The background of the slide is a photograph of the King's College London building at night. The building is a large, multi-story stone structure with many windows, some of which are illuminated from within, casting a warm glow. The sky is dark blue, and some bare trees are visible in the foreground. The overall scene is a nighttime view of the college's main building.

# Lattice-Based Zero-Knowledge Proofs (II)

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# So far...

Lattice-based cryptography

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{s} = \mathbf{u}$$

Denote  
 $S_\beta := \{x \in R_q : \|x\| \leq \beta\}$

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polynomials with  
*small*  
coefficients  
e.g.  $\{-1, 0, 1\}$

Equation over  
ring  $R_q$

Approximate [Lyu09,Lyu12]:

- We only prove that we know short  $\mathbf{s}$  and short  $\mathbf{c}$  such that  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{s} = \mathbf{c}\mathbf{u}$ .
- This is enough for identification schemes and signatures like CRYSTALS-Dilithium.
- Small proof sizes ( $\approx 3KB$ ).

# But we wanted more!

Lattice-based cryptography

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Let us prove knowledge of such  $\mathbf{s}$ !

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Exact:

- We prove exactly that  $\mathbf{s}$  is within specified range and  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{s} = \mathbf{u} \pmod{q}$ .
- This is crucial for building more advanced privacy-preserving primitives, e.g. verifiable encryption.
- Much bigger proof sizes.

The main focus of this talk:

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{s} = \mathbf{u} \pmod{q} \text{ and } \mathbf{s} \in \{0,1\}^m$$

Later on:

- ❑ Quiz
- ❑ Applications
- ❑ Obtaining succinct proofs

Equation  
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# Overview

$$As = u \pmod{q}$$

$$s \in \{0,1\}^m$$

Lemma: Let  $s \in \mathbb{Z}^m$ . Then,  $s \in \{0,1\}^m$  if and only if  $\langle s, s - 1 \rangle = 0$ .

Proof: Suppose  $\langle s, s - 1 \rangle = 0$ . This means that

$$\sum_{i=1}^m s_i(s_i - 1) = 0.$$

However, since each  $s_i$  is an integer, we have

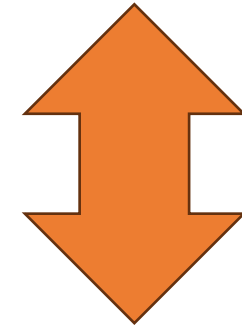
$$s_i(s_i - 1) \geq 0$$

Hence, the sum is equal to zero if each of the inequalities is an equality, i.e.  $s_i \in \{0,1\}$ .

# Overview

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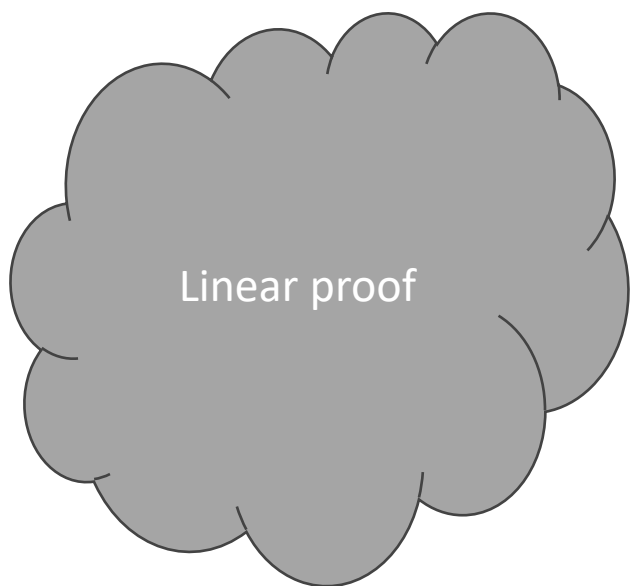
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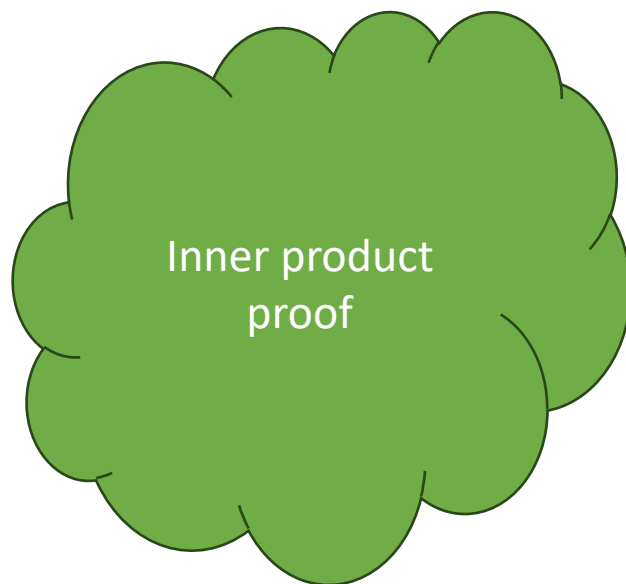
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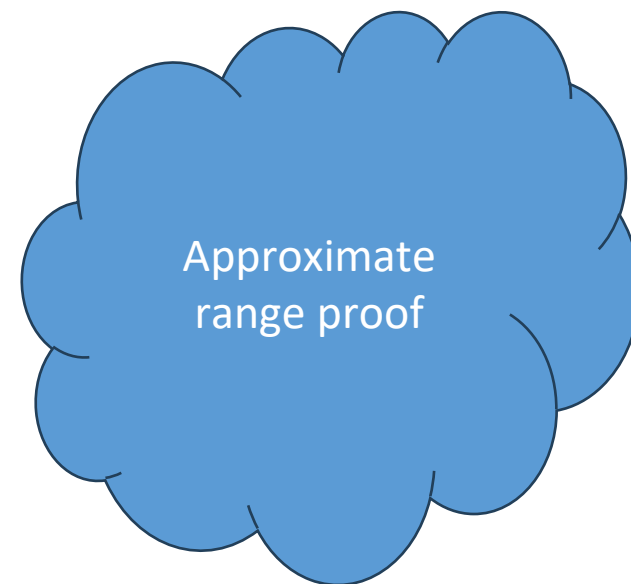
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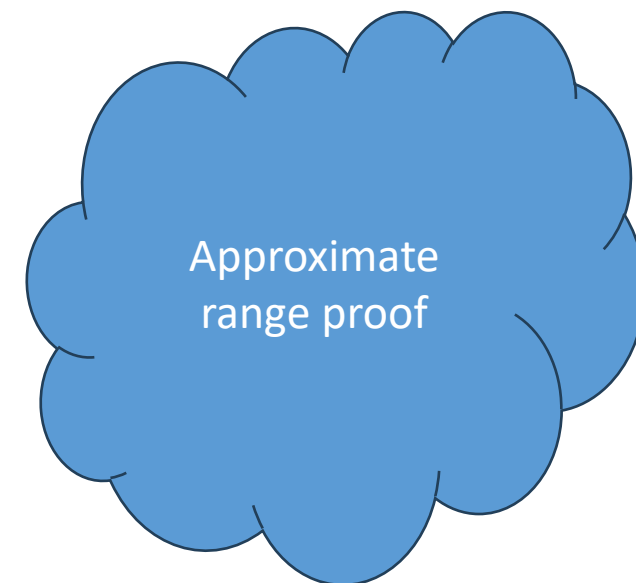
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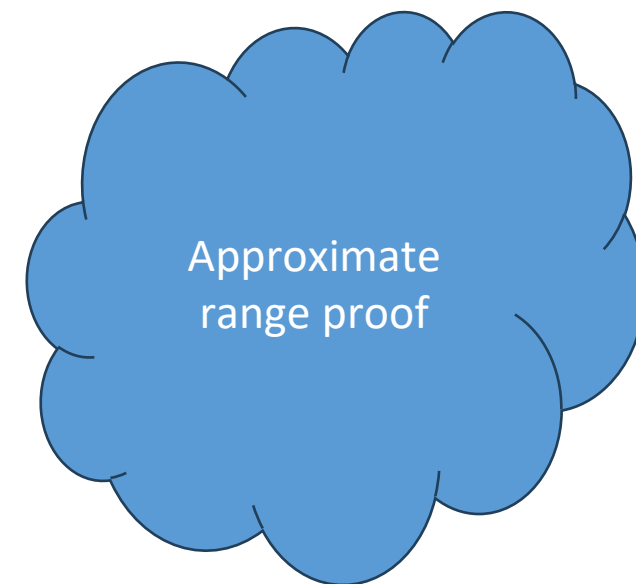
# Overview + ZK

