

SPACECOP

System for Performance Assessment in Challenging Environments of Cryptographic Operations and Protocols

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Our contribution: SPACECOP

- A new tool: spacecop
- spacecop predicts the performance of post-quantum cryptography in space
- spacecop generates reports based on user supplied cryptographic choices

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- A new tool: spacecop
- Cost analysis using structured decomposition including:
 - Environmental constraints such as radio channel bandwidth and latency
 - Example: LEO is 10-30ms rtt, 100Mb/s to 1000Mb/s
 - Size in bytes and round-trip considerations
 - Example: Estimate if extra costs due to post-quantum cryptographic primitives PQC are affordable and if so, for which system
 - Calculate computational costs of individual operations at relevant API levels
 - Example: generating key pairs, generating ciphertexts, performing encapsulation, etc

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All Constructions Are Benchmarkable:

- Designed to assist analysis, practical systems integrators, cryptographic protocol designers, and other users.
- We consider a **protocol** in a user-defined **scenario** with environmental time and latency considerations decomposed into cryptographic primitive operations with measurements running on selected **processor**
- We analyze post-quantum cryptographic primitives such as KEMs and signatures.
- We measure a variety of CPUs as selected including arm32, arm64, amd64, and sparcv8. Additional CPU support exists and is expanding; gathering your own data is supported but not required

Our contribution: SPACECOP

- We automate report generation of the chosen measurement matrix over implementations (e.g.: generic, optimized, etc), compilers, CPU architectures, and more
- Easy to use: simple configuration to generate reporting for your space **scenarios**, your specific **processors**, and customizable **protocols**
- How easy to use?
 - **Protocols**: protocol modeling by writing down the steps or as in a Noise-style
 - **Processors**: select the CPUs of interest
 - **Scenarios**: describe the context as a scenario
- Produce a comprehensive report for your selections by running spacecop
- Picking protocols, processors, and scenarios are easy configuration options
- There are additional advanced usage considerations

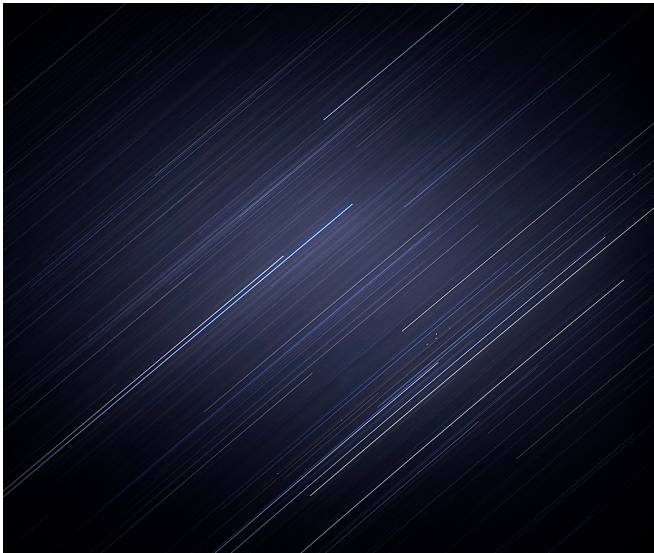


Figure: Photo credit: (Unknown; USA-207) 2010; Dr. Trevor Paglen. PAN also known as *Palladium at Night* or *NEMESIS* has been written about by Dr. Marco Langbroek and by others.

Protocols: SPACECOP

Protocols:

- Use one of the provided protocol definitions, or ...
- Describe a protocol:
 - ... give it a name
 - ... select the cryptographic primitives to compare
 - ... describe it as a protocol narration

Protocol: a-minimal

```
# minimal protocol
# no authentication of C
# no forward secrecy

use kem

# in advance, S computes and provides a KEM key:
S:          Spk,Ssk = kem.keypair()
S:          send Spk

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# online phase, what the cost table is measuring:
C: c,result = kem.enc(Spk)
C: send c
S:          result = kem.dec(c,Ssk)

# now C and S have the same result, a shared session key
```

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KEMs:

- bikell1
- bikell3
- hqc128
- hqc192
- hqc256
- kyber1024
- kyber512
- kyber768
- mceliece348864f
- mceliece460896f
- mceliece6960119f
- ntruhrs2048677
- ntruhrs4096821
- ntruhrs701
- sikep434
- sntrup1277
- sntrup761

Selecting other KEMs within those that have been benchmarked is as easy as adding one line to a text file:

```
crypto_kem sntrup1277
```

Protocols: SPACECOP

Signatures:

- dilithium2
- dilithium3
- dilithium5
- falcon1024dyn
- falcon1024tree
- falcon512dyn
- falcon512tree
- sphincsfa128shake256simple
- sphincsfa192shake256simple
- sphincsfa256shake256simple
- sphincssa128shake256simple
- sphincssa192shake256simple
- sphincssa256shake256simple

Selecting other signature systems within those that have been benchmarked is as easy as adding one line to a text file:

```
crypto_sign ed25519
```

Protocols: SPACECOP

Included protocols:

- a-minimal
- b-twoway
- c-3kem
- n-concise
- x-signed

Adding additional protocols for analysis is straightforward and easy in spacecop. The n-concise is an example in a Noise-protocol framework style.

