

Post-quantum key exchange for the Internet and the Open Quantum Safe project

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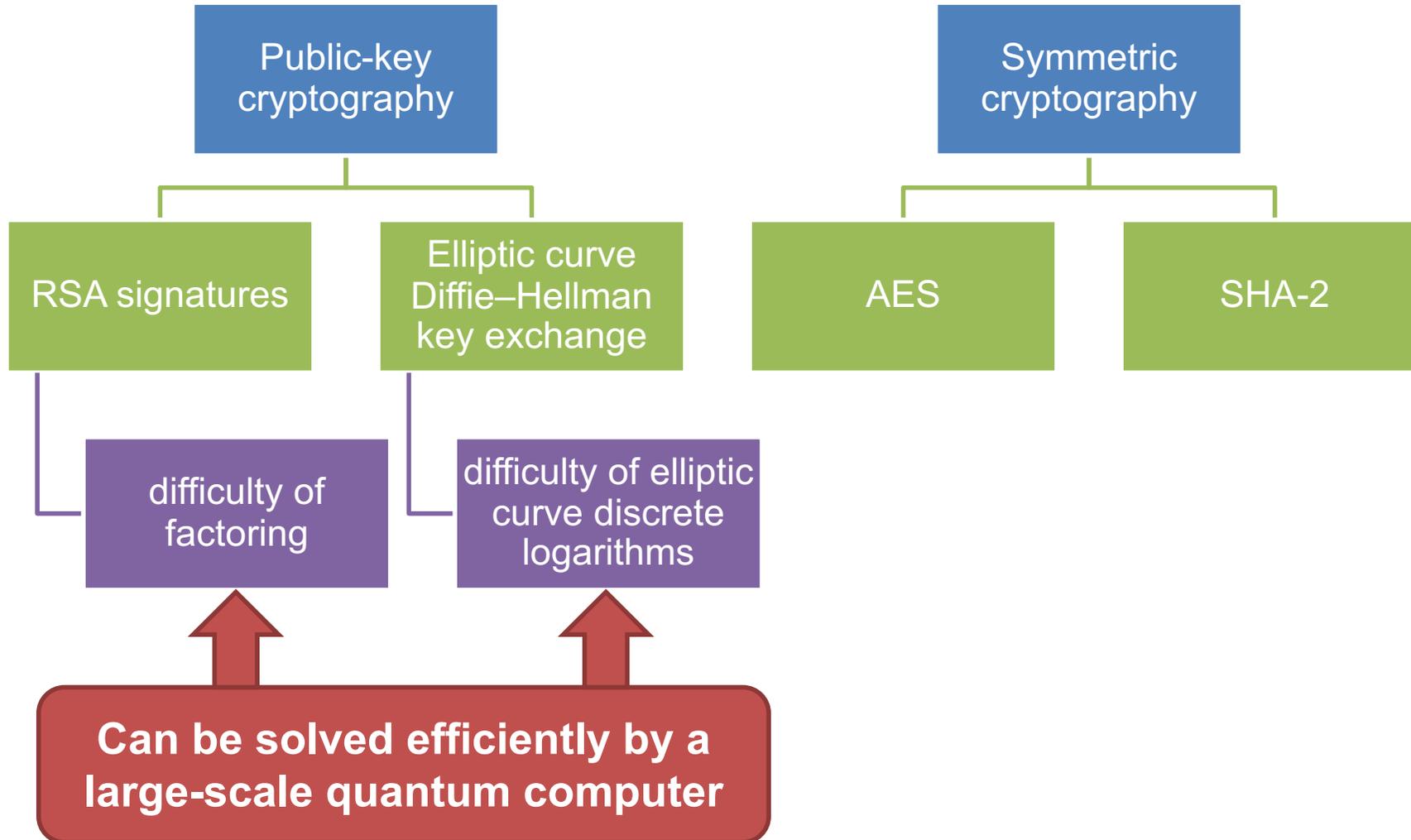
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Motivation

Contemporary cryptography

TLS-ECDHE-RSA-AES128-GCM-SHA256



When will a large-scale quantum computer be built?

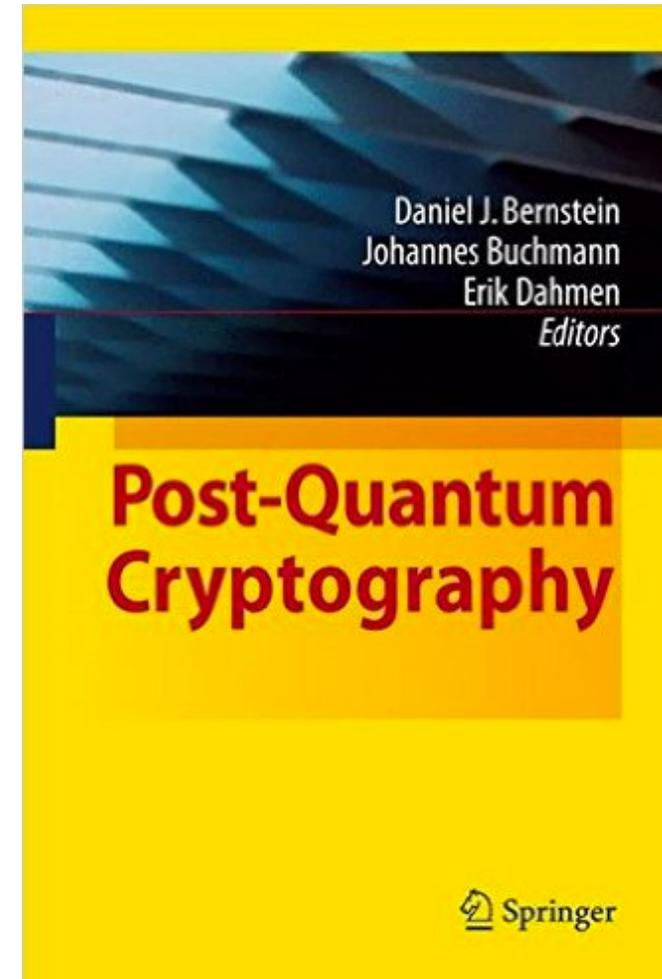
“I estimate a $1/7$ chance of breaking RSA-2048 by 2026 and a $1/2$ chance by 2031.”

— Michele Mosca, November 2015
<https://eprint.iacr.org/2015/1075>

Post-quantum cryptography in academia

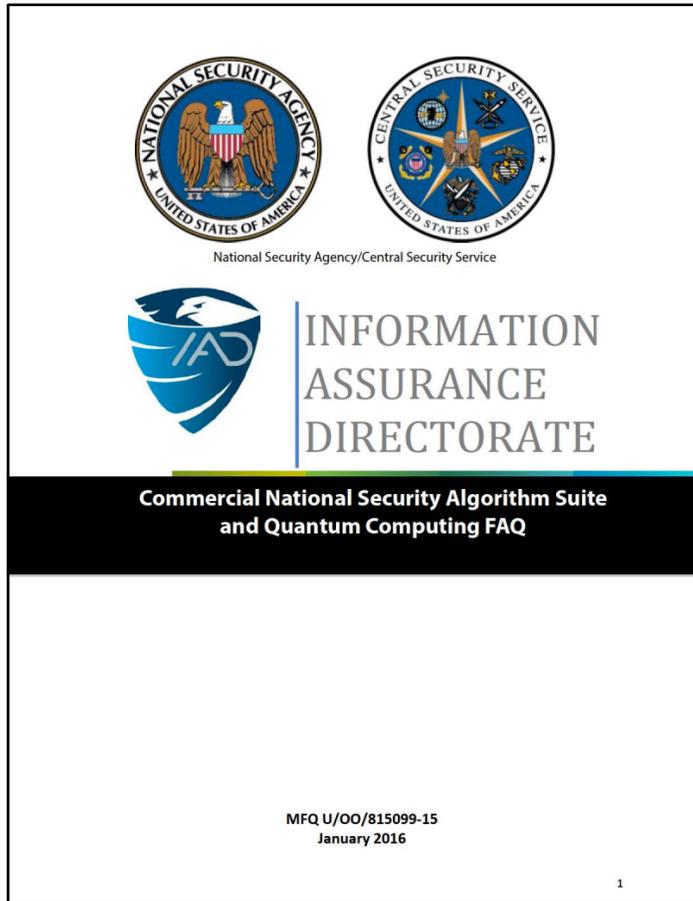
Conference series

- PQCrypto 2006
- PQCrypto 2008
- PQCrypto 2010
- PQCrypto 2011
- PQCrypto 2013
- PQCrypto 2014
- PQCrypto 2016