- If I take a random short vector  $\mathbf{b}$ , add a short mask  $y$  then clearly  $y + \langle \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{s} \rangle$  is short.
- But if I am given a large vector  $\mathbf{s}$  and  $y$ , then what's the probability that

$$y + \langle \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{s} \rangle$$

is short?

$$\|\mathbf{s}\| \ll q$$



# Approximate range proof lemma

Lemma:

$$\Pr_{\mathbf{b} \leftarrow \{0,1\}^m} [|\langle \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{s} \rangle + y| < \frac{1}{2} \cdot \|\mathbf{s}\|] \leq 1/2.$$

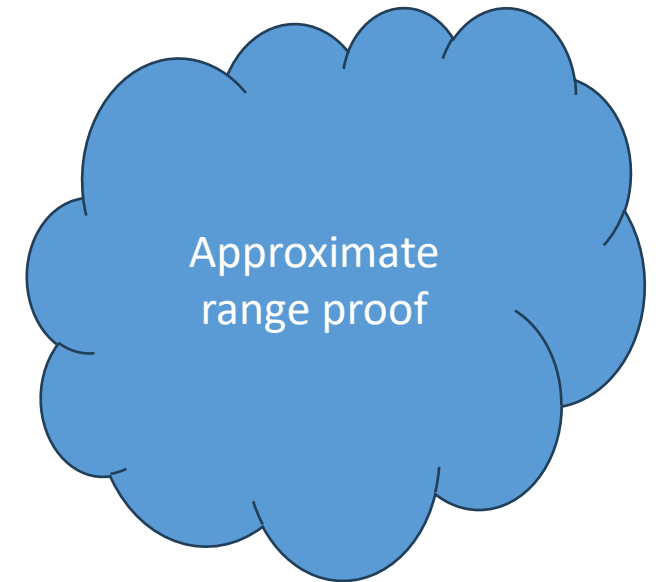
Proof: Let  $s_i = \|\mathbf{s}\|$  for some  $i$ .

Then, we can write  $\langle \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{s} \rangle + y = b_i s_i + r$ .

By the triangle inequality, **at least one** of  $\{r, s_i + r\}$  has to have norm at least  $\frac{1}{2} \cdot \|\mathbf{s}\|$ .

The probability of hitting that value is at least  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

$$\|\mathbf{s}\| \ll q$$



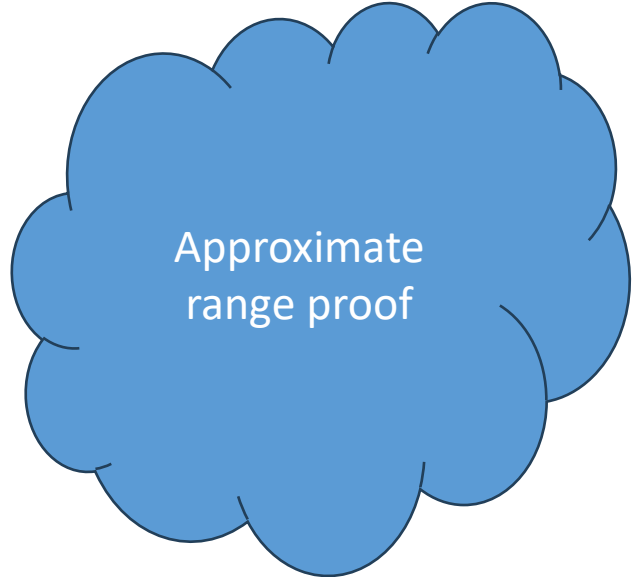
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Lemma:

$$\Pr_{\mathbf{B} \leftarrow \{0,1\}^{\lambda \times m}} [||\mathbf{B}\mathbf{s} + \mathbf{y}|| < \frac{1}{2} \cdot ||\mathbf{s}||] \leq 1/2^\lambda.$$

