

Towards a Tightly Secure Signature in Multi-User Setting with Corruptions Based on Search Assumptions

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Our Problem and Results

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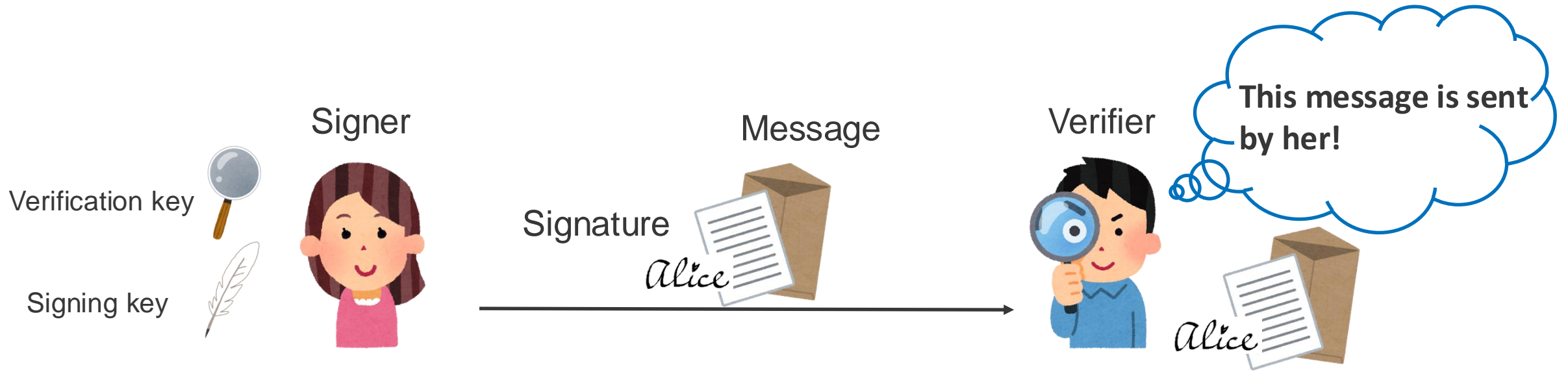


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- Construct a new signature in multi-user setting with corruptions from CDH
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 - Reduction loss is independent of #users, but depends on #RO-query
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Background

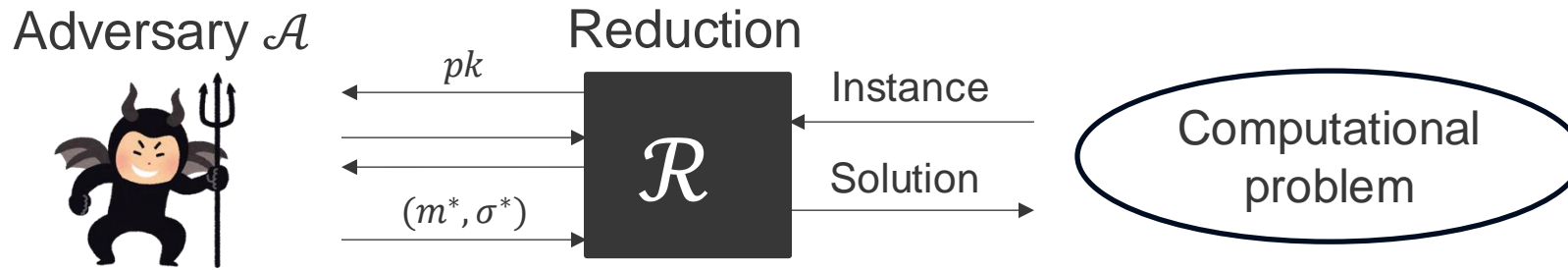
Digital Signature



- Cryptographic primitive for user authentication
 - Building block for secure protocols, e.g., authenticated key exchange
- Its security analysis is important for real-world protocols
 - There are many metric to evaluate security
 - Our focus: reduction loss, security model, and computational problem

Reduction and Reduction Loss

- To prove the security of signature schemes, we show a reduction \mathcal{R}
 - \mathcal{R} solves a computational problem by using an adversary \mathcal{A}



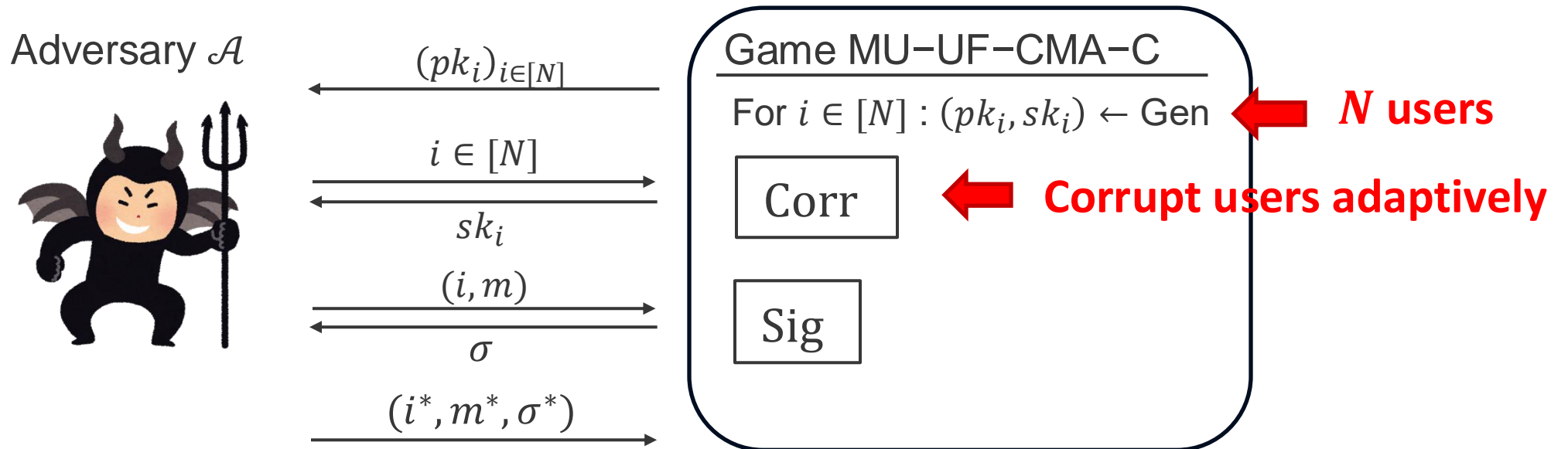
- \mathcal{R} is constructed so that its advantage Adv and running time \mathbf{T} satisfy

$$\frac{\text{Adv}_{\mathcal{A}}}{\mathbf{T}(\mathcal{A})} \leq L \cdot \frac{\text{Adv}_{\mathcal{R}}}{\mathbf{T}(\mathcal{R})}$$

- The coefficient L is called **reduction loss**
 - Reduction is tight if L is small constant (i.e., independent of \mathcal{A} 's activity etc.)
 - Since L has an impact on parameter size, **tight reduction is desirable**

Security Model for Signatures

- We consider multi-user setting with corruptions (MU-EUF-CMA-C)
 - Generalization of standard single-user security (EUF-CMA)



