptORAMa'20]



Tree based ORAM

[Shi,Chan,Stefanov11]

$O(\log^2 N)$

Statistical security

[PathORAM,CircuitORAM]



# OptORAMa

[Asharov, Komargodski, Lin, Nayak, Peserico, Shi'20]

**There exists an ORAM with  $O(\log N)$  worst-case overhead**

 **Asymptotically Optimal!** 

- Computational Security (OWF)
  - Matches [LN'18]
- PRF  $\rightarrow$  Random Oracle
  - Statistical security
  - Matches [GO'96]

- **Word size:**  $\log N$
- Client's memory size  $O(1)$  words
- Passive server
- **Balls and bins** model
- Large hidden constant
- Based on hierarchical ORAM

# A Short Tutorial



## Hierarchical Solution

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[Ostrovsky'90], ..., [KLO12]



## PanORAMa

$$O(\log N \log \log N)$$

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Hash Table



ORAM



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# Non-Recurrent Hash Table

**Build( $x$ ):**

$x$  is an array of pairs  $\langle \text{addr}, \text{val} \rangle$

**Lookup(addr):**

If  $\text{addr} \in x$ , return  $\text{val}$ ; otherwise return  $\perp$

Also supports “dummy lookups” ( $\text{addr} = \perp$ )

**Security holds as long as each addr is looked up at most once!**

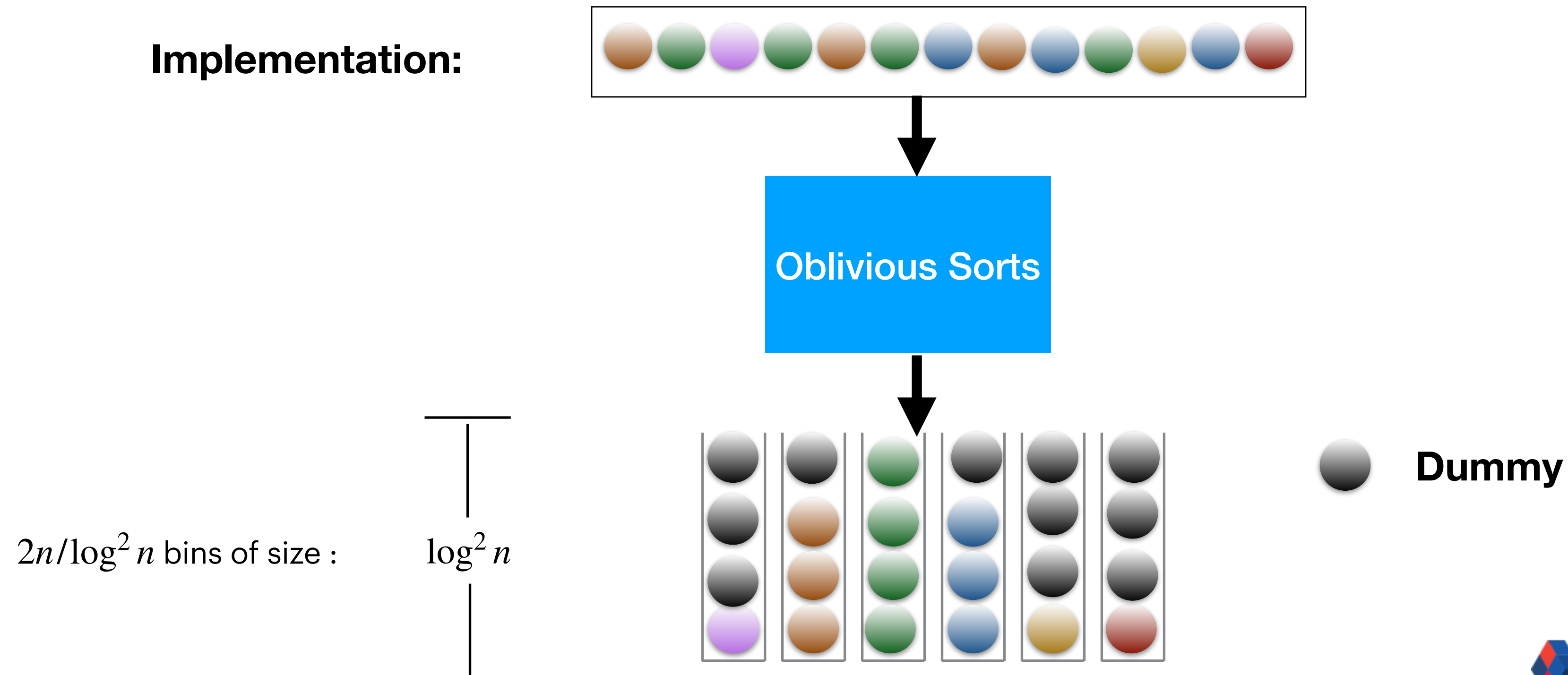


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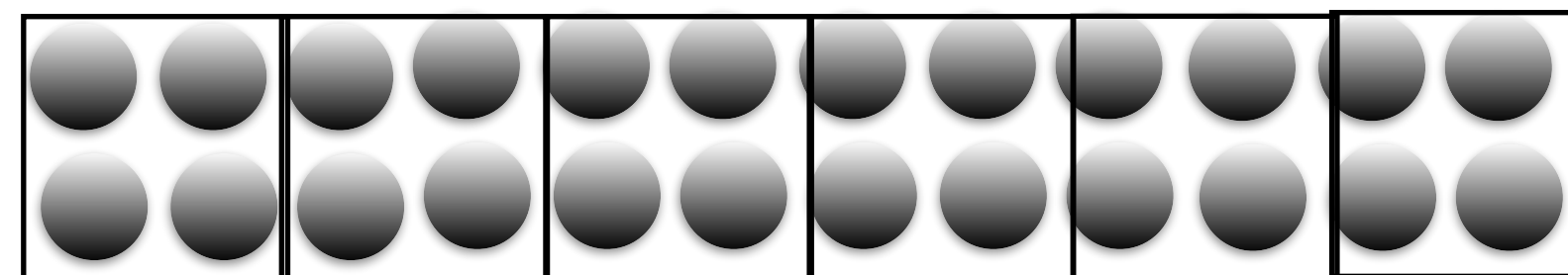
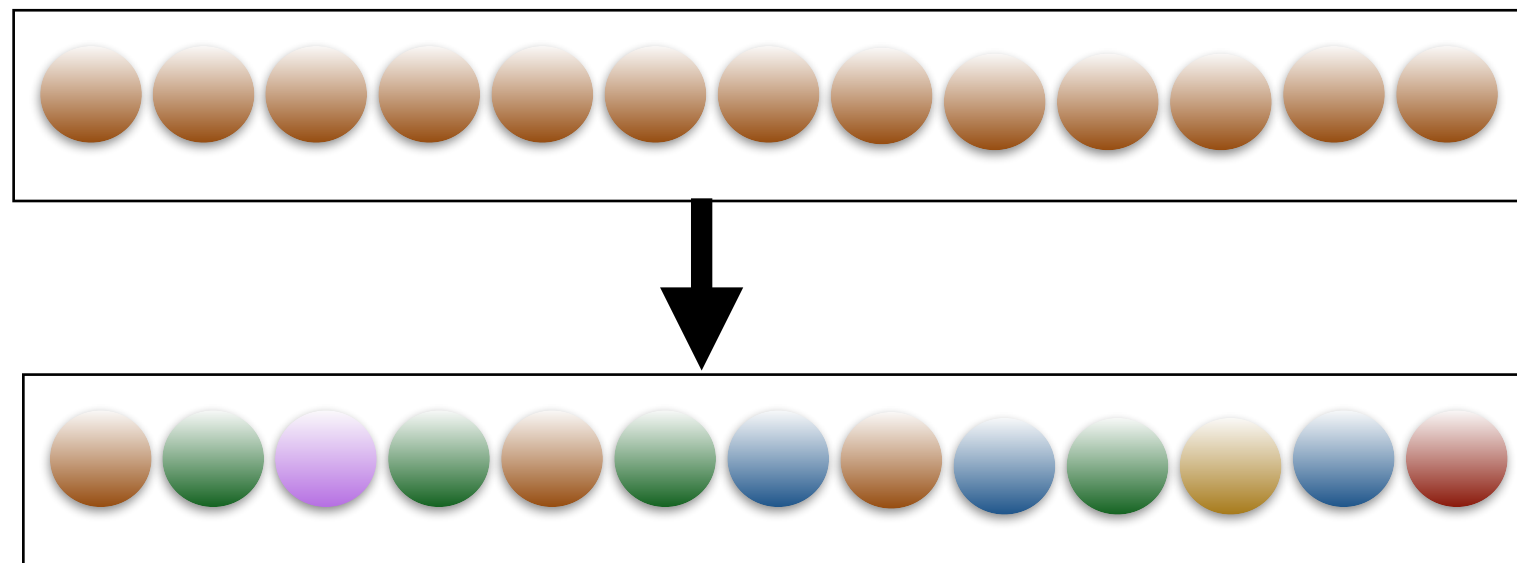
- Balls into bins
- Each level has a PRF key  $K$  - mark ball  $addr$  to bin  $PRF_K(addr)$

Build  $O(n \log n)$ , Lookup  $O(\log n \omega(1))$

Implementation:

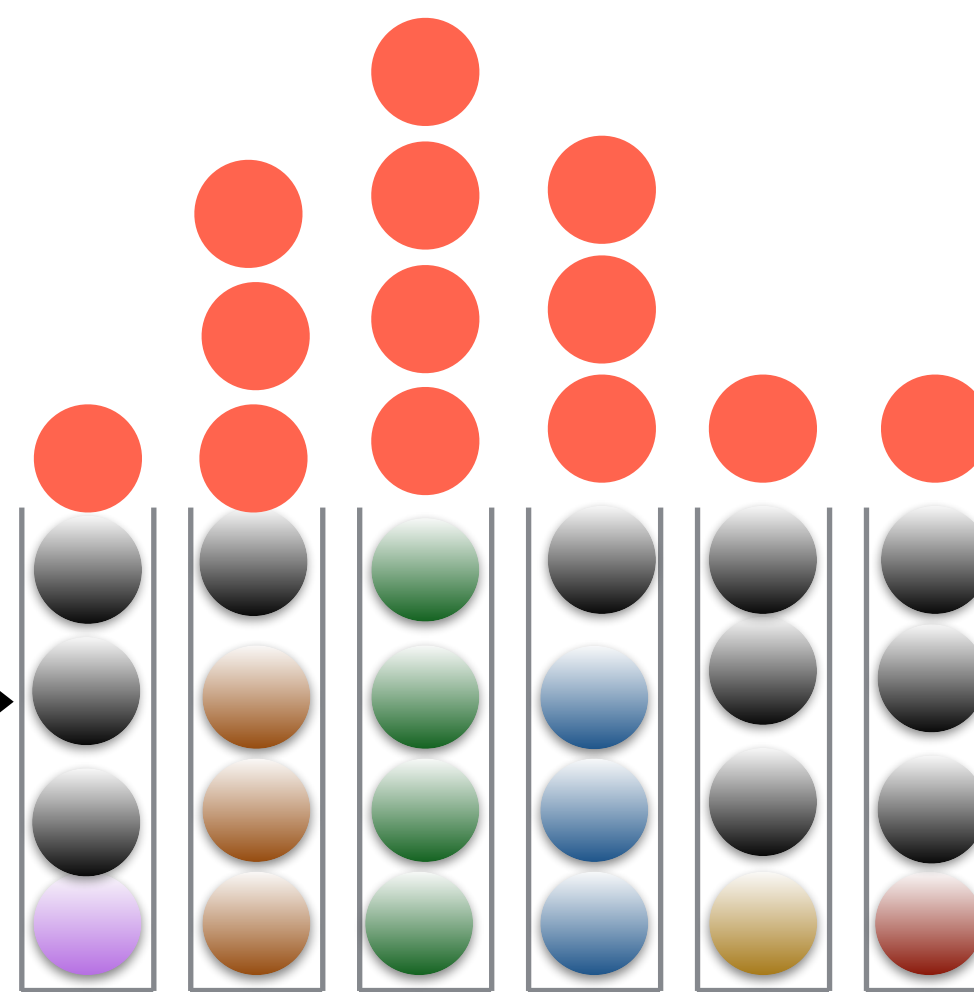
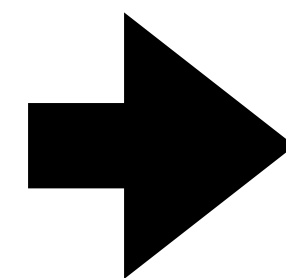
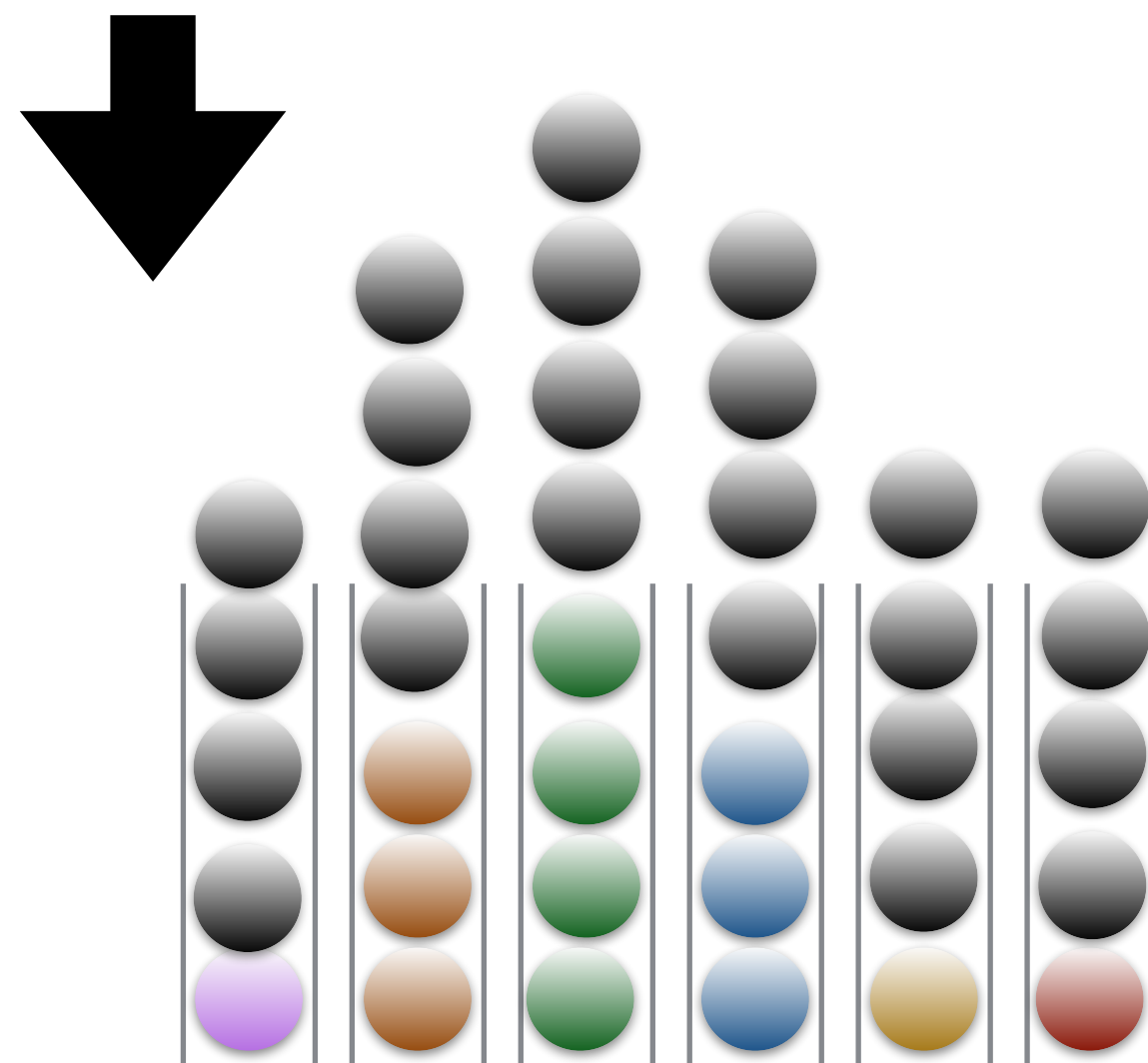


