

NTRU Prime: round 2

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Tweaks to CCA conversion:

- ▶ Implicit rejection as second layer of CCA defense beyond plaintext confirmation.
- ▶ More hashing, to enforce unique encodings of ciphertexts and public keys.
- ▶ New unified encoding mechanism.
Shorter key/ciphertext strings than round-1 encoding.

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§6: Expanded and updated analysis of known attacks. Many different security estimates computed by our new script: some to compare to “Estimate” page, some for improvements.

§7, §8: Expanded and updated analysis of expected strength.

§5: Expanded and updated performance analysis.

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Our current round-2 `sntrup761` speed:

55252 enc, 70464 dec, 946772 keygen. (titan0 cycles.)

Slowdown from extra hashing, but speedups in constant-time inversion (CHES 2019 Bernstein–Yang), sorting, mults, etc.

`ntrulpr761`: **77280 enc, 95316 dec, 47396 keygen.**