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# Fair Blind Signatures without Random Oracles

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**Abstract.** A fair blind signature is a blind signature with revocable anonymity and unlinkability, i.e., an authority can link an issuing session to the resulting signature and trace a signature to the user who requested it. In this paper we first revisit the security model for fair blind signatures given by Hufschmitt and Traoré in 2007. We then give the first practical fair blind signature scheme with a security proof in the standard model. Our scheme satisfies a stronger variant of the Hufschmitt-Traoré model.

**Keywords.** Blind signatures, Revocable anonymity, Standard model, Groth-Sahai proof system.

## 1 Introduction

A blind signature scheme is a protocol for obtaining a signature from an issuer such that the issuer’s view of the protocol cannot be linked to the resulting message/signature pair. Blind signatures are employed in privacy-related protocols where the issuer and the message author are different parties (e.g., e-voting or e-cash systems). However, blind signature schemes provide perfect unlinkability and could therefore be misused by dishonest users. Fair blind signatures were introduced by Stadler, Piveteau and Camenisch [SPC95] to prevent abuse of unlinkability. They allow two types of blindness revocation: linking a signature to the user who asked for the signature and identifying a signature that resulted from a given signing session. A security model for fair blind signatures was introduced by Hufschmitt and Traoré [HT07].

We first revisit their security model and give a stronger variant. We then present the first efficient fair blind signature scheme with a standard-model security proof (i.e., without resorting to the random oracle heuristic) in the strengthened security model. We make extensive use of the non-interactive proof system due to Groth and Sahai [GS08] and of the *automorphic signatures* recently introduced by Fuchsbauer [Fuc09] and do not use interactive assumptions.

### 1.1 Prior work

The concept of *blind signatures* was introduced by Chaum in [Cha83]. A blind signature scheme is a cryptographic primitive that allows a user to obtain from the *issuer* (signer) a digital signature on a message of the user’s choice in such a way that the issuer’s view of the protocol cannot be linked to the resulting message/signature pair.

Blind signatures have numerous applications including e-cash: they prevent linking the withdrawal of money and the payment made by the same customer. However, the impossibility to link withdrawals and payments might lead to frauds (money laundering, blackmailing, ...). Some applications therefore require means to identify the resulting signature from the transcript of a signature-issuing protocol or to link a message/signature pair to the corresponding signing session.

*Fair blind signatures* were introduced by Stadler, Piveteau and Camenisch in [SPC95] to provide these means. Several fair blind signature schemes have been proposed since then [SPC95,AO01,HT07] with applications to e-cash [GT03] or e-voting [CGT06]. In [HT07], Hufschmitt and Traoré presented a formal security model for fair blind signatures and a scheme based on bilinear maps that satisfies it in the random oracle model under an interactive assumption. In a recent independent work, Rückert and Schröder [RS10] proposed a *generic* construction of fair *partially* blind signatures [AF96].

## 1.2 Our contribution

As a first contribution, we strengthen the security model proposed in [HT07]. In our model, the algorithm opening a transcript not only returns information to identify the signature that resulted from it, but additionally outputs the user that requested the signature and gives a proof of correct tracing.

We give a definition of blindness analogously to [Oka06], but additionally provide tracing oracles to the adversary. We propose a traceability notion that implies the original one. Finally, we formalize the non-frameability notions analogously to [BSZ05], where it is the adversary’s task to output a framing signature (or transcript) *and a proof*. We believe that our version of signature non-frameability is more intuitive: no corrupt issuer can output a transcript, a “framing” opening of it and a proof (in [HT07], the adversary must output a message/signature pair such that an honest transcript opens to it). (*cf.* § 2.3 for details.)

In 2008, Groth and Sahai [GS08] proposed a way to produce efficient non-interactive zero-knowledge (NIZK) and non-interactive witness-indistinguishable (NIWI) proofs for (algebraic) statements related to groups equipped with a bilinear map. In particular, they give proofs of satisfiability of *pairing-product equations* (*cf.* § 4.2). In [Fuc09], Fuchsbauer introduced the notion of *automorphic signatures* whose verification keys lie in the message space, messages and signatures consist of group elements only, and verification is done by evaluating a set of pairing-product equations (*cf.* § 5). Among several applications, he constructed an (automorphic) blind signature in the following way: the user commits to the message, and gives the issuer a randomized message; the issuer produces a “pre-signature” from which the user takes away the randomness to recover a signature. The actual signature is then a Groth-Sahai proof of knowledge of a signature, which guarantees unlinkability to the issuing.

In this paper, we modify Fuchsbauer’s blind signature scheme in order to construct the first practical fair blind signature scheme with a security reduc-

tion in the standard model. Our security analysis does not introduce any new computational assumptions and relies only on falsifiable assumptions [Nao03] (*cf.* § 3). First, we extend Fuchsbauer’s automorphic signature so it can sign three messages at once. Then, since in fair blind signature schemes blindness has to hold even against adversaries provided with tracing oracles, we use Groth’s technique from [Gro07] to achieve CCA-anonymous group signatures: instead of just committing to the tracing information, we additionally encrypt it (using Kiltz’ tag-based encryption scheme [Kil06]) and provide NIZK proofs of consistency with the commitments. In order to achieve the strengthened notion of non-frameability, we construct simulation-sound NIZK proofs of knowledge of a Diffie-Hellman solution which consist of group elements only and are verified by checking a set of pairing-product equations (*i.e.* Groth-Sahai compatible proofs).

Since messages and signatures consist of group elements only and their verification is done by evaluating a set of pairing-product equations, our fair blind signatures are Groth-Sahai compatible themselves which makes them perfectly suitable to design efficient fair e-cash systems following the approach proposed in [GT03]. In addition, our scheme is compatible with the “generic” variant<sup>1</sup> of Votopia [OMA<sup>+</sup>99] proposed by Canard, Gaud and Traoré in [CGT06]. Combined with a suitable mix-net (e.g. [GL07]), it provides a practical electronic voting protocol in the standard model including public verifiability, and compares favorably with other similar systems in terms of computational cost.

## 2 The Model

### 2.1 Syntax

**Definition 1.** A fair blind signature scheme *is a 10-tuple*

$$(\text{Setup}, \text{IKGen}, \text{UKGen}, \text{Sign}, \text{User}, \text{Ver}, \text{TrSig}, \text{TrId}, \text{ChkSig}, \text{ChkId})$$

*of (interactive) (probabilistic) polynomial-time Turing machines ((P)PTs):*

*Setup is a PPT that takes as input an integer  $\lambda$  and outputs the parameters  $pp$  and the revocation key  $rk$ . We call  $\lambda$  the security parameter.*

*IKGen is a PPT that takes as input the parameters  $pp$  and outputs a pair  $(ipk, isk)$ , the issuer’s public and secret key.*

*UKGen is a PPT that takes as input the parameters  $pp$  and outputs a pair  $(upk, usk)$ , the user’s public and secret key.*

*Sign and User are interactive PPTs such that User takes as inputs the parameters  $pp$ , the issuer’s public key  $ipk$ , the user’s secret key  $usk$  and a bit string  $m$ ; Sign takes as input  $pp$ , the issuer’s secret key  $isk$  and user public key  $upk$ . Sign and User engage in the signature issuing protocol and when they stop, Sign outputs **completed** or **not-completed** while User outputs  $\perp$  or a bit string  $\sigma$ .*

<sup>1</sup> This variant was used during the French referendum on the European Constitution in May 2005.

$\text{Ver}$  is a deterministic PT that on input the parameters  $\text{pp}$ , an issuer public key  $\text{ipk}$  and a pair of bit strings  $(m, \sigma)$  outputs either 0 or 1. If it outputs 1 then  $\sigma$  is a valid signature on the message  $m$

$\text{TrSig}$  is a deterministic PT that on input  $\text{pp}$ , an issuer public key  $\text{ipk}$ , a transcript of a signature issuing protocol and a revocation key  $\text{rk}$  outputs three bit strings  $(\text{upk}, \text{id}_\sigma, \pi)$ .

$\text{Trld}$  is a deterministic PT that on input  $\text{pp}$ , an issuer public key  $\text{ipk}$ , a pair message/signature  $(m, \sigma)$  for  $\text{ipk}$  and a revocation key  $\text{rk}$  outputs two bit strings  $(\text{upk}, \pi)$ .

$\text{ChkSig}$  is a deterministic PT that on input  $\text{pp}$ , an issuer public key  $\text{ipk}$ , a transcript of a signature issuing protocol, a pair message/signature  $(m, \sigma)$  for  $\text{ipk}$  and three bit strings  $(\text{upk}, \text{id}_\sigma, \pi)$ , outputs either 0 or 1.

