

Multivariate Cryptography

Postquantum Crypto Minischool

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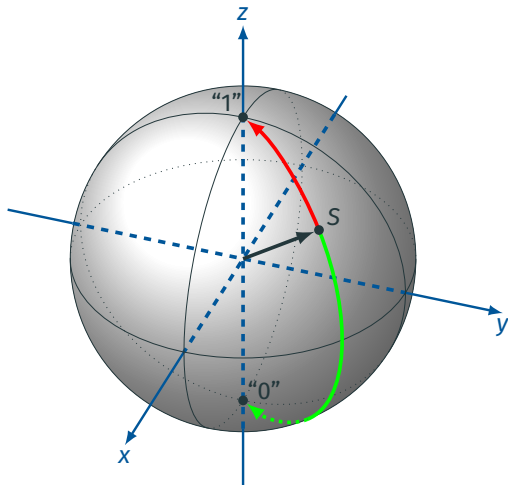
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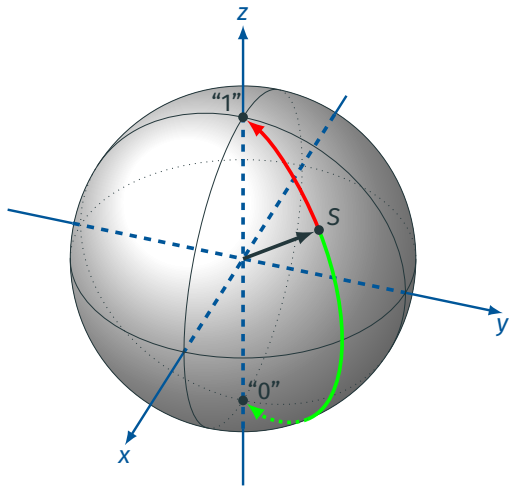
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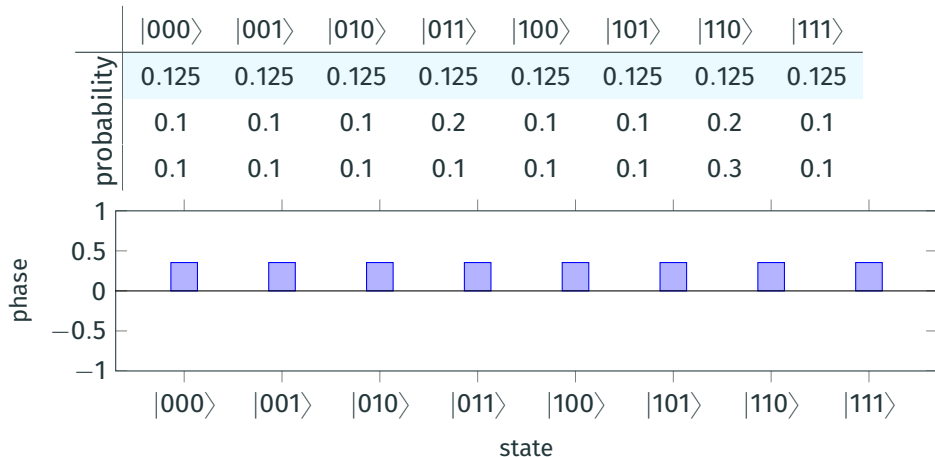
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Mathematical:

- Two-dimensional complex vector space,
- written in Braket-Notation, e.g. $|1\rangle$, $|0\rangle$,
 $\sqrt{\frac{1}{2}}(|0\rangle + |1\rangle)$.

