

# NTRU-based Bootstrapping for MK-FHEs

without using Overstretched Parameters

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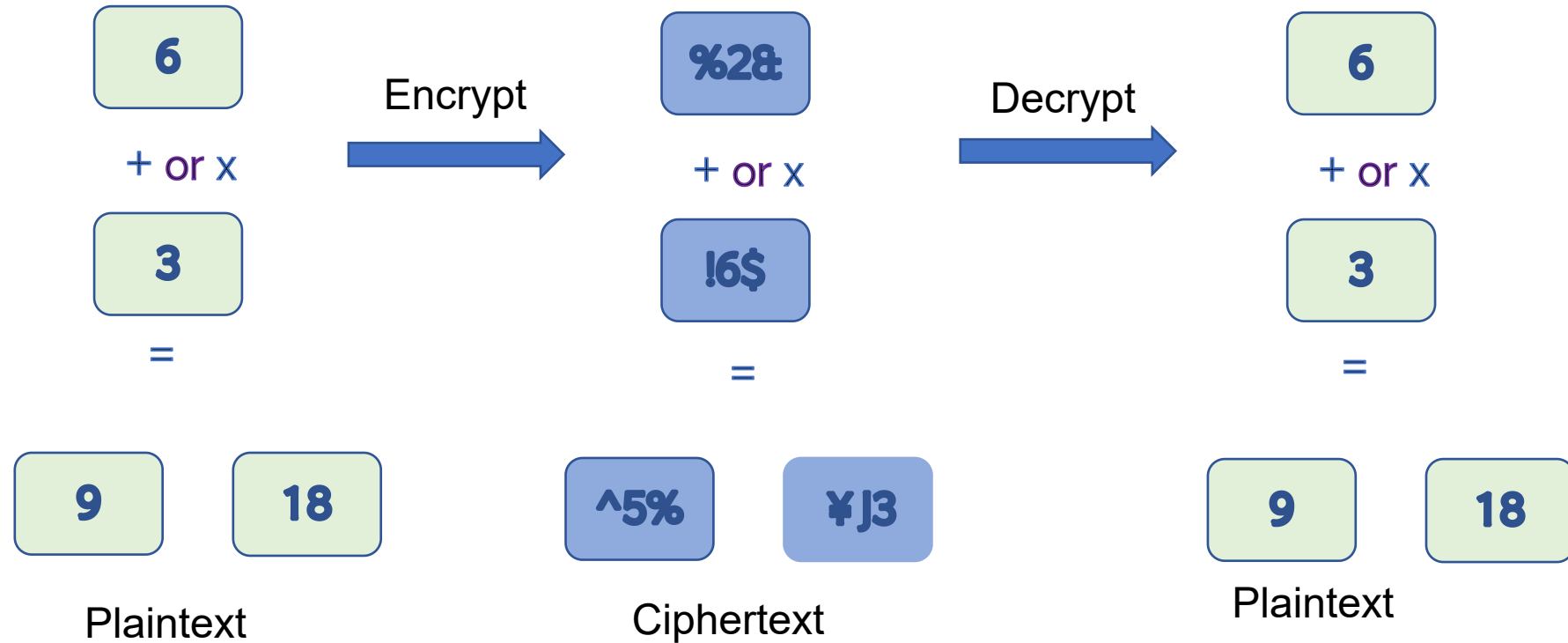


