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# A Tightly Secure ID-Based Signature Scheme under DL Assumption in AGM

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# Outline

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- Challenge and Our Contribution
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- Security Proof in AGM (High-level)
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# Introduction

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# Identity-based Signatures

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## Digital Signatures

- Integrity, authentication, and non-repudiation
- Can be provably secure (forging is **computationally hard**)

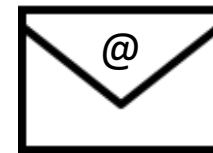


However, there is a need of public key infrastructure

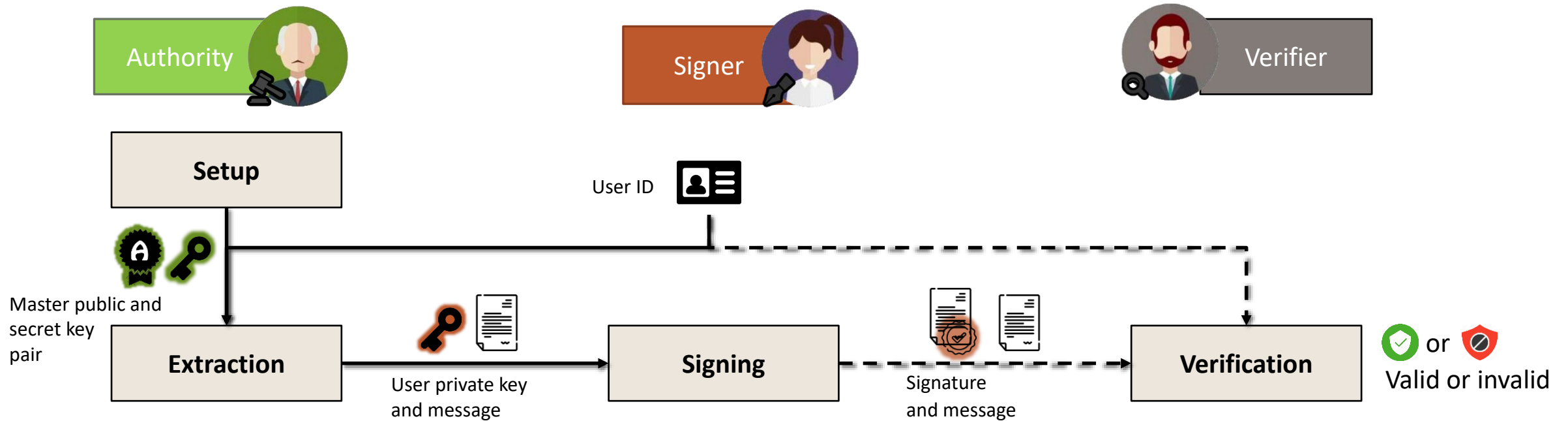
- To certify users' public keys

## Identity (ID)-based Signatures (IBS)

- Users' identity *ID* serves as the public key
- E.g. email address and ID number



