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## ABSTRACT

As a result of the increasing computing power with the quantum computing notion, it is predicted that the cryptosystems used today will not be reliable. Therefore, studies on cryptosystems that are reliable after quantum increased. The lattice-based systems become prominent in post-quantum cryptosystem design with their high-security level and small key sizes. The Short Integer Solution (SIS) problem proposed by Ajtai is known to be one of the difficult problems defined on lattice structures. Although several key exchange protocols based on the SIS problem have been proposed up to this time, these protocols have proven to be insecure against attacks. In this study, we present the CCA2 secure key encapsulation mechanism using the GUPTA encryption system based on the SIS and the non-homogeneous Short Integer Solution (ISIS) problems, presented in 2017. We then propose a new lattice-based key establishment protocol using the key encapsulation mechanism. Finally, we present a sample parameter set and a security analysis of the proposed protocol.

## 1. Introduction

Several problems related to the security of cryptosystems were encountered with the introduction of the concept of quantum computing into our lives. The difficulties of many cryptosystems, whose reliability is accepted by various institutions such as NIST, ISO, IETF, and BSI, are based on discrete logarithm and factorization problems. The cryptosystems based on these problems have proved to be unreliable by Shor's Algorithm [1]. These cryptosystems are used in many applications used today. For example, in some security protocols such as SSL [2] and SSH [3], which enable us to establish secure communication on the internet, DH [4] and ECDH [5] systems or RSA [6] public-key encryption system are used as key establishment protocols. It is known that many public-key systems such as RSA, DSA, DH, ECDH are not reliable post-quantum. Studies on quantum-resistant cryptosystems are important as we need new systems that are secure against post-quantum attacks. In the literature, there are five different classes of cryptosystems, which are thought to be reliable against quantum attacks, such as cage-based, isogenic-based, code-based, and mixed-based cryptosystems. In 2004, Regev [11] introduced a new cryptographic structure based on the u-SVP problem and provided an alternative to Ajtai's system. In a study published in 2005, it showed the reliability of the LWE problem in truss structures [12]. Many cryptosystems have been identified on the lattice-based problems presented in the literature. In recent years, lattice-based cryptosystems attracted attention due to their worst case provable security levels, small size key structures, and processing speeds. Therefore, the interest in lattice-based cryptosystems increased considerably, and studies in this area gained value.

American National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) announced the need for reliable public-key cryptosystems after quantum in 2016 [15] and launched a competition in 2017 that looked for reliable system classes that can be used as a standard after quantum [16]. In the first round of the contest, the 69 cryptosystems, the 47 of which are public-key encryption and the 22 key digital signatures, were presented. The 17 candidates accepted to the second round of the competition. The 8 of second-round candidates are lattice-based cryptosystems: LAC, NewHope, NTRU, NTRU Prime, FrodoKEM, CRYSTALS-KYBER, SABER, and Round5. It is observed that the number of lattice-based systems is high among the presented systems. In general, cryptographic systems are used in three different application fields: encryption, digital signature, and key establishment. Key establishment is one of the application areas where security protocols are required after quantum computers. Key establishment protocols such as discrete logarithm-based DH are known to be not reliable against quantum computer attacks. Therefore, there is a need for quantum-resistant key establishment protocols.


Another approach to key establishment protocols is the key encapsulation mechanism (KEM). This idea was first presented by Fujisaki and Okamoto [18]. Using KEM, Fujisaki and Okamoto have demonstrated how to transform a public key encryption system that is weak against adaptive chosen ciphertext attack (CCA2), into a cryptographically strong key establishment protocol. For this reason, in recent studies, while an OW-CCA2 secure key establishment protocol is designed, the use of KEM is preferred instead of the complex padding mechanism. For example, FrodoKEM, Crystals-Kyber, and NTRU-HRSS-KEM protocols [17].

### 1.1. Motivation and Contribution

It is known that the SIS problem is one of the significant problems proven to be secure on lattice structures by Ajtai [7]. Various key establishment protocols based on the SIS problem are suggested. However, these protocols are proven to be insecure against attacks. It is known that it is very dif-

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difficult to design a key exchange problem based only on the SIS problem [24]. In 2017, GUPTA et.al. suggested a cryptosystem based on the SIS problem using the padding mechanism of the El-Gamal [13] system. Then, they proposed an encryption protocol and digital signature protocol [14]. The GUPTA cryptosystem is an efficient system as its computational complexity depends only on addition and multiplication between matrices and vectors [14]. Therefore, in this paper, we propose a secure key encapsulation mechanism of OW-CCA2 based on the OW-CPA secure GUPTA cryptosystem. After that, we suggest a new lattice-based key establishment protocol using the proposed KEM. Finally, we give a detailed security analysis.

