

Malleable Cryptography: Advances and Applications to Privacy-enhancing Technologies

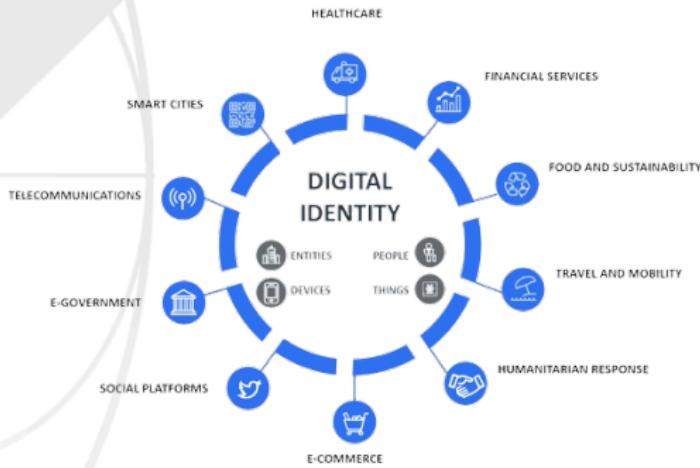
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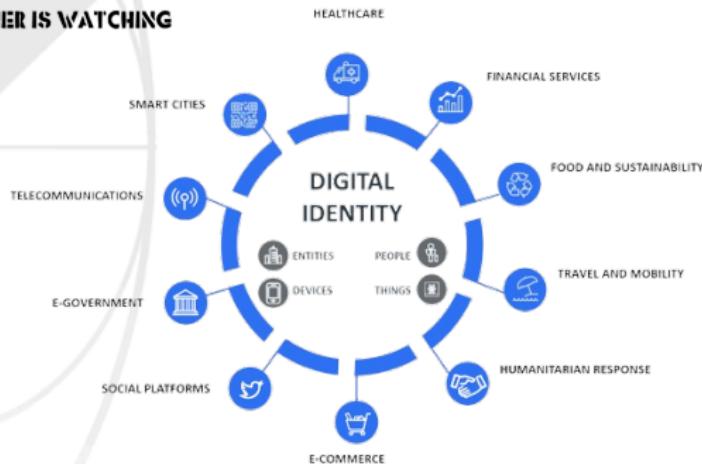
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Introduction

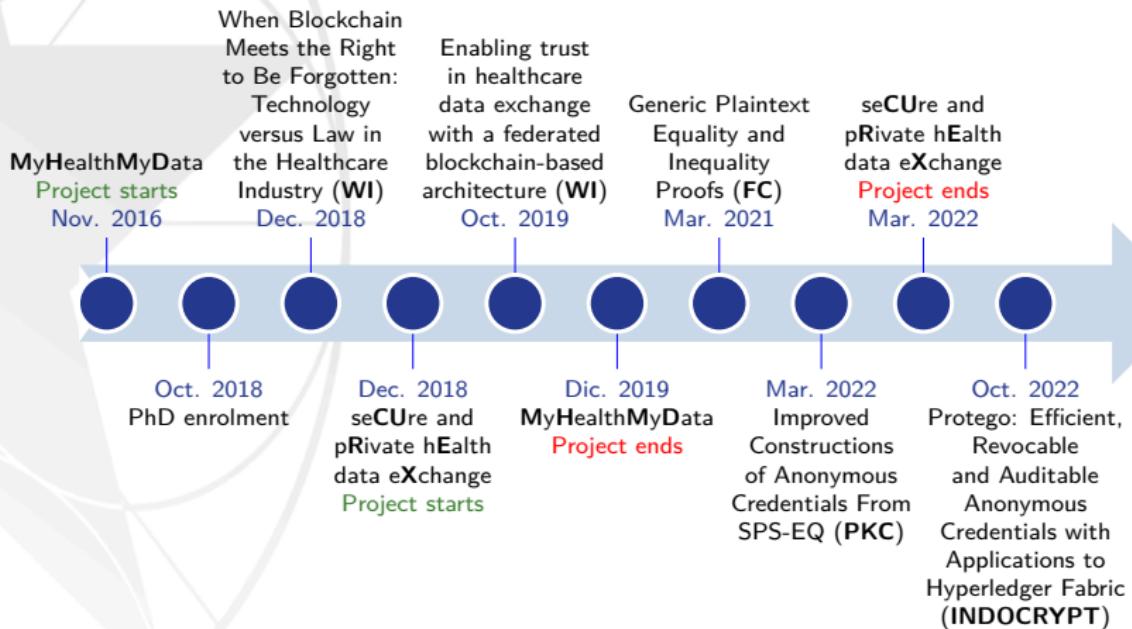


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Chronology



Privacy-enhancing Technologies



Measures to
protect privacy



Eliminate or
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personal data



Prevent
unnecessary
processing



Without loss
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functionality



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I'm not underage

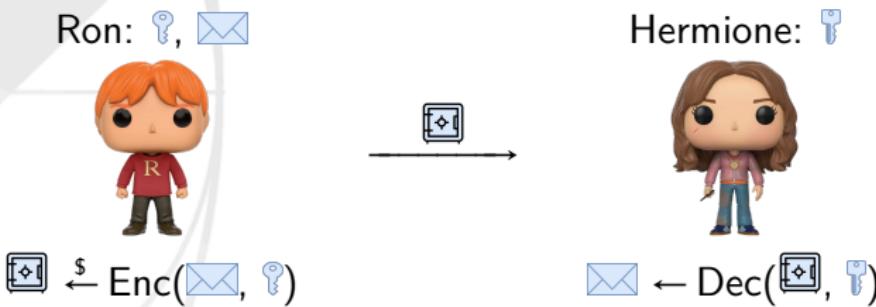


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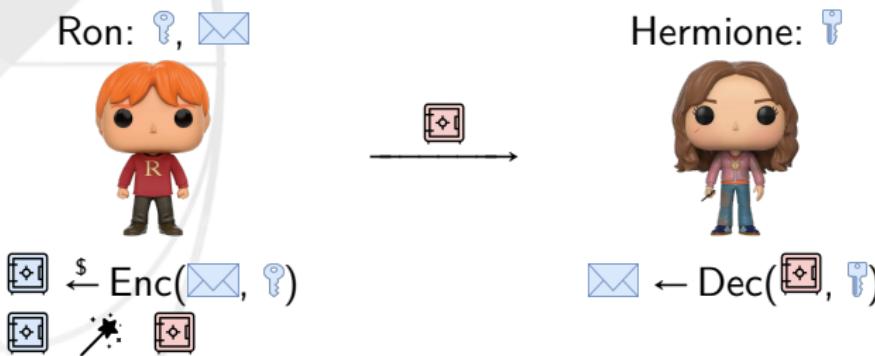
Malleable Cryptography



