

# Small Public Keys and Fast Verification for Multivariate Quadratic Public Key Systems



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# Multivariate Cryptography

- Candidate for Post-Quantum Cryptography

- Low computational requirements
- Fast and efficient



- Large key sizes
- Security ?



# The Oil and Vinegar Signature Scheme



Two types of variables: Oil and Vinegar

- Central map  $\mathcal{F}$  of  $o$  quadratic polynomials of the form

$$f^{(k)}(u_1, \dots, u_n) = \sum_{i, j \in V, i \leq j} f_{ij}^{(k)} u_i u_j + \sum_{i \in V, j \in O} f_{ij}^{(k)} u_i u_j \quad (k = 1, \dots, o)$$

$$M_F \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline \in_R \mathbb{F} & \in_R \mathbb{F} & 0 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$V \times V \quad V \times O \quad O \times O$

- linear invertible map  $\mathcal{S}$

**public key:**  $\mathcal{P} = \mathcal{F} \circ \mathcal{S}$

**private key:**  $\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{S}$

# Oil and Vinegar (2)



## Signature generation

- Compute  $\mathbf{h} = \mathcal{H}(m) \in \mathbb{F}^o$
- Compute one preimage of  $\mathbf{h}$  under  $\mathcal{F}$ 
  - Assign random values to the Vinegar variables  $u_1, \dots, u_v$
  - Solve the resulting linear system for the Oil variables  $u_{v+1}, \dots, u_n$
- Compute  $\mathbf{x} = \mathcal{S}^{-1}(\mathbf{u}) \in \mathbb{F}^n$

## Signature verification

- Compute  $\mathbf{h} = \mathcal{H}(m)$  and  $\mathbf{h}' = \mathcal{P}(\mathbf{x})$ .
- $\mathbf{h}' = \mathbf{h} \rightarrow$  accept the signature  
else reject

Recommended Parameters:  $(q, o, v) = (2^8, 26, 52)$

# Reducing public key size

$M_P$

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173	093	248	183	076	172	152	251	125	179	082	238	193	078
182	235	196	083	102	186	112	241	139	087	118	241	156	207
193	229	051	213	194	146	173	247	072	184	239	092	173	274
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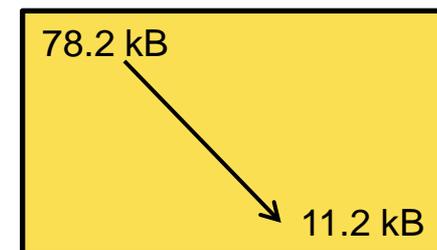
# Reducing public key size

The approach of PB10

$$D := \frac{v \cdot (v + 1)}{2} + o \cdot v$$

$M_P$	$c_1$	$c_2$	$c_3$	$c_4$	$\dots$	$c_{D-2}$	$c_{D-1}$	$c_D$	103	172	182	091
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	$\vdots$				$\ddots$				152	251	125	179
									082	238	193	078
	<b>B</b>							<b>C</b>				

→ Key size reduction by up to 85 %



# The approach of PB10

## Observation

$$p^{(k)} : \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=i}^n p_{ij}^{(k)} x_i x_j$$

$$f^{(k)} : \sum_{r=1}^v \sum_{s=r}^n f_{rs}^{(k)} u_r u_s$$

$$\mathcal{P} = \mathcal{F} \circ \mathcal{S} \quad \Longrightarrow \quad p_{ij}^{(k)} = \sum_{r=1}^v \sum_{s=r}^n \alpha_{ij}^{rs} \cdot f_{rs}^{(k)}$$

with

$$\alpha_{ij}^{rs} = \begin{cases} s_{ri} \cdot s_{si} & (i = j) \\ s_{ri} \cdot s_{sj} + s_{rj} \cdot s_{si} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

# The approach of PB10

Set  $D := \frac{v \cdot (v + 1)}{2} + o \cdot v$

- Choose an  $o \times D$  matrix  $B$
- Choose randomly the linear invertible map  $\mathcal{S}$ .

