

# Identity based encryption (IBE)

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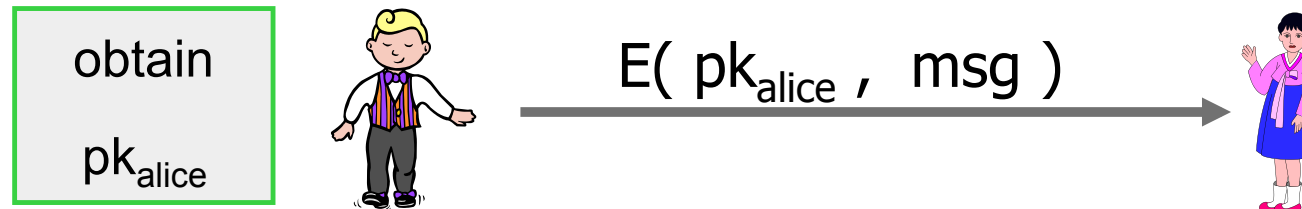
## Recall: Pub-Key Encryption (PKE)

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

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

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

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

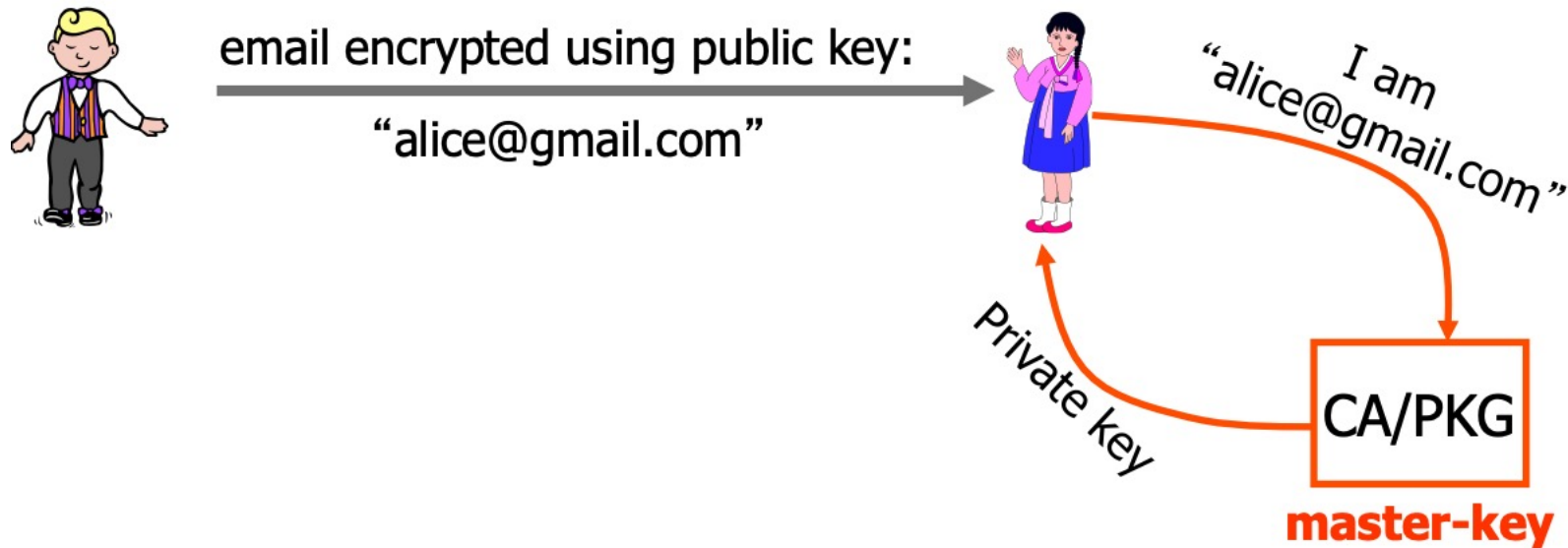
- $D(\text{sk}=\alpha, c=(c_1, c_2)):$  observe  $c_1^\alpha = (g^s)^\alpha = h^s$

