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Chain Reductions for Multi-Signatures and the HBMS Scheme

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Abstract

Existing proofs for existing Discrete Log (DL) based multi-signature schemes give only weak guarantees if the schemes are implemented, as they are in practice, in 256-bit groups. This is because the underlying reductions, which are mostly in the standard model and from DL, are loose. We show that relaxing either the model or the assumption suffices to obtain tight reductions. Namely we give (1) tight proofs from DL in the Algebraic Group Model, and (2) tight, standard-model proofs from well-founded assumptions other than DL. We first do this for the classical 3-round schemes, namely BN and MuSig. Then we give a new 2-round multi-signature scheme, HBMS, as efficient as prior ones, for which we do the same. These multiple paths to security for a single scheme are made possible by a framework of chain reductions, in which a reduction is broken into a chain of sub-reductions involving intermediate problems. Overall our results improve the security guarantees for DL-based multi-signature schemes in the groups in which they are implemented in practice.

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1 Introduction

Usage in cryptocurrencies has lead to interest in practical, Discrete-Log-based multi-signature schemes. Proposals exist, are efficient, and are supported by proofs, BUT, the bound on adversary advantage in the proofs is so loose that the proofs fail to support use of the schemes in the 256-bit groups in which they are implemented in practice. This leaves the security of in-practice schemes unclear.

We ask, is it possible to bridge this gap to give some valuable support, in the form of tight reductions, for in-practice schemes? As long as we stay in the current paradigm, namely standard-model proofs from DL, the answer is likely NO. To make progress, we need to be willing to change either the model or the assumption. We show that in fact changing either suffices. Our approach is to give, for any scheme, many different paths to security. In particular we give (1) tight reductions from DL in the Algebraic Group Model (AGM) [16], and (2) tight, standard-model reductions from well-founded assumptions other than DL. We obtain these results via a framework in which a reduction is “factored” into a chain of sub-reductions involving intermediate problems.

We implement this approach first with classical 3-round schemes, giving chain reductions yielding (1) and (2) above for the BN [6] and MuSig [24] schemes. Then, in the space of 2-round schemes, we give a new, efficient scheme, called HBMS, for which we do the same. We now look at all this in more detail.

BACKGROUND. A multi-signature σ on a message m can be thought of as affirming that “We, the members of this group, all, jointly, endorse m .” The group is indicated by the vector $\mathbf{vk} = (\mathbf{vk}[1], \dots, \mathbf{vk}[n])$ of individual public verification keys of its members, and can be dynamic, changing from one signature to another. Signing is done via an interactive protocol between group members; each member i begins with its own public verification key $\mathbf{vk}[i]$, its matching private signing key $\mathbf{sk}[i]$, and the message m , and, at the end of the interaction, they output the multi-signature σ . The latter should be compact (of size independent of the size of the group), precluding the trivial solution in which σ is a list of the individual signatures of the group members on m .

Following its suggestion in the 1980s [19], the primitive has seen much evolution [18, 21, 28, 25, 6]. Early schemes assumed all signers in the signing protocol picked their verification keys honestly. “Rogue-key attacks,” in which a malicious signer picked its verification key as function of that of an honest signer, lead to an upgraded target, schemes that retain security even in the presence of adversarially-chosen verification keys. Towards this challenging end we first saw schemes either using interactive key-generation [25] or making the “knowledge of secret key” assumption [9, 22]. Finally, BN [6] gave an efficient, Schnorr-based scheme in the “plain public-key” model, where security was provided even in the face of maliciously-chosen verification keys, yet no more was assumed about these keys than their having certificates as per a standard PKI.

The BN model and definition have become the preferred target; it is the one used in the schemes we discuss next, and in our scheme as well. We denote the security goal as MS-UF. In Section 4 we define it via a game, and define the ms-uf advantage of an adversary as its probability of winning this game.

A NEW WAVE. Applications in blockchains and cryptocurrencies —see [10] for details— have fueled a resurgence of interest in multi-signatures. The desire here is MS-UF-secure, DL-based schemes that work over standard elliptic curves such as Secp256k1 or Curve25519. (Pairing-based schemes [10] are thus precluded.) The natural candidate is BN. But the new application arena has lead to a desire for the following further features, not possessed by BN: (1) **Key aggregation.** There should be a way to aggregate a set of verification keys into a single, short aggregate key, relative to which signatures are verified. (2) **Two rounds.** A signing protocol using only 2 rounds of

Scheme	MS	Previous	Ours	
	$\mathbf{UB}_{\mathbf{MS}}^{\text{ms-uf}}(t, q, q_s, p)$	$p \approx 2^{256}$	$\mathbf{UB}_{\mathbf{MS}}^{\text{ms-uf}}(t, q, q_s, p)$	$p \approx 2^{256}$
BN [6]		$\sqrt{(q \cdot t^2)/p}$	2^{-8}	t^2/p
MuSig [10, 24]		$\sqrt[4]{(q^3 \cdot t^2)/p}$	1	t^2/p

Figure 1: **Bounds on ms-uf advantage for the 3-round schemes BN and MuSig.** First we show prior bounds, then ours. In each case we first show the upper bound $\mathbf{UB}_{\mathbf{MS}}^{\text{ms-uf}}(t, q, q_s, p)$ as a formula, where t, q, q_s are, respectively the adversary running time, the number of its RO queries and the number of executions of the signing protocol, while prime p is the size of the underlying group \mathbb{G} . We then show the evaluation with $t = q = 2^{80}$, $q_s = 2^{30}$ and $p \approx 2^{256}$, to capture security over 256-bit curves Secp256k1 or Curve25519.

interaction, as opposed to the 3 used by BN.

MuSig [24, 10] broke ground by adapting BN to add key aggregation. Now the effort moved to reducing the number of rounds. This proved challenging. Early proposals of two-round schemes —[2, 23, 34] as well as an early, two-round version of MuSig [24]— were broken by DEFKLNS [14]. To fill the gap, DEFKLNS gave a new two-round scheme, mBCJ. Other proposals followed: MuSig2 [26], MuSig-DN [27] and DWMS [1]. All these support key aggregation.

All the schemes discussed here come with proofs of MS-UF security based on the hardness of the DL (Discrete Log) problem in the underlying group \mathbb{G} , up to variations in the model (standard or AGM [16]) or the type of DL problem (plain or OMDL [5]).

CURRENT BOUNDS. On being informed that a scheme has a proof of security based on the hardness of the DL problem in an underlying elliptic-curve group \mathbb{G} , the expectation of a practitioner is that the probability that a time t attacker can violate MS-UF security is no more than the probability of successfully computing a discrete logarithm in \mathbb{G} , which, as per [33], is t^2/p , where p , a prime, is the size of \mathbb{G} . Concretely, with the 256-bit curves Secp256k1 or Curve25519 — $p \approx 2^{256}$ — they would expect that a time $t \approx 2^{80}$ attacker has ms-uf advantage at most $2^{160-256} = 2^{-96}$.

But this expectation is only correct if the reduction in the proof is tight. Current proofs for DL-based multi-signature schemes are loose. With the 256-bit curves Secp256k1 or Curve25519, and for a 2^{80} -time attacker, the proof of [6] for BN can preclude only a 2^{-8} ms-uf advantage, while the proof of [24, 10] for MuSig cannot even preclude a ms-uf advantage of 1, meaning there may be, per the proof, no security at all (cf. Figure 1). For 2-round schemes, the advantage precluded by current proofs is 2^{-16} in one case, and again just 1 for the others (cf. Figure 2). Overall, the proofs fail, by big margins, to support the parameter choices and expectations of practice.

Before continuing, let us expand on the above estimates. A proof of MS-UF security for a multi-signature scheme **MS** gives a formula $\mathbf{UB}_{\mathbf{MS}}^{\text{ms-uf}}(t, q, q_s, p)$ that upper bounds the ms-uf advantage of an adversary as a function of its running time t , the number q of its queries to the random oracle, and the number q_s of executions of the signing protocol in the chosen-message attack in the ms-uf game. They are shown in Figures 1 and 2. We assume that $t \geq q \geq q_s$. To get these formulas, we first assume that the best attack against the DL problem is generic, so that a time t attacker has success probability at most t^2/p [33]. Next, we use the concrete-security results, in theorems in the papers, that give reductions from the DL problem to the MS-UF security of their scheme. The square-roots in the formulas arise from uses of forking lemmas [30, 6, 2]; the fourth-roots from nested use. The bounds in our Figures are approximate, dropping negligible additive terms. The

Scheme	Security		Efficiency	
	$\mathbf{UB}_{\text{MS}}^{\text{ms-uf}}(t, q, q_s, p)$	$p \approx 2^{256}$	Sign	Vf
mBCJ [14]	$(q_s^3 \cdot q^2 \cdot t^2)/p$	1	$T_2^{\text{me}} + T_3^{\text{me}}$	$3T_2^{\text{me}}$
MuSig-DN [27]	$\sqrt[4]{(q^3 \cdot t^2)/p}$	1	NIZK	T_2^{me}
MuSig2, $\nu \geq 4$ [26]	$\sqrt[4]{(q^3 \cdot t^2)/p}$	1	T_ν^{me}	T_2^{me}
MuSig2, $\nu = 2$ [26]	$(t^2 + q^3)/p$	2^{-16}	T_2^{me}	T_2^{me}
DWMS [1]	$t^2/p + q/\sqrt{p}$	2^{-48}	$T_2^{\text{me}} + T_{2N}^{\text{me}}$	T_2^{me}
HBMS	t^2/p	2^{-96}	T_2^{me}	T_3^{me}

Figure 2: **Bounds on ms-uf advantage for 2-round schemes.** First we show bounds for prior schemes, then the bounds for our new scheme HBMS. As before, we first show the upper bound formula $\mathbf{UB}_{\text{MS}}^{\text{ms-uf}}(t, q, q_s, p)$, where t, q, q_s are, respectively the adversary running time, the number of its RO queries and the number of executions of the signing protocol, while prime p is the size of the underlying group \mathbb{G} . We then show the evaluation with $t = q = 2^{80}$, $q_s = 2^{30}$ and $p \approx 2^{256}$, to capture security over 256-bit curves Secp256k1 or Curve25519. For MuSig2, results differ depending on a parameter ν of the scheme. We also show estimates of signing time (per signer) and verification time. Here T_n^{me} is the time to compute one n -multi-exponentiation in \mathbb{G} . The “NIZK” for MuSig-DN indicates that signing requires computation and verification of a NIZKs, which is (much) more expensive than other operations shown.

proofs on which the bounds of Figures 1 and 2 are based, are, for BN [6], MuSig [10, 24], mBCJ [14], MuSig-DN [27] and MuSig2 ($\nu \geq 4$) [26], in the standard model; and for MuSig2 ($\nu = 2$) [26], DWMS [1] and HBMS, in the AGM. See Appendix A for details.

TOWARDS BETTER BOUNDS. Our thesis is that proofs should provide, not merely a qualitative guarantee, but one whose bounds quantitatively support parameter choices made in practice and the indications of cryptanalysis. Accordingly we want multi-signature schemes for which we can prove tight bounds on ms-uf advantage. How are we to reach this end? Impossibility results for Schnorr signatures [29, 20], on which the multi-signature schemes under consideration are based, indicate that a search for tight reductions that are both (1) in the standard model, and (2) from DL, is unlikely to succeed. We need to be flexible, and relax either (1) or (2). In fact we show that relaxing either suffices: We give (1) tight reductions from DL in the Algebraic Group Model (AGM) [16], and (2) tight, standard-model reductions from assumptions other than DL. Together, these provide valuable theoretical support for the use of practical multi-signature schemes in 256-bit groups.

AGM. The AGM considers a limited, but still large class of adversaries, called algebraic. When such an adversary queries a group element to an oracle, it provides also its representation in terms of prior group elements that the adversary has seen. Intuitively, the assumption is that the adversary “knows” how group elements it creates are represented. For elliptic curve groups, this appears to be a realistic assumption, and here the AGM captures natural and currently-known attack strategies.

When considering the merits of the AGM, an important one to keep in mind is that a proof in the AGM immediately implies a proof in the well-accepted Generic Group Model (GGM) of [33]. (So the AGM is only “better” than the GGM.) In more detail, a tight AGM reduction from DL to some problem X immediately yields a GGM bound on adversary advantage, for X, that matches the GGM bound for DL [16]. Thus, overall, tight AGM reductions provide a valuable guarantee. This

is recognized by Fuchsbauer, Plouviez and Seurin [17] who use the AGM to give a tight reduction from DL to the UF security of the Schnorr signature scheme. Their result gives hope, realized here, that such reductions are possible for multi-signatures as well.

CHAIN REDUCTIONS. We achieve the above ends, and more, as follows. For each multi-signature scheme MS we consider, we give a chain of reductions, starting from DL, that we depict as

$$\text{DL} = P_0 \rightarrow P_1 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow P_{m-1} \rightarrow P_m = \text{MS},$$

where P_1, \dots, P_{m-1} are intermediate computational problems. We refer to $m \geq 1$ as the length of the chain. For each step $P_{i-1} \rightarrow P_i$ we provide one of the following.

1. A tight, standard-model reduction. This is the ideal and done for as many steps as possible.
2. When 1. is not possible, we give BOTH of the following:
 - 2.1 A tight AGM reduction, AND ALSO
 - 2.2 A non-tight standard-model reduction.

Since a tight standard-model reduction implies a tight AGM one, this yields a tight AGM reduction from DL to MS , the first of our goals stated above. (A bit better, since some sub-reductions are standard-model.) For i such that the chain $P_i \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow \text{MS}$ consists only of tight standard-model reductions, we have a tight, standard model proof of MS from assumption P_i , realizing our second goal, stated above, of tight standard-model reductions from assumptions other than DL. (Of course how interesting or valuable this is depends on the choice of P_i , but as discussed below, we are able to make well-founded choices.)

Finally, something not yet mentioned, that follows from 1 and 2.2 of the chain reductions, is that we always have a standard model (even if non-tight) reduction $\text{DL} \rightarrow \text{MS}$. This means that, while adding tight AGM reductions that are valuable in practice, we are not lowering the theoretical or qualitative guarantees, these remaining as one would expect or desire.

Chain reductions can be seen as a way to implement a modular proof framework in the style of [20], in which steps are reused across proofs for different schemes.

NEW BOUNDS FOR CLASSICAL SCHEMES. We start by revisiting the classical 3-round schemes, namely BN and MuSig. Figure 3 illustrates our chains, that we now discuss.

IDL, formulated in [20] —they call it IDLOG, which we have abbreviated—is a purely group-based problem that is equivalent to the security against parallel impersonation under key-only attack (PIMP-KOA) of the Schnorr ID scheme. A tight GGM bound for IDL was shown by [20], but an AGM reduction $\text{DL} \rightarrow \text{IDL}$ does not seem to be in the literature; we fill this gap by providing it in Theorem 3.1. A (non-tight) standard model $\text{DL} \rightarrow \text{IDL}$ reduction is in [20], but we slightly improve it in Theorem 3.2.

Now our chain for BN is $\text{DL} \rightarrow \text{IDL} \rightarrow \text{BN}$. This chain has length 2. Our main result for BN is Theorem 5.1, which shows $\text{IDL} \rightarrow \text{BN}$ with a *tight, standard model* reduction. Putting this together with our above-mentioned tight $\text{DL} \rightarrow \text{IDL}$ AGM-reduction of Theorem 3.1, we get a tight $\text{DL} \rightarrow \text{BN}$ AGM-reduction. Also our tight, standard-model $\text{IDL} \rightarrow \text{BN}$ reduction says that BN is as secure as the Schnorr identification scheme, which is valuable in its own right since the latter has withstood cryptanalysis for many years.

We introduce an intermediate, purely group-based problem we call XIDL. We show $\text{IDL} \rightarrow \text{XIDL}$ with a tight AGM reduction (Theorem 3.3) and a (non-tight) standard-model reduction (Theorem 3.4).

Our chain for MuSig is $\text{DL} \rightarrow \text{IDL} \rightarrow \text{XIDL} \rightarrow \text{MuSig}$. This chain has length 3. Our main result for MuSig is Theorem 6.1, which shows $\text{XIDL} \rightarrow \text{MuSig}$ with a *tight, standard model* reduction. Putting this together with the rest of the chain, we get a tight $\text{DL} \rightarrow \text{MuSig}$ AGM-reduction. If we are willing to view XIDL as an assumption extending IDL, we can also view MuSig as based

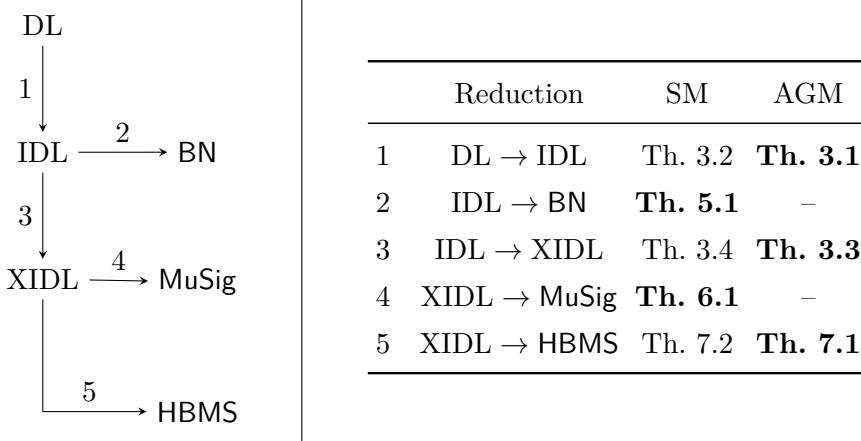


Figure 3: **Chain reductions for multi-signatures.** SM stands for “Standard Model” and AGM for “Algebraic Group Model.” An arrow $P \rightarrow Q$ means a reduction from P to Q ; i.e. a proof that P implies Q . A boldface **Theorem Number** indicates the reduction is **tight**. A blank appears in the AGM column when a (tight) SM reduction to its left makes the AGM reduction unnecessary. Writing a MS scheme like BN, MuSig, HBMS as a point in a chain refers to MS-UF security of the scheme in question.

tightly on that.

This means we show that $\mathbf{UB}_{\text{MS}}^{\text{ms-uf}}(t, q, q_s, p) \leq t^2/p$ for both schemes, matching the DL bound. This is tight and optimal, since the multi-signature schemes can be broken by taking discrete-logs. Figure 1 compares our results with the prior ones.

NEW 2-ROUND SCHEME. Turning to 2-round schemes, we give a new scheme, called **HBMS**. **HBMS** supports key aggregation, in line with other 2-round schemes. Our chain for our new 2-round **HBMS** scheme is $\text{DL} \rightarrow \text{IDL} \rightarrow \text{XIDL} \rightarrow \text{HBMS}$. This chain has length 3. We show $\text{XIDL} \rightarrow \text{HBMS}$ with a tight AGM reduction (Theorem 7.1) and a (non-tight) standard-model reduction (Theorem 7.2). Putting this together with the rest of the chain, we get a tight $\text{DL} \rightarrow \text{HBMS}$ AGM-reduction, in particular showing $\mathbf{UB}_{\text{MS}}^{\text{ms-uf}}(t, q, q_s, p) \leq t^2/p$, matching the DL bound. We also get a (non-tight) $\text{DL} \rightarrow \text{HBMS}$ standard-model-reduction.

Figure 2 compares **HBMS** with prior 2-round schemes. It shows that our improvement in security is not at the cost of efficiency. (Signing in **HBMS** is as efficient, or more so, than in prior schemes. For verification, **MuSig-DN** [27] is slightly faster, but signing in the latter is prohibitive due to the use of NIZKs.)

As the above shows, we reuse steps across different chains. Thus XIDL is an intermediate point for both **MuSig** and **HBMS**, and IDL for both **BN** and **XIDL**. This simplifies proofs and reduces effort. It also shows common elements and relations across schemes.

EQUIVALENCES. As discussed above, Theorem 5.1 shows $\text{IDL} \rightarrow \text{BN}$ with a tight, standard model reduction. We also give, in Theorem 5.2, a converse, namely a tight, standard-model reduction showing $\text{BN} \rightarrow \text{IDL}$. This shows that IDL and BN are, security-wise, equivalent. Similarly, as discussed above, Theorem 6.1 shows $\text{MuSig} \rightarrow \text{XIDL}$ with a tight, standard model reduction, and we also give, in Theorem 6.2, a converse, namely a tight, standard-model reduction showing $\text{XIDL} \rightarrow \text{MuSig}$. This shows that XIDL and MuSig are equivalent. Overall, this shows that IDL and XIDL are not arbitrary choices, but characterizations of the schemes whose consideration is

necessary.

DEFINITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS. DEFLNS [14] found subtle gaps in some prior proofs of security for some two-round multi-signature schemes [2, 23, 34]. This indicates a need for greater care in the domain of multi-signatures. We suggest that this needs to begin with *definitions*. The ones in prior work, stemming mostly from [6], suffer from some lack of detail and precision. In particular, the very *syntax* of a multi-signature scheme is not specified in detail. This results in scheme descriptions that lack in precision, and proofs that stay at a high level in part due to lack of technical language in which to give details. This in turn can lead to bugs.

To address these issues, we revisit the definitions. We start by giving a detailed syntax that formalizes the signing protocol as a stateful algorithm, run separately by each player. Details addressed include that a player knows its position in the signer list, that player identities are separate from public keys, and integration of the ROM through a parameter describing the type of ideal hash functions needed. Then we give a security definition written via a code-based game. See Section 4.

RELATED WORK. The interest for blockchains and cryptocurrencies, and thus our focus, is DL-based schemes over elliptic curves. There are many other multi-signature schemes, based on other hard problems. Aggregate signatures [11, 4] yield multi-signatures, but these use pairings (bilinear maps). A pairing-based multi-signature scheme is also given in [10]. Lattice-based multi-signature schemes include [15, 13].

As noted above, IDL [20] captures the security against parallel impersonation under key-only attack (PIMP-KOA) of the Schnorr ID scheme and thus, given the ZK property of the scheme, also its security against parallel impersonation under passive attack (PIMP-PA). “Parallel” means multiple impersonation attempts are allowed. IMP-PA, traditional security against impersonation under passive attack, is the case where just one impersonation attempt is allowed. The Reset Lemma [7] gives a standard model DL \rightarrow IMP-PA reduction. This uses rewinding and is non-tight, with a square-root loss. BD [3] introduce the Multi-Base Discrete Logarithm (MBDL) problem, give a tight standard-model MBDL \rightarrow IMP-PA reduction, and show that, in the GGM, the security of MBDL is the same as that of DL. An interesting open question is whether MBDL can be used as a starting point for tight reductions for multi-signature schemes. Rotem and Segev [31] give a standard model DL \rightarrow IMP-PA reduction that improves the square-root-loss reduction but is still not tight.

2 Preliminaries

NOTATION. If n is a positive integer, then \mathbb{Z}_n denotes the set $\{0, \dots, n-1\}$ and $[n]$ or $[1..n]$ denote the set $\{1, \dots, n\}$. If \mathbf{x} is a vector then $|\mathbf{x}|$ is its length (the number of its coordinates), $\mathbf{x}[i]$ is its i -th coordinate and $[\mathbf{x}] = \{\mathbf{x}[i] : 1 \leq i \leq |\mathbf{x}|\}$ is the set of all its coordinates. A string is identified with a vector over $\{0, 1\}$, so that if x is a string then $x[i]$ is its i -th bit and $|x|$ is its length. By ϵ we denote the empty vector or string. The size of a set S is denoted $|S|$.

Let S be a finite set. We let $x \leftarrow \$ S$ denote sampling an element uniformly at random from S and assigning it to x . We let $y \leftarrow A^{O_1, \dots}(x_1, \dots; \rho)$ denote executing algorithm A on inputs x_1, \dots and coins ρ with access to oracles O_1, \dots , and letting y be the result. We let $\rho \leftarrow \$ \text{rand}(A)$ denote sampling random coins for algorithm A and assigning it to variable ρ . We let $y \leftarrow \$ A^{O_1, \dots}(x_1, \dots)$ be the result of $\rho \leftarrow \$ \text{rand}(A)$ followed by $y \leftarrow A^{O_1, \dots}(x_1, \dots; \rho)$. We let $[A^{O_1, \dots}(x_1, \dots)]$ denote the set of all possible outputs of A when invoked with inputs x_1, \dots and oracles O_1, \dots . Algorithms are randomized unless otherwise indicated. Running time is worst case.

GAMES. We use the code-based game playing framework of [8]. (See Fig. 4 for an example.) Games

have procedures, also called oracles. Amongst these are INIT and a FIN. In executing an adversary \mathcal{A} with a game G_m , procedure INIT is executed first, and what it returns is the input to \mathcal{A} . The latter may now call all game procedures except INIT, FIN. When the adversary terminates, its output is viewed as the input to FIN, and what the latter returns is the game output. By $G_m(\mathcal{A}) \Rightarrow y$ we denote the event that the execution of game G_m with adversary \mathcal{A} results in output y . We write $\Pr[G_m(\mathcal{A})]$ as shorthand for $\Pr[G_m(\mathcal{A}) \Rightarrow \text{true}]$, the probability that the game returns true. In writing game or adversary pseudocode, it is assumed that boolean variables are initialized to false, integer variables are initialized to 0 and set-valued variables are initialized to the empty set \emptyset .

A procedure (oracle) with a certain name O may appear in several games. (For example, C_H appears in two games in Figure 4.) To disambiguate, we may write $G_m.O$ for the one in game G_m .

When adversary \mathcal{A} is executed with game G_m , we consider the running time of \mathcal{A} as the running time of the execution of $G_m(\mathcal{A})$, which includes the time taken by game procedures. By $Q_{\mathcal{A}}^O$ we denote the number of queries made by \mathcal{A} to oracle O in the execution. These counts are both worst case.

GROUPS. Throughout, \mathbb{G} is a group whose order, assumed prime, we denote by p . We will use multiplicative notation for the group operation, and we let $1_{\mathbb{G}}$ denote the identity element of \mathbb{G} . We let $\mathbb{G}^* = \mathbb{G} \setminus \{1_{\mathbb{G}}\}$ denote the set of non-identity elements, which is the set of generators of \mathbb{G} since the latter has prime order. If $g \in \mathbb{G}^*$ is a generator and $X \in \mathbb{G}$, then $\text{DL}_{\mathbb{G},g}(X) \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ denotes the discrete logarithm of X in base g .

ALGEBRAIC ALGORITHMS. We recall the definition of algebraic algorithms [16]. As above, fix a group \mathbb{G} of prime order p , and let g be a generator. In all of our security games involving \mathbb{G} and g , we assume that any inputs and outputs of game oracles that are group elements (meaning, in \mathbb{G}) are distinguished. In particular, it will be clear from the game pseudocode definition which components of inputs and outputs are such group elements. We say that an adversary, against game G_m , is algebraic, if, whenever it submits a group element $Y \in \mathbb{G}$ as an oracle query, it also provides, alongside, a representation of Y in terms of group elements previously returned by the game oracles (the latter including INIT). Specifically, suppose during an execution of adversary \mathcal{A} with game G_m , the adversary submits a group element $Y \in \mathbb{G}$ to game oracle O . Then, alongside, it must provide a vector $(v_0, v_1, \dots, v_m) \in \mathbb{Z}_p^m$, called a representation of Y , such that $Y = g^{v_0} \cdot h_1^{v_1} \cdots h_m^{v_m}$, where h_1, \dots, h_m are the group elements that have been returned to the adversary by game oracles of G_m , so far. When considering an execution of game G_m with an adversary \mathcal{A} that is not algebraic, we omit the writing of representations in the oracle calls.

