

# New Cryptanalytic Results for RSA with Small Secret Exponents

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# Outline of the talk

- Solve polynomial equations via lattices
  - Univariate modular case
  - Generalize: Multivariate and integer case
- Overview of known RSA results
  - $e$ -th roots
  - Small RSA secret key
  - Factoring
- RSA with Small CRT exponents  $d_p, d_q$ 
  - Attacks for Small  $e$
  - Known difference:  $d_p, d_q \leq N^{0.099}$
  - General case:  $d_p, d_q \leq N^{0.073}$

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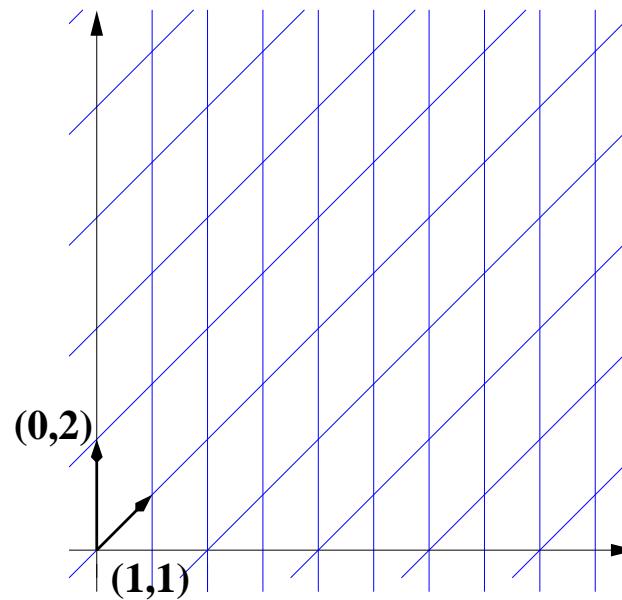


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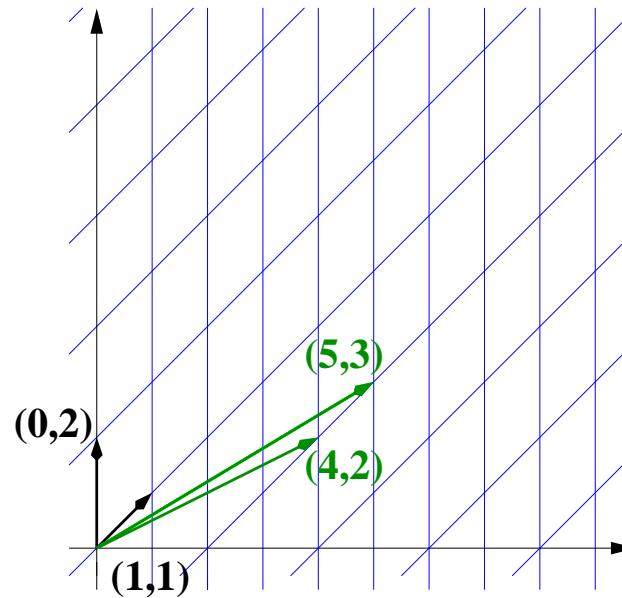


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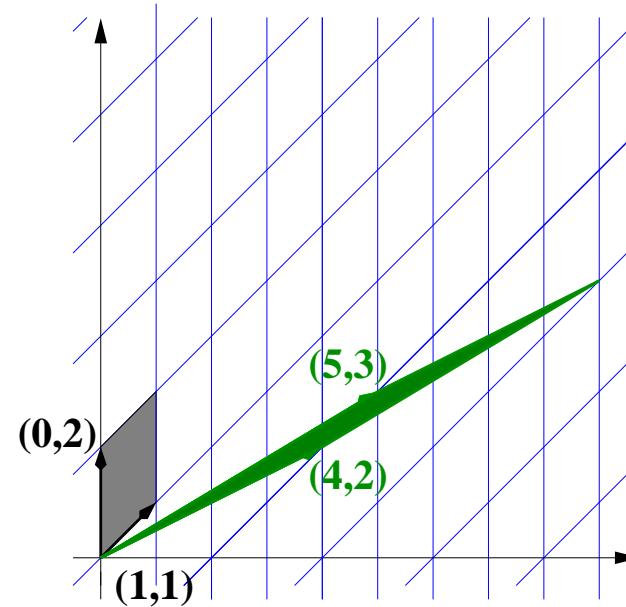


