

# 14 Years of Chosen Ciphertext Security: A Survey of Public Key Encryption

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# A Historical Perspective

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- The **wild** years (mid 70's-mid 80's):
  - Diffie-Hellman, RSA, ElGamal
- The **rigorous** years (mid 80's-early 90's)
  - Definitions, Definitions, Definitions, Definitions, ...
- The **practical** years (early 90's-present)

# Notions of Secure Encryption

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- Semantic Security [GM84]
- Security Against Non-adaptive Chosen Ciphertext Attack [NY90]
- Security Against Adaptive Chosen Ciphertext Attack [RS91,DDN91]

# Semantic Security

Key Generator

$\mathcal{E}$



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$M_0, M_1$

$C^*$

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Encryption Oracle

# Non-adaptive CCA Security

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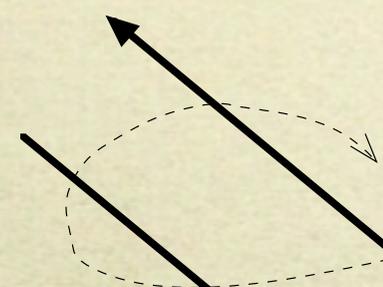
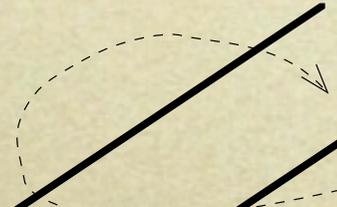
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Not even semantically secure!

Compare  $C^*$  to  $M_0^e$  and  $M_1^e$

# RSA with Random Padding

RSA PKCS#1 padding:



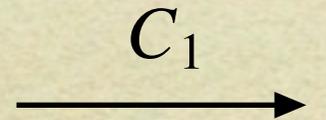
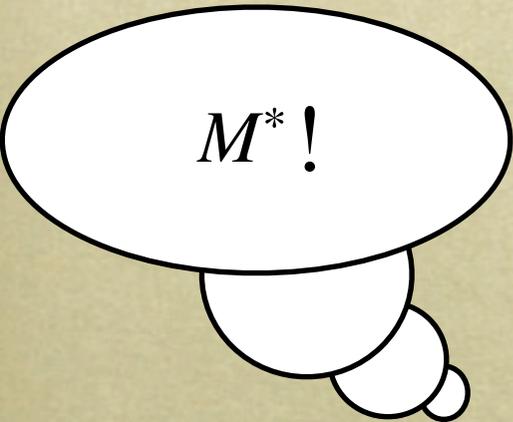
$M_{\text{pad}}$

$$C = (M_{\text{pad}})^e$$

# Bleichenbacher's Attack on RSA PKCS#1 [B98]



$$C^* \leftarrow (M_{\text{pad}}^*)^e \quad n, e$$



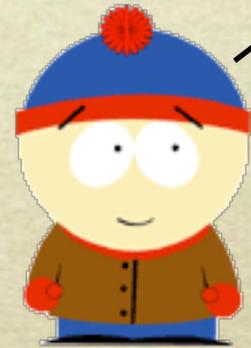
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$d$

# Case Study: ElGamal

$G$  — group of prime order  $q$

$g$  — generator for  $G$

KeyGen:  $\underbrace{z \xleftarrow{\phi} \mathbb{Z}_q}_D, \underbrace{h \leftarrow g^z}_E$

Encrypt  $M \in G$ :

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$$a \leftarrow g^w$$

$$e \leftarrow Mh^w$$

$$C \leftarrow (a, e)$$

Decrypt  $C = (a, e)$ :

$$M \leftarrow e/a^z$$

# ElGamal Encryption: Security

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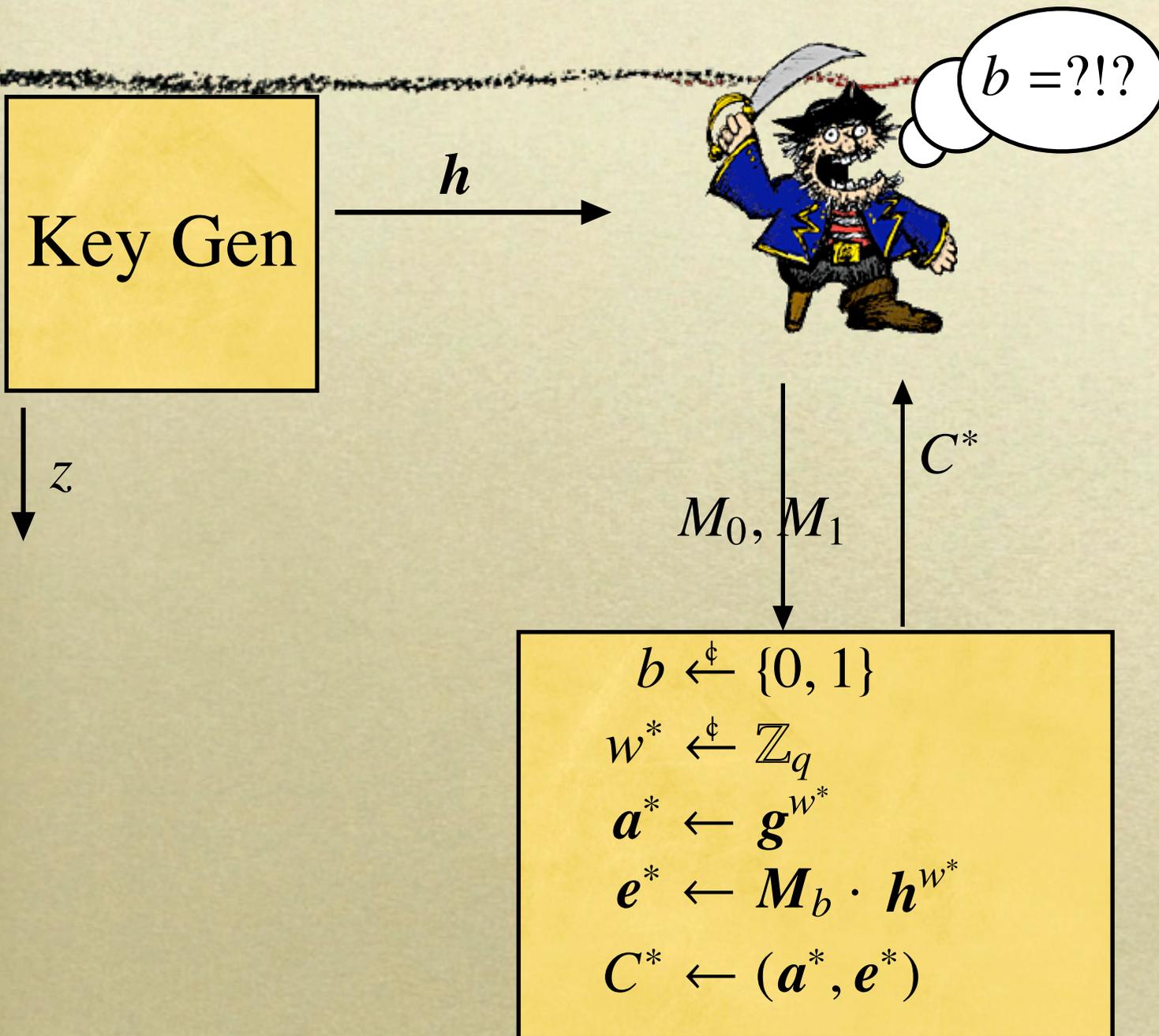
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# Security

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# Security

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$h$



$b =?!?$

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$$b \leftarrow \{0, 1\}$$

$$w^* \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_q$$

$$a^* \leftarrow g^{w^*}$$

$$e^* \leftarrow M_b \cdot h^{w^*}$$

$$C^* \leftarrow (a^*, e^*)$$

# Security

G1: DDH —  $(g^{w^*}, g^z, g^{w^*z}) \approx (g^{w^*}, g^z, \text{Random})$

$h^{w^*}$

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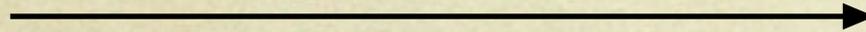
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# CCA against ElGamal



$$C^* = (\underbrace{g^{w^*}}_{a^*}, \underbrace{M^* h^{w^*}}_{e^*}) \quad h$$



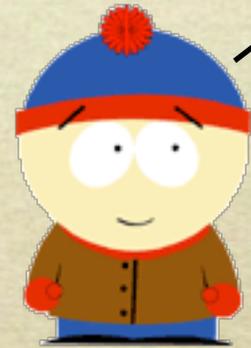
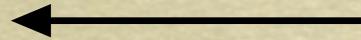
$$C = (a^*, g \cdot e^*)$$



$M^*$ !



$$g \cdot M^*$$



# Example: Key Escrow



$$C^* \leftarrow \mathcal{E}(K \parallel \mathcal{H}(\text{Alice} \parallel 08-15-04))$$

$\mathcal{E}$

?!\*#\$!

