

# Tools for Parameter Selection Eamonn Postlethwaite, CWI



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# Parameters are 'god given'







This presentation concerns the tools that have been {created, expanded, maintained} under the PROMETHEUS project – what they do, how they work, and how they have been used.

Specifically:

- the lattice-estimator [APS15] (github:malb/lattice-estimator),
- the leaky-LWE-estimator [DDGR20] (github:lducas/leaky-LWE-Estimator),
- NTRUFatigue-estimator [DvW21] (github:WvanWoerden/NTRUFatigue).



The high level what



Broadly speaking, any (lattice) estimator takes as input a subset of

 $\{parameters\} \times \{attacks\} \times \{attack \ models\},\$ 

and outputs estimates for the costs of the attacks. For example

 $\label{eq:Kyber512} \\ \times \mbox{ {primal uSVP}} \\ \times \mbox{ {cost: ADPS16, shape: GSA}. }$ 





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The aim is to capture as many attacks and improvements as possible and automate their cost estimation against a wide range of popular parameters, e.g. dimension, modulus, secret and error distributions etc...





Create parameter object.

```
sage: from estimator import *
....: params = LWE.Parameters(n=200, q=7981, Xs=ND.SparseTernary(384, 16), Xe=ND.CenteredBinomial(4))
```

Estimate suite of attacks given:

- a model for lattice reduction cost,
- > and a model for lattice reduction *shape*.





#### Then

[sage: r = LWE.estimate(params, red\_cost\_model=RC.MATZOV, red\_shape\_model=Simulator.GSA)

#### gives

arora-gb	:: rop: ≈2^102.2, dreg: 9, mem: ≈2^101.2, t: 4, m: ≈2^51.6, tag: arora-gb, ь: 2, ζ: 1,  S : 1, prop: 1
bkw	:: rop: ≈2^52.0, m: ≈2^41.6, mem: ≈2^42.5, b: 3, t1: 0, t2: 12, ≀: 2, #cod: 155, #top: 1, #test: 44, tag: coded-bkw
usvp	:: rop: ≈2^50.4, red: ≈2^50.4, δ: 1.010720, β: 72, d: 331, tag: usvp
bdd	:: rop: ≈2^47.9, red: ≈2^47.1, svp: ≈2^46.5, β: 60, η: 87, d: 345, tag: bdd
bdd_hybrid	:: rop: ≈2^46.3, red: ≈2^46.2, svp: ≈2^41.7, β: 40, η: 22, ζ: 51,  S : ≈2^12.3, d: 324, prob: 0.141, ⊍: 31, tag: hybrid
bdd_mitm_hybrid	:: rop: ≈2^48.2, red: ≈2^47.7, svp: ≈2^46.4, β: 40, η: 2, ζ: 114,  S : ≈2^47.1, d: 261, prob: 0.041, υ: 111, tag: hybrid
dual	:: rop: ≈2^51.9, mem: ≈2^18.8, m: 174, β: 73, d: 374, υ: 1, tag: dual
dual_hybrid	:: rop: ≈2^46.6, mem: ≈2^35.5, m: 145, β: 40, d: 287, ⊍: 21, ζ: 58, h1: 4, tag: dual_hybrid





#### One can also specific a particular attack and its options

[sage: LWE.primal\_hybrid(params, mitm=False, babai=False, red\_shape\_model=Simulator.CN11)

to obtain

rop: ≈2^46.6, red: ≈2^45.6, svp: ≈2^45.6, β: 42, η: 22, ζ: 52, |S|: ≈2^17.5, d: 330, prob: 0.308, υ: 13, tag: hybrid

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## How it works: the lattice-estimator

It has a highly modularised codebase

- ▶ top level Estimate class  $\leftrightarrow$  lwe.py,
- $\blacktriangleright$  initiating and transforming LWE parameters  $\leftrightarrow$  lwe\_parameters.py,
- ▶ each attack has its own file, with a class per variant ↔ e.g. lwe\_primal.py with class PrimalHybrid,
- reduction cost models  $\leftrightarrow$  reduction.py,
- reduction shape models  $\leftrightarrow$  simulator.py,
- error and secret ('noise') distributions  $\leftrightarrow$  nd.py,
- several more, probability amplification, distinguishing, mitm...

Ultimately, the estimator uses a local minimum finder to minimise the cost of a given attack in a given model against given parameters.