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**Theorem**[Lenstra, Lenstra, Lovász]: *Let  $L$  be a lattice spanned by  $v_1, \dots, v_n$ . Then one can find in polynomial time a basis  $b_1, \dots, b_n$  of  $L$  with*

$$\|b_1\| \leq 2^{\frac{n-1}{4}} \det(L)^{\frac{1}{n}}.$$

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**Idea:**

- Collection of polynomials  $f_1(x), f_2(x), \dots, f_n(x)$  with the roots  $|x_0| \leq X$  modulo  $b^m$ .
- Construct  $f(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i f_i$ ,  $a_i \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that

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**Sufficient condition:**  $|f(x_0)| < b^m$ .

- Solve  $f(x)$  over the integers.

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**Example:**

$$f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$$

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**Proof:**

$$\begin{aligned}
 |f(x_0)| &= \left| \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} a_i x_0^i \right| \leq \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \left| a_i X^i \left( \frac{x_0}{X} \right)^i \right| \\
 &\leq \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} |a_i X^i| \leq \sqrt{n} \cdot \|f(xX)\| < b^m
 \end{aligned}$$

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Construct lattice  $L$  spanned by

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} bX & 0 \\ aX & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

with  $\det(L) = bX = b^2$ .

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According to Howgrave-Graham's theorem

$$f(x_0) = c_0bx_0 + c_1(ax_0 - 1) = 0 \text{ over } \mathbb{Z}(!)$$

$$\Rightarrow x_0 = \frac{c_1}{c_0b+c_1a}$$

# Extensions to more variables

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**Problems:**

- Finding optimal collection.
- Elimination requires algebraically independent  $f_i$ .

# RSA Problem

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- **Relaxation 3: Small, splittable  $m < 2^k$**

BJN '00:  $m = m_1 \cdot m_2$  with  $m_1 \approx m_2 < 2^{\frac{k}{2}}$ .

