

# Computer-aided cryptographic proofs and designs

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# The CertiCrypt project (2006-)

## Cryptographic proofs as program verification

- ▶ Formalize key notions and techniques using
  - programming language semantics
  - deductive program verification
- ▶ Provide machine support using off-the-shelf tools
  - proof assistants
  - SMT solvers
- ▶ Automation
  - domain-specific logics; proof search
  - systematic exploration of design space
- ▶ Modularity

# What's wrong with provable security?

- ▶ *In our opinion, many proofs in cryptography have become essentially unverifiable. Our field may be approaching a crisis of rigor.* M. Bellare and P. Rogaway, 2004-2006
- ▶ *Do we have a problem with cryptographic proofs? Yes, we do [...] We generate more proofs than we carefully verify (and as a consequence some of our published proofs are incorrect).* S. Halevi, 2005

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- ▶ For cryptographers: rigorous notation
- ▶ In our work: rigorous justification of proofs

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Today:

$\mathcal{E} ::= \mathcal{E} \oplus \mathcal{E}$	xor
$\mathcal{E} \parallel \mathcal{E}$	concatenation

- ▶ Uniform sampling on bitstrings of fixed length
- ▶ Memories map variables to bitstrings of fixed length
- ▶ Programs map memories to sub-distributions on memories

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Reductionist proofs:

**For every** feasible adversary  $\mathcal{A}$  against scheme  $\mathbf{S}$  (wrt goal  $\mathbf{G}$ )  
**there exists** a feasible adversary  $\mathcal{B}$  against assumption  $\mathbf{H}$  st

$$\Pr_{\mathbf{G}_a}[\mathcal{A} \text{ breaks } \mathbf{S}] \leq h(\Pr_{\mathbf{G}_h}[\mathcal{B} \text{ breaks } \mathbf{H}])$$

# A famous example: RSA-OAEP

**Oracle**  $\text{Enc}_{pk}(m)$  :

$r \xleftarrow{\$} \{0, 1\}^{k_0}$ ;

$s \leftarrow G(r) \oplus (m \parallel 0^{k_1})$ ;

$t \leftarrow H(s) \oplus r$ ;

return  $f_{pk}(s \parallel t)$

**Oracle**  $\text{Dec}_{sk}(c)$  :

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if  $x \notin \text{dom}(L_G)$  then  $L_G[x] \xleftarrow{\$} \{0, 1\}^{n+k_1}$ ;  
return  $L_G[x]$

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Game POW :

$(sk, pk) \leftarrow \mathcal{KG}()$ ;  
 $y \xleftarrow{\$} \{0, 1\}^{n+k_1}$ ;  
 $z \xleftarrow{\$} \{0, 1\}^{k_0}$ ;  
 $y' \leftarrow \mathcal{I}(f_{pk}(y \parallel z))$ ;  
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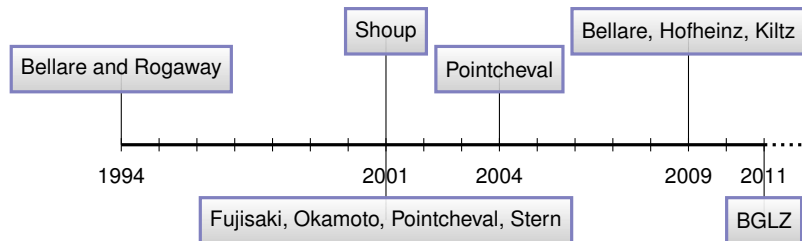
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For every IND-CCA2 adversary  $\mathcal{A}$  executing in time  $t_{\mathcal{A}}$  there exists an inverter  $\mathcal{I}$  executing in time  $t_{\mathcal{I}}$  s.t.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Adv}_{\text{IND-CCA2}(\mathcal{A})} &= \left| \Pr_{\text{IND-CCA2}}[b = b'] - \frac{1}{2} \right| \\ &\leq \Pr_{\text{POW}(\mathcal{I})}[y = y'] + \frac{2q_D q_G + q_D + q_G}{2^{k_0}} + \frac{q_D}{2^{k_1}} \end{aligned}$$

