

# Searchable Encryption with Optimal Locality: Achieving Sublogarithmic Read Efficiency

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# What is Searchable Encryption (SE)?

Client



Untrusted  
Cloud

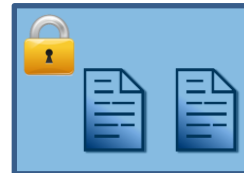


**Search pattern:**  
whether a search  
query is repeated

**Setup leakage:** total leakage  
prior to query execution  
e.g. *size of each encrypted file*,  
*size of encrypted index*

**Access pattern:** encrypted  
document ids and files that  
satisfy the search query

search query:  keyword



**Security (informal):** The adversary does not learn anything beyond the above leakages!

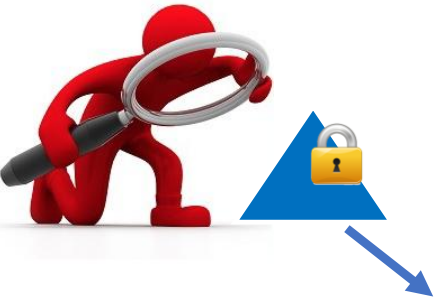
# Searchable Encryption – Locality and Read Efficiency

Scalable SE requires low locality and read efficiency

Locality is an important efficiency dimension ([CJS+14],[DP17],...

**Locality:** #non-continuous reads for each query

**Read Efficiency:** #memory locations per result item



search query:  keyword



locality = 3 & read efficiency = 1

id<sub>1</sub> id<sub>4</sub> id<sub>2</sub>

~~id<sub>4</sub>~~ ~~id<sub>5</sub>~~ ~~id<sub>3</sub>~~ id<sub>1</sub> ~~id<sub>1</sub>~~ ~~id<sub>2</sub>~~ id<sub>4</sub> ~~id<sub>6</sub>~~ id<sub>2</sub>

**X** : false positives



locality = 1 & read efficiency =  $O(N)$

# Previous Works & Our Result

“Cash and Tessaro Eurocrypt 2014”

Locality (L):  **$O(1)$**  and Read Efficiency (R):  **$O(1)$**  requires\* Space (S):  **$\omega(N)$**

## General Schemes

**[ANS+16] – NlogN scheme**

L:  $O(1)$ , R:  $O(1)$ , S:  $O(N \log N)$

**[DP17] – ReadOpt**

L:  $O(N^{1/s})$ , R:  $O(1)$ , S:  $O(sN)$

**[ANS+16] – OneChoiceAlloc**

L:  $O(1)$ , R:  $\tilde{O}(\log N)$ , S:  $O(N)$

## Schemes with limitation on the maximum keyword-list size

**[ANS+16] – TwoChoiceAlloc \***

L:  $O(1)$ , R:  $\tilde{O}(\log \log N)$ , S:  $O(N)$

\* keyword lists in the dataset have size less than  $N^{1-1/\log \log N}$ .

**[ASS18]\*\***

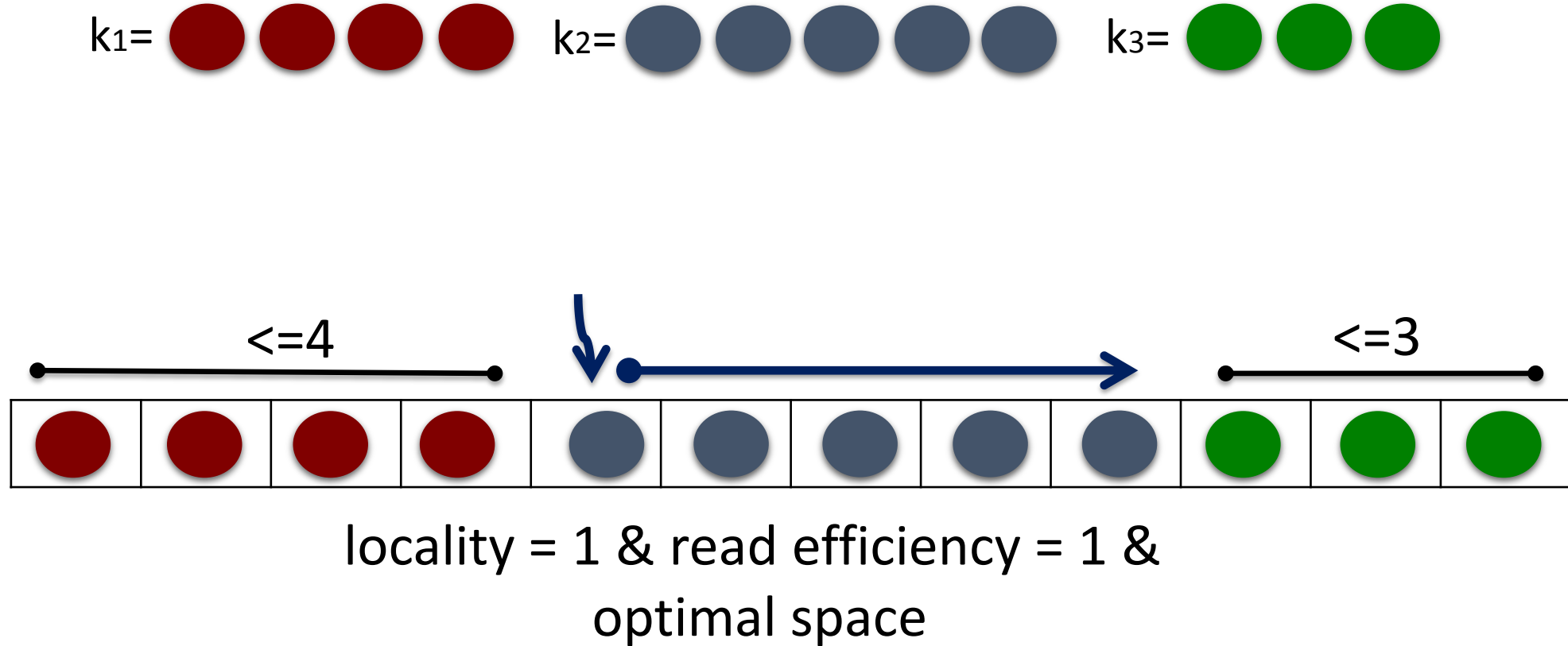
L:  $O(1)$ , R:  $O(\omega(1) \cdot \varepsilon^{-1}(n) + \log \log \log N)$  for  $n = N^{1-\varepsilon(N)}$ , S:  $O(N)$

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## **Our Approach**

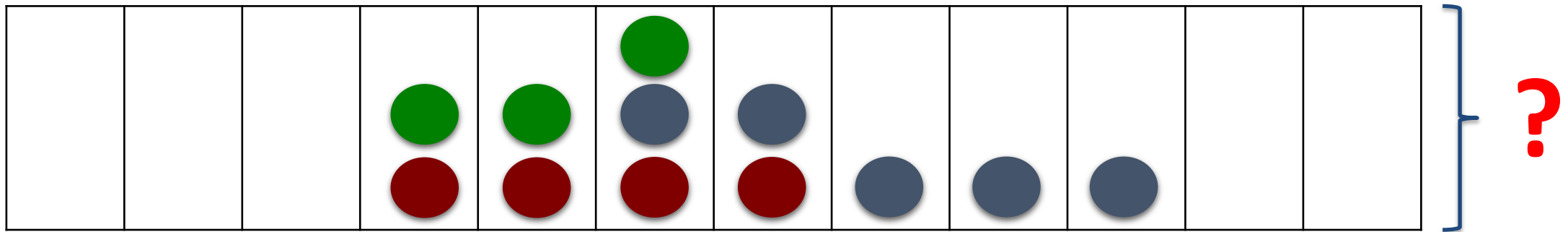
**L:  $O(1)$ , R:  $O(\log^\gamma N)$ , S:  $O(N)$ , for  $\gamma > 2/3$**

