

# Constant-Size Hierarchical Identity-Based Signature/Signcryption without Random Oracles

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**Abstract.** We construct the first constant-size hierarchical identity-based signature (HIBS) without random oracles - the signature size is  $O(\lambda_s)$  bits, where  $\lambda_s$  is the security parameter, and it is independent of the number of levels in the hierarchy.

We observe that an efficient hierarchical identity-based signcryption (HIBSC) scheme without random oracles can be compositioned from our HIBS and Boneh, Boyen, and Goh's HIBE (hierarchical identity-based encryption)[9]. We further optimize it to a constant-factor efficiency improvement. This is the first constant-size HIBSC without random oracles.

**Key words:** Hierarchical identity-based signature, signcryption, bilinear pairings

## 1 Introduction

Identity based cryptosystem [34] is a public key cryptosystem where the public key can be an arbitrary string such as an email address. A trusted authority (TA) uses a master secret key to issue private keys to identities that request them. For an Identity Based Encryption (IBE) scheme, Alice can securely encrypt a message to Bob using an unambiguous name of him, such as email address, as the public key. For an Identity Based Signature (IBS) scheme, Alice can sign a message using her private key that corresponds to Alice's identity. Then anybody can verify the authenticity of the signature from the identity. An Identity Based SignCryption (IBSC) scheme is the combination of IBE and IBS with a common set of parameters and keys. With such infrastructure, it can achieve an increase in efficiency and an improvement in security.

Hierarchical identity based cryptosystem [27, 30] is a generalization of identity based cryptosystem that mirrors the hierarchy of organizations. An identity at level  $\ell$  of the hierarchy tree can issue private keys to its descendant identities, but cannot sign or decrypt messages for other identities. [27] proposed the idea of Hierarchical IBS (HIBS) and Hierarchical IBE (HIBE). In particular, an IBS (resp. IBE) is an 1-level HIBS (resp. HIBE). Combining HIBS and HIBE, [22] proposed the concept of Hierarchical IBSC (HIBSC).

Many reductionist security proofs concerning identity based cryptosystems and other cryptosystems used the random oracle model [5]. Several papers proved that some popular cryptosystems previously proved secure in the random oracle are actually provably insecure when the random oracle is instantiated by any real-world hashing functions [18, 2]. Therefore identity based cryptosystems provably secure in the standard model attract a great interest. [3] showed that a certificate-based IBS is secure without random oracles. However these scheme

Several IBE schemes [19, 6, 29] are secure without random oracles under a weaker "selective-ID" model [19]. Recently, [7] and [36] proposed IBE schemes which are provably secure without random oracles under the stronger model of [11].

Most existing practical signature schemes are provably secure in the random oracle model. [26] proposed a variant of hash-and-sign RSA signature scheme, which is provably secure without random oracles, by the strong RSA assumption. A different approach was proposed in [23], and further improvement was proposed in [25]. [14] proposed a signature scheme provably secure under discrete-log type assumption in the standard model, but the signature size is long. [8] proposed a short signature scheme secure without random oracles, under the new  $q$ -SDH assumption. [37] proposed some short signatures without random oracles. The signatures originate from the signature schemes in [8, 39, 17, 13]. They showed how these signatures can be constructed from new assumptions without random oracles.

It is natural to ask whether other efficient hierarchical identity based cryptosystems are secure without random oracles. In this paper, we provide an affirmative answer by constructing an HIBS and HIBSC schemes which can be provably secure without random oracles.

## 1.1 Our Contribution

We make the following contributions:

- The *first* constant-size hierarchical identity based signature (HIBS) scheme. It is existentially unforgeable without random oracles under a new interactive intractability assumption.
- Our HIBS scheme is existentially unforgeable providing the Diffie-Hellman Inversion (DHI) Assumption holds in the gauntlet-ID model without random oracles. We introduce the gauntlet-ID model, which is a slightly weaker model related to the select-ID model of [19].
- The *first* constant-size identity based signcryption (IBSC) and hierarchical identity based signcryption (HIBSC) scheme which are provably secure without random oracles.

## 1.2 Related Results

Shamir [34] suggested an identity-based signature scheme. Many different IBS schemes were proposed (e.g. [21, 3]). Boneh and Franklin [11] proposed the first practical identity-based encryption scheme, which is provably secure in the random oracle model. Several IBE schemes [19, 6, 29] are secure without random oracles under a weaker “selective-ID” model [19]. [7] and [36] proposed IBE schemes which are provably secure without random oracles under the model of [11]. Recently [16] proposed an identity based signature without random oracles, but their reduction is tight only if they use the “selective-ID” model.

Zheng [41] proposed that encryption and signature can be combined as “signcryption” which can be more efficient in computation than running encryption and signature separately. There are some papers (e.g. [32, 15, 38]) concerning the combination of identity-based signature and encryption to form identity based signcryption schemes. These papers are provably secure only in the random oracle model.

Hierarchical identity based cryptography (HIBS and HIBE) was proposed in [27] and [30] proposed another HIBE. Recently, Boneh et al. [10] (preliminary papers [20, 12]) suggested some methods to construct CCA secure  $\ell$ -level HIBE scheme from a CPA  $(\ell + 1)$ -level HIBE scheme. Several HIBE without random oracles are proposed in [6, 7, 36, 9] using this result. Hierarchical identity based signcryption is firstly proposed in [22].

Type	Scheme	Security	ROM	Size
$\ell$ -HIBS	Cert-chain	Full ACP	No	$O(\ell\lambda_s)$
	This paper	Full ACP/gID-ACP	No	$O(\lambda_s)$
IBS	Cert-chain	Full ACP	No	$O(\lambda_s)$
Standard Signature	[26, 23, 8]	ACP	No	$O(\lambda_s)$

**Table 1.** Recent results on signatures, IBS, and HIBS. Cert-chain means combining *hierarchical authentication tree* and *one-time signatures*. Full ACP means the scheme is secure against adaptive chosen identity and adaptive chosen message attack. gID-ACP means the scheme is secure against gauntlet identity and adaptive chosen message attack. Our scheme is provably secure in Full ACP or gID-ACP model by using different intractability assumptions.  $\ell$  is the number of hierarchy level and  $\lambda_s$  is the security parameter. ROM means if the reductionist security proof is in the random oracle model.

**Our Intuition.** Classic methods of constructing fully secure signatures from combining *hierarchical authentication tree* and *one-time signatures* can be found in [28]. [3] suggested that IBS without random oracles can be constructed by certificate chaining, but it is less efficient. Various instantiations and modifications for IBE are also well-known [20, 12, 10]. We observe that some of these certificate chaining instantiations bear a striking resemblance to the multi-level certificate chaining structure in HIBS. User identity can be certified by his parent, by signing an IBS on the user’s identity. The parent’s identity can be certified again by one level higher, and the process repeats up until the root. If in each level, the certification of user identity is secure in the standard model, and finally the lowest level user signature is secure against adaptive chosen message attack in the standard model, then the entire HIBS scheme is Full ACP secure in the standard model. However this solution will increase the signature size by the level of hierarchy. To achieve  $O(\lambda_s)$  size HIBS, we need to either use an *interactive intractability assumption*, or lower the security level to gauntlet ID-ACP (which we will define below). We can see that the same case applies for HIBE using sID-CCA. The recent results are summarized in table 1, 2 and 3.