$$t_{\mathcal{I}} \simeq t_{\mathcal{A}} + q_D q_G q_H$$

# A famous example: RSA-OAEP



**1994** Purported proof of chosen-ciphertext security

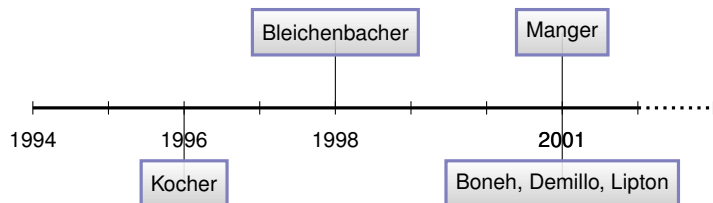
**2001** 1994 proof gives weaker security; desired security holds  
▶ for a modified scheme      ▶ under stronger assumptions

**2004** Filled gaps in Fujisaki et al. 2001 proof

**2009** Security definition needs to be clarified

**2011** Machine-checked proof

# A famous example: RSA-OAEP



Attacks and countermeasures against implementations

1996 Timing attack

1998 Padding (million messages) attack

2001 Fault injection attack

2012 Machine-checked proof<sup>1</sup> for pseudo-implementation

201? Machine-checked proof<sup>1</sup> for implementation

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<sup>1</sup>Interpret with care

# The game-playing approach

(Shoup 2004, Bellare & Rogaway 2004, Halevi, 2005)

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**Game**  $G_a$  :

...  
...  $\leftarrow \mathcal{A}(\dots)$ ;  
...

**Game**  $G_1$  :

...  
...  
...

...

**Game**  $G_h$  :

...  
...  $\leftarrow \mathcal{B}(\dots)$ ;  
...

$$\Pr_{G_a}[\mathcal{A} \text{ breaks } \mathbf{S}] \leq h_1(\Pr_{G_1}[E_1]) \leq \dots \leq h(\Pr_{G_h}[\mathcal{B} \text{ breaks } \mathbf{H}])$$

## Example: IND-CPA security of BR93

Game IND-CPA :

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For every IND-CPA adversary  $\mathcal{A}$  making at most  $q_G$  queries to  $G$ , there exists an inverter  $\mathcal{I}$  against OW such that

$$\left| \Pr_{\text{IND-CPA}} [b = b'] - \frac{1}{2} \right| \leq q_G \text{ Succ}_f^{\text{OW}}(\mathcal{I})$$

# Step 1: failure event

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The games are equivalent until the adversary queries  $G$  with  $r$

$$|\Pr_{G_0}[b = b'] - \Pr_{G_1}[b = b']| \leq \Pr_{G_1}[r \in L_G^A]$$

## Step 2: optimistic sampling

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Games are equivalent and  $c^*$  is independent from  $b$ , hence

$$\left| \Pr_{\text{IND-CPA}} [b = b'] - \frac{1}{2} \right| \leq \Pr_{G_2} [r \in L_G^A]$$

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 $s \xleftarrow{\$} \{0, 1\}^k; y \leftarrow x \parallel s;$   
 $b' \leftarrow \mathcal{A}_2(pk, y, \sigma);$   
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Inverter wins with probability  $\frac{1}{q_G}$  if  $r \in L_G^A$ , and 0 otherwise

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# pRHL: Relational Hoare Logic for pWHILE

- ▶ Judgment:

$$c_1 \sim c_2 : P \Rightarrow Q$$

where  $P$  and  $Q$  are relations on memories

- ▶ Validity:

$$\models c_1 \sim c_2 : P \Rightarrow Q$$

iff for all memories  $m_1$  and  $m_2$

$$(m_1, m_2) \models P \rightarrow (\llbracket c_1 \rrbracket_{m_1}, \llbracket c_2 \rrbracket_{m_2}) \models Q^\sharp$$

- ▶  $\cdot^\sharp$  lifts relations on  $A \times B$  to relations on  $\mathcal{D}(A) \times \mathcal{D}(B)$

## Recommended reading

Yuxin Deng and Wenjie Du. *Logical, Metric, and Algorithmic Characterisations of Probabilistic Bisimulation*.