# “Bin Packing”

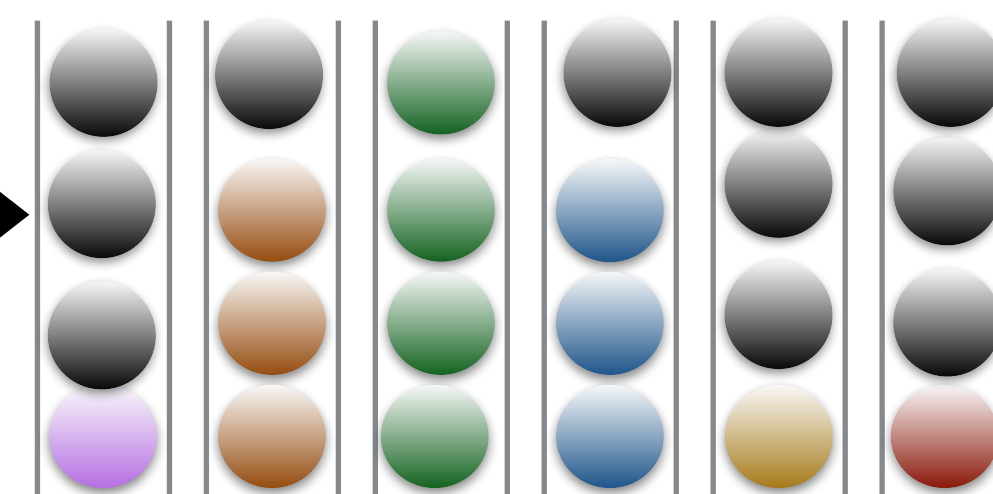
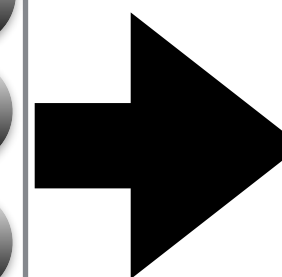


● Dummy

Oblivious Sorts



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# Lookup

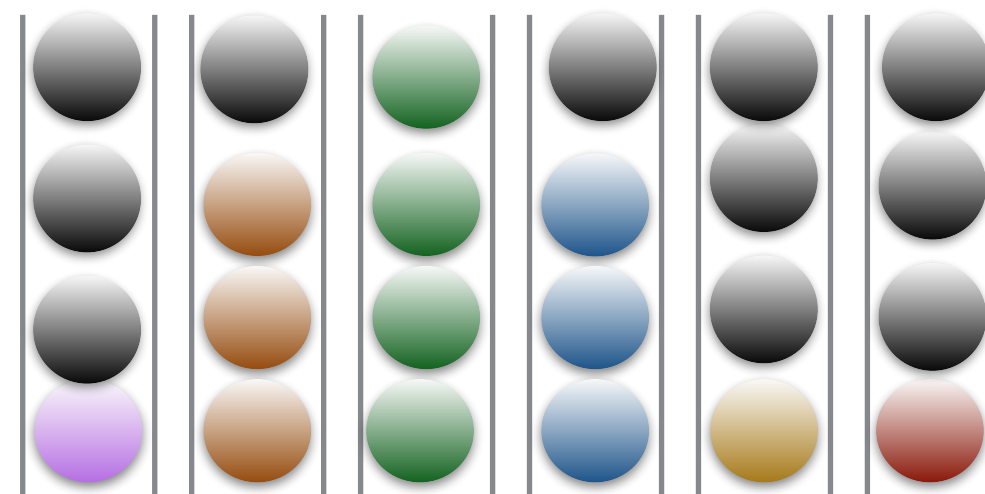
It is guaranteed that we do not look for the same addr twice!

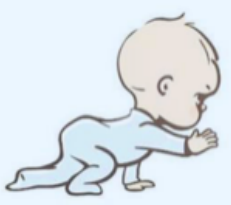
- Lookup(addr) : visit bin  $\text{PRF}_k(\text{addr})$  and scan for addr
- Lookup(dummy): visit and scan a random bin

**Simulate Build:** Oblivious sorts - easy

**Simulate Lookup:** Each Lookup() -> scan a random bin

**Cost: Build** —  $O(n \log n)$ , **each lookup**  $O(\log^2 n)$





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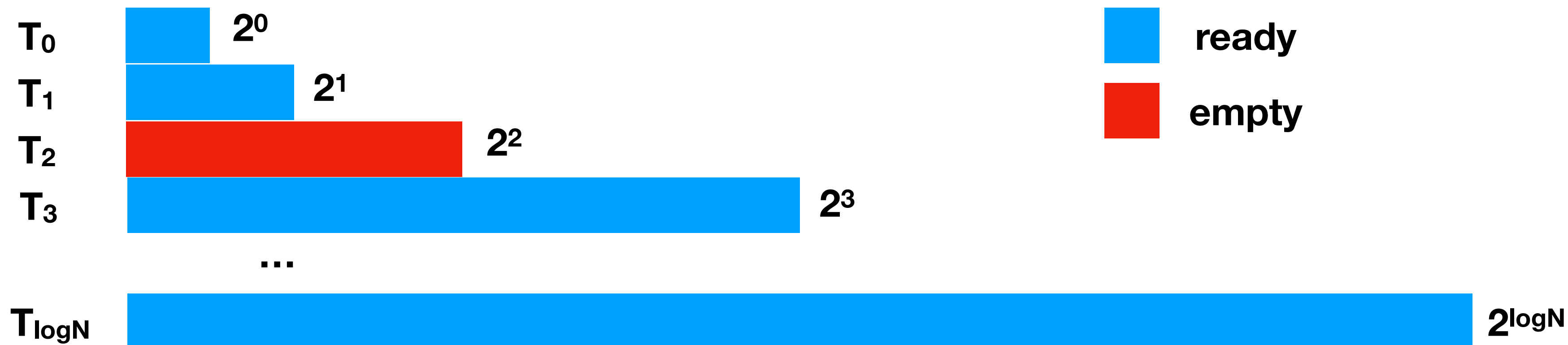
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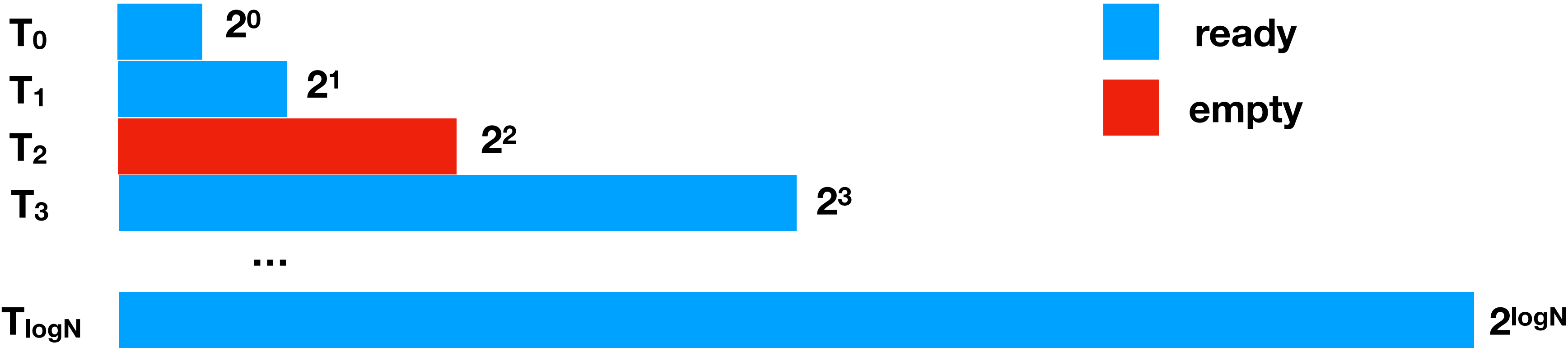
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# Access (op, addr, data\*)

## Phase I: Lookup

Perform **Lookup**(addr) in  $T_1, \dots, T_{\log N}$   
If item found in  $T_i$ , then **Lookup**( $\perp$ ) in  $T_{i+1}, \dots, T_{\log N}$

## Phase II: Build





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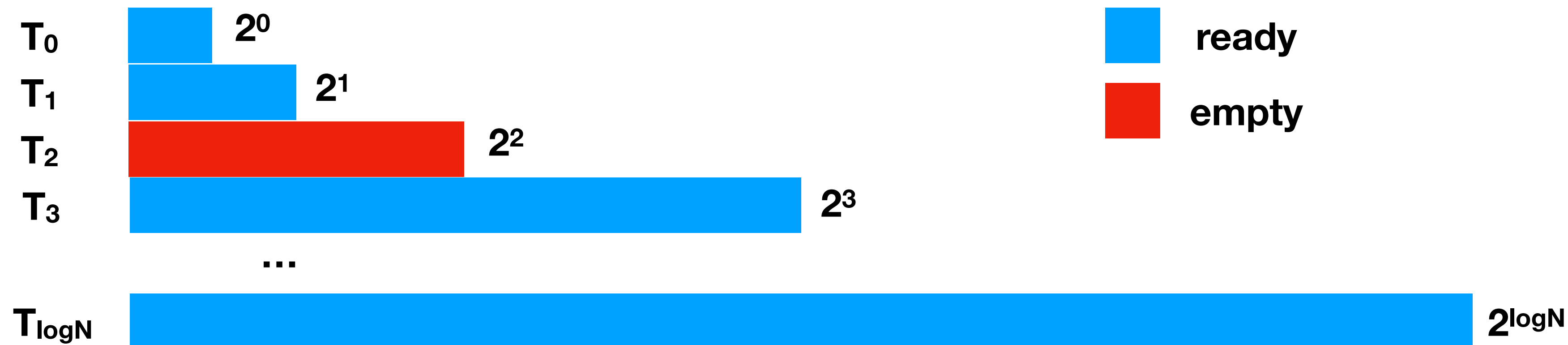
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## Phase I: Lookup

If op=read, then store the found item as **v**

If op=write, then ignore the found item and use **v = data\***

## Phase II: Build



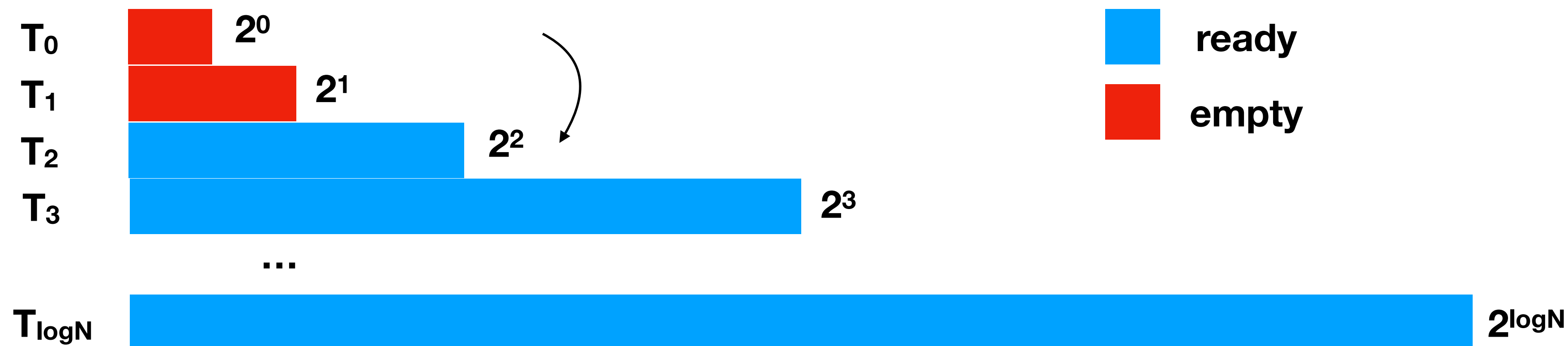


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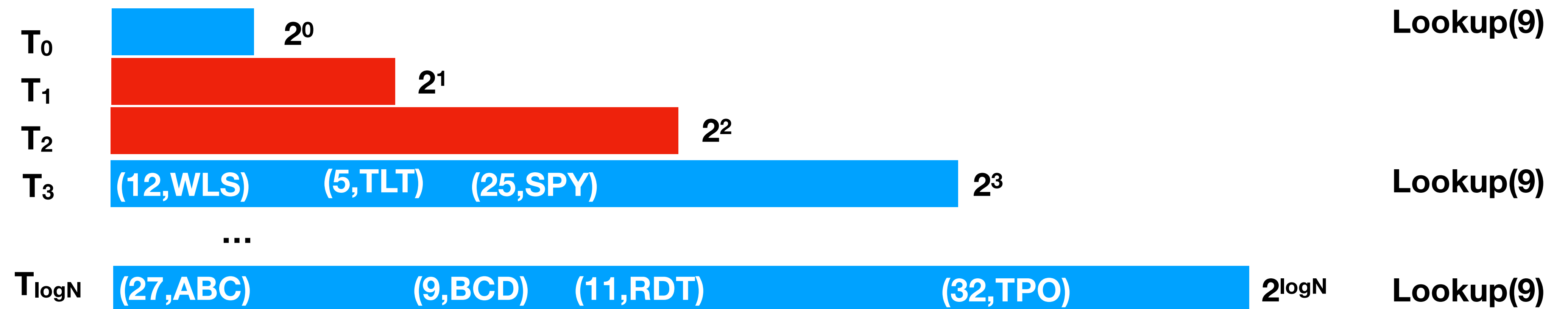
Phase II: Build

Find the first empty level  $l$ , and run  $T_l.$ **Build** $(T_1 \cup \dots \cup T_{l-1} \cup \{<addr, v>\})$   
Mark  $T_1, \dots, T_{l-1}$  as empty and  $T_l$  as ready

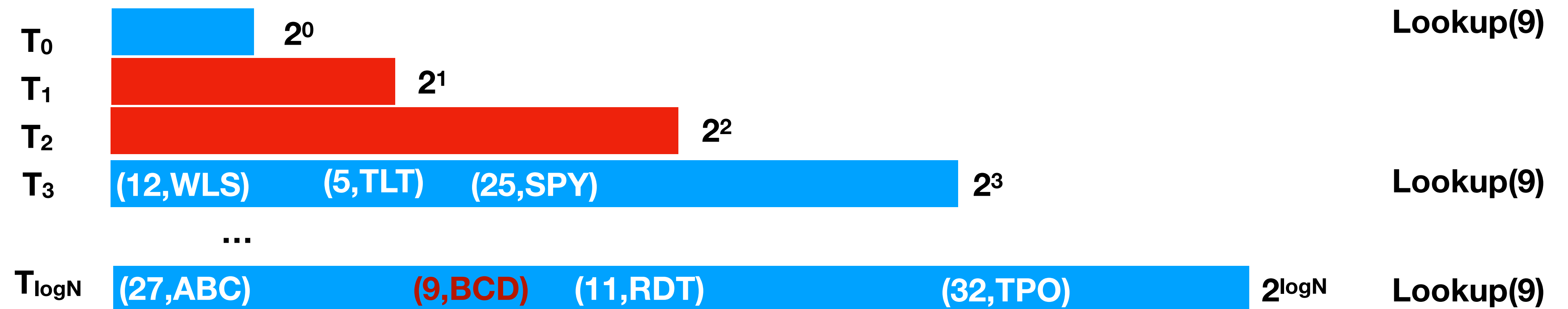


**Invariant:** never query the same addr twice between two Rebuilds

# Read(9)

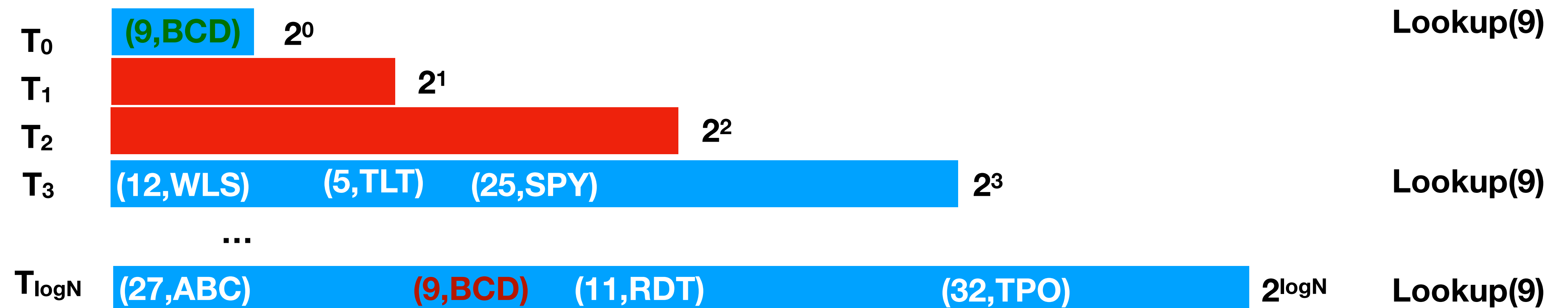


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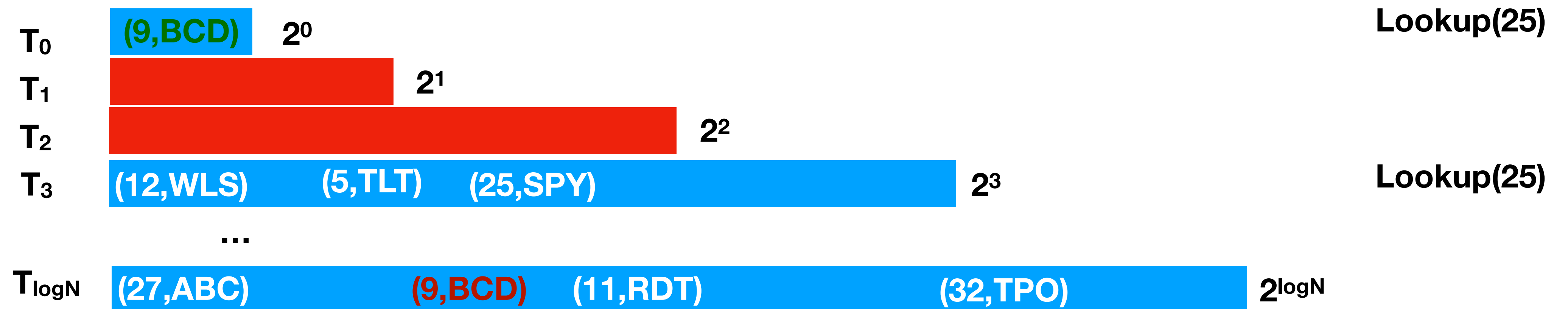