HEDGING. Not all attacks are algebraic. The thesis of [16] is that natural ones are, and thus proving security relative to algebraic adversaries gives meaningful guarantees in practice. We adopt this here but add hedging. Recall this means that, for the same scheme, we seek both (1) A tight AGM reduction from DL, and (2) a standard-model (even if non-tight) reduction from DL. The former is used to guide and support parameter choices. The latter is viewed as at least qualitatively ruling out non-algebraic attacks.

REDUCTIONS. All our standard-model reductions are black-box and preserve algebraic-ness of adversaries, meaning, if the starting adversary is algebraic, so is the constructed one. This means that we can chain standard-model reductions with AGM-reductions to get overall AGM reductions.

3 Hardness of problems in groups

Our chain reductions exploit three computational problems related to groups: standard discrete log (DL); IDL [20]; and a new problem XIDL that we introduce. Here we give the definitions. We

<p><u>Game $\text{Gm}_{\mathbb{G},g}^{\text{dl}}$</u></p> <p>INIT:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 $x \leftarrow \\$ Z_{ \mathbb{G} }$; $X \leftarrow g^x$; Return X <p>FIN(x'):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2 Return ($x = x'$)

<p><u>Game $\text{Gm}_{\mathbb{G},g,q}^{\text{idl}}$</u></p> <p>INIT:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 $x \leftarrow \\$ Z_{ \mathbb{G} }$; $X \leftarrow g^x$ 2 Return X <p>CH(R): // At most q queries.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3 $i \leftarrow i + 1$; $R_i \leftarrow R$ 4 $c_i \leftarrow \\$ Z_{ \mathbb{G} }$; Return c_i <p>FIN(I, z):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5 Return ($g^z = R_I \cdot X^{c_I}$) 	<p><u>Game $\text{Gm}_{\mathbb{G},g,q_1,q_2}^{\text{xidl}}$</u></p> <p>INIT:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 $x \leftarrow \\$ Z_{ \mathbb{G} }$; $X \leftarrow g^x$ 2 Return X <p>NW TAR(S): // At most q_1 queries.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3 $j \leftarrow j + 1$; $S_j \leftarrow S$ 4 $e_j \leftarrow \\$ Z_{ \mathbb{G} }$; $T_j \leftarrow S_j \cdot X^{e_j}$ 5 Return e_j <p>CH(j_{sel}, R): // At most q_2 queries.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6 $i \leftarrow i + 1$; $R_i \leftarrow R$; $Y_i \leftarrow T_{j_{\text{sel}}}$ 7 $c_i \leftarrow \\$ Z_{ \mathbb{G} }$; Return c_i <p>FIN(I, z):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8 Return ($g^z = R_I \cdot Y_I^{c_I}$)
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Figure 4: Let \mathbb{G} be a group of prime order $p = |\mathbb{G}|$, and let $g \in \mathbb{G}^*$ be a generator of \mathbb{G} . Let q, q_1, q_2 be positive integers. Top: Game defining discrete logarithm (DL) problem. Bottom left: Game defining identification logarithm (IDL) problem. Bottom right: Game defining random-target identification logarithm (XIDL) problem.

then show the length-2 chain DL \rightarrow IDL \rightarrow XIDL. We give reductions that are tight in the AGM and also give (non-tight) standard-model reductions, a total of four results. Referring to Figure 3, we are establishing the four theorems, shown in the table, that correspond to arrows 1 and 3. For the rest of the section, we fix a group \mathbb{G} of prime order p , and a generator $g \in \mathbb{G}$.

DL. We recall the standard discrete logarithm (DL) problem via game $\text{Gm}_{\mathbb{G},g}^{\text{dl}}$ in Figure 4. INIT provides the adversary, as input, a random challenge group element X , and to win it must output $x' = \text{DL}_{\mathbb{G},g}(X)$ to FIN. We let $\mathbf{Adv}_{\mathbb{G},g}^{\text{dl}}(\mathcal{A}) = \Pr[\text{Gm}_{\mathbb{G},g}^{\text{dl}}(\mathcal{A})]$ be the discrete-log advantage of adversary \mathcal{A} .

IDL. The identification discrete logarithm (IDL) problem, introduced by KMP [20], characterizes the hardness of parallel impersonation under key-only attack (PIMP-KOA) security [20] of the Schnorr identification scheme [32]. Formally, consider the game $\text{Gm}_{\mathbb{G},g,q}^{\text{idl}}$ given in Fig. 4, where parameter q is a positive integer. The IDL-adversary receives a random target point X from INIT. It is additionally given access to a challenge oracle CH that can be called at most q times. The oracle takes as query a group element R (representing the commitment sent by the prover in Schnorr identification), stores it as R_i , and responds with a random challenge $c_i \leftarrow \$ Z_p$ (representing the one sent by the verifier). The adversary wins if it can produce the discrete log z (representing the final prover response) of the group element $R_i \cdot X^{c_i}$, for a choice of i , denoted I , made by the adversary. We define the IDL-advantage of \mathcal{A} to be $\mathbf{Adv}_{\mathbb{G},g,q}^{\text{idl}}(\mathcal{A}) = \Pr[\text{Gm}_{\mathbb{G},g,q}^{\text{idl}}(\mathcal{A})]$.

KMP [20] study IDL in the Generic Group Model (GGM) [33] and prove a bound matching that for DL. Here, we strengthen this to give a tight AGM reduction $\text{DL} \rightarrow \text{IDL}$. This could be seen as implicit in part of the AGM proof of security for the Schnorr signature scheme given in [17], although they make no connection to IDL.

Theorem 3.1 [DL \rightarrow IDL, AGM] *Let \mathbb{G} be a group of prime order p with generator g . Let q be a positive integer. Let $\mathcal{A}_{\text{idl}}^{\text{alg}}$ be an algebraic adversary against $\text{Gm}_{\mathbb{G},g,q}^{\text{idl}}$. Then, adversary \mathcal{A}_{dl} can be constructed so that*

$$\mathbf{Adv}_{\mathbb{G},g,q}^{\text{idl}}(\mathcal{A}_{\text{idl}}^{\text{alg}}) \leq \mathbf{Adv}_{\mathbb{G},g}^{\text{dl}}(\mathcal{A}_{\text{dl}}) + \frac{q}{p}.$$

Furthermore, the running time of \mathcal{A}_{dl} is about that of $\mathcal{A}_{\text{idl}}^{\text{alg}}$.

The full proof is given in Appendix C. The idea of the proof is as follows. Since $\mathcal{A}_{\text{idl}}^{\text{alg}}$ is algebraic, its query R to CH is accompanied by (r_1, r_2) such that $R = g^{r_1}X^{r_2}$. Our adversary \mathcal{A}_{dl} , who is running $\mathcal{A}_{\text{idl}}^{\text{alg}}$, records these as $R_i, r_{i,1}, r_{i,2}$, and responds with a random c_i . Eventually, $\mathcal{A}_{\text{idl}}^{\text{alg}}$ outputs I, z . Assuming it succeeds, we have $g^z = R_I \cdot X^{c_I} = g^{r_{I,1}}X^{r_{I,2}}X^{c_I}$, or $g^{z-r_{I,1}} = X^w$ where $w = (r_{I,2} + c_I) \bmod p$. Now $\text{DL}_{\mathbb{G},g}(X)$ can be obtained as long as w has an inverse modulo p , meaning is non-zero. But c_I was chosen at random *after the adversary supplied $r_{I,2}$* , so the probability that w is 0 is at most $1/p$. The factor of q accounts for the adversary's having a choice of I made after receiving challenges.

By q -IDL, we refer to IDL with parameter q . 1-IDL corresponds to IMP-KOA security of the Schnorr identification scheme, and a reduction $\text{DL} \rightarrow 1\text{-IDL}$ is obtained via the Reset Lemma of [7]. KMP show that $1\text{-IDL} \rightarrow q\text{-IDL}$. Overall this gives a standard model (very non-tight) $\text{DL} \rightarrow q\text{-IDL}$ reduction. However, a somewhat tighter (but still non-tight) result can be obtained when the forking lemma of [6] (which we recall as Lemma B.1.) is applied directly instead. Concretely, we give the following theorem, improving the prior reduction by a \sqrt{q} factor. The proof is in Appendix D.

Theorem 3.2 [DL \rightarrow IDL, Standard Model] *Let \mathbb{G} be a group of prime order $p = |\mathbb{G}|$, and let $g \in \mathbb{G}^*$ be a generator of \mathbb{G} . Let q be a positive integer. Let \mathcal{A}_{idl} be an adversary against the game $\text{Gm}_{\mathbb{G},g,q}^{\text{idl}}$. The proof constructs an adversary \mathcal{A}_{dl} (explicitly given in Fig. 12) such that*

$$\mathbf{Adv}_{\mathbb{G},g,q}^{\text{idl}}(\mathcal{A}_{\text{idl}}) \leq \sqrt{q \cdot \mathbf{Adv}_{\mathbb{G},g}^{\text{dl}}(\mathcal{A}_{\text{dl}})} + \frac{q}{p}. \quad (1)$$

Additionally, the running time of \mathcal{A}_{dl} is approximately $T_{\mathcal{A}_{\text{dl}}} \approx 2 \cdot T_{\mathcal{A}_{\text{idl}}}$.

Theorem 3.2 appears to yield a $1\text{-IDL} \rightarrow q\text{-IDL}$ reduction with a bound that contradicts the lower bound claimed in [20, Corollary 4.4]. Our best guess as to an explanation is that our reduction does not meet the key and randomness preserving restrictions of [20, Corollary 4.4] or that their lower bound does not cover rewinding strategies.

XIDL. We define a new problem, random target identification discrete logarithm, abbreviated XIDL. It abstracts out the algebraic core of MuSig, and we will show that its security is equivalent to the MS-UF security of MuSig. It will also be an intermediate point in our reduction chain reaching our new HBMS scheme, thereby serving multiple purposes.

With \mathbb{G}, p, g fixed as usual, XIDL is parameterized by positive integers q_1, q_2 . Formally, consider the game $\text{Gm}_{\mathbb{G},g,q_1,q_2}^{\text{xidl}}$ given in Fig. 4. The adversary receives a randomly chosen group element X from INIT. The game maintains a list T_1, \dots, T_{q_1} of “targets.” The adversary can create a target by querying the New Target oracle NwTAR with a group element S of its choosing, whence $T_j = S \cdot X^{e_j}$ is added to the list of targets, for e_j chosen randomly from \mathbb{Z}_p by the game and returned to the

adversary. The adversary can query the challenge oracle $\text{CH}(j_{\text{sel}}, R)$ by supplying an index j_{sel} and a group element R . The oracle records $T_{j_{\text{sel}}}$ as Y_i , and R as R_i , based on the counter i it maintains. Intuitively, CH is similar to the challenge oracle CH in IDL game, besides that our adversary here needs to specify the target $T_{j_{\text{sel}}}$ it is trying to impersonate against. The adversary wins the game if it can produce the discrete log z of $R_I \cdot Y_I^{c_I}$, for an index I of its choice. The oracles NWTAR and CH are allowed to be called at most q_1 and q_2 times, respectively. We define the XIDL advantage of \mathcal{A} as $\mathbf{Adv}_{\mathbb{G},g,q_1,q_2}^{\text{xidl}}(\mathcal{A}) = \Pr[\text{Gm}_{\mathbb{G},g,q_1,q_2}^{\text{xidl}}(\mathcal{A})]$.

We show hardness of XIDL in both the AGM and the standard model, starting with the former. The theorem actually establishes the stronger $\text{DL} \rightarrow \text{XIDL}$, tightly in the AGM.

Theorem 3.3 [DL \rightarrow XIDL, AGM] *Let \mathbb{G} be a group of order p with generator g . Let q_1, q_2 be positive integers. Let $\mathcal{A}_{\text{xidl}}^{\text{alg}}$ be an algebraic adversary against $\text{Gm}_{\mathbb{G},g,q_1,q_2}^{\text{xidl}}$. Then, adversary \mathcal{A}_{dl} can be constructed so that*

$$\mathbf{Adv}_{\mathbb{G},g,q_1,q_2}^{\text{xidl}}(\mathcal{A}_{\text{xidl}}^{\text{alg}}) \leq \mathbf{Adv}_{\mathbb{G},g}^{\text{dl}}(\mathcal{A}_{\text{dl}}) + \frac{q_1 + q_2}{p}.$$

Furthermore, the running time of \mathcal{A}_{dl} is about that of $\mathcal{A}_{\text{xidl}}^{\text{alg}}$.

The full proof is given in Appendix E. Here we sketch the intuition. Since $\mathcal{A}_{\text{xidl}}^{\text{alg}}$ is algebraic, the j -th query to NWTAR is of the form $S_j, s_{j,1}, s_{j,2}$ such that $S_j = g^{s_{j,1}} X^{s_{j,2}}$, and the i -th query to CH is of the form $j_{\text{sel}}, R_i, r_{i,1}, r_{i,2}$ such that $R_i = g^{r_{i,1}} X^{r_{i,2}}$. Let e_j, c_i denote, respectively, the responses to the j -th query to NWTAR and the i -th query to CH . Eventually, $\mathcal{A}_{\text{xidl}}$ outputs I, z . Assuming it succeeds, the equation $g^z = R_I \cdot T_J^{c_I} = R_I \cdot (S_J \cdot X^{e_J})^{c_I}$ must hold, where J was the selected index j_{sel} in the I -th query to CH . This means that $g^z = g^{r_{I,1}} X^{r_{I,2}} (g^{s_{J,1}} X^{s_{J,2}} X^{e_J})^{c_I}$, whence $g^{-r_{I,1}-s_{J,1}\cdot c_I} = X^w$, where $w = r_{I,2} + (s_{J,2} + e_J)c_I$. As long as w is non-zero modulo p , one can solve for the value of $\text{DL}_{\mathbb{G},g}(X)$. But e_J and c_I were independently chosen after the adversary supplied $s_{J,2}$ and $r_{I,2}$, respectively. The probability that there exists j such that $(s_{J,2} + e_J) \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ is at most q_1/p over q_1 queries to NWTAR. Assuming there is no such j , the probability that $w = 0$ is at most q_2/p , due to the q_2 queries to CH that $\mathcal{A}_{\text{xidl}}^{\text{alg}}$ can make.

In the standard model, techniques in the security proof of MuSig [10, 24] could be used to show $\text{DL} \rightarrow \text{XIDL}$, which involves two applications of the Forking Lemma, leading to a fourth-root in the bound. We now show IDL \rightarrow XIDL, using a single application of the forking lemma and thus with only a square-root in the bound. Combining this with Theorem 3.2 recovers the $\text{DL} \rightarrow \text{XIDL}$ reduction with its fourth-root.

Theorem 3.4 [IDL \rightarrow XIDL, Standard Model] *Let \mathbb{G} be a group of prime order p with generator g . Let q_1, q_2 be positive integers. Let $\mathcal{A}_{\text{xidl}}$ be an adversary against $\text{Gm}_{\mathbb{G},g,q_1,q_2}^{\text{xidl}}$. Then, an adversary \mathcal{A}_{idl} can be constructed so that*

$$\mathbf{Adv}_{\mathbb{G},g,q_1,q_2}^{\text{xidl}}(\mathcal{A}_{\text{xidl}}) \leq \sqrt{q_2 \cdot \mathbf{Adv}_{\mathbb{G},g,q_1}^{\text{idl}}(\mathcal{A}_{\text{idl}})} + \frac{q_2}{p}.$$

Furthermore, the running time of \mathcal{A}_{idl} is about twice of that of $\mathcal{A}_{\text{xidl}}$.

The full proof is given in Appendix F. We now sketch the intuition. Adversary \mathcal{A}_{idl} receives X from game $\text{Gm}_{\mathbb{G},g,q_1}^{\text{idl}}$ and runs adversary $\mathcal{A}_{\text{xidl}}$, forwarding it X as the target point. It answers queries to $\mathcal{A}_{\text{xidl}}$'s NWTAR oracle using its own $\text{Gm}_{\mathbb{G},g,q_1}^{\text{idl}} \cdot \text{CH}$ oracle. Specifically, the j -th query S to NWTAR is responded to with $e_j \leftarrow \text{Gm}_{\mathbb{G},g,q_1}^{\text{idl}} \cdot \text{CH}(S)$, and \mathcal{A}_{idl} additionally records the group element $T_j \leftarrow S \cdot X^{e_j}$. It simulates adversary $\mathcal{A}_{\text{xidl}}$'s CH oracle locally, meaning the i -th query $\text{CH}(j_{\text{sel}}, R)$ is responded to with a fresh challenge $c_i \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p$. Eventually, adversary $\mathcal{A}_{\text{xidl}}$ gives a response I, z . Our \mathcal{A}_{idl} adversary wins game $\text{Gm}_{\mathbb{G},g,q_1}^{\text{idl}}$ if it can produce the discrete log of T_j for any j of its choice.

To do so, \mathcal{A}_{idl} uses rewinding, the analysis of which uses the Forking Lemma [6] that we recall as Lemma B.1. Rewinding is used to produce another response, (I', z') , from a forked execution of $\mathcal{A}_{\text{xidl}}$. The Forking Lemma applies to an execution of an algorithm making queries to one oracle, but adversary $\mathcal{A}_{\text{xidl}}$ has two oracles NWTAR and CH. We only “fork” $\mathcal{A}_{\text{xidl}}$ on its queries to CH. Specifically, we program oracle NWTAR to behave identically compared to the first run (meaning we use previously recorded values of e_1, \dots as long as they are defined). In the second run, oracle CH is replied with $c_1, \dots, c_{I-1}, c'_I, \dots$, where c'_I, \dots are randomly chosen from \mathbb{Z}_p . Let us assume that \mathcal{A}_{idl} has derived two valid responses from $\mathcal{A}_{\text{xidl}}$ using the Forking Lemma. Then it is guaranteed that $I = I'$ and $c_I \neq c'_I$. Moreover, we know the two executions of $\mathcal{A}_{\text{xidl}}$ only differ *after* the response of the I -th query to CH, so the I -th query to CH in both runs is some J, R_J . This allows our adversary to solve the equations $g^z = R_J \cdot T_J^{c_I}$ and $g^{z'} = R_J \cdot T_J^{c'_I}$ (which are guaranteed to be true if both runs succeed) to compute $\text{DL}_{\mathbb{G}, g}(T_J)$ and thus win the IDL game.

4 Definitions for multi-signatures

As discussed in Section 1, current definitions for multi-signatures, stemming mostly from [6], suffer from some lack of detail and precision, including lack of a precise syntax. This results in scheme descriptions that also lack somewhat in precision, and to proofs that stay at a high level in part due to lack of technical language in which to give details. This could be one of the contributors to bugs in these proofs [14].

To address this, we revisit the definitions. We give a detailed syntax that formalizes the signing protocol as a stateful algorithm, run separately by each player. (The state will be maintained by the overlying game.) Details addressed include that a player knows its position in the signer list, that player identities are separate from public keys, and integration of the ROM through a parameter describing the type of ideal hash functions needed. Then we give a security definition written via a code-based game.

Syntax. A multi-signature scheme MS specifies algorithms MS.Kg , MS.Vf , MS.Sign , as well as a set MS.HF of functions, and an integer MS.nr , whose intent and operation is as follows:

- *Key generation.* Via $(pk, sk) \leftarrow \text{\$ MS.Kg}$, the key generation algorithm generates public signature-verification key pk and secret signing key sk for a user. (Each user is expected to run this independently to get its keys.)
- *Hash functions.* MS.HF is a set of functions, from which, via $h \leftarrow \text{\$ MS.HF}$, one is drawn and provided to scheme algorithms (except key generation) and the adversary as the random oracle. Specifying this as part of the scheme allows the domain and range of the random oracle to be scheme-dependent.
- *Verification.* Via $d \leftarrow \text{MS.Vf}^H(pk, m, \sigma)$, the verification algorithm deterministically outputs a decision $d \in \{\text{true}, \text{false}\}$ indicating whether or not σ is a valid signature on message m under a vector pk of verification keys.
- *Signing.* The signing protocol is specified by signing algorithm MS.Sign . In each round, each party, applies this algorithm to its current state st and the vector in of received messages from the other parties, to compute an outgoing message σ (viewed as broadcast to the other parties) and an updated state st' , written $(\sigma, st') \leftarrow \text{MS.Sign}^H(\text{in}, st)$. In the last round, σ is the signature that this party outputs. (See Figure 5.)
- *Rounds.* The interaction consists of a fixed number MS.nr of rounds. (We number the rounds $0, \dots, \text{MS.nr}$. The final broadcast of the signature is not counted as in practice it is a local output.)

We say that a multi-signature scheme MS supports key aggregation if MS has two additional algorithms, $\text{MS}.\text{Ag}$ and $\text{MS}.\text{VfAg}$, such that the following hold: (1) Via $\text{apk} \leftarrow \text{MS}.\text{Ag}^H(pk_1, \dots, pk_n)$, the key aggregation algorithm $\text{MS}.\text{Ag}$ generates an aggregate public key, (2) Via $d \leftarrow \text{MS}.\text{VfAg}^H(\text{apk}, m, \sigma)$, the aggregate verification algorithm deterministically outputs a decision $d \in \{\text{true}, \text{false}\}$, and (3) the verification algorithm $\text{MS}.\text{Vf}$ is defined exactly as $\text{MS}.\text{Vf}^H(\mathbf{pk}, m, \sigma) = \text{MS}.\text{VfAg}^H(\text{MS}.\text{Ag}^H(\mathbf{pk}), m, \sigma)$.

Some conventions will aid further definitions and scheme descriptions. A party's state st has several parts: st.n is the number of parties in the current execution of the protocol; $\text{st.me} \in [1..st.n]$ is the party's own identity; $\text{st.rnd} \in [0..\text{MS.nr}]$ is the current round number; st.sk is the party's own signing key; st.pk is the st.n -vector of all verification keys; st.msg is the message being signed; $\text{st.rej} \in \{\text{true}, \text{false}\}$ is the decision to reject (not produce a signature) or accept. It is assumed and required that each invocation of $\text{MS}.\text{Sign}$ leaves all of these unchanged except for st.rnd , which it increments by 1, and st.rej , which is assumed initialized to false and may at some point be set to true. The state can, beyond these, have other components that vary from protocol to protocol. (For example, Figure 6 describing the BN scheme has $\text{st.R}[j], \text{st.t}[j], \text{st.z}[j], \text{st.R}, \dots$) We write $\text{st} \leftarrow \text{StInit}(j, sk, \mathbf{pk}, m)$ to initialize st by setting $\text{st.n} \leftarrow |\mathbf{pk}|$; $\text{st.me} \leftarrow j$; $\text{st.rnd} \leftarrow 0$; $\text{st.sk} \leftarrow sk$; $\text{st.pk} \leftarrow \mathbf{pk}$; $\text{st.msg} \leftarrow m$; $\text{st.rej} \leftarrow \text{false}$. If an execution $(\sigma, \text{st}') \leftarrow \text{MS}.\text{Sign}^H(\text{in}, \text{st})$ returns $\sigma = \perp$ then it is assumed and required that further executions starting from st' all return \perp as the output message.

CORRECTNESS. Algorithm Exec_{MS} , shown in the left column of Fig. 5, executes the signing protocol of MS on input a vector \mathbf{sk} of signing keys, a vector \mathbf{pk} of matching verification keys with $|\mathbf{sk}| = |\mathbf{pk}|$, and a message m to be signed, and with access to random oracle $\mathbf{h} \in \text{MS.HF}$. The number of parties n at line 1 is the number of coordinates (length) of \mathbf{pk} . The state st_j of party j at line 3 is initialized using the function StInit defined above. The loop at line 5 executes MS.nr rounds. Here \mathbf{b} denotes the n -vector of currently-broadcast messages, meaning $\mathbf{b}[i]$ was broadcast by party i in the prior round, and the entire vector is the input to party j for the current round. At line 8, \mathbf{b} now holds the next round of broadcasts.

The correctness game $\mathbf{G}_{\text{MS},n}^{\text{ms-cor}}$ shown in the right column of Fig. 5 has only one procedure, namely FIN . We say that MS satisfies (perfect) correctness if for all positive integers n we have $\Pr[\mathbf{G}_{\text{MS},n}^{\text{ms-cor}}] = 1$.

UNFORGEABILITY. Game $\mathbf{G}_{\text{MS}}^{\text{ms-uf}}$ in Fig. 5 captures a notion of unforgeability for multi-signatures that slightly extends [6]. There is one honest player whose keys are picked at line 1, the adversary controlling all the other players. A new instance of the signing protocol is initialized by calling NS with an index k and a vector \mathbf{pk} of verification keys that the adversary can choose, possibly dishonestly, subject only to $\mathbf{pk}[k]$ being the verification key pk of the honest player, as enforced by line 2. The first message of the honest player is sent out, and at this point $\text{st}_u.\text{rnd} = 1$. Now the adversary can run multiple concurrent instances of the signing protocol with the honest signer. Oracle H is the random oracle, simply calling \mathbf{h} . Eventually the adversary calls FIN with a forgery index k , a vector of verification keys (subjected to $\mathbf{pk}[k]$ being the public key of the honest signer), a message and a claimed signature. It wins if verification succeeds and the forgery was non-trivial. The ms-uf-advantage of adversary \mathcal{A} is $\mathbf{Adv}_{\text{MS}}^{\text{ms-uf}}(\mathcal{A}) = \Pr[\mathbf{G}_{\text{MS}}^{\text{ms-uf}}(\mathcal{A})]$.

It is convenient for (later) proofs to have a separate signing oracle SIGN_j for each round $j \in [1..\text{MS.nr}]$. It is required that any $\text{SIGN}_j(s, \cdot)$ satisfy $s \in [1..u]$, and that the prior round queries $\text{SIGN}_k(s, \cdot)$ for $k < j$ have already been made. It is required that for each j, s , at most one $\text{SIGN}_j(s, \cdot)$ query is ever made.

