

# Delegatable Anonymous Credentials From Mercurial Signatures With Stronger Privacy

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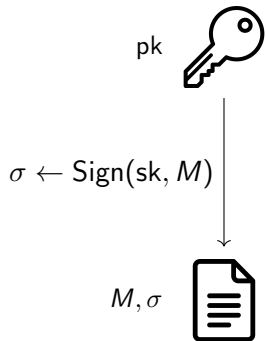


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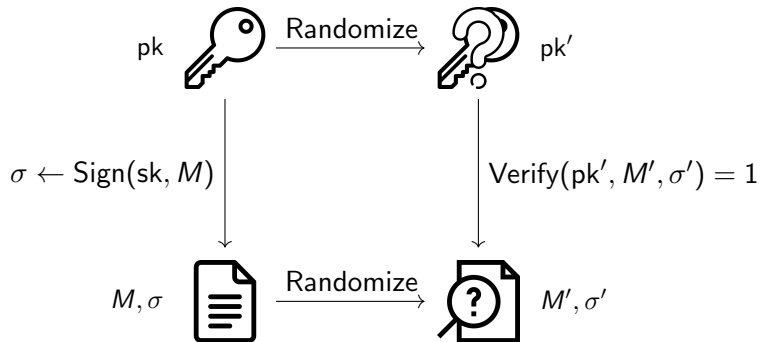
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2. MS Background
3. Open problem with existing MS construction
4. Our contributions (fixing this problem and more)

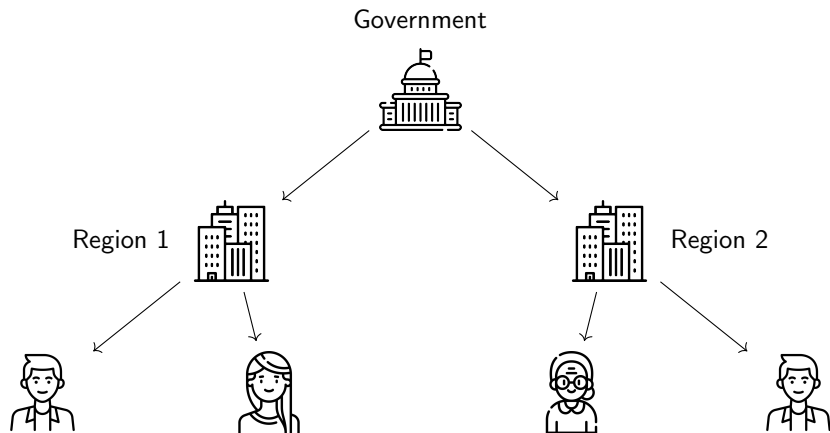
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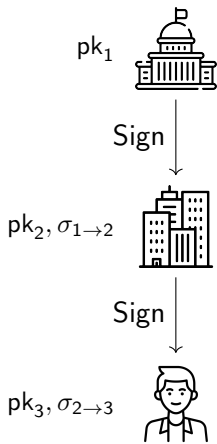
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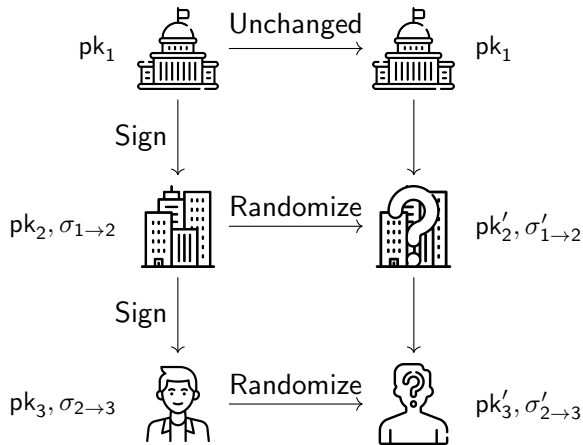
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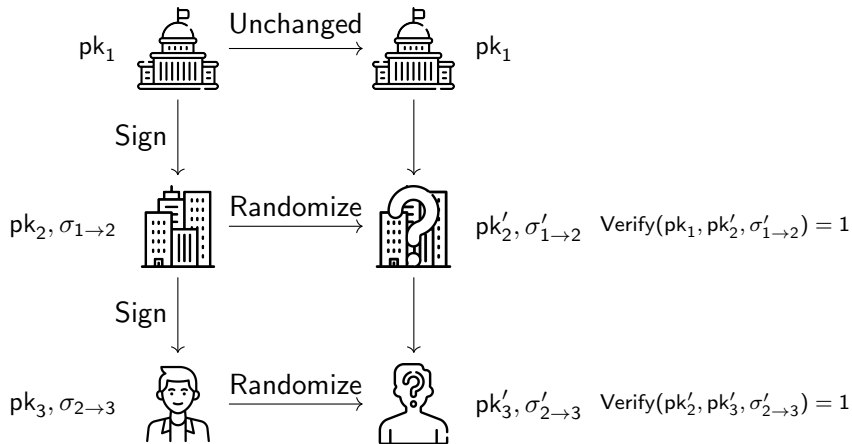
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# Mercurial Signatures Background