Proof: By amplification.

$$||\mathbf{s}|| \ll q$$



Approximate  
range proof

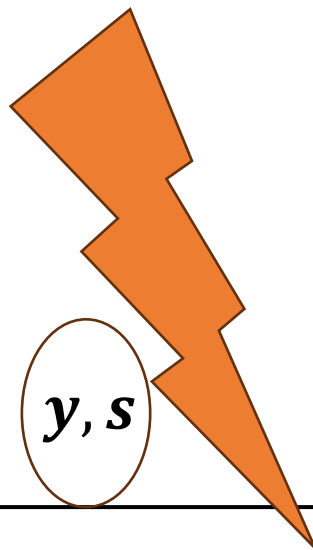
# Intuition



$$s \in \{0,1\}^m$$

$$y \leftarrow [-\alpha, \alpha]^\lambda$$

$$\|s\| \ll q$$



$y, s$

$B$

$z$

Hence, the verifier is convinced that  $\|s\| \leq 2\|y + Bs\| \leq 2(\alpha - m)$  (with high probability).

$$B \leftarrow \{0,1\}^{\lambda \times m}$$

$$z = y + Bs$$

$$\text{Check } \|z\| \leq \alpha - m$$
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# Commitments



Message  $m$

$$t = \text{Com}(m; r)$$



## Binding:

It's hard to find two different openings  $(m, r)$  and  $(m', r')$  such that  $\text{Com}(m; r) = \text{Com}(m'; r')$ .

## Hiding:

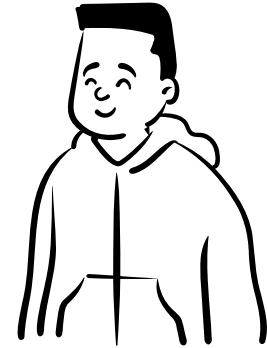
The adversary can't learn any information about  $(m, r)$  from  $t$

# Attempt 2

$$||s|| \ll q$$



$$s \in \{0,1\}^m$$



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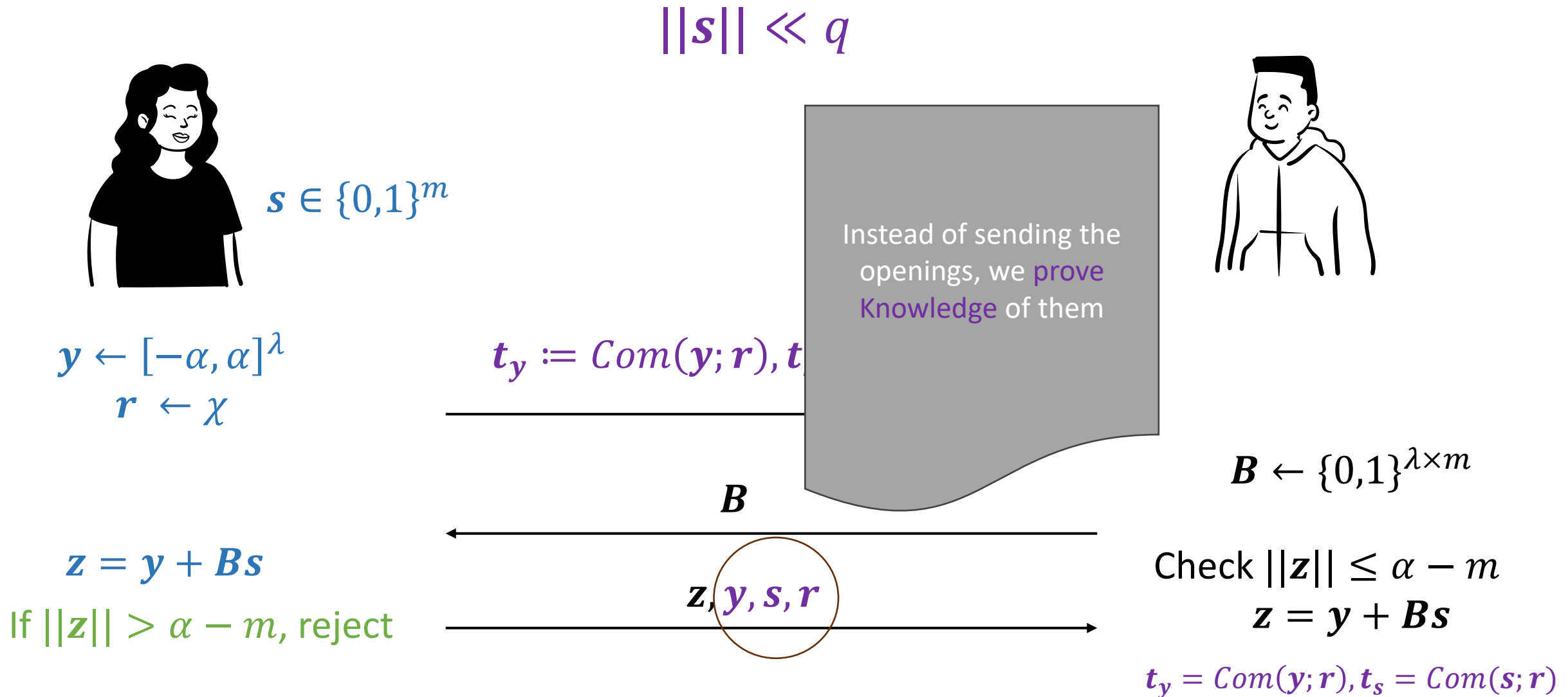
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$$z, y, s, r$$