$\text{Chkld}$  is a deterministic PT that on input  $\text{pp}$ , an issuer public key  $\text{ipk}$ , a pair message/signature  $(m, \sigma)$  for  $\text{ipk}$  and two bit strings  $(\text{upk}, \pi)$ , outputs either 0 or 1.

For all  $\lambda \in \mathbb{N}$ , all pairs  $(\text{pp}, \text{rk})$  output by  $\text{Setup}(\lambda)$  all pairs  $(\text{ipk}, \text{isk})$  output by  $\text{IKGen}(\text{pp})$ , and all pairs  $(\text{upk}, \text{usk})$  output by  $\text{UKGen}(\text{pp})$ :

1. if  $\text{Sign}$  and  $\text{User}$  follow the signature issuing protocol with input  $(\text{pp}, \text{isk}, \text{upk})$  and  $(\text{pp}, \text{usk}, \text{ipk}, m)$  respectively, then  $\text{Sign}$  outputs completed and  $\text{User}$  outputs a bit string  $\sigma$  that satisfies  $\text{Ver}(\text{ipk}, (m, \sigma)) = 1$ ;
2. on input  $\text{ipk}$ , the transcript  $\text{trans}$  of the protocol and  $\text{rk}$ ,  $\text{TrSig}$  outputs three bit strings  $(\text{upk}, \text{id}_\sigma, \pi)$  s.t.  $\text{ChkSig}(\text{pp}, \text{ipk}, \text{trans}, (m, \sigma), (\text{upk}, \text{id}_\sigma, \pi)) = 1$ ;
3. on input  $\text{ipk}$ , the pair  $(m, \sigma)$  and  $\text{rk}$ ,  $\text{Trld}$  outputs two bit strings  $(\text{upk}, \pi)$  such that  $\text{Chkld}(\text{pp}, \text{ipk}, (m, \sigma), (\text{upk}, \pi)) = 1$ .

## 2.2 Security Definitions

To define the security notions for fair blind signatures, we use a notation similar to the one in [BSZ05] used in [HT07]:

$HU$  denotes the set of honest users and  $CU$  is the set of corrupted users.

$\text{AddU}$  is an *add-user* oracle. By calling this oracle, the adversary creates a new user with keys  $(\text{upk}, \text{usk})$ . The oracle adds  $\text{upk}$  to  $HU$  and returns it to the adversary.

$\text{CrptU}$  is a *corrupt-user* oracle. The adversary calls this oracle with a pair  $(\text{upk}, \text{usk})$  and  $\text{upk}$  added to the set  $CU$ .

$\text{USK}$  is a *user-secret-key* oracle enabling the adversary to obtain the private key  $\text{usk}$  for some  $\text{upk} \in HU$ . The oracle transfers  $\text{upk}$  to  $CU$  and returns  $\text{usk}$ .

$\text{User}$  is an *honest-user* oracle. The adversary impersonating a corrupt issuer calls it with  $(\text{upk}, m)$ . If  $\text{upk} \in HU$ , the experiment simulates the honest user holding  $\text{upk}$  running the signature issuing protocol with the adversary for message  $m$ . If the issuing protocol completed successfully, the adversary is given the resulting signature. The experiment keeps a list  $\text{Set}$  with entries of the form  $(\text{upk}, m, \text{trans}, \sigma)$ , to record an execution of  $\text{User}$ , where  $\text{trans}$  is the transcript of the issuing protocol and  $\sigma$  is the resulting signature. (Note that only valid  $\sigma$ 's (i.e., the protocol was successful) are written to  $\text{Set}$ .)

**Sign** is a *signing* oracle. The adversary impersonating a corrupt user can use it to run the signature issuing protocol with the honest issuer. The experiment keeps a list  $Trans$  in which the transcripts  $trans_i$  resulting from **Sign** calls are stored.

**Challenge<sub>b</sub>** is a *challenge* oracle, which (w.l.o.g.) can only be called once. The adversary provides two user public keys  $upk_0$  and  $upk_1$  and two messages  $m_0$  and  $m_1$ . The oracle first simulates **User** on inputs  $(pp, ipk, usk_b, m_b)$  and then, in a second protocol run, simulates **User** on inputs  $(pp, ipk, usk_{1-b}, m_{1-b})$ . Finally, the oracle returns  $(\sigma_0, \sigma_1)$ , the resulting signatures on  $m_0$  and  $m_1$ .

**TrSig** (resp. **TrId**) is a *signature* (resp. *identity*) *tracing* oracle. When queried on the transcripts (or messages) emanating from a **Challenge** call, they return  $\perp$ .

Figure 1 formalizes the experiments for the following security notions:

**Blindness.** Not even the issuer with access to tracing oracles can link a message/signature pair to the signature issuing session it stems from.

**Identity Traceability.** No coalition of users can produce a set of signatures containing signatures which cannot be linked to an identity.

**Signature Traceability.** No one should be able to produce a message/signature pair which is not traced by any issuing transcript or two pairs which are traced by the same transcript.

**Identity Non-Frameability.** No coalition of issuer, users and tracing authority should be able to provide a signature and a proof that the signature opens to an honest user who did not ask for the signature.

**Signature Non-Frameability.** No coalition of issuer, users and tracing authority should be able to provide a transcript that either wrongfully opens to an honest signature or an honest user.

We say that a fair blind signature achieves *blindness* if for all PPT adversaries  $\mathcal{A}$ , the following is negligible:  $|\Pr[\mathbf{Exp}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\text{blind-1}} = 1] - \Pr[\mathbf{Exp}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\text{blind-0}} = 1] - \frac{1}{2}|$ . The remaining security notions are achieved if for all PPT  $\mathcal{A}$ , the probability that the corresponding experiment returns 1 is negligible.

### 2.3 A Note on the Hufschmitt-Traoré Security Notions

**Blindness.** In [HT07], the challenge oracle (called “Choose”) is defined as follows: the adversary provides two user public keys  $upk_0$  and  $upk_1$  and a message, and obtains a signature under  $upk_b$ . This gives a weak security guarantee, as the adversary—who impersonates the issuer—cannot actively participate in the issuing of the challenge signature. We define our oracle in the spirit of [Oka06]: the adversary impersonating the issuer chooses two users (and messages) which interact with him in random order; he gets to see both resulting signatures and has to determine the order of issuing.

**Traceability Notions.** Intuitively, identity traceability means that no coalition of users and the authority can create a message signature pair that is not traceable to a user, which is what was formalized in [HT07].

**Exp<sub>A</sub><sup>blind-b</sup>(λ)**  
 $(pp, rk) \leftarrow \text{Setup}(1^\lambda); (ipk, isk) \leftarrow \text{IKGen}(pp)$   
 $b' \leftarrow \mathcal{A}(pp, ipk, isk : \text{AddU}, \text{CrptU}, \text{USK}, \text{Challenge}_b, \text{User}, \text{TrSig}, \text{Trld})$   
 return  $b'$

**Exp<sub>A</sub><sup>IdTrac</sup>(λ)**  
 $(pp, rk) \leftarrow \text{Setup}(1^\lambda); (ipk, isk) \leftarrow \text{IKGen}(pp)$   
 $\text{Trans} \leftarrow \emptyset$   
 $(m_1, \sigma_1, \dots, m_n, \sigma_n) \leftarrow \mathcal{A}(pp, ipk, rk : \text{AddU}, \text{CrptU}, \text{USK}, \text{Sign})$   
 for  $i = 1 \dots |\text{Trans}|$  do  $(upk_i, id_i, \pi_i) \leftarrow \text{TrSig}(pp, rk, ipk, trans_i)$   
 for  $i = 1 \dots n$  do  $(upk'_i, \pi'_i) \leftarrow \text{Trld}(pp, rk, ipk, m_i, \sigma_i)$   
 if  $\exists i : upk'_i = \perp$  or  $\text{Chkld}(pp, ipk, (m_i, \sigma_i), upk'_i, \pi'_i) = 0$   
     return 1  
 if some  $upk$  appears more often in  $(upk'_1, \dots, upk'_n)$  than in  
      $(upk_1, \dots, upk_{|\text{Trans}|})$  then return 1  
 else return 0

