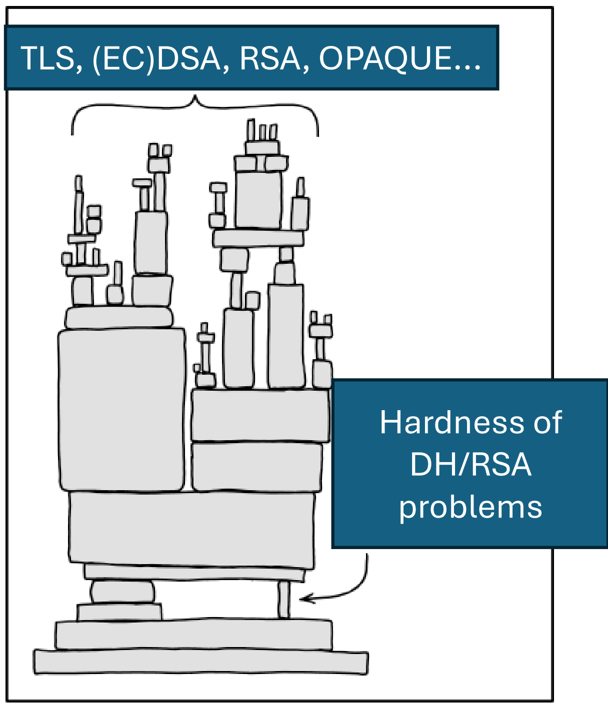
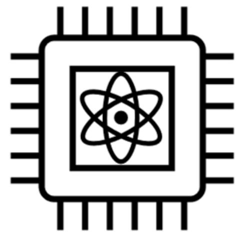
Cryptography Engineering

- Lecture 11 (Jan 29, 2025)
- Today's notes:
  - Quantum Computer's impact on Symmetric-key/Public-key Cryptography
  - Introduction to Lattice-based Cryptography
  - About the transition from Pre-Quantum to Post-Quantum

Post-quantum Cryptography

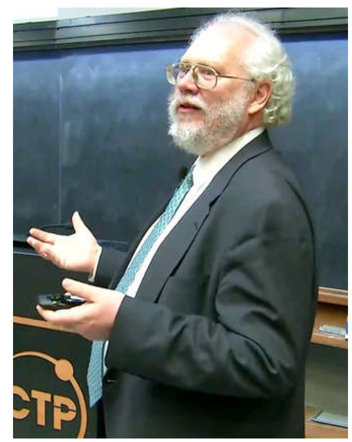


Source: xkcd/2347 and Nadia Heninger's talk in PKC2024



Recent progress in Quantum Computers/Mechanisms…

Shor's algorithm



Peter Williston Shor
(image from Wikipedia)

Post-quantum Cryptography

- Post-Quantum Cryptography
  - Cryptographic algorithms run on classical computers, but **remain secure against future quantum computers**...
- Still follow the methodology of modern cryptography: **Assumptions** => Schemes.

- **What assumptions can we rely on now?**
  - **Lattices**
  - Isogeny (of Elliptic Curves)
  - Code-based
  - ...

- NIST PQC Standardization (https://csrc.nist.gov/Projects/post-quantum-cryptography/news)

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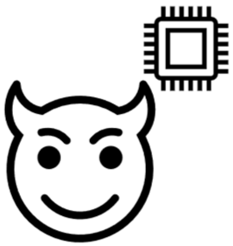

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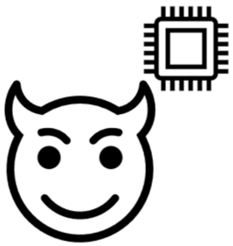

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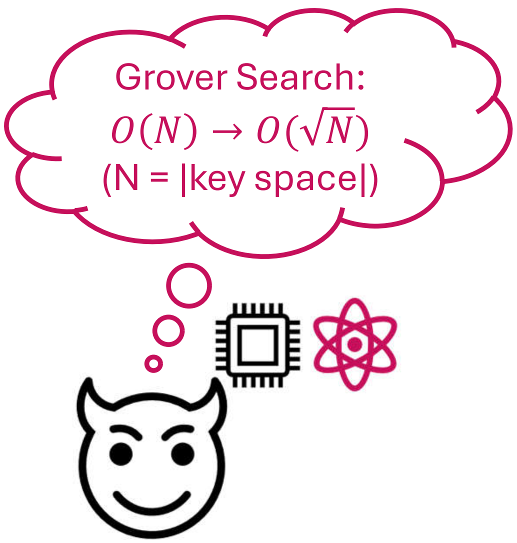

