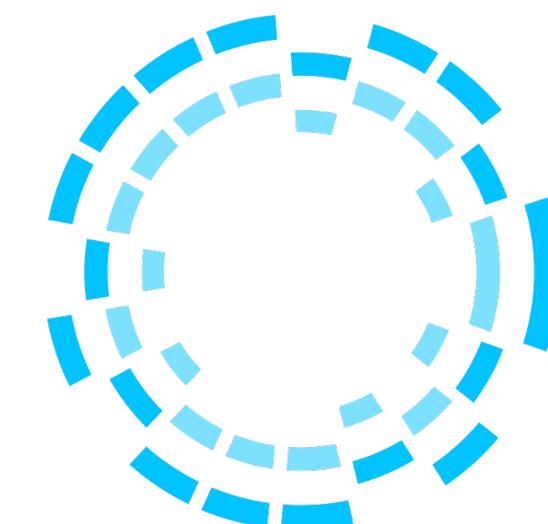
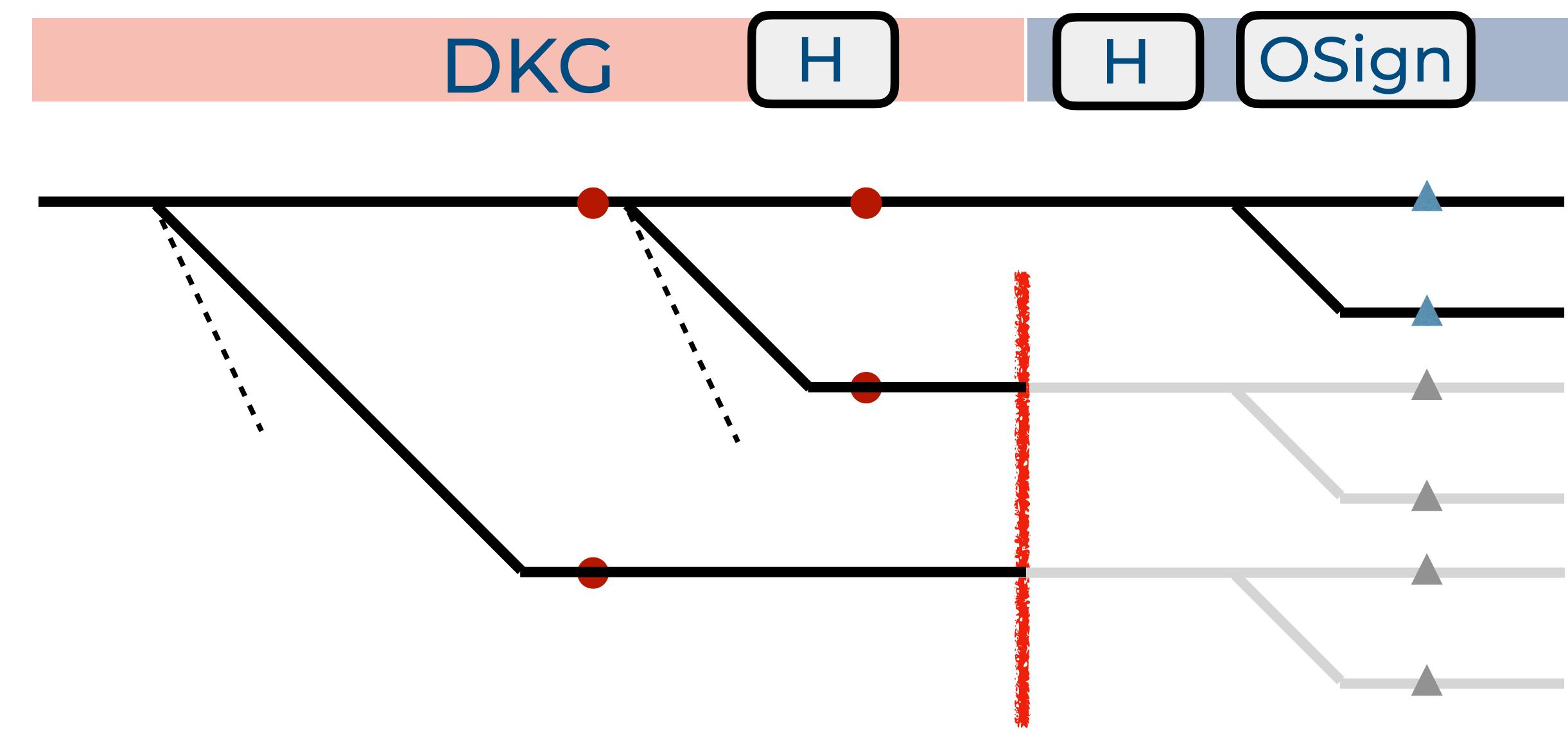
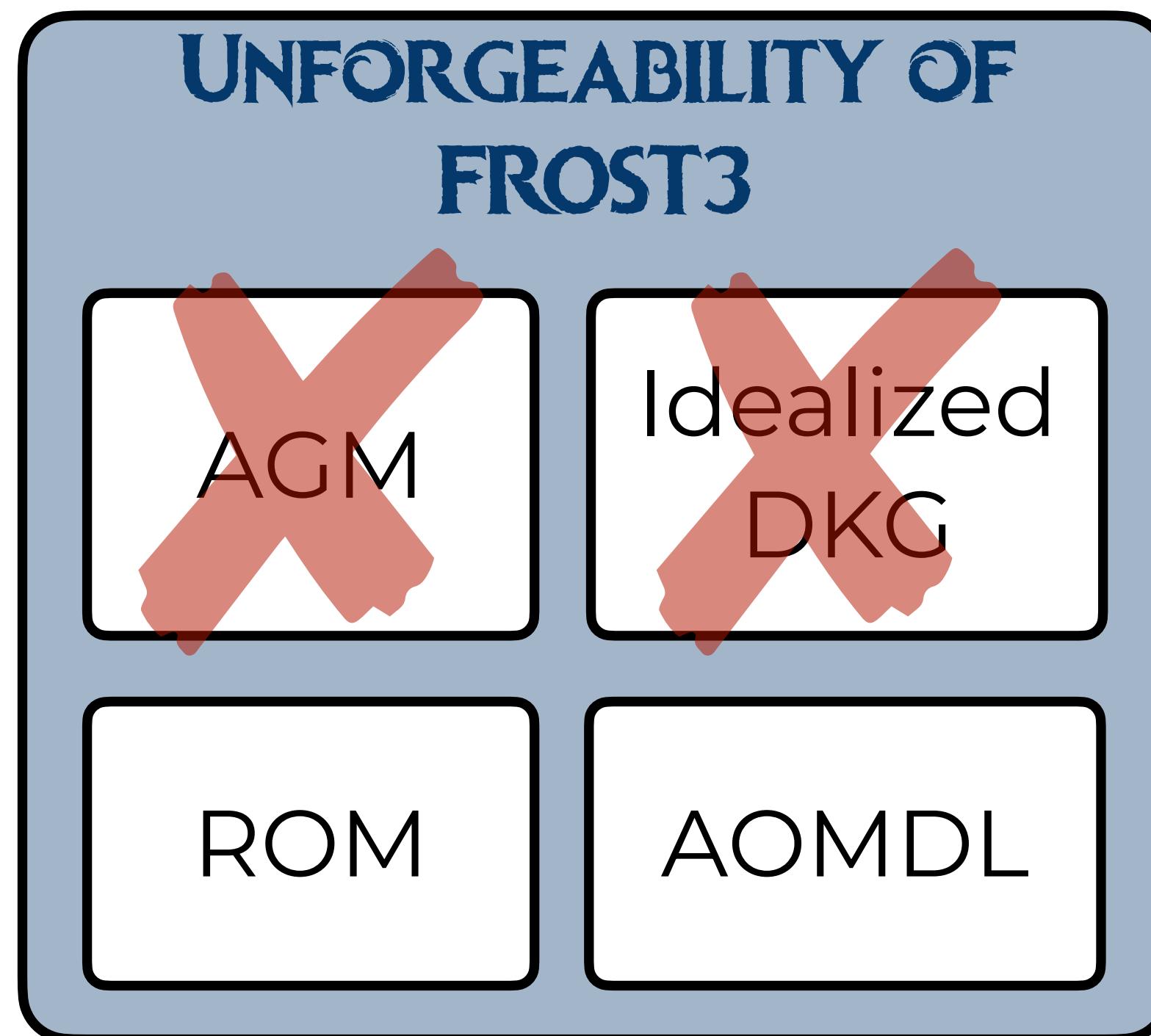


