

From NewHope to Kyber

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"In the past, people have said, maybe it's 50 years away, it's a dream, maybe it'll happen sometime. I used to think it was 50. Now I'm thinking like it's 15 or a little more. It's within reach. It's within our lifetime. It's going to happen."

-Mark Ketchen (IBM), Feb. 2012, about quantum computers

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- Consequence: Want post-quantum PFS crypto today

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- Common choice for χ : discrete Gaussian
- Common optimization for protocols: fix a



RLWE-based Encryption, KEM, KEX

Alice (server)		Bob (client)
$\mathbf{s},\mathbf{e} \overset{\$}{\leftarrow} \chi$		$\mathbf{s}', \mathbf{e}' \overset{\$}{\leftarrow} \chi$
b←as + e	$\overset{\mathbf{b}}{\longrightarrow}$	$\mathbf{u}{\leftarrow}\mathbf{a}\mathbf{s}'+\mathbf{e}'$
	\leftarrow u	

Alice has
$$\mathbf{t} = \mathbf{us} = \mathbf{ass'} + \mathbf{e's}$$

Bob has $\mathbf{t'} = \mathbf{bs'} = \mathbf{ass'} + \mathbf{es'}$

- ullet Secret and noise polynomials $oldsymbol{s}, oldsymbol{s}', oldsymbol{e}, oldsymbol{e}'$ are small
- t and t' are approximately the same



POST-QUANTUM KEY EXCHANGE



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- November 28, 2016: "At this point the experiment is concluded."

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"[...] we did not find any unexpected impediment to deploying something like NewHope. There were no reported problems caused by enabling it."

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"[...] if the need arose, it would be practical to quickly deploy NewHope in TLS 1.2. (TLS 1.3 makes things a little more complex and we did not test with CECPQ1 with it.)"

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"Although the median connection latency only increased by a millisecond, the latency for the slowest 5% increased by 20ms and, for the slowest 1%, by 150ms. Since NewHope is computationally inexpensive, we're assuming that this is caused entirely by the increased message sizes. Since connection latencies compound on the web (because subresource discovery is delayed), the data requirement of NewHope is moderately expensive for people on slower connections."



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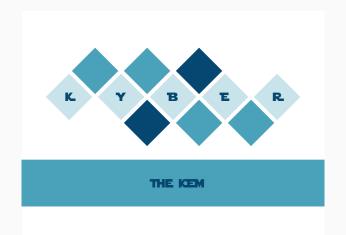


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Back to the drawing board!





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KeyGen():

• seed
$$\leftarrow \{0, \dots, 255\}^{32}$$

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$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{pmatrix} \leftarrow \mathsf{SHAKE}(\mathsf{seed})$$

- $s, e \leftarrow \Psi_4^d$
- $b = A \cdot s + e$
- Define pk = (seed, b) and sk = s



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Encrypt(pk, $m \in \{0, 1\}^{256}$, coins):

- seed, b←pk
- A = SHAKE(seed)
- $\mathbf{s}' \leftarrow \Psi_4^d(\text{coins}, 1)$
- $e' \leftarrow \Psi_4^d$ (coins, 2)
- $e'' \leftarrow \Psi_4(\text{coins}, 3)$
- $\mathbf{u} = (\mathbf{s}')^t \cdot \mathbf{A} + \mathbf{e}'$
- $v = \langle \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{s}' \rangle + e'' + \lfloor q/2 \rfloor \cdot \sum_{i} m_{i} x^{i}$
- Output (u, v)

 $\mathsf{Decrypt}(\mathsf{sk},(\mathbf{u},v))$:

- $w = v \langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{s} \rangle$
- for $i \in \{0, \dots, 255\}$, $m_i \leftarrow \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } w_i \in \left(\frac{q}{4}, \frac{3 \cdot q}{4}\right) \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$
- Output (m₀,..., m₂₅₅)

Idea of the CCA transformation

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Alice (Server)

Bob (Client)

\frac{\mathsf{Gen}():}{\mathsf{pk},\mathsf{sk}} \leftarrow \mathsf{KeyGen}() \\ \mathsf{seed}, \, \mathsf{b} \leftarrow \mathsf{pk} \\ \mathsf{b} \leftarrow \mathsf{pk} \\ \to \\ \mathsf{coins} \leftarrow \mathsf{SHA3-256}(x) \\ \mathsf{k}, \, \mathsf{coins} \leftarrow \mathsf{SHA3-512}(x) \\ \mathsf{u}, \, \mathsf{v} \leftarrow \mathsf{Encrypt}((\mathsf{seed}, \mathbf{b}), x, \, \mathsf{coins}) \\ \mathsf{b}', \, \mathsf{coins}' \leftarrow \mathsf{SHA3-512}(x') \\ \mathsf{u}', \, \mathsf{v}' \leftarrow \mathsf{Encrypt}((\mathsf{seed}, \mathbf{b}), x', \, \mathsf{coins}') \\ \mathsf{verify} \ \mathsf{if} \ (\mathsf{u}', \mathsf{v}') = (\mathsf{u}, \mathsf{v})
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Additionally:

- Hash the public key into the coins
- Hash the ciphertext into the final key

Kyber performance guesstimates

	NewHope	Kyber
public-key bytes	1824	1088
ciphertext bytes	2048	1152
Gen cycles	258 246	296 544
Enc cycles	384 994	401 960
Dec cycles	86 280	469 872

- Cycles are for C reference implementation on Haswell
- Optimized implementations for Kyber will follow

Stay tuned

http://pq-crystals.org/kyber