

# Security Mediated Certificateless Signatures Without Pairing

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**Abstract**—Security-mediated certificateless (SMC) signature provides a method for immediate revocation of security capabilities in certificateless signature (CLS). In addition, SMC signature maintains the merits in CLS: implicit certification without key escrow. Unfortunately, most of the existing schemes for CLS and SMC signature are based on bilinear pairing. There are schemes without bilinear pairing such as [1] and [2] which is based on discrete logarithm problem. In this paper, based on the schemes in [2] and [3], we propose another SMC signature scheme without bilinear pairing. Our scheme is existential unforgeable in the random oracle model based on the intractability of the factoring problem. In addition, it is also efficient in signing and verifying.

**Index Terms**—security mediated, SMC cryptography, ID-based cryptography, certificateless signature, factoring

## I. INTRODUCTION

In 1984, Shamir [4] introduced the concept of ID-based cryptography (IBC) where any strings such as email addresses, server names or phone numbers, can be used as public keys. This simplifies certificate management procedures of public key infrastructure (PKI) in traditional public key cryptography. However, an inherent problem of ID-based cryptography is the key escrow problem. To handle this problem, Al-Riyami and Paterson [5] introduced the concept of certificateless public key cryptography (CLPKC) in which the Key Generation Center (KGC) generates a user's partial private key from the master secret key. The user also independently generates a secret value and the corresponding public key, and a user's full private key is

a combination of his partial private key and his secret value, in such a way that the key escrow problem can be security capabilities in CLPKC, Chow, Boyd and González Neito [6] introduced in PKC 2006 the notion of SMC cryptography which maintains the merits in CLPKC: implicit certification without key escrow. The notion of SMC cryptography is a generalization of the notion of plain CLPKC.

Since Al-Riyami and Paterson [5] presented the first concrete construction of the certificateless signature (CLS) scheme, a lot of CLS schemes [7-15] based on bilinear pairing [16] have been proposed. Recently, there are CLS schemes without pairing such as [1] and [2] which are pretty efficient. The schemes of [1] and [2] are based on the intractability of the discrete logarithm problem. To avoid putting all our eggs in the same basket, it is common practice in cryptography to try to find alternative constructions of a primitive based on different intractability assumptions. Therefore it is desirable to design a proven secure SMC signature scheme based on factoring.

Our contribution. Based on the schemes in [2] and [3], we present another provable secure SMC signature scheme without bilinear pairing. It is existential unforgeable in the random oracle model. In addition, our scheme is very efficient computationally. Since signing requires only four exponentiations in  $Z_N^*$  and verifying requires only three exponentiations in  $Z_N^*$ . To the best of our knowledge, this is the first SMC signature scheme based on the intractability of the factoring problem.

The rest of the paper is organized as follows. In section II, we give a brief review of some basic concepts and theorems used in our scheme. In section III we review the formal definition and security model for SMC signature. In section IV, we present our concrete scheme. In section V, we describe the security proof. A conclusion is drawn in section VI.

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II. PRELIMINARIES

A. Quadratic Residue

For positive integer  $N$ , an integer  $a$  is called a quadratic residue modulo  $N$  if  $\text{GCD}(a, N) = 1$  and  $x^2 = a \pmod N$  for some integer  $x$ , where  $x$  is called a square root of  $a$  modulo  $N$ .

Let  $N = pq$  be a composite modulus, where  $p$  and  $q$  are two large prime numbers, satisfying  $p = 2p' + 1$ ,  $q = 2q' + 1$ , with themselves primes. Let  $Z_N$  denote the subgroup of squares in  $Z_N^*$ . Then, it is well known that  $Q_N$  is a cyclic group with order  $\phi(N)/4 = (p-1)(q-1)/4$  [17].

Remark: Following the theorems introduced in [3], a  $2^l$ th root  $s$  of  $a$  could be efficiently computed as  $s = a^{d^l}$ , where  $d^l$  is computed over modulo  $p'q'$ . Note, factorization of  $N$  must be known, otherwise it is computationally infeasible to calculate the  $2^l$ th root.

B. the Hardness Assumption of Factoring

Informally, the factoring problem is stated as follows: given a  $k$ -bit composite  $N$ , which is a multiple of two large primes  $p$  and  $q$ , to output  $p$  or  $q$ . The factoring problem is always assumed to be  $(t, \epsilon)$ -hard, in the sense that there is no algorithm that can output  $p$  or  $q$  with probability over  $\epsilon$  in polynomial time  $t$  (with respect to some security parameter  $k$ ).

III. FRAMEWORK of SECURITY MEDIATED CERTIFICATELESS SIGNATURE

In this section we review the formal definition and security model for security mediated certificateless signature [2].

