#### On the Multi-User Security of Short Schnorr Signatures

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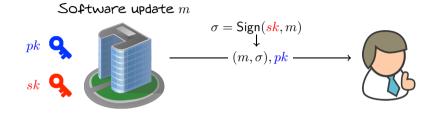


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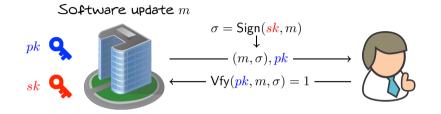
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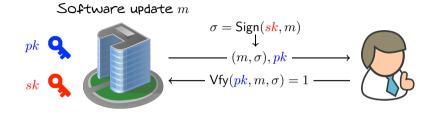






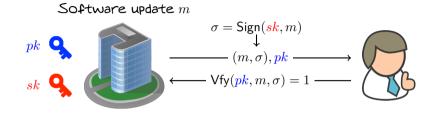






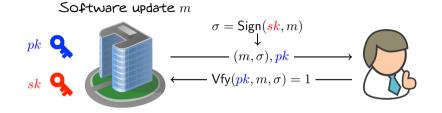






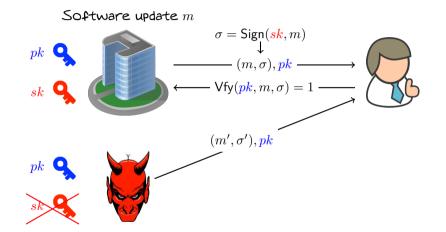




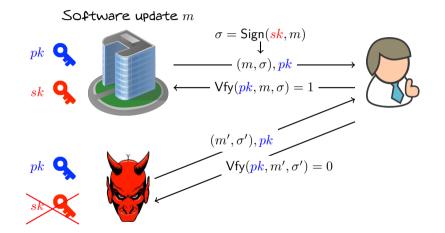














## The Schnorr Signature Scheme

- An efficient signature scheme based on discrete logarithms.
- Consider a 2k-bit prime q, i.e.,  $q \approx 2^{2k}$ .

$Kg(1^k)$	Sign(sk,m)	$Vfy(pk,m,\sigma)$
1: $sk \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_q$	1: $r \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_q; I \leftarrow g^r$	1: $R \leftarrow g^s \cdot pk^{-e}$
2: $pk \leftarrow g^{sk}$	2: $e \leftarrow H(I  m)$	2 : if $H({m{R}}  {m{m}})=e$ then
3: return $(m{pk},m{sk})$	3: $s \leftarrow r + sk \cdot e \mod q$	3: <b>return</b> 1
	4 : return $\pmb{\sigma}=(\pmb{s},\pmb{e})$	4 : else return $0$

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

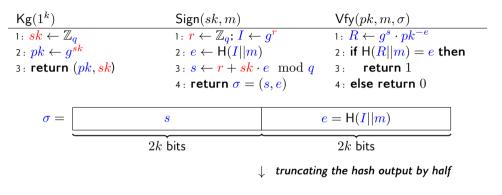
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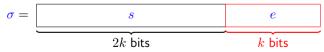
• The length of the signature: 2k

$$+\underbrace{2k}_{\text{the back output}} = 4k.$$

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## The "Short" Schnorr Signatures







# Signature Length Comparison

#### Definition

A signature scheme  $\Pi = (\text{Kg}, \text{Sign}, \text{Vfy})$  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  $t \leq 2^k$ .

Signatures	Signature Length <sup>1</sup>	Security Level	Notes
RSA-FDH	3072	128	NIST recommendation
Schnorr	512	128	
Short Schnorr	384	128?	Our result
BLS	256	128	Computationally expensive
iO	128	128	Completely impractical



## 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
- We define the *1-out-of-*N *signature forgery game* SigForge $_{\mathcal{A},\Pi}^{N}(k)$  as follows:
  - 1. Gen $(1^k)$  is run N times to obtain keys  $(pk_i, sk_i), 1 \le i \le N$ .
  - 2. Adversary  $\mathcal{A}$  is given  $pk_1, \dots, pk_N$  and access to oracles  $\text{Sign}(sk_j, \cdot), 1 \leq j \leq N$ . The adversary then outputs  $(m, \sigma)$ . Let  $\mathcal{Q}_j$  denote the set of all queries that  $\mathcal{A}$  asked to oracle  $\text{Sign}(sk_j, \cdot)$ .
  - 3.  $\mathcal{A}$  succeeds if and only if there exists some j such that (1)  $Vfy(pk_j, m, \sigma) = 1$  and (2)  $m \notin Q_j$ . In this case the output of the experiment is defined to be 1.

