

# Theoretical Hardness of Algebraically Structured Learning With Errors

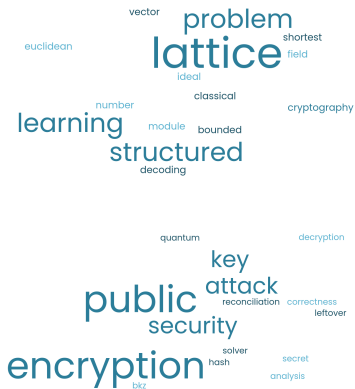


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Provably secure **public-key** cryptography needs **well-defined** assumptions in the form of **mathematical problems**.

Current problems:

- Discrete Logarithm
- Factoring

⚠️  $\exists$  poly-time **quantum** algorithm [Sho97].

Sources for assumedly quantum-resistant problems:

- Euclidean Lattices
- Codes
- Isogenies
- Multivariate Systems
- ?



# Hard Lattice Problems

An **Euclidean lattice**  $\Lambda$  of rank  $n$  with a basis  $\mathbf{B} = (\mathbf{b}_j)_{1 \leq j \leq n}$  is given by

$$\Lambda(\mathbf{B}) = \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^n z_j \mathbf{b}_j : z_j \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}.$$

The **minimum** of  $\Lambda$  is

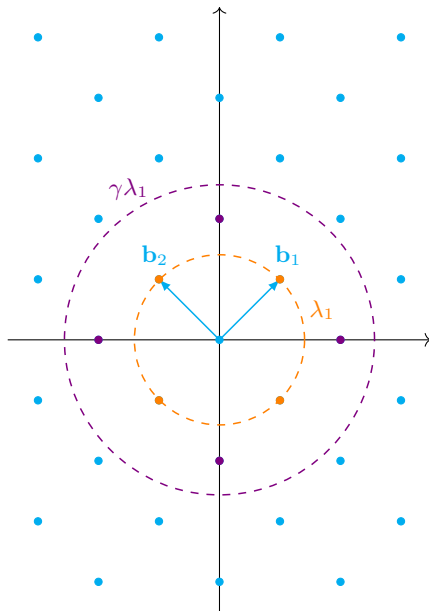
$$\lambda_1(\Lambda) := \min_{\mathbf{v} \in \Lambda \setminus \{\mathbf{0}\}} \|\mathbf{v}\|.$$

The **approximate shortest vector problem** ( $\text{SVP}_\gamma$ ) for  $\gamma \geq 1$  asks to find a vector  $\mathbf{w}$  such that  $\|\mathbf{w}\| \leq \gamma \lambda_1(\Lambda)$ .

## Conjecture:

There is no polynomial-time classical or quantum algorithm that solves  $\text{SVP}_\gamma$  and its variants to within polynomial factors.

⚠ Hard to build cryptography on top of  $\text{SVP}_\gamma$ .

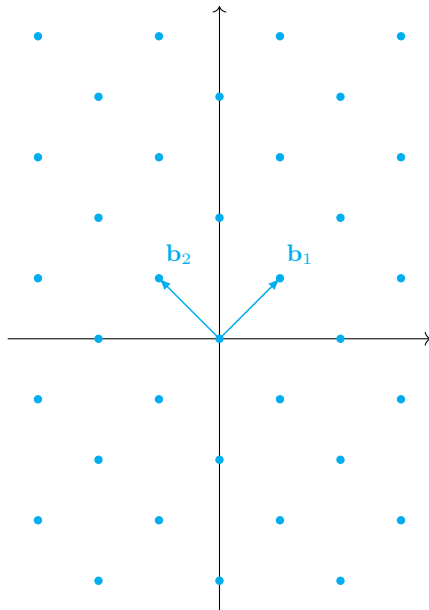


# Lattice-Based Cryptography

💡 **Idea:** use intermediate problems!