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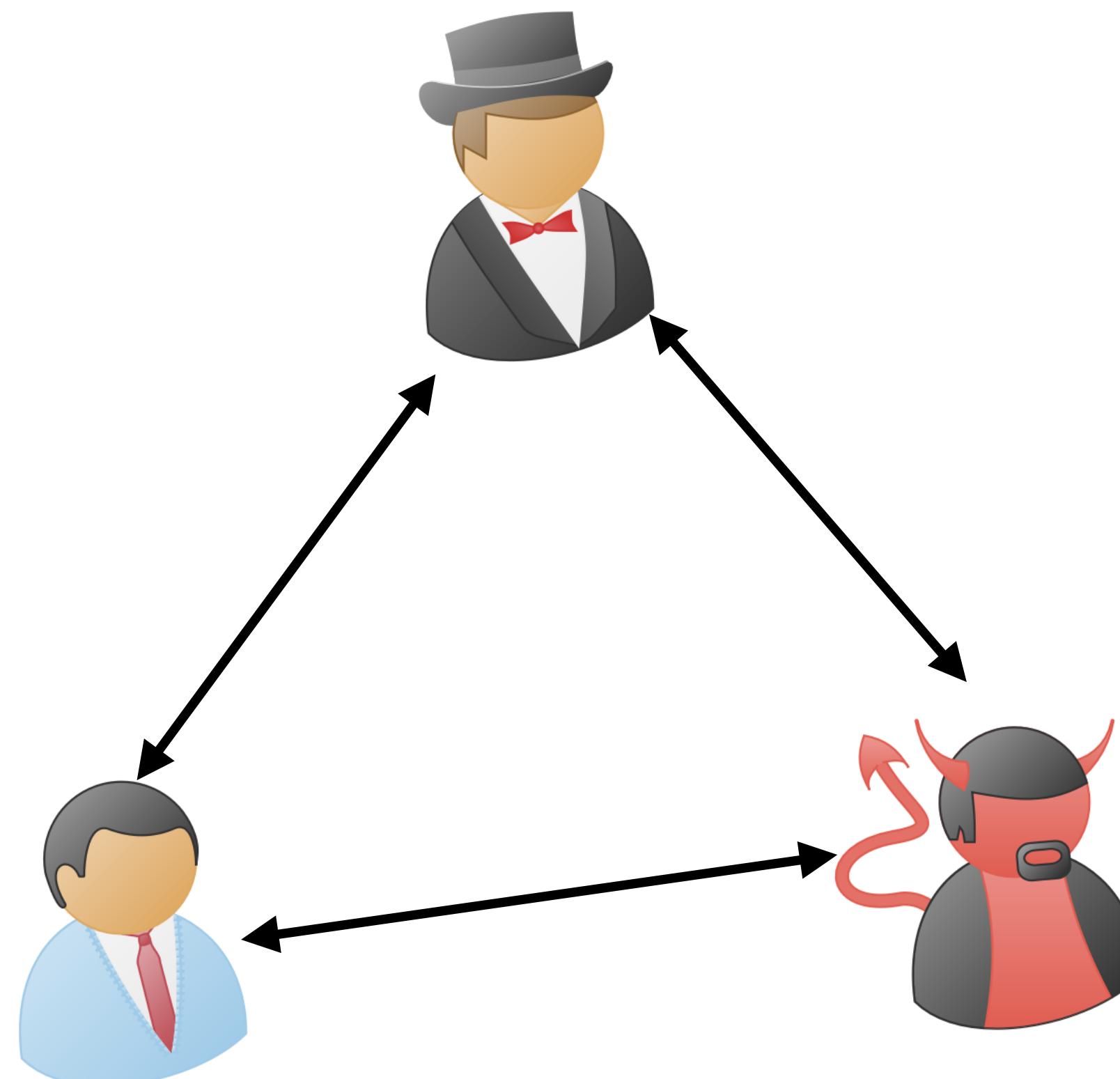
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Our Contributions



Threshold Signatures [DES88, DF90]



$m = \text{LET'S PROVE FROST3}$

$$(\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \sigma_3) \xrightarrow{\text{Aggregate}} \sigma = (R, s)$$

