

# CS 5830

# Cryptography

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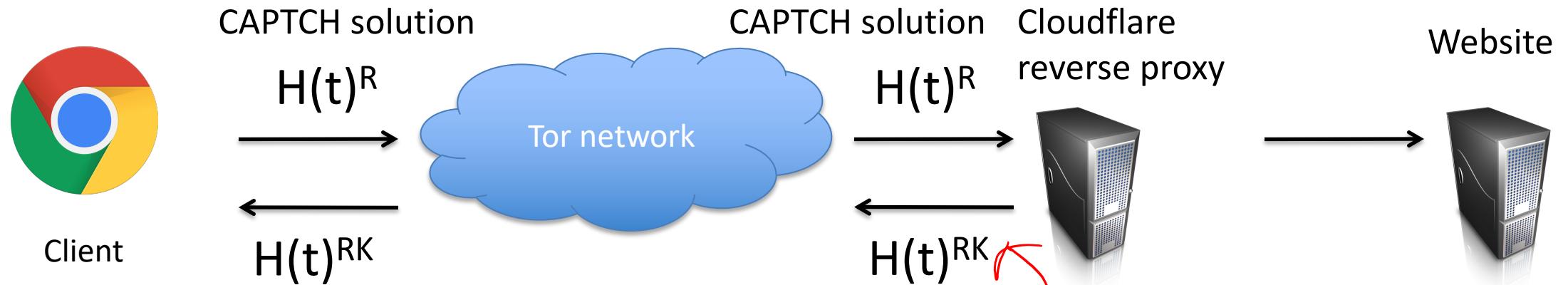
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# Privacy Pass

- OPRF-based solution written up in Privacy Pass paper
- Subsequently standardized and deployed
- One concern is ***hoarding attacks***
  - Attacker harvests a bunch of tokens
  - Attacker spends all tokens at once to perform DDoS attack
  - Unlinkability prevents detection
  - Solution: partially oblivious PRFs
    - $F_K(\text{time}, x)$  where time is public input,  $x$  is private input
    - Problem: no fast PO-PRFs were known
- Another concern is ***tagging attacks by proxy***

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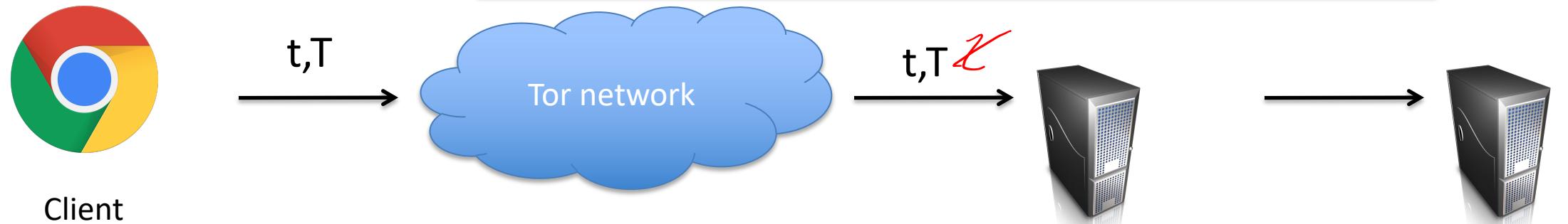


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What if server uses new  $K$  for each client?  
***Can trivially link users!***

