

How to Use (Plain) Witness Encryption: Registered ABE, Flexible Broadcast, and More

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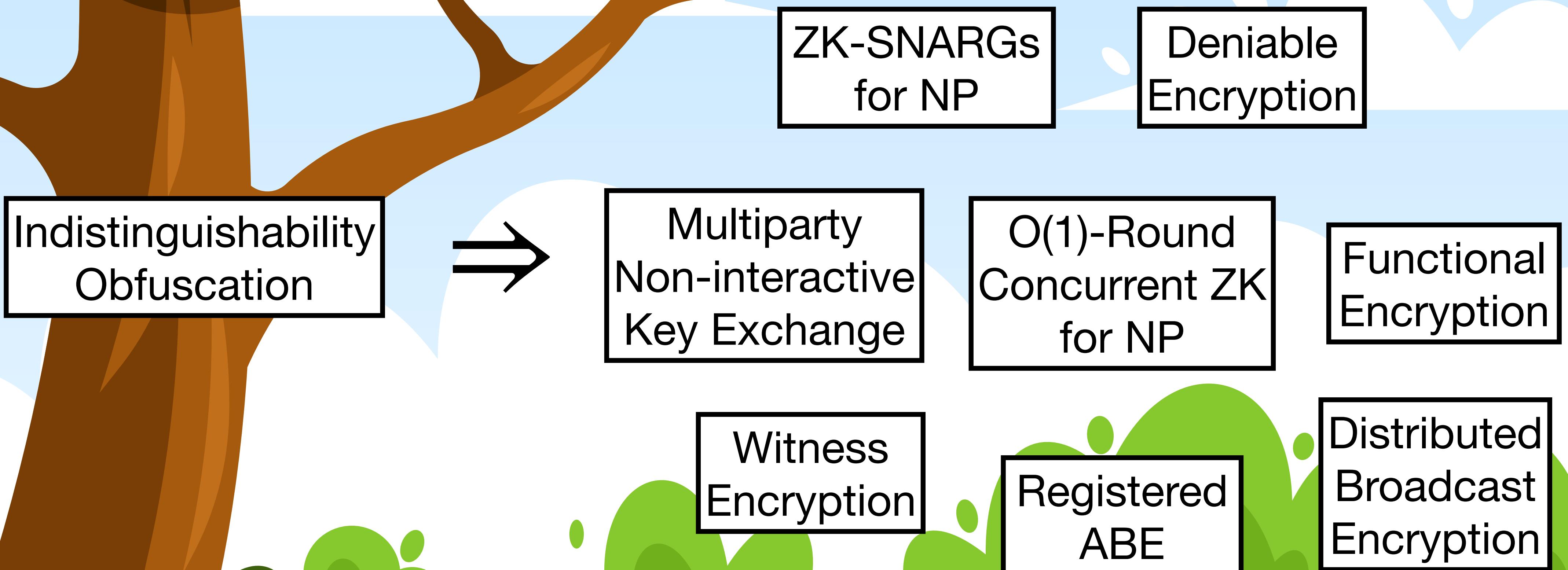
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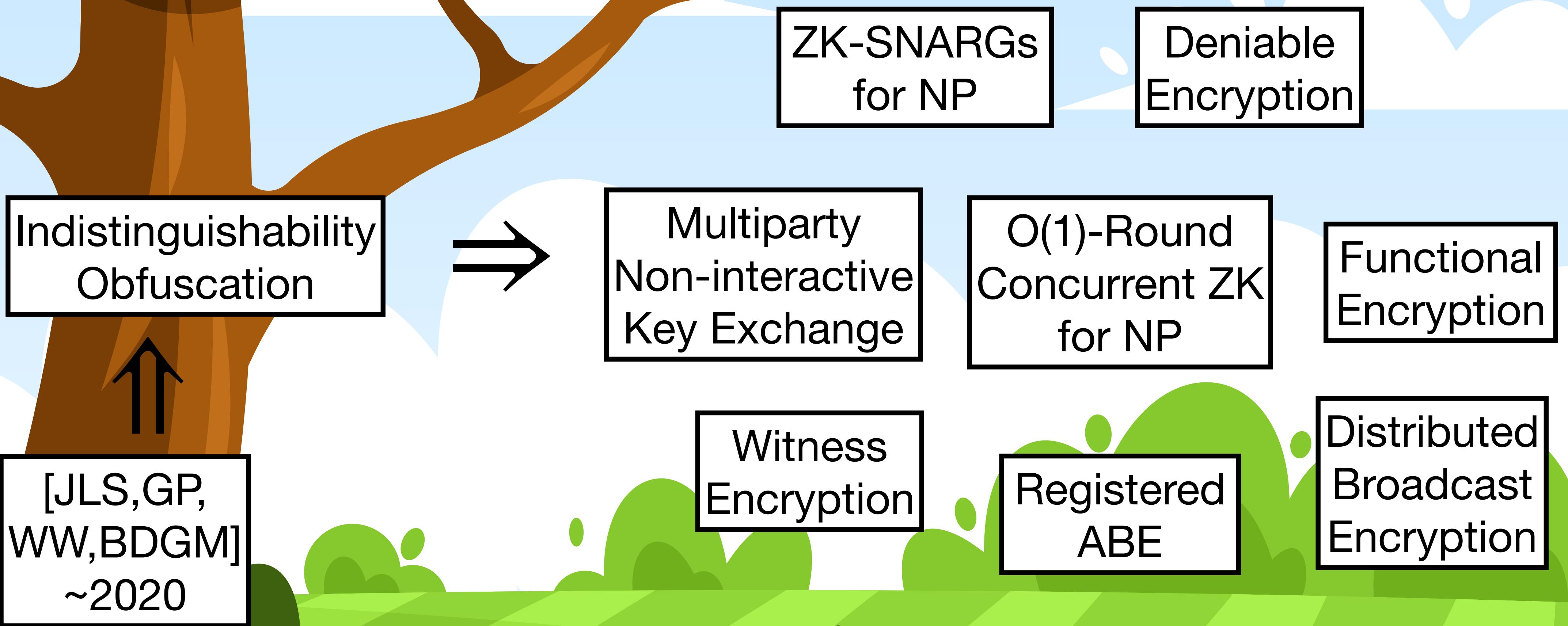
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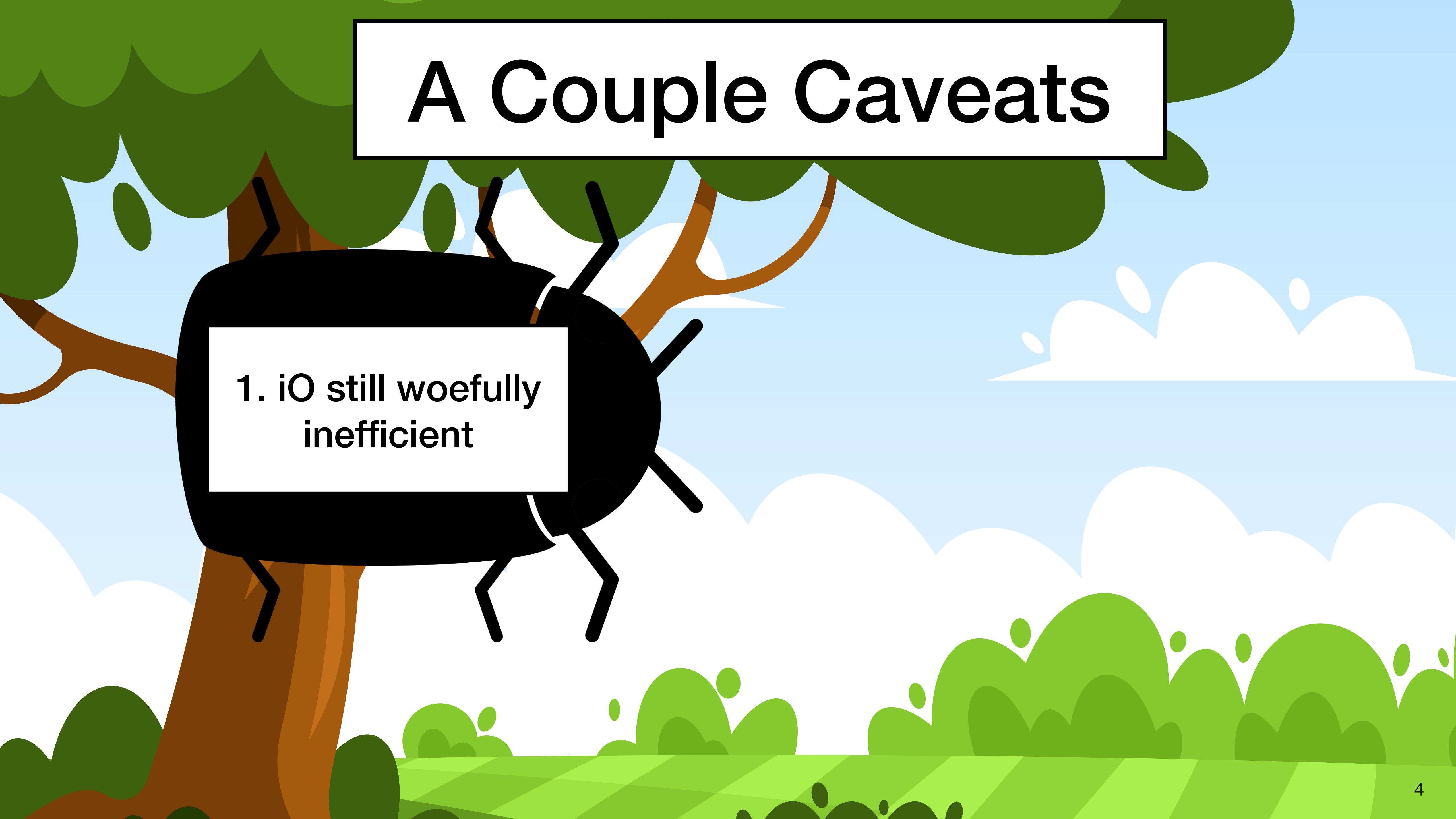