#### Definition

We say that a signature scheme  $\Pi = (Kg, Sign, Vfy)$  is  $(t, N, \epsilon)$ -**MU-UF-CMA secure** (multi-user unforgeable against chosen message attack) if for every adversary A running in time at most t, the following bound holds:

$$\Pr\left[\mathsf{SigForge}_{\mathcal{A},\Pi}^{N}(k) = 1\right] \leq \epsilon.$$

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[Ber15] - "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  $\mathcal{O}(t/2^k)$ , and
- 2. wins the multi-user signature forgery game (MU-UF-CMA) with probability at most  $O((t+N)/2^k)$  (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:  $\epsilon_{MU} \approx N \cdot t/2^k = 1$
- Our result:  $\epsilon_{\rm MU} \approx (t+N)/2^k = 2^{-32}$

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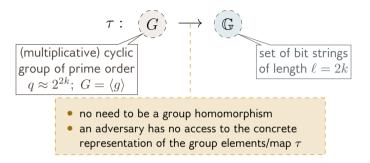
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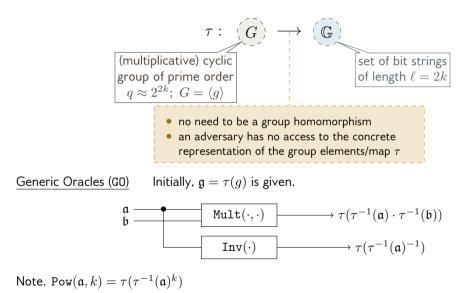


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## The Generic Group Model: Justification

- For certain elliptic curve groups the best known attacks are all generic [JMV01, FST10].
- 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].

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#### Event "BRIDGE":

$$\begin{array}{ll} (\mathfrak{y},a,b),(\mathfrak{y},a',b')\in\mathcal{L} & \Rightarrow & ax+b=a'x+b',\\ \text{with } (a,b)\neq(a',b') & & \therefore x=(a-a')^{-1}(b'-b). \end{array}$$

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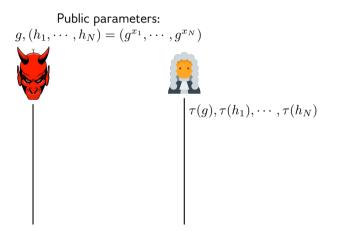
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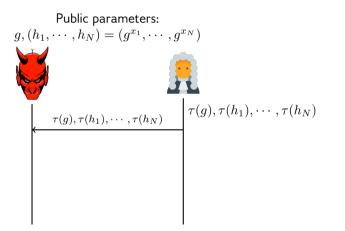
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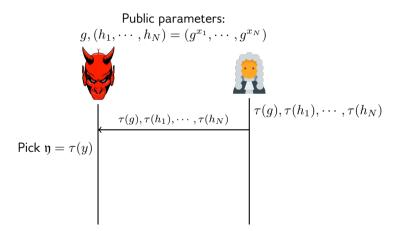




