

## Asymmetric Ciphers

Cryptographic systems rely keys for encryption and decryption. Traditionally, a single key is required to encrypt and to decrypt. Thus in order for the recipient of the encrypted message to be decrypted by the recipient, the key must also be transmitted. However, sending the key over the channel where the actual message will be sent is insecure. The key must be transmitted on a different and secure channel[4].

**Diffie-Hellman[1]**

**Rivest-Shamir-Adleman[5]**

**Elgamal[2]**

**Elliptic Curve Cryptosystems[3]**

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