



# Practical Post-Quantum Public-Key Encryptions

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Motivation

# Contemporary Cryptography

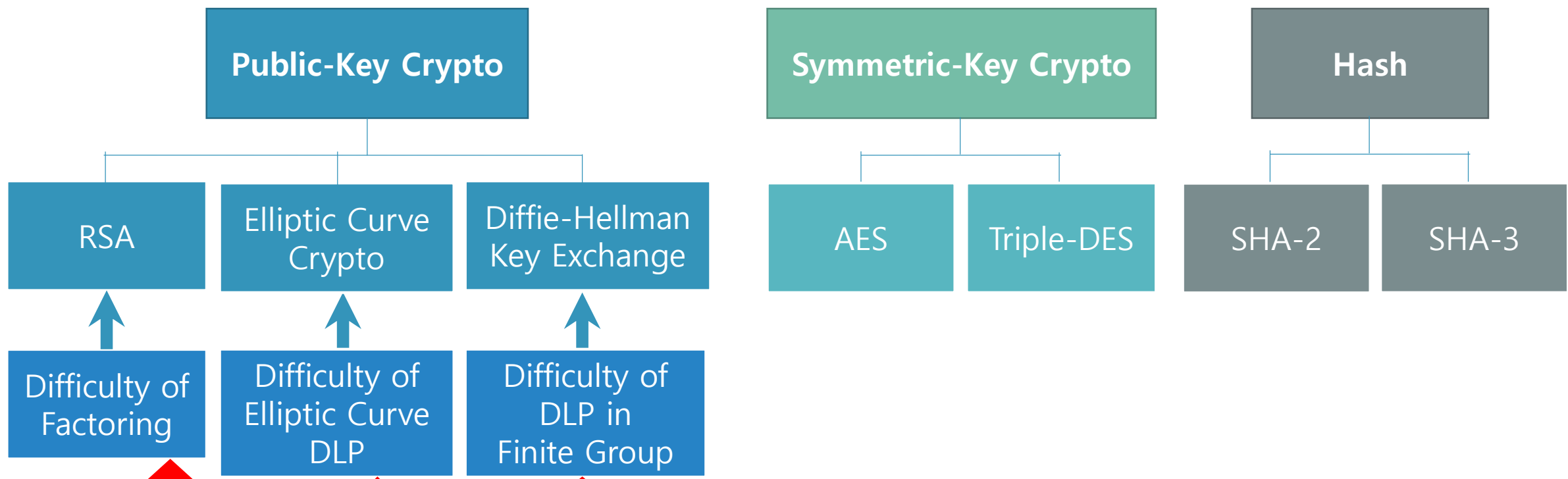
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Can be solved efficiently

Need Larger Keys

Need Longer Outputs

< Quantum Computing Era >

# Post-Quantum Cryptography

- NSA is transitioning to post-quantum crypto in the “not too distant” future; <http://www.iad.gov/iad/programs/iad-initiatives/cnsa-suite.cfm>



