



Public Key Encryption, Key Encapsulation Mechanisms, Digital Signatures

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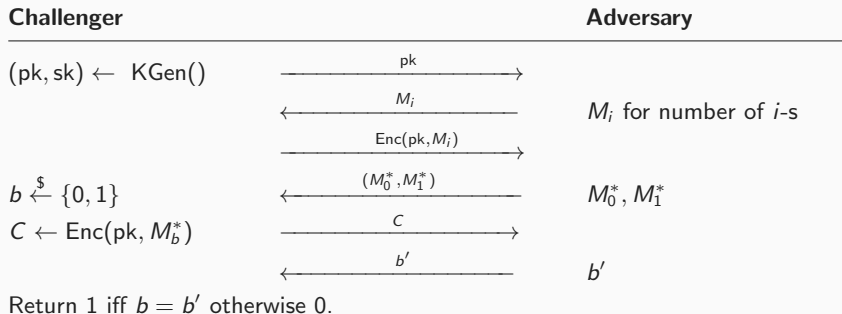
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Baseline security: indistinguishability under chosen-plaintext attacks (IND-CPA)

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- KEM - definition and security similar to PKE
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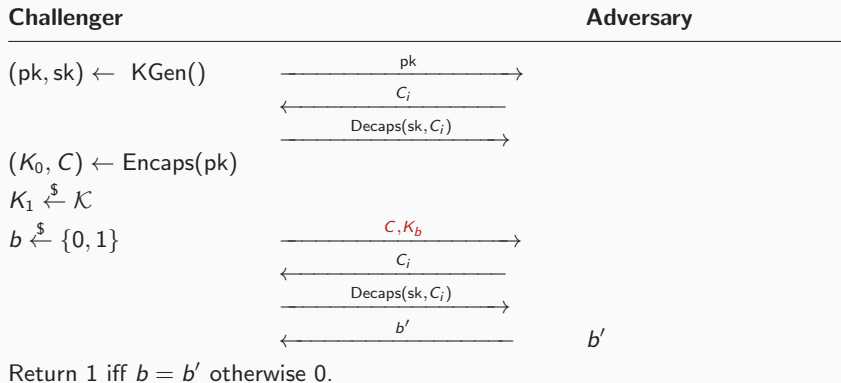
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 - Set $K = \text{KDF}(X)$ and output (K, C)
- Decaps:
 - Set $X \leftarrow \text{Dec}(C)$. If $X = \perp$, output \perp and halt.
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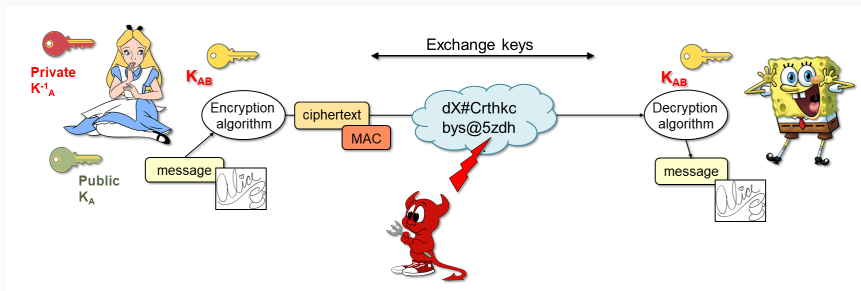
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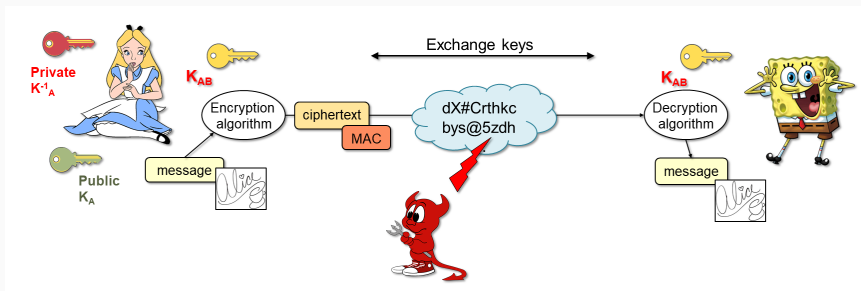
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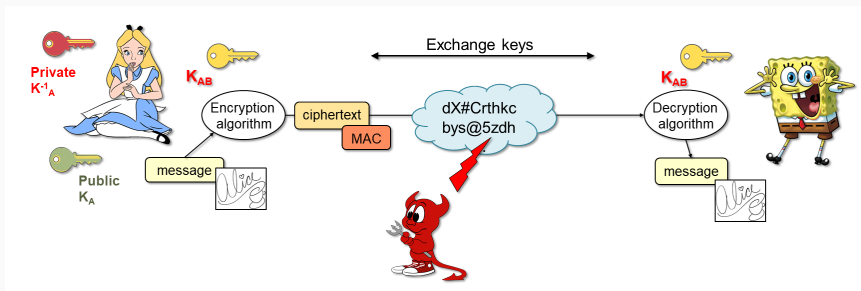
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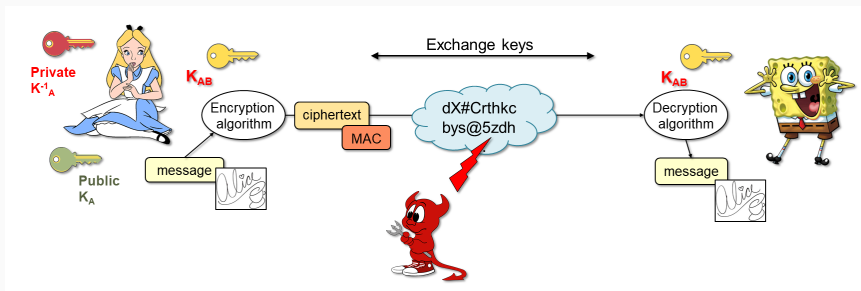