Structure-preserving-signatures on equivalence classes - [FHS19]

Signatures with flexible public keys - [BHKS18]

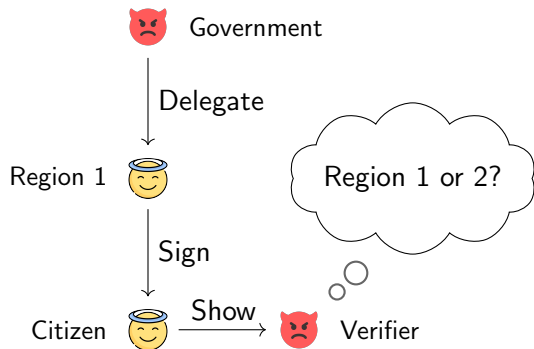
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- [CL19, CLPK22, MBG<sup>+</sup>23, PM23, ANKT24, CL21]

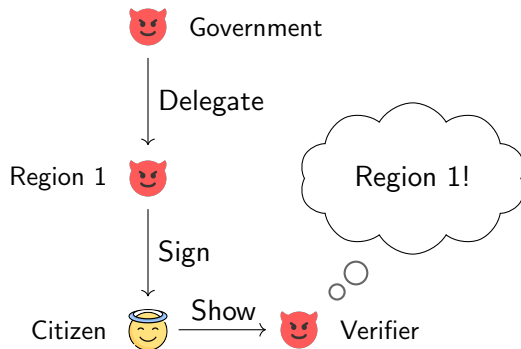
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- [BCC<sup>+</sup>09, MSBM23, BB18, AN11]

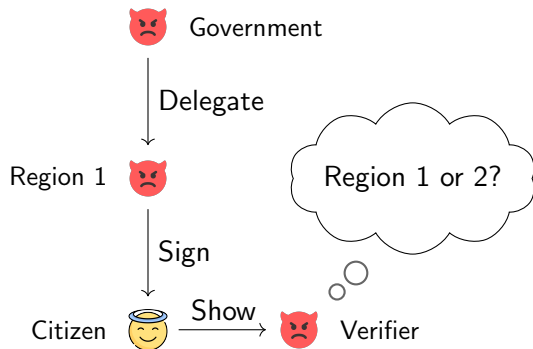
# Anonymity in CL19



## Open problem in CL19



## Our main contribution



# Our contributions

1. Mercurial signature scheme with stronger privacy
  - ▶ Structured CRS
  - ▶ Type-III bilinear pairings + GGM (same setting as CL19)
2. DAC construction with strong privacy from our signatures
3. Revocation of public keys (including intermediate issuers)
4. Serially updating CRS (similar to [GKM<sup>+</sup>18])

# Mercurial signatures

Definition (Mercurial signatures (basic part))

$\text{KeyGen}(\text{pp}) \rightarrow (\text{pk}, \text{sk})$

$\text{Sign}(\text{sk}, M) \rightarrow \sigma$

$\text{Verify}(\text{pk}, M, \sigma) \rightarrow (0 \text{ or } 1)$

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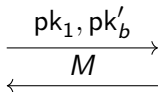


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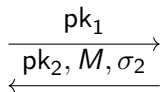
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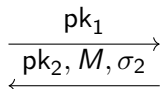
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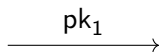
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If  $b = 1$ :  $(\hat{Z}_1)^{x_2/x_1} \neq \hat{Z}_2$

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$$\hat{B}_1 = \hat{P}^{b_1}, \hat{B}_2 = \hat{P}^{b_2}$$

### Messages and keys:

$$M = (M_1, M_2)$$

$$\text{sk} = (x_1, x_2)$$

$$\text{pk} = (\hat{X}_1, \hat{X}_2) = (\hat{B}_1^{x_1}, \hat{B}_2^{x_2})$$

### Signature generation:

$$\text{Sample } y \leftarrow \$ \mathbb{Z}_p^*$$

$$\sigma = \left( Z = \left( \prod_{i=1}^2 M_i^{x_i} \right)^y, Y = P^{1/y}, \hat{Y} = \hat{P}^{1/y} \right)$$