(Main) Mathematical Problems:

- Short Integer Solution [Ajt96]
- NTRU [HPS98]
- Learning With Errors [Reg05]
  - ▶ Strong security guarantees  
At least as hard as variants of  $\text{SVP}_\gamma$  for any Euclidean lattice
  - ▶ Efficiency  
Linear algebra & parallelizable
  - ▶ Many cryptographic applications  
Fully Homomorphic Encryption,  
E-Voting, Zero-Knowledge Proofs, ...



Started in 2016: NIST project to define new standards for post-quantum cryptography. A majority (5 out of 7) of the finalist candidates are based on **lattice problems**. Several among them (3 out of 5) are based on (variants of) **Learning With Errors**.

## Public Key Encryption

- Kyber: (module variant of) Learning With Errors
- Saber: (deterministic module variant of) Learning With Errors

## Digital Signature

- Dilithium: (module variant of) Learning With Errors

## Observation

*Lattice-based cryptography, and in particular Learning With Errors, plays a **key role** in designing post-quantum cryptography.*

# Outline

- 1 Introduction
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  - Classical Hardness
- 4 Partial Vandermonde Learning With Errors
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# Learning With Errors

# The Learning With Errors (LWE) Problem [Reg05]

Set  $\mathbb{Z}_q := \mathbb{Z}/q\mathbb{Z}$  for some integer  $q$ .

Given  $\mathbf{A} \sim \text{Unif}(\mathbb{Z}_q^{m \times d})$ ,  $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{Z}_q^m$ ,  $\mathbf{s} \sim \text{DistrS}$  over  $\mathbb{Z}^d$ ,  $\mathbf{e} \sim \text{DistrE}$  over  $\mathbb{Z}^m$  such that

$$\underbrace{\begin{matrix} m \\ \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \mathbf{A} \end{array} \right\} \\ d \end{matrix}} + \mathbf{s} + \mathbf{e} = \mathbf{b} \pmod{q}.$$

Search:

find secret  $\mathbf{s}$

Decision:

distinguish from  $(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{b})$ , where  $\mathbf{b} \sim \text{Unif}(\mathbb{Z}_q^m)$

Standard:

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Binary Secret:

$\text{DistrS} = \text{Unif}(\{0, 1\}^d)$

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Rounding:

$\text{DistrS} = \text{Unif}(\mathbb{Z}_q^d)$

$\text{DistrE} \hat{=}$  deterministic depends on  $\mathbf{A}$  &  $\mathbf{s}$

⚠ Storage

$m(d+1) \log_2 q$  bits

$\sim \tilde{O}(\lambda^2)$

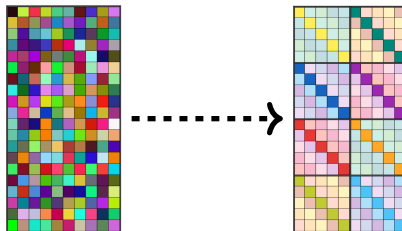
⚠ Computation

$O(md)$

$\sim O(\lambda^2)$

$\lambda$  security parameter

Reduce needed storage of the public key  
and speed-up the computations  
by adding **structure**!



⇒ structured variants of Learning With Errors

  my research



## I. Study of existing structured variants

1. **Module Learning With Errors** with a binary secret
2. **Classical hardness of Module Learning With Errors**

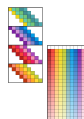
$$A \cdot A \begin{matrix} s \\ + e \end{matrix} = b$$

## II. Proposing new structured variants

3. Middle-Product Learning With Rounding
4. **Partial Vandermonde Learning With Errors**

## III. Building public key encryption

5. Based on MP-LWR (3.)
6. **PASS Encrypt**, related to (4.)



Asiacrypt'19  
& under submission

# Hardness of Module Learning With Errors

Joint work with C. Jeudy, A. Roux-Langlois and W. Wen

# Ring of Integers over a Number Field

💡 **Idea:** replace  $\mathbb{Z}$  by the ring of integers  $R$  of some number field  $K$  of degree  $n$ .

