

# Mod-NTRU trapdoors and applications

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Lattices: From Theory to Practice

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# Today's talk

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## A larger class of almost “optimal” trapdoors from NTRU modules

**Known applications:** (not detailed today)

- (A) New meaningful security/efficiency trade-offs for GPV signatures  
Acceptably efficient PKE/KEM à la NTRUEncrypt
- (B) Extension of [DLP'14]'s IBE

(A) see our article    (B) Cheon, Kim, Kim, and Son, ePrint 2019/1468

# Roadmap

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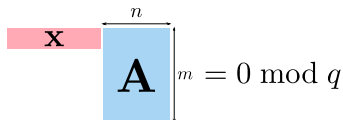
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# Lattice trapdoors

## Parity-check lattices

For  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{Z}^{m \times n}$  and  $q \in \mathbb{Z}$

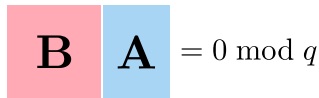
$$\Lambda_q^\perp(\mathbf{A}) = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{Z}^m : \mathbf{x}\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{0} \pmod{q}\}.$$


$$\mathbf{x} \begin{matrix} \overbrace{\hspace{1cm}}^n \\ \mathbf{A} \\ \underbrace{\hspace{1cm}}_m \end{matrix} = 0 \pmod{q}$$

[Ajt'96]  $(\Lambda_q^\perp(\mathbf{A}))_{\mathbf{A}}$  are “hard lattices”: for  $\mathbf{A} \leftarrow \mathcal{U}(\mathbb{Z}_q^{m \times n})$ ,  $\text{SIS}_{m,q} \geq \text{SIVP}_{\text{poly}(n)}$

**A trapdoor** is a **short** basis  $\mathbf{B}$  of  $\Lambda_q^\perp(\mathbf{A})$ .

( $\|\mathbf{B}\|_{\max} := \max_i \|\mathbf{b}_i\|$  is small)


$$\mathbf{B} \mathbf{A} = 0 \pmod{q}$$

**What is “optimal”?**  $\|\tilde{\mathbf{B}}\|_{\max} \approx \text{Vol}(\Lambda_q^\perp(\mathbf{A}))^{1/m}$ , where  $\tilde{\mathbf{B}} = \text{GSO}(\mathbf{B})$ .

# Canonical example: GPV signatures

If  $\mathbf{B}$  is basis of  $\Lambda_q^\perp(\mathbf{A})$ , then  $\mathbf{B}\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{0} \pmod q$

Simplified  $\text{Sign}_{\mathbf{B}}(\text{msg}) :$

- $\mathbf{c}$  such that  $\mathbf{c}\mathbf{A} = \mathcal{H}(\text{msg})$
- $\mathbf{v} \leftarrow D_{\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{B}), \mathbf{c}, \sigma}$  with  $\text{TheSampler}^\dagger$
- Signature:  $\mathbf{s} = \mathbf{c} - \mathbf{v}$ .

Simplified  $\text{Verif}_{\mathbf{A}}(\text{msg}, \mathbf{s}) :$

- If  $\|\mathbf{s}\|$  too big, refuse.
- If  $\mathbf{s}\mathbf{A} \neq \mathcal{H}(\text{msg})$ , refuse.
- Accept.

## Requirements

$\sigma$  small  $\Rightarrow \tilde{\mathbf{B}}$  short

Hard to compute  $\mathbf{B}$  from  $\mathbf{A}$

Easy to generate  $(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B})$

$\mathbf{B}$  Gaussian of std.dev.  $\sigma \Rightarrow \|\mathbf{s}\| \approx \sigma\sqrt{m}$   
Want  $n$  and  $q$  s.t.  $\text{SIS}_{m,q,\sigma\sqrt{m}}$  is hard

} Method determines  $m = m(n, q)$ .

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- **Today:**  $\mathbf{A}$  an NTRU lattice,  $m = cn$   
 $\|\tilde{\mathbf{B}}\|_{\max} \approx q^{\frac{1}{c}}$ .