Compute for  $\mathcal{S}$  the  $D \times D$  **transformation matrix**

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_{11}^{11} & \alpha_{12}^{11} & \dots & \alpha_{vn}^{11} \\ \alpha_{11}^{12} & & & \alpha_{vn}^{12} \\ \vdots & & & \vdots \\ \alpha_{11}^{vn} & \alpha_{12}^{vn} & \dots & \alpha_{vn}^{vn} \end{pmatrix}$$

where

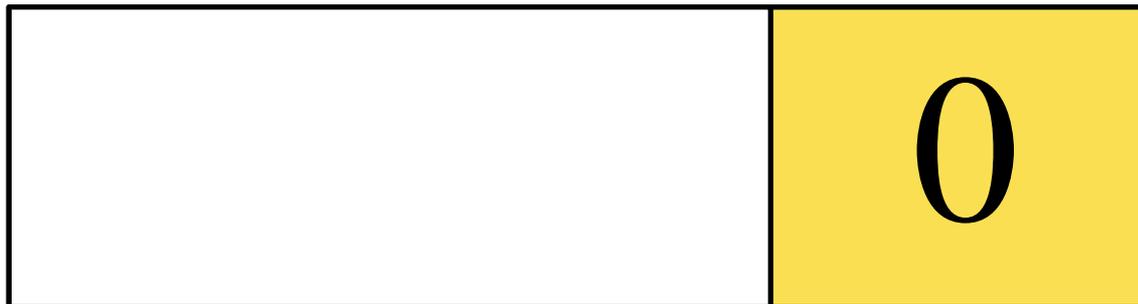
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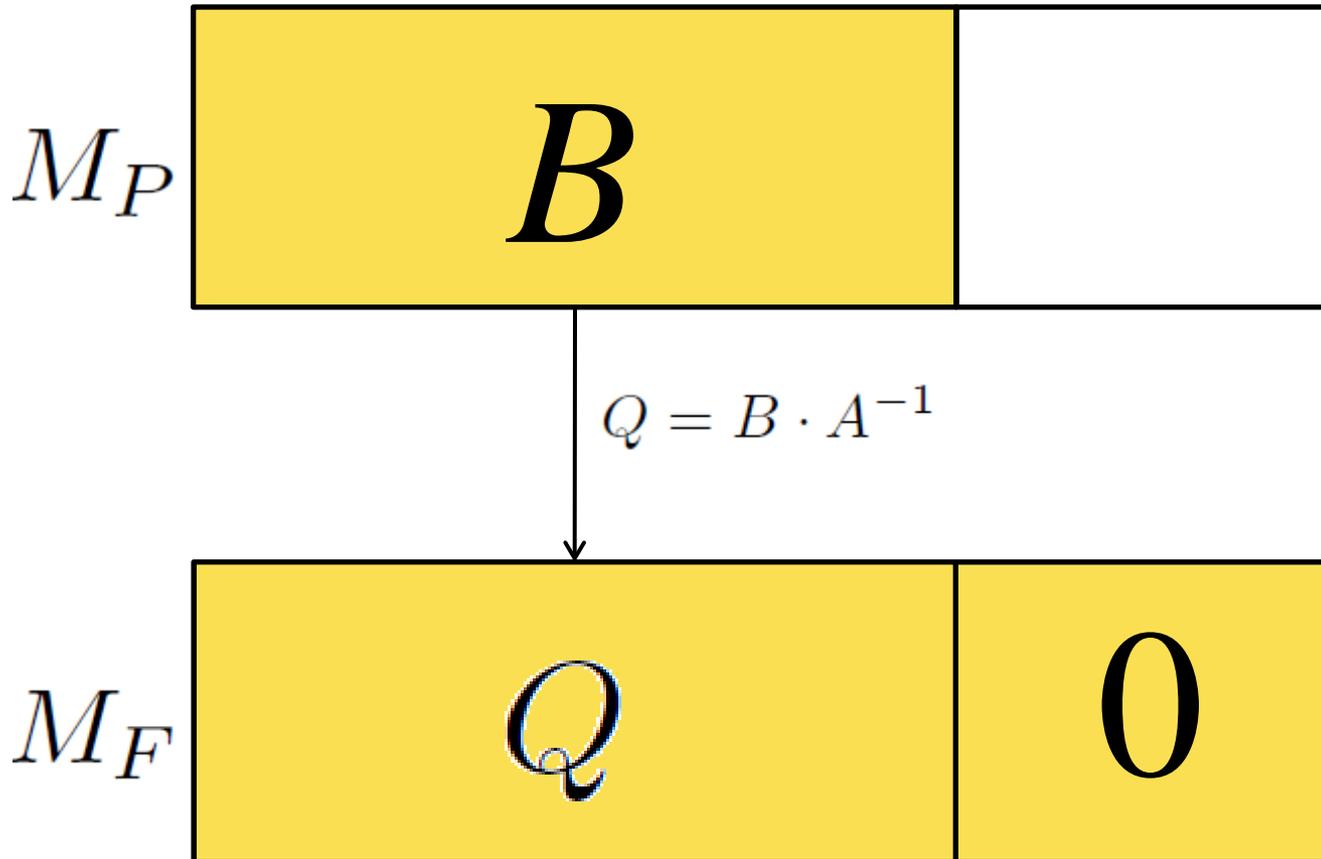
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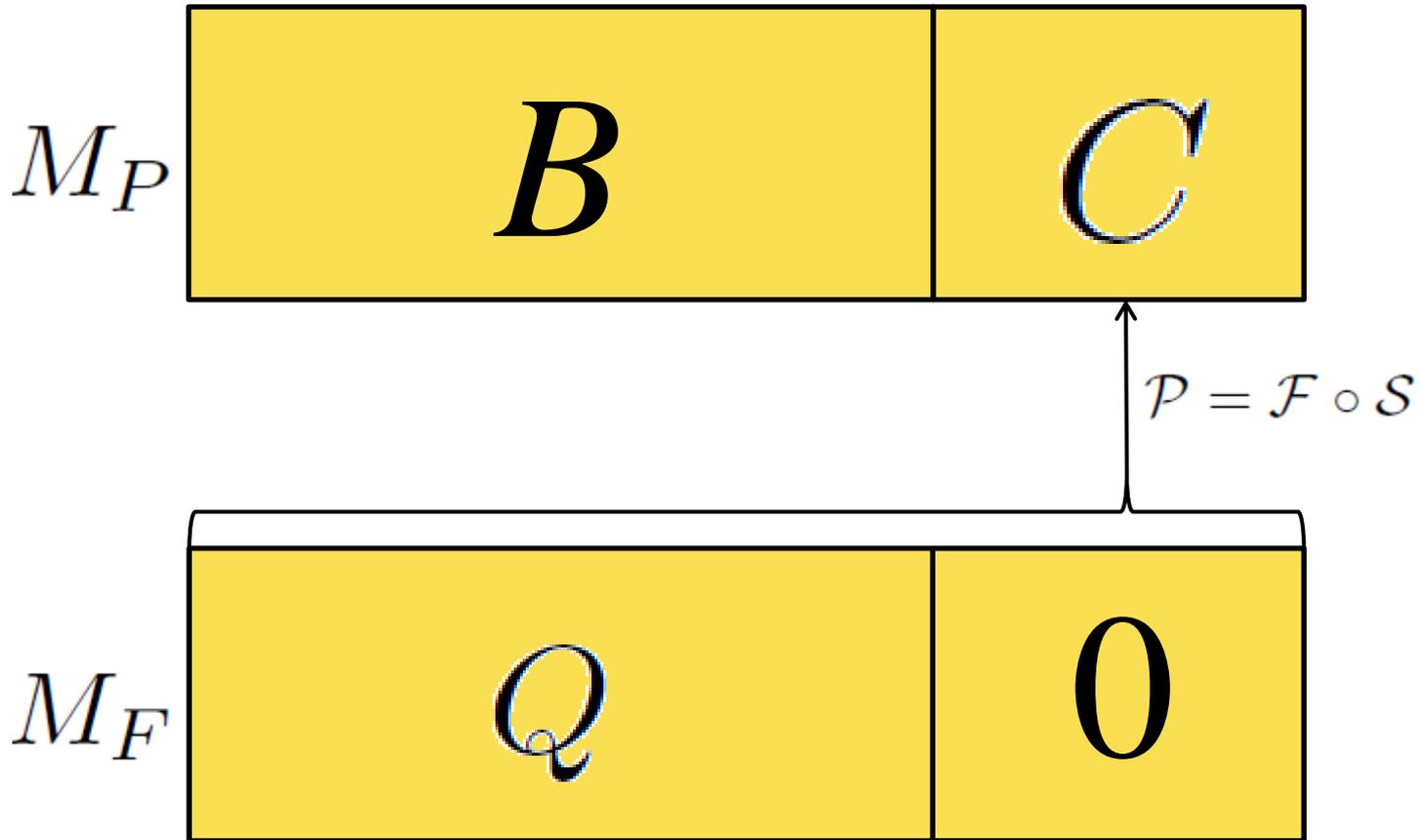
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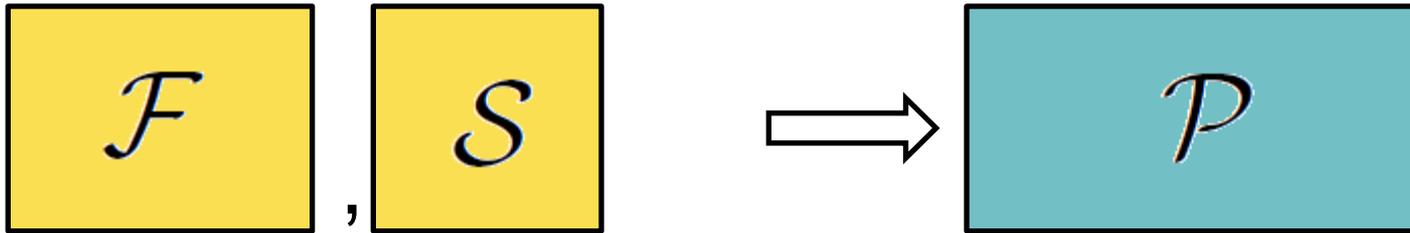