$C^*$ , Michael Moore, 08-15-04

reject



Bob's Escrow Service

# Labeled Encryption

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A label  $L$  is input to  $\mathcal{E}$  and  $\mathcal{D}$

Security:

Adversary submits  $L^*$ ,  $M_0$ ,  $M_1$  to encryption oracle

Adversary submits  $(C, L)$  to decryption oracle

Restriction:  $(C, L) \neq (C^*, L^*)$

# Two Key Construction

[NY90,DDN91,S01,L03]

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Ingredients:

NIZK

semantically secure PKE

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NIZK reference string

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Encryption of  $M$ :  $(C_L, C_R, \pi)$

where  $C_L = \mathcal{E}_L(M)$ ,  $C_R = \mathcal{E}_R(M)$ ,

$\pi$  is a proof that  $C_L$  and  $C_R$   
encrypt the same message

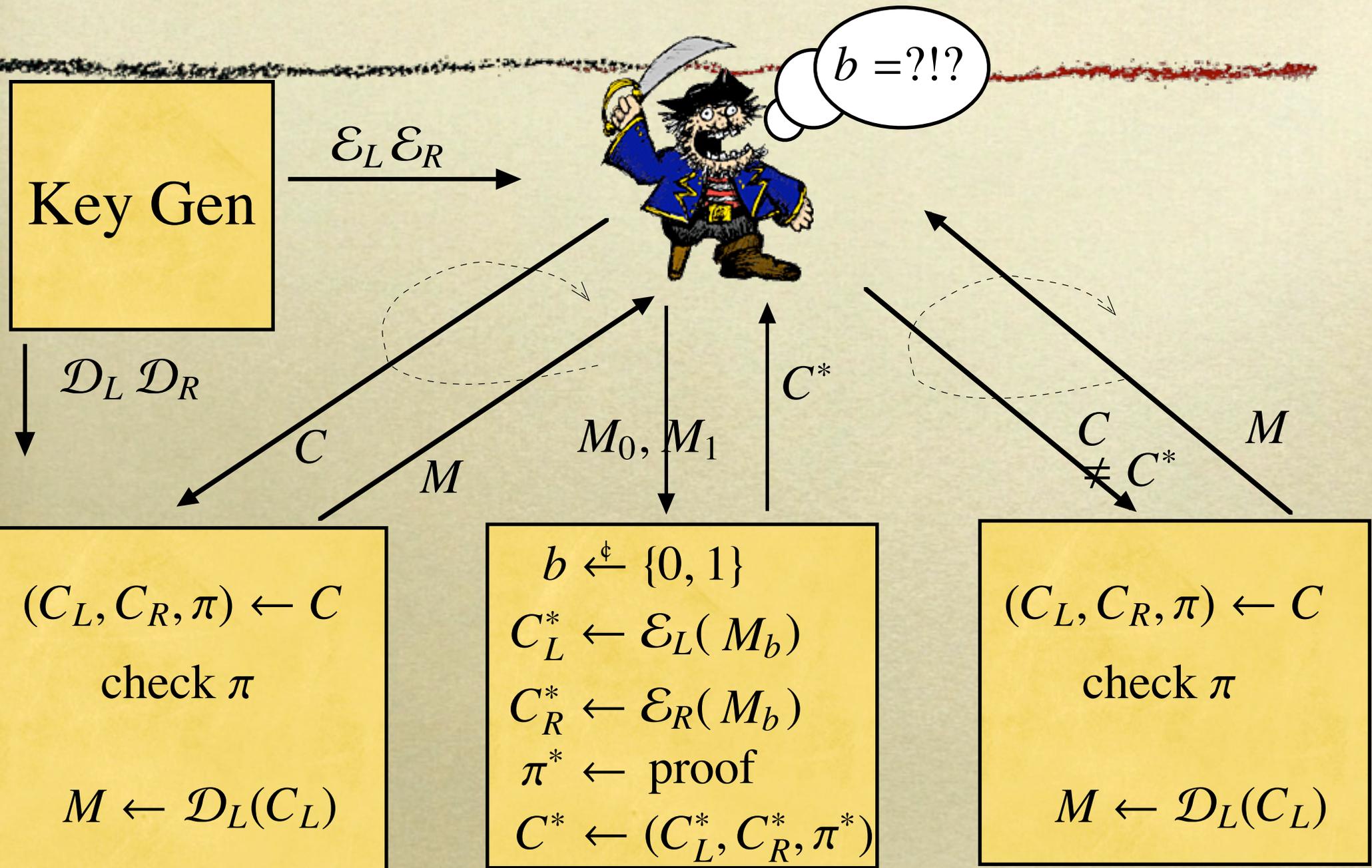
Decryption of  $(C_L, C_R, \pi)$ :

