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Design and Implementation of a Post-Quantum Group Authenticated Key Exchange Protocol With the LibOQS Library: A Comparative Performance Analysis From Classic McEliece, Kyber, NTRU, and Saber

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ABSTRACT Group authenticated key exchange protocols (GAKE) are cryptographic tools enabling a group of several users communicating through an insecure channel to securely establish a common shared highentropy key. In the last years, the need to design cryptographic tools which provide security in the presence of attackers with access to quantum resources has become unquestionable; the field dealing with these types of protocols is usually referred to as *Post-Quantum Cryptography*. The U.S. National Institute for Standards and Technology (NIST) launched in 2017 an open call to find suitable post-quantum public-key algorithms for standardization. In this work, we design a GAKE that can be instantiated with any key encapsulation mechanism (KEM) that satisfies the strong security notion IND-CCA, matching NIST's requirements for this primitive. We have implemented our GAKE with the four finalist KEMs from the NIST process: Classic McEliece, Kyber, NTRU, and Saber, making use of the open-source library LibOQS where these algorithms are provided. We have conducted a detailed comparative performance analysis of the resulting GAKE protocols, taking into account all the parameter sets proposed in the submissions. We have also made a performance analysis of all the involved building pieces, including the four finalist KEMs. Finally, we also compare our GAKE with a previous proposal implemented with Kyber.

INDEX TERMS Cryptography, cryptographic protocols, system implementation, post-quantum cryptography, public key cryptography.

I. INTRODUCTION

Group authenticated key exchange (GAKE) protocols are cryptographic constructions that allow a group of $n \ge 2$ users or parties, communicating through an insecure network, to agree on common *session keys*. These keys are then typically used to provide security guarantees, such as

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confidentiality, integrity, and/or authentication, for further communication among the group members.

In the last years, we have seen a growing concern about the threat that quantum computation presents to the security of many existing cryptographic primitives based on mathematical problems related to integer factorization or computation of discrete logarithms. This led the U.S. National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) to launch an open call in 2017 asking for proposals of post-quantum algorithms

that could be subsequently standardized. The term "postquantum" in this context refers to algorithms that could be considered to offer security against attackers that have access to quantum computational resources. In the NIST call for proposals, two types of cryptographic primitives were allowed: Key Encapsulations Mechanisms (KEMs) and digital signatures. At the beginning of 2022, there were three rounds of announcements from NIST stating which candidates advanced in the process. After round 3, there were 7 finalists: 4 KEMs and 3 signature schemes. NIST also proposed a list of alternate candidates for further study and future consideration; it was composed of 5 KEMs and 4 signature schemes. During the revision process of this paper, NIST announced the algorithms selected for standarization, namely Kyber as the KEM and Dilithium, Falcon and SPHINC+ as digital signatures. In this work, we focus on the four finalist KEMs, as they are known to be a basic building block from which GAKE protocols can be constructed.

A. RELATED WORK

There have been several recent proposals of group key exchange protocols that provide some kind of resistance against quantum attacks (see Table 1 for a comparison between the main GAKE protocols). The protocol presented in [1] by Fujioka et al. is based on the problem of finding isogeny mappings between two supersingular elliptic curves with the same number of points. In the same line, Hougaard and Miyaji presented in [2] several designs based on isogenies. The authenticated protocols are named A-SIT and A-P2P-SIT, with the latter being the peer-to-peer version of A-SIT, which means that it reduces the protocol complexity in terms of communication and memory. Both are authenticated protocols, resistant to active attacks, and achieve authentication through a signature scheme. Apon et al. ([3]) constructed an unauthenticated protocol proven secure under the ring learning with errors (RLWE) assumption. This scheme may be transformed into an authenticated one by using the Katz and Yung compiler ([12]), that adds a signature scheme and an additional round to the original protocol. The protocols from Choi et al. ([4], [5]) are also based in the same problem; the authors build on [12] and propose three different protocols: the first is unauthenticated, the second (STAG) adds authentication, and the third is, in addition, dynamic (meaning that users may join or leave the group at any time). Choi et al. [6] proposed a generic GAKE also relying on the RLWE assumption, built on a tree structure in the dynamic setting. In more detail, this protocol has been instantiated with NewHope [13]: a KEM submitted to the NIST standardization process, but which has not been selected as a finalist in Round 3. Takashima constucted in [7] two different families of GAKEs based on static lattice and isogeny assumptions respectively, where static means that the size of the computational problem does not depend on the number of participants in the group.

work, that use *compilers*, which produce a quantum-resistant GAKE from simpler post-quantum primitives. In this line, the protocol from Persichetti et al. ([8]) was constructed from a KEM and a signature scheme. González Vasco et al. ([9]) introduced a protocol derived from a KEM and a Message Authentication Code (MAC). However, this construction cannot be considered completely post-quantum; security holds in the *future-quantum* scenario, where adversaries do not have access to quantum resources during the protocol execution but only later. Escribano Pablos et al. ([11]) used the compiler from Abdalla et al. ([14]) to obtain a GAKE from the IND-CPA Public Key Encryption (PKE) scheme included in the Kyber suite ([15]) and the FOAKE transformation, and proved it to be secure in the Quantum Random Oracle Model (QROM). The compiler introduced in [10] allows to obtain a GAKE protocol using any two-party key exchange, being a generalization of the Burmester and Desmedt [16] protocol in the G-CK+ security model. Two versions of the compiler have been proposed: the original version known as GKE-C and the peer-to-peer version (P2P-GKE-C). The latter reduces the resources consumption (memory and communication) compared to the original compiler.

There also exist protocols, like the one we propose in this

B. OUR CONTRIBUTION

In this work, we propose a generic post-quantum GAKE protocol in the same line of [11]. We rely only on three primitives: an IND-CCA secure KEM, a one-time symmetric encryption scheme, and a cryptographic hash function. The FSXY transformation by Fujioka et al. ([17] provides a two-party authenticated key exchange 2AKE from the KEM. Then we use Abdalla et al.'s compiler ([14]) to obtain the GAKE from the 2AKE. The compiler also requires a commitment scheme satisfying certain properties, but we show that it can be obtained from the same KEM used for the FSXY transformation. Whereas this construction may be seen as a generalization of [11] (which also builds on Abdalla et al.'s compiler and a generic transformation from KEM to AKE), this is not exactly so, as here the FSXY transformation is used instead of the ${\tt FO}_{\tt AKE}$ (see [18] and [19]), which is used in [11].

Our aim is to design a generic protocol that may be implemented with any of the four Round 3 KEM finalists from the NIST post-quantum standardization process, namely Classic McEliece, Kyber, NTRU, and Saber. In fact, our design can be implemented with any IND-CCA KEM (yet its final security against quantum adversaries is of course not guaranteed if the KEM is not post-quantum). We would like to point out that the FO_{AKE} transformation offers some advantages over FSXY, such as having a security proof in the Quantum Random Oracle Model (QROM) and being simpler. However, it cannot be directly applied to the public key encryption schemes described in the Classic McEliece and NTRU submissions, as they are deterministic and cannot satisfy the IND-CPA requirement from [18] and [19]. Therefore, our rationale for choosing FSXY is that it is

TABLE 1.	Main	features o	of the	GAKE	protocols	claimed t	o be	quantum-	resistant.
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Name	Туре	Assumption	Authenticated	Static or Dynamic?	Compiled design?	Scenario	Uses signatures	Instanciated with NIST KEM finalist?
Fujioka et al. [1]	Protocol	Isogeny	~	Static	×	Post-Quantum	×	×
Hougaard and Miyaji [2]	Protocol	Isogeny	~	Static	✓	Post-Quantum	~	×
Apon et al. [3]	Protocol	Lattice (RLWE)	×	Static	×	Post-Quantum	×	×
Choi et al. [4], [5]	Protocol	Lattice (RLWE)	~	Dynamic	×	Post-Quantum	~	×
Choi et al. [6]	Protocol	Lattice (RLWE)	×	Dynamic	~	Post-Quantum	×	★ (NewHope, but it is not a finalist)
Takashima [7]	Protocol	Lattice (RLWE), Isogeny	~	Static	✓ (Katz Yung compiler)	Post-Quantum	~	×
Persichetti et al. [8]	Compiler	Inherited from KEM	~	Static	_	Post-Quantum	~	×
Gonzalez et al. [9]	Compiler	Inherited from KEM	~	Static	_	Future-Quantum	×	×
Hougaard and Miyaji [10]	Compiler	Inherited from 2AKE	~	Static	_	Post-Quantum	×	No
Escribano et al. [11]	Protocol	Lattice (Module-LWE)	~	Static	✔ (Abdalla et al. compiler)	Post-Quantum	×	Kyber
This work	Protocol	Inherited from KEM. Lattice, code	~	Static	✔ (Abdalla et al. compiler)	Post-Quantum	×	Classic McEliece, Kyber, NTRU, and Saber

the simplest transformation we are aware of which allows for a uniform treatment of the four KEM finalists when constructing the GAKE.

As far as we now, our protocol is the only existing GAKE that simultaneously satisfy the two following properties: can be implemented from any KEM, offers security in the post-quantum setting and does not make use of post-quantum signatures. To justify this fact, note that among the protocols enumerated in Table 1, [1], [2], [3], [4], [5], [6], [7], [11] use specific KEMs or post-quantum mathematical problems, [8] makes use of a post-quantum signature and [9], [10] depart from a two-party key exchange protocol, not from a KEM. As every NIST finalist must include a KEM, this allows us to provide full and working implementations of our GAKE with all the finalists.

We have instantiated and implemented our GAKE protocol with the aforementioned four finalists from the NIST competition. Our implementations make use of the open-source library LibOQS and they cover the four KEMs and all the different parameter sets proposed for each one. We have conducted a performance analysis of the whole GAKE protocol and compared the different versions.

In addition, we have independently studied the performance of the different building blocks, including each of the KEMs. We consider this comparative performance analysis of the Round 3 finalists to be an interesting additional and independent contribution.

Finally, we provide performance figures comparing our GAKE implemented with Kyber to the GAKE presented in [11], which is also Kyber based but uses the FO_{AKE} transformation ([18], [19]) to obtain the 2AKE. The GAKE in [11] is the only one in the previous literature, as far as we know, to have been implemented with one of the four KEM finalists from NIST competition.

C. PAPER ROADMAP

We start by providing some preliminaries in Section II, which will help the reader understand our GAKE design,

TABLE 2. NIST security levels.

Level	Description
Level 1	Key search on 128-bit block cipher (e.g. AES128)
Level 2	Collision search on a 256-bit hash function (e.g. SHA3-256)
Level 3	Key search on a 192-bit block cipher (e.g. AES192)
Level 4	Collision search on a 384-bit hash function (e.g. SHA3-384)
Level 5	Key search on a 256-bit block cipher (e.g. AES256)

subsequently depicted in Section IV. The security model we are considering is described in Section III and we provide a security proof for our protocol in Section IV. Section V describes the different implementation possibilities and gives a detailed explanation of our comparative experiments, which results are further analyzed in Section VI. We finalize with a brief summary of our conclusions in Section VII, which is followed by two appendices. Appendix A depicts a complete run of the GAKE protocol using Classic McEliece as a building block, whereas Appendix B shows some numerical results (linked to the graphics from Section VI).

II. PRELIMINARIES

A. ABDALLA ET AL'S COMPILER: FROM 2-PARTY AKE TO GAKE

Here, we briefly describe the compiler due to Abdalla et al. ([14]), which derives a group authenticated key exchange protocol GAKE from an arbitrary 2-party key exchange protocol 2AKE. Abdalla et al.'s compiler only adds 2 additional rounds of communication to 2AKE, i.e., if 2AKE needs in *r* rounds to run, GAKE requires r + 2 rounds. Moreover, the compiler does not require any authentication method beyond the ones required by 2AKE. It only assumes that participants in GAKE are distributed on a ring, i.e., user U_i is aware of the identity of its *left neighbour* U_{i-1} and its *right neighbour* U_{i+1} .

We denote with \mathcal{P} the set of users that can participate in the protocol GAKE and with \mathcal{G} the subset $\{U_0, U_1, \ldots, U_{n-1}\} \subset$

TABLE 3. Classic McEliece parameter sets.

Systematic form	Semi-systematic form	Security level
348864	348864f	1
460896	460896f	3
6688128	6688128f	5
6960119	6960119f	5
8192128	8192128f	5

 \mathcal{P} of $n \geq 2$ users that want to agree on a session key. A user U_i can run a polynomial number of (parallel) instances of GAKE. 2AKE assumes long-term authentication keys that have been established in a trusted authentication phase. It allows a pair of public/secret keys for each user U_i , a high entropy symmetric key, or a low entropy password. shared for each pair of users, and a common secret for all users.

The compiler depends on the following cryptographic tools: A non-interactive non-malleable commitment scheme C that is perfectly binding and achieves *non-malleability for multiple commitments*, a collision-resistant pseudorandom function family F, and a hash function H selected from a family of universal hash functions.

We briefly describe the compiler (see details in [14]): in Round 1 ~ r, each user U_i runs 2AKE with U_i and U_{i+1} , obtaining two keys \vec{K}_i and \vec{K}_i , shared with U_{i+1} and U_{i-1} . In Round r + 1, each user U_i computes a commitment $C_i = C(i, X_i, r_i)$, where $X_i = \vec{K}_i \oplus \vec{K}_i$ and r_i is chosen at random. U_i broadcast $M_i^1 = (U_i, C_i)$. Finally, in Round r + 2, each user U_i broadcasts $M_i^2 = (U_i, X_i, r_i)$, checks that $\bigoplus_{i=0}^{n-1} X_i = 0$ and the correctness of the commitments C_i . If any one of last two conditions fails, then user U_i ends the protocol at this point. Then, U_i computes the master key $K = (K_0, K_1, \dots, K_{n-1}, \mathcal{G})$, where

$$K_{i-j} = \overleftarrow{K}_i \oplus X_{i-1} \oplus \cdots \oplus X_{i-j}, \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, n-1.$$

 U_i sets the session key sk_i and the session identifier sid_i , derived from F and H, respectively.

B. POST-QUANTUM KEMs

We instantiate both the 2AKE and the commitment scheme C (needed for the compiler described in Section IV) from a post-quantum KEM. Next we recall the formal definition of a KEM: it is a triple of algorithms KEM = (KeyGen, EnCap, DeCap) such that:

- The probabilistic *key generation* algorithm $\text{KeyGen}(1^{\ell})$ takes as input the security parameter ℓ and outputs a key pair (dk, ek).
- The probabilistic *encapsulation* algorithm EnCap(*ek*; *r*) takes as input a public encapsulation key *ek* and outputs a ciphertext *c* and a key¹ *k*. The value *r* corresponds to the random coins used by EnCap. We include it as an explicit input as we will need to refer to it in the description of our GAKE.

• The deterministic *decapsulation* algorithm DeCap(dk, c) takes as input a secret decapsulation key dk and a ciphertext c and outputs a key k or \bot (meaning decryption failure).

