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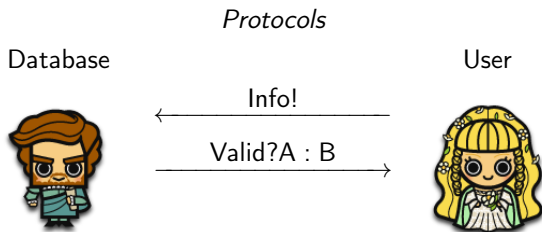
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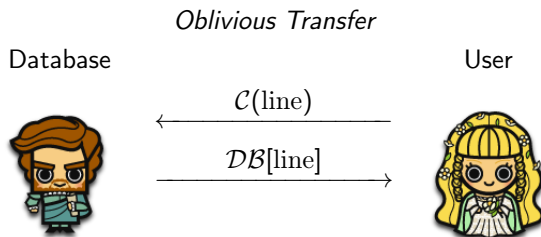
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- ↪ The Database learns nothing

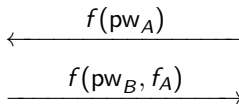
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## *Password Authenticated Key Exchange*

Bob

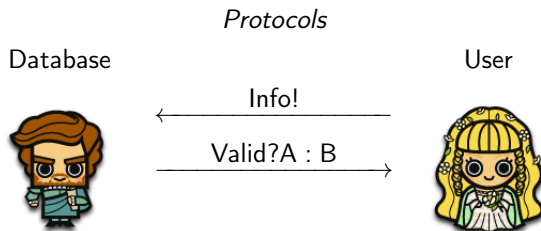


Alice



- ↪ The Users obtain the same key iff their passwords match
- ↪ An Adversary learns nothing

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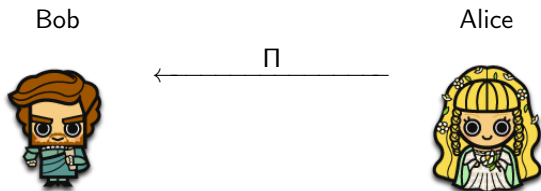
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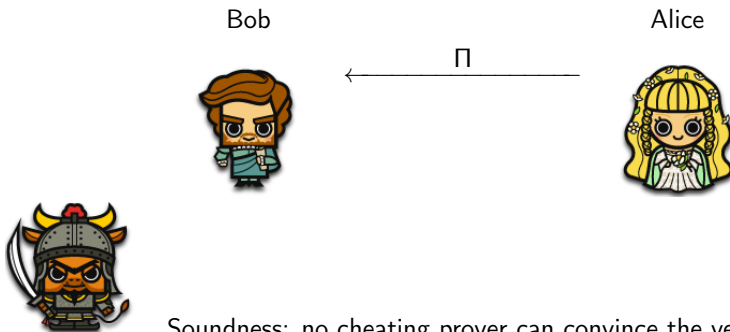
## Definition (Encryption Scheme)

$\mathcal{E} = (\text{Setup}, \text{KeyGen}, \text{Encrypt}, \text{Decrypt})$ :

- $\text{Setup}(\kappa)$ : param;
- $\text{KeyGen}(\text{param})$ : public *encryption* key  $\text{pk}$ , private *decryption* key  $\text{dk}$ ;
- $\text{Encrypt}(\text{pk}, m; r)$ : encrypts  $m \in \mathcal{M}$  in  $c$  using  $\text{pk}$ ;
- $\text{Decrypt}(\text{dk}, c)$ : decrypts  $c$  under  $\text{dk}$ .

Indistinguishability under Chosen Ciphertext Attack





Soundness: no cheating prover can convince the verifier that a false statement is true

Zero-Knowledge: no cheating verifier learns anything other than the veracity of the statement.



