

# Group Action Key Encapsulation and Non-Interactive Key Exchange in the QROM

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**Abstract.** In the context of quantum-resistant cryptography, cryptographic group actions offer an abstraction of isogeny-based cryptography in the Commutative Supersingular Isogeny Diffie-Hellman (CSIDH) setting. In this work, we revisit the security of two previously proposed natural protocols: the Group Action Hashed ElGamal key encapsulation mechanism (GA-HEG KEM) and the Group Action Hashed Diffie-Hellman non-interactive key-exchange (GA-HDH NIKE) protocol. The latter protocol has already been considered to be used in practical protocols such as Post-Quantum WireGuard (S&P '21) and OPTLS (CCS '20).

We prove that *active* security of the two protocols in the Quantum Random Oracle Model (QROM) inherently relies on very strong variants of the Group Action Strong CDH problem, where the adversary is given arbitrary *quantum access* to a DDH oracle. That is, quantum accessible Strong CDH assumptions are not only sufficient but also necessary to prove active security of the GA-HEG KEM and the GA-HDH NIKE protocols.

Furthermore, we propose variants of the protocols with QROM security from the classical Strong CDH assumption, i.e., CDH with classical access to the DDH oracle. Our first variant uses key confirmation and can therefore only be applied in the KEM setting. Our second but considerably less efficient variant is based on the twinning technique by Cash et al. (EUROCRYPT '08) and in particular yields the first actively secure isogeny-based NIKE with QROM security from the standard CDH assumption.

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# 1 Introduction

A non-interactive key exchange (NIKE) is a protocol that allows two parties to establish a common secret key in a non-interactive way. The first and most famous NIKE is the Diffie-Hellman key exchange [15] which forms the basis for a lot of other cryptographic protocols like ElGamal [18]. Most notably however, the existence of a secure NIKE implies secure key encapsulation mechanisms (KEM) (and hence public-key encryption) and authenticated key exchange (AKE) [20]. A NIKE can therefore be seen as one of the most basic and important primitives in cryptography.

The emergence of quantum computing however continues to have an unprecedented impact on public key cryptography. When scaled to a suitable size, quantum computers pose a threat to almost all classical public-key primitives, including Diffie-Hellman and ElGamal [37]. To mitigate this threat, researchers started building quantum resisting public-key cryptography based on certain quantum-hard problems on codes, lattices and isogenies. Even though quantum-resistant public-key encryption from lattices seems to offer the favorable trade-off over codes and isogenies in terms of speed, ciphertext expansion, and security, building an efficient (even passively secure) NIKE from codes or lattices remains an unsolved research problem.

**ISOGENY-BASED CRYPTOGRAPHY.** A promising alternative approach to post-quantum security is based on isogenies. An isogeny is a non-constant homomorphism between elliptic curves. In an algebraic context, isogenies can be used to build a commutative group action that behaves similarly to exponentiation in finite fields. This was first observed by Couveignes [14] and independently by Rostovtsev and Stolbunov [35]. The first practical instantiation was obtained by Castryck et al. [12] which in contrast to previous work uses the group action on the set of *supersingular* elliptic curves. Throughout this paper, we will use the abstract framework of cryptographic group actions introduced by Alami et al. [2] to model isogeny-based constructions. (See Section 2.3 for formal definitions.) At a syntactical level, cryptographic group actions allow for a simple Group Action Diffie-Hellman (GA-DH) key exchange and Group Action ElGamal (GA-EG) public-key encryption scheme. With this abstraction in mind, the famous Commutative Supersingular Isogeny Diffie-Hellman (CSIDH) key exchange protocol of [12] can be seen as a specific instantiation of GA-DH.

For cryptographic group actions, the analog of the traditional Computational Diffie-Hellman assumption (over prime-order groups) is the *Group Action Computational Diffie-Hellman assumption* (GA-CDH) [14,35,12,2], see also Definition 6. GA-CDH is sufficient to prove passive security of “hashed versions” of GA-DH and GA-EG in the random oracle model. In analogy to the prime-order group setting, for active security one requires a “strong” type of Computational Diffie-Hellman assumption [1]. Providing the adversary additional access to a Group Action Decisional Diffie-Hellman oracle  $\text{GA-DDH}(\cdot, \cdot)$ , i.e. an oracle which tells us whether a pair of elements forms a Diffie-Hellman tuple, defines the *Group Action Strong Computational Diffie-Hellman assumption* (GA-StCDH). The prefix *strong* refers to the fact that the first input to this oracle is fixed (as opposed to the stronger and non-falsifiable *gap* assumptions). This assumption is well-known in the standard prime-order group setting and has already been used in proving active security of several protocols [28,29,39] in the group action setting as well.<sup>1</sup>

**QUANTUM RANDOM ORACLE MODEL.** The random-oracle model (ROM) [7] is commonly used in modern cryptography to argue *practical security* of cryptographic schemes. Adversaries with access to quantum computers will be able to implement the hash function on those, and therefore can evaluate the hash function on arbitrary quantum superpositions. To account for this gain in capabilities, the *quantum(-accessible)* random-oracle model (QROM) has been introduced [9]. The QROM has become the accepted model for proving post-quantum security and it is generally believed that proofs in the classical ROM are not sufficient to claim post-quantum security.

**ACTIVELY SECURE KEMS AND NIKE PROTOCOLS.** In this work we are interested in constructing actively (i.e. IND-CCA) secure KEMs and actively secure NIKE protocols over cryptographic group actions.

Let us first look at the simpler case of KEMs. Generally speaking, we know of two natural approaches to build efficient IND-CCA secure KEMs. The first approach is generic and applies the Fujisaki-Okamoto

<sup>1</sup> We stress that GA-StCDH over standard cryptographic group actions is well defined (and falsifiable), even though it is an interactive assumption. Furthermore, for some groups actions (i.e., ones implied by cryptographic pairings over prime-order groups) the Decisional Diffie-Hellman oracle is publicly computable and hence GA-StCDH becomes non-interactive.

(FO) transform [21,23] to an IND-CPA secure PKE scheme (such as GA-EG) to obtain an IND-CCA secure KEM, with provable security in the QROM. The second, non-generic approach is to adapt the well-known (prime-order group) Hashed ElGamal encryption framework of [1] to group actions by "hashing the raw KEM key" to obtain the *Group Action Hashed ElGamal KEM* (GA-HEG). Indeed, [39] proved the security of GA-HEG (called CSIDH-ECIES in [39]) under the GA-StCDH assumption in the ROM.<sup>2</sup> GA-HEG was implicitly and explicitly used in [28,29,39] and its active (IND-CCA) security in the QROM was left as an open problem in [39].<sup>3</sup>

For building an actively secure NIKE, one cannot apply the FO transformation and hence has to resort to adapting the (prime-order group) Hashed Diffie-Hellman NIKE [20] to obtain the *Group Action Hashed Diffie-Hellman NIKE* protocol (GA-HDH). To the best of our knowledge, the active security of the GA-HDH NIKE has not been formally analyzed yet, not even in the ROM. This is in particular unsatisfactory since GA-HDH has already been considered to be used in practical protocols such as Post-Quantum WireGuard [25] and OPTLS [36].

In conclusion, while the IND-CCA security of GA-HEG in the ROM is known to be implied by the GA-StCDH assumption, it remains an open problem to prove its IND-CCA security in the QROM (under any assumption). Similarly, studying the active security of the GA-HDH NIKE in the QROM also remains an open problem.

## 1.1 Our Contributions

In this paper we study the active security of the Group Action Hashed Diffie-Hellman NIKE GA-HDH and the Group Action Hashed ElGamal KEM GA-HEG in the QROM, and derive variants thereof with improved security guarantees. We now discuss our results in detail. For an overview of our results obtained for KEMs we refer to Figure 1.

**GA-HEG KEM AND GA-HDH NIKE.** It is easy to see that in the (non-quantum) ROM the active security of GA-HEG is implied by the GA-StCDH assumption. The first main contribution of this paper is to notice that in the QROM one requires a considerably stronger assumptions to prove security of GA-HEG. To this end we define the following two stronger variants of GA-StCDH which differ only in the access to the decision oracle (for implications see Figure 1):

- Partial Quantum access Strong Diffie-Hellman (GA-PQ-StCDH): the first input to the GA-DDH( $\cdot, \cdot$ ) oracle is classical and the second is in quantum superposition.
- Full Quantum access Strong Diffie-Hellman (GA-FQ-StCDH): both inputs to the GA-DDH( $\cdot, \cdot$ ) oracle are in quantum superposition.

Similar to the QROM, the answer of a quantum superposition query to the two quantum-accessible GA-DDH oracles is also in quantum superposition.

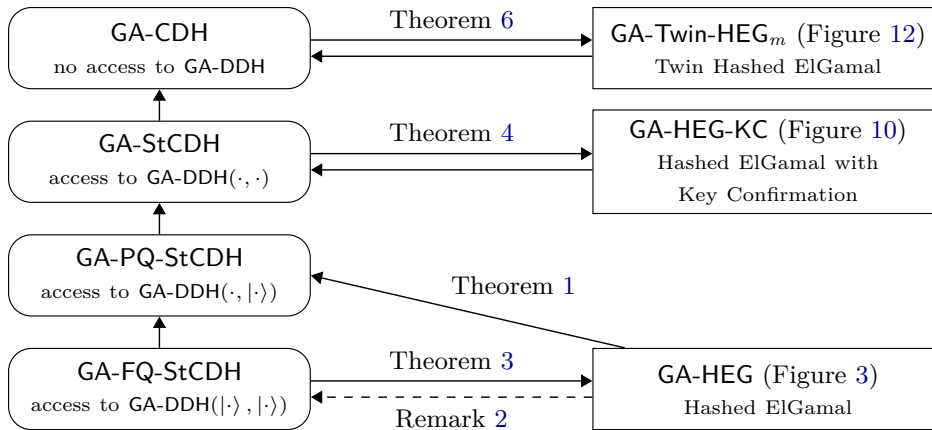
Our first main theorem states that under the GA-FQ-StCDH assumption (full quantum access to the DDH oracle), GA-HEG is IND-CCA secure in the QROM. Furthermore, IND-CCA security in the QROM of GA-HEG implies the GA-PQ-StCDH assumption (partial quantum access to the DDH oracle), hence GA-PQ-StCDH is necessary for GA-HEG's IND-CCA security. The situation for the GA-HDH NIKE is similar, with the difference that "double base" strong assumptions (called GA-DPQ-StCDH and GA-DFQ-StCDH) are required.

This leaves us in the alarming situation that active security of GA-HEG and GA-HDH inherently require a group action CDH assumption with quantum access to the DDH oracle. Due to the quantum access, the latter assumptions cannot be considered as standard assumptions and require further cryptanalysis before we can recommend using GA-HEG KEM and GA-HDH NIKE in practice.

We will now propose two modifications to get security without quantum access to the decision oracles. The first and more efficient modification is using "key confirmation" and only works for KEMs. The second and less efficient modification relies on the "twinning technique" and can be applied to NIKES and KEMs.

<sup>2</sup> The QROM proof of a variant called CSIDH-PSEC in [39] is flawed (see Appendix E for details).

<sup>3</sup> There also exist IND-CCA secure PKE schemes constructed directly from CSIDH, using additional structure of the elliptic curves. [32] proposed the SimS scheme which is an extension of SiGamal [19] and relies on a non-standard knowledge-of-exponent assumption to achieve IND-CCA security in the standard model. These protocols and assumptions cannot be modeled in the abstract group action framework.



**Fig. 1.** Overview of our assumptions and results for different variants of hashed ElGamal. The assumptions (elements with rounded corners) are given in Definitions 6 and 7. Solid arrows without indication of a theorem correspond to trivial implications. For the assumptions the only difference is a more limited access to the decision oracle  $\text{GA-DDH}$ , where  $|\cdot\rangle$  denotes quantum access. The dashed arrow holds for *quantum* security, where the adversary is allowed to issue decapsulation queries in superposition.

**GA-HEG-KC KEM: KEY CONFIRMATION.** Our first method is to update **GA-HEG** the KEM with a key confirmation hash, i.e., every ciphertext additionally contains a hash of the “raw KEM key”. This only increases the ciphertext size by one hash, but allows for a different IND-CCA proof technique in the QROM. To be more precise, in the classical ROM, one can use the additional hash to extract the secret information from a ciphertext. In the QROM, this is more involved, but we can use the extractable oracle simulator from [16] to use similar techniques and give a security proof only relying on the more standard **GA-StCDH** assumption. Specifically, we rely on the fact that decapsulation queries are classical, which allows us to partially measure the simulated random oracle and extract its queries without noticeably disturbing its quantum state.

Unfortunately, it is not possible to use key confirmation in a NIKÉ setting.

**GA-Twin-HEG<sub>m</sub> KEM AND GA-Twin-HDH<sub>m</sub> NIKÉ: TWINNING.** We show how to use the twinning technique [11] in the context of group actions to build an actively secure KEM and NIKÉ from the standard **GA-CDH** assumption (no DDH oracle access) in the QROM. Since group actions only have limited structure compared to prime-order groups, it seems unavoidable to pursue a bit-wise approach for the twinning technique. Our main leverage is a trapdoor test which allows us to check if several adversarial inputs form a Diffie-Hellman tuple with the challenge elements. The failure probability of this trapdoor test can be reduced to the generic quantum search problem, for which the quantum hardness is optimally bounded by the Grover algorithm. Although this approach does not achieve practical efficiency, it is interesting from a theoretical viewpoint. We specify the twinning parameter  $m$  for 128-bit security to instantiate the twinned versions of our **GA-Twin-HEG<sub>m</sub>** KEM and **GA-Twin-HDH<sub>m</sub>** NIKÉ. At this point we want to highlight that our **GA-Twin-HDH<sub>m</sub>** protocol is the only known NIKÉ with active security from a standard assumption (without quantum accessible DDH oracles).

**EFFICIENCY COMPARISON.** In Table 1 in Section 6, we give an overview of the schemes analyzed in this work and compare them to the FO variant **GA-EG-FO** of Group Action ElGamal. The KEM variants **GA-HEG** and **GA-Twin-HEG<sub>m</sub>** share the same minimal ciphertext size but we cannot recommend using them since **GA-HEG**’s security inherently relies on the **GA-FQ-StCDH** assumption (with quantum accessible DDH oracle) and **GA-Twin-HEG<sub>m</sub>** is computationally very expensive. In comparison, the KEM variants **GA-HEG-KC** and **GA-EG-FO** only add one additional hash to the ciphertext but offer security from standard assumptions. Here **GA-HEG-KC** is preferable since decapsulation is about twice as efficient as in **GA-EG-FO** (due to FO’s re-encryption).

As for the more important case of NIKÉs, one either has to use the efficient **GA-HDH** variant with security under the **GA-DFQ-StCDH** assumption (with quantum accessible DDH oracles) or use the inefficient **GA-Twin-HDH<sub>m</sub>** NIKÉ. We leave it as an important open problem to construct a practically efficient actively secure NIKÉ under a standard hardness assumption.

QROM PROOF DETAILS. One of the standard tools to prove security in the QROM is the O2H [38] lemma, which unfortunately leads to quite loose bounds. Recently, there has been a lot of progress in developing new variants which give tighter bounds, such as the measure-rewind-measure O2H (MRM-O2H) [31] lemma. While these variants give usually tighter bounds, they can often only be applied in more limited scenarios due to additional constraints. In our work we show how to apply MRM to GA-HEG and GA-Twin-HEG<sub>m</sub> to obtain tighter bounds than the by applying the original O2H lemma. For proving GA-HEG-KC we need to extract the preimages of the key-confirmation hash. We use the extractable random-oracle simulator of [16], which allows use to to prove it from the GA-StCDH assumption.

For GA-Twin-HEG<sub>m</sub> and GA-Twin-HDH<sub>m</sub>, the main tool to remove the need for the GA-StCDH is the trapdoor test. While it is easy to show its indistinguishability for regular groups in the standard model, it is unclear whether or not a quantum adversary has a significant advantage against the trapdoor test compared to a classical adversary. We solve the second problem by showing that the indistinguishability of the trapdoor test can be (tightly) reduced to the Generic Distinguishing Problem (GDP). This allows us to use well-known results on the hardness of quantum search to bound the advantage of such adversaries and apply the trapdoor test as a substitute for the decision oracle of the GA-StCDH assumption.

## 1.2 Further Applications

We believe our QROM analysis carries over to the following primitives and constructions.

AUTHENTICATED KEY EXCHANGE. Kawashima et al. as well as de Kock et al. [28,29] translated the Diffie-Hellman based AKE protocol of [13] to the CSIDH setting and proved security in the ROM assuming the GA-StCDH assumption. However, both works left it as an open question to prove security in the QROM. Our analysis demonstrates that this proof will only work assuming (at least partial) quantum access to the decision oracle. In this case, our proof techniques carry over directly. Alternatively, we can also extend the AKE protocol by an additional round to include key confirmation. Using the same technique as in our result on hashed ElGamal with key confirmation will allow to prove security of this extended AKE protocol in the QROM based on the GA-StCDH assumption without quantum access to the decision oracle. However, the additional benefit here is that key confirmation enables explicit authentication, whereas the protocol without key confirmation only achieves implicit authentication.

SIGNCRYPTION AND AUTHENTICATED KEMs. The DH-AKEM which was analyzed in the context of the HPKE standard [3] can easily be translated to the group action setting. The scheme is syntactically a signcryption KEM and will be combined with a symmetric encryption scheme. This construction, also named the authenticated mode of HPKE, was proposed to be used in the Message Layer Security (MLS) secure group messaging protocol [6] and the Encrypted Server Name Indication (ESNI) extension for TLS 1.3 [33]. So far, a post-quantum secure instantiation was not proposed, but our results show how to prove security of a group action based construction in the QROM under GA-FQ-StCDH (full quantum access to the decision oracle). Alternatively, we can also extend the scheme by key confirmation and prove security under GA-StCDH.

POST-QUANTUM SECURE TLS. Currently, there is a great effort in replacing the Diffie-Hellman based approach in the TLS handshake by a post-quantum secure alternative. In order to avoid signature schemes which are rather inefficient, a generic KEM-based approach was considered to allow for an easy instantiation [36], however at the cost of efficiency since it requires an additional round. Instead of signatures, it is also possible to use a NIKE directly, as considered for the case of long-term Diffie-Hellman keys in the OPTLS protocol by Krawczyk and Wee in [30] and in a subsequent IETF draft [34]. In this case, a security analysis of the group-action NIKE in the QROM is crucial and our work provides the first results in this direction, namely that a security proof for group action OPTLS will need to rely at least on the GA-PQ-StCDH assumption (partial quantum access to the decision oracles) and is implied by the GA-FQ-StCDH assumption (full quantum access).

MORE APPLICATIONS. In the group setting, Hashed ElGamal can be used to build multi-recipient multi-message PKE (mmPKE) by using the same randomness for multiple messages. This reduces sender bandwidth and computation substantially and can be used in Continuous Group Key Agreement (CGKA), which underlies modern and scalable Secure Group Messaging (SGM) such as MLS [6] to significantly improve performance [4]. Since GA-HEG has an identical structure, reusing randomness can yield a similar construction with post-quantum security. This is a first step towards efficient, post-quantum secure SGM.



## 2 Preliminaries

For integers  $m, n$  where  $m < n$ ,  $[m, n]$  denotes the set  $\{m, m + 1, \dots, n\}$ . For  $m = 1$ , we simply write  $[n]$ . By  $\log(x)$  we denote the logarithm over the reals with base 2. For a (finite) set  $S$ ,  $s \xleftarrow{\$} S$  denotes that  $s$  is sampled uniformly and independently at random from  $S$ .  $y \leftarrow \mathcal{A}(x_1, x_2, \dots)$  denotes that on input  $x_1, x_2, \dots$  the probabilistic algorithm  $\mathcal{A}$  returns  $y$ .  $\mathcal{A}^{\text{O}}$  denotes that algorithm  $\mathcal{A}$  has access to oracle  $\text{O}$ . An adversary is a probabilistic algorithm. We will use code-based games, where  $\Pr[G \Rightarrow 1]$  denotes the probability that the final output of game  $G$  is 1. The notation  $\llbracket B \rrbracket$ , where  $B$  is a boolean statement, refers to a bit that is 1 if the statement is true and 0 otherwise. For all algorithms and oracles, we implicitly require that they check whether (adversarial) inputs are from the expected input space. If this is not the case, the algorithm (oracle) will simply return a failure symbol  $\perp$ .

### 2.1 Key Encapsulation Mechanisms

**SYNTAX.** Let  $\mathcal{PK}, \mathcal{SK}, \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{K}$  be sets. A *key encapsulation mechanism*  $\text{KEM} = (\text{Gen}, \text{Encaps}, \text{Decaps})$  consists of the following three algorithms

- **Gen:** The key generation algorithm outputs a public key  $\text{pk} \in \mathcal{PK}$  and a secret key  $\text{sk} \in \mathcal{SK}$ .
- **Encaps(pk):** On input a public key  $\text{pk}$ , the encapsulation algorithm returns a ciphertext  $\text{ct} \in \mathcal{C}$  and a key  $K \in \mathcal{K}$ , where  $\text{ct}$  is an encapsulation of  $K$ .
- **Decaps(sk, ct):** On input a secret key  $\text{sk}$  and a ciphertext  $\text{ct}$ , the decapsulation algorithm returns a key  $K \in \mathcal{K}$  or a special failure symbol  $\perp$ .

We require perfect correctness, i.e. for all  $(\text{pk}, \text{sk}) \leftarrow \text{Gen}$ ,  $(\text{ct}, K) \leftarrow \text{Encaps}(\text{pk})$ , we have  $\text{Decaps}(\text{sk}, \text{ct}) = K$ .

**Definition 1 (Security against Chosen Ciphertext Attacks (IND-CCA)).** Consider the IND-CCA security game in Figure 2. For a key encapsulation mechanism  $\text{KEM}$  we define the advantage of  $\mathcal{A}$  winning the game as

$$\text{Adv}_{\text{KEM}}^{\text{IND-CCA}}(\mathcal{A}) := |\Pr[\text{IND-CCA}(\mathcal{A}) \Rightarrow 1] - 1/2|.$$

### 2.2 Non-Interactive Key Exchange

We recall syntax and the CKS security model of a Non-Interactive Key Exchange (NIKE) scheme, as defined in [11,20].

**SYNTAX.** A non-interactive key exchange scheme  $\text{NIKE}$  consists of three algorithms  $\text{NIKE.Setup}$ ,  $\text{NIKE.Gen}$  and  $\text{NIKE.SharedKey}$  together with an identity space  $\mathcal{ID}$  and a shared key space  $\mathcal{SHK}$ , where identities in the scheme are only used to track which public key is associated to which user.

- **NIKE.Setup:** The setup algorithm outputs a set of public parameters  $\text{pp}$ .
- **NIKE.Gen(pp, ID):** On input  $\text{pp}$  and  $\text{ID} \in \mathcal{ID}$ , the key generation algorithm outputs a public key  $\text{pk}$  and a secret key  $\text{sk}$ .
- **NIKE.SharedKey(ID<sub>1</sub>, pk<sub>1</sub>, ID<sub>2</sub>, sk<sub>2</sub>):** On input  $\text{ID}_1 \in \mathcal{ID}$  together with a public key  $\text{pk}_1$  and  $\text{ID}_2 \in \mathcal{ID}$  together with a secret key  $\text{sk}_2$ , the shared key algorithm outputs a shared key  $K$ . In case  $\text{ID}_1 = \text{ID}_2$ , the algorithm outputs a failure symbol  $\perp$ .

<b>Game</b> $\text{IND-CCA}(\mathcal{A})$	<b>Oracle</b> $\text{DECAPS}(\text{ct})$
00 $(\text{pk}, \text{sk}) \leftarrow \text{Gen}$	06 <b>if</b> $\text{ct} = \text{ct}^*$
01 $b \xleftarrow{\$} \{0, 1\}$	07 <b>return</b> $\perp$
02 $(\text{ct}^*, K_0) \leftarrow \text{Encaps}(\text{pk})$	08 <b>return</b> $\text{Dec}(\text{sk}, \text{ct})$
03 $K_1 \xleftarrow{\$} \mathcal{K}$	
04 $b' \leftarrow \mathcal{A}^{\text{DECAPS}}(\text{pk}, \text{ct}^*, K_b)$	
05 <b>return</b> $\llbracket b = b' \rrbracket$	

**Fig. 2.** The IND-CCA game for a key encapsulation mechanism  $\text{KEM}$ .

CORRECTNESS. We require that for any pair of identities  $ID_1, ID_2 \in \mathcal{ID}$  and any corresponding key pairs  $(pk_1, sk_1)$  and  $(pk_2, sk_2)$ , it holds that

$$\text{NIKE.SharedKey}(ID_1, pk_1, ID_2, sk_2) = \text{NIKE.SharedKey}(ID_2, pk_2, ID_1, sk_1) .$$

CKS SECURITY MODEL. The security of a NIKE protocol is modeled as a game between a challenger and an adversary  $\mathcal{A}$ . First, the challenger runs  $\text{NIKE.Setup}$  to generate the public parameter  $pp$  which it outputs to  $\mathcal{A}$ . The challenger also draws a random bit  $b$  and gives  $\mathcal{A}$  access to the following oracles.

- REGISTERHONEST:  $\mathcal{A}$  supplies an identity  $ID \in \mathcal{ID}$  and the challenger runs  $\text{NIKE.Gen}(pp, ID)$  to generate a key pair  $(pk, sk)$ . It records  $(\text{honest}, ID, pk, sk)$  and returns the public key  $pk$  to  $\mathcal{A}$ .
- REGISTERCORRUPT:  $\mathcal{A}$  supplies an identity  $ID \in \mathcal{ID}$  and a public key  $pk$  and the challenger records  $(\text{corrupt}, ID, pk, \perp)$ . If  $\mathcal{A}$  issues a query with the same  $ID$  again later, only the most recent entry is kept. Note here that we do not require that  $\mathcal{A}$  knows the corresponding secret key.
- CORRUPTREVEAL:  $\mathcal{A}$  supplies two identities  $ID_1$  and  $ID_2$  with the restriction that one identity was registered as *honest* and the other one as *corrupt*, otherwise the oracle returns  $\perp$ . The challenger looks in its record to fetch the secret key of the honest party and the public key of the corrupted party. If  $ID_1$  was honest, it computes and returns  $\text{NIKE.SharedKey}(ID_2, pk_2, ID_1, sk_1)$  and otherwise  $\text{NIKE.SharedKey}(ID_1, pk_1, ID_2, sk_2)$ .
- TEST:  $\mathcal{A}$  supplies two identities  $ID_1$  and  $ID_2$  with the restriction that both were registered as *honest* and  $ID_1 \neq ID_2$ , otherwise the oracle returns  $\perp$ . The challenger fetches the public key of  $ID_1$  and the secret key of  $ID_2$  from its records and computes  $K_0 = \text{NIKE.SharedKey}(ID_1, pk_1, ID_2, sk_2)$ . It also chooses a random key  $K_1 \xleftarrow{\$} \mathcal{SK}$  and records it for later. It outputs  $K_b$ , depending on the bit  $b$  chosen at the beginning. If  $b = 1$  and  $\mathcal{A}$  queries the same identities again, in either order, the recorded key is output again.

The oracles can be queried adaptively and an arbitrary number of times. We require that no identity that was registered as corrupt can be later registered as honest, and vice versa. Finally, the adversary outputs a bit  $b'$ .

**Definition 2 (Security of NIKE).** Consider the CKS security game as described above. Then the advantage of adversary  $\mathcal{A}$  against a non-interactive key exchange scheme NIKE is defined as

$$\text{Adv}_{\text{NIKE}}^{\text{CKS}}(\mathcal{A}) := |\Pr[b = b'] - 1/2| .$$

### 2.3 (Restricted) Effective Group Actions

We recall the definition of (restricted) effective group actions from [2], which provides an abstract framework to build cryptographic primitives relying on isogeny-based assumptions such as CSIDH.