*Interactive intractability assumptions:* An interactive intractability problem instance means that an attacker can adaptively query an external oracle and can get distinct valid tuples from the oracle which satisfy a relation  $\mathcal{R}$ . Finally he needs to return a new valid tuple which satisfies  $\mathcal{R}$ . [31] proposed a LRSW assumption with an external oracle. In proving the security of a signature scheme, the simulator simply forwards all signing oracle queries to this external oracle and returns its output to the adversary. Signature schemes like [17] use this type of assumption. The problem of interactive intractability assumptions is that we need to assume that the tuples return by the oracle should not help the attacker to solve the intractability problem. Therefore we need to be extremely careful when formulating interactive intractability assumptions.

*Gauntlet ID-ACP unforgeability:* Gauntlet ID-ACP unforgeability means that in the unforgeability game, the adversary finally returns a signature of a user who has never been queried to the key extraction oracle or the signing oracle. It is related to the select-ID model of [19], which further requires the adversary to select the user he attacks at the beginning of the unforgeability game.

Type	Scheme	Security	ROM	Size
$\ell$ -HIBE	[10] + ?	Full CCA	No	$O(\ell\lambda_s)$
	[10] + [9]	sID-CCA	No	$O(\lambda_s)$
IBE	[36]	Full CCA	No	$O(\lambda_s)$
Standard Encryption	Cramer-Shoup/OAEP/[10]+sID-CCA IBE	CCA	No	$O(\lambda_s)$

**Table 2.** Recent results on encryptions, IBE, and HIBE. Full CCA means the scheme is secure against adaptive chosen identity and adaptive chosen ciphertext attack. sID-CCA means the scheme is secure against selective identity and adaptive chosen ciphertext attack.  $\ell$  is the number of hierarchy level and  $\lambda_s$  is the security parameter. ROM means if the reductionist security proof is in the random oracle model. The first row means that full CCA secure HIBE can be achieved by using [10] and an adaptive chosen identity and chosen plaintext secure HIBE. However no existing scheme achieves this with a tight security reduction.

Type	Scheme	Security	ROM	Size
$\ell$ -HIBSC	[22]	Full CCA + ACP	Yes	$O(\ell\lambda_s)$
	This paper	sID-CCA + Full ACP	No	$O(\lambda_s)$
IBSC	[15], [38], etc.	Full CCA + ACP	Yes	$O(\lambda_s)$
	This paper	sID-CCA + Full ACP	No	$O(\lambda_s)$
Standard Signcryption	[1], [24]	CCA + ACP	No	$O(\lambda_s)$

**Table 3.** Recent results on signcryption, IBSC, and HIBSC. All notations are defined in table 1 and 2. ROM means if the reductionist security proof is in the random oracle model. [24] showed that only standard signcryption scheme of [1] and [24] achieves the strong *insider* security model. All existing IBSC and HIBSC schemes are provably secure in the random oracles only.

We observe that by using either approach, we can achieve a constant size HIBS secure without random oracles.

### 1.3 Organization

In section 2, we give some background knowledges. In section 3, we give the definition for the security model for HIBS and HIBSC. In section 4, we show an efficient instantiation of HIBS and an ordinary signature from the HIBS. In section 5, we describe how our result can be applied to signcryption schemes. In section 6, we conclude our paper.

## 2 Preliminaries

Our scheme uses bilinear pairings on elliptic curves. We now give a brief revision on the property of pairings and some candidate hard problems from pairings that will be used later.

### 2.1 Pairings

Let  $\mathbb{G}, \mathbb{G}_T$  be cyclic groups of prime order  $p$ , writing the group action multiplicatively. Let  $g$  be a generator of  $G$ .

**Definition 1.** A map  $e : \mathbb{G} \times \mathbb{G} \rightarrow \mathbb{G}_T$  is called a bilinear pairing if, for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{G}$  and  $a, b \in Z$ , we have  $e(x^a, y^b) = e(x, y)^{ab}$ , and  $e(g, g) \neq 1$ .

## 2.2 Intractability Assumptions

**Definition 2.** (*ℓ-DHI problem*) The *ℓ-Diffie-Hellman Inversion problem* is that, given  $g, g^\alpha, g^{\alpha^2}, \dots, g^{\alpha^\ell} \in \mathbb{G}$ , for unknown  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}_p^*$ , to compute  $g^{1/\alpha}$ .

**Definition 3.** (*ℓ-DHI\* problem*) The *ℓ-Diffie-Hellman Inversion \* problem* is that, given  $g, g^\alpha, g^{\alpha^2}, \dots, g^{\alpha^\ell} \in \mathbb{G}$ , for unknown  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}_p^*$ , to compute  $g^{\alpha^{\ell+1}}$ .

We say that the *ℓ-DHI\** assumption holds if no PPT algorithm can solve a random instance of the *ℓ-DHI\** problem with non-negligible probability.

**Definition 4.** (*decisional ℓ-wBDHI\* problem*) [9] The *decisional ℓ-weak-Bilinear-Diffie-Hellman Inversion \* problem* is that, given  $g, h, g^\alpha, g^{\alpha^2}, \dots, g^{\alpha^\ell} \in \mathbb{G}$  and  $T \in \mathbb{G}_T$ , for unknown  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}_p^*$ , decide if  $T = \hat{e}(g, h)^{\alpha^{\ell+1}}$ .

We say that the *decisional ℓ-wBDHI\** assumption holds if no PPT algorithm can solve a random instance of the *decisional ℓ-wBDHI\** problem with non-negligible probability over half.

The *ℓ-DHI* problem and *ℓ-DHI\** problem are proven equivalent in [40].

We introduce a new intractability assumption called the *OrcYW* assumption.

**Definition 5.** The *OrcYW Problem* is that given

1.  $\ell \geq 1, \{g^{x^i} : 0 \leq i \leq \ell\}, \gamma, \delta, g_4, g_5, \gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_\ell$ , an identity  $I = \{I_1, \dots, I_\ell\}$ , full-domain collision-resistant hash function  $\mathcal{H}$ ,
2. an oracle  $O_{\mathcal{H}}$  which upon input a message  $m$  and an identity  $I' = \{I_1, \dots, I_k\}$  for  $k \leq \ell$ , outputs a tuple  $(D_1, D_2, Z_1, Z_2)$  satisfying: For some random  $t, r$ , which differ for each query to  $O_{\mathcal{H}}$ ,

$$D_1 = g^t, \quad D_2 = Q^t, \quad Z_1 = a_0^h g_4^t, \quad Z_2 = a_1^h g_5^t$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} Q &= g_3 \prod_{i=1}^k h_i^{I_i}, \quad h_i = g^{\gamma_i} g^{-x^{\ell-i+1}}, \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq \ell \quad g_2 = g^{x^\ell + \gamma}, \quad g_3 = g^{\delta + \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} x^{\ell-i+1} I_i}, \\ a_0 &= g_2^x Q^r, \quad a_1 = g^r, \quad h = \mathcal{H}(D_1, D_2, I', m, \text{param}), \\ \text{param} &= (g, g^x, g_2, g_3, g_4, g_5, h_1, \dots, h_\ell) \end{aligned}$$

to output  $(\tilde{m}, \tilde{D}_1, \tilde{D}_2, \tilde{Z}_1, \tilde{Z}_2)$  satisfying

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{e}(g, \tilde{Z}_1) \cdot \hat{e}(g_5, \tilde{D}_2) &= \hat{e}(g_1, g_2)^{\tilde{h}} \cdot \hat{e}(\tilde{D}_1, g_4) \cdot \hat{e}(\tilde{Z}_2, Q) \\ \wedge \hat{e}(\tilde{D}_1, Q) &= \hat{e}(g, \tilde{D}_2) \wedge \tilde{m} \text{ was not queried to } O_{\mathcal{H}} \\ \wedge Q &= g_3 \prod_{i=1}^{\ell} h_i^{I_i} \end{aligned}$$

where  $\tilde{h} = \mathcal{H}(\tilde{D}_1, \tilde{D}_2, I, \tilde{m}, \text{param})$ .