Protocol: b-twoway

```
use kem  
use hash
```

```
C: Cpk,Csk = kem.keypair()  
C: send Cpk  
S:          Spk,Ssk = kem.keypair()  
S:          send Spk  
C+S:       pkhash = hash(Cpk,Spk)
```

```
---
```

```
C: c1,k1 = kem.enc(Spk)  
C: send c1  
S:          k1 = kem.dec(c1,Ssk)  
S:          c2,k2 = kem.enc(Cpk)  
S:          result = hash(pkhash,c1,c2,k1,k2)  
S:          send c2  
C: k2 = kem.dec(c2,Csk)  
C: result = hash(pkhash,c1,c2,k1,k2)
```

Protocol: c-3kem (0)

```
use hash
use aead
use kem
use ekem
```

```
# pre-shared key and general setup:
```

```
C: C_key = randombytes(32)
```

```
C: send C_key
```

```
S:          S_key = randombytes(32)
```

```
S:          send S_key
```

```
C+S:      psk = hash(C_key,S_key)
```

```
C+S:      h_0 = hash('example c-3kem protocol token')
```

```
C+S:      k_0 = hash(psk) # simplification
```

```
C+S:      nonce0 = '0000000000000'
```

```
C+S:      nonce1 = '0000000000001'
```

```
---
```

```
# long-term identities:
```

```
C: C_pk,C_sk = kem.keypair()
```

```
C: send C_pk
```

```
S:          S_pk,S_sk = kem.keypair()
```

```
S:          send S_pk
```

```
---
```

Protocol: c-3kem (1)

```
C: h_1 = hash(h_0,c_0)
C: k_1 = hash(k_0,S_k) # simplification
C: E_pk,E_sk = ekem.keypair()
C: c_1 = aead.enc(E_pk,h_1,nonce0,k_1)
C: h_2 = hash(h_1,c_1)
C: send c_0,c_1
```

```
# receive_1:
```

```
S: S_c = aead.dec(c_0,h_0,nonce0,k_0)
S: S_k = kem.dec(S_c,S_sk)
S: h_1 = hash(h_0,c_0)
S: k_1 = hash(k_0,S_k) # simplification
S: E_pk = aead.dec(c_1,h_1,nonce0,k_1)
S: h_2 = hash(h_1,c_1)
```

```
# send_2:
```

```
S: E_c,E_k = ekem.enc(E_pk)
S: c_2 = aead.enc(E_c,h_2,nonce1,k_1)
S: h_3 = hash(h_2,c_2)
S: k_2 = hash(k_1,E_k)
S: C_c,C_k = kem.enc(C_pk)
S: c_3 = aead.enc(C_c,h_3,nonce0,k_2)
S: h_4 = hash(h_3,c_3)
S: k_3 = hash(k_2,C_k)
S: c_4 = aead.enc('',h_4,nonce0,k_3)
S: h_5 = hash(h_4,c_4)
```

Protocol: c-3kem (2)

```
S:          send c_2,c_3,c_4
```

```
# receive_2:
```

```
C: E_c = aead.dec(c_2,h_2,nonce1,k_1)
```

```
C: E_k = ekem.dec(E_c,E_sk)
```

```
C: h_3 = hash(h_2,c_2)
```

```
C: k_2 = hash(k_1,E_k) # simplification
```

```
C: C_c = aead.dec(c_3,h_3,nonce0,k_2)
```

```
C: C_k = kem.dec(C_c,C_sk)
```

```
C: h_4 = hash(h_3,c_3)
```

```
C: k_3 = hash(k_2,C_k) # simplification
```

```
C: n = aead.dec(c_4,h_4,nonce0,k_3)
```

```
C: assert n == ''
```

```
C: h_5 = hash(h_4,c_4)
```

```
# send_3:
```

```
C: c_5 = aead.enc('',h_5,nonce1,k_3)
```

```
C: result = hash(k_3,c_5) # simplification
```

```
C: send c_5
```

```
# receive_3:
```

```
S:          n = aead.dec(c_5,h_5,nonce1,k_3)
```

```
S:          assert n == ''
```

```
S:          result = hash(k_3,c_5) # simplification
```