**Definition 3 (Group Action).** Let  $(\mathcal{G}, \cdot)$  be a group with identity element  $e \in \mathcal{G}$ , and  $\mathcal{X}$  a set. A map

$$\star : \mathcal{G} \times \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$$

is a group action if it satisfies the following properties:

1. Identity:  $e \star x = x$  for all  $x \in \mathcal{X}$ .
2. Compatibility:  $(g \cdot h) \star x = g \star (h \star x)$  for all  $g, h \in \mathcal{G}$  and  $x \in \mathcal{X}$ .

*Remark 1.* Throughout this paper, we only consider group actions, where  $\mathcal{G}$  is commutative. Moreover we assume that the group action is regular. This means that for any  $x, y \in \mathcal{X}$  there exists precisely one  $g \in \mathcal{G}$  satisfying  $y = g \star x$ .

**Definition 4 (Effective Group Action).** Let  $(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{X}, \star)$  be a group action satisfying the following properties:

1.  $\mathcal{G}$  is finite and there exist efficient (PPT) algorithms for membership testing, equality testing, (random) sampling, group operation and inversion.
2. The set  $\mathcal{X}$  is finite and there exist efficient algorithms for membership testing and to compute a unique representation.
3. There exists a distinguished element  $\tilde{x} \in \mathcal{X}$  with known representation.
4. There exists an efficient algorithm to evaluate the group action, i.e. to compute  $g \star x$  given  $g$  and  $x$ .



Then we call  $\tilde{x} \in \mathcal{X}$  the origin and  $(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{X}, \star, \tilde{x})$  an effective group action (EGA).

In practice, the requirements from the definition of EGA are often too strong. Therefore we will consider the weaker notion of restricted effective group actions.

**Definition 5 (Restricted Effective Group Action).** Let  $(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{X}, \star)$  be a group action and let  $\mathbf{g} = (g_1, \dots, g_n)$  be a generating set for  $\mathcal{G}$ . Assume that the following properties are satisfied:

1. The group  $\mathcal{G}$  is finite and  $n = \text{poly}(\log(\#\mathcal{G}))$ .
2. The set  $\mathcal{X}$  is finite and there exist efficient algorithms for membership testing and to compute a unique representation.
3. There exists a distinguished element  $\tilde{x} \in \mathcal{X}$  with known representation.
4. There exists an efficient algorithm that given  $g_i \in \mathbf{g}$  and  $x \in \mathcal{X}$ , outputs  $g_i \star x$  and  $g_i^{-1} \star x$ .

Then we call  $(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{X}, \star, \tilde{x})$  a restricted effective group action (REGA).

Alamati et al. [2] introduced the definition of a weak unpredictable group action. We will use a different notation for that property which is syntactically closer to the prime-order group setting. Note that both definitions are equivalent. In particular, we will use the following assumption.

**Definition 6 (Group Action Computational Diffie-Hellman Problem).** On input  $(g \star \tilde{x}, h \star \tilde{x})$ , the group action computational Diffie-Hellman problem (GA-CDH) requires to compute the set element  $gh \star \tilde{x}$ . To an effective group action EGA, we associate the advantage function of an adversary  $\mathcal{A}$  as

$$\text{Adv}_{\text{EGA}}^{\text{GA-CDH}}(\mathcal{A}) := \Pr[\mathcal{A}(g \star \tilde{x}, h \star \tilde{x}) \Rightarrow gh \star \tilde{x}] ,$$

where  $g, h \xleftarrow{\$} \mathcal{G}$ .

The most promising post-quantum secure instantiation of REGAs is provided by CSIDH. We recall its properties in Appendix A.

## 2.4 QROM Preliminaries

We use different well-known results from post-quantum cryptography. Specifically, our proofs use the oneway-to-hiding [38] (O2H) lemma from [5] and its measure-rewind-measure (MRM) variant from [31] as well as the online extractable quantum random oracle framework from [16]. We recall the MRM O2H lemma below. Further definitions as well as some basic techniques such as random oracle simulation can be found in Appendix B.

**Lemma 1 (Measure-Rewind-Measure O2H. Lemma 3.3 in [31]).** Let  $\mathbf{G}, \mathbf{H}: \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$  be random functions,  $z$  be a random value, and  $\mathcal{S} \subseteq \mathcal{X}$  be a random set such that  $\mathbf{G}(x) = \mathbf{H}(x)$  for every  $x \notin \mathcal{S}$ . The tuple  $(\mathbf{G}, \mathbf{H}, \mathcal{S}, z)$  may have arbitrary joint distribution. Furthermore, let  $\mathcal{A}^{\mathbf{O}}$  be a unitary/reversible quantum oracle algorithm which queries oracle  $\mathbf{O}$  with query depth  $d$ . Then we can construct an algorithm  $\text{Ext}^{\mathbf{G}, \mathbf{H}}(z)$  such that the running time of  $\text{Ext}$  is about at most three times the one of  $\mathcal{A}^{\mathbf{O}}$  and

$$\left| \Pr_{\mathbf{H}, z}[\mathcal{A}^{\mathbf{H}}(z) \Rightarrow 1] - \Pr_{\mathbf{G}, z}[\mathcal{A}^{\mathbf{G}}(z) \Rightarrow 1] \right| \leq 4d \cdot \Pr_{\mathbf{G}, \mathbf{H}, \mathcal{S}, z}[\mathcal{S} \cap \mathcal{T} \neq \emptyset : \mathcal{T} \leftarrow \text{Ext}^{\mathbf{G}, \mathbf{H}}(z)] .$$

Some of our proofs rely on the hardness of the Generic Distinguishing Problem (GDP), a decisional variant of the Generic Search Problem (GSP) [40,26,24]. Intuitively, an adversary gets oracle access to a function from some domain  $\mathcal{D}$  into  $\{0, 1\}$ , which is either the all-zero function or a function where the probability that any given point maps to 1 is small (i.e. bounded by some  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$ ), and has to decide which is the case. While the complexity of this problem is clear in the classical case, it is somewhat more difficult in the quantum case. We recall and adapt the well-known bounds to the GDP problem in this section.

**Lemma 2 (Generic Distinguishing Problem, decision version of Lemma 2 in [5], Lemma 2.9 from [24]).** Let  $\mathbf{F}: \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  be a random function drawn from a distribution such that  $\Pr[\mathbf{F}(x) = 1] \leq \lambda$  for all  $x$  and  $\mathbf{K}: \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \{0\}$  be the zero-function. Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a  $q$ -query algorithm with query depth  $d$  with quantum-access to its oracle. Then

$$\text{Adv}_{\mathbf{F}, q, d}^{\text{GDP}}(\mathcal{A}) := \left| \Pr[\text{GDP}_{\mathbf{F}, 0}^{\mathcal{A}} \Rightarrow 1] - \Pr[\text{GDP}_{\mathbf{F}, 1}^{\mathcal{A}} \Rightarrow 1] \right| \leq 4\sqrt{(d+1)q\lambda} , \quad (1)$$

<u>Gen</u>	<u>Encaps(pk)</u>	<u>Decaps(sk, ct)</u>
00 $\text{sk} := g \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} \mathcal{G}$	03 $r \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} \mathcal{G}$	07 $z := \text{sk} \star \text{ct}$
01 $\text{pk} := g \star \tilde{x}$	04 $\text{ct} := r \star \tilde{x}$	08 $K := \text{H}(\text{ct}, z)$
02 <b>return</b> (pk, sk)	05 $K := \text{H}(\text{ct}, r \star \text{pk})$	09 <b>return</b> K
	06 <b>return</b> (ct, K)	

**Fig. 3.** Key encapsulation mechanism GA-HEG for an effective group action  $\text{EGA} = (\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{X}, \star, \tilde{x})$ , where  $\text{H} : \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^\kappa$  is a hash function.

where  $\text{GDP}_{F,0}^A := \mathcal{A}^K()$  and  $\text{GDP}_{F,1}^A := \mathcal{A}^F()$ . Moreover, if the outputs of  $F$  are independent we have

$$\text{Adv}_{F,q,d}^{\text{GDP}}(\mathcal{A}) \leq 8(q+1)^2 \lambda. \quad (2)$$

We prove eq. (1) in Appendix B.2. The bound in eq. (2) is a reformulation from Lemma 2.9 from [24].

### 3 Necessary Assumptions for Group Action KEM and NIKE in the QROM

In this section we will first recall the two schemes we are looking at: Group Action Hashed ElGamal and the Group Action Hashed Diffie-Hellman NIKE scheme. We denote the schemes by GA-HEG and GA-HDH, respectively.

**Group Action Hashed ElGamal.** The scheme is given in Figure 3. Note that this is the same scheme as the CSIDH-ECIES-KEM considered in [39]. The public parameters consist of an effective group action  $\text{EGA} = (\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{X}, \star, \tilde{x})$  and a hash function  $\text{H} : \mathcal{X}^2 \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^\kappa$ . Further we set  $\mathcal{PK} = \mathcal{X}$ ,  $\mathcal{SK} = \mathcal{G}$  and  $\mathcal{K} = \{0, 1\}^\kappa$ . The key generation algorithm samples a random group element  $g \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} \mathcal{G}$  as secret key. In order to compute the public key,  $g$  is applied to the origin element  $\tilde{x}$  using the group action operation. The set element  $\text{pk} = g \star \tilde{x}$  is the public key. The encapsulation algorithm also first samples a random group element  $r \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} \mathcal{G}$  and then calculates the ciphertext  $\text{ct} = r \star \tilde{x}$ . The key is derived by first computing  $r \star \text{pk}$  (the shared DH value) and subsequently hashing  $r \star \text{pk}$  together with the ciphertext  $\text{ct}$ . Decapsulation first recomputes the shared DH value  $g \star \text{ct} = r \star \text{pk}$  and then applies the hash function  $\text{H}$ . Correctness of the scheme holds due to the commutativity of the group action.

**Group Action Hashed Diffie-Hellman.** A schematic overview of the hashed Diffie-Hellman NIKE scheme GA-HDH is given in Figure 4. As in the hashed ElGamal scheme, the public parameters  $\text{pp}$  include the description of  $\text{EGA}$  together with a hash function  $\text{H} : \{0, 1\}^* \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^\kappa$  such that  $\mathcal{PK} = \mathcal{X}$ ,  $\mathcal{SK} = \mathcal{G}$  and  $\mathcal{SHK} = \{0, 1\}^\kappa$ . We assume that  $\mathcal{ID} = \{0, 1\}^\mu$ , which means that each identity is represented by a bitstring of length  $\mu$  and there is a natural ordering  $<$  on the space of identities. On input an  $\text{ID} \in \mathcal{ID}$ , the key generation algorithm chooses a group element  $g \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} \mathcal{G}$  which will be the secret key  $\text{sk}_{\text{ID}}$ . The public key is computed as  $\text{pk}_{\text{ID}} = g \star \tilde{x} \in \mathcal{X}$ . The shared key of an identity  $\text{ID}_1$  with public key  $\text{pk}_{\text{ID}_1} = x$  and an identity  $\text{ID}_2 \neq \text{ID}_1$  with secret key  $\text{sk}_{\text{ID}_2} = g$  is defined as

$$K = \begin{cases} \text{H}(\text{ID}_1, \text{ID}_2, \text{pk}_{\text{ID}_1}, \text{pk}_{\text{ID}_2}, g \star x) & \text{if } \text{ID}_1 < \text{ID}_2 \\ \text{H}(\text{ID}_2, \text{ID}_1, \text{pk}_{\text{ID}_2}, \text{pk}_{\text{ID}_1}, g \star x) & \text{if } \text{ID}_2 < \text{ID}_1 \end{cases}.$$

Correctness again holds because of the commutativity of the group action itself and the ordering of IDs.

One of the goals of this work is to prove these schemes secure in the QROM (cf. Section 4). However, as it turns out, we will need stronger assumptions for the proofs than those defined in the literature. In the next section we introduce the corresponding assumptions. Furthermore, we show that a (somewhat) stronger assumption is indeed necessary by showing that it is implied by the security of the schemes themselves.

#### 3.1 Computational Group Action Diffie-Hellman with Quantum Oracle Access

Our new assumptions are all variants of the group action strong computational Diffie-Hellman problem (GA-StCDH). The GA-StCDH assumption is basically the translation of the strong CDH problem to

Alice A	Bob B
$\text{sk}_A = a \xleftarrow{\$} \mathcal{G}$	$\text{sk}_B = b \xleftarrow{\$} \mathcal{G}$
$\text{pk}_A = a \star \tilde{x}$	$\text{pk}_B = b \star \tilde{x}$
$z := a \star \text{pk}_B$	$z := b \star \text{pk}_A$
$K := H(A, B, \text{pk}_A, \text{pk}_B, z)$	

**Fig. 4.** Group Action Non-Interactive Key Exchange scheme GA-HDH for an effective group action  $\text{EGA} = (\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{X}, \star, \tilde{x})$ , where  $H : \{0, 1\}^* \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^\kappa$  is a hash function.

group actions (cf. also [28,29]), where the adversary is given access to a (fixed-base) decision oracle. What we need for our proofs is actually *quantum* access to the decision oracle, which is a considerably stronger assumption that was never considered before. For the NIKE proofs, we will also need a double-sided oracle definition, where the adversary gets access to two decision oracles, one for each of the challenge set elements, and its quantum variants. All variants are captured by Definition 7.

**Definition 7 (Variants of GA-StCDH).** *On input  $(g \star \tilde{x}, h \star \tilde{x})$ , the GA-XXX-StCDH requires to compute the set element  $gh \star \tilde{x}$  with access to a decision oracle which is specified below. To an effective group action EGA and an adversary  $\mathcal{A}$ , we associate the advantage function*

$$\text{Adv}_{\text{EGA}}^{\text{GA-XXX-StCDH}}(\mathcal{A}) := \Pr[\mathcal{A}^{\text{O}}(g \star \tilde{x}, h \star \tilde{x}) \Rightarrow gh \star \tilde{x}],$$

where  $g, h \xleftarrow{\$} \mathcal{G}$  and

$$\text{O} := \begin{cases} \text{GA-DDH}_g(\cdot, \cdot), & \text{XXX} = \{\} & (\text{classical}) \\ \text{GA-DDH}_g(\cdot, |\cdot\rangle), & \text{XXX} = \text{PQ} & (\text{partially quantum}) \\ \text{GA-DDH}_g(|\cdot\rangle, |\cdot\rangle), & \text{XXX} = \text{FQ} & (\text{fully quantum}) \\ \{\text{GA-DDH}_g(\cdot, \cdot), \text{GA-DDH}_h(\cdot, \cdot)\}, & \text{XXX} = \text{D} & (\text{double-sided classical}) \\ \{\text{GA-DDH}_g(\cdot, |\cdot\rangle), \text{GA-DDH}_h(\cdot, |\cdot\rangle)\}, & \text{XXX} = \text{DPQ} & (\text{double-sided partially quantum}) \\ \{\text{GA-DDH}_g(|\cdot\rangle, |\cdot\rangle), \text{GA-DDH}_h(|\cdot\rangle, |\cdot\rangle)\}, & \text{XXX} = \text{DFQ} & (\text{double-sided fully quantum}) \end{cases}$$

On basis-state inputs  $(y, z)$ ,  $\text{GA-DDH}_g$  returns 1 if  $g \star y = z$  and 0 otherwise.  $\text{GA-DDH}_h$  is defined equivalently. Note that superposition queries are implicitly then defined by linearity (i.e.,  $\text{O}(\sum_x \alpha_x x) = \sum_x \alpha_x \text{O}(x)$ ). We emphasize that the partially quantum variants of the oracle measure their corresponding first input implicitly.

### 3.2 Necessity of the GA-(D)PQ-StCDH Assumption

We now show that partial quantum access to the decision oracle is indeed a *necessary* assumption to prove IND-CCA security of GA-HEG and CKS security of GA-HDH. We do that by showing the opposite direction, namely that the assumption is implied by the security of the corresponding scheme. This is captured by the following two theorems.

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $H : \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^\kappa$  be a random oracle. For any quantum adversary  $\mathcal{A}$  against GA-PQ-StCDH making at most  $q$  queries to its decision oracle, there exists a quantum adversary  $\mathcal{B}$  against IND-CCA security of GA-HEG making at most  $q$  decapsulation queries and  $q + 1$  quantum random oracle queries with*

$$\text{Adv}_{\text{EGA}}^{\text{GA-PQ-StCDH}}(\mathcal{A}) \leq 2 \cdot \text{Adv}_{\text{GA-HEG}}^{\text{IND-CCA}}(\mathcal{B}) + \frac{8(q+1)^2 + 1}{2^\kappa},$$

and the running time of  $\mathcal{B}$  is about that of  $\mathcal{A}$ .

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $H : \{0, 1\}^* \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^\kappa$  be a random oracle. For any quantum adversary  $\mathcal{A}$  against GA-DPQ-StCDH making at most  $q$  queries to its decision oracles, there exists a quantum adversary  $\mathcal{B}$  against the CKS security of GA-HDH making 2 queries to the REGISTERHONEST oracle, at most  $q$  queries to the REGISTERCORRUPT oracle and  $q + 1$  quantum random oracle queries with*

$$\text{Adv}_{\text{EGA}}^{\text{GA-DPQ-StCDH}}(\mathcal{A}) \leq 2 \cdot \text{Adv}_{\text{GA-HDH}}^{\text{CKS}}(\mathcal{B}) + \frac{8(q+1)^2 + 1}{2^\kappa},$$

and the running time of  $\mathcal{B}$  is about that of  $\mathcal{A}$ .

Games $G_1$ - $G_5$	Oracle $O(x_1, x_2)$	
00 $g \xleftarrow{\$} \mathcal{G}$	05 Let $a := e$	$\parallel_{G_2-G_5}$
01 $h \xleftarrow{\$} \mathcal{G}$	06 if $x_1 = h \star \tilde{x} : \text{Let } a := \hat{g}$	$\parallel_{G_3-G_5}$
02 $\hat{g} \xleftarrow{\$} \mathcal{G} \setminus \{e\}$	07 return $\llbracket \text{Decaps}(g, a \star x_1) = \text{H}(a \star x_1, a \star x_2) \rrbracket$	$\parallel_{G_5}$
03 $z \leftarrow \mathcal{A}^{O(\cdot, \cdot)}(g \star \tilde{x}, h \star \tilde{x})$	08 return $\llbracket \text{H}(a \star x_1, (a \cdot g) \star x_1) = \text{H}(a \star x_1, a \star x_2) \rrbracket$	$\parallel_{G_4}$
04 return $\llbracket z = gh \star \tilde{x} \rrbracket$	09 return $\llbracket (a \star x_1, (a \cdot g) \star x_1) = (a \star x_1, a \star x_2) \rrbracket$	$\parallel_{G_2-G_3}$
	10 return $\llbracket g \star x_1 = x_2 \rrbracket$	$\parallel_{G_1}$

**Fig. 5.** Games  $G_1$ - $G_5$  for the proof of Theorem 1.

We will prove Theorem 1 below. The proof of Theorem 2 is very similar and we refer to Appendix D.2 for more details.

*Proof (of Theorem 1).* The idea of the proof is to construct a reduction which implements the decision oracle using the decapsulation oracle by testing whether  $\text{Decaps}(x_1) = \text{H}(x_1, x_2)$  on a decision oracle query  $O(x_1, x_2)$ . Whenever  $O(x_1, x_2)$  returns 1, so will  $\text{Decaps}(x_1) = \text{H}(x_1, x_2)$ , except when  $x_1$  is the challenge ciphertext. Therefore, whenever  $x_1$  is the challenge ciphertext, the reduction is going to do the same test, except that it first “shifts”  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  by some other group element  $\hat{g}$ . After simulating all decision oracle queries, the reduction returns whether the challenge KEM key  $K$  does not equal  $\text{H}(c^*, z)$  where  $z$  is the group action CDH solution obtained by  $\mathcal{A}$ . We now proceed with the formal proof.

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a quantum adversary as described in Theorem 1. Consider the sequence of games given in Figure 5.

GAME  $G_1$ . This is the GA-PQ-StCDH game, where  $O = \text{GA-DDH}_g$ . By definition,

$$\Pr[G_1^{\mathcal{A}} \Rightarrow 1] = \text{Adv}_{\text{EGA}}^{\text{GA-PQ-StCDH}}(\mathcal{A}).$$

GAME  $G_2$ . In this game, instead of returning whether  $g \star x_1 = x_2$ , the decision oracle returns whether  $(x_1, g \star x_1) = (x_1, x_2)$ . In order to prepare for the next game hop, we additionally introduce a new variable  $a$  which denotes a group element. In  $G_2$ ,  $a$  is always the neutral element  $e$  of  $\mathcal{G}$ , thus applying  $a$  on any set element does not have any effect. Since we always have  $x_1 = x_1$ , the check in line 09 is the same as in line 10. Hence we have  $\Pr[G_1^{\mathcal{A}} \Rightarrow 1] = \Pr[G_2^{\mathcal{A}} \Rightarrow 1]$ .

GAME  $G_3$ . In this game we sample a group element  $\hat{g} \xleftarrow{\$} \mathcal{G} \setminus \{e\}$  uniformly at random in line 02. For all queries  $(x_1, x_2)$  to  $O$ , where  $x_1 = h \star \tilde{x}$ , we now set  $a$  to  $\hat{g}$ . In this case, this will change the boolean test in line 09. However, since the group action operation is a bijection, this change is only conceptual. The reason for doing this, is that in the final reduction we are going to set  $h \star \tilde{x}$  to be the challenge ciphertext  $c^*$  which we cannot query to the decapsulation oracle. Shifting by  $\hat{g}$  in the case that  $x_1 = h \star \tilde{x}$  will allow us to still simulate  $O$ . We get  $\Pr[G_2^{\mathcal{A}} \Rightarrow 1] = \Pr[G_3^{\mathcal{A}} \Rightarrow 1]$ .

GAME  $G_4$ . In this game we perform the boolean test by first hashing both sides using a random oracle. In particular, we check if  $\text{H}(a \star x_1, (a \star g) \star x_1) = \text{H}(a \star x_1, a \star x_2)$  in line 08. This introduces false positives into the decision oracle, when for any  $\hat{x}_1 \in \mathcal{X}$  we have that  $\text{H}(\hat{x}_1, g \star \hat{x}_1)$  has preimages of the form  $(\hat{x}_1, \hat{x}_2)$  with  $\hat{x}_2 \neq g \star \hat{x}_1$ . We can bound this change by reducing to the GDP problem, which we do in Figure 6. In particular, for every  $(\hat{x}_1, \hat{x}_2)$  we have  $\text{F}(\hat{x}_1, \hat{x}_2)$  returns 1 with probability  $\lambda := 1/2^\kappa$ , which is the probability to find a second preimage for  $\text{H}(\hat{x}_1, g \star \hat{x}_1)$ . If  $\text{F}$  is the zero function, the distinguisher  $\mathcal{D}$  simulates  $G_3$  and otherwise it simulates  $G_4$ . Thus by eq. (2) of Lemma 2 where we have set  $\lambda := 1/2^\kappa$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} & |\Pr[G_3^{\mathcal{A}} \Rightarrow 1] - \Pr[G_4^{\mathcal{A}} \Rightarrow 1]| \\ &= \left| \Pr[\text{GDP}_{\text{F},0}^{\mathcal{D}} \Rightarrow 1] - \Pr[\text{GDP}_{\text{F},1}^{\mathcal{D}} \Rightarrow 1] \right| \leq 8(q+1)^2/2^\kappa. \end{aligned}$$

GAME  $G_5$ . In this game we change the boolean test again and check whether  $\text{Decaps}(g, a \star x_1) = \text{H}(a \star x_1, a \star x_2)$  in line 07. By definition of decapsulation, this change is again only conceptual. We have  $\Pr[G_4^{\mathcal{A}} \Rightarrow 1] = \Pr[G_5^{\mathcal{A}} \Rightarrow 1]$ .

It remains to bound  $G_5$ . We claim

$$\Pr[G_5^{\mathcal{A}} \Rightarrow 1] \leq 2 \cdot \text{Adv}_{\text{GA-HEG}}^{\text{IND-CCA}}(\mathcal{B}) + 1/2^\kappa. \quad (3)$$

Distinguisher $\mathcal{D}^F$	Oracle $O(x_1, x_2)$
00 $g \xleftarrow{\$} \mathcal{G}$	05 <b>if</b> $g \star x_1 = x_2$ <b>return</b> 1
01 $h \xleftarrow{\$} \mathcal{G}$	06 <b>if</b> $x_1 = h \star \tilde{x}$
02 $\hat{g} \xleftarrow{\$} \mathcal{G} \setminus \{e\}$	07 <b>return</b> $F(\hat{g} \star x_1, \hat{g} \star x_2)$
03 $z \leftarrow \mathcal{A}^{O(\cdot, \cdot)}(g \star \tilde{x}, h \star \tilde{x})$	08 <b>else</b>
04 <b>return</b> $\llbracket z = gh \star \tilde{x} \rrbracket$	09 <b>return</b> $F(x_1, x_2)$

**Fig. 6.** Distinguisher  $\mathcal{D}$  for the Generic Distinguishing Problem to bound  $G_4$ - $G_5$ .

Adversary $\mathcal{B}^{\text{DECAPS}, H}(\text{pk}, c^*, K)$	Oracle $O(x_1, x_2)$
00 $\hat{g} \xleftarrow{\$} \mathcal{G} \setminus \{e\}$	03 <b>if</b> $x_1 = c^*$
01 $z \leftarrow \mathcal{A}^{O(\cdot, \cdot)}(\text{pk}, c^*)$	04 <b>return</b> $\llbracket \text{DECAPS}(\hat{g} \star x_1) = H(\hat{g} \star x_1, \hat{g} \star x_2) \rrbracket$
02 <b>return</b> $\llbracket K \neq H(c^*, z) \rrbracket$	05 <b>return</b> $\llbracket \text{DECAPS}(x_1) = H(x_1, x_2) \rrbracket$

**Fig. 7.** Adversary  $\mathcal{B}$  against IND-CCA security for bounding  $G_6$ .

The adversary  $\mathcal{B}$  in Figure 7 simulates  $G_5$  as follows: it runs  $\mathcal{A}$  on its own inputs  $(\text{pk}, c^*)$ , thus defining  $g \star \tilde{x} := \text{pk}$  and  $h \star \tilde{x} := c^*$ . Note that it can simulate oracle  $O$  as in  $G_5$  using its own  $\text{DECAPS}$  oracle and random oracle  $H$  provided by the IND-CCA challenger. If  $\mathcal{A}$  queries  $O$  on the challenge ciphertext  $c^*$ , we make use of the additional element  $\hat{g}$ , thus  $\mathcal{B}$  never queries  $\text{DECAPS}$  on the challenge ciphertext. Finally  $\mathcal{A}$  outputs  $z$ . If  $H(c^*, z) = K^*$ , where  $K^*$  is the challenge key  $\mathcal{B}$  received at the beginning, it returns 0 (real), otherwise it returns  $b' := 1$  (random). Clearly, if  $\mathcal{A}$  computes  $z$  as  $gh \star \tilde{x}$ ,  $\mathcal{B}$  always wins the IND-CCA game when it is in the real world. In the random world, it will win only with probability  $1 - 1/2^\kappa$  since the challenge key might be the same as the real key with probability  $1/2^\kappa$ . When  $z$  is not the correct solution and  $K$  is the real key, then  $\mathcal{B}$  will only win if the output of  $H$  still coincides with  $K$ , i.e. with probability  $1/2^\kappa$ . However, if  $K$  is a random key,  $\mathcal{B}$  will win again with probability  $1 - 1/2^\kappa$ . Collecting the conditional probabilities yields the bound claimed in eq. (3).