check  $\pi$

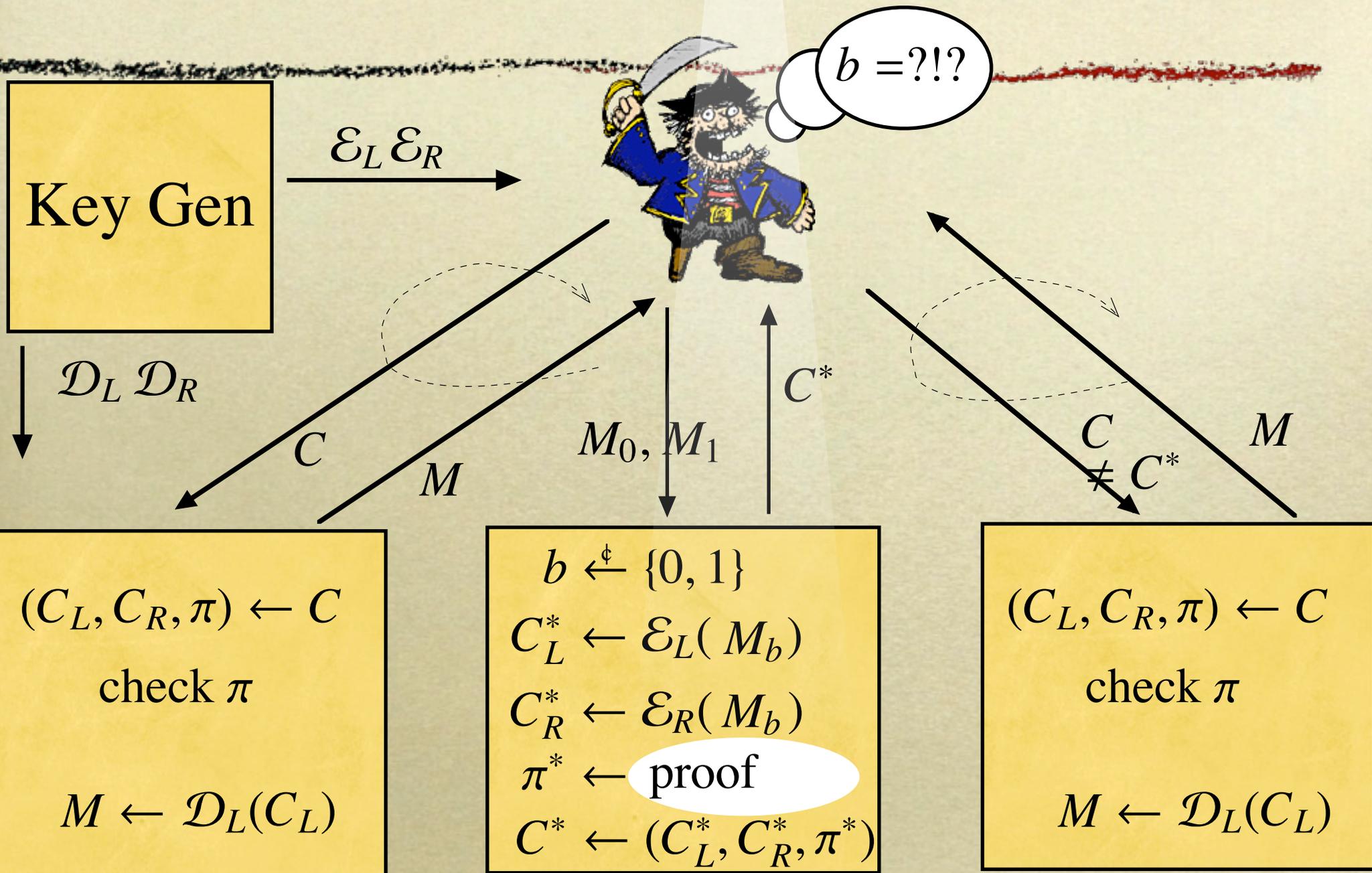
output  $\mathcal{D}_L(C_L)$

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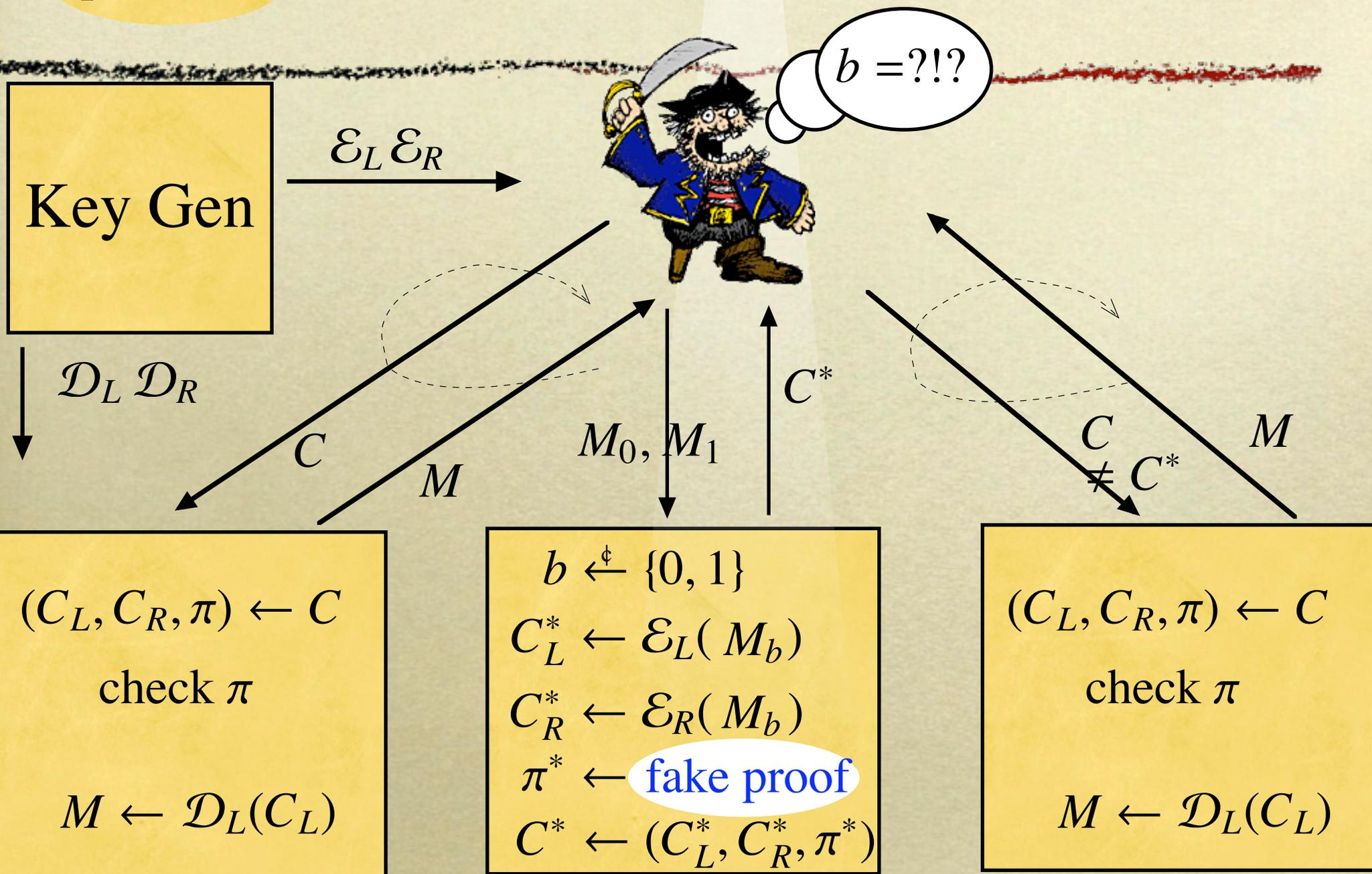
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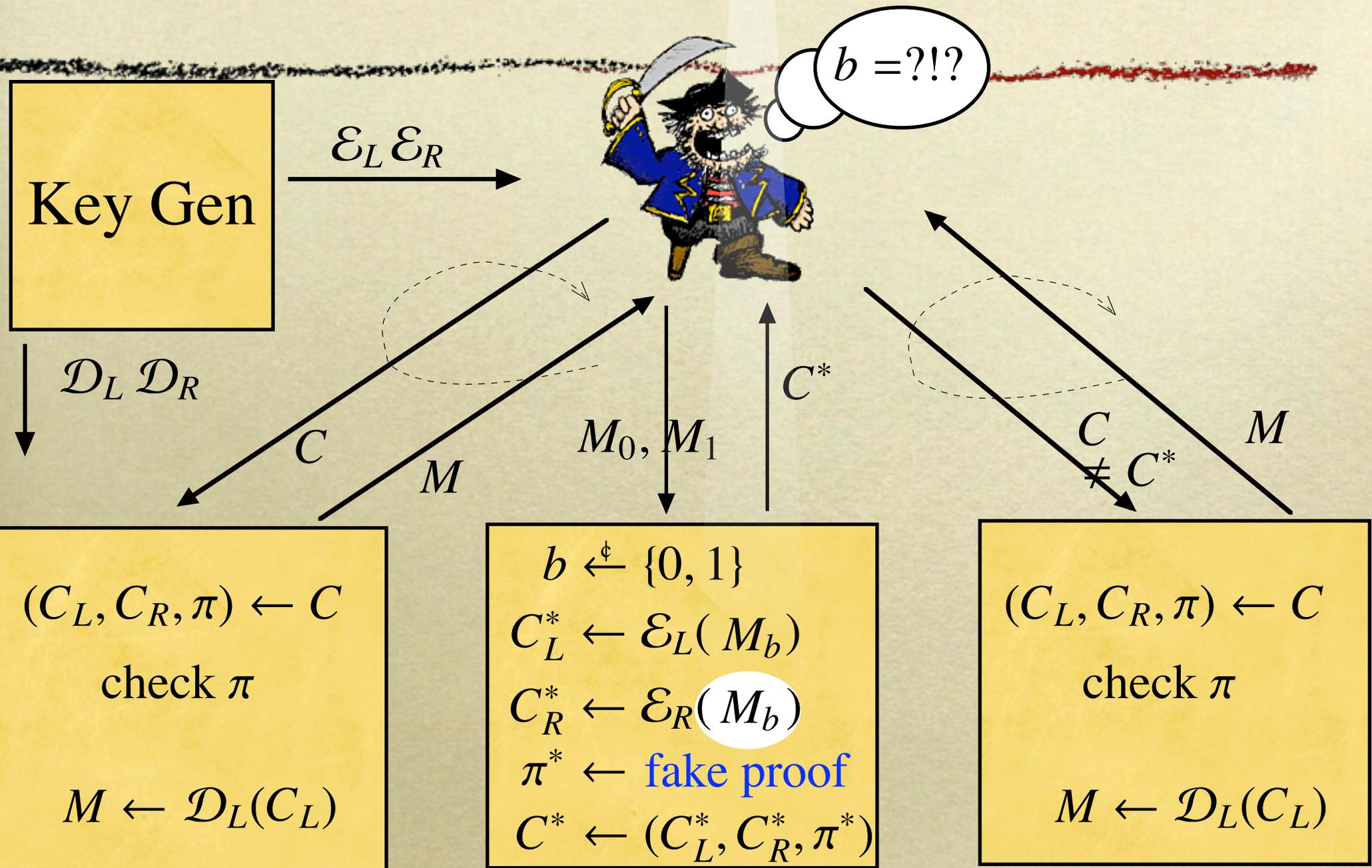
# Security