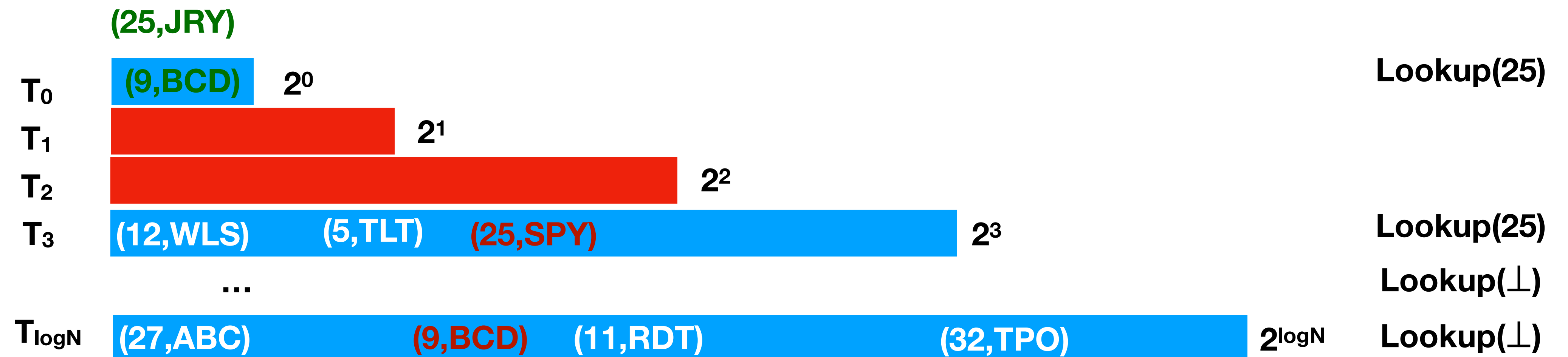
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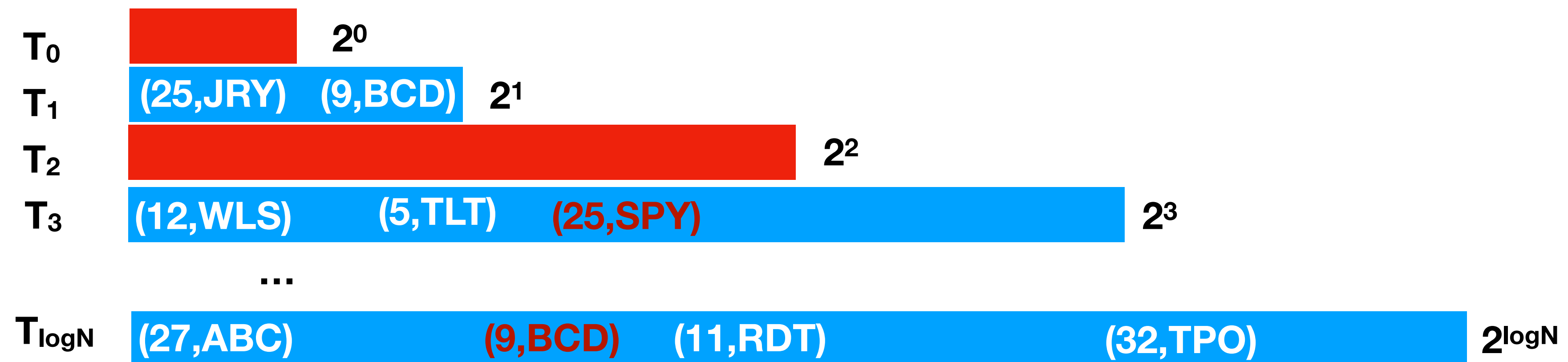
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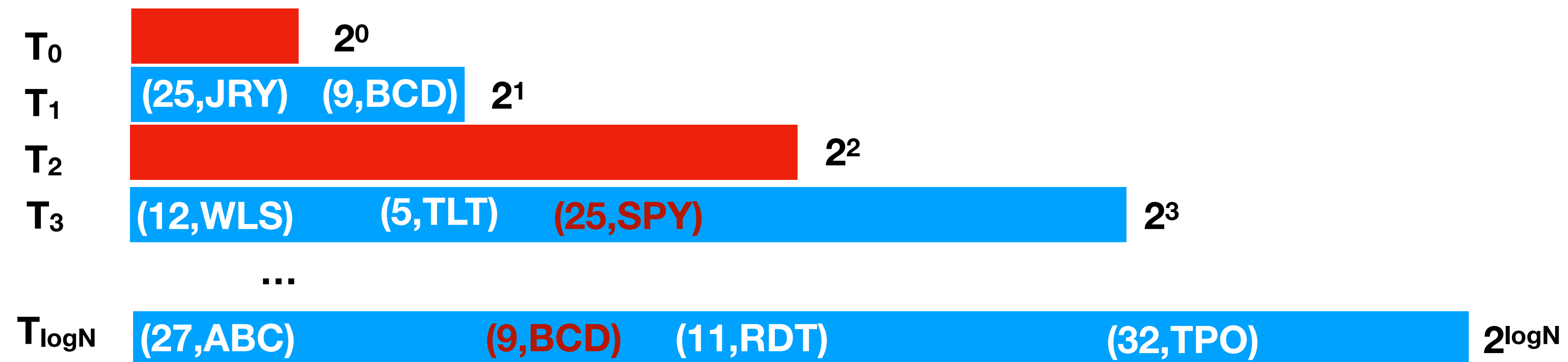
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# Rebuild

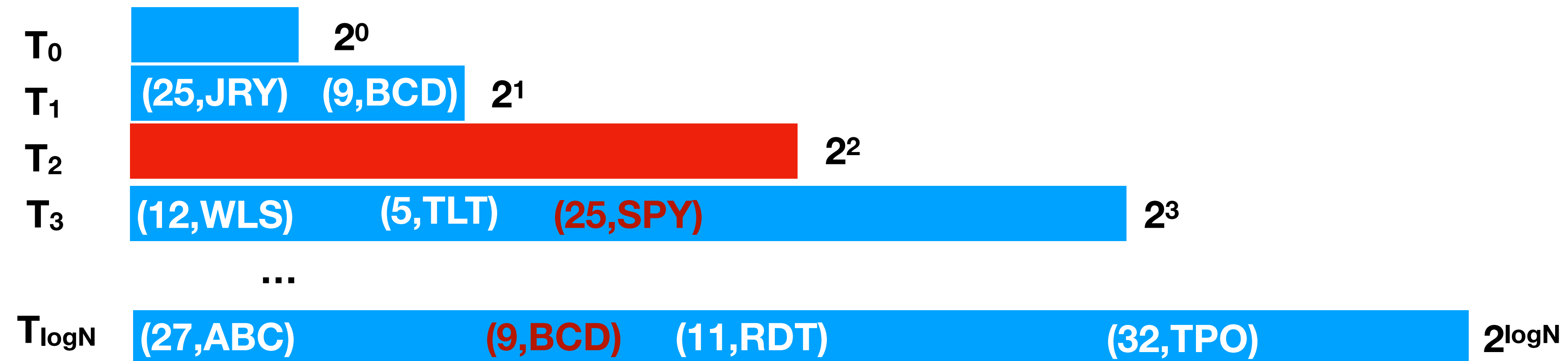


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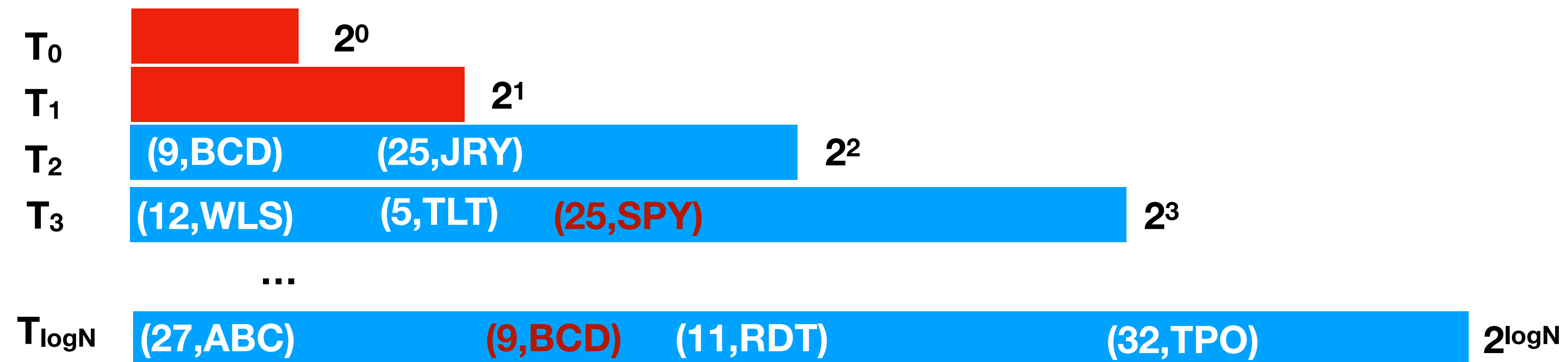




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# Total Cost - Basic Hierarchical ORAM

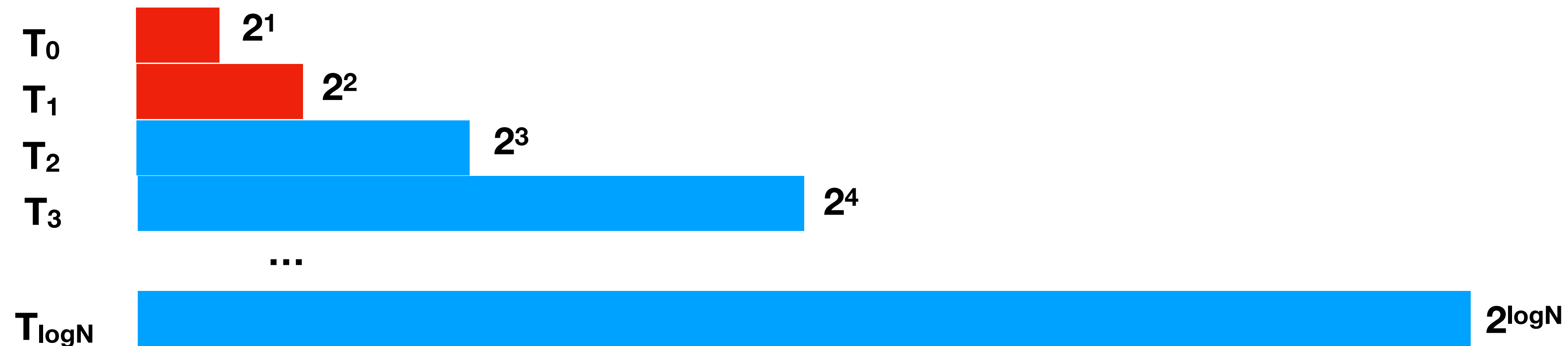
**Lookup:** perform lookup in  $\log N$  levels, each requires  $\log^2 N$

$$O(\log^3 N)$$

**Rebuild:** Rebuild level  $i$  every  $2^i$  accesses, over  $N$  accesses:

$$O(\log^2 N)$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\log N} \frac{N}{2^i} \cdot 2^i \cdot \log 2^i = N \cdot \sum_{i=1}^{\log N} i \approx N \log^2 N$$

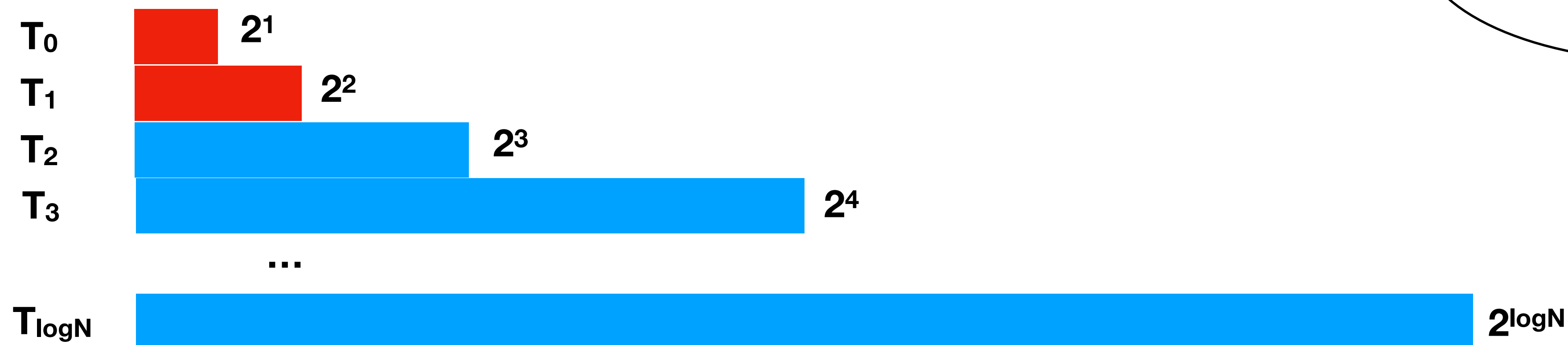




# Improvements [GM'11,KLO'12]

**Lookup:** perform lookup in  $\log N$  levels, each requires  ~~$\log^2 N$~~  effectively  $O(1)$   ~~$O(\log^3 N)$~~   
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Using hash tables  
on the bins themselves +  
stashes



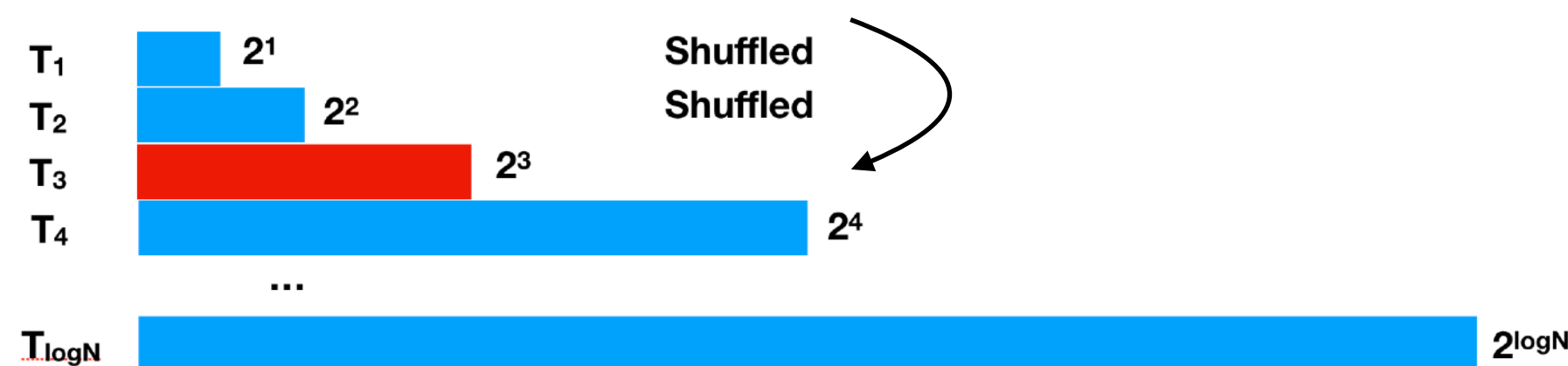
PanORAMa

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# From Hierarchical ORAM to PanORAMa

