

# CSE467: Computer Security

## 3. Classical Cryptography

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# Notice: Activities

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- Period
  - **Activity #1 SaveUNIST**: TBA (after midterm)
  - **Activity #2 HackGPT**: 9/5~12/07 (11:59PM)

*Not mandatory, not homework, but participation is highly recommended to upgrade your score!*

# Activity #2: HackGPT



- Does ChatGPT become a friend or villain?
- **Report NEW security threats that can be caused by ChatGPT!**
  - Read “Large Language Models like ChatGPT say The Darnedest Things”, **CACM’23**
  - DO NOT report known issues (e.g., generating buggy code): a lot of studies already done
  - Describe a concrete and detailed scenario
- Each student can submit **3 scenarios** until **Dec 7**



# Activity #2: HackGPT



- Come up with a new malicious use of AI
- Submit your scenario via the email



# Submission Format – Submission

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- TO: seongil.wi@units.ac.kr
- CC: dy3199@unist.ac.kr
- Title: [HackGPT,ID,Name] Title of the vulnerability
- Content:
  - Input
  - Output
  - Provide a screenshot of the dialog
  - Describe a concrete and detailed scenario (up to 10 sentences)

# Activity (2): HackGPT – Evaluation

- Evaluation will be mainly done by TA and professor
- The evaluation criteria are as follows:
  - Severity
  - Creativity
  - Relevance (to this course)

Please refer to the detailed instructions  
on our course homepage



# Recap: CIA Properties



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Cryptography!





# Basic Terminology

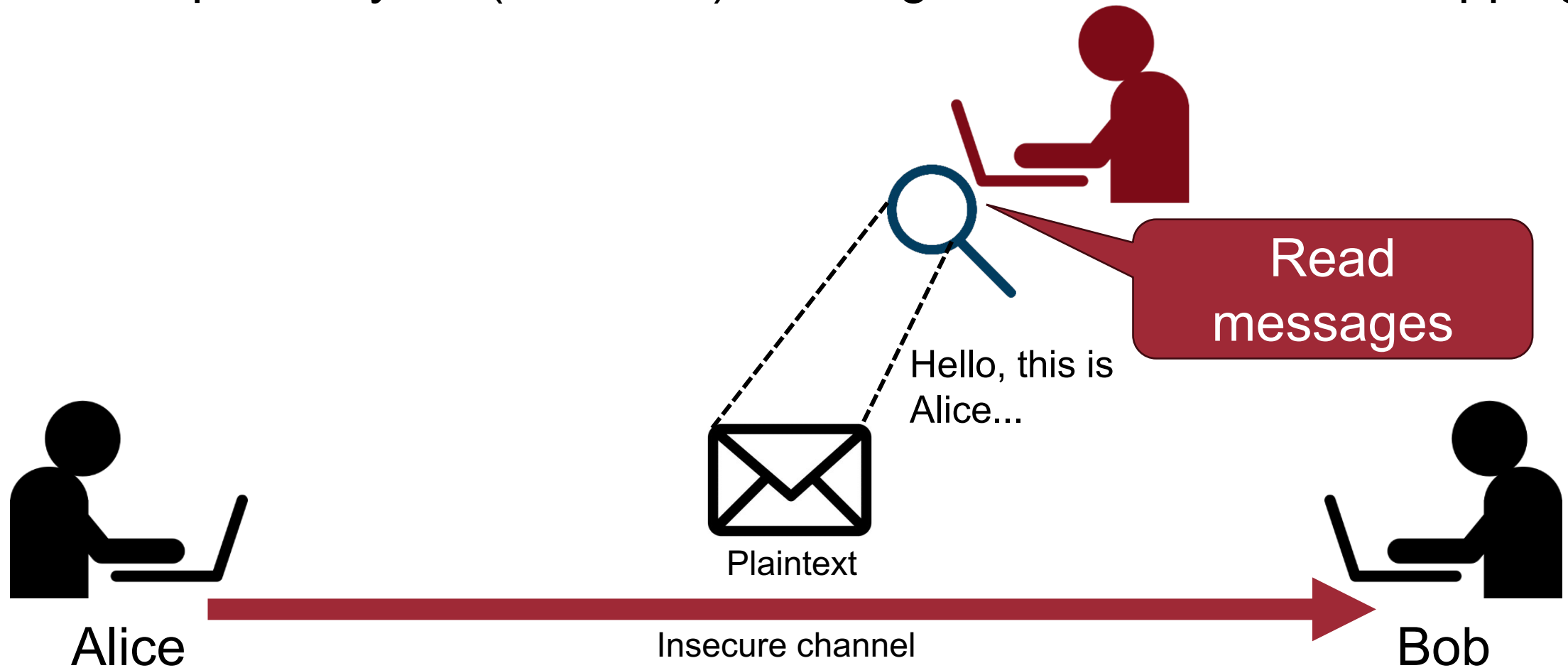


- **Plaintext:** original message 
- **Ciphertext:** coded message 
- **Key:** info used in cipher known only to sender/receiver 
- **Cipher:** algorithm for transforming some texts
  - **Encipher (encrypt):** converting plaintext to ciphertext 
  - **Decipher (decrypt):** recovering ciphertext from plaintext 

