Implementing RLWE-based Schemes Using an RSA Co-Processor

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- In 2016, the US National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) started a several year long process to standardise post-quantum cryptographic schemes [Nat16].
- Many of the proposed schemes are based on problems defined over polynomial rings, such as the RLWE problem.

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- In the smart-card context, what would be required to run lattice-based cryptography?

³And DES!

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Definition (LWE)

For $q, n, m \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ with m = O(n), χ_s , χ_e probability distributions over \mathbb{Z}_q ,



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Definition (MLWE as used in Kyber)

Let $R = \mathbb{Z}[x]/(x^n + 1)$ where *n* is a power of 2, let $R_q = R/(q)$ for some $q \in \mathbb{Z}_+$. Let R_q^k be a ring module of dimension *k* over R_q . Let χ be a probability distribution over \mathbb{Z}_q .



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Solution Note: every row $\vec{b}_i = \sum_j A_{i,j} \cdot \vec{s}_j + \vec{e}_i$

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Definition (Kyber CPA PKE component)

Simplified Kyber.CPA.Gen

1 $A \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} R_q^{k \times k}$

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- 2 $(\vec{s}, \vec{e}) \xleftarrow{\chi} R_q^k \times R_q^k$
- 3 $\vec{t} \leftarrow \text{COMPRESS}_q(A\vec{s} + \vec{e})$
- 4 return

$$\mathsf{pk}_{\mathsf{CPA}}\coloneqq (ec{t},\mathsf{A}),\,\mathsf{sk}_{\mathsf{CPA}}\coloneqq ec{s}$$

Simplified Kyber.CPA.Dec

Input: $sk_{CPA} = \vec{s}$ Input: $c = (\vec{u}, v)$ 1 $\vec{u} \leftarrow \text{Decompress}_q(\vec{u})$ 2 $v \leftarrow \text{Decompress}_q(v)$ 3 return Compress $_q(v - \langle \vec{s}, \vec{u} \rangle)$ Simplified Kyber.CPA.Enc

Input: $pk_{CPA} = (\vec{t}, A)$ Input: $m \in \mathcal{M}$

- 1 $\vec{t} \leftarrow \text{Decompress}_q(\vec{t})$
- 2 $(\vec{r}, \vec{e_1}, e_2) \xleftarrow{\chi} R_q^k \times R_q^k \times R_q^k$
- 3 $\vec{u} \leftarrow \text{COMPRESS}_q(A^T \vec{r} + \vec{e}_1)$
- 4 $v \leftarrow \text{COMPRESS}_q(\langle \vec{t}, \vec{r} \rangle + e_2 + \lceil \frac{q}{2} \rfloor \cdot m)$
- 5 return $c := (\vec{u}, v)$

The CCA-secure Kyber768 KEM is obtained by setting n = 256, k = 3, q = 7681 and using a FO-like transform.

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The most expensive operation is computing MULADD(a, b, c):

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- To reduce its cost, the · is computed using the Number Theoretic Transform (NTT).
- In the embedded hardware setting, multiple designs for "RLWE co-processors" have been proposed⁴.
- Yet, new hardware design means having to implement, test, certify, and deploy!

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- This works if we choose a large enough integer to evaluate *a* and *b* on. It also works for signed coefficients [Har09].

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E It also works when evaluating $a(x) \mod f(x)$:

$$a = 3x^{2} + 10x + 8$$

$$f = x^{2} + 1$$

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$$A \mod F = 3 \cdot 100^{2} + 10 \cdot 100 + 8$$

$$-3(x^{2} + 1) - 3(100^{2} + 1)$$

$$= 10x + 5$$

$$F = f(100) = 10 \cdot 100 + 8$$

$$-3(100^{2} + 1)$$

$$= 1005 = 10 \cdot 100 + 5$$

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By combining the two properties, and choosing fixed representatives for coefficients in \mathbb{Z}_q , it is possible to compute

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by

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- Since these are all integers, we can use our RSA co-processor to compute in Z_{f(t)}!
- E The particular variant we use furthermore shortens t.

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B How should we chose $t \in \mathbb{Z}$?

