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*« Tightly-Secure Signatures from
Lossy Identification Schemes »*

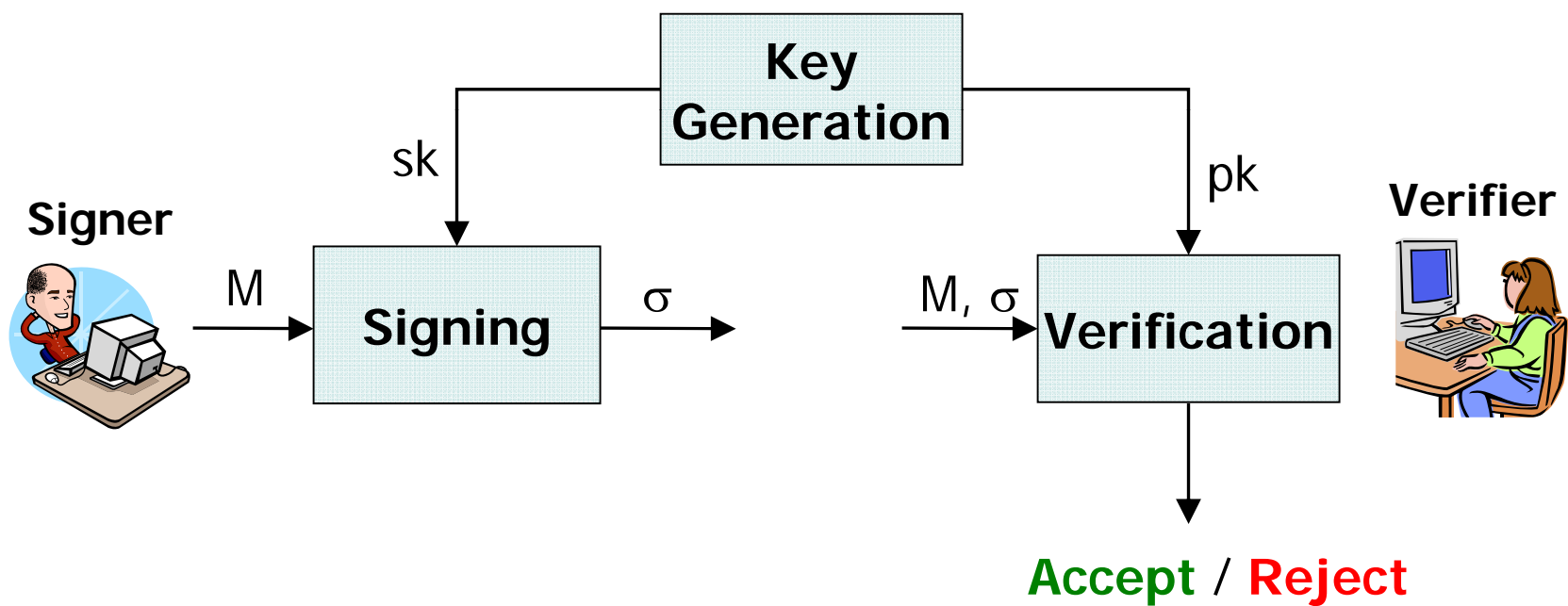
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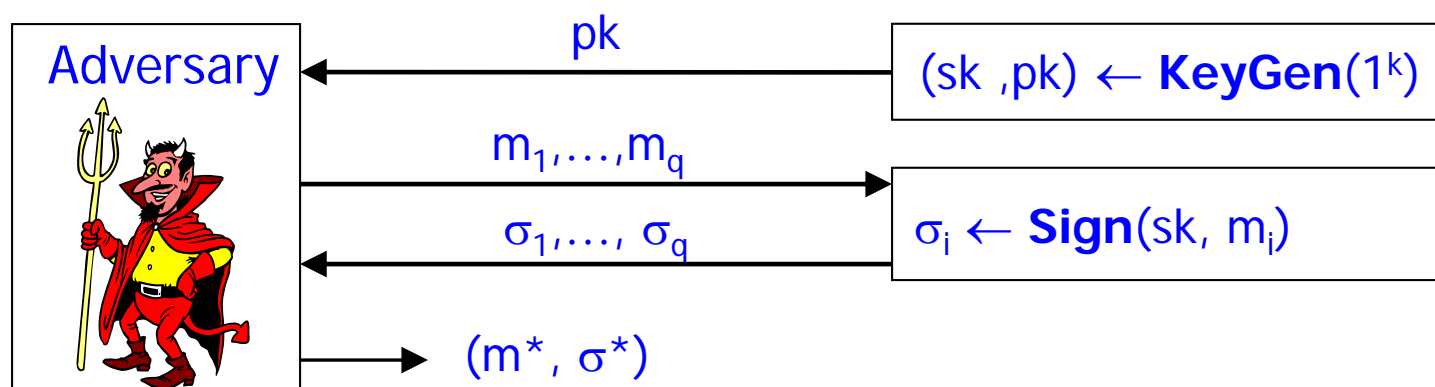
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Signature schemes



