

# Enforcing honesty of certification authorities: Tagged one-time signature schemes

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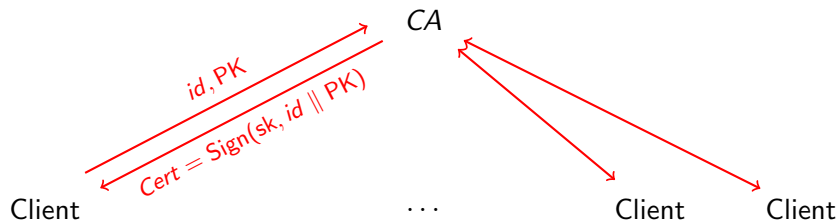
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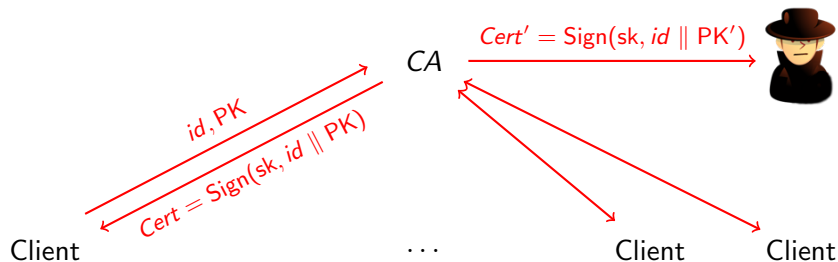
# PKIs and CAs: Current situation



## Signature-based PKIs

- full concentration of trust into CA
- CA has to be absolutely trustworthy

# PKIs and CAs: Current threats



## Malicious CA

- could falsely bind identities in use to auxiliary PKs
- run man-in-the-middle attacks against web sessions
- **ALL SECURITY IS LOST**

# PKIs and CAs: Should we really trust CAs?

## Reasons not to trust CAs

- poor management practices
  - we will see examples. . .
- security breaches
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- criminal intention
- coercion
  - by crime organizations
  - legal coercion by law enforcement
  - legal(?) coercion by intelligence services

# CA incidents: A brief history

## Recent security incidents

- DigiNotar in July 2011
  - security breach, malicious certificates for many domains issued
- TURKTRUST in August 2011
  - issued intermediate CA with wildcard signing capabilities
  - later used for man-in-the-middle proxy filtering/scanning
  - no evidence for use in attack
  - detected only in Jan 2013
- Digicert Malaysia in November 2011
  - 22 certificates with weak private keys or missing revocation details issued
- KPN/Getronics in November 2011
  - suspended CA business after detecting infection on its web server
  - no evidence of certificate malfeasance

## So far, what helps against malicious CAs?

- **Pinning** (in HTTP)
  - hosts ask clients to remember PKs that appear in certificate chain
  - identified DigiNotar and TURKTRUST breaches
  - IETF Web Security Internet draft
- **Tacking** (in TLS)
  - hosts announce that their PK is not going to change for a specified amount of time
  - IETF TLS-WG Internet draft
- **DANE** (in DNS/TLS)
  - 'DNS-Based Authentication of Named Entities'
  - DNS records announce PKs used within TLS
  - RFC 6698

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Our scheme

- makes misbehaving (cryptographically) fatal
- gives strong incentive to do well with management practices
- puts CAs into strong position against legal coercion

# TOSS: Tagged One-time Signature Scheme

New primitive: **tagged one-time signatures (TOSS)**

- similar to standard signature schemes
- authentication of **tag/message pairs**
- adversary cannot forge signatures (akin to EUF-CMA)
- distinguishing property: **double-signature forgeability**
  - intended security loss if signer 'misbehaves'

Syntax of TOSS

- $(sk, vk) \leftarrow \text{KGen}(1^\lambda)$  outputs signing key and verification key
- $\sigma \leftarrow \text{Sign}(sk, \text{tag}, \text{msg})$  signs **tag, msg**  $\in \{0, 1\}^*$
- $\{0, 1\} \leftarrow \text{Ver}(vk, \text{tag}, \text{msg}, \sigma)$  verifies signatures

Correctness of TOSS

- as usual, with universal quantification over **tag, msg**  $\in \{0, 1\}^*$

# Security of TOSS: Unforgeability

Security goal: **unforgeability (EUF)**

- similar to unforgeability of standard signature schemes
- main difference: adversary not allowed to request signatures on **different messages** for the **same tag**

