

# Introduction to Fully Homomorphic Encryption

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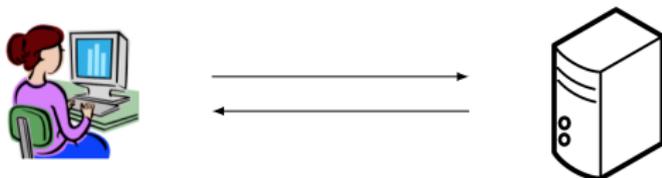
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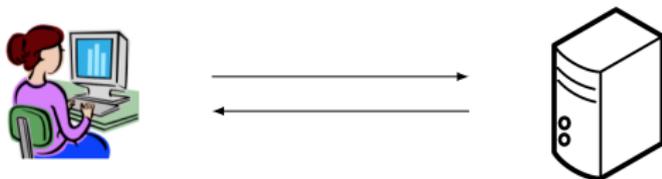
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  - using only the public-key
  - without knowing the plaintexts  $m_1$  and  $m_2$ .

# Homomorphism of RSA

- RSA homomorphism: decryption function  $\delta(x) = x^d \pmod N$

$$\delta(c_1 \times c_2) = \delta(c_1) \times \delta(c_2) \pmod N$$

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- Application: e-voting.

- Voter  $i$  encrypts his vote  $m_i \in \{0, 1\}$  into:

$$c_i = g^{m_i} \cdot z_i^N \bmod N^2$$

- Votes can be aggregated using only the public-key:

$$c = \prod_i c_i = g^{\sum_i m_i} \cdot z \bmod N^2$$

- $c$  is eventually decrypted to recover  
 $m = \sum_i m_i$

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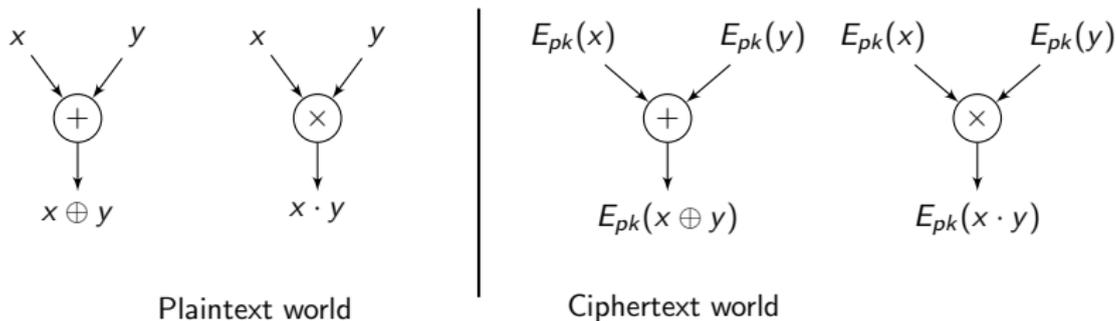
- Fully homomorphic: homomorphic for both addition and multiplication
  - Open problem until Gentry's breakthrough in 2009.

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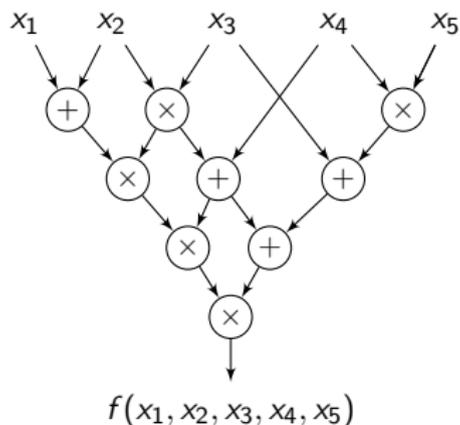
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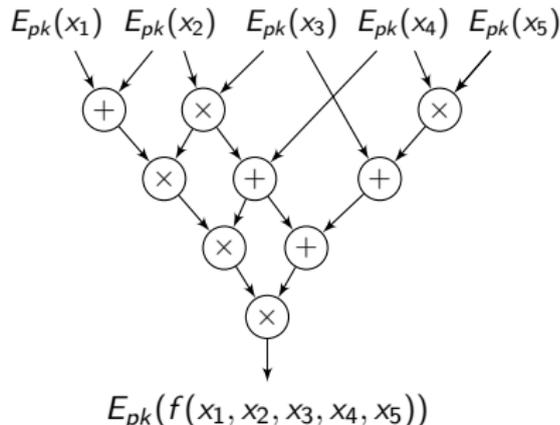
# Evaluation of any function

- Universality

- We can evaluate homomorphically any boolean computable function  $f : \{0, 1\}^n \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$

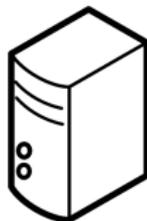


Plaintext world



Ciphertext world

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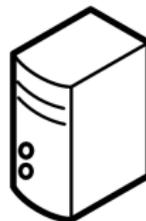


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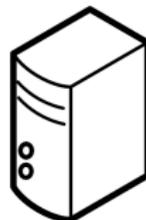


