



LIZARD NIST SUBMISSION

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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

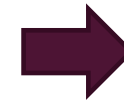
$\mathbb{Z}_{10}^{8 \times 3}$

x_1
x_2
x_3

=

7
9
2
9
6
8
2
7

(mod 10)



Find

x_1
x_2
x_3

!

; Easy!

(We can solve it by using Gaussian elimination)

LEARNING WITH ERRORS (LWE) PROBLEM

• Q.

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

x_1
x_2
x_3

+

0
2
9
1
0
1
0
8

Small Error
(unknown)

=

7
9
2
9
6
8
2
7

(mod 10)



Find

x_1
x_2
x_3

!

; Hard!

DECISION-LWE PROBLEM

- Q. Distinguish

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

,

7
1
1
0
6
0
2
5

(mod 10)

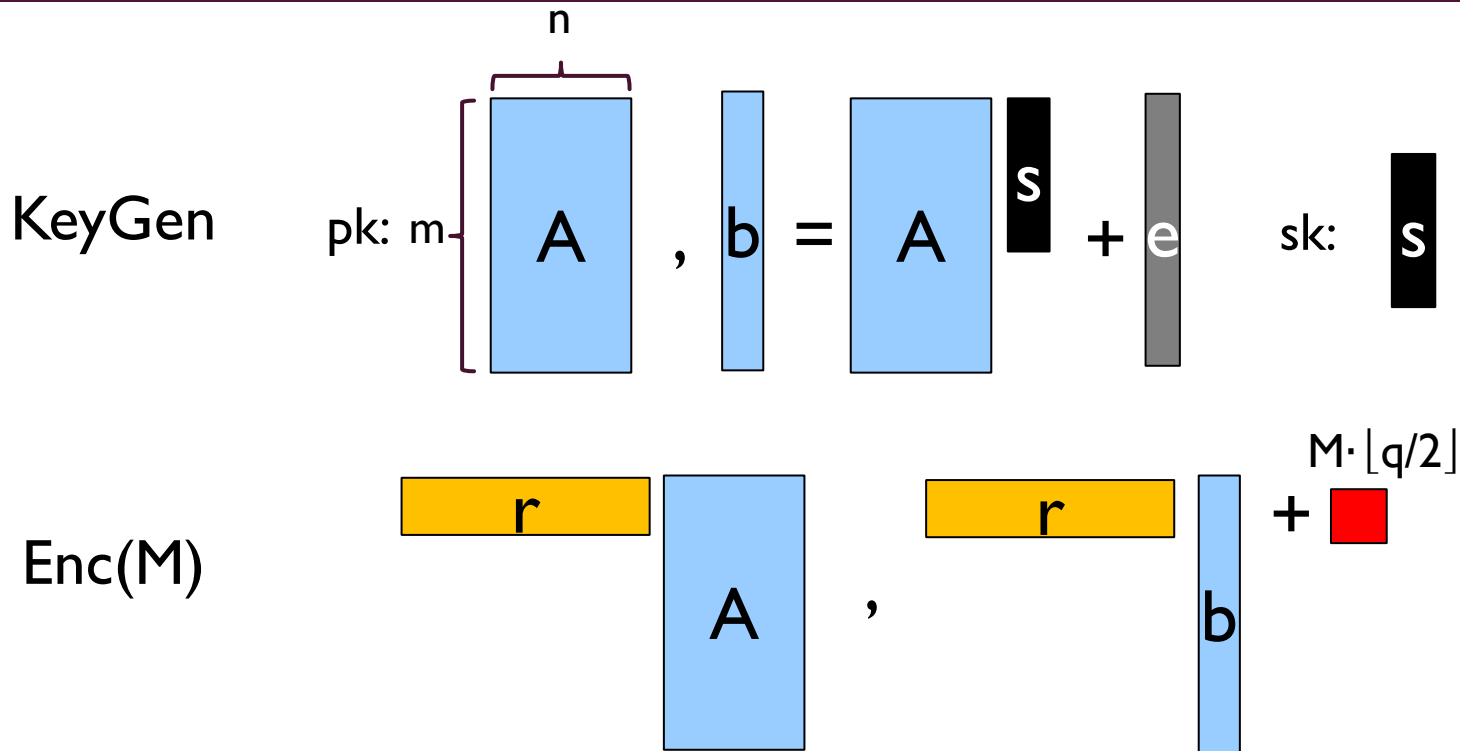
From a uniform random sample in $\mathbb{Z}_{10}^{8 \times 4}$

; Hard!



