

# High Speed MQ Signature: HiMQ 3

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# General Structure of MQ Signature

- $F_q$ : finite field with  $q$  elements
- $\mathcal{F} : F_q^n \rightarrow F_q^m$  by  $\mathcal{F}(X) = (\mathcal{F}^{(1)}(x), \dots, \mathcal{F}^{(m)}(x))$  for  $X = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$
- $\mathcal{T} : F_q^n \rightarrow F_q^n$ ,  $\mathcal{S} : F_q^m \rightarrow F_q^m$  invertible affine maps
- $\mathcal{P} = \mathcal{S} \circ \mathcal{F} \circ \mathcal{T} : F_q^n \rightarrow F_q^m$
- Public key:  $\mathcal{P}$ , Secret key:  $\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{F}, \mathcal{T}$

# Building Blocks of $\mathcal{F}$

- Solvable System of Quadratic Equations  $\mathcal{Q}$

- $\text{char}(F_q)=2$ ,  $n$  is odd.
- $\mathcal{Q} : (x_1x_2, x_2x_3, \dots, x_{n-1}x_n) = (\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_n)$  for  $\beta_i \in F_q$

$$(x_1x_2) \times (x_2x_3) \times \cdots \times (x_{n-1}x_n) = \left(\prod_{i=1}^{n-1} x_i\right)^2 = \left(\prod_{i=1}^{n-1} \beta_i\right) \quad (1)$$

$$\left(\prod_{i=1}^{n-1} x_i\right) = \sqrt{\left(\prod_{i=1}^{n-1} \beta_i\right)} \quad (2)$$

$$(x_2x_3) \times (x_4x_5) \times \cdots \times (x_{n-2}x_{n-1}) = \left(\prod_{i=2}^{n-1} x_i\right) = \left(\prod_{i:\text{even}} \beta_i\right) \quad (3)$$

Using E.q. (2) and E.q. (3), we can obtain  $x_1$  and so  $x_2, \dots, x_n$ .

# Central map $\mathcal{F}$

- $\mathcal{F}(X) = (\mathcal{F}^{(1)}(x), \dots, \mathcal{F}^{(m)}(x))$  where

$$\begin{cases} \mathcal{F}^{(1)}(x) = \Phi_1(\mathbf{x}_v) + \delta_1 x_{v+1} x_{v+2} & (\mathbf{x}_v = (x_1, \dots, x_v)) \\ \mathcal{F}^{(2)}(x) = \Phi_2(\mathbf{x}_v) + \delta_2 x_{v+2} x_{v+3} \\ \vdots \\ \mathcal{F}^{(o_1)}(x) = \Phi_{o_1}(\mathbf{x}_v) + \delta_{o_1} x_{v+o_1} x_{v+1} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} \mathcal{F}^{(o_1+1)}(x) = \Psi_1(\mathbf{x}_{v_1}) + \delta_{o_1+1} x_{v_1+1} x_{v_1+2} & (\mathbf{x}_{v_1} = (x_1, \dots, x_{v+o_1})) \\ \mathcal{F}^{(o_1+2)}(x) = \Psi_2(\mathbf{x}_{v_1}) + \delta_{o_1+2} x_{v_1+2} x_{v_1+3} \\ \vdots \\ \mathcal{F}^{(o_1+o_2)}(x) = \Psi_{o_2}(\mathbf{x}_{v_1}) + \delta_{o_1+o_2} x_{v_1+o_2} x_{v_1+1} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} \mathcal{F}^{(o_1+o_2+1)}(x) = \sum_{v+1 \leq i \leq j \leq v_1} \beta_{j,i}^{(1)} x_i x_j + \Theta_1(x) + \Theta_1(x) + 1 x_{o_1+o_2+1} \\ \mathcal{F}^{(o_1+o_2+2)}(x) = \sum_{v+1 \leq i \leq j \leq v_1} \beta_{j,i}^{(2)} x_i x_j + \Theta_2(x) + \Theta_2(x) + 2 x_{o_1+o_2+2} \\ \vdots \\ \mathcal{F}^{(o_1+o_2+o_3)}(x) = \sum_{v+1 \leq i \leq j \leq v_1} \beta_{j,i}^{(o_3)} x_i x_j + \Theta_{o_3}(x) + \Theta_{o_3}(x) + o_3 x_{o_1+o_2+o_3} \end{cases}$$

