

Efficient Unbalanced Private Set Intersection Cardinality and User-friendly Privacy-preserving Contact Tracing

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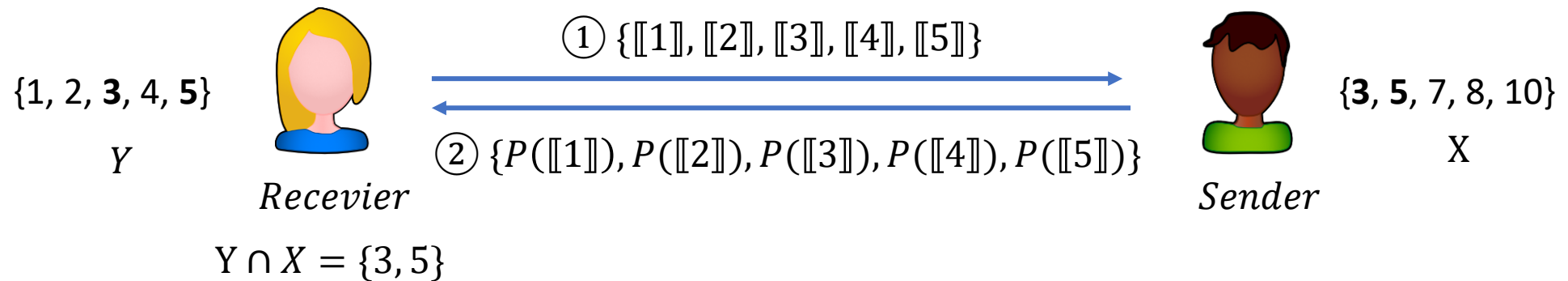
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What is uPSI(-CA)?

- Private set intersection (PSI) allows a *receiver* (with a set Y) and a *sender* (with a set X) to identify $Y \cap X$ without revealing any information beyond it.



- Private set intersection Cardinality (PSI-CA): the *receiver* secretly knows $|Y \cap X|$.
- *Unbalanced* PSI-CA (uPSI-CA): $|Y| \ll |X|$. \longrightarrow Lowering the **communication costs**.

Related works (uPSI)

- FHE-based ones: CLR'17[1], **CMGDILR'21[2]**
 1. CLR'17: item bit length $\delta \leq 32$
 2. CMGDILR'21: slicing to support arbitrary δ

Strength

Communication cost $O(n_y \log(n_x))$

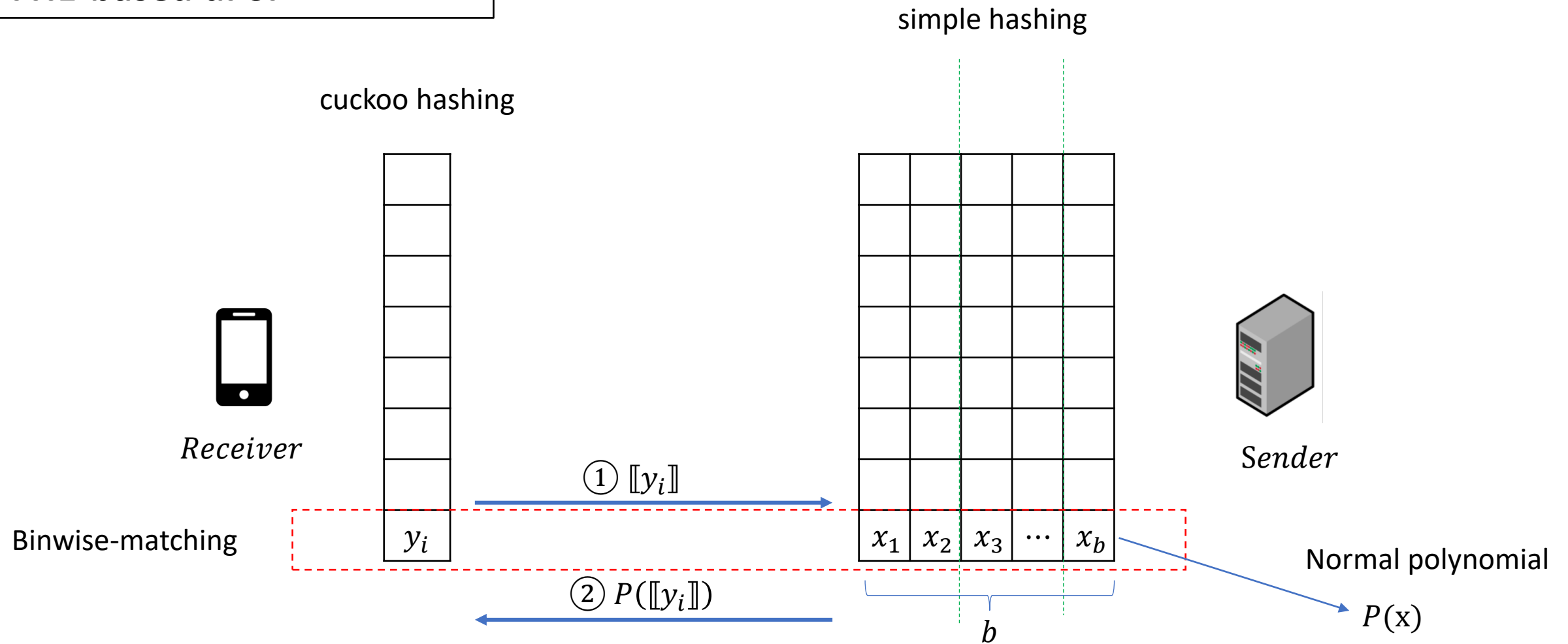
Weaknesses:

