

# Remasking Dilithium

Attacking a Dilithium masking scheme and fixing it

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## A post-quantum scheme

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- 2009** V. Lyubashevsky introduces “Fiat-Shamir with Aborts” framework
- 2012** V. Lyubashevsky: “Lattice Signatures without Trapdoors”
- 2017** CRYSTALS-Dilithium submission in NIST Standardization Process as lattice-based signature scheme
- 2020** P. Ravi, R. Poussier, S. Bhasin, A. Chattopadhyay. “On Configurable SCA Countermeasures Against Single Trace Attacks for the NTT - A Performance Evaluation Study over Kyber and Dilithium on the ARM Cortex-M4”
- 2020** A. P. Fournaris, C. Dimopoulos, O. G. Koufopavlou. “Profiling Dilithium Digital Signature Traces for Correlation Differential Side Channel Attacks”

*“To the best of our knowledge, Dilithium has the smallest public key + signature size of any lattice-based signature scheme that only uses uniform sampling.”*

**round 1** → **2** deterministic scheme becomes deterministic or randomized

**round 2** → **3** parameter set adjustments for NIST, sampling among  $2^{\text{something}}$  values

**3 variants** Dilithium-2, Dilithium-3, Dilithium-5 (corresponding to NIST security categories)

Secret key:  $s \xleftarrow{\$} D_s$

Public key:  $N, g$ , and  $S \leftarrow g^s \pmod N$

Prover

$y \xleftarrow{\$} D_y, Y \leftarrow g^y \pmod N$

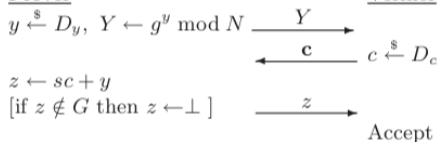
$z \leftarrow sc + y$

[if  $z \notin G$  then  $z \leftarrow \perp$  ]

Verifier

$c \xleftarrow{\$} D_c$

Accept iff  $g^z \equiv Y S^c \pmod N$



**Fig. 1. Factoring-Based Identification Schemes.** The parameters for this scheme are in Figure 6. The line in [ ] is only performed in the aborting version of the scheme.

[L09] Vadim Lyubashevsky (2009).

“Fiat-Shamir with Aborts: Applications to Lattice and Factoring-Based Signatures”

Signing Key:  $\hat{\mathbf{s}} \xleftarrow{\$} D_s^m$

Verification Key:  $h \xleftarrow{\$} \mathcal{H}(R, D, m), \mathbf{S} \leftarrow h(\hat{\mathbf{s}})$

Random Oracle:  $H : \{0, 1\}^* \rightarrow D_c$

$\text{Sign}(\mu, h, \hat{\mathbf{s}})$

1:  $\hat{\mathbf{y}} \xleftarrow{\$} D_y^m$

2:  $\mathbf{e} \leftarrow H(h(\hat{\mathbf{y}}), \mu)$

3:  $\hat{\mathbf{z}} \leftarrow \hat{\mathbf{s}}\mathbf{e} + \hat{\mathbf{y}}$

4: if  $\hat{\mathbf{z}} \notin G^m$ , then goto step 1

5: output  $(\hat{\mathbf{z}}, \mathbf{e})$

$\text{Verify}(\mu, \hat{\mathbf{z}}, \mathbf{e}, h, \mathbf{S})$

1: Accept iff

$\hat{\mathbf{z}} \in G^m$  and  $\mathbf{e} = H(h(\hat{\mathbf{z}}) - \mathbf{S}\mathbf{e}, \mu)$

**Fig. 4.** Lattice-Based Signature Scheme

$q$	modulus	$2^{23} - 2^{13} + 1$
$d$	dropped bits from $t$	13
$\tau$	number of $\pm 1$ s in $c$	49
$\gamma_1$	$y$ coefficient range	$2^{19}$
$\gamma_2$	low-order rounding range	$\frac{q-1}{32}$
$(k, l)$	dimensions of $A$	$(6, 5)$
$\eta$	secret key range	4
$\beta$	$\tau \cdot \eta$	196
$\omega$	max. number of 1s in hint $h$	55
	avg. repetitions	5.1

Gen

$$\zeta \leftarrow \{0, 1\}^{256}$$

$$(\rho, \varsigma, K) \in \{0, 1\}^{256 \times 3} := H(\zeta)$$

$$(s_1, s_2) \in S_\eta^l \times S_\eta^k := H(\varsigma)$$

$$A \in R_q^{k \times l} := \text{ExpandA}(\rho)$$

$$t := As_1 + s_2$$

$$(t_1, t_0) := \text{Power2Round}_q(t, d)$$

$$tr \in \{0, 1\}^{384} := \text{CRH}(\rho \parallel t_1)$$

**return** ( $pk = (\rho, t_1), sk = (\rho, K, tr, s_1, s_2, t_0)$ )



Sign(sk, M)

