

CIS 5560

Cryptography Lecture 15

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Recap of Last Lecture(s)

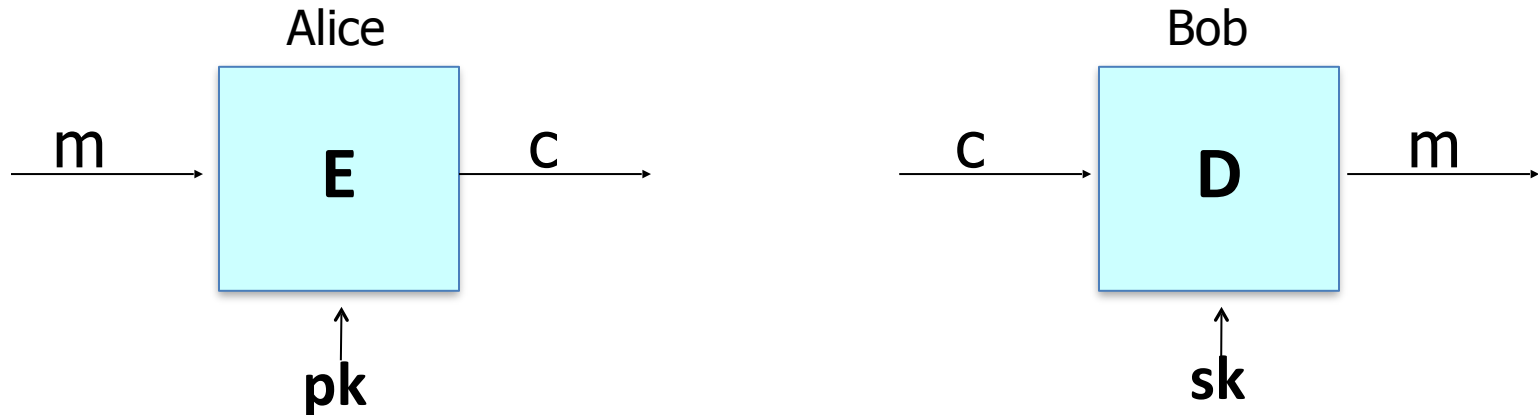
- Number Theory refresher
 - Arithmetic modulo primes
 - Fermat's Little Theorem
 - Cyclic groups
 - Discrete Logarithms
- Key Exchange
 - Merkle puzzles
 - Diffie—Hellman
 - Computational Diffie—Hellman Problem

Today's Lecture

- Public Key Encryption
 - El Gamal Encryption
 - Computational Diffie—Hellman Problem
 - RSA Encryption
 - Arithmetic modulo composites
 - Factoring

