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# From Identification using Rejection Sampling to Signatures via the Fiat-Shamir Transform: Application to the BLISS Signature

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- Fiat-Shamir black-box transformation<sup>1</sup> from identification schemes to signature schemes



→ We propose a transformation taking into account

1. The rejection sampling technique used mainly in lattice-based schemes,
2. Both lossy and non-lossy cases.



- Application of our black-box transformation to the BLISS lattice-based signature

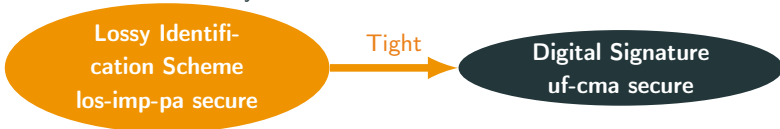
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<sup>1</sup> Amos Fiat and Adi Shamir (1986). "How to Prove Yourself: Practical Solutions to Identification and Signature Problems". In: *CRYPTO*.

- Minimal security<sup>2</sup>



- Introduction of the lossy case<sup>3</sup>



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<sup>2</sup> Michel Abdalla et al. (2002). "From Identification to Signatures via the Fiat-Shamir Transform: Minimizing Assumptions for Security and Forward-Security". In: *EUROCRYPT*.

<sup>3</sup> Michel Abdalla et al. (2012). "Tightly-Secure Signatures from Lossy Identification Schemes". In: *EUROCRYPT*.

## Context: Lattice-Based Signatures

Lattice-based cryptography:

1996 Ajtai described the SIS problem → signature, hash function...

2005 Regev described the LWE problem → PKE, FHE...

→ post-quantum

### NIST Competition:

- Aim to standardize signature, KEM, and PKE
- Using post-quantum hypothesis like codes, lattices, isogenies, MQ...

Lattice-based signatures:

- Hash-and-Sign: GGH, NTRUSign, GPV, Falcon...
- Fiat-Shamir: Lyubashevsky<sup>4</sup>, BLISS, qTESLA, Dilithium...

→ qTESLA and Dilithium are proved using black-box transformations

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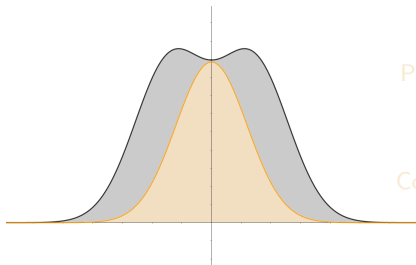
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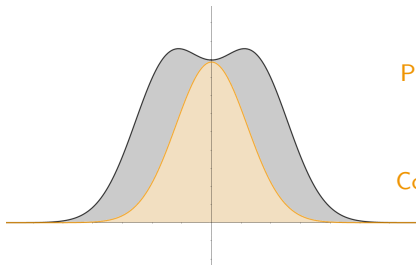
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# Classical Identification Scheme

P  
 $pk, sk$

Cmt  
→

V  
 $pk$

Ch  
←

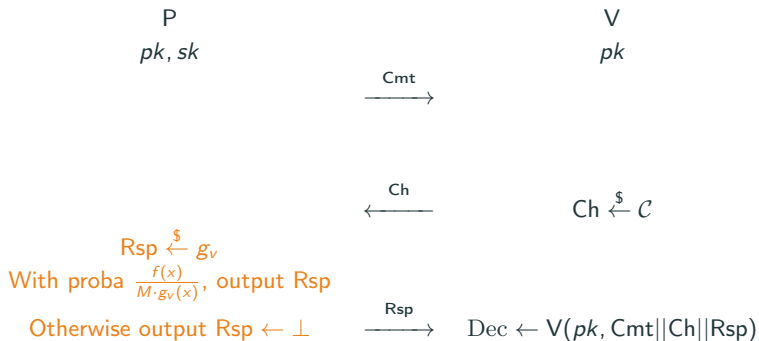
Ch  $\xleftarrow{\$}$   $\mathcal{C}$

Rsp  
→

Dec  $\leftarrow V(pk, \text{Cmt} || \text{Ch} || \text{Rsp})$



# Identification Scheme using Rejection Sampling



## Non-Lossy

## Lossy

### Correctness Error

The probability that  $Rsp = \perp$  is small.

### Simulatability/naHVZK

We can construct an algorithm  $Sim$  that outputs transcripts  $Cmt||Ch||Rsp$  statistically closed to the original ones without having access to the secret key.

### Key-Indistinguishability

A lossy key generation algorithm  $LossyKeyGen(1^k) \rightarrow pk$  outputs a lossy public key  $pk$  computationally indistinguishable from a honestly generated one.