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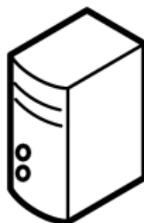
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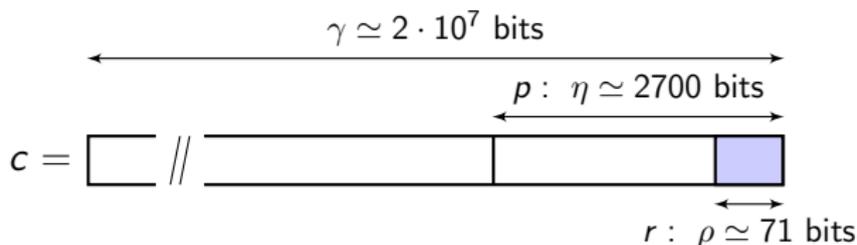
$$c = q \cdot p + 2r + m$$

where  $p$  is the secret-key,  $q$  and  $r$  are randoms.

- Decryption:

$$(c \bmod p) \bmod 2 = m$$

- Parameters:



# Homomorphic Properties of DGHV

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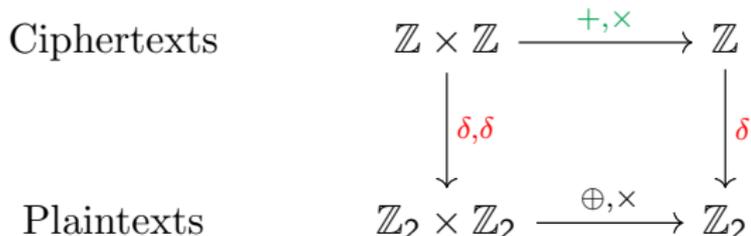
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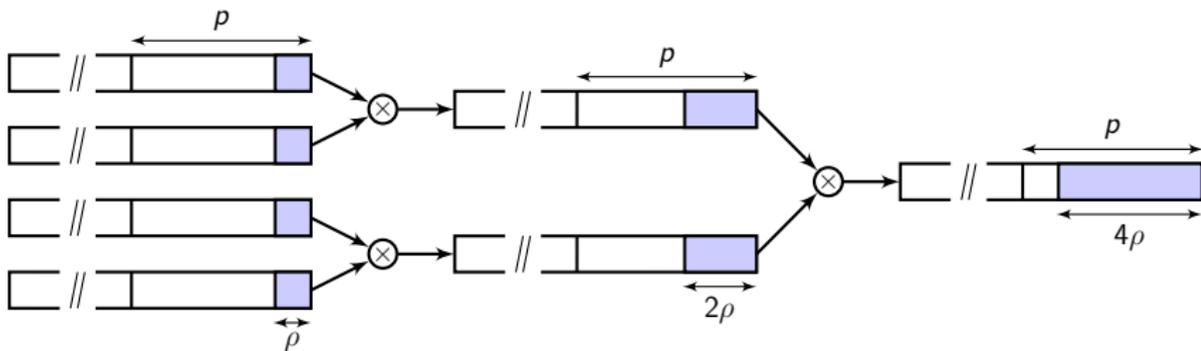
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- DGHV multiplication over  $\mathbb{Z}$

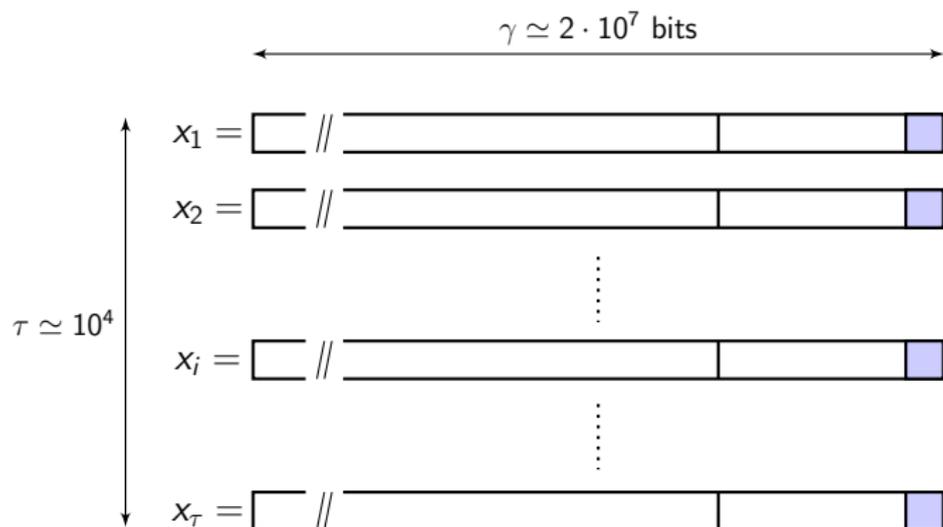
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- Problem: ciphertext size has doubled.
- Constant ciphertext size
  - We publish an encryption of 0 without noise  $x_0 = q_0 \cdot p$
  - We reduce the product modulo  $x_0$

$$\begin{aligned}c_3 &= c_1 \cdot c_2 \bmod x_0 \\&= q'' \cdot p + 2r' + m_1 \cdot m_2\end{aligned}$$

- Ciphertext size remains constant

# Public-key size



- Public-key size:
  - $\tau \cdot \gamma = 2 \cdot 10^{11}$  bits = 25 GB !

