

Techniques for Masking Saber and Kyber

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Synthesis presentation of two works

- ▶ **M. Van Beirendonck**, J.-P. D'anvers, A. Karmakar, J. Balasch, and I. Verbauwhede. 2021. A Side-Channel-Resistant Implementation of SABER. J. Emerg. Technol. Comput. Syst. 17, 2. [[BDK⁺21](#)]
- ▶ T. Fritzmann, **M. Van Beirendonck**, D. B. Roy, P. Karl, T. Schamberger, I. Verbauwhede, and G. Sigl. 2021. Masked Accelerators and Instruction Set Extensions for Post-Quantum Cryptography. Cryptology ePrint Archive. 2021/479. [[FBR⁺21](#)]

And related approaches

- ▶ [[OSPG18](#), [SPOG19](#), [BGR⁺21](#)] ...

Today's focus

Masking

- ▶ Technique to protect against DPA

Saber & Kyber : MLW(E/R)-based KEM finalists

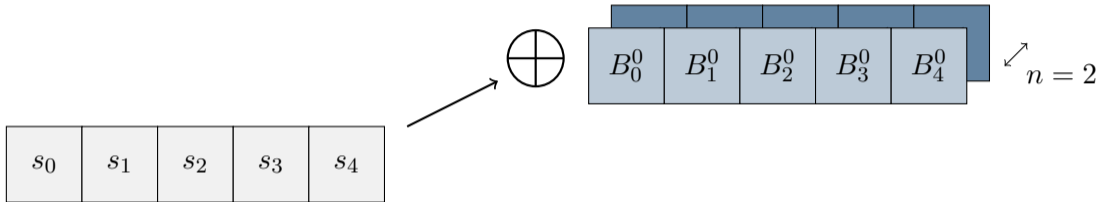
- ▶ KeyGen, Encaps, **Decaps**

In our experiments, we found Saber easier and more efficient to mask