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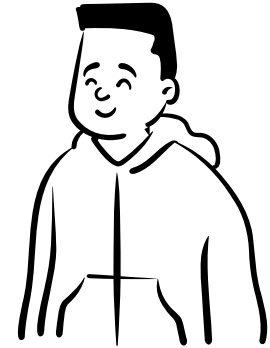


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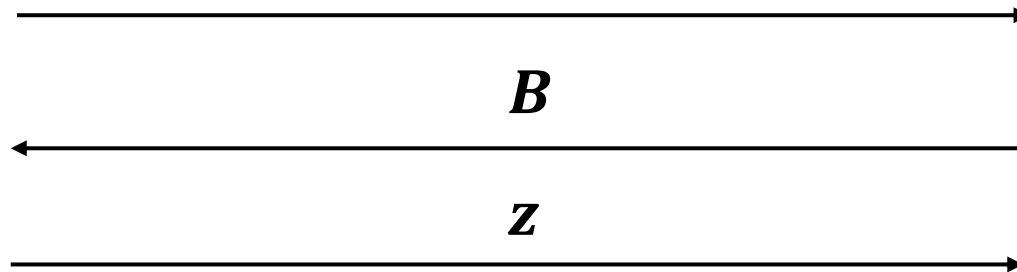


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# Overview

$$As = u \pmod{q}$$

Linear proof

$$\langle s, s - 1 \rangle = 0 \pmod{q}$$

Inner product  
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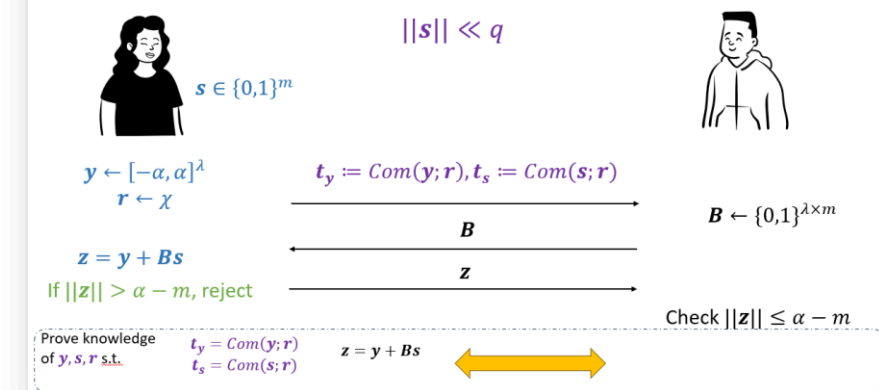
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## Next step: inner products over $\mathbb{Z}_q$

- We want to prove inner products (either between two committed messages, or between one secret and one public vector)
- Working natively over integers will result with bad soundness error (see previous lecture)
- We need to translate the inner products into relations over the polynomial ring  $R_q$

# Setup

- Consider the standard polynomial ring  $R_q = \mathbb{Z}_q[X]/(X^d + 1)$  where  $d$  is a power-of-two.
- For  $i \in \mathbb{Z}_{2d}^\times$ , let us denote  $\sigma_i: R_q \mapsto R_q$  to be the automorphism defined by  $\sigma_i(X) = X^i$ .
- Let  $\sigma := \sigma_{-1}$ . Seems irrelevant now but it will be useful later!
- For  $x \in R_q$ , we denote  $ct(x) = x_0$  its constant coefficient/term.

# The key ingredient

Lemma: Let  $u := \sum_{i=0}^{d-1} u_i X^i$  and  $v := \sum_{i=0}^{d-1} v_i X^i$  be ring elements in  $R_q$ . Then, the constant coefficient of the polynomial  $u\sigma_{-1}(v) \in R_q$  is  $\sum_{i=0}^{d-1} u_i v_i$ .

Proof: By definition,

$$u\sigma_{-1}(v) = \left(\sum_{i=0}^{d-1} u_i X^i\right) \sigma\left(\sum_{i=0}^{d-1} v_i X^i\right) = \left(\sum_{i=0}^{d-1} u_i X^i\right) \left(\sum_{i=0}^{d-1} v_i X^{-i}\right) = \sum_{i,j} u_i v_j X^{i-j}.$$

Therefore, the constant term is indeed  $u_0 v_0 + u_1 v_1 + \cdots + u_{d-1} v_{d-1}$ .

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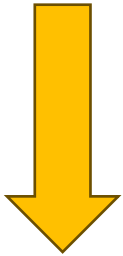
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# Back to overview

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# So far so good

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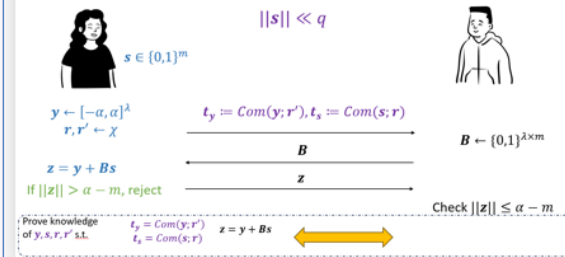
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But what happens if for some  $i, ct(f_i(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{y})) \neq 0$ ?

Then, with prob.  $\frac{1}{q}$ , we have  $ct(\sum_{i=1}^k \mu_i \cdot f_i(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{y})) = 0$ . Repeat  $L$  times.