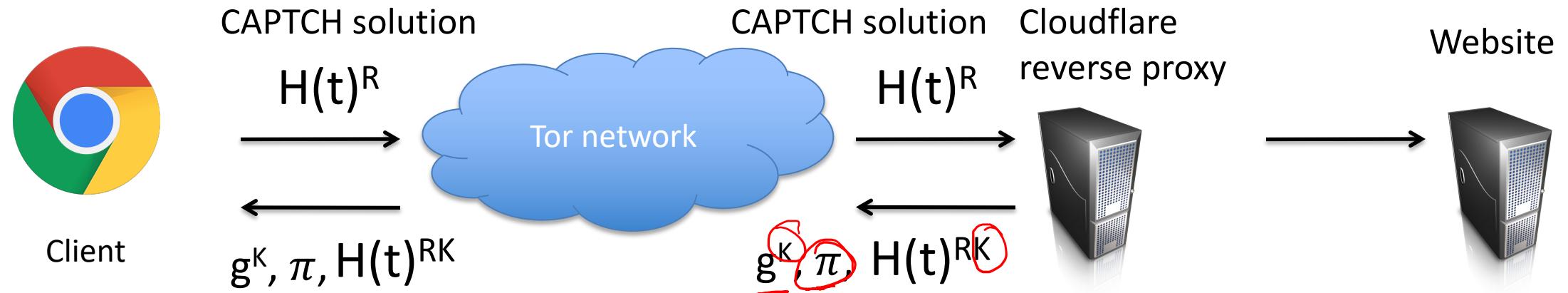


If  $T = H(H(t)^K)$ , assume real user

# Resisting active tagging attacks

- Privacy Pass: proxy needs to prove that they sign each request with the same secret key  $K$ 
  - Can publish a public key  $pk = g^K$
  - Prove that  $Y^K$  and  $pk$  have same discrete log, without revealing  $K$
- Zero-knowledge proofs (ZKPs) can handle this

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Verify  $\pi$

- If fails, then abort
- Otherwise can use tokens

This is called a **verifiable OPRF**. In words, it allows ensuring consistency (relative to public key  $g^K$ ) of server behavior

How do prove that  $dlog_g(g^K) = dlog_Y(Y^K)$  where  $Y = H(t)^R$  ?

Naïve approach: Send  $K$ !

Why is that problematic?

# Zero-knowledge proofs

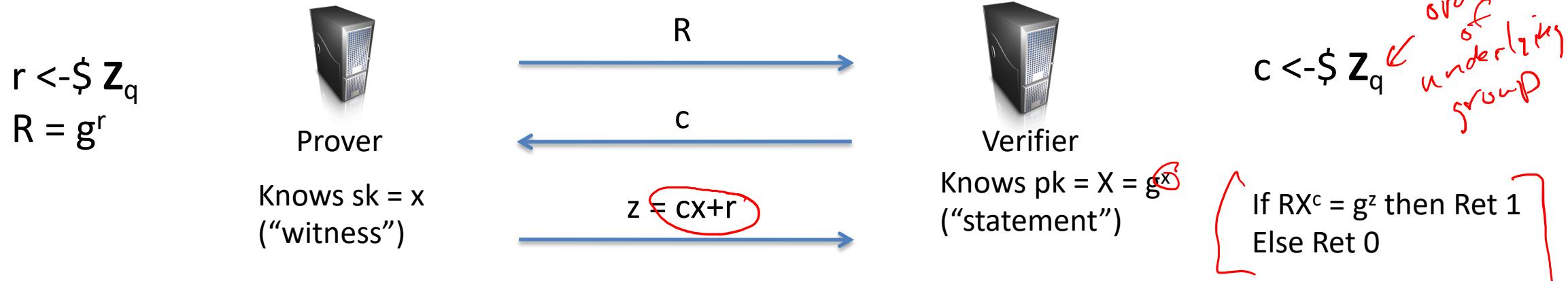
- Prove knowledge of secret  $x$  without revealing any information about  $x$
- Introduced by Goldwasser, Micali, Rackoff
  - “The Knowledge Complexity of Interactive Proof-Systems”, 1989
- Relations:  $\mathcal{R} \subseteq \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y}$ 

The diagram illustrates the components of a relation  $\mathcal{R}$ . It shows four entities arranged in a diamond shape: "Witnesses" at the top left, "Secret" at the bottom left, "Statements" at the top right, and "Public Key" at the bottom right. Blue arrows point from "Witnesses" to both "Secret" and "Statements". Red handwritten annotations are present: "Secret" is written above "Witnesses" and "Public Key" is written below "Statements".
- Sigma protocols classic approach for ZKP

# Zero-knowledge properties

- **Completeness:** can prove a true statement
- **Soundness:** can't prove a false statement
  - *ZK proofs*: no unbounded adversary can prove false statement
  - *ZK arguments*: no computationally bounded adversary can prove false statement
  - *Knowledge soundness*: to prove statement, prover must know a witness
- **Zero-knowledge:** proof reveals nothing (except validity)
  - *Perfect ZK*: can simulate proofs with same distribution as real
  - *Statistical ZK*: simulated proofs statistically indistinguishable from real
  - *Computational ZK*: simulated proofs computationally indistinguishable from real
  - *Concurrent ZK*: simulation despite interleaved proof execution
- **Interactive vs. non-interactive**
  - **NIZK** (non-interactive ZK proof) allows prover to generate a single value that convinces verifier.
  - Interactive requires multiple back-and-forths between prover and verifier

# Schnorr Sigma protocol



Prover wants to prove that they have  $sk = x$  associated to public key  $X = g^x$

