

# SMAUG: Pushing Lattice-based Key Encapsulation Mechanisms to the Limits

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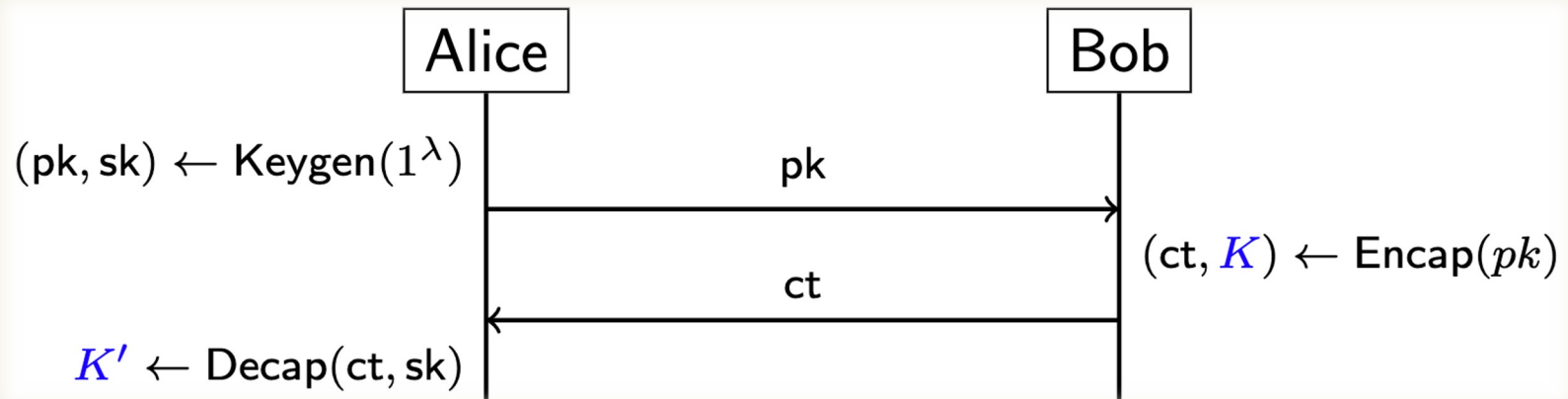
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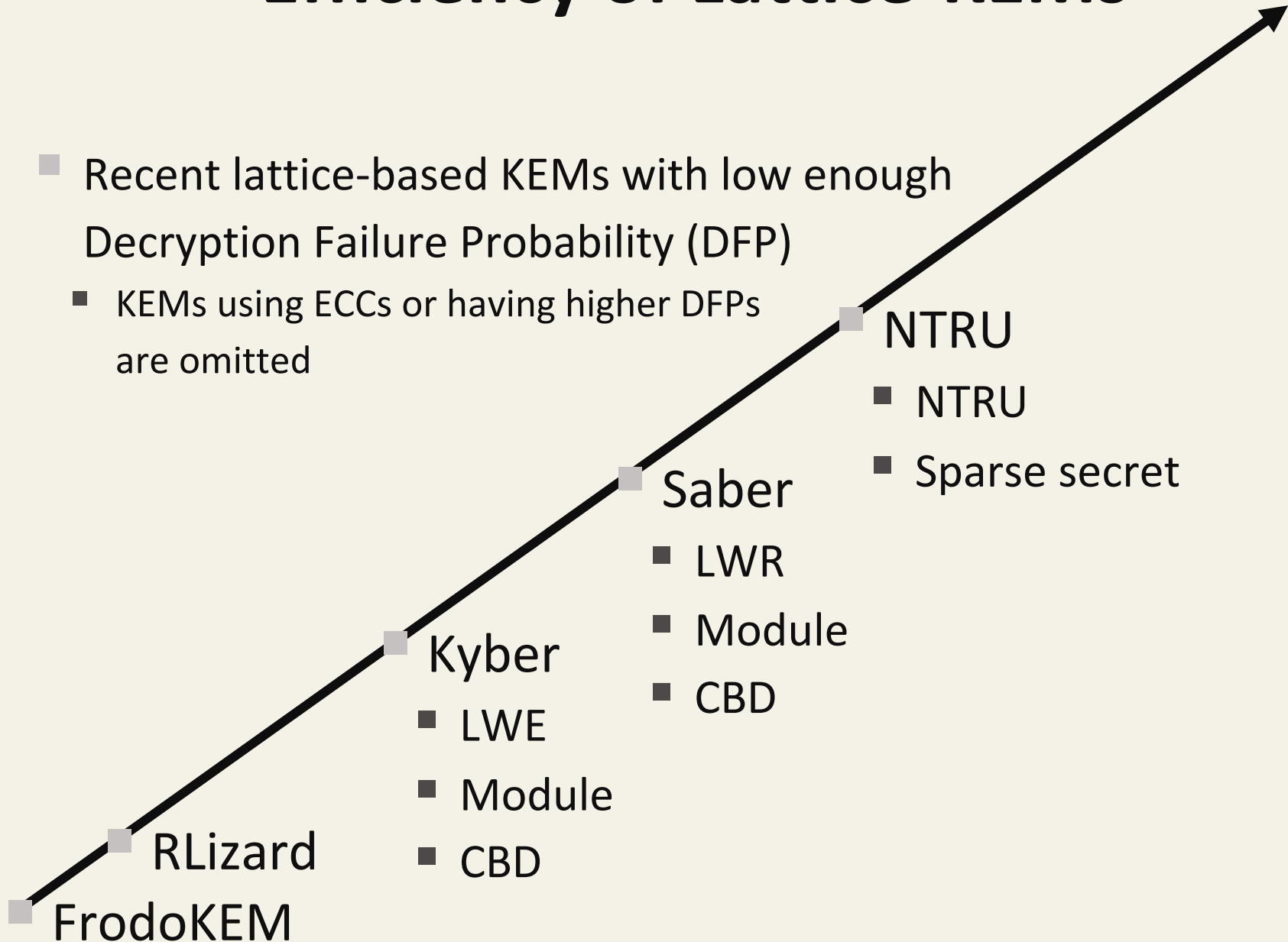
