

Non-Interactive Plaintext (In-)Equality Proofs and Group Signatures with Verifiable Controllable Linkability

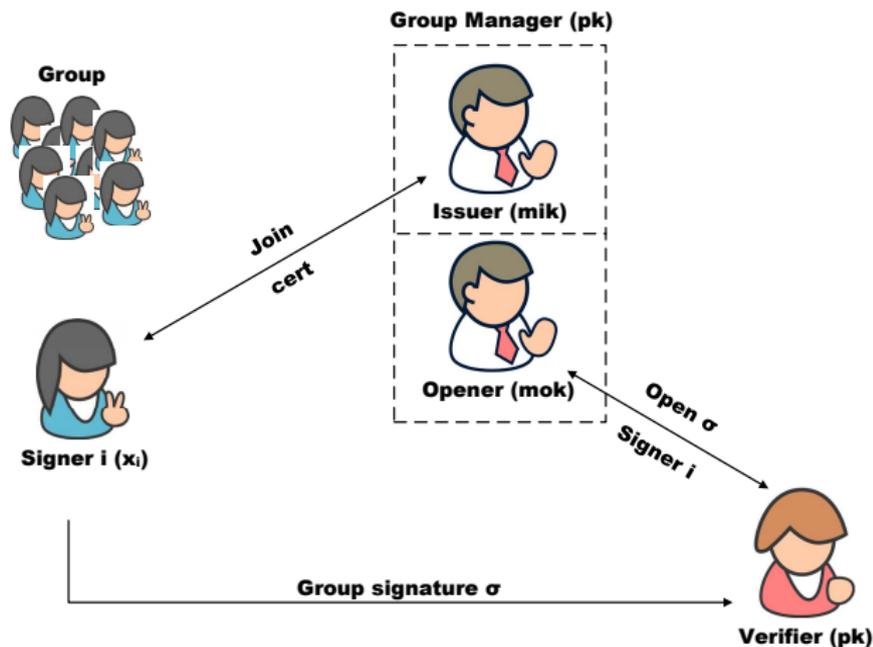
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