It remains to analyze the running time of  $\mathcal{B}$  and its additional oracle calls.  $\mathcal{B}$  runs  $\mathcal{A}$  once and for every query to  $O$ ,  $\mathcal{B}$  makes one call to the decapsulation oracle and random oracle. After running  $\mathcal{A}$  it makes one additional call to the random oracle, which yields the claimed number of additional oracle calls, which concludes our proof.  $\square$

*Remark 2.* Quantum-secure signatures and public-key encryption schemes have been studied in [10], where the adversary gets quantum access to the signing and decryption oracle, respectively. One can show that the *Quantum* IND-CCA (IND-qCCA) security of GA-HEG is equivalent to the GA-FQ-StCDH assumption, that is the assumption is necessary and sufficient. The proof that IND-qCCA implies the GA-FQ-StCDH assumption is the same as the proof of Theorem 1. Therefore, observe that since the first input of the decision oracle is not measured, the reduction needs a quantum-accessible decapsulation oracle, which is provided by the IND-qCCA game. The sufficiency follows by observing that the reduction in the proof of Theorem 3 can actually simulate quantum decapsulation queries. We leave it as an open problem whether the GA-PQ-StCDH assumption is sufficient for IND-CCA security GA-HEG.

## 4 Security of Group Action Hashed ElGamal and NIKE

We now prove security of the two schemes in the quantum random oracle model. In particular, we prove IND-CCA security of GA-HEG under the GA-FQ-StCDH assumption and CKS security of GA-HDH under the GA-DFQ-StCDH assumption, i.e., with full quantum access to the decision oracle.

Due to our results in Section 3.2, we cannot hope to prove security of the (un-modified) schemes based on assumptions without quantum access. However, adding key confirmation to GA-HEG allows us to do so. We elaborate in more detail in Section 4.2. Unfortunately, key confirmation cannot be applied in the context of non-interactive schemes such as GA-HDH.

### 4.1 Security of GA-HEG

The following theorem states security of GA-HEG based on the GA-FQ-StCDH assumption. For the proof we will use the MRM O2H lemma (Lemma 1).

Games $G_1$ - $G_5$	Oracle Decaps(sk, c)	
00 $sk := g \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} \mathcal{G}$	10 <b>if</b> $c = c^*$ <b>return</b> $\perp$	
01 $pk := x := g \star \tilde{x}$	11 <b>return</b> $H_1(c)$	$\parallel G_4$ - $G_5$
02 $b \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} \{0, 1\}$	12 <b>return</b> $H(c, sk \star c)$	
03 $r \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} \mathcal{G}$		
04 $c^* := r \star \tilde{x}$	Oracle $H(x_1, x_2)$	$\parallel G_2$ - $G_5$
05 $K_0 := H(c^*, r \star pk)$	13 <b>if</b> $(x_1, x_2) = (x_1, g \star x_1)$	
06 $H[(c^*, r \star pk)] \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} \{0, 1\}^\kappa$	14 <b>return</b> $H_1(x_1)$	$\parallel G_3$ - $G_5$
07 $K_1 \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} \{0, 1\}^\kappa$	15 <b>return</b> $H_1(x_1, x_2)$	
08 $b' \leftarrow \mathcal{A}^{H, Dec}(pk, c^*, K_b)$	16 <b>return</b> $H_2(x_1, x_2)$	
09 <b>return</b> $\llbracket b = b' \rrbracket$		

**Fig. 8.** Games  $G_1$ - $G_5$  for the proof of Theorem 3, where  $H_1$  and  $H_2$  are internal random oracles.

*Remark 3.* Alternatively, we could use the O2H variant of [8] (also for proving GA-Twin-HEG $_m$ ) by using its extractor in the proof, yielding a bound of  $\sqrt{\text{Adv}}$ . Since both versions are applicable, one can essentially choose between a quadratic loss independent of the adversary's query depth or a linear loss in the query depth. To keep proofs and theorems simple, we only prove the bound using MRM.

**Theorem 3.** *For any quantum adversary  $\mathcal{A}$  against IND-CCA security of GA-HEG that issues at most  $q$  queries to the quantum-accessible random oracle  $H$  of query depth  $d$  with query parallelism  $p := q/d$ , there exists an adversary  $\mathcal{B}$  against GA-FQ-StCDH such that*

$$\text{Adv}_{\text{GA-HEG}}^{\text{IND-CCA}}(\mathcal{A}) \leq 4d \text{Adv}_{\text{EGA}}^{\text{GA-FQ-StCDH}}(\mathcal{B}),$$

and the running time of  $\mathcal{B}$  is about three times that of  $\mathcal{A}$  plus at most  $\mathcal{O}(q + p)$  queries to the decision oracle and the time to simulate up to  $\mathcal{O}(\max\{q_D, q\})$  random oracle queries, where  $q_D$  is the number of decapsulation queries.

*Proof.* Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a quantum adversary as described in Theorem 3. Consider the games given in Figure 8. We proceed by analyzing the different games.

GAME  $G_1$ . This is the IND-CCA game where we unfolded the definition of GA-HEG. By definition,

$$|\Pr[G_1^{\mathcal{A}} \Rightarrow 1] - 1/2| = \text{Adv}_{\text{GA-HEG}}^{\text{IND-CCA}}(\mathcal{A}).$$

GAME  $G_2$ . Here we introduce the following conceptual change: the random oracle  $H$  is simulated using two *internal* random oracles  $H_1$  and  $H_2$ , where the first one is used on valid DH tuples, and the second on invalid ones. For this change to be meaningful (i.e., simulatable) later on, we need a quantum-accessible decision oracle, which is provided by the GA-FQ-StCDH assumption. Clearly, the change is only conceptual and we have  $\Pr[G_1^{\mathcal{A}} \Rightarrow 1] = \Pr[G_2^{\mathcal{A}} \Rightarrow 1]$ .

GAME  $G_3$ . Next, we drop the input  $x_2$  in the case where the random oracle  $H_1$  is used, that is we return  $H_1(x_1)$  instead of  $H_1(x_1, x_2)$ . Since relative to  $pk$  and  $x_1$  there exists a *unique*  $x_2$  s.t.  $(x_1, x_2) = (x_1, g \star x_1)$ , due to the regularity property of EGA, this change is again only conceptual and we have  $\Pr[G_2^{\mathcal{A}} \Rightarrow 1] = \Pr[G_3^{\mathcal{A}} \Rightarrow 1]$ .

GAME  $G_4$ . In this game we remove the usage of the secret key in the random oracle calls of the decapsulation oracle by returning  $H_1(c)$  instead of  $H(c, g \star c)$ . Note that the secret key is only used to check for the DDH condition, which can be simulated with access to  $\text{GA-DDH}_g(|\cdot\rangle, |\cdot\rangle)$ . Due to the previous conceptual change  $H_1(c) = H(c, g \star c)$  holds by definition and therefore this change is again only conceptual, thus  $\Pr[G_3^{\mathcal{A}} \Rightarrow 1] = \Pr[G_4^{\mathcal{A}} \Rightarrow 1]$ .

GAME  $G_5$ . In this game we reprogram the random oracle on the challenge input  $(c^*, r \star pk)$ , after querying  $H(c^*, r \star pk)$  in line 06. Now  $K_0$  is identically distributed as  $K_1$ , therefore the key is now independent of the challenge bit  $b$  and we have  $\Pr[G_5^{\mathcal{A}} \Rightarrow 1] = 1/2$ . Due to Lemma 1 (MRM-O2H) we have

$$|\Pr[G_4^{\mathcal{A}} \Rightarrow 1] - \Pr[G_5^{\mathcal{A}} \Rightarrow 1]| \leq 4d \Pr[G_6^{\text{Ext}} \Rightarrow 1],$$

where  $G_6^{\text{Ext}}$  is like  $G_4^{\mathcal{A}}$ , except that instead of running  $\mathcal{A}$ , it runs the extraction algorithm  $\text{Ext}^{\text{Decaps}, H, H'}$  from the MRM-O2H lemma to obtain a set  $\mathcal{T}$  and the winning condition is changed to  $\llbracket \mathcal{S} \cap \mathcal{T} \neq \emptyset \rrbracket$ , where  $\mathcal{S} := \{(c^*, r \star pk)\}$  and  $H'$  is the reprogrammed random oracle.



<b>Adversary <math>\mathcal{B}^{(O)}(g \star \tilde{x}, h \star \tilde{x})</math></b>		<b>Oracle Decaps(sk, c)</b>	
00 $\text{pk} := g \star \tilde{x}, c^* := h \star \tilde{x}$		07 <b>if</b> $c = c^*$ <b>return</b> $\perp$	
01 $K_0, K_1 \xleftarrow{\$} \{0, 1\}^\kappa, b \xleftarrow{\$} \{0, 1\}$		08 <b>return</b> $H_1(c)$	
02 $\mathcal{T} \leftarrow \text{Ext}^{\text{H}, \text{H}', \text{Dec}}(\text{pk}, c^*, K_b)$		<b>Oracle H/H'(x<sub>1</sub>, x<sub>2</sub>)</b>	
03 <b>for</b> $(a, z) \in \mathcal{T}$	$\ \mathcal{T}\  = p$	09 <b>if</b> $O(x_1, x_2) = 1$	
04 <b>if</b> $a = h \star \tilde{x} \wedge O(a, z) = 1$		10 <b>if</b> $x_1 = c^*$ <b>return</b> $K_0$	$\ \text{H only}\ $
05 <b>return</b> $z$	$\  = gh \star \tilde{x}$	11 <b>return</b> $H_1(x_1)$	
06 <b>return</b> $\perp$		12 <b>return</b> $H_2(x_1, x_2)$	

**Fig. 9.** Adversary  $\mathcal{B}$  for the game-hop  $G_4$ - $G_5$  for the proof of Theorem 3.  $H_1$  and  $H_2$  are internal random oracles. The oracle  $O$  is the GA-DDH $_g$  oracle.

<b>Gen</b>	<b>Encaps(pk)</b>	<b>Decaps(sk, ct)</b>
00 $\text{sk} := g \xleftarrow{\$} \mathcal{G}$	03 $r \xleftarrow{\$} \mathcal{G}$	08 $z := \text{sk} \star c$
01 $\text{pk} := x := g \star \tilde{x}$	04 $c := r \star \tilde{x}$	09 <b>if</b> $G(c, z) \neq d$
02 <b>return</b> (pk, sk)	05 $d := G(c, r \star \text{pk})$	10 <b>return</b> $\perp$
	06 $K := H(c, r \star \text{pk})$	11 $K := H(c, z)$
	07 <b>return</b> (ct := (c, d), K)	12 <b>return</b> $K$

**Fig. 10.** Key encapsulation mechanism GA-HEG-KC for an effective group action  $\text{EGA} = (\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{X}, \star, \tilde{x})$ , where  $G : \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^n$  and  $H : \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^\kappa$  are hash functions.

We bound the right-hand probability by the adversary  $\mathcal{B}$  given in Figure 9, which runs the extraction algorithm simulating Decaps and H as in  $G_4$  and  $H'$  (the reprogrammed H) as in  $G_5$ . Observe that  $\mathcal{B}$  can simulate quantum decapsulation queries, since it has quantum access to  $H_1$ , which is why we can apply the MRM-O2H lemma. Since  $\mathcal{B}$  wins if  $\mathcal{S} \cap \mathcal{T} \neq \emptyset$ , we have

$$\Pr[G_6^{\text{Ext}} \Rightarrow 1] \leq \text{Adv}_{\text{EGA}}^{\text{GA-FQ-StCDH}}(\mathcal{B}).$$

Combining all inequalities yields the claimed bound. We conclude our proof by analyzing the running time of  $\mathcal{B}$ .  $\mathcal{B}$  runs the extraction algorithm Ext, whose running time is at most three times that of  $\mathcal{A}$ . For every run of  $\mathcal{A}$ , it has to simulate at most  $\max\{q_D, q\}$  calls to  $H_1$  and  $q$  calls to  $H_2$  (through H, H'), where it calls O on every query. Then, after obtaining  $\mathcal{T}$ , it makes at most  $p$  queries to O, thus  $q + p$  total queries to O. Multiplying the parts of simulating  $\mathcal{A}$  by 3, adding up and applying  $\mathcal{O}$  notation yields the claimed running time and additional oracle calls, which concludes our proof.  $\square$

## 4.2 Security of GA-HEG via Key Confirmation

We recall the Hashed ElGamal scheme with key confirmation in Figure 10. We denote this scheme by GA-HEG-KC. Compared to the original scheme in Figure 3, we now have a second hash function  $G : \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^n$  which is used to compute an additional ciphertext element  $d$ . The input to this hash function is the same as for the final key. The decapsulation algorithm now first checks if  $d$  is valid by recomputing it. If this check passes, the actual key is computed and returned, otherwise the algorithm outputs a failure symbol  $\perp$ .

Theorem 4 establishes security of GA-HEG-KC based on the GA-StCDH assumption, that is without quantum access to the decision oracle. One reason for the looser bound is that the classical decision oracle does not enable us to apply the more recent O2H lemmata. The other is that we have to first apply O2H, before applying the extractable RO simulator.

**Theorem 4.** *Let  $G : \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^n$  be a random oracle. For any quantum adversary  $\mathcal{A}$  against IND-CCA security of GA-HEG-KC that issues at most  $d$  parallel queries each of size  $p$  (in total  $q := dp$  queries) to the quantum-accessible random oracles H and G and  $q_D$  decapsulation queries, there exists an*

adversary  $\mathcal{B}$  against the GA-StCDH such that

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Adv}_{\text{GA-HEG-KC}}^{\text{IND-CCA}}(\mathcal{A}) &\leq 2d\sqrt{\text{Adv}_{\text{EGA}}^{\text{GA-StCDH}}(\mathcal{B})} + \frac{8(q+1)^2}{2^n} + \sqrt{\frac{32q_D(q_D+q)}{\sqrt{2^n}}} \\ &\quad + \sqrt{\frac{4q_D}{2^n}} + \sqrt{\frac{40e^2(q+2q_D+2)^3}{2^n}}, \end{aligned}$$

and the running time of  $\mathcal{B}$  is about that of  $\mathcal{A}$  plus the running time for using extractable random-oracle simulator for  $q_D$  extraction queries and  $q$  hash queries, which is about  $\mathcal{O}(q \cdot q_D + q^2)$  and simulating  $\text{H}$  for  $q$  queries, additionally  $\mathcal{B}$  makes at most  $q_D + p$  queries to its decision oracle.

Note that  $n$  depends on the desired security level. Due to the fourth root term,  $n$  needs to be around four times the security parameter in bits. We discuss this in more detail in Section 6. We will now sketch the proof of Theorem 4. The full proof can be found in Appendix C.2.

*Proof (Sketch).* After some simple changes we first reprogram the random oracle  $\text{H}$  and  $\text{G}$  on the challenge inputs using  $\text{O2H}$ . Then the main idea of the proof is to simulate the random oracle  $\text{G}$  using the extractable random-oracle simulator from Definition 11. The reduction can then simulate decapsulation queries by extracting the inputs from the key-confirmation hash and verify the validity using the decision oracle  $\text{GA-DDH}(g \star \tilde{x}, \cdot, \cdot)$ . Note that since the decapsulation oracle is classical, the extracted values are also classical and we only need classical access to  $\text{GA-DDH}(g \star \tilde{x}, \cdot, \cdot)$ . Once we can simulate decapsulation without the secret key using the classical decision oracle, we can reduce the game to the GA-StCDH problem.  $\square$

### 4.3 Security of GA-HDH

The following theorem establishes security of GA-HDH based on the GA-DFQ-StCDH assumption. As opposed to the proof of GA-HEG, we have to use the semi-classical variant of the  $\text{O2H}$  lemma which yields a worse bound. We explain the reason in Appendix D.1.

**Theorem 5.** *For any quantum adversary  $\mathcal{A}$  against the CKS security of GA-HDH that issues at most  $d$  parallel queries, each of size  $p$ , to the quantum-accessible random oracle  $\text{H}$ , there exists an adversary  $\mathcal{B}$  against GA-DFQ-StCDH such that*

$$\text{Adv}_{\text{GA-HDH}}^{\text{CKS}}(\mathcal{A}) \leq \sqrt{8(d+1)\text{Adv}_{\text{EGA}}^{\text{GA-DFQ-StCDH}}(\mathcal{B})},$$

and the running time of  $\mathcal{B}$  is about three times that of  $\mathcal{A}$  plus  $\mathcal{O}(q+p)$  queries to the decision oracle and the running time for simulating  $\mathcal{O}(\max\{d \cdot p, q_R, q_T\})$  queries to the random oracle and  $\mathcal{O}(q_O)$  rerandomizations on the set elements, where  $q_O$ ,  $q_R$  and  $q_T$  are the number of register-honest, reveal and test queries.

We will only sketch the proof here. The full proof can be found in Appendix D.3.

*Proof (Sketch).* As in the proof of Theorem 3, our goal is to use a variant of the  $\text{O2H}$  lemma in order to randomize all challenge keys and bound the advantage of the  $\text{O2H}$  extractor using the GA-DFQ-StCDH assumption. However, instead of just a decapsulation oracle, we have to simulate the  $\text{CORRUPTREVEAL}$  oracle and the  $\text{TEST}$  oracle. Although the adversary is allowed to choose identities for honest keys, we can compute all honest keys before the adversary can make any queries, so we can vary the behavior of the random oracle when it interacts with honest or corrupted keys. Note that this technique is not generally possible as the key generation could depend on the provided ID in other schemes. This allows to only hash  $(\text{ID}_1, \text{ID}_1, \text{pk}_1, \text{pk}_2)$  without the shared DH value between  $\text{pk}_1$  and  $\text{pk}_2$ , when at least one key is honest. Additionally, we can use a different internal random oracle, when both keys are honest. In the final reduction on GA-DFQ-StCDH, we embed the challenge set elements into the public keys using rerandomization. For each public key, we randomly choose which challenge element we use such that the adversary will issue a test query at least for one pair of identities containing both challenge elements. We can check whether quantum random oracle queries contain valid DH tuples using quantum access to the decision oracles. Then we can use the  $\text{O2H}$  lemma in its semi-classical variant and bound the success probability of its extractor with the GA-DFQ-StCDH assumption.  $\square$

## 5 Twinning for Group Actions

In this section, we adapt the twinning technique from [11] to the group actions setting. Due to the limited structure that group actions offer, we need a novel approach to develop and analyze the underlying trapdoor test. The trapdoor test will allow us to effectively simulate a decision oracle, apart from a small error probability. In contrast to the original twinning approach, the analysis of the error term is more involved and depends on an additional parameter  $m$ , which affects the “twinning factor”. To illustrate this in an example: whereas in the traditional prime-order group setting, twinning doubles the size of public keys, the group action twinning technique will result in a public key of length  $m$ .

Using this technique we get two new schemes GA-Twin-HEG $_m$  and GA-Twin-HDH $_m$ , the twinned versions of GA-HEG and GA-HDH, which will be presented and analyzed in Sections 5.2 and 5.3. It allows us to remove the strong variants of GA-CDH including quantum access to decision oracles in the security proofs. Consequently we obtain a proof based on the standard GA-CDH assumption, albeit in exchange for larger keys and overall increased computation cost. Nevertheless, using our new twinning technique is thus far the only known method that allows for a security proof of a NIKE scheme from standard assumptions in the QROM. In Section 6 we discuss different parameter choices for  $m$ .

### 5.1 A Trapdoor Test

In order to replace the GA-(FQ-)StCDH assumption, an algorithm must be able to simulate the decision oracle GA-DDH $_g$  without knowing  $g$  explicitly. The following trapdoor test will be our basic tool to achieve this task.

**Lemma 3 (Trapdoor Test).** *Let  $\text{EGA} = (\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{X}, \star, \bar{x})$ ,  $\ell, m \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $1 < \ell < m/2$ . Suppose  $x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{\ell-1}, s_\ell, \dots, s_m, h_\ell, \dots, h_m$  are mutually independent random variables, where  $x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{\ell-1}$  take values in  $\mathcal{X}$ , and for all  $i \in [\ell, m]$   $s_i$  are uniformly distributed over  $[0, \ell - 1]$  with the additional condition that each value in  $[0, \ell - 1]$  is taken at least once. Further, for all  $i \in [\ell, m]$   $h_i$  are uniformly distributed over  $\mathcal{G}$ . Define random variables  $x_\ell, \dots, x_m$ , where  $x_i = h_i \star x_{s_i}$  for  $i \in [\ell, m]$ . Further, let  $g_i \in \mathcal{G}$  such that  $x_i = g_i \star \bar{x}$  for every  $i \in [m]$ . In addition, suppose that  $\bar{z}_0, \bar{z}_1, \dots, \bar{z}_m$  are random variables taking values in  $\mathcal{X}$ .*

We define

$$F_0(\bar{z}_0, \dots, \bar{z}_m) := \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \bar{z}_i = h_i \star \bar{z}_{s_i} \quad \forall i \in [\ell, m] \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

and

$$F_1(\bar{z}_0, \dots, \bar{z}_m) := \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \bar{z}_i = g_i \star \bar{z}_0 \quad \forall i \in [m] \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases} \quad (5)$$

and the advantage of an adversary  $\mathcal{A}$  in distinguishing  $F_0$  from  $F_1$  with oracle access to one of the two functions and making at most  $q$  queries of depth  $d$  as

$$\text{Adv}_{\text{EGA}, q, d, \ell, m}^{\text{TDT}}(\mathcal{A}) := |\Pr[\mathcal{A}^{F_0} \Rightarrow 1] - \Pr[\mathcal{A}^{F_1} \Rightarrow 1]|$$

We call eq. (4) the Trapdoor Test. The following properties hold:

1.  $x_\ell, \dots, x_m$  are uniformly distributed over  $\mathcal{X}$ ;
2.  $x_i$  and  $x_j$  are independent for all  $i \in [0, \ell - 1], j \in [\ell, m]$ ;
3. if  $F_1(z) = 1$ , then also  $F_0(z) = 1$  for any input vector  $\bar{z}$ ;
4. for any classical (quantum) adversary  $\mathcal{A}$  with oracle access to  $F_b$  for  $b \in \{0, 1\}$ , the probability that  $\mathcal{A}$  outputs 1 after at most  $q$  queries to  $F_b$  with query depth  $d$  is upper-bounded by the advantage of a classical (quantum) adversary  $\mathcal{B}$  against the GDP problem for a function  $T : \mathcal{Y} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  with  $\Pr[T(x) = 1 : x \xleftarrow{\$} \mathcal{Y}] \leq \frac{1}{|\mathcal{Y}|}$  and  $|\mathcal{Y}| = \ell \ell^{m-2\ell+1}$  (see Remark 4). Specifically,

$$\text{Adv}_{\text{EGA}, q, d, \ell, m}^{\text{TDT}}(\mathcal{A}) \leq \text{Adv}_{T, q, d}^{\text{GDP}}(\mathcal{B}) \leq \begin{cases} \frac{2q}{|\mathcal{Y}|} & (\text{classical}) \\ 4\sqrt{\frac{(d+1)q}{|\mathcal{Y}|}} & (\text{quantum}) \end{cases}.$$

Adversary $\mathcal{B}^T$	Oracle $F(\bar{z}_0, \dots, \bar{z}_m)$	Function $\text{Convert}(z_0, \dots, z_m)$
00 $x_0 := \tilde{x}$	06 <b>if</b> $\bar{z}_i = h_i \star \bar{z}_0$ <b>for</b> $i \in [m]$	10 <b>for</b> $i \in [\ell, m]$
01 <b>for</b> $i \in [m]$	07 <b>return</b> 1	11 <b>for</b> $j \in [0, \ell - 1]$
02 $h_i \xleftarrow{\$} \mathcal{G}$	08 $t := \text{Convert}(\bar{z}_0, \dots, \bar{z}_m)$	12 <b>if</b> $z_i = (h_i \cdot h_j) \star z_0$
03 $x_i := h_i \star \tilde{x}$	09 <b>return</b> $T(t)$	13 $s_i := j$
04 $b \leftarrow \mathcal{A}^F(x_0, \dots, x_m)$		14 <b>return</b> $\text{map}(s_\ell, \dots, s_m)$
05 <b>return</b> $b$		

**Fig. 11.** Adversary  $\mathcal{B}^T$  against the GDP problem for the function  $T$ . The function “map” is the selected bijection from the set of possible  $s_i$  into  $\mathcal{Y}$ .

*Proof.* Properties 1. to 3. hold by inspection. For property 4., we build an adversary  $\mathcal{B}$  on the GDP problem from a successful distinguisher  $\mathcal{A}$  of the trapdoor test. The proofs are identical for the classical and quantum case as the oracles that  $\mathcal{B}$  has to implement can all be defined as classical functions which make classical queries to other oracles, so by making all oracles quantum, the proof does not change.

First note that if  $\mathcal{A}$  only queries tuples  $z_0, \dots, z_m$  to its function  $F_b$  for which  $x_i, z_0, z_i$  form a DH tuple, then both oracles always behave identically, so we assume that it will not make such queries. Since the  $s_i$  take all values in  $[0, \ell - 1]$ , for non-DH queries, the oracles differ only if  $\mathcal{A}$  guesses *all*  $s_i$  used to generate the  $x_i$  correctly. In that case it could choose the first  $\ell$  elements at random and set the last  $m - \ell + 1$  elements to  $g_i \star x_{s_i}$ , where the  $g_i$  are the discrete logarithms of the  $i$ -th randomly chosen element. If the  $s_i$  do not cover all values in  $[0, \ell - 1]$ , this argument does not hold (see Remark 5).

We will construct an adversary  $\mathcal{B}$  on the GDP problem for a function  $T$ , which will simulate the function  $F_1$  if  $T$  is the all-zero function and  $F_0$ , i.e. the trapdoor test, if not. Specifically, let  $T : \mathcal{Y} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  such that there is a bijective mapping from  $\mathcal{Y}$  into the set of all possible combinations of  $s_i$ .

We describe  $\mathcal{B}$  in Figure 11. First,  $\mathcal{B}$  sets  $x_0$  to the origin element  $\tilde{x}$  and chooses  $m$  random elements  $x_1, \dots, x_m$  and runs  $\mathcal{A}$  on them as input. When  $\mathcal{A}$  makes a query to  $F$ ,  $\mathcal{B}$  first checks if  $\mathcal{A}$  provided a valid DH tuple and if so, returns 1. Otherwise, it computes which  $s_i$  were (implicitly) chosen to generate the query and maps them to the unique element they correspond to in  $\mathcal{Y}$ . Then it queries this element to its own function  $T$  and returns the result.

If  $T$  is the all-zero function, then  $F$  only returns 1 if the first check succeeds, i.e.,  $F$  is equal to  $F_1$  from eq. (5). Otherwise, there is exactly one entry in  $T$  for which it returns 1. Therefore, by returning the result of the query to  $T$ ,  $\mathcal{B}$  implicitly chooses its  $s_i$  as the ones corresponding to said entry in  $T$  and therefore simulates  $F_0$  from eq. (4). So by outputting the same result as  $\mathcal{A}$ ,  $\mathcal{B}$  wins if and only if  $\mathcal{A}$  wins and the claim follows. The quantum bound then follows directly from Lemma 2.  $\square$

*Remark 4 (Sampling  $s_i$ ).* Let  $\ell, m \in \mathbb{N}$  as in Lemma 3 and  $k = m - \ell + 1$ . Define

$$\mathcal{Y}^* = \{(s_\ell, \dots, s_m) \in [0, \ell - 1]^k \mid \forall i \in [0, \ell - 1] \exists j : s_j = i\}.$$

In principal this is the set of possible values for the  $(s_\ell, \dots, s_m)$  from the lemma. The cardinality of  $\mathcal{Y}^*$  may be described by the *Stirling partition number* multiplied by  $\ell!$ , more precisely

$$|\mathcal{Y}^*| = \ell! \cdot \left\{ \begin{matrix} k \\ \ell \end{matrix} \right\} = \sum_{i=0}^d (-1)^i \binom{\ell}{i} (\ell - i)^k.$$

One possibility to sample randomly from the entire set  $\mathcal{Y}^*$  is rejection sampling from  $[0, \ell - 1]^k$ . Since this is not very practical, we suggest the following sampling method which samples from the strictly smaller subset  $\mathcal{Y}$  of size  $\ell \ell^{k-\ell}$ .

