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Software update *m*







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$$
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$$

$$
\sigma = \mathsf{Sign}(sk,m)
$$





















*pk*

















# The Schnorr Signature Scheme

- *•* An efficient signature scheme based on discrete logarithms.
- *•* Consider a 2*k*-bit prime *q*, i.e., *q ≈* 2 2*k* .



• The verification works for a correct signature  $\sigma = (s, e)$  because

the  $\vert$ 

$$
R = g^s \cdot pk^{-e} = g^{s - sk \cdot e} = g^r = I.
$$

• The length of the signature:

$$
\frac{2k}{\text{length of } s} + \frac{2k}{\text{the hash output}}
$$

$$
= 4k.
$$

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## The "Short" Schnorr Signatures



*↓ truncating the hash output by half*





# Signature Length Comparison

#### Definition

A signature scheme Π = (Kg*,* Sign*,* Vfy) yields *k-bits of security* if any attacker running in time at most  $t$  can forge a signature with probability at most  $\varepsilon_t = t/2^k$  and this should hold for all  $t \leq 2^k$ .





<sup>1</sup>Signature lengths and security level are provided in bits

## Multi-User Security Definition

- *•* We consider the multi-user security in the "1-out-of-*N*" setting
- *•* The probability that the attacker can forge *any one* of *N* signatures is negligible
- $\bullet$  We define the *1-out-of-* $N$  *signature forgery game* SigForge $^{N}_{\mathcal{A},\Pi}(k)$  as follows:
	- $1$ . Gen $(1^k)$  is run  $N$  times to obtain keys  $(pk_i, sk_i), 1 \leq i \leq N.$
	- 2. Adversary A is given  $pk_1, \dots, pk_N$  and access to oracles  $Sign(sk_i, \cdot), 1 \leq j \leq N$ . The adversary then outputs  $(m, \sigma)$ . Let  $\mathcal{Q}_i$  denote the set of all queries that *A* asked to oracle Sign( $sk_i$ , ·).
	- 3. *A* succeeds if and only if there exists some *j* such that (1)  $Vf_Y(pk_i, m, \sigma) = 1$  and (2)  $m \notin Q_i$ . In this case the output of the experiment is defined to be 1.

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# Security Proofs of the Schnorr Signatures



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[[Ber15\]](#page-83-4) - "Key-Prefixed" Schnorr signatures



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### Our Result

We show that the "short" Schnorr signature scheme provides *k*-bits of security in *both* the single and multi-user versions of the signature forgery game.

#### Theorem (informal)

*Any attacker running in time t against the short Schnorr signature scheme*

- 1. *wins the signature forgery game* (UF*-*CMA) *with probability at most O*(*t/*2 *k* )*, and*
- 2. *wins the multi-user signature forgery game* (MU*-*UF*-*CMA) *with probability at most*  $\mathcal{O}((t+N)/2^k)$  (where  $N$  denote the number of distinct users/public keys)

in the generic group model (of order  $q\approx 2^{2k}$ ) plus random oracle model.

Why is this important? We don't lose a factor of *N* in the security reduction!

#### Example

Suppose that  $q \approx 2^{224}$  (i.e.,  $k = 112$ ),  $N = 2^{32}$ , and  $t = 2^{80}$ .

- Naïve approach:  $\epsilon_{\mathsf{MU}} \approx N \cdot t / 2^k = 1$
- Our result:  $\epsilon_{\text{MU}} \approx (t+N)/2^k = 2^{-32}$

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## The Generic Group Model [[Sho97](#page-84-3)]





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## The Generic Group Model: Justification

- For certain elliptic curve groups the best known attacks are all generic [[JMV01,](#page-83-5) [FST10](#page-83-6)].
- **Heuristic:** experience suggests that protocols with security proofs in the GGM doesn't have inherent structural weaknesses and will be secure as long as we instantiate with a reasonable elliptic curve group.
- *•* Counterexamples are artificially crafted [[Den02](#page-83-7)].

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#### Event "BRIDGE":

$$
\begin{array}{lcl}(\mathfrak{y},a,b),(\mathfrak{y},a',b')\in \mathcal{L}&\Rightarrow&ax+b=a'x+b',\\ \text{with } (a,b)\neq (a',b') &\qquad \therefore x=(a-a')^{-1}(b'-b). \end{array}
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Why restricting  $\mathtt{DLog}_g(\cdot)$  to "fresh" queries?

