

# Introduction to HAETAE:

Post-quantum Signature Scheme based on  
Hyperball Bimodal Rejection Sampling

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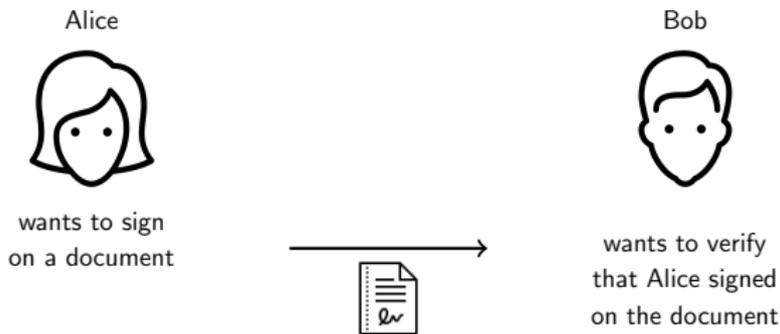
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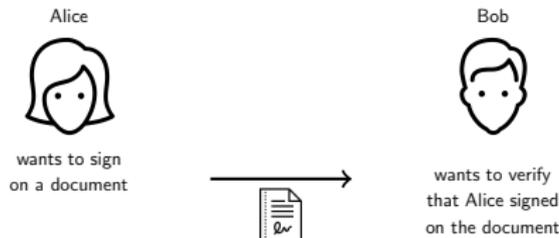
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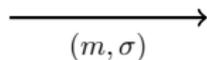


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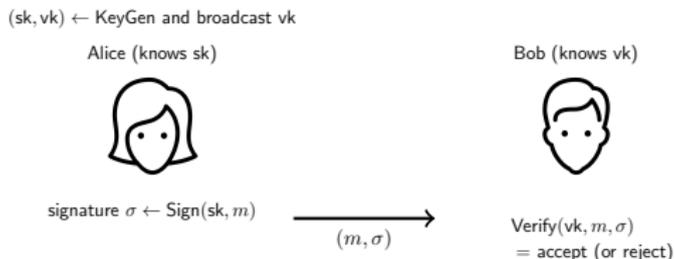


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Necessary properties:

- **Correctness:**

$$\text{Verify}(vk, m, \text{Sign}(sk, m)) = \text{accept}$$

- **Unforgeability:** No one else than Alice can make a new signature.  
More formally,

For a given verification key and some message-signature pairs, no adversary can forge a new valid signature.