1. Prone to **deception attack**
2. Performance not good enough

Long item issue

1. Hao Chen, et.al. Fast private set intersection from homomorphic encryption. In CCS 2017, pages 1243–1255. ACM, 2017.
2. Kelong Cong, et.al. Labeled PSI from homomorphic encryption with reduced computation and communication. In CCS 2021, pages 1135–1150. ACM, 2021.

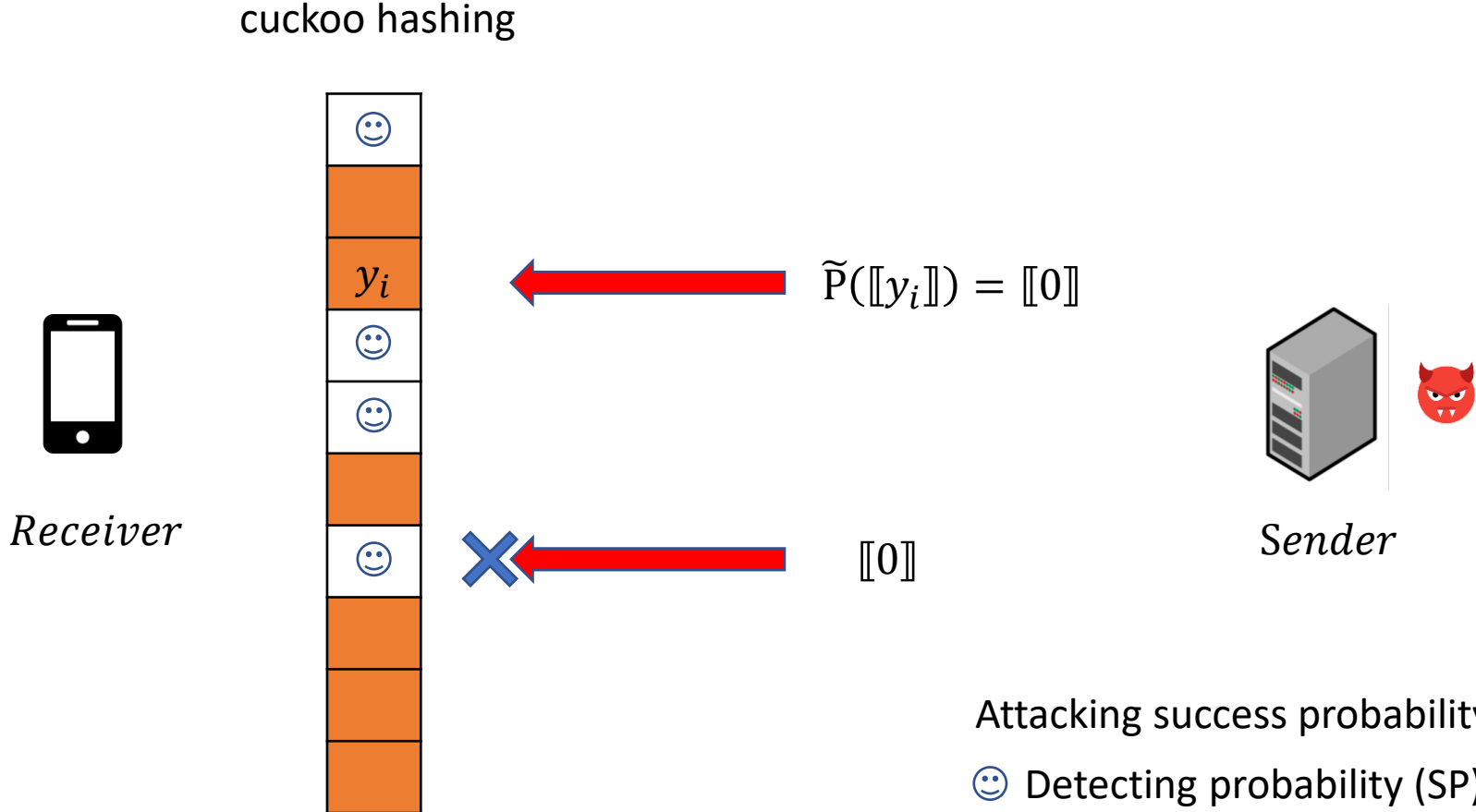
FHE-based uPSI



$$P(x) = \prod_{i=1}^b (y - x_i) = a_0 + a_1y + a_2y^2 + \dots + a_by^b$$

Deception attack

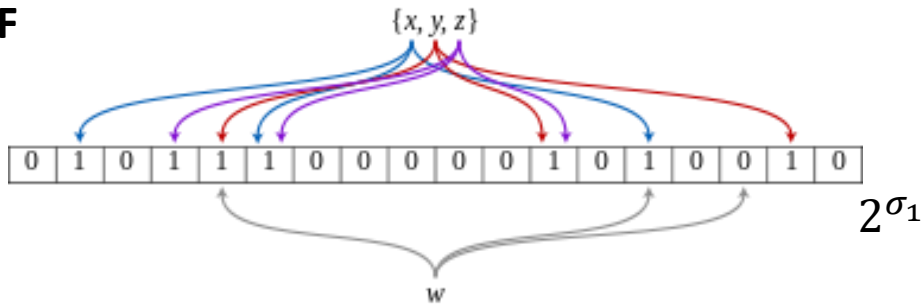
In *private contact discovery*, to attract users, a service provider simply tells the user that he/she has many friends who are using the same application.



How we resolve the
long item issue?

Scheme 1: Virtual Bloom Filter (VBF)

BF



$$x := \{h_1(x), h_2(x), \dots, h_{k_v}(x)\}$$

Turn an arbitrary long item (e.g., 128 bit) into k_v short VBF sub-items with bit length σ_1 .

k_v	2	3	4	5	6	7
σ_1	46	39	37	35	34	33

Example:

