

# Updatable Signatures and Message Authentication Codes

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- Rotate keys and update signatures/MACs to the new key (using a compact token),
- Previous work on Updatable Encryption (e.g., [Bon+13] and [LT18]),
- Equally important in context of signatures and MACs to follow good key management practices (e.g., key-rotation in software distribution).

## Our Framework

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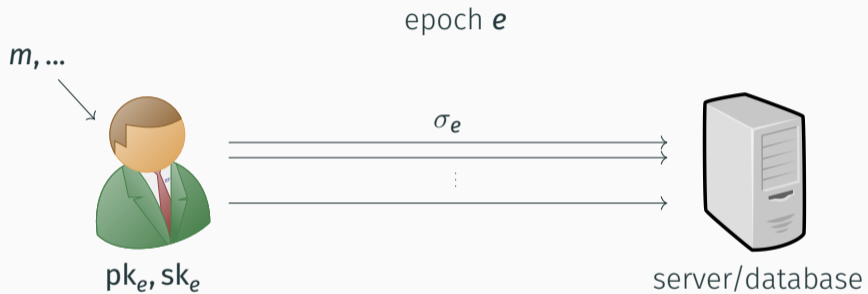


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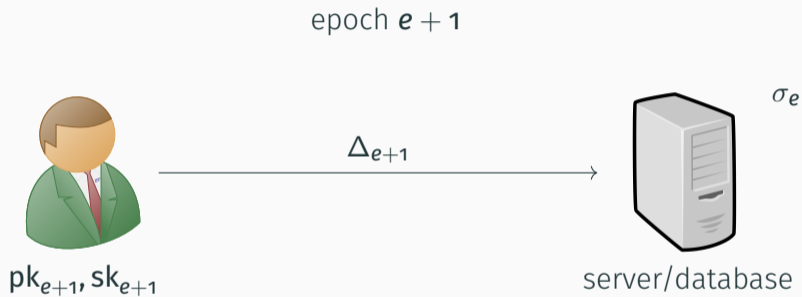


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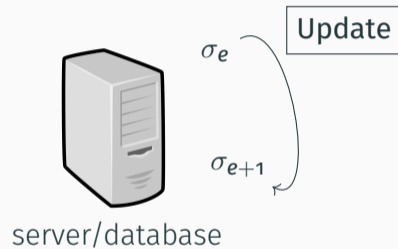


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We introduced two security notions:

- existential unforgeability under chosen-message attack (UX-EUF-CMA),
- unlinkable updates under chosen-message attack (UX-UU-CMA),

for  $X \in \{\text{MAC}, S\}$ .

We use the concept of a leakage profile originally defined, for updatable encryption, in [LT18], to capture key, token, and signature “leakage” that cannot be directly captured via oracles.

- Key-update inferences,
- Token inferences,
- Signature-update inferences,

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Example: DL setting  $(\mathbb{G}, p, g)$

$$\mathbf{sk} \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p, \mathbf{pk} = g^{\mathbf{sk}} \qquad \mu : \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z}_p \rightarrow \mathbb{G} \\ k \mapsto g^k \end{cases}$$



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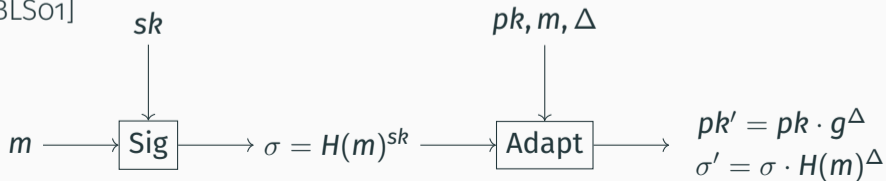
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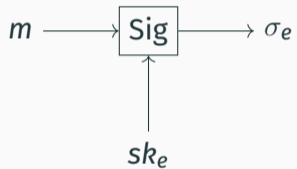
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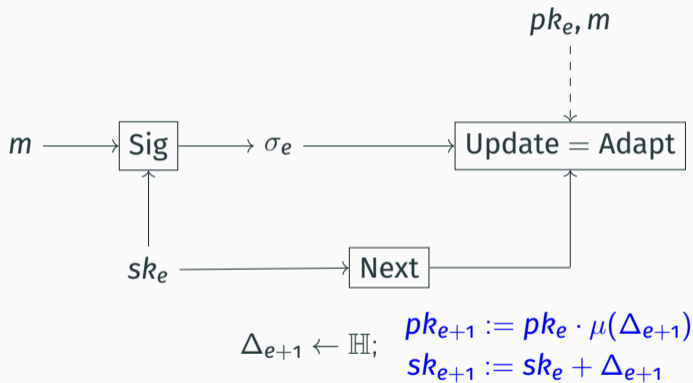