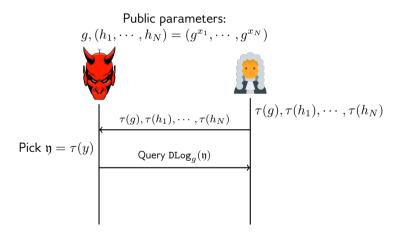




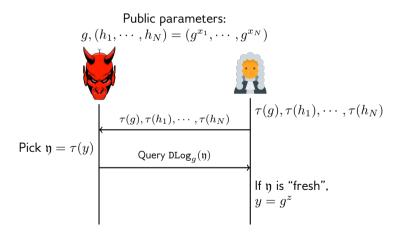


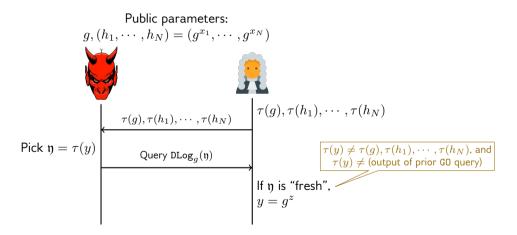


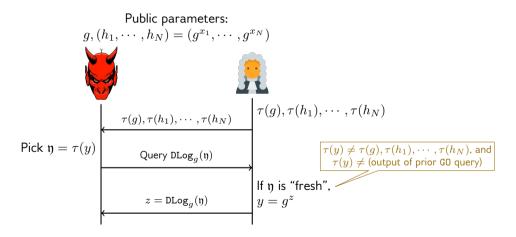


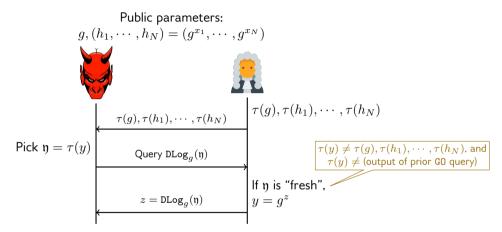












Why restricting  $\text{DLog}_q(\cdot)$  to "fresh" queries?

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

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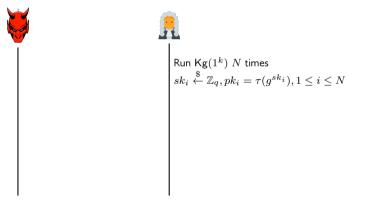
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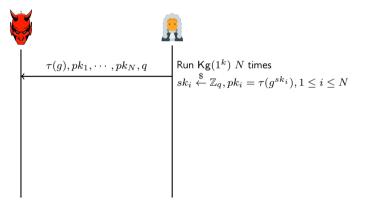
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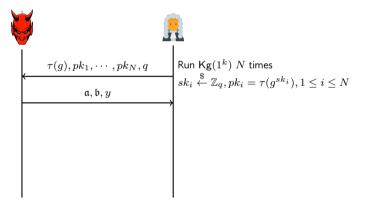
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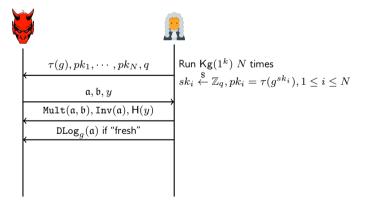
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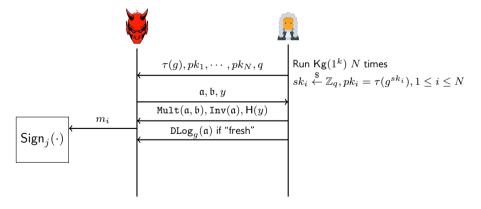
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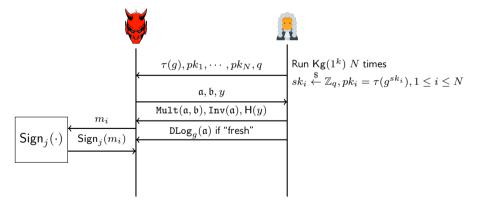
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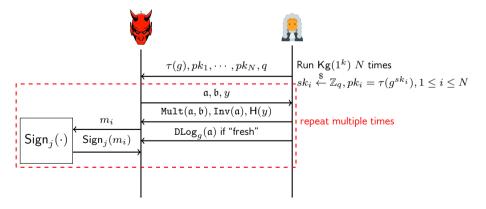
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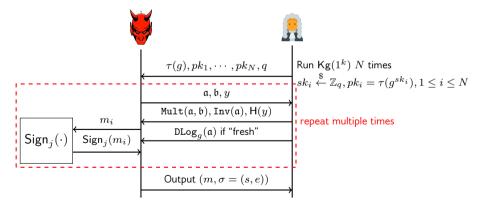
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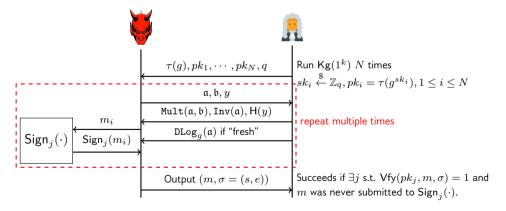
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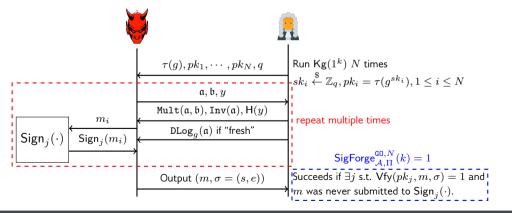