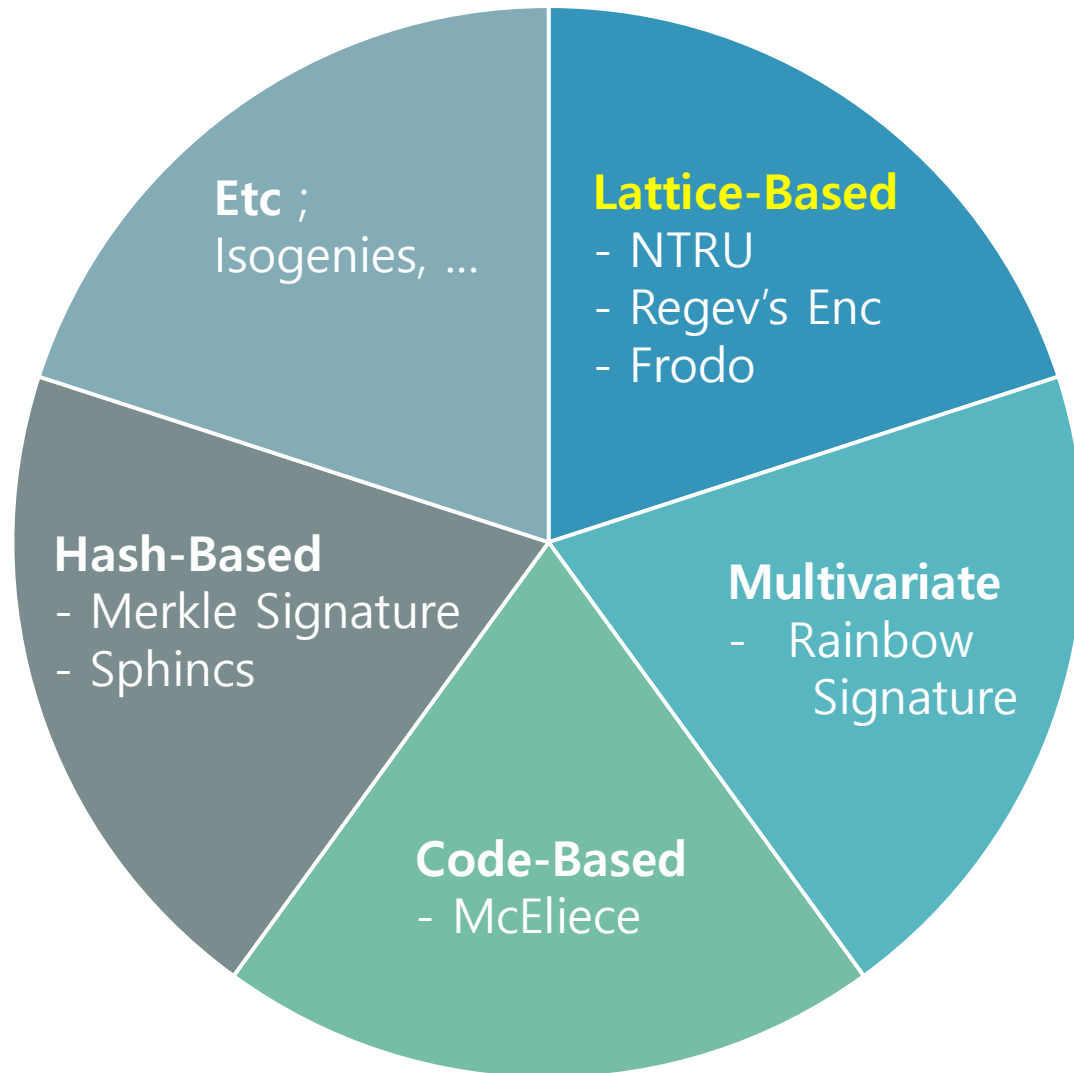
- NIST launched Post-Quantum Crypto Project on Aug. 2, 2016; <http://csrc.nist.gov/groups/ST/post-quantum-crypto>



- To standardize Post-Quantum public-key crypto : Encryption / Signature / Key Exchange
- Timeline

Fall 2016	Formal Call for Proposals
Nov 2017	Deadline for Submissions

# Post-Quantum Crypto



- **Lattice-based crypto gains**

**increasing attentions;**

- Security based on the NP-hard  
worst-case lattice problems
- Fast implementation
- Versatility in many applications: HE, IBE, ...

- **We focus on LWE-based Encryption**

# Learning with Errors (LWE) Problem

# Solving a linear equation system

• Q.

1	3	7
4	5	7
6	6	9
2	7	3
3	8	7
5	4	2
1	0	5
4	5	3

x <sub>1</sub>
x <sub>2</sub>
x <sub>3</sub>

=

7
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(mod 10)

➔

Find

x <sub>1</sub>
x <sub>2</sub>
x <sub>3</sub>

!

; Easy!

(We can solve it by using Gaussian elimination)

$$\mathbb{Z}_{10}^{8 \times 3}$$





# Learning with Errors Problem (LWE)

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(mod 10) →

Find

$x_1$
$x_2$
$x_3$

!

; Hard!

$\mathbb{Z}_{10}^{8 \times 3}$

↑  
 Small Error  
 (unknown)

# Decision-LWE Problem

- Q. Distinguish

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from a uniform random  
sample in  $\mathbb{Z}_{10}^{8 \times 4}$  !

; Hard!