REMARKS. Our syntax and security notions for multi-signatures view a group of signers as captured by the vector (rather than the set) of their public keys. So for example, a forgery $((pk_1, pk_2), m, \sigma)$ is

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Algorithm ExechMS( $\mathbf{sk}, \mathbf{pk}, m$ ):
1  $n \leftarrow |\mathbf{pk}|$ 
2 For  $j = 1, \dots, n$  do
3    $\mathbf{st}_j \leftarrow \text{StInit}(j, \mathbf{sk}[j], \mathbf{pk}, m)$ 
4    $\mathbf{b} \leftarrow (\varepsilon, \dots, \varepsilon)$  //  $n$ -vector
5 For  $i = 1, \dots, \text{MS.nr}$  do
6   For  $j = 1, \dots, n$  do
7      $(\sigma_j, \mathbf{st}_j) \leftarrow \text{MS.Sign}^h(\mathbf{b}, \mathbf{st}_j)$ 
8    $\mathbf{b} \leftarrow (\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n)$ 
9 Return  $\sigma_1$ 

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Game $\mathbf{G}_{\text{MS},n}^{\text{ms-cor}}$

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FIN:
1  $\mathbf{h} \leftarrow \text{\$ MS.HF}$ 
2 For  $i = 1, \dots, n$  do
3    $(\mathbf{pk}[i], \mathbf{sk}[i]) \leftarrow \text{\$ MS.Kg}$ 
4    $\sigma \leftarrow \text{\$ Exec}^h_{\text{MS}}(\mathbf{sk}, \mathbf{pk}, m)$ 
5    $d \leftarrow \text{MS.Vf}^h(\mathbf{pk}, m, \sigma)$ 
6 Return  $d$ 

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Game $\mathbf{G}_{\text{MS}}^{\text{ms-uf}}$

INIT:

1 $\mathbf{h} \leftarrow \text{\$ MS.HF} ; (\mathbf{pk}, \mathbf{sk}) \leftarrow \text{\$ MS.Kg} ; \text{Return } \mathbf{pk}$

NS(k, \mathbf{pk}, m):

2 $\mathbf{pk}[k] \leftarrow pk ; u \leftarrow u + 1 ; \mathbf{pk}_u \leftarrow \mathbf{pk} ; m_u \leftarrow m ; \mathbf{st}_u \leftarrow \text{StInit}(k, \mathbf{sk}, \mathbf{pk}, m)$
3 $\mathbf{b} \leftarrow (\varepsilon, \dots, \varepsilon) ; (\sigma, \mathbf{st}_u) \leftarrow \text{\$ MS.Sign}^H(\mathbf{b}, \mathbf{st}_u) ; \text{Return } \sigma$

SIGN_j(s, \mathbf{b}): // $1 \leq j \leq \text{MS.nr}$

4 $(\sigma, \mathbf{st}_s) \leftarrow \text{\$ MS.Sign}^H(\mathbf{b}, \mathbf{st}_s) ; \text{Return } \sigma$

H(x):

5 Return $\mathbf{h}(x)$

FIN($k, \mathbf{pk}, m, \sigma$):

6 If $(\mathbf{pk}[k] \neq pk)$ then Return false
7 If $(\mathbf{pk}, m) \in \{(\mathbf{pk}_i, m_i) : 1 \leq i \leq u\}$ then Return false
8 Return $\text{MS.Vf}^H(\mathbf{pk}, m, \sigma)$

Figure 5: **Top left:** Procedure specifying an honest execution of the signing protocol associated with multi-signature scheme MS. **Top right:** Correctness game. **Bottom:** Unforgeability game.

considered to be non-trivial even if there was a previous signing session under public keys (pk_2, pk_1) and message m . This differs from previous formalizations that work instead with sets of public keys. However, previous definition can be recovered if a canonical encoding of sets of public keys into vectors of public keys is fixed in the usage of a scheme.

5 Analysis of the BN scheme

BN SCHEME. Let \mathbb{G} be a group of prime order p . Let g be a generator of \mathbb{G} and let $\ell \geq 1$ be an integer. The associated BN [6] multi-signature scheme $\text{MS} = \text{BN}[\mathbb{G}, g, \ell]$ is shown in detail, in our syntax, in Fig. 6. The set MS.HF consists of all functions \mathbf{h} such that $\mathbf{h}(0, \cdot) : \{0, 1\}^* \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^\ell$ and $\mathbf{h}(1, \cdot) : \{0, 1\}^* \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_p$. For $b \in \{0, 1\}$ we write $H_b(\cdot)$ for $\mathbf{h}(b, \cdot)$, so that scheme algorithms, and an ms-uf adversary, will have access to oracles H_0, H_1 rather than just \mathbf{h} .

The signing protocol has 3 rounds. In round 0, player j picks $r \leftarrow \text{\$ } \mathbb{Z}_p$, stores g^r in its state as $\mathbf{st.R}[j]$, computes, and stores in its state, a value $\mathbf{st.t}[j] \leftarrow H_0((j, \mathbf{st.R}[j]))$ that we call the

BN-commitment, and broadcasts the BN-commitment. (Per our syntax, what is returned is the message to be broadcast and the updated state to be retained.) Since each player does this, in round 1, player j receives the BN-commitments of the other players, storing them in vector $\text{st}.\mathbf{t}$, and now broadcasting $\text{st}.\mathbf{R}[j]$. In round 2, these broadcasts are received, so player j can form the vector $\text{st}.\mathbf{R}$. At line 20, it returns \perp if one of the received values fails to match its commitment. As per our conventions, when this happens, this player will always broadcast \perp in the future, so for round 3 we assume lines 21 and 22 are executed. These lines create the second component $\text{st}.\mathbf{z}[j]$ of a Schnorr signature relative to the Schnorr-commitment $\text{st}.\mathbf{R}[j]$ defined at line 13, and the player's own secret key, the computations being modulo p . This $\text{st}.\mathbf{z}[j]$ is broadcast, so that, in round 3, our player receives the corresponding values from the other players. At line 27 it forms their modulo- p sum z and then forms the final signature $(\text{st}.\mathbf{R}, z)$.

Our description of the signing protocol differs, from that in [6], in some details that are brought out by our syntax, for example in using explicit party identities rather than seeing these as implicit in public keys.

PRIOR BOUNDS. We recall the prior result of [6]. Let $\text{MS} = \text{BN}[\mathbb{G}, g, \ell]$ and let \mathcal{A}_{ms} be an adversary for game $\mathbf{G}_{\text{MS}}^{\text{ms-uf}}$. Assume the execution of game $\mathbf{G}_{\text{MS}}^{\text{ms-uf}}$ with \mathcal{A}_{ms} has at most q distinct queries across H_0, H_1 and at most q_s queries to NS. Suppose the number of parties (length of verification-key vector) in queries to NS and FIN is at most n . Let $a = 8q_s + 1$ and $b = 2q + 16n^2q_s$. Let $p = |\mathbb{G}|$. Then BN [6] give a DL-adversary \mathcal{A}_{dl} such that

$$\mathbf{Adv}_{\text{MS}}^{\text{ms-uf}}(\mathcal{A}_{\text{ms}}) \leq \sqrt{(q + q_s) \cdot \left(\mathbf{Adv}_{\mathbb{G}, g}^{\text{dl}}(\mathcal{A}_{\text{dl}}) + \frac{a}{p} + \frac{b}{2^\ell} \right)}. \quad (2)$$

The running time of \mathcal{A}_{dl} is twice that of the execution of game $\mathbf{G}_{\text{MS}}^{\text{ms-uf}}$ with \mathcal{A}_{ms} . BN obtain this result via their general forking lemma, which uses rewinding and accounts for the square-root in the bound.

SECURITY OF BN FROM IDL. We give a $\text{IDL} \rightarrow \text{BN}$ reduction that is *tight* and in the *standard model*. Combining this with our tight AGM reduction $\text{DL} \rightarrow \text{IDL}$ of Theorem 3.1 we conclude a tight AGM reduction $\text{DL} \rightarrow \text{BN}$. However, the standard model tight $\text{IDL} \rightarrow \text{BN}$ reduction is also interesting in its own right. It says that BN is just as secure as the Schnorr identification scheme. Since the latter has been around and resisted cryptanalysis for quite some time, this is good support for the security of BN.

Theorem 5.1 [IDL \rightarrow BN, Standard Model] *Let \mathbb{G} be a group of prime order p . Let g be a generator of \mathbb{G} and let $\ell \geq 1$ be an integer. Let $\text{MS} = \text{BN}[\mathbb{G}, g, \ell]$ be the associated BN multi-signature scheme. Let \mathcal{A}_{ms} be an adversary for game $\mathbf{G}_{\text{MS}}^{\text{ms-uf}}$ of Figure 5. Assume the execution of game $\mathbf{G}_{\text{MS}}^{\text{ms-uf}}$ with \mathcal{A}_{ms} has at most q_0, q_1, q_s distinct queries to H_0, H_1, NS , respectively, and the number of parties (length of verification-key vector) in queries to NS and FIN is at most n . Let $\alpha = q_s(4q_0 + 2q_1 + q_s)$ and $\beta = q_0(q_0 + n)$. Then we construct an adversary \mathcal{A}_{id} for game $\text{Gm}_{\mathbb{G}, g, q_1}^{\text{id}}$ (shown explicitly in Figure 18) such that*

$$\mathbf{Adv}_{\text{MS}}^{\text{ms-uf}}(\mathcal{A}_{\text{ms}}) \leq \mathbf{Adv}_{\mathbb{G}, g, q_1}^{\text{id}}(\mathcal{A}_{\text{id}}) + \frac{\alpha}{2p} + \frac{\beta}{2^\ell}. \quad (3)$$

The running time of \mathcal{A}_{id} is about that of the execution of game $\mathbf{G}_{\text{MS}}^{\text{ms-uf}}$ with \mathcal{A}_{ms} . Furthermore, adversary \mathcal{A}_{id} is algebraic if adversary \mathcal{A}_{ms} is.

Above, q_0 is the number of distinct queries to H_0 made, not directly by the adversary, but across the execution of the adversary in game $\mathbf{G}_{\text{MS}}^{\text{ms-uf}}$, and similarly for q_1 . A lower bound on q_1 is the length of \mathbf{pk} in \mathcal{A}_{ms} 's FIN query, so we can assume it is positive. With the above theorem, we can

<u>Kg</u> : 1 $sk \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p ; pk \leftarrow g^{sk}$ 2 Return (pk, sk)	<u>Vf^H(pk, m, σ)</u> : 3 $(R, z) \leftarrow \sigma ; (pk_1, \dots, pk_n) \leftarrow pk$ 4 <u>BN</u> : 5 For $i = 1, \dots, n$ do $c_i \leftarrow H_1((i, R, pk, m))$ 6 Return ($g^z = R \cdot \prod_{i=1}^n pk_i^{c_i}$) 7 <u>MuSig</u> : 8 $apk \leftarrow \prod_i^n pk_i^{H_2((i, pk))}$ 9 $c \leftarrow H_1((R, apk, m))$ 10 Return ($g^z = R \cdot apk^c$)
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<u>Sign^H(b, st)</u> : 11 $j \leftarrow st.me ; n \leftarrow st.n ; m \leftarrow st.msg ; sk \leftarrow st.sk ; pk \leftarrow st.pk$ 12 If ($st.rnd = 0$) then 13 $st.r \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p ; st.R[j] \leftarrow g^r ; st.t[j] \leftarrow H_0((j, st.R[j])) ; st.rnd \leftarrow st.rnd + 1$ 14 Return ($st.t[j], st$) 15 If ($st.rnd = 1$) then 16 For all $i \neq j$ do $st.t[i] \leftarrow b[i]$ 17 $st.rnd \leftarrow st.rnd + 1$; Return ($st.R[j], st$) 18 If ($st.rnd = 2$) then 19 For all $i \neq j$ do $st.R[i] \leftarrow b[i]$ 20 If ($\exists i : H_0((i, st.R[i])) \neq st.t[i]$) then Return (\perp, st) 21 $st.R \leftarrow \prod_{i=1}^n st.R[i]$ 22 <u>BN</u> : $c_j \leftarrow H_1((j, R, pk, m)) ; st.z[j] \leftarrow sk \cdot c_j + st.r$ 23 <u>MuSig</u> : 24 $apk \leftarrow \prod_{i=1}^n pk[i]^{H_2((i, pk))} ; c \leftarrow H_1((R, apk, m))$ 25 $st.z[j] \leftarrow sk \cdot H_2((st.me, pk)) \cdot c + st.r$ 26 $st.rnd \leftarrow st.rnd + 1$; Return ($st.z[j], st$) 27 If ($st.rnd = 3$) then 28 For all $i \neq j$ do $st.z[i] \leftarrow b[i]$ 29 $z \leftarrow \sum_{i=1}^n st.z[i]$; Return (($st.R, z$), st)

Figure 6: Algorithms of the multi-signature scheme $\text{BN}[\mathbb{G}, g, \ell]$ and $\text{MuSig}[\mathbb{G}, g, \ell]$, where \mathbb{G} is a group of prime order p with generator g . Code that differs between the two schemes is marked explicitly. Oracle $H_i(\cdot)$ is defined to be $H(i, \cdot)$ for $i = 0, 1$ (BN) and $i = 0, 1, 2$ (MuSig).

now derive an upperbound $\mathbf{UB}_{\text{MS}}^{\text{ms-uf}}(t, q, q_s, p)$ of the advantage of any MS adversary with running time t , making q queries to H , and q_s signing interactions. We take $\ell \approx \log_2(p)$ and assume that $q_s \leq q \leq t \leq p$. Additionally, we assume that the advantage of any IDL adversary with running time t is at most t^2/p (as justified by Theorem 3.2). We obtain $\mathbf{UB}_{\text{MS}}^{\text{ms-uf}}(t, q, q_s, p) \leq t^2/p$ as shown in Fig. 1.

The full proof of Theorem 5.1 is given in Appendix G. Here we give a sketch. The reduction adversary \mathcal{A}_{idl} receives a group element X from $\text{Gm}_{\mathbb{G}, g, q_1}^{\text{idl}}$ and forwards it to adversary \mathcal{A}_{ms} as the target public key. In order to run adversary \mathcal{A}_{ms} , our adversary needs to be able to simulate the signing oracles $\text{NS}, \text{SIGN}_1, \text{SIGN}_2$ as well as random oracles H_0 and H_1 without knowing $\text{DL}_{\mathbb{G}, g}(X)$. We first describe how the reduction proceeds if \mathcal{A}_{ms} makes no queries to NS, SIGN_1 or SIGN_2 ,

as this steps constitutes the main difference between our proof and the original proof of security for BN [6]. Adversary \mathcal{A}_{idl} uses the challenge oracle $\text{Gm}_{\mathbb{G},g,q_1}^{\text{idl}} \cdot \text{CH}$ to program the random oracle H_1 (hence CH needs to be able to be queried upto the number of times H_1 is evaluated). In particular, for each query $H_1((k, R, \mathbf{pk}, m))$ where $\mathbf{pk}[k] = X$, our adversary first computes $T \leftarrow R \cdot \prod_{j \neq k} \mathbf{pk}[j]^{\text{H}_1((j, R, \mathbf{pk}, m))}$, then obtains $c \leftarrow \text{CH}(T)$ before returning c as the return value for the query $H_1((k, R, \mathbf{pk}, m))$. By construction, a valid forgery for \mathbf{pk}, m is some signature $\sigma = (R, z)$ such that

$$g^z = R \cdot \prod_{i=1}^n \mathbf{pk}[i]^{\text{H}_1((i, R, \mathbf{pk}, m))} = T \cdot X^c,$$

where the first equality is by the verification equation of BN and the second equality is by the way H_1 is programmed. This means that adversary \mathcal{A}_{idl} can simply forward the value of z from a valid forgery, along with the index of the CH query corresponding to the H_1 query of the forgery, to break game $\text{Gm}_{\mathbb{G},g,q_1}^{\text{idl}}$. Moreover, adversary \mathcal{A}_{idl} succeeds as long as the forgery given by \mathcal{A}_{ms} is valid.

It remains to show that oracles $\text{NS}, \text{SIGN}_1, \text{SIGN}_2$ can be simulated without knowledge of the secret key, $\text{DL}_{\mathbb{G},g}(X)$. Roughly, this is done using the zero-knowledge property of the underlying Schnorr identification scheme as well as by programming the random oracles H_0 and H_1 . The original proof by [6] constructs an adversary and argues that it simulates these oracles faithfully if certain bad events do not happen. We take a more careful approach and do this formally via a sequence of seven games and use the code-base game playing framework of [8]. This game sequence incurs the additive loss as indicated in Equation (3).

CONVERSE. IDL is not merely some group problem that can be used to justify security of BN tightly; the hardness of IDL is, in fact, tightly equivalent to the MS-UF security of BN. Formally, we give below a reduction turning any adversary against IDL into a forger \mathcal{A}_{ms} against BN. This means that any security justification for BN must also justify the hardness of IDL.

Theorem 5.2 [BN \rightarrow IDL, Standard Model] *Let \mathbb{G} be a group of prime order p . Let g be a generator of \mathbb{G} and let $\ell \geq 1$ be an integer. Let $\text{MS} = \text{BN}[\mathbb{G}, g, \ell]$ be the associated BN multi-signature scheme. Let q be a positive integer and \mathcal{A}_{idl} be an adversary against $\text{Gm}_{\mathbb{G},g,q}^{\text{idl}}$. Then, we can construct an adversary \mathcal{A}_{ms} for game $\mathbf{G}_{\text{MS}}^{\text{ms-uf}}$, making no queries to NS , and at most $2q$ queries to H_1 , such that*

$$\mathbf{Adv}_{\text{MS}}^{\text{ms-uf}}(\mathcal{A}_{\text{ms}}) \geq \mathbf{Adv}_{\mathbb{G},g,q}^{\text{idl}}(\mathcal{A}_{\text{idl}}). \quad (4)$$

The running time of \mathcal{A}_{ms} is about that of \mathcal{A}_{idl} .

Proof of Theorem 5.2: Consider the adversary given in Fig. 7. The adversary receives the target public key pk from the MS-UF game and samples a key pair $(pk', sk') \leftarrow \text{MS.Kg}$. The adversary will attempt to forge a signature against the vector of public keys (pk, pk') . Adversary \mathcal{A}_{ms} forwards $X = pk$ as the target point and runs IDL adversary \mathcal{A}_{idl} . For each query $\text{CH}(R)$ of \mathcal{A}_{idl} , adversary \mathcal{A}_{ms} simulates the response as per line 4 to 6. If \mathcal{A}_{idl} succeeds, it must be that

$$g^z = R_I \cdot pk'^{c_{I,1}}.$$

The value of z can be used to construct a forgery signature (line 3). ▀

6 Analysis of the MuSig scheme

The current three-round version of MuSig has been proposed and analyzed by both [24] and [10]. Roughly, it is the BN scheme with added key aggregation.

$\mathcal{A}_{\text{ms}}^{\text{H}_1}(pk)$:
1 $X \leftarrow pk ; (pk', sk') \leftarrow \text{MS.Kg}()$
2 $(I, z) \leftarrow \mathcal{A}_{\text{xidl}}^{\text{Ch}}(pk) // g^z = R_I \cdot pk^{c_{I,1}}$
3 $\sigma \leftarrow (R_I, z + sk' \cdot c_{I,2} \bmod p) ; \text{Return } ((pk, pk'), m_I, \sigma)$
$\text{Ch}(R)$:
4 $i \leftarrow i + 1 ; R_i \leftarrow R ; m_i \leftarrow \langle i \rangle$
5 $c_{i,1} \leftarrow \text{H}_1((1, R_i, (pk, pk'), m_i)) ; c_{i,2} \leftarrow \text{H}_1((2, R_i, (pk, pk'), m_i))$
6 $\text{Return } c_{i,1}$

Figure 7: Adversary \mathcal{A}_{ms} for Theorem 6.1. For an integer i , $\langle i \rangle$ denote the binary representation of i .

Let \mathbb{G} be a group of prime order p . And let g be a generator of \mathbb{G} and $\ell \geq 1$ be an integer. The formal specification of $\text{MS} = \text{MuSig}[\mathbb{G}, g, \ell]$ in our syntax is shown in Fig. 6. There are minimal differences between MuSig and BN and we only highlight the differences. The set MS.HF consists of all functions h such that $h(0, \cdot) : \{0, 1\}^* \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^\ell$ and $h(i, \cdot) : \{0, 1\}^* \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_p$ for $i = 1, 2$. Verification is done as follows. First, an aggregate key apk for the list of keys $\mathbf{pk} = (pk_1, \dots, pk_n)$ is computed as $apk \leftarrow pk_1^{\text{H}_2((1, \mathbf{pk}))} \cdots pk_n^{\text{H}_2((n, \mathbf{pk}))}$ (line 8). Next, a single challenge is derived from the commitment R and aggregate key apk (line 9). The signature (R, z) is valid if $g^z = R \cdot apk^c$. The second round of signing also changes accordingly to generate a valid signature (line 24 and 25).

The following gives a tight, standard-model reduction $\text{XIDL} \rightarrow \text{MuSig}$. Combining this with our tight AGM chain $\text{DL} \rightarrow \text{IDL} \rightarrow \text{XIDL}$ from Theorems 3.1 and 3.3, we get a tight AGM reduction $\text{DL} \rightarrow \text{MuSig}$.

Theorem 6.1 [XIDL \rightarrow MuSig, Standard Model] *Let \mathbb{G} be a group of prime order p . Let g be a generator of \mathbb{G} and $\ell \geq 1$ be an integer. Let $\text{MS} = \text{MuSig}[\mathbb{G}, g, \ell]$ be the associated MuSig multi-signature scheme. Let \mathcal{A}_{ms} be an adversary for game $\mathbf{G}_{\text{MS}}^{\text{ms-uf}}$ of Figure 5. Assume the execution of game $\mathbf{G}_{\text{MS}}^{\text{ms-uf}}$ with \mathcal{A}_{ms} has at most q_0, q_1, q_2, q_s distinct queries to $\text{H}_0, \text{H}_1, \text{H}_2, \text{NS}$, respectively, and the number of parties (length of verification-key vector) in queries to NS and FIN is at most n . Let $\alpha = q_s(4q_0 + 2q_1 + q_s) + 2q_1q_2$ and $\beta = q_0(q_0 + n)$. Then we can construct an adversary $\mathcal{A}_{\text{xidl}}$ for game $\mathbf{Gm}_{\mathbb{G}, g, q_2, q_1}^{\text{xidl}}$ (shown explicitly in Figure 24) such that*

$$\mathbf{Adv}_{\text{MS}}^{\text{ms-uf}}(\mathcal{A}_{\text{ms}}) \leq \mathbf{Adv}_{\mathbb{G}, g, q_2, q_1}^{\text{xidl}}(\mathcal{A}_{\text{xidl}}) + \frac{\alpha}{2p} + \frac{\beta}{2^\ell}. \quad (5)$$

The running time of $\mathcal{A}_{\text{xidl}}$ is about that of the execution of game $\mathbf{G}_{\text{MS}}^{\text{ms-uf}}$ with \mathcal{A}_{ms} . Furthermore, adversary $\mathcal{A}_{\text{xidl}}$ is algebraic if adversary \mathcal{A}_{ms} is.

We remark that the values of q_1 and q_2 above arise from the number of queries to H_1 and H_2 made in the execution of $\mathbf{G}_{\text{MS}}^{\text{ms-uf}}(\mathcal{A}_{\text{ms}})$. As a result, the appearance of q_1 and q_2 has their orders “switched” compared to in Section 3. With the above theorem, we can now derive an upperbound $\mathbf{UB}_{\text{MS}}^{\text{ms-uf}}(t, q, q_s, p)$ of the advantage of any MS adversary with running time t , making q queries to H , and q_s signing interactions. We take $\ell \approx \log_2(p)$ and assume that $q_s \leq q \leq t \leq p$. Additionally, we assume that the advantage of any XIDL adversary with running time t is at most t^2/p (as justified by Theorem 3.4). We obtain $\mathbf{UB}_{\text{MS}}^{\text{ms-uf}}(t, q, q_s, p) \leq t^2/p$ as shown in Fig. 1.

We again describe the reduction at a high level and defer the full proof to Appendix H. First, the reduction adversary $\mathcal{A}_{\text{xidl}}$ receives group element X from game $\mathbf{Gm}_{\mathbb{G}, g, q_2, q_1}^{\text{xidl}}$ and runs \mathcal{A}_{ms} with the target public key set to X . Similar to the proof of Theorem 5.1, our adversary needs to simulate the

<u>$\mathcal{A}_{\text{ms}}^{\text{H}_1, \text{H}_2}(pk)$:</u>
1 $X \leftarrow pk ; (I, z) \leftarrow \mathcal{A}_{\text{xidl}}^{\text{NwTAR}, \text{CH}}(pk) ; J \leftarrow \text{TI}[I]$
2 $\sigma \leftarrow (R_I, z) ; \text{Return } ((pk, S_J), m_I, \sigma)$
<u>$\text{NwTAR}(S)$:</u>
3 $j \leftarrow j + 1 ; S_j \leftarrow S$
4 $e_{j,1} \leftarrow \text{s H}_2((1, (pk, S))) ; e_{j,2} \leftarrow \text{s H}_2((2, (pk, S))) ; e_j \leftarrow e_{j,2}/e_{j,1} \bmod p$
5 $apk_j \leftarrow pk^{e_{j,1}} S^{e_{j,2}} ; T_j \leftarrow pk \cdot S^{e_j} ; \text{Return } e_j$
<u>$\text{CH}(j_{\text{sel}}, R)$:</u>
6 $i \leftarrow i + 1 ; R_i \leftarrow R ; m_i \leftarrow \langle i \rangle ; \text{TI}[i] \leftarrow j_{\text{sel}}$
7 $c_i \leftarrow \text{H}_1((apk_{j_{\text{sel}}}, R, m_i)) \cdot e_{j_{\text{sel}},1} ; \text{Return } c_i$

Figure 8: Adversary \mathcal{A}_{ms} for Theorem 6.1. For an integer i , $\langle i \rangle$ denote the binary representation of i .

signing oracles NS, $\text{Sign}_1, \text{Sign}_2$ as well as $\text{H}_0, \text{H}_1, \text{H}_2$ without knowing $\text{DL}_{\mathbb{G}, g}(X)$ in order to run \mathcal{A}_{ms} . This again relies on the zero-knowledge property of the underlying Schnorr identification scheme and the programming of $\text{H}_0, \text{H}_1, \text{H}_2$. This step is done formally in a game sequence in the full proof and incurs the additive loss in Equation (5). To turn a forgery into a break against XIDL, our adversary programs H_1 and H_2 as follows. For the j -th query of $\text{H}_2((k, \mathbf{pk}))$ where $\mathbf{pk}[k] = X$, the adversary first computes $S \leftarrow \prod_{i \neq k} \mathbf{pk}[i]^{\text{H}_2((i, \mathbf{pk}))}$, then obtains $e_j \leftarrow \text{s NwTAR}(S)$ before returning e_j as the response for the query. We remark that this particular query of H_2 have created an aggregate public key $apk = \prod_{i=1}^{|\mathbf{pk}|} \mathbf{pk}[i]^{\text{H}_2((i, \mathbf{pk}))} = S \cdot X^{e_j}$, which is also the value of T_j that is recorded in the game $\text{Gm}_{\mathbb{G}, g, q_2, q_1}^{\text{xidl}}$. For each i -th query of $\text{H}_1((R, apk, m))$, the adversary first finds the index j_{sel} of the H_2 -query that corresponds to the input apk , then obtains $c_i \leftarrow \text{s CH}(j_{\text{sel}}, R)$ before returning c_i as the response for the query. If the eventual forgery is given for these two particular queries to H_1 and H_2 , meaning forgery is $\mathbf{pk}, m, (R, z)$ for some z , then the verification equation of the signature scheme says that $g^z = R \cdot apk^{\text{H}_1((R, apk, m))}$. But this matches exactly the winning condition of $\text{Gm}_{\mathbb{G}, g, q_2, q_1}^{\text{xidl}}$, since $apk = T_{j_{\text{sel}}}$ and $c_i = \text{H}_1((R, apk, m))$. Hence, our adversary $\mathcal{A}_{\text{xidl}}$ can simply return (i, z) to break XIDL, as long as the forgery provided by \mathcal{A}_{ms} is valid.

