# Fully Homomorphic Encryption for Cyclotomic Prime Moduli

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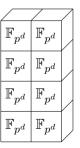
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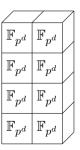
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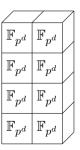
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#### Research questions

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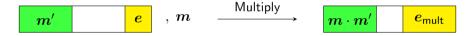
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• New noise  $e_{\mathsf{mult}} = \hat{m} \cdot e$  satisfies

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- Native arithmetic modulo an integer  $p = \Phi_r(b^{m/(rk)})$ 
  - lacksquare If p is a prime number then we call it a **cyclotomic prime**

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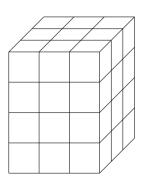
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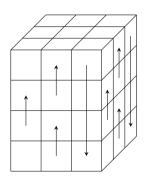
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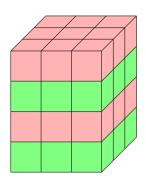
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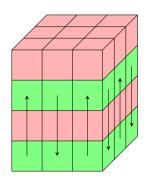
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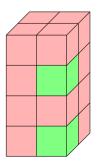
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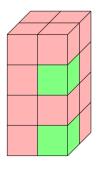
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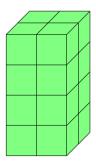
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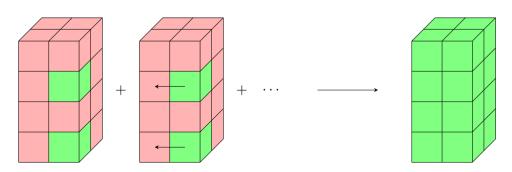


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# Bootstrapping results

Table: results for  $m=2^{15}$  and  $p=2^{16}+1$ 

Number of slots $\ell'$		1024	2048	4096	8192
Bits per multiplicative level		11	12	14	18
Noise (bits)	Noisy expansion	111	111	114	118
	Digit removal	82	91	113	161
	Remaining	124	115	90	38
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Execution time (sec)	Digit removal	0.53	0.54	0.54	0.55

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