We say that the *OrcYW Assumption* holds if no PPT algorithm can solve a random instance of the *OrcYW Problem* with non-negligible probability.

The intractability of the *OrcYW Assumption* will be discussed in section 5.

## 3 Security Model: HIBS and HIBSC

We present the security models for HIBS (Hierarchical Identity-Based Signatures) and for HIBSC (Hierarchical Identity-Based Signcryption).

### 3.1 HIBS Security Model

In identity based cryptography, the security model for IBE was proposed in [11]. Besides the decryption oracle, the adversary is also allowed to query the key extraction oracle adaptively to extract the secret key for any identity except the challenge identity. [19] proposed a weaker “selective-identity” model, where the adversary selects the challenge identity in advance, before the public parameter is generated. In this paper, we will introduce a variant for signature scheme, namely a “gauntlet-identity” model.

An  $\ell$ -level HIBS scheme consists of four algorithms: (Setup, Der, Sign, Verify). The algorithms are specified as follows:

- **Setup:** On input a security parameter  $1^{\lambda_s}$ , the TA generates  $\langle \text{msk}, \text{param} \rangle$  where  $\text{msk}$  is the randomly generated master secret key, and  $\text{param}$  is the corresponding public parameter.
- **Der:** On input an identity vector  $\text{ID}$ , its associated secret key  $SK_{\text{ID}}$ , and a string  $r$ , it returns the corresponding private key  $SK_{\text{ID},r}$  (corresponds to  $\text{param}$ ).
- **Sign:** On input the private key of the signer  $\text{ID}$ ,  $SK_{\text{ID}}$  and a message  $M$ , it outputs a signature  $\sigma$  corresponding to  $\text{param}$ .
- **Verify:** On input the signer identity vector  $\text{ID}$ , a message  $M$  and signature  $\sigma$ , it outputs  $\top$  if  $\sigma$  is a valid signature of  $M$  corresponding to  $\text{ID}, \text{param}$ . Otherwise, it outputs  $\perp$ .

The security of a HIBS consists of two requirements, namely *Correctness* and *Existential Unforgeability*. They are defined as follows:

**Correctness.** We require that  $\top \leftarrow \text{Verify}(\text{ID}, M, \text{Sign}(SK_{\text{ID}}, M))$  for any message  $M$ , any private key  $SK_{\text{ID}}$  and its corresponding identity  $\text{ID}$ .

**Existential Unforgeability.** We define the existential unforgeability against adaptive identity and adaptive chosen plaintext attack for HIBS (ACP-UF). We require that the user identity should be queried through an oracle as in [3]. We assume the simulator maintains an honest user list  $HU$  and a corrupt user list  $CU$ . We define the following oracles:

- $\mathcal{IO}(\text{ID})$ : The Initialization Oracle with input  $\text{ID}$  outputs  $\perp$  if  $\text{ID} \in HU \cup CU$ . Otherwise it puts  $\text{ID}$  in  $HU$  and returns 1.
- $\mathcal{KEO}(\text{ID})$ : The Key Extraction Oracle with input  $\text{ID}$  outputs  $\perp$  if  $\text{ID} \notin HU$ . Otherwise it outputs the corresponding secret key  $SK_{\text{ID}}$ , removes  $\text{ID}$  from  $HU$  and adds  $\text{ID}$  to  $CU$ .
- $\mathcal{SO}(\text{ID}, M)$ : The Signing Oracle with input signer  $\text{ID}$  and message  $M$  outputs  $\perp$  if  $\text{ID} \notin HU$ . Otherwise it will output a signature  $\sigma$  such that  $\text{Verify}(\text{ID}, M, \sigma) = \top$ .

The Game is defined as follows:

1. (*Init. Phase*) Simulator  $\mathcal{S}$  generates system parameter  $\text{param}$  and gives it to Adversary  $\mathcal{A}$ .
2. (*Probe Phase*)  $\mathcal{A}$  queries  $\mathcal{IO}(\text{ID})$ ,  $\mathcal{KEO}(\text{ID})$  and  $\mathcal{SO}(\text{ID}, M)$ , in arbitrary interleaf.
3. (*End Game*)  $\mathcal{A}$  delivers a signature  $\sigma_{ga}$  for signer identity  $\text{ID}_{ga}$  and message  $M_{ga}$ .  $\text{ID}_{ga}$  or its prefix have never been input to a  $\mathcal{KEO}$  and  $\sigma_{ga}$  should not be the output of  $\mathcal{SO}(\text{ID}_{ga}, M_{ga})$ .

$\mathcal{A}$  wins if he completes the Game with  $\top = \text{Verify}(\text{ID}_{ga}, M_{ga}, \sigma_{ga})$  and  $\text{ID}_{ga} \in HU$ . Its *advantage* is its probability of winning.

**Definition 6.** *The HIBS scheme is ACP-UF secure if no PPT adversary  $\mathcal{A}$  has non-negligible advantage in the ACP-UF game.*

We say that a HIBS is *secure* if it satisfies *Correctness* and *Existential Unforgeability*.

**Gauntlet-ID Existential Unforgeability.** We define the existential unforgeability against gauntlet identity and adaptive chosen plaintext attack for HIBS (gID-ACP-UF) as follows. The game is similar to the ACP-UF game, except in the end game phase,  $ID_{ga}$  or its prefix have never been input to a  $\mathcal{SO}$  query. The HIBS scheme is *gID-ACP-UF* secure if no PPT adversary  $\mathcal{A}$  has non-negligible advantage in the gID-ACP-UF game.

*Remark:* [21] and many IBS schemes have the  $\mathcal{SO}$  query of the gauntlet ID to be handled by the random oracle. They also disallow the query of gauntlet ID to the  $\mathcal{KEO}$ , which is similar to our gID model.

**Selective-ID Existential Unforgeability.** We define the existential unforgeability against selective identity and adaptive chosen plaintext attack for HIBS (sID-ACP-UF) as follows. The game is similar to the gID-ACP-UF game, except before the Init. phase,  $\mathcal{A}$  gives  $ID_{ga}$  to  $\mathcal{S}$  in advance. The HIBS scheme is *sID-ACP-UF* secure if no PPT adversary  $\mathcal{A}$  has non-negligible advantage in the sID-ACP-UF game.