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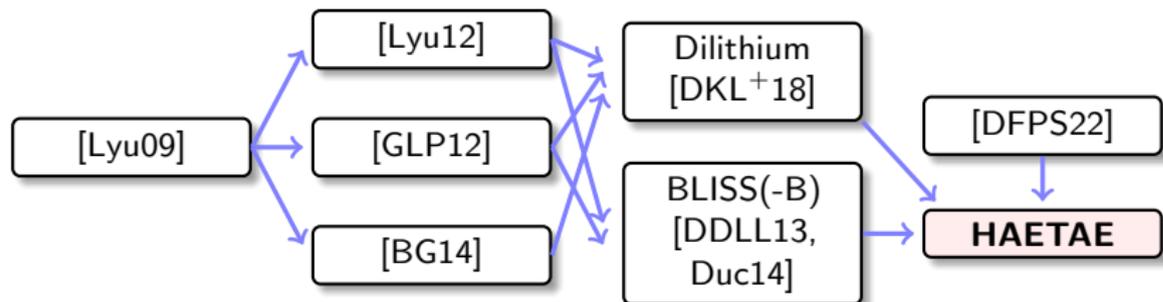
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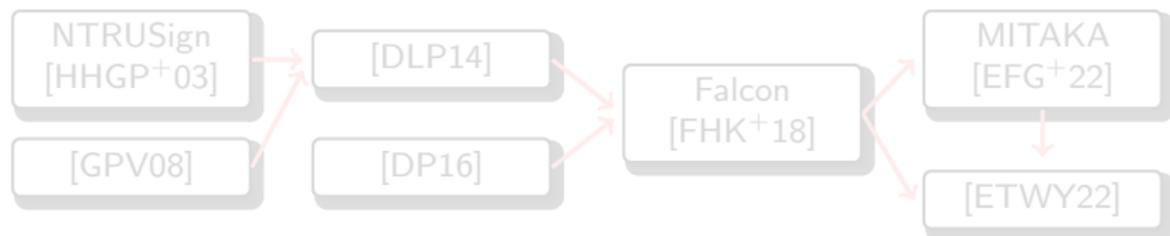
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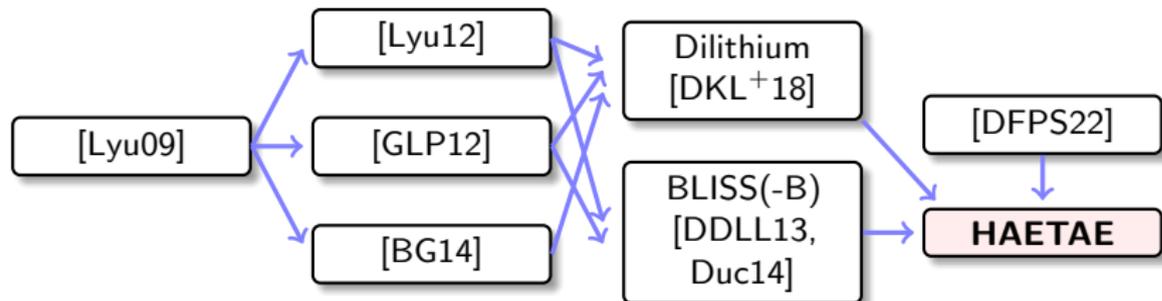


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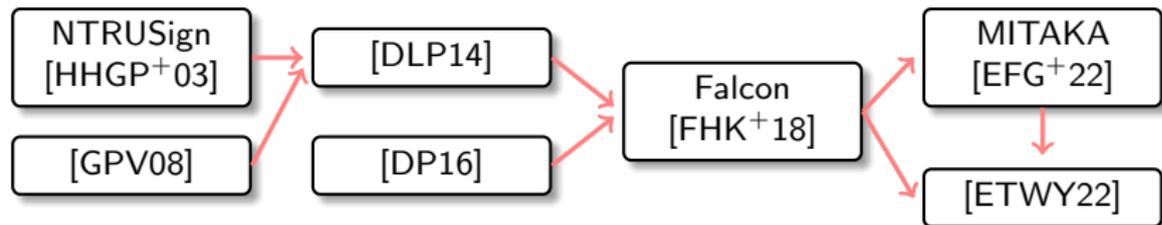


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## Correctness:

- First,  $y$  and  $s$  are short. Since  $c = H(\cdot)$  is binary,  $cs$  is also short. Thus,  $\mathbf{z} = y + cs$  is short.
- It holds that  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{z} - ct = \mathbf{A}(y + cs) - ct = \mathbf{A}y \bmod q$  since  $\mathbf{A}s = t \bmod q$ .

