

EMBLEM and R.EMBLEM

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Learning with Errors

▪ LWE-based encryption schemes*

– public key : $(A, B = AS + E)$ **Gaussian errors**

– ciphertext : $(C_1, C_2) = \left(R^T A + E_1, R^T B + E_2 + \left\lfloor \frac{q}{2} \right\rfloor m \right)$

→ Decryption : $C_2 - C_1 S = \underbrace{(R^T E + E_2 - E_1 S)}_{\text{Decryption error}} + \left\lfloor \frac{q}{2} \right\rfloor \cdot m$

» **1-bit** message encoding : $\left\lfloor \frac{q}{2} \right\rfloor \cdot m$

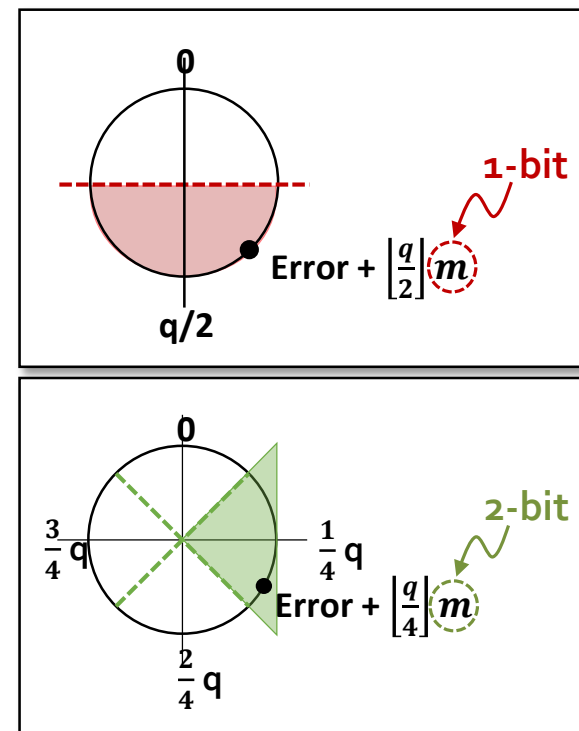
- If $|\text{error}| < \frac{q}{4}$, we can distinguish whether m is 0 or 1

» **t-bit** message encoding : $\left\lfloor \frac{q}{2^t} \right\rfloor \cdot m$ (generalized)

- If $|\text{error}| < \frac{q}{2^{t+1}}$, we can recover the message correctly

– Operations (required for decryption)

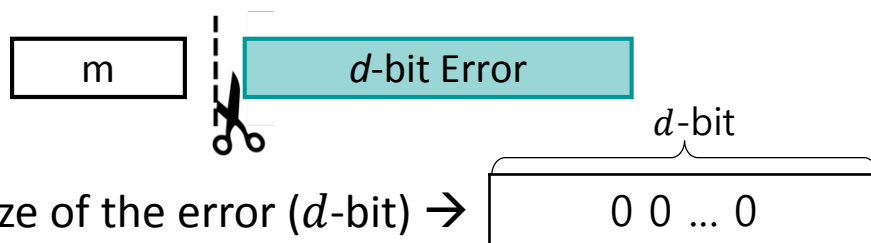
» 1 matrix multiplication + 1 matrix subtraction + **rounding operations**



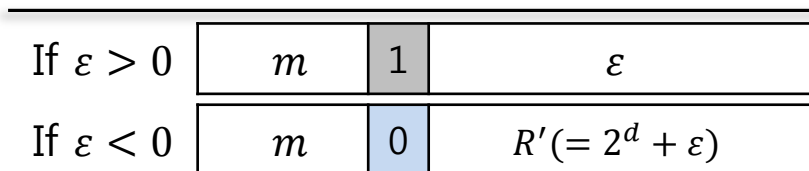
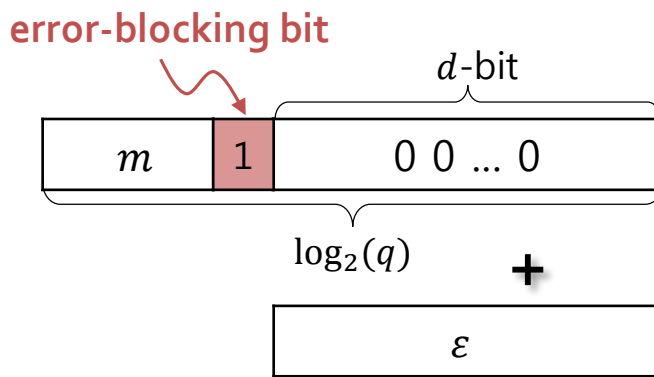
* [LP11] Better Key Sizes (and Attacks) for LWE-Based Encryption, CT-RSA 2011.