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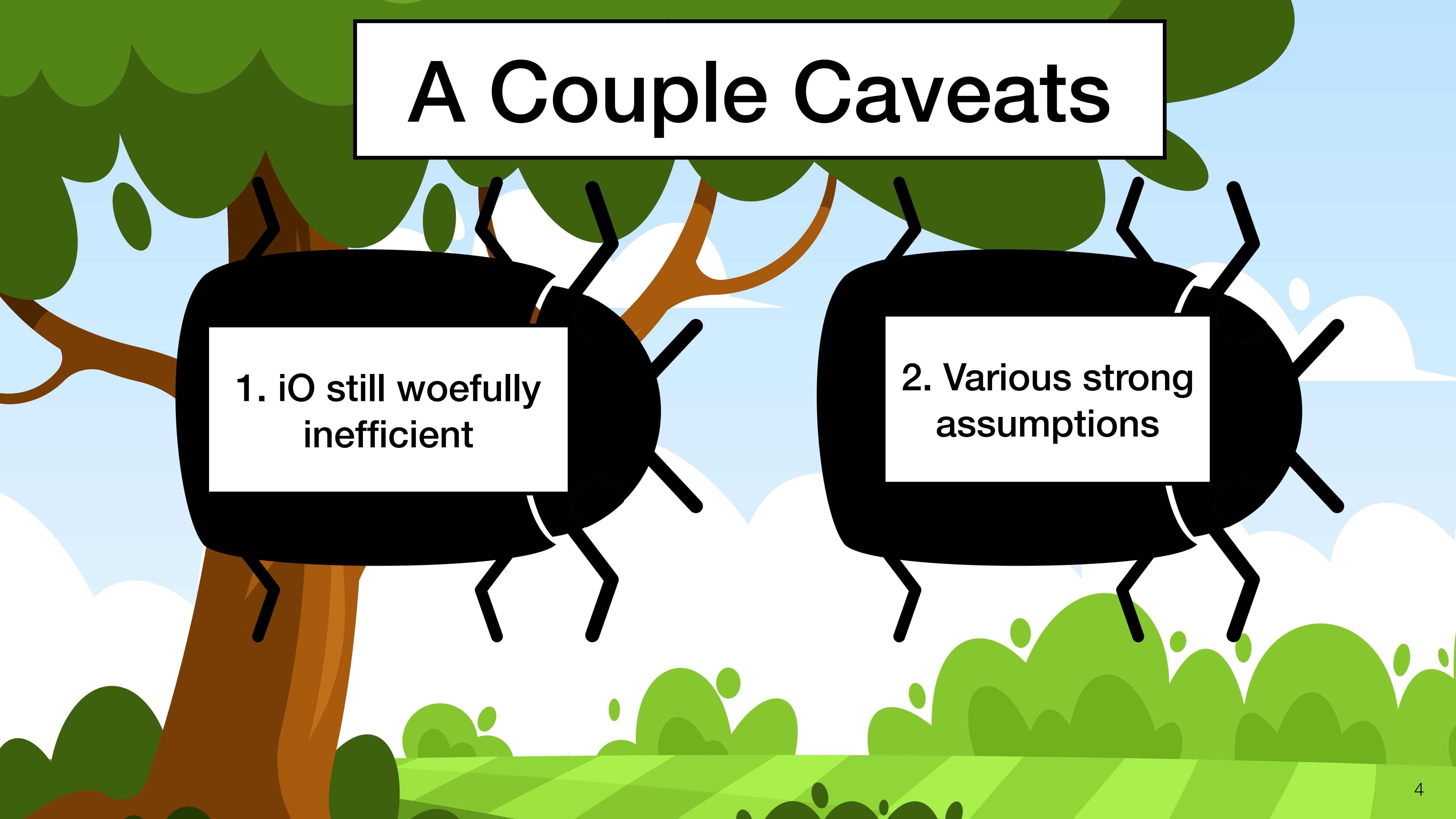
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Our work:
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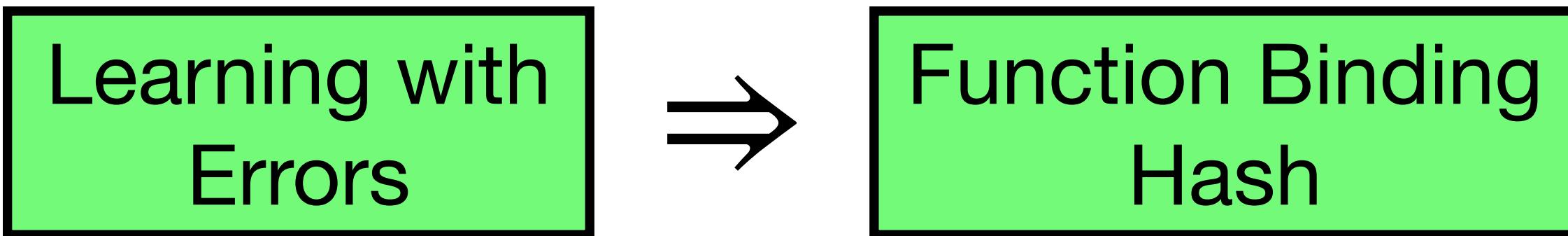
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New