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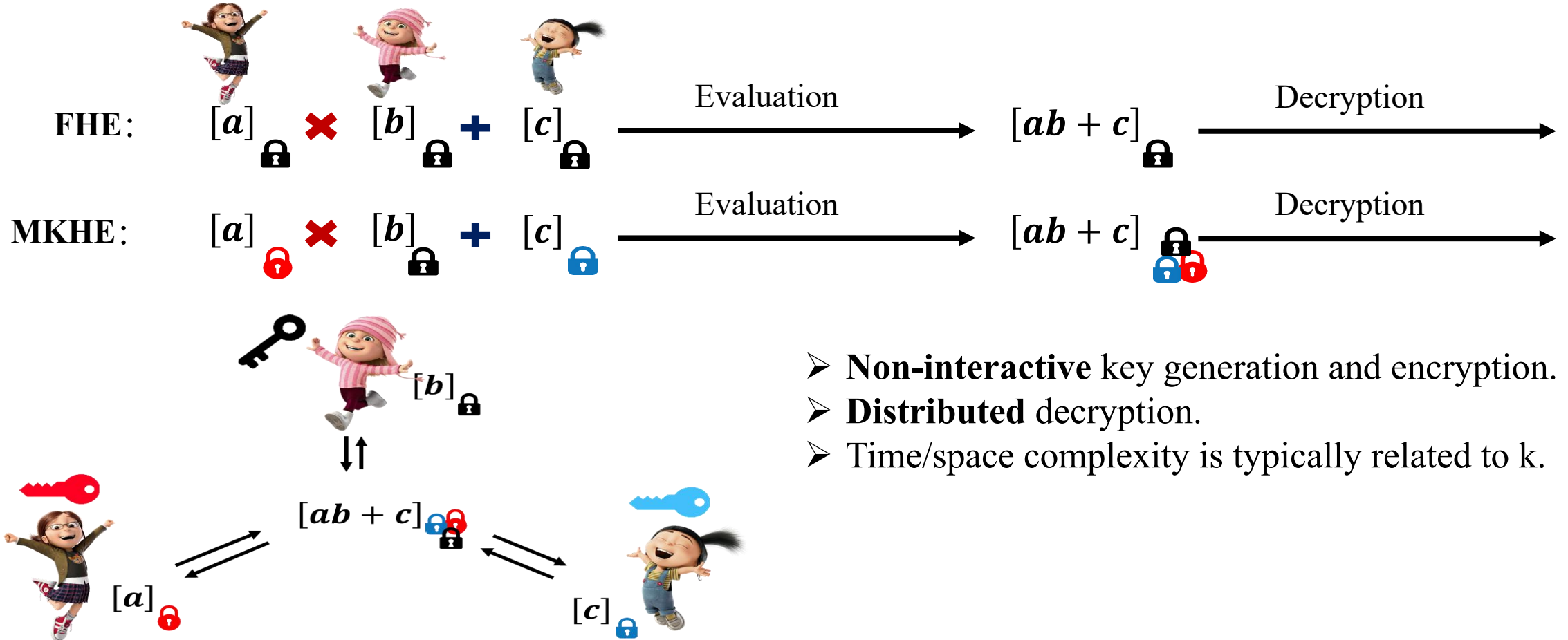
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# Fully Homomorphic Encryption (FHE)



- **'holy grail of cryptography'**, allows arbitrary operations on ciphertext without decryption.
- **Applications:** PPML (Privacy-Preserving Machine Learning); PIR (Private Information Retrieval); PSI (Private Set Intersection); MPC (Multi-Party Computation)

# Multi-Key Fully Homomorphic Encryption



- **Non-interactive** key generation and encryption.
- **Distributed** decryption.
- Time/space complexity is typically related to  $k$ .



## Previous Works

- Theoretical studies
  - ✓ LTV12, CM15, MW16, PS16, BP16, CZW17
  - ✓ No implementations
- Practical schemes
  - ✓ TFHE/FHEW-like: CCS19, KMS24, FHE with bootstrapping
  - ✓ CKKS/BFV-like: CDKS19, KKLSS22, Level MK-FHE

Why (Mostly) (R)LWE-based Scheme, very few relying on NTRU?



## Previous Works

### RLWE problem

- Secret:  $s \in R$
  - $a \leftarrow U(R_q)$
  - $e \leftarrow \chi$
  - $b = a \cdot s + e \pmod q$
- $$(a, b) \approx_c U(R_q^2)$$

### NTRU problem

- Secret:  $f \in R$ , with small coefficients,  $f^{-1}$  exist
  - $g \leftarrow \chi$
  - $c = g \cdot f^{-1} \pmod q$
- $$c \approx_c U(R_q)$$

Constructing schemes based on the NTRU assumption seem to naturally offer advantages.

