

# Identity based encryption (IBE)

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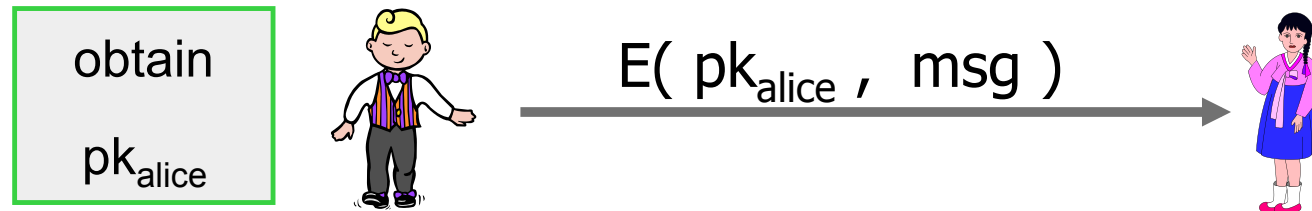
## Recall: Pub-Key Encryption (PKE)

PKE Three algorithms : (G, E, D)

$G(\lambda) \rightarrow (pk, sk)$       outputs pub-key and secret-key

$E(pk, m) \rightarrow c$       encrypt  $m$  using pub-key  $pk$

$D(sk, c) \rightarrow m$       decrypt  $c$  using  $sk$



## Example: ElGamal encryption

- $G(\lambda): (G, g, q) \leftarrow \text{GenGroup}(\lambda)$

$$\text{sk} := (\alpha \leftarrow F_p) \quad ; \quad \text{pk} := (h \leftarrow g^\alpha)$$

- $E(\text{pk}, m \in G): s \leftarrow Z_q \text{ and do } c \leftarrow (g^s, m \cdot h^s)$

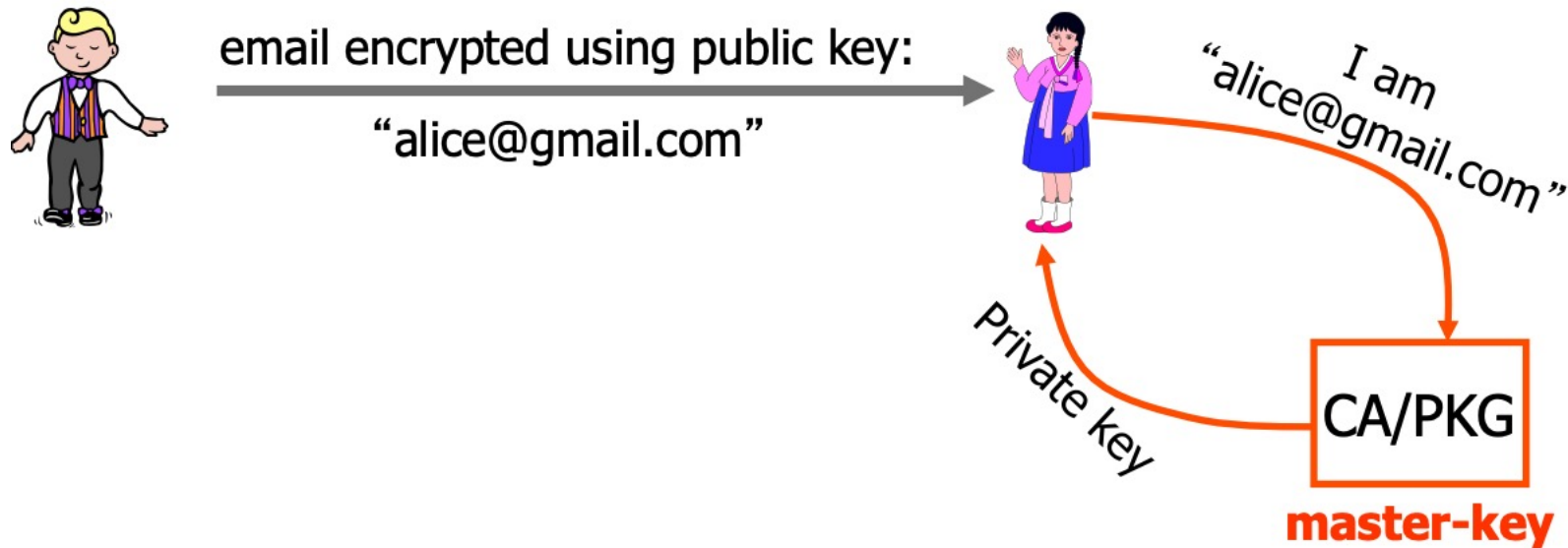
- $D(\text{sk}=\alpha, c=(c_1, c_2)):$  observe  $c_1^\alpha = (g^s)^\alpha = h^s$