In order to ensure that the  $s_i$  take each value in  $[0, \ell - 1]$ , we first sample exactly these  $\ell$  elements and then sample the remaining  $k - \ell$  elements uniformly at random from  $[0, \ell - 1]$ .

*Remark 5 (Necessity of the condition on  $s_i$ ).* The assumption that each value in  $[0, \ell - 1]$  is taken at least once by the  $s_i$  is a necessary assumption. Otherwise, an adversary can simply guess a value  $\alpha \in [0, \ell - 1]$  that is not taken by the  $s_i$  and subsequently choose  $\bar{z}_\alpha$  randomly while computing all other  $\bar{z}_i$  honestly. This would lead to

$$1 = F_0(\bar{z}_0, \dots, \bar{z}_\alpha, \dots, \bar{z}_m) \neq F_1(\bar{z}_0, \dots, \bar{z}_\alpha, \dots, \bar{z}_m) = 0$$

Gen	Encaps(pk)	Decaps(sk, ct)
00 $\text{sk} := (h_1, \dots, h_m) \xleftarrow{\$} \mathcal{G}^m$	03 $r \xleftarrow{\$} \mathcal{G}$	07 $K := \text{H}(\text{ct}, h_1 \star \text{ct}, \dots, h_m \star \text{ct})$
01 $\text{pk} := (y_1, \dots, y_m) := (h_1 \star \tilde{x}, \dots, h_m \star \tilde{x})$	04 $\text{ct} := r \star \tilde{x}$	08 <b>return</b> $K$
02 <b>return</b> (pk, sk)	05 $K := \text{H}(\text{ct}, r \star y_1, \dots, r \star y_m)$	
	06 <b>return</b> (ct, $K$ )	

**Fig. 12.** Twin Hashed ElGamal KEM GA-Twin-HEG<sub>m</sub> with twinning parameter  $m$ .  $\text{H} : \mathcal{X}^{m+1} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^k$  is a hash function.

because  $\bar{z}_\alpha$  is never used on the right side of  $\bar{z}_i = h_i \star \bar{z}_{s_i}$  during the trapdoor test in (4). Therefore, the adversary is able to distinguish both functions without guessing all  $s_i$  which prevents the aforementioned reduction.

In order to use the trapdoor test in security proofs, we need to choose  $m$  and  $\ell$  such that the advantage defined above becomes a small statistical factor. In Section 6, we compute these values for a security level of 128 bits.

## 5.2 Twin Hashed ElGamal

Applying the twinning technique to Hashed ElGamal yields the Twin Hashed ElGamal encryption scheme GA-Twin-HEG<sub>m</sub> for an integer  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ , which is formally described in Figure 12. While twinning significantly increases the public key size and computation for both encapsulation and decapsulation, it allows us to prove its IND-CCA security without the use of strong variants of the GA-CDH problem. Furthermore, the ciphertext still consists of only one element.

**Theorem 6.** *Let  $\ell, m \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $1 < \ell < m/2$ . For any quantum adversary  $\mathcal{A}$  against IND-CCA security of GA-Twin-HEG<sub>m</sub> that issues at most  $q$  queries to the quantum-accessible random oracle  $\text{H}$  with query depth  $d$ , there exists a quantum adversary  $\mathcal{B}$  against GA-CDH such that*

$$\text{Adv}_{\text{GA-Twin-HEG}_m}^{\text{IND-CCA}}(\mathcal{A}) \leq 4d \text{Adv}_{\text{EGA}}^{\text{GA-CDH}}(\mathcal{B}) + 4\sqrt{\frac{(d+1)q}{\ell! \ell^{m-2\ell+1}}},$$

and the running time of  $\mathcal{B}$  is about three times that of  $\mathcal{A}$  plus the time to simulate  $\mathcal{O}(\max\{q, q_D\})$  queries to  $\text{H}$ , where  $q_D$  is the number of decapsulation queries.

We will only sketch the proof here and refer to Appendix C.3 for the full proof. In fact, it is similar to the one of Theorem 3, only that we use the trapdoor test whenever the other proof uses the decision oracle.

*Proof (Sketch).* Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a quantum adversary in the IND-CCA game. Our goal is to construct an adversary  $\mathcal{B}$  against GA-CDH. The main question is how  $\mathcal{B}$  simulates decapsulation queries. Therefore, let  $\text{H}_1$  and  $\text{H}_2$  be *internal* random oracles, the first is used for valid DH tuples and the second for invalid ones. Since for every ciphertext element  $x_1$  there exists a unique vector of  $m$  set elements s.t. these form a DH tuple with the public key set elements, the output of  $\text{H}_1$  only depends on  $x_1$ . We can check if a query consists of valid DH tuples using the trapdoor test. After this change,  $\mathcal{B}$  can simulate decapsulation queries by just returning  $\text{H}_1(x_1)$ . Next, we can apply the MRM-O2H lemma to reprogram  $\text{H}$  on the challenge ciphertext  $c^*$  and the corresponding DH tuples  $(\text{sk}[i] \star c^*)_{i \in [m]}$ . For this the adversary  $\mathcal{B}$  needs to be able to simulate  $\text{H}$  and  $\text{H}'$  (the reprogrammed  $\text{H}$ ), which it can do using the trapdoor test. Note that since we applied the variant which considers parallel random oracle queries, the measured inputs are a set of size  $p$ . Due to the trapdoor test  $\mathcal{B}$  can find the correct solution. In the final game, since the key  $K^*$  is now independent of the bit  $b$ , the adversary wins the game with probability  $1/2$  and the claimed bound follows.  $\square$

## 5.3 Twin NIKE

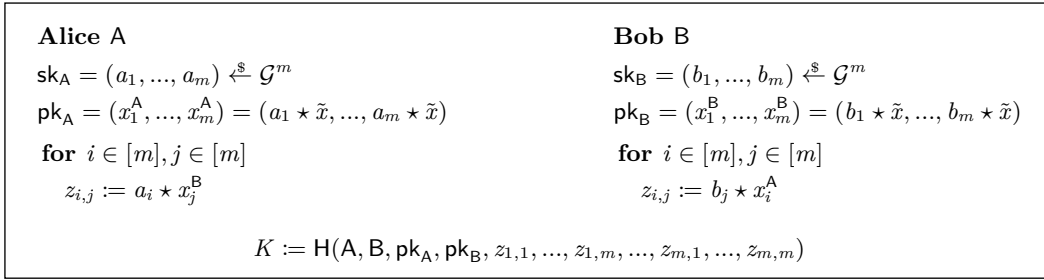
We construct a NIKE scheme GA-Twin-HDH<sub>m</sub> from an effective group action  $\text{EGA} = (\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{X}, \star, \tilde{x})$ , which defines the public parameters  $\text{pp}$  together with an integer  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  and a hash function  $\text{H} : \{0, 1\}^* \rightarrow$

$\{0, 1\}^\kappa$ , thus defining  $\mathcal{SHK} = \{0, 1\}^\kappa$ . As in Section 3, we assume that the identities can be represented by bitstrings of fixed length  $\mu$ . On input an ID, the key generation algorithm chooses  $m$  group elements  $(g_1, \dots, g_m) \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} \mathcal{G}^m$  which form the secret key  $\text{sk}_{\text{ID}}$ . The public key is computed as  $\text{pk}_{\text{ID}} = (g_1 \star \tilde{x}, \dots, g_m \star \tilde{x}) \in \mathcal{X}^m$ . The shared key of an identity  $\text{ID}_1$  with public key  $\text{pk}_{\text{ID}_1} = (x_1, \dots, x_m)$  and an identity  $\text{ID}_2$  with secret key  $\text{sk}_{\text{ID}_2} = (g_1, \dots, g_m)$  is defined as

$$K = \begin{cases} \text{H}(\text{ID}_1, \text{ID}_2, \text{pk}_{\text{ID}_1}, \text{pk}_{\text{ID}_2}, g_1 \star x_1, \dots, g_1 \star x_m, \dots, g_m \star x_1, \dots, g_m \star x_m) & \text{if } \text{ID}_1 < \text{ID}_2 \\ \text{H}(\text{ID}_2, \text{ID}_1, \text{pk}_{\text{ID}_2}, \text{pk}_{\text{ID}_1}, g_1 \star x_1, \dots, g_m \star x_1, \dots, g_1 \star x_m, \dots, g_m \star x_m) & \text{if } \text{ID}_2 < \text{ID}_1 \end{cases}$$

See Figure 13 for a schematic overview of our construction.

Again, twinning significantly increases the public key size and computation of  $\text{GA-Twin-HDH}_m$  compared to  $\text{GA-HDH}$ , but allows us to use the same techniques as in Theorem 6 to prove security without relying on strong assumptions. This is formalized in Theorem 7.



**Fig. 13.** Our NIKE Protocol  $\text{GA-Twin-HDH}_m$ .

**Theorem 7.** *Let  $\ell, m \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $1 < \ell < m/2$ . For any quantum adversary  $\mathcal{A}$  against the CKS security of  $\text{GA-Twin-HDH}_m$  that issues at most  $q$  queries to the quantum-accessible random oracle  $\text{H}$  of query depth  $d$ , there exists a quantum adversary  $\mathcal{B}$  against  $\text{GA-CDH}$  such that*

$$\text{Adv}_{\text{GA-Twin-HDH}_m}^{\text{CKS}}(\mathcal{A}) \leq \sqrt{8d \text{Adv}_{\text{EGA}}^{\text{GA-CDH}}(\mathcal{B})} + 4\sqrt{\frac{(d+1)q}{\ell! \ell^{m-2\ell+1}}},$$

and the running time of  $\mathcal{B}$  is about three times that of  $\mathcal{A}$  plus the time needed to simulate  $\mathcal{O}(\max\{q, q_R, q_T\})$  queries to the random oracle, to perform  $\mathcal{O}(q_O)$  rerandomizations on set elements and to run the trapdoor test  $\mathcal{O}(q)$  times, where  $q_O$ ,  $q_R$  and  $q_T$  are the number of register-honest, reveal and test queries.

The proof is similar to the proof of Theorem 5 with the main difference that we use the trapdoor test whenever the other proof used the decision oracles. We defer the complete proof to Appendix D.4.

*Proof (Sketch).* As in the KEM proof, our goal is to use a variant of the O2H lemma in order to randomize all challenge keys and bound the advantage of the O2H extractor using the  $\text{GA-CDH}$  assumption. However, instead of just a decapsulation oracle, we have to simulate the  $\text{CORRUPTREVEAL}$  and  $\text{TEST}$  oracles. Although the adversary is allowed to choose identities for honest keys, we can compute the public keys before it makes any queries, so we can vary the behavior of the random oracle when it interacts with honest or corrupted keys. Note that this technique is not generally possible as the key generation could depend on the provided ID in other schemes. This allows us to make similar conceptual changes as in the KEM proof, where we only hash  $(\text{ID}_1, \text{ID}_1, \text{pk}_1, \text{pk}_2)$  without the  $z_{i,j}$ , when at least one key is honest. Additionally, we can use a different internal random oracle, when both keys are honest. By using the trapdoor test, we can remove the need for the secret keys completely. Finally, we can use the O2H lemma in its semi-classical variant and bound the success probability of its extractor with the  $\text{GA-CDH}$  assumption. For a discussion on why we cannot use the MRM variant, see Appendix D.1.  $\square$



Scheme	$ \text{pk} $	$ \text{ct} $	Gen	Encaps	Decaps	Assumption	Bound
GA-HEG (Fig. 3)	$ \mathcal{X} $	$ \mathcal{X} $	1	2	1	GA-FQ-StCDH	$d \text{ Adv}$
GA-HEG-KC (Fig. 10)	$ \mathcal{X} $	$ \mathcal{X}  + 4\lambda$	1	2	1	GA-StCDH	$d\sqrt{\text{Adv}}$
GA-Twin-HEG $_m$ (Fig. 12)	$m \cdot  \mathcal{X} $	$ \mathcal{X} $	$m$	$m + 1$	$m$	GA-CDH	$d \text{ Adv}$
GA-EG-FO [12,16]	$ \mathcal{X} $	$ \mathcal{X}  + 2\lambda$	1	2	2	GA-CDH	$q\sqrt{\text{Adv}}$
GA-EG-FO [12,31]	$ \mathcal{X} $	$ \mathcal{X}  + 3\lambda$	1	2	2	GA-DDH	$d^2 \text{ Adv}$
GA-HDH (Fig. 4)	$ \mathcal{X} $	-	1	1 (SharedKey)		GA-DFQ-StCDH	$\sqrt{d \text{ Adv}}$
GA-Twin-HDH $_m$ (Fig. 13)	$m$	-	$m$	$m^2$ (SharedKey)		GA-CDH	$\sqrt{d \text{ Adv}}$

**Table 1.** Overview of our different protocols and comparison to FO variants. By  $|\mathcal{X}|$  we denote the length of a set element in bits. The columns “Gen”, “Encaps” and “Decaps” state the number of group action evaluations that are needed in order to perform the corresponding algorithm. For NIKE schemes this refers to the SharedKey algorithm. Bounds are stated without statistical terms and  $q, d$  denote the number of random oracle queries and the query-depth. The security parameter is denoted by  $\lambda$ . For  $\lambda = 128$  bit security, we need  $m = 85$ . For FO-EG we assume the implicit rejection variants.

## 6 Parameter Choices and Comparison

In order to compare the different schemes we need to elaborate on the parameter  $n$ , which is the bit length of the output of hash function  $G$  in the hashed ElGamal scheme with key confirmation, and the twinning parameter  $m$ . Both depend on the desired security level which is usually stated in bits. Taking the corresponding terms in the bounds of Theorems 4 and 6 into account, we determine the success ratio of an adversary  $\mathcal{A}$ . The success ratio of  $\mathcal{A}$  is computed as its advantage  $\epsilon_{\mathcal{A}}$  divided by its running time  $t_{\mathcal{A}}$  [22]. For  $\lambda$ -bit security, we then require  $\epsilon_{\mathcal{A}}/t_{\mathcal{A}} \leq 2^{-\lambda}$ .

**Key Confirmation.** The output of the hash function  $G$  determines the length of the second ciphertext element. In order to determine the length, we analyze the statistical terms in Theorem 4. Note the one with the fourth root is the most dominating one. Thus, for  $\lambda$ -bit security, we need to set  $n \approx 4\lambda$ , where we assume  $q_D \leq q \lesssim t_{\mathcal{A}}$  and ignore additive constants.

**Twinning.** The efficiency of the Twin ElGamal encryption scheme GA-Twin-HEG $_m$  and the Twin NIKE scheme GA-Twin-HDH $_m$  depends on the twinning parameter  $m$  which directly translates to the length of the public key. The security level is determined by the value of  $\ell! \ell^{m-2\ell+1}$ , where  $\ell \in [1, m/2]$  may be chosen arbitrarily. Note that  $\ell$  only appears in the proofs of Theorem 6 and Theorem 7, hence it has no direct effect on the corresponding protocols.

Again, we only analyze the statistical term in the bound. For  $\lambda$ -bit security, we need

$$\frac{4}{t_{\mathcal{A}}} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{(d+1)q}{\ell! \ell^{m-2\ell+1}}} \leq 2^{-\lambda}.$$

Similar as before, we may assume that  $d \leq q \lesssim t_{\mathcal{A}}$ , hence for an optimal success ratio an adversary would choose  $d = q$ . This means that we need to choose  $m$  large enough so that  $\ell! \ell^{m-2\ell+1} \geq 2^{2\lambda+4}$  for some  $\ell \in [1, m/2]$ . As an example, for  $\lambda = 128$ , optimality is achieved by  $m = 85$  (with  $\ell = 17$ ).

**Instantiation of the Group Action.** Every set element  $x \in \mathcal{X}$  is represented by a bitstring. In CSIDH the length of this bitstring is  $\log(p)$ , where the size of  $\mathcal{X}$  is in  $O(\sqrt{p})$ . Choosing the correct parameter size for CSIDH is an actively discussed topic in the community. Castryck et al. [12] propose a 1792-bit prime  $p$  to achieve  $\lambda = 128$  bit quantum security.

**Comparison.** Table 1 provides an overview of the schemes analyzed in this paper and a comparison to the ElGamal KEMs that can be obtained by the FO transform. The base scheme is the most efficient one, with one ciphertext element and two group action evaluations for Encaps. It also achieves the best QROM bound without any square root terms, but it relies on the strongest non-standard assumption. Hashed ElGamal with key confirmation has a slightly larger ciphertext and comes with a worse bound,

however, it relies only on the GA-StCDH assumption. Since twinning cannot be done efficiently in the group action setting, the twinned version of hashed ElGamal is the least efficient in terms of public key size and group action computation. Nevertheless, the ciphertext still consists of only one set element and we get security based on the standard GA-CDH assumption. At this point we want to stress again that this seems the only way to construct an actively-secure NIKE based on a standard assumption. Otherwise, one has to rely on the assumption with a quantum-accessible decision oracle.

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## A CSIDH: An Isogeny-based REGA

An important instantiation of REGAs is provided by isogeny-based group actions, in particular by CSIDH.

Let  $p$  be a large prime of the form  $p = 4 \cdot \ell_1 \cdots \ell_n - 1$ , where the  $\ell_i$  are small distinct odd primes. Fix the elliptic curve  $E_0 : y^2 = x^3 + x$  over  $\mathbb{F}_p$ . The curve  $E_0$  is supersingular and its  $\mathbb{F}_p$ -rational endomorphism ring is  $\mathcal{O} = \mathbb{Z}[\pi]$ , where  $\pi$  is the Frobenius endomorphism. Let  $\mathcal{E}\ell_p(\mathcal{O})$  be the set of elliptic curves defined over  $\mathbb{F}_p$ , with endomorphism ring  $\mathcal{O}$ . The ideal class group  $cl(\mathcal{O})$  acts on the set  $\mathcal{E}\ell_p(\mathcal{O})$ , i.e. there is a map

$$\begin{aligned} \star : cl(\mathcal{O}) \times \mathcal{E}\ell_p(\mathcal{O}) &\rightarrow \mathcal{E}\ell_p(\mathcal{O}) \\ ([\mathbf{a}], E) &\mapsto [\mathbf{a}] \star E, \end{aligned}$$

satisfying the properties from Definition 3 [12, Theorem 7]. Moreover the analysis in [12] readily shows that  $(cl(\mathcal{O}), \mathcal{E}\ell_p(\mathcal{O}), \star, E_0)$  is indeed a REGA.

*Remark 6.* As pointed in the original paper [12], an inherent property of the CSIDH group is that given  $E = [\mathbf{a}] \star E_0 \in \mathcal{E}\ell_p(\mathcal{O})$ , one can efficiently compute the quadratic twist  $E^t = [\mathbf{a}]^{-1} \star E_0$ . This property is not described in the cryptographic group action framework from [2]. However this should not affect the security of our protocols, since we only rely on variants of the standard group action computational Diffie-Hellman problem and (so far) no attacks using twists are known on this assumption.

## B Quantum Preliminaries

We recall some quantum computation preliminaries as stated in [17].

**QUBIT.** A qubit  $|x\rangle = \alpha|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle$  is a 2-dimensional unit vector with coefficients in  $\mathbb{C}$ , i.e.  $x = (\alpha, \beta) \in \mathbb{C}^2$  fulfilling the normalization constraint  $|\alpha|^2 + |\beta|^2 = 1$ . When neither  $\alpha = 1$  nor  $\beta = 1$ , we say that  $|x\rangle$  is in *superposition*.

**$n$ -QUBIT STATE.** An  $n$ -bit quantum register  $|x\rangle = \sum_{i=1}^{2^n-1} \alpha_i |i\rangle$  is a unit vector of  $\mathbb{C}^{2^n} = (\mathbb{C}^2)^{\otimes n}$ , that is  $\alpha_i \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $\sum_{i=0}^{2^n-1} |\alpha_i|^2 = 1$ . We call the set  $\{|0\rangle, |1\rangle, \dots, |2^n - 1\rangle\}$  the *computational basis*. When  $|x\rangle$  can not be written as the tensor product of single qubits, we say that  $|x\rangle$  is *entangled*.

**MEASUREMENT.** Unless otherwise stated, measurements are done in the computational basis. After measuring a quantum register  $|x\rangle = \sum_{i=0}^{2^n-1} a_i |i\rangle$  in the computational basis, the state *collapses* and  $|x\rangle = \pm |i\rangle$  with probability  $|\alpha_i|^2$ .

**QUANTUM ALGORITHMS.** A quantum algorithm  $\mathcal{A}$  is a series of unitary operations  $U_i$ , where unitary operations are defined as to map unit vectors to unit vectors, preserving the normalization constraint of quantum registers. A quantum oracle algorithm  $\mathcal{A}^O$  is defined similarly, except it can query the oracle  $O$  after (or before) executing a unitary  $U_i$ . Since quantum computation needs to be reversible, we model an oracle  $O : X \rightarrow Y$  by a unitary  $U_O$  that maps  $|x\rangle|y\rangle \mapsto |x\rangle|y \oplus O(x)\rangle$ .

**QUANTUM RANDOM ORACLE MODEL.** Following [9], we model quantum adversaries to have quantum access to random oracles since quantum adversaries can evaluate hash functions in superposition.

**SIMULATING QUANTUM RANDOM ORACLES.** We can simulate quantum random oracles either by  $2q$ -wise independent functions [41] or using Zhandry’s Compressed Oracle technique [42]. The former is only perfectly indistinguishable for up to  $q$  RO queries, while being conceptually simpler to understand. The later has the advantage of not requiring an upper bound on  $q$ , with the disadvantage of being more inaccessible for readers unfamiliar with the technique. For simplicity, the reader can imagine to instantiate the reductions using the former, while for the theorems we use the later technique.

**QUANTUM-ACCESS OF ORACLES** For an oracle  $O$ , we are going to write  $|O\rangle$  to denote that an algorithm has quantum-access on all inputs and  $O$  if it has not (which means that its inputs are implicitly measured). For an oracle which allows partial quantum-access, we write  $|\cdot\rangle$  to denote the inputs which are quantum (i.e., not measured), for example  $O(\cdot, |\cdot\rangle)$  means that the first input is classical (i.e., implicitly measured on query) and the second is quantum. Alternatively to  $|O\rangle$  we might also write  $O(|\cdot\rangle, |\cdot\rangle)$ , if  $O$  takes two inputs. Since all our proofs are in the QROM, it is clear that the adversary has quantum-access to its random oracles. Thus, we just write  $H$  instead of  $|H\rangle$  for a random oracle  $H$ .

**QUERY DEPTH AND QUERY PARALLELISM.** Following [5] we are going to consider the query depth  $d$  of an adversary making in total  $q$  random oracle queries. This is important in practice since for highly-parallel adversaries we have  $d \ll q$ . We obtain the bounds for sequential adversaries by setting  $d := q$ .

## B.1 Oneway-to-Hiding Lemmas

Below, we recall the oneway-to-hiding lemma, which is used to reprogram random oracle values. Informally, Theorem 8 states that if a random oracle is reprogrammed on a set  $\mathcal{S} \subset \mathcal{R}$  of inputs, the probability of an adversary  $\mathcal{A}$  behaving differently can be related to the success probability of an extractor algorithm  $\mathcal{B}$  which extracts at least one element of  $\mathcal{S}$  by measuring the query register of one of  $\mathcal{A}$ ’s randomly chosen oracle queries.

**Theorem 8 (Original O2H, Theorem 3 from the eprint version of [5]).** *Let  $\mathcal{S} \subset \mathcal{R}$  be random. Let  $G, H$  be random functions satisfying  $\forall r \notin \mathcal{S} : G(r) = H(r)$ . Let  $z$  be a random classical value. ( $\mathcal{S}, G, H, z$  may have arbitrary joint distribution.) Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a quantum oracle algorithm with query depth  $d$ , expecting input  $z$ . Let  $\text{Ext}$  be the algorithm which on input  $z$  samples a uniform  $i$  from  $\{1, \dots, d\}$ , runs  $\mathcal{A}$  right before its  $i$ th query to  $G$ , measures all query input registers and outputs the set  $\mathcal{T}$  of measurement outcomes. Then*

$$|\Pr[\mathcal{A}^G(z) \Rightarrow 1] - \Pr[\mathcal{A}^H(z) \Rightarrow 1]| \leq 2d\sqrt{\Pr[\mathcal{S} \cap \mathcal{T} \neq \emptyset : \mathcal{T} \leftarrow \text{Ext}^H(z)]}.$$

*Remark 7.* As explained in [5] the O2H theorems also hold if the adversary  $\mathcal{A}$  has access to additional oracles, since those can be encoded using  $z$ . For improved readability we are still going to write down the additional oracles as a superscript, that is  $\mathcal{A}^{H,O} = \mathcal{A}^H(O)$  and  $\text{Ext}^{H,O} = \text{Ext}^H(O)$  and reserve  $z$  for the non-oracle inputs.

**Definition 8 (Unitary Quantum Oracle Algorithm).** *Let  $q \in \mathbb{N}$ . An algorithm  $\mathcal{A}^O$  is called a unitary quantum oracle algorithm with query depth  $d$  and query parallelism  $p$ , if there are unitaries  $U_1, \dots, U_{q+1}$  such that  $\mathcal{A}$ ’s execution can be described as*

$$\mathcal{A} = U_{d+1} \circ O^{\otimes p} \circ U_d \circ \dots \circ O^{\otimes p} \circ U_1,$$

where  $\mathcal{A}$ ’s output is defined as the measurement of its quantum state in the standard basis after applying  $U_{d+1}$ . For multiple oracles it is defined analogously.



*Remark 8.* At this point we want to highlight that we state the MRM O2H lemma (Lemma 1) slightly different than in [31], Lemma 3.3, by limiting it to unitary/reversible algorithms. The reason is that the property is used in the proof in order to rewind the adversary. Note that non-reversible quantum algorithms can be efficiently turned into reversible quantum algorithms, using the deferred measurement principle. One subtlety though is that if the quantum algorithm has access to *classical* oracles, which implicitly measure their input, then the new reversible adversary has to get quantum-access to the oracle, since the measurement is deferred to the end of the algorithm. Hence, the reduction needs to be able to simulate this, once classical oracle, on quantum superpositions. This was observed by [27]. In the proofs where we apply the MRM O2H lemma, we explain how to simulate quantum decapsulation queries, which is why we can apply the MRM O2H lemma. In the CKS security model there are more oracles available and it hence appears more difficult to show how to simulate them all quantumly, we discuss this difficulty in Appendix D.1. For a more thorough discussion of this issue, see [27].