Malleable Cryptography: Public-key Encryption

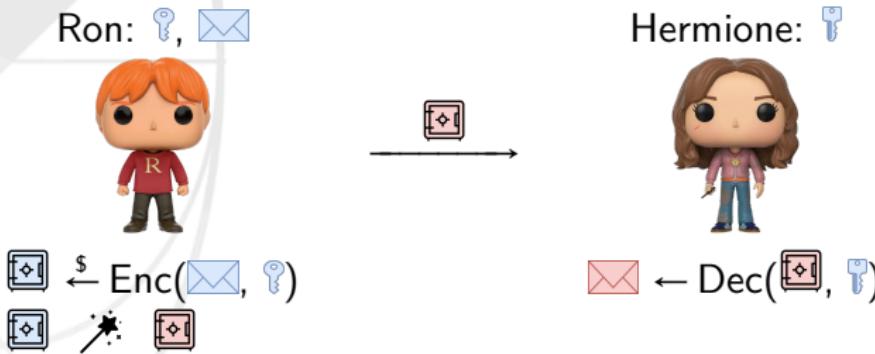


Malleability w.r.t. ciphertexts



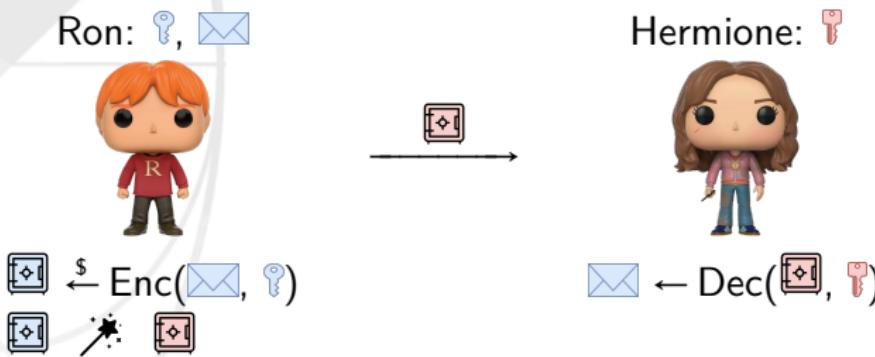
Malleable Cryptography: Public-key Encryption

Malleability w.r.t. messages



Malleable Cryptography: Public-key Encryption

Malleability w.r.t. keys



Malleable Cryptography: Digital Signatures

Ron: , 



 $\leftarrow \text{Sign}(\text{envelope}, \text{key})$

Hermione: , 

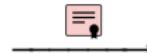


True $\leftarrow \text{Verify}(\text{envelope}, \text{key})$

Malleable Cryptography: Digital Signatures

Malleability w.r.t. signatures

Ron:  



Hermione:  



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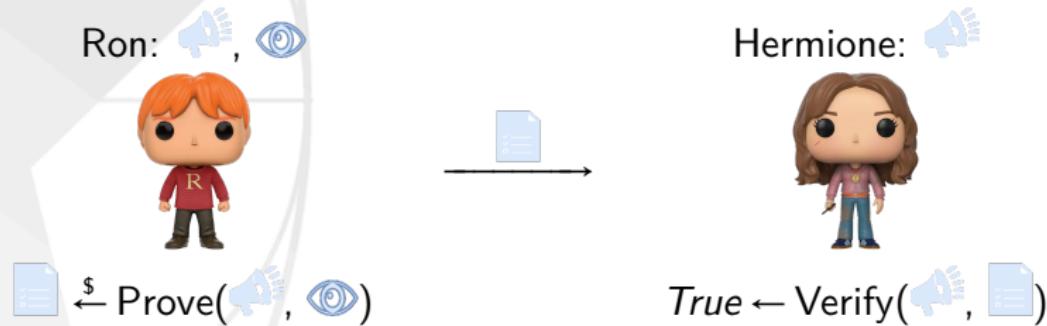
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Malleable Cryptography: Zero-knowledge Proofs



Malleability w.r.t. proofs

Ron:  , 



$\leftarrow \text{Prove}(\text{Speaker}, \text{Eye})$
 
 

Hermione: 



$\text{True} \leftarrow \text{Verify}(\text{Speaker}, \text{Document})$
 

Malleability w.r.t. statements

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Hermione: 