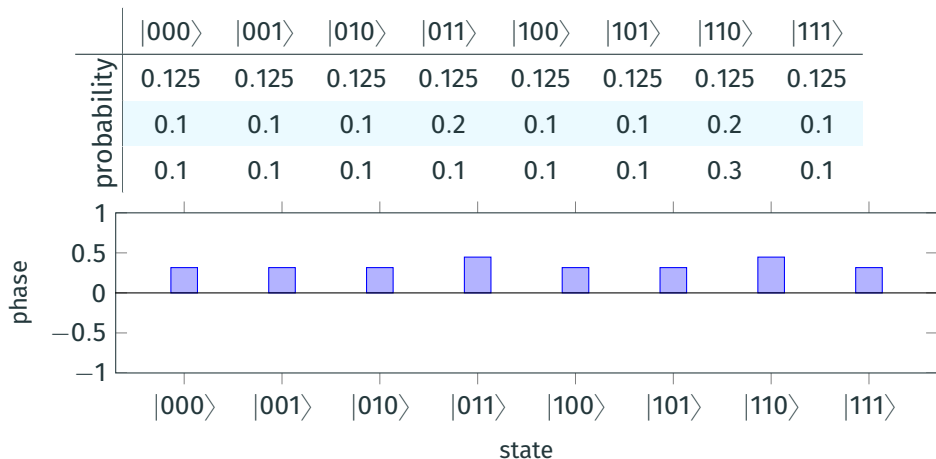
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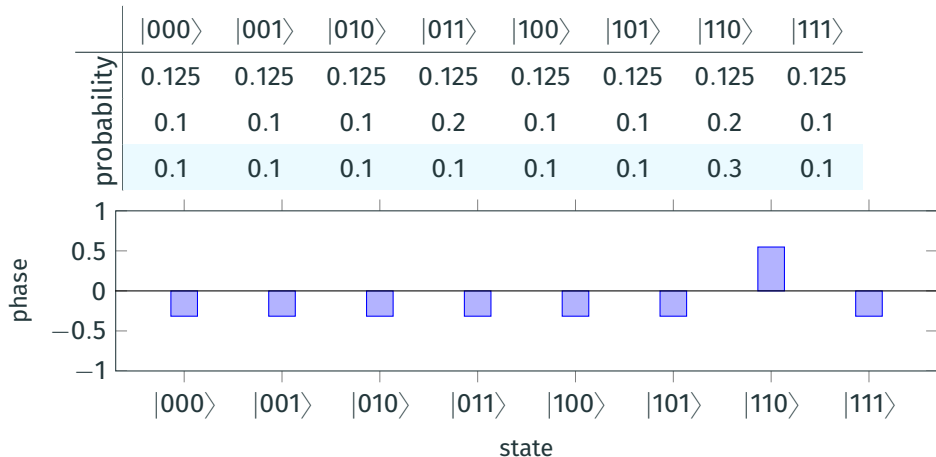
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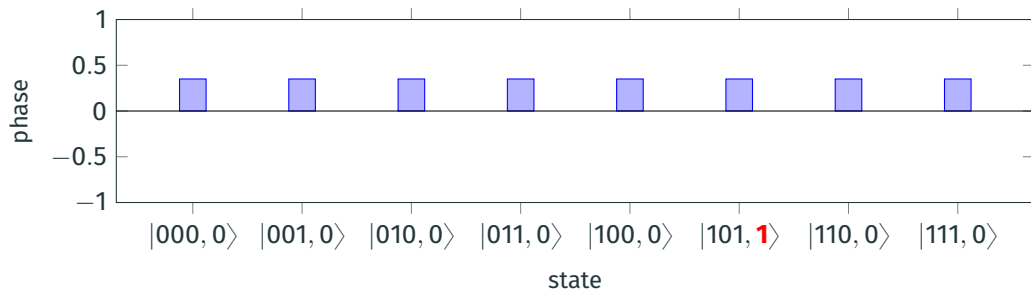


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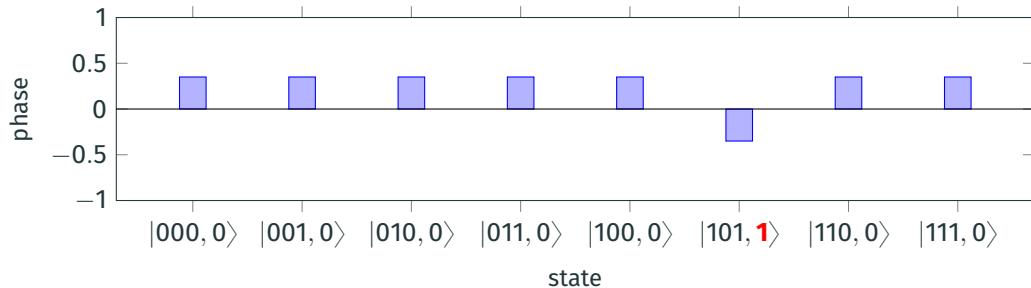


