

Anonymity of NIST PQC Round-3 KEMs

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Abstract. This paper investigates *anonymity* of all NIST PQC Round 3 KEMs: Classic McEliece, Kyber, NTRU, Saber, BIKE, FrodoKEM, HQC, NTRU Prime (Streamlined NTRU Prime and NTRU LPrime), and SIKE. We show the following results:

- NTRU is anonymous in the quantum random oracle model (QROM) if the underlying deterministic PKE is strongly disjoint-simulatable. NTRU is collision-free in the QROM. A hybrid PKE scheme constructed from NTRU as KEM and appropriate DEM is anonymous and robust. (Similar results for BIKE, FrodoKEM, HQC, NTRU LPrime, and SIKE hold except one of three parameter sets of HQC.)
- Classic McEliece is anonymous in the QROM if the underlying PKE is strongly disjoint-simulatable and a hybrid PKE scheme constructed from it as KEM and appropriate DEM is anonymous.
- Grubbs, Maram, and Paterson pointed out that Kyber and Saber have a gap in the current IND-CCA security proof in the QROM (EUROCRYPT 2022). We found that Streamlined NTRU Prime has another technical obstacle for the IND-CCA security proof in the QROM.

Those answer the open problem to investigate the anonymity and robustness of NIST PQC Round 3 KEMs posed by Grubbs, Maram, and Paterson (EUROCRYPT 2022).

We use strong disjoint-simulatability of the underlying PKE of KEM and strong pseudorandomness and smoothness/sparseness of KEM as the main tools, which will be of independent interest.

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1 Introduction

Public-key encryption (PKE) allows us to send a message to a receiver confidentially if the receiver’s public key is available. However, a ciphertext of PKE may reveal the receiver’s public key, and the recipient of the ciphertext will be identified. This causes trouble in some applications, and researchers study the anonymity of PKE. Roughly speaking, PKE is said to be *anonymous* [7] if a ciphertext hides the receiver’s information. Anonymous primitive is often used in the context of privacy-enhancing technologies.

A ciphertext of anonymous PKE indicates (computationally) no information of a receiver. Thus, when a receiver receives a ciphertext, it should

decrypt the ciphertext into a message and verify the message in order to check if the ciphertext is sent to the receiver or not. There may be a ciphertext from which two (or more) recipients can obtain messages in this situation, and this causes trouble in some applications, e.g., auction protocols [40]. Intuitively speaking, PKE is said to be *robust* [2] if only the intended receiver can obtain a meaningful message from a ciphertext. Both anonymity and robustness are important and useful properties beyond the standard IND-CCA security. Anonymous PKE is an important building primitive for anonymous credential systems [13], auction protocols [40], (weakly) anonymous authenticated key exchange [12, 20, 21, 43], and so on. Robust PKE has an application for searchable encryption [1] and auction [40].

Previous works on anonymity and robustness of KEM and hybrid PKE: Mohassel [36] studied the anonymity and robustness of a special KEM/DEM framework, a hybrid PKE with KEM that is implemented by a PKE with random plaintext. He showed that even if anonymous KEM and DEM sometimes fail to lead to an anonymous hybrid PKE by constructing a counterexample.

Grubbs, Maram, and Paterson [24] discussed anonymity and robustness of *post-quantum* KEM schemes and KEM/DEM framework in the quantum random oracle model (QROM). They also studied the anonymity and robustness of the hybrid PKE based on KEM with implicit rejection. On the variants of the Fujisaki-Okamoto (FO) transform [22, 23], they showed that anonymity and collision-freeness of KEMs obtained by the FO transform with implicit rejection and its variant¹, and they lead to anonymous, robust hybrid PKEs from appropriate assumptions. They also show anonymity and robustness of KEM obtained by a variant of the FO transform with explicit rejection and key-confirmation hash² and show that it leads to anonymous, robust hybrid PKE from appropriate assumptions.

They examined NIST PQC Standardization finalists (Classic McEliece [5], Kyber [42], NTRU [14], and Saber [18]). They showed the following results:

- Classic McEliece: They found that Classic McEliece is not collision-free. Since their anonymity proof in [24, Theorem 5] strongly depends on the collision-freeness of the underlying PKE, we cannot apply their anonymity proof to Classic McEliece. They also show that the hybrid PKE fails to achieve robustness since Classic McEliece is not collision-free.
- Kyber: They found that Kyber’s anonymity (and even IND-CCA security) has two technical obstacles (‘pre-key’ and ‘nested random oracles’) in the QROM.
- NTRU: NTRU’s anonymity has another technical obstacle: Their proof technique requires the computation of a key of KEM involving a message and a ciphertext, but, in NTRU, the computation of a

¹ A variant of the FO transform with implicit rejection using ‘pre-key’ technique. They wrote “a variant of the FO[⊥] transform” in their paper.

² They modify ‘key-confirmation hash’ to involve a ciphertext on input.

key of NTRU involves only a message. The robustness of the hybrid PKE with NTRU is unclear.

- Saber: They insisted they show Saber’s anonymity and IND-CCA security and the robustness of the hybrid PKE with Saber in the QROM, because they considered that Saber employs the FO transform with ‘pre-key’. Unfortunately, Saber in [18] also uses both ‘pre-key’ and ‘nested random oracles’ as Kyber, and their proofs cannot be applied to Saber. See their slides [25]. (Fortunately, FrodoKEM can be shown anonymous and lead to anonymous, robust hybrid PKE, because FrodoKEM employs the FO transform with ‘pre-key’.)

Unfortunately, we do not know whether all four finalists are anonymous or not, although the much effort of Grubbs et al. and their clean and modular framework. Grubbs et al. left several open problems: One of them is the anonymity and robustness of NTRU; the other important one is the anonymity of Classic McEliece.

1.1 Our Contribution

We investigate anonymity and robustness of *all* NIST PQC Round 3 KEM candidates and obtain [Table 1](#). This answers the open problems posed by Grubbs et al.

In order to investigate anonymity, we first study strong pseudorandomness of PKE/KEM instead of studying anonymity directly. To show strong pseudorandomness of the hybrid PKE, we study strong pseudorandomness and introduce smoothness and sparseness of KEM. We then show such properties of KEM obtained by the variants of the FO transform if the underlying deterministic PKE is strongly disjoint-simulatable. We finally study the properties of NIST PQC Round 3 KEM candidates. See the details in the following.

Anonymity through strong pseudorandomness, sparseness, and smoothness: Our starting point is *strong pseudorandomness* instead of anonymity. We say PKE/KEM/DEM is *strongly pseudorandom* if its ciphertext is indistinguishable from a random string chosen by a simulator on input the security parameter.³ It is easy to show that strong pseudorandomness implies anonymity.

Using this notion, we attempt to follow the IND-CCA security proof of the KEM/DEM framework [16], that is, we try to show that the hybrid PKE from strongly pseudorandom KEM/DEM is also strongly pseudorandom, which implies that the hybrid PKE is anonymous. If we directly try to prove the ANON-CCA security of the hybrid PKE, then we will need to simulate *two* decryption oracles as Grubbs et al. Considering pseudorandomness allows us to treat a *single* key and oracle and simplifies the security proof. Unfortunately, we face another obstacle in the security proof when considering pseudorandomness.

To resolve the obstacle, we define *sparseness* of KEM with explicit rejection and *smoothness* of KEM with implicit rejection: We say KEM with explicit rejection is *sparse* if a ciphertext c chosen by a simulator is

³ If the simulator can depend on an encryption key, then we just say pseudorandom.

Table 1. Summary of anonymity and robustness of NIST PQC Round 3 KEM candidates (finalists and alternate candidates) and the hybrid PKEs using them. In the first row, IND = Indistinguishability, SPR = Strong Pseudorandomness, ANO = Anonymity, CF = Collision Freeness, and ROB = Robustness under chosen-ciphertext attacks in the QROM. Y = Yes, N = No, ? = Unknown. The underline implies our new findings.

Name	KEM					Hybrid PKE	
	IND	SPR	ANO	CF	ROB	ANO	ROB
Classic McEliece [5]	Y	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	N	N	<u>Y</u>	N
Kyber [42]	?	?	?	?	N	?	?
NTRU [14]	Y	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	N	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>
Saber [18]	?	?	?	?	N	?	?
BIKE [6]	Y	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	N	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>
FrodoKEM [37]	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
HQC-128/192 [4]	Y	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>
HQC-256 [4]	Y	<u>N</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>Y</u>
Streamlined NTRU Prime [10]	<u>?</u>	?	?	?	N	?	?
NTRU LPRime [10]	Y	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	N	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>
SIKE [30]	Y	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	N	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>

decapsulated into \perp with overwhelming probability. We say KEM with implicit rejection is *smooth* if, given a ciphertext c chosen by a simulator, any efficient adversary cannot distinguish a random key from a decapsulated key. This definition imitates the smoothness of the hash proof system [16]. Those notions help us to prove the pseudorandomness of the hybrid PKE.

Pseudorandomness, smoothness, and collision-freeness of the FO variants: In order to treat the case for Classic McEliece and NTRU, in which the underlying PKE is deterministic, we treat **SXY** [39], variants of **U** [26], and variants of **HU** [32]. Modifying the IND-CCA security proofs of them, we show that the obtained KEM is strongly pseudorandom and smooth if the underlying PKE is strongly disjoint-simulatable [39]. We also show that the obtained KEM is collision-free if the underlying deterministic PKE is collision-free. We finally note that our reductions are *tight* as a bonus.

Grubbs et al. [24] discussed a barrier to show anonymity of NTRU (and Classic McEliece implicitly), which stems from the design choice $K = H(\mu)$ instead of $K = H(\mu, c)$. In addition, their proof technique requires the underlying PKE to be collision-free. Since the underlying PKE of Classic McEliece lacks collision freeness, they left the proof of anonymity of Classic McEliece as an open problem. Both barriers stem from the fact that we need to simulate *two* decapsulation oracles in the proof of ANON-CCA-security. We avoid those technical barriers by using a stronger notion, SPR-CCA security; in the proof of SPR-CCA-security, we only need to simulate a *single* decapsulation oracle.

Application to NIST PQC Round-3 KEM candidates: Using the above techniques, we solve open problems posed by Grubbs et al. and extend the study of finalists and alternative candidates of NIST PQC Round 3 KEMs as depicted in [Table 1](#).

We found the following properties (we omit the detail of the assumptions):

- Classic McEliece is anonymous and the hybrid PKE using it is anonymous, which is in the full version.
- NTRU is anonymous and collision-free. The hybrid PKE using it is anonymous and robust. See [Section 5](#). Similar results for BIKE, HQC (HQC-128 and HQC-196)⁴, NTRU LPrime, and SIKE hold, which are in the full version.
- We found that Streamlined NTRU Prime has another technical obstacle for anonymity: the key and key-confirmation hash involves ‘pre-key’ problem.⁵ While this is not a big problem for the IND-CCA security in the ROM, we fail to show the IND-CCA security in the QROM. We will discuss it in detail in the full version.

Remark 1. Bernstein [9] suggests to use *quantum indistinguishability* of the domain extension of quantum random oracles in [49, Section 5]. While we did not check the detail, this quantum indistinguishability would solve the problems on ‘pre-key’ of Kyber, Saber, and Streamlined NTRU Prime.

Open Problems: We leave showing anonymity and the IND-CCA security of Kyber, Saber, and Streamlined NTRU Prime in the QROM as an important open problem as Grubbs et al. posed.

Organization: [Section 2](#) reviews the QROM, definitions of primitives, and the results of Grubbs et al. [24]. In addition, it also shows strong pseudorandomness implies anonymity. [Section 3](#) studies the strong pseudorandomness of the KEM/DEM framework. [Section 4](#) studies SXY’s security properties. [Section 5](#) examines the anonymity and robustness of NTRU. Due to the space limit, we omit a lot of contents from the conference version.

Appendix Highlights: The full version contains the missing proofs. Moreover, its appendices contain the properties of the variants of the FO transform (T, variants of U, and variants of HU) and examine the other NIST PQC Round-3 KEM candidates, Classic McEliece, Kyber, Saber, BIKE, FrodoKEM, HQC, NTRU Prime (Streamlined NTRU Prime and NTRU LPrime), and SIKE, as summarized in [Table 1](#).

