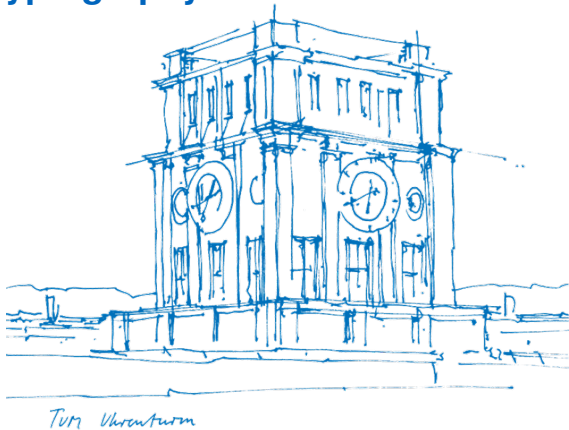


Masked Accelerators and Instruction Set Extensions for Post-Quantum Cryptography

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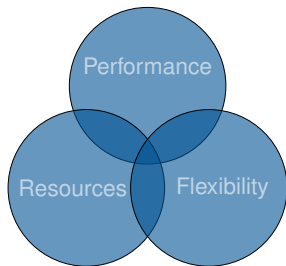
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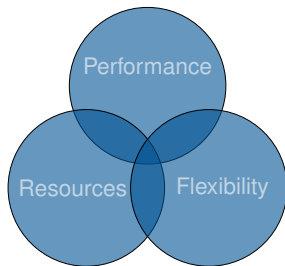


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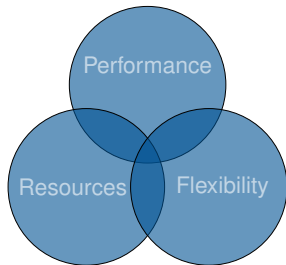


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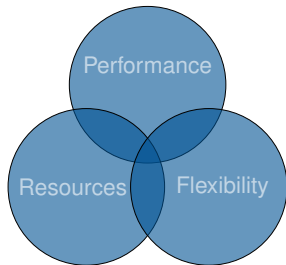


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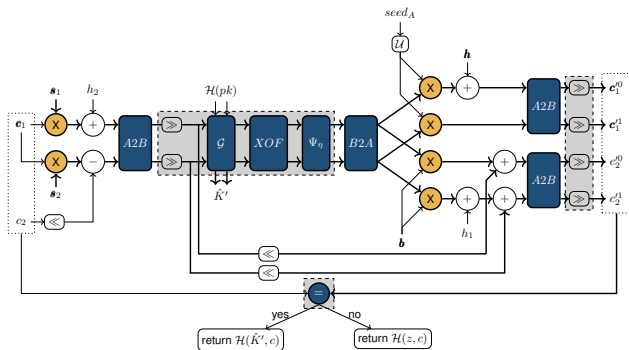
- PKE/KEM schemes with KEYGEN, ENCAPS, **DECAPS**
- CCA-secure **DECAPS** with re-encryption vulnerable against DPA
- Masking randomly splits secret variables into multiple shares to break the correlation between power consumption and the processed secret data
- Masking methods and complexity are different for KYBER and SABER

	KYBER	SABER
Method	MLWE	MLWR
Modulus q	3329	2^{13}

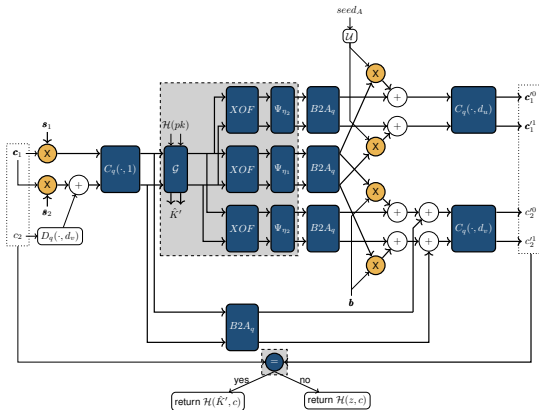
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Masked SABER.DECAPS



- Linear polynomial multiplication
- Hash function \mathcal{G}
- XOF (SHAKE)
- Binomial sampling ψ
- $A2B$ / $B2A$
- Masked ciphertext comparison

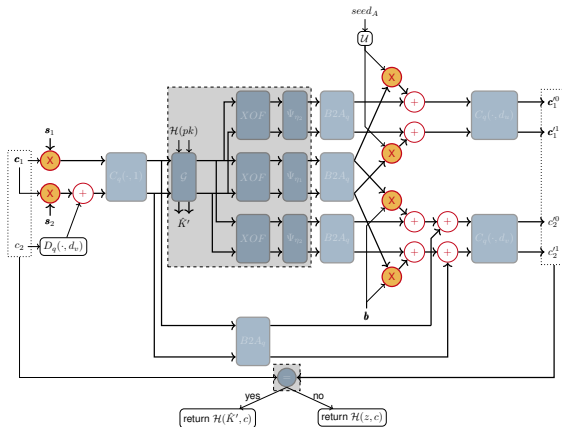


Main differences to SABER:

- Three sampling instances instead of one
- More complex $B2A$ conversion and ciphertext compression $C_q(\cdot, d_v)$

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Linear operations (ring arithmetic) are duplicated in a masked setting
 → Fast multiplication important

Generic Ring Arithmetic Accelerator

Increasing Flexibility of NTT

Lattice-based algorithm	n	q	$\phi(x)$	NTT-based	$\lceil \log_2(q') \rceil$
KYBER*	256	3329	$x^n + 1$	yes	12
Dilithium*	256	8380417	$x^n + 1$	yes	23
Falcon-512/1024*	512/1024	12289	$x^n + 1$	yes	14
SABER	256	8192	$x^n + 1$	no	34
ntruhs2048509	509	2048	$x^n - 1$	no	31
ntruhs2048677	677	2048	$x^n - 1$	no	32
ntruhs4096821	821	4096	$x^n - 1$	no	34
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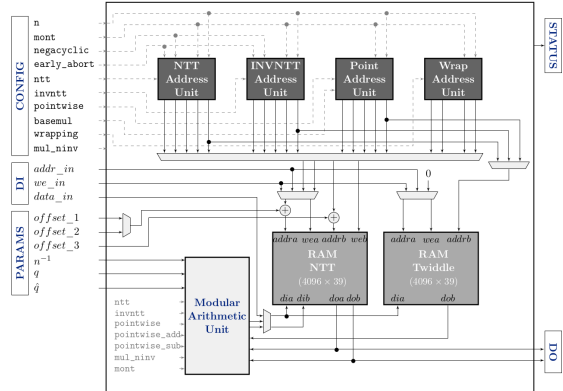
* NIST PQC winners

- NTT for polynomial multiplication is not always directly applicable
 - Prime q can be lifted to any “NTT-friendly” prime, e.g., $q' > n \cdot q^2$
- Developed a generic NTT-based ring arithmetic accelerator with prime lift support

Generic Ring Arithmetic Accelerator

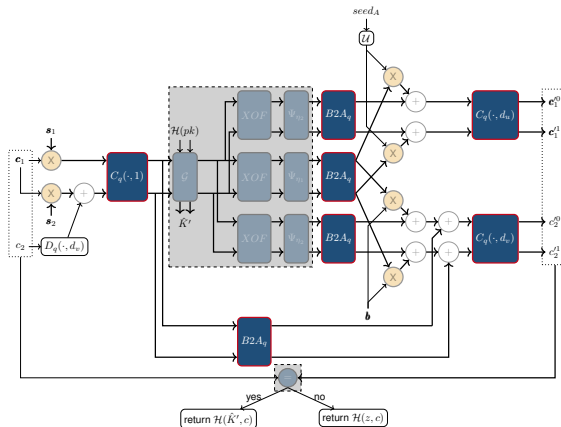
Increasing Flexibility of NTT

- Support for NTT operations
- Support for pointwise operations
- Support for positive and negative wrapped convolutions
- Support for early NTT abort (KYBER)



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Ring arithmetic requires **arithmetic sharing** and non-linear operations **Boolean sharing**
 → Secure and efficient conversion methods required

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- Generic conversion methods based on the secure masked addition SECADD were presented in [CGV14] (suitable for hardware implementations)

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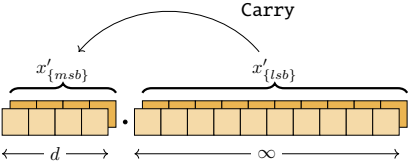
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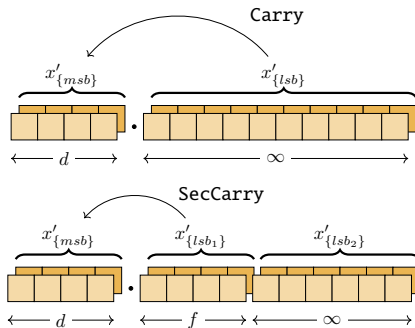
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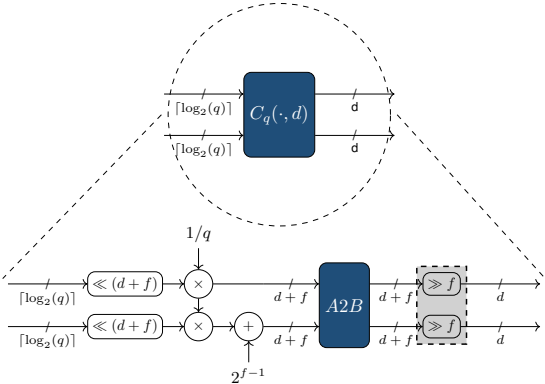
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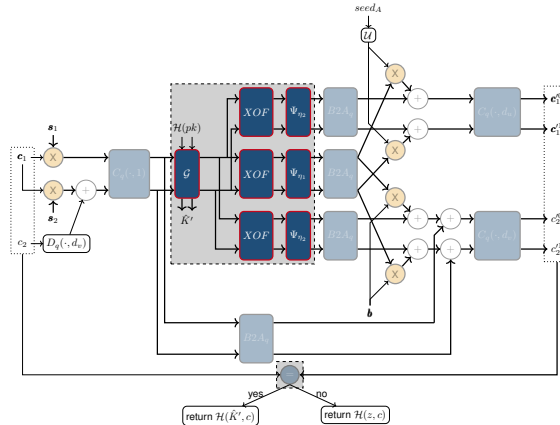
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→ Similar to conversion methods, binomial sampling requires attention (combines information of both shares)