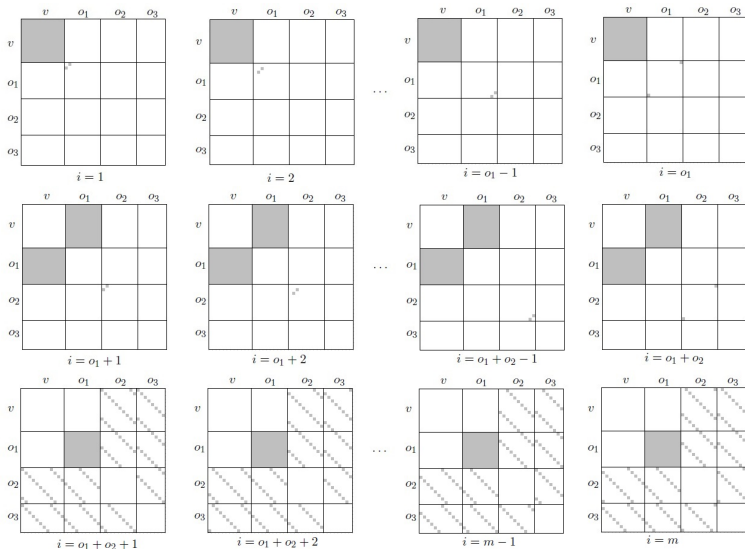
# Central map $\mathcal{F}$ of HiMQ 3F

- $\Phi_k(x) = \sum_{1 \leq i \leq j \leq v} \alpha_{i,j}^{(k)} x_i x_j, \quad \Psi_k(x) = \sum_{i=1}^v \sum_{j=v+1}^{v+o_1} \alpha_{i,j}^{(o_1+k)} x_i x_j$
- $\Theta_i(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{j=1}^{v_1} \gamma_{i,j} x_i x_{v_1+(i+j-1) \pmod{o_3}},$   
 $\Theta_i(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{j=1}^{v_2} \gamma_{i,j} x_i x_{v_2+(i+j-1) \pmod{o_3}}$
- All the quadratic terms in  $\Theta_i(\mathbf{x})$  and  $\Theta_j(\mathbf{x})$  ( $i = 1, \dots, o_3$ ) don't overlap and symmetric matrix of the quadratic part of each  $\mathcal{F}^{(i)}$  has full rank for  $i = o_1 + o_2 + 1, \dots, m$ .  
 $v \geq 2o_1 + 1$  and  $o_2 \geq o_3$ .

# Central map $\mathcal{F}$ of HiMQ 3

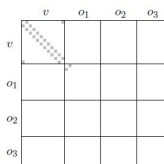
- $\Phi_i(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{j=1}^v \alpha_{i,j} x_j x_{1+(i+j-1) \pmod v},$   
 $\Psi_i(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{j=1}^v \alpha_{i,j} x_j x_{v+(i+j-1) \pmod{o_1}}.$
- $\Theta_i(\mathbf{x}), \Theta_i(\mathbf{x})$  is the same as HiMQ-3F
- All the quadratic terms in  $\Phi_i(\mathbf{x})$  ( $i = 1, \dots, o_1$ ) and  $\Psi_i(\mathbf{x})$  ( $i = 1, \dots, o_2$ ) don't overlap and symmetric matrix of the quadratic part of each  $\mathcal{F}^{(i)}$  has full rank for  $i = o_1 + o_2 + 1, \dots, m.$   
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# Symmetric Matrices of the Quadratic Parts of $\mathcal{F}$ for HiMQ 3F

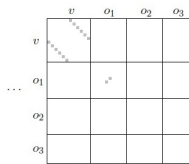




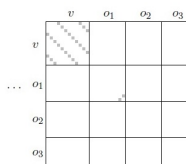
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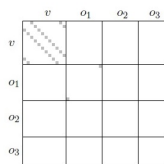
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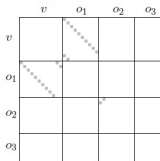
$i = \lceil \frac{v}{2} \rceil$



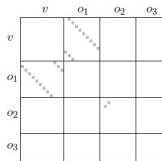
$i = o_1 - 1$



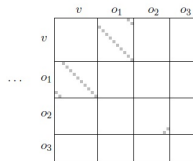
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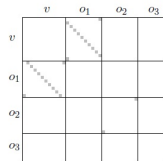
$i = o_1 + 1$



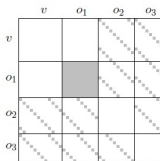
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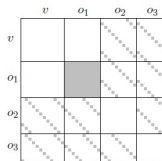
$i = o_1 + o_2 - 1$