Sigma protocols are class of 3-round protocols:

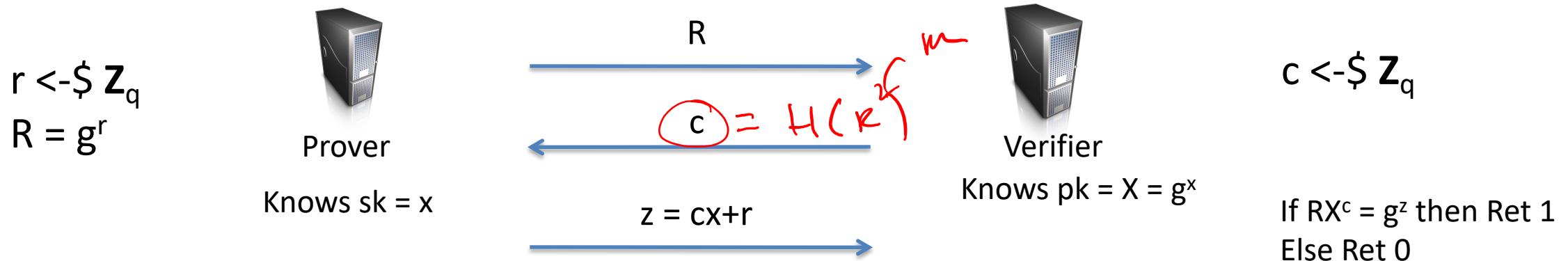
- Prover sends **commitment**
- Verifier replies with **challenge**
- Prover sends **response**

$$\begin{aligned} RX^c &= g^r \cdot (g^x)^c = g^{r+xc} \\ &= g^z \end{aligned}$$

Schnorr just one example, many others:

- Okamoto's, Chaum-Pederson, Guillou-Quisquater (RSA), ...

# Fiat-Shamir transform



Signature is commitment and response. Challenge generated non-interactively with hash function  
Works on other Sigma protocols as well

Sign( $x, M$ )

$r \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_q$

$R = g^r$ ;  $c = H(M \parallel R)$  ;  $z = r + cx \pmod q$

Return  $(R, z)$

Ver( $X, M, (R, z)$ )

$c = H(M \parallel R)$

If  $g^z = RX^c$  then Return 1  
Return 0

# (Variant of) Schnorr signatures

Let  $G$  be group of prime order  $q$ . Let  $g$  be a generator  
 $sk = x$  chosen randomly from  $\mathbb{Z}_q$        $pk = X = g^x$

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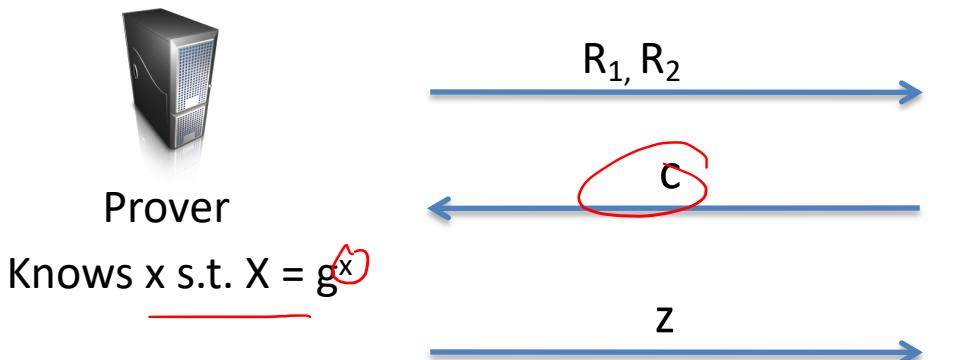
Correctness?

$$g^z = g^{r+cx} = g^r g^{xc} = RX^c$$

# Incorrect version of Chaum-Pederson Sigma protocol (DL equality!)

$$r \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p$$

$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow R_1 &\leftarrow g^r \\ \rightarrow R_2 &\leftarrow Y^r \end{aligned}$$



$$z \leftarrow r + xc$$

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In our verifiable OPRF application:  $X = g^K$ ,  $Y = H(t)^R$ ,  $Z = H(t)^{RK}$

