



# PROMETHEUS

PRivacy preserving pOst-quantuM systEms from  
advanced crypTograpHic mEchanisms Using latticeS

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## PROMETHEUS overview and possible collaboration



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# PROMETHEUS Identity card

## Who?

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## What?

European Union H2020 project  
Grant 780701

<http://www.h2020prometheus.eu/>

## When?

Starting date: January 2018

Duration: 4 years

## How much?

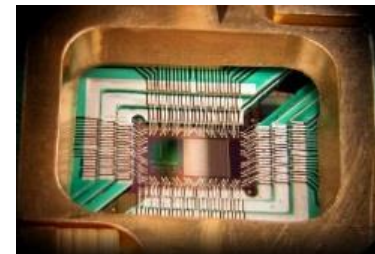
Financial: 5.5 M€

Manpower: 790 m.m.



# Quantum computers are coming

- Traditional vs. **Quantum** computers
  - Currently deployed computers have some restrictions
  - Quantum computers think differently
    - Can solve some of these limitations
    - Based on quantum superposition and quantum entanglement
- Recent **advances** in quantum computers
  - New funding coming from big actors
  - Implementation of simulators or true processors (analog or digital)
  - Research may **go fast**





# Impact on cryptography

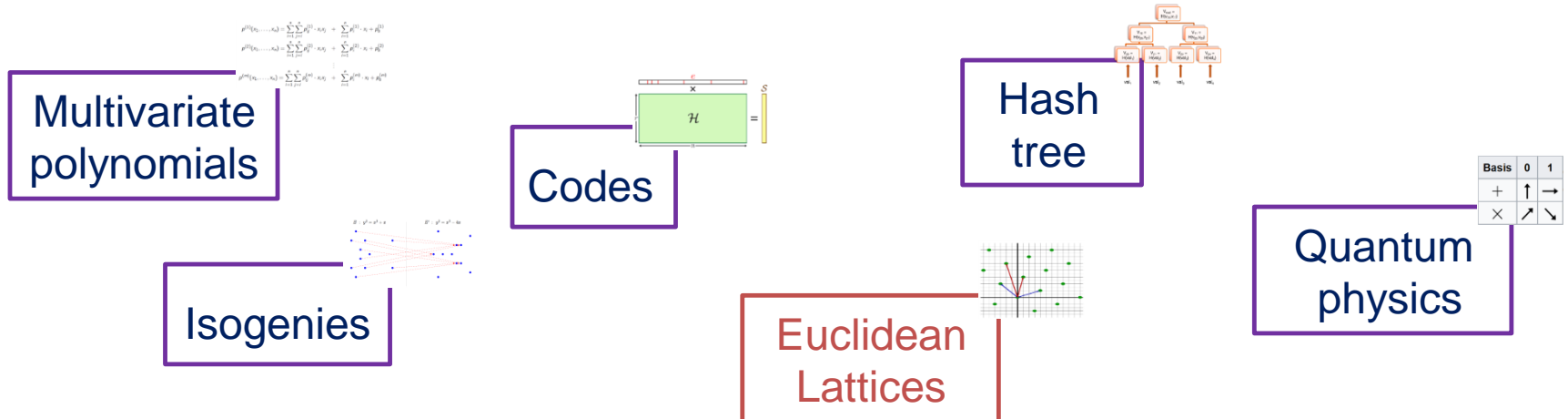


- Secret key
  - Grover's algorithm in  $O(\sqrt{n}) \Rightarrow$  faster exhaustive search  $\Rightarrow$  Multiply by two the size of the secret key
  - Some existing cryptanalysis based on quantum algorithms
- Public key
  - Shor's algorithm  $\Rightarrow$  RSA and ECC broken
- And even if quantum computers do not exist
  - RSA: key increase to have sufficient security
  - ECC: recent attacks on some (pairing-friendly) curves



# Post-quantum cryptography

- We need **alternatives** to currently deployed cryptography
- Practical solutions are known exist since mid 70





# Research is going on...

- NIST call for proposal
  - Signature schemes, KEM/encryption schemes

NIST

Important to follow such competition

- 8 proposals are from PROMETHEUS partners (among which 6 are lattice-based)
- Focus on **basic** cryptographic algorithms
  - Impact on TLS, SSH, PKI, Payment...
- What about **other e-services**?





