

LETTER

A pure hardware implementation of CRYSTALS-KYBER PQC algorithm through resource reuse

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Presentation outline

- Objective & Scope
- Accelerator architecture
- Module & Dataflow for encapsulation and decapsulation
- FPGAs used in implementation
- Future work

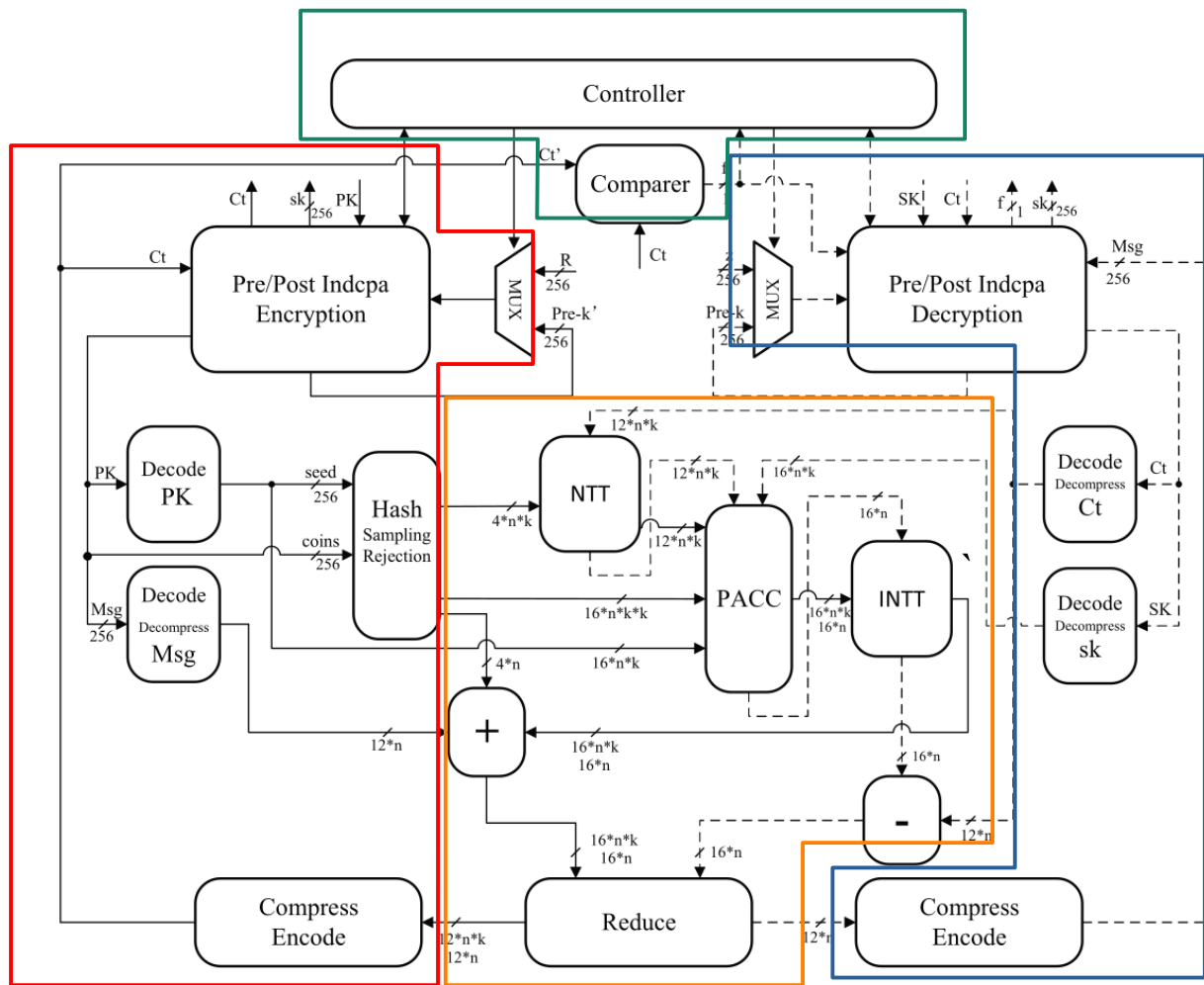
Objective & Scope

- Optimize resource utilization for Kyber Accelerator
 - Reuse module for encapsulation and decapsulation
 - Use BRAM to store intermediate data
 - Between module
 - Pipeline
- Not include key-generation
- Arithmetic Pipeline in NTT and Hash Module

Math Notations

- Bit stream = $\{0,1\}^{256}$ e.g. 011110101000..00
- Polynomial ring R_q : polynomial degree 255, with coefficient in $[0,3329)$
- Polynomial ring P : polynomial degree 255 (intermediate state in calculation before reducing)
- Small polynomial S_η : polynomial degree 255, with coefficient $[-\eta,\eta]$
- Number in NTT form \hat{x}

Note : reference for more detail explanation and example page 32-35

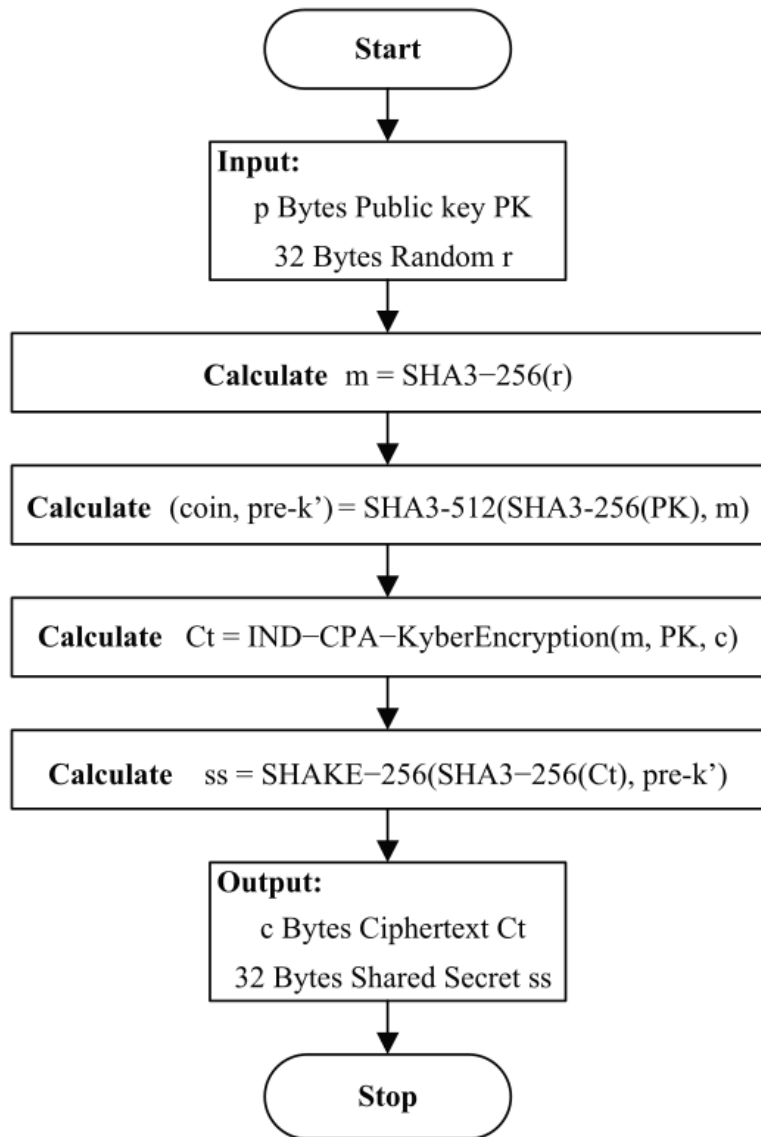


Modules sections

- 1) Control ■
- 2) Encapsulation ■
- 3) Decapsulation ■
- 4) Main computation ■

Note Article does not include detail implementation of each module

Fig. 3 Overall Kyber encapsulation and decapsulation architecture.



Encapsulation Module & Dataflow

Note : reference for more detailed explanation in Page 37-42

Hash Sampling Rejections

Use SHAKE-128 or SHAKE-256

Input

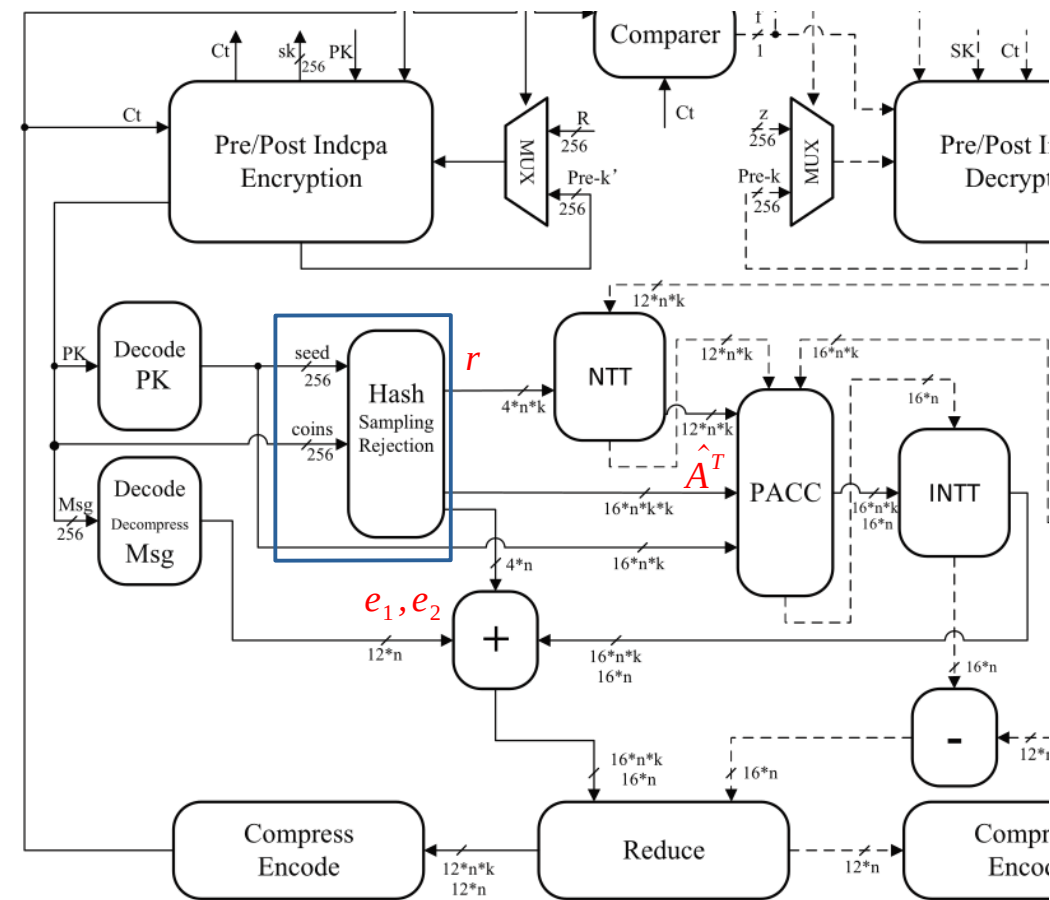
- Seed = $\{0,1\}^{256}$
- Coins = $\{0,1\}^{256}$

Output : small polynomial errors & Part of public keys

- e_1
- e_2
- r
- \hat{A}^T

$$r = \begin{pmatrix} S_\eta \\ S_\eta \\ S_\eta \end{pmatrix}, \quad e_1 = \begin{pmatrix} S_\eta \\ S_\eta \\ S_\eta \end{pmatrix}, \quad e_2 = S_\eta$$

$$\hat{A}^T = \begin{pmatrix} P & P & P \\ P & P & P \\ P & P & P \end{pmatrix}$$