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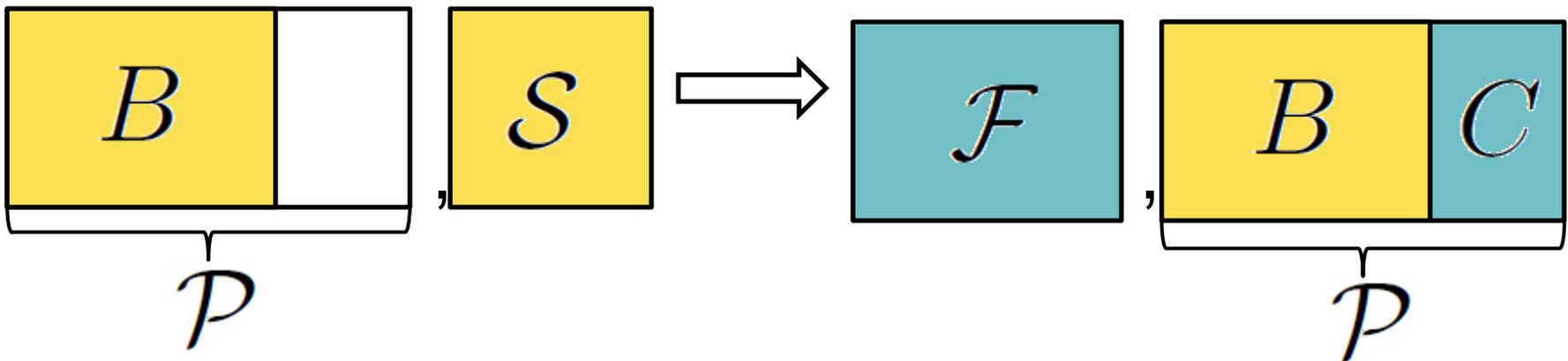


