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*« Tightly-Secure Signatures from  
Lossy Identification Schemes »*

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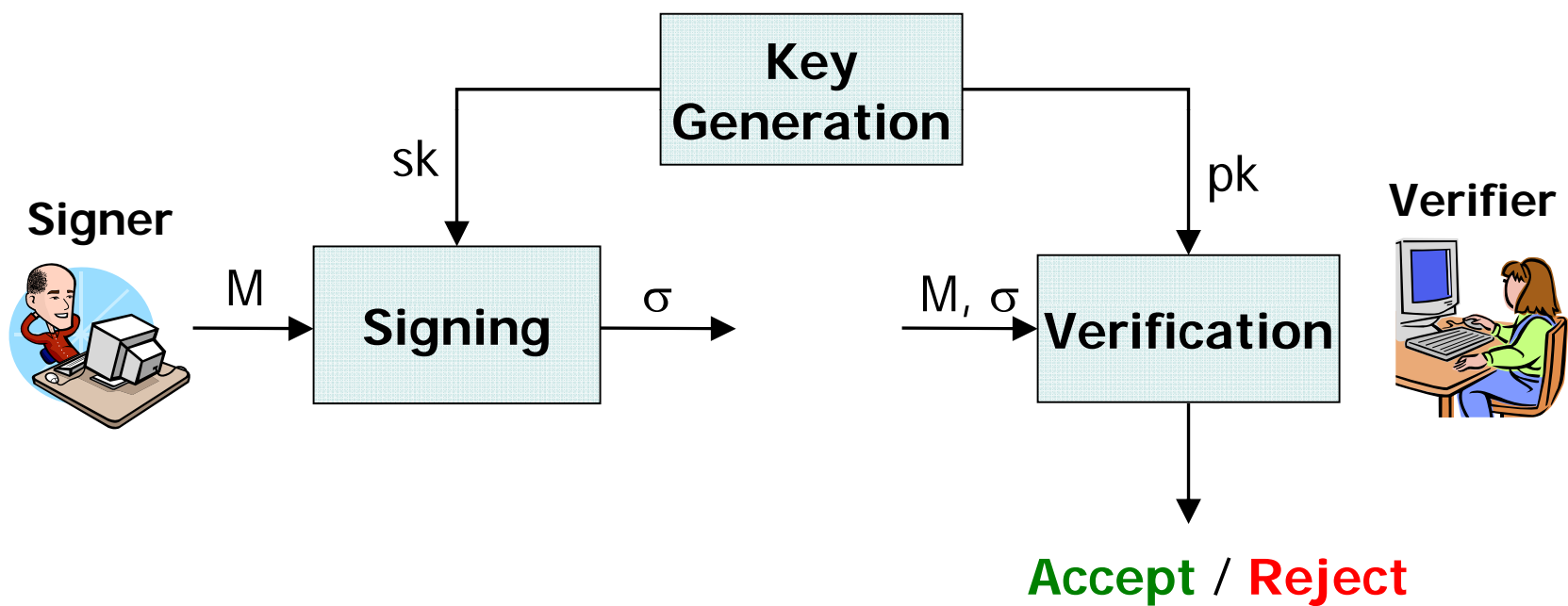
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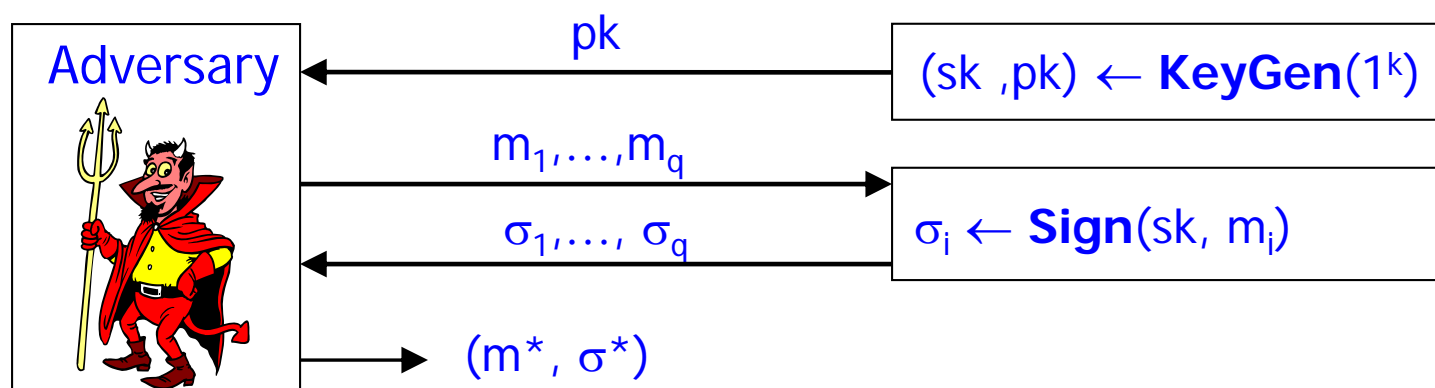
# Signature schemes