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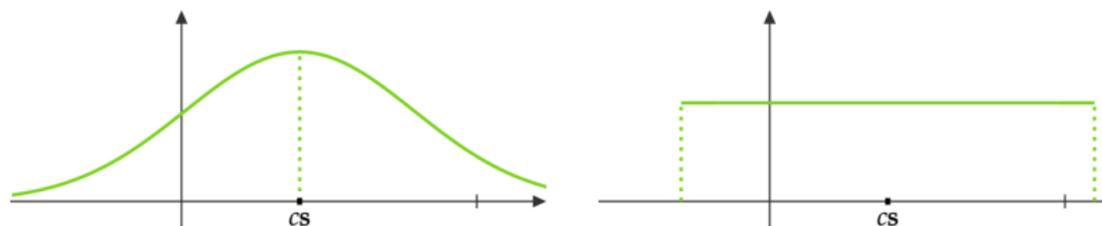
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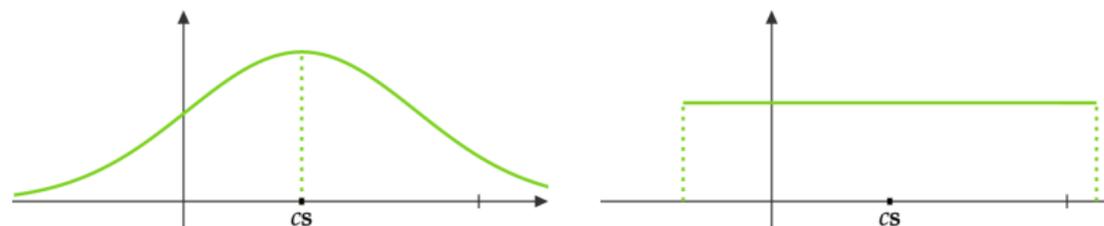
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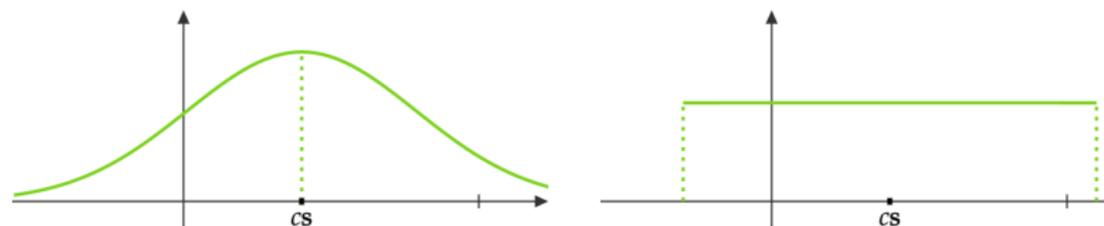
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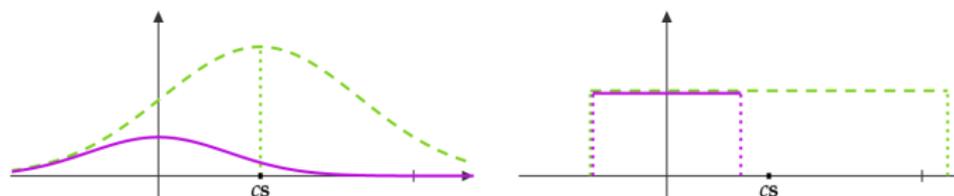
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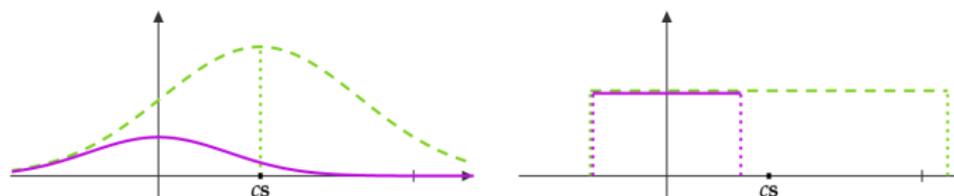
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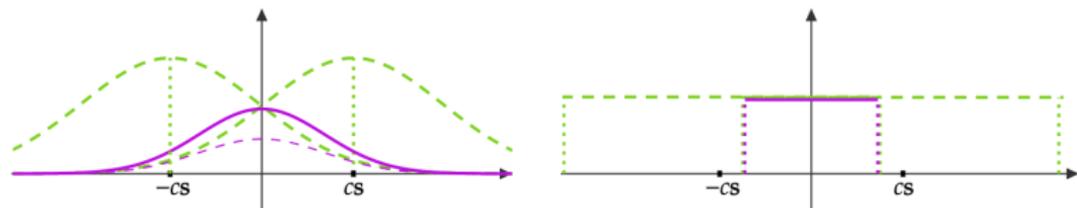
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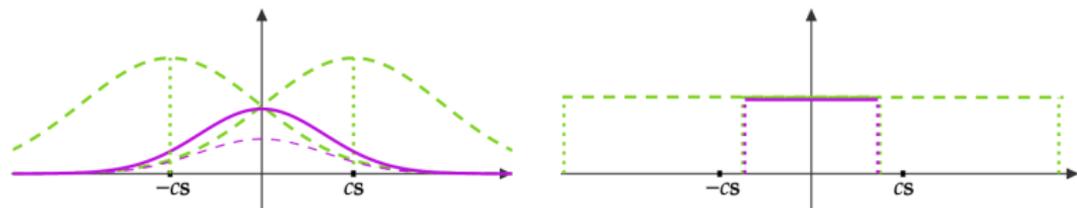
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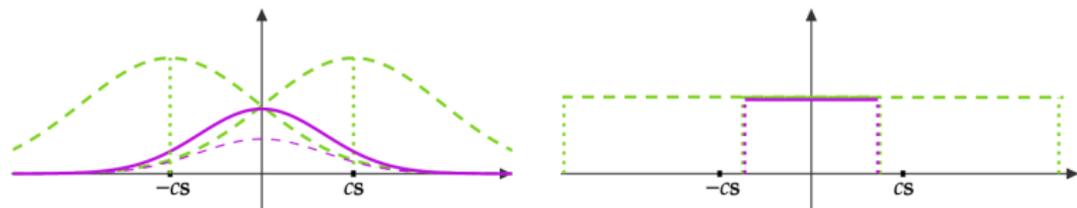
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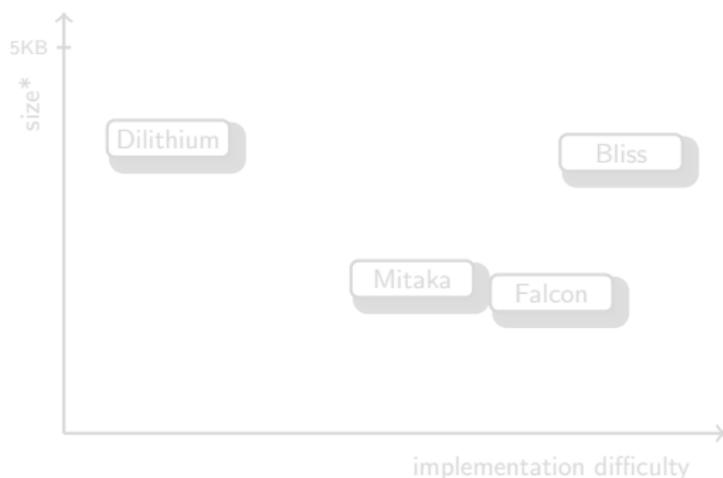