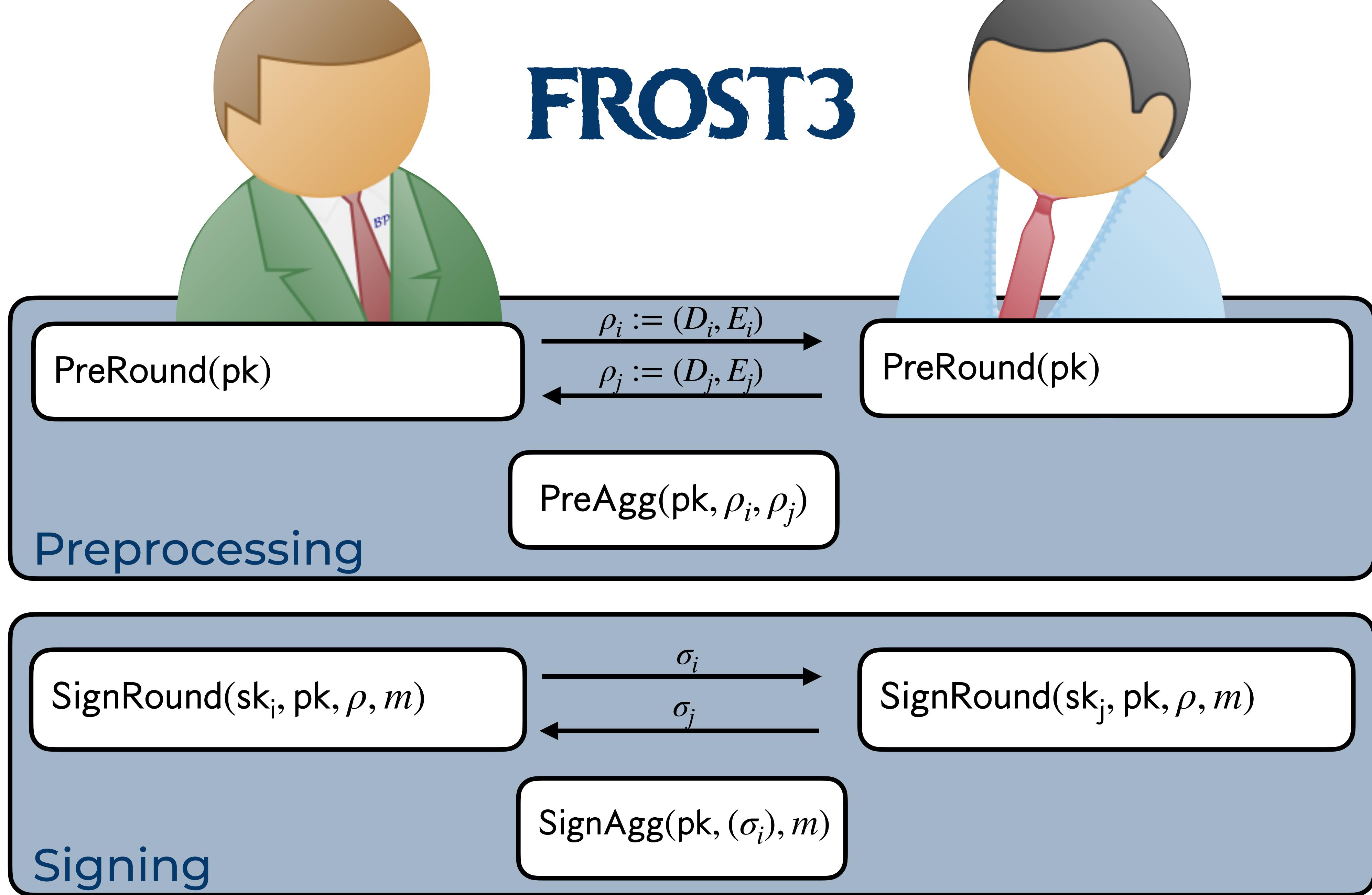
$$c := H(\text{pk}, R, m)$$

$$R \stackrel{?}{=} g^s \text{pk}^{-c}$$

FROST

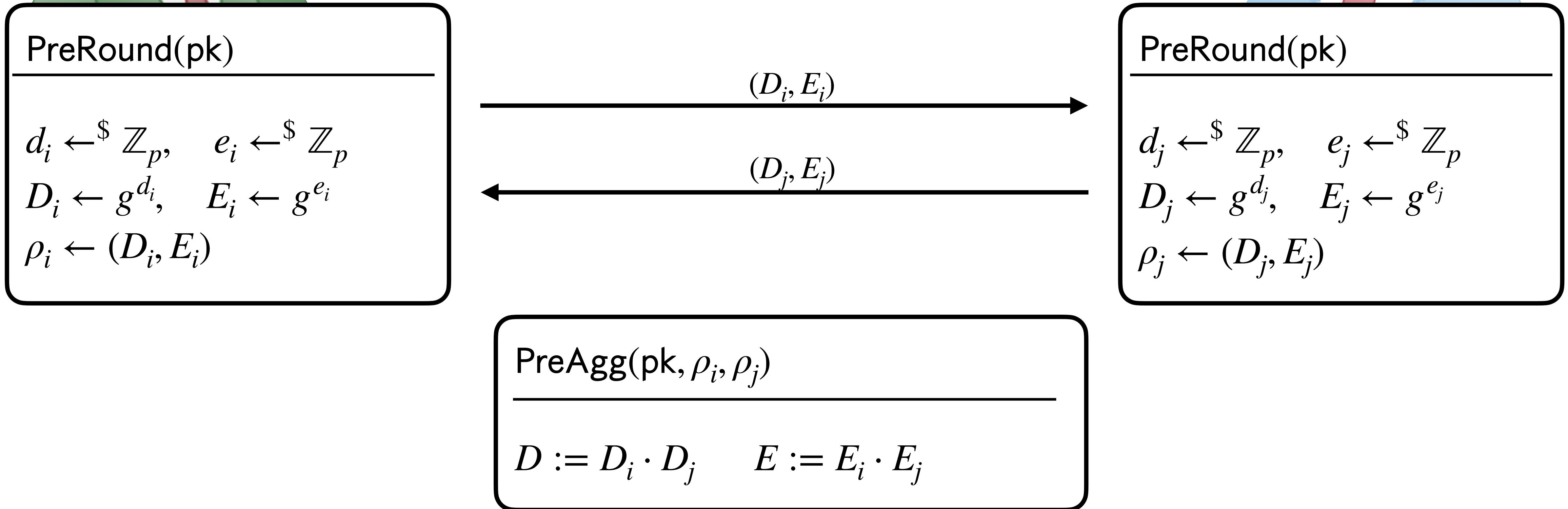
Komlo and Goldberg
SAC 2020

FROST3

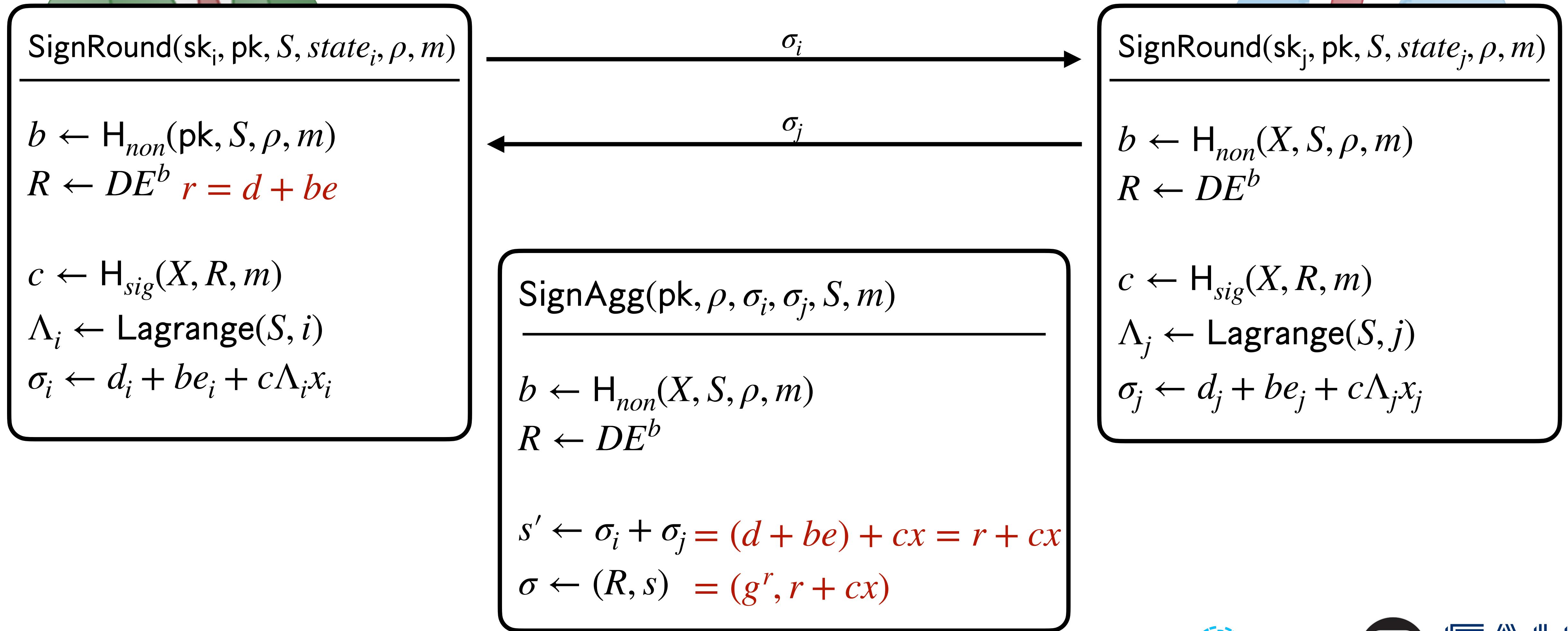


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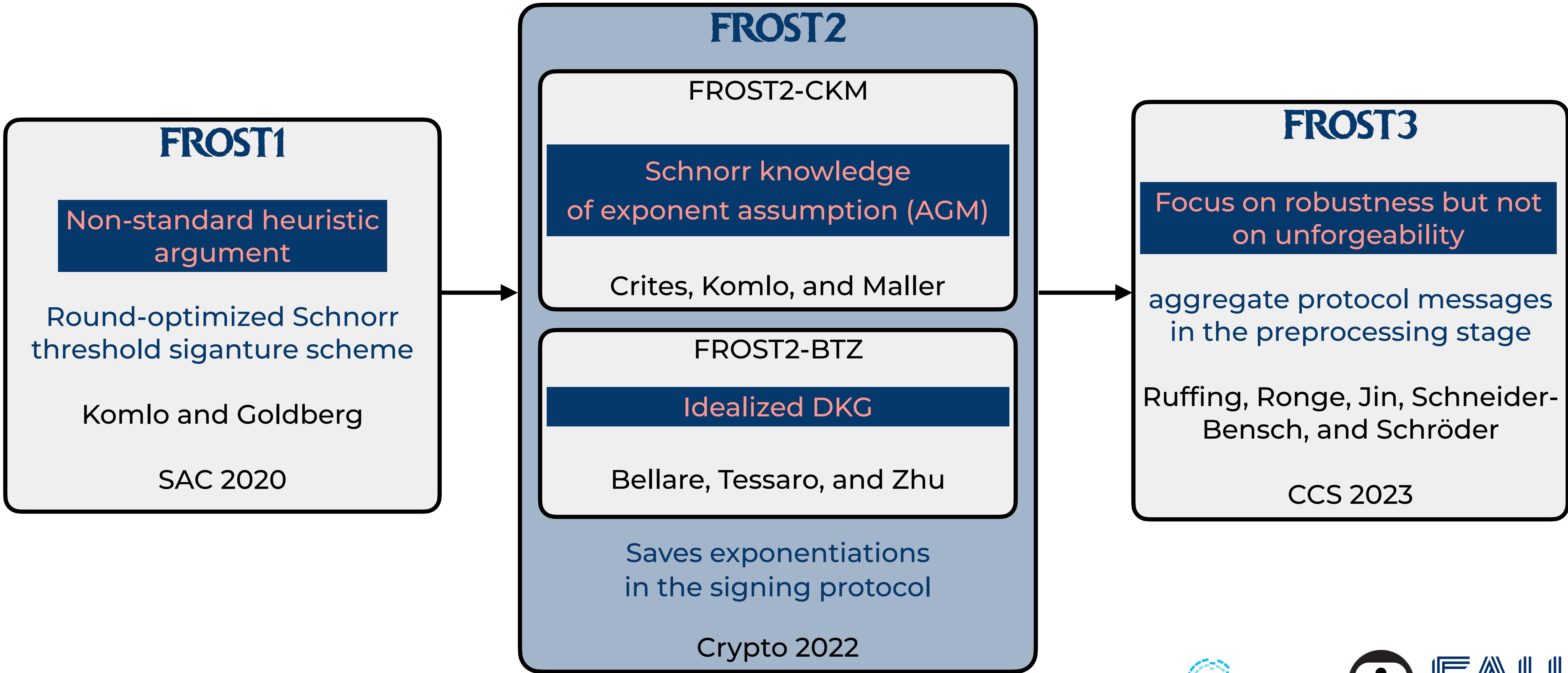
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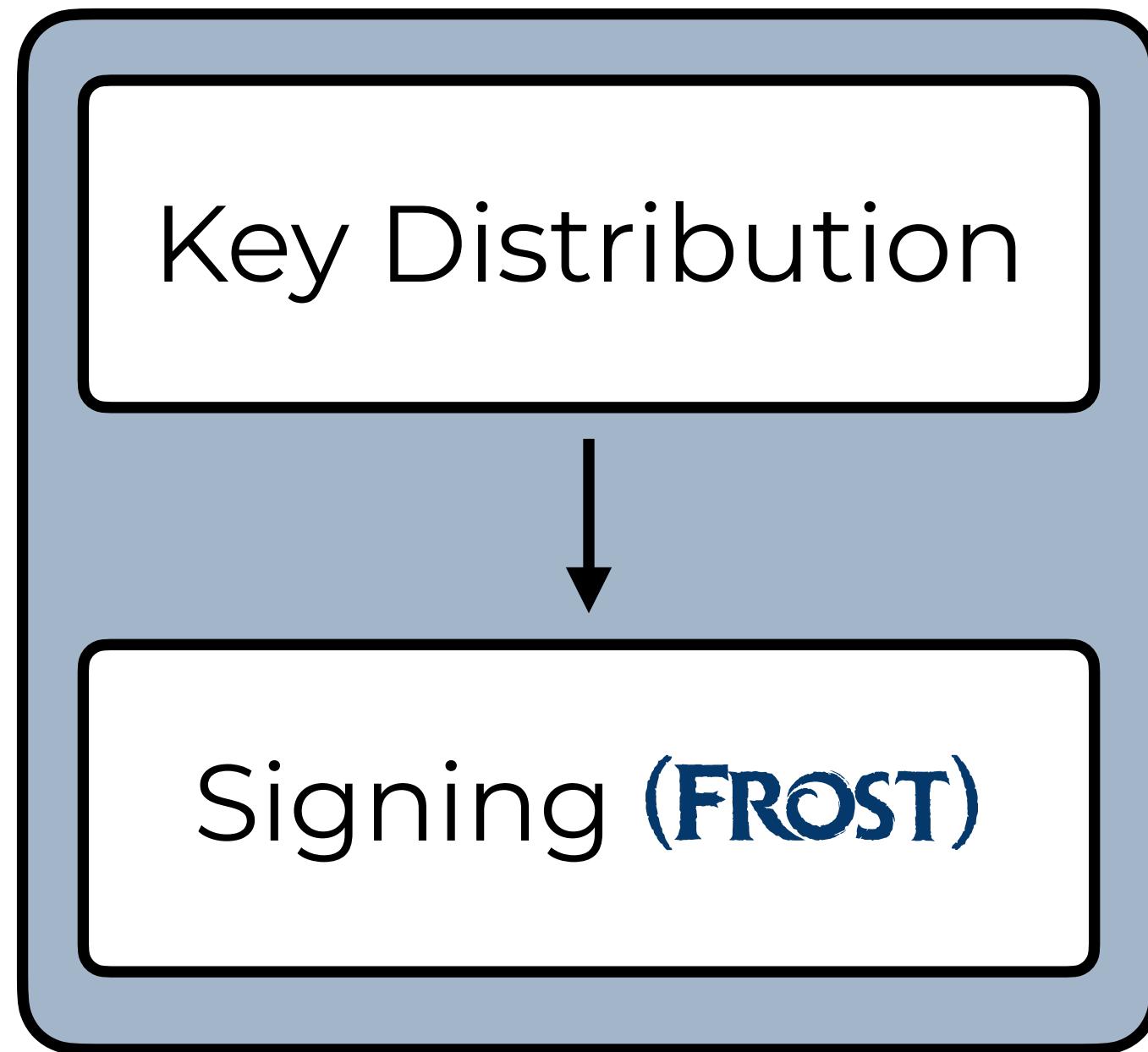