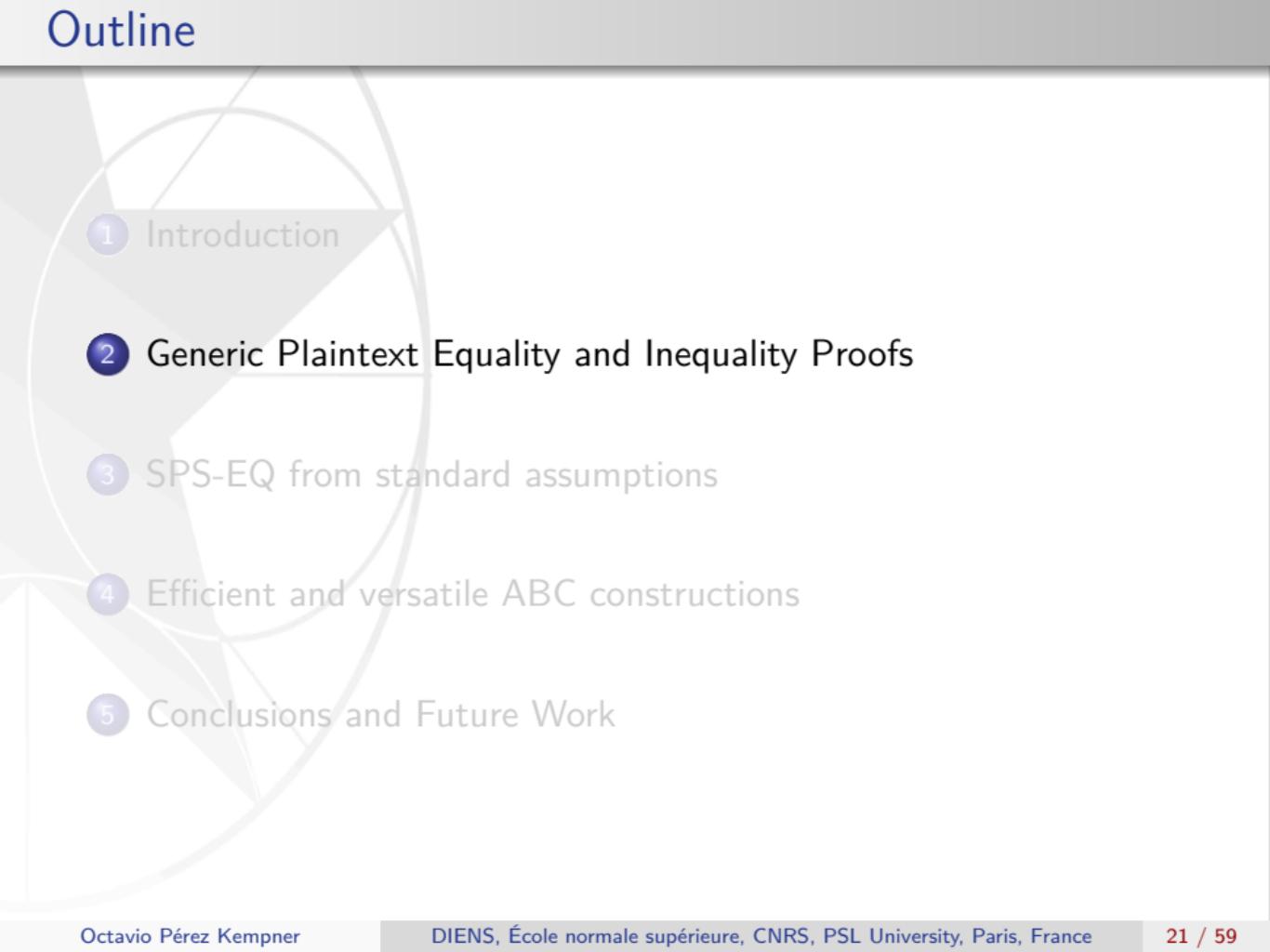


$\leftarrow \text{Prove}(\text{megaphone icon}, \text{eye icon})$



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- Formalized Generic Randomizable Encryption (**FC '21**)
- Generic Plaintext Equality and Inequality Proofs (**FC '21**)
- More efficient Structure-Preserving Signatures on Equivalence Classes (SPS-EQ) in the standard model (**PKC '22**)
- First mercurial signature in the standard model (**PKC '22**)
- Extended Attribute-based credentials (ABC) (**PKC '22, INDOCRYPT '22**)
- Permissioned Blockchains (Hyperledger Fabric) (**INDOCRYPT '22**)

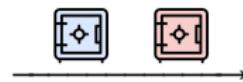
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Generic Plaintext Equality and Inequality Proofs

Ron



Hermione



Plaintext Equality:

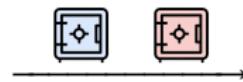
$$\text{blue envelope} \stackrel{?}{=} \text{red envelope}$$

Generic Plaintext Equality and Inequality Proofs

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Plaintext Inequality:

$$\text{[blue envelope]} \stackrel{?}{\neq} \text{[red envelope]}$$

Applications



Voting



Reputation systems



Cloud applications

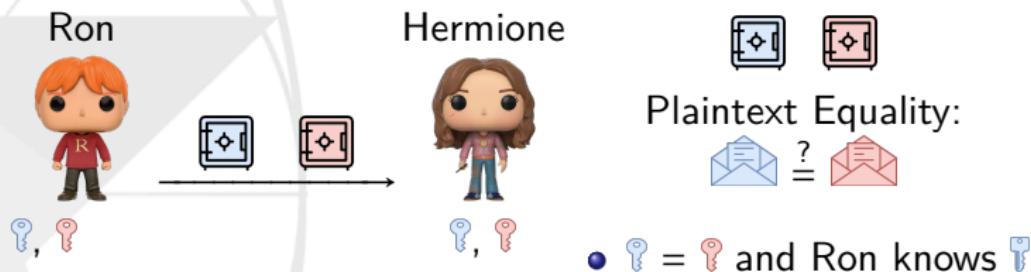


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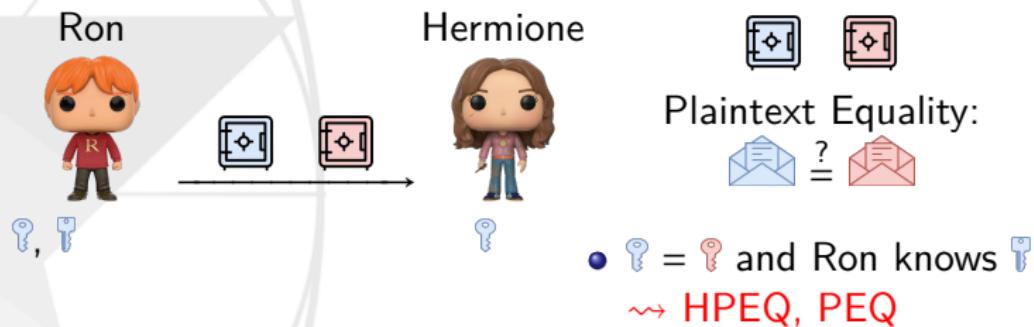


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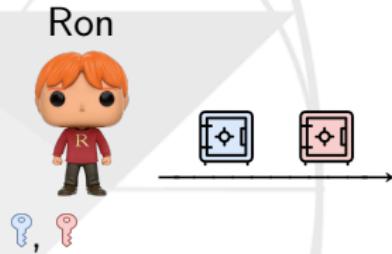
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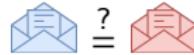
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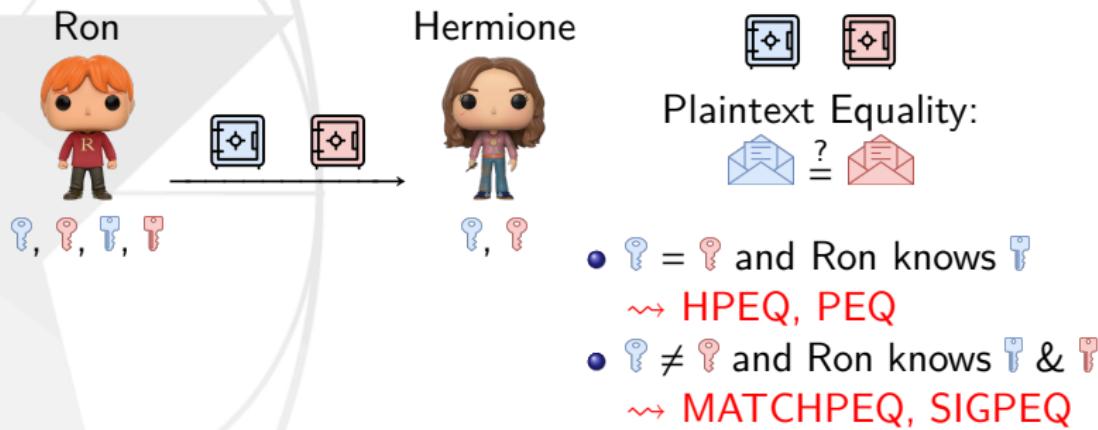


