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## Syndrom Decoding problem

Let us recall the Syndrome Decoding problem

**Problem (Syndrome Decoding  $SD(\mathbf{H}, \mathbf{s}, t)$ )**

*Given a matrix  $\mathbf{H} \in \mathbb{F}_q^{(n-k) \times n}$ , a syndrome  $\mathbf{s} \in \mathbb{F}_q^{n-k}$  and a distance  $t \in \llbracket 0, n \rrbracket$ , one wants to find a vector  $\mathbf{e} \in \mathbb{F}_q^n$  such that  $\mathbf{H}\mathbf{e} = \mathbf{s}$  and  $|\mathbf{e}| = t$ .*

## SDiTH security

Based on d-split syndrom decoding problem (a key recovery attack on SDiTH is as hard as solving the d-split Syndrome Decoding problem)

### Problem (d-split Syndrome Decoding $SD(d, \mathbf{H}, \mathbf{s}, t)$ )

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### SDiTH framework

Solve the  $SD(d, \mathbf{H}, \mathbf{s}, t)$  problem with :

- a random  $\mathbf{H}$
- $\mathbf{s}$  from an injected solution ( $\mathbf{s} = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{e}$  such that  $|\mathbf{e}_i| = t/d$ )

## Reduce $SD(d)$ to $SD(1)$ ?

In the specification, they use [Feneuil,Joux,Rivain,2022] results to obtain the following bound

### Reduction from $SD(d)$ to $SD(1)$

$$T_{SD(d)} \geq \frac{\binom{n/d}{t/d}^d}{\binom{n}{t}} T_{SD(1)}$$

Idea :

- Consider an algorithm  $\mathcal{A}$  which solves  $SD(d)$
- Let  $(\mathbf{H}, s, t)$  be an instance of  $SD(1)$
- Run  $\mathcal{A}$  on  $(\mathbf{H}_\sigma, s_\sigma, t)$  with a random permutation at each step
- There is a probability  $\frac{\binom{n/d}{t/d}^d}{\binom{n}{t}}$  of obtaining an instance of  $SD(d)$  at each step.

### Problem

This bound is tight only when  $t \rightarrow 0$  (we will see why)

## How they analyze security

### What algorithm used to solve SD(1) ?

- 1 ISDs (Information Set Decoding) as usual
- 2 In the case of SDiTH the field size is big  $q = 256$  or  $q = 251$
- 3 They claim that it is enough to stop at Stern's algorithm [Stern,1989]
- 4 Asymptotically with  $n$  and  $q$  [May,Meurer,Thomae,2011] and [Becker,Joux,May,Meurer,2012] are equivalent to [Prange,1962] ([Canto Torres,2016])
- 5 But non asymptotically ?

### Security assessment in the specification

- Based on Stern algorithm
- They perform non-asymptotic analysis to gain security bits
- They use Peters' tricks [Peters,2010] to optimize the non-asymptotic complexity of Stern

## Stern algorithm

**Input** :  $\mathbf{H} \in \mathbb{F}_q^{(n-k) \times n}$ ,  $\mathbf{s} \in \mathbb{F}_q^{n-k}$  and  $t \in \llbracket 0, n \rrbracket$

**Output** :  $\mathbf{e} \in \mathbb{F}_q^n$  such that  $\mathbf{H}\mathbf{e} = \mathbf{s}$  and  $|\mathbf{e}| = t$

**Parameters** :  $p \in \llbracket 0, \frac{\min(t,k)}{2} \rrbracket$  and  $\ell \in \llbracket 0, n - k - t + 2p \rrbracket$

Repeat as many time as necessary :

- 1 draw  $I \subseteq \llbracket 1, n \rrbracket$  of size  $k$  uniformly at random
- 2  $J \leftarrow \llbracket 1, n \rrbracket \setminus I$
- 3  $\mathbf{P} \leftarrow \mathbf{H}_J^{-1} \mathbf{H}_I$
- 4  $\mathbf{y} \leftarrow \mathbf{H}_J^{-1} \mathbf{s}$
- 5  $\mathbf{P}' \leftarrow$  the  $\ell$  first rows of  $\mathbf{P}$  and  $\mathbf{y}' \leftarrow$  the  $\ell$  first positions of  $\mathbf{s}$
- 6 **Bet that** :
  - $\mathbf{e}_I = (\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2) \in \mathbb{F}_q^{k/2}$  such that  $|\mathbf{x}_1| = |\mathbf{x}_2| = p$
  - $\mathbf{e}_J = (\mathbf{0}_\ell, \mathbf{x}_3) \in \mathbb{F}_q^\ell \times \mathbb{F}_q^{n-k-\ell}$  such that  $|\mathbf{x}_3| = t - 2p$