NTT Module

Convert polynomial to NTT form

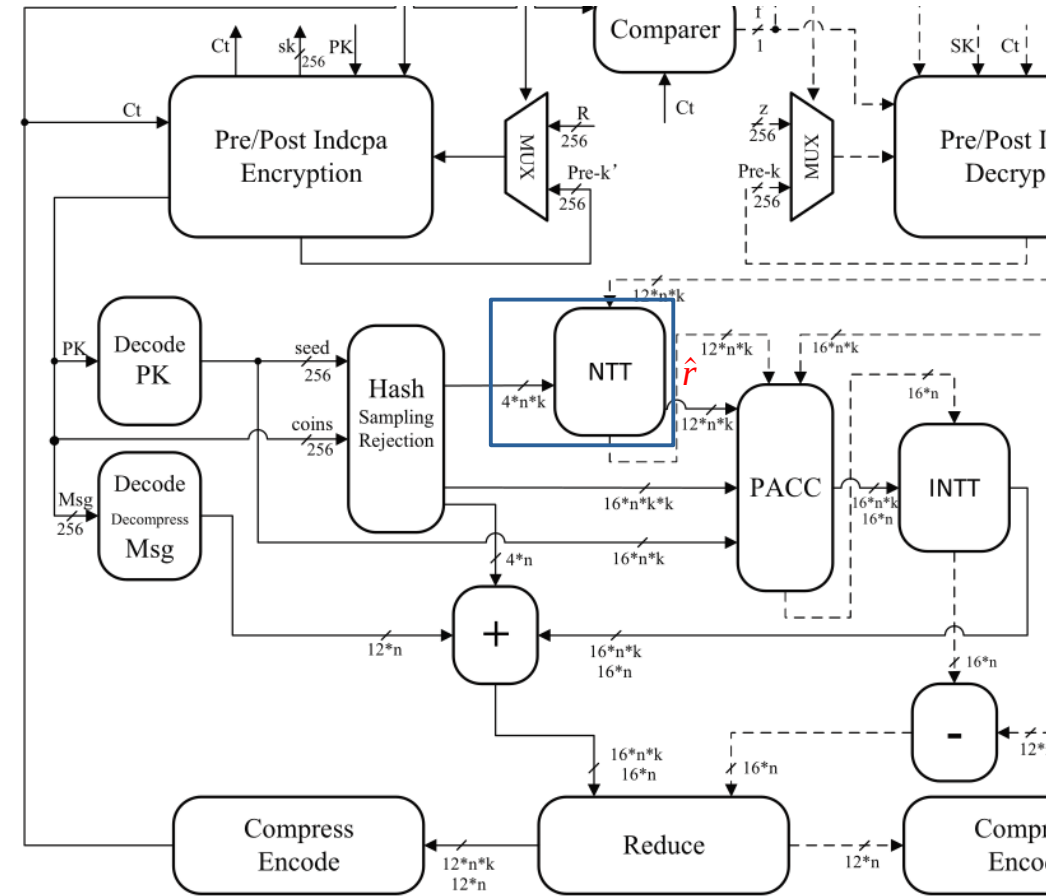
Input : small polynomial r

$$r = \begin{pmatrix} S_\eta \\ S_\eta \\ S_\eta \end{pmatrix}$$

Output : polynomial in NTT form,
Polynomial Ring R_q

$$\hat{r} = NTT(r)$$

$$\hat{r} = \begin{pmatrix} R_q \\ R_q \\ R_q \end{pmatrix}$$



PACC : Polynomial Accumulator

Compute polynomial arithmetic in NTT form with **montgomery multiplications**

Input : Error Polynomial, variables from PK

- 1) \hat{r}
- 2) \hat{A}^T
- 3) \hat{t}

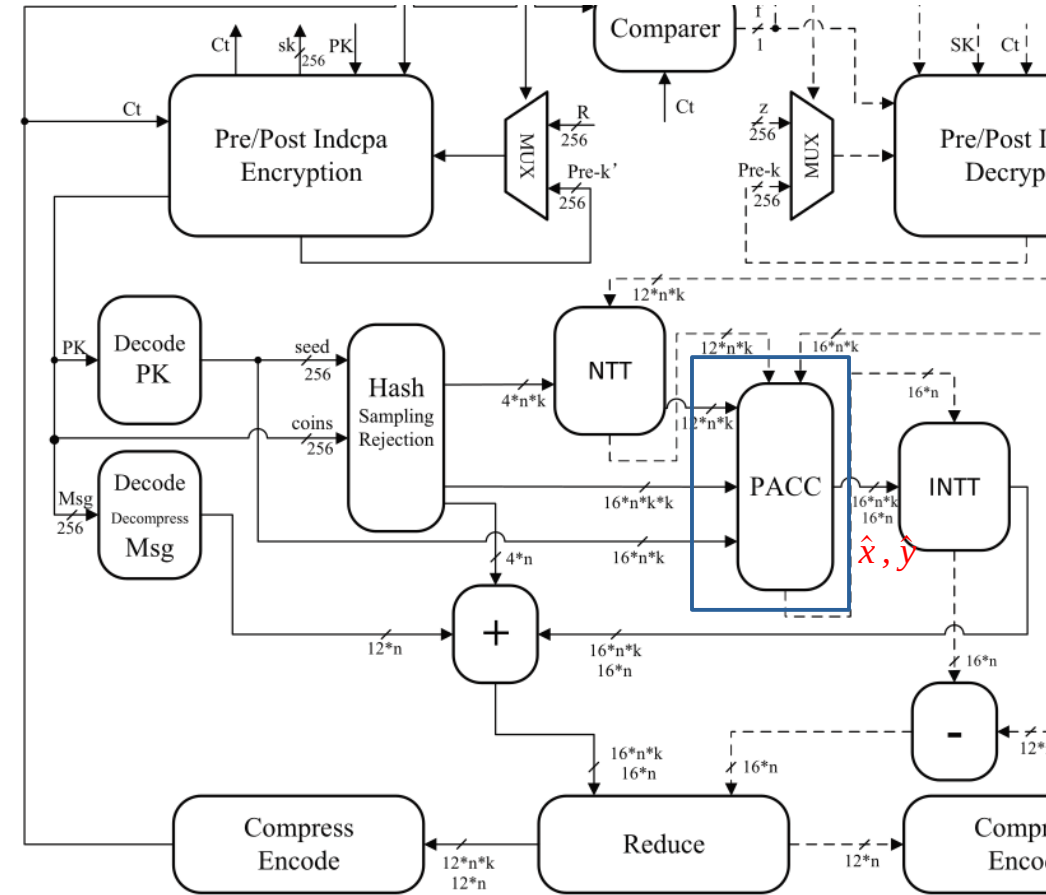
$$\hat{r} = \begin{pmatrix} R_q \\ R_q \\ R_q \end{pmatrix} \quad \hat{A}^T = \begin{pmatrix} P & P & P \\ P & P & P \\ P & P & P \end{pmatrix} \quad \hat{t} = \begin{pmatrix} P \\ P \\ P \end{pmatrix}$$

Output

- 1) $\hat{x} = \hat{A}^T \hat{r}$
- 2) $\hat{y} = \hat{t}^T \hat{r}$

$$\hat{x} = \begin{pmatrix} P \\ P \\ P \end{pmatrix} \quad \hat{y} = P$$

Note \hat{x}, \hat{y} is only intermediate value before computation of \hat{u}, \hat{v}



INTT Module

Convert Polynomial in NTT back to normal form

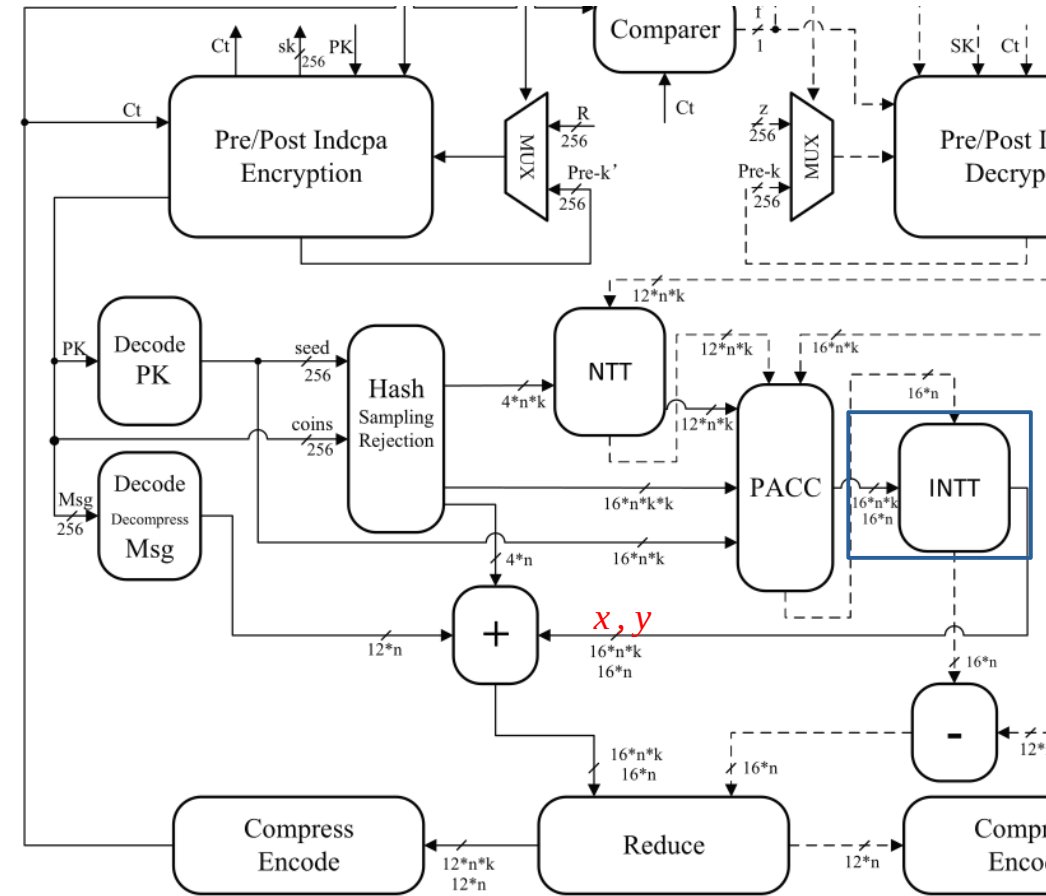
Input : \hat{x}, \hat{y}

$$\hat{x} = \begin{pmatrix} P \\ P \\ P \end{pmatrix}, \quad \hat{y} = P$$

Output

- 1) $x = NTT^{-1}(\hat{x})$
- 2) $y = NTT^{-1}(\hat{y})$

$$x = \begin{pmatrix} P \\ P \\ P \end{pmatrix}, \quad y = P$$



Addition Module (+)