- EUF-CMA implies MU-EUF-CMA-C with reduction loss $L = \#Users$

Computational Problems

Search problems: e.g., CDH

\mathbb{G} : cyclic groups with order p

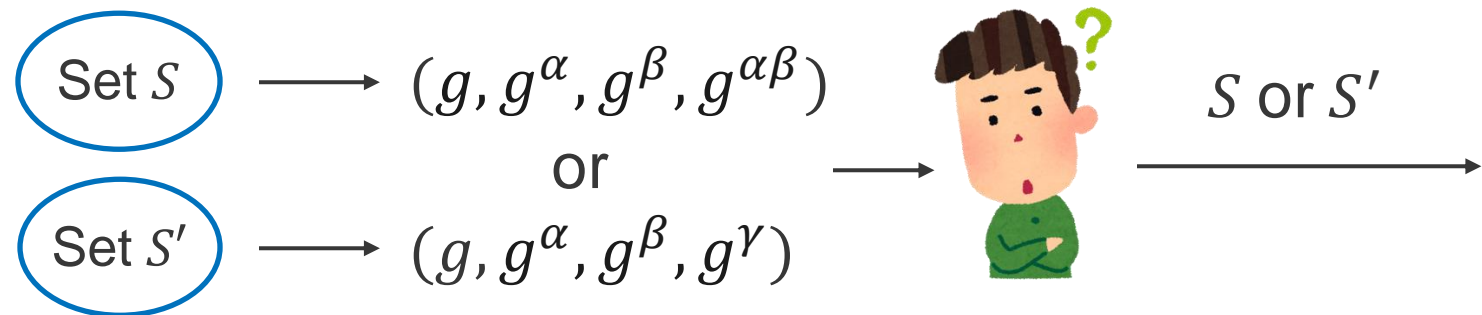
g : generator in \mathbb{G}

$\alpha, \beta \in \{0, \dots, p - 1\}$



Decision problems: e.g., DDH

$\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \{0, \dots, p - 1\}$



- Search problems are more difficult than decision problems
⇒ Signature schemes based on search problems are more secure

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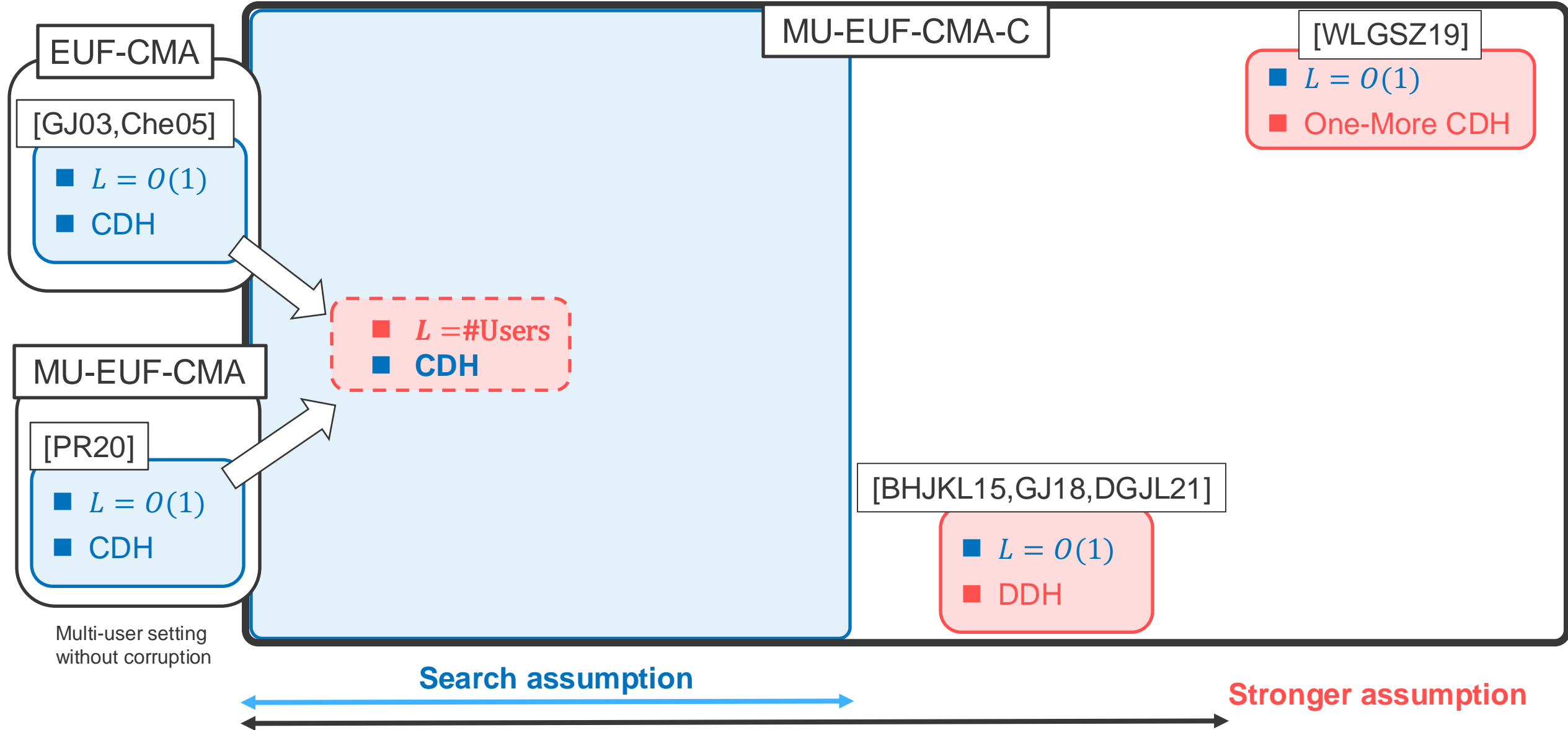
Scheme	Security model	Assumption
[GJ03,Che05,KLP17]	Single-user ✗	CDH ✓
[PR20]	Multi-user w/o corruption ✗	CDH ✓
[WLGSZ19]	Multi-user w/ corruption ✓	One-More CDH ✗
[Bader14]	Multi-user w/ corruption ✓	SXDH ✗
[BHJKL15]	Multi-user w/ corruption ✓	DLIN ✗
[GJ18]	Multi-user w/ corruption ✓	CDH+DDH ✗
[DGJL21,PW22]	Multi-user w/ corruption ✓	DDH ✗

