

# **AlMer Standard Format**

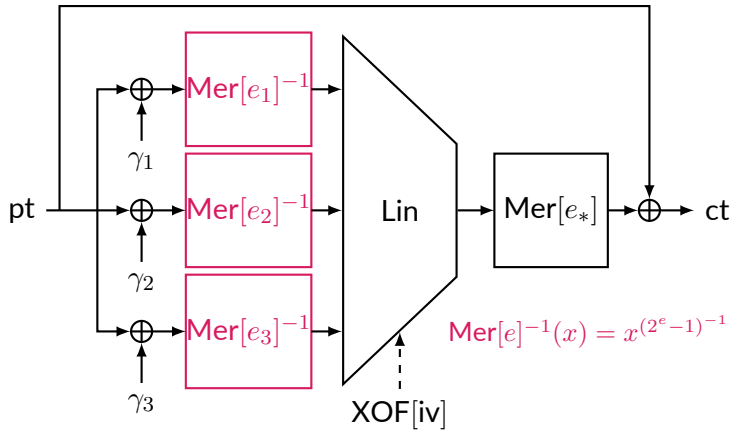
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# Recap of AIMer

# AIM2



# AlMer KeyGen

1. Sample  $pt, iv \leftarrow_{\$} \{0, 1\}^\lambda$
2. Compute  $AIM2(pt, iv) = ct$
3. Set  $sk = (pt, iv, ct)$ ,  $pk = (iv, ct)$

# Structure of AlMer Sign

- 5-round Challenge-Response structure
- Challenges are generated using Fiat-Shamir transform
- Phase 1, 3, 5 are repeated  $\tau$  times, and each repetition computes views of  $N$  parties
- In Phase 2, 4, a single digest is generated by hashing all  $\tau$  responses, and is expanded to challenges of specific length

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  - Compute the corrections between the random views and the real values
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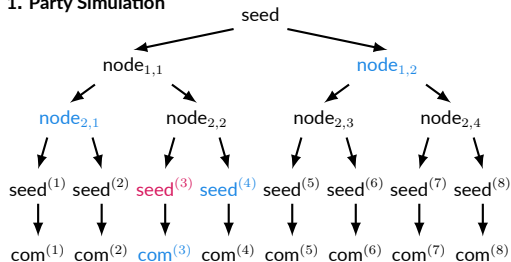
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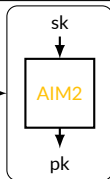
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# Structure of AlMer Verification

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- Commitments to the hidden seeds are in the signature

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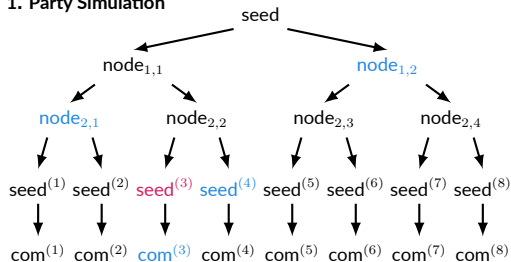
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- Accept if the second challenges are same, reject otherwise



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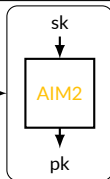
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# **Notes on Standard Document**

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# Function Call Map: Sign/Verify

- AlMer\_sign - AlMer\_sign\_internal
  - Hash:  $H_0, \dots, H_5$ , ExpandH1, ExpandH2
  - AIM2\_SboxOutputs
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  - ExpandTree / ReconstructTree
    - Hash function  $H_4$
  - AIM2\_MPC
  - RevealAllBut

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- Now a context string is inputted to Sign/Verify similarly to ML-DSA

# Name Changes from AlMer v2.1

- ReconstructSeedTree → ReconstructTree
- KeyGen → AlMer\_keygen
- Sign → AlMer\_sign
- Verify → AlMer\_verify
- GenerateLinear → AIM2\_GenerateLinear

Q&A