

Identity–Based Matchmaking Encryption from Standard Lattice Assumptions



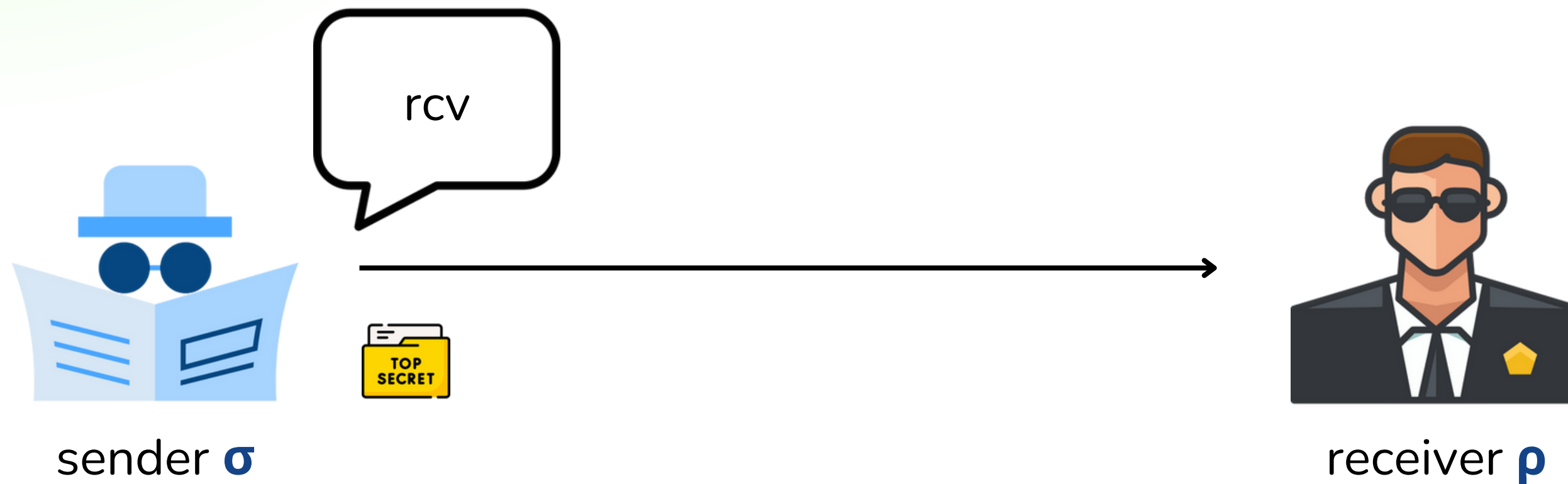
Roberta Cimorelli Belfiore¹, Andrea De Cosmo², and Anna Lisa Ferrara¹

¹University of Molise, Italy

²Leonardo S.p.A. Cyber & Security Solutions Division, Italy

Identity-Based Matchmaking Encryption

In IBE, each user has a public-key that represents their identity.



Identity-Based Matchmaking Encryption

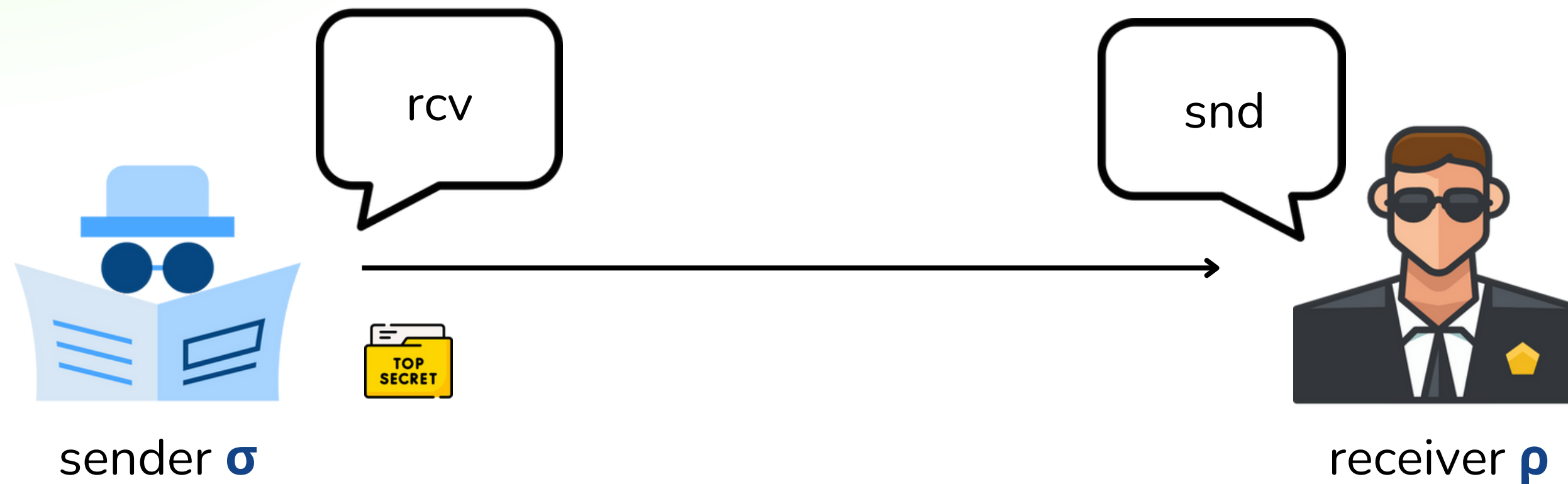
In IB-ME the sender inserts its identity σ into the ciphertext and specifies the identity of the recipient rcv .



Identity-Based Matchmaking Encryption

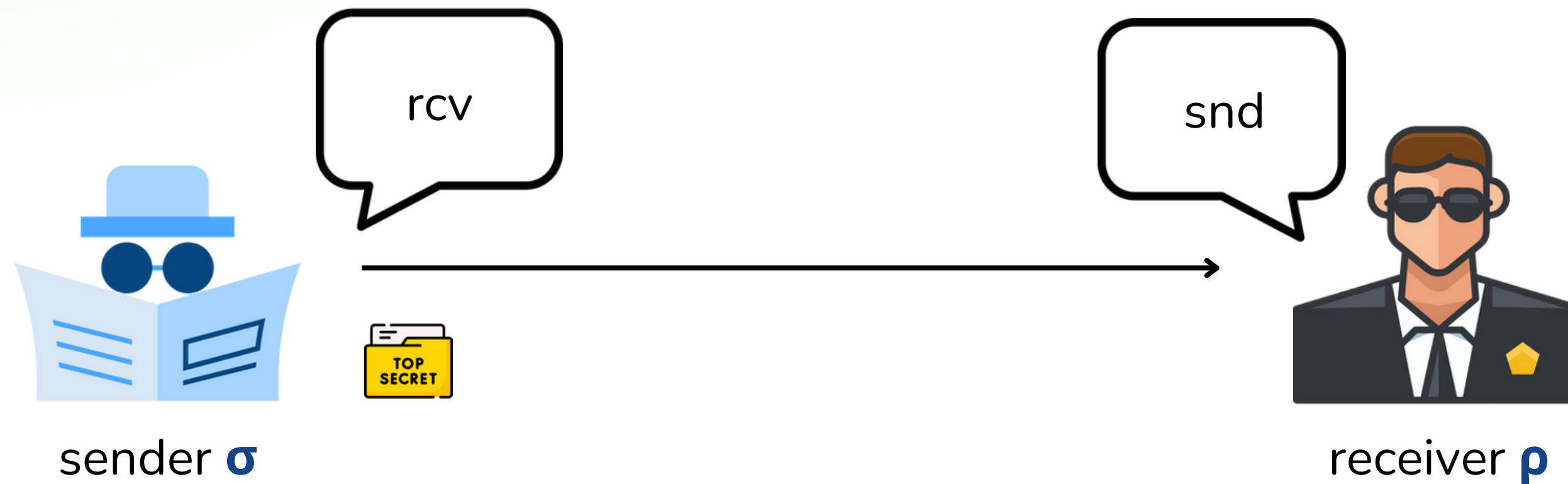
The sender inserts its identity σ into the ciphertext and specifies the identity of the recipient rcv .

The recipient ρ specifies the identity of the target sender snd on the fly.