The History of Proving FROST Secure



Idealized DKGs

[GJKR99, GJKR07, KGS23]



- ✖ No fully simulatable DKG in the dishonest majority setting
 $(n/2 \leq t - 1)$
- ✖ Simulatable DKGs are not as efficient as the Pedersen DKG

Pedersen DKG with PoP [KG20, CKM21]

$$f_i(Z) = a_{i,0} + a_{i,1}Z + \dots + a_{i,t-1}Z^{t-1}$$

$$f(Z) = \sum_{i=1}^n f_i(Z)$$

$$x_i = f(i), pk = g^{f(0)}$$

$$A_{i,k} = g^{a_{i,k}}$$

$$\text{PoP} = (R, s)$$



Additive sharing of a secret key

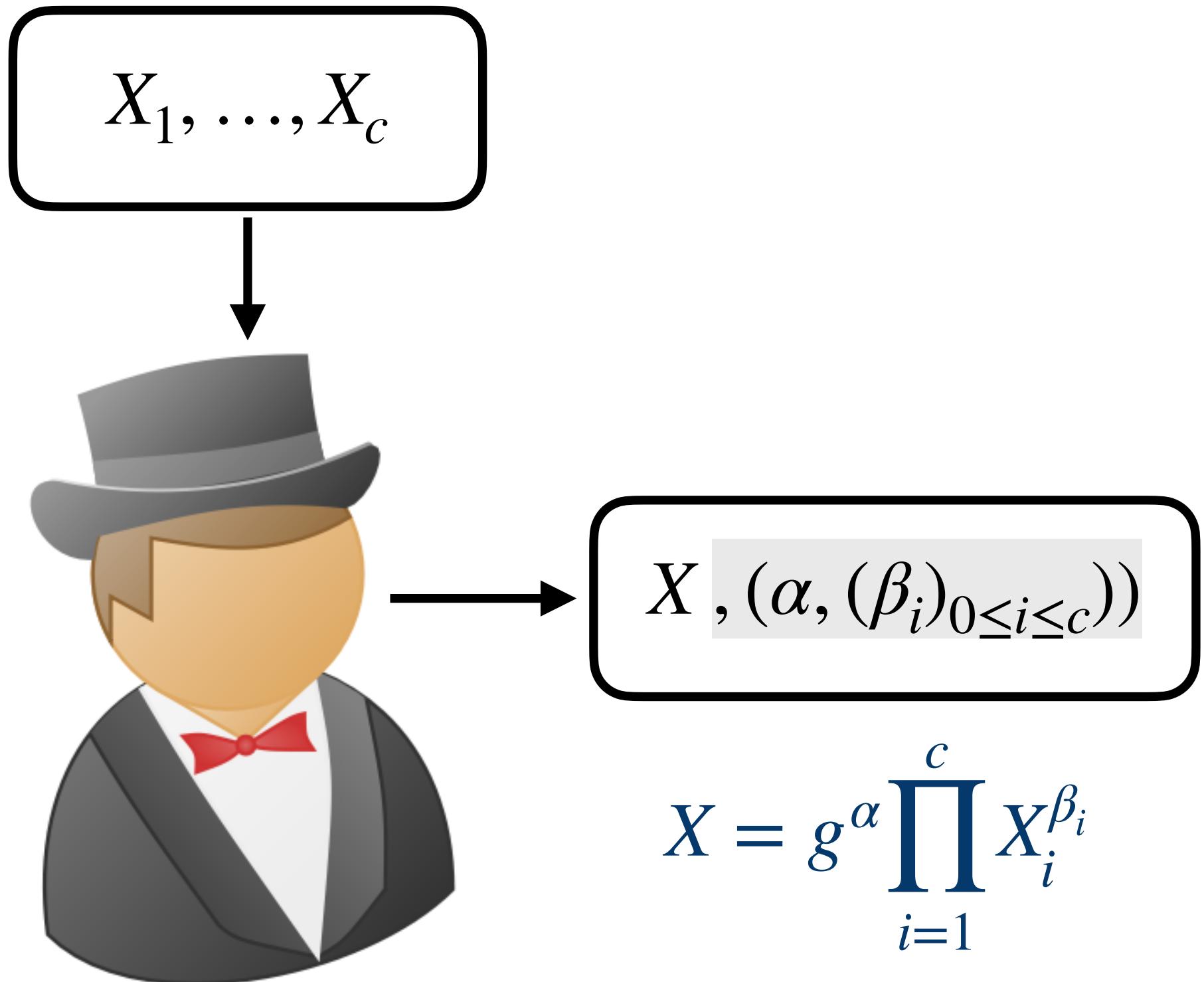
$$x = x_1 + \dots + x_n = a_{1,0} + \dots + a_{n,0}$$



Not fully simulatable DKG due to a possible shift [GJKR06]

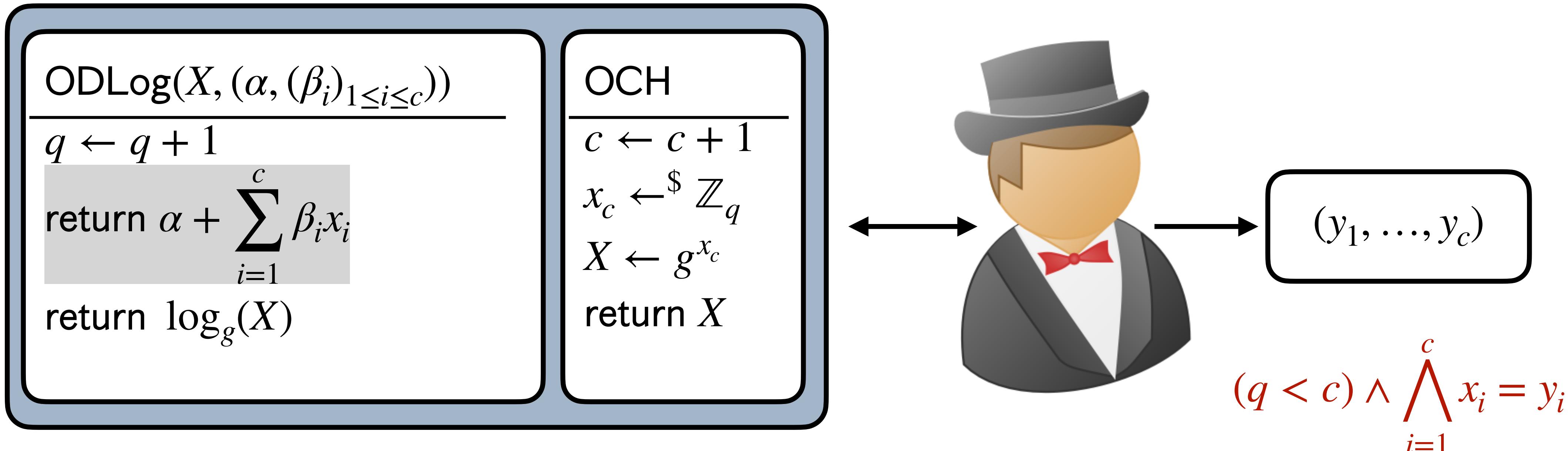
The AGM

[PV05, FKL18]



- ✖ “Hardness in the AGM may not imply hardness in the GGM”
[KZZ22]
- ✖ “[...] The AGM is restricted to the Type Safe model games.” [Zha22]

AOMDL Assumption [NRS21]