proof

## G1: Zero Knowledge



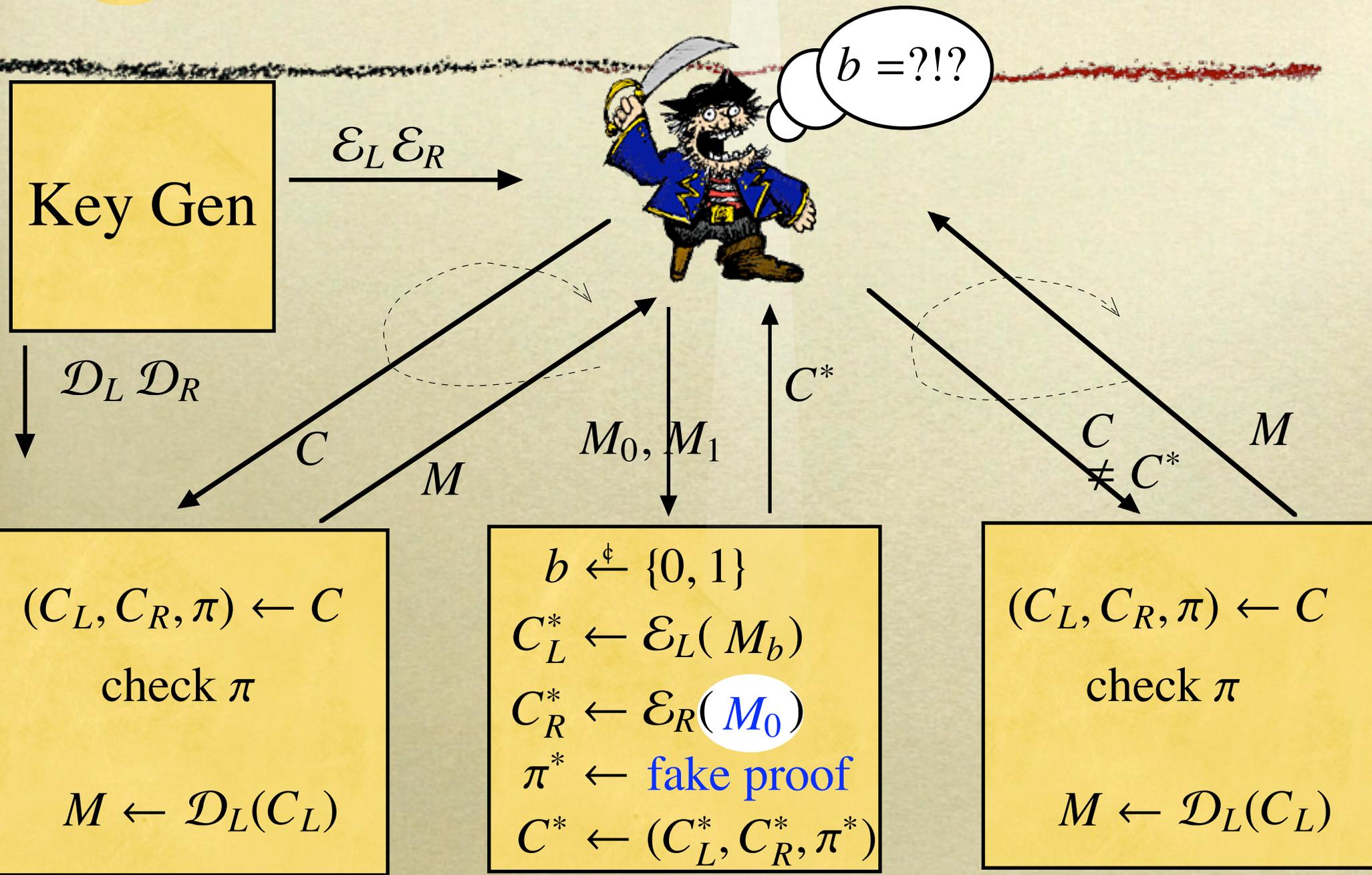
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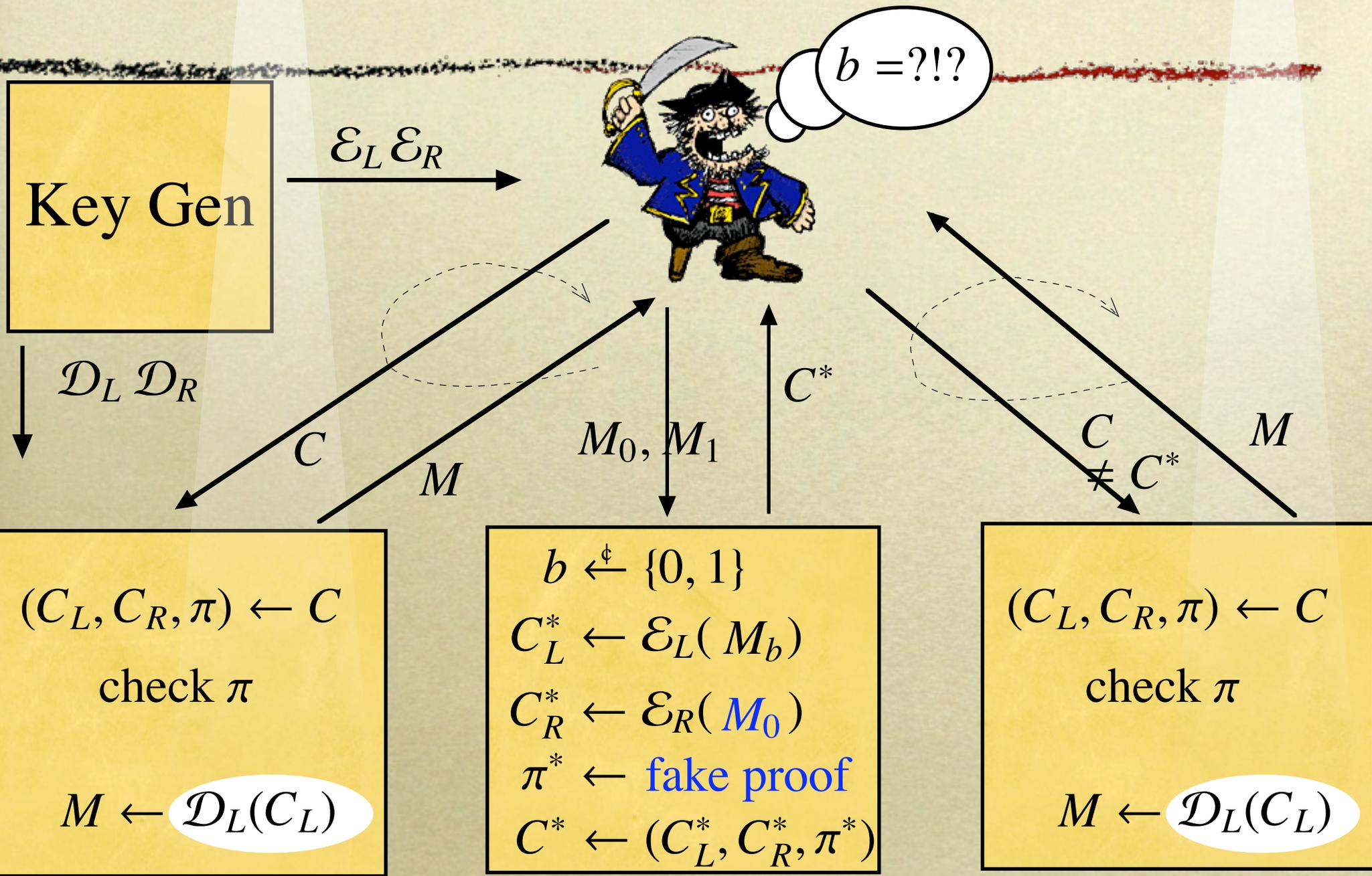
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## G2: Semantic Security (right)