**Definition 9 (Semi-Classical and Punctured Oracles).** *Let  $f : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \{0,1\}$  be a function and  $\mathcal{S} \subset \mathcal{X}$  a subset s.t.  $f(x) = 1$  if and only if  $x \in \mathcal{S}$ . The semi-classical oracle  $\mathcal{O}_f^{\text{SC}}$  (or equivalently  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{S}}^{\text{SC}}$ ) is defined as the composition of the unitary  $U_f$  and a measurement of the output register in the standard basis.*

*Let  $\mathcal{A}^{\mathcal{O}_f^{\text{SC}}}(z)$  be a quantum algorithm which gets arbitrary input  $z$  and access to  $\mathcal{O}_f^{\text{SC}}$ . We call the event that  $\mathcal{A}$  queries  $\mathcal{O}_f^{\text{SC}}$  on an input that yields 1  $\text{FIND}$ .*

*Let  $H$  be another quantum oracle with domain  $\mathcal{X}$  and some codomain  $Y$ . We define the punctured oracle  $H \setminus \mathcal{S}$  as a quantum oracle that first runs  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{S}}^{\text{SC}}$  and then  $H$  on the result.*

Note that as long as  $\text{FIND}$  does not occur,  $H$  and  $H \setminus \mathcal{S}$  behave identically.

We now recall the semi-classical variant of the oneway-to-hiding lemma from [5].

**Theorem 9 (Semi-Classical O2H ([5], Theorem 1)).** *Let  $\mathcal{S} \subset \mathcal{R}$  be random. Let  $\mathsf{G}, \mathsf{H}$  be random functions satisfying  $\forall r \notin \mathcal{S} : \mathsf{G}(r) = \mathsf{H}(r)$ . Let  $z$  be a random classical value. ( $\mathcal{S}, \mathsf{G}, \mathsf{H}, z$  may have arbitrary joint distribution.) Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a quantum oracle algorithm with query depth  $d$ , expecting input  $z$  and*

$$P_{\text{left}} := \Pr [b = 1 \mid b \leftarrow \mathcal{A}^{\mathsf{G}}(z)] \quad P_{\text{right}} := \Pr [b = 1 \mid b \leftarrow \mathcal{A}^{\mathsf{H}}(z)] \quad P_{\text{find}} := \Pr [\text{FIND} \mid \mathcal{A}^{\mathsf{G} \setminus \mathcal{S}}]$$

Then

$$|P_{\text{left}} - P_{\text{right}}| \leq 2\sqrt{(d+1)P_{\text{find}}} \quad (6)$$

and

$$|\sqrt{P_{\text{left}}} - \sqrt{P_{\text{right}}}| \leq 2\sqrt{(d+1)P_{\text{find}}} . \quad (7)$$

We also recall a bound on the probability of  $\text{FIND}$  occurring in this setting.

**Theorem 10 (Search in Semi-Classical Oracles ([5], Theorem 2 and Corollary 1)).** *Let  $\mathcal{S} \subset \mathcal{R}$  be random. Let  $\mathsf{G}$  be a semi-classical oracle with domain  $\mathcal{R}$ . Let  $z$  be a random classical value. ( $\mathcal{S}, \mathsf{G}, \mathsf{H}, z$  may have arbitrary joint distribution.) Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a quantum oracle algorithm with query depth  $d$ , expecting input  $z$ . Let  $\text{Ext}$  be the algorithm which on input  $z$  samples a uniform  $i$  from  $\{1, \dots, d\}$ , runs  $\mathcal{A}^{\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{S}}^{\text{SC}}}$  right before its  $i$ th query to  $\mathsf{G}$ , measures all query input registers and outputs the set  $\mathcal{T}$  of measurement outcomes. Then*

$$\Pr[\text{FIND} \mid \mathcal{A}^{\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{S}}^{\text{SC}}}(z)] \leq 4d \Pr[\mathcal{S} \cap \mathcal{T} \neq \emptyset \mid \mathcal{T} \leftarrow \text{Ext}^{\mathsf{H}}(z)].$$

Moreover, if  $\mathcal{S}$  and  $z$  are independent and  $\mathcal{A}$  is a  $q$ -query algorithm we have

$$\Pr[\text{FIND} \mid \mathcal{A}^{\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{S}}^{\text{SC}}}(z)] \leq 4q \cdot P_{\text{max}}, \quad (8)$$

where  $P_{\text{max}} := \max_{x \in \mathcal{X}} \Pr[x \in \mathcal{S}]$ .



## B.2 Proof of Lemma 2

*Proof (Lemma 2).* The proof is a simple consequence of the semi-classical O2H lemma, by just reprogramming the elements where  $F$  and the zero function  $K$  differ. In the search variant of the proof, the authors of [5] could apply eq. (7), since the right-hand side of it vanishes, which yields a quadratically better bound. In the decision variant the right-hand side does not vanish, so we use eq. (6) instead. Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a  $q$ -query algorithm of depth  $d$ .

GAME  $G_1$ . We define  $G_1^{\mathcal{A}}$  to be  $\text{GDP}_{F,1}^{\mathcal{A}}$ . By definition,

$$\Pr[G_1^{\mathcal{A}} \Rightarrow 1] = \Pr[\text{GDP}_{F,1}^{\mathcal{A}} \Rightarrow 1].$$

GAME  $G_2$ . We reprogramm  $F$  on all elements which map to 1 to now map to 0, that is we define  $G_2^{\mathcal{A}}$  to be  $\text{GDP}_{F,0}^{\mathcal{A}}$  and let  $\mathcal{S} := \{x \in \mathcal{X} \mid F(x) = 1\}$ . By eq. (6) of Theorem 9, we have

$$|\Pr[G_1^{\mathcal{A}} \Rightarrow 1] - \Pr[G_2^{\mathcal{A}} \Rightarrow 1]| \leq 2\sqrt{(d+1) \Pr[\text{FIND} \mid \mathcal{A}^{\mathcal{F} \setminus \mathcal{S}}]}. \quad (9)$$

We bound the right-hand probability using eq. (8), we have

$$\Pr[\text{FIND} \mid \mathcal{A}^{\mathcal{F} \setminus \mathcal{S}}] \leq 4q \cdot P_{\max}, \quad (10)$$

where

$$P_{\max} := \max_{x \in \mathcal{X}} \Pr[x \in \mathcal{S}] \leq \lambda, \quad (11)$$

by definition of  $F$ . Bounding eq. (10) by eq. (11) and eq. (9) by eq. (10) and moving 4 outside of the square-root yields

$$|\Pr[\text{GDP}_{F,0}^{\mathcal{A}} \Rightarrow 1] - \Pr[\text{GDP}_{F,1}^{\mathcal{A}} \Rightarrow 1]| \leq 4\sqrt{(d+1)q\lambda},$$

which concludes our proof.  $\square$

## C Omitted Proofs for Hashed ElGamal Variants

In this section we provide the proofs for the hashed ElGamal variants GA-HEG-KC and GA-Twin-HEG $_m$ . Therefore, we first recall the definition of an extractable quantum random oracle simulator which we will need for the proof of GA-HEG-KC.

### C.1 Extractable Quantum Random Oracle Simulation

We recall a technical tool for the proof of Theorem 4 which was presented in [16]. Informally, the extractable random oracle simulator from [16], which uses Zhandry's Compressed Oracle technique [42], allows to extract the preimages  $x$  of a random oracle output  $y$  if one has access to a “commitment”  $t$  on  $y$ <sup>4</sup> similarly to the classical random oracle. Examples for such “commitments” are the hash image  $y$  itself or an encryption  $t$  of same value using  $y$  as its randomness (as long as the encryption scheme is sufficiently spread). Note that this technique is weaker than the full *preimage awareness* of classical random oracles, which can always output the preimage of any hash query on the fly, because a commitment is needed to extract the preimage. For a more in depth explanation we refer to [16,42].

**Definition 10.** Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{T}$  two sets,  $f : \mathcal{X} \times \{0,1\}^n \rightarrow \mathcal{T}$  a function and  $R \subset \mathcal{X} \times \{0,1\}^n$  a relation. We define

$$\Gamma(f) := \max_{\substack{x \in \mathcal{X} \\ t \in \mathcal{T}}} |\{y \mid f(x, y) = t\}|,$$

$$\Gamma'(f) := \max_{\substack{x, x' \in \mathcal{X} \\ y' \in \{0,1\}^n}} |\{y \mid f(x, y) = f(x', y')\}|$$

<sup>4</sup> Strictly speaking,  $t$  does not need to be a commitment, only sufficiently determine  $y$ , but we follow the intuitive terminology of [16].

and

$$\Gamma_R := \max_{x \in \mathcal{X}} |\{y \mid (x, y) \in R\}| .$$

**Definition 11 (Extractable Quantum Random Oracle Simulator).** Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{T}$  two sets,  $f : \mathcal{X} \times \{0, 1\}^n \rightarrow \mathcal{T}$  a function and  $R' \subset \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{T}$  and  $R \subset \mathcal{X} \times \{0, 1\}^n$  relations with  $(x, y) \in R \Leftrightarrow (x, f(x, y)) \in R'$ .

We define the stateful quantum simulator  $\mathcal{S}$  that has the (quantum-accessible) interfaces  $\mathcal{S}.RO : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^n$  and  $\mathcal{S}.E : \mathcal{T} \rightarrow \mathcal{X} \cup \perp$  and the following properties:

1. If no query to  $\mathcal{S}.E$  is made,  $\mathcal{S}.RO$  is indistinguishable from a (quantum) random oracle.
2. Any two independent queries to  $\mathcal{S}.RO$  (resp.  $\mathcal{S}.E$ ) commute.
3. Any two subsequent queries to  $\mathcal{S}.E$  and  $\mathcal{S}.RO$   $8\sqrt{\frac{\Gamma(f)}{2^{n-1}}}$ -almost-commute.
4. Any query to  $\mathcal{S}.RO$  (resp.  $\mathcal{S}.E$ ) is idempotent, i.e. returns the same result if no other query was made in between.
5. If  $\hat{x} = \mathcal{S}.E(t)$  and  $\hat{h} = \mathcal{S}.RO(\hat{x})$  are two subsequent classical queries, then

$$\Pr \left[ \hat{x} \neq \perp \wedge f(\hat{x}, \hat{h}) \neq t \right] \leq \frac{2\Gamma(f)}{2^n} .$$

6. If  $h = \mathcal{S}.RO(x)$  and  $\hat{x} = \mathcal{S}.E(f(x, h))$  are two subsequent classical queries, then

$$\Pr[\hat{x} = \perp] \leq \frac{1}{2^{n-1}} .$$

7. Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be an adversary making at most  $q$  queries to the  $\mathcal{S}.RO$  oracle and no queries to the  $\mathcal{S}.E$  oracle, which outputs  $t \in \mathcal{T}$ . Then

$$\Pr_{\substack{t \leftarrow \mathcal{A}^{\mathcal{S}.RO} \\ \hat{x} \leftarrow \mathcal{S}.E(t)}}} [(\hat{x}, t) \in R'] \leq 128 \cdot q^2 \frac{\Gamma_R}{2^n} .$$

8. Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be an adversary making at most  $q$  queries to  $\mathcal{S}.RO$  and no queries to  $\mathcal{S}.E$ , that outputs  $\ell$ -tuples  $(x_1, t_1), \dots, (x_\ell, t_\ell) \in (\mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{T})$ . Then

$$\Pr_{\substack{(t_1, x_1), \dots, (t_\ell, x_\ell) \leftarrow \mathcal{A}^{\mathcal{S}.RO} \\ h_1 \leftarrow \mathcal{S}.RO(x_1), \dots, h_\ell \leftarrow \mathcal{S}.RO(x_\ell) \\ \hat{x}_1 \leftarrow \mathcal{S}.E(t_1), \dots, \hat{x}_\ell \leftarrow \mathcal{S}.E(t_\ell)}}} [\exists i: \hat{x}_i \neq x_i \wedge f(x_i, h_i) = t_i] \leq 40e^2 \cdot (q + \ell + 2)^3 \frac{\Gamma'(f)}{2^n} .$$

9. The running time for  $\mathcal{S}$  is bounded as  $\mathcal{O}(q_{RO} \cdot q_E \cdot \text{Time}(f) + q_{RO}^2)$ , where  $q_E$  is the numbers of queries to  $\mathcal{S}.E$  and  $q_{RO}$  the number of queries to  $\mathcal{S}.RO$ .

The existence of a simulator  $\mathcal{S}$  as defined in Definition 11 was shown in [16].

Let us give some intuition on the properties of  $\mathcal{S}$ . Properties 1 and 2 ensure, that  $\mathcal{S}$  behaves like a regular quantum random oracle, unless  $\mathcal{S}.E$  is called and queries are dependent on one another. Property 3 tells us that extraction is only causes detectable change in the state of  $\mathcal{S}$  with low probability (as long as  $f$  is sparse). Properties 5 and 6 state that extraction always works, if the preimage was queried before and that it may fail otherwise. Property 7 provides a bound on this failure probability, i.e. if one tries to extract a preimage to a value not queried yet,  $\mathcal{S}.E$  will output  $\perp$  with high probability. Lastly, Property 8 tells us that  $\mathcal{S}.E$  cannot be used to find collisions, i.e. with high probability, it will give the same preimage that was used before.

## C.2 Proof of Theorem 4

*Proof.* Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a quantum adversary as described in Theorem 4. Consider the games given in Figure 14. We proceed by analyzing the sequence of games.

GAME  $G_1$ . This is the IND-CCA game where we unfolded the definition of GA-HEG-KC. By definition,

$$\left| \Pr[G_1^{\mathcal{A}} \Rightarrow 1] - \frac{1}{2} \right| = \text{Adv}_{\text{GA-HEG-KC}}^{\text{IND-CCA}}(\mathcal{A}) .$$

GAME  $G_2$ . In this game we return  $\perp$  when the decapsulation oracle is queried on  $(c, d^*)$  for arbitrary  $c$ . This change is only noticeable to an adversary who finds a collision of the form  $G(c, g \star c) = d^*$  in  $G$  (with

<b>Games</b> $G_1$ - $G_{14}$		<b>Oracle</b> $\text{Decaps}(\text{sk}, (c, d))$	$\  G_1$ - $G_6$
00 $\text{sk} := g \xleftarrow{\$} \mathcal{G}$		17 <b>if</b> $(c, d) = (c^*, d^*)$	$\  G_1$
01 $\text{pk} := x := g \star \tilde{x}$		18 <b>if</b> $(d = d^*)$	$\  G_2$
02 $b \xleftarrow{\$} \{0, 1\}$		19 <b>if</b> $(c = c^* \vee d = d^*)$	$\  G_3$ - $G_6$
03 $r \xleftarrow{\$} \mathcal{G}$		20 <b>return</b> $\perp$	
04 $c^* := r \star \tilde{x}$		21 <b>if</b> $G(c, \text{sk} \star c) \neq d$	$\  G_1$ - $G_5$
05 $d^* := G(c^*, r \star \text{pk})$		22 <b>if</b> $\mathcal{S}.RO(c, \text{sk} \star c) \neq d$	$\  G_6$
06 $d^* \xleftarrow{\$} \{0, 1\}^n$	$\  G_4$ - $G_{14}$	23 <b>return</b> $\perp$	
07 $K_0 := H(c^*, r \star \text{pk})$		24 <b>return</b> $H(c, g \star c)$	
08 $K_0 \xleftarrow{\$} \{0, 1\}^k$	$\  G_4$ - $G_{14}$	<b>Oracle</b> $\text{DECAPS}(\text{sk}, (c, d))$	$\  G_7$ - $G_{12}$
09 $K_1 \xleftarrow{\$} \{0, 1\}^k$		25 <b>if</b> $(c = c^* \vee d = d^*)$ <b>return</b> $\perp$	
10 $b' \leftarrow \mathcal{A}^{\text{H}, G, \text{DECAPS}}(\text{pk}, (c^*, d^*), K_b)$	$\  G_1$ - $G_4$	26 $d' \leftarrow \mathcal{S}.RO(c, \text{sk} \star c)$	
11 <b>return</b> $\llbracket b = b' \rrbracket$	$\  G_1$ - $G_4$	27 $(a, z) \leftarrow \mathcal{S}.E(d)$	$\  G_8$ - $G_{12}$
12 $\mathcal{T} \leftarrow \text{Ext}^{\text{H}, G, \text{DECAPS}}(\text{pk}, (c^*, d^*), K_b)$	$\  G_5$	28 <b>if</b> $(a, z) = \perp$ <b>return</b> $\perp$	$\  G_9$ - $G_{12}$
13 $\mathcal{T} \leftarrow \text{Ext}^{\text{H}, \mathcal{S}.RO, \text{DECAPS}}(\text{pk}, (c^*, d^*), K_b)$	$\  G_6$ - $G_{14}$	29 <b>if</b> $(a \neq c) \vee (z \neq \text{sk} \star c)$ <b>return</b> $\perp$	$\  G_{10}$
14 <b>return</b> $\llbracket (c^*, r \star \text{pk}) \in \mathcal{T} \rrbracket$	$\  G_5$ - $G_{14}$	30 <b>if</b> $(a \neq c) \vee (O(a, z) = 0)$ <b>return</b> $\perp$	$\  G_{11}$ - $G_{12}$
15 <b>for</b> $i \in [qD]$	$\  G_7$	31 <b>if</b> $d' \neq d$ <b>return</b> $\perp$	
16 $(a_i, z_i) \leftarrow \mathcal{S}.E(d_i)$	$\  G_7$	32 <b>return</b> $H(a, z)$	$\  G_{12}$
		33 <b>return</b> $H(c, g \star c)$	
		<b>Oracle</b> $\text{DECAPS}(\text{sk}, (c, d))$	$\  G_{13}$ - $G_{14}$
		34 <b>if</b> $(c = c^* \vee d = d^*)$ <b>return</b> $\perp$	
		35 $d' \leftarrow \mathcal{S}.RO(c, \text{sk} \star c)$	$\  G_{13}$
		36 $(a, z) \leftarrow \mathcal{S}.E(d)$	
		37 <b>if</b> $(a, z) = \perp \vee a \neq c$ <b>return</b> $\perp$	
		38 <b>if</b> $O(a, z) = 0$ <b>return</b> $\perp$	
		39 <b>return</b> $H(a, z)$	

**Fig. 14.** Games  $G_1$ - $G_{14}$  for the proof of Theorem 4. Ext is the extractor algorithm in the O2H lemma, which runs  $\mathcal{A}$  and measures the input of one of the parallel random oracle queries uniformly at random.

$c \neq c^*$ ), since then  $G_2$  return  $\perp$  on elements where  $G_1$  would return  $H(c, g \star c)$ . By a straight-forward reduction to GDP we have

$$|\Pr[G_1^{\mathcal{A}} \Rightarrow 1] - \Pr[G_2^{\mathcal{A}} \Rightarrow 1]| \leq 8(q+1)^2/2^n.$$

**GAME  $G_3$ .** In this game we return  $\perp$  on inputs  $(c^*, d)$ . This will not be noticeable to the adversary, since the hash check will not evaluate to true (since  $d \neq d^*$ ) and so  $\perp$  is returned in  $G_2$  and in  $G_3$ . Thus,  $\Pr[G_2^{\mathcal{A}} \Rightarrow 1] = \Pr[G_3^{\mathcal{A}} \Rightarrow 1]$ .

**GAME  $G_4$ .** Here we reprogram  $G$  and  $H$  on the challenge input using O2H (viewing them as a joint oracle  $G \times H$ ). Note that due to the previous game-hops, we made sure that the random oracles will not be queried on challenge inputs in the decapsulation oracle. This is because  $\text{Decaps}$  returns  $\perp$  if either the first input is  $c^*$  or the second input is  $d^*$ . Since  $\text{Decaps}$  does not query  $G$  or  $H$  on the reprogrammed challenge input, we do not need to consider indirect queries to  $G$  and  $H$  through  $\text{DECAPS}$  for the O2H lemma. Thus, we have

$$|\Pr[G_3^{\mathcal{A}} \Rightarrow 1] - \Pr[G_4^{\mathcal{A}} \Rightarrow 1]| \leq 2d\sqrt{\Pr[G_5^{\text{Ext}} \Rightarrow 1]}$$

and since  $b$  is now information-theoretically hidden in the view of the adversary

$$\Pr[G_4^{\mathcal{A}} \Rightarrow 1] = \frac{1}{2},$$

where  $G_5$  works as  $G_3$  except that the input of the  $i$ -th parallel random oracle query, where  $i \xleftarrow{\$} [d]$ , is measured and 1 is returned if the challenge input was recovered, that is if one of the  $p$  input registers contains  $(c^*, r \star \text{pk})$ .

**GAME  $G_6$ .** In this game we simulate random oracle  $G$  using the extractable random-oracle simulator from Definition 11. We set the commitment function  $f$  to be the output of  $G$ , that is we set  $f(x, y) \mapsto y$ . Since we do not yet make use of the extraction interface, we have by property 1 from Definition 11 that the extractable random-oracle simulator is *perfectly indistinguishable* from the quantum random oracle  $G$ . Therefore, this is only a conceptual change and we have  $\Pr[G_5^{\text{Ext}} \Rightarrow 1] = \Pr[G_6^{\text{Ext}} \Rightarrow 1]$ .

GAME  $G_7$ . In  $G_7$  we extract the ciphertexts which were queried on the decapsulation oracle *at the end of the game*, using the extraction interface  $\mathcal{S.E}$ . Since we only do this at the end of the game, it does not change the outcome of the game. Thus, this is again a conceptual game change and we have  $\Pr[G_6^{\text{Ext}} \Rightarrow 1] = \Pr[G_7^{\text{Ext}} \Rightarrow 1]$ .

GAME  $G_8$ . We now extract the commitments *at runtime* in the decapsulation algorithm after querying  $\mathcal{S.R.O}$ . Since we have  $q_D$  ciphertexts which need to be extracted, and each one needs to be commuted at most  $q + q_D$  times we have to apply the almost-commutativity property (Property 3 of Definition 11) at most  $q_D(q + q_D)$  times. Observing that  $\Gamma(f) = 1$  for  $f(x, y) \mapsto y$  we have

$$|\Pr[G_7^{\text{Ext}} \Rightarrow 1] - \Pr[G_8^{\text{Ext}} \Rightarrow 1]| \leq q_D(q_D + q)8\sqrt{\frac{1}{2^{n-1}}}.$$

GAME  $G_9$ . We introduce the test whether the extracted  $(a, z) = \perp$  and return  $\perp$  if it evaluates to true. We can bound this using property 6 of Definition 11 together with a union bound over the number of decapsulation queries. Informally, property 6 says in our setting if  $d = d'$ , then  $(a, z) \neq \perp$  except with probability  $2^{-(n-1)}$  (for a single call). Thus, by the contrapositive this means that if  $(a, z) = \perp$  then we have  $d \neq d'$ . By a union bound over the  $q_D$  decapsulation queries, we get

$$|\Pr[G_8^{\text{Ext}} \Rightarrow 1] - \Pr[G_9^{\text{Ext}} \Rightarrow 1]| \leq \frac{q_D}{2^{n-1}}.$$

GAME  $G_{10}$ . We introduce an additional test after the one introduced by  $G_9$ , in which we return  $\perp$  if  $(a, z) \neq \perp$  and  $(a, z) \neq (c, \text{sk} \star c)$ . Intuitively, if  $d = d'$  we have  $(a, z) = (c, \text{sk} \star c)$  unless the adversary has found a collision in the key-confirmation hash. If  $d \neq d'$ , we do not change the behavior in  $G_{10}$  because DECAPS already returns  $\perp$  as introduced in  $G_9$ . We apply property 8 of Definition 11 to bound the collision probability. We set  $q$  in property 8 to  $q + q_D$  (the second  $q$  is the total number of RO queries) and  $\ell = q_D$ . The  $q_D$  term is necessary to account for indirect queries to  $G$  through DECAPS. With the observation that  $\Gamma'(f) = 1$  for our commitment function  $f$ , we obtain by applying property 8

$$|\Pr[G_9^{\text{Ext}} \Rightarrow 1] - \Pr[G_{10}^{\text{Ext}} \Rightarrow 1]| \leq 40e^2(q + 2q_D + 2)^3/2^n.$$

GAME  $G_{11}$ . We make a simple conceptual change, by substituting the previous check  $z \neq \text{sk} \star c$  with  $O(a, z) = 0$ , where we set  $O$  to be the function  $\text{GA-DDH}_g$ . In the final reduction we simulate it using the (classical)  $\text{GA-DDH}_g$  oracle. We have  $\Pr[G_{10}^{\text{Ext}} \Rightarrow 1] = \Pr[G_{11}^{\text{Ext}} \Rightarrow 1]$ .

GAME  $G_{12}$ . In this game we make another conceptual change. We return  $H(a, z)$  instead of  $H(c, g \star c)$  which is possible, since the previous condition ensures that if the line is reached, that  $a = c$  and  $O(a, z) = 1$  and thus  $z = \text{sk} \star c$ . Therefore,  $\Pr[G_{11}^{\text{Ext}} \Rightarrow 1] = \Pr[G_{12}^{\text{Ext}} \Rightarrow 1]$ .

GAME  $G_{13}$ . We now remove the returning of  $\perp$  when  $d \neq d'$ . If  $(a, z) \neq \perp$ , we have by property 5 of Definition 11 that  $\mathcal{S.R.O}(\mathcal{S.E}(d)) = d$  except with probability  $2^{-(n-1)}$ . The previous check ensures that  $a = c$  and  $z = \text{sk} \star c$ . Thus, if the line is reached we have  $d' = d$  due to property 5 since  $\mathcal{S.R.O}(c, \text{sk} \star c) = d$ . We can thus drop the check, as it will most likely evaluate to false. Thus, we have by a union bound over the  $q_D$  decapsulation queries

$$|\Pr[G_{12}^{\text{Ext}} \Rightarrow 1] - \Pr[G_{13}^{\text{Ext}} \Rightarrow 1]| \leq \frac{q_D}{2^{n-1}}.$$

GAME  $G_{14}$ . In  $G_{14}$  we move the queries  $\mathcal{S.R.O}(c, \text{sk} \star c)$  to the end of the game, which is possible since we do not use their values. Observe that the secret key is not used in game  $G_{14}$  anymore, except for testing whether  $O(a, z) = 0$ , which the reduction will be able to simulate using the classical decision oracle. By the almost-commutativity, we have

$$|\Pr[G_{13}^{\text{Ext}} \Rightarrow 1] - \Pr[G_{14}^{\text{Ext}} \Rightarrow 1]| \leq q_D(q_D + q)8\sqrt{\frac{1}{2^{n-1}}}.$$

It remains to bound  $\Pr[G_{14}^{\text{Ext}} \Rightarrow 1]$ . Let  $p := q/d$  be the query parallelism. Since we can now simulate decapsulation queries using the decision oracle without using the secret key we can easily show that there exists an adversary  $\mathcal{B}$  with

$$\Pr[G_{14}^{\text{Ext}} \Rightarrow 1] \leq \text{Adv}_{\text{EGA}}^{\text{GA-StCDH}}(\mathcal{B}),$$

where we use the fact that it is possible to “detect” the right solution in the set of measured queries due to the decision oracle. Detecting the right solution takes (at most)  $p$  queries to  $\text{GA-DDH}(g \star \tilde{x}, \cdot, \cdot)$ . We describe how  $\mathcal{B}$  works. It takes as input the challenge  $(g \star \tilde{x}, h \star \tilde{x})$ , then samples  $d^*$  and  $K_b$  as in  $G_{14}$ , sets  $c^*$  to be  $h \star \tilde{x}$  and  $\text{pk}$  to be  $g \star \tilde{x}$ . It runs the extractor algorithm  $\text{Ext}$  as in  $G_{14}$ , it simulates  $\mathcal{G}$  using the extractable random oracle simulator and simulates  $\text{DECAPS}$  queries as in  $G_{14}$  using the *classical*  $\text{GA-DDH}_g$  oracle. Finally, when it obtains  $\mathcal{T}$ , it searches for  $z$  s.t.  $\text{GA-DDH}_g(c^*, z) = 1$ , and returns  $z$ . Clearly, when  $(c^*, r \star \text{pk}) \in \mathcal{T}$ ,  $\mathcal{B}$  wins.