We will consider the four Round 3 KEM finalists from NIST's Post-Quantum standardization process. All of them target the IND-CCA2 security notion as required by NIST in its call for proposals, which is also usually named just IND-CCA; we will use the latter denomination throughout this paper. A KEM is considered to be IND-CCA secure if, given an encapsulated ciphertext and a key which is either the encapsulated key or a random one, an adversary (modeled as a probabilistic polynomial-time algorithm) with access to a decapsulation oracle is unable to distinguish between these two options with a probability non-negligibly better than a random guess. For a more formal definition see, for instance, [20].

Concerning the practical security strength of the candidates, NIST establishes 5 security levels ([21]). These security levels ask for resistance against attacks that use computer resources comparable to or greater than those required for key search against a block cipher or collision search for a certain hash function. More precisely, the security levels are summarized in Table 2.

Next, we briefly overview the four finalists KEMs. The full description of all the algorithms submissions to Round 3 can be found in the NIST webpage [22].

1) CLASSIC McEliece

Classic McEliece [23] is the only candidate based on codes. The KEM is built from an OW-CPA deterministic PKE, namely Niederreiter's dual version of McEliece's PKE, which uses binary Goppa codes ([24]). The Round 3 submission of McEliece comes with 5 different parameter sets, each one with two versions, depending on whether the parity check matrix of the code is reduced to systematic or semi-systematic form. The names of the parameter sets and their claimed security levels are shown in Table 3.

2) CRYSTALS-KYBER

Kyber [25], like two other finalists, NTRU and Saber, bases its security on a lattice problem, in this case, the Module learning with errors (MLWE) problem. The proposal is based on an IND-CPA PKE that allows decryption failures to occur with a negligible probability. Then, a modification of the Fujisaki-Okamoto transformation is used to obtain an IND-CCA KEM. The submission includes 3 different parameter sets pointing at NIST security levels 1, 3, and 5, respectively, depicted in Table 4.

3) NTRU

The NTRU submission for Round 3 is a merger of two different previous submissions, namely NTRUEncrypt and NTRU-HRSS-KEM ([26]), both based in the NTRU cryptosystem ([27]). Although the original NTRU was a partially correct probabilistic PKE, this submission starts

¹This key k is sometimes named as shared secret.

TABLE 4. Kyber parameter sets.

Parameter set	Security level
Kyber512	1
Kyber768	3
Kyber1024	5

TABLE 5. NTRU parameter sets.

Parameter set	Security level (non-local models)	Security level (local models)
NTRU-HPS-2048-509	-	1
NTRU-HRSS-701	1	3
NTRU-HPS-2048-677	1	3
NTRU-HPS-4096-821	3	5

TABLE 6. Saber parameter sets.

Parameter set	Security level
LightSaber-KEM	1
Saber-KEM	3
FireSaber-KEM	5

by defining a correct and deterministic PKE, which is assumed to be OW-CPA. Then an IND-CCA KEM is obtained from it by making small changes to the Saito-Xagawa-Yamakawa variant of NTRU-HRSS-KEM ([28]). The Round 3 submission proposes parameter sets which are shown in Table 5. The authors of the NTRU submission make two different estimations for the security level of their parameter sets, depending on whether the computation model is non-local or local. Details about these models and the motivation for differentiating the security levels depending on them can be found in the submission ([22]).

4) SABER

Saber (first proposed in [29]) is similar to Kyber, in the sense that the authors present in their Round 3 submission an IND-CPA PKE, and then they use a Fujisaki-Okamoto-like transformation to obtain an IND-CCA KEM. In addition, the PKE also comes with a negligible decryption failure probability, and the security is reduced to a lattice problem, in this case, the Module Learning With Rounding (MLWR) problem. The authors propose three different parameter sets for the KEM which are shown in Table 6 together with their claimed security levels.

C. FSXY: A GENERIC CONSTRUCTION FROM KEM TO POST-QUANTUM AKE

Generic transformations that convert secure KEMs into AKEs have been proposed in the standard model in [30] and [31]. These transformations give AKE protocols from IND-CCA secure KEM schemes using pseudorandom functions (PRFs). The resulting AKEs are proven secure in widely accepted security models, CK [32] and CK+ [31],

respectively. Unfortunately, KEM schemes secure in the standard model are computationally inefficient for both classical and post-quantum communications.

In [17], Fujioka et al., proposed an efficient generic construction of AKE protocols from OW-CCA secure KEM schemes (which we denote by FSXY) by relaxing the security model to the Random Oracle Model (ROM). The resulting AKE protocols were proved to be CK+ secure in the ROM. Moreover, it was shown that the (ring-)LWE, McEliece one-way, NTRU one-way (among others) post-quantum assumptions can be used to construct secure AKE protocols. In addition, it was shown that by adapting the ROM in the security proof of the FSXY construction, the AKE protocols obtained from each post-quantum assumption become efficient on the communication cost.

The FSXY construction is as follows. Let $KEM_1 = (KeyGen_1, EnCap_1, DeCap_1)$ be a OW-CCA secure KEM and $KEM_2 = (KeyGen_2, EnCap_2, DeCap_2)$ be a OW-CPA secure KEM. Let ℓ be the security parameter $H_1 : \{0, 1\}^* \rightarrow RSE$ and $H_2 : \{0, 1\}^* \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^\ell$ be hash functions modeled as random oracles, where RSE is a randomness space. The random values r and r_1 are chosen from $\{0, 1\}^{f(\ell)}$, where f is a polynomial function of the security parameter. The two-pass key exchange protocol involving users U_A (the initiator) and U_B (the responder) is shown in Fig. 1.

The session state of a session owned by U_A contains an ephemeral secret key r and a KEM key K_A . Similarly, the session state of a session owned by U_B contains ephemeral secret keys (r_1, r_2) and KEM keys $(K_{B,1}, K_{B,2})$.

It was shown in [17] that if KEM_1 is OW-CCA secure, and if KEM_2 is OW-CPA secure, then the FSXY transformation is CK⁺ secure under the Random Oracle Model.

D. BUILDING THE COMMITMENT SCHEME FROM THE KEM

The compiler described in Section II-A requires as a building block, a non-interactive non-malleable commitment scheme that is perfectly binding and achieves non-malleability for multiple commitments. Such a commitment scheme is realized by applying the transformation proposed in [33] to a KEM scheme (in particular, any Post-Quantum KEM described in Section II-B) to obtain an IND-CCA PKE from the KEM. As pointed out in [14], the commitment scheme with the required security properties follows readily from the PKE.

Let KEM = (KeyGen, EnCap, DeCap) be a key encapsulation mechanism and let SKE = (Enc, Dec) be a one-time symmetric key encryption scheme (as defined in Section 7.2 of [33]). The key lengths of both primitives must be the same for any value of the security parameter ℓ . Then, a PKE scheme PKE is obtained as follows.

The key generation algorithm for PKE is the same as that of KEM, and, hence, the secret and public keys for PKE are the same as those of KEM. That is, PKE runs KeyGen and obtains (sk, pk), where sk and pk are the secret and public key, respectively.

		U_B
$(dk_A, ek_A) \leftarrow \texttt{KeyGen}_1()$		$(dk_B, ek_B) \leftarrow \texttt{KeyGen}_1()$
Static secret key : dk_A Static public key : ek_A		Static secret key : dk_B Static public key : ek_B
Init $\begin{array}{c} r \leftarrow \{0,1\}^{f(\ell)} \\ (C_A, K_A) \leftarrow \texttt{EnCap}_1(ek_B; H_1(r, dk_A)) \\ (\overrightarrow{dk}_A, \overrightarrow{ek}_A) \leftarrow \texttt{KeyGen}_2() \end{array}$		
	$\overrightarrow{M} = (U_A, U_B, C_A, \overrightarrow{ek}_A)$	
		AlgB
		$ \begin{array}{l} r_1 \leftarrow \{0,1\}^{f(\ell)}, \ r_2 \leftarrow \textit{RSE} \\ (C_{B,1}, K_{B,1}) \leftarrow \texttt{EnCap}_1(ek_A; H_1(r_1, dk_B)) \\ (C_{B,2}, K_{B,2}) \leftarrow \texttt{EnCap}_2(\overrightarrow{ek}_A; r_2) \\ K_A \leftarrow \texttt{DeCap}_1(dk_B, C_A) \\ \texttt{sid} = (U_A, U_B, ek_A, ek_B, C_A, \overrightarrow{ek}_A, C_{B,1}, C_{B,2}) \\ \texttt{SK} = H_2(K_A, K_{B,1}, K_{B,2}, \texttt{sid}) \end{array} $
	$\overleftarrow{M} = (U_A, U_B, C_{B,1}, C_{B,2})$	
AlgA		
$K_{B,1} \leftarrow \text{DeCap}_1(dk_A, C_{B,1})$		
$ K_{B,2} \leftarrow \text{DeCap}_2(\vec{dk}_A, C_{B,2}) $		
$ \begin{vmatrix} & \text{sid} = (U_A, U_B, ek_A, ek_B, C_A, ek_A, C_{B,1}, C_{B,2}) \\ & \text{sk} = H_2(K_A, K_{B,1}, K_{B,2}, \text{sid}) \end{vmatrix} $		

FIGURE 1. FSXY transformation.

The encryption algorithm for PKE runs as follows. Upon receiving a message m, PKE runs the encapsulation algorithm of KEM and obtains $(k, \xi) \leftarrow \text{EnCap}(pk; r)$, where k is a symmetric key, r are random coins, and ξ is a ciphertext encrypting k. The message m is encrypted using the key kand the encryption algorithm of SKE, $\nu \leftarrow \text{Enc}(k, m)$. The output of the encryption algorithm is $c = (\xi, \nu)$.

The decryption algorithm is defined as follows. Given a ciphertext $c = (\xi, \nu)$, PKE runs the decapsulation algorithm of KEM and obtains $k = \text{DeCap}(sk, \xi)$, and then runs the decryption algorithm of SKE with the key k to obtain $m = \text{Dec}(k, \nu)$. The output of the decryption algorithm is the plaintext m.

As shown in [33], the IND-CCA security of PKE is inherited form the IND-CCA sucrity of KEM and SKE. As pointed out in [14], it is known that in the CRS model with a common reference string ρ , the required commitment schemes depending on ρ can be constructed from any public-key encryption scheme that is non-malleable and secure for multiple encryptions (in particular, from any IND-CCA secure public-key encryption scheme). The approach in this section is usually known as the *KEM-DEM paradigm*, where DEM stands for *data encapsulation mechasism*. Here the algorithm SKE plays the latter role, so we will usually refer to it as the DEM.

III. SECURITY MODEL

In this section we present the security model under which our protocol is proven to be secure. The model is taken from [14] which is in turn based on the one from Bellare et. al. [34]. We assume a fully connected communication network, that is, each pair of users are able to communicate through a point-topoint channel. We consider an active adversary who is in full control of the network: it has the power to eavesdrop, delay, insert or delete messages in communication flow at will.

A. PROTOCOL INSTANCES

Let $U_0, U_1, U_2, \ldots, U_{n-1}$ be the set of participants. Each of them may run any polynomial number of *protocol instances* in parallel. Given $i \in \{0, 1, \ldots, n-1\}$ and $s_i \in \mathbb{N}$ we denote with $\prod_{i}^{s_i}$ the s_i -th instance vinculated to user U_i . Each instance $\prod_{i}^{s_i}$ has seven variables associated with it:

- Used^{*si*}_{*i*} is a boolean variable which indicates if this instance has been used in a protocol run; it is set to true only if the instance receives a protocol due to a call to the Execute or to the Send oracle (described later).
- state^{*s_i*} stores all the protocol information that the instance needs during the protocol execution together with long term keys.
- term^{*s_i*} is a boolean variable which indicates if the execution has finished.
- $\mathbf{Sk}_i^{s_i}$ stores the session key if it has been accepted by the instance; before it is initialized to a distinguished null value.
- acc^{si} is a boolean variable indicating if the instance has accepted the session key.
- $sid_i^{s_i}$ stores a public session identifier for the session key $sk_i^{s_i}$.
- pid^{s_i} stores the set of identities of participants that are involved in the instance execution, including U_i.

B. ADVERSARIAL CAPABILITIES

An adversary A is a polynomial probabilistic time algorithm. The adversarial power is modelled by providing A access to several oracles during a security game (described later). The oracles are the following:

- Send(U_i, s_i, M): Sends message M to the instance Π^{s_i} and outputs the response message of that instance, if any. Whenever A queries this oracle with an unused instance Π^{s_i} and M consisting of a set participant identities, then used^{s_i} is set to true, pid^{s_i} set to {U_i} ∪ M and the initial protocol message of Π^{s_i} is output.
 Execute({Π^{s_{u1}},...,Π^{s_{uμ}}}): Executes a complete pro-
- Execute({Π^{su1}_{µ1},..., Π^{suμ}_{µμ}}): Executes a complete protocol run within the specified instances. It outputs a transcript of all sent messages. A query to this oracle models a passive eavesdropping by *A*.
- Reveal(U_i , s_i): Outputs the value stored in $\mathsf{sk}_i^{s_i}$.
- Test(U_i, s_i): The output of this oracle depends on a bit b chosen uniformly at random at the beginning of the security game. The adversary may query this oracle only if the session key is defined (that is, $\operatorname{acc}_i^{s_i} = \operatorname{true}$ and $\operatorname{sk}_i^{s_i} \neq \operatorname{null}$) and the instance $\Pi_i^{s_i}$ is fresh (freshness is defined later in this section). Then, the session key $\operatorname{sk}_i^{s_i}$ is returned if b = 0 or a value chosen uniformly at random from the key space is returned if b = 1. In this model, an arbitrary number of Test queries is allowed; but, once a value has been returned for an instance $\Pi_i^{s_i}$, subsequent queries for all instances partnered with $\Pi_i^{s_i}$ will return the same value (partnering is defined later in this section).
- Corrupt (U_i) : Returns all long-term secrets of user U_i .

C. SECURITY DEFINITIONS

First we need a definition of *partnering*, which indicates that two instances are participating in the same protocol session.

Definition 1: Instances $\Pi_i^{s_i}$ and $\Pi_j^{s_j}$ are partnered if $\operatorname{pid}_i^{s_i} = \operatorname{pid}_j^{s_j}$, $\operatorname{sid}_i^{s_i} = \operatorname{sid}_j^{s_j}$, $\operatorname{sk}_i^{s_i} = \operatorname{sk}_j^{s_j}$ and also $\operatorname{acc}_i^{s_i} = \operatorname{acc}_i^{s_j} = \operatorname{true}$.

Against a passive adversary which does not interfere with protocol execution, all involved users should accept and end with the same session key. This is captured in the definition of *correctness*.

