

Group Signatures and More from Isogenies and Lattices: Generic, Simple, and Efficient

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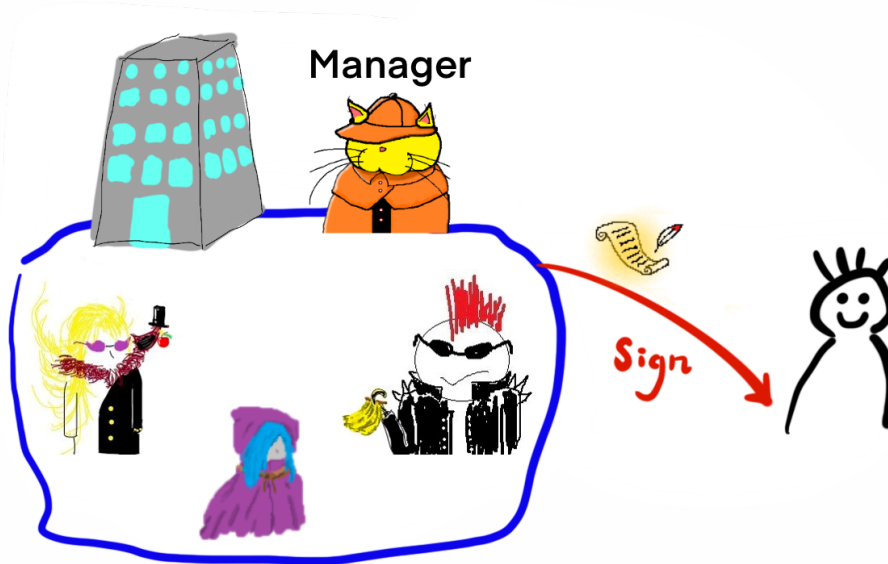
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2. In case of abuse, there is a manager (**opener**) who can open any signature from the group and know who is the signer and **provides a proof**.

Security Notions

The requirements for an GS ¹:

1. **CCA (resp. CPA) Anonymity:** Given a signature from any two people chosen by the adversary (resp. **without access to the opening oracle**), it's impossible to tell from which of the two.
2. **(Full) Unforgeability:** Any colluding members (**with the opener**) cannot forge a signature not tracing to one of them.
3. **Traceability:** A valid signature should be able to be opened to one and only one user in the group.

¹Equivalent to [BSZ05.]

Brief History

- ▶ Firstly proposed by Chaum and van Heyst [CV91] by using RSA or DLP assumptions.
- ▶ It is formalized in [BMW03,BSZ05] provided with frameworks using verifiable IND-CCA PKE + signature schemes (sign-and-encrypt paradigm).
- ▶ Applications and real-world deployments: e.g. directed anonymous attestation and enhanced privacy ID ([BCC04,BL07]), also in a variety of the blockchain and cryptocurrency studies.
- ▶ Post-Quantum Proposals: LLLS13, ELL⁺15, LLNW16, LNWX18, KY19 etc.
- ▶ Recently, several proposals have achieved **logarithmic** property [BCN18, dLS18, EZS⁺19, ESZ22] where the signature size is logarithmic in the number of the members.

A Question



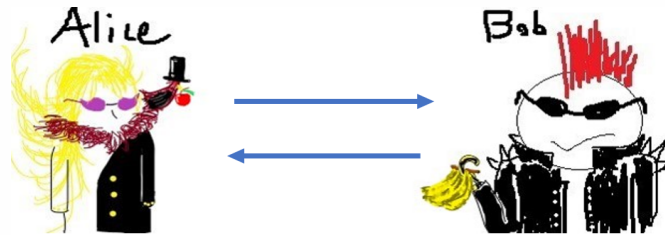
Can we have an isogeny group signature competitive among the post-quantum proposals?