Similar to the relation between IDL and BN, XIDL is also tightly equivalent to the MS-UF security of MuSig. In particular, we turn any adversary breaking XIDL into a forger against MuSig. This means that any security justification for MuSig must also justify the hardness of XIDL.

Theorem 6.2 [MuSig \rightarrow XIDL, Standard Model] *Let \mathbb{G} be a group of prime order p . Let g be a generator of \mathbb{G} and let $\ell \geq 1$ be an integer. Let $\text{MS} = \text{MuSig}[\mathbb{G}, g, \ell]$ be the associated MuSig multi-signature scheme. Let q_1, q_2 be a positive integers and $\mathcal{A}_{\text{xidl}}$ be an adversary against $\text{Gm}_{\mathbb{G}, g, q_2, q_1}^{\text{xidl}}$. Then, we can construct an adversary \mathcal{A}_{ms} for game $\mathbf{G}_{\text{MS}}^{\text{ms-uf}}$, making no queries to NS, and at most $2q_1$ and $2q_2$ queries to H_1 and H_2 respectively, such that*

$$\text{Adv}_{\text{MS}}^{\text{ms-uf}}(\mathcal{A}_{\text{ms}}) \geq \text{Adv}_{\mathbb{G}, g, q_2, q_1}^{\text{xidl}}(\mathcal{A}_{\text{xidl}}). \quad (6)$$

The running time of \mathcal{A}_{ms} is about that of \mathcal{A}_{idl} .

Proof of Theorem 6.2: Consider the adversary given in Fig. 8. The adversary receives the target public key pk from the MS-UF game. Adversary \mathcal{A}_{ms} forwards $X = pk$ as the target point and runs XIDL adversary \mathcal{A}_{idl} . For each query $\text{NwTAR}(S)$ of \mathcal{A}_{idl} , adversary \mathcal{A}_{ms} uses S as a

MS.Kg: 1 $sk \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p$; $pk \leftarrow g^{sk}$ 2 Return (pk, sk)	MS.Vf^{H₀,H₁,H₂}(pk, m, σ): 3 $(pk_1, \dots, pk_n) \leftarrow pk$; $apk \leftarrow \prod_i^n pk_i^{H_2((i, pk))}$ 4 $(T, s, z) \leftarrow \sigma$; $c \leftarrow H_1((T, apk, m))$ 5 $h \leftarrow H_0((pk, m))$; Return $(g^z h^s = T \cdot apk^c)$
MS.Sign^{H₀,H₁,H₂}(b, st):	
6 $j \leftarrow st.me$; $n \leftarrow st.n$; $m \leftarrow st.msg$; $sk \leftarrow st.sk$; $pk \leftarrow st.pk$ 7 $(pk_1, \dots, pk_n) \leftarrow pk$; $apk \leftarrow \prod_i^n pk_i^{H_2((i, pk))}$ 8 If $(st.rnd = 0)$ then 9 $st.r[j] \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p$; $st.s[j] \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p$ 10 $h \leftarrow H_0((pk, m))$; $st.R[j] \leftarrow g^{st.r[j]}$; $st.T[j] \leftarrow st.R[j] \cdot h^{st.s[j]}$ 11 $st.rnd \leftarrow st.rnd + 1$; Return $(st.T[j], st)$ 12 If $(st.rnd = 1)$ then 13 For all $i \neq j$ do $st.T[i] \leftarrow b[i]$ 14 $st.T \leftarrow \prod_{i=1}^n st.T[i]$; $st.c \leftarrow H_1((st.T, apk, m))$; $e_j \leftarrow H_2((j, pk))$ 15 $st.z[j] \leftarrow sk \cdot c \cdot e_j + st.r[j]$; $st.t[j] \leftarrow (st.s[j], st.z[j])$ 16 $st.rnd \leftarrow st.rnd + 1$; Return $(st.t[j], st)$ 17 If $(st.rnd = 2)$ then 18 For all $i \neq j$ do $st.t[i] \leftarrow b[i]$ 19 $(s, z) \leftarrow \sum_i^n t[i]$; Return $((st.T, s, z), st)$	

Figure 9: Two-round multi-signature scheme $\text{MS} = \text{HBMS}[\mathbb{G}, g]$ parameterized by a group \mathbb{G} of prime order p with generator g .

public key to generate the aggregate key apk for the list (pk, S) . By construction, the j -th target T_j for the XIDL game is related to apk_j by $apk_j = T_j^{e_{j,1}}$. For each $\text{CH}(j_{\text{sel}}, R)$ query of $\mathcal{A}_{\text{xidl}}$, adversary \mathcal{A}_{ms} programs in the H_1 outputs corresponding to a forgery against the aggregate key $apk_{j_{\text{sel}}}$ (line 6 and 7). By construction, if $\mathcal{A}_{\text{xidl}}$ succeeds, it must be that

$$g^z = R_I \cdot T_J^{c_I} = R_I \cdot T_J^{H_1((apk_J, R, m_i)) \cdot e_{J,1}} = R_I \cdot apk_J^{H_1((apk_J, R, m_i))}.$$

Hence, adversary \mathcal{A}_{ms} produces a valid forgery at line 2. ■

7 HBMS: Our new two-round multi-signature scheme

Recall that **BN** and **MuSig** are three-round schemes, and two-round schemes are desired due to blockchain applications. In this section, we introduce our new, efficient two-round multi-signature scheme supporting key-aggregation, **HBMS**. We first demonstrate its tight security against algebraic adversaries (Theorem 7.1), before justifying its security in the standard model (Theorem 7.2). Referring to Fig. 3, these results establish arrow 5. We refer to Fig. 2 for comparisons of **HBMS** against other two-round schemes.

TWO-ROUND MS SCHEME HBMS. The formal definition of our scheme is given in Fig. 9. **HBMS** has the same key generation algorithm **Kg** and key aggregation **Ag** algorithm as **MuSig**. We describe informally the process involved to sign a message m under a vector of public keys pk . In the first

round, each signer i samples s_i and r_i uniformly from \mathbb{Z}_p and computes a commitment

$$T_i \leftarrow H_0((\mathbf{pk}, m))^{s_i} \cdot g^{r_i},$$

which is sent to every other signer. In the second round, each signer receives the list of commitments T_1, \dots, T_n from each signer, and computes the aggregate value $T \leftarrow \prod_i T_i$. Each signer then computes the challenge value as $c \leftarrow H_1((T, apk, m))$. To compute the reply, each signer i computes $z_i \leftarrow r_i + sk \cdot c \cdot H_2((i, \mathbf{pk}))$ and sends (s_i, z_i) to every other signer. Finally, any signer can now compute the final signature as (T, s, z) where $s = \sum_i s_i$ and $z = \sum_i z_i$. To verify a signature (T, s, z) on (\mathbf{pk}, m) , the equation

$$g^z \cdot H_0((\mathbf{pk}, m))^s = T \cdot apk^{H_1((T, apk, m))},$$

must hold, where $apk = \prod_{i=1}^{|\mathbf{pk}|} \mathbf{pk}[i]^{H_2((i, \mathbf{pk}))}$. Compared to MuSig, the verification equation of HBMS involves an additional power of $H((\mathbf{pk}, m))$ (hence the name HBMS, or ‘‘Hash-Base Multi-Signature’’).

TIGHT SECURITY AGAINST ALGEBRAIC ADVERSARIES. We first show that HBMS is tightly MS-UF-secure against algebraic adversaries.

Theorem 7.1 [DL \rightarrow HBMS, AGM] *Let \mathbb{G} be a group of prime order p with generator g . Let MS be the $\text{HBMS}[\mathbb{G}, g]$ scheme. Let $\mathcal{A}_{\text{ms}}^{\text{alg}}$ be an algebraic adversary for game $\mathbf{G}_{\text{MS}}^{\text{ms-uf}}$ of Figure 5. Assume the execution of game $\mathbf{G}_{\text{MS}}^{\text{ms-uf}}$ with \mathcal{A}_{ms} has at most q_1, q_2 distinct queries to H_1, H_2 , respectively. Then we can construct an adversary \mathcal{A}_{dl} for game $\text{DL}_{\mathbb{G}, g}$ (shown explicitly in Figure 26) such that*

$$\mathbf{Adv}_{\text{MS}}^{\text{ms-uf}}(\mathcal{A}_{\text{ms}}^{\text{alg}}) \leq \mathbf{Adv}_{\mathbb{G}, g}^{\text{dl}}(\mathcal{A}_{\text{dl}}) + \frac{(q_1 + 1)q_2}{p}. \quad (7)$$

The running time of \mathcal{A}_{dl} is about that of the execution of game $\mathbf{G}_{\text{MS}}^{\text{ms-uf}}$ with $\mathcal{A}_{\text{ms}}^{\text{alg}}$.

Above, a reduction is given directly from DL, and there is no multiplicative loss. As before, assuming $q_s \leq q \leq t \leq p$ and the generic hardness of DL (advantage of t -time adversary to be at most t^2/p), we derive that $\mathbf{UB}_{\text{MS}}^{\text{ms-uf}}(t, q, q_s, p) \leq t^2/p$, as shown in Fig. 2.

We give the highlevel proof sketch here and defer the full proof to Appendix I. Let \mathcal{A}_{ms} be the algebraic adversary against HBMS. Our reduction adversary \mathcal{A}_{dl} sets its own target point X (which it needs to obtain the discrete log of) as the target public key for \mathcal{A}_{ms} . In order to run \mathcal{A}_{ms} , our adversary \mathcal{A}_{dl} needs to be able to simulate oracles NS, SIGN₁, SIGN₂ (oracles representing the honest signer) as well as random oracles H_0, H_1, H_2 . We first tackle the problem of simulating the honest signer without knowledge of the corresponding secret key. This is done by programming of random oracle H_0 . Suppose for \mathbf{pk}, m , we set $H_0((\mathbf{pk}, m))$ to be $h = g^\alpha pk^\beta$ for some $\alpha, \beta \neq 0 \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ (whose exact distribution will be specified later). When the adversary interacts with the honest signer, the honest signer must first provide some commitment $T \in G$ (in the output of NS), then later produce $z, s \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ (in the output of SIGN₁) such that

$$g^z h^s = T \cdot pk^c, \quad (8)$$

where $c \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ is some challenge value (that is derived using the random oracle and the responses of the adversary). To do this, our adversary set commitment $T = g^a h^b$ for $a, b \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p$. It shall be convenient to express pk in terms of g and h as well. Note that as long as $\beta \neq 0$, $pk = h^{(\beta^{-1})} g^{-\alpha(\beta^{-1})}$. Since both T and pk are known to be of the form $g^* h^*$ (where $*$ denotes some element of \mathbb{Z}_p), so is the group element $T \cdot pk^c$ (for any known value of c). Hence, the right-hand side of Equation (8) is of the form $g^z h^s$ for some values z and s that our adversary can compute, and our adversary can return them as response in the second round. Above, we noted that this works as long as $\beta \neq 0$. To guarantee this, we sample $\alpha \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p$ and $\beta \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p^*$ in H_0 . It remains to check that such way of

simulating the honest signer is indistinguishable from the behavior of an honest signer holding the secrete key and executing the protocol. Roughly, this is because in both cases, the triple (T, z, s) is uniformly distributed over $\mathbb{G} \times \mathbb{Z}_p^2$, subjected to the condition that Equation (8) holds.

Now, our adversary \mathcal{A}_{dl} can move onto turning a forgery from \mathcal{A}_{ms} into a discrete logarithm for target point X . Suppose adversary \mathcal{A}_{ms} returns forgery $(\mathbf{pk}, m, (T, s, z))$. Then,

$$g^z h^s = T \cdot apk^c, \quad (9)$$

where $apk = \prod_{i=1}^{|\mathbf{pk}|} \mathbf{pk}[i]^{H_2((i, \mathbf{pk}))}$ and $c = H_1((T, apk, m))$. Since \mathcal{A}_{ms} is algebraic, our adversary \mathcal{A}_{dl} can rewrite Equation (9) to the form $g^{\alpha_g} = X^{\alpha_X}$, which allows us to compute the discrete log of X as $\alpha_g \alpha_x^{-1} \pmod p$, as long as α_X is not zero. The full proof upperbounds the probability that $\alpha_X = 0$ to be at most $q_1 q_2 / p$. Outside of this bad event, our adversary \mathcal{A}_{dl} will successfully compute the value of $\text{DL}_{\mathbb{G}, g}(X)$ from a valid forgery.

STANDARD MODEL SECURITY OF HBMS. We reduce the security of HBMS to the hardness of XIDL, with factor q_s loss. For applications, the number of signing queries q_s is much less than adversarial hash function evaluations. As a result, even though our reduction here is non-tight, the reduction loss is smaller compared to previous results for BN, MuSig or other two round schemes (cf. Figure 1 and 2), at the expense of assuming the hardness of XIDL. Interestingly, due to Theorem 6.2, our results also state that HBMS is secure as long as MuSig is (via the reduction chain MuSig \rightarrow XIDL \rightarrow HBMS), and this reduction again only losses a factor of q_s in the advantage.

Theorem 7.2 [XIDL \rightarrow HBMS, Standard Model] *Let \mathbb{G} be a group of prime order p with generator g . Let MS be the HBMS[\mathbb{G}, g] scheme given in Fig. 9. Let \mathcal{A}_{ms} be an adversary for game $\mathbf{G}_{\text{MS}}^{\text{ms-uf}}$ of Figure 5. Assume the execution of game $\mathbf{G}_{\text{MS}}^{\text{ms-uf}}$ with \mathcal{A}_{ms} has at most q_0, q_1, q_2, q_s distinct queries to H_0, H_1, H_2, NS , respectively. Then we can construct an adversary $\mathcal{A}_{\text{xidl}}$ for game $\text{Gm}_{\mathbb{G}, g, q_2, q_1}^{\text{xidl}}$ (shown explicitly in Figure 28) such that*

$$\mathbf{Adv}_{\text{MS}}^{\text{ms-uf}}(\mathcal{A}_{\text{ms}}) \leq e(q_s + 1) \cdot \mathbf{Adv}_{\mathbb{G}, g, q_2, q_1}^{\text{xidl}}(\mathcal{A}_{\text{xidl}}) + \frac{q_1 q_2}{p}, \quad (10)$$

where e is the base of the natural logarithm. Adversary $\mathcal{A}_{\text{xidl}}$ makes q_2 queries to NwTAR and q_1 queries to CH. The running time of $\mathcal{A}_{\text{xidl}}$ is about that of the execution of game $\mathbf{G}_{\text{MS}}^{\text{ms-uf}}$ with \mathcal{A}_{ms} .

Concretely, if we assume that XIDL is quantitatively as hard as DL, then against *any* adversary with running time t , making q evaluations of the random oracle and making at most q_s signing queries, HBMS has security $(q_s t^2 + q^2)/p \approx q_s t^2/p$.

We sketch the highlevel proof here and give the full proof in Appendix J. Our adversary receives the target point X from the XIDL game and sets it as the target public key for adversary \mathcal{A}_{ms} . As before, in order to run \mathcal{A}_{ms} , we need to simulate oracles NwTAR, SIGN₁, SIGN₂ as well as H_0, H_1, H_2 . Recall that in the AGM proof, we can simulate the honest signer for \mathbf{pk}, m if we set $H_0((\mathbf{pk}, m)) = g^\alpha h^\beta$. However, this way of programming H_0 does not facilitate in turning a forgery into a break for XIDL. Instead, we would like to program $H_0((\mathbf{pk}, m)) = g^\alpha$ for the forgery \mathbf{pk}, m . To do this, we use a technique of Coron [12], which programs $H_0((\mathbf{pk}, m))$ randomly in one of these two ways depending on a biased coin flip (with probability ρ of giving 1). The reduction only succeeds if correct “guesses” are made. Specifically, we need that for every \mathbf{pk}, m that is queried to the honest signer (in NS) then $H_0((\mathbf{pk}, m))$ must have been programmed to be $g^\alpha p k^\beta$ (for some α and β), and for the forgery \mathbf{pk}, m , it must be that $H_0((\mathbf{pk}, m)) = g^\alpha$ (for some α). We can then optimize for the value of ρ , resulting in a multiplicative loss of $e(1 + q_s)$.

Suppose adversary \mathcal{A}_{ms} returns a forgery $(\mathbf{pk}, m, (T, s, z))$ where we have previously programmed $H_0((\mathbf{pk}, m)) = g^\alpha$. The verification equation say that $g^z h^s = T \cdot apk^c$. Since h is just a power of g , the left-hand side of the verification equation is also a known power of g (specifically $g^{z+\alpha \cdot s}$). This

means that our adversary $\mathcal{A}_{\text{xidl}}$ can proceed exactly as the reduction for MuSig. In particular, for the j -th query of $H_2((k, \mathbf{pk}))$ where $\mathbf{pk}[k] = X$, the adversary first computes $S \leftarrow \prod_{i \neq k} \mathbf{pk}[i]^{H_2((i, \mathbf{pk}))}$, then obtains $e_j \leftarrow \$ \text{NWTR}(S)$ before returning e_j as the response for the query. We remark that this particular query of H_2 have created an aggregate public key $apk = \prod_{i=1}^{|\mathbf{pk}|} \mathbf{pk}[i]^{H_2((i, \mathbf{pk}))} = S \cdot X^{e_j}$, which is also the value of T_j that is recorded in the game $\text{Gm}_{\mathbb{G}, g, q_2, q_1}^{\text{xidl}}$. For each i -th query of $H_1((T, apk, m))$, the adversary first finds the index j_{sel} of the H_2 -query that corresponds to the input apk , then obtains $c_i \leftarrow \$ \text{CH}(j_{\text{sel}}, T)$ before returning c_i as the response for the query. If the eventual forgery is given for these two particular queries to H_1 and H_2 , meaning forgery is $\mathbf{pk}, m, (T, s, z)$, then the verification equation of the signature scheme says that $g^{z+\alpha \cdot s} = T \cdot apk^{H_1((T, apk, m))}$ (if we programmed $H_0((\mathbf{pk}, m))$ to be g^α). Hence, our adversary $\mathcal{A}_{\text{xidl}}$ can simply return $(i, z + \alpha \cdot s)$ to break XIDL, as long as the forgery provided by \mathcal{A}_{ms} is valid and we have made the right guesses in programming H_0 .

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A Security bounds of multi-signature schemes

We survey previous results on discrete-log-based multi-signature schemes, with a focus on their reduction loss. We restate these results in the same notation and framework to facilitate comparisons. We have used this to obtain the estimates in Figures 1 and 2.

For the rest of the section, fix a group \mathbb{G} of prime order p that shall be used by each of the schemes of interest. Additionally, we assume that we fix adversaries \mathcal{A}_{ms} attacking each multi-signature scheme of interest, with running time t (this is the total execution time of $\mathbf{G}_{\text{MS}}^{\text{ms-uf}}(\mathcal{A}_{\text{ms}})$ and includes the running time of all oracles), making q queries to the random oracle, q_s queries to NS involving maximum of N -signers while achieving success advantage of ϵ . For convenience, we let $q_T = 1 + q + q_s$.

BN. Bellare and Neven [6] gave a 3-round MS scheme that is based on the DL problem. In particular, they showed that given an MS-UF adversary \mathcal{A} , there exists DL-adversary with running time t' achieving success advantage ϵ' :

$$\epsilon' \geq \frac{\epsilon^2}{q + q_s} - \frac{2q + 16N^2q_s}{2^\ell} - \frac{8Nq_s}{p}, \quad (11)$$

$$t' \approx 2t, \quad (12)$$

where ℓ is a parameter, describing the output lengths of the random oracle used for commitments.

MuSig. BDN [10] and MPSW [24] gave a 3-round MS scheme that adds key aggregation on-top of BN. For security, BDN showed [10][Theorem 4] that given an MS-UF adversary \mathcal{A} , there exists DL-adversary with running time t' achieving success advantage ϵ' where

$$\epsilon' = \frac{\epsilon - \delta}{64}, \quad (13)$$

$$t' = 512 \cdot t \cdot q_T^2 (\epsilon - \delta)^{-1} \ln^{-2}(64/(\epsilon - \delta)) , \quad (14)$$

$$\delta = \frac{4Nq_T}{p} , \quad (15)$$

as long as $p > 8q/\epsilon$. MPSW gave a tighter result by two direct applications of the forking lemma. In particular, they showed that [24][Theorem 1] given an MS-UF adversary \mathcal{A}_{ms} , there exists DL-adversary with running time t' achieving success advantage ϵ' where

$$\epsilon' = \frac{\epsilon^4}{q_T^3} - \frac{16q_s(q + N \cdot q_s)}{p} - \frac{16(q + Nq_s)^2 + 3}{2^\ell} , \quad (16)$$

$$t' \approx 4t . \quad (17)$$

MBCJ. DEFKLNS [14] gave a 2-round MS scheme **mBCJ**. For security, they showed that given an MS-UF adversary \mathcal{A} , there exists DL-adversary with running time t' achieving success advantage ϵ' where

$$\epsilon' = \frac{\epsilon}{8e(q_s + 1)} , \quad (18)$$

$$t' = t \cdot 64(N + 1)^2 q_T(q_s + 1) \epsilon^{-1} \ln^{-1}(8e(N + 1)(q_s + 1)/\epsilon) , \quad (19)$$

as long as $p > 64e(N + 1)q_T(q_s + 1)/\epsilon$.

MuSig-DN. NRSW [27] gave a 2-round MS scheme that has deterministic signing. For security, their result [27][Theorem 1] roughly translates to: given an an adversary attack MuSig-DN, there exists OMDL adversary attacking DL with success advantage approximately

$$\epsilon' \geq \left(\epsilon - q_s \delta - \frac{q_T^2}{2^{\lambda-2}} - \frac{2}{2^{\lambda/4}} \right)^4 q_T^{-3} , \quad (20)$$

$$t' \approx 4t , \quad (21)$$

where λ is a parameter of the scheme and δ is a small constant associated with the group.

MuSig2. NRS [26] gave a 2-round MS scheme, parameterized by ν . For $\nu \geq 4$, they showed that if there exists \mathcal{A} attacking their scheme, they [26][Theorem 1] can build νq_s -OMDL adversary with running time t' achieving success advantage ϵ' where

$$\epsilon' \geq \frac{\epsilon^4}{m^3} - \frac{11}{p} - \frac{43m^4}{(p - 1)^{\nu-3}} , \quad (22)$$

$$t' \approx 4t , \quad (23)$$

$$m = (\nu - 1)(q + q_s) + 1 . \quad (24)$$

For $\nu = 2$, they give a tighter proof against algebraic adversaries. In particular, given an algebraic adversary \mathcal{A} attacking their scheme for $\nu = 2$, they build adversary \mathcal{B} against q_s -OMDL that runs in time t' to achieve success advantage ϵ' with

$$\epsilon' \geq \epsilon - 14 \frac{q^3}{p} ,$$

$$t' \approx t + O(q^3) .$$

DWMS. Alper and Burdges [1] gave a 2-round MS scheme DWMS similar MuSig2 that is proved secure from OMDL in AGM using an intermediate problem called the 2-entwined sum problem. Combining Theorem 1, 2 and 3 of [1], we the following reduction for DWMS: given an algebraic

Game Gm_0	Game Gm_1
<pre> FIN: 1 $x \leftarrow \\$ \mathsf{IG}$ 2 $c_1, \dots, c_q \leftarrow \\$ C$ 3 $(I, \sigma) \leftarrow \\$ \mathcal{A}(x, c_1, \dots, c_q)$ 4 Return $(I > 0)$ </pre>	<pre> FIN: 1 $x \leftarrow \\$ \mathsf{IG}$ 2 $\rho \leftarrow \\$ \text{rand}(\mathcal{A}) ; c_1, \dots, c_q \leftarrow \\$ C$ 3 $(I, \sigma) \leftarrow \\$ \mathcal{A}(x, c_1, \dots, c_q)$ 4 If $(I = 0)$ then return $(0, \epsilon, \epsilon)$ 5 $c'_I, \dots, c'_q \leftarrow \\$ C$ 6 $(I', \sigma') \leftarrow \\$ \mathcal{A}(x, c_1, \dots, c_{I-1}, c'_I, \dots, c'_q)$ 7 Return $((I = I') \text{ and } (c_I \neq c'_I))$ </pre>

Figure 10: Games referred to in Lemma B.1. Both games have just one procedure, FIN , which does not take any input. These games run an algorithm \mathcal{A} internally.

MS-UF adversary $\mathcal{A}_{\text{ms}}^{\text{alg}}$, an q_s -OMDL adversary can be constructed with advantage ϵ'

$$\epsilon' \geq \epsilon - \frac{q_s q}{p} - \frac{q}{\sqrt{p}} .$$

Unfortunately, their theorems do not formally state the running time overhead of their reductions. Upon closer inspection however, their reductions do not rewind adversaries and only incur simulation overhead of games. Hence, we have $t' = O(t)$, meaning there is no multiplicative factors involving either t , q , or q_s .

B Forking lemma

We recall the general forking lemma of [6]. We restate it using the games of Figure 10. Each game has just one procedure, FIN , which takes no inputs. The games are parameterized by an algorithm \mathcal{A} that is executed inside the game, and also by an algorithm IG called an input generator.