# Privacy is coming

- More and more e-services are using individuals' data ⇒ what about **privacy**?
- New European regulation: **GDPR 2018**
- GDPR's application necessitates **relevant tools**

Cryptography can certainly help!

⇒ Data confidentiality

⇒ Data minimisation





# Cryptography and Privacy



- Data confidentiality
  - Encryption is there but does not permit data usability

A. We need advanced encryption schemes

- Data minimisation
  - Prove to have the right to do something...
  - While minimizing the quantity of personal information that are given to third parties

B. We need privacy-preserving authentication schemes





# A. Versatile encryption

- Public key encryption scheme (most of the time)
  - A public key is used to encrypt some data
  - A private key is used to decrypt the data
- One can manipulate the ciphertext to obtain new properties
  - Such encryption schemes permit to perform some treatment over encrypted data
  - Different possibilities depending on
    - the treatment and the way to manage cryptographic keys
- Four main families

Unique treatment

Homomorphic encryption

Multiparty computation

Functional encryption





# Example of such advanced tools

Homomorphic encryption

Searchable encryption

Multi Party Computation

Attribute based encryption

Functional encryption

Identity based encryption

Proxy Re-encryption

Broadcast encryption

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## Artificial Intelligence

# AI

- Ethics and responsibility
- Devise technical solutions to be GDPR compliant
- Machine learning algorithms in the encrypted domain

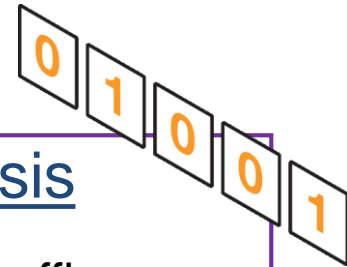


## Cloud blind storage

- Data storage (cloud, safes)
- Data share and data treatment “in blind”
- Broadcast encryption, proxy re-encryption, attribute based encryption are suitable

## Traffic analysis

- Encrypted traffic  $\Rightarrow$  no traffic analysis
- IDS, parental control, SIEM, Quality service probes, ...
- Needs adapted encrypted mechanisms





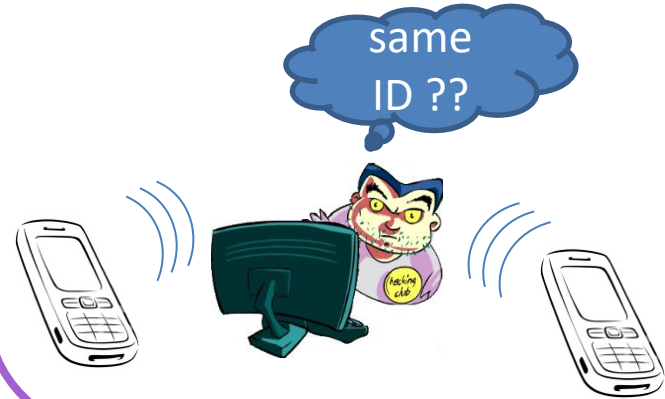
# B. Authentication & Anonymity

- Having one communication log
- Infeasibility to link such communication with an identity



ANONYMITY

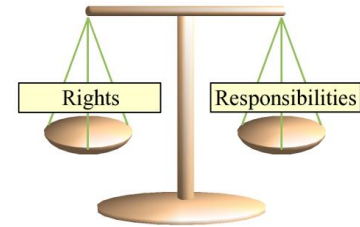
- Having 2 distinct communication logs
- Infeasibility to know whether both communications are related to the same identity



(NON) TRACEABILITY



# Accountability



- Anonymity is a good point for **privacy**
  - Permits data minimization
  - “I belong to the group of authorized users”
- But anonymity should not lead to more **fraud**
  - Money laundering, anonymity of terrorists, etc.
- We also need **accountability**
  - The user should be authorized
  - Necessity to revoke the anonymity in case of fraud
    - By whom? when?
    - It depends on the use case and on legal restrictions
  - Pay attention to **false accusations**