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## Multi-User Security Definition

#### Definition

We say that a signature scheme  $\Pi = (Kg, Sign, Vfy)$  is  $(t, N, q_{R0}, q_{G0}, q_{Sign}, \epsilon)$ -**MU-UF-CMA** secure (multi-user unforgeable against chosen message attack) if for every adversary  $\mathcal{A}$ running in time at most t and making at most  $q_{R0}$  (resp.  $q_{G0}, q_{Sign}$ ) queries to the random oracle (resp. generic group, signature oracles), the following bound holds:

$$\Pr\left[\mathsf{SigForge}_{\mathcal{A},\Pi}^{\mathsf{GO},N}(k) = 1\right] \leq \epsilon.$$



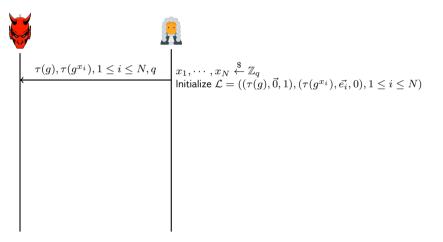
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The event BRIDGE<sup>N</sup> occurs if  $\mathcal{L}$  ever contains two distinct tuples  $(\mathfrak{y}_1, \vec{a}_1, b_1)$  and  $(\mathfrak{y}_2, \vec{a}_2, b_2)$  such that  $\mathfrak{y}_1 = \mathfrak{y}_2$  but  $(\vec{a}_1, b_1) \neq (\vec{a}_2,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

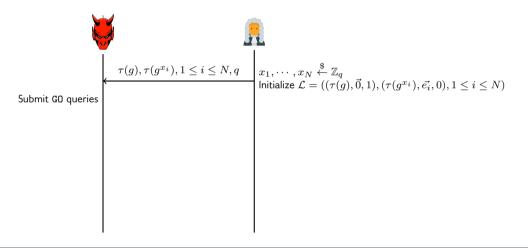
- As long as the event  $BRIDGE^N$  has not occurred we can (essentially) view  $x_1, \ldots, x_N$  as uniformly random values that that yet to be selected.
- More precisely, the values  $x_1, \ldots, x_N$  are selected subject to a few constraints, e.g., if we know  $\mathfrak{f}_1 = \tau(g^{\vec{a}_1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