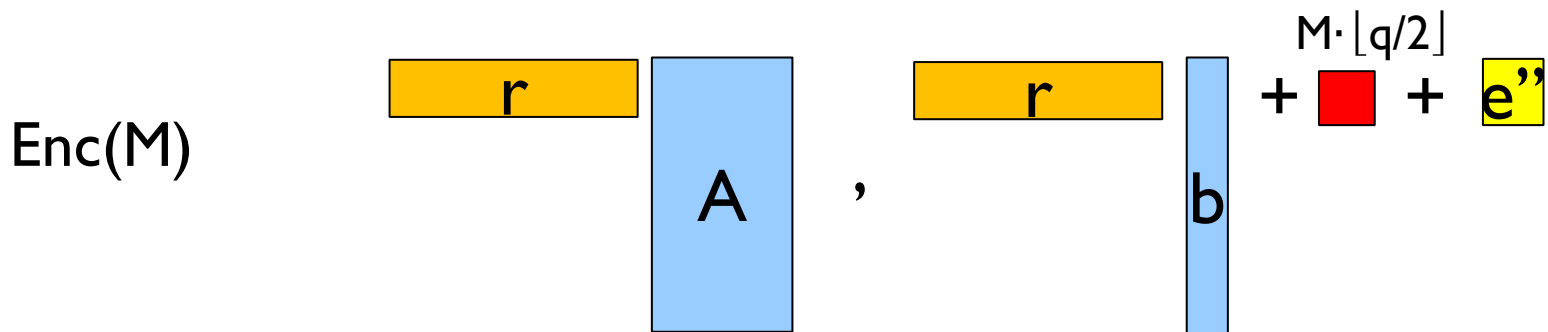
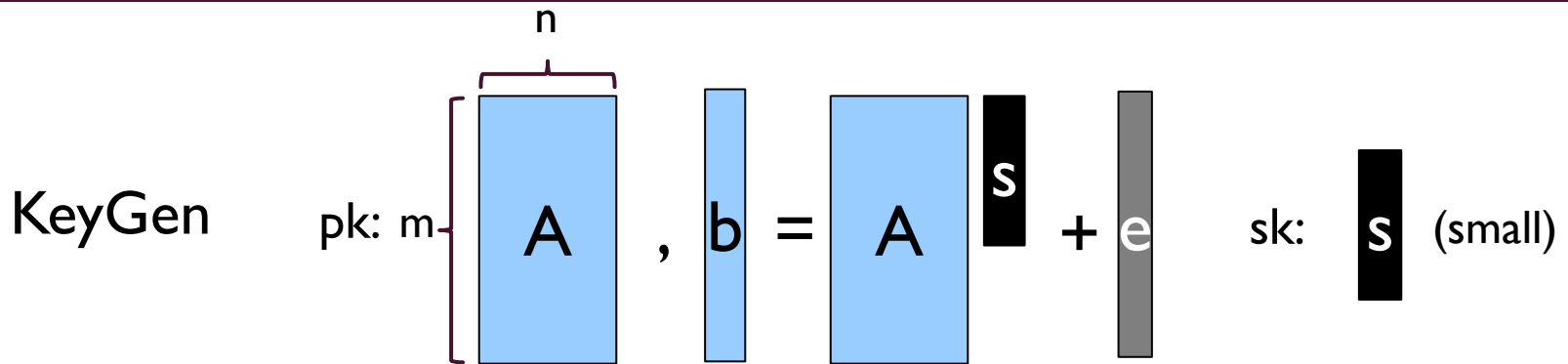
LWE-based Encryptions

LWE + LHL [REG05]



- Require a large **m** to randomize LWE samples in Encryption
 - Leftover Hash Lemma
- **Can We Reduce m?**

