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# AN ANALYSIS OF FV PARAMETERS IMPACT TOWARDS ITS HARDWARE ACCELERATION

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- **Homomorphic encryption:**  
Handling private data on untrusted environment
- **Decryption function is an homomorphism:**

$c_1, c_2$  two ciphertexts such that  
 $c_1 = \text{Enc}(m_1)$  and  $c_2 = \text{Enc}(m_2)$

$$\xrightarrow{\hspace{1cm}} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Dec}(c_1) \circ \text{Dec}(c_2) = \text{Dec}(c_1 \odot c_2) \\ m_1 \circ m_2 \Leftrightarrow c_1 \odot c_2 \end{array} \right.$$

- **User requirements:**
    - Security level
    - Application complexity (multiplicative depth)
  - **Main issues:**
    - Noise management
    - Data size overhead
    - Primitive performances
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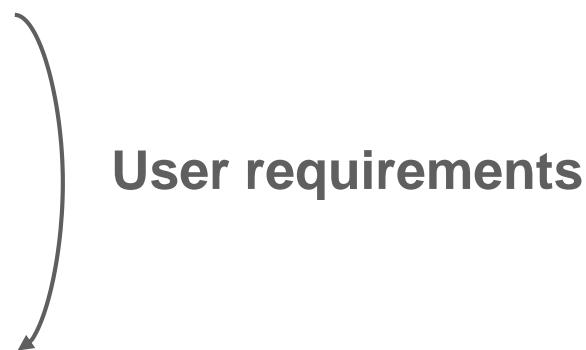
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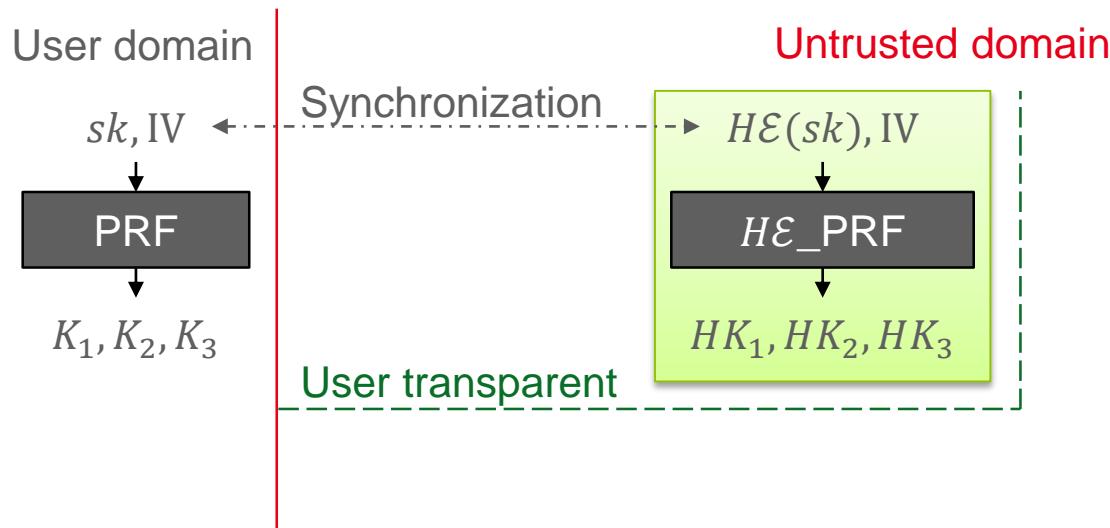