Adding up the terms yields the claimed bound. The claimed running time follows from running  $\mathcal{A}$  once and Property 9 of the extractable random oracle simulator, which describes its running time depending on the number of hash and extraction queries, which concludes our proof.  $\square$

### C.3 Proof of Theorem 6

*Proof.* We prove the theorem using the games in Figure 15.

Games $G_1$ - $G_5$	Oracle $H(M)/H'(M)$
00 $(\text{pk}, \text{sk}) \leftarrow \text{Gen}$ <span style="float: right;"><math>\parallel G_1</math>-<math>G_2</math></span>	22 Let $M = (\text{ct}, z_1, \dots, z_m)$
01 for $i \in [\ell - 1]$ <span style="float: right;"><math>\parallel G_3</math>-<math>G_5</math></span>	23 if $z_i = \text{sk}_i \star \text{ct}$ for all $i \in [m]$ <span style="float: right;"><math>\parallel G_2</math>-<math>G_3</math></span>
02 $h_i \xleftarrow{\$} \mathcal{G}$	24 return $H_1(\text{ct})$
03 $x_i := h_i \star \tilde{x}$	25 if $\text{TDT}(\text{ct}, z_1, \dots, z_m) = 1$ <span style="float: right;"><math>\parallel G_4</math>-<math>G_5</math></span>
04 $t_i := h_i$	26 return $H_1(\text{ct})$ <span style="float: right;"><math>\parallel H</math></span>
05 for $i \in [\ell, m]$	27 return $H'_1(\text{ct})$ <span style="float: right;"><math>\parallel H'</math></span>
06 $\parallel \text{Enforce } \{s_\ell, \dots, s_{2\ell-1}\} = [0, \ell - 1]$	28 return $H_2(M)$
07 $s_i \xleftarrow{\$} [0, \ell - 1]$	<b>Oracle <math>\text{DECAPS}(\text{ct} \neq \text{ct}^*)</math></b>
08 $h_i \xleftarrow{\$} \mathcal{G}$	29 for $i \in [m]$ <span style="float: right;"><math>\parallel G_1</math></span>
09 $x_i := h_i \star x_{s_i}$ <span style="float: right;"><math>\parallel x_0 := \tilde{x}</math></span>	30 $z_i := \text{sk}_i \star \text{ct}$
10 $t_i := h_i \cdot h_{s_i}$ <span style="float: right;"><math>\parallel h_0 := e</math></span>	31 return $H(\text{ct}, z_1, \dots, z_m)$
11 $\text{pk} := (x_1, \dots, x_m)$	32 return $H_1(\text{ct})$ <span style="float: right;"><math>\parallel G_2</math>-<math>G_5</math></span>
12 $\text{sk} := (t_1, \dots, t_m)$	
13 $b \xleftarrow{\$} \{0, 1\}$	
14 $(\text{ct}^*, K_0) \leftarrow \text{Encaps}(\text{pk})$ <span style="float: right;"><math>\parallel G_1</math></span>	
15 $r \xleftarrow{\$} \mathcal{G}$ <span style="float: right;"><math>\parallel G_2</math>-<math>G_5</math></span>	
16 $\text{ct}^* := r \star \tilde{x}$	
17 $K_0 := H_1(\text{ct}^*)$	
18 $K_1 \xleftarrow{\$} \{0, 1\}^k$	
19 $b' \leftarrow \mathcal{A}^{\text{DECAPS}, H}(\text{pk}, c^*, K_b)$ <span style="float: right;"><math>\parallel G_1</math>-<math>G_4</math></span>	
20 $b' \leftarrow \mathcal{A}^{\text{DECAPS}, H'}(\text{pk}, c^*, K_b)$ <span style="float: right;"><math>\parallel G_5</math></span>	
21 return $\llbracket b = b' \rrbracket$	

**Fig. 15.** Games  $G_1$ - $G_5$  for the proof of Theorem 6,  $H_1, H'_1$  and  $H_2$  are internal random oracles.

GAME  $G_1$ . This is the standard IND-CCA game for KEMs for  $\text{GA-Twin-HEG}_m$ . The random oracle  $H$  is instantiated by an internal random oracle  $H_2$ . Thus,

$$|\Pr[G_1^{\mathcal{A}} \Rightarrow 1] - \frac{1}{2}| = \text{Adv}_{\text{GA-Twin-HEG}_m}^{\text{IND-CCA}}(\mathcal{A}).$$

GAME  $G_2$ . In  $G_2$ , we split the random oracle  $H$  into two internal random oracles  $H_1$  and  $H_2$ .  $H_1$  is used in the  $\text{DECAPS}$  oracle to compute the keys. We also make the conceptual change of only hashing the ciphertext  $\text{ct}$  without the  $z_i$ . This change is indeed only conceptual, since every possible set element is a valid encapsulation and all  $z_i$  are uniquely determined by  $\text{ct}$  and  $\text{sk}$ . So splitting it into a separate internal random oracle and only hashing  $\text{ct}$  does not change the distribution of the keys.

$H$  now has to check whether a query corresponds to such a decapsulation query and in this case it answers with  $H_1$  only on the first component of its query (which corresponds to  $\text{ct}$  in this case). In all other cases, it still hashes all its input with  $H_2$ . This makes  $H$  consistent with the decapsulation oracle, so overall, we have  $\Pr[G_1^{\mathcal{A}} \Rightarrow 1] = \Pr[G_2^{\mathcal{A}} \Rightarrow 1]$ .

GAME  $G_3$ . Next, we change how the challenge key is generated. Instead of choosing all set elements at random, we sample  $\ell - 1$  “basis” set elements and set the remaining public key elements as rerandomizations of one of these bases, depending on a randomly chosen  $s_i \xleftarrow{\$} [0, \ell - 1]$ . For  $s_i = 0$  we use the origin element  $\tilde{x}$ . Like in Lemma 3, we choose the  $s_i$  s.t. each base element is “used” once in the first  $\ell$  rerandomized elements. This does not change the distribution of the public key (see Lemma 3), so  $\Pr[G_2^A \Rightarrow 1] = \Pr[G_3^A \Rightarrow 1]$ .

GAME  $G_4$ . Finally, we replace the check whether a hash query corresponds to a decapsulation with the trapdoor test from Lemma 3. From the lemma, we get

$$|\Pr[G_3^A \Rightarrow 1] - \Pr[G_4^A \Rightarrow 1]| \leq \text{Adv}_{\text{EGA},q,d,\ell,m}^{\text{TDT}}(\mathcal{D}_1) \leq \text{Adv}_{T,q,d}^{\text{GDP}}(\mathcal{D}_2),$$

for any quantum distinguishers  $\mathcal{D}_1, \mathcal{D}_2$ , where  $T$  defined as in Lemma 3 and  $q$  and  $d$  are the number of queries and the query depth of  $\mathcal{A}$  to the random oracle  $H$  respectively.

GAME  $G_5$ . Next, we replace the internal random oracle  $H_1$  used in decapsulation and  $H$  with an internal random oracle  $H'_1$ , which is identical to  $H_1$  at all points except for  $\text{ct}^*$ . We call the new random oracle  $H'$ . We still use  $H_1$  to compute the challenge key  $K_0$ , but  $\mathcal{A}$  now only has access to  $H'$ , so from the perspective of the adversary  $\mathcal{A}$  both keys are now random. Therefore, we have

$$\Pr[G_5^A \Rightarrow 1] = \frac{1}{2}.$$

It remains to bound the difference between  $G_4$  and  $G_5$ . By the MRM O2H lemma, there exists an extractor algorithm  $\text{Ext}$  with

$$|\Pr[G_4^A \Rightarrow 1] - \Pr[G_5^A \Rightarrow 1]| \leq 4d \Pr[G_6^{\text{Ext}} \Rightarrow 1],$$

where  $G_6^{\text{Ext}}$  is the same as  $G_4$ , except that instead of running  $\mathcal{A}^{\text{DECAPS},H}(\text{pk}, c^*, K_b)$  to obtain  $b'$  and returning  $\llbracket b = b' \rrbracket$ , it runs  $\text{Ext}^{\text{DECAPS},H,H'}(\text{pk}, c^*, K_b)$  to obtain  $\mathcal{T}$  and returns  $\llbracket \mathcal{S} \cap \mathcal{T} \neq \emptyset \rrbracket$ , where  $\mathcal{S}$  are the inputs of  $H$  which are reprogrammed, i.e.,  $\mathcal{S} = \{(\text{ct}^*, r \star \text{pk}_1, \dots, r \star \text{pk}_m)\}$ .

We bound the right-hand probability by the adversary  $\mathcal{B}$  given in Figure 16.  $\mathcal{B}$  embeds its challenge  $x$  in the first element of the public key and uses its challenge  $y$  as the challenge encapsulation. It simulates internal random oracles  $H_1, H'_1$  and  $H_2$  using standard techniques and runs the extraction algorithm  $\text{Ext}$  of the MRM O2H lemma to obtain a set  $\mathcal{T}$ . Note that the  $\text{DECAPS}$  and  $H, H'$  can be simulated as in  $G_5$  and quantum decapsulation queries can also be simulated since  $\mathcal{B}$  has quantum access to  $H_1$ . Finally, once  $\mathcal{T}$  is obtained,  $\mathcal{B}$  searches for  $(\text{ct}^*, z_1, \dots, z_m) \in \mathcal{T}$  and runs  $\text{TDT}(\text{ct}^*, z_1, \dots, z_m)$ . If the trapdoor test passes, it returns  $z_1$  as the solution. Since  $\mathcal{B}$  wins, when  $\text{Ext}$  wins, we have

$$\Pr[G_6^{\text{Ext}} \Rightarrow 1] \leq \text{Adv}_{\text{EGA}}^{\text{GA-CDH}}(\mathcal{B}).$$

Collecting the probabilities and applying Lemma 2 yields the claim.  $\square$

## D Omitted Proofs for Group Action NIKE Schemes

In order to make our NIKE proofs better understandable we capture the CKS security game described in Section 2.2 by the pseudocode given in Figure 17.

In Appendix D.2, we prove the necessity of the GA-DPQ-StCDH assumption. In Appendices D.3 and D.4, we then give the proofs for the security of GA-HDH based on the GA-DFQ-StCDH assumption and that of GA-Twin-HDH<sub>m</sub> based on the GA-CDH assumption. In Appendix D.1 we explain why it seems difficult to apply the MRM-O2H lemma to prove security in the CKS model.

### D.1 Difficulty of Applying MRM to NIKE

As explained in Remark 8, in order to apply the MRM-O2H lemma, we have to show how to simulate the oracles in the CKS model quantumly in order to turn the adversary into a reversible one. Notice how the proof uses the precomputed set of public and secret-keys in the REGISTERHONEST oracle, which does not make sense for quantum queries since the same keys would be registered to different identities in the



Adversary $\mathcal{B}(x, y)$		
00	$x_1 := x$	
01	<b>for</b> $i \in [2, \ell - 1]$	
02	$h_i \xleftarrow{\$} \mathcal{G}$	
03	$x_i := h_i \star \tilde{x}$	
04	<b>for</b> $i \in [\ell, m]$	
05	$\parallel$ Enforce $\{s_\ell, \dots, s_{2\ell-1}\} = [0, \ell - 1]$	
06	$s_i \xleftarrow{\$} [0, \ell - 1]$	
07	$h_i \xleftarrow{\$} \mathcal{G}$	
08	$x_i := h_i \star x_{s_i}$	$\parallel x_0 := \tilde{x}$
09	$\mathbf{pk} := (x_1, \dots, x_m)$	
10	$\mathbf{ct}^* := y$	
11	$K_0 := \mathbf{H}_1(\mathbf{ct}^*)$	
12	$K_1 \xleftarrow{\$} \{0, 1\}^\kappa$	
13	$\mathcal{T} \leftarrow \text{Ext}_{\text{DECAPS}, \mathbf{H}, \mathbf{H}'}^{\text{DECAPS}, \mathbf{H}, \mathbf{H}'}(\mathbf{pk}, \mathbf{ct}^*, K_b)$	
14	<b>for</b> $(\mathbf{ct}, z_1, \dots, z_m) \in \mathcal{T}$	$\parallel  \mathcal{T}  = p$
15	<b>if</b> $\mathbf{ct} = \mathbf{ct}^* \wedge \text{TDT}(\mathbf{ct}^*, z_1, \dots, z_m) = 1$	
16	<b>return</b> $z_1$	
17	<b>return</b> $\perp$	

**Fig. 16.** Adversary  $\mathcal{B}$  against GA-CDH, where  $\mathbf{H}, \mathbf{H}_1, \mathbf{H}'_1$  and  $\mathbf{H}_2$  are internal random oracles. The only constraint on the random oracles is that  $\mathbf{H}_1(z) = \mathbf{H}'_1(z)$  for all  $z \neq y$ .

simulation. It is not clear how to generalize this technique without changing the CKS model to a slightly weaker one where the adversary first commits to the identities. Additionally, we would have to assume the existence of quantum-accessible RAM for the key registration set  $L$  and the test set  $K$ . Additionally, the id space would need to be sufficiently small for the reduction to have a somewhat reasonable memory usage. This additional freedom the adversary has in choosing the identities is not existent in the IND-CCA security game for KEMs, which is why it is not an issue there. We leave it as an open problem whether one can apply MRM-O2H also in the NIKE setting in the CKS model. For a more in-depth discussion regarding why a reversible adversary is necessary in order to apply MRM-O2H, see [27].

## D.2 Proof of Theorem 2

*Proof.* Consider the sequence of games given in Figure 18.

GAME 1. This is the GA-DPQ-StCDH game. By definition,

$$\Pr[\mathbf{G}_1^{\mathcal{A}} \Rightarrow 1] = \text{Adv}_{\text{EGA}}^{\text{GA-DPQ-StCDH}}(\mathcal{A}).$$

GAME 2. In this game, instead of returning whether  $g \star x_1 = x_2$  in line 07, oracle  $\mathbf{O}_g$  returns whether  $(x_1, g \star x_1) = (x_1, x_2)$  in line 06. We do the same for oracle  $\mathbf{O}_h$  (see line 08). Since we always have  $x_1 = x_1$ , this change is only conceptual and thus  $\Pr[\mathbf{G}_1^{\mathcal{A}} \Rightarrow 1] = \Pr[\mathbf{G}_2^{\mathcal{A}} \Rightarrow 1]$ .

GAME 3. In this game we want to change the output of  $\mathbf{O}_g$  and  $\mathbf{O}_h$  again. But first, we will prepare some conceptual changes which we will need in the final reduction to CKS security. Therefore, we add identities to the game and we introduce the notation  $\text{ID}_{\text{int}(\sigma)} := \sigma$  for an identity string  $\sigma \in \{0, 1\}^\mu$ , where  $\text{int}$  converts  $\sigma$  to an integer. This way, we can assign identities in ascending order using a counter  $\text{cnt}$ , starting with the challenge set elements  $g \star \tilde{x}$  and  $h \star \tilde{x}$  in line 02. After that we increment  $\text{cnt}$  for each query to  $\mathbf{O}_g$  or  $\mathbf{O}_h$  and assign new identities to all  $x_1$  in these queries. Now we can change the output of  $\mathbf{O}_g$  from deciding whether  $(x_1, g \star x_1) = (x_1, x_2)$  in line 06 to deciding whether  $\mathbf{H}(\text{ID}_g, \text{ID}, g \star \tilde{x}, x_1, g \star x_1) = \mathbf{H}(\text{ID}_g, \text{ID}, g \star \tilde{x}, x_1, x_2)$  (cf. lines 12, 14) using a hash function  $\mathbf{H}$ . We do the same for  $\mathbf{O}_h$  using  $h$  instead of  $g$ . This introduces false positives into the outputs, when for any  $x_1 \in \mathcal{X}$  we have that  $\mathbf{H}(\text{ID}_g, \text{ID}, g \star \tilde{x}, x_1, g \star x_1)$  has preimages of the form  $(\text{ID}_g, \text{ID}, g \star \tilde{x}, x_1, x_2)$  with  $x_2 \neq g \star x_1$ .

We can bound this change by reducing to the Generic Distinguishing Problem, which we do in Figure 19. For every input  $(\text{ID}_g, \text{ID}, g \star \tilde{x}, x_1, x_2)$  we have  $\mathbf{F}(\text{ID}_g, \text{ID}, g \star \tilde{x}, x_1, x_2)$  returns 1 with probability  $\lambda := 1/2^\kappa$ , which is the probability to find a second preimage for  $\mathbf{H}(\text{ID}_g, \text{ID}, g \star \tilde{x}, x_1, g \star x_1)$ . The same holds for  $\mathbf{O}_h$ . If  $\mathbf{F}$  is the zero function, the distinguisher  $\mathcal{D}$  simulates  $\mathbf{G}_2$  and otherwise  $\mathbf{G}_3$ . Thus by

<p><b>Game</b> <math>\text{Exp}^{\text{CKS}}(\mathcal{A})</math></p> <pre> 00 <math>L[\mathcal{ID}] := \perp</math> 01 <math>K[\mathcal{ID}, \mathcal{ID}] := \perp</math> 02 <math>\text{pp} \leftarrow \text{NIKE.Setup}</math> 03 <math>b \xleftarrow{\\$} \{0, 1\}</math> 04 <math>b' \leftarrow \mathcal{A}^O(\text{pp})</math> 05 <b>return</b> <math>\llbracket b = b' \rrbracket</math>  <b>Oracle</b> REGISTERHONEST(<math>\text{ID}</math>) 06 <b>if</b> <math>L[\text{ID}] = (\text{corrupt}, *, \perp)</math> 07   <b>return</b> <math>\perp</math> 08 <math>(\text{pk}, \text{sk}) \leftarrow \text{NIKE.Gen}(\text{pp}, \text{ID})</math> 09 <math>L[\text{ID}] := (\text{honest}, \text{pk}, \text{sk})</math> 10 <b>return</b> <math>(\text{ID}, \text{pk})</math>  <b>Oracle</b> REGISTERCORRUPT(<math>\text{ID}, \text{pk}</math>) 11 <b>if</b> <math>L[\text{ID}] = \perp</math> 12   <math>L[\text{ID}] := (\text{corrupt}, \text{pk}, \perp)</math> 13   <b>return</b> 1 14 <b>else if</b> <math>L[\text{ID}] = (\text{corrupt}, *, \perp)</math> 15   <math>L[\text{ID}] := (\text{corrupt}, \text{pk}, \perp)</math> 16   <b>return</b> 1 17 <b>return</b> 0 </pre>	<p><b>Oracle</b> CORRUPTREVEAL(<math>\text{ID}_1, \text{ID}_2</math>)</p> <pre> 18 <b>if</b> <math>L[\text{ID}_1] = \perp \vee L[\text{ID}_2] = \perp</math> 19   <b>return</b> <math>\perp</math> 20 <math>(l_1, \text{pk}_1, \text{sk}_1) := L[\text{ID}_1], (l_2, \text{pk}_2, \text{sk}_2) := L[\text{ID}_2]</math> 21 <b>if</b> <math>l_1 = l_2</math> 22   <b>return</b> <math>\perp</math> 23 <b>Let</b> <math>\text{sk}_i \neq \perp</math> 24 <b>return</b> <math>\text{NIKE.SharedKey}(\text{ID}_{3-i}, \text{pk}_{3-i}, \text{ID}_i, \text{sk}_i)</math>  <b>Oracle</b> TEST(<math>\text{ID}_1, \text{ID}_2</math>) 25 <b>if</b> <math>L[\text{ID}_1] = \perp \vee L[\text{ID}_2] = \perp \vee \text{ID}_1 = \text{ID}_2</math> 26   <b>return</b> <math>\perp</math> 27 <b>if</b> <math>K[\text{ID}_1, \text{ID}_2] \neq \perp</math> 28   <b>return</b> <math>K[\text{ID}_1, \text{ID}_2]</math> 29 <math>(l_1, \text{pk}_1, \text{sk}_1) := L[\text{ID}_1], (l_2, \text{pk}_2, \text{sk}_2) := L[\text{ID}_2]</math> 30 <b>if</b> <math>l_1 \neq \text{honest} \vee l_2 \neq \text{honest}</math> 31   <b>return</b> <math>\perp</math> 32 <math>K_0 := \text{NIKE.SharedKey}(\text{ID}_1, \text{pk}_1, \text{ID}_2, \text{sk}_2)</math> 33 <math>K_1 \xleftarrow{\\$} \text{SHK}</math> 34 <math>K[\text{ID}_1, \text{ID}_2] := K_b, K[\text{ID}_2, \text{ID}_1] := K_b</math> 35 <b>return</b> <math>K_b</math> </pre>
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**Fig. 17.** CKS security game  $\text{Exp}^{\text{CKS}}$  for NIKE. Adversary  $\mathcal{A}$  has access to oracles  $\mathcal{O} = \{\text{REGISTERHONEST}, \text{REGISTERCORRUPT}, \text{CORRUPTREVEAL}, \text{TEST}\}$ .

<p><b>Games</b> <math>G_1</math>-<math>G_4</math></p> <pre> 00 <math>g \xleftarrow{\\$} \mathcal{G}</math> 01 <math>h \xleftarrow{\\$} \mathcal{G}</math> 02 <math>\text{ID}_g := \text{ID}_0; \text{ID}_h := \text{ID}_1</math> 03 <math>\text{cnt} := 2</math> 04 <math>z \leftarrow \mathcal{A}^{\text{O}_g(\cdot, \cdot), \text{O}_h(\cdot, \cdot)}(g \star \tilde{x}, h \star \tilde{x})</math> 05 <b>return</b> <math>\llbracket z = gh \star \tilde{x} \rrbracket</math>  <b>Oracle</b> <math>\text{O}_g(x_1, x_2)</math> 06 <b>return</b> <math>\llbracket (x_1, g \star x_1) = (x_1, x_2) \rrbracket</math> 07 <b>return</b> <math>\llbracket g \star x_1 = x_2 \rrbracket</math>  <b>Oracle</b> <math>\text{O}_h(x_1, x_2)</math> 08 <b>return</b> <math>\llbracket (x_1, h \star x_1) = (x_1, x_2) \rrbracket</math> 09 <b>return</b> <math>\llbracket h \star x_1 = x_2 \rrbracket</math> </pre>	<p><b>Oracle</b> <math>\text{O}_g(x_1, x_2)</math> <span style="float: right;"><math>\ll G_3</math>-<math>G_4</math></span></p> <pre> 10 <math>\text{ID} := \text{ID}_{\text{cnt}}</math> 11 <math>\text{cnt} := \text{cnt} + 1</math> 12 <math>K := \text{H}(\text{ID}_g, \text{ID}, g \star \tilde{x}, x_1, g \star x_1)</math> 13 <math>K := \text{NIKE.SharedKey}(\text{ID}, x_1, \text{ID}_g, g)</math> 14 <b>return</b> <math>\llbracket K = \text{H}(\text{ID}_g, \text{ID}, g \star \tilde{x}, x_1, x_2) \rrbracket</math>  <b>Oracle</b> <math>\text{O}_h(x_1, x_2)</math> <span style="float: right;"><math>\ll G_3</math>-<math>G_4</math></span> 15 <math>\text{ID} := \text{ID}_{\text{cnt}}</math> 16 <math>\text{cnt} := \text{cnt} + 1</math> 17 <math>K := \text{H}(\text{ID}_h, \text{ID}, h \star \tilde{x}, x_1, h \star x_1)</math> 18 <math>K := \text{NIKE.SharedKey}(\text{ID}, x_1, \text{ID}_h, h)</math> 19 <b>return</b> <math>\llbracket K = \text{H}(\text{ID}_h, \text{ID}, h \star \tilde{x}, x_1, x_2) \rrbracket</math> </pre>
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**Fig. 18.** Games  $G_1$ - $G_4$ . For games  $G_3$ - $G_4$ , we use the implicit notation  $\text{ID}_{\text{int}(\sigma)} := \sigma$  for an identity string  $\sigma \in \{0, 1\}^\mu$ , where  $\text{int}$  converts  $\sigma$  to an integer.

eq. (2) of Lemma 2 where we have set  $\lambda := 1/2^\kappa$  we have

$$\begin{aligned}
|\Pr[G_2^{\mathcal{A}} \Rightarrow 1] - \Pr[G_3^{\mathcal{A}} \Rightarrow 1]| &= \left| \Pr[\text{GDP}_{\mathbb{F},0}^{\mathcal{D}} \Rightarrow 1] - \Pr[\text{GDP}_{\mathbb{F},1}^{\mathcal{D}} \Rightarrow 1] \right| \\
&\leq 8(q+1)^2/2^\kappa.
\end{aligned}$$

GAME 4. In this game we substitute the boolean test in  $\text{O}_g$  and  $\text{O}_h$  again. We now check whether  $\text{NIKE.SharedKey}(\text{ID}, x_1, \text{ID}_g, g) = \text{H}(\text{ID}_g, \text{ID}, g \star \tilde{x}, x_1, x_2)$  in line 13 in  $\text{O}_g$  and the same for  $h$  in  $\text{O}_h$ . By definition of the shared key algorithm of GA-HDH this change is again only conceptual. Note that by assigning identities in an ascending order, we always have  $\text{ID}_g < \text{ID}_h < \text{ID}$  for each  $\text{ID}$  chosen in  $\text{O}_g$  or  $\text{O}_h$  which fixes the order of inputs to  $\text{H}$ . Hence,  $\Pr[G_3^{\mathcal{A}} \Rightarrow 1] = \Pr[G_4^{\mathcal{A}} \Rightarrow 1]$ .

It remains to bound  $G_4$ . We claim

$$\Pr[G_4^{\mathcal{A}} \Rightarrow 1] \leq 2 \cdot \text{Adv}_{\text{GA-HDH}}^{\text{CKS}}(\mathcal{B}) + \frac{1}{2^\kappa}. \quad (12)$$

We construct an adversary  $\mathcal{B}$  in Figure 20.  $\mathcal{B}$  has access to oracles REGISTERHONEST, REGISTERCORRUPT, CORRUPTREVEAL, TEST provided by the CKS game as well as random oracle  $\text{H}$ . It simulates  $G_4$  as follows.

Distinguisher $\mathcal{D}^F$	Oracle $O_g(x_1, x_2)$
00 $g \xleftarrow{\$} \mathcal{G}$	06 <b>if</b> $g \star x_1 = x_2$ <b>return</b> 1
01 $h \xleftarrow{\$} \mathcal{G}$	07 $ID := ID_{\text{cnt}}$
02 $ID_g := ID_0; ID_h := ID_1$	08 $\text{cnt} := \text{cnt} + 1$
03 $\text{cnt} := 2$	09 <b>return</b> $F(ID_g, ID, g \star \tilde{x}, x_1, x_2)$
04 $z \leftarrow \mathcal{A}^{O_g(\cdot, \cdot), O_h(\cdot, \cdot)}(g \star \tilde{x}, h \star \tilde{x})$	
05 <b>return</b> $\llbracket z = gh \star \tilde{x} \rrbracket$	Oracle $O_h(x_1, x_2)$
	10 <b>if</b> $h \star x_1 = x_2$ <b>return</b> 1
	11 $ID := ID_{\text{cnt}}$
	12 $\text{cnt} := \text{cnt} + 1$
	13 <b>return</b> $F(ID_h, ID, h \star \tilde{x}, x_1, x_2)$

**Fig. 19.** Distinguisher  $\mathcal{D}$  for the Generic Distinguishing Problem to bound  $G_2$ - $G_3$ .

Adversary $\mathcal{B}^{\text{CKS}}$	Oracle $O_g(x_1, x_2)$
00 $ID_g := ID_0; ID_h := ID_1$	07 $ID := ID_{\text{cnt}}$
01 $\text{cnt} := 2$	08 $\text{cnt} := \text{cnt} + 1$
02 $\text{pk}_0 \leftarrow \text{REGISTERHONEST}(ID_g)$	09 $\text{REGISTERCORRUPT}(ID, x_1)$
03 $\text{pk}_1 \leftarrow \text{REGISTERHONEST}(ID_h)$	10 <b>return</b> $\llbracket \text{CORRUPTREVEAL}(ID_0, ID) = H(ID_0, ID, \text{pk}_0, x_1, x_2) \rrbracket$
04 $K \leftarrow \text{TEST}(ID_g, ID_h)$	
05 $z \leftarrow \mathcal{A}^{O_g(\cdot, \cdot), O_h(\cdot, \cdot)}(\text{pk}_0, \text{pk}_1)$	Oracle $O_h(x_1, x_2)$
06 <b>return</b> $\llbracket K \neq H(ID_0, ID_1, \text{pk}_0, \text{pk}_1, z) \rrbracket$	11 $ID := ID_{\text{cnt}}$
	12 $\text{cnt} := \text{cnt} + 1$
	13 $\text{REGISTERCORRUPT}(ID, x_1)$
	14 <b>return</b> $\llbracket \text{CORRUPTREVEAL}(ID_1, ID) = H(ID_1, ID, \text{pk}_1, x_1, x_2) \rrbracket$

**Fig. 20.** Adversary  $\mathcal{B}$  for bounding  $G_4$ , where  $O_{\text{CKS}} = \{\text{REGISTERHONEST}, \text{REGISTERCORRUPT}, \text{CORRUPTREVEAL}, \text{TEST}, \text{H}\}$  and  $ID_{\text{int}(\sigma)} := \sigma$  for an identity string  $\sigma \in \{0, 1\}^\mu$ .