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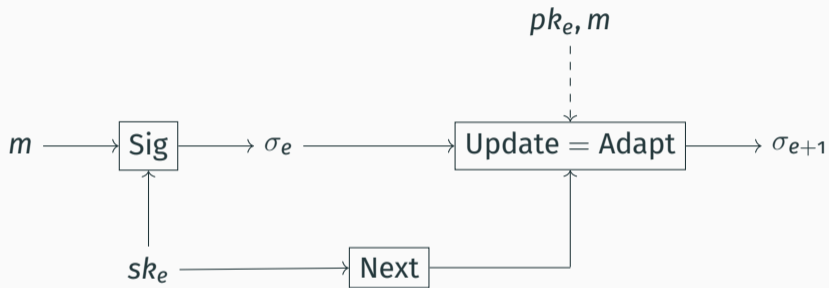


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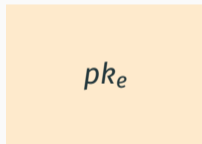
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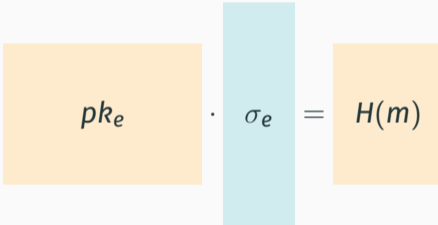
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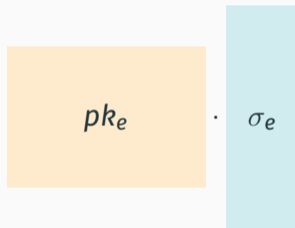


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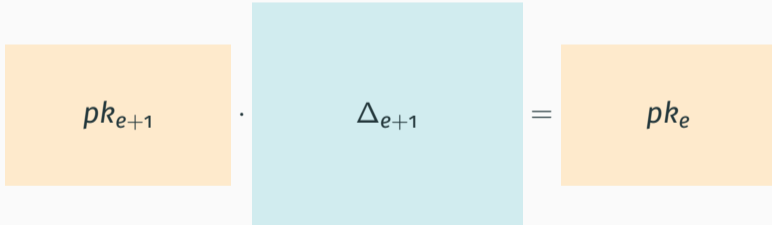
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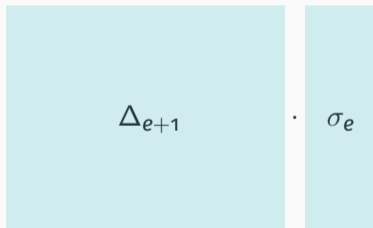


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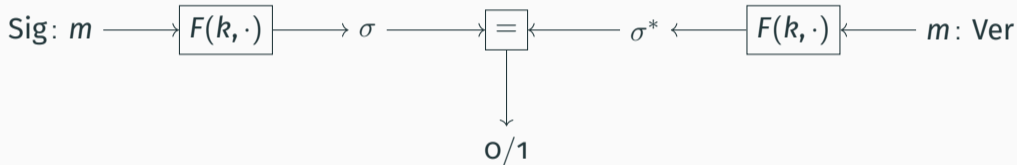
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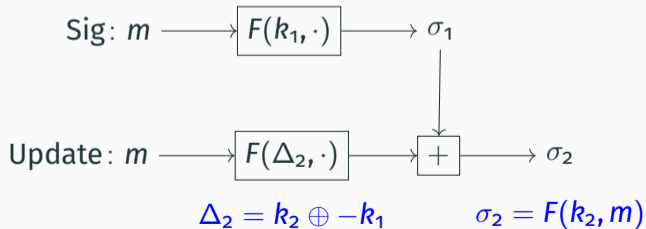
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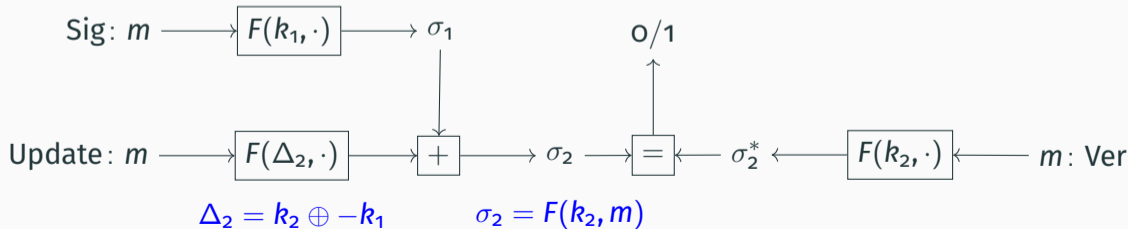