Protocol: n-concise

```
use kem  
use ekem  
use aead  
use hash
```

```
C+S: result = hash('example n-concise protocol token')
```

```
-> psk
```

```
<- psk
```

```
---
```

```
-> kempk
```

```
<- kempk
```

```
---
```

```
-> kemct ekempk
```

```
<- kemct ekemct confirm
```

```
-> confirm
```

use kem
use sign

Protocol: x-signed

one-time setup of long-term identities

S: Sidpk,Sidsk = sign.keypair()

S: send Sidpk

C: Cidpk,Cidsk = sign.keypair()

C: send Cidpk

C+S: idhash = hash(hash(Sidpk),hash(Cidpk))

periodic broadcasts

S: encpk,encsk = kem.keypair()

S: signedencpk = sign(encpk,Sidsk)

S: send signedencpk

C: encpk = sign.open(signedencpk,Sidpk)

C+S: pkhash = hash(hash(encpk),idhash)

online key exchange

C: c,k = kem.enc(encpk)

C: signedc = sign(c,Cidsk)

C: send signedc

S: c = sign.open(signedc,Cidpk)

S: k = kem.dec(c,encsk)

C+S: result = hash(k,pkhash,hash(signedc))



Figure: Photo credit: NSA/GCHQ Surveillance Base, Bude, Cornwall, UK, 2014; Dr. Trevor Paglen

Processors: SPACECOP

Processors:

- Choose the processor for the mission control
- Choose the processor for the satellite or another orbital object
- Gathering data on large and small devices in a systematic and rigorous manner
 - Don't have a specific hardware device? Cryptographic measurement with EMUCOP
 - Easy microbenchmarking over the network made easy
 - Device access is no problem? The cryptographic measurement process runs locally or remotely by ssh.
 - Physical device measurement instruction and cycle counting with SUPERCOP if the underlying Operating System (OS) supports it for the specific CPU under test

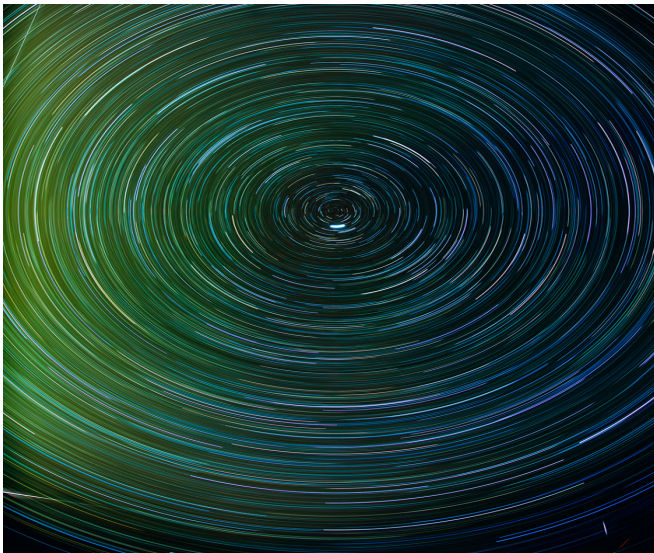


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Scenarios: SPACECOP

Scenarios:

- Use one of the provided scenario definitions, or ...
- Describe a scenario:
 - ... give it a name
 - ... adjust the space environment
 - ... describe the participants, their CPU(s), and their bandwidth constraints

Scenarios: SPACECOP

Included scenarios:

- 01-ops-sat
- 02-starlink
- 03-galileo
- 04-mtg-s1
- 05-ariel

Adding additional scenarios for analysis which are already well defined is straightforward. Describing well understood scenarios as new scenarios in spacecop is easy.

Scenarios: 01-ops-sat

```
# only 515km above ground  
# so allowed very low latency depending on ground location  
rtt 30ms
```

```
C send 256 kbps  
S send 1 Mbps  
# https://esoc.esa.int/content/ops-sat
```

```
S cpuspeed 800MHz  
S cpu armeabi-berry2  
# actual CPU is a cortex-a9, so somewhat more powerful
```

```
# assume high-powered server at mission control  
C cpu amd64-samba  
C cpuspeed 3GHz
```


Scenarios: 02-starlink

```
# typical leo latency  
rtt 40ms
```

```
C send 10Mbps  
S send 100Mbps
```

```
C cpu aarch64-pi3aplus  
C cpuspeed 1ghz
```

```
S cpu aarch64-pi3aplus  
S cpuspeed 100mhz
```