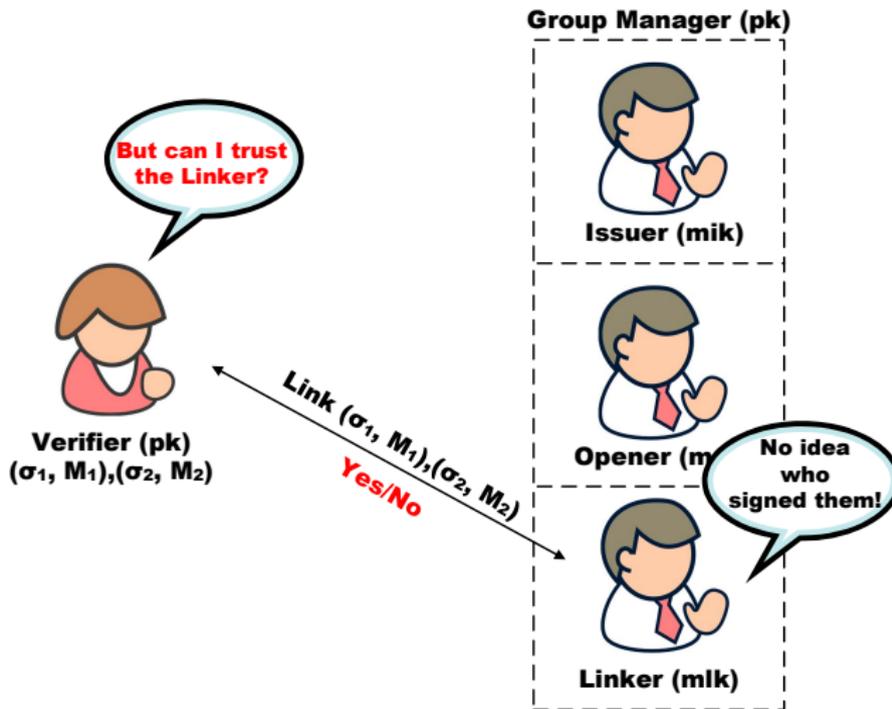
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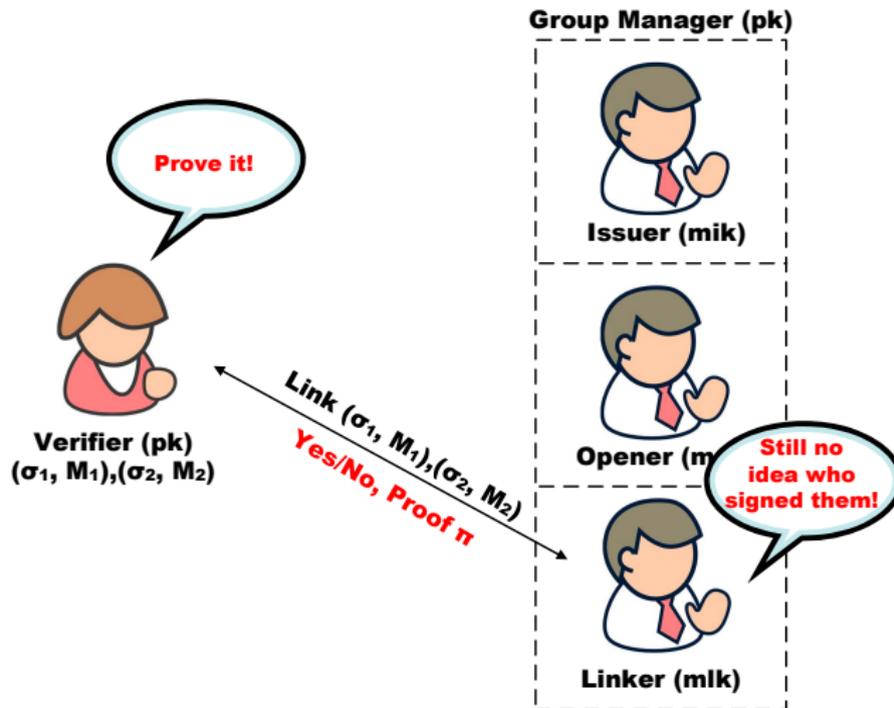
Group Signature Schemes [CvH91]