A. Syntax

Definition 1. A security mediated certificateless signature scheme consists of five tuples of polynomial time algorithms as follows:

1. **Setup:** is a probabilistic polynomial time (PPT) algorithm, run by a Key Generation Center (KGC), given a security parameter  $1^k$  as input, outputs a randomly chosen master key  $s$  and a list of public parameters **params**.
2. **KeyGen:** is a PPT algorithm, run by the user, given a list of public parameters **params** as input, outputs a private key  $sk_{ID}$  and a public key  $PK_{ID}$ .
3. **Register:** is a PPT algorithm that takes as input a list of public parameters **params**, the master key  $s$ , a user identity  $ID$  and a public key  $PK_{ID}$ . It returns the SEM private signing key  $S_{ID}$ .
4. **Signing:** is an interactive probabilistic protocol between the user and the SEM. Their common inputs include a list of public parameters **params**, a message  $m$ , and a user identity  $ID$ . The SEM has an additional input of  $S_{ID}$  to run the sub-algorithm SEM-Sign; while the user has an additional input of  $sk_{ID}$  to run the sub-algorithm User-Sign. The protocol finishes with either a signature  $\sigma$  or  $\perp$  when the SEM refuses to give a valid partial

signature, for example in the case where the user's signing capability has been revoked.

5. **Verifying:** is a deterministic algorithm that takes as input a list of public parameters **params**, a message  $m$ , a user identity  $ID$ , a user public key  $PK_{ID}$  and a signature  $\sigma$ . It returns true or false.

B. Security Model

As introduced in [5], we discuss the security notions for a SMC signature scheme according to two kinds of adversaries: a type I adversary  $A_I$  and a type II adversary  $A_{II}$ .  $A_I$  acts as a dishonest user.  $A_I$  does not have access to the master key but can replace any users public keys at will.  $A_{II}$  acts as a malicious KGC.  $A_{II}$  has access to the master key but cannot replace any user's public key. We introduce the model in [2] which is extended based on [5].

Definition 2 A SMC signature scheme is secure against the existential forgery on adaptive chosen message and identity attacks (EUF-CMIA) against adversary  $A=(A_I, A_{II})$  if no polynomial time algorithm  $A$  has a non-negligible advantage against a challenger  $C$  in the following game:

1. **Setup:**  $C$  takes as input  $1^k$ , runs the **Setup** algorithm, and gives  $A$  the resulting **params**. The master key is given to  $A$  if it is a Type II adversary.  $A$  makes the following requests or queries adaptively:
  2. **SEM-Key Extraction Queries:** On input an identity  $ID$ , the adversary is returned with  $S_{ID}$  held by SEM for doing the partial signing on behalf of the user. (Note that it is only useful to Type I adversary)
  3. **Public Key Extraction Queries:** On input an identity  $ID$ , the adversary obtains user  $ID$ 's public key  $PK_{ID}$ .
  4. **Private Key Extraction Queries:** On input an identity  $ID$ , the adversary gets the user's private key  $sk_{ID}$ . This query is reasonably disallowed if the public key of user  $ID$  has already been replaced by the adversary. (In the case of Type I adversary).
  5. **Public Key Replacement Queries:** (For Type I adversary only) On input an identity  $ID$  and a valid public key, the public key of user  $ID$  is replaced by this new one.
  6. **SEM-Sign Queries:** On input a message  $m$  and an identity  $ID$ , the adversary is returned with the partial signing result by using  $S_{ID}$ .
  7. **User-Sign Queries:** On input a message  $m$  and a public key  $PK_{ID}$ , the adversary is returned with the partial signing result by using  $sk_{ID}$ , even if the public key  $PK_{ID}$  is previously replaced by the (Type I) adversary.
  8. **Complete-Sign Queries:** On input a message  $m$  and a public key  $PK_{ID}$ , the adversary is returned with the complete signing result by using  $sk_{ID}$  and  $S_{ID}$ , even if the user public key  $PK_{ID}$  is previously replaced by the (Type I) adversary.

9. **Forgery:**  $A$  outputs  $(m^*, ID^*, PK_{ID^*}, \sigma^*)$  such that the following conditions hold:
  - $(ID^*, m^*)$  was never appeared in the **Complete-Sign** queries.
  - **Verifying** ( $\text{params}, m^*, ID^*, PK_{ID^*}, S^*$ )=1.
  - If it is Type I,  $ID^*$  has not been submitted to **SEM-Key Extraction Queries**. Moreover,  $(ID^*, m^*)$  has not been submitted to both **SEM-Sign Queries** and **Complete-Sign Queries**.
  - If it is Type II,  $ID^*$  has not been submitted to **Private Key Extraction Queries**. Moreover,  $(ID^*, m^*)$  has not been submitted to both **User-Sign Queries** and **Complete-Sign Queries**.

We define  $A$ 's advantage as the probability of winning this game.

#### IV. CONSTRUCTION of OUR SCHEME

In this section, we propose a security mediated certificateless signature scheme which is built on quadratic residue. The merit of this approach is that no pairing computation is needed at all. Our scheme is motivated from those in [2] and [3].

1. **Setup:** Given the security parameter  $(k, l)$ , the KGC performs the following.
  - Generate two random primes  $p_1, q_1$ , such that  $p_1 = 2p'_1 + 1, q_1 = 2q'_1 + 1$ , with  $p'_1, q'_1$  being primes too, satisfying  $2^{k-1} \leq (p_1-1)(q_1-1)$  and  $p_1q_1 < 2^k$ , then compute  $N_1 = p_1q_1$ .
  - Select  $a \in_R Z_{N_1}^*$ , such that Jacobi symbol  $(a/N_1) = -1$ .
  - Compute  $d = (N_1 - p_1 - q_1 + 5)/8$ .
  - Select four one-way hash function  $h_0, h_1, h_2, h_3$ , satisfying  $h_1 : \{0,1\}^* \rightarrow Z_{N_1}^*$  and  $h_0, h_2, h_3 : \{0,1\}^* \rightarrow \{0,1\}^l$ .