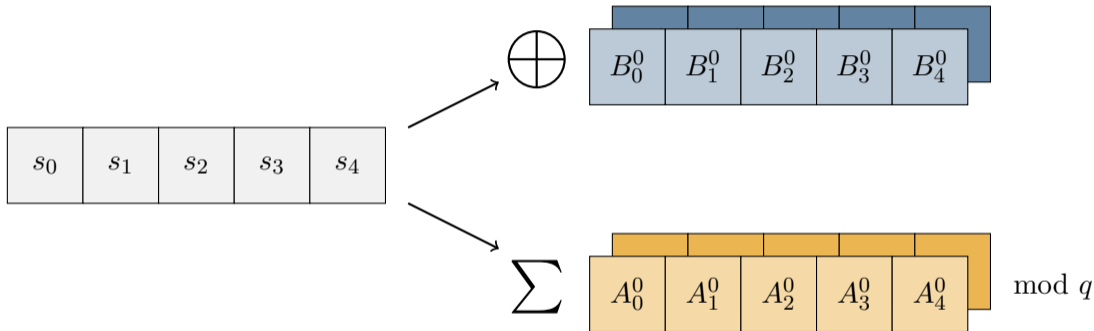
- ▶ Due to

	Saber	Kyber
	$q = 2^{13}$	$q = 3329$
	MLWR	MLWE

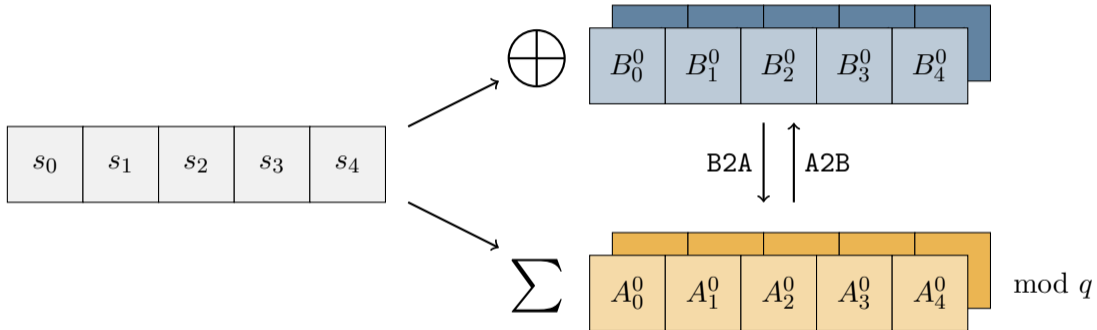
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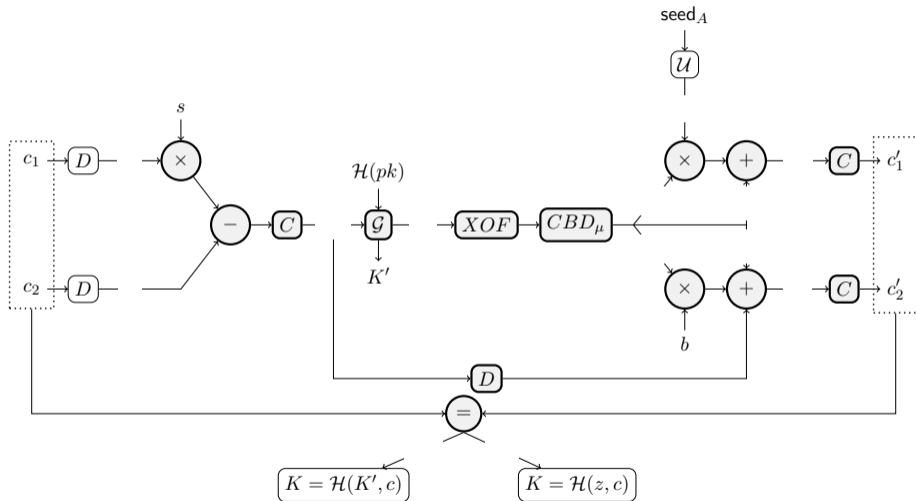
B2A and A2B

More efficient for power-of-two $q = 2^k$ than prime q

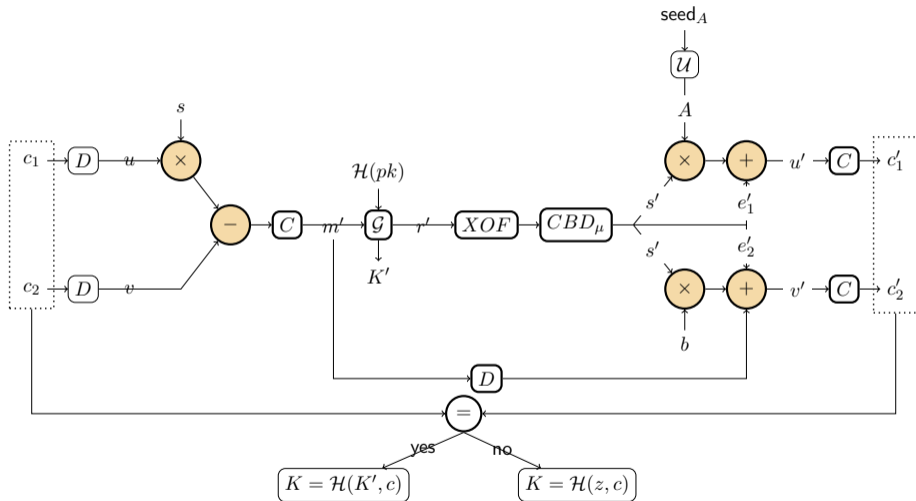
Algorithms

- ▶ In [BDK⁺21]: Goubin's $B2A_{2^k}$ [Gou01], table-based $A2B_{2^k}$ [Deb12, VBDV21]
 - Efficient first-order software masking
- ▶ In [BGR⁺21]: SecAdd-based B2A, A2B [CGV14]
 - Common hardware for $B2A_{\{2^k, q\}}$, $A2B_{\{2^k, q\}}$
 - Efficient hardware with Threshold Implementations
 - Extensible to higher-order masking
- ▶ Additionally in this presentation: SecB2A_q [SPOG19]

Decapsulation : Decrypt and Re-encrypt



Polynomial Arithmetic



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Easy to protect using arithmetic masking