$$2 \times \sigma_1 = 2 \times 46 = 92 \text{ bits}$$

$n_y = 5535$ ↓ Permutation-based hashing

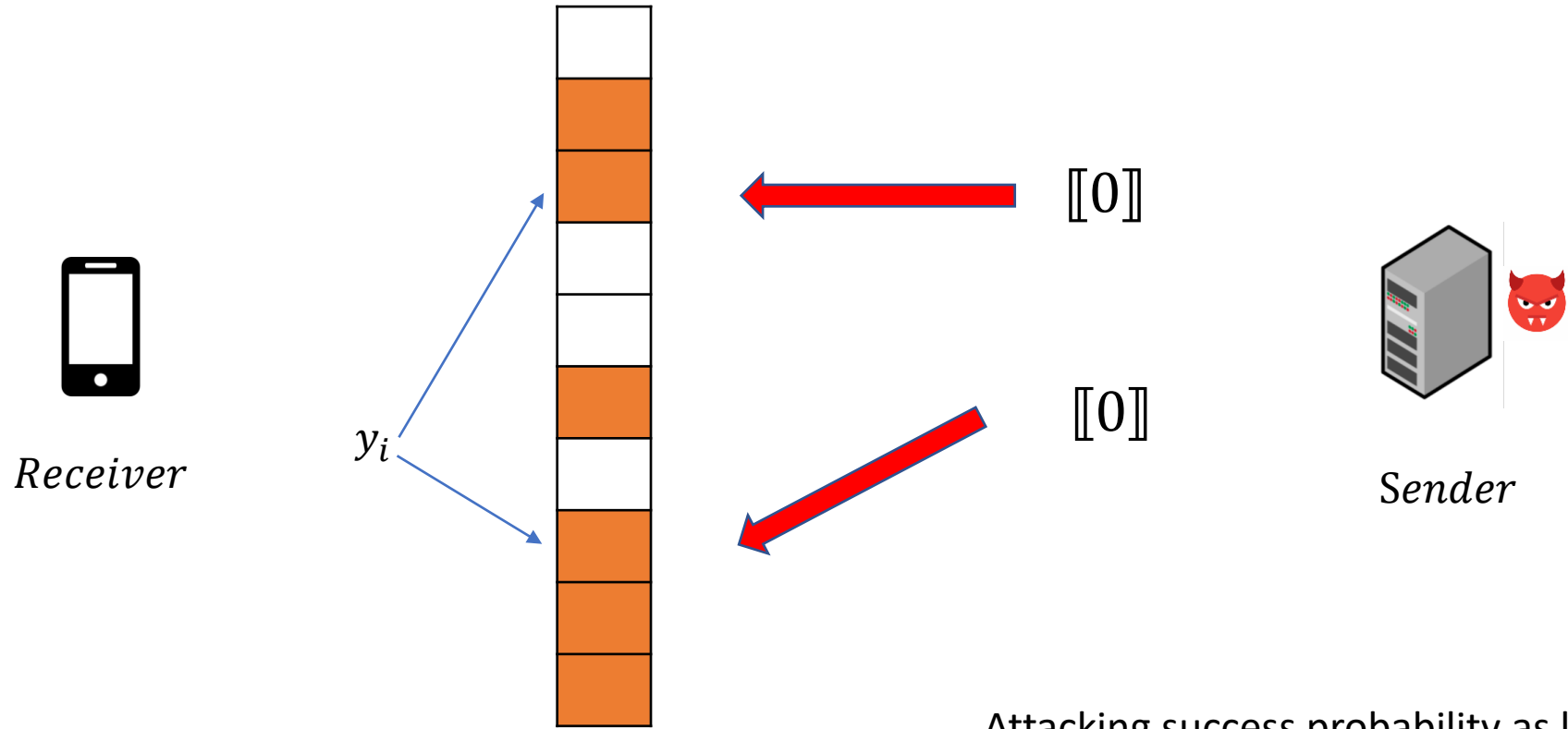
$$2 \times \sigma'_1 = 2 \times (46 - 13) = 66 \text{ bits}$$

