

Privacy, Discovery, and Authentication for the Internet of Things

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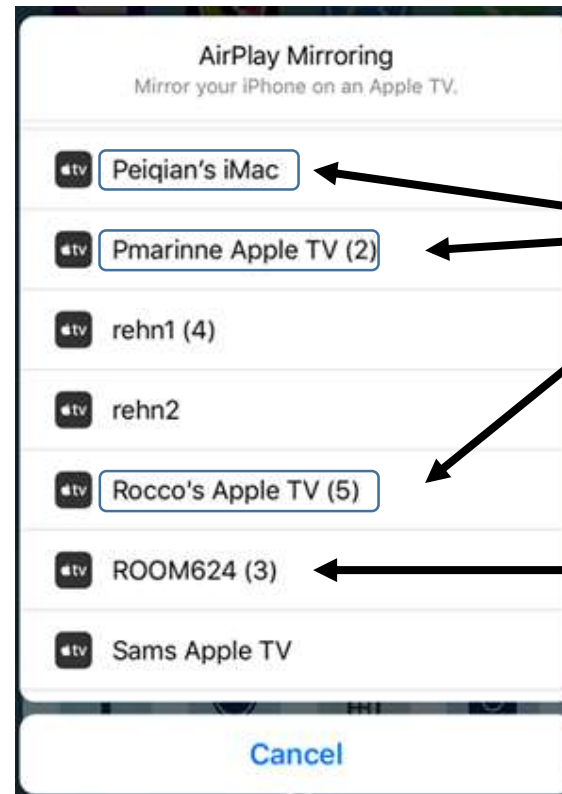
Lots of smart devices, but only useful if users can discover them!

Private Service Discovery

Many existing service discovery protocols: Multicast DNS (mDNS), Apple Bonjour, Bluetooth Low Energy (BLE)

A typical discovery protocol

Screenshot taken on a public Wireless network

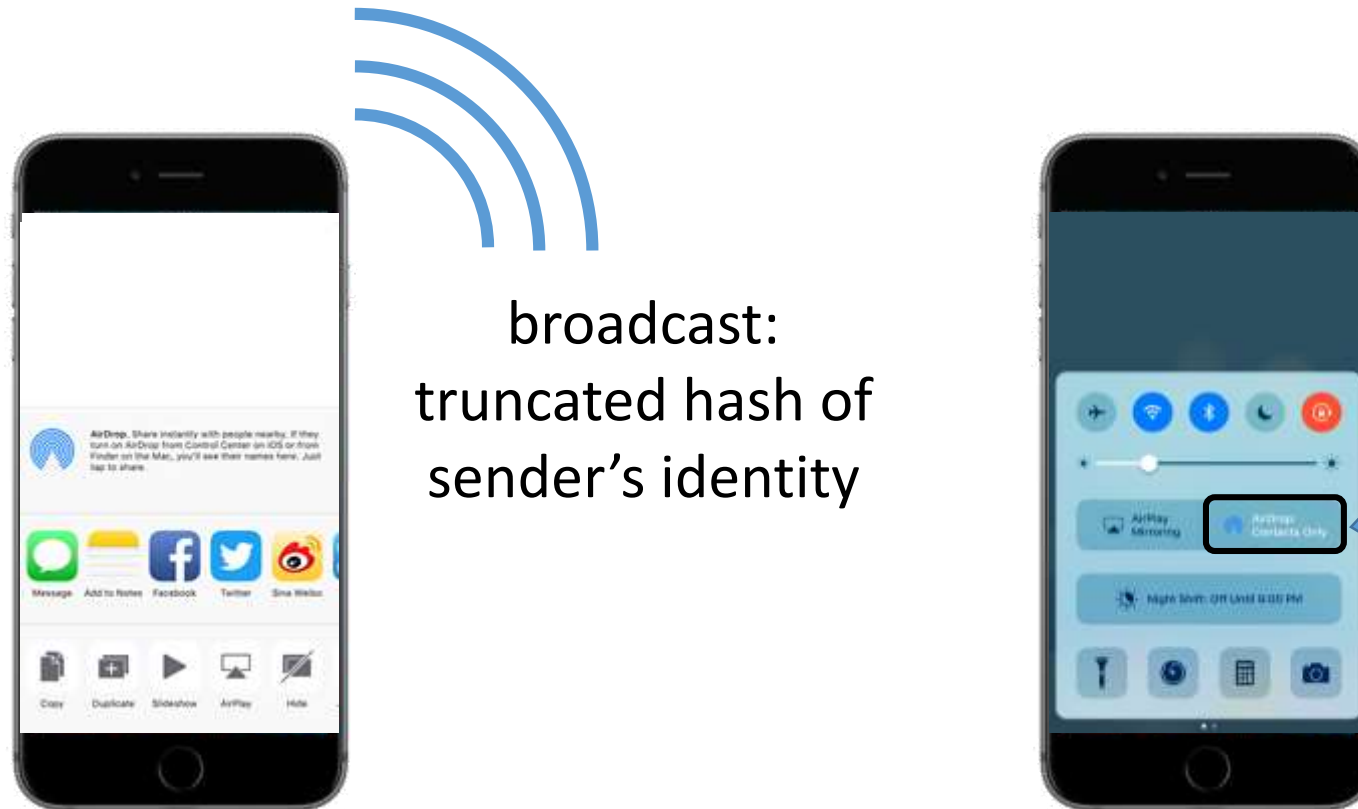


Device owner's name / user ID revealed!

Device location revealed!

Private Service Discovery

Privacy problems exist in many protocols



broadcast:
truncated hash of
sender's identity

contacts-only mode:
device should only
be discoverable by
users in their
contacts list

AirDrop protocol for peer-to-peer file sharing

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TLS key exchange with
client authentication

