Generic Authenticated Key Exchange in the Quantum Random Oracle Model

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Pre-quantum: DH key exchange + authentification

Post-quantum:
- DH key exchange: Broken
- Quantum Signatures: Quite costly $\rightarrow$ Can we do without them?

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Our proposal: 'AKE version' of Fujisaki-Okamoto

Turns passively secure PKE into post-quantum secure AKE

Kyber-Key exchange: Kyber-PKE + this work

Outline

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HHK17: Even negligible probability might affect security!

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Possible solutions:

1. Only build schemes with perfect correctness
   - Costly ☹
   - What about the NIST proposals? ☹
2. Give proofs that deal with non-perfect correctness

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Double-sided [BH+19]	$2\sqrt{\epsilon}$

The FO transformation in the QROM

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Encrypt-with-Hash construction: $PKE' := T[PKE, G]$

- Encryption: $Enc'(m) := Enc(m; G(m))$
  $\rightarrow$ deterministic!

  Use $G(m)$ as Enc's randomness

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'Rootless' bound:

Achieved by new extraction technique ('Measure-rewind-measure')

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Cave: Results for different variants (like on the U-Slide), with additional requirements

More details at https://simons.berkeley.edu/talks/cca-encryption-qrom-i

Authenticated key exchange

Our setting: 2-move protocols

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Goal: $K = K'$ (w.o.p.), and $K \approx_c \$$

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'Tampering': Modifying the exchanged messages

Many different security models that come with subtle differences

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Essentially same notion as the one used in FSXY12

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Key computation: Multi-user variant of U-Transform

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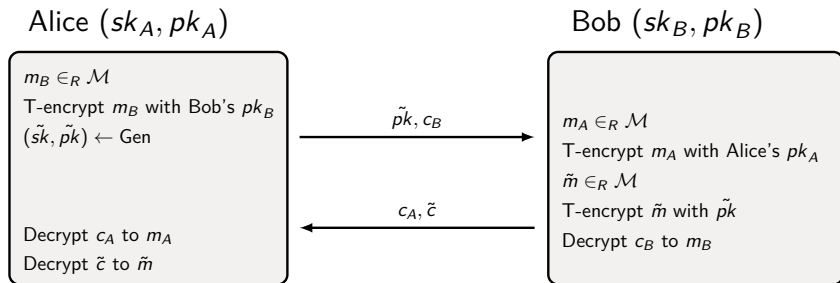> $\tilde{m} \in_R \mathcal{M}$
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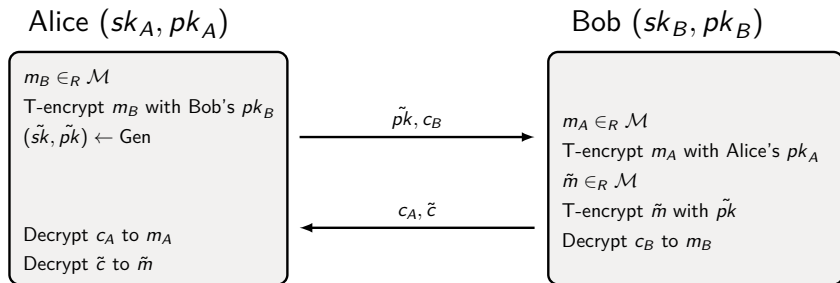
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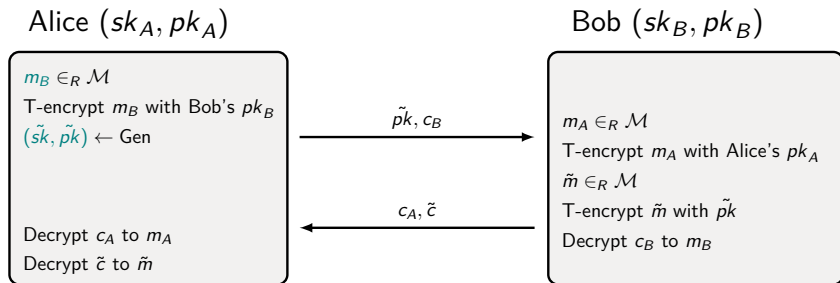
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Observation: Nontrivial strategy $\rightarrow \, \rotatebox{180}{$\not\in$}$ only obtains 2 out of $(m_i, m_j, \tilde{m})$

Exception: Aforementioned 'state reveal attack':

Security of our protocol (Intuition)

Alice (sk_A, pk_A)

