

Public Key Encryption with Equality Test from Tag-Based Encryption

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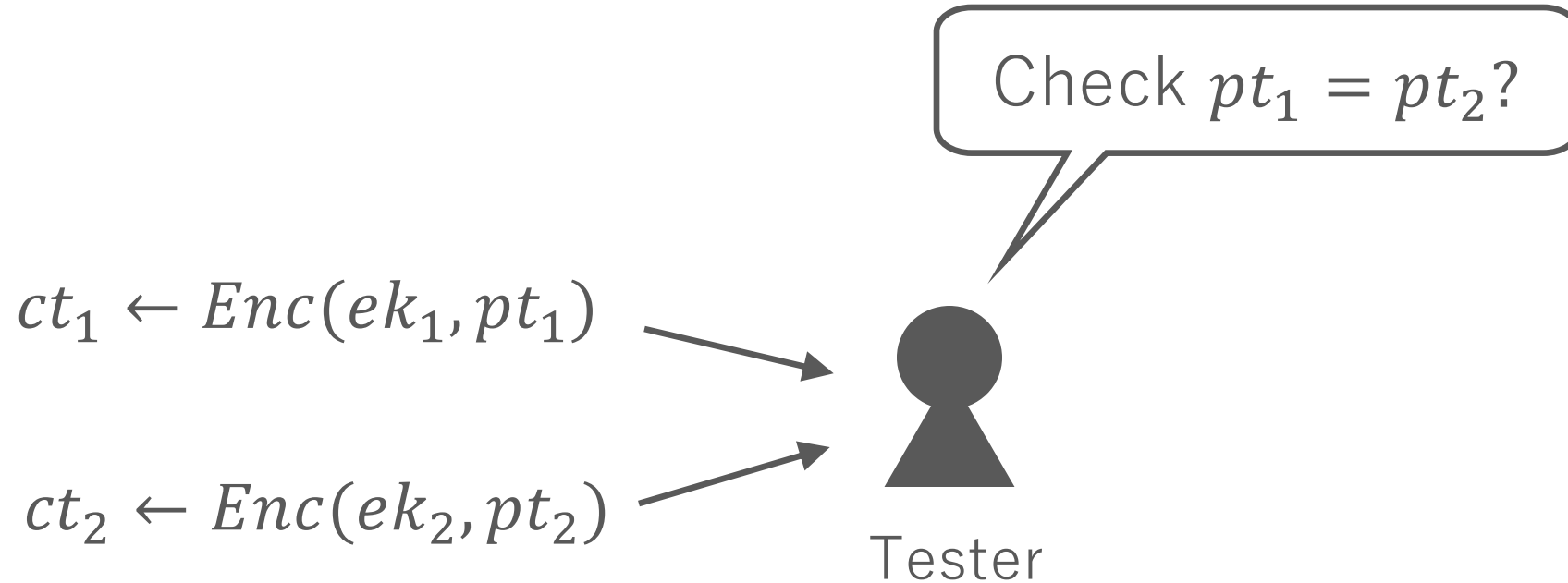
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Background of PKEET

Public Key Encryption with Equality Test (PKEET) [YTHW10]

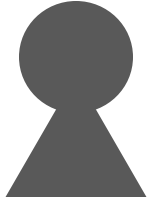
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This test can be applied ciphertexts generated by different encryption keys.

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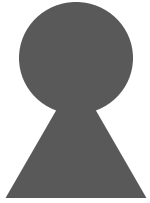
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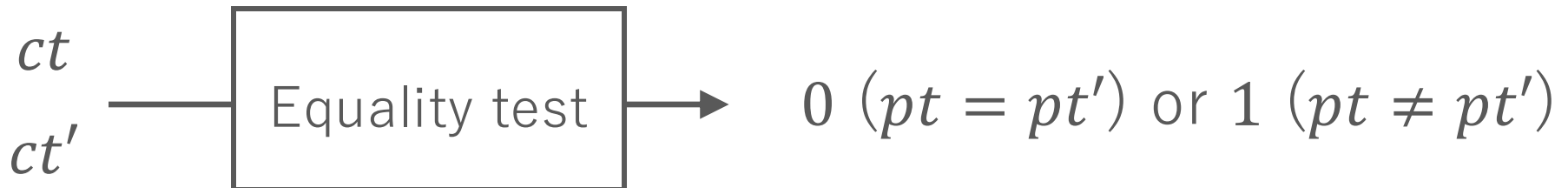
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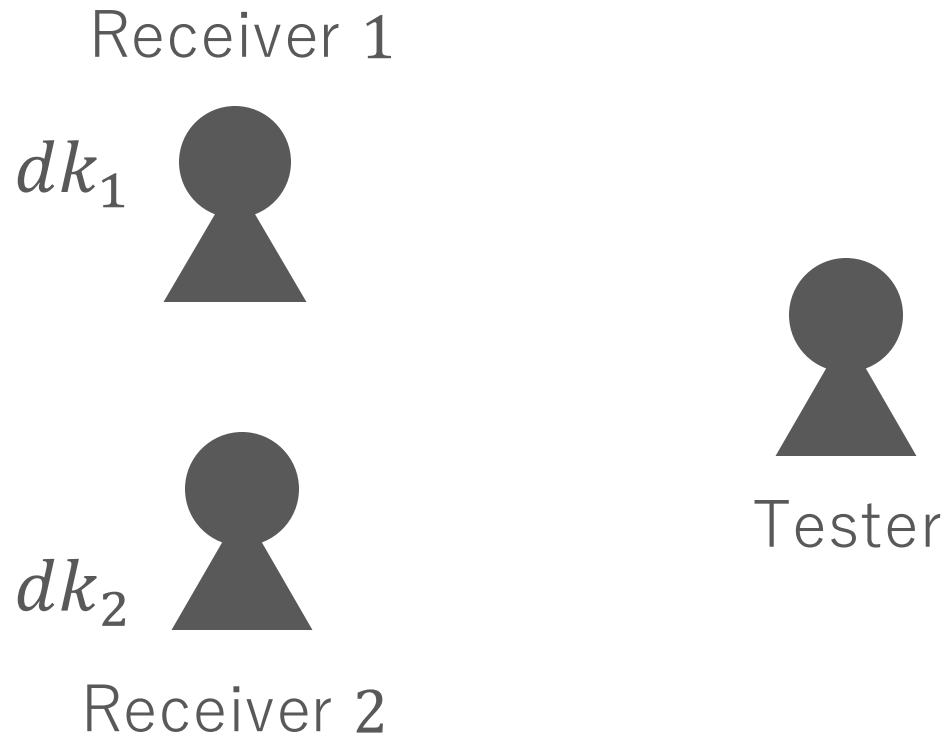
For example, there is ct on an unknown plaintext pt .

Anyone can freely choose pt' and generates its ciphertext ct' .



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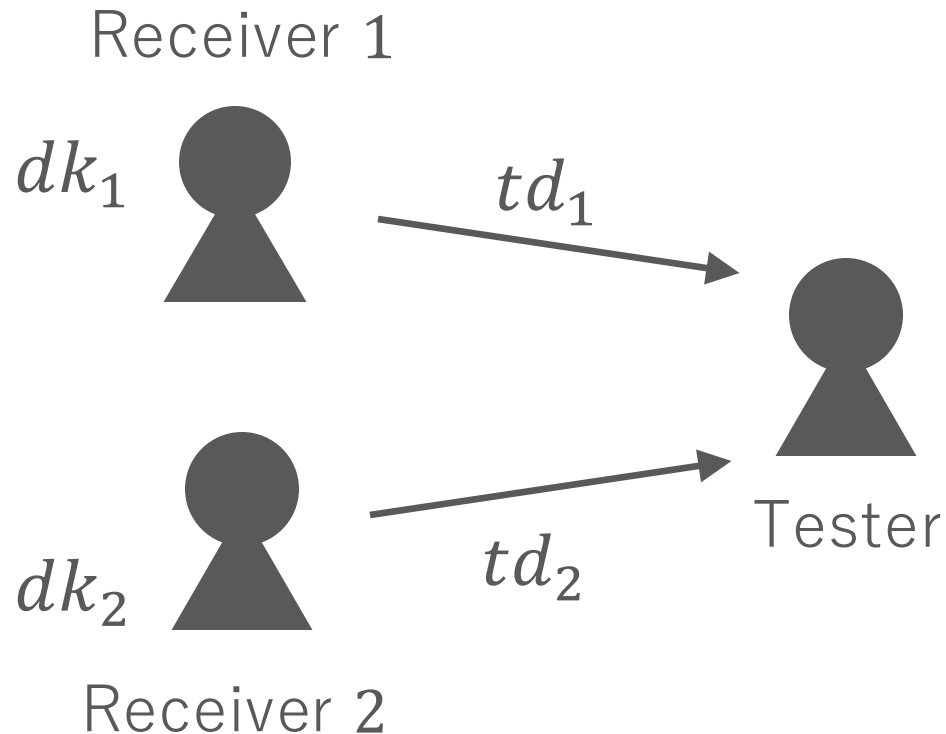
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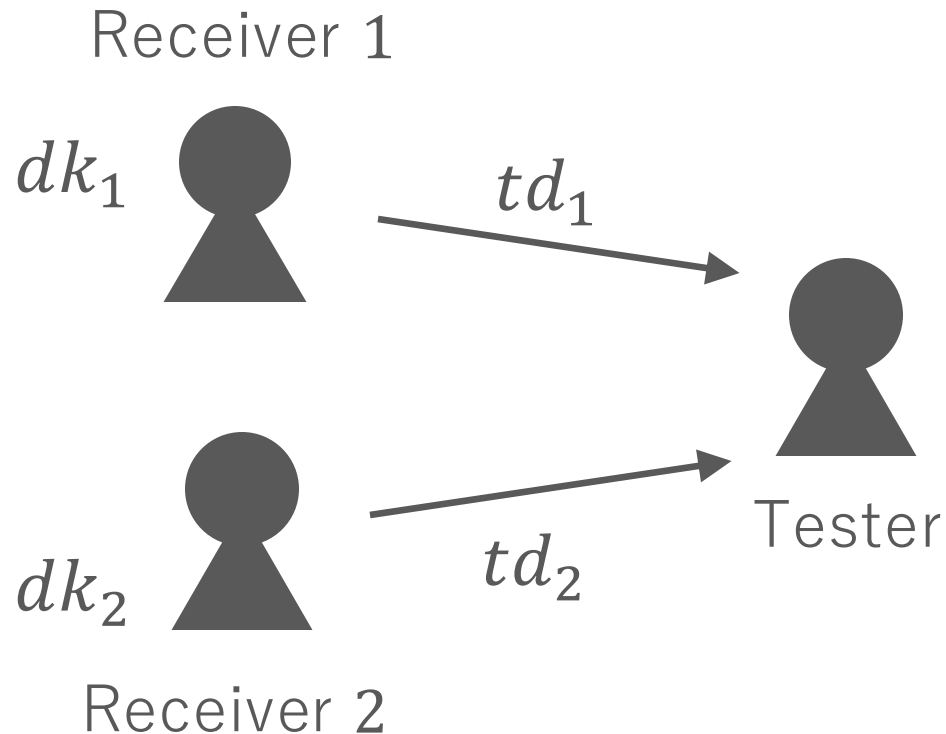