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# Previous Works

## ➤ Early Work

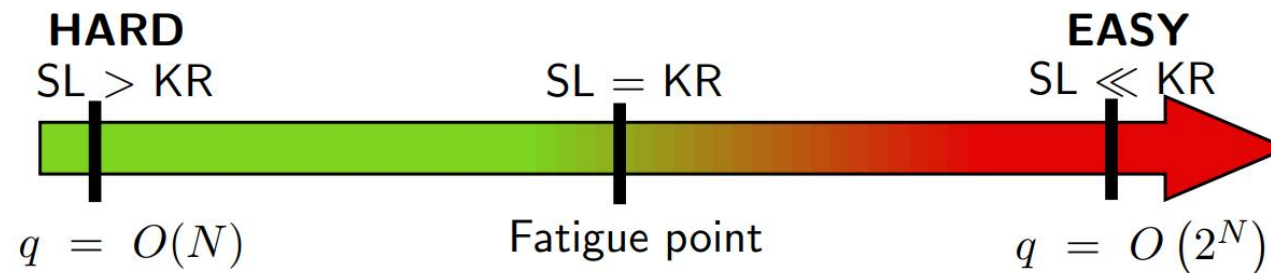
[LTV12] more efficient than the corresponding RLWE-based schemes BGV.

$$R_q := \mathbb{Z}_q[X] / \langle X^N + 1 \rangle \text{ with } q \in \Omega(2^N).$$

## ➤ NTRU Attacks [DW21]

Key recovery attacks (KR): exponential time in  $N$ .

Sublattice attacks (SL): hardness varies depending on  $q$ , fatigue point ( $q = O(n^{2.484})$ ).



[LTV12] López-Alt, A., Tromer, E., Vaikuntanathan, V.: On-the-fly multiparty computation on the cloud via multikey fully homomorphic encryption. In STOC

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## Our result

- **Motivation:** Design an NTRU-based MK-FHE scheme that supports a **super-constant number** of participants (keys)
- **Challenge:** Existing schemes suffer exponential noise growth, requiring parameters beyond the fatigue point.
- **Our Result:**
  - ✓ New NTRU-base MK-FHE: **sub-linear** keys without overstretched NTRU parameters.
    - First Layer: matrix NTRU-based encryption supporting multi-key NAND,  $q = O(k \cdot n^{1.5})$ , linear in k.
    - Second Layer: NTRU-based encryption enabling efficient hybrid product for gate bootstrapping.
  - ✓ Fast bootstrapping for MK-LWE ciphertext with small key size
  - ✓ New LWEs to LWEs key switching :
    - reduce Key Size from  $O(n^2)$  to  $O(n)$  bits
    - almost without extra computational overhead



## First-layer Matrix NTRU-based Multi-Key Encryption

- Setup: Each  $i$ -th party samples
  - ✓  $sk$  : an invertible matrix  $\mathbf{F}_i \in Z_q^{n \times n}$
  - ✓  $evk_i$  :  $\left( \mathbf{e}_i + \left( \frac{5q}{8}, \mathbf{0} \right) \right) \mathbf{F}_i^{-1} \in Z_q^n$
- Single-key ciphertext :  $\mathbf{c}_i = \left( \mathbf{e}'_i + \left( \frac{q}{4} m, \mathbf{0} \right) \right) \mathbf{F}_i^{-1} \in Z_q^n$ 
  - ✓ The security relies on the MNTRU problem  $\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{G} \cdot \mathbf{F}^{-1} \bmod q \approx_c U(Z_q^{n \times n})$
  - ✓ We just use the first row of  $\mathbf{C}$  to define the ciphertext  $\mathbf{c}_i$
  - ✓ Decryption:  $\mathbf{c}_i \cdot \mathbf{col}_0(\mathbf{F}_i)$