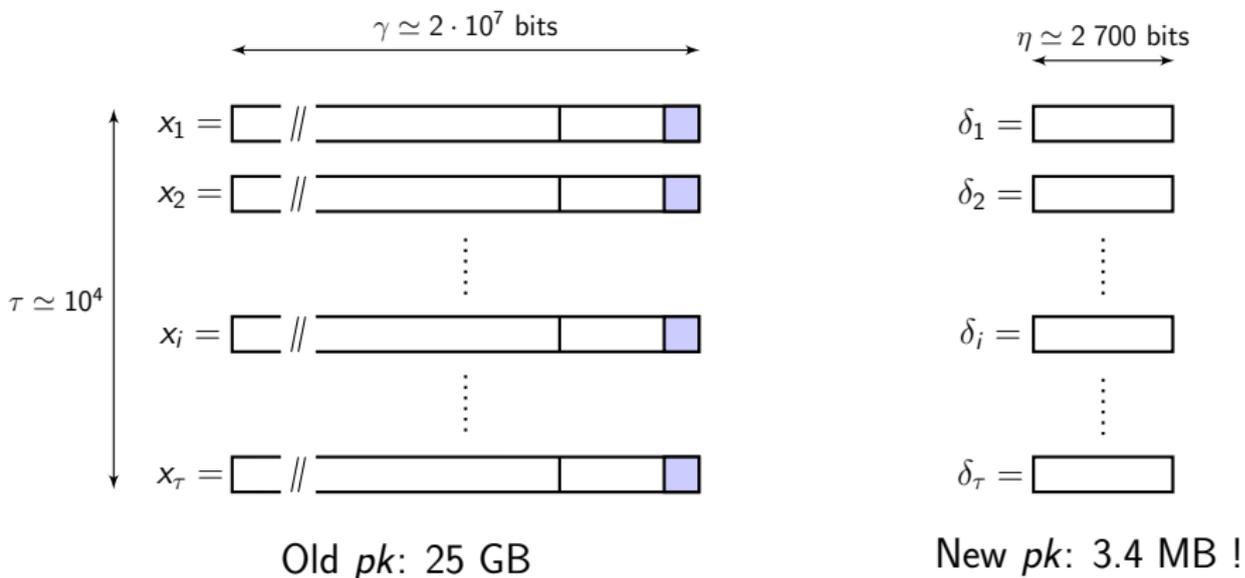








# Compressed Public Key



# Semantic security of DGHV

- Semantic security [GM82] for  $m \in \{0, 1\}$ :
  - Knowing  $pk$ , the distributions  $E_{pk}(0)$  and  $E_{pk}(1)$  are computationally hard to distinguish.
- The DGHV scheme is semantically secure, under the approximate-gcd assumption.
  - Approximate-gcd problem: given a set of  $x_i = q_i \cdot p + r_i$ , recover  $p$ .
  - This remains the case with the compressed public-key, under the random oracle model.

# The approximate GCD assumption

- Efficient DGHV variant: secure under the **Partial Approximate Common Divisor** (PACD) assumption.
  - Given  $x_0 = p \cdot q_0$  and polynomially many  $x_i = p \cdot q_i + r_i$ , find  $p$ .
- Brute force attack on the noise
  - Given  $x_0 = q_0 \cdot p$  and  $x_1 = q_1 \cdot p + r_1$  with  $|r_1| < 2^\rho$ , guess  $r_1$  and compute  $\gcd(x_0, x_1 - r_1)$  to recover  $p$ .
  - Requires  $2^\rho$  gcd computation
  - Countermeasure: take a sufficiently large  $\rho$

# Improved attack against PACD [CN12]

- Given  $x_0 = p \cdot q_0$  and many  $x_i = p \cdot q_i + r_i$ , find  $p$ .
- Improved attack in  $\tilde{O}(2^{\rho/2})$  [CN12]

$$\begin{aligned} p &= \gcd \left( x_0, \prod_{i=0}^{2^{\rho}-1} (x_1 - i) \bmod x_0 \right) \\ &= \gcd \left( x_0, \prod_{a=0}^{m-1} \prod_{b=0}^{m-1} (x_1 - b - m \cdot a) \bmod x_0 \right), \text{ where } m = 2^{\rho/2} \\ &= \gcd \left( x_0, \prod_{a=0}^{m-1} f(a) \bmod x_0 \right) \end{aligned}$$

- $f(y) := \prod_{b=0}^{m-1} (x_1 - b - m \cdot y) \bmod x_0$
- Evaluate the polynomial  $f(y)$  at  $m$  points in time  $\tilde{O}(m) = \tilde{O}(2^{\rho/2})$

# Approximate GCD attack

- Consider  $t$  integers:  $x_i = p \cdot q_i + r_i$  and  $x_0 = p \cdot q_0$ .
  - Consider a vector  $\vec{u}$  orthogonal to the  $x_i$ 's:

$$\sum_{i=1}^t u_i \cdot x_i = 0 \pmod{x_0}$$

- This gives  $\sum_{i=1}^t u_i \cdot r_i = 0 \pmod{p}$ .
- If the  $u_i$ 's are sufficiently small, since the  $r_i$ 's are small this equality will hold over  $\mathbb{Z}$ .
  - Such vector  $\vec{u}$  can be found using LLL.
- By collecting many orthogonal vectors one can recover  $\vec{r}$  and eventually the secret key  $p$
- Countermeasure
  - The size  $\gamma$  of the  $x_i$ 's must be sufficiently large.