# The approach of PB10

## Standard Construction

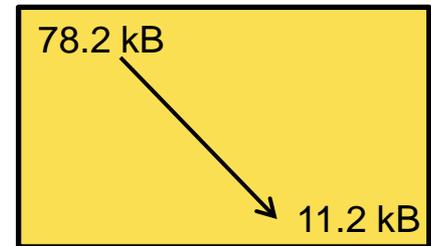


## New Construction



# Result of PB10

Reduction of the public key size by up to 85 %



But: What about the security?

**Proposition:** Let  $B$  an MDS matrix. Then, in the sense of key recovery attacks, the new construction is as secure as the standard key generation of UOV.

## Equivalent keys

Let  $(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{S})$  and  $(\mathcal{F}', \mathcal{S}')$  be two UOV private keys. They are called equivalent iff they result in the same public key, i.e.

$$\mathcal{F} \circ \mathcal{S} = \mathcal{F}' \circ \mathcal{S}' =: \mathcal{P}$$

# Security (2)

**Lemma:** For each UOV public key  $\mathcal{P}$  there exists a UOV private key  $(\tilde{F}, \tilde{S})$  s. t.  $\tilde{S}$  has the form

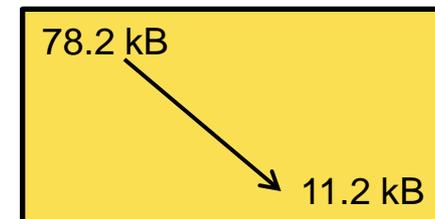
$$\tilde{S} = \begin{pmatrix} I_{v \times v} & \tilde{S}'_{v \times o} \\ 0_{o \times v} & I_{o \times o} \end{pmatrix}$$

**Lemma:** For each UOV public key  $\mathcal{P}$  there exists a UOV private key  $(\tilde{F}, \tilde{S})$  such that

$$\widetilde{f_{ij}^{(k)}} = p_{ij}^{(k)} \quad \forall k \in \{1, \dots, o\}, \quad i, j \in \{1, \dots, v\} .$$

# What we have now

Reduction of the public key size by up to 85 %



+ „Security proof“

## Can we do even better than PB10?

- in terms of public key size
- in terms of verification cost

**Idea:** Use a matrix  $B$  defined over  $GF(2)$

# The new approach: 0/1 UOV

$M_P$

1 0 0 1 0 1 0 0 1 1 0 1 1 0 0 1 1 0 1 0 1 1 0 1 0 1	103 172 182 091
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B C

- **Problem: Direct attacks**

By fixing some variables an attacker might be able to turn all the monomials over  $GF(2^8)$  into constants