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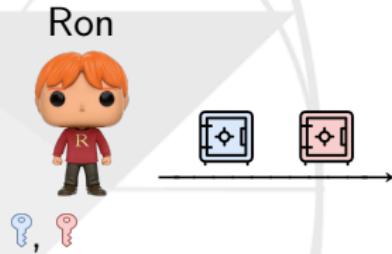


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~ \rightsquigarrow HPEQ, PEQ
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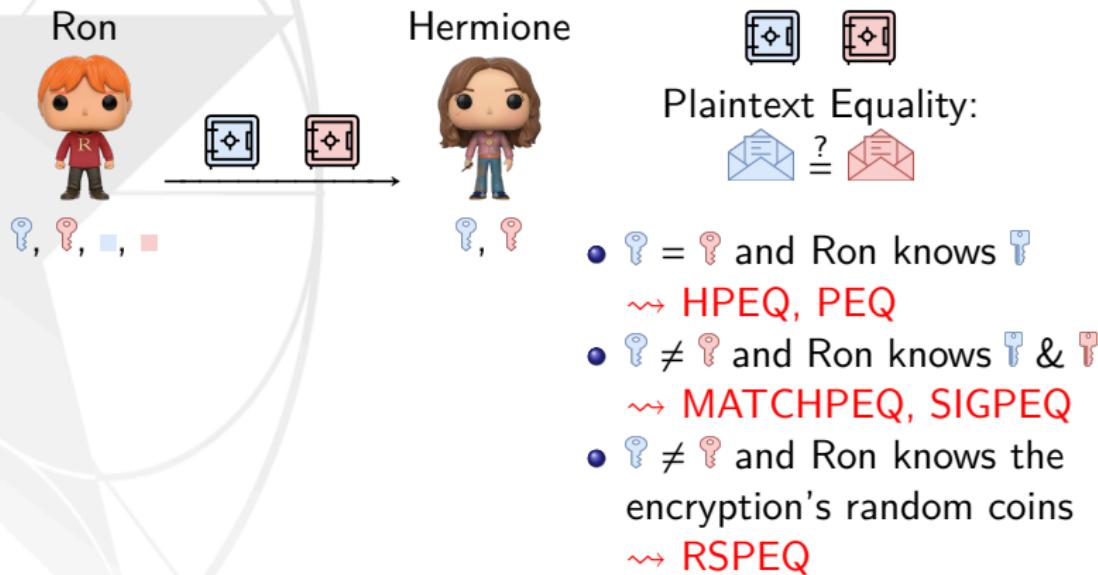


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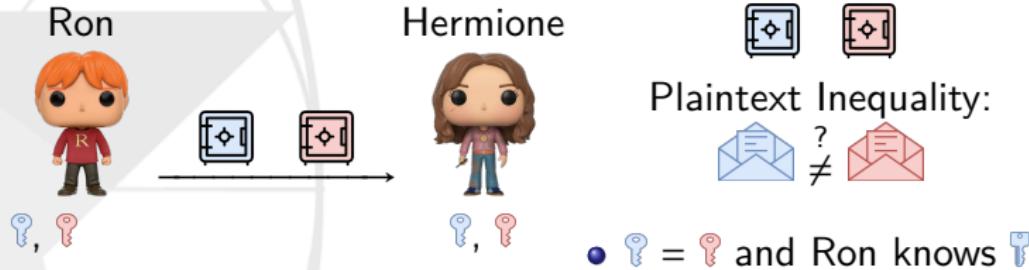


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 \rightsquigarrow MATCHPEQ, SIGPEQ
- $\text{key}_1 \neq \text{key}_2$ and Ron knows the encryption's random coins

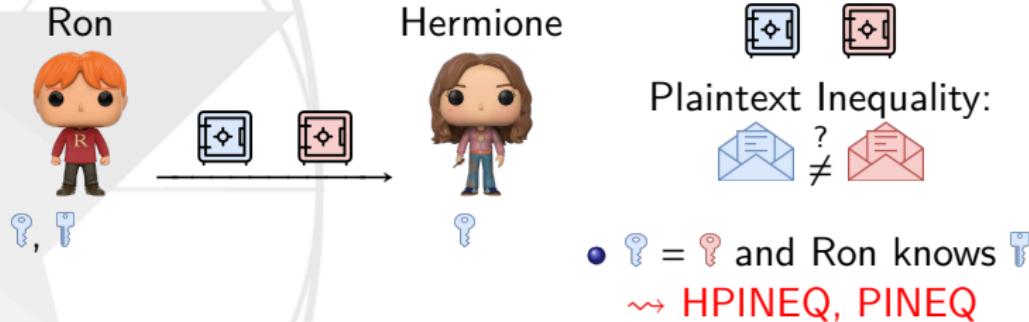
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Generic Plaintext Equality and Inequality Proofs

- Randomisation requirements:
 - Plaintext Inequality (HPINEQ, PINEQ)
~~ Ciphertexts:   
 - Plaintext Equality (HPEQ, PEQ)
~~ Ciphertexts and messages:     
 - Sigma protocols for plaintext equality (MATCHPEQ, SIGPEQ, RSPEQ)
~~ Ciphertexts, messages keys (or random coin decryption):
      

How Generic our Protocols are?