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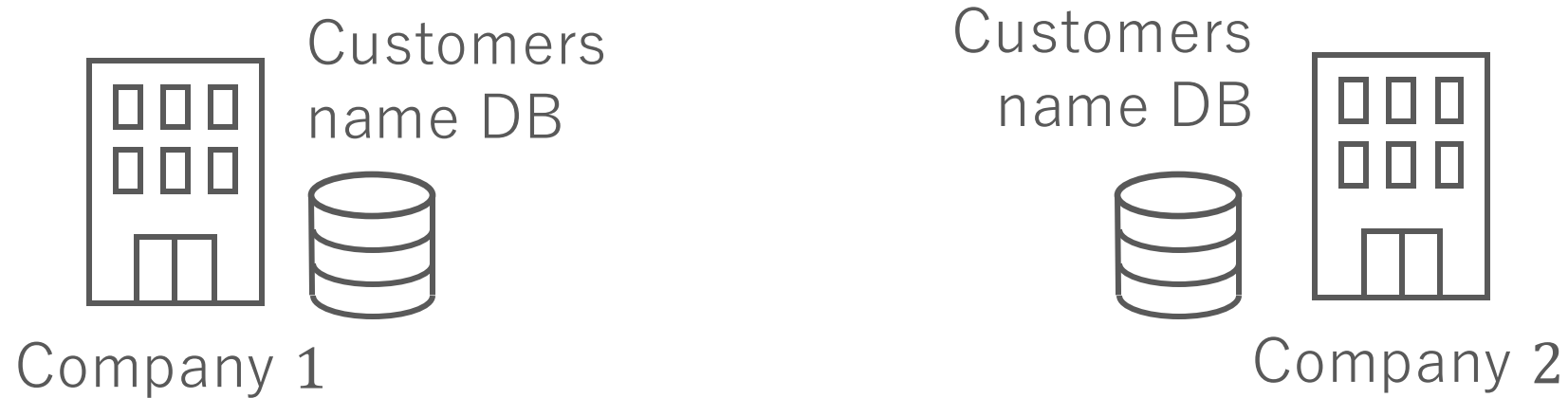
From now on, we consider this type of PKEET.

Application of PKEET

- Keyword search on encrypted data
- Encrypted data partitioning
- Personal health record system
- Encrypted Database

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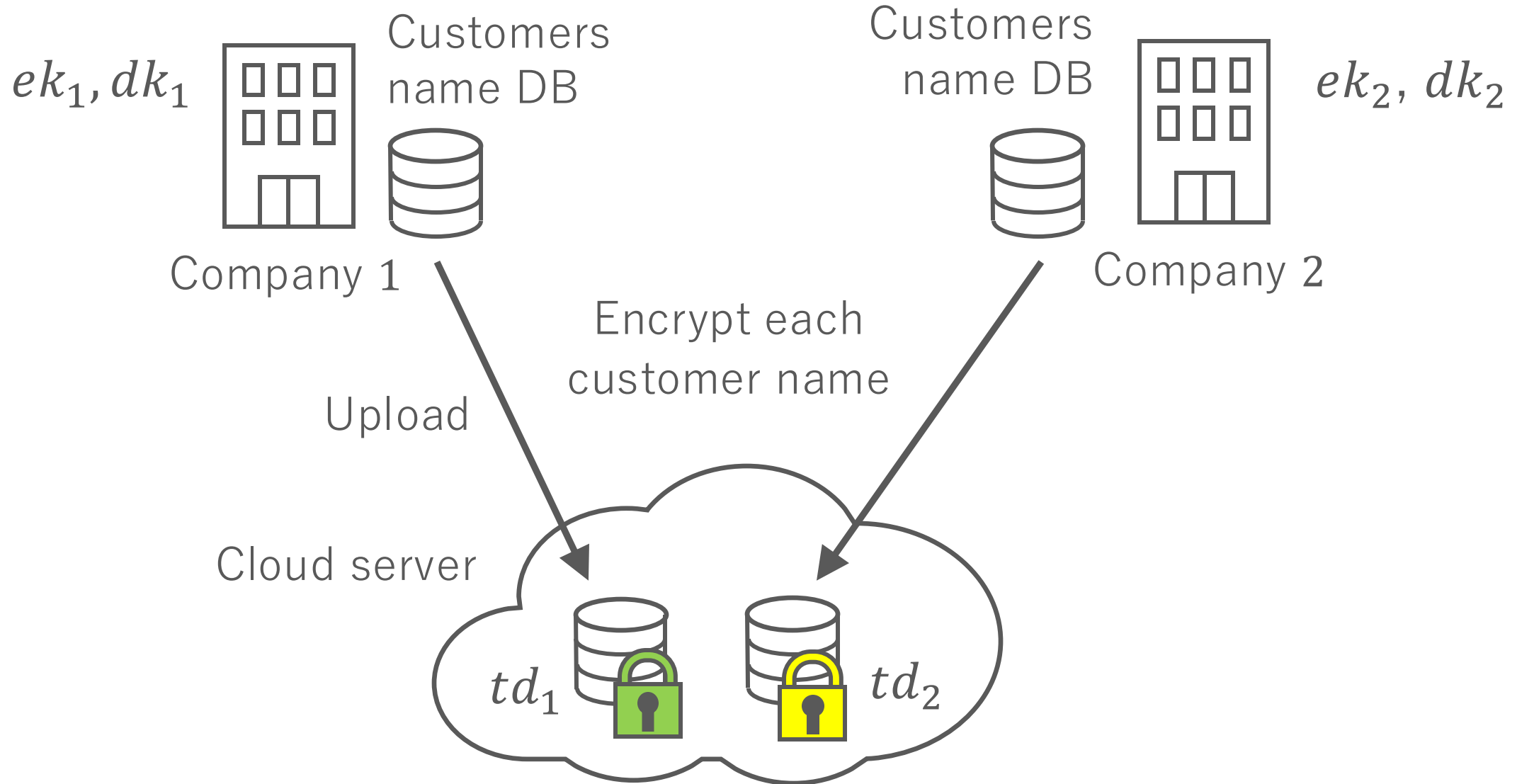


A data analyst wants to know the number of common customers between two companies while maintaining privacy.

PKEET is useful for this scenario.