Security of signature schemes

- Strong Existential unforgeability under chosen-message attacks [GMR88]



- Adversary wins if **$\text{Verify}(pk, m^*, \sigma^*) = \text{Accept}$** and **$(m^*, \sigma^*)$** was not previously queried

Common methods for obtaining signature schemes

- Full Domain Hash
 - Let (f, f^{-1}) be a trapdoor one-way permutation
 - Let H be a random oracle
 - $\sigma = f^{-1}(H(m))$
- Identification-based signatures
 - Start with a “secure” identification scheme
 - Make it non-interactive with the help of a random oracle

Canonical identification scheme

Prover

sk

Verifier

pk

commit

challenge

response

ACCEPT or REJECT

Fiat-Shamir transform

Prover

sk

Verifier

pk

commit

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graph LR; Prover[Prover] -- commit --> Verifier[Verifier]; Verifier -- "challenge = H(message, commit)" --> Prover; Prover -- response --> Verifier; Verifier -- "ACCEPT or REJECT" --> End[ ];
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challenge =
H(message, commit)

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Tightness of security reductions

- What do we mean by tightness?
 - [BR96]: Adversary against scheme can be transformed into an adversary against underlying assumption with similar success probability and time complexity
- Can help set parameters for the scheme

FDH and alternatives with tight security

- PSS - probabilistic signature scheme [BR96]
- Magic bit by Katz and Wang [KW03]
- Goh and Jarecki CDH-based scheme [GJ03]
- Kakvi and Kiltz [KK12]

On the exact security of identification-based signatures

- If the ID scheme is secure against **passive adversaries**, then the signature scheme is **existentially unforgeable** [AABN02]
 - $\varepsilon_{\text{sig}}(k) \approx \mathbf{q}_H \times \varepsilon_{\text{id}}(k) + \text{negl}(k)$
 - Proof of passive security of the ID scheme is usually based on rewinding
- Direct proofs based on the forking lemma also lose a **\mathbf{q}_H** factor [PS96]

Fiat-Shamir alternatives with tight security

- Katz-Wang DDH-based signature scheme [KW03]
 - Uses the Fiat-Shamir heuristic based on a **proof of membership for the language $\{g, h, g^r, h^r\}$** instead of a proof of knowledge
 - Has a tight reduction to a decisional Diffie-Hellman problem

Our results

- **We extend the results by Katz and Wang to other settings**
 - New schemes based on the **decisional short-discrete-log problem**, **Ring-LWE**, and **subset sum**
- **A generic proof of security based on *lossy identification schemes***
 - Refines the results in [AABN]: **No q_H factor**
 - Formalizes the intuition behind the Katz-Wang signature scheme

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Passive security for ID schemes

- Let $\text{Tr}_{pk,sk,k}()$ be a transcript generation oracle
- Passive security experiment
 $\text{Exp}(A, \text{KG}, \text{Tr})$
 - $(pk, sk) \leftarrow \text{KG}(1^k)$
 - $(\text{cmt}, \text{st}) \leftarrow A^{\text{Tr}()}(pk)$
 - $\text{ch} \leftarrow \{0, 1\}^{\text{C}(k)}$
 - $\text{rsp} \leftarrow A(\text{st}, \text{ch})$
 - Return $\text{Ver}(\text{cmt}, \text{ch}, \text{rsp})$
- $\text{Exp}(A, \text{KG}, \text{Tr})$ outputs 1 with negl. probability

Security of the Fiat-Shamir transform

- **Theorem [AABN02]:** If **ID** is ϵ_{id} -secure against passive impersonations, then **SIG=FS[ID]** is ϵ_{sig} -existentially unforgeable

$$\epsilon_{sig} \leq q_h \times \epsilon_{id} + \text{negl}(k)$$

Lossy identification schemes

- \exists an alternate (lossy) key generation
- Properties:
 - ρ -**completeness**: a valid proof gets accepted
 - ε_s -**simulatable**: transcript can be efficiently simulated without the secret key
 - ε_k - **key indistinguishable**: cannot distinguish lossy keys from normal keys
 - ε_l - **lossy**: an **unbounded** adversary cannot succeed in breaking the ID scheme when pk is lossy