# Anonymity, accountability and standards



- ISO/IEC SC27 WG2
- Group signatures – ISO/IEC 20008-2
  - Each group member can sign messages
  - Each signature is anonymous, except for a designated opening manager
- Blind signatures – ISO/IEC 18370
  - A signer can sign documents that he does not know
  - The user who obtain the signature of his choice is anonymous in the group of users having obtain a signature from this signer
  - The user is authenticated by the signer when he obtains the signature



## Anonymous credentials

- Authorization to access a place or a service
- Anonymity within the group of authorized entities
- Access control over attributes



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## e-vote systems

- A voter is a member of the group of authorized voters
- Anonymity of the votes
- (Without anonymity revocation)
- Related to additional tools

## e-cash systems



- A coin is a member of a group of authorized coins
- Each spending corresponds to a group signature
- Double spending detection



# What about constructions?

- Most of existing standards and implementations are based on RSA and ECC
  - Broken by quantum computers or by cryptanalysis
  - Inefficient using RSA
  - Some exceptions in the case of versatile encryption
- Post-quantum constructions are not mature
  - Some open problems remain, solutions are inefficient
  - NIST CfP is an answer, but will not solve that problems
  - Lattice-based cryptography is the more mature solution

Here comes PROMETHEUS!







# Privacy-preserving protocols

- Main problems to solve
  - Obtain better **flexibility**
  - Improve **efficiency**
- Two main approaches
  - Explore **new paradigms** fitting lattices
  - Build **systems** based on **usual** building blocks

WP5

Anonymous  
credentials

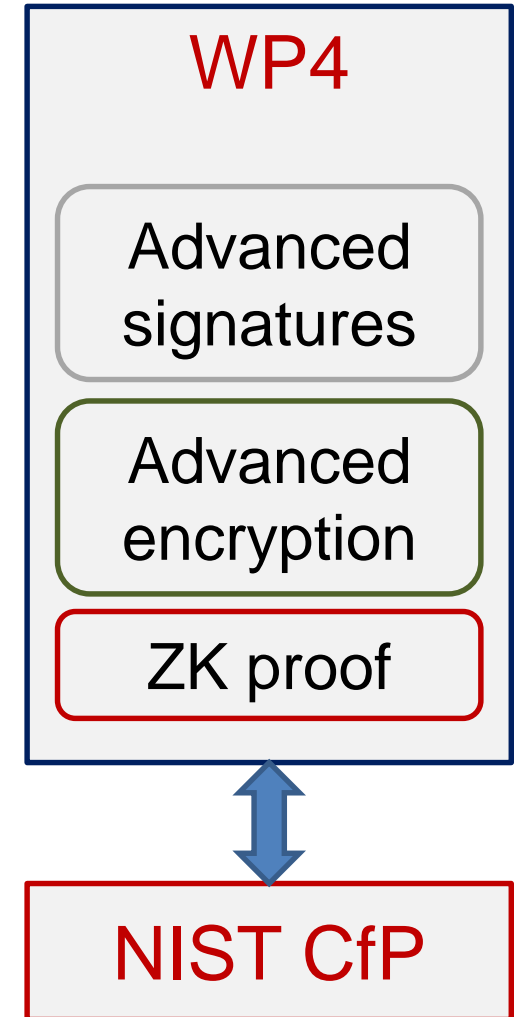
E-cash

E-vote



# Building blocks

- Main problems to solve
  - Find constructions related to blocks for which **no solution** exists
  - Improve **efficiency**
  - Improve **security**
- In relation with
  - Security **assumptions**
  - Security **proofs**
  - And possibly lattice **trapdoors**





# Problems, Cryptanalysis, Tools

- Main problems to work on
  - Quantum **reductions** and **hardness**
  - Better understanding and manipulation of lattice trapdoors
  - Concrete and quantum **cryptanalysis**
  - **Side-channel** attacks