Think of  $R = \mathbb{Z}[x]/\langle x^n + 1 \rangle$  and  $K = \mathbb{Q}[x]/\langle x^n + 1 \rangle$  with  $n = 2^\ell$ .

Before: multiplication of two integers  $a \cdot s \in \mathbb{Z}$

Now: multiplication of two polynomials  $a \cdot s \in R$  modulo  $x^n + 1$

💡 **Note:** defines matrix-vector multiplication over  $\mathbb{Z}$ , denoted by  $\text{Rot}(a) \cdot s$ .

Example:  $n = 4$  thus  $R = \mathbb{Z}[x]/\langle x^4 + 1 \rangle$

$$m = 4 \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} \\ a_{41} & a_{42} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} s_1 \\ s_2 \end{bmatrix} \in R \right.$$

$d = 2$

$$nm = 16 \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} \text{colored grid} \\ \text{colored grid} \\ \text{colored grid} \\ \text{colored grid} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \text{gray vector} \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{Z} \right.$$

$nd = 8$

structured

# Module Learning With Errors (Module-LWE, M-LWE) [BGV12, LS15]

Let  $R$  be the ring of integers of some number field  $K$  of degree  $n$ , set  $R_q = R/qR$ .

Given  $A \sim \text{Unif}(R_q^{m \times d})$ ,  $b \in R_q^m$ ,  $s \sim \text{DistrS}$  over  $R^d$ ,  $e \sim \text{DistrE}$  over  $R^m$  such that

$$\begin{matrix}
 & \begin{matrix} a_{11} \\ \vdots \\ a_{1d} \end{matrix} \\
 \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \text{ } & \text{ } & \text{ } & \text{ } \\ \text{ } & \text{ } & \text{ } & \text{ } \\ \text{ } & \text{ } & \text{ } & \text{ } \\ \text{ } & \text{ } & \text{ } & \text{ } \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{rank } d} & \cdot & \begin{bmatrix} \text{ } \\ \text{ } \\ \text{ } \\ \text{ } \end{bmatrix} & + & \begin{bmatrix} s \\ \text{ } \\ \text{ } \\ \text{ } \end{bmatrix} & = & \begin{bmatrix} \text{ } \\ \text{ } \\ \text{ } \\ \text{ } \end{bmatrix} & \text{mod } q.
 \end{matrix}$$

$a_{11} \in R_q$   
 $\text{Rot}(a_{11}) \in \mathbb{Z}_q^{n \times n}$

Search: find secret  $s$

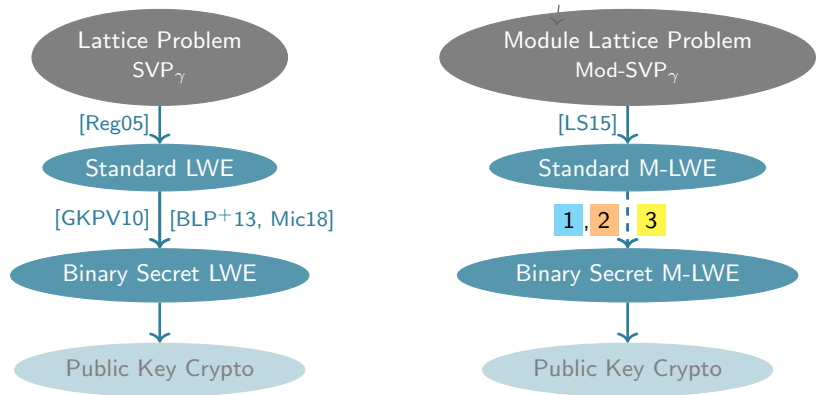
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For  $d = 1$ , we call this Ring-LWE [SSTX09, LPR10].

