

# KYBER

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# PRESENTATION OUTLINE

## 1. Introduction

- Presentation Objective
- Definition of Postquantum Cryptography

## 2. Kyber

- PKE : Public Key Encryption
- Encapsulation

## 3. Project progression

# INTRODUCTION

# Presentation Objective

- Definition of Post-quantum Cryptography
- Explain basic of Kyber PKE and Kyber KEM
- Report our current progress

# Post-quantum cryptography

## Definition from Caltech

**"Post-quantum cryptography**, also known as quantum-proof cryptography, aims to create encryption methods that cannot be broken by algorithms, or calculations, that run on future quantum computers."

## My definition

A very complex cryptographic algorithms

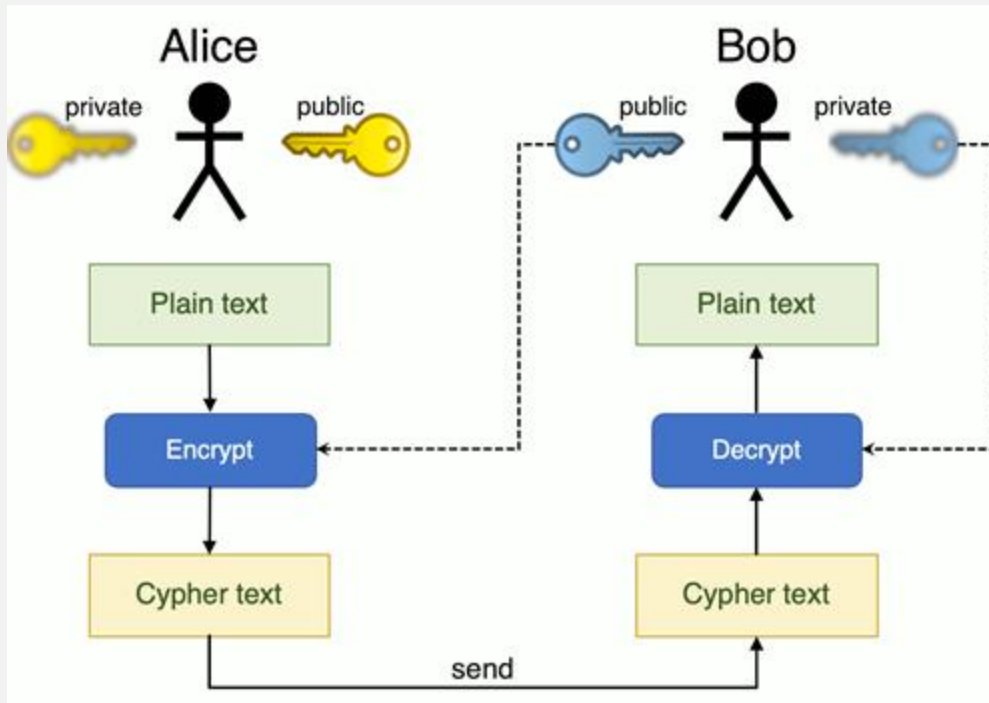
# KYBER-PKE & KYBER-KEM

Kyber-KEM > Post-quantum

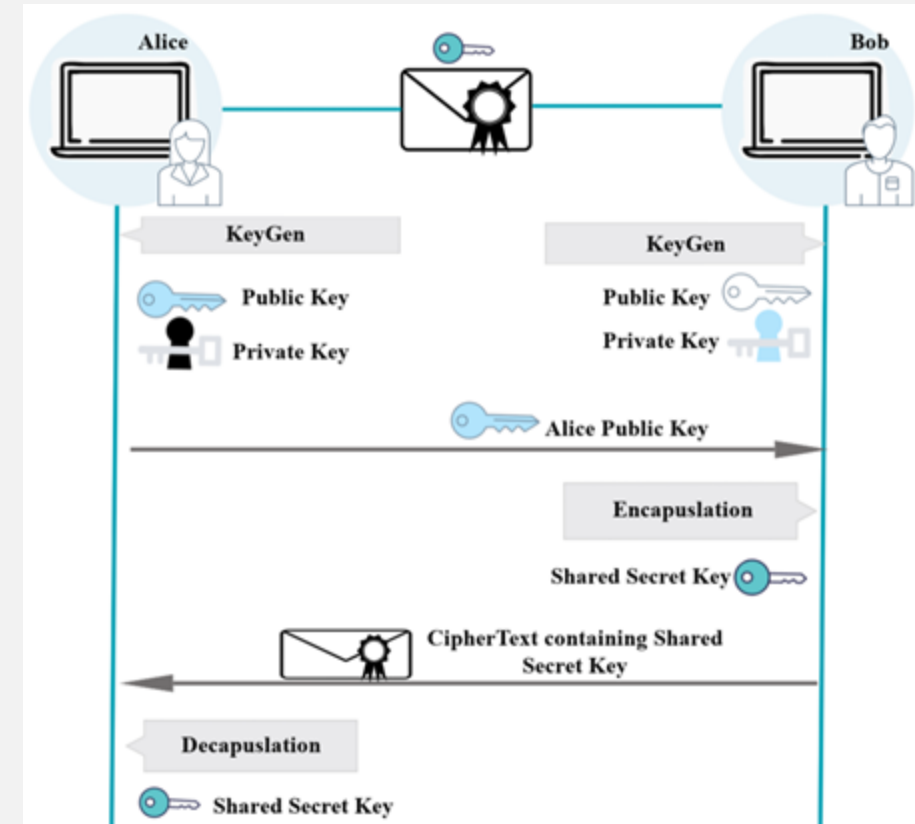
cryptographic algorithms

Chose to be standard Key encapsulation algorithm by NIST