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- Given challenges  $\mu_{j,1}, \dots, \mu_{j,k}$  for  $j = 1, \dots, L$ , compute

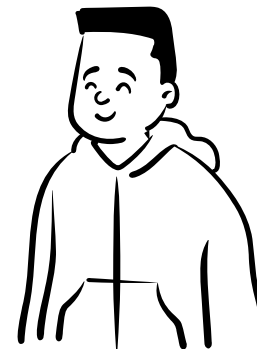
$$h_j := g_j + \sum_{i=1}^k \mu_{j,i} \cdot f_i(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{y})$$

Hence,  $ct(h_j) = 0$  and  $h_j$  hides info about other coeffs of  $\sum_{i=1}^k \mu_{j,i} \cdot f_i(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{y})$



$s, y$

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$$h_1, \dots, h_L$$

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$$\text{Check } \forall j, ct(h_j) = 0$$

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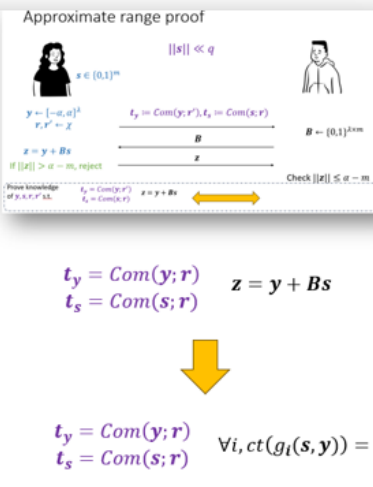


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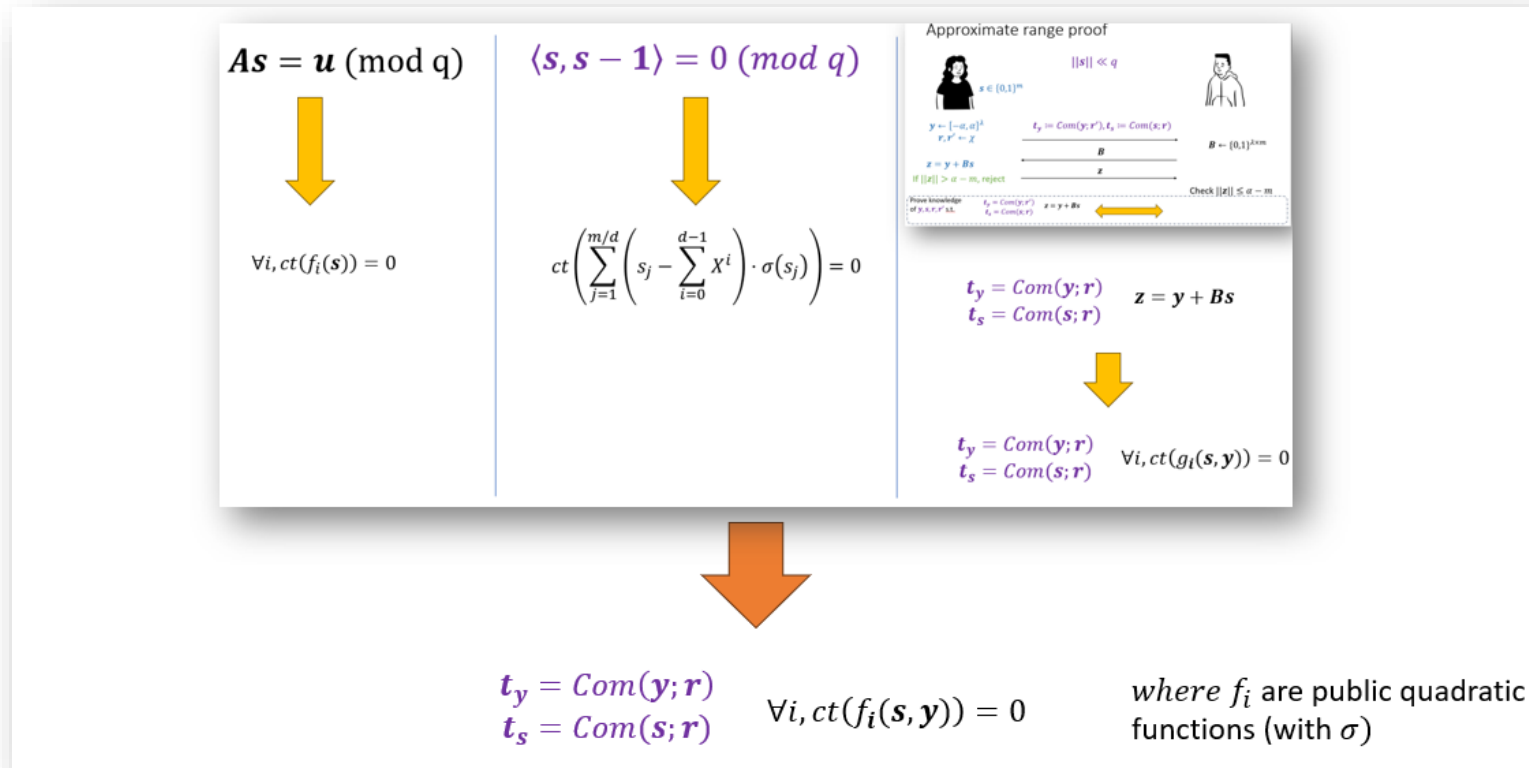


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# In other words



$$t_y = Com(y; r)$$

$$t_s = Com(s; r)$$

$$t_g := Com(g; r)$$

$$\forall j, P_j(s, y, g) = 0$$

Public quadratic  
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## Simple exercise

- *Discuss with your neighbour (2 minutes):*

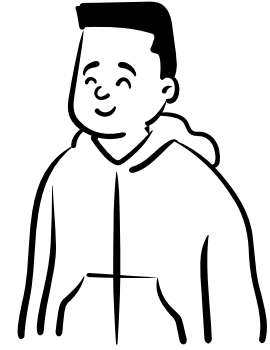
How to reduce proving multiple  
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**one**  $P(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{g}) = 0$ ?