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Proof idea

- **Use transcripts to simulate signing oracle**
 - Let m be in the sign query
 - Given $(\text{cmt}, \text{ch}, \text{rsp}) \neq (\perp, \perp, \perp)$, set $H(\text{cmt}, m) = \text{ch}$
 - Collision probability is negligible due to cmt min-entropy
 - Return $\sigma = (\text{cmt}, \text{rsp})$ as the signature
- **Replace pk with lossy public key lpk**
 - Probability of success changes by at most $\epsilon_k + q_s \epsilon_s$
 - Success probability is at most $q_h \epsilon_l$ when key is lossy
 - q_h factor is due to guess of hash query used in the forgery

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DDH-based ID scheme [KW03]

Prover

$$\text{sk} = x \in \mathbb{Z}_q$$

$$r \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_q$$

$$A \leftarrow g^r; B \leftarrow h^r$$

$$s \leftarrow cx + r$$

$$\mathbf{G} = \langle g \rangle, |G|=q$$

$$\xrightarrow{A, B}$$

$$\xleftarrow{c}$$

$$\xrightarrow{s}$$

Verifier

$$\text{pk} = (g, h, y_1 = g^x, y_2 = h^x)$$

$$c \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_q$$

Accept if

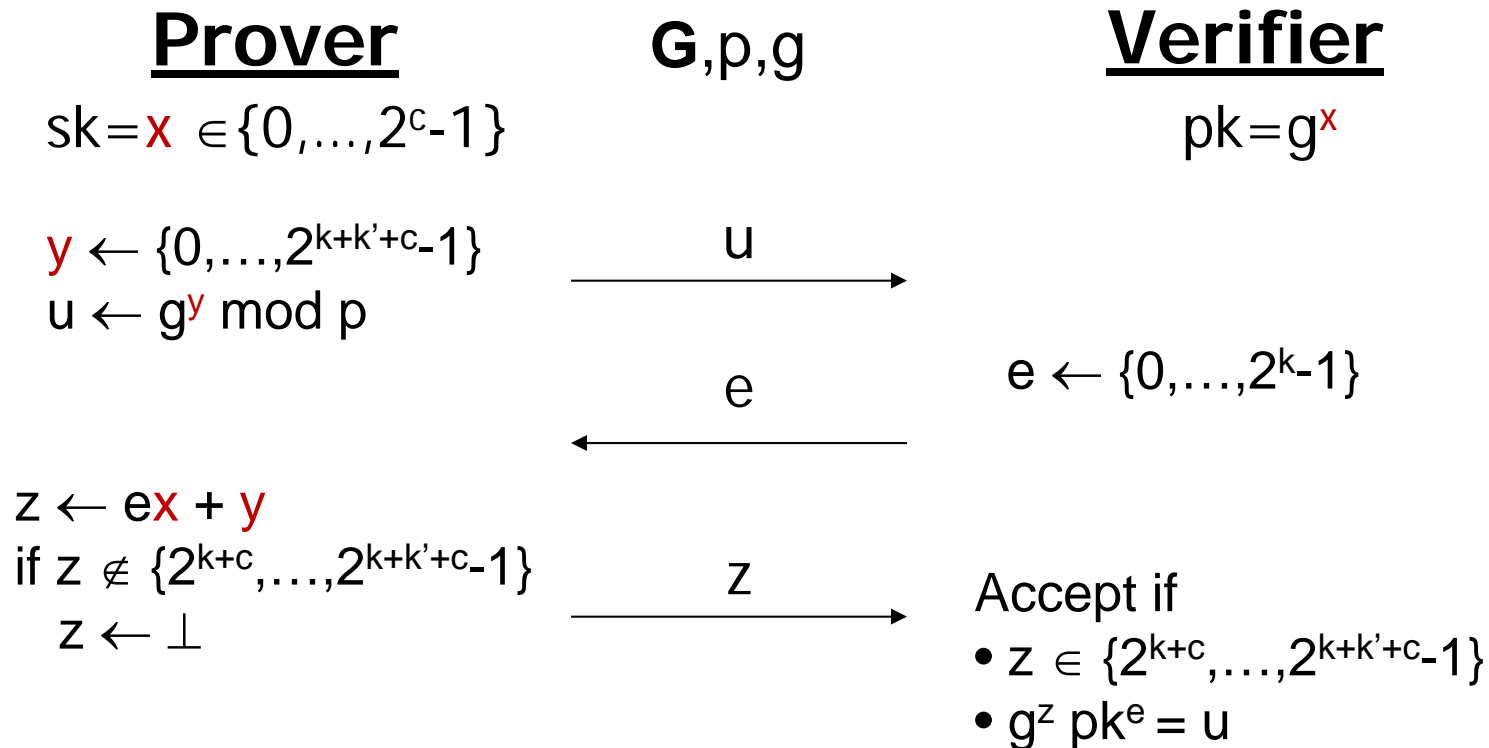
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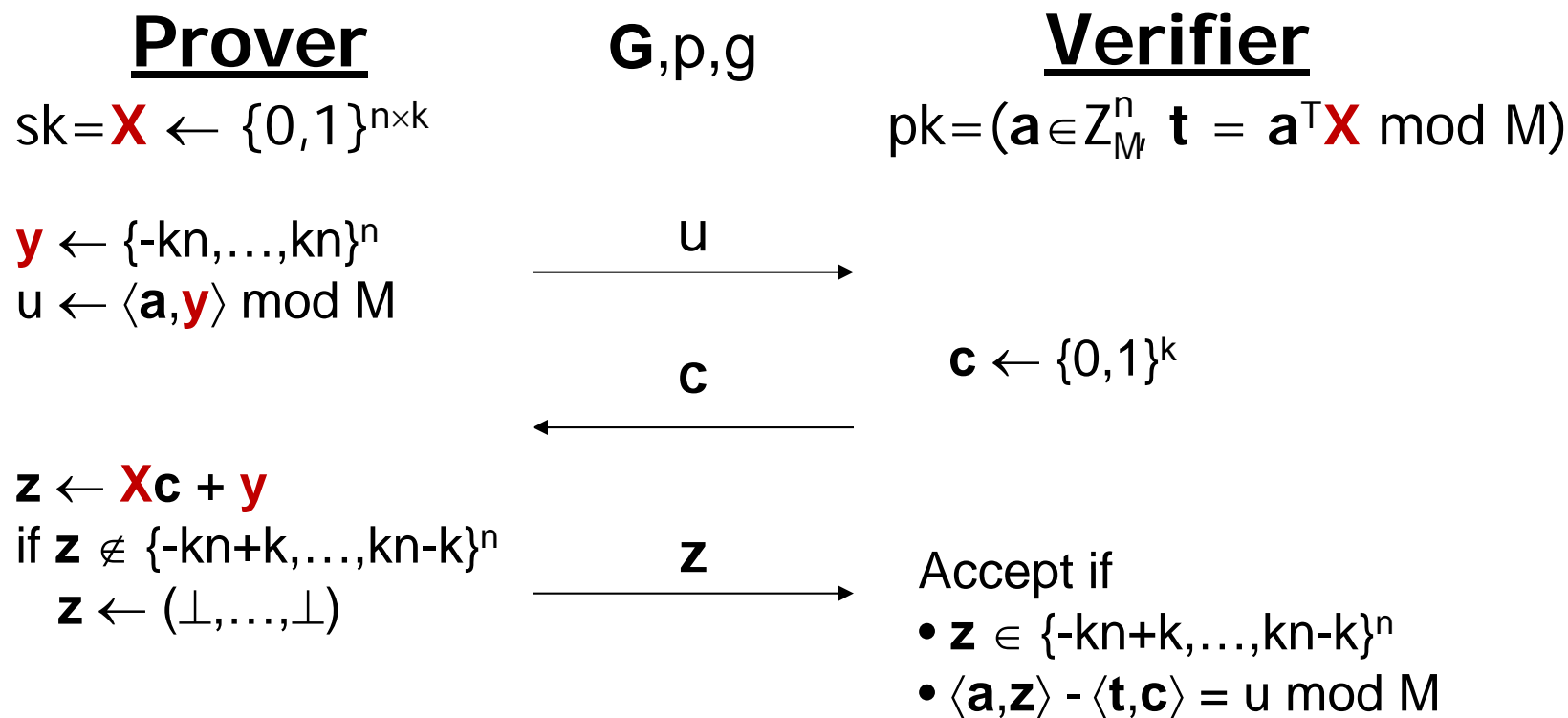
Security of DDH-based ID scheme

- 1-complete since ID scheme never aborts
- Simulatability follows from ZK property
 - Choose $c \in \mathbb{Z}_q$ and $s \in \mathbb{Z}_q$
 - Set $A = g^s y_1^{-c}$ and $B = h^s y_2^{-c}$
- Key indistinguishability follows from DDH assumption
- Lossiness
 - pk is not a DH tuple
 - Given A and B, there exists at most one c for which there exists a response s s.t. $A y_1^c = g^s$ and $B y_2^c = h^s$

Short-discrete-log based ID scheme




Subset-sum-based ID scheme



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- **Provided a tight and generic security proof based on *lossy identification schemes***
- **Security holds in the quantum-accessible random oracle model**
 - Our reductions are history-free []