# Motivation: Theory vs. Praxis



## Contributions:

- 1 Extending and Improving [GKPV10] to M-LWE
- 2 Extending [BLP+13] to M-LWE
- 3 Generalizing both proofs to bounded secrets

- [BJRW20] Asiacrypt'20
- [BJRW21] CT-RSA'21
- [Bou21] PhD Thesis


# Hardness of Module-LWE with Binary Secrets (Cyclotomics)

Standard M-LWE  $\rightarrow$  Binary Secret M-LWE

modulus  $q$   
 ring degree  $n$   
 secret  $s' \bmod q$   
 Gaussian width  $\alpha$   
 rank  $k$

modulus  $q$   
 ring degree  $n$   
 secret  $s \bmod 2$   
 Gaussian width  $\beta$   
 rank  $d$

Property	Contribution 1	Contribution 2
LWE analogue	[GKPV10] using RD*	[BLP <sup>+</sup> 13]
minimal rank $d$	$k \log_2 q + \Omega(\log_2 n)$	$(k+1) \log_2 q + \omega(\log_2 n)$ <b>&gt;&gt; practice</b>
noise ratio $\beta/\alpha$	$O(n^2 \sqrt{md})$	$O(n^2 \sqrt{d})$
conditions on $q$	prime	number-theoretic restrictions
decision/search	search	decision

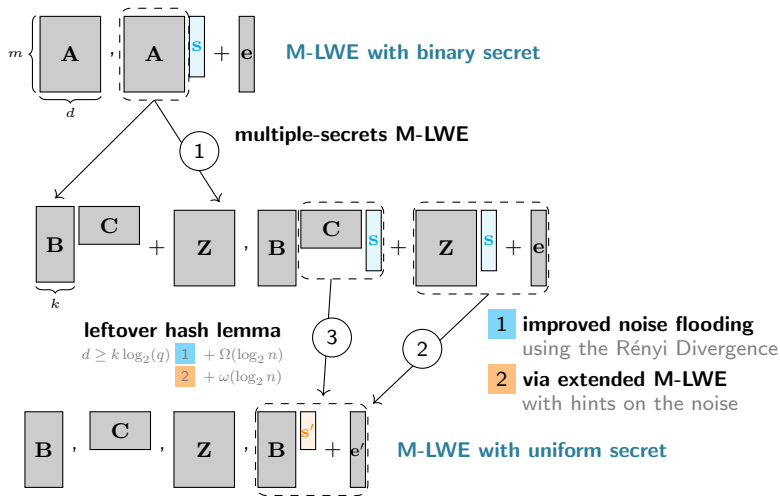
  
 pow-of-two:  
 $q$  prime and  
 $q = 5 \bmod 8$

$\Rightarrow$  both proofs have their (dis)advantages

\* Rényi Divergence

# Proof of Hardness of Module-LWE with Binary Secrets

The secret  $\mathbf{s} \in R_2^d$  is binary and the secret  $\mathbf{s}' \in R_q^k$  is modulo  $q$ .



# Improved Noise Flooding via Rényi Divergence 1/2

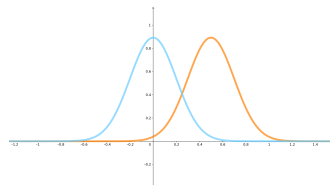
Let  $P, Q$  be discrete probability distributions.

In [GKPV10]: Statistical Distance

$$\text{SD}(P, Q) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{x \in \text{Supp}(P)} |P(x) - Q(x)|$$

In our work: Rényi Divergence

$$\text{RD}(P, Q) = \sum_{x \in \text{Supp}(P)} \frac{P(x)^2}{Q(x)}$$



Example: two Gaussians  $D_\beta$  and  $D_{\beta,s}$

$$\text{RD}(D_\beta, D_{\beta,s}) = \exp\left(\frac{2\pi\|s\|^2}{\beta^2}\right)$$

$$\text{SD}(D_\beta, D_{\beta,s}) = \frac{\sqrt{2\pi}\|s\|}{\beta}$$

## Improving 2 by using Rényi Divergence 2/2

Both fulfill the **probability preservation property** for an event  $E$ :

$$\begin{array}{llll} \text{[GKPV10]:} & P(E) & \leq & \text{SD}(P, Q) + Q(E) \quad (\text{additive}) \\ \text{Our work:} & P(E)^2 & \leq & \text{RD}(P, Q) \cdot Q(E) \quad (\text{multiplicative}) \end{array}$$