Public key encryption

Alice: generates (PK, SK) and gives PK to Bob



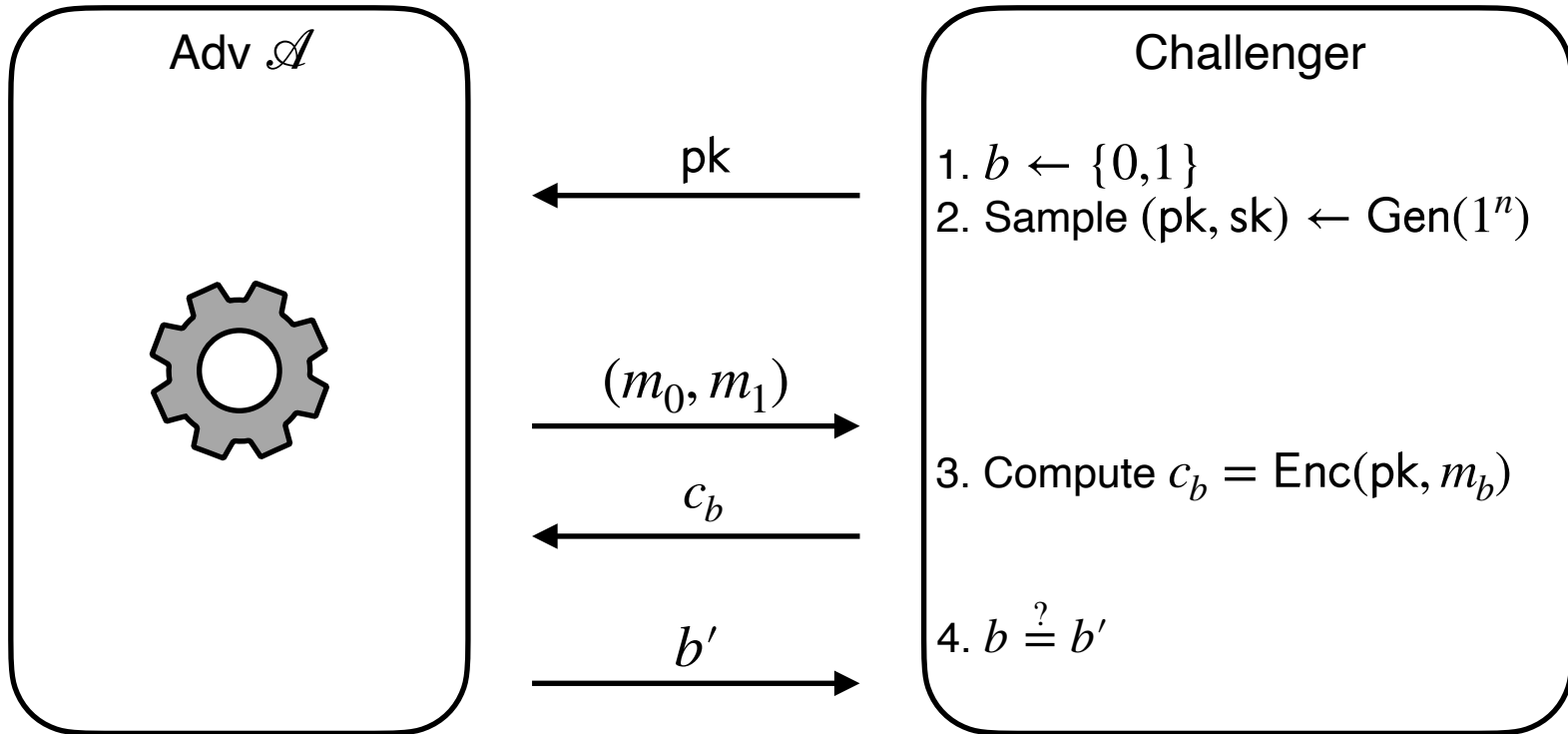
Public key encryption

Def: a public-key encryption system is a triple of algs. (G, E, D)

- $\text{Gen}()$: randomized alg. outputs a key pair (pk, sk)
- $\text{Enc}(pk, m)$: randomized alg. that takes $m \in \mathcal{M}$ and outputs $c \in \mathcal{C}$
- $\text{Dec}(sk, c)$: deterministic alg. that takes $c \in \mathcal{C}$ and outputs $m \in \mathcal{M} \cup \{ \perp \}$

Correctness: $\forall (pk, sk)$ output by $\text{Gen}()$, $\forall m \in \mathcal{M}$, $\text{Dec}(sk, \text{Enc}(pk, m)) = m$

Security: IND-CPA for PKE



$$\Pr[b = b'] = 1/2 + \text{negl}(n)$$

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For all PPT adversaries \mathcal{A} , the following holds:

$$\Pr \left[b = \mathcal{A}(\text{Enc}(\text{pk}, m_b)) \mid \begin{array}{l} (\text{pk}, \text{sk}) \leftarrow \text{Gen}(1^n) \\ \text{Sample } b \leftarrow \{0,1\} \\ (m_0, m_1) \leftarrow \mathcal{A}(\text{pk}) \end{array} \right] \leq \text{negl}(n)$$

How does it relate to symmetric-key IND-CPA?