# Definition of IBS

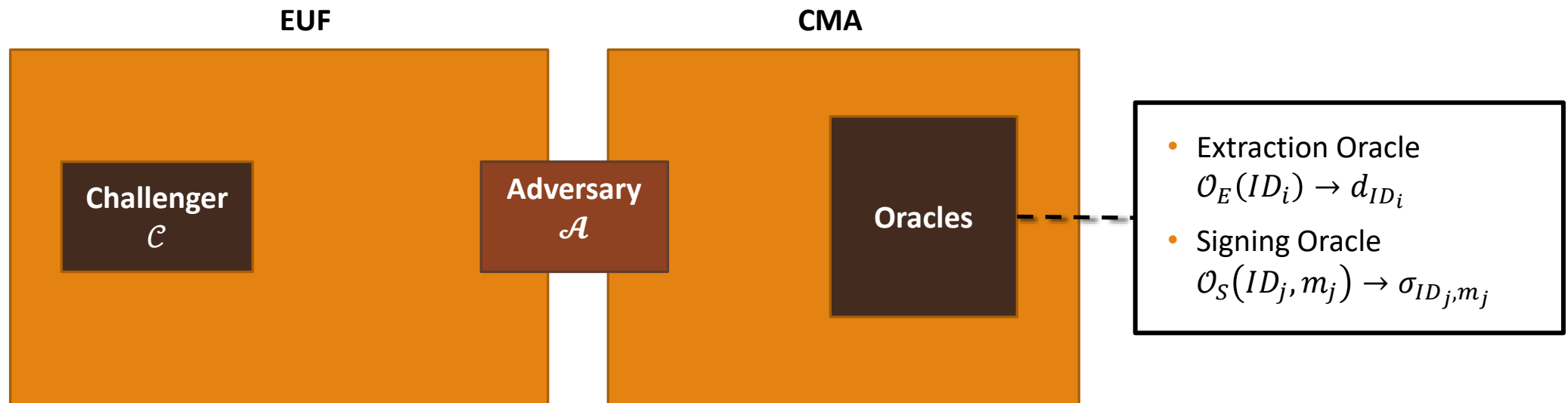


An IBS scheme is defined with four main algorithms:

- **Setup:** On input **security parameters**, it generates master public and secret key pair
- **Extraction:** On input **master secret key and user ID**, it generates a user private key
- **Signing:** On input **user private key and message**, it generates a signature
- **Verification:** On input **ID, signature, and message**, it returns its validity

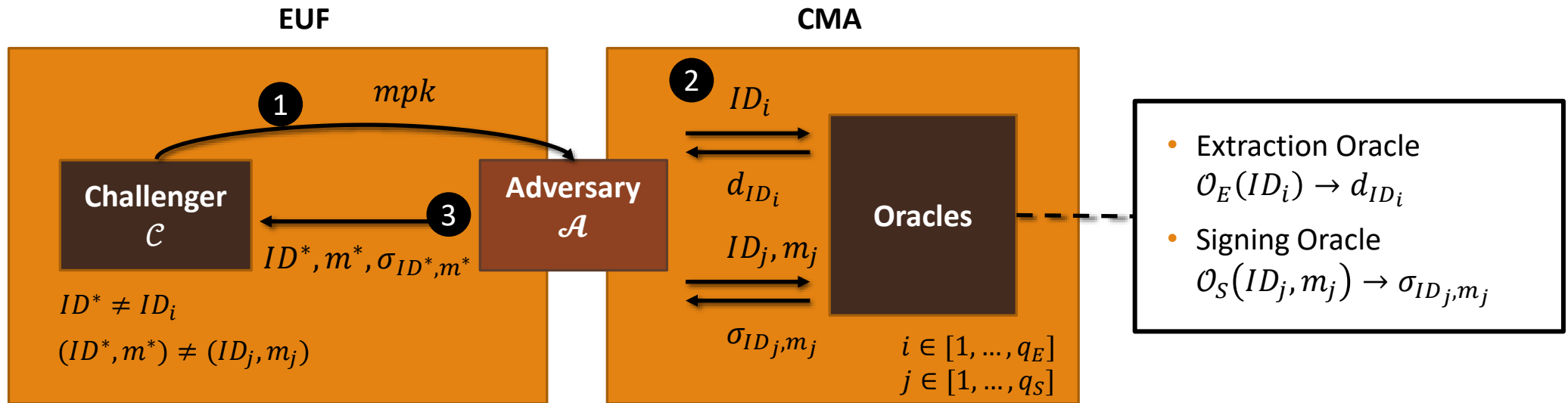
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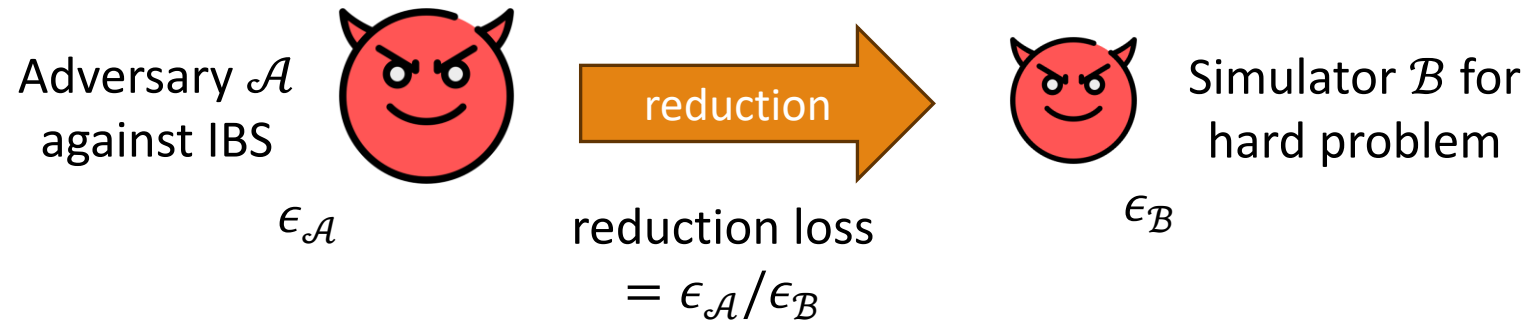
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1. Setup:  $\mathcal{C}$  prepares parameters and **returns**  $mpk$  to  $\mathcal{A}$
2. Query:  $\mathcal{A}$  **requests** user private key  $d_{ID_i} \leftarrow \mathcal{O}_E(ID_i)$  and signatures  $\sigma_{ID_j, m_j} \leftarrow \mathcal{O}_S(ID_j, m_j)$
3. Forgery:  $\mathcal{A}$  **returns** valid forgery  $(ID^*, m^*, \sigma_{ID^*, m^*})$  and **wins** if  $ID^*$  and  $(ID^*, m^*)$  have **not** been queried to  $\mathcal{O}_E(\cdot), \mathcal{O}_S(\cdot, \cdot)$  respectively

