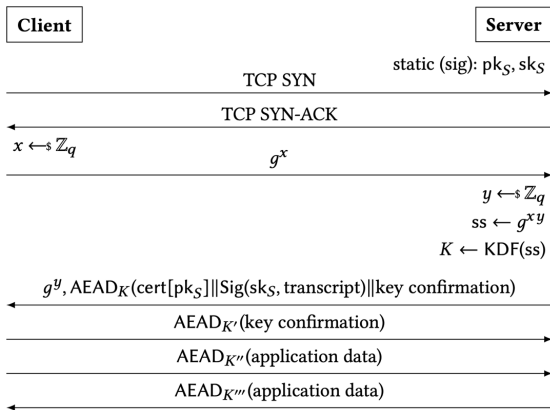


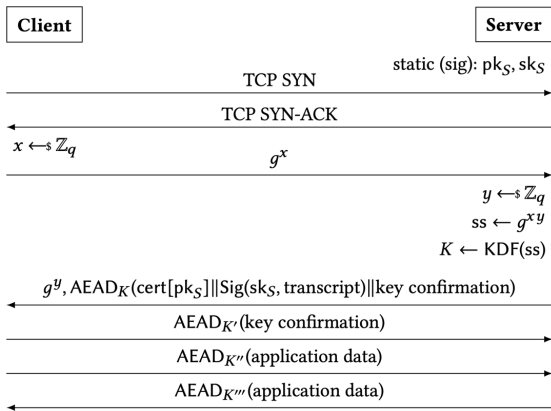
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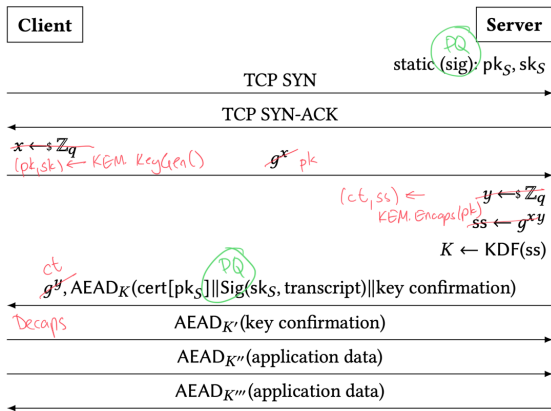


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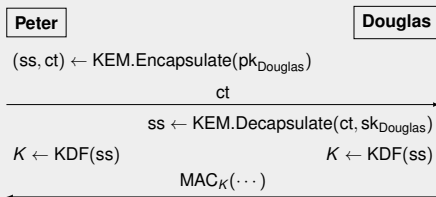
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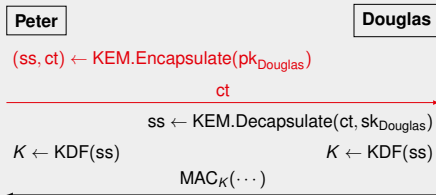
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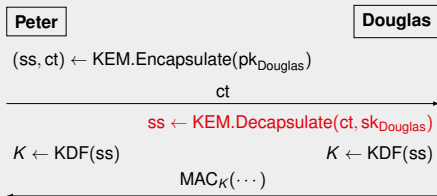
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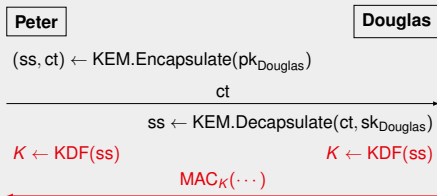
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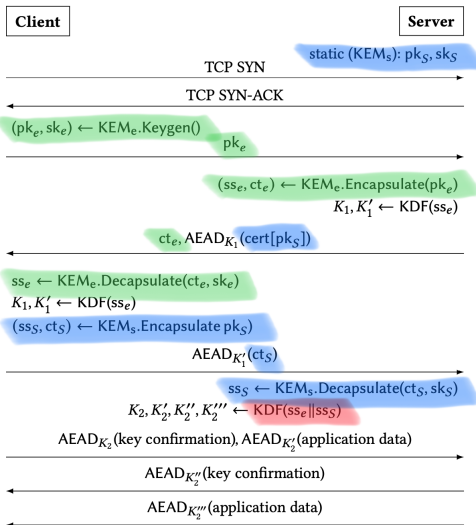
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static $(KEM_S): pk_S, sk_S$