Check:  $x^e = y^{-e} \cdot c \bmod N$ ,  $x, y = 0, \dots, 2^{\frac{k}{2}}$

# RSA Secret Key Problem

**Given:**  $N = pq, e \in \mathbb{Z}_{\phi(N)}^*$

**Find:**  $d$  such that  $ed = 1 \pmod{\phi(N)}$

$$f(d, k, p+q) = ed + k(N+1 - (p+q)) - 1$$

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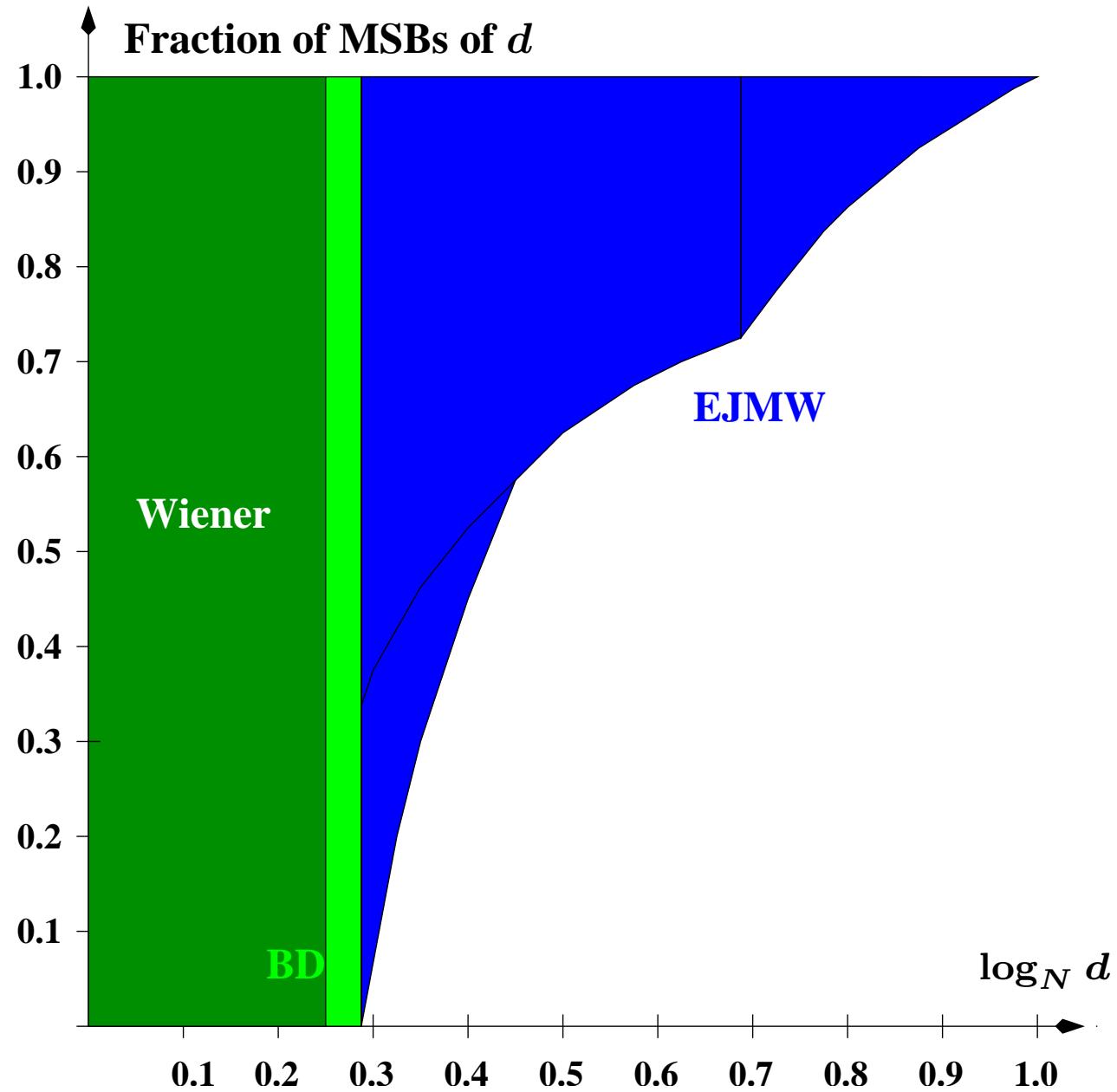
BD '99, mod  $e$ :  $d < N^{0.292}$

- **Relaxation 2: Known parts of  $d$**

EJMW '05: Extension to full range

**Open:** Use properties of  $d$ : Smoothness, splittable

# RSA with Small Exponent $d$



# Factoring Problem

**Given:**  $N = pq$

**Find:**  $p$

$$f(x) = x \bmod p$$

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- **Relaxation 2: “Small”  $p, q$ , i.e.  $N = p^r q$**

BDH '00: Solvable if  $p = \tilde{p} + x$  with  $x \leq N^{\frac{r}{(r+1)^2}}$ .