→ he could compute a Gröbner basis over  $GF(2)$

- **Solution:** Use another ordering of monomials

# The Turán graph $T(n, k)$

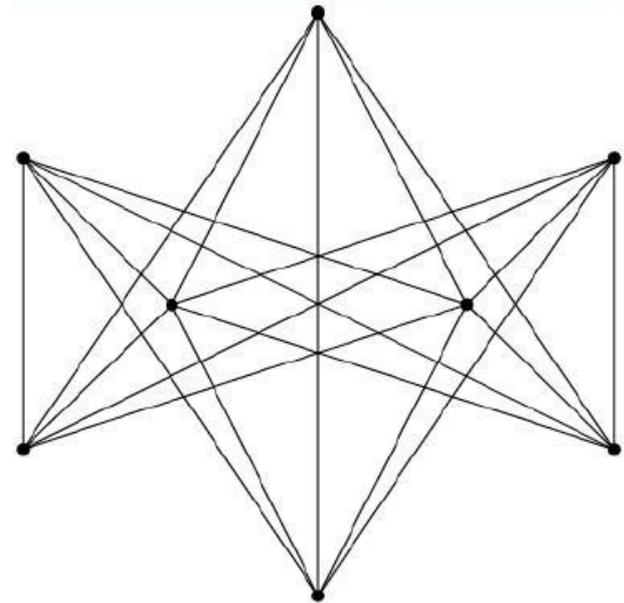
- Divide the set  $V = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  of vertices into  $k$  subsets  $A_i$  ( $i = 1, \dots, k$ ).

$$A_i \cap A_j = \emptyset, \quad ||A_i| - |A_j|| \leq 1 \quad (i \neq j)$$

- Two vertices are connected by an edge iff they belong to different subsets

**Theorem:** The Turán graph  $T(n, k)$  is the graph with the maximal number of edges which does not contain a  $(k+1)$ -clique, i.e.

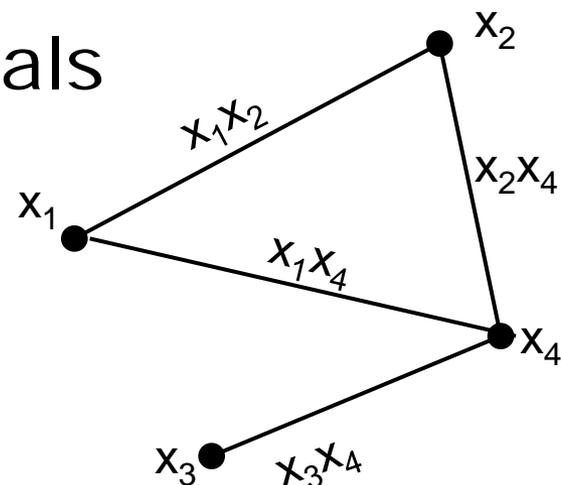
$$\nexists V' \subset V \text{ with } |V'| = k + 1 \text{ s.t. } \{e(v_i, v_j) : v_i, v_j \in V'\} \subset E$$



$T(8, 3)$

## Graph $\leftrightarrow$ Ordering of monomials

- Vertices  $\leftrightarrow$  variables
- Edges  $\leftrightarrow$  quadratic monomials



3 Blocks:

1. Squared variables (e.g.  $x_1^2$ )
  2. Monomials represented by edges of the graph
  3. Remaining monomials
- Inside the blocks we use the lexicographic order

→ use an ordering of monomials induced by the Turán graph.



## Direct Attacks

Before applying XL or a Gröbner Basis algorithm the attacker fixes/guesses at some variables to get an (over)determined system.

For  $(q,o,v)=(2^8,26,52)$  there remain

- after fixing  $v$  variables at least 30 monomials with coefficients over  $GF(2^8)$
- after fixing/guessing  $v+2=54$  variables at least 24 monomials with coefficients over  $GF(2^8)$

→ the attacker is not able to compute a Gröbner basis over  $GF(2)$ .

# Security of 0/1 UOV

- Security proof does not apply

→ test the behaviour of known attacks against 0/1 UOV

- Direct attacks
- Rank attacks
- UOV-Reconciliation attack
- UOV attack

→ Known attacks cannot use the special structure of our public keys

# Parameters

Recommended Parameters  $(q,o,v) = (2^8, 26, 52)$ .