## How to find $e$ with betting?

With the bet, we have :

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{P}'\mathbf{x}_2 \\ \mathbf{x}_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{y}' - \mathbf{P}'\mathbf{x}_1 \\ \mathbf{y}'' - \mathbf{P}''(\mathbf{x}_1 + \mathbf{x}_2) \end{pmatrix}$$

- 7  $\mathcal{L}_1 \leftarrow \left\{ \mathbf{y}' - \mathbf{P}'\mathbf{x}_1 : \mathbf{x}_1 \in \mathbb{F}_q^{\lfloor k/2 \rfloor} \times 0^{k - \lfloor k/2 \rfloor} \text{ and } |\mathbf{x}_1| = p \right\}$
- $\mathcal{L}_2 \leftarrow \left\{ \mathbf{P}'\mathbf{x}_2 : \mathbf{x}_2 \in 0^{\lfloor k/2 \rfloor} \times \mathbb{F}_q^{k - \lfloor k/2 \rfloor} \text{ and } |\mathbf{x}_2| = p \right\}$
- 8 For all  $(\mathbf{y}' - \mathbf{P}'\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{P}'\mathbf{x}_2) \in \mathcal{L}_1 \times \mathcal{L}_2$  such that  $\mathbf{y}' - \mathbf{P}'\mathbf{x}_1 = \mathbf{P}'\mathbf{x}_2$ 
  - If  $|\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{x}_1 + \mathbf{x}_2) - \mathbf{y}| = t - 2p$ , return  $e$ , such that
    - $e_I \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathbf{x}_1 + \mathbf{x}_2$
    - $e_J \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{x}_1 + \mathbf{x}_2)$

## Stern complexity

$$T_{\text{SD}(1)} = \left( \frac{T_{\text{Gauss}} + T_{\text{lists}} + T_{\text{checks}}}{(1 - (1 - p_e)^{N_{\text{sol}}})} \right) \log_2(q)$$

- 1  $T_{\text{Gauss}}$  : complexity of Gaussian elimination
- 2  $T_{\text{lists}}$  : complexity of constructing lists
- 3  $T_{\text{checks}}$  : complexity of collision checking
- 4  $p_e$  : probability of finding a particular solution
- 5  $N_{\text{sol}}$  : expected number of solutions to the problem

## Peters trick to construct $\mathcal{L}_1$ and $\mathcal{L}_2$

- 1  $\mathcal{L}_1 = \left\{ \mathbf{P}'\mathbf{x}_1 - \mathbf{y}' : \mathbf{x}_1 \in \mathbb{F}_q^{\lfloor k/2 \rfloor} \text{ and } |\mathbf{x}_1| = p \right\}$  and  
 $\mathcal{L}_2 = \left\{ \mathbf{P}'\mathbf{x}_2 : \mathbf{x}_2 \in \mathbb{F}_q^{k/2 - \lfloor k/2 \rfloor} \times \times \text{ and } |\mathbf{x}_2| = p \right\}$
- 2 Choose an enumeration order  $\sigma$  on  $\left\{ \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{F}_q^{\lfloor k/2 \rfloor} : |\mathbf{x}| = p \right\}$  such that  $\mathbf{x}_{\sigma(i)}$  and  $\mathbf{x}_{\sigma(i+1)}$  differ by 1 on at most two **successive** coordinates depending on the case :
  - 1 **On the same support** :  $\mathbf{x}_{\sigma(i)} = (\dots, d, \dots, 0) \Rightarrow \mathbf{x}_{\sigma(i+1)} = (\dots, d+1, \dots, 0) \Rightarrow$  **One coordinate**
  - 2 **Change of support** :  $\mathbf{x}_{\sigma(i)} = (\dots, q-1, 0, \dots) \Rightarrow \mathbf{x}_{\sigma(i+1)} = (\dots, 0, 1, \dots, 0) \Rightarrow$  **Two successive coordinates**
- 3 Precompute the sums of two successive columns of  $\mathbf{P}'$
- 4 Construct an element of the list  $\Rightarrow$  one addition of one column of size  $\ell$  (except the first which requires  $p-1$  or  $p$  addition of columns depending of the list)

$$T_{\text{lists}} = \ell k + \ell(2p - 1) + \ell(|\mathcal{L}_1| + |\mathcal{L}_2|) \quad (1.1)$$