NIST (National Institute of Standards and Technology) is a U.S. agency that develops and promotes standards for technology, including cybersecurity and cryptography.



- Public key encryption(PKE)
- Encrypted message



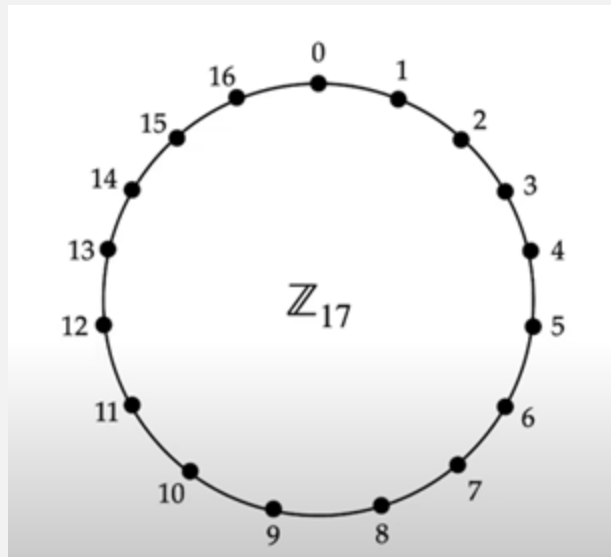
- Key Encapsulation Mechanism (KEM)
- Established shared secret key (symmetric key)

# IMPORTANT MATH NOTATION

- Integer modulo  $\mathbb{Z}_q$
- Polynomial ring :  $R_q = \mathbb{Z}_q[x]/(x^n + 1)$
- Polynomial vector  $R_q^k$
- “Small” Polynomial :  $S_\eta$
- bit string  $\{0,1\}^n$



- **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  $/(x^n + 1)$

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

### Polynomial vector $R_q^k$

- Matrix size  $k$  ; e.g.  $k = 3$
- Entries are polynomial ring  $R_q$

$$\begin{bmatrix} R_q \\ R_q \\ R_q \end{bmatrix}_{k \times 1}$$

### Polynomial vector $R_q^{k \times k}$

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$$\begin{bmatrix} R_q & R_q & R_q \\ R_q & R_q & R_q \\ R_q & R_q & R_q \end{bmatrix}_{k \times k}$$