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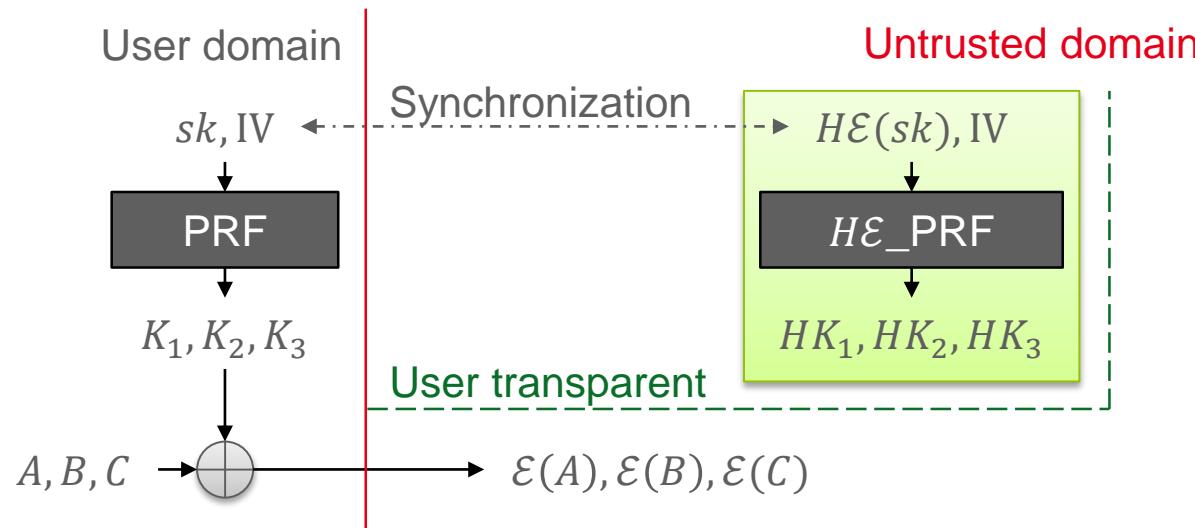
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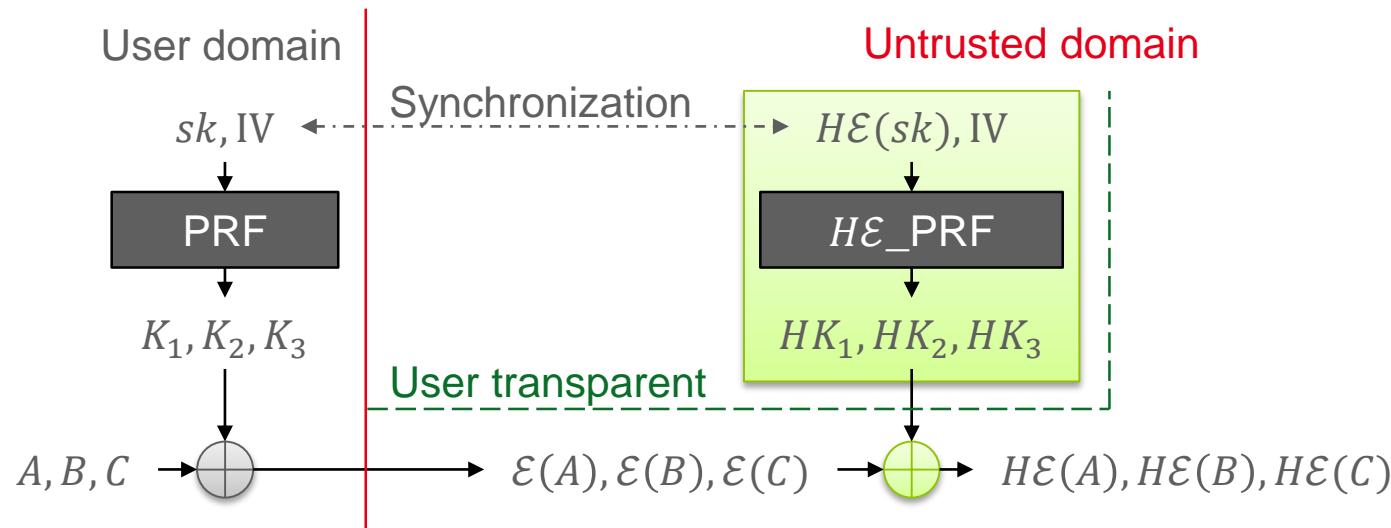
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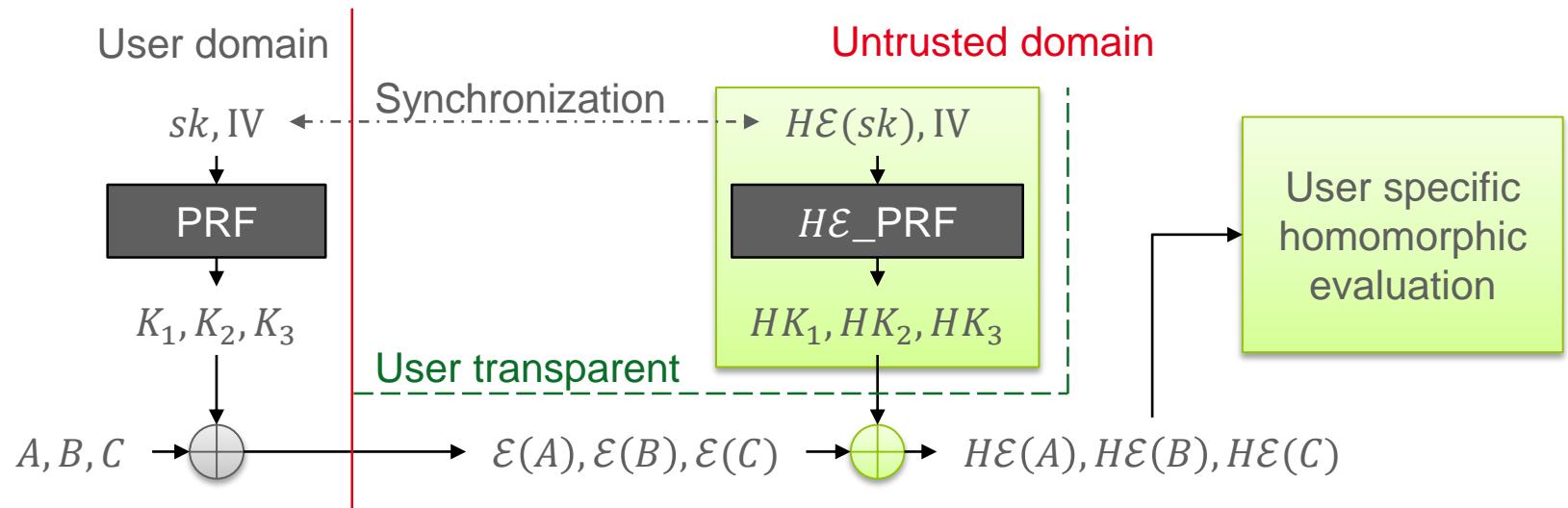
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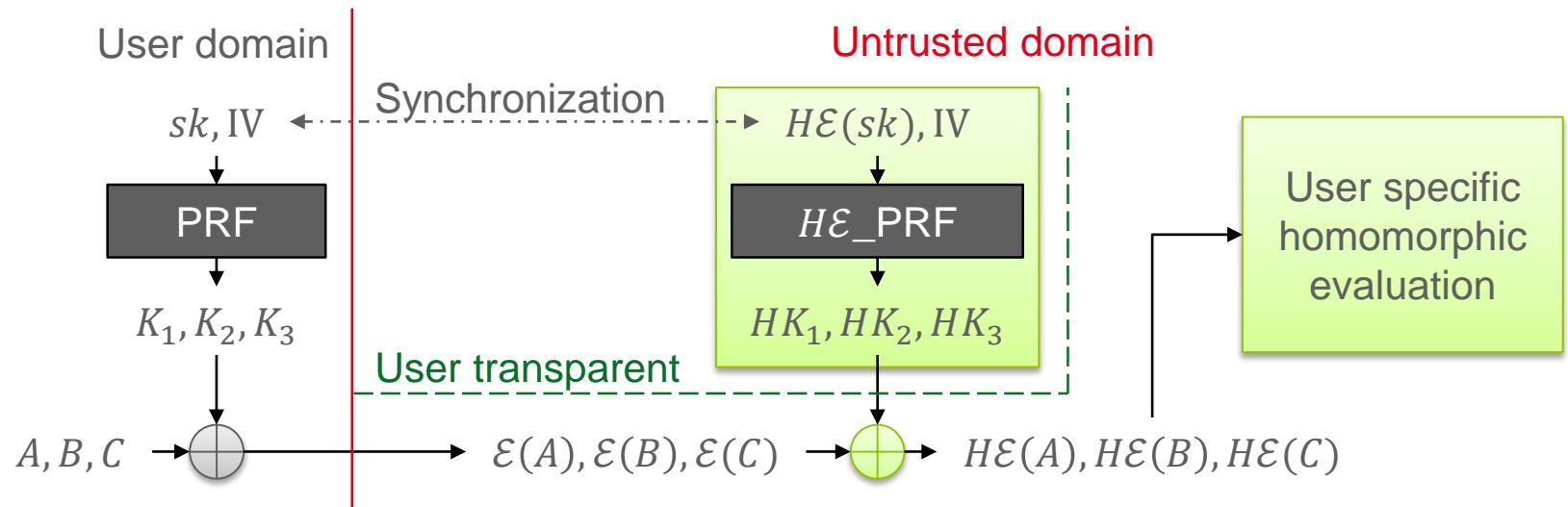
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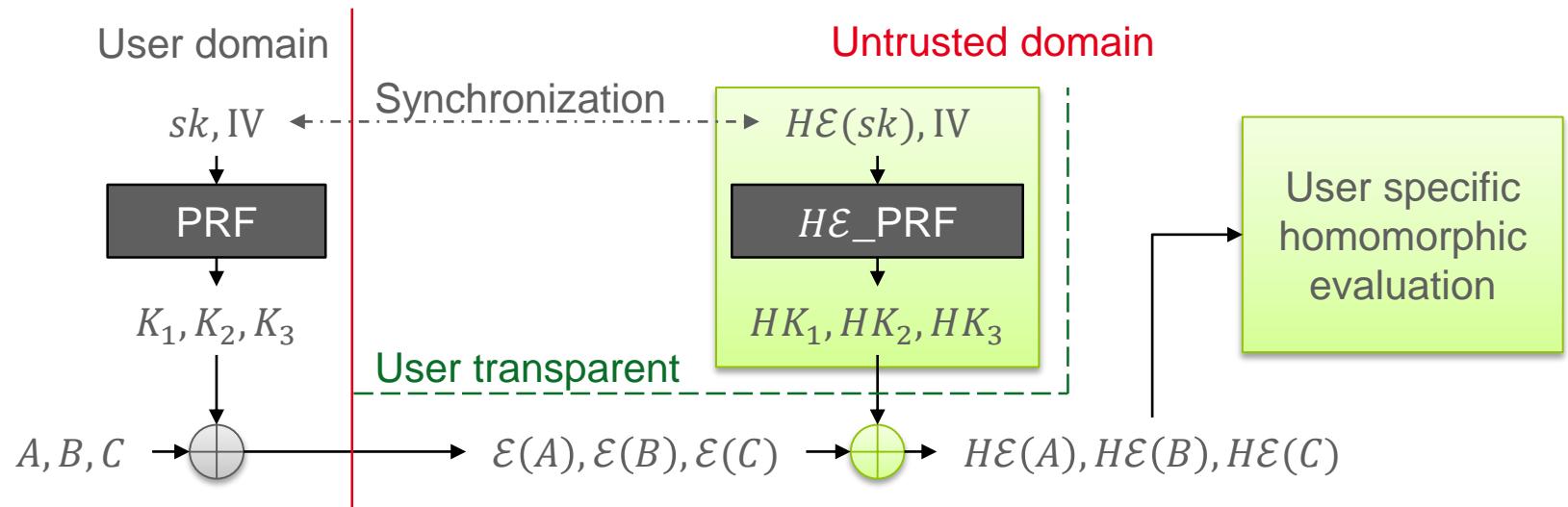
