

# Stronger Security for Threshold Blind Signatures

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It is defined by the Chosen Message Attack (CMA) game, which allows the attacker to request signatures on arbitrary messages.

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A message/signature pair  $(m, \sigma)$  is **trivial** if the attacker queried a signature on  $m$ .

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We now need some notion of **threshold unforgeability**.

Similar to before, the attacker arbitrarily queries “partial signatures” from issuers and wins by outputting a non-trivial message/signature pair. But how should triviality be defined?

A further complication: up to  $t - 1$  issuers may be corrupted.

# Threshold Unforgeability Hierarchy

[BTZ22] address this question by proposing a **hierarchy** of unforgeability notions for threshold signature schemes.

These notions grant the issuers increasingly strong abilities to control how their partial signatures are aggregated (e.g. the ability to restrict to a certain set of co-signers).

They show that the definition used by most prior works is weaker than expected in the case of  $< t - 1$  corruptions.

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Again the attacker acts as a dishonest user who queries the issuer arbitrarily. The issuer doesn't see  $m$ , though, so no  $(m, \sigma)$  pairs can be discounted as trivial. Instead the security game keeps a query counter  $allow$ . The attacker wins if they output  $allow + 1$  pairs  $(m, \sigma)$ .



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We also have a **blindness** property that ensures a dishonest issuer cannot link  $(m, \sigma)$  to its signing session.

The definition of blindness is standard and not impacted by thresholdizing the issuer, so we do not focus on it.

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Until now, there has been no consensus on how to define **threshold one-more unforgeability**.

We aim to clarify the matter by establishing a hierarchy similar to [BTZ22].

# One-More Unforgeability

$\text{Exp}_{\text{TB}, \mathcal{A}, n, t}^{\text{OMUF-x}}(\lambda)$

$S := \emptyset;$

$\mathcal{C} \leftarrow \mathcal{A}(n, t)$  **if**  $|\mathcal{C}| \geq t$  : **return** false

$(pk, \{sk_i\}_{i \in [n]}) \leftarrow \text{KeyGen}(n, t)$

$(\ell, \{(m_k^*, \sigma_k^*)\}_{k \in [\ell]}) \leftarrow \mathcal{A}^{\text{ISign}}(pk, \{sk_i\}_{i \in \mathcal{C}})$

**return**  $\left( \ell > \text{allow}_x \right)$

$\wedge \forall k \in [\ell] : \left( \bigwedge \forall j \in [\ell] \setminus \{k\} : (m_k^*, \sigma_k^*) \neq (m_j^*, \sigma_j^*) \right)$

$\mathcal{O}^{\text{ISign}}(sid, i, pm_U)$   $\parallel$  issuer  $i \in [n]$

**if**  $(i, sid) \in S$  : **return**  $\perp$  **else**  $S := S \cup \{(i, sid)\}$

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$allow_1$  is the greatest integer such that the interactions with issuers in  $\mathcal{H}$  can be divided into  $allow_1$  groups where each group contains interactions with  $\geq t - |\mathcal{C}|$  different issuers.

If  $|\mathcal{C}| = t - 1$ , OMF-0 and OMF-1 are equivalent.

## OMUF-0 vs. OMUF-1

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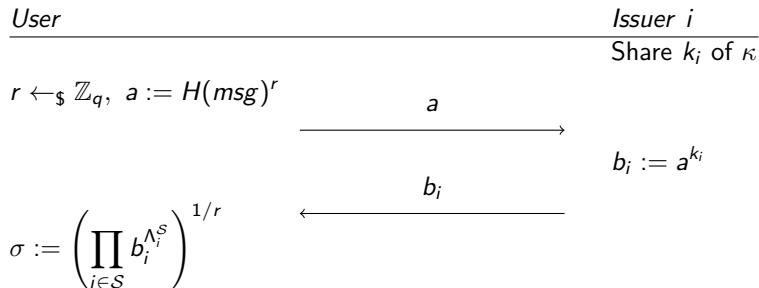
Some prior works have only analyzed threshold blind signature security in the case  $|\mathcal{C}| = t - 1$ , but we show that OMUF-0 does not imply OMUF-1 in general.