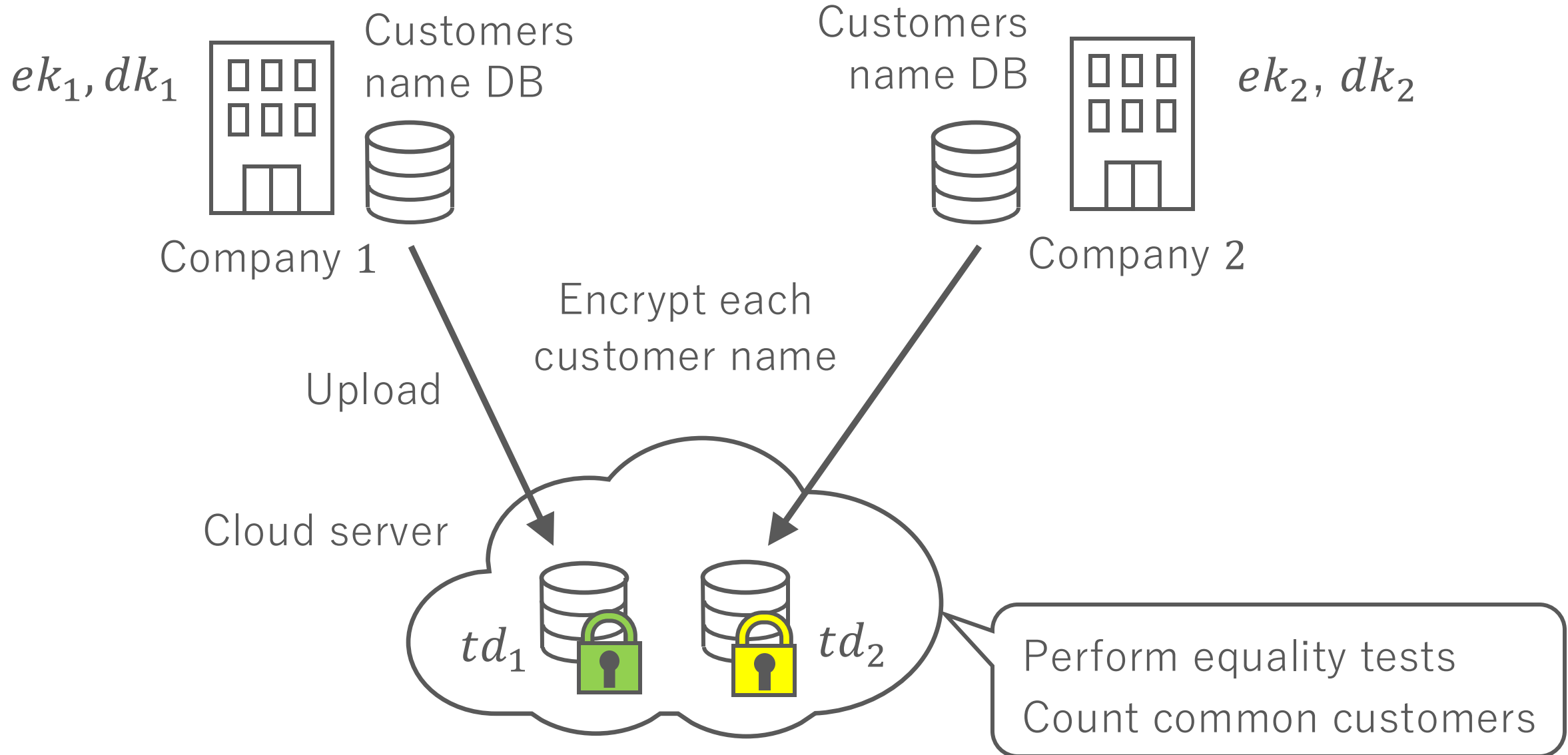
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PKEET Constructions from Various Assumption

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- Pairing Based Constructions

e.g. [YTHW10], [Tan11]

- Lattice-Based Constructions

e.g. [DFKRS19], [DRSFKS22]

We focus on generic constructions.

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Question

Can we give a PKEET scheme from

weaker primitive than HIBE without the ROM?

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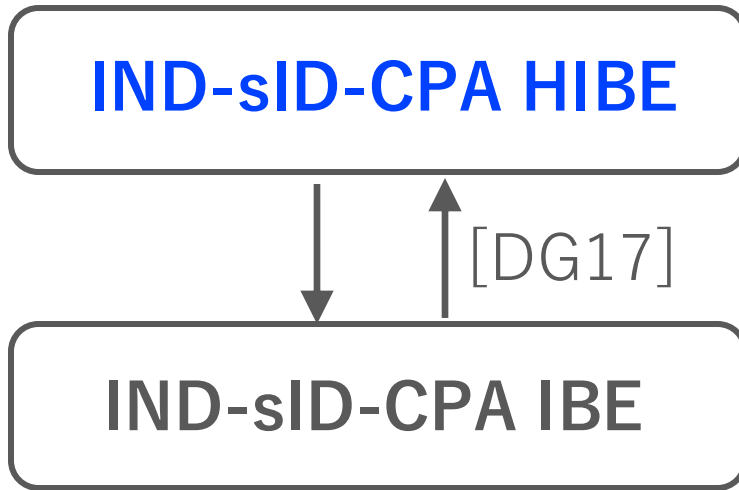
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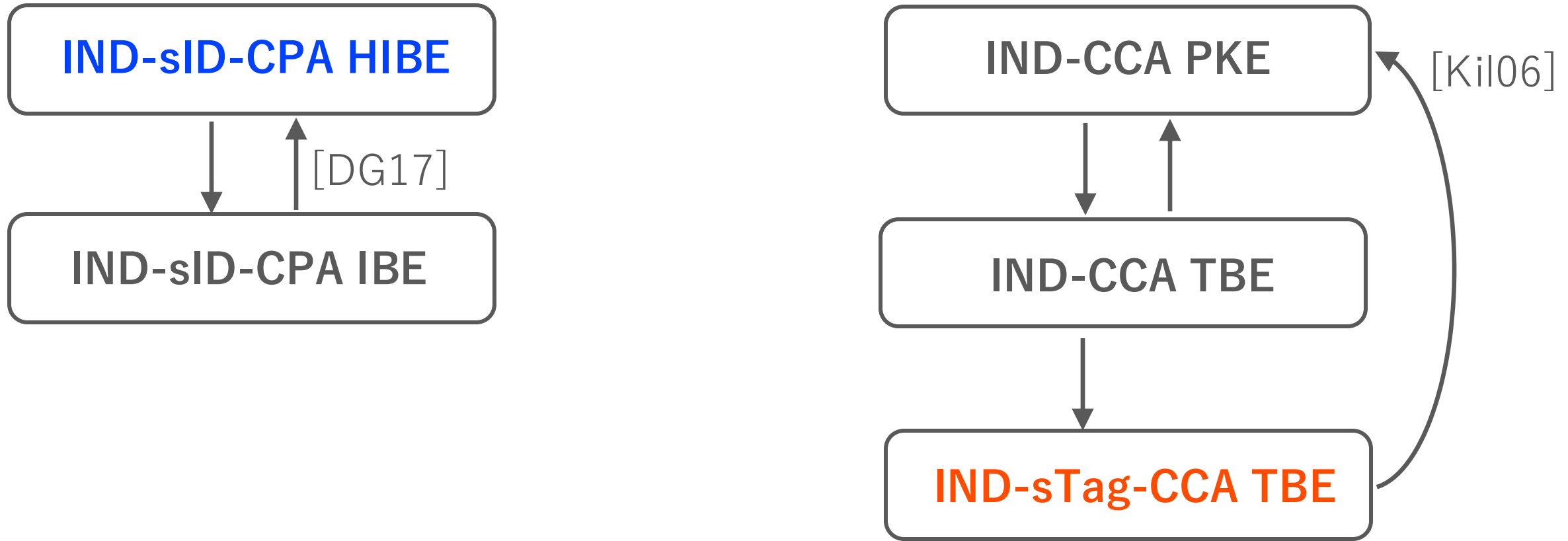