### 3.2 Hierarchical Identity-Based Signcryption (HIBSC)

An  $\ell$ -level HIBSC scheme consists of four algorithms: (Setup, Der, Signcrypt, Unsigncrypt). The algorithms are specified as follows:

- **Setup:** On input a security parameter  $1^{\lambda_s}$ , the TA generates  $\langle \text{msk}_A, \text{msk}_B, \text{param} \rangle$  where  $\text{msk}_A$  (resp.  $\text{msk}_B$ ) is the randomly generated master secret key for signcryptor (resp. unsigncryptor), and  $\text{param}$  is the corresponding public parameter.
- **Der:** On input an identity vector  $ID$ , its associated secret key  $SK_{ID}$ , and a string  $r$ , it returns the corresponding private key  $SK_{ID,r}$  (corresponds to  $\text{param}$ ).
- **Signcrypt:** On input the private key of the signer  $ID_A$ ,  $SK_{ID_A}$ , the recipient identity  $ID_B$  and a message  $M$ , it outputs a ciphertext  $\sigma$  corresponding to  $\text{param}$ .
- **Unsigncrypt:** On input the private key of the recipient  $ID_B$ ,  $SK_{ID_B}$ , and a signature  $\sigma$ , it decrypts to a message  $M$ , sender identity  $ID_A$  and a signature  $s$ . It outputs  $M$  and  $ID_A$  if  $s$  is valid corresponding to  $M, ID_A, ID_B, \text{param}$  and  $\text{signer} = \text{encryptor}$ . Otherwise, it outputs  $\perp$ .

The security of a HIBSC consists of three requirements, namely *Correctness*, *Indistinguishability* and *Existential Unforgeability*. They are defined as follows:

**Correctness.** We require that  $M \leftarrow \text{Unsigncrypt}(SK_{ID_B}, \text{Signcrypt}(SK_{ID_A}, ID_B, M))$  for any message  $M$ , any private key  $SK_{ID}$  and its corresponding identity  $ID$ .

**Indistinguishability.** We define the indistinguishability against selective identity and adaptive chosen ciphertext attack for HIBS (sID-IND-CCA), as in the following game. We define the following oracles:

- $\mathcal{KEO}_{A/B}(ID)$ : The Key Extraction Oracle with input  $ID$  will output the secret key  $SK_{ID}$  corresponding to  $\text{msk}_A$  or  $\text{msk}_B$ .
- $\mathcal{SCO}(ID_A, ID_B, M)$ : The Signcryption Oracle with input signer identity  $ID_A$ , recipient identity  $ID_B$  and message  $M$  will output a ciphertext  $\sigma$  such that  $\text{Unsigncrypt}(SK_{ID_B}, \sigma) = M$ .

- $\mathcal{UO}(\text{ID}_B, \sigma)$ : The Unsignryption Oracle with input recipient identity  $\text{ID}_B$  and ciphertext  $M$  will output a message  $M$  and the sender identity  $\text{ID}_A$  for a valid ciphertext  $\sigma$  or will output  $\perp$  otherwise.

The Game is defined as follows:

1. (*Setup Phase*) Adversary  $\mathcal{A}$  gives recipient  $\text{ID}_B^*$  to Simulator  $\mathcal{S}$ . Then  $\mathcal{S}$  generates system parameter  $\text{param}$  and gives  $(\text{param}, \text{msk}_A)$  to Adversary  $\mathcal{A}$ .
2. (*Probe 1 Phase*)  $\mathcal{A}$  queries  $\mathcal{KEO}_B$ ,  $\mathcal{SCO}$ , and  $\mathcal{UO}$  in arbitrary interleaf.
3. (*Gauntlet Phase*)  $\mathcal{A}$  gives two messages  $M_0^*$ ,  $M_1^*$  and sender  $\text{ID}_A^*$  to  $\mathcal{S}$ .  $\mathcal{S}$  randomly picks a bit  $b$  and returns  $\sigma^* = \text{Signcrypt}(SK_{\text{ID}_A^*}, \text{ID}_B^*, M_b^*)$  to  $\mathcal{A}$ .
4. (*Probe 2 Phase*)  $\mathcal{A}$  queries  $\mathcal{KEO}_B$ ,  $\mathcal{SCO}$ , and  $\mathcal{UO}$  in arbitrary interleaf.
5. (*End Game*)  $\mathcal{A}$  delivers a guess  $\hat{b}$ .

$\mathcal{A}$  wins if the following holds:  $\hat{b} = b$  and  $\text{ID}_B^*$  or its prefix has never been queried to the  $\mathcal{KEO}_B$  and  $(\text{ID}_B^*, \sigma^*)$  has never been queried to the  $\mathcal{UO}$ .  $\mathcal{A}$ 's *advantage* is its probability that he wins over half. The HIBSC is *sID-IND-CCA* secure if no PPT attacker has a non-negligible advantage in the Indistinguishability Game.

**Existential Unforgeability.** We define the existential unforgeability against adaptive chosen identity and adaptive chosen plaintext attack for HIBSC (ACP-UF), as in the following game.

1. (*Setup Phase*)  $\mathcal{S}$  sets up system parameters and gives  $(\text{param}, \text{msk}_B)$  to Adversary  $\mathcal{A}$ .
2. (*Probe Phase*)  $\mathcal{A}$  queries  $\mathcal{KEO}_A$ ,  $\mathcal{SCO}$ , and  $\mathcal{UO}$  in arbitrary interleaf.
3. (*End Game*)  $\mathcal{A}$  delivers a ciphertext  $\sigma^*$  and a recipient identity  $\text{ID}_B^*$ .

$\mathcal{A}$  wins if the following holds:  $(M^*, \text{ID}_A^*) \leftarrow \text{Unsigncrypt}(\sigma^*, SK_{\text{ID}_B^*})$ ,  $\text{ID}_A^*$  or its prefix has never been queried to the  $\mathcal{KEO}_A$  and no  $\mathcal{SO}$  request has resulted in a ciphertext  $C_i$ , whose unsignryption under  $SK_{\text{ID}_B^*}$  is identical to the triple  $(M^*, \text{ID}_A^*, \sigma^*)$ .  $\mathcal{A}$ 's *advantage* is the probability that he wins. The HIBSC is *ACP-UF* secure if no PPT attacker has a non-negligible advantage in the Unforgeability Game.

We say that a HIBSC is *secure* if it satisfies *Correctness*, *Indistinguishability* and *Existential Unforgeability*.

## 4 Efficient Instantiation of HIBS

We construct an efficient  $\ell$ -level HIBS scheme which is provably secure without random oracles, based on the  $\ell$ -DHI\* assumption. The key system comes from [9].

Let  $\mathbb{G}$  be a bilinear group of prime order  $p$ . Given a pairing:  $\hat{e} : \mathbb{G} \times \mathbb{G} \rightarrow \mathbb{G}_T$ .

**Setup:** To generate system parameters, the algorithm selects a random generator  $g, g_2, g_3, g_4, g_5, h_1, \dots, h_\ell \in \mathbb{G}$ , picks a random  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ , and sets  $g_1 = g^\alpha$ . It chooses a collision-resistant hash function  $\mathcal{H}$ . Note  $\mathcal{H}$  is not a random oracle. Anyone, including the attacker, can compute  $\mathcal{H}$  in private. The system parameters  $\text{param} = (g, g_1, g_2, g_3, g_4, g_5, h_1, \dots, h_\ell, \mathcal{H})$  and the master key is  $g_2^\alpha$ .