Difficulties

- ▶ **CCA-Anonymity:** The standard sign-and-encrypt technique requires **IND-CCA verifiable encryption scheme** (PKE) because we use
 1. verifiability + signature scheme \rightarrow unforgeability
 2. the decryption oracle (IND-CCA) to answer the opening oracle queries for CCA anonymity.
- ▶ **Full Unforgeability and Traceability:** requires **NIZK for the ciphertext and the plaintext.**

Difficulties

However, no such practical tools in isogenies with the standard assumptions.



$$ct = H(j(E_{shared})) \oplus m$$

- ▶ **Solutions:** We construct a new verifiable IND-CPA PKE with **online-extractable** NIZK (but weakly decryptable).

Contributions (Brief)



1. A new practical framework for GS based on **group actions** with isogeny and lattice instantiations.
2. **Logarithmic** signature size.
3. **Tightly secure** variants for the two instantiations.
4. The first GS from isogenies and the only **logarithmic** one.
5. The isogeny instantiation has the smallest signature size in the literature.

Isogeny Instantiation

Comparison with other isogeny-based group signature proposals.

Notions	Signature Size	Anonymity	Manager Accountable
[LD21]	$\mathcal{O}(N \log(N))$	CPA	No
[CHH ⁺ 21]	$\mathcal{O}(N^2)$	CPA	Partially
This Work	$\mathcal{O}(\log(N))$	CCA	Yes

- ▶ N : number of members.
- ▶ Manager Accountability: Manager cannot frame an honest member.

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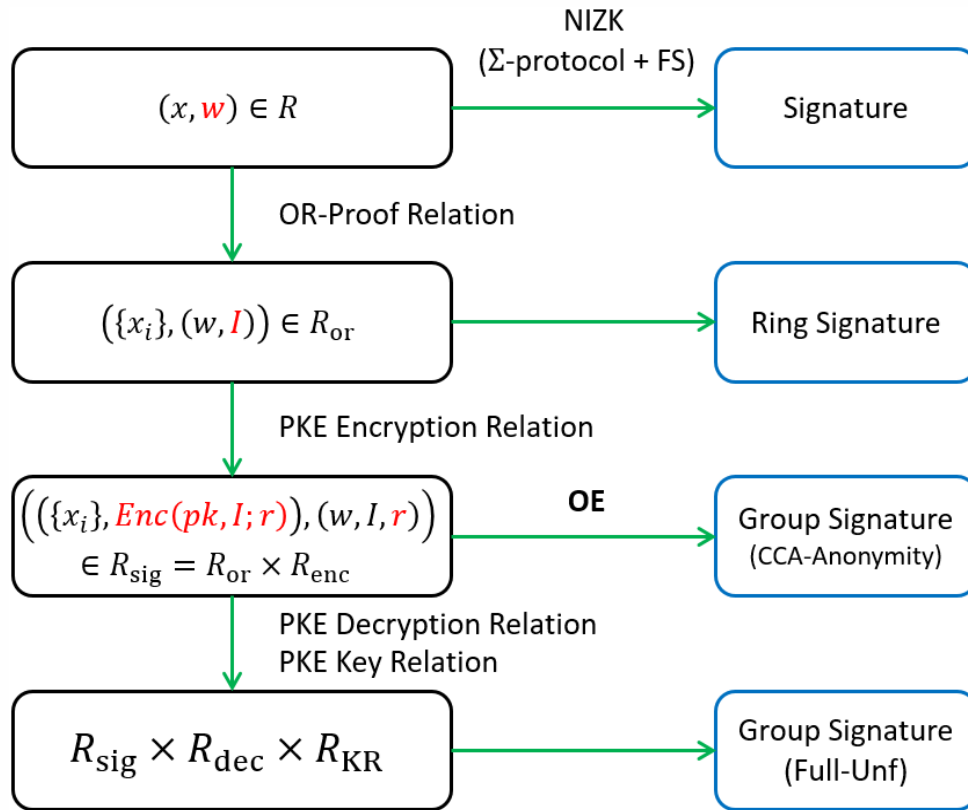
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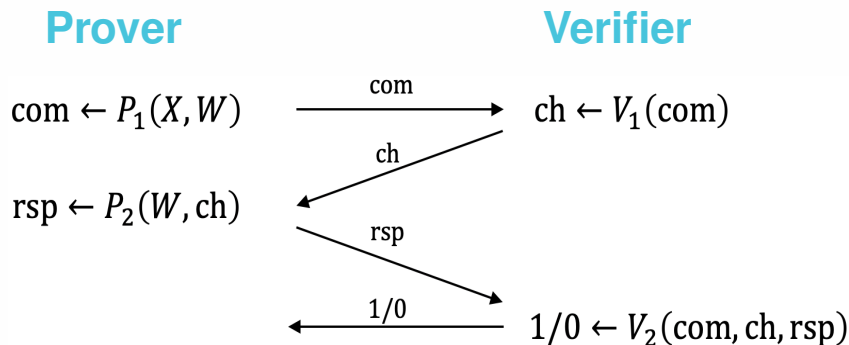
PKE: IND-CPA

