

# FHE ring packing - affordable and convenient

A trip to find out efficient ring packing method : HERMES

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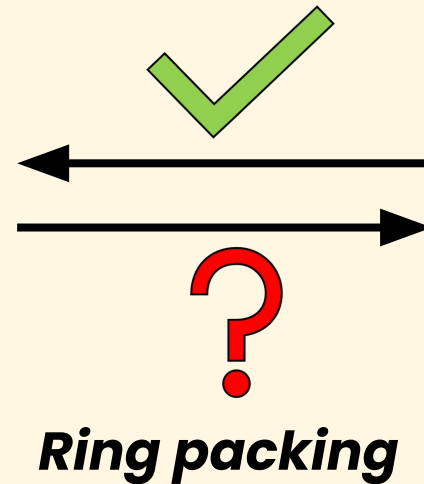
# This Work

- We consider FHE **ring packing** problem
- We suggest **generic acceleration tools** for FHE RP.
- We propose a new FHE RP method, HERMES.
  - **40x** higher throughput compared to state-of-the-art.
- Application to transciphering.

# Ring Packing

## LWE format

- TFHE / FHEW
- **Granularity** and fast latency
- Efficient computations on individual bits



## Ring LWE format (RLWE)

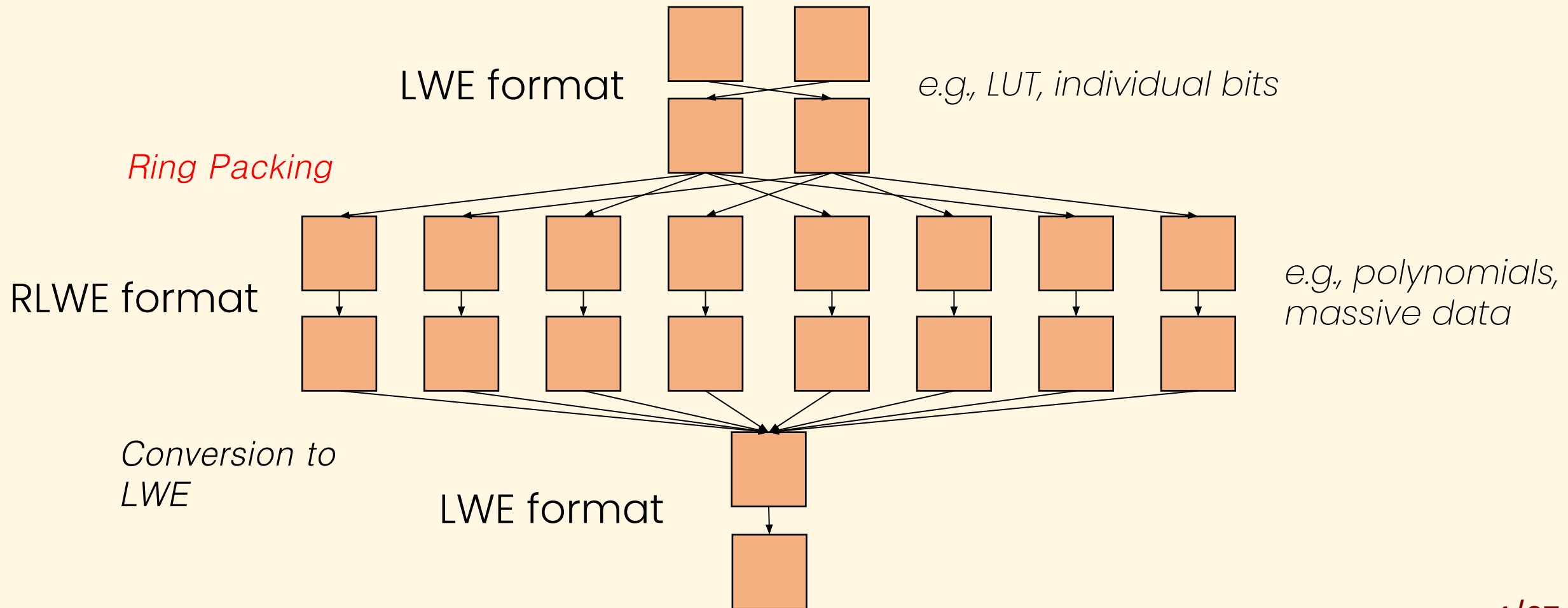
- BGV / BFV / CKKS
- **Scalability** and high throughput
- Efficient + and x on small integers

[CGGI17, MS18, BGGJ20, CDKS21, LHH+21, ..]

# Application 1: Scheme switching

[BGGJ20, LHH+21]

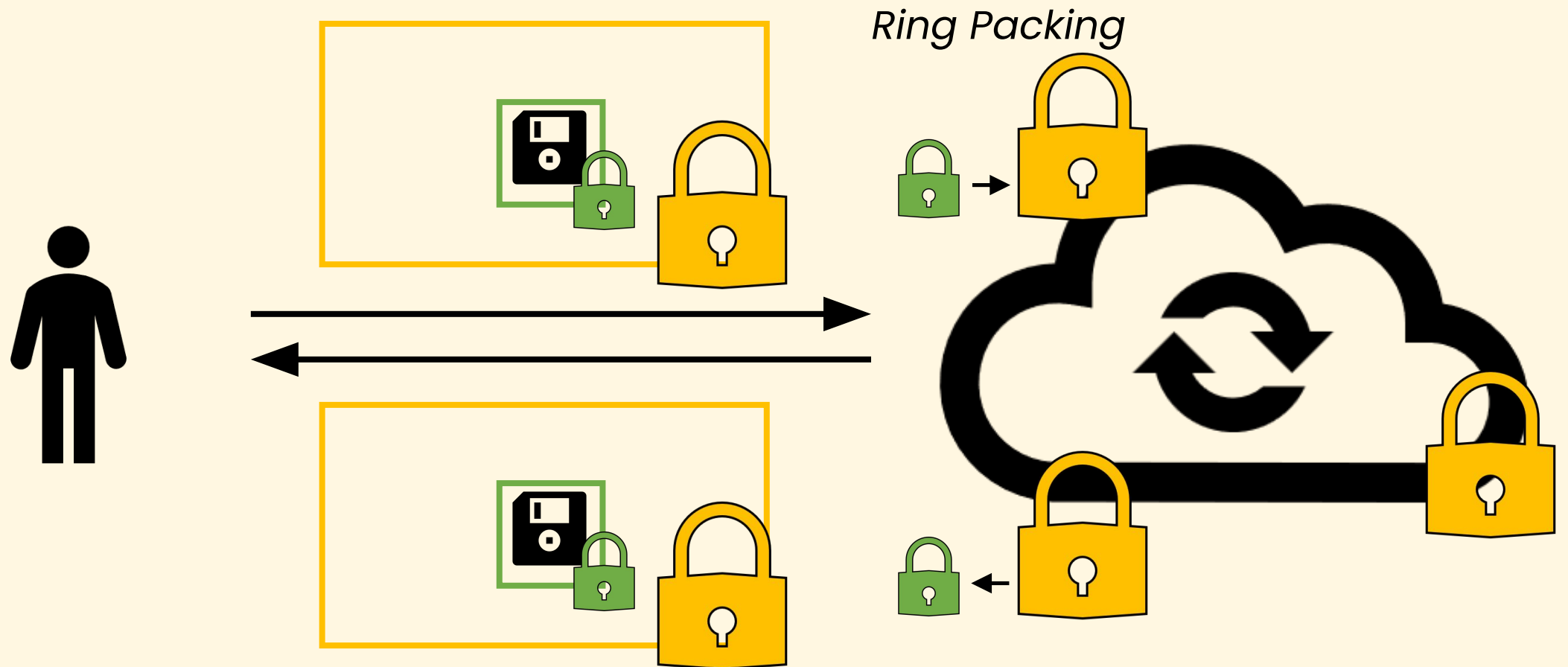
- Heterogeneous operation types and computational widths.