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### Impact on parameters:

- Consistent security between HE and PRF
- Constant multiplicative depth penalty

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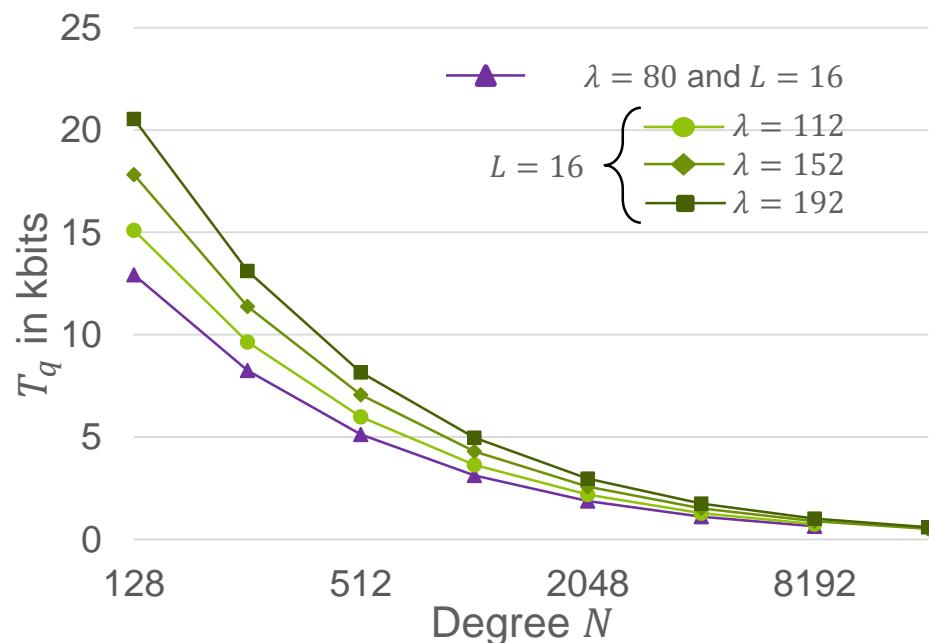
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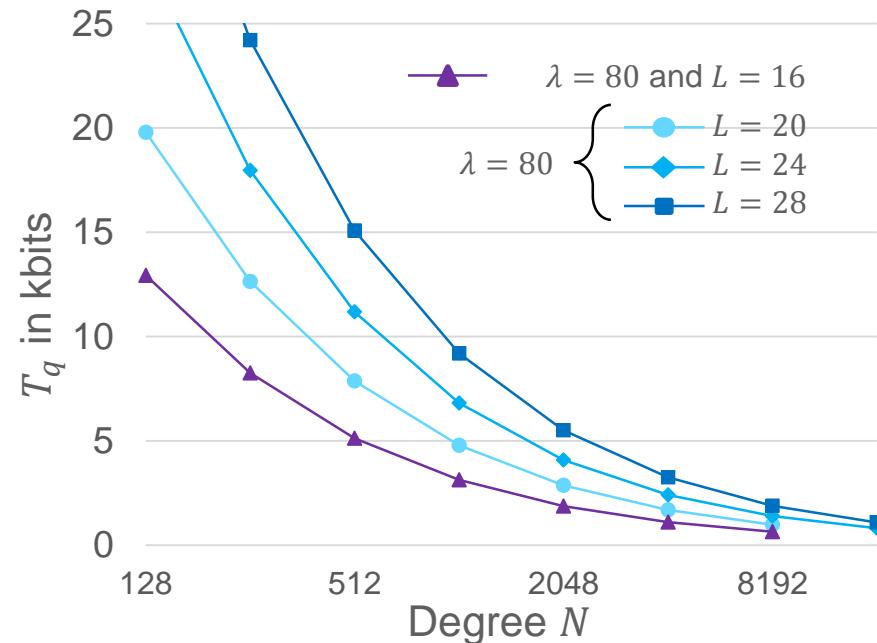
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  - RNS basis element: particular primes for efficient modular reduction
  - RNS basis size:  $l(T_{\text{primes}}) \propto T_q$