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## Definition (Smooth Projective Hash Functions)

[CS02]

Let  $\{H\}$  be a family of functions:

- $X$ , domain of these functions
- $L$ , subset (a language) of this domain

such that, for any point  $x$  in  $L$ ,  $H(x)$  can be computed by using

- either a *secret* hashing key  $hk$ :  $H(x) = \text{Hash}_L(hk; x)$ ;
- or a *public* projected key  $hp$ :  $H'(x) = \text{ProjHash}_L(hp; x, w)$

Public mapping  $hk \mapsto hp = \text{ProjKG}_L(hk, x)$

# Properties

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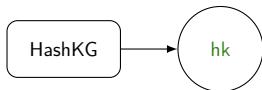
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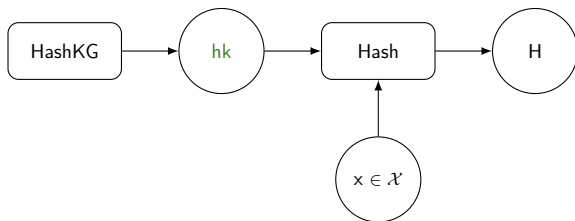


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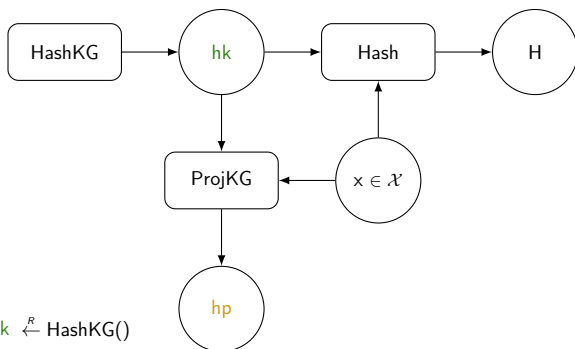
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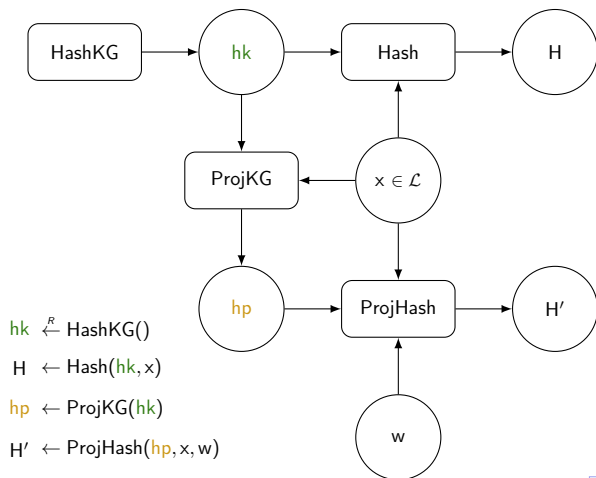
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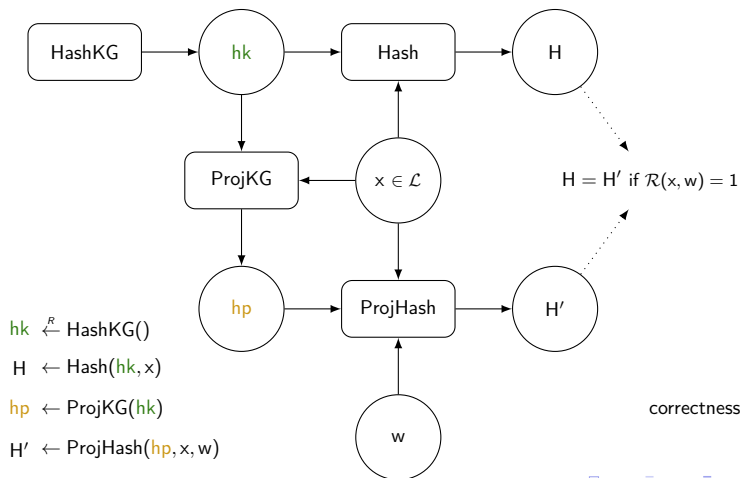
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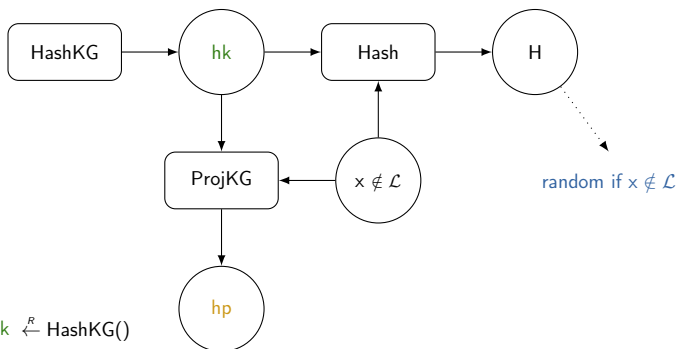
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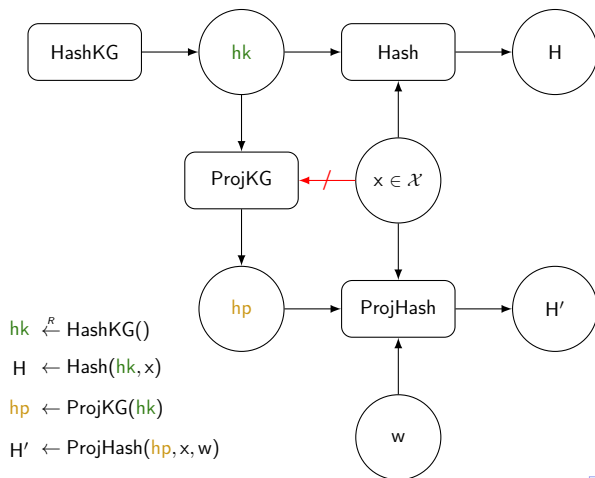
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## Word-Independent SPHF