# Simple amortisation

$$\begin{aligned} t_y &= \text{Com}(\mathbf{y}; \mathbf{r}) \\ t_s &= \text{Com}(\mathbf{s}; \mathbf{r}) \quad \forall j, P_j(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{g}) = 0 \\ t_g &:= \text{Com}(\mathbf{g}; \mathbf{r}) \end{aligned}$$



$\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{y}$



$\eta_1, \dots, \eta_L$

$\eta_i \leftarrow R_q^L$

Prove that:

$$\sum_{j=1}^L \eta_j \cdot P_j(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{g}) = 0$$

# Soundness analysis

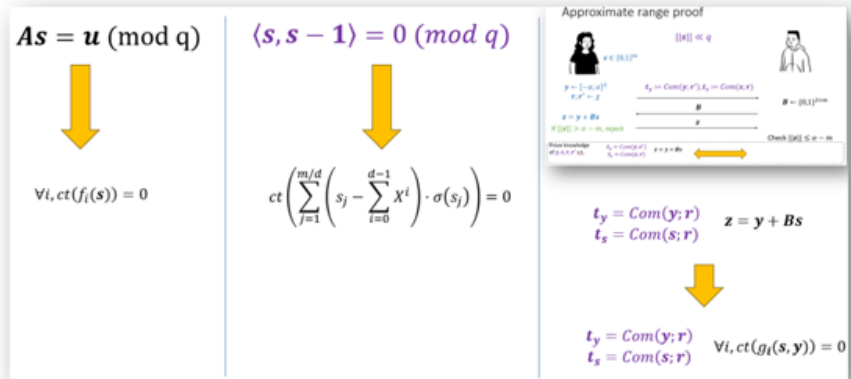
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- Then,  $X^d + 1 = (X^{\frac{d}{2}} - r)(X^{\frac{d}{2}} + r)$  factors into two irreducible polynomials modulo  $q$ .
- By CRT,  $R_q$  is isomorphic to  $\frac{\mathbb{Z}[X]}{(X^{\frac{d}{2}} - r, q)} \times \frac{\mathbb{Z}[X]}{(X^{\frac{d}{2}} + r, q)}$ .

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- Consider the standard polynomial ring  $R_q = \mathbb{Z}_q[X]/(X^d + 1)$  where  $d$  is a power-of-two and  $q = 5 \pmod{8}$ .
- Then,  $X^d + 1 = (X^{\frac{d}{2}} - r)(X^{\frac{d}{2}} + r)$  factors into two irreducible polynomials modulo  $q$ .
- By CRT,  $R_q$  is isomorphic to  $\frac{\mathbb{Z}[X]}{(X^{\frac{d}{2}} - r, q)} \times \frac{\mathbb{Z}[X]}{(X^{\frac{d}{2}} + r, q)}$ .
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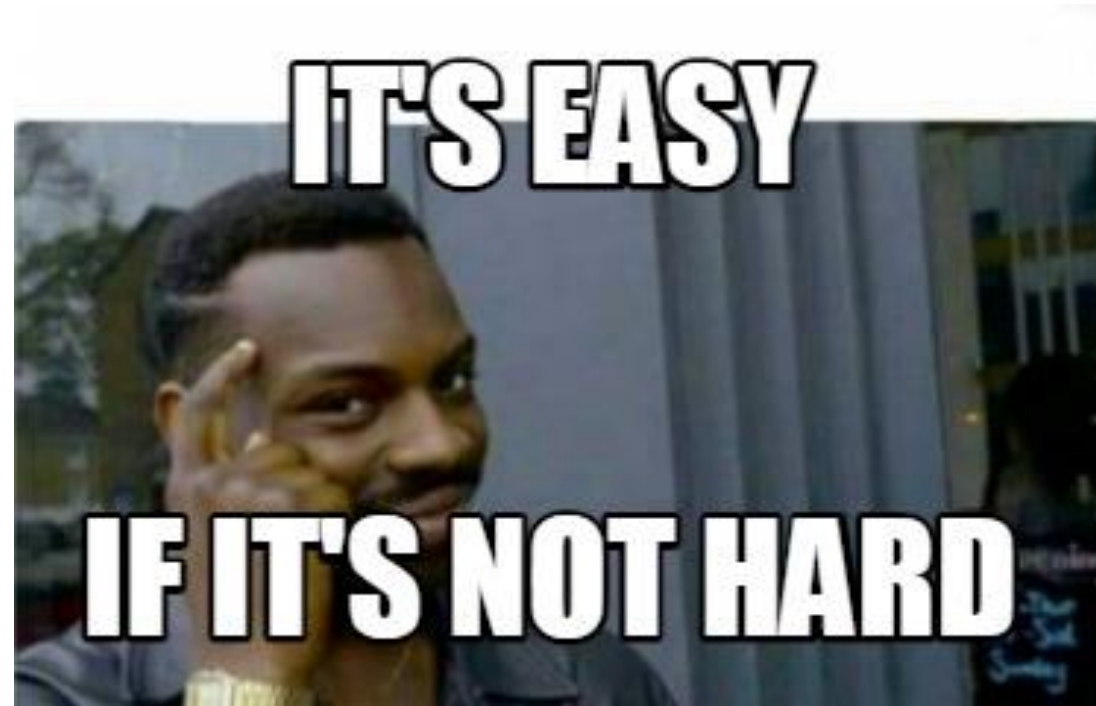
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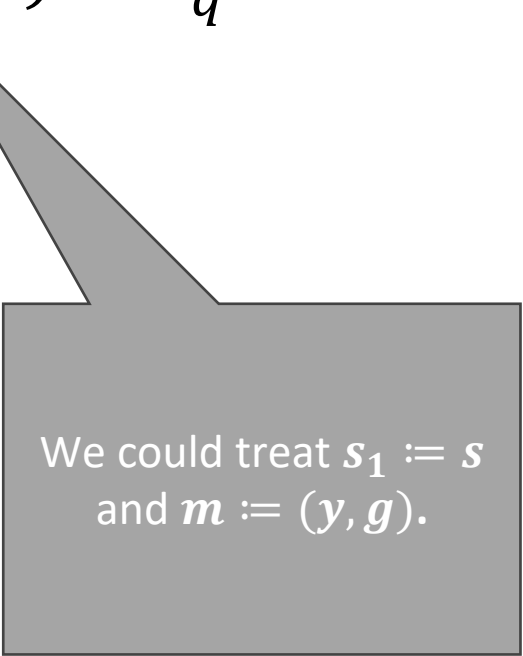
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I can only do handwaving thus far