2009

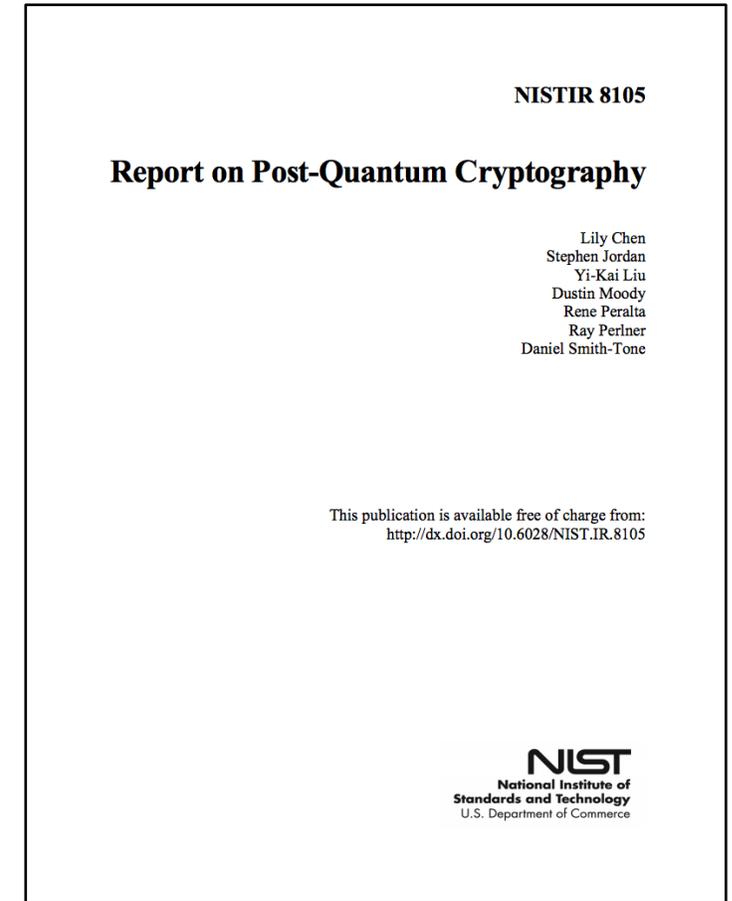
Post-quantum cryptography in government



Aug. 2015 (Jan. 2016)

“IAD will initiate a transition to quantum resistant algorithms in the not too distant future.”

– NSA Information Assurance Directorate, Aug. 2015



Apr. 2016

NIST Post-quantum Crypto Project timeline

September, 2016	Feedback on call for proposals
Fall 2016	Formal call for proposals
November 2017	Deadline for submissions
Early 2018	Workshop – submitters' presentations
3-5 years	Analysis phase
2 years later	Draft standards ready

<http://www.nist.gov/pqcrypto>

Post-quantum / quantum-safe crypto

No known exponential quantum speedup

Hash-based

- Merkle signatures
- Sphincs

Code-based

- McEliece

Multivariate

- multivariate quadratic

Lattice-based

- NTRU
- learning with errors
- ring-LWE

Isogenies

- supersingular elliptic curve isogenies

Lots of questions

- Design better post-quantum key exchange and signature schemes
- Improve classical and quantum attacks
- Pick parameter sizes
- Develop fast, secure implementations
- Integrate them into the existing infrastructure

This talk

- Two key exchange protocols from lattice-based problems
 - BCNS15: key exchange from the ring learning with errors problem
 - Frodo: key exchange from the learning with errors problem
- Open Quantum Safe project
 - A library for comparing post-quantum primitives
 - Framework for easing integration into applications like OpenSSL

Why key exchange?

Premise: large-scale quantum computers don't exist right now, but we want to protect today's communications against tomorrow's adversary.

- Signatures still done with traditional primitives (RSA/ECDSA)
 - we only need authentication to be secure *now*
 - benefit: use existing RSA-based PKI
- Key agreement done with ring-LWE, LWE, ...
 - Also consider “hybrid” ciphersuites that use post-quantum and traditional elliptic curve

Learning with errors problems

Solving systems of linear equations

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Linear system problem: given **blue**, find **red**

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Easily solved using
 Gaussian elimination
 (Linear Algebra 101)

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Learning with errors problem

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secret $\mathbb{Z}_{13}^{4 \times 1}$

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small noise $\mathbb{Z}_{13}^{7 \times 1}$

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Computational LWE problem: given **blue**, find **red**

Ring learning with errors problem

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Each row is the cyclic shift of the row above

Ring learning with errors problem

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with a special wrapping rule:
 x wraps to $-x \pmod{13}$.

Ring learning with errors problem

random

$$\mathbb{Z}_{13}^{7 \times 4}$$

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Each row is the cyclic shift of the row above

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with a special wrapping rule:
 x wraps to $-x \pmod{13}$.

So I only need to tell you the first row.

Ring learning with errors problem

$$\mathbb{Z}_{13}[x]/\langle x^4 + 1 \rangle$$

$$4 + 1x + 11x^2 + 10x^3$$

random

×

$$6 + 9x + 11x^2 + 11x^3$$

secret

+

$$0 - 1x + 1x^2 + 1x^3$$

small noise

=

$$10 + 5x + 10x^2 + 7x^3$$

Ring learning with errors problem

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Computational ring-LWE problem: given blue, find red

Decision ring learning with errors problem

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$$\text{secret}$$

secret

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$$\text{small noise}$$

small noise

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$$10 + 5x + 10x^2 + 7x^3$$

looks random

Decision ring-LWE problem: given **blue**, distinguish **green** from random

Decision ring learning with errors problem with small secrets

$$\mathbb{Z}_{13}[x]/\langle x^4 + 1 \rangle$$

	$4 + 1x + 11x^2 + 10x^3$	random
×	$1 + 0x - 1x^2 + 2x^3$	<div style="border: 2px solid red; border-radius: 50%; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">small secret</div>
+		small noise
=	$10 + 5x + 10x^2 + 7x^3$	looks random

Decision ring-LWE problem: given **blue**, distinguish **green** from random

Problems

Computational
LWE problem

Decision
LWE problem

with or without
short secrets

Computational
ring-LWE problem

Decision
ring-LWE problem

Key agreement from ring-LWE

Bos, Costello, Naehrig, Stebila.

Post-quantum key exchange for the TLS protocol from the ring learning with errors problem.

IEEE Symposium on Security & Privacy (S&P) 2015.

<https://www.douglas.stebila.ca/research/papers/SP-BCNS15/>

Decision ring learning with errors problem with short secrets

Definition. Let n be a power of 2, q be a prime, and $R_q = \mathbb{Z}_q[X]/(X^n + 1)$ be the ring of polynomials in X with integer coefficients modulo q and polynomial reduction modulo $X^n + 1$. Let χ be a distribution over R_q .

Let $s \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} \chi$.

Define:

- $O_{\chi,s}$: Sample $a \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} \mathcal{U}(R_q)$, $e \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} \chi$; return $(a, as + e)$.
- U : Sample $(a, b') \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} \mathcal{U}(R_q \times R_q)$; return (a, b') .

The *decision R-LWE problem with short secrets* for n, q, χ is to distinguish $O_{\chi,s}$ from U .

Hardness of decision ring-LWE

worst-case approximate shortest
(independent) vector problem
(SVP/SIVP) on ideal lattices in R

poly-time [LPR10]

search ring-LWE

poly-time [LPR10]

decision ring-LWE

tight [ACPS09]

decision ring-LWE
with short secrets

Practice:

- Assume the best way to solve DRLWE is to solve LWE.
- Assume solving LWE involves a lattice reduction problem.
- Estimate parameters based on runtime of lattice reduction algorithms e.g. [APS15]
- (Ignore non-tightness.)
[CKMS16]

[LPR10] Lyubashevsky, Piekert, Regev. *EUROCRYPT 2010*.

[ACPS15] Applebaum, Cash, Peikert, Sahai. *CRYPTO 2009*.

[CKMS16] Chatterjee, Kobitz, Menezes, Sarkar. ePrint 2016/360.