EIGamal



Goldwasser-Micali



Paillier



Damgård



Cramer-Shoup



DS Cramer-Shoup

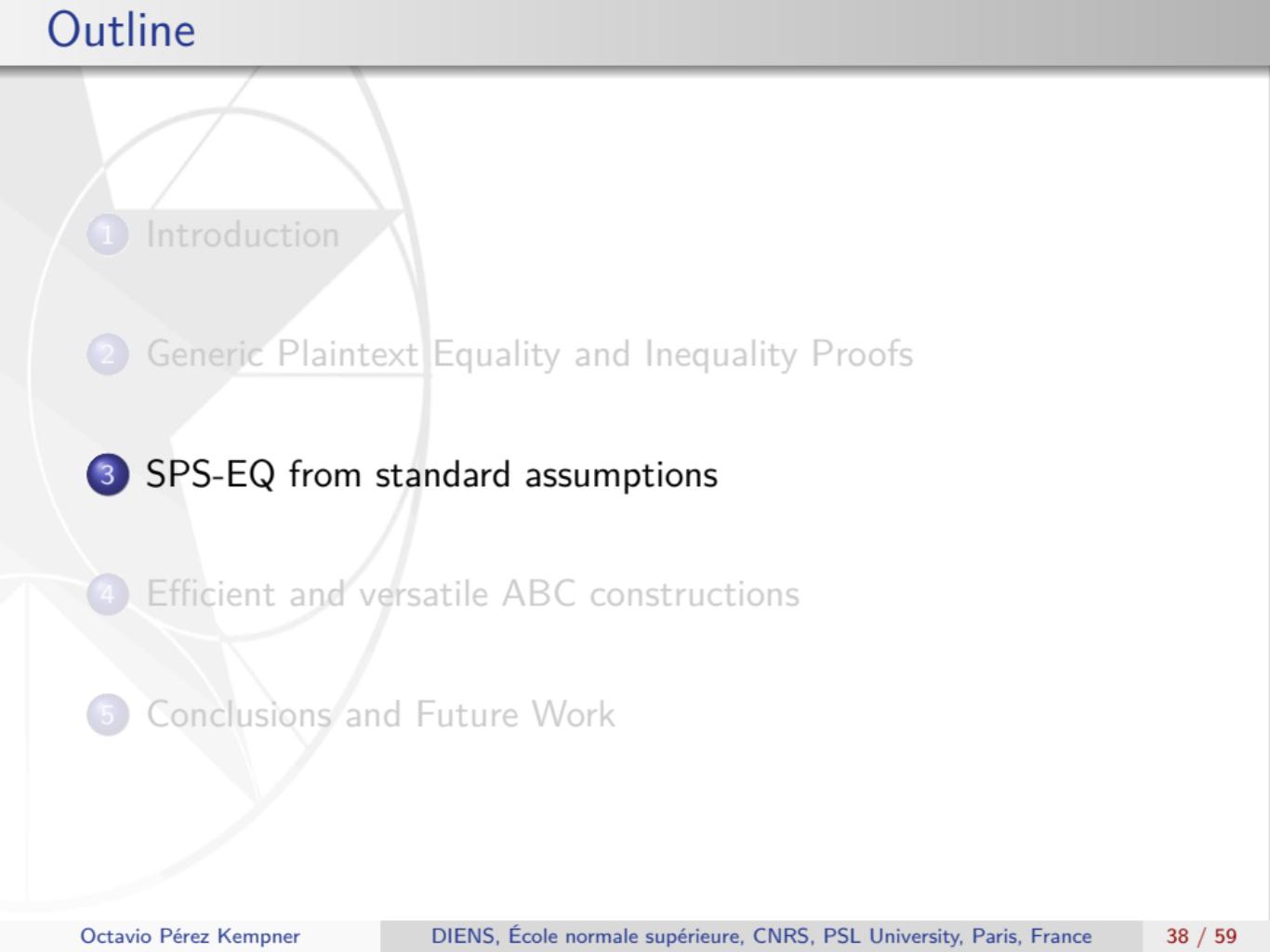
How Generic are our Protocols?

ElGamal	Goldwasser-Micali	Paillier	Damgård	Cramer-Shoup	DS Cramer-Shoup
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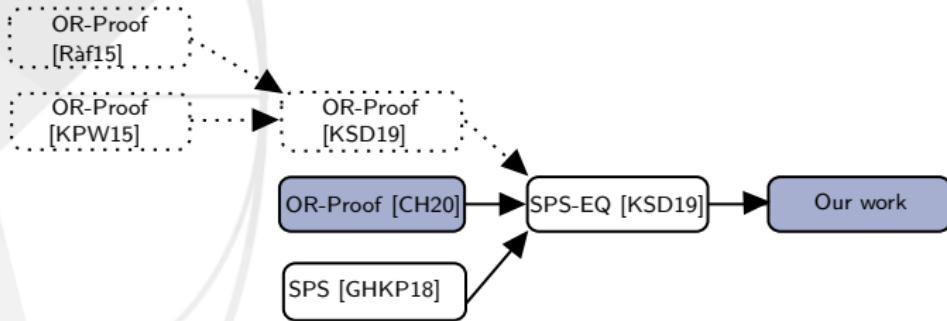
					
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- Intuitive constructions from generic randomisable encryption
- Non-interactive variants for sigma protocols via Fiat-Shamir
- Applicable to real-world problems in a “plug & play” manner

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- Controlled form of malleability:    
- Message space can be partitioned into equivalence classes
 - e.g., $m \in \mathbb{G}^\ell \sim_{\mathcal{R}} m' \in \mathbb{G}^\ell \iff \mu \in \mathbb{Z}_p^* \text{ s.t. } m' = \mu m$
- Unforgeability holds with respect to classes
- Message-signature pairs in the same class are unlinkable
- Extended to consider equivalence classes on the key space [BHKS18,CL19]