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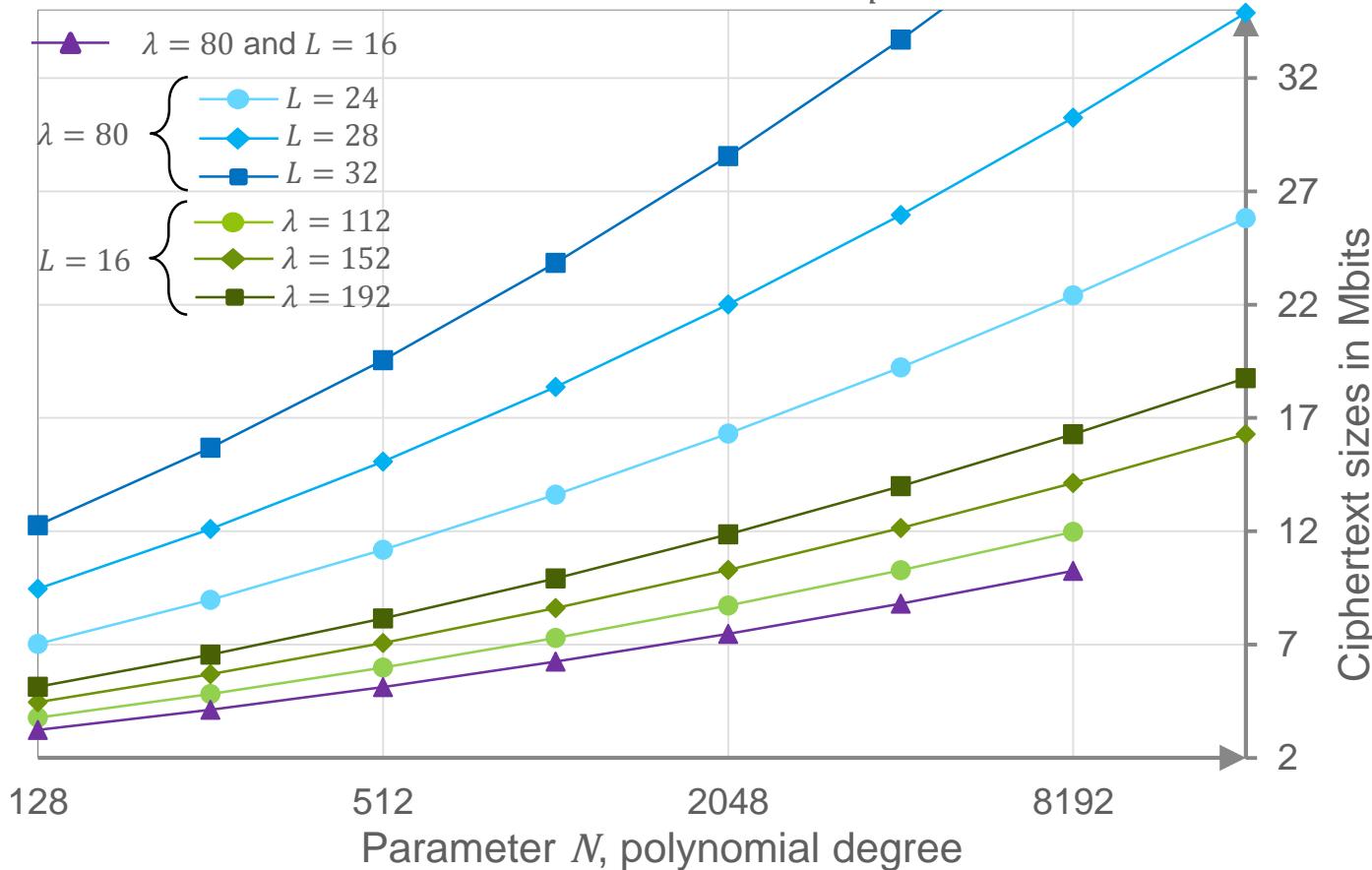
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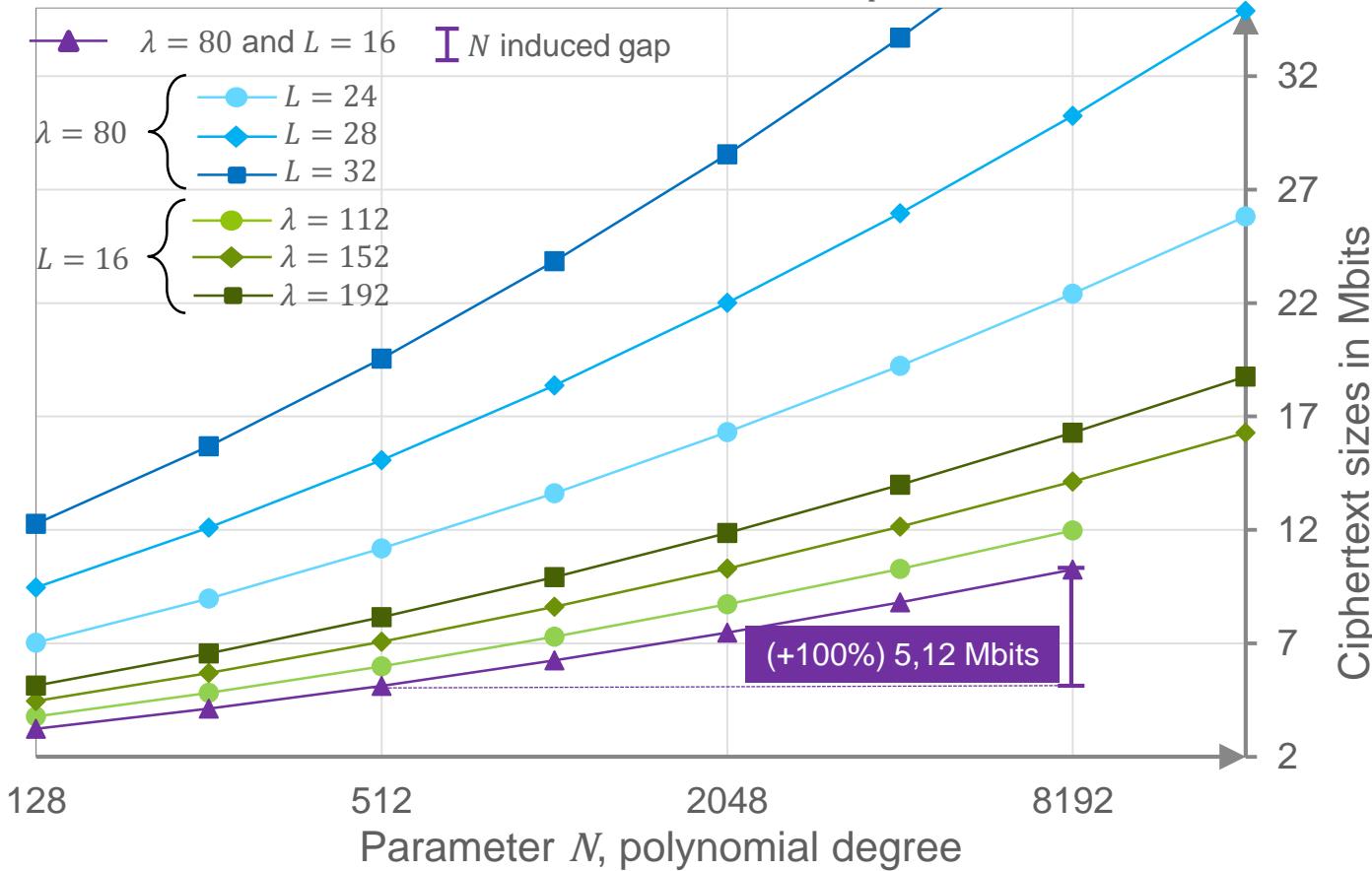


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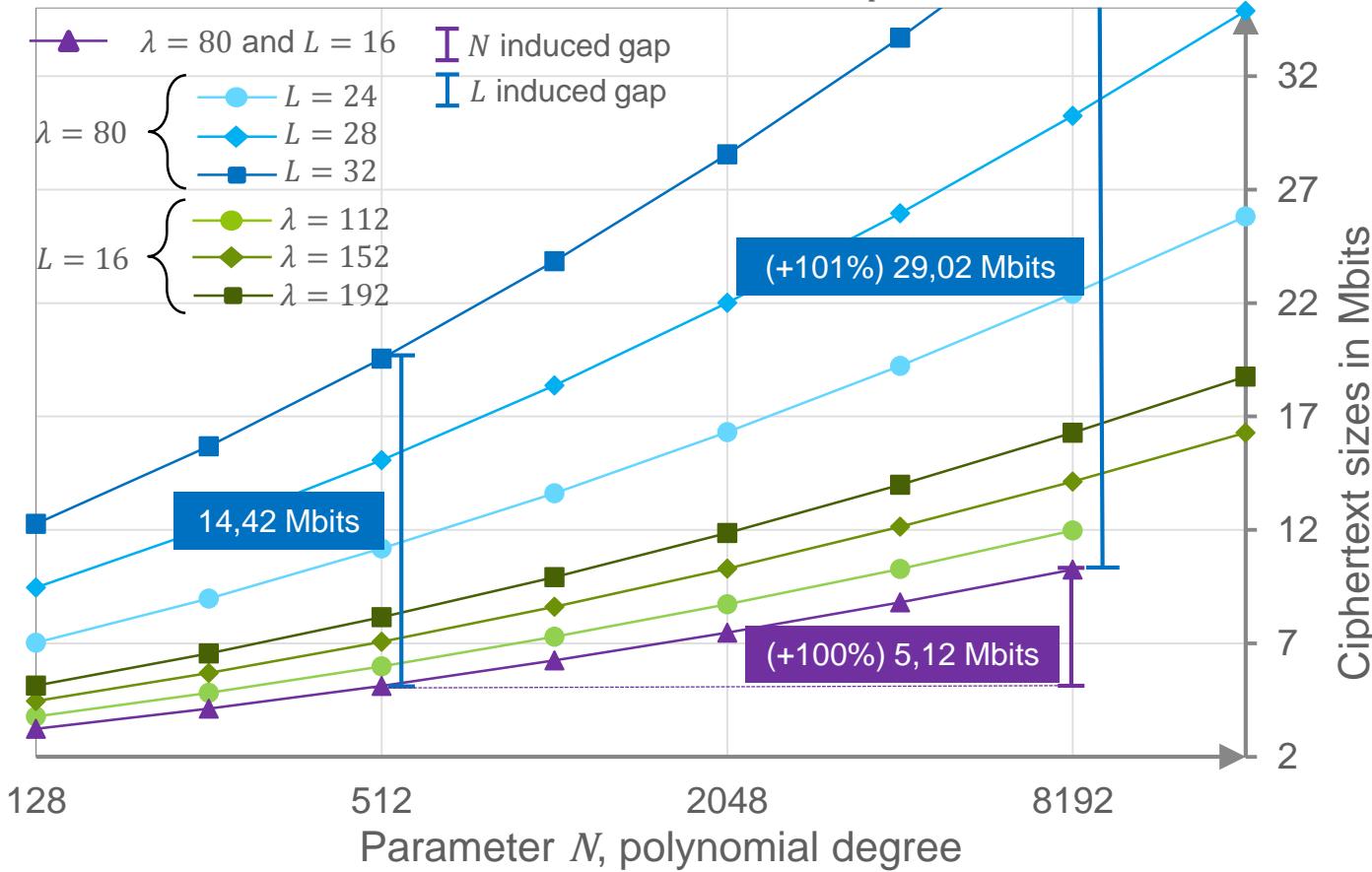


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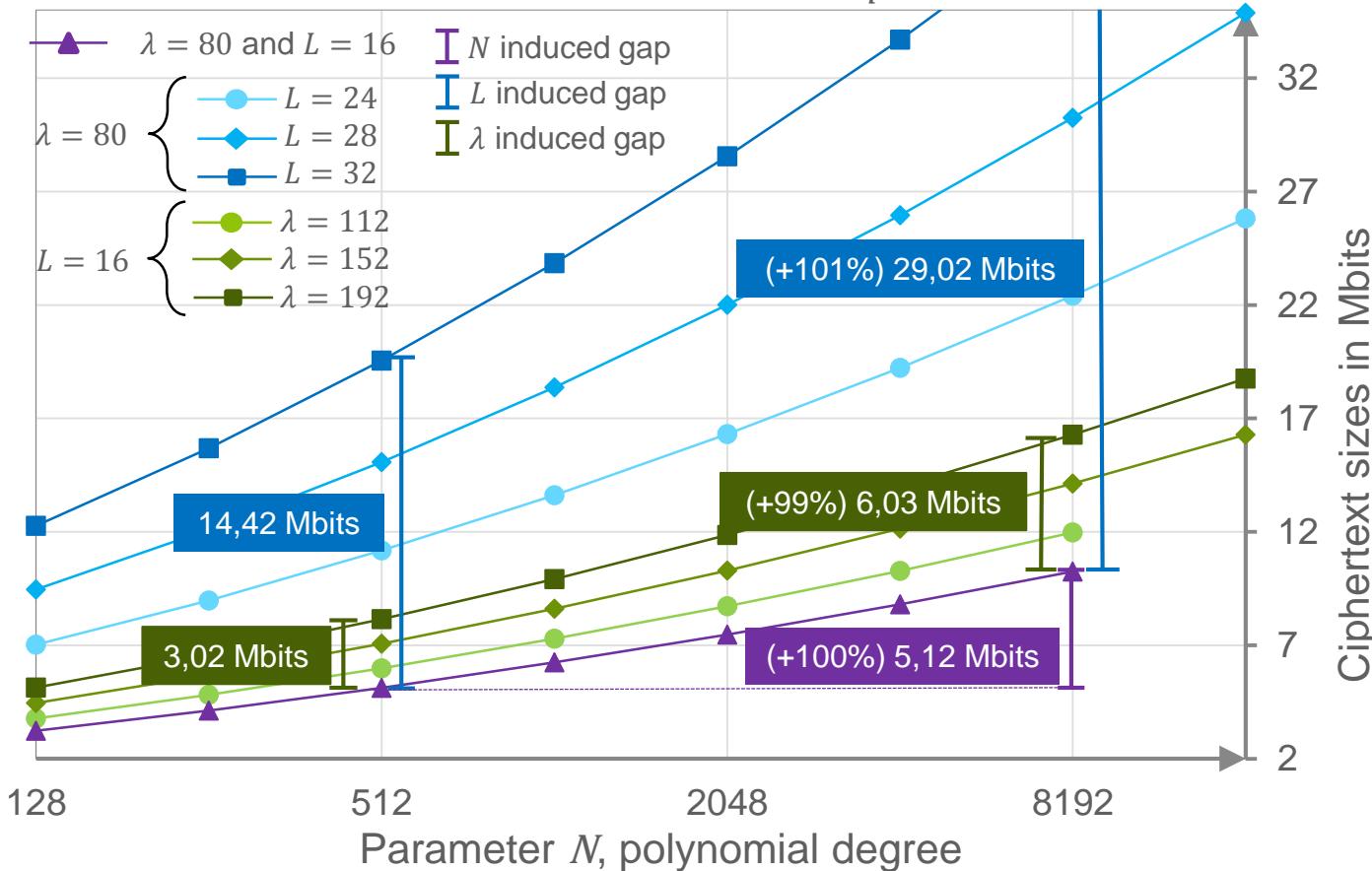


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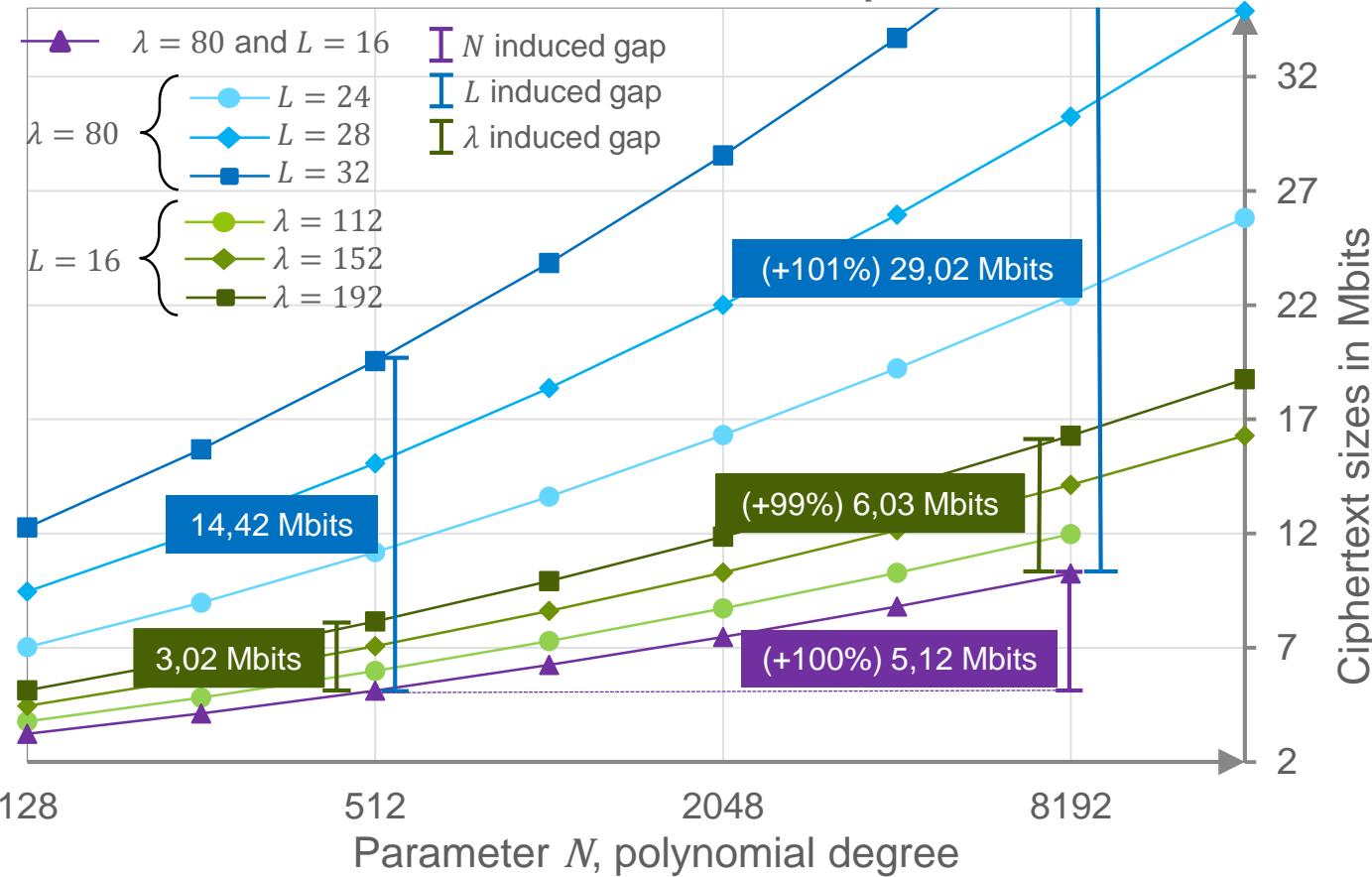