- **PanORAMa:** Rebuild HT for a *randomly shuffled* input in  $O(N \log \log N)$ 
  - All elements that were not visited - are still randomly shuffled in the eye of the adversary!
- **But...**
  - Each layer is shuffled, but the concatenation is not shuffled
    - PanORAMa showed how to “intersperse” arrays in  $O(N \log \log N)$



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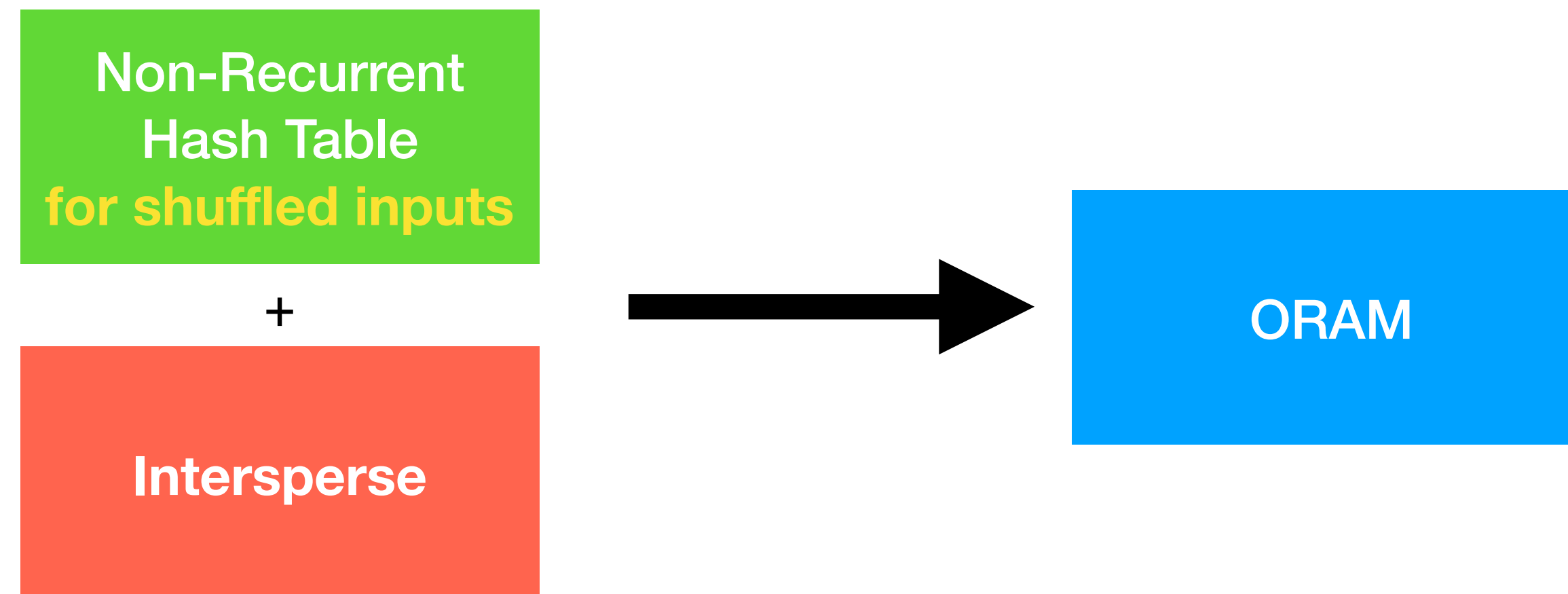
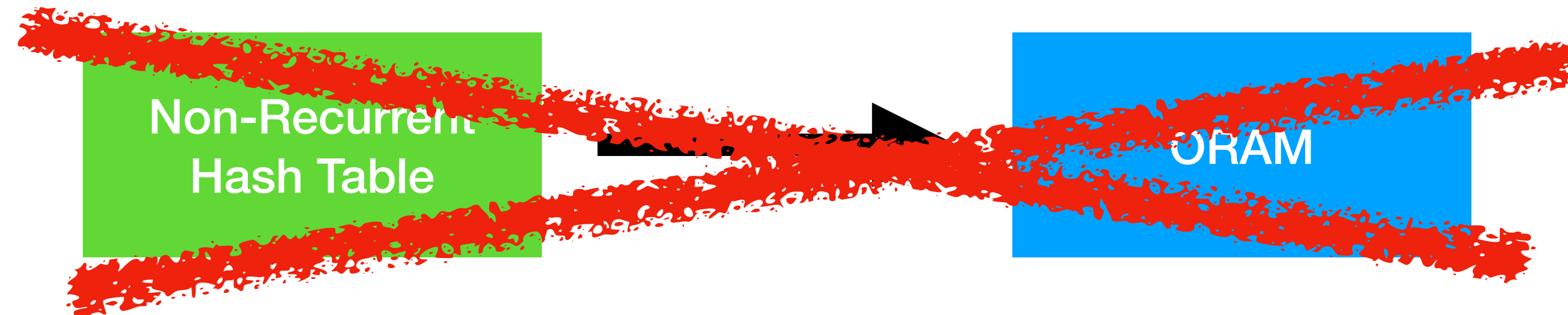


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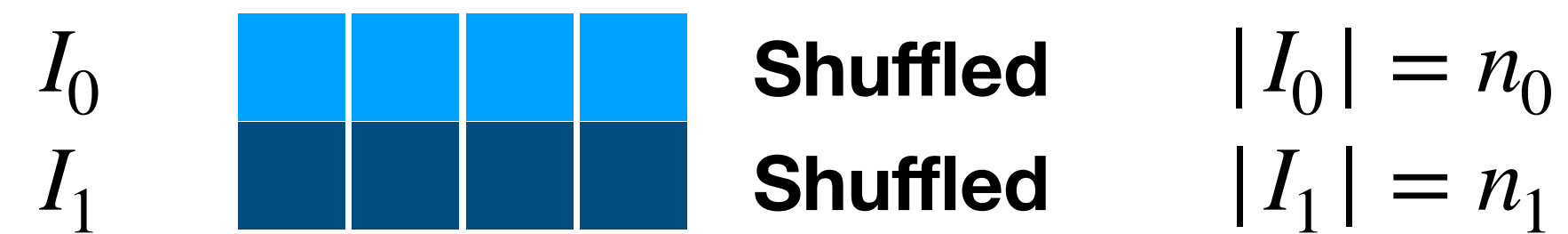
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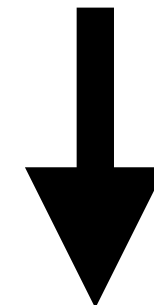
# Intersperse



Generate random Aux with  $n_0$  zeros,  $n_1$  ones    ( $n_0 + n_1 = n$ )

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Oblivious route

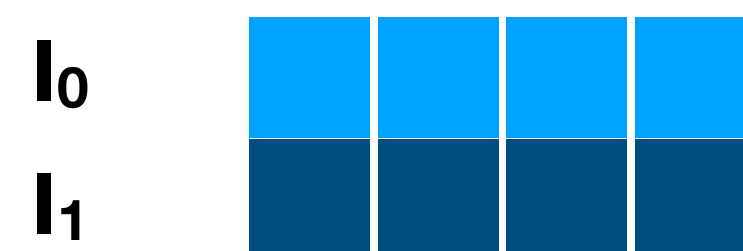


$$\binom{n}{n_0} \cdot n_0! \cdot n_1! = n!$$

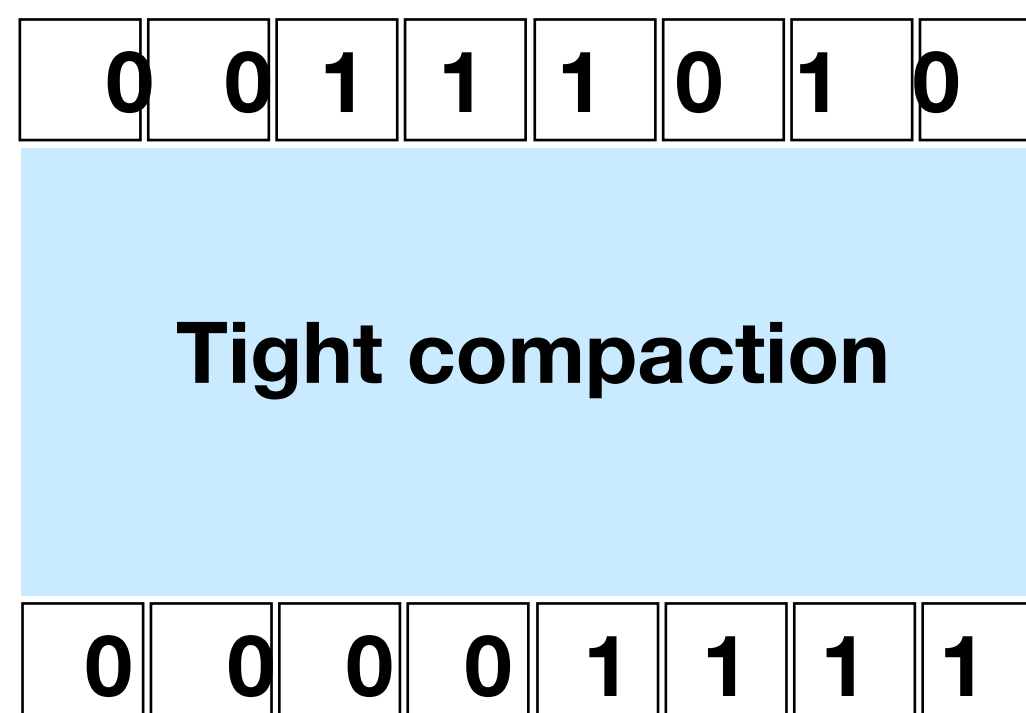
$$n = n_0 + n_1$$

**Challenge:** Move the elements **Obliviously**  
**PanORAMa:** Implemented in  $O(n \log \log n)$

# Intersperse From Oblivious Tight Compaction



Generate random Aux



Remember all “move balls”



Perform same “swaps”

Intersperse in  $O(n)$ !

# Rebuilding Hash Tables in Linear Time

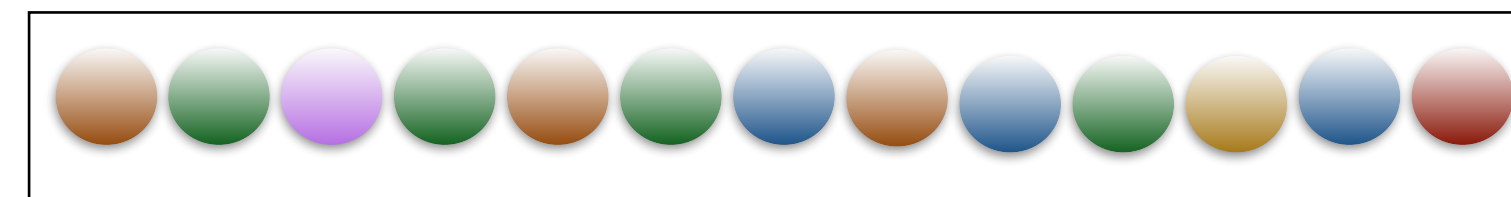
**Weaker Primitive (But Suffices!) — Assumes Permuted Inputs**

# Warmup: Goldreich and Ostrovsky

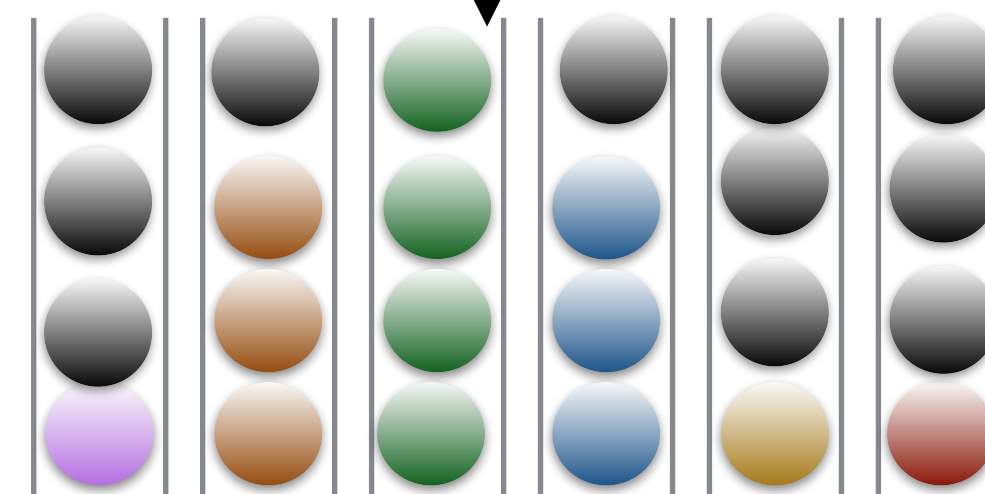
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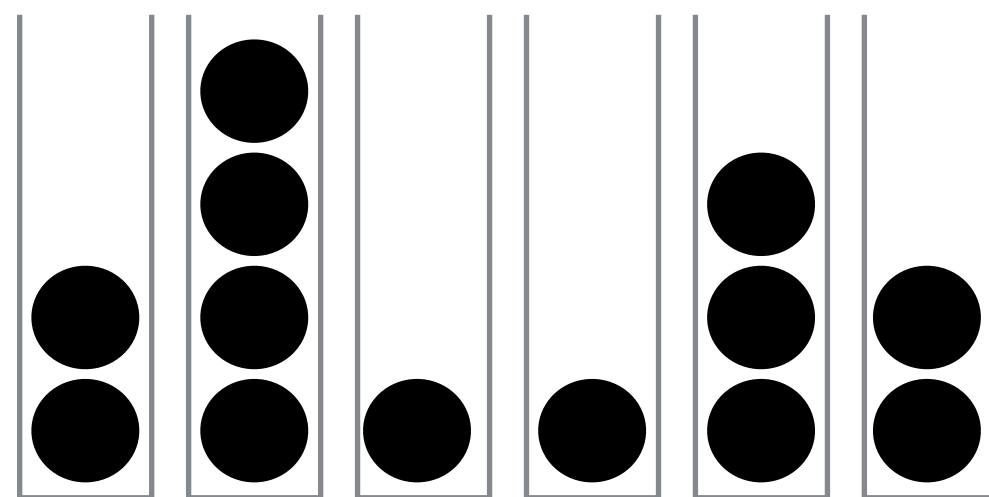
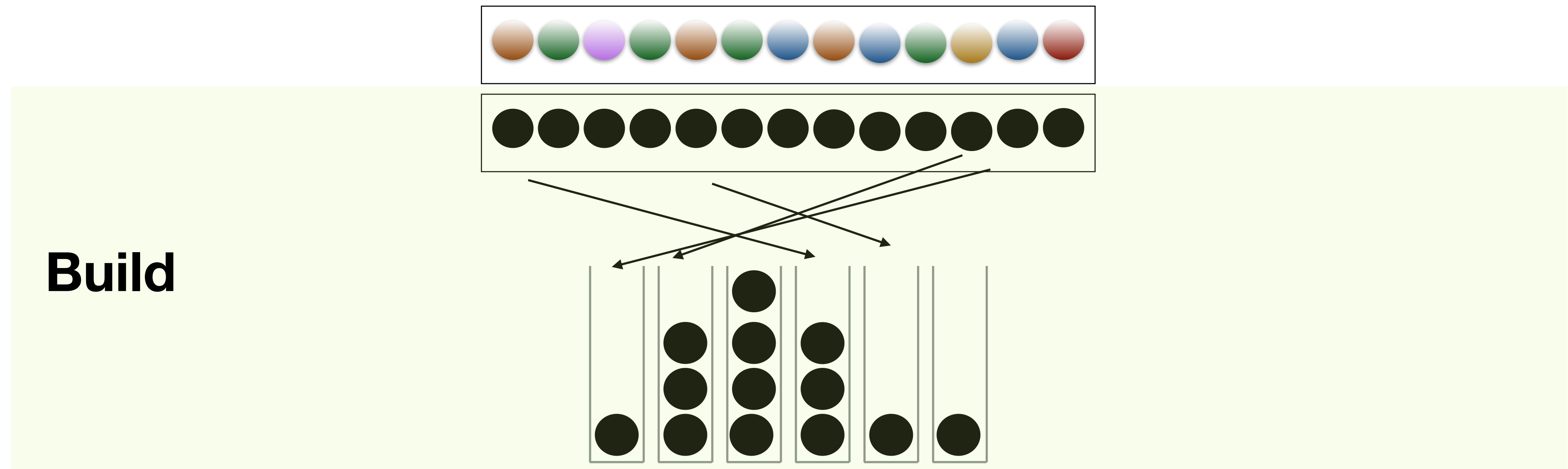