# Cryptography

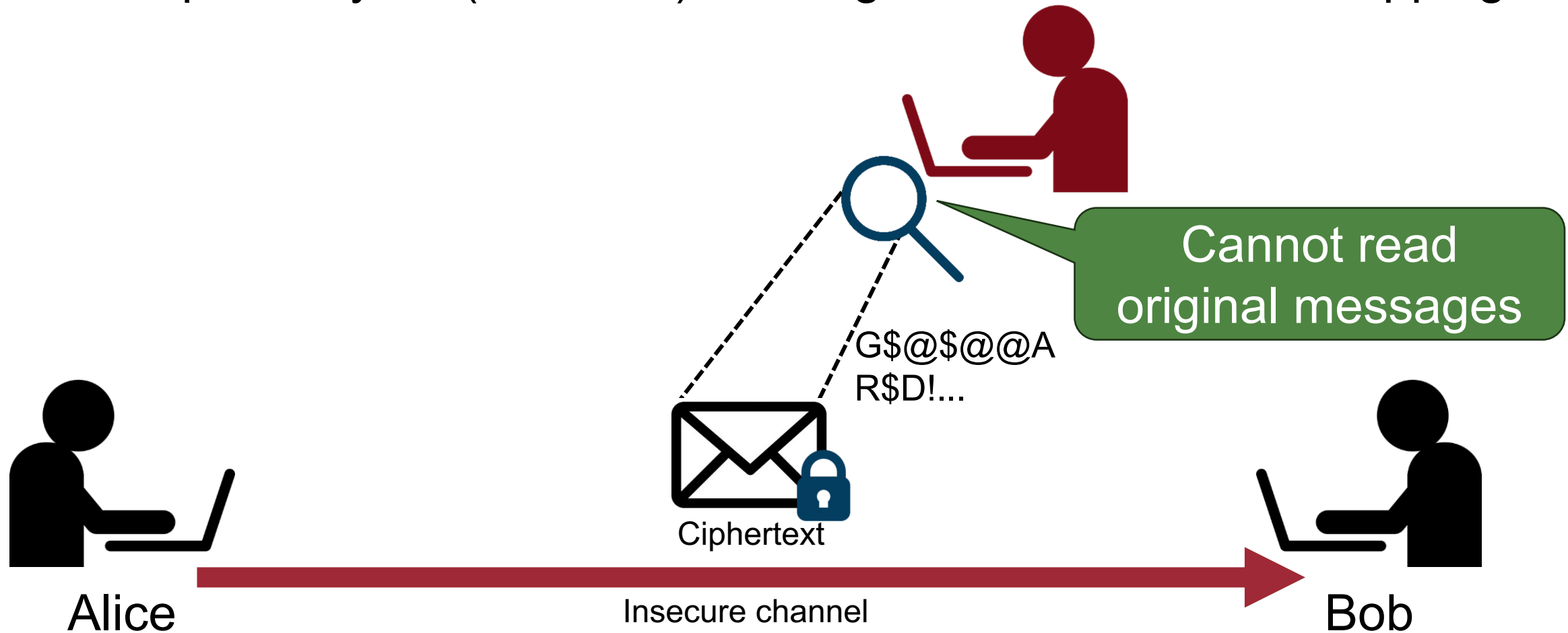
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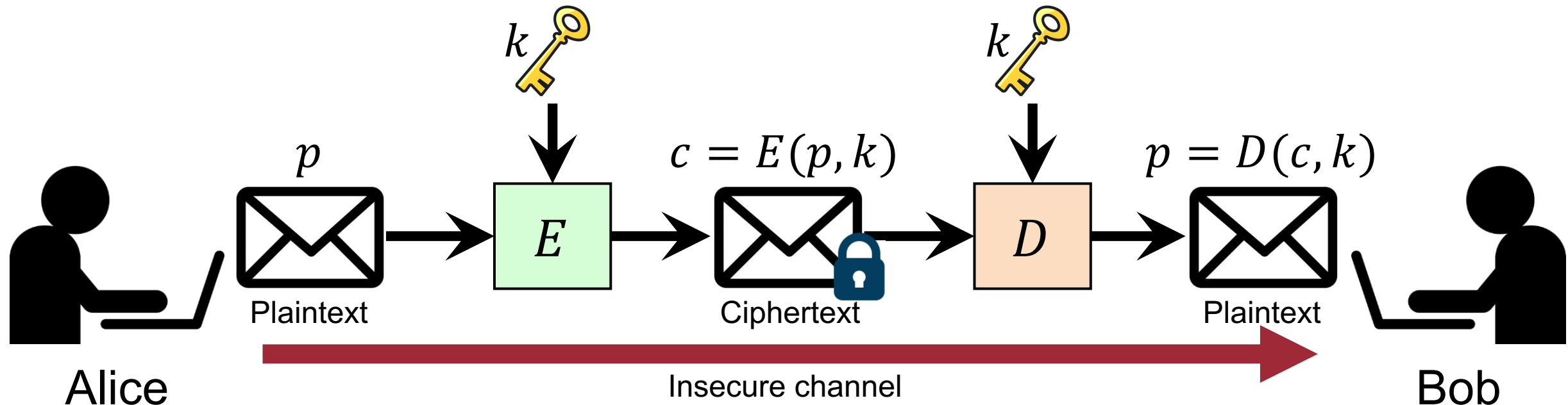
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- The most basic building block of computer security
- Two functions: encryption ( $E$ ) and decryption ( $D$ ) parameterized by a plaintext ( $p$ ), ciphertext ( $c$ ), and cryptographic key ( $k$ )



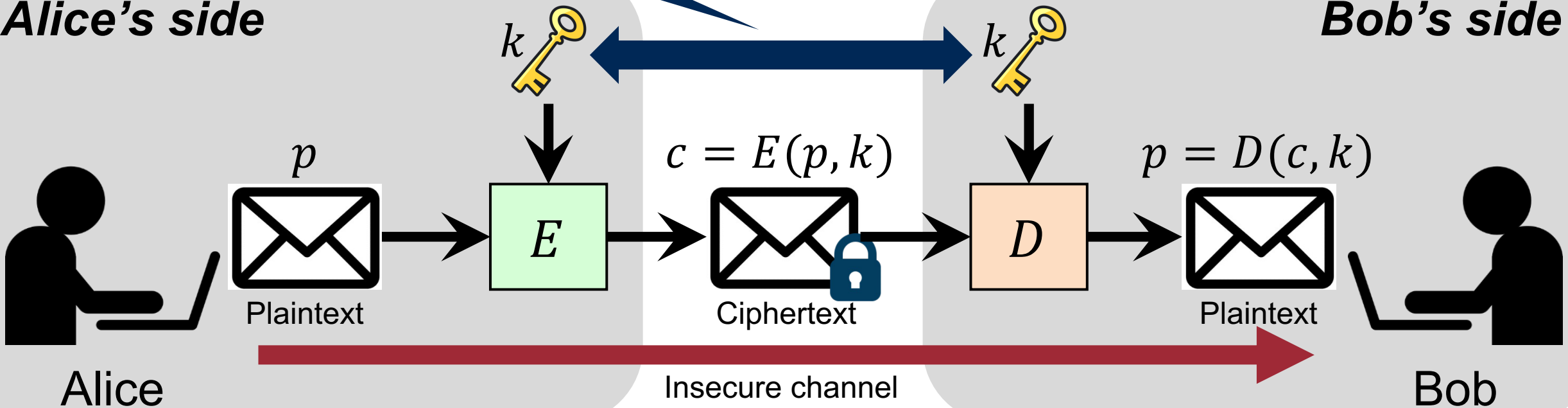
# (Symmetric Key) Cryptography

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Secure key-exchange channel

*Alice's side*

*Bob's side*



# Kerckhoff's Principle



You should always assume that the  
***adversary knows the  
encryption/decryption algorithm!***