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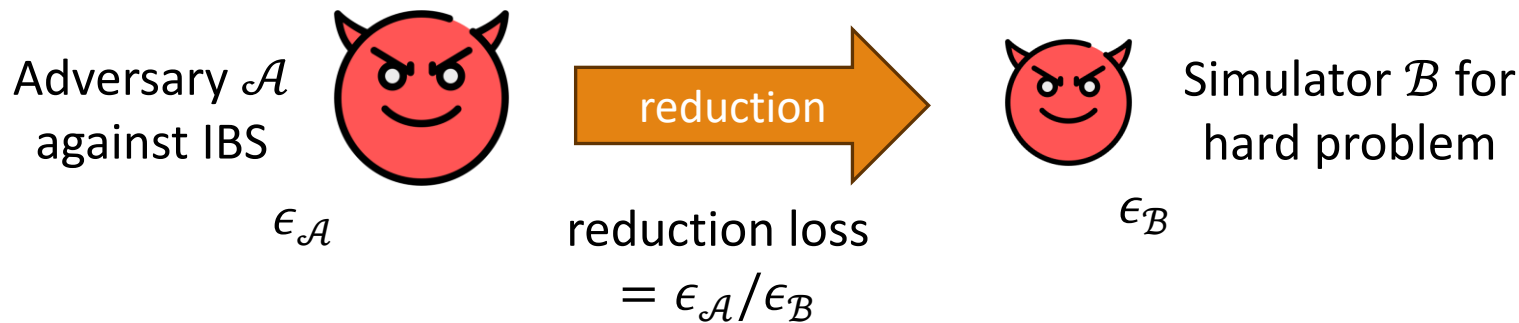
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## “Ideal security” in cyclic group setting

- Hardest problem: Discrete logarithm (DL)
- Standard EUF-CMA security model

**Tight reduction:**  
Loss factor is  $O(1)$

Better theoretical result

More efficient implementation

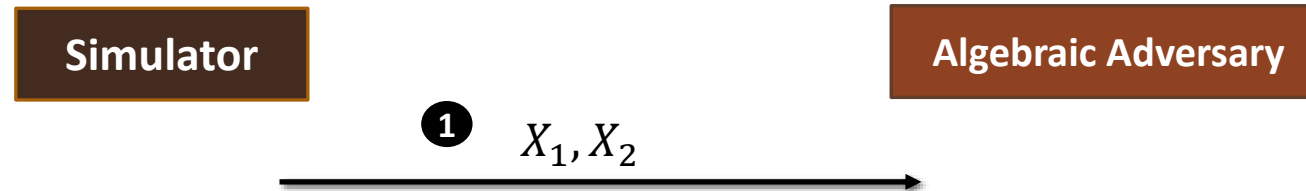
It is hard to achieve ideal security!  
We may resort to the “idealized models”

