



CRYSTALS–Kyber

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The big picture

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Kyber.CCAKEM: CCA-secure KEM via tweaked FO transform

- Enforce “honest” encapsulation
- Generate all randomness in encryption via PRG, encrypt seed
- Recover seed during decapsulation
- Reencrypt and compare ciphertexts

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- Generate \mathbf{A} via XOF(ρ) (“NewHope style”)
 - Avoid “nothing-up-my-sleeves” discussions
 - Avoid all-for-the-price-of-one attacks
 - Sample \mathbf{A} in NTT domain: save k^2 NTTs

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- Allow decapsulation failures
 - Failure probability $< 2^{-140}$
 - Avoiding failures would cost security (or performance)

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- Use Keccak-based functions for all hashes and XOF

Parameter sets and performance

Kyber512 ($k = 2$, level 1)

Sizes (in Bytes)

sk: 1632
pk: 736
ct: 800

Haswell Cycles (AVX2)

gen: 55 160
enc: 75 680
dec: 74 428

Kyber768 ($k = 3$, level 3)

Sizes (in Bytes)

sk: 2400
pk: 1088
ct: 1152

Haswell Cycles (AVX2)

gen: 85 472
enc: 112 660
dec: 108 904

Kyber1024 ($k = 4$, level 5)

Sizes (in Bytes)

sk: 3168
pk: 1440
ct: 1504

Haswell Cycles (AVX2)

gen: 121 056
enc: 157 964
dec: 154 952

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