

Updates on FROST: Flexible Round-Optimized Schnorr Threshold Signatures

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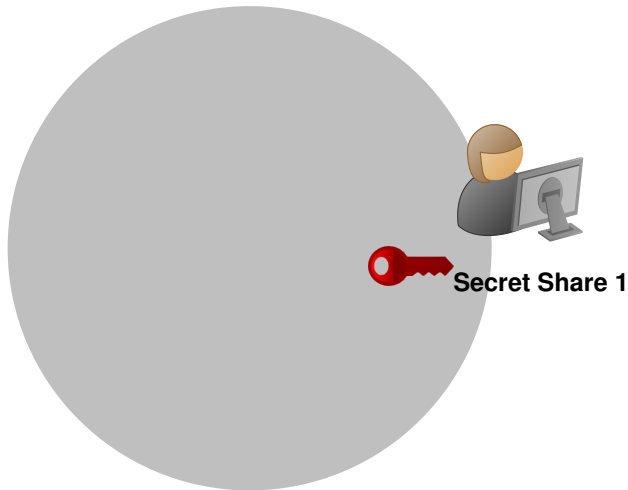
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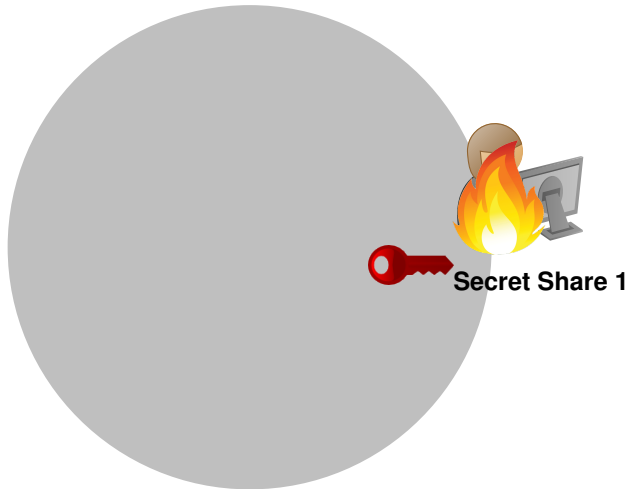
