



HAETAE: Shorter Fiat-Shamir with Aborts Signature

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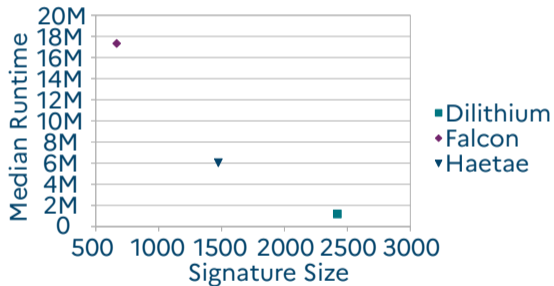
What's Haetae?

- Website: <https://kpmc.cryptolab.co.kr/haetae>
- Submission to NIST's additional PQC round
- Submission to South Korea PQC
- Same framework as  : Fiat-Shamir with Aborts over lattices

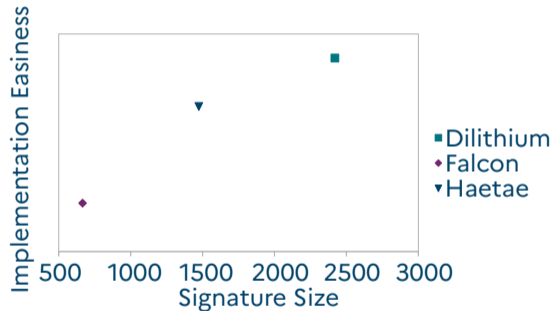
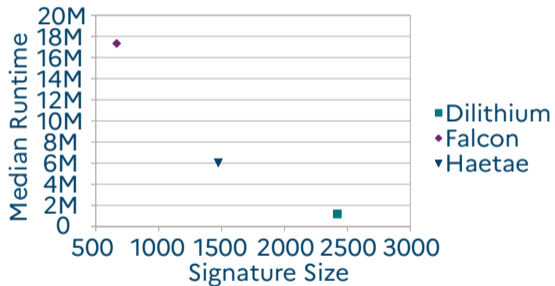
High-level comparison with Dilithium

	Dilithium	Haetae
Goal	Implementer-friendly	Small signature size
Distribution		
Mode	Unimodal	Bimodal
Arithmetic operations	1.5	1
Bit-size of the modulus	23	16
Number of repetitions	4	6

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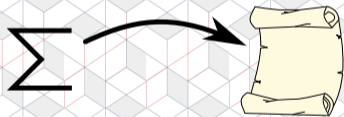


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 - Hyperball Sampler
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- 4 Signature Compression
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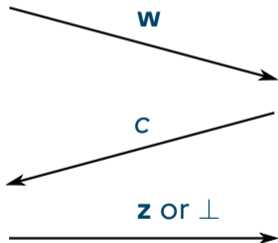
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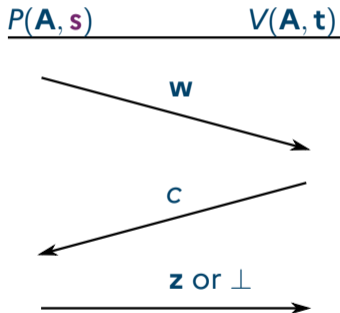
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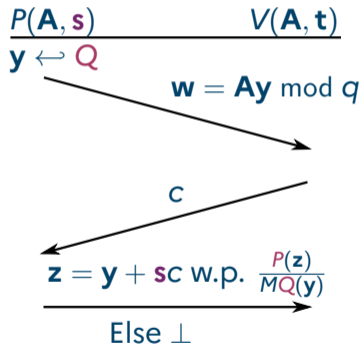
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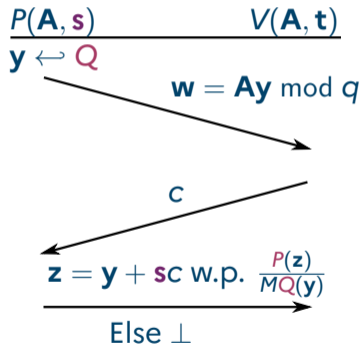
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- V accepts under some condition
- Nothing is revealed on \mathbf{s}
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Lyubashevsky's Protocol [Lyu09, Lyu12]



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- $As = (A_0 | Id)s = t \pmod q$
- y, s and c are small
- V accepts if $Az - tc = w \pmod q$ and $\|z\| \leq \gamma$
- $z \leftarrow P$ independent of s
- Convincing V without s is hard

Fiat-Shamir with Aborts

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- Unforgeability if [BBD+23]:
 - Large min-entropy for \mathbf{w}
 - aHVZK: simulate accepting transcripts without \mathbf{s}
 - Soundness: $\mathcal{A}(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{t})$ cannot convince $V(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{t})$

Security Reduction

Soundness

↓ *(Only in the ROM)*

UF-NMA (Find a forgery given the verification key)

↓ *(Use the HVZK simulator)*

UF-CMA (Find a forgery given vk and access to a signing oracle)

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- Allows for smaller γ at constant M [DFPS22]
- $\gamma \approx \frac{\sqrt{\dim(\mathbf{y})\|\mathbf{s}\mathbf{c}\|}}{\sqrt{\log M}}$

Design Rationale

Smaller γ (i.e. smaller size)