# Application 2: Transciphering

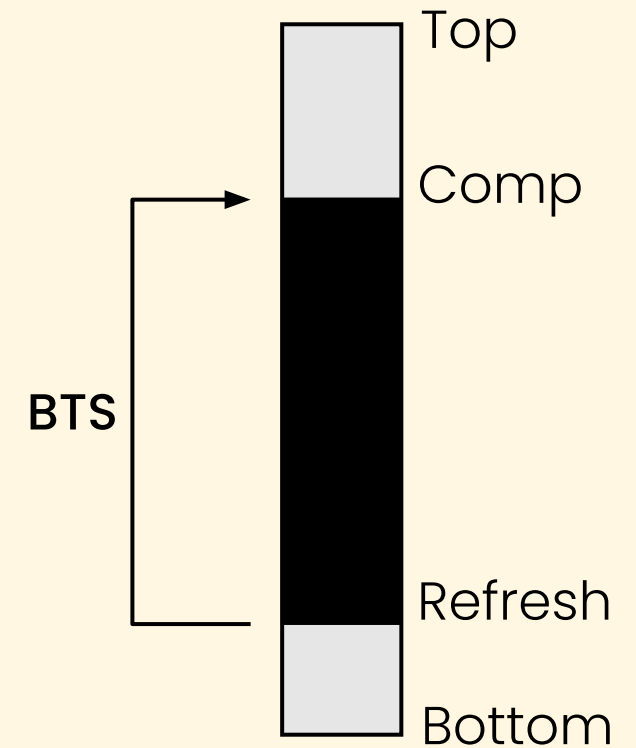
[CGGI17, CDKS21]

- Sending RLWE-based FHE ciphertexts with high granularity



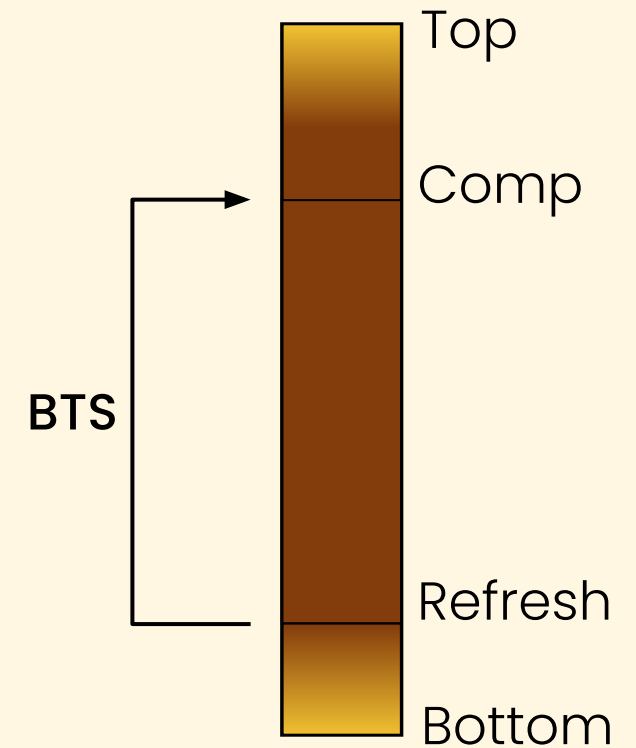
# RLWE-based FHE schemes

- Moduli chain
  - RLWE schemes are *leveled homomorphic encryptions*.
  - Level  $m \leftrightarrow Q_m = q_0 q_1 \cdots q_m$
- Life of a ciphertext
  - Black region : homomorphic computations
  - Bootstrapping (**BTS**): Refresh  $\rightarrow$  Comp
  - Grey region : reserved for bootstrapping



# RLWE-based FHE schemes

- Encoding structure
  - Slots-Encoding / Coefficients-Encoding
  - DFT / NTT Slots for SIMD
  - $\mathbb{C}^{N/2} \leftrightarrow \mathbb{Z}_q[X]/(X^N + 1)$
- How state changes
  - Coefficients-to-Slots and Slots-to-Coefficients
  - At the very bottom and the very top



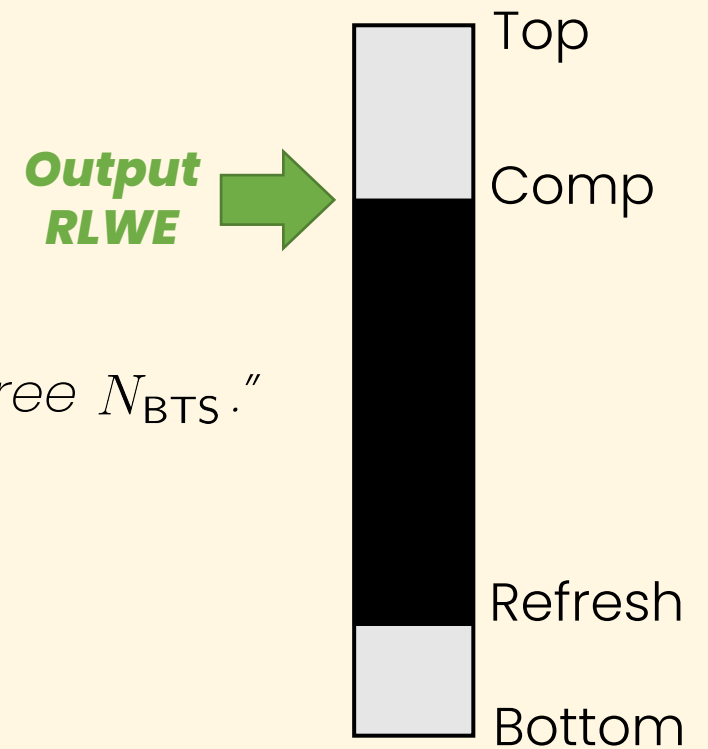
# FHE Ring Packing

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- Which ring packing?
  - Parameters: Modulus and Ring degree
  - Encoding: Slots-encoding / Coefficients-encoding

