# A Few Basic Elements of Communication Security

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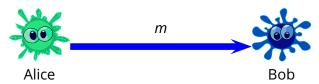
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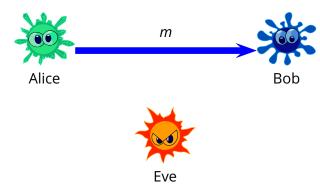
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- Communicate with **end-to-end encryption** (e.g., e-mail)
- Use trusted certificates
- *Encrypt your confidential data* (and make backups)
- Use strong passwords
- You might as well encrypt *all* your data
- Tools/technologies: *ssh*, *pgp* (or *gpg*)

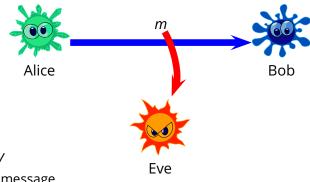
#### **Outline**

- Communication security model
- Information-theoretic privacy
- Substitution ciphers
- Intro to modern cryptography
- One-time pad
- Block siphers
- Cryptographic hash functions
- Public-key cryptosystems

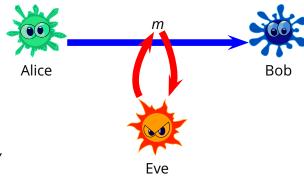








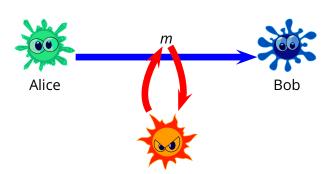
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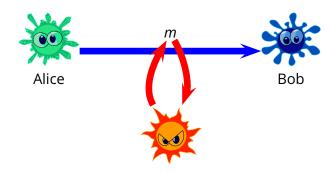
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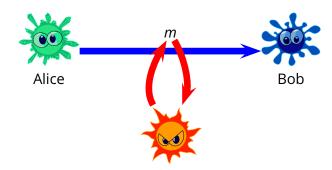


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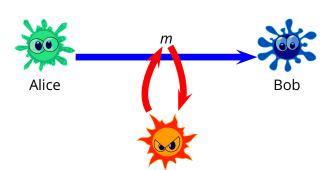
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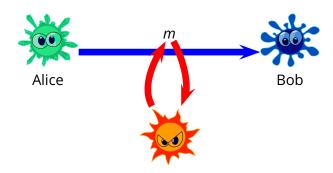
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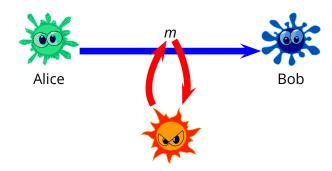


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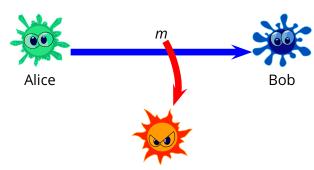
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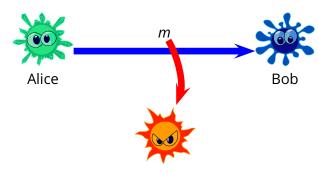


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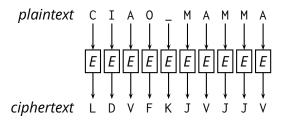
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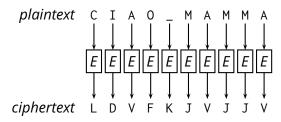
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  - ▶ Eve wins the game if she can guess Alice's answer with probability better than 60%

#### **Other Adversarial Models**

- Adversary model:
  - Eve is an active adversary
  - Eve may also trick you into encrypting some chosen plaintext
  - ▶ Eve is computationally limited: she is an ordinary algorithm



game

security protocol  $\Rightarrow$  game

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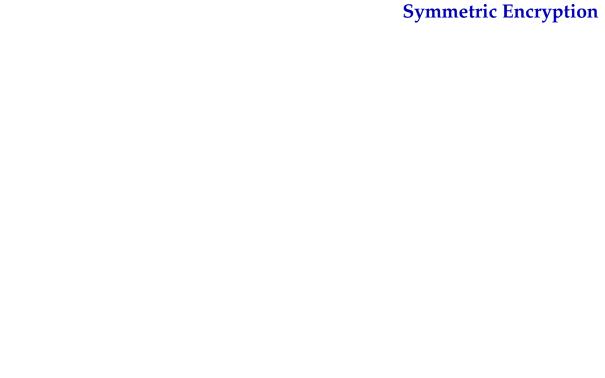
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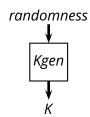
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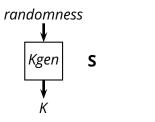
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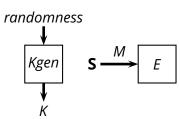
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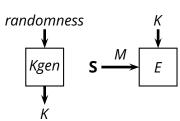
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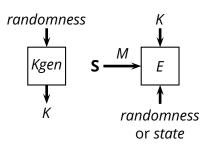