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- Key generation:

- Generate a set of  $\tau$  public integers:

$$x_i = p \cdot q_i + r_i, \quad 1 \leq i \leq \tau$$

and  $x_0 = p \cdot q_0$ , where  $p$  is a secret prime.

- Size of  $p$  is  $\eta$ . Size of  $x_i$  is  $\gamma$ . Size of  $r_i$  is  $\rho$ .
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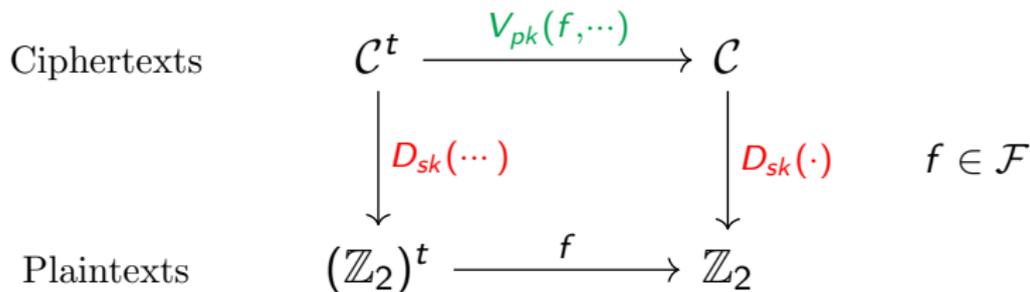
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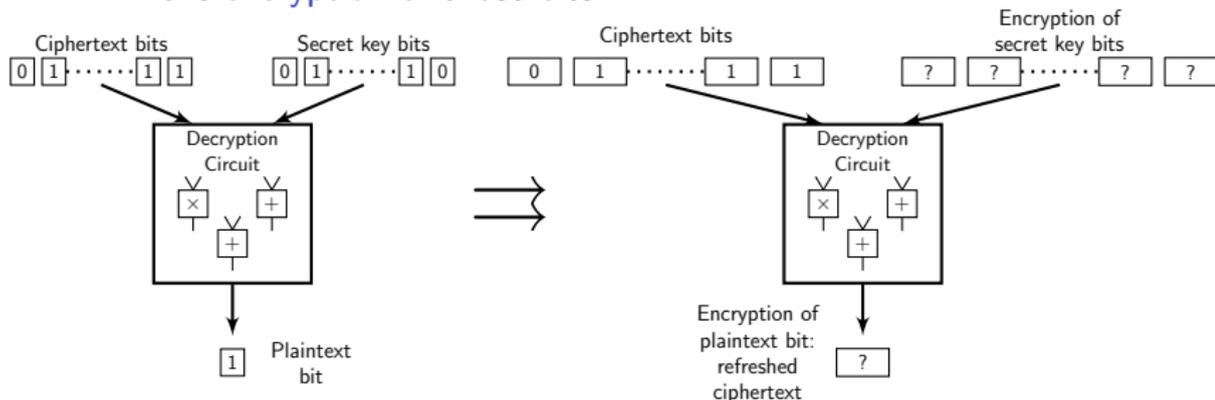