Lyubashevsky, Peikert, Regev

Eurocrypt 2010

- Public key encryption from ring-LWE

Lindner, Peikert

ePrint 2010, CT-RSA 2011

- Public key encryption from LWE and ring-LWE
- Key exchange from LWE

Ding, Xie, Lin

ePrint 2012

- Key exchange from LWE and ring-LWE

Peikert

PQCrypto 2014

- Key encapsulation mechanism based on ring-LWE

Basic ring-LWE-DH key agreement (unauthenticated)

Based on Lindner–Peikert ring-LWE public key encryption scheme

public: “big” a in $R_q = \mathbf{Z}_q[x]/(x^n+1)$

Alice

secret:

random “small” s, e in R_q

Bob

secret:

random “small” s', e' in R_q

$$b = a \cdot s + e$$

$$b' = a \cdot s' + e'$$

shared secret:

$$s \cdot b' = s \cdot (a \cdot s' + e') \approx s \cdot a \cdot s'$$

shared secret:

$$b \cdot s' \approx s \cdot a \cdot s'$$

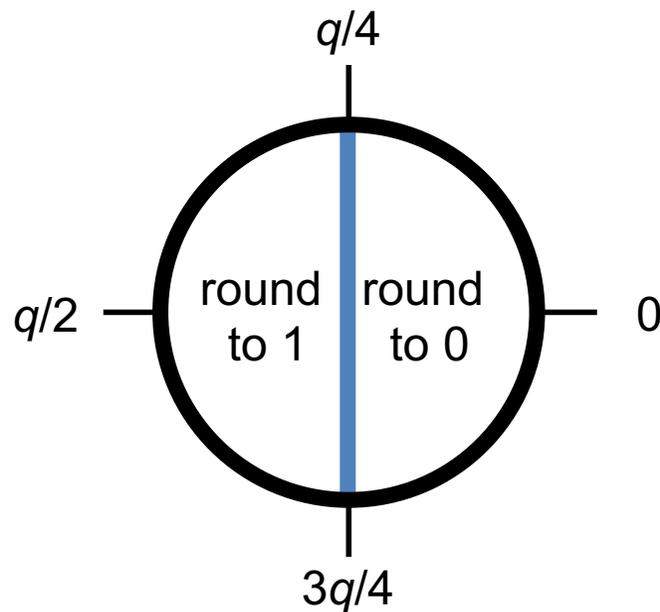
These are only approximately equal \Rightarrow need rounding

Rounding

- Each coefficient of the polynomial is an integer modulo q
- Treat each coefficient independently

Basic rounding

- Round either to 0 or $q/2$
- Treat $q/2$ as 1

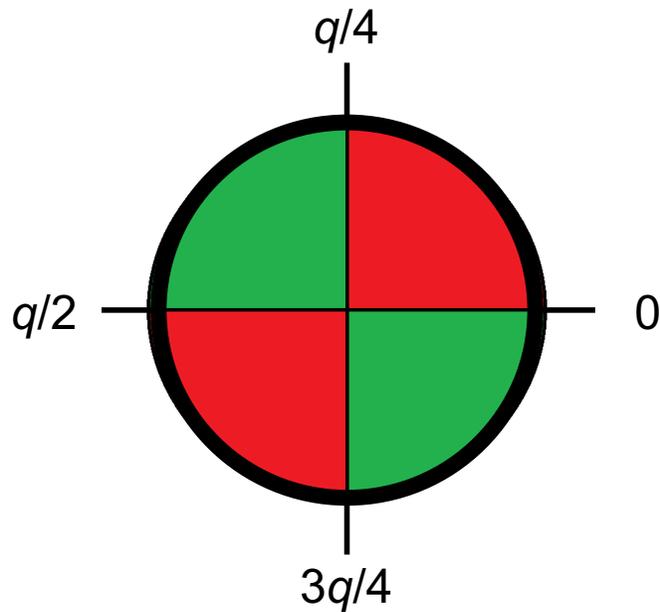


This works
most of the time:
prob. failure 2^{-10} .

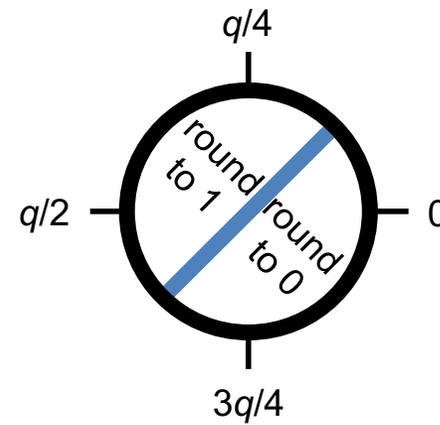
Not good enough:
we need exact key
agreement.

Better rounding

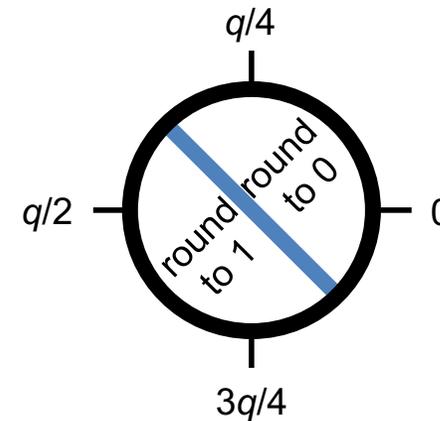
Bob says which of two regions the value is in:  or 



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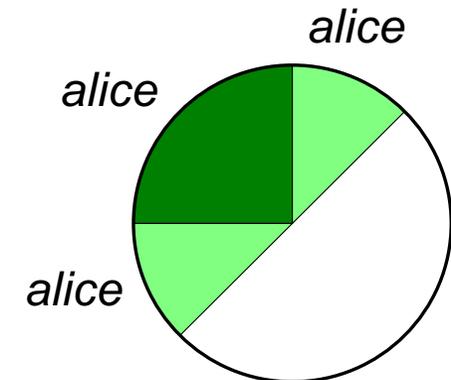
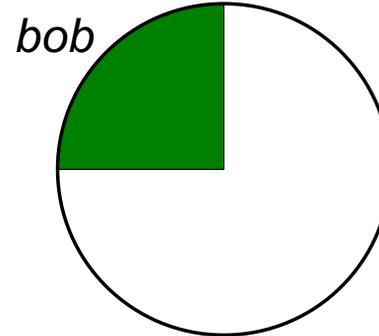
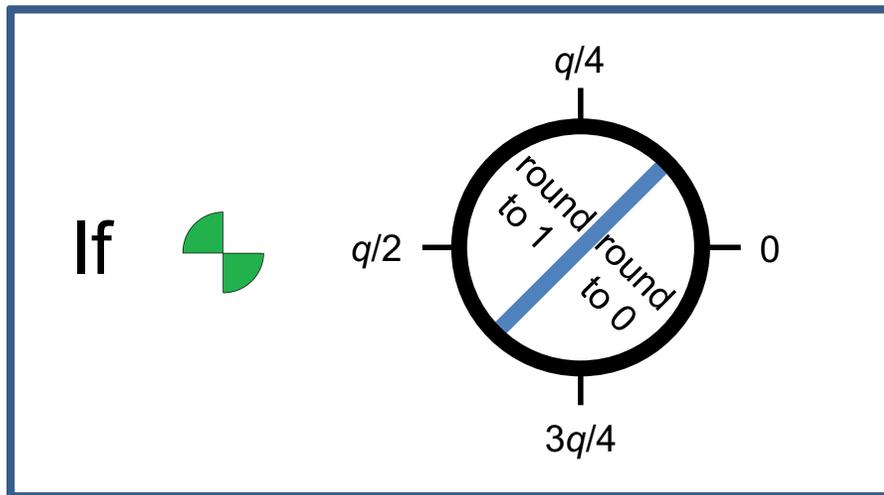


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Better rounding

- If $| \textit{alice} - \textit{bob} | \leq q/8$, then this always works.



- For our parameters, probability $| \textit{alice} - \textit{bob} | > q/8$ is less than $2^{-128000}$.
- Security not affected: revealing  or  leaks no information

Exact ring-LWE-DH key agreement (unauthenticated)

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$$b = a \cdot s + e$$



$$b' = a \cdot s' + e', \quad \text{or}$$



shared secret:

$\text{round}(s \cdot b')$

shared secret:

$\text{round}(b \cdot s')$

Ring-LWE-DH key agreement

Public parameters

Decision R-LWE parameters q, n, χ

$$a \xleftarrow{\$} \mathcal{U}(R_q)$$

Alice

$$s, e \xleftarrow{\$} \chi$$

$$b \leftarrow as + e \in R_q$$

Bob

$$s', e' \xleftarrow{\$} \chi$$

$$b' \leftarrow as' + e' \in R_q$$

$$e'' \xleftarrow{\$} \chi$$

$$v \leftarrow bs' + e'' \in R_q$$

$$\bar{v} \xleftarrow{\$} \text{dbl}(v) \in R_{2q}$$

$$\xleftarrow{b', c} c \leftarrow \langle \bar{v} \rangle_{2q, 2} \in \{0, 1\}^n$$

$$k_A \leftarrow \text{rec}(2b's, c) \in \{0, 1\}^n$$

$$k_B \leftarrow \lfloor \bar{v} \rfloor_{2q, 2} \in \{0, 1\}^n$$

Secure if decision ring learning with errors problem is hard.