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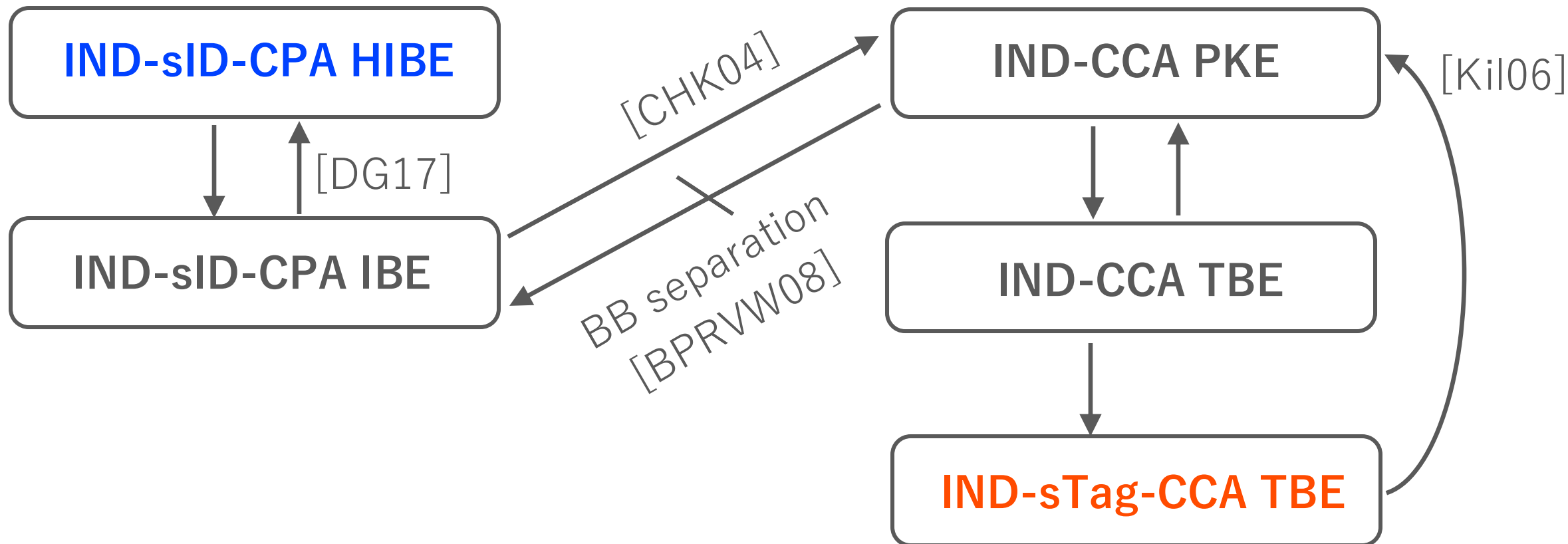
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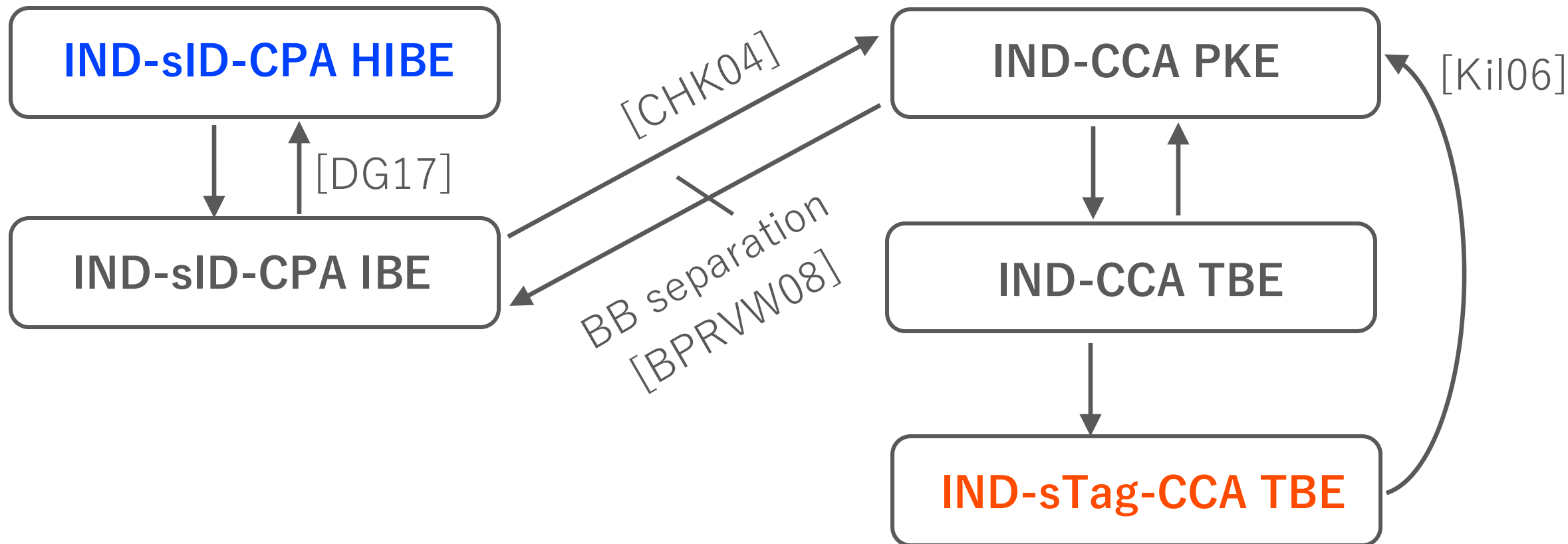
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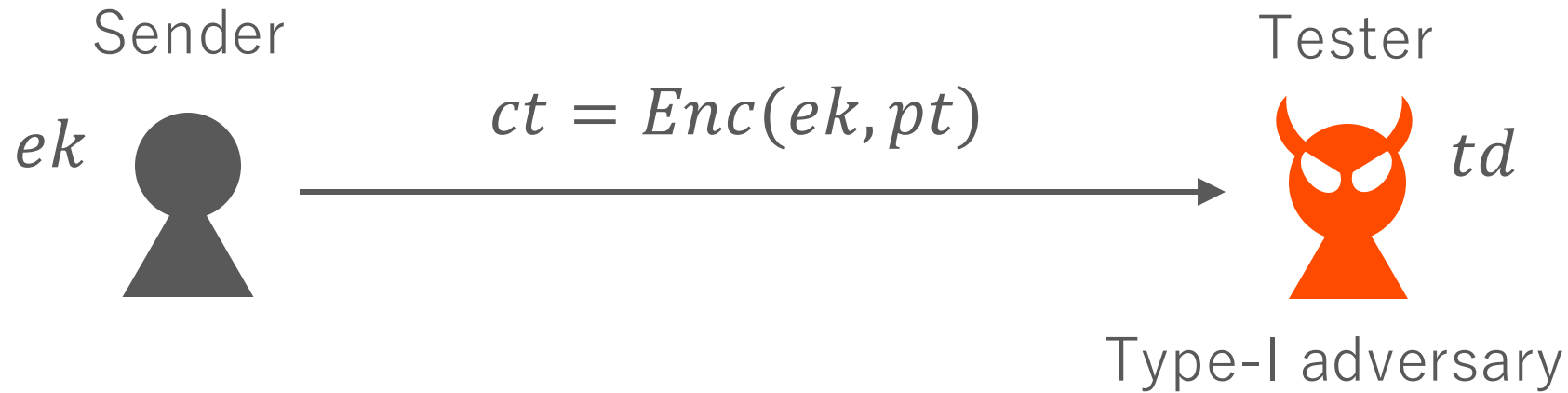
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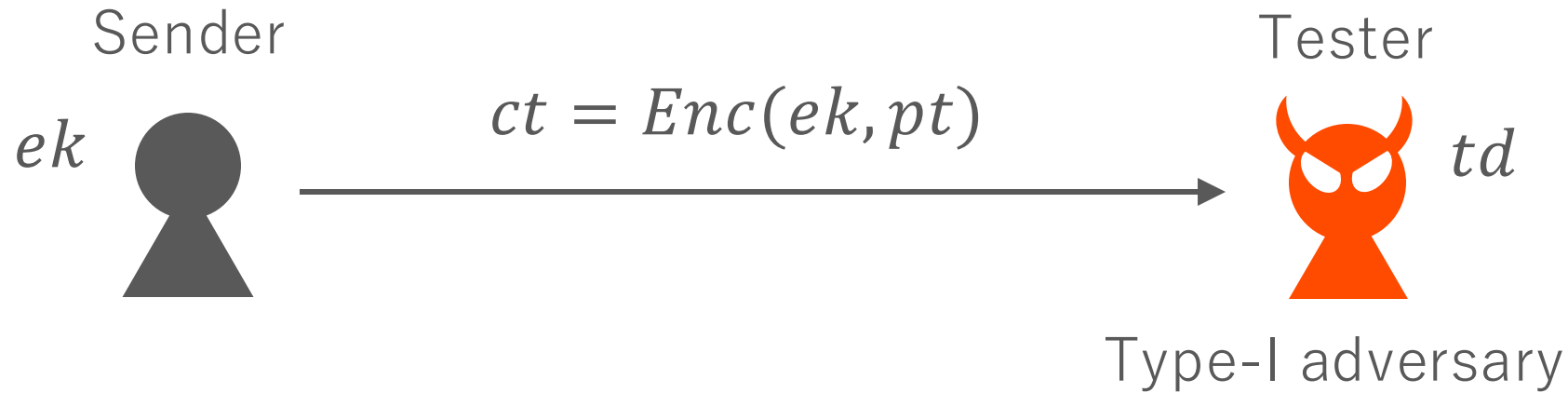