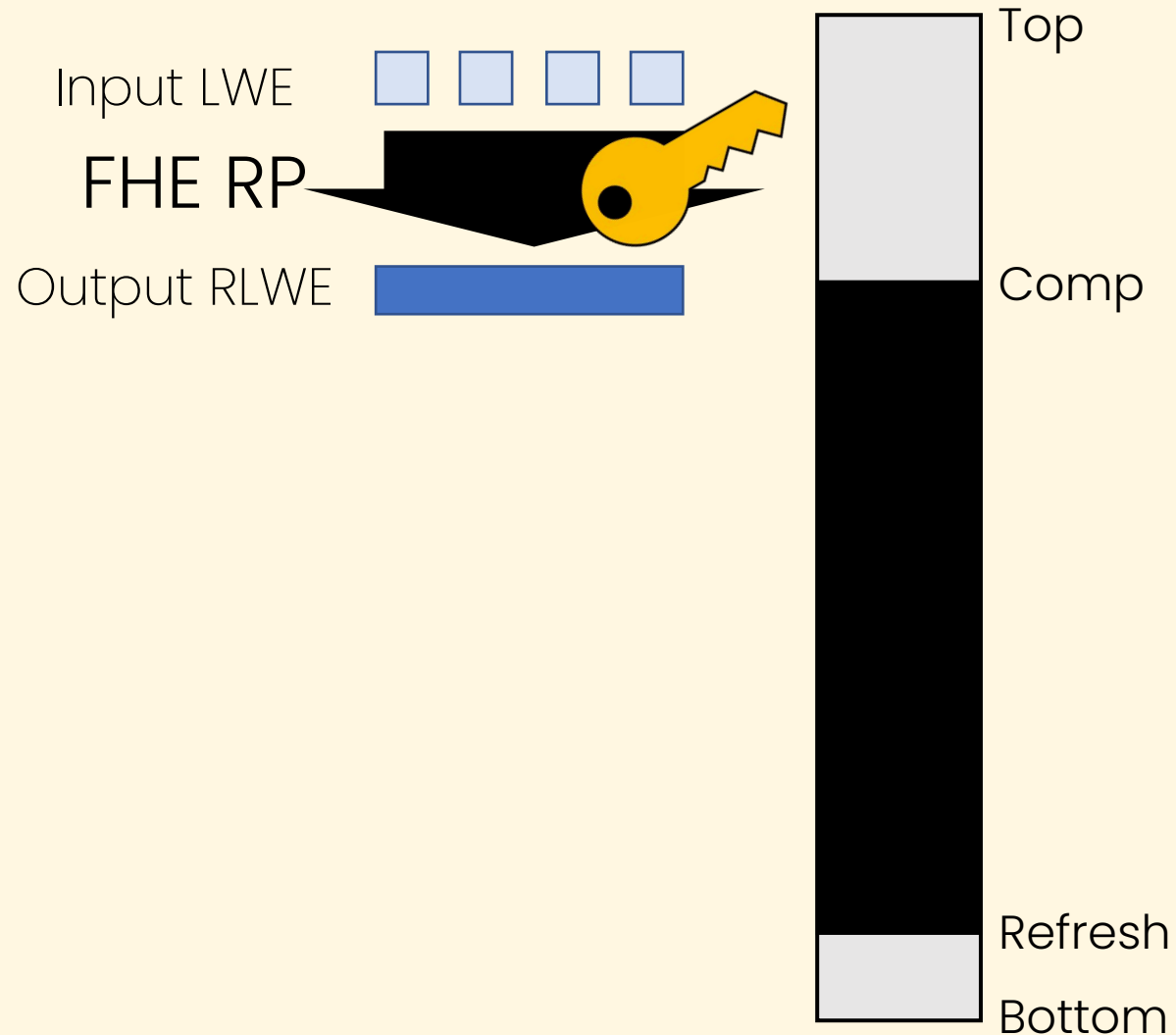
- FHE Ring Packing (FHE RP)

*"Packing into slots-encoded RLWE of modulus  $Q_{\text{comp}}$  and degree  $N_{\text{BTS}}$ ."*





# Large parameters for Naive FHE RP

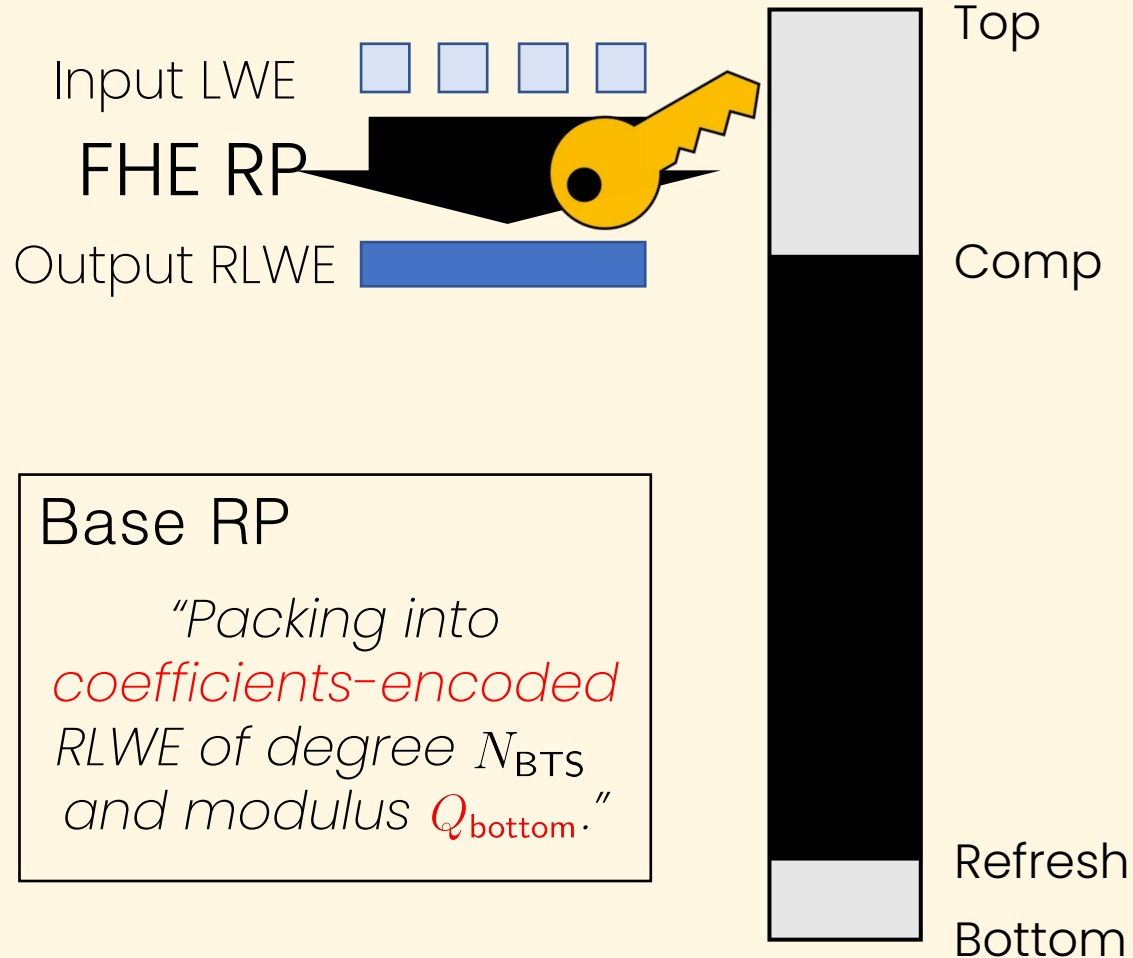


- FHE RP means outputting RLWE with large parameters.
- Unsatisfactory runtime and key size.
  - Computation in higher modulus and degree is **slow**.
  - Requires **large** evaluation keys.