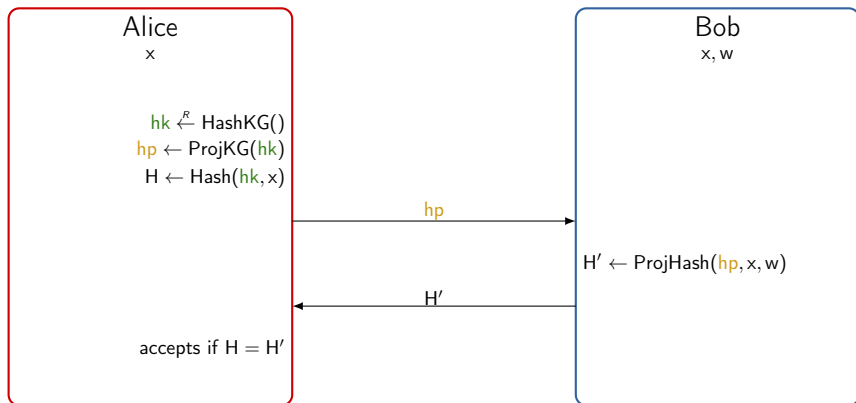
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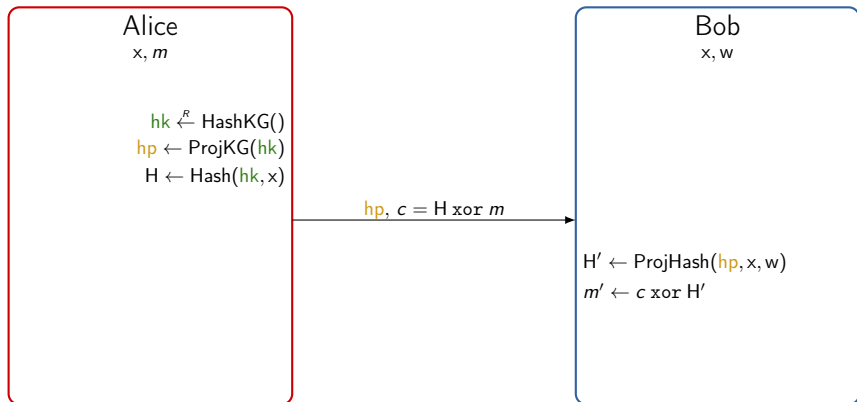
Bob wants to prove to Alice that  $x \in \mathcal{L}$ .