Identity-Based Matchmaking Encryption

There is a match when $\sigma = \text{snd}$ and $\rho = \text{rcv}$



Identity-Based Matchmaking Encryption

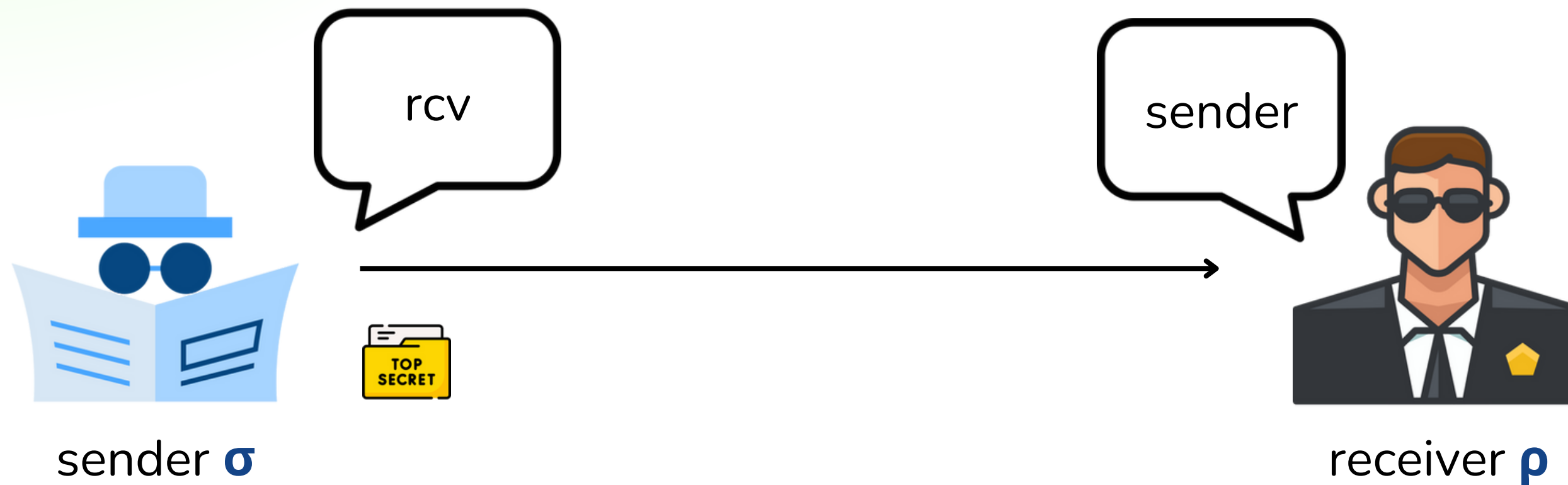
There is a match when $\sigma = \text{snd}$ and $\rho = \text{rcv}$

Only in case of a match the original message is revealed.



Identity-Based Matchmaking Encryption

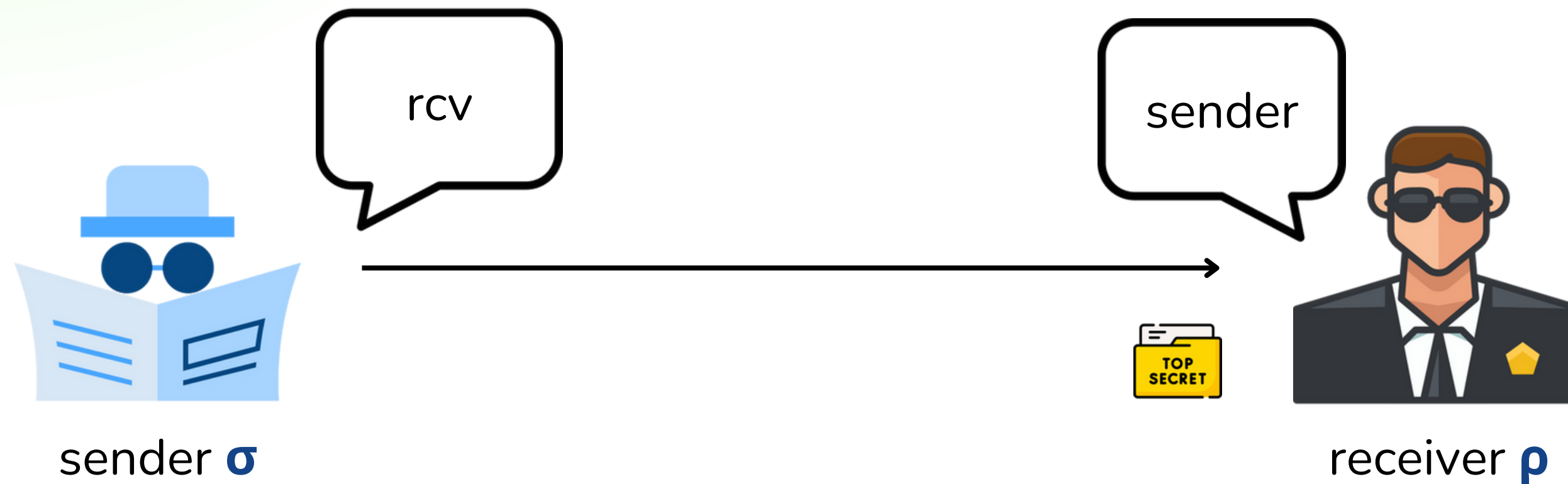
We say that a **mismatch** occurs when $\sigma \neq \text{snd}$ or $\rho \neq \text{rcv}$.



Identity-Based Matchmaking Encryption

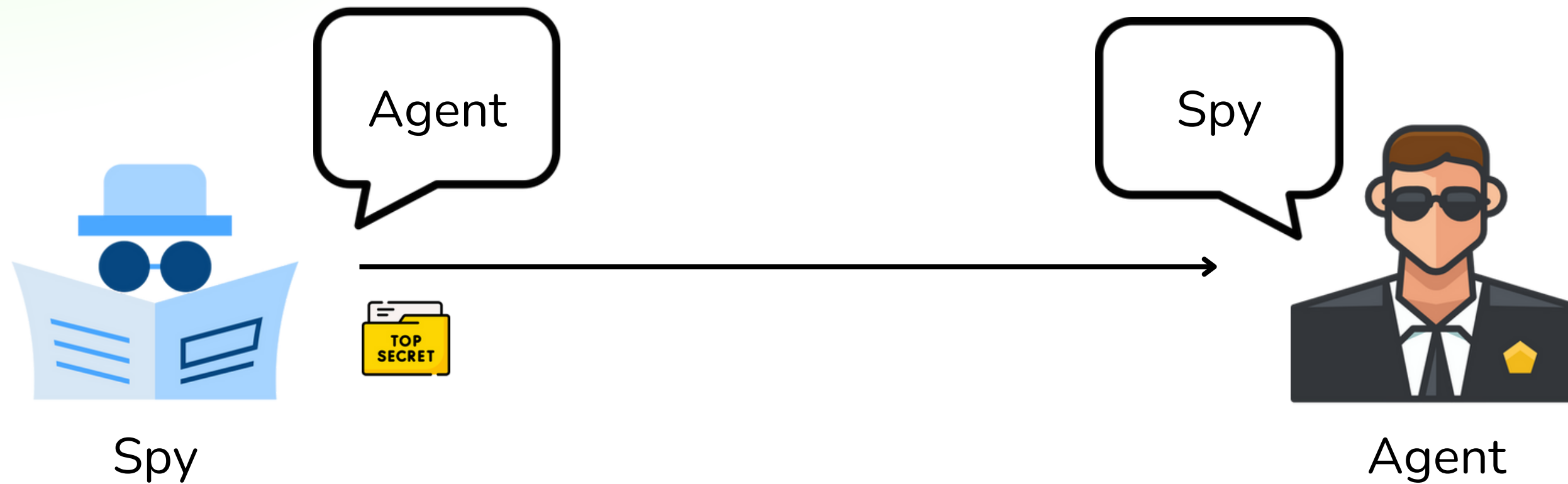
We say that a **mismatch** occurs when $\sigma \neq \text{snd}$ or $\rho \neq \text{rcv}$.

When a mismatch occurs, **nothing** is leaked.



Applications Scenario

Identity-Based Matchmaking Encryption enables several interesting applications, such as covert communication services



Related Works

Ateniese et al. (Crypto 2019)

An efficient identity-based scheme for equality policies, with provable security in the random oracle model under the standard BDH assumption.

- Privacy
- Authenticity

Francati et al. (IndoCrypt 2021)

IB-ME construction without random oracle, based on the hardness of the decisional truncated ABDHE assumption.

- **Enhanced Privacy**
- Authenticity

Constructing an IB–ME scheme that offers both **enhanced privacy and authenticity** under **standard** assumptions with particular emphasis on **post quantum** security.

← **Goal**

Formal Definition

Setup(1^λ)

GENERATES MASTER KEYS (mpk, msk).

SKGen(msk, σ)

GENERATES ENCRYPTION KEY ek_σ FOR SENDER IDENTITY σ .

RKGen(msk, ρ)

GENERATES DECRYPTION KEY dk_ρ FOR RECEIVER IDENTITY ρ .

Enc(ek_σ, rcv, m)

ENCRYPTS A MESSAGE m FOR A SPECIFIC RECEIVER IDENTITY rcv .

Dec(dk_ρ, snd, c)

DECRYPTS A CIPHERTEXT c SPECIFYING THE SENDER IDENTITY snd ON THE FLY.
RETURNS THE MESSAGE m OR \perp ON FAILURE.

Formal Definition

Setup(1^λ)

GENERATES MASTER KEYS (mpk, msk).

SKGen(msk, σ)

GENERATES ENCRYPTION KEY ek_σ FOR SENDER IDENTITY σ .

RKGen(msk, ρ)

GENERATES DECRYPTION KEY dk_ρ FOR RECEIVER IDENTITY ρ .

Enc(ek_σ, rcv, m)

ENCRYPTS A MESSAGE m FOR A SPECIFIC RECEIVER IDENTITY rcv .

Dec(dk_ρ, snd, c)

DECRYPTS A CIPHERTEXT c SPECIFYING THE SENDER IDENTITY snd ON THE FLY.
RETURNS THE MESSAGE m OR \perp ON FAILURE.

Formal Definition

Setup(1^λ)

GENERATES MASTER KEYS (mpk, msk).

SKGen(msk, σ)

GENERATES ENCRYPTION KEY ek_σ FOR SENDER IDENTITY σ .

RKGen(msk, ρ)

GENERATES DECRYPTION KEY dk_ρ FOR RECEIVER IDENTITY ρ .

Enc(ek_σ, rcv, m)

ENCRYPTS A MESSAGE m FOR A SPECIFIC RECEIVER IDENTITY rcv .

Dec(dk_ρ, snd, c)

DECRYPTS A CIPHERTEXT c SPECIFYING THE SENDER IDENTITY snd ON THE FLY.
RETURNS THE MESSAGE m OR \perp ON FAILURE.