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# Security of signature schemes

- Strong Existential unforgeability under chosen-message attacks [GMR88]



- Adversary wins if  **$\text{Verify}(pk, m^*, \sigma^*) = \text{Accept}$**  and  **$(m^*, \sigma^*)$**  was not previously queried

# Common methods for obtaining signature schemes

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- Full Domain Hash
  - Let  $(f, f^{-1})$  be a trapdoor one-way permutation
  - Let  $H$  be a random oracle
  - $\sigma = f^{-1}(H(m))$
- Identification-based signatures
  - Start with a “secure” identification scheme
  - Make it non-interactive with the help of a random oracle

# Canonical identification scheme

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**Prover**

sk

**Verifier**

pk

commit →

← challenge

response →

ACCEPT or REJECT

# Fiat-Shamir transform

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challenge =  
 $H(\text{message}, \text{commit})$

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ACCEPT or REJECT

# Tightness of security reductions

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- What do we mean by tightness?
  - [BR96]: Adversary against scheme can be transformed into an adversary against underlying assumption with similar success probability and time complexity
- Can help set parameters for the scheme

# FDH and alternatives with tight security

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- PSS - probabilistic signature scheme [BR96]
- Magic bit by Katz and Wang [KW03]
- Goh and Jarecki CDH-based scheme [GJ03]
- Kakvi and Kiltz [KK12]



# On the exact security of identification-based signatures

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- If the ID scheme is secure against **passive adversaries**, then the signature scheme is **existentially unforgeable** [AABN02]
  - $\varepsilon_{\text{sig}}(k) \approx \mathbf{q_H} \times \varepsilon_{\text{id}}(k) + \text{negl}(k)$
  - Proof of passive security of the ID scheme is usually based on rewinding
- Direct proofs based on the forking lemma also lose a  **$\mathbf{q_H}$**  factor [PS96]

# Fiat-Shamir alternatives with tight security

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- Katz-Wang DDH-based signature scheme [KW03]
  - Uses the Fiat-Shamir heuristic based on a **proof of membership for the language  $\{g, h, g^r, h^r\}$**  instead of a proof of knowledge
  - Has a tight reduction to a decisional Diffie-Hellman problem

# Our results

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- **We extend the results by Katz and Wang to other settings**
  - New schemes based on the **decisional short-discrete-log problem**, **Ring-LWE**, and **subset sum**
- **A generic proof of security based on *lossy identification schemes***
  - Refines the results in [AABN]: **No  $q_H$  factor**
  - Formalizes the intuition behind the Katz-Wang signature scheme

# Plan

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- Introduction
- **Identification schemes**
- Lossy identification schemes
- Instantiations of lossy ID schemes
- Concluding remarks

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# Passive security for ID schemes

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- Let  $\text{Tr}_{pk,sk,k}()$  be a transcript generation oracle
- Passive security experiment  
 $\text{Exp}(A,KG,Tr)$ 
  - $(pk,sk) \leftarrow KG(1^k)$
  - $(cmt,st) \leftarrow A^{\text{Tr}()}(pk)$
  - $ch \leftarrow \{0,1\}^{C(k)}$
  - $rsp \leftarrow A(st,ch)$
  - Return  $\text{Ver}(cmt,ch,rsp)$
- $\text{Exp}(A,KG,Tr)$  outputs 1 with negl. probability

# Security of the Fiat-Shamir transform

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- **Theorem [AABN02]:** If **ID** is  $\epsilon_{id}$ -secure against passive impersonations, then **SIG=FS[ID]** is  $\epsilon_{sig}$ -existentially unforgeable

$$\epsilon_{sig} \leq q_h \times \epsilon_{id} + \text{negl}(k)$$

# Lossy identification schemes

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- $\exists$  an alternate (lossy) key generation
- Properties:
  - $\rho$ -**completeness**: a valid proof gets accepted
  - $\varepsilon_s$ -**simulatable**: transcript can be efficiently simulated without the secret key
  - $\varepsilon_k$ - **key indistinguishable**: cannot distinguish lossy keys from normal keys
  - $\varepsilon_l$ - **lossy**: an **unbounded** adversary cannot succeed in breaking the ID scheme when pk is lossy