# Searchable Encryption – Naïve Approach 1



# Searchable Encryption – Naïve Approach 2

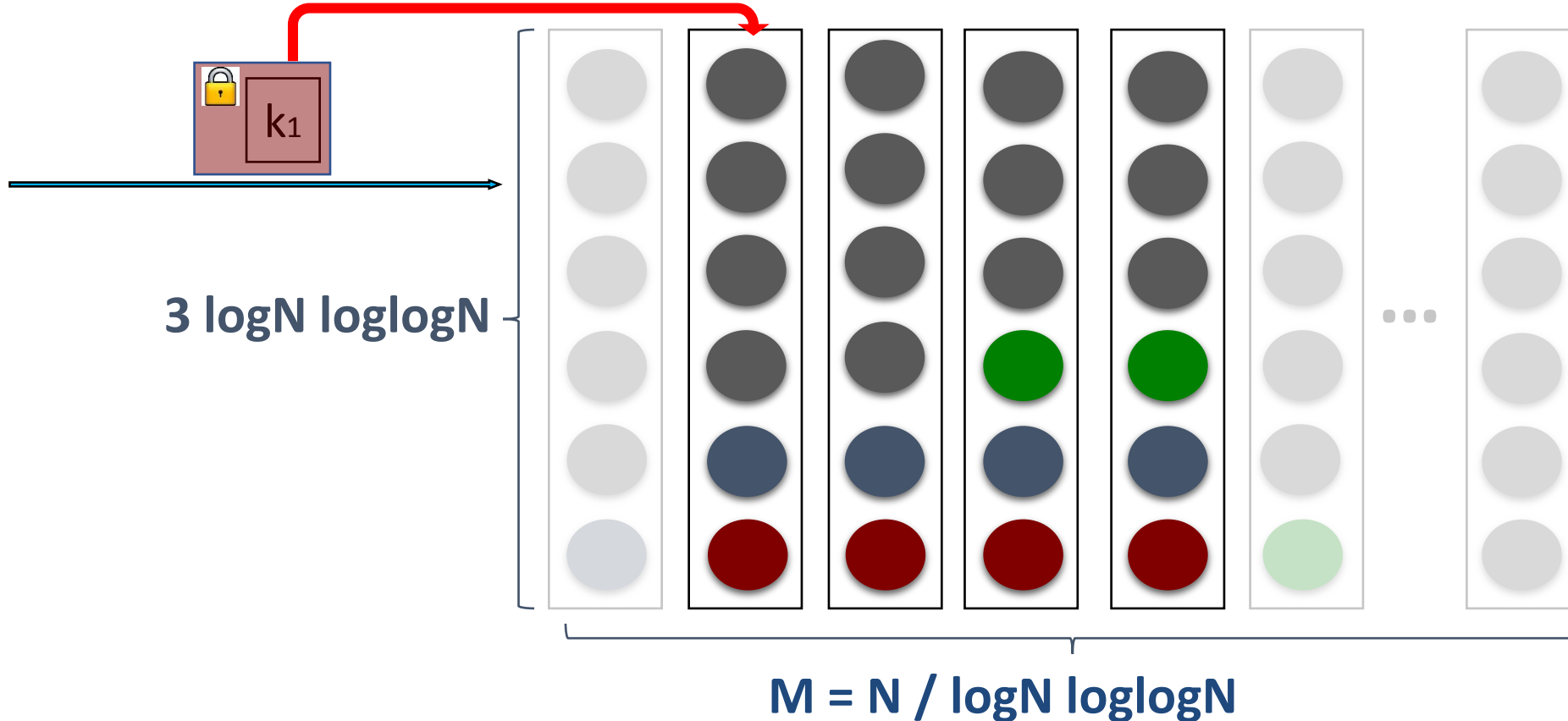
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# [ANS+16]– OneChoiceAllocation

$O(N)$  space,  $O(1)$  locality and  $\tilde{O}(\log N)$  read efficiency

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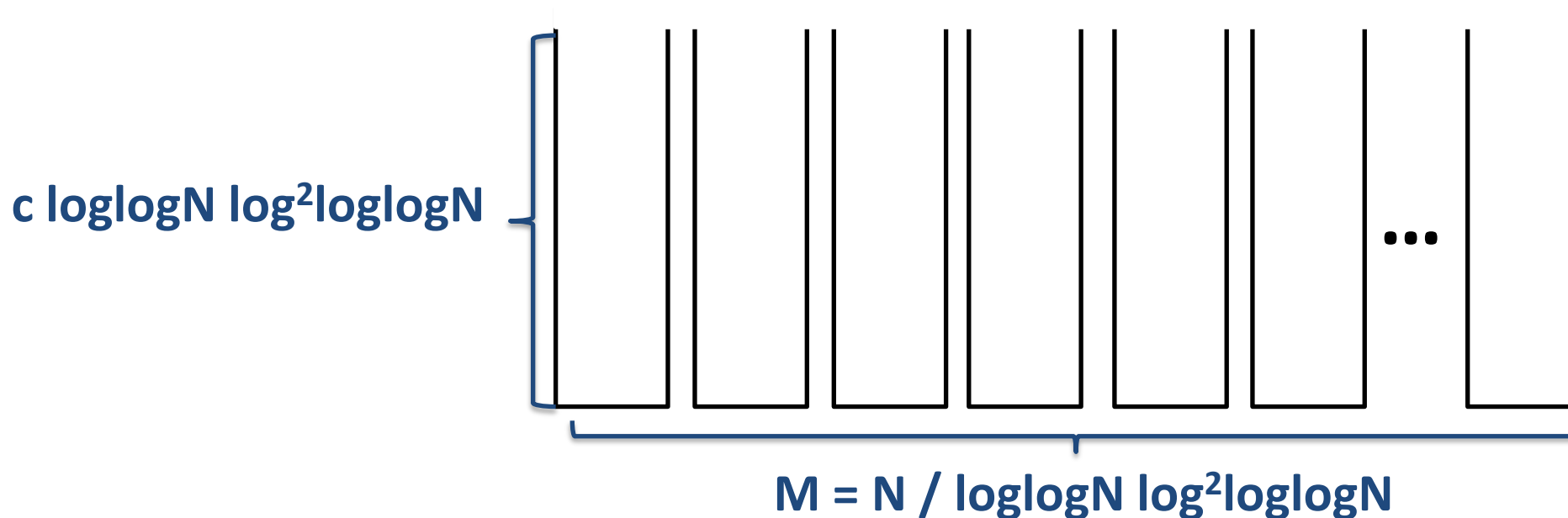


# [ANS+16]– TwoChoiceAllocation

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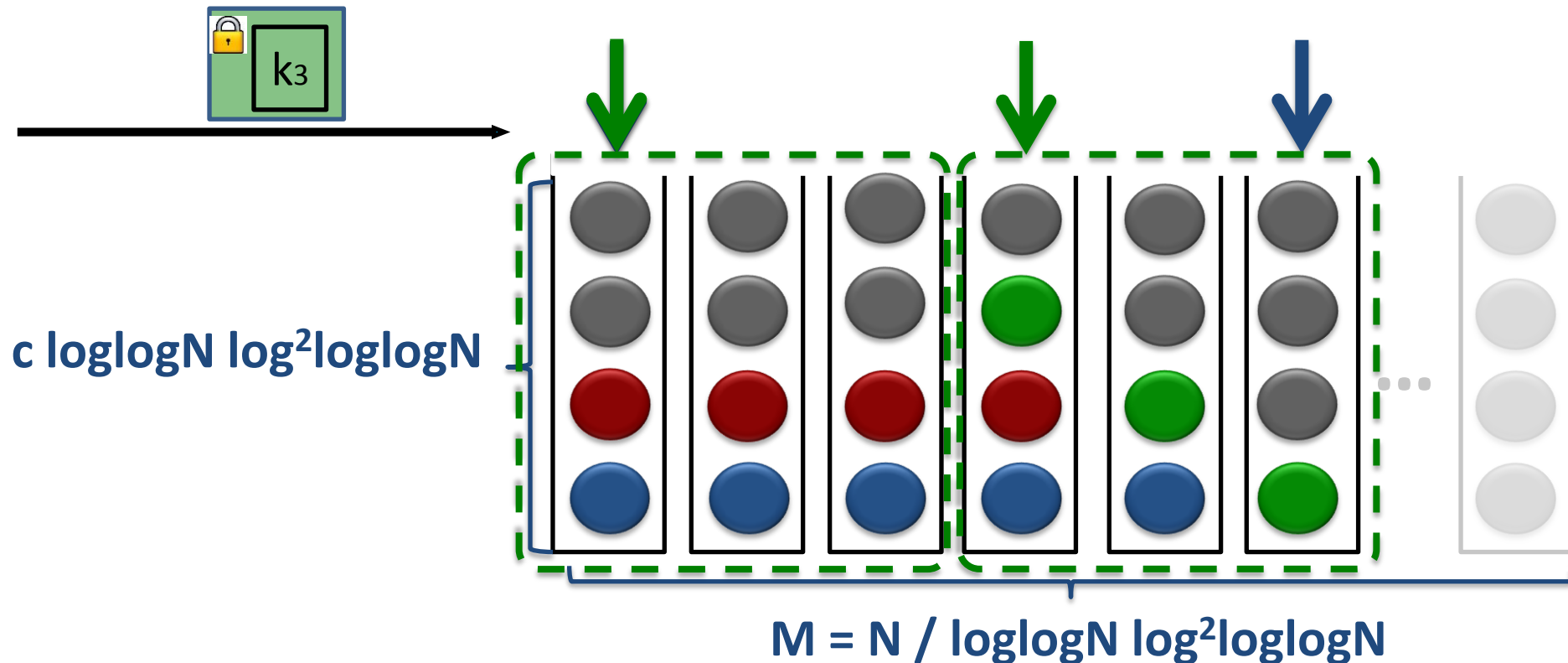