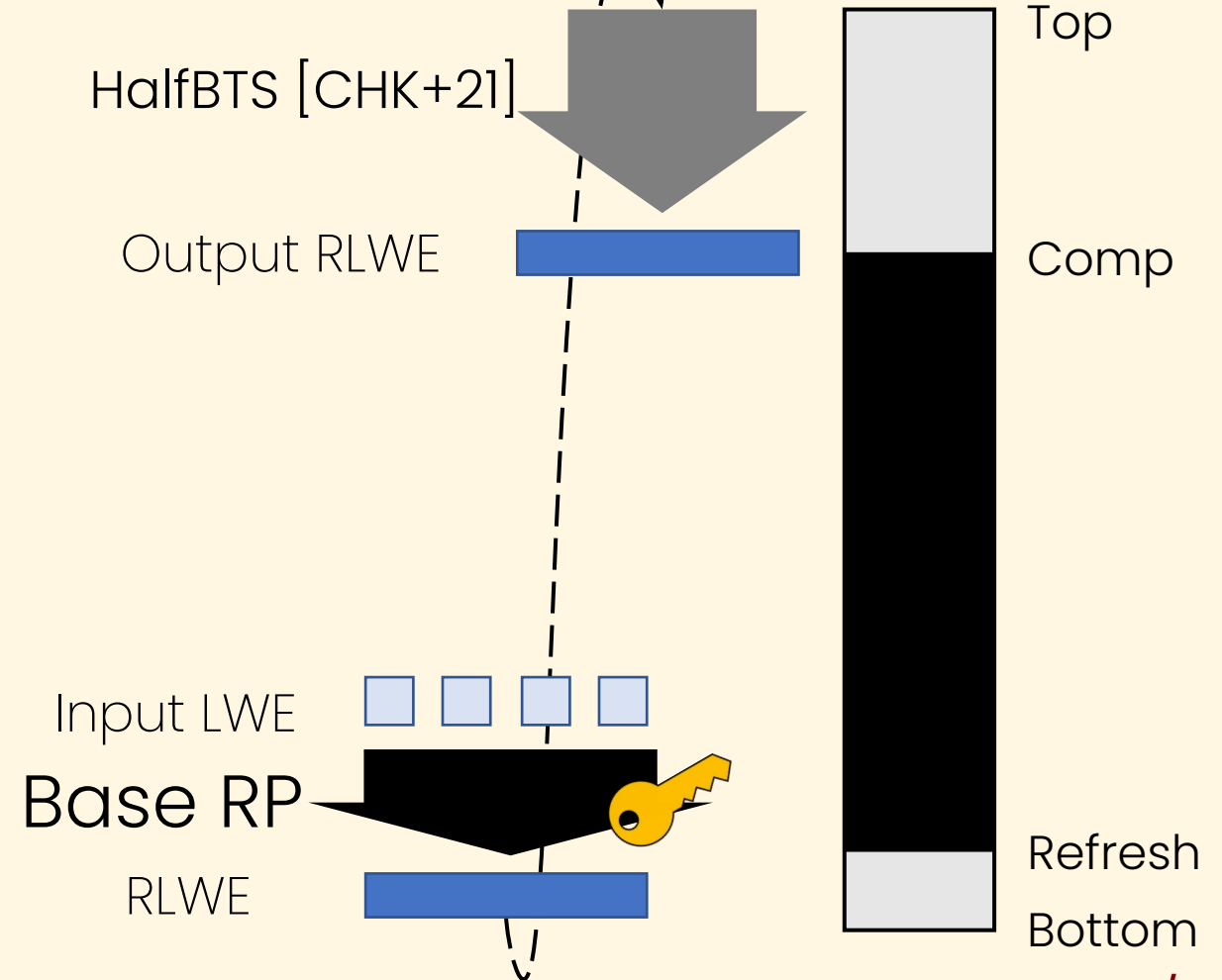
Accelerating FHE RP

# RLWE Modulus Optimization

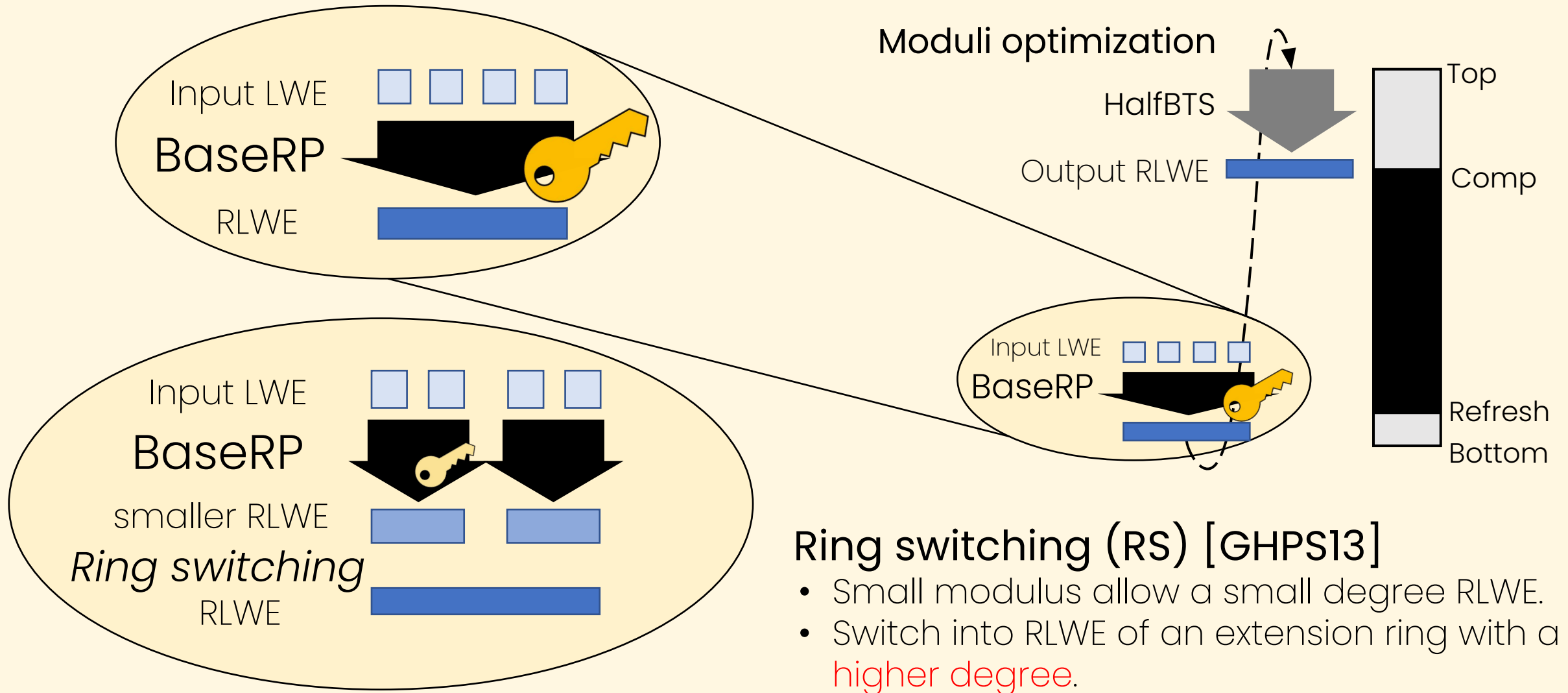
## Conventional approach



## Modulus optimization

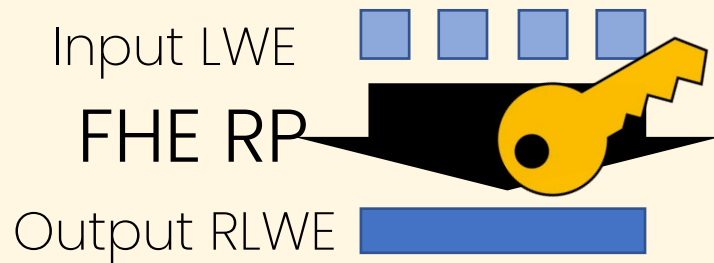


# RLWE Degree Optimization



# Improved FHE RP

## Conventional FHE RP



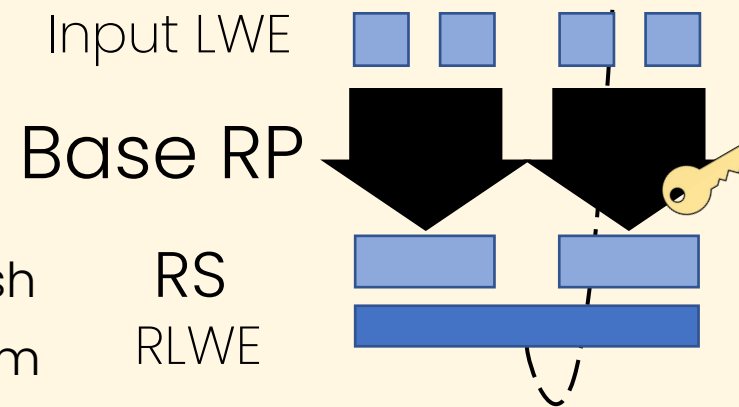
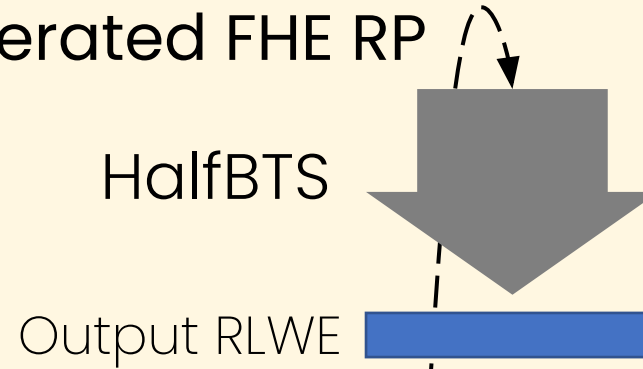
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Comp