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$\mathcal{L}_{\text{NTRU}}^{m,k} := \Lambda_q^\perp([\mathbf{H} \mid -\mathbf{I}_k]) = \{(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) \in R^{(m+k)} : \mathbf{u}\mathbf{H} - \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0} \pmod{q}\}$ ,  
 (full) rank  $(m+k)n$  lattice with volume  $q^{kn}$

easy (public) basis:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I}_{mn} & \mathbb{T}(\mathbf{H}) \\ \mathbf{0} & q\mathbf{I}_{kn} \end{bmatrix}$$

Minima, covering radius, smoothing parameter all are  $\approx q^{k/(m+k)}$

# Use of NTRU modules

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Non exhaustive; all of these are for  $m = k = 1$

## PKE/KEM:

- NTRUEncrypt [HPS'98]
- NTRUEnc-HRSS [HH+'17]
- NTRUPrime [BCLV'17]

## Signatures:

- NTRUSign [HHS+'03]
- Falcon (from [DLP'14] from [GPV'08])
- BLISS [DDLL'13]

## Advanced:

- HE [LTV'12]
- Multilinear maps [GGH'13]
- IBE [DLP'14]

# Where are we?

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**Caveat:** orthogonal projections shrink vectors by some factor  $\gamma_i$   
 $\Rightarrow \mathbf{b}_1$  will be maximal, completion of basis will compensate.

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Output a half-trapdoor for  $\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{F}^{-1} \mathbf{G} \bmod q$ .

## Remaining problems:

- Is  $\Lambda_q^\perp(\mathbf{H})$  a hard lattice ?
- How to complete the basis?
- Will the completion be nice?

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[SS'11] for  $m = k = 1$ , the result hold for all  $q$ .

**Strongly supports hardness of the trapdoored NTRU lattices**

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**Proof ideas/tools:**

- Inspired of [SS'11] and [LPR'13]
- Involve module “multi-lattices” (additive subgroups of  $\mathcal{M}_m(R)$ , see also [BF'11])
- $\{\text{Mod } q \text{ invertibles}\}$  is not a lattice; our strategy to describe it:

inclusion/exclusion over *\*all\** lattices containing  $q\mathcal{M}_m(R)$

(They correspond to *\*all\**  $r$ -uples of subspaces of  $(\mathbb{F}_{q^{n/r}})^m$ )

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With Shur's complement and  $\text{adj}(\mathbf{F}) = \det(\mathbf{F}) \cdot \mathbf{F}^{-1} \in R^{m \times m}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} D &= \det(\mathbf{F}) \cdot \det(g' - \mathbf{f}' \cdot \mathbf{F}^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{g}) \\ &= g' \cdot \underbrace{\det(\mathbf{F})}_{\substack{\text{known} \\ \in R}} - \mathbf{f}' \cdot \underbrace{\text{adj}(\mathbf{F})\mathbf{g}}_{\substack{\text{known} \\ \in R^m}} \end{aligned}$$

Take  $\mathbf{f}' = (\dots, 0, f'_i, 0, \dots) \Rightarrow$  back to solving an NTRU equation  
(remember Thomas' talk)

<sup>1</sup>For another approach, see Cheon et al. ePrint 2019/1468

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## Finishing the trapdoor generation:

- 1) for  $1 \leq i \leq m$ , resample any vector that is too far from  $q^{1/(m+1)}$
- 2) Compute  $\|\tilde{\mathbf{b}}_{m+1}\|$ , restart if too large
- 3) Compute  $\mathbf{b}_{m+1}$  and output  $(\mathbf{H}, \mathbf{B})$ .

$\|\mathbf{b}_i\|$ 's close to  $\lambda_i$ 's,  $\|\tilde{\mathbf{T}}(\mathbf{B})\|_{\max}$  close to  $\eta_\epsilon(\Lambda_q^\perp(\mathbf{H}))$

**These trapdoors are almost optimal.**



# A practical application: Mod-Falcon<sup>2</sup>

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