## Non-Lossy

### sim-imp-pa

Passive impersonation where the adversary has access to the public key of the scheme and the simulated algorithm Sim.

$\text{Exp}_{\mathcal{ID}, \mathcal{I}}^{\text{imp-pa}}(k)$

$(pk, sk) \xleftarrow{\$} \text{KeyGen}(1^k)$  or  $pk \xleftarrow{\$} \text{LossyKeyGen}(1^k)$

$st \parallel \text{Cmt} \xleftarrow{\$} \mathcal{I}^{\text{Sim}}(pk)$

$\text{Ch} \xleftarrow{\$} \mathcal{C}$

$\text{Rsp} \xleftarrow{\$} \mathcal{I}(st, \text{Ch})$

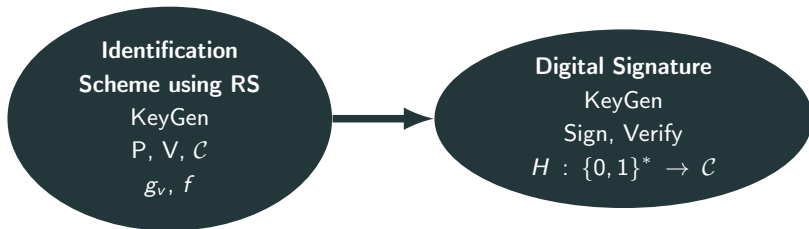
$\text{Dec} \leftarrow \text{V}(pk, \text{Cmt} \parallel \text{Ch} \parallel \text{Rsp})$

**return** Dec

## Lossy

### los-imp-pa

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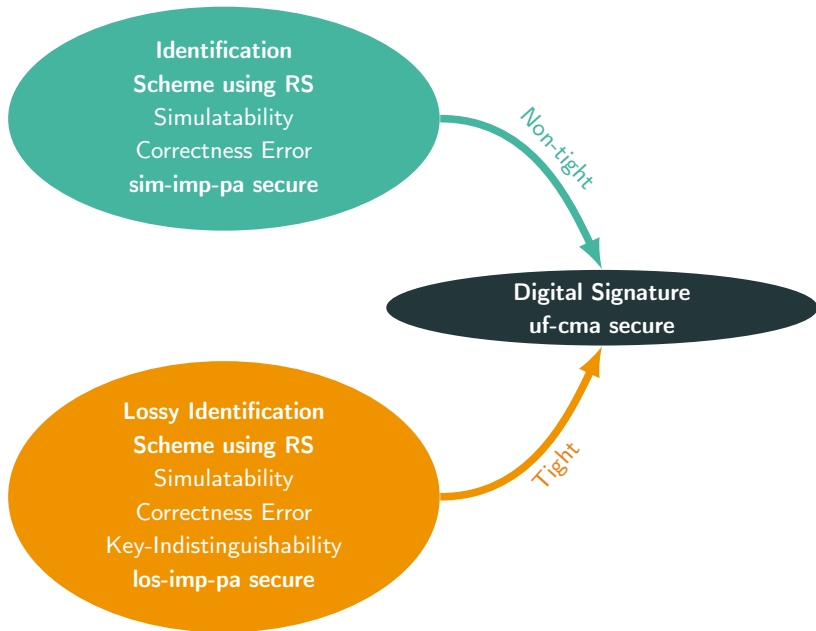


