Two-Round Stateless Deterministic Two-Party Schnorr Signatures from Pseudorandom Correlation Functions



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This Work

- resets
- <u>Conceptual insight</u>: Just as PRFs derandomize plain signing, distributed signing
- Two constructions, useful tradeoffs relative to prior work
- assumptions

• Derandomized Two-party Schnorr Signing w. resilience to state

Pseudorandom Correlation Functions natively derandomize

• Bonus (not explored in this talk): two-round signing w. standard

Schnorr Key Generation

secret kept private

- SchnorrKeyGen(\mathbb{G}, G, q) :
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Public Key: exposed to the outside world



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Distributing Schnorr Signing

Linear function of *k*, sk Easy to distribute with most natural (i.e. linear) secret sharing schemes

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 - $R = k \cdot G$
 - $e = H(\mathbf{R} \| m)$
 - $s = k \mathbf{sk} \cdot e$
 - $\sigma = (s, R)$
 - output σ

Any linear secret sharing

EdDSA

- <u>Edwards-curve</u> <u>Digital</u> <u>Signature</u> <u>Algorithm</u>
- Variant of Schnorr's signature instantiated with careful choice of parameters
- Widely deployed, and increasing in use

• Devised by Bernstein, Duif, Lange, Schwabe, and Yang in 2011

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Pseudorandom Function

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Why does EdDSA have non-linear signing?

- Each Schnorr signature requires a fresh, one-time nonce (k, R)
- Security is extremely sensitive to the distribution of *k* [Boneh Venkatesan 96][Howgrave-Graham Smart 01][Bleichenbacher 00] [Aranha Novaes Takahashi Tibouchi Yarom 20][Albrecht Heninger 21]
- Major concern in practice: "true" randomness is a scarce resource
 - Errors in implementation
 - Poorly seeded Random Number Generators
 - eg. Sony Playstation hack, Bitcoin theft via repeated nonces

Stateful PRNG?

- Simple derandomization: keep counter, use PRF_{sd}(counter)
- Stale state hard to detect in crypto API context
- State reuse can be accidental, or maliciously triggered
- "State continuity" is non-trivial even with trusted hardware
- Ideally, signing should be stateless

Fresh state \Rightarrow fresh nonce, but Reused state \Rightarrow repeated nonce

- think of stale snapshots in VMs, power supply interrupts, etc.

Stateless Derandomization

- Just as simple:
 - During keygen: $sd \leftarrow \{0,1\}^{\kappa}$
 - To sign m: k = PRF(sd, m)
- Classic idea [M'Raïhi Naccache Pointcheval Vaudenay 98] [Wigley 97] [Barwood 97] that is employed by EdDSA
- Undetectable outside the system \Rightarrow Verification is unchanged
- Stateless derandomized *threshold* Schnorr signing?



 $k_{A} \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_{q}$ $R_{A} = k_{A} \cdot G$ $R = R_{A} + R_{B} \leftarrow e$ e = H(R||m) $s_{A} = k_{A} - sk_{A} \cdot e$ $s = s_{A} + s_{B} \leftarrow e$





$$k_{\mathsf{B}} \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_q$$
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 $\Rightarrow R = R_{A} + R_{B}$ e = H(R||m) $s_{B} = k_{B} - sk_{B} \cdot e$

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collects

$$s_{B} = k_{B} - sk_{B} \cdot e$$

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2 linear combinations of $R^* = R^*_{\Delta} + R_{B} \leftarrow$ honest party's 2 secrets [Maxwell Poelstra Seurin Wuille 19]

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Threshold Setting: Take 2 sk_A sd_A sd_B Need to verify this $k_{\mathsf{A}} = F(\mathsf{sd}_{\mathsf{A}}, m)$ $R_{\mathsf{A}} = k_{\mathsf{A}} \cdot G$ is done correctly ZKP

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- [NRSW 20]: Custom arithmetic PRF + Bulletproofs —
- [GKMN 21]: Standardized PRF (eg. AES) + Garbled Circuits

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PRF evaluation Exponentiation

Is there a more "native" approach?