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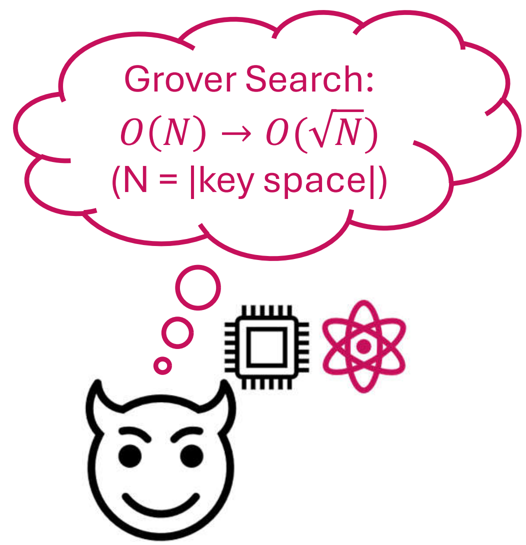

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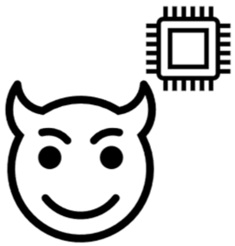

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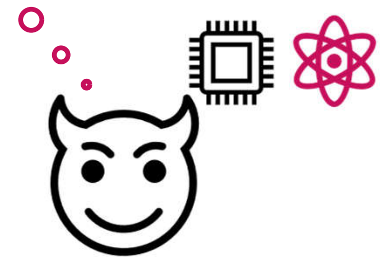

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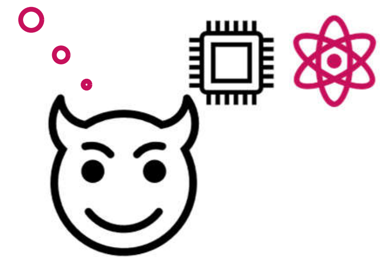

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  - **New assumptions are needed.**

Post-quantum Assumptions

- Assumptions that are believed to be **quantum-secure*:***
  - Lattice-based
  - Isogeny-based
  - Code-based
  - …

Post-quantum Assumptions

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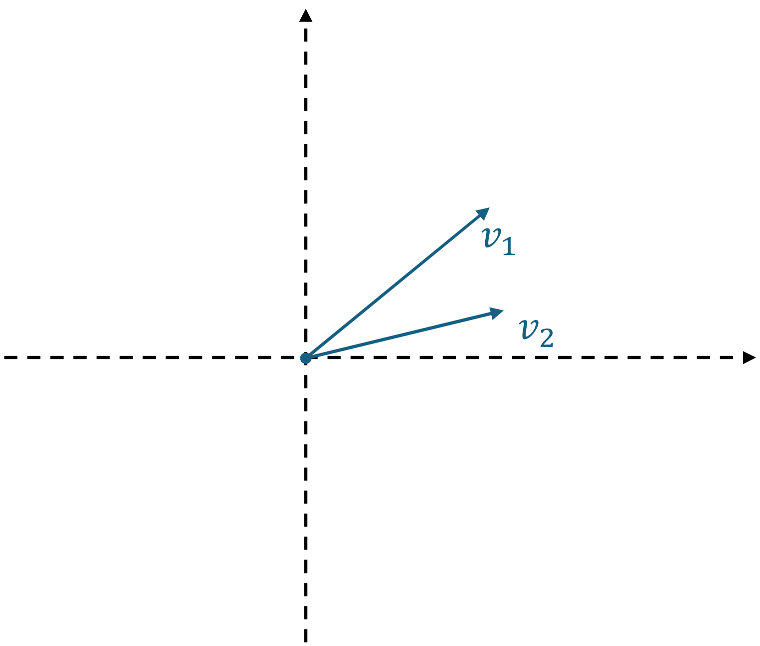