↓

2×33

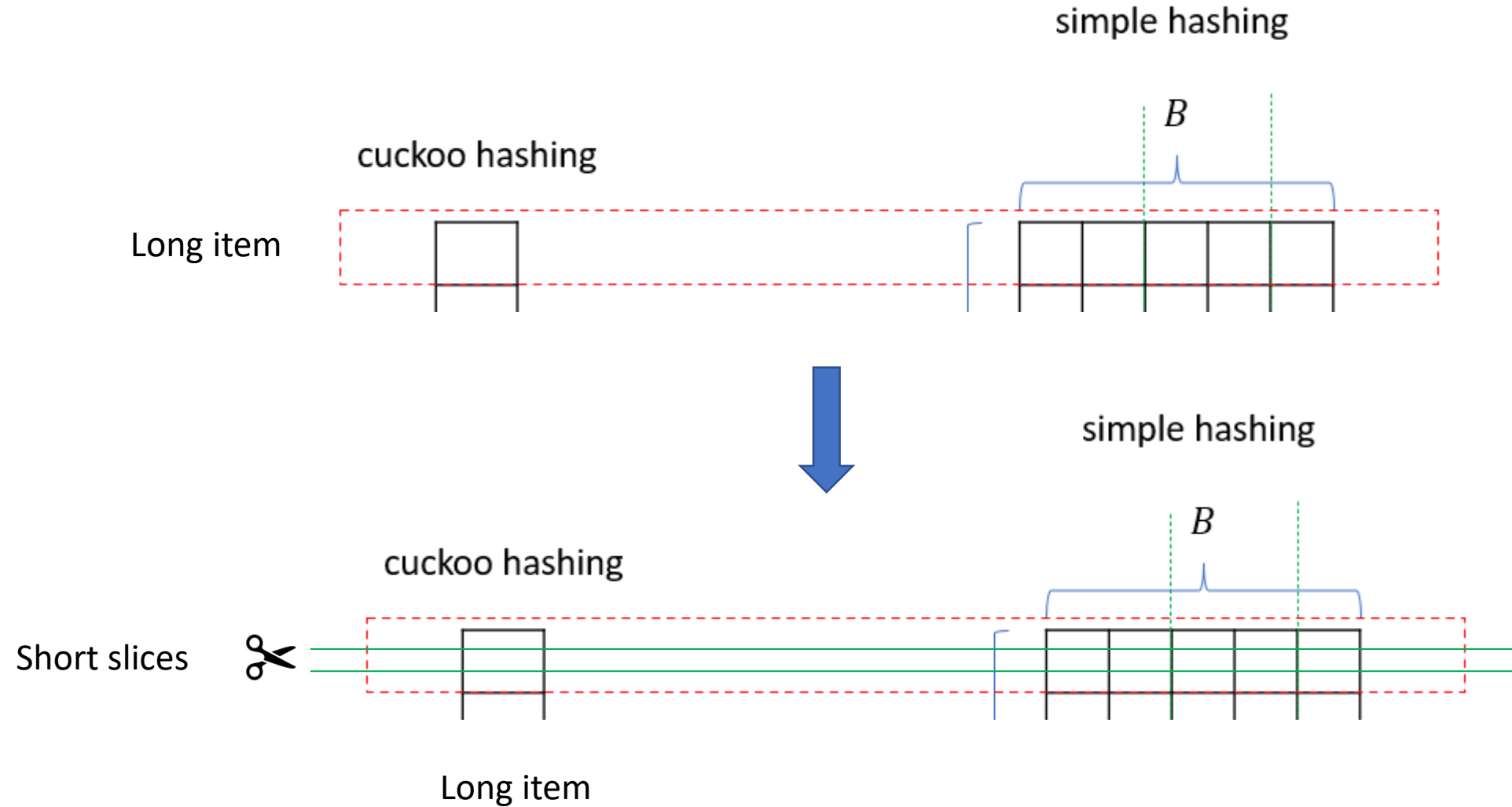
Deception attack

cuckoo hashing

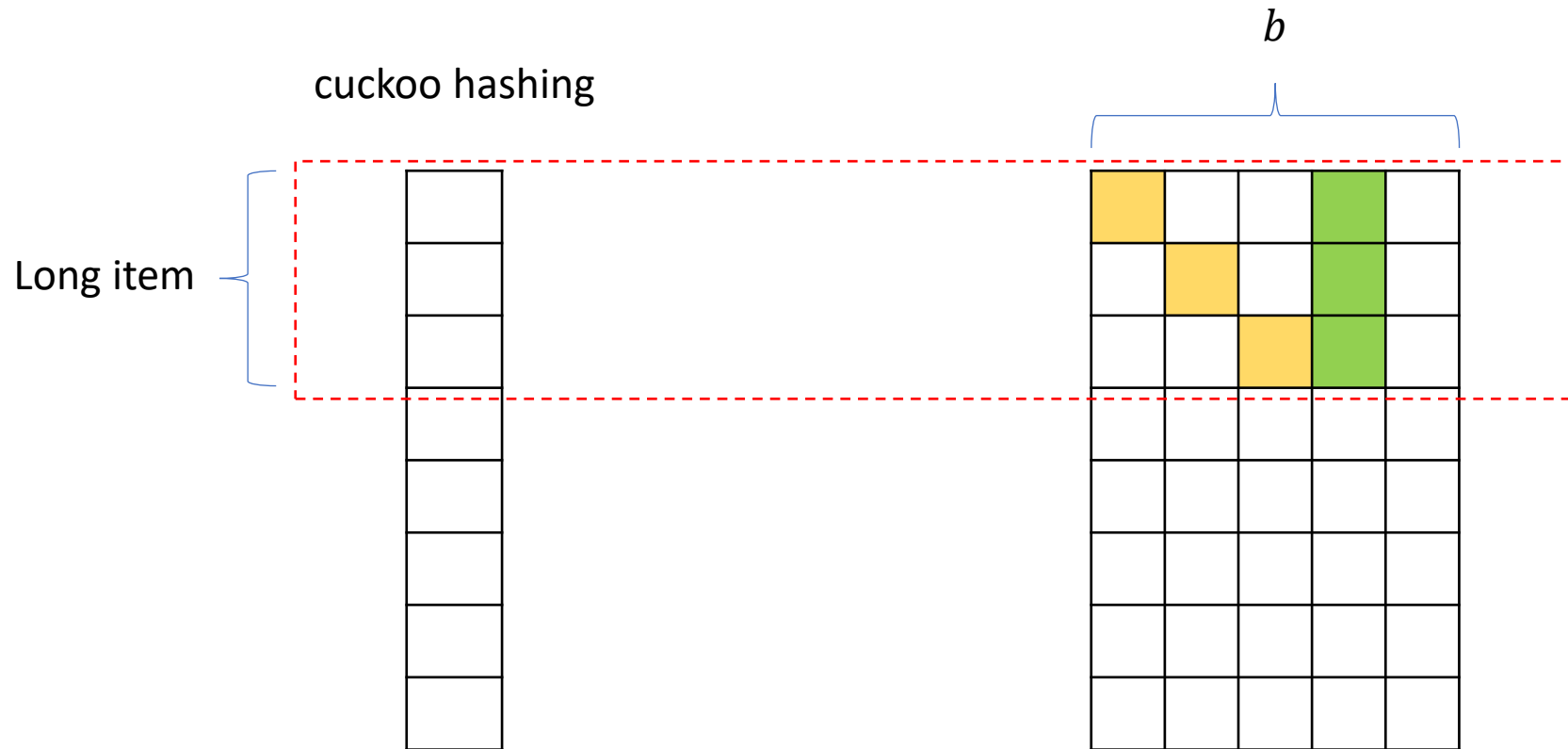