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Lemma

Let $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$ such that $a = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} a_i x^i$, $b = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} b_i x^i$, $c = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} c_i x^i$ with $a_i \in \{-\alpha, \ldots, \alpha\}$, $b_i \in \{-\beta, \ldots, \beta\}$, and $c_i \in \{-\gamma, \ldots, \gamma\}$. Let

$$d := \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} d_i \, x^i \equiv a \cdot b + c \bmod f$$

with $d_i \in \{-\delta, \ldots, \delta\}$, where $\delta > 0$ depends on $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, n, f$ and f is monic of degree n such that $f(2^{\ell}) > 2^{n\ell} - 1$. Let $\varphi := \max_{i < n} |f_i|$, and let $\ell > \log_2(\delta + \varphi) + 1$ be an integer. Then the above tricks work for any integer $t \ge 2^{\ell}$.

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Et's see, for Kyber768 ($k = 3, n = 256, q = 7681, \eta = 4$)

This means having $\log_2 f(t) = \log_2 f(2^{\ell}) > \ell \cdot n = 6400$.

Problem: our RSA multiplier computes $x \cdot y \mod z$ where

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 $\log x$, $\log y$, $\log z < 2200$.

 $\ell > \log_2\left(kn\left|\frac{q}{2}\right|\eta + \eta + 1\right) + 1 \approx 24.5 \implies \ell = 25.$

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We can interpolate between full polynomial multiplication and KS.

The idea is similar to Schönhage [Sch77] or Nussbaumer [Nus80].

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💴 KS alone won't suffice.

We can interpolate between full polynomial multiplication and KS.

- The idea is similar to Schönhage [Sch77] or Nussbaumer [Nus80].
- 📒 Let's abuse notation.

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Say we have

$$a = a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + a_3 x^3$$
$$b = b_0 + b_1 x + b_2 x^2 + b_3 x^3$$
$$f = x^4 + 1$$

and we want to compute $a \cdot b \mod f$.

Let
$$y = x^2$$
; then $a = a^{(0)} + a^{(1)} x$

where

$$a^{(0)} = a_0 + a_2 y$$
 and $a^{(1)} = a_1 + a_3 y$,

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and similarly for b. Then, computing $a \cdot b \mod f \equiv (a \cdot b \mod y^2 + 1) \mod x^4 + 1$.

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🚟 The inner operation is

$$a \cdot b \mod y^2 + 1 = a^{(0)} b^{(0)} + a^{(1)} b^{(1)} x^2 + (a^{(1)} b^{(0)} + a^{(0)} b^{(1)}) x \mod y^2 + 1$$

where each $a^{(i)} b^{(j)} \mod y^2 + 1$ can be computed using KS, with a smaller ℓ than the original operation would require.

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- This results in a polynomial in x of degree 4 to reduce mod f, which can be done on the CPU.
- While in this small example there is no gain, this technique enables us to compute the Kyber768 MULADD operation using e.g. polynomials of y-degree < 64, x-degree < 4, and $\ell > 25$ (we choose $\ell = 32$).

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- This can be done recursively, to obtain a complexity of $3^{\lceil log_2 L \rceil}$ coefficient multiplications for degree L 1 polynomials, versus schoolbook multiplication using L^2 multiplications.

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- We circumvent this problem by defining an AES-based XOF and PRF, and use SHA256 for the CCA transform's G and H.

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Table: Performance of our work on the SLE 78 target device in clock cycles.

Scheme	Cycles
Kyber.CPA.Imp.Gen (HW-AES: PRF/XOF)	3,625,718
Kyber.CPA.Imp.Enc (HW-AES: PRF/XOF)	4,747,291
Kyber.CPA.Imp.Dec	1,420,367
KYBER.CCA.IMP.GEN (HW-AES: PRF/XOF; SW-SHA3: H)	14,512,691
KYBER.CCA.IMP.ENC (HW-AES: PRF/XOF; SW-SHA3: G, H)	18,051,747
KYBER.CCA.IMP.DEC (HW-AES: PRF/XOF; SW-SHA3: G, H)	19,702,139
KYBER.CCA.IMP.GEN (HW-AES: PRF/XOF; HW-SHA-256: H)	3,980,517
KYBER.CCA.IMP.ENC (HW-AES: PRF/XOF; HW-SHA-256: G, H)	5,117,996
KYBER.CCA.IMP.DEC (HW-AES: PRF/XOF; HW-SHA-256: G, H)	6,632,704

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Table: Comparison of our work with other PKE or KEM schemes on SLE 78.