The master key of KGC is set to be  $msk = (p_1, q_1, p'_1, q'_1, d)$  and the public parameter of KGC are  $\text{params} = (N_1, h_0(), h_1(), h_2(), h_3(), a, l)$ .
2. **KeyGen:** The user performs the following.
  - Generate two random primes  $p_2, q_2$ , such that  $p_2 = 2p'_2 + 1, q_2 = 2q'_2 + 1$  with  $p'_2, q'_2$  being primes too, satisfying  $2^{k-1} \leq (p_2-1)(q_2-1)$  and  $p_2q_2 < 2^k$ , then compute  $N_2 = p_2q_2$ .
  - Randomly select  $x_{ID} \in Z_{N_2}^*$ , set  $sk_{ID} = (p_2, q_2, p'_2, q'_2, x_{ID})$  as the user private key.
  - Compute  $P_{ID} = x_{ID}^{2^l} \text{ mod } N_2$ , set  $PK_{ID} = (N_2, P_{ID})$  as the user public key.
3. **Register:** Now the user  $ID$  wants to register a public key, the KGC performs the following:
  - Authenticate and register  $(ID, PK_{ID})$ .

- Compute  $c_1 = \begin{cases} 0 & (h_1(ID) / N_1) = 1 \\ 1 & (h_1(ID) / N_1) = -1 \end{cases}$ .
- Compute  $h = a^{c_1} h_1(ID)$  and  $c_2 = \begin{cases} 0 & (h / p_1) = (h / q_1) = 1 \\ 1 & (h / p_1) = (h / q_1) = -1 \end{cases}$ .

Let  $H(ID) = (-1)^{c_2} a^{c_1} h_1(ID)$ , then  $H(ID) \in Q_{N_1}$ .

- Compute  $S_{ID}$  as a  $2^l$ th root of  $H(ID)$ ,  $S_{ID} = H(ID)^{d^l} \text{ mod } N_1$ .  
Note  $S_{ID}^{2^l} = H(ID) \text{ mod } N_1$
  - Send the SEM private key  $S_{ID}$ , two tags  $(c_1, c_2)$  and the  $(ID, PK_{ID})$  to the SEM over a confidential and authentic channel.
4. **Signing:** Suppose the user  $ID$  wants to get the signature of message  $m$ , the SEM checks whether  $ID$  is revoked; if not, the interaction between the signer and the SEM is as follows:
    - **SEM-Sign(I):** Chooses  $r_s \in_R Z_{N_1}^*$ , computes  $R_s = r_s^{2^l} \text{ mod } N_1$ , sends  $c_s = h_0(R_s)$  to the user.
    - **User-Sign(I):** Chooses  $r_u \in_R Z_{N_2}^*$ , computes  $R_u = r_u^{2^l} \text{ mod } N_2$ , sends  $R_u$  to the SEM.
    - **SEM-Sign(II):** Computes  $R \text{ mod } N_1N_2$  by using the Chinese Remainder Theorem such that  $R = R_s \text{ mod } N_1, R = R_u \text{ mod } N_2$ , then computes  $h_s = h_2(ID, PK_{ID}, R, m||0)$ ,  $t_s = r_s S_{ID}^{h_s} \text{ mod } N_1$  and sends back  $(R_s, t_s)$  to the user.
    - **User-Sign(II):** Checks if  $c_s = h_0(R_s)$ ; if they are equal, computes  $R \text{ mod } N_1N_2$  by using the Chinese Remainder Theorem such that  $R = R_s \text{ mod } N_1, R = R_u \text{ mod } N_2$ , then computes  $h_u = h_3(ID, PK_{ID}, R, m||1)$ ,  $t_u = r_u x_{ID}^{h_u} \text{ mod } N_2$ , finally computes  $t \text{ mod } N_1N_2$  by using the Chinese Remainder Theorem such that  $t = t_s \text{ mod } N_1, t = t_u \text{ mod } N_2$ .  
The final signature is  $\sigma = (R, t, c_1, c_2)$ .
  5. **Verifying:** Given a signature  $\sigma = (R, t, c_1, c_2)$  on a message  $m$ , any party could verify the validity by the following operations:
    - Compute  $H(ID) = (-1)^{c_2} a^{c_1} h_1(ID)$ ,  $h_s = h_2(ID, PK_{ID}, R, m||0)$ ,  $h_u = h_3(ID, PK_{ID}, R, m||1)$ .
    - Compute  $R'_s = t^{2^l} H(ID)^{-h_s} \text{ mod } N_1$ , and  $R'_u = t^{2^l} H(ID)^{-h_u} \text{ mod } N_2$ , compute  $R' \text{ mod } N_1N_2$  by using the Chinese Remainder Theorem such that  $R' = R'_s \text{ mod } N_1, R' = R'_u \text{ mod } N_2$ .
    - Check whether  $R = R' \text{ mod } N_1N_2$  holds or not. If the equation holds, output "valid", otherwise, output "invalid".