Compute polynomial addition

Input

1) x, y

2) m_{poly}

3) e_1, e_2

$$x = \begin{pmatrix} P \\ P \\ P \end{pmatrix}, y = P$$

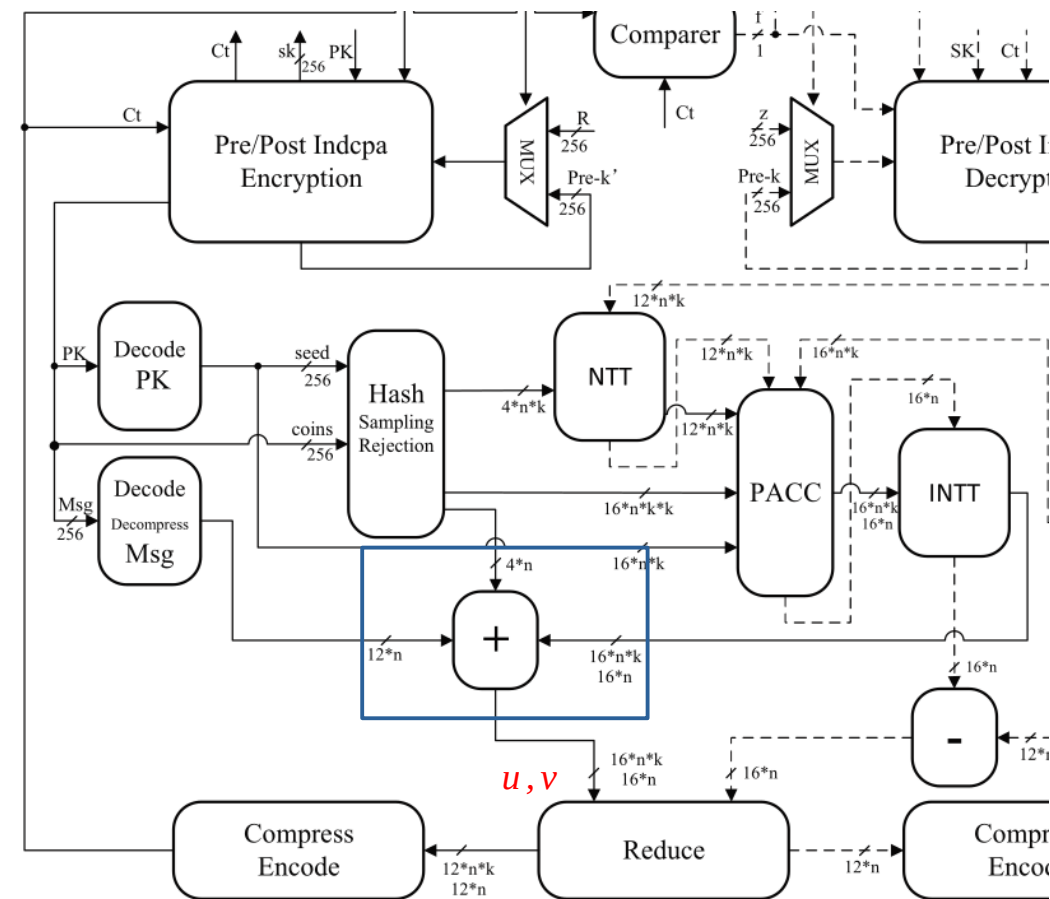
$$m_{poly} = R_q \quad e_1 = \begin{pmatrix} S_\eta \\ S_\eta \\ S_\eta \end{pmatrix}, e_2 = S_\eta$$

Output

1) $u = x + e_1$

2) $v = y + e_2 + m_{poly}$

$$u = \begin{pmatrix} P \\ P \\ P \end{pmatrix}, v = P$$



Reduce Module

Modular reduction reduce the coefficient to be with in $[0, q)$

Input : polynomials

1) v

2) u

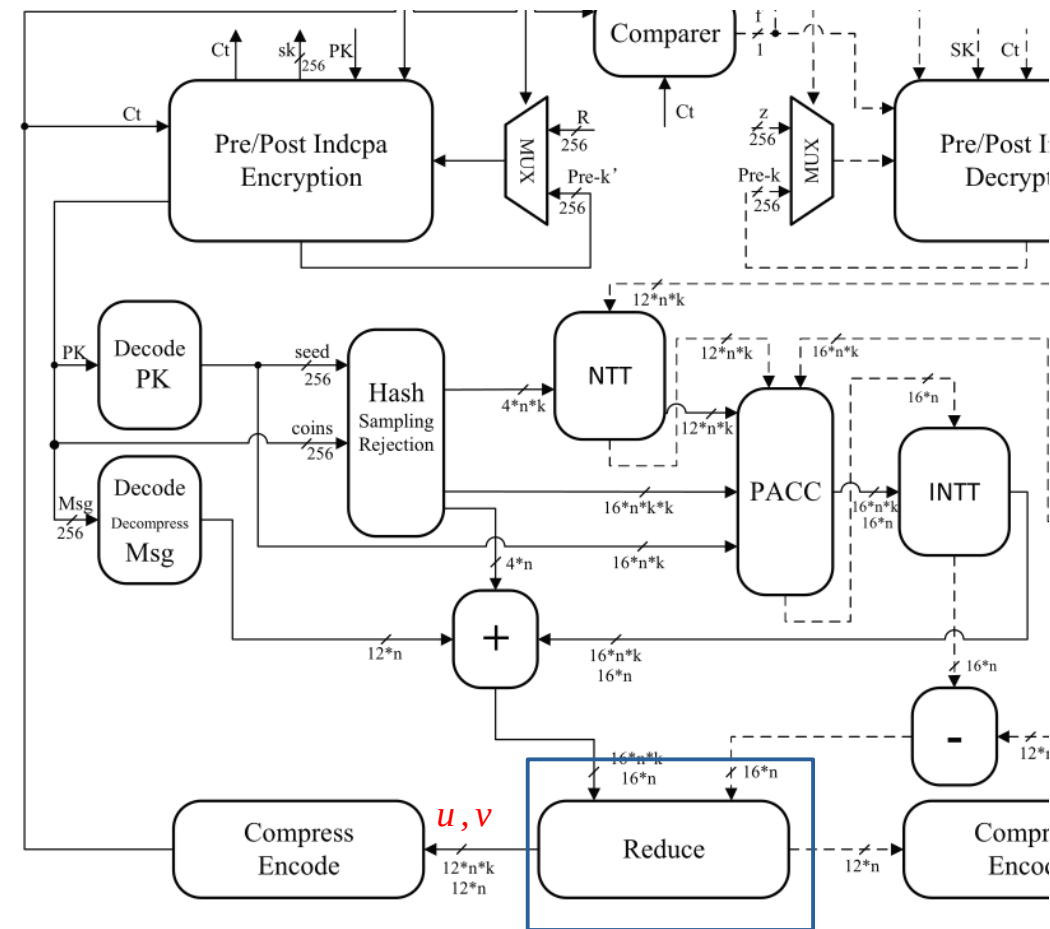
$$u = \begin{pmatrix} P \\ P \\ P \end{pmatrix}, v = P$$

Output : polynomials ring R_q

1) $u = u \bmod q$

2) $v = v \bmod q$

$$u = \begin{pmatrix} R_q \\ R_q \\ R_q \end{pmatrix}, v = R_q$$



Post Indcpa Encryption

Input

- 1) Cipher text: $Ct = (c_1, c_2)$
- 2) Part of PK: $Pre-k'$

$$c_1 = \begin{pmatrix} P \\ P \\ P \end{pmatrix} \text{ with coef} = d_u \text{ bits} \quad Pre-k' = \{0,1\}^{256}$$

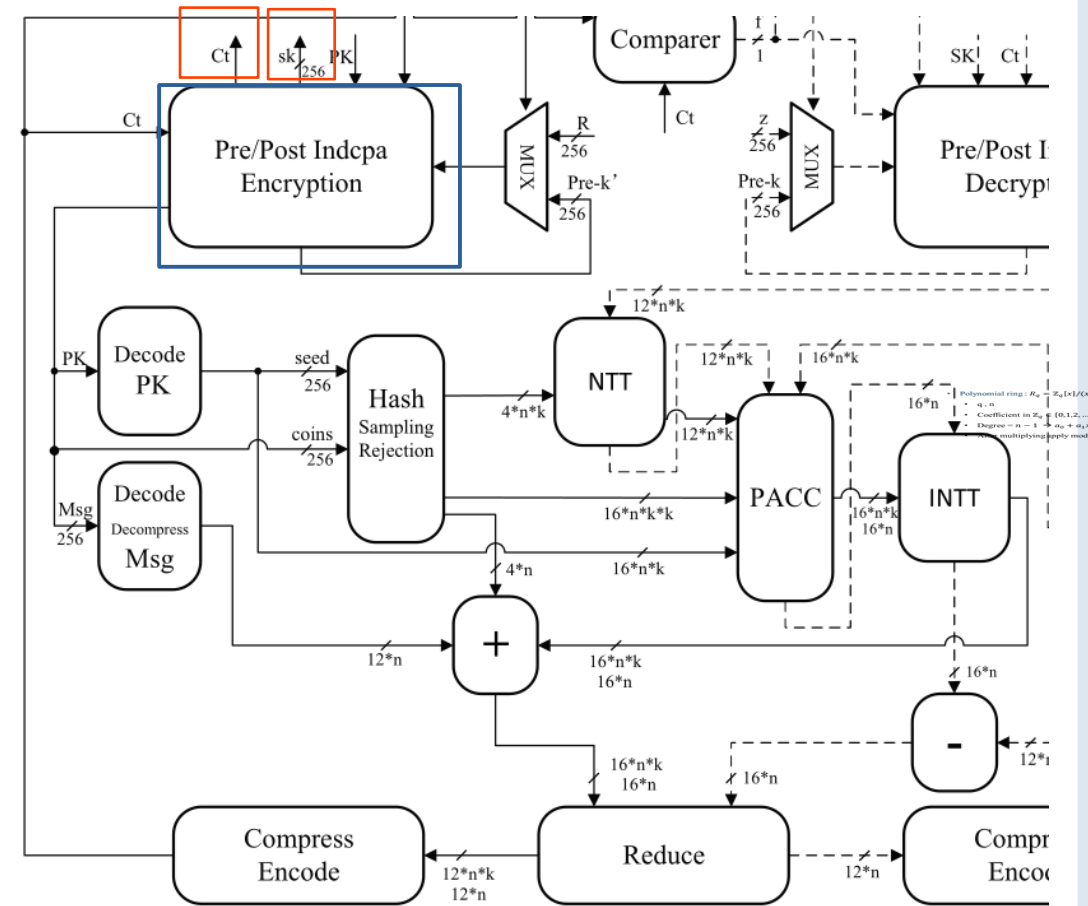
$$c_2 = P \text{ with coef} = d_v \text{ bits}$$

Output

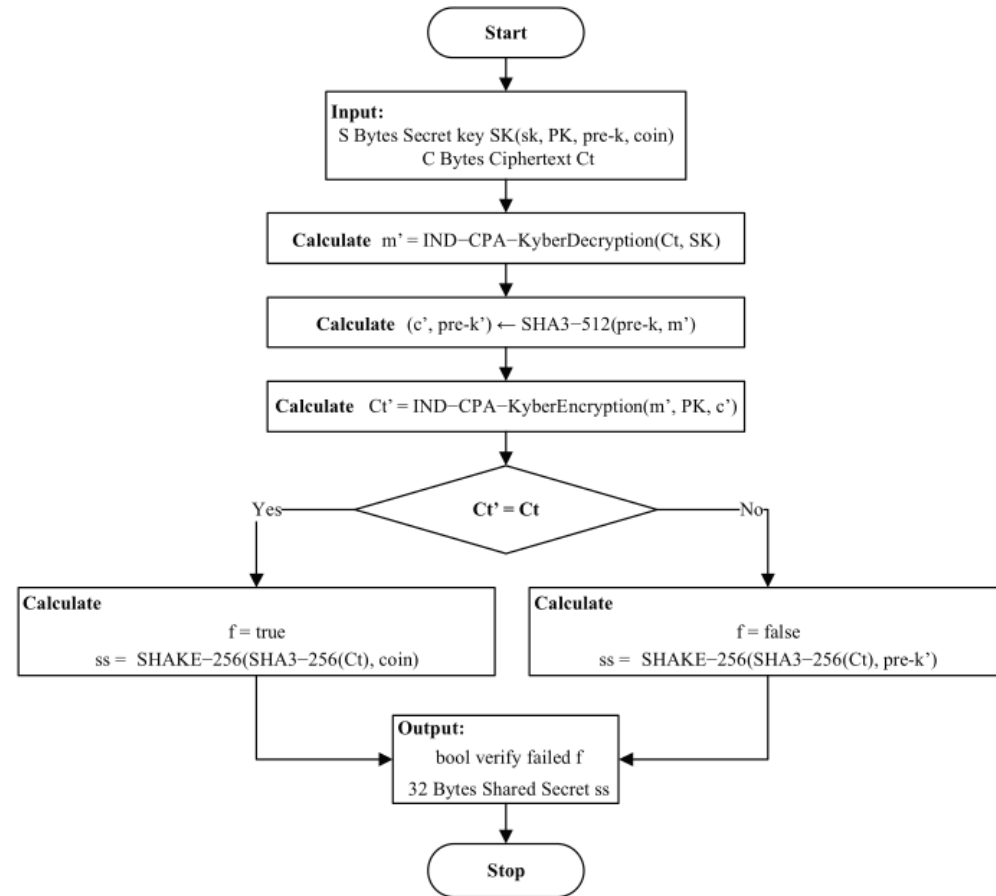
- 1) Cipher text : $Ct = (c_1, c_2)$
- 2) $ss = \text{SHAKE-256}(\text{SHA3-256}(Ct), Pre-k')$