Lemma B.1 [6] *Let $q \geq 1$ be an integer. Let C be a set of size $|C| \geq 2$. Let \mathcal{A} be a randomized algorithm that on inputs x, c_1, \dots, c_q returns a pair, the first element of which is an integer in the range $0, \dots, q$, and the second element of which we refer to as a side output. Let IG be a randomized algorithm that, as above, we call the input generator. Consider Gm_0 (called the single run) and Gm_1 (called the forked run) given in Fig. 10. Then:*

$$\Pr[Gm_0] \leq \frac{q}{|C|} + \sqrt{q \cdot \Pr[Gm_1]} . \quad (25)$$

C Proof of Theorem 3.1

Proof of Theorem 3.1: Consider game Gm_0 given in the left panel of Fig. 11. By construction, it is the game $Gm_{G,g,q}^{\text{idl}}(\mathcal{A}_{\text{idl}}^{\text{alg}})$. Next, consider game Gm_1 , where the winning condition has been changed to checking that $(x = x')$, where x' is either computed on line 8 or 9 depending on whether $w = 0$. We claim that regardless of whether $w = 0$, game Gm_1 returns true as long as Gm_0 does. Assume Gm_0 returns true, then b is set to `true`. If $w = 0$, then the game Gm_1 sets x' to x at line 8, so Gm_1 also returns `true`. If $w \neq 0$, then the game Gm_1 computes x' as per line 12 and 13. Observe that if b is true, then

$$g^z = R_I \cdot X^{c_I} .$$

Game $\text{Gm}_0, \text{Gm}_1, \text{Gm}_2$	Adversary $\mathcal{A}_{\text{dl}}(X)$:
INIT:	
1 $x \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p ; X \leftarrow g^x$	1 $(I, z) \leftarrow \mathcal{A}_{\text{idl}}^{\text{NWTAR}, \text{CH}}(X)$
2 $(I, z) \leftarrow \mathcal{A}_{\text{idl}}^{\text{CH}}(X)$	2 $w \leftarrow (r_{I,2} + c_I)$
3 $b \leftarrow (g^z = R_I \cdot X^{c_I})$	3 If ($w = 0$) then $x' \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p$
4 <u>Gm_0</u> : Return b	4 Else
5 $w \leftarrow (r_{I,2} + c_I)$	5 $v \leftarrow (z - r_{I,1})$
6 If ($w = 0$) then bad $\leftarrow \text{true}$	6 $x' \leftarrow v \cdot w^{-1} \pmod p$
7 <u>Gm_1</u> :	7 Return x'
8 If b then $x' \leftarrow x$	<u>$\text{CH}(R, (r_1, r_2))$</u> :
9 Else $x' \leftarrow \perp$	8 $i \leftarrow i + 1 ; R_i \leftarrow R$
10 <u>Gm_2</u> : $x' \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p$	9 $r_{i,1} \leftarrow r_1 ; r_{i,2} \leftarrow r_2$
11 Else	10 $c_i \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p ; \text{Return } c_i$
12 $v \leftarrow (z - r_{I,1})$	
13 $x' \leftarrow v \cdot w^{-1} \pmod p$	
14 <u>Gm_1, Gm_2</u> : Return $(x = x')$	
<u>$\text{CH}(R, (r_1, r_2))$</u> :	
15 $i \leftarrow i + 1 ; R_i \leftarrow R$	
16 $r_{i,1} \leftarrow r_1 ; r_{i,2} \leftarrow r_2$	
17 $c_i \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p ; \text{Return } c_i$	

Figure 11: Games $\text{Gm}_0, \text{Gm}_1, \text{Gm}_2$ and adversary \mathcal{A}_{dl} the proof of Theorem 3.1.

Expanding this equation using the fact that $R_i = g^{r_{i,1}} X^{r_{i,1}}$, we get

$$g^z = g^{r_{I,1}} X^{r_{I,2}} \cdot X^{c_I},$$

which means that

$$g^x = X = g^{(z - r_{I,1})w^{-1}} = g^{x'}.$$

So game Gm_1 must return **true** in this case as well. Hence

$$\Pr[\text{Gm}_0] = \Pr[\text{Gm}_1]. \quad (26)$$

Next, consider game Gm_2 , which sets x' differently if $w = 0$. We have

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr[\text{Gm}_1] &\leq \Pr[\text{Gm}_2] + \Pr[\text{Gm}_2 \text{ sets } \text{bad}] \\ &\leq \Pr[\text{Gm}_2] + \frac{q}{p}. \end{aligned} \quad (27)$$

Above, the calculation of $\Pr[\text{Gm}_2 \text{ sets } \text{bad}]$ is justified as follows. For each CH query, there is $1/p$ chance that $r_{i,2} + c_i = 0$, since c_i is uniform and independent of $r_{i,2}$. Hence, the probability that there is a choice of i to make $w = r_{i,2} + c_i$ zero is at most q/p using the union bound. Finally, we construct adversary \mathcal{A}_{dl} , given in Fig. 11 such that

$$\Pr[\text{Gm}_2] = \mathbf{Adv}_{\mathbb{G}, g}^{\text{dl}}(\mathcal{A}_{\text{dl}}). \quad (28)$$

This is straight-forward, as \mathcal{A}_{dl} simulates CH and computes x' exactly as Gm_2 . \blacksquare

<p><u>Game Gm₀, Gm₁, Gm₂</u></p> <p>INIT:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 $x \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p ; X \leftarrow g^x$ 2 $\rho \leftarrow \text{rand}(\mathcal{A}_{\text{idl}}) ; c_1, \dots, c_q \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p$ 3 $(I, z) \leftarrow \mathcal{A}_{\text{idl}}^{\text{CH}_1}(X; \rho)$ 4 $b \leftarrow (g^z = R_I \cdot Y_I^{c_I})$ 5 If not b then $I \leftarrow 0$ 6 <u>Gm₀:</u> Return $(I > 0)$ 7 For $i = 1, \dots, I - 1$ do $c'_i \leftarrow c_i$ 8 $c'_I, c'_{I+1}, \dots, c'_{q_2} \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p$ 9 $i \leftarrow 0 ; (I', z') \leftarrow \mathcal{A}_{\text{idl}}^{\text{CH}_2}(X; \rho)$ 10 $b' \leftarrow (g^{z'} = R_{I'} \cdot Y_{I'}^{c_{I'}})$ 11 If not b' then $I' \leftarrow 0$ 12 <u>Gm₁:</u> 13 Return $((I = I' > 0) \text{ and } (c_I \neq c'_I))$ 14 <u>Gm₂:</u> 15 If $((I \neq I') \text{ or } (c_I = c'_I))$ then 16 Return \perp 17 $w \leftarrow (c_I - c'_I)^{-1}(z - z') \bmod p$ 18 Return $(g^w = X)$ <p><u>CH₁(R):</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 11 $i \leftarrow i + 1 ; R_i \leftarrow R$ 12 Return c_i <p><u>CH₂(R):</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 13 $i \leftarrow i + 1 ; R'_i \leftarrow R$ 14 Return c'_i 	<p><u>Adversary $\mathcal{A}_{\text{dl}}(X)$:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 $c_1, \dots, c_q \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p ; \rho \leftarrow \text{rand}(\mathcal{A}_{\text{idl}})$ 2 $(I, z) \leftarrow \mathcal{A}_{\text{idl}}^{\text{CH}_1}(X; \rho)$ 3 $b \leftarrow (g^z = R_I \cdot Y_I^{c_I})$ 4 If not b then Return \perp 5 For $i = 1, \dots, I - 1$ do $c'_i \leftarrow c_i$ 6 $c'_I, c'_{I+1}, \dots, c'_{q_2} \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p$ 7 $i \leftarrow 0 ; (I', z') \leftarrow \mathcal{A}_{\text{idl}}^{\text{CH}_2}(X; \rho)$ 8 $b' \leftarrow (g^{z'} = R_{I'} \cdot Y_{I'}^{c_{I'}})$ 9 If not b' then Return \perp 10 If $((I \neq I') \text{ or } (c_I = c'_I))$ then 11 Return \perp 12 $w \leftarrow (c_I - c'_I)^{-1}(z - z') \bmod p$ 13 Return w <p><u>CH₁(R):</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 14 $i \leftarrow i + 1 ; R_i \leftarrow R$ 15 Return c_i <p><u>CH₂(R):</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 16 $i \leftarrow i + 1 ; R'_i \leftarrow R$ 17 Return c'_i
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Figure 12: Games Gm₀, Gm₁, Gm₂ and adversary \mathcal{A}_{dl} for proof of Theorem 3.2. $\rho \leftarrow \text{rand}(\mathcal{A}_{\text{idl}})$ denotes sampling the random coins of \mathcal{A}_{idl} and assigning it to ρ .

D Proof of Theorem 3.2

Proof of Theorem 3.2: Consider game Gm₀ given in Fig. 12. Game Gm₀ pre-samples all the c_1, \dots, c_q values at line 2, but the game behaves otherwise exactly as $\text{Gm}_{\mathbb{G}, g, q}^{\text{idl}}(\mathcal{A}_{\text{idl}})$. We define $\Pr[\text{Gm}_0]$ to be the probability that the first component of the return value of Gm₀ is non-zero. Hence,

$$\Pr[\text{Gm}_0] = \mathbf{Adv}_{\mathbb{G}, g, q}^{\text{idl}}(\mathcal{A}_{\text{idl}}). \quad (29)$$

Next, consider Gm₁, which executes line 6 to 13 in addition to those executed by game Gm₀. Similar to Gm₀, we define $\Pr[\text{Gm}_1]$ to be the probability that the first component of the return value of Gm₁ is non-zero. We have constructed Gm₁ so that it is a forked run of Gm₀ (with c_1, \dots, c_q viewed as inputs) as defined by the forking lemma [6]. Specifically, line 8 to 10 freshly samples challenges c'_I, \dots, c'_{q_2} after the selected forgery index I before invoking \mathcal{A}_{idl} with these values programmed

into CH_2 . By the forking lemma, we have

$$\Pr[\text{Gm}_0] \leq \frac{q_2}{p} + \sqrt{q_2 \cdot \Pr[\text{Gm}_1]} . \quad (30)$$

We now move onto game Gm_2 , which rewrites the winning condition of Gm_1 into line 15 to 18. We claim that game Gm_2 returns `true` as long as game Gm_1 returns `true`. This is because if both flags b and b' are true, then

$$\begin{aligned} g^z &= R_i X^{c_i} \\ g^{z'} &= R_{i'} X^{c_{i'}} , \end{aligned}$$

where $i = i' > 0$. Notice that we also have $R_i = R_{i'}$, this is because the two runs of \mathcal{A}_{idl} has not diverged when R_i and $R_{i'}$ are supplied (since the first different value of $c_{i'}$ is only supplied after $R_{i'}$ is given). Hence, putting the two equations together, we have

$$X^{c_I - c'_I} = g^{z - z'} ,$$

which implies the the computed value of $w = (c_I - c'_I)^{-1}(z - z')$ (line 17) is the correct discrete log of X base g . As a result, Gm_2 must return `true` as well, and

$$\Pr[\text{Gm}_2] \geq \Pr[\text{Gm}_1] . \quad (31)$$

Finally, we construct adversary \mathcal{A}_{dl} , given in Fig. 12, such that

$$\Pr[\text{Gm}_2] = \mathbf{Adv}_{\mathbb{G},g}^{\text{dl}}(\mathcal{A}_{\text{dl}}) . \quad (32)$$

Adversary \mathcal{A}_{dl} forwards its target point X to \mathcal{A}_{idl} and simulates Gm_2 , starting from line 2 of Gm_2 and ending at line 17 of Gm_2 , before outputting the computed value of w as the discrete log of target point X . Putting the above equations together, we obtain the claim in the theorem. ■

E Proof of Theorem 3.3

Proof of Theorem 3.3: We recall the convention that representation of each of the group elements S and R are additionally supplied when oracles NWTAR and CH are called. Specifically, each of its NWTAR queries must be of the form

$$\text{NWTAR}(S, (s_1, s_2)) ,$$

such that $S = g^{s_1} X^{s_2}$. And each CH query must be of the form

$$\text{CH}(j_{\text{sel}}, R, (r_1, r_2)) ,$$

such that $R = g^{r_1} X^{r_2}$.

Consider game Gm_0 given in the left panel of Fig. 13. By construction, it is the game $\text{Gm}_{\mathbb{G},g,q_1,q_2}^{\text{xidl}}(\mathcal{A}_{\text{xidl}})$. Next, consider game Gm_1 , where the winning condition has been changed to checking that $(x = x')$, where x' is either computed on line 9 or 10 depending on whether $w = 0$. We claim that regardless of the value of w , game Gm_1 returns `true` as long as Gm_0 does (Gm_0 returns the boolean value b). We check this by cases. First, if $w = 0$, then the game sets x' to x if b is true, so Gm_1 also returns `true`. If $w \neq 0$, then observe that if b is true, then

$$g^z = R_I \cdot (S_J \cdot X^{e_J})^{c_I} .$$

Expanding this equation using the fact that $R_i = g^{r_{i,1}} X^{r_{i,1}}$ and $S_j = g^{s_{j,1}} X^{s_{j,2}}$, we get

$$g^z = g^{r_{I,1}} X^{r_{I,2}} \cdot (g^{s_{J,1}} X^{s_{J,2}} \cdot X^{e_J})^{c_I} ,$$

<u>Game Gm₀, Gm₁, Gm₂</u>	<u>Adversary $\mathcal{A}_{\text{dl}}(X)$:</u>
INIT:	
1 $x \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p ; X \leftarrow g^x$	1 $(I, z) \leftarrow \mathcal{A}_{\text{xidl}}^{\text{NWTAR}, \text{CH}}(X)$
2 $e_1, \dots, e_{q_1} \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p ; c_1, \dots, c_{q_2} \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p$	2 $J \leftarrow \text{TJ}[I]$
3 $(I, z) \leftarrow \mathcal{A}_{\text{xidl}}^{\text{NWTAR}, \text{CH}}(X)$	3 $w \leftarrow (r_2 + s_2 \cdot e_J \cdot c_I)$
4 $b \leftarrow (g^z = R_I \cdot Y_I^{c_I})$	4 If ($w = 0$) then $x' \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p$
5 <u>Gm₀:</u> Return b	5 Else
6 $w \leftarrow (r_{I,2} + (s_{I,2} + e_J) \cdot c_I)$	6 $v \leftarrow (z - r_{I,1} - s_{I,1} \cdot c)$
7 If ($w = 0$) then bad $\leftarrow \text{true}$	7 $x' \leftarrow v \cdot w^{-1} \pmod p$
8 <u>Gm₁:</u>	8 Return x'
9 If b then $x' \leftarrow x$	
10 Else $x' \leftarrow \perp$	
11 <u>Gm₂:</u> $x' \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p$	<u>NWTAR($S, (s_1, s_2)$):</u>
12 Else	9 $j \leftarrow j + 1 ; S_j \leftarrow S$
13 $v \leftarrow (z - r_{I,1} - s_{I,1} \cdot c)$	10 $s_{j,1} \leftarrow s_1 ; s_{j,2} \leftarrow s_2$
14 $x' \leftarrow v \cdot w^{-1} \pmod p$	11 $e_j \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p ; T_j \leftarrow S_j \cdot X^{e_j}$
15 <u>Gm₁, Gm₂:</u> Return $(x = x')$	12 Return e_j
<u>NWTAR($S, (s_1, s_2)$):</u>	<u>CH($j_{\text{sel}}, R, (r_1, r_2)$):</u>
16 $j \leftarrow j + 1 ; S_j \leftarrow S$	13 Requires $1 \leq j_{\text{sel}} \leq j$
17 $s_{j,1} \leftarrow s_1 ; s_{j,2} \leftarrow s_2$	14 $i \leftarrow i + 1 ; R_i \leftarrow R$
18 $e_j \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p ; T_j \leftarrow S_j \cdot X^{e_j}$	15 $r_{i,1} \leftarrow r_1 ; r_{i,2} \leftarrow r_2$
19 Return e_j	16 $Y_i \leftarrow T_{j_{\text{sel}}} ; \text{TJ}[i] \leftarrow j_{\text{sel}}$
<u>CH($j_{\text{sel}}, R, (r_1, r_2)$):</u>	17 $c_i \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p ; \text{Return } c_i$
20 Requires $1 \leq j_{\text{sel}} \leq j$	
21 $i \leftarrow i + 1 ; R_i \leftarrow R$	
22 $r_{i,1} \leftarrow r_1 ; r_{i,2} \leftarrow r_2$	
23 $Y_i \leftarrow T_{j_{\text{sel}}} ; \text{TJ}[i] \leftarrow j_{\text{sel}}$	
24 $c_i \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p ; \text{Return } c_i$	

Figure 13: Games Gm₀, Gm₁, Gm₂ and adversary \mathcal{A}_{dl} the proof of Theorem 3.3.

which means that

$$g^x = X = g^{(z - r_{I,1} - s_{I,1} \cdot c_I)w^{-1}} = g^{x'}.$$

Hence

$$\Pr[\text{Gm}_0] = \Pr[\text{Gm}_1]. \quad (33)$$

Next, consider game Gm₂, which sets x' differently if $w = 0$. We have

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr[\text{Gm}_1] &\leq \Pr[\text{Gm}_2] + \Pr[\text{Gm}_2 \text{ sets } \text{bad}] \\ &\leq \Pr[\text{Gm}_2] + \frac{q_1 + q_2}{p}. \end{aligned} \quad (34)$$

Above, the calculation of $\Pr[\text{Gm}_2 \text{ sets } \text{bad}]$ is justified as follows. First, the probability that $s_{j,2} + e_j = 0$ for any j is at most q_1/p , since e_j is uniform and independent of $s_{j,2}$. Second, assuming

<p><u>Game Gm₀, Gm₁, Gm₂</u></p> <p>INIT:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 $x \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p ; X \leftarrow g^x ; \rho \leftarrow \text{rand}(\mathcal{A}_{\text{xidl}})$ 2 $e_1, \dots, e_{q_1} \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p ; c_1, \dots, c_{q_2} \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p$ 3 $(I, z) \leftarrow \mathcal{A}_{\text{xidl}}^{\text{NwTAR}, \text{Ch}}(X; \rho)$ 4 $b \leftarrow (g^z = R_I \cdot Y_I^{c_I})$ 5 If not b then $I \leftarrow 0$ 6 <u>Gm₀:</u> Return $(I > 0)$ 7 For $i = 1, \dots, I - 1$ do $c'_i \leftarrow c_i$ 8 $i, j \leftarrow 0 ; c'_I, c'_{I+1}, \dots, c'_q \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p$ 9 $(I', z') \leftarrow \mathcal{A}_{\text{xidl}}^{\text{NwTAR}, \text{ChSim}}(X; \rho)$ 10 $b' \leftarrow (g^{z'} = R_{I'} \cdot Y_{I'}^{c'_I})$ 11 If not b' then $i' \leftarrow 0$ 12 $j \leftarrow \text{TJ}[I] ; j' \leftarrow \text{TJ}[I']$ 13 <u>Gm₁:</u> 14 Return $((I = I' > 0) \text{ and } (c_I \neq c'_I))$ 15 <u>Gm₂:</u> 16 If $((I \neq I') \text{ or } (c_I = c'_I))$ then 17 Return \perp 18 $w \leftarrow (c_I - c'_I)^{-1}(z - z') \bmod p$ 19 Return $(g^w = T_j)$ <p>NwTAR(S):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 20 $j \leftarrow j + 1 ; S_j \leftarrow S ; T_j \leftarrow S_j \cdot X^{e_j}$ 21 Return e_j <p>ChSim_i(j_{sel}, R): // $i \in \{1, 2\}$</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 22 $i \leftarrow i + 1 ; R_i \leftarrow R$ 23 $Y_i \leftarrow T_{j_{\text{sel}}} ; \text{TJ}[i] \leftarrow j_{\text{sel}}$ 24 <u>ChSim₁</u>: Return c_i 25 <u>ChSim₂</u>: Return c'_i 	<p>Adversary $\mathcal{A}_{\text{idl}}^{\text{Ch}}(X)$:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 $c_1, \dots, c_{q_2} \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p ; \rho \leftarrow \text{rand}(\mathcal{A}_{\text{xidl}})$ 2 $(I, z) \leftarrow \mathcal{A}_{\text{xidl}}^{\text{NwTAR}_1, \text{ChSim}_1}(X; \rho)$ 3 $b \leftarrow (g^z = R_I \cdot Y_I^{c_I})$ 4 If not b then Return \perp 5 For $i = 1, \dots, I - 1$ do $c'_i \leftarrow c_i$ 6 $i, j \leftarrow 0 ; c'_I, c'_{I+1}, \dots, c'_q \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p$ 7 $(I', z') \leftarrow \mathcal{A}_{\text{xidl}}^{\text{NwTAR}_2, \text{ChSim}_2}(X; \rho)$ 8 $b' \leftarrow (g^{z'} = R_{I'} \cdot Y_{I'}^{c_{I'}})$ 9 If not b' then Return \perp 10 If $((I \neq I') \text{ or } (c_I = c'_I))$ then 11 Return \perp 12 $j \leftarrow \text{TJ}[I] ; j' \leftarrow \text{TJ}[I']$ 13 $w \leftarrow (c_I - c'_I)^{-1}(z - z') \bmod p$ 14 Return (j, w) <p>NwTAR₁(S):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 15 $j \leftarrow j + 1 ; e_j \leftarrow \text{CH}(S) ; S_j \leftarrow S$ 16 $T_j \leftarrow S_j \cdot X^{e_j} ; \text{Return } e_j$ <p>NwTAR₂(S):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 17 $j \leftarrow j + 1$ 18 If not e_j then $e_j \leftarrow \text{CH}(S)$ 19 Return e_j <p>ChSim_i(j_{sel}, R) // $i \in \{1, 2\}$:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 20 $i \leftarrow i + 1 ; R_i \leftarrow R$ 21 $Y_i \leftarrow T_{j_{\text{sel}}} ; \text{TJ}[i] \leftarrow j_{\text{sel}}$ 22 <u>ChSim₁</u>: Return c_i 23 <u>ChSim₂</u>: Return c'_i
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Figure 14: Games Gm₀, Gm₁, Gm₂ and adversary \mathcal{A}_{idl} for proof of Theorem 3.4.

$s_{j,2} + e_j \neq 0$ for all j , then the probability that $r_{i,2} + (s_{\text{TJ}[i],2} + e_{\text{TJ}[i]}) \cdot c_i = 0$ for some i is at most q_2/p , since c_i is uniform and independent of $r_{i,2}$. Finally, we construct adversary \mathcal{A}_{dl} , given in the right panel of Fig. 13 such that

$$\Pr[\text{Gm}_2] = \mathbf{Adv}_{\mathbb{G}, g}^{\text{dl}}(\mathcal{A}_{\text{dl}}). \quad (35)$$

This is straight-forward, as \mathcal{A}_{dl} simulates NwTAR, CH and computes x' exactly as Gm₂. ▀

F Proof of Theorem 3.4

Proof of Theorem 3.4: Consider games Gm₀ given in Fig. 14. Game Gm₀ pre-samples all the e_j and c_i values at line 2 and 3, but the game behaves otherwise exactly as Gm _{\mathbb{G}, q_1, q_2} ($\mathcal{A}_{\text{xidl}}$). We

define $\Pr[\text{Gm}_0]$ to be the probability that the first component of the return value of Gm_0 is non-zero. Hence,

$$\Pr[\text{Gm}_0] = \mathbf{Adv}_{\mathbb{G}, g, q_1, q_2}^{\text{idl}}(\mathcal{A}_{\text{idl}}) . \quad (36)$$

Next, consider Gm_1 , which executes line 6 to 14 addition to those executed by game Gm_0 . Similar to Gm_0 , we define $\Pr[\text{Gm}_1]$ to be the probability that the first component of the return value of Gm_1 is non-zero. We have constructed Gm_1 so that it is a forked run of Gm_0 (with c_1, \dots, c_{q_2} viewed as inputs) as defined by the forking lemma [6]. Specifically, line 8 to 10 freshly samples challenges c'_1, \dots, c'_{q_2} after the selected forgery index i before invoking \mathcal{A}_{idl} with these values reprogrammed into CH . We remark that the values of e_1, \dots, e_{q_1} , which are outputs of NWTAR are *not* resampled across the two runs of \mathcal{A}_{idl} . By the forking lemma, we have

$$\Pr[\text{Gm}_0] \leq \frac{q_2}{p} + \sqrt{q_2 \cdot \Pr[\text{Gm}_1]} . \quad (37)$$

We now move onto game Gm_2 , which rewrites the winning condition of Gm_1 into line 16 to 19. We claim that game Gm_2 returns `true` as long as game Gm_1 returns `true`. This is because if both flags b and b' are true, then

$$\begin{aligned} g^z &= R_I Y_I^{c_I} \\ g^{z'} &= R_{I'} Y_{I'}^{c_{I'}} , \end{aligned}$$

where $I = I' > 0$. Notice that we also have $R_I = R_{I'}$, this is because the two runs of \mathcal{A}_{idl} has not diverged when R_I and $R_{I'}$ are supplied (since the first different value of $c_{j \text{ if } \text{forge}'}$ is only supplied after $R_{I'}$ is given). Via similar reasoning, $Y_I = Y_{I'} = T_J$. Hence, putting the two equations together, we have

$$Y_i^{c_i - c_{i'}} = g^{z - z'} ,$$

which implies the computed value of w (line 18) is the correct discrete log of T_J base g . As a result, Gm_2 must return `true` as well, and

$$\Pr[\text{Gm}_2] \geq \Pr[\text{Gm}_1] . \quad (38)$$

Finally, we construct adversary \mathcal{A}_{idl} , given in Fig. 14, such that

$$\Pr[\text{Gm}_2] = \mathbf{Adv}_{\mathbb{G}, g, q_1}^{\text{idl}}(\mathcal{A}_{\text{idl}}) . \quad (39)$$

Crucially, in the construction of \mathcal{A}_{idl} , NWTAR oracle need to be simulated differently for the two runs of \mathcal{A}_{idl} . In the first run, the oracle NWTAR_1 forwards the queries to CH (that is given to our reduction adversary from the game $\text{Gm}_{\mathbb{G}, g, q_1}^{\text{idl}}$), while recording the responses e_1, \dots, e_j . Then, in the second run, the oracle NWTAR_2 will return previously recorded values of e_1, \dots, e_j as long as they are available, and only starts to forward queries when it runs out of previously recorded ones. This is to simulate the behavior of Gm_2 , where there is one single fixed sequence of values e_1, \dots, e_{q_1} , used by the oracle NWTAR . Putting the above equations together, we obtain the claim in the theorem. ■

G Proof of Theorem 5.1

Proof of Theorem 5.1: The proof uses a game sequence. Our games will implement H_0, H_1 with lazy sampling, maintaining tables HF_0, HF_1 for this purpose. They will provide oracles $\text{SIGN}_1, \text{SIGN}_2$ for the first two rounds, but omit SIGN_3 , since this round returns to the adversary only a quantity it could itself compute already. In FIN (for example Figure 15) we assume the query is non-trivial,

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INIT: // Games Gm0–Gm7
1  $(pk, sk) \leftarrow \$ \text{MS.Kg}$  ; Return  $pk$ 

NS( $k, pk, m$ ): // Games [Gm0], Gm1
2  $u \leftarrow u + 1$  ;  $k_u \leftarrow k$  ;  $pk[1] \leftarrow pk$  ;  $pk_u \leftarrow pk$  ;  $m_u \leftarrow m$  ;  $n_u \leftarrow |pk|$ 
3  $\text{CommitStage}_u \leftarrow \text{true}$  ;  $r_{u,k} \leftarrow \$ \mathbb{Z}_p$  ;  $R_{u,k} \leftarrow g^{r_{u,k}}$  ;  $t_{u,k} \leftarrow \$ \{0,1\}^\ell$ 
4 If ( $\exists u' < u : R_{u,k_u} = R_{u',k_{u'}}$ ) then  $\text{bad} \leftarrow \text{true}$  ;  $t_{u,k_u} \leftarrow t_{u',k_{u'}}$ 
5 If ( $\text{HF}_0[(k, R_{u,1})] \neq \perp$ ) then  $\text{bad} \leftarrow \text{true}$  ;  $t_{u,k} \leftarrow \text{HF}_0[(k, R_{u,k})]$ 
6 Return  $t_{u,k}$ 

SIGN0( $s, t$ ): // Games Gm0, Gm1
7  $k \leftarrow k_s$  ;  $t[k] \leftarrow t_{s,k}$  ;  $t_s \leftarrow t$  ;  $\text{CommitStage}_s \leftarrow \text{false}$ 
8  $\text{HF}_0[(k, R_{s,k})] \leftarrow t_{s,k}$  ; Return  $R_{s,k}$ 

SIGN1( $s, R$ ): // Games Gm0, Gm1, Gm2
9  $k \leftarrow k_s$  ;  $R[k] \leftarrow R_{s,k}$ 
10 For  $i = 1, \dots, n_s$  do  $y_i \leftarrow H_0((i, R[i]))$ 
11 If ( $\exists i : y_i \neq t_s[i]$ ) then Return  $\perp$ 
12  $R_s \leftarrow \prod_{i=1}^{n_s} R[t]$  ;  $c_{s,k} \leftarrow H_1((k, R_s, pk_s, m_s))$  ;  $z_{s,k} \leftarrow sk \cdot c_{s,k} + r_{s,k}$ 
13 Return  $z_{s,k}$ 

H0( $x$ ): // Games [Gm0], Gm1
14 If ( $\text{HF}_0[x] \neq \perp$ ) then Return  $\text{HF}_0[x]$ 
15  $\text{HF}_0[x] \leftarrow \$ \{0,1\}^\ell$ 
16 If ( $\exists u' : x = (k_{u'}, R_{u',k_{u'}})$  and  $\text{CommitStage}_{u'}$ ) then
17      $\text{bad} \leftarrow \text{true}$  ;  $\text{HF}_0[x] \leftarrow t_{u',k_{u'}}$ 
18 Return  $\text{HF}_0[x]$ 

H1( $x$ ): // Games Gm0–Gm7
19 If ( $\text{HF}_1[x] \neq \perp$ ) then Return  $\text{HF}_1[x]$ 
20  $\text{HF}_1[x] \leftarrow \$ \mathbb{Z}_p$  ; Return  $\text{HF}_1[x]$ 

FIN( $pk, m, (R, z)$ ): // Games Gm0–Gm7
21  $n \leftarrow |pk|$ 
22 For  $i = 1, \dots, n$  do  $c_i \leftarrow H_1((i, R, pk, m))$ 
23  $X \leftarrow \prod_{i=1}^n pk[i]^{c_i}$  ; Return  $(g^z = RX)$ 

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Figure 15: Games Gm₀, Gm₁ for proof of Theorem 5.1. Some procedures will be included in later games, as indicated. A box around the name of a game following an oracle means the boxed code in that oracle is included in the game.

meaning lines 6,7 of Figure 5 return `true`, and these lines are thus omitted. We start with games Gm_0, Gm_1 in Figure 15. Game Gm_0 includes the boxed code, and we claim that

$$\mathbf{Adv}_{\text{MS}}^{\text{ms-uf}}(\mathcal{A}) = \Pr[\text{Gm}_0(\mathcal{A})]. \quad (40)$$

Let us explain. We wish to move to a game where signing queries are answered without using the secret key sk . Naturally, we expect, for this, to use the zero-knowledge property of the Schnorr scheme. But certain obstacles must be removed before we can do this, and this will take a few steps. The first obstacle we address is that the BN-commitment $t_{u,k} = H_0((k, R_{u,k}))$ may leak information about $R_{u,k}$. Rather than define $t_{u,k}$ in this way, games Gm_0, Gm_1 accordingly pick it at random at line 3. The reason for the boxed code at line 4 is that, under the “true” assignment $t_{u,k} = H_0((k, R_{u,k}))$, having $R_{u,k_u} = R_{u',k_{u'}}$ would imply $t_{u,k_u} = t_{u',k_{u'}}$. At line 8, now that the BN-commitments \mathbf{t} of all players are known, the games ensure that $t_{u,k}$ indeed equals $H_0((k, R_{u,k}))$. This is consistent with the real game only if the hash function was not already defined at this point, captured by setting `bad` at line 17. The boolean `CommitStage` ensures that `bad` is only set prior to the release of $R_{s,k}$, since the adversary can set it with probability one if it knows $R_{s,k}$. This justifies Eq. (40).