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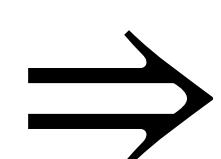
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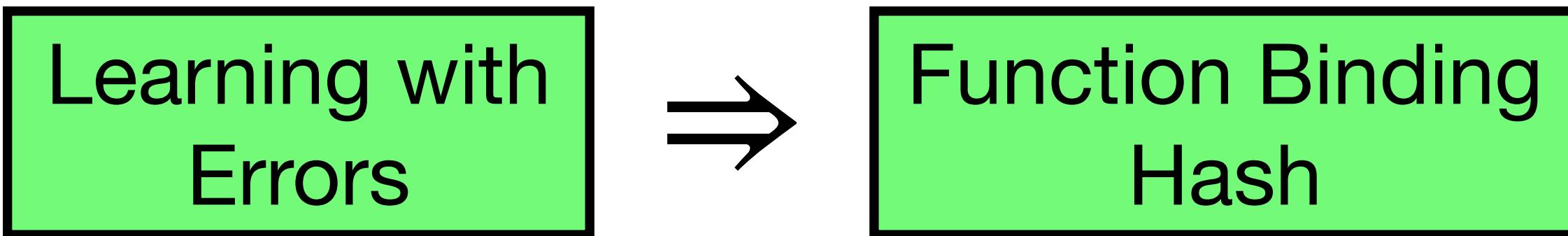


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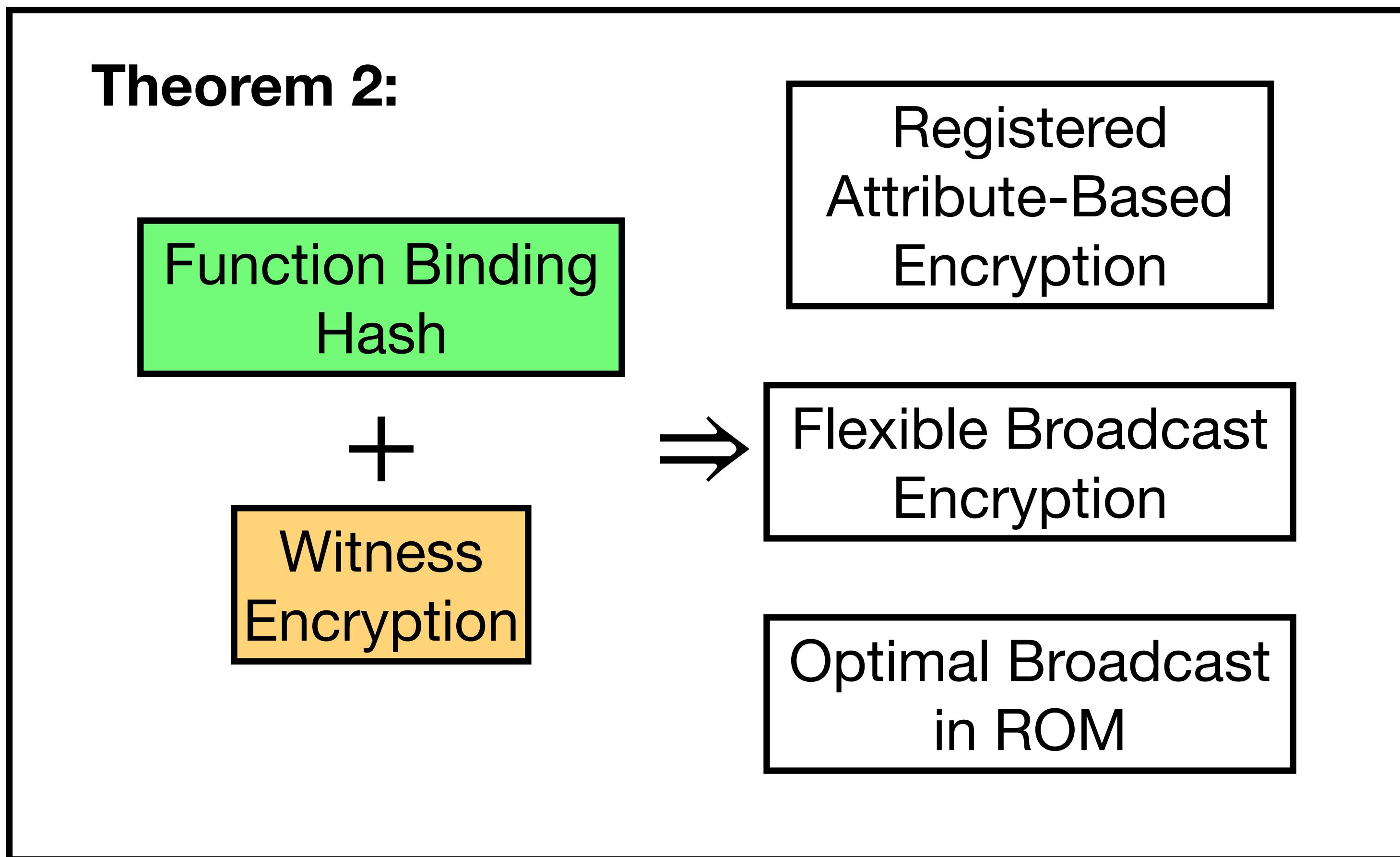
Similar techniques to
SSB hash of [HW15]

