# Efficient Algorithms for Shortest Partial Seeds in Words 

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Main drawback: $\Omega\left(n^{2}\right)$ algorithms.


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## Theorem (KPRRW; CPM'13)

The tree CST $(w)$ can be built in $\mathcal{O}(n \log n)$ time for any word w of length $n$.

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## Theorem

Given CST(w) both Partial Seeds and Limited
Length Partial Seeds can be solved in linear time.

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## Thank you for your attention!