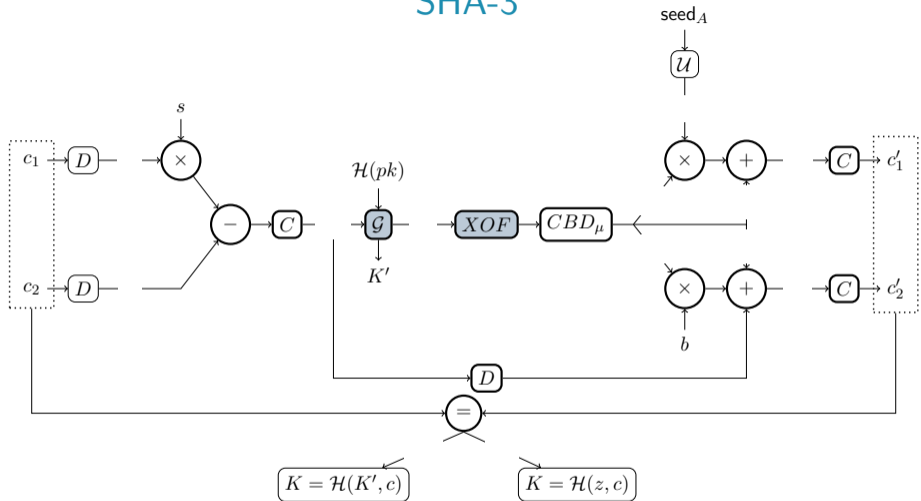
Small overhead factors

- ▶ $(n = 2)$: 1.7^* [BGR⁺21] - 2.0^\dagger [BDK⁺21]
- ▶ $(n = 3)$: 2.96^* [BGR⁺21]

* with amortized precomputation

† w/o amortized precomputation, precomputation possible using techniques from [MKV20] or [CHK⁺21]

SHA-3



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Typically protected using Boolean masking [BDPVA10, BBD⁺16]

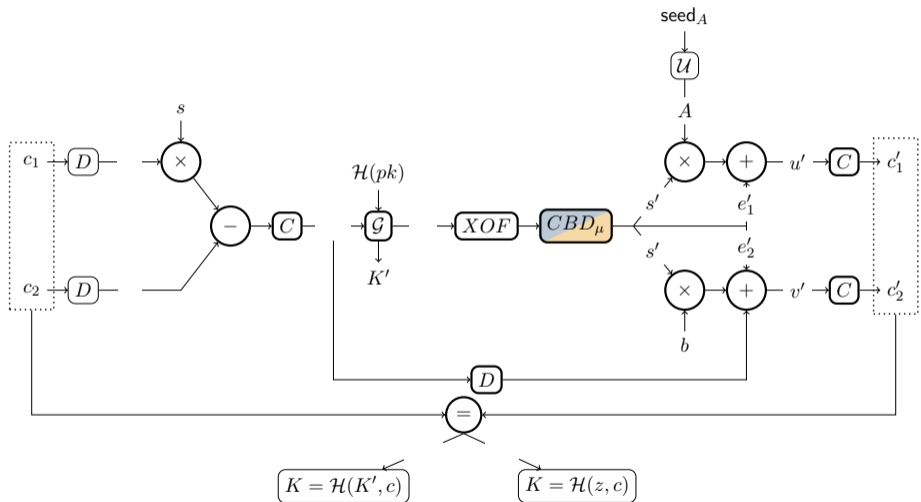
Overhead factors

- ▶ $n = 2$: 5.9* [BGR⁺21] - 9.26[†] [BDK⁺21]
- ▶ $n = 3$: 73.1* [BGR⁺21]

*w.r.t plain-C

[†]w.r.t optimized assembly


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The diagram shows a horizontal row of 10 light blue boxes representing bits. Above the right half of these boxes, there is a second row of 10 dark blue boxes. A double-headed arrow above the dark blue boxes spans the entire width of the light blue boxes, indicating a mask of size 2μ . The XOR symbol \oplus is placed to the left of the light blue boxes.

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The diagram shows a horizontal row of 10 light orange boxes representing bits. Above the right half of these boxes, there is a second row of 10 yellow boxes. The BitAddSub function is applied to the entire row of light orange boxes.

▶ Use masked half-adders [SPOG19]