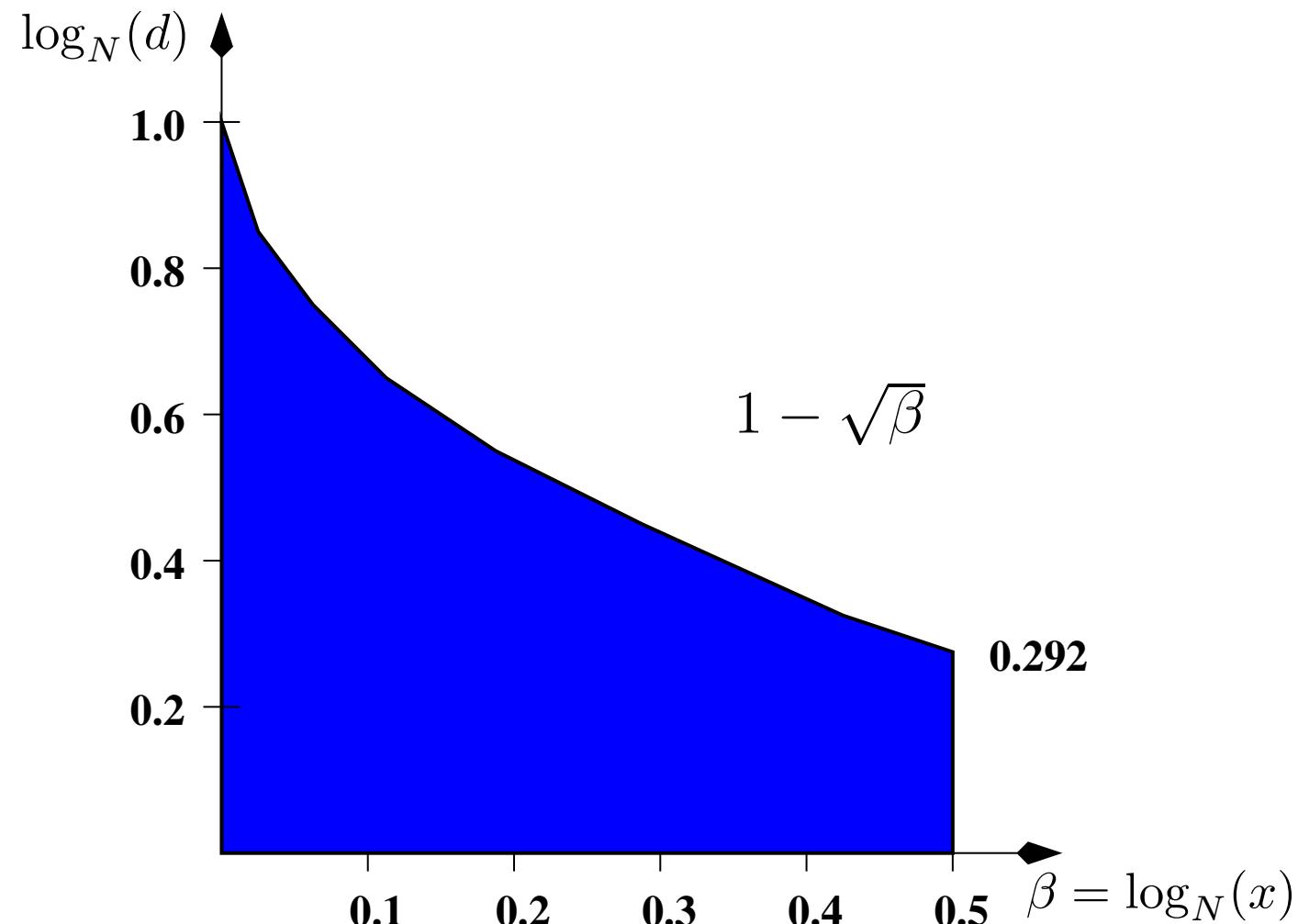
## Open Problems:

- Factor  $N = p^r q^s$ ,  $r \approx s$  with less bits.
- Factor  $N = pqr$  with less bits.
- Factor using non-consecutive bits.