Controllable Linkability [HLhC⁺11, SSU14]



Verifiable Controllable Linkability



Sign-Encrypt-Prove Paradigm

Basic building blocks

- $\mathcal{DS} = (\text{KG}_s, \text{Sign}, \text{Verify})$
- $\mathcal{AE} = (\text{KG}_e, \text{Enc}, \text{Dec})$
- Signature of Knowledge

Keys

- $gpk \leftarrow (pk_e, pk_s), gmsk \leftarrow sk_e, gmik \leftarrow sk_s$

Join

- User's secret: x_i
- Issuer computes: $cert \leftarrow \text{Sign}(gmik, f(x_i))$

Sign-Encrypt-Prove Paradigm I

Sign

- $T \leftarrow \text{Enc}(pk_e, cert)$
- $\pi \leftarrow \text{SoK}\{(x_i, cert) : cert = \text{Sign}(sk_s, f(x_i)) \wedge T = \text{Enc}(pk_e, cert)\}(m)$
- $\sigma \leftarrow (T, \pi)$

Verify

- “verification of π ”

Open

- $cert \leftarrow \text{Dec}(sk_e, T)$

Contributions

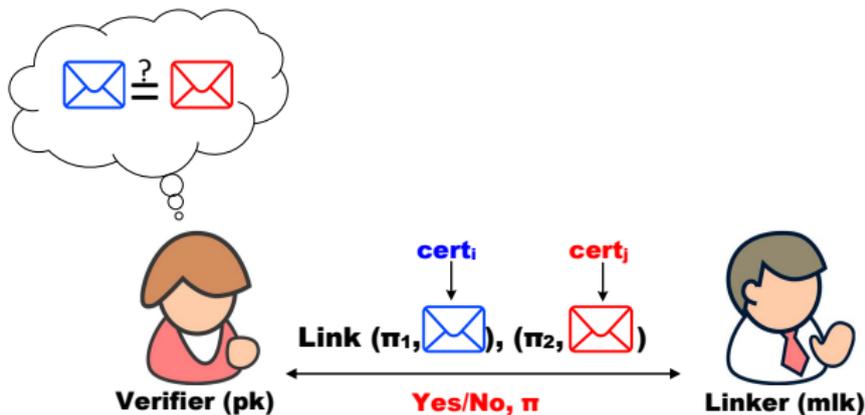
1. Generic **proof system** for plaintext (in-)equality
2. **Efficient instantiation** of this proof system
3. Group signatures with **verifiable controllable linkability**
4. **Extend GSs** with verifiable controllable linkability (VCL)

Controllable Linkability

Public key encryption with **equality tests** [Tan12, SSU14]

- Conventional public key encryption scheme
- + **Com** algorithm for equality tests using **trapdoor**
- \Rightarrow **Link**: $1/0 \leftarrow \text{Com}(T, T', gmlk)$
- Semantic security without trapdoor
- One-way security for trapdoor holders

Setting



Non-interactive plaintext (in-)equality proofs

Non-Interactive Plaintext (In-)Equality Proofs

Given any $\mathcal{PK}\mathcal{EQ}$ and ciphertexts T and T' under pk

Proof system Π

1. Prove knowledge of **trapdoor tk**
2. **Com = 1** (membership) or **Com = 0** (non-membership)
3. Without revealing trapdoor tk

(Non-)Membership Proofs

Com = 1 defines language L_{\in} for membership

- Witnessed by trapdoor tk
- Standard techniques [GS08]

Com = 0 defines language L_{\notin} for non-membership

- Idea [BCV15]
 - Π_1 : Failing membership proof for L_{\in}
 - Π_2 : Proof that Π_1 has been computed honestly
- Efficient instantiations (GS and SPHF)
- Technicalities: m, r must be known [BCV15]

Smooth Projective Hash Functions (SPHF)

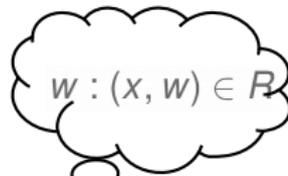
Hashing key: hk

Projection key: hp



Verifier

Statement: $x \in L_R$



Prover

hp

$H \leftarrow \text{ProjHash}(hp, x, w)$

H

$H \stackrel{?}{=} \text{Hash}(hk, x)$

If $x \in L_R : \text{Hash}(hk, x) \stackrel{!}{=} \text{ProjHash}(hp, x, w)$
(Correctness)

Construction - Non-Membership Proof



Verifier

Statement: $x \in L_R$

Hashing key: hk
Projection key: hp



Prover

$H' \leftarrow \text{Hash}(hk, x)$
 $\pi_2 \leftarrow \text{Proof}((H' \wedge hp), hk)$

$H \leftarrow \text{ProjHash}(hp, x, w)$

$\xleftarrow{H, H', hp, \pi_1, \pi_2} \pi_1 = \text{Proof}((hp, x, H), w)$

$H \stackrel{?}{\neq} H' \wedge \text{Verify}((hp, x, H), \pi_1) \stackrel{?}{=} 1 \wedge \text{Verify}((H' \wedge hp), \pi_2) \stackrel{?}{=} 1$

Example of Efficient Instantiation

ElGamal with equality tests (as in [SSU14])

- Keypair: $(sk, pk) \leftarrow (x, g^x) \in \mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{G}_1$
- Trapdoor: $(\hat{r}, \hat{r}^x) \in \mathbb{G}_2 \times \mathbb{G}_2$
- Encryption of m : $(g^r, m \cdot g^{x \cdot r}) \in \mathbb{G}_1 \times \mathbb{G}_1$