Definition 2: A group key establishment protocol is correct if, in the presence of a passive adversary \mathcal{A} (that is, \mathcal{A} does not have access to the Send and Corrupt oracles), the following condition holds: for all i, j with $\operatorname{sid}_{i}^{s_{i}} = \operatorname{sid}_{j}^{s_{j}}$ and $\operatorname{acc}_{i}^{s_{i}} =$ $\operatorname{acc}_{j}^{s_{j}} = \operatorname{true}$, we have $\operatorname{sk}_{i}^{s_{i}} = \operatorname{sk}_{i}^{s_{j}} \neq \operatorname{null}$ and $\operatorname{pid}_{i}^{s_{i}} = \operatorname{pid}_{j}^{s_{j}}$.

The notion of *integrity*, introduced in [35], ensures that, even with adversarial intervention, honest users (meaning that Corrupt has not been queried on them) have some guarantees of holding the same key.

Definition 3: A correct group key establishment protocol is said to have integrity if, with overwhelming probability, all instances of honest participants that have accepted with the same session identifier $sid_{j}^{s_{j}}$ hold the same session key $sk_{j}^{s_{j}}$ and partner identifier $pid_{j}^{s_{j}}$.

Before providing the definition of a *secure* protocol we need to limit when a query to the **Test** oracle, to avoid trivial attacks from the adversary.

Definition 4: A Test query should only be allowed to instances holding a key that is not for trivial reasons known to the adversary. To achieve this, an instance $\prod_{i=1}^{s_i}$ is called fresh if none of the following condition holds:

- For some $U_j \in \text{pid}_i^{s_i}$ a query $\text{Send}(U_k, s_k, M)$ after a query $\text{Corrupt}(U_j)$.
- The adversary have queried $\text{Reveal}(U_j, s_j)$ with $\Pi_i^{s_i}$ and $\Pi_i^{s_j}$ being partnered.

The last notion we need before defining a secure group key establishment protocol is *adversarial advantage*.

Definition 5: Given a security parameter ℓ and an adversary A, the advantage $\mathsf{Adv}_{\mathcal{A}}(\ell)$ in attacking the protocol is a function in ℓ , defined as

$$\mathsf{Adv}_{\mathcal{A}}(\ell) := |2 \cdot \mathsf{Succ} - 1|$$

where Succ is the probability that the adversary queries Test only on fresh instances and outputs correctly the bit b used by the Test oracle (without later breaking the freshness of those instances queried with Test).

Definition 6: We say that an authenticated group key establishment protocol is secure if for every adversary A we have that

$$\mathsf{Adv}_{\mathcal{A}}(\ell) \leq \operatorname{negl}(\ell)$$

where negl is a negligible function.

IV. OUR GAKE CONSTRUCTION

In this section we describe our GAKE protocol for $n \ge 2$ users or parties $U_0, U_1, U_2, \ldots, U_{n-1}$. They are organized in a cycle: each user U_i has as his left neighbour U_{i-1} and as his right neighbour U_{i+1} . The indices are taken modulo n, so U_n



FIGURE 2. Relationships between primitives and transformations applied to GAKE protocol.

means U_0 and U_{-1} means U_{n-1} . We assume that each user is aware of his index and the rest of the indices identifying the other users of the protocol.

For the construction of the GAKE we use the following primitives:

- KEM = (KeyGen, EnCap, DeCap) is an IND-CCA KEM.
- SKE = (Enc, Dec) is an one-time symmetric key encryption scheme used as a DEM.
- *H* is a hash function (theoretically modeled as a random oracle).

To obtain the GAKE, we feed the tools described in Sections II-A, II-C and II-D with these primitives (Fig. 2). First we instantiate a 2-party AKE with the FSXY transformation from Section II-C, using KEM as both KEM₁ and KEM₂. Note that the security notion IND-CCA is well known to imply both the OW-CPA and OW-CCA requirements for KEM₁ and KEM₂. The resulting 2AKE satisfies the strong security notion CK+([31]), which is enough for the compiler described in Section II-A. We would like to stress that, as pointed out in [35], an integrity property is also needed for 2AKE in order to attain the claimed security notion. It is a straightforward comprobation that the 2AKE obtained from FSXY has integrity because of the way session identifiers are computed. The other ingredient needed for the compiler is a commitment scheme, which is also obtained from KEM as described in Section II-D. Note that all the KEMs enumerated in Section II-B fulfill the IND-CCA security and can be used in our construction. Finally, the hash function H is used to derive session identifiers and keys, both in the 2AKE and the final step of the protocol. It is worth pointing out that the resulting GAKE achieves security in the model described in Section II-A, which covers strong adversaries that are in full control of the communication network and may delay, eavesdrop, insert, and delete messages at will.

Next, we describe the resulting GAKE protocol which is composed of 4 rounds of communication:

Init: Each U_i is assumed to hold a pair (dk_i, ek_i) generated with KeyGen. Here ek_i is the long-term public encapsulation key for U_i and is assumed to be certified and known by the rest of the users, whereas dk_i is the long-term secret decapsulation key for U_i .

Round 1-2: For each $i \in \{0, 1, \dots, n-1\}$ the 2AKE is run between U_i and U_{i+1} . The two rounds are as follows:

- **Round** 1: Each U_i follows these steps:
 - Generates randomness $\overrightarrow{r_i} \leftarrow \{0, 1\}^{f(\ell)}$.
 - Generates encapsulated key
 - $(\overrightarrow{C}_i, \overrightarrow{\kappa}_i) \leftarrow \operatorname{EnCap}(ek_{i+1}; H(\overrightarrow{r}_i, dk_i)).$
 - Generates an ephemeral key pair

$$(d\dot{k}_i, e\dot{k}_i) \leftarrow \text{KeyGen}().$$

- Sends $(U_i, U_{i+1}, \overrightarrow{C}_i, \overrightarrow{ek}_i)$ to U_{i+1} . **Round** 2: Each U_i follows these steps: Generates randomness $\overleftarrow{r_i} \leftarrow \{0, 1\}^{f(\ell)}$ and $\overleftarrow{\rho_i} \leftarrow$ RSE.
 - Generates encapsulated key

 $(\overleftarrow{C_i}, \overleftarrow{k_i}) \leftarrow \operatorname{EnCap}(ek_{i-1}; H(\overleftarrow{r_i}, dk_i)).$

- Generates another encapsulated key

$$(\overline{T_i}, \overline{\lambda}_i) \leftarrow \text{EnCap}(\overline{ek_{i-1}}; \overleftarrow{\rho}_i).$$

- Sends $(U_{i-1}, U_i, \overleftarrow{C_i}, \overleftarrow{T_i})$ to U_{i-1} . After receiving Round 2 message from U_{i+1} , each U_i :

- Decapsulates the keys $\vec{\kappa}_{i-1}, \vec{\kappa}_{i+1}, \lambda_{i+1}$ from received messages.
- Sets $\overleftarrow{\text{sid}} = (U_{i-1}, U_i, ek_{i-1}, ek_i, \overrightarrow{C}_{i-1}, \overrightarrow{ek}_{i-1}, \overleftarrow{C_i}, \overleftarrow{T_i}).$
- Computes key (shared with U_{i-1})

$$\overleftarrow{K}_{i} = H(\overrightarrow{\kappa}_{i-1}, \overleftarrow{\kappa}_{i}, \overleftarrow{\lambda}_{i}, \overrightarrow{\text{sid}})$$

Sets

$$\overrightarrow{\text{sid}} = (U_i, U_{i+1}, ek_i, ek_{i+1}, \overrightarrow{C}_i, \overrightarrow{ek}_i, \overleftarrow{C}_{i+1}, \overleftarrow{T}_{i+1}).$$

- Computes key (shared with U_{i+1})

$$\overrightarrow{K}_{i} = H(\overrightarrow{\kappa_{i}}, \overleftarrow{\kappa}_{i+1}, \overleftarrow{\lambda}_{i+1}, \overrightarrow{\text{sid}}).$$

Round 3: Each U_i follows these steps:

- Computes $X_i = K_i \oplus K_i$.
- Generates randomness $r'_i \leftarrow RSE$ for KEM and a random IV_i for DEM.
- Generates encapsulated key $(C_i, \kappa_i) \leftarrow \text{EnCap}(ek_i; r'_i)$.
- $c_i = \operatorname{Enc}(\kappa_i, i || X_i, IV_i).$ ٠
- Sets commitment to $com_i = (c_i, C_i)$ and stores • randomness $r_i = (IV_i, r'_i)$.
- Broadcasts $M_i^1 = (U_i, com_i)$. Round 4: Each U_i follows these steps:
- Broadcasts $M_i^2 = (U_i, X_i, r_i)$.
- Checks that $X_0 \oplus X_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus X_{n-1} = 0$ and the correctness of the commitments. If any one of these conditions fails, then U_i ends the protocol execution.
- Computes the n-1 values K_j for $j = 0, 1, 2, \dots$, n-1 with $j \neq i$,

$$K_{i-j} = \overleftarrow{K}_i \oplus X_{i-1} \oplus \cdots \oplus X_{i-j}$$

• Defines session key sk_i and session identifier sid_i as

 $(sk_1||sid_1) = H(K_0, \dots, K_{n-1}, U_0, \dots, U_{n-1}).$

Next, we provide some comments pointing out differences between the compiler described in Section II-A and our implementation and also explaining some design choices and protocol steps in more detail:

- The input of KeyGen() in the asymptotic description of the KEM is the security parameter. In our implementation KeyGen() outputs keys of fixed length for each KEM and parameter set, so it has no input. The sets $\{0, 1\}^{f(\ell)}$ and RSE are the randomness spaces described in Section II-C.
- To compute the commitment com_i to X_i , first an encapsulated key κ_i is generated with EnCap. Then the message $i||X_i|$ (where || denotes concatenation) is encrypted with Enc using key κ_i . The randomness r_i used by EnCap needs to be stored by U_i to open the commitment in the next round. Therefore we needed to modify EnCap for each KEM in our implementation to make the randomness an explicit output of the algorithm instead of being generated by the algorithm itself.
- The verification of the commitments in Round 4 is done by recovering the key κ_i from r_i with EnCap, then generating a new commitment com'_i with X_i and r_i and checking that com_i and com'_i are equal.
- In the original compiler, the final key and session identifier derivation is done with a collision-resistant pseudorandom function family. The reason for using this tool is that, if the 2AKE has a security proof in the standard model, the compiled GAKE is also secure in the standard model. As the FSXY transformation already uses a hash function, our GAKE is only secure in the random oracle model, so we have chosen to simplify the compiler and use the same hash function for key and session identifier derivation.

• The hash function we have chosen in our implementation has output length which is double of the GAKE session key length. So the hash value $H(\overleftarrow{K}_0, \overleftarrow{K}_1, \dots, \overleftarrow{K}_{n-1}, U_0, U_1, \dots, U_{n-1})$ is computed and sk_1 is set to be the first half of this value and sid_i is set to be the second one.

A. SECURITY OF OUR PROPOSED GAKE PROTOCOL

Next we prove a security result for our protocol under the security model described in Section III.

Theorem 1: In the random oracle model, the protocol presented in Section IV is a correct and secure authenticated group key establishment protocol fulfilling integrity.

Proof: We follow the security proof of Theorem 1 in [14].

Correctness. It is easily verified that in an honest execution of the protocol, all participating users will terminate by accepting and computing the same session identifier and session key.

Integrity. As a consequence of the collision-resistance of the random oracle H, all oracles that accept with the same session identifiers also hold, with overwhelming probability, identical session keys K_0, \ldots, K_{n-1} and associated these keys with the same participants U_0, \ldots, U_{n-1} .

Key secrecy. The proof of the secrecy is organized in a sequence of games, starting with a real attack of an adversary A against the key secrecy of the GAKE protocol and ending in a game in which the advantage of the adversary is negligible. The idea is that we can bound the difference of the adversary's advantage between any two consecutive games. We denote the advantage of the adversary in Game *i*, as usual, by $Adv(A, G_i)$. For the sake of clarity, we classify the Send queries into three categories depending on the stage of the protocol to which the query is associated. More preceisely, Send-t denotes the Send query associated with round *t*.

The first three games of this proof coincide with the same as those in Theorem 1 of [14]. Here we summarize the bounding of the adversary's advantage and refer the interested reader to the original paper for the details.

Game 0. In this game, a real attack is performed by the adversary \mathcal{A} , in which all the parameters such as the public parameters and the long-term secrets of each user are chosen as in the actual scheme. By definition we have $Adv(\mathcal{A}, G_0) = Adv(\mathcal{A}).$

Game 1. For $i = 0, 1, \ldots, n-1$, we modify the simulation of the Send and Execute oracles so that whenever an instance $\Pi_i^{s_i}$ is still considered fresh at the end of Round 2, the keys \overleftarrow{K}_i and \overrightarrow{K}_i that it shares with instances $\prod_{i=1}^{s_{i-1}}$ and $\Pi_{i+1}^{s_{i+1}}$, respectively, are replaced with random values from the range of the random oracle H.

It is not difficult to see that the difference between the advantage of this game and the previous one is bounded by the probability that the adversary breaches the security of any of the underlying 2AKE protocols executions. Therefore,

we have

$$|\mathsf{Adv}(\mathcal{A}, G_1) - \mathsf{Adv}(\mathcal{A}, G_0)| \le 2 \cdot \mathsf{Adv}_{2\mathsf{AKE}}(\ell, 2 \cdot q_{send}),$$

where *q_{send}* denotes the number of distinct protocol instances in Send queries.

Game 2. Here, the simulation of the Send oracle is modified so that a *fresh* instance $\prod_{i}^{s_i}$ does not accept in Round 4 whenever one commitment com_j , $j \neq i$, it receives in Round 3 was generated by the simulator but not generated by the respective instance $\prod_{i}^{s_j}$ in the same session.