**Exp<sub>A</sub><sup>IdNF</sup>(λ)**  
 $(pp, rk) \leftarrow \text{Setup}(1^\lambda); (ipk, isk) \leftarrow \text{IKGen}(pp)$   
 $\text{Set} \leftarrow \emptyset; HU \leftarrow \emptyset; CU \leftarrow \emptyset$   
 $(upk, m, \sigma, \pi) \leftarrow \mathcal{A}(pp, ipk, isk, rk : \text{AddU}, \text{CrptU}, \text{USK}, \text{User})$   
 if  $\text{Ver}(pp, ipk, m, \sigma) = 0$  or  $\text{Chkld}(pp, ipk, m, \sigma, upk, \pi) = 0$  then return 0  
 if  $(upk, m, \cdot, \sigma) \notin \text{Set}$  and  $upk \in HU$  then return 1; else return 0

**Exp<sub>A</sub><sup>SigTrac</sup>(λ)**  
 $(pp, rk) \leftarrow \text{Setup}(1^\lambda); (ipk, isk) \leftarrow \text{IKGen}(pp)$   
 $\text{Trans} \leftarrow \emptyset$   
 $(m_1, \sigma_1, m_2, \sigma_2) \leftarrow \mathcal{A}(pp, ipk, rk : \text{AddU}, \text{CrptU}, \text{USK}, \text{Sign})$   
 let  $\text{Trans} = (trans_i)_{i=1}^n$ ; for  $i = 1 \dots n$  do  $(upk_i, id_i, \pi_i) \leftarrow \text{TrSig}(pp, rk, ipk, trans_i)$   
 if  $\text{Ver}(pp, ipk, m_1, \sigma_1) = 1$  and  
      $\forall i : \text{ChkSig}(pp, ipk, trans_i, m_1, \sigma_1, upk_i, id_i, \pi_i) = 0$  then return 1  
 if  $(m_1, \sigma_1) \neq (m_2, \sigma_2)$  and  $\text{Ver}(pp, ipk, m_1, \sigma_1) = 1$  and  $\text{Ver}(pp, ipk, m_2, \sigma_2) = 1$   
     and  $\exists i : \text{ChkSig}(pp, ipk, trans_i, m_1, \sigma_1, upk_i, id_i, \pi_i) =$   
          $= \text{ChkSig}(pp, ipk, trans_i, m_2, \sigma_2, upk_i, id_i, \pi_i) = 1$   
     then return 1; else return 0

**Exp<sub>A</sub><sup>SigNF</sup>(λ)**  
 $(pp, rk) \leftarrow \text{Setup}(1^\lambda); (ipk, isk) \leftarrow \text{IKGen}(pp)$   
 $\text{Set} \leftarrow \emptyset; HU \leftarrow \emptyset; CU \leftarrow \emptyset$   
 $(trans^*, m^*, \sigma^*, upk^*, id_\sigma^*, \pi^*) \leftarrow \mathcal{A}(pp, ipk, isk, rk : \text{AddU}, \text{CrptU}, \text{USK}, \text{User})$   
 let  $\text{Set} = (upk_i, m_i, trans_i, \sigma_i)_{i=1}^n$   
 if  $\exists i : trans^* \neq trans_i$  and  $\text{ChkSig}(pp, ipk, trans^*, m_i, \sigma_i, upk^*, id_\sigma^*, \pi^*) = 1$   
     then return 1  
 if  $(\forall i : upk^* = upk_i \Rightarrow trans^* \neq trans_i)$   
     and  $\text{ChkSig}(\dots, trans^*, m^*, \sigma^*, upk^*, id_\sigma^*, \pi^*) = 1$   
     then return 1; else return 0

**Fig. 1.** Security experiments for fair blind signatures

We propose the following experiment leading to a stronger notion: the adversary gets the authority’s key and impersonates corrupt users, who, via the **Sign** oracle can request signatures from the honest issuer. The latter is simulated by the experiment and keeps a set *Trans* of transcripts of oracle calls. Eventually, the adversary outputs a set of message/signature pairs. The experiment opens all transcripts to get a list of users to which signatures were issued. Another list of users is constructed by opening the returned signatures. The adversary wins if there exists a user who appears more often in the second list than in the first, or if  $\perp$  is in the second list or if any of the proofs output by the opening algorithm do not verify. Note that the notion of [HT07] is implied by ours.

**Non-Frameability Notions.** Non-frameability means that not even a coalition of everyone else can “frame” an honest user. For example, no adversary can output a signature which opens to a user who did not participate in its issuing. In [HT07], the adversary outputs a message/signature pair, which is then opened by the experiment to determine if it “framed” a user. Analogously to [BSZ05] (who defined non-frameability for group signatures), we define a stronger notion requiring the adversary to output an incriminating signature, an honest user *and a valid proof*, that the signature opens to that user. Note that only this formalization makes the  $\pi$  output by the tracing algorithms a proof, as it guarantees that no adversary can produce a proof that verifies for a false opening.

**IDENTITY NON-FRAMEABILITY.** In [HT07], the adversary wins if it produces a pair  $(m, \sigma)$  such that, when opened to *upk*, we have  $(m, \sigma, upk) \notin Set$ . This seems to guarantee a strong notion of unforgeability where an adversary modifying a signature wins the game. This is however not the case in the scheme proposed in [HT07]: the final signature is a proof of knowledge of some values computed by the issuer made non-interactive by the Fiat-Shamir heuristic; hence from a given signature issuing session the user may derive several valid signatures on a message *m*. For that reason, the model in [HT07] considers that two signatures are different only if the underlying secrets are different. We adopt the same convention in this paper in that we consider two signatures equivalent if they have the same *identifier*.

**SIGNATURE NON-FRAMEABILITY.** Non-frameability of signature tracing intuitively means: even if everyone else colludes against an honest user, they cannot produce a transcript that opens to an honest signature. In the definition proposed in [HT07], the adversary plays the issuer in that he gets his secret key. However, he has no possibility to communicate with honest users since the *challenger* plays the issuer in the signature issuing sessions with honest users and the adversary only gets the transcripts. His goal is to produce a *new* message/signature pair (one that does not emanate from a **User**-oracle call) such that an honest transcript opens to it.

We give the following security notion which we think is more intuitive. No corrupt issuer can produce a transcript of an issuing session and one of the following: either a public key of an honest user and a proof that this user participated in the transcript whereas he did not; or a signature identifier of an honest signature coming from a different session and a proof that the transcript



opens to it. Similarly to signatures we consider two transcripts equivalent if they contain the same user randomness and the same issuer randomness.

**Unforgeability.** Consider an adversary that breaks the classical security notion for blind signatures, one-more unforgeability, i.e., after  $q - 1$  Sign-oracle queries, he outputs  $q$  signatures on different messages. We show that the adversary must have broken signature traceability: indeed since there are more signatures than transcripts, either there is a signature which no transcripts points to, or there is a transcript that points to two signatures.

### 3 Assumptions

A (symmetric) *bilinear group* is a tuple  $(p, \mathbb{G}, \mathbb{G}_T, e, G)$  where  $(\mathbb{G}, \cdot)$  and  $(\mathbb{G}_T, \cdot)$  are two cyclic groups of prime order  $p$ ,  $G$  is a generator of  $\mathbb{G}$ , and  $e: \mathbb{G} \times \mathbb{G} \rightarrow \mathbb{G}_T$  is a non-degenerate bilinear map, i.e.,  $\forall U, V \in \mathbb{G} \forall a, b \in \mathbb{Z}: e(U^a, V^b) = e(U, V)^{ab}$ , and  $e(G, G)$  is a generator of  $\mathbb{G}_T$ .

The *Decision Linear (DLIN) Assumption* [BBS04], in  $(p, \mathbb{G}, \mathbb{G}_T, e, G)$  states that given  $(G^\alpha, G^\beta, G^{r\alpha}, G^{s\beta}, G^t)$  for random  $\alpha, \beta, r, s \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ , it is hard to decide whether  $t = r + s$  or  $t$  is random.

The following two assumptions were introduced by [FPV09] and [Fuc09], respectively. Under the *knowledge of exponent assumption* [Dam92], the first is equivalent to SDH [BB04] and the second is equivalent to computing discrete logarithms.

**Assumption 1 ( $q$ -DHSDH).** Given  $(G, H, K, X = G^x) \in \mathbb{G}^4$  and  $q - 1$  tuples

$$(A_i = (KG^{v_i})^{\frac{1}{x+d_i}}, C_i = G^{d_i}, D_i = H^{d_i}, V_i = G^{v_i}, W_i = H^{v_i})_{i=1}^{q-1},$$

for  $d_i, v_i \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p$ , it is hard to output a new tuple  $(A, C, D, V, W)$  that satisfies

$$e(A, XC) = e(KV, G) \quad e(C, H) = e(G, D) \quad e(V, H) = e(G, W) \quad (1)$$

The next assumption states that, given  $(G, H, T) \in \mathbb{G}^3$ , it is hard to produce a non-trivial  $(G^m, H^m, G^r, H^r)$  such that  $G^m = T^r$ .