Formal Definition

Setup(1^λ)

GENERATES MASTER KEYS (**mpk**, **msk**).

SKGen(**msk**, σ)

GENERATES ENCRYPTION KEY **ek** $_\sigma$ FOR SENDER IDENTITY σ .

RKGen(**msk**, ρ)

GENERATES DECRYPTION KEY **dk** $_\rho$ FOR RECEIVER IDENTITY ρ .

Enc(**ek** $_\sigma$, **rcv**, **m**)

ENCRYPTS A MESSAGE **m** FOR A SPECIFIC RECEIVER IDENTITY **rcv**.

Dec(**dk** $_\rho$, **snd**, **c**)

DECRYPTS A CIPHERTEXT **c** SPECIFYING THE SENDER IDENTITY **snd** ON THE FLY.
RETURNS THE MESSAGE **m** OR \perp ON FAILURE.

Formal Definition

Setup(1^λ)

GENERATES MASTER KEYS (**mpk**, **msk**).

SKGen(**msk**, σ)

GENERATES ENCRYPTION KEY **ek** $_\sigma$ FOR SENDER IDENTITY σ .

RKGen(**msk**, ρ)

GENERATES DECRYPTION KEY **dk** $_\rho$ FOR RECEIVER IDENTITY ρ .

Enc(**ek** $_\sigma$, **rcv**, **m**)

ENCRYPTS A MESSAGE **m** FOR A SPECIFIC RECEIVER IDENTITY **rcv**.

Dec(**dk** $_\rho$, **snd**, **c**)

DECRYPTS A CIPHERTEXT **c** SPECIFYING THE SENDER IDENTITY **snd** ON THE FLY.
RETURNS THE MESSAGE **m** OR \perp ON FAILURE.

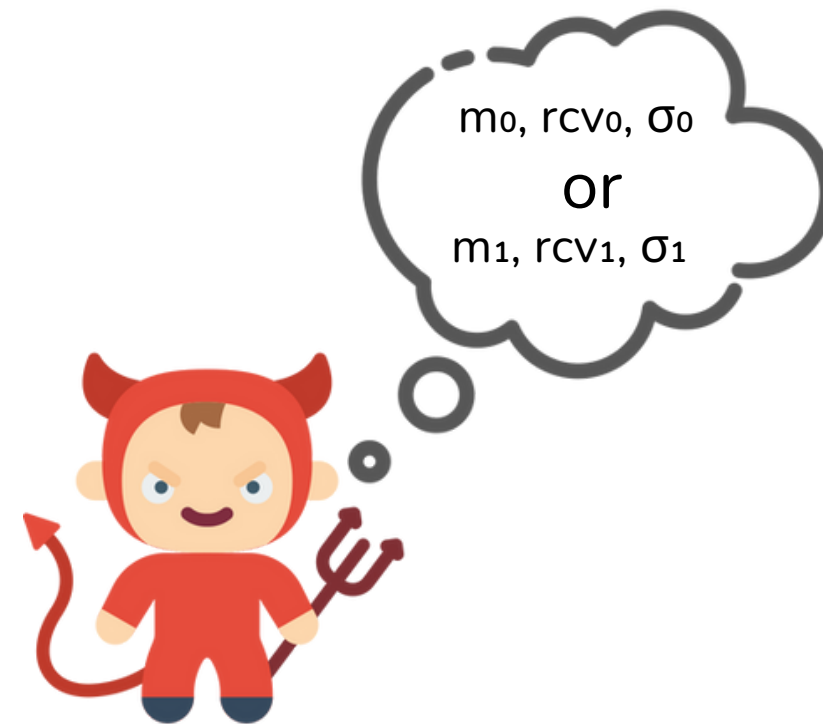
Security Properties

Enhanced Privacy

Ensure that σ , rcv , and the ciphertext-derived message remain hidden.

$\text{Game}_{\Pi, \mathcal{A}}^{\text{ib-priv}^+}(\lambda)$

1. $(\text{mpk}, \text{msk}) \leftarrow \$ \text{Setup}(1^\lambda)$
2. $(m_0, m_1, \text{rcv}_0, \text{rcv}_1, \text{ID}_0, \text{ID}_1) \leftarrow \$ \mathcal{A}_1^{\mathcal{O}_1, \mathcal{O}_2}(1^\lambda, \text{mpk})$
3. $\sigma_0 \leftarrow \$ \text{ID}_0$
4. $\sigma_1 \leftarrow \$ \text{ID}_1$
5. $\text{ek}_{\sigma_0} \leftarrow \$ \text{SKGen}(\text{msk}, \sigma_0)$
6. $\text{ek}_{\sigma_1} \leftarrow \$ \text{SKGen}(\text{msk}, \sigma_1)$
7. $b \leftarrow \$ \{0, 1\}$
8. $c \leftarrow \$ \text{Enc}(\text{ek}_{\sigma_b}, \text{rcv}_b, m_b)$
9. $b' \leftarrow \$ \mathcal{A}_2^{\mathcal{O}_1, \mathcal{O}_2, \{\mathcal{O}_3^i\}_{i \in \{0,1\}}}(1^\lambda, c)$
10. if $(b' = b)$ return 1
11. else return 0



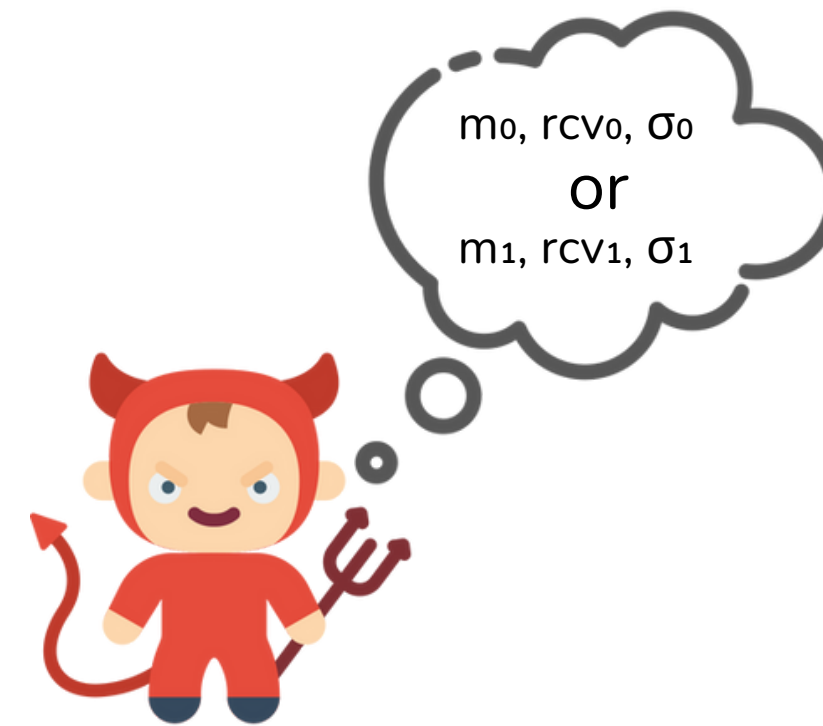
Adversary wins if he can **correctly determine** which message was encrypted by the challenger.

Security Properties

Enhanced Privacy

Game $\text{Game}_{\Pi, \mathcal{A}}^{\text{ib-priv}^+}(\lambda)$

1. $(\text{mpk}, \text{msk}) \leftarrow \$ \text{Setup}(1^\lambda)$
2. $(m_0, m_1, \text{rcv}_0, \text{rcv}_1, \mathbf{ID}_0, \mathbf{ID}_1) \leftarrow \$ \mathcal{A}_1^{\mathcal{O}_1, \mathcal{O}_2}(1^\lambda, \text{mpk})$
3. $\sigma_0 \leftarrow \$ \mathbf{ID}_0$
4. $\sigma_1 \leftarrow \$ \mathbf{ID}_1$
5. $\text{ek}_{\sigma_0} \leftarrow \$ \text{SKGen}(\text{msk}, \sigma_0)$
6. $\text{ek}_{\sigma_1} \leftarrow \$ \text{SKGen}(\text{msk}, \sigma_1)$
7. $b \leftarrow \$ \{0, 1\}$
8. $c \leftarrow \$ \text{Enc}(\text{ek}_{\sigma_b}, \text{rcv}_b, m_b)$
9. $b' \leftarrow \$ \mathcal{A}_2^{\mathcal{O}_1, \mathcal{O}_2, \{\mathcal{O}_3^i\}_{i \in \{0,1\}}}(1^\lambda, c)$
10. **if** $(b' = b)$ **return** 1
11. **else return** 0



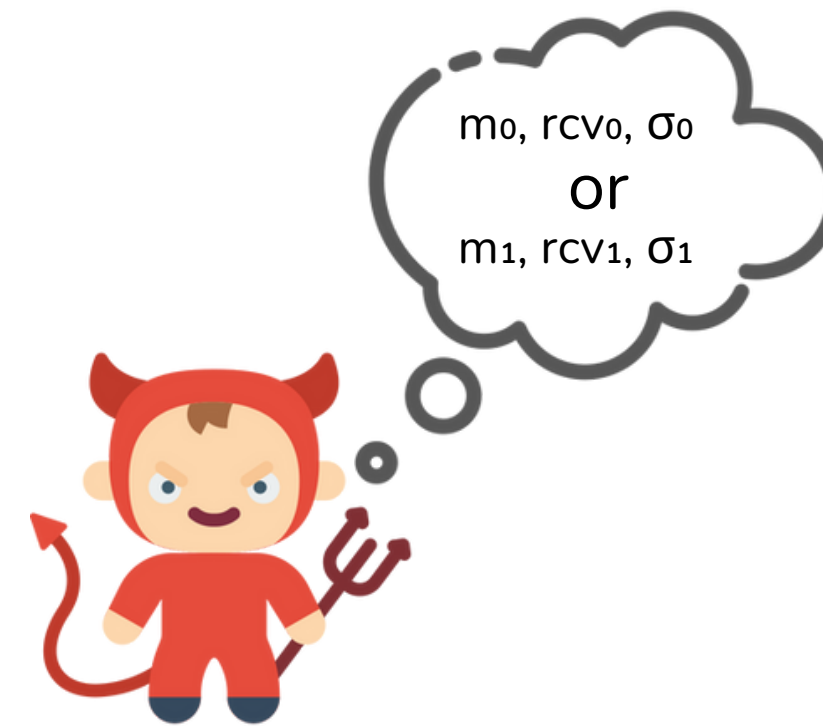
Adversary wins if he can **correctly determine** which message was encrypted by the challenger.