**Der:** To generate a private key for  $\text{ID} = (\text{id}_1, \dots, \text{id}_k)$ , where  $k \leq \ell$ , the algorithm picks a random  $r \in \mathbb{Z}_p^*$  and computes:

$$SK_{\text{ID}} = (g_2^\alpha Q_{\text{ID}}^r, g^r, h_{k+1}^r, \dots, h_\ell^r) = (a_0, a_1, b_{k+1}, \dots, b_\ell)$$

where  $Q_{\text{ID}} = h_1^{\text{id}_1} \dots h_k^{\text{id}_k} \cdot g_3$ . The private key for  $\text{ID}$  can also be generated by its parent  $\text{ID}_{|k-1} = (\text{id}_1, \dots, \text{id}_{k-1})$ . Details refer to [9].

**Sign:** For a user with identity  $\text{ID}$  and private key  $SK_{\text{ID}}$ , he signs a message  $M$  as follows. He picks random  $t, \bar{r} \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ , and computes:

$$\begin{aligned} D_1 &= g^t, & D_2 &= Q_{\text{ID}}^t, & h &= H(D_1, D_2, \text{ID}, M, \text{param}) \\ \bar{a}_0 &= a_0 Q_{\text{ID}}^{\bar{r}}, & \bar{a}_1 &= a_1 g^{\bar{r}}, & Z_1 &= \bar{a}_0^h g_4^t, & Z_2 &= \bar{a}_1^h g_5^t \end{aligned}$$

The signature  $\sigma$  is  $(D_1, D_2, Z_1, Z_2)$ .

**Verify:** The verifier receives a signature  $\sigma = (D_1, D_2, Z_1, Z_2)$  for message  $M$  and signer  $\text{ID}$ , he computes  $h = H(D_1, D_2, \text{ID}, M, \text{param})$ . The verifier checks if both of the following relations hold:

$$\hat{e}(g, Z_1) \cdot \hat{e}(g_5, D_2) \stackrel{?}{=} \hat{e}(g_1, g_2)^h \cdot \hat{e}(D_1, g_4) \cdot \hat{e}(Z_2, Q_{\text{ID}}) \quad (1)$$

$$\hat{e}(D_1, Q_{\text{ID}}) \stackrel{?}{=} \hat{e}(g, D_2) \quad (2)$$

The verifier outputs  $\top$  if it is true. Otherwise, he outputs  $\perp$ .

*Remark:* We can view  $Q_{\text{ID}}$  as the output of a hash function with input  $\text{ID}$ . In many HIBE schemes like [7, 36, 9], they specify  $Q_{\text{ID}} = h_1^{\text{id}_1} \dots h_k^{\text{id}_k} \cdot g_3$ .

#### 4.1 Security Analysis

We will prove the security of the HIBS scheme using the new OrcYW assumption and other assumptions.

**Theorem 1.** *Assume  $\mathcal{H}$  is a full-domain collision-resistant hash function. The hierarchical identity-based signature scheme  $\text{HIBS}_{\text{BGG}}(\ell)$  is correct and ACP-UF secure provided the OrcYW Assumption holds.*

*Proof Sketch:* The correctness of the scheme is shown as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{e}(g, Z_1) \cdot \hat{e}(g_5, D_2) &= \hat{e}(g, g_2^\alpha \cdot (h_1^{\text{id}_1} \dots h_k^{\text{id}_k} \cdot g_3)^{r+\bar{r}})^h \cdot \hat{e}(g, g_4)^t \cdot \hat{e}(g_5, h_1^{\text{id}_1} \dots h_k^{\text{id}_k} \cdot g_3)^t \\ &= \hat{e}(g^\alpha, g_2)^h \cdot \hat{e}(g^{r+\bar{r}}, h_1^{\text{id}_1} \dots h_k^{\text{id}_k} \cdot g_3)^h \cdot \hat{e}(D_1, g_4) \cdot \hat{e}(g_5^t, h_1^{\text{id}_1} \dots h_k^{\text{id}_k} \cdot g_3) \\ &= \hat{e}(g_1, g_2)^h \cdot \hat{e}(D_1, g_4) \cdot \hat{e}(Z_2, h_1^{\text{id}_1} \dots h_k^{\text{id}_k} \cdot g_3) \end{aligned}$$

Next, we prove ACP-UF.

**Setup :** Simulator  $\mathcal{S}$  received a OrcYW Problem instance:  $\{g^{x^i} : 0 \leq i \leq \ell\}, \gamma, \delta, g_4, g_5, \gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_\ell$ , a special identity chain  $\mathbf{I}^* = \{I_1^*, \dots, I_\ell^*\}$ , a full-domain collision-resistant hash function  $\mathcal{H}$  and an oracle  $O_{YW}$ .

$\mathcal{S}$  computes  $g_1 = g^x, g_2 = g^{x^\ell + \gamma}, g_3 = g^{\delta + \sum_{j=1}^{\ell} x^{\ell-j+1} I_j^*}$  and  $h_j = g^{\gamma_j} g^{-x^{\ell-j+1}}$ , for  $1 \leq j \leq \ell$ .  $\mathcal{S}$  randomly selects  $n$  identity chains  $\mathbf{I}_1, \dots, \mathbf{I}_n$ , including  $\mathbf{I}^*$  in it.  $\mathcal{S}$  gives the public parameters  $\text{param} = (g, g_1, g_2, g_3, g_4, g_5, h_1, \dots, h_\ell)$  and  $n$  identity chains to  $\mathcal{A}$ .

**Simulating  $\mathcal{KEO}$ :** Simulate as in [9]. For input identity  $ID = (\text{id}_1, \dots, \text{id}_u)$ , if  $ID$  is  $\mathbf{I}^*$  or a prefix of it, the simulator declares failure and exits. Otherwise there exists a  $k \leq u$  such that  $\text{id}_k \neq I_k^*$ . We set  $k$  be the smallest such index. To answer the query, the simulator derives a secret key for the identity  $(\text{id}_1, \dots, \text{id}_k)$  from which it then constructs a private key for  $ID = (\text{id}_1, \dots, \text{id}_k, \dots, \text{id}_u)$ .

To generate the secret key for the identity  $(\text{id}_1, \dots, \text{id}_k)$ , the simulator chooses a random  $\tilde{r} \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ . Denote  $r = \frac{x^k}{(\text{id}_k - I_k^*)} + \tilde{r}$  and compute:

$$a_0 = y_1^\gamma \cdot Z \cdot g^{x^{\ell-k+1}\tilde{r}(I_k^* - \text{id}_k)} \quad \text{where } Z = \left( g^{\delta + \sum_{i=1}^k \text{id}_i \gamma_i} \cdot \prod_{i=k+1}^{\ell} g^{x^{\ell-i+1} I_i^*} \right)^r$$

$$a_1 = g^r = g^{x^k / (\text{id}_k - I_k^*)} g^{\tilde{r}}$$

Refer to [9] for the well-formedness of the secret key. The remaining  $h_{k+1}^r, \dots, h_\ell^r$  can be computed by the simulator since they do not involve a  $g^{x^{\ell+1}}$  term.