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Based on our new,
general framework

Theorem 2:

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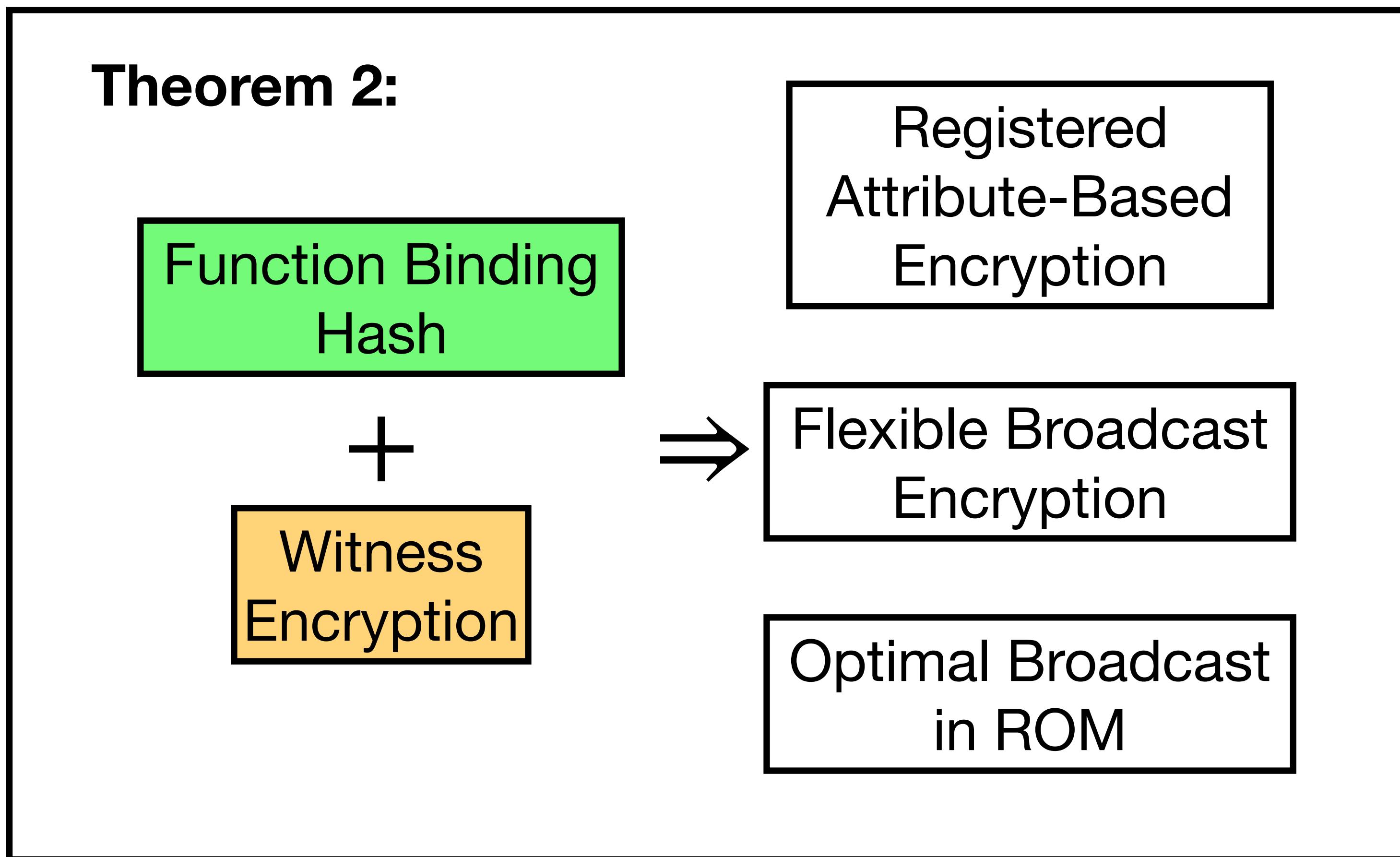
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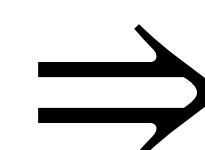
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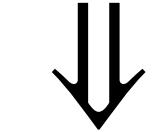