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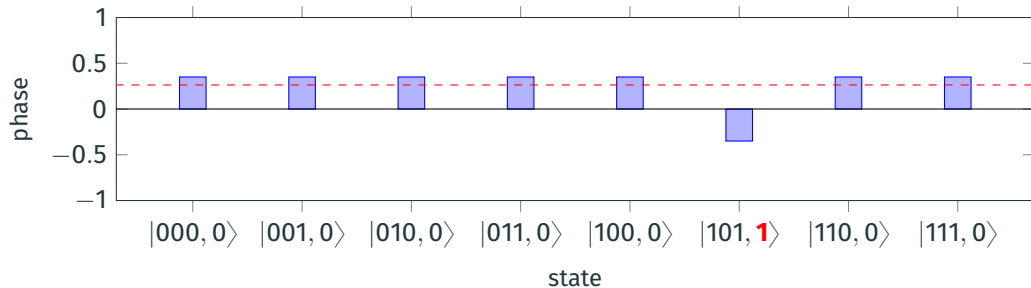
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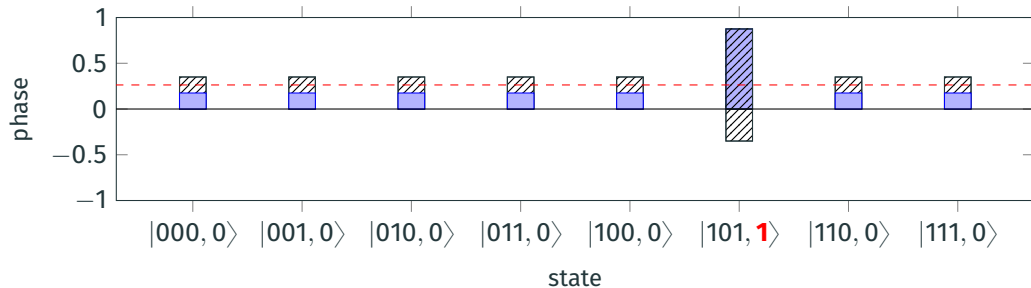
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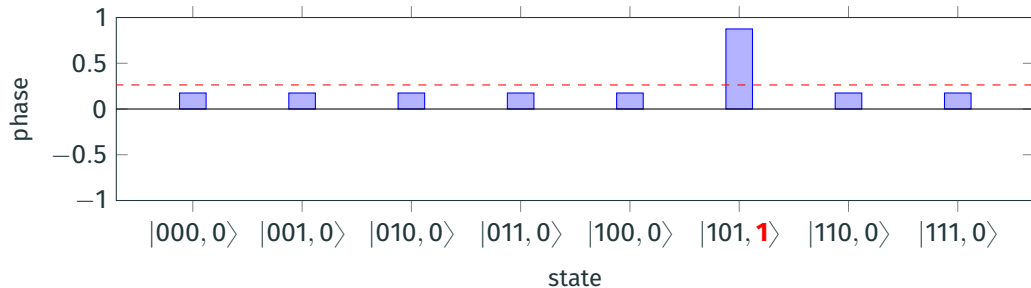
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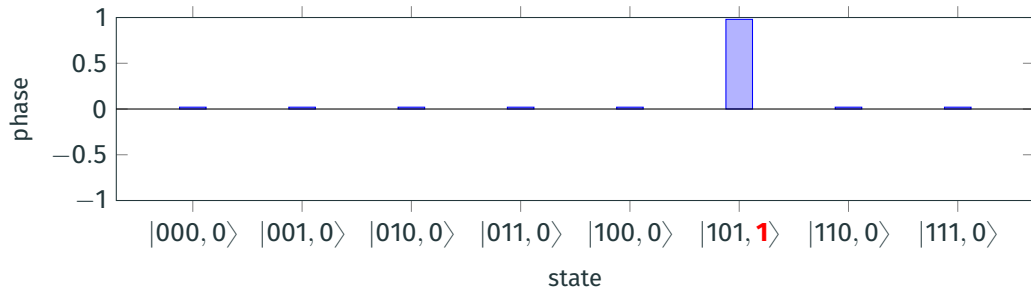
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- **Repeat $\sqrt{2^n}$ times!**
This gives the quadratic speedup.



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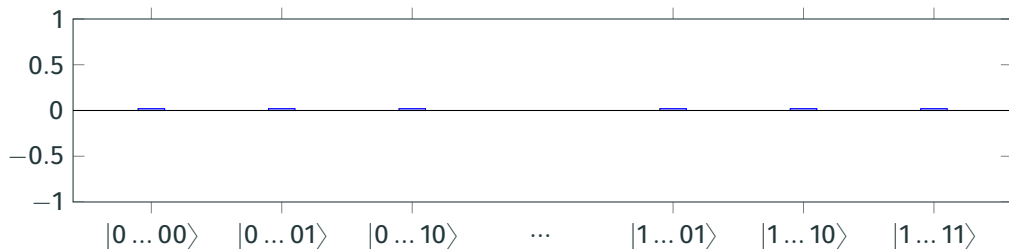
At the beginning all n qubits are in equally distributed superposition,
at the end the correct solution \vec{x}_l is measured with high probability.