The correctness of the proposed scheme can be easily verified as follows.

$$R' = R'_s = t^{2^l} H(ID)^{-h_s} = t_s^{2^l} S_{ID}^{-2^l h_s} = r_s^{2^l} = R_s = R \pmod{N_1}$$

$$R' = R'_u = t^{2^l} H(ID)^{-h_u} = t_u^{2^l} S_{ID}^{-2^l h_u} = r_u^{2^l} = R_u = R \pmod{N_2}$$

V. SECURITY ANALYSIS

**Theorem 1.** If the factoring problem is  $(t', \epsilon')$ -hard, then our scheme is  $(t, \epsilon)$ -existential unforgeable against Type I adversary, satisfying

$$\epsilon' \geq \frac{1}{2q_{h_1} q_{h_2} + 1} \left( \frac{\Delta^2}{2^{-l} \Delta} - 2^{-l} \Delta \right), t' = t + O(k^2 l + k^3),$$

where

$$\Delta = \epsilon - q_s(q_{h_0} + q_s)2^{3-k} - q_s(q_{h_2} + q_s)2^{6-2k} - (q_s + q_{h_0} + 1)^2 2^{6-2k} - q_s / 2^l,$$

$(k, l)$  are security parameters introduced in section 4,  $q_s$  denotes the number of queries made to the SEM-Sign oracle and User-Sign oracle altogether,  $q_k$  denotes the number of queries made to the oracle public key extraction and private key extraction altogether,  $q_{h_0}, q_{h_1}, q_{h_2}, q_{h_3}$  denote the number of queries made to the oracle  $h_0, h_1, h_2,$  and  $h_3$  respectively.

**Proof:** Here we follow the idea from the schemes in [2] and [3]. Assume there exists a Type I adversary  $A_I$ . We start by describing how an adversary  $A_I$  can be used by a probabilistic polynomial time algorithm  $B$  to solve the factoring problem with probability at least  $\epsilon'$  and in time at most  $t'$ .

Now, we will show how to build an algorithm  $B$  that on input of a given instance of factoring problem  $N_1 = p_1 q_1$  for some unknown  $p_1$  and  $q_1$ , outputs  $p_1$  or  $q_1$  with non negligible probability.

Firstly  $B$  chooses  $a \in Z_{N_1}^*$  satisfying Jacobi symbol  $(a/N_1) = -1$ , chooses a secure parameter  $l \geq 160$ , and sends  $(N_1, a, l)$  to  $A_I$  as public parameters.  $B$  picks an identity  $ID^*$  at random as the challenged  $ID$  in this game. Then,  $B$  responds to  $A_I$ 's queries as follows:

**$h_0$ -Queries:** When  $A_I$  queries  $h_0$ ,  $B$  checks the corresponding  $h_0$ -list and outputs  $c$  if such query has already been made. Otherwise,  $B$  picks  $c \in \{0, 1\}^l$  at random, updates the  $h_0$ -list and outputs  $c$  as answer.

**$h_1$ -Queries:** When  $A_I$  queries  $h_1$  on input  $ID$ ,  $B$  checks the corresponding  $h_1$ -list and outputs  $h_1$  if such value is defined. Otherwise,  $B$  chooses a random number  $s \in Z_{N_1}^*$  and two random bits  $(c_1, c_2) \in \{0, 1\}^2$ , and

returns  $h_1 = \frac{s^{2^l}}{(-1)^{c_2} a^{c_1}} \pmod{N_1}$  as the answer, then adds

the entry  $(ID, h_1, s, c_1, c_2)$  to the  $h_1$ -list.

**$h_2$ -Queries:** When  $A_I$  queries  $h_2$  on input  $(ID, PK_{ID}, R, m||0)$ ,  $B$  checks the corresponding  $h_2$ -list and outputs  $h_s$

if such value is defined. Otherwise,  $B$  picks a random  $h_s \in \{0, 1\}^l$ , returns  $h_s$  as the answer, then adds the entry  $(ID, PK_{ID}, R, m||0, h_s)$  to the  $h_2$ -list.

**$h_3$ -Queries:** When  $A_I$  queries  $h_3$  on input  $(ID, PK_{ID}, R, m||1)$ ,  $B$  checks the corresponding  $h_3$ -list and outputs  $h_u$  if such value is defined. Otherwise,  $B$  picks a random  $h_u \in \{0, 1\}^l$ , returns  $h_u$  as the answer, then adds the entry  $(ID, PK_{ID}, R, m||1, h_u)$  to the  $h_3$ -list.

**SEM-Key Extraction Queries:** For queries on input  $ID$ , if  $ID = ID^*$ ,  $B$  aborts. Otherwise,  $B$  acts as follows:

if  $ID$  already exists on the  $h_1$ -list in the tuple  $(ID, h_1, s, c_1, c_2)$ ,  $B$  returns  $S_{ID}=s$ , as well as  $(c_1, c_2)$  as the answer. Otherwise,  $B$  adds a new tuple containing  $ID$  in the same way as handling  $h_1$ -query, then returns  $s$  and  $(c_1, c_2)$  as the answer.

**Public Key Extraction Queries:**  $B$  keeps the list List of user public/private key. It first puts the public key  $PK_{ID^*} = (N_2, P_{ID^*})$  of the identity  $ID^*$  into List. Upon receiving a public key extraction query on  $ID$ .  $B$  looks up its list List to find out the corresponding entry. If it does not exist,  $B$  runs KeyGen to generate a private and public key pair. It stores the key pair in the list List and returns the public key as the query output.