**From FROST to OLAF
(HOPEFULLY) ONE LAST FROST**

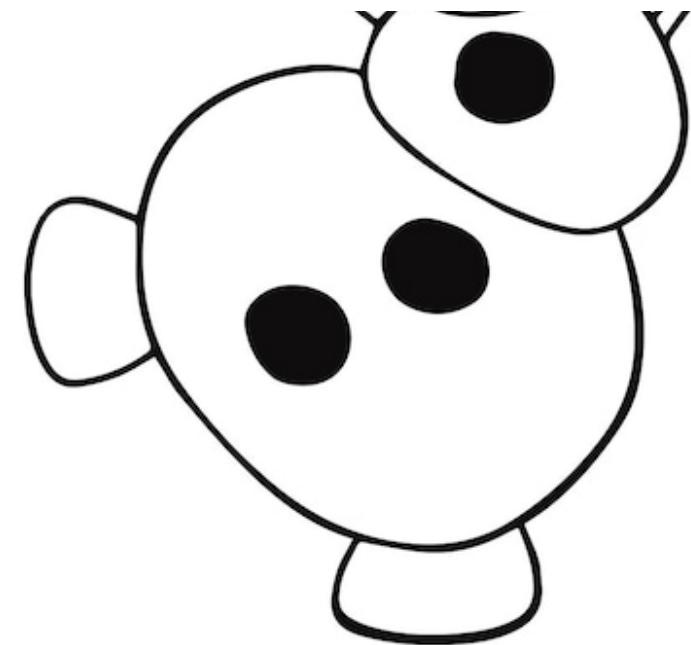


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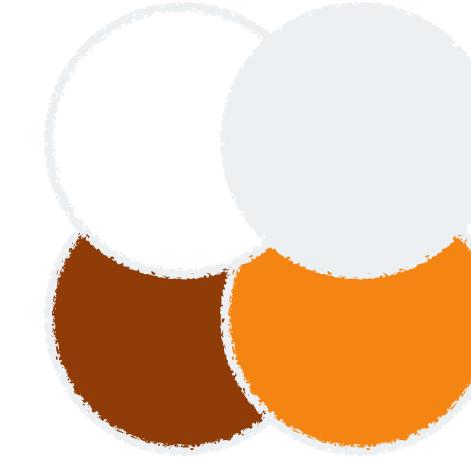
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(Simplified)
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Avoid the AGM
and idealized DKGs

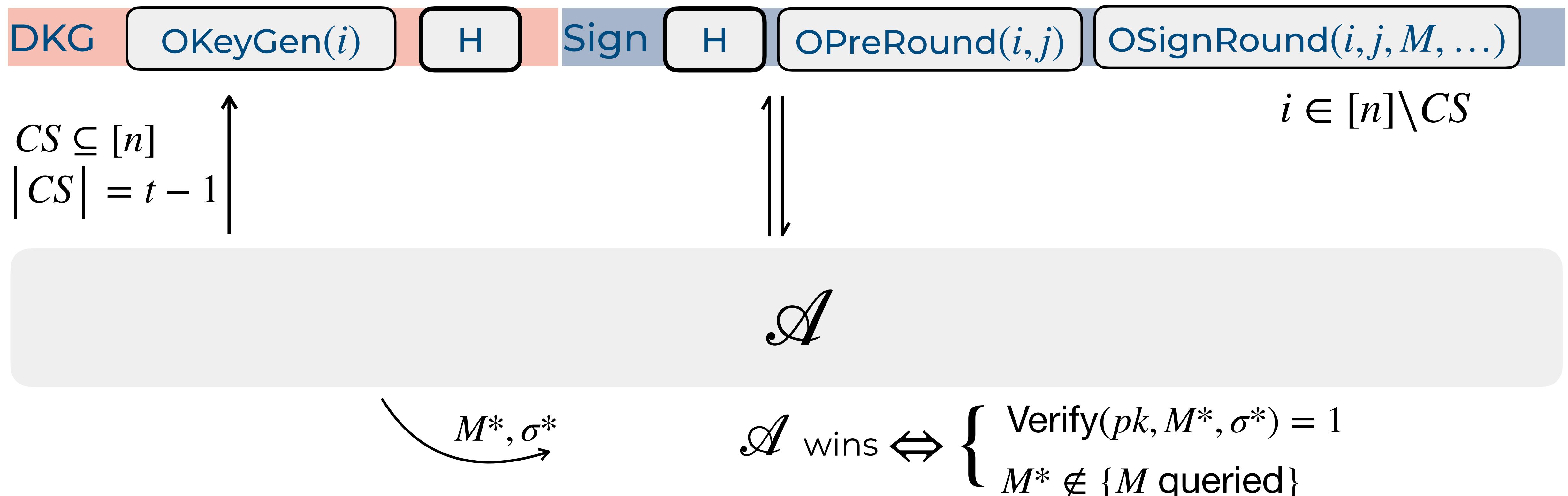
Security Proof for OLAF

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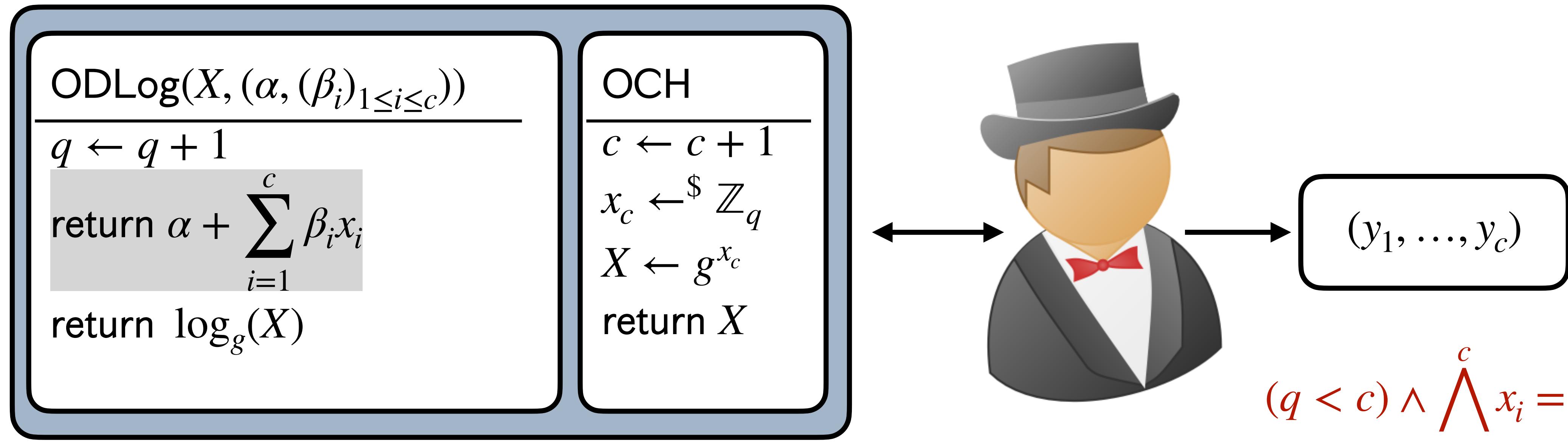
Our Unforgeability Model

Similar to **TS-UF-0** of [BTZ22]

An honest party accepts NO signing queries **before** key setup (DKG) has finished for it



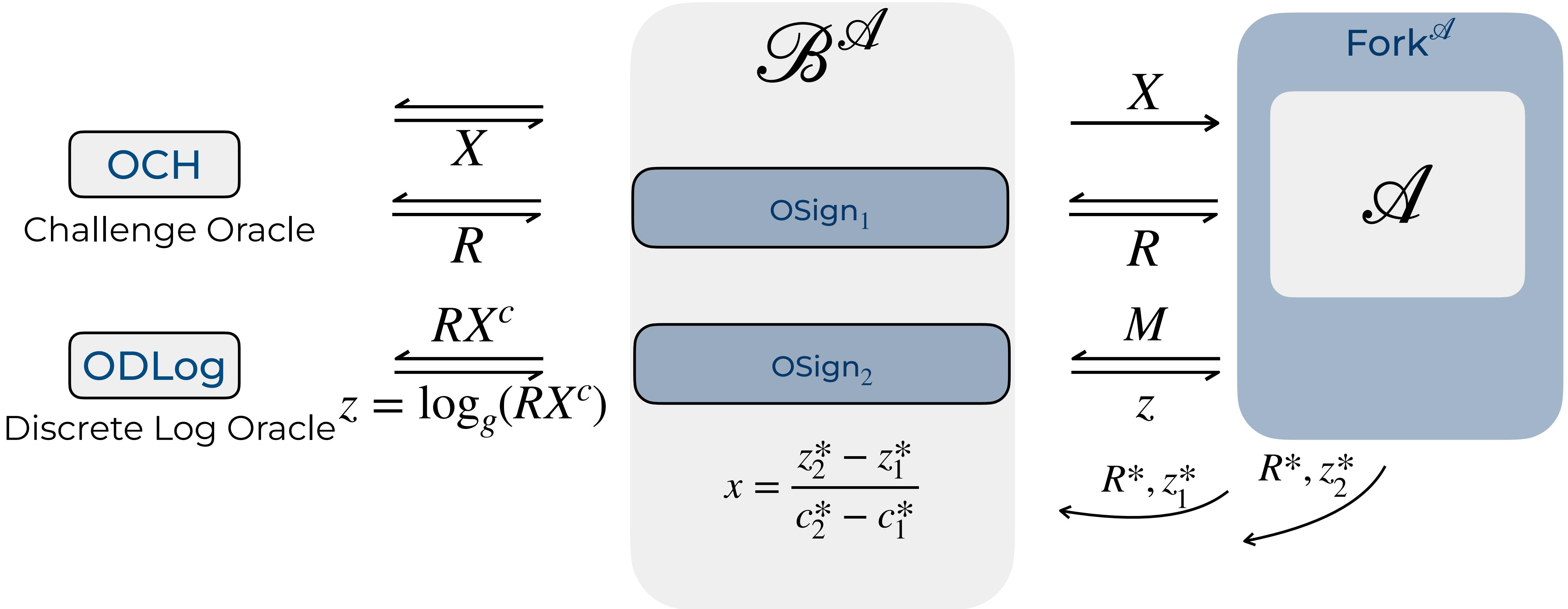
AOMDL Assumption [NRS21]



Proper (A)OMDL proof has less DLog queries than challenges.