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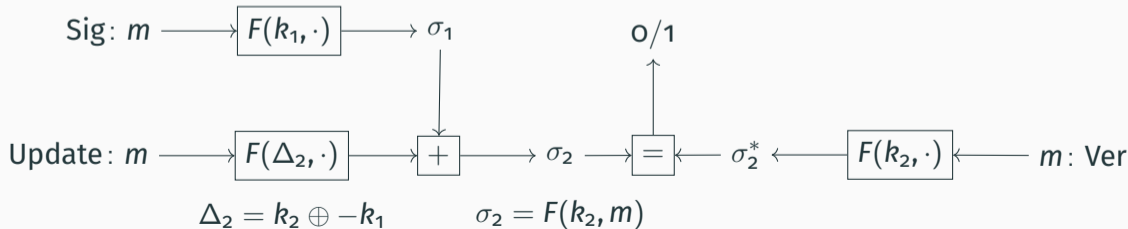


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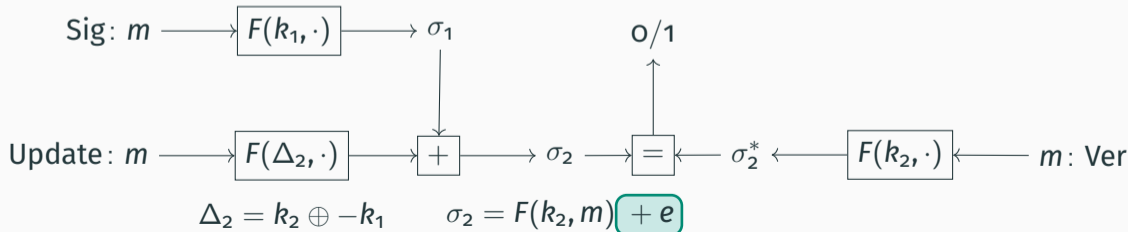


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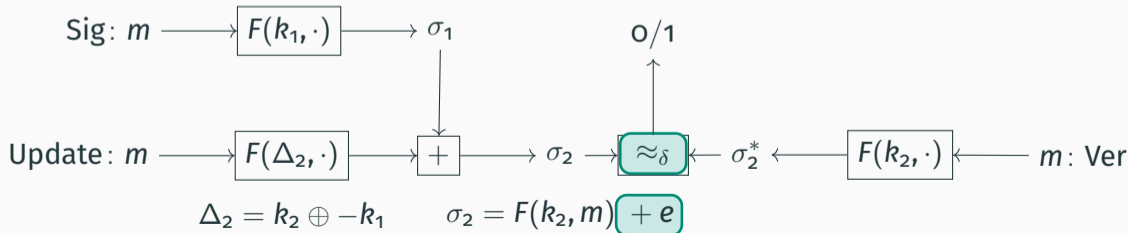


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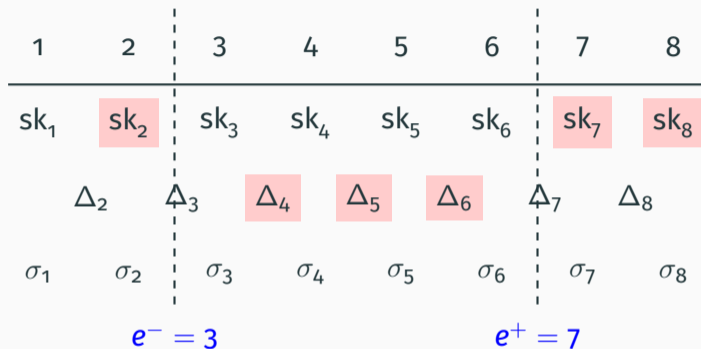