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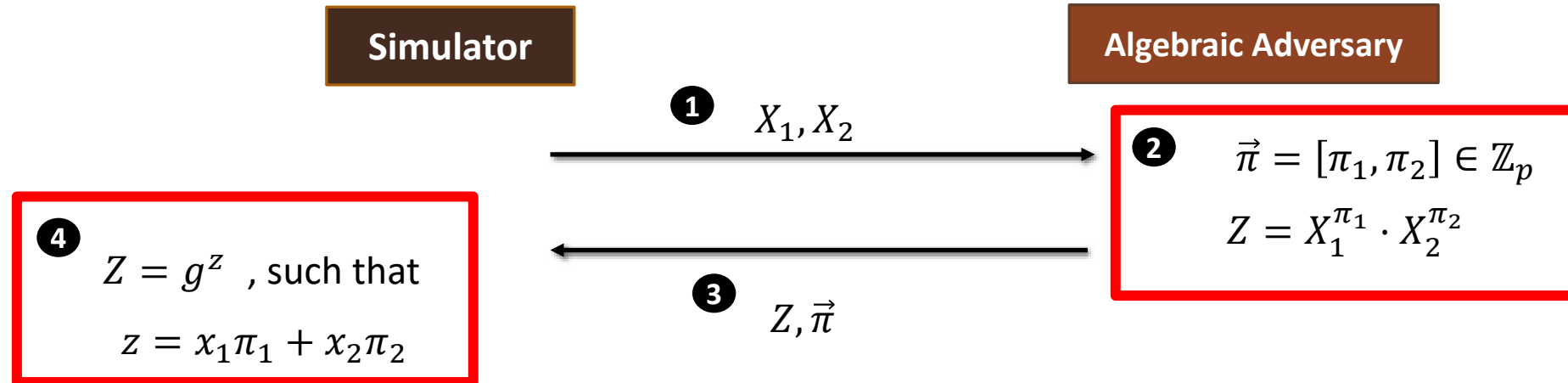
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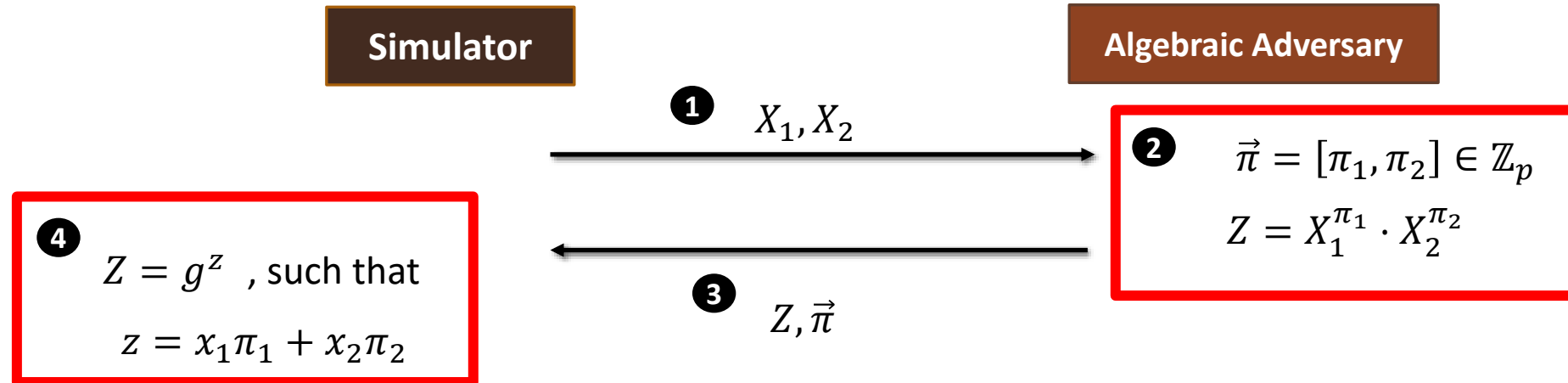