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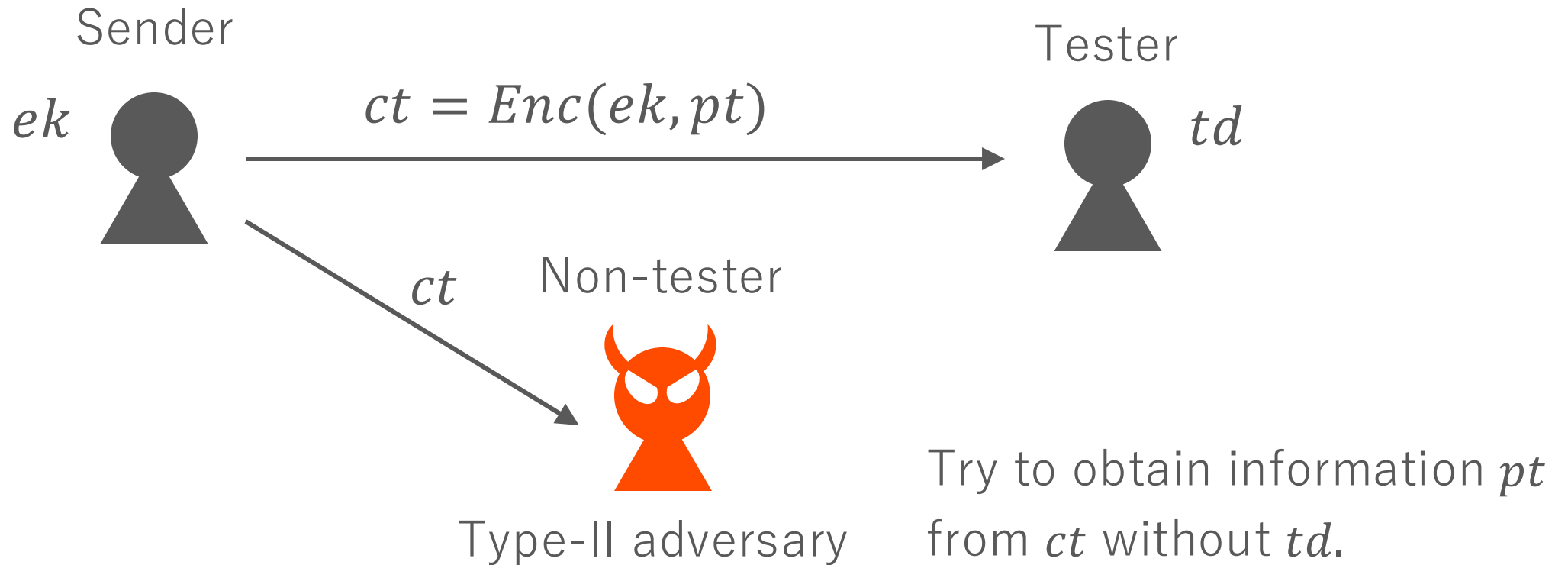
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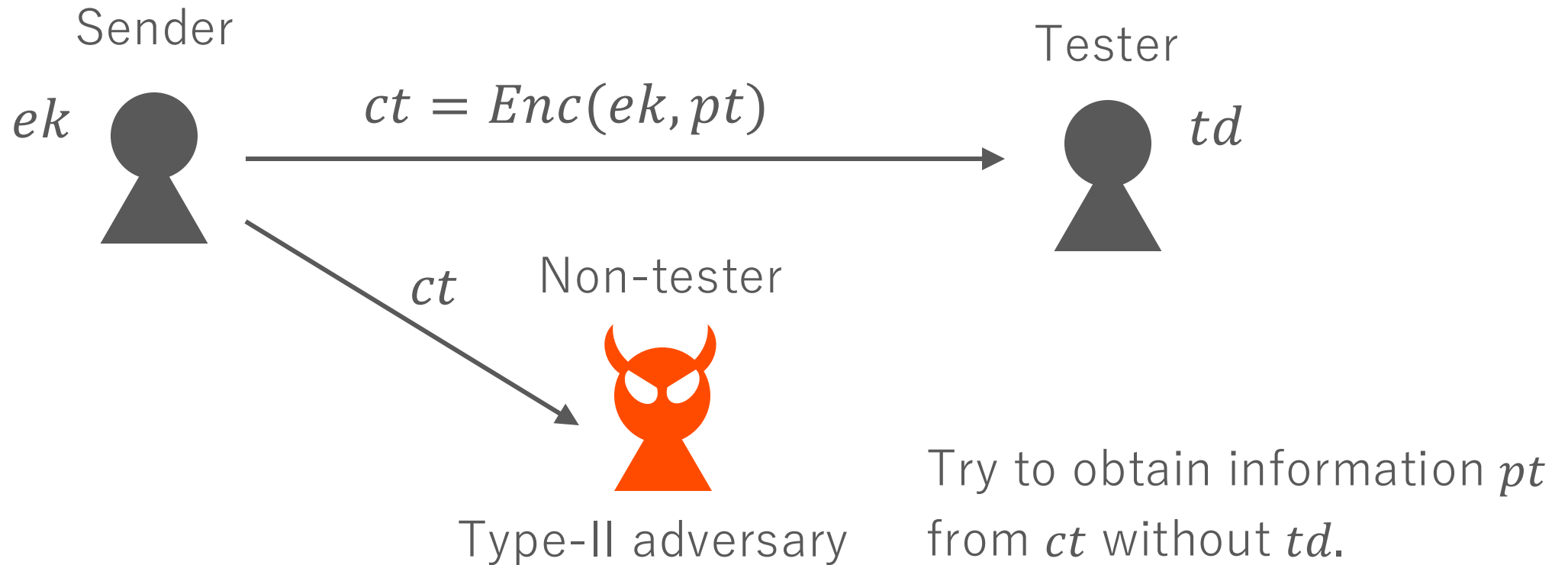
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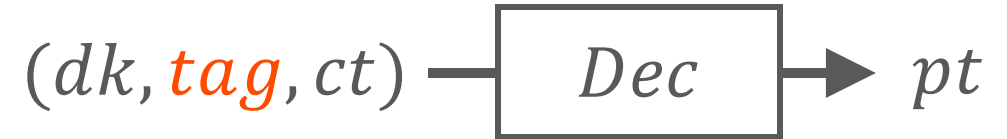
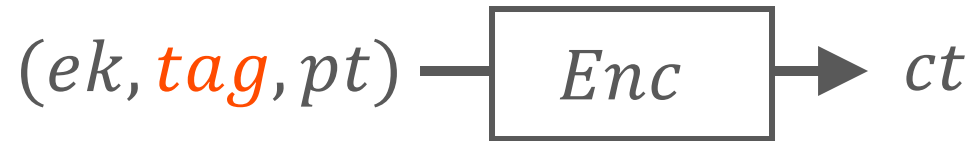
How to Obtain Our Construction

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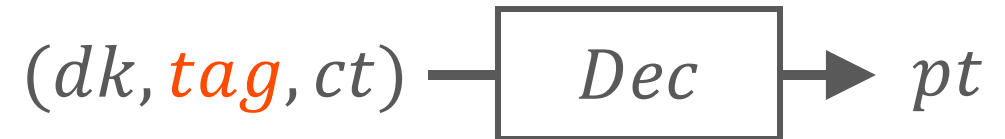
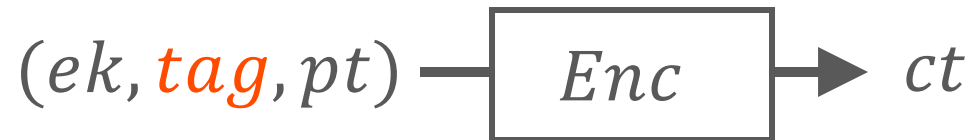


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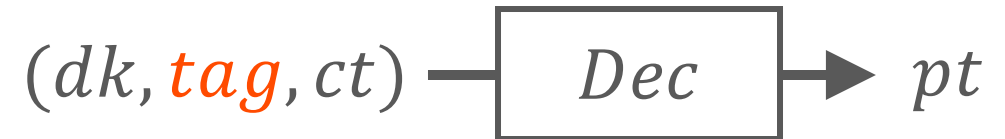
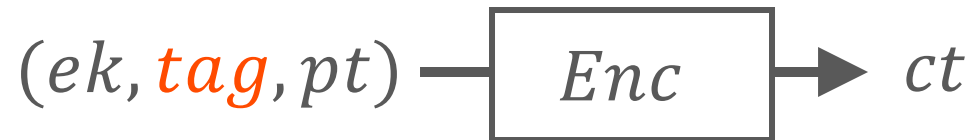
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Observation [Kil06] :

TBE is sufficient for applying CHK transformation.

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Based PKEET (Not CCA secure)

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CHK transformation [CHK04]

PKEET Scheme with IND-CCA security

Our Construction: TBE + CHK Transformation

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$pp = H : \text{OW \& CR hash}$ $OTS : \text{One-time signature}$

$PKEET.KGen(1^\lambda):$

$(ek_1, dk_1) \leftarrow TBE_1.KGen(1^\lambda)$

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$(vk, sk) \leftarrow OTS.KGen(1^\lambda)$

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$\sigma \leftarrow OTS.Sign(sk, (ct_1, ct_2))$

$ct \leftarrow (vk, ct_1, ct_2, \sigma)$

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$PKEET.Dec(dk = (dk_1, dk_2), ct = (vk, ct_1, ct_2, \sigma))$:

$OTS.Ver(vk, (ct_1, ct_2), \sigma) = 1 ?$

$pt \leftarrow TBE_1.Dec(dk_1, tag = vk, ct_1),$

$h \leftarrow TBE_2.Dec(dk_2, tag = vk, ct_2),$

If $H(pt) = h$ return pt .

Otherwise return \perp .

Validity check

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If $h = h'$ return 1.

Otherwise return 0.

Conclusion

We give a generic construction of PKEET.

Our construction is based on TBE.

The security is proven without the ROM.