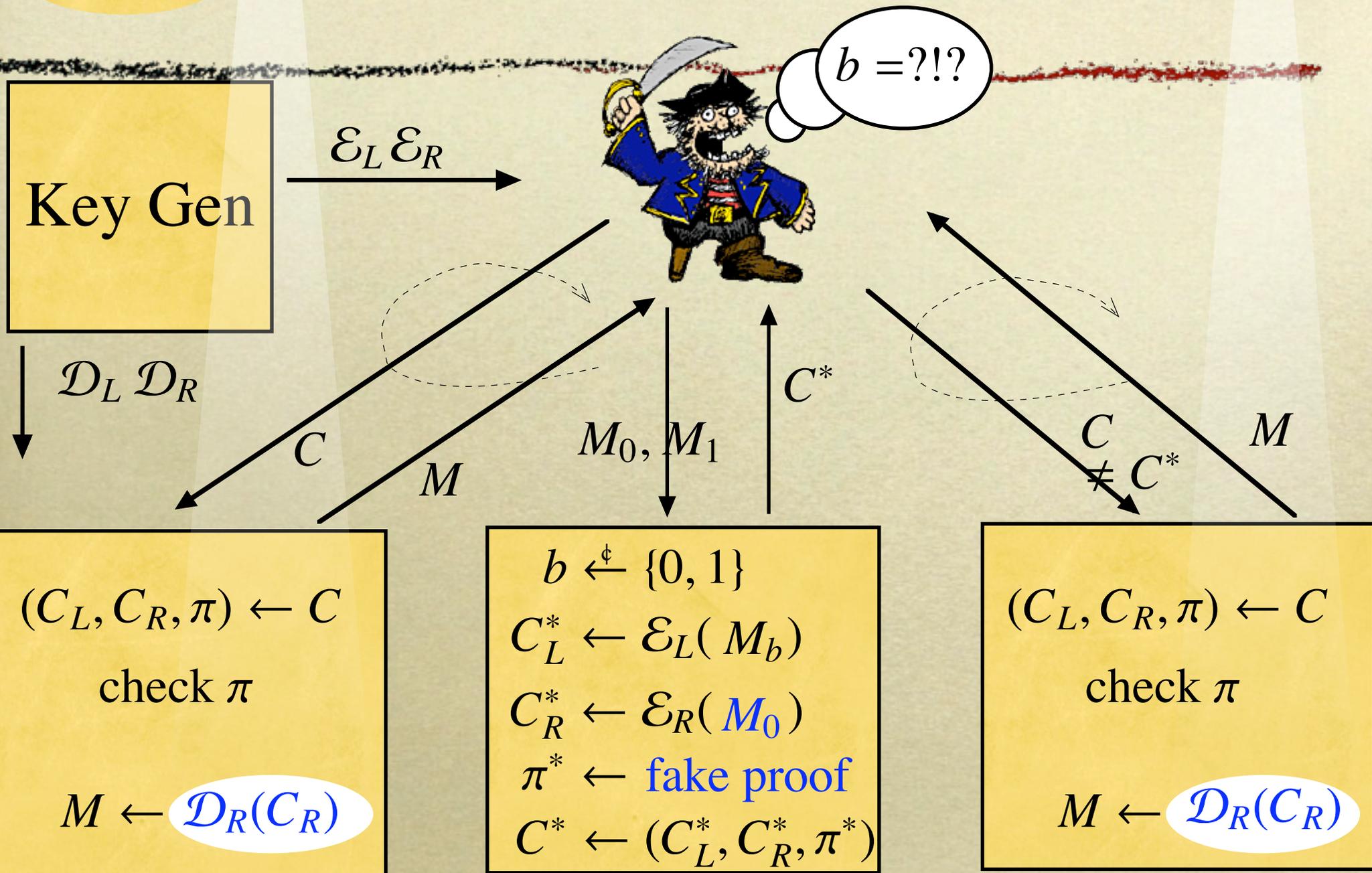
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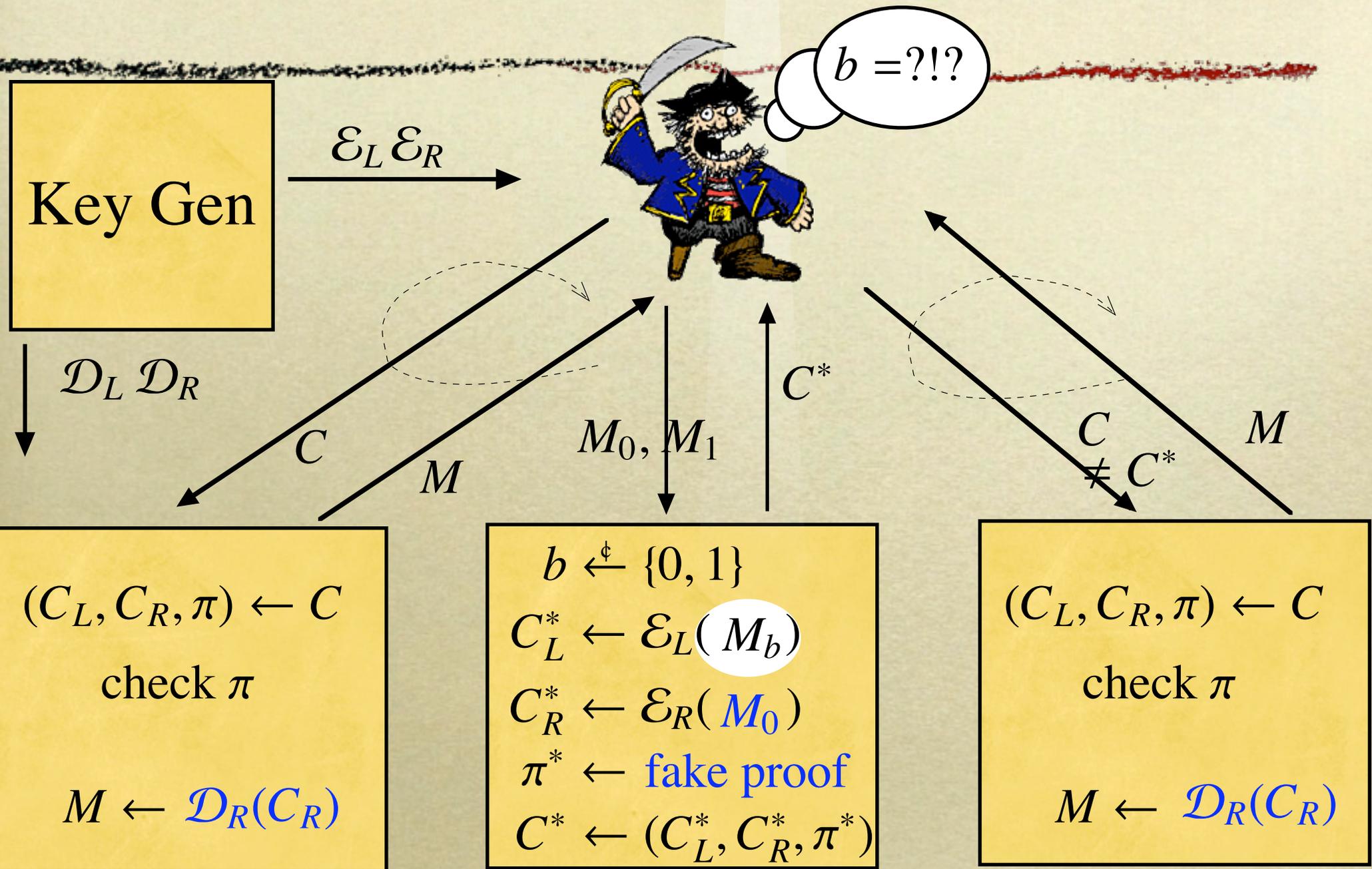
# Security