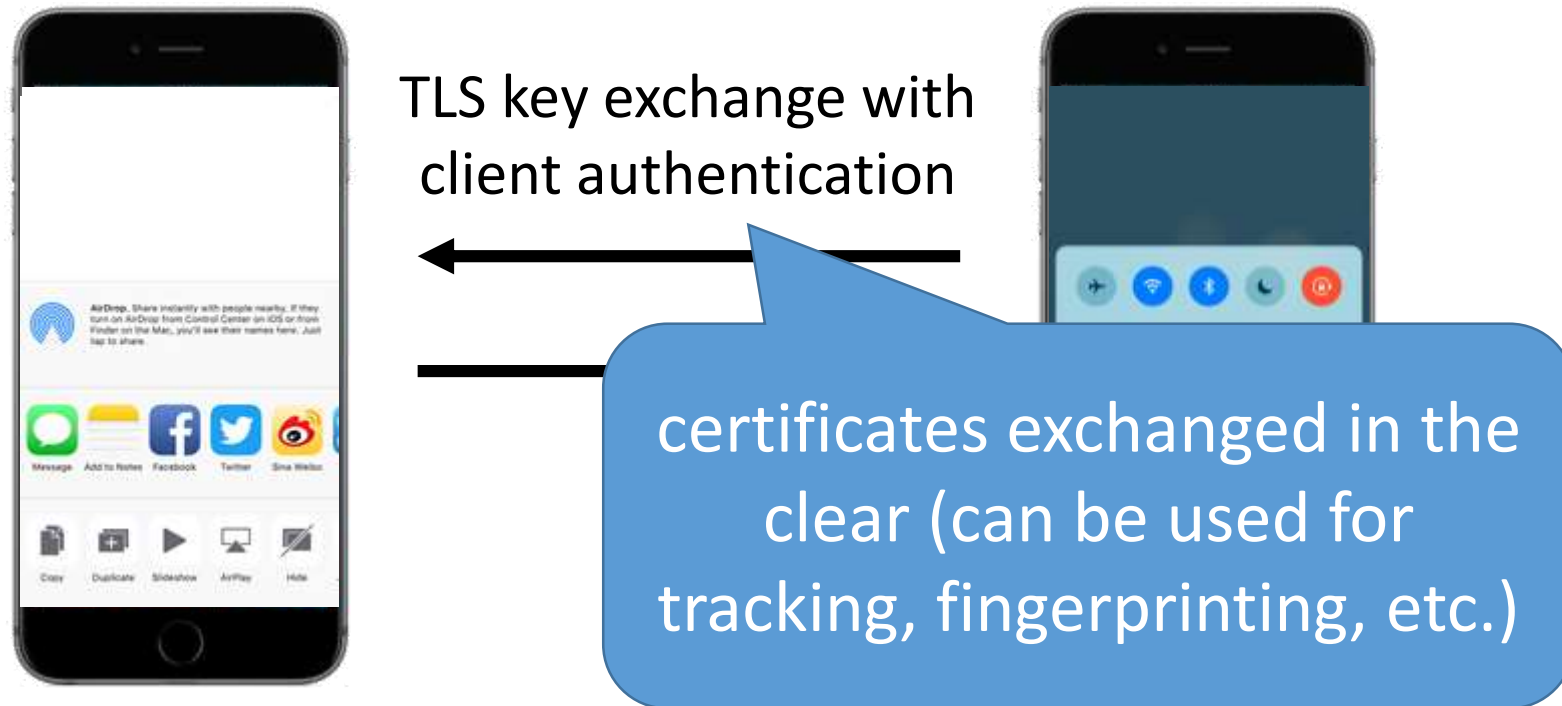


if broadcast containing
ID of user in contact
list, then start local
service and advertise
over mDNS

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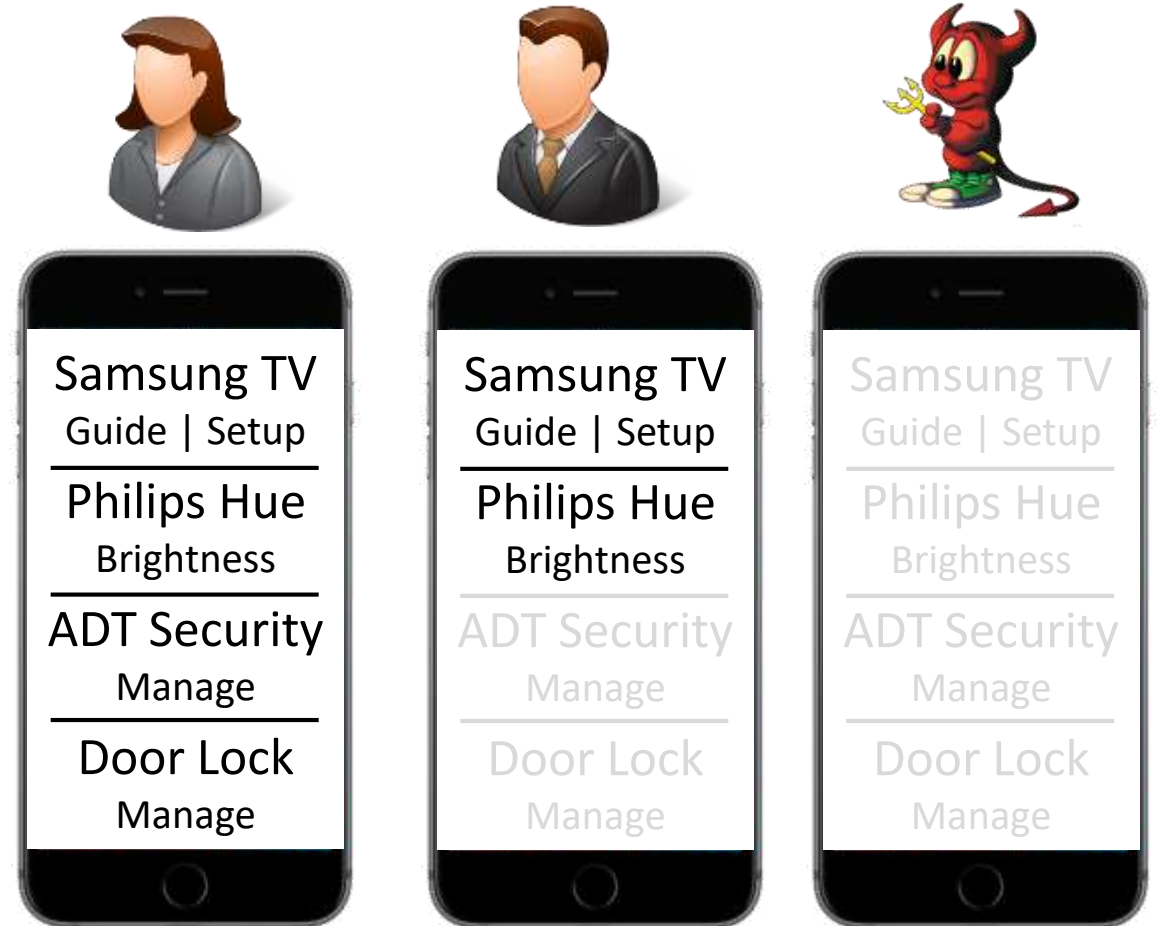


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Each service specifies an authorization policy