Attacking success probability as low as $0.67 \times \frac{1}{m}$

CMGDILR'21: slicing



Drawback: false positives

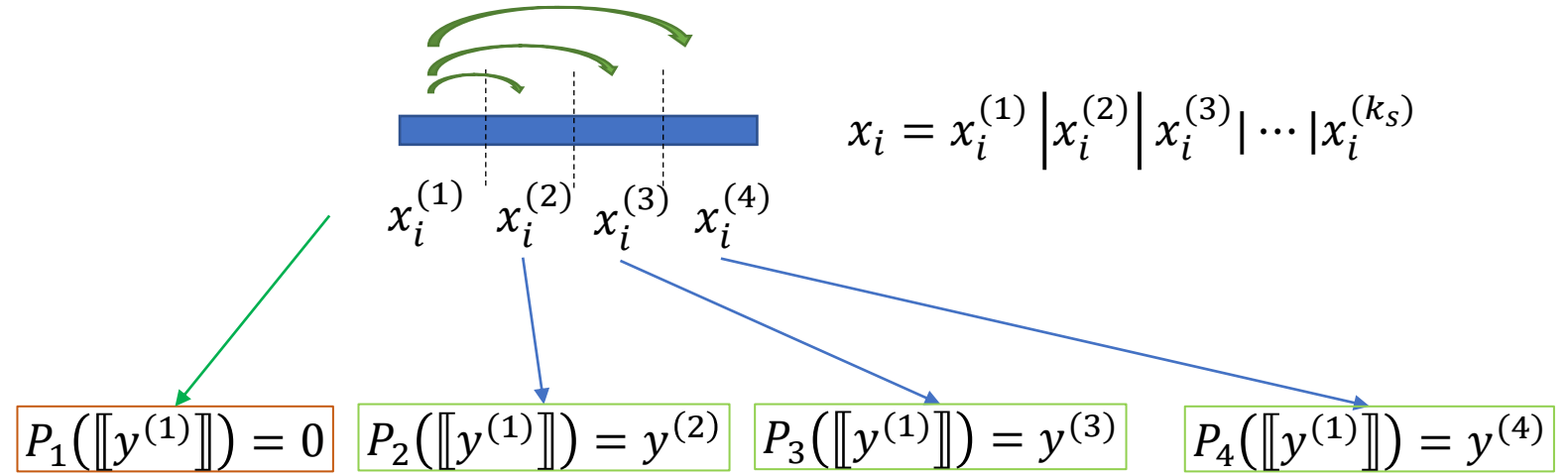


The total item bits
are in $(80, 110)$.