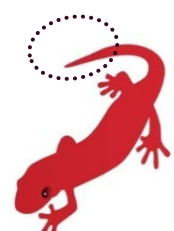
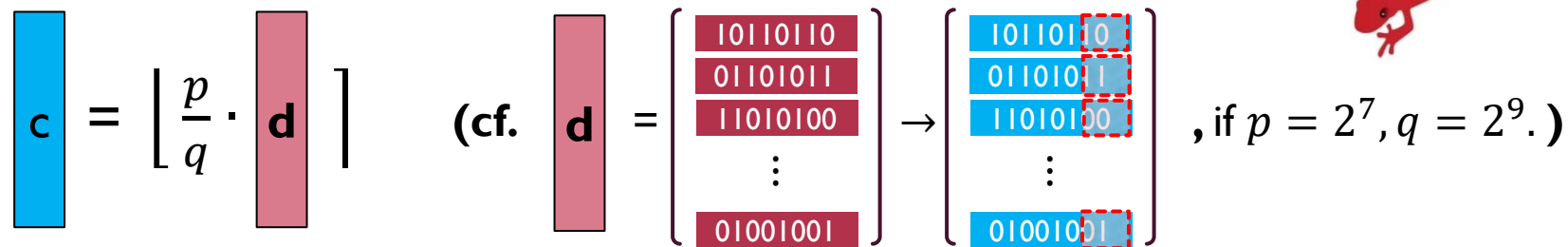
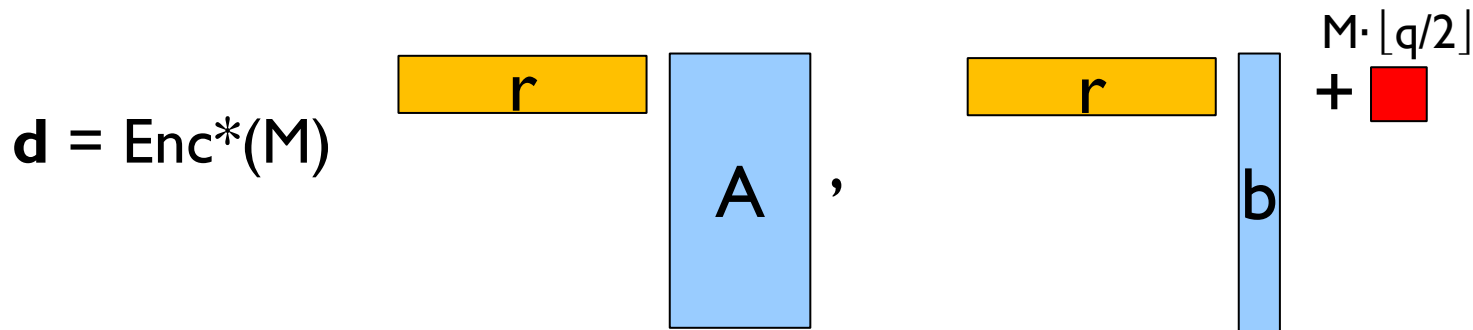
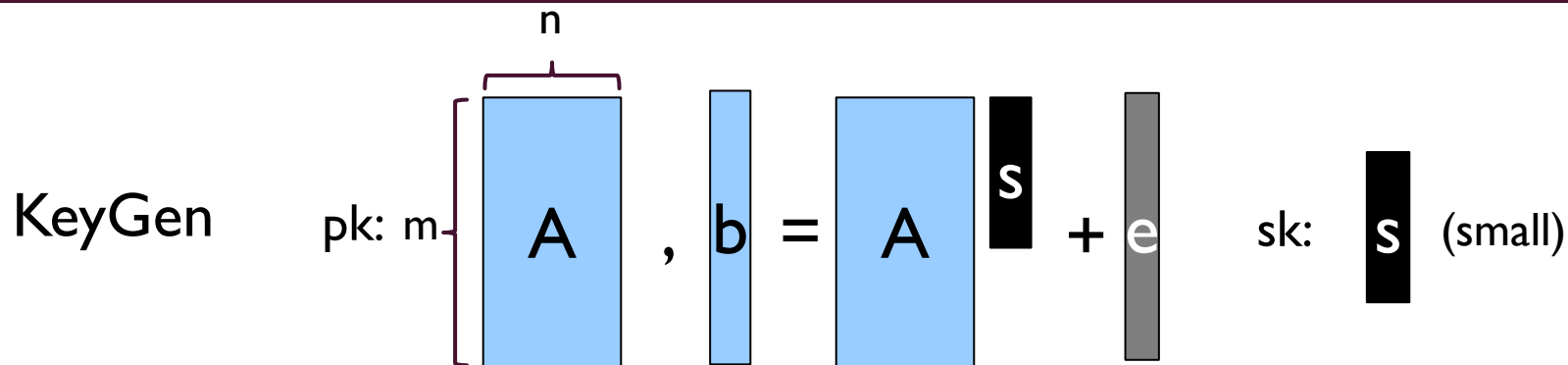
LWE + LWE [LPI I]