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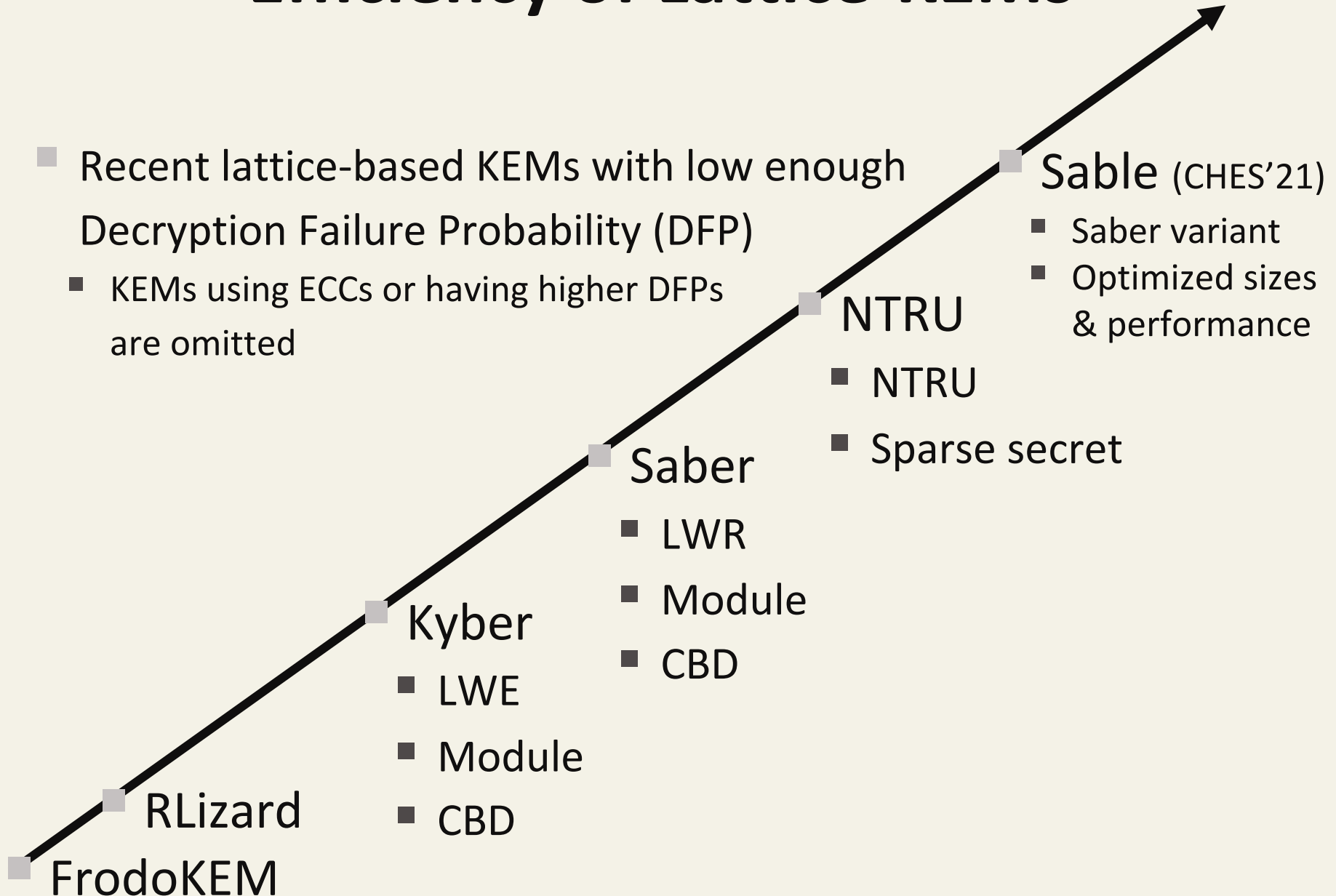
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- Recent lattice-based KEMs with low enough Decryption Failure Probability (DFP)
  - KEMs using ECCs or having higher DFPs are omitted