New Encoding Method

- Separate the message from the error!



- Estimate the absolute size of the error (d -bit) \rightarrow
- Concatenate $(1||0^d)$ on each message block

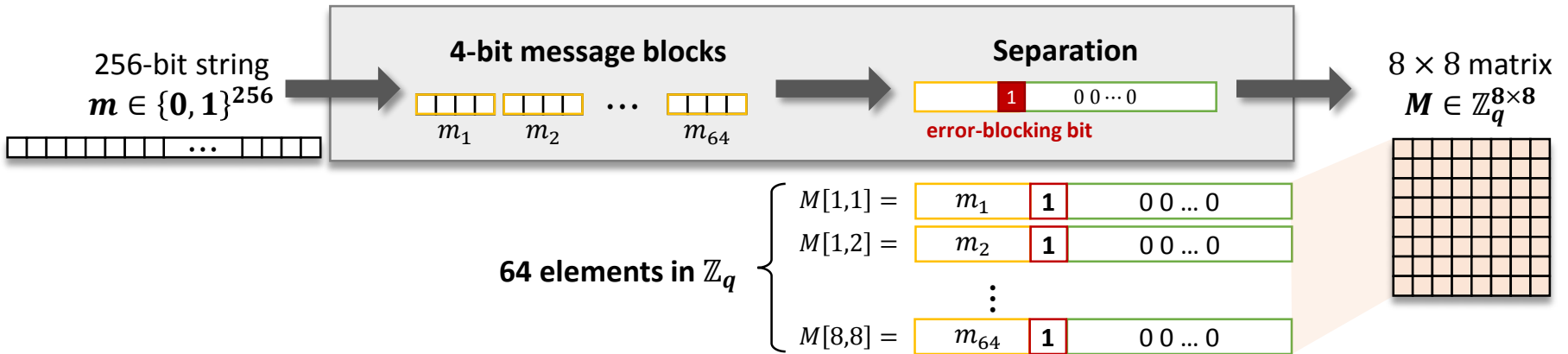


$$* |\epsilon| = |r^T e + e_2 - e_1 s| < 2^d$$

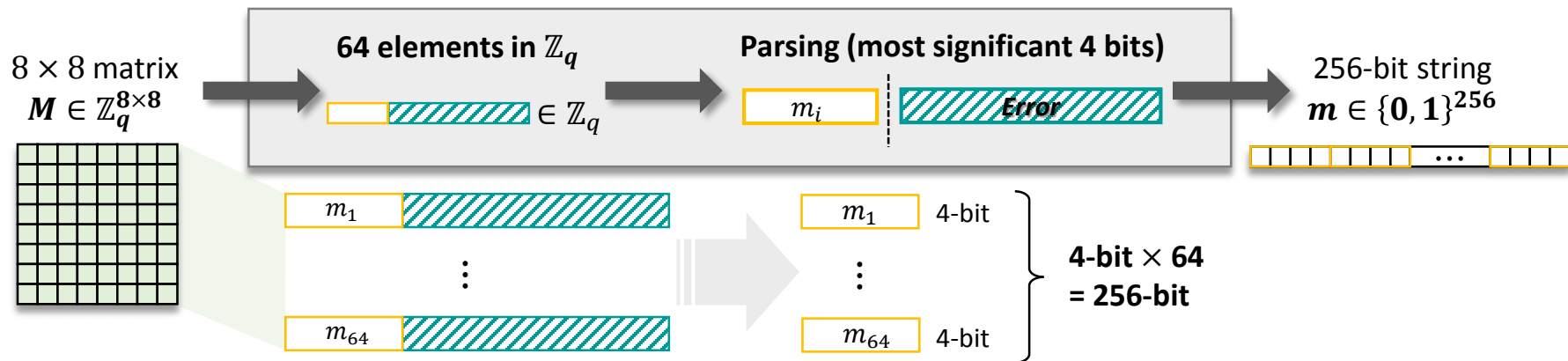
- \rightarrow In the **decryption** phase, the error does **not affect** the message
- \rightarrow Intuitively extend to **multi-bit** encoding **by prefixing** it with the error-blocking bit