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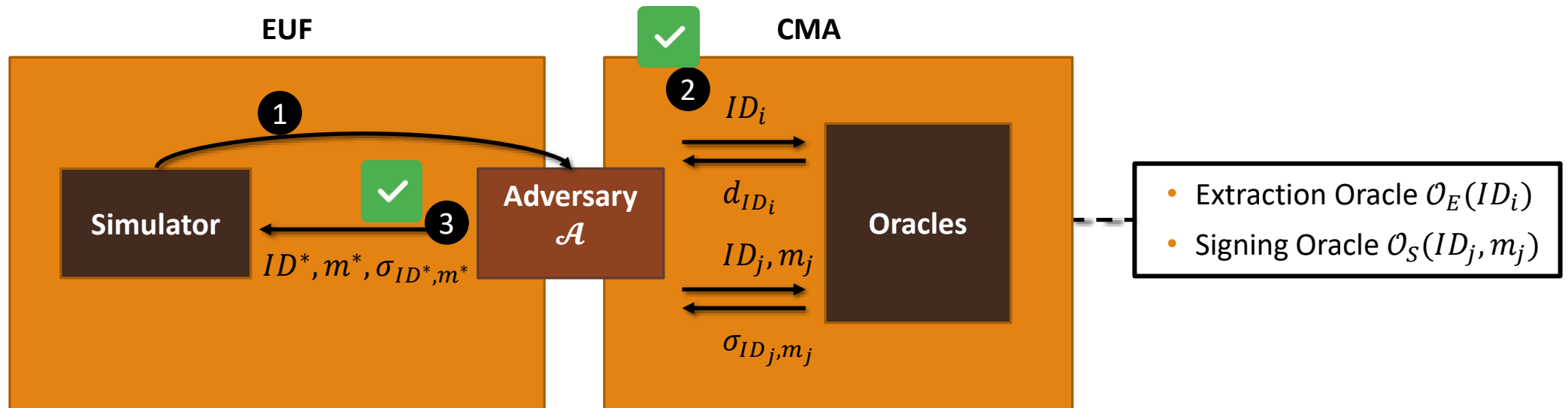
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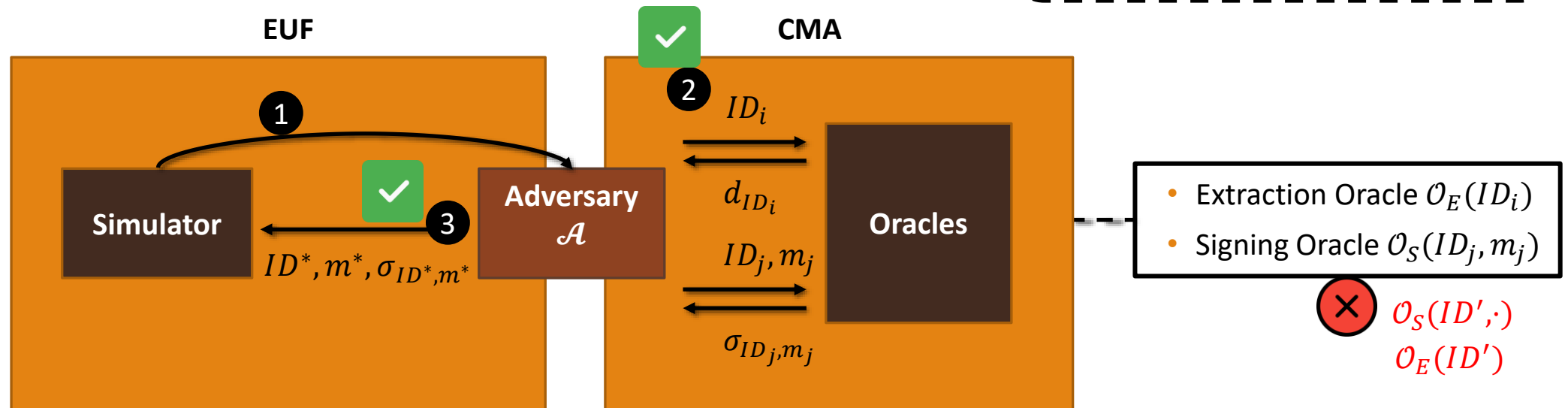