Pairing-based equality test

- Ciphertexts: $(g^r, m \cdot g^{x \cdot r}), (g^{r'}, m' \cdot g^{x \cdot r'})$

$$m = m' \iff \frac{e(m \cdot g^{x \cdot r}, \hat{r})}{e(g^r, \hat{r}^x)} = \frac{e(m' \cdot g^{x \cdot r'}, \hat{r})}{e(g^{r'}, \hat{r}^x)}$$

Instantiation of Π_{ϵ}

Com = 1: plaintext **equality proof**

$$((g^r, m \cdot g^{x \cdot r}), (g^{r'}, m' \cdot g^{x \cdot r'}), g^x) \in L_{\epsilon} \iff$$

$$\frac{e(m \cdot g^{x \cdot r}, \hat{r})}{e(g^r, \hat{r}^x)} = \frac{e(m' \cdot g^{x \cdot r'}, \hat{r})}{e(g^{r'}, \hat{r}^x)} \wedge$$

$$e(g, \hat{r}^x) = e(g^x, \hat{r})$$

$$\prod_{i=1}^2 e(A_i, \underline{\hat{Y}}_i) = \frac{e(m \cdot g^{x \cdot r} \cdot (m' \cdot g^{x \cdot r'})^{-1}, \hat{r})}{e(g^r \cdot g^{-r'}, \hat{r}^x)} = 1_{\mathbb{G}_T}$$

Instantiation of Π_{\notin}

Com = 0: plaintext **inequality proof**

$$((g^r, m \cdot g^{x \cdot r}), (g^{r'}, m' \cdot g^{x \cdot r'}), g^x) \in L_{\notin} \iff$$

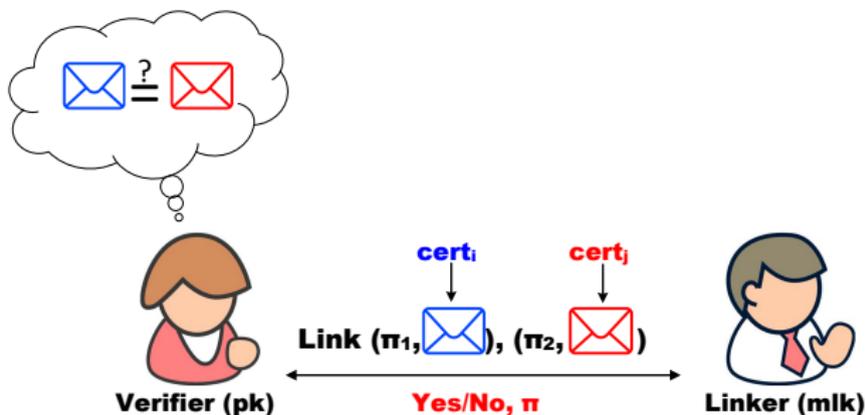
$$\frac{e(m \cdot g^{x \cdot r}, \hat{r})}{e(g^r, \hat{r}^x)} \neq \frac{e(m' \cdot g^{x \cdot r'}, \hat{r})}{e(g^{r'}, \hat{r}^x)} \wedge$$

$$e(g, \hat{r}^x) = e(g^x, \hat{r})$$

\Rightarrow Our construction for non-membership proofs

NIPEI Proof System

Proof system $\Pi = (\Pi_{\in}, \Pi_{\notin})$



GSSs with Verifiable Controllable Linkability

Extended security model for VCL-GS

- Algorithms: Link and Link_{Judge}
- Property: **linking soundness**

Instantiation based on **NIPEI**

- Link: **Π .Proof**
- Link_{Judge}: **Π .Verify**

Take-Home Message

- Proposed generic approach for (in-)equality proof
- Efficient instantiation in the pairing setting
- Rather independent of encryption scheme
 - Various DDH/DLIN ElGamal variants
 - CCA2: Naor-Yung and Cramer-Shoup (for free)
- Novel application
 - GSSs with verifiable controllable linkability

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