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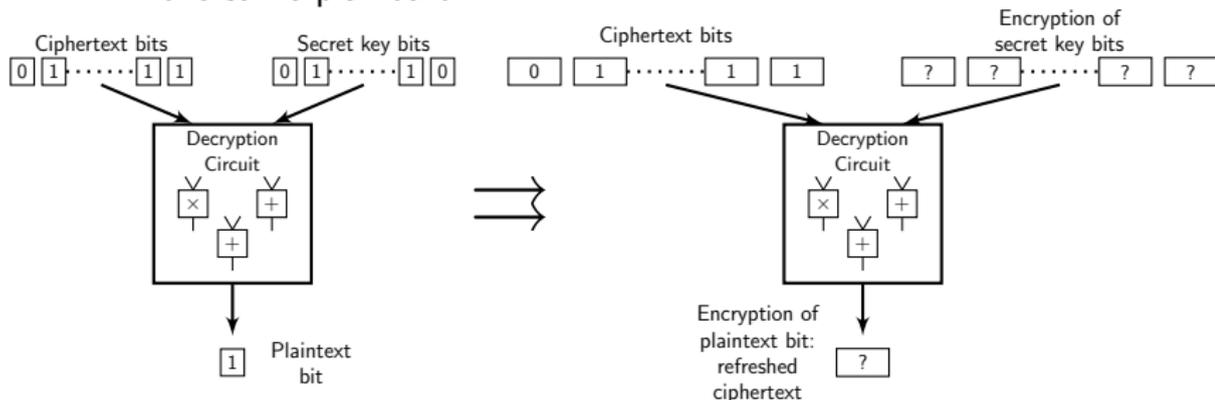
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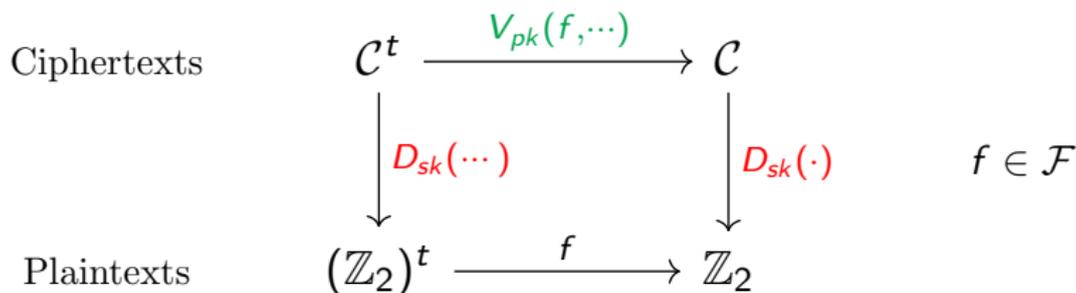
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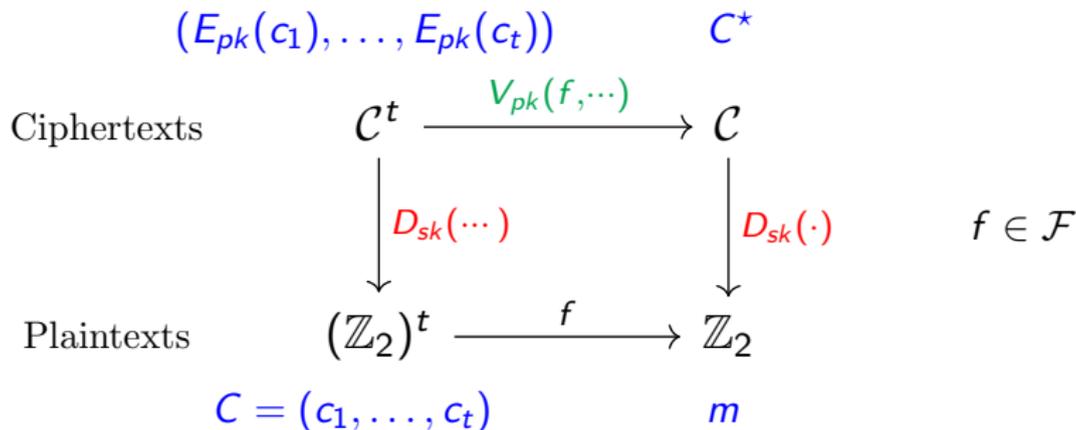
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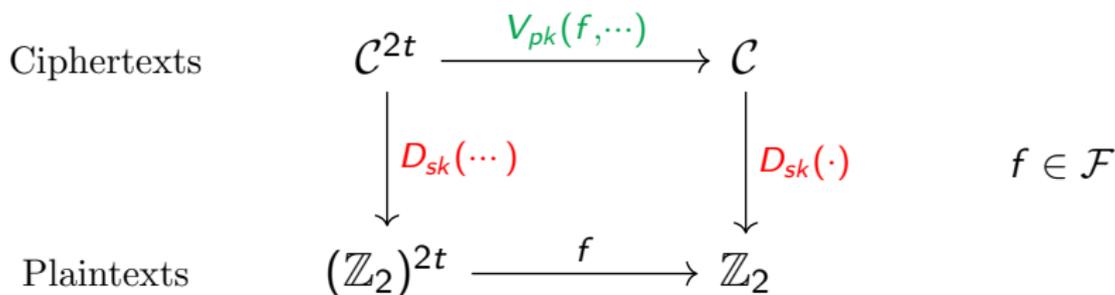
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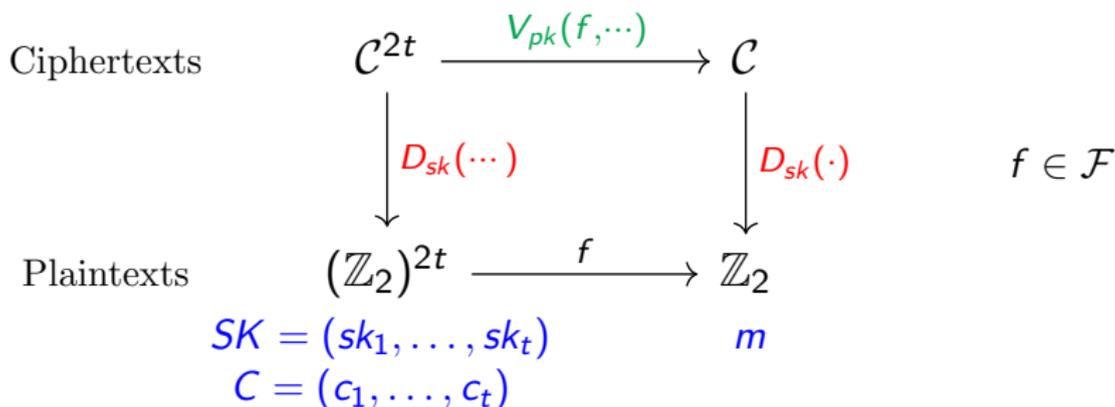