Sigma Protocols

Let R be a relation and $(X, W) \in R$. A sigma protocol (Σ -protocol) for R is a **three-move interactive protocol**

$$\Pi_{\Sigma} = (P = (P_1, P_2), V = (V_1, V_2))$$

between a prover P with (X, W) and a verifier V with X .



Requirements:

- ▶ Correctness
- ▶ Special Soundness
- ▶ Honest Verifier Zero-knowledge (HVZK)

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Example

Let n be a natural number, $G = \mathbb{Z}_n$, and \mathcal{X} a cyclic group of order n .

Define $g \star x := x^g$.

The hardness here is based on the **discrete logarithm problem** over \mathcal{X} .

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GAIP Problem

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Decisional CSIDH Problem

Let $a, b \leftarrow G$. Given $(E_0, a \star E_0, b \star E_0, E)$, where E is either $(a + b) \star E_0$ or $E = c \star E_0$ for some $c \leftarrow G$. It's difficult to distinguish the distribution of E .

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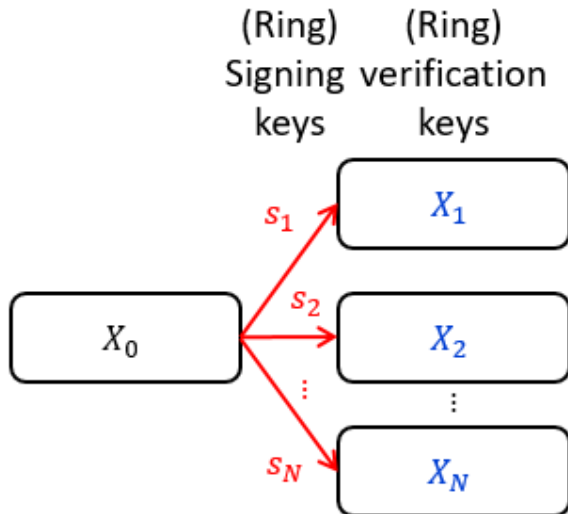
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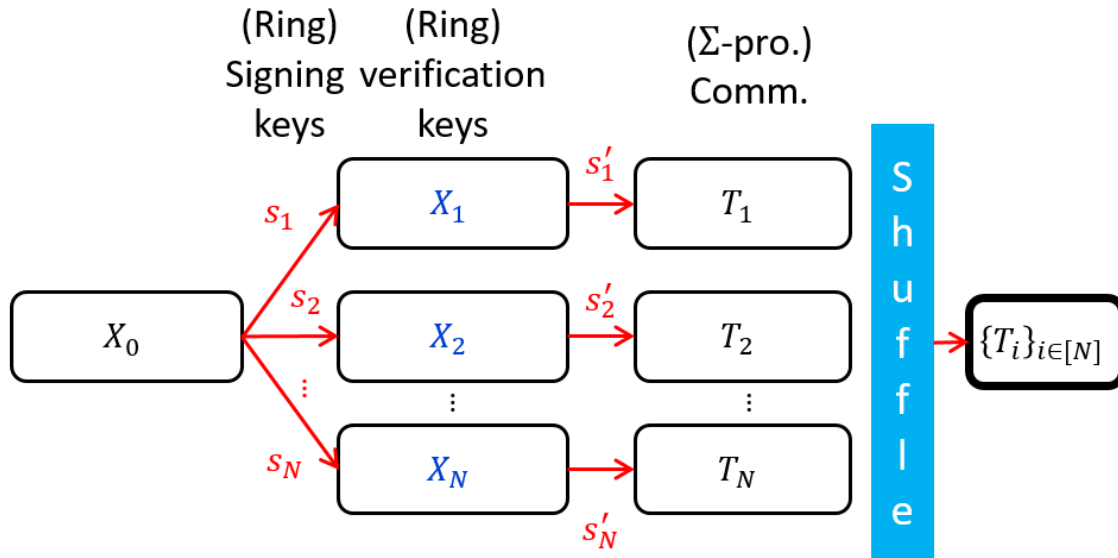
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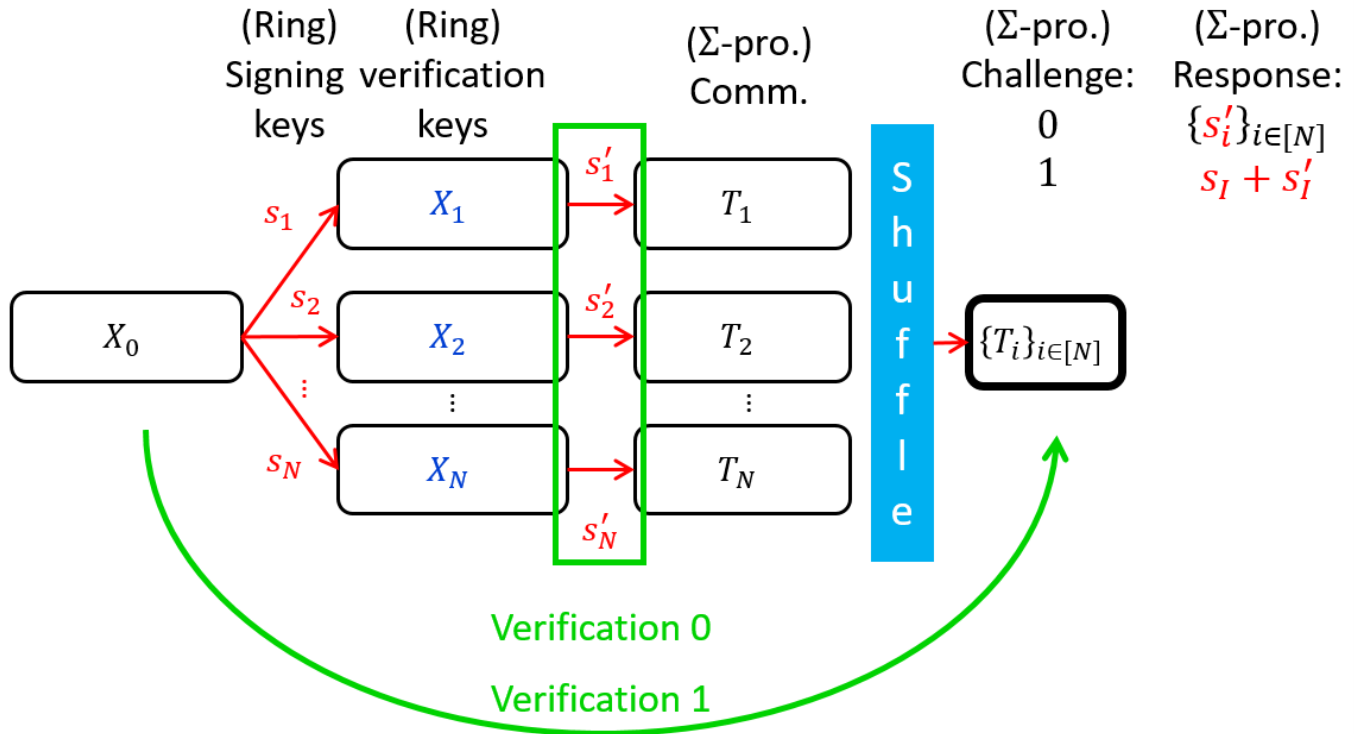
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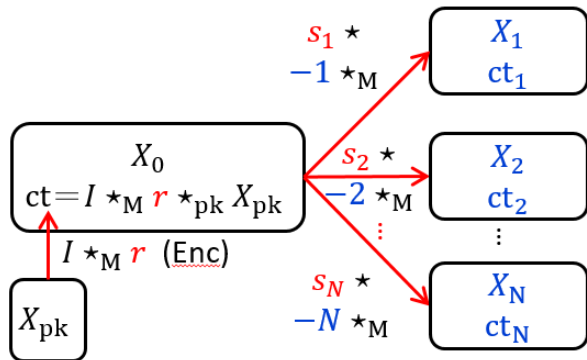


