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Formal specification of the post-quantum signature scheme FALCON in Maude

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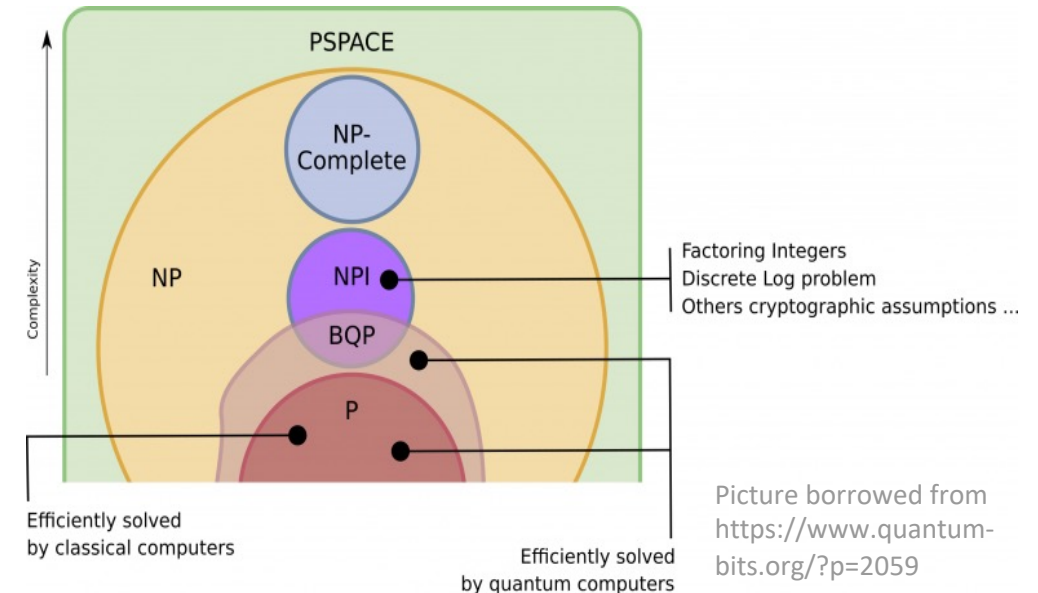
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Threat of adversaries with quantum capabilities

- Shor's algorithm to solve the discrete logarithm problem (1994)
- Grover's search algorithm for unique input of a black box function (1996)

Search of solutions by NIST with the PQC project (round 3)

- Key Encapsulation Mechanisms: CRYSTALS-Kyber
- Digital Signature Schemes: CRYSTALS-Dilithium, **FALCON**, SPHINCS+



Types of security analysis

- **Computational**
 - Mathematical proofs and probabilities
 - Keys, messages,... are bit strings
 - Closer to reality, used by cryptographers
- **Symbolic**
 - Cryptographic primitives as black boxes
 - Keys, messages,... are symbols
 - Suitable for automation and easier to understand for non-experts of cryptography

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What is Maude?

Maude is a modelling, programming and verification language based on rewriting logic.

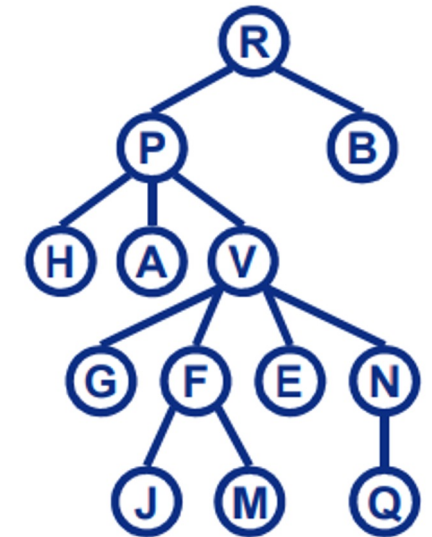
Why Maude?

Because it allows us to specify and execute systems in a simple and intuitive way.