Recall: for symmetric ciphers we had two security notions:

- One-time security and many-time security (CPA)
- We showed that one-time security does not imply many-time security

For public key encryption:

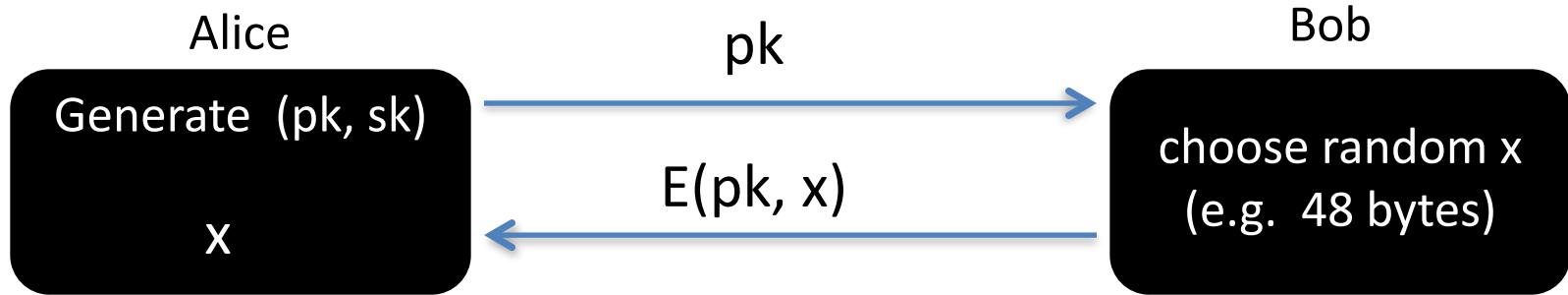
- One-time security \Rightarrow many-time security (CPA)

(follows from the fact that attacker can encrypt by himself)

- Public key encryption **must** be randomized

Applications

Session setup (for now, only eavesdropping security)



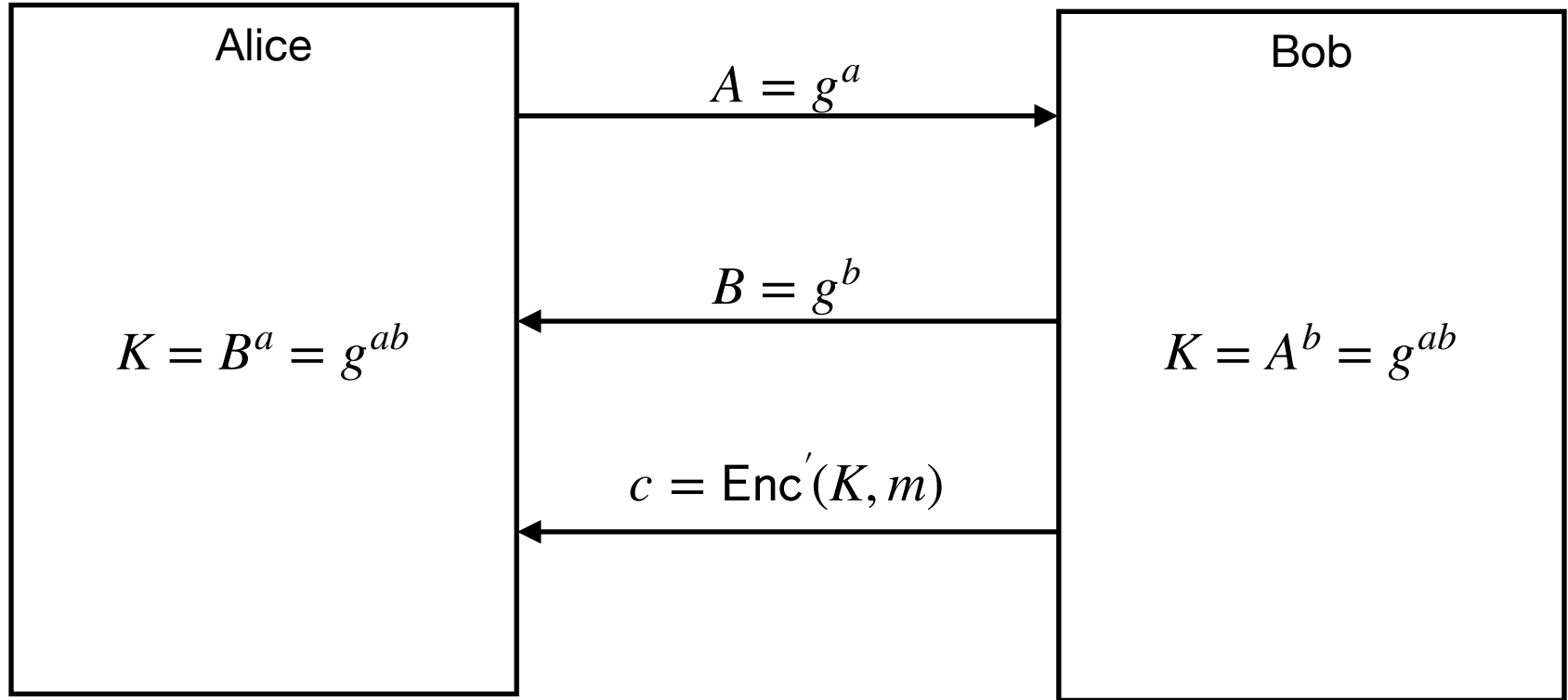
Non-interactive applications: (e.g. Email)