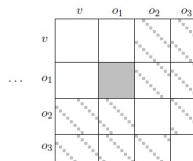
$i = o_1 + o_2$



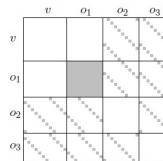
$i = o_1 + o_2 + 1$



$i = o_1 + o_2 + 2$



$i = m - 1$



$i = m$

# How to invert $\mathcal{F}$

- Given  $\xi = (\xi_1, \dots, \xi_m)$ , find  $s$  such that  $\mathcal{F}(s) = \xi$ 
  - Choose a random Vinegar vector  $s_v = (s_1, \dots, s_v)$  and plug it into  $\mathcal{F}^{(i)}$  ( $1 \leq i \leq o_1$ ).
  - Solve a quadratic system of  $o_1$  equations with  $o_1$  variables

$$(\delta_{1x_{v+1}x_{v+2}}, \dots, \delta_{o_1x_{v+o_1}x_{v+1}}) = (\xi_1 - \Phi_1(s_v), \dots, \xi_{o_1} - \Phi_{o_1}(s_v))$$

Find solution  $(s_{v+1}, \dots, s_{v+o_1})$  by using E.q. (2) and E.q. (3).

- To Invert  $\mathcal{F}^{(i)}$  ( $o_1 + 1 \leq i \leq o_1 + o_2$ ) in the 2nd layer is similar to Step 1 and Step 2.
- Plug  $(s_1, \dots, s_{v+o_1+o_2})$  into the polynomials  $\mathcal{F}^{(i)}$  ( $o_1 + o_2 + 1 \leq i \leq m$ ).
- Solve a linear system of  $o_3$  equations with  $o_3$  variables and find solution  $(s_{v+o_1+o_2}, \dots, s_n)$  by Gaussian elimination.

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## Underlying problems for security of HiMQ 3

- **Polynomial System Solving (PoSSo) Problem:** Given a system  $\mathcal{P} = (P^{(1)}, \dots, P^{(m)})$  of  $m$  nonlinear polynomial equations defined over  $\mathbb{F}_q$  with degree of  $d$  in variables  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  and  $\mathbf{y} = (y_1, \dots, y_m) \in \mathbb{F}_q^m$ , find values  $(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{F}_q^n$  such that  $P^{(1)}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = y_1, \dots, P^{(m)}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = y_m$ .
- **EIP (Extended Isomorphism of Polynomials) Problem:** Given a nonlinear multivariate system  $\mathcal{P}$  such that  $\mathcal{P} = S \circ \mathcal{F} \circ T$  for linear or affine maps  $S$  and  $T$ , and  $\mathcal{F}$  belonging to a special class of nonlinear polynomial system  $\mathcal{C}$ , find a decomposition of  $\mathcal{P}$  such that  $\mathcal{P} = S \circ \mathcal{F} \circ T$  for linear or affine maps  $S$  and  $T$ , and  $\mathcal{F} \in \mathcal{C}$ .
- **MinRank Problem:** Let  $m, n, r, k \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $r, m < n$ . The MinRank( $r$ ) problem is, given  $(M_1, \dots, M_l) \in \mathbb{F}_q^{m \times n}$ , find a non-zero  $k$ -tuple  $(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k) \in \mathbb{F}_q^k$  such that  $\text{Rank}(\sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i M_i) \leq r$ .

- Complexity of HiMQ-3 against the direct attacks is estimated as

$$C_{Direct}(q, m, n) = C_{MQ}(q, m, n),$$

where  $C_{MQ}(q, m, n)$  denotes complexity of solving a semi-regular system of  $m$  equations in  $n$  variables defined over  $\mathbb{F}_q$  by using HF5 algorithm.

- Running Time (Second) for Solving Two Types of Quadratic Systems over  $\mathbb{F}_{2^8}$ .

$(v, \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3)$	(7,3,3,2)	(7,3,3,3)	(9,3,3,3)	(11,5,3,2)	(11,5,4,3)	(11,5,4,4)	(11,5,5,4)
Random System	0.145	0.602	0.618	3.003	112.861	639.576	5753.369
HiMQ-3	0.134	0.593	0.57	3.203	109.823	756	5712.19