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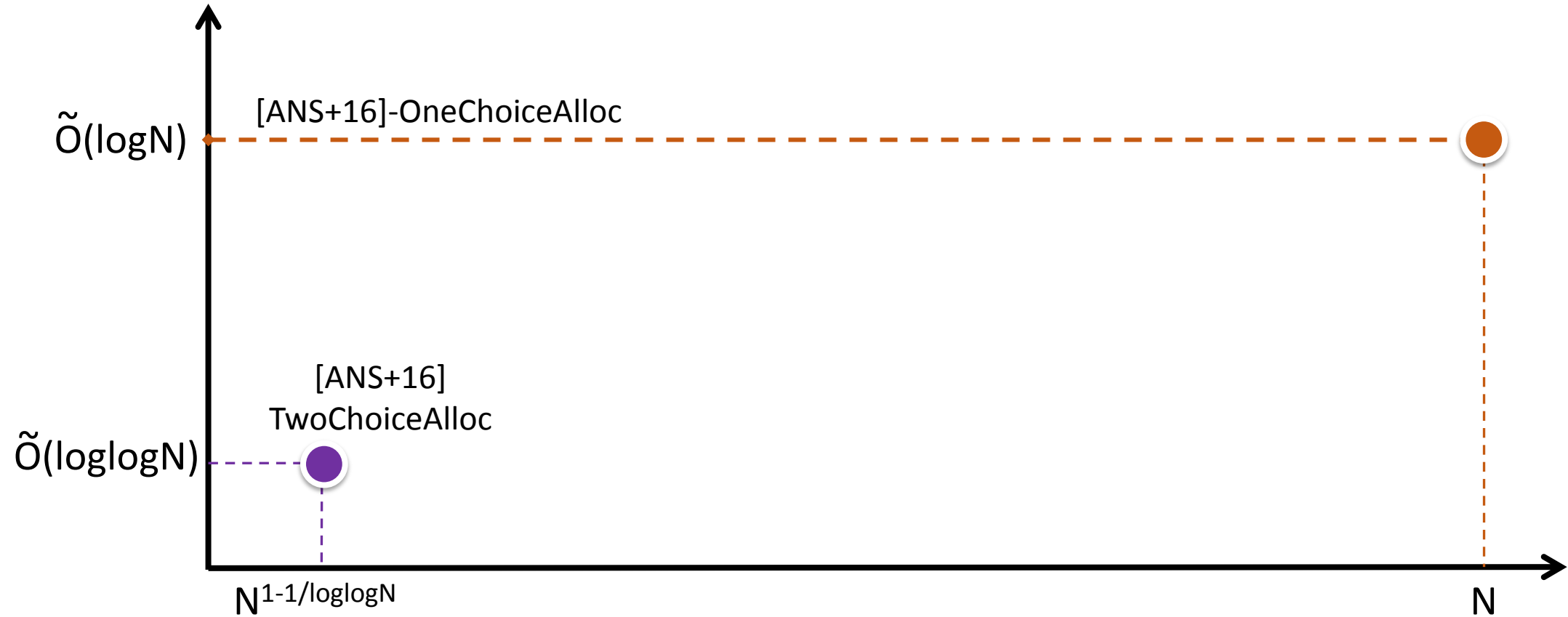
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Read Efficiency