Scheme	Target	Gen	Enc	Dec
Kyber768 ^a (CPA; our work)	SLE 78	3,625,718	4,747,291	1,420,367
Kyber768 ^b (CCA; our work)	SLE 78	3,980,517	5,117,996	6,632,704
RSA-2048 ^c	SLE 78	-	pprox 300,000	pprox 21,200,000
RSA-2048 (CRT) ^d	SLE 78	-	pprox 300,000	pprox 6,000,000
Kyber768 (CPA+NTT) ^e	SLE 78	pprox 10,000,000	pprox 14,600,000	pprox 5,400,000
NewHope1024 ^f	SLE 78	pprox 14,700,000	pprox 31,800,000	pprox 15,200,000

^a CPA-secure Kyber variant using the AES co-processor to implement PRF/XOF and KS2 on SLE 78 @ 50 MHz.

^b CCA-secure Kyber variant using the AES co-processor to implement PRF/XOF, the SHA-256 co-processor to implement G and H and KS2 on SLE 78 @ 50 MHz.

^C RSA-2048 encryption with short exponent and decryption without CRT and with countermeasures on SLE 78 @ 50 MHz. Extrapoliation based on data-sheet.

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RSA-2048 decryption with short exponent and decryption with CRT and countermeasures on SLE 78 @ 50 MHz. Extrapoliation based on data-sheet.

^e Extrapolation of cycle counts of CPA-secure Kyber768 based on our implementation assuming usage of the AES co-processor to implement PRF/XOF and a software implementation of the NTT with 997,691 cycles for an NTT on SLE 78 @ 50 MHz.

Reference implementation of constant time ephemeral NewHope key exchange (n = 1024) [ADPS16] modified to use the AES co-processor as PRNG on SLE 78 @ 50 MHz.

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Investigate other schemes:

- ThreeBears [Ham17] or Mersenne-75683917 [AJPS17] are NIST proposals designed with a similar idea of doing lattice-based cryptography over the integers. However, they use integer sizes too large for direct handling with our co-processor.
- Try implementing an MLWE-based scheme that is parameterised with a power-of-two modulus q, e.g. SABER [DKRV17].
- Try designing a scheme with parameters such that each packed polynomial fits directly into a co-processor register (prime cyclotomic? Kyber with smaller non-NTT-friendly q?).
- 🎫 Try implementing a signature scheme, e.g. Dilithium.

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Final idea:

- IWE-based CPA schemes tolerate some small level of noise added to the ciphertext.
- Maybe we can choose ℓ smaller than what our correctness lower bound requires.
- 😬 We could introduce carry-over errors when computing

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a \cdot b + c \mod f.
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📰 If we can bound the error norm, we may still get correct decryption, with smaller packed polynomials.

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Thank you

You can find:

- 🚟 the paper @ https://ia.cr/2018/425
- the code @ https://github.com/fvirdia/lwe-on-rsa-copro
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[Har09] introduces a KS variant working as follows. Assume we are computing $a \cdot b$ using $t = 2^{2\ell}$. Let

$$c^{(+)} := c(2^{\ell}) = a(2^{\ell}) \cdot b(2^{\ell}) = \sum_{[i]_2=0} c_i 2^{i\ell} + \sum_{[i]_2=1} c_i 2^{i\ell}$$
$$c^{(-)} := c(-2^{\ell}) = a(-2^{\ell}) \cdot b(-2^{\ell}) = \sum_{[i]_2=0} c_i 2^{i\ell} - \sum_{[i]_2=1} c_i 2^{i\ell}$$

Then, we can recover the even coefficients of c(x) from

$$c^{(+)} + c^{(-)} = c(2^{\ell}) + c(-2^{\ell}) = 2 \sum_{[i]_2=0} c_i 2^{i\ell}$$

and the odd coefficients from

$$c^{(+)} - c^{(-)} = c(2^{\ell}) - c(-2^{\ell}) = 2 \cdot 2^{\ell} \sum_{[i]_2 = 1} c_i 2^{(i-1)\ell}$$

since the sum and the difference cancel out either the even or the odd powers. The KS2 algorithm is compatible with arithmetic modulo $f = x^n + 1$, when *n* is even.

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