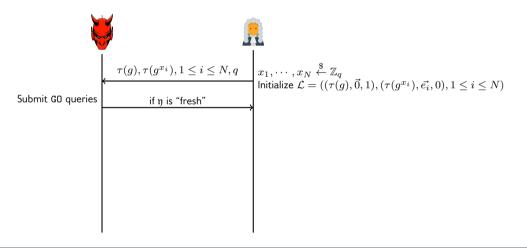
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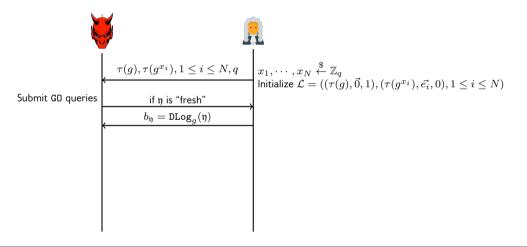
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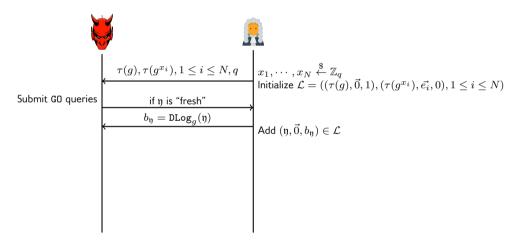
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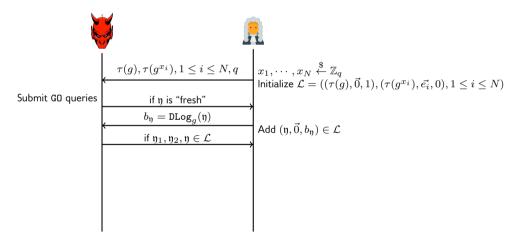
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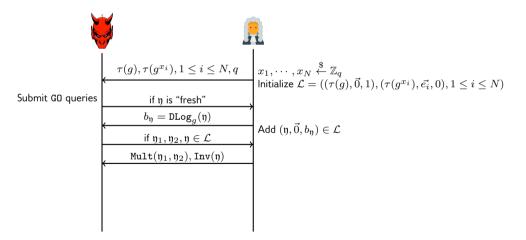
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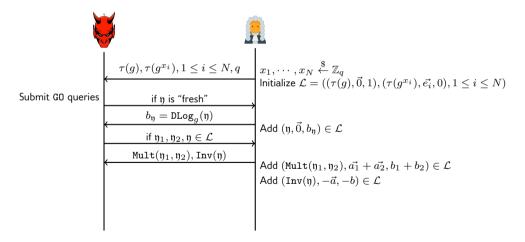
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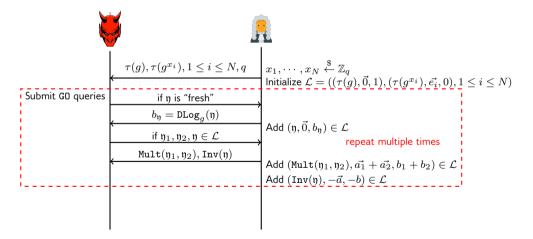


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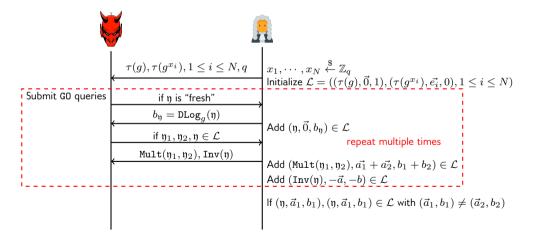
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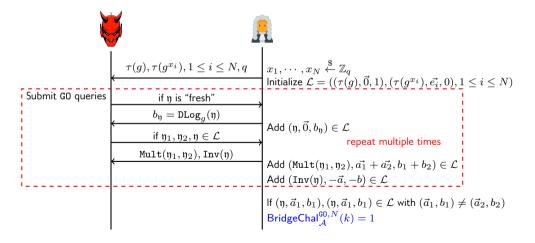


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# The Multi-User Bridge Game

#### 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

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

where q is the order of the group G.

#### Corollary

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

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

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#### We are now at...

#### Introduction

The (Short) Schnorr Signature Scheme Our Result

#### **Technical Ingredients**

The Generic Group Model The Known/Partially Known Set in the Global List Restricted Discrete-Log Oracle in the GGM

#### Multi-User Security of Short Schnorr Signatures

Security Games Security Reduction



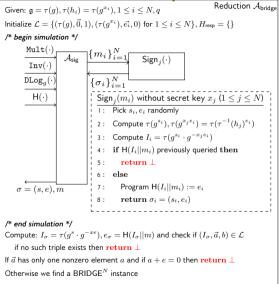
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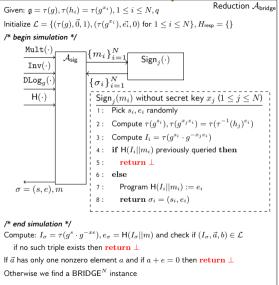
In the generic group model of prime order  $q \approx 2^{2k}$  and the programmable random oracle model the short Schnorr signature scheme is  $(t, N, q_{\text{RO}}, q_{\text{GO}}, q_{\text{Sign}}, \epsilon)$ -MU-UF-CMA secure with  $\epsilon = \frac{tN+3t(t+2)/2}{q-(N+3t+1)^2-N} + \frac{t^2}{q} + \frac{t+1}{2^k}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