$\mathcal{D}_L(C_L)$

## G3: Simulation Soundness



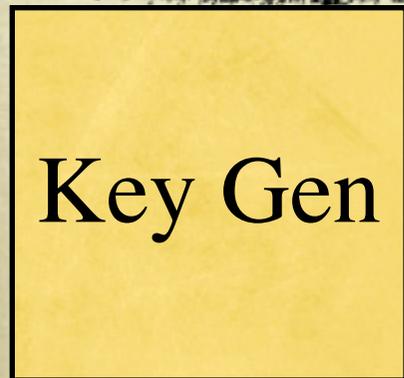
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$(C_L, C_R, \pi) \leftarrow C$

check  $\pi$

$M \leftarrow \mathcal{D}_R(C_R)$

$b \leftarrow \{0, 1\}$

$C_L^* \leftarrow \mathcal{E}_L(M_0)$

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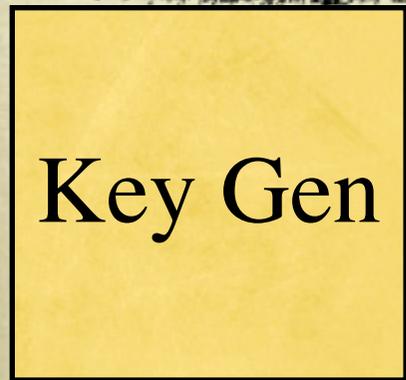
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# Efficient NIZKs

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- General NIZKs are impractical, but...
- Proofs for special languages
- Designated verifier proofs

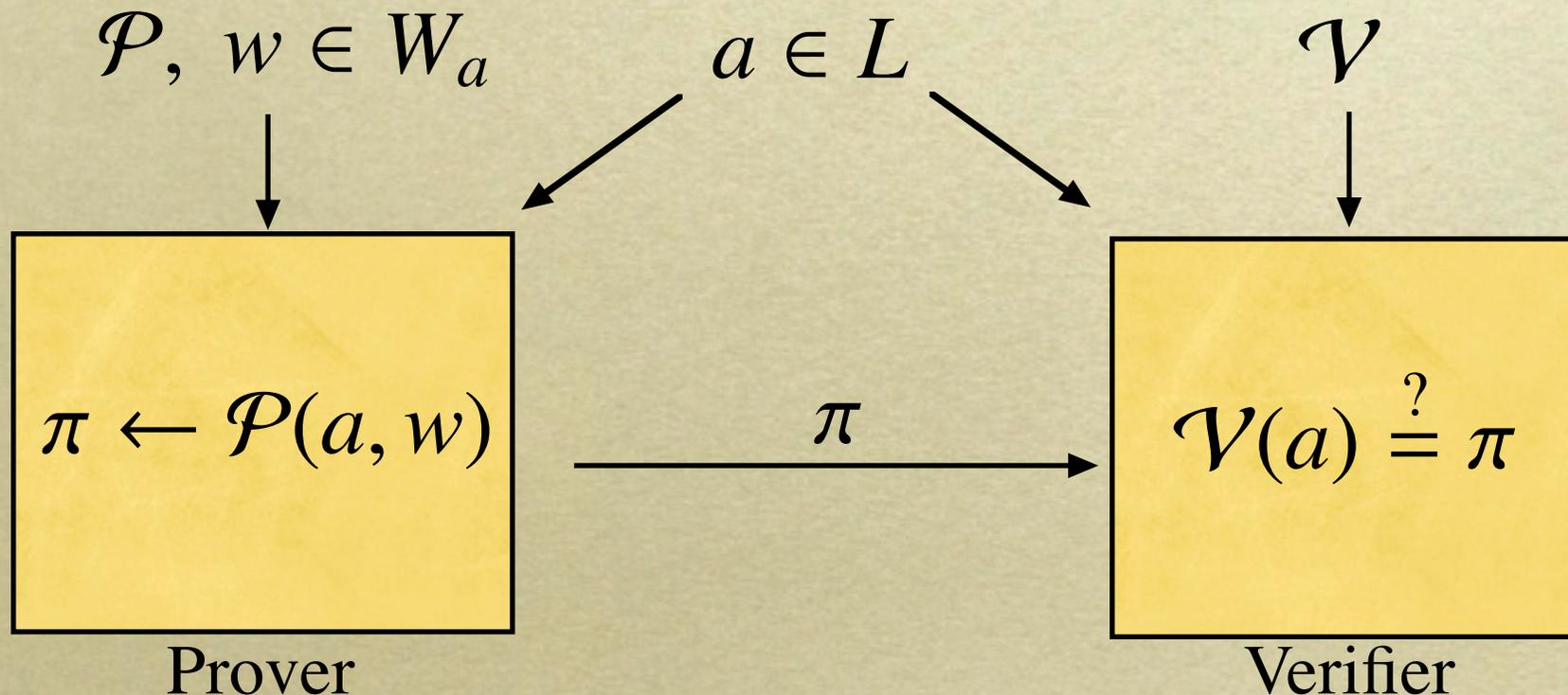
# Hash Proof Systems

$L \subset U$ ; for  $a \in L$ ,  $W_a = \{\text{witnesses for } a\} \subset W$

**KeyGen**  $\mapsto (\mathcal{P}, \mathcal{V})$

**Proof Function**  $\mathcal{P} : L \times W \rightarrow \Pi$

**Verification Function**  $\mathcal{V} : U \rightarrow \Pi$



## Completeness:

$$\forall a \in L, w \in W_a : \mathcal{P}(a, w) = \mathcal{V}(a)$$

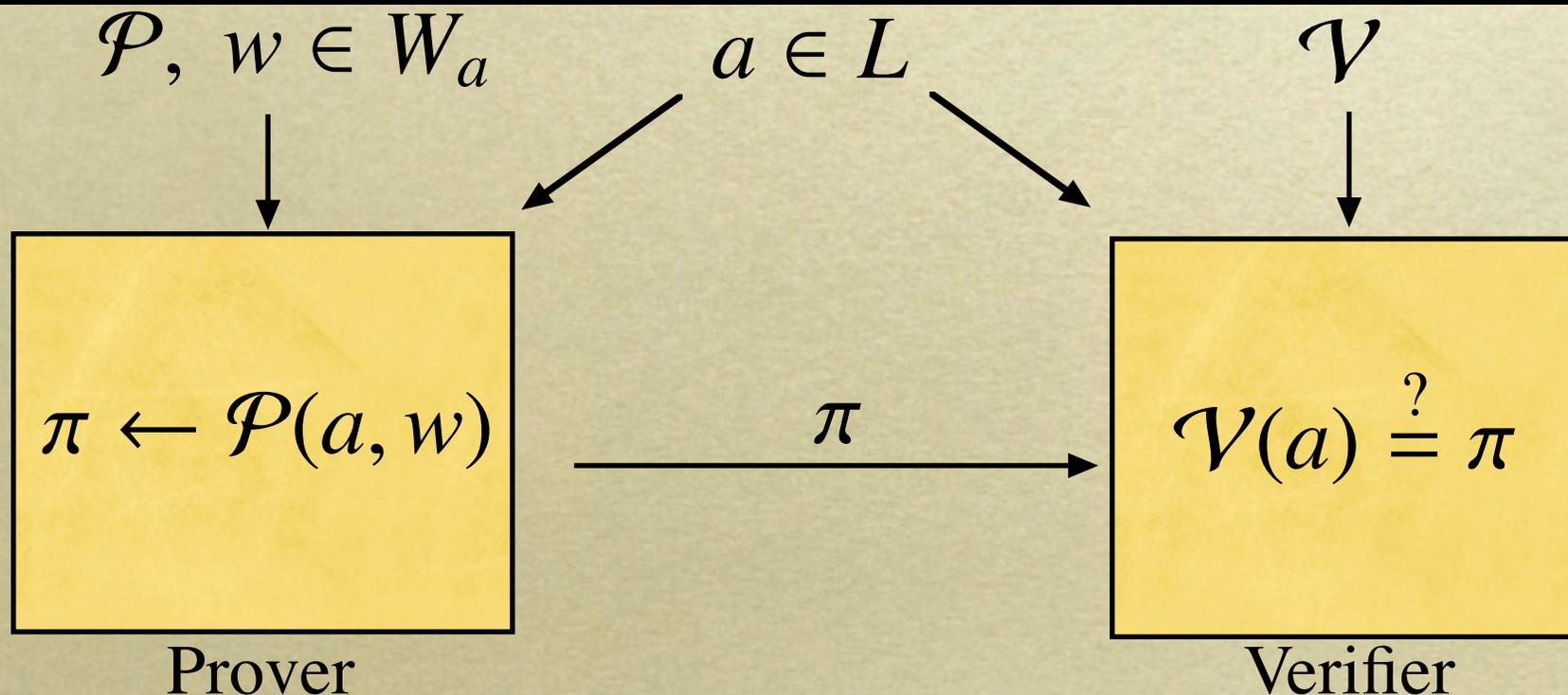
## Soundness:

$$\forall a \in \bar{L} : \mathcal{V}(a) \text{ looks random, given } \mathcal{P}$$