⁴ HQC-256 is not anonymous because the parity of the ciphertext leaks the parity of the encapsulation key. See the full version for the detail.

⁵ The key and key-confirmation value on a plaintext μ and an encapsulation key ek is computed as $K = H(k, c_0, c_1)$ and $h = F(k, \text{Hash}(ek))$, where $k = H_3(\mu)$ and (c_0, c_1) is a main body of a ciphertext.

2 Preliminaries

Notations: A security parameter is denoted by κ . We use the standard O -notations. DPT, PPT, and QPT stand for a deterministic polynomial time, probabilistic polynomial time, and quantum polynomial time, respectively. A function $f(\kappa)$ is said to be *negligible* if $f(\kappa) = \kappa^{-\omega(1)}$. We denote a set of negligible functions by $\text{negl}(\kappa)$. For a distribution χ , we often write “ $x \leftarrow \chi$,” which indicates that we take a sample x according to χ . For a finite set S , $U(S)$ denotes the uniform distribution over S . We often write “ $x \leftarrow S$ ” instead of “ $x \leftarrow U(S)$.” For a set S and a deterministic algorithm A , $A(S)$ denotes the set $\{A(x) \mid x \in S\}$. If inp is a string, then “ $\text{out} \leftarrow A(\text{inp})$ ” denotes the output of algorithm A when run on input inp . If A is deterministic, then out is a fixed value and we write “ $\text{out} := A(\text{inp})$.” We also use the notation “ $\text{out} := A(\text{inp}; r)$ ” to make the randomness r explicit.

For a statement P (e.g., $r \in [0, 1]$), we define $\text{boole}(P) = 1$ if P is satisfied and 0 otherwise.

For two finite sets \mathcal{X} and \mathcal{Y} , $\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y})$ denotes a set of all mapping from \mathcal{X} to \mathcal{Y} .

Lemma 1 (Generic distinguishing problem with bounded probabilities [29, Lemma 2.9], adapted). *Let \mathcal{X} be a finite set. Let $\delta \in [0, 1]$. Let $F: \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ be the following function: for each $x \in \mathcal{X}$, $F(x) = 1$ with probability $\delta_x \leq \delta$ and $F(x) = 0$ else. Let $Z: \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ be the zero function, that is, $Z(x) = 0$ for all x . If an unbounded-time quantum adversary \mathcal{A} makes a query to F or Z at most Q times, then we have*

$$\left| \Pr[b \leftarrow \mathcal{A}^{F(\cdot)}() : b = 1] - \Pr[b \leftarrow \mathcal{A}^{Z(\cdot)}() : b = 1] \right| \leq 8(Q + 1)^2 \delta.$$

where all oracle accesses of \mathcal{A} can be quantum.

Quantum Random Oracle Model: Roughly speaking, the quantum random oracle model (QROM) is an idealized model where a hash function is modeled as a publicly and quantumly accessible random oracle. In this paper, we model a quantum oracle O as a mapping $|x\rangle |y\rangle \mapsto |x\rangle |y \oplus O(x)\rangle$, where $x \in \{0, 1\}^n$, $y \in \{0, 1\}^m$, and $O: \{0, 1\}^n \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^m$. See [11] for a more detailed description of the model.

Lemma 2 (QRO is PRF). *Let ℓ be a positive integer. Let \mathcal{X} and \mathcal{Y} be finite sets. Let $H_{\text{prf}}: \{0, 1\}^\ell \times \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$ and $H_q: \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$ be two independent random oracles. If an unbounded-time quantum adversary \mathcal{A} makes a query to the random oracles at most Q times, then we have*

$$\left| \Pr[s \leftarrow \mathcal{M}, b \leftarrow \mathcal{A}^{H_{\text{prf}}(\cdot, \cdot), H_{\text{prf}}(s, \cdot)}() : b = 1] - \Pr[b \leftarrow \mathcal{A}^{H_{\text{prf}}(\cdot, \cdot), H_q(\cdot)}() : b = 1] \right| \leq 2Q \cdot 2^{-\ell/2}$$

where all oracle accesses of \mathcal{A} can be quantum.

See [39] and [31] for the proof.

Lemma 3 (QRO is collision-resistant [48, Theorem 3.1]). *There is a universal constant C such that the following holds: Let \mathcal{X} and \mathcal{Y} be finite sets. Let $H: \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$ be a random oracle. If an unbounded time quantum adversary \mathcal{A} makes a query to H at most Q times, then we have*

$$\Pr_{H, \mathcal{A}}[(x, x') \leftarrow \mathcal{A}^{H(\cdot)} : x \neq x' \wedge H(x) = H(x')] \leq C(Q+1)^3/|\mathcal{Y}|,$$

where all oracle accesses of \mathcal{A} can be quantum.

Remark 2. We implicitly assume that $|\mathcal{X}| = \Omega(|\mathcal{Y}|)$, because of the birthday bound.

Lemma 4 (QRO is claw-free). *There is a universal constant C such that the following holds: Let \mathcal{X}_0 and \mathcal{X}_1 and \mathcal{Y} be finite sets. Let $N_0 = |\mathcal{X}_0|$ and $N_1 = |\mathcal{X}_1|$. Without loss of generality, we assume $N_0 \leq N_1$. Let $H_0: \mathcal{X}_0 \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$ and $H_1: \mathcal{X}_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$ be two random oracles. If an unbounded time quantum adversary \mathcal{A} makes a query to H_0 and H_1 at most Q_0 and Q_1 times, then we have*

$$\Pr[(x_0, x_1) \leftarrow \mathcal{A}^{H_0(\cdot), H_1(\cdot)} : H_0(x_0) = H_1(x_1)] \leq C(Q_0 + Q_1 + 1)^3/|\mathcal{Y}|,$$

where all oracle accesses of \mathcal{A} can be quantum.

We omit the security proof, which is due to Hosoyamada [28]. See the full version.

2.1 Public-Key Encryption (PKE)

The model for PKE schemes is summarized as follows:

Definition 1. *A PKE scheme PKE consists of the following triple of PPT algorithms (Gen, Enc, Dec).*

- $\text{Gen}(1^\kappa; r_g) \rightarrow (ek, dk)$: a key-generation algorithm that on input 1^κ , where κ is the security parameter, and randomness $r_g \in \mathcal{R}_{\text{Gen}}$, outputs a pair of keys (ek, dk) . ek and dk are called the encryption key and decryption key, respectively.
- $\text{Enc}(ek, \mu; r_e) \rightarrow c$: an encryption algorithm that takes as input encryption key ek , message $\mu \in \mathcal{M}$, and randomness $r_e \in \mathcal{R}_{\text{Enc}}$, and outputs ciphertext $c \in \mathcal{C}$.
- $\text{Dec}(dk, c) \rightarrow \mu/\perp$: a decryption algorithm that takes as input decryption key dk and ciphertext c and outputs message $\mu \in \mathcal{M}$ or a rejection symbol $\perp \notin \mathcal{M}$.

We review δ -correctness in Hofheinz, Hövelmanns, and Kiltz [26].

Definition 2 (δ -Correctness). *Let $\delta = \delta(\kappa)$. We say PKE = (Gen, Enc, Dec) is δ -correct if*

$$\Pr_{(ek, dk) \leftarrow \text{Gen}(1^\kappa)} \left[\max_{\mu \in \mathcal{M}} \Pr[c \leftarrow \text{Enc}(ek, \mu) : \text{Dec}(dk, c) \neq \mu] \right] \leq \delta.$$

In particular, we say that PKE is perfectly correct if $\delta = 0$.

We also define a key pair's accuracy.

Definition 3 (Accuracy [47]). *We say that a key pair (ek, dk) is accurate if for any $\mu \in \mathcal{M}$, $\Pr_{c \leftarrow \text{Enc}(ek, \mu)}[\text{Dec}(dk, c) = \mu] = 1$. If a key pair is not accurate, then we call it inaccurate. We note that if PKE is deterministic, then $\Pr_{(ek, dk) \leftarrow \text{Gen}(1^\kappa)}[(ek, dk) \text{ is accurate}] \leq \delta$.*

Security Notions: We define pseudorandomness under chosen-ciphertext attacks (PR-CCA) and its strong version (SPR-CCA) with simulator \mathcal{S} as a generalization of IND \mathcal{S} -CCA-security in [46, 27]. We also review anonymity (ANON-CCA) [7] and robustness (SROB-CCA) [36]. We additionally define extended collision-freeness (XCFR), in which any efficient adversary cannot find a colliding ciphertext even if the adversary is given two decryption keys. Due to the space limit, we omit the definitions of the standard security notions (OW-CPA, IND-CPA, OW-CCA, and IND-CCA) [38, 8], weak robustness (WROB-CCA) and collision-freeness (WCFR-CCA and SCFR-CCA) [36].

Definition 4 (Security notions for PKE). Let $\text{PKE} = (\text{Gen}, \text{Enc}, \text{Dec})$ be a PKE scheme. Let $\mathcal{D}_{\mathcal{M}}$ be a distribution over the message space \mathcal{M} . For any \mathcal{A} and $\text{goal-atk} \in \{\text{pr-cca}, \text{anon-cca}\}$, we define its goal-atk advantage against PKE as follows:

$$\text{Adv}_{\text{PKE}[\mathcal{S}], \mathcal{A}}^{\text{goal-atk}}(\kappa) := \left| 2 \Pr[\text{Expt}_{\text{PKE}[\mathcal{S}], \mathcal{A}}^{\text{goal-atk}}(\kappa) = 1] - 1 \right|,$$

where $\text{Expt}_{\text{PKE}[\mathcal{S}], \mathcal{A}}^{\text{goal-atk}}(\kappa)$ is an experiment described in Figure 1 and \mathcal{S} is a PPT simulator.

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$$\text{Adv}_{\text{PKE}[\mathcal{D}_{\mathcal{M}}], \mathcal{A}}^{\text{goal-atk}}(\kappa) := \Pr[\text{Expt}_{\text{PKE}[\mathcal{D}_{\mathcal{M}}], \mathcal{A}}^{\text{goal-atk}}(\kappa) = 1],$$

where $\text{Expt}_{\text{PKE}[\mathcal{D}_{\mathcal{M}}], \mathcal{A}}^{\text{goal-atk}}(\kappa)$ is an experiment described in Figure 1.

For $\text{GOAL-ATK} \in \{\text{PR-CCA}, \text{ANON-CCA}, \text{SROB-CCA}, \text{XCFR}\}$, we say that PKE is GOAL-ATK-secure if $\text{Adv}_{\text{PKE}[\mathcal{D}_{\mathcal{M}}], \mathcal{A}}^{\text{goal-atk}}(\kappa)$ is negligible for any QPT adversary \mathcal{A} . We also say that PKE is SPR-CCA-secure if it is PR-CCA-secure, and its simulator ignores ek . We also say that PKE is GOAL-CPA-secure if it is GOAL-CCA-secure even without the decryption oracle.

We observe that strong pseudorandomness of PKE/KEM immediately implies anonymity of PKE/KEM, which may be folklore. We give the proof in the full version for completeness.

Theorem 1. *If PKE/KEM is SPR-CCA-secure, then it is ANON-CCA-secure.*

Disjoint simulatability: We review disjoint simulatability defined in [39].

Definition 5 (Disjoint simulatability [39]). Let $\mathcal{D}_{\mathcal{M}}$ denote an efficiently sampleable distribution on a set \mathcal{M} . A deterministic PKE scheme $\text{PKE} = (\text{Gen}, \text{Enc}, \text{Dec})$ with plaintext and ciphertext spaces \mathcal{M} and \mathcal{C} is $\mathcal{D}_{\mathcal{M}}$ -disjoint-simulatable if there exists a PPT algorithm \mathcal{S} that satisfies the followings:

– (Statistical disjointness:)

$$\text{Disj}_{\text{PKE}, \mathcal{S}}(\kappa) := \max_{(ek, dk) \in \text{Gen}(1^\kappa; \mathcal{R}_{\text{Gen}})} \Pr[c \leftarrow \mathcal{S}(1^\kappa, ek) : c \in \text{Enc}(ek, \mathcal{M})]$$

is negligible.