Alice

Guest

Stranger

Private Service Discovery

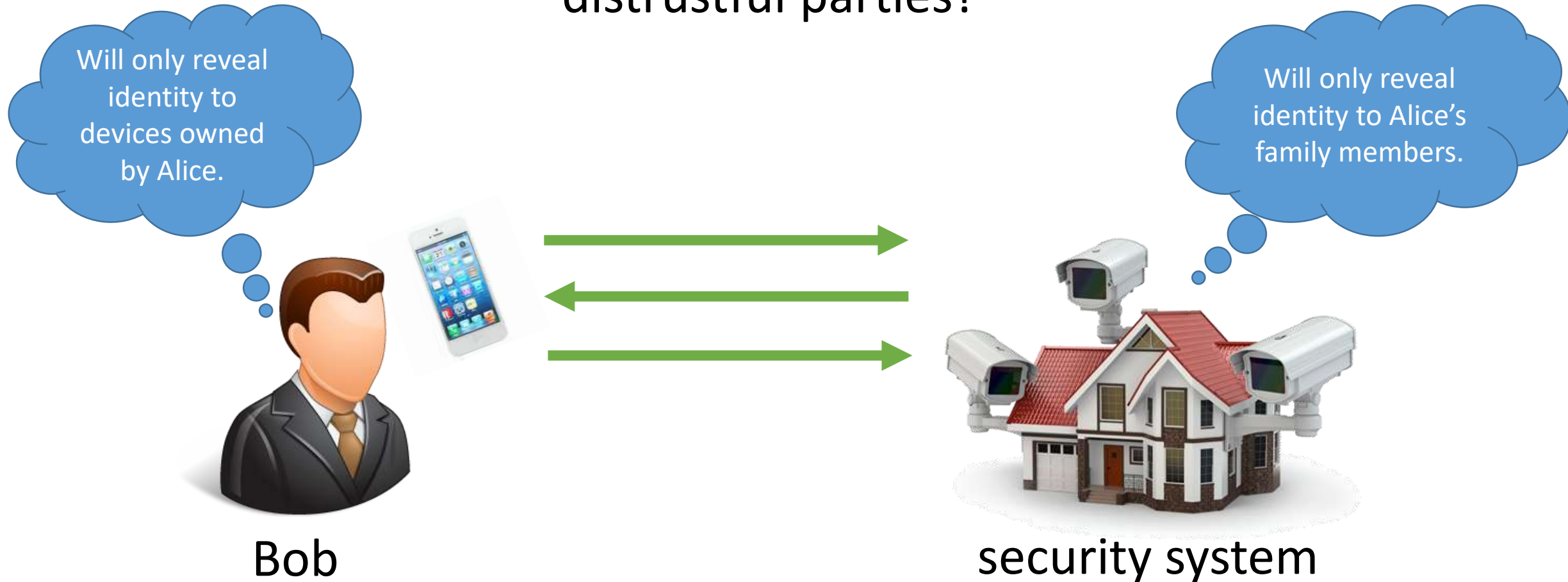


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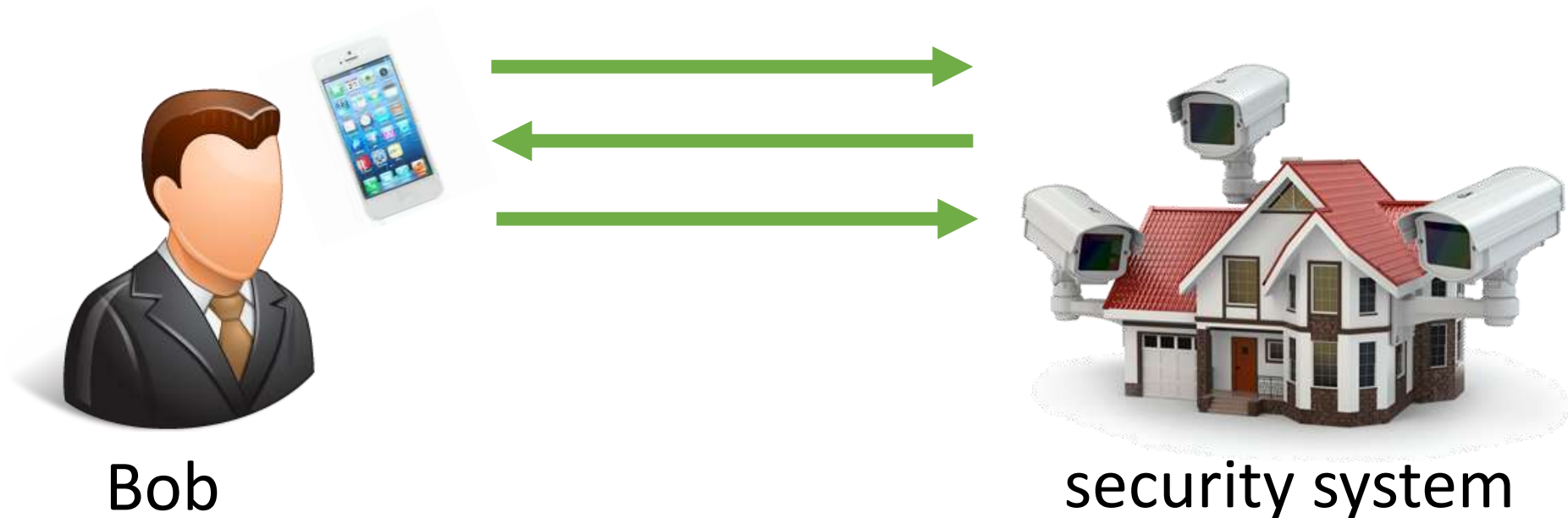
Private Mutual Authentication

How to authenticate between mutually distrustful parties?



Private Mutual Authentication

In most existing mutual authentication protocols (e.g., TLS, IKE, SIGMA), one party must reveal its identity first



Primary Protocol Requirements

- **Mutual privacy:** Identity of protocol participants are only revealed to authorized recipients
- **Authentic advertisements:** Service advertisements (for discovery) should be unforgeable and authentic
- **Lightweight:** privacy should be as simple as setting a flag in key-exchange (as opposed to a separate protocol – e.g., using secret handshakes [BDSSSW03])

Identity and Authorization Model

Every party has a signing + verification key, and a collection of human-readable names bound to their public keys via a certificate chain



verification key



alice/family/
bob/

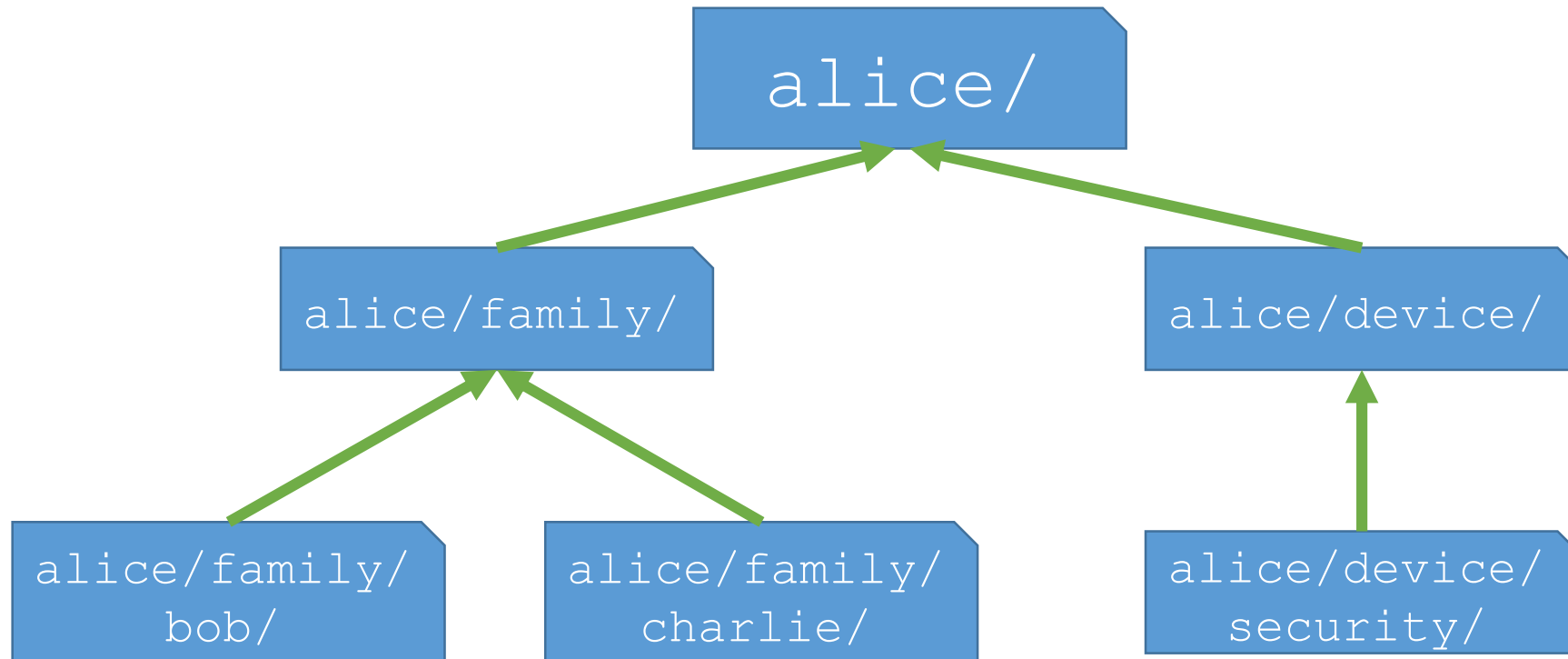


alice/device/
security/

popular_corp/
prod/S1234

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Identity and Authorization Model

Authorization decisions expressed as prefix patterns



Protocol Construction

Secure Key Agreement: SIGMA-I Protocol [CK01]

$$x \stackrel{R}{\leftarrow} \mathbb{Z}_p$$



$$g^x$$



$$g^y, \{ID_B, \text{SIG}_B(ID_B, g^x, g^y)\}_k$$



$$y \stackrel{R}{\leftarrow} \mathbb{Z}_p$$



Secure Key Agreement Protocol [CK01]