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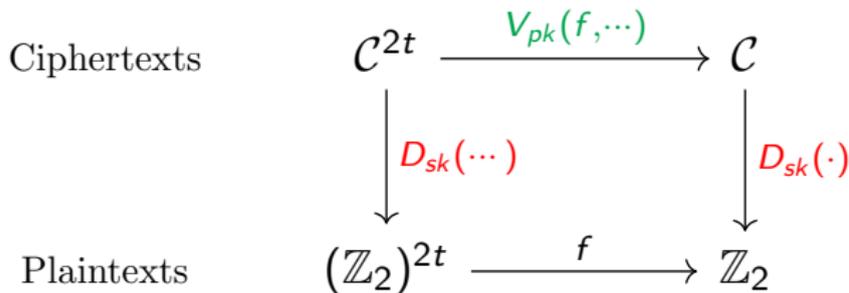
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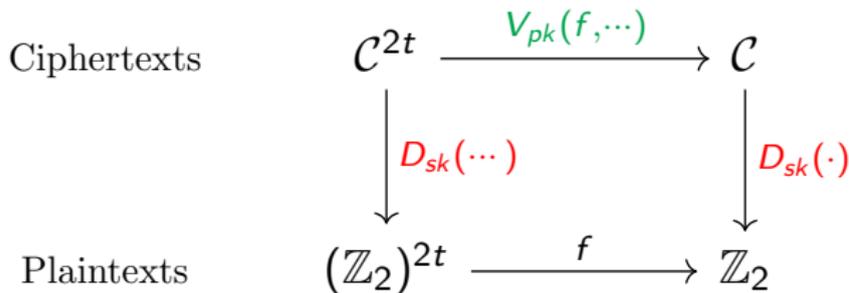
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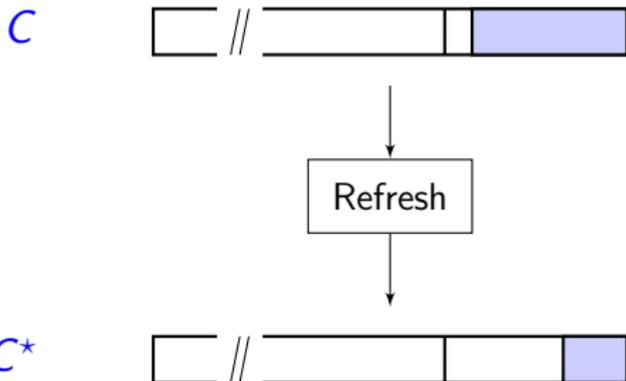
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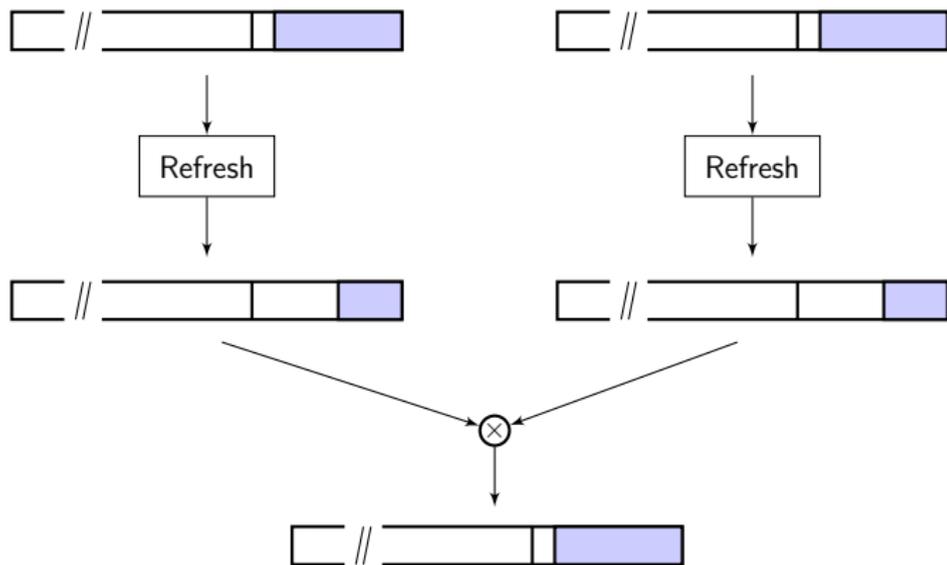
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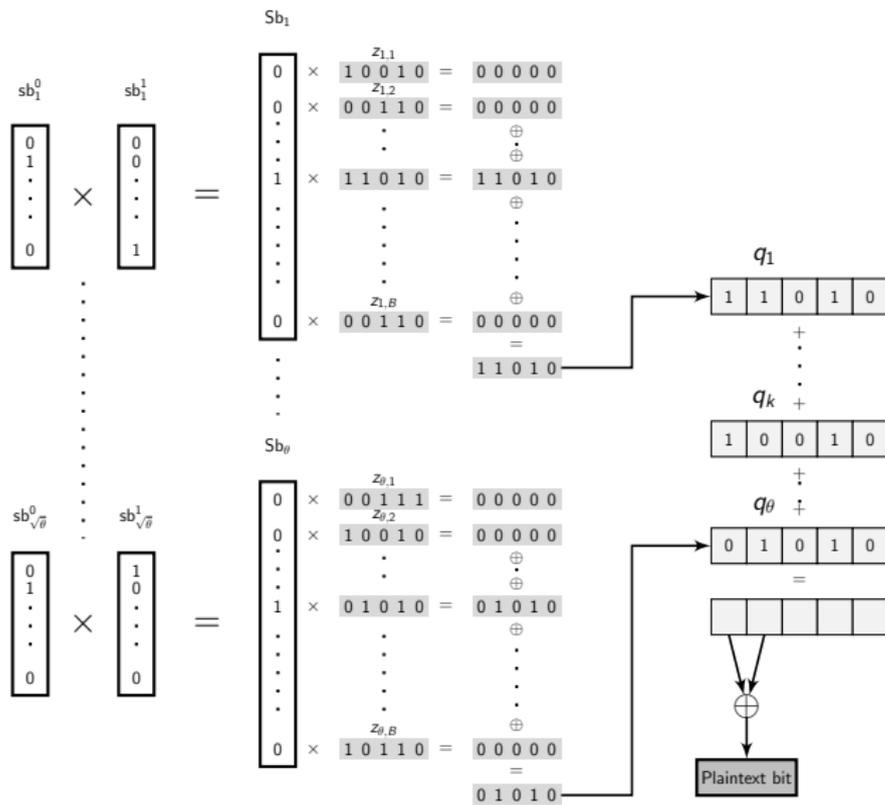
where  $z_i = y_i \cdot c$  for public  $y_i$ 's