- Auguste Kerckhoffs

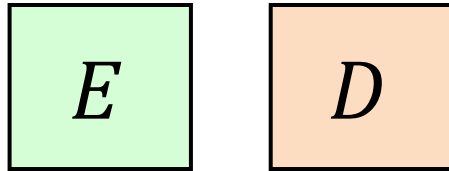


The resistance of the cipher must be based  
only on the ***secrecy of the key*** 

# Requirements in Symmetric Encryption

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1. A strong encryption algorithm
  - ***Assume encryption algorithm is known***



2. The secrecy of the key
  - A secret key known only to sender / receiver
  - Must be unpredictable



# Classical vs. Modern



- Cryptography: “The **art** of writing or solving **codes**”  
(Oxford English Dictionary)
- **Codes**
  - For secret communications: confidentiality
  - *Modern cryptography* includes more: integrity, non-repudiation, secret key exchange, etc.
- **Art**
  - Little theory but ad-hoc designs
  - *Modern cryptography*: science and math





# Classical Cryptography

- **CAUTION:** DO NOT use this classical cryptography for any practical uses
- Why do we study classical ones?
  - To highlight the weakness of ad-hoc approaches
  - To demonstrate that simple approaches are unlikely to succeed
- In this lecture, we will cover
  - Caesar cipher
  - Substitution cipher
  - Vigenere cipher

# Classical Cryptography – Caesar Cipher

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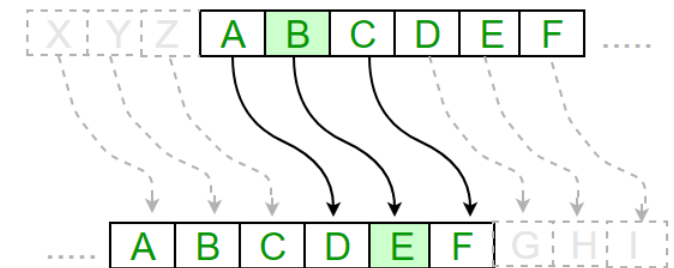
- Encryption: shift each plaintext character 3 places forward

- Example:

– Plaintext:     haejunejung

– Ciphertext:   kdhmxqhmxqi

- Q. What is the key?



# Classical Cryptography – Caesar Cipher

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- Encryption: shift each plaintext character  $k$  places forward

$E$

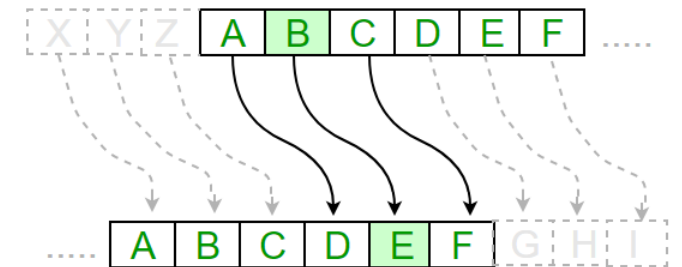
$$E(p, k) = (p + k) \bmod 26$$

$D$


$$D(c, k) = (c - k) \bmod 26$$



- Q. Robust enough?



# Problem: Exhaustive Key Search

- Key: a number between 0 and 25 
- Given a cipher text: ovdthufwvzzpislrlfzhylaoly1
- Can you find the plaintext? How?

Key Value	Possible Plain Text
1	nucsgtevuuyyohrkqkeygxkznkxk
2	mtbrfsdutxxngqjpjdxfwjymjwj
3	lsaqerctswmfpioicwevixlivi
...	...
7	howmanypossiblekeysarethere
...	...

How to make it more robust?



# Classical Cryptography – Substitution Cipher <sup>21</sup>

- One-to-one mapping (bijection)

- Example:

- Plaintext: seungminlee

- Key: Substitution mapping table 

a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l	m	n	o	p	q	r	s	t	u	v	w	x	y	z
q	w	e	r	t	y	u	i	o	p	a	s	d	f	g	h	j	k	l	z	x	c	v	b	n	m

- Ciphertext: ltxfudofstt

- Key space?

- $26! \approx 2^{88}$

- Q. Robust enough?

# Classical Cryptography – Vigenere Cipher <sup>23</sup>

- Encryption: poly-alphabetic **shift**

$$\boxed{E} \quad E(p, k) = (p_i + k_i) \bmod 26$$

$$\boxed{D} \quad D(c, k) = (c_i - k_i) \bmod 26$$

- Example

– Plaintext:	tellhimaboutme
– Key (repeated):	cafecafecafeca
– Ciphertext:	veqpjiredozxoe

- **Letters are mapped to different ciphertexts:** smooth out the frequency distribution in ciphertext

Invented in 16<sup>th</sup> century  
and had been unbreakable  
for hundreds of years!



Problems?

# Cracking Vigenere Cipher



- When the length  $t$  of the key is known:
  - Divide ciphertext into  $t$  parts and perform **statistical analysis** for each part

Plaintext:

t e l l h i m a b o u t m e

Key (repeated):

c a f e c a f e c a f e c a

Ciphertext:

v e q p j i r e d o z x o e



Each plaintext symbol  
always maps to the  
same ciphertext symbol

- When the length of the key is unknown but the max length  $T$  is known:
  - Repeat the above  $T$  times
- What if the length is unknown?