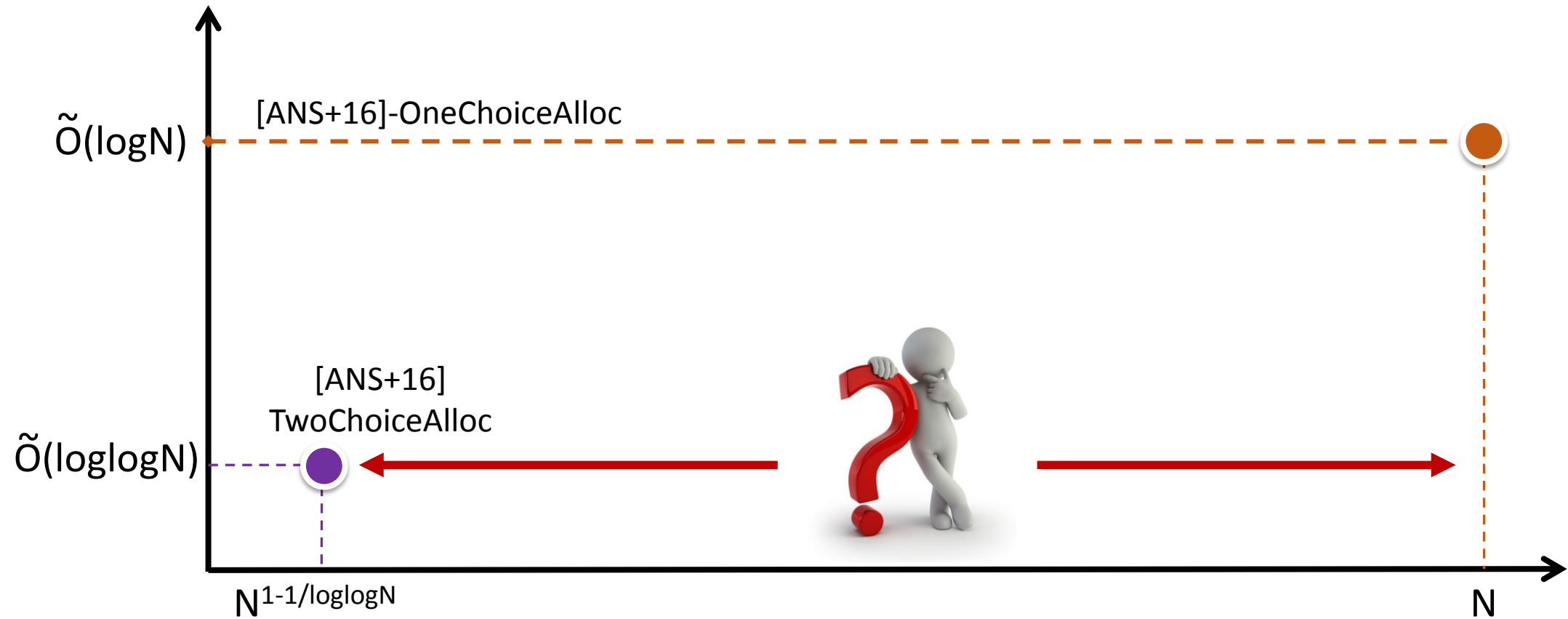


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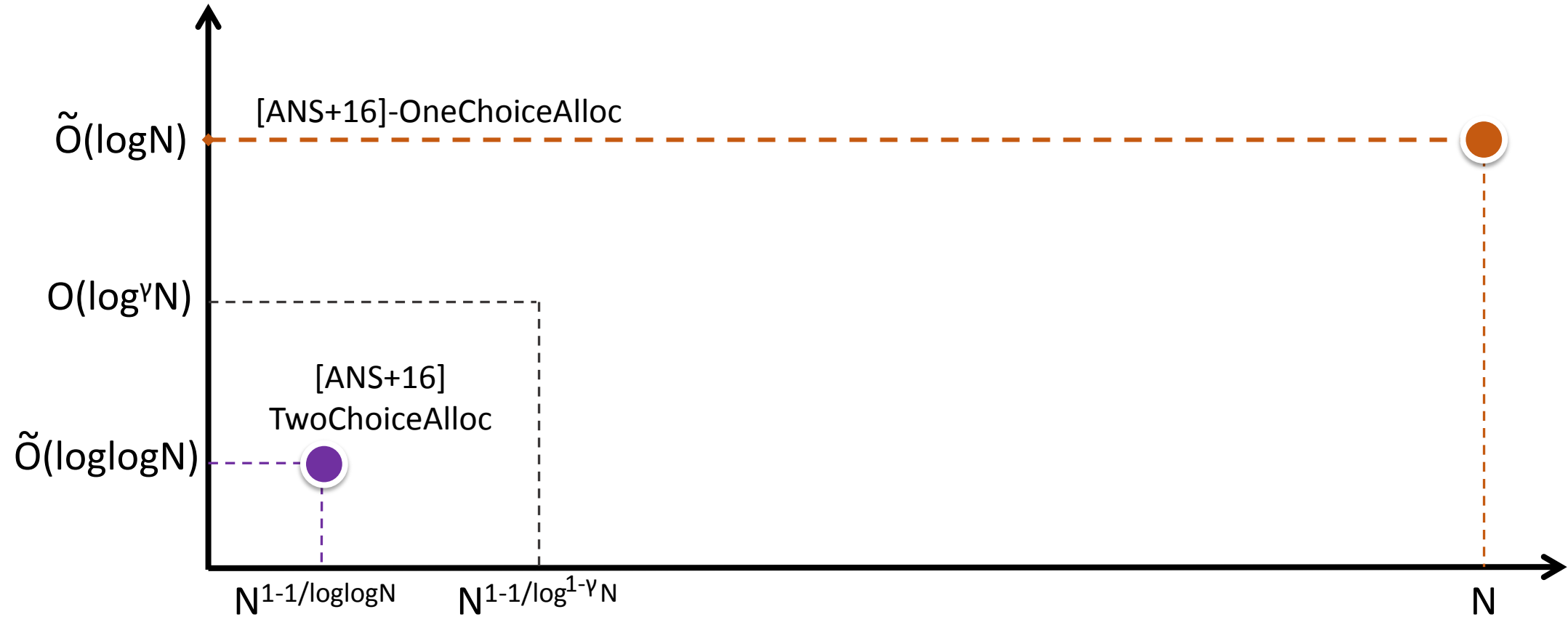


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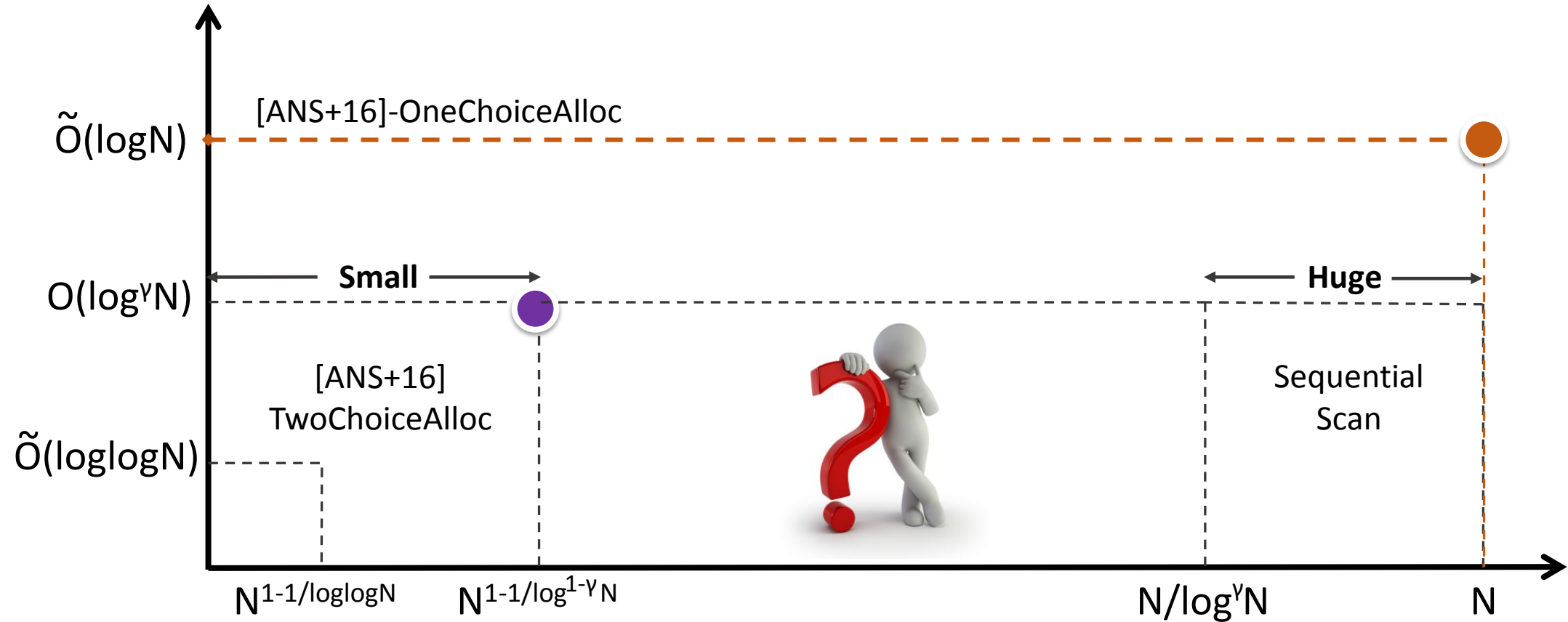


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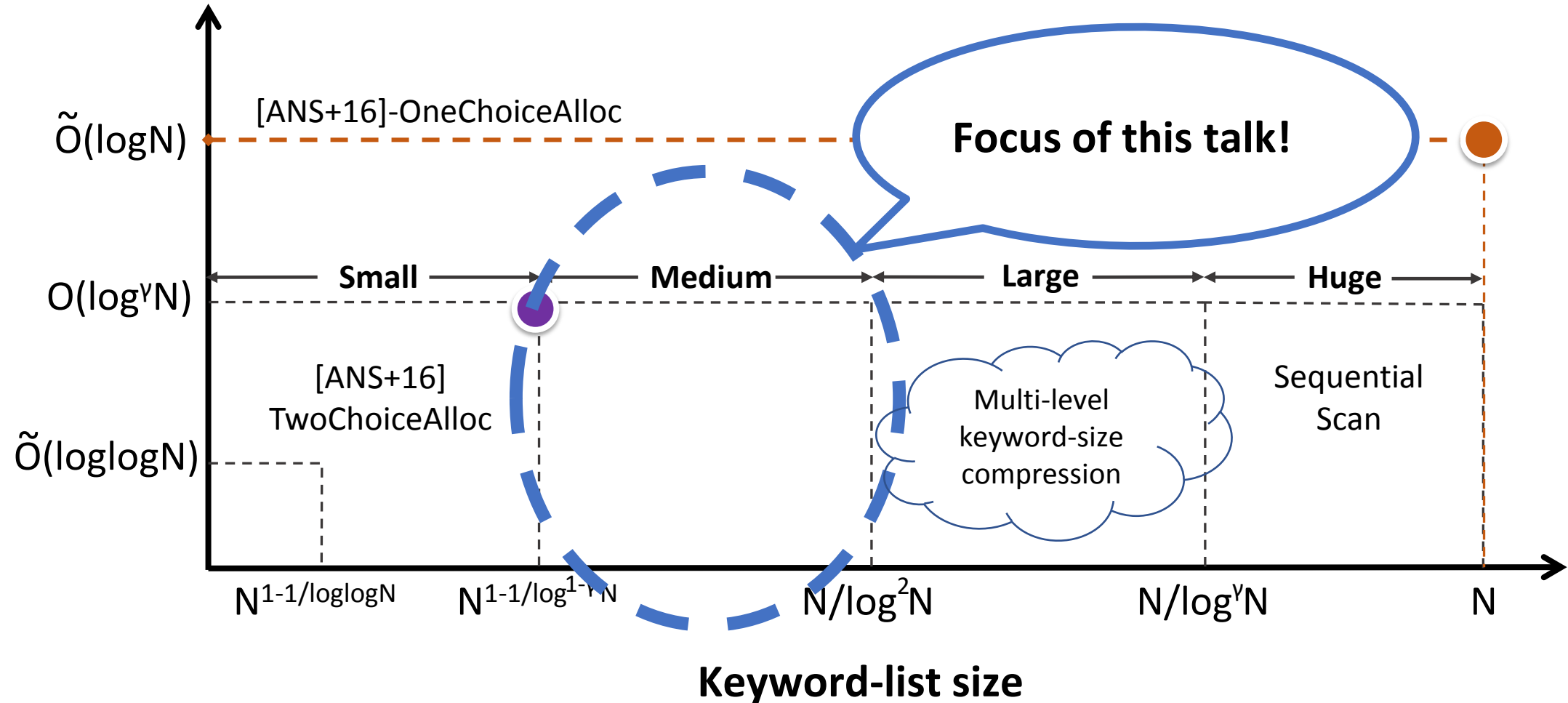