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



LWE + LWR [CKLS16]



LEARNING WITH ROUNDING (LWR) PROBLEM

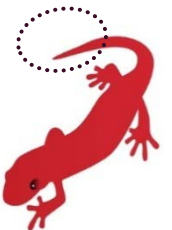
- **Surprisingly**, it is secure under LWR assumption
- LWR: Distinguish any m pairs of type

$$\left(\overbrace{a_i}^n, b_i = \left\lfloor \frac{p}{q} a_i + s \right\rfloor \right) \in Z_q^n \times Z_p \text{ from uniform}$$

Discard the least significant bits of $\langle a_i, s \rangle$

instead of adding small errors

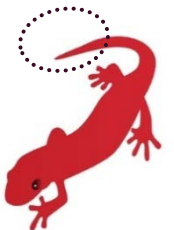
- **Have reduction from LWE:** q is large or **m is small**



THE HARDNESS OF LWR PROBLEM

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

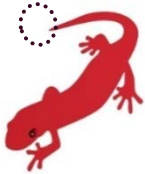
- Before 2016, security reduction only when the modulus is somewhat large.
 - Banerjee, Peikert, Rosen [BPR12] introduced LWR, and showed $LWR \geq LWE$ when q is sufficiently large. ($q \geq p \cdot B \cdot n^{\omega(1)}$, B : LWE noise support bound)
 - Alwen et al. [AKPW13] showed $LWR \geq LWE$ when 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)



101101	0
011010	1
110101	0
⋮	
010010	1

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 in encryption 😞 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;

$$\left(m \cdot \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} A \end{bmatrix}}_n, \left\lfloor \frac{p}{q} \cdot \left(\begin{bmatrix} A \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{s} + \mathbf{e} \right) \right\rfloor \right) \leftrightarrow \left(m \cdot \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} A \end{bmatrix}}_n, \left\lfloor \frac{p}{q} \begin{bmatrix} A \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{s} \right\rfloor \right)$$

ADVANTAGE OF LWR ASSUMPTION

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

LPII.Enc(M)

$r \cdot A + e_1, r \cdot b + \text{red} + e_2$
 $M[q/2]$

$\text{Var}(e_i) = \sigma^2$

Lizard.Enc(M)

$\left[\frac{p}{q} \cdot \left(r \cdot A, r \cdot b + \text{red} \right) \right]$
 $M[q/2]$

Rounding error (e_1, e_2) :
 (uniform over $[\pm q/2p]$)
 Variance $\sigma^2 = q^2/12p^2$

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

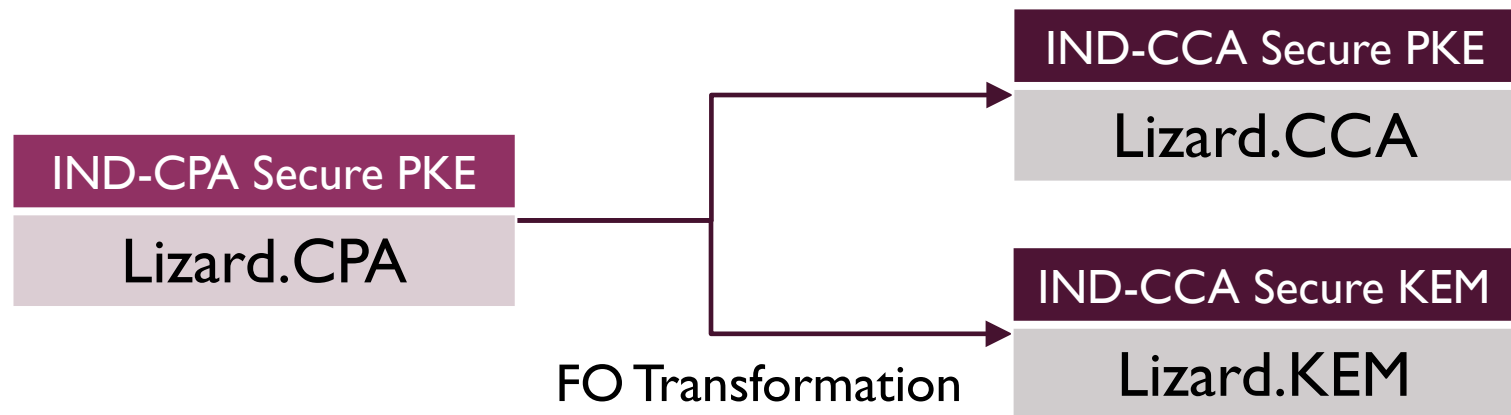
Set the parameter $\sigma^2 = q^2/12p^2$: Preserve cryptanalytic hardness $\text{LWE}(m, q, \sigma) = \text{LWR}(m, q, p)$ and functionality (encryption noise)