- Security (IND-CPA) based on the DDH assumption:

$$(g, h, g^s, h^s) \text{ indist. from } (g, h, g^s, g^{\text{rand}})$$

# Identity based encryption

- IBE: PKE system where PK is an arbitrary string
  - e.g. e-mail address, phone number, ip address



## IBE in practice

Bob encrypts message with pub-key:

“alice@hotmail || role=accounting || time=week-num”  
policy-based encryption      short-lived keys



Aug. 2011: “... Voltage SecureMail ... with over one billion secure business emails sent annually and over 50 million worldwide users.”

# Four algorithms

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$S(\lambda) \rightarrow (pp, mk)$       output params,  $pp$ ,  
and master-key,  $mk$

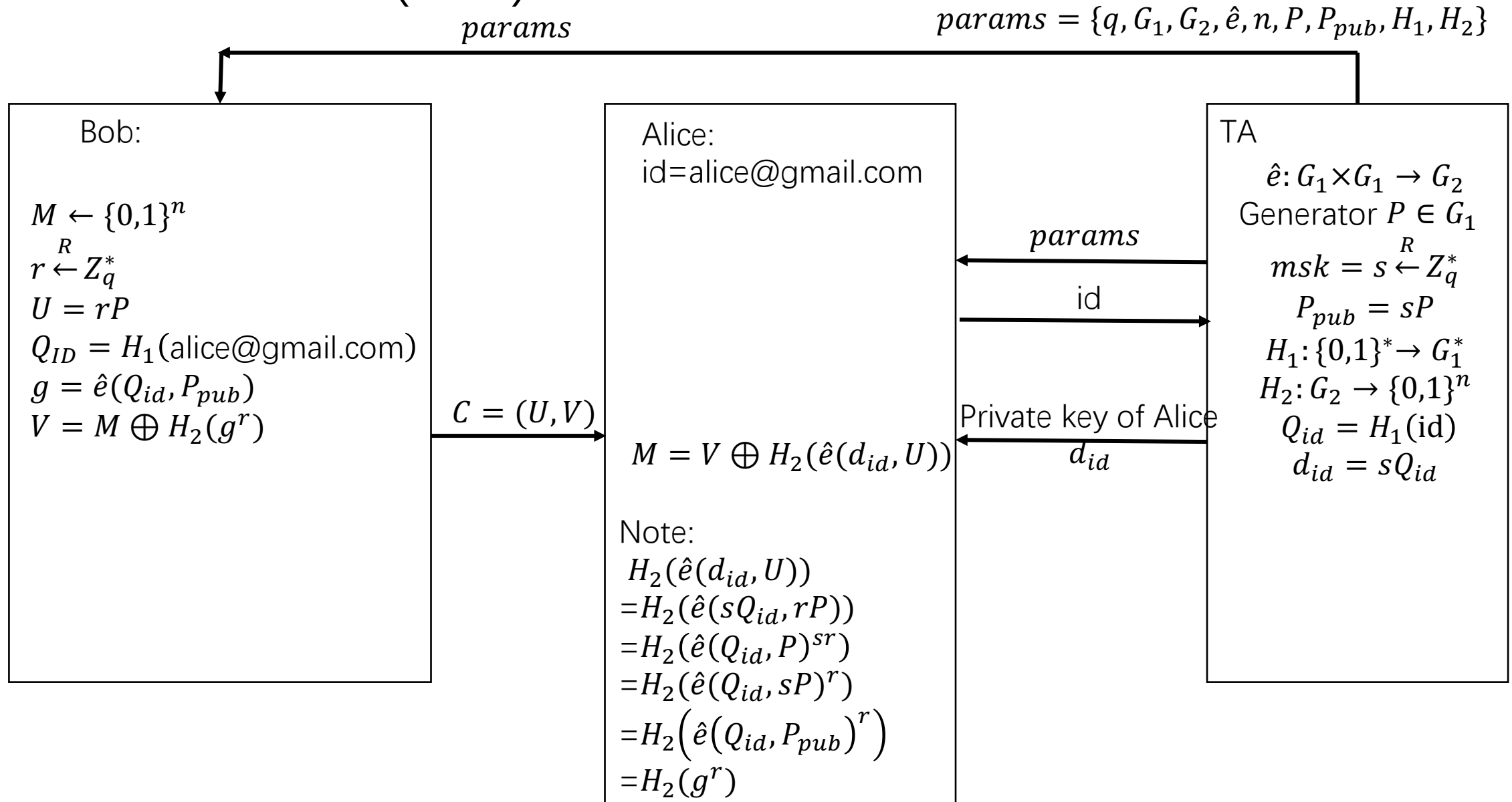
$K(mk, ID) \rightarrow d_{ID}$       outputs private key,  $d_{ID}$ , for  $ID$