Scenarios: 03-galileo

```
# galileo is 23222km above surface, but not always straight up  
rtt 170ms
```

```
# https://space.oscar.wmo.int/satellites/view/mtg_s1  
C send 2 kbps  
S send 7.164 kbps
```

```
S cpu sparcv8-gr740  
S cpuspeed 100MHz
```

```
# assume high-powered server at mission control  
C cpu amd64-rome0  
C cpuspeed 2.245GHz
```

Scenarios: 04-mtg-s1

```
# geosynchronous is 35786km above equator (120ms one-way)
# but latency is higher at non-equator regions
rtt 250ms

# https://space.oscar.wmo.int/satellites/view/mtg_s1
C send 2 kbps
S send 7.164 kbps

S cpu sparcv8-gr740
S cpuspeed 100MHz

# assume high-powered server at mission control
C cpu amd64-rome0
C cpuspeed 2.245GHz
```

Scenarios: 05-ariel

```
# ariel will be at 12 (1.5 million kilometers away from Earth)
# light travels 0.3 million kilometers per second
rtt 10 s
```

```
C send 16 kbps
S send 26 kbps
```

```
# various ariel documents say gr712 at 100mhz
# which should be fairly close to gr740 at 100mhz
S cpu sparcv8-gr740
S cpuspeed 100MHz
```

```
# assume high-powered server at mission control
C cpu amd64-samba
C cpuspeed 3GHz
```

Report generation

SPACECOP provides automatically generated numerical analysis of each protocol in each scenario for all permutations of the desired cryptographic primitives. The output makes a visual distinction between input from the user and output of the analysis based on that input.

How easy is the reporting?

One command produces a pdf with the selected **protocols** running on the selected **processors** for any number of **scenarios**.

Reporting

3.4 Protocol c-3kem cost estimates for scenario 02-starlink

Protocol: c-3kem

Scenario name: 02-starlink

Round-trip time: 40.000 ms

Mission-control CPU: aarch64-pi3aplus

Mission-control CPU speed: 1.000 GHz

Mission-control outgoing network (uplink) speed: 10.000 Mbps

Satellite CPU: aarch64-pi3aplus

Satellite CPU speed: 100.000 MHz

Satellite outgoing network (downlink) speed: 100.000 Mbps

protocols/c-3kem
scenarios/02-starlink
rtt 40.000 ms
C cpu aarch64-pi3aplus
C cpuspeed 1.000 GHz
C send 10.000 Mbps
S cpu aarch64-pi3aplus
S cpuspeed 100.000 MHz
S send 100.000 Mbps

kem, ekem, sign, aead, hash	total sec	C send bytes	C send sec	C CPU kcycles	C CPU sec	S send bytes	S send sec	S CPU kcycles	S CPU sec	
sikep434,	2.111455			206866	0.206866			178385	1.783850	StQ ₁
sikep434, -,	2.112315	724	0.000579	206958	0.206958	740	0.000059	178470	1.784703	StQ ₂
aes256gcmv1, sha256	2.113292			207064	0.207064			178568	1.785677	StQ ₃
sikep434,	2.111419			206862	0.206862			178382	1.783817	StQ ₁
sikep434, -,	2.112279	724	0.000579	206954	0.206954	740	0.000059	178467	1.784671	StQ ₂
aes256gcmv1, sha3256	2.113256			207061	0.207061			178564	1.785644	StQ ₃
sikep434,	1.562544			156958	0.156958			128485	1.284846	StQ ₁
sikep434, -,	1.562903	772	0.000618	157002	0.157002	788	0.000063	128520	1.285197	StQ ₂
hs1sivhiv2, sha256	1.563369			157064	0.157064			128566	1.285659	StQ ₃
sikep434,	1.562546			156958	0.156958			128485	1.284847	StQ ₁
sikep434, -,	1.562904	772	0.000618	157002	0.157002	788	0.000063	128520	1.285199	StQ ₂
hs1sivhiv2, sha3256	1.563370			157064	0.157064			128566	1.285661	StQ ₃
sikep434,	2.663887			274509	0.274509			226723	2.267233	StQ ₁
bikel1, -,	2.666969	1935	0.001548	274843	0.274843	1967	0.000157	227019	2.270187	StQ ₂
aes256gcmv1, sha256	2.670255			275227	0.275227			227325	2.273249	StQ ₃

SPACECOP: advanced considerations

- spacecop is implemented in /bin/sh, C, Python, and with a little \LaTeX
- spacecop to be released as Free/Libre Open Source Software (FL/OSS) and it optionally uses qemu, dietlibc, and other fine FL/OSS software packages
- Extending spacecop is straightforward

Questions?



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