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We do have a good understanding of which  $\beta$  succeed for different attacks, what is challenging is converting this into a more expressive cost.





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There are excellent tutorials in [DDGR20, App. A] for the side channel aspects, I will focus on the probabilistic uSVP estimator.





How to use: the leaky-lwe-estimator

Set up parameters

```
[sage: load("framework/instance_gen.sage")
[sage: n, q, m = 640, 2**15, 640 + 16 # FRODO-640
[sage: frodo_distribution = [9288, 8720, 7216, 5264, 3384, 1918, 958, 422, 164, 56, 17, 4, 1]
[sage: D_s = get_distribution_from_table(frodo_distribution, 2 ** 16)
[sage: D_e = D_s
```

Initialise the instance as inst

[sage: \_, \_, inst = initialize\_from\_LWE\_instance(DBDD\_predict\_diag, n, q, m, D\_e, D\_s)





How to use: the leaky-lwe-estimator

Integrate any short vector hints (we know 'q' vectors will be in our lattice)

[sage: inst.integrate\_q\_vectors(q, report\_every=20) Integrating q-vectors [...20] integrate short vector hint Unworthy hint, Rejected.

Perform estimation *without* probabilism or simulation (e.g. Simulator.GSA of lattice-estimator)

[sage: inst.estimate\_attack() <u>Attack Estimation</u> dim=1297 δ=1.003474 β=485.84

(485.8376072943104, 1.00347440808773)



#### How to use: the leaky-lwe-estimator

Perform estimation with probabilism and simulation

[sage: inst.estimate attack(probabilistic=True, ignore lift proba=True, lift union bound=True)

Accumulates probabilities over progressive BKZ tours, and gives

$\beta = 4$	499, 500, 501, 502, 503,	pr=1.4798e-01, pr=2.0675e-01, pr=2.7776e-01, pr=3.5929e-01, pr=4.4815e-01, pr=5.4007e-01, pr=6.3022e-01, pr=7.1402e-01, pr=7.8780e-01,	
β= <u></u>		pr=8.4928e-01,	
Attack Estimation			

cum-pr=3.5544e-01cum-pr=4.8870e-01 cum-pr=6.3072e-01 cum-pr=7.6340e-01 cum-pr=8.6943e-01 cum-pr=9.3995e-01 cum-pr=9.7779e-01 cum-pr=9.9365e-01 cum-pr=9.9865e-01 cum-pr=9.9980e-01

rem-pr=6.4456e-01 rem-pr=5.1130e-01 rem-pr=3.6928e-01 rem-pr=2.3660e-01 rem-pr=1.3057e-01 rem-pr=6.0054e-02 rem-pr=2.2207e-02 rem-pr=6.3506e-03 rem-pr=1.3476e-03 rem-pr=2.0311e-04



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As part of the software contribution the authors give a probabilistic estimator that determines an average blocksize  $\beta$  where the first of two potential cryptanalytic events (DSD and SKR) will occur.





Load the estimator and set up the instance

```
[sage: load("estimator.sage")
[sage: q, n, var, ntru, tours = 2**16, 512, 2./3., "matrix", 8
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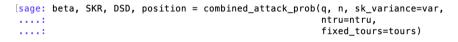




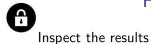
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Run the estimator

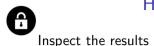






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Note that if we use a smaller q = 12289, we receive

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[sage: beta
285.85405500098994
[sage: SKR
0.9998508564732661
[sage: DSD
0.0 _
```





A non exhaustive list of how these estimators have been used:

- ▶ NIST candidates: KYBER, SABER, FRODO, DILITHIUM,
- PROMETHEUS research: to estimate the security of signatures based on new Gaussian samplers over modules [BEP<sup>+</sup>21],
- non PROMETHEUS research: to estimate LSH based improvements to MitM attacks on ternary LWE [KM21], in FHE standardisation [ACC<sup>+</sup>18].



## Conclusion



When are these tools for you? Whenever any subset of the following apply:

- you have designed a scheme based on LWE or NTRU,
- you want to understand how lattice attacks behave against concrete parameter choices for it,
- > you want to know which attacks to consider (non automatically) in more detail,
- you want to understand the (lattice reduction based) implications of certain kinds of side channels,
- you want to rule out attacks against too large moduli.





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