# Kasiski's Method



- Goal: extract the length  $t$  of the key
- Observations:
  - A repeated substring **may** exist in the ciphertext
  - The distance of the two occurrences **may** be a *multiple of the key length*
- Example:

Plaintext:	.....THE.....THE.....THE.....
Key (repeated):	.....ION.....ION.....ION.....
Ciphertext:	.....BVR.....BVR.....BVR.....
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# Properties of Kasiski's Method

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Object	Property
Long ciphertext	
Short plaintext	
Long repeated substrings in a ciphertext	
Short repeated substrings in a ciphertext	

# Example

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LFWKI	MJCLP	SISWK	HJOGL	KMVGU	RAGKM	KMXMA	MJCVX
WUYLG	GIISW	ALXAE	YCXMf	KMKBQ	BDCLA	EFLFW	KIMJC
GUZUG	SKECZ	GBWYM	OACFV	MQKYF	WXTWM	LAIDO	YQBWF
GKSDI	ULQGV	SYHJA	VEFWB	LAEFL	FWKIM	JCFHS	NNGGN
WPWDA	VMQFA	AXWFZ	CXBVE	LKWML	AVGKY	EDEMJ	XHUXD
AVYXL							

# Example

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AVYXL									

- Substring: LFWKIMJC
- Position: Idx 0, 72, 144
- Distance: 72

# Example

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WUYLG GIISW ALXAE YCXMF KMKBQ BDCLA EFLFW KIMJC  
GUZUG SKECZ GBWYM OACFV MQKYF WXTWM LAIDO YQBWF  
GKSDI ULQGV SYHJA VEFWB LAEFL FWKIM JCFHS NNGGN  
WPWDA VMQFA AXWFZ CXBVE LKWML AVGKY EDEMJ XHUXD  
AVYXL

- Substring: WMLA
- Position: Idx 108, 182
- Distance: 74

# Example

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GKSDI	ULQGV	SYHJA	VEFWB	LAEFL	FWKIM	JCFHS	NNGGN
WPWDA	VMQFA	AXWFZ	CXBVE	LKWML	AVGKY	EDEMJ	XHUXD
AVYXL							

- Substring: ISW
- Position: Idx 11, 47
- Distance: 36

# Analysis

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Substring	Distance	Factors (divisors, 약수)
LFWKIMJC	72	2 3 4 6 8 9 12 18 24 36 72
WMLA	74	2 37 74
MJC	66	2 3 6 11 22 33 66
ISW	36	2 3 4 6 9 12 18 36
VMQ	32	2 4 8 16 32
DAV	30	2 3 5 6 10 15

# Analysis

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	Factors																		
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
74	○																		
72	○	○	○		○		○	○			○						○		
66	○	○			○					○									
36	○	○	○		○			○			○						○		
32	○		○				○								○				
30	○	○		○	○				○					○					
Total	6	4	3	1	4	0	2	2	1	1	2	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0

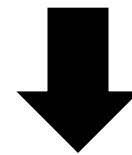
*Top candidates*

# Result

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GKSDI ULQGV SYHJA VEFWB LAEFL FWKIM JCFHS NNGGN  
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AVYXL



Key: SYSTEM

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# Pop-up Lesson

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**“There are two ways of constructing a software design:  
One way is to make it so simple that there are obviously  
no deficiencies, and the other way is to make it so complicated  
that there are no obvious deficiencies.  
The first method is far more difficult.”**

**- T. Hoare, ACM Turing Award winner (1980)**



# Principles of Modern Cryptography

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- Rigorous approaches to security
- What we need for science?
  - Formal (i.e., rigorous and precise) definitions of security
  - Precise assumptions
  - Proofs of security

# Cryptanalysis

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- Study of principles/methods of deciphering ciphertext without using the real key
- Objective: to **recover the key**  or alternatively to create an algorithm which would allow him to decrypt any ciphertext messages (but without actually knowing the key)
- General approaches
  - Cryptanalytic attack
  - Brute-force attack

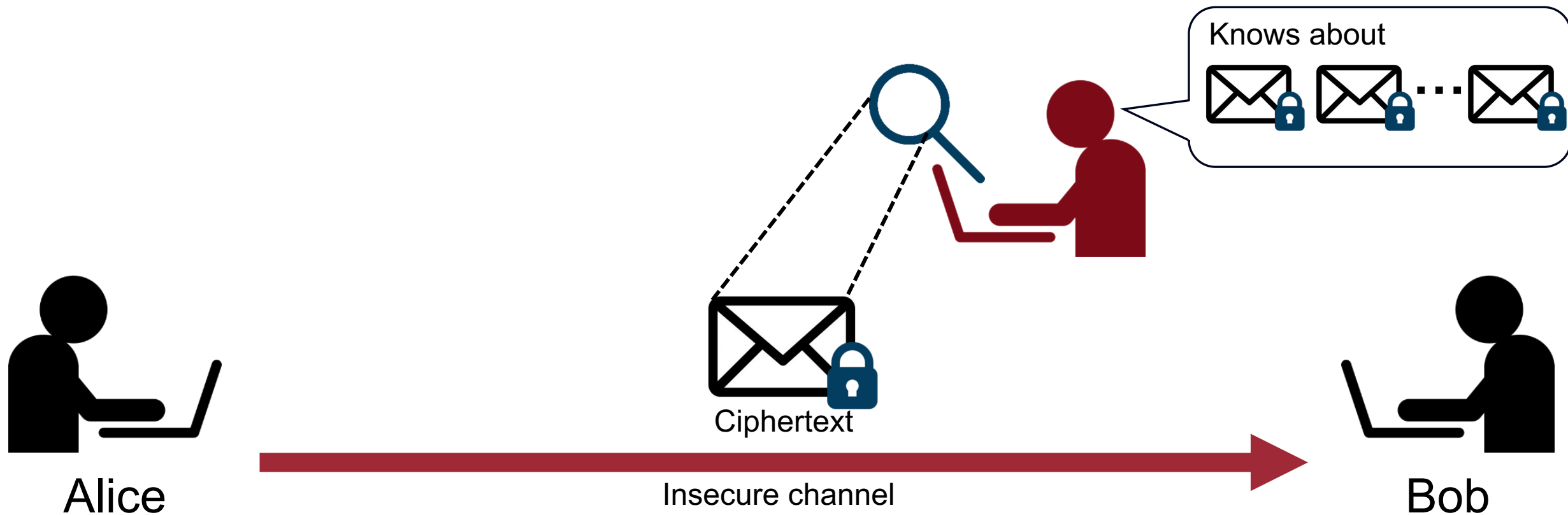
# Cryptanalytic attack - Adversary Assumptions 37