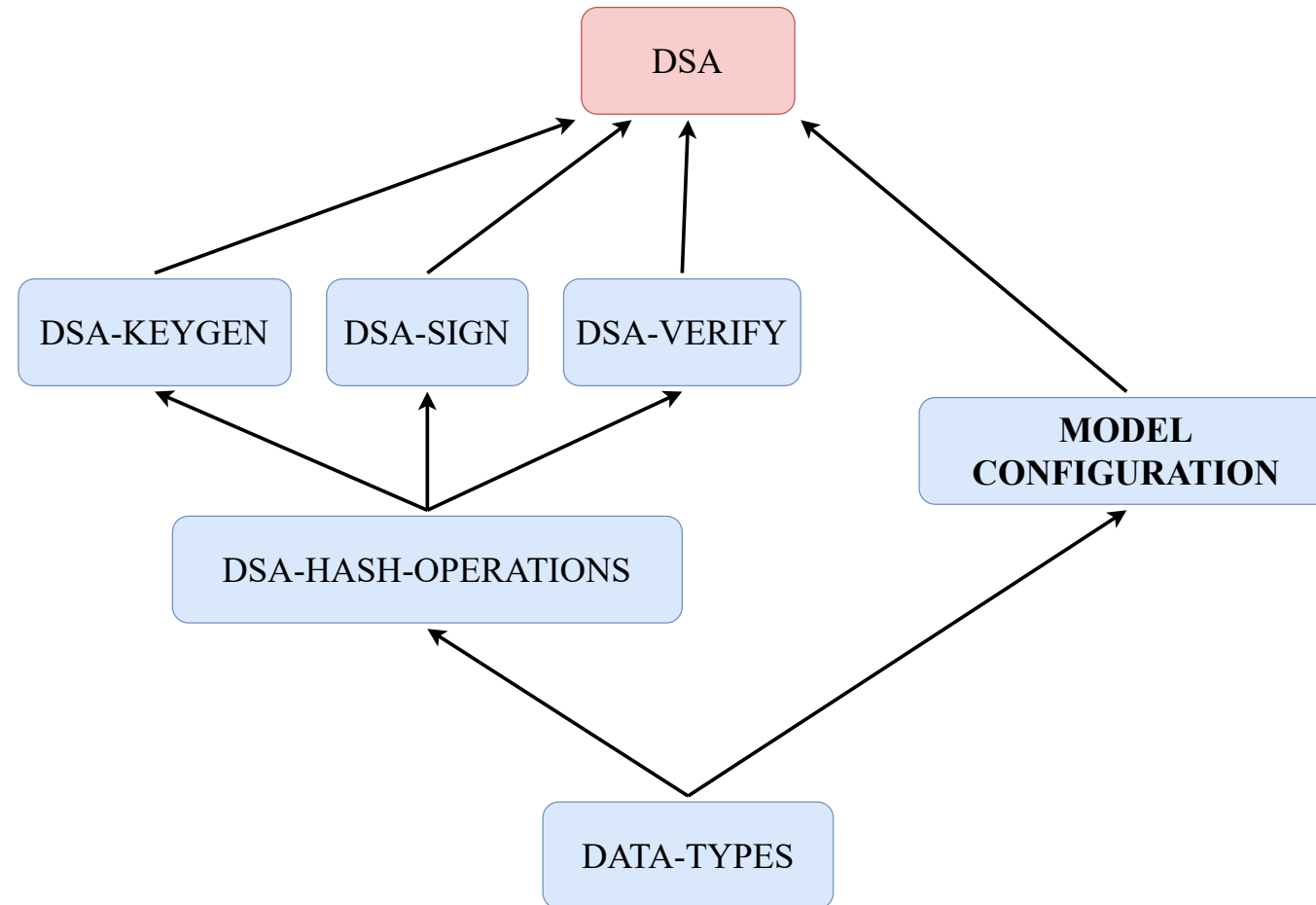
Which verification tools are provided?