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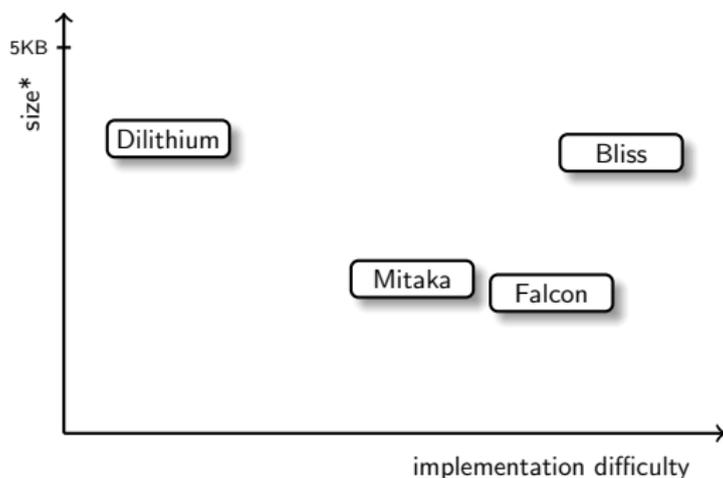
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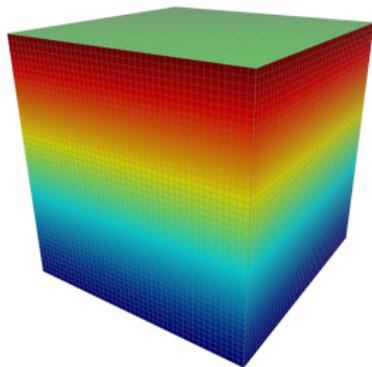
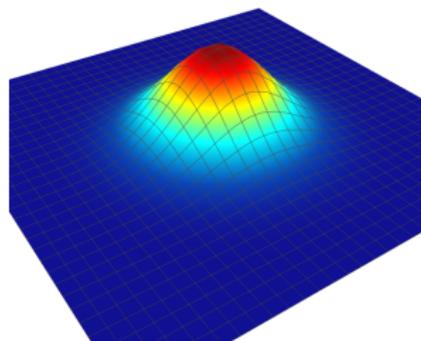
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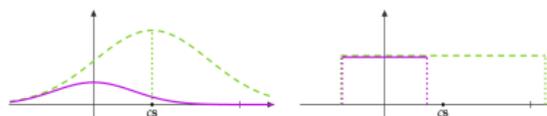