# OMUF-1 Secure tBlindBLS-1

Public key:  $pk := g^\kappa$

BLS signature:  $\sigma = H(msg)^\kappa$



- Was shown to be OMUF-0 secure under OMDH assumption [VZK03].
- We show OMUF-1 security under T-BOMDH assumption

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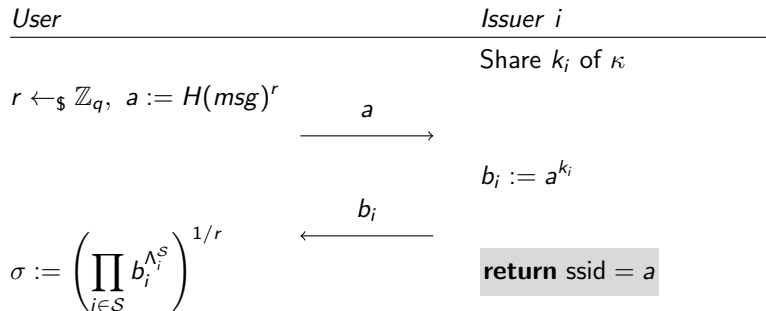
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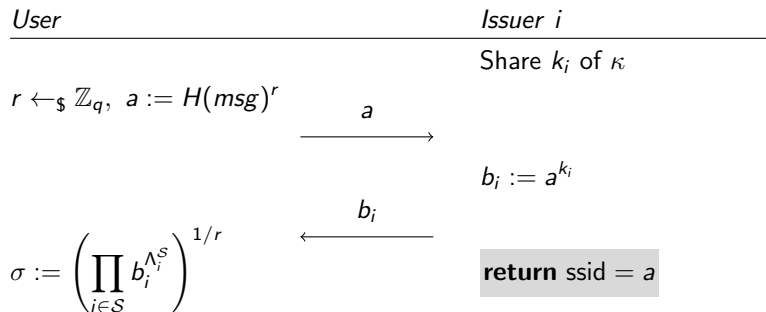
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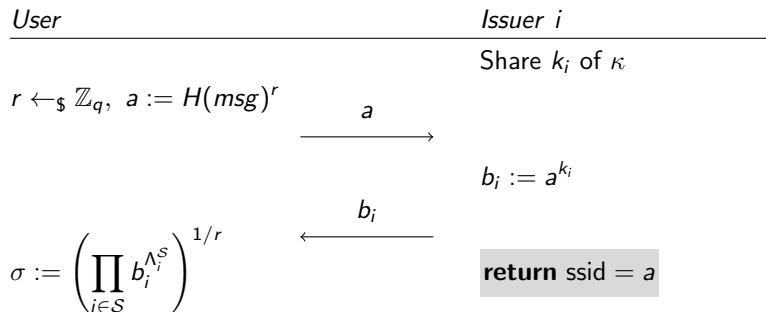
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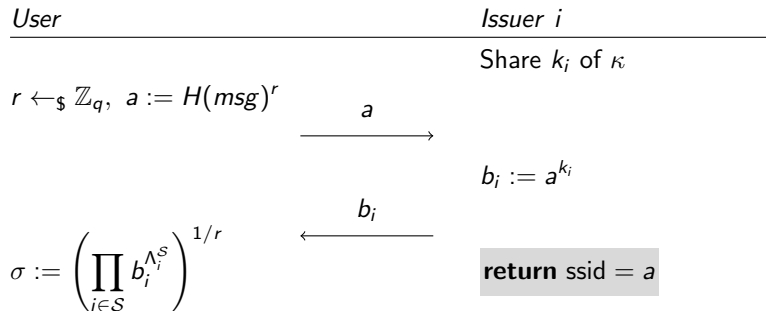