$E(pp, ID, m) \rightarrow c$       encrypt  $m$  using pub-key  $ID$  (and  $pp$ )

$D(d_{ID}, c) \rightarrow m$       decrypt  $c$  using  $d_{ID}$

IBE “compresses” exponentially many pk’s into a short  $pp$

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**Setup:** Given a security parameter  $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ , the algorithm works as follows:

Step 1: Run  $\mathcal{G}$  on input  $k$  to generate a prime  $q$ , two groups  $\mathbb{G}_1, \mathbb{G}_2$  of order  $q$ , and an admissible bilinear map  $\hat{e} : \mathbb{G}_1 \times \mathbb{G}_1 \rightarrow \mathbb{G}_2$ . Choose a random generator  $P \in \mathbb{G}_1$ .

Step 2: Pick a random  $s \in \mathbb{Z}_q^*$  and set  $P_{pub} = sP$ .

Step 3: Choose a cryptographic hash function  $H_1 : \{0, 1\}^* \rightarrow \mathbb{G}_1^*$ . Choose a cryptographic hash function  $H_2 : \mathbb{G}_2 \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^n$  for some  $n$ . The security analysis will view  $H_1, H_2$  as random oracles.

The message space is  $\mathcal{M} = \{0, 1\}^n$ . The ciphertext space is  $\mathcal{C} = \mathbb{G}_1^* \times \{0, 1\}^n$ . The system parameters are  $\text{params} = \langle q, \mathbb{G}_1, \mathbb{G}_2, \hat{e}, n, P, P_{pub}, H_1, H_2 \rangle$ . The master-key is  $s \in \mathbb{Z}_q^*$ .

**Extract:** For a given string  $\text{ID} \in \{0, 1\}^*$  the algorithm does: (1) computes  $Q_{\text{ID}} = H_1(\text{ID}) \in \mathbb{G}_1^*$ , and (2) sets the private key  $d_{\text{ID}}$  to be  $d_{\text{ID}} = sQ_{\text{ID}}$  where  $s$  is the master key.

**Encrypt:** To encrypt  $M \in \mathcal{M}$  under the public key  $\text{ID}$  do the following: (1) compute  $Q_{\text{ID}} = H_1(\text{ID}) \in \mathbb{G}_1^*$ , (2) choose a random  $r \in \mathbb{Z}_q^*$ , and (3) set the ciphertext to be

$$C = \langle rP, M \oplus H_2(g_{\text{ID}}^r) \rangle \quad \text{where} \quad g_{\text{ID}} = \hat{e}(Q_{\text{ID}}, P_{pub}) \in \mathbb{G}_2^*$$