**Private Key Extraction Queries:** For queries on input  $ID$ , if  $ID = ID^*$ ,  $B$  aborts. Otherwise,  $B$  looks up the list List to find out the corresponding entry. If it does not exist,  $B$  runs KeyGen to generate a private and public key pair. It stores the key pair in the list List and returns the private key as the query output.

**Public Key Replacement Queries:** Upon receiving a public key replacement query on  $ID$ ,  $B$  searches the list List to replace the corresponding entry. If it does not exist,  $B$  creates a new entry for this identity.

**SEM-Sign Queries:** Upon receiving a query for a SEM signature of  $(m, ID, PK_{ID})$ . if  $ID \neq ID^*$ ,  $B$  can extract the SEM private key and run the algorithm SEM-Sign. Otherwise,  $B$  acts as follows:

- Recover the tuple  $(ID^*, h_1, s, c_1, c_2)$  from the list  $h_1$ -list.

- Compute  $H(ID^*) = (-1)^{c_2} a^{c_1} h_1$ .

- Pick  $t_s \in Z_{N_1}^*$ ,  $h_s \in \{0, 1\}^l$  and compute

$$R_s = \frac{t_s^{2^l}}{H(ID^*)^{h_s}}$$

- Execute  $h_0$  oracle simulation, get  $c = h_0(R_s)$  and send it to  $A_I$ .
- After getting  $R_u$  from  $A_I$ , compute  $R \pmod{N_1 N_2}$ , where  $R = R_s \pmod{N_1}$ ,  $R = R_u \pmod{N_2}$ , set  $h_2(ID^*, PK_{ID^*}, R, m||0) = h_s$ .
- Send  $(R_s, t_s, c_1, c_2)$  to  $A_I$ .

**User-Sign Queries:** Upon receiving a query for a user signature of  $(m, ID, PK_{ID})$ . if  $ID \neq ID^*$ ,  $B$  can extract the user private key and run the algorithm User-Sign. Otherwise,  $B$  acts as follows:

- An  $l$ -bit commitment  $c$  is obtained from the adversary, which models the first message that SEM should be sent to initiate the User-Sign process.

- Parse  $PK_{ID^*} = (N_2, P_{ID^*})$ , pick  $t_u \in Z_{N_2}^*$ ,  $h_u \in \{0, 1\}^l$ , and compute  $R_u = \frac{t_u^{2^l}}{P_{ID^*}^{h_u}}$ .
- After obtained  $(R_s, t_s, c_1, c_2)$ , compute  $R \bmod N_1 N_2$ , where  $R=R_s \bmod N_1, R=R_u \bmod N_2$ .
- Search for  $h_0$ -list to find  $R'_s$  such that  $h_0(R'_s) = c$ .
- If found, set  $h_3(ID^*, PK_{ID^*}, R, m||1)=h_u$ .
- If  $h_0(R_s)=c$ , but no  $R'_s$  can be found or  $R_s \neq R'_s$ , stop User-Sign.
- Otherwise, compute  $t \bmod N_1 N_2$ , where  $t=t_s \bmod N_1, t=t_u \bmod N_2$ , return  $(R, t, c_1, c_2)$  as an answer.

**Complete-Sign Queries:** If both the SEM private key and the user private key are available, signing is trivial. If either one of them is unavailable, this request can be simulated faithfully as a combination of the above two simulation.

**Forgery:** The next step of the simulation is to apply the general forking lemma in [18]: Let  $(t^*, R^*, c_1^*, c_2^*)$  be a forgery of a signature on a message  $m^*$  with respect to  $(ID^*, PK_{ID^*})$  that is output by  $A_I$  at the end of the attack. If  $A_I$  does not output  $ID^*$  as a part of the forgery then  $B$  aborts.

$B$  then replays  $A_I$  with the same random tape but different  $h_2$  after the point  $(ID^*, PK_{ID^*}, R^*, m^*||0)$ . Suppose  $h_2$  outputs  $h_s$  and  $h'_s$  in the first round and the second round respectively, where  $h_s \neq h'_s$ . So we get another valid forgery  $(t', R^*, c_1^*, c_2^*)$ , i.e.

$$t^{*2^l} = R^* H(ID^*)^{h_s} \bmod N_1;$$

$$t'^{2^l} = R^* H(ID^*)^{h'_s} \bmod N_1$$

$B$  thus gets  $H(ID^*)^{h_s-h'_s} = (t^*/t')^{2^l} \bmod N_1$ . Then  $B$  can easily compute a square root  $s'$  of  $H(ID^*)$ , setting  $a=H(ID^*), w = h_s - h'_s, X = (t^*/t')^{2^l} \bmod N_1$ . Now,  $B$  searches in the  $h_1$ -list to find the entry  $\langle ID, h_1, s, c_1, c_2 \rangle$ , and if  $s' \neq \pm s^{2^{l-1}} \bmod N_1$ ,  $N_1$  could be factored. Otherwise,  $B$  reports failure. Note,  $s$  was some random  $2^l$  root of  $H(ID^*)$  chosen by  $B$ , which is independent of  $A_I$ 's view. Thus, the probability that  $s' \neq \pm s^{2^{l-1}} \bmod N_1$  is  $1/2$ . Since  $B$  has to run  $A_I$  twice, and takes some additional operations to factor  $N_1$ , such as exponentiations over modulo  $N_1$ , GCD operations for division and factoring  $N_1$ , the time  $B$  needs to factor  $N_1$  is estimated as  $t' = 2t + O(k^2l + k^3)$ .