**Exp**<sup>EUF</sup>( $1^\lambda$ )

- $(sk, vk) \leftarrow \text{KGen}(1^\lambda)$
- $(tag^*, msg^*, \sigma^*) \leftarrow \mathcal{A}^{\mathcal{O}_{\text{Sign}}}(vk)$ 
  - If  $\mathcal{A}$  queries  $\mathcal{O}_{\text{Sign}}(tag, msg)$ :
    - Append  $(tag, msg)$  to SigList
    - $\sigma \leftarrow \text{Sign}(sk, tag, msg)$
    - Return  $\sigma$  to  $\mathcal{A}$
- Return 1 iff all the following hold:
  - $\text{Ver}(vk, tag^*, msg^*, \sigma^*) = 1$
  - $(tag^*, msg^*) \notin \text{SigList}$
  - $\forall tag, msg_0, msg_1$ :  
 $(tag, msg_0), (tag, msg_1) \in \text{SigList} \Rightarrow msg_0 = msg_1$

# Security of TOSS: Compromising pair of signatures

Intuition: A TOSS shall be **forgeable** once signer issued signatures on different messages but the same tag.

We make the condition precise:

## Definition (Compromising pair of signatures)

Fix verification key  $vk$  and tag/message/signature triples

$$S_1 = (\text{tag}_1, \text{msg}_1, \sigma_1) \quad \text{and} \quad S_2 = (\text{tag}_2, \text{msg}_2, \sigma_2)$$

such that

$$\text{Ver}(vk, \text{tag}_1, \text{msg}_1, \sigma_1) = 1 \quad \text{with} \quad \text{Ver}(vk, \text{tag}_2, \text{msg}_2, \sigma_2) = 1 .$$

Pair  $(S_1, S_2)$  is **compromising** if  $\text{tag}_1 = \text{tag}_2$  and  $\text{msg}_1 \neq \text{msg}_2$ .

Note: exactly this condition is excluded in  $\mathbf{Exp}^{\text{EUF}}$

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Security goal: double-signature forgeability (DSF)

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- defined in respect to auxiliary algorithm

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that computes signatures for arbitrary tags/messages

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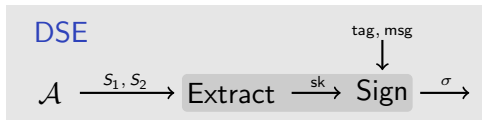
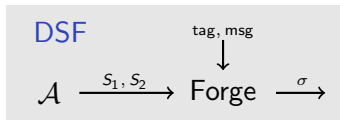
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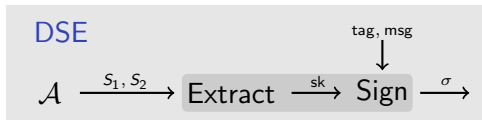
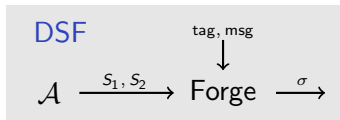
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## Further advantage of DSE

- 'forged' signatures look identical to honest ones
  - relevant feature in practice
  - could be formalized: **double-signature indistinguishability**
  - counterexamples for DSF exist



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**New property:**

CA loses **sk** when certifying different **PKs** for same **id**

# Application of TOSS: Internet timestamping

## Internet timestamping service

- use current time epoch as **tag**
- use digest of current documents as **msg**
- publish  $\text{Sign}^{\text{TOSS}}(\text{sk}, \text{tag}, \text{msg})$
- DSF guarantees: timestamping service cannot 'rewind history'

Time: 8234098324 - Document: "This patent covers a beer umbrella"

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# Application of TOSS: Digital notaries

## Digital notary service

- use subject of contract as **tag**
- use affected bodies as **msg**
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- DSF guarantees: contract can be signed only 'once'