- What are the adversary capabilities?
- Attacker capabilities (in order of increasing attack power)
  - **Ciphertext-Only Attack**: most basic attack
  - **Known-Plaintext Attack**: attacker obtains certain plaintext/ciphertext pairs
  - **Chosen-Plaintext Attack**: attacker obtains plaintext/ciphertext pairs for plaintext of its choice
  - **Chosen-Ciphertext Attack**: attacker obtains plaintext/ciphertext pairs for ciphertext of its choice



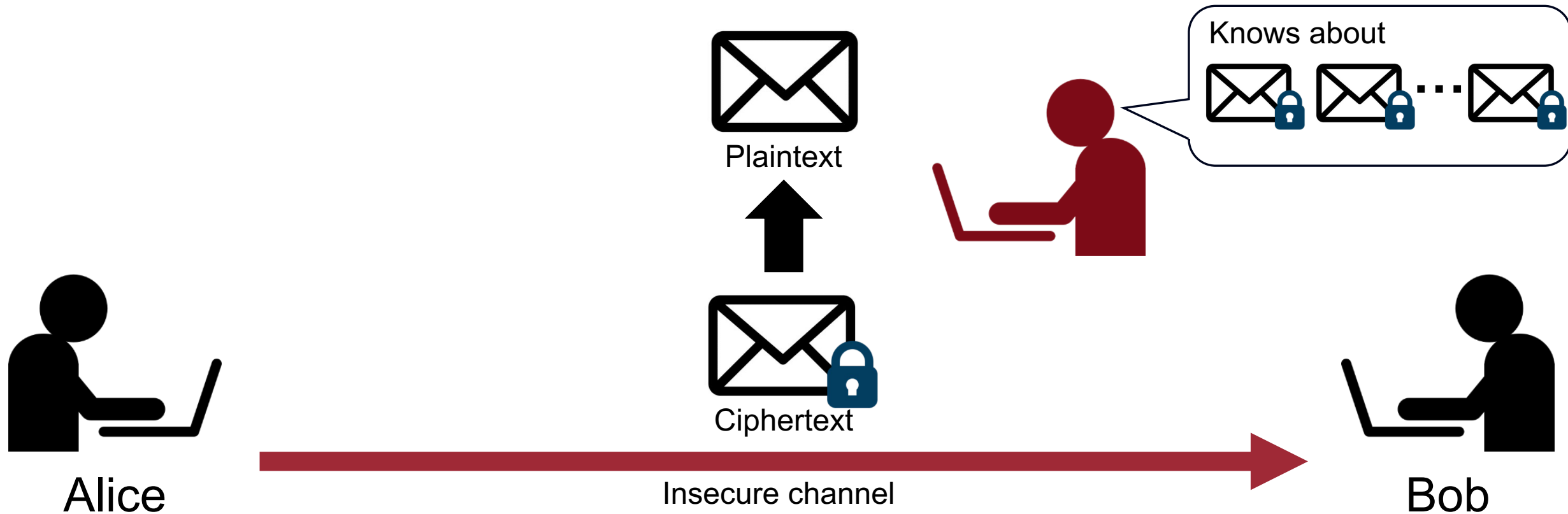
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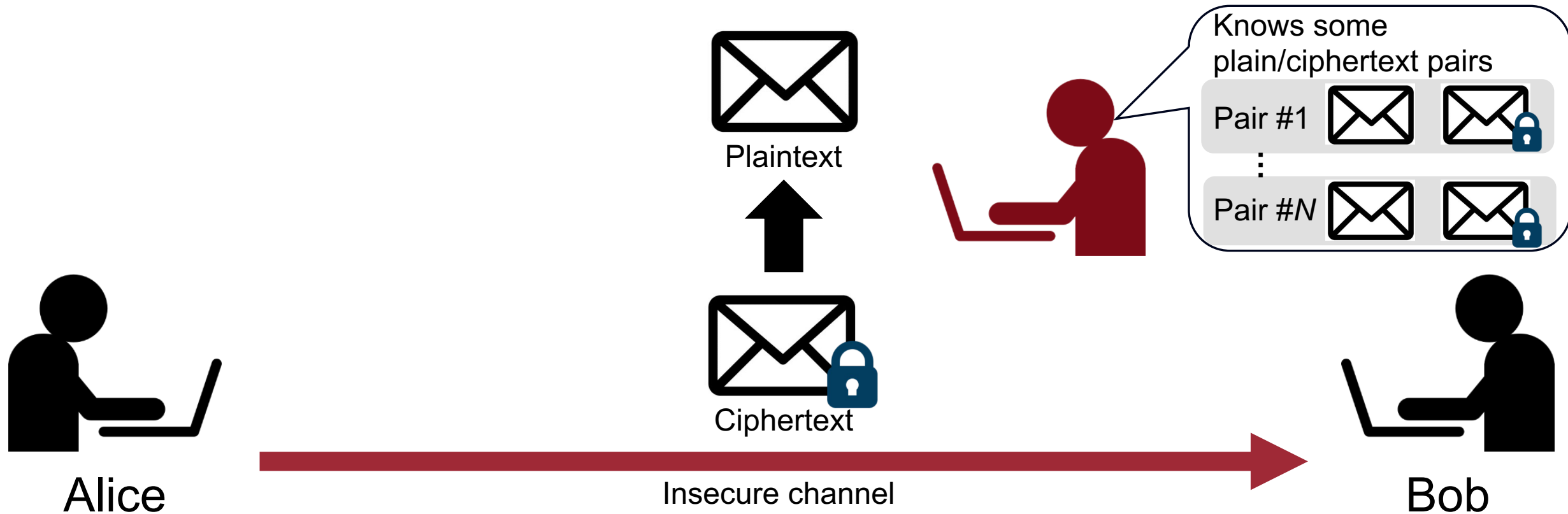
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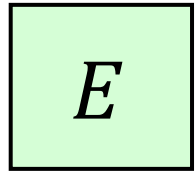
# Known-Plaintext Attack (KPA)

- The attacker is assumed to have access to **multiple plaintexts and their corresponding ciphertexts**
- Can the attacker compute the key from the ciphertext?