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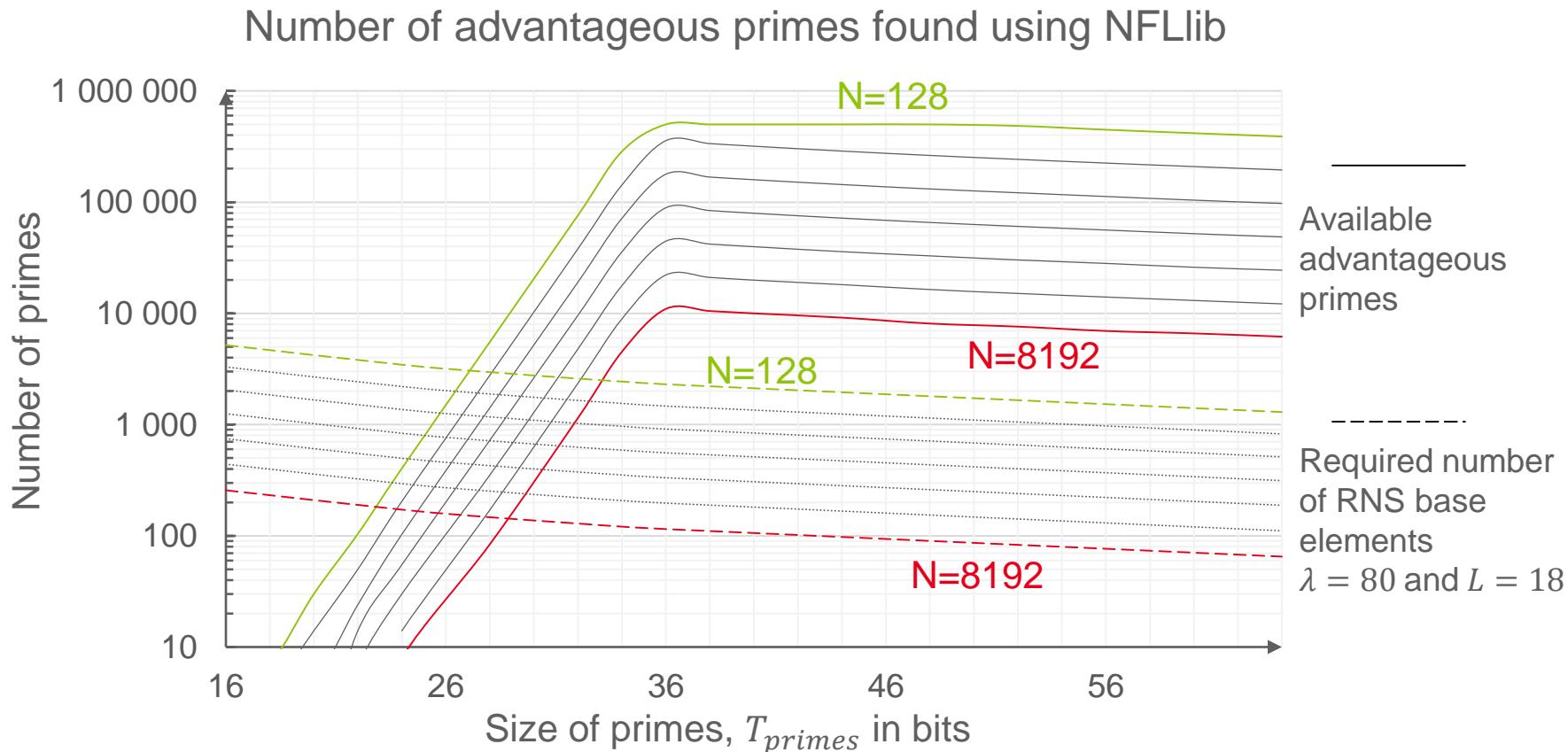
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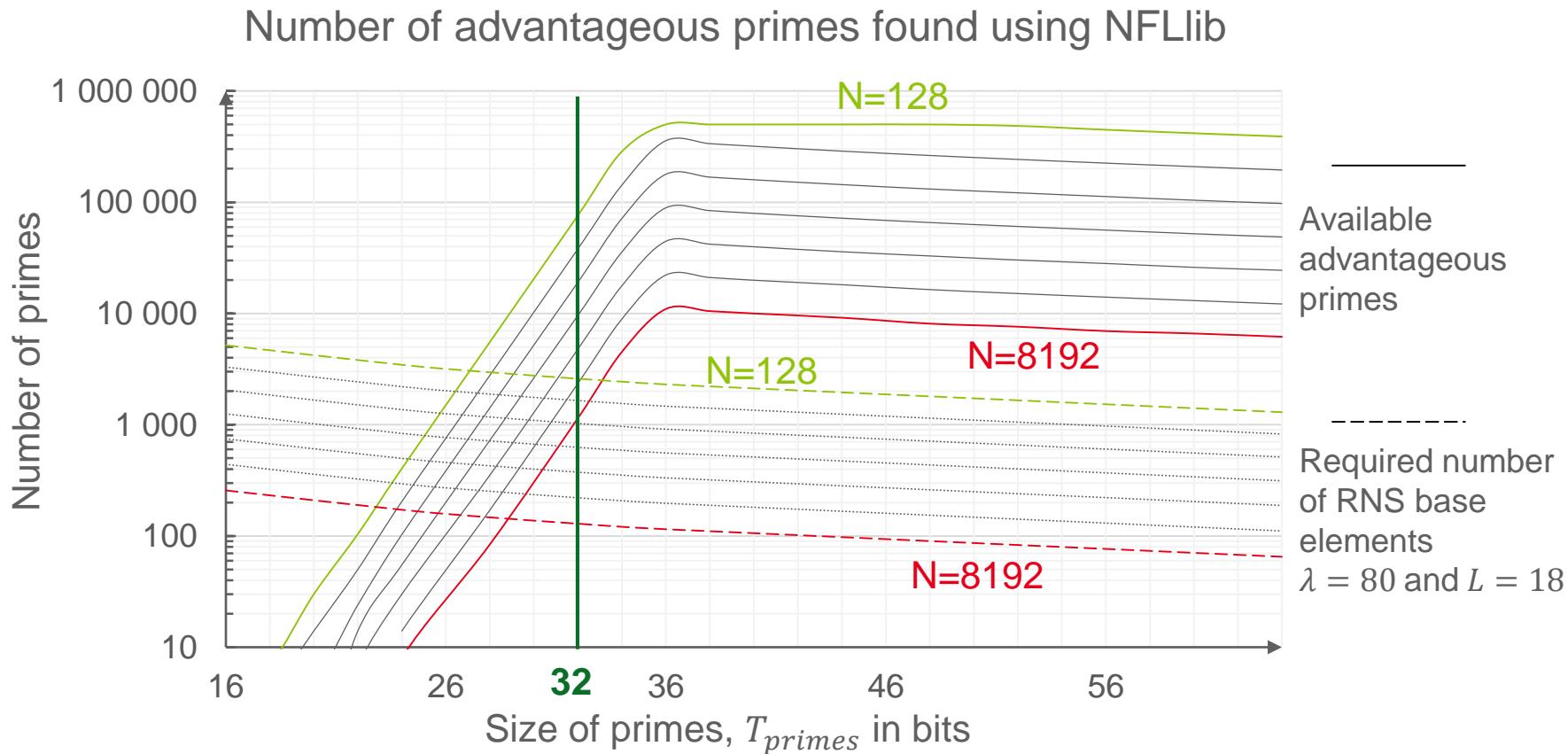
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  - Implementation: complexity, parallelism and memory requirements
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  - Distributed parallelism
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- **NTT-based polynomial multiplication:**
  - Limited parallelism (NTT)