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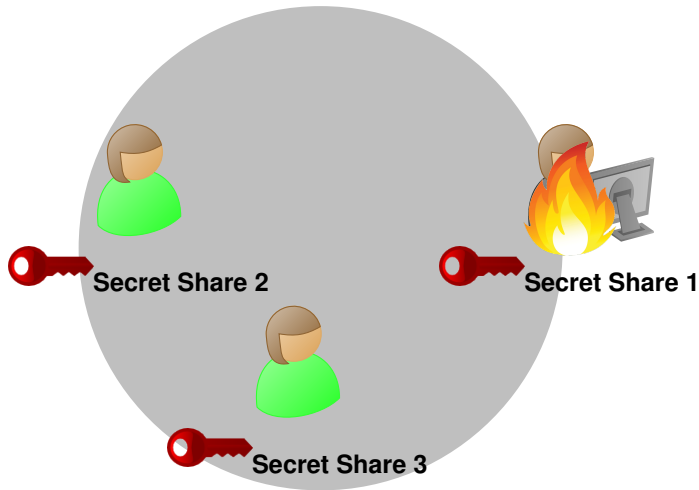
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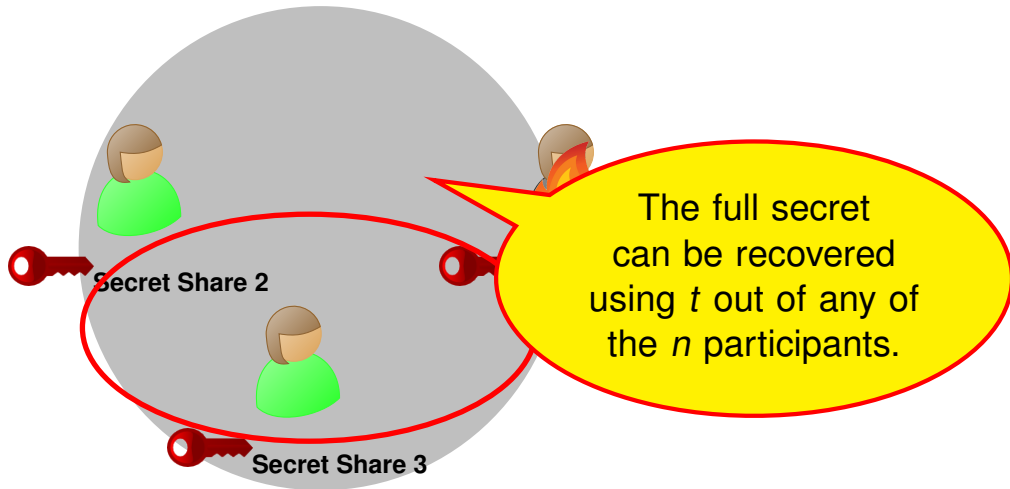
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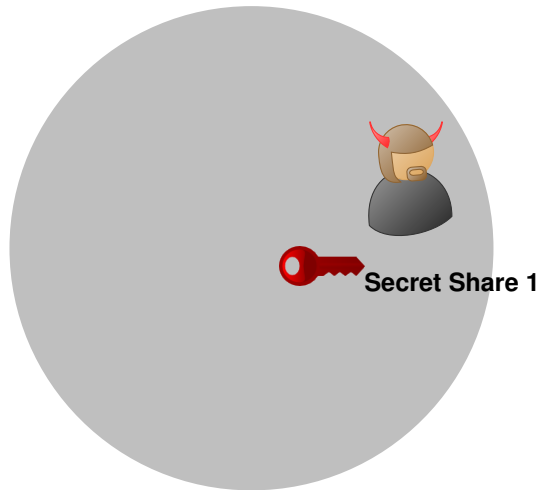
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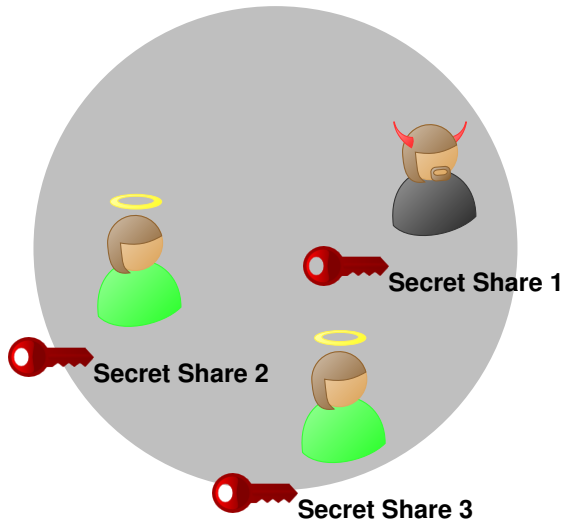