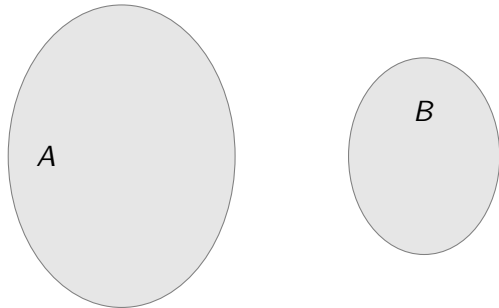
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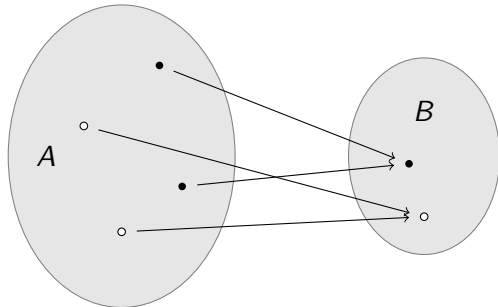
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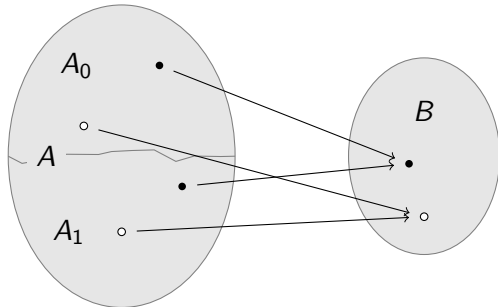
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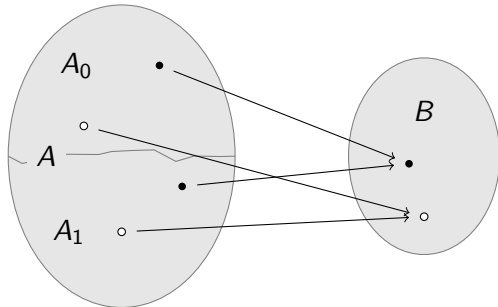
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- $f$  efficient, but  $f^{-1}$  hard without trapdoor
- define relation  $a_0 \overset{x}{\sim} a_1 \Leftrightarrow a_0 \neq a_1 \wedge f(a_0) = f(a_1)$





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- preimage resistance (INV-1)
- second preimage resistance (INV-2)

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- $(\text{td}, \text{par}) \leftarrow 2:1\text{-Gen}(1^\lambda)$
- $b \leftarrow_R B(\text{par})$
- $a \leftarrow \mathcal{A}(\text{par}, b)$
- Return 1 iff  $f(a) = b$

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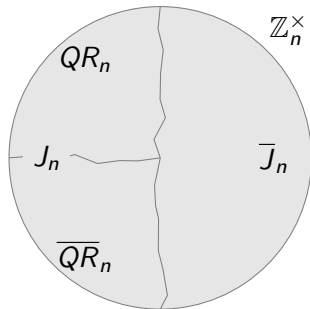
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### 2:1-TDF vs. CFP (claw-free permutation)

- CFPs imply 2:1-TDFs, other direction unclear
- CFPs have no (formalized) extraction capability

## 2:1-TDF: Factoring-based construction I

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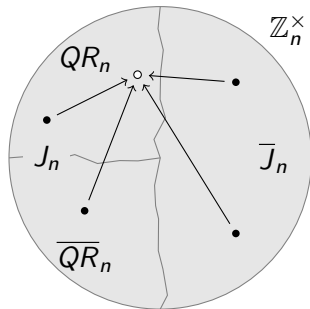


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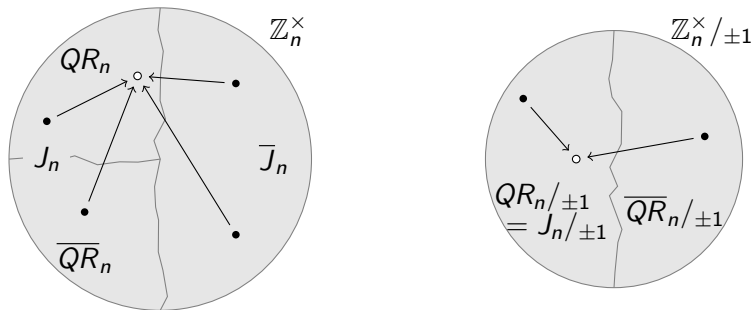


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- computing **square roots** as hard as factoring
- $n$  can be **factored** from  $x_0 \in J_n, x_1 \in \bar{J}_n$  with  $x_0^2 = x_1^2$