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



Lizard NIST Submission

OVERVIEW



- Ring versions are also provided
- Parameter Suggestions for Category 1/3/5, resp.

MAIN STRENGTHS

1. [Simpler and Faster] algorithms;
 - Use **LWR** in the Encryption/Encapsulation phases
 - Use **sparse signed binary** or **signed binary** secrets
2. [Ciphertext Compression] via LWR-style rounding (vs. LWE-style)
3. [Provable IND-CPA, IND-CCA2 Security] from (R)LWE & (R)LWR with small secrets
4. [Parameters Resist All Known Attacks] unless a significant breakthrough
 - Cryptographically negligible Dec. Fail. Rates
 - Based on the Core SVP hardness (Methodology of NewHope)



MAIN STRENGTHS -- SIMPLER

1. Enc of typical LWE based PKE requires two random components:
 - Ephemeral secret vector (or matrix)
 - Error vector (or matrix)
2. Using LWR rounding in Enc/Encaps rules out generating error vectors
3. Further use **sparse** signed binary or signed binary secrets

Encryption Procedure	Algorithm
1. Generation: random sparse binary vector	$\vec{r} \leftarrow \{-1, 0, 1\}^m$
2. Subset-sum: row vectors of PK (simple & fast)	$(a, b) \leftarrow (A^t \vec{r}, B^t \vec{r})$
3. Addition: an encoded msg vector (simple & fast)	$(a, b) \leftarrow (a, b + 2^k m)$
4. Rounding: via addition & bit shifting (simple & fast)	$(a, b) \leftarrow \left(\left\lfloor \frac{a+2^{\ell-1}}{2^\ell} \right\rfloor, \left\lfloor \frac{b+2^{\ell-1}}{2^\ell} \right\rfloor \right)$

$$A \in \mathbb{Z}_q^{m \times n}, \quad B \in \mathbb{Z}_q^{m \times \ell}, \quad (A, B): \text{PK}, \quad k = \log q - 1, \quad \ell = \log q - \log p$$

MAIN STRENGTHS -- FAST

- Our C implementation for Lizard.CCA shows that Enc takes only **0.031 ms** for Category I and 32-byte msgs (**0.036 ms** for RLizard.CCA)

Scheme	Parameter	KeyGen (# kcycles)	Enc (# kcycles)	Dec (# kcycles)
Lizard.CCA	CCA_CATEGORYI_N536	406 432	81	88
	CCA_CATEGORYI_N663	459 082	83	94
RLizard.CCA	RING_CATEGORYI	1 167	94	101

* Performance measured on Linux with CPU Intel Xeon E5-2640 v3 at 2.60GHz

SECURITY

- Lizard.CPA is **IND-CPA secure** under the hardness assumption of **LWE** and **LWR** problems with small secrets, both of which have reductions from the standard LWE
- Lizard.KEM and Lizard.CCA are obtained by applying a variant of **Fujisaki-Okamoto transform** [HHK'17] for Lizard.CPA, so they are **IND-CCA2 secure** in the quantum random oracle model (QROM)
- Same arguments can be applied to **ring** versions (RLizard.CPA, RLizard.KEM and RLizard.CCA)



PARAMETER SELECTION

- Mainly considered: **Dual attack** [Alb17] and **Primal attack** [AGVW18]
- Assume the attacks are using BKZ algorithm with Sieve (equipped with Grover's quantum search algorithm); Security measured based on the **Core SVP hardness** as in [NewHope]
- Dec. Fail. Rates are set to be cryptographically negligible
 - [Alb17] Albrecht, Martin R. "On dual lattice attacks against small-secret LWE and parameter choices in HElib and SEAL." *Eurocrypt 2017*.
 - [AGVW18] Albrecht, M. R., Göpfert, F., Virdia, F., and Wunderer, T. "Revisiting the expected cost of solving uSVP and applications to LWE." *Asiacrypt 2018*.
 - [NewHope] Alkim, E., Ducas, L., Pöppelmann, T., & Schwabe, P. "Post-quantum key exchange-a new hope." *USENIX 2016*.