Future work

Generic construction of PKEET with shorter ciphertext size
in the standard model.

Thank you for listening !

Appendix

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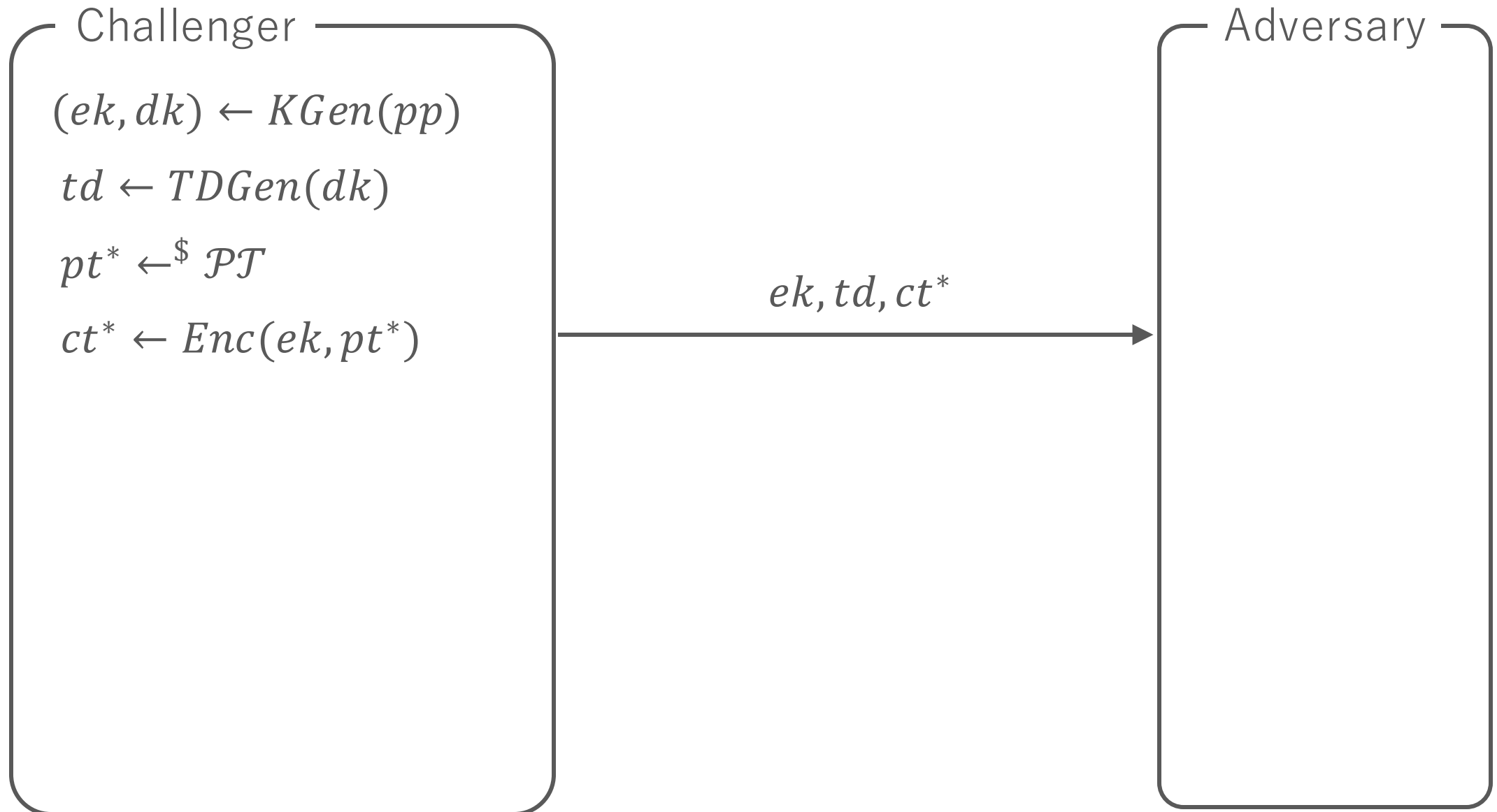
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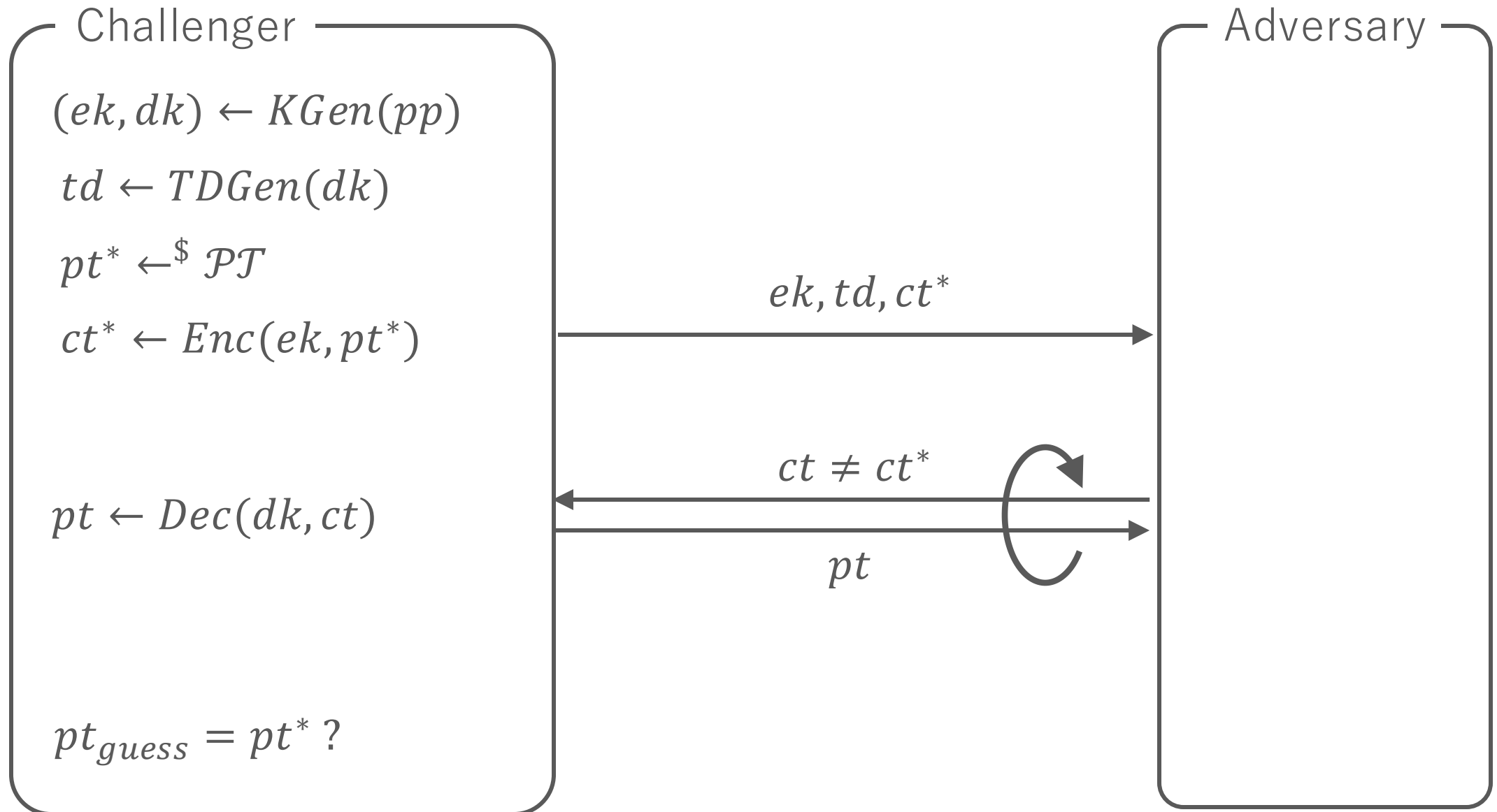