New Encoding Method

Encoding



Decoding



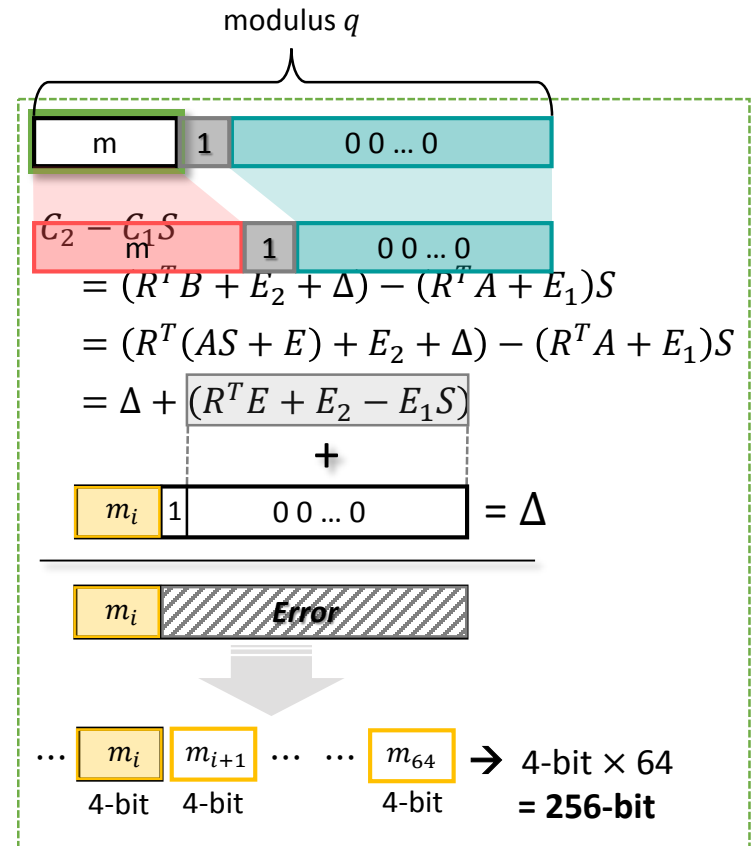
EMBLEM

(**E**rror-blocked **M**ulti-**B**it **L**WE-based Key **E**ncapsulation **M**echanism)

EMBLEM (Error-blocked Multi-Bit Lwe-based kEM)

❖ IND-CPA secure Public Key Encryption scheme

- **KeyGen (1^λ) \rightarrow (pk,sk)**
 - $\text{pk} = (A, B = AS + E) \in \mathbb{Z}_q^{m \times n} \times \mathbb{Z}_q^{m \times k}$
 - $\text{sk} = s \in \{0,1\}^{256} \rightarrow S \in [-B, B]^{n \times k}$ ($B = 1,2$)
- **Encrypt (pk,m) \rightarrow CT**
 - $r \leftarrow_R \{0,1\}^{256}; (R, E_1, E_2) \leftarrow \text{Sample}(r)$
 $\gg R \in [-B, B]^{m \times v}, (E_1, E_2) \in \mathcal{D}_\sigma^{v \times n} \times \mathcal{D}_\sigma^{v \times k}$
 - $\Delta \leftarrow \text{Encode}(m, t, q)$
 - $C_1 = R^T A + E_1, C_2 = R^T B + E_2 + \Delta$
- **Decrypt (CT,sk) \rightarrow m**
 - $m \leftarrow \text{Decode}(C_2 - C_1 S, t, q)$



Parameter Selection

Binary LWE*

- Binary LWE problem is **as hard as** LWE problem as long as increasing the dimension n by a factor of $\log(\log(n))$

Measure decryption error (d -bit) : $|R^T E + E_2 - E_1 S| \in \mathbb{Z}_q^{v \times k}$

- Probability of decryption failure : 2^{-140}

$$- |r^T e + e_2 - e_1 s| < |\langle r, e \rangle| + |e_2| + |\langle e_1, s \rangle| < 2^d$$