**Assumption 2 (HDL).** Given a random triple  $(G, H, T) \in \mathbb{G}^3$ , it is hard to output  $(M, N, R, S) \neq (1, 1, 1, 1)$  such that

$$e(R, T) = e(M, G) \quad e(M, H) = e(G, N) \quad e(R, H) = e(G, S) \quad (2)$$

### 4 Tools

We recall some tools from the literature which we use to construct our scheme.

#### 4.1 A Signature Scheme to Sign Group Elements

We present the signature scheme from [Fuc09], which is secure against chosen-message attacks under Assumptions 1 and 2. Its message space is the set of *Diffie-Hellman pairs*  $\mathcal{DH} := \{(A, B) \in \mathbb{G}^2 \mid \exists \alpha : A = G^\alpha, B = H^\alpha\}$  w.r.t. two fixed generators  $G, H \in \mathbb{G}$ . Note that  $(A, B) \in \mathcal{DH}$  iff  $e(A, H) = e(G, B)$ .

**Scheme 1 (Sig<sub>1</sub>).**

**Setup<sub>1</sub>** Given  $(p, \mathbb{G}, \mathbb{G}_T, e, G)$ , choose additional generators  $H, K, T \in \mathbb{G}$ .

**KeyGen<sub>1</sub>** Choose  $sk = x \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p$  and set  $vk = G^x$ .

**Sign<sub>1</sub>** A signature on  $(M, N) \in \mathcal{DH}$  under public key  $G^x$ , is defined as

$$(S_1 := (KT^r M)^{\frac{1}{x+d}}, S_2 := G^d, S_3 := H^d, S_4 := G^r, S_5 := H^r),$$

for random  $d, r \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p$

**Verify<sub>1</sub>**  $(S_1, S_2, S_3, S_4, S_5)$  is valid on  $(M, N) \in \mathcal{DH}$  under public key  $vk = X$  iff

$$\begin{aligned} e(S_1, XS_2) &= e(KM, G) e(T, S_4) & e(S_2, H) &= e(G, S_3) \\ & & e(S_4, H) &= e(G, S_5) \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

#### 4.2 Groth-Sahai Proofs

We sketch the results of Groth and Sahai [GS08] on proofs of satisfiability of sets of equations over a bilinear group  $(p, \mathbb{G}, \mathbb{G}_T, e, G)$ . Due to the complexity of their methodology, we merely give what is needed for our results and refer to the full version of [GS08] for any additional details.

We define a key for *linear commitments*. Choose  $\alpha, \beta, r_1, r_2 \in \mathbb{Z}_p$  and define  $U = G^\alpha$ ,  $V = G^\beta$ , and  $\mathbf{u}_1 := (U, 0, G)$ ,  $\mathbf{u}_2 := (0, V, G)$ ,  $\mathbf{u}_3 := (W_1, W_2, W_3)$  where  $W_1 := U^{r_1}$ ,  $W_2 := V^{r_2}$ , for random  $r_1, r_2 \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p$ , and  $W_3$  is either

- soundness setting:  $W_3 := G^{r_1+r_2}$  (which makes  $\bar{\mathbf{u}}$  a binding key)
- witness-indistinguishable setting:  $W_3 := G^{r_1+r_2-1}$  (making  $\bar{\mathbf{u}}$  a hiding key)

Under key  $ck = (U, V, W_1, W_2, W_3)$ , a commitment to a group element  $X \in \mathbb{G}$  using randomness  $(s_1, s_2, s_3) \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p^3$  is defined as (with  $\iota(X) := (0, 0, X)$ )

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Com}(ck, X; (s_1, s_2, s_3)) &:= \iota(X) \cdot \prod_{i=1}^3 \mathbf{u}_i^{s_i} \\ &= (U^{s_1} W_1^{s_3}, V^{s_2} W_2^{s_3}, X G^{s_1+s_2} W_3^{s_3}). \end{aligned}$$

In the soundness setting, given the *extraction key*  $ek := (\alpha, \beta)$ , the committed value can be extracted from a commitment  $\mathbf{c} = (c_1, c_2, c_3)$ . On the other hand, in the witness-indistinguishable (WI) setting,  $\mathbf{c}$  is equally distributed for every  $X$ . The two settings are indistinguishable under the DLIN assumption.

A *pairing-product equation* is an equation for variables  $\mathcal{Y}_1, \dots, \mathcal{Y}_n \in \mathbb{G}$  of the form

$$\prod_{i=1}^n e(\mathcal{A}_i, \mathcal{Y}_i) \prod_{i=1}^n \prod_{j=1}^n e(\mathcal{Y}_i, \mathcal{Y}_j)^{\gamma_{i,j}} = t_T,$$

with  $\mathcal{A}_i \in \mathbb{G}$ ,  $\gamma_{i,j} \in \mathbb{Z}_p$  and  $t_T \in \mathbb{G}_T$ .

To show satisfiability of a set of equations of this form, one first makes commitments to a satisfying witness (i.e., an assignment to the variables of each equation) and then adds a “proof” per equation. Groth and Sahai describe how to construct these: they are in  $\mathbb{G}^{3 \times 3}$ . In the soundness setting, if the proof is valid, then  $\text{Extr}$  extracts the witness satisfying the pairing-product equation. In the WI setting, commitments and proofs of different witnesses which both satisfy the same pairing-product equation are equally distributed.

### 4.3 Commit and Encrypt

In order to build CCA-anonymous group signatures, Groth [Gro07] uses the following technique: a group signature consists of linear commitments to a certified signature and Groth-Sahai proofs that the committed values constitute a valid signature. CPA-anonymity follows from WI of GS proofs: once the commitment key has been replaced by a perfectly hiding one, a group signature reveals no information about the signer. However, in order to simulate opening queries in the WI setting, some commitments are doubled with a *tag-based encryption* under Kiltz’ scheme [Kil06] and a Groth-Sahai NIZK proof that the committed and the encrypted value are the same. To produce a group signature, the user first chooses a key pair for a one-time signature scheme, uses the verification key as the tag for the encryption and the secret key to sign the group signature.

By  $\text{Sig}_{\text{ot}} = (\text{KeyGen}_{\text{ot}}, \text{Sign}_{\text{ot}}, \text{Ver}_{\text{ot}})$  we will denote the signature scheme discussed in § 5.2 which satisfies the required security notion. By CEP (commit-encrypt-prove) we denote the following:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{CEP}(ck, pk, tag, msg; (\rho, r)) := \\ (\text{Com}(ck, msg; \rho), \text{Enc}(pk, tag, msg; r), \text{NizkEq}(ck, pk, msg, tag, \rho, r)) \end{aligned}$$

where  $\text{Enc}$  denotes Kiltz’ encryption and  $\text{NizkEq}$  denotes a Groth-Sahai NIZK proof that the commitment and the encryption contain the same plaintext (cf. [Gro07]). We say that an output  $\psi = (\mathbf{c}, C, \zeta)$  of CEP is *valid* if the ciphertext and the zero-knowledge proof are valid.

## 5 New Tools

### 5.1 A Scheme To Sign Three Diffie-Hellman Pairs

We extend the scheme from § 4.1, so it signs three messages at once; we prove existential unforgeability against adversaries making a particular chosen message attack: the first message is given (as usual) as a Diffie-Hellman pair, whereas the second and third message are queried as their logarithms, i.e., instead of querying  $(G^v, H^v)$ , the adversary has to give  $v$  explicitly. As we will see, this combines smoothly with our application.

**Scheme 2 (Sig<sub>3</sub>).**

Setup<sub>3</sub>( $\mathcal{G}$ ) Given  $\mathcal{G} = (p, \mathbb{G}, \mathbb{G}_T, e, G)$ , choose additional generators  $H, K, T \in \mathbb{G}$ .

KeyGen<sub>3</sub>( $\mathcal{G}$ ) Choose  $sk = (x, \ell, u) \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p^3$  and set  $vk = (G^x, G^\ell, G^u)$ .