**Decrypt:** Let  $C = \langle U, V \rangle \in \mathcal{C}$  be a ciphertext encrypted using the public key  $\text{ID}$ . To decrypt  $C$  using the private key  $d_{\text{ID}} \in \mathbb{G}_1^*$  compute:

$$V \oplus H_2(\hat{e}(d_{\text{ID}}, U)) = M$$



# Theorem

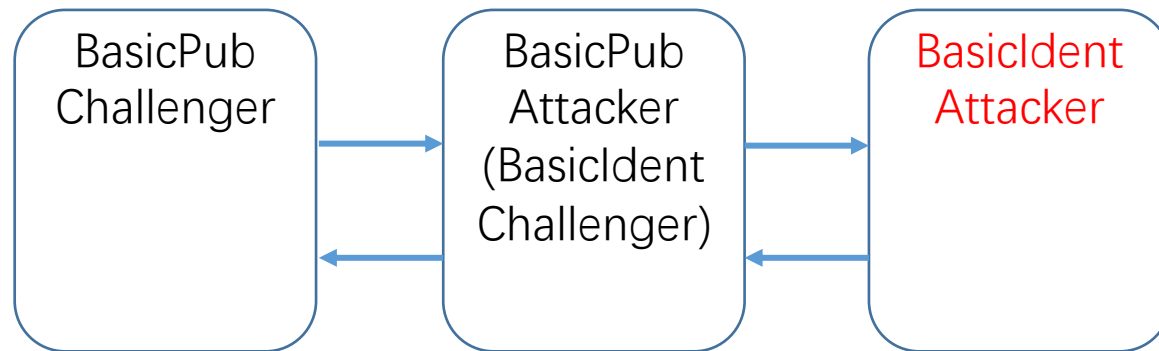
- Suppose  $H_1$  and  $H_2$  are random oracles. The BasicIdent is a semantically secure identity based encryption (IND-ID-CPA) assuming BDH is hard in groups generated by  $G$ .

**BDH Assumption.** Let  $\mathcal{G}$  be a BDH parameter generator. We say that an algorithm  $\mathcal{A}$  has advantage  $\epsilon(k)$  in solving the BDH problem for  $\mathcal{G}$  if for sufficiently large  $k$ :

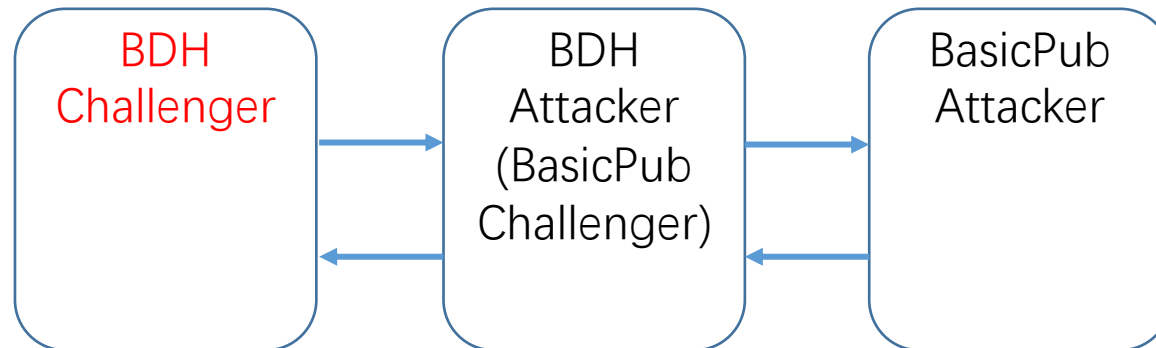
$$\text{Adv}_{\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{A}}(k) = \Pr \left[ \mathcal{A}(q, \mathbb{G}_1, \mathbb{G}_2, \hat{e}, P, aP, bP, cP) = \hat{e}(P, P)^{abc} \mid \begin{array}{l} \langle q, \mathbb{G}_1, \mathbb{G}_2, \hat{e} \rangle \leftarrow \mathcal{G}(1^k), \\ P \leftarrow \mathbb{G}_1^*, a, b, c \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_q^* \end{array} \right] \geq \epsilon(k)$$