# LWE-based Encryptions

# LWE + LHL [Reg05]

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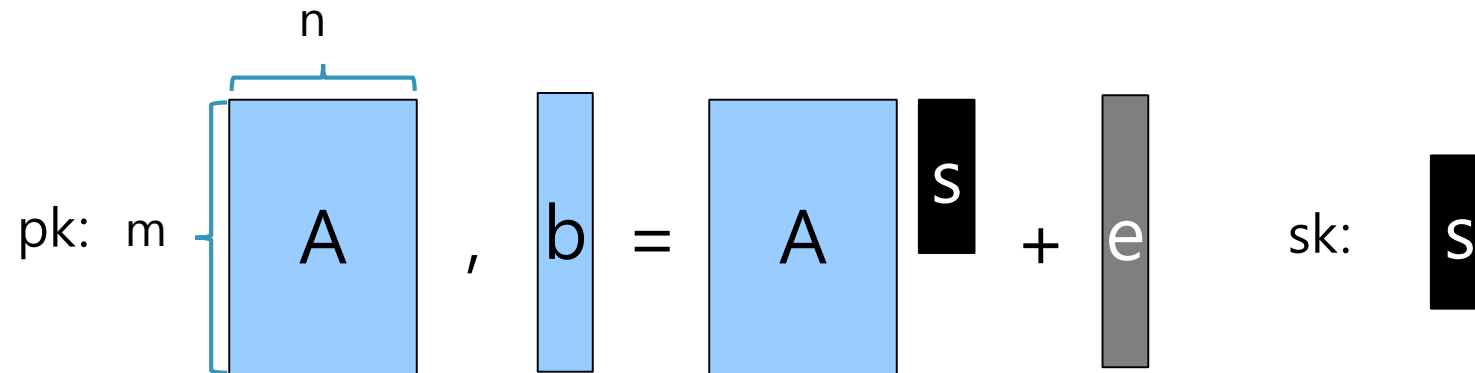
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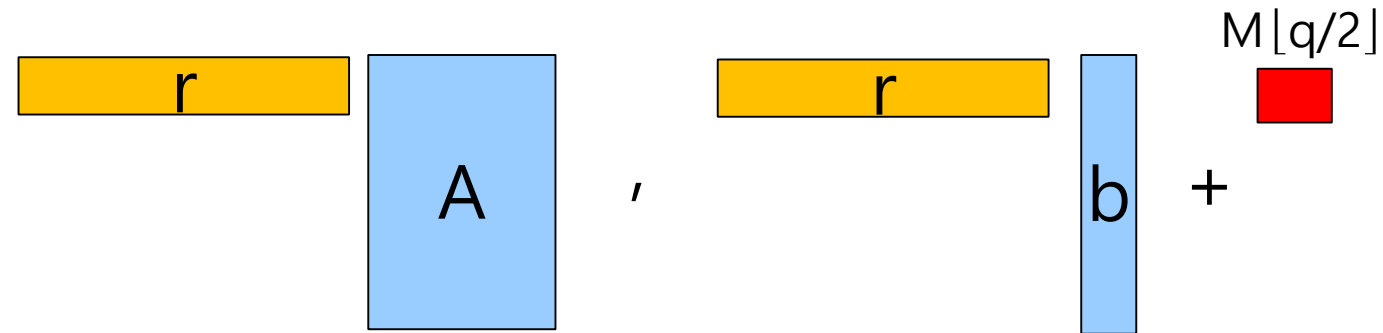
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KeyGen



Enc(M)



- Require a large  $m$  to randomize LWE samples in Encryption

➤ Leftover Hash Lemma

➤ Can We Reduce  $m$ ?