$\text{Expt}_{\text{PKE}, \mathcal{S}, \mathcal{A}}^{\text{dr-cca}}(\kappa)$ $b \leftarrow \{0, 1\}$ $(ek, dk) \leftarrow \text{Gen}(1^\kappa)$ $(\mu, \text{state}) \leftarrow \mathcal{A}_1^{\text{DEC}\perp(\cdot)}(ek)$ $c_0^* \leftarrow \text{Enc}(ek, \mu)$ $c_1^* \leftarrow \mathcal{S}(1^\kappa, ek)$ $b' \leftarrow \mathcal{A}_2^{\text{DEC}_{c_b^*}(\cdot)}(c_b^*, \text{state})$ return boole($b = b'$)	$\text{Expt}_{\text{PKE}, \mathcal{A}}^{\text{anon-cca}}(\kappa)$ $b \leftarrow \{0, 1\}$ $(ek_0, dk_0) \leftarrow \text{Gen}(1^\kappa)$ $(ek_1, dk_1) \leftarrow \text{Gen}(1^\kappa)$ $(\mu, \text{state}) \leftarrow \mathcal{A}_1^{\text{DEC}\perp(\cdot, \cdot)}(ek_0, ek_1)$ $c^* \leftarrow \text{Enc}(ek_b, \mu)$ $b' \leftarrow \mathcal{A}_2^{\text{DEC}_{c^*}(\cdot, \cdot)}(c^*, \text{state})$ return boole($b = b'$)	$\text{DEC}_a(c)$ <hr/> if $c = a$, return \perp $\mu := \text{Dec}(dk, c)$ return μ <hr/> $\text{DEC}_a(\text{id}, c)$ <hr/> if $c = a$, return \perp $\mu := \text{Dec}(dk_{\text{id}}, c)$ return μ
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Fig. 1. Games for PKE schemes

- (Ciphertext-indistinguishability:) For any QPT adversary \mathcal{A} , its ds-ind advantage $\text{Adv}_{\text{PKE}, \mathcal{D}, \mathcal{M}, \mathcal{S}, \mathcal{A}}^{\text{ds-ind}}(\kappa)$ is negligible: The advantage is defined as

$$\text{Adv}_{\text{PKE}, \mathcal{D}, \mathcal{M}, \mathcal{S}, \mathcal{A}}^{\text{ds-ind}}(\kappa) := \left| 2 \Pr[\text{Expt}_{\text{PKE}, \mathcal{D}, \mathcal{M}, \mathcal{S}, \mathcal{A}}^{\text{ds-ind}}(\kappa) = 1] - 1 \right|,$$

where $\text{Expt}_{\text{PKE}, \mathcal{D}, \mathcal{M}, \mathcal{S}, \mathcal{A}}^{\text{ds-ind}}(\kappa)$ is an experiment described in [Figure 1](#) and \mathcal{S} is a PPT simulator.

Liu and Wang gave a slightly modified version of statistical disjointness in [33]. As they noted, their definition below is enough to show the security proof:

$$\text{Disj}_{\text{PKE}, \mathcal{S}}(\kappa) := \Pr[(ek, dk) \leftarrow \text{Gen}(1^\kappa), c \leftarrow \mathcal{S}(1^\kappa, ek) : c \in \text{Enc}(ek, \mathcal{M})]$$

Definition 6 (strong disjoint-simulatability). We call PKE has strong disjoint-simulatability if \mathcal{S} ignores ek .

Remark 3. We note that a deterministic PKE scheme produced by TPunc [39] or Punc [29] is not *strongly* disjoint-simulatable, because their simulator outputs a random ciphertext $\text{Enc}(ek, \hat{\mu})$ of a special plaintext $\hat{\mu}$.

2.2 Key Encapsulation Mechanism (KEM)

The model for KEM schemes is summarized as follows:

Definition 7. A KEM scheme KEM consists of the following triple of polynomial-time algorithms $(\text{Gen}, \text{Enc}, \text{Dec})$:

- $\overline{\text{Gen}}(1^\kappa) \rightarrow (ek, dk)$: a key-generation algorithm that on input 1^κ , where κ is the security parameter, outputs a pair of keys (ek, dk) . ek and dk are called the encapsulation key and decapsulation key, respectively.
- $\overline{\text{Enc}}(ek) \rightarrow (c, K)$: an encapsulation algorithm that takes as input encapsulation key ek and outputs ciphertext $c \in \mathcal{C}$ and key $K \in \mathcal{K}$.
- $\overline{\text{Dec}}(dk, c) \rightarrow K/\perp$: a decapsulation algorithm that takes as input decapsulation key dk and ciphertext c and outputs key K or a rejection symbol $\perp \notin \mathcal{K}$.

Definition 8 (δ -Correctness). Let $\delta = \delta(\kappa)$. We say that $\text{KEM} = (\overline{\text{Gen}}, \overline{\text{Enc}}, \overline{\text{Dec}})$ is δ -correct if

$$\Pr[(ek, dk) \leftarrow \overline{\text{Gen}}(1^\kappa), (c, K) \leftarrow \overline{\text{Enc}}(ek) : \overline{\text{Dec}}(dk, c) \neq K] \leq \delta(\kappa).$$

In particular, we say that KEM is perfectly correct if $\delta = 0$.

Security: We define pseudorandomness under chosen-ciphertext attacks (PR-CCA) and its strong version (SPR-CCA) with simulator \mathcal{S} as a generalization of IND \mathcal{S} -CCA-security in [46, 27]. We also review anonymity (ANON-CCA), robustness (SROB-CCA), and collision-freeness (SCFR-CCA) [24]. We also define *smoothness* under chosen-ciphertext attacks (denoted by SMT-CCA) by following smoothness of hash proof system [16]. Due to the space limit, we omit the definitions of the standard security notions (OW-CPA, IND-CPA, OW-CCA, and IND-CCA) and weak robustness (WROB-CCA) and weak collision-freeness (WCFR-CCA) [24].

Definition 9 (Security notions for KEM). Let $\text{KEM} = (\overline{\text{Gen}}, \overline{\text{Enc}}, \overline{\text{Dec}})$ be a KEM scheme.

For any \mathcal{A} and $\text{goal-atk} \in \{\text{pr-cca}, \text{anon-cca}, \text{smt-cca}\}$, we define its goal-atk advantage against KEM as follows:

$$\text{Adv}_{\text{KEM}[\cdot, \mathcal{S}], \mathcal{A}}^{\text{goal-atk}}(\kappa) := \left| 2 \Pr[\text{Expt}_{\text{KEM}[\cdot, \mathcal{S}], \mathcal{A}}^{\text{goal-atk}}(\kappa) = 1] - 1 \right|,$$

where $\text{Expt}_{\text{KEM}[\cdot, \mathcal{S}], \mathcal{A}}^{\text{goal-atk}}(\kappa)$ is an experiment described in [Figure 1](#) and \mathcal{S} is a PPT simulator.

For any \mathcal{A} and $\text{goal-atk} \in \{\text{srob-cca}, \text{scfr-cca}\}$, we define its goal-atk advantage against KEM as follows:

$$\text{Adv}_{\text{KEM}, \mathcal{A}}^{\text{goal-atk}}(\kappa) := \Pr[\text{Expt}_{\text{KEM}, \mathcal{A}}^{\text{goal-atk}}(\kappa) = 1],$$

where $\text{Expt}_{\text{KEM}, \mathcal{A}}^{\text{goal-atk}}(\kappa)$ is an experiment described in [Figure 1](#).

For $\text{GOAL-ATK} \in \{\text{PR-CCA}, \text{ANON-CCA}, \text{SMT-CCA}, \text{SROB-CCA}, \text{SCFR-CCA}\}$, we say that KEM is GOAL-ATK -secure if $\text{Adv}_{\text{KEM}[\cdot, \mathcal{S}], \mathcal{A}}^{\text{goal-atk}}(\kappa)$ is negligible for any QPT adversary \mathcal{A} . We say that KEM is SPR-CCA-secure or SSMT-CCA-secure if it is PR-CCA-secure or SMT-CCA-secure and its simulator ignores ek , respectively. We say that KEM is wANON-CCA-secure if it is ANON-CCA-secure where the input to the adversary is (ek_0, ek_1, c^*) . We also say that KEM is GOAL-CPA-secure if it is GOAL-CCA-secure even without the decapsulation oracle.

We additionally define ϵ -sparseness for KEM with explicit rejection.

$\text{Expt}_{\text{KEM}, \mathcal{S}, \mathcal{A}}^{\text{pr-cca}}(\kappa)$	$\text{Expt}_{\text{KEM}, \mathcal{A}}^{\text{anon-cca}}(\kappa)$	$\text{DEC}_a(c)$
$b \leftarrow \{0, 1\}$	$b \leftarrow \{0, 1\}$	if $c = a$, return \perp
$(ek, dk) \leftarrow \overline{\text{Gen}}(1^\kappa)$	$(ek_0, dk_0) \leftarrow \overline{\text{Gen}}(1^\kappa)$	$K := \overline{\text{Dec}}(dk, c)$
$(c_0^*, K_0^*) \leftarrow \overline{\text{Enc}}(ek);$	$(ek_1, dk_1) \leftarrow \overline{\text{Gen}}(1^\kappa)$	return K
$(c_1^*, K_1^*) \leftarrow \mathcal{S}(1^\kappa, ek) \times \mathcal{K}$	$(c^*, K^*) \leftarrow \overline{\text{Enc}}(ek);$	$\text{DEC}_a(\text{id}, c)$
$b' \leftarrow \mathcal{A}^{\text{DEC}_{c_b^*}(\cdot)}(ek, c_b^*, K_b^*)$	$b' \leftarrow \mathcal{A}^{\text{DEC}_{c^*}(\cdot)}(ek_0, ek_1, c^*, K^*)$	if $c = a$, return \perp
return $\text{boole}(b = b')$	return $\text{boole}(b = b')$	$K := \overline{\text{Dec}}(dk_{\text{id}}, c)$
		return K
$\text{Expt}_{\text{KEM}, \mathcal{S}, \mathcal{A}}^{\text{smt-cca}}(\kappa)$	$\text{Expt}_{\text{KEM}, \mathcal{A}}^{\text{sefr-cca}}(\kappa)$	$\text{Expt}_{\text{KEM}, \mathcal{A}}^{\text{srob-cca}}(\kappa)$
$b \leftarrow \{0, 1\}$	$(ek_0, dk_0) \leftarrow \overline{\text{Gen}}(1^\kappa)$	$(ek_0, dk_0) \leftarrow \overline{\text{Gen}}(1^\kappa)$
$(ek, dk) \leftarrow \overline{\text{Gen}}(1^\kappa)$	$(ek_1, dk_1) \leftarrow \overline{\text{Gen}}(1^\kappa)$	$(ek_1, dk_1) \leftarrow \overline{\text{Gen}}(1^\kappa)$
$(c^*, K_0^*) \leftarrow \mathcal{S}(1^\kappa, ek) \times \mathcal{K}$	$c \leftarrow \mathcal{A}^{\text{DEC}_{\perp}(\cdot)}(ek_0, ek_1)$	$c \leftarrow \mathcal{A}^{\text{DEC}_{\perp}(\cdot)}(ek_0, ek_1)$
$K_1^* \leftarrow \overline{\text{Dec}}(dk, c^*)$	$K_0 \leftarrow \overline{\text{Dec}}(dk_0, c)$	$K_0 \leftarrow \overline{\text{Dec}}(dk_0, c)$
$b' \leftarrow \mathcal{A}^{\text{DEC}_{c^*}(\cdot)}(ek, c^*, K_b^*)$	$K_1 \leftarrow \overline{\text{Dec}}(dk_1, c)$	$K_1 \leftarrow \overline{\text{Dec}}(dk_1, c)$
return $\text{boole}(b = b')$	return $\text{boole}(K_0 = K_1 \neq \perp)$	return $\text{boole}(K_0 \neq \perp \wedge K_1 \neq \perp)$

Fig. 2. Games for KEM schemes

Definition 10. Let \mathcal{S} be a simulator for the PR-CCA security. We say that KEM is ϵ -sparse if

$$\Pr[(ek, dk) \leftarrow \overline{\text{Gen}}(1^\kappa), c^* \leftarrow \mathcal{S}(1^\kappa, ek) : \overline{\text{Dec}}(dk, c) \neq \perp] \leq \epsilon.$$

2.3 Data Encapsulation Mechanism (DEM)

The model for DEM schemes is summarized as follows:

Definition 11. A DEM scheme DEM consists of the following triple of polynomial-time algorithms (E, D) with key space \mathcal{K} and message space \mathcal{M} :

- $\text{E}(K, \mu) \rightarrow d$: an encapsulation algorithm that takes as input key K and data μ and outputs ciphertext d .
- $\text{D}(K, d) \rightarrow m/\perp$: a decapsulation algorithm that takes as input key K and ciphertext d and outputs data μ or a rejection symbol $\perp \notin \mathcal{M}$.