- Sable (CHES'21)
  - Saber variant
  - Optimized sizes & performance
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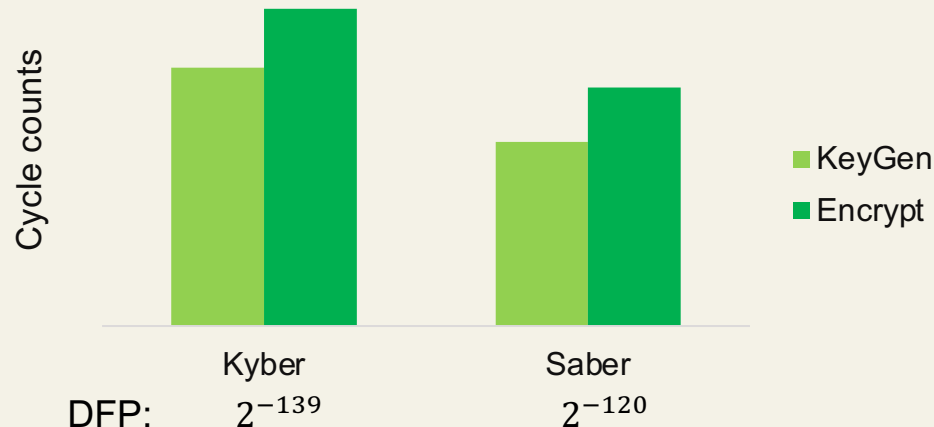
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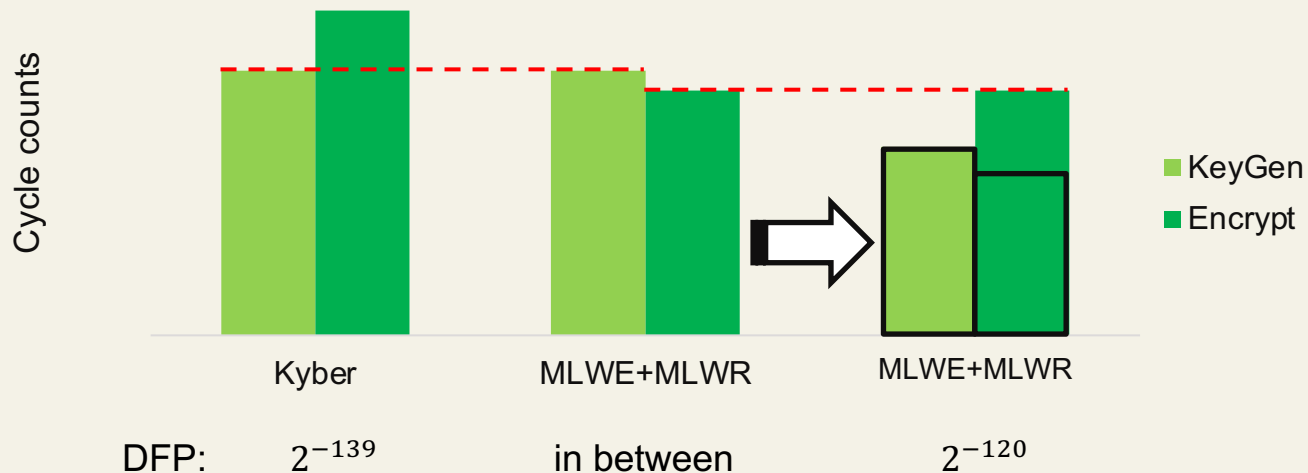