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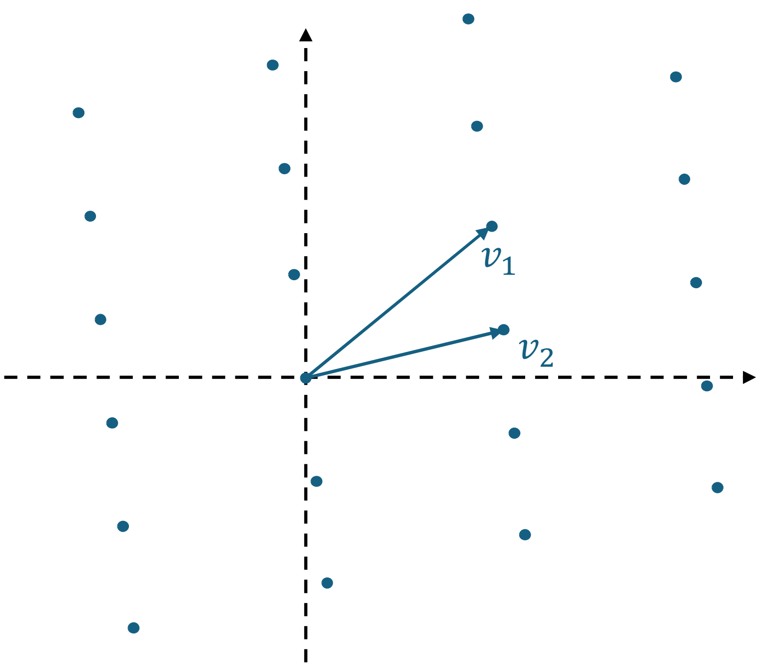

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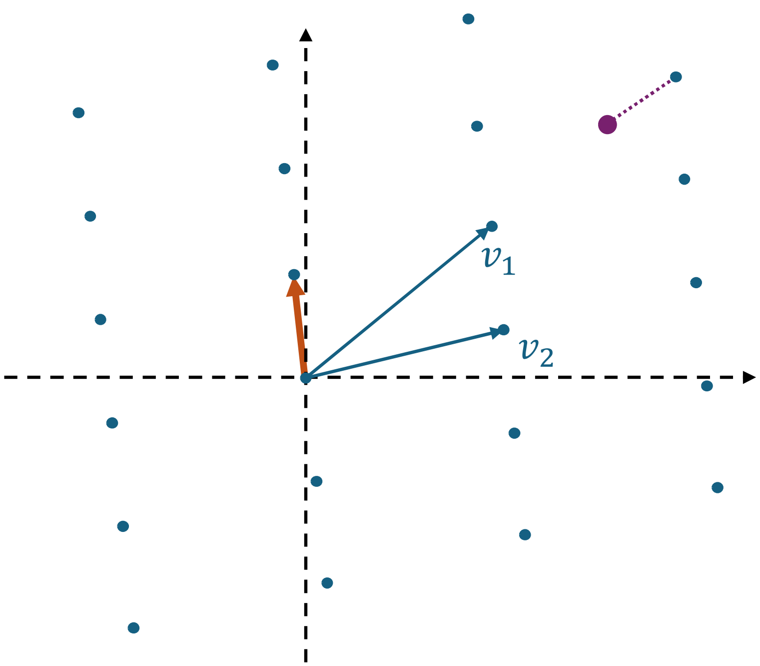