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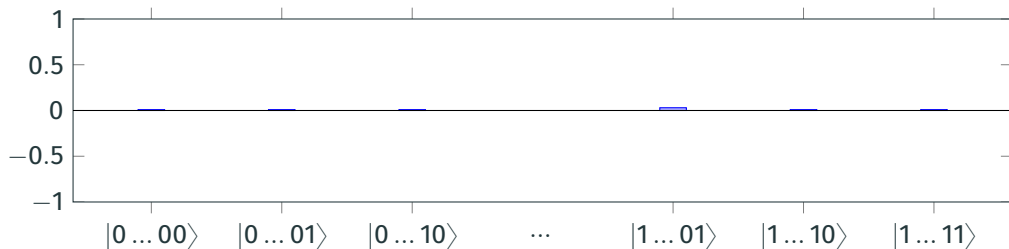
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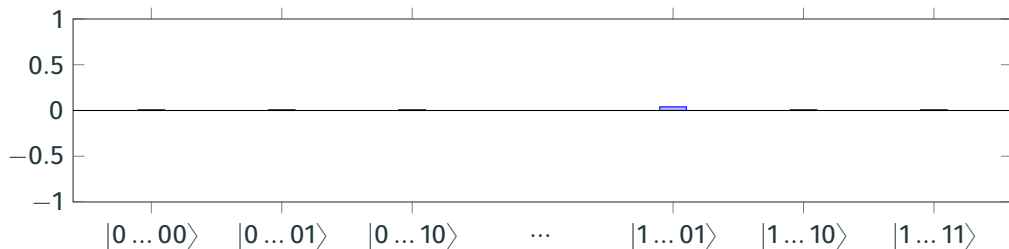
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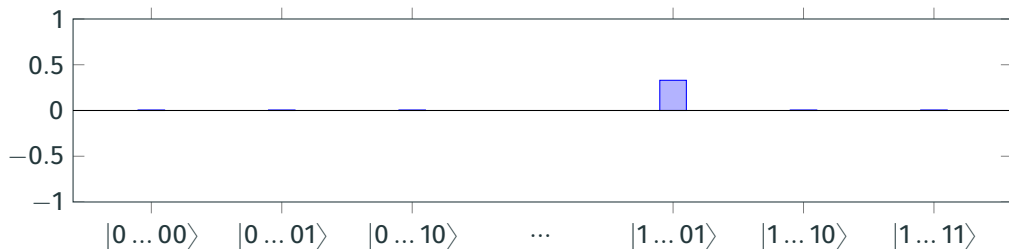
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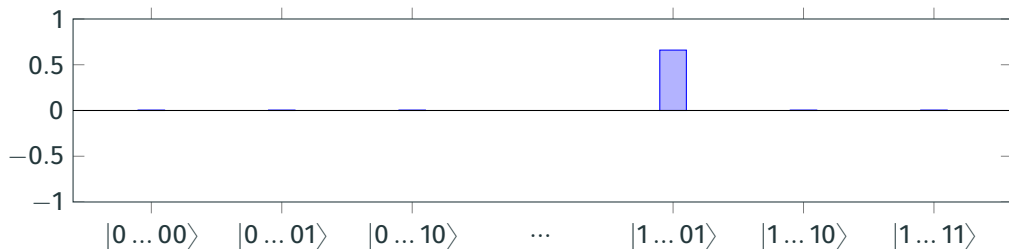
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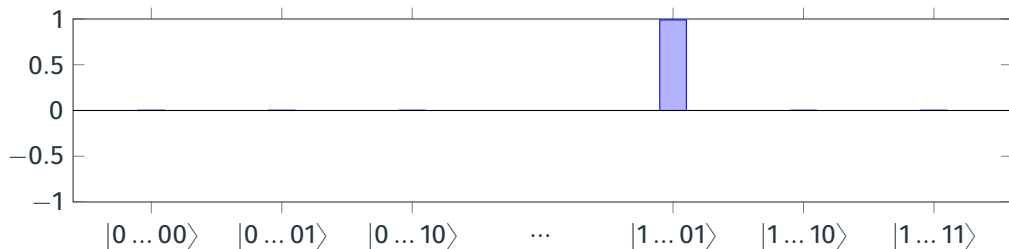
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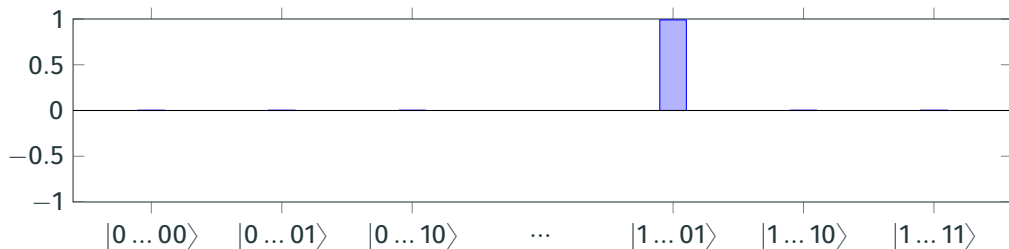
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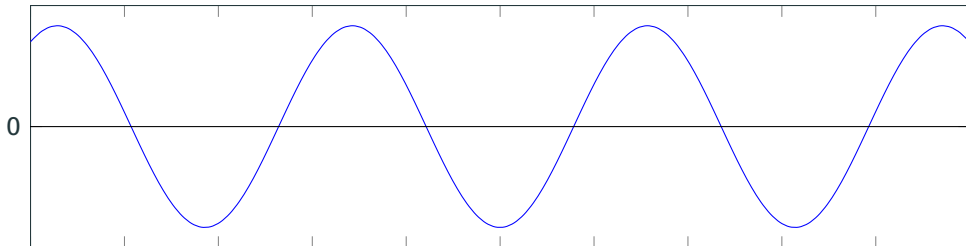
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solvable today: 20 cities; $20! \approx 2^{61}$ operations
using Grover: 33 cities; $\sqrt{33!} \approx 2^{61}$ quantum operations



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Likelihood to break RSA-2048 in 24h*:

- 2026? ($< 1\%$)
- 2031? ($< 5\%$)
- 2036? ($\approx 50\%$)
- 2041? ($> 70\%$)
- 2051? ($> 95\%$)

Since 10 years: “In 15 years?”

* Mosca and Piani, Quantum Threat Timeline Report, 2021



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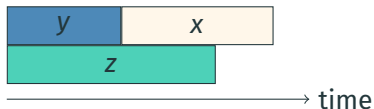
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- We need y years to migrate to secure schemes.
- It takes z years before quantum computers break current crypto.



