Improved Constructions of Anonymous Credentials From Structure-Preserving Signatures on Equivalence Classes

Aisling Connolly^{1†} Pascal Lafourcade [‡] Octavio Perez Kempner ^{§,¶}

[†]DFINITY

[‡]University Clermont Auvergne, LIMOS, France

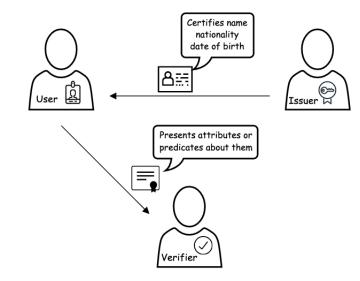
[§]DIENS, École normale supérieure, CNRS, PSL University, Paris, France

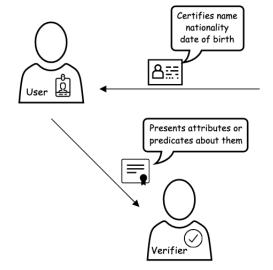
[¶]be-ys Research, France



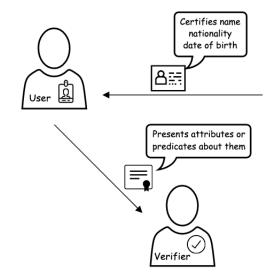
¹Work done while the author was at Wordline Global.

- 2 Structure-Preserving Signatures on Equivalence Classes
- 3 The ABC framework from [FHS19]
- Overview of results
- 5 Signer-hiding
- 6 Conclusions and Future Work





Multi-show ABC's: arbitrary number of unlinkable showings



Multi-show ABC's: arbitrary number of unlinkable showings

Multi-authority ABC's: single credential for attributes issued by multiple authorities



Expressiveness



Expressiveness

|×_| ⊻-<u>[~[]</u>

Efficiency



Expressiveness

⊻-<u>^</u>

Efficiency



Communication





Attribute-based credentials: lines of work

• CL signatures [CL04]: Idemix [Zur13] and [TG20]

- CL signatures [CL04]: Idemix [Zur13] and [TG20]
- Aggregatable signatures: [CL11] and [HP20]

- CL signatures [CL04]: Idemix [Zur13] and [TG20]
- Aggregatable signatures: [CL11] and [HP20]
- Sanitizable signatures: [CL13]

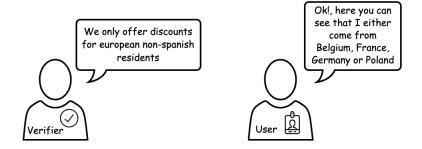
- CL signatures [CL04]: Idemix [Zur13] and [TG20]
- Aggregatable signatures: [CL11] and [HP20]
- Sanitizable signatures: [CL13]
- Redactable signatures: [CDHK15] and [San20]

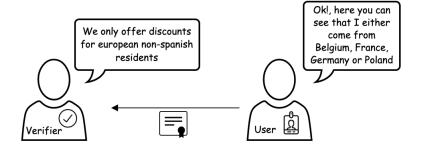
- CL signatures [CL04]: Idemix [Zur13] and [TG20]
- Aggregatable signatures: [CL11] and [HP20]
- Sanitizable signatures: [CL13]
- Redactable signatures: [CDHK15] and [San20]
- Structure-Preserving Signatures on Equivalence Classes (SPS-EQ): [HS14], [DHS15] and [FHS19]

- CL signatures [CL04]: Idemix [Zur13] and [TG20]
- Aggregatable signatures: [CL11] and [HP20]
- Sanitizable signatures: [CL13]
- Redactable signatures: [CDHK15] and [San20]
- Structure-Preserving Signatures on Equivalence Classes (SPS-EQ): [HS14], [DHS15] and [FHS19]
- All previous constructions leak the issuer's identity











2 Structure-Preserving Signatures on Equivalence Classes

3 The ABC framework from [FHS19]

Overview of results

5 Signer-hiding

6 Conclusions and Future Work

Structure-Preserving Signatures on Equivalence Classes

• Controlled form of malleability: $(\sigma, m)
ightarrow (\sigma', m')$

- Controlled form of malleability: $(\sigma,m)
 ightarrow (\sigma',m')$
- Message space can be partitioned into equivalence classes

- Controlled form of malleability: $(\sigma,m)
 ightarrow (\sigma',m')$
- Message space can be partitioned into equivalence classes
 - e.g., $m \in \mathbb{G}^{\ell} \sim_{\mathcal{R}} m' \in \mathbb{G}^{\ell} \iff \mu \in \mathbb{Z}_p^* \text{ s.t. } m' = \mu m$

- Controlled form of malleability: $(\sigma, \textit{m}) \rightarrow (\sigma', \textit{m}')$
- Message space can be partitioned into equivalence classes
 - e.g., $m \in \mathbb{G}^{\ell} \sim_{\mathcal{R}} m' \in \mathbb{G}^{\ell} \iff \mu \in \mathbb{Z}_p^* \text{ s.t. } m' = \mu m$
- Unforgeability holds with respect to classes

- Controlled form of malleability: $(\sigma,m) \to (\sigma',m')$
- Message space can be partitioned into equivalence classes

• e.g., $m \in \mathbb{G}^{\ell} \sim_{\mathcal{R}} m' \in \mathbb{G}^{\ell} \iff \mu \in \mathbb{Z}_{p}^{*} \text{ s.t. } m' = \mu m$

- Unforgeability holds with respect to classes
- Message-signature pairs in the same class are unlinkable

- Controlled form of malleability: $(\sigma,m) \to (\sigma',m')$
- Message space can be partitioned into equivalence classes

• e.g., $m \in \mathbb{G}^{\ell} \sim_{\mathcal{R}} m' \in \mathbb{G}^{\ell} \iff \mu \in \mathbb{Z}_p^* \text{ s.t. } m' = \mu m$

- Unforgeability holds with respect to classes
- Message-signature pairs in the same class are unlinkable
- Recently extended to consider equivalence classes on the key space (*e.g.*, [BHKS18, CL19, CL21])



- 2 Structure-Preserving Signatures on Equivalence Classes
- 3 The ABC framework from [FHS19]
- Overview of results
- 5 Signer-hiding
- 6 Conclusions and Future Work

The ABC framework from [FHS19]

• A credential is a **signature** on a (randomizable) accumulator representing a **set of attributes**

- A credential is a **signature** on a (randomizable) accumulator representing a **set of attributes**
- A credential showing involves the joint randomization of a message-signature pair

- A credential is a **signature** on a (randomizable) accumulator representing a **set of attributes**
- A credential showing involves the joint randomization of a message-signature pair
- The accumulator ([Ngu05]) uses batch membership proofs to allow **constant-size** showings

- A credential is a **signature** on a (randomizable) accumulator representing a **set of attributes**
- A credential showing involves the joint randomization of a message-signature pair
- The accumulator ([Ngu05]) uses batch membership proofs to allow **constant-size** showings
- Main drawback: expressiveness is limited

Towards improved constructions

• We focused on improving the following aspects:

- We focused on improving the following aspects:
 - expressiveness (extending the accumulator)

- We focused on improving the following aspects:
 - expressiveness (extending the accumulator)
 - efficiency (leveraging user/verifier costs)

- We focused on improving the following aspects:
 - expressiveness (extending the accumulator)
 - efficiency (leveraging user/verifier costs)
 - security model (GGM/ Standard model + CRS)



- 2 Structure-Preserving Signatures on Equivalence Classes
- 3 The ABC framework from [FHS19]

Overview of results

- 5 Signer-hiding
- 6 Conclusions and Future Work

Overview of results

 Based on previous works [KSD19, CH20], we obtained a new SPS-EQ working on the message and key spaces

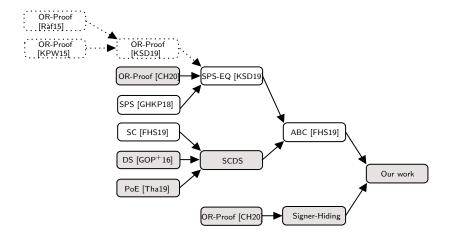
- Based on previous works [KSD19, CH20], we obtained a new SPS-EQ working on the message and key spaces
- Extended the accumulator from [FHS19] with [GOP+16] to support batch non-membership proofs

- Based on previous works [KSD19, CH20], we obtained a new SPS-EQ working on the message and key spaces
- Extended the accumulator from [FHS19] with [GOP+16] to support batch non-membership proofs
- Incorporated a proof of exponentiation ([Tha19]) to outsource computational cost from the verifier to the user

- Based on previous works [KSD19, CH20], we obtained a new SPS-EQ working on the message and key spaces
- Extended the accumulator from [FHS19] with [GOP⁺16] to support batch non-membership proofs
- Incorporated a proof of exponentiation ([Tha19]) to outsource computational cost from the verifier to the user
- Proposed a 1-out-of-*n* NIZK OR-proof so that **users can hide the issuer identity** during a showing

- Based on previous works [KSD19, CH20], we obtained a new SPS-EQ working on the message and key spaces
- Extended the accumulator from [FHS19] with [GOP+16] to support batch non-membership proofs
- Incorporated a proof of exponentiation ([Tha19]) to outsource computational cost from the verifier to the user
- Proposed a 1-out-of-*n* NIZK OR-proof so that **users can hide the issuer identity** during a showing
- Extended the security model from [FHS19]

Overview of results



Octavio Perez Kempner



- 2 Structure-Preserving Signatures on Equivalence Classes
- 3 The ABC framework from [FHS19]
- Overview of results

5 Signer-hiding



Octavio Perez Kempner

• Main idea:

- Main idea:
 - Randomize the credential and issuer's public-key consistently

• Main idea:

- Randomize the credential and issuer's public-key consistently
- Present them to the verifier alongside a proof of correct randomization of issuer's public-key

• Main idea:

- Randomize the credential and issuer's public-key consistently
- Present them to the verifier alongside a proof of correct randomization of issuer's public-key

• The 1-out-of-n OR-proof is a fully adaptive NIZK argument

Main idea:

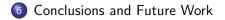
- Randomize the credential and issuer's public-key consistently
- Present them to the verifier alongside a proof of correct randomization of issuer's public-key
- The 1-out-of-*n* OR-proof is a fully adaptive NIZK argument
- Users can select arbitrary long sets of public keys to compute a proof with linear cost

An ABC system supports signer-hiding if for all $\lambda > 0$, all q > 0, all n > 0, all t > 0, all \mathcal{X} with $0 < |\mathcal{X}| \le t$, all $\emptyset \neq S \subset \mathcal{X}$ and $\emptyset \neq \mathcal{D} \nsubseteq \mathcal{X}$ with $0 < |\mathcal{D}| \le t$, and p.p.t adversaries \mathcal{A} , the following holds

$$\Pr\left[\begin{array}{l} \mathsf{pp} \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} \mathsf{Setup}(1^{\lambda}, 1^{q}); \\ \forall \ i \in [n] : (\mathsf{osk}_{i}, \mathsf{opk}_{i}) \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} \mathsf{Org}\mathsf{K}\mathsf{Gen}(\mathsf{pp}); \\ (\mathsf{usk}, \mathsf{upk}) \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} \mathsf{Usr}\mathsf{K}\mathsf{Gen}(\mathsf{pp}); j \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} [n]; \\ (\mathsf{cred}, \top) \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} (\mathsf{Obtain}(\mathsf{usk}, \mathsf{opk}_{j}, \mathcal{X}), \\ \mathsf{Issue}(\mathsf{upk}, \mathsf{osk}_{j}, \mathcal{X})); \\ j^{*} \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} \mathcal{A}^{\mathcal{O}_{\mathsf{Show}}}(\mathsf{pp}, \mathcal{S}, \mathcal{D}, \mathsf{opk}_{i})_{i \in [n]}) \end{array}\right] \leq \frac{1}{n}$$



- 2 Structure-Preserving Signatures on Equivalence Classes
- 3 The ABC framework from [FHS19]
- Overview of results
- 5 Signer-hiding



Conclusions and Future Work

• Our results explore multiple paths to extend the ABC framework from [FHS19]

- Our results explore multiple paths to extend the ABC framework from [FHS19]
- We obtained a more flexible framework leveraging different trade-offs

- Our results explore multiple paths to extend the ABC framework from [FHS19]
- We obtained a more flexible framework leveraging different trade-offs
- The proposed signer-hiding notion enables more use cases

- Our results explore multiple paths to extend the ABC framework from [FHS19]
- We obtained a more flexible framework leveraging different trade-offs
- The proposed signer-hiding notion enables more use cases
- Exploring the use of aggregatable signatures with SPS-EQ in the multi-authority setting could enable even more use cases

- Our results explore multiple paths to extend the ABC framework from [FHS19]
- We obtained a more flexible framework leveraging different trade-offs
- The proposed signer-hiding notion enables more use cases
- Exploring the use of aggregatable signatures with SPS-EQ in the multi-authority setting could enable even more use cases
- Devising other ways to define equivalence classes could lead to new and more efficient constructions

Thank you for your time!

Michael Backes, Lucjan Hanzlik, Kamil Kluczniak, and Jonas Schneider.

Signatures with Flexible Public Key: Introducing Equivalence Classes for Public Keys.

In Thomas Peyrin and Steven Galbraith, editors, <u>Advances in</u> <u>Cryptology – ASIACRYPT 2018</u>, pages 405–434, Cham, 2018. Springer International Publishing.

Jan Camenisch, Maria Dubovitskaya, Kristiyan Haralambiev, and Markulf Kohlweiss.

Composable and Modular Anonymous Credentials: Definitions and Practical Constructions.

In Tetsu Iwata and Jung Hee Cheon, editors, <u>Advances in</u> <u>Cryptology – ASIACRYPT 2015</u>, pages 262–288, Berlin, Heidelberg, 2015. Springer Berlin Heidelberg.

22 / 22

Geoffroy Couteau and Dominik Hartmann. Shorter Non-interactive Zero-Knowledge Arguments and ZAPs for Algebraic Languages. In Daniele Micciancio and Thomas Ristenpart, editors, <u>Advances in Cryptology – CRYPTO 2020</u>, pages 768–798, Cham, 2020. Springer International Publishing.

Jan Camenisch and Anna Lysyanskaya.

Signature Schemes and Anonymous Credentials from Bilinear Maps.

In Matt Franklin, editor, <u>Advances in Cryptology – CRYPTO</u> 2004, pages 56–72, Berlin, Heidelberg, 2004. Springer Berlin Heidelberg. Sébastien Canard and Roch Lescuyer. Anonymous Credentials from (Indexed) Aggregate Signatures. In Proceedings of the 7th ACM Workshop on Digital Identity Management, DIM '11, page 53–62, New York, NY, USA, 2011. Association for Computing Machinery.

Sébastien Canard and Roch Lescuyer. Protecting Privacy by Sanitizing Personal Data: A New Approach to Anonymous Credentials.

In Proceedings of the 8th ACM SIGSAC Symposium on Information, Computer and Communications Security, ASIA CCS '13, page 381–392, New York, NY, USA, 2013. Association for Computing Machinery.

References IV

Elizabeth C. Crites and Anna Lysyanskaya. Delegatable Anonymous Credentials from Mercurial

Signatures.

In Mitsuru Matsui, editor, <u>Topics in Cryptology – CT-RSA</u> 2019, pages 535–555, Cham, 2019. Springer International Publishing.

- Elizabeth C. Crites and Anna Lysyanskaya.
 Mercurial signatures for variable-length messages.
 Proceedings on Privacy Enhancing Technologies, 2021(4):441–463, 2021.
- David Derler, Christian Hanser, and Daniel Slamanig. A New Approach to Efficient Revocable Attribute-Based Anonymous Credentials.

In Jens Groth, editor, <u>Cryptography and Coding</u>, pages 57–74, Cham, 2015. Springer International Publishing.

- Georg Fuchsbauer, Christian Hanser, and Daniel Slamanig. Structure-Preserving Signatures on Equivalence Classes and Constant-Size Anonymous Credentials. Journal of Cryptology, 32:498–546, 2019.
- Romain Gay, Dennis Hofheinz, Lisa Kohl, and Jiaxin Pan. More Efficient (Almost) Tightly Secure Structure-Preserving Signatures.
 - In Jesper Buus Nielsen and Vincent Rijmen, editors, <u>Advances</u> <u>in Cryptology – EUROCRYPT 2018</u>, pages 230–258, Cham, 2018. Springer International Publishing.

References VI

- Esha Ghosh, Olga Ohrimenko, Dimitrios Papadopoulos, Roberto Tamassia, and Nikos Triandopoulos.
 Zero-Knowledge Accumulators and Set Algebra.
 In Proceedings, Part II, of the 22nd International Conference on Advances in Cryptology — ASIACRYPT 2016 - Volume 10032, page 67–100, Berlin, Heidelberg, 2016. Springer-Verlag.
- Chloé Hébant and David Pointcheval.
 Traceable Constant-Size Multi-Authority Credentials.
 Cryptology ePrint Archive, Report 2020/657, 2020.
- Christian Hanser and Daniel Slamanig.
 Structure-Preserving Signatures on Equivalence Classes and Their Application to Anonymous Credentials.
 In Palash Sarkar and Tetsu Iwata, editors, <u>Advances in</u> <u>Cryptology – ASIACRYPT 2014</u>, pages 491–511, Berlin, Heidelberg, 2014. Springer Berlin Heidelberg.

- Eike Kiltz, Jiaxin Pan, and Hoeteck Wee.

Structure-Preserving Signatures from Standard Assumptions, Revisited.

In Rosario Gennaro and Matthew Robshaw, editors, <u>Advances</u> <u>in Cryptology – CRYPTO 2015</u>, pages 275–295, Berlin, Heidelberg, 2015. Springer Berlin Heidelberg.

Mojtaba Khalili, Daniel Slamanig, and Mohammad Dakhilalian.

Structure-Preserving Signatures on Equivalence Classes from Standard Assumptions.

In Steven D. Galbraith and Shiho Moriai, editors, <u>Advances in</u> <u>Cryptology – ASIACRYPT 2019</u>, pages 63–93, Cham, 2019. Springer International Publishing.

Lan Nguyen.

Accumulators from Bilinear Pairings and Applications. In Alfred Menezes, editor, <u>Topics in Cryptology – CT-RSA</u> <u>2005</u>, pages 275–292, Berlin, Heidelberg, 2005. Springer Berlin Heidelberg.

Carla Ràfols.

Stretching groth-sahai: Nizk proofs of partial satisfiability. In Yevgeniy Dodis and Jesper Buus Nielsen, editors, Theory of <u>Cryptography</u>, pages 247–276, Berlin, Heidelberg, 2015. Springer Berlin Heidelberg.

Olivier Sanders.

Efficient Redactable Signature and Application to Anonymous Credentials.

In Aggelos Kiayias, Markulf Kohlweiss, Petros Wallden, and Vassilis Zikas, editors, <u>Public-Key Cryptography – PKC 2020</u>, pages 628–656, Cham, 2020. Springer International Publishing.

Syh-Yuan Tan and Thomas Groß.

MoniPoly - An Expressive q-SDH-Based Anonymous Attribute-Based Credential System.

In Shiho Moriai and Huaxiong Wang, editors, <u>Advances in</u> Cryptology - ASIACRYPT 2020, Daejeon, South Korea, December 7-11, 2020, Proceedings, Part III, volume 12493, pages 498–526. Springer, 2020.

S. Thakur.

Batching non-membership proofs with bilinear accumulators. IACR Cryptol. ePrint Arch., 2019:1147, 2019.

IBM Research Zurich.

Specification of the identity mixer cryptographic library v2.3.0., 2013.