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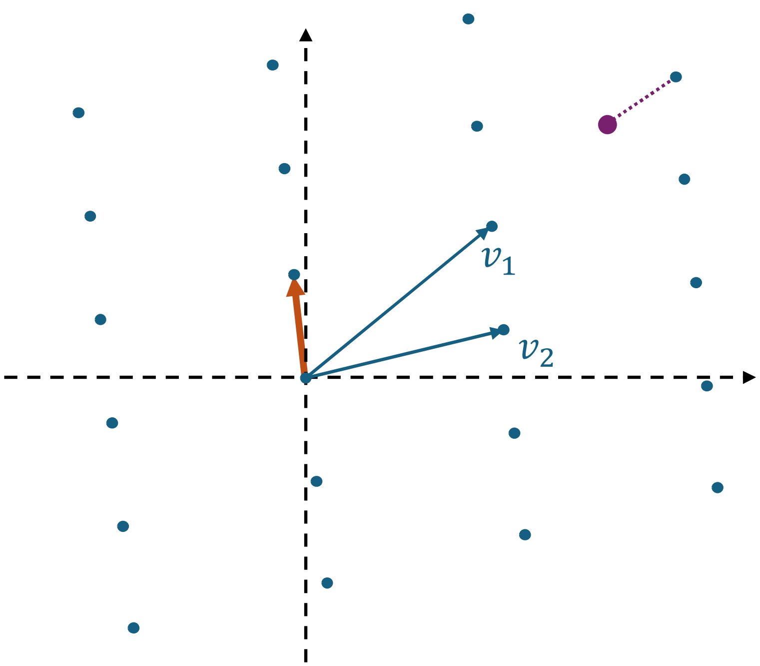

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- **Both are easy in dimension 2**

  // Lagrange's lattice reduction algorithm

Post-quantum Assumptions

- Case n > 2: Let $\{\boldsymbol{v_1}, \boldsymbol{v_2}, \dots, \boldsymbol{v_n}\}$ be a basis, define $\boldsymbol{\mathcal{L}}(\boldsymbol{v_1}, \dots, \boldsymbol{v_n}) = \{x_1 \cdot \boldsymbol{v_1} + \cdots + x_n \cdot \boldsymbol{v_n} \mid x_1, \dots, x_n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$

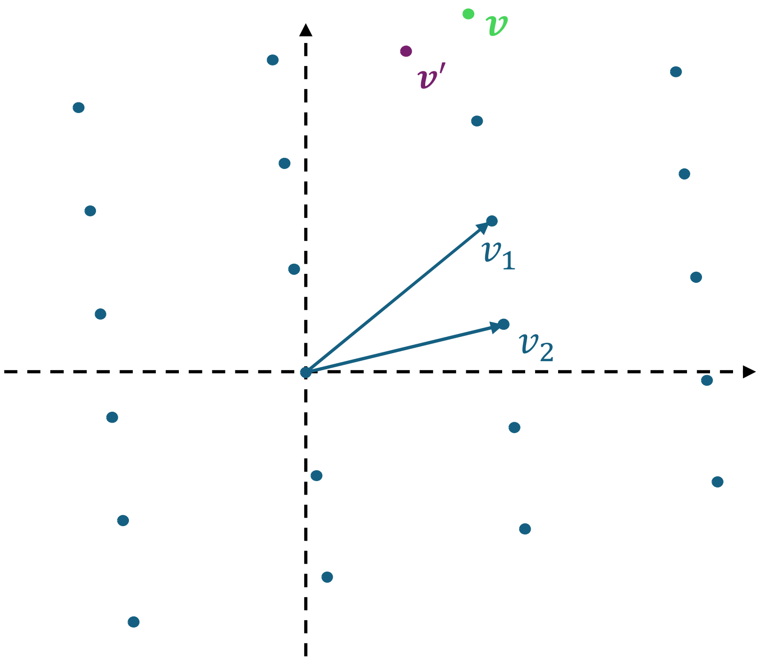
- Computational hardness of SVP/CVP over $\boldsymbol{\mathcal{L}}$: Depends on $\boldsymbol{n}$ and the **quality** of the given basis (informally)

- No efficient algorithms have been found for SVP and CVP
  - Some lattice reduction algorithms(e.g., given a lattice basis, outputs a "good" basis): LLL, BKZ, …
  - The CVP problem can be **NP-hard** in the "worst case"
  - **SVP/CVP assumptions**: They cannot be solved in quantum polynomial time…

- Other "cryptographically-friendly" assumptions derived from SVP/CVP:
  - **Learning-with-error (LWE)**, Short-integer-solution (SIS), …