# Rank attack

- MinRank Attacks: Complexity of HiMQ-3 against the MinRank attacks is

$$C_{MR}(q, v, o_1, m) = o_1 \cdot q^{v-o_1+3}$$

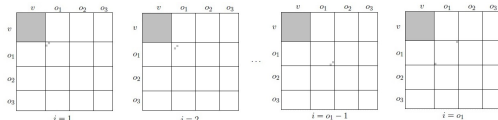


Figure: 1st layer of HiMQ-3

- HighRank Attacks: Complexity of HiMQ-3 against the HighRank attacks is

$$C_{HR}(q, o_3, n) = q^{o_3} \cdot \frac{n^3}{6}$$

# Kipnis Shamir Attacks

- Complexity of HiMQ-3 against the Kipnis-Shamir Attacks is

$$C_{KS}(q, v, o_1, o_2, o_3) = q^{v+o_1+o_2-o_3}$$

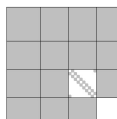


Figure:  $S \circ \mathcal{F}$  of HiMQ-3

# Key recovery attack(KRA)

- Complexity of HiMQ-3 against the KRAs using good keys is

$$C_{KRA_g}(q, m, n) = C_{MQ}(q, m + n - 1, n + \min(o_1, o_2))$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{P} &= (S \circ \Sigma^{-1}) \circ (\Sigma \circ \mathcal{F} \circ \Omega) \circ (\Omega^{-1} \circ T) \\ &= S \circ \mathcal{F} \circ T \quad ((S, \mathcal{F}, T) : \text{equivalent key}) \end{aligned}$$

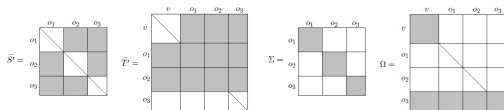


Figure: Equivalent Key of HiMQ-3

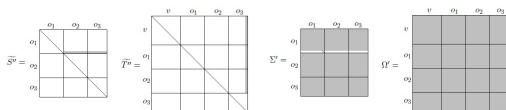


Figure: Good Key of HiMQ-3



## Theorem

If the MQ-problem in  $\mathcal{MQ}_{HiMQ-3}(\mathbb{F}_q, m, n)$  is  $(t, \varepsilon)$ -hard, HiMQ-3 $(\mathbb{F}_q, v, o_1, o_2, o_3)$  is  $(t, q_H, q_S, \varepsilon)$ -EUF-acma, for any  $t$  and  $\varepsilon$  satisfying

$$\varepsilon \geq e \cdot (q_S + 1) \cdot \varepsilon, \quad t \geq t + q_H \cdot c_V + q_S \cdot c_S,$$

where  $e$  is the base of the natural logarithm, and  $c_S$  and  $c_V$  are time for a signature generation and a signature verification, respectively, where  $m = o_1 + o_2 + o_3$ , and  $n = v + m$  if the parameter set  $(\mathbb{F}_q, v, o_1, o_2, o_3)$  is chosen to be secure against the MinRank attack, HighRank attack, Kipnis-Shamir attack and KRAs using good keys.

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# Key feature of HiMQ 3

- Smaller public key size (compared to other MQ-signatures)
  - Use an easily solvable system of quadratic equations in  $\text{Oil} \times \text{Oil}$  parts of 1st and 2nd layers

Good keys of HiMQ-3 in KRA are different from that of Rainbow.

Increase the complexity of key recovery attack

Reduce the number of variables

Smaller public key size, signature size and faster verification.

# Key feature of HiMQ 3

- Smaller secret key size (compared to other MQ-signatures)
  - HiMQ-3 and HiMQ-3F use sparse quadratic polynomials in the 3rd layer.
  - HiMQ-3 also use sparse quadratic polynomials in the 1st and 2nd layer
  - In HiMQ-3P, we use a small random seed for secret key and recover the entire secret key from the seed in signing via PRNG.

# Key feature of HiMQ 3

- Fast signature generation (compared to other MQ-signatures)
  - Use an easily solvable system of quadratic equations instead of Oil-Vinegar system.
  - No Gaussian elimination in 1st and 2nd layers.
  - In 3rd layer, Gaussian elimination for equations with smaller number of variables than UOV or Rainbow.

# Parameter Selection and Expected Security

- HiMQ-3F:  $\text{char}(F_q)=2$ ,  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2$  are odd and  $\alpha_2 \geq \alpha_3, v \geq 2\alpha_1 + 1$
- HiMQ-3:  $\text{char}(F_q)=2$ ,  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2$  are odd and  $\alpha_1 \geq \alpha_2 \geq \alpha_3, v \geq 2\alpha_1 + 1$
- Complexities of HiMQ-3 and HiMQ-3F against All Known Attacks at 128 security level

$(\mathbb{F}_q, v, \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3)$	Direct	KRA	Kipnis-Shamir	MinRank	HighRank
HiMQ-3( $\mathbb{F}_{2^8}, 31, 15, 15, 14$ )	$2^{131}$	$2^{166}$	$2^{368}$	$2^{155}$	$2^{128}$
HiMQ-3F( $\mathbb{F}_{2^8}, 24, 11, 17, 15$ )	$2^{129}$	$2^{140}$	$2^{280}$	$2^{131}$	$2^{135}$

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# Implementation results of HiMQ 3 and HiMQ 3F at the 128 bit Security Level.