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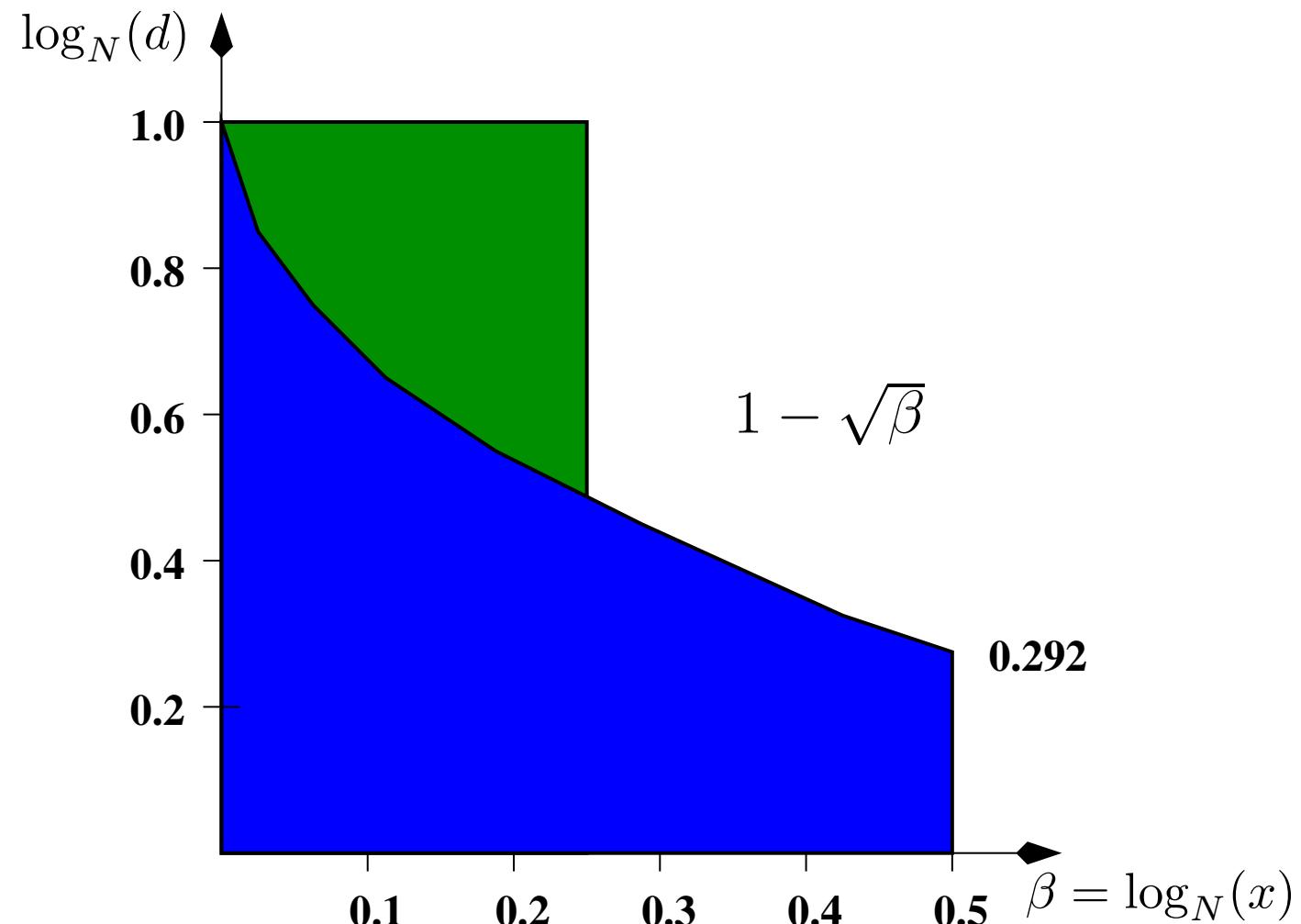
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- **Relaxation 3: Known difference  $d_p - d_q$**

JM '06:  $d_p, d_q \leq N^{0.099}$

- **Just small  $d_p, d_q$ :**  $\mathcal{O}(\sqrt{\min\{d_p, d_q\}})$ .

JM '07:  $d_p, d_q \leq N^{0.073}$

# Linearization attack

**Setting:**  $e, d_q \leq d_p$  small,  $p, q$  of same bit-size

Look at

$$\begin{vmatrix} ed_p & = & 1 + k(p - 1) \\ ed_q & = & 1 + \ell(q - 1) \end{vmatrix}$$

with  $k, \ell \leq \frac{ed_p}{\sqrt{N}}$ . Rewrite as

$$\begin{vmatrix} ed_p + k - 1 & = & kp \\ ed_q + \ell - 1 & = & \ell q \end{vmatrix}$$

Multiply

$$e^2 d_p d_q + e(d_p(\ell - 1) + d_q(k - 1)) + (1 - N)k\ell = k + \ell - 1$$

# Lattice technique

Linearize:  $e^2w + e\textcolor{blue}{x} + (1 - N)\textcolor{blue}{y} = z$

Modulo  $e^2$ :  $e\textcolor{blue}{x} + (1 - N)\textcolor{blue}{y} = \textcolor{blue}{z} \bmod e^2$

Lattice basis:

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & e \\ 0 & 1 & 1 - N \\ 0 & 0 & e^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Targetvektor  $(x_0, \textcolor{blue}{y}_0, w_0) \cdot B = (\textcolor{blue}{x}_0, \textcolor{blue}{y}_0, z_0)$ .

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Sufficient condition:  $|x_0 y_0 z_0| \leq e^2$ .