We need:  $Q(E)$  negligible  $\Rightarrow P(E)$  negligible

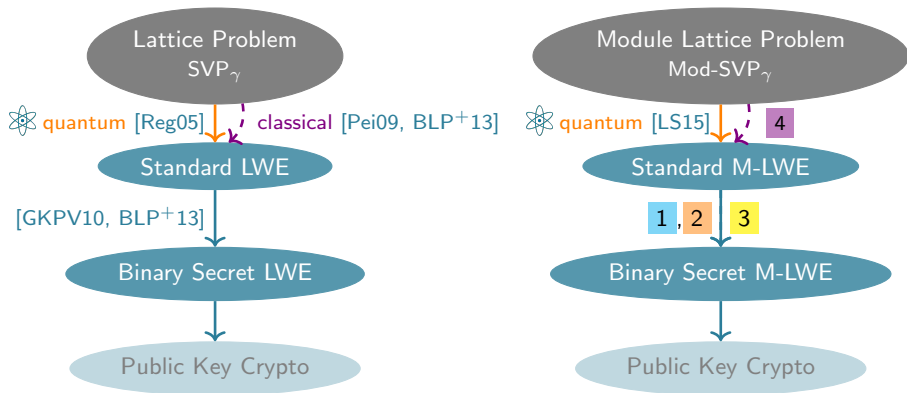
Thus:  $\text{SD}(P, Q) \stackrel{!}{=} \text{negligible}$  and  $\text{RD}(P, Q) \stackrel{!}{=} \text{constant}$

Back to example: two Gaussians  $D_\beta$  and  $D_{\beta,s}$  with  $\|s\| \leq \alpha$

$$\begin{array}{llll} \text{SD}(D_\beta, D_{\beta,s}) & = & \frac{\sqrt{2\pi}\|s\|}{\beta} & \Rightarrow \alpha/\beta \leq \text{negligible} \\ \text{RD}(D_\beta, D_{\beta,s}) & = & \exp\left(\frac{2\pi\|s\|^2}{\beta^2}\right) \approx 1 + \frac{2\pi\|s\|^2}{\beta^2} & \Rightarrow \alpha/\beta \leq \text{constant} \end{array}$$

⚠ Rényi Divergence only for search problems.

## Motivation (Continued)



### Contributions:

- 4 Classical reduction, modulus  $q$  is poly-small, but linear rank [BJRW20] extending [Pei09] and [BLP<sup>+</sup>13] to M-LWE and combining them with [PRS17]<sup>\*</sup>

<sup>\*</sup> Pseudorandomness of ring-LWE for any ring and modulus C. Peikert, O. Regev and N. Stephen-Davidowitz

# Classical Hardness of Module-LWE

High level idea following [BLP<sup>+</sup>13]:

- Step 1: **Classical** reduction from decision Mod-SVP <sub>$\gamma$</sub>  to **decision** Module-LWE with **exponentially large** modulus  $q$ 
  - 💡 Extending [Pei09] (classical) and [PRS17] (decision) to the module variants.
- Step 2: Reduction from Module-LWE with uniform secret to Module-LWE with **binary secret**
  - 💡 Using either Contribution 1 or 2 presented before.
  - ⚠️ Leftover hash lemma requires  $\text{rank} \geq \log(q) = \log(2^n) = n$ .
- Step 3: Modulus reduction from **exponentially large** to **polynomially small** modulus for Module-LWE with **binary secret**
  - 💡 Using [AD17], computing bounds on singular values of rotation matrix, loss in the reduction depends on the norm of the secret.