- Since  $s_i$  is sparse with  $H(s_i) = \theta$ , only  $n = \lceil \log_2(\theta + 1) \rceil$  bits of precision for  $z_i = y_i \cdot c$  is required
  - With  $\theta = 15$ , only  $n = 4$  bits of precision for  $z_i = y_i \cdot c$
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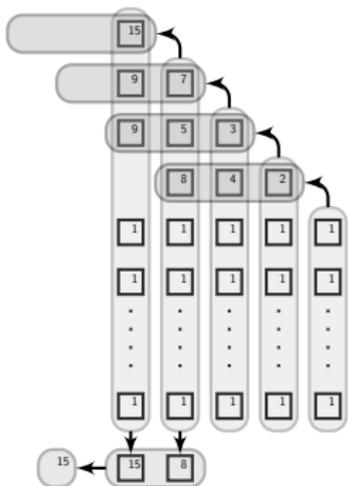


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# Four generations of FHE

- First generation: bootstrapping, slow
  - Breakthrough scheme of Gentry [G09], based on ideal lattices.
  - FHE over the integers: [DGHV10]
- Second generation: [BV11], [BGV11]
  - More efficient, (R)LWE based. Relinearization, depth-linear construction with modulus switching.
- Third generation [GSW13]
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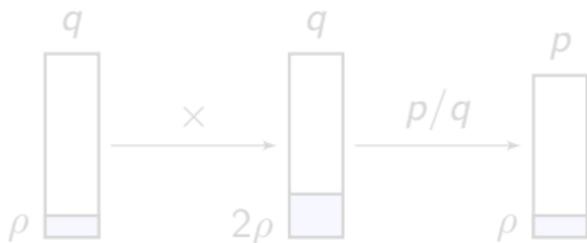
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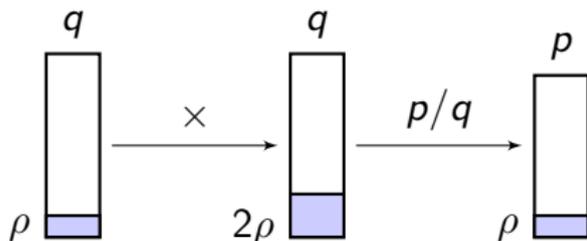
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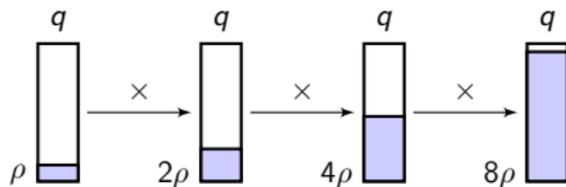