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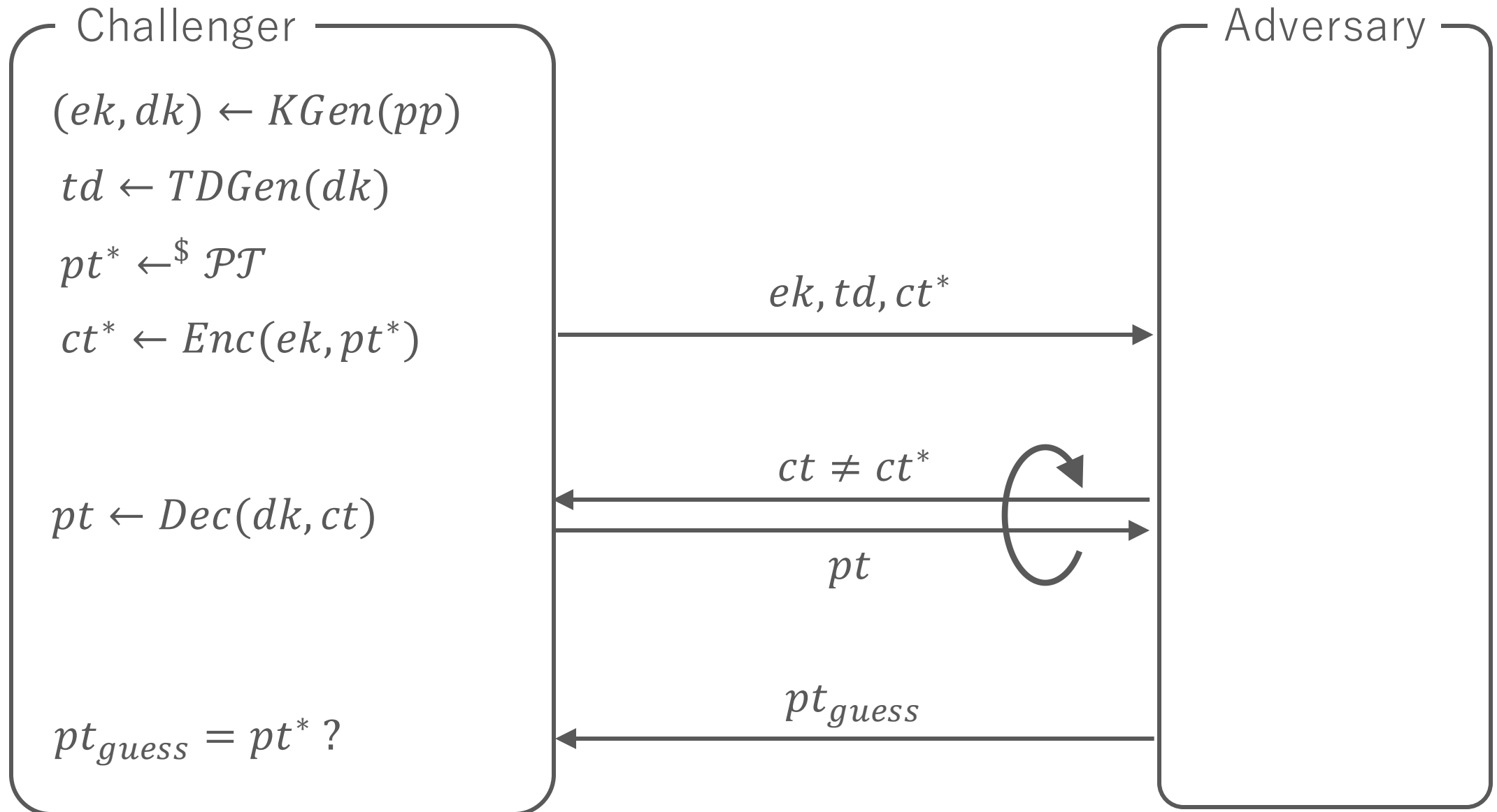
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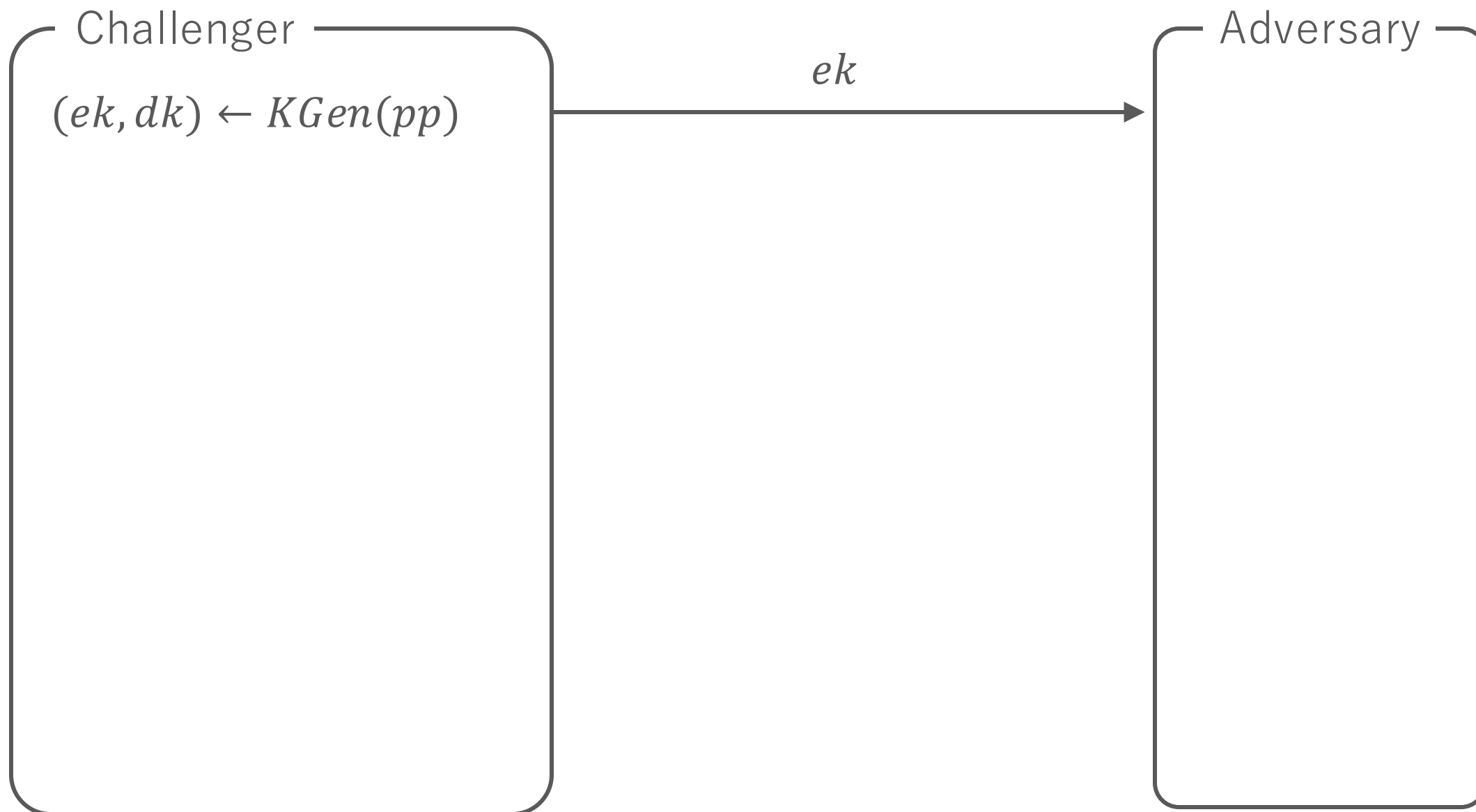
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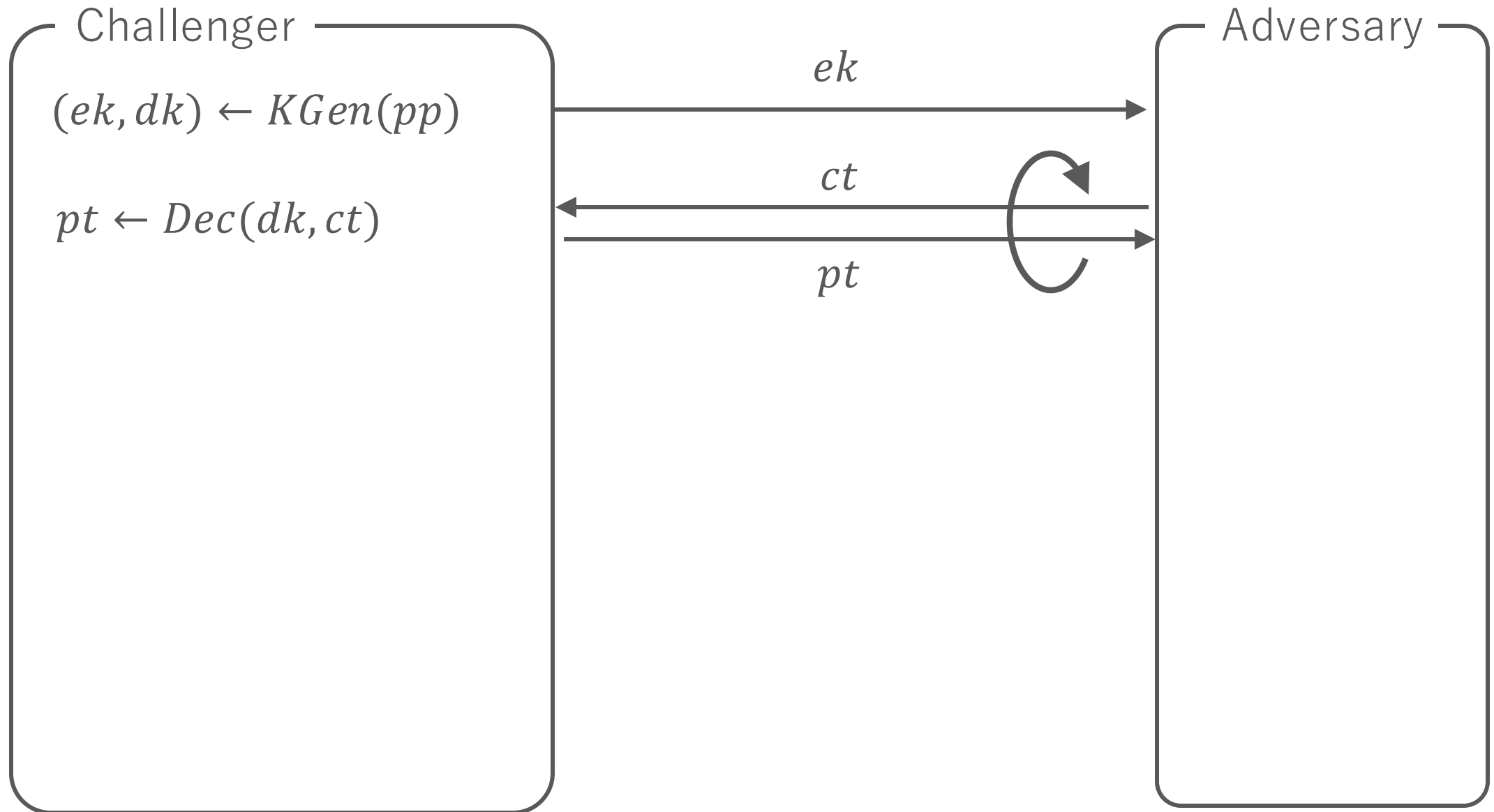