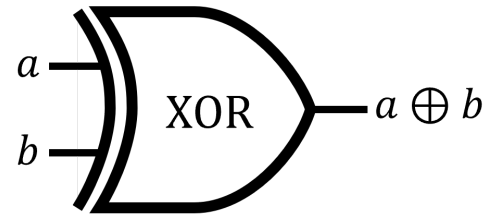


# Known-Plaintext Attack (KPA) – Example

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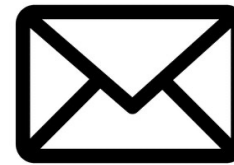
$$E(p, k) = p \oplus k$$



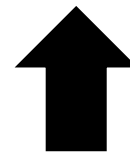
$a$	$b$	$a \oplus b$
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	0



Alice



Plaintext

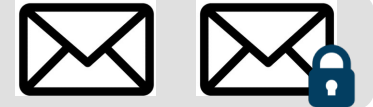


Ciphertext



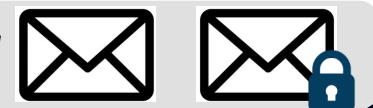
Knows some  
plain/ciphertext pairs

Pair #1



⋮

Pair #N



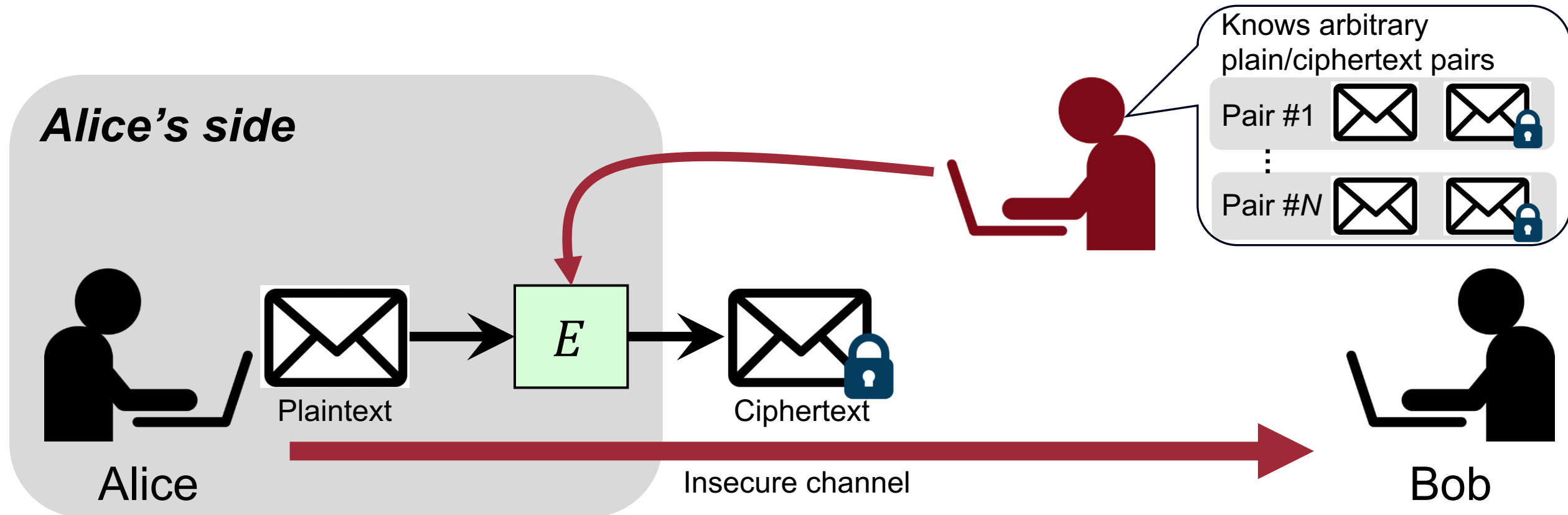
Bob

Insecure channel



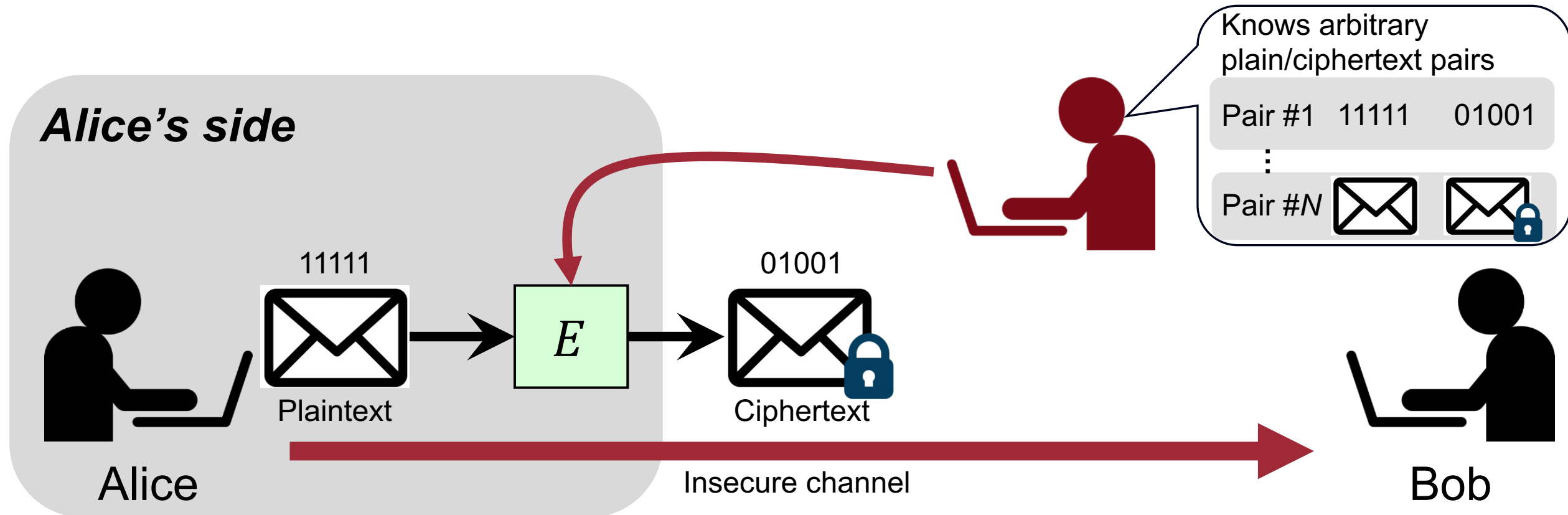
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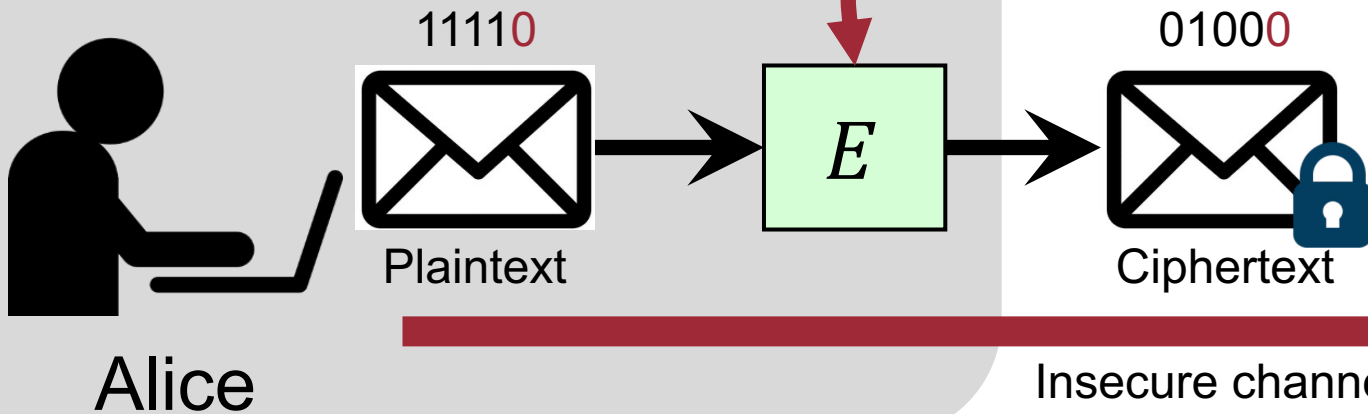