## Second and third tricks

The second trick comes into collision checking

$$|\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{x}_1 - \mathbf{x}_2) - \mathbf{y}| = t - 2p \quad (1.2)$$

- Verify that the Hamming weight of a certain vector of length  $n - k - \ell$  equals  $t - 2p$
- Remarks that the vector is actually a random vector when it does not come from a wanted solution
- On the wrong candidates, check the Hamming weight over  $\frac{q}{q-1}(t - 2p + 1)$  positions on average
- Checking on each coordinate for each position :  $2p$  additions,  $2p \frac{q-2}{q-1}$  multiplications

$$T_{\text{checks}} = \frac{q}{q-1}(t - 2p + 1)2p \left(1 + \frac{q-2}{q-1}\right) \frac{|\mathcal{L}_1| |\mathcal{L}_2|}{q^\ell}$$

### Third trick

The third trick concerns Gaussian elimination but they neglect it because they claim that its cost is negligible

## Their complexity result

Let's summarize their results :

### Complexité

- $L_1 := |\mathcal{L}_1| = \binom{\lfloor \frac{k}{2} \rfloor}{p} (q-1)^p$
- $L_2 := |\mathcal{L}_2| = \binom{k - \lfloor \frac{k}{2} \rfloor}{p} (q-1)^p$
- $T_{\text{Gauss}} = \frac{1}{2} (n-k)^2 (n+k)$
- $T_{\text{lists}} = \ell k + \ell (2p-1) + \ell (|\mathcal{L}_1| + |\mathcal{L}_2|)$
- $T_{\text{checks}} = \frac{q}{q-1} (t-2p+1) 2p \left(1 + \frac{q-2}{q-1}\right) \frac{|\mathcal{L}_1| |\mathcal{L}_2|}{q^\ell}$
- $p_e = \frac{L_1 L_2 \binom{n-k-\ell}{t-2p}}{\binom{n}{t} (q-1)^{2p}}$
- $N_{\text{sol}} = 1$

## Practical results

Table – SDiTH security in the specification

Parameter Sets	Category	Security Specification				SD Parameters				
		$p$	$l$	$T_{SD(1)} \frac{\binom{n/d}{t/d}^d}{\binom{n}{t}}$	target	$q$	$n$	$k$	$t$	$d$
SDitH-L1-gf256	I	1	2	143.46	143	256	230	126	79	1
SDitH-L1-gf251	I	1	2	143.45	143	251	230	126	79	1
SDitH-L3-gf256	III	2	5	207.67	207	256	352	193	120	2
SDitH-L3-gf251	III	2	5	207.61	207	251	352	193	120	2
SDitH-L5-gf256	V	2	5	272.35	272	256	480	278	150	2
SDitH-L5-gf251	V	2	5	272.29	272	251	480	278	150	2

## The choice of a non-asymptotic analysis

### Advantage

Bit gain on security

### Inconvenience

- Very accurate calculations  $\Rightarrow$  easy to make mistakes
- We are exposed to more attacks which bring non-asymptotic gains

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## They do not take into account the $N_{\text{sol}}$ factor

### Definition

- Let  $N_{\text{sol}}(d)$  denote the expected number of solutions of  $\text{SD}(d)$
- $d_{\text{GV}}(n, k) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \inf \left( \left\{ t \in \left[ \left[ 0, n - \frac{n}{q} \right] \right] : \binom{n}{t} (q-1)^t \geq q^{n-k} \right\} \right)$

- 1 With their parameters, they take  $t = d_{\text{GV}}(n, k)$ , they assume that the factor  $N_{\text{sol}}(1)$  is one (we only have the injected solution)
- 2 It is only true asymptotically with  $n$
- 3 With their range of parameters  $N_{\text{sol}}(1) \in [412, 1056] \Rightarrow$  between 8.7 and 10 bits lost