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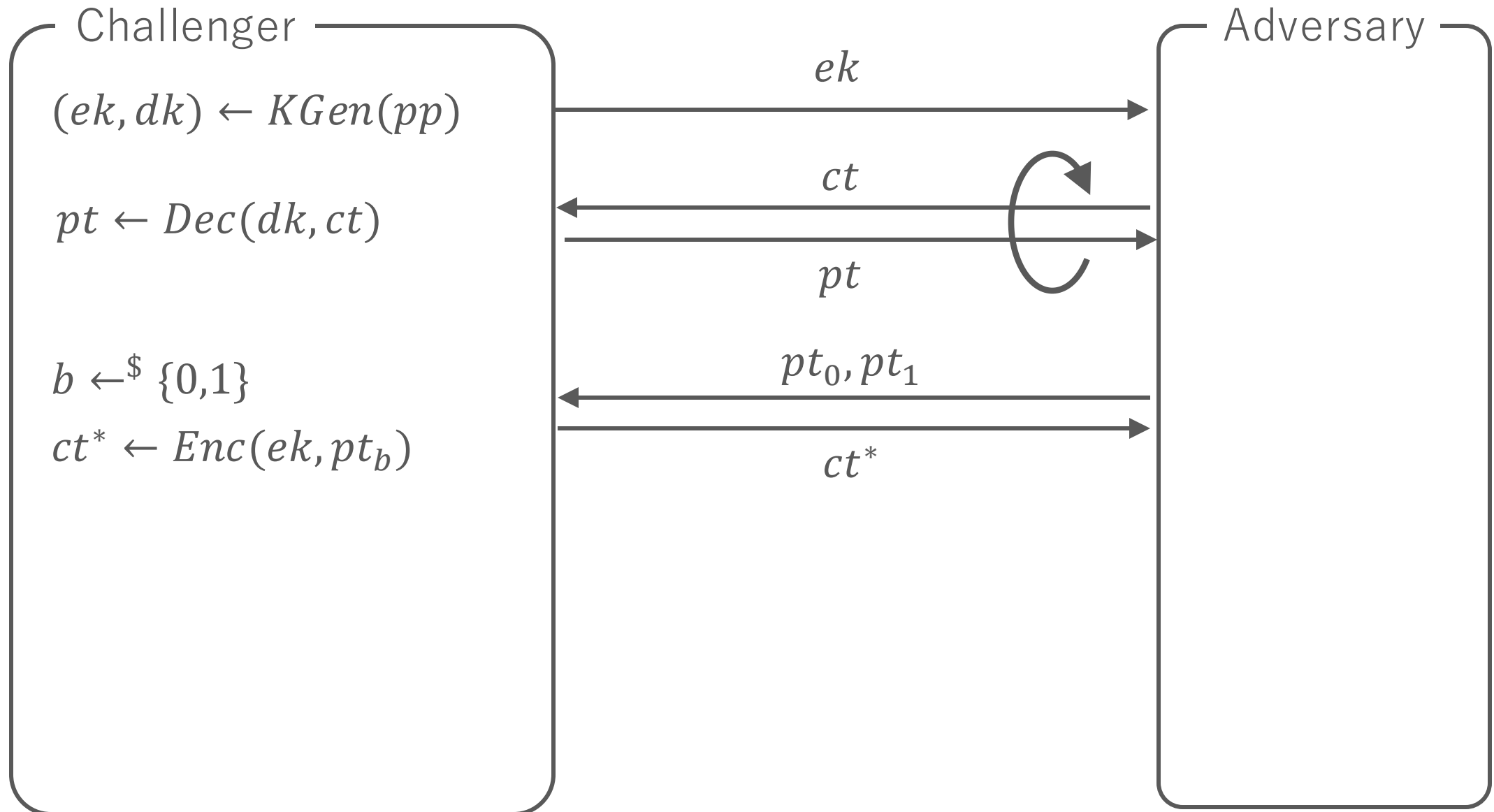
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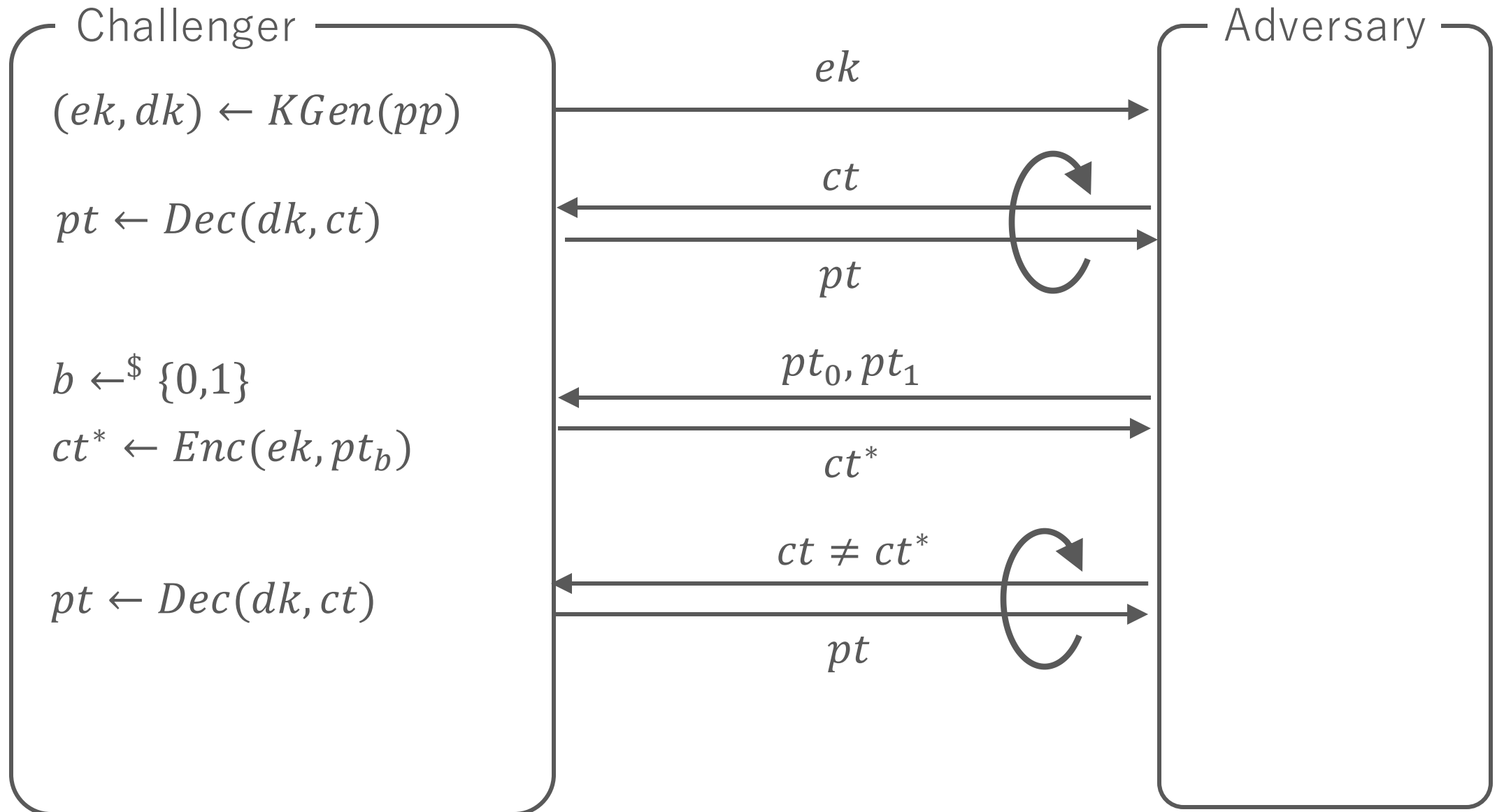
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