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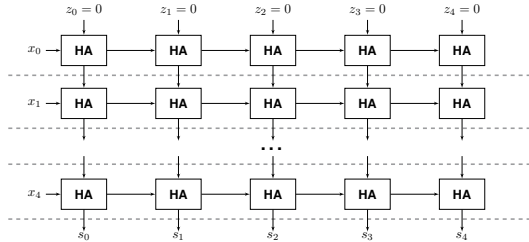
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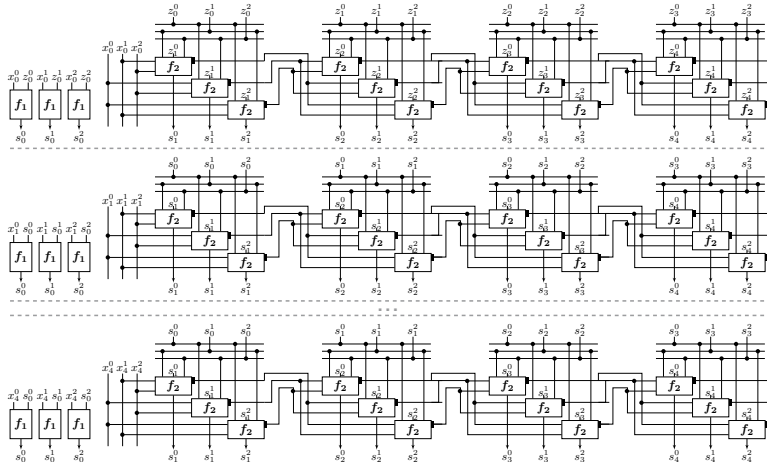
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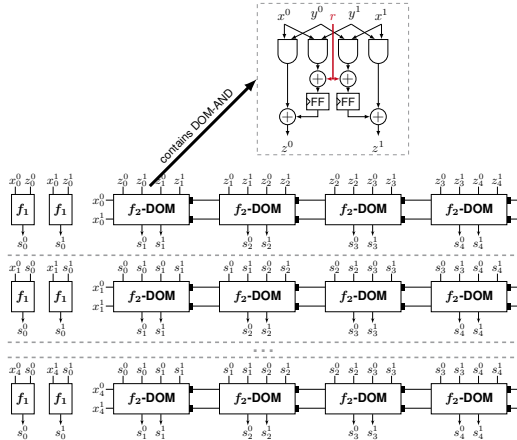
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➔ High resource and randomness requirement

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Approach II (Domain Oriented Masking)



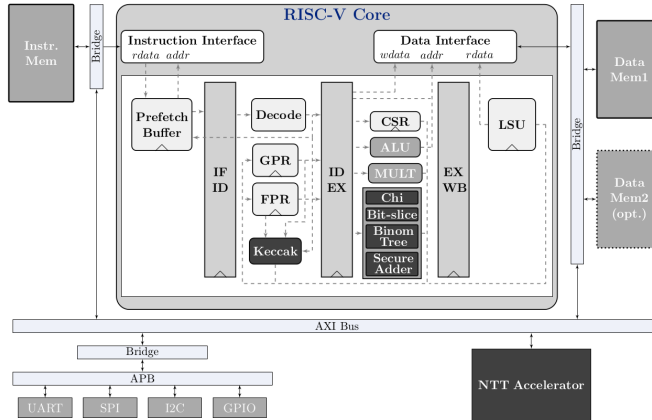
- Compute non-linear carry computation $c_i = c_{i-1} \wedge z_{i-1}$ with DOM-AND
- Group shares into different domains
- Domain-crossing operations are refreshed with randomness
- + Reduces FPGA slices by 40 % and randomness requirement by 100 %

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System Architecture



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Performance Results (Clock Cycles)

Algorithm	Device	Decapsulation		Generate randomness
		unmasked	masked	
Kyber-768 [HKL ⁺ 22]	ARM M4	–	2,978,441	+0 ^{a)}
Kyber-768 [BGR ⁺ 21]	ARM M4	882,000	3,116,000	+0 ^{a)}
Kyber-768 [BGR ⁺ 21]	ARM M0	5,530,000	12,208,000	–
Kyber-768 (this work)	RISC-V	313,034	1,235,460	+167,190
Saber [BDK ⁺ 21]	ARM M4	1,123,280	2,833,348	+0 ^{a)}
Saber (this work)	RISC-V	351,370	905,395	+9,530

^{a)} Onboard TRNG available.

- Masking performance overhead $\times 4.5$ for KYBER
- Masking performance overhead $\times 2.6$ for SABER

Thank you for your attention!

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