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$$28x_1x_2x_3^4 + 14x_2^3x_3^2 + 16x_1x_3 + 32x_2 + 7x_3 + 10 = 0$$

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Multivariate Cryptography

Underlying problem:

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Example

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Definition (\mathcal{MQ} over \mathbb{F}_2)

Let $\mathcal{MQ}(\mathbb{F}_2^n, \mathbb{F}_2^m)$ be the set of all systems of quadratic equations in n variables and m equations over \mathbb{F}_2 .

We call one element $P \in \mathcal{MQ}(\mathbb{F}_2^n, \mathbb{F}_2^m)$ an instance of \mathcal{MQ} over \mathbb{F}_2 .



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Replace all b_i by x_i and all $\neg b_i$ by $(1 - x_i)$:

$$\left(x_1 + (1 - x_2) + x_3 + x_1(1 - x_2) + x_1x_3 + (1 - x_2)x_3 + x_1(1 - x_2)x_3 \right) \wedge (x_1 + x_2 + x_1x_2) \wedge (1 - x_4)$$

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Construct an equation $e_i : c_i = 1$ for each clause c_i :

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Iteratively add a new equation for each remaining cubic term:

$$x_1x_2 + x_5x_3 + x_2x_3 + x_2 = 0$$

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NP-Completeness of \mathcal{MQ}

Theorem

$\mathcal{MQ}\text{-}\mathbb{F}_2$ is NP-complete.

Proof.

We showed that $\mathcal{MQ}\text{-}\mathbb{F}_2 \in \text{NP}$ and $3\text{-SAT} \leq_{\text{poly}} \mathcal{MQ}\text{-}\mathbb{F}_2$.

Thus, $\mathcal{MQ}\text{-}\mathbb{F}_2$ is NP-complete. □



Cryptosystems

Hashing

Cryptographic hash function:

- Pre-image resistance:
Given a hash h it should be difficult to find any message m such that $h = H(m)$.
- Second pre-image resistance:
Given an input m_0 it should be difficult to find another input m_1 such that $m_0 \neq m_1$ and $H(m_0) = H(m_1)$.
- Collision resistance:
It should be difficult to find two different messages m_0 and m_1 such that that $m_0 \neq m_1$ and $H(m_0) = H(m_1)$.