» **Lemma 1.** $\Pr[|\langle x, \mathcal{G}_{\mathcal{D}_s} \rangle| \geq Q \cdot s \|x\|] < 2e^{-\pi Q^2}$ for $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$

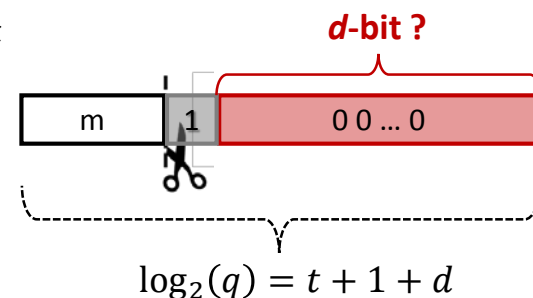
- $2e^{-\pi Q^2} = 2^{-140} \rightarrow Q \approx 5.5776$
- $|\langle r, e \rangle| = Q \cdot s \|r\| = Q \cdot \sigma \sqrt{2\pi} \cdot \|r\| = 5.5776 \times 25 \sqrt{2\pi} \times \sqrt{\frac{2}{3} \cdot m} \approx 2^{13.15}$
- $|\langle e_1, s \rangle| = Q \cdot s \|s\| = Q \cdot \sigma \sqrt{2\pi} \cdot \|s\| = 5.5776 \times 25 \sqrt{2\pi} \times \sqrt{\frac{2}{3} \cdot n} \approx 2^{13}$

» **Lemma 2.** $\Pr[|z| > T\sigma] < 2e^{-T^2/2}$ for $z \leftarrow \mathcal{G}_{\mathcal{D}_\sigma}$

- $2e^{-T^2/2} = 2^{-140} \rightarrow T \approx 13.98$
- $|e_2| = T\sigma = 13.98 \times 25 \approx 2^{8.45}$

$$[m=1008, n=824, \sigma=25] \rightarrow |\langle r, e \rangle| + |e_2| + |\langle e_1, s \rangle| < 2^{13.15} + 2^{8.45} + 2^{13} \approx 2^{14.1} < 2^d \rightarrow d = 15$$

If we encode the message by 4-bit $\rightarrow \log_2(q) = 4 + 1 + 15 = 20$ -bit



* [BLP+13] Z. Brakerski, A. Langlois, C. Peikert, O. Regev, and D. Stehlé, Classical Hardness of Learning with Errors, STOC 2013.

* [BG14] S. Bai and S. D. Galbraith, Lattice Decoding Attacks on Binary LWE, ACISP 2014

* [APS15] M. R. Albrecht, R. Player, and S. Scott, On the Concrete Hardness of Learning with Errors, J. Math. Crypt. 2015

R.EMBLEM

(EMBLEM over Rings)

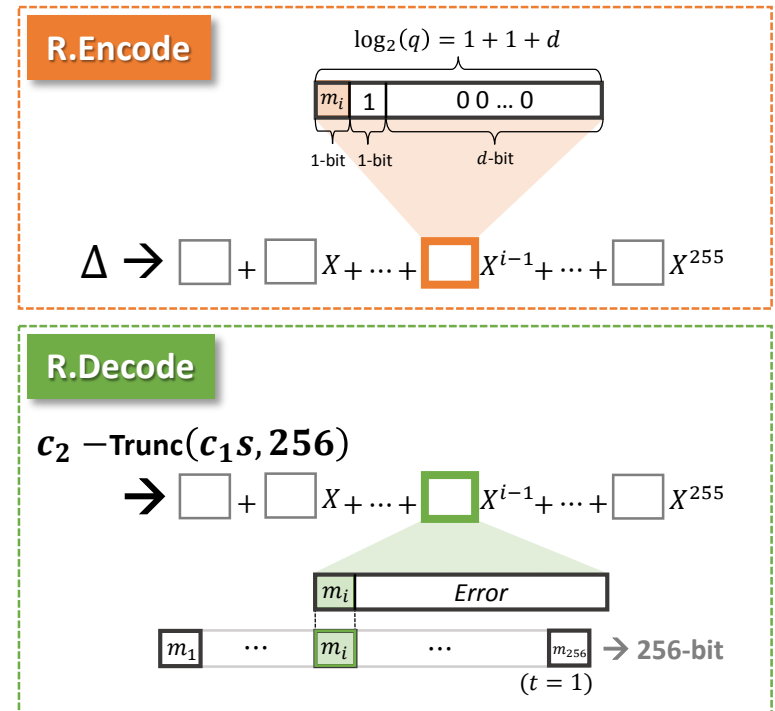
R.EMBLEM

❖ IND-CPA secure Public Key Encryption scheme (over Rings)