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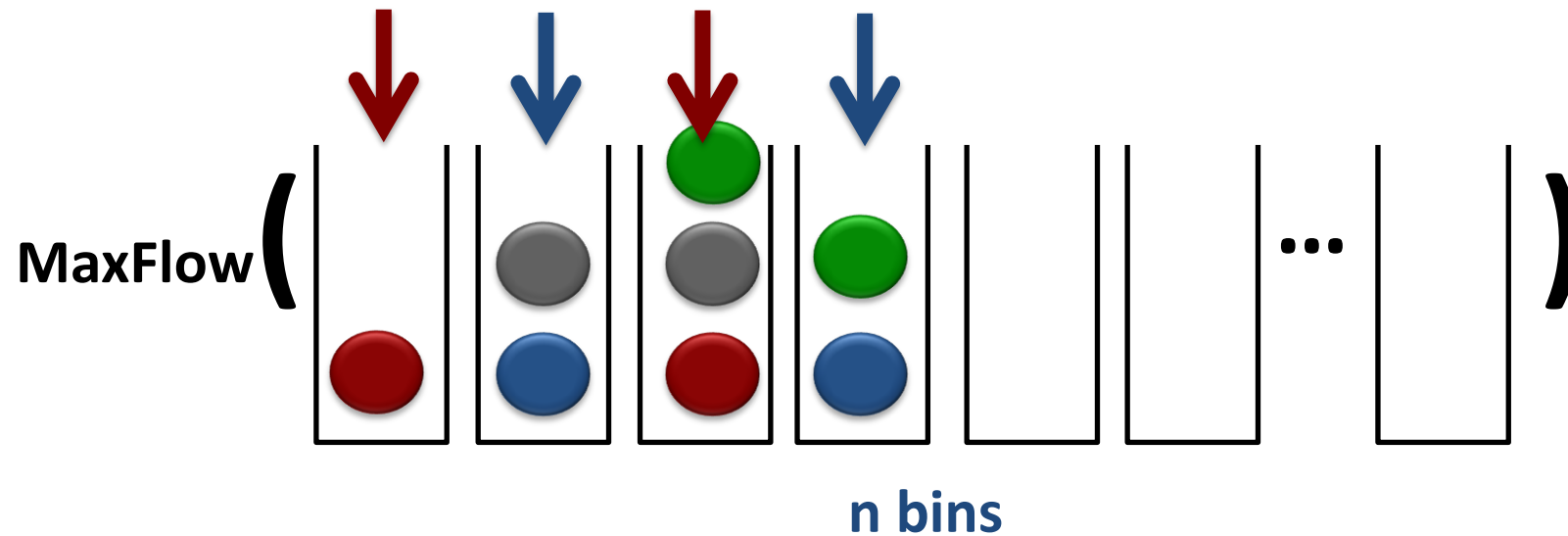
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## Read Efficiency



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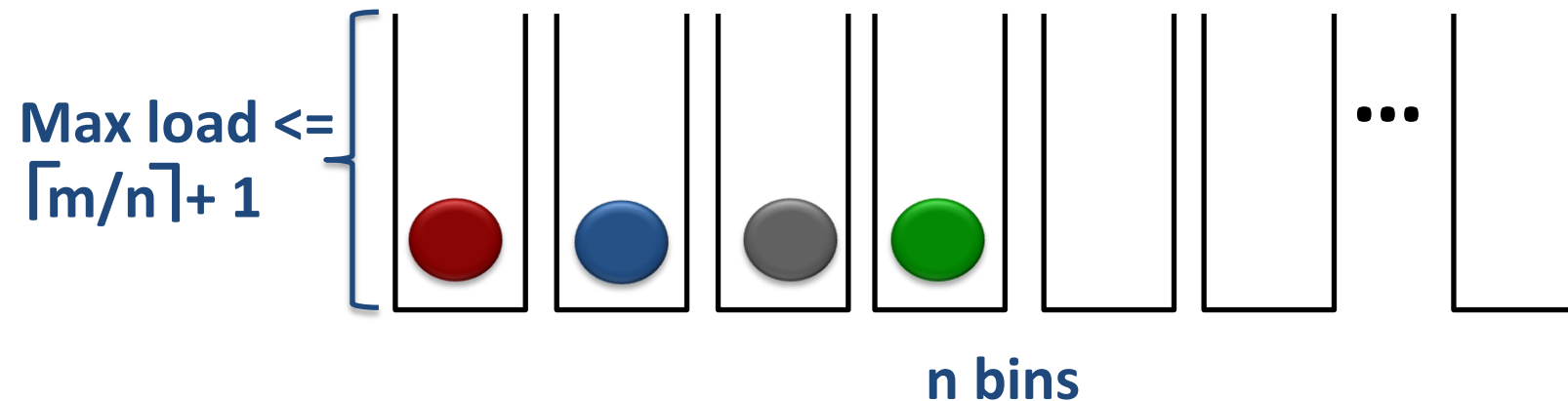


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**Key IDEA:** One OTA per size and then Merge!!

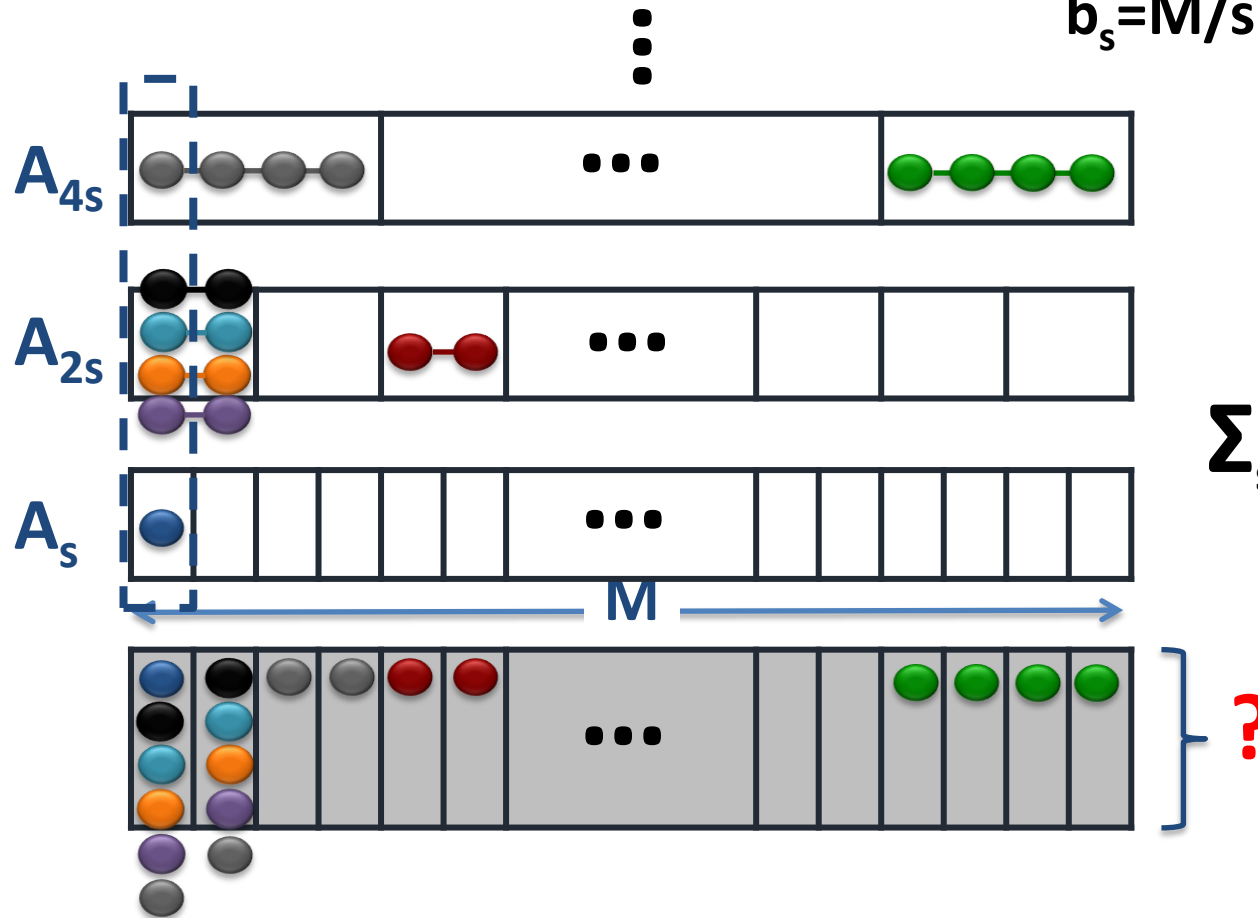
with probability at least  $1 - O(1/n)$



# Our Approach: OTA per size + Merge

$k_s$ : #keyword lists with size  $s$

$b_s = M/s$  (#superbuckets)