## They consider that Gaussian elimination is negligible

In the case of **SDitH-L1-gf256** with  $q, n, k, t, d = 256, 230, 126, 79, 1$

**Their optimal cases :**

- $T_{\text{lists}} = 15.974459404437539$
- $T_{\text{checks}} = 20.231483911937776$
- $T_{\text{Gauss}} : 20.883072906964095$
- $T = 143.4589084369141$

**The optimal case if we neglect Gaussian elimination :**

- $T_{\text{lists}} = 16.559421905158693$
- $T_{\text{checks}} = 12.231483911937778$
- $T_{\text{Gauss}} : 20.883072906964095$
- $T = 140.4941924784691$

**It's the opposite**

- The cost of Gaussian elimination is even exactly their dominant term
- We have to consider **[Bernstein,Lange,Peters,2008]** and **[Peters,2010]** to improve  $T_{\text{Gauss}}$

## The reduction bound is not tight

They do not take into account  $N_{\text{sol}}$

- **Without**  $N_{\text{sol}}$  :  $p_e(1) \geq \frac{\binom{n/d}{t/d}^d}{\binom{n}{t}} p_e(d)$
- **With**  $N_{\text{sol}}$  :  $p_e(1)N_{\text{sol}}(1) \geq p_e(d) \frac{\binom{n/d}{t/d}^d}{\binom{n}{t}} \left( 1 + (N_{\text{sol}}(d) - 1) \frac{\binom{n}{t}}{\binom{n/d}{t/d}^d} \right)$

The precise reduction from  $\text{SD}(d)$  to  $\text{SD}(1)$  give

- 1  $N_{\text{sol}}(d) = 1 \Rightarrow p_e(1)N_{\text{sol}}(1) \geq \frac{\binom{n/d}{t/d}^d}{\binom{n}{t}} p_e(d)N_{\text{sol}}(d)$
- 2  $N_{\text{sol}}(d) \gg 1 \Rightarrow p_e(1)N_{\text{sol}}(1) \geq p_e(d)N_{\text{sol}}(d)$

$N_{\text{sol}}(d) \in \llbracket 30, 748 \rrbracket$  so we are in the second case giving

$$T_{\text{SD}(d)} \geq T_{\text{SD}(1)}$$

### Consequences

Their bound is therefore optimistic, with the real bound they gain security bits

## Stern algorithm adapted to $SD(d)$

it's interesting to directly solve the problem  $SD(d)$  here. We therefore adapt Stern to  $SD(d)$

### Principle of adaptation

- 1 Split the information set  $I$  as  $I_1 \cup \dots \cup I_d$  where  $I_i$  is of size  $\frac{k}{d}$  and is randomly chosen in  $I$ .
- 2 Make a bet on each of them.

The fact that

$$T_I(d) \leq T_I(1)$$

makes us gain in complexity compared to the theoretical bound.

## Result after correction

Table – Correction of the analysis

Parameter Sets	Security Specification			Correction			SD Parameters				
	$p$	$l$	$T_{SD(1)} \frac{\binom{n/d}{t/d}^d}{\binom{n}{t}}$	$p$	$l$	$T_{SD(d)}$	$q$	$n$	$k$	$t$	$d$
SDitH-L1-gf256	1	2	143.46	1	2	134.61	256	230	126	79	1
SDitH-L1-gf251	1	2	143.45	1	2	133.61	251	230	126	79	1
SDitH-L3-gf256	2	5	207.67	2	5	206.16	256	352	193	120	2
SDitH-L3-gf251	2	5	207.61	2	5	205.02	251	352	193	120	2
SDitH-L5-gf256	2	5	272.35	2	5	271.30	256	480	278	150	2
SDitH-L5-gf251	2	5	272.29	2	5	269.81	251	480	278	150	2

### Remark

We have not yet corrected the complexity of Gaussian elimination, we have to consider **[Bernstein,Lange,Peters,2008]** and **[Peters,2010]**

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## Observation

Suppose we are trying to solve the problem SD(1) in the case of a  $\mathbf{0}$  syndrome.

We get a good solution if and only if we find  $\mathbf{x}_1$  and  $\mathbf{x}_2$  such that

$$\mathbf{P}'\mathbf{x}_1 = \mathbf{P}'\mathbf{x}_2 \text{ and } |\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{x}_1 - \mathbf{x}_2)| = t - 2p \quad (3.1)$$

We calculate  $(q - 1)$  times too much solution

$(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2)$  checks (3.1)  $\Leftrightarrow$  for all  $\alpha$  non zero  $(\alpha\mathbf{x}_1, \alpha\mathbf{x}_2)$  checks (3.1)

How to exploit that ?