It first creates two honest users with IDs  $ID_0$  and  $ID_1$  using the  $\text{REGISTERHONEST}$  oracle. It receives the corresponding public keys  $\text{pk}_0$  and  $\text{pk}_1$  and directly issues a test query on these two users. Thus, it will receive either their shared key or a random key. We denote this challenge key by  $K$ . Now  $\mathcal{B}$  runs adversary  $\mathcal{A}$  against  $\text{GA-DPQ-StCDH}$  on input  $(\text{pk}_0, \text{pk}_1)$ . Hence, oracle  $O_g$  is defined with respect to  $\text{pk}_0$  and  $O_h$  to  $\text{pk}_1$ . On each query  $(x_1, x_2)$  to one of these oracles,  $\mathcal{B}$  chooses a new identity  $ID$  by incrementing the counter and registers a dishonest party with public key  $x_1$ . Recall that this input is classical. Then it reveals the key between this freshly generated user and  $ID_0$  or  $ID_1$  (depending on the oracle) and compares the result with  $H(ID_0, ID, \text{pk}_0, x_1, x_2)$  or  $H(ID_1, ID, \text{pk}_1, x_1, x_2)$  respectively, which will be the oracle's output.

Finally,  $\mathcal{A}$  will output a solution  $z$  and  $\mathcal{B}$  checks whether  $H(ID_0, ID_1, \text{pk}_0, \text{pk}_1, z)$  equals the challenge key. If this is the case, it returns  $b' = 0$  (real), otherwise it returns  $b' = 1$  (random). Clearly, if  $z$  is a solution to the computational group action problem of  $\text{pk}_0$  and  $\text{pk}_1$ , then  $\mathcal{B}$  always wins the CKS game in the real world. In the random world, it will win only with probability  $1 - 1/2^\kappa$  since the challenge key might be the same as the real key with probability  $1/2^\kappa$ . When  $z$  is not the correct solution and  $K$  is the real key, then  $\mathcal{B}$  will only win if the output of  $H$  still coincides with  $K$ , i.e. with probability  $1/2^\kappa$ . However, if  $K$  is a random key,  $\mathcal{B}$  will win again with probability  $1 - 1/2^\kappa$ . Collecting the conditional probabilities yields the bound claimed in eq. (12), which also concludes our proof.  $\square$

### D.3 Proof of Theorem 5

*Proof.* Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a quantum adversary as in Theorem 5. Consider the sequence of games given in Figure 21. We proceed by analyzing the different games.

GAME  $G_1$ . This is the original CKS game with the definition of the NIKE unrolled, except that we do not explicitly do the canonical reordering of the IDs and public keys in order to focus on the important parts of the proof. By definition,

$$|\Pr[G_1^{\mathcal{A}} \Rightarrow 1] - 1/2| = \text{Adv}_{\text{GA-HDH}}^{\text{CKS}}(\mathcal{A}).$$

GAME  $G_2$ . In this game we make a conceptual change by precomputing the set of honest keys and storing them in a set  $\mathcal{H}$ . Since this does not change the distribution of the generated keys, this does

<p><b>Games <math>G_1</math>-<math>G_5</math></b></p> <pre> 00 <math>L[\mathcal{ID}] := \perp</math> 01 <math>K[\mathcal{ID}, \mathcal{ID}] := \perp</math> 02 <math>\text{pp} \leftarrow \text{NIKE.Setup}</math> 03 <math>\text{ctr} := 0</math> 04 <math>\mathcal{H} := \perp</math> 05 for <math>i \in [q_0]</math> 06   <math>\mathcal{H}[i] := (\text{pk}, \text{sk}) := (g \star \tilde{x}, g \stackrel{\\$}{\leftarrow} \mathcal{G})</math> 07 <math>b \stackrel{\\$}{\leftarrow} \{0, 1\}</math> 08 <math>b' \leftarrow \mathcal{A}^{O, \mathcal{H}}(\text{pp})</math> 09 return <math>\llbracket b = b' \rrbracket</math>  <b>Oracle TEST</b>(<math>\text{ID}_1, \text{ID}_2</math>) 10 if <math>L[\text{ID}_1] = \perp \vee L[\text{ID}_2] = \perp \vee \text{ID}_1 = \text{ID}_2</math> 11   return <math>\perp</math> 12 if <math>K[\text{ID}_1, \text{ID}_2] \neq \perp</math> 13   return <math>K[\text{ID}_1, \text{ID}_2]</math> 14 <math>(l_1, \text{pk}_1, \text{sk}_1) := L[\text{ID}_1], (l_2, \text{pk}_2, \text{sk}_2) := L[\text{ID}_2]</math> 15 if <math>l_1 \neq \text{honest} \vee l_2 \neq \text{honest}</math> 16   return <math>\perp</math> 17 <math>K_0 := \text{H}(\text{ID}_1, \text{ID}_2, \text{pk}_1, \text{pk}_2, \text{sk}_2 \star \text{pk}_1)</math> 18 <math>K_0 := \text{H}_3(\text{ID}_1, \text{ID}_2, \text{pk}_1, \text{pk}_2)</math> 19 <math>K_1 \stackrel{\\$}{\leftarrow} \{0, 1\}^k</math> 20 <math>K[\text{ID}_1, \text{ID}_2] := K_b, K[\text{ID}_2, \text{ID}_1] := K_b</math> 21 return <math>K_b</math> </pre>	<p><b>Oracle REGISTERHONEST</b>(<math>\text{ID}</math>)</p> <pre> 22 if <math>L[\text{ID}] = (\text{corrupt}, *, \perp)</math> return <math>\perp</math> 23 <math>(\text{pk}, \text{sk}) := \mathcal{H}[\text{ctr}]</math> 24 <math>\text{ctr} := \text{ctr} + 1</math> 25 <math>(\text{pk}, \text{sk}) := (g \star \tilde{x}, g \stackrel{\\$}{\leftarrow} \mathcal{G})</math> 26 <math>L[\text{ID}] := (\text{honest}, \text{pk}, \text{sk})</math> 27 return <math>(\text{ID}, \text{pk})</math>  <b>Oracle CORRUPTREVEAL</b>(<math>\text{ID}_1, \text{ID}_2</math>) 28 if <math>(L[\text{ID}_1] = \perp \vee L[\text{ID}_2] = \perp)</math> return <math>\perp</math> 29 <math>(l_1, \text{pk}_1, \text{sk}_1) := L[\text{ID}_1], (l_2, \text{pk}_2, \text{sk}_2) := L[\text{ID}_2]</math> 30 if <math>l_1 = l_2</math> return <math>\perp</math> 31 Let <math>\text{sk}_i \neq \perp</math> 32 Let <math>\text{pk}_i \in \mathcal{H}</math> 33 if <math>(\text{pk}_{3-i}, *) \notin \mathcal{H}</math> 34   return <math>\text{H}_1(\text{ID}_1, \text{ID}_2, \text{pk}_1, \text{pk}_2)</math> 35 if <math>(\text{pk}_{3-i}, *) \in \mathcal{H}</math> 36   return <math>\text{H}_3(\text{ID}_1, \text{ID}_2, \text{pk}_1, \text{pk}_2)</math> 37 return <math>\text{H}(\text{ID}_1, \text{ID}_2, \text{pk}_1, \text{pk}_2, \text{sk}_i \star \text{pk}_{3-i})</math>  <b>Oracle H</b>(<math>\text{ID}_1, \text{ID}_2, \text{pk}_1, \text{pk}_2, z</math>) 38 for <math>i \in [1, 2]</math> 39   if <math>(\text{pk}_i, *) \in \mathcal{H} \wedge (\text{pk}_{3-i}, *) \notin \mathcal{H}</math> 40     Let <math>\text{sk}_i</math> s.t. <math>(\text{pk}_i, \text{sk}_i) \in \mathcal{H}</math> 41     if <math>\text{sk}_i \star \text{pk}_{3-i} = z</math> 42       return <math>\text{H}_1(\text{ID}_1, \text{ID}_2, \text{pk}_1, \text{pk}_2)</math> 43 if <math>(\text{pk}_1, *), (\text{pk}_2, *) \in \mathcal{H}</math> 44   Let <math>\text{sk}_1</math> s.t. <math>(\text{pk}_1, \text{sk}_1) \in \mathcal{H}</math> 45   if <math>\text{sk}_1 \star \text{pk}_2 = z</math> 46     return <math>\text{H}'_3(\text{ID}_1, \text{ID}_2, \text{pk}_1, \text{pk}_2)</math> 47   return <math>\text{H}_3(\text{ID}_1, \text{ID}_2, \text{pk}_1, \text{pk}_2)</math> 48 return <math>\text{H}_2(\text{ID}_1, \text{ID}_2, \text{pk}_1, \text{pk}_2, z)</math> </pre>
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**Fig. 21.** Games  $G_1$ - $G_5$  for the proof of Theorem 5. The adversary  $\mathcal{A}$  has access to oracles  $O = \{\text{REGISTERHONEST}, \text{REGISTERCORRUPT}, \text{CORRUPTREVEAL}, \text{TEST}\}$  and  $\mathcal{H}$ . REGISTERCORRUPT is defined as in the original game in Figure 17. For improved readability we assume wlog  $\text{ID}_1 < \text{ID}_2$ .  $\text{H}_i$  for  $i \in [1, 3]$  and  $\text{H}'_3$  are internal random oracles and we define  $\text{H} := \text{H}_2$  for  $G_1$ - $G_2$ .

not change the distribution of REGISTERHONEST. Therefore, this change is only conceptual and we have  $\Pr[G_1^{\mathcal{A}} \Rightarrow 1] = \Pr[G_2^{\mathcal{A}} \Rightarrow 1]$ .

**GAME  $G_3$**  In this game, we make the following conceptual changes in  $\mathcal{H}$ . If one of the public keys  $\text{pk}_i$ , where  $i \in \{1, 2\}$ , is from the honest set  $\mathcal{H}$ , and the other key  $\text{pk}_{3-i}$  is *not*, we check whether  $z$  is a valid DH tuple, i.e.,  $z = \text{sk}_i \star \text{pk}_{3-i}$ , where  $\text{sk}_i$  is the corresponding secret key to  $\text{pk}_i$  stored in  $\mathcal{H}$ . If this test evaluates to true we return  $\text{H}_1(\text{ID}_1, \text{ID}_2, \text{pk}_1, \text{pk}_2)$  for an *internal* independent random oracle  $\text{H}_1$ . If *both keys* are from  $\mathcal{H}$  and  $z = \text{sk}_1 \star \text{pk}_2$ , we return  $\text{H}_3(\text{ID}_1, \text{ID}_2, \text{pk}_1, \text{pk}_2)$ , for another internal, independent random oracle  $\text{H}_3$ . In all other cases we return  $\text{H}_2(\text{ID}_1, \text{ID}_2, \text{pk}_1, \text{pk}_2, z)$  for another independent internal random oracle  $\text{H}_2$ .

Looking ahead to the final reduction, these changes will allow us later to simulate the CORRUPTREVEAL queries without the secret key because for all checks we can use the GA-DDH oracle. Additionally, it will allow us to properly see which values of the random oracle  $\mathcal{H}$  we need to reprogram, namely the ones which can be forwarded to  $\text{H}_3$ . Since all these changes are only conceptual (see also the proof of Theorem 3 for a more detailed explanation, Section 4.1) we have  $\Pr[G_2^{\mathcal{A}} \Rightarrow 1] = \Pr[G_3^{\mathcal{A}} \Rightarrow 1]$ .

**GAME  $G_4$ .** Next, in the TEST oracle we now derive  $K_0$  using  $\text{H}_3$ , which is only conceptual, by our new definition of  $\mathcal{H}$ . Additionally, we return  $\text{H}_1(\text{ID}_1, \text{ID}_2, \text{pk}_1, \text{pk}_2)$  for CORRUPTREVEAL queries if only one of the keys lies in  $\mathcal{H}$  and  $\text{H}_3(\text{ID}_1, \text{ID}_2, \text{pk}_1, \text{pk}_2)$  if both keys are in  $\mathcal{H}$ . Since CORRUPTREVEAL previously always computed  $z$  correctly, its queries to  $\mathcal{H}$  were forwarded to either  $\text{H}_1$  or  $\text{H}_3$  in  $G_3$  as well. So by replacing the call to  $\mathcal{H}$  with the same call to  $\text{H}_1$  or  $\text{H}_3$  that  $\mathcal{H}$  would make is only a conceptual change and we have  $\Pr[G_3^{\mathcal{A}} \Rightarrow 1] = \Pr[G_4^{\mathcal{A}} \Rightarrow 1]$ .

GAME  $G_5$ . In this game we reprogram the random oracle  $H$  on *all potential test queries* by reprogramming  $H$  on the set  $\mathcal{S} := \{(*, *, \text{pk}_1, \text{pk}_2, \text{sk}_1 \star \text{pk}_2) \mid \text{for } i, j \in [q_O]: (\text{pk}_1, \text{sk}_1) = \mathcal{H}[i], (\text{pk}_2, *) = \mathcal{H}[j] \text{ and } i \neq j\}$  with uniformly random values from  $\{0, 1\}^\kappa$ . Note that this reprogramming does not affect inputs which get forwarded to  $H_1$  by  $H$ , since the reprogramming happens on values where both keys are in the honest set, which are forwarded to  $H_3$ . Therefore, we derive the reprogrammed values using another internal random oracle called  $H'_3$ . Let  $H'$  be the reprogrammed random oracle, as described above. Since the queries to  $H_3$  in CORRUPTREVEAL have different IDs than the ones from the TEST queries, we have that  $K_0$  is now identically distributed to  $K_1$  from the view of  $\mathcal{A}$ . Therefore,  $b$  is independent of  $\mathcal{A}$ 's view and we have

$$\Pr[G_5^{\mathcal{A}} \Rightarrow 1] = \frac{1}{2}.$$

It remains to bound  $G_4$ - $G_5$ . By the semi-classical O2H lemma, the difference between the games is bounded by the *classical event* FIND when running  $\mathcal{A}$  with the punctured oracle  $H \setminus \mathcal{S}$ . The event FIND is set to 1 if the semi-classical oracle measures that an input  $x$  lies in  $\mathcal{S}$ . The main difficulty when applying the lemma is to show how to simulate the membership testing  $x \in \mathcal{S}$ . We solve this issue using the quantum-accessible double-sided decision oracle, in conjunction with the precomputed set of key pairs  $\mathcal{H}$ . Let  $G_6^{\mathcal{A}}$  be as  $G_4^{\mathcal{A}}$  except that  $\mathcal{A}$  gets access to  $H \setminus \mathcal{S}$ , we have

$$|\Pr[G_4^{\mathcal{A}} \Rightarrow 1] - \Pr[G_5^{\mathcal{A}} \Rightarrow 1]| \leq 2\sqrt{(d+1)\Pr[\text{FIND}: G_6^{\mathcal{A}}]}.$$

We bound the right-hand probability by the adversary  $\mathcal{B}$  given in Figure 22.  $\mathcal{B}$  obtains the challenge  $(x_0, x_1)$  and the two corresponding decision oracles  $O_0, O_1$ . It embeds its challenges into each challenge public key  $\text{pk}$  by choosing a random bit  $c \in \{0, 1\}$  and group element  $h \in \mathcal{G}$  and rerandomizing its challenge  $x_c$  with  $h$ , i.e.  $\text{pk} := h \star x_c$ , where  $h$  and  $c$  are chosen separately and randomly for each public key. It simulates internal random oracles  $H_1, H_2, H_3$  and  $H'_3$  using standard techniques and runs  $\mathcal{A}^{O, H \setminus \mathcal{S}}$  until the event  $\text{FIND} = 1$ , then measures the corresponding input registers of  $H \setminus \mathcal{S}$  to obtain a set  $\mathcal{T}$ . It simulates all the oracles as in  $G_4$ , which  $\mathcal{B}$  can do, since for all checks where secret keys are involved it can query the corresponding decision oracle. The punctured random oracle  $H \setminus \mathcal{S}$  is simulated as described in Figure 22, where the only difference to  $G_4$  is that  $\mathcal{B}$  takes account for the rerandomization factor  $h$ . Finally, once  $\mathcal{T}$  is obtained, it searches for  $(*, *, \text{pk}_1, \text{pk}_2, z) \in \mathcal{T}$ , where  $\text{pk}_1$  was derived by  $x_c$  using  $h_1$  and  $\text{pk}_2$  was derived by  $x_{1-c}$  using  $h_2$  and  $O_c(\text{pk}_2, h_2^{-1} \star z) = 1$ . If this check passes, it returns  $(h_2^{-1} \cdot h_1^{-1}) \star z$  as the solution. First note that the bits  $c$  are information-theoretically hidden from the adversary. Thus, a test query will involve two public keys with different bits  $c$  with probability  $1/2$ . Assuming that this is the case,  $\mathcal{B}$  wins when  $\text{FIND} = 1$ . This yields

$$\Pr[\text{FIND}: G_6^{\mathcal{A}}] \leq 2\text{Adv}_{\text{EGA}}^{\text{GA-DFQ-StCDH}}(\mathcal{B}).$$

Adding up the analyzed bounds yields the claimed bound. We conclude our proof by analyzing the running time of  $\mathcal{B}$ . The first part of  $\mathcal{B}$  is the rerandomization of the keys, which is proportional to  $q_O$  assuming constant running time for a single rerandomization. Then there is the overhead for simulating the internal random oracles for running  $\mathcal{A}$ . For a single run of  $\mathcal{A}$ ,  $H_1$  is called at most  $\max\{q, q_R\}$  times,  $H_2$  is called at most  $q$  times,  $H_3$  and  $H'_3$  are called at most  $\max\{q, q_T\}$  times. Extracting the solution then is roughly proportional to  $p$  calls to the decision oracle. Every call  $H$  calls the decision oracles at most 2 times and every call to the semi-classical oracle calls the decision oracle at most 2 times (a second call is made when there is another  $\text{pk}_1$  but derived from the other set element), thus we have about at most  $p + 4q$  calls to the decision oracles. Adding up and applying  $\mathcal{O}$  notation yields the claimed running time, which concludes our proof.  $\square$

#### D.4 Proof of Theorem 7

*Proof.* We prove the theorem using the games  $G_1$ - $G_7$  defined in Figure 23.

GAME  $G_1$ . This is the standard CKS security game, so

$$\text{Adv}_{\text{GA-Twin-HDH}_m}^{\text{CKS}}(\mathcal{A}) = |\Pr[G_1^{\mathcal{A}} \Rightarrow 1] - 1/2|.$$

<p><b>Adversary</b> <math>\mathcal{B}^{\mathcal{O}_0(\cdot, \cdot), \mathcal{O}_1(\cdot, \cdot)}(x_0, x_1)</math></p> <pre> 00 <math>L[\mathcal{ID}] := \perp</math> 01 <math>K[\mathcal{ID}, \mathcal{ID}] := \perp</math> 02 <math>\text{pp} \leftarrow \text{NIKE.Setup}</math> 03 <math>\text{ctr} := 0</math> 04 <math>\mathcal{H} := \perp</math> 05 <b>for</b> <math>i \in [q_0]</math> 06   <math>c_i \xleftarrow{\\$} \{0, 1\}</math> 07   <math>h_i \xleftarrow{\\$} \mathcal{G}</math> 08   <math>\mathcal{H}[i] := (\text{pk}, h_i, c_i) := (r_i \star x_{c_i}, h_i, c_i)</math> 09 <math>b \xleftarrow{\\$} \{0, 1\}</math> 10 <math>\mathcal{T} \leftarrow \text{Run } \mathcal{A}^{\mathcal{O}, \mathcal{H} \setminus \mathcal{S}}(\text{pp})</math> until FIND     and measure query register inputs 11 <b>return</b> FindSolution(<math>\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{H}</math>) </pre> <p><b>Oracle</b> <math>\mathcal{O}_S^{\text{SC}}( \psi_{in}, 0\rangle)</math></p> <pre> 12 <math>b := 0</math> 13 <b>Parse</b> <math>\psi_{in}</math> as <math>(\text{ID}_1, \text{ID}_2, \text{pk}_1, \text{pk}_2, z)</math> 14 <math>b \leftarrow \text{Measure}</math> [     <math>\exists i, j \in [q_0] \wedge i \neq j, (*, h, c) \in \mathcal{H}</math>:     <math>\llbracket (\text{pk}_1, h, c) = \mathcal{H}[i] \wedge (\text{pk}_2, *) = \mathcal{H}[j] \rrbracket</math>     <math>\wedge \llbracket \mathcal{O}_c(\text{pk}_2, h^{-1} \star z) = 1 \rrbracket</math> ] 15 <b>return</b> <math>( \psi'_{in}\rangle, b)</math> </pre>	<p><b>Oracle</b> <math>\text{H} \setminus \mathcal{S}( \psi_{in}, \psi_{out}\rangle)</math></p> <pre> 16 <math> \psi'_{in}, b\rangle \leftarrow \mathcal{O}_S^{\text{SC}}( \psi_{in}, 0\rangle)</math> 17 <b>if</b> <math>b = 1</math> 18   FIND := 1 19 <b>return</b> <math>U_{\text{H}}( \psi'_{in}, \psi_{out}\rangle)</math> </pre> <p><b>Oracle</b> <math>\text{H}(\text{ID}_1, \text{ID}_2, \text{pk}_1, \text{pk}_2, z)</math></p> <pre> 20 <b>for</b> <math>i \in [1, 2]</math> 21   <b>if</b> <math>(\text{pk}_i, r, c) \in \mathcal{H} \wedge (\text{pk}_{3-i}, *, *) \notin \mathcal{H}</math>     <math>\wedge \mathcal{O}_c(\text{pk}_{3-i}, h^{-1} \star z) = 1</math> 22     <b>return</b> <math>\text{H}_1(\text{ID}_1, \text{ID}_2, \text{pk}_1, \text{pk}_2)</math> 23   <b>if</b> <math>(\text{pk}_1, h, c), (\text{pk}_2, *, *) \in \mathcal{H} \wedge \mathcal{O}_c(\text{pk}_2, h^{-1} \star z) = 1</math> 24     <b>return</b> <math>\text{H}_3(\text{ID}_1, \text{ID}_2, \text{pk}_1, \text{pk}_2)</math> 25   <b>return</b> <math>\text{H}_2(\text{ID}_1, \text{ID}_2, \text{pk}_1, \text{pk}_2, z)</math> </pre> <p><b>Function</b> FindSolution(<math>\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{H}</math>)</p> <pre> 26 <math>\mathcal{H}_0 := \{(a, b, 0) \in \mathcal{H}\}</math> 27 <math>\mathcal{H}_1 := \{(a, b, 1) \in \mathcal{H}\}</math> 28 <b>for</b> <math>(\text{ID}_1, \text{ID}_2, \text{pk}_1, \text{pk}_2, z) \in \mathcal{T}</math> 29   <b>if</b> <math>\exists h_1, h_2 : (\text{pk}_1, h_1, c) \in \mathcal{H} \wedge (\text{pk}_2, h_2, 1 - c) \in \mathcal{H}</math> 30     <b>if</b> <math>\mathcal{O}_c(\text{pk}_2, h_2^{-1} \star z)</math> 31       <b>return</b> <math>(h_1^{-1} \cdot h_2^{-1}) \star z</math> 32 <b>return</b> <math>\perp</math> </pre>
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**Fig. 22.** Adversary  $\mathcal{B}$  for the proof of Theorem 5. All oracles (except for the random oracles) are simulated as in  $G_5$ , where  $\text{H}_1, \text{H}_2, \text{H}_3$  and  $\text{H}'_3$  are internal random oracles. The oracle  $\mathcal{O}_{0/1}(\cdot, \cdot)$  denotes  $\text{GA-DDH}(g/h, \cdot, \cdot)$ . We denote by  $U_{\text{H}}$  the unitary which implements the evaluation of  $\text{H}$ .

GAME  $G_2$ . In this game we make a conceptual change by precomputing the set of honest keys. We use a set  $\mathcal{H}$  to store these key pairs. Since this does not change the distribution of the generated keys, this does not change the distribution of REGISTERHONEST. Therefore, this change is only conceptual and we have

$$\Pr[G_1^A \Rightarrow 1] = \Pr[G_2^A \Rightarrow 1].$$

GAME  $G_3$ . In this game, we make the following conceptual changes in  $\text{H}$ . If one of the public keys  $\text{pk}_i$ , where  $i \in \{1, 2\}$ , is from the honest set  $\mathcal{H}$ , and the other key  $\text{pk}_{3-i}$  is not, we check whether all  $z_{j,k}$  are correct. Wlog we assume the honest key is  $\text{pk}_1$ . Then we check  $z_{j,k}$  by computing  $z'_{j,k} = \text{sk}_1[k] \star \text{pk}_2[j]$  and comparing all values. If this test evaluates to true we return  $\text{H}_1(\text{ID}_1, \text{ID}_2, \text{pk}_1, \text{pk}_2)$  for an *internal* independent random oracle  $\text{H}_1$ . If *both keys* are from  $\mathcal{H}$  and all  $z_{j,k} = \text{sk}_1[k] \star \text{pk}_2[j]$ , we return  $\text{H}_3(\text{ID}_1, \text{ID}_2, \text{pk}_1, \text{pk}_2)$ , for another internal, independent random oracle  $\text{H}_3$ . In all other cases we return  $\text{H}_2(\text{ID}_1, \text{ID}_2, \text{pk}_1, \text{pk}_2, z)$  for another independent internal random oracle  $\text{H}_2$ . Note that the CORRUPTREVEAL oracle still queries  $\text{H}$ , so it cannot be used to detect this change.

Looking ahead to the final reduction, these changes will allow us later to simulate the CORRUPTREVEAL queries without the secret key because for all checks we will use the trapdoor test, which we will introduce in the next game. Additionally, it will allow us to properly see which values of the random oracle  $\text{H}$  we need to reprogram, namely the ones which can be forwarded to  $\text{H}_3$ . Since all these changes are only conceptual, we have  $\Pr[G_2^A \Rightarrow 1] = \Pr[G_3^A \Rightarrow 1]$ .