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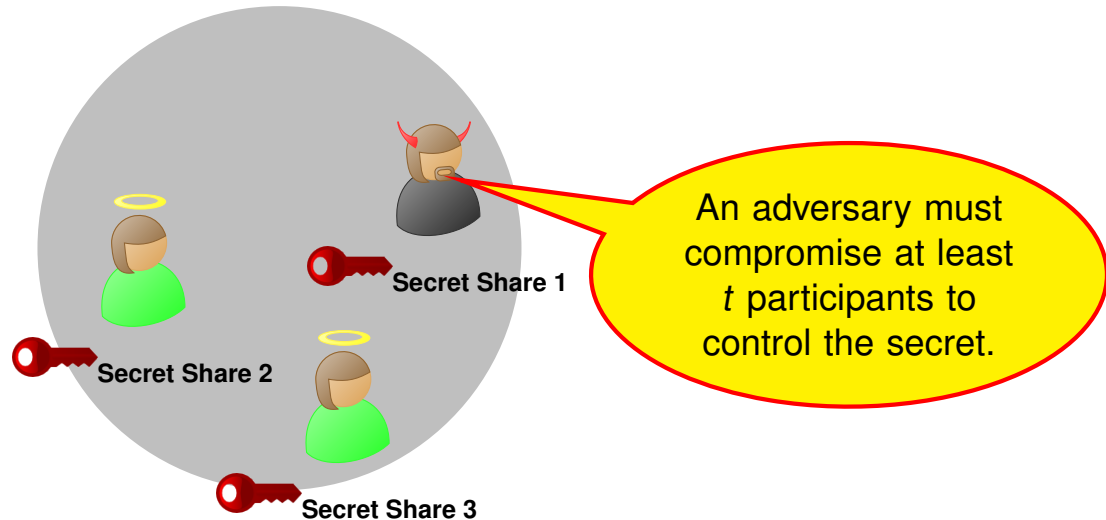
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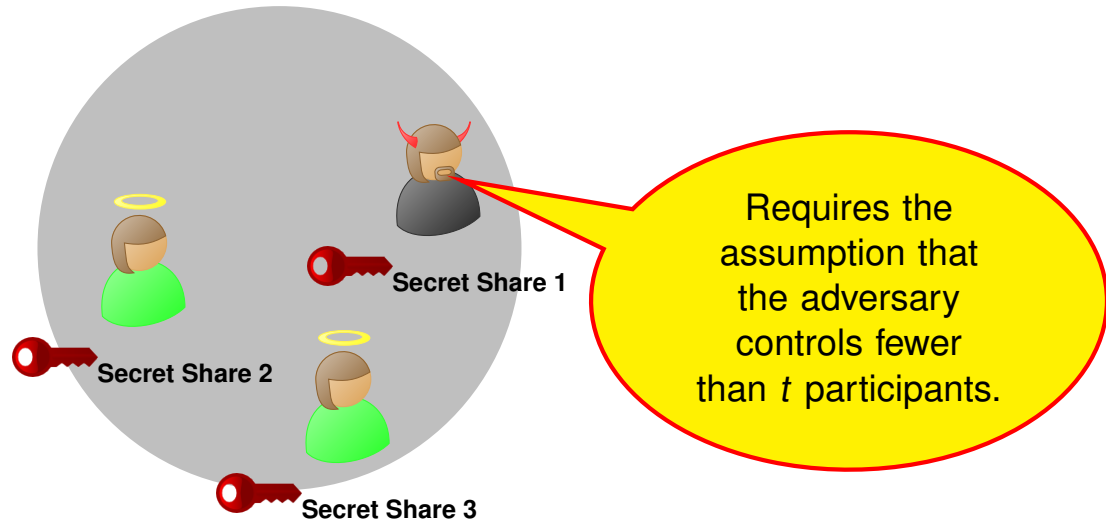
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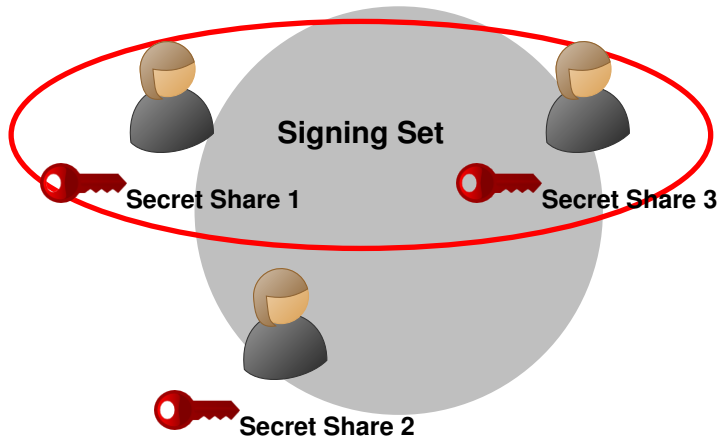