$$R_q = a_0 + a_1x + \cdots + a_{n-1}x^{n-1}$$

“Small” Polynomial :  $S_\eta$

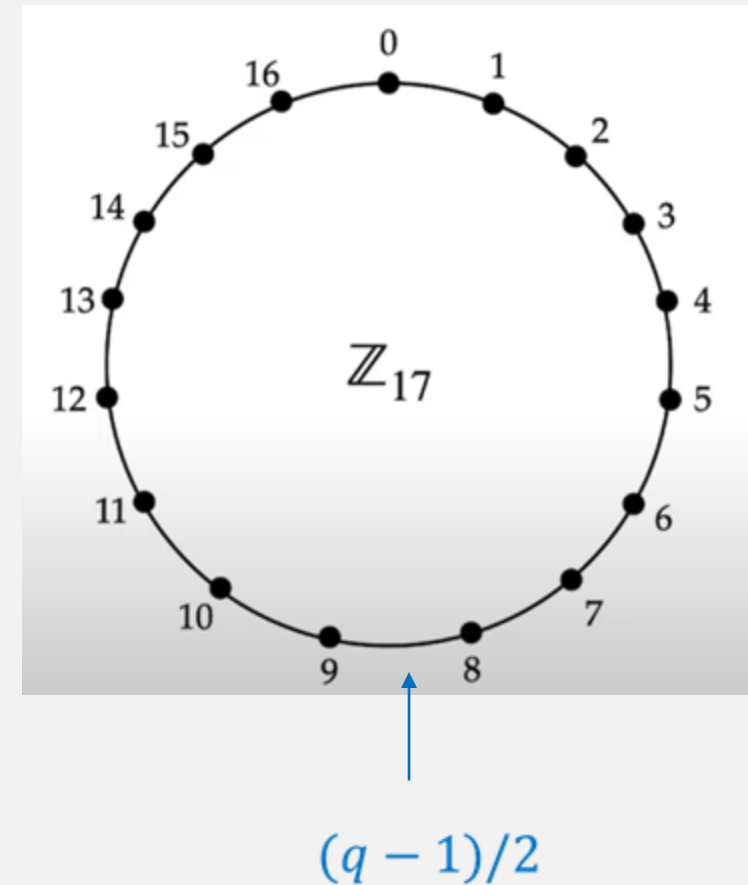
- $\eta$  (eta) : coefficient  $\in [-\eta, \eta]$  when written in symmetric mod
- e.g.  $q = 17$ ,  $n = 4$ ,  $\eta = 2$
- Coefficient can be -2, -1, 0, 1, 2

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

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


$$15x^3$$

Symmetric mod  $\square$   
mods



## Bit string

- Bits string  $\{0,1\}^n$
- e.g. 01101101....0  $\leftarrow$  n bits long

## 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

# 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

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  $(\rho, t)$ ; her **decryption (private) key** is  $s$ .

$\rho = \{0,1\}^{256}$  256 bits string

$A = \text{Hash}(\rho)$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} R_q & R_q & R_q \\ R_q & R_q & R_q \\ R_q & R_q & R_q \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times 3}$$

$$s = \begin{bmatrix} R_q \\ R_q \\ R_q \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times 1} \quad e = \begin{bmatrix} R_q \\ R_q \\ R_q \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times 1}$$

Note : coefficient size has to be small according to  $\eta_1 = 2, \eta_2 = 2$

$$t = As + e = \left( \begin{bmatrix} R_q & R_q & R_q \\ R_q & R_q & R_q \\ R_q & R_q & R_q \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times 3} \begin{bmatrix} R_q \\ R_q \\ R_q \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times 1} \right) + \begin{bmatrix} R_q \\ R_q \\ R_q \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times 1}$$

$As$

$e$

$e$

$t$

**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  $(\rho, t)$  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  $c = (c_1, c_2)$ . Ciphertext: send to Alice

$$m = \{0,1\}^{256}$$

$$t = \begin{bmatrix} R_q \\ R_q \\ R_q \end{bmatrix}_3, \rho = \{0,1\}^{256}$$

$m, \rho$  can be written as polynomial  
e.g.  $\rho = x + x^3 + x^5 + \dots + x^{255}$

$$r = \begin{bmatrix} R_q \\ R_q \\ R_q \end{bmatrix}_3 \quad e_1 = \begin{bmatrix} R_q \\ R_q \\ R_q \end{bmatrix}_3 \quad e_2 = R_q$$