Let  $\varepsilon'$  be the probability that  $N_1$  could be factored,  $\varepsilon$  be the probability that  $A_I$  forges a signature in the real attack, and  $\varepsilon^*$  be the probability that  $A_I$  forges a signature in a single run in our simulation.

In the simulation of SEM-Sign oracle, embedding  $h_s$  as the response of  $h_2$  is not possible if  $A_I$  has queried the  $h_2$  value of  $(ID, PK_{ID}, R, m||0)$  beforehand. We consider the case that  $h_2$  has previously queried and the case that it was not. In the first case,  $A_I$  probably knows  $R_s$  and may

have deliberately queried such value. However, since  $t_s$  is chosen randomly by  $B$  independent of  $A_I$ 's view, the probability that  $A_I$  made such  $h_0$  query is at most  $(q_{h_0} + q_s) / |Q_{N_1}|$ . In the second case, the view of  $A_I$  is completely independent of  $R_s$ . The probability that  $R$  appeared (by chance) in a previous  $q_{h_2}$  query is against at most  $(q_{h_2} + q_s) / |Q_{N_1 N_2}|$ .

The User-Sign query simulation fails if  $h_0(R_s)=c$ , but no  $R'_s$  can be found or  $R_s \neq R'_s$ . For the first case, the probability that  $A_I$  can predict  $h_0(R_s)=c$  without asking the random oracle is at most  $q_s/2^l$ . For the second case, collision must have occurred and the probability for this is at most  $(q_{h_0} + q_s + 1)^2 / |Q_{N_1}|$ . We just assume  $A_I$  asked for  $h_3(ID, PK_{ID}, R, m||1)$  if  $R_s$  was not found since  $A_I$  knew the value of  $R_s$  before  $B$ .

So in our simulation, the probability of  $A_I$  winning the game is reduced to

$$\varepsilon^* \geq \varepsilon - q_s(q_{h_0} + q_s)2^{3-k} - q_s(q_{h_2} + q_s)2^{6-2k} - (q_s + q_{h_0} + 1)^2 2^{6-2k} - q_s / 2^l$$

Let  $p_h$  be the probability that the forgery was based on the  $h$ -th  $h_2$ -query in a single run. It could be easily calculated that

$$\varepsilon^* = \sum_{h=1}^{q_{h_2}+1} p_h$$

Let  $p_{h,s}$  be the probability that the forgery was based on the  $h$ -th  $h_2$ -query in a single run, given a specific string  $s$  of length  $m$ , which determines the random tape of  $A_I$  and responses to all the queries. Therefore,

$$2^m p_h = \sum_{s \in \{0,1\}^m} p_{h,s}$$

For a specific string  $s$ , the probability that a forgery was based on the  $h$ -th  $h_2$ -query in both two runs is  $p_{h,s}$  ( $p_{h,s} 2^l$ ), since the answer of the  $h$ -th  $h_2$ -query in the second run should be different from the first run. Let  $P_h$  be the probability that a forgery was based on the  $h$ -th  $h_2$ -query in both two runs. Then

$$P_h = \sum_{s \in \{0,1\}^m} 2^{-m} (p_{h,s} - 2^{-l})$$

$$= 2^{-m} \left( \sum_{s \in \{0,1\}^m} p_{h,s}^2 - 2^{-l} \sum_{s \in \{0,1\}^m} p_{h,s} \right) \geq p_h^2 - 2^{-l} p_h$$

Therefore, the probability that  $A_I$  outputs two forgeries that are based on the same  $h_2$ -queries in both runs is estimated as

$$\sum_{h=1}^{q_{h_2}+1} P_h \geq \sum_{h=1}^{q_{h_2}+1} p_h^2 - \sum_{h=1}^{q_{h_2}+1} 2^{-l} p_h \geq \frac{\varepsilon^{*2}}{q_{h_2} + 1} - 2^{-l} \varepsilon^*$$

$$\geq \frac{\Delta^2}{q_{h_2} + 1} - 2^{-l} \Delta$$

where

$$\Delta = \varepsilon - q_s(q_{h_0} + q_s)2^{3-k} - q_s(q_{h_2} + q_s)2^{6-2k} - (q_s + q_{h_0} + 1)^2 2^{6-2k} - q_s / 2^l$$

Moreover, outputting two forgeries on the same  $h_2$ -queries means that  $B$  has a probability of 1/2 to factor  $N_1$ . In addition,  $B$  needs to guess which identity  $A_l$  is going to forge the signature. The probability of guessing correctly is  $1/q_{h_1}$ , so we have  $\varepsilon' \geq \sum_{h=1}^{q_{h_2}+1} P_h / 2q_{h_1}$ .