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# Proof idea

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- **Use transcripts to simulate signing oracle**
  - Let  $m$  be in the sign query
  - Given  $(cmt, ch, rsp) \neq (\perp, \perp, \perp)$ , set  $H(cmt, m) = ch$
  - Collision probability is negligible due to  $cmt$  min-entropy
  - Return  $\sigma = (cmt, rsp)$  as the signature
- **Replace  $pk$  with lossy public key  $lpk$** 
  - Probability of success changes by at most  $\epsilon_k + q_s \epsilon_s$
  - Success probability is at most  $q_h \epsilon_l$  when key is lossy
  - $q_h$  factor is due to guess of hash query used in the forgery

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# DDH-based ID scheme [KW03]

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## Prover

$$\text{sk} = x \in \mathbb{Z}_q$$

$$r \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_q$$

$$A \leftarrow g^r; B \leftarrow h^r$$

$$s \leftarrow cx + r$$

$$\mathbf{G} = \langle g \rangle, |G|=q$$

$$\xrightarrow{A, B}$$

$$\xleftarrow{c}$$

$$\xrightarrow{s}$$

## Verifier

$$\text{pk} = (g, h, y_1 = g^x, y_2 = h^x)$$

$$c \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_q$$

Accept if

- $A y_1^c = g^s$
- $B y_2^c = h^s$

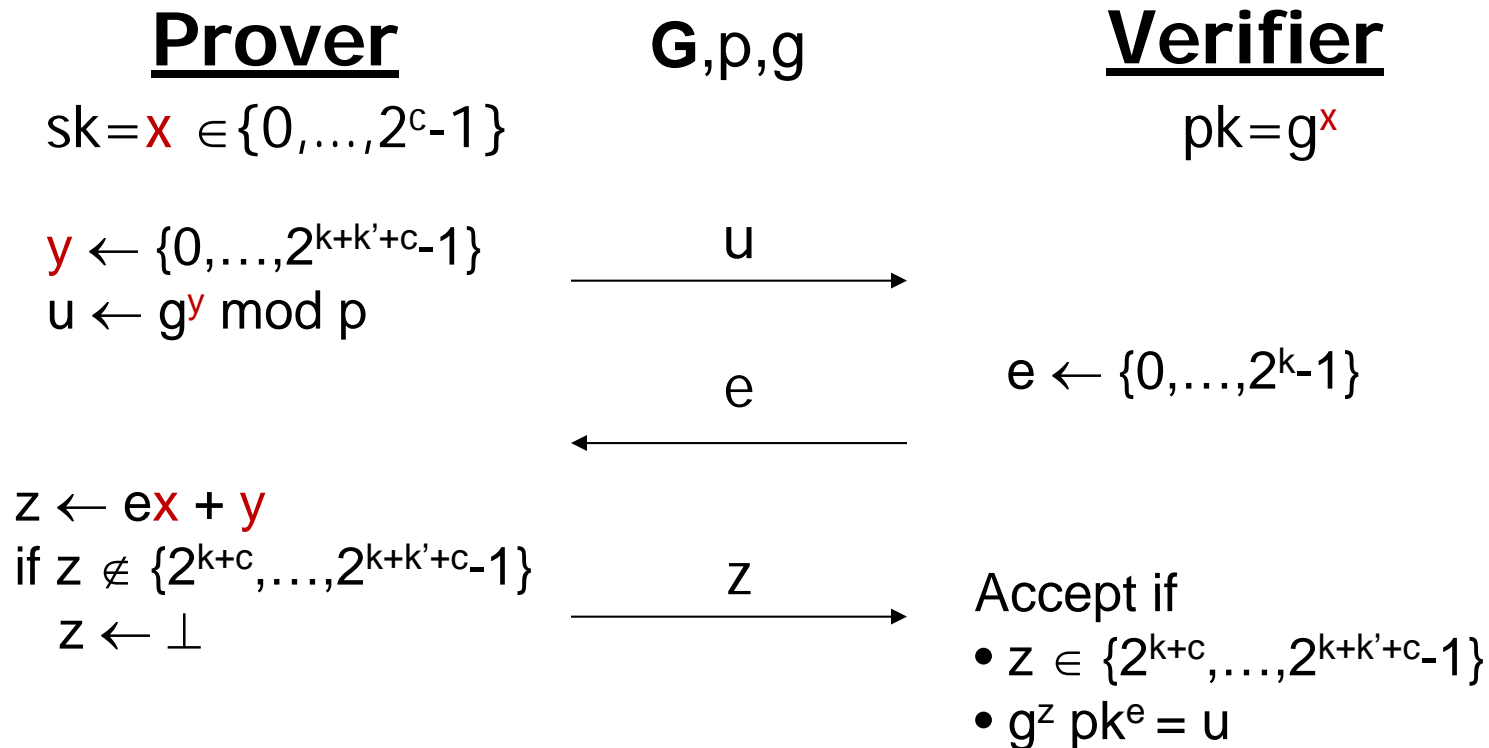
# Security of DDH-based ID scheme

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- 1-complete since ID scheme never aborts
- Simulatability follows from ZK property
  - Choose  $c \in \mathbb{Z}_q$  and  $s \in \mathbb{Z}_q$
  - Set  $A = g^s y_1^{-c}$  and  $B = h^s y_2^{-c}$
- Key indistinguishability follows from DDH assumption
- Lossiness
  - pk is not a DH tuple
  - Given A and B, there exists at most one c for which there exists a response s s.t.  $A y_1^c = g^s$  and  $B y_2^c = h^s$