# Proof reductions

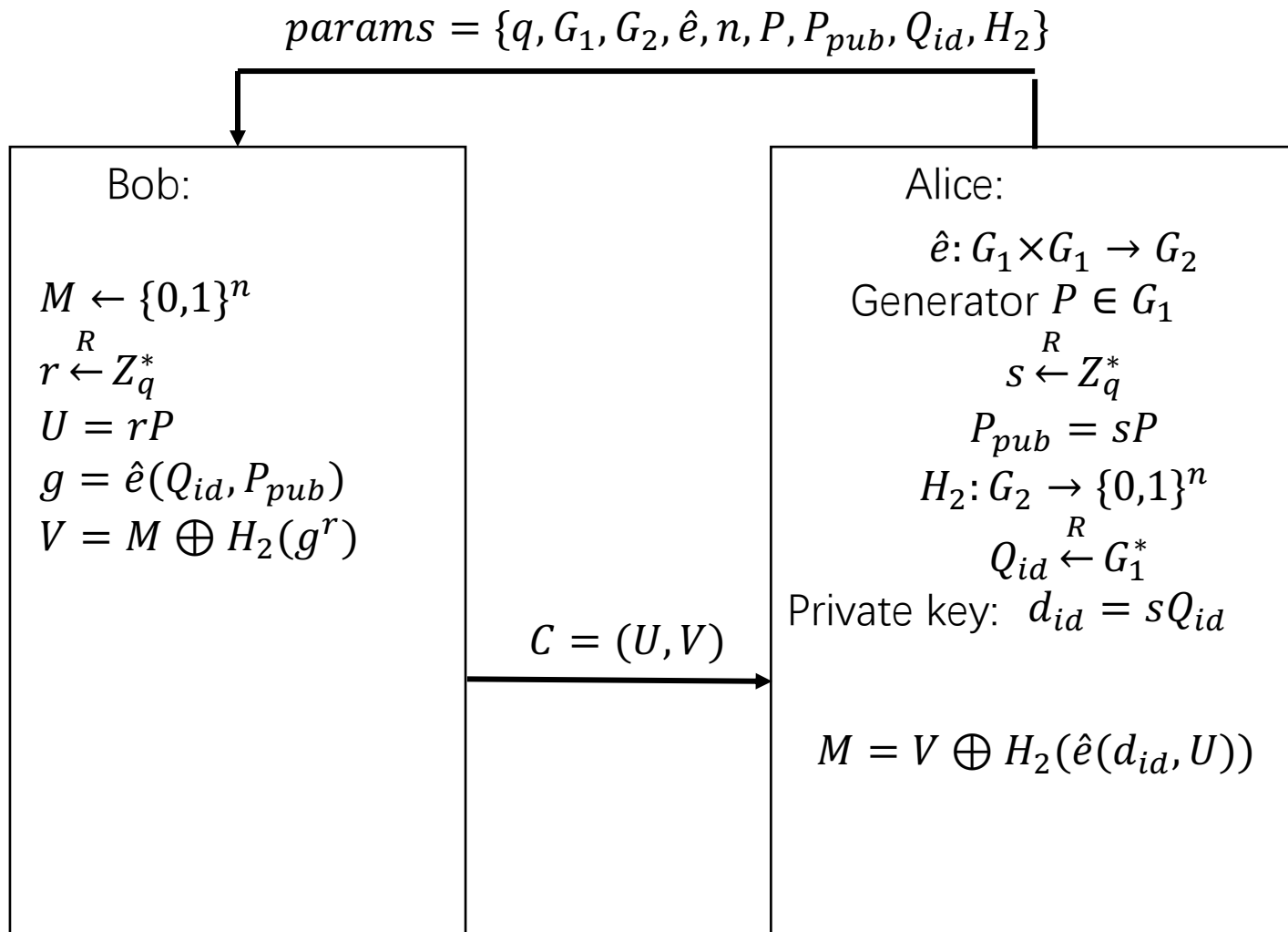
**Lemma 1.** Let  $H_1$  be a random oracle from  $\{0, 1\}^*$  to  $\mathbb{G}_1^*$ . Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be an IND-ID-CPA adversary that has advantage  $\epsilon(k)$  against BasicIdent. Suppose  $\mathcal{A}$  makes at most  $q_E > 0$  private key extraction queries. Then there is a IND-CPA adversary  $\mathcal{B}$  that has advantage at least  $\epsilon(k)/e(1 + q_E)$  against BasicPub.