Definition 12 (Correctness). We say $\text{DEM} = (\text{E}, \text{D})$ has perfect correctness if for any $K \in \mathcal{K}$ and any $\mu \in \mathcal{M}$, we have

$$\Pr[\text{D}(K, d) = \mu : d \leftarrow \text{E}(K, \mu)] = 1.$$

Security: We review pseudorandomness under chosen-ciphertext attacks (PR-CCA) and pseudorandomness under one-time chosen-ciphertext attacks (PR-OTCCA). We also review integrity of ciphertext (INT-CTXT). Robustness of DEM (FROB) are taken from Farshim, Orlandi, and Roši [19]. Due to the space limit, we omit the definitions of the standard security notion IND-CCA and robustness (XROB) [19].

$\text{Expt}_{\text{DEM}, \mathcal{A}}^{\text{pr-cca}}(\kappa)$ $b \leftarrow \{0, 1\}$ $K \leftarrow \mathcal{K}$ $(\mu, \text{state}) \leftarrow \mathcal{A}^{\text{ENC}(\cdot), \text{DEC}_{\perp}(\cdot)}(1^{\kappa})$ $d_0^* \leftarrow \text{E}(K, \mu)$ $d_1^* \leftarrow U(\mathcal{C}_{ \mu })$ $b' \leftarrow \mathcal{A}^{\text{ENC}(\cdot), \text{DEC}_{d_b^*}(\cdot)}(d_b^*, \text{state})$ return $\text{boole}(b = b')$	$\text{Expt}_{\text{DEM}, \mathcal{A}}^{\text{pr-otcca}}(\kappa)$ $b \leftarrow \{0, 1\}$ $K \leftarrow \mathcal{K}$ $(\mu, \text{state}) \leftarrow \mathcal{A}(1^{\kappa})$ $d_0^* \leftarrow \text{E}(K, \mu)$ $d_1^* \leftarrow U(\mathcal{C}_{ \mu })$ $b' \leftarrow \mathcal{A}^{\text{DEC}_{d_b^*}(\cdot)}(d_b^*, \text{state})$ return $\text{boole}(b = b')$	$\text{ENC}(\mu)$ $d \leftarrow \text{E}(K, \mu)$ return d <hr/> $\text{DEC}_a(d)$ if $d = a$ then return \perp $\mu \leftarrow \text{D}(K, d)$ return μ
$\text{Expt}_{\text{DEM}, \mathcal{A}}^{\text{int-ctxt}}(\kappa)$ $K \leftarrow \mathcal{K}$ $w \leftarrow \perp$ $L \leftarrow \emptyset$ $\mathcal{A}^{\text{ENC}2(\cdot), \text{DEC}2(\cdot)}(1^{\kappa})$ return w	$\text{ENC}2(\mu)$ $d \leftarrow \text{E}(K, \mu)$ $L \leftarrow L \cup \{d\}$ return d <hr/> $\text{DEC}2(d)$ $\mu \leftarrow \text{D}(K, d)$ if $\mu \neq \perp$ and $d \notin L$ then $w := \top$ return μ	$\text{Expt}_{\text{DEM}, \mathcal{A}}^{\text{frob}}(\kappa)$ $(d, k_0, k_1) \leftarrow \mathcal{A}(1^{\kappa})$ $\mu_0 \leftarrow \text{D}(k_0, d)$ $\mu_1 \leftarrow \text{D}(k_1, d)$ $b \leftarrow \text{boole}(\mu_0 \neq \perp \wedge \mu_1 \neq \perp)$ $b_k \leftarrow \text{boole}(k_0 \neq k_1)$ return $\text{boole}(b \wedge b_k)$

Fig. 3. Games for DEM schemes

Definition 13 (Security notions for DEM). Let $\text{DEM} = (\text{E}, \text{D})$ be a DEM scheme whose key space is \mathcal{K} . For $\mu \in \mathcal{M}$, let $\mathcal{C}_{|\mu|}$ be a ciphertext space defined by the length of message μ . For any \mathcal{A} and $\text{goal-atk} \in \{\text{pr-cca}, \text{pr-otcca}\}$, we define its goal-atk advantage against DEM as follows:

$$\text{Adv}_{\text{DEM}, \mathcal{A}}^{\text{goal-atk}}(\kappa) := \left| 2 \Pr[\text{Expt}_{\text{DEM}, \mathcal{A}}^{\text{goal-atk}}(\kappa) = 1] - 1 \right|,$$

where $\text{Expt}_{\text{DEM}, \mathcal{A}}^{\text{goal-atk}}(\kappa)$ is an experiment described in [Figure 1](#). For any \mathcal{A} and $\text{goal-atk} \in \{\text{int-ctxt}, \text{frob}\}$, we define its goal-atk advantage against DEM as follows:

$$\text{Adv}_{\text{DEM}, \mathcal{A}}^{\text{goal-atk}}(\kappa) := \Pr[\text{Expt}_{\text{DEM}, \mathcal{A}}^{\text{goal-atk}}(\kappa) = 1],$$

where $\text{Expt}_{\text{DEM}, \mathcal{A}}^{\text{goal-atk}}(\kappa)$ is an experiment described in [Figure 1](#). For $\text{GOAL-ATK} \in \{\text{PR-CCA}, \text{PR-OTCCA}, \text{INT-CTXT}, \text{FROB}\}$, we say that DEM is GOAL-ATK-secure if $\text{Adv}_{\text{DEM}, \mathcal{A}}^{\text{goal-atk}}(\kappa)$ is negligible for any QPT adversary \mathcal{A} .

2.4 Review of Grubbs, Maram, and Paterson [24]

Grubbs et al. studied KEM's anonymity and hybrid PKE's anonymity and robustness by extending the results of Mohassel [36]. We use KEM^{\perp}

and KEM^\perp to indicate KEM with explicit rejection and implicit rejection, respectively. For KEM with explicit rejection, they showed the following theorem which generalizes Mohassel’s theorem [36]:

Theorem 2 ([24, Theorem 1]). *Let $\text{PKE}_{\text{hy}} = \text{Hyb}[\text{KEM}^\perp, \text{DEM}]$, a hybrid PKE scheme obtained by composing KEM^\perp and DEM. (See [Figure 4](#).)*

1. *If KEM^\perp is wANON-CPA-secure, IND-CCA-secure, WROB-CCA-secure, and δ -correct and DEM is INT-CTXT-secure, then PKE_{hy} is ANON-CCA-secure.*
2. *If KEM^\perp is SROB-CCA-secure (and WROB-CCA-secure), then PKE_{hy} is SROB-CCA-secure (and WROB-CCA-secure), respectively.*

Grubbs et al. [24] then treat KEM with implicit rejection, which is used in all NIST PQC Round 3 KEM candidates except HQC. Their results are related to the FO transform with implicit rejection, which is decomposed into two transforms, T and U^\perp : T transforms a probabilistic PKE scheme PKE_1 into a deterministic PKE scheme PKE_1 with a random oracle G; U^\perp transforms a deterministic PKE scheme PKE_1 into a probabilistic KEM KEM with a random oracle H. Roughly speaking, they showed the following two theorems on robustness and anonymity of hybrid PKE from KEM with implicit rejection:

Theorem 3 (Robustness of PKE_{hy} [24, Theorem 2]). *Let $\text{PKE}_{\text{hy}} = \text{Hyb}[\text{KEM}^\perp, \text{DEM}]$. If KEM^\perp is SCFR-CCA-secure (and WCFR-CCA-secure) and DEM is FROB-secure (and XROB-secure), then PKE_{hy} is SROB-CCA-secure (and WROB-CCA-secure), respectively.*

Theorem 4 (Anonymity of PKE_{hy} using FO^\perp [24, Theorem 7]). *Let $\text{PKE}_{\text{hy}} = \text{Hyb}[\text{KEM}^\perp, \text{DEM}]$. If PKE is δ -correct, and γ -spreading, $\text{PKE}_1 = \text{T}[\text{PKE}, \text{G}]$ is WCFR-CPA-secure, $\text{KEM}^\perp = \text{FO}^\perp[\text{PKE}, \text{G}, \text{H}]$ is ANON-CCA-secure and IND-CCA-secure, DEM is INT-CTXT-secure, then PKE_{hy} is ANON-CCA-secure.*

They also showed that the following theorem:

Theorem 5 (Anonymity of KEM^\perp using FO^\perp [24, Theorem 5]). *If PKE is wANON-CPA-secure, OW-CPA-secure, and δ -correct, and $\text{PKE}_1 = \text{T}[\text{PKE}, \text{G}]$ is SCFR-CPA-secure, then a KEM scheme $\text{KEM} = \text{FO}^\perp[\text{PKE}, \text{G}, \text{H}]$ is ANON-CCA-secure.*

Grubbs et al. reduced from the wANON-CPA-security of PKE to the ANON-CCA-security of KEM. We note that there are two decapsulation oracles in the security game of the ANON-CCA-security of KEM. Thus, they need to simulate *both* decapsulation oracles without secrets. Jiang et al. [31] used the simulation trick that replaces $\text{H}(\mu, c)$ with $\text{H}_q(\text{Enc}(ek, \mu))$ if $c = \text{Enc}(ek, \mu)$ and $\text{H}'_q(\mu, c)$ else, which helps the simulation of the decapsulation oracle without secrets in the QROM. Grubbs et al. extended this trick to simulate *two* decapsulation oracles by replacing $\text{H}(\mu, c)$ with $\text{H}_{q,i}(\text{Enc}(ek_i, \mu))$ if $c = \text{Enc}(ek_i, \mu)$ and $\text{H}'_q(\mu, c)$ else. Notice that this extended simulation heavily depends on the fact that H takes μ and c and the SCFR-CCA-security of PKE_1 . If the random oracle takes μ only, their trick fails the simulation.