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

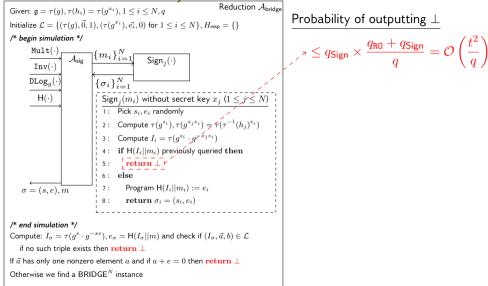


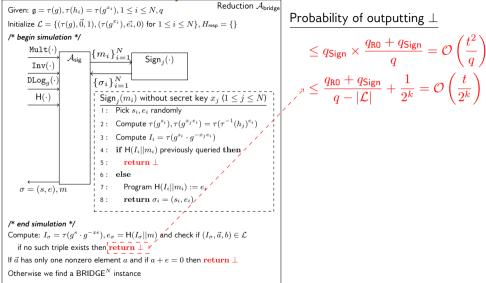




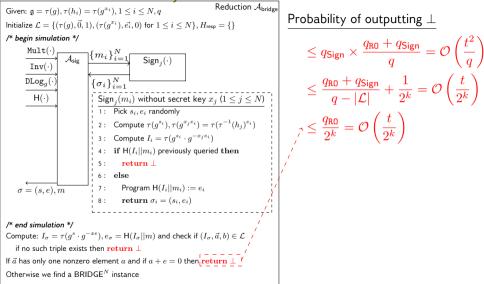


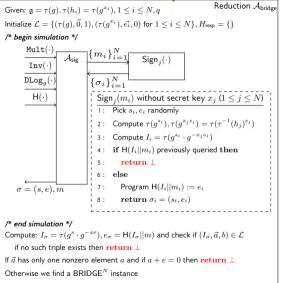
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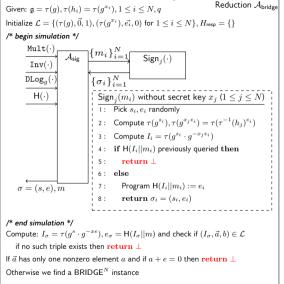






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$$\begin{split} & \underline{\operatorname{Probability of outputting} \perp} \\ & \leq q_{\operatorname{Sign}} \times \frac{q_{\operatorname{RO}} + q_{\operatorname{Sign}}}{q} = \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{t^2}{q}\right) \\ & \leq \frac{q_{\operatorname{RO}} + q_{\operatorname{Sign}}}{q - |\mathcal{L}|} + \frac{1}{2^k} = \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{t}{2^k}\right) \\ & \leq \frac{q_{\operatorname{RO}}}{2^k} = \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{t}{2^k}\right) \\ & \leq \frac{q_{\operatorname{RO}}}{2^k} = \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{t}{2^k}\right) \\ & \operatorname{comes with "short" Schnorr signatures} \\ & \therefore \Pr\left[\operatorname{SigForge}_{\operatorname{Aisg},\Pi}^{\operatorname{co},N}(k) = 1\right] \\ & \leq \Pr\left[\operatorname{BridgeChal}_{\operatorname{Abridge}}^{\operatorname{co},N}(k) = 1\right] + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{t}{2^k}\right) \\ & \leq \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{t+N}{2^k}\right). \end{split}$$

# 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].
  - Preprocessing attacks are used to criticize non-standard generic group models proposed earlier [SJ00, KMP16].
  - Preprocessing phase is not doable in both non-standard models, whereas it is clearly captured by the original model.



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