## First-layer Matrix NTRU-based Multi-Key Encryption

- **MK-Ciphertext** : The concatenation of each party.
  - ✓ MK secret:  $(F_1, F_2, \dots, F_k) \in Z_q^{kn \times n}$ .
  - ✓ Ciphertext:  $(c_1, c_2, \dots, c_k) \in Z_q^{kn}$  with  $c_1 \cdot \text{col}_0(F_1) + \dots + c_k \cdot \text{col}_0(F_k) \approx \frac{q}{4}m$
- **MK-NAND** : Extended multi-key ciphertext via **Linear Combination**.
  - ✓ eg.  $k=2$ ,  $c' = (c'_1, c'_2) = (evk_1, \mathbf{0}) - (c_1, \mathbf{0}) - (\mathbf{0}, c_2)$  (NAND)
  - ✓ output ciphertext contains a large noise  $e' < q/8$
  - ✓ Decryption:  $c_1 \cdot \text{col}_0(F_1) + c_2 \cdot \text{col}_0(F_2) = \frac{q}{2} \text{NAND}(m_1, m_2)$

# Bootstrapping matrix NTRU-based Multi-Key Ciphertexts

- First, we start with  $(\mathbf{c}_1, \mathbf{c}_2, \dots, \mathbf{c}_k) \in \mathbb{Z}_q^{kn}$  and construct a NTRU-based Hybrid Product :
  - ✓ Input:
    - MK-NTRU ciphertext  $ct = (c_1, \dots, c_k) \in R^k$  such that  $c_1 s_1 + \dots + c_k s_k \approx \mu \pmod{q}$
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    - $\{(\mathbf{h} = \mathbf{e}_1/s, \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{a} \cdot s + \mathbf{e}_2) \mid s \leftarrow \chi'_s, \mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2 \leftarrow \chi'_e, \mathbf{a} \leftarrow R_Q^d\}$ ,
    - $\{(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}) \mid \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \leftarrow R_Q^d\}$ .

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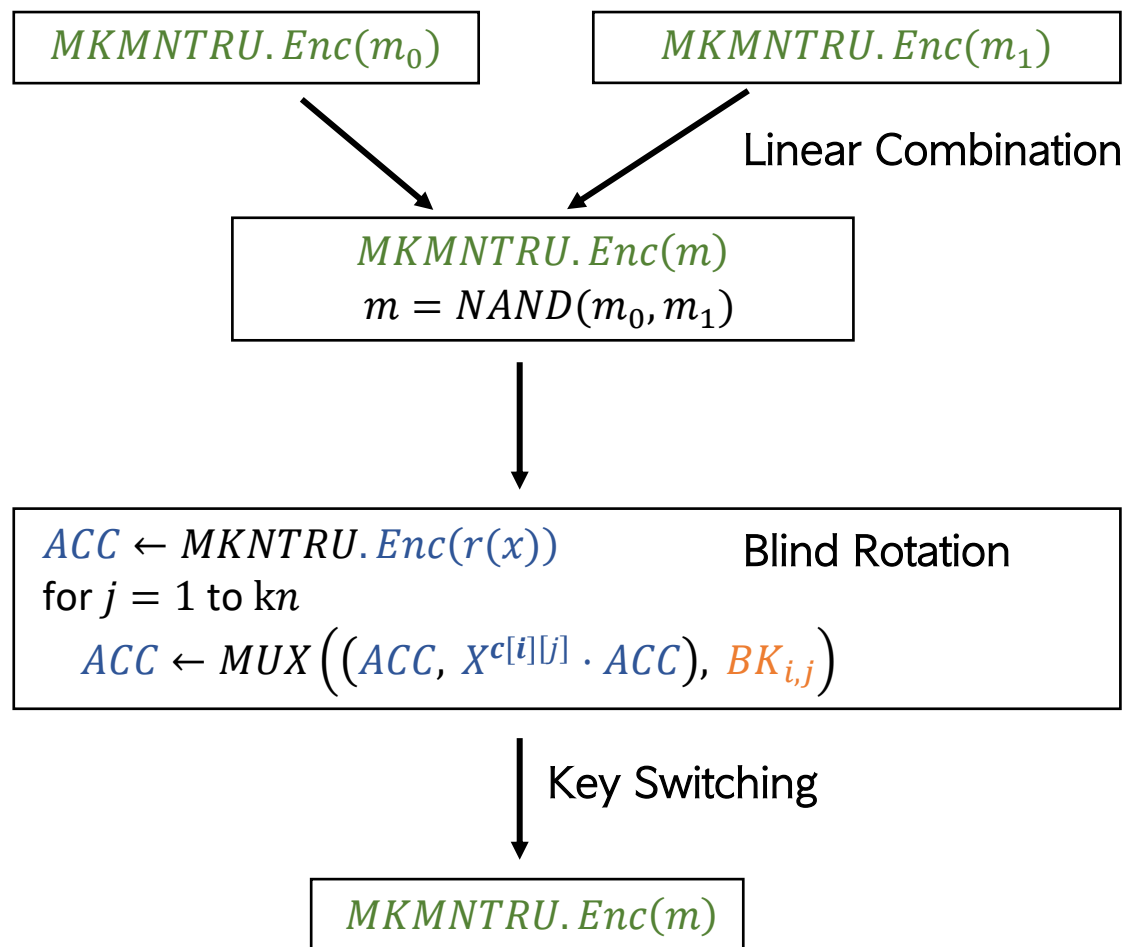
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- After n iterations, we obtain an MK-NTRU encryption of  $r(X)X^{\mathbf{c}_1 \cdot \mathbf{col}_0(\mathbf{F}_1) + \dots + \mathbf{c}_k \cdot \mathbf{col}_0(\mathbf{F}_k)}$
- Then, we propose a key switching to switch the MK-NTRU ciphertext to the MK-MNTRU