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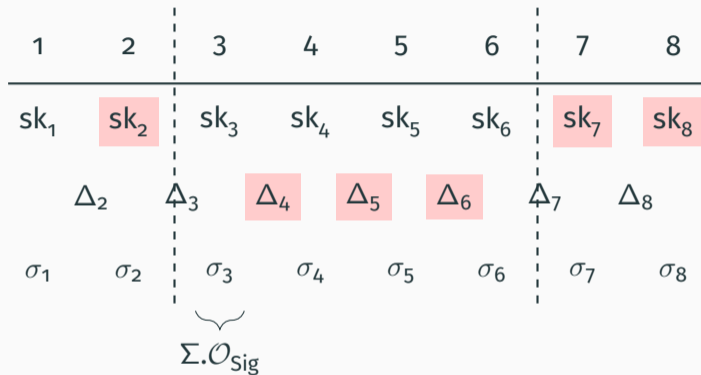
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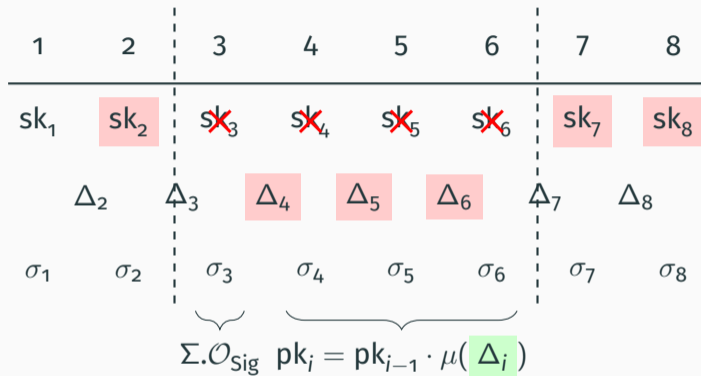
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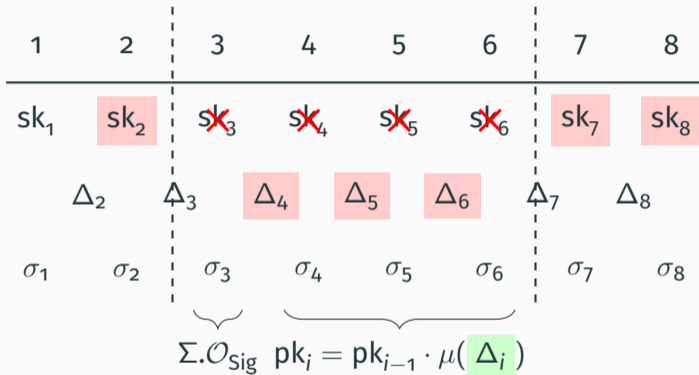
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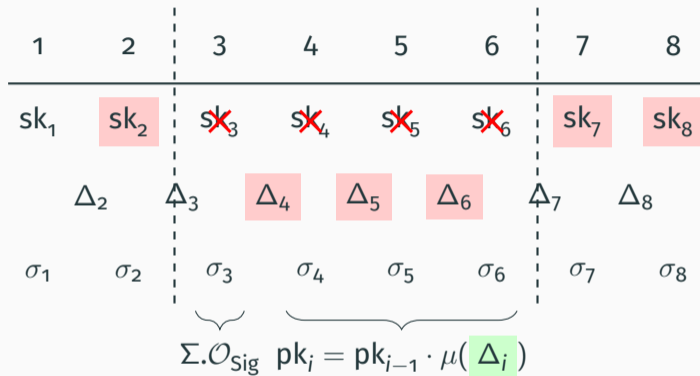
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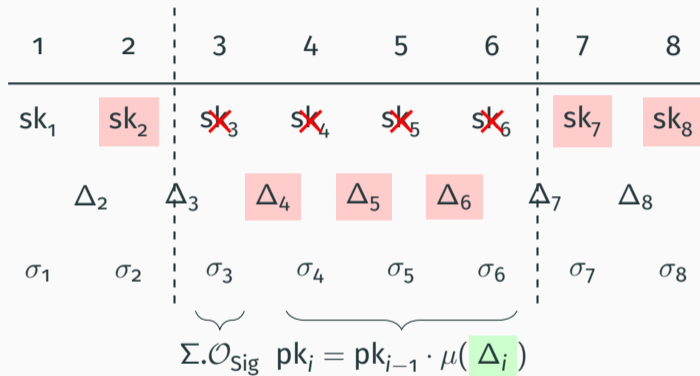
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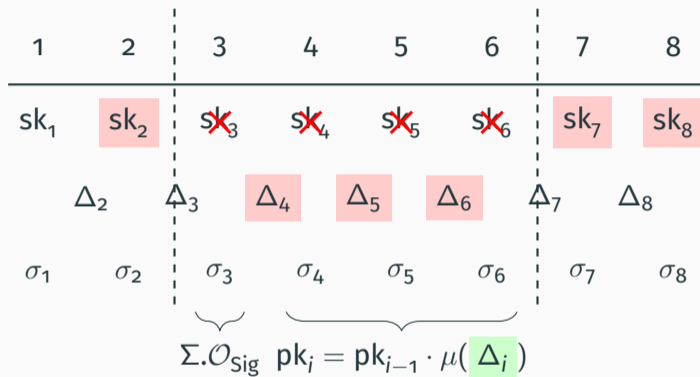
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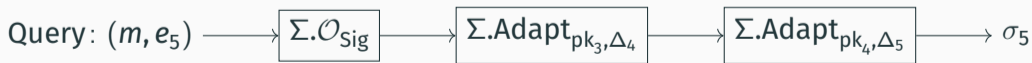
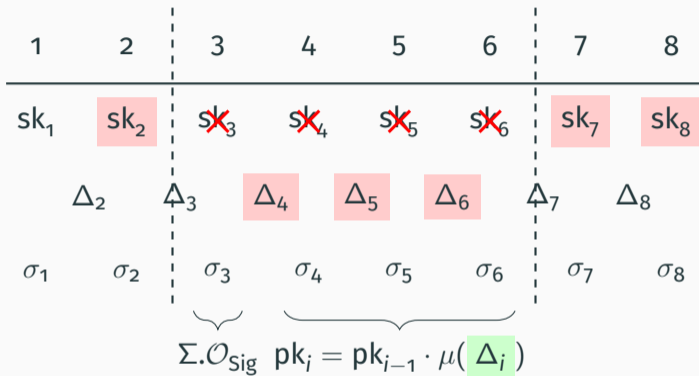
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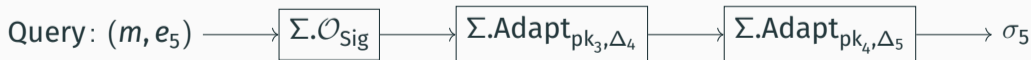
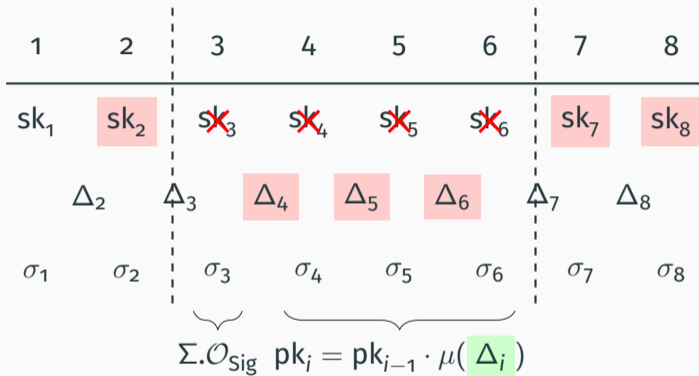