Bob (sk_B, pk_B)

$K := \mathsf{H}(pk_A, pk_B, \tilde{pk}, m_A, m_B, \tilde{m}, c_A, c_B, \tilde{c})$
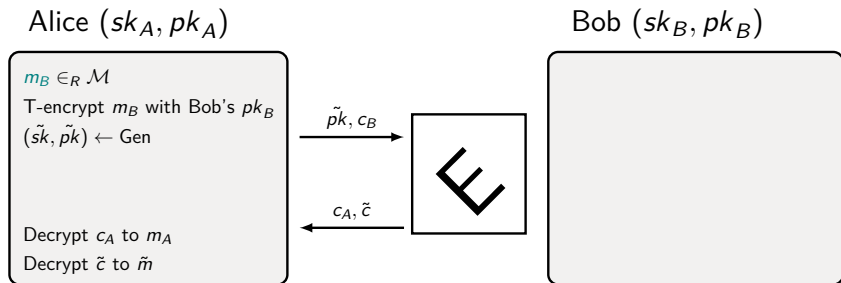
Observation: Nontrivial strategy $\rightarrow$ ⚔ only obtains 2 out of $(m_i, m_j, \tilde{m})$

Exception: Aforementioned 'state reveal attack':

Alice's state: independent of sk_A

Bob's response (and m_A, $\tilde{m}$): independent of sk_B
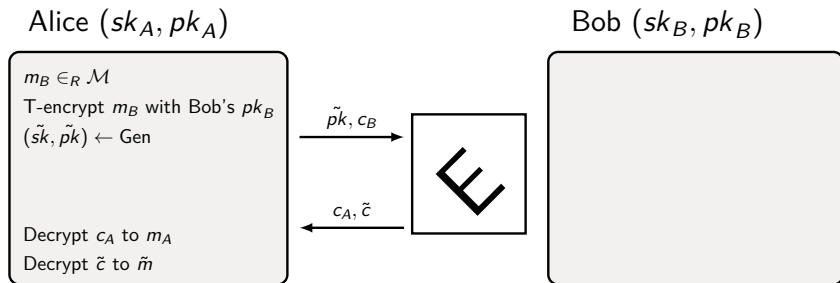
Security of our protocol (Intuition)

Alice (sk_A, pk_A)

$m_B \in_R \mathcal{M}$
T-encrypt m_B with Bob's pk_B
$(\tilde{sk}, \tilde{pk}) \leftarrow$ Gen

Decrypt c_A to m_A
Decrypt $\tilde{c}$ to $\tilde{m}$

Bob (sk_B, pk_B)

$\xrightarrow{\quad \tilde{pk}, c_B \quad}$

$\xleftarrow{\quad c_A, \tilde{c} \quad}$

$K := \mathsf{H}(pk_A, pk_B, \tilde{pk}, m_A, m_B, \tilde{m}, c_A, c_B, \tilde{c})$

Observation: Nontrivial strategy $\rightarrow$ ⚔ only obtains 2 out of $(m_i, m_j, \tilde{m})$

Exception: Aforementioned 'state reveal attack':

Reveal the state to learn m_B and pretend to be Bob to control m_A, $\tilde{m}$

Security of our protocol (Intuition)

Alice (sk_A, pk_A)

Bob (sk_B, pk_B)

$m_B \in_R \mathcal{M}$
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$(\tilde{sk}, \tilde{pk}) \leftarrow$ Gen

$\xrightarrow{\tilde{pk}, c_B}$

$\xleftarrow{c_A, \tilde{c}}$

Decrypt c_A to m_A
Decrypt $\tilde{c}$ to $\tilde{m}$

$K := H(pk_A, pk_B, \tilde{pk}, m_A, m_B, \tilde{m}, c_A, c_B, \tilde{c})$

Observation: Nontrivial strategy $\rightarrow$ ⚡ only obtains 2 out of $(m_i, m_j, \tilde{m})$

Exception: Aforementioned 'state reveal attack':

To succeed, ⚡ has to reveal Alice's session state before time-out

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Active security requires 'worst-case' correctness
  $\rightarrow$ Can we soften this requirement, generically?

Passive-to-active transformations starting from KEMs?
  $\rightarrow$ Possible applications in AKE and when defining "hybrid" modes

KSSSS20: New quantum extraction technique $\rightarrow$ Tighter bounds

Can we apply MRM to our proof structure?
  $\rightarrow$ Tighter bounds for PKE and AKE $\rightarrow$ Efficiency

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