Oblivious Sorts



 Dummy

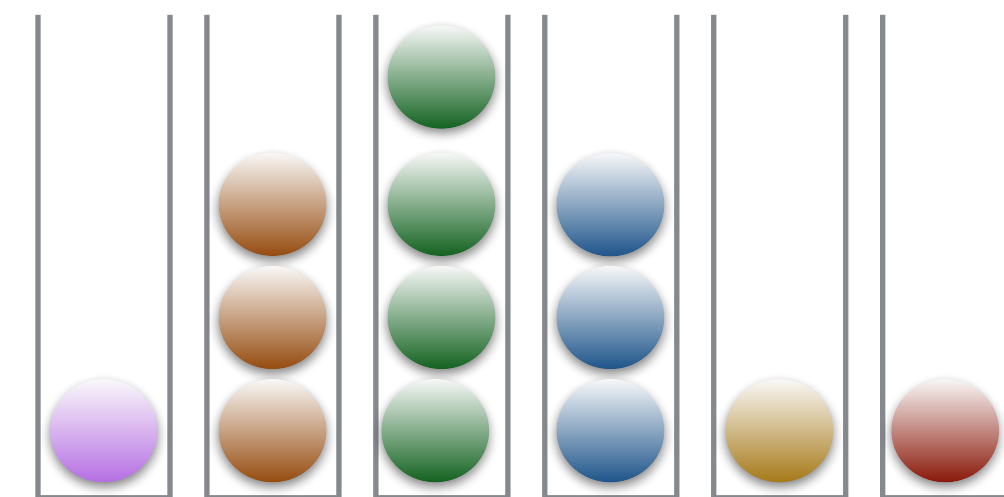
# Build(X) where X is Randomly Permuted?



n "dummy" lookups

**No!**

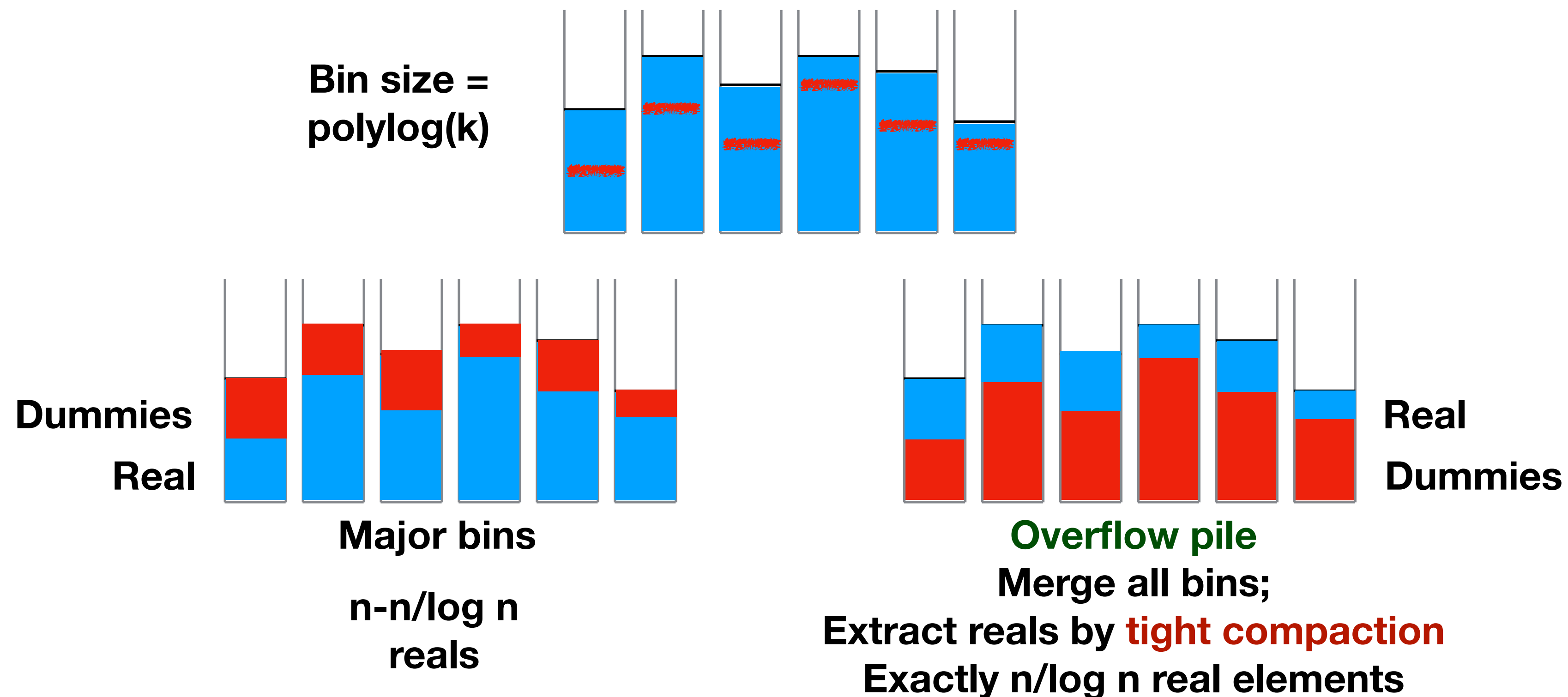
An adversary can distinguish between



n "real" lookups

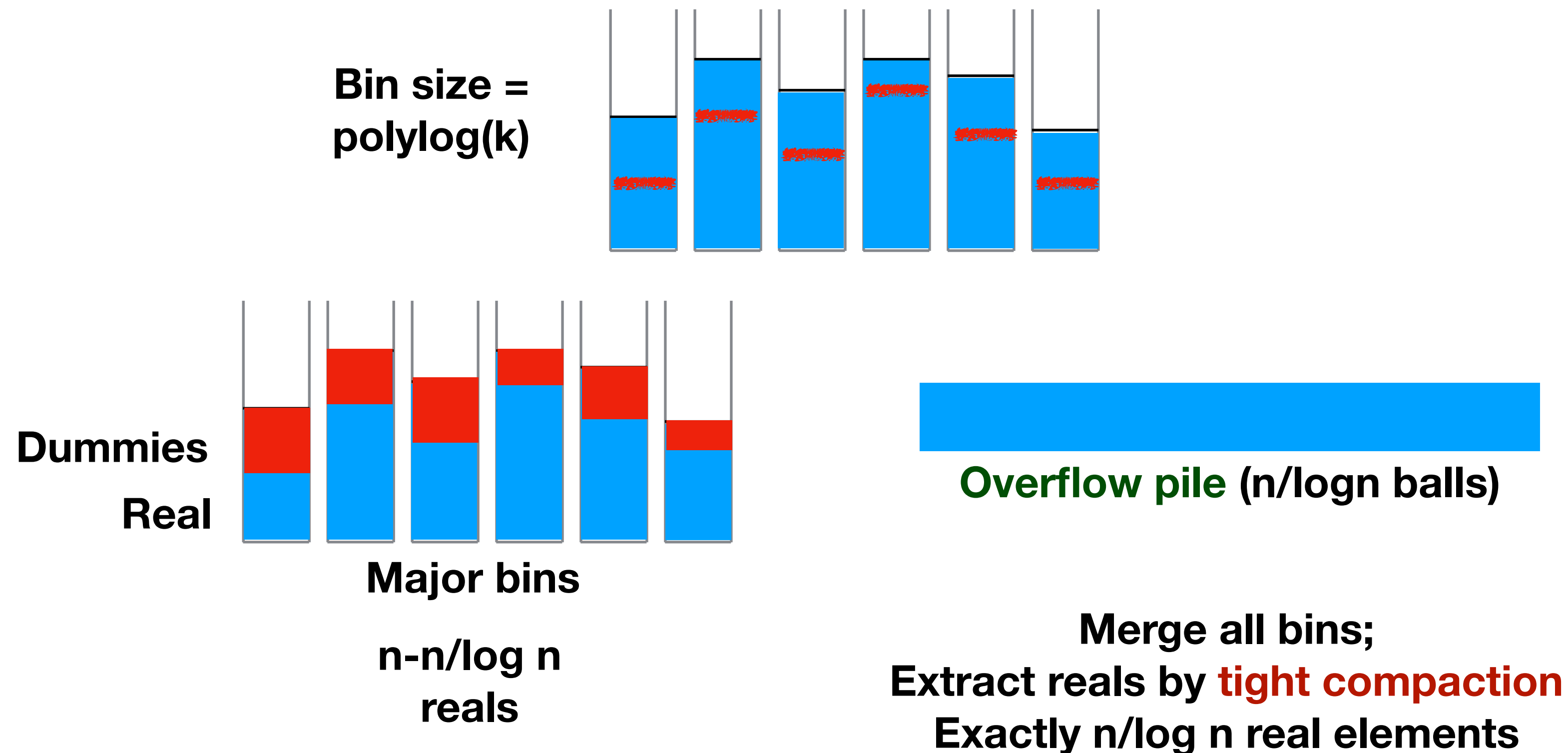
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- 1) Throw the  $n$  elements into  $n/\text{polylog } k$  bins according to a PRF key  $K$  - **reveal access pattern**
- 2) Sample an independent (secret) loads of throwing  $n' = n - n/\log n$  **balls into the bins**
- 3) Truncate to the secret loads and pad with dummies; move truncated elements to **overflow pile**
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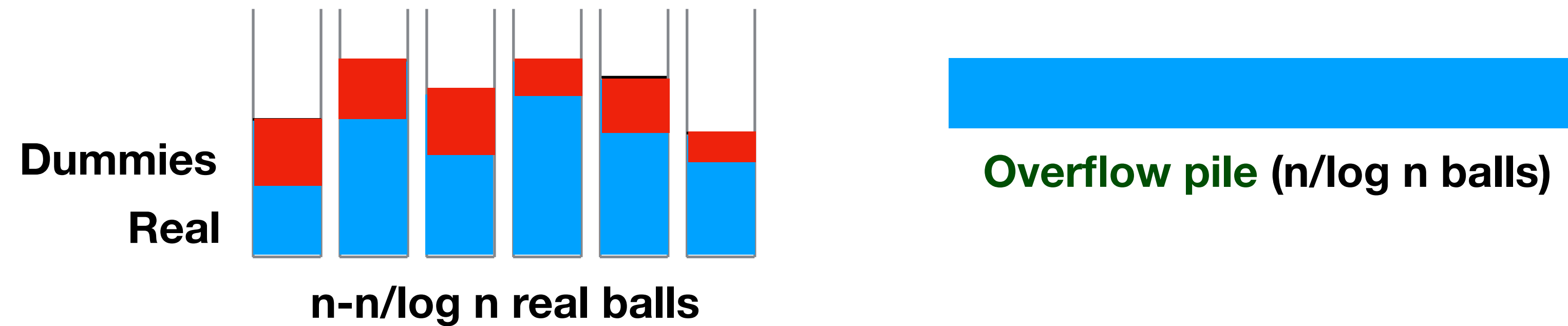
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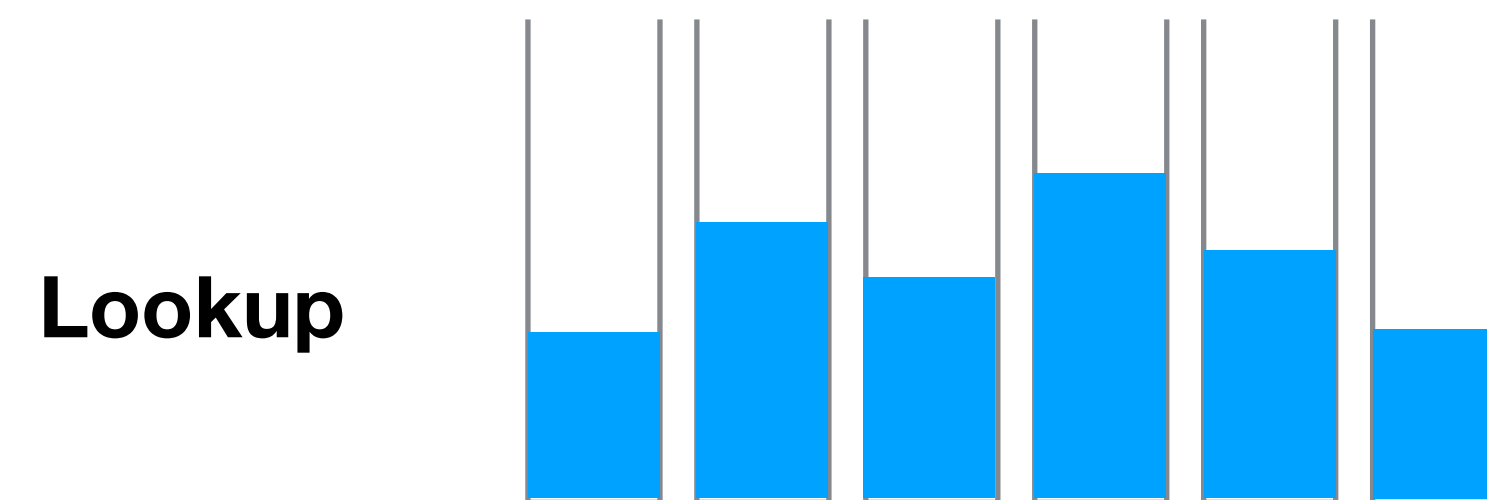
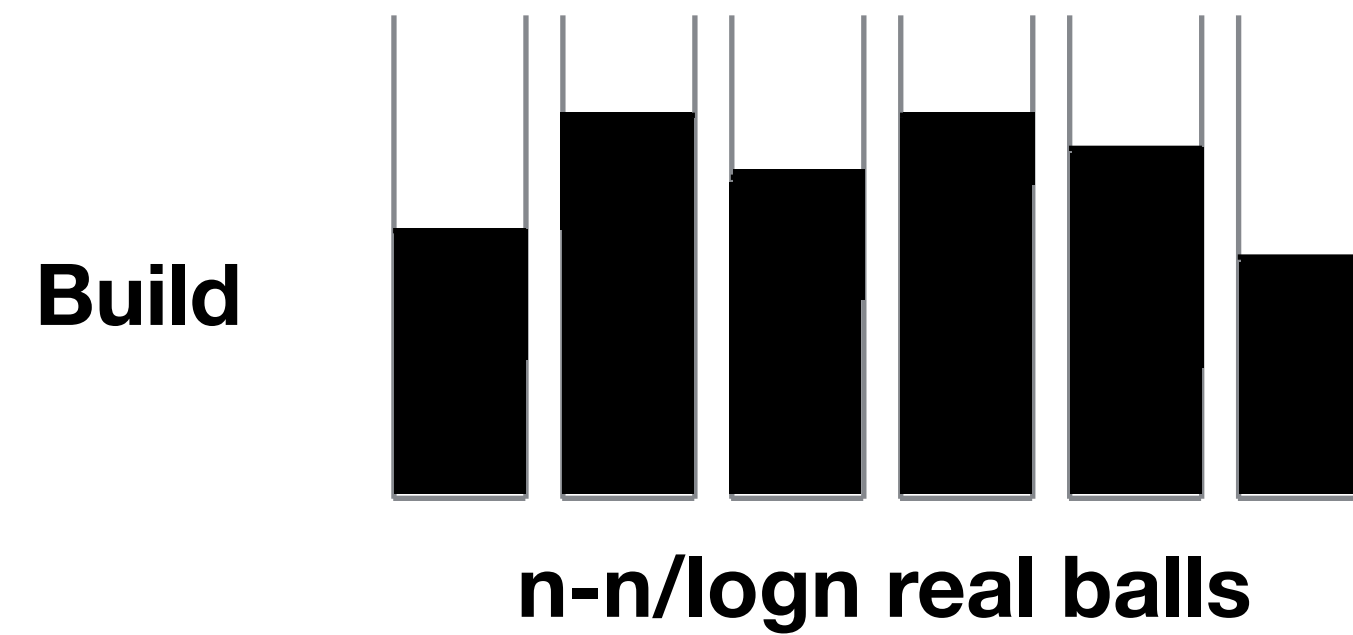
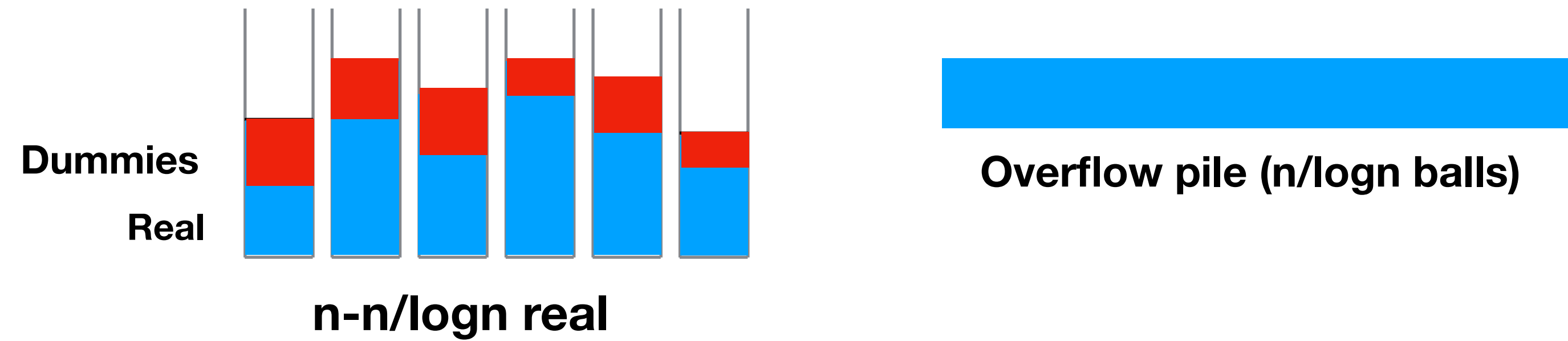