Parameters

160-bit classical security,
80-bit quantum security

- $n = 1024$
- $q = 2^{32} - 1$
- $\chi =$ discrete Gaussian with parameter $\sigma = 8/\sqrt{2\pi}$
- Failure: 2^{-12800}
- Total communication: 8.1 KiB

Implementation aspect 1:

Polynomial arithmetic

- Polynomial multiplication in $R_q = \mathbf{Z}_q[x]/(x^{1024}+1)$ done with Nussbaumer's FFT:

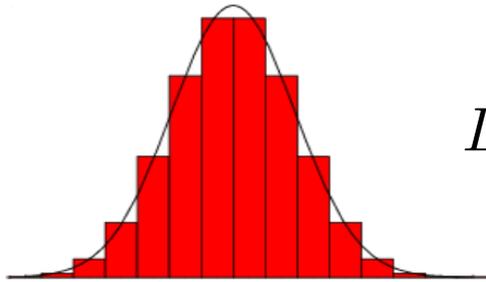
If $2^m = rk$, then

$$\frac{R[X]}{\langle X^{2^m} + 1 \rangle} \simeq \frac{\left(\frac{R[Z]}{\langle Z^r + 1 \rangle} \right) [X]}{\langle X^k - Z \rangle}$$

- Rather than working modulo degree-1024 polynomial with coefficients in \mathbf{Z}_q , work modulo:
 - degree-256 polynomial whose coefficients are themselves polynomials modulo a degree-4 polynomial,
 - or degree-32 polynomials whose coefficients are polynomials modulo degree-8 polynomials whose coefficients are polynomials
 - or ...

Implementation aspect 2:

Sampling discrete Gaussians



$$D_{\mathbb{Z},\sigma}(x) = \frac{1}{S} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}} \quad \text{for } x \in \mathbb{Z}, \sigma \approx 3.2, S = 8$$

- Security proofs require “small” elements sampled within statistical distance 2^{-128} of the true discrete Gaussian
- We use inversion sampling: precompute table of cumulative probabilities
 - For us: 52 elements, size = 10000 bits
- Sampling each coefficient requires six 192-bit integer comparisons and there are 1024 coefficients
 - 51 • 1024 for constant time

Sampling is expensive

Operation	Cycles	
	constant-time	non-constant-time
sample $\xleftarrow{\$} \chi$	1 042 700	668 000
FFT multiplication	342 800	—
FFT addition	1 660	—
dbl(\cdot) and crossrounding $\langle \cdot \rangle_{2q,2}$	23 500	21 300
rounding $\lfloor \cdot \rfloor_{2q,2}$	5 500	3,700
reconciliation $\text{rec}(\cdot, \cdot)$	14 400	6 800

“NewHope”

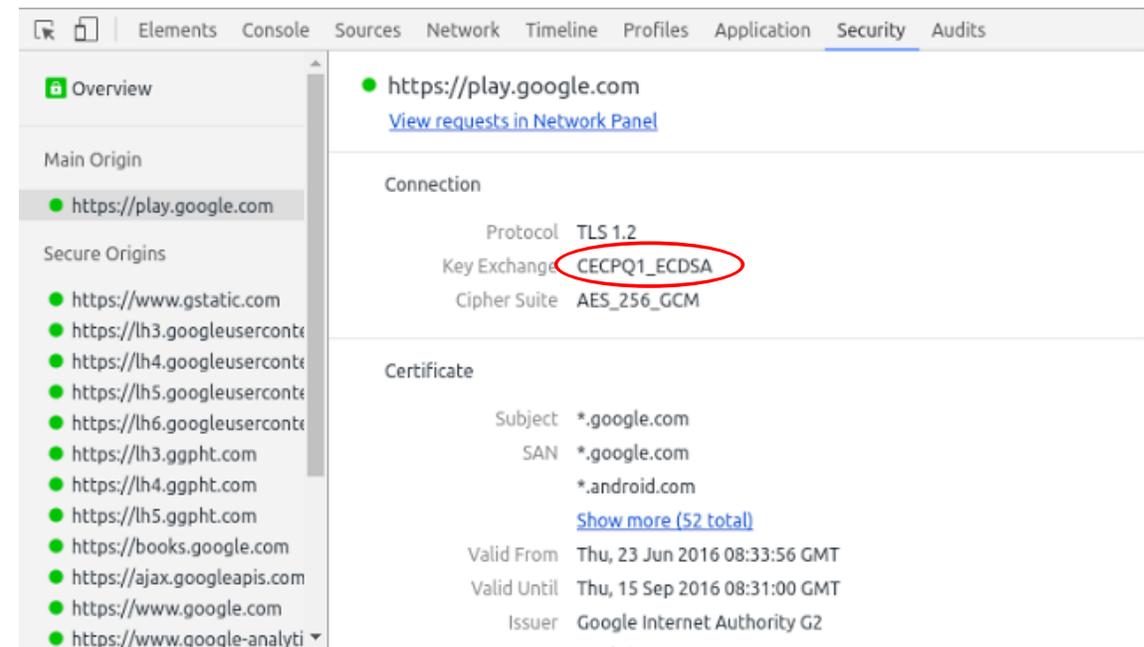
Alkim, Ducas, Pöppelman, Schwabe.
USENIX Security 2016

- New parameters
- Different error distribution
- Improved performance
- Pseudorandomly generated parameters
- Further performance improvements by others [GS16, LN16, ...]

Google Security Blog

Experimenting with Post-Quantum Cryptography

July 7, 2016



The screenshot shows the Chrome DevTools Security tab for the URL <https://play.google.com>. The connection details are as follows:

Property	Value
Protocol	TLS 1.2
Key Exchange	CECPQ1_ECDSA
Cipher Suite	AES_256_GCM

The Certificate details are:

Property	Value
Subject	*.google.com
SAN	*.google.com *.android.com
Valid From	Thu, 23 Jun 2016 08:33:56 GMT
Valid Until	Thu, 15 Sep 2016 08:31:00 GMT
Issuer	Google Internet Authority G2

Key agreement from LWE

Bos, Costello, Ducas, Mironov, Naehrig, Nikolaenko, Raghunathan, Stebila.
Frodo: Take off the ring! Practical, quantum-safe key exchange from LWE.
ACM Conference on Computer and Communications Security (CCS) 2016.

<https://eprint.iacr.org/2016/659>

Ring-LWE

$$\mathbb{Z}_{13}^{7 \times 4}$$

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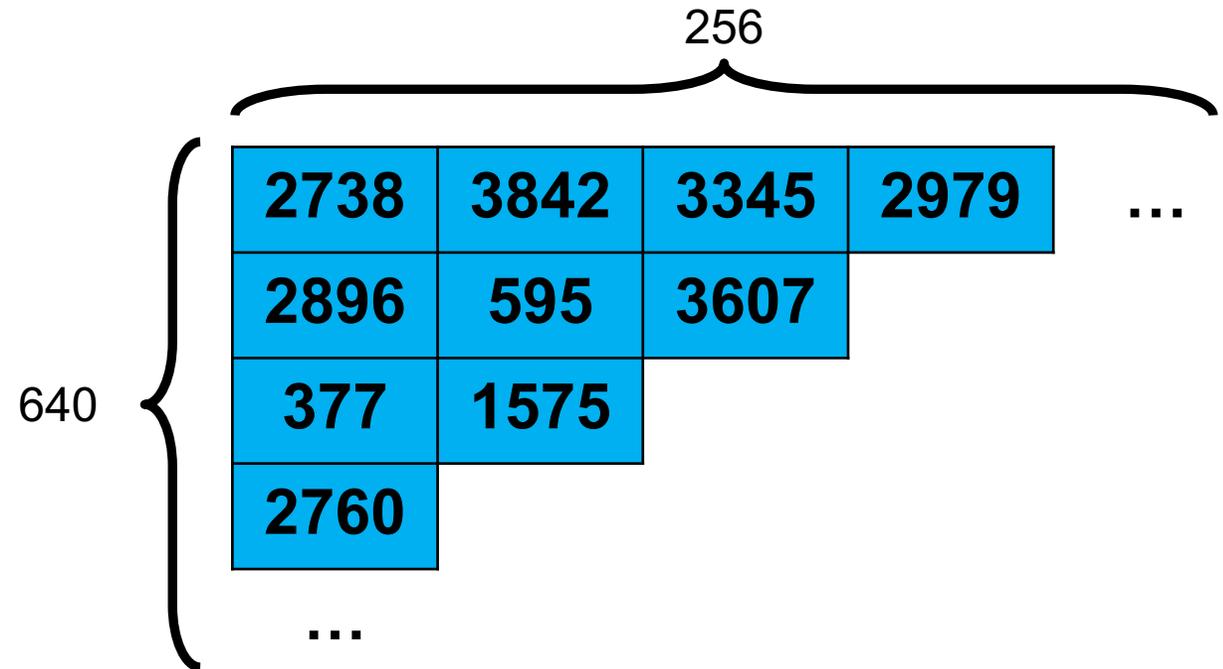
Cyclic structure