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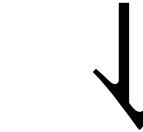
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from pairings with large
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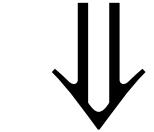


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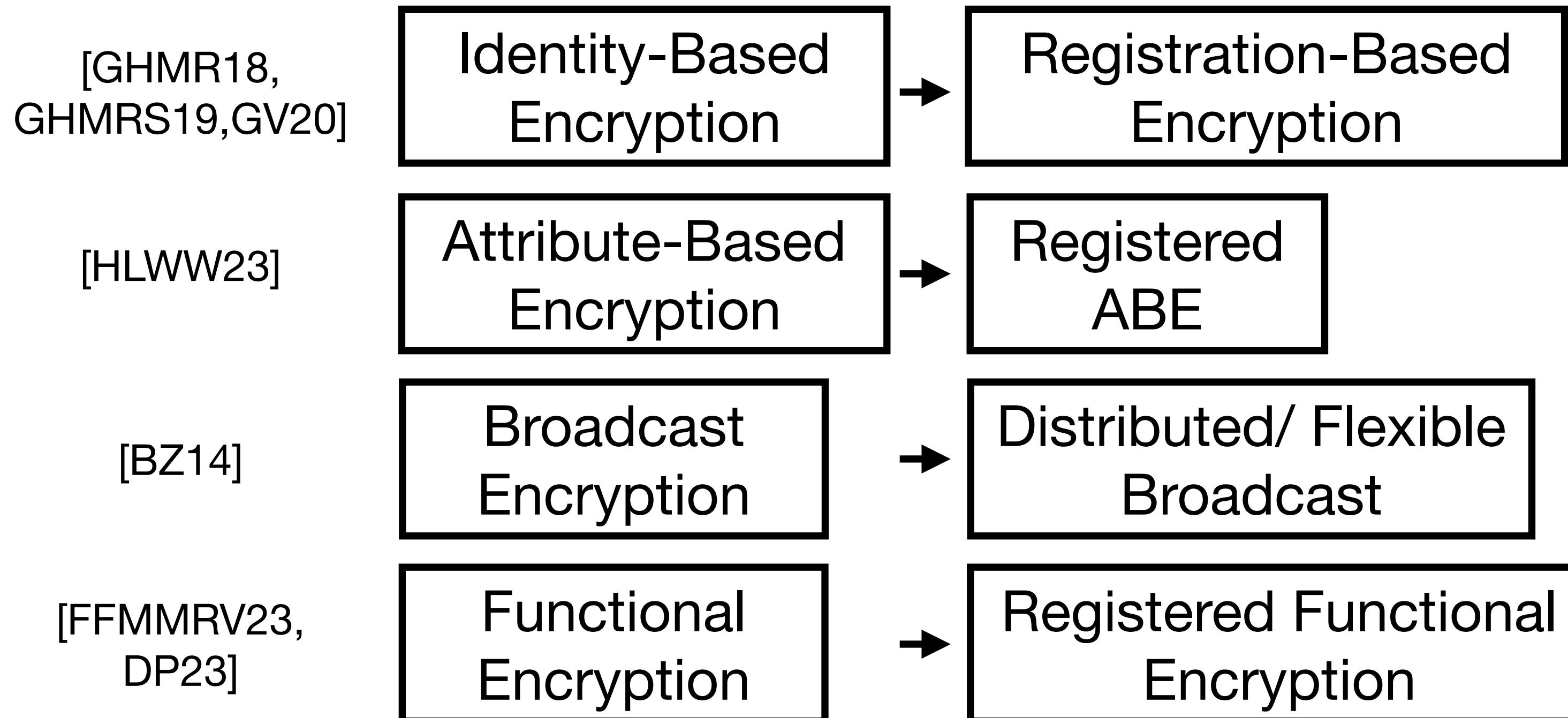
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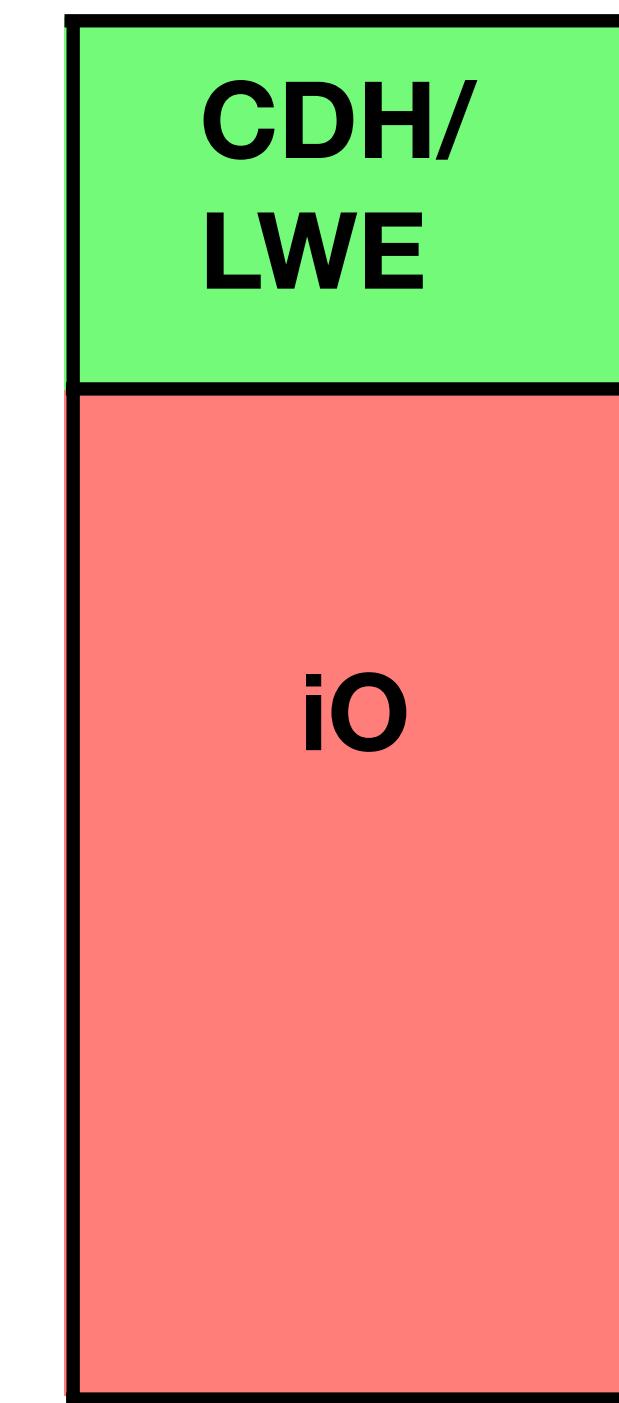
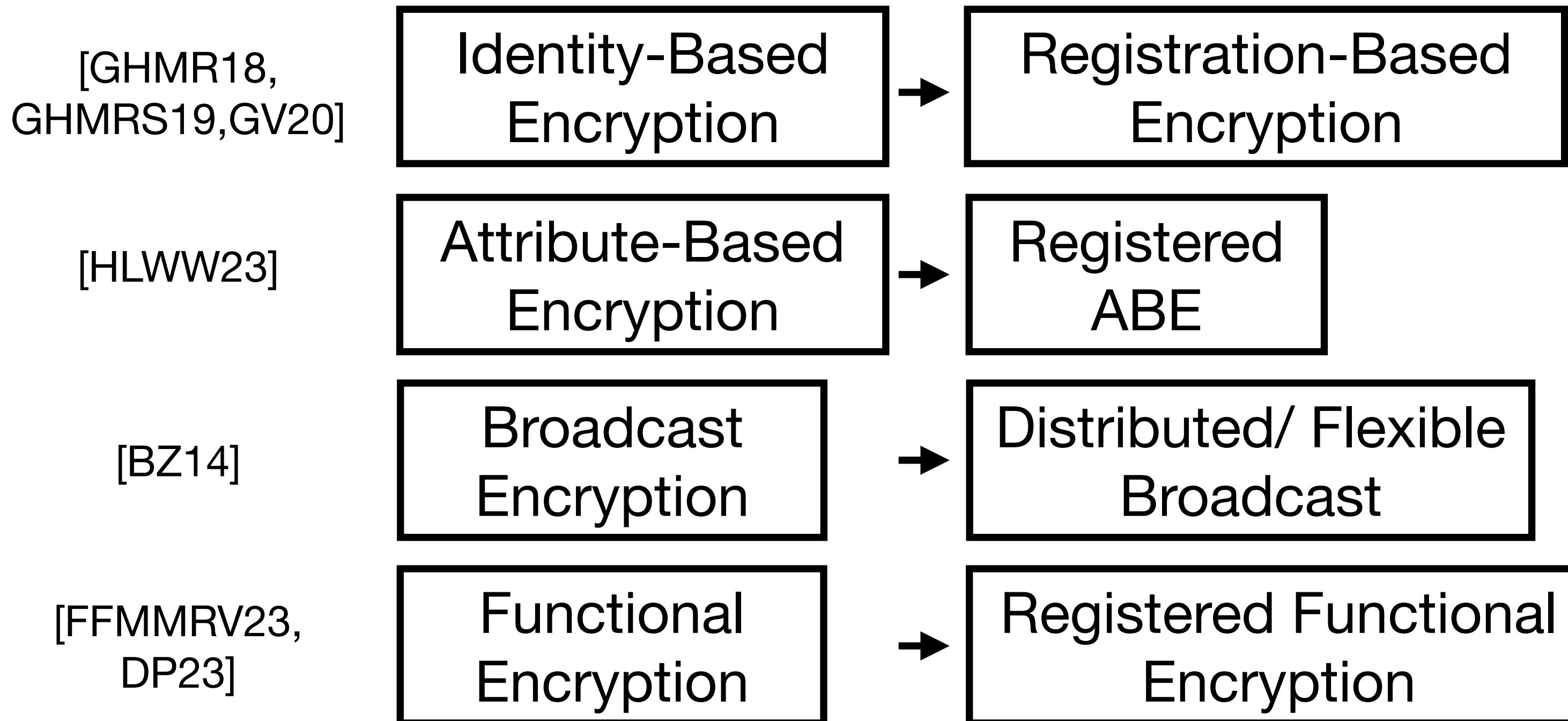
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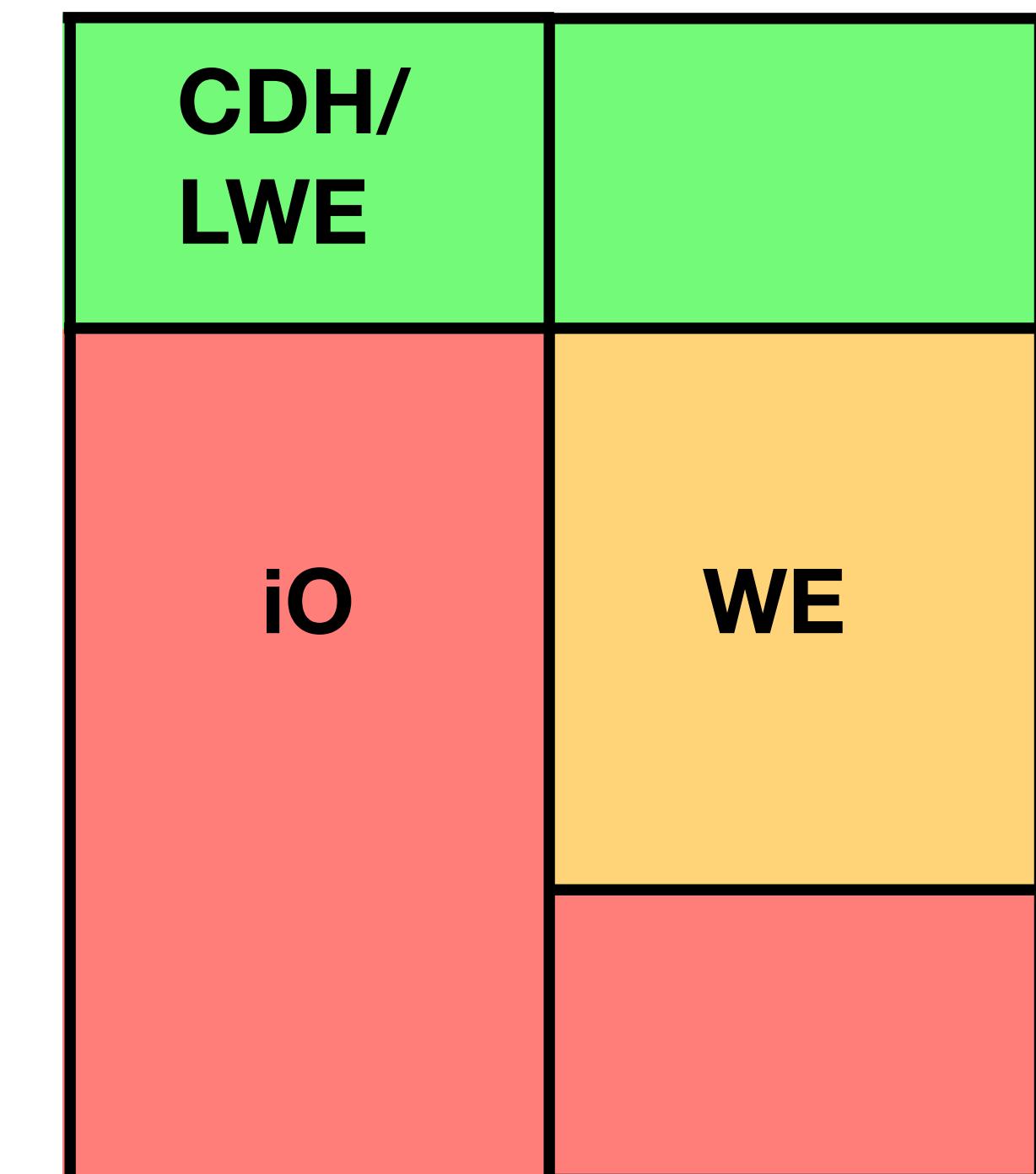