Hashing

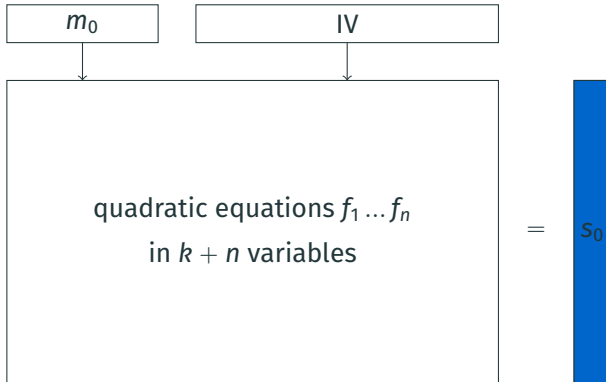
m_0

IV

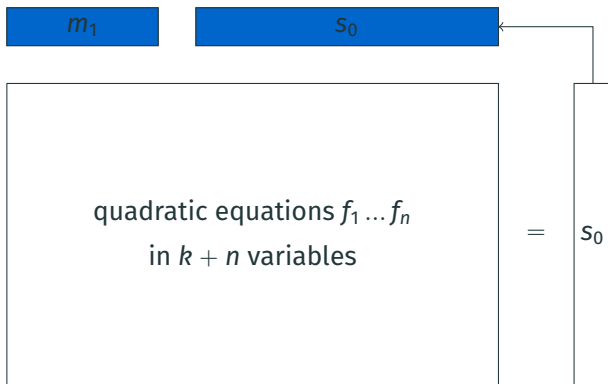
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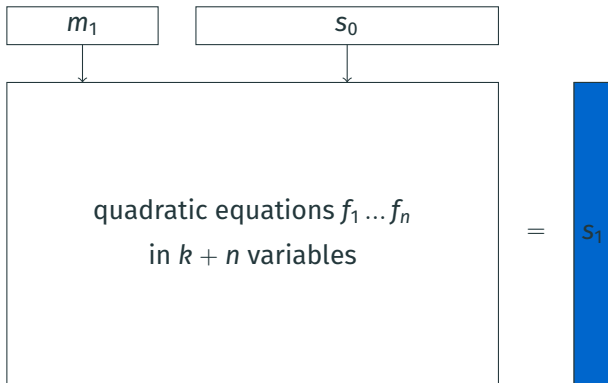
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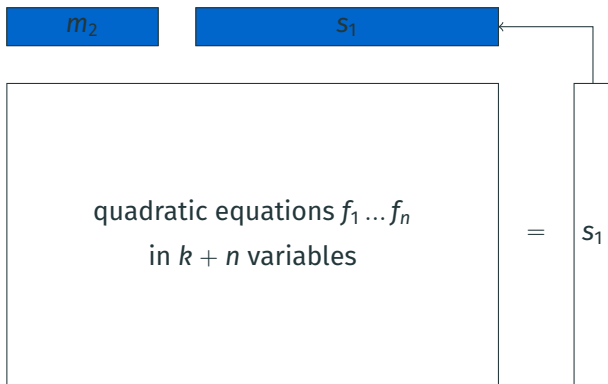
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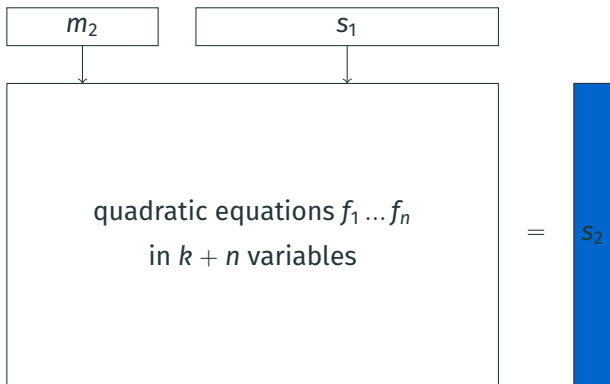
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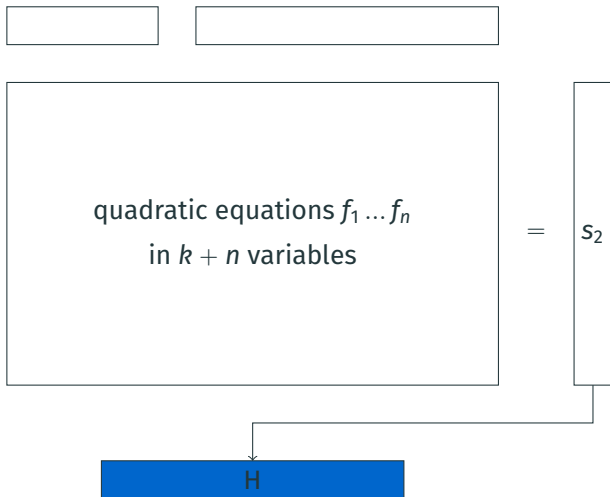
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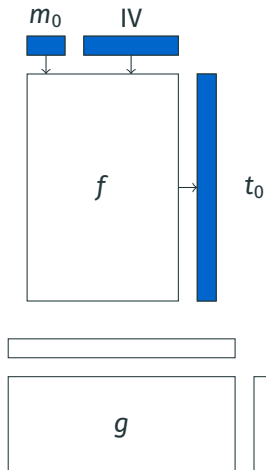
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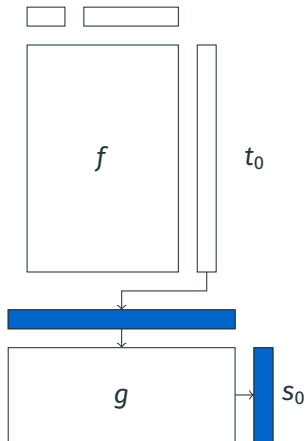
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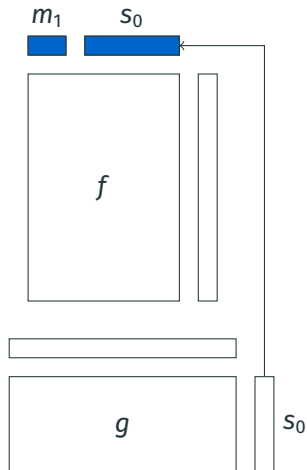
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Example (MQ-HASH)

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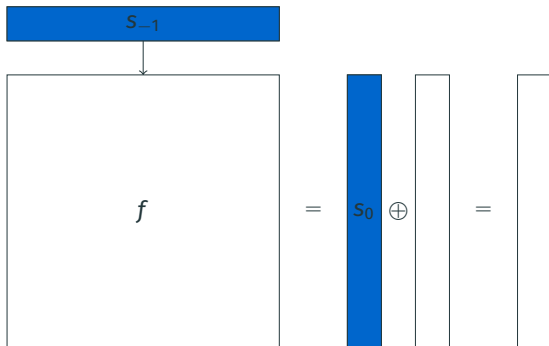
$$g : \mathbb{F}_2^r \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_2^n$$

$$H : (g \circ f)(s_1, \dots, s_n, m_1, \dots, m_k)$$

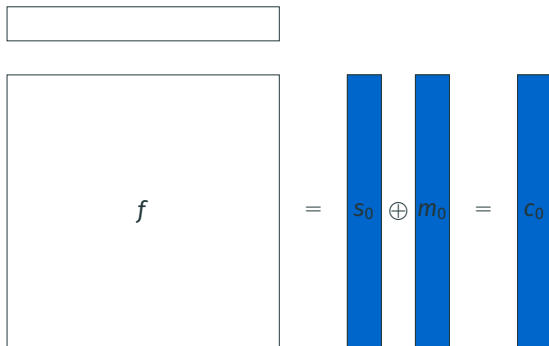
MQ-HASH: $k = 32$, $n = 160$ and $r = 464$.