# LWE + LWE [LP11]

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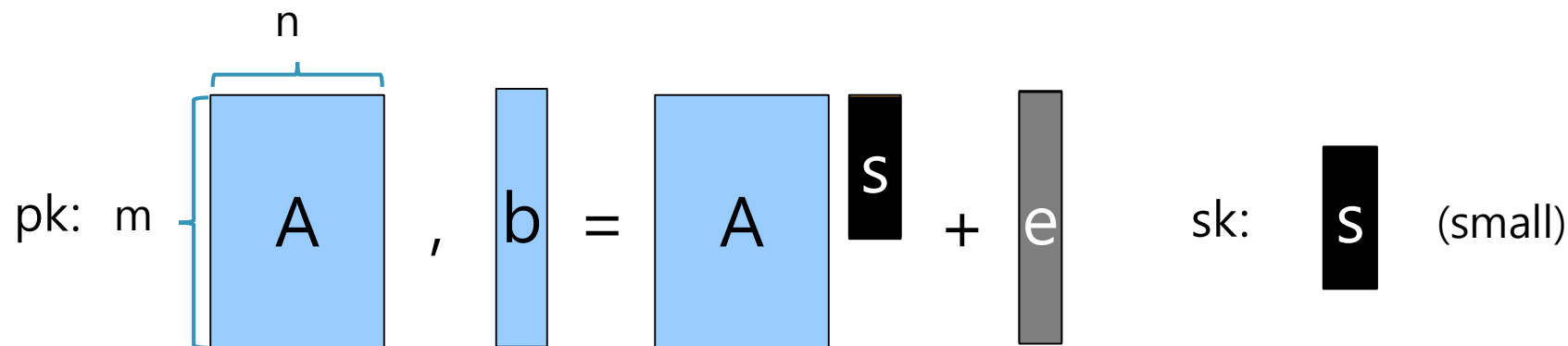
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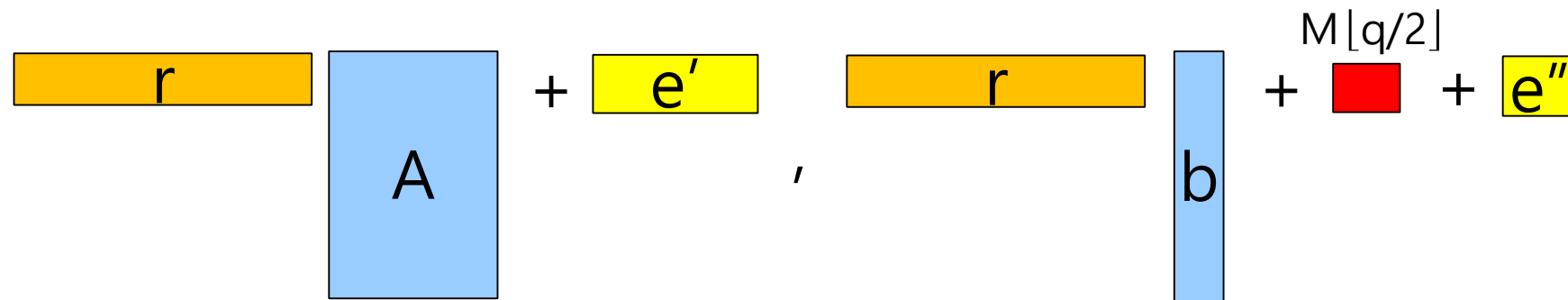
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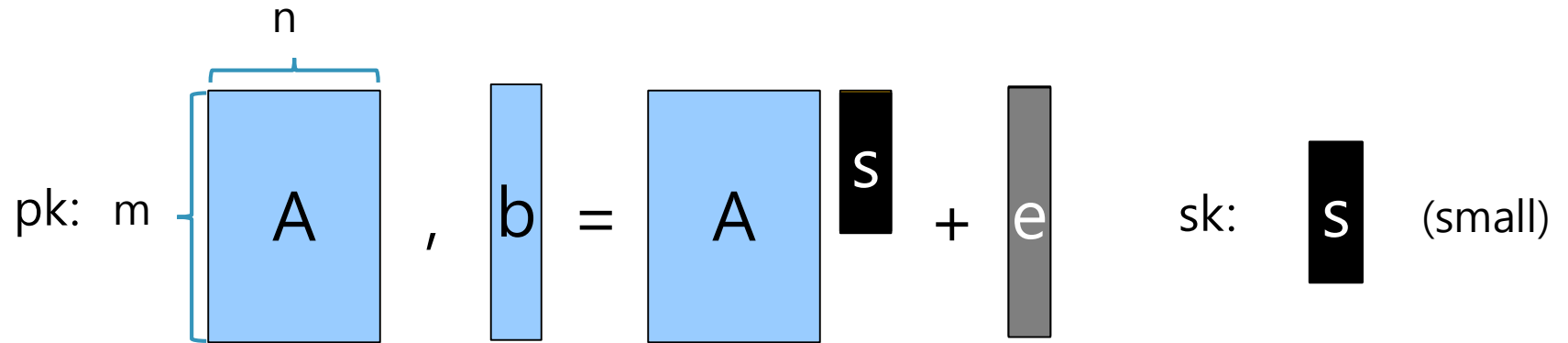
- Pros: smaller  $m$  by replacing LHL with LWE
- Cons: *Discrete Gaussian samplings*