$$c_1 = \begin{pmatrix} P \\ P \\ P \end{pmatrix} \text{ with coef} = d_u \text{ bits} \quad ss = \{0,1\}^{256}$$

$$c_2 = P \text{ with coef} = d_v \text{ bits}$$



Decapsulation Module & Dataflow



Note : reference for more detailed explanation in Page 37-42

Pre Indcpa Decryption

Recive and pass input to other module as it is

Input

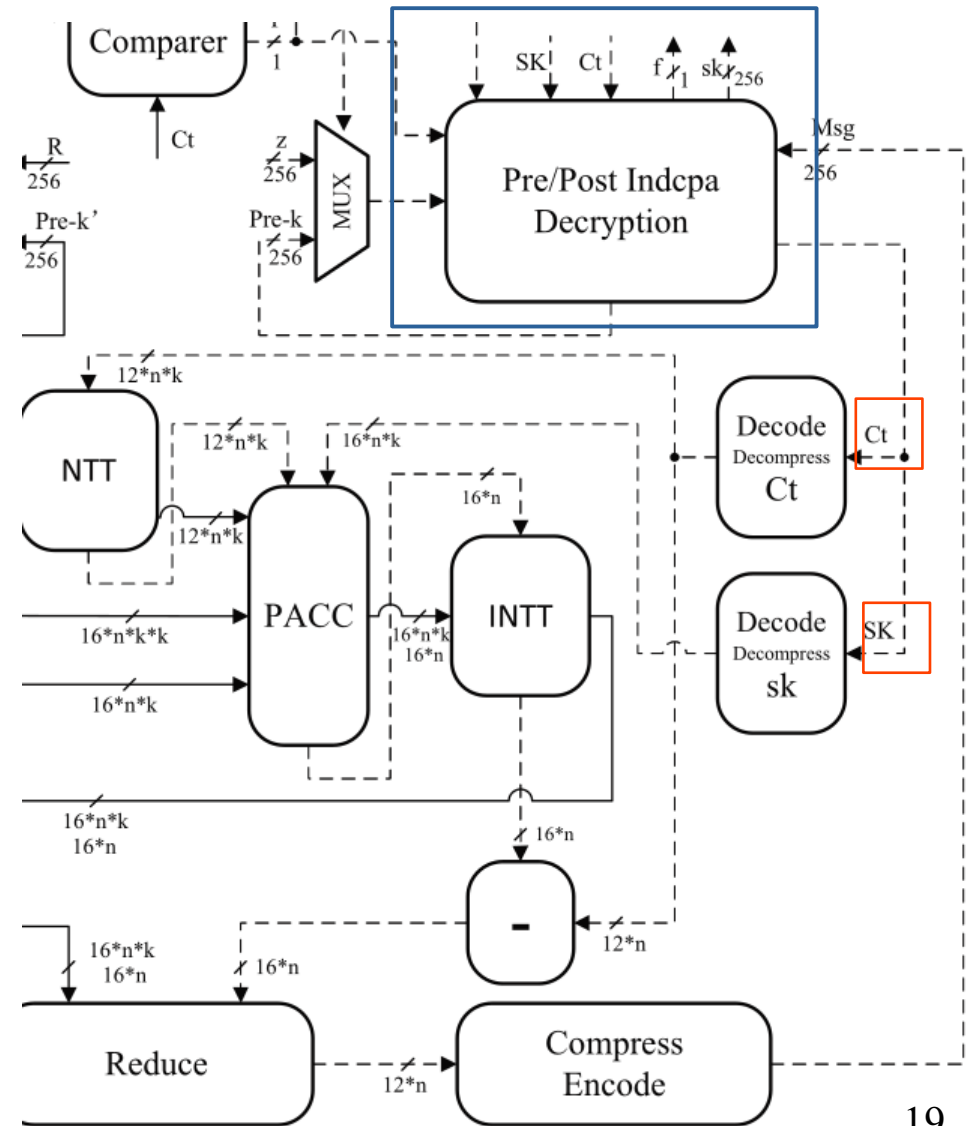
- 1) Cipher text : $Ct = (c_1, c_2)$
- 2) Private key : $SK = (\hat{s}, PK, pre-k, coin)$

Output:

- 1) Cipher text : $Ct = (c_1, c_2)$
- 2) Private key : $SK = (\hat{s}, PK, pre-k, coin)$

$$c_1 = \begin{pmatrix} P \\ P \\ P \end{pmatrix} \text{ with coef} = d_u \text{ bits} \quad \hat{s} = \begin{pmatrix} S_\eta \\ S_\eta \\ S_\eta \end{pmatrix} \quad \hat{t} = \begin{pmatrix} R_q \\ R_q \\ R_q \end{pmatrix}$$

$$c_2 = P \text{ with coef} = d_v \text{ bits} \quad pre-k, coin, \rho = \{0, 1\}^{256}$$



Decode Ct

Recive and pass input to other module

Input : Cipher text $Ct = (c_1, c_2)$

$$c_1 = \begin{pmatrix} P \\ P \\ P \end{pmatrix} \text{ with coef} = d_u \text{ bits}$$

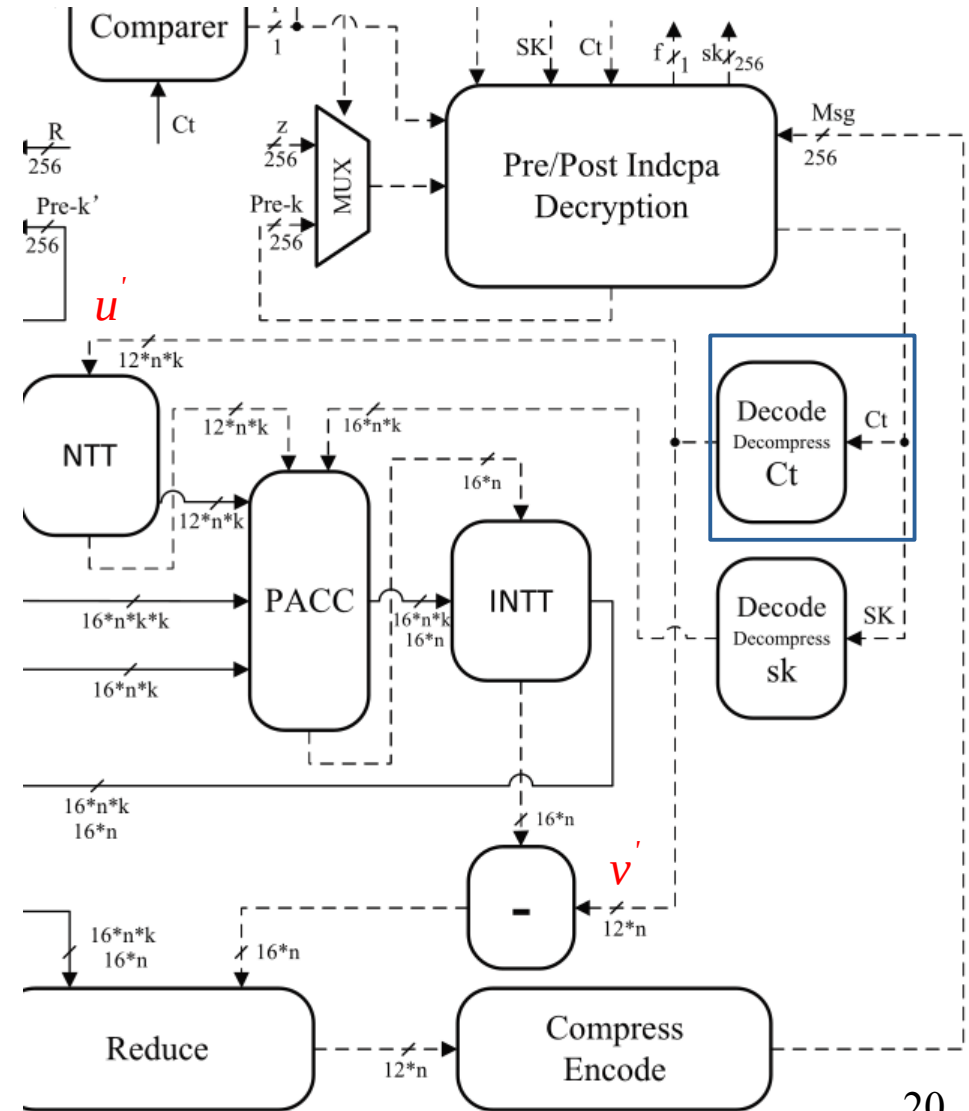
$$c_2 = P \text{ with coef} = d_v \text{ bits}$$

