

# SMAUG-T update v4.0

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SMAUG-T v4.0 was released!

More Secure, More Compact, Less Failure

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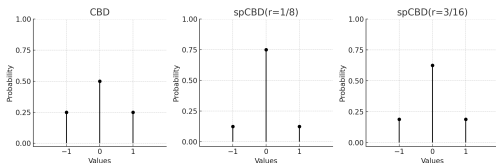
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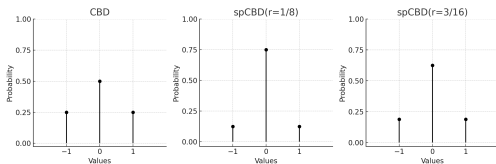
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Parameters sets Security level	TiMER 1	SMAUG-T128 1	SMAUG-T192 3	SMAUG-T256 5
$n$	256	256	256	256
$k$	2	2	3	4
$(q, p, t)$	(1024, 256, 2)	(1024, 256, 2)	(2048, 512, 2)	(2048, 512, 2)
$p'$ (compression)	8	32	16	128
$h_s$ (HWT for s)	140	140	264	348
$r$ (spCBD for r)	1/8	1/8	1/4	3/16
$\sigma$ ( $\tilde{D}_\sigma$ for errors)	1.0625	1.0625	1.0625	1.0625
Classical core-SVP	119.7	119.7	180.2	250.1
Quantum core-SVP	105.4	105.4	158.6	221.0
Beyond core-SVP	132	132	214	269
Lee et al. [LLW24]*	(148, 132)	(148, 132)	(236, 241)	(309, 317)

## • More secure & still efficient

- **Parameter update** against improved Meet-LWE [LLW24]
- Remove memory access to ensure **timing-secure implementation** considering analysis from Bernstein [Ber24] and TIMECOP [Mor]
  - Constant-time and unbiased HWT sampler [FSL24] in keygen
  - Efficient sparse CBD sampler in encaps/decaps

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DFP	-132	-120	-136	-167
Public key	672	672	1088	1792
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- The sizes of the public keys and ciphertexts are up to 24% smaller than the previous version (already outperforming other lattice-based KEMs)

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# Comparison: performance

CPU kilocycles and ratio (Intel(R) Core i7-10700K)

Security level		Cycles (ref)		Cycles (AVX2)	
		SMAUG-T	Kyber	SMAUG-T	Kyber
1	KeyGen	110	127 (1.2)	38	26 (0.7)
	Encap	100	158 (1.6)	23	38 (1.7)
	Decap	136	187 (1.4)	35	28 (0.8)
3	KeyGen	219	209 (1.0)	57	43 (0.8)
	Encap	204	255 (1.3)	46	65 (1.4)
	Decap	253	286 (1.1)	61	44 (0.7)
5	KeyGen	337	321 (1.0)	77	60 (0.8)
	Encap	334	369 (1.1)	64	79 (1.2)
	Decap	414	414 (1.0)	86	63 (0.7)

\*Kyber: [github.com/pq-crystals/kyber](https://github.com/pq-crystals/kyber) (commit 441c051)

- In the SMAUG-T parameters, both Toom-Cook and embedded NTT multiplication methods can be used
- **(ref)** shows the results using Toom-Cook, **(AVX2)** provides the results using NTT

# Comparison: security, DFP, and size

Security level		SMAUG-T	Kyber	
Security (classical Core-SVP), DFP (log <sub>2</sub> )				
1	Security	120	118	
	DFP	-118	-139	
3	Security	180	183	
	DFP	-179	-164	
5	Security	250	256	
	DFP	-194	-174	
Sizes (Bytes with ratio)				
1	Pub. key	672	800	(1.2)
	Ctxt.	672	768	(1.1)
3	Pub. key	1,088	1,184	(1.1)
	Ctxt.	992	1,088	(1.1)
5	Pub. key	1,440	1,568	(1.1)
	Ctxt.	1,376	1,568	(1.1)

- The DFP of level 3 and 5 parameters are smaller than that of Kyber
- SMAUG-T has 9%-20% smaller sizes than Kyber

Thank you!

<https://kpqc.cryptolab.co.kr/smaug-t>

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