$A \in R_q^{k \times l} := \text{ExpandA}(\rho)$

$\mu \in \{0, 1\}^{384} := \text{CRH}(tr \parallel M)$

$\kappa := 0$

$(z, h) := \perp$

$\rho' \in \{0, 1\}^{384} := \text{CRH}(K \parallel \mu)$

**while**  $(z, h) = \perp$  **do**

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**return**  $\sigma = (z, h, \tilde{c})$

$y \in \tilde{S}_{\gamma_1}^l := \text{ExpandMask}(\rho', \kappa)$

$w := Ay$

$w_1 := \text{HighBits}_q(w, 2\gamma_2)$

$\tilde{c} \in \{0, 1\}^{256} := H(\mu \parallel w_1)$

$c \in B_\tau := \text{SampleInBall}(\tilde{c})$

$z := y + cs_1$

$r_0 := \text{LowBits}_q(w - cs_2, 2\gamma_2)$

**if**  $\|z\|_\infty \geq \gamma_1 - \beta$  **or**  $\|r_0\|_\infty \geq \gamma_2 - \beta$  **then**

$(z, h) := \perp$

**else**

$h := \text{MakeHint}_q(-ct_0, w - cs_2 + ct_0, 2\gamma_2)$

**if**  $\|ct_0\|_\infty \geq \gamma_2$  **or** the number of 1s in  $h \geq \omega$

**then**

$(z, h) := \perp$

$\kappa := \kappa + l$

Verify(pk, M,  $\sigma = (z, h, \tilde{c})$ )

$A \in R_q^{k \times l} := \text{ExpandA}(\rho)$

$\mu \in \{0, 1\}^{384} := \text{CRH}(\text{CRH}(\rho \parallel t_1) \parallel M)$

$c := \text{SampleInBall}(\tilde{c})$

$w_1 := \text{UseHint}_q(h, Az - ct_1 \cdot 2^d, 2\gamma_2)$

**return**  $[\|z\|_\infty < \gamma_1 - \beta]$  and  $[\tilde{c} = H(\mu \parallel w'_1)]$  and  $[\text{number of 1s in } h \text{ is } \leq \omega]$

**public values**  $\rho, t_1, A, z, h, \tilde{c}$

**secret values**  $K, tr, s_1, s_2, t_0, Y, W$

If you know one of the values  $\{s_1, s_2\}$ , then you can determine the other one [BP18]<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>L. G. Bruinderink, P. Pessl (2018).

“Differential Fault Attacks on Deterministic Lattice Signatures”

# Attacking Masked Dilithium

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# Preliminaries

Polynomial multiplication in  $\mathbb{Z}[X]$ .

$$(2x^2 + 1) \cdot (3x^2 + 4x + 5) = 6x^4 + 8x^3 + (10 + 3)x^2 + 4x + 5$$

$$[0 \ 0 \ 2 \ 0 \ 1] \cdot [0 \ 0 \ 3 \ 4 \ 5] = [6 \ 8 \ 13 \ 4 \ 5]$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 4 \\ 3 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 4 \\ 10 + 3 \\ 8 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

Polynomial multiplication in  $\mathbb{Z}_{47}[X]/(X^3 + 1)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} (2x^2 + 1) \cdot (3x^2 + 4x + 5) &\equiv 6x^4 + 8x^3 + 13x^2 + 4x + 5 \\ &\equiv (6x + 8)x^3 + 13x^2 + 4x + 5 && \text{with } x^3 = -1 \\ &\equiv 13x^2 - 2x - 3 \end{aligned}$$

$$[2 \ 0 \ 1] \cdot [3 \ 4 \ 5] = [13 \ -2 \ -3]$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 4 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ -2 \\ 13 \end{pmatrix}$$

Prior work



[MGTF19] V. Migliore, B. Gérard, M. Tibouchi, P.A. Fouque

“Masking Dilithium - Efficient Implementation and Side-Channel Evaluation” (2019)<sup>2</sup>

- Evaluation of unprotected implementation on ARM Cortex-M3
- Propose masking scheme for power-of-two moduli
- T-test evaluation shows no leakage<sup>3</sup>

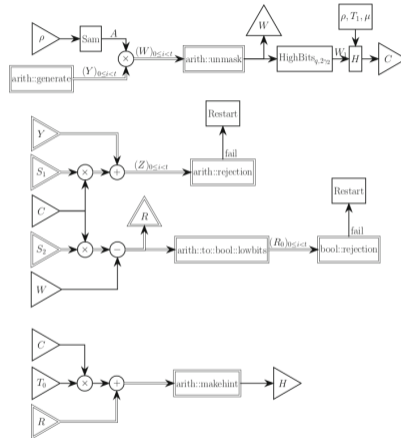
Assuming the t-probing model, this scheme is not secure.