Post-quantum Assumptions

- A very brief introduction about LWE



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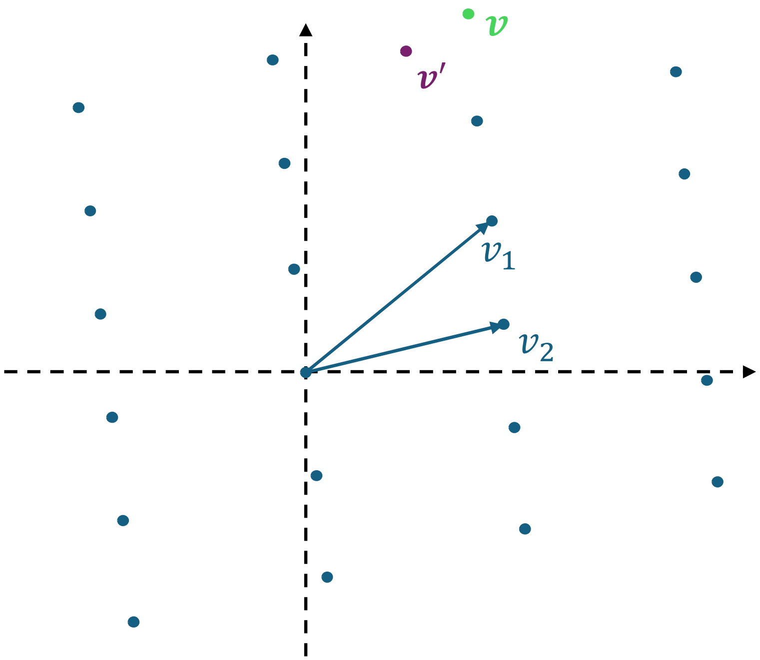

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- **LWE assumption (very informally!):**
  - The vector $\boldsymbol{v}' = \boldsymbol{As} + \boldsymbol{e}$ "looks" like a random vector
  - (i.e., it is generated uniformly at random, rather than by using the vector $\boldsymbol{s}$ and the distribution.
  - Does not hold if n = 2...
  - ...but for n > 2: **LWE** $\approx_{\text{hardness}}$ **SVP**
- Concrete hardness depends on: **Dimensions**, the **quality of the basis**, and the **error distribution**...

Post-quantum Assumptions

- Different types of lattices:
  - Lattices with indefinite points: Lattices over $\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{Z}^n$, …
  - Integer lattices mod q: Lattices over $\mathbb{Z}_q^n$, … **(LWE, SIS, …)**
  - Ideal lattices: Lattices based on ideals in rings…**(Ring-LWE, Ring-SIS, NTRU, …)**
  - Module lattices: **Module-LWE, Module-SIS, …**

- Ring/Module lattices:
  - Higher computational efficiency
  - Shorter key pairs, ciphertexts, signatures, …

Post-quantum Assumptions

- Isogeny-based assumptions
  - Isogenies of Elliptic Curves
  - **CSIDH**
  - Structure similar to DH: Could be a drop-in replacement of DHKE

- Code-based cryptosystem
  - Based on error-correcting code
  - **Classic McEliece**: based on random binary Goppa code

Post-quantum Cryptographic Algorithms

- NIST standardization of Post-Quantum Cryptography (2016 - Now)

- Some candidate algorithms:
  - CRYSTALS-Kyber: Public-key Encryption based on MLWE
  - CRYSTALS-Dilithium: Signature Scheme based on MLWE and MSIS
  - FALCON: Signature Scheme based on NTRU
  - SPHINCS+: Hash-based signature scheme
  - Classic-McEliece: Public-key Encryption based on random binary Goppa code
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- Standardizing:
  - **ML-KEM**: based on CRYSTALS-Kyber
  - **ML-DSA**: based on CRYSTALS-Dilithium
  - Stateless Hash-Based Digital Signature: based on SPHINCS+

Transition from Pre-Quantum to Post-Quantum

- Should we immediately change everything to be post-quantum?