## Simulation Soundness:

$$\forall a, b \in \bar{L} \text{ with } a \neq b :$$

$$\mathcal{V}(b) \text{ looks random, given } \mathcal{V}(a) \text{ and } \mathcal{P}$$



# Example: Equality of DL

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# From Hash Proofs to CCA Security

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*Efficient* Semantically Secure PKE

*Efficient* Hash Proof for Plaintext Equality

+ Two Key Construction

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*Efficient* and CCA Secure Encryption

# Example: Equal ElGamal Plaintexts

Simulation  
Soundness

$$C_1 = (\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{e}_1) = (\mathbf{g}^{w_1}, \mathbf{h}_1^{w_1} M)$$

$$C_2 = (\mathbf{a}_2, \mathbf{e}_2) = (\mathbf{g}^{w_2}, \mathbf{h}_2^{w_2} M)$$

$$\underbrace{x_1, x_2, x_3, y_1, y_2, y_3}_{\mathcal{V}} \stackrel{\phi}{\leftarrow} \mathbb{Z}_q \quad \begin{array}{ll} \mathbf{c}_1 \leftarrow \mathbf{g}^{x_1} \mathbf{h}_1^{x_3} & \mathbf{d}_1 \leftarrow \mathbf{g}^{y_1} \mathbf{h}_1^{y_3} \\ \mathbf{c}_2 \leftarrow \mathbf{g}^{x_2} \mathbf{h}_2^{-x_3} & \mathbf{d}_2 \leftarrow \mathbf{g}^{y_2} \mathbf{h}_2^{-y_3} \end{array} \underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{\mathcal{P}}$$

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$$\mathcal{P}(C_1, C_2; w_1, w_2) = \mathbf{c}_1^{w_1} \mathbf{c}_2^{w_2} \cdot (\mathbf{d}_1^{w_1} \mathbf{d}_2^{w_2})^\alpha$$

where  $\mathbf{f} = \mathbf{e}_1 / \mathbf{e}_2$ ,  $\alpha = \mathcal{H}(C_1, C_2)$

# Improvements and Extensions

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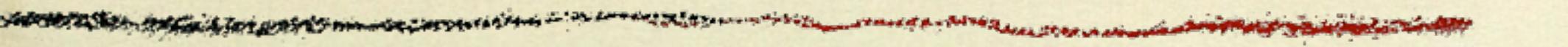
- More efficient schemes [CS98,S00,KD04]
- Extensions [CS02]:
  - Quadratic Residuosity
  - Paillier's Decisional Composite Residuosity

# Standards: ISO 18033-2

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- RSA-OAEP
- Hybrid Encryption Schemes:
  - RSA based
  - ElGamal based

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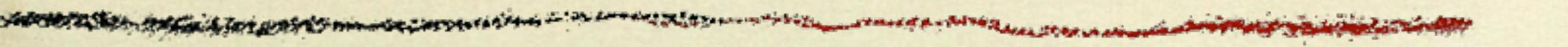
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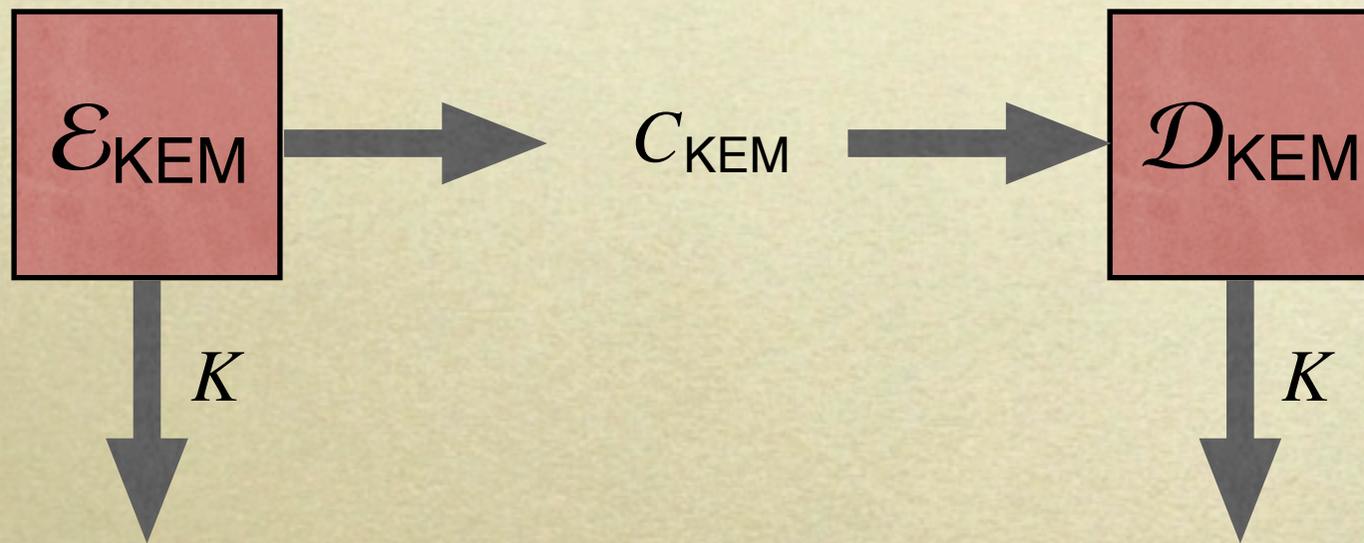
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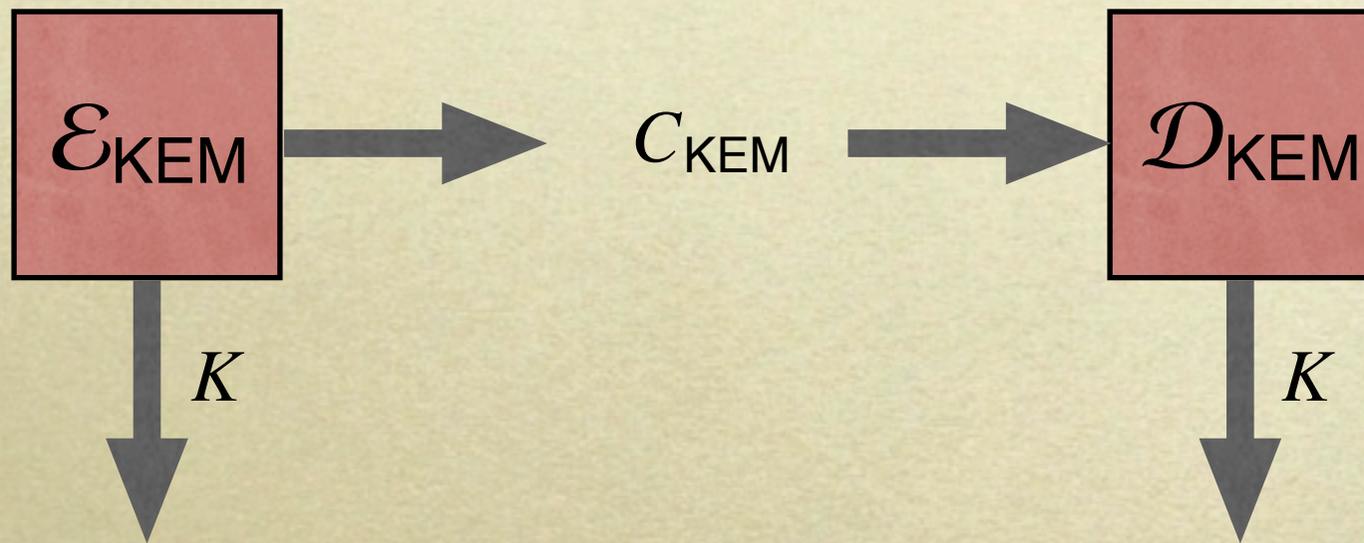