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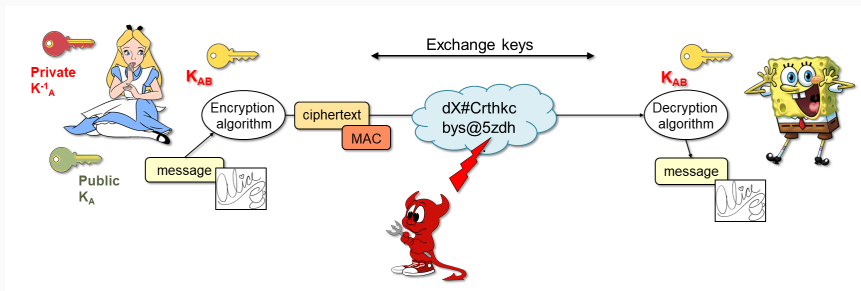
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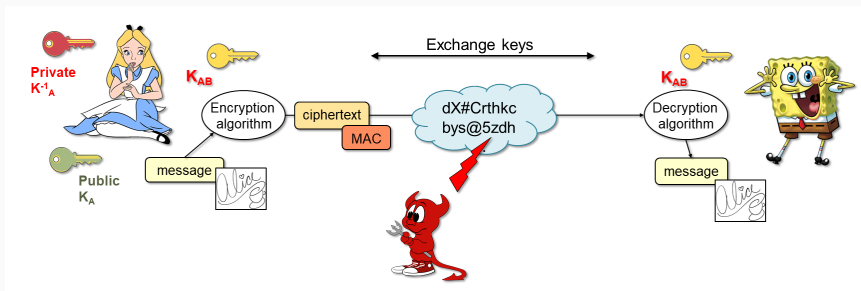
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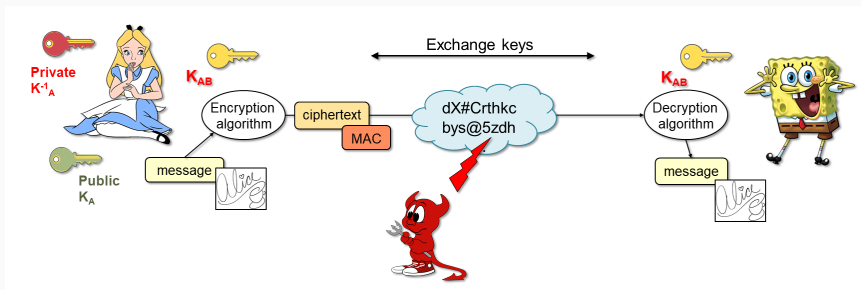
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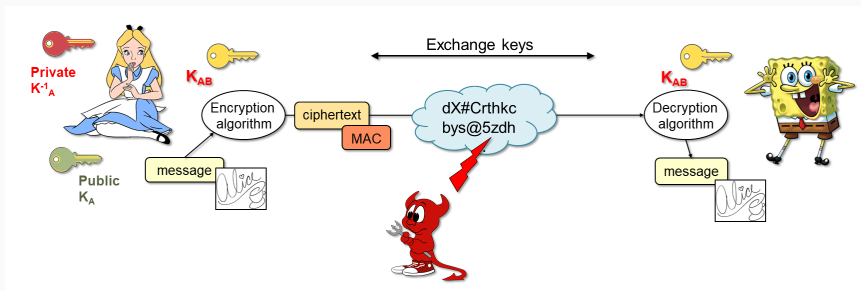
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Challenger

Adversary

$(pk, sk) \leftarrow \text{KGen}()$

pk

M_i

$\text{Sign}(sk, M_i)$

(M^*, σ^*)

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- 4 Compute d such that $ed = 1 \pmod{\phi(N)}$
- 5 Output public key $pk = (N, e)$ and private key $sk = d$

Sign:

Given message M , compute signature by $\sigma \leftarrow M^d \pmod{N}$

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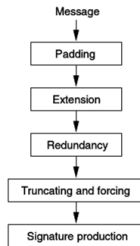
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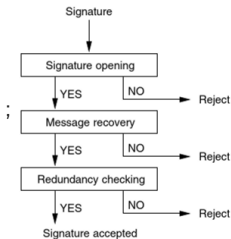
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