- Efficiency of classical algorithms v.s. post-quantum algorithms: (e.g., ECDSA v.s. CRYSTALS-Dilithium)

	ECDSA	Dilithium
sk size	~32B	~1.3KB
pk size	~32B	~2.5KB
signature size	~64B	~2.5KB
Running time	t	10~100*t

- Studies on classical cryptography: since 1970s
- Large-scale studies on post-quantum cryptography: since 2010s
  - SIDH, a primitive that was believed to be post-quantum secure, was broken…
  - Who is the next one?

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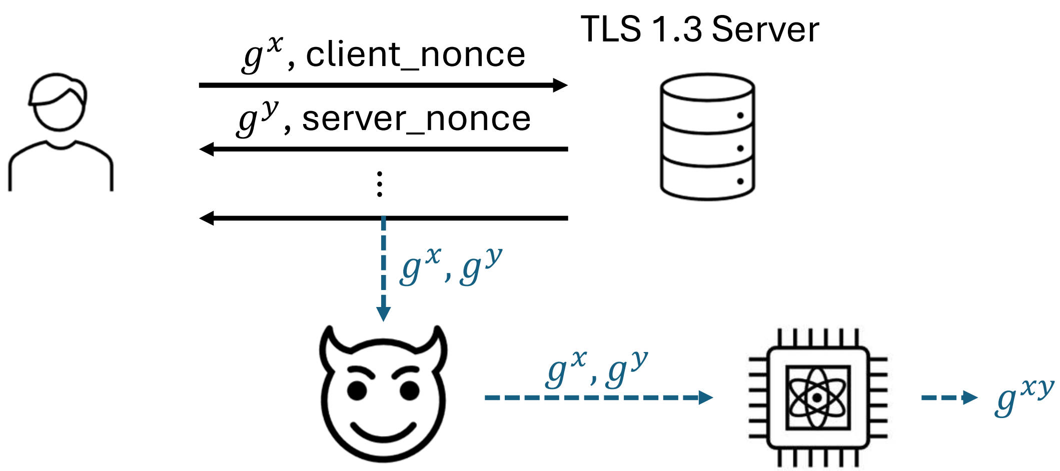

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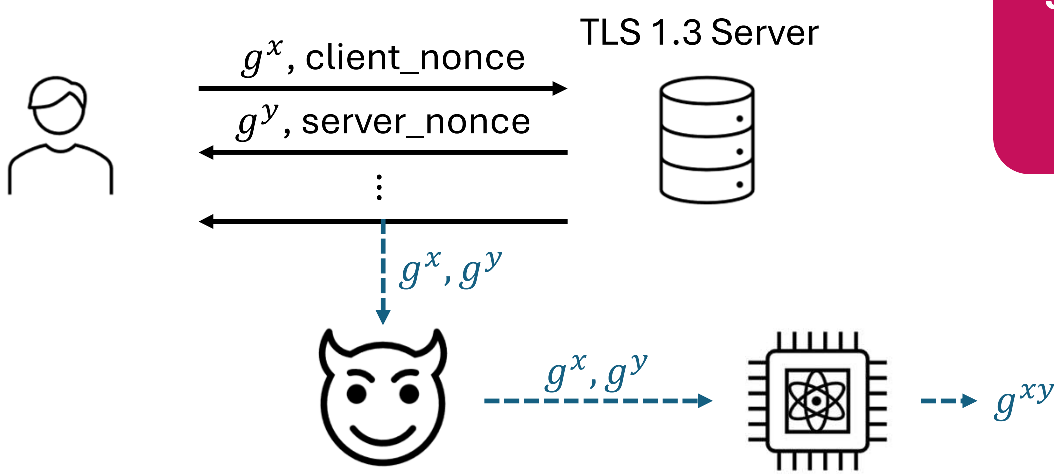

Solution: Add PQ-secure component

Next lecture: Two lattice-based PQ-secure schemes...

Exercises

- Find available python implementations of CRYSTAL-Kyber and CRYSTAL-Dilithium.

Further Reading

- NIST PQC project: https://csrc.nist.gov/projects/post-quantum-cryptography
- Chris Peikert's paper - *A Decade of Lattice Cryptography*: https://ia.cr/2015/939