# Partial Vandermonde Learning With Errors

Joint work with A. Sakzad and R. Steinfeld  
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# Partial Vandermonde Transform [HPS<sup>+</sup>14, LZA18]

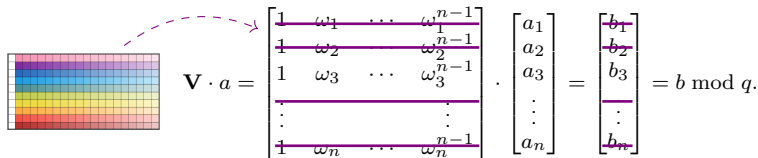
Again: Let  $R$  be the ring of integers of a number field  $K$  of degree  $n$ .

Think of  $R = \mathbb{Z}[x]/\langle x^n + 1 \rangle$  and  $K = \mathbb{Q}[x]/\langle x^n + 1 \rangle$  with  $n = 2^\ell$ .

Choose  $q$  **prime** such that  $q \equiv 1 \pmod{2n}$ :

- $x^n + 1 = \prod_{j=1}^n (x - \omega_j)$ , where  $\omega_j$  is a primitive  $2n$ -th root of unity in  $\mathbb{Z}_q$

The set  $\{\omega_j\}_{j=1,\dots,n}$  defines the **Vandermonde transform**  $\mathbf{V}: R \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_q^n$ , where


$$\mathbf{V} \cdot a = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \omega_1 & \dots & \omega_1^{n-1} \\ 1 & \omega_2 & \dots & \omega_2^{n-1} \\ 1 & \omega_3 & \dots & \omega_3^{n-1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & \omega_n & \dots & \omega_n^{n-1} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{bmatrix} = b \pmod{q}.$$

**Observation:**  $b = (b_j)_{j=1,\dots,n}$  uniquely defines  $a$  and vice versa. ( $\mathbf{V}^{-1}$  exists)

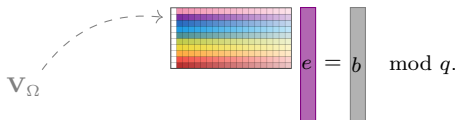
**Question:** What happens if we only provide  $t$  out of  $n$  coefficients? (say half)

**Note:** For  $\Omega \subseteq \{\omega_j\}_{j=1,\dots,n}$  write  $\mathbf{V}_\Omega \cdot a = b$ . (**partial Vandermonde transform**)

## Partial Vandermonde Problems

Choose a random subset  $\Omega \subseteq \{\omega_j\}_{j=1,\dots,n}$  of size  $|\Omega| = t$ .

**Partial Vandermonde knapsack problem (PV-Knap):** Sample  $\mathbf{e} \sim \text{DistrE}$  over  $\mathbb{Z}^n$  defining



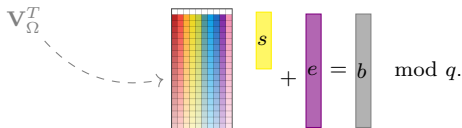
The diagram shows a dashed arrow from the label  $\mathbf{V}_\Omega$  to a grid representing a Vandermonde matrix. The grid has 10 columns and 10 rows, with each cell containing a small colored square. To the right of the grid is a vertical purple bar labeled  $\mathbf{e}$ , followed by an equals sign, a vertical gray bar labeled  $\mathbf{b}$ , and the text  $\text{mod } q$ .

$$\mathbf{V}_\Omega \mathbf{e} = \mathbf{b} \pmod{q}.$$

Search: find  $\mathbf{e}$

**Partial Vandermonde Learning With Errors (PV-LWE):** Sample  $\mathbf{s} \sim \text{DistrS}$  over  $\mathbb{Z}^t$  and

$\mathbf{e} \sim \text{DistrE}$  over  $\mathbb{Z}^n$  defining



The diagram shows a dashed arrow from the label  $\mathbf{V}_\Omega^T$  to a grid representing a Vandermonde matrix. The grid has 10 columns and 10 rows, with each cell containing a small colored square. To the right of the grid is a vertical yellow bar labeled  $\mathbf{s}$ , followed by a plus sign, a vertical purple bar labeled  $\mathbf{e}$ , an equals sign, a vertical gray bar labeled  $\mathbf{b}$ , and the text  $\text{mod } q$ .

$$\mathbf{V}_\Omega^T \mathbf{s} + \mathbf{e} = \mathbf{b} \pmod{q}.$$

Search: find  $\mathbf{e}$  (and secret  $\mathbf{s}$ )

**Conjecture:** Hard to solve if  $\text{DistrE}$  provides elements of small norm.

# Equivalence of PV-Knap and PV-LWE

Let  $t = n/2$  and set  $\mathcal{P}_t = \{\Omega \subseteq \{\omega_j\}_{j=1,\dots,n} : |\Omega| = t\}$ .