Reachability analysis using the *search* command from an initial state to a target state. Moreover, under the assumption of a finite number of reachable states from a given initial state, one can use Maude's LTL model checker to prove any properties with LTL formulas.

Maude



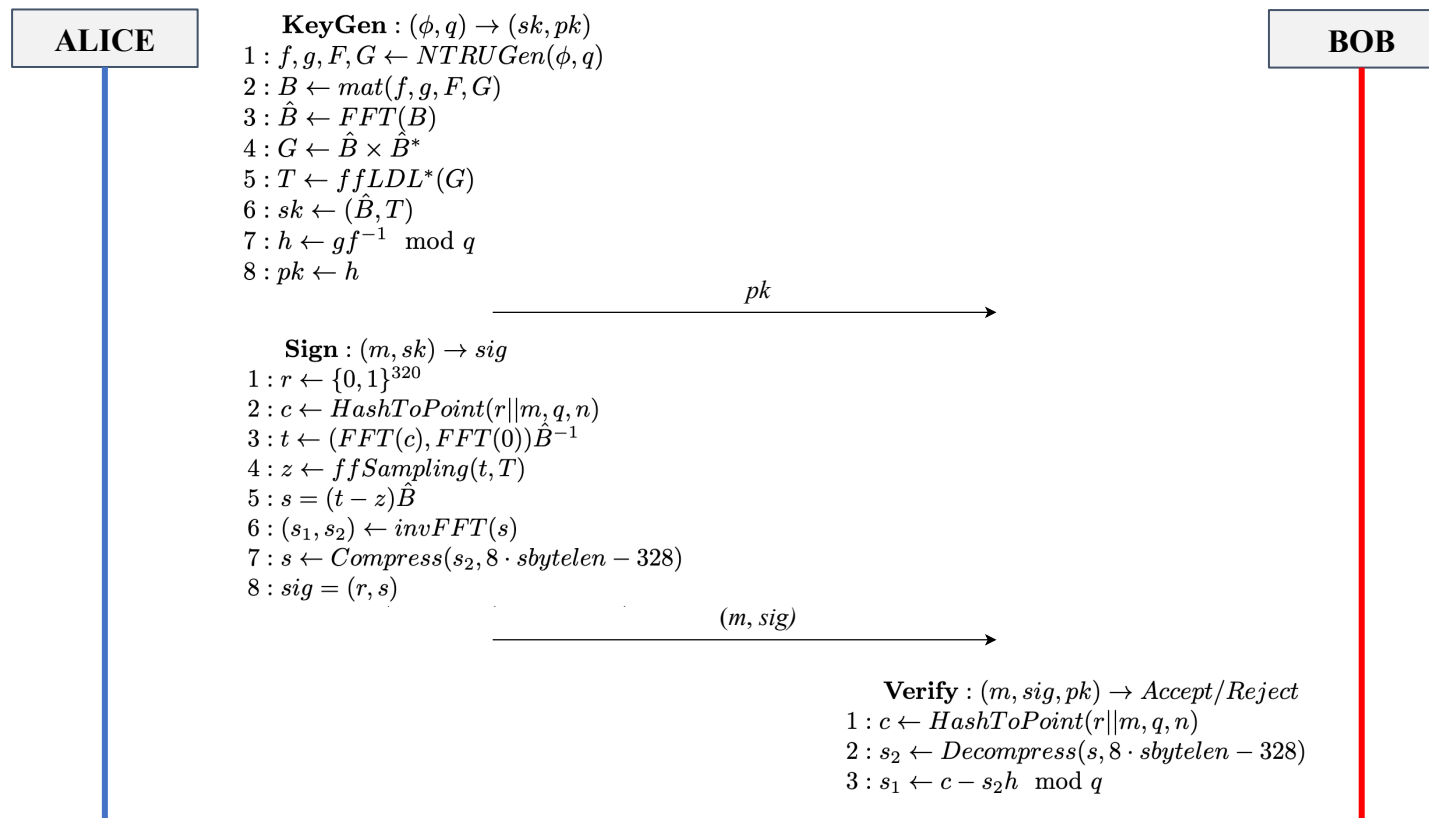
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What is FALCON?