Security Properties

Enhanced Privacy

Game $\text{Game}_{\Pi, \mathcal{A}}^{\text{ib-priv}^+}(\lambda)$

1. $(\text{mpk}, \text{msk}) \leftarrow \$ \text{Setup}(1^\lambda)$
2. $(m_0, m_1, \text{rcv}_0, \text{rcv}_1, \text{ID}_0, \text{ID}_1) \leftarrow \$ \mathcal{A}_1^{\mathcal{O}_1, \mathcal{O}_2}(1^\lambda, \text{mpk})$
3. $\sigma_0 \leftarrow \$ \text{ID}_0$
4. $\sigma_1 \leftarrow \$ \text{ID}_1$
5. $\text{ek}_{\sigma_0} \leftarrow \$ \text{SKGen}(\text{msk}, \sigma_0)$
6. $\text{ek}_{\sigma_1} \leftarrow \$ \text{SKGen}(\text{msk}, \sigma_1)$
7. $b \leftarrow \$ \{0, 1\}$
8. $c \leftarrow \$ \text{Enc}(\text{ek}_{\sigma_b}, \text{rcv}_b, m_b)$
9. $b' \leftarrow \$ \mathcal{A}_2^{\mathcal{O}_1, \mathcal{O}_2, \{\mathcal{O}_3^i\}_{i \in \{0,1\}}}(1^\lambda, c)$
10. **if** $(b' = b)$ **return** 1
11. **else return** 0



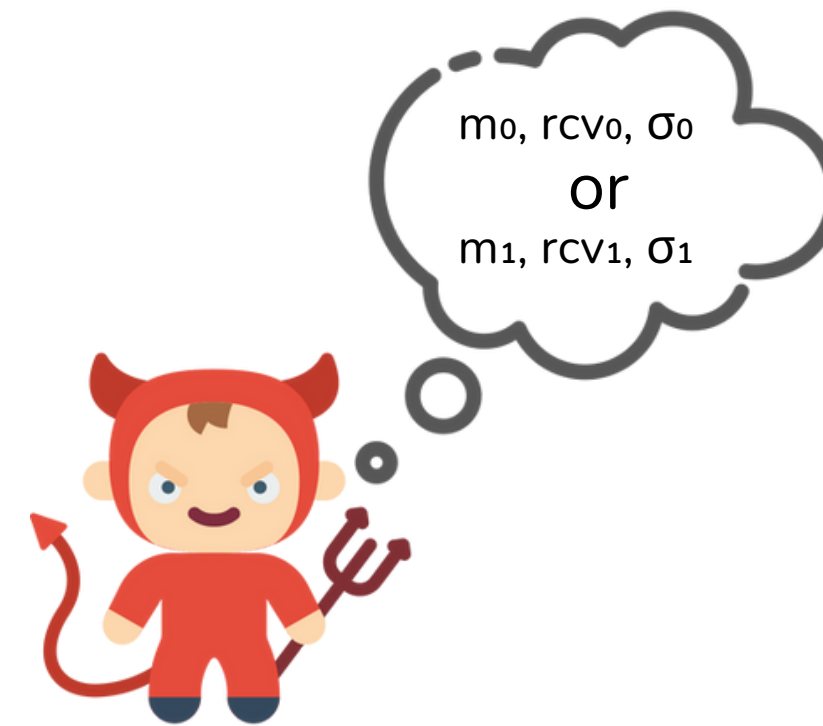
Adversary wins if he can **correctly determine** which message was encrypted by the challenger.

Security Properties

Enhanced Privacy

Game $\text{ib-priv}^+_{\Pi, \mathcal{A}}(\lambda)$

1. $(\text{mpk}, \text{msk}) \leftarrow \$ \text{Setup}(1^\lambda)$
2. $(m_0, m_1, \text{rcv}_0, \text{rcv}_1, \mathbf{ID}_0, \mathbf{ID}_1) \leftarrow \$ \mathcal{A}_1^{\mathcal{O}_1, \mathcal{O}_2}(1^\lambda, \text{mpk})$
3. $\sigma_0 \leftarrow \$ \mathbf{ID}_0$
4. $\sigma_1 \leftarrow \$ \mathbf{ID}_1$
5. $\text{ek}_{\sigma_0} \leftarrow \$ \text{SKGen}(\text{msk}, \sigma_0)$
6. $\text{ek}_{\sigma_1} \leftarrow \$ \text{SKGen}(\text{msk}, \sigma_1)$
7. $b \leftarrow \$ \{0, 1\}$
8. $c \leftarrow \$ \text{Enc}(\text{ek}_{\sigma_b}, \text{rcv}_b, m_b)$
9. $b' \leftarrow \$ \mathcal{A}_2^{\mathcal{O}_1, \mathcal{O}_2, \{\mathcal{O}_3^i\}_{i \in \{0,1\}}}(1^\lambda, c)$
10. **if** $(b' = b)$ **return** 1
11. **else return** 0



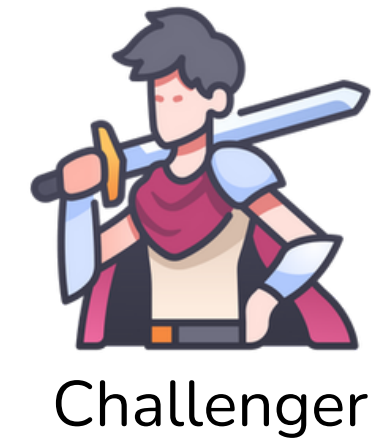
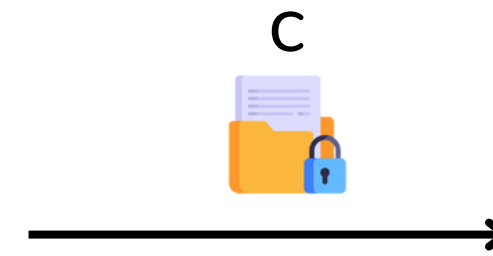
Adversary wins if he can **correctly determine** which message was encrypted by the challenger.

Security Properties

Authenticity

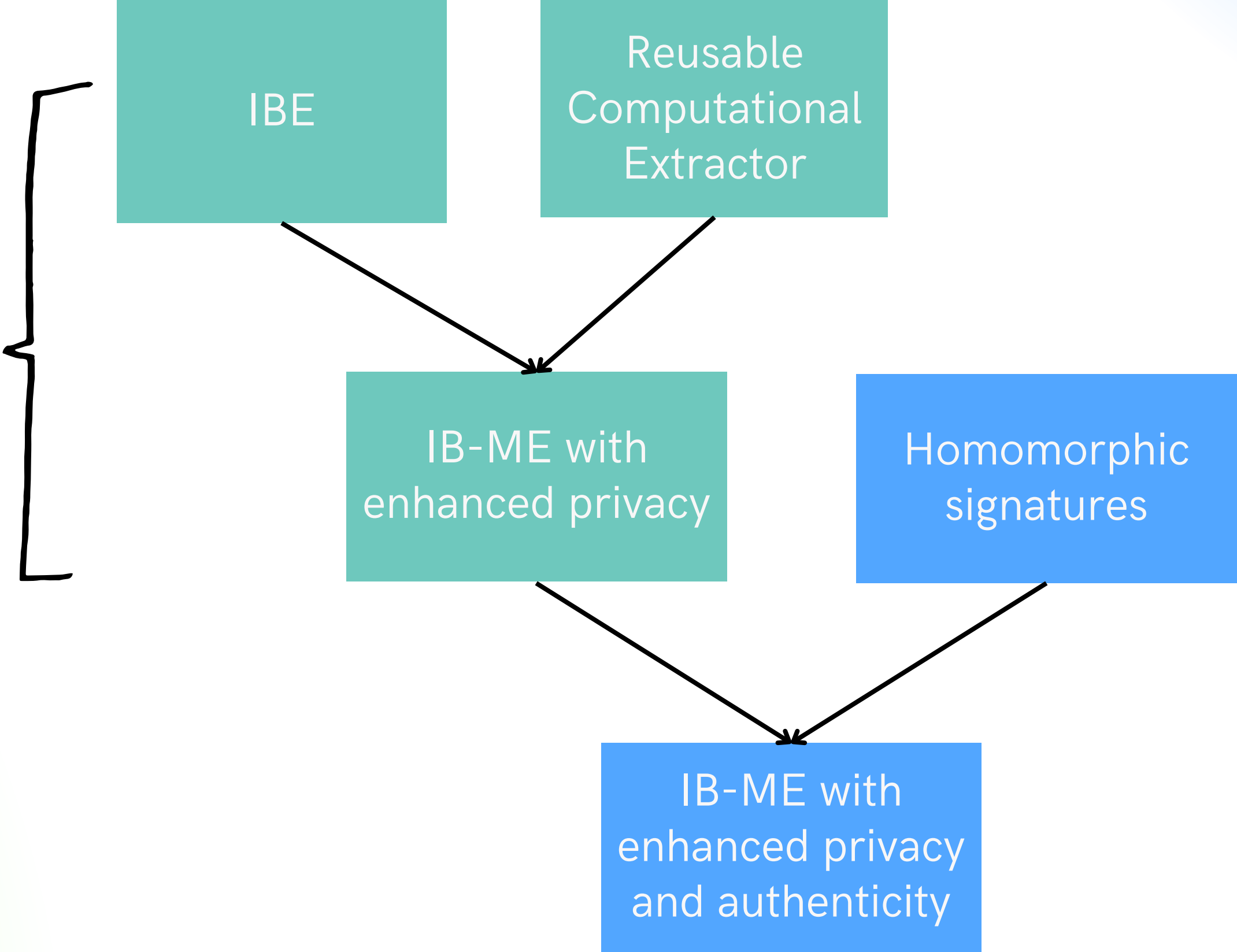
Game $_{\Pi, \mathcal{A}}^{\text{ib-auth}}(\lambda)$