Can apply Fiat-Shamir here as well:  $c = H(R, X, Y, Z)$

$$Y^2 X^{-c} = g^{2-xc}$$

$$\begin{aligned} Y^2 &= g^{2+c} \\ Y^2 &= Y^2 \\ Y^2 &= Y^2 \\ g^r &= g^{r+xc} \end{aligned}$$

$$c \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_q$$

$$R_1^{-x} c = g^r - (g^x)^c$$

Check both that:

$$\begin{aligned} g^z &= R_1 \cdot X^c \\ g^z &= R_2 \cdot g^c \end{aligned}$$

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Prover

Knows  $x$  s.t.  $X = g^x$

$$R_1, R_2$$

$$c$$

$$z$$



Verifier

Knows  $X, Y, Z, g$

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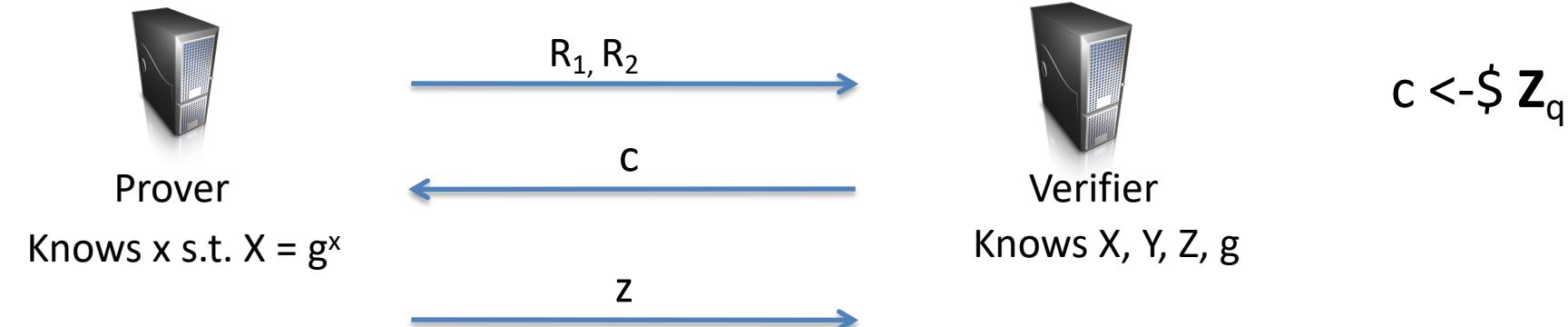
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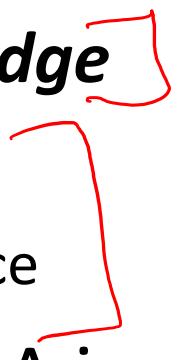
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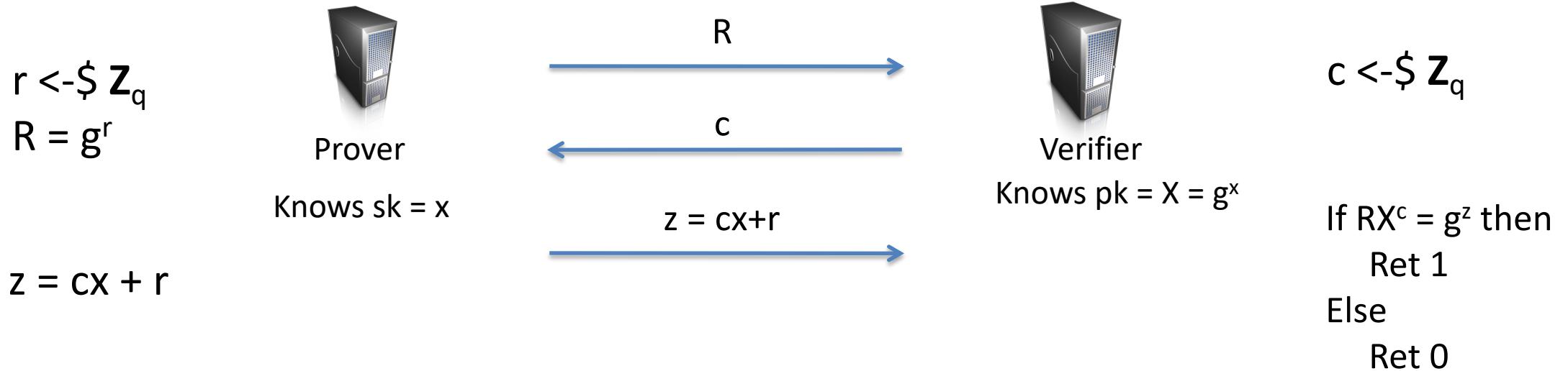
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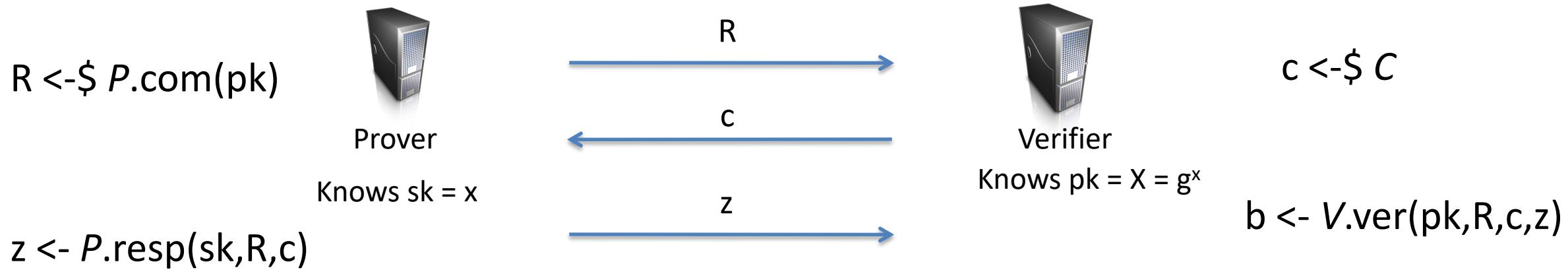
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  - Requires so-called *rewinding lemma*
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  - Similar analysis shows soundness of NIZK