TR CMU-CS-11-110, Carnegie Mellon University, March 2011

# Lifting Relations to Distributions

$\Psi^\# \subseteq \mathcal{D}(A) \times \mathcal{D}(B)$  is the smallest relation that satisfies:

- ▶ If  $(s, t) \models \Psi$  then  $(\text{unit}(s), \text{unit}(t)) \models \Psi^\#$
- ▶ If  $(\mu_i, \nu_i) \models \Psi^\#$  and  $\sum_i p_i = 1$ , then

$$\left( \sum_i p_i \mu_i, \sum_i p_i \nu_i \right) \models \Psi^\#$$

# Lifting Relations to Distributions

Alternatively,  $(\mu_1, \mu_2) \models \Psi^\sharp$  iff there exists  $\mu \in \mathcal{D}(\mathcal{A} \times \mathcal{B})$  s.t.

- ▶ The 1<sup>st</sup> projection of  $\mu$  coincides with  $\mu_1$
- ▶ The 2<sup>nd</sup> projection of  $\mu$  coincides with  $\mu_2$
- ▶ The support of  $\mu$  is a subset of  $\Psi$

## Extensions

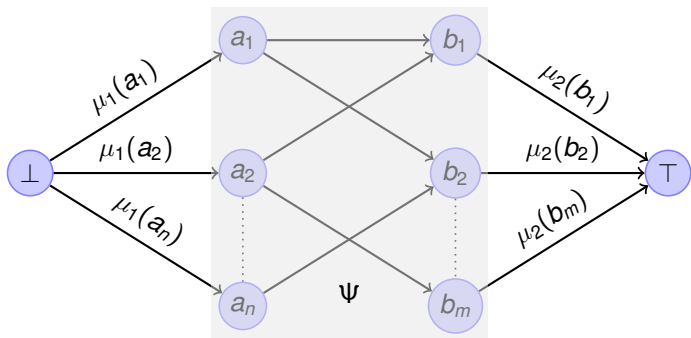
This characterization is convenient to consider extensions to

- ▶ statistical distance
- ▶  $\alpha$ -distance (for differential privacy)
- ▶  $f$ -divergence (for Kullback-Leibler or Hellinger distance)



# Lifting Relations to Distributions

Alternatively,  $(\mu_1, \mu_2) \models \Psi^\#$  iff the maximum flow in the following network is 1:

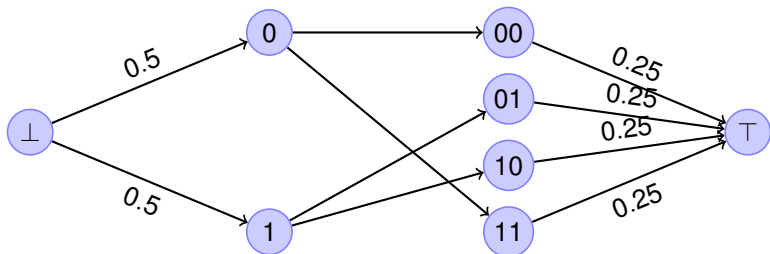


# Example

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- ▶  $c_2$  generates a distribution  $\mu_2$  over  $\{0, 1\}^2$
- ▶ Consider  $\Psi \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} x\langle 1 \rangle = x\langle 2 \rangle \oplus y\langle 2 \rangle$

**Q:** Does  $(\mu_1, \mu_2) \models \Psi$  hold?



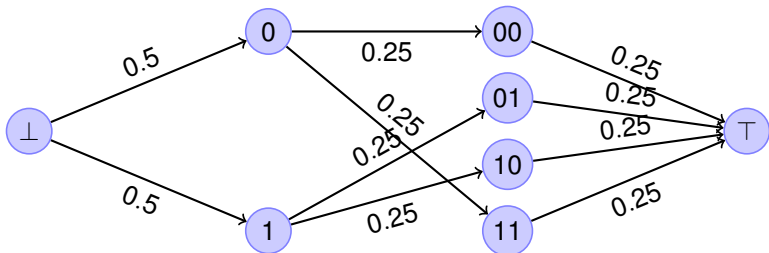
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**A:** Yes, because we can construct a flow of value 1 in the corresponding network



# Rules for assignments

## Random assignment

$$\frac{f \text{ is 1-1 and } Q' \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \forall v, Q\{x\langle 1 \rangle := f v, x\langle 2 \rangle := v\}}{\vDash x \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} A \sim x \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} A : Q' \Rightarrow Q}$$