Sign<sub>3</sub>(( $x, \ell, u$ ), ( $M, N, Y, Z, V, W$ )) A signature on (( $M, N$ ), ( $Y, Z$ ), ( $V, W$ ))  $\in \mathcal{DH}^3$  under public key  $G^x$ , is defined as (for random  $d, r \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p$ )

$$(S_1 := (KT^r MY^\ell V^u)^{\frac{1}{x+d}}, S_2 := G^d, S_3 := H^d, S_4 := G^r, S_5 := H^r)$$

Verify<sub>3</sub> ( $S_1, S_2, S_3, S_4, S_5$ ) is valid on messages ( $M, N$ ), ( $Y, Z$ ), ( $V, W$ ) under a public key ( $X, L, U$ ) iff

$$\begin{aligned} e(S_1, XS_2) = e(KM, G) e(T, S_4) e(L, Y) e(U, V) & \quad e(S_2, H) = e(G, S_3) \\ & \quad e(S_4, H) = e(G, S_5) \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

**Theorem 1.** Sig<sub>3</sub> is existentially unforgeable against adversaries making chosen message attacks of the form (( $M_1, N_1$ ),  $m_2, m_3$ ).

*Proof.* Let ( $M_i, N_i, y_i, v_i$ ) be the queries, ( $A_i, C_i, D_i, R_i = G^{r_i}, S_i$ ) be the responses. Let ( $M, N, Y, Z, V, W$ ) and ( $A, C, D, R = G^r, S$ ) be a successful forgery. We distinguish 4 types of forgers (where  $Y_i := G^{y_i}, V_i := G^{v_i}$ ):

$$\text{Type I} \quad \forall i : T^{r_i} M_i Y_i^\ell V_i^u \neq T^r MY^\ell V^u \quad (5)$$

$$\text{Type II} \quad \exists i : T^{r_i} M_i Y_i^\ell V_i^u = T^r MY^\ell V^u \wedge M_i Y_i^\ell V_i^u \neq MY^\ell V^u \quad (6)$$

$$\text{Type III} \quad \exists i : M_i Y_i^\ell V_i^u = MY^\ell V^u \wedge M_i V_i^u \neq MV^u \quad (7)$$

$$\text{Type IV} \quad \exists i : M_i Y_i^\ell V_i^u = MY^\ell V^u \wedge M_i V_i^u = MV^u \quad (8)$$

**Type I** is reduced to DHSDH. Let ( $G, H, K, (A_i, C_i, D_i, E_i, F_i)_{i=1}^{q-1}$ ) be an instance. Choose and  $t, \ell, u \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p$  and set  $T = G^t, L = G^\ell$  and  $U = G^u$ . A signature on ( $M_i, N_i, Y_i, Z_i, y_i, V_i, W_i, v_i$ ) is (after a consistency check) answered as ( $A_i, C_i, D_i, (E_i M_i^{-1} Y_i^{-\ell} V_i^{-u})^{1/t}, (F_i N_i^{-1} Z_i^{-\ell} W_i^{-u})^{1/t}$ ). After a successful forgery, return ( $A, C, D, R^t MY^\ell V^u, S^t NZ^\ell W^u$ ), which is a valid DHSDH solution by (5).

**Type II** is reduced to HDL. Let ( $G, H, T$ ) be an HDL instance. Generate the rest of the parameters and a public key and answer the queries by signing. After a successful forgery, return

$$(MY^\ell V^u M_i^{-1} Y_i^{-\ell} V_i^{-u}, NZ^\ell W^u N_i^{-1} Z_i^{-\ell} W_i^{-u}, R_i R^{-1}, S_i S^{-1}),$$

which is non-trivial by (6).

**Type III** is reduced to HDL. Let ( $G, H, L$ ) be an instance. Choose  $K, T \leftarrow \mathbb{G}$  and  $x, u \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p$  and return the parameters and public key ( $X = G^x, L, U = G^u$ ). Thanks to the  $y_i$  in the signing queries, we can simulate them: return (( $KT^{r_i} M_i L^{y_i} V_i^u$ ) $^{\frac{1}{x+d_i}}$ ,  $G^{d_i}, H^{d_i}, G^{r_i}, H^{r_i}$ ). From (7) we have  $MV^u M_i^{-1} V_i^{-u} = Y_i^\ell Y^{-\ell} = L^{y_i - y}$ , so from a successful forgery, we can return

$$(MV^u M_i^{-1} V_i^{-u}, NW^u N_i^{-1} W_i^{-u}, Y_i Y^{-1}, Z_i Z^{-1})$$

which is non-trivial by (7).

**Type IV** is also reduced to HDL. Let  $(G, H, U)$  be an HDL instance. Choose  $K, T \leftarrow \mathbb{G}$  and  $x, \ell \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p$  and return the parameters and public key  $(X = G^x, L = G^\ell, U)$ . Thanks to the  $v_i$  in the signing queries, we can simulate them: return  $((KT^{r_i} M_i Y_i^\ell U^{v_i})^{\frac{1}{x+d_i}}, G^{d_i}, H^{d_i}, G^{r_i}, H^{r_i})$ . From a successful forgery of Type IV we have  $MM_i^{-1} = U^{v_i-v}$  from (7), we can thus return  $(MM_i^{-1}, NN_i^{-1}, V_i V^{-1}, W_i W^{-1})$ , which is non-trivial,  $(M, N, Y, Z, V, W)$  being a valid forgery and  $(Y, Z) = (Y_i, Z_i)$  by (8).  $\square$

## 5.2 A Simulation-Sound Non-Interactive Zero-Knowledge Proof of Knowledge of a CDH Solution

Let  $(G, F, V)$  be elements of  $\mathbb{G}$ . We construct a simulation-sound non-interactive zero-knowledge (SSNIZK) proof of knowledge (PoK) of  $W$  s.t.  $e(V, F) = e(G, W)$ . We follow the overall approach by Groth [Gro06]. The common reference string (CRS) contains a CRS for Groth-Sahai (GS) proofs and a public key for a EUF-CMA signature scheme **Sig**. A proof is done as follows: choose a key pair for a one-time signature scheme **Sig<sub>ot</sub>**, and make a witness-indistinguishable GS proof of the following: either to know  $W$ , a CDH solution for  $(G, F, V)$  or to know a signature on the chosen one-time key which is valid under the public key from the CRS;<sup>2</sup> finally sign the proof using the one-time key. A SSNIZKPoK is verified by checking the GS proofs and the one-time signature. Knowing the signing key corresponding to the key in the CRS, one can simulate proofs by using as a witness a signature on the one-time key.

We require that a proof consist of group elements only and is verified by checking a set of pairing-product equations. This can be achieved by using the scheme from Scheme 1 and a one-time scheme to sign group elements using the commitment scheme in [Gro09] based on the DLIN assumption.<sup>3</sup>

## 6 A Fair Blind Signature Scheme

The basis of our protocol is the blind automorphic signature scheme from [Fuc09]: the user randomizes the message to be signed, the issuer produces a pre-signature from which the user obtains a signature by removing the randomness; the final signature is a Groth-Sahai proof of knowledge of the resulting signature.

<sup>2</sup> In [Gro06] it is shown how to express a disjunction of two equation sets by a new set of equations.

<sup>3</sup> The strong one-time signature scheme used in [Gro06] works as follows: The verification key is a Pedersen commitment to 0. To sign a message, using the trapdoor, the commitment is opened to the message. By putting a second trapdoor in the commitment scheme, we can simulate one signing query and use a forger to break the binding property of the commitment scheme. In [Gro09], Groth proposes a scheme to commit to group elements. Using his scheme rather than Pedersen commitments, we can construct an efficient one-time signature scheme for group elements whose signatures consist of group elements (see Appendix A).

In our scheme, in addition to the message, the issuer signs the user's public key, and an *identifier* of the signature, which the issuer and the user define jointly. Note that the issuer may neither learn the user's public key nor the identifier. To guarantee provable tracings, the user signs what she sends in the issuing protocol and the final signature. To prevent malicious issuers from producing a transcript that opens to an honest signature, the proof contains a SSNIZK proof of knowledge of the randomness introduced by the user. To guarantee blindness against adversaries with tracing oracles, the elements that serve as proofs of correct tracing are additionally encrypted and the transcript (and final signature) is signed with a one-time key (cf. § 4.3).

To trace a signature, the authority extracts tracing information from the commitments as well as signatures that act as proofs.

### 6.1 Setup and Key Generation

**Setup.** Choose a bilinear group  $\mathcal{G} := (p, \mathbb{G}, \mathbb{G}_T, e, G)$  and parameters  $(H, K, T)$  for **Sig<sub>3</sub>**. Pick  $F, H' \leftarrow \mathbb{G}$ , a commitment and extraction key  $(ck, ek)$  for Groth-Sahai proofs, a key pair for tag-based encryption  $(epk, esk)$  and *sscrs*, a common reference string for SSNIZKPoK.

Output  $pp := (\mathcal{G}, G, H, K, T, F, H', ck, epk, sscr)$  and  $rk := ek$ .