### Verification:

$$\prod_{i=1}^2 e(M_i, \hat{X}_i) \neq e(Z, \hat{Y}) \text{ and } e(Y, \hat{P}) = e(P, \hat{Y})$$

## More intuition of our MS construction

### Structured CRS:

$$b_1, b_2 \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p^*$$

$$(A_1 = P^{b_1}, A_2 = P^{b_2}) \in \mathbb{G}_1$$

$$\hat{B}_1 = \hat{P}^{b_1}, \hat{B}_2 = \hat{P}^{b_2}$$

### Messages and keys:

$$M = (M_1, M_2, M_3, M_4) = (P^{m_1}, P^{m_2}, A_1^{m_1}, A_2^{m_2})$$

$$\text{sk} = (x_1, x_2)$$

$$\text{pk} = (\hat{X}_1, \hat{X}_2) = (\hat{B}_1^{x_1}, \hat{B}_2^{x_2})$$

### Signature generation:

$$\text{Sample } y \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p^*$$

$$\sigma = \left( Z = \left( \prod_{i=3}^4 M_i^{x_i} \right)^y, Y = P^{1/y}, \hat{Y} = \hat{P}^{1/y} \right)$$

### Verification:

$$\prod_{i=1}^2 e(M_i, \hat{X}_i) = e(Z, \hat{Y}) \text{ and } e(Y, \hat{P}) = e(P, \hat{Y})$$

# Intuition of our MS construction

## Structured CRS:

$$a_1, a_2, b_1, b_2 \leftarrow \$ \mathbb{Z}_p^*$$

$$A_1 = P^{a_1}, A_2 = P^{a_2}, A_3 = P^{a_1 b_1}, A_4 = P^{a_2 b_2}$$

$$\hat{B}_1 = \hat{P}^{b_1}, \hat{B}_2 = \hat{P}^{b_2}$$

## Messages and keys:

$$M = (M_1, M_2, M_3, M_4) = (A_1^{m_1}, A_2^{m_2}, A_3^{m_1}, A_4^{m_2})$$

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## Verification:

$$\prod_{i=1}^2 e(M_i, \hat{X}_i) = e(Z, \hat{Y}) \text{ and } e(Y, \hat{P}) = e(P, \hat{Y})$$

## More challenges (that we had to solve)

1. Ensuring correctness with  $\hat{B}_1$  and  $\hat{B}_2$
2. Verifying that keys use  $\hat{B}_1$  and  $\hat{B}_2$ 
  - ▶ Double size of public keys (adding  $\hat{X}_3$  and  $\hat{X}_4$ ) and use “verification bases”  $(V_1, V_2, V_3, V_4)$  to verify by computing:  
$$e(V_1, \hat{X}_1) = e(V_3, \hat{X}_3) \wedge e(V_2, \hat{X}_2) = e(V_4, \hat{X}_4)$$
3. Extending the scheme to multiple levels for DAC
  - ▶ Ensure that different levels have correlated structure to retain correctness



## Additional Features

1. Use recognizable [CL19] to create revocation tokens:
  - ▶  $(sk, pk) \leftarrow \text{KeyGen}_{\text{GLMPS24}}(pp)$
  - ▶  $(sk_{\text{tok}}, pk_{\text{tok}}) \leftarrow \text{KeyGen}_{\text{CL19}}(pp)$
  - ▶  $\sigma_{\text{tok}} \leftarrow \text{Sign}_{\text{CL19}}(sk_{\text{tok}}, pk)$
2. Use Schnorr proofs to update  $pp = (\hat{B}_1, \hat{B}_2)$  to  $pp' = (\hat{B}'_1, \hat{B}'_2)$  by exponentiating generators with new scalars  $(b'_1, b'_2)$  and proving:
  - ▶  $\pi = \text{NIZK}[b'_1, b'_2 : \hat{B}'_1 = \hat{B}_1^{b'_1} \wedge \hat{B}'_2 = \hat{B}_2^{b'_2}]$

# Summary

1. Mercurial signature scheme with stronger privacy
2. DAC construction with strong privacy from our signatures
3. Revocation of public keys (including intermediate issuers)
4. Serially updating CRS (similar to [GKM<sup>+</sup>18])

## **Future work:**

- ▶ Remove the structure CRS (trusted setup) entirely

# Thank you!

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