- ▶ Captures a special case of liftings
- ▶ More general rules exist, but are not implemented
- ▶ Would still be incomplete

## Assignment

$$\frac{}{\vDash x \leftarrow e \sim x' \leftarrow e' : Q\{x\langle 1 \rangle := e\langle 1 \rangle, x'\langle 2 \rangle := e'\langle 2 \rangle\} \Rightarrow Q}$$
$$\frac{}{\vDash x \leftarrow e \sim \text{nil} : Q\{x\langle 1 \rangle := e\langle 1 \rangle\} \Rightarrow Q}$$

# Rules for conditionals

## Conditionals

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} P \Rightarrow e\langle 1 \rangle = e'\langle 2 \rangle \\ \vDash c_1 \sim c'_1 : P \wedge e\langle 1 \rangle \Rightarrow Q \quad \vDash c_2 \sim c'_2 : P \wedge \neg e\langle 1 \rangle \Rightarrow Q \end{array}}{\vDash \text{if } e \text{ then } c_1 \text{ else } c_2 \sim \text{if } e' \text{ then } c'_1 \text{ else } c'_2 : P \Rightarrow Q}$$
$$\frac{\vDash c_1 \sim c : P \wedge e\langle 1 \rangle \Rightarrow Q \quad \vDash c_2 \sim c : P \wedge \neg e\langle 1 \rangle \Rightarrow Q}{\vDash \text{if } e \text{ then } c_1 \text{ else } c_2 \sim c : P \Rightarrow Q}$$

## Loops

- ▶ Two-sided rule: loops make the same number of iterations
- ▶ One-sided rules: loop unrolling (left or right)
- ▶ Advanced loop optimizations through product construction (not integrated in EasyCrypt)

# Adversaries

$$\frac{\forall \mathcal{O}. \models z \leftarrow \mathcal{O}(\vec{w}) \sim z \leftarrow \mathcal{O}(\vec{w}) : Q \wedge =_w \Rightarrow Q \wedge =_{\{z\}}}{\models x \leftarrow \mathcal{A}(\vec{y}) \sim x \leftarrow \mathcal{A}(\vec{y}) : Q \wedge =_Y \Rightarrow Q \wedge =_{\{x\}}}$$

- ▶ Adversaries are sequences of oracle calls
- ▶ No functional specification
- ▶ Given the same inputs, provide the same outputs

# Cryptographic reasoning with pRHL

pRHL captures common patterns in cryptographic proofs

- ▶ Failure events: if  $\models c_1 \sim c_2 : P \Rightarrow \neg F\langle 2 \rangle \rightarrow Q_1\langle 1 \rangle \leftrightarrow Q_2\langle 2 \rangle$   
then

$$(m_1, m_2) \models P \implies |\Pr_{c_1, m_1}[Q_1] - \Pr_{c_2, m_2}[Q_2]| \leq \Pr_{c_2, m_2}[F]$$

- ▶ Bridging steps: if  $\models c_1 \sim c_2 : P \Rightarrow =$  then for all events  $Q$

$$(m_1, m_2) \models P \implies \Pr_{c_1, m_1}[Q] = \Pr_{c_2, m_2}[Q]$$

(pRHL subsumes obs. equiv./prob. non-interference and validates many compiler optimizations)

- ▶ Reductions: if  $\models c_1 \sim c_2 : P \Rightarrow Q_1\langle 1 \rangle \rightarrow Q_2\langle 2 \rangle$ , then

$$(m_1, m_2) \models P \implies \Pr_{c_1, m_1}[Q_1] \leq \Pr_{c_2, m_2}[Q_2]$$

- ▶ Eager/lazy sampling

# Tool support and examples

## **CertiCrypt: formally verified Coq libraries**

- ▶ Optimizations and probabilistic relational Hoare logic
- ▶ Verified against operational semantics based on ALEA

## **EasyCrypt: SMT-based verification tool**

- ▶ Probabilistic relational Hoare logic
- ▶ Verification condition generation + why3 back-end
- ▶ Accessible to cryptographers

## **Examples**

- ▶ Crypto: public-key encryption, block ciphers, signatures, hash designs, zero-knowledge proofs of knowledge, authenticated key exchange protocols
- ▶ Differential privacy: continuous statistics, approximation algorithms, synthetic databases, 2-party computation