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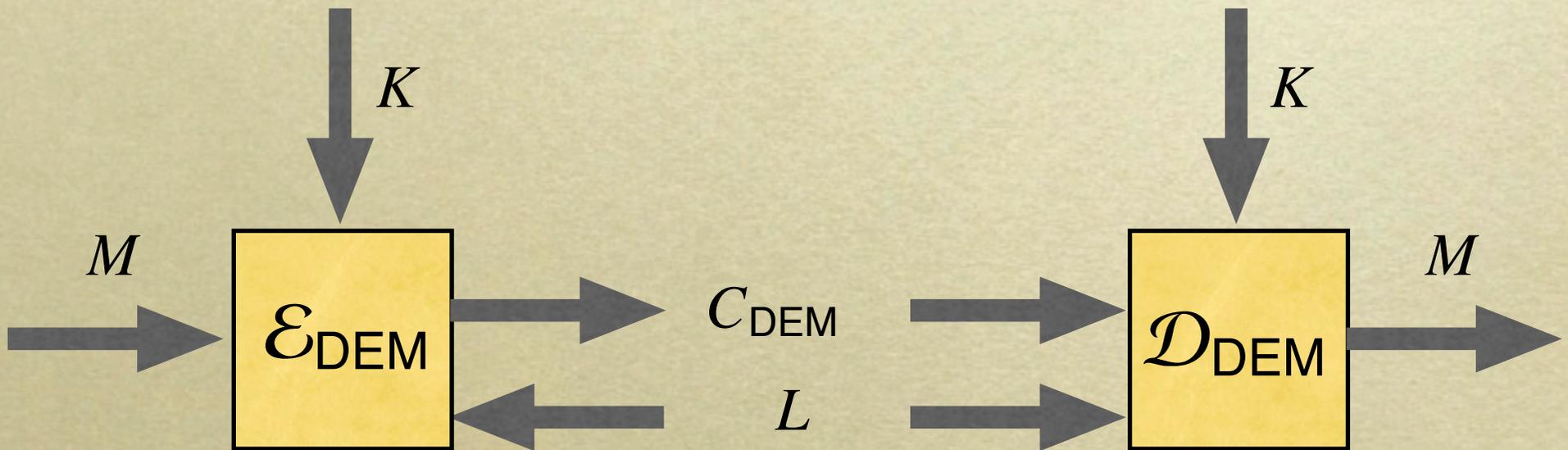
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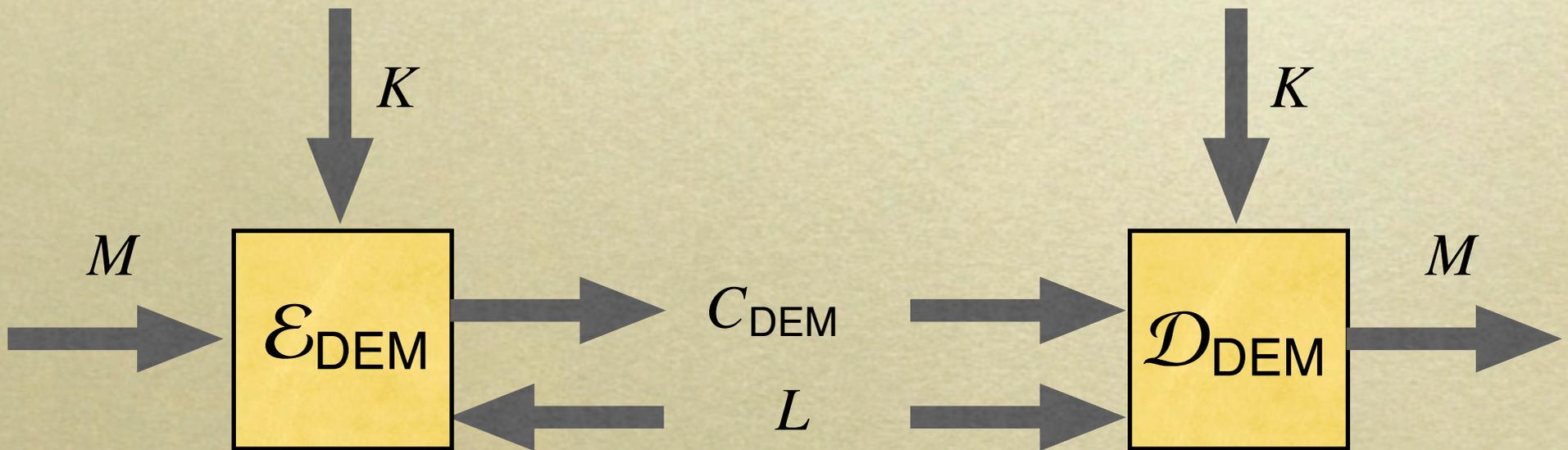


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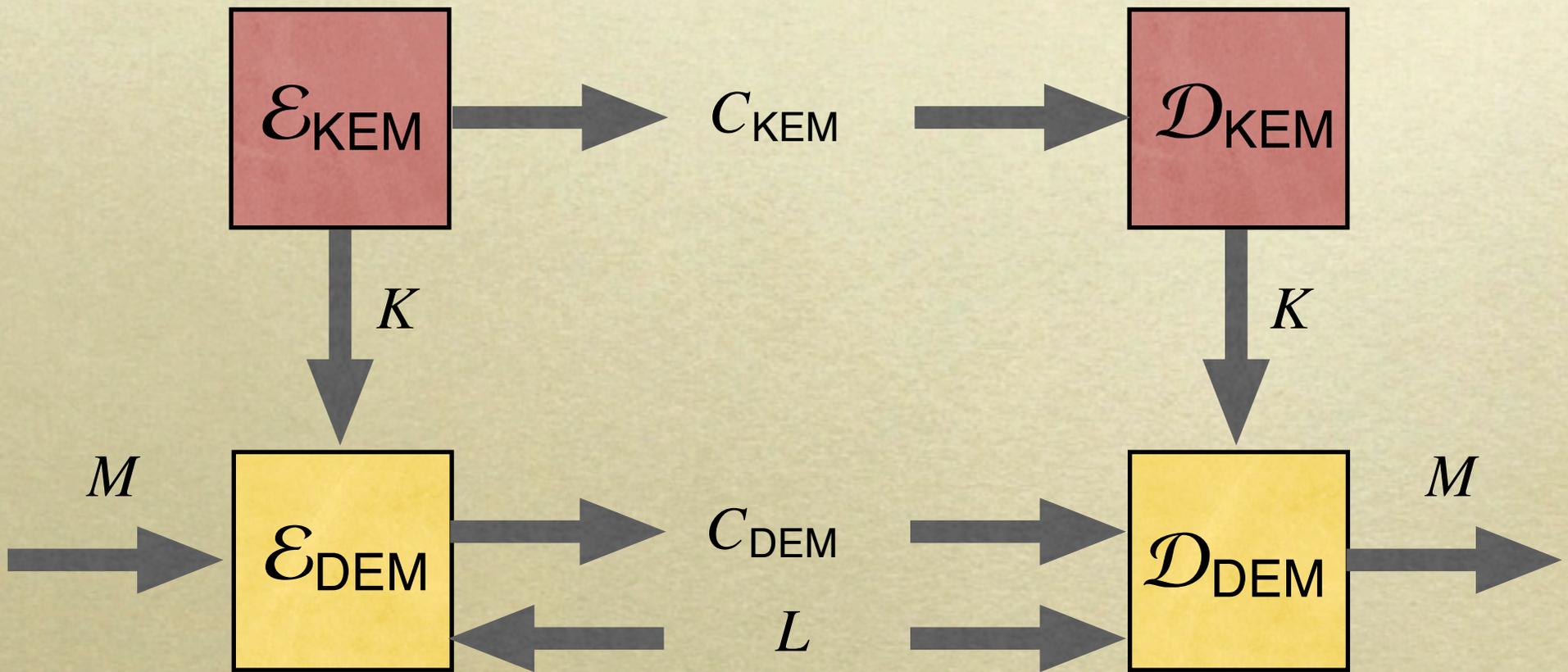
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Secure KEM + Secure DEM = Secure Hybrid

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Encrypt:

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And now for something completely different...

[CHK04, BB04]

CCA Secure Encryption using  
elliptic curves, equipped with  
bilinear maps

Different assumptions and techniques

Hashed decisional (or even computational) assumption

Distribute decryption service, without interaction

(Improves [CG99])

# Conclusions

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- Adaptive CCA security is now widely accepted as the “right” definition
- Demanded by standards bodies
- Science fiction is becoming reality
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**Thanks for Listening!**

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