Games Gm_0, Gm_1 are identical-until-`bad`, so by the Fundamental Lemma of Game Playing [8]

$$\Pr[\text{Gm}_0(\mathcal{A})] \leq \Pr[\text{Gm}_1(\mathcal{A})] + \Pr[\text{Gm}_1(\mathcal{A}) \text{ sets } \text{bad}].$$

The probability of setting `bad` at line 4 is at most $(0 + 1 + \dots + q_s - 1)/p$, and the probabilities of setting `bad` at line 5 and line 17 are at most $q_s q_0/p$, so

$$\Pr[\text{Gm}_1(\mathcal{A}) \text{ sets } \text{bad}] \leq \frac{q_s(q_s - 1)}{2p} + \frac{2q_s q_0}{p} = \frac{q_s(4q_0 + q_s - 1)}{2p}.$$

Game Gm_2 changes the `NS`, `SIGN`, H_0 oracles as shown in Figure 16, maintaining the other oracles of Gm_1 from Figure 15. It drops redundant code, which allows it to move the choice of $R_{s,k}$ to line 28. At line 40, it also introduces a table `HI` to maintain an inverse of the hash function, but does not use this. We have

$$\Pr[\text{Gm}_1(\mathcal{A})] = \Pr[\text{Gm}_2(\mathcal{A})].$$

Game Gm_3 (oracles shown across Figures 16 and 15) aims to figure out the $R_{s,j}$ -values of parties $j \neq k$ before having to supply $R_{s,k}$, because we will later need these to program H_1 values. It does this by “inverting” the BN-commitments, meaning at line 30 it seeks inputs to H_0 that result in the BN-commitments in \mathbf{t} . If these cannot be found, then random values are chosen instead at line 31. (Not finding the inverses is not yet a bad event. It can happen with high probability. It becomes a bad event only at line 36 when the BN-commitments are verified.) The computation of t at that line is only to ensure that H_0 has been called; this variable will not be used. These steps do not change what the oracles return compared to Gm_2 , so we have

$$\Pr[\text{Gm}_2(\mathcal{A})] = \Pr[\text{Gm}_3(\mathcal{A})].$$

Moving to game Gm_4 , the change is only at line 36, which now includes the boxed code. The hope here is that the \mathbf{R}_s^* obtained at lines 30,31 is correct with high probability. The boxed code ensures that in Gm_4 , it is always correct. Since Gm_3, Gm_4 are identical-until-`bad` we have

$$\Pr[\text{Gm}_3(\mathcal{A})] \leq \Pr[\text{Gm}_4(\mathcal{A})] + \Pr[\text{Gm}_3(\mathcal{A}) \text{ sets } \text{bad}].$$

Line 36 can only set `bad` if $y_i = \mathbf{t}_s[i]$ for all i , due to line 35. So it is set only if there is a collision in H_0 -values, or no query hashing to $\mathbf{t}_s[i]$ was made prior to the latter being provided, but is made

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NS( $k, \mathbf{pk}, m$ ): // Games Gm2–Gm7
24  $u \leftarrow u + 1$  ;  $k_u \leftarrow k$  ;  $\mathbf{pk}[1] \leftarrow pk$  ;  $\mathbf{pk}_u \leftarrow \mathbf{pk}$  ;  $m_u \leftarrow m$  ;  $n_u \leftarrow |\mathbf{pk}|$ 
25  $t_{u,1} \leftarrow \$\{0,1\}^\ell$  ; Return  $t_{u,1}$ 

SIGN0( $s, t$ ): // Game Gm2
26  $t[1] \leftarrow t_{s,1}$  ;  $t_s \leftarrow t$  ;  $r_{s,1} \leftarrow \$\mathbb{Z}_p$  ;  $R_{s,1} \leftarrow g^{r_{s,1}}$  ; HF0[(1,  $R_{s,1}$ )]  $\leftarrow t_{s,1}$ 
27 Return  $R_{s,1}$ 

SIGN0( $s, t$ ): // Games Gm3, Gm4
28  $k \leftarrow k_s$  ;  $t[k] \leftarrow t_{s,k}$  ;  $t_s \leftarrow t$  ;  $r_{s,k} \leftarrow \$\mathbb{Z}_p$  ;  $R_{s,k} \leftarrow g^{r_{s,1}}$  ; HF0[( $k, R_{s,k}$ )]  $\leftarrow t_{s,k}$ 
29 For  $i = 1, \dots, n_s$  do
30 If (HI0[ $i, t_s[i]$ ]  $\neq \perp$ ) then  $\mathbf{R}_s^*[i] \leftarrow \text{HI}_0[i, t_s[i]]$ 
31 Else  $\mathbf{R}_s^*[i] \leftarrow \$\mathbb{G}$  ;  $t \leftarrow \text{H}_0((i, \mathbf{R}_s^*[i]))$ 
32 Return  $R_{s,k}$ 

SIGN1( $s, \mathbf{R}$ ): // Games Gm3, [Gm4]
33  $k \leftarrow k_s$  ;  $\mathbf{R}[k] \leftarrow R_{s,k}$ 
34 For  $i = 1, \dots, n_s$  do  $y_i \leftarrow \text{H}_0((i, \mathbf{R}[i]))$ 
35 If ( $\exists i : y_i \neq t_s[i]$ ) then Return  $\perp$ 
36 If ( $\mathbf{R} \neq \mathbf{R}_s^*$ ) then bad  $\leftarrow \text{true}$  ;  $\mathbf{R} \leftarrow \mathbf{R}_s^*$ 
37  $R_s \leftarrow \prod_{i=1}^{n_s} \mathbf{R}[i]$  ;  $c_{s,k} \leftarrow \text{H}_1((k, R_s, \mathbf{pk}_s, m_s))$  ;  $z_{s,k} \leftarrow sk \cdot c_{s,k} + r_{s,k}$ 
38 Return  $z_{s,k}$ 

H0( $x$ ): // Games Gm2–Gm7
39 If (HF0[ $x$ ]  $\neq \perp$ ) then Return HF0[ $x$ ]
40 HF0[ $x$ ]  $\leftarrow \$\{0,1\}^\ell$  ;  $(i, R) \leftarrow x$  ; HI0[ $i, \text{HF}_0[x]$ ]  $\leftarrow R$  ; Return HF0[ $x$ ]

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Figure 16: Games for proof of Theorem 5.1.

later. Thus

$$\Pr[\text{Gm}_3(\mathcal{A}) \text{ sets } \mathbf{bad}] \leq \frac{q_0^2 + nq_0}{2^\ell}. \quad (41)$$

In game Gm₄, the \mathbf{R} queried to SIGN₁ is the same as the \mathbf{R}^* determined in SIGN₀, allowing game Gm₅ (Figure 17) to move line 37 into SIGN₀ as line 45 and to simplify SIGN₁. We have

$$\Pr[\text{Gm}_4(\mathcal{A})] = \Pr[\text{Gm}_5(\mathcal{A})].$$

Now that R_s is determined prior to the release of R_{s,k_s} , it becomes possible to successfully program H₁ via the zero-knowledge simulation. Game Gm₆ of Figure 17 does this, setting **bad** at line 56 if the programming was precluded by the hash value already being defined, and including the boxed code to correct. We have

$$\Pr[\text{Gm}_5(\mathcal{A})] = \Pr[\text{Gm}_6(\mathcal{A})].$$

Games Gm₆, Gm₇ (Figure 17) are identical-until-**bad**, so

$$\Pr[\text{Gm}_6(\mathcal{A})] \leq \Pr[\text{Gm}_7(\mathcal{A})] + \Pr[\text{Gm}_7(\mathcal{A}) \text{ sets } \mathbf{bad}]. \quad (42)$$

When line 56 is executed, the adversary has as yet no information about R_s , which means

$$\Pr[\text{Gm}_7(\mathcal{A}) \text{ sets } \mathbf{bad}] \leq \frac{q_s q_1}{p}. \quad (43)$$

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SIGN0( $s, \mathbf{t}$ ): // Game Gm5
41  $k \leftarrow k_s ; \mathbf{t}[k] \leftarrow t_{s,k} ; \mathbf{t}_s \leftarrow \mathbf{t} ; r_{s,k} \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p ; R_{s,k} \leftarrow g^{r_{s,k}} ; \text{HF}_0[(k, R_{s,k})] \leftarrow t_{s,k}$ 
42 For  $i = 1, \dots, n_s$  do
43 If ( $\text{HI}_0[i, \mathbf{t}_s[i]] \neq \perp$ ) then  $\mathbf{R}_s^*[i] \leftarrow \text{HI}_0[i, \mathbf{t}_s[i]]$ 
44 Else  $\mathbf{R}_s^*[i] \leftarrow \mathbb{G} ; t \leftarrow \text{H}_0((i, \mathbf{R}_s^*[i]))$ 
45  $R_s \leftarrow \prod_{i=1}^{n_s} \mathbf{R}_s^*[i] ; c_{s,k} \leftarrow \text{H}_1((k, R_s, \mathbf{pk}_s, m_s)) ; z_{s,k} \leftarrow sk \cdot c_{s,k} + r_{s,k}$ 
46 Return  $R_{s,k}$ 

SIGN1( $s, \mathbf{R}$ ): // Game Gm5, Gm6, Gm7
47  $k \leftarrow k_s ; \mathbf{R}[k] \leftarrow R_{s,k}$ 
48 For  $i = 1, \dots, n_s$  do  $y_i \leftarrow \text{H}_0((i, \mathbf{R}[i]))$ 
49 If ( $\exists i : y_i \neq \mathbf{t}_s[i]$ ) then Return  $\perp$  else Return  $z_{s,k}$ 

SIGN0( $s, \mathbf{t}$ ): // Game [Gm6], Gm7
50  $k \leftarrow k_s ; \mathbf{t}[k] \leftarrow t_{s,k} ; \mathbf{t}_s \leftarrow \mathbf{t}$ 
51  $c_{s,k} \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p ; z_{s,k} \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p ; R_{s,k} \leftarrow g^{z_{s,k}} \mathbf{pk}^{-c_{s,k}} ; \text{HF}_0[(k, R_{s,k})] \leftarrow t_{s,k}$ 
52 For  $i = 1, \dots, n_s$  do
53 If ( $\text{HI}_0[i, \mathbf{t}_s[i]] \neq \perp$ ) then  $\mathbf{R}_s^*[i] \leftarrow \text{HI}_0[i, \mathbf{t}_s[i]]$ 
54 Else  $\mathbf{R}_s^*[i] \leftarrow \mathbb{G} ; t \leftarrow \text{H}_0((i, \mathbf{R}_s^*[i]))$ 
55  $R_s \leftarrow \prod_{i=1}^{n_s} \mathbf{R}_s^*[i]$ 
56 If ( $\text{HF}_1((k, R_s, \mathbf{pk}_s, m_s)) \neq \perp$ ) then  $\text{bad} \leftarrow \text{true} ; [c_{s,k} \leftarrow \text{HF}_1[(k, R_s, \mathbf{pk}_s, m_s)]]$ 
57  $\text{HF}_1[(k, R_s, \mathbf{pk}_s, m_s)] \leftarrow c_{s,k} ; \text{Return } R_{s,k}$ 

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Figure 17: Games for proof of Theorem 5.1.

We now build an adversary \mathcal{A}_{idl} so that

$$\mathbf{Adv}_{\mathbb{G},g,q}^{\text{idl}}(\mathcal{A}_{\text{idl}}) \geq \Pr[\text{Gm}_7(\mathcal{A}_{\text{ms}})]. \quad (44)$$

We specify \mathcal{A}_{idl} in Figure 18. It forwards the public key pk to \mathcal{A}_{ms} . Simulating signatures without knowing the secret key, as \mathcal{A}_{idl} needs to do, is now easy because the oracles of games Gm₇ already did this, and \mathcal{A}_{idl} can just use the same code. Line 17 to 19 programs the challenge c_k of the target public key by first deriving commitment R_k , which is then submitted to CH to derive c_k . Since Gm _{\mathbb{G},g,q} ^{idl} game also samples the challenge uniformly at random, this does not change the behavior of H₁. However, if a forgery $(\mathbf{pk}, m, (R, z))$, then it must be that

$$g^z = R \cdot \prod_{i=1}^{|\mathbf{pk}|} \mathbf{pk}[i]^{H_1(i, R, \mathbf{pk}, m)} = R_{j,k} \cdot \mathbf{pk}^{c_{j,k}}.$$

So \mathcal{A}_{idl} wins game Gm _{\mathbb{G},g,q} ^{idl}. Eq. (3) is obtained by putting the above all together. ▀

H Proof of Theorem 6.1

Let \mathbb{G} be a group of prime order p with generator g . Let $\text{MS} = \text{MuSig}[\mathbb{G}, g, \ell]$ be the associated MuSig multi-signature scheme. Let \mathcal{A}_{ms} be an adversary for game $\mathbf{G}_{\text{MS}}^{\text{ms-uf}}$ of Figure 5. We shall fix these quantities for the rest of the proof. The first lemma relates the advantage of \mathcal{A}_{ms} against $\mathbf{G}_{\text{MS}}^{\text{ms-uf}}$ to a simplified game Gm_{simp} (given in Fig. 19).

<u>Adversary $\mathcal{A}_{\text{idl}}^{\text{CH}}(pk)$:</u>
1 $(\mathbf{pk}, m, (R, z)) \leftarrow_{\$} \mathcal{A}^{\text{NS}, \text{SIGN}_0, \text{SIGN}_1, \text{H}_0, \text{H}_1}(pk)$; Return $(\text{TJ}[R], z)$
<u>NS(k, \mathbf{pk}, m):</u>
2 $u \leftarrow u + 1$; $k_u \leftarrow k$; $\mathbf{pk}[1] \leftarrow pk$; $\mathbf{pk}_u \leftarrow \mathbf{pk}$; $m_u \leftarrow m$; $n_u \leftarrow \mathbf{pk} $
3 $t_{u,k} \leftarrow_{\$} \{0, 1\}^\ell$; Return $t_{u,k}$
<u>SIGN_0(s, t):</u>
4 $k \leftarrow k_s$; $\mathbf{t}[k] \leftarrow t_{s,k}$; $\mathbf{t}_s \leftarrow \mathbf{t}$
5 $c_{s,k} \leftarrow_{\$} \mathbb{Z}_p$; $z_{s,k} \leftarrow_{\$} \mathbb{Z}_p$; $R_{s,k} \leftarrow g^{z_{s,k}} p k^{-c_{s,k}}$; $\text{HF}_0[(k, R_{s,k})] \leftarrow t_{s,k}$
6 For $i = 1, \dots, n_s$ do
7 If $(\text{HI}_0[i, \mathbf{t}_s[i]] \neq \perp)$ then $\mathbf{R}_s^*[i] \leftarrow \text{HI}_0[i, \mathbf{t}_s[i]]$
8 Else $\mathbf{R}_s^*[i] \leftarrow_{\$} \mathbb{G}$; $t \leftarrow \text{H}_0((i, \mathbf{R}_s^*[i]))$
9 $R_s \leftarrow \prod_{i=1}^{n_s} \mathbf{R}_s^*[i]$; $\text{HF}_1[(k, R_s, \mathbf{pk}_s, m_s)] \leftarrow c_{s,k}$; Return $R_{s,k}$
<u>SIGN_1(s, \mathbf{R}):</u>
10 $k \leftarrow k_s$; $\mathbf{R}[k] \leftarrow R_{s,k}$
11 For $i = 1, \dots, n_s$ do $y_i \leftarrow \text{H}_0((i, \mathbf{R}[i]))$
12 If $(\exists i : y_i \neq t_{s,i})$ then Return \perp else Return $z_{s,k}$
<u>H_0(x):</u>
13 If $(\text{HF}_0[x] \neq \perp)$ then Return $\text{HF}_0[x]$
14 $\text{HF}_0[x] \leftarrow_{\$} \{0, 1\}^\ell$; $(i, R) \leftarrow x$; $\text{HI}_0[i, \text{HF}_0[x]] \leftarrow R$; Return $\text{HF}_0[x]$
<u>H_1(x):</u>
15 If $(\text{HF}_1[x] \neq \perp)$ then Return $\text{HF}_1[x]$
16 $(k, R, \mathbf{pk}, m) \leftarrow x$; $\text{HF}_1[x] \leftarrow_{\$} \mathbb{Z}_p$
17 If $(\mathbf{pk}[k] = pk)$ then
18 $j \leftarrow j + 1$; For $i = 2, \dots, \mathbf{pk} $ do $c_i \leftarrow \text{H}_1((i, R, \mathbf{pk}, m))$
19 $R_{j,k} \leftarrow R \cdot \prod_{i \neq k} \mathbf{pk}[i]^{c_i}$; $\text{HF}_1[x] \leftarrow c_k \leftarrow \text{CH}(R_{j,k})$; $\text{TJ}[R] \leftarrow j$
20 Return $\text{HF}_1[x]$

Figure 18: Adversary \mathcal{A}_{idl} for Theorem 5.1.

Lemma H.1 Assume the execution of game $\mathbf{G}_{\text{MS}}^{\text{ms-uf}}$ with \mathcal{A}_{ms} has at most q_0, q_1, q_2, q_s distinct queries to $\text{H}_0, \text{H}_1, \text{H}_2, \text{NS}$, respectively, and the number of parties (length of verification-key vector) in queries to NS and FIN is at most n . Let $\alpha = q_s(4q_0 + 2q_1 + q_s) + 2q_1q_2$ and $\beta = q_0(q_0 + n)$. Then,

$$\mathbf{Adv}_{\text{MS}}^{\text{ms-uf}}(\mathcal{A}_{\text{ms}}) \leq \Pr[\text{Gm}_{\text{simp}}(\mathcal{A}_{\text{ms}})] + \frac{\alpha}{2p} + \frac{\beta}{2^\ell}. \quad (45)$$

The second lemma constructs the reduction adversary against $\text{Gm}_{\mathbb{G}, g, q_2, q_1}^{\text{xidl}}$.

Lemma H.2 Assume the execution of game $\mathbf{G}_{\text{MS}}^{\text{ms-uf}}$ with \mathcal{A}_{ms} has at most q_0, q_1, q_2, q_s distinct queries to $\text{H}_0, \text{H}_1, \text{H}_2, \text{NS}$, respectively. We construct an adversary $\mathcal{A}_{\text{xidl}}$ for game $\text{Gm}_{\mathbb{G}, g, q_2, q_1}^{\text{xidl}}$ (shown explicitly in Figure 24) such that

$$\Pr[\text{Gm}_{\text{simp}}(\mathcal{A}_{\text{ms}})] \leq \mathbf{Adv}_{\mathbb{G}, g, q_2, q_1}^{\text{xidl}}(\mathcal{A}_{\text{xidl}}). \quad (46)$$

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INIT:
1  $(pk, sk) \leftarrow \$ \text{MS.Kg}$  ; Return  $pk$ 

NS( $k, \mathbf{pk}, m$ ):
2  $u \leftarrow u + 1$  ;  $k_u \leftarrow k$  ;  $\mathbf{pk}[1] \leftarrow pk$  ;  $\mathbf{pk}_u \leftarrow \mathbf{pk}$  ;  $m_u \leftarrow m$  ;  $n_u \leftarrow |\mathbf{pk}|$ 
3  $t_{u,1} \leftarrow \$ \{0, 1\}^\ell$  ; Return  $t_{u,1}$ 

SIGN1( $s, \mathbf{R}$ ):
4  $k \leftarrow k_s$  ;  $\mathbf{R}[k] \leftarrow R_{s,k}$ 
5 For  $i = 1, \dots, n_s$  do  $y_i \leftarrow H_0((i, \mathbf{R}[i]))$ 
6 If ( $\exists i : y_i \neq t_s[i]$ ) then Return  $\perp$  else Return  $z_{s,k}$ 

SIGN0( $s, \mathbf{t}$ ):
7  $k \leftarrow k_s$  ;  $\mathbf{t}[k] \leftarrow t_{s,k}$  ;  $t_s \leftarrow \mathbf{t}$ 
8  $c_{s,k} \leftarrow \$ \mathbb{Z}_p$  ;  $z_{s,k} \leftarrow \$ \mathbb{Z}_p$  ;  $R_{s,k} \leftarrow g^{z_{s,k}} pk^{-c_{s,k}}$  ;  $\text{HF}_0[(k, R_{s,k})] \leftarrow t_{s,k}$ 
9 For  $i = 1, \dots, n_s$  do
10 If ( $\text{HI}_0[i, \mathbf{t}_s[i]] \neq \perp$ ) then  $\mathbf{R}_s^*[i] \leftarrow \text{HI}_0[i, \mathbf{t}_s[i]]$ 
11 Else  $\mathbf{R}_s^*[i] \leftarrow \$ \mathbb{G}$  ;  $t \leftarrow H_0((i, \mathbf{R}_s^*[i]))$ 
12  $R_s \leftarrow \prod_{i=1}^{n_s} \mathbf{R}_s^*[i]$ 
13  $\text{HF}_1[(k, R_s, \mathbf{pk}_s, m_s)] \leftarrow c_{s,k}$  ; Return  $R_{s,k}$ 

H0( $x$ ):
14 If ( $\text{HF}_0[x] \neq \perp$ ) then Return  $\text{HF}_0[x]$ 
15  $\text{HF}_0[x] \leftarrow \$ \{0, 1\}^\ell$  ;  $(i, R) \leftarrow x$  ;  $\text{HI}_0[i, \text{HF}_0[x]] \leftarrow R$  ; Return  $\text{HF}_0[x]$ 

H1( $x$ ):
16 If ( $\text{HF}_1[x] \neq \perp$ ) then Return  $\text{HF}_1[x]$ 
17  $(R, apk, m) \leftarrow x$  ;  $\text{TV}[apk] \leftarrow \text{TV}[apk] \cup \{x\}$ 
18  $\text{HF}_1[x] \leftarrow \$ \mathbb{Z}_p$  ; Return  $\text{HF}_1[x]$ 

H2( $x$ ):
19 If ( $\text{HF}_2[x] \neq \perp$ ) then Return  $\text{HF}_2[x]$ 
20  $(k, \mathbf{pk}) \leftarrow x$  ; For  $i = 1, \dots, |\mathbf{pk}|$  do  $\text{HF}_2[(i, \mathbf{pk})] \leftarrow e_i \leftarrow \$ \mathbb{Z}_p$ 
21  $apk \leftarrow \prod_{i=1}^{|\mathbf{pk}|} \mathbf{pk}[i]^{e_i}$  ; For  $y \in \text{TV}[apk]$  do  $\text{HF}_1[y] \leftarrow \perp$ 
22 Return  $\text{HF}_2[x]$ 

FIN( $\mathbf{pk}, m, (R, z)$ ):
23 For  $i = 1, \dots, |\mathbf{pk}|$  do  $c_i \leftarrow H_1((i, R, \mathbf{pk}, m))$  ;  $e_i \leftarrow H_2((i, \mathbf{pk}))$ 
24  $X \leftarrow \prod_{i=1}^{|\mathbf{pk}|} \mathbf{pk}[i]^{e_i \cdot c_i}$  ; Return  $(g^z = RX)$ 

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Figure 19: Game Gm_{simp} for proof of Theorem 6.1.