1. $(\text{mpk}, \text{msk}) \leftarrow \$ \text{Setup}(1^\lambda)$
2. $(c, \rho, \text{snd}) \leftarrow \$ \mathcal{A}^{\mathcal{O}_1, \mathcal{O}_2}(1^\lambda, \text{mpk})$
3. $\text{dk}_\rho \leftarrow \$ \text{RKGen}(\text{msk}, \rho)$
4. $m := \text{Dec}(\text{dk}_\rho, \text{snd}, c)$
5. **if** $\forall \sigma \in Q_{\mathcal{O}_1} : (\sigma \neq \text{snd}) \wedge (m \neq \perp)$
return 1
6. **else return 0**



Adversary wins if c is a valid ciphertext embedding σ without knowing the encryption key ek_σ

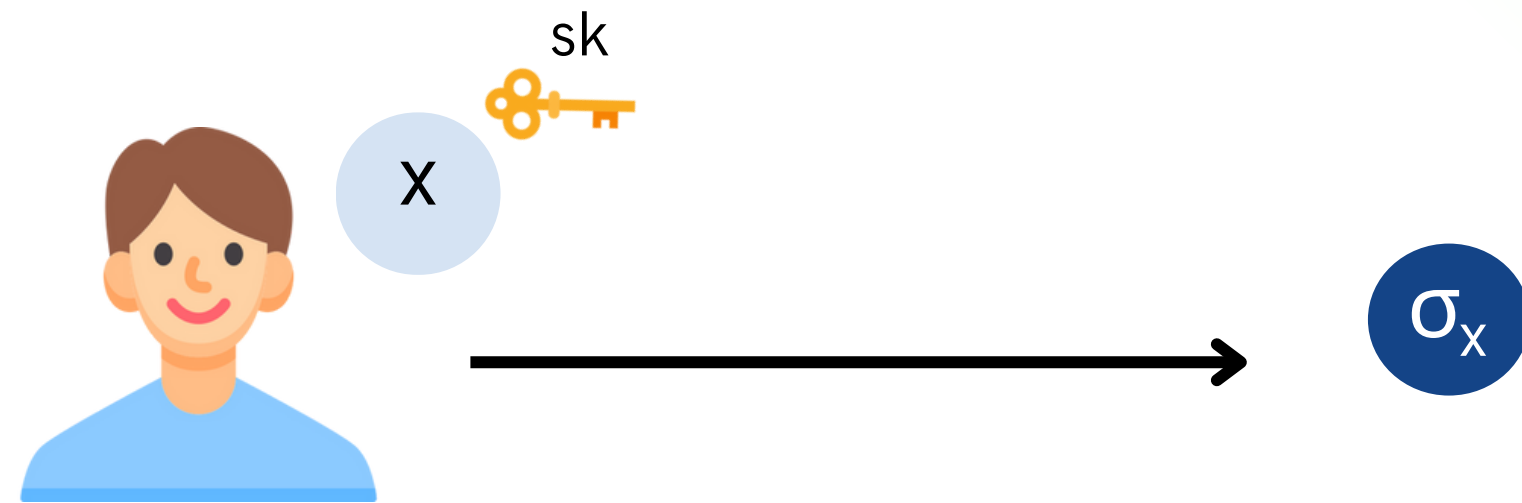
Similar to **Francati**
et al approach



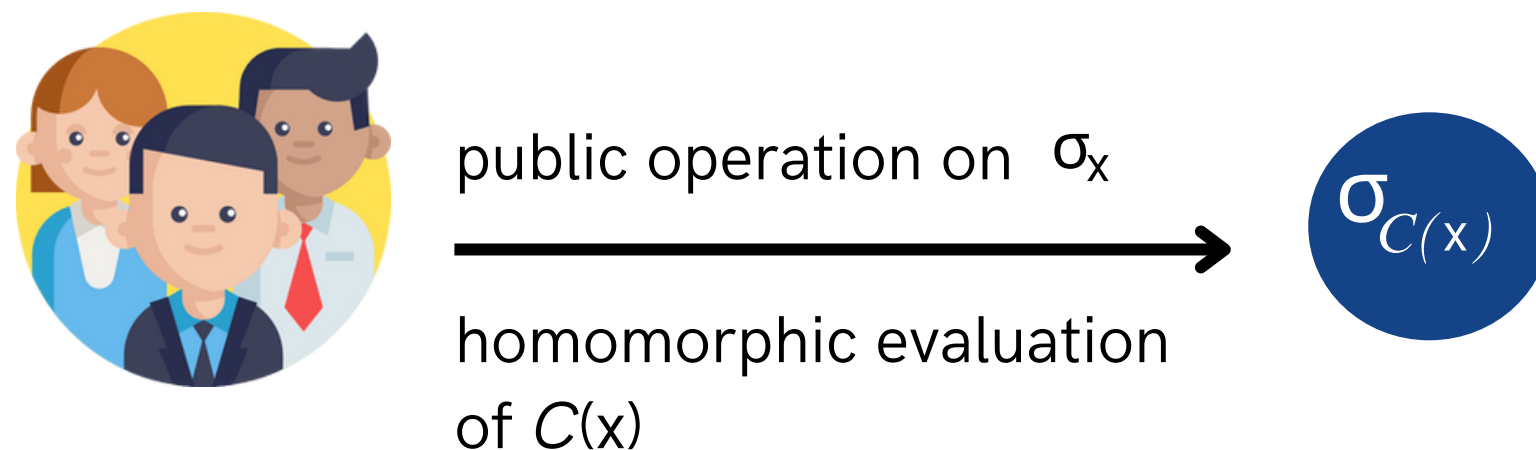
Our Approach

Homomorphic Signatures

Homomorphic signatures enable computation on **signed** data.



$$\sigma_x = \text{Sign}(sk, x)$$

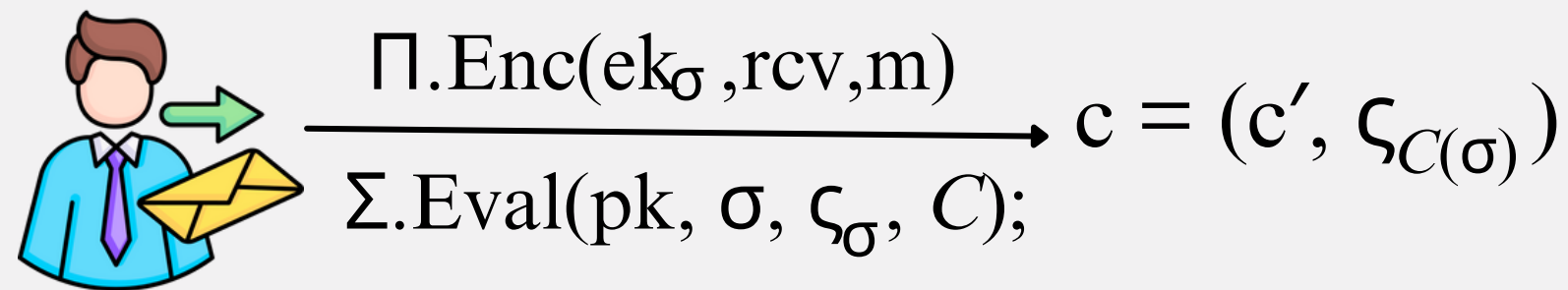


$$\sigma_{C(x)} = \text{Eval}(pk, \sigma, C)$$

Our Construction

IB-ME $\Pi = (\text{Setup}, \text{SKGen}, \text{RKGen}, \text{Enc}, \text{Dec})$
HS $\Sigma = (\text{Setup}, \text{Sign}, \text{Eval}, \text{Verify})$