- Bob sends email to Alice encrypted using pk_{alice}
- Note: Bob needs pk_{alice} (public key management)

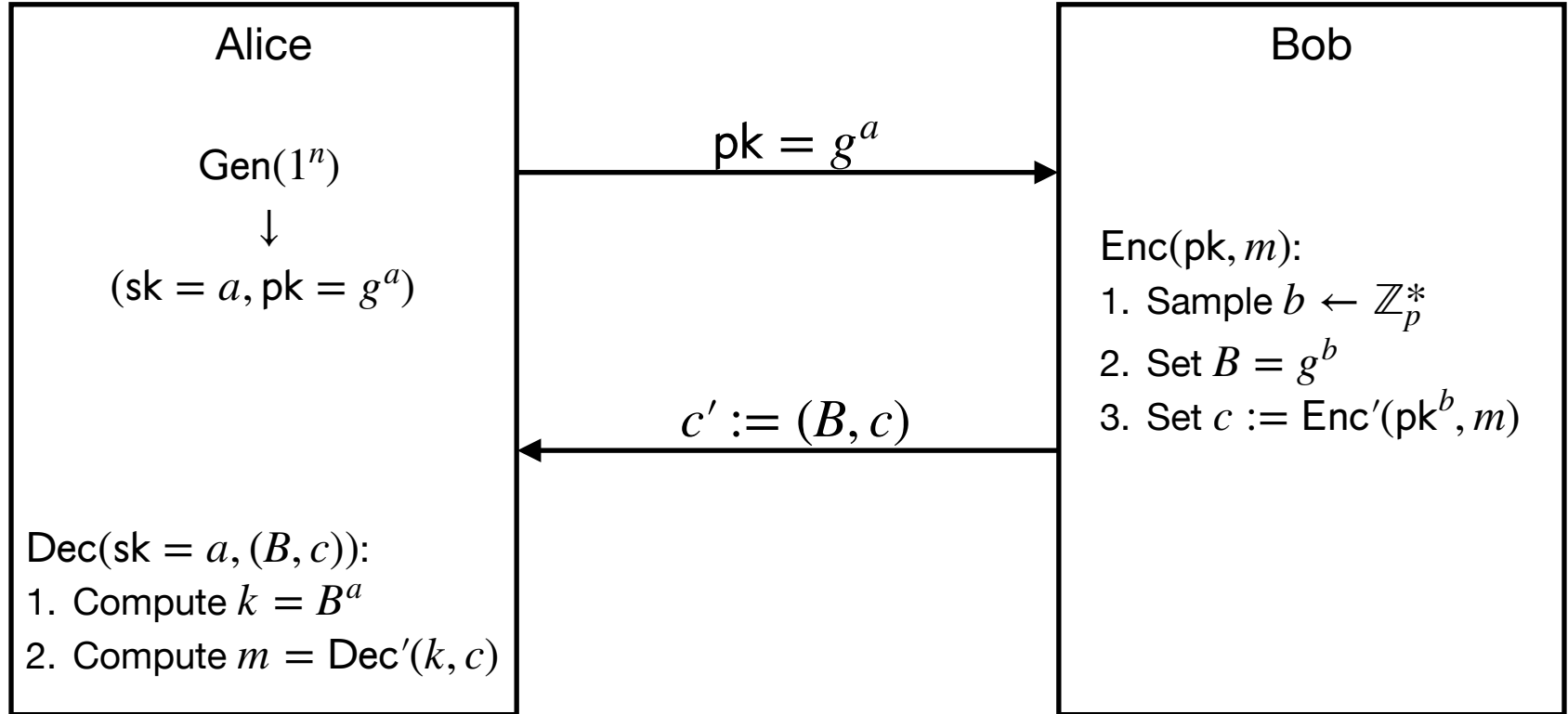
Constructions of PKE: Elgamal Encryption