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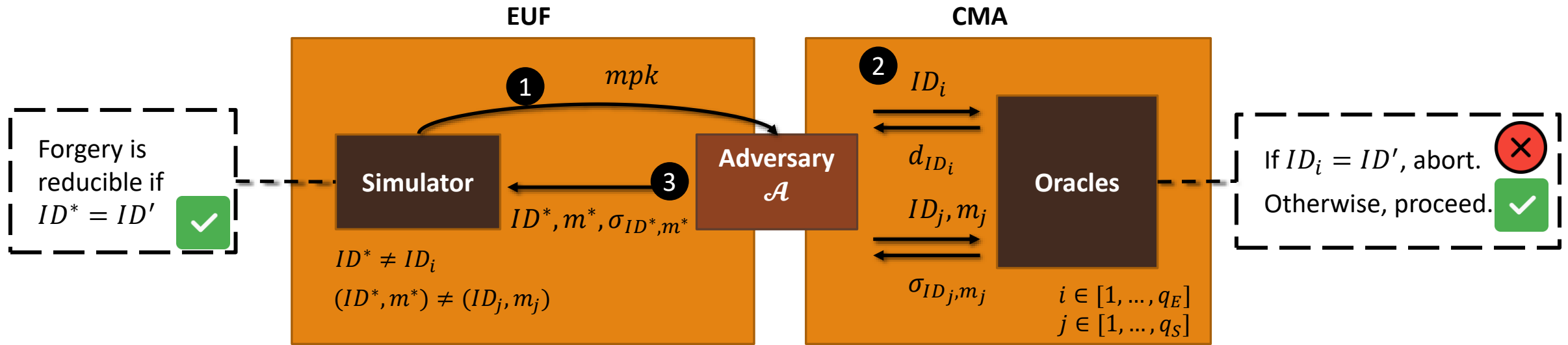
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**Conflicting:** In most reductions, if user private key is simulated, the corresponding forgery may not be reducible



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- Choose a target  $ID' \in [ID_1, \dots, ID_q]$  with a non-simulatable key
- If forgery matches target one, i.e.  $ID^* = ID'$ , it can be reducible

**However**, this results loose reduction due to random target  $ID'$



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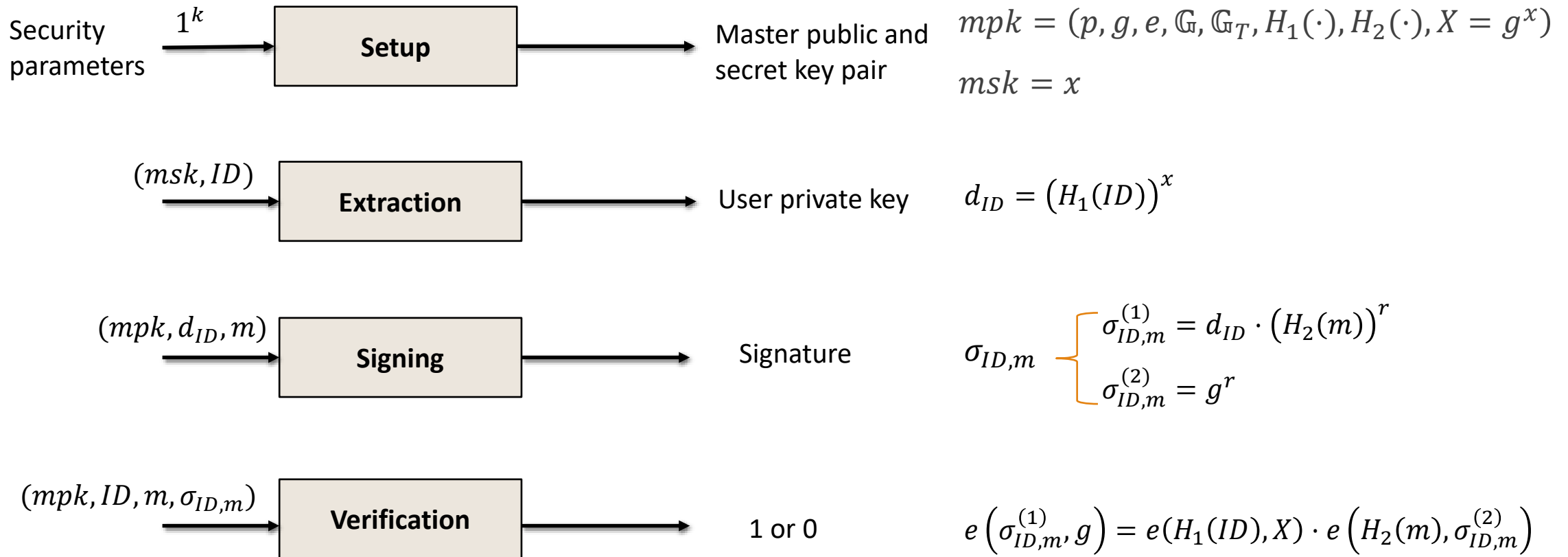
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# The BLS-IBS Scheme