ENCRYPTION



$$ek_\sigma := (\sigma, \zeta_\sigma)$$

$$\zeta_\sigma := \Sigma.\text{Sign}(sk, \sigma)$$

Our Construction

IB-ME $\Pi = (\text{Setup}, \text{SKGen}, \text{RKGen}, \text{Enc}, \text{Dec})$

HS $\Sigma = (\text{Setup}, \text{Sign}, \text{Eval}, \text{Verify})$

ENCRYPTION



$\Pi.\text{Enc}(ek_\sigma, rcv, m)$

$\Sigma.\text{Eval}(pk, \sigma, \zeta_\sigma, C);$

$c = (c', \zeta_{C(\sigma)})$

$ek_\sigma := (\sigma, \zeta_\sigma)$

$\zeta_\sigma := \Sigma.\text{Sign}(sk, \sigma)$

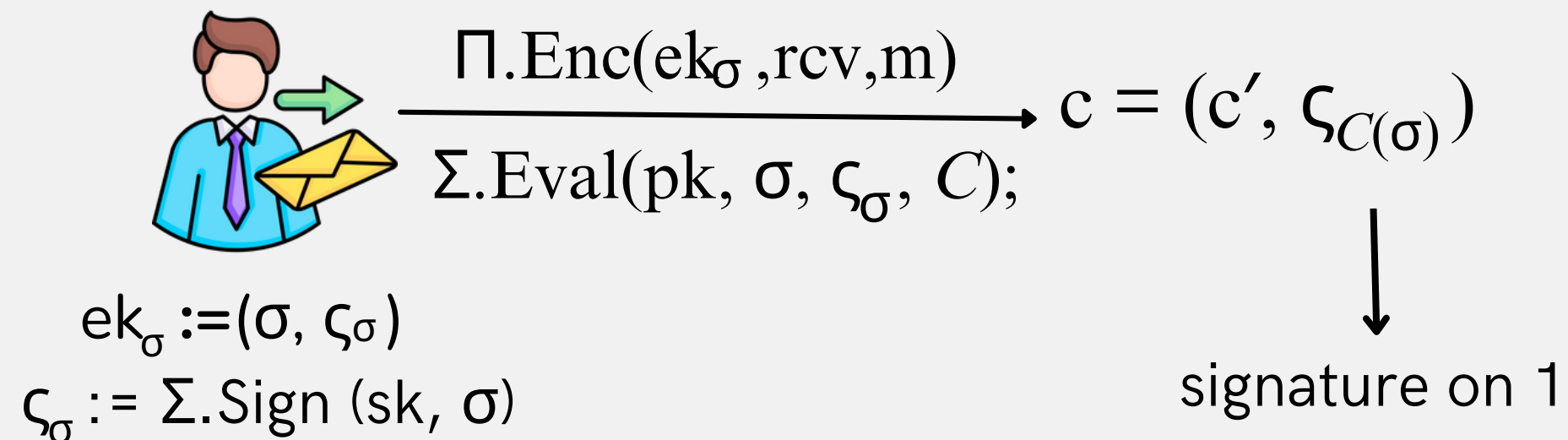
Our Construction

IB-ME $\Pi = (\text{Setup}, \text{SKGen}, \text{RKGen}, \text{Enc}, \text{Dec})$
HS $\Sigma = (\text{Setup}, \text{Sign}, \text{Eval}, \text{Verify})$

m, ρ, snd, c
are hard wired
in the circuit

$$C(\sigma) := \begin{cases} 1 & \text{iff } \text{snd} = \sigma \text{ and } m = \Pi.\text{Dec}(\text{dk}_\rho, \text{snd}, c'), \\ & \text{where } \text{dk}_\rho \leftarrow \Pi.\text{RKGen}(\text{msk}', \rho); \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

ENCRYPTION



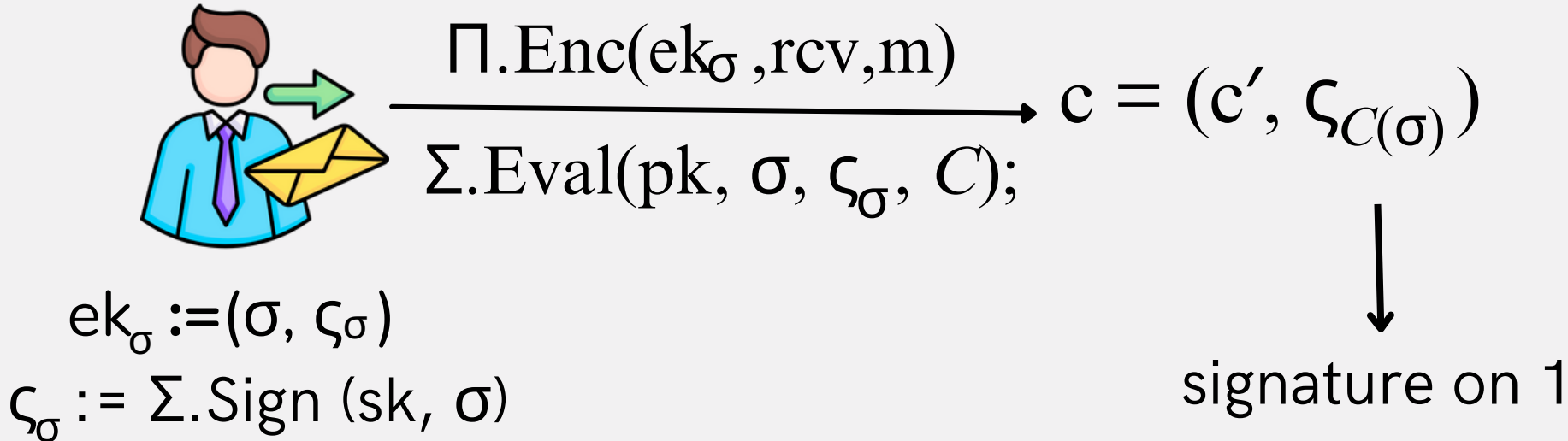
Our Construction

IB-ME $\Pi = (\text{Setup}, \text{SKGen}, \text{RKGen}, \text{Enc}, \text{Dec})$
 HS $\Sigma = (\text{Setup}, \text{Sign}, \text{Eval}, \text{Verify})$

m, ρ, snd, c
 are hard wired
 in the circuit

$$C(\sigma) := \begin{cases} 1 & \text{iff } \boxed{\text{snd} = \sigma} \text{ and } m = \Pi.\text{Dec}(\text{dk}_\rho, \text{snd}, c'), \\ & \text{where } \text{dk}_\rho \leftarrow \$ \Pi.\text{RKGen}(\text{msk}', \rho); \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

ENCRYPTION



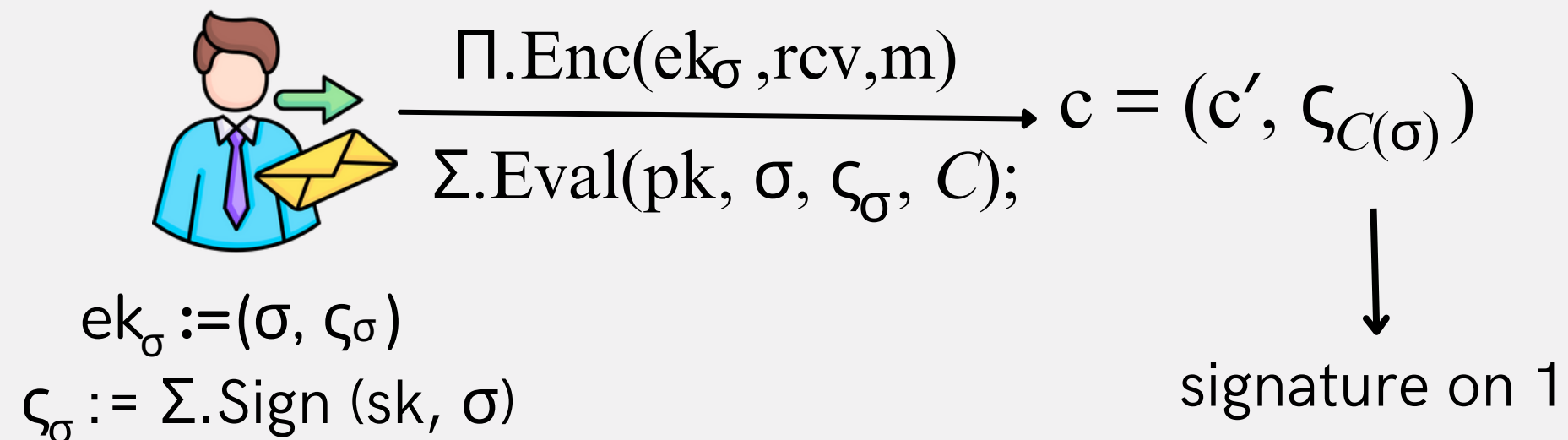
Our Construction

IB-ME $\Pi = (\text{Setup}, \text{SKGen}, \text{RKGen}, \text{Enc}, \text{Dec})$
HS $\Sigma = (\text{Setup}, \text{Sign}, \text{Eval}, \text{Verify})$

m, ρ, snd, c
are hard wired
in the circuit

$$C(\sigma) := \begin{cases} 1 & \text{iff } \text{snd} = \sigma \text{ and } m = \Pi.\text{Dec}(\text{dk}_\rho, \text{snd}, c'), \\ & \text{where } \text{dk}_\rho \leftarrow \Pi.\text{RKGen}(\text{msk}', \rho); \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