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## Implicit Arguments / Witness Encryption

Alice wants to send  $m$  to Bob if  $x \in \mathcal{L}$ .



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## Smoothness

$$\begin{pmatrix} hp & H \end{pmatrix} = (\alpha \ \beta) \cdot \begin{pmatrix} g & u \\ h & v \end{pmatrix}$$

and  $\begin{pmatrix} g & u \\ h & v \end{pmatrix}$  is invertible iff  $\mathbf{c} \notin \mathcal{L}$

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- Decrypt to:

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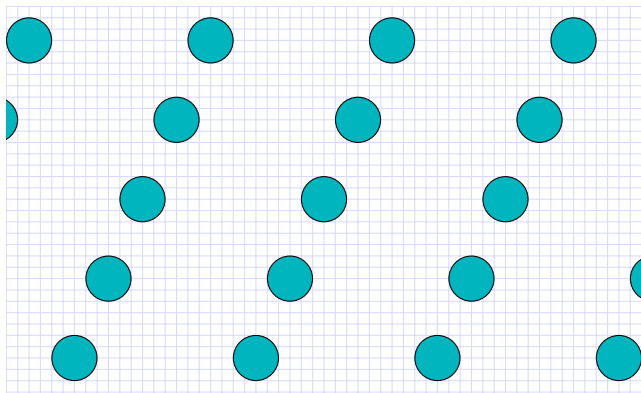
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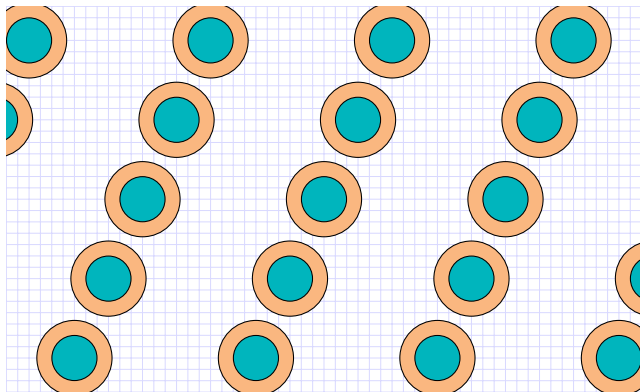
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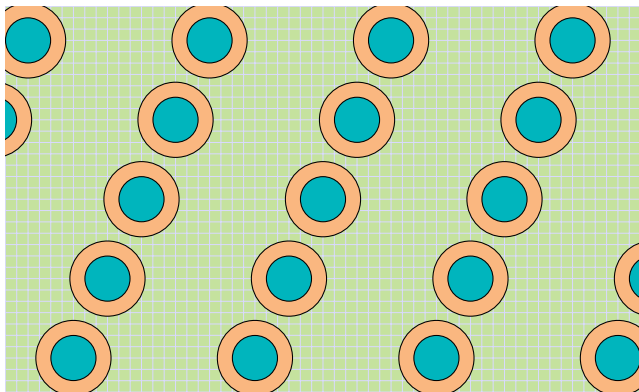
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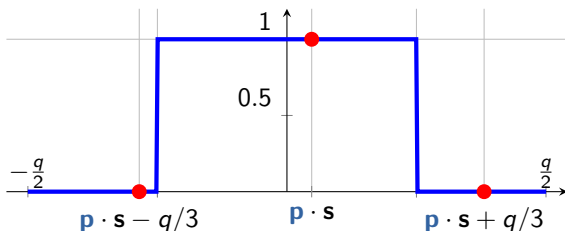
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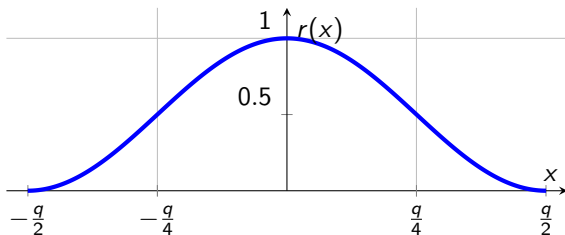
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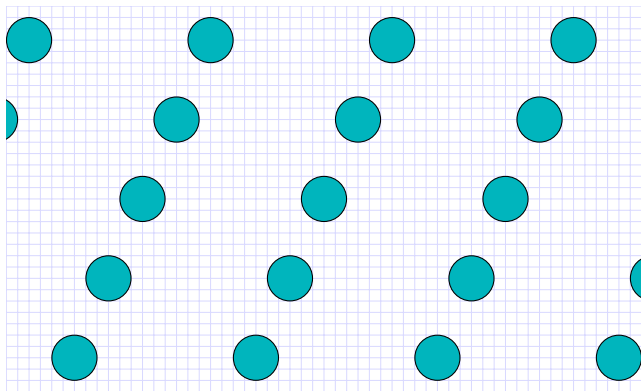