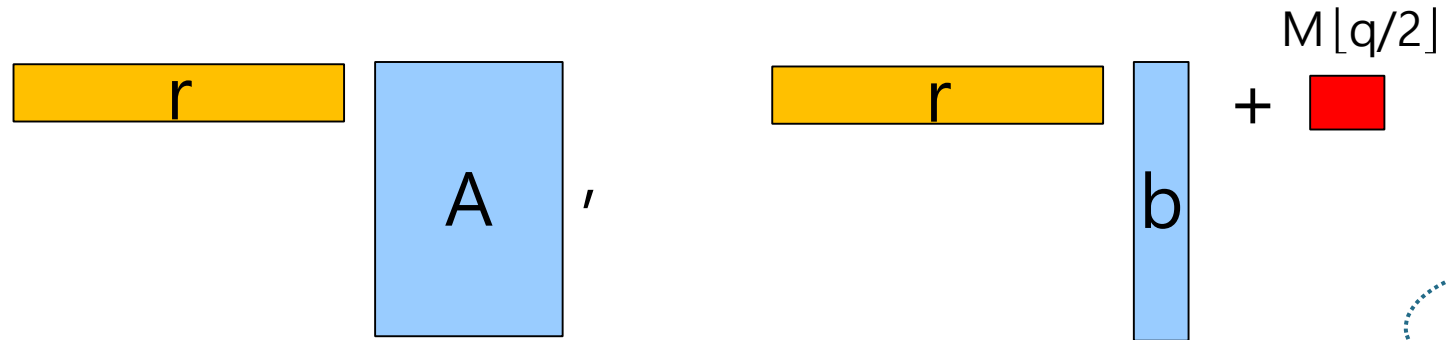
# LWE + LWR [CKLS16]

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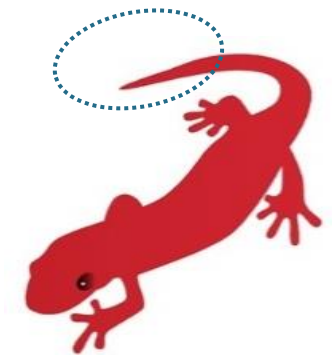
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$d = \text{Enc}^*(M)$



$c = \left\lfloor \frac{p}{q} \cdot d \right\rfloor$  (cf.  $d = \begin{bmatrix} 10110110 \\ 01101011 \\ 11010100 \\ \vdots \\ 01001001 \end{bmatrix}$   $\rightarrow$   $\begin{bmatrix} 10110110 \\ 01101011 \\ 11010100 \\ \vdots \\ 01001001 \end{bmatrix}$ , if  $p =$



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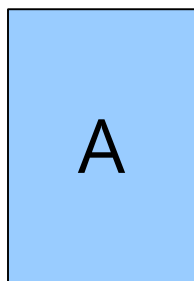
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$$\text{pk: } \begin{matrix} n \\ m \end{matrix} \left[ \begin{matrix} A \end{matrix} \right], \quad b = \begin{matrix} A \end{matrix} \begin{matrix} s \end{matrix} + \begin{matrix} e \end{matrix} \quad \text{sk: } \begin{matrix} s \end{matrix}$$

Setup Choose moduli  $q, p$ . Integers  $m, n$ .

$s$  Sampled from a small distribution, e.g. Binary (with small Hamming weight), Gaussian



Uniformly sampled from  $Z_q^{m \times n}$



Sampled from Gaussian distribution

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$$\text{pk: } \begin{matrix} n \\ m \end{matrix} \left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ | \\ \text{---} \\ \text{A} \\ \text{---} \\ | \\ \text{---} \end{array} \right], \quad \begin{matrix} b \\ \text{---} \\ | \\ \text{---} \end{matrix} = \begin{matrix} \text{---} \\ | \\ \text{---} \\ \text{A} \\ \text{---} \\ | \\ \text{---} \end{matrix} \begin{matrix} \text{---} \\ | \\ \text{---} \\ \mathbf{s} \\ \text{---} \\ | \\ \text{---} \end{matrix} + \begin{matrix} \text{---} \\ | \\ \text{---} \\ \mathbf{e} \\ \text{---} \\ | \\ \text{---} \end{matrix} \quad \text{sk: } \begin{matrix} \text{---} \\ | \\ \text{---} \\ \mathbf{s} \\ \text{---} \\ | \\ \text{---} \end{matrix}$$