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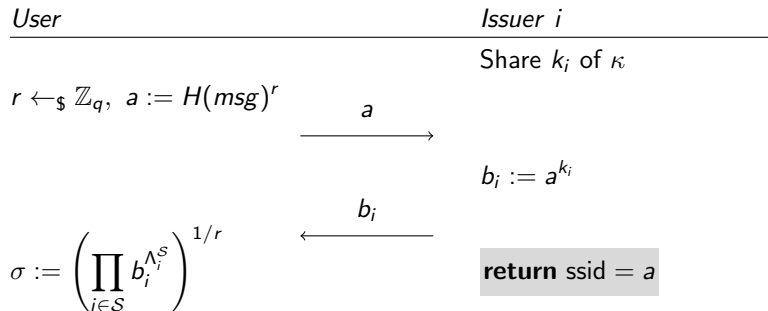
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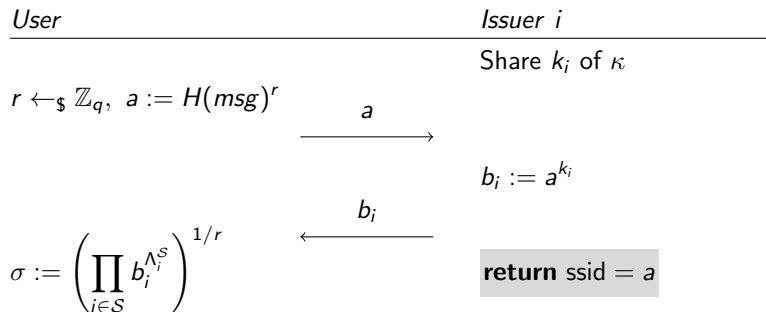
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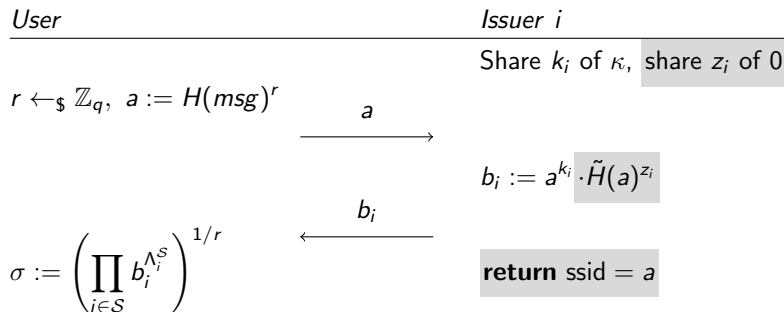
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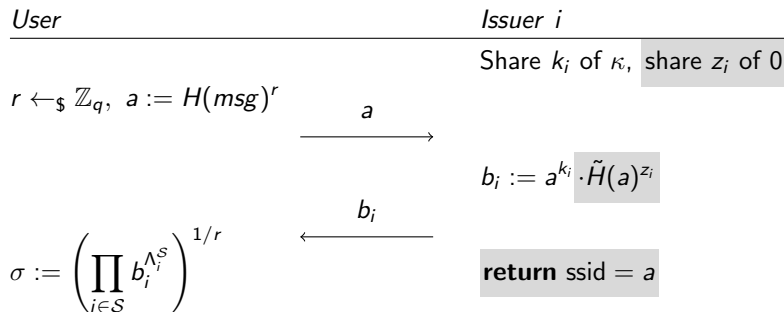
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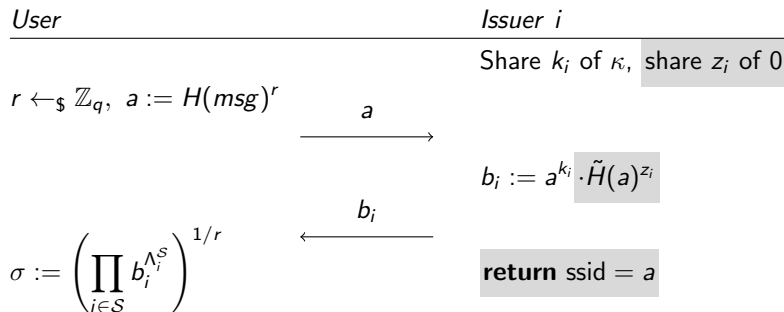
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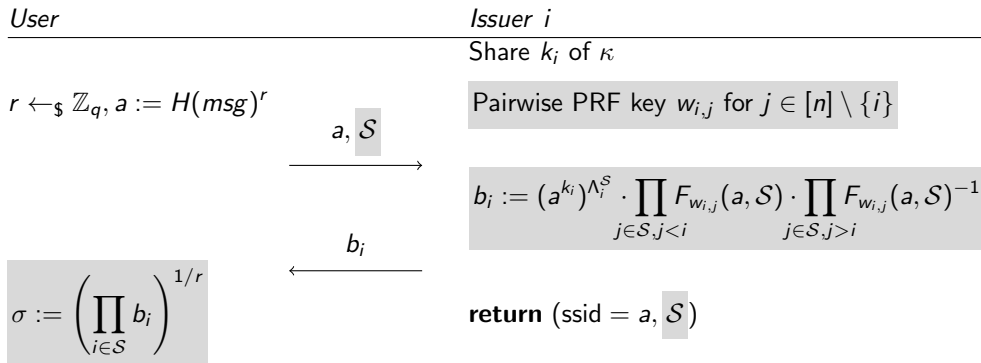
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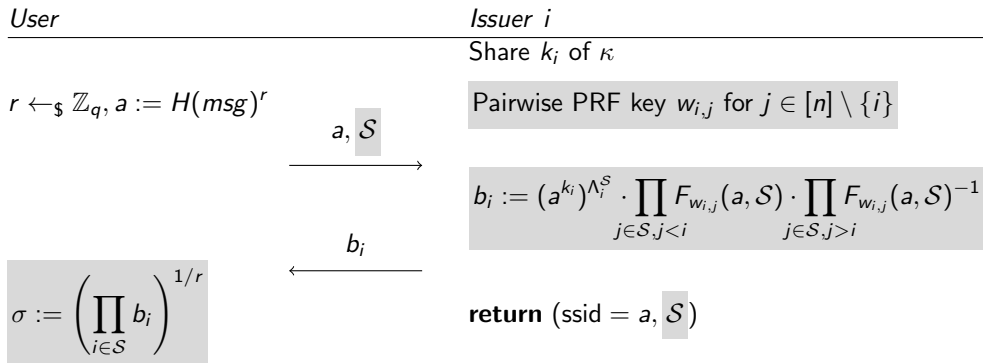