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Bob's signature of the ephemeral DH exponents

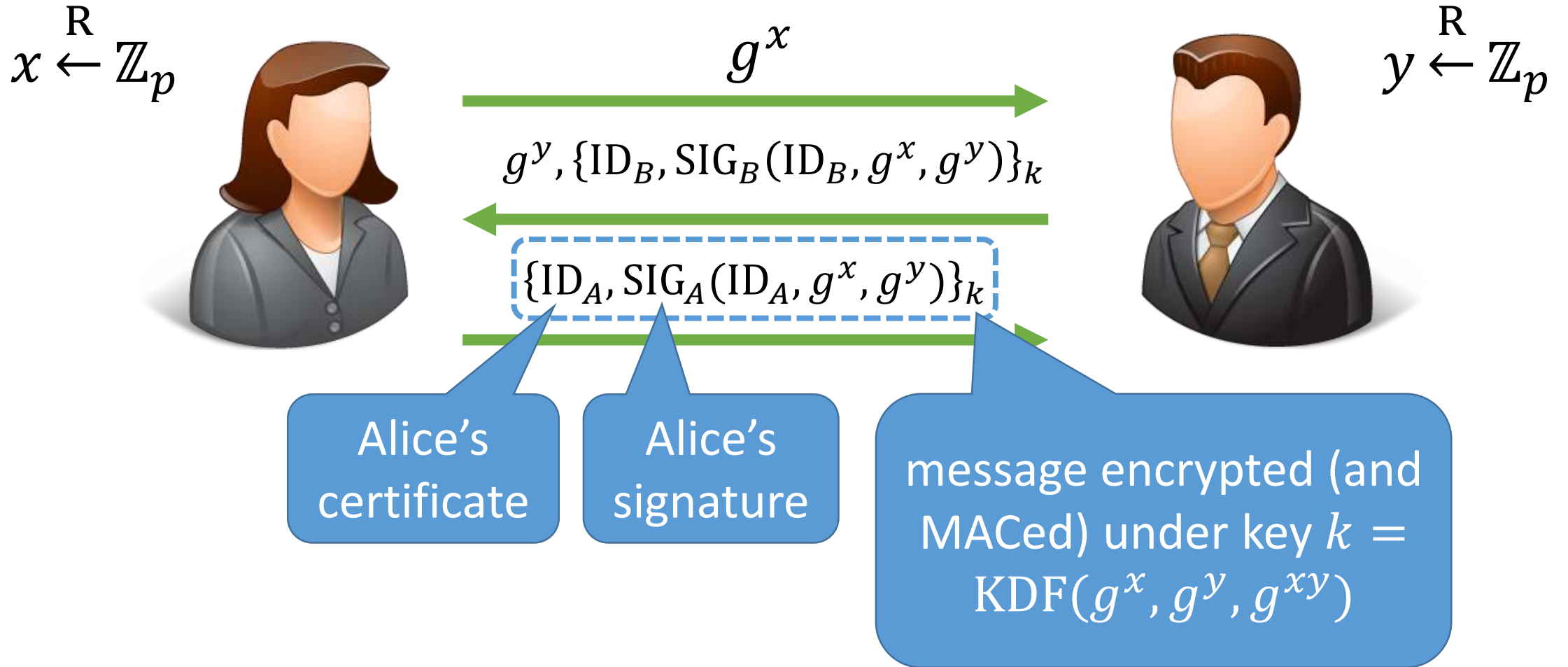
$g^y, \{ID_B, SIG_B(ID_B, g^x, g^y)\}_k$

Bob's certificate

message encrypted (and MACed) under key $k = KDF(g^x, g^y, g^{xy})$

Note: in the actual protocol, session ids are also included for replay prevention.

Secure Key Agreement: SIGMA-I Protocol [CK01]



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$$g^x$$



$$g^y, \{ID_B, SIG_B(ID_B, g^x, g^y)\}_k$$



$$\{ID_A, SIG_A(ID_A, g^x, g^y)\}_k$$



$$y \stackrel{R}{\leftarrow} \mathbb{Z}_p$$



session key derived from
 (g^x, g^y, g^{xy})

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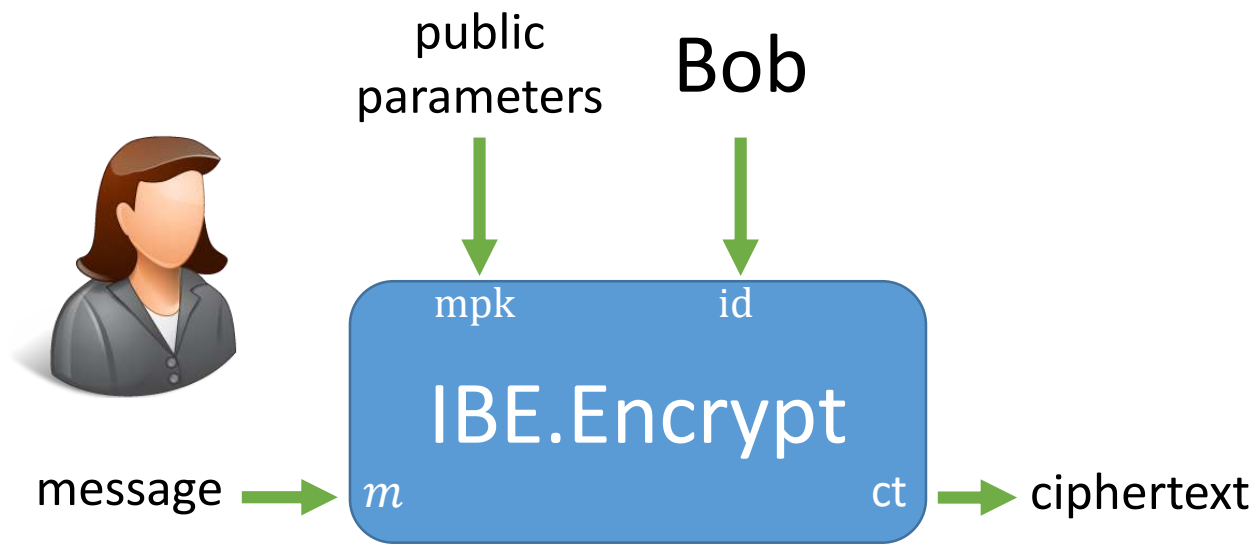
Properties of the SIGMA-I Protocol

- Mutual authentication against active network adversaries
- Hides server's (Bob's) identity from a passive attacker
- Hides client's (Alice's) identity from an active attacker

- Bob's identity is revealed to an active attacker!