# The story so far

A unifying formalism to justify cryptographic proofs, but:

- ▶ no instantiation mechanism
- ▶ no proof-theoretical analysis of cryptographic reasoning
- ▶ no proof discovery mechanism
- ▶ no systematic analysis of classes of cryptographic systems

## Challenges and opportunities

- ▶ mechanisms for modular proofs
- ▶ domain-specific logics and proof search algorithms
- ▶ decision procedures
- ▶ exhaustive exploration and practical interpretation

# Modular proofs

- ▶ OAEP is a generic conversion: it transforms a one-way function into an IND-CCA2 scheme
- ▶ Many cryptographic constructions are generic conversions

## Careful with instantiation/indifferentiability

- ▶ Instantiated schemes often expose more state than assumed in generic proofs. Probabilistic encapsulation quantifies the amount of information leaked by instantiation
- ▶ Generic conversions hinge on negative hypotheses. Our modules integrate negative constraints that can be verified during instantiation

## Applications (ongoing):

- ▶ Authenticated key exchange
- ▶ Modes of operation

# Automated proofs and exploration

## The next 700 cryptosystems (after Landin, 1966)

Do the cryptosystems reflect [...] the situations that are being catered for? Or are they accidents of history and personal background that may be obscuring fruitful developments?

[...]

We must think in terms, not of cryptosystems, but of families of cryptosystems. That is to say we must systematize their design so that a new system is a point chosen from a well-mapped space, rather than a laboriously devised construction.

# An algebraic view of padding-based schemes

Encryption algorithms are modelled as algebraic expressions

$\mathcal{E}$	::=	$m$	input message
		$0$	zero bitstring
		$\mathcal{R}$	uniform random bitstring
		$\mathcal{E} \oplus \mathcal{E}$	xor
		$\mathcal{E} \parallel \mathcal{E}$	concatenation
		$[\mathcal{E}]_s^s$	projection
		$H(\mathcal{E})$	hash
		$f(\mathcal{E})$	trapdoor permutation

Decryption algorithms are modelled using list comprehension

$$\vec{x} \stackrel{c}{\leftarrow} \vec{L}_H^A : T \triangleright e$$

where  $T ::= e = e \mid e \in L_H \mid e \in L_H^A \mid T \wedge T$

# Semantics

Left-to-right evaluation with sharing, yields a pWHILE procedure

## Example

$$f((G(r) \oplus (m \parallel 0)) \parallel H(G(r) \oplus (m \parallel 0)) \oplus r)$$

interpreted as:

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 $r \stackrel{s}{\leftarrow} \{0, 1\}^k;$   
 $g \leftarrow G(r);$   
 $s \leftarrow g \oplus (m \parallel 0);$   
 $h \leftarrow H(s);$   
return  $f_{pk}(s \parallel (h \oplus r))$ 
```

# Deducibility

$$\frac{e \vdash e_1 \quad e \vdash e_2}{e \vdash e_1 \parallel e_2} [\text{Conc}] \quad \frac{e \vdash e_1 \quad e \vdash e_2}{e \vdash e_1 \oplus e_2} [\text{Xor}]$$
$$\frac{e \vdash e}{e \vdash [e]_n^\ell} [\text{Proj}] \quad \frac{e \vdash e_1 \quad \vdash_w e_1 = e_2}{e \vdash e_2} [\text{Conv}]$$
$$\frac{e \vdash e'}{e \vdash H(e')} [\text{H}] \quad \frac{e \vdash e'}{e \vdash f(e')} [\text{F}] \quad \boxed{\frac{e \vdash e'}{e \vdash f^{-1}(e')} [\text{Finv}]}$$

## Convertibility

- ▶ Based on equational theory of bitstrings
- ▶ Decidable for probabilistic expressions without  $H, f, f^{-1}$

Useful for

- ▶ Expressing proof rules
- ▶ Discovering decryption algorithm and finding attacks

# Proof principles

## Chosen-plaintext security

Failure event	Replace $H(e)$ by fresh $r$
Optimistic sampling	Replace $e \oplus r$ , where $r$ is fresh, by $r$
Permutation	Replace $f(r)$ , where $r$ is fresh, by $r$
Probability	Compute probability of $b = b'$ or $e \in L$
Reduction	Find inverter and apply one-wayness

## Chosen-ciphertext security

Extensionality	Replace $e$ or $d$ by equivalent ones
Plaintext extractor	“Public” decryption oracle can be eliminated

Completeness:

- ▶ Holds empirically for IND-CPA
- ▶ Fails for IND-CCA2: RO not programmable

# Proof system for IND-CPA

Side-conditions apply

$$\frac{m \notin \mathcal{V}(c^*)}{c^* :_{\frac{1}{2}} \text{Guess}} [\text{Indep}] \quad \frac{e \vdash \vec{r} \quad \vec{r} \cap \mathcal{R}(c^*) = \emptyset}{c^* :_{q_H 2^{-|\vec{r}|}} e \in L_H^A} [\text{Indom}]$$

$$\frac{e \vdash_t^A [\vec{r}]_0^\ell \quad f(\vec{r}) \parallel \mathcal{R}(c^* \{0/f(\vec{r})\}) \parallel \mathcal{V}(c^*) \vdash_{t'}^A c^*}{c^* :_{\text{Succ}_{\Theta}^{\text{OW}_{\ell}^{q_H}(t')}}} e \in L_H^A} [\text{OW}]$$

## Soundness

- ▶ Once and for all
  - + “global” guarantee; relatively simple and intuitive
  - + avoids resorting to intermediate framework
- ▶ By generating a pRHL/EasyCrypt proof for each scheme
  - + limits Trusted Computing Base
  - + proofs can be combined and reused
  - currently restricted to IND-CPA



# Systematic exploration

- ▶ Generate well-typed terms up to user-defined constraints
- ▶ Check for decryption algorithm and attacks
- ▶ Launch proof search (strategy + backtracking)
- ▶ Compile successful runs to EasyCrypt (for IND-CPA)
- ▶ Practical interpretation

## Searching attacks

- ▶ IND-CPA

is decryption possible without a key?  $m \parallel f(r)$

is encryption randomized?  $f(m)$

is randomness extractable without a key?  $r \parallel f(m \oplus r)$

- ▶ IND-CCA2

is encryption malleable?  $f(r) \parallel m \oplus G(r)$

# Experiments

- ▶ Analyzed over 100 variants of OAEP
- ▶ Applied crawler with many different size constraints; filters discard over 99% of candidates
- ▶ Incomplete, but experimentally ok.

## Some numbers

OP	GEN	$\neg$ CPA	CPA	$\neg$ CCA	CCA
4	2	0	2	2	0
5	44	27	12	9	0
6	419	244	104	68	1
7	4131	2392	883	537	39
8	41860	24166	7850	4424	436
9	275318	155669	54884	27697	3750

# ZAEP

Two minimal schemes

$$\text{BR93} : f(r) \parallel (G(r) \oplus m) \quad \text{ZAEP} : f(r \parallel G(r) \oplus m)$$

**ZAEP is redundant-free**

$$\text{Dec}(c) : r \parallel t \leftarrow f_{sk}^{-1}(c); g \leftarrow G(r); \text{return } t \oplus g$$

**INDCCA Security of ZAEP for RSA exponent 2 and 3**

$$\left| \Pr_{\text{IND-CCA2}}[b = b'] - \frac{1}{2} \right| \leq \text{Succ}_f^{\text{OW}}(\mathcal{I}) + \frac{q_D}{2^n}$$

Based on existence of two efficient algorithms:

- ▶ CIE: given  $f(r, s_1), f(r, s_2)$  with  $s_1 \neq s_2$ , returns  $s_1, s_2$  and  $r$
- ▶ SIE: given  $f(r, s)$  and  $r$  returns  $s$

# Conclusion

## High-assurance cryptographic proofs

- ▶ Rigorous proofs using PL techniques (pRHL)
- ▶ Independent verification

## New directions

- ▶ Modularity
- ▶ Atlas of cryptographic constructions
- ▶ Real-world cryptography; verifying implementations
- ▶ EasyCrypt components:

relational invariant inference  
logics and decision procedures  
automated complexity analysis  
resurrect certification in Coq

## Further information and tools

<http://easycrypt.gforge.inria.fr>