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Extended based on BLS signatures: public key  $pk = g^x$  and signature  $\sigma_m = H(m)^x$



# The Security Proof

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## AGM (High-level)

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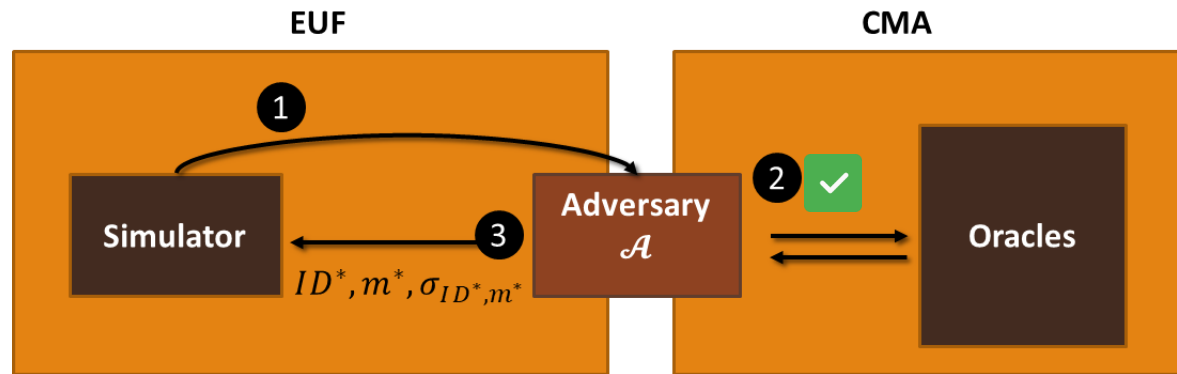
| Elements                  | Simulation $\mathcal{R}_1$              | Simulation $\mathcal{R}_2$                       |
|---------------------------|---|--|
| $X$                       | $g^a$                                   | $g^x$  |
| $H_{ID_i}$                | $g^{h_{ID_i}}$                          | $g^{au_{1,i}+v_{1,i}}$                           |
| $H_{m_i}$                 | $g^{h_{m_i}}$                           | $g^{au_{2,i}+v_{2,i}}$                           |
| $d_{ID_i}$                | $g^{ah_{ID_i}}$                         | $g^{au_{1,i}x+v_{1,i}x}$                         |
| $\sigma_{ID_i,m_i}^{(1)}$ | $g^{a(h_{ID_i}+h_{m_i}s_i)+h_{m_i}t_i}$ | $g^{a(u_{1,i}x+u_{2,i}r_i)+v_{1,i}x+v_{2,i}r_i}$ |
| $\sigma_{ID_i,m_i}^{(2)}$ | $g^{as_i+t_i}$                          | $g^{r_i}$  |

During the query phase,

Every  $d_{ID}$  is simulatable.  
Both simulations will not abort!