TCP SYN-ACK

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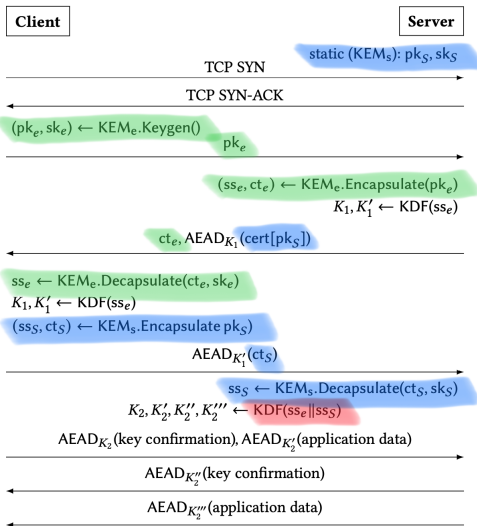
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 - Once `SF` is received: retroactive **full downgrade resilience**
 - You also get upgraded from weak to **full forward secrecy** at this stage

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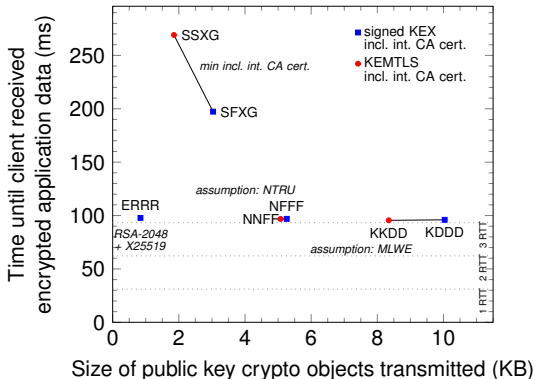
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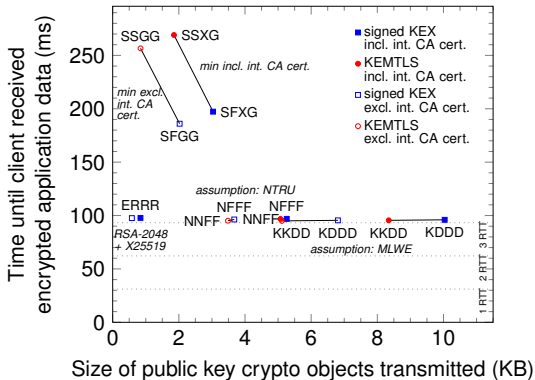
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Observations

- Size-optimized KEMTLS requires $< 1/2$ communication of size-optimized PQ signed-KEM
- Speed-optimized KEMTLS uses 90
- No extra round trips required until client starts sending application data
- Smaller trusted code base (no signature generation on client/server)

FAQ

- Client authentication?
 - We provide a sketch in Appendix D, but mostly leave it for future work
 - Naive way does require a full additional round-trip
- What about TLS 1.3 0-RTT?
 - 0-RTT is for resumption. You can do the same thing in KEMTLS .
 - We see opportunities for more efficient handshakes when resuming or in scenarios with pre-distributed KEM public keys.
- Server can't send application data in its first TLS flow. Will that break HTTP/3 where the server sends a `SETTINGS` frame?
 - Could be included in an extension as a server-side variant of ALPN
- How do you do certificate lifecycle management (issuance, revocation) with KEM public keys?
 - At first glance many of these issues seem non-trivial: currently these assume the public key can be used for signatures in some way
 - Another good direction for future work

Post-Quantum TLS without Handshake signatures

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- Implicit authentication via KEMs
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- ACM CCS 2020 doi: [10.1145/3372297.3423350](https://doi.org/10.1145/3372297.3423350)
- Full version with proofs: ia.cr/2020/534
- Experimental implementations and datasets:
github.com/thomwiggers/kemtls-experiment