Output: Cipher text in polynomial ring R_q

$$1) u' = \text{decompress}(c_1, d_u) = \text{round}((q/2^{d_u})c_1) \bmod q$$

$$2) v' = \text{decompress}(c_2, d_v) = \text{round}((q/2^{d_v})c_2) \bmod q$$

$$u' = \begin{pmatrix} R_q \\ R_q \\ R_q \end{pmatrix} \quad v' = R_q$$



Decode SK

Decode Encapsulation key then Transpose encryption key

Input : Private key

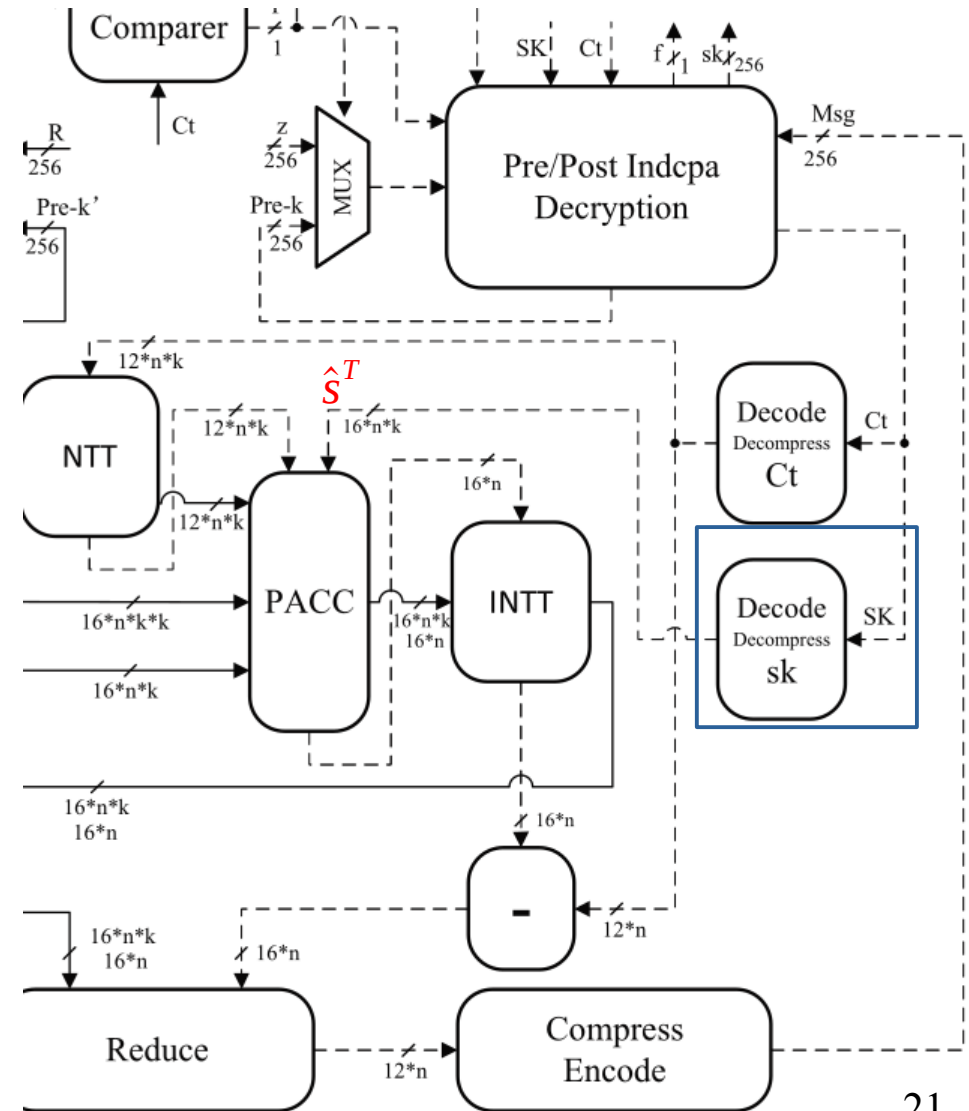
$SK = (\hat{s}, PK, pre-k, coin)$

$$\hat{s} = \begin{pmatrix} S_\eta \\ S_\eta \\ S_\eta \end{pmatrix} \quad \hat{t} = \begin{pmatrix} R_q \\ R_q \\ R_q \end{pmatrix}$$

$$pre-k, coin, \rho = \{0,1\}^{256}$$

Output : decryption key \hat{s}^T in polynomial form

$$\hat{s}^T = (P \ P \ P)$$



NTT module

Convert polynomial to NTT

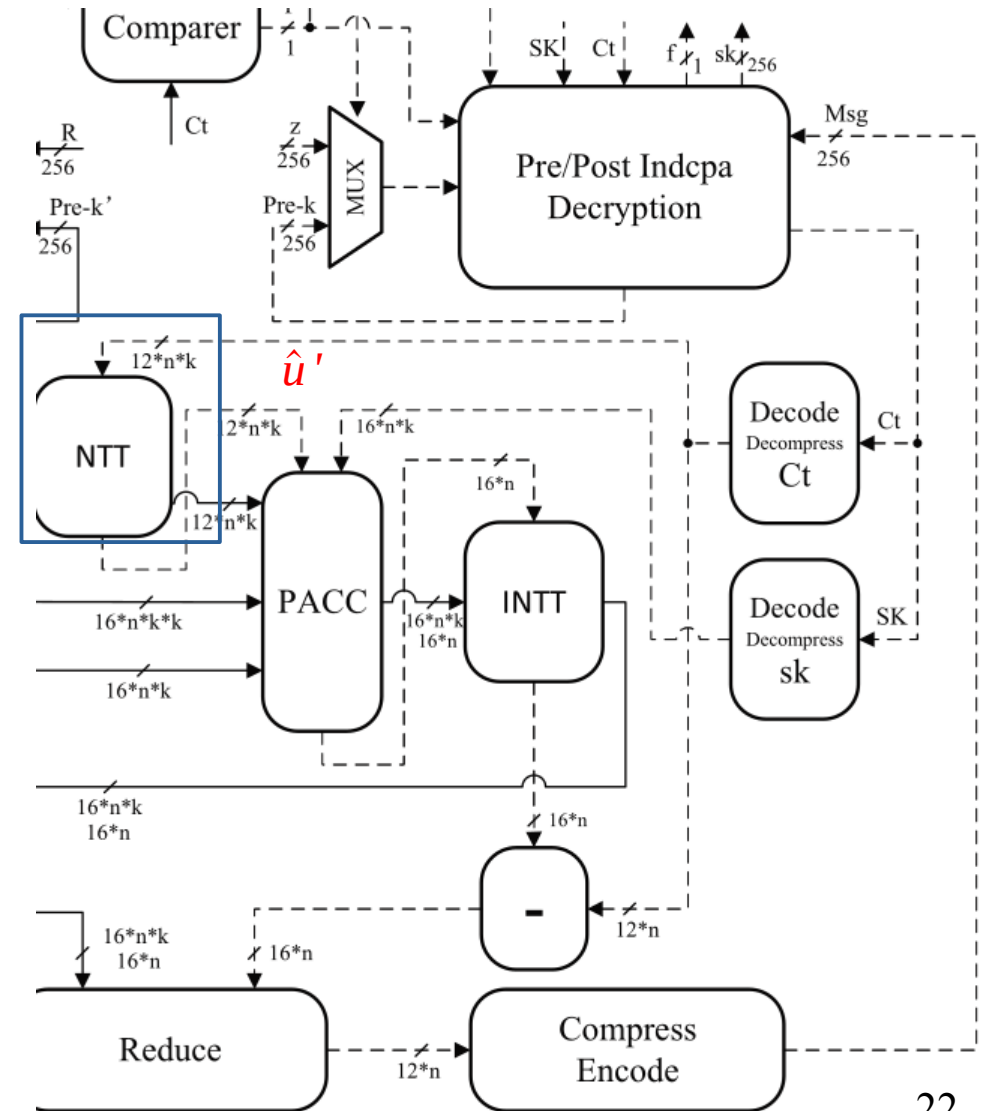
Input : Part of cipher text u'

$$u' = \begin{pmatrix} R_q \\ R_q \\ R_q \end{pmatrix}$$

Output : cipher text in NTT form

$$\hat{u}' = NTT(u')$$

$$\hat{u}' = \begin{pmatrix} R_q \\ R_q \\ R_q \end{pmatrix}$$



PACC : Polynomial Accumulator

Compute polynomial arithmetic in NTT form with **mondgomery** multiplications

Input

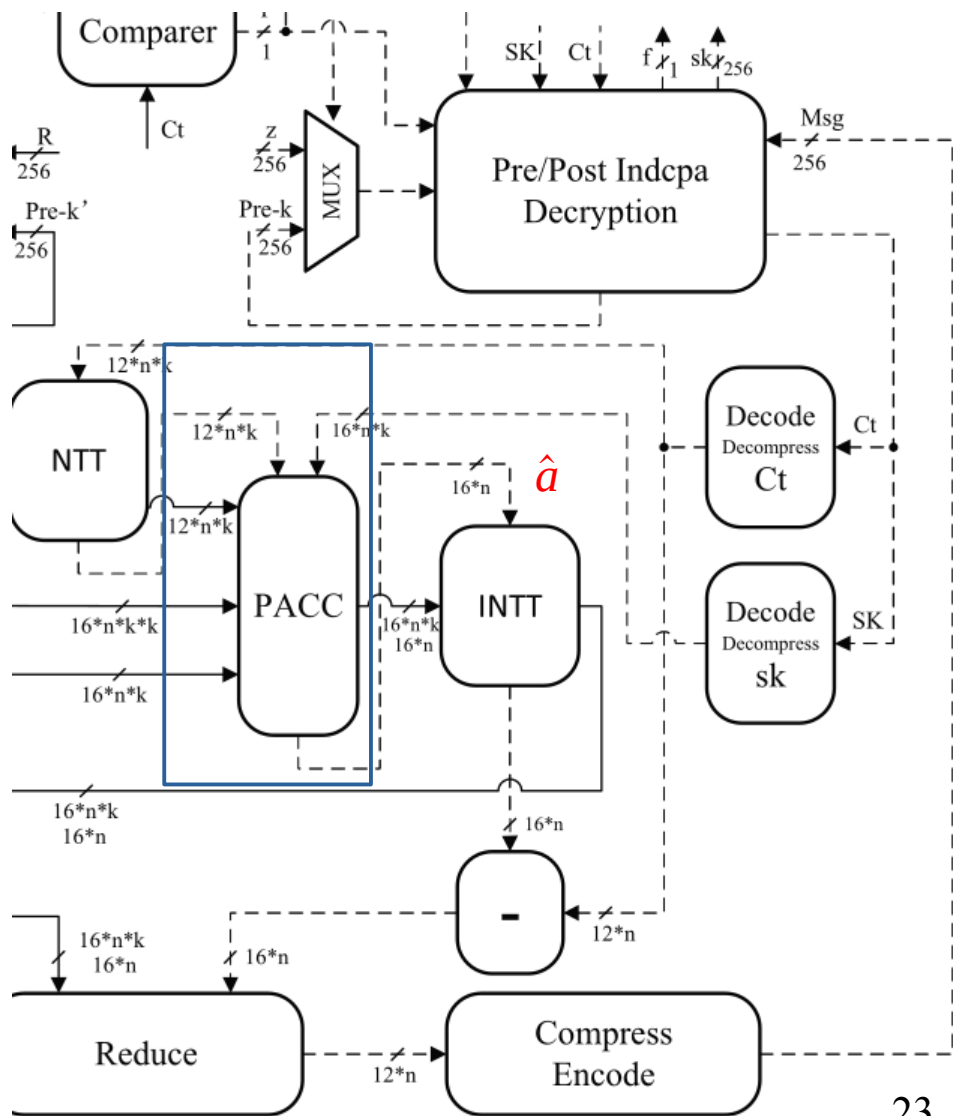
- 1) Part of cipher text : \hat{u}'
- 2) Encryptions key (transposed) : \hat{s}^T

$$\hat{u}' = \begin{pmatrix} R_q \\ R_q \\ R_q \end{pmatrix} \quad \hat{s}^T = (S_\eta \quad S_\eta \quad S_\eta)$$