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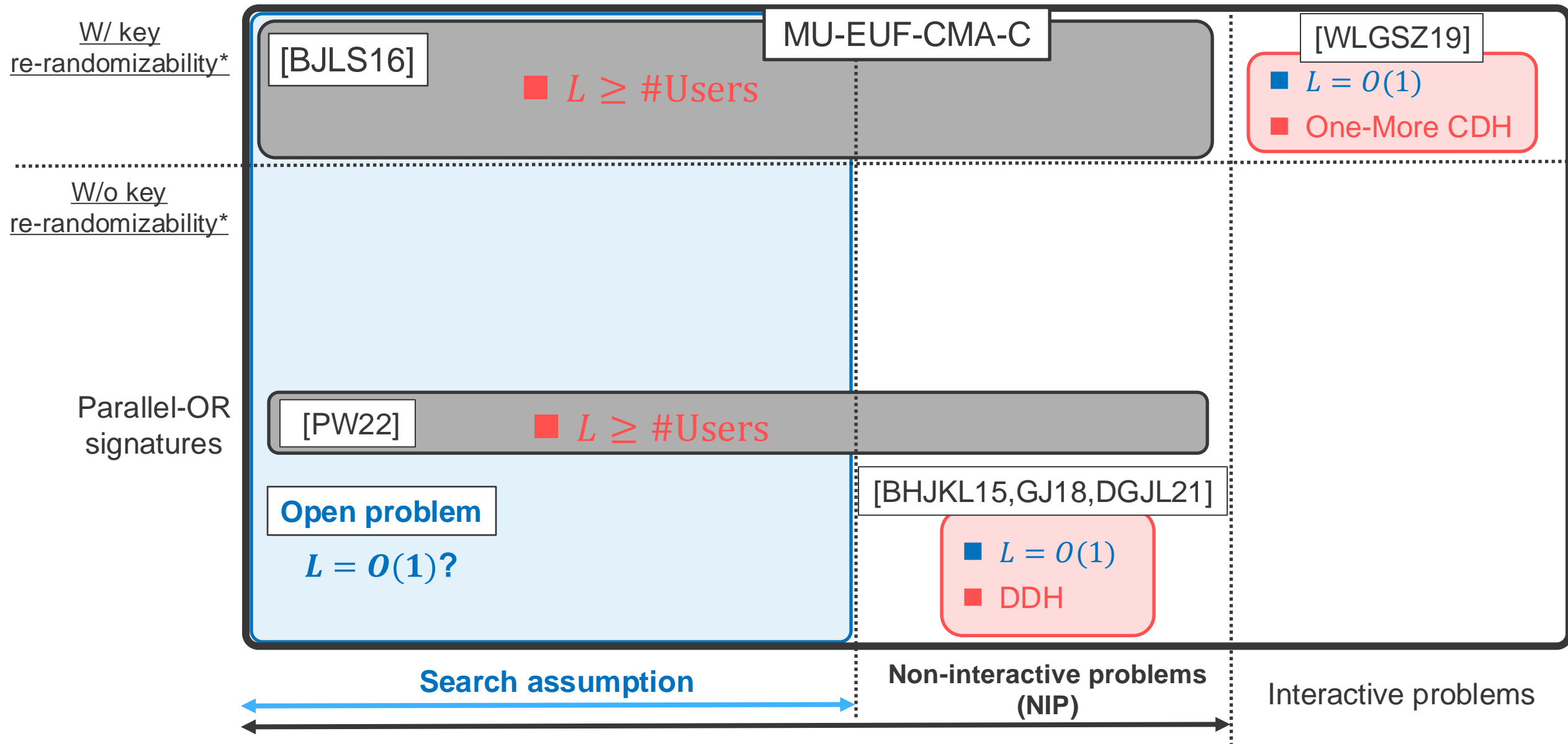


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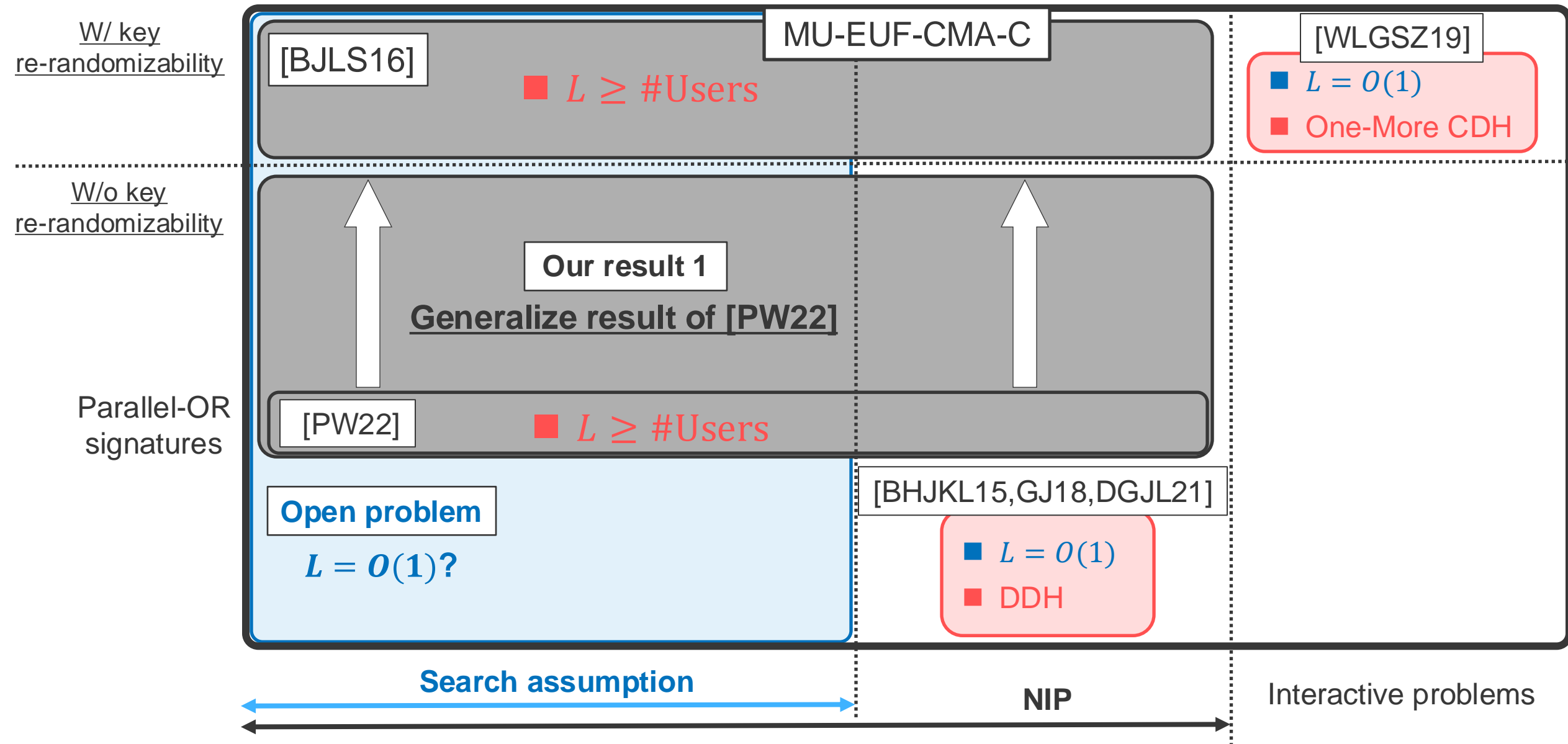