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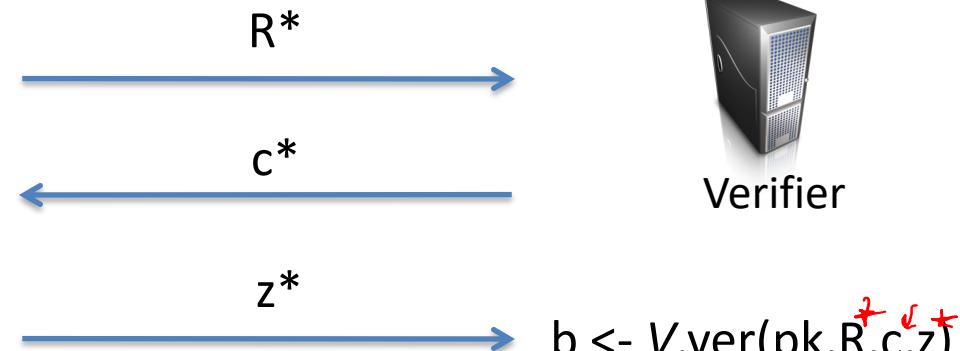


ID protocol is a tuple of algorithms ( $\text{IDKg}$ ,  $P.\text{Com}$ ,  $P.\text{Resp}$ ,  $V.\text{ver}$ ) and challenge space  $C$   
 $\text{IDKg}$  generates key pair (public key, secret key)

# ID security under passive attack



Prover given  $pk$   
And transcripts  
of  $q_{id}$  honest  
executions



For Schnorr:  
 $R^* X^{c^*} = g^{z^*}$

Intuition for security:

1. Can simulate  $R_i, c_i, z_i$  because Schnorr is zero-knowledge
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 $(pk, sk) \leftarrow \$ \text{IDkg}$  ↗  
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 Ret  $V.\text{ver}(pk, R^*, c^*, z^*)$

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# Zero-knowledge security

A *simulator*  $\text{Sim}$  is an algorithm that takes an input any (valid)  $\text{pk}$  and outputs transcript  $R^*, c^*, z^*$

ID-based protocol  $\text{ID} = (\text{P.com}, \text{P.resp}, \text{V.ver}, \text{C})$  is *honest-verifier zero-knowledge* (HVZK) if we can give  $\text{Sim}$  that produces transcripts distributed identically to ones generated by  $\text{ID}$

# Schnorr is honest-verifier zero-knowledge

How can we create believable transcripts  
without secret key for  $pk = X = g^x$

Real transcript:

$g^r$

$c$

$z = cx + r$



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Sim(pk):

$c \leftarrow \$ C$

$z \leftarrow \$ Z_p$

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Sim works without secret key  $x$