## 1.2. Organization

The manuscript was organized as follows. In Chapter 2, we gave definitions and representations about systems for a better understanding of the cryptosystems. In Chapter 3, we explained the GUPTA encryption protocol, and then proposed OW-CPA secure key generation, encryption and decryption algorithms for the protocol. At the beginning of Chapter 4, we proposed an OW-CCA2 secure KEM using the OW-CPA secure encryption protocol afterward suggested an OW-CCA2 secure key establishment protocol using the proposed KEM and gave a detailed security analysis. The results of this manuscript are summarized in Chapter 5.

## 2. PRELIMINARIES

In this section, principal definitions and demonstrations about the proposed system are given.

### 2.1. Notations

### 2.2. SIS and ISIS Problems

### 2.3. Semantic Security

The notation of semantic security implies that an attacker would have no knowledge of plaintext using the ciphertext obtained. These kinds of attacks are called passive attacks. However, in practice, systems are also required to be secure against active attacks. For this reason, different security notions such as CPA, CCA, CCA2 emerged. These notions are described in detail in Section 4.5.3.

In order to establish a secure key establishment protocol against CCA and CCA2 attacks, some operations must be added to the encryption system. The most significant one of these operations is hash functions which are the structure that provides the cryptographic randomness of the system.

### 2.4. Extendable Output Function/XOF

## 3. OW-CPA SECURE GUPTA PUBLIC KEY CRYPTOSYSTEM

In this section, we define the parameters of the OW-CPA secure GUPTA public key cryptosystem and explain the system in detail. Then, we recommend the key generation, encryption, and decryption algorithms for OW-CPA secure GUPTA public key encryption system. A cryptosystem consists of

Parametre Seçimi
Açık parametreler $(k, q, m, n)$ güvenilir bir kişi tarafından belirlenmektedir. $k$ güvenlik parametresi, $q$ elemanları tamsayı olan $A \in \mathbb{Z}_q$ matrisinin modunu, $m, n$ ise $A \in \mathbb{Z}_q^{m \times n}$ matrisinin boyutunu belirtmektedir.
Anahtar Üretimi
$D \in \mathbb{Z}_q^{n \times m}$ matrisi ise rastgele olarak seçilmekte gizli anahtar olarak kullanılmaktadır. Açık anahtar $B \in \mathbb{Z}_q^{m \times m}$ matrisi aşağıdaki şekilde üretilmektedir:
$B \equiv A \cdot D \pmod{q}$
Açık ve gizli anahtar çifti, $(B, D)$ matrisleri olarak belirlenmektedir.
Şifreleme
Rastgele seçilen $r \in \mathbb{Z}_q^{1 \times m}$ vektörü ve açık anahtar $B \in \mathbb{Z}_q^{m \times m}$ kullanılarak, vektör olarak ifade edilen $P \in \mathbb{Z}_q^{1 \times m}$ düz metni aşağıdaki şekilde şifrelenmektedir:
$C_1 \equiv A^T \cdot r \pmod{q}$
$C_2 \equiv P + r^T \cdot B \pmod{q}$
$C_1 \in \mathbb{Z}_q^n$ ve $C_2 \in \mathbb{Z}_q^{1 \times m}$ olmak üzere $(C_1, C_2)$ şifreli metin çifti elde edilmektedir.
Şifre Çözme
Gizli anahtar $D \in \mathbb{Z}_q^{n \times m}$ kullanılarak, düz metin $P$ aşağıdaki şekilde hesaplanmaktadır:
$P \equiv C_2 - C_1^T \cdot D \pmod{q}$

Figure 1: OW-CPA Secure GUPTA Public Key Cryptosystem

three principal steps: key generation, encryption, and decryption. In Figure 1, the steps and parameter selection of the OW-CPA secure GUPTA cryptosystem are shown.

### 3.1. Key Generation

In this section, we describe the key generation algorithm we recommend for the OW-CPA secure GUPTA public key encryption system. In the KEY\_GENERATION algorithm given in Algorithm 1, the production steps of secret and public keys are given in detail.

