

A Few Thoughts on New Functionalities and Obfuscation

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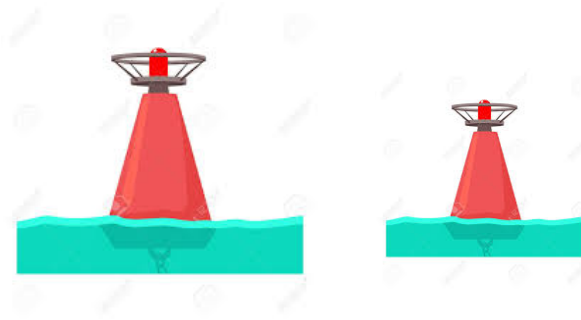
Goal:

High Functionality & Understood Assumptions

Obfuscation



Assumptions

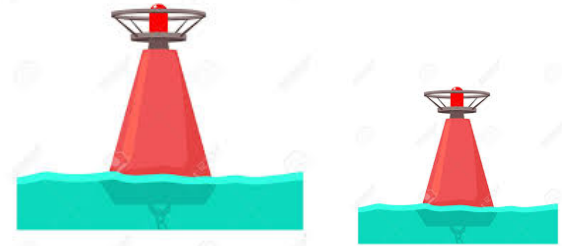


- Immunized MMaps
- “LWE-inspired” candidates
- Bilinear maps + Special Property PRGs