- **KeyGen (1^λ) \rightarrow (pk,sk)**
 - $\text{pk} = (a, b = as + e) \in R_q^2$
 - $\text{sk} = \{0,1\}^{256} \rightarrow s \in R_q$
 - » $(s_1, \dots, s_n) \in_R [-1,1]^n$

- **Encrypt (pk,m) \rightarrow CT**
 - $z \leftarrow_R \{0,1\}^{256}; (r, e_1, e_2) \leftarrow \text{Sam}(z)$
 - » $(r_1, \dots, r_n) \in [-1,1]^n$
 - $\Delta \leftarrow \text{R.Encode}(m, t, q)$
 - $c_1 = r \cdot a + e_1, c_2 = \text{Trunc}\left(r \cdot b + e_2 + \Delta, \frac{256}{t}\right)$

- **Decrypt (CT,sk) \rightarrow K**
 - $m \leftarrow \text{R.Decode}(c_2 - \text{Trunc}\left(c_1 \cdot s, \frac{256}{t}\right), t, q)$



Parameter Selection

- Parameter setting (*changed!*)
 - Target security level : 128-bit [APS15], Message space : $\{0,1\}^{256}$
 - Adopted binary (or small secret) LWE [BG14,APS15]

	EMBLEM				R.EMBLEM			
(Secret distribution)	[-1,1]		[-2,2]		[-1,1]		[-2,2]	
m	1186	1008	1210	1016	-	-	-	-
n	1024	824	984	784	512	1024	512	1024
$\approx \log_2(q)$	24	20	24	20	16	14	16	14
σ	25	25	25	25	29	3	29	3
t (encoding unit)	8	4	8	4	1	1	1	1
PK size (bytes)	28,496	20,192	29,072	20,352	1,056	1,824	-	1,824
SK size (bytes)	32	32	32	32	32	32	-	32
CT size (bytes)	12,416	16,672	11,936	15,872	1,568	2,272	-	2,272

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Performance Analysis

- Software (Intel core i7-6700 (Skylake) @ 3.40GHz)

EMBLEM			
	KeyGen	Encap	Decap
[-1,1], 8-bit encoding	21.005 ms	5.247 ms	5.115 ms
[-1,1], 4-bit encoding	13.063 ms	4.000 ms	3.919 ms
[-2,2], 8-bit encoding	19.082 ms	5.445 ms	5.275 ms
[-2,2], 4-bit encoding	14.515 ms	4.055 ms	3.977 ms
R.EMBLEM			
	KeyGen	Encap	Decap
[-1,1], 1-bit encoding			
n=512, $\sigma=29$	0.055 ms	1.015 ms	1.045 ms
n=1024, $\sigma=3$	0.128 ms	2.363 ms	2.431 ms

- Hardware (FPGA : DE2-115)

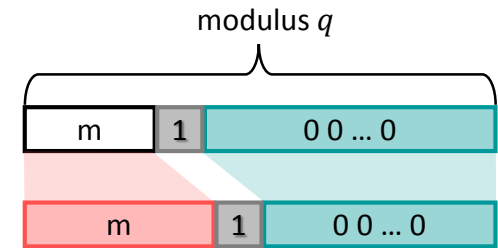
- R.EMBLEM : $[-1,1], t = 1, \sigma = 25$

	KeyGen	Encap	Decap
R.EMBLEM	0.0063 ms	0.0093 ms	0.0162 ms

Summary

▪ Security assumption : Binary (or Small secret) LWE

- Increasing the size of dimension n
- + Reducing the size of decryption error
 - Encode “*more*” bits at a time using the *same* modulus q
 - Encoding multiple bits at a time can *offset* the inefficiency of increasing n
- + Making a secret key shorter
 - Store a 256-bit string as a secret key



▪ New *alternative* of encoding for LWE-based encryption schemes

- Comprehensible for encoding multiple bits
 - Can be useful for designing more advanced cryptographic primitives

▪ Parameter selection

- Negligible probability of decryption failure ($\approx 2^{-140}$)
- Providing a 128-bit security level

Thank You!
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