**Key Generation.** Both IKGen and UKGen is defined as KeyGen, i.e., the key generation algorithm for **Sig<sub>1</sub>** (and **Sig<sub>3</sub>**).

### 6.2 The Signature Issuing Protocol and Verification

The common inputs are  $(pp, ipk = G^x)$ , the issuer's additional input is  $isk = x$ , the user's additional inputs are  $(upk = G^y, usk = y, (M, N) \in \mathcal{DH})$ .

1. **User** Choose  $\eta, v' \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p$  and set  $P = G^\eta, Q = F^\eta, V' = G^{v'}, W' = F^{v'}$ .  
 Produce  $\xi \leftarrow \text{SSNIZKPoK}(sscrs, (P, V'), (Q, W'))$ .<sup>4</sup>  
 Choose  $(vk'_{ot}, sk'_{ot}) \leftarrow \text{KeyGen}_{ot}(\mathcal{G})$  and set  $\Sigma' \leftarrow \text{Sign}(usk, vk'_{ot})$ .<sup>5</sup>  
 Send the following
  - (a)  $Y = G^y, Z = H^y, vk'_{ot}, \Sigma'$ ,
  - (b)  $\mathbf{c}_M = \text{Com}(ck, M); \mathbf{c}_N := \text{Com}(ck, N)$ ,  
 $\psi_P, \psi_V, \vec{\psi}_\xi$ , with  $\psi_\odot := \text{CEP}(ck, epk, vk'_{ot}, \odot)$ ,  
 a proof  $\phi_M$  that  $(M, N) \in \mathcal{DH}$  and a proof  $\phi_\xi$  of validity of  $\xi$ ,
  - (c)  $J := (KML^y U^{v'})^{\frac{1}{\eta}}$ ,
  - (d) a zero-knowledge proof  $\zeta$  of knowledge of  $\eta, y$  and  $v'$  such that  
 $- Y = G^y$ ;

<sup>4</sup> A simulation-sound non-interactive proof of knowledge of  $Q$  and  $W'$  such that  $e(V', F) = e(G, W')$  and  $e(P, F) = e(G, Q)$ . (cf. § 5.2).

<sup>5</sup> The message space for **Sig** is the set of DH pairs w.r.t.  $(G, H')$ . Since all logarithms of  $vk_{ot}$  are known when picking a key, the user can complete the second components of the DH pairs.

- $\mathbf{c}_V$  commits to  $G^{v'}$ ; and
  - $\mathbf{c}_M$  commits to  $J^n L^{-y} U^{-v'} K^{-1}$ .
- (e)  $\text{sig}' \leftarrow \text{Sign}_{\text{ot}}(\text{sk}'_{\text{ot}}, (Y, Z, \Sigma', \mathbf{c}_M, \mathbf{c}_N, \psi_P, \psi_V, \vec{\psi}_\xi, \phi_M, \phi_\xi, J, \zeta, \text{vk}'_{\text{ot}}))$ .

2. **Issuer** If  $\Sigma', \psi_P, \psi_V, \vec{\psi}_\xi$  as well as  $\phi_M, \phi_\xi, \text{sig}'$  and the proof of knowledge are valid, choose  $d, r, v'' \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p$  and send:

$$A' := (JT^r U^{v''})^{\frac{1}{x+d}} \quad C := G^d \quad D := F^d \quad R' := G^r \quad S' := H^r \quad v''$$

The user does the following:

- (a) set  $A := (A')^\eta, R := (R')^\eta, S := (S')^\eta, V := G^{v'+\eta v''}, W := H^{v'+\eta v''}$  and check whether  $(A, C, D, R, S)$  is valid on  $((M, N), (Y, Z), (V, W))$  under  $\text{ipk}$ ;
- (b) choose  $(\text{vk}_{\text{ot}}, \text{sk}_{\text{ot}}) \leftarrow \text{KeyGen}_{\text{ot}}$  and define  $\Sigma = \text{Sign}(y, \text{vk}_{\text{ot}})$ ;
- (c) make commitments  $\mathbf{c}_A, \mathbf{c}_C, \mathbf{c}_D, \mathbf{c}_R, \mathbf{c}_S$  to  $A, C, D, R, S$  under  $ck$ ;
- (d) run  $\text{CEP}(ck, \text{epk}, \text{vk}_{\text{ot}}, \cdot)$  on  $Y, Z$  and  $\Sigma$  (let  $\psi_Y, \psi_Z$  and  $\vec{\psi}_\Sigma$  denote the outputs);
- (e) make a proof  $\phi_Y$  that  $(Y, Z) \in \mathcal{DH}$  and proofs  $\phi_S$  and  $\phi_\Sigma$  of validity of the signatures  $(A, C, D, R, S)$  and  $\Sigma$ ;
- (f) set  $\text{sig} \leftarrow \text{Sign}_{\text{ot}}(\text{sk}_{\text{ot}}, (V, W, M, N, \mathbf{c}_A, \mathbf{c}_C, \mathbf{c}_D, \mathbf{c}_R, \mathbf{c}_S, \psi_Y, \psi_Z, \vec{\psi}_\Sigma, \phi_Y, \phi_S, \phi_\Sigma, \text{vk}_{\text{ot}}))$ .

The signature on  $(M, N)$  is

$$(V, W, \mathbf{c}_A, \mathbf{c}_C, \mathbf{c}_D, \mathbf{c}_R, \mathbf{c}_S, \psi_Y, \psi_Z, \vec{\psi}_\Sigma, \phi_Y, \phi_S, \phi_\Sigma, \text{vk}_{\text{ot}}, \text{sig}) .$$

A signature is verified by verifying  $\text{sig}$  under  $\text{vk}_{\text{ot}}$ , checking the proofs  $\phi_Y, \phi_S$  and  $\phi_\Sigma$ , and verifying the encryptions and NIZK proofs in  $\psi_Y, \psi_Z$  and  $\vec{\psi}_\Sigma$ .

*Remark 1.* As mentioned by [Fuc09], there are two possible instantiations of the zero-knowledge proof of knowledge in 1.d: either using bit-by-bit techniques (which does not increase the rounds of the protocol); or optimizing the amount of data sent by adding 3 rounds using interactive concurrent Schnorr proofs.

**Theorem 2.** *The above scheme is an unforgeable blind signature (in the classical sense) under the DLIN, the DHSDH and the HDL assumptions.*

The proof of unforgeability is by reduction to unforgeability of Scheme 2, analogously to the proof in [Fuc09]. Note that by additionally extracting  $y$  and  $v'$  from the proof of knowledge, the simulator can make the special signing queries. The proof of blindness is also analogous to [Fuc09].

### 6.3 Tracing Algorithms

**Opening of a Transcript (“Signature Tracing”).** Given a transcript

$$(Y, Z, \Sigma', \mathbf{c}_M, \mathbf{c}_N, \psi_P, \psi_V, \vec{\psi}_\xi, \phi_M, \phi_\xi, J, \zeta, \text{vk}'_{\text{ot}}, \text{sig}') , \quad v''$$

verify  $\Sigma'$ ,  $\text{sig}'$ , the proofs  $\phi_M$  and  $\phi_\xi$  and the ciphertexts and proofs in  $\psi_P, \psi_V$  and  $\vec{\psi}_\xi$ . If everything is valid, use  $rk = ek$  to open the commitments in  $\psi_P, \psi_V$  and  $\vec{\psi}_\xi$  to  $P, V'$  and  $\xi$  respectively and set  $V := V'P^{v''} = G^{v'+\eta v''}$ .

Return  $\text{id}_\sigma := V$ ,  $\text{upk} = Y$  and  $\pi := (V', P, v'', \xi, \Sigma')$ . The proof  $\pi$  is verified by checking  $V = V'P^{v''}$ , verifying  $\xi$  on  $V'$  and  $P$ , and verifying  $\Sigma'$  under  $Y$ .

**Opening of a Signature (“Identity Tracing”).** Given a *valid* signature

$$(V, W, \mathbf{c}_A, \mathbf{c}_C, \mathbf{c}_D, \mathbf{c}_R, \mathbf{c}_S, \psi_Y, \psi_Z, \vec{\psi}_\Sigma, \phi_Y, \phi_S, \phi_\Sigma, \text{vk}_{\text{ot}}, \text{sig}) ,$$

open the commitments in  $\psi_Y, \psi_Z$  and  $\vec{\psi}_\Sigma$  using  $ek$  and return  $\text{upk} = Y$  and  $\pi = \Sigma$ . A proof  $\pi$  is verified by checking if  $\Sigma$  is a valid signature on  $(V, W)$  under  $Y$ .