Adaptation of Stern's algorithm in projective space

Impact on complexity

We divide the size of the lists by a  $(q - 1)$  factor  $\Rightarrow$  we hope to gain a factor  $(q - 1)$  on the complexity

What if the syndrome is non-zero ?

## Reduction of the Syndrome Decoding problem to the low weight code words search

### The reduction :

We look for  $\mathbf{e}$  such that  $\mathbf{H}\mathbf{e} = \mathbf{s}$  and  $|\mathbf{e}| = t$ .

Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be the code associated with the parity check matrix  $\mathbf{H}$ .

- 1 Find  $\mathbf{z}$  such that  $\mathbf{H}\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{s}$  ( $\mathbf{z} = (\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{s})$ )
- 2 Let  $\mathbf{H}_z$  a parity check matrix of the code  $\langle \mathcal{C}, \mathbf{z} \rangle$ .
- 3 Find  $\mathbf{e}$  such that  $\mathbf{H}_z \mathbf{e} = \mathbf{0}$

### Analysis

The algorithm finds  $\mathbf{e}$  such that  $\mathbf{H}\mathbf{e} = \alpha \mathbf{s}$  (for a  $\alpha \in \mathbb{F}_q$ ).

(So just divide by  $\alpha$  and we solved the problem)

### Proof on board

### What about the complexity

- The reduction cost almost nothing (a factor  $\frac{q}{q-1}$ )
- We reduced the problem to dimension  $k + 1 \Rightarrow$  possible loss



## Notations

### Projective space

For a space  $\mathcal{E}$  over  $\mathbb{F}_q$

- $\forall \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \mathcal{E}, \quad \mathbf{x} \sim \mathbf{y} \iff \exists \alpha \in \mathbb{F}_q^*, \mathbf{x} = \alpha \mathbf{y}$
- $[\mathbf{x}] \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{\mathbf{y} \in \mathcal{E} : \mathbf{y} \sim \mathbf{x}\}$
- $\mathcal{E}/\sim \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{[\mathbf{x}] : \mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{E}\}$

## Choose the right representatives

To exploit the idea, we want to take the lists in projective space to divide their **size** as well as the **number of collisions** by  $(q - 1)$  :

$$\mathcal{L}'_1 = \left\{ [\mathbf{P}'\mathbf{x}_1] : [\mathbf{x}_1] \in \mathbb{F}_q^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor} / \sim \text{ and } |\mathbf{x}_1| = p \right\}$$

$$\mathcal{L}'_2 = \left\{ [\mathbf{P}'\mathbf{x}_2] : [\mathbf{x}_2] \in \mathbb{F}_q^{k+1 - \lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor} / \sim \text{ and } |\mathbf{x}_2| = p \right\}$$

### We must take precautions

- A collision of equivalence classes does not necessarily induce a collision  
 $[\mathbf{P}'\mathbf{x}_1] = [\mathbf{P}'\mathbf{x}_2] \not\Rightarrow \mathbf{P}'\mathbf{x}_1 = \mathbf{P}'\mathbf{x}_2$
- Only a proportion of  $\frac{1}{q-1}$  of the pairs  $(\mathbf{x}'_1, \mathbf{x}'_2) \in ([\mathbf{x}_1], [\mathbf{x}_2])$  induce a collision
- We cannot do a naive search for such a couple otherwise we lose the gain of the factor  $(q - 1)$

## The solution

We build good representatives who induce a collision

### Particular representative

For all  $[x] \in \mathbb{F}_q^{\frac{k+1}{2}} / \sim$  we define  $\bar{x}$  as the unique representative of  $[x]$  such that :

- If  $P'x = 0$  : the first non-zero symbol of  $\bar{x}$  is 1
- If  $P'x \neq 0$  : the first non-zero symbol of  $P'\bar{x}$  is 1

We now have the desired property

### Property

$$[P'x_1] = [P'x_2] \Leftrightarrow P'\bar{x}_1 = P'\bar{x}_2$$

## The algorithm

The only things that change with the classic Stern algorithm are the following :