Refresh

Bottom

## Accelerated FHE RP



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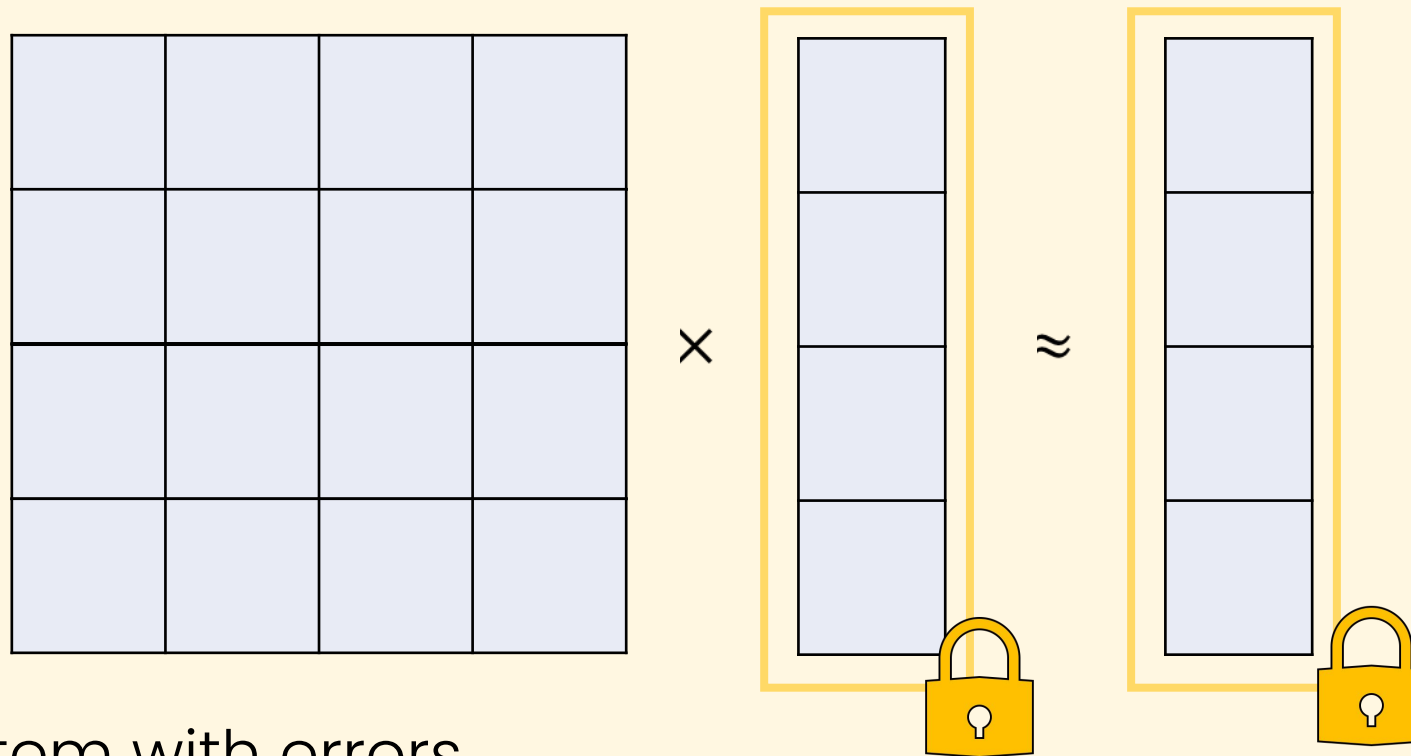
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# Existing Approaches

# RP as a Matrix-Vector Multiplication

LWE ciphertexts  $ct_i$ :  $c_{i1}s_1 + c_{i2}s_2 + \dots + s_{iK}s_K \approx m_i$  for each  $i$



... is a linear system with errors.