$R_q$  are small!

$$u = A^T r + e_1 = \begin{bmatrix} R_q & R_q & R_q \\ R_q & R_q & R_q \\ R_q & R_q & R_q \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times 3} \times \begin{bmatrix} R_q \\ R_q \\ R_q \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times 1} + \begin{bmatrix} R_q \\ R_q \\ R_q \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times 1}$$

$$v = t^T r + e_2 + \lceil \frac{q}{2} \rceil m = \begin{bmatrix} R_q & R_q & R_q \end{bmatrix}_{1 \times 3} \times \begin{bmatrix} R_q \\ R_q \\ R_q \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times 1} + R_q + \lceil \frac{q}{2} \rceil m$$



**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  $m = \text{Round}_q(v' - s^T u')$ .

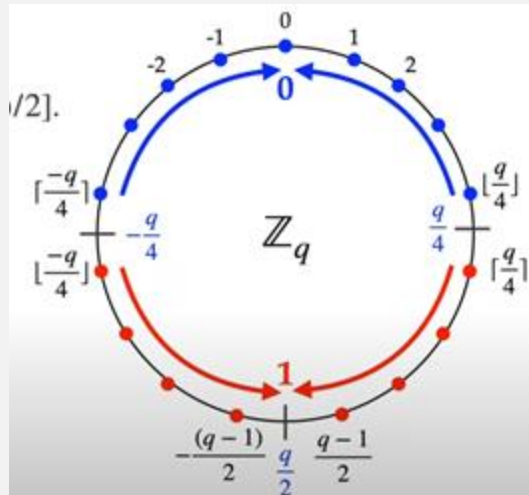
$$u' = \begin{bmatrix} R_q \\ R_q \\ R_q \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times 1}, v' = R_q$$

$$m = \text{Round}_q(v' - s^T u')$$

$$= \text{Round}_q\left(R_q - [R_q \ R_q \ R_q]_{1 \times 3} \times \begin{bmatrix} R_q \\ R_q \\ R_q \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times 1}\right)$$

$$= \text{Round}_q(R_q) \rightarrow \text{get plaintext Bob's original message}$$

Rounding



**Note:** there is small chance that decryption fail but the probability is very low

# 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  $\square$  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)

### Kyber-KEM key generation: Alice does:

1. Use the Kyber-PKE key generation algorithm to select a Kyber-PKE encryption key  $(\rho, t)$  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  $dk = (s, ek, H(ek), z)$ .

Follow Kyber-PKE Key-gen (page 15)

$$\rho = \{0,1\}^{256}, t = \begin{bmatrix} R_q \\ R_q \\ R_q \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times 1}$$

$$s = \begin{bmatrix} R_q \\ R_q \\ R_q \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times 1}$$

encryption key  $ek = (\rho, t)$

$$z = \{0,1\}^{256}$$

	Public key	Private key
Kyber-KEM		
Kyber-PKE		

Encapsulation key = Encryption key

Decapsulation key != Decryptionkey

**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  $c$ .

Send ciphertext  $c$   
to Alice

1  
 $ek = (\rho, t)$

2  
 $m = 11000101 \dots 1 \leftarrow 256 \text{ bits}$

3  
Using hash function  $H$  and  $G$

$K = 11000101 \dots 1 \leftarrow 256 \text{ bits string}$

$R = 11000101 \dots 1 \leftarrow 256 \text{ bits string}$

$K$  is secret key

$R$  is seed for Kyber-PKE step 4

4  
Use  $R$  as seed  $\rightarrow r, e_1, e_2$  to encrypt  $m$

Follow Kyber-PKE encryption (page 16)

Get ciphertext  $c = (c_1, c_2)$

**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( $\bar{K}$ ). **Decapsulation fail**
6. Return( $K'$ ). **Decapsulation successful**

Follow Kyber-PKE decryption (page 17)  
 $m' = \{0,1\}^{256}$

Get  $K', R' = \{0,1\}^{256}$   
 $K'$  is the candidate of secret key  
 $R'$  is the seed use in step 4