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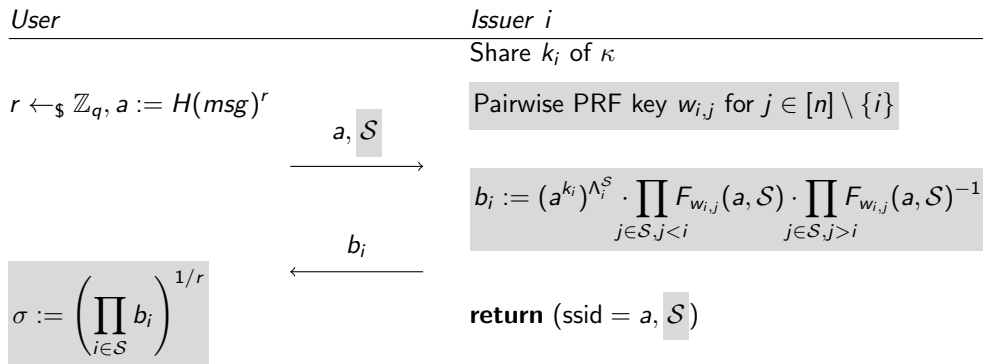
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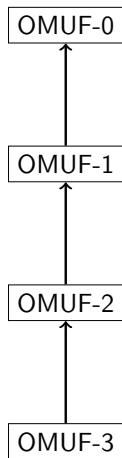
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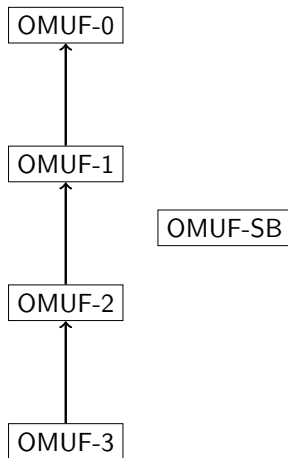
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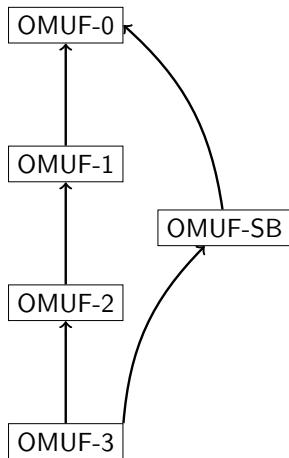
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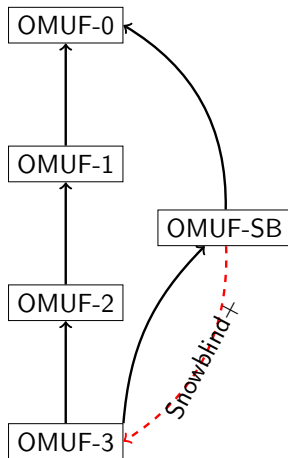
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