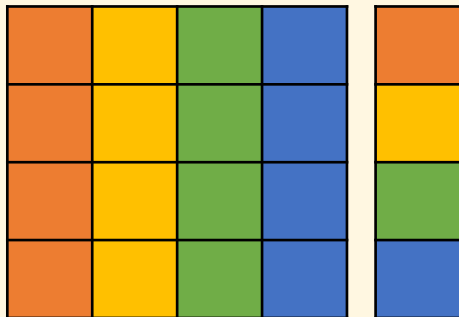
RP is (plaintext) matrix – (ciphertext) vector multiplication in RLWE formats.

# Existing Approaches

- Three approaches to encode the plaintext matrix.

## Column method

- CGGI17, BGGJ20
- $K$  key switchings
- $K$  keys
- Consumes **0** level



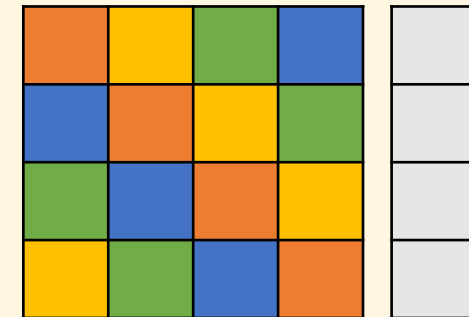
## Row method

- CDKS21
- $K$  key switchings
- $\log K$  keys
- Consumes **1** level



## Diagonal method

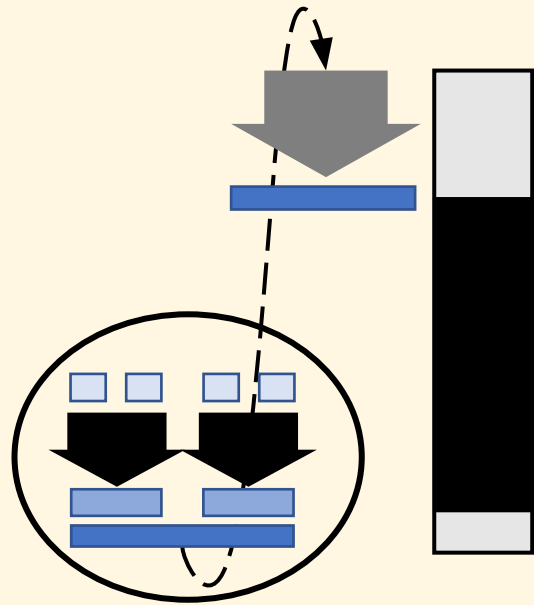
- HS14, LHH+21
- $2\sqrt{K}$  key switchings
- $2\sqrt{K}$  keys
- Consumes  $\geq 4$  levels



$K$ : LWE dimension



# Base RP with Existing Approaches

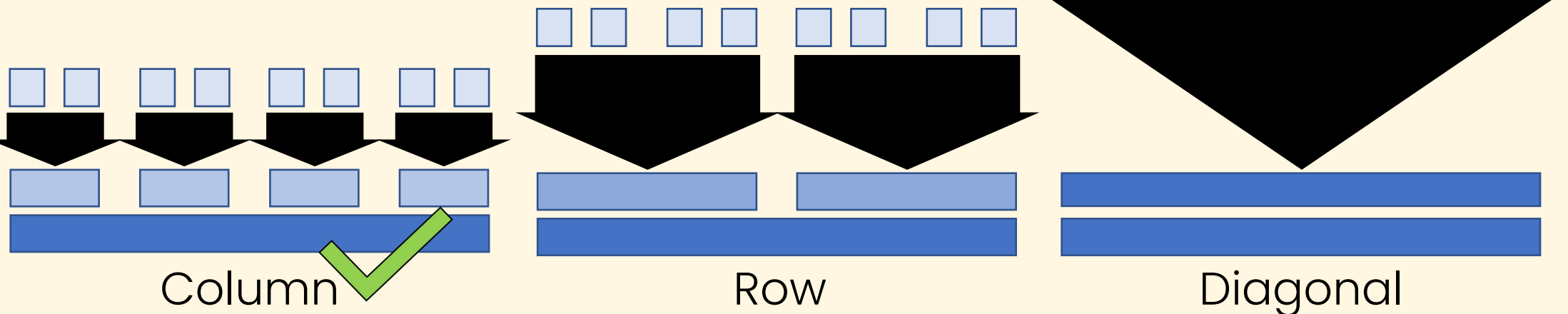


- The less modulus consumption is better.
- Column method is the most effective after optimizations.

Input LWE

Base RP

RLWE



Column

Row

Diagonal

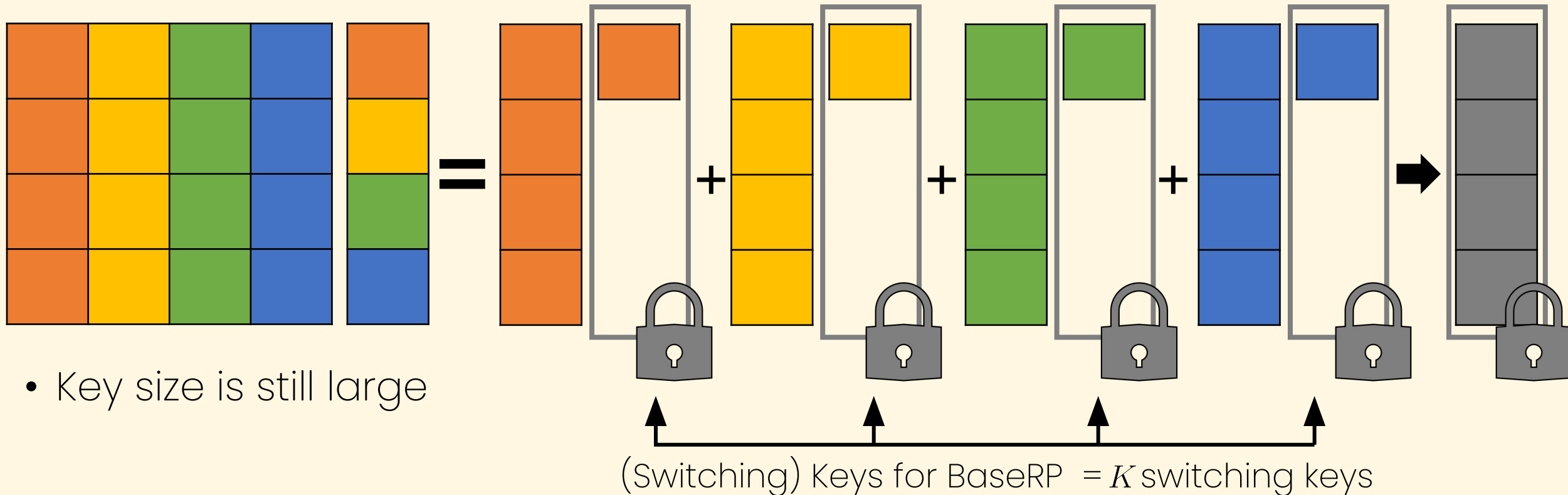
HERMES

# HERMES<sup>0</sup>: Column method

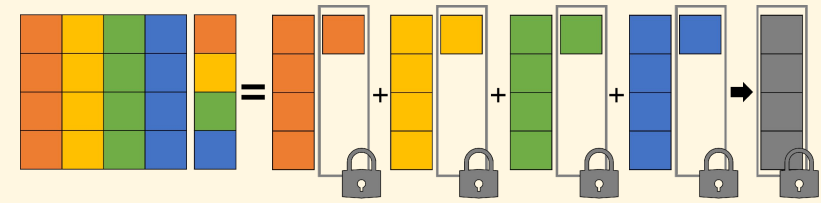
HERMES<sup>0</sup>: the column method with our optimizations

- Practically fast.