$$\mathbf{r}$$

Sampled from a small distribution,  
e.g. Binary (with small Hamming weight), Gaussian

$$\mathbf{d}^t$$

$$\left( \mathbf{a}' = \begin{matrix} \text{---} \\ | \\ \text{---} \\ \mathbf{r} \\ \text{---} \\ | \\ \text{---} \end{matrix} \begin{matrix} \text{---} \\ | \\ \text{---} \\ \text{A} \\ \text{---} \\ | \\ \text{---} \end{matrix}, \quad \mathbf{b}' = \begin{matrix} \text{---} \\ | \\ \text{---} \\ \mathbf{r} \\ \text{---} \\ | \\ \text{---} \end{matrix} \begin{matrix} \text{---} \\ | \\ \text{---} \\ \mathbf{b} \\ \text{---} \\ | \\ \text{---} \end{matrix} + \begin{matrix} \text{---} \\ | \\ \text{---} \\ \mathbf{M} \lfloor q/2 \rfloor \\ \text{---} \\ | \\ \text{---} \end{matrix} \right)$$

$$\mathbf{d} = (\mathbf{a}', \mathbf{b}') \Rightarrow \mathbf{b}' \approx \langle \mathbf{a}', \mathbf{s} \rangle + M(q/2) \pmod{q}$$



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pk:  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$ ,  $b = A \cdot s + e$  sk:  $s$  (small)

$d^t$  )  $(a' = r \cdot A, b' = r \cdot b + M \lfloor q/2 \rfloor)$

$c = \left\lfloor \frac{p}{q} \cdot d \right\rfloor$  (cf.  $d = \begin{bmatrix} 10110110 \\ 01101011 \\ 11010100 \\ \vdots \\ 01001001 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 10110110 \\ 01101011 \\ 11010100 \\ \vdots \\ 01001001 \end{bmatrix}$ , if  $p = 2^7, q = 2^9$ .)

$c = (a, b) \Rightarrow b \approx \langle a', s \rangle + M(p/2) \pmod{p}$

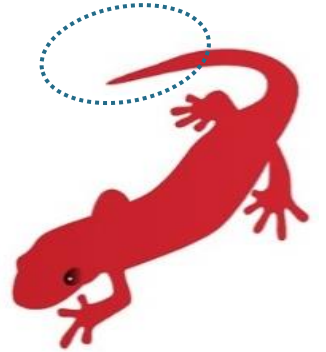
# Learning with Rounding (LWR) Problem

- **Surprisingly**, it is secure under LWR assumption
- LWR: Distinguish any  $m$  pairs of type

$$\left( \overbrace{a_i}^n, b_i \right) = \left[ \frac{p}{q} a_i \parallel s \right] \in \mathbb{Z}_q^n \times \mathbb{Z}_p \text{ from uniform}$$

Discard the least significant bits of  $\langle a_i, s \rangle$   
instead of adding small errors

- **Have reduction from LWE:**  $q$  is large or  **$m$  is small**



# The Hardness of LWR Problem

( $q$ : LWR modulus,  $p$ : rounding modulus,  $n$ : LWR dimension.)

- Before 2016, security reduction only when the modulus is somewhat large.
  - Banerjee, Peikert, Rosen [BPR12] introduced LWR, and showed  $LWR \geq LWE$  when  $q$  is sufficiently large. ( $q \geq p \cdot B \cdot n^{\omega(1)}$ ,  $B$ : LWE noise support bound)
  - Alwen et al. [AKPW13] showed  $LWR \geq LWE$  when the modulus and modulus-to-error ratio are super-poly.
- Bogdanov et al. [BGM+16] in TCC 2016 showed  $LWR \geq LWE$  when the number of samples is no larger than  $O(q/Bp)$ . ( $B$ : LWE noise support bound)
- Cryptanalytic hardness against best known lattice attacks:  $LWR = LWE$  when the variance of LWE noise is  $12q^2/p^2$ . (size of noise vectors are the same)

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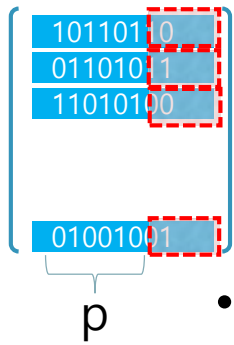
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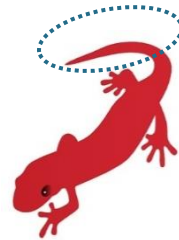
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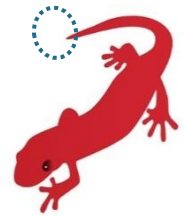
# Caution! - How many LSBs can be discarded?