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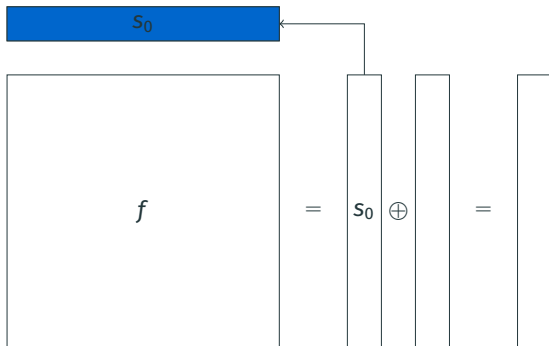
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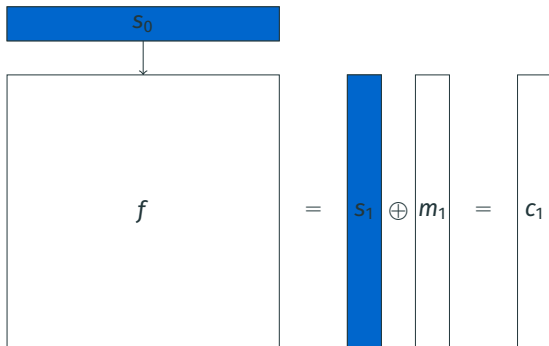
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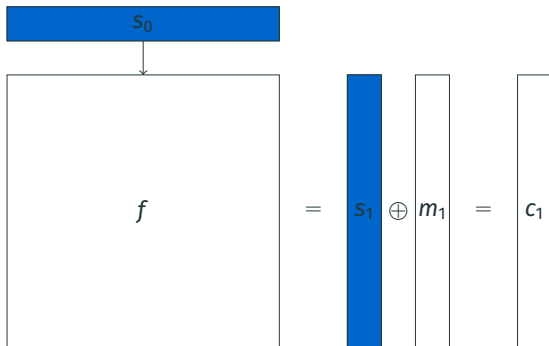
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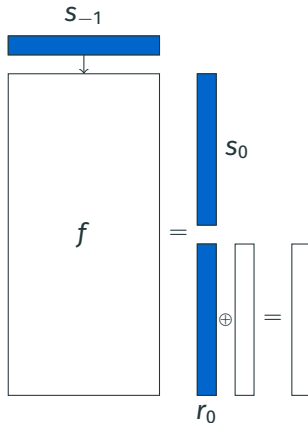
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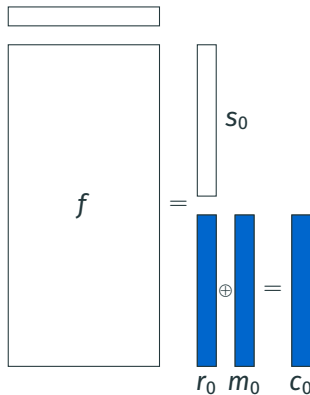
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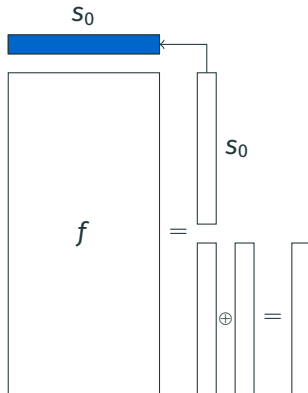
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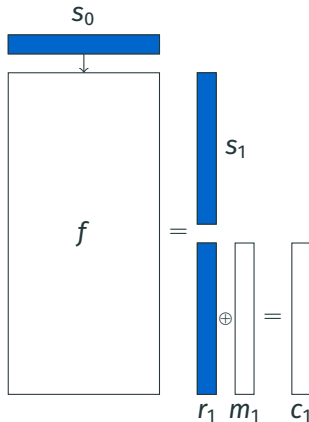
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Parameters that are still considered secure:

QUAD(2,160,160), QUAD(2,256,256), QUAD(2,350,350), ...



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Example

Choose $f = (f_1, \dots, f_n), h = (h_1, \dots, h_n)$ as sets of independent linear equations and

$$g(g_1, \dots, g_n) = \begin{pmatrix} g_1 : & x_1, \\ g_2 : & x_2 + p_2(x_1), \\ g_3 : & x_3 + p_3(x_1, x_2), \\ & \dots \\ g_4 : & x_n + p_4(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}) \end{pmatrix},$$

with p_i quadratic in x_1, \dots, x_i .

Public-Key Encryption

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\mathbb{F}_{2^8}	112	44	68	128
\mathbb{F}_{2^8}	184	72	112	192
\mathbb{F}_{2^8}	244	96	148	256



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Obtain a system of multivariate polynomial equations with the secret among the variables.

- Naturally breaks multivariate crypto schemes,
- does not break AES as first advertised,
- but does break, e.g., KeeLoq.