#### Algorithm 1 Key Generation

**procedure** KEY\_GENERATION (*seed*)

$D \xleftarrow{R} \mathbb{Z}_q^{n \times m}$

$A = \text{XOF}(\text{seed}, (m \times n))$

$B \equiv A \cdot D \pmod{q}$

**return**  $(D, A, B)$  ▷ Secret and Public keys

**end procedure**

The KEY\_GENERATION algorithm takes the *seed* variable explicitly shared by a trusted institution as the input value and starts the process by randomly selecting the secret key  $D$  matrix from the space of  $\mathbb{Z}_q^{n \times m}$ . Then the algorithm calls XOF using the input values of *seed* and  $n \times m$  and gives the public parameter  $A$  matrix as output. Then  $B \equiv A \cdot D \pmod{q}$  operation is calculated to obtain the public key  $B$  matrix. The secret key  $D$  matrix are produced by multiplying the public key  $B$  and the public parameter  $A$ , and the algorithm terminates.

### 3.2. OW-CPA Secure Encryption

In this section, we recommend for encryption and decryption algorithms for the OW-CPA secure cryptosystem. Then we explain the steps of the algorithms in detail. Encryption and decryption algorithms of the GUPTA cryptosystem are given in Figure 3.

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**Algorithm 2** ENCRYPTION
 

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procedure ENCRYPTION( $P, R, A, B$ )
   $r = XOF(R, m)$ 
   $C_1 \equiv A^T \cdot r \pmod{q}$ 
   $C_2 \equiv P + r^T \cdot B \pmod{q}$ 
  return ( $C_1, C_2$ ) ▷ Ciphertexts
end procedure

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The first step of public-key encryption is encryption. At the beginning of the encryption phase, the *ENCRYPTION* algorithm takes plain text  $P$ , random value  $R$  vectors, and public parameter  $A$ , public key  $B$  matrices as input. After that, *XOF* gives the random vector  $R$  as output by taking the random value  $R$  and length  $m$  as input. Then the algorithm multiplies the random vector  $r$  and the transpose of the public parameter  $A$  matrix in modulo  $q$  and computes the  $C_1$  ciphertext. Consequently, it multiplies the matrix  $B$  and the transpose of the random vector  $r$  and adds it to the plaintext vector  $P$  in modulo  $q$ . In this step, the plaintext  $P$  is hidden by using the El-Gamal padding mechanism and generates the second ciphertext vector  $C_2$ . As a result of the encryption phase, it produces the ciphertext pair  $C_1$  and  $C_2$ .

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**Algorithm 3** DECRYPTION
 

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procedure DECRYPTION( $C_1, C_2, D$ )
   $P \equiv C_2 - C_1^T \cdot D \pmod{q}$ 
  return  $P$  ▷ Plaintext
end procedure

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The second step of public-key encryption is decryption. The *DECRYPTION* algorithm runs to decrypt the ciphertext pair  $C_1, C_2$  vectors. The algorithm, which takes the secret key  $D$  matrix and the ciphertext pair  $C_1, C_2$  vectors as input, calculates the  $P \equiv C_2 - C_1^T \cdot D \pmod{q}$  equation and returns the plaintext  $P$  vector.

**Proof of Correctness:** We show that the parties in the OW-CPA secure GUPTA cryptosystem can obtain the plaintext from the encrypted text using the secret key.

$$\begin{aligned}
 P^1 &= C_2 - C_1^T \cdot D \pmod{q} \\
 &= P + r^T \cdot B - (r^T \cdot A) \cdot D \pmod{q} \\
 &= P + r^T \cdot B - r^T \cdot A \cdot D \pmod{q} \\
 &= P + r^T \cdot B - r^T \cdot B \quad [B = A \cdot D] \pmod{q} \\
 &= P \pmod{q}
 \end{aligned}$$

### 3.3. Complexity Analysis

In this section, we provide a detailed performance analysis for the key generation, encryption, and decryption steps

of the OW-CPA secure GUPTA cryptosystem. The performance of cryptosystems depends on the size of the parameters used. The parameter dimensions are taken as  $q = k^2$ ,  $m = 2k \cdot \log k$  and  $n = 4k \cdot \log k$  ( $k$  is security parameter). From here,  $|q| = \log q$  equation is obtained. The complexities of the key generation, encryption, and decryption steps of the GUPTA cryptosystem are defined as below.

**Table 1**

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