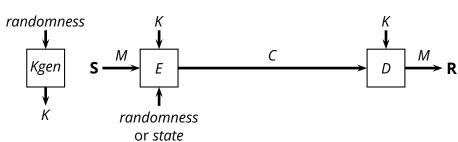


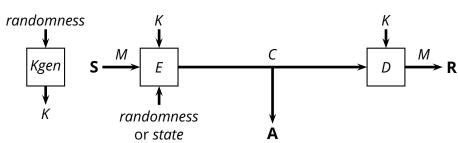


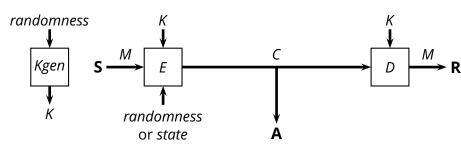












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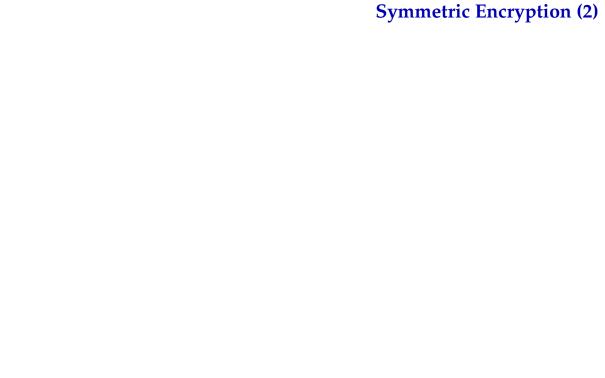
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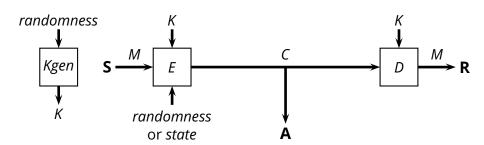
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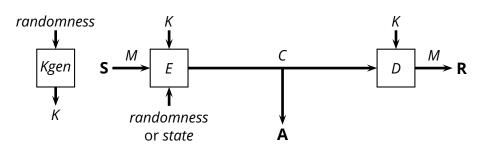
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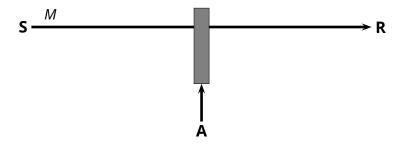
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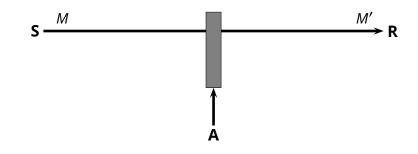
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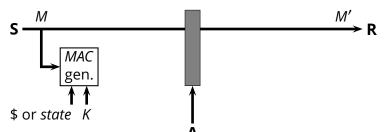


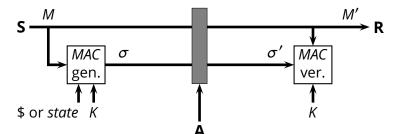
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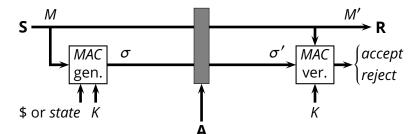
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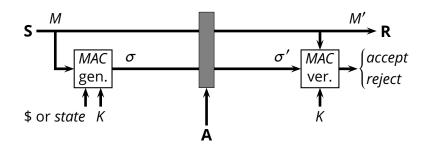












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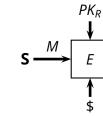


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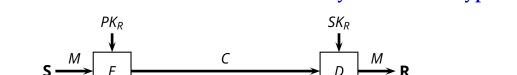
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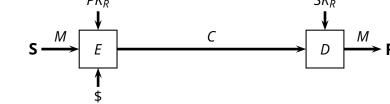
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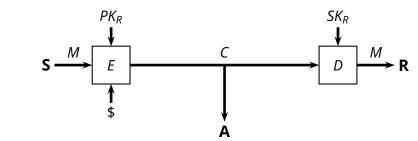
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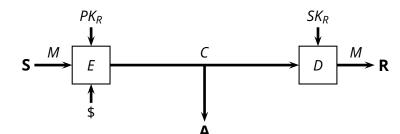


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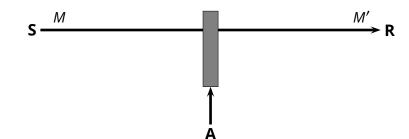


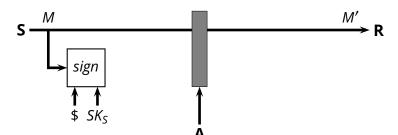


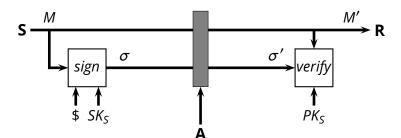


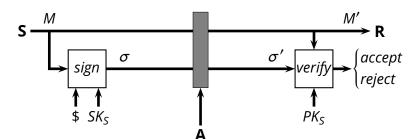
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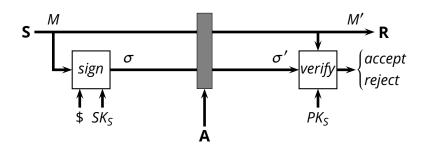












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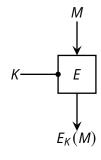
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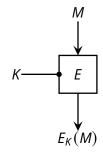
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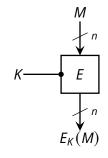
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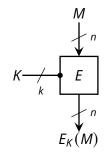
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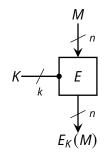
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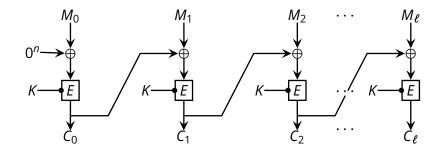
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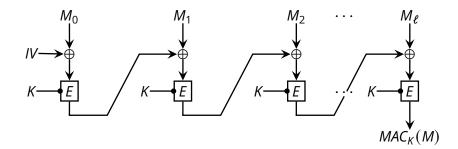
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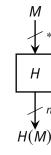
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