Impossibility Results on Tightly-Secure Signatures

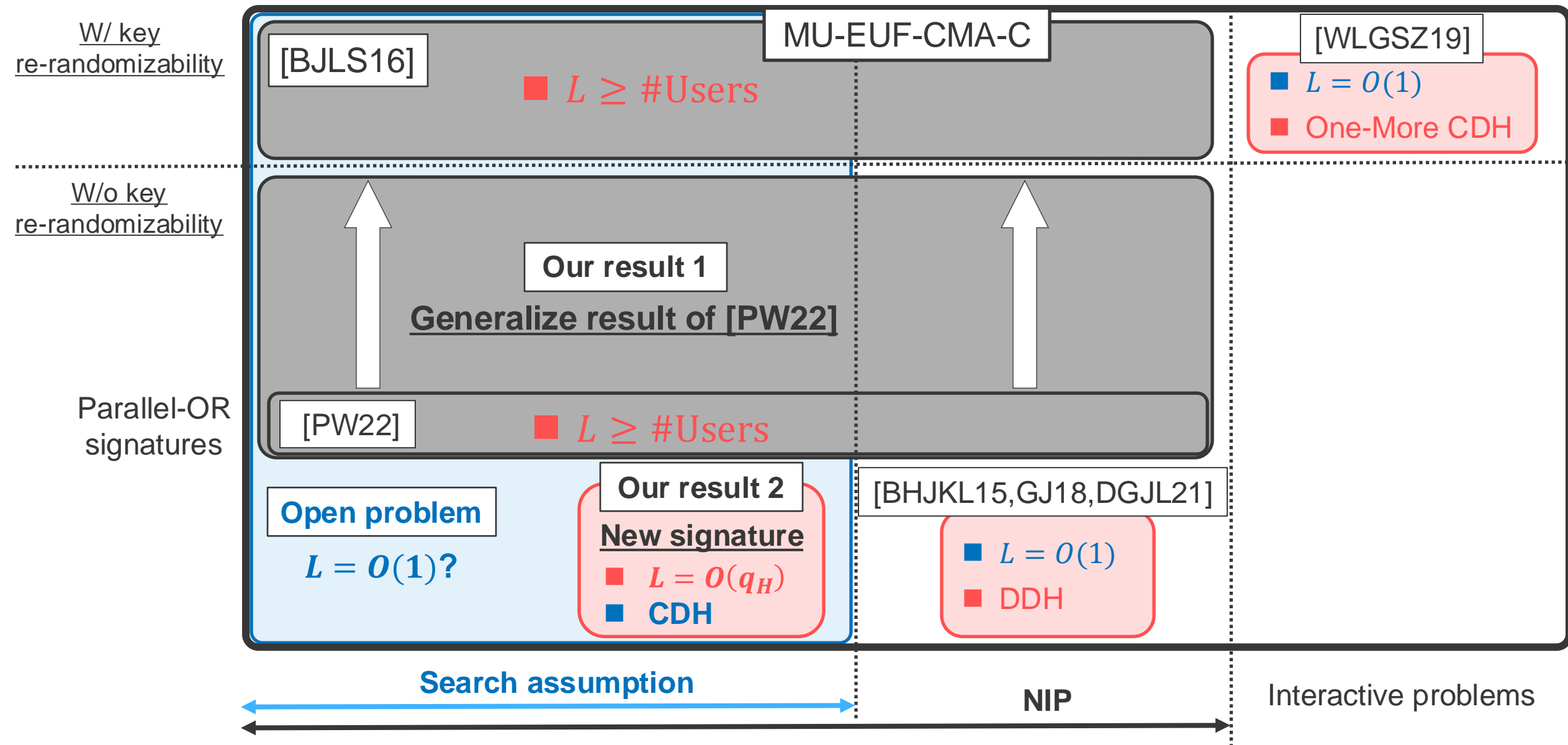


* There exists a PPT algorithm $\text{ReRand}(pk, sk) \rightarrow sk'$ that samples sk' w.r.t. pk uniformly at random.

Our Results: New Impossibility Result



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Our result 1: New Impossibility Result

Our Impossibility Result

- Assume SIG satisfies the following properties (explain later)
 - ϵ_{RO} -RO statistically close
 - ϵ_{SIG} -signature statistically close
- Then, reduction loss L from MU-EUF-CMA-C of SIG to NIP satisfies

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$\delta_{\mathcal{R}}$: statistical distance between MU-EUC-CMA-C game and \mathcal{R} 's simulating game

If $\text{Adv}_{\mathcal{R}^{\mathcal{A}}}^{\text{NIP}}$, $\delta_{\mathcal{R}}$, ϵ_{SIG} , ϵ_{RO} are all negligibly small, $L \geq \#\text{Users}$

New Property of Signature (1)

- We observe why Parallel-OR signature cannot achieve tight security [PW22]
- This is due to the property w.r.t. RO queries during signature generation



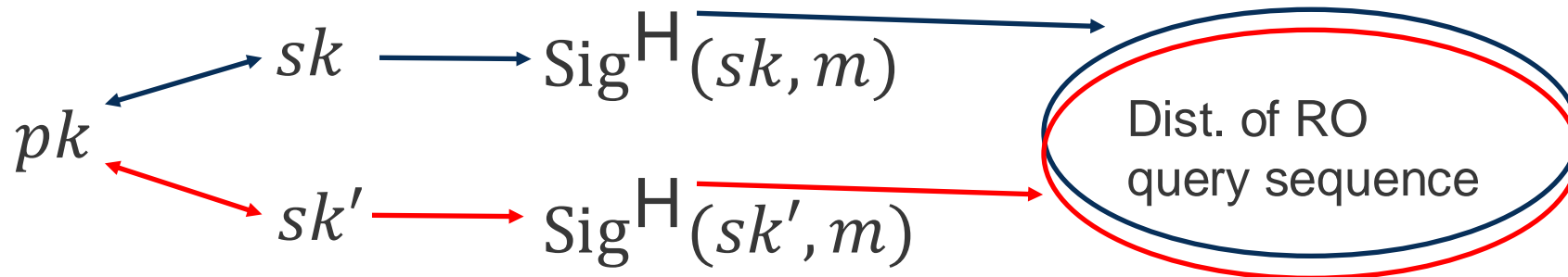
Formalize this property



ϵ_{RO} -RO statistically close: For any m , pk , and sk, sk' w.r.t. pk

$$SD(Q(sk, m); Q(sk', m)) \leq \epsilon_{RO}$$

$Q(sk, m)$: random variable representing the RO queries issued in the run of $\text{Sig}^H(sk, m)$



New Property of Signature (2)

- We notice [GJ18] achieve tight security even it is RO statistically close...
- We compare Parallel-OR (w/ $L \geq N$) and [GJ18] (w/ $L = O(1)$)
⇒ Their distribution of signatures are different!



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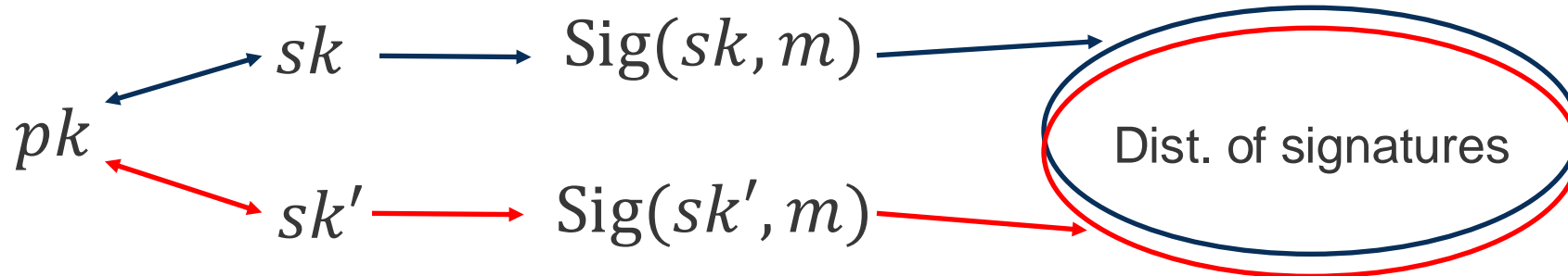