- 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



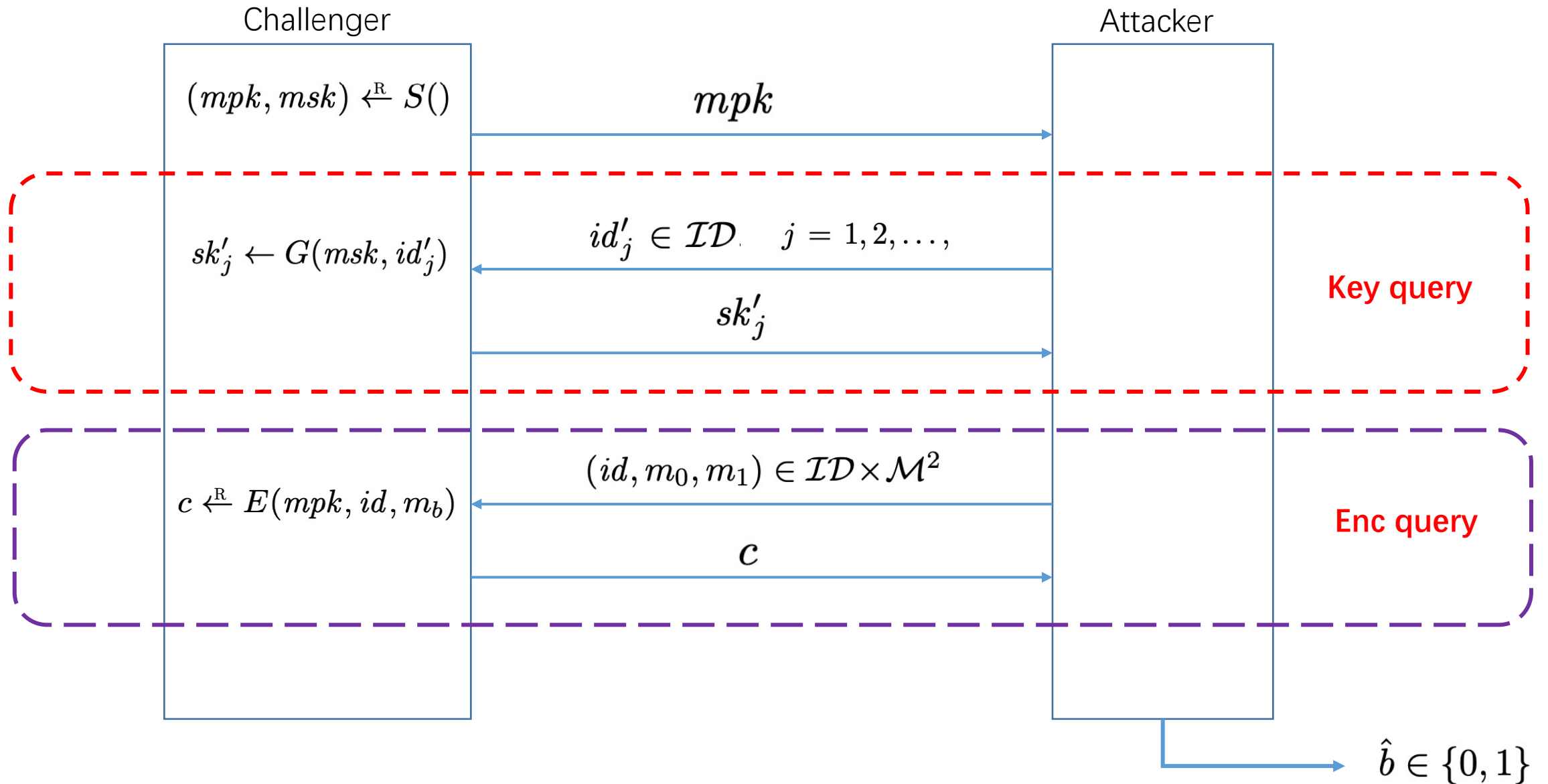
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# Four Algorithms

- $S$  is a probabilistic algorithm invoked as  $(mpk, msk) \xleftarrow{R} S()$ , where  $mpk$  is called the **master public key** and  $msk$  is called the **master secret key** for the IBE scheme.
- $G$  is a probabilistic algorithm invoked as  $sk_{id} \xleftarrow{R} G(msk, id)$ , where  $msk$  is the master secret key (as output by  $S$ ),  $id \in \mathcal{ID}$  is an identity, and  $sk_{id}$  is a secret key for  $id$ .
- $E$  is a probabilistic algorithm invoked as  $c \xleftarrow{R} E(mpk, id, m)$ .
- $D$  is a deterministic algorithm invoked as  $m \leftarrow D(sk_{id}, c)$ . Here  $m$  is either a message, or a special reject value (distinct from all messages).
- As usual, we require that decryption undoes encryption; specifically, for all possible outputs  $(mpk, msk)$  of  $S$ , all identities  $id \in \mathcal{ID}$ , and all messages  $m$ , we have

$$\Pr [D(G(msk, id), E(mpk, id, m)) = m] = 1.$$

# Semantic security for IBE



# Construction

- $S()$ : the setup algorithm runs as follows:

$$\alpha \xleftarrow{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{Z}_q, \quad u_1 \leftarrow g_1^\alpha, \quad mpk \leftarrow u_1, \quad msk \leftarrow \alpha, \quad \text{output } (mpk, msk).$$

- $G(msk, id)$ : key generation using  $msk = \alpha$  runs as:

$$sk_{id} \leftarrow H_0(id)^\alpha \in \mathbb{G}_0, \quad \text{output } sk_{id}.$$