⇒ Save communication,
more efficient computation

4 KiB representation

LWE

$$\mathbb{Z}_{4093}^{640 \times 256}$$



640 × 256 × 12 bits = 245 KiB

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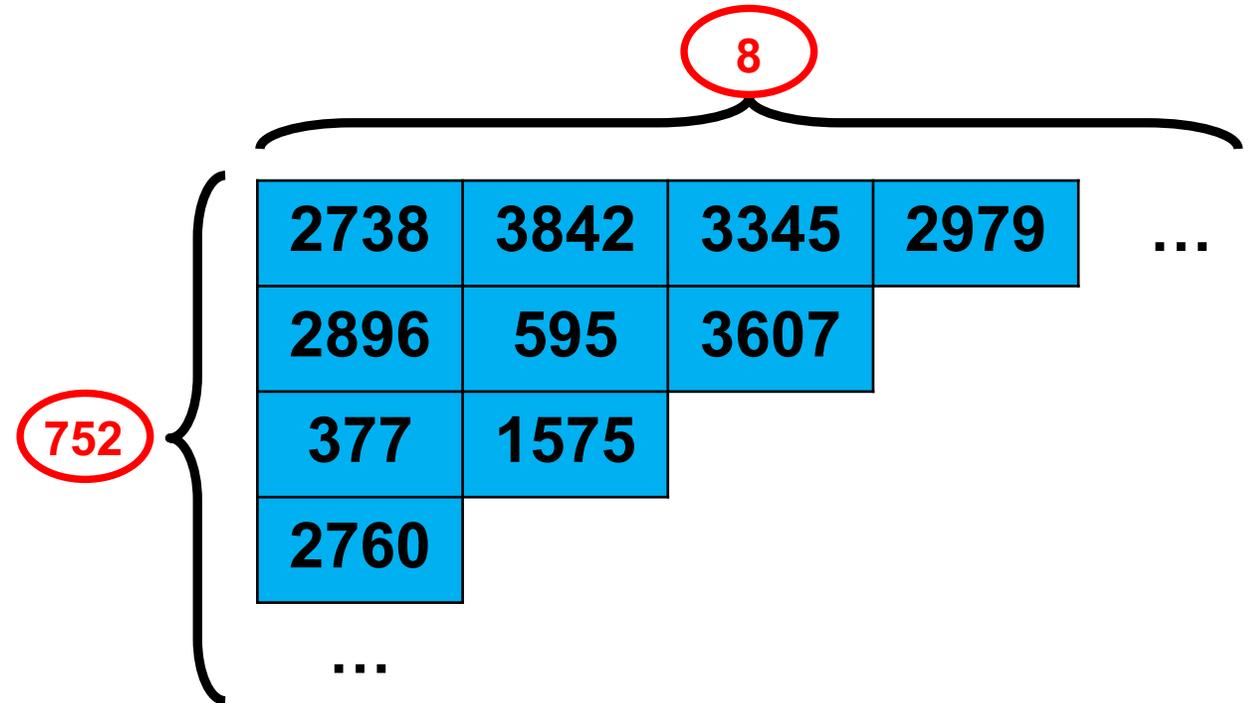
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4 KiB representation

LWE

$$\mathbb{Z}_{2^{15}}^{752 \times 8}$$



$$752 \times 8 \times 15 \text{ bits} = 11 \text{ KiB}$$

Why consider (slower, bigger) LWE?

Generic vs. ideal lattices

- Ring-LWE matrices have additional structure
 - Relies on hardness of a problem in **ideal** lattices
- LWE matrices have no additional structure
 - Relies on hardness of a problem in **generic** lattices
- NTRU also relies on a problem in a type of ideal lattices
- Currently, best algorithms for ideal lattice problems are essentially the same as for generic lattices
 - Small constant factor improvement in some cases
 - Very recent quantum polynomial time algorithm for Ideal-SVP (<http://eprint.iacr.org/2016/885>) but not immediately applicable to ring-LWE

If we want to eliminate this additional structure, can we still get an efficient protocol?

Decision learning with errors problem with short secrets

Definition. Let $n, q \in \mathbb{N}$. Let χ be a distribution over \mathbb{Z} .

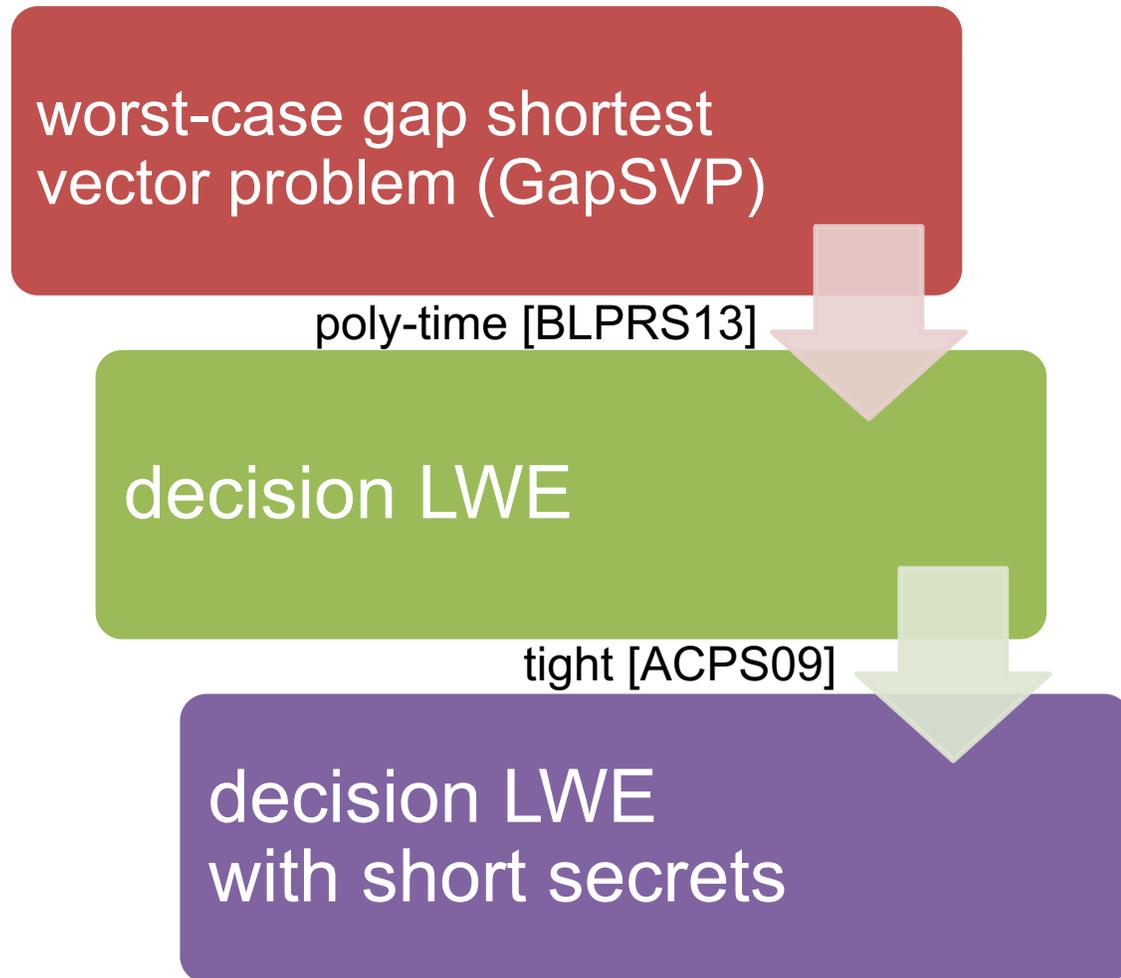
Let $\mathbf{s} \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} \chi^n$.

Define:

- $O_{\chi, \mathbf{s}}$: Sample $\mathbf{a} \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} \mathcal{U}(\mathbb{Z}_q^n)$, $e \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} \chi$; return $(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{s} + e)$.
- U : Sample $(\mathbf{a}, b') \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} \mathcal{U}(\mathbb{Z}_q^n \times \mathbb{Z}_q)$; return (\mathbf{a}, b') .

The *decision LWE problem with short secrets* for n, q, χ is to distinguish $O_{\chi, \mathbf{s}}$ from U .