WP3

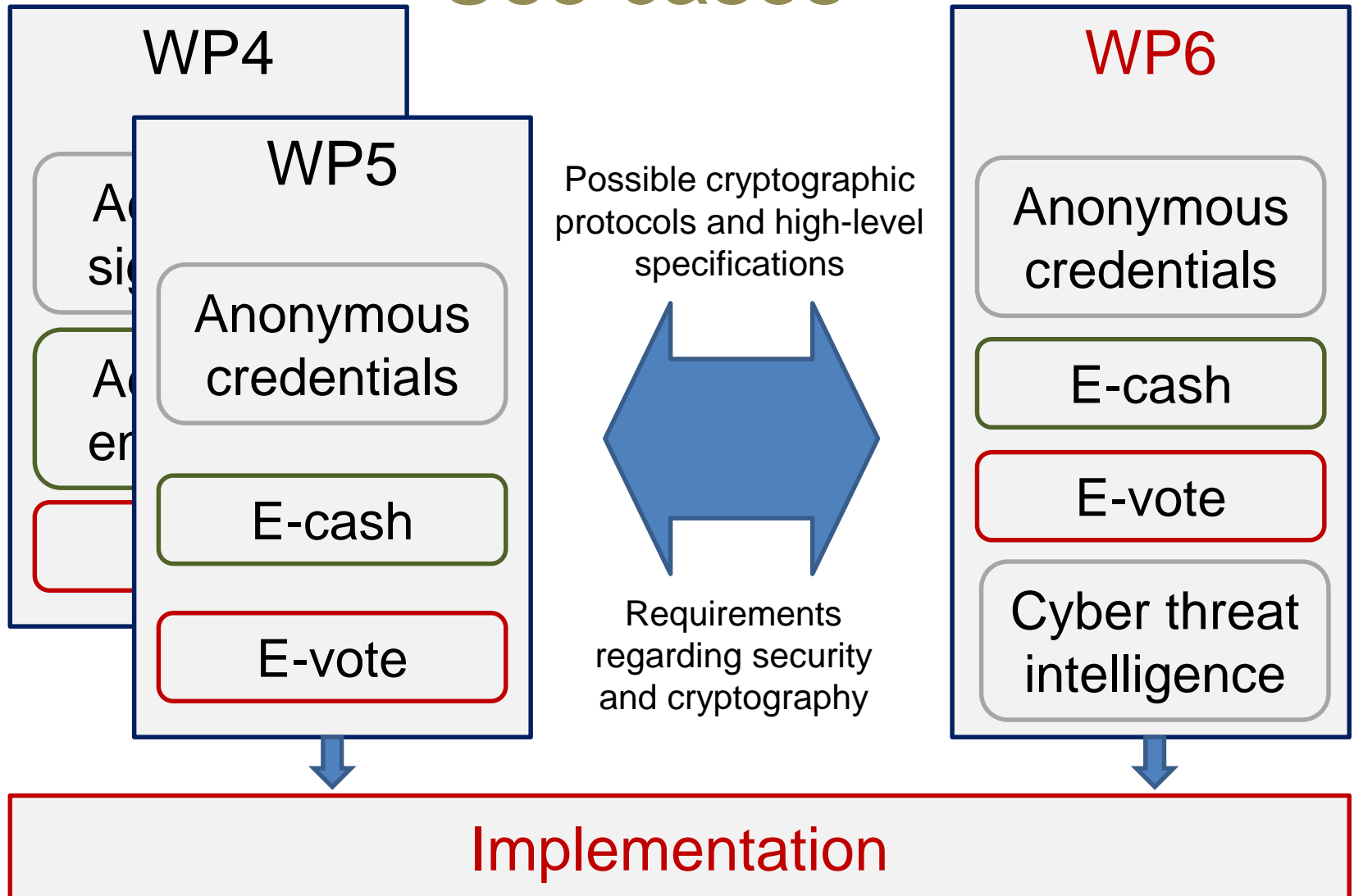
Quantum  
security

Lattice  
trapdoors

Cryptanalysis



# Use cases





# Future TPM and PROMETHEUS

- Basic signature/encryption mechanisms
  - Basic building block in both projects
  - Particular focus on **lattice-based** in PROMETHEUS
- Group signature and DAA
  - Direct Anonymous Attestations (DAA) are some special kinds of group signatures
  - Special **traceability**, TPM/Host **interactions**
  - **DAA** can also be used in **e-voting**
- Side channel attacks
  - Important to be taken into account in a TPM





# Thank you