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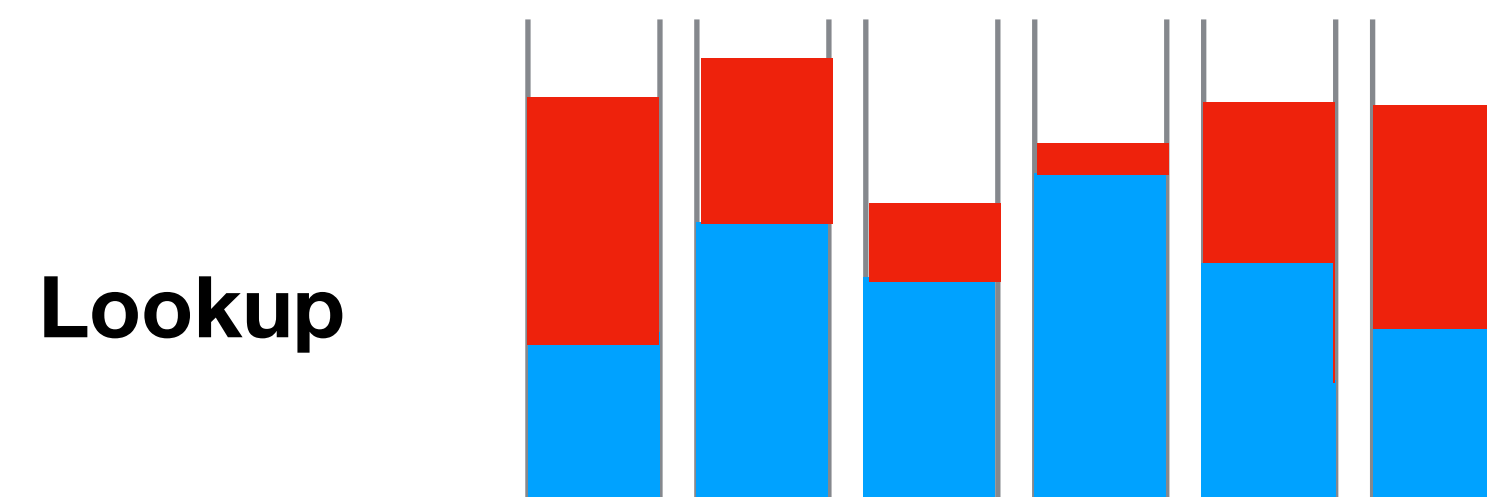
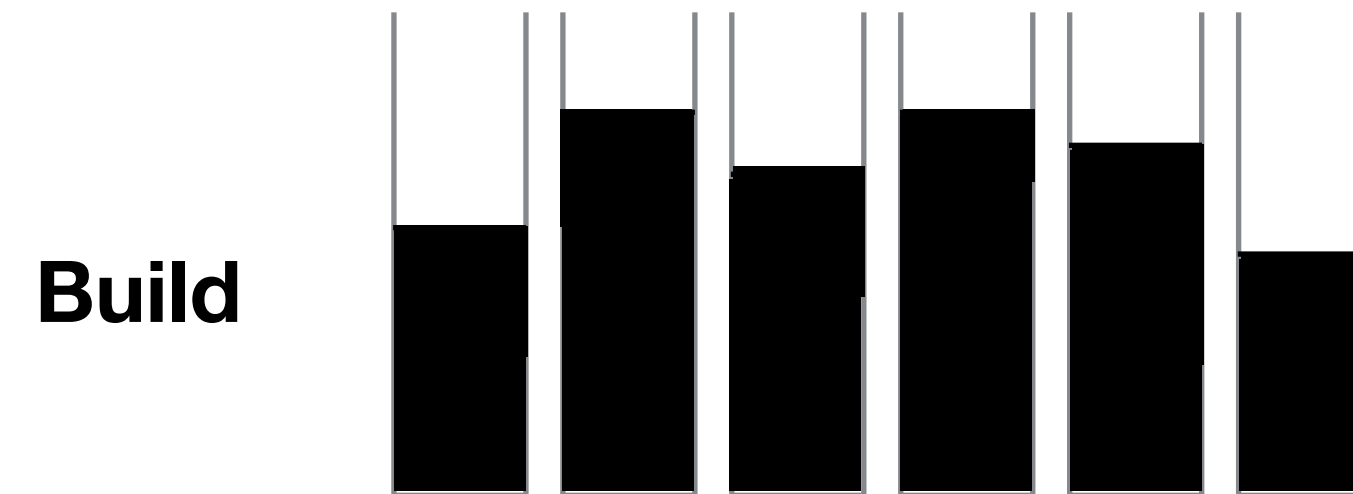
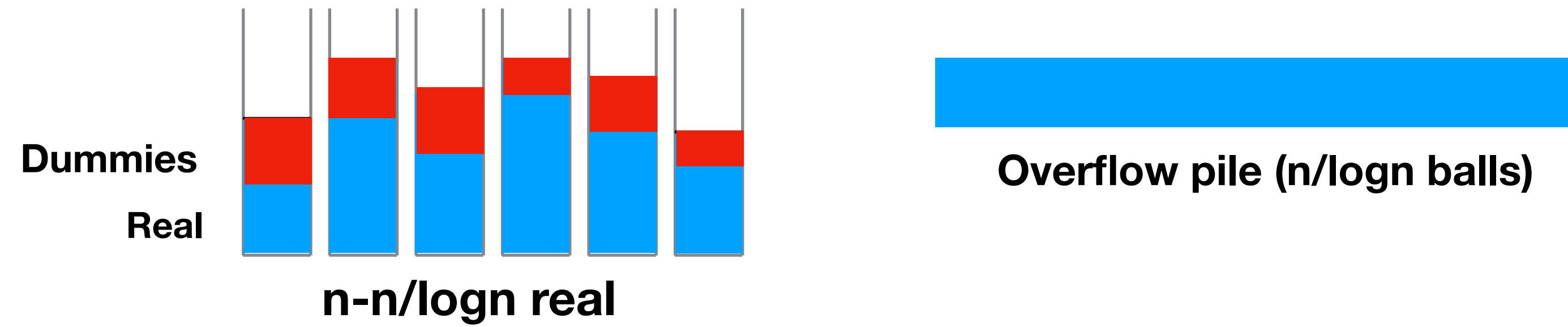


**Lookup(addr):**  
Search in **overflow pile**;  
If **found** - visit random bin  
Otherwise - visit  $\text{PRF}_K(\text{addr})$

# Security

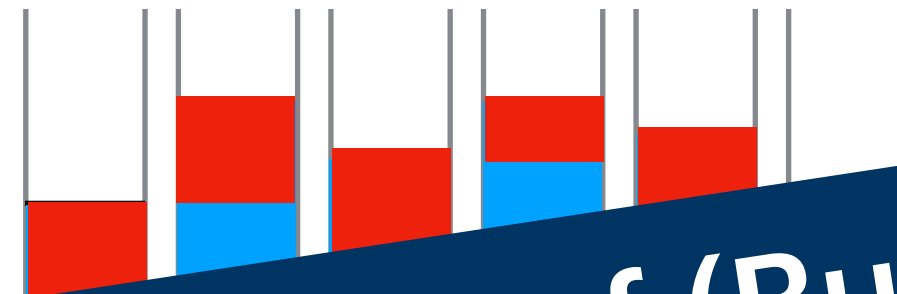


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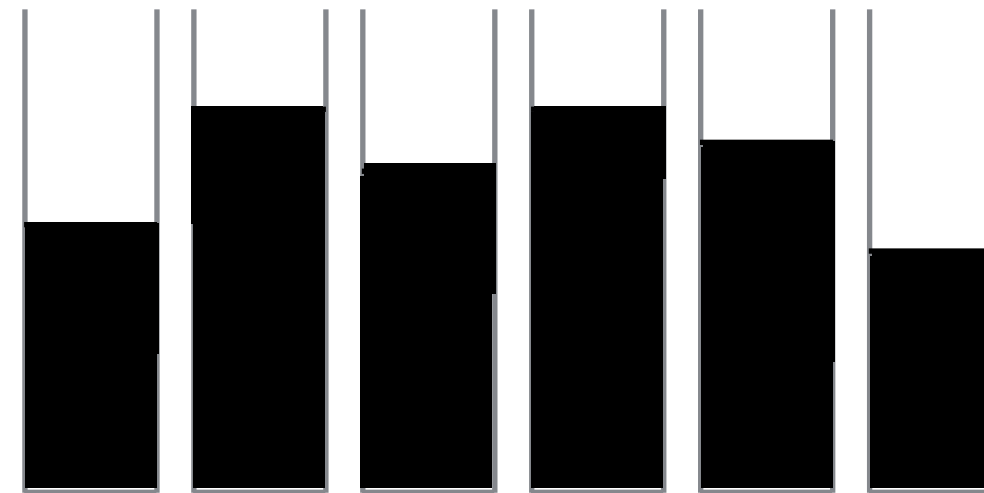
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Dummies

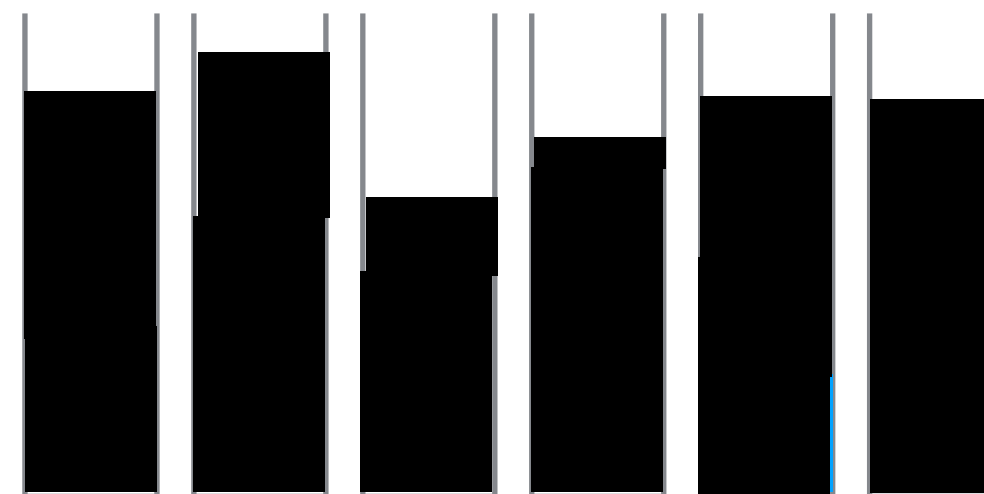


Access pattern of (Build,Lookup) looks like  
two independent instances of balls-into-bins processes