**Lemma 2.** Let  $H_2$  be a random oracle from  $\mathbb{G}_2$  to  $\{0, 1\}^n$ . Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be an IND-CPA adversary that has advantage  $\epsilon(k)$  against BasicPub. Suppose  $\mathcal{A}$  makes a total of  $q_{H_2} > 0$  queries to  $H_2$ . Then there is an algorithm  $\mathcal{B}$  that solves the BDH problem for  $\mathcal{G}$  with advantage at least  $2\epsilon(k)/q_{H_2}$ .



# BasicPub (PKE)



Note:

$$\begin{aligned} & H_2(\hat{e}(d_{id}, U)) \\ &= H_2(\hat{e}(sQ_{id}, rP)) \\ &= H_2(\hat{e}(Q_{id}, P)^{sr}) \\ &= H_2(\hat{e}(Q_{id}, sP)^r) \\ &= H_2(\hat{e}(Q_{id}, P_{pub})^r) \\ &= H_2(g^r) \end{aligned}$$

# BasicPub (PKE)

BasicPub is described by three algorithms: **keygen**, **encrypt**, **decrypt**.

**keygen:** Given a security parameter  $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ , the algorithm works as follows:

Step 1: Run  $\mathcal{G}$  on input  $k$  to generate two prime order groups  $\mathbb{G}_1, \mathbb{G}_2$  and a bilinear map  $\hat{e} : \mathbb{G}_1 \times \mathbb{G}_1 \rightarrow \mathbb{G}_2$ . Let  $q$  be the order of  $\mathbb{G}_1, \mathbb{G}_2$ . Choose a random generator  $P \in \mathbb{G}_1$ .

Step 2: Pick a random  $s \in \mathbb{Z}_q^*$  and set  $P_{pub} = sP$ . Pick a random  $Q_{ID} \in \mathbb{G}_1^*$ .

Step 3: Choose a cryptographic hash function  $H_2 : \mathbb{G}_2 \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^n$  for some  $n$ .

Step 4: The public key is  $\langle q, \mathbb{G}_1, \mathbb{G}_2, \hat{e}, n, P, P_{pub}, Q_{ID}, H_2 \rangle$ . The private key is  $d_{ID} = sQ_{ID} \in \mathbb{G}_1^*$ .

**encrypt:** To encrypt  $M \in \{0, 1\}^n$  choose a random  $r \in \mathbb{Z}_q^*$  and set the ciphertext to be:

$$C = \langle rP, M \oplus H_2(g^r) \rangle \quad \text{where} \quad g = \hat{e}(Q_{ID}, P_{pub}) \in \mathbb{G}_2^*$$