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Find x for $F(x) = (0, 1, 0, 0)$.

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Algorithm due to Buchberger:

- Transform set of equations to a Gröbner basis; obtain solution of the system from the final representation.
- During computation, the maximum degree increases to $D > 2$.
- There are several improvements of Buchbergers algorithm, e.g., Faugère's F_4 and F_5 (implemented, e.g., in Magma).



Extended Linearization

The XL algorithm

- *XL* is an acronym for *extended linearization*:
 - *extend* a quadratic system by multiplying with appropriate monomials,
 - *linearize* by treating each monomial as an independent variable,
 - solve the linearized system.
- Special case of Gröbner basis algorithms.
- First suggested by Lazard (1983).
- Reinvented by Courtois, Klimov, Patarin, and Shamir (2000).
- More “easy” to parallelize compared to Gröbner basis solvers.



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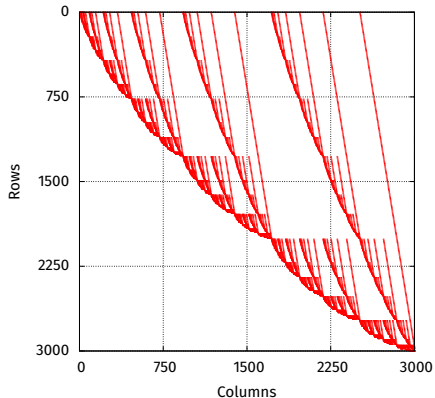
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Use, e.g., the (block) Lanczos or the (block) Wiedemann algorithm.

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Most Efficient Algorithm for \mathbb{F}_2 :

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Full-Evaluation Approach

- Evaluate the whole equation for each possible input.
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- Memory Complexity: $O(n)$



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$$f = 0 \cdot 0 + \mathbf{1 \cdot 1} + 0 \cdot 1 + 1 + 1 + \mathbf{1} + 1$$

Exhaustive Search — Approach

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$$f = x_4x_2 + x_3x_0 + x_2x_1 + x_3 + x_1 + x_0 + 1$$

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$$k = 01100_b; x_4 = 0, x_3 = 1, x_2 = 1, x_1 = 0, x_0 = 0$$

$$f = x_4x_2 + x_3x_0 + x_2x_1 + x_3 + x_1 + x_0 + 1$$

$$f = 0 \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot 0 + 1 \cdot 0 + 1 + 0 + 0 + 1$$

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$$k = 010\textcolor{brown}{0}1_b \text{ in Gray-code order}$$

$$f = x_4x_2 + x_3x_0 + x_2\textcolor{brown}{x}_1 + x_3 + \textcolor{brown}{x}_1 + x_0 + 1$$

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$$k = 01001_b \text{ in Gray-code order}$$

$$f = x_4x_2 + x_3x_0 + x_2x_1 + x_3 + x_1 + x_0 + 1$$

$$f = 0 \cdot 0 + 1 \cdot 1 + 0 \cdot 0 + 1 + 0 + 1 + 1$$

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$$f = 0 \cdot 0 + 1 \cdot 1 + 0 \cdot 0 + 1 + 0 + 1 + 1$$

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$$f = f(01011_b) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1}(01001_b)$$



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- Only re-compute those parts of the equation that have changed.
- Enumerate input vector in Gray-code order.
- Update solution using the derivatives of the involved variables.
- Time Complexity: $O(2^n m)$
- Memory Complexity: $O(n^2 m)$

Trade computation for memory.



Joux-Vitse's Crossbred Algorithm

Basic idea:

- Extend the original \mathcal{MQ} system to a system with a degree D lower than the degree required for XL.
- Derive a sub-system that has at most degree d in the first k variables.
- Solve this sub-system by iterating over the remaining $n - k$ variables and solving the resulting degree- d system in k variables in each iteration.

For $d = 1$, this requires to only solve a linear system in k variables for each assignment of $n - k$ variables.



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Fast enumeration:

Enumerate all possible assignments for the fixed variables using Gray-code enumeration.



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Fukuoka MQ Challenge

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Hall of Fame

Type I	Type II	Type III	Type IV	Type V	Type VI	
	Number of Variables (n)	Seed (0,1,2,3,4)	Date	Contestants	Computational Resource	Data
1	74	0	2016/12/17	Antoine Joux	New hybridized XL related algorithm, Heterogeneous cluster of Intel Xeon @ 2.7-3.5 Ghz	Details
2	74	4	2017/11/15	Kai-Chun Ning, Ruben Niederhagen	Parallel Crossbred, 54 GPUs in the Saber cluster	Details
3	74	2	2020/05/07	Yao Sun	Improved Parallel Crossbred, Intel i7 8700, GeForce GTX 1080Ti	Details

For $n = 74$ variables:

- **Joux and Vitse 2016:**
18 hours on 448 cores
(expected: 180 hours)
- **Ning and Niederhagen 2017:**
33 hours on 54 GPUs
(expected: 76 hours)
- **Sun 2020:**
82 hours on 10 GPUs
(expected: 113 hours)

Thank you very much for your attention!