3 Strong Pseudorandomness of Hybrid PKE

The hybrid PKE $\text{PKE}_{\text{hy}} = (\text{Gen}_{\text{hy}}, \text{Enc}_{\text{hy}}, \text{Dec}_{\text{hy}})$ constructed from $\text{KEM} = (\overline{\text{Gen}}, \overline{\text{Enc}}, \overline{\text{Dec}})$ and $\text{DEM} = (\text{E}, \text{D})$ is summarized as in [Figure 4](#)

$\text{Gen}_{\text{hy}}(1^\kappa)$	$\text{Enc}_{\text{hy}}(ek, \mu)$	$\text{Dec}_{\text{hy}}(dk, ct = (c, d))$
$(ek, dk) \leftarrow \overline{\text{Gen}}(1^\kappa)$	$(c, K) \leftarrow \overline{\text{Enc}}(ek)$	$K' \leftarrow \overline{\text{Dec}}(dk, c)$
return (ek, dk)	$d \leftarrow \text{E}(K, \mu)$	if $K' = \perp$ then return \perp
	return $ct := (c, d)$	$\mu' \leftarrow \text{D}(K', d)$
		if $\mu' = \perp$ then return \perp
		return μ'

Fig. 4. $\text{PKE}_{\text{hy}} = \text{Hyb}[\text{KEM}, \text{DEM}]$

We show the following two theorems on strong pseudorandomness and anonymity of a hybrid PKE:

Theorem 6 (Case for KEM with Explicit Rejection). *Let $\text{PKE}_{\text{hy}} = (\text{Gen}_{\text{hy}}, \text{Enc}_{\text{hy}}, \text{Dec}_{\text{hy}})$ be a hybrid encryption scheme obtained by composing a KEM scheme $\text{KEM}^\perp = (\overline{\text{Gen}}, \overline{\text{Enc}}, \overline{\text{Dec}})$ and a DEM scheme $\text{DEM} = (\text{E}, \text{D})$ that share key space \mathcal{K} . If KEM^\perp is SPR-CCA-secure, δ -correct with negligible δ , and ϵ -sparse and DEM is PR-OTCCA-secure and INT-CTXT-secure, then PKE_{hy} is SPR-CCA-secure (and ANON-CCA-secure).*

Theorem 7 (Case for KEM with Implicit Rejection). *Let $\text{PKE}_{\text{hy}} = (\text{Gen}_{\text{hy}}, \text{Enc}_{\text{hy}}, \text{Dec}_{\text{hy}})$ be a hybrid encryption scheme obtained by composing a KEM scheme $\text{KEM}^\perp = (\overline{\text{Gen}}, \overline{\text{Enc}}, \overline{\text{Dec}})$ and a DEM scheme $\text{DEM} = (\text{E}, \text{D})$ that share key space \mathcal{K} . If KEM^\perp is SPR-CCA-secure, SSMT-CCA-secure, and δ -correct with negligible δ and DEM is PR-OTCCA-secure, then PKE_{hy} is SPR-CCA-secure (and ANON-CCA-secure).*

We here prove [Theorem 7](#) and give the proof of [Theorem 6](#) in the full version.

3.1 Proof of [Theorem 7](#)

Let us consider Game_i for $i = 0, \dots, 6$. We summarize the games in [Table 2](#). Let S_i denote the event that the adversary outputs $b' = 1$ in Game_i .

Let \mathcal{S} be the simulator for the SPR-CCA security of KEM^\perp . We define $\mathcal{S}_{\text{hy}}(1^\kappa, |\mu^*|) := \mathcal{S}(1^\kappa) \times U(\mathcal{C}_{|\mu^*|})$ be the simulator for the SPR-CCA security of PKE_{hy} .

The security proof is similar to the security proof of the IND-CCA security of KEM/DEM [17] for $\text{Game}_0, \dots, \text{Game}_4$. We need to take care of pseudorandom ciphertexts when moving from Game_4 to Game_5 and require the SSMT-CCA security of KEM^\perp .

Table 2. Summary of Games for the Proof of **Theorem 7**

Game	c^* and K^*	d^*	Decryption	Justification
Game ₀	$\overline{\text{Enc}}(ek)$	$E(K^*, \mu^*)$		
Game ₁	$\overline{\text{Enc}}(ek)$ at first	$E(K^*, \mu^*)$		conceptual change
Game ₂	$\overline{\text{Enc}}(ek)$ at first	$E(K^*, \mu^*)$	use K^* if $c = c^*$	δ -correctness of KEM^\perp
Game ₃	$\mathcal{S}(1^\kappa) \times U(\mathcal{K})$ at first	$E(K^*, \mu^*)$	use K^* if $c = c^*$	SPR-CCA security of KEM^\perp
Game ₄	$\mathcal{S}(1^\kappa) \times U(\mathcal{K})$ at first	$U(\mathcal{C}_{ \mu^* })$	use K^* if $c = c^*$	SPR-otCCA security of DEM
Game ₅	$\mathcal{S}(1^\kappa) \times U(\mathcal{K})$ at first	$U(\mathcal{C}_{ \mu^* })$		SSMT-CCA security of KEM^\perp
Game ₆	$\mathcal{S}(1^\kappa) \times U(\mathcal{K})$	$U(\mathcal{C}_{ \mu^* })$		conceptual change

Game₀: This is the original game $\text{Expt}_{\text{PK}_{\text{E}_{\text{hy}}}, \mathcal{S}_{\text{hy}}, \mathcal{A}}^{\text{spr-cca}}(\kappa)$ with $b = 0$. Given μ^* , the challenge ciphertext is computed as follows:

$$(c^*, K^*) \leftarrow \overline{\text{Enc}}(ek); d^* \leftarrow E(K^*, \mu^*); \text{return } ct^* = (c^*, d^*).$$

We have

$$\Pr[S_0] = 1 - \Pr[\text{Expt}_{\text{PK}_{\text{E}_{\text{hy}}}, \mathcal{S}_{\text{hy}}, \mathcal{A}}^{\text{spr-cca}}(\kappa) = 1 \mid b = 0].$$

Game₁: In this game, c_0^* and K_0^* are generated before invoking \mathcal{A} with ek . This change is just conceptual, and we have

$$\Pr[S_0] = \Pr[S_1].$$

Game₂: In this game, the decryption oracle uses K^* if $c = c^*$ instead of $K = \overline{\text{Dec}}(dk, c^*)$. **Game₁** and **Game₂** differ if correctly generated ciphertext c^* with K^* is decapsulated into different $K \neq K^*$ or \perp , which violates the correctness and occurs with probability at most δ . Hence, the difference of **Game₁** and **Game₂** is bounded by δ , and we have

$$|\Pr[S_1] - \Pr[S_2]| \leq \delta.$$

We note that this corresponds to the event **BadKeyPair** in [17].

Game₃: In this game, the challenger uses random (c^*, K^*) and uses K^* in DEM. The challenge ciphertext is generated as follows:

$$(c^*, K^*) \leftarrow \mathcal{S}(1^\kappa) \times U(\mathcal{K}); d^+ \leftarrow E(K^*, \mu^*); \text{return } ct^* = (c^*, d^+).$$

The difference is bounded by SPR-CCA security of KEM^\perp : There is an adversary \mathcal{A}_{23} whose running time is approximately the same as that of \mathcal{A} satisfying

$$|\Pr[S_2] - \Pr[S_3]| \leq \text{Adv}_{\text{KEM}^\perp, \mathcal{S}, \mathcal{A}_{23}}^{\text{spr-cca}}(\kappa).$$

We omit the detail of \mathcal{A}_{23} since it is straightforward.

Game₄: In this game, the challenger uses random d^* . The challenge ciphertext is generated as follows:

$$(c^*, K^*) \leftarrow \mathcal{S}(1^\kappa) \times \mathcal{K}; d^* \leftarrow U(\mathcal{C}_{|\mu^*|}); \text{return } ct^* = (c^*, d^*).$$

The difference is bounded by SPR-OTCCA security of DEM: There is an adversary \mathcal{A}_{34} whose running time is approximately the same as that of \mathcal{A} satisfying

$$|\Pr[S_3] - \Pr[S_4]| \leq \text{Adv}_{\text{DEM}, \mathcal{A}_{34}}^{\text{spr-otcca}}(\kappa).$$

We omit the detail of \mathcal{A}_{34} since it is straightforward.

Game₅: We replace the decryption oracle defined as follows: If given $ct = (c^*, d)$, the decryption oracle uses $K = \overline{\text{Dec}}(dk, c^*)$ instead of K^* . The difference is bounded by SSMT-CCA security of KEM^χ : There is an adversary \mathcal{A}_{45} whose running time is approximately the same as that of \mathcal{A} satisfying

$$|\Pr[S_4] - \Pr[S_5]| \leq \text{Adv}_{\text{KEM}^\chi, \mathcal{S}, \mathcal{A}_{45}}^{\text{ssmt-cca}}(\kappa).$$

We omit the detail of \mathcal{A}_{45} since it is straightforward.

Game₆: We finally change the timing of the generation of (c^*, K^*) . This change is just conceptual, and we have

$$\Pr[S_5] = \Pr[S_6].$$

Notice that this is the original game $\text{Expt}_{\text{PKE}_{\text{hy}}, \mathcal{S}_{\text{hy}}, \mathcal{A}}^{\text{spr-cca}}(\kappa)$ with $b = 1$, thus, we have

$$\Pr[S_6] = \Pr[\text{Expt}_{\text{PKE}_{\text{hy}}, \mathcal{S}_{\text{hy}}, \mathcal{A}}^{\text{spr-cca}}(\kappa) = 1 \mid b = 1].$$

Summing the (in)equalities, we obtain the bound in the statement as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Adv}_{\text{PKE}_{\text{hy}}, \mathcal{S}_{\text{hy}}, \mathcal{A}}^{\text{spr-cca}}(\kappa) &= |\Pr[S_0] - \Pr[S_6]| \leq \sum_i |\Pr[S_i] - \Pr[S_{i+1}]| \\ &\leq \delta + \text{Adv}_{\text{KEM}^\chi, \mathcal{S}, \mathcal{A}_{23}}^{\text{spr-cca}}(\kappa) + \text{Adv}_{\text{DEM}, \mathcal{A}_{34}}^{\text{spr-otcca}}(\kappa) + \text{Adv}_{\text{KEM}^\chi, \mathcal{S}, \mathcal{A}_{45}}^{\text{ssmt-cca}}(\kappa). \end{aligned}$$

□

4 Properties of SXY

Let us review SXY [39] as known as U_m^χ with explicit re-encryption check [26].

Let $\text{PKE} = (\text{Gen}, \text{Enc}, \text{Dec})$ be a deterministic PKE scheme. Let \mathcal{M} , \mathcal{C} , and \mathcal{K} be a plaintext, ciphertext, and key space of PKE, respectively. Let $\text{H}: \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{K}$ and $\text{H}_{\text{prf}}: \{0, 1\}^\ell \times \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{K}$ be hash functions modeled by random oracles. $\text{KEM} = (\overline{\text{Gen}}, \overline{\text{Enc}}, \overline{\text{Dec}}) = \text{SXY}[\text{PKE}, \text{H}, \text{H}_{\text{prf}}]$ is defined as in [Figure 5](#).

$\overline{\text{Gen}}(1^\kappa)$	$\overline{\text{Enc}}(ek)$	$\overline{\text{Dec}}(\overline{dk}, c)$, where $\overline{dk} = (dk, ek, s)$
$(ek, dk) \leftarrow \text{Gen}(1^\kappa)$	$\mu \leftarrow \mathcal{D}_{\mathcal{M}}$	$\mu' \leftarrow \text{Dec}(dk, c)$
$s \leftarrow \{0, 1\}^\ell$	$c := \text{Enc}(ek, \mu)$	if $\mu' = \perp$ or $c \neq \text{Enc}(ek, \mu')$
$\overline{dk} := (dk, ek, s)$	$K := \text{H}(\mu)$	then return $K := \text{H}_{\text{prf}}(s, c)$
return (ek, \overline{dk})	return (c, K)	else return $K := \text{H}(\mu')$

Fig. 5. $\text{KEM} = \text{SXY}[\text{PKE}, \text{H}, \text{H}_{\text{prf}}]$

Table 3. Summary of games for the proof of [Theorem 8](#)

Game	H	c^*	K^*	Decapsulation		Justification
				valid c	invalid c	
Game ₀	H(\cdot)	Enc(ek, μ^*)	H(μ^*)	H(μ)	H _{prf} (s, c)	
Game ₁	H(\cdot)	Enc(ek, μ^*)	H(μ^*)	H(μ)	H _q (c)	Lemma 2
Game _{1.5}	H' _q (Enc(ek, \cdot))	Enc(ek, μ^*)	H(μ^*)	H(μ)	H _q (c)	key's accuracy
Game ₂	H _q (Enc(ek, \cdot))	Enc(ek, μ^*)	H(μ^*)	H(μ)	H _q (c)	key's accuracy
Game ₃	H _q (Enc(ek, \cdot))	Enc(ek, μ^*)	H _q (c^*)	H _q (c)	H _q (c)	key's accuracy
Game ₄	H _q (Enc(ek, \cdot))	S(1^κ)	H _q (c^*)	H _q (c)	H _q (c)	ciphertext indistinguishability
Game ₅	H _q (Enc(ek, \cdot))	S(1^κ)	U(\mathcal{K})	H _q (c)	H _q (c)	statistical disjointness
Game ₆	H _q (Enc(ek, \cdot))	S(1^κ)	U(\mathcal{K})	H(μ)	H _q (c)	key's accuracy
Game _{6.5}	H' _q (Enc(ek, \cdot))	S(1^κ)	U(\mathcal{K})	H(μ)	H _q (c)	key's accuracy
Game ₇	H(\cdot)	S(1^κ)	U(\mathcal{K})	H(μ)	H _q (c)	key's accuracy
Game ₈	H(\cdot)	S(1^κ)	U(\mathcal{K})	H(μ)	H _{prf} (s, c)	Lemma 2

4.1 SPR-CCA Security

We first show that KEM is strongly pseudorandom if the underlying PKE is strongly disjoint-simulatable.