BEST ATTACK COMPLEXITIES

Parameter Sets	$\log_2(\text{DFR})$	$\log_2 T_{\text{LWE}}$	$\log_2 T_{\text{LWR}}$
KEM_CATEGORY1_N663 CCA_CATEGORY1_N663	-153.500	131	147
KEM_CATEGORY3_N952 CCA_CATEGORY3_N952	-337.189	203	195
KEM_CATEGORY5_N1300 CCA_CATEGORY5_N1300	-332.810	264	291

DFR : Dec. Fail. Rate exactly calculated by python code

T_{LWE} : Time complexity of the best known attacks of LWE

T_{LWR} : Time complexity of the best known attacks of LWR

BEST ATTACK COMPLEXITIES

Parameter Sets	$\log_2(\text{DFR})$	$\log_2 T_{\text{LWE}}$	$\log_2 T_{\text{LWR}}$
RING_CATEGORY1	-188.248	153	147
RING_CATEGORY3_N1024	-245.897	195	195
RING_CATEGORY5	-305.684	318	348

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SUMMARY ON PERFORMANCE

■ Sizes

- Lizard.CCA

- Sizes for 256-bit msgs (Category I):

	pk	sk	ctxt
Sizes	1.8 MB	170 KB	0.98 KB
Compressed upto	0.3 MB	-	-

- RLizard.CCA

- Sizes for 1024-bit msgs (Category I):

	pk	sk	ctxt
Sizes	4.1 KB	0.3 KB	2.2 KB
Compressed upto	1.3 KB	-	-


■ Speeds

- Enc of Lizard is fast (from **81** kcycles for Category I), and RLizard has balanced performances



FLEXIBILITY OF THE LIZARD

- Lizard can be implemented flexibly for different purposes
- We implemented Lizard.CPA in 3 different ways for 3 different usages:
 - On ARM Core (Android, Galuxy S7); Enc: **0.077 ms**, Dec: **0.023 ms**
 - For 32-bit msgs; Enc: **0.009 ms**, Dec: **0.001 ms**
 - AHE; Enc: **0.014 ms**, Dec: **0.012 ms**



Comparison to Other LWR-based Scheme(s)

SABER

- Submitted by J. P. D'Anvers, A. Karmakar, S. S. Roy, **F. Vercauteren** – KU Leuven (Belgium)
- Concept: Module-LWR + Module-LWR based
- Main Strengths: Simplicity, Small Parameter Sizes (Smaller pk / sk / ctxt compared to Kyber)

- Rounding is simple ('add constant and chop' which is the same as Lizard), Secrets from Centered Binomial dist.
- For 115 bit security (Category I),

	Kyber	Saber
pk	736 bytes	672 bytes
sk	1632 bytes	992 bytes
ctxt	800 bytes	736 bytes

- No NTT, but Toom-Cook & Karatsuba: Constant-time implementation
- DFR is not $2^{-\lambda}$, but very small
 - 2^{-120} , 2^{-136} , 2^{-165} for Category I, III, V, resp.
- Recently, they reported some implementations on ARM Core

ROUND2

- Submitted by **O. Garcia-Morchon**, Z. Zhang, S. Bhattacharya, R. Rietman, Ludo Tolhuizen, J.L. Torre-Arce
- Concept: LWR + LWR based, RLWR + RLWR based

- Main Strength: Lower Bandwidths

	uRound2	nRound2	Saber
pk	565 bytes	581 bytes	672 bytes
ctxt	636 bytes	652 bytes	736 bytes
DFR	2^{-66}	2^{-54}	2^{-120}

- Very Similar Approach with Lizard Except for the Higher Dec. Fail. Rates
 - Sparse trinary secret
 - Power-of-2 modulus, rounding by 'add constant and chop'
- uRound2: w/o NTT, nRound2: with NTT