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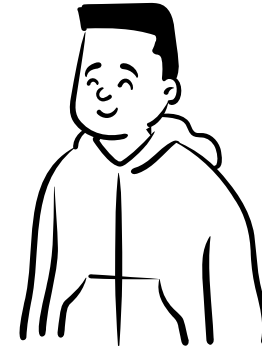
Hiding follows from MLWE since  $\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A}_2 \\ \mathbf{B} \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{s}_2$  looks uniformly random (for long enough randomness)

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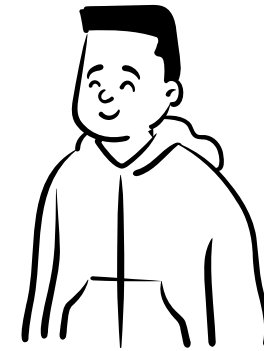
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 $= g_0 + c g_1 - (t_1 - \mathbf{b}_1^T \mathbf{z}_2)$   
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where the right-hand side does not depend on  $c$ .

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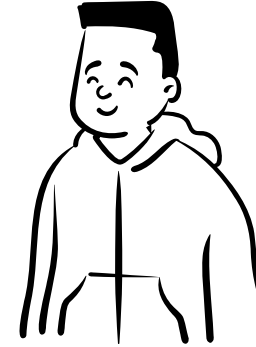
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**Lemma:** Suppose  $q \equiv 5 \pmod{8}$ . If  $\sigma_{-1}(c) = c$  and  $c$  is non-zero, then  $c$  is invertible over  $R_q$ .

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$$A\mathbf{s} = \mathbf{u} \pmod{q} \quad \langle \mathbf{s}, \mathbf{s} - \mathbf{1} \rangle = 0 \pmod{q}$$

- Approximate range proof makes sure that  $\|\mathbf{s}\| \ll q$ , and we are done.

# Which $d$ to pick - tradeoff

- We want  $d$  to be large enough, so that the challenge space is exponential-size
- We want  $d$  to be as small as possible, since sending ring elements will be costly

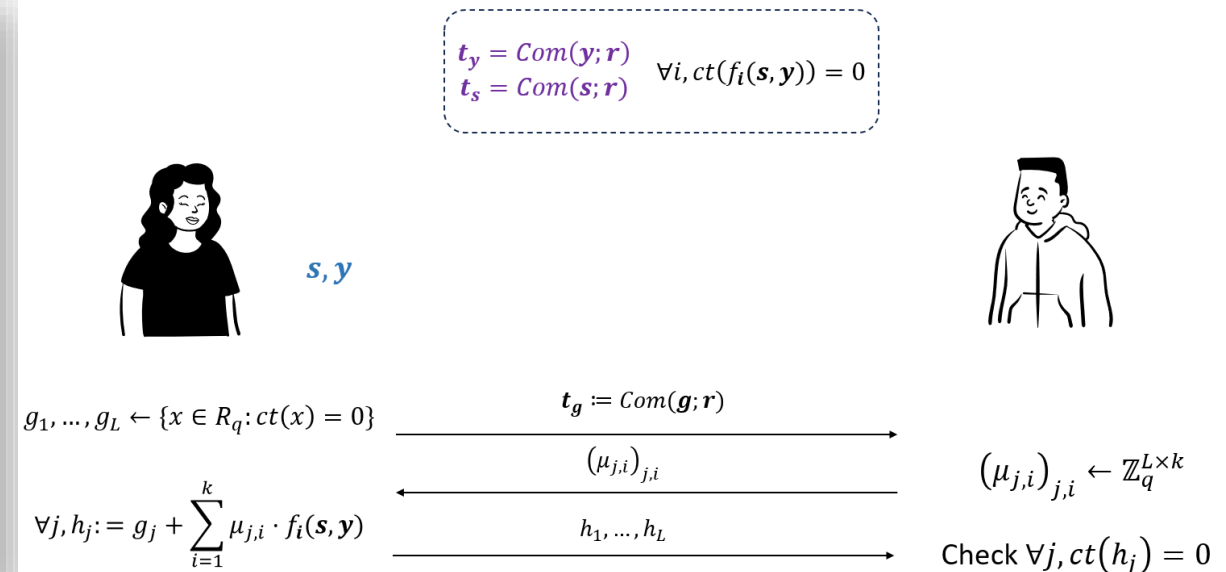
## Challenge space

- We need exponentially large challenge space  $\mathcal{C}$ .
- We want  $\sigma(c) = c$  for any  $c \in \mathcal{C}$ .
- We want the difference of any distinct  $c, c' \in \mathcal{C}$  to be invertible over  $R_q$ .

Let us pick:

$$\mathcal{C} = \{c_0 + c_1X + \dots + c_{\frac{d}{2}-1}X^{\frac{d}{2}-1} - c_{\frac{d}{2}-1}X^{\frac{d}{2}+1} - \dots - c_1X^{d-1}; c_i \in [-\kappa, \kappa]\}.$$

$|C| = (2\kappa + 1)^{d/2}.$



# Efficiency and applications



# Applications

- Proving knowledge of short  $\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{e}$  s.t.  $A\mathbf{s} + \mathbf{e} = \mathbf{u}$ .

