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Cannot learn the secret We have considered info-theoretic security. This slide packet is about the comp-theoretic security.

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Secret is in *CAND*. $|CAND| = 2^{n-1} < 2^n$. So we have eliminated many strings from being the *s*.

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