**Property 1:**  $\mathbf{V}_\Omega$  defines a ring homomorphism from  $R$  to  $\mathbb{Z}_q^t$ :

$$\mathbf{V}_\Omega(a \cdot b) = (\mathbf{V}_\Omega a) \circ (\mathbf{V}_\Omega b)$$

(component-wise multiplication  $\circ$ )

**Property 2:**  $\Omega^c = \{\omega_j\}_j \setminus \Omega$  defines the **complement** partial Vandermonde transform  $\mathbf{V}_{\Omega^c}$ .

Given  $\mathbf{V}_\Omega a$  and  $\mathbf{V}_{\Omega^c} a$ , we can recover  $a$ .

**Property 3:** For every  $\Omega \in \mathcal{P}_t$ , there exists a  $\Omega' \in \mathcal{P}_t$  such that

$$\mathbf{V}_{\Omega'} \cdot \mathbf{V}_\Omega^T = 0 \in \mathbb{Z}_q^{t \times t}.$$

(parity check matrix,  only for power-of-two cyclotomics)

## Lemma (Adapted [MM11, Sec. 4.2])

Let  $\psi$  denote a distribution over  $\mathbb{Z}^n \cong R$ . There is an efficient reduction from  $\text{PV-LWE}_\psi$  to  $\text{PV-Knap}_\psi$ , and vice versa.

**Idea:** Given  $(\mathbf{V}_\Omega, b)$ , with  $b = \mathbf{V}_\Omega^T s + e$ . Compute  $\Omega'$  such that  $\mathbf{V}_{\Omega'} \cdot \mathbf{V}_\Omega^T = 0$ . Then,  $b' := \mathbf{V}_{\Omega'} b = \mathbf{V}_{\Omega'} e$  is an instance of PV-Knap.

# PASS Encrypt [HS15]

[HS15]	Our work
deterministic	randomized
without proof of security	with proof of security
fixed $\mathbf{V}_\Omega$	random $\mathbf{V}_\Omega$

Let  $p \ll q$  be two primes,  $m \in \{0, 1\}^n$ ,  $\psi$  a distribution over  $\mathbb{Z}^n$  and  $t = n/2$ .

**KeyGen**( $1^\lambda$ ): sample  $f \leftarrow \psi$  and  $\Omega \leftarrow \text{Unif}(\mathcal{P}_t)$ ; return  $\text{sk} = f$  and  $\text{pk} = (\Omega, \mathbf{V}_\Omega f)$

**Enc**( $\text{pk}, m$ ): sample  $r, s \leftarrow \psi$ ; set  $r' = pr$  and  $s' = m + ps$

$$e_1 = (\text{pk} \circ \mathbf{V}_\Omega r') + \mathbf{V}_\Omega s'$$

$$e_2 = \mathbf{V}_{\Omega^c} r'$$

$$e_3 = \mathbf{V}_{\Omega^c} s'$$

return  $c = (e_1, e_2, e_3)$

**Dec**( $\text{sk}, c$ ): compute  $c' = (\mathbf{V}_{\Omega^c} \text{sk} \circ e_2) + e_3$  and combine with  $e_1$  to  $c'' \in \mathbb{Z}_q^n$ ;

return  $\mathbf{V}^{-1} c'' \bmod p$ .

Recall:  $\mathbf{V}_\Omega$  and  $\mathbf{V}_{\Omega^c}$  define  $\mathbf{V}$  and  $\mathbf{V}^{-1}$ .