- ⑦  $\mathcal{L}'_1 \leftarrow \left\{ \mathbf{P}'\overline{\mathbf{x}}_1 : [\mathbf{x}_1] \in \left( \mathbb{F}_q^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor} \times 0^{k+1-\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor} \right) / \sim \text{ and } |\mathbf{x}_1| = p \right\}$
- $\mathcal{L}'_2 \leftarrow \left\{ \mathbf{P}'\overline{\mathbf{x}}_2 : [\mathbf{x}_2] \in \left( 0^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor} \times \mathbb{F}_q^{k+1-\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor} \right) / \sim \text{ and } |\mathbf{x}_2| = p \right\}$
- ⑧ The collision checking is done with  $(\overline{\mathbf{x}}_1, \overline{\mathbf{x}}_2)$

The possible losses on the theoretical gain of the factor  $(q - 1)$  :

### problem one

We must adapt Peters' tips to our new algorithm  $\Rightarrow$  potential losses

### problem two

We go from dimension  $k$  to dimension  $(k + 1)$   $\Rightarrow$  potential losses

## Adaptation of tricks

### The tricks on list construction :

- Use as before an enumeration order on  $\left\{ \hat{\mathbf{x}} \in \mathbb{F}_q^{(k+1)/2} : \hat{\mathbf{x}} = (0, \dots, 0, 1, \dots) \text{ and } |\hat{\mathbf{x}}| = p \right\}$  to compute  $\mathbf{P}'\hat{\mathbf{x}}$  in one addition of one columns by elements.
- Normalize  $\mathbf{P}'\hat{\mathbf{x}}$  by its first non-zero coordinate to get  $\mathbf{P}'\bar{\mathbf{x}}$  (We lose a factor of 2 here on the trick)

$$T'_{\text{lists}} \approx \frac{2}{q} T_{\text{lists}}$$

### The second trick on collision checking :

We just need to normalize  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}$  on collisions to get  $\bar{\mathbf{x}}$  which takes  $2p$  operations per collisions (negligible). We can then apply the trick as before.

$$T'_{\text{checks}} \approx \frac{1}{q} T_{\text{checks}}$$

## The real gain

For the other complexity values, we have :

- $T'_{\text{Gauss}} \approx T_{\text{Gauss}}$
- $N'_{\text{sol}} \approx N_{\text{sol}}$
- $p'_e \approx p_e/4 \quad \left( \frac{\binom{n-k-1-\ell}{t-2p}}{\binom{n-k-\ell}{t-2p}} \approx \frac{1}{4} \text{ for the range of parameters} \right)$

### Expected gain

- We lose 2 bits due to the transition from dimension  $k$  to dimension  $k + 1$ .
- We lose 1 bits if  $T'_{\text{lists}}$  control  $T'_{\text{checks}}$
- We should have an additional gain between 5 and 6 bits with the projections

### Remark

We can adapt the Stern projectif algorithm to the problem  $\text{SD}(d)$  as previously

## Result

Table – SDiTH security with our results

	Security Specification			Correction			d-split-Stern-proj			SD Parameters				
	$p$	$l$	$T_{SD(1)} \frac{\binom{n/d}{t/d}^d}{\binom{n}{t}}$	$p$	$l$	$T_{SD(d)}$	$p$	$l$	$T_{SD(d)}$	$q$	$n$	$k$	$t$	$d$
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Table – Bit gain on security

Parameter Sets	Gains		
	Gain-Correction	Gain-proj	Total Gain
SDitH-L1-gf256	8.84	4.54	13.39
SDitH-L1-gf251	9.54	4.54	14.09
SDitH-L3-gf256	1.51	5.43	6.94
SDitH-L3-gf251	2.59	5.36	7.96
SDitH-L5-gf256	1.04	4.53	5.57
SDitH-L5-gf251	2.48	4.46	6.94

The loss of 0.5 bits on the expected results is linked to the fact that the Gaussian elimination is not negligible.



## Work in coming

- 1 Improvement of  $T_{\text{Gauss}}$  with **[Bernstein,Lange,Peters,2008]** and **[Peters,2010]**
- 2 Apply the adaptation of projective spaces to **[Dumer,1991]** to see if we obtain a gain
- 3 Try to generalize the idea to the Grassmannian (generalization of projective spaces with several dimensions)