Transcript leaks nothing about  $x$

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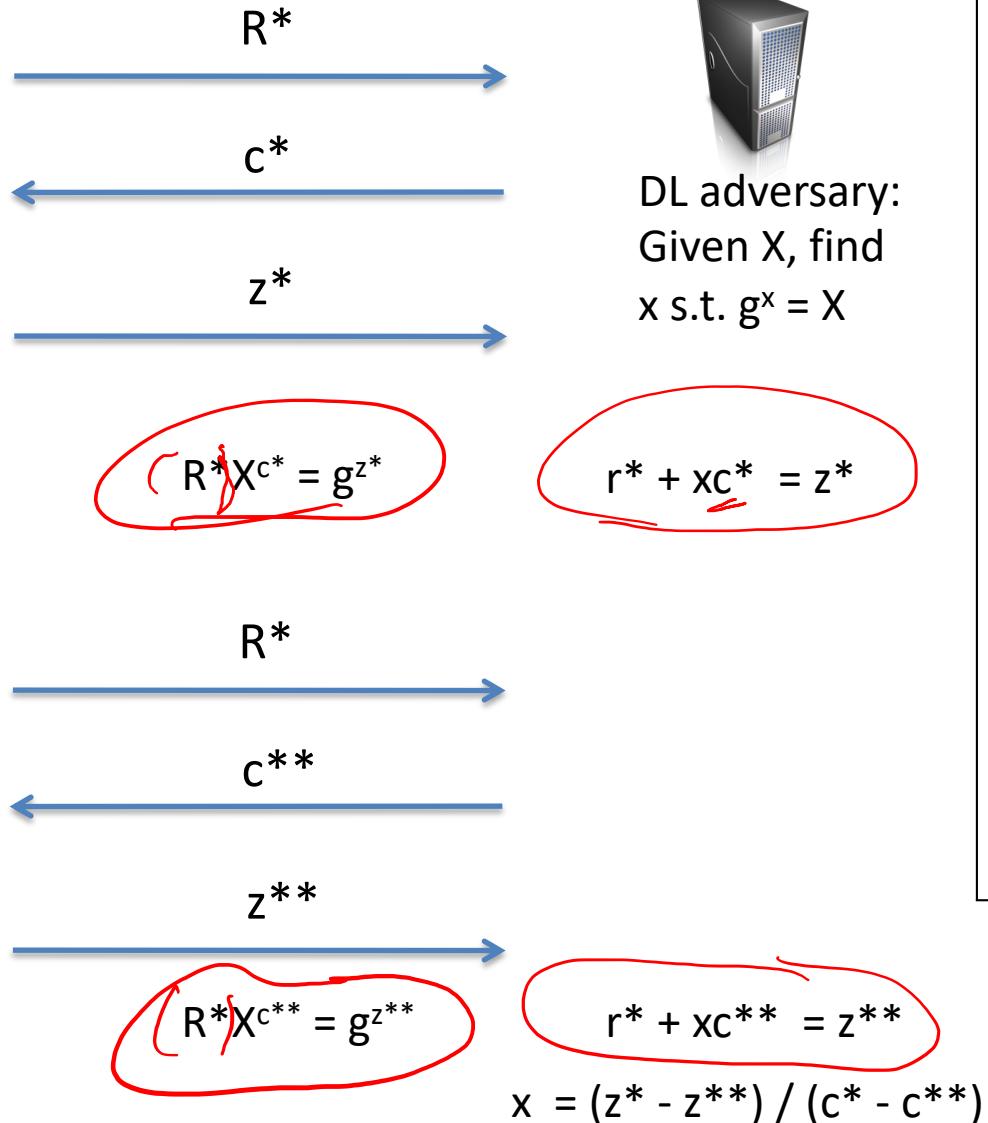
# Rewinding trick



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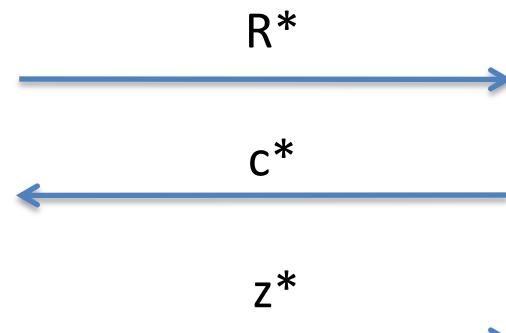
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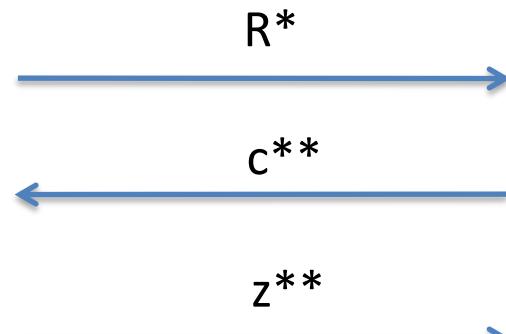