Appendix

Communications sizes

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	Min. incl. int. CA cert.	SFXG	SIKE 405	Falcon 690	Falcon 897	XMSS _s ^{MT} 979	2971	XMSS _s ^{MT} 32	GeMSS 32	3035	GeMSS 352180	4056
	Min. excl. int. CA cert.	SFGG	SIKE 405	Falcon 690	Falcon 897	GeMSS 32	2024	GeMSS 352180	GeMSS 32	354236	GeMSS 352180	355737
	Assumption: MLWE+MSIS	KDDD	Kyber 1536	Dilithium 2044	Dilithium 1184	Dilithium 2044	6808	Dilithium 1184	Dilithium 2044	10036	Dilithium 1184	11094
	Assumption: NTRU	NFFF	NTRU 1398	Falcon 690	Falcon 897	Falcon 690	3675	Falcon 897	Falcon 690	5262	Falcon 897	6227
KEM TLS	Min. incl. int. CA cert.	SSXG	SIKE 405	SIKE 209	SIKE 196	XMSS _s ^{MT} 979	1789	XMSS _s ^{MT} 32	GeMSS 32	1853	GeMSS 352180	2898
	Min. excl. int. CA cert.	SSGG	SIKE 405	SIKE 209	SIKE 196	GeMSS 32	842	GeMSS 352180	GeMSS 32	353054	GeMSS 352180	354578
	Assumption: MLWE+MSIS	KKDD	Kyber 1536	Kyber 736	Kyber 800	Dilithium 2044	5116	Dilithium 1184	Dilithium 2044	8344	Dilithium 1184	9398
	Assumption: NTRU	NNFF	NTRU 1398	NTRU 699	NTRU 699	Falcon 690	3486	Falcon 897	Falcon 690	5073	Falcon 897	6066

Time measurements

	Computation time for asymmetric crypto				Handshake time (31.1 ms latency, 1000 Mbps bandwidth)						Handshake time (195.6 ms latency, 10 Mbps bandwidth)						
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TLS 1.3	ERRR	0.134	0.629	0.150	0.629	66.4	97.6	35.4	66.6	97.8	35.6	397.1	593.3	201.3	398.2	594.3	202.3
	SFXG	40.058	21.676	40.094	21.676	165.8	196.9	134.0	166.2	197.3	134.4	482.1	678.4	285.8	482.5	678.8	286.2
	SFGG	34.104	21.676	34.141	21.676	154.9	186.0	123.1	259.0	290.2	227.1	473.7	669.8	277.5	10936.3	11902.5	10384.1
	KDDD	0.080	0.087	0.111	0.087	64.3	95.5	33.3	64.8	96.0	33.8	411.6	852.4	446.1	415.9	854.7	448.0
	NFFF	0.141	0.254	0.181	0.254	65.1	96.3	34.1	65.6	96.9	34.7	398.1	662.2	269.2	406.7	842.8	443.5
KEMTLS	SSXG	61.456	41.712	61.493	41.712	202.1	268.8	205.6	202.3	269.1	205.9	505.8	732.0	339.7	506.1	732.4	340.1
	SSGG	55.503	41.712	55.540	41.712	190.4	256.6	193.4	293.3	359.5	296.3	496.8	723.0	330.8	10859.5	11861.0	10331.7
	KKDD	0.060	0.021	0.091	0.021	63.4	95.0	32.7	63.9	95.5	33.2	399.2	835.1	439.9	418.9	864.2	447.6
	NNFF	0.118	0.027	0.158	0.027	63.6	95.2	32.9	64.2	95.8	33.5	396.2	593.4	200.6	400.0	835.6	440.2

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629	66.4	97.6	35.4	66.6	97.8	35.6	39
676	165.8	196.9	134.0	166.2	197.3	134.4	48
676	154.9	186.0	123.1	259.0	290.2	227.1	47
087	64.3	95.5	33.3	64.8	96.0	33.8	41
254	65.1	96.3	34.1	65.6	96.9	34.7	39
712	202.1	268.8	205.6	202.3	269.1	205.9	50
712	190.4	256.6	193.4	293.3	359.5	296.3	49
021	63.4	95.0	32.7	63.9	95.5	33.2	39
027	63.6	95.2	32.9	64.2	95.8	33.5	39

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