Theorem 8. *Suppose that a ciphertext space \mathcal{C} of PKE depends on the public parameter only. If PKE is strongly disjoint-simulatable and δ -correct with negligible δ , then $\text{KEM} = \text{SXY}[\text{PKE}, \text{H}, \text{H}_{\text{prf}}]$ is SPR-CCA-secure.*

Correctly speaking, the bound of the advantage differ if PKE is derandomized by T . See the full version for the detail.

Proof of Theorem 8: We use the game-hopping proof. We consider Game _{i} for $i = 0, \dots, 8$. We summarize the games in [Table 3](#). Let S_i denote the event that the adversary outputs $b' = 1$ in game Game _{i} . Let Acc be an event that a key pair (ek, dk) is accurate. Let $\bar{\text{Acc}}$ denote the event that a key pair (ek, dk) is inaccurate. We note that we have $\Pr[\text{Acc}] \leq \delta$ since PKE is deterministic. We extend the security proof for IND-CCA security of SXY in [\[39, 47, 33\]](#).

Game₀: This game is the original game $\text{Expt}_{\text{KEM}, \mathcal{A}}^{\text{spr-cca}}(\kappa)$ with $b = 0$. Thus, we have

$$\Pr[S_0] = 1 - \Pr[\text{Expt}_{\text{KEM}, \mathcal{A}}^{\text{spr-cca}}(\kappa) = 1 \mid b = 0].$$

Game₁: This game is the same as Game₀ except that H_{prf}(s, c) in the decapsulation oracle is replace with H_q(c) where H_q: $\mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{K}$ is another random oracle. We remark that \mathcal{A} cannot access H_q directly.

As in [\[47, Lemmas 4.1\]](#), from [Lemma 2](#) we have the bound

$$|\Pr[S_0] - \Pr[S_1]| \leq 2(q_{\text{H}_{\text{prf}}} + q_{\text{DEC}}) \cdot 2^{-\ell/2},$$

where $q_{\text{H}_{\text{prf}}}$ and q_{DEC} denote the number of queries to H_{prf} and DEC the adversary makes, respectively.

In addition, according to [Lemma 8](#), for any $p \geq 0$, we have

$$|\Pr[S_1] - p| \leq |\Pr[S_1 \wedge \text{Acc}] - p| + \delta.$$

Game_{1.5}: This game is the same as **Game₁** except that the random oracle $H(\cdot)$ is simulated by $H'_q(\text{Enc}(ek, \cdot))$ where $H'_q: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{K}$ is yet another random oracle. We remark that the decapsulation oracle and the generation of K^* also use $H'_q(\text{Enc}(ek, \cdot))$ as $H(\cdot)$.

If the key pair (ek, dk) is accurate, then $g(\mu) := \text{Enc}(ek, \mu)$ is *injective*. Thus, if the key pair is accurate, then $H'_q \circ g: \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{K}$ is a random function and the two games **Game₁** and **Game_{1.5}** are equivalent. Thus, we have

$$\Pr[S_1 \wedge \text{Acc}] = \Pr[S_{1.5} \wedge \text{Acc}].$$

Game₂: This game is the same as **Game_{1.5}** except that the random oracle H is simulated by $H_q \circ g$ instead of $H'_q \circ g$.

A ciphertext c is said to be *valid* if we have $\text{Enc}(ek, \text{Dec}(dk, c)) = c$ and *invalid* otherwise.

Notice that, in **Game_{1.5}**, H_q is used for *invalid* ciphertext, and an adversary cannot access a value of H_q for a valid ciphertext. In addition, in **Game_{1.5}**, an adversary can access a value of H'_q on input a valid ciphertext and cannot access a value of H'_q on input an invalid ciphertext if the key pair is accurate. Thus, there is no difference between **Game_{1.5}** and **Game₂** if the key pair is accurate and we have

$$\Pr[S_{1.5} \wedge \text{Acc}] = \Pr[S_2 \wedge \text{Acc}].$$

Game₃: This game is the same as **Game₂** except that K^* is set as $H_q(c^*)$ and the decapsulation oracle always returns $H'_q(c)$ as long as $c \neq c^*$. This decapsulation oracle will be denoted by DEC' .

If the key pair is accurate, for a valid ciphertext c and its decrypted result μ , we have $H(\mu) = H_q(\text{Enc}(ek, \mu)) = H_q(c)$. Thus, the two games **Game₂** and **Game₃** are equivalent and we have

$$\Pr[S_2 \wedge \text{Acc}] = \Pr[S_3 \wedge \text{Acc}].$$

According to **Lemma 8**, for any $p \geq 0$, we have

$$|\Pr[S_3 \wedge \text{Acc}] - p| \leq |\Pr[S_3] - p| + \delta.$$

Game₄: This game is the same as **Game₃** except that c^* is generated by $\mathcal{S}(1^\kappa)$.

The difference between two games **Game₃** and **Game₄** is bounded by the advantage of ciphertext indistinguishability in disjoint simulatability as in [47, Lemma 4.7]. The reduction algorithm is obtained straightforwardly, and we omit it. We have

$$|\Pr[S_3] - \Pr[S_4]| \leq \text{Adv}_{\text{PKE}, \mathcal{D}, \mathcal{M}, \mathcal{S}, \mathcal{A}_{34}}^{\text{dis-ind}}(\kappa).$$

Game₅: This game is the same as **Game₄** except that $K^* \leftarrow \mathcal{K}$ instead of $K^* \leftarrow H_q(c^*)$.

In **Game₄**, if $c^* \leftarrow \mathcal{S}(1^\kappa)$ is not in $\text{Enc}(ek, \mathcal{M})$, then the adversary has no information about $K^* = H_q(c^*)$ and thus, K^* looks uniformly at random. Hence, the difference between two games **Game₄** and **Game₅** is

bounded by the statistical disjointness in disjoint simulatability as in [47, Lemma 4.8]. We have

$$|\Pr[S_4] - \Pr[S_5]| \leq \text{Disj}_{\text{PKE},S}(\kappa).$$

According to Lemma 8, for any $p \geq 0$, we have

$$|\Pr[S_5] - p| \leq |\Pr[S_5 \wedge \text{Acc}] - p| + \delta.$$

Game₆: This game is the same as **Game₅** except that the decapsulation oracle is reset as DEC. Similar to the case for **Game₂** and **Game₃**, if a key pair is accurate, the two games **Game₅** and **Game₆** are equivalent as in the proof of [47, Lemma 4.5]. We have

$$\Pr[S_5 \wedge \text{Acc}] = \Pr[S_6 \wedge \text{Acc}].$$

Game_{6.5}: This game is the same as **Game₆** except that the random oracle H is simulated by $H'_q \circ g$ where $H'_q : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{K}$ is yet another random oracle as in **Game_{1.2}** instead of $H_q \circ g$. If a key pair is accurate, then two games **Game₆** and **Game_{6.5}** are equal to each other as the two games **Game_{1.5}** and **Game₂** are equal to each other. We have

$$\Pr[S_6 \wedge \text{Acc}] = \Pr[S_{6.5} \wedge \text{Acc}].$$

Game₇: This game is the same as **Game_{6.5}** except that the random oracle $H(\cdot)$ is set as the original. If a key pair is accurate, then the two games **Game_{6.5}** and **Game₇** are equal to each other as the two games **Game_{1.5}** and **Game₁** are equal to each other. We have

$$\Pr[S_{6.5} \wedge \text{Acc}] = \Pr[S_7 \wedge \text{Acc}].$$

According to Lemma 8, for any $p \geq 0$, we have

$$|\Pr[S_7 \wedge \text{Acc}] - p| \leq |\Pr[S_7] - p| + \delta.$$

Game₈: This game is the same as **Game₇** except that $H_q(c)$ in the decapsulation oracle is replaced by $H_{\text{prf}}(s, c)$.

As we discussed the difference between the two games **Game₀** and **Game₁**, from Lemma 2 we have the bound

$$|\Pr[S_7] - \Pr[S_8]| \leq 2(q_{H_{\text{prf}}} + q_{\text{DEC}}) \cdot 2^{-\ell/2}.$$

We note that this game is the original game $\text{Expt}_{\text{KEM},\mathcal{A}}^{\text{spr-cca}}(\kappa)$ with $b = 1$. Thus, we have

$$\Pr[S_8] = \Pr[\text{Expt}_{\text{KEM},\mathcal{A}}^{\text{spr-cca}}(\kappa) = 1 \mid b = 1].$$

Summing those (in)equalities, we obtain the following bound:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Adv}_{\text{KEM},\mathcal{A}}^{\text{spr-cca}}(\kappa) &= |\Pr[S_0] - \Pr[S_8]| \leq \sum_{i=0}^7 |\Pr[S_i] - \Pr[S_{i+1}]| \\ &\leq \text{Adv}_{\text{PKE},\mathcal{D},\mathcal{M},S,\mathcal{A}_{34}}^{\text{ds-ind}}(\kappa) + \text{Disj}_{\text{PKE},S}(\kappa) \\ &\quad + 4(q_{H_{\text{prf}}} + q_{\text{DEC}}) \cdot 2^{-\ell/2} + 4\delta. \end{aligned}$$

Table 4. Summary of games for the proof of [Theorem 9](#): ‘ $\mathcal{S}(1^\kappa) \setminus \text{Enc}(ek, \mathcal{M})$ ’ implies that the challenger generates $c^* \leftarrow \mathcal{S}(1^\kappa)$ and returns \perp if $c^* \in \text{Enc}(ek, \mathcal{M})$.

Game	c^*	K^*	Decapsulation		Justification
			valid c	invalid c	
Game ₀	$\mathcal{S}(1^\kappa)$	random	$H(\mu)$	$H_{\text{prf}}(s, c)$	statistical disjointness
Game ₁	$\mathcal{S}(1^\kappa) \setminus \text{Enc}(ek, \mathcal{M})$	random	$H(\mu)$	$H_{\text{prf}}(s, c)$	
Game ₂	$\mathcal{S}(1^\kappa) \setminus \text{Enc}(ek, \mathcal{M})$	random	$H(\mu)$	$H_q(c)$	Lemma 2
Game ₃	$\mathcal{S}(1^\kappa) \setminus \text{Enc}(ek, \mathcal{M})$	$H_q(c^*)$	$H(\mu)$	$H_q(c)$	$H_q(c^*)$ is hidden
Game ₄	$\mathcal{S}(1^\kappa) \setminus \text{Enc}(ek, \mathcal{M})$	$H_{\text{prf}}(s, c^*)$	$H(\mu)$	$H_{\text{prf}}(s, c)$	Lemma 2
Game ₅	$\mathcal{S}(1^\kappa) \setminus \text{Enc}(ek, \mathcal{M})$	$\text{Dec}(dk, c^*)$	$H(\mu)$	$H_{\text{prf}}(s, c)$	re-encryption check
Game ₆	$\mathcal{S}(1^\kappa)$	$\text{Dec}(dk, c^*)$	$H(\mu)$	$H_{\text{prf}}(s, c)$	statistical disjointness

4.2 SSMT-CCA Security

Theorem 9. *Suppose that a ciphertext space \mathcal{C} of PKE depends on the public parameter only. If PKE is strongly disjoint-simulatable, then $\text{KEM} = \text{SXY}[\text{PKE}, H, H_{\text{prf}}]$ is SSMT-CCA-secure.*

Formally speaking, for any adversary \mathcal{A} against SSMT-CCA security of KEM issuing at most $q_{H_{\text{prf}}}$ and q_{DEC} queries to H_{prf} and DEC, we have

$$\text{Adv}_{\text{KEM}, \mathcal{S}, \mathcal{A}}^{\text{ssmt-cca}}(\kappa) \leq 2\text{Disj}_{\text{PKE}, \mathcal{S}}(\kappa) + 4(q_{H_{\text{prf}}} + q_{\text{DEC}}) \cdot 2^{-\ell/2}.$$

We note that this security proof is unrelated to PKE is deterministic PKE or one derandomized by T.