Scheme	Lizard	Saber	Round2
Category	KEM / PKE	KEM	KEM
Main Strength	Fast Enc/Dec Ctxt Compression via LWR Conservative params, negl DFR	Simplicity Fixed ring Compact sizes	Unified Design (GLWR)* Lower bandwidths Great speed*
Assumption	(Ring-)LWE + (Ring-)LWR	Module-LWR	(Ring-)LWR
Ring Choice	$Z_q[X]/(X^n + 1)$	$Z_{8192}[X]/(X^{256} + 1)$	$Z_q[X]/(X^{p-1} + X^{p-2} + \dots + 1)$
Modulus	Power of 2	Power of 2	Power of 2 / Prime
Dec. Failure	O	O	O
Const. Time	X	O	O (Doubtful)
Some Other Differences	Sparse signed binary secret	Binomial distribution	Sparse signed binary secret
	DFR $\ll 2^{-\lambda}$	DFR $> 2^{-\lambda}$	DFR: $2^{-65}, 2^{-128} > 2^{-\lambda}$ for all parameter sets
		Toom-Cook and Karatsuba	NTT Const time*, but still vulnerable to Cache attack*

* ; they insisted so in the submitted documentation

DFR ; Decryption Failure Rate

COMPARISON VIA IMPLEMENTATION (MEASURED ON THE SAME ENVIRONMENT)

Scheme	Parameter Name	KeyGen	Enc	Dec
Round2	u_n1_fn0_l1	4.765	5.436	5.463
	u_n1_fn1_l1	0.432	0.707	0.728
	u_n1_fn2_l1	0.961	1.226	1.248
	u_nd_l1	0.069	0.082	0.089
	n_nd_l1	1.940	3.800	5.652
Lizard	CCA_CATEGORYI_N536	151.485	0.022	0.024
	CCA_CATEGORYI_N663	166.564	0.023	0.026
RLizard	RING_CATEGORYI	0.428	0.028	0.028
Saber*	LightSaber	0.084	0.168	0.245

Table: Performance Comparison for LVR-based Schemes with Category I Parameters

* Saber is a Key Encapsulation Mechanism

FURTHER IMPROVEMENTS (IN PROGRESS)

- KeyGen can be done faster by generating a random seed for each random component and then using AES-CTR mode to expand it :

Scheme	Parameter	Submitted KeyGen (ms)	Improved KeyGen (ms)
Lizard.CCA	CCA_CATEGORYI_N536	71.993	3.182
	CCA_CATEGORYI_N663	87.848	3.863

- Use AVX2 Instruction :

Scheme	Parameter	Enc (# kcycle)	Dec (# kcycle)
Lizard.CCA	CCA_CATEGORYI_N536	52	62
	CCA_CATEGORYI_N663	52	66



Thank You !

EX I. APPLICATION ON SMARTPHONE

- Implemented Lizard.CPA on Android application
- Used parameters (128-bit security):

m	n	$\log_2 q$	$\log_2 p$	α^{-1}	ρ	h_r
960	608	10	8	1822	1/2	128

- Performance:

KeyGen (ms)	Enc (ms)	Dec(ms)
288.618	0.0770	0.0229

EX 2. FOR 32-BIT MESSAGES

- Implemented Lizard.CPA with 32-bit message space
- Can be utilized on low-end devices
- Used parameters (119-bit security):

m	n	$\log_2 q$	$\log_2 p$	α^{-1}	ρ	h_r	$\log_2 \epsilon$
724	480	11	9	303	1/2	128	-154

- Performance:

	ctxt (bytes)	pk (bytes)	sk (bytes)	KeyGe n (ms)	Enc (ms)	Dec (ms)
A as matrix (A as seed)	576	741,376 (46,368)	3,840	4.749 (1.891)	0.009 (0.052)	0.001

EX 3. ADDITIVE HOMOMORPHIC ENCRYPTION

- Post-quantum alternative for AHE
- Parameters (128-bit security):

m	n	$\log_2 q$	$\log_2 p$	α^{-1}	ρ	h_r
1024	816	16	14	21000	1/2	136

- Performance:

	ctxt (bytes)	pk (bytes)	sk (bytes)	KeyGe n (ms)	Enc (ms)	Dec (ms)	Add (ms)
A as matrix (A as seed)	1,876	2,195,456 (524,320)	52,224	25.923 (21.444)	0.014 (0.092)	0.012	0.0005