Output : intermediate data

$$\hat{a} = \hat{s}^T \times \hat{u} \text{ ,}$$

$$\hat{a} = P$$



INTT module

Inverse polynomial in NTT to normal form

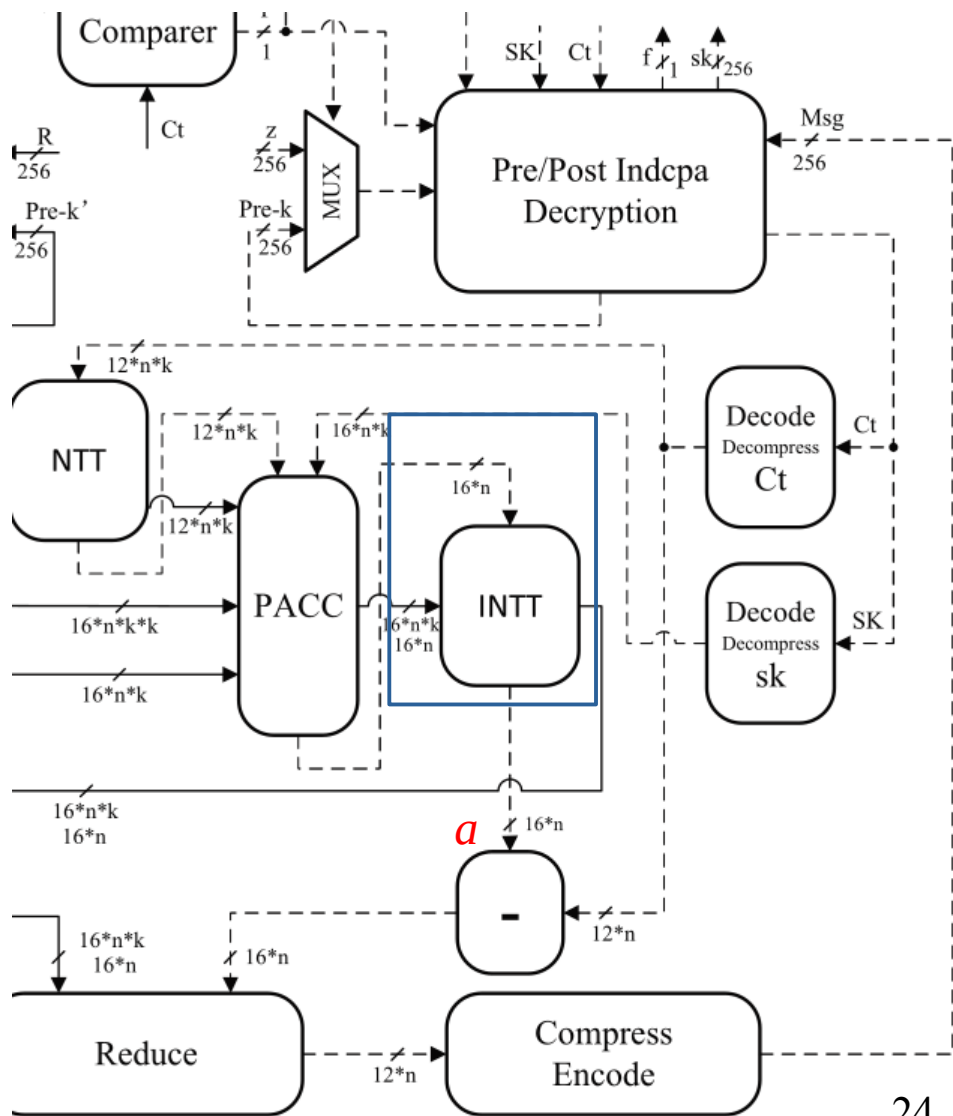
Input : intermediate data (NTT form) : \hat{a}

Output : intermediate data (normal form)

$$a = NTT^{-1}(\hat{a})$$

$$\hat{a} = P$$

$$a=P$$



Subtraction Module (-)

Polynomial subtraction

Input

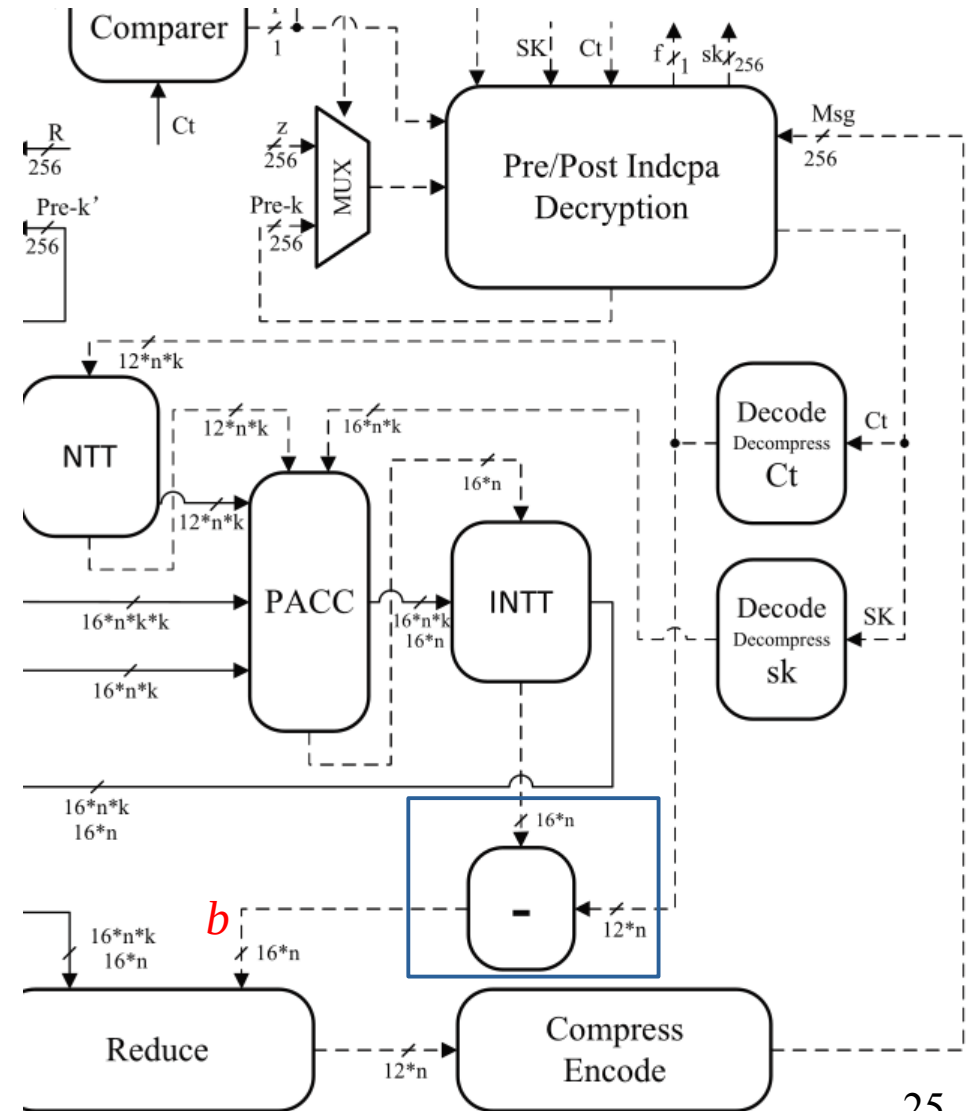
- 1) Intermediate data : a
- 2) Part of cipher text : v'

$$\begin{aligned} a &= P \\ v' &= R_q \end{aligned}$$

Output : Polynomial Ring

$$b=v'-a=v'-\left(s^T u'\right)$$

$$b = P$$



Reduce Module

Modular reduction reduce the coefficient to be with in $[0, q)$

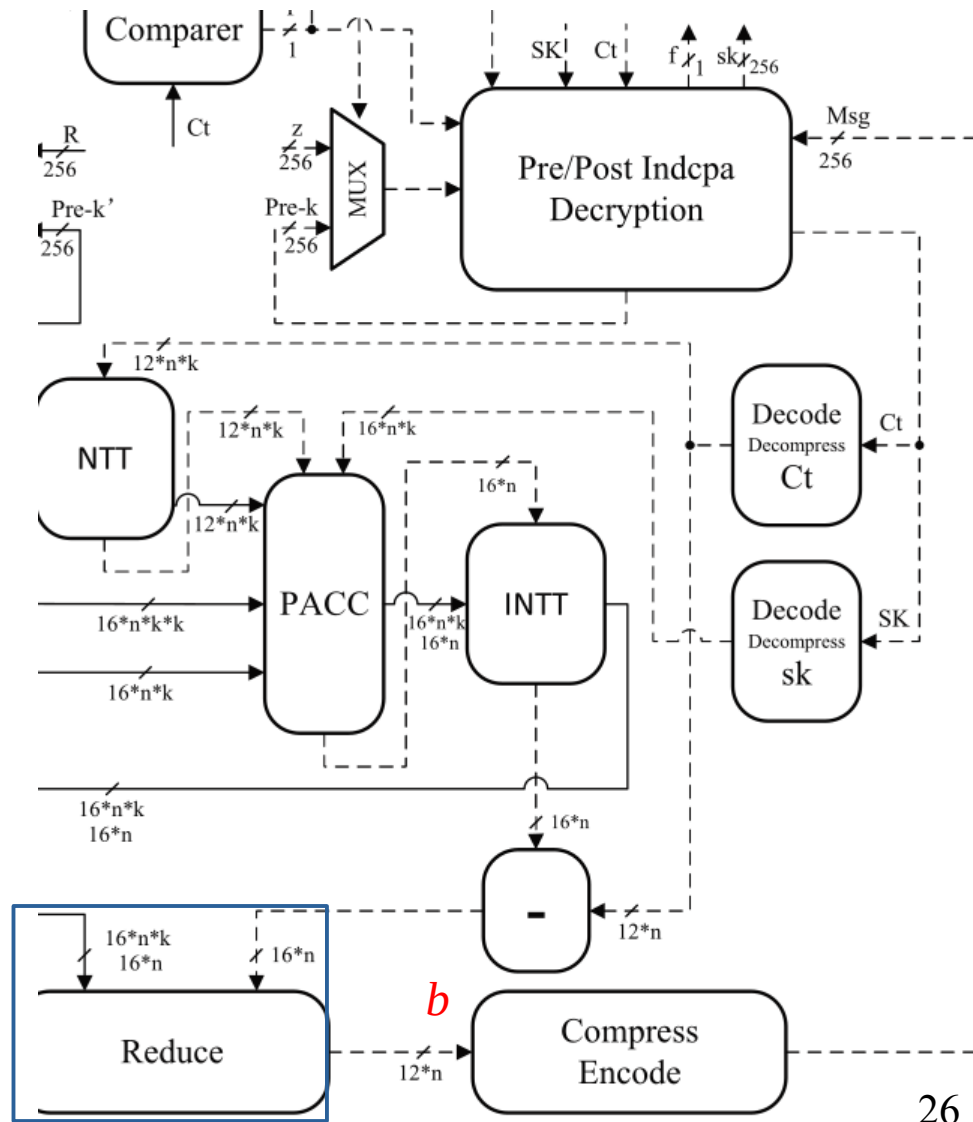
Input : intermediate data b

$$b = P$$

Output : Polynomial Ring R_q

$$b = b \bmod q$$

$$b = R_q$$



Compress Encode

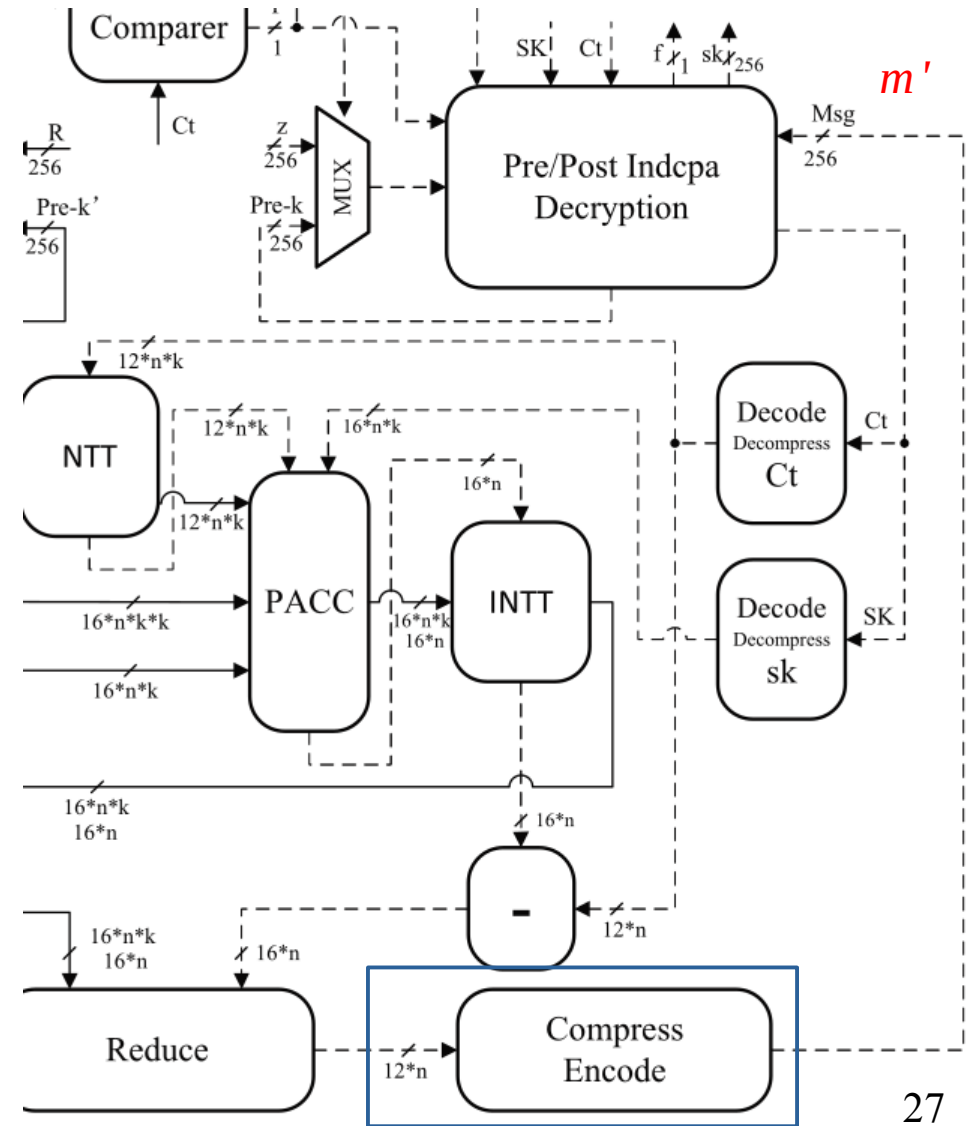
Use $\text{round}_q()$ to round the polynomial back to plain text message