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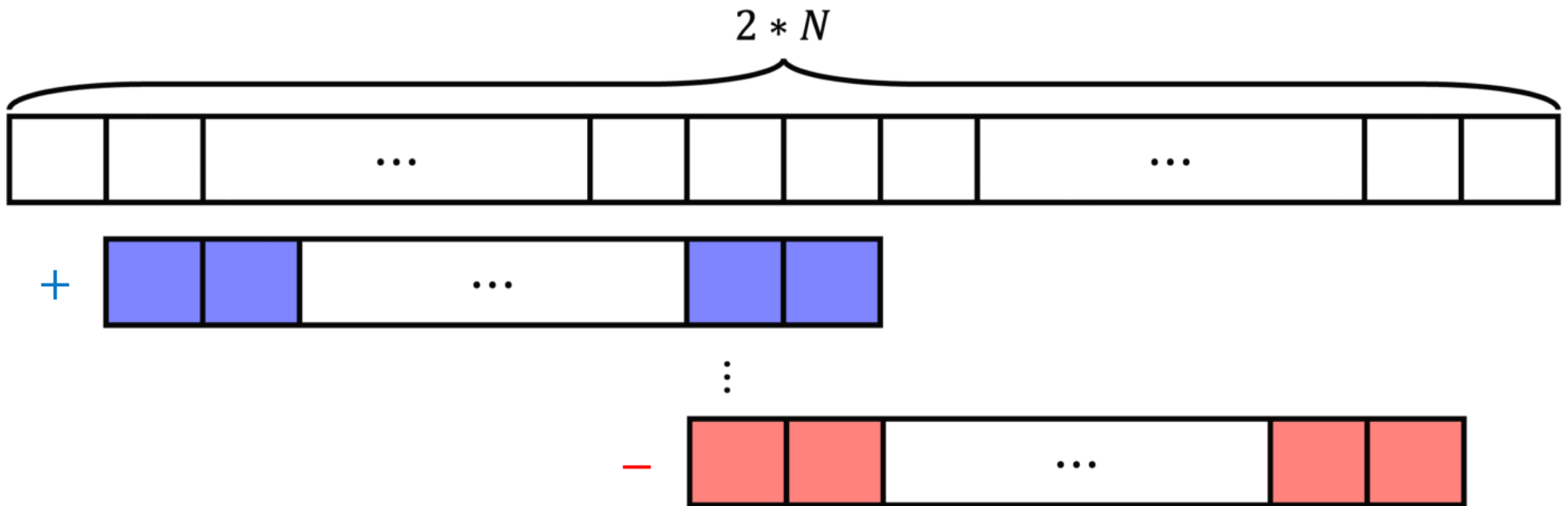
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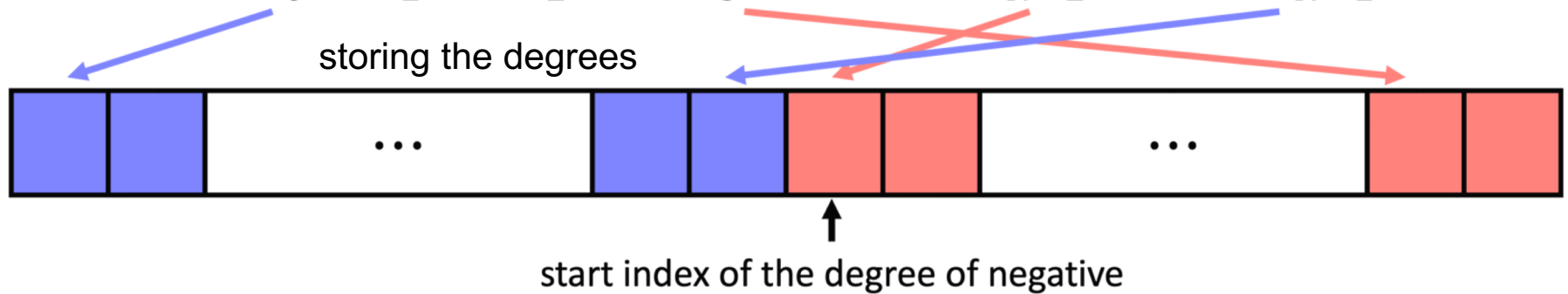
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dGaussian<sub>σ</sub>(x):