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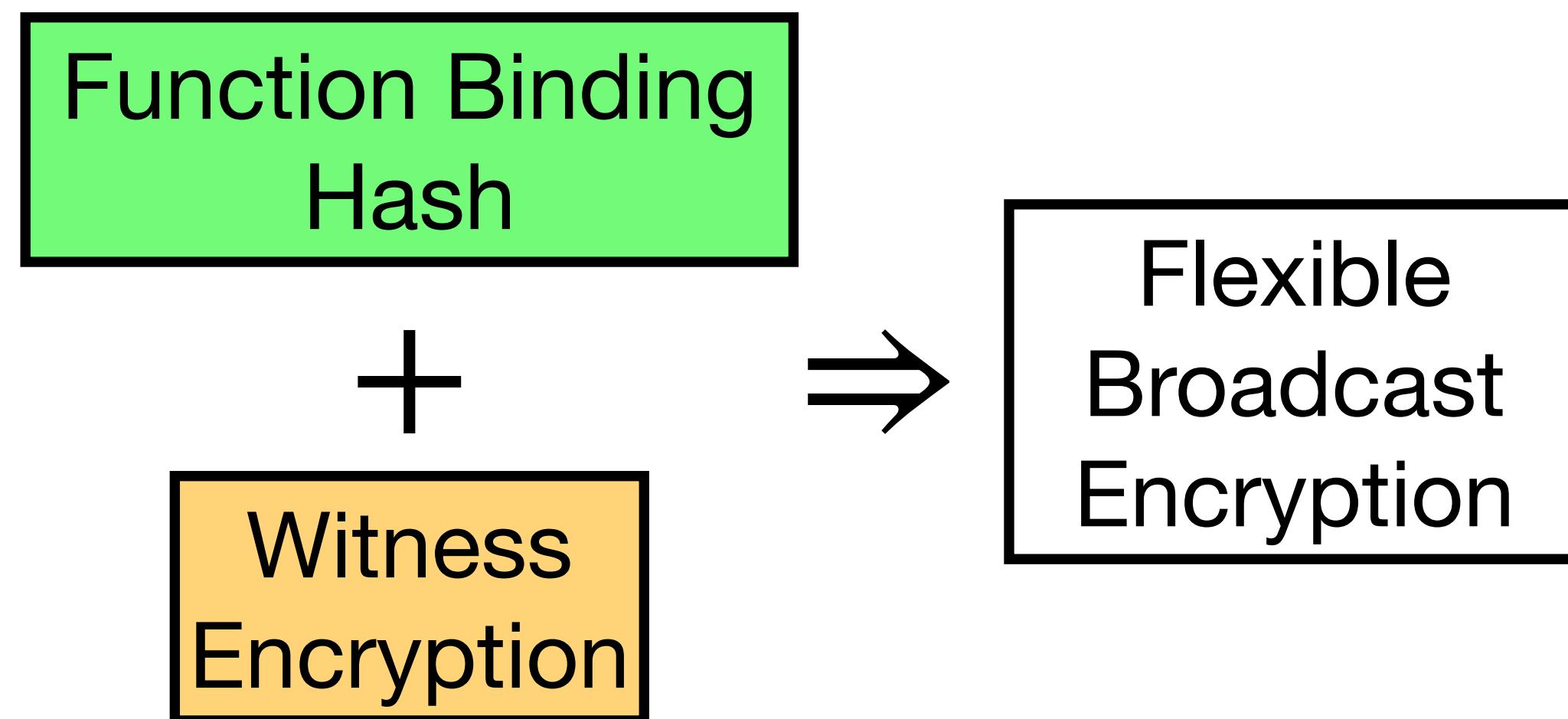
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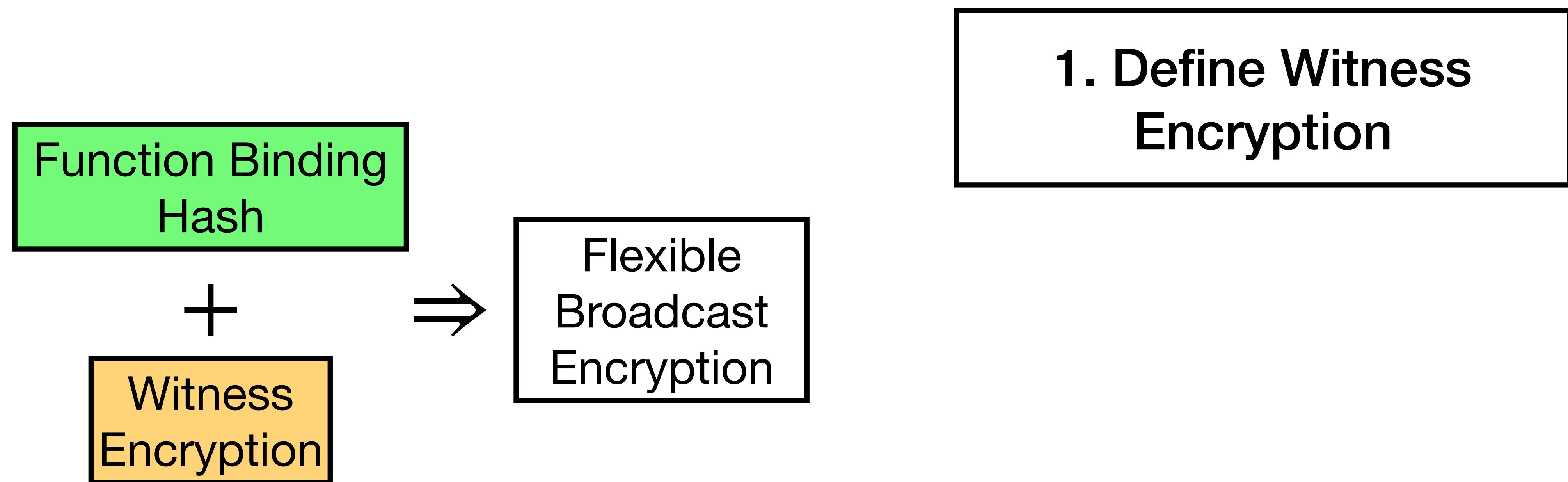
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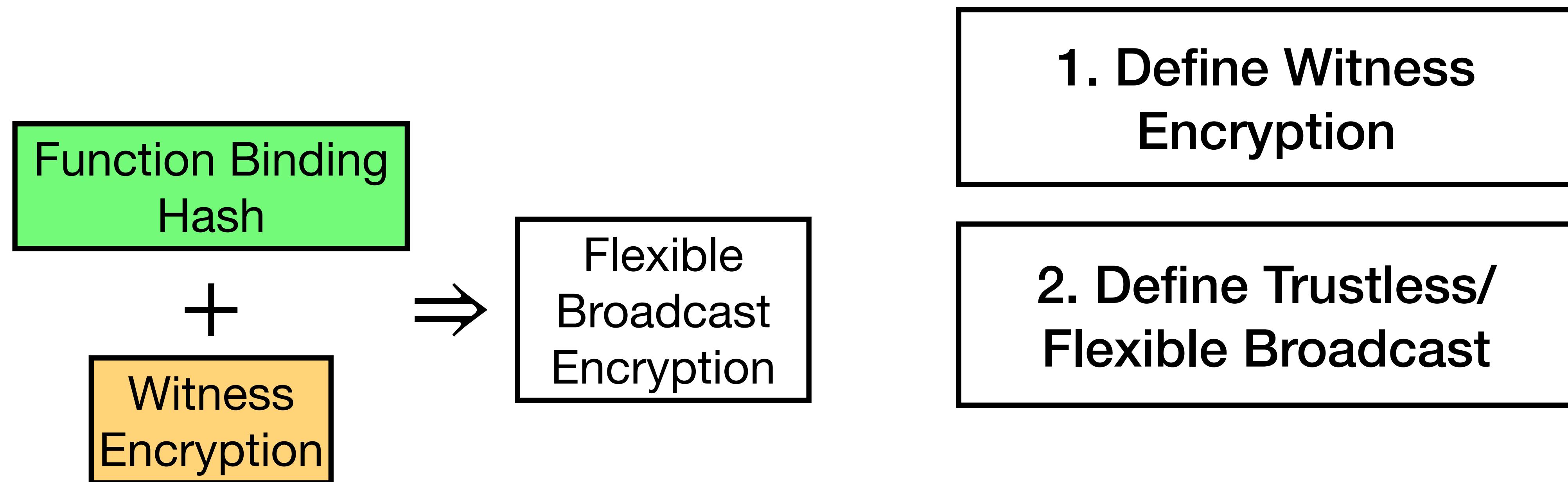
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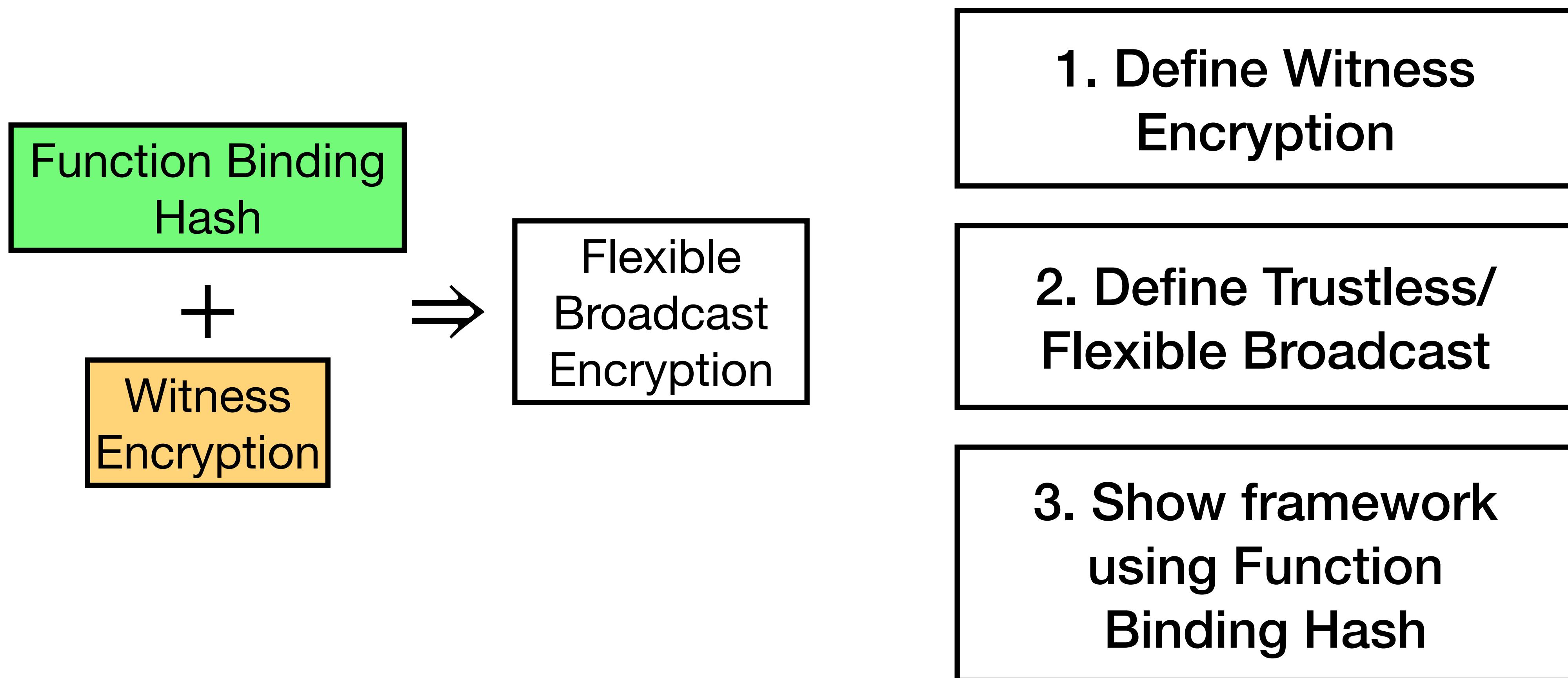