Hardness of decision LWE

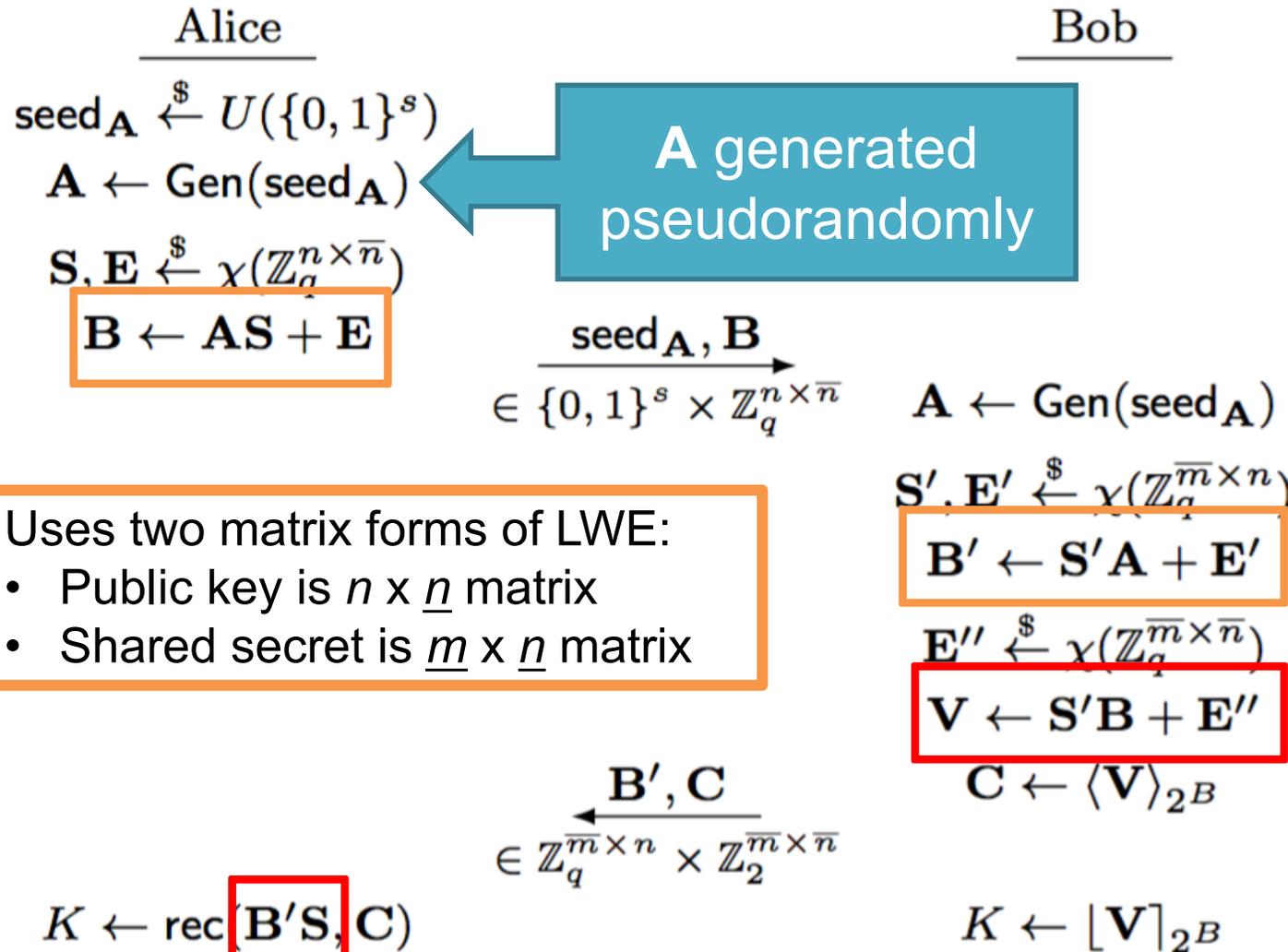


Practice:

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- (Ignore non-tightness.)

“Frodo”: LWE-DH key agreement

Based on Lindner–Peikert LWE key agreement scheme



Uses two matrix forms of LWE:

- Public key is $n \times \bar{n}$ matrix
- Shared secret is $\bar{m} \times \bar{n}$ matrix

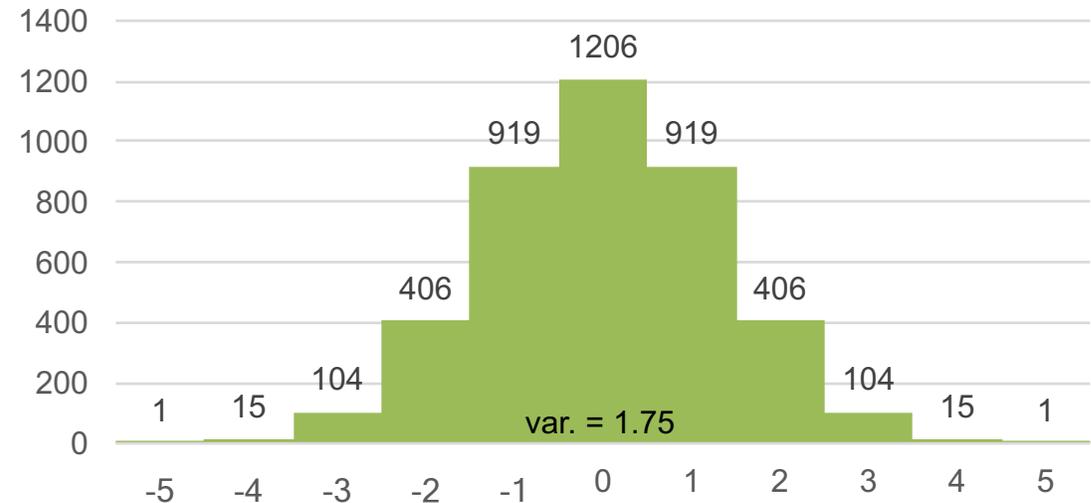
Secure if decision learning with errors problem is hard (and Gen is a secure PRF).

Rounding

- We extract 4 bits from each of the 64 matrix entries in the shared secret.
 - More granular form of previous rounding.

Parameter sizes, rounding, and error distribution all found via search scripts.

Error distribution



- Close to discrete Gaussian in terms of Rényi divergence (1.000301)
- Only requires 12 bits of randomness to sample

Parameters

All known variants of the sieving algorithm require a list of vectors to be created of this size

“Recommended”

- 144-bit classical security, 130-bit quantum security, 103-bit plausible lower bound
- $n = 752, m = 8, q = 2^{15}$
- χ = approximation to rounded Gaussian with 11 elements
- Failure: $2^{-38.9}$
- Total communication: 22.6 KiB

“Paranoid”

- 177-bit classical security, 161-bit quantum security, 128-bit plausible lower bound
- $n = 864, m = 8, q = 2^{15}$
- χ = approximation to rounded Gaussian with 13 elements
- Failure: $2^{-33.8}$
- Total communication: 25.9 KiB

Standalone performance

Implementations

Our implementations

- Ring-LWE BCNS15
- LWE Frodo

Pure C implementations

Constant time

Compare with others

- RSA 3072-bit (OpenSSL 1.0.1f)
- ECDH nistp256 (OpenSSL)

Use assembly code

- Ring-LWE NewHope
- NTRU EES743EP1
- SIDH (Isogenies) (MSR)

Pure C implementations

Standalone performance

	Speed		Communication		Quantum Security
RSA 3072-bit	Fast	4 ms	Small	0.3 KiB	
ECDH <i>nistp256</i>	Very fast	0.7 ms	Very small	0.03 KiB	
Ring-LWE BCNS	Fast	1.5 ms	Medium	4 KiB	80-bit
Ring-LWE NewHope	Very fast	0.2 ms	Medium	2 KiB	206-bit
NTRU <i>EES743EP1</i>	Fast	0.3–1.2 ms	Medium	1 KiB	128-bit
SIDH	Very slow	35–400 ms	Small	0.5 KiB	128-bit
LWE Frodo Recom.	Fast	1.4 ms	Large	11 KiB	130-bit
McBits*	Very fast	0.5 ms	Very large	360 KiB	161-bit

First 7 rows: x86_64, 2.6 GHz Intel Xeon E5 (Sandy Bridge) – Google *n1-standard-4*

* McBits results from source paper [BCS13]

Note somewhat incomparable security levels

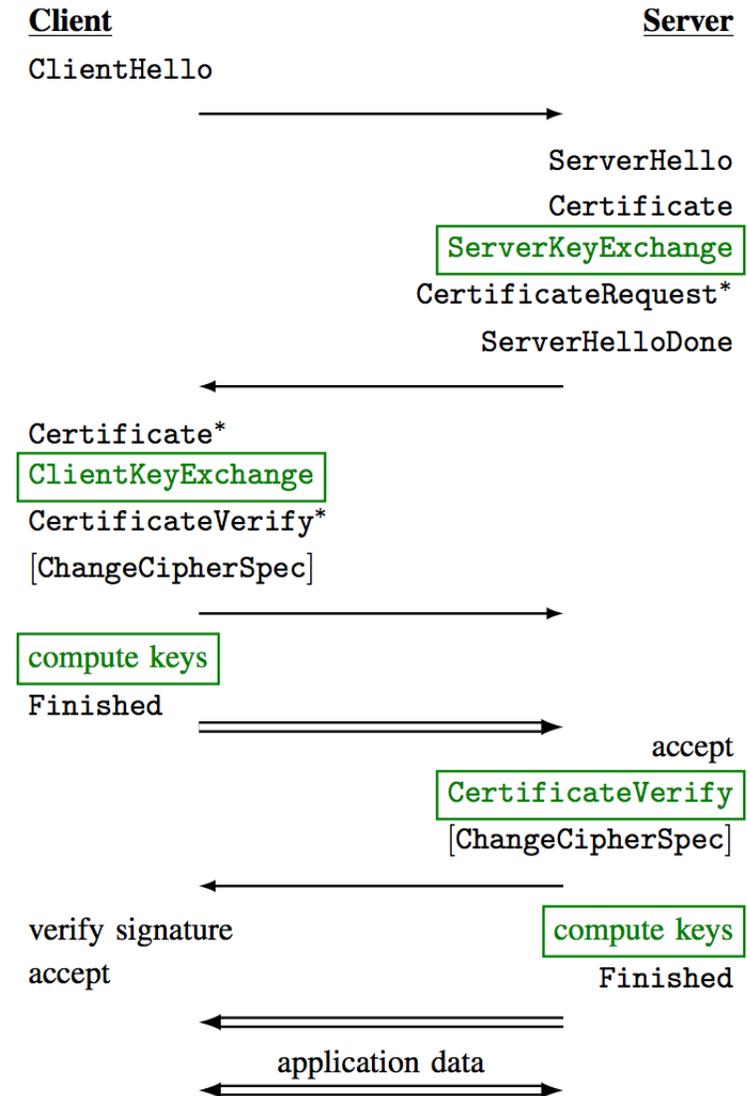
TLS integration and performance

Integration into TLS 1.2

New ciphersuite:

TLS-KEX-SIG-AES256-GCM-SHA384

- SIG = RSA or ECDSA signatures for authentication
- KEX = Post-quantum key exchange
- AES-256 in GCM for authenticated encryption
- SHA-384 for HMAC-KDF



Security within TLS 1.2

Model:

- authenticated and confidential channel establishment (ACCE) [JKSS12]

Theorem:

- signed LWE/ring-LWE ciphersuite is ACCE-secure if underlying primitives (signatures, LWE/ring-LWE, authenticated encryption) are secure

Interesting provable security detail:

- TLS proofs use active security of unauthenticated key exchange (IND-CCA KEM or PRF-ODH assumption)
- Doesn't hold for basic BCNS15/Frodo/NewHope protocols
- Solution:
 - move server's signature to end of TLS handshake OR
 - use e.g. Fujisaki–Okamoto transform to convert passive to active security KEM

TLS performance

Handshake latency

- Time from when client sends first TCP packet till client receives first application data
- No load on server

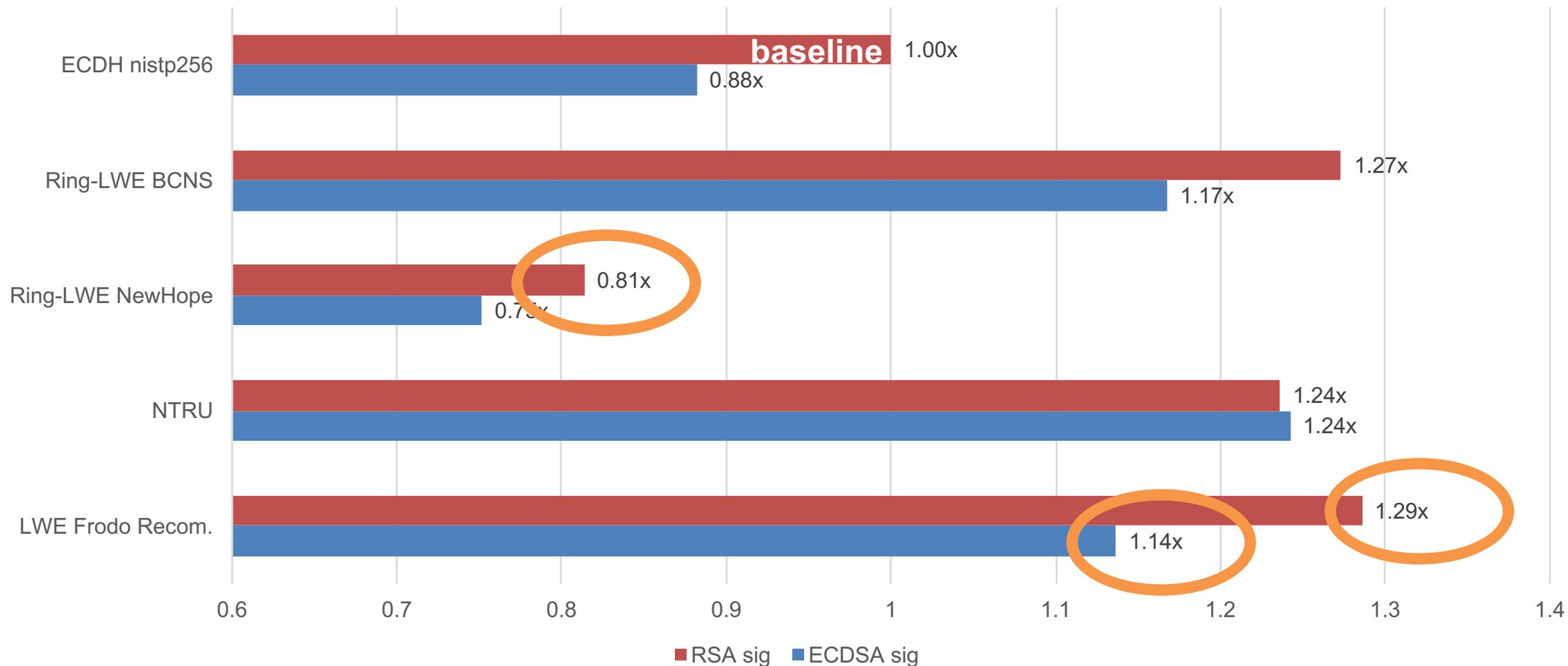
Connection throughput

- Number of connections per second at server before server latency spikes

TLS handshake latency

compared to RSA sig + ECDH nistp256

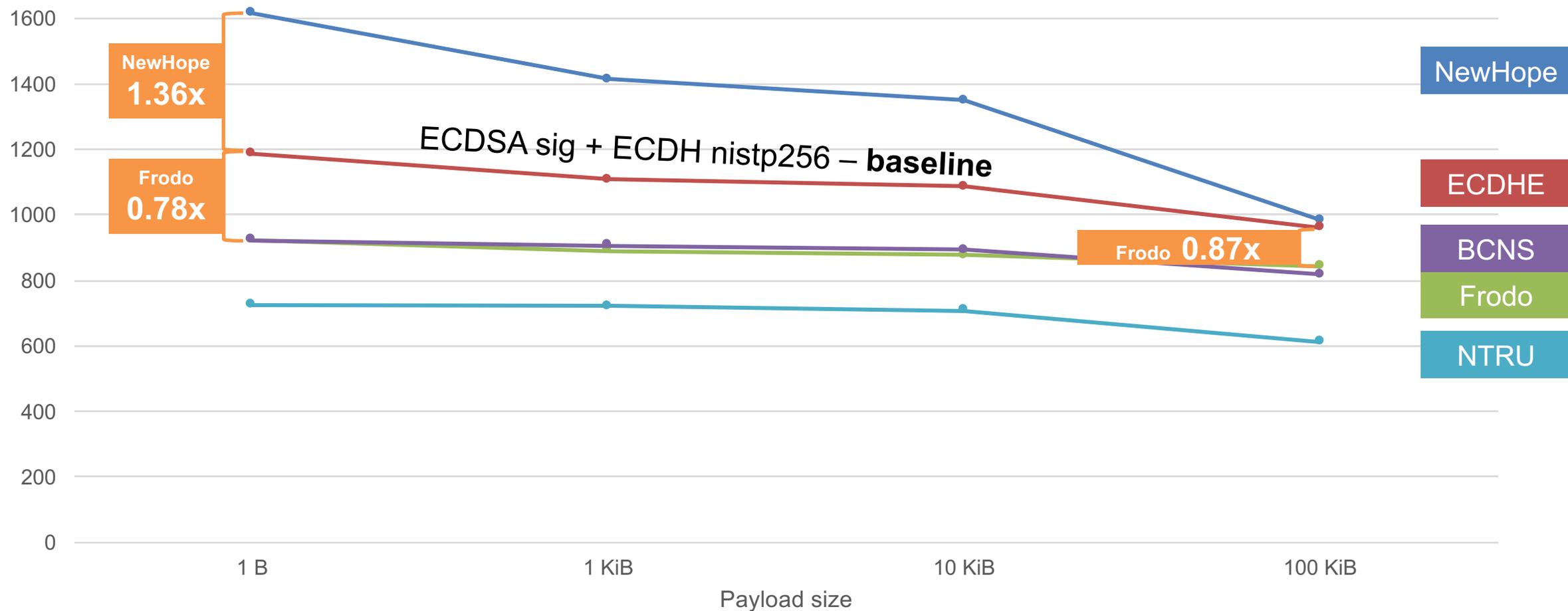
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TLS connection throughput