- $E(mpk, id, m)$ : encryption using the public parameters  $mpk = u_1$  runs as:

$$\beta \xleftarrow{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{Z}_q, \quad w_1 \leftarrow g_1^\beta, \quad z \leftarrow e(H_0(id), u_1^\beta) \in \mathbb{G}_T,$$

$$k \leftarrow H_1(w_1, z), \quad c \xleftarrow{\mathbb{R}} E_s(k, m), \quad \text{output } (w_1, c).$$

- $D(sk_{id}, (w_1, c))$ : decryption using secret key  $sk_{id}$  of ciphertext  $(w_1, c)$  run as follows:

$$z \leftarrow e(sk_{id}, w_1), \quad k \leftarrow H_1(w_1, z), \quad m \leftarrow D_s(k, c), \quad \text{output } m.$$

$$e(sk_{id}, w_1) = e(H_0(id)^\alpha, g_1^\beta) = e(H_0(id), g_1^{\alpha\beta}) = e(H_0(id), u_1^\beta).$$



# Decision-BDH assumption

Pairing:  $e : \mathbb{G}_0 \times \mathbb{G}_1 \rightarrow \mathbb{G}_T$

Generators:  $g_0 \in \mathbb{G}_0$  and  $g_1 \in \mathbb{G}_1$

**Experiment  $b$**  ( $b = 0, 1$ ):

- The challenger computes

$$\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta \xleftarrow{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{Z}_q, \quad u_0 \leftarrow g_0^\alpha, \quad u_1 \leftarrow g_1^\alpha, \quad v_0 \leftarrow g_0^\beta, \quad w_1 \leftarrow g_1^\gamma, \\ z^{(0)} \leftarrow e(g_0, g_1)^{\alpha\beta\gamma} \in \mathbb{G}_T, \quad z^{(1)} \xleftarrow{\mathbb{R}} e(g_0, g_1)^\delta \in \mathbb{G}_T$$

and gives  $(u_0, u_1, v_0, w_1, z^{(b)})$  to the adversary.

- The adversary outputs a bit  $\hat{b} \in \{0, 1\}$ .

$$\text{DBDHadv}[\mathcal{A}, e] := \left| \Pr[W_0] - \Pr[W_1] \right|.$$

# Security of IBE

**Theorem**. If decision BDH holds for  $e$ ,  $H_0$  is modeled as random oracle,  $H_1$  is a secure KDF, and  $E_s$  is semantically secure, then the IBE scheme is semantically secure.

$$\text{SS}^{\text{ro}}\text{adv}[\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{E}_{\text{BF}}] \leq 2 \cdot 2.72 \cdot (Q_s + 1) \cdot \text{DBDHadv}[\mathcal{B}_e, e] + 2 \cdot \text{KDFadv}[\mathcal{B}_{\text{kdf}}, H_1] + \text{SSadv}[\mathcal{B}_s, \mathcal{E}_s].$$

# BDH Chal

$\alpha, \beta, \tau \xleftarrow{R} \mathbb{Z}_q$   
 $u_0 = g_0^\alpha, \quad u_1 = g_1^\alpha$   
 $v_0 = g_0^\tau, \quad w_1 = g_1^\beta, \quad z$

$u_0, u_1, v_0,$   
 $w_1, z, g_0, g_1$

## BDH attacker B

Maintain list  $(id, H_0, \rho, j)$

### (1) $H_0$ query

If  $id_j$  in list: return  $Q_i$

else

$j \neq \omega: \rho_j \xleftarrow{R} \mathbb{Z}_q^*, H_0(id_j) = g_0^{\rho_j}$

$j = \omega: H_0(id_j) = v_0$

Add  $id, H_0, \rho, j$  to the list

### (2) key query

If  $j = \omega$ , fail:

else  $sk_j := H_0(id^{(j)})^\alpha = g_0^{\rho_j \alpha} = u_0^{\rho_j}$

### (3) Challenge phase

$b \xleftarrow{R} \{0, 1\}$

If  $id_b = id^{(\omega)}$ , then  $H_0(id_b) = v_0$

$k \leftarrow H_1(w_1, z) \quad c \xleftarrow{R} E_s(k, m_b)$

$\hat{b}$

$mpk := u_1, g_0, g_1$

## IBE attacker A

$id_j$

$H_0(id_j)$

$id_j$

$sk_j$

$(id_0, m_0)$

$(id_1, m_1)$

$(w_1, c)$

If  $j = \omega$ ,  $sk_j = H_0(id_j)^\alpha = v_0^\alpha = u_0^\tau$   
 Doesn't know  $\alpha, \tau$

if  $z = e(g_0, g_1)^{\alpha\beta\tau}$  then  
 $z = e(v_0, g_1^{\alpha\beta}) = e(H_0(id_b), u_1^\beta)$   
 If  $z$  is uniform in GT, then  $k$  is uniform in K