Counting DLog queries could be the most tricky part.

AOMDL Proof for Single-Signer Schnorr



$$\#\text{ODLog} = \#\text{OSign}_2 \leq \text{OSign}_1 = \#\text{OCH} - 1$$

AOMDL Proof for Threshold Schnorr

Proof of single-signer Schnorr is well understood

- 1 Simple simulation of signing queries
- 2 Rely on forking [PS00], [BN06], optimal tightness [Seurin11, FJS19]

AOMDL Proof for Threshold Schnorr

Techniques do NOT carry over to the threshold setting

1

Using **two** nonces D, E instead of one nonce (see FROST [KG20])

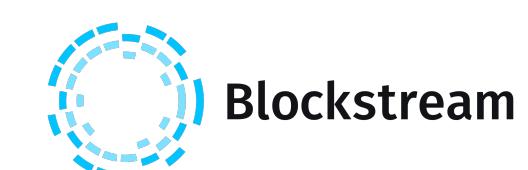
To answer two signing queries on **two executions** for same D, E

2

Consider **Pedersen DKG**

Reduction needs to know each x_i in $\sum_i x_i = x$ instead of just x to solve AOMDL

x_i 's: signing key shares



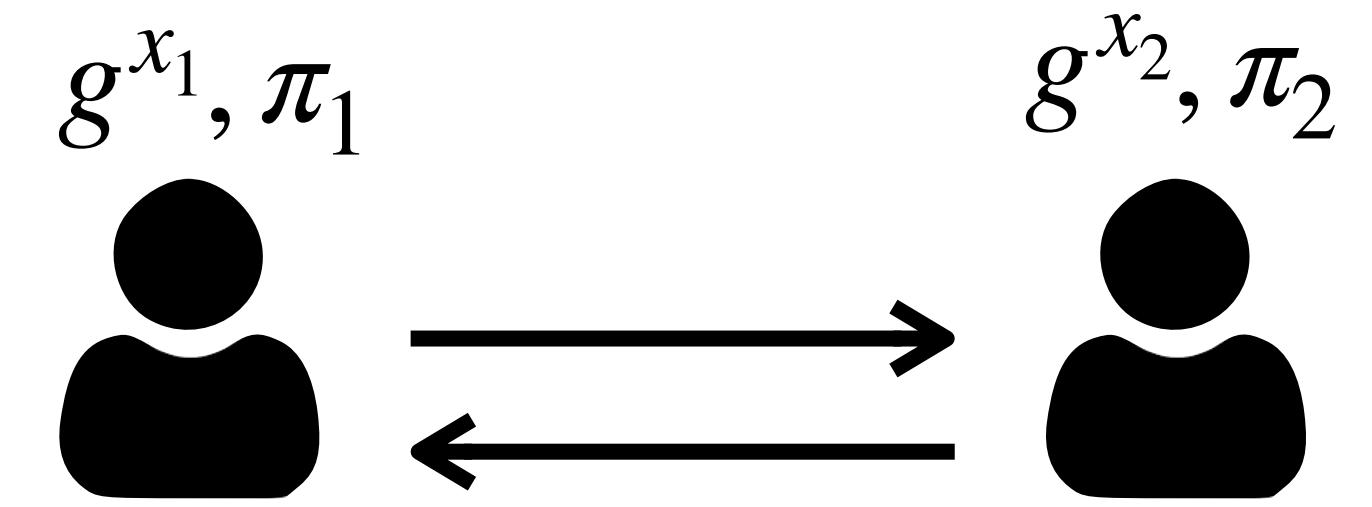
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Our Proof Strategy for OLAF

- 1 Use Pedersen DKG with **proofs of possession (PoPs)** as in [CKM21]

PoP is Schnorr-like proof of knowledge

- 2 Use a novel **forking proof technique** to avoid AGM



x_i 's: signing key shares

π_i 's: proof of possession

g^{x_i} 's: public key shares

Existing Forking Techniques: Overview

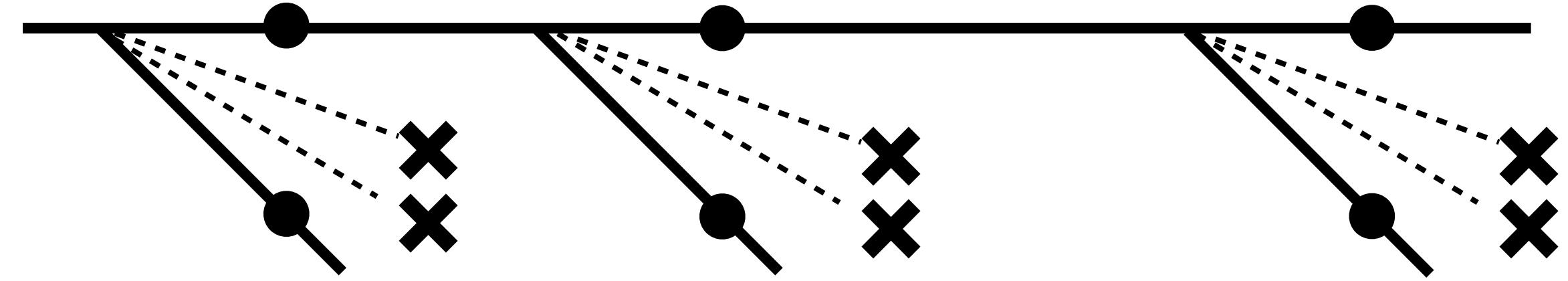


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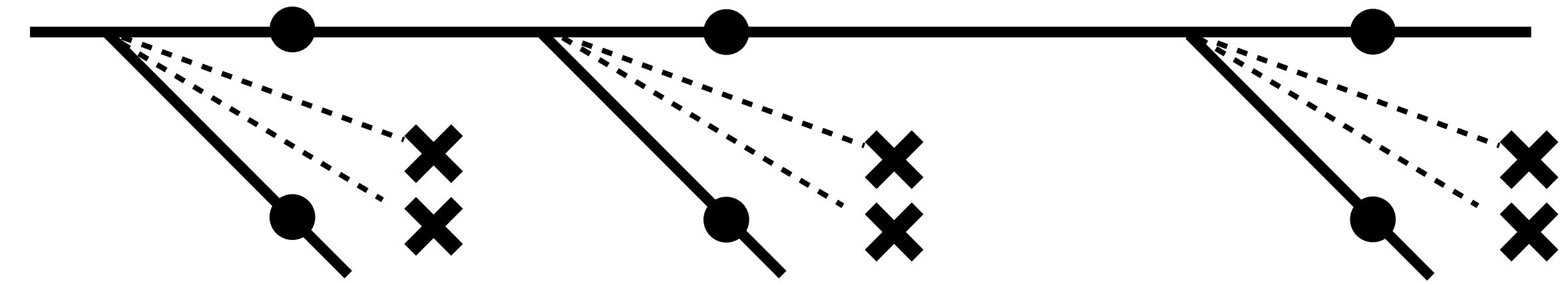


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Only two executions

Multiple extraction (in composition) loses 2^t success probability

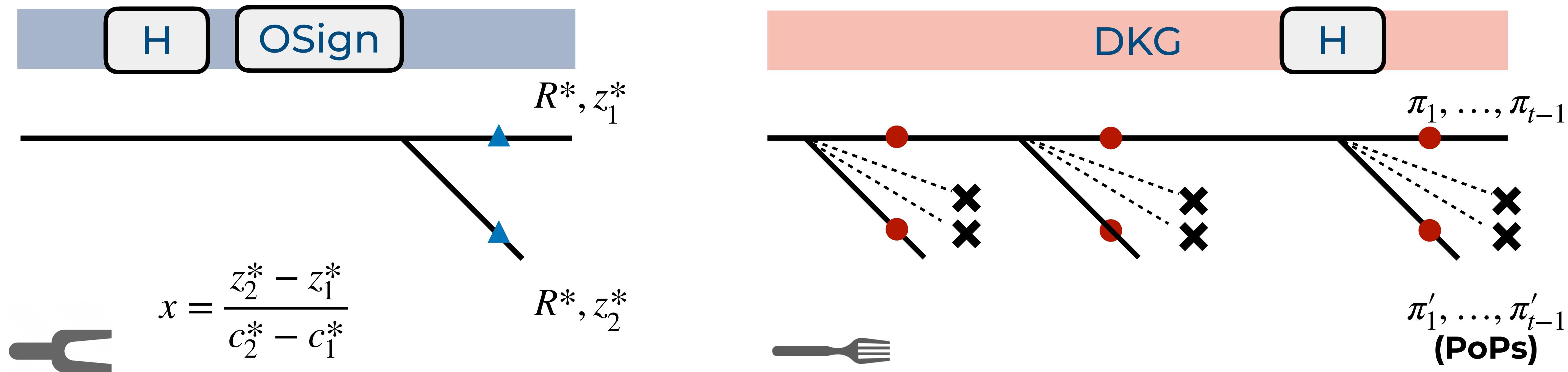


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Multiple extraction points

Polynomial number of executions

Existing Forking Techniques: In Our Proof

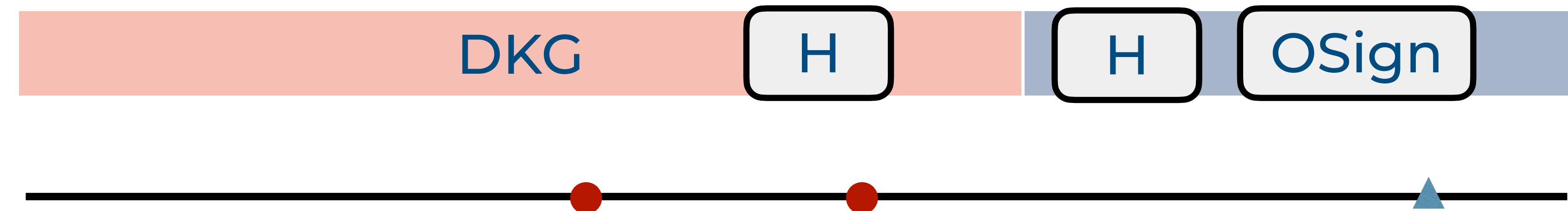


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→ Can extract x from forgeries