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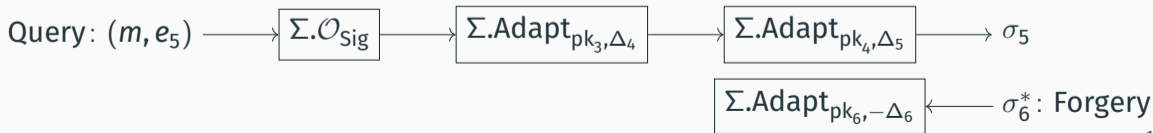
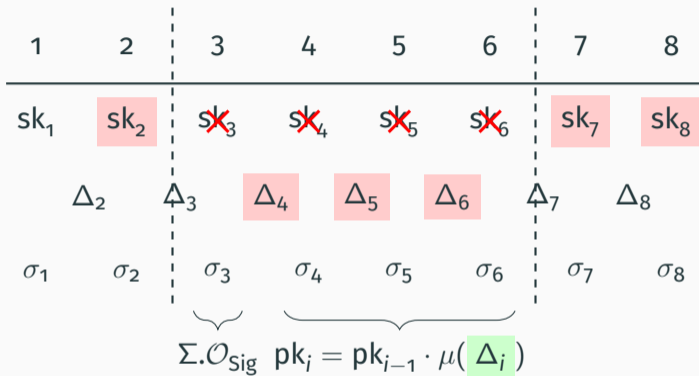