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DL adversary:  
Given  $X$ , find  
 $x$  s.t.  $g^x = X$



$$R^* X^{c^{**}} = g^{z^{**}}$$

$$r^* + x c^{**} = z^{**}$$

$$x = (z^* - z^{**}) / (c^* - c^{**})$$

$\mathcal{B}(X)$

queried  $\leftarrow$  false

For  $i = 1$  to  $q_{id}$  do

$$z_i \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_q$$

$$c_i \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_q$$

$$R_i \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_q g^{z_i} X^{-c_i}$$

$$\omega \leftarrow \Omega_A$$

$$z^* \leftarrow \mathcal{A}^{\text{Ver}}(pk, (R_1, c_1, z_1), \dots, (R_{q_{id}}, c_{q_{id}}, z_{q_{id}}); \omega)$$

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# Reduction from IDPASS to DL

If  $A$  succeeds with probability  $\epsilon$  with  $c^*$ , can we lower bound probability  $A$  succeeds twice?

Key analysis captured by ***rewinding lemma (aka reset lemma)***:

**Lemma.** Let  $S$  and  $T$  be finite, non-empty sets and let  $f: S \times T \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  be a function. Let  $\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}, \mathcal{Y}'$  be independent random variables, with  $\mathcal{X}$  taking values in  $T$  and  $\mathcal{Y}, \mathcal{Y}'$  being uniformly chosen from  $T$ . Let  $\Pr[f(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}) = 1] = \epsilon$ . Then

$$\Pr [ f(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}) = 1 \wedge f(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}') = 1 \wedge \mathcal{Y} \neq \mathcal{Y}' ] \geq \epsilon^2 - \frac{\epsilon}{|T|}$$

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# IDPASS security of Schnorr

**Theorem.** *Let  $G$  be a cyclic group,  $q_{id} \geq 0$ , and  $\mathcal{A}$  be an IDPASS <sub>$ID, q_{id}$</sub> -adversary for the Schnorr scheme  $ID$  built using  $G$ . Then we give an DL <sub>$G$</sub> -adversary  $\mathcal{B}$  such that*

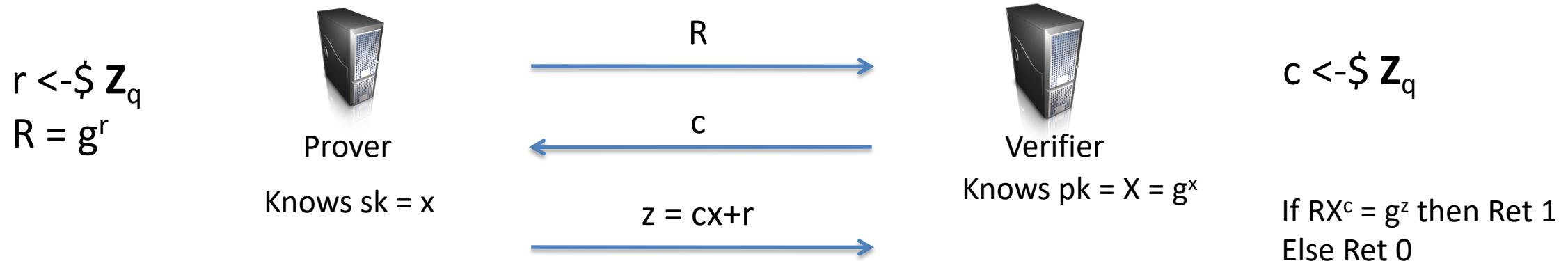
$$\mathbf{Adv}_{ID, q_{id}}^{\text{idpass}}(\mathcal{A}) \leq \sqrt{\mathbf{Adv}_G^{\text{dl}}(\mathcal{B})} + \frac{1}{|G|} .$$

*Adversary  $\mathcal{B}$  runs in time at most twice that of  $\mathcal{A}$  plus  $\mathcal{O}(q_{id})$ .*

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Ver( $X, M, (R, z)$ )

$$c = H(M || R)$$

If  $g^z = RX^c$  then Return 1

Return 0

# UF-CMA to IDPASS reduction

Idea:

IDPASS adversary  $B$  that runs  $A$ :