**Theorem 2.** If the factoring problem is  $(t', \varepsilon')$ -hard, then our scheme is  $(t, \varepsilon)$ -existential unforgeable against Type II adversary, satisfying

$$\varepsilon' \geq \frac{1}{2q_k} \left( \frac{\Delta^2}{q_{h_3} + 1} - 2^{-l} \Delta \right), t' = t + O(k^2l + k^3),$$

where

$$\Delta = \varepsilon - (q_s + q_{h_0} + 1)^2 2^{6-2k} - q_s / 2^l,$$

$(k, l)$  are security parameters introduced in section 4,  $q_s, q_k, q_{h_0}, q_{h_2}, q_{h_3}$  have the same meaning as those in Theorem 1.

Proof: Assume there exists a Type II adversary  $A_{II}$  against our scheme. We are going to construct another PPT algorithm  $B$  that makes use of  $A_{II}$  to solve the factoring problem with probability at least  $\varepsilon'$  and in time at most  $t'$ .

Now, we will show how to build an algorithm  $B$  that on input of a given instance of factoring problem  $N_2 = p_2q_2$  for some unknown  $p_2$  and  $q_2$ , outputs  $p_2$  or  $q_2$  with non negligible probability.

Firstly,  $B$  generates two random primes  $p_1, q_1$ , such that  $p_1 = 2p'_1 + 1, q_1 = 2q'_1 + 1$ , with  $p'_1, q'_1$  being primes too, satisfying  $2^{k-1} \leq (p_1-1)(q_1-1)$  and  $p_1q_1 < 2^k$ , then computes  $N_1 = p_1q_1$  and sets  $(p_1, q_1, p'_1, q'_1)$  as the KGC's master-key,  $B$  chooses  $a \in_R Z_{N_1}^*$ , satisfying Jacobi symbol  $(a/N_1) = -1$ , chooses a secure parameter  $l \geq 160$ , and sets  $(N_1, a, l)$  as public parameters. Finally  $B$  sends public parameters and master-key to  $A_{II}$ . Since  $A_{II}$  has access to the master-key, he can do SEM-Extract and SEM-Sign himself, thus the hash function  $h_1()$  is not modelled as a random oracle in this case.

Suppose that  $A_{II}$  can forge a valid signature on message  $m^*$  for identity  $ID^*$  under public key  $PK_{ID^*}$ .  $B$  picks a random  $x_{ID^*} \in Z_{N_2}^*$ , computes  $P_{ID^*} = x_{ID^*}^2 \bmod N_2$  and sets  $ID^*$ 's public key as  $PK_{ID^*} = (N_2, P_{ID^*})$ .

$B$  responds to  $A_{II}$ 's queries as follows:

**$h_0$ -Queries,  $h_2$ -Queries,  $h_3$ -Queries:** Random oracles for these queries are modeled the same as described in Theorem 1.

**Public Key Extraction Queries:** Upon receiving a query for a public key of an identity  $ID$ , if  $ID \neq ID^*$ ,  $B$  randomly picks two random primes  $p_3, q_3$ , such that  $p_3 = 2p'_3 + 1, q_3 = 2q'_3 + 1$ , with  $p'_3, q'_3$  being primes too, satisfying  $2^{k-1} \leq (p_3-1)(q_3-1)$  and  $p_3q_3 < 2^k$ , then compute

$N_3 = p_3q_3$ , picks a random  $x_{ID} \in Z_{N_3}^*$ , sets  $sk_{ID} = (x_{ID}, p_3, q_3)$

as  $ID$ 's private value, computes  $P_{ID} = x_{ID}^2 \bmod N_3$ , returns  $PK_{ID} = (N_3, P_{ID})$  as answer and adds the tuple  $(ID, sk_{ID}, PK_{ID})$  to K-list which is initially empty. Otherwise, returns  $PK_{ID^*}$ .

**Private Key Extraction Queries:** Upon receiving a query for a private key of an identity  $ID$ , if  $ID = ID^*$ ,  $B$  aborts. Otherwise,  $B$  searches K-list for the entry  $(ID, sk_{ID}, PK_{ID})$ , generating a new key pair if this does not exist, and returns  $sk_{ID}$ .

**User-Sign Queries:** Note that at any time during the simulation, equipped with those user private keys for any  $ID \neq ID^*$ ,  $A_{II}$  is able to generate partial signatures on any message  $m$ . For  $ID = ID^*$ , the simulation is as follows.

- An  $l$ -bit commitment  $c$  is obtained from the adversary, which models the first message that SEM should be sent to initiate the User-Sign process.
- Pick  $t_u \in Z_{N_2}^*, h_u \in \{0, 1\}^l$ , and compute  $R_u = \frac{t_u^{2^l}}{P_{ID^*}^{h_u}}$ .
- After obtained  $(R_s, t_s, c_1, c_2)$ , compute  $R \bmod N_1N_2$ , where  $R = R_s \bmod N_1, R = R_u \bmod N_2$ .
- Search for  $h_0$ -list to find  $R'_s$  such that  $h_0(R'_s) = c$ .
- If found, set  $h_3(ID^*, PK_{ID^*}, R, m||1) = h_u$ .
- If  $h_0(R_s) = c$ , but no  $R'_s$  can be found or  $R_s \neq R'_s$ , stop User-Sign.
- Otherwise, compute  $t \bmod N_1N_2$ , where  $t = t_s \bmod N_1, t = t_u \bmod N_2$ , return  $(R, t, c_1, c_2)$  as an answer.

**Complete-Sign Queries:** If the user private key is available, signing is trivial. Otherwise, this request can be simulated faithfully similar to above.