Forging becomes harder



More security overall



Smaller parameters



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2. Hyperballs



2.1. Rejection Step

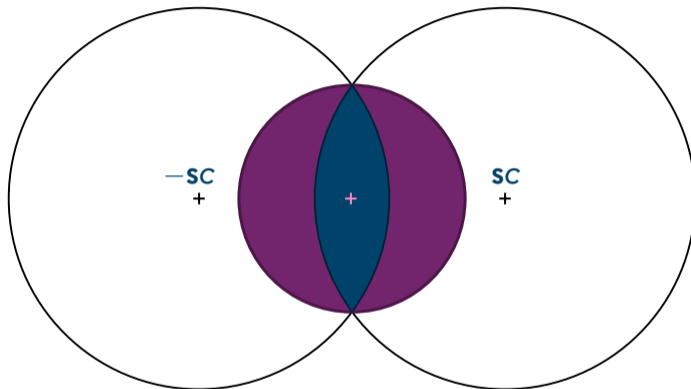
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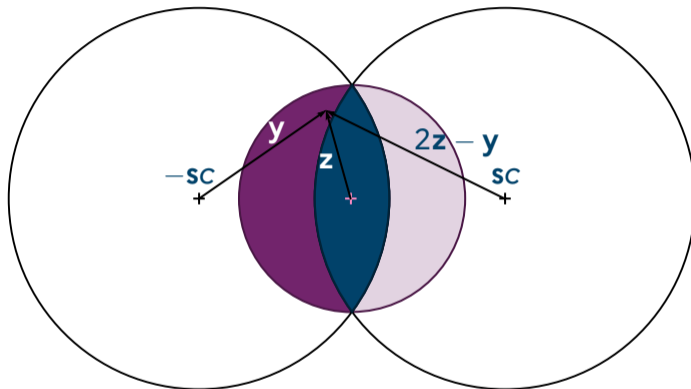
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Check $\|z\|$ and $\|2z - y\|$

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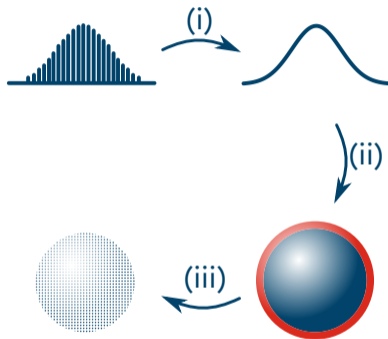
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- Requires ≈ 90 bits of precision

Implementation with Fixed-point Arithmetic



- (i) Discrete Gaussian to normal distribution “for free”
- (iii) Discretization step to balance rejection probability and efficiency

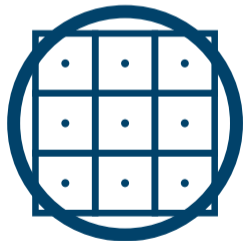
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- Counting the number of points would help setting parameters
- Well-known for **continuous** hyperballs
- Choose a step making the comparison meaningful
- **Other solution:** empirical approach



Performances



Sign

Up to 80% of signing runtime!

3. Minimizing $\|sc\|$



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 - 6: restart if $f_\tau(\mathbf{s}) > n\beta^2/\tau$
 - 7: return $\text{vk} = \mathbf{A}, \text{sk} = \mathbf{s}$
- $\mathbf{j} = (1, 0 \dots 0)^\top$
 - Add a trapdoor in the public matrix
 - f_τ ensures that $\|\mathbf{s}\mathbf{c}\| \leq \beta$ for any \mathbf{c} with Hamming weight $\leq \tau$
 - Acceptance rate from 10 to 25%

The f_τ Function

- Challenge c : binary polynomial with τ 1s
- f_τ uses canonical embedding to bound $\max_c \|sc\|$
- Finer-grained than other upper bounds

		
Challenge	Ternary	Binary
Entropy	$\binom{256}{\tau} + \tau$	$\binom{256}{\tau}$
Level II τ	39	58

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Downside:

- Set $\mathbf{s}^\top = (1 | \mathbf{s}_0^\top | \mathbf{e}_0^\top + \text{LSB}(\mathbf{b}))$
- Adapt KeyGen to keep \mathbf{A} pseudo-uniform
- *LSB* is modified to keep \mathbf{s} balanced

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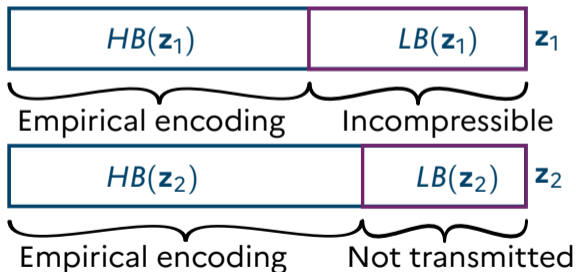
- Truncation technique from Bai and Galbraith
- $\mathbf{Ay} = \mathbf{A}_1\mathbf{z}_1 + 2\mathbf{z}_2 - qcj \pmod{2q}$ for some \mathbf{A}_1



- Exclude $LB(\mathbf{z}_2)$ from the signature
- Hash $HB(\mathbf{w})$ and $LSB(\mathbf{w})$

Transmitting the Signature

- Signature encoded using tANS (similar to [ETWY22])
- Low bits are sent as they are for reduced memory usage
- Allows for a signature size close to its entropy



5. Security Estimation



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Estimating the Security

- Best approach for BimodalSelfTargetMSIS: solve MSIS
- MSIS and MLWE security estimated via the CoreSVP approach
- MLWE has refined estimates using [DSDGR20]
- This follows Dilithium's approach for easy comparison

Wrapping up