- Proving correct evaluation of F is inherently bottlenecked by circuit complexity of PRFs
- Ideally, we would like to avoid such non-blackbox use of crypto
- Central question in this paper:

Can we design a distributed, <u>stateless</u> <u>deterministic</u> Schnorr signing scheme that makes **blackbox use** of cryptographic primitives?

Our Results

- <u>Main construction</u>: blackbox use of Pseudorandom Correlation Function (PCF) for Vector Oblivious Linear Evaluation (VOLE) in \mathbb{Z}_q
 - Simple stateless derandomization pattern
 - PCFs are increasingly general, but it's not Oblivious Transfer
- Two concrete instantiations:
 - 1. Covert security from any PRF
 - 2. Full malicious security from Paillier

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[Boyle Couteau Gilboa Ishai Kohl Scholl 20]

For a correlation \mathcal{Y} :

 $y_{x,A} = PCF(sd_A, x)$

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- simple enough for reasonably efficient PCFs - powerful enough to build what we want

 $\mathscr{Y}_{VOLF}^{\Delta} : \left((k, w = \Delta k + \beta), (\Delta, \beta) \right)$

private nonce MAC on nonce

$\mathscr{Y}_{VOLE}^{\Delta}:\left((k,w=\Delta k+\beta),(\Delta,\beta)\right)$

MAC verification key

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Need to guess Δ to subvert the check

$$R = k \cdot G$$
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Fully Secure PCF for $\mathscr{Y}_{VOLF}^{\Delta}$

- Unclear how to strengthen the SoftSpoken VOLE construction
- [Orlandi Scholl Yakoubov 21]: Elegant VOLE PCF from Paillier, supports $\Delta \in \exp(\kappa)$
- Unfortunately, [OSY21] gives VOLE in the ring \mathbb{Z}_N (*N* is a biprime of factorization unknown to verifier)
- We need to "translate" VOLE in \mathbb{Z}_N to \mathbb{Z}_q This turns out to be quite non-trivial, borrowed ideas from [OSY21, Roy Singh 21]

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$k, w = \Delta k + \beta \pmod{N}$ Derive k_{lo}, k_{hi} : $k_{hi}M + k_{lo} = k$

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Signing Efficiency: PCF Overhead

- signing for reasonable deterrence
- - 451 bytes (including correction word+check)

<u>Bandwidth</u>: PCF < Bulletproofs << Garbled Circuits 1KB 100s of KB 0.5KB

188ms to prove and verify —

<u>Computation</u>: Garbled Circuits < PCF < Bulletproofs tens of ms 188ms 950ms

• Covert construction only adds a single G element, comparable to semi-honest

• Fully secure Paillier-based construction for 256-bit curve, this work (PCF) in comparison with [NRSW20] (Bulletproofs) and [GKMN21] (Garbled Circuits)

Instantiating \mathcal{F}_{setup}

- PCFs are defined with a trusted dealer, no standard setup protocol - This model may be enough for some applications [ANOSS22]
- Setup protocol for covert PCF is straightforward via OT
- Setup for Paillier PCF has to generate biprimes N, N - Prover knows factorization of N - Verifier can know factorization of \tilde{N}
- Each party could *potentially* choose its own modulus and prove wellformedness. We do not explore this further in this work as we focus on signing

In Conclusion

- We give a new approach to stateless deterministic 2P-Schnorr signing based on PCFs: towards blackbox use of cryptography
- Two instantiations based on PCFs for VOLE:
 - Covert security from PRF-based SoftSpoken VOLE [Roy22]
 - Malicious security from Paillier-based [OSY21, RS21] + Novel mechanism to translate VOLE from $\mathbb{Z}_N \to \mathbb{Z}_a$
 - + Interesting tradeoffs relative to existing work
 - Thanks!
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