• $y = \text{B2A}(\text{SecBitAddSub}(\text{ [diagram] }))$



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MLWE vs MLWR in Masking

	XOF	CBD_{μ}		
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{Light/./Fire}Saber	4/5/5	l	$\mu = \{5/4/3\}$	2^k
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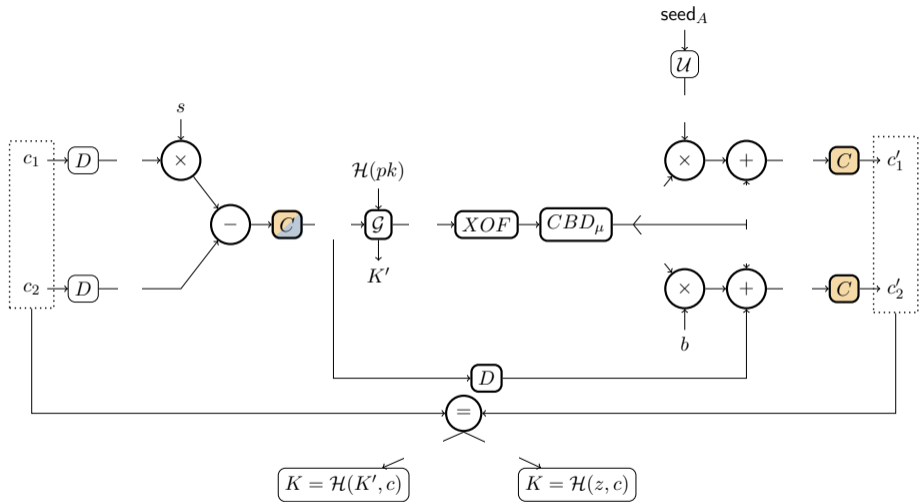
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ARM Cortex-M4 cycles ($n = 2$)	Keccak-f	PolySecBitAddSub	PolyB2A	Total
Saber [BDK ⁺ 21]	$5 \times 123k$	$3 \times 50k$	$3 \times 17k$	815k (1.00x)
Kyber768	$7 \times 123k$	$7 \times 32k$	$7 \times 118k^{\dagger}$	1914k (2.35x)

[†]we use SecB2A_q [SPOG19] for this experiment, more efficient than SecAdd-B2A_q in software

Compress_q

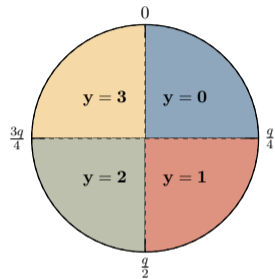


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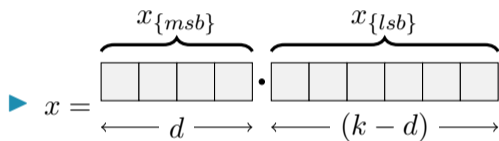
Interval comparison with 2^d intervals

- ▶ 2^2 intervals on the right

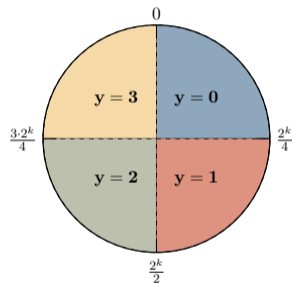


Compress_{2^k} - Saber

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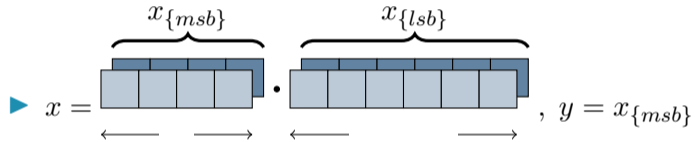


► $y = x_{\{msb\}}$



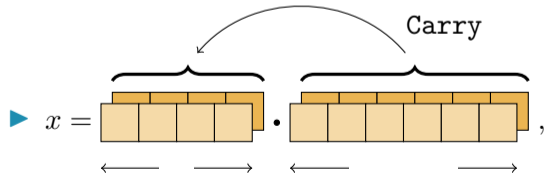
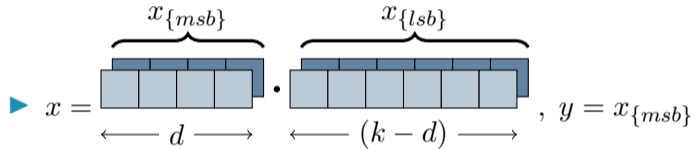
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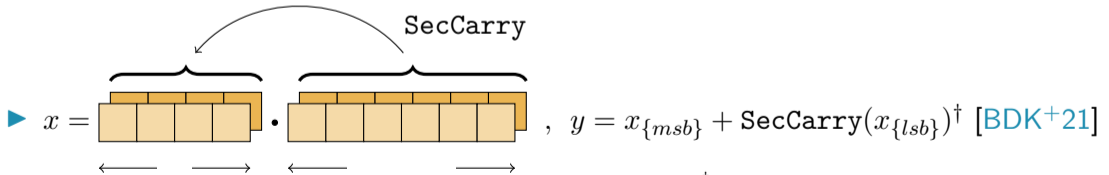
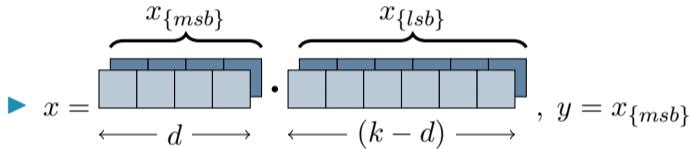
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[†]SecCarry is a pruned A2B conversion