ENCRYPTION



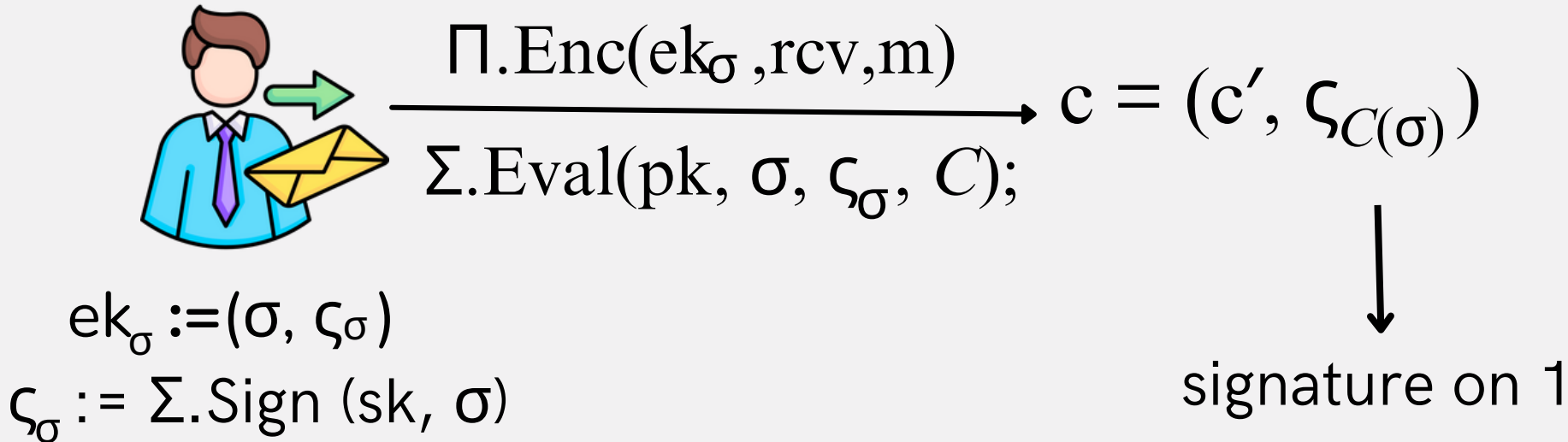
Our Construction

IB-ME $\Pi = (\text{Setup}, \text{SKGen}, \text{RKGen}, \text{Enc}, \text{Dec})$
 HS $\Sigma = (\text{Setup}, \text{Sign}, \text{Eval}, \text{Verify})$

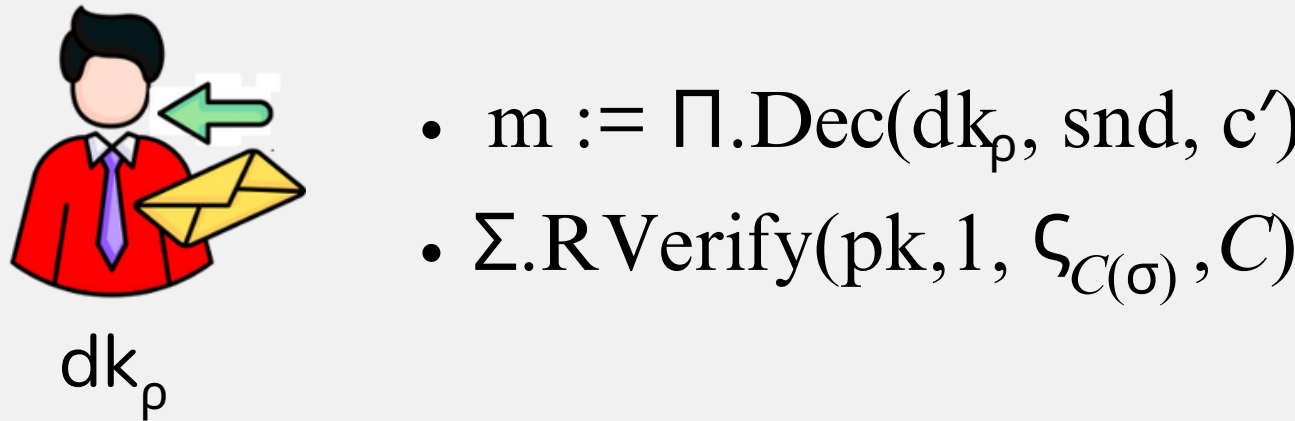
m, ρ, snd, c
 are hard wired
 in the circuit

$$C(\sigma) := \begin{cases} 1 & \text{iff } \text{snd} = \sigma \text{ and } m = \Pi.\text{Dec}(\text{dk}_\rho, \text{snd}, c'), \\ & \text{where } \text{dk}_\rho \leftarrow \Pi.\text{RKGen}(\text{msk}', \rho); \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

ENCRYPTION



DECRYPTION



Security of Our Construction

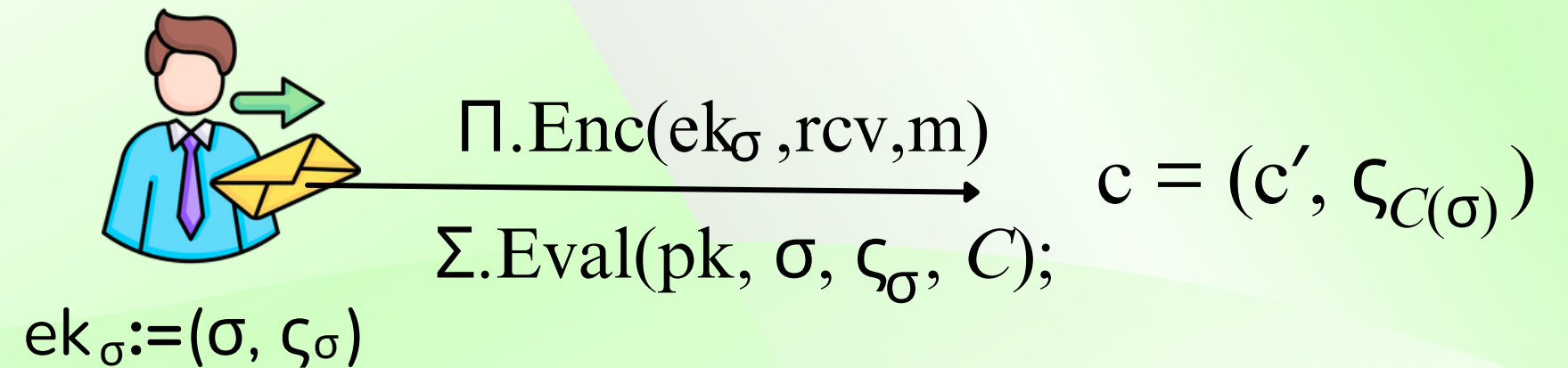
Authenticity:

follows by the unforgeability of
the homomorphic signature
scheme

Security of Our Construction

Authenticity:

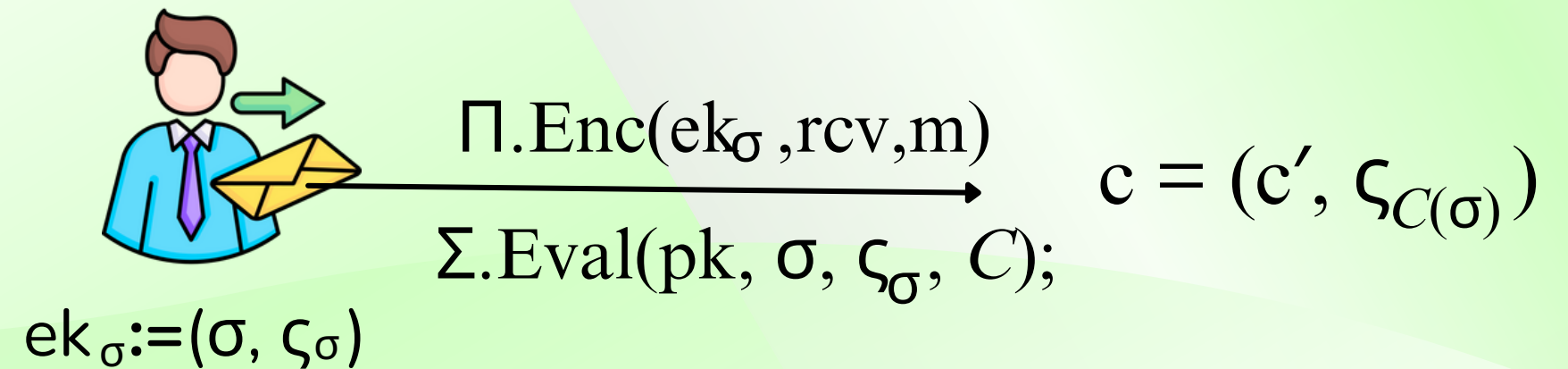
follows by the unforgeability of the homomorphic signature scheme



Security of Our Construction

Authenticity:

follows by the unforgeability of the homomorphic signature scheme



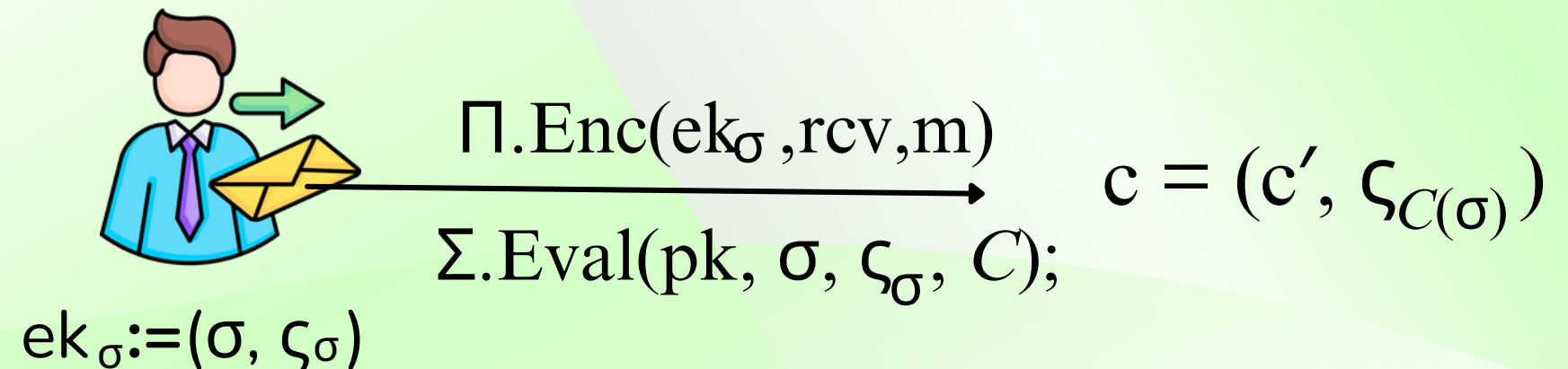
Enhanced privacy:

follows by the privacy property of the underlying IB-ME along with the context-hiding property of the homomorphic signature scheme