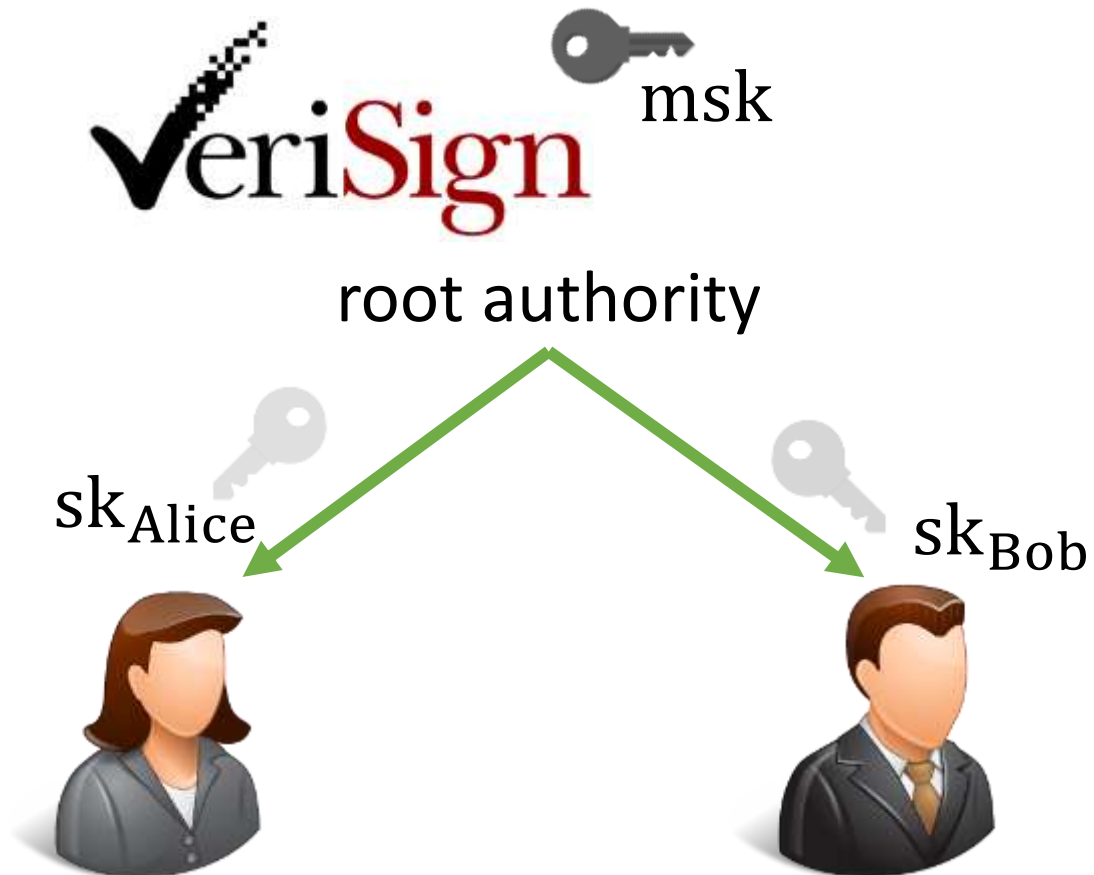
Identity Based Encryption (IBE) [Sha84, BF01, Coc01]

Public-key encryption scheme where public-keys can be arbitrary strings (identities)



Alice can encrypt a message to Bob without needing to have exchanged keys with Bob

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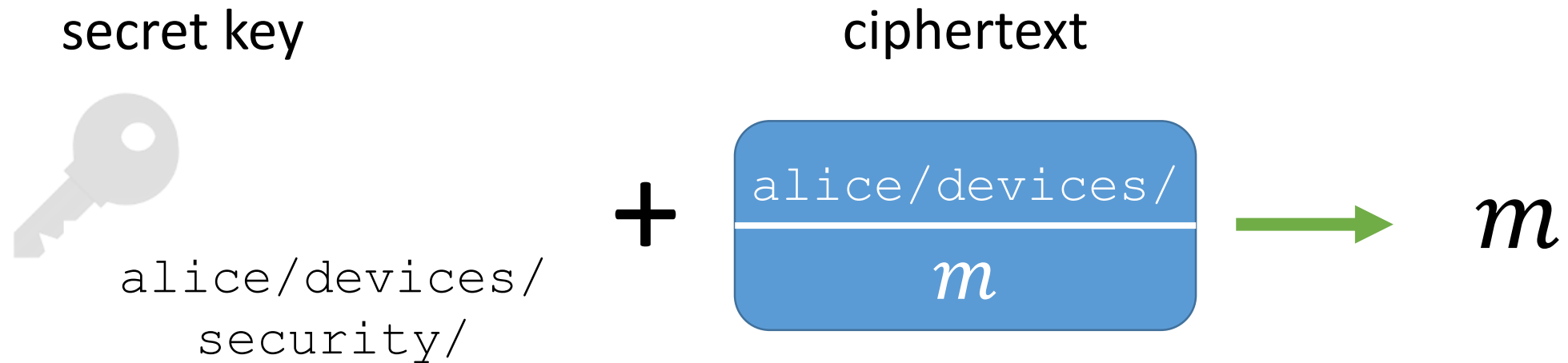


To decrypt messages, users go to a (trusted) identity provider to obtain a decryption key for their identity

Bob can decrypt all messages encrypted to his identity using sk_{Bob}

Prefix-Based Encryption

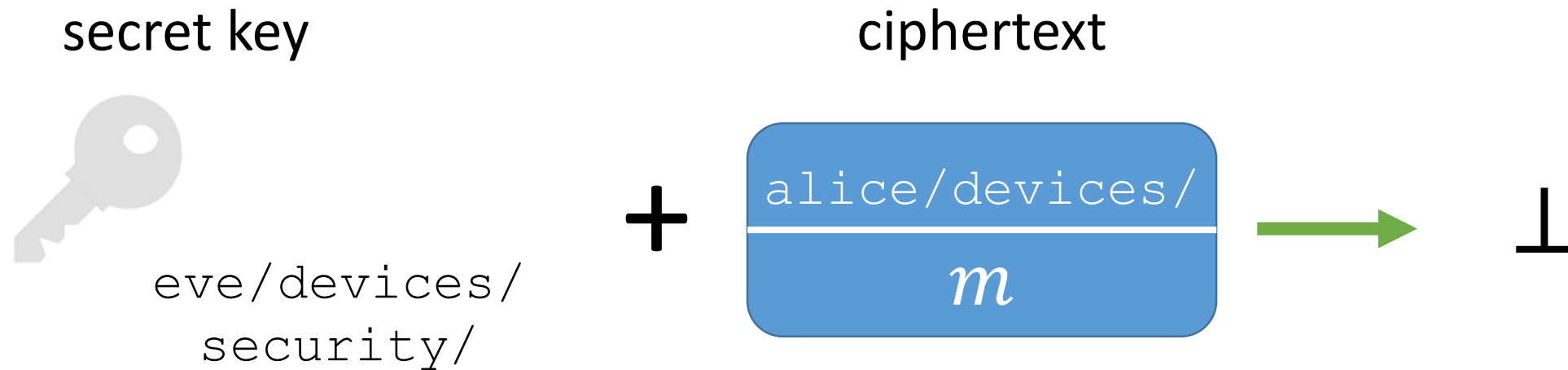
Secret-keys and ciphertexts both associated with names



Decryption succeeds if name in ciphertext is a prefix of the name in the secret key

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Decryption fails if name in ciphertext is not a prefix of the name in the secret key

Prefix-Based Encryption

Can be leveraged for prefix-based policies



Bob encrypts his message to the identity `alice/devices/`. Any user with a key that begins with `alice/devices/` can decrypt.

Prefix-Based Encryption from IBE [LW14]

Encryption is just IBE encryption

Secret key for a name is a collection of IBE secret keys, one for each prefix:



alice/devices/
security/



alice/



alice/
devices/

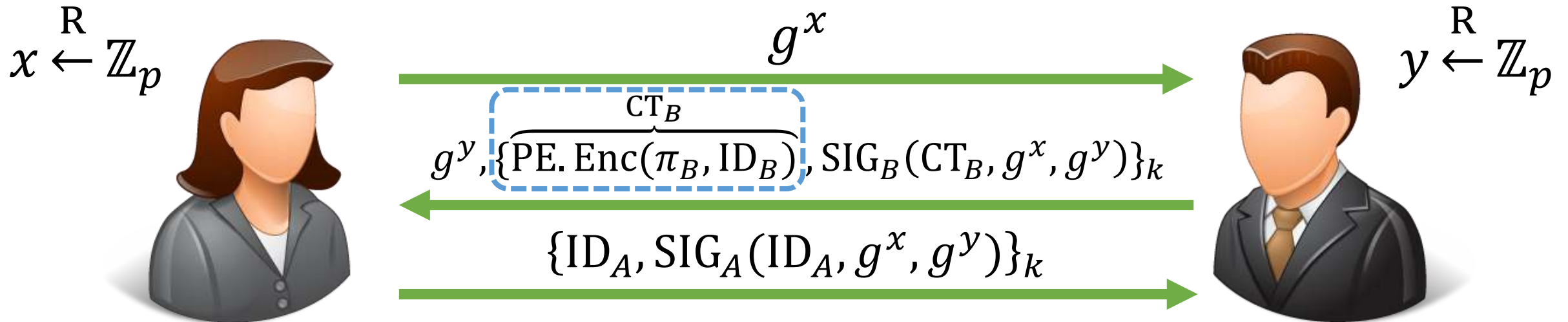


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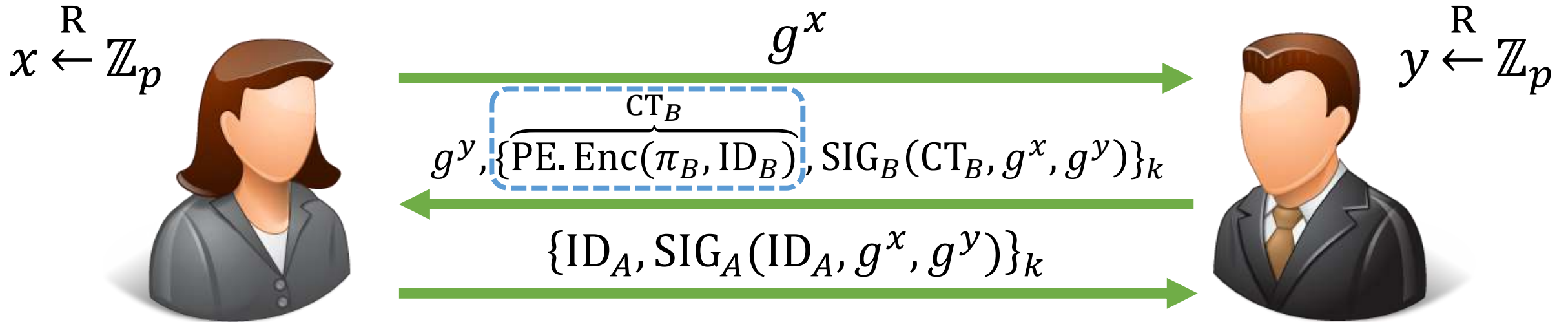
**can decrypt encryptions to all prefixes
of alice/devices/security**

Private Mutual Authentication

Key idea: encrypt certificate using prefix-based encryption

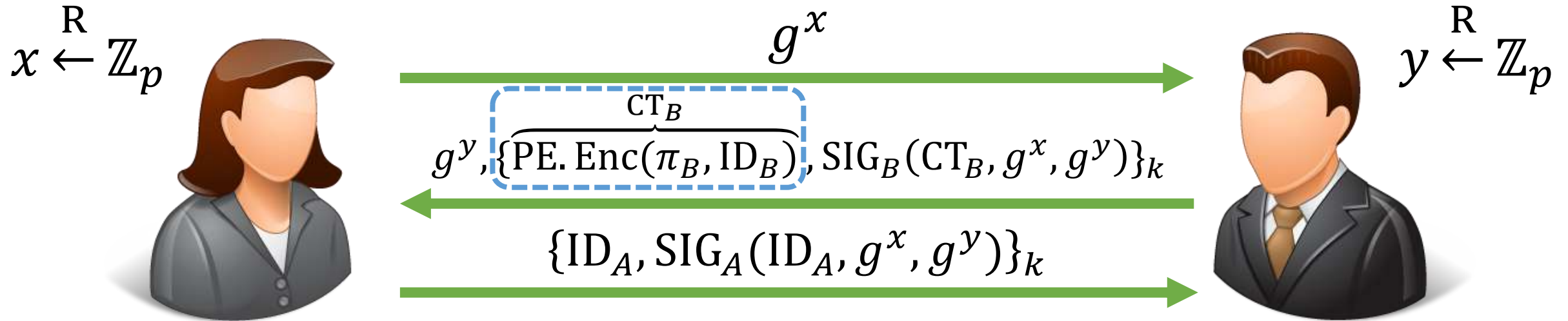


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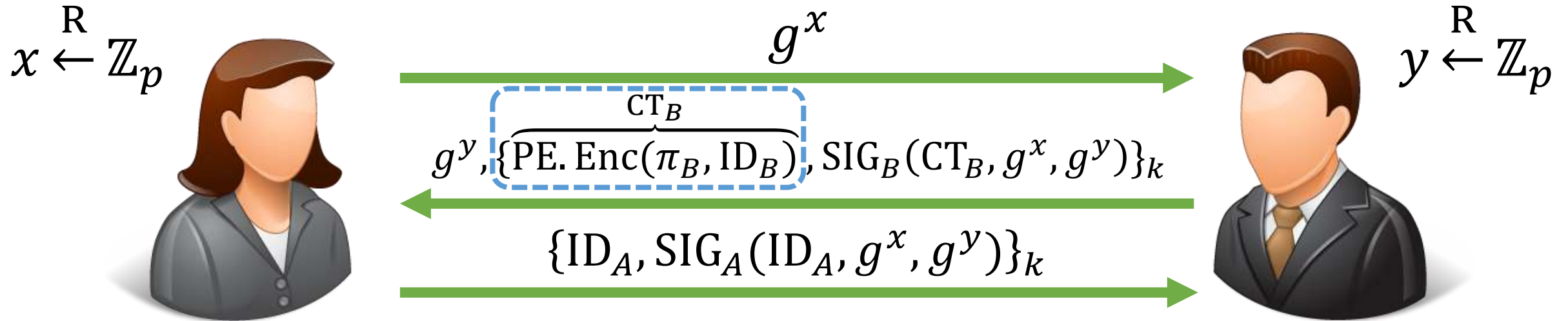
- **Privacy for Alice's identity:** Alice sends her identity only after verifying Bob's identity
- **Privacy for Bob's identity:** Only users with a key that satisfies Bob's policy can decrypt his identity

Private Mutual Authentication



- **Client overhead:** Alice must perform prefix-based decryption on each flow
- **Server overhead:** Bob must perform prefix-based encryption on each handshake, but this encrypted identity can be cached and reused

Private Mutual Authentication



Provably secure in the Canetti-Krawczyk model of key-exchange assuming Hash-DH and security of underlying cryptographic primitives

Private Service Discovery

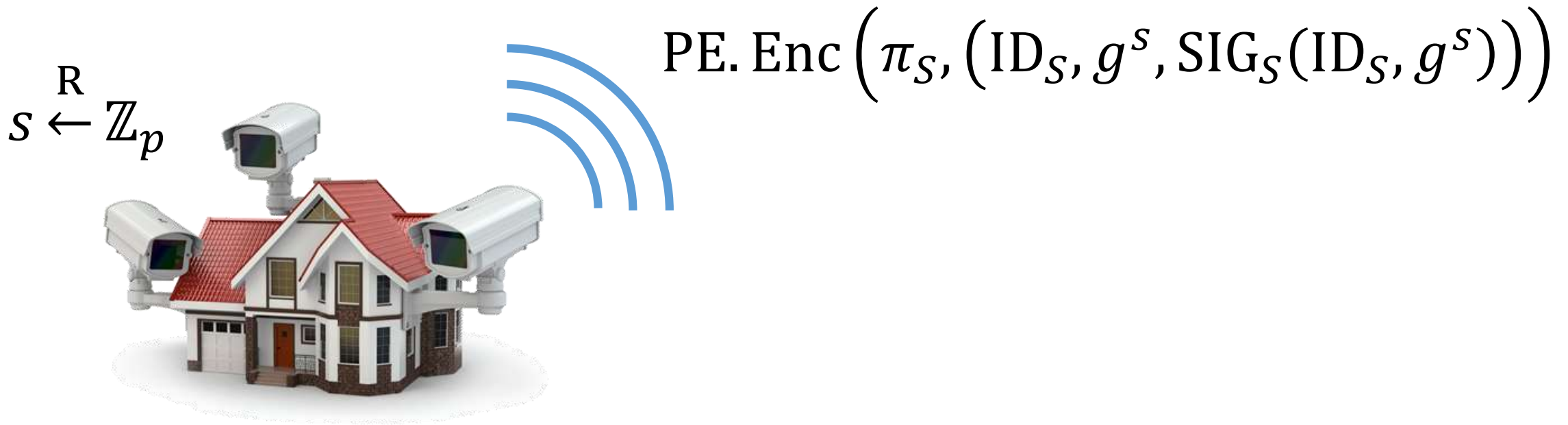
Two pieces: service announcements and private mutual authentication

