

Sequential Aggregation of Multivariate Trapdoor Signatures

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- Reduce bandwidth consumption
- Generalize multisignatures

- Certificate chains
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Rigid transposition of FDH approach to post-quantum assumptions seems impractical



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We can regain provable security using the probabilistic hash-and-sign with retry approach.



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The security of the scheme is based on the one-wayness of F and the following additional property:

The output of the signing algorithm (r, x) is such that:

- **1** The salt r is indistinguishable from $r \leftarrow \{0, 1\}^{\lambda}$.
- **2** The signature x is indistinguishable from $x \leftarrow \mathcal{X}$.



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- Aborts on I_i may leak information.

A secure SAS scheme

The following aggregate scheme is provably secure in the random oracle model with generic TDF. Let H: $\{0,1\}^* \rightarrow \{0,1\}^{2\lambda}$, G: $\{0,1\}^{2\lambda} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$ be random oracles.

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Compared with the previous construction

- Good: is provable secure (but not fully black-box)
- **Good**: is an **history-free** sequential aggregate signature scheme.
- **B**ad: the full n party signature has an overhead of length $2\lambda + n\lambda$.

Wrapping up

- Many post-quantum trapdoor signature are built from the hash-and-sign with retry approach.
- The same issues regarding provable security are also encountered for aggregated signatures.
- Inability to extend the naive FDH demonstration is the reason why simple constructions of aggregate signatures are not provable secure.



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