Security of Our Construction

Authenticity:

follows by the unforgeability of the homomorphic signature scheme



Enhanced privacy:

follows by the privacy property of the underlying IB-ME along with the context-hiding property of the homomorphic signature scheme

privacy of IB-ME

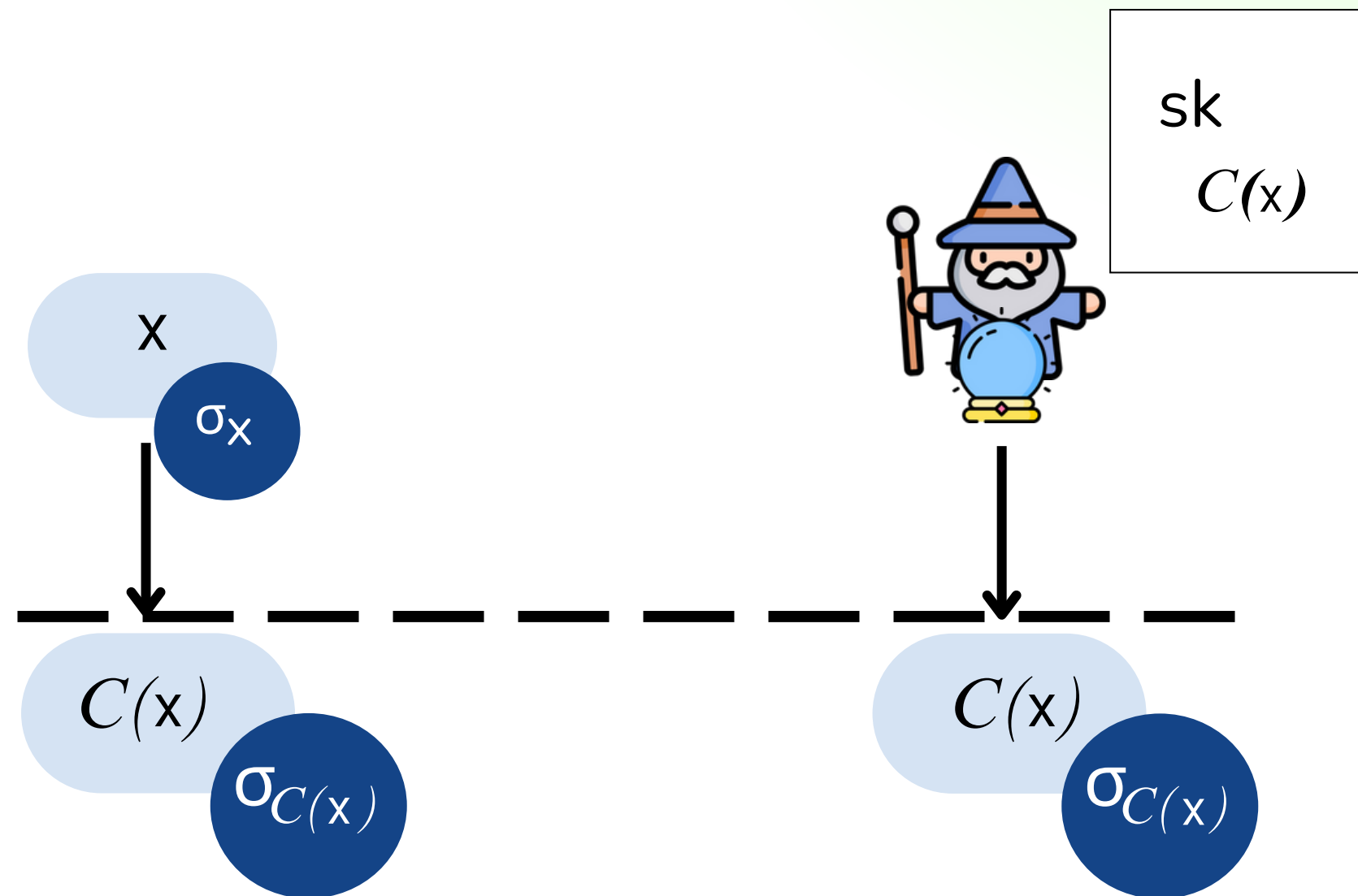
$$c = (c', \zeta_{C(\sigma)})$$

context-hiding of homomorphic signatures

Security of Our Construction

$\sigma_{C(x)}$ hides the original input x up to what is revealed by $C(x)$

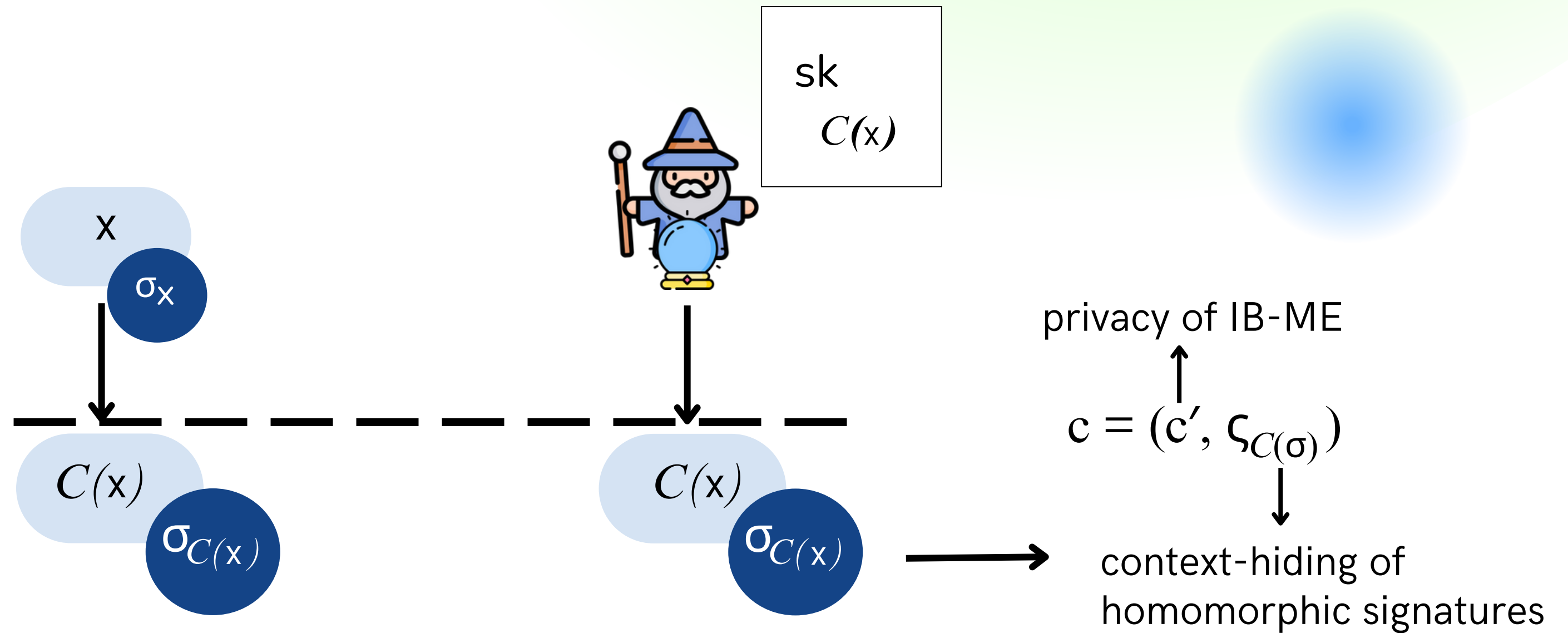
Context-Hiding



Security of Our Construction

$\sigma_{C(x)}$ hides the original input x up to what is revealed by $C(x)$

Context-Hiding



Instantiations

IBE schemes applicable to our construction:

Schemes	Assumption	ROM	Quantum Resistant
BF'01–Basicident [15]	DBDH	✓	✗
BW'06 [34]	DLin	✗	✗
DLP'14 [35]	NTRU/RLWE	✓	✓
GPV'08 [32]	LWE	✓	✓
ABB10'10–Select-ID [10]	LWE	✗	✓

Fully Homomorphic Signature schemes applicable to our construction:

Schemes	Assumption	Quantum Resistant
Boyen et al. [16]	SIS	✓
Gorbunov et al. [17]	SIS	✓
Luo et al. [33]	SIS	✓

Conclusions



Generic construction
of an IB-ME scheme with:

- **enhanced privacy**
- **authenticity**
- **standard assumptions**
- **post quantum security**

Thanks for your attention



Roberta Cimorelli Belfiore¹, Andrea De Cosmo², and Anna Lisa Ferrara¹

¹University of Molise, Italy

²Leonardo S.p.A. Cyber & Security Solutions Division, Italy