Scheme $(q,o,v)$	System parameter (kB)	Private key size (kB)	Public key size (kB)	Reduction of public key size
UOV $(2^8, 26, 52)$	-	75.3	78.2	-
0/1 UOV $(2^8, 26, 52)$	8.7	75.3	8.9	88.6 %
UOV $(2^8, 28, 56)$	-	93.4	97.6	-
0/1 UOV $(2^8, 28, 56)$	10.8	93.4	11.1	88.6 %

# Implementation

## Key generation

- Computationally expensive
- we use M4RIE library and Travolta tables
- Running time on an Intel Dual Core 2.7 GHz ~27 sec

## Signature Generation

- As for the standard UOV scheme: ~3.5 ms

# Implementation (2)

## Signature Verification ( $\approx$ Evaluation of $\mathcal{P}$ )

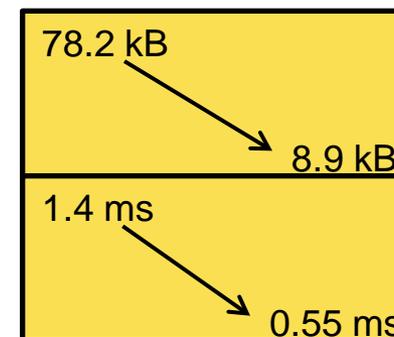
- Compute the values of all monomials  $x_i x_j$  in advance  $\rightarrow$  vector *mon*
  - Compute for  $i = 1, \dots, o$  the scalar product  $M_p[i] \cdot \text{mon}$
  - elements of B ( $\in GF(2)$ )
    - If 1, carry out one addition
    - If 0, don't do anything
 B fixed  $\rightarrow$  no need to perform if-clauses
  - elements of C ( $\in GF(2^8)$ )  $\rightarrow$  one multiplication + one addition
- $\rightarrow$  Reduction of the number of multiplications by 86 %

$(q, o, v)$	UOV	0/1 UOV	Reduction factor
$(2^8, 26, 52)$	1.4 ms	0.55 ms	61%
$(2^8, 28, 56)$	1.5 ms	0.59 ms	60 %

# Conclusion

## What we have done

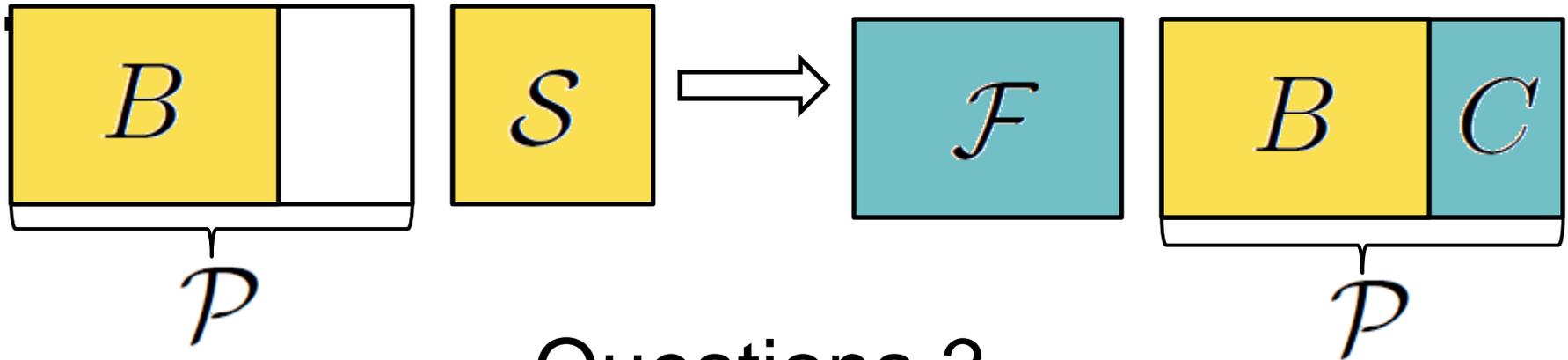
- „Security proof“ of the general construction
- Proposal of the new scheme 0/1 UOV
  - Reduction of the public key size of UOV by 89 %
  - Speedup of the verification process by 61%
  - Known attacks cannot use the special structure of our public keys



## Future work

- Use of special processor instructions
- Implementation on hardware (GPU, FPGA)

# Thank you for your attention



Questions ?