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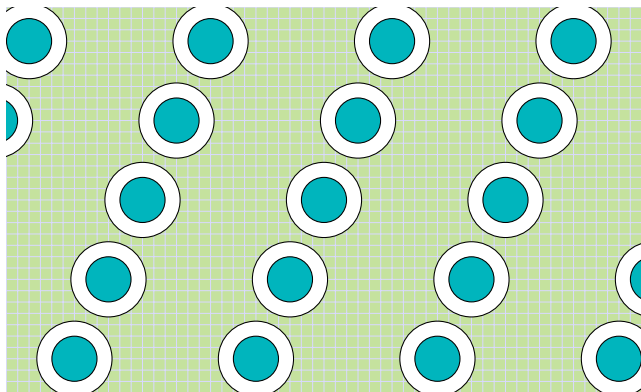


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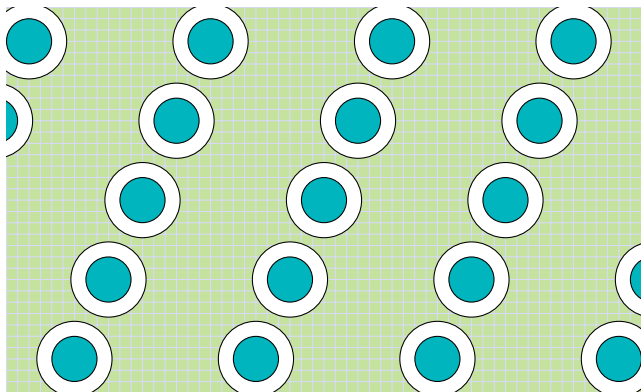


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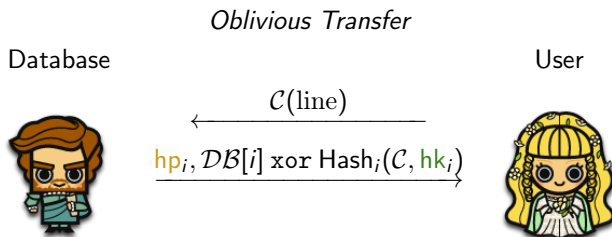
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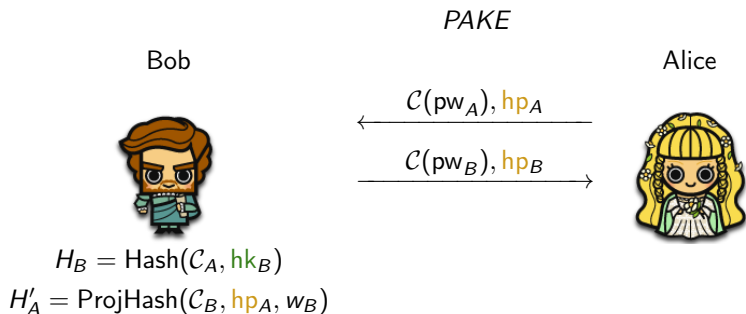
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