$K$  : LWE dimension

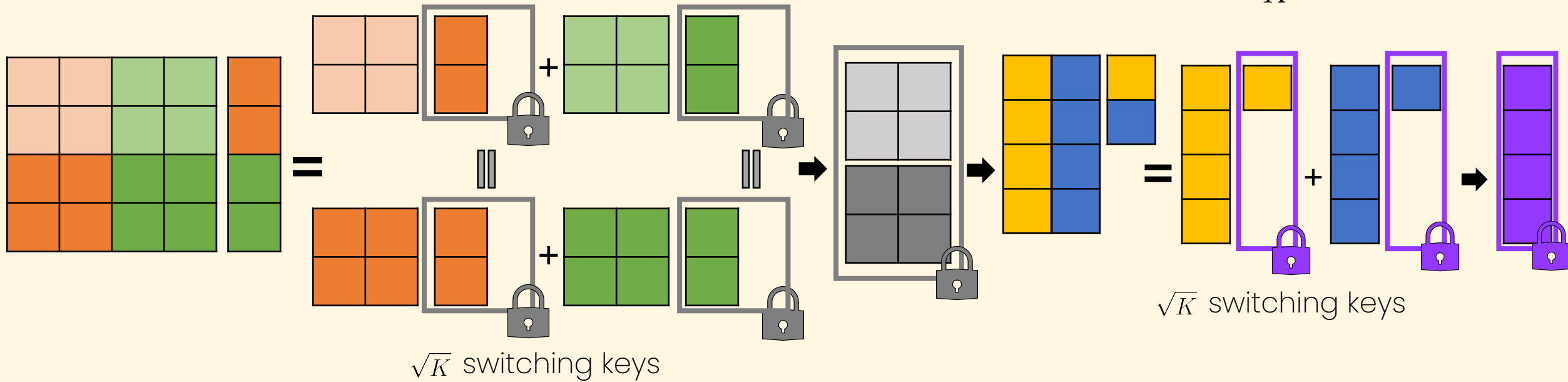


# HERMES<sup>1</sup>: Block method



HERMES<sup>1</sup>: the *block method* with our optimizations

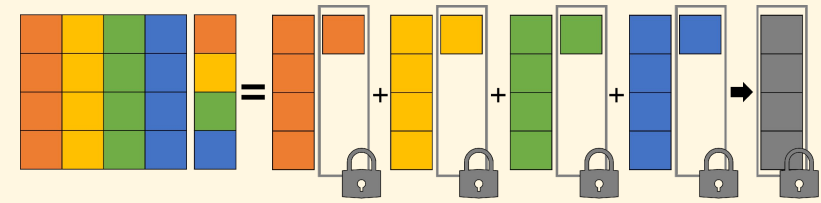
$K$  : LWE dimension



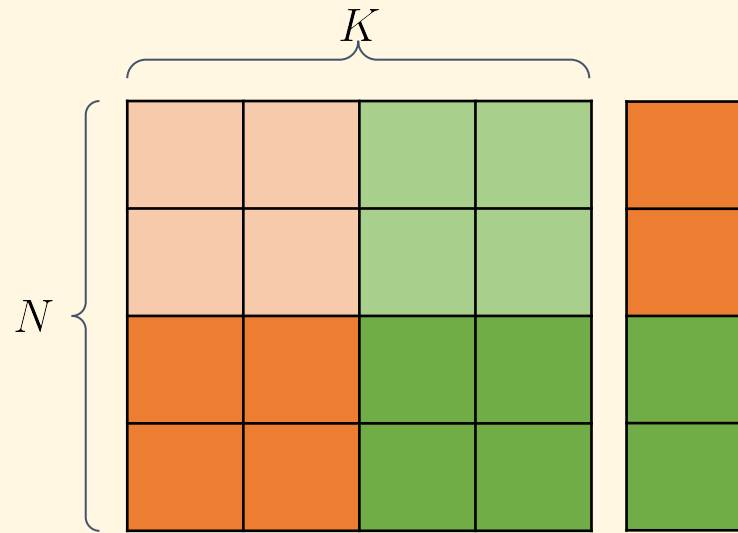
Cost :  $K \rightarrow K + \sqrt{K}$  (Mod Up)

Key :  $K \rightarrow 2\sqrt{K}$  (Switching Key)

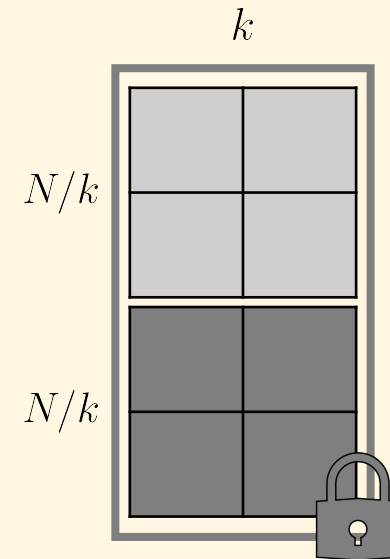
# HERMES<sup>1</sup>: Block method



- How to encode the blocks?      Module LWE (MLWE)



$$(a_0, a_1, a_2, a_3) \cdot (s_0, s_1, s_2, s_3) + b = m + e \in \mathbb{Z}$$



$$(a_{00} + a_{10}X, a_{01} + a_{11}X) \cdot (s_{00} + s_{10}X, s_{01} + s_{11}X) + (b_0 + b_1X) = m(x) + e(x) \in \mathbb{Z}_q[X]/(X^2 + 1)$$