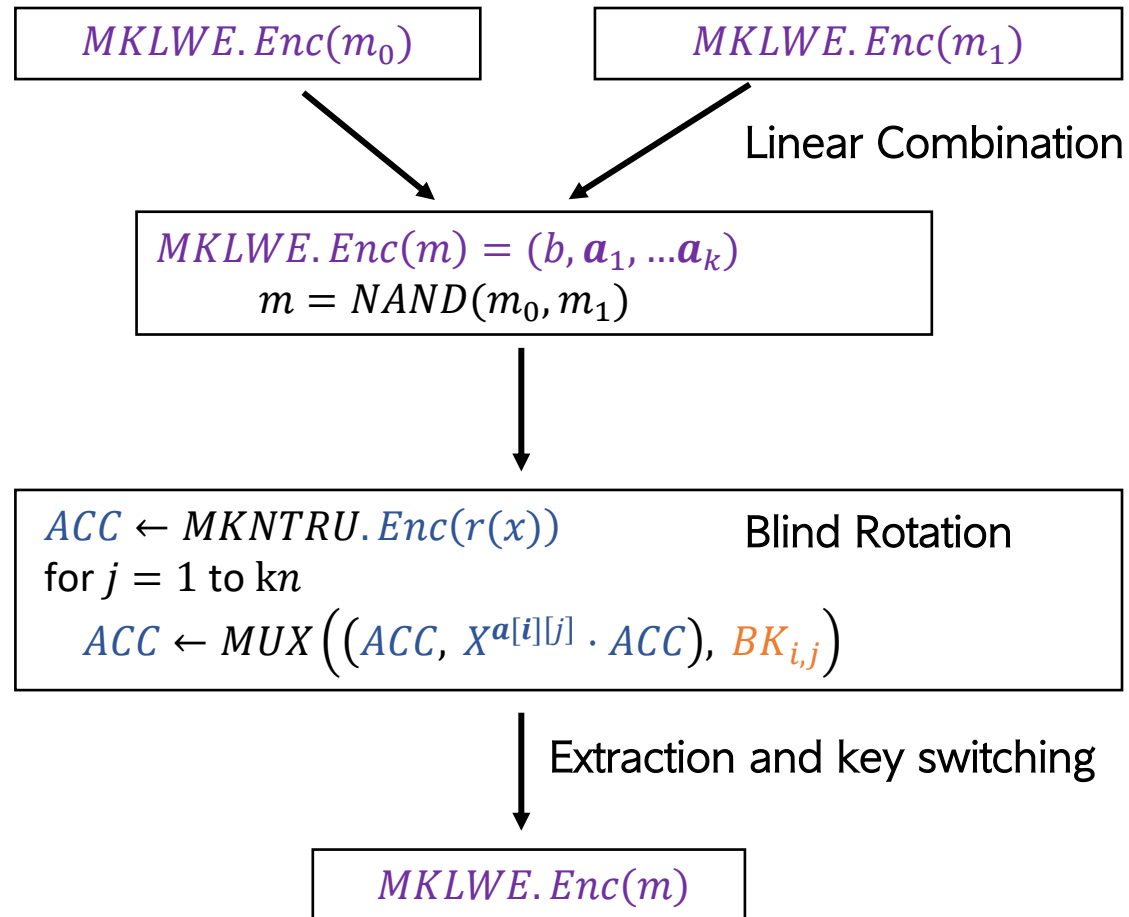
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## Bootstrapping LWE-based Multi-Key Ciphertexts