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Yields condition

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{ed_p^2}{\sqrt{N}} \cdot \frac{e^2 d_p^2}{N} \cdot \frac{ed_p}{\sqrt{N}} &\leq e^2 \\ \Leftrightarrow d_p^5 &\leq \frac{N^2}{e^2} \Leftrightarrow d_p \leq \left(\frac{N}{e}\right)^{\frac{2}{5}} \end{aligned}$$

# Applications

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## 1000 Experiments with:

- 1024-bit  $N$ , 512-bit  $e$  and 200-bit  $d_p, d_q$   
Running time: 15 ms, Success rate 100%
- 1024-bit  $N$ , 512-bit  $e$  and 204-bit  $d_p, d_q$   
Running time: 15 ms, Success rate 90%

# Known difference

**Scenario:**  $d_q - d_p = c$  is known

Recall that

$$e^2 d_p d_q + e(d_p(\ell-1) + d_q(k-1)) + (1-N)k\ell - k - \ell = -1$$

Use  $d_q = d_p + c$ . Gives us polynomial equation

$$f(d_p, \ell, k) = 0 \text{ over } \mathbb{Z}.$$

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$$\{d_p^2, d_p, d_p\ell, d_pk, k\ell, k, \ell, 1\}.$$

Find roots using Coppersmith's method.

Analysis yields:  $d_p, d_q \leq N^{0.099-\epsilon}$

# Experimental results

| $N$      | $d_p$  | dim | LLL-time |
|----------|--------|-----|----------|
| 1000 bit | 10 bit | 54  | 32 min   |
| 2000 bit | 22 bit | 54  | 175 min  |
| 3000 bit | 42 bit | 54  | 487 min  |
| 4000 bit | 60 bit | 54  | 1015 min |
| 5000 bit | 85 bit | 54  | 1803 min |
| 500 bit  | 9 bit  | 99  | 105 min  |
| 1000 bit | 18 bit | 99  | 495 min  |
| 500 bit  | 13 bit | 112 | 397 min  |

# Attacking CRT-RSA

**Scenario: Small  $d_p, d_q$**

Recall again that

$$e^2 d_p d_q + e(d_p(\ell-1) + d_q(k-1)) + (1-N)k\ell - k - \ell = -1$$

Interpret as polynomial equation

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| $e$      | $d_p, d_q$ | dim | $\delta$ | asympt | LLL-time |
|----------|------------|-----|----------|--------|----------|
| 250 bit  | 332 bit    | 27  | 0.227    | 0.287  | 2 sec    |
| 300 bit  | 299 bit    | 27  | 0.209    | 0.271  | 2 sec    |
| 400 bit  | 239 bit    | 27  | 0.173    | 0.243  | 2 sec    |
| 500 bit  | 199 bit    | 27  | 0.136    | 0.214  | 2 sec    |
| 577 bit  | 168 bit    | 27  | 0.108    | 0.192  | 2 sec    |
| 700 bit  | 116 bit    | 56  | 0.070    | 0.157  | 206 sec  |
| 800 bit  | 70 bit     | 95  | 0.044    | 0.128  | 834 sec  |
| 900 bit  | 35 bit     | 144 | 0.023    | 0.100  | 8198 sec |
| 1000 bit | 11 bit     | 144 | 0.004    | 0.073  | 7111 sec |

# Finding good bounds

**Given :** Polynomial  $f(x_1, \dots, x_n) \pmod{N}$

**Find :** Optimal bounds  $|x_1| \leq X_1, \dots, |x_n| \leq X_n$

**Equiv. :** Find optimal lattice basis.

Status quo:

- C '96: Solved for univariate modular case
- BM '05: Toolbox for bivariate integer case
- JM '06: Strategies for multivariate case

Work in progress (with Damien Stehlé):

- Algorithm that outputs optimal bound
- Uses Gröbner bases-like approach
- LLL reduction for selecting sub-lattice

# Conclusion & Open problems

- First ptime attack for RSA-CRT
- Theoretical analysis worse than experiments
- Some bounds do not match
  - Small  $d$  vs. Factoring with known bits
  - Small  $d$  vs. CRT-RSA with  $d_p = d_q$
- Give provable version of Coppersmith's method
- Need to automatize the bound analysis