SPS-EQ: Our construction



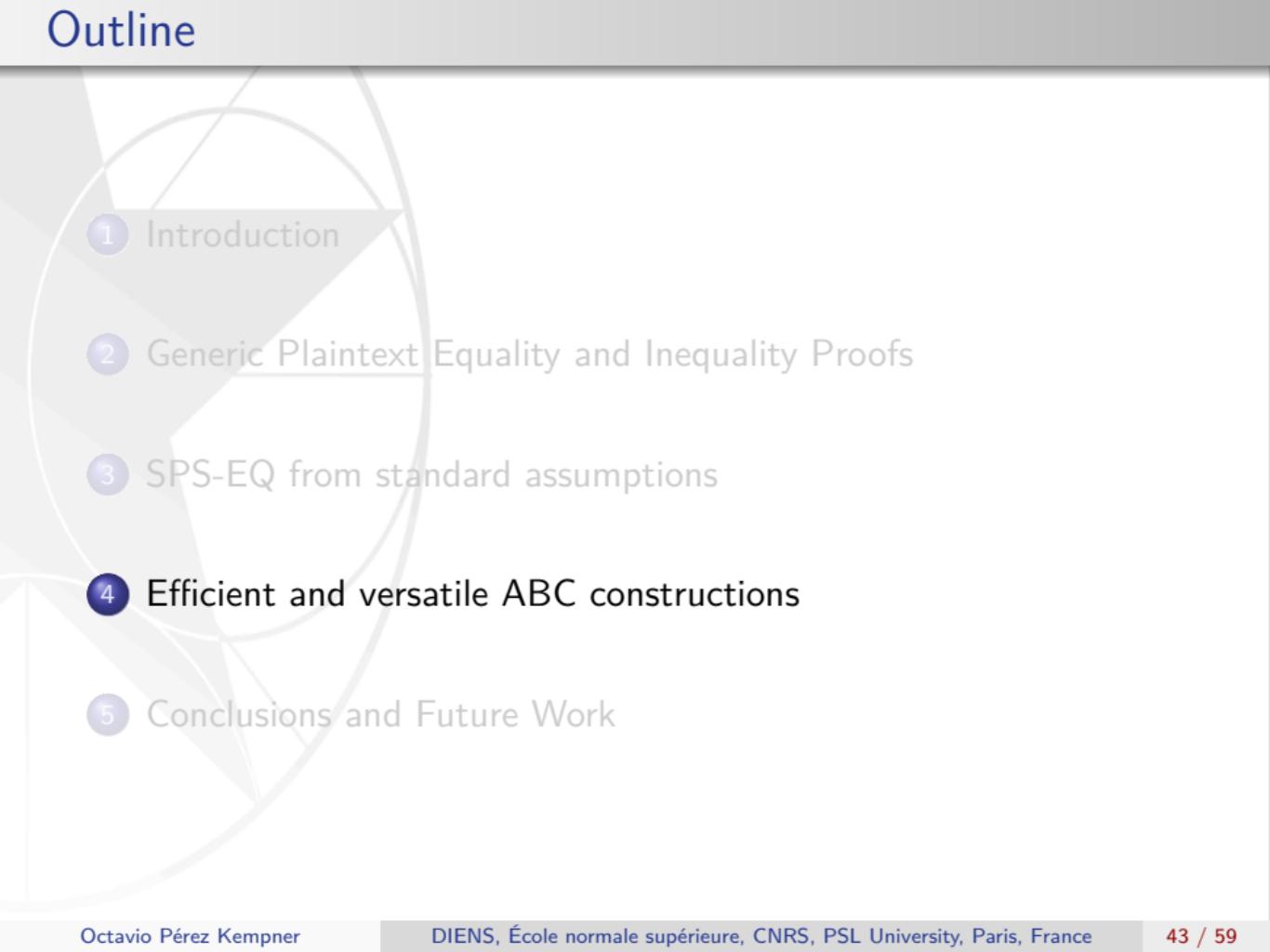
SPS-EQ: Comparison with previous work

Scheme	$ \sigma $	$ \text{pk} $	Sign	Verify	ChgRep	Assumptions
[GHKP18]	$8 \mathbb{G}_1 + 6 \mathbb{G}_2 $	$2 \mathbb{G}_1 + (9 + \ell) \mathbb{G}_2 $	28E	9P	N/A	SXDH
[KSD19]	$8 \mathbb{G}_1 + 9 \mathbb{G}_2 $	$(2 + \ell) \mathbb{G}_2 $	29E	11P	$19P + 38E$	SXDH
Our work	$9 \mathbb{G}_1 + 4 \mathbb{G}_2 $	$(2 + \ell) \mathbb{G}_2 $	10E	11P	19P + 21E	extKerMDH, SXDH

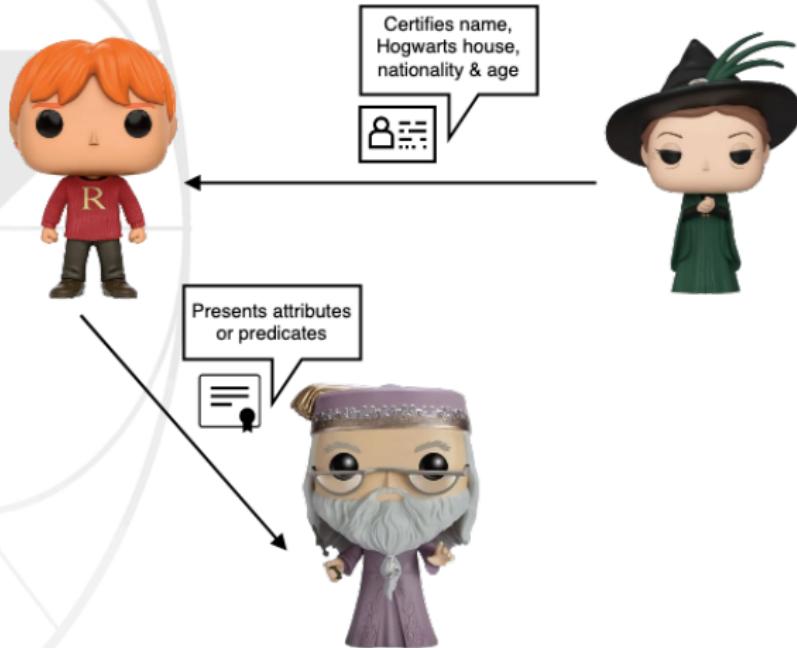
$\approx 25\%$ shorter signature's size

$\approx 50\%$ less exponentiations for Sign and ChgRep

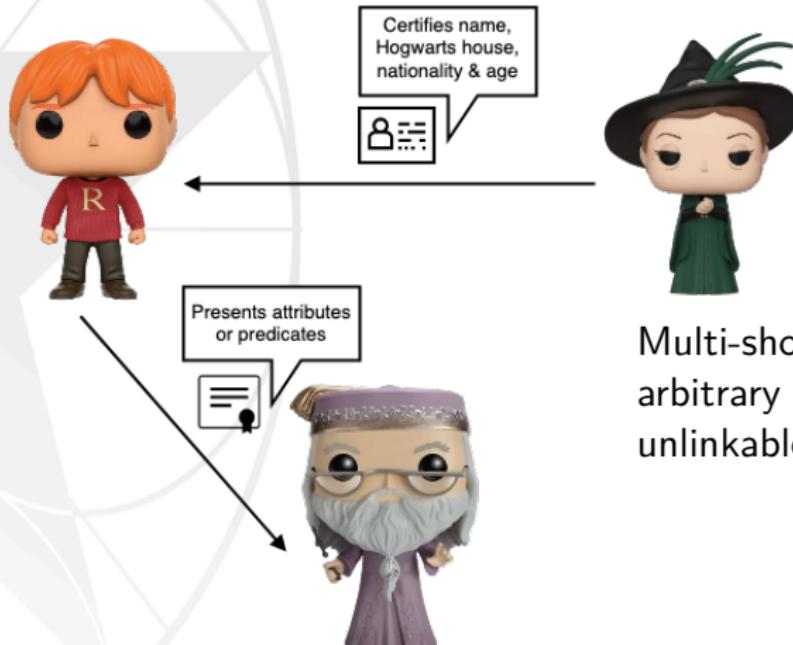
- Improved efficiency of SPS-EQ under standard assumptions
- First mercurial signature under standard assumptions
- We require a common reference string
- Our mercurial signature only achieves a weak form of perfect adaption