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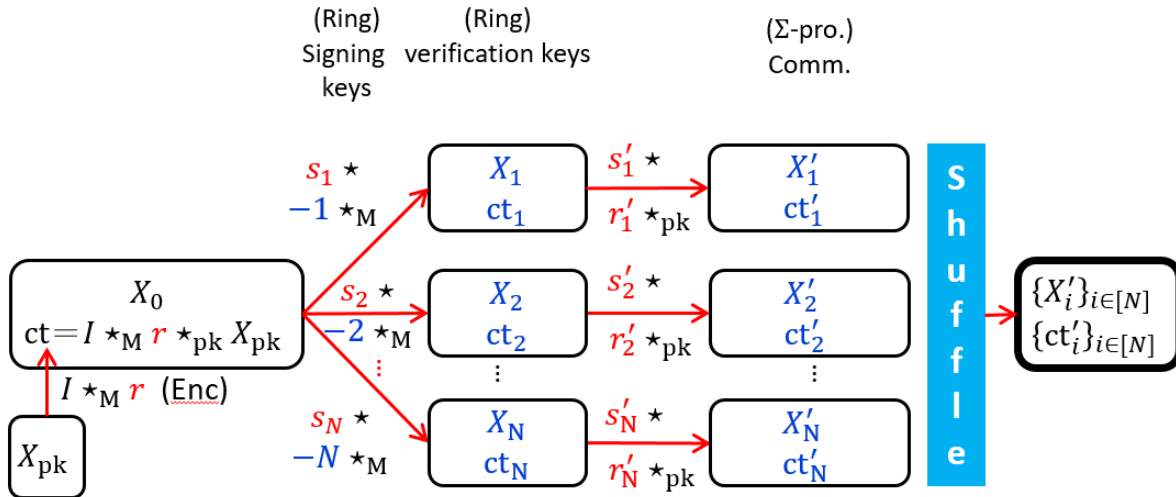
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