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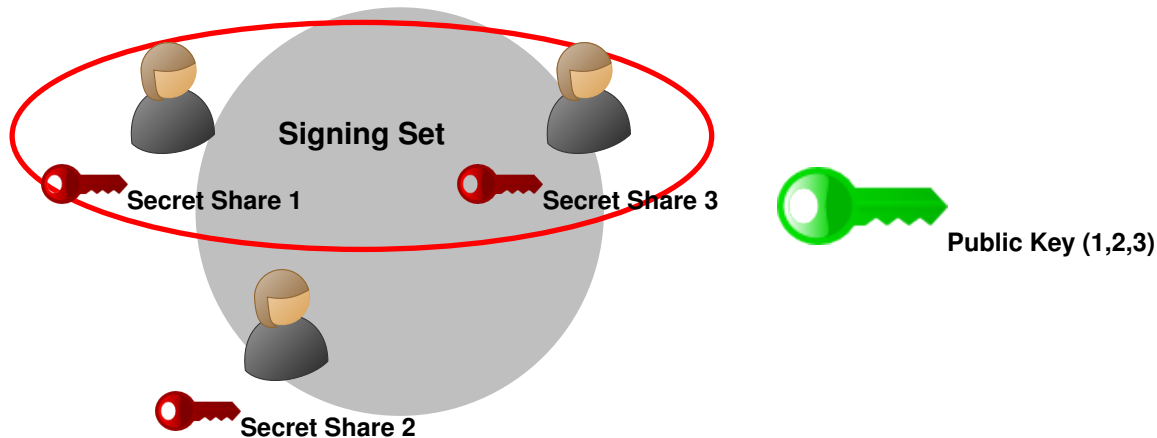
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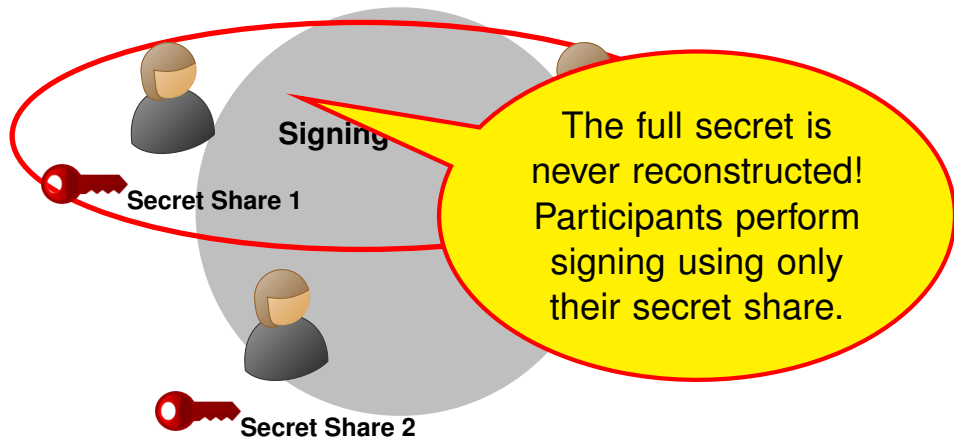
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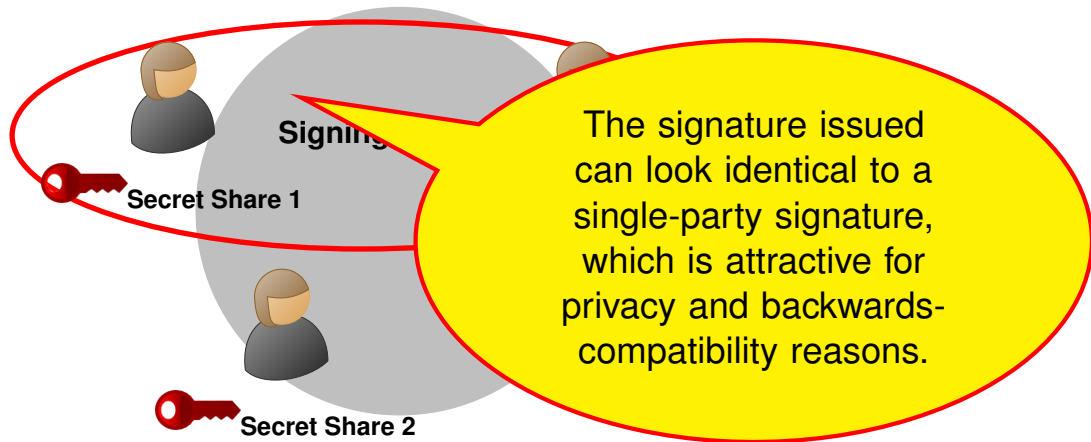
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Signature format
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Security against Drivers

Without $\rho_\ell = H_1(\ell, m, B)$, an adversary could produce a c^* such that:

$$c^* = H(R^*, Y, m^*) = \sum_{i=1}^k H(R_i, Y, m_i) = \sum c_i \text{ for some } (R_i, m_i), \dots$$

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After sending receiving the victim's z_i for each (R_i, m_i) , the adversary can produce a valid forgery $\sigma^* = (R^*, z)$, as

$$z = \sum d_i + e_i + \lambda_t \cdot s_t \cdot \sum c_i = \sum d_i + e_i + \lambda_t \cdot s_t \cdot c^*$$

The binding factor in FROST makes each z_i strongly tied to (m_i, R_i) .

$$z = \sum d_i + (e_i * \rho_i) + \lambda_t \cdot s_t \cdot \sum c_i$$

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See crates.io/crates/redjubjub/0.3.0

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