If the adversary A replays a commitment that should have let to acceptance in Round 4 in Game 1, then A detects the difference between this and the previous games. Therefore,

$$|\mathsf{Adv}(\mathcal{A}, G_2) - \mathsf{Adv}(\mathcal{A}, G_1)| \le \operatorname{negl}(\ell).$$

Game 3. In this game, the simulation of the Send oracle changes so that a *fresh* instance $\prod_{i}^{s_i}$ does not accept in Round 4 whenever one commitment com_j , $j \neq i$ it receives in Round 3 was generated by the adversary. The advantage of the adversary differs from the previous game by a negligible amount, that is,

$$|\mathsf{Adv}(\mathcal{A}, G_3) - \mathsf{Adv}(\mathcal{A}, G_2)| \le \operatorname{negl}(\ell).$$

Game 4. Here the simulations of the Execute and Send oracles are modified at the point of computing the session key. On one hand, in this game, all session keys are chosen uniformly at random and the adversary has no advantage. Hence,

$$\operatorname{Adv}(\mathcal{A}, G_4) = 0.$$

On the other hand, the simulator keeps a list of strings $(K_0, \ldots, K_{n-1}, U_0, \ldots, U_{n-1})$ and once an instance receives the last Send-4 query, the simulator computes K_0, \ldots, K_{n-1} and checks if for the corresponding string $(K_0, \ldots, K_{n-1}, U_0, \ldots, U_{n-1})$ has already been used. If this is the case, the simulator assigns the corresponding string to the instance. If no such strings exist, the simulator assigns a session key $\mathbf{sk}_i^{s_i} \in \{0, 1\}^\ell$ uniformly at random. Note that even if the messages from Round 4 are sent out, the list of strings still contains sufficient entropy so that the output of the random oracle H is indistinguishable from a random $\mathbf{sk}_i^{s_i}$ with overwhelming probability. Consequently,

$$\mathsf{Adv}(\mathcal{A}, G_4) - \mathsf{Adv}(\mathcal{A}, G_3) \leq \operatorname{negl}(\ell).$$

Together, all the bounds obtained in the games imply that

$$\mathsf{Adv}(\mathcal{A}) \leq 2 \cdot \mathsf{Adv}_{2\mathsf{AKE}}(\ell, 2 \cdot q_{send}) + \operatorname{negl}(\ell).$$

V. IMPLEMENTING THE GAKEs

A. BUILDING BLOCKS

1) KEM

The KEMs are taken from the open-source library LibOQS ([37]). It provides all the finalist implementations submitted to the NIST standardization process.² It has been developed by the Open Quantum Safe project, which aims at prototyping and experimenting with post-quantum cryptography, but as of today, it is not production-ready. It is written in C99 and its advantages include:

- Dynamic management of the KEMs, making it possible to exchange one for the other without the need to modify the code of the protocol.
- Building the library with only the KEM implementations that are needed in the application.
- Easy cross-compilation.
- Provides common functions (e.g. hash and random bits functions, among others).

LibOQS provides 10 parameter sets for Classic McEliece, 3 for Kyber,³ 4 for NTRU, and 3 for Saber. Table 7 shows the key sizes (public and secret), the size of the shared secret and ciphertext, as well as the claimed security level and security model of all parameter sets in LibOQS. It can be noted that the public key size of Classic McEliece is several orders of magnitude larger than the other KEMs. On the other hand, the ciphertext size is smaller than the other finalists in the standardization process.

Two different implementations come from each parameter set: the reference implementation (called ref, clean, or vec by the KEMs) and the optimized implementation (named avx2 or avx). All information on these implementations can be found in Table 8. It can be noted that the reference implementations do not present any architecture or operating system limitation, whereas the optimized implementation runs only on the x86_64 architecture for macOS and Linux operating systems. It is noteworthy that the Classic McEliece implementations have large stack usage and may cause failures when run on threads or in constrained environments ([36]).

The KEM is the basic building block on which the subsequent ones depend.

2) 2-PARTY AKE

The 2AKE has been implemented by following the FSXY transformation of Fig. 1. It has been split into three algorithms:

- Init: the algorithm that runs U_A at the beginning of the protocol and outputs message \vec{M} .
- AlgB: the algorithm that runs U_B by taking the message \overrightarrow{M} and outputs the message \overleftarrow{M} and the session key SK.

In the following, we describe the implementation of the GAKE protocol, which is publicly available at https: //github.com/jiep/pq-gake-fsxy. To do so, we describe separately each of the building blocks that make up the protocol.

²It also provides all the implementations of the finalist digital signatures, but for the implementation of this protocol, they are not required.

³It provides 6 parameter sets, but the so-called 90s variants will not be considered because they are intended for legacy hardware and do not support SHA-3, and our implementations depends on it.

TABLE 7. Properties of each parameter set implemented in LibOQS. Source: [36].

KEM	Parameter set	Security model	Claimed NIST level	Public key size (bytes)	Secret key size (bytes)	Ciphertext size (bytes)	Shared secret size (bytes)	Coins size (bytes)
	Classic-McEliece-348864	IND-CCA	1	261120	6452	128	32	436
	Classic-McEliece-348864f	IND-CCA	1	261120	6452	128	32	436
	Classic-McEliece-460896	IND-CCA	3	524160	13568	188	32	576
	Classic-McEliece-460896f	IND-CCA	3	524160	13568	188	32	576
Classic	Classic-McEliece-6688128	IND-CCA	5	1044992	13892	240	32	836
McEliece	Classic-McEliece-6688128f	IND-CCA	5	1044992	13892	240	32	836
	Classic-McEliece-6960119	IND-CCA	5	1047319	13908	226	32	870
	Classic-McEliece-6960119f	IND-CCA	5	1047319	13908	226	32	870
	Classic-McEliece-8192128	IND-CCA	5	1357824	14080	240	32	1024
	Classic-McEliece-8192128f	IND-CCA	5	1357824	14080	240	32	1024
	Kyber512	IND-CCA	1	800	1632	768	32	32
Kyber	Kyber768	IND-CCA	3	1184	2400	1088	32	32
-	Kyber1024	IND-CCA	5	1568	3168	1568	32	32
	NTRU-HPS-2048-509	IND-CCA	1	699	935	699	32	2413
NTDU	NTRU-HPS-2048-677	IND-CCA	3	930	1234	930	32	3211
NIKU	NTRU-HPS-4096-821	IND-CCA	5	1230	1590	1230	32	3895
	NTRU-HRSS-701	IND-CCA	3	1138	1450	1138	32	1400
	LightSaber-KEM	IND-CCA	1	672	1568	736	32	32
Saber	Saber-KEM	IND-CCA	3	992	2304	1088	32	32
	FireSaber-KEM	IND-CCA	5	1312	3040	1472	32	32

• AlgA: the algorithm that runs U_A at the end of the protocol by taking as input the message M and outputs the session key SK.

Note that Init corresponds to Round 1 of our GAKE description in Section IV whereas AlgB and AlgA constitute Round 2.

In the implementation, $KEM_1 = KEM_2$ and the hash functions H_1 and H_2 are SHA3-256 provided by LibOQS.

3) COMMITMENT SCHEME

The commitment scheme has been implemented as an IND-CCA PKE with the KEM/DEM approach (see details in Section II-D), with the KEM being any of those implemented in LibOQS and the DEM being set to AES256-GCM imported from OpenSSL 1.1.1f ([38]). The commitment is given by the ciphertext of the KEM and the tag of the DEM. The randomness r_i is given by the coins of the KEM and the IV of the DEM. Note that in Round 4 of the GAKE protocol, r_i is broadcast, so it was required to modify all LibOQS implementations (see Table 8) to make the KEM deterministic to preserve the randomness.

Three algorithms are implemented:

- Init allocates space for KEM and DEM ciphertexts.
- Commit creates a commitment as described in Section II-D.
- Check creates a commitment and checks if it is equal to a commitment created previously.

B. GAKE PROTOCOL

The GAKE protocol has been implemented using the aforementioned building blocks. All hash functions come from the SHA-3 hash functions implemented in LibOQS. In addition, the implementation assumes a zero-delay communications network.

The protocol allows for a polynomial number of instances running in parallel. Hence, certain variables are required to keep the state of the instance. These are inherited from the Abdalla et al.'s compiler ([14]):

- public_key contains authentication public key.
- secret_key contains authentication secret key.
- pid contains the user identifiers U_i that are involved in the protocol instance.
- sk is the session key. Its size is 32 bytes. By default, its value is set to 0^{256} .
- sid is the public identifier for sk. Its size is 32 bytes.
- term is a boolean variable that indicates whether an instance has terminated. In the implementation, 0 indicates false and 1, true.
- acc is a boolean variable that indicates whether an instance has been accepted.
- Other variables that contain all the needed values for the protocol (e.g. $\overrightarrow{K}_i, \overrightarrow{K}_i, X_i, r_i, K$, etc.).

1) INIT

During the Init phase, all parties generate their long-term authentication keys, and all the public keys are assumed to be known by the rest of the users.

2) ROUND 1-2

During Round 1-2, two types of messages are exchanged:

- Message \overline{M} contains a public key, a ciphertext, and U_A and U_B . The size of U_A and U_B is set to 20 bytes.
- Message \overline{M} contains two ciphertexts, as well as U_A and U_B .

Their size depends on the KEM in use (see Table 7).

TABLE 8. Characteristics of each parameter set in LibOQS. Source: [36].

KEM	Parameter set	Implementation identifier	Supported architectures	Supported OS	CPU extensions	No branching-on-secrets claimed?	Large stack usage?
	Classic-McEliece-348864	vec	All	# 🛆 #	None	~	~
		avx	x86_64	∆ ≰	AVX2,POPCNT	×	~
	Classic-McEliece-348864f	vec	All	4 \land ¢	None	~	~
	Classic Mellicee 5100011	avx	x86_64	∆ ≰	AVX2,POPCNT,BMI1	×	~
	Classic-McEliece-460896	vec	All	4 \land 🐇	None	~	~
<u> </u>		avx	x86_64	∆ ≰	AVX2,POPCNT	×	~
Classic McEliece	Classic-McEliece-460896f	vec	All	₹ ∆ ¢	None	~	~
		avx	x86_64	∆ ≰	AVX2,POPCNT,BMI1	×	~
	Classic-McEliece-6688128	vec	All	# 🛆 🗉	None	~	~
		avx	x86_64	∆ ≰	AVX2,POPCNT	×	~
	Classic-McEliece-6688128f	vec	All	4 \land 🗉	None	~	~
		avx	x86_64	∆ ≤	AVX2,POPCNT,BMI1	×	~
	Classic-McEliece-6960119	vec	All	₹ ∆ ¢	None	~	~
		avx	x86_64	∆ ≰	AVX2,POPCNT	×	~
	Classic-McEliece-6960119f	vec	All	₹ ∆ ¢	None	~	~
		avx	x86_64	∆ ≤	AVX2,POPCNT,BMI1	×	~
	Classic-McEliece-8192128	vec	All	# 🛆 🗉	None	~	~
		avx	x86_64	∆ ≰	AVX2,POPCNT	×	~
	Classic-McEliece-8192128f	vec	All	4 \land 🗉	None	~	~
		avx	x86_64	& ≰	AVX2,POPCNT	×	~
	Kyber512	ref	All	€	None	~	×
17.1	149001312	avx2	x86_64	∆ ≰	AVX2,POPCNT,BMI1	~	×
Kyber	Kyber768	ref	All	€	None	~	×
	11,001,00	avx2	x86_64	∆ ≰	AVX2,POPCNT,BMI1	~	×
	Kyber1024	ref	All	€	None	~	×
	,	avx2	x86_64	۵ 🗳	AVX2,POPCNT,BMI1	~	×
	NTRU-HPS-2048-509	clean	All	4 \land 🗉	None	~	×
		avx2	x86_64	& ≰	AVX2,BMI2	~	×
NTRU	NTRU-HPS-2048-677	clean	All	4 \land 🗳	None	~	×
		avx2	x86_64	∆ ⊄	AVX2,BMI2	~	×
	NTRU-HPS-4096-821	clean	All	€	None	~	×
		avx2	x86_64	& ≰	AVX2,BMI2	~	×
	NTRU-HRSS-701	clean	All	€	None	~	×
		avx2	x86_64	& ∉	AVX2,BMI2	~	×
	LightSaber-KEM	clean	All	€	None	~	×
6 . 1		avx2	x86_64	& ≰	AVX2	×	×
Saber	Saber-KEM	clean	All	4 \land 🗳	None	~	×
		avx2	x86_64	& ∉	AVX2	×	×
	FireSaber-KEM	clean	All	4 \land 🗉	None	~	×
		avx2	x86_64	∆ ≤	AVX2	×	×

3) ROUND 3

During Round 3, the messages M_i^1 , i = 0, ..., n - 1, are broadcast to all other users. The message M_i^1 contains the user identifier U_i , the KEM ciphertext, and the DEM ciphertext

and tag. The randomness r_i keeps the coins of the KEM and the IV of the DEM. The size of U_i is set to 20 bytes and to encrypt $i \mid |X_i|$, 36 bytes are needed ($|X_i| = 32$ and |i| = 4). The tag size is 16 bytes.

> ./test_gake 100 Kyber1024
Round 1-2
Round 3
Round 4
All keys are equal!
Session key: ef169be7a5f6b717253827c4825c3397fc094aebdf963bfba1a4cc790adb931a
Session id: 83011836db7eaeb851474b24e70b78166d7bd8b9c960c2fa9190ec53865ab4e8
Time stats
The states 1.1 The $1.0016s$ (4.35%)
$R_{0,1}$ $(1, 2, 1)$ $(1, 2, 2)$ $(1, 2, 3)$ $(1, 2, 3)$ $(1, 3, 2, 4)$
Round 3 time \cdot 0.016s (4.35%)
Point d time : 0.281s (78.26%)
Total time : $0.3595(100.00\%)$
(a) Kuber 1024
(a) Kyber 1024
> ./test_gake 100 Classic-McEliece-8192128+
Round 1-2
Round 3
Round 4
All keys are equal!
Session key: b5ad675e622d95d71b8fa5f5e6955a3f58eb89be17de357117332171b2de59d5
Session id: 554737f22ee28a4e4b2907ceff803188cc63b697679c31e03a38276758980b2f
Time stats
Init time : 38.328s (33.56%)
Round 1-2 time : 74.750s (65.44%)
Round 3 time : 0.016s (0.01%)
Round 4 time : 1.125s (0.98%)
Total time : 114.219s (100.00%)
(b) Classic-McEliece-8192128f

FIGURE 3. Run of GAKE protocol with 100 parties for two KEMs.

4) ROUND 4

In Round 4, *n* messages M_i^2 are broadcast. The message contains U_i and the randomness r_i (coins of the KEM and IV of the DEM). The size of X_i is 32 bytes and the IV is 12 bytes. The size of coins depends on the KEM being used (see Table 7).

The session key sk and sid is generated from master key K with SHA3-512, where first 32 bytes are set to be the sk and last 32 bytes are set to be the sid.

Fig. 3 shows a run of GAKE protocol for Kyber1024 and Classic-McEliece-8192128f with 100 parties. See Appendix A for a complete run of the protocol.

C. BENCHMARKING ENVIRONMENT

A workflow has been developed on GitHub Actions that allows reproducing the experiments in an isolated environment. The workflow is described in Fig. 4 and includes all the required steps from building the GAKE protocol binaries to executing them and obtaining the experimental results. The workflow runs on an Ubuntu 20.04 runner hosted on GitHub Actions and consists of 4 steps:

- 1) **Build**: It builds all the binaries and the libraries they depend on. Fig. 5 shows the complete process.
 - A A custom library is built from the LibOQS v0.7.0 library ([37]). In it, all the KEM implementations have been modified to be deterministic to keep the randomness of the commitment scheme. Its building has been automated with CMake by enabling the options -DOQS_ DIST_BUILD = ON and -DOQS_MINIMAL_ BUILD = "\${ENABLED_ALGS}", where ENABLED_ALGS is an array that enables desired KEMs (see details in [36]). It enables only the algorithms specified in the LibOQS library in Table 7. In addition, OpenSSL 1.1.1f is statically

TABLE 9.	Hardware	specifications	for the	self-hosted	runner.
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Feature	Value
Operating System	Ubuntu 20.04.1 LTS
CPU	i7-6700HQ@2.60 GHz
RAM	16 GB
CPU extensions enabled	AVX2, BMI2, POPCNT

linked, which is a dependency required by LibOQS. With the options enabled, a static library is built and gcc has been used as the C compiler.