**Require:**  $x = x_0x_1x_2x_3x_4x_5x_6x_7x_8x_9 \in \{0, 1\}^{10}$

1:  $s = s_1s_0 = 00 \in \{0, 1\}^2$

2:  $s_0 = x_0x_1x_2x_3x_4x_5x_7\overline{x_8}$

3:  $s_0 += (x_0x_3x_4x_5x_6x_8) + (x_1x_3x_4x_5x_6x_8) + (x_2x_3x_4x_5x_6x_8)$

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5:  $s_0 += (x_6x_7\overline{x_8}) + (\overline{x_5x_6x_8}) + (\overline{x_4x_6x_8}) + (\overline{x_7x_8})$

6:  $s_1 = (x_1x_2x_4x_5x_7x_8) + (x_3x_4x_5x_7x_8) + (x_6x_7x_8)$

7:  $s = (-1)^{x_9} \cdot s$

▷  $\cdot$  is the arithmetic multiplication

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Kyber768	10.4	1.1	1.1	1.38	1.84	1.75	183	-164
Saber	5.4	0.9	1.1	1.21	1.64	1.47	189	-136
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SMAUG-192	1	1	1	1	1	1	181	-136
Kyber1024	15.2	0.9	1.1	1.25	1.38	1.36	256	-174
FireSaber	8	0.7	1	1.08	1.29	1.25	260	-165
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