Scheme2: Polynomial links (PoL)

$$y = y^{(1)} | y^{(2)} | y^{(3)} | \dots | y^{(k_s)}$$

Interpolation polynomials



Receiver

1. Only need to send $\llbracket y^{(1)} \rrbracket$, saving $(1 - k_s)/k_s$ communication cost.
2. Only encrypt $\llbracket y^{(1)} \rrbracket$, saving about $(1 - k_s)/k_s$ computation costs.

No false positives, so the total number of bits can be at most 80.
Saving more!

$$3 \leq k_s \leq 11$$

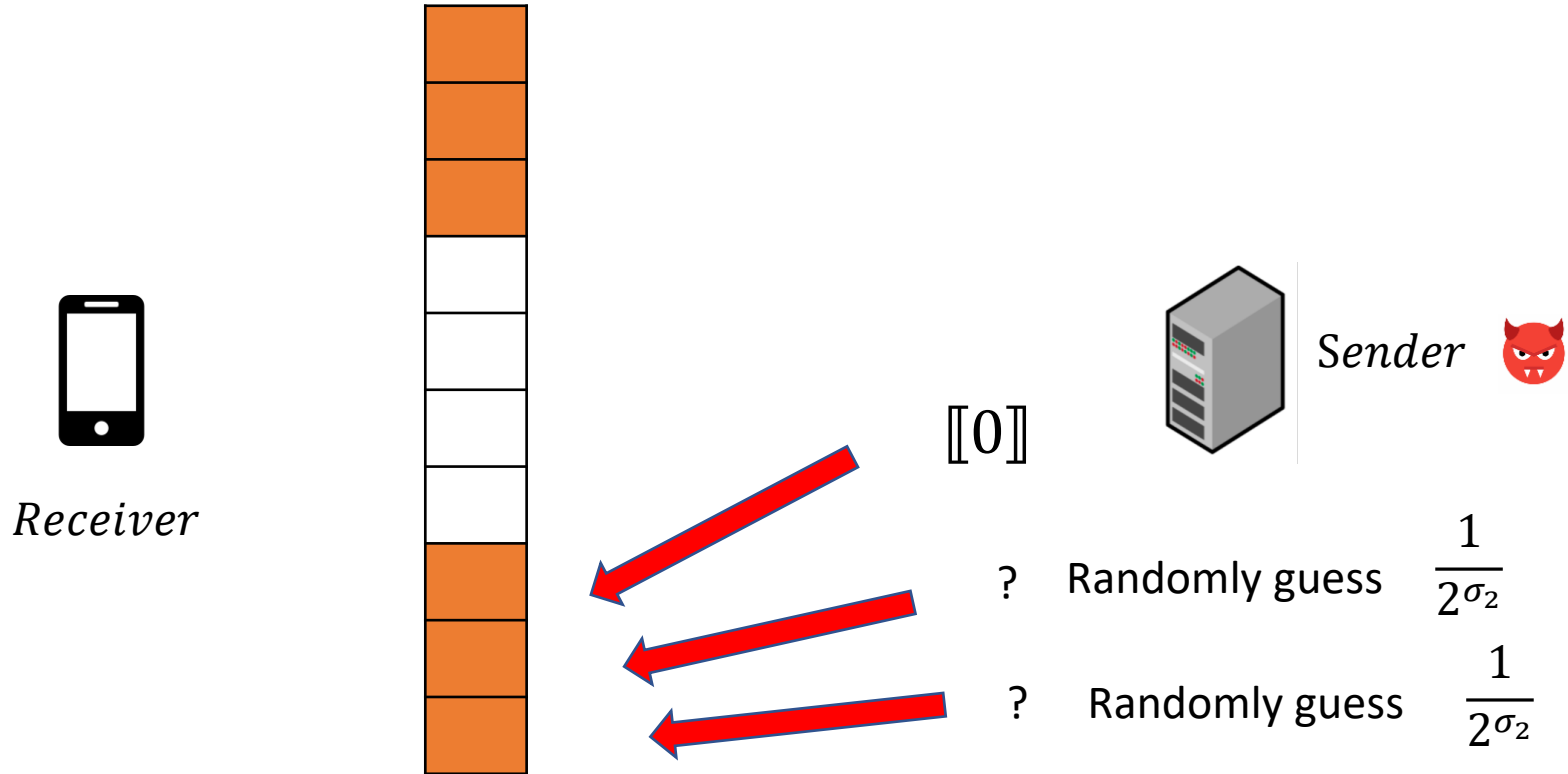


Sender

High computation cost.

Deception attack

cuckoo hashing



Attacking success probability as low as $0.67 \times \frac{1}{2^{(k_s-1)\sigma_2}}$

Results

Deception attack

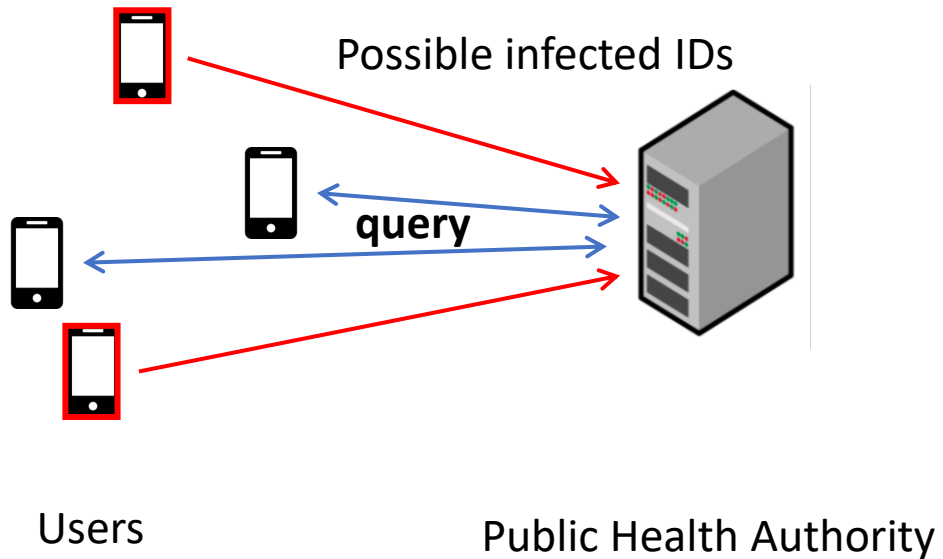
SP/DP	Prior FHE ones	VBF
$n_y = 1024$	0.5/0.5	$2.4 \times 10^{-4}/0.75$
$n_y = 2048$	0.5/0.5	$1.2 \times 10^{-4}/0.75$
$n_y = 5535$	0.676/0.324	$2.1 \times 10^{-5}/0.543$
$n_y = 11041$	0.674/0.326	$1.0 \times 10^{-5}/0.546$

Our uPSI (PoL) vs CMGDILR'21[1] :

Communication costs	42.04% ~ 58.85% cheaper
Online time (10Gbps)	1.81% ~ 63.00% faster
Online time (1Mbps)	7.65% ~ 247.69% faster
Sender offline	38.35% ~ 85.70% slower

1. Kelong Cong, et.al. Labeled PSI from homomorphic encryption with reduced computation and communication. In CCS 2021, pages 1135–1150. ACM, 2021.

uPSI-CA application (contact tracing)



1. Two-party designs

Protocols	Linkage attack	Query time(s)	User computation(s)	User communication(MB)
Google&Apple [2]	Yes	6.640	24.322	7.00
DP-3T [53]	Yes	387.736	0.384	448.00
Epione [52]	No	268.5/140.14	2.088/2.217	226.13/65.65
Ours (PoL)	No	60.524	0.366	5.98

2. Delegated design (third parties)

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Catalic [20]	No	97.79	0.002	0.094

Expensive communication costs for the backend server (e.g., >1GB) per query.

Conclusion

- 1. VBF and PoL to resolve the long item issue.
- 2. Handle the deception attack.
- 3. Secure and user-friendly contact tracing.

Q&A



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