Overflow Probability =  $O(1/b_s)$

See Lemma 4 in our paper

$$\sum_s (\lceil k_s / b_s \rceil + 1) = O(N/M + \log^Y N)$$

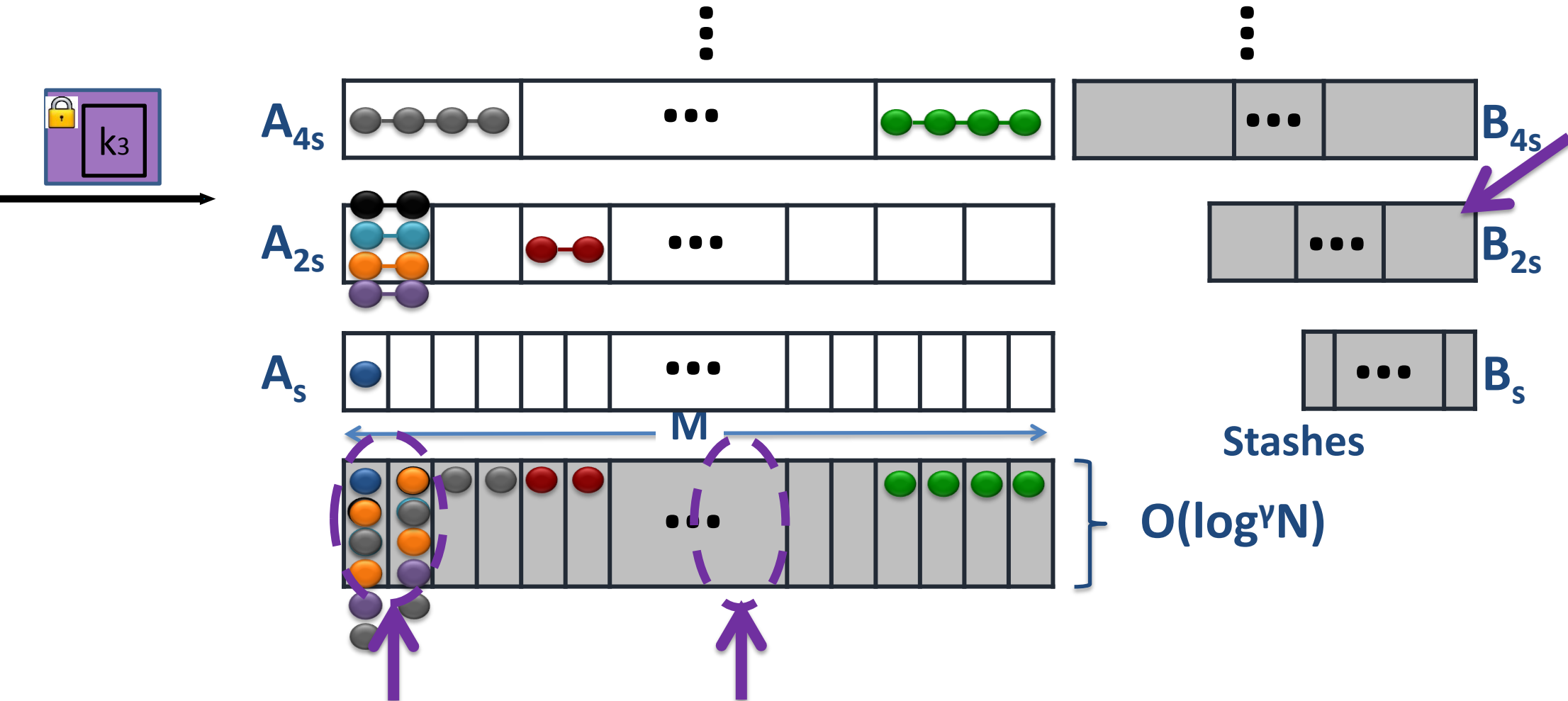
$$M = N / \log^Y N$$

$$= O(\log^Y N)$$

# Our Approach: ~~New analysis for OTAs~~ **New analysis for OTAs**



**\*\*Novel analysis for OTA\*\*** The probability that more than  $O(\log^2 N)$  lists of size  $s$  overflow **is negligible!** – see Lemma 5 in our paper