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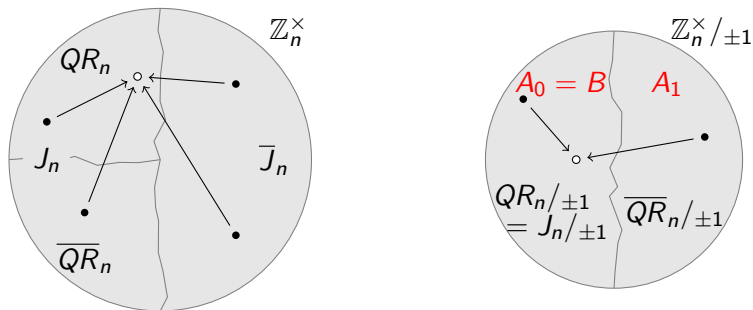
### Some number theory

- $\{\pm 1\}$  normal in  $\mathbb{Z}_n^\times$ , induces homomorphism  $\psi : \mathbb{Z}_n^\times \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_n^\times / \pm 1$
- define groups  $QR_n / \pm 1 = \psi(QR_n)$  and  $J_n / \pm 1 = \psi(J_n)$
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### Constructing a 2:1-TDF

- set  $A_0 = B = QR_n / \pm 1$  and  $A_1 = \overline{QR}_n / \pm 1$
- $A_0$  and  $A_1$  and  $B$  are **efficiently samplable**
- ‘squaring’ operation  $A \rightarrow B$  is 2:1-TDF
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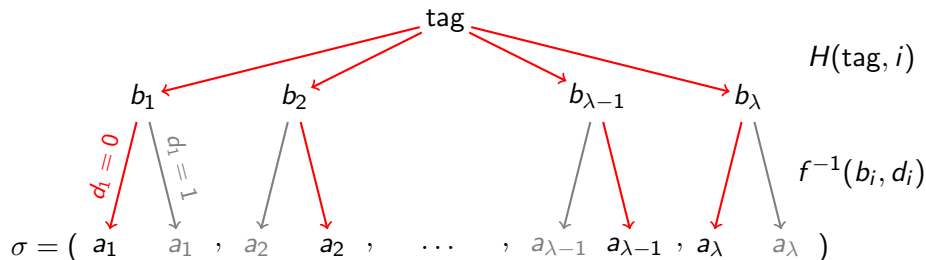
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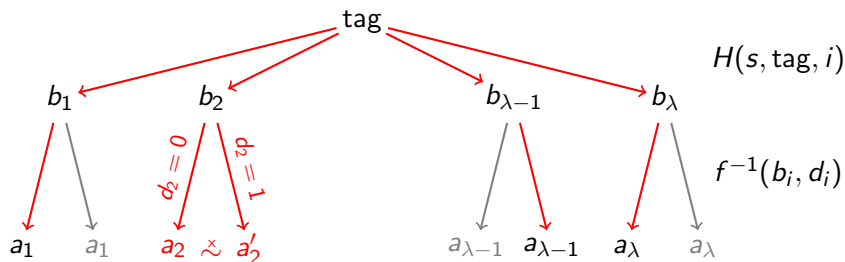
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## Theorem (Unforgeability of TOSS)

If  $H$  is RO,  $H^\#$  is CRHF, and  $f$  is 2:1-TDF, then **TOSS provides EUF**.

Note: TOSS even strongly unforgeable (and unique)

# Our TOSS construction: DSE\*



## Theorem (Double-signature extractability of TOSS)

If  $H^\#$  is CRHF and  $f$  is extractable 2:1-TDF, then **TOSS provides DSE\***.

Note: Can be strengthened to **DSE**. Really relevant?

# Our TOSS construction: Practical aspects

## Security requirements

- tolerated forging probability  $2^{-80}$
- $2^{25}$  signature queries allowed
- ECRYPT recommendations

## Derived key/signature sizes

- moduli of 2432 bits
- TOSS signature size: 48 kB

## Efficiency of signature verification

- $\lambda + 1$  squarings
- $\lambda$  Jacobi symbol evaluations ( $A_0 \leftrightarrow A_1$ )
- $\lambda$  Jacobi symbol evaluations (sampling of  $b_i$  in RO  $H$ )



# Conclusion

## Tagged one-time signature schemes (TOSS)

- violation of rules always catastrophic (for signers)
- enforcement of honesty of signers?

## Security of TOSS

- notions of DSF, DSF\*, DSE, DSE\* and their relations

## Extractable 2:1 trapdoor functions (2:1-TDF)

- '2:1' version of TDPs, more general than CFPs
- extractability: colliding preimages reveal trapdoor
- construction based on factorization

## 2:1-TDF-based TOSS

- achieves EUF, DSE\* and DSF\* (DSE and DSF feasible)
- efficient verification
- signature size not prohibitively large