- **Ciphertext Structure:**  $(\mathbf{b}, \mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_k) \in \mathbf{Z}_q^{kN+1}$
- **Goal:** Switch the secret key from  $(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{s}_1, \dots, \mathbf{s}_k) \in \mathbf{Z}_q^{kN+1}$  to  $(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{z}_1, \dots, \mathbf{z}_k) \in \mathbf{Z}_q^{kn+1}$
- **Previous Approach.**
  - ✓ Key Generation: A set of LWE ciphertexts of

$$LWE_{z_i}(\mathbf{v} \mathbf{B}_{ks}^l \mathbf{s}_{i,j}) \quad j \in \mathbf{Z}_N, l \in \mathbf{Z}_{d_{ks}}, \mathbf{v} \in \mathbf{Z}_{B_{ks}}$$

- **Our Approach :** Pack N LWE key-switching keys into a single RLWE ciphertext.
  - ✓ Key Generation: Use RLWE ciphertexts to encrypt sequentially
  - ✓ Key Switching : Extract almost free coefficients using the index
  - ✓ Applicable to single-key LWEs to LWEs key switching
  - ✓ Key Size: from  $\mathbf{O}(n^2)$  to  $\mathbf{O}(n)$  bits

## Compared to Existing NTRU-based MK-FHE Schemes

Scheme	Noise	Modulus
[LTV12]	$\tilde{O}(n^k)$	$O(2^{n^\varepsilon})$
[CO17]	$\tilde{O}(n^k)$	$O(2^{n^\varepsilon})$
Ours	$\tilde{O}(kn^{1.5})$	$O(kn^{1.5})$

**$k$ : Number of parties ;  $n$ : Lattice dimension;  $q$ : Ciphertext modulus;  $\varepsilon \in (0, 1)$**

Supporting Sub-linear Number of Participants Below the Fatigue Point

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## Compared to other TFHE/FHEW-like schemes

Scheme	Time (s)				Key Size(MB)			
	$k = 2$	$k = 4$	$k = 8$	$k = 16$	$k = 2$	$k = 4$	$k = 8$	$k = 16$
CCS19	0.07	0.33	1.19		89.21	96.38	102.94	
KMS24	0.14	0.44	1.17	2.86	214.61	285.22	250.06	285.31
Ours	0.05	0.21	0.54	2.61	13.89	13.89	13.89	13.89
X	1.4/2.8	1.6/2.1	2.2/2.2	1.1	6.5/15.5	6.9/20.5	7.4/18	20.5

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## Conclusion

- NTRU-based multi key FHE
  - without using Overstretched Parameters
  - Fast bootstrapping and small key size
  - Support a **sub-linear** number  $k$

# Thanks !

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<https://github.com/SKLC-FHE/MKFHE>