*•* Trivial attack: Pick random  $r \in \mathbb{Z}_q$ , compute  $\tau(h_i g^r)$  using Mult oracle and query  $\text{DLog}_{g}(\tau(h_ig^r))$ 

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#### Recall

The event BRIDGE<sup>N</sup> occurs if *L* ever contains two distinct tuples  $(\eta_1, \vec{a}_1, b_1)$  and  $(\eta_2, \vec{a}_2, b_2)$ such that  $\mathfrak{n}_1 = \mathfrak{n}_2$  but  $(\vec{a}_1, b_1) \neq (\vec{a}_2, b_2)$ .

- As long as the event BRIDGE<sup>N</sup> has not occurred we can (essentially) view  $x_1, \ldots, x_N$  as uniformly random values that that yet to be selected.
- More precisely, the values  $x_1, \ldots, x_N$  are selected subject to a few constraints, e.g., if we know  $\mathfrak{f}_1 = \tau(g^{\vec{a}_1 \cdot \vec{x} + b_1}) \neq \mathfrak{f}_2 = \tau(g^{\vec{a}_2 \cdot \vec{x} + b_2})$  then we have the constraint that  $\vec{a}_1 \cdot \vec{x} + b_1 \neq \vec{a}_2 \cdot \vec{x} + b_2.$



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# The Multi-User Bridge Game

#### Theorem

*The probability an attacker*  $A$  *running in time*  $t$  *wins the 1-out-of-N generic* BRIDGE<sup>N</sup>-finding *game (even with access to the restricted* DLog *oracle) is at most*

$$
\Pr\left[\mathsf{BridgeChal}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\mathsf{GO},N}(k) = 1\right] \le \frac{tN + 3t(t+1)/2}{q - (N + 3t + 1)^2 - N} = \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{(t+N)^2}{q}\right)
$$

*where q is the order of the group G.*

#### **Corollary**

For any attacker  ${\cal A}$  running in time  $t'=t+2\log q$  we have

$$
\Pr\Big[\mathsf{1ofNDLog}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\mathsf{GO},N}(k) = 1\Big] \leq \frac{tN + 3t(t+1)/2}{q - (N + 3t + 1)^2 - N} = \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{(t+N)^2}{q}\right)
$$

where *q* is the order of the group *G*.

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#### Theorem

*In the generic group model of prime order*  $q \approx 2^{2k}$  *and the programmable random oracle model the short Schnorr signature scheme is*  $(t, N, q_{R0}, q_{G0}, q_{Sien}, \epsilon)$ -MU-UF-CMA *secure with*  $\epsilon = \frac{tN+3t(t+2)/2}{q-(N+3t+1)^2-N} + \frac{t^2}{q} + \frac{t+1}{2^k} = \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{t+N}{2^k}\right)$ .

*•* Our result provides *k*-bits of multi-user security of "short" Schnorr signatures since usually  $t \gg N$  ( $t \approx 2^{80}, N \approx 2^{32}$ ).









Probability of outputting *⊥*





*q*  $\setminus$ 











Probability of outputting *⊥*  $\leq q_{\mathsf{Sign}} \times \frac{q_{\mathsf{R0}} + q_{\mathsf{Sign}}}{q}$  $\frac{q^2 \sin \theta}{q} = \mathcal{O}$  $\sqrt{ }$ *t* 2 *q*  $\setminus$ *≤*  $\frac{q_{\mathsf{R0}} + q_{\mathsf{Sign}}}{q - |\mathcal{L}|} + \frac{1}{Q^l}$ 2 *k*  $=$   $\mathcal{O}$  $\sqrt{ }$ *t* 2 *k*  $\setminus$ *≤ q*RO 2 *k* = *O*  $\sqrt{ }$ *t* 2 *k*  $\lambda$ comes with "short" Schnorr signatures





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<sup>29</sup>*/*33

## Conclusion and Future Work

#### **Our Contributions**

- *•* We showed that the *short* Schnorr signatures provides *k*-bits of security in *both* single and multi-user settings under the programmable ROM and the GGM.
- *•* Breaking multi-user security of short Schnorr signatures in "1-out-of-*N*" setting is not *easier* than breaking a single instance.
- The short Schnorr signature is still secure even if we allow a restricted discrete-log oracle in the GGM.
- We provide a new proof technique which keeps track of the known and the partially known set in a global list.

#### **Future Work**

- *•* Security of (short) Schnorr signatures against preprocessing attacks [[CK18](#page-83-0)].
	- *◦* Preprocessing attacks are used to criticize non-standard generic group models proposed earlier [[SJ00](#page-84-0), [KMP16\]](#page-83-1).
	- Preprocessing phase is not doable in both non-standard models, whereas it is clearly captured by the original model.



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# Questions?

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