- How to squeeze the blocks?      MLWE key switching / MLWE ring switching

# Experimental Results

# Ring Packing

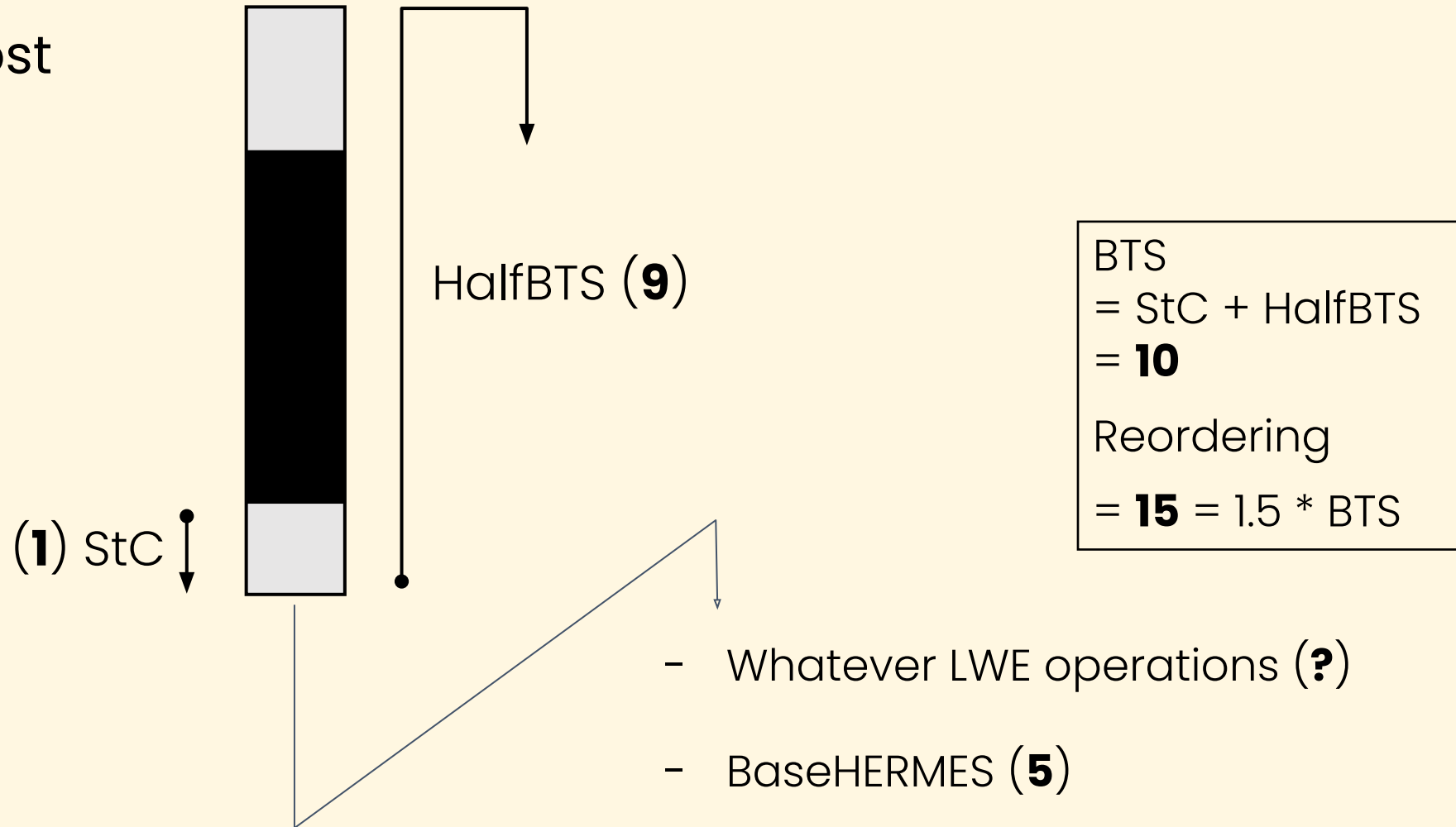
FHE RP Method		$\log(Q_{comp})$	RLWE degree	# of input LWE	Amortized Time (ms/slot)	Key size (MB)	
						Base RP	Half-BTS
Pegasus [LHH+21]	Diagonal	270	$2^{16}$	$2^{12}$	12.62	3540	
[CDKS21] with Optimizations	Row	562	$2^{16}$	$2^{16}$	0.83	1	667
HERMES <sup>0</sup>	Column	562	$2^{16}$	$2^{16}$	0.44	114	667
HERMES <sup>1</sup>	Block	562	$2^{16}$	$2^{16}$	0.47	6	667
		270	$2^{15}$	$2^{15}$	0.31	5	542

All experiments are measured on AMD® Ryzen 7 3700x 8-core processor with a single-threaded CPU.

Pegasus figures are borrowed from [LHH+21]; measured on single-threaded Intel Xeon Platinum 8269CY CPU (20-cores) at 2.50GHz.

# Application in CKKS

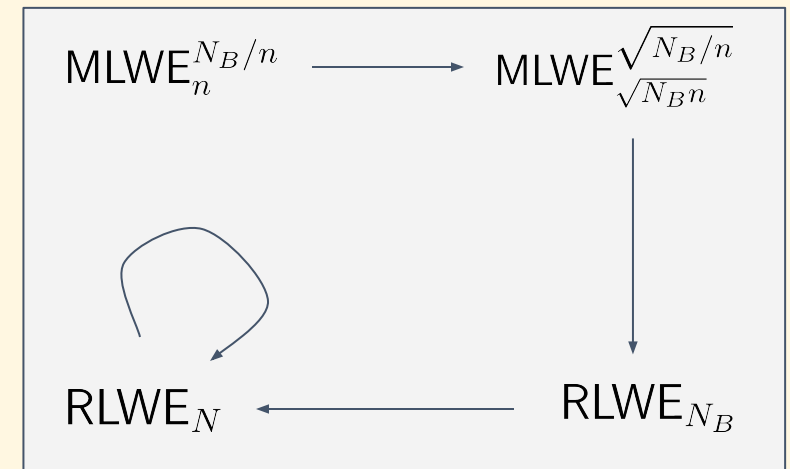
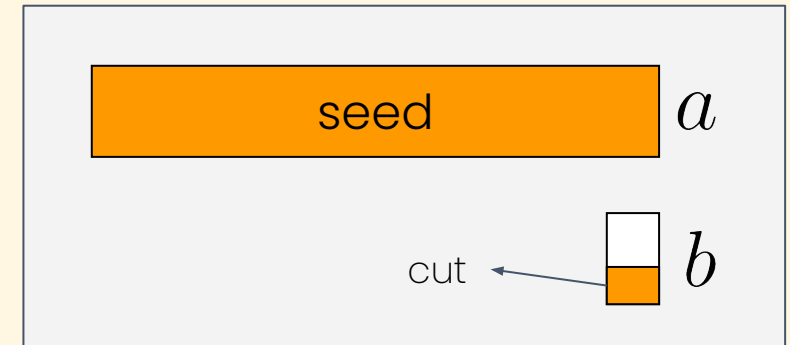
Expected cost





# Transciphering

- Input (M)LWE ciphertexts
  - Encrypt (scaled up) real numbers
  - Use XOF on a public seed
  - Cut least significant bits
- Output RLWE ciphertext
  - Slot-encoded CKKS ciphertext
  - Use HERMES' with a midpoint at the middle



# Transciphering

Scheme	RLWE degree	Granularity	Latency (s)	Expansion Ratio	Mean Precision
HERA [CHK+21]	2 <sup>16</sup>	16	141.6	1.24	19.1
Rubato [HKL+22]		64	106.4	1.26	18.9
		16	71.1	1.31	18.8
HERMES		64	25.8	1.58	23.0
		16	25.7	1.58	23.0
		1	30.9	1.58	23.0

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HERA and Rubato figures are borrowed from [CHK+21] and [HKL+22]; measured on AMD Ryzen 7 2700X @ 3.70 GHz single-threaded CPU.

# Wrapping up!

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- Optimize the existing RP methods for FHE RP.
- Propose a new efficient FHE RP method, HERMES.
  - Compared to state-of-the-art, 40x faster in terms of throughput
- Application to tranciphering

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Thank you!

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