  - Costly implementation
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- **Results bring by this work:**
  - Regarding FV'12 parameters derivation: small  $N$  is clearly advantageous
  - Availability of RNS base elements does not bound the choice of large  $q$
- **Perspectives:**
  - Explore lower bound of  $N$ : security / RNS arithmetic complexity
  - Explore experimental hardware complexity regarding  $N$  and  $T_q$
  - Exploit the results of this analysis for the design of an hardware accelerator

Do you have some  
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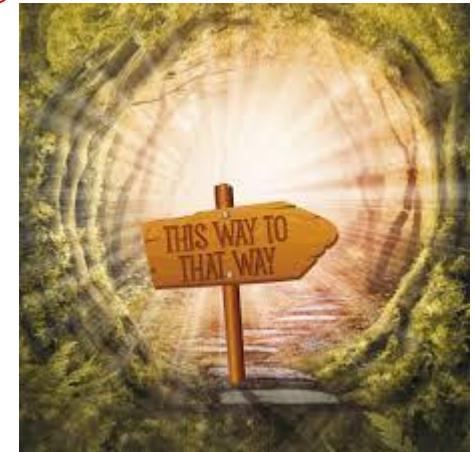
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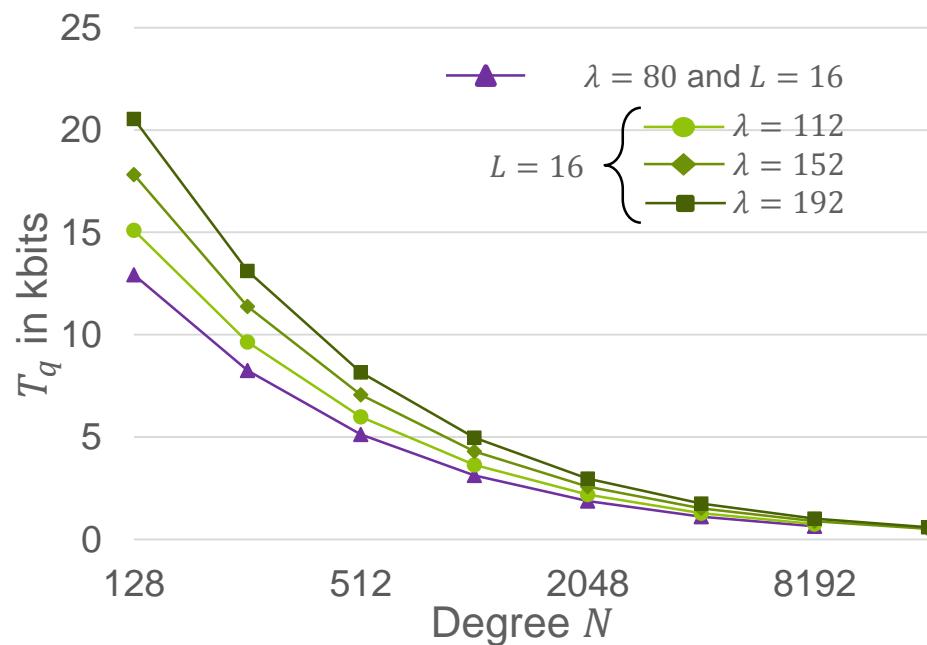
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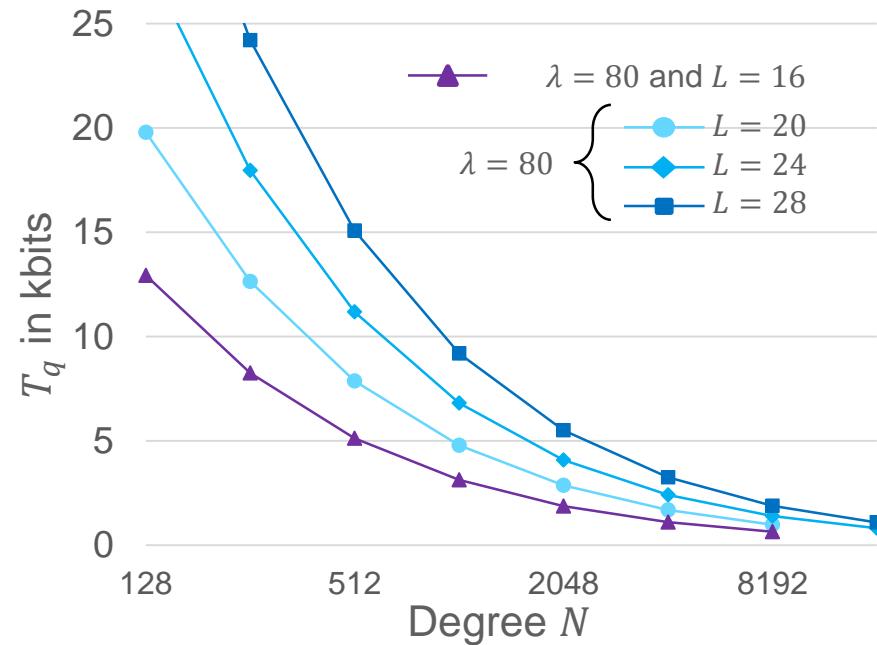
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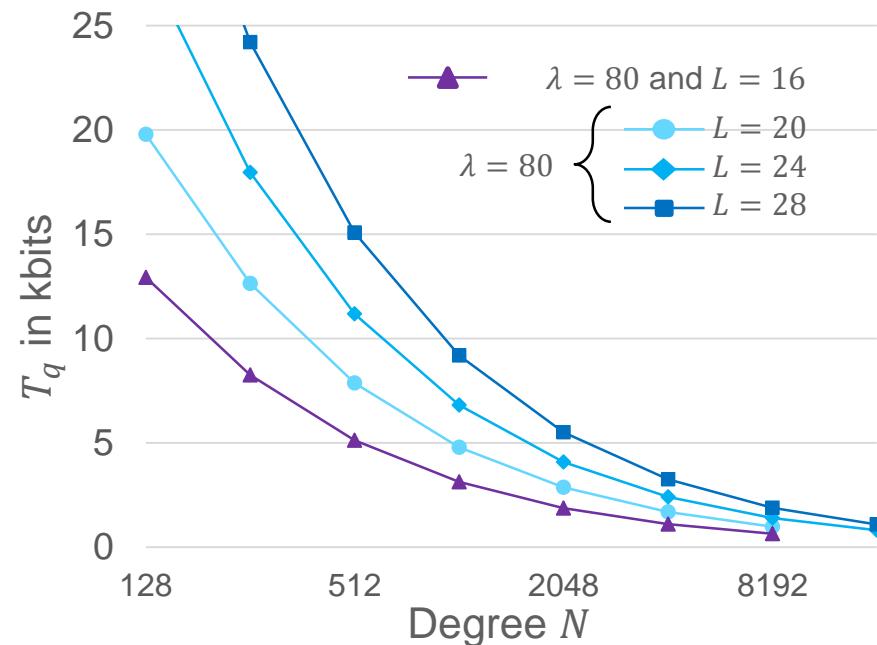
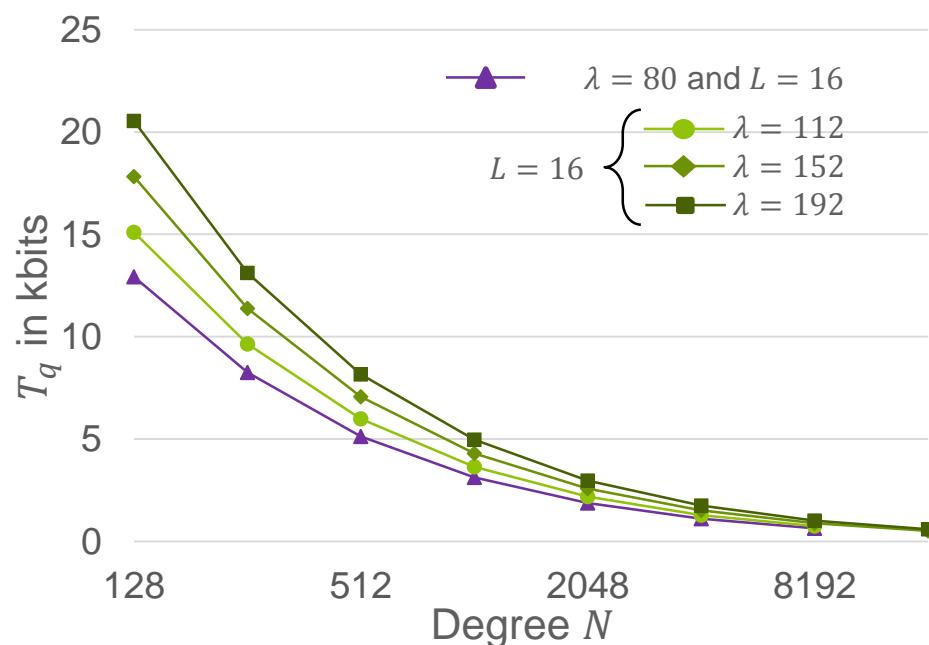
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