- B The GAKE protocol code is built with CMake and gcc as in the previous step. The latter uses the -O3 and -fwrapv options. The custom LibOQS library and OpenSSL 1.1.1f are statically linked. The latter is used to implement AES256-GCM in the commitment scheme. A series of tests with ctest is launched to guarantee that the generated binaries work properly. These include the correct functioning of all the building blocks that integrate the GAKE protocol: AES256-GCM, the AKE, the commitment scheme, and the implementation of the GAKE protocol itself for each of the KEM implementations in LibOQS.
- 2) Run tests: This step measures the performance of each of the building blocks of the GAKE protocol. Performance is measured in terms of the number of CPU cycles and execution time. For this purpose, we used the LibOQS header ds_benchmark.h available at https://github.com/open-quantum-safe/liboqs/blob/0.7. 0/tests/ds_benchmark.h. It implements two macros to measure performance:
 - TIME_OPERATION_ITERATIONS: It executes a piece of code for a given number of iterations.
 - TIME_OPERATION_SECONDS: It executes a piece of code for a given number of seconds.

All experiments are run with the former macro.

This step is run on a self-hosted runner with Ubuntu 20.04 on WSL2 ([39]) under Windows 10 on with specifications given in Table 9. This was done with this approach because runners hosted on GitHub Actions can only run for a maximum of 6 hours ([40]), which is not enough time to run all the necessary experiments. The tests defined in this step are:

- test_speed_kem: This test measures the performance (in CPU cycles and execution time) of each KEM implemented in LibOQS (see Table 7). Key generation, encapsulation, and decapsulation are measured separately. The result of this test is an average of 10 000 iterations.
- test_speed_ake: It measures the performance of the FSXY transformation for each of the KEMs implemented in LibOQS. Each algorithm of the transformation is measured independently.



FIGURE 4. Workflow running experiments on GitHub actions.



FIGURE 5. Build step.

The result is an average of the execution of 10 000 iterations.

- test_speed_commitment: It measures the performance of the commitment scheme for each of the KEMs implemented in LibOQS. The DEM is always fixed to AES256-GCM. 10 000 iterations are run to measure the performance of key generation, generate a commitment and check it.
- test_speed_gake: It measures the performance of the GAKE protocol for each of the KEMs implemented in LibOQS based on the number of parties, n, running the protocol. It is run for $n = 2, 2^2, \ldots, 2^{11} = 2048$. In addition, the performance of each round of the protocol is measured separately.

All of the tests above generate tables that are converted to CSV format to be processed in the subsequent steps.

- 3) Generate graphics: This step generates the graphics of Section VI. The graphics are plotted with Python and the seaborn visualization library ([41]). All graphics are saved in png format.
- 4) Release: It creates a new release on GitHub and uploads all the data that has been generated during the workflow, which was stored in Artifacts on GitHub Actions ([42]): binaries, graphics, and CSV files.

VI. EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS: COMPARISON AMONG THE FOUR KEMs

In this section, we compare the experimental results achieved from the aforementioned tests. More precisely, we present the results of the tests described in Section V-C. For each of the four KEMs and each security level, we compare the performance of all the cryptographic primitives involved, including all the underlying operations (algorithms) of each of them. Namely, KEM, the two-party AKE, the commitment scheme and, finally, the GAKE protocol. Note that we only compare the optimized implementation of each parameter set (see Table 8). Numerical results can be found in Appendix B.

Fig. 6 shows the performance of each KEM operation for each security level. It can be observed that, for all security levels, the KeyGen algorithm is significantly slower on Classic McEliece than on the other KEMs. This is caused by the huge size of the keys in Classic McEliece (see Table 7). The Encaps algorithm does not show significant differences, whereas the Decap algorithm does show this difference Classic McEliece vs. other KEMs, but it is not as meaningful as in the case of the KeyGen algorithm.

Fig. 7 shows the performance of the AKE achieved from the FSXY transformation (Fig. 1). It can be seen that, for

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FIGURE 6. CPU cycles for KEM operations (Key Generation, Encapsulation, and Decapsulation) on levels 1, 3, and 5.

each security level and each AKE algorithm, the performance difference between Classic McEliece and the rest of the schemes is significant. This is because the AKE is KEM dependent, with the KeyGen and Decap algorithms being slower in Classic McEliece than in the other KEMs.

Concerning the commitment scheme (Fig. 8), Classic McEliece is faster during the Init algorithm. This is mainly because Classic McEliece ciphertexts are smaller than the rest (see Table 7). The Commit and Check algorithms perform better with NTRU, at any security level.

Fig. 9 shows the performance of the GAKE protocol in each round. The Init round initializes the structure and variables needed to store the state of the protocol instance. It can be observed that Kyber is noticeably more efficient than the rest of the schemes, at any security level. In Round 1-2 (AKE) and Round 3 (commitment generation), the same applies: Kyber parameter sets offer the best performance. Finally, in Round 4 (commitment checking, master key derivation, and session key generation) the performance at security level 1 is very similar among the parameter sets. The most efficient is NTRU-HPS-2048-677 for level 3 and NTRU-HPS-4096-821 for level 5.

Fig. 10 shows the performance of the GAKE protocol as a function of the number of parties participating in the protocol. It can be noted that, at all security levels, Classic McEliece is significantly less efficient than the rest of the KEMs and this is found to worsen as the number of parties in the protocol



FIGURE 7. CPU cycles for AKE operations (Init, AlgB, and AlgA) on levels 1, 3, and 5.



FIGURE 8. CPU cycles for commitment operations (Init, Commit and Check) on levels 1, 3, and 5.

increases. The most efficient at security level 1 is Kyber 512, at level 3 is NTRU-HRSS-701, and at level 5 is Kyber1024.



FIGURE 9. CPU cycles for GAKE rounds (Init, Round 1-2, Round 3, and, Round 4) on levels 1, 3, and 5.



FIGURE 10. Running time for GAKE protocol depending on parties for KEM on levels 1, 3, and 5.

A. COMPARISON WITH THE STATE OF THE ART: FSXY VS. FO_{AKE}

In this section, we provide experimental comparisons between the performance of the the FSXY transformation described in Section II-C with the FO_{AKE} transformation ([18], [19]) used in [11] on Kyber.

TABLE 10. Theoretical comparison between FSXY and FO_{AKE} transformations.

Property	FSXY	FO_{AKE}	
Security model	ROM	QROM	
Initial cryptographic primitive	IND-CCA KEM	IND-CCA public-key encryption scheme	
Transformation result	Secure 2-party AKE	Secure 2-party AKE	
Additional hypothesis on the initial primitive?	No	Yes. Disjoint Simulatability [18], [1	
Sent messages	2	2, but shorter	



FIGURE 11. Transformation $\ensuremath{\mathsf{FSXY}}$ vs $\ensuremath{\mathsf{FO}_{AKE}}$ on Kyber.

In this section, we compare experimentally the performance of the FSXY transformation described in Section II-C with the FO_{AKE} transformation ([18], [19]) used in [11] on Kyber. The latter is a novel transformation analogous to FSXY, i.e., it derives a secure two-party AKE from another cryptographic primitive (in this case, from an IND-CPA public-key novel encryption scheme). FOAKE is proved to be secure in the QROM, but it cannot be applied to just any KEM, only to those that satisfy several properties (see details in [19] and [11]). It is shown in [11] that it can be applied to Kyber. Table 10 shows a theoretical comparison between FSXY and FO_{AKE} transformations. The FO_{AKE} transformation consists of 2 messages in the same way as the FSXY transformation, but the former sends messages \overline{M} and \overline{M} that do not contain U_A and U_B , which, consequently, produces messages of a smaller size. As in Section VI,

we compare the performance of all the involved operations of each security level of Kyber.

Fig. 11 shows the comparison between both transformations with Kyber. It can be seen that the FO_{AKE} transformation performs better than FSXY. The results show that, if Kyber is applied as KEM on this GAKE protocol, FO_{AKE} should be considered instead of FSXY providing, in addition, a higher level of security by being secure in the QROM.

VII. CONCLUSION

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This paper shows the performance of a post-quantum key authenticated key exchange (GAKE) protocol constructed by applying the generic FSXY transformation to the all NIST finalist post-quantum KEMs. The protocol has been implemented with LibOQS, an open-source library that provides all the finalist KEMs of the NIST standardization process. We show experimentally that Classic McEliece is not suitable in this GAKE because it is significantly slower than the other KEMs. The most appropriate KEM for security level 1 is Kyber 512, for level 3 is Kyber768 and NTRU-HRSS-701, and, for level 5 is Kyber1024. In addition, the FO_{AKE} transformation is compared against FSXY on Kyber, showing that the latter is significantly faster than FSXY and provides a higher level of security by being QROM secure. This last result is especially noteworthy considering that Kyber is the first post-quantum KEM that will be standardized by NIST.

APPENDIX A

COMPLETE RUN OF THE GAKE PROTOCOL

Here, we show a complete run of GAKE protocol with Classic-McEliece-8192128f for 3 parties (for brevity).

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Party 0
   cf36ce9975ef95084b00...3faf8707c3cc6f28625c
Public key:
Secret key:
   7786f9b92c3de6eb39e7...1851e69f54bab7439627
   Left kev:
Right kev:
   X:
Coins:
Commitments:
Master Kev:
Pids:
pid0: Party 0
pid1: Party 1
pid2: Party 2
Accepted:
  0
Terminated: 0
Party 1
Public key: 0aa129ba6c64a803f87b...ba9a4a03b57074e575fe
Secret key:
   4b8ae20de14632ac67b5...21ed2309845cca52eba6
   Left kev:
Right kev:
   Session id:
   Χ:
Coins:
Commitments:
Master Kev:
Pids:
pid0: Party 0
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pid1: Partv 1
 pid2: Party 2
Accepted:
    0
Terminated: 0
Party 2
Public key:
    82ba5d4099df21b80932...254de329a95c3e4d5d87
Secret key: f6e16d5a410b188b3cbc...37e0946464c8deb70c2b
    Left key:
Right key:
    X:
 Coins:
 Commitments:
 Master Key:
 Pids:
 pid0: Party 0
 pid1: Party 1
 pid2: Party 2
 Accepted:
    0
 Terminated: 0
Round 1-2
Party 0
Public key: cf36ce9975ef95084b00...3faf8707c3cc6f28625c
Secret key: 7786f9b92c3de6eb39e7...1851e69f54bab7439627
Left key:
    981a6417dfb9407971a3...14a49fda2395588e98c6
Right key:
    ab8fa684d1035adbc37d...2f6727415e845fad1193
X :
 Coins:
 Commitments:
 Master Key:
 Pids:
 pid0: Party 0
 pid1: Party 1
 pid2: Party 2
Accepted:
Terminated: 0
Party 1
Public key: 0aa129ba6c64a803f87b...ba9a4a03b57074e575fe
Secret key: 4b8ae20de14632ac67b5...21ed2309845cca52eba6
Left kev:
    ab8fa684d1035adbc37d...2f6727415e845fad1193
Right key:
    2f065bdf6d8e460e5358...87a007e4476d118ec59f
X:
 Coins:
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Commitments: Master Kev: Pids: pid0: Party 0 pid1: Party 1 pid2: Party 2 Accepted: 0 Terminated: 0 Party 2 Public key: 82ba5d4099df21b80932...254de329a95c3e4d5d87 Secret key: f6e16d5a410b188b3cbc...37e0946464c8deb70c2b Left key: 2f065bdf6d8e460e5358...87a007e4476d118ec59f 981a6417dfb9407971a3...14a49fda2395588e98c6 Right key: Χ: Coins: Commitments: Master Key: Pids: pid0: Party 0 pid1: Party 1 pid2: Party 2 Accepted: 0 Terminated: 0 Round 3 Party 0 Public key: cf36ce9975ef95084b00...3faf8707c3cc6f28625c Secret key: 7786f9b92c3de6eb39e7...1851e69f54bab7439627 Left key: 981a6417dfb9407971a3...14a49fda2395588e98c6 Right key: ab8fa684d1035adbc37d...2f6727415e845fad1193 Χ: X0: 3395c2930eba1aa2b2de...3bc3b89b7d1107238955 X1: 8489fd5bbc8d1cd59025...a8c720a519e94e23d40c X2: b71c3fc8b237067722fb...9304983e64f849005d59 Coins: r0: 00000000000000000...341574bc3621b96d930e r1: 00000000000000000...fac8728bb91ac1b996e4 r2: 00020020000100000000...2760c1b81f04c98683a0 Commitments: c0: 6282f3f4515f528...6aaff6ed3d2b608|a90d68cf624981d...85a8294ef6fe78b|ecaec...e5d33 $\texttt{c1: 5bdadd3abf52a00...c327383c304de0c} \\ \texttt{7301dae2691ffc1...43cb71961ad639b} \\ \texttt{4d85f...9a9bb} \\ \texttt{4d85f...9abb} \\ \texttt{4d85f...9abb} \\ \texttt{4d85f...9abb} \\ \texttt{4d85f...9abb} \\ \texttt{4d85f...9abb} \\ \texttt{4d85f...9abb} \\ \texttt{4d85f...9bb} \\ \texttt{4d85f...9abb} \\ \texttt{4d85f...9bb} \\ \texttt$ c2: 6514462b037331b...1731faf3b7d0924|c0065a125e50022...12509041ed5cdf8|a4769...87abb Master Kev: Pids: pid0: Party 0 pid1: Party 1 pid2: Party 2 Accepted: 0 Terminated: 0 Party 1 Public key: 0aa129ba6c64a803f87b...ba9a4a03b57074e575fe Secret key: 4b8ae20de14632ac67b5...21ed2309845cca52eba6 ab8fa684d1035adbc37d...2f6727415e845fad1193 Left kev: Right key: 2f065bdf6d8e460e5358...87a007e4476d118ec59f Χ:

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X0: 3395c2930eba1aa2b2de...3bc3b89b7d1107238955
  X1: 8489fd5bbc8d1cd59025...a8c720a519e94e23d40c
  X2: b71c3fc8b237067722fb...9304983e64f849005d59
 Coins:
  r0: 00000000000000000...341574bc3621b96d930e
  rl: 00000000000000000...fac8728bb91ac1b996e4
  r2: 0002002000010000000...2760c1b81f04c98683a0
 Commitments:
  c0: 6282f3f4515f528...6aaff6ed3d2b608|a90d68cf624981d...85a8294ef6fe78b|ecaec...e5d33
  c1: 5bdadd3abf52a00...c327383c304de0c|7301dae2691ffc1...43cb71961ad639b|4d85f...9a9bb
  c2: 6514462b037331b...1731faf3b7d0924|c0065a125e50022...12509041ed5cdf8|a4769...87abb
 Master Key:
  Init
Party 0
 Public key: cf36ce9975ef95084b00...3faf8707c3cc6f28625c
 Secret key:
      7786f9b92c3de6eb39e7...1851e69f54bab7439627
 Left key:
      Right key:
      Χ:
  Coins:
  Commitments:
  Master Key:
  Pids:
  pid0: Party 0
  pidl: Party 1
  pid2: Party 2
 Accepted:
     0
 Terminated: 0
Party 1
 Public key: 0aa129ba6c64a803f87b...ba9a4a03b57074e575fe
 Secret key:
      4b8ae20de14632ac67b5...21ed2309845cca52eba6
 Left key:
      Right key:
      Χ:
  Coins:
  Commitments:
  Master Kev:
  Pids:
  pid0: Party 0
  pid1: Partv 1
  pid2: Party 2
 Accepted:
 Terminated: 0
Party 2
 Public key: 82ba5d4099df21b80932...254de329a95c3e4d5d87
      f6e16d5a410b188b3cbc...37e0946464c8deb70c2b
 Secret key:
      Left kev:
      Right key:
 Χ:
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Coins: Commitments: Master Kev: Pids: pid0: Party 0 pid1: Party 1 pid2: Party 2 Accepted: Terminated: 0 Round 1-2 Party 0 Public key: cf36ce9975ef95084b00...3faf8707c3cc6f28625c 7786f9b92c3de6eb39e7...1851e69f54bab7439627 Secret key: Left key: 981a6417dfb9407971a3...14a49fda2395588e98c6 Right key: ab8fa684d1035adbc37d...2f6727415e845fad1193 Χ: Coins: Commitments: Master Key: Pids: pid0: Party 0 pidl: Party 1 pid2: Party 2 Accepted: Terminated: 0 Party 1 Public key: 0aa129ba6c64a803f87b...ba9a4a03b57074e575fe Secret key: 4b8ae20de14632ac67b5...21ed2309845cca52eba6 ab8fa684d1035adbc37d...2f6727415e845fad1193 Left kev: Right key: 2f065bdf6d8e460e5358...87a007e4476d118ec59f X: Coins: Commitments: Master Kev: Pids: pid0: Partv 0 pid1: Party 1 pid2: Party 2 Accepted: Terminated: 0

Party 2

Public key: 82ba5d4099df21b80932...254de329a95c3e4d5d87 Secret kev: f6e16d5a410b188b3cbc...37e0946464c8deb70c2b Left key: 2f065bdf6d8e460e5358...87a007e4476d118ec59f 981a6417dfb9407971a3...14a49fda2395588e98c6 Right key: Coins: Commitments: Master Kev: Pids: pid0: Party 0 pid1: Party 1 pid2: Party 2 Accepted: Terminated: 0 Round 3 Party 0 Public key: cf36ce9975ef95084b00...3faf8707c3cc6f28625c Secret key: 7786f9b92c3de6eb39e7...1851e69f54bab7439627 Left key: 981a6417dfb9407971a3...14a49fda2395588e98c6 Right key: ab8fa684d1035adbc37d...2f6727415e845fad1193 X: X0: 3395c2930eba1aa2b2de...3bc3b89b7d1107238955 X1: 8489fd5bbc8d1cd59025...a8c720a519e94e23d40c X2: b71c3fc8b237067722fb...9304983e64f849005d59 Coins: r0: 00000000000000000...341574bc3621b96d930e r1: 00000000000000000...fac8728bb91ac1b996e4 r2: 0002002000010000000...2760c1b81f04c98683a0 Commitments: c0: 6282f3f4515f528...6aaff6ed3d2b608|a90d68cf624981d...85a8294ef6fe78b|ecaec...e5d33 cl: 5bdadd3abf52a00...c327383c304de0c|7301dae2691ffc1...43cb71961ad639b|4d85f...9a9bb c2: 6514462b03733lb...1731faf3b7d0924|c0065a125e50022...12509041ed5cdf8|a4769...87abb Master Key: Pids: pid0: Party 0 pidl: Party 1 pid2: Party 2 Accepted: 0 Terminated: 0 Partv 1 Public kev: 0aa129ba6c64a803f87b...ba9a4a03b57074e575fe Secret key: 4b8ae20de14632ac67b5...21ed2309845cca52eba6 ab8fa684d1035adbc37d...2f6727415e845fad1193 Left key: Right key: 2f065bdf6d8e460e5358...87a007e4476d118ec59f Χ: X0: 3395c2930eba1aa2b2de...3bc3b89b7d1107238955 X1: 8489fd5bbc8d1cd59025...a8c720a519e94e23d40c X2: b71c3fc8b237067722fb...9304983e64f849005d59 Coins: r0: 00000000000000000...341574bc3621b96d930e rl: 000000000000000000...fac8728bb91ac1b996e4 r2: 0002002000010000000...2760c1b81f04c98683a0 Commitments: c0: 6282f3f4515f528...6aaff6ed3d2b608|a90d68cf624981d...85a8294ef6fe78b|ecaec...e5d33 cl: 5bdadd3abf52a00...c327383c304de0c|7301dae2691ffc1...43cb71961ad639b|4d85f...9a9bb c2: 6514462b037331b...1731faf3b7d0924|c0065a125e50022...12509041ed5cdf8|a4769...87abb Master Kev:

Pids: pid0: Party 0 pid1: Partv 1 pid2: Party 2 Accepted: 0 Terminated: 0 Party 2 Public key: 82ba5d4099df21b80932...254de329a95c3e4d5d87 Secret key: f6e16d5a410b188b3cbc...37e0946464c8deb70c2b 2f065bdf6d8e460e5358...87a007e4476d118ec59f Left kev: Right key: 981a6417dfb9407971a3...14a49fda2395588e98c6 х: X0: 3395c2930eba1aa2b2de...3bc3b89b7d1107238955 X1: 8489fd5bbc8d1cd59025...a8c720a519e94e23d40c X2: b71c3fc8b237067722fb...9304983e64f849005d59 Coins: r0: 000000000000000000...341574bc3621b96d930e rl: 000000000000000000...fac8728bb91ac1b996e4 r2: 0002002000010000000...2760c1b81f04c98683a0 Commitments: c0: 6282f3f4515f528...6aaff6ed3d2b608|a90d68cf624981d...85a8294ef6fe78b|ecaec...e5d33 cl: 5bdadd3abf52a00...c327383c304de0c|7301dae2691ffc1...43cb71961ad639b|4d85f...9a9bb c2: 6514462b037331b...1731faf3b7d0924|c0065a125e50022...12509041ed5cdf8|a4769...87abb Master Key: Pids: pid0: Party 0 pidl: Party 1 pid2: Party 2 0 Accepted: Terminated: 0 Round 4 Party 0 Xi are zero! Commitments are correct! Party 1 Xi are zero! Commitments are correct! Party 2 Xi are zero! Commitments are correct! Party 0 Public key: cf36ce9975ef95084b00...3faf8707c3cc6f28625c Secret key: 7786f9b92c3de6eb39e7...1851e69f54bab7439627 Left key: 981a6417dfb9407971a3...14a49fda2395588e98c6 Right key: ab8fa684d1035adbc37d...2f6727415e845fad1193 Session id: 90d2bdcdc23c512e6b2b...7a5ff010d30a0643cd81 Session key: 06ab9a8b17b26ffae871...718f9def411d9675a0ac Χ: X0: 3395c2930ebalaa2b2de...3bc3b89b7d1107238955 X1: 8489fd5bbc8d1cd59025...a8c720a519e94e23d40c X2: b71c3fc8b237067722fb...9304983e64f849005d59 Coins: r0: 00000000000000000...341574bc3621b96d930e r1: 00000000000000000...fac8728bb91ac1b996e4 r2: 0002002000010000000...2760c1b81f04c98683a0 Commitments: c0: 6282f3f4515f528...6aaff6ed3d2b608|a90d68cf624981d...85a8294ef6fe78b|ecaec...e5d33 cl: 5bdadd3abf52a00...c327383c304de0c|7301dae2691ffc1...43cb71961ad639b|4d85f...9a9bb c2: 6514462b037331b...1731faf3b7d0924|c0065a125e50022...12509041ed5cdf8|a4769...87abb Master Kev: k0: 981a6417dfb9407971a3...14a49fda2395588e98c6 k1: ab8fa684d1035adbc37d...2f6727415e845fad1193 k2: 2f065bdf6d8e460e5358...87a007e4476d118ec59f Pids: pid0: Party 0 pid1: Party pid2: Party 2 Accepted: Terminated: 1 Party 1 Public key: 0aa129ba6c64a803f87b...ba9a4a03b57074e575fe Secret key: 4b8ae20de14632ac67b5...21ed2309845cca52eba6 ab8fa684d1035adbc37d...2f6727415e845fad1193 Left kev: 2f065bdf6d8e460e5358...87a007e4476d118ec59f Right key: Session id: 90d2bdcdc23c512e6b2b...7a5ff010d30a0643cd81 Session key: 06ab9a8b17b26ffae871...718f9def411d9675a0ac

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X:
   X0: 3395c2930eba1aa2b2de...3bc3b89b7d1107238955
   X1: 8489fd5bbc8d1cd59025...a8c720a519e94e23d40c
   X2: b71c3fc8b237067722fb...9304983e64f849005d59
 Coins:
   r0: 00000000000000000...341574bc3621b96d930e
   r1: 00000000000000000...fac8728bb91ac1b996e4
   r2: 0002002000010000000...2760c1b81f04c98683a0
  Commitments:
   c0: 6282f3f4515f528...6aaff6ed3d2b608|a90d68cf624981d...85a8294ef6fe78b|ecaec...e5d33
   cl: 5bdadd3abf52a00...c327383c304de0c|7301dae2691ffc1...43cb71961ad639b|4d85f...9a9bb
   c2: 6514462b037331b...1731faf3b7d0924|c0065a125e50022...12509041ed5cdf8|a4769...87abb
 Master Key:
   k0: 981a6417dfb9407971a3...14a49fda2395588e98c6
    k1: ab8fa684d1035adbc37d...2f6727415e845fad1193
    k2: 2f065bdf6d8e460e5358...87a007e4476d118ec59f
  Pids:
   pid0: Party 0
   pid1: Party 1
   pid2: Party 2
  Accepted:
  Terminated: 1
Party 2
  Public key: 82ba5d4099df21b80932...254de329a95c3e4d5d87
  Secret key:
              f6e16d5a410b188b3cbc...37e0946464c8deb70c2b
              2f065bdf6d8e460e5358...87a007e4476d118ec59f
  Left key:
              981a6417dfb9407971a3...14a49fda2395588e98c6
  Right key:
  Session id: 90d2bdcdc23c512e6b2b...7a5ff010d30a0643cd81
  Session key: 06ab9a8b17b26ffae871...718f9def411d9675a0ac
  х:
   X0: 3395c2930eba1aa2b2de...3bc3b89b7d1107238955
    X1: 8489fd5bbc8d1cd59025...a8c720a519e94e23d40c
    X2: b71c3fc8b237067722fb...9304983e64f849005d59
    Coins:
      r0: 000000000000000000...341574bc3621b96d930e
      r1: 00000000000000000...fac8728bb91ac1b996e4
      r2: 0002002000010000000...2760c1b81f04c98683a0
    Commitments:
      c0: 6282f3f4515f528...6aaff6ed3d2b608|a90d68cf624981d...85a8294ef6fe78b|ecaec...e5d33
      cl: 5bdadd3abf52a00...c327383c304de0c|7301dae2691ffc1...43cb71961ad639b|4d85f...9a9bb
      c2: 6514462b037331b...1731faf3b7d0924|c0065a125e50022...12509041ed5cdf8|a4769...87abb
    Master Kev:
      k0: 981a6417dfb9407971a3...14a49fda2395588e98c6
      k1: ab8fa684d1035adbc37d...2f6727415e845fad1193
      k2: 2f065bdf6d8e460e5358...87a007e4476d118ec59f
    Pids:
      pid0: Party 0
      pid1: Party 1
      pid2: Party 2
    Accepted:
    Terminated: 1
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All keys are equal! Session key: 06ab9a8b17b26ffae8717aaab224e2e6e35c31d430ff718f9def411d9675a0ac Session id: 90d2bdcdc23c512e6b2bb46b2fe0d01cd584ff4fe14e7a5ff010d30a0643cd81

APPENDIX B

NUMERICAL RESULTS OF TESTS

Tables 11–18 show numerical results for each graphic shown in Section VI.

TABLE 11. CPU cycles for each operation on KEM.

Parameter set	decaps	encaps	keygen
Classic-McEliece-348864	123636	39442	350209858
Classic-McEliece-348864f	123316	39679	242897011
Classic-McEliece-460896	375779	75205	1016536658
Classic-McEliece-460896f	321315	74532	771996873
Classic-McEliece-6688128	382416	124901	1422213675
Classic-McEliece-6688128f	384330	180361	922461603
Classic-McEliece-6960119	349284	122261	1312609058
Classic-McEliece-6960119f	347672	123144	891402713
Classic-McEliece-8192128	380697	136072	1343111287
Classic-McEliece-8192128f	392884	136633	973279227
FireSaber-KEM	94797	98948	91810
Kyber1024	51014	70850	57722
Kyber512	22730	33506	28819
Kyber768	35993	53185	43089
LightSaber-KEM	39431	43959	42212
NTRU-HPS-2048-509	29134	31251	134086
NTRU-HPS-2048-677	42862	42405	217540
NTRU-HPS-4096-821	53396	48300	299511
NTRU-HRSS-701	45244	30143	209976
Saber-KEM	63544	68726	63409

Parameter set	algA	algB	init
Classic-McEliece-348864	8580592	8587361	323936677
Classic-McEliece-348864f	8569345	8612752	243414602
Classic-McEliece-460896	17700937	17730416	931398068
Classic-McEliece-460896f	19521974	20018038	767502668
Classic-McEliece-6688128	41544245	40623605	1476796001
Classic-McEliece-6688128f	21201324	37412750	1063334536
Classic-McEliece-6960119	35253033	35449125	1308415722
Classic-McEliece-6960119f	35693068	35588478	958693555
Classic-McEliece-8192128	47284442	47463384	1346369051
Classic-McEliece-8192128f	46678824	47030720	985285184
FireSaber-KEM	252384	382050	220898
Kyber1024	157702	275832	152475
Kyber512	74852	132814	75748
Kyber768	116833	208207	112594
LightSaber-KEM	106402	171794	102198
NTRU-HPS-2048-509	85414	132512	176955
NTRU-HPS-2048-677	125943	184092	276924
NTRU-HPS-4096-821	156025	214513	364665
NTRU-HRSS-701	137014	166123	265199
Saber-KEM	173708	269199	156085

TABLE 12. CPU cycles for each operation on AKE.