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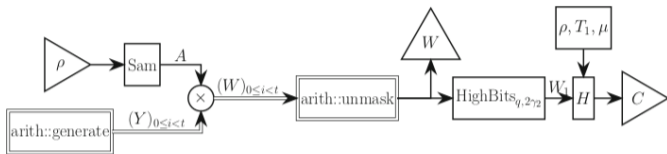
<sup>2</sup>based on [BBEFGRT18] G. Barthe, S. Belaïd, T. Espitau, P.A. Fouque, B. Grégoire, M. Rossi, M. Tibouchi (2018). “Masking the GLP Lattice-Based Signature Scheme at Any Order.”

<sup>3</sup>Implementation not available

## The attack



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- The value  $W$  is not masked.
- $W$  contains  $k$  values of 23 bits. A probe could read 23 bits of the value  $W$ .
- Getting 23 accurate bits would allow an attack, I am about to describe.

- I use Dilithium-3 to describe the attack because  $k \neq l$  ( $k = 6, l = 5$ )
- [MGTF19] assumes the t-probing model<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>4</sup>[ISW03] Y. Ishai, A. Sahai, D. Wagner. “Private Circuits: Securing Hardware against Probing Attacks” (2003)

$$w := Ay$$

$$z := y + cs_1$$

$$Z = Y + C \cdot S_1$$

$$A \cdot Z = A \cdot Y + A \cdot C \cdot S_1$$

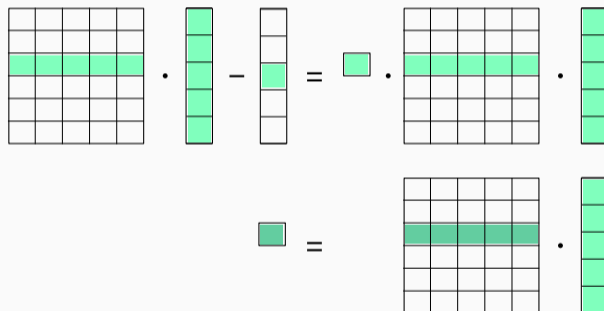
$$A \cdot Z = W + A \cdot C \cdot S_1$$

$$A \cdot Z - W = A \cdot C \cdot S_1$$

$$\underbrace{\underbrace{A}_{k \times l} \cdot \underbrace{Z}_{l \times 1}}_{\text{known}} - \underbrace{\underbrace{W}_{k \times 1}}_{\text{known/observed}} = \underbrace{C}_{1 \times 1} \cdot \underbrace{A}_{k \times l} \cdot \underbrace{S_1}_{l \times 1}_{\text{unknown}}$$

from the spec.  
switching notation

$$A \cdot Z - W = C \cdot A \cdot S_1$$

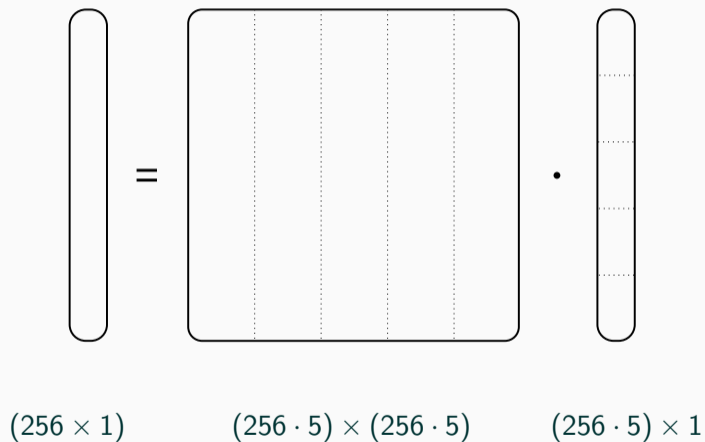


$$P_1 = P_2 \cdot S_1$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{Polynomial } P_1 \text{ (range } X^{256} \text{ to } X^0) = \sum_{i=0}^5 P_2[i] \times S_1[i] \\
 & \text{Coefficient } P_1 = \sum_{i=0}^5 P_2[i] \cdot S_1[i]
 \end{aligned}$$

Take  $256 \cdot 5$  such measurements





1. The attack shows that the masking scheme of [MGTF19] is insecure
2. We observe 23 bits of variable  $W$  (or  $256 \cdot 23$  bits)
3. We build a linear equation system with  $S_1$  as unknown variable
4. We reconstruct the secret key  $(S_1, S_2)$  from  $S_1$  [BP18]

## A masking scheme

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- KeyGen**
- uniform sampling with SHAKE-256
  - ExpandA
  - NTT/NTT<sup>-1</sup>
  - matrix multiplication
  - vector addition
  - Power2Round
  - CRH

- Sign**
- ExpandMask
  - HighBits/LowBits/Decompose
  - SampleInBall
  - MakeHint
  - counting number of 1s ( $>$ )

- Verify**
- UseHint and counting number of 1s ( $\leq$ )

- Publish attack for ref/optimized implementation
- Show leakage on a microcontroller
- Propose masking scheme for original Dilithium
- Evaluate leakage on a microcontroller empirically

**Thank you!**

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