A Unified Framework for Trapdoor-Permutation-Based Sequential Aggregate Signatures

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Motivating Example: Border Gateway Protocol (BGP)

- Q: How do you get from here to there on the internet?
- A: BGP [Rekhter, Lougheed, Li, Hares]

Idea: utilize local knowledge

- Each autonomous system (AS) knows

what IP addresses it owns

- Each AS knows its connections (customer-provider, peer)
- Each AS can talk to its neighbors

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S-BGP [Kent-Lynn-Seo 2000]: Same but with signatures

Sequential Aggregate Signatures (SAS)

- S-BGP requires possibly long signature chains
- Q: Can we compress multiple signatures to save space?
- A: Sequential Aggregate Signatures (SAS)

[Lysyanskaya Micali Reyzin Shacham 04]:



- Several prior TDP-based constructions
 - Note: [Boneh Gentry Lynn Shacham 2003] allow non-sequential (even third-party) aggregation post signing, but based on pairings
- <u>This work</u>: understanding + improving TDP-based Sequential Aggregate Signatures

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- Even after such an attack,

adversary can't "frame" the honest parties

- Adversary can't output any $(m_1^*, m_2^*, m_3^*, \sigma_3^*)$ that verifies as long as Signer 2 never signed m_2^*

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Review: Full-Domain Hash Signatures

[Bellare-Rogaway 93]

Trapdoor permutation public key PK=f, secret key $SK=f^{-1}$

Hash (random oracle) function H (output range equals domain of f)

Steps of the Signer:

- y = H(m)
- $x = f^{-1}(y)$

Steps of the Verifier:

• y = H(m)• $y \stackrel{?}{=} f(x)$

[Lysyanskaya-Micali-R-Shacham 04]

Signer 1:
$$\stackrel{PK_1}{m_1} \xrightarrow{y_1} f_1^{-1} \xrightarrow{x_1}$$

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- $g_2 = H(PK_1, PK_2, m_1, m_2)$
- $y_2 = g_2 \oplus x_1$
- $x_2 = f_2^{-1}(y_2)$

getting certified TDPs takes work: for RSA, either extra proofs [Goldberg-Reyzin-Sagga-Baldimtsi 18] [Auerbach-Poettering 18] or long verification exponents

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- A: Adversary can control input to f_2 and thus attack signer 2!
- Q: What happens if f_1 is an adversarial permutation?
- Q: Verify-before-sign means adversary has no control over x_1

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To sum up: scheme works because ⊕ can be undone, but requires <u>certified</u> trapdoor permutations

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Q: Why no certified TDP? What if f_1 is not a TDP?

A: Adversary can't control y_2 , because now x_1 gets hashed before \oplus

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 π is an ideal cipher (keyed public random permutation, like AES) π can't be AES, because need bigger domain (at least for f = RSA)

But: π can be built from random oracle via 8-round Feistel

[Coron, Holenstein, Künzler, Patarin, Seurin, Tessaro; Dachman-Soled, Katz, Thiruvengadam; Dai-Steinberger 16]

- Simpler and easier to analyze (proofs in the paper)
- Doesn't require certified TDPs (same as Neven)
- Aggregate signature has only one component (shorter than Neven if you believe in ideal ciphers)

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Why History-Free?

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(Chosen-aggregate attack using a bogus x_1 to get a y_2 collision)

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Problem: not secure!

Randomized History-Free Variant

$$K = (PK_2, m_2, r_2) \longrightarrow \pi^{-1} \xrightarrow{y_2} f_2^{-1} \longrightarrow x_2$$

Just add fresh randomness to the key for π [Brogle-Goldberg-Reyzin '12] Drawback: final aggregate is $r_1 r_2 \dots r_n x_n$ — not constant size but still better than *n* individual sigs because each r_i is short

Intuition why it works: Adversary can't predict y_2 , so this is like FDH

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$$K = (PK_2, m_2) \xrightarrow{x_1} \pi^{-1} \xrightarrow{y_2} f_2^{-1} \xrightarrow{x_2} tag = H(PK_2, m_2)$$

Use "tag-based TDP" (tag is a public input that defines a fresh TDP)

Tag-based TDP can be built on a variant of strong RSA [Kiltz-Mohassel-O'Neill '10]

Intuition why it works: chosen message attack will hit the wrong tag

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Conclusion

- Simpler and easier to analyze
- Unfortunately, current techniques for building π have a large security loss, so parameters not practical (while [Neven 08] is practical assuming RO)
- Let's build ideal ciphers with good parameters!
- <u>Question</u>: if you build π using RO, you need 8 rounds of Feistel.
 Neven works with 2 rounds of Feistel, but ends up with longer sigs.
 Do you really need an ideal cipher for the shorter sigs?