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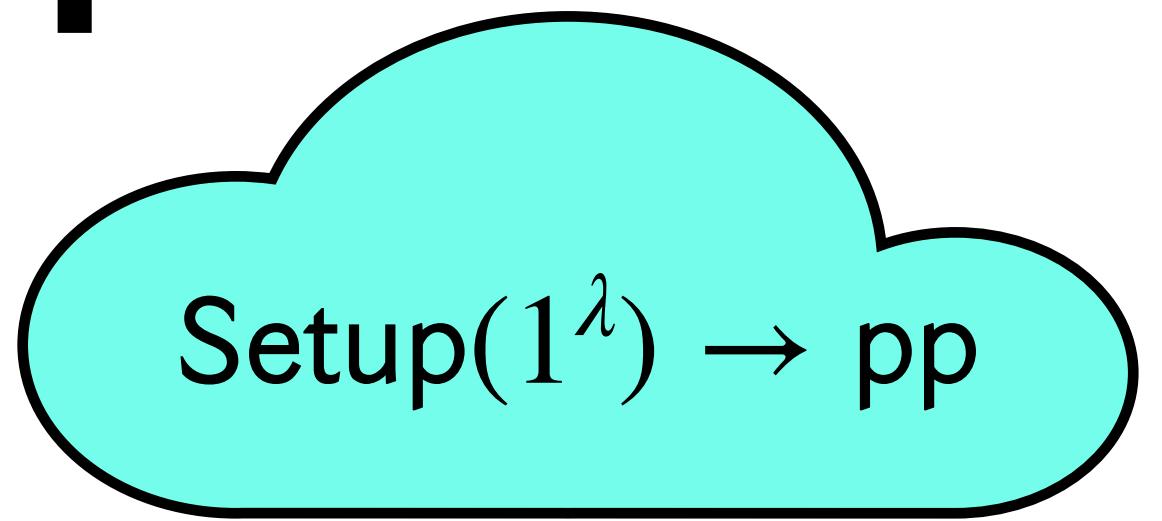
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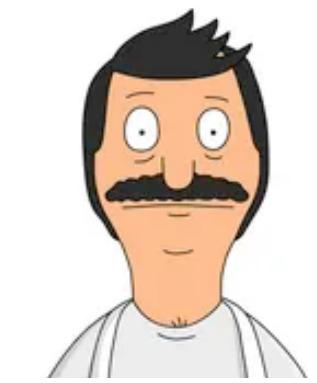
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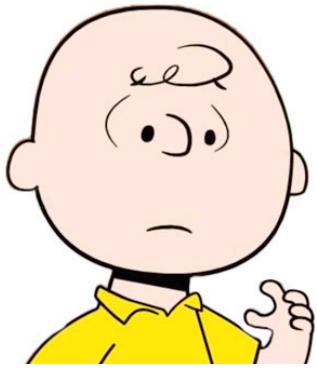


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