## 7 Security Proofs

**Theorem 3.** *The above scheme is a secure fair blind signature scheme (in the model defined in § 2) under the DLIN, the DHSDH and the HDL assumptions.*

Due to space limitation, we sketch the security proofs of all security notions.

**Blindness (under DLIN).** In the witness-indistinguishability setting of Groth-Sahai proofs, the commitments and proofs do not reveal anything—and neither do the ciphertexts. Furthermore, for every  $M$  and  $V$ , there exist  $\eta$  and  $v'$  that explain  $J$ . In more detail: the proof proceeds by games, Game 0 being the original game. In Game 1, we use the decryption key for the tag-based encryptions to answer queries to trace signatures and identities. The zero-knowledge proofs in the  $\psi$ 's guarantees that the committed and the encrypted values are the same; the games are thus indistinguishable.

In Game 2, we replace the commitment key  $ck$  by a witness indistinguishable one. In Game 3, we simulate the NIZK proofs in the  $\psi$ 's and in Game 4, we replace the ciphertexts in the  $\psi$ 's by encryptions of 0. Games 3 and 4 are indistinguishable by selective-tag weak CCA security of Kiltz' cryptosystem (which follows from DLIN): by unforgeability of the one-time signature, the adversary cannot query a different transcript (or signature) with the same tag as the target transcript (or signature), therefore we can answer all tracing queries.

In Game 5, we simulate the zero-knowledge proofs in Step 1d. In this game, the adversary's view is the following:  $J = (KML^yU^{v'})^{\frac{1}{n}}$  and  $M^*, V^*$  which are either  $M$  and  $G^{v'+\eta v''}$  or not. Let small letters denote the logarithms of the respective capital letters. Then for every  $m^* = \log M^*, v^* = \log V^*$  there exist



$\eta, v'$  such that  $v^* = v' + \eta v''$  and  $j = \frac{1}{\eta}(k + m^* + yl + v'u)$ , i.e., that make  $M^*, V^*$  consistent with  $J$ . In Game 5, which is indistinguishable from the original game, the adversary has thus no information on whether a given transcript corresponds to a given signature.

**Identity Traceability (under DHSDH+HDL).** An adversary wins if he can produce a set of valid pairs  $(m_i, \sigma_i)$  s.t. either (I) for one of them the tracing returns  $\perp$  or the proof does not verify, or (II) a user appears more often in the openings of the signatures than in the openings of the transcripts. By soundness of Groth-Sahai, we can always extract a user public key and a valid signature. If an adversary wins by (II), then we can use him to forge a **Sig<sub>3</sub>** signature:

Given parameters and a public key for **Sig<sub>3</sub>**, we set up the rest of the parameters for the blind signature. Whenever the adversary queries his **Sign** oracle, we do the following: use  $ek$  to extract  $(M, N)$  from  $(\mathbf{c}_M, \mathbf{c}_N)$ , extract  $\eta, y$  and  $v'$  from the zero-knowledge proof  $\zeta$ . Choose  $v'' \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p$  and query  $(M, N, y, v' + \eta v'')$  to signing oracle to receive  $(A, C, D, R, S)$ . Return  $(A^{\frac{1}{\eta}}, C, D, R^{\frac{1}{\eta}}, S^{\frac{1}{\eta}}, v'')$ . If the adversary wins by outputting a set of different (i.e., with distinct identifiers  $(V, W)$ ) blind signatures with one user appearing more often than in the transcripts, then among the **Sig<sub>3</sub>** signatures extracted from the blind signatures there must be a forgery.

**Identity Non-Frameability (under DLIN+DHSDH+HDL).** Using a successful adversary, we can either forge a signature by the user on  $vk'_{\text{ot}}$  or a one-time signature (which is secure under DLIN). More precisely, we call an adversary of Type I if it reuses a one-time key from the signatures it received from the **User** oracle. Since the signature  $\mathcal{A}$  returns must not be contained in  $Set$ , it is different from the one containing the reused one-time key. The contained one-time signature can thus be returned as a forgery.

An adversary of Type II uses a new one-time key for the returned signature. We use  $\mathcal{A}$  to forge a **Sig** signature. The simulator is given parameters  $(H', K, T)$  and a public key  $Y$  for **Sig**, sets it as one of the honest users'  $upk$  and queries its signing oracle to simulate the user. Having set  $H = G^h$ , the simulator can produce  $Z = H^y = Y^h$  in the **User** oracle queries. Since the  $vk'_{\text{ot}}$  contained  $\mathcal{A}$ 's output was never queried, we get a valid forgery.

**Signature Traceability (under DHSDH+HDL).** If the adversary wins by outputting a message/signature pair with an identifier  $(V, W)$  s.t. no transcript opens to it, we can extract a **Sig<sub>3</sub>** signature on  $(M, N, Y, Z, V, W)$  without having ever queried a signature on any  $(\cdot, \cdot, \cdot, \cdot, V, W)$ . The simulation is done analogously to the proof of identity traceability. Consider an adversary outputting two message/signature pairs with two different messages. With overwhelming probability, the identifiers of the signatures are different (since  $v''$  is chosen randomly by the experiment *after* the adversary chose  $v'$  and  $\eta$ ). Thus the simulator only asked one query for  $(\cdot, \cdot, \cdot, \cdot, V, W)$ . The second signature can therefore be returned as a forgery by the simulator. Lastly, if the messages are the same, the signatures must be different, thus have different identifiers. One of the **ChkSig** calls in the experiment returns thus 0.

**Signature Non-Frameability (under DLIN+DHSDH+HDL).** There are two ways for an issuer to “wrongfully” open a transcript: either he opens it to a user (not necessarily honest) and an identifier of a signature which was produced by an honest user in another session; or it opens it to an honest user who has not participated in the issuing session.

FRAMING AN HONEST SIGNATURE. Suppose the adversary impersonating the issuer manages to produce a new opening of a transcript that leads to an honestly generated signature.

We reduce this framing attack to break CDH, whose hardness is implied by that of DLIN. Let  $(G, F, V')$  be a CDH challenge, i.e., we seek to produce  $W' := F^{(\log_G V')}$ . Set up the parameters of the scheme setting  $H = G^h$  and knowing the trapdoor for SSNIZKPoK. In one call of the adversary’s User oracle calls we do the following: choose  $\eta \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p$  and use  $V'$  from the CDH challenge. Simulate the proof of knowledge of  $W'$ . Let  $v''$  be the value returned from the adversary, and  $(V := V'P^\eta, W := V^h)$  be the identifier of the resulting signature.

Suppose the adversary produces a proof  $(\bar{V}', \bar{P}, \bar{v}'', \bar{\pi}, \bar{\Sigma})$  with  $(\bar{V}', \bar{P}) \neq (V', P)$  for the honest identifier  $(V, W)$ . By simulation soundness of SSNIZKPoK, we can extract  $\bar{W}' = F^{(\log_G \bar{V}')} and  $\bar{Q} = F^{(\log_G \bar{P})}$ . From  $V'G^{\eta v''} = V = \bar{V}'\bar{P}^{\bar{v}''}$  we get  $V' = \bar{V}'\bar{P}^{\bar{v}''}G^{-\eta v''}$  and thus  $W' = \bar{W}'\bar{Q}^{\bar{v}''}F^{-\eta v''}$  is a CDH solution. If the adversary recycles  $(V', P)$ , then it must find a new  $v''$  which leads to a  $V$  of an honest signature, and thus has to solve a discrete logarithm.$

FRAMING AN HONEST USER. Suppose the adversary outputs an opening of a transcript and a proof revealing an honest user that has never participated in that transcript. Analogously to the proof for signature traceability, we can use the adversary to either forge a signature under a user public key or to forge a one-time signature.

## 8 Conclusion

We presented the first efficient fair blind signature scheme with a security proof in the standard model. The scheme satisfies a new security model that strengthens the one proposed by Hufschmitt and Traoré in 2007. The new scheme is efficient (both keys and signatures consist of a constant number of group elements) and does not rely on any new assumptions. As byproducts, we proposed an extension of Fuchsbauer’s automorphic signatures and a simulation-sound non-interactive zero-knowledge proof of knowledge of a Diffie-Hellman solution, both compatible with the Groth-Sahai methodology.