TABLE 13. CPU cycles for each operation on the commitment scheme.

Parameter set	check	commit	init
Classic-McEliece-348864	29197	26110	504
Classic-McEliece-348864f	27409	26154	507
Classic-McEliece-460896	46800	46610	579
Classic-McEliece-460896f	44406	44034	631
Classic-McEliece-6688128	83966	83803	721
Classic-McEliece-6688128f	87638	79644	730
Classic-McEliece-6960119	87490	87024	529
Classic-McEliece-6960119f	87350	87096	685
Classic-McEliece-8192128	99463	106419	522
Classic-McEliece-8192128f	116952	108657	752
FireSaber-KEM	95846	97015	3376
Kyber1024	64164	63844	3499
Kyber512	29839	29204	1531
Kyber768	50658	50824	2653
LightSaber-KEM	39516	39006	1710
NTRU-HPS-2048-509	18166	17824	1740
NTRU-HPS-2048-677	26137	25647	2118
NTRU-HPS-4096-821	29673	29643	2850
NTRU-HRSS-701	21728	21212	2669
Saber-KEM	64943	64084	2503

TABLE 14. Time (in us) for each round on GAKE protocol.

Parameter set	n	init	round12	round3	round4
Classic-McEliece-348864	2	615431324	1696747143	214368	118846
Classic-McEliece-348864	4	1583603828	2869072109	490660	780444
Classic-McEliece-348864	8	2367430159	850125364	719104	1952108
Classic-McEliece-348864	16	858591986	1920440006	1279658	8055160
Classic-McEliece-348864	32	1554079507	1356567785	2638432	45541024
Classic-McEliece-348864	64	2818234753	679532571	5516502	202048740
Classic-McEliece-348864	128	4010991978	2435017956	12636566	834462290
Classic-McEliece-348864	256	3911923429	3232859700	36204592	3417393020
Classic-McEliece-348864	512	1004661476	803441999	286293883	1669596478
Classic-McEliece-348864	1024	564876830	2321618938	494598324	711534243
Classic-McEliece-348864	2048	2225455345	1254861332	243603057	572706871
Classic-McEliece-348864f	2	488943030	1072681583	231696	117684
Classic-McEliece-348864f	4	975847422	2069043740	364754	481170
Classic-McEliece-348864f	8	1946928856	4143706238	695710	1910756
Classic-McEliece-348864f	16	3871425313	3975704069	1291402	7823392
Classic-McEliece-348864f	32	3459567823	3645043765	2628756	43810472
Classic-McEliece-348864f	64	2634568672	3270145154	5745522	201125972
Classic-McEliece-348864f	128	922596822	1816343482	13297466	835817934
Classic-McEliece-348864f	256	2119659048	4180954250	32626524	3438590182
Classic-McEliece-348864f	512	338168335	1679142040	113538214	1387490533
Classic-McEliece-348864f	1024	1217596450	889263199	421270974	963786826
Classic-McEliece-348864f	2048	4166382218	721092034	1925740795	3960384406
Classic-McEliece-460896	2	1912024768	3921837646	362890	200634
Classic-McEliece-460896	4	3415015131	2835097176	653708	872460
Classic-McEliece-460896	8	3929724184	2779169586	1205896	5070148
Classic-McEliece-460896	16	890839526	4016145298	2228270	19678514
Classic-McEliece-460896	32	1089375463	2924435689	5206710	108774642
Classic-McEliece-460896	64	2411407737	4113391356	9951120	373476180
Classic-McEliece-460896	128	397558273	2035324370	21195804	1515298786

TABLE 14. (Continued.) Time (in us) for each round on GAKE protocol.

Classic-McEliece-460896	256	350900242	1387871710	50707136	1955931021
Classic-McEliece-460896	512	1271028135	760814829	469685962	3840285319
Classic-McEliece-460896	1024	1829785747	3057205010	1382115746	3090745563
Classic-McEliece-460896	2048	3228921860	1842771958	1265113651	334961863
Classic-McEliece-460896f	2	1547303998	3113605352	409660	263886
Classic-McEliece-460896f	4	3045536026	1994195283	667692	906250
Classic-McEliece-460896f	8	1722224487	4013871016	1159376	3700464
Classic-McEliece-460896f	16	3693821256	3616693000	2265380	19845816
Classic-McEliece-460896f	32	2536477927	3132673674	4368486	91513026
Classic-McEliece-460896f	64	733278978	1859270326	10121072	392460442
Classic-McEliece-460896f	128	1149188565	78929931	23241494	1534149408
Classic-McEliece-460896f	256	8690904	1817019737	91761302	2813229325
Classic-McEliece-460896f	512	2577008547	1277629665	215835570	167774192
Classic-McEliece-460896f	1024	604455272	1800269016	903064246	1295440903
Classic-McEliece-460896f	2048	51955714	1586399685	3233809061	812064948
Classic-McEliece-6688128	2	2147576393	1504878215	607250	572726
Classic-McEliece-6688128	4	1187614546	4068671765	1189922	2109364
Classic-McEliece-6688128	8	1271301383	3461015128	2099404	12655766
Classic-McEliece-6688128	16	706894985	3995833851	4291436	52413664
Classic-McEliece-6688128	32	1345365286	5667296	8024506	195020212
Classic-McEliece-6688128	64	3245168410	4082630463	21315714	826100784
Classic-McEliece-6688128	128	2317101293	861015797	39996614	3446267048
Classic-McEliece-6688128	256	3076357661	3086587620	87302182	981579220
Classic-McEliece-6688128	512	2195259349	3796024383	536055014	4252127366
Classic-McEliece-6688128	1024	3902271515	4047381242	1931900810	2932582446
Classic-McEliece-6688128	2048	2642995183	2176499123	3828351208	2041457525
Classic-McEliece-6688128f	2	1855883406	3976394227	964062	586606
Classic-McEliece-6688128f	4	3802301423	3633786391	1480460	2130012
Classic-McEliece-6688128f	8	3067757308	3076952675	3341494	10556982
Classic-McEliece-6688128f	16	1844663642	1621097552	4962866	53455010
Classic-McEliece-6688128f	32	3708479649	3607084113	9886966	195656254
Classic-McEliece-6688128f	64	3095632115	2168410355	20372564	839260100
Classic-McEliece-6688128f	128	2318910280	1134656969	62393668	3375756788
Classic-McEliece-6688128f	256	267831120	3301718230	103557542	941106315
Classic-McEliece-6688128f	512	1515916538	1775490688	462103596	218027609
Classic-McEliece-6688128f	1024	4275715442	924033568	2020837002	382460719
Classic-McEliece-6688128f	2048	2923240586	2036320656	3922234185	1781912060
Classic-McEliece-6960119	2	3878721980	1166416070	707186	602162
Classic-McEliece-6960119	4	1301208788	3018618980	1231030	2178806
Classic-McEliece-6960119	8	1583252769	452329174	2156412	11376568
Classic-McEliece-6960119	16	3781153233	2005386984	4125114	49844720
Classic-McEliece-6960119	32	898367522	1938094225	8114524	211447542
Classic-McEliece-6960119	64	2897851685	4174105865	17414890	886747602
Classic-McEliece-6960119	128	2839803197	3940751082	37877512	3590353592
Classic-McEliece-6960119	256	1243498987	2759526005	89709394	1740905541
Classic-McEliece-6960119	512	1974900672	3682831139	250950450	3295691940
Classic-McEliece-6960119	1024	840240164	679149472	2014780886	1984058716
Classic-McEliece-6960119	2048	3263929682	896743064	3668046527	69164236
Classic-McEliece-6960119f	2	1789981406	4205780466	1006470	792264
Classic-McEliece-6960119f	4	3584673431	3412992197	1248420	2171360
Classic-McEliece-6960119f	8	2834859104	2481640916	2182772	10969736
Classic-McEliece-6960119f	16	1399313596	565289913	3976366	49770447
Classic-McEliece-6960119f	32	2833850485	1318776663	8063882	205670834

TABLE 14. (Continued.) Time (in us) for each round on GAKE protocol.

Classic-McEliece-6960119f	64	1362125798	2903739941	17683608	882069464
Classic-McEliece-6960119f	128	2397190546	1360379254	38340100	3638043328
Classic-McEliece-6960119f	256	1453625822	3998143556	164028934	1790286120
Classic-McEliece-6960119f	512	2011115315	3132704221	266726840	3213428878
Classic-McEliece-6960119f	1024	1279615086	2064024301	1519150022	1641311597
Classic-McEliece-6960119f	2048	3586782249	1363223711	3201080392	1267186687
Classic-McEliece-8192128	2	2407516062	676821680	789672	810800
Classic-McEliece-8192128	4	299992514	3039004018	1387144	3181098
Classic-McEliece-8192128	8	2520870316	1906109423	2709618	15103242
Classic-McEliece-8192128	16	1310705387	389710465	6214172	65554164
Classic-McEliece-8192128	32	4013931789	2569363216	10544668	285851160
Classic-McEliece-8192128	64	4168234131	3269320179	22108434	1183678412
Classic-McEliece-8192128	128	2370595160	1275335399	67476566	535514184
Classic-McEliece-8192128	256	2836951403	3496047195	109816411	2307021797
Classic-McEliece-8192128	512	4153694773	2350238385	630851821	1080331090
Classic-McEliece-8192128	1024	872791381	301668979	2209465118	3690786624
Classic-McEliece-8192128	2048	2740405176	2075278343	602905828	1989871463
Classic-McEliece-8192128f	2	1960177319	4227324545	778804	813238
Classic-McEliece-8192128f	4	3897548154	4138219988	1500512	3090820
Classic-McEliece-8192128f	8	3452854395	4011473804	2666522	16333880
Classic-McEliece-8192128f	16	2712009294	3833236012	5171652	66465890
Classic-McEliece-8192128f	32	911365729	3332509687	10807196	286696508
Classic-McEliece-8192128f	64	1769182216	2889921733	21668248	1196315560
Classic-McEliece-8192128f	128	3898137358	340831032	47115648	562475699
Classic-McEliece-8192128f	256	7004371	2309921654	195303340	2282245235
Classic-McEliece-8192128f	512	2125104308	2187093872	305690494	1453771652
Classic-McEliece-8192128f	1024	2446340708	3901711698	2215045618	3134891507
Classic-McEliece-8192128f	2048	1903966379	3081527458	4213765930	1174245729
FireSaber-KEM	2	607290	3635296	300378	406650
FireSaber-KEM	4	906282	6813114	513164	1602372
FireSaber-KEM	8	1801138	14093580	938114	6164480
FireSaber-KEM	16	3172842	26996560	1689838	24004176
FireSaber-KEM	32	9065708	55573358	3802668	97032169
FireSaber-KEM	64	27287870	107311612	7109704	402757331
FireSaber-KEM	128	91864287	211259918	15097680	1590805268
FireSaber-KEM	256	374850778	426186182	35416668	2080794815
FireSaber-KEM	512	1391051250	843778477	135638950	237821113
FireSaber-KEM	1024	1103641286	1746979692	418674858	335489222
FireSaber-KEM	2048	3747595787	3436070706	2407635106	625141867
Kyber1024	2	569818	2996082	249696	294682
Kyber1024	4	803884	5137618	389362	1100924
Kyber1024	8	1362792	9885126	685716	4362414
Kyber1024	16	2754268	19360662	1316186	17536258
Kyber1024	32	7859682	38739572	2498038	67571944
Kyber1024	64	26334516	75688836	5218650	272631328
Kyber1024	128	90258852	150989577	11764600	1125447114
Kyber1024	256	347379710	305096352	30854094	203874448
Kyber1024	512	1362064436	626489624	118268879	1450552719
Kyber1024	1024	1306379099	1201640936	376635071	463196417
Kyber1024	2048	143981347	2418133628	1432070771	1939460493
Kyber512	2	498940	1391742	169900	133814
Kyber512	4	614774	2540226	238504	566142
Kyber512	8	971834	5323738	412224	2415210

 TABLE 14. (Continued.) Time (in us) for each round on GAKE protocol.

Kyber512	16	1857542	9684790	696384	7663526
Kyber512	32	4882138	19195176	1431924	30344334
Kyber512	64	16119412	36680564	2909726	119957652
Kyber512	128	56363002	73662228	6650430	496642586
Kyber512	256	229336298	145675628	17999734	2023890528
Kyber512	512	839032092	308417712	95626794	4235688616
Kyber512	1024	3444274237	584942672	335113664	3913116061
Kyber512	2048	371370860	1170479216	1366586773	3043811242
Kyber768	2	577860	2009488	213120	221310
Kyber768	4	761194	4112084	343838	888528
Kyber768	8	1230752	7318296	550098	3269724
Kyber768	16	2316806	14880632	1029826	13019576
Kyber768	32	6308418	30338760	2108150	51099400
Kyber768	64	20853568	55897704	4134938	206457470
Kyber768	128	75010626	111080214	9475384	826734402
Kyber768	256	270613704	221745152	23699460	3368700777
Kyber768	512	1046487012	450134766	120120528	917810128
Kyber768	1024	48885311	939352610	377529028	3571642200
Kyber768	2048	3548206715	1762055204	1486841884	3002272971
LightSaber-KEM	2	496816	1781068	196050	182492
LightSaber-KEM	4	629846	3281964	279376	744242
LightSaber-KEM	8	961000	6696214	469720	2696314
LightSaber-KEM	16	1887810	12033478	868674	10124736
LightSaber-KEM	32	5124908	25007716	1680080	40899424
LightSaber-KEM	64	16425678	48416024	3547386	173586720
LightSaber-KEM	128	57217068	95629356	8103898	660287394
LightSaber-KEM	256	225489147	192415348	21422412	2756138548
LightSaber-KEM	512	847092706	384295620	96937592	2666753792
LightSaber-KEM	1024	3389600373	775776018	357598276	1891348520
LightSaber-KEM	2048	211324268	1567149822	1935074906	290131465
NTRU-HPS-2048-509	2	981000	1927824	161492	87460
NTRU-HPS-2048-509	4	1245528	3621918	249296	356352
NTRU-HPS-2048-509	8	2446550	6730612	390350	1319154
NTRU-HPS-2048-509	16	4932194	13746878	866948	5301712
NTRU-HPS-2048-509	32	14072786	26128068	1773802	19388586
NTRU-HPS-2048-509	64	44271612	50557216	4976176	82086306
NTRU_HPS_2048_509	128	175005570	100433146	15889180	340383374
NTRU-HPS-2048-509	256	600702206	200893168	62463136	1411262307
NTRU-HPS-2048-509	512	2349192856	441521626	232213272	1642240299
NTRU-HPS-2048-509	1024	1539923810	810408032	1009372154	2266282339
NTRU_HPS_2048_509	2048	2590192843	2499817723	2527029327	3038336814
NTRU_HPS_2048_677	2040	1091314	2590358	189240	116900
NTRU_HPS_2048_677	2 4	1562378	4683732	266526	423308
NTDU HDS 2048-677	+ 0	2215126	10076076	501780	1250720
NTDU LDS 2048-077	0 16	6050574	10070070	880628	6855172
NTRU-HFS-2048-077	10	19097976	19411512	009020	0633172
NTDU HDS 2048-077	52	10907020 57640154	39073642 74748108	2014270	112206742
NTDI UDC 2040-0//	100	J/040134 208277528	14140190	0431848	113300742
NTDU UDS 2048-0//	128	200311338 702604094	13324/9/2	20033370	400272032
NIKU-HES-2048-0//	200	192094984	293/13004	74290088	1924320984
NTRU-HF5-2048-0//	512	2983003004	39/3/2800	2/8990911	200033003/3
NTRU-HP5-2048-6//	1024	1068468532	1495942210	1349438615	80006310
NTRU-HPS-2048-0//	2048	3842033839	2204120932	20/2000030	2910255138
NTRU-HPS-4096-821	2	1323266	5255190	2012/6	1330/8
NIKU-HPS-4096-821	4	2123426	03/3314	313042	528574

 TABLE 14. (Continued.) Time (in us) for each round on GAKE protocol.