ECDSA signatures

bigger (top) is better



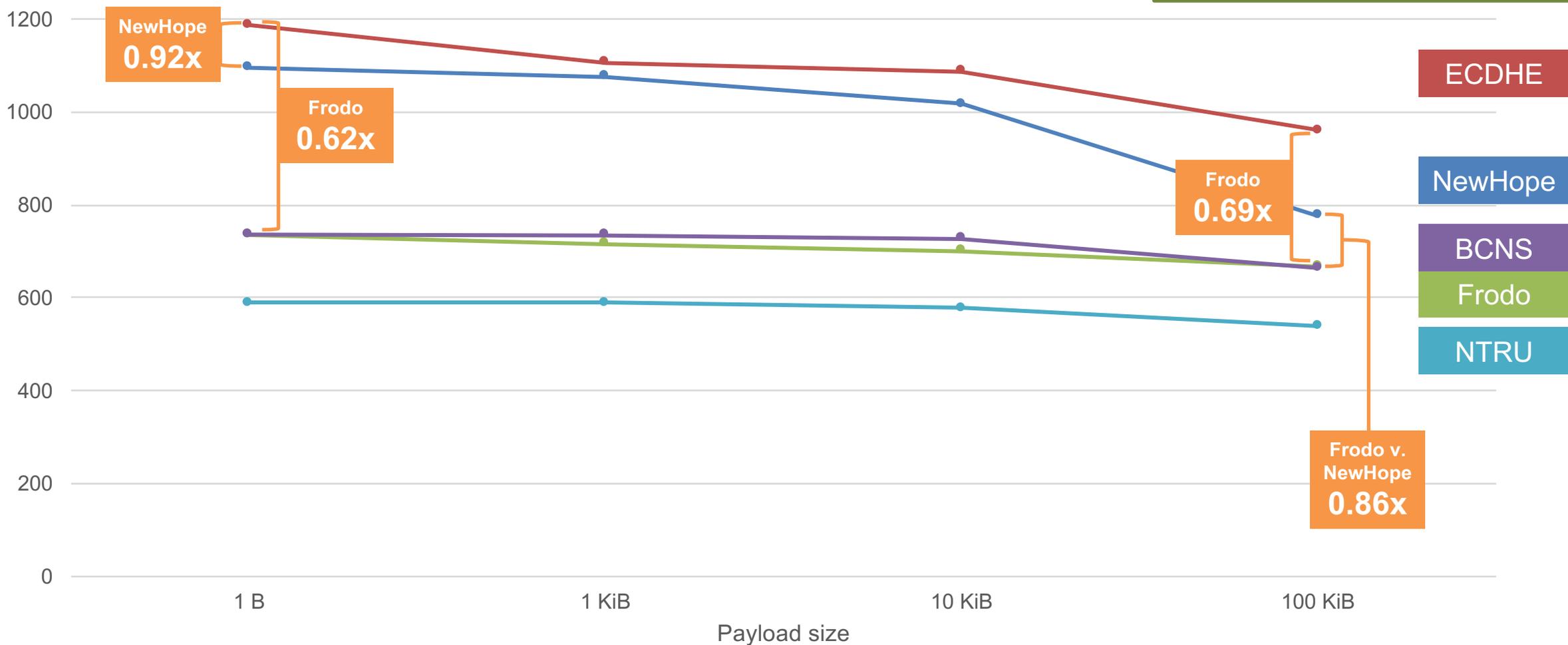
Hybrid ciphersuites

- Use both post-quantum key exchange and traditional key exchange
- Example:
 - ECDHE + NewHope
 - Used in Google Chrome experiment
 - ECDHE + Frodo
- Session key secure if either problem is hard
- Why use post-quantum?
 - (Potential) security against future quantum computer
- Why use ECDHE?
 - Security not lost against existing adversaries if post-quantum cryptanalysis advances

TLS connection throughput – hybrid w/ECDHE

ECDSA signatures

bigger (top) is better



Open Quantum Safe

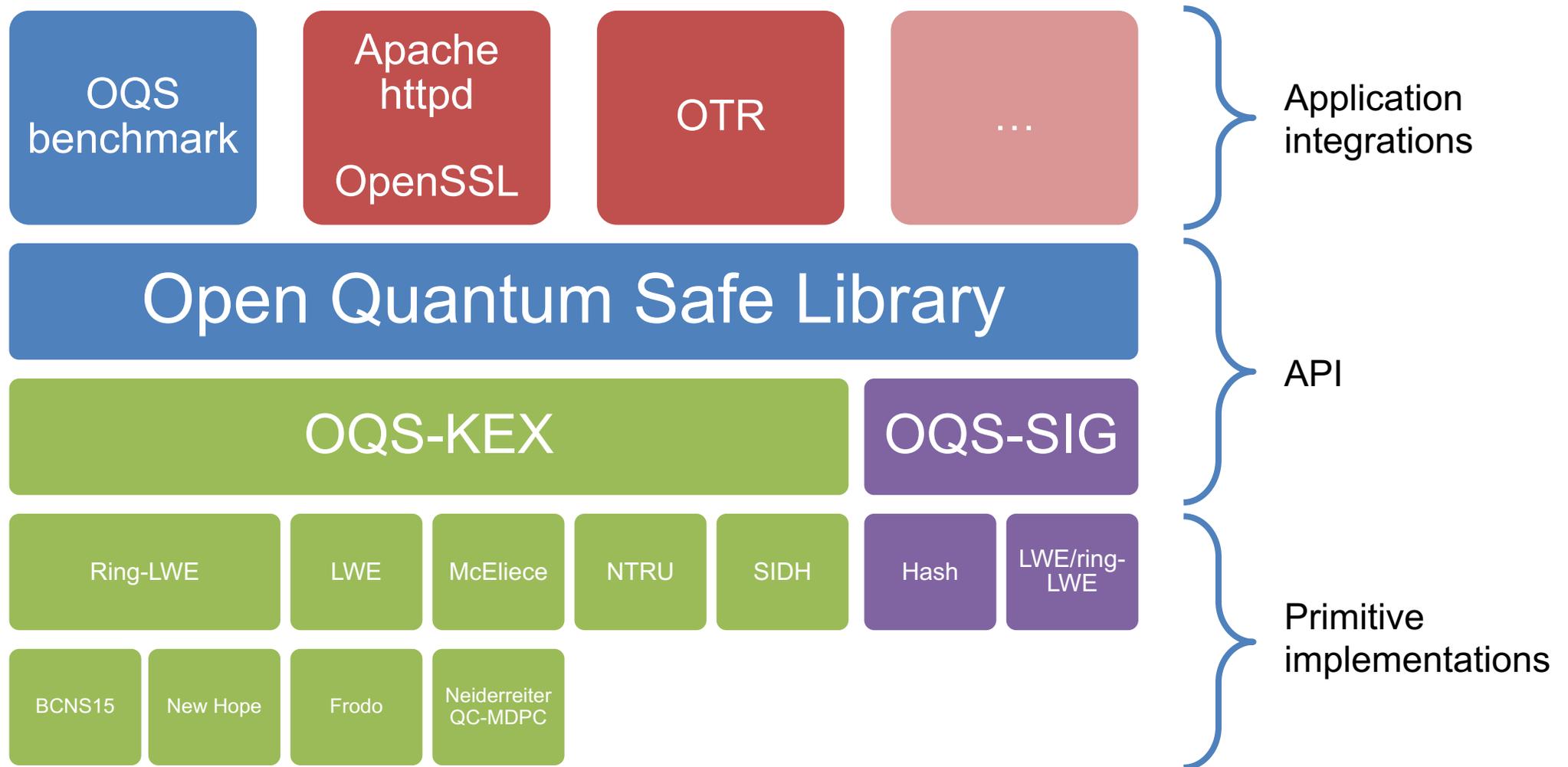
Collaboration with Mosca et al., University of Waterloo

<https://openquantumsafe.org/>

Open Quantum Safe

- Open source C library
 - Common interface for key exchange and digital signatures
1. Collect post-quantum implementations together
 - Our own software
 - Thin wrappers around existing open source implementations
 - Contributions from others
 2. Enable direct comparison of implementations
 3. Support prototype integration into application level protocols
 - Don't need to re-do integration for each new primitive – how we did Frodo experiments

Open Quantum Safe architecture



Current status

- liboqs
 - ring-LWE key exchange using BCNS15
 - ring-LWE key exchange using NewHope*
 - LWE key exchange using Frodo
 - [alpha] code-based key exchange using Neiderreiter with quasi-cyclic medium-density parity check codes
- OpenSSL
 - integration into OpenSSL 1.0.2 head

Coming soon

- liboqs
 - benchmarking
 - key exchange:
 - SIDH, NTRU*
- Integrations into other applications
 - libotr

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+ Existing open-source code

Summary

Post-quantum key exchange for the Internet and the Open Quantum Safe project

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- Ring-LWE is fast and fairly small
- LWE can achieve reasonable key sizes and runtime with more conservative assumption
- Performance differences are muted in application-level protocols
- Hybrid ciphersuites will probably play a role in the transition
- Parameter sizes and efficiency likely to evolve

Ring-LWE key exchange

- <https://eprint.iacr.org/2014/599>

LWE key exchange (Frodo)

- <https://eprint.iacr.org/2016/659>

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- <https://openquantumsafe.org/>
- <https://eprint.iacr.org/2016/1017>