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## A A One-Time Signature on Vectors of Group Elements

Our one-time signature is based on the *simultaneous triple pairing assumption* (STP) stating that the following problem is hard:

Given random generators  $(g_r, h_r, g_s, h_s, g_t, h_t) \in \mathbb{G}^6$ , output  $(r, s, t) \in \mathbb{G}^3 \setminus \{(1, 1, 1)\}$  such that

$$e(g_r, r) e(g_s, s) e(g_t, t) = 1 \quad e(h_r, r) e(h_s, s) e(h_t, t) = 1$$

In Groth [Gro09] proves that DLIN implies STP and presents a homomorphic commitment scheme whose binding property is implied by the above assumption. We transform his commitment scheme to a one-time signature scheme analogous to the scheme in [Gro06] based on Pedersen commitments. The signature uses a commitment with an additional trapdoor. The public key is a commitment to 0 and a signature is a trapdoor opening of the commitment to the message.

We give a scheme with message space  $\mathbb{G}^n$ .

**KeyGen<sub>ot</sub>** Choose  $x_r, y_r, x_s, y_s, x_t, y_t, x_1, y_1, \dots, x_n, y_n, v, w \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p$  such that  $x_r y_s \neq x_s y_r$ . Define  $g_i := g^{x_i}, h_i := g^{y_i}$  for  $i = r, s, t, 1, \dots, n$ ,  $c = g^v, d = g^w$ . Let  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta$  s.t.  $\begin{pmatrix} \alpha & \beta \\ \gamma & \delta \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_r & x_s \\ y_r & y_s \end{pmatrix}^{-1}$ . The public key is

$$(c, d, \vec{g} = (g_r, g_s, g_t, g_1, \dots, g_n), \vec{h} = (h_r, h_s, h_t, h_1, \dots, h_n))$$

and the secret key is  $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta, x_t, y_t, x_1, y_1, \dots, x_n, y_n)$ .

**Sign<sub>ot</sub>** To sign a message  $(m_1, \dots, m_n) \in \mathbb{G}^n$ . Choose  $t \leftarrow \mathbb{G}$  and set  $a := c t^{-x_t} \prod m_i^{-x_i}$  and  $b := d t^{-y_t} \prod m_i^{-y_i}$ . Return  $(r = a^\alpha b^\beta, s = a^\gamma b^\delta, t)$ .

**Verify<sub>ot</sub>** A signature  $(r, s, t)$  is verified on  $(m_1, \dots, m_n)$  by checking

$$\begin{aligned} e(g_r, r) e(g_s, s) e(g_t, t) \prod e(g_i, m_i) &= e(c, g) \\ e(h_r, r) e(h_s, s) e(h_t, t) \prod e(h_i, m_i) &= e(d, g) \end{aligned}$$

A signature produced by **Sign<sub>ot</sub>** is indeed accepted by **Verify<sub>ot</sub>** since:

$$\begin{aligned} e(g_r, r) e(g_s, s) e(g_t, t) \prod e(g_i, m_i) &= e(g_r, a^\alpha b^\beta) e(g_s, a^\gamma b^\delta) e(g_t, t) \prod e(g_i, m_i) \\ &= e(a^{\alpha x_r + \gamma x_s}, g) e(b^{\beta x_r + \delta x_s}, g) e(g_t, t) \prod e(g_i, m_i) \\ &= e(a, g) e(g_t, t) \prod e(g_i, m_i) \\ &= e(c t^{-x_t} \prod m_i^{-x_i}, g) e(g_t, t) \prod e(g_i, m_i) \\ &= e(c, g) e(t^{-x_t}, g) e(g_t, t) \prod e(m_i^{-x_i}, g) e(g_i, m_i) \\ &= e(c, g) \end{aligned}$$

and similarly

$$\begin{aligned} e(h_r, r) e(h_s, s) e(h_t, t) \prod e(h_i, m_i) &= e(h_r, a^\alpha b^\beta) e(h_s, a^\gamma b^\delta) e(h_t, t) \prod e(h_i, m_i) \\ &= e(a^{\alpha y_r + \gamma y_s}, g) e(b^{\beta y_r + \delta y_s}, g) e(h_t, t) \prod e(h_i, m_i) \\ &= e(b, g) e(h_t, t) \prod e(h_i, m_i) \\ &= e(d, g) \end{aligned}$$

Assuming STP, the signature is strongly unforgeable under a one-time chosen message attack.

Let  $(g_r, h_r, g_s, h_s, g_t, h_t)$  be an STP instance. If  $(g_r, g_s, h_r, h_s)$  is a Diffie-Hellman (DH) tuple, (i.e.,  $e(g_r, h_s) = e(g_s, h_r)$ ), we have an STP solution  $(g_s, g_r^{-1}, 1)$ , since  $e(g_r, g_s)e(g_s, g_r^{-1})e(g_t, 1) = 1$  and  $e(h_r, g_s)e(h_s, g_r^{-1})e(h_t, 1) = 1$ .

If  $(g_r, g_s, h_r, h_s)$  is not a DH-tuple, we choose  $\bar{\rho}, \bar{\sigma}, \bar{\tau}, \rho_1, \sigma_1, \tau_1, \dots, \rho_n, \sigma_n, \tau_n \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p$  and set  $g_i := g_r^{\rho_i} g_s^{\sigma_i} g_t^{\tau_i}$ ,  $h_i := h_r^{\rho_i} h_s^{\sigma_i} h_t^{\tau_i}$ , for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ ; and  $c := g_r^{\bar{\rho}} g_s^{\bar{\sigma}} g_t^{\bar{\tau}}$ ,  $d := h_r^{\bar{\rho}} h_s^{\bar{\sigma}} h_t^{\bar{\tau}}$ . Since  $(g_r, g_s)$  and  $(h_r, h_s)$  are “linearly independent”, all these group elements look random. We give the adversary the public key  $(c, d, \vec{g}, \vec{h})$ . The signing query for  $(m_1, \dots, m_n)$  is answered by returning  $r = g^{\bar{\rho}} \prod m_i^{-\rho_i}$ ,  $s = g^{\bar{\sigma}} \prod m_i^{-\sigma_i}$ ,  $t = g^{\bar{\tau}} \prod m_i^{-\tau_i}$ . We have:

$$\begin{aligned} e(g_r, r) e(g_s, s) e(g_t, t) &= e(g_r, g^{\bar{\rho}} \prod m_i^{-\rho_i}) e(g_s, g^{\bar{\sigma}} \prod m_i^{-\sigma_i}) e(g_t, g^{\bar{\tau}} \prod m_i^{-\tau_i}) \\ &= e(g_r^{\bar{\rho}} g_s^{\bar{\sigma}} g_t^{\bar{\tau}}, g) \prod (g_r^{-\rho_i} g_s^{-\sigma_i} g_t^{-\tau_i}, m_i) \\ &= e(c, g) \prod e(g_i^{-1}, m_i) \end{aligned}$$

and similarly

$$e(h_r, r) e(h_s, s) e(h_t, t) = e(d, g) \prod e(h_i^{-1}, m_i).$$

Thus  $(r, s, t)$  is a valid signature for  $(m_1, \dots, m_n)$  and since  $\bar{\tau}$  and the  $\tau_i$ 's are perfectly hidden, this looks like a random signature produced by  $\text{Sign}_{\text{ot}}$ .

Suppose the adversary outputs  $(m'_1, \dots, m'_n, r', s', t') \neq (m_1, \dots, m_n, r, s, t)$ . Dividing the verification relation for each signatures yields:

$$\begin{aligned} e(g_r, r' r^{-1} \prod (m'_i m_i^{-1})^{\rho_i}) e(g_s, s' s^{-1} \prod (m'_i m_i^{-1})^{\sigma_i}) e(g_t, t' t^{-1} \prod (m'_i m_i^{-1})^{\tau_i}) &= 1 \\ e(h_r, r' r^{-1} \prod (m'_i m_i^{-1})^{\rho_i}) e(h_s, s' s^{-1} \prod (m'_i m_i^{-1})^{\sigma_i}) e(h_t, t' t^{-1} \prod (m'_i m_i^{-1})^{\tau_i}) &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

If  $(m'_1, \dots, m'_n) = (m_1, \dots, m_n)$ , then  $(r' r^{-1}, s' s^{-1}, t' t^{-1}) \neq (1, 1, 1)$  and these relations provide a solution to the STP problem. Otherwise, if we denote  $I \subset \{1, \dots, n\}$ , the set of indices for which  $m'_i \neq m_i$  and  $n_i := m'_i m_i^{-1}$ , the probability that the adversary's output satisfies  $r' \prod_{i \in I} n_i^{\rho_i} = r$  is upper-bounded by  $1/p$  since the  $\rho_i$ 's are perfectly hidden. Therefore if  $(m'_1, \dots, m'_n) \neq (m_1, \dots, m_n)$ , we also obtain a solution to the STP problem with overwhelming probability.