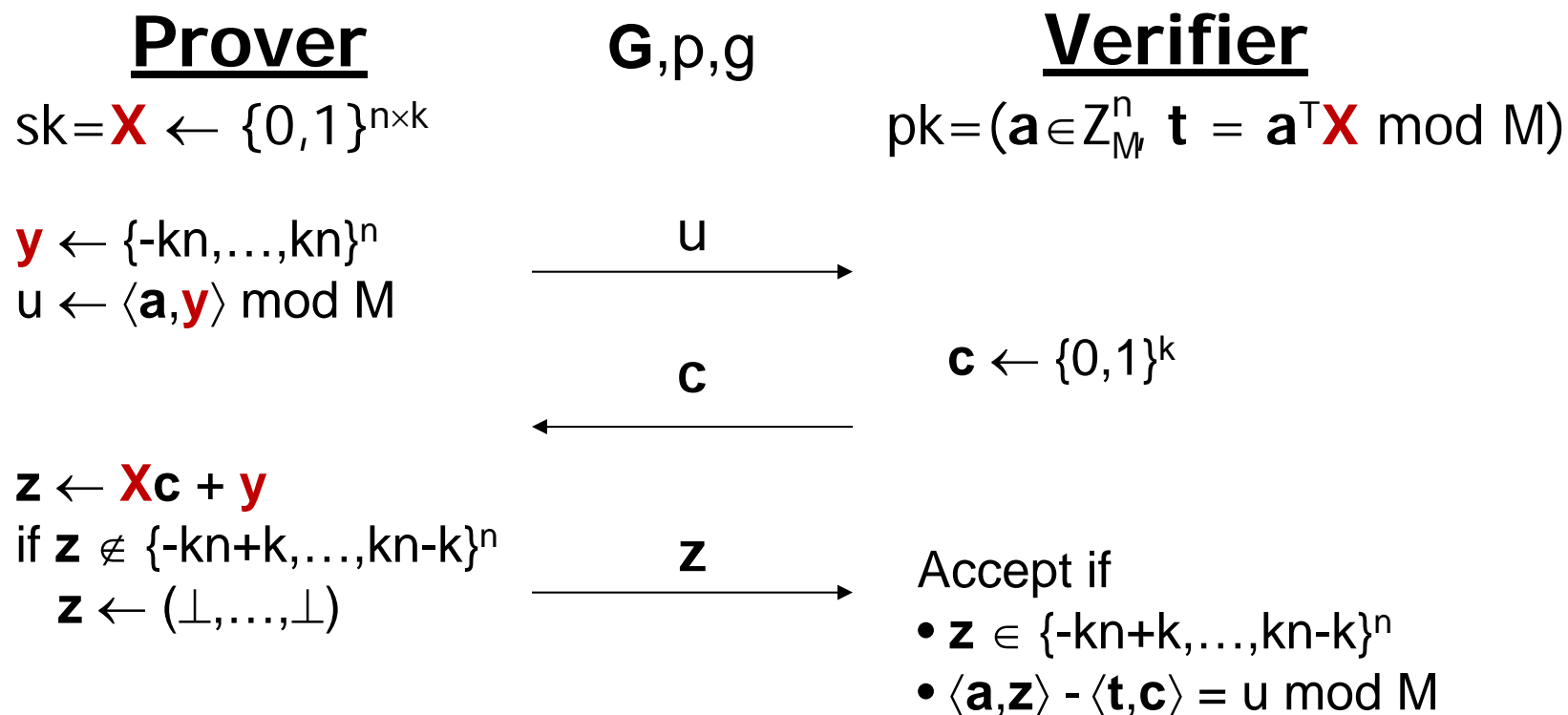
# Short-discrete-log based ID scheme

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# Subset-sum-based ID scheme

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  - New schemes based on the **decisional short-discrete-log problem**, **Ring-LWE**, and **subset sum**
- **Provided a tight and generic security proof based on *lossy identification schemes***
- **Security holds in the quantum-accessible random oracle model**
  - Our reductions are history-free [  ]