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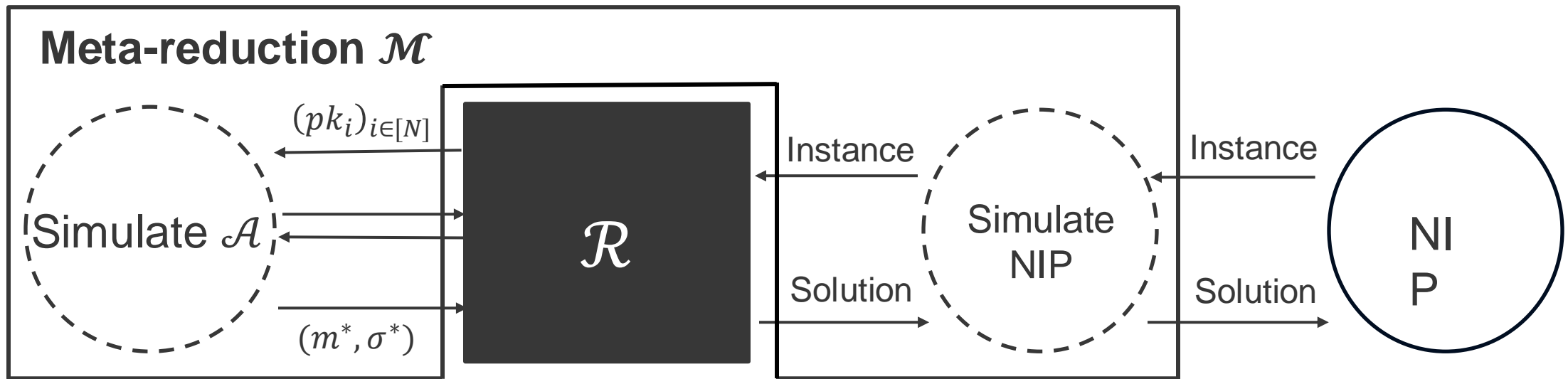
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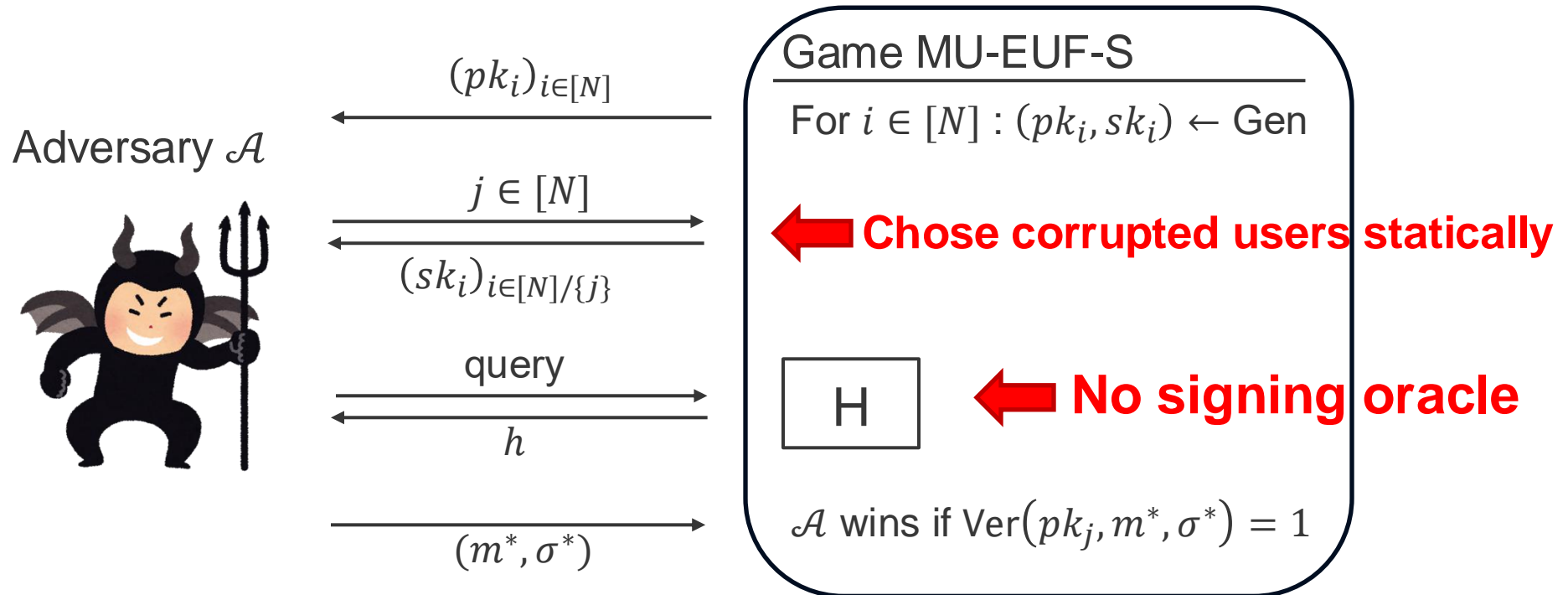
1. Assume reduction \mathcal{R} that solves NIP by interacting \mathcal{A}
2. Construct meta-reduction \mathcal{M} that efficiently simulates \mathcal{A} against \mathcal{R}
3. Prove that \mathcal{R} 's output does not change if \mathcal{A} is simulated by \mathcal{M}



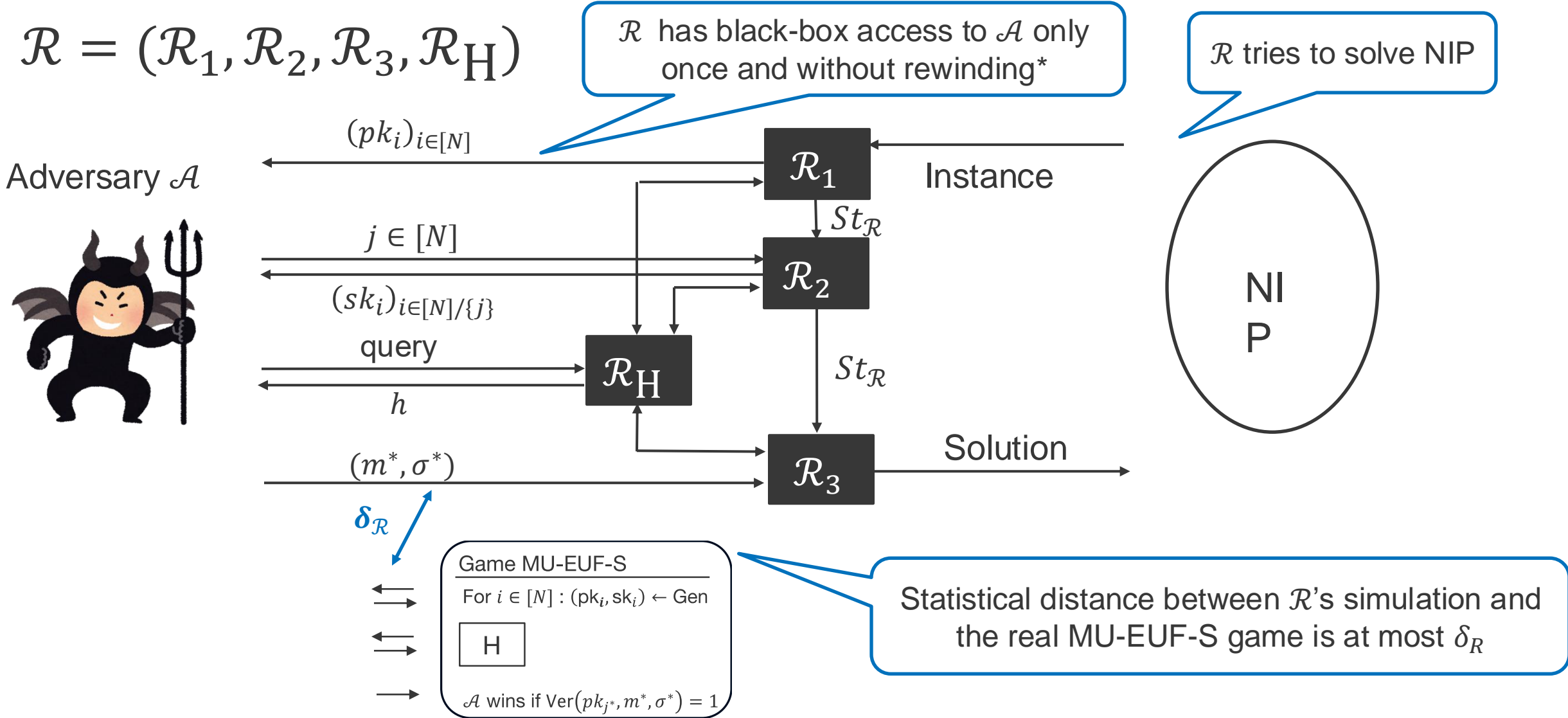
The existence of \mathcal{M} contradicts the hardness of NIP
 \Rightarrow Such an \mathcal{R} does not exist!