Principal design goals:

- **Private discovery:** Only authorized clients can learn service details
- **Authentic service announcements:** Announcements are authenticated and unforgeable
- **0-RTT private mutual authentication:** Clients can subsequently connect to service and include application data on initial flow

Private Service Discovery: Broadcast

Key idea: encrypt service broadcast using prefix encryption



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Key idea: encrypt service broadcast

service identity

signature for authenticity

$$\text{PE. Enc} \left(\pi_S, \left(\text{ID}_S, g^s, \text{SIG}_S(\text{ID}_S, g^s) \right) \right)$$

authorization policy

semi-static DH share (for 0-RTT authentication)

$$s \stackrel{R}{\leftarrow} \mathbb{Z}_p$$



Private Service Discovery: Mutual Authentication

$$x \stackrel{R}{\leftarrow} \mathbb{Z}_p$$



$$g^x, \{ID_S, ID_A, \text{SIG}_A(ID_S, ID_A, g^s, g^x)\}_k$$



Private Service Mutual Authentication

sender and receiver identities

$$x \stackrel{R}{\leftarrow} \mathbb{Z}_p$$



ephemeral DH exponent

$$g^x, \{ID_S, ID_A, \text{SIG}_A(ID_S, ID_A, g^s, g^x)\}_k$$



message encrypted (and MACed) under handshake key
 $k = \text{KDF}(g^s, g^x, g^{sx}, C \rightarrow S)$



Private Service Discovery: Mutual Authentication

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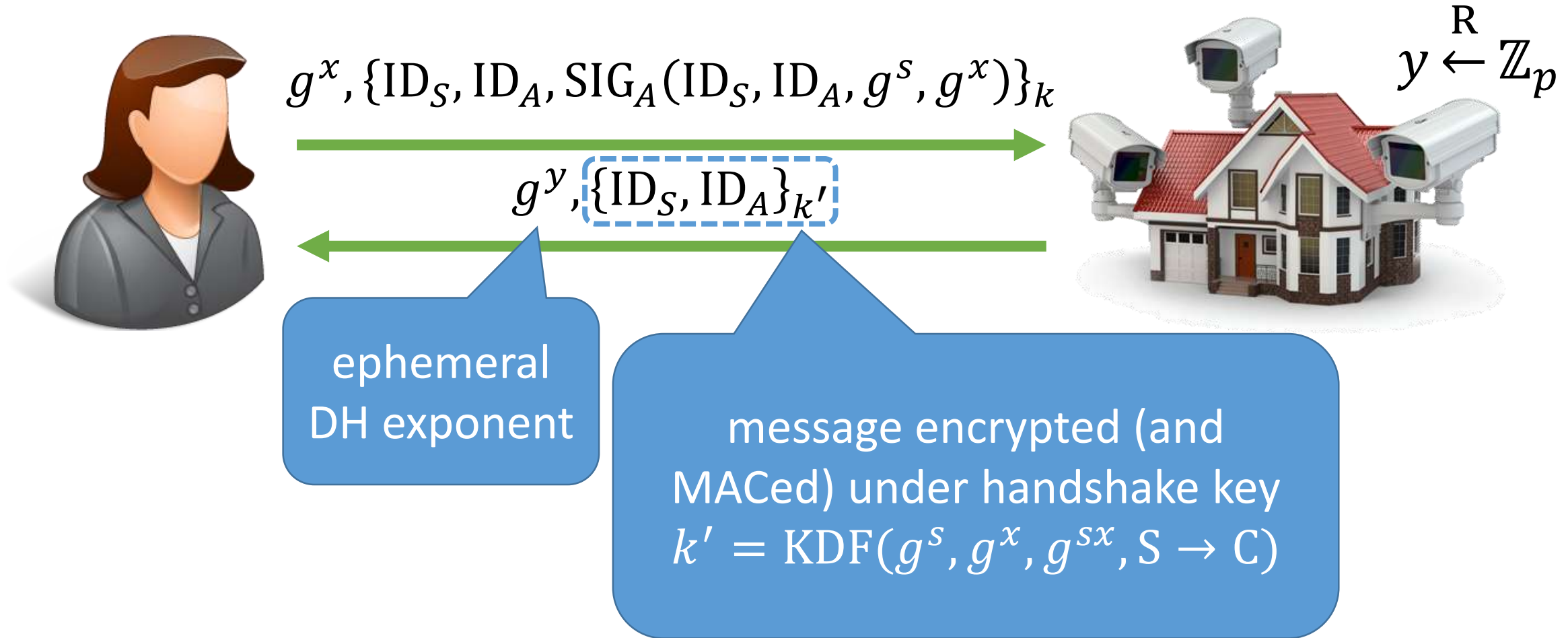


application data can also be sent in the first message flow under another key derived from g^s , g^x , and g^{sx} :

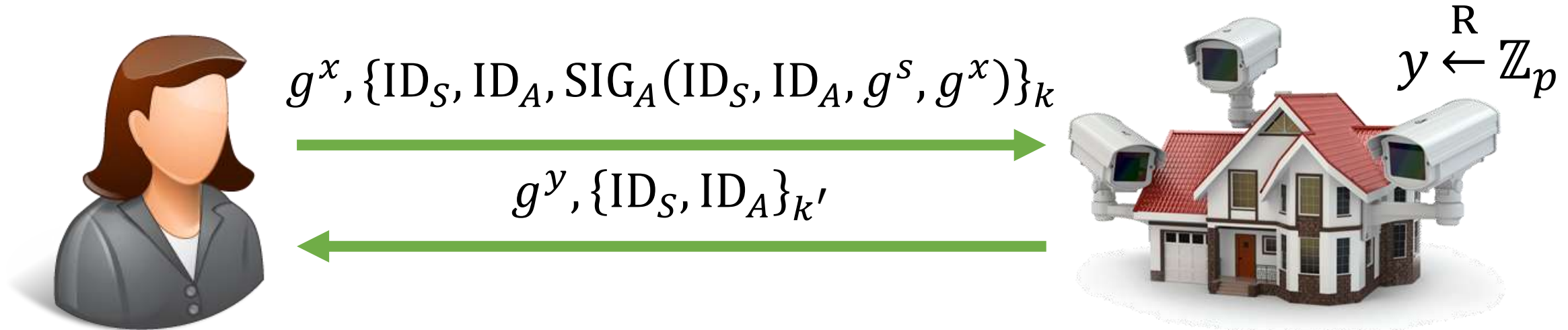
$$k_{\text{app}} = \text{KDF}(g^s, g^x, g^{sx}, \text{app})$$

No forward secrecy for early application data sent during lifetime of broadcast.