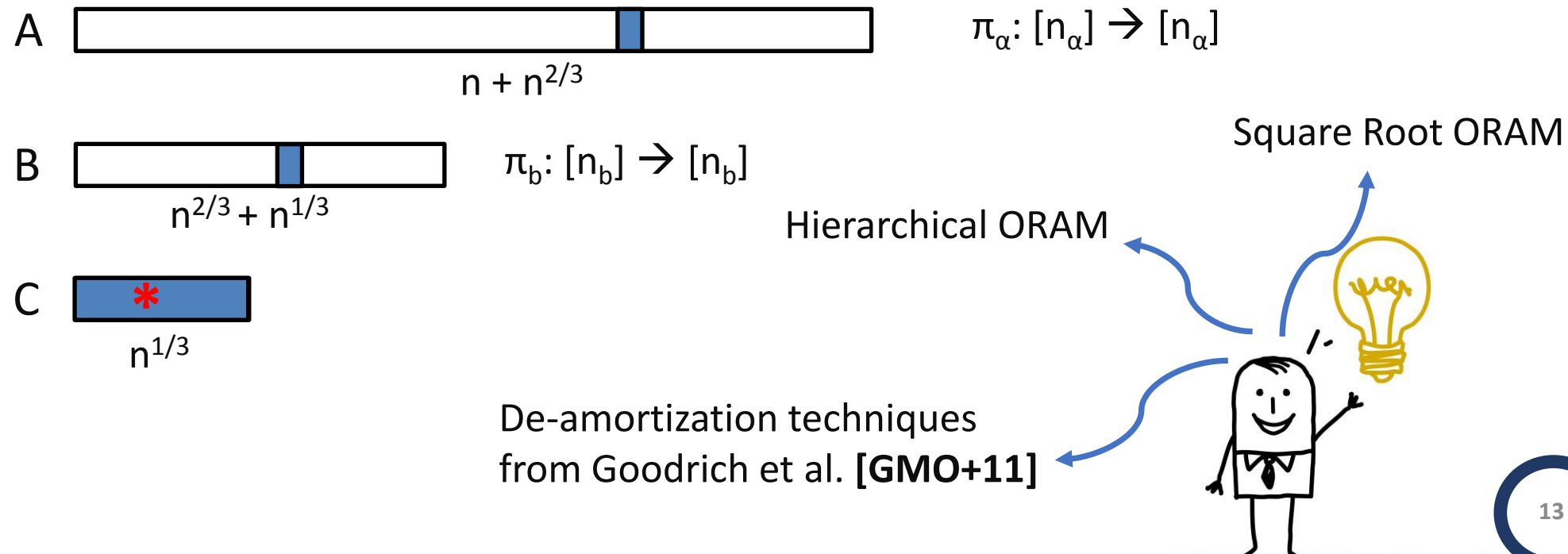


# Our Approach: New locality-aware ORAM

$O(n^{1/3} \log^2 n)$  Bandwidth and  $O(1)$  Locality

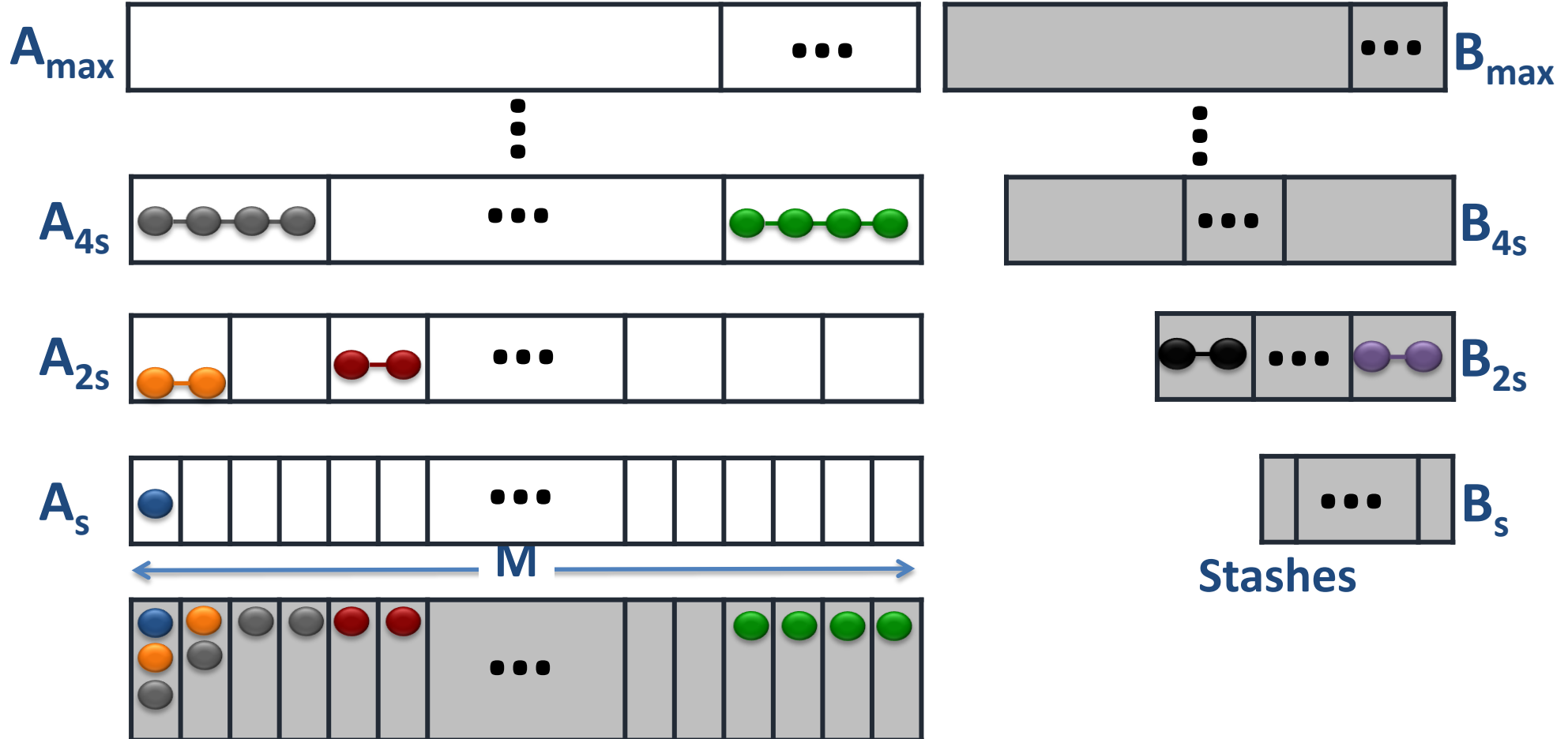
We need an ORAM with the following properties:

1.  **$O(1)$  locality**, existing ORAMs with polylogn bandwidth have  $\log n$  locality
2. **Zero failure probability**, since it will be applied on only  $\log^2 n$  elements
3.  **$o(\sqrt{n})$  bandwidth**, in order to achieve sublogarithmic read efficiency  $\rightarrow o(\sqrt{n} \log^2 n) = o(\log n)$

