

AIMer Standard Format

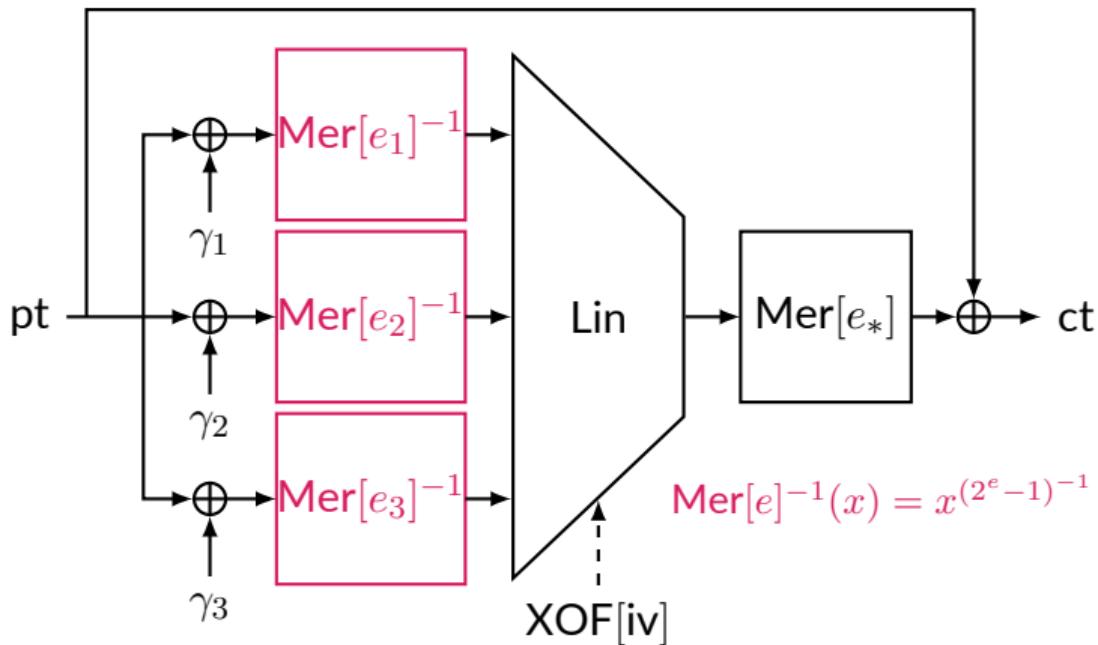
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Recap of AIMer

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 τ times, and each repetition computes views of N parties
- In Phase 2, 4, a single digest is generated by hashing all τ responses, and is expanded to challenges of specific length

AlMer Sign

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 - Random views are generated from PRG fed by the seeds
 - Compute the corrections between the random views and the real values
 - Commit to the seeds

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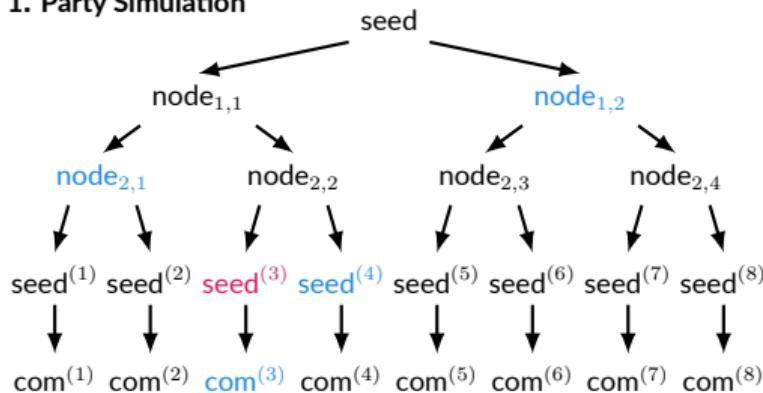
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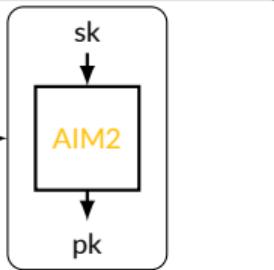
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Structure of AIMer Verification

- Recompute Phase 1-4 and check whether the second challenge is same
- Commitments to the hidden seeds are in the signature

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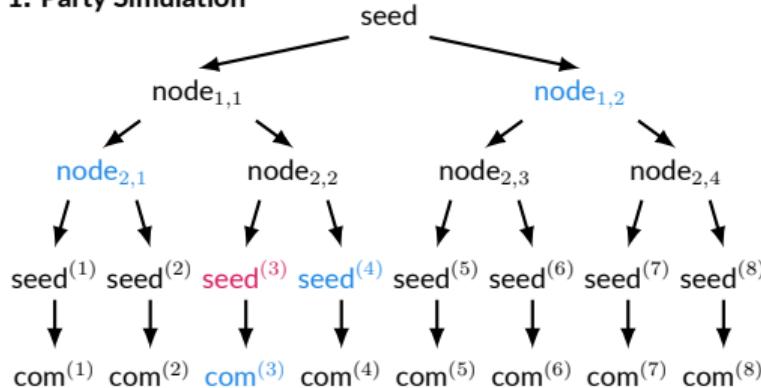
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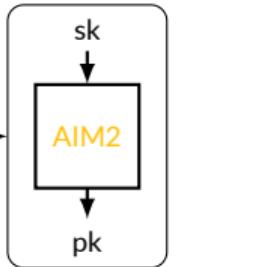
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- AlMer_sign - AlMer_sign_internal
 - Hash: H_0, \dots, H_5 , ExpandH1, ExpandH2
 - AIM2_SboxOutputs
 - AIM2_GenerateLinear
 - ExpandTree / ReconstructTree
 - Hash function H_4
 - AIM2_MPC
 - RevealAllBut

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

Name Changes from AIMer v2.1

- ReconstructSeedTree → ReconstructTree
- KeyGen → AIMer_keygen
- Sign → AIMer_sign
- Verify → AIMer_verify
- GenerateLinear → AIM2_GenerateLinear

Q&A