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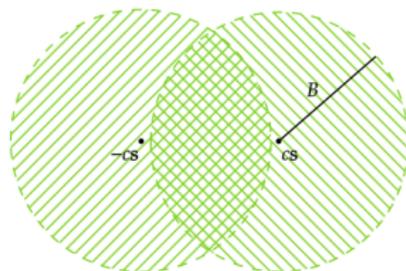
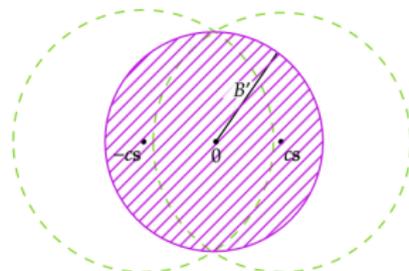
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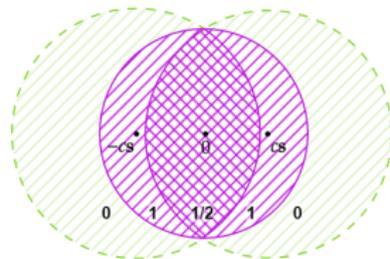
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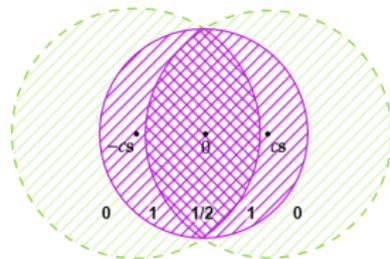
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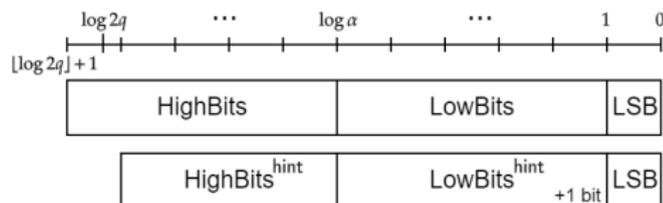
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# Compression techniques

To reduce the size of the signature, we use two compression techniques:

- High, Low, and Least Significant Bits
  - basically, it is  $\text{mod}^{\pm} \alpha$  for some power-of-two integer  $\alpha \mid 2(q-1)$ .
  - some optimizations for better sizes<sup>8</sup>, e.g.,  $\text{HighBits}^{\text{hint}}$  and  $\text{LowBits}^{\text{hint}}$ : conserving one bit from HighBits while making LowBits a little bit complicated.



- Encoding via range Asymmetric Numeral System (rANS encoding)
  - rANS encoding is a type of entropy coding.
  - adapted from [Dud13], we encode high bits of signature within its entropy +1 bit.

