# One-Hot Conversion: Towards Faster Table-based A2B Conversion 

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- Very inefficient in higher-order


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## One-hot to Boolean

- Convert from one-hot encoding to Boolean domain

- All operations are sharewise!
- The paper describes how to implement this operation more efficiently


## One-hot to Boolean

- We can even apply any function $f()$



## Arithmetic to one-hot

- Use 1-bit table-based method [CGMZ21]
- Adding an arithmetic share = rotating the encoding
- Example $s=3$, arithmetically shared in $A^{(0)}=10, A^{(1)}=9, q=16$

| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |

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## Scaling up

- Divide the input arithmetic share into chuncks of $n$ bits
- Process each chunk iteratively

- Need to take care of carries


## Carry propagation

Shift with $\sum_{k} \hat{D}_{j}^{(k)}$

| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
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## Scaling A2B

- Three building blocks:
- Arithmetic to one-hot
- One-hot to Boolean
- Carry propagation


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## One-bit output

- One-hot to Boolean part can be ignored for specific one-bit functions
- Notably possible for typical PQ functions:
- MSB extraction
- Ciphertext validation


## Check if masked value is zero

Carry $=3 \quad$, Carry $=2 \quad$ Carry $=1 \quad$, Carry $=0$

| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
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Cycle cost w/o randomness sampling



Cycle cost with randomness sampling
$\square$ 2nd order $\square$ 3th order


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- Already caught up in speed, maybe speedup possible?
- Focus point: randomness reduction


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- Randomness reduction
- Optimized implementation
- First-order optimized version
- Constant hamming-weight intermediate representation useful?


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Table: Cost to perform 32 A2B conversions on Cortex M4 in 1000 cycles. The top results ignore randomness sampling using the on-chip TRNG generator, the bottom results include the randomness sampling.

|  | bits | 8-bit |  | 16-bit |  | 32-bit |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | order | 2 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 2 |  |
|  | 5,120 | 10,240 | 9,216 | 18,432 | 17,408 | 34,816 |  |
| Bool. circ. | $\mathbf{4 6 4}$ | $\mathbf{9 2 8}$ | $\mathbf{9 7 6}$ | $\mathbf{1 , 9 5 2}$ | $\mathbf{2 , 0 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{4 , 0 0 0}$ |  |
| Bool. circ. (opt. bitsliced) | 26,624 | 55,296 | 53,248 | 110,592 | 106,496 | 221,184 |  |
| Table-based | 1,536 | 3,072 | 3,840 | 7,680 | 7,680 | 15,360 |  |
| One-hot [ours] |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Table: Randomness cost to perform 32 A2B conversions in bytes.

|  |  | Cycles <br>  <br>  |  | Cycles |  | Randomness |  |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 2 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 3 |
| simple optimized | Kyber | 2.5 M | 4.1 M | 3.1 M | 5.3 M | 48 K | 100 K |
| streamlined hybrid | Kyber | 2.4 M | 3.4 M | 3.3 M | 4.4 M | 80 K | 95 K |
| one-hot (ours) | Kyber | 2.3 M | 4.3 M | 4.6 M | 8.9 M | 184 K | 369 K |
| simple optimized | Saber | 1.3 M | 2.0 M | 1.6 M | 2.6 M | 26 K | 53 K |
| one-hot (ours) | Saber | 1.0 M | 2.0 M | 2.2 M | 4.2 M | 92 K | 184 K |

Table: Cycle and randomness cost of the state-of-the-art higher-order comparison methods