# Chosen-Plaintext Attack (CPA) – Example 45

- The attacker is able to define his own plaintext, feed it into the encryption algorithm, and analyze the resulting ciphertext

Change the last bit and observe how the ciphertext changes accordingly

*Alice's side*



Knows arbitrary  
plain/ciphertext pairs

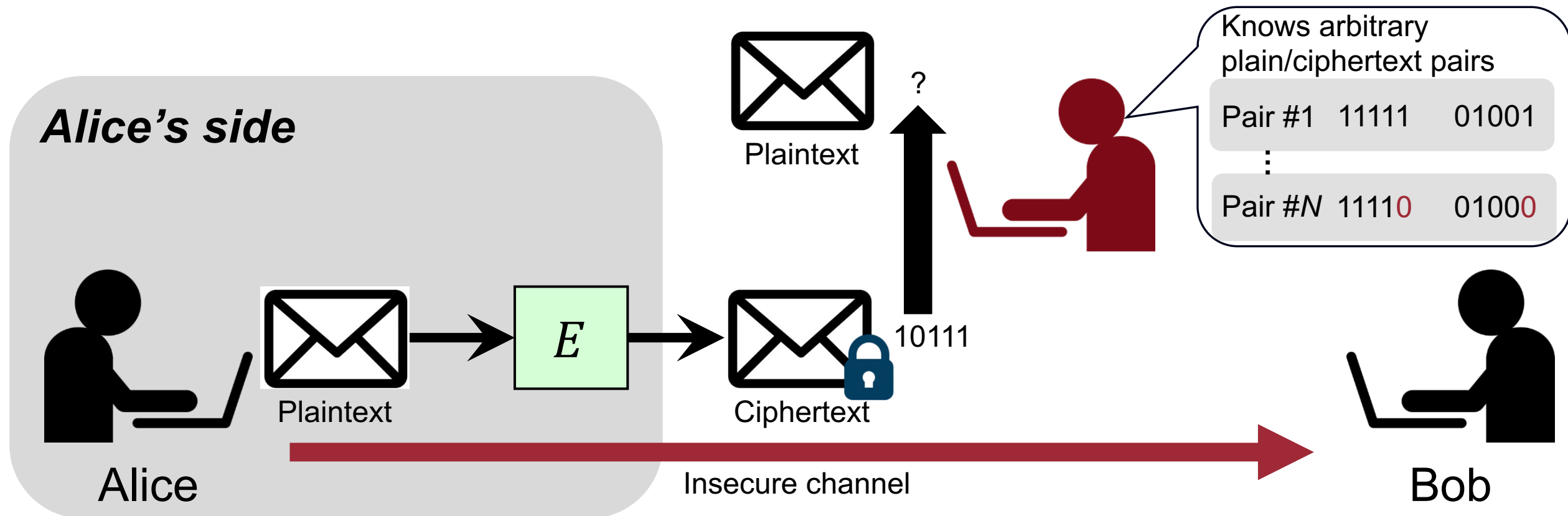
Pair #1 11111 01001

⋮

Pair #N 11110 01000

# Chosen-Plaintext Attack (CPA) – Example 46

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- Can the attacker compute the key from the ciphertext?



# Chosen-Plaintext Attack (CPA) – Example 47

- ✓ The bit we vary is consistently negated
- ✓ As one bit varies, the remaining ones are left unchanged



	Plaintext	Ciphertext
Try #1	11111	01001
Try #2	11110	01000
Try #3	11101	01011
Try #4	11011	01101
Try #5	10111	00001
Try #6	01111	11001

# Chosen-Plaintext Attack (CPA) – Example 48

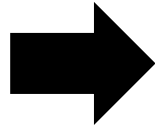
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		10111