<sup>8</sup>newly updated!

## 1. Brief Introduction to HAETAE

## 2. Preliminaries:

- Digital signatures
- Lattice hard problems and lattice-based signatures
- Details of “Fiat-Shamir with aborts”
  - Rejection sampling
  - Bimodal rejection sampling

## 3. Dive into HAETAE:

- HAETAE, in theory
  - Hyperball bimodal rejection sampling
  - Compression techniques
- **Implementation**
  - Parameters and concrete security
  - Reference implementation

## 4. Upcoming updates!

# Parameters and concrete security

Parameters sets	HAETAE120	HAETAE180	HAETAE260
Target security	120	180	260
$q$	64513	64513	64513
$(k, \ell)$	(2,4)	(3,6)	(4,7)
Unforgeability (strong unforgeability for randomized version)			
Classical core-SVP	123 (100)	189 (156)	258 (216)
Quantum core-SVP	108 (87)	166 (137)	227 (190)
Key security against key-recovery attack			
Classical core-SVP	125	236	288
Quantum core-SVP	109	208	253
Sizes (in Bytes)			
$ sig $	1468	2285	2781
$ vk $	1056	1568	2080
$ sig  +  vk $	2524	3853	4861

Table: Security and sizes for HAETAE.

## Parameters and concrete security.

HAETAE has reasonable sizes and is easily implementable, and also seems securely maskable.

Targeting 120-bit security, we summarize recent lattice-based signatures. Sizes are shown in bytes. The prefixes *d* and *int* imply *discrete* and *integer*, respectively. Note that dHyperball requires continuous Gaussian at 0. Note that verification is fast enough in all the schemes.

Scheme	<i>sig</i>	<i>vk</i>	KeyGen	Sign	
				sampling	rejection
Dilithium-2	2420	1312	fast	Hypercube	$\  \cdot \ _{\infty} < B$
Bliss-1024 <sup>9</sup>	1700	1792	fast	dGaussian at 0	reject with prob. $f(\text{sk}, \text{Sig})$
HAETAE120	1468	1056	fast	dHyperball at 0	$\  \cdot \ _2 < B$
Mitaka-512 <sup>10</sup>	713	896	slow	dGaussian at 0 & intGaussian at $H(m)$	none
Falcon-512	666	897	slow	dGaussian at $H(m)$	none

**Table:** Comparison between different lattice-based signature schemes.

<sup>9</sup> modified Bliss (to  $\geq 120$  bit-security) in Dilithium paper.

<sup>10</sup> Mitaka-512 has 102 bits of security

# Reference Implementation

Benchmark (CPU cycles and time elapsed)

- GNU/Linux with Linux kernel version 5.4.0.
- AMD Ryzen 3700x.
- The compiler gcc 9.4.0 with `-O3` and `-fomit-frame-pointer`.

	HAETAE120	HAETAE180	HAETAE260
Keygen	730k	1,329k	1,867k
Sign	4,427k	6,843k	8,438k
Verify	491k	789k	1,145k
Total cycles	5,525k	8,961k	11,450k
Time elapsed	1.611ms	2.584ms	3.360ms

**Table:** Benchmark of HAETAE public release v1.1.

# Upcoming updates (Feb. 24th, 2023.)

## Missing parts in the first round submission:

- rANS encoding
- rejection sampling for secret key
- min-entropy analysis

## Modifications:

- Toward smaller sizes:
  - new compression and rANS encoding for hint
- Toward secure implementation:
  - get rid of floating-point arithmetic: numerical analysis and fixed-point Gaussian sampling is included for hyperball uniform sampling
- Toward faster implementation:
  - NTT/CRT-based implementation

The updated version (v1.1) will be uploaded to SMAUG & HAETAE website: <http://kpqc.cryptolab.co.kr/>.

Thanks!

Any question?