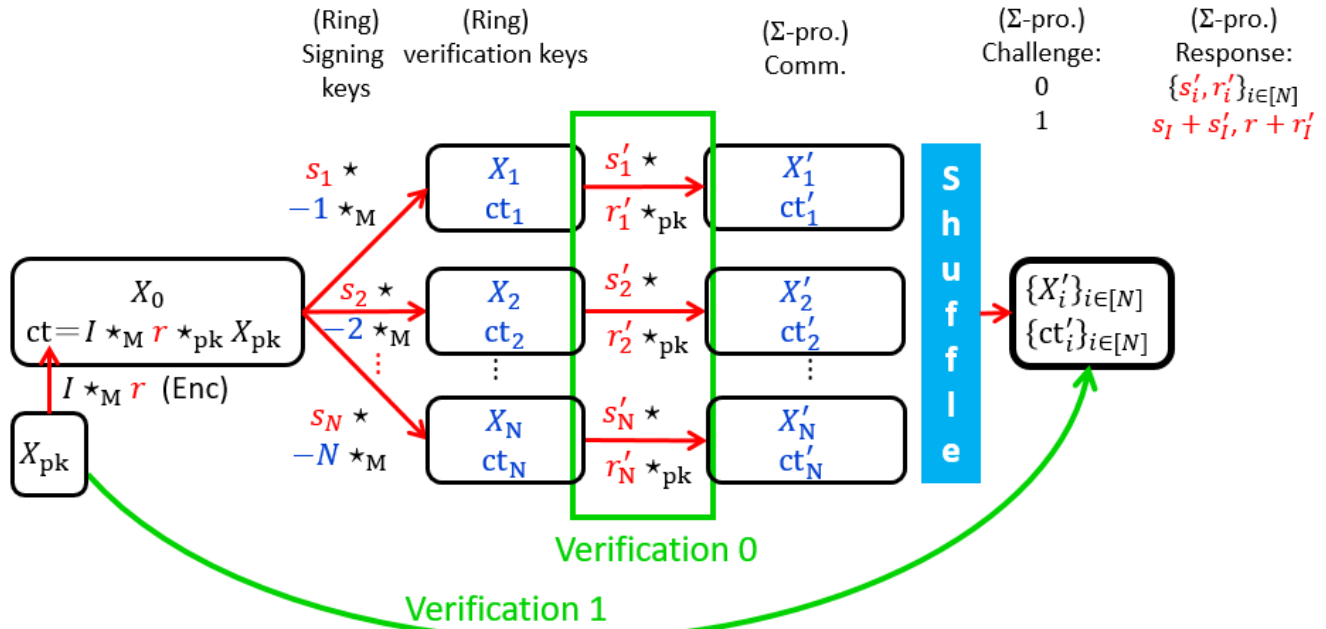
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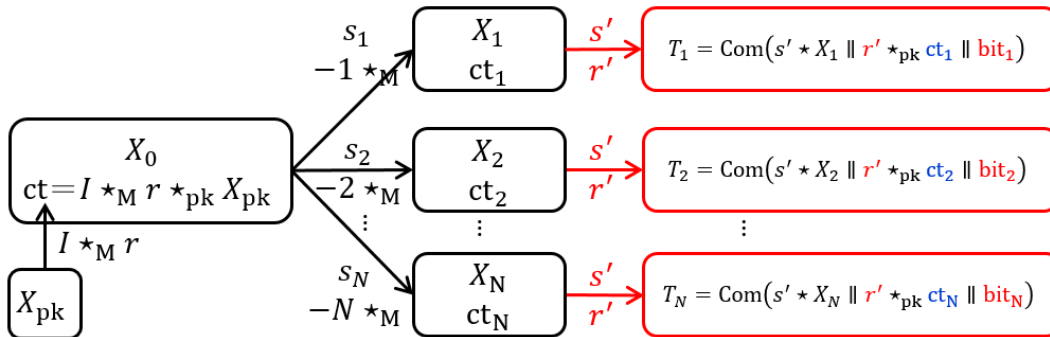