Preliminaries for Proof: Weaker Security Definition for SIG

- To prove impossibility results, we consider weaker security definition
 - No message attacks in multi-user setting with static corruptions (MU-EUF-S)
 - Proving $L \geq \#Users$ for MU-EUF-S is sufficient



Preliminaries for Proof: Modeling Reduction \mathcal{R}



* Such an \mathcal{R} is said to be simple [PW22]. In the security proofs of many cryptographic primitives, reductions are simple.

Proof Overview of Our Impossibility Result

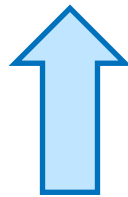
Meta-reduction \mathcal{M}

1. \mathcal{M} inputs its instance into \mathcal{R}_1 as it is.

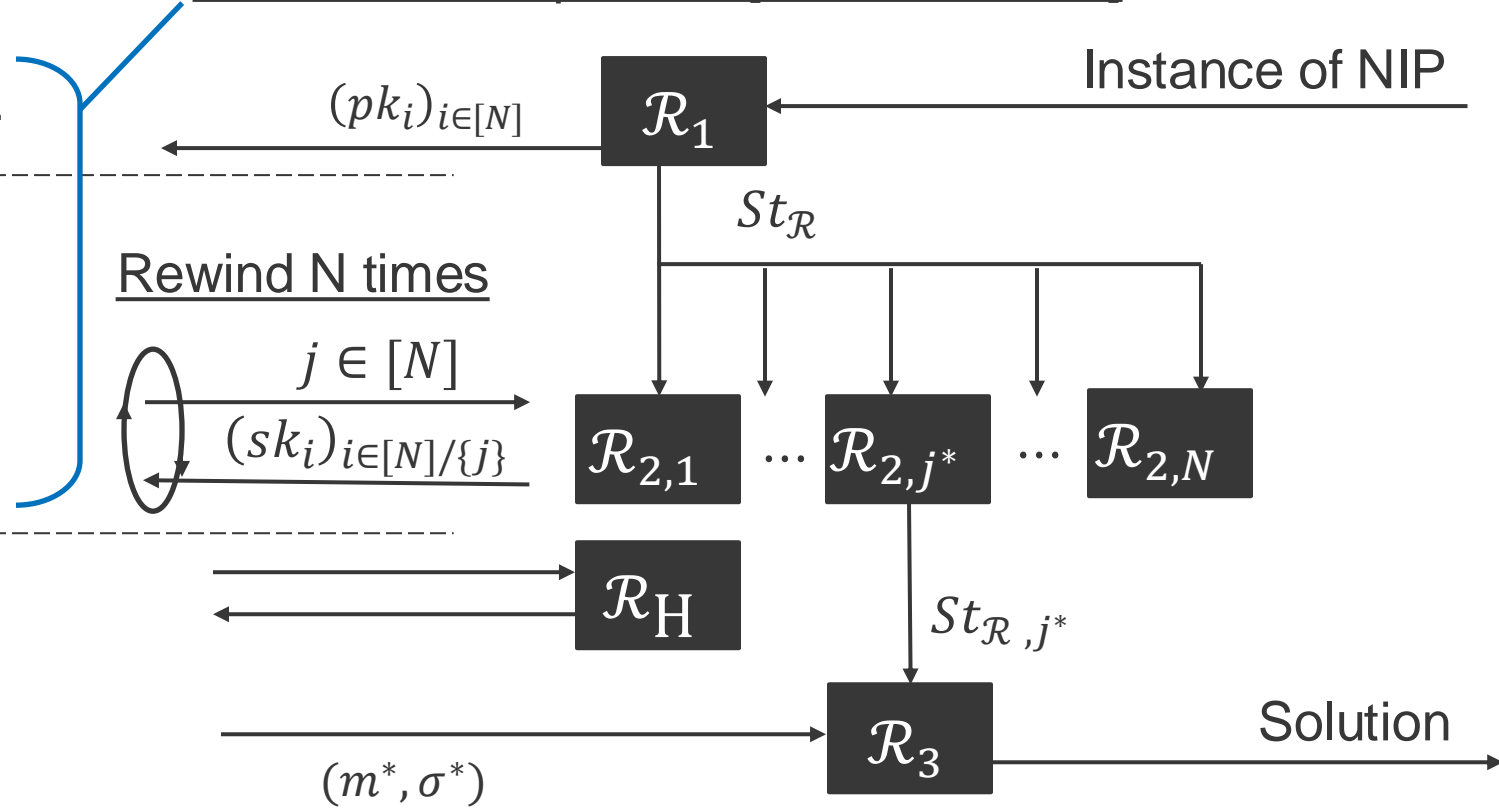
2. Run \mathcal{R}_2 for all $j \in [N]$ and store obtained secret keys.

3. Chose $j^* \in [N]$ at random and run \mathcal{R}_3 with state $St_{\mathcal{R},j^*}$

4. **Generate a forgery (m^*, σ^*) with stored sk_{j^*}**



Identical to the proof in [BJLS16,PW22]



RO-statistically close and signature statistically-close ensures that \mathcal{R}_3 's output interacting \mathcal{A} and interacting \mathcal{M} are indistinguishable

([BJLS16] ensures it with key re-randomizability)

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Discussion on Our Impossibility Result

To achieve tight security, at least one of the conditions is satisfied

1. SIG's security is based on interactive problems
 - Already done by [WLG SZ19]
2. \mathcal{A} 's view by \mathcal{R} is not stat. close from the real game (i.e., $\delta_{\mathcal{R}} \neq \text{negl}$)
 - If so, they should be computationally indistinguishable
 \Rightarrow Decision problem is needed as in [Bader14, BHJKL15, DGJL21]
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4. SIG is not RO-statistically close (i.e., $\varepsilon_{RO} \neq \text{negl}$)
 - Decision problem may not be required...