GAME  $G_4$ . In this game we return  $\text{H}_3(\text{ID}_1, \text{ID}_2, \text{pk}_1, \text{pk}_2)$  for TEST queries and  $\text{H}_1(\text{ID}_1, \text{ID}_2, \text{pk}_1, \text{pk}_2)$  for CORRUPTREVEAL queries if one key is not in the honest set and  $\text{H}_3(\text{ID}_1, \text{ID}_2, \text{pk}_1, \text{pk}_2)$  if both keys are from the honest set. The latter can occur if the adversary reregisters an honest key as a malicious key with a different ID. For both oracles, the same queries are still answered with the same internal random oracle. Therefore, this is only a conceptual change and we have  $\Pr[G_3^A \Rightarrow 1] = \Pr[G_4^A \Rightarrow 1]$ .

GAME  $G_5$ . In this game, we change how the honest keys are generated in preparation for the trapdoor test. Specifically, we choose 2 “base” set elements  $y_0$  and  $y_1$  and flip a coin for every key whether we use  $y_0$  or  $y_1$ . The first public key element of each party is a rerandomization of the respective base set element. The next public key elements until the  $(\ell - 1)$ -th element will be computed as in the original protocol using the origin element  $\tilde{x}$ . The remaining  $m - \ell$  elements are computed using one of the first  $\ell - 1$  previously chosen public key elements. Therefore, we draw an index  $s_k$  randomly from  $[0, \ell - 1]$  and take the  $s_k$ -th public key element for rerandomization. For  $s_k = 0$ , we simply use  $\tilde{x}$ . We now additionally



<p><b>Games <math>G_1</math>-<math>G_7</math></b></p> <pre> 00 <math>L[\mathcal{ID}] := \perp</math> 01 <math>K[\mathcal{ID}, \mathcal{ID}] := \perp</math> 02 <math>\text{pp} \leftarrow \text{NIKE.Setup}</math> 03 <math>\text{ctr} := 0</math> 04 <math>\mathcal{H} := \perp</math> 05 <b>for</b> <math>i \in [q_0]</math> <span style="float: right;"><math>\parallel G_2</math>-<math>G_4</math></span> 06   <math>(\text{pk}, \text{sk}) \leftarrow \text{NIKE.Gen}(\text{pp})</math> 07   <math>\mathcal{H}[i] := (\text{pk}, \text{sk}, \perp)</math> 08 <math>r_0, r_1 \xleftarrow{\\$} \mathcal{G}</math> <span style="float: right;"><math>\parallel G_5</math>-<math>G_7</math></span> 09 <math>y_i := r_i \star \tilde{x}</math> <b>for</b> <math>i \in \{0, 1\}</math> 10 <b>for</b> <math>i \in [q_0]</math> 11   <math>c \xleftarrow{\\$} \{0, 1\}</math> 12   <b>for</b> <math>k \in [m]</math> 13     <math>h_k \xleftarrow{\\$} \mathcal{G}</math> 14     <math>x_1 := h_1 \star y_c</math> 15     <math>t_1 := h_1 \cdot r_c</math> 16     <b>for</b> <math>k \in [2, \ell - 1]</math> 17       <math>x_k := h_k \star \tilde{x}</math> 18       <math>t_k := h_k</math> 19     <b>for</b> <math>k \in [\ell, m]</math> 20       <math>\parallel \text{Enforce } \{s_\ell, \dots, s_{2\ell-1}\} = [0, \ell - 1]</math> 21       <math>s_k \xleftarrow{\\$} [0, \ell - 1]</math> 22       <math>x_k := h_k \star x_{s_k}</math> <span style="float: right;"><math>\parallel x_0 := \tilde{x}</math></span> 23       <math>t_k := h_k \cdot h_{s_k}</math> <span style="float: right;"><math>\parallel h_0 := e</math></span> 24     <math>(\text{pk}, \text{sk}) := ((x_k)_{k \in [m]}, (t_k)_{k \in [m]})</math> 25     <math>(h, s) := ((h_k)_{k \in [m]}, (s_k)_{k \in [m]})</math> 26     <math>\mathcal{H}[i] := (\text{pk}, \text{sk}, (h, s))</math> 27 <math>b \xleftarrow{\\$} \{0, 1\}</math> 28 <math>b' \leftarrow \mathcal{A}^{\text{O}, \text{H}}(\text{pp})</math> <span style="float: right;"><math>\parallel G_1</math>-<math>G_6</math></span> 29 <math>b' \leftarrow \mathcal{A}^{\text{O}, \text{H}' }(\text{pp})</math> <span style="float: right;"><math>\parallel G_7</math></span> 30 <b>return</b> <math>\llbracket b = b' \rrbracket</math>  <b>Oracle TEST</b>(<math>\text{ID}_1, \text{ID}_2</math>) 31 <b>if</b> <math>L[\text{ID}_1] = \perp \vee L[\text{ID}_2] = \perp \vee \text{ID}_1 = \text{ID}_2</math> 32   <b>return</b> <math>\perp</math> 33 <b>if</b> <math>K[\text{ID}_1, \text{ID}_2] \neq \perp</math> 34   <b>return</b> <math>K[\text{ID}_1, \text{ID}_2]</math> 35 <math>(l_1, \text{pk}_1, \text{sk}_1) := L[\text{ID}_1], (l_2, \text{pk}_2, \text{sk}_2) := L[\text{ID}_2]</math> 36 <b>if</b> <math>l_1 \neq \text{honest} \vee l_2 \neq \text{honest}</math> 37   <b>return</b> <math>\perp</math> 38 <math>K_0 := \text{NIKE.SharedKey}(\text{ID}_1, \text{pk}_1, \text{ID}_2, \text{sk}_2)</math> <span style="float: right;"><math>\parallel G_1</math>-<math>G_3</math></span> 39 <math>K_0 := \text{H}_3(\text{ID}_1, \text{ID}_2, \text{pk}_1, \text{pk}_2)</math> <span style="float: right;"><math>\parallel G_4</math>-<math>G_7</math></span> 40 <math>K_1 \xleftarrow{\\$} \{0, 1\}^c</math> 41 <math>K[\text{ID}_1, \text{ID}_2] := K_b</math> 42 <b>return</b> <math>K[\text{ID}_1, \text{ID}_2]</math> </pre>	<p><b>Oracle REGISTERHONEST</b>(<math>\text{ID}</math>)</p> <pre> 43 <b>if</b> <math>L[\text{ID}] = (\text{corrupt}, *, \perp)</math> <b>return</b> <math>\perp</math> 44 <math>(\text{pk}, \text{sk}, *) := \mathcal{H}[\text{ctr}]</math> <span style="float: right;"><math>\parallel G_2</math>-<math>G_7</math></span> 45 <math>\text{ctr} := \text{ctr} + 1</math> 46 <math>(\text{pk}, \text{sk}) \leftarrow \text{NIKE.Gen}(\text{pp}, \text{ID})</math> <span style="float: right;"><math>\parallel G_1</math></span> 47 <math>L[\text{ID}] := (\text{honest}, \text{pk}, \text{sk})</math> 48 <b>return</b> <math>(\text{ID}, \text{pk})</math>  <b>Oracle CORRUPTREVEAL</b>(<math>\text{ID}_1, \text{ID}_2</math>) 49 <b>if</b> <math>(L[\text{ID}_1] = \perp \vee L[\text{ID}_2] = \perp)</math> <b>return</b> <math>\perp</math> 50 <math>(l_1, \text{pk}_1, \text{sk}_1) := L[\text{ID}_1], (l_2, \text{pk}_2, \text{sk}_2) := L[\text{ID}_2]</math> 51 <b>if</b> <math>l_1 = l_2</math> <b>return</b> <math>\perp</math> 52 <b>Let</b> <math>\text{pk}_i \in \mathcal{H}</math> <span style="float: right;"><math>\parallel G_4</math>-<math>G_7</math></span> 53 <b>if</b> <math>(\text{pk}_{3-i}, *) \notin \mathcal{H}</math> 54   <b>return</b> <math>\text{H}_1(\text{ID}_1, \text{ID}_2, \text{pk}_1, \text{pk}_2)</math> 55 <b>if</b> <math>(\text{pk}_{3-i}, *) \in \mathcal{H}</math> 56   <b>return</b> <math>\text{H}_3(\text{ID}_1, \text{ID}_2, \text{pk}_1, \text{pk}_2)</math> 57 <b>Let</b> <math>\text{sk}_i \neq \perp</math> 58 <b>for</b> <math>(j, k) \in [m]^2</math> 59   <math>z_{j,k} := \text{sk}_i[k] \star \text{pk}_{3-i}[j]</math> 60 <b>return</b> <math>\text{H}(\text{ID}_1, \text{ID}_2, \text{pk}_1, \text{pk}_2, (z_{j,k})_{j,k \in [m]})</math>  <b>Oracle H</b>(<math>M</math>) <span style="float: right;"><math>\parallel G_3</math>-<math>G_7</math></span> 61 <b>Let</b> <math>M = (\text{ID}_1, \text{ID}_2, \text{pk}_1, \text{pk}_2, z_{1,1}, \dots, z_{m,m})</math> 62 <b>if</b> <math>(\text{pk}_i, *, *) \in \mathcal{H} \wedge (\text{pk}_{3-i}, *, *) \notin \mathcal{H} \parallel i \in \{1, 2\}, \text{wlog } i = 1</math> 63   <b>Let</b> <math>\text{sk}_1</math> s.t. <math>(\text{pk}_1, \text{sk}_1, *) \in \mathcal{H}</math> <span style="float: right;"><math>\parallel G_3</math>-<math>G_5</math></span> 64   <b>for</b> <math>(j, k) \in [m]^2</math> 65     <math>z'_{j,k} := \text{sk}_1[k] \star \text{pk}_2[j]</math> 66   <b>if</b> <math>(z'_{1,1}, \dots, z'_{m,m}) = (z_{1,1}, \dots, z_{m,m})</math> 67     <b>return</b> <math>\text{H}_1(\text{ID}_1, \text{ID}_2, \text{pk}_1, \text{pk}_2)</math> 68   <b>if</b> <math>\text{TDT}(\text{pk}_1, \text{pk}_2, z_{1,1}, \dots, z_{m,m}) = 1</math> <span style="float: right;"><math>\parallel G_6</math>-<math>G_7</math></span> 69     <b>return</b> <math>\text{H}_1(\text{ID}_1, \text{ID}_2, \text{pk}_1, \text{pk}_2)</math> 70 <b>if</b> <math>(\text{pk}_1, *, *) \in \mathcal{H} \wedge (\text{pk}_2, *, *) \in \mathcal{H}</math> 71   <b>Let</b> <math>\text{sk}_1</math> s.t. <math>(\text{pk}_1, \text{sk}_1, *) \in \mathcal{H}</math> <span style="float: right;"><math>\parallel G_3</math>-<math>G_5</math></span> 72   <b>for</b> <math>(j, k) \in [m]^2</math> 73     <math>z'_{j,k} := \text{sk}_1[k] \star \text{pk}_2[j]</math> 74   <b>if</b> <math>(z'_{1,1}, \dots, z'_{m,m}) = (z_{1,1}, \dots, z_{m,m})</math> 75     <b>return</b> <math>\text{H}_3(\text{ID}_1, \text{ID}_2, \text{pk}_1, \text{pk}_2)</math> 76   <b>if</b> <math>\text{TDT}(\text{pk}_1, \text{pk}_2, z_{1,1}, \dots, z_{m,m}) = 1</math> <span style="float: right;"><math>\parallel G_6</math>-<math>G_7</math></span> 77     <b>return</b> <math>\text{H}_3(\text{ID}_1, \text{ID}_2, \text{pk}_1, \text{pk}_2)</math> <span style="float: right;"><math>\parallel G_6</math></span> 78     <b>return</b> <math>\text{H}_3(\text{ID}_1, \text{ID}_2, \text{pk}_1, \text{pk}_2)</math> <span style="float: right;"><math>\parallel G_7</math></span> 79 <b>return</b> <math>\text{H}_2(M)</math>  <b>Trapdoor Test TDT</b>(<math>\text{pk}_1, \text{pk}_2, z_{1,1}, \dots, z_{m,m}</math>) 80 <b>Let</b> <math>\text{sk}_1, (h, s)</math> s.t. <math>(\text{pk}_1, \text{sk}_1, (h, s)) \in \mathcal{H}</math> 81 <b>for</b> <math>j \in [m]</math> 82   <b>for</b> <math>k \in [\ell, m]</math> 83     <b>if</b> <math>z_{j,k} \neq h[k] \star z_s[k]</math> <span style="float: right;"><math>\parallel z_0 := \text{pk}_2[j]</math></span> 84       <b>return</b> 0 85 <b>return</b> 1 </pre>
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**Fig. 23.** Games  $G_1$ - $G_7$  for the proof of Theorem 7.  $\mathcal{O}$  denotes the set of all CKS oracles, i.e.  $\mathcal{O} = \{\text{REGISTERHONEST}, \text{REGISTERCORRUPT}, \text{CORRUPTREVEAL}, \text{TEST}\}$ , where REGISTERCORRUPT is defined as in the original game in Figure 4.  $\text{H}_1, \text{H}_2, \text{H}_3$  and  $\text{H}'_3$  are internal random oracles. For improved readability we assume wlog  $\text{ID}_1 < \text{ID}_2$ . For  $G_1$  and  $G_2$ ,  $\text{H}$  is identical to  $\text{H}_2$ .

store all  $h_k$  and  $s_k$  in  $\mathcal{H}$  so that we can use them in the trapdoor test. This is again a purely syntactical change as shown in Lemma 3. Therefore  $\Pr[G_3^A \Rightarrow 1] = \Pr[G_4^A \Rightarrow 1]$ .

**GAME  $G_6$ .** Next, we switch the check in  $\text{H}$  whether to use  $\text{H}_1$  or  $\text{H}_2$  to the trapdoor test from Lemma 3. Note that although we use the trapdoor test  $m$  times per hash query, the adversary only gets any information if *all* trapdoor tests succeed, so the number of trapdoor tests performed per hash query is

irrelevant for the adversaries advantage. Therefore, by eq. (1) of Lemma 2, we can bound the difference between the two games as

$$\begin{aligned} |\Pr[G_5^{\mathcal{A}} \Rightarrow 1] - \Pr[G_6^{\mathcal{A}} \Rightarrow 1]| &\leq \text{Adv}_{\text{EGA},q,d,\ell,m}^{\text{TDT}}(\mathcal{D}) \\ &\leq 4\sqrt{\frac{(d+1)q}{\ell! \ell^{m-2\ell+1}}}, \end{aligned}$$

for any quantum distinguisher  $\mathcal{D}$ . The last inequality uses the bound from Lemma 3. Note that in  $G_6$ , the secret key is not needed anywhere.

**GAME  $G_7$ .** In this game we reprogram the random oracle  $H$  on *all potential test queries* by reprogramming  $H$  on the set  $\mathcal{S} := \{(*, *, \text{pk}_1, \text{pk}_2, (\text{sk}_1[k] \star \text{pk}_2[j]))_{j,k \in [m]^2} \mid \text{for } i, j \in [q_O]: (\text{pk}_1, \text{sk}_1) = \mathcal{H}[i], (\text{pk}_2, *) = \mathcal{H}[j] \text{ and } i \neq j\}$  with uniformly random values from  $\{0, 1\}^\kappa$ . Note that this reprogramming does not affect inputs which get forwarded to  $H_1$  by  $H$ , since the reprogramming happens on values where both keys are in the honest set, which are forwarded to  $H_3$ . Therefore, we derive the reprogrammed values using another internal random oracle called  $H'_3$ . Note that **TEST** and **CORRUPTREVEAL** still use  $H_3$ . So intuitively, the only way to distinguish the two games is to make a query to  $H$  which results in a query to the internal random oracle  $H'_3$ , which contradicts the outputs of **TEST** or **CORRUPTREVEAL**. However such a query includes valid  $z_{i,j}$ , which we enforce with the trapdoor test, and we can extract a **GA-CDH** solution from them.

Let  $H'$  be the reprogrammed random oracle, as described above. Since  $K_0$  is now identically distributed to  $K_1$  from the view of  $\mathcal{A}$ , we have that  $b$  is independent of  $\mathcal{A}$ 's view, thus

$$\Pr[G_7^{\mathcal{A}} \Rightarrow 1] = \frac{1}{2}.$$

It remains to bound  $G_6$ - $G_7$ . By the semi-classical O2H lemma, the difference between the games is bounded by the *classical event* **FIND** when running  $\mathcal{A}$  with the punctured oracle  $H \setminus \mathcal{S}$ . The event **FIND** is set to 1 if the semi-classical oracle measures that an input  $x$  lies in  $\mathcal{S}$ . The main difficulty when applying the lemma is to show how to simulate the membership testing  $x \in \mathcal{S}$ . We solve this issue using the trapdoor test in conjunction with the precomputed set  $\mathcal{H}$ . Let  $G_8^{\mathcal{A}}$  be as  $G_6^{\mathcal{A}}$  except that  $\mathcal{A}$  gets access to  $H \setminus \mathcal{S}$ , we have

$$|\Pr[G_6^{\mathcal{A}} \Rightarrow 1] - \Pr[G_7^{\mathcal{A}} \Rightarrow 1]| \leq 2\sqrt{(d+1)\Pr[\text{FIND}: G_8^{\mathcal{A}}]}.$$

We bound the right-hand probability by the adversary  $\mathcal{B}$  given in Figure 24.  $\mathcal{B}$  obtains the challenge  $(y_0, y_1)$  and embeds these elements into the honest public keys as in  $G_6$ . It cannot compute the secret keys, but due to the changes in the previous games, it also does not need it. It additionally stores the bit  $c$  for each key, instead of the secret key. It simulates internal random oracles  $H_1, H_2, H_3$  and  $H'_3$  using standard techniques and runs  $\mathcal{A}^{\text{O}, H \setminus \mathcal{S}}$  until the event **FIND** = 1, then measures the corresponding input registers of  $H \setminus \mathcal{S}$  to obtain a set  $\mathcal{T}$ . It simulates all the oracles as in  $G_6$ , which  $\mathcal{B}$  can do, since it can use the trapdoor test. Finally, once  $\mathcal{T}$  is obtained, it searches for  $(*, *, \text{pk}_1, \text{pk}_2, z_{1,1}, \dots, z_{m,m}) \in \mathcal{T}$ , where the first element of  $\text{pk}_1$  was derived using random element  $h[1]$  and base  $y_c$  and the first element of  $\text{pk}_2$  was derived using random element  $h'[1]$  and base  $y_{1-c}$ , and checks with the trapdoor test if the  $z_{j,k}$  are correct. If this check passes, it returns  $(h[1]^{-1} \cdot h'[1]^{-1}) \star z_{1,1}$  as the solution. First note that the bits  $c$  are information-theoretically hidden from the adversary. Thus, a test query will involve two public keys with different bits  $c$  with probability  $1/2$ . Assuming that this is the case,  $\mathcal{B}$  wins when **FIND** = 1. This yields

$$\Pr[\text{FIND}: G_8^{\mathcal{A}}] \leq 2\text{Adv}_{\text{EGA}}^{\text{GA-CDH}}(\mathcal{B}).$$

Adding up the analyzed bounds yields the claimed bound. The claimed running time of  $\mathcal{B}$  follows from the running time of  $\mathcal{A}$  and the analysis of the additional overhead is analogous to the proof of Theorem 5, which concludes our proof.  $\square$

## E A Note on PSEC-KEM

Theorem 1 of [39] claims a QROM proof for CSIDH-PSEC-KEM from the GA-DDH assumption. However, there are multiple issues with the proof which boil down to the following three points:

<p><b>Adversary <math>\mathcal{B}(y_0, y_1)</math></b></p> <pre> 00 <math>L[\mathcal{ID}] := \perp</math> 01 <math>K[\mathcal{ID}, \mathcal{ID}] := \perp</math> 02 <math>\text{ctr} := 0</math> 03 <math>\mathcal{H} := \perp</math> 04 <b>for</b> <math>i \in [q_O]</math> 05   <math>c \xleftarrow{\\$} \{0, 1\}</math> 06   <b>for</b> <math>k \in [m]</math> 07     <math>h_k \xleftarrow{\\$} \mathcal{G}</math> 08   <math>x_1 := h_1 \star y_c</math> 09   <b>for</b> <math>k \in [2, \ell - 1]</math> 10     <math>x_k := h_k \star \tilde{x}</math> 11   <b>for</b> <math>k \in [\ell, m]</math> 12     <math>\parallel \text{Enforce } \{s_\ell, \dots, s_{2\ell-1}\} = [0, \ell - 1]</math> 13     <math>s_k \xleftarrow{\\$} [0, \ell - 1]</math> 14     <math>x_k := h_k \star x_{s_k} \quad \parallel x_0 := \tilde{x}</math> 15   <math>\text{pk} := (x_k)_{k \in [m]}</math> 16   <math>(h, s) := ((h_k)_{k \in [m]}, (s_k)_{k \in [m]})</math> 17   <math>\mathcal{H}[i] := (\text{pk}, c, (h, s))</math> 18   <math>b \xleftarrow{\\$} \{0, 1\}</math> 19   <math>\mathcal{T} \leftarrow \text{Run } \mathcal{A}^{\text{O}, \mathcal{H} \setminus \mathcal{S}}(\text{pp})</math> <b>until</b> <b>FIND</b>     and measure query register inputs 20   <b>return</b> <math>\text{FindSolution}(\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{H})</math> </pre> <p><b>Oracle <math>\text{O}_S^{\text{SC}}( \psi_{in}, 0\rangle)</math></b></p> <pre> 21 <math>b := 0</math> 22 Parse <math>\psi_{in}</math> as <math>(\text{ID}_1, \text{ID}_2, \text{pk}_1, \text{pk}_2, z_{1,1}, \dots, z_{m,m})</math> 23 <math>b \leftarrow \text{Measure}</math> [     <math>\exists i, j \in [q_O] \wedge i \neq j, \exists (*, *, (h, s)) \in \mathcal{H}</math>:     <math>\parallel (\text{pk}_1, *, (h, s)) = \mathcal{H}[i] \wedge (\text{pk}_2, *, *) = \mathcal{H}[j]</math>     <math>\wedge \parallel \text{TDT}(\text{pk}_1, \text{pk}_2, z_{1,1}, \dots, z_{m,m}) = 1</math> ] 24 <b>return</b> <math>( \psi'_{in}\rangle, b)</math> </pre>	<p><b>Oracle <math>\mathcal{H} \setminus \mathcal{S}( \psi_{in}, \psi_{out}\rangle)</math></b></p> <pre> 25 <math> \psi'_{in}, b\rangle \leftarrow \text{O}_S^{\text{SC}}( \psi_{in}, 0\rangle)</math> 26 <b>if</b> <math>b = 1</math> 27   <math>\text{FIND} := 1</math> 28 <b>return</b> <math>U_{\mathcal{H}}( \psi'_{in}, \psi_{out}\rangle)</math> </pre> <p><b>Oracle <math>\mathcal{H}(M)</math></b></p> <pre> 29 Let <math>M := (\text{ID}_1, \text{ID}_2, \text{pk}_1, \text{pk}_2, z_{1,1}, \dots, z_{m,m})</math> 30 <b>if</b> <math>(\text{pk}_i, *, *) \in \mathcal{H} \wedge (\text{pk}_{3-i}, *, *) \notin \mathcal{H} \quad \parallel i \in \{1, 2\}, \text{wlog } i = 1</math> 31   <b>if</b> <math>\text{TDT}(\text{ID}_1, \text{ID}_2, \text{pk}_1, \text{pk}_2, z_{1,1}, \dots, z_{m,m}) = 1</math> 32     <b>return</b> <math>\mathcal{H}_1(\text{ID}_1, \text{ID}_2, \text{pk}_1, \text{pk}_2)</math> 33   <b>if</b> <math>(\text{pk}_1, *, *) \in \mathcal{H} \wedge (\text{pk}_2, *, *) \in \mathcal{H}</math> 34     <b>if</b> <math>\text{TDT}(\text{ID}_1, \text{ID}_2, \text{pk}_1, \text{pk}_2, z_{1,1}, \dots, z_{m,m}) = 1</math> 35       <b>return</b> <math>\mathcal{H}_3(\text{ID}_1, \text{ID}_2, \text{pk}_1, \text{pk}_2)</math> 36   <b>return</b> <math>\mathcal{H}_2(M)</math> </pre> <p><b>Function <math>\text{FindSolution}(\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{H})</math></b></p> <pre> 37 <math>\mathcal{H}_0 := \{(a, 0, b) \in \mathcal{H}\}</math> 38 <math>\mathcal{H}_1 := \{(a, 1, b) \in \mathcal{H}\}</math> 39 <b>for</b> <math>(\text{ID}_1, \text{ID}_2, \text{pk}_1, \text{pk}_2, z_{1,1}, \dots, z_{m,m}) \in \mathcal{T}</math> 40   <b>if</b> <math>\exists (h, s), (h', s') :</math>     <math>(\text{pk}_1, c, (h, s)) \in \mathcal{H}_c \wedge (\text{pk}_2, 1 - c, (h', s')) \in \mathcal{H}_{1-c}</math> 41     <b>if</b> <math>\text{TDT}(\text{pk}_1, \text{pk}_2, z_{1,1}, \dots, z_{m,m}) = 1</math> 42       <b>return</b> <math>(h[1]^{-1} \cdot h'[1]^{-1}) \star z_{1,1}</math> 43   <b>return</b> <math>\perp</math> </pre>
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**Fig. 24.** Adversary  $\mathcal{B}$  against GA-CDH.  $\text{O}$  denotes the set of all CKS oracles, i.e.  $\text{O} = \{\text{REGISTERHONEST}, \text{REGISTERCORRUPT}, \text{CORRUPTREVEAL}, \text{TEST}\}$ , which are defined as in  $\text{G}_6$  of Figure 23. TDT is also defined as in Figure 23.

1. The collision bounds used in their game hops are not compatible with known, optimal lower bounds for quantum computing. Specifically, second preimage collisions always lose a quadratic term, while full collision resistance loses a cubic term. While it is unclear which of the two is applicable to their proof, they claim a linear loss due to one of the two possibilities in their games, which contradicts known results in the quantum setting.
2. It analyzes classical events on the random oracle queries for example in hybrids 1 and 2. Such an approach will not work since a single uniform superposition query would trigger all events (informally speaking). Without these steps, it is unclear how to simulate decapsulation queries. For example, the equivalent of not querying an information-theoretically hidden value in the QROM with high probability amplitude would be done by using either the O2H lemma, or reducing to the Generic Search/Distinguishing Problem. Neither of these is considered in their proof.
3. It uses the semi-constant distribution technique from [41] which is usually used to prove security of signature schemes and identity-based encryption. The tool is used in the context of Hash-and-Sign signatures to be able to simulate signature queries and extract the solution to some underlying problem from the signature forgery. This is similarly the case for IBEs, since they inherently have an underlying signature scheme which can be derived from the IBE. To prove PKE/KEMs/AKEs secure, one usually uses the O2H lemma to reprogram the random oracle, but the paper claims that it is not possible to extract a GA-CDH solution from the random oracle queries due to the no-cloning principle and therefore uses the GA-DDH assumption. This is contradicted by the fact that one can prove GA-HEG to be IND-CPA secure using the O2H lemma similarly to our proofs, which also extracts a CDH value from a random oracle.

*Remark 9.* Additionally, we remark that CSIDH-PSEC-KEM is essentially (up to one simplification) derived by applying the FO with explicit rejection to Hashed ElGamal. The FO Transform *with Explicit Rejection* has only been proven in recent work in the QROM in [16,41], using advanced techniques with

careful analysis. We also use those for the proof of GA-HEG-KC. We believe that using those also for CSIDH-PSEC-KEM should yield a security proof from the GA-CDH assumption.