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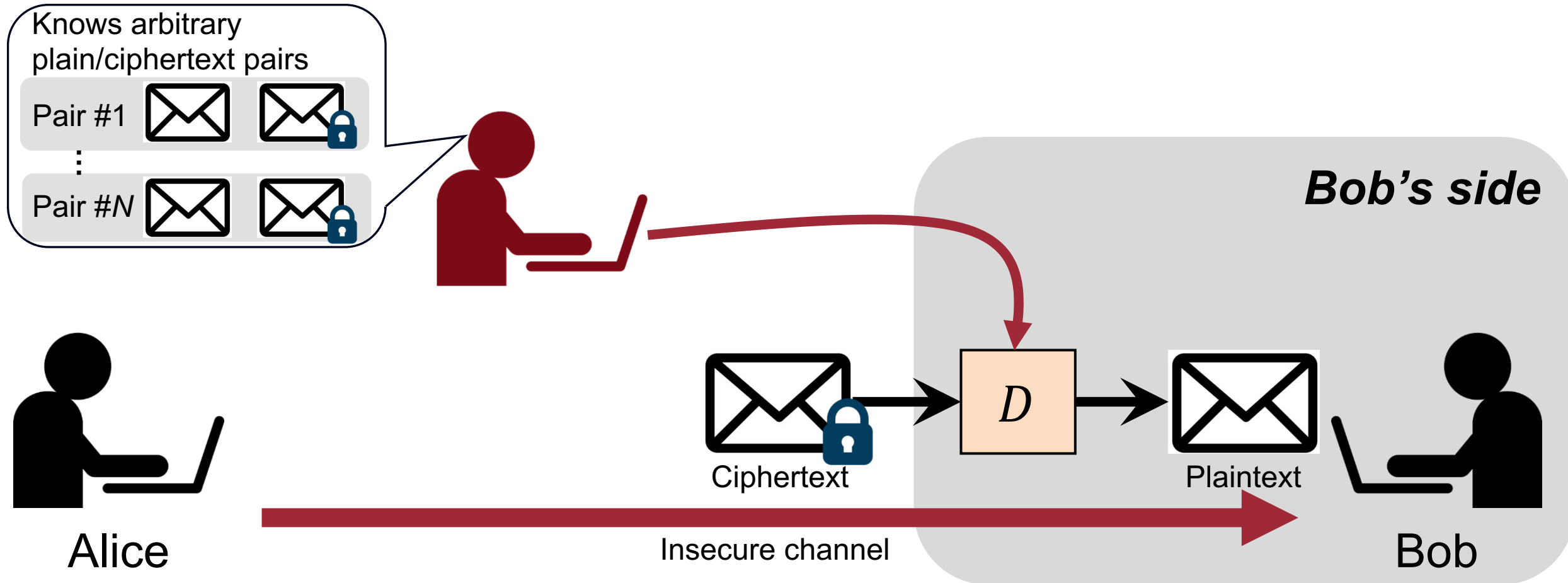
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Final	00001	10111

# Chosen-Ciphertext Attack (CCA)

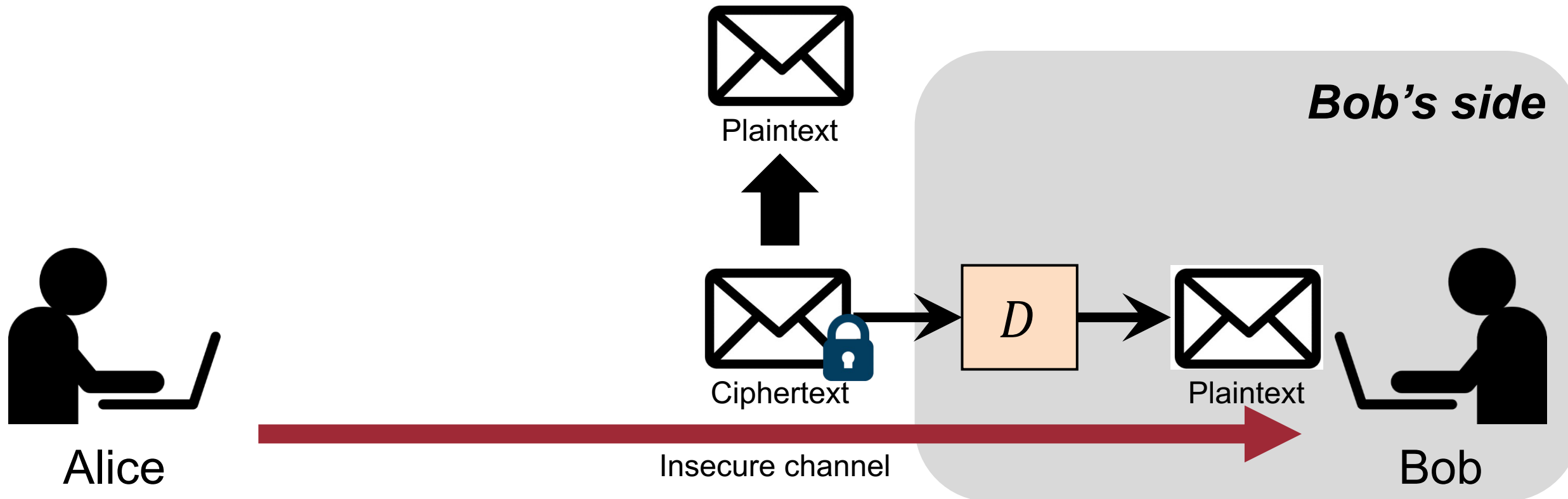
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- Can the attacker compute the key from the ciphertext?



# Brute Force Search



- Always possible to simply try every key!
- Therefore, the key should be secure against **exhaustive key search!**

Key size (Bits)	# of alternative keys	Time required at 1 decryption/ $\mu$ s	Time required at $10^6$ decryption/ $\mu$ s
32	$2^{32} = 4.3 \times 10^9$	$2^{31} \mu\text{s} = 5.8 \text{ minutes}$	2.15 milliseconds
56	$2^{56} = 7.2 \times 10^{16}$	$2^{55} \mu\text{s} = 1,142 \text{ years}$	10.01 hours
128	$2^{128} = 3.4 \times 10^{38}$	$2^{127} \mu\text{s} = 5.4 \times 10^{24} \text{ years}$	$5.4 \times 10^{18} \text{ years}$
168	$2^{168} = 3.7 \times 10^{50}$	$2^{167} \mu\text{s} = 5.9 \times 10^{36} \text{ years}$	$5.9 \times 10^{30} \text{ years}$

# Summary

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- Classical cryptography: ad-hoc design & informal proof
  - Caesar's cipher, Substitution cipher, Vigenere cipher
- Modern cryptography: rigorous design & formal proof
  - Security guarantee
  - Threat model:
    - Ciphertext-Only Attack
    - Known Plaintext Attack
    - Chose-Plaintext Attack
    - Chose-Ciphertext Attack
    - + Brute Force Search

# Question?