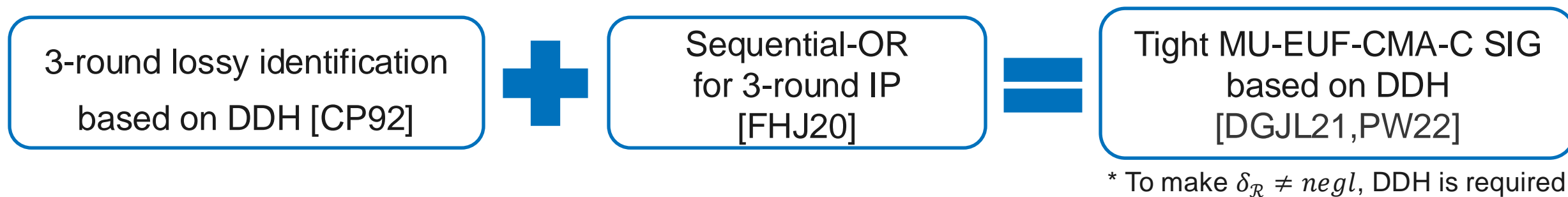


Our results 2: New SIG from CDH
- reduction loss is independent of #Users -

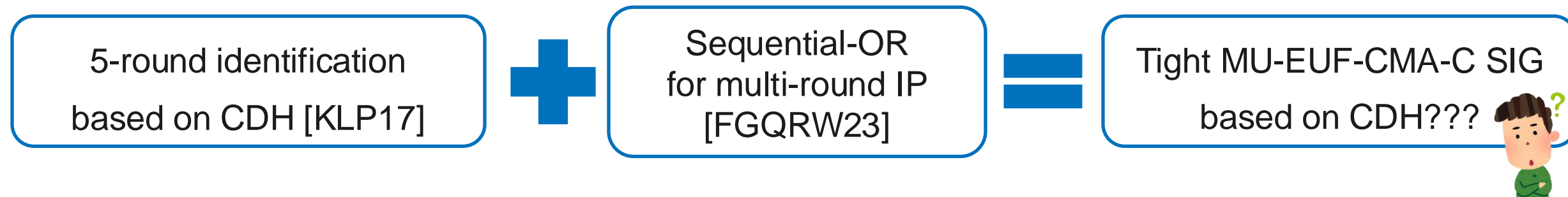
Our Approach

Signatures based on sequential-OR proof is not RO statistically close

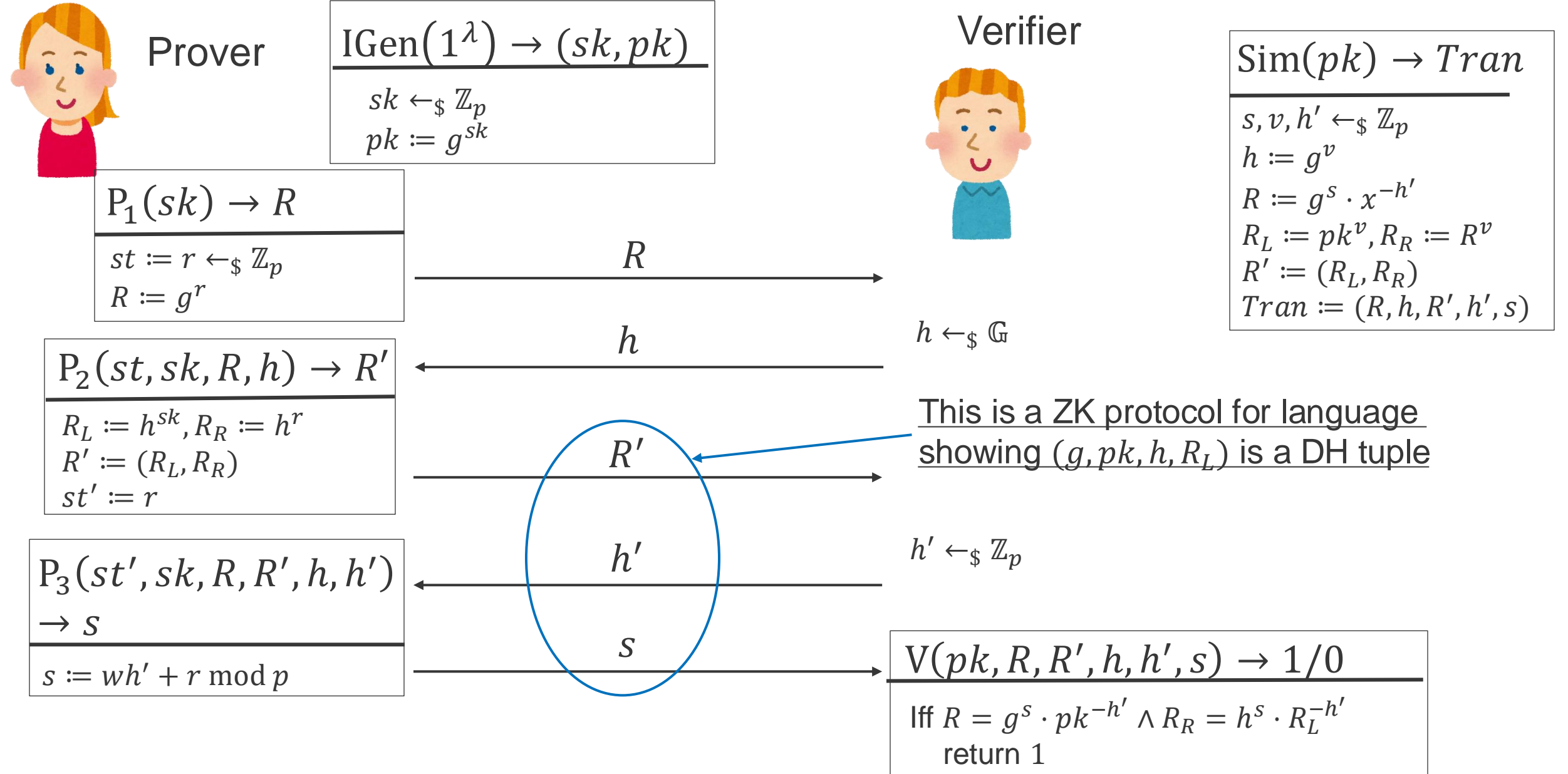
Prior work



Our approach



5-round Identification from CDH [KLP17]



Intuition of Security Proof for [KLP17]

Adversary against [KLP17]



$\longleftarrow pk$

\xrightarrow{R}

$\longleftarrow h$

$\xrightarrow{R'}$

$\longleftarrow h'$

$\xrightarrow{(R, R', h, h', s)}$

\mathcal{R}

$x' \leftarrow_{\$} \mathbb{Z}_p$
 $pk := X \cdot g^{x'}$

} KGen

$y_j \leftarrow_{\$} \mathbb{Z}_p$
 $h := Y \cdot g^{y_j}$

} RO H

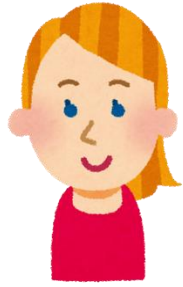
If $V(pk, R, R', h, h', s) = 1$,
 (g, pk, h, R_L) is a DH tuple
 \Rightarrow Since $pk = X \cdot g^{x'}$, $h = Y \cdot g^{y_j}$,
 $R_L = g^{(x+x')(y+y_j)}$
 $\Rightarrow \mathcal{R}$ sets $Z = R_L \cdot X^{-y_j} \cdot Y^{-x'} \cdot g^{-x'y_j}$

CDH instance $x, y \leftarrow_{\$} \mathbb{Z}_p$
 $X := g^x, Y := g^y$

\longleftarrow

Solution Z
 $\xrightarrow{\hspace{10em}}$

Convert 5-round ID into NI Sequential OR-Proof [FGQRW23]



Prover

$I\text{Gen}_{\text{OR}}(1^\lambda)$

$b \leftarrow_{\$} \{0,1\}$
 $(pk_0, sk_0) \leftarrow_{\$} I\text{Gen}(1^\lambda)$
 $(pk_1, sk_1) \leftarrow_{\$} I\text{Gen}(1^\lambda)$
 Return $(pk := (pk_0, pk_1), sk := (sk_b, b))$