**Forgery:** The next step of the simulation is to apply the general forking lemma in [18]: Let  $(t^*, R^*, c_1^*, c_2^*)$  be a forgery of a signature on a message  $m^*$  with respect to  $(ID^*, PK_{ID^*})$  that is output by  $A_{II}$  at the end of the attack. If  $A_{II}$  does not output  $ID^*$  as a part of the forgery then  $B$  aborts.

$B$  then replays  $A_{II}$  with the same random tape but different  $h_3$  after the point  $(ID^*, PK_{ID^*}, R^*, m^*||1)$ . Suppose  $h_3$  outputs  $h_u$  and  $h'_u$  in the first round and the second round respectively, where  $h_u \neq h'_u$ . So we get another valid forgery  $(t', R^*, c_1^*, c_2^*)$ , i.e.

$$t^{*2^l} = R^* P_{ID^*}^{h_u} \bmod N_2;$$

$$t'^{2^l} = R^* P_{ID^*}^{h'_u} \bmod N_2$$

$B$  thus gets  $P_{ID^*}^{h_u-h'_u} = (t^*/t')^{2^l} \bmod N_2$ . By applying Theorem 2,  $B$  can easily compute a square root  $s'$  of  $P_{ID^*}$ ,  $a = P_{ID^*}, w = h_u - h'_u$  and  $X = (t^*/t')^{2^l}$ .

Let  $\varepsilon'$  be the probability that  $N_2$  could be factored,  $\varepsilon$  be the probability that  $A_{II}$  forges a signature in the real attack, and  $\varepsilon^*$  be the probability that  $A_{II}$  forges a signature in a single run in our simulation.

The User-Sign query simulation fails if  $h_0(R_s)=c$ , but no  $R'_s$  can be found or  $R_s \neq R'_s$ . For the first case, the probability that  $A_{II}$  can predict  $h_0(R_s)=c$  without asking the random oracle is at most  $q_s/2^l$ . For the second case, collision must have occurred and the probability for this is at most  $(q_{h_0} + q_s + 1)^2 / |Q_{N_1}|$ .

So in our simulation, the probability of  $A_{II}$  winning the game is reduced to

$$\varepsilon^* \geq \varepsilon - (q_s + q_{h_0} + 1)^2 2^{6-2k} - q_s / 2^l$$

Let  $p_h$  be the probability that the forgery was based on the  $h$ -th  $h_3$ -query in a single run. It could be easily calculated that

$$\varepsilon^* = \sum_{h=1}^{q_{h_3}+1} p_h$$

Let  $p_{h,s}$  be the probability that the forgery was based on the  $h$ -th  $h_3$ -query in a single run, given a specific string  $s$  of length  $m$ , which determines the random tape of  $A_{II}$  and responses to all the queries. Therefore,

$$2^m p_h = \sum_{s \in \{0,1\}^m} p_{h,s}$$

For a specific string  $s$ , the probability that a forgery was based on the  $h$ -th  $h_3$ -query in both two runs is  $p_{h,s}$  ( $p_{h,s} - 2^{-l}$ ), since the answer of the  $h$ -th  $h_3$ -query in the second run should be different from the first run. Let  $P_h$  be the probability that a forgery was based on the  $h$ -th  $h_3$ -query in both two runs. Then

$$\begin{aligned} P_h &= \sum_{s \in \{0,1\}^m} 2^{-m} (p_{h,s} - 2^{-l}) \\ &= 2^{-m} \left( \sum_{s \in \{0,1\}^m} p_{h,s}^2 - 2^{-l} \sum_{s \in \{0,1\}^m} p_{h,s} \right) \geq p_h^2 - 2^{-l} p_h \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the probability that  $A_{II}$  outputs two forgeries that are based on the same  $h_3$ -queries in both runs is estimated as

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{h=1}^{q_{h_3}+1} P_h &\geq \sum_{h=1}^{q_{h_3}+1} p_h^2 - \sum_{h=1}^{q_{h_3}+1} 2^{-l} p_h \geq \frac{\varepsilon^{*2}}{q_{h_3}+1} - 2^{-l} \varepsilon^* \\ &\geq \frac{\Delta^2}{q_{h_3}+1} - 2^{-l} \Delta \end{aligned}$$

where  $\Delta = \varepsilon - (q_s + q_{h_0} + 1)^2 2^{6-2k} - q_s / 2^l$ . Moreover, outputting two forgeries on the same  $h_3$ -queries means that  $B$  has a probability of  $1/2$  to factor  $N_2$ . In addition,  $B$  needs to guess which identity  $A_{II}$  is going to forge the signature, and assign the problem instance element as the

public key of this identity. The probability of guessing correctly is  $1/q_k$ , so we have  $\varepsilon' \geq \sum_{h=1}^{q_{h_3}+1} P_h / 2q_k$ .

Time complexity analysis is similar to the proof of Type I Adversary.

### VI. CONCLUSION

SMC cryptography solves the instantaneous key revocation problem in CLPKC while eliminating key escrow problem inherited in IBC. SMC signature is one of the most important security primitives in SMC cryptography. In this paper, we propose a provable secure SMC signature scheme without bilinear pairing. It is provable secure in the random oracle model based on the intractability of the factoring problem. Our scheme is efficient in the sense that no bilinear pairing is involved.

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