Review of cyclic groups (On board)

Recall: DH Key Exchange



Convert DH \rightarrow PKE



The Elgamal system (an abstract view)

- \mathbb{G} : finite cyclic group of prime order p with generator g
- $(\text{Enc}', \text{Dec}')$: symmetric-key encryption with keyspace $\mathcal{K} = \mathbb{G}$

Gen(1^n):

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Dec(sk = a , (B, c)):

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What choice of $(\text{Enc}', \text{Dec}')$?

How to prove security?

Q1: Choice of $(\text{Enc}', \text{Dec}')$: OTP?

- \mathbb{G} : finite cyclic group of prime order p with generator g
- Key idea: One-Time Pad works not just with $\{0,1\}^n$ and XOR, but with *any group*
 - $\text{Gen}'(1^n)$: Sample $r \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p$, and output g^r
 - $\text{Enc}'(k = g^r, m \in \mathbb{G})$: Output $c = k \cdot m \in \mathbb{G}$
 - $\text{Dec}'(k = g^r, c \in \mathbb{G})$: Output $m = k^{-1} \cdot c \in \mathbb{G}$

Correctness: $\text{Dec}'(k, \text{Enc}'(k, m)) = k \cdot m \cdot k^{-1} = m$

Security: Goal: $\forall m, m' \in \mathbb{G}, c \in \mathbb{G}, \Pr_{k \leftarrow \mathbb{G}} [\text{Enc}(k, m) = c] = \Pr_{k \leftarrow \mathbb{G}} [\text{Enc}(k, m') = c]$

Exercise: prove this (try to adapt proof from Lecture 1)

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3. Set $c := m \cdot \text{pk}^b = mg^{ab}$
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 $= cg^{-ab}$
 $= mg^{ab}g^{-ab}$



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Problem:
OTP uses random group element

But we only have g^{ab} !

Is this a problem? Isn't g^{ab} also random?

Problem: adversary *also* sees g^a and g^b !