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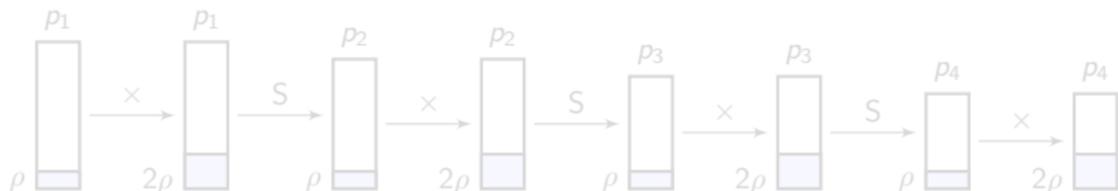
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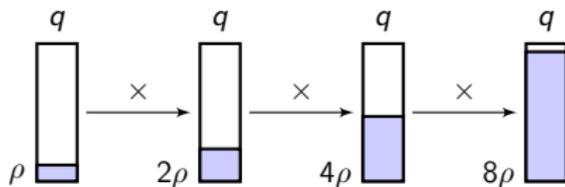
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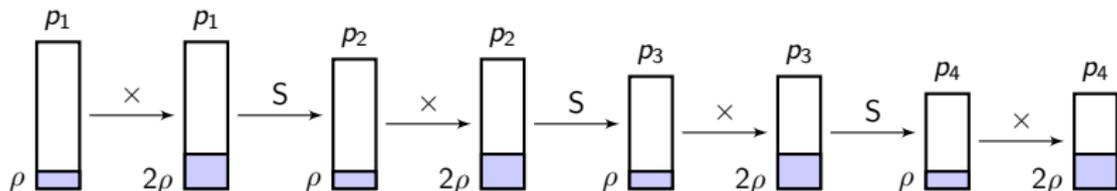
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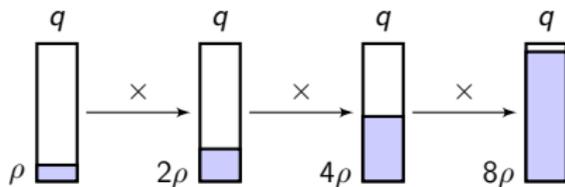
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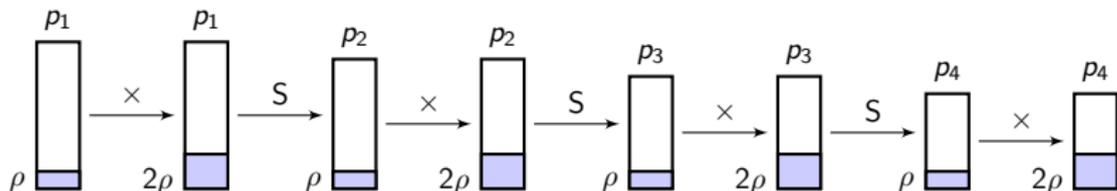
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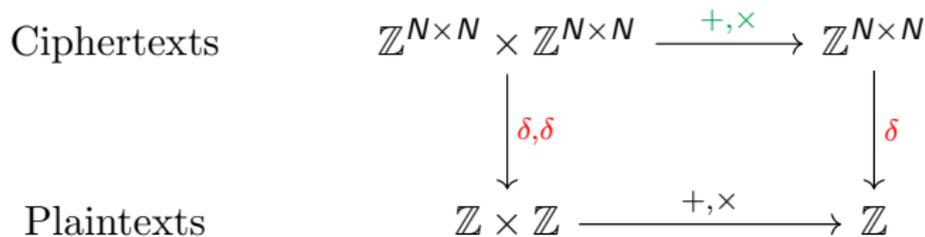
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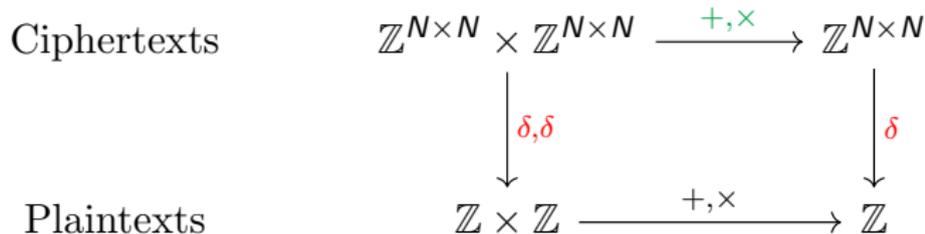
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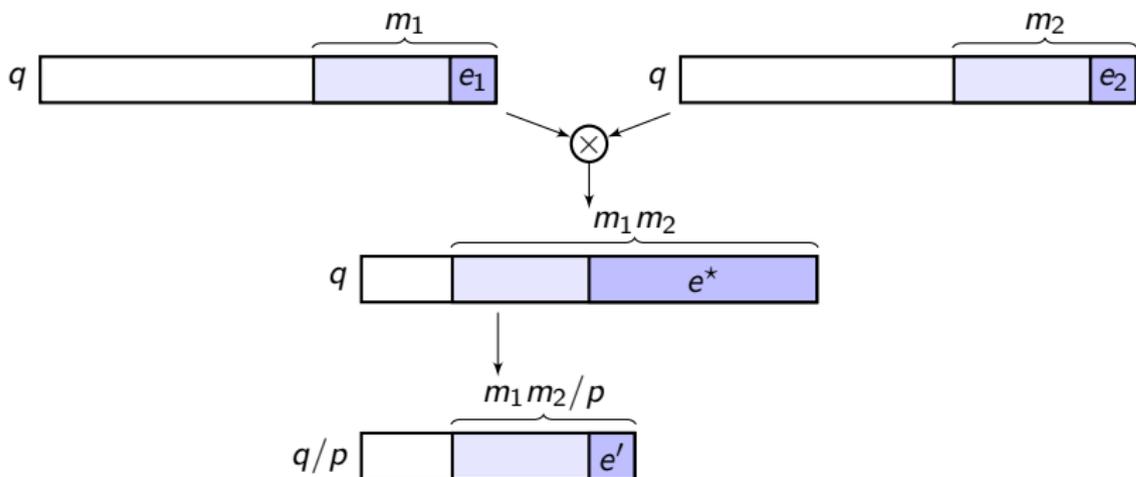
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- Main challenge: make FHE practical !
  - New primitives
  - Libraries (HElib)
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