Proof of Lemma H.1:

The proof uses a game sequence. Our games will implement H_0, H_1, H_2 with lazy sampling, maintaining tables $\text{HF}_0, \text{HF}_1, \text{HF}_2$ for this purpose. They will provide oracles $SIGN_0, SIGN_1$ while omitting $SIGN_2$, since this round returns to the adversary only a quantity it could itself compute already. In FIN (for example Figure 20) we assume the query is non-trivial, meaning lines 6,7 of Figure 5 return true , and these lines are thus omitted. We start with games Gm_0, Gm_1 in Figure 20. Game

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INIT: // Games Gm0–Gm9
1  $(pk, sk) \leftarrow \$ \text{MS.Kg}$  ; Return  $pk$ 

NS( $k, \mathbf{pk}, m$ ): // Games [Gm0], Gm1
2  $u \leftarrow u + 1$  ;  $k_u \leftarrow k$  ;  $\mathbf{pk}[k] \leftarrow pk$  ;  $\mathbf{pk}_u \leftarrow \mathbf{pk}$ 
3  $m_u \leftarrow m$  ;  $n_u \leftarrow |\mathbf{pk}|$  ; CommitStageu  $\leftarrow \text{true}$ 
4  $r_{u,k} \leftarrow \$ \mathbb{Z}_p$  ;  $R_{u,k} \leftarrow g^{r_{u,k}}$  ;  $t_{u,k} \leftarrow \$ \{0, 1\}^\ell$ 
5 If ( $\exists u' < u : R_{u,k_u} = R_{u',k_{u'}}$ ) then  $\text{bad} \leftarrow \text{true}$  ;  $t_{u,k_u} \leftarrow t_{u',k_{u'}}$ 
6 If ( $\text{HF}_0[(k, R_{u,k})] \neq \perp$ ) then  $\text{bad} \leftarrow \text{true}$  ;  $t_{u,k} \leftarrow \text{HF}_0[(k, R_{u,k})]$ 
7 Return  $t_{u,k}$ 

SIGN0( $s, \mathbf{t}$ ): // Games Gm0, Gm1
8  $\mathbf{t}[k] \leftarrow t_{s,k}$  ;  $t_s \leftarrow \mathbf{t}$  ; CommitStages  $\leftarrow \text{false}$ 
9  $\text{HF}_0[(k, R_{s,k})] \leftarrow t_{s,k}$  ; Return  $R_{s,k}$ 

SIGN1( $s, \mathbf{R}$ ): // Games Gm0, Gm1, Gm2
10  $\mathbf{R}[k] \leftarrow R_{s,k}$ 
11 For  $i = 1, \dots, n_s$  do  $y_i \leftarrow H_0((i, \mathbf{R}[i]))$ 
12 If ( $\exists i : y_i \neq t_s[i]$ ) then Return  $\perp$ 
13  $R_s \leftarrow \prod_{i=1}^{n_s} \mathbf{R}[i]$  ;  $c_{s,k} \leftarrow H_1((k, R_s, \mathbf{pk}_s, m_s))$  ;  $z_{s,k} \leftarrow sk \cdot c_{s,k} + r_{s,k}$ 
14 Return  $z_{s,k}$ 

H0( $x$ ): // Games [Gm0], Gm1
15 If ( $\text{HF}_0[x] \neq \perp$ ) then Return  $\text{HF}_0[x]$ 
16  $\text{HF}_0[x] \leftarrow \$ \{0, 1\}^\ell$  ; If ( $\exists u' : x = (k_{u'}, R_{u',k_{u'}})$  and CommitStageu') then
17      $\text{bad} \leftarrow \text{true}$  ;  $\text{HF}_0[x] \leftarrow t_{u',k_{u'}}$ 
18 Return  $\text{HF}_0[x]$ 

H1( $x$ ): // Games Gm0–Gm7
19 If ( $\text{HF}_1[x] \neq \perp$ ) then Return  $\text{HF}_1[x]$ 
20  $\text{HF}_1[x] \leftarrow \$ \mathbb{Z}_p$  ; Return  $\text{HF}_1[x]$ 

H2( $x$ ): // Games Gm0–Gm7
21 If ( $\text{HF}_2[x] \neq \perp$ ) then Return  $\text{HF}_2[x]$ 
22  $\text{HF}_2[x] \leftarrow \$ \mathbb{Z}_p$  ; Return  $\text{HF}_2[x]$ 

FIN( $k, \mathbf{pk}, m, (R, z)$ ): // Games Gm0–Gm9
23 For  $i = 1, \dots, |\mathbf{pk}|$  do  $c_i \leftarrow H_1((i, R, \mathbf{pk}, m))$  ;  $e_i \leftarrow H_2((i, \mathbf{pk}))$ 
24  $X \leftarrow \prod_{i=1}^{|\mathbf{pk}|} \mathbf{pk}[i]^{e_i \cdot c_i}$  ; Return  $(g^z = RX)$ 

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Figure 20: Games Gm₀, Gm₁ for proof of Theorem 6.1. Some procedures will be included in later games, as indicated. A box around the name of a game following an oracle means the boxed code in that oracle is included in the game.

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NS( $k, \mathbf{pk}, m$ ): // Games Gm2–Gm9
25  $u \leftarrow u + 1$  ;  $k_u \leftarrow k$  ;  $\mathbf{pk}[.] \leftarrow pk$  ;  $\mathbf{pk}_u \leftarrow \mathbf{pk}$  ;  $m_u \leftarrow m$  ;  $n_u \leftarrow |\mathbf{pk}|$ 
26  $t_{u,k} \leftarrow \$\{0,1\}^\ell$  ; Return  $t_{u,k}$ 

SIGN0( $s, t$ ): // Game Gm2
27  $k \leftarrow k_s$  ;  $\mathbf{t}[.] \leftarrow t_{s,k}$  ;  $\mathbf{t}_s \leftarrow \mathbf{t}$  ;  $r_{s,k} \leftarrow \$\mathbb{Z}_p$  ;  $R_{s,k} \leftarrow g^{r_{s,k}}$  ; HF0[( $k, R_{s,k}$ )]  $\leftarrow t_{s,k}$ 
28 Return  $R_{s,k}$ 

SIGN0( $s, t$ ): // Games Gm3, Gm4
29  $k \leftarrow k_s$  ;  $\mathbf{t}[k] \leftarrow t_{s,k}$  ;  $\mathbf{t}_s \leftarrow \mathbf{t}$  ;  $r_{s,k} \leftarrow \$\mathbb{Z}_p$  ;  $R_{s,k} \leftarrow g^{r_{s,k}}$  ; HF0[( $k, R_{s,k}$ )]  $\leftarrow t_{s,k}$ 
30 For  $i = 1, \dots, n_s$  do
31 If (HI0[ $i, \mathbf{t}_s[i]$ ]  $\neq \perp$ ) then  $\mathbf{R}_s^*[i] \leftarrow \text{HI}_0[i, \mathbf{t}_s[i]]$ 
32 Else  $\mathbf{R}_s^*[i] \leftarrow \$\mathbb{G}$  ;  $t \leftarrow H_0((i, \mathbf{R}_s^*[i]))$ 
33 Return  $R_{s,k}$ 

SIGN1( $s, \mathbf{R}$ ): // Games Gm3, [Gm4]
34  $\mathbf{R}[k] \leftarrow R_{s,k}$ 
35 For  $i = 1, \dots, n_s$  do  $y_i \leftarrow H_0((i, \mathbf{R}[i]))$ 
36 If ( $\exists i : y_i \neq \mathbf{t}_s[i]$ ) then Return  $\perp$ 
37 If ( $\mathbf{R} \neq \mathbf{R}_s^*$ ) then bad  $\leftarrow \text{true}$  ;  $\mathbf{R} \leftarrow \mathbf{R}_s^*$ 
38  $R_s \leftarrow \prod_{i=1}^{n_s} \mathbf{R}[i]$  ;  $c_{s,k} \leftarrow H_1((k, R_s, \mathbf{pk}_s, m_s))$  ;  $z_{s,k} \leftarrow sk \cdot c_{s,k} + r_{s,k}$ 
39 Return  $z_{s,k}$ 

H0( $x$ ): // Games Gm2–Gm9
40 If (HF0[ $x$ ]  $\neq \perp$ ) then Return HF0[ $x$ ]
41 HF0[ $x$ ]  $\leftarrow \$\{0,1\}^\ell$  ;  $(i, R) \leftarrow x$  ; HI0[ $i, \text{HF}_0[x]$ ]  $\leftarrow R$  ; Return HF0[ $x$ ]

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Figure 21: Games for proof of Theorem 6.1.

Gm₀ includes the boxed code, and we claim that

$$\mathbf{Adv}_{\text{MS}}^{\text{ms-uf}}(\mathcal{A}) = \Pr[\text{Gm}_0(\mathcal{A})]. \quad (47)$$

Games Gm₀, Gm₁ are identical-until-**bad**, so by the Fundamental Lemma of Game Playing [8]

$$\Pr[\text{Gm}_0(\mathcal{A})] \leq \Pr[\text{Gm}_1(\mathcal{A})] + \Pr[\text{Gm}_1(\mathcal{A}) \text{ sets } \mathbf{bad}].$$

The probability of setting **bad** at line 4 is at most $(0 + 1 + \dots + q_s - 1)/p$, while the probabilities of setting it at line 5 and 15 are at most $q_s q_0/p$ so

$$\Pr[\text{Gm}_1(\mathcal{A}) \text{ sets } \mathbf{bad}] \leq \frac{q_s(q_s - 1)}{2p} + 2 \cdot \frac{q_s q_0}{p} = \frac{q_s(4q_0 + q_s - 1)}{2p}.$$

Game Gm₂ changes the NS, SIGN₀, H₀ oracles as shown in Figure 21, maintaining the other oracles of Gm₁ from Figure 20. It drops redundant code, which allows it to move the choice of $R_{s,1}$ to line 29. At line 31, it also introduces a table HI to maintain an inverse of the hash function, but does not yet use this. We have

$$\Pr[\text{Gm}_1(\mathcal{A})] = \Pr[\text{Gm}_2(\mathcal{A})].$$

Game Gm₃ (oracles shown across Figures 21 and 20) aims to figure out the $R_{s,j}$ -values of parties $j \neq k$ before having to supply $R_{s,k}$, because we will later need these to program H₁ values. It does this by “inverting” the BN-commitments, meaning at line 27 it seeks inputs to H₀ that result in the

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SIGN0( $s, \mathbf{t}$ ): // Game Gm5
42  $k \leftarrow k_s ; \mathbf{t}[k] \leftarrow t_{s,k} ; \mathbf{t}_s \leftarrow \mathbf{t} ; r_{s,k} \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p ; R_{s,k} \leftarrow g^{r_{s,k}} ; \text{HF}_0[(k, R_{s,k})] \leftarrow t_{s,k}$ 
43 For  $i = 1, \dots, n_s$  do
44 If ( $\text{HI}_0[i, \mathbf{t}_s[i]] \neq \perp$ ) then  $\mathbf{R}_s^*[i] \leftarrow \text{HI}_0[i, \mathbf{t}_s[i]]$ 
45 Else  $\mathbf{R}_s^*[i] \leftarrow \mathbb{G} ; t \leftarrow \text{H}_0((i, \mathbf{R}_s^*[i]))$ 
46  $R_s \leftarrow \prod_{i=1}^{n_s} \mathbf{R}_s^*[i] ; c_{s,k} \leftarrow \text{H}_1((k, R_s, \mathbf{pk}_s, m_s)) ; z_{s,k} \leftarrow sk \cdot c_{s,k} + r_{s,k}$ 
47 Return  $R_{s,k}$ 

SIGN1( $s, \mathbf{R}$ ): // Game Gm5–Gm9
48  $k \leftarrow k_s ; \mathbf{R}[k] \leftarrow R_{s,k}$ 
49 For  $i = 1, \dots, n_s$  do  $y_i \leftarrow \text{H}_0((i, \mathbf{R}[i]))$ 
50 If ( $\exists i : y_i \neq \mathbf{t}_s[i]$ ) then Return  $\perp$  else Return  $z_{s,k}$ 

SIGN0( $s, \mathbf{t}$ ): // Game [Gm6], Gm7–Gm9
51  $k \leftarrow k_s ; \mathbf{t}[k] \leftarrow t_{s,k} ; \mathbf{t}_s \leftarrow \mathbf{t}$ 
52  $c_{s,k} \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p ; z_{s,k} \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p ; R_{s,k} \leftarrow g^{z_{s,k}} p k^{-c_{s,k}} ; \text{HF}_0[(k, R_{s,k})] \leftarrow t_{s,k}$ 
53 For  $i = 1, \dots, n_s$  do
54 If ( $\text{HI}_0[i, \mathbf{t}_s[i]] \neq \perp$ ) then  $\mathbf{R}_s^*[i] \leftarrow \text{HI}_0[i, \mathbf{t}_s[i]]$ 
55 Else  $\mathbf{R}_s^*[i] \leftarrow \mathbb{G} ; t \leftarrow \text{H}_0((i, \mathbf{R}_s^*[i]))$ 
56  $R_s \leftarrow \prod_{i=1}^{n_s} \mathbf{R}_s^*[i]$ 
57 If ( $\text{HF}_1((k, R_s, \mathbf{pk}_s, m_s)) \neq \perp$ ) then  $\text{bad} \leftarrow \text{true} ; [c_{s,k} \leftarrow \text{HF}_1((k, R_s, \mathbf{pk}_s, m_s))]$ 
58  $\text{HF}_1((k, R_s, \mathbf{pk}_s, m_s)) \leftarrow c_{s,k} ; \text{Return } R_{s,k}$ 

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Figure 22: Games for proof of Theorem 6.1.

BN-commitments in \mathbf{t} . If these cannot be found, then random values are chosen instead at line 37. (Not finding the inverses is not yet a bad event. It can happen with high probability. It becomes a bad event only at line 37 when the BN-commitments are verified.) The computation of t at that line is only to ensure that H_0 has been called; this variable will not be used. These steps do not change what the oracles return compared to Gm₂, so we have

$$\Pr[\text{Gm}_2(\mathcal{A})] = \Pr[\text{Gm}_3(\mathcal{A})].$$

Moving to game Gm₄, the change is only at line 33, which now includes the boxed code. The hope here is that the \mathbf{R}_s^* obtained at lines 32,33 is correct with high probability. The boxed code ensures that in Gm₄, it is always correct. Since Gm₃, Gm₄ are identical-until-bad we have

$$\Pr[\text{Gm}_3(\mathcal{A})] \leq \Pr[\text{Gm}_4(\mathcal{A})] + \Pr[\text{Gm}_3(\mathcal{A}) \text{ sets } \text{bad}].$$

Line 38 can only set **bad** if $y_i = \mathbf{t}_s[i]$ for all i , due to line 37. So it is set only if there is a collision in H_0 -values, or no query hashing to $\mathbf{t}_s[i]$ was made prior to the latter being provided, but is made later. Thus

$$\Pr[\text{Gm}_3(\mathcal{A}) \text{ sets } \text{bad}] \leq \frac{q_0^2 + nq_0}{2^\ell}. \quad (48)$$

In game Gm₄, the \mathbf{R} queried to SIGN₁ is the same as the \mathbf{R}^* determined in SIGN₀, allowing game Gm₅ (Figure 22) to move line 38 into SIGN₀ as line 46 and to simplify SIGN₁. We have

$$\Pr[\text{Gm}_4(\mathcal{A})] = \Pr[\text{Gm}_5(\mathcal{A})].$$

Now that R_s is determined prior to the release of R_{s,k_s} , it becomes possible to successfully program

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H1(x): // Game Gm8, Gm9
59 If (HF1[x] ≠ ⊥) then Return HF1[x]
60 (R, apk, m) ← x ; TV[apk] ← TV[apk] ∪ {x}
61 HF1[x] ←s Zp ; Return HF1[x]

H2(x): // Game Gm8, [Gm9]
62 If (HF2[x] ≠ ⊥) then Return HF2[x]
63 (·, pk) ← x ; For i = 1, …, |pk| do HF2[(i, pk)] ← ei ←s Zp
64 apk ←  $\prod_{i=1}^{|pk|} pk[i]^{e_i}$ 
65 If TV[apk] ≠ ⊥ then
66   bad ← true ; [For y ∈ TV[apk] do HF1[y] ← ⊥]
67 Return HF2[x]

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Figure 23: Games for proof of Theorem 6.1.

H₁ via the zero-knowledge simulation. Game Gm₆ of Figure 22 does this, setting `bad` at line 57 if the programming was precluded by the hash value already being defined, and including the boxed code to correct. We have

$$\Pr[Gm_5(\mathcal{A})] = \Pr[Gm_6(\mathcal{A})].$$

Games Gm₆, Gm₇ (Figure 22) are identical-until-`bad`, so

$$\Pr[Gm_6(\mathcal{A})] \leq \Pr[Gm_7(\mathcal{A})] + \Pr[Gm_7(\mathcal{A}) \text{ sets } \text{bad}]. \quad (49)$$

When line 57 is executed, the adversary has as yet no information about R_s, which means

$$\Pr[Gm_7(\mathcal{A}) \text{ sets } \text{bad}] \leq \frac{q_s q_1}{p}. \quad (50)$$

Moving on, let us consider games Gm₈ and Gm₉ in Fig. 23, which differ from Gm₇ in modifications to oracles H₁ and H₂. Oracle H₁ now keeps track of a table TV, that stores for each aggregate key apk the set of H₁ queries that contain it. It otherwise behave identically to Gm₇.H₁. Oracle Gm₈.H₂ does not contain the boxed code, which makes the oracle behave identically to Gm₇.H₂. So, we have

$$\Pr[Gm_7(\mathcal{A})] = \Pr[Gm_8(\mathcal{A})]. \quad (51)$$

By construction, Gm₇ and Gm₈ are identical-until-`bad`, hence

$$\Pr[Gm_8(\mathcal{A})] \leq \Pr[Gm_9(\mathcal{A})] + \Pr[Gm_8 \text{ sets } \text{bad}] \quad (52)$$

$$\leq \Pr[Gm_9(\mathcal{A})] + \frac{q_1 q_2}{p}, \quad (53)$$

where the last inequality is by the fact that each H₂ query has probability at most q₁/p of setting `bad`. Lastly, we note that Gm₉ and Gm_{simp} are identical. This completes the proof of Lemma H.1. ■

Proof of Lemma H.2: Consider $\mathcal{A}_{\text{xidl}}$ in Figure 24. It forwards the public key pk to \mathcal{A}_{ms} . Simulating signatures without knowing the secret key can be done exactly as Gm_{simp}. To break Gm_{G,g,q₂,q₁}^{xidl}, our adversary $\mathcal{A}_{\text{xidl}}$ needs to program H₁ and H₂. For each H₂ query, Line 10 to 12 programs the response e_j for the target public key by first deriving commitment $S = \prod_{i \neq k} pk[i]^{e_i}$, which is then submitted to NWTAR to derive e_k that is returned as the response. By construction, the corresponding aggregate public key $apk = S \cdot pk^{e_k}$ is exactly the target T_j recorded by Gm_{G,g,q₂,q₁}^{xidl} for this NWTAR query. For each H₁ query, our adversary first uses the aggregate public key apk

<p>Adversary $\mathcal{A}_{\text{xidl}}^{\text{CH}}(pk)$:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 $(\mathbf{pk}, m, (R, z)) \leftarrow \mathcal{A}^{\text{NS}, \text{SIGN}_0, \text{SIGN}_1, H_0, H_1, H_2}(pk)$ 2 $apk \leftarrow \prod_{i=1}^{ \mathbf{pk} } \mathbf{pk}[i]^{\text{H}_2((i, \mathbf{pk}))}$; Return $(\text{TI}[(apk, R, m)], z)$ <p><u>H₁(x):</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3 If $(\text{HF}_1[x] \neq \perp)$ then Return $\text{HF}_1[x]$ 4 $(R, apk, m) \leftarrow x$; $\text{TV}[apk] \leftarrow \text{TV} \cup \{x\}$ 5 If $(\text{TJ}[apk] = \perp)$ then Return $\text{HF}_1[x] \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p$ 6 $\iota \leftarrow \iota + 1$; $\text{TI}[x] \leftarrow \iota$ 7 $\text{HF}_1[x] \leftarrow c_\iota \leftarrow \text{CH}(\text{TJ}[apk], R)$; Return $\text{HF}_1[x]$ <p><u>H₂(x):</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8 If $(\text{HF}_2[x] \neq \perp)$ then Return $\text{HF}_2[x]$ 9 $(\cdot, \mathbf{pk}) \leftarrow x$; If $(pk \notin \mathbf{pk})$ then Return $\text{HF}_2[x] \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p$ 10 $j \leftarrow j + 1$; $k \leftarrow \text{minInd}(pk, \mathbf{pk})$; If $(x \neq (k, \mathbf{pk}))$ then Return $\text{HF}_2[x] \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p$ 11 $S \leftarrow \prod_{i \neq k} \mathbf{pk}[i]^{\text{H}_2((i, \mathbf{pk}))}$ 12 $\text{HF}_2[x] \leftarrow e_j \leftarrow \text{NWTR}(S)$; $apk \leftarrow S \cdot pk^{e_j}$; $\text{TJ}[apk] \leftarrow j$ 13 For $y \in \text{TV}[apk]$ do $\text{HF}_1[y] \leftarrow \perp$ 14 Return $\text{HF}_2[x]$

Figure 24: Adversary $\mathcal{A}_{\text{xidl}}$ for Theorem 6.1. Oracles NS, SIGN₀, SIGN₁, H₀ are copied from game Gm_{simpl} (Fig. 19).

find the corresponding H₂ query via table TJ. If possible, then the adversary proceeds to program in a challenge using the challenge oracle CH of XIDL. If this is not possible, the adversary simply simulates H₁ honestly. If a forgery $(\mathbf{pk}, m, (R, z))$ is valid, then it must be that

$$g^z = R \cdot \prod_{i=1}^{|\mathbf{pk}|} apk^{\text{H}_1((R, apk, m))},$$

where $apk = \prod_{i=1}^{|\mathbf{pk}|} \mathbf{pk}[i]^{\text{H}_2((i, \mathbf{pk}))}$. Observe that call involving a fresh vector \mathbf{pk} to oracle H₂ erases the table HF₁ at every entry associated with the derived apk. Hence, our adversary can use the above relation to directly break XIDL. In other words, the value of z included in the forgery makes the following equation true in game Gm_{G,g,q₂,q₁}^{xidl}, $g^z = R \cdot T_j^{c_i}$, where $j = \text{TJ}[apk]$ and $i = \text{TI}[(R, apk, m)]$. This justifies Equation (46). ▀

I Proof of Theorem 7.1

The first step in the proof is to move from the security game $\mathbf{G}_{\text{MS}}^{\text{ms-uf}}$ to a game where the signing oracles can be simulated without the target secret key. We encapsulate this in the lemma below, which works strictly in the standard model, meaning it does not require adversaries involved to be algebraic. This allows our latter standard model proof of security for HBMS to also rely on this lemma.

Lemma I.1 *Let \mathbb{G} be a group of prime order p with generator g . Let $\text{MS} = \text{HBMS}[\mathbb{G}, g]$ be the scheme specified in Fig. 9. Let \mathcal{A}_{ms} be an adversary for game $\mathbf{G}_{\text{MS}}^{\text{ms-uf}}$ of Fig. 5. Assume the execution of game $\mathbf{G}_{\text{MS}}^{\text{ms-uf}}$ with \mathcal{A}_{ms} has at most q_0, q_1, q_2 distinct queries to H₀, H₁, H₂ respectively.*

<p><u>Game Gm_0, $\text{Gm}_{1,\rho}$, $\text{Gm}_{2,\rho}$</u></p> <p>INIT:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 $(pk, sk) \leftarrow \\$ \text{MS.Kg}$; Return pk <p><u>NS(k, \mathbf{pk}, m):</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2 $\mathbf{pk}[k] \leftarrow pk$; $u \leftarrow u + 1$ 3 $k_u \leftarrow k$; $m_u \leftarrow m$ 4 $\mathbf{pk}_u \leftarrow \mathbf{pk}$; $h \leftarrow \\$ H_0((\mathbf{pk}, m))$ 5 $apk_u \leftarrow \prod_i^n pk_i^{H_2((i, \mathbf{pk}))}$ 6 $a_u, b_u \leftarrow \\$ \mathbb{Z}_p$; $T_{u,k} \leftarrow g^{a_u} h^{b_u}$ 7 Return $T_{u,k}$ <p><u>SIGN₁(v, \mathbf{in}):</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8 $(T_{v,1}, \dots, T_{v,n}) \leftarrow \mathbf{in}$; $T_v \leftarrow \prod_{i=1}^n T_{v,i}$ 9 $c_v \leftarrow H_1((T_v, apk_v, m_v))$ 10 $e_v \leftarrow H_2((k_v, \mathbf{pk}))$ 11 <u>Gm₀:</u> 12 $z_v \leftarrow a_v + sk \cdot e_v \cdot c_v \pmod p$ 13 $s_v \leftarrow b_v$ 14 <u>Gm_{1,ρ}, Gm_{2,ρ}:</u> 15 $(w, \beta_g, \beta_{pk}) \leftarrow \text{TH}[(\mathbf{pk}_v, m_v)]$ 16 If $(w \neq pk)$ then abort 17 $s_v \leftarrow b_v + e_v \cdot c_v \cdot \beta_{pk}^{-1} \pmod p$ 18 $z_v \leftarrow a_v + \beta_g \cdot b_v - \beta_g \cdot s_v \pmod p$ 19 Return (s_v, z_v) <p><u>SIGN₂(v, \mathbf{in}):</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 20 $(t_1, \dots, t_n) \leftarrow \mathbf{in}$; $t \leftarrow \sum_i t_i$ 21 $(s, z) \leftarrow t$; Return (T_v, s, z) 	<p>$H_0(x)$: // Gm_0</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 22 If $\text{HF}_0[x] = \perp$ then $\text{HF}_0[x] \leftarrow \\$ \mathbb{G}$ 23 Return $\text{HF}_0[x]$ <p>$H_0(x)$: // $\text{Gm}_{1,\rho}, \text{Gm}_{2,\rho}$</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 24 If $\text{HF}_0[x] \neq \perp$ then Return $\text{HF}_0[x]$ 25 $\beta_g \leftarrow \\$ \mathbb{Z}_p$; $\beta_{pk} \leftarrow \\$ \mathbb{Z}_p^*$ 26 If $(\text{Coin}(\rho) = 1)$ then 27 $\text{HF}_0[x] \leftarrow g^{\beta_g} pk^{\beta_{pk}}$ 28 $\text{TH}[x] \leftarrow (pk, \beta_g, \beta_{pk})$ 29 Else 30 $\text{HF}_0[x] \leftarrow g^{\beta_g}$ 31 $\text{TH}[x] \leftarrow (g, \beta_g, \beta_{pk})$ 32 Return $\text{HF}_0[x]$ <p>$H_i(x)$: // $i \in \{1, 2\}$</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 33 If $(\text{HF}_i[x] = \perp)$ then $\text{HF}_i[x] \leftarrow \\$ \mathbb{Z}_p$ 34 Return $\text{HF}_i[x]$ <p><u>FIN($\mathbf{pk}, m, (T, s, z)$):</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 35 If $(\mathbf{pk}[k] \neq pk)$ then return false 36 If $(\mathbf{pk}, m) \in \{(\mathbf{pk}_i, m_i) : 1 \leq i \leq u\}$ then return false 37 $h \leftarrow H_0((\mathbf{pk}, m))$ 38 <u>Gm_{2,ρ}:</u> 39 $(w, \beta_g, \beta_{pk}) \leftarrow \text{TH}[\mathbf{pk}, m]$ 40 If $(w \neq g)$ then abort 41 $(pk_1, \dots, pk_n) \leftarrow \mathbf{pk}$ 42 $apk \leftarrow \prod_i^n pk_i^{H_2((i, \mathbf{pk}))}$ 43 $c \leftarrow H_1((T, apk, m))$ 44 Return $(g^z h^s = T \cdot apk^c)$
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Figure 25: Games Gm_0 , $\text{Gm}_{1,\rho}$, and $\text{Gm}_{2,\rho}$, where $\rho \in [0, 1]$ is a real number, used in Lemma I.1 and proof of Theorem 7.2. Notation $\text{Coin}(\rho)$ denotes flipping of a biased coin with probability ρ of giving 1 and $1 - \rho$ of giving 0.