→ Can extract x_1, \dots, x_{t-1} from PoPs

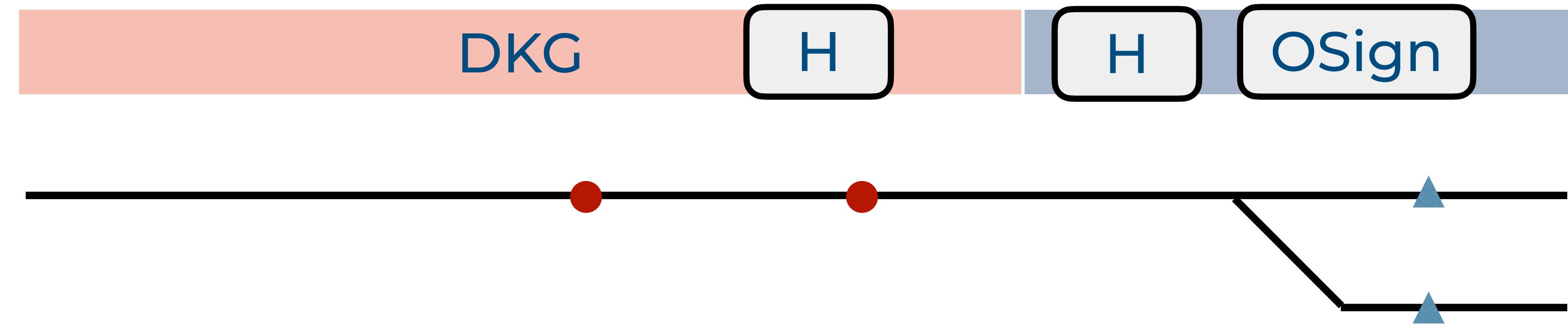
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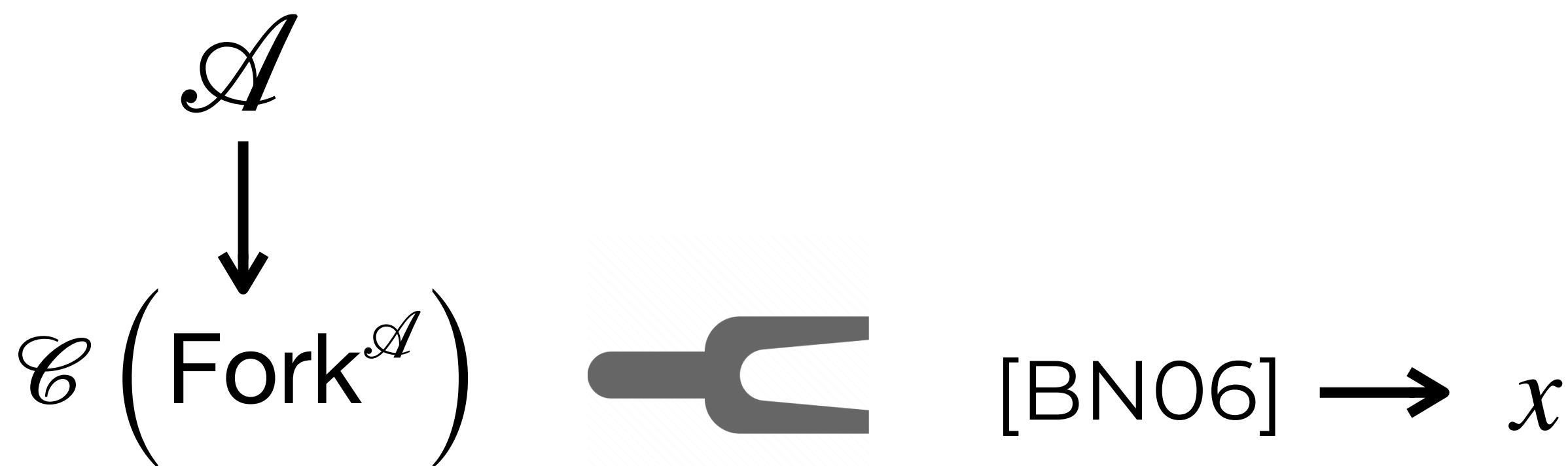
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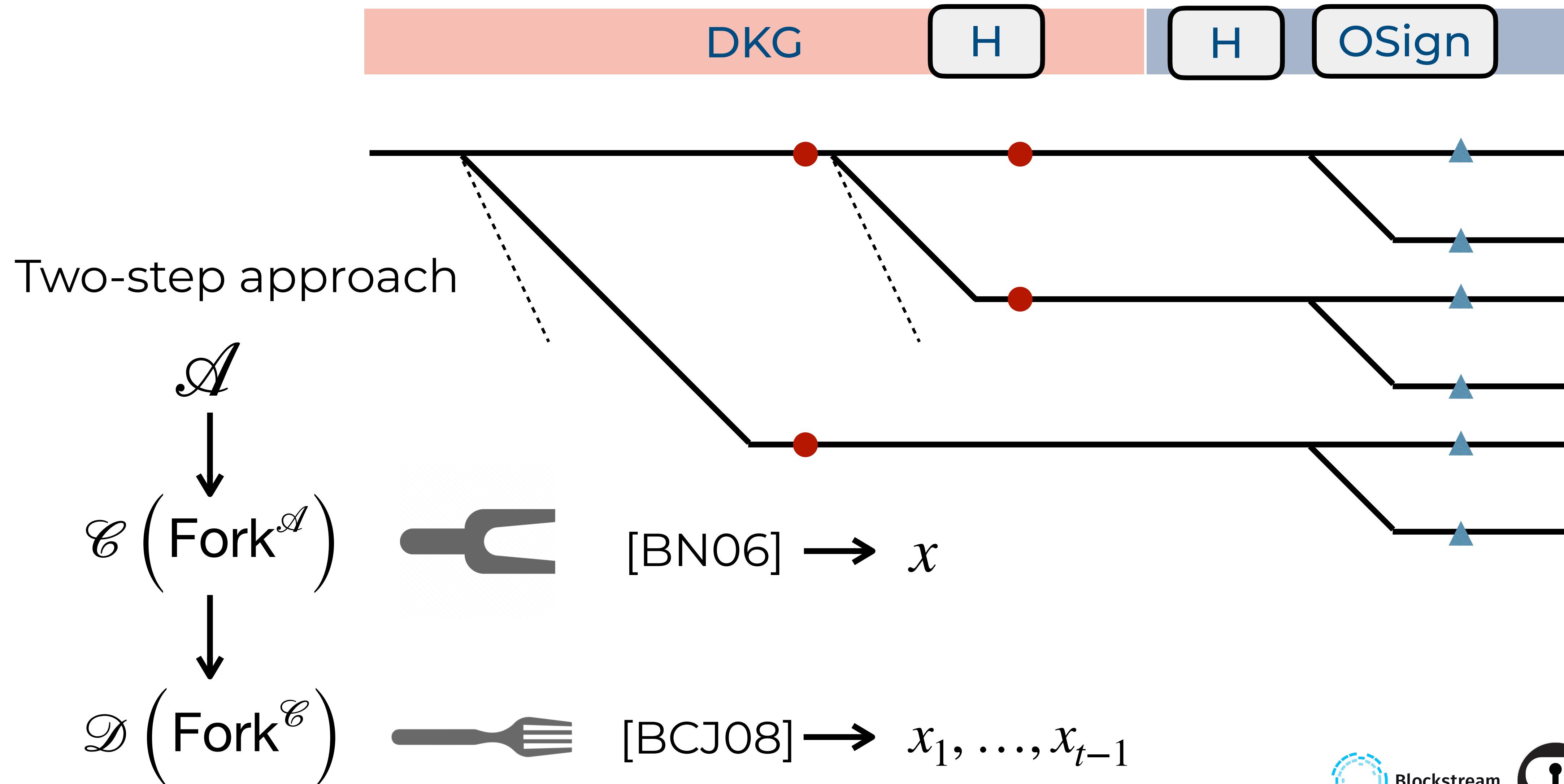
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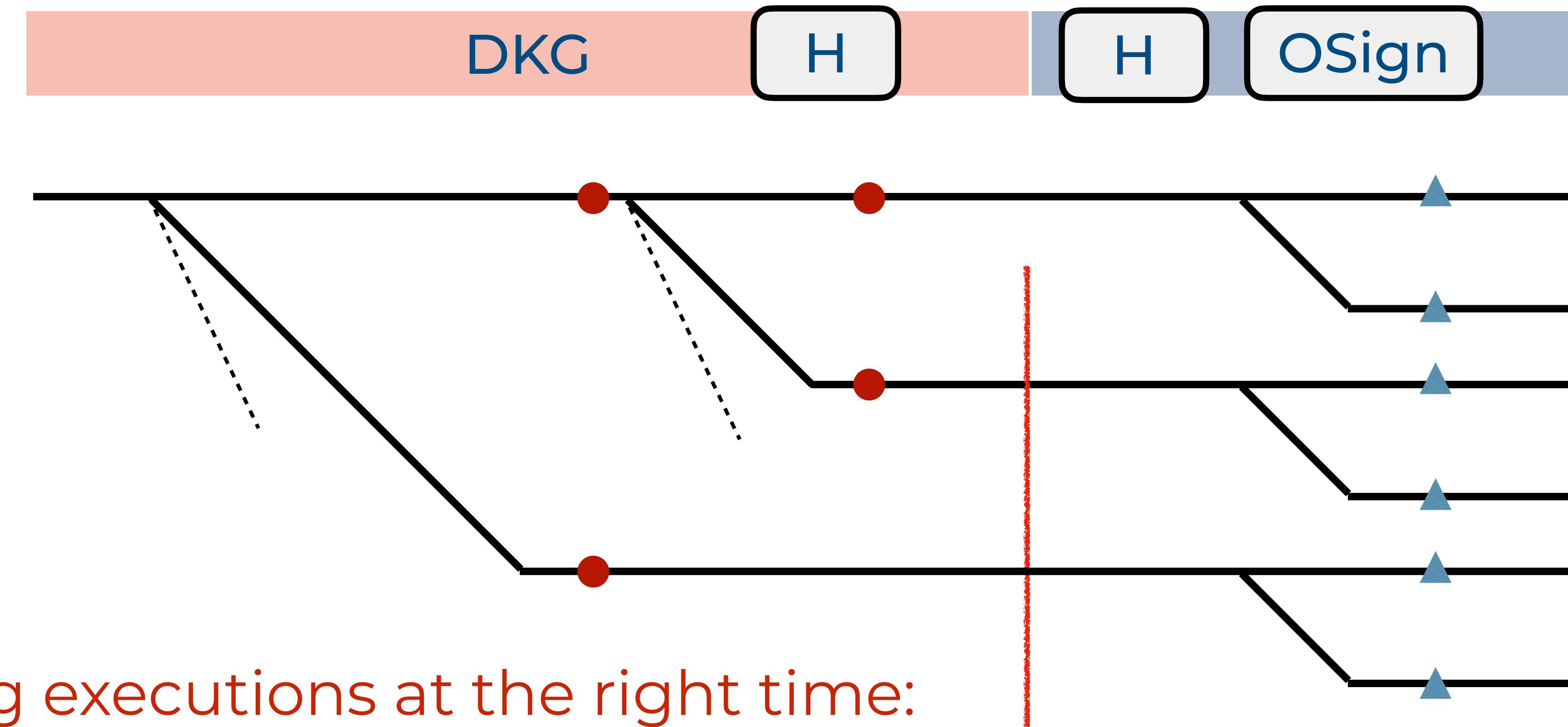