**Sign( $sk, m$ ):**

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while Rsp =  $\perp$  do
  Cmt  $\leftarrow$  P( $sk$ )
  Ch  $\leftarrow$  H(Cmt,  $m$ )
  Rsp  $\stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow}$   $g_v$ 
  return  $\sigma =$  (Cmt, Rsp) with
  probability  $\frac{f(x)}{M \cdot g_v(x)}$ , otherwise
  Rsp  $\leftarrow$   $\perp$ 
end while
```

**Verify( $pk, m, \sigma$ ):**

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parse  $\sigma$  as (Cmt, Rsp)
Ch  $\leftarrow$  H(Cmt,  $m$ )
return V( $pk, \text{Cmt} || \text{Ch} || \text{Rsp}$ )
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## Application to the BLISS Signature

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- Originally the BLISS signature was proved directly in the ROM
- Its security is based on the SIS<sup>5</sup> problem

## Short Integer Solution

Given an uniformly random matrix  $\mathbf{A} \leftarrow U(\mathbb{Z}_q^{n \times m})$ , find a non trivial short vector  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{Z}^m$  such that  $\|\mathbf{x}\| \leq \beta$  and:

$$\mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{u} \pmod{q}$$

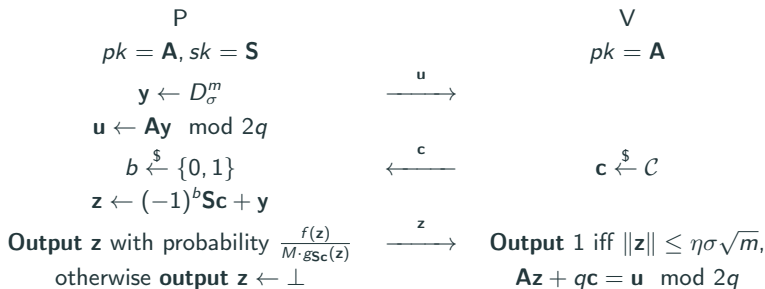
- We can apply our first non-tight reduction as an example to BLISS

<sup>5</sup> Miklós Ajtai (1996). "Generating Hard Instances of Lattice Problems (Extended Abstract)". In: *STOC*.

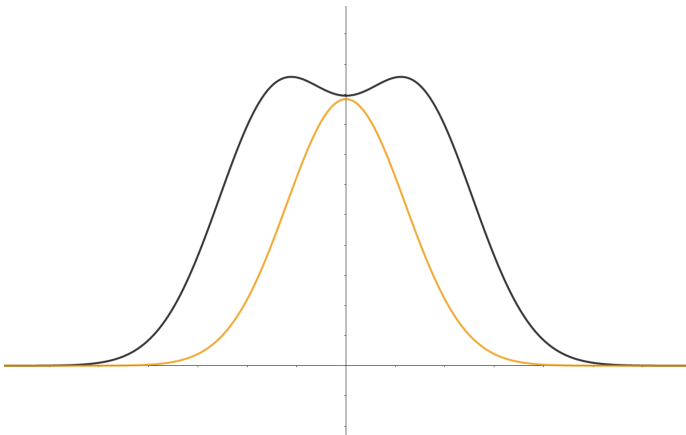
<sup>6</sup> Léo Ducas et al. (2013). "Lattice Signatures and Bimodal Gaussians". In: *CRYPTO (1)*.

## Settings

- *Public Key:*  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{Z}_{2q}^{n \times m}$
- *Secret Key:* Short  $\mathbf{S} \in \mathbb{Z}_{2q}^{m \times n}$  such that  $\mathbf{AS} = q\mathbf{I}_n \pmod{2q}$
- *Challenge Space:*  $\mathcal{C} = \{\mathbf{c} : \mathbf{c} \in \{0, 1\}^n, \|\mathbf{c}\|_1 \leq \kappa\}$
- *Probability Distributions:*  $M \cdot g_{\mathbf{S}\mathbf{c}, \sigma} = M \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2}D_{-\mathbf{S}\mathbf{c}, \sigma}^m + \frac{1}{2}D_{\mathbf{S}\mathbf{c}, \sigma}^m\right)$  and  $f = D_{\sigma}^m$



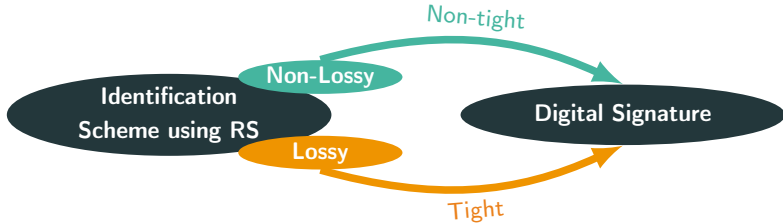




By applying our first non-tight reduction we get

$$\mathbf{Adv}_{\text{BLISS}, \mathcal{F}}^{\text{uf-cma}} \lesssim q_H \sqrt{\mathbf{Adv}_{\text{SIS}}} + \dots$$

where  $q_H$  is the number of hash queries.

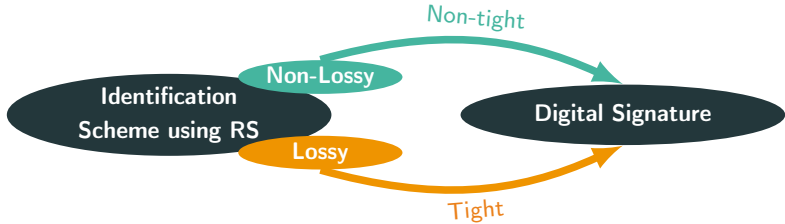


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