Scheme	Proof size
Stern proofs (e.g. [Ste93,LNSW13])	3MB
[Beu20]	233KB
[BLS19,YAZ+19]	384KB
Ligero [AHIV17]	157KB
Aurora [BCR+19,BCOS20]	72KB
[ALS20,ENS20]	47KB
[LNS21]	33KB
[LNP22]	14KB

# Applications

Constructions	Proof/Signature size
verifiable encryption [LNP22]	19KB
integer addition/multiplication [LN22]	12/15KB
group signature [LN22]	20KB
ring signature [LN22]	16KB
blind signature [AKSY22, BLNS23]	44KB/26KB



# Quiz

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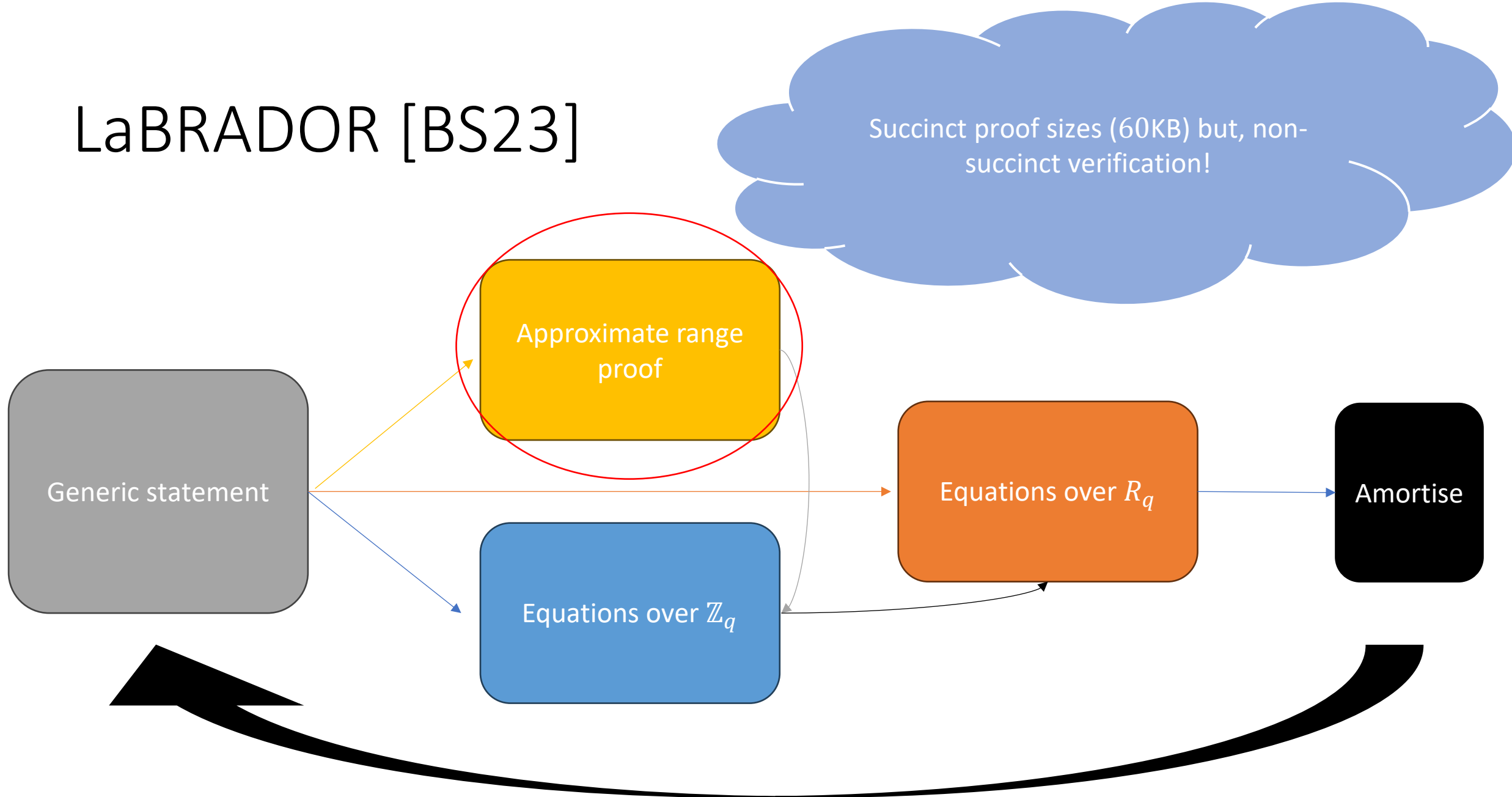
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# What about SNARKs?



# LaBRADOR [BS23]



# Approximate range proof



$$s \in \{0,1\}^m$$

$$\|s\| \ll q$$

$$y \leftarrow [-\alpha, \alpha]^\lambda$$

$$r \leftarrow \chi$$

$$t_y := \text{Com}(y; r), t_s := \text{Com}(s; r)$$

$$B$$

$$z = y + Bs$$

$$z$$

If  $\|z\| > \alpha - m$ , reject



$$B \leftarrow \{0,1\}^{\lambda \times m}$$

Check  $\|z\| \leq \alpha - m$

Prove knowledge  
of  $y, s, r$  s.t.

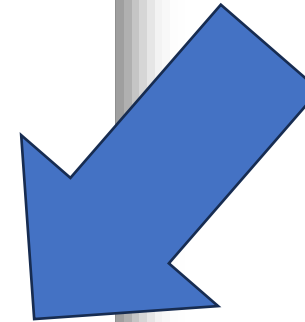
$$t_y = \text{Com}(y; r)$$

$$t_s = \text{Com}(s; r)$$

$$z = y + Bs$$



Linear-sized matrix  $B$



# How to achieve sublinear verification with ARP

- Use a structured tensor-type matrix  $\mathbf{B}$  [CMNW24]
- Use LaBRADOR as a subroutine [NS24]
- Just don't use ARP (and deal with its consequences)

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# Summary

- Linear-sized efficient “exact” ZKP from lattices
  - Under standard assumptions: MSIS and MLWE
  - Transparent setup
  - Sizes:  $\approx 15\text{KB}$
  - Can be made non-interactive via Fiat-Shamir transformation
- “Approximate” proofs more efficient and have some applications

<https://eprint.iacr.org/2022/284>



# Thank you!

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