• **(Correctness)** If we cut a large proportion;



, the correctness will not hold. ☹️

• **(Security)** We can not remove noise addition ☹️ if we cut very small;



→ Since **the number of samples of LWR** in the Enc procedure is restricted to be **small**, we can choose a proper rounding modulus "p" to satisfy both security and correctness. 😊

<Bogdanov et al.> If the # of samples(m) is no larger than  $O(q/Bp)$ , we cannot distinguish either one from uniform;

$$\left( m \left[ \underbrace{A}_{n}, \left[ \frac{p}{q} \cdot (A \mathbf{s} + \mathbf{e}) \right] \right] \right) \leftrightarrow \left( m \left[ \underbrace{A}_{n}, \left[ \frac{p}{q} \cdot A \mathbf{s} \right] \right] \right)$$

# Advantage of LWR assumption

pk:  $A, b = A \cdot s + e$      sk = (-s, 1)

LP11.Enc(M)  $\left( r, A \cdot r + e_1, \left\lfloor \frac{r \cdot b}{M} \right\rfloor + e_2 \right)$       $Var(e_i) = \sigma^2$

Lizard.Enc(M)  $\left[ \frac{p}{q} \cdot \left( r, A \cdot r + e_1, \left\lfloor \frac{r \cdot b}{M} \right\rfloor + e_2 \right) \right]$      Rounding error  $(e_1, e_2)$ :  
 (uniform over  $[\pm q/2p]$ )  
 Variance  $\sigma^2 = q^2/12p^2$

Encryption noise:  $\langle r, e \rangle + \langle (e_1, e_2), sk \rangle$

Set the parameter  $\sigma^2 = q^2/12p^2$ : *Preserve cryptanalytic hardness*  $LWE(m, q, \sigma) = LWR(m, q, p)$  and functionality (encryption noise)

- **Smaller CTXT**
- **No Gaussian sampling in Encryption**

# Performance of IND-CPA scheme

- Enc/Dec speeds; encrypting 256 bits with 128-bit post-quantum security

Scheme	Enc	Dec
RSA-3072	0.035 (116,894)	2.673 (8,776,864)
NTRU EES593EP1	0.024 (80,558)	0.025 (82,078)
Our Scheme	0.024 (80,558)	0.020 (62,813)

**[Table]** Performance of our Enc/Dec procedures in milliseconds (nb of cycles)

- Our scheme: measured on a PC with Intel dual-core i5 running at 2.6 GHz w/o parallelization.
- RSA, NTRU: measured on a PC with Intel quad-core i5-6600 running at 3.3 GHz processor, drawn from ECRYPT Benchmarking of Crypto Systems.
- RSA does not achieve post-quantum security.

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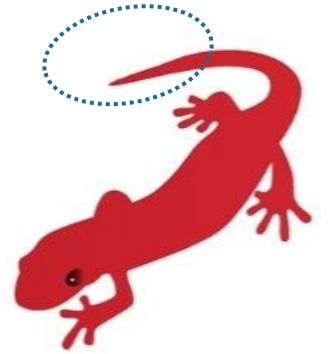
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Result

# Security



- **Asymptotic hardness;**

- LWE with small secrets (e.g. Discrete Gaussian, Binary, Sparse binary)
- Thanks to reduction from LWE to LWR

- **Concrete hardness;**

- Follow the framework of Frodo / NewHope in parameter selection
- Extension to LWR problem (OLA)
- Current Combinatorial Attack on Sparse Secret LWE [Alb17]

- **Quantum Security;**

- IND-CCA in Quantum ROM using modified FO conversion [TU16] → Optimal?

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# Questions?

Any comments,  
Implementation tips,  
applications,  
and even attacks would be appreciated!



Thank You !