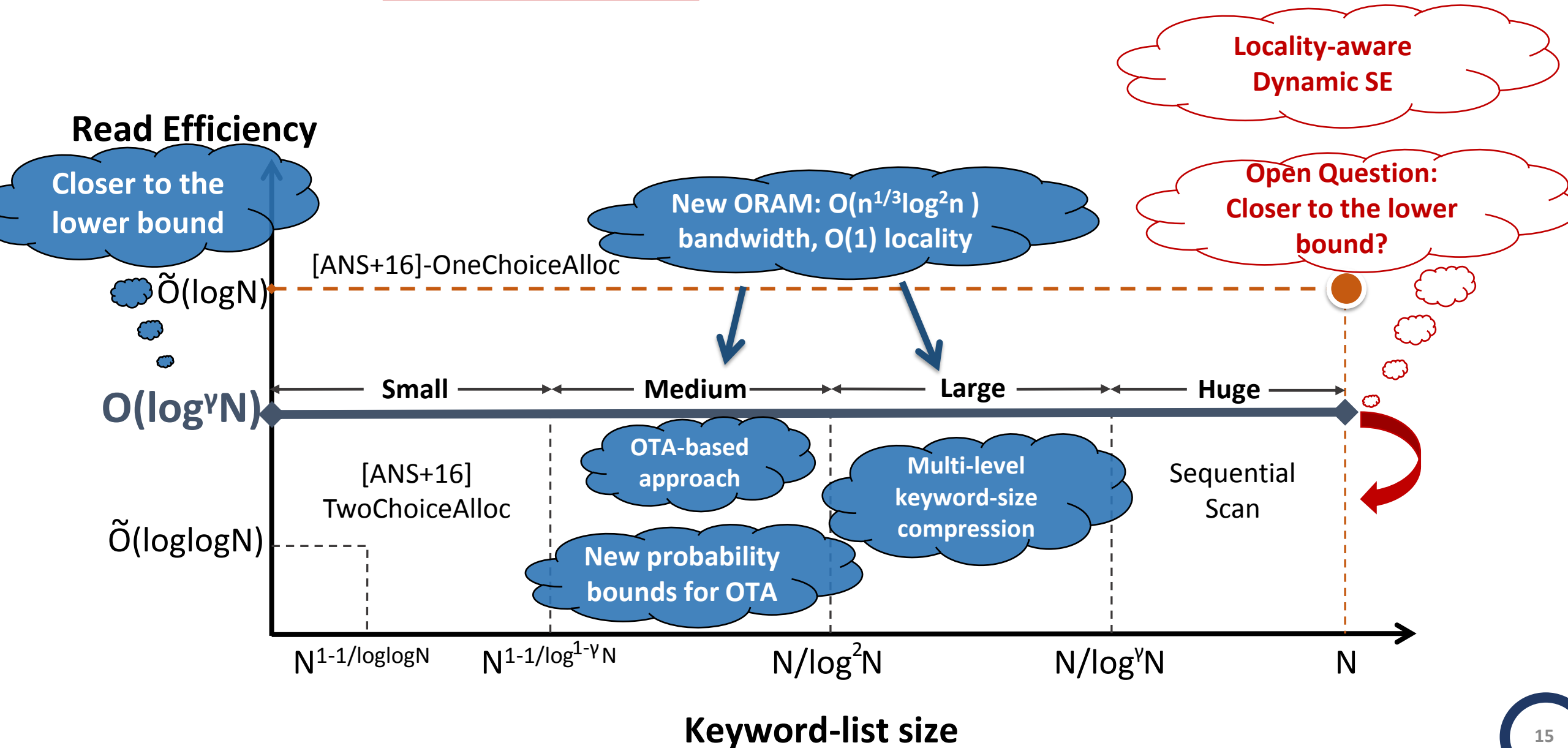


# Our Approach: OTA Stashes

**Important:**  $\max \leq N/\log^2 N$   
for maintaining  $O(N)$  index size

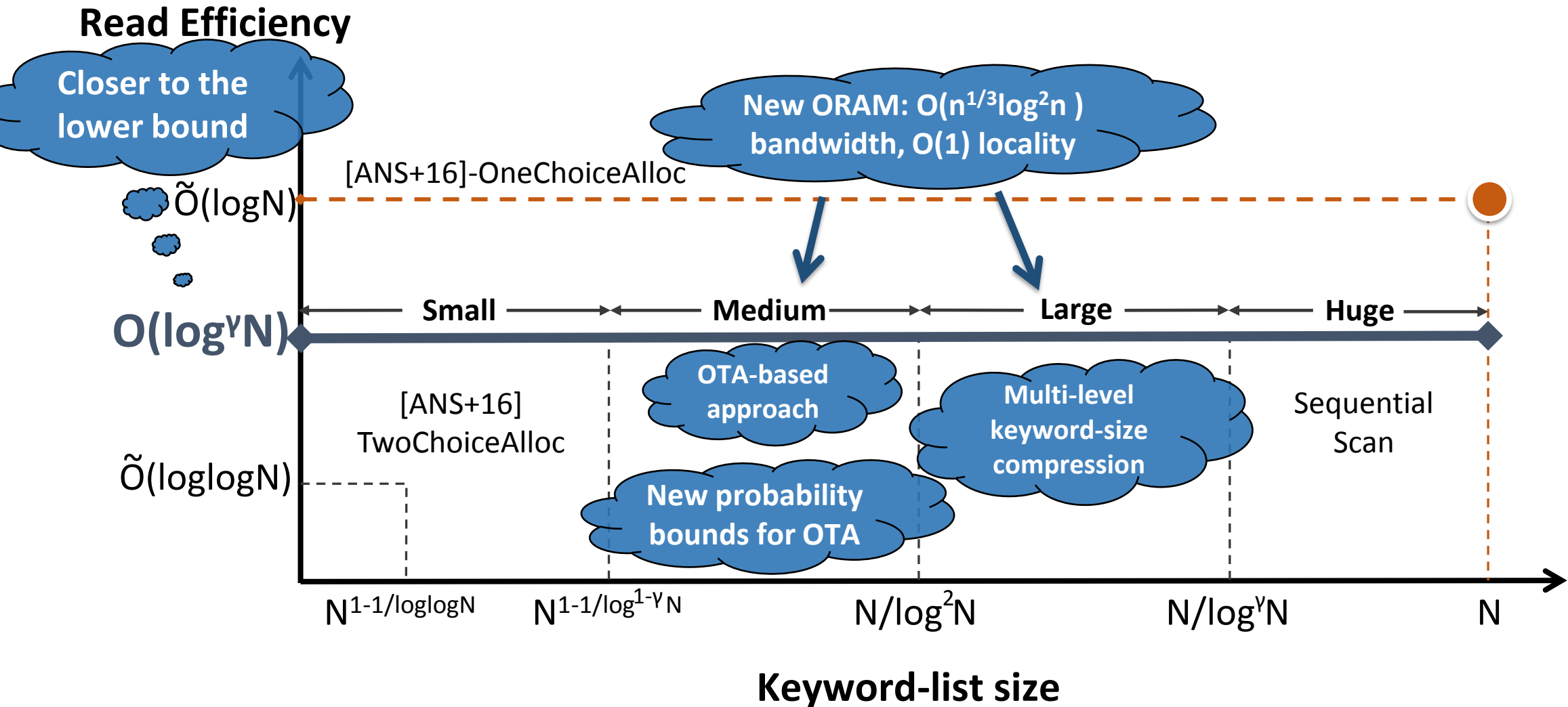


# Conclusion – Future Work?



# Thank You!

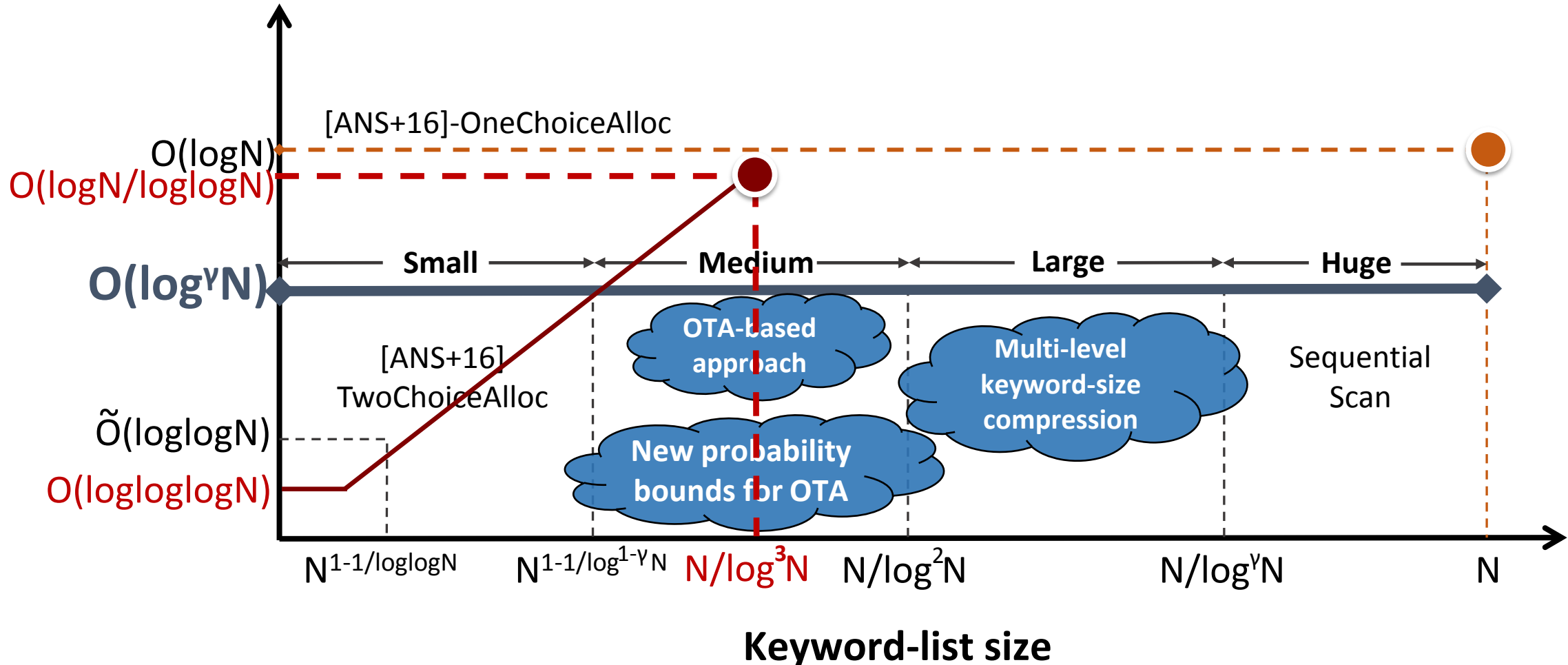
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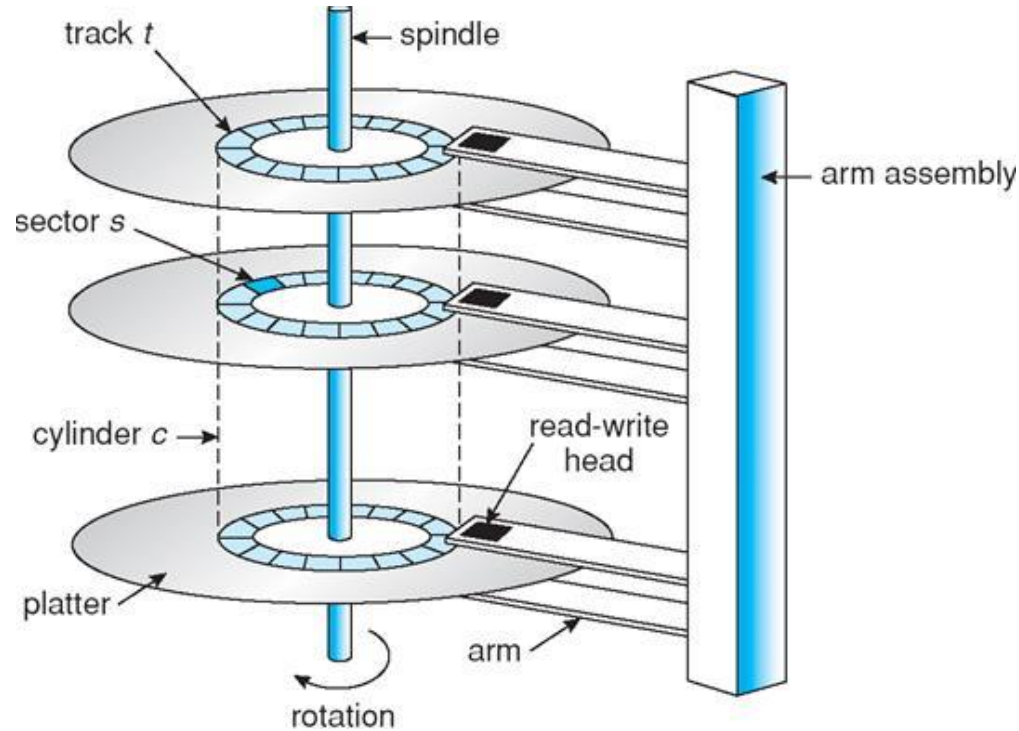
# [ASS18] in CRYPTO

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Read Efficiency



# Studying locality for HDD



Access Cost = (seek time) + (rotational delay) + (transfer time)

Random I/O Cost

**~4-12 ms**

Sequential I/O Cost

**~10  $\mu$ s for 1 byte**

# Studying locality for SDD

## Samsung 960 Pro M.2 NVMe SSD



	Read	Write	Locality
Sequential Transfer Page size = 2MB	2222.93 MB/sec	1786.72 MB/sec	High ↓ Low
Random Transfer Page size = 2MB	1339.76 MB/sec	1237.57 MB/sec	
Random Transfer Page size = 2KB	34.30 MB/sec	150.83 MB/sec	

More detailed analysis → [http://www.storagereview.com/samsung\\_960\\_pro\\_m2\\_nvme\\_ssd\\_review](http://www.storagereview.com/samsung_960_pro_m2_nvme_ssd_review)

# Studying locality for RAM