Input : polynomial Ring b

$$b = R_q$$

Output : Plain text Msg

$$m' = \text{Round}_q(b) = \text{Round}_q(v' - s^T u') \quad m' = \{0,1\}^{256}$$



Post Indcpa Decryption

Re-encrypted the plain text message again and compare new and received cipher text

Input

- 1) plain text msg : m'
- 2) Hash of public key
pre-k
- 3) Cipher text : Ct

$$c_1 = \begin{pmatrix} P \\ P \\ P \end{pmatrix} \text{ with coef} = d_u \text{ bits}$$

$$c_2 = P \text{ with coef} = d_v \text{ bits}$$

$$pre-k, m' = \{0,1\}^{256}$$

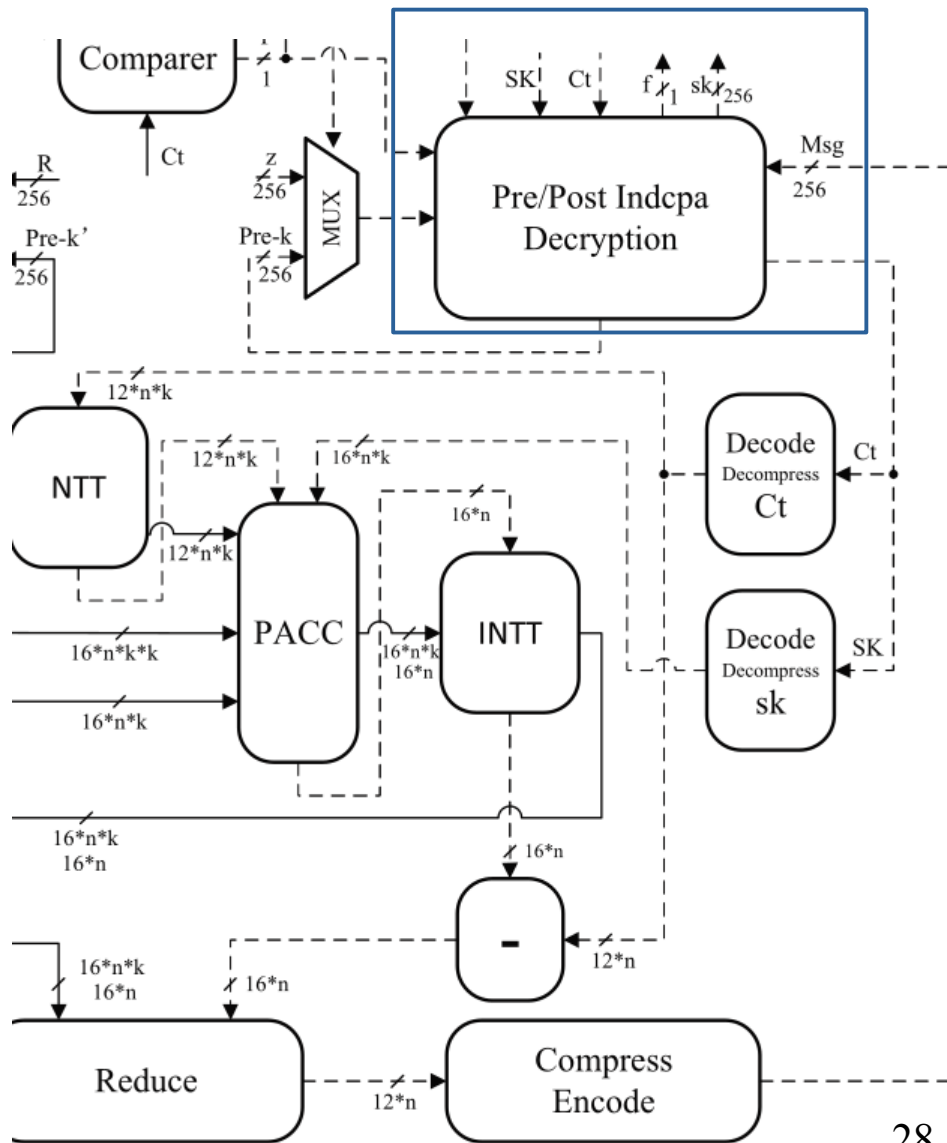
Compute

$$(c', pre-k') = SHA3-512(pre-k, m')$$

Encrypt message gain by using the process as explain in Encryption part (pg. 6-17)

$$Ct' = IND-CPA-KyberEncryption(m', PK, c')$$

Compare if $Ct = Ct'$



Post Indcpa Decryption

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pre-k
- 3) Cipher text : Ct

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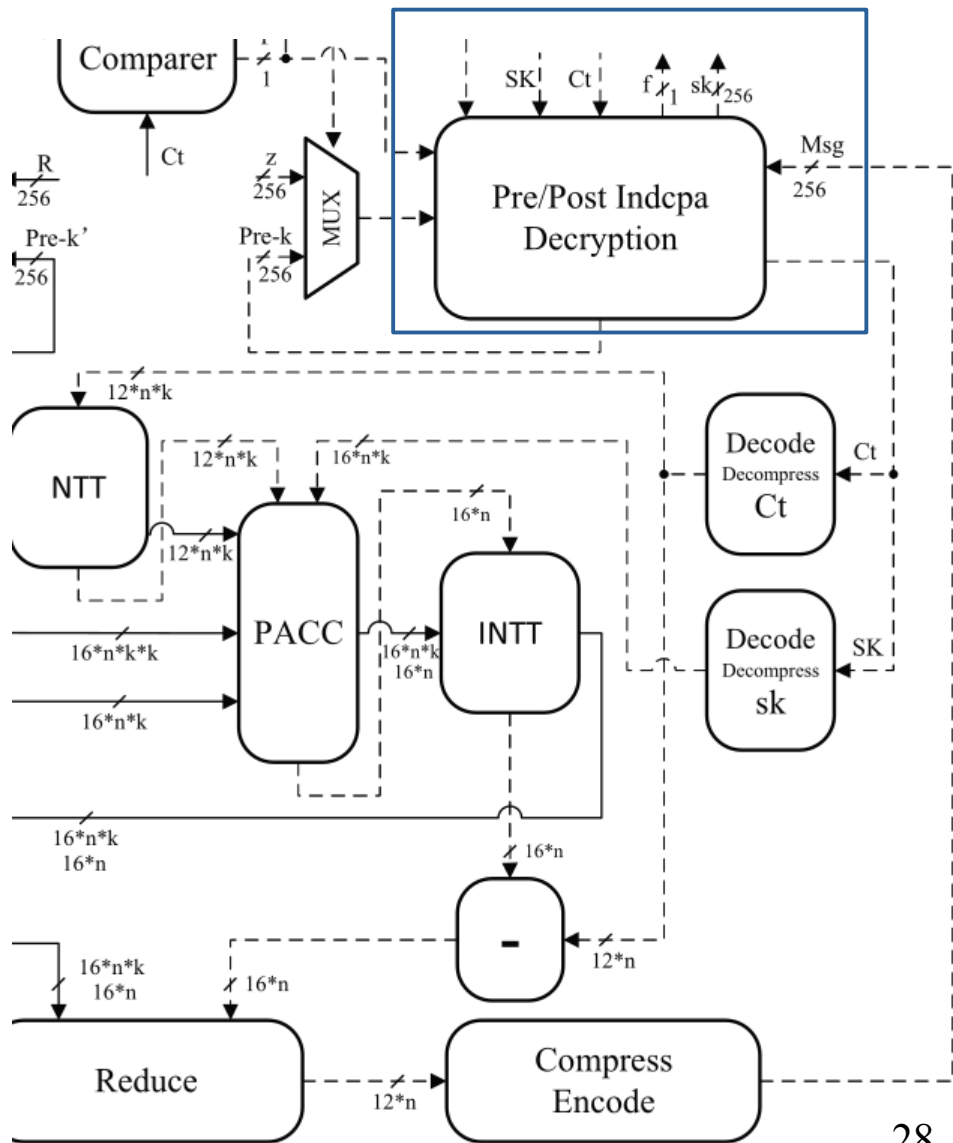
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Compare if $C_t = C_t'$



Post Indcpa Decryption

If $C_t = C_{t'}$ return the correct share secret key

Output

- 1) Verify flag : $f = \text{True}$
- 2) Share secret key

$$ss = \text{SHAKE-265}(\text{SHA3-256}(Ct), \text{coin})$$

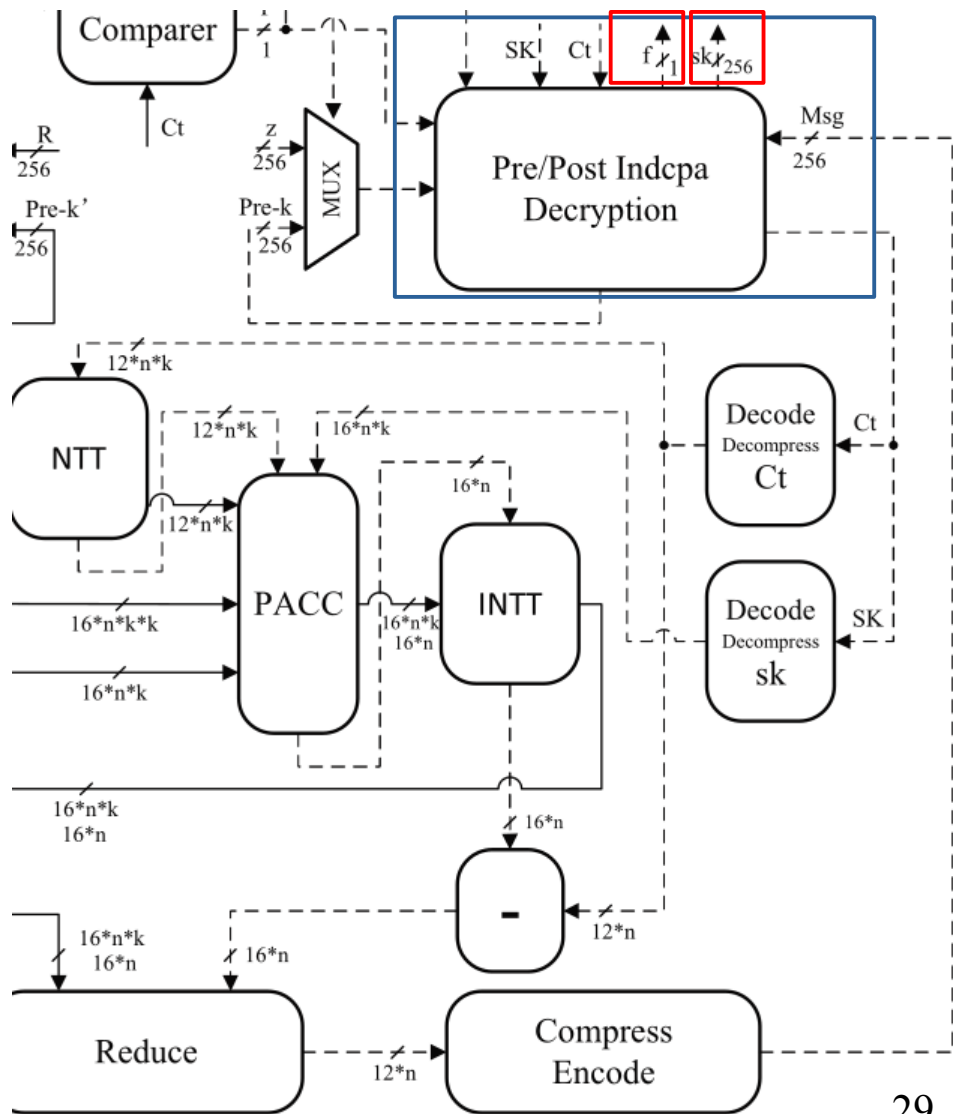
If $Ct \neq Ct'$ return the correct share secret key