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# HAETAE description (high-level)

## KeyGen( $1^\lambda$ )

- 1:  $\mathbf{A}_{\text{gen}} \leftarrow \mathcal{R}_q^{k \times (\ell-1)}$  and  $(\mathbf{s}_{\text{gen}}, \mathbf{e}_{\text{gen}}) \leftarrow S_\eta^{\ell-1} \times S_\eta^k$
- 2:  $\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{A}_{\text{gen}} \cdot \mathbf{s}_{\text{gen}} + \mathbf{e}_{\text{gen}} \in \mathcal{R}_q^k$
- 3:  $\mathbf{A} = (-2\mathbf{b} + q\mathbf{j} \mid 2\mathbf{A}_{\text{gen}} \mid 2\text{Id}_k) \bmod 2q$  and write  $\mathbf{A} = (\mathbf{A}_1 \mid 2\text{Id}_k)$
- 4:  $\mathbf{s} = (1, \mathbf{s}_{\text{gen}}, \mathbf{e}_{\text{gen}})$
- 5: **if**  $\sigma_{\max}(\text{rot}(\mathbf{s}_{\text{gen}})) > \gamma$ , then restart
- 6: **Return**  $\text{sk} = \mathbf{s}$ ,  $\text{vk} = \mathbf{A}$

## Sign( $\text{sk}, M$ )

- 1:  $\mathbf{y} \leftarrow U(\mathcal{B}_{(1/N)\mathcal{R}, (k+\ell)}(B))$
- 2:  $c = H(\text{HighBits}_{2q}^{\text{hint}}(\mathbf{A}[\mathbf{y}], \alpha), \text{LSB}(\lfloor y_0 \rfloor), M) \in \mathcal{R}_2$
- 3:  $\mathbf{z} = (\mathbf{z}_1, \mathbf{z}_2) = \mathbf{y} + (-1)^b c \cdot \mathbf{s}$  for  $b \leftarrow U(\{0, 1\})$
- 4:  $\mathbf{h} = \text{HighBits}_{2q}^{\text{hint}}(\mathbf{A}[\mathbf{z}] - qc\mathbf{j}, \alpha) - \text{HighBits}_{2q}^{\text{hint}}(\mathbf{A}_1[\mathbf{z}_1] - qc\mathbf{j}, \alpha) \bmod^+ \frac{2(q-1)}{\alpha}$
- 5: **if**  $\|\mathbf{z}\|_2 \geq B'$ , then restart
- 6: **if**  $\|2\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{y}\|_2 < B$ , then restart with probability  $1/2$
- 7: **Return**  $\sigma = (\text{Encode}(\text{HighBits}(\lfloor \mathbf{z}_1 \rfloor, a)), \text{LowBits}(\lfloor \mathbf{z}_1 \rfloor, a), \text{Encode}(\mathbf{h}), c)$

## Verify( $\text{vk}, M, \sigma = (x, \mathbf{v}, h, c)$ )

- 1:  $\tilde{\mathbf{z}}_1 = \text{Decode}(x) \cdot a + \mathbf{v}$  and  $\tilde{\mathbf{h}} = \text{Decode}(h)$
- 2:  $\mathbf{w} = \tilde{\mathbf{h}} + \text{HighBits}_{2q}^{\text{hint}}(\mathbf{A}_1 \tilde{\mathbf{z}}_1 - qc\mathbf{j}, \alpha) \bmod^+ \frac{2(q-1)}{\alpha}$
- 3:  $w' = \text{LSB}(\tilde{z}_0 - c)$
- 4:  $\tilde{\mathbf{z}}_2 = [\mathbf{w} \cdot \alpha + w' \mathbf{j} - (\mathbf{A}_1 \tilde{\mathbf{z}}_1 - qc\mathbf{j})] / 2 \bmod^\pm q$
- 5:  $\tilde{\mathbf{z}} = (\tilde{\mathbf{z}}_1, \tilde{\mathbf{z}}_2)$
- 6: **Return**  $(c = H(\mathbf{w}, w', M)) \wedge (\|\tilde{\mathbf{z}}\| < B'')$