Falcon is a signature scheme based on lattices to sign and verify messages.



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Main components

Message

```
op msg{(_,_)[_]} : Identifier Identifier MsgState Content -> Msg .
```

Principal

```
op _[_]_ : Identifier Keys Content -> Principal [ctor] .
```

Environment

```
op {_}<_>net(_) : Content Principals Msgs -> GlobalState
```

KeyGen : $(\phi, q) \rightarrow (sk, pk)$

1 : $f, g, F, G \leftarrow \text{NTRUGen}(\phi, q)$

2 : $B \leftarrow \text{mat}(f, g, F, G)$

3 : $\hat{B} \leftarrow \text{FFT}(B)$

4 : $G \leftarrow \hat{B} \times \hat{B}^*$

5 : $T \leftarrow \text{ffLDL}^*(G)$

6 : $sk \leftarrow (\hat{B}, T)$

7 : $h \leftarrow gf^{-1} \bmod q$

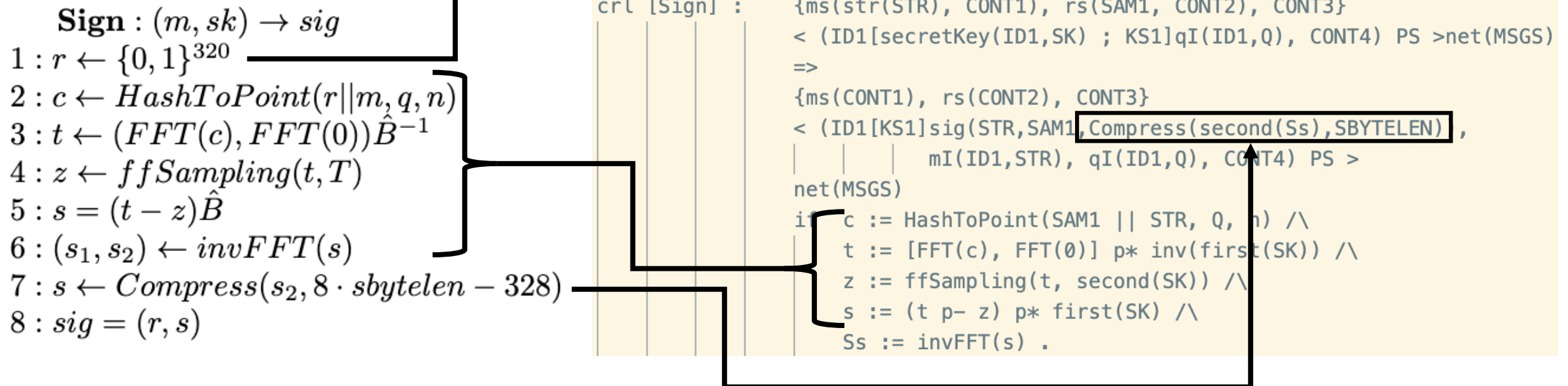
8 : $pk \leftarrow h$

} Collapsed

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crl [KeyGen] : {phis(SAM1, CONT1), qs(SAM2, CONT2), CONT3}
<
  (ID1[emptyK]peer(ID2))
  PS
>net(MSGS)
=>
  {phis(CONT1), qs(CONT2), CONT3}
<
  (ID1[publicKey(ID1,PK) ; secretKey(ID1,SK)]
    qI(ID1,SAM2), phiI(ID1,SAM1), peer(ID2))
  PS
>net(MSGS)
  L := NTRUGen(SAM1,SAM2) /\
  SK := ([FFT(mat(L)),ffLDL(FFT(mat(L)) x FFT(mat(L)))) /\
  PK := (elem(2,L) p* inv(elem(1,L))) mod SAM2 /\
  ID1 /= ID2 .

```



Verify : $(m, sig, pk) \rightarrow Accept/Reject$

1 : $c \leftarrow HashToPoint(r || m, q, n)$

2 : $s_2 \leftarrow Decompress(s, 8 \cdot sbytelen - 328)$

3 : $s_1 \leftarrow c - s_2 h \mod q$