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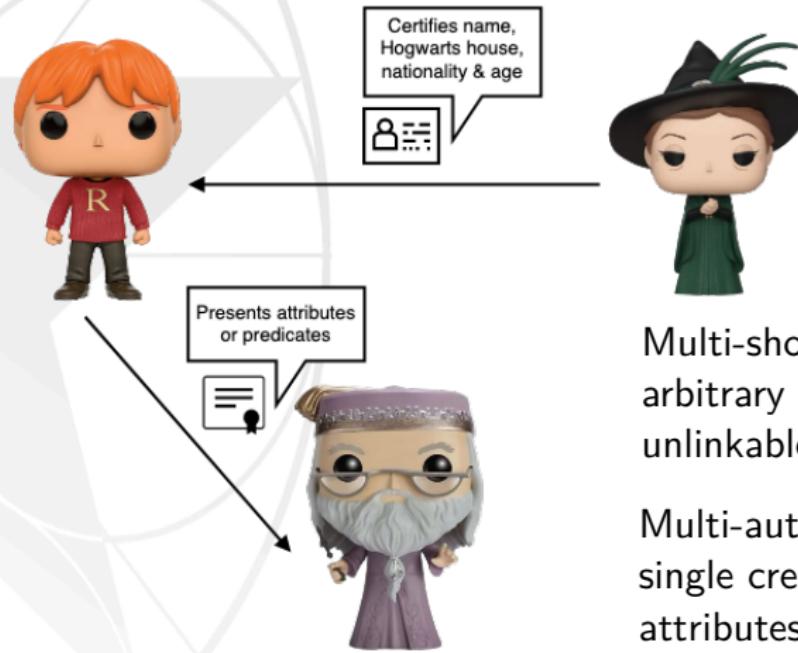


Attribute-based credentials: Interactions



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Multi-authority ABC's:
single credential for
attributes issued by
multiple authorities

Attribute-based credentials: Differences



Expressiveness



Efficiency



Communication



Security model



Revocation

- Camenisch-Lysyanskaya signatures [CL04]: Idemix [Zur13] and [TG20]
- Aggregatable signatures: [CL11] and [HP20]
- Sanitizable signatures: [CL13]
- Redactable signatures: [CDHK15] and [San20]
- Structure-Preserving Signatures on Equivalence Classes: [DHS15] and [FHS19]
- **All previous constructions leak the issuer's identity**

- Credentials are **signatures** on (randomizable) accumulators (**set of attributes**)
- Joint randomization of a message-signature pairs
- **Constant-size** showings
- Security properties:



Unforgeability Anonymity

- Drawback: **only allows selective-disclosure of attributes**

Attribute-based credentials: Towards improved constructions

- We focused on improving the following aspects:



~~> Extending the accumulator

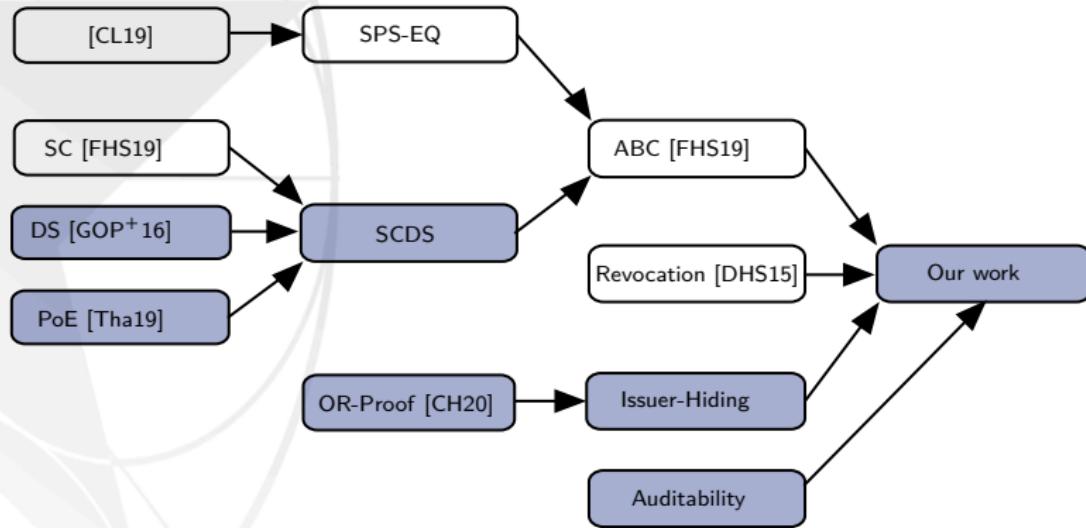


~~> Leveraging user/verifier costs



~~> Including issuer-hiding and auditing features

Building blocks



Protego: Efficient, Revocable and Auditable Anonymous Credentials

- Extends [FHS19], including issuer-hiding and auditability
- Security properties:



Unforgeability



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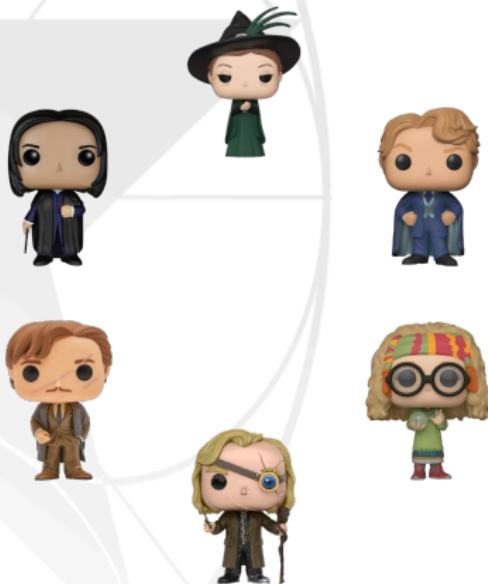