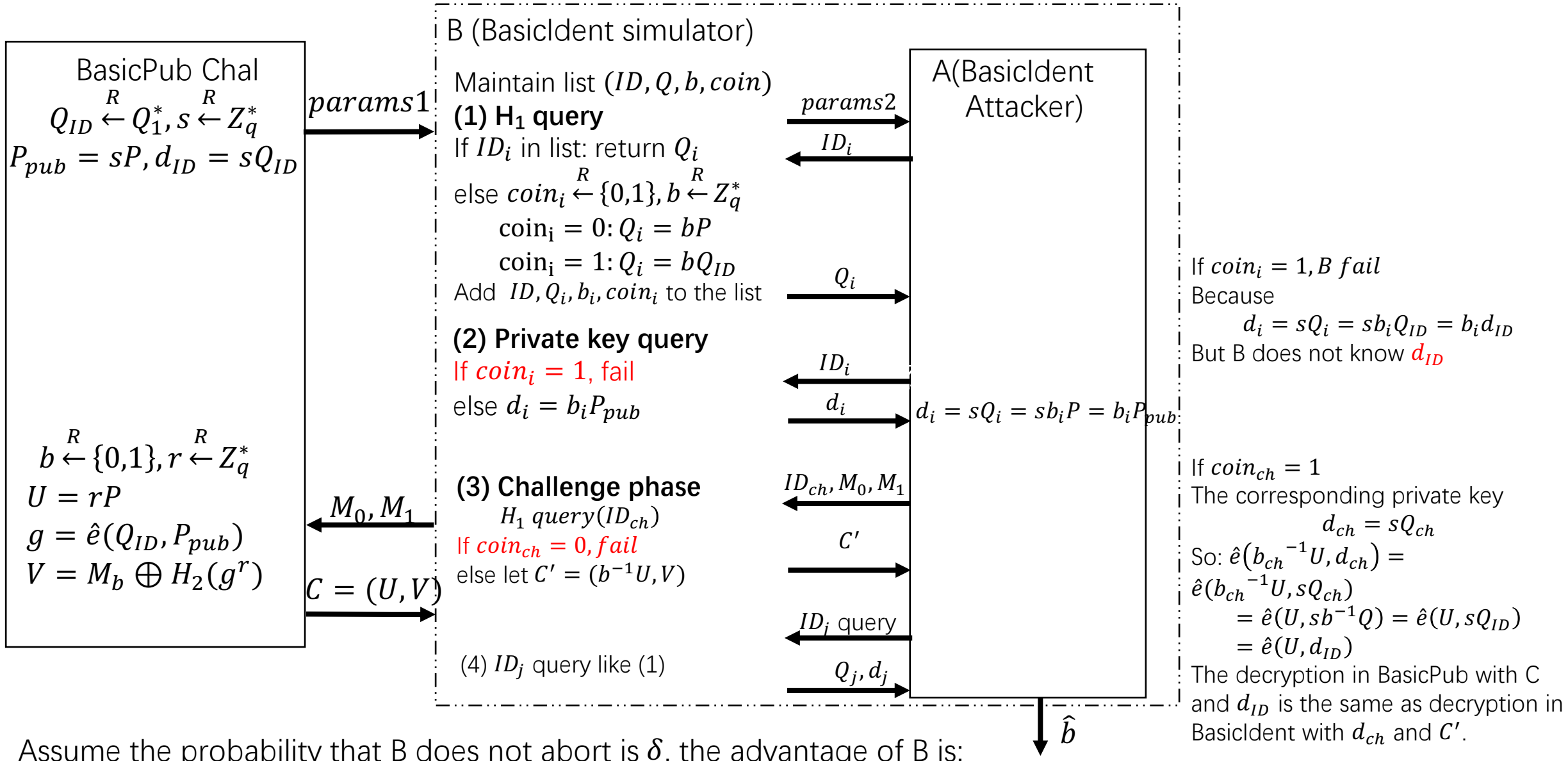
**decrypt:** Let  $C = \langle U, V \rangle$  be a ciphertext created using the public key  $\langle q, \mathbb{G}_1, \mathbb{G}_2, \hat{e}, n, P, P_{pub}, Q_{ID}, H_2 \rangle$ .

To decrypt  $C$  using the private key  $d_{ID} \in \mathbb{G}_1^*$  compute:

$$V \oplus H_2(\hat{e}(d_{ID}, U)) = M$$

# Lemma 1

$$params1 = \{q, G_1, G_2, \hat{e}, n, P, P_{pub}, Q_{ID}, H_2\} \rightarrow params2 = \{q, G_1, G_2, \hat{e}, n, P, P_{pub}, H_1, H_2\}$$