**Correctness:**

$$\begin{aligned}
 e_1 &= (\mathbf{V}_\Omega f \circ \mathbf{V}_\Omega r') + \mathbf{V}_\Omega s' = \mathbf{V}_\Omega (f \cdot r' + s') \\
 c' &= (\mathbf{V}_{\Omega^c} \text{sk} \circ (\mathbf{V}_{\Omega^c} r')) + \mathbf{V}_{\Omega^c} s' = \mathbf{V}_{\Omega^c} (f \cdot r' + s')
 \end{aligned}
 \left. \vphantom{\begin{aligned} e_1 \\ c' \end{aligned}} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{ring} \\ \text{homomorphism} \end{array}$$

$$\mathbf{V}^{-1}(e_1 || c') = \mathbf{V}^{-1}(\mathbf{V}(f \cdot r' + s')) = f \cdot pr + ps + m = m \bmod p$$

if  $f, r$  and  $s$  are small enough

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return  $\mathbf{V}^{-1} c'' \bmod p$ .

## Security:

$e_1 = \mathbf{V}_\Omega (f \cdot r' + s')$  defines an instance of PV-Knap with  $\text{pk}$ ,  $e_2$  and  $e_3$  as additional information.

$\Rightarrow$  leaky variant of **PV-Knap**, that we call the **PASS problem**.



PASS problem is tailored to PASS Encrypt!  
Reduce it from some more general problem?

# Properties of PASS Encrypt

## Homomorphic properties:

**Addition:**  $\text{Enc}(\text{pk}, m_1) + \text{Enc}(\text{pk}, m_2) = \text{Enc}(\text{pk}, m_1 + m_2)$

**Multiplication:**  $\text{Enc}(\text{pk}, m_1) \circ \text{Enc}(\text{pk}, m_2) = \text{Enc}(\text{pk}, m_1 \cdot m_2)$

⚠ For  $\circ$ , need of 1 additional cross-term and the decryption algorithm has to be changed.

## Efficiency:

Scheme	NTRU [HPS98]	P-LWE Regev [LP11]	PASS Encrypt
$\frac{ c + \text{pk} }{ m }$	$2 \log_2 q$	$3 \log_2 q$	$2.5 \log_2 q$

## Concrete Security:

**Known:** key recovery and randomness recovery attacks [HS15, DHSS20]

**New:** plaintext recovery using hints attacks

💡 make use of leaky LWE estimator of Dachman-Soled et al. [DDGR20]

# Conclusion and Perspectives



## I. Study of existing structured variants

1. **Module Learning With Errors** with a binary secret
2. **Classical hardness of Module Learning With Errors**

$$\begin{matrix} \text{blue box} & , & \text{blue box} & \text{yellow box } s & + & \text{purple box } e & = & \text{grey box } b \end{matrix}$$

## II. Proposing new structured variants

3. Middle-Product Learning With Rounding
4. **Partial Vandermonde Learning With Errors & Knapsack**

Asiacrypt'19  
& under submission

## III. Building public key encryption

5. Based on MP-LWR (3.)
6. **PASS Encrypt**, related to (4.)

provable  
secure



# Open Questions and Perspectives

## I. Module LWE

### Follow-ups

- General secret distributions (Entropic Secret Module-LWE)
- Small noise distributions (extending [MP13])

### Open questions ?

- Classical and binary hardness for smaller ranks, in particular rank equals 1 (Ring-LWE)
  - ▶ Avoid leftover hash lemma in the reduction?
  - ▶ Avoid exponentially large modulus in [Pei09]?
- Narrow gap between theoretical reductions and practical attacks

## II. Partial Vandermonde LWE

### Follow-ups

- Construct encryption scheme based only on PV-LWE / PV-Knap

### Questions ?

- Hardness of partial Vandermonde problems
  - ▶ Cryptanalysis?
  - ▶ Worst-case average-case reductions as for LWE?
- More cryptographic applications

# Contributions

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