Issuer-hiding



Auditability

- Two flavours: Protego and Protego Duo



Issuer-hiding (**PKC '22**):

- Randomize the credential and issuer's public key consistently
- Use a fully adaptive 1-out-of- n NIZK argument (OR-proof)



Issuer-hiding based on [BEK⁺21]:

- Define access policies as signatures on the issuers public keys
- Consistently randomize the credential with the access policy

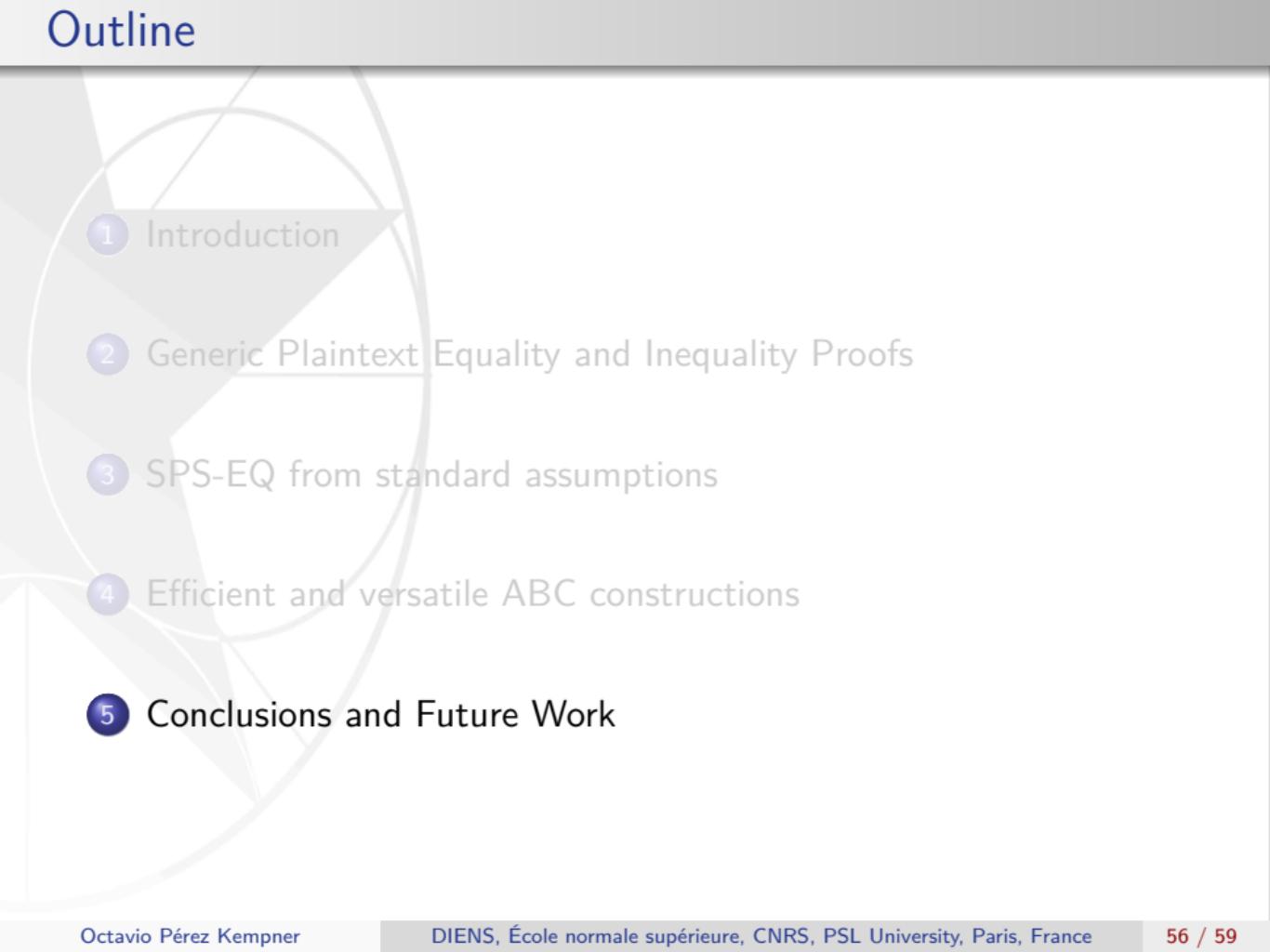
Protego: Comparison with previous work

Scheme	[CL04]	[CL11]	[CL13]	[CDHK15] & [FHS19]	[TG20]	[San20]	[HP20]	Our work
Issuing n -attr. credential								
Comm.	$O(n)$	$O(n)$	$O(n)$	$O(1)$	$O(n)$	$O(1)$	$O(n)$	$O(1)$
User	$O(n)$	$O(n)$	$O(n)$	$O(n)$	$O(n)$	$O(n)$	$O(n)$	$O(n)$
Issuer	$O(n)$	$O(n)$	$O(n)$	$O(n)$	$O(n)$	$O(n)$	$O(n)$	$O(n)$
Showing k -of- n attributes (selective disclosure)								
$ ek $	$O(n)$	$O(n)$	$O(n)$	$O(n)$	$O(n)$	$O(n^2)$	$O(n)$	$O(n)$
Comm.	$O(n)$	$O(1)$	$O(k)$	$O(1)$	$O(1)$	$O(1)$	$O(1)$	$O(1)$
User	$O(n)$	$O(n)$	$O(k)$	$O(n-k)$	$O(n-k)$	$O(n-k)$	$O(1)$	$O(\max\{n-k, k\})$
Verifier	$O(n)$	$O(n)$	$O(k)$	$O(k)$	$O(k)$	$O(k)$	$O(n)$	$O(1)$

Protego: Demonstration



- We extended previous work with new functionalities
- We obtained an efficient and versatile ABC scheme
- Our implementation confirms the feasibility of our proposals

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- Framework for generic randomisable encryption
- Generic plaintext equality and inequality proofs
- New SPS-EQ constructions under standard assumptions
- Extended previous ABC improving efficiency and functionalities
- Implemented our contributions showing their feasibility

- Design non-interactive protocols for plaintext inequality
- Improve the number of rounds
- Build generic plaintext inequality tests ($<$, \leq , \geq , $>$)
- Constructions in the standard model without a common reference string
- Mercurial signatures satisfying a stronger notion of perfect adaption
- Explore other notions of equivalence classes and the use of aggregatable signatures with SPS-EQ