- Implementation results (cycle)

MQ-Scheme	KeyGen	Sign	Verify	
HiMQ-3( $\mathbb{F}_{2^8}$ , 31, 15, 15, 14)	50,593,934	21,594	17,960	AVX2
	69,104,986	44,703	237,999	ANSI C
HiMQ-3F( $\mathbb{F}_{2^8}$ , 24, 11, 17, 15)	79,256,175	25,613	14,645	AVX2
	107,559,999	64,773	184,402	ANSI C

- Key size and Signature size (Byte)

MQ-Scheme	Signature	PK	SK
HiMQ-3( $\mathbb{F}_{2^8}$ , 31, 15, 15, 14)	75	128,744	12,074
HiMQ-3F( $\mathbb{F}_{2^8}$ , 24, 11, 17, 15)	67	100,878	14,878
HiMQ-3P( $\mathbb{F}_{2^8}$ , 24, 11, 17, 15)	67	100,878	32



Scheme $\lambda$	Sig. Size (Bytes)	PK (Bytes)	SK (Bytes)	Sign (Cycles)	Verify (Cycles)	CPU
RSA-3072 <sup>e</sup> 128	361	384	3072	8,802,242	87,360	Intel Core i5-6600 3.3 GHz
ECDSA-256 <sup>e</sup> 128	64	64	96	163,994	310,048	Intel Core i5-6600 3.3 GHz
TESLA-416 <sup>t</sup> 128	1,280	1,331,200	1,011,744	697,940	250,264	Intel Core i7-4770K(Haswell)
TESLA-768 <sup>t</sup> > 128	2,336	4,227,072	3,293,216	2,232,906	863,790	Intel Core i7-4770K(Haswell)
BLISS-BI 128	700	875	250	358,400	102,000	Intel Core i7 3.4 GHz
XMSS ( $h = 20$ ) 256	3,584	1,536	2,662	12,488,458	–	Intel Core i7-4770 3.5GHz
XMSS-T <sup>t</sup> ( $h = 60$ ) 256	2,969	66	2,252	34,862,003	–	Intel Core i7-4770 3.5GHz
SPHINCS 256 <sup>s</sup> 256	41,000	1,056	1,088	51,636,372	1,451,004	Intel Xeon E3-1275 3.5 GHz
Parallel-CFS 80	75	20,968,300	4,194,300	4,200,000,000	–	Intel Xeon W3670 3.2GHz
MQDSS-31-64 > 128 enTTS	40,952	72	64	8,510,616	5,752,616	Intel Core i7-4770K 3.5GHz
( $\mathbb{F}_{2^8}, 15, 60, 88$ ) 128	88	234,960	13,051	–	–	–
Rainbow ( $\mathbb{F}_{2^8}, 36, 21, 22$ ) 128	79	139,320	105,006	60,361	48,079	Intel Core i5-6600 3.3 GHz
<b>HiMQ-3</b> ( $\mathbb{F}_{2^8}, 31, 15, 15, 14$ ) 128	<b>75</b>	<b>128,744</b>	<b>12,074</b>	<b>21,594</b>	<b>17,960</b>	Intel Core i7-6700 3.4 GHz
<b>HiMQ-3F</b> ( $\mathbb{F}_{2^8}, 24, 11, 17, 15$ ) 128	<b>67</b>	<b>100,878</b>	<b>14,878</b>	<b>25,613</b>	<b>14,645</b>	Intel Core i7-6700 3.4 GHz
<b>HiMQ-3P</b> ( $\mathbb{F}_{2^8}, 24, 11, 17, 15$ ) 128	<b>67</b>	<b>100,878</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>25,613+</b> <b>20,011<sup>P</sup></b>	<b>14,645</b>	Intel Core i7-6700 3.4 GHz

Table Performance, Key Sizes and Signature Sizes of Schemes at the Classical Security Levels.

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- Advantages of HiMQ-3
  - High speed in signing and verifying
    - Attractive in a small device with limited computational resources
    - High speed after adapting countermeasure against side-channel attacks
  - Small signature size (comparable to ECDSA-256)
  - Small public key and secret key size compared to other MQ-signatures
- Need to reduce the public key size of HiMQ-3.