Proof: We use the game-hopping proof. We consider **Game_i** for $i = 0, \dots, 6$. We summarize those games in [Table 4](#). Let S_i denote the event that the adversary outputs $b' = 1$ in game **Game_i**.

Game₀: This game is the original game $\text{Exp}_{\text{KEM}, \mathcal{S}, \mathcal{A}}^{\text{ssmt-cca}}(\kappa)$ with $b = 0$. The challenge is generated as $c^* \leftarrow \mathcal{S}(1^\kappa)$ and $K_0^* \leftarrow \mathcal{K}$. We have

$$\Pr[S_0] = 1 - \Pr[\text{Exp}_{\text{KEM}, \mathcal{S}, \mathcal{A}}^{\text{ssmt-cca}}(\kappa) = 1 \mid b = 0].$$

Game₁: In this game, the challenge ciphertext is set as \perp if c^* is in $\text{Enc}(ek, \mathcal{M})$. Since the difference between two games **Game₀** and **Game₁** is bounded by statistical disjointness, we have

$$|\Pr[S_0] - \Pr[S_1]| \leq \text{Disj}_{\text{PKE}, \mathcal{S}}(\kappa).$$

Game₂: This game is the same as **Game₁** except that $H_{\text{prf}}(s, c)$ in the decapsulation oracle is replaced with $H_q(c)$ where $H_q: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{K}$ is another random oracle.

As in [[47](#), Lemmas 4.1], from [Lemma 2](#) we have the bound

$$|\Pr[S_1] - \Pr[S_2]| \leq 2(q_{H_{\text{prf}}} + q_{\text{DEC}}) \cdot 2^{-\ell/2}.$$

Game₃: This game is the same as **Game₂** except that K^* is set as $H_q(c^*)$ instead of chosen randomly. Since c^* is always outside of $\text{Enc}(ek, \mathcal{M})$, \mathcal{A} cannot obtain any information about $H_q(c^*)$. Hence, the two games **Game₂** and **Game₃** are equivalent and we have

$$\Pr[S_2] = \Pr[S_3].$$

Game₄: This game is the same as **Game₃** except that $H_q(\cdot)$ is replaced by $H_{\text{prf}}(s, \cdot)$. As in [47, Lemmas 4.1], from **Lemma 2** we have the bound

$$|\Pr[S_3] - \Pr[S_4]| \leq 2(q_{H_{\text{prf}}} + q_{\text{DEC}}) \cdot 2^{-\ell/2}.$$

Game₅: This game is the same as **Game₄** except that K^* is set as $\overline{\text{Dec}}(dk, c^*)$ instead of $H_{\text{prf}}(s, c^*)$. Recall that c^* is always in *outside* of $\text{Enc}(ek, \mathcal{M})$. Thus, we always have $\text{Dec}(c^*) = \perp$ or $\text{Enc}(ek, \text{Dec}(c^*)) \neq c^*$ and, thus, $K^* = H_{\text{prf}}(s, c^*)$ in **Game₅**. Hence, the two games are equivalent and we have

$$\Pr[S_4] = \Pr[S_5].$$

Game₆: We finally replace the way to compute c^* : In this game, the ciphertext is chosen by $\mathcal{S}(1^\kappa)$ as in **Game₀**. Again, since the difference between two games **Game₅** and **Game₆** is bounded by statistical disjointness, we have

$$|\Pr[S_5] - \Pr[S_6]| \leq \text{Disj}_{\text{PKE}, \mathcal{S}}(\kappa).$$

Moreover, this game **Game₆** is the original game $\text{Expt}_{\text{KEM}, \mathcal{S}, \mathcal{A}}^{\text{ssmt-cca}}(\kappa)$ with $b = 1$ and we have

$$\Pr[S_6] = \Pr[\text{Expt}_{\text{KEM}, \mathcal{S}, \mathcal{A}}^{\text{ssmt-cca}}(\kappa) = 1 \mid b = 1].$$

Summing those (in)equalities, we obtain **Theorem 9**:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Adv}_{\text{KEM}, \mathcal{S}, \mathcal{A}}^{\text{ssmt-cca}}(\kappa) &= |\Pr[S_0] - \Pr[S_6]| \\ &\leq 2\text{Disj}_{\text{PKE}, \mathcal{S}}(\kappa) + 4(q_{H_{\text{prf}}} + q_{\text{DEC}}) \cdot 2^{-\ell/2}. \end{aligned}$$

4.3 SCFR-CCA Security

Theorem 10. *If PKE is XCFR-secure or SCFR-CCA-secure, then $\text{KEM} = \text{SXY}[\text{PKE}, \text{H}, \text{H}_{\text{prf}}]$ is SCFR-CCA-secure in the QROM.*

Proof. Suppose that an adversary against KEM's SCFR-CCA security outputs a ciphertext c which is decapsulated into $K \neq \perp$ by both \overline{dk}_0 and \overline{dk}_1 , that is, $K = \overline{\text{Dec}}(\overline{dk}_0, c) = \overline{\text{Dec}}(\overline{dk}_1, c) \neq \perp$. For $i \in \{0, 1\}$, we define μ'_i as an internal decryption result under dk_i , that is, $\mu'_i = \text{Dec}(dk_i, c)$. For $i \in \{0, 1\}$, we also define $\mu_i := \mu'_i$ if $c = \text{Enc}(ek_i, \mu'_i)$ and $\mu_i := \perp$ otherwise.

We have five cases classified as follows:

- Case 1 ($\mu_0 = \mu_1 \neq \perp$): This $\mu_0 = \mu_1 \neq \perp$ violates the XCFR security (or the SCFR-CCA security) of the underlying PKE and it is easy to make a reduction.
- Case 2 ($\perp \neq \mu_0 \neq \mu_1 \neq \perp$): In this case, the decapsulation algorithm outputs $K = \text{H}(\mu_0) = \text{H}(\mu_1)$. Thus, we succeed to find a collision for H , which is negligible for any QPT adversary (**Lemma 3**).
- Case 3 ($\mu_0 = \perp$ and $\mu_1 \neq \perp$): In this case, the decapsulation algorithm outputs $K = \text{H}_{\text{prf}}(s_0, c) = \text{H}(\mu_1)$ and we find a claw $((s_0, c), \mu_1)$ of H_{prf} and H . The probability that we find such claw is negligible for any QPT adversary (**Lemma 4**).

- Case 4 ($\mu_0 \neq \perp$ and $\mu_1 = \perp$): In this case, the decapsulation algorithm outputs $K = H(\mu_0) = H_{\text{prf}}(s_1, c)$ and we find a claw $(\mu_0, (s_1, c))$ of H and H_{prf} . The probability that we find such claw is negligible for any QPT adversary (Lemma 4).
- Case 5 (The other cases): In this case, we find a collision $((s_0, c), (s_1, c))$ of H_{prf} , which is indeed collision if $s_0 \neq s_1$ which occurs with probability at least $1 - 1/2^\ell$. The probability that we find such collision is negligible for any QPT adversary (Lemma 3).

We conclude that the advantage of the adversary is negligible in any case. \square

5 NTRU

We briefly review NTRU [14] in subsection 5.1, discuss the security properties of the underlying PKE, NTRU-DPKE, in subsection 5.2, and discuss the security properties of NTRU in subsection 5.3. We want to show that, under appropriate assumptions, NTRU is ANON-CCA-secure in the QROM, and NTRU leads to ANON-CCA-secure and SROB-CCA-secure hybrid PKE in the QROM. In order to do so, we show that the underlying NTRU-DPKE of NTRU is strongly disjoint-simulatable under the modified DSPR and PLWE assumptions and XCFR-secure in subsection 5.2. Since NTRU is obtained by applying SXY to NTRU-DPKE, the former implies that NTRU is SPR-CCA-secure and SSMT-CCA-secure in the QROM under those assumptions and the latter implies that NTRU is SCFR-CCA-secure in the QROM. Those three properties lead to the anonymity of NTRU and hybrid PKE in the QROM as we wanted.

5.1 Review of NTRU

Preliminaries: Φ_1 denotes the polynomial $x - 1$ and Φ_n denotes $(x^n - 1)/(x - 1) = x^{n-1} + x^{n-2} + \dots + 1$. We have $x^n - 1 = \Phi_1 \Phi_n$. R , $R/3$, and R/q denotes $\mathbb{Z}[x]/(\Phi_1 \Phi_n)$, $\mathbb{Z}[x]/(3, \Phi_1 \Phi_n)$, and $\mathbb{Z}[x]/(q, \Phi_1 \Phi_n)$, respectively. S , $S/3$, and S/q denotes $\mathbb{Z}[x]/(\Phi_n)$, $\mathbb{Z}[x]/(3, \Phi_n)$, and $\mathbb{Z}[x]/(q, \Phi_n)$, respectively.

We say a polynomial *ternary* if its coefficients are in $\{-1, 0, +1\}$. $\mathfrak{S3}(a)$ returns a canonical $S/3$ -representative of $z \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$, that is, $b \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$ of degree at most $n - 2$ with ternary coefficients in $\{-1, 0, +1\}$ such that $a \equiv b \pmod{(3, \Phi_n)}$. Let \mathcal{T} be a set of non-zero ternary polynomials of degree at most $n - 2$, that is, $\mathcal{T} = \{a = \sum_{i=0}^{n-2} a_i x^i : a \neq 0 \wedge a_i \in \{-1, 0, +1\}\}$. We say a ternary polynomial $v = \sum_i v_i x^i$ has the *non-negative correlation* property if $\sum_i v_i v_{i+1} \geq 0$. \mathcal{T}_+ is a set of non-zero ternary polynomials of degree at most $n - 2$ with *non-negative correlation* property. $\mathcal{T}(d)$ is a set of non-zero balanced ternary polynomials of degree at most $n - 2$ with Hamming weight d , that is, $\{a \in \mathcal{T} : |\{a_i : a_i = 1\}| = |\{a_i : a_i = -1\}| = d/2\}$.

The following lemma is due to Schanck [41]. (See, e.g., [14] for this design choice.)

$\text{Gen}(1^\kappa)$	$\text{Enc}(h, (r, m) \in \mathcal{L}_r \times \mathcal{L}_m)$	$\text{Dec}((f, f_p, h_q), c)$
$(f, g) \leftarrow \text{Sample_fg}()$ $f_q := (1/f) \in S/q$ $h := (3 \cdot g \cdot f_q) \in R/q$ $h_q := (1/h) \in S/q$ $f_p := (1/f) \in S/3$ $ek := h, dk := (f, f_p, h_q)$ return (ek, dk)	$\mu' := \text{Lift}(m)$ $c := (h \cdot r + \mu') \in R/q$ return c	if $c \not\equiv 0 \pmod{(q, \Phi_1)}$ then return $(0, 0, 1)$ $a := (c \cdot f) \in R/q$ $m := (a \cdot f_p) \in S/3$ $\mu' := \text{Lift}(m)$ $r := ((c - \mu') \cdot h_q) \in S/q$ if $(r, m) \in \mathcal{L}_r \times \mathcal{L}_m$ then return $(r, m, 0)$ else return $(0, 0, 1)$

Fig. 6. NTRU-DPKE

Lemma 5. *Suppose that $(n, q) = (509, 2048), (677, 2048), (821, 4096),$ or $(701, 8192)$, which are the parameter sets in NTRU. If $r \in \mathcal{T}$, then r has an inverse in S/q .*

Proof. Φ_n is irreducible over \mathbb{F}_2 if and only if n is prime and 2 is primitive element in \mathbb{F}_n^\times (See e.g., Cohen et al. [15]). The conditions are satisfied for all $n = 509, 677, 701,$ and 821 . Hence, $\mathbb{Z}[x]/(2, \Phi_n)$ is a finite field and every polynomial r in \mathcal{T} has an inverse in $\mathbb{Z}[x]/(2, \Phi_n)$. Such r is also invertible in $S/q = \mathbb{Z}[x]/(q, \Phi_n)$ with $q = 2^k$ for some k and, indeed, one can find it using the Newton method or the Hensel lifting. \square

NTRU: NTRU involves four subsets $\mathcal{L}_f, \mathcal{L}_g, \mathcal{L}_r, \mathcal{L}_m$ of R . It uses $\text{Lift}(m): \mathcal{L}_m \rightarrow R$. NTRU has two types of parameter sets, NTRU-HPS and NTRU-HRSS, specified as later.