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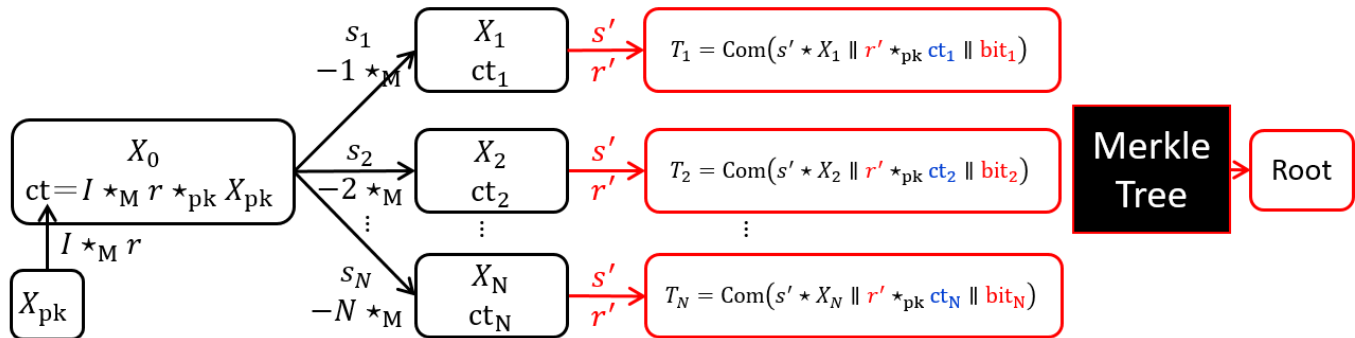
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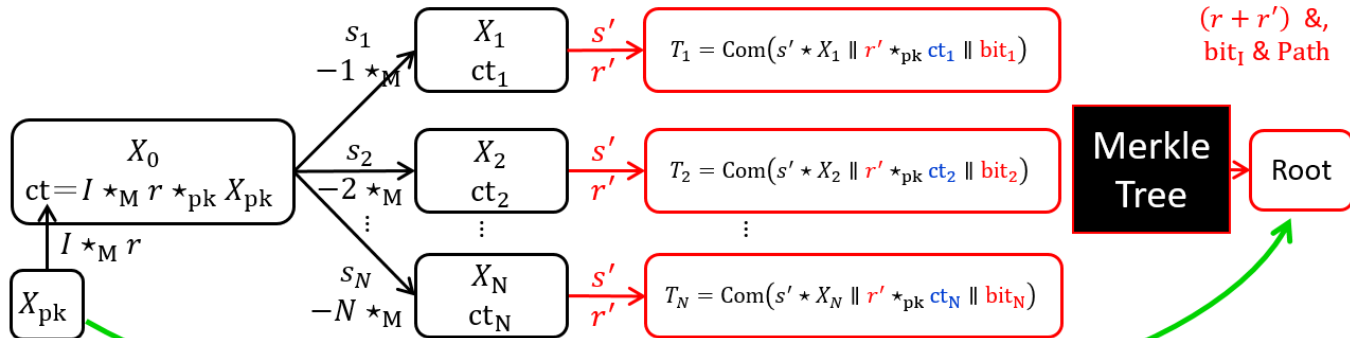
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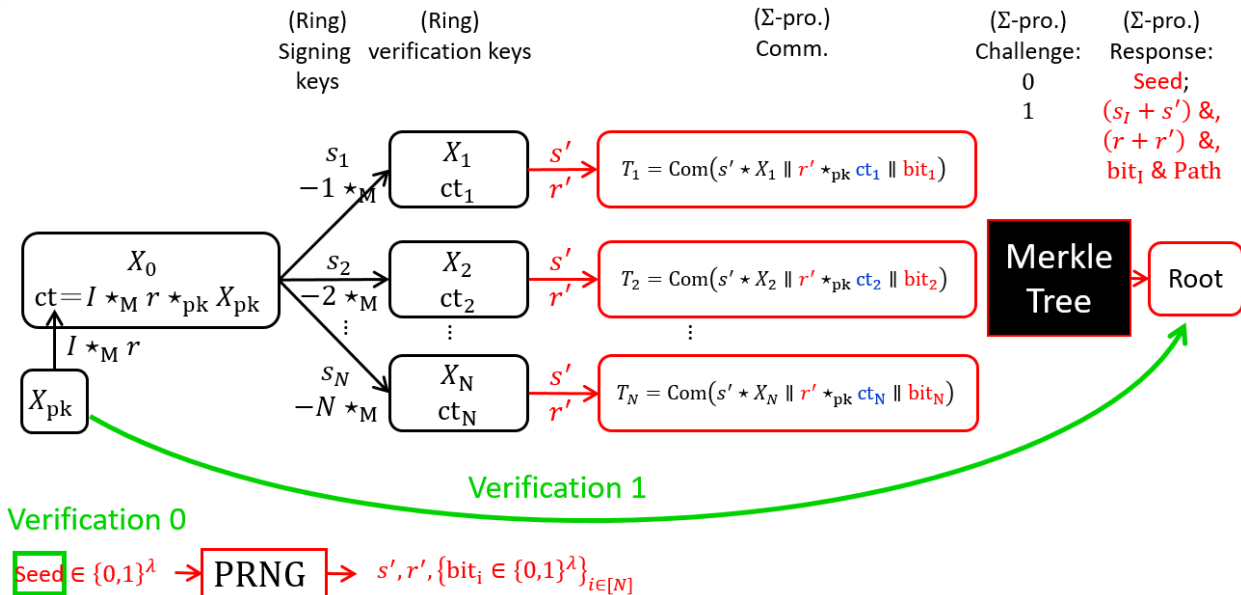
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Online-Extractability (OE)