NTRU-HPS-4096-821	8	4018954	12749338	554826	2096114
NTRU-HPS-4096-821	16	9052232	25078414	1030998	7716988
NTRU-HPS-4096-821	32	25857472	48720782	2669928	32840436
NTRU-HPS-4096-821	64	72301258	94480278	7472344	140875368
NTRU-HPS-4096-821	128	263819610	202561480	23749844	538182060
NTRU-HPS-4096-821	256	967352732	378188754	83627900	2162779586
NTRU-HPS-4096-821	512	3642935388	757871908	324541826	475775619
NTRU-HPS-4096-821	1024	677566590	1711646836	2216580128	346599932
NTRU-HPS-4096-821	2048	1755297287	3310631067	918904980	3870832452
NTRU-HRSS-701	2	1077018	2649980	166562	102080
NTRU-HRSS-701	4	1683106	5216524	247490	386650
NTRU-HRSS-701	8	2856334	9484538	380584	1434320
NTRU-HRSS-701	16	6102174	19417860	744648	5743542
NTRU-HRSS-701	32	15651354	35801212	1574614	22210760
NTRU-HRSS-701	64	47804276	76035590	6164726	96244240
NTRU-HRSS-701	128	156846328	142048888	12259802	367976966
NTRU-HRSS-701	256	560833948	288124220	43129852	1547872212
NTRU-HRSS-701	512	2064379622	567554460	170944360	2281643283
NTRU-HRSS-701	1024	3837124671	1172915483	729609922	427935254
NTRU-HRSS-701	2048	3026909878	2372437022	4283715321	2657828050
Saber-KEM	2	529288	2558230	236934	278922
Saber-KEM	4	743612	5744626	553852	1095384
Saber-KEM	8	1185656	9498466	681086	4337356
Saber-KEM	16	2612476	19234644	1208034	16725588
Saber-KEM	32	6833778	38001572	2430210	65950462
Saber-KEM	64	21002188	73948488	5066304	266796686
Saber-KEM	128	74175234	148130938	11140534	1082532972
Saber-KEM	256	276481195	298043329	26642094	126715876
Saber-KEM	512	1094140918	598863176	110149524	747100678
Saber-KEM	1024	86908219	1198825162	414791748	2456792722
Saber-KEM	2048	3936814435	2423035845	2115132040	3961992952

TABLE 15. Total running time (in us) of the GAKE protocol for each number of parties.

Parameter set	2	4	8	16	32	64	128	256	512	1024	2048
Classic-McEliece-348864	892178.0	1718346.0	2899386.0	6046794.0	12740602.0	24627680.0	50867013.0	101852509.0	203607445.0	453942818.0	934554551.0
Classic-McEliece-348864f	602617.0	1175057.0	2350791.0	4687975.0	9386942.0	18927977.0	37838520.0	76678467.0	153802356.0	319493211.0	739869144.0
Classic-McEliece-460896	2250942.0	4068915.0	9218778.0	16814680.0	36389741.0	70602650.0	144034305.0	286450796.0	572458302.0	1155233342.0	2430094338.0
Classic-McEliece-460896f	1798455.0	3601964.0	7185912.0	14428027.0	28736338.0	57493893.0	128664468.0	281859895.0	538506530.0	1088774819.0	2303780543.0
Classic-McEliece-6688128	3066597.0	7000197.0	15087523.0	26691367.0	53623909.0	114173728.0	219639516.0	450182893.0	880717300.0	1806114124.0	3841620983.0
Classic-McEliece-6688128f	2250711.0	4527271.0	9004057.0	17929750.0	36041880.0	71956978.0	145161752.0	293414026.0	586456938.0	1230778047.0	2794519734.0
Classic-McEliece-6960119	3603948.0	6638953.0	12389634.0	25451437.0	52546353.0	100840833.0	2011999991.0	411532229.0	833713328.0	1705535723.0	3626928937.0
Classic-McEliece-6960119f	2313879.0	4358054.0	8684243.0	17348795.0	34824773.0	69930347.0	140399916.0	284549076.0	568367733.0	1187271797.0	2581941901.0
Classic-McEliece-8192128	2847578.0	6260992.0	13313891.0	23881865.0	52364525.0	109383302.0	208765563.0	417628338.0	848244766.0	1752532512.0	3805697248.0
Classic-McEliece-8192128f	2387773.0	4759007.0	9515137.0	19122922.0	38206314.0	76832876.0	154315559.0	313367697.0	628692431.0	1321836453.0	2905427469.0
FireSaber-KEM	1911.0	3795.0	8874.0	21554.0	63842.0	210060.0	736511.0	2782496.0	10948354.0	44473015.0	189526710.0
Kyber1024	1587.0	2870.0	6289.0	15808.0	45013.0	146558.0	531817.0	1999301.0	8000492.0	32774814.0	143135114.0
Kyber512	848.0	1530.0	3522.0	7680.0	21550.0	67776.0	244339.0	932452.0	3770739.0	16449553.0	78518882.0
Kyber768	1168.0	2358.0	4773.0	12057.0	34667.0	110861.0	394408.0	1498754.0	5948873.0	25103020.0	111486313.0
LightSaber-KEM	1026.0	1905.0	4178.0	9614.0	28054.0	93356.0	316838.0	1232824.0	4855340.0	20701788.0	97651244.0
NTRU-HPS-2048-509	1221.0	2113.0	4201.0	9588.0	23675.0	70179.0	243720.0	877830.0	3456851.0	15426612.0	212895036.0
NTRU-HPS-2048-677	1541.0	2678.0	6041.0	13161.0	34514.0	97276.0	324831.0	1190217.0	4559516.0	21424972.0	417494166.0
NTRU-HPS-4096-821	1889.0	3606.0	7496.0	16543.0	42475.0	121582.0	396729.0	1385788.0	5320636.0	25108799.0	732887528.0
NTRU-HRSS-701	1544.0	2908.0	5464.0	12351.0	29028.0	87288.0	262016.0	941347.0	3618637.0	15635560.0	74355597.0
Saber-KEM	1392.0	3140.0	6059.0	15348.0	43680.0	141521.0	507711.0	1937834.0	7611941.0	31430099.0	137359064.0

TABLE 16.	CPU cycles for	each operation	on AKE scheme	between FSXY	and FOAKE	transformations
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Parameter set	type	algA	algB	init
Kyber1024	fo-ake	61272	164921	103966
Kyber1024	fsxy	157702	275832	152475
Kyber512	fo-ake	24129	64225	40741
Kyber512	fsxy	74852	132814	75748
Kyber768	fo-ake	42554	114265	74408
Kyber768	fsxy	116833	208207	112594

TABLE 17. CPU	J cycles for each o	peration on GAKE	protocol between	FSXY and FOAKE	transformations.
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Parameter set	type	n	init	round12	round3	round4
Kyber1024	fo-ake	2	352728	1455104	190636	240810
Kyber1024	fo-ake	4	435276	2878382	322330	932940
Kyber1024	fo-ake	8	957022	5556222	562612	3529734
Kyber1024	fo-ake	16	2115684	11209454	1106828	14130168
Kyber1024	fo-ake	32	6124772	21877848	2261222	55572826
Kyber1024	fo-ake	64	20678658	44261601	6373372	225249026
Kyber1024	fo-ake	128	77548204	88040096	15884218	899885456
Kyber1024	fo-ake	256	285147300	165981610	35437206	3596092132
Kyber1024	fo-ake	512	1094344170	342508685	128393108	1829211446
Kyber1024	fo-ake	1024	4281287051	672156610	504682447	1344193494
Kyber1024	fo-ake	2048	4063233753	1387462198	3724341955	3413607674
Kyber1024	fsxy	2	569818	2996082	249696	294682
Kyber1024	fsxy	4	803884	5137618	389362	1100924
Kyber1024	fsxy	8	1362792	9885126	685716	4362414
Kyber1024	fsxy	16	2754268	19360662	1316186	17536258
Kyber1024	fsxy	32	7859682	38739572	2498038	67571944
Kyber1024	fsxy	64	26334516	75688836	5218650	272631328
Kyber1024	fsxy	128	90258852	150989577	11764600	1125447114
Kyber1024	fsxy	256	347379710	305096352	30854094	203874448
Kyber1024	fsxy	512	1362064436	626489624	118268879	1450552719
Kyber1024	fsxy	1024	1306379099	1201640936	376635071	463196417
Kyber1024	fsxy	2048	143981347	2418133628	1432070771	1939460493
Kyber512	fo-ake	2	172880	597112	140126	91336
Kyber512	fo-ake	4	244948	1108004	265502	349942
Kyber512	fo-ake	8	457206	2493920	293888	1389898
Kyber512	fo-ake	16	1126550	4318414	557998	7792834
Kyber512	fo-ake	32	3547112	8893216	1156686	23064290
Kyber512	fo-ake	64	11532644	17044954	2675020	87354510
Kyber512	fo-ake	128	42822396	33423604	7119092	358312410
Kyber512	fo-ake	256	162999452	64532826	21795546	1447317430
Kyber512	fo-ake	512	642910434	134759080	89890960	1794799431
Kyber512	fo-ake	1024	2682604673	260979316	342297686	1200990103
Kyber512	fo-ake	2048	1555164747	527148304	1803526899	3942602428
Kyber512	fsxy	2	498940	1391742	169900	133814
Kyber512	fsxy	4	614774	2540226	238504	566142
Kyber512	fsxy	8	971834	5323738	412224	2415210
Kyber512	fsxy	16	1857542	9684790	696384	7663526
Kyber512	fsxy	32	4882138	19195176	1431924	30344334
Kyber512	fsxy	64	16119412	36680564	2909726	119957652
Kyber512	fsxy	128	56363002	73662228	6650430	496642586
Kyber512	fsxy	256	229336298	145675628	17999734	2023890528
Kyber512	fsxy	512	839032092	308417712	95626794	4235688616

Kyber512	fsxy	1024	3444274237	584942672	335113664	3913116061
Kyber512	fsxy	2048	371370860	1170479216	1366586773	3043811242
Kyber768	fo-ake	2	221676	1026826	153400	176728
Kyber768	fo-ake	4	383676	2045574	255432	646612
Kyber768	fo-ake	8	713374	3927438	440296	2476342
Kyber768	fo-ake	16	1621226	7707430	840394	14637240
Kyber768	fo-ake	32	4705146	15662530	1703376	39878546
Kyber768	fo-ake	64	16310156	30367278	3675496	154483560
Kyber768	fo-ake	128	61515240	61432664	13157064	632164543
Kyber768	fo-ake	256	212296306	124209947	32001686	2521360814
Kyber768	fo-ake	512	817850056	241237862	106206730	1825592580
Kyber768	fo-ake	1024	3416062848	482639002	391683304	2311016608
Kyber768	fo-ake	2048	238625748	971786427	2650353367	1962999495
Kyber768	fsxy	2	577860	2009488	213120	221310
Kyber768	fsxy	4	761194	4112084	343838	888528
Kyber768	fsxy	8	1230752	7318296	550098	3269724
Kyber768	fsxy	16	2316806	14880632	1029826	13019576
Kyber768	fsxy	32	6308418	30338760	2108150	51099400
Kyber768	fsxy	64	20853568	55897704	4134938	206457470
Kyber768	fsxy	128	75010626	111080214	9475384	826734402
Kyber768	fsxy	256	270613704	221745152	23699460	3368700777
Kyber768	fsxy	512	1046487012	450134766	120120528	917810128
Kyber768	fsxy	1024	48885311	939352610	377529028	3571642200
Kyber768	fsxy	2048	3548206715	1762055204	1486841884	3002272971

TABLE 17.	(Continued.)	CPU cycles fo	r each operation	on GAKE protocol	between FSXY	and FOAKE	transformations.
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TABLE 18. Mean running time that runs every party (in us) of the GAKE protocol as a function of the number of parties.

Parameter set	n	fo-ake	fsxy
Kyber1024	2	433.0	793.5
Kyber1024	4	441.25	717.5
Kyber1024	8	511.625	786.125
Kyber1024	16	688.875	988.0
Kyber1024	32	1034.96875	1406.65625
Kyber1024	64	1787.796875	2289.96875
Kyber1024	128	3259.359375	4154.8203125
Kyber1024	256	6152.765625	7809.76953125
Kyber1024	512	12266.849609375	15625.9609375
Kyber1024	1024	25217.29296875	32006.654296875
Kyber1024	2048	54962.12158203125	69890.1923828125
Kyber512	2	194.0	424.0
Kyber512	4	190.25	382.5
Kyber512	8	223.625	440.25
Kyber512	16	332.8125	480.0
Kyber512	32	442.03125	673.4375
Kyber512	64	715.015625	1059.0
Kyber512	128	1331.2890625	1908.8984375
Kyber512	256	2556.94140625	3642.390625
Kyber512	512	5242.50390625	7364.724609375
Kyber512	1024	11399.52734375	16064.0166015625
Kyber512	2048	26556.4296875	38339.2978515625
Kyber768	2	305.5	584.0
Kyber768	4	321.75	589.5

TABLE 18. (Cont	<i>tinued.)</i> Mean run	ning time that runs ev	ery party (in us) of the G	AKE protocol as a function of	of the number of parties.
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Kyber768	8	364.625	596.625
Kyber768	16	598.25	753.5625
Kyber768	32	746.96875	1083.34375
Kyber768	64	1234.828125	1732.203125
Kyber768	128	2315.6640625	3081.3125
Kyber768	256	4355.17578125	5854.5078125
Kyber768	512	8726.408203125	11618.892578125
Kyber768	1024	18668.8974609375	24514.66796875
Kyber768	2048	40742.357421875	54436.67626953125

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