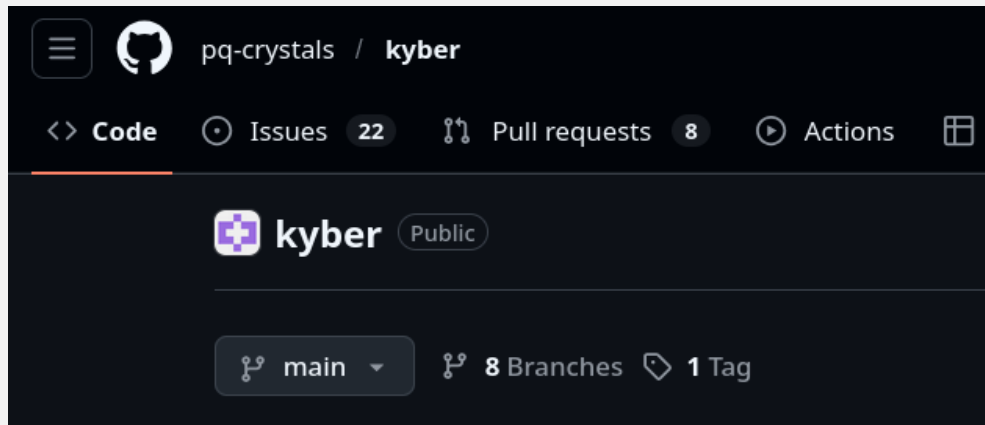
$\bar{K}$  is return value when the decapsulation fail

Use  $R'$  as seed  $\rightarrow r, e_1, e_2$  to encrypt  $m'$  again!!  
Follow Kyber-PKE encryption (page 16)  
Get ciphertext  $c' = (c_1, c_2)$

# Current work

## Design and implementation Kyber's modules

- Based on official documentations & C-implementation reference
- Design module in System Verilog
- Verification compare RTL output vs C-reference output



<https://github.com/pq-crystals/kyber>

## FIPS 203

Federal Information Processing Standards Publication

## Module-Lattice-Based Key-Encapsulation Mechanism Standard

Category: Computer Security

Subcategory: Cryptography



# fqmul

1. multiply  $a*b$
2. Montgomery reduction

```
static int16_t fqmul(int16_t a, int16_t b) {  
    return montgomery_reduce((int32_t)a*b);  
}
```

C

```
module fqmul (  
    input clk,  
    input start,  
    input signed [15:0] a,  
    input signed [15:0] b,  
    output signed [15:0] r  
);  
  
    reg signed [31:0] mul;  
    reg [1:0] count;  
    // cycle0 :start -> count = 0 and compute a*b  
    // cycle1,2,3 : count = 0,1,2 : using 3 clks compute montgomery_reduce  
    // when count <= 3 the fqmul finihsed and do nothing  
  
    montgomery_reduce red(.a(mul), .r(r), .clk(clk), .count(count));  
    always @(posedge clk) begin  
        if (start) begin  
            count <= 0;  
            mul <= a*b;  
        end  
        else if(count < 3) begin  
            count <= count+1;  
        end  
    end  
endmodule
```

# montgomery\_reduce

```
7 //XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
8 int16_t montgomery_reduce(int32_t a)
7 {
6     int32_t t;
5     int16_t u;
4
3     u = a*QINV;
2     t = (int32_t)u*KYBER_Q;
1     t = a - t;
25 t >>= 16;
1     return t;
2 }
3
```

C

```
4 module montgomery_reduce (
3     input signed [31:0] a,
2     input clk,
1     input [1:0] count,
   output reg signed [15:0] r
);
2     localparam [15:0] q = 16'd3329;      ■ Explicitly define
3     localparam [15:0] qinv = 16'd62209; // -q^{-1} mod 2^16
4
5     reg signed [31:0] t;
6     reg signed [15:0] u;
7     always @(posedge clk) begin
8         case (count)
9             0 : u <= (a * qinv) & 16'hffff; // 1clk;
10            1 : t <= u * q; // 1clk
11            2 : begin
12                r <= (a - t) >> 16;          // arithmetic shift
13            end
14            default: ;
15        endcase
16    end
17 endmodule
```

System Verilog



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