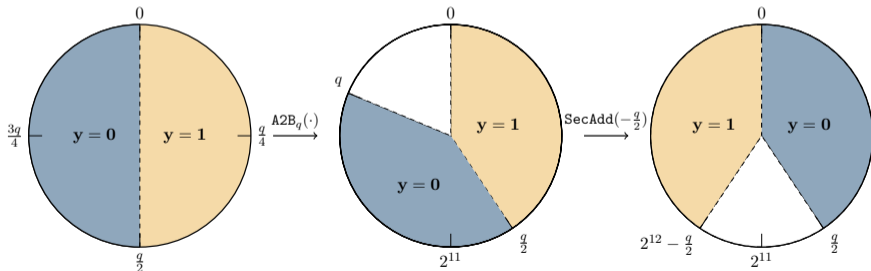
MaskedDecode \equiv MaskedCompress $_q(x, 1)$ - Kyber

[OSPG18]: Transform $_{2^k}$ and A2B $_{2^k}$

[FBR⁺21]: A2B $_q$ and SecAdd($-\frac{q}{2}$)

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► SecSearch [BGR⁺21] \equiv MSB(SecConstAdd($x, -\frac{q}{2}$)) [FBR⁺21]



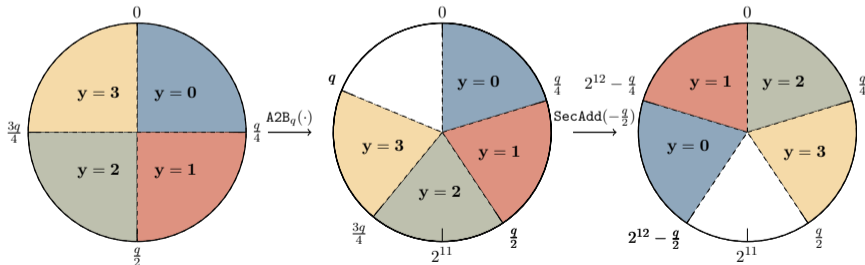
MaskedCompress_q(x, 2)? - Kyber

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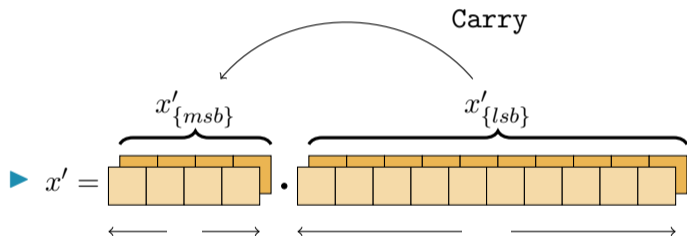
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- ▶ ($2^{12} - \frac{q}{4}$) and $\frac{q}{4}$ no longer spaced at bit-intervals



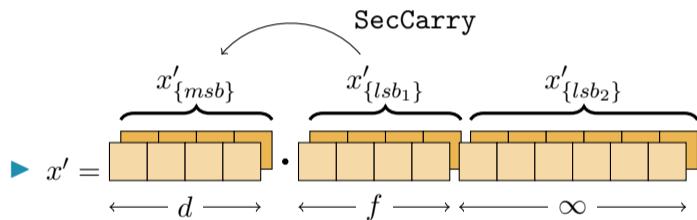
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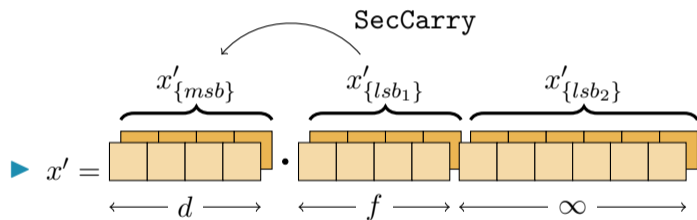


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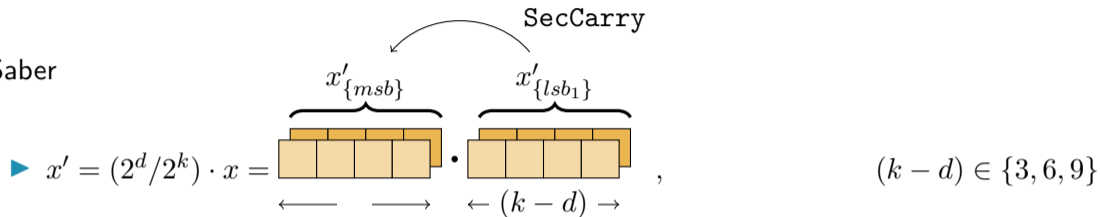