LWE

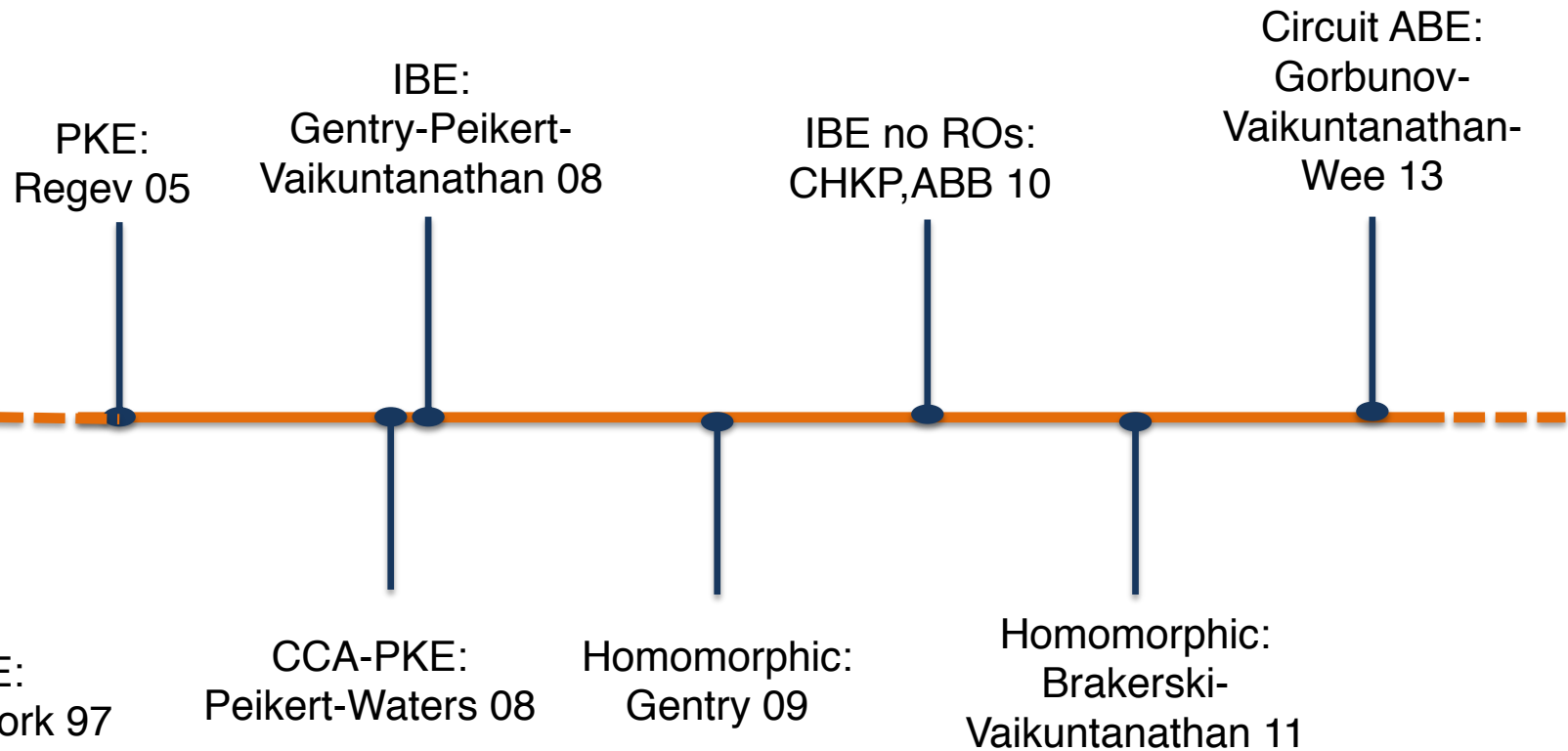


New Functionality

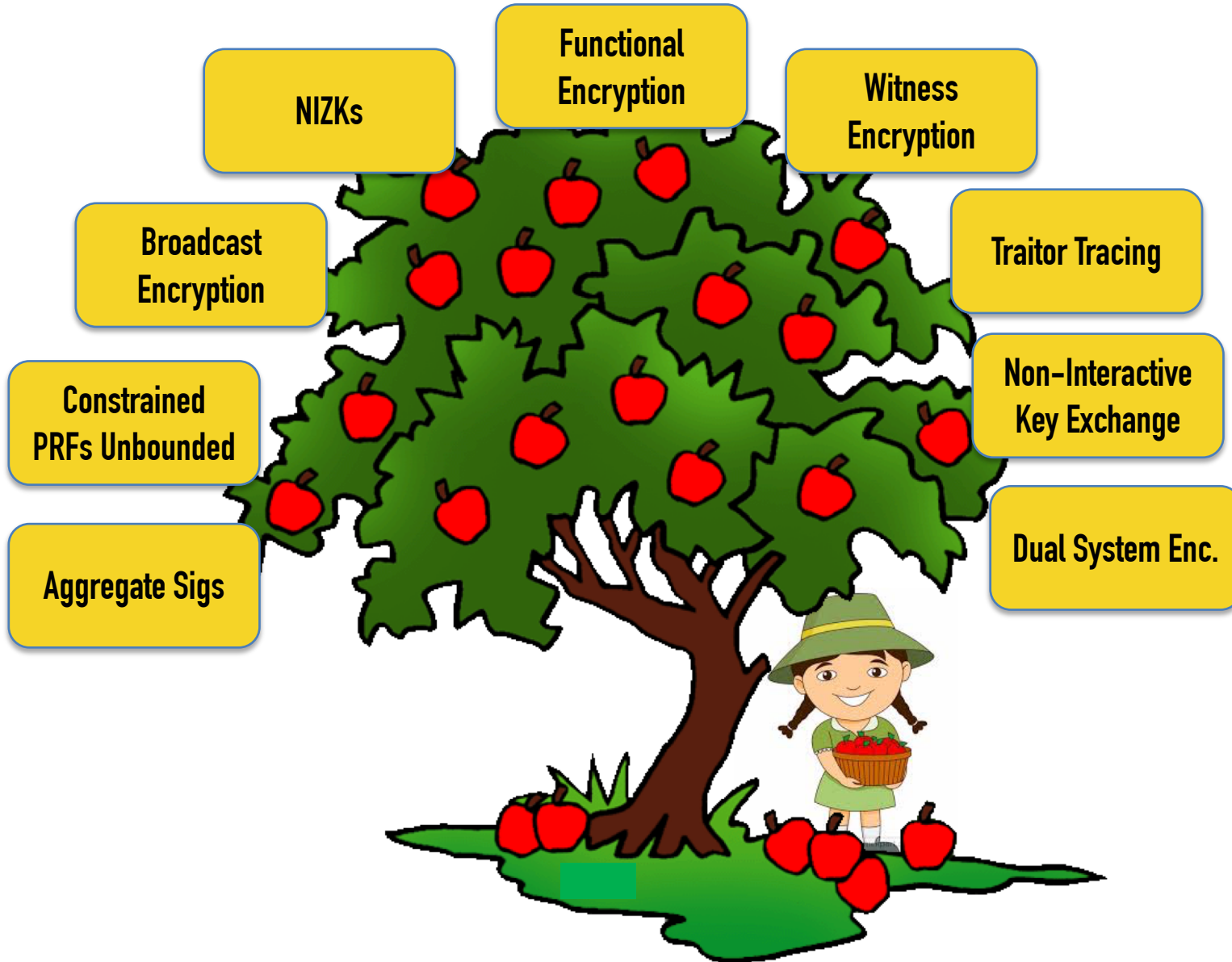


Idea: Applications lead to techniques to more applications...

LWE Functionality Timeline



Target Challenges



Big Challenges

“Definition” : Primitive is iO/LWE-complete if techniques might lead to indistinguishability obfuscation from LWE

**Broadcast
Encryption**

**Functional
Encryption**

**Witness
Encryption**

Traitor Tracing

NIZKs

**Aggregate
Signatures**

**Constrained
PRFs Unbounded**

**Non-Interactive
Key Exchange**

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Good News: New functionality from LWE!

Bad News: Unclear next steps;
LWE mechanisms limited

Status

- (1) Still hacking away
- (2) Candidate problems: Broadcast, dual system, aggregate sigs, constrained PRFs
- (3) Common sticking points, go back to same issues
- (4) Pull out lower level conjectures/ideas

Panel



Can funny PRGs be used (directly) for other applications?

New assumptions suffer from prior history from outsiders view? (Fool me once...)