- NTRU-HPS: The parameters are defined as follows: $\mathcal{L}_f = \mathcal{T}, \mathcal{L}_g = \mathcal{T}(q/8 - 2), \mathcal{L}_r = \mathcal{T}, \mathcal{L}_m = \mathcal{T}(q/8 - 2)$, and $\text{Lift}(m) = m$.
- NTRU-HRSS: The parameters are defined as follows: $\mathcal{L}_f = \mathcal{T}_+, \mathcal{L}_g = \{\Phi_1 \cdot v \mid v \in \mathcal{T}_+\}, \mathcal{L}_r = \mathcal{T}, \mathcal{L}_m = \mathcal{T}$, and $\text{Lift}(m) = \Phi_1 \cdot \text{S3}(m/\Phi_1)$.

It uses $\text{Sample_fg}()$ to sample f and g from \mathcal{L}_f and \mathcal{L}_g . NTRU also uses $\text{Sample_rm}()$ to sample r and m from \mathcal{L}_r and \mathcal{L}_m .

The underlying DPKE of NTRU, which we call NTRU-DPKE, is defined as [Figure 6](#). We note that, for an encryption key h , we have $h \equiv 0 \pmod{(q, \Phi_1)}$, h is invertible in S/q , and $hr + m \equiv 0 \pmod{(q, \Phi_1)}$. (See [\[14, Section 2.3\]](#).)

NTRU then apply SXY to NTRU-DPKE in order to obtain IND-CCA-secure KEM as in [Figure 7](#), where $H = \text{SHA3-256}$ and $H_{\text{prf}} = \text{SHA3-256}$. Since the lengths of their input space differ, we can treat them as different random oracles.

Rigidity: NTRU uses SXY, while its KEM version ([Figure 7](#)) seems to lack the re-encryption check. We note that NTRU implicitly checks $hr + \text{Lift}(m) = c$ by checking if $(r, m) \in \mathcal{L}_r \times \mathcal{L}_m$ in NTRU-DPKE ([Figure 6](#)). See [\[14\]](#) for the details.

$\overline{\text{Gen}}(1^\kappa)$	$\overline{\text{Enc}}(ek = h)$	$\overline{\text{Dec}}(\overline{dk} = (dk, s), c)$
$(ek, dk) \leftarrow \text{Gen}(1^\kappa)$	$\text{coins} \leftarrow \{0, 1\}^{256}$	$(r, m, \text{fail}) := \text{Dec}(dk, c)$
$s \leftarrow \{0, 1\}^{256}$	$(r, m) \leftarrow \text{Sample_rm}(\text{coins})$	$k_1 := \text{H}(r, m)$
$\overline{dk} := (dk, s)$	$c := \text{Enc}(h, (r, m))$	$k_2 := \text{H}_{\text{prf}}(s, c)$
return (ek, \overline{dk})	$K := \text{H}(r, m)$	if fail = 0 then return k_1
	return (c, K)	else return k_2

Fig. 7. NTRU

5.2 Properties of NTRU-DPKE

We show that NTRU-DPKE is strongly disjoint-simulatable and XCFR-secure.

We have known that the generalized NTRU PKE is pseudorandom [44] and disjointly simulatable [39] if the decisional small polynomial ratio (DSPR) assumption [34] and the polynomial learning with errors (PLWE) assumption [45, 35] hold. See [39, Section 3.3 of the ePrint version.].

Let us adapt their arguments to NTRU-DPKE. We modify the DSPR and the PLWE assumptions as follows:

Definition 14. Fix the parameter set. Define $R' := \{c \in R/q : c \equiv 0 \pmod{(q, \Phi_1)}\}$, which is efficiently sampleable.

- The modified DSPR assumption: It is computationally hard to distinguish $h := 3 \cdot g \cdot f_q \pmod{(q, \Phi_1 \Phi_n)}$ from h' , where $(f, g) \leftarrow \text{Sample_fg}()$, $f_q \leftarrow (1/f) \pmod{(q, \Phi_n)}$, and $h' \leftarrow R'$.
- The modified PLWE assumption: It is computationally hard to distinguish $(h, hr + \text{Lift}(m) \pmod{(q, \Phi_1 \Phi_n)})$ from (h, c') with $h, c' \leftarrow R'$ and $(r, m) \leftarrow \text{Sample_rm}()$.

We can show NTRU-DPKE is strongly disjoint-simulatable under those two assumptions:

Lemma 6. Suppose that the modified DSPR and PLWE assumptions hold. Then, NTRU-DPKE is strongly disjoint-simulatable with a simulator \mathcal{S} that outputs a random polynomial chosen from R' .

Proof. The proof for ciphertext-indistinguishability is obtained by modifying the proof in [39]. We want to show that $(h, c = hr + \text{Lift}(m) \pmod{(q, \Phi_1 \Phi_n)}) \approx_c (h, c')$, where $h = 3gf_q \pmod{(q, \Phi_1 \Phi_n)}$ and $f_q = (1/f) \pmod{(q, \Phi_n)}$ with $(f, g) \leftarrow \text{Sample_fg}()$, $(r, m) \leftarrow \text{Sample_rm}()$, and $c' \leftarrow R'$.

- We first replace h with $h' \leftarrow R'$, which is justified by the modified DSPR assumption.
- We next replace $c = h'r + \text{Lift}(m) \pmod{(q, \Phi_1 \Phi_n)}$ with $c' \leftarrow R'$, which is justified by the modified PLWE assumption.
- We then go backward by replacing random h' with h , which is justified by the modified DSPR assumption again.

Statistical disjointness follows from the fact that $|R'| = q^{n-1} \gg 3^{2n} = |\mathcal{T} \times \mathcal{T}| \geq |\mathcal{L}_m \times \mathcal{L}_r| \geq |\text{Enc}(h, \mathcal{L}_m \times \mathcal{L}_r)|$. Since R' is independent of an encryption key h , NTRU-DPKE is strong disjoint-simulatable. \square

We next show the XCFR security of NTRU-DPKE.

Lemma 7. *NTRU-DPKE is XCFR-secure.*

Proof. Suppose that the adversary wins with its output c on input ek_0 , dk_0 , ek_1 , and dk_1 , where $ek_i = h_i$ for $i \in \{0, 1\}$. Let us define $\mu_0 = \text{Dec}(dk_0, c)$ and $\mu_1 = \text{Dec}(dk_1, c)$.

If the adversary wins, we can assume $\mu_0 = \mu_1 = (r, m, 0) \in \mathcal{L}_r \times \mathcal{L}_m \times \{0, 1\}$. Otherwise, that is, if $\mu_0 = \mu_1 = (0, 0, 1)$, then the output is treated as \perp and the adversary loses.

Moreover, because of the check in the decryption, we have $c \equiv h_0 \cdot r + \text{Lift}(m) \equiv h_1 \cdot r + \text{Lift}(m) \pmod{q, \Phi_1 \Phi_n}$, which implies $r(h_0 - h_1) \equiv 0 \pmod{q, \Phi_n}$. On the other hand, according to [Lemma 5](#), for any $r \in \mathcal{L}_r = \mathcal{T}$, we have $r \neq 0 \in S/q$. In addition, we have $h_0 \equiv h_1 \in S/q$ with negligible probability. Thus, all but negligible choices of h_0 and h_1 , any $r \in \mathcal{L}_r = \mathcal{T}$ results in $r(h_0 - h_1) \not\equiv 0 \pmod{q, \Phi_n}$ and $h_0 \cdot r + \text{Lift}(m) \not\equiv h_1 \cdot r + \text{Lift}(m) \pmod{q, \Phi_1 \Phi_n}$. Hence, the probability that the adversary wins is negligible, concluding the proof. \square

5.3 Properties of NTRU

Combining NTRU-DPKE's strong disjoint-simulatability and XCFR security with previous theorems on SXY, we obtain the following theorems.

Theorem 11. *Suppose that the modified DSPR and PLWE assumptions hold. Then, NTRU is SPR-CCA-secure and SSMT-CCA-secure in the QROM.*

Proof. Under the modified DSPR and PLWE assumptions, NTRU-DPKE is strongly disjoint-simulatable ([Lemma 6](#)). In addition, NTRU-DPKE is perfectly correct. Applying [Theorem 8](#) and [Theorem 9](#), we obtain the theorem. \square

Theorem 12. *NTRU is SCFR-CCA-secure in the QROM.*

Proof. NTRU-DPKE is XCFR-secure ([Lemma 7](#)). Applying [Theorem 10](#), we have that NTRU is SCFR-CCA-secure in the QROM. \square

Theorem 13. *Under the modified DSPR and PLWE assumptions, NTRU is ANON-CCA-secure in the QROM.*

Proof. Due to [Theorem 11](#), under the modified DSPR and PLWE assumptions, NTRU is SPR-CCA-secure in the QROM. Thus, applying [Theorem 1](#), we have that, under those assumptions, NTRU is ANON-CCA-secure in the QROM. \square

Theorem 14. *Under the modified DSPR and PLWE assumptions, NTRU leads to ANON-CCA-secure and SROB-CCA-secure hybrid PKE in the QROM, combined with SPR-OTCCA-secure and FROB-secure DEM.*

Proof. Due to [Theorem 11](#), under the modified DSPR and PLWE assumptions, NTRU is SPR-CCA-secure and SSMT-CCA-secure in the QROM. Moreover, NTRU is perfectly correct. Thus, combining NTRU with SPR-OTCCA-secure DEM, we obtain a SPR-CCA-secure hybrid PKE in the QROM ([Theorem 7](#)). Moreover, NTRU is SCFR-CCA-secure in the QROM ([Theorem 12](#)). Thus, if DEM is FROB-secure, then the hybrid PKE is SROB-CCA-secure ([Theorem 3](#)). \square

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A Missing Lemma

Lemma 8. *Let A and B denote events. Suppose that we have $\Pr[A] \leq \delta$. For any $p \geq 0$, we have*

$$|\Pr[B] - p| \leq |\Pr[B \wedge \neg A] - p| + \delta \quad \text{and} \quad |\Pr[B \wedge \neg A] - p| \leq |\Pr[B] - p| + \delta.$$

Proof. Those bounds are obtained by using the triangle inequality. We have

$$\begin{aligned} |\Pr[B] - p| &= |\Pr[B \wedge A] + \Pr[B \wedge \neg A] - p| \leq \Pr[B \wedge A] + |\Pr[B \wedge \neg A] - p| \\ &\leq \Pr[A] + |\Pr[B \wedge \neg A] - p| \leq |\Pr[B \wedge \neg A] - p| + \delta \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} |\Pr[B \wedge \neg A] - p| &= |\Pr[B \wedge \neg A] + \Pr[B \wedge A] - \Pr[B \wedge A] - p| \\ &= |\Pr[B] - p - \Pr[B \wedge A]| \leq |\Pr[B] - p| + \Pr[B \wedge A] \\ &\leq |\Pr[B] - p| + \Pr[A] \leq |\Pr[B] - p| + \delta \end{aligned}$$

as we wanted. □