Output

- 1) Verify flag : $f = \text{False}$
- 2) Share secret key(fake)

$$ss = \text{SHAKE} - 265(\text{SHA}3 - 256(Ct), pre - k')$$

$$f = \text{boolean} \quad ss = \{0, 1\}^{256}$$



FPGAs Board used in the Article

AC701

Logic Cells	215,360
DSP Slices	740
Memory	13,140
GTP 6.6Gb/s Transceivers	16
I/O Pins	500

VC707

Logic Cells	485,760
Memory (Kb)	37,080
DSP Slices	2,800
GTX 12.5 GB/s Transceivers	56
I/O Pins	700

My board : ArtyS7-25

Logic Cells	23,360
Slices	3,650
Flip-flops	29,200
Block RAM (Kbits)	1,620
Clock Management Tiles	3

I have about 10% resources of the board used in the Research

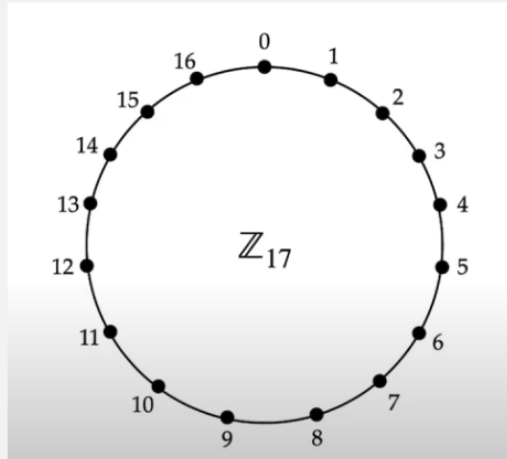
Future work

- Start implementing each module
- Understanding arithmetic pipeline in NTT and Hash module
- Dual port BRAM : usage as FIFO buffer

Reference to Math Notation

- Integer modulo : \mathbb{Z}_q
 - Integer $0, 1, 2, \dots, q-1$
 - After math operation $\rightarrow \text{mod } q$

e.g. $15+3 = 18\%17 = 1$



- Polynomial ring : $R_q = \mathbb{Z}_q[x]/(x^n + 1)$
 - q, n
 - Coefficient in $\mathbb{Z}_q \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, q-1\}$
 - Degree = $n-1 \rightarrow a_0 + a_1x + \dots + a_{n-1}x^{n-1}$
 - After multiplying apply modular reduction $/(x^n + 1)$

e.g. $q = 17, n = 4$

$$f(x) = 2 + 16x + 3x^2 + 5x^3$$

$$g(x) = 9 + x + 14x^3$$

$$f(x)g(x) = 18 + 146x + 43x^2 + 76x^3 + 229x^4 + 42x^5 + 70x^6$$

↓ coef. mod q

$$= 1 + 10x + 9x^2 + 8x^3 + 8x^4 + 8x^5 + 2x^6$$

↓ modular reduction $/(x^n + 1)$

$$= 10 + 2x + 7x^2 + 8x^3$$

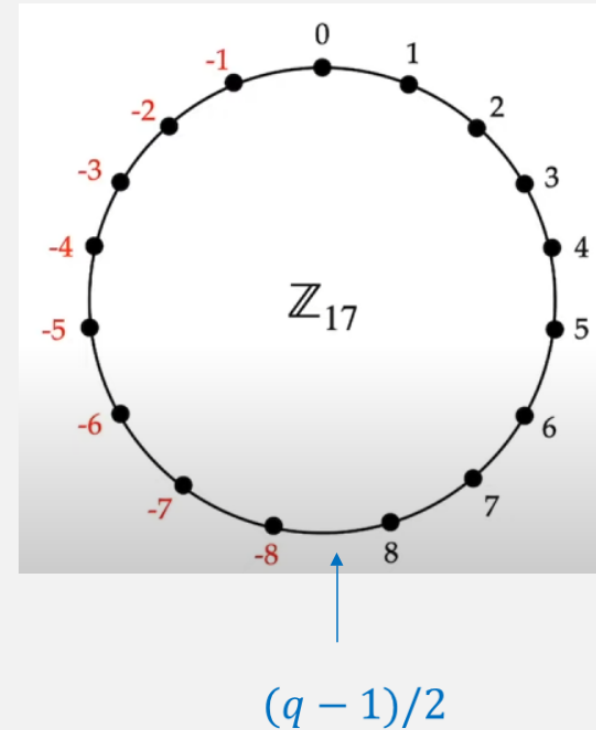
Symmetric mod \rightarrow mods

“ Small” Polynomial : S_η

- η (eta) : coefficient $\in [-\eta, \eta]$ when written in symmetric mod
- e.g. $q = 17, n = 4, \eta = 2$
- Coefficient can be -2, -1, 0, 1, 2

$$s(x) = 1 + x - 2x^3$$

Noted : $s(x)$ is written in symmetric mods



Kyber-768 domain Parameters

$$q = 3329$$

Polynomial coefficient can be : $0, 1, 2, \dots, 3328$

$$n = 256$$

Each polynomial has degree 255 : $a_0 + a_1x + \dots + a_{255}x^{255}$

$$k = 3$$

For matrix size

$$\eta_1 = 2$$

size of “small” polynomial

$$\eta_2 = 2$$

size of “small” polynomial

$$d_u = 10$$

for compression/decompression of ciphertext

$$d_v = 4$$

for compression/decompression of ciphertext

Referenece for Kyber

Kyber Algorithms

<https://cryptography101.ca/kyber-dilithium/>

Kyber Implementation

<https://doi.org/10.1587/elex.17.20200234>

Kyber Specification

NIST: Post-Quantum Cryptography Standardization <https://csrc.nist.gov/Projects/post-quantum-cryptography>.

KYBER-PKE

- Key generation
- Encryption
- Decryption

Hash function: generate A : SHAKE 128

- Base on Learning with errors problem
- Public key encryption
- Security level : “secure against chosen plain text attack” → lower than Kyber-KEM

Domain parameters and key generation

For concreteness, we'll use the ML-KEM-768

domain parameters:

- ♦ $q = 3329$
- ♦ $n = 256$
- ♦ $k = 3$
- ♦ $\eta_1 = 2$ and $\eta_2 = 2$
- ♦ $d_u = 10$ and $d_v = 4$

Kyber-PKE key generation: Alice does:

1. Select $\rho \in_R \{0,1\}^{256}$ and compute $A = \text{Expand}(\rho)$, where $A \in R_q^{k \times k}$.
2. Select $s \in_{CBD} S_{\eta_1}^k$ and $e \in_{CBD} S_{\eta_2}^k$.
3. Compute $t = As + e$.
4. Alice's encryption (public) key is (ρ, t) ; her decryption (private) key is s .

Encryption and decryption

Kyber-PKE encryption: To encrypt a message $m \in \{0,1\}^n$ for Alice, Bob does:

1. Obtain an authentic copy of Alice's encryption key (ρ, t) and compute $A = \text{Expand}(\rho)$.
2. Select $r \in_{\text{CBD}} S_{\eta_1}^k$, $e_1 \in_{\text{CBD}} S_{\eta_2}^k$ and $e_2 \in_{\text{CBD}} S_{\eta_2}$.
3. Compute $u = A^T r + e_1$ and $v = t^T r + e_2 + \lceil \frac{q}{2} \rceil m$.
4. Compute $c_1 = \text{Compress}_q(u, d_u)$ and $c_2 = \text{Compress}_q(v, d_v)$.
5. Output $c = (c_1, c_2)$.

Kyber-PKE decryption: To decrypt $c = (c_1, c_2)$, Alice does:

1. Compute $u' = \text{Decompress}_q(c_1, d_u)$ and $v' = \text{Decompress}_q(c_2, d_v)$.
2. Compute $m = \text{Round}_q(v' - s^T u')$.

KYBER-KEM

- Key generation
- Encapsulation
- Decapsulation

Hash function:

generate A : SHAKE 128

G is SHA3-512, H is SHA3-256, J is SHAKE256

- Kyber PKE alone is not secure enough. Applying “Fujisaki Okamoto” transform → Kyber KEM
- Key Encapsulation mechanism
- Using Kyber-PKE as base building block
- Use Hash() and seed to create Pseudo RNG alongside
 - pure random
 - Central binomial Distribution
- Security : “Secure against chosen ciphertext attack” (more secure than Kyber-PKE)

Domain parameters and key generation

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- ♦ $n = 256$
- ♦ $k = 3$
- ♦ $\eta_1 = 2$ and $\eta_2 = 2$
- ♦ $d_u = 10$ and $d_v = 4$

Kyber-KEM key generation: Alice does:

1. Use the Kyber-PKE key generation algorithm to select a Kyber-PKE encryption key (ρ, t) and decryption key s .
2. Select $z \in_R \{0,1\}^{256}$.
3. Alice's **encapsulation key** is $ek = (\rho, t)$; her **decapsulation key** is $dk = (s, ek, H(ek), z)$.

Encapsulation and decapsulation

Kyber-KEM encapsulation: To establish a shared secret key with Alice, Bob does:

1. Obtain an authentic copy of Alice's encapsulation key ek .
2. Select $m \in_R \{0,1\}^{256}$.
3. Compute $h = H(ek)$ and $(K, R) = G(m, h)$, where $K, R \in \{0,1\}^{256}$.
4. Use the Kyber-PKE encryption algorithm to encrypt m with encryption key ek , and using R to generate the random quantities needed; call the resulting ciphertext c .
5. Output the secret key K and ciphertext c .

Kyber-KEM decapsulation: To recover the secret key K from c using $dk = (s, ek, H(ek), z)$, Alice does:

1. Use the Kyber-PKE decryption algorithm to decrypt c using decryption key s ; call the resulting plaintext m' .
2. Compute $(K', R') = G(m', H(ek))$.
3. Compute $\bar{K} = J(z, c)$.
4. Use the Kyber-PKE encryption algorithm to encrypt m' with encryption key ek , and using R' to generate the random quantities needed; call the resulting ciphertext c' .
5. If $c \neq c'$ then return(\bar{K}).
6. Return(K').