We show OE by modeling PRNG/commitment schemes/Merkle trees as a **random oracle**.

The main reason is the challenge space size is 2 and one response can be obtained by observing the oracle queries.



“Traceable” Sigma Protocol

Repeat λ times, the interactive protocol will have 2^λ strength.

Via Fiat-Shamir transform, the protocol can be transformed into a non-interactive ring signature of form $(\{X_i\}_{i \in [N]}, \text{pk}, \text{ct}, \sigma)$.

Roughly,

- ▶ Online Extractability + IND-CPA \rightarrow CCA anonymity
- ▶ Online Extractability + Hardness assumption of the action \rightarrow Unforgeability
- ▶ The ciphertext is $\text{ct} = \text{Enc}(\text{pk}, I; r) = I \star_M r \star_{\text{pk}} X_{\text{pk}}$. The manager with the decryption key can open the signature.
- ▶ It suffices to construct an NIZK for the decryption and key relations (for traceability/full-unf).

The Decryption and Key Validation Relations

By using a similar method, we construct NIZKs for the decryption relations and PKE key relations for our GAPKEs.

- ▶ Isogeny:

$$\{((E_0, E_1, E_2, E_3, M), sk) \mid E_1 = sk \star E_0, M \star sk \star E_2 = E_3\}.$$

- ▶ Lattice:

$$\left\{ ((\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{e}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c}, c, M), sk = (\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{z})) \mid \begin{array}{l} \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{s} + \mathbf{z}, \\ \mathbf{s}, \mathbf{z}, c - \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{s} - M \lfloor q/2 \rfloor \text{ are short.} \end{array} \right\}.$$

- ▶ The opener provides the proof for the opening result using NIZK for the relation. Traceability and full-unforgeability will follow.

Other results.

- ▶ Reduce the signature size:
 - ▶ Using the unbalanced challenge space ($\#0s > \#1s$).
- ▶ Lattice instantiation:
 - ▶ We give GAPKE by using Lindner-Peikert framework [LP11].
 - ▶ The signature size can be further reduced by using the Bai-Galbraith method.
- ▶ Tightly secure variant:
 - ▶ Using the Katz-Wang method.
 - ▶ The (unforgeability) reduction loss is only $1/2$. (ϵ^2/N^2 mostly.)
 - ▶ The additional cost is only **a constant**⁴.

⁴Increased by 0.5 KB; signing, verification slow down by factor 2.

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Result: post-quantum group signatures

Comparison with other post-quantum group signature proposals.

	N					Hardness Assumption	Security Level	Anonymity	Manager Accountable
	2	2^5	2^6	2^{10}	2^{21}				
Isogeny	3.6	6.0	6.6	9.0	15.5	CSIDH-512	*	CCA	Yes
Lattice	124	126	126	129	134	MSIS/MLWE	NIST 2	CCA	Yes
Lattice	86	88	89	91	96	MSIS/MLWE	NIST 2	CCA	No
[ESZ22]	/	12	/	19	/	MSIS/MLWE	NIST 2	CPA	No
[KKW18]	/	/	280	418	/	LowMC	NIST 5	selfless-CCA	No

- ▶ N : number of members. Signature size is in KB.
- ▶ *: estimated to be 60 bits of quantum security in [Pei20].
- ▶ Non-Selfless: anonymous against full-key exposure.
- ▶ Manager Accountability: Manager cannot frame an honest member.

Contributions

1. A new framework for GS based on **group actions** with isogeny and lattice instances achieving all ideal security properties specified in [BSZ05].
2. Our framework is **logarithmic**. Concretely, the size of
 - ▶ the isogeny instance has the smallest order of magnitude in the literature (e.g. 6.6 KB for 64 members).
 - ▶ the lattice instance has the smallest growth rate in the lattice literature⁵.
3. The first two **tightly secure** post-quantum GS.
4. The first GS from isogenies and the only logarithmic proposal.

⁵ $0.5 \log_2(N) + 85.9 \text{ KB}$

The image features a stylized, cartoonish illustration of blue waves with white foam, flowing across the top and bottom of the frame. The waves are rendered with thick blue lines and white, bubbly foam. In the background, there are several concentric orange circles and horizontal orange bars, creating a decorative, abstract pattern. The overall style is vibrant and modern.

Thanks for listening!