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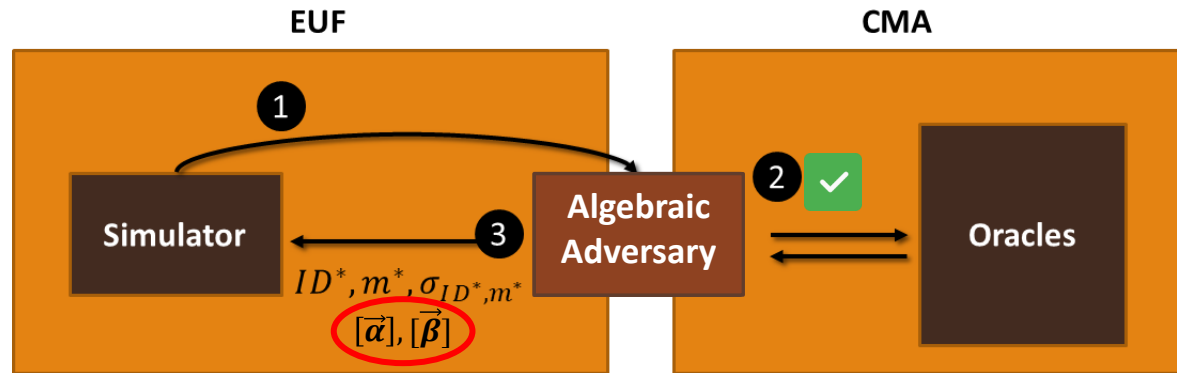


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Therefore, the simulator can derive a general modular equation

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{1} \quad xh_{ID^*} + r^*h_{m^*} &= x\theta + \hat{\theta} + \sum_i^{q_s} r_i \omega_{\alpha_i} \\ \textcircled{2} \quad r^* &= x\delta + \hat{\delta} + \sum_i^{q_s} r_i \omega_{\beta_i} \end{aligned}$$

General equation:

$$x(h_{ID^*} + h_{m^*}\delta - \theta) + \sum_i^{q_s} r_i(h_{m^*}\omega_{\beta_i} - \omega_{\alpha_i}) = \hat{\theta} - h_{m^*}\hat{\delta}$$

Next, we classify this into several cases (in full proof).  
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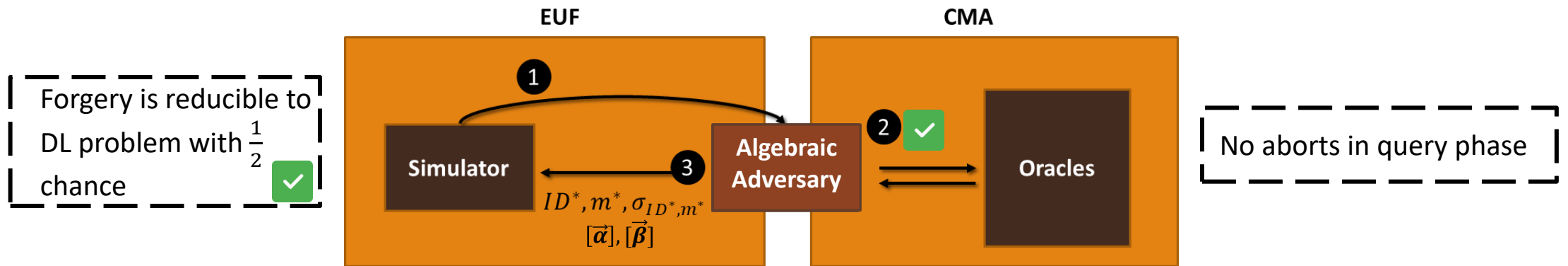
$$\Pr[Success] = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \Pr[\mathcal{R}_1] + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \Pr[\mathcal{R}_2] = \frac{1}{2}$$

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The proposed BLS-IBS achieves ideal security in AGM



A valuable insight on how to achieve ideal security for IBS in AGM

**Future work:** Pairing-free IBS with ideal security

- Schnorr-like IBS [GG09]: A similar approach cannot work here as the simulator cannot simulate any user private key



# Thank you

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