**Simulating  $\mathcal{SO}$ :** For query with  $(ID_\tau, m_\tau)$ , if  $ID_\tau$  is  $\mathbf{I}^*$  or its prefix,  $\mathcal{S}$  queries  $O_{YW}(m_\tau, ID_\tau)$  and forwards the answer to  $\mathcal{A}$ .

Otherwise,  $\mathcal{S}$  computes the secret key of  $ID_\tau$  as in  $\mathcal{KEO}$ , and then computes the signature using the secret key.

**Simulation Deviation:** It can be shown that the statistical distance among the Real World and the Ideal World is negligible.

**Extraction:**  $\mathcal{A}$  outputs  $(D_1^*, D_2^*, Z_1^*, Z_2^*)$  for signer  $I^* \in \{\mathbf{I}_1, \dots, \mathbf{I}_n\}$  and message  $m^*$ . If  $I^* \neq \mathbf{I}^*$ ,  $\mathcal{S}$  declares failure and exits. Otherwise, as  $(I^*, m^*)$  has never been queried to  $\mathcal{SO}$ ,  $\mathcal{S}$  can use the signature to answer the problem instance.

**Theorem 2.** *Assume  $\mathcal{H}$  is a full-domain collision-resistant hash function. The hierarchical identity-based signature scheme  $\text{HIBS}_{\text{BBSG}}(\ell)$  is correct and  $\text{gID-ACP-UF}$  secure provided the  $\ell$ -DHI\* Assumption holds.*

*Proof Sketch:* Suppose a simulator  $\mathcal{S}$  is given the  $\ell$ -DHI\* tuple  $(g, g^x, \dots, g^{x^\ell})$ . The  $\text{gID-ACP-UF}$  games begins with a simulator randomly picks  $\mathcal{S}$  randomly selects  $n$  identity chains  $\tilde{\text{ID}} = \{\mathbf{I}_1, \dots, \mathbf{I}_n\}$ . Denote  $\mathbf{I}^* = \{I_1^*, \dots, I_\ell^*\}$  be an identity in  $\tilde{\text{ID}}$ .

The simulator picks a random  $\gamma \in \mathbb{Z}_p$  and assigns  $g_1 = g^x, g_2 = g^{x^\ell} \cdot g^\gamma$ . The simulator picks random  $\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_\ell \in \mathbb{Z}_p$  and sets  $h_j = g^{\gamma_j} g^{-x^{\ell-j+1}}$ , for  $1 \leq j \leq \ell$ . It also picks a random  $\delta \in \mathbb{Z}_p$  and computes  $g_3 = g^{\delta + \sum_{j=1}^{\ell} x^{\ell-j+1} I_j^*}$ . The simulator picks random  $\omega_1, \omega_2 \in \mathbb{Z}_p$  and sets  $g_4 = g^{\omega_1}, g_5 = g^{\omega_2}$ . The simulator gives the adversary  $\mathcal{A}$  the public parameters  $\text{param} = (g, g_1, g_2, g_3, g_4, g_5, h_1, \dots, h_\ell)$  and  $\tilde{\text{ID}}$ . The corresponding (unknown) master secret key is  $g_2^x = g^{x(x^\ell + \gamma)}$ .

**Simulating  $\mathcal{KEO}$ :** Simulate as in [9]. For input identity  $ID = (\text{id}_1, \dots, \text{id}_u)$ , if  $ID$  is  $\mathbf{I}^*$  or a prefix of it, the simulator declares failure and exits. Otherwise there exists a  $k \leq u$  such that  $\text{id}_k \neq I_k^*$ . We set  $k$  be the smallest such index. To answer the query, the simulator derives

a secret key for the identity  $(\text{id}_1, \dots, \text{id}_k)$  from which it then constructs a private key for  $\text{ID} = (\text{id}_1, \dots, \text{id}_k, \dots, \text{id}_u)$ .

To generate the secret key for the identity  $(\text{id}_1, \dots, \text{id}_k)$ , the simulator chooses a random  $\tilde{r} \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ . Denote  $r = \frac{x^k}{(\text{id}_k - I_k^*)} + \tilde{r}$  and compute:

$$a_0 = y_1^\gamma \cdot Z \cdot g^{x^{\ell-k+1}\tilde{r}(I_k^* - \text{id}_k)} \quad \text{where} \quad Z = \left( g^{\delta + \sum_{i=1}^k \text{id}_i \gamma_i} \cdot \prod_{i=k+1}^{\ell} g^{x^{\ell-i+1} I_i^*} \right)^r$$

$$a_1 = g^r = g^{x^k / (\text{id}_k - I_k^*)} g^{\tilde{r}}$$

Refer to [9] for the well-formedness of the secret key. The remaining  $h_{k+1}^r, \dots, h_\ell^r$  can be computed by the simulator since they do not involve a  $g^{x^{\ell+1}}$  term.

**Simulating  $\mathcal{SO}$**  : For query with  $(\text{ID}_\tau, m_\tau)$ , if  $\text{ID}_\tau$  is  $\mathbf{I}^*$  or its prefix, the simulator declares failure and exits. Otherwise,  $\mathcal{S}$  computes the secret key of  $\text{ID}_\tau$  as in  $\mathcal{KEO}$ , and then computes the signature using the secret key.

**Simulation Deviation** : It can be shown that the statistical distance among the Real World and the Ideal World is negligible.

**Extraction** : Finally, the adversary  $\mathcal{A}$  returns a signature  $\sigma^*$  for message  $M^*$  and signer  $\hat{ID} \in \tilde{\text{ID}}$ , where  $\hat{ID}$  or its prefix is never been queried to  $\mathcal{KEO}$  or  $\mathcal{SO}$ . For probability  $1/n_1$ ,  $\hat{ID} = \mathbf{I}^*$ . Otherwise  $\mathcal{S}$  declares failure and exits. We denote  $\sigma^* = (D_1^*, D_2^*, Z_1^*, Z_2^*)$ . Then we compute  $h = H(D_1^*, D_2^*, \mathbf{I}^*, M^*, \text{param})$  and we have:

$$D_1^* = g^t \quad Z_1^* = a_0^h g_4^t = a_0^h g^{\omega_1 t} \quad Z_2^* = a_1^h g_5^t = a_1^h g^{\omega_2 t}$$

Then we can compute  $a_0 = (Z_1^*/D_1^{*\omega_1})^{1/h}$  and  $a_1 = (Z_2^*/D_1^{*\omega_2})^{1/h}$ . Therefore for  $\mathbf{I}^*$ , we can set  $a_1 = g^{\tilde{r}}$  for some  $\tilde{r} \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ . Then:

$$a_0 = g_2^\alpha (g_3 \prod_{i=1}^{\ell} h_i^{I_i^*})^{\tilde{r}}$$

$$= g_2^\alpha (g^{\delta + \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} (\gamma_i I_i^*)})^{\tilde{r}}$$

Therefore the simulator returns  $g^{x^{\ell+1}} = g_2^\alpha / g^{x\gamma} = a_0 / (a_1^{\delta + \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} (\gamma_i I_i^*)} g^{x\gamma})$  as the solution.

## 4.2 Ordinary Signature from HIBS

For a secure HIBS scheme with  $\ell = 1$ , we obtain a secure IBS scheme. We further show that we have a secure (ordinary) signature scheme from a secure IBS scheme. The construction is as follows:

**(Ordinary) signature scheme:**

- **Setup:** The user secret key  $sk$  is the master key of IBS. The user public key  $pk$  is  $\text{param}$  of IBS.

- **Sign:** The signer picks random  $\beta$  and generates the secret key  $sk_\beta$  for its child  $\beta$  as in IBS. The signer uses  $sk_\beta$  to sign the message  $M$  as in IBS. The signature is the IBS signature plus  $\beta$ .
- **Verify:** The verifier checks the validity of the IBS signature with respect to identity  $\beta$  and  $pk$ .

We give our instantiation as follows:

**(Ordinary) signature scheme  $\text{Sig}_{\text{IBS, BBG}}$ :**

- **Setup:** To generate system parameters, the algorithm selects a random generator  $g, g_2, g_3, g_4, g_5, h_1 \in \mathbb{G}$ , picks a random  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ , and sets  $g_1 = g^\alpha$ . It chooses an collision-resistant hash function  $\mathcal{H}$ . The public keys are  $pk = (g, g_1, g_2, g_3, g_4, g_5, h_1, \mathcal{H})$  and the secret key is  $g_2^\alpha$ .
- **Sign:** The signer picks random  $t, \beta, \bar{r} \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ , and computes:

$$\begin{aligned} D_1 &= g^t, & D_2 &= (g_3 h_1^\beta)^t, & h &= H(D_1, D_2, \beta, M, pk) \\ \bar{a}_0 &= g_2^\alpha (g_3 h_1^\beta)^{\bar{r}}, & \bar{a}_1 &= g^{\bar{r}}, & Z_1 &= \bar{a}_0^h g_4^t, & Z_2 &= \bar{a}_1^h g_5^t \end{aligned}$$

The signature  $\sigma$  is  $(D_1, D_2, Z_1, Z_2, \beta)$ .

- **Verify:** The verifier receives a signature  $\sigma = (D_1, D_2, Z_1, Z_2, \beta)$  for message  $M$ , he computes  $h = H(D_1, D_2, \beta, M, pk)$ . The verifier checks if both of the following relations hold:

$$\hat{e}(g, Z_1) \cdot \hat{e}(g_5, D_2) \stackrel{?}{=} \hat{e}(g_1, g_2)^h \cdot \hat{e}(D_1, g_4) \cdot \hat{e}(Z_2, g_3 h_1^\beta) \quad (3)$$

$$\hat{e}(D_1, g_3 h_1^\beta) \stackrel{?}{=} \hat{e}(g, D_2) \quad (4)$$

The verifier outputs  $\top$  if it is true. Otherwise, he outputs  $\perp$ .

## 5 Plausibility arguments for the intractability of the OrcYW Assumption

Assuming knowledge of  $\omega_1 = \log_g g_4$  and  $\omega_2 = \log_g g_5$ , then an OrcYW Problem solver can solve the DHI\* Problem. But  $\mathcal{S}$  can also solve the DHI\* Problem from one OrcYW query outcome, using this knowledge. Let  $\tilde{t} = \log_g \tilde{D}_1, \tilde{t}' = \log_Q \tilde{D}_2$ . Then Relation (2) implies  $\tilde{t} = \tilde{t}'$ . Let  $A, B$  be such that  $\tilde{Z}_1 = g_2^{x\tilde{t}} A g_4^{\tilde{t}}, \tilde{Z}_2 = B g_5^{\tilde{t}}$ . Let  $\tilde{r} = (\tilde{h})^{-1} \log_Q A, \tilde{r}' = (\tilde{h})^{-1} \log_Q B$ . Then Relation (1) implies  $\tilde{r} = \tilde{r}'$ . Finally,  $\mathcal{S}$  computes  $\bar{A} = g_2^x Q^{\tilde{r}} = (\tilde{Z}_1 g_4^{-\tilde{t}})^{1/\tilde{h}} = (\tilde{Z}_1 (\tilde{D}_1)^{-\omega_1})^{1/\tilde{h}}, \bar{B} = g^{\tilde{r}} = (\tilde{Z}_2 g_5^{-\tilde{t}})^{1/\tilde{h}} = (\tilde{Z}_2 (\tilde{D}_1)^{-\omega_2})^{1/\tilde{h}}, g_2^x = \bar{A} \bar{B}^{-\delta - \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} \gamma_i I_i}$ . Then  $\mathcal{S}$  computes  $g^{x^{\ell+1}} = g_2^x g^{-x\gamma}$ .

Therefore, the OrcYW Assumption is in the category of *one-more* assumptions, akin to the *one-more RSA Assumption* and the *one-more DL Assumption* [4]. It is more akin to the latter than the former. The state-of-the-art attack on the parallel one-more DL assumption is Schnorr's ROS attack [33] and Wagner's generalized birthday (GB) attack [35]. Below, we examine the plausibility of our OrcYW Assumption against attackers motivated by ROS attackers and GB attackers.

Assume  $m_1, \dots, m_q$  are queried to  $O_{YW}$  and the outputs are  $(D_{1,\tau}, D_{2,\tau}, Z_{1,\tau}, Z_{2,\tau})$ ,  $1 \leq \tau \leq q$ . An attack motivated by Schnorr's ROS [33] attack would attempt to construct  $\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_q$  satisfying

$$\tilde{D}_1 = \prod_{\tau} D_{1,\tau}^{\gamma_\tau} = g^{\sum \gamma_\tau t_\tau},$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{D}_2 &= \prod_{\tau} D_{2,\tau}^{\gamma_{\tau}} = Q^{\sum \gamma_{\tau} t_{\tau}}, \\ \tilde{h} &= \sum_{\tau} \gamma_{\tau} h_{\tau}, \\ \tilde{Z}_1 &= \prod_{\tau} Z_{1,\tau}^{\gamma_{\tau}} = g_2^{x \sum \gamma_{\tau} h_{\tau}} Q^{\sum \gamma_{\tau} r_{\tau} h_{\tau}} g_4^{\sum \gamma_{\tau} t_{\tau}}, \\ \tilde{Z}_2 &= \prod_{\tau} Z_{2,\tau}^{\gamma_{\tau}} = g^{\sum \gamma_{\tau} r_{\tau} h_{\tau}} g_5^{\sum \gamma_{\tau} t_{\tau}}, \end{aligned}$$

The crucial relation is the one about a linear dependence of the hash outputs. Schnorr’s blind signature [33] also suffers from similar attack, and he relates the security of the blind signature scheme to the ROS problem.

## 6 Efficient HIBSC without Random Oracles

Motivated by [1]’s generic composition of SignCryption from Encrypt and Sign, we present a generic composition of HIBSC from HIBE and HIBS. Its security is argued below. Then we present a concrete instantiation by composing a HIBSC from [9]’s HIBE and our HIBS in Section 4. The security of this specific HIBSC is reduced to a combination of the securities of respective components. The result is a provable HIBSC with size  $O(\lambda_s)$  bits which is independent of the levels in the HIBSC. Its security is provable without random oracles, albeit in a weaker model concerning assumptions on the attacker’s ability to maneuver identities in the oracles.

### 6.1 Generic composition from HIBE and HIBS

The generic composition of signcryption from a CCA-secure encryption and an ACP-secure signature is proposed by [1]. They show the security of the outcome without insider attacks. They also give the guidelines of *whenever signing include receiver identity in message* and *whenever encrypting include sender identity in plaintext*, and argued the result would be secure against insider attacks. Motivated by their result, we present a generic composition of HIBSC from HIBE and HIBS.

In [1], a secure signcryption can be composed of a secure signature Sig and a secure encryption Enc via the *sign-then-encrypt* paradigm as follows:

$$\sigma = \text{Enc}_R(\text{Sig}_S(m, \text{ID}_R), \text{ID}_S)$$

where  $S$  is the sender and  $R$  is the recipient. We observe that such composition can be applied to HIBE and HIBS by treating Enc as the HIBE encryption algorithm and Sig as the HIBS signing algorithm. If [1]’s security theorem for multi-user signcryption is valid, and the hierarchical key derivation system does not cause any problems, then we are likely to have security for the composed HIBSC.

*Remarks:* In [1], their security is actually for generalized CCA (gCCA), which is a slight relaxation of CCA security. For simplicity, we only mention the CCA security here.

## 6.2 Concrete Instantiation

We give a concrete instantiation of HIBSC from our proposed HIBS, the constant size HIBE from [9] and the transformation technique in [10].

Boneh et al. [10] showed that an adaptive CCA-secure  $\ell$ -level hierarchical identity based encryption (HIBE) scheme  $\Pi$  can be constructed from a CPA-secure  $\ell$ -level HIBE scheme  $\Pi'$  and a strong one-time signature scheme  $\text{Sig}$ . The intuition behind their construction is that  $\Pi'$  uses the key extraction oracle to simulate the decryption oracle of  $\Pi$ . If  $\Pi$  wants to query the gauntlet identity, he must have to forge a signature of  $\text{Sig}$ . Boneh et al. further suggest that a secure encapsulation scheme and a secure message authentication code can be used together in order to replace the strong one-time signature scheme.

As a result, we obtain a constant size HIBSC secure without random oracles. We use [10]'s instantiation of encapsulation scheme. The instantiation is given below:

**Setup, Der:** same as section 4. In addition, let  $(\text{Mac}, \text{Vfy})$  be a message authentication code. We assume all signers get the secret keys from master key A  $g_2^{\alpha_A}$  and all recipients get the secret keys from master key B  $g_2^{\alpha_B}$ . Therefore we have  $g_{1A} = g^{\alpha_A}$  and  $g_{1B} = g^{\alpha_B}$ . All other public parameters remain the same as section 4.

**Signcrypt:** For a user with identity  $\text{ID}_A = (\text{id}_1, \dots, \text{id}_k)$  and private key  $SK_{\text{ID}_A}$ , he signcrypts a message  $M$  to recipient  $I_B = (I_1, \dots, I_j)$  as follows. He picks random  $t, \chi \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ , and computes:

$$\begin{aligned} C_1 &= g^t, \quad C_2 = (h_1^{\text{id}_1} \dots h_k^{\text{id}_k} \cdot g_3)^t, \quad I_{j+1} = \mathcal{H}_3(\chi), \quad k_1 = \mathcal{H}_4(\chi), \\ h &= \mathcal{H}(C_1, C_2, \text{ID}_A, I_B, \text{id}', M, \text{param}), \quad C_3 = a_0^h g_4^t, \quad C_4 = a_1^h g_5^t, \\ C_5 &= \mathcal{H}_2(\hat{e}(g_{1B}, g_2)^t) \oplus \langle M, \text{ID}_A, C_2, C_3, C_4, \chi \rangle, \quad C_6 = (h_1^{I_1} \dots h_j^{I_j} h_{j+1}^{I_{j+1}} \cdot g_3)^t, \\ C_7 &= \text{tag} = \text{Mac}_{k_1}(\text{ID}_A, I_B, I_{j+1}, C_1, \dots, C_6) \end{aligned}$$

The ciphertext  $\sigma$  is  $(C_1, C_5, C_6, C_7, I_{j+1})$ . Generically,

$$C_5 = \text{SKE.Enc}(\text{key} = \hat{e}(g_1, g_2)^t, \text{ptxt} = \langle M, \text{ID}_A, C_2, C_3, C_4 \rangle)$$

We have adopted Boneh et al.'s [10] tag design above.

**Unsigncrypt:** The recipient  $I_B$  with private key  $SK_{I_B} = (a_0, a_1, b_{j+1}, \dots, b_\ell)$  receives a ciphertext  $\sigma (C_1, C_5, C_6, C_7, I_{j+1})$ , he computes:

$$\begin{aligned} W &= \hat{e}(C_1, a_0 b_{j+1}^{I_{j+1}}) / \hat{e}(a_1, C_6) \quad \langle M, \text{ID}_A, C_2, C_3, C_4, \chi \rangle = C_5 \oplus \mathcal{H}_2(W) \\ h &= \mathcal{H}(C_1, C_2, \text{ID}_A, I_B, I_{j+1}, M, \text{param}) \end{aligned}$$

Denote  $\text{ID}_A = (\text{id}_1, \dots, \text{id}_k)$ . The recipient computes  $k_1 = \mathcal{H}_4(\chi)$  and checks if:

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{e}(g, C_3) \cdot \hat{e}(g_5, C_2) &\stackrel{?}{=} \hat{e}(g_{1A}, g_2)^h \cdot \hat{e}(C_1, g_4) \cdot \hat{e}(C_4, h_1^{\text{id}_1} \dots h_k^{\text{id}_k} \cdot g_3) \\ 1 &\stackrel{?}{=} \text{Vfy}_{k_1}(\text{ID}_A, I_B, I_{j+1}, C_1, \dots, C_6, C_7) \\ I_{j+1} &\stackrel{?}{=} \mathcal{H}_3(\chi) \end{aligned}$$

The recipient outputs  $M$  if they are all true. Otherwise, he outputs  $\perp$ .

**Security Analysis** Our HIBSC scheme is secure without random oracles. In particular, it can also imply a secure identity based signcryption scheme without random oracles.

**Proposition 1.** *Our HIBSC scheme is correct, sID-IND-CCA secure and ACP-UF secure assuming the decisional wBDHI\* assumption, the OrcYW assumption holds and Schnorr’s ROS Problem is hard.*

The correctness is straightforward.

For indistinguishability, combining the sID-IND-CPA proofs in [9], the transformation theorem in [10] and also the composition theorem of signature and encryption in [1], it implies that our HIBSC is sID-IND-CCA secure.

For existential unforgeability, the HIBSC scheme is ACP-UF secure by Theorem 2 and the composition theorem of signature and encryption in [1].

## 7 Conclusions

We presented the first constant-size HIBS and HIBSC provable without random oracles. In the reductionist security proofs, we either use an interactive intractability assumption, or use the gID models. We also need the sID model for HIBSC security proof. It is an open problem to avoid these models and assumptions.

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