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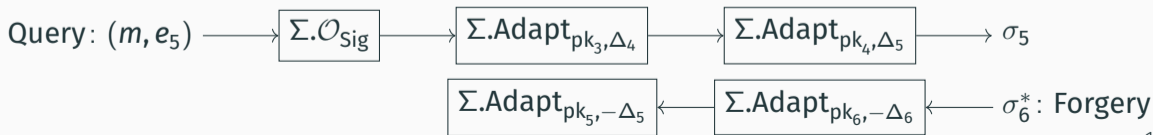
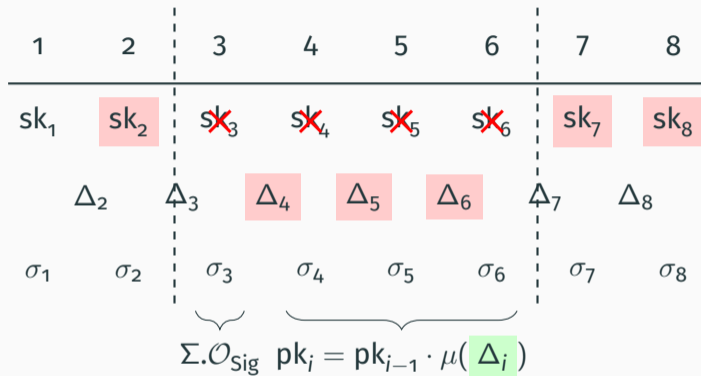


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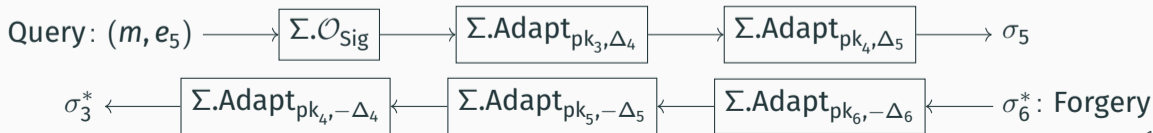
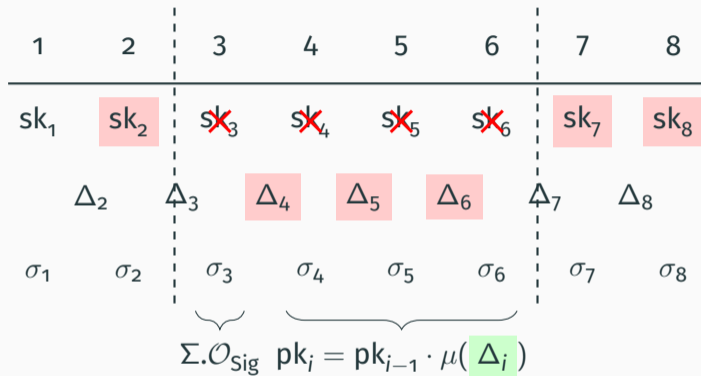
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## Overview and Instantiations

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Waters	co-CDH	SM	✓	MD	✓
GPV <sup>1</sup>	SIS	RO	✗	MI	<i>T</i>

<sup>1</sup>Provides US-EUF-CMA security only in a weakened model.

Table 2: Overview of updatable MAC schemes.

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BLMR (NPR) [Bon+13]	DDH	RO	✓	MD	✓
NPR	DDH	RO	✓	MI	✓
BEKS [Bon+20]	RLWE	RO	✓	MD	<i>T</i>
Kim [Kim20]	LWE	SM	✓	MD	<i>T</i>



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# Thank you for your attention!

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