Private Service Discovery: Mutual Authentication



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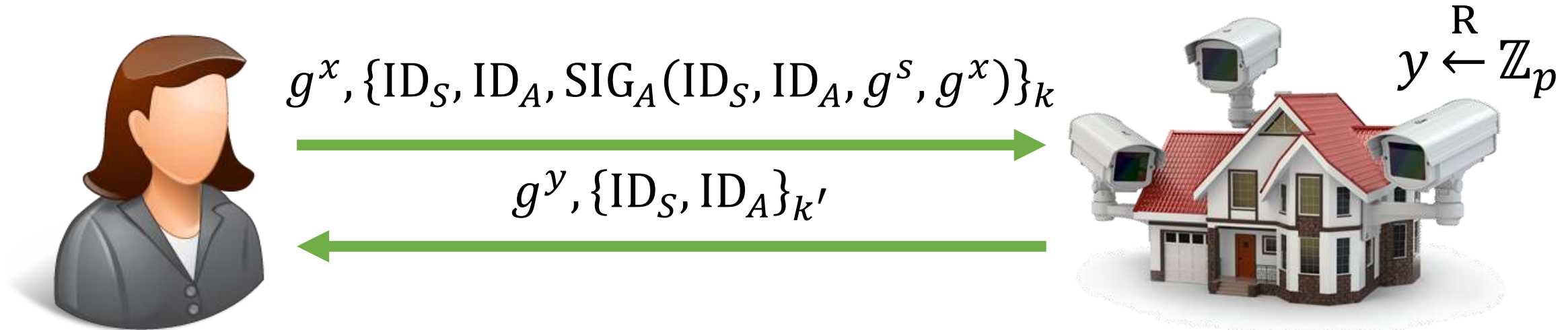


final session key derived from both semi-static and ephemeral shares:

$$\text{KDF}(g^s, g^x, g^y, g^{sx}, g^{xy})$$

Recovers forward secrecy for session messages.

Private Service Discovery: Mutual Authentication



Provably secure in an (extended) Canetti-Krawczyk model of key-exchange assuming Hash-DH and Strong-DH in the random oracle model and security of underlying cryptographic primitives

Implementation and Benchmarks

- Instantiated IBE scheme with Boneh-Boyen (BB_2) IBE scheme (DCLXVI library)
- Integrated private mutual authentication and private service discovery protocols into the Vanadium open-source framework for building distributed applications

<https://github.com/vanadium/>

Implementation and Benchmarks

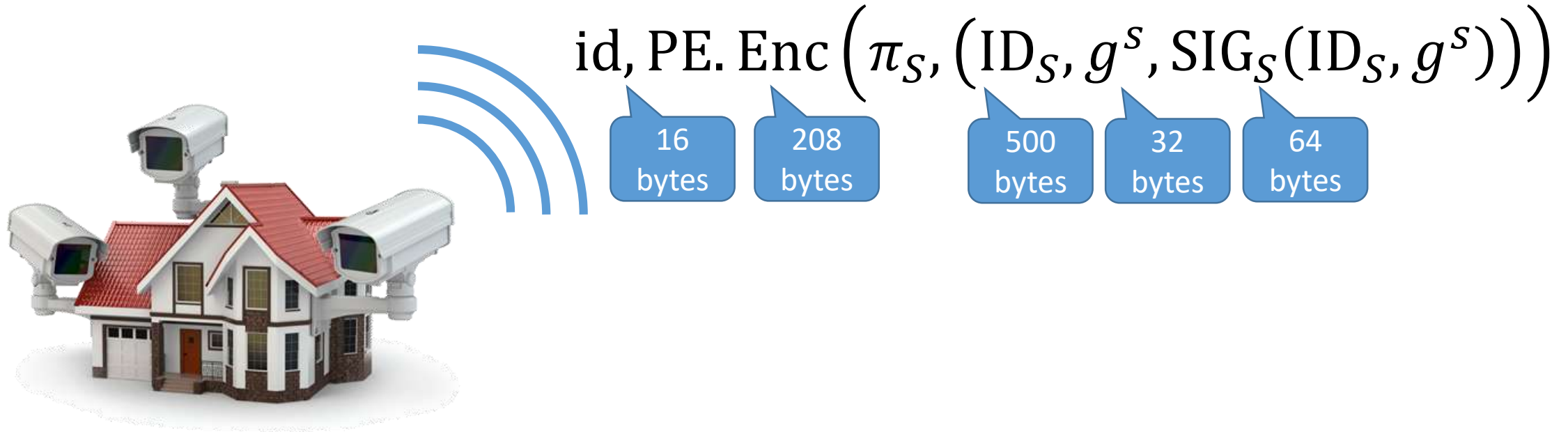


	Intel Edison	Raspberry Pi	Nexus 5X	Desktop
SIGMA-I	252.1 ms	88.0 ms	91.6 ms	5.3 ms
Private Mutual Auth.	1694.3 ms	326.1 ms	360.4 ms	9.5 ms
Slowdown	6.7x	3.7x	3.9x	1.8x

Comparison of private mutual authentication protocol with non-private SIGMA-I protocol

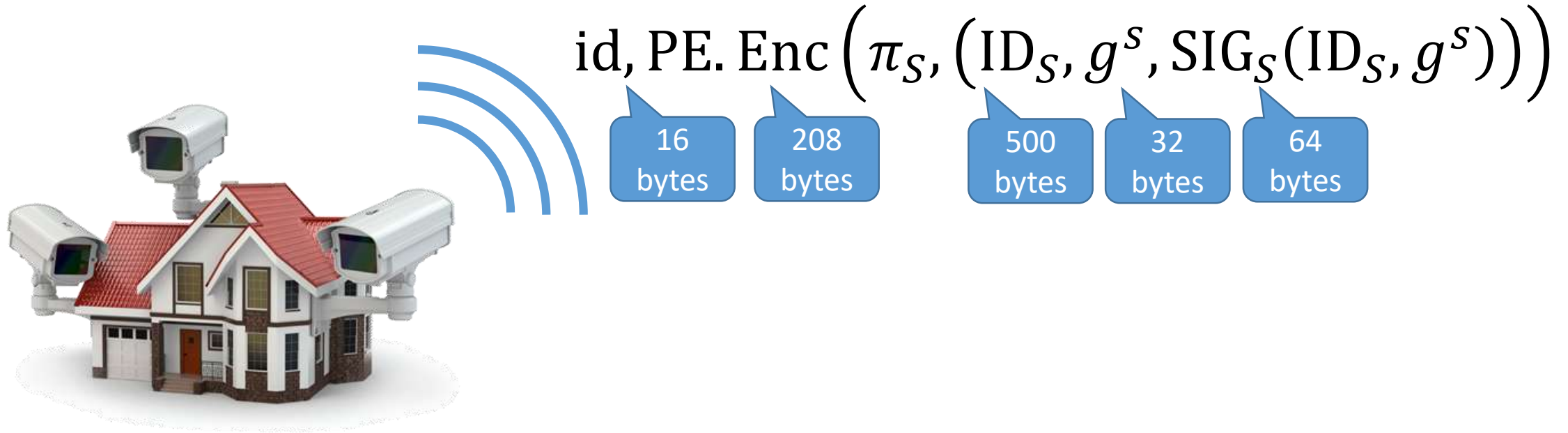
Note: x86 assembly optimizations for pairing curve operations available only on desktop

Implementation and Benchmarks



- For private service discovery protocol, a typical service advertisement is ≈ 820 bytes (for single policy pattern)
- Can broadcast using mDNS (supports packets of size up to 1300 bytes)

Implementation and Benchmarks



Processing advertisement requires 1 IBE decryption and
1 ECDSA verification:

267 ms + 11 ms = 278 ms on Nexus 5x

Conclusions

- Existing key-exchange and service discovery protocols do not provide privacy controls
- Prefix-based encryption can be combined very naturally with existing key-exchange protocols to provide privacy + authenticity
- Overhead of resulting protocol small enough that protocols can run on many existing devices

Questions?