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 - Since $x'_{\{lsb\}} = (2^d \cdot x \bmod q)/q$ takes only q discrete values

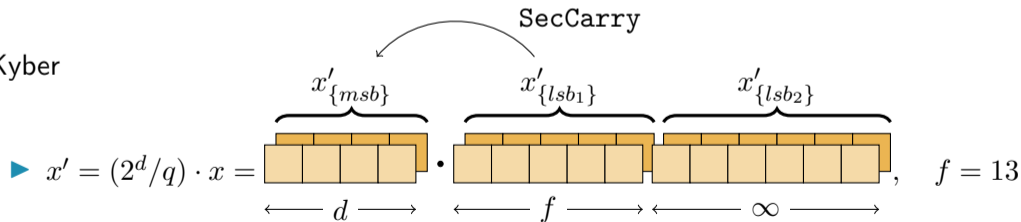
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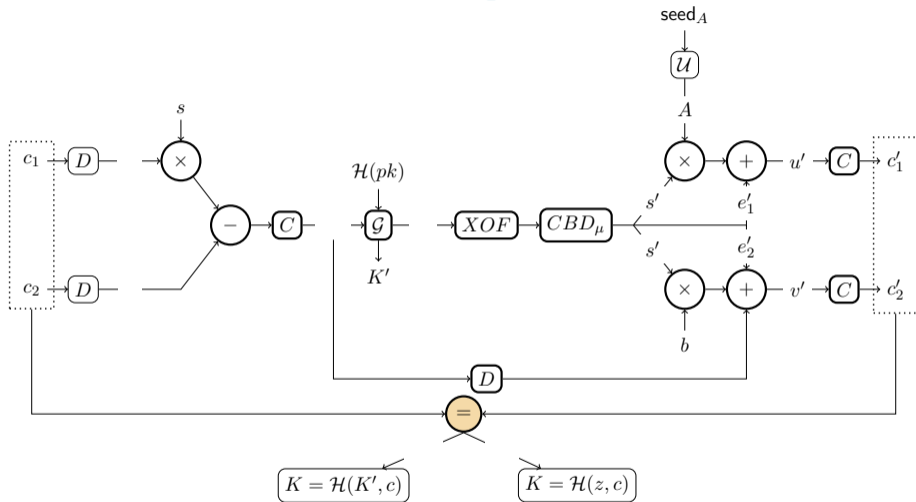


MaskedCompress(x, d)

		PolyMaskedCompress	
		table-A2B	SecAdd-A2B [†]
	ARM Cortex-M4 cycles ($n = 2$)		
Saber	$(k - d) = 3$	$3 \times 14.5k$	$3 \times 374k$
	$(k - d) = 6$	$17k$	$594k$
	$(k - d) = 9$	$19k$	$814k$
		79.5k(1.00x)	2530k(1.00x)
Kyber	$f = 13$	$5 \times 24k$	$5 \times 1098k$
		120k(1.51x)	5490k(2.17x)

[†] unoptimized reference implementation

MaskedComparison



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$n = 2$:

- ▶ HashComparison [OSPG18] with fix [BDK⁺²¹, BDH⁺²¹].

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- ▶ DecompressedComparison [BGR⁺²¹]

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 - Not a full comparison
 - Doesn't work with compression
- ▶ DecompressedComparison [BGR⁺²¹]
 - One of the motivations: no existing MaskedCompress
- ▶ Interesting to consolidate approaches

Results

Algorithm	Device	Decapsulation	
		unmasked	masked
Saber [BDK ⁺ 21]	ARM M4	1,123,280	2,833,348 ($\times 2.52$)
Kyber [BGR ⁺ 21]	ARM M0+	5,530,000	12,208,000 ($\times 2.21$) [*]
Saber [FBR ⁺ 21]	RISC-V	347,323	914,925 ($\times 2.63$)
Kyber [FBR ⁺ 21]	RISC-V	338,746	1,402,650 ($\times 4.14$) [†]

Future work

- ▶ More efficient higher-order methods
- ▶ Saber on M0+, Kyber on M4 for a better comparison

^{*}randomness sampling not included

[†]randomness sampling included: 167k cycles (17.5x Saber due to more random bits and rejection sampling)



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