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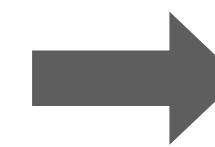
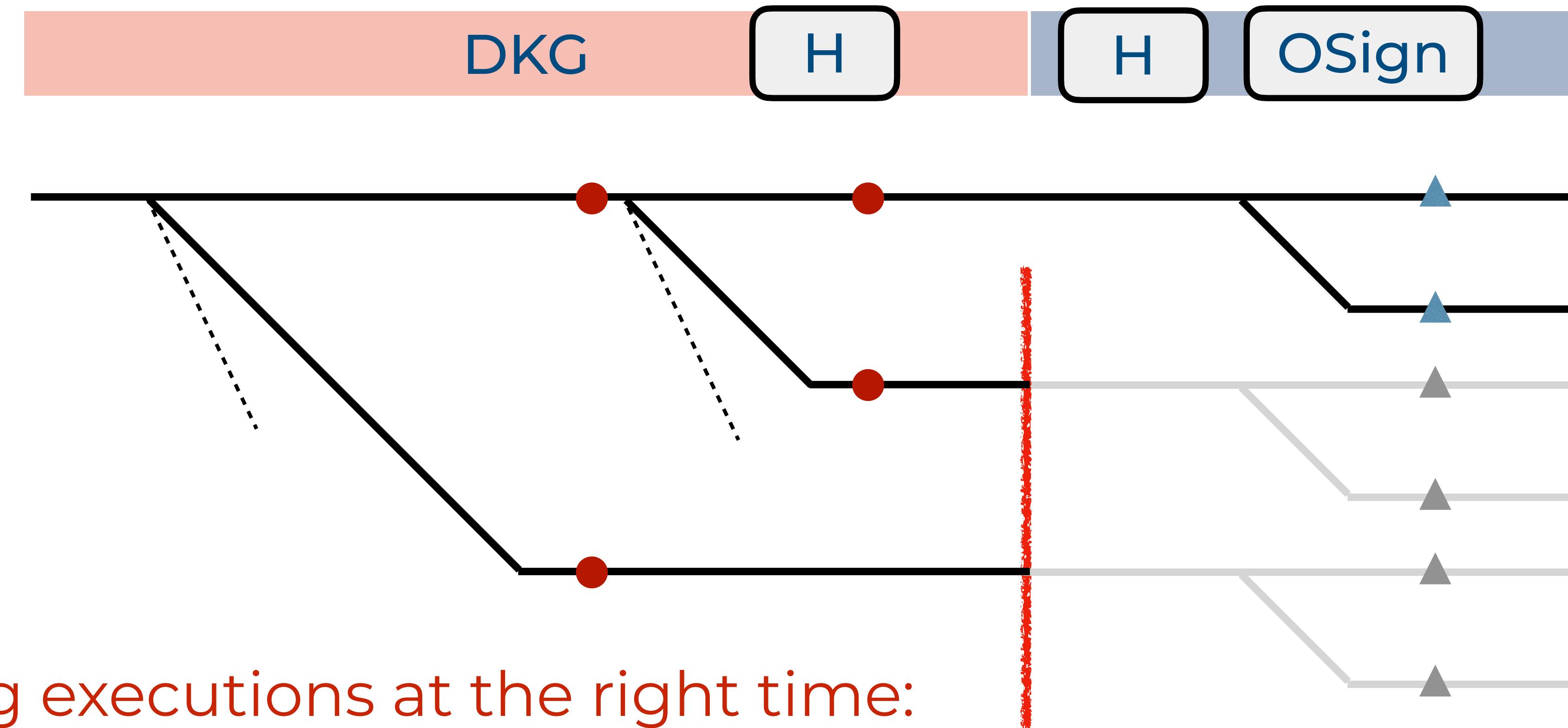


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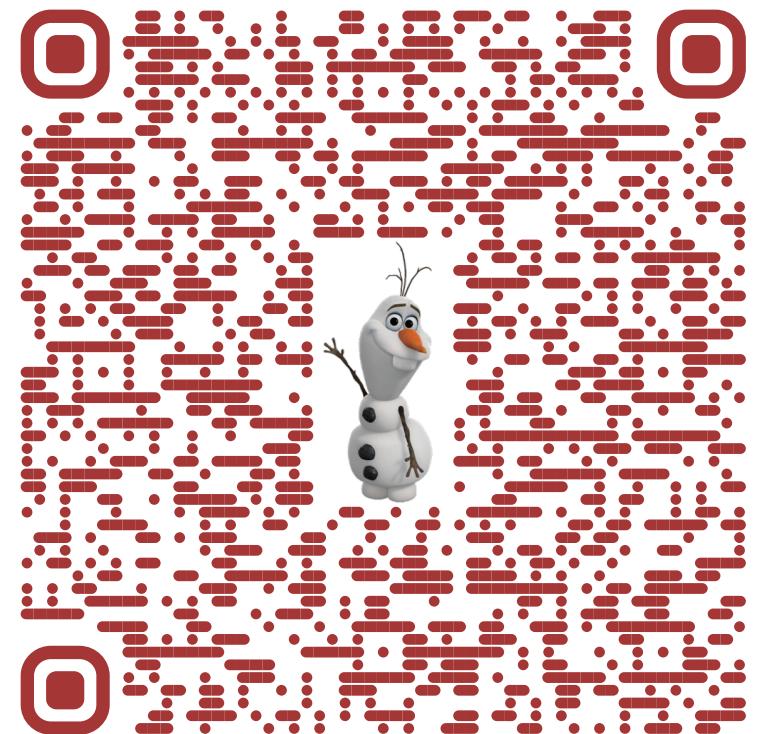
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Our Conclusion

- We proved the unforgeability of **FROST3** with probability $\epsilon' \approx \frac{\epsilon^2}{8q}$ in expected $\text{poly}(T)$ time
 - Using a **practical DKG** (Simplified Pedersen DKG + PoPs)
 - In **AOMDL + ROM**



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