```

crl [Verify] : {CONT1}
<
  (ID1[publicKey(ID2, p mod Q) ; KS1]
  mI(ID2,STR), sig(STR,R,P), peer(ID2), CONT2) PS >
net(MSGS)
=>
{CONT1}
< (ID1[KS1]mI(ID2,STR), peer(none), CONT2) PS >
net(MSGS)
If → c := HashToPoint(R || STR, Q, n) /\
    S2 := Decompress(P, SBYTELEN) /\
    h := p mod Q /\
    S1 := (c p- (S2 p* h)) mod Q /\
    (S1 == s1) /\ (S2 == s2) .

```


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```
eq init1 = {phis(phi), qs(q), ms(str(m)), rs(r)}  
|  
|  
|< (Alice[emptyK]peer(Bob))  
| (Eve[emptyK]peer(none))  
| (Bob[emptyK]peer(Alice))  
|>net(emptyM) .
```

Executable?

```
=====
rewrite in FALCON : init1 .
rewrites: 30 in 0ms cpu (0ms real) (254237 rewrites/second)
result [GlobalState]:
{phis(emptyC),qs(emptyC),ms(emptyC),rs(emptyC)}
<
(Alice[emptyK]peer(none),phiI(Alice, phi),qI(Alice, q))
(Eve[emptyK]peer(none))
Bob[emptyK]peer(none),mI(Alice, m)
>net(msg{(Alice,Bob)[received](g p* inv(f)) mod q}
      msg{(Alice,Bob)[received]str(m),[r,Compress(s2, SBYTELEN)]})
```

Search for states where two participants applied the protocol

```
=====
search in FALCON : init1 =>!
{CONT1}
<
PS
ID1[KS1]peer(none),mI(ID2, STR)
>net(MSGS) such that ID1 != ID2 = true .

Solution 1 (state 27)
states: 29  rewrites: 126 in 0ms cpu (0ms real) (320610 rewrites/second)
CONT1 --> phis(emptyC),qs(emptyC),ms(emptyC),rs(emptyC)
PS --> (Alice[emptyK]peer(none),phiI(Alice, phi),qI(Alice, q))
Eve[emptyK]peer(none)
ID1 --> Bob
KS1 --> emptyK
ID2 --> Alice
STR --> m
MSGS --> msg{(Alice,Bob)[received](g p* inv(f)) mod q}
        msg{(Alice,Bob)[received]str(m),[r,Compress(s2, SBYTELEN)]}
```

```
Solution 2 (state 28)
states: 29  rewrites: 127 in 0ms cpu (0ms real) (293981 rewrites/second)
CONT1 --> phis(emptyC),qs(emptyC),ms(emptyC),rs(emptyC)
PS --> (Eve[emptyK]peer(none))
Bob[emptyK]peer(none),phiI(Bob, phi),qI(Bob, q)
ID1 --> Alice
KS1 --> emptyK
ID2 --> Bob
STR --> m
MSGS --> msg{(Bob,Alice)[received](g p* inv(f)) mod q}
        msg{(Bob,Alice)[received]str(m),[r,Compress(s2, SBYTELEN)]}

No more solutions.
states: 29  rewrites: 127 in 0ms cpu (0ms real) (276688 rewrites/second)
Maude> █
```

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Concluding remarks

- We specified the digital signature scheme FALCON in Maude using a framework.
- We checked that the specification is executable and asked for final reachable states, capturing the behaviour of FALCON.

Future work

- We are using Maude's LTL Model Checker to verify DS properties: Authentication, Non-Repudiation and Integrity.
- We are adapting the specification to use built-in data structures in the specification.
- We will explore other signature schemes and specify them, so we can compare our models in terms of satisfied properties.
- We could also adapt the specification to use the object oriented notation provided by Maude.



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