Let $\rho \in [0, 1]$ be a real number. Consider games Gm_0 and $\text{Gm}_{1,\rho}$ given in Fig. 25. Then,

$$\mathbf{Adv}_{\text{MS}}^{\text{ms-uf}}(\mathcal{A}_{\text{ms}}) = \Pr[\text{Gm}_0(\mathcal{A}_{\text{ms}})] \quad (54)$$

$$= \Pr[\text{Gm}_{1,\rho}(\mathcal{A}_{\text{ms}}) \mid \text{Gm}_{1,\rho}(\mathcal{A}_{\text{ms}}) \text{ does not abort}] . \quad (55)$$

Moreover, the probability that game Gm_1 does not abort is

$$\Pr[\text{Gm}_{1,\rho}(\mathcal{A}_{\text{ms}}) \text{ does not abort}] = \rho^{q_0} , \quad (56)$$

which is 1 if $\rho = 1$.

Proof of of Lemma I.1: Consider games Gm_0 and $\text{Gm}_{1,\rho}$ given in Fig. 25. Game Gm_0 is simply a rewrite of $\mathbf{G}_{\text{MS}}^{\text{ms-uf}}$, where H_0, H_1, H_2 are lazily sampled. We fix the given adversary \mathcal{A}_{ms} for the rest of the proof and omit writing it in expression such as $\Pr[\text{Gm}_0(\mathcal{A}_{\text{ms}})]$ for simplicity. Game

$\text{Gm}_{1,\rho}$ is parameterized by a real number $\rho \in [0, 1]$, and changes the code of NS, SIGN_1 and H_0 . The changes are made so that SIGN_1 does not use the secret key sk , but will however preserve the output distribution of all oracles when it does not abort, as we will show below. In particular, for each H_0 query, game Gm_1 makes a guess, by flipping a biased coin $\text{Coin}(\rho)$, which has probability ρ of returning 1 and probability $1 - \rho$ of returning 0. If the coin flip returns 1, then we set the output of $H_0(x)$ to be $g^{\beta_g} pk^{\beta_{pk}}$, otherwise we set the output of $H_0(x)$ to be g^{β_g} . In either case, β_g and β_{pk} are uniformly chosen at random as per line 25.

Looking ahead, $\text{Gm}_{1,\rho}$ will be able to simulate signatures for \mathbf{pk}, m when $H_0(\mathbf{pk}, m)$ is set to $g^{\beta_g} pk^{\beta_{pk}}$ (when the coin toss returns 1). In fact, ρ is set to 1 in deriving the AGM result and the coin toss never returns 0. However, for the standard model result, we will need to make sure that the H_0 query corresponding to the forgery \mathbf{pk}, m is programmed differently, namely that $H_0((\mathbf{pk}, m)) = g^{\beta_g}$.

Game $\text{Gm}_{1,\rho}$ could abort at line 16 (it is assumed that the adversary losses the game if Gm_1 is aborted). By construction, we have

$$\Pr[\text{Gm}_1 \text{ does not abort}] = \rho^{q_0}. \quad (57)$$

We claim that, for any value of ρ , if game Gm_1 does not abort, then it is indistinguishable from Gm_0 to the adversary. In particular, we claim

$$\Pr[\text{Gm}_1 \mid \text{Gm}_1 \text{ does not abort}] = \Pr[\text{Gm}_0]. \quad (58)$$

Showing this amounts to showing that the outputs of SIGN_1 oracle in either games are distributed identically. Observe that, in game Gm_0 , the return value T_v of NS and (s_v, z_v) of SIGN_1 are uniformly distributed subjected to the constraint that

$$g^{z_v} H_0((\mathbf{pk}_v, m))^{s_v} = T_{v,k} \cdot pk^{e_v c_v}.$$

We will show that this is also true in $\text{Gm}_{1,\rho}$, namely that SIGN_0 and SIGN_1 in $\text{Gm}_{1,\rho}$ also returns $T_{v,k}$ and (s_v, z_v) that are uniformly distributed subjected to the above equation. In game $\text{Gm}_{1,\rho}$, if $w = pk$ at line 15, then $h = H_0((\mathbf{pk}_v, m)) = g^{\beta_g} pk^{\beta_{pk}}$, by construction of H_0 (line 27). Hence, for a query $\text{SIGN}_1(v, (T_{v,1}, \dots, T_{v,n}))$ of game $\text{Gm}_{1,\rho}$, it holds that

$$\begin{aligned} T_{v,k} \cdot pk^{e_v c_v} &= g^{a_v} \cdot h^{b_v} \cdot pk^{e_v c_v} = g^{a_v} \cdot (g^{\beta_g} pk^{\beta_{pk}})^{b_v} \cdot pk^{e_v c_v} \\ &= g^{a_v + \beta_g \cdot b_v} \cdot pk^{\beta_{pk} \cdot b_v + e_v c_v}. \end{aligned}$$

We claim that the above is also equal to $g^{z_v} \cdot h^{s_v}$. In fact, we set z_v, s_v on line 17 and 18 exactly to make this true. To verify this, check that

$$\begin{aligned} g^{z_v} h^{s_v} &= g^{a_v + \beta_g \cdot b_v - \beta_g \cdot s_v} (g^{\beta_g} pk^{\beta_{pk}})^{s_v} = g^{a_v + \beta_g \cdot b_v} pk^{\beta_{pk} \cdot s_v} \\ &= g^{a_v + \beta_g \cdot b_v} \cdot pk^{\beta_{pk} \cdot b_v + e_v c_v}. \end{aligned}$$

Additionally, notice that s_v, z_v are both marginally uniform over \mathbb{Z}_p by construction. This means the outputs of $\text{SIGN}_0, \text{SIGN}_1$ oracle from $\text{Gm}_{1,\rho}$ has the same output distribution compared to that of Gm_0 . This justifies Equation (58). ■

Equipped with Lemma I.1, we move on to prove Theorem 7.1. The proof constructs adversary \mathcal{A}_{dl} that simulates $\text{Gm}_{1,1}$ (with ρ set to 1).

Proof of Theorem 7.1: Consider the games Gm_0 and $\text{Gm}_{1,1}$ (with $\rho = 1$) in Fig. 25. We know that,

$$\Pr[\text{Gm}_0] = \Pr[\text{Gm}_{1,1} \mid \text{Gm}_{1,1} \text{ does not abort}].$$

Adversary $\mathcal{A}_{\text{dl}}(X)$:

- 1 $pk \leftarrow X ; (k, \mathbf{pk}, m, (T, s, z)) \leftarrow \$ \mathcal{A}_{\text{ms}}^{\text{NS}, \text{SIGN}_1, \text{SIGN}_2, H_0, H_1, H_2}(pk)$
- 2 If $(\mathbf{pk}[k] \neq X)$ then return \perp
- 3 If $(\mathbf{pk}, m) \in \{(\mathbf{pk}_i, m_i) : 1 \leq i \leq u\}$ then return \perp
- 4 If not $\text{MS.Vf}^{H_0, H_1, H_2}(\mathbf{pk}, m, \sigma)$ then return \perp
- 5 $(w, \beta_g, \beta_{pk}) \leftarrow \text{TH}[\mathbf{pk}, m] ; apk \leftarrow \prod_{i=1}^{|\mathbf{pk}|} \mathbf{pk}[i]^{H_2((i, \mathbf{pk}))}$
- 6 $c \leftarrow H_1((T, apk, m)) ; \text{For } i = 1, \dots, |\mathbf{pk}| \text{ do } e_i \leftarrow H_2((i, \mathbf{pk}))$
- 7 $\alpha_g \leftarrow z + \beta_g - \text{Ext}(T, g) - c \cdot \sum_{i \neq k} \text{Ext}(\mathbf{pk}[i], g) \cdot e_i$
- 8 $\alpha_X \leftarrow -s \cdot \beta_{pk} + \text{Ext}(T, X) + c \cdot (e_k + \sum_{i \neq k} \text{Ext}(\mathbf{pk}[i], X) \cdot e_i)$
- 9 If $(\alpha_X = 0)$ then $\text{bad} \leftarrow \text{true} ; x' \leftarrow \$ \mathbb{Z}_p$
- 10 Else $x' \leftarrow \alpha_g \alpha_X^{-1} \pmod p$
- 11 Return x'

Figure 26: Adversary \mathcal{A}_{dl} for Theorem 7.1, oracles NS, SIGN₁, SIGN₂, H₀, H₁, H₂ are implemented using the exact code as those in Gm_{1,1}. Notation Ext(\cdot, g) and Ext(\cdot, X) are defined in the proof of Lemma 7.2. Computation of α_g and α_X are done modulo p .

Moreover,

$$\Pr[\text{Gm}_{1,\rho} \text{ does not abort}] = \rho^{q_0} = 1,$$

when $\rho = 1$. Hence, game Gm_{1,1} never aborts and $\Pr[\text{Gm}_0] = \Pr[\text{Gm}_{1,1}]$. We shall construct an adversary \mathcal{A}_{dl} , using the fact that given adversary $\mathcal{A}_{\text{ms}}^{\text{alg}}$ is algebraic, directly against game Gm_{G,g}^{dl}.

We first analyze the group elements involved in the inputs and outputs of oracles of Gm_{1,1}. The u -th NS query takes in a list of group elements \mathbf{pk}_u . The v -th SIGN₁ query takes in a list of group elements $(T_{v,1}, \dots, T_{v,n})$. The i -th H₂ query takes in a list of group elements $\mathbf{pk}_{H_2,i}$. The i -th H₁ query (T, apk, m) takes in group elements $T_{H_1,i}$ and $apk_{H_1,i}$. Above are the exhaustive list of group elements that are given to Gm_{1,1}, let us denote this list by **out**, since they are the output of the adversary. The initial query to INIT outputs a group element pk . The u -th NS query gives out a group element T_{u,k_u} . The i -th H₀ query gives out a group element h_i . The last query to FIN gives group elements T (first component of the forged signature) and pk . Above (plus the group generator g) are the exhaustive list of group elements that are given out to the adversary $\mathcal{A}_{\text{ms}}^{\text{alg}}$. Let us denote this list as **in**. Hence, the algebraic adversary $\mathcal{A}_{\text{ms}}^{\text{alg}}$ gives, for each group element in the list **out**, a vector that is of dimension $|\text{in}|$ which is a valid representation of the corresponding group element. Note that every group element in the list **in** is derived using only group operations on two group elements: g and pk (this is by the construction of game Gm_{1,1}). As a result, every group element in the list **out** can be represented using g and pk only. For any $Y \in \text{out}$, we use Ext(Y, g) and Ext(Y, pk) to denote this representation, i.e.

$$Y = g^{\text{Ext}(Y, g)} \cdot pk^{\text{Ext}(Y, pk)}.$$

We forego writing explicit code deriving these representations, with the understanding that they are well-defined and can be computed easily from the oracle queries of $\mathcal{A}_{\text{ms}}^{\text{alg}}$. We will use this notation freely in simulations of Gm_{1,1}.

We move on to giving adversary \mathcal{A}_{dl} , which simulates Gm_{1,1} for $\mathcal{A}_{\text{ms}}^{\text{alg}}$. Our adversary \mathcal{A}_{dl} is given in Fig. 26. Our adversary \mathcal{A}_{dl} simulates oracles NS, SIGN₁, SIGN₂, H₀, H₁ exactly as Gm_{1,1}, hence their code are omitted. As stated above, since \mathcal{A}_{dl} simulates Gm_{1,1}, the representation

of any group element $Y \in \mathbf{out}$ are available via scalars $\text{Ext}(Y, g)$ and $\text{Ext}(g, pk)$. Our adversary uses these scalars to compute the discrete log x' .

If $\mathcal{A}_{\text{ms}}^{\text{alg}}$ gives a valid forgery $(pk, m, (T, s, z))$ ¹ then the verification equation says that

$$g^z H_0((pk, m))^s = T \cdot apk^{H_1((T, apk, m))},$$

where $apk = \prod_{i=1}^{|pk|} pk[i]^{H_2((i, pk))}$. Since every group element in the above equation can be represented using g and X , one can solve for $\text{DL}_{G,g}(X)$. Our adversary \mathcal{A}_{dl} implements this intuition, computing value α_g and α_X (line 7 and 8) such that $g^{\alpha_g} = X^{\alpha_X}$. The only caveat is that α_X could be 0, in which case $\text{DL}_{G,g}(X)$ cannot be solved for. When $\alpha_X = 0$ adversary \mathcal{A}_{dl} sets bad, and we would like to upperbound the probability of this event. First, note that the view of adversary \mathcal{A}_{ms} is independent of the value of β_{pk} . This is because the adversary is only given the value of $h = g^{\beta_g} pk^{\beta_{pk}}$. So, if the forgery is such that $s \neq 0$, then $\alpha_X = 0$ with probability at most $1/p$. If $s = 0$, then we need to make sure that $\text{Ext}(T, X) + c \cdot (e_k + \sum_{i \neq k} \text{Ext}(pk[i], X) \cdot e_i)$ is not zero. We first bound the probability that there exists some query $H_2((\cdot, pk'))$ (which defines the values of $e'_1, \dots, e'_{|pk'|}$) such that $e'_k + \sum_{i \neq k} \text{Ext}(pk'[i], X) \cdot e'_i = 0$ (call this quantity $\gamma_{pk'}$). This happens with probability at most q_2/p . Suppose the above does not happen, then for each query $H_1((T', apk', m'))$ (which defines the value of c'), where apk' is the aggregate key of some vector pk' , the probability that $\text{Ext}(T', X) + c' \cdot \gamma_{pk'} = 0$ is at most q_2/p , accounting for at most q_2 non-zero values that $\gamma_{pk'}$ could take. This results in an overall bad probability of $q_2/p + q_1 q_2/p = (q_1 + 1)q_2/p$. This justifies Equation (7). ■

J Proof of Theorem 7.2

Proof of Theorem 7.2: We will start by considering $Gm_{1,\rho}$ given in Fig. 25. By Lemma I.1,

$$\mathbf{Adv}_{\text{MS}}^{\text{ms-uf}}(\mathcal{A}_{\text{ms}}) = \Pr[Gm_{1,\rho}(\mathcal{A}_{\text{ms}}) \mid Gm_{1,\rho}(\mathcal{A}_{\text{ms}}) \text{ does not abort}].$$

Towards construction of an adversary against XIDL, consider game $Gm_{2,\rho}$ (Fig. 25), differ from $Gm_{1,\rho}$ only at line 40—it aborts if the coin flip corresponding to the forgery target (pk, m) results in $w = g$. Marginally, $Gm_{2,\rho}$ does not abort at line 40 with probability $(1 - \rho)$. We need to lower bound the probability of $Gm_{2,\rho}$ not aborting overall, at either line 16 or line 40. Since there are overall q_s unique queries to NS in the execution of Gm_0 with \mathcal{A}_{ms} , then the probability that Gm_1 does not abort is exactly

$$\Pr[Gm_2(\mathcal{A}_{\text{ms}}) \text{ does not abort}] = \rho^{q_s}(1 - \rho).$$

Setting $\rho = (1 - (1 + q_s)^{-1})$, we have that

$$\Pr[Gm_2(\mathcal{A}_{\text{ms}}) \text{ does not abort}] = (1 - (1 + q_s)^{-1})^{q_s}(1 + q_s)^{-1} \geq \frac{1}{e(1 + q_s)},$$

where we applied the fact that $(1 - (1 + n)^{-1})^n \geq e^{-1}$ for positive n . Since game Gm_2 can only abort more often than Gm_1 and that the aborting at line 40 is an event independent of whether \mathcal{A}_{ms} succeeds, Equation (58) gives us that

$$\Pr[Gm_0(\mathcal{A}_{\text{ms}})] = \Pr[Gm_2(\mathcal{A}_{\text{ms}}) \mid Gm_2(\mathcal{A}_{\text{ms}}) \text{ does not abort}].$$

¹Note that for the forgery $(pk, m, (T, s, z))$ returned, the corresponding random oracles queries $H_0((pk, m))$, $H_1((T, apk, m))$, and $H_2((i, pk))$ are made in line 4 to 6, even if these points were previously unqueried during the execution of $\mathcal{A}_{\text{ms}}^{\text{alg}}$.

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H1(x): // Game Gm3, Gm4
45 If (HF1[x] ≠ ⊥) then Return HF1[x]
46 (T, apk, m) ← x ; TV[apk] ← TV[apk] ∪ {x}
47 HF1[x] ←s Zp ; Return HF1[x]

H2(x): // Game Gm3, Gm4
48 If (HF2[x] ≠ ⊥) then Return HF2[x]
49 (·, pk) ← x ; For i = 1, …, |pk| do HF2[(i, pk)] ← ei ←s Zp
50 apk ←  $\prod_{i=1}^{|pk|} pk[i]^{e_i}$ 
51 If TV[apk] ≠ ⊥ then BadSet ← BadSet ∪ TV[apk]
52 Return HF2[x]

FIN(pk, m, (T, s, z)): // Game Gm3, Gm4
53 If (pk[k] ≠ pk) then return false
54 If (pk, m) ∈ {(pki, mi) : 1 ≤ i ≤ u} then return false
55 (w, βg, βpk) ← TH[pk, m] ; If (w ≠ g) then abort
56 (pk1, …, pkn) ← pk ; apk ←  $\prod_i^n pk_i^{H_2((i, pk))}$ 
57 If ((T, apk, m) ∈ BadSet) then bad ← true ; HF1[(T, apk, m)] ← ⊥
58 c ← H1((T, apk, m)) ; h ← H0((pk, m))
59 Return (gzhs = T · apkc)

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Figure 27: Games Gm₃ and Gm₄ for proof of Theorem 7.2. Oracles Init, NS, SIGN₁, SIGN₂, H₀ are the same as those in Gm_{2,ρ}. Parameter ρ is set to $(1 - (1 + q_s)^{-1})$ in oracle H₀.

Hence,

$$\Pr[Gm_{2,\rho}(\mathcal{A}_{ms})] \geq \frac{1}{e(1 + q_s)} \cdot \Pr[Gm_0(\mathcal{A}_{ms})]. \quad (59)$$

For the rest of the proof, we set $\rho = (1 - (1 + q_s)^{-1})$ and omit writing them in the subscript for games. Next, we need to further modify oracles H₁ and H₂ so that whenever H₂ derives a fresh aggregate key apk, it must not have been queried to H₁ (in the form of (T, apk, m) for *any* T and m). Formally, consider games Gm₃ and Gm₄ given in Fig. 27. These games also keep track of a set **BadSet**, which contains those H₁ queries (T, apk, m) such that the aggregate key apk is later derived in H₂ (line 51). By construction, if any H₁ query (T, apk, m) is not in **BadSet** (at the end of the game execution), the aggregate key apk is either previously derived in H₂, or it has never been derived in any H₂ query. Game Gm₃.FIN does not contain the boxed code, which makes the oracle behave identically to Gm₂.H₂. So, we have

$$\Pr[Gm_2(\mathcal{A})] = \Pr[Gm_3(\mathcal{A})]. \quad (60)$$

Oracle Gm₄.H₂ contains the boxed code, which reset the oracle H₁ at the chosen forgery point (T, apk, m) if it is part of **BadSet**. This ensures the value HF₁[(T, apk, m)] to always be defined *after* the H₂ query that derives aggregate key apk. By construction, Gm₃ and Gm₄ are identical-until-bad. So,

$$\Pr[Gm_3(\mathcal{A})] \leq \Pr[Gm_4(\mathcal{A})] + \Pr[Gm_4 \text{ sets } \mathsf{bad}]. \quad (61)$$

We first compute that probability that **BadSet** is non-empty at line 57. Since each H₂ query has probability at most q_1/p probability of adding elements to **BadSet**, we can bound

$$\Pr[\mathbf{BadSet} \neq \emptyset \text{ at line 57}] \leq \frac{q_1 q_2}{p}. \quad (62)$$

Adversary $\mathcal{A}_{\text{xidl}}^{\text{NwTAR}, \text{CH}, \text{FIN}}(X)$:

- 1 $pk \leftarrow X ; (k, \mathbf{pk}, m, \sigma) \leftarrow \mathcal{A}_{\text{ms}}^{\text{NS}, \text{SIGN}_1, \text{SIGN}_2, H_0, H_1, H_2}(pk)$
- 2 If $(\mathbf{pk}[k] \neq pk)$ then return \perp
- 3 If $(\mathbf{pk}, m) \in \{(\mathbf{pk}_i, m_i) : 1 \leq i \leq u\}$ then return \perp
- 4 $(w, \beta_g, \beta_{pk}) \leftarrow \text{TH}[\mathbf{pk}, m] ;$ If $(w \neq g)$ then abort
- 5 $(pk_1, \dots, pk_n) \leftarrow \mathbf{pk} ; apk \leftarrow \prod_i^n pk_i^{H_2((i, \mathbf{pk}))} ; (T, s, z) \leftarrow \sigma$
- 6 If $((T, apk, m) \in \text{BadSet})$ then $\text{HF}_1[(T, apk, m)] \leftarrow \perp$
- 7 $c \leftarrow H_1((T, apk, m)) ; h \leftarrow H_0((\mathbf{pk}, m)) ; i \leftarrow \text{TI}[(T, apk, m)]$
- 8 Return $(i, (z + s \cdot \beta_g) \bmod p)$

$H_1(x)$:

- 9 If $(\text{HF}_1[x] \neq \perp)$ then Return $\text{HF}_1[x]$
- 10 $(T, apk, m) \leftarrow x$
- 11 $\text{TV}[apk] \leftarrow \text{TV}[apk] \cup \{x\}$
- 12 If $(\text{TJ}[apk] = \perp)$ then
- 13 Return $\text{HF}_1[x] \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p$
- 14 $\iota \leftarrow \iota + 1 ; \text{TI}[x] \leftarrow \iota$
- 15 $\text{HF}_1[x] \leftarrow c_\iota \leftarrow \text{CH}(\text{TJ}[apk], T)$
- 16 Return $\text{HF}_1[x]$

$H_2(x)$:

- 17 If $(\text{HF}_2[x] \neq \perp)$ then Return $\text{HF}_2[x]$
- 18 $(\cdot, \mathbf{pk}) \leftarrow x ;$ If $(pk \notin \mathbf{pk})$ then
- 19 Return $\text{HF}_2[x] \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p$
- 20 $j \leftarrow j + 1 ; k \leftarrow \text{minInd}(pk, \mathbf{pk})$
- 21 If $(x \neq (k, \mathbf{pk}))$ then
- 22 Return $\text{HF}_2[x] \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p$
- 23 $S \leftarrow \prod_{i \neq k} \mathbf{pk}[i]^{H_2((i, \mathbf{pk}))}$
- 24 $\text{HF}_2[(k, \mathbf{pk})] \leftarrow e_j \leftarrow \text{NwTAR}(S)$
- 25 $apk \leftarrow S \cdot pk^{e_j} ; \text{TJ}[apk] \leftarrow j$
- 26 If $\text{TV}[apk] \neq \perp$ then
- 27 $\text{BadSet} \leftarrow \text{BadSet} \cup \text{TV}[apk]$
- 28 Return $\text{HF}_2[x]$

Figure 28: Adversary $\mathcal{A}_{\text{xidl}}$ used in Theorem 7.2. Oracles NS, SIGN₁, SIGN₂, H₀ are simulated exactly per code from Fig. 25.

Note that flag **bad** can only be set if Gm₄ did not abort (in oracle H₀ or line 55), which happens with probability $1/(e(1 + q_s))$ by previous analysis. Furthermore, the view of the adversary is *independent* of whether game Gm₄ aborts. Hence,

$$\Pr[\text{Gm}_4(\mathcal{A}) \text{ sets } \text{bad}] \leq \frac{q_1 q_2}{ep(1 + q_s)} . \quad (63)$$

We now move on to the construction of the adversary, given in Fig. 28. The adversary $\mathcal{A}_{\text{xidl}}$ runs \mathcal{A}_{ms} while giving it simulated oracle H₀, H₁, H₂, NS, SIGN_{STAGE1}, SIGN_{STAGE2}. Code for H₀, NS, SIGN₁, SIGN₂ are copied from game Gm₄. The only new code here is in H₁ and H₂, which we now explain.

For each j -th H₂ query $x = (\cdot, \mathbf{pk})$, where $\text{HF}_2[x]$ is not yet defined the adversary will sample $\text{HF}_2[(i, \mathbf{pk})]$ for each $i = 1, \dots, |\mathbf{pk}|$ as follows. If the target public key X is not in \mathbf{pk} , then these values are sampled honestly (line 15). Otherwise, let k be the smallest index such that $\mathbf{pk}[k] = X$. Our adversary will query the NwTAR oracle from Gm_{G,g,q₂,q₁}^{xidl} game so that the resulting aggregate public key apk is the target point T_j generated by the game Gm_{G,g,q₂,q₁}^{xidl}. This is done by first computing the partial aggregation value of S (line 17), before submitting it to the NwTAR oracle to obtain response e_j which is set as the output of H₂ (line 19).

For each H₁ query (T, apk, m) , the adversary will submit the commitment to the oracle CH, at the

index that corresponds to the aggregate public key apk . This is done so that a forgery (T, s, z) corresponding to this H_1 query can be turned into a break against $\text{Gm}_{\mathbb{G}, g, q_2, q_1}^{\text{xidl}}$. Here, we are also utilizing the fact that a successful forgery $(\mathbf{pk}, m, (T, s, z))$ is such that $H_0((\mathbf{pk}, m))$ is a known power of g . Hence, the verification equation

$$g^z h^s = T \cdot apk^{H_1((T, apk, m))},$$

of the signature scheme implies that the computed response $z + \beta_g s$, against the game $\text{Gm}_{\mathbb{G}, g, q_2, q_1}^{\text{xidl}}$, is valid, i.e. $g^{z+\beta_g s} = T \cdot T_j^{H_1((T, apk, m))}$, where $T_j = apk$ is the j -th target point generated by NWTAR oracle. Hence,

$$\Pr[\text{Gm}_4(\mathcal{A}_{\text{ms}})] = \Pr[\text{Gm}_{\mathbb{G}, g, q_2, q_1}^{\text{xidl}}(\mathcal{A}_{\text{xidl}})]. \quad (64)$$

Putting Equation (59), (60), (61) and (64) together, we obtain the result claimed in the theorem. ■