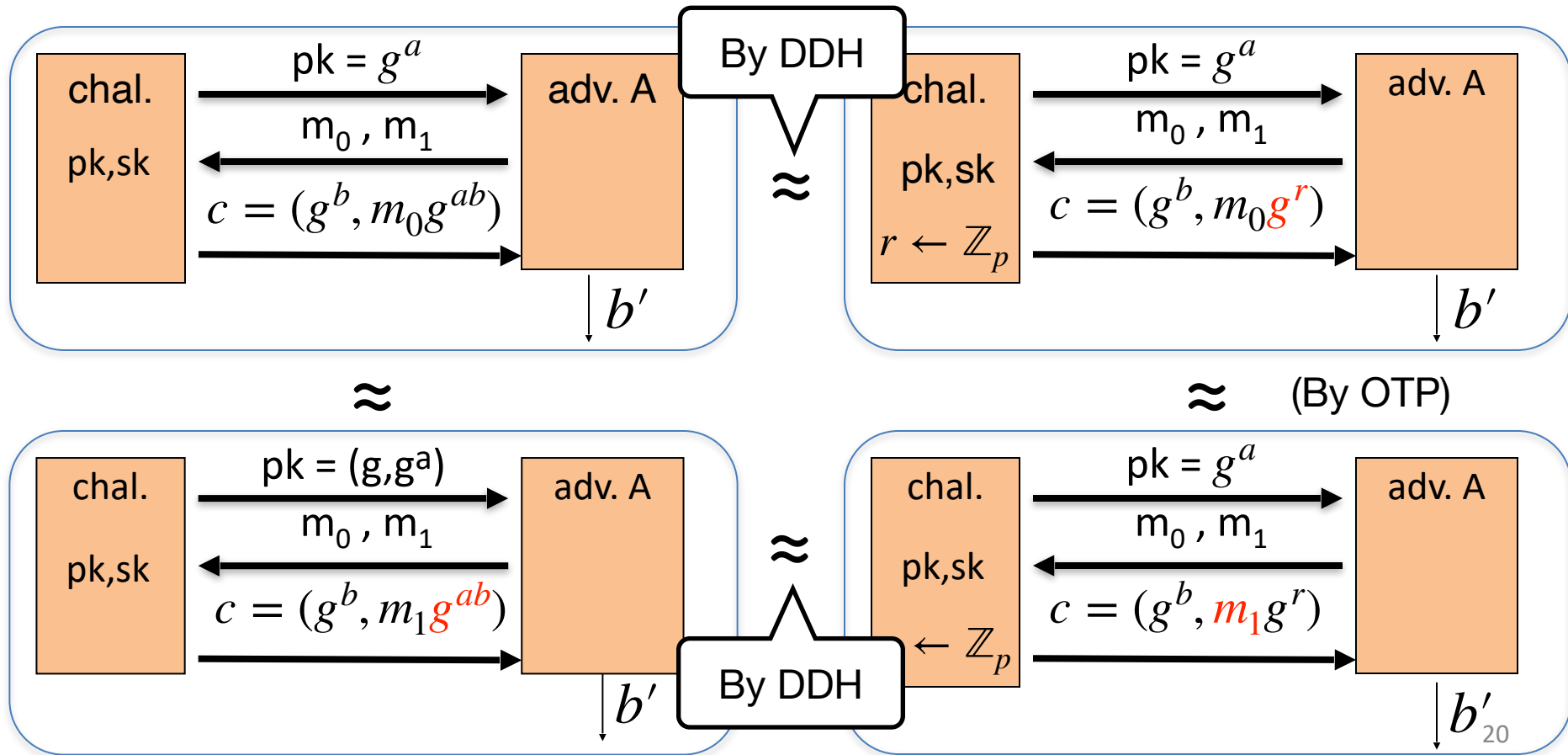
New assumption: Decisional Diffie–Hellman

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Elgamal is semantically secure under DDH



The Elgamal system (a modern view)

- \mathbb{G} : finite cyclic group of prime order p with generator g
- $(\text{Enc}', \text{Dec}')$: what about arbitrary keyspace \mathcal{K} ?
- New ingredient: “Random”-ish hash function $H : \mathbb{G} \rightarrow \mathcal{K}$

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New assumption: Hash-DDH

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Suppose $K = \{0,1\}^{128}$ and

$H: G \rightarrow K$ only outputs strings in K that begin with 0
(i.e. for all y : $\text{msb}(H(y))=0$)

Can Hash-DH hold for (G, H) ?

- Yes, for some groups G
-  No, Hash-DH is easy to break in this case
- Yes, Hash-DH is always true for such H

Elgamal is semantically secure under H-DDH