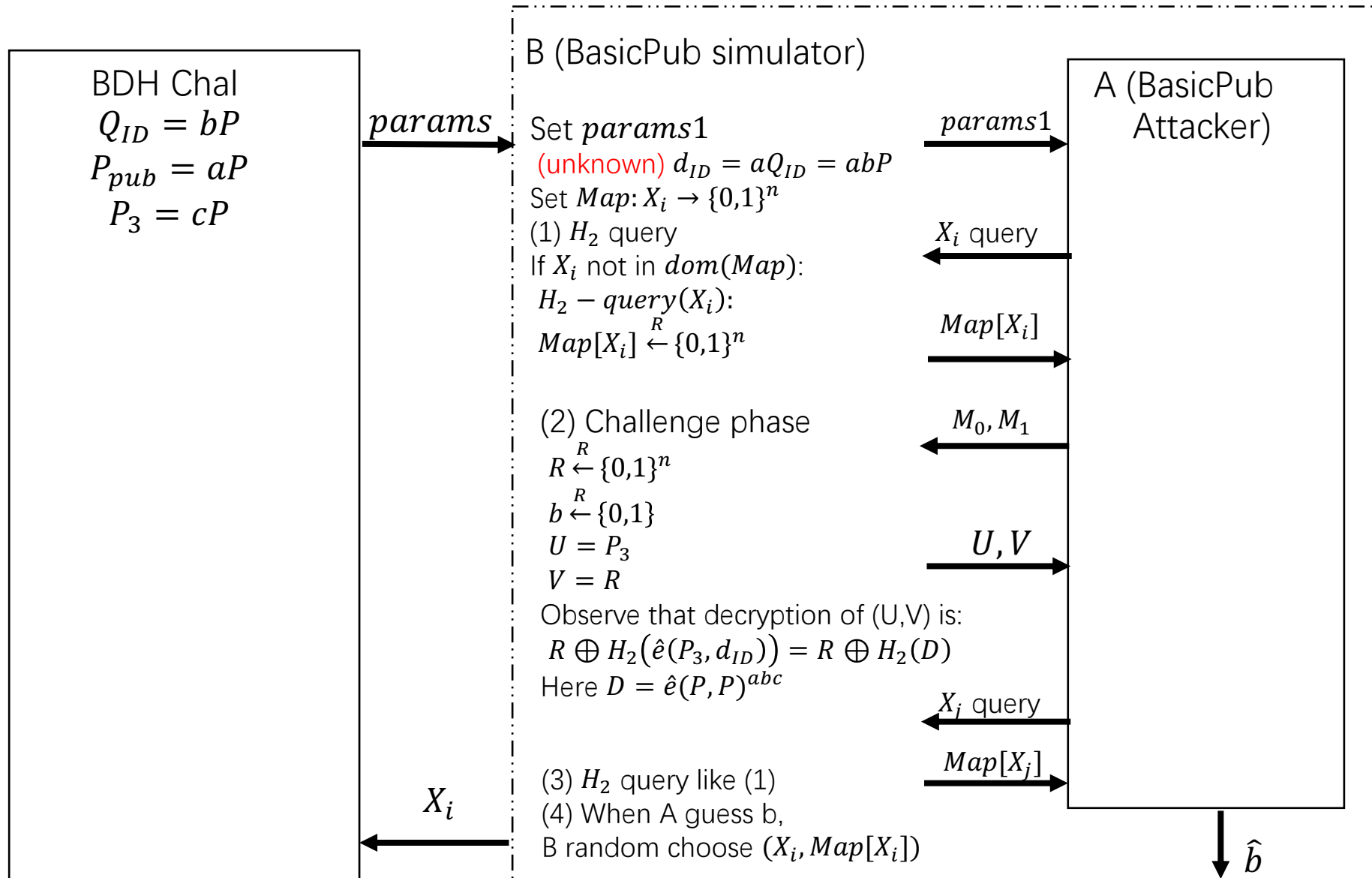


Assume the probability that B does not abort is  $\delta$ , the advantage of B is:

$$Adv_{IND-CPA}[B, BasicPub] = \delta Adv_{IND-ID-CPA}^{RO}[A, BasicIdent]$$

# Lemma 2

$$params = \{P, aP, bP, cP\} \rightarrow params1 = \{q, G_1, G_2, \hat{e}, n, P, P_{pub}, Q_{ID}, H_2\}$$



It can be seen that only A queries D, can A has the advantage to guess the encrypted messages.

So if A output  $\hat{b} = b$  iff A queries D, which means that D exists in the  $H_2$  list.