- guess RO query  $i^*$  corresponds to forgery,  
query ver to set  $H[M_{i^*}] = c^*$
- use  $c_i$  values as response to other RO queries
- use  $(R_i, c_i, z_i)$  to simulate signing queries

Simulates  $A$ 's environment perfectly if  $i^*$  guess correct  
and no commitments  $R$  collide with previous  $H$  queries

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# Putting it all together: UF-CMA to DL

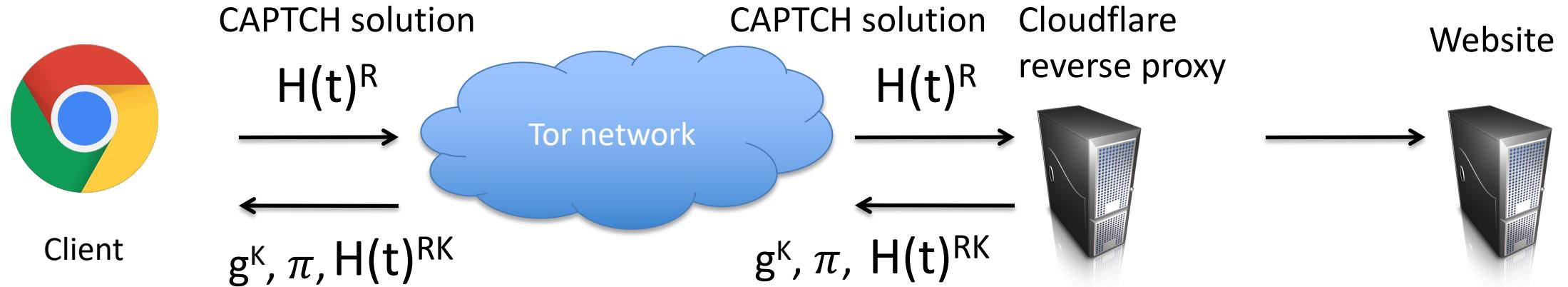
**Theorem.** Let  $G$  be a cyclic group and DS be the Schnorr digital signature scheme using random oracle  $H: \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_{|G|}$ . Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be an UF-CMA<sub>DS</sub>-adversary making at most  $q_h$  RO queries and  $q_s$  signing queries. Then we give an DL<sub>G</sub>-adversary  $\mathcal{B}$  such that

$$\mathbf{Adv}_{\text{DS}}^{\text{uf-cma}}(\mathcal{A}) \leq \frac{q_s(q_s + q_h + 1)}{|G|} + (q_h + 1) \left( \sqrt{\mathbf{Adv}_G^{\text{dl}}(\mathcal{B})} + \frac{1}{|G|} \right).$$

Adversary  $\mathcal{B}$  runs in time at most twice that of the sum of the running time of  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{O}(q_h + q_s)$ .

Similar type of analysis can be used to show soundness of  
Fiat-Shamir NIZK for Chaum-Pedersen Sigma protocol

# Privacy Pass



$$t \leftarrow \{0,1\}^n$$

$$R \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p$$

$$T = H(H(t)^K)$$

Verify  $\pi$

- If fails, then abort
- Otherwise can use tokens

This is called a **verifiable OPRF**. In words, it allows ensuring consistency (relative to public key  $g^k$ ) of server behavior

$\pi$  is a Chaum-Pedersen NIZK of DL equality

- Soundness: Client knows that same K is used, rules out tagging attacks
- Zero knowledge: Client can't use  $\pi$  to learn something about K

# NIZKs for General NP Languages

- Can we build NIZKs for arbitrary statements?
  - Interactive proofs for NP long known [Goldreich, Micali, Wigderson 1991]
    - Protocol for proving knowledge of 3-coloring of graph
- CRS-based NIZKs [Groth, Ostrovsky Sahai 2006]
  - Convert statement to circuit C
  - Bilinear-pairing based NIZK whose proofs are size  $O(|C|)$
- Groth 2010
  - Show how to do bilinear-pairing based scheme with constant size proofs.
  - Uses knowledge-of-exponent assumptions
- zkSNARKs
  - More efficient representation than circuits: quadratic span programs
  - Then use Groth-style bilinear pairing proofs
  - Pinocchio system: 288 byte proofs of arbitrary programs

# Emerging topics in applied crypto

- We'll spend a couple lectures covering some cryptographic tools that have started seeing use in practice recently
  - Secure computation
  - Oblivious PRFs
  - Zero-knowledge proofs
- Theory goes back decades, but real-world applications were historically elusive

