

Patarin's 'HFE' Public Key Signature

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Cryptographic Signature Schemes

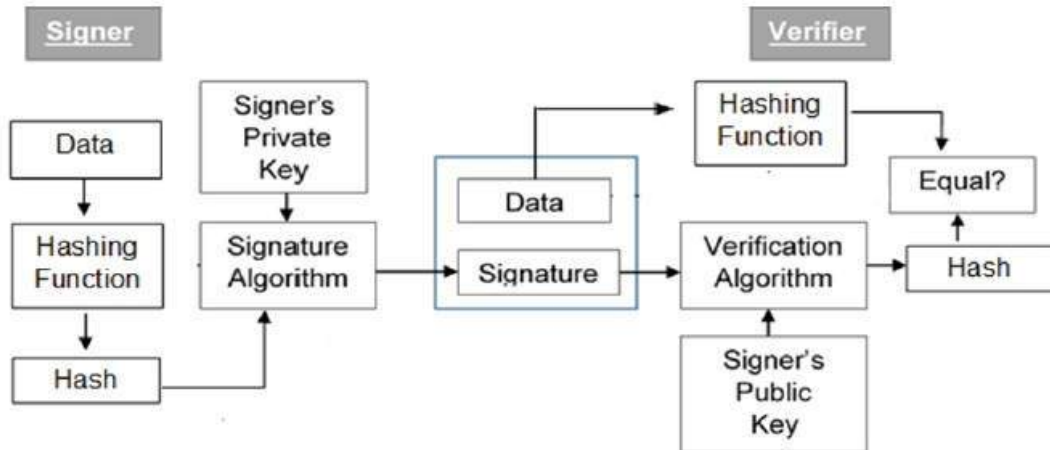


Figure 1: Digital Signature Schemes

Multivariate Polynomial System

use Multivariate Quadratic Polynomial system

Given a quadratic polynomial map $P : F_q^n \rightarrow F_q^m$ over a finite field F_q , find $x \in F_q^n$ that satisfies $P(x) = 0$.

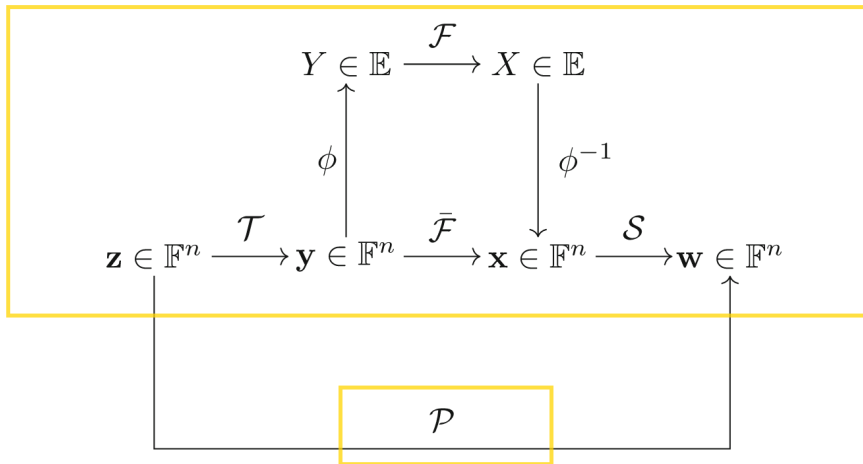
Public key : quadratic polynomial map P

Private key : knowledge about inverting the map

let $m \in F_q^m$ be our message. then the signature s is simply $s \in F_q^n$ such that

$$P(s) = m$$

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Pros and Cons

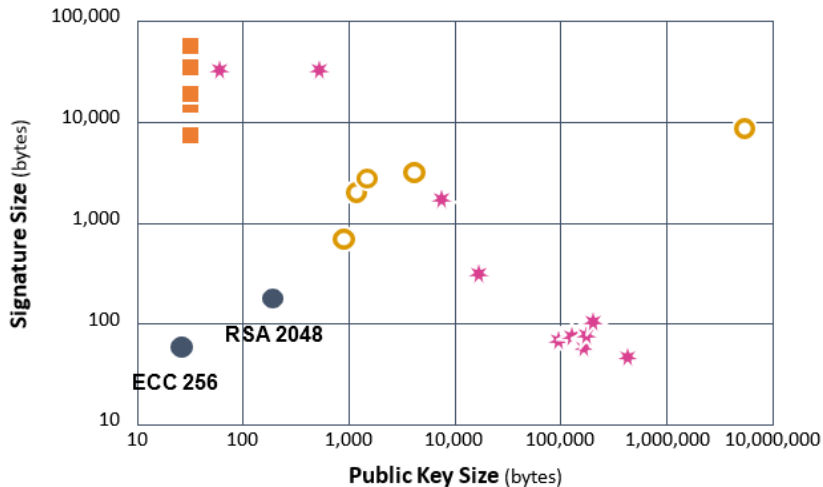
Advantages

- Small Signature Size
- Classical and Quantum Resilient
- Operations of finite field are easier

Disadvantages

- Large Public Key Size
- Difficulty in key generation

Key vs Signature Sizes



 **Lattice**



- Hash/Symmetric



Multivariate

Computer Implementation

```
: q = 4  
F.<a> = GF(2^2)  
F
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: Finite Field in a of size 2^2

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: R.<x> = F[]  
R
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: Univariate Polynomial Ring in x over Finite Field in a of size 2^2

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R.<x1,x2,x3> = PolynomialRing(F)  
R
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Multivariate Polynomial Ring in x1, x2, x3 over Finite Field in a of size 2^2

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z = vector([0,a,a+1])  
S(vector(central_map(phi(T(z))).list()))  
  
(a, a, 0)
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