Build



Lookup

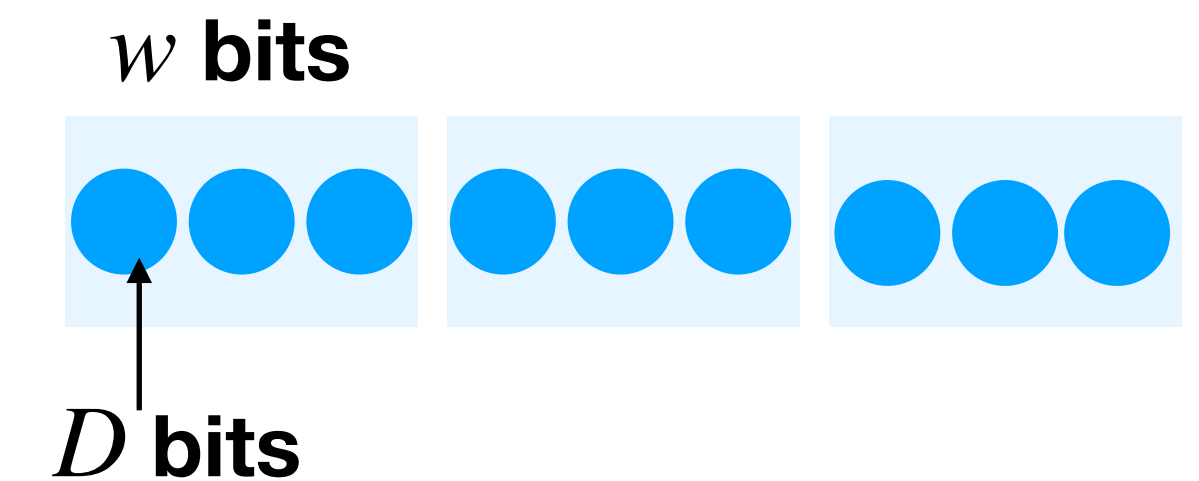


# ShortHT

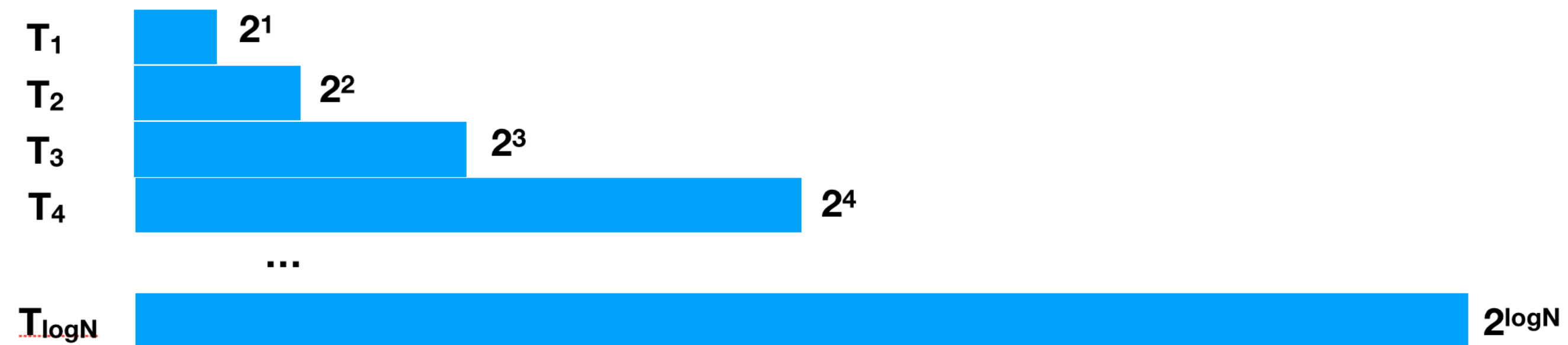
Looking inside the bins

# Packing - The Idea

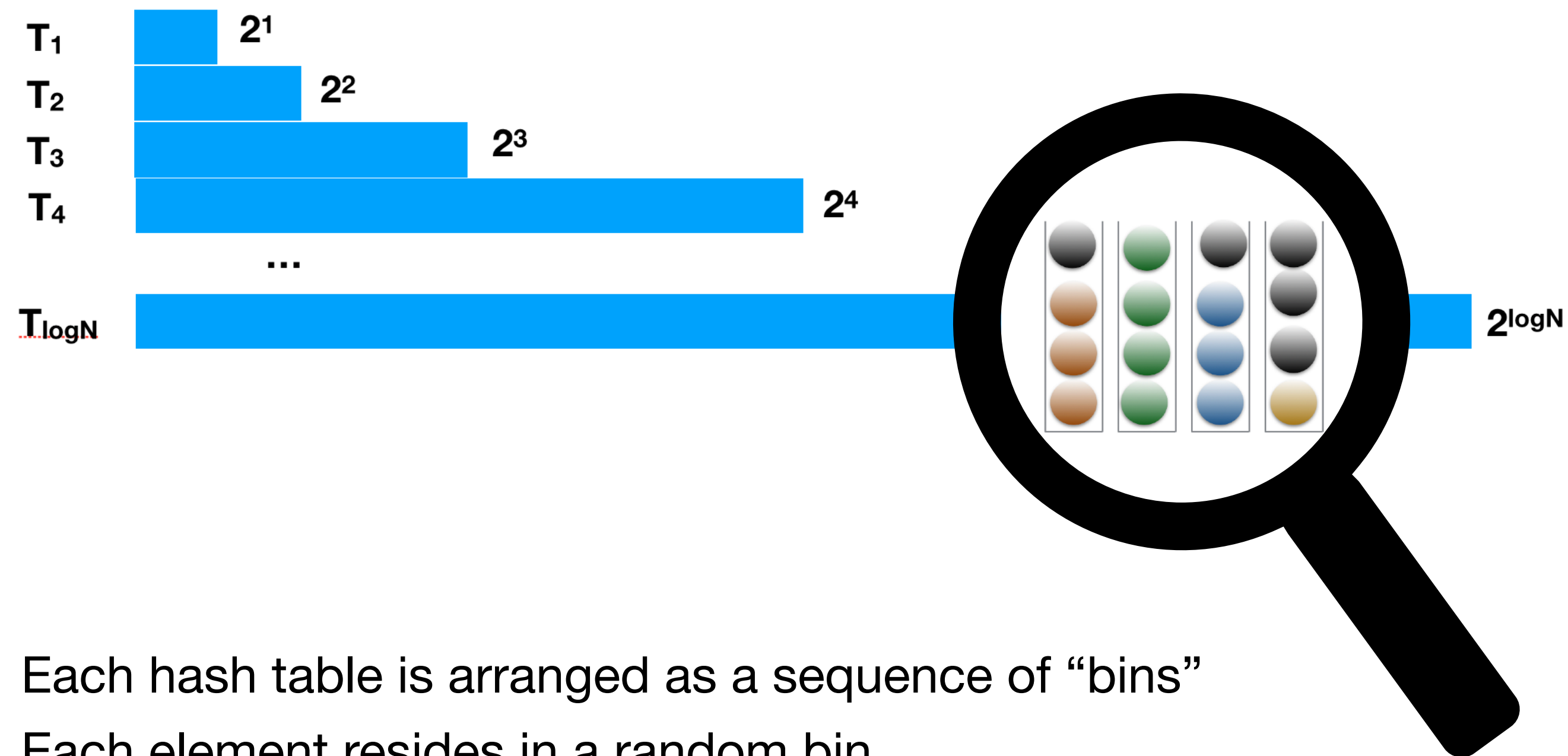
- Given  $n$  balls each of size  $D$  bits, word size  $w$
- Classical oblivious sort costs  $O(\lceil D/w \rceil \cdot n \cdot \log n)$
- What if  $D \ll w$ ?
- **Packing:** put  $w/D$  balls in one memory word!
- Can sort in time  $O(D/w \cdot n \cdot \log^2 n)$
- When  $n$  and  $D$  are small (say  $n = w^4$  and  $D = \log w$ ), we  
**can sort in linear time!** ( $\frac{n \log^2 n}{w} \leq n$  vs.  $n \cdot \log n$ )



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Each hash table is arranged as a sequence of “bins”

Each element resides in a random bin

The size of each bin is  $n = \log^4 N$

Previously: build a structure on a bin using oblivious sort  $n \log n \rightarrow \log \log N$  overhead

We can remove it using the packing trick



# From Amortized Complexity to Worst-Case Complexity



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# De-amortization of Ostrovsky and Shoup '97

We got a taste of  $O(\log N)$  overhead — in amortized

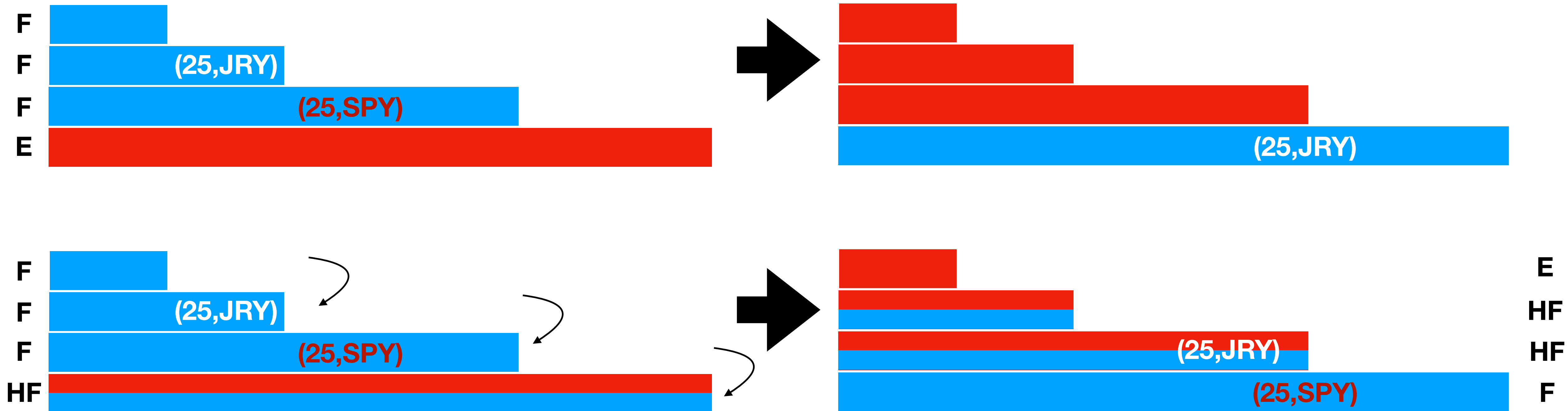
Some operations require much longer -  $O(N)$

Can we get  $O(\log N)$  in worse-case?

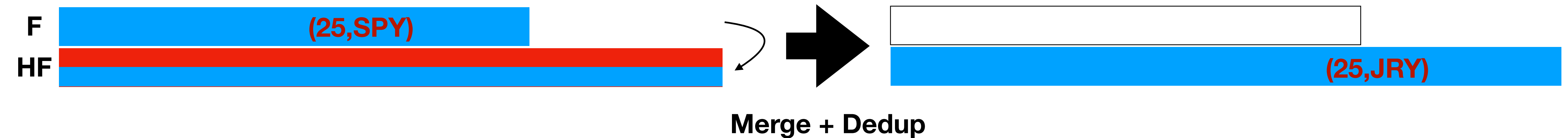
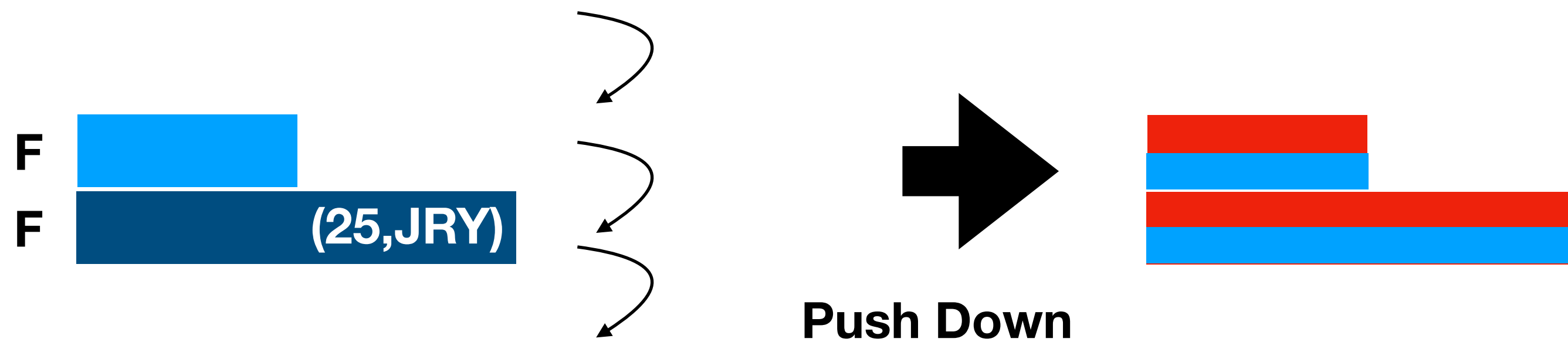
Classic de-amortization technique of hierarchical ORAM **is not compatible with OptORAMa and PanORAMa!**

# De-amortization Friendly Rebuild

Instead of “full / empty” -> “full / half full”

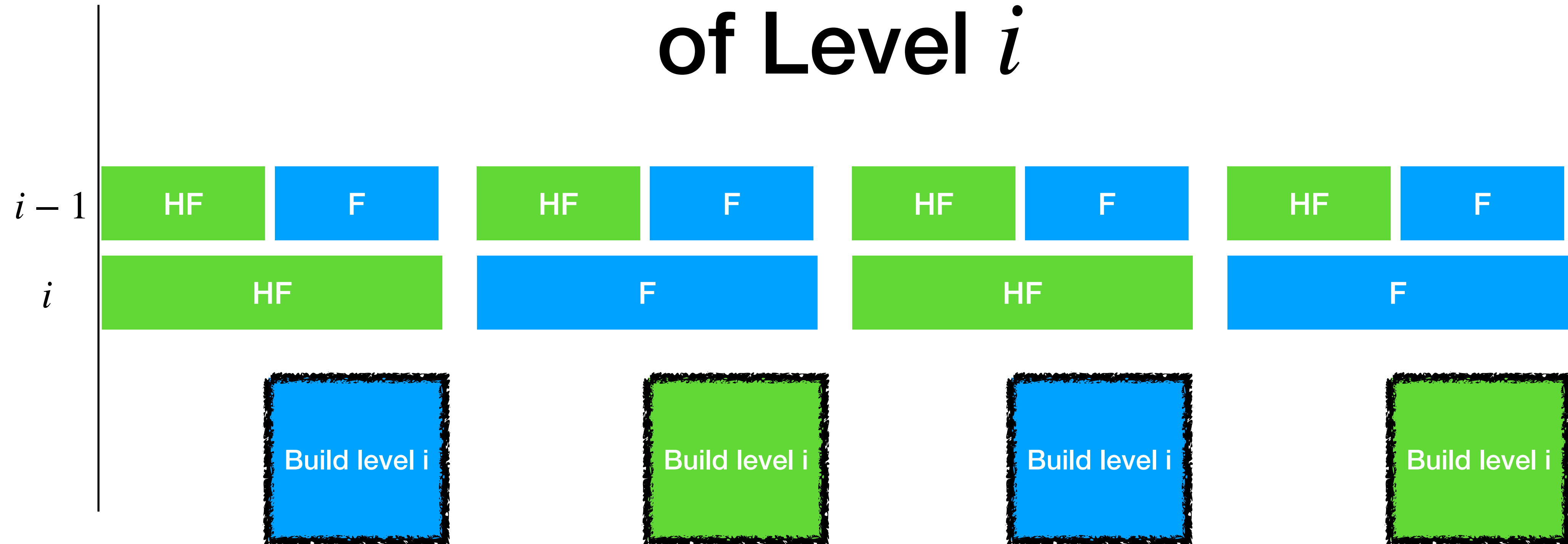


# How Does it Help Us?



Easier to de-amortize: Looking at only two consecutive levels

# De-amortizing Rebuild of Level $i$



# Randomness Reuse

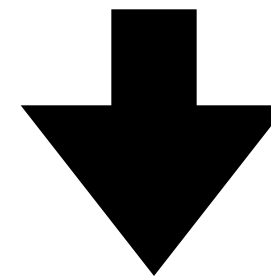
(PanORAMa / OptORAMa)

(27,ABC)      (9,BCD)      (11,RDT)      (32,TPO)

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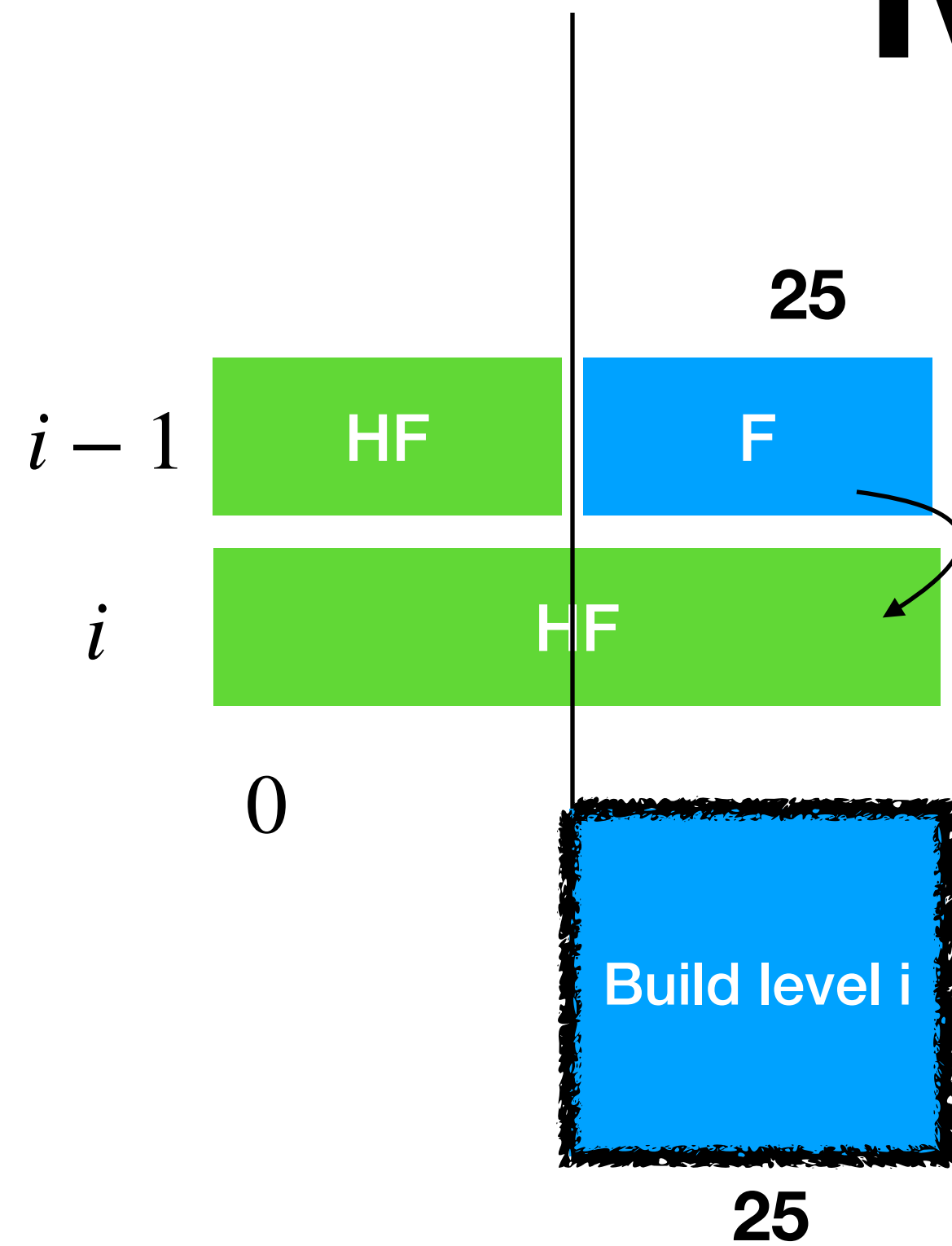
(11,RDT)      (32,TPO)      (9,BCD)      (27,ABC)

Elements that we did not touch are still randomly shuffled!!

PanORAMa and OptORAMa do not perform full **Rebuild** ->  
Use the randomness from previous **Rebuild**

-> Reduced **Rebuild** from  $O(n \log n)$  to  $O(n)$  work

# Main Challenge:

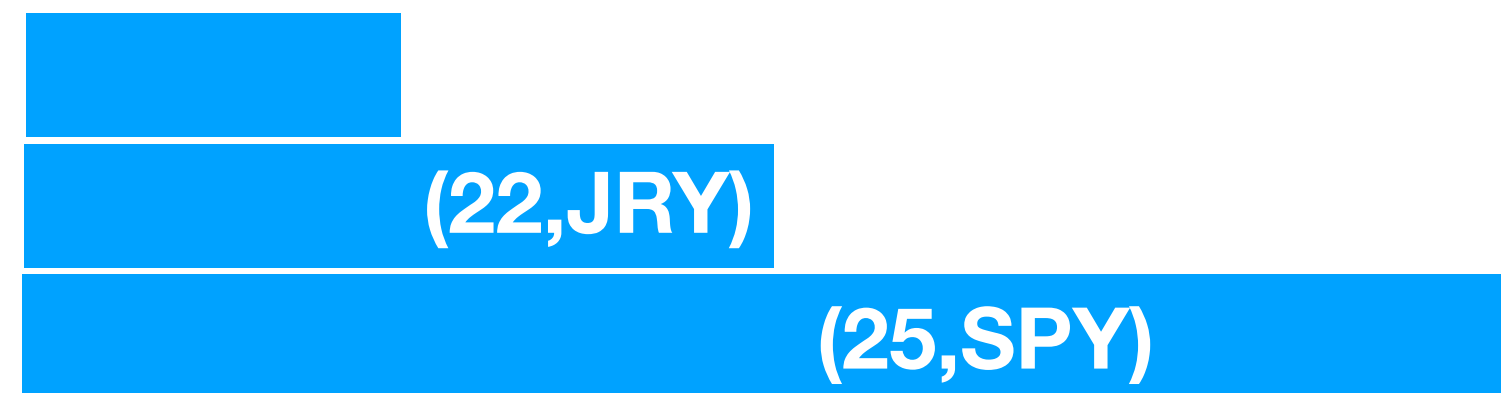


**We might re-consume the randomness!**



# Main Idea

**A**



**B**

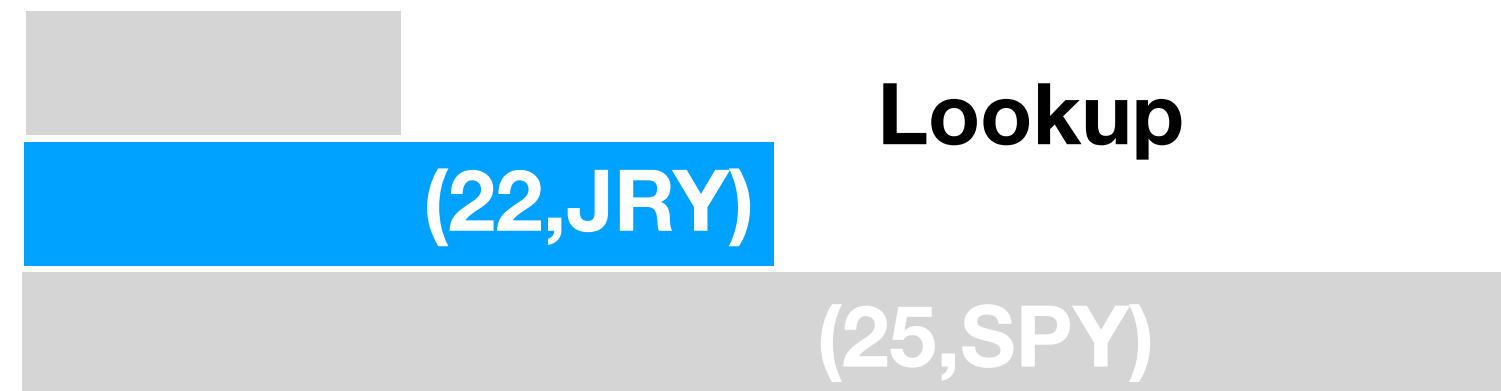


**Two copies - same data in each level**

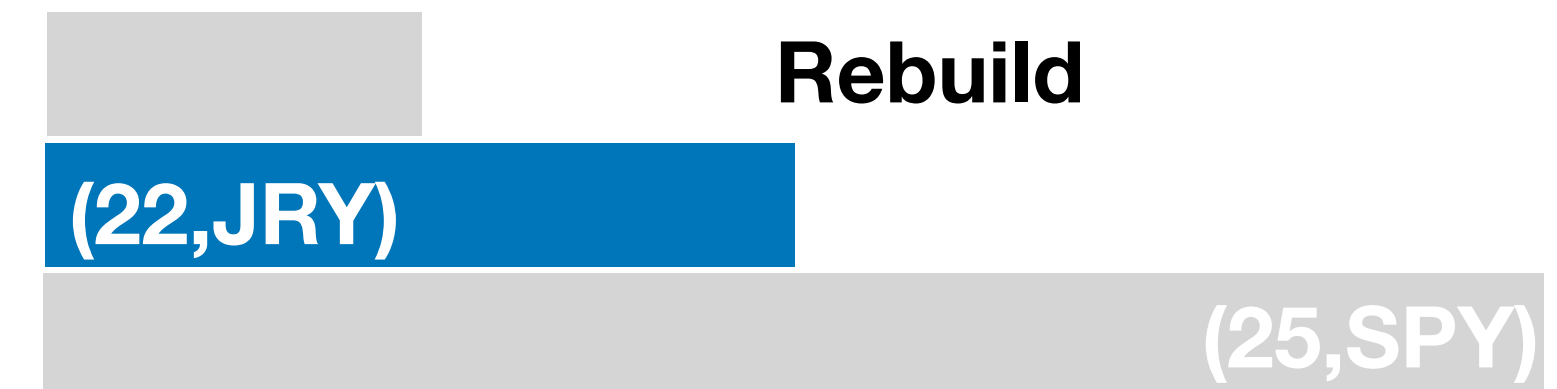
**Each level has an active copy, and a copy that is being rebuilt**

# Main Idea

**A**

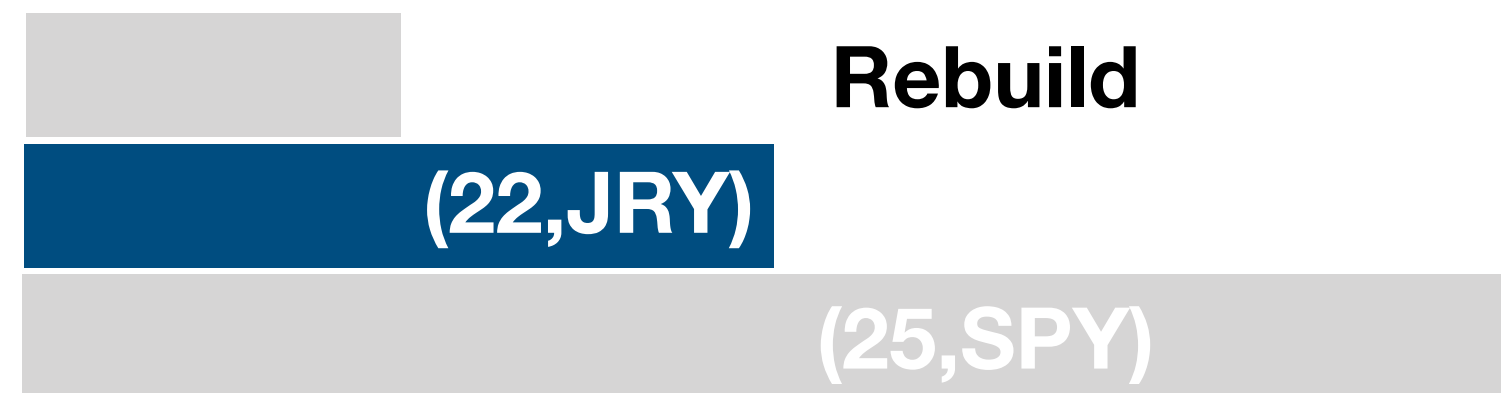


**B**

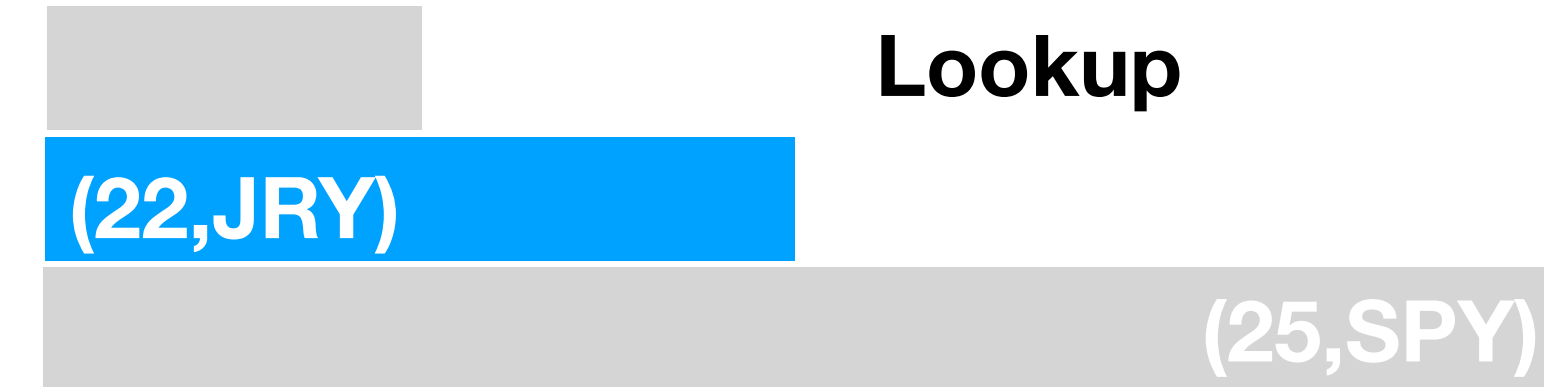


# Main Idea

A



B



If the element is found -> put in both copies

Independent randomness!

See:

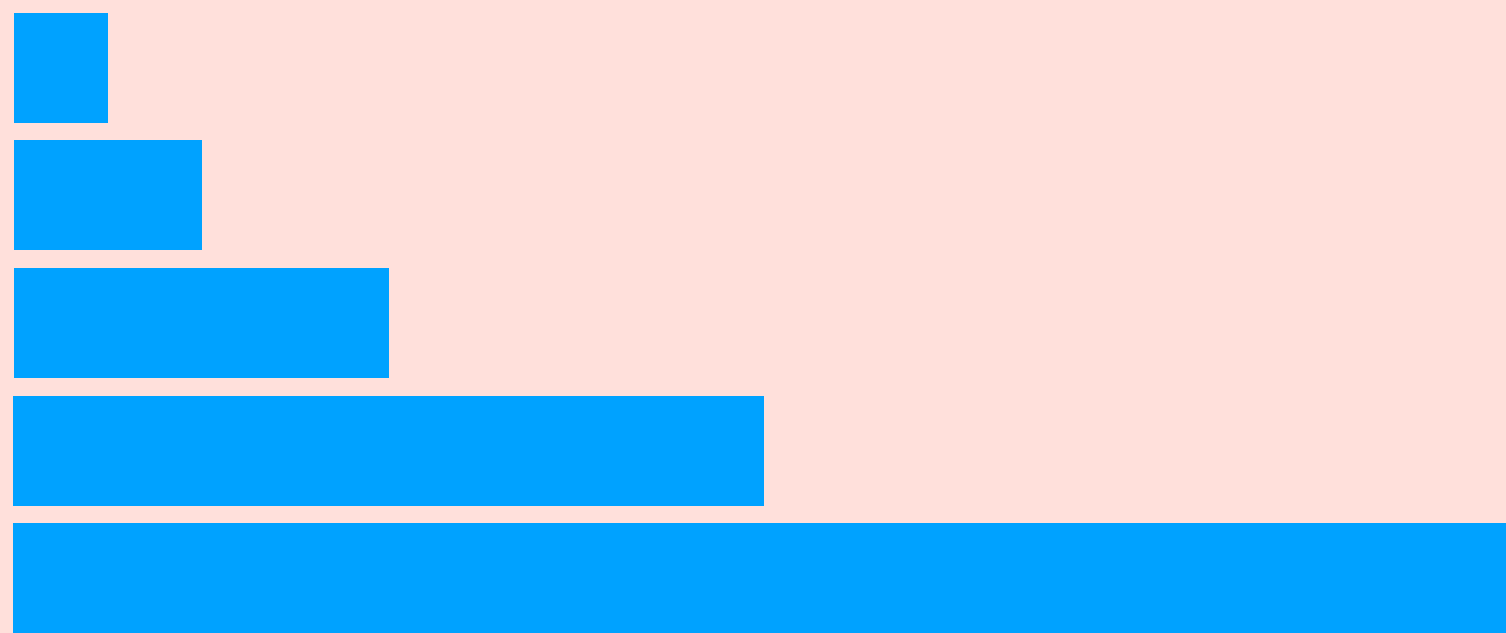
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# Conclusions

Lower bound:  $\Omega(\log N)$

[GoldreichOstrovsky'96, LarsenNeilsen'18]



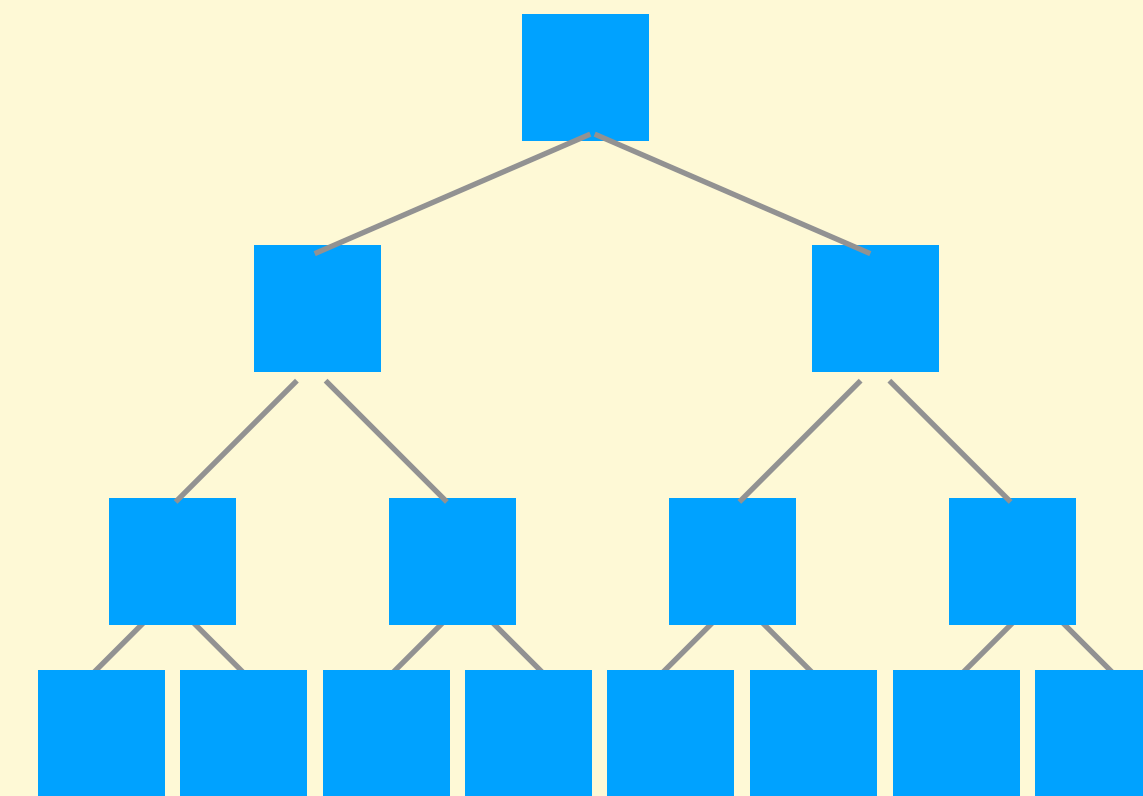
Hierarchical

[O90,GO96]

$O(\log N)$

Computational security

[OptORAMa'20]



Tree based ORAM

[Shi,Chan,Stefanov11]

$O(\log^2 N)$

Statistical security

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# Thank You!