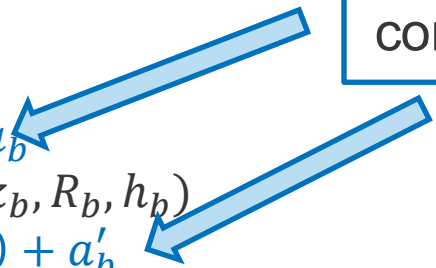
Verifier



$P_{\text{OR}}(pk, sk)$

$A_b := (a_b, a'_b) \leftarrow_{\$} \mathbb{G} \times \mathbb{Z}_p$
 $\text{Tran}_{1-b} := \text{Sim}(pk_{1-b})$
 $a_{1-b} := h_{1-b} / H(R_{1-b}, A_b)$
 $a'_{1-b} := h'_{1-b} - H'(R_{1-b}, R'_{1-b}, A_b)$
 $A_{1-b} := (a_{1-b}, a'_{1-b})$
 $(R_b, st_b) \leftarrow_{\$} P_1(sk_b)$
 $h_b := H(R_b, A_{1-b}) \times a_b$
 $(R'_b, st'_b) \leftarrow_{\$} P_2(st_b, sk_b, R_b, h_b)$
 $h'_b := H'(R_b, R'_b, A_{1-b}) + a'_b$
 $s_b \leftarrow P_3(st'_b, sk_b, R_b, R'_b, h_b, h'_b)$
 Return $s := (R_0, R'_0, R_1, R'_1, A_0, A_1, s_0, s_1)$

To convert multi-round IP into OR-proof, offset a is required to compute ID's challenge h



s



$V_{\text{OR}}(pk, s)$

$h_0 := H(R_0, A_1) \times a_0$
 $h'_0 := H'(R_0, R'_0, A_1) + a'_0$
 $h_1 := H(R_1, A_0) \times a_1$
 $h'_1 := H'(R_1, R'_1, A_0) + a'_1$
 $v_0 \leftarrow V_0(pk_0, R_0, R'_0, h_0, h'_0, A_0, s_0)$
 $v_1 \leftarrow V_1(pk_1, R_1, R'_1, h_1, h'_1, A_1, s_1)$
 Return $(v_0 \wedge v_1)$

New Signature from [KLP17]+[FGQRW23]



Signer

$\text{KGen}(1^\lambda)$

$(pk, sk) \leftarrow_{\$} \text{IGen}_{\text{OR}}(1^\lambda)$
Return (pk, sk)



Verifier

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Return $\sigma := (R_0, R'_0, R_1, R'_1, A_0, A_1, s_0, s_1)$

σ

$\text{Verify}(pk, m, \sigma)$

$h_0 := H(pk_0, R_0, R_1, A_1, m) \times a_0$

$h'_0 := H'(pk_0, R_0, R_1, R'_0, A_1, m) + a'_0$

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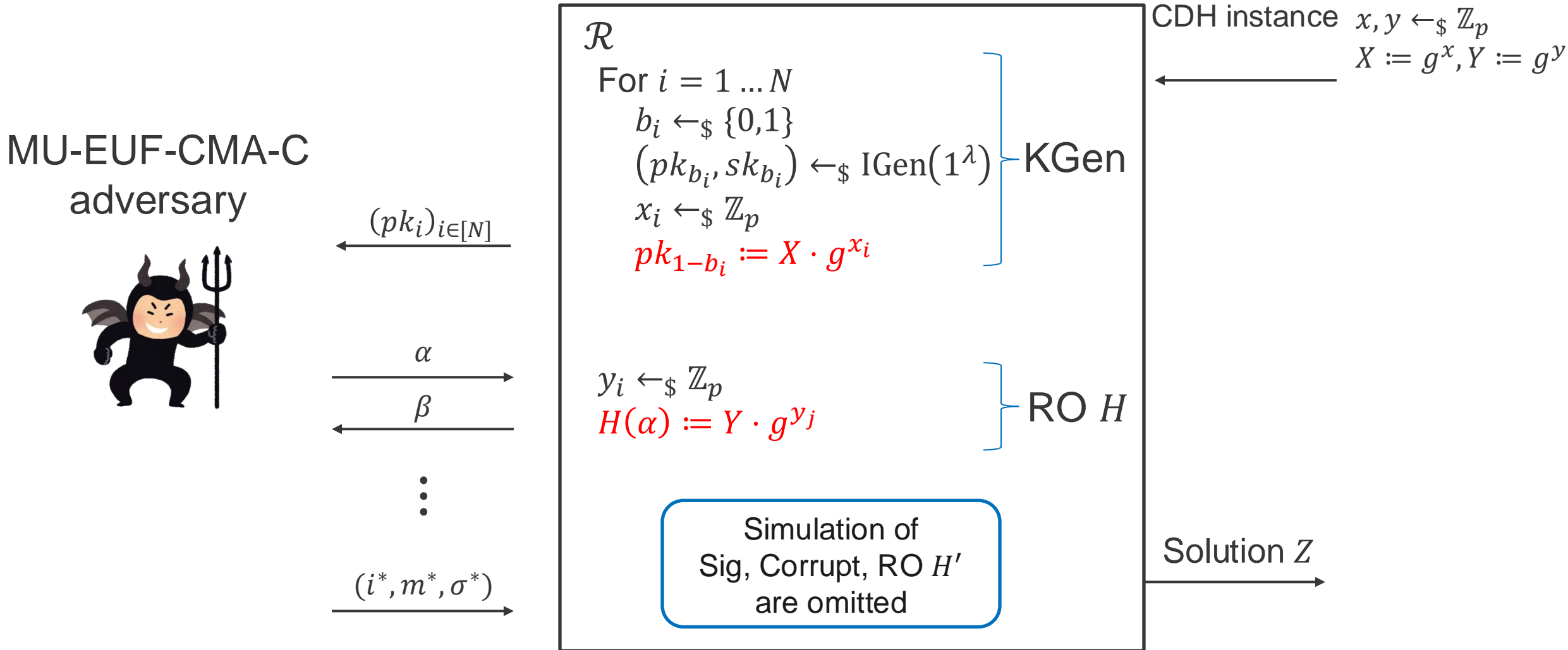
$v_0 \leftarrow V_0(pk_0, R_0, R'_0, h_0, h'_0, A_0, s_0)$

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Security Proof for New Signature

- We first take the similar proof approach as [KLP17]



Can \mathcal{R} Extract CDH Solution from Forgery?

- Forged signature:

$$\sigma^* := (R_0^*, R_0'^*, R_1^*, R_1'^*, A_0^*, A_1^*, s_0^*, s_1^*), \quad R_{1-b}'^* := (R_{L,1-b}^*, R_{R,1-b}^*)$$

- If $\text{Verify}(pk^*, m^*, \sigma^*) = 1$, following is a DH tuple

$$(g, pk_{1-b}^*, h_{1-b}^* = H(\cdot) \times a_{1-b}^* = Y g^{y_j} \times a_{1-b}^*, R_{L,1-b}^*)$$

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- Therefore,

$$R_{L,1-b}^* = a_{1-b}^* \overset{sk_{1-b}^*}{\times} Y^x \times \underbrace{X^{y_j} \times Y^{x_i} \times g^{x_i y_j}}_{\mathcal{R} \text{ can compute them by itself}}$$

\mathcal{R} cannot compute this term since it does not know $sk_{1-b,i}^*$ and DL of a_{1-b}^*

Solution of CDH instance

\mathcal{R} can compute them by itself

\mathcal{R} cannot solve CDH problem...



Our Idea to Allow \mathcal{R} to Solve CDH Instance

- To get $(g, pk_{1-b}^*, Yg^{y_j}, R_{L,1-b}^*)$ as DH tuple, \mathcal{R} programs RO H as

$$H(\cdot) = \frac{Yg^{y_j}}{a_{1-b}} \leftarrow \text{Divide by offset in advance}$$

- Then,

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- How \mathcal{R} decides offset a to program H ?

$\Rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ sends a_{1-b}^* to H to generate the forged signature

$\Rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ makes q_H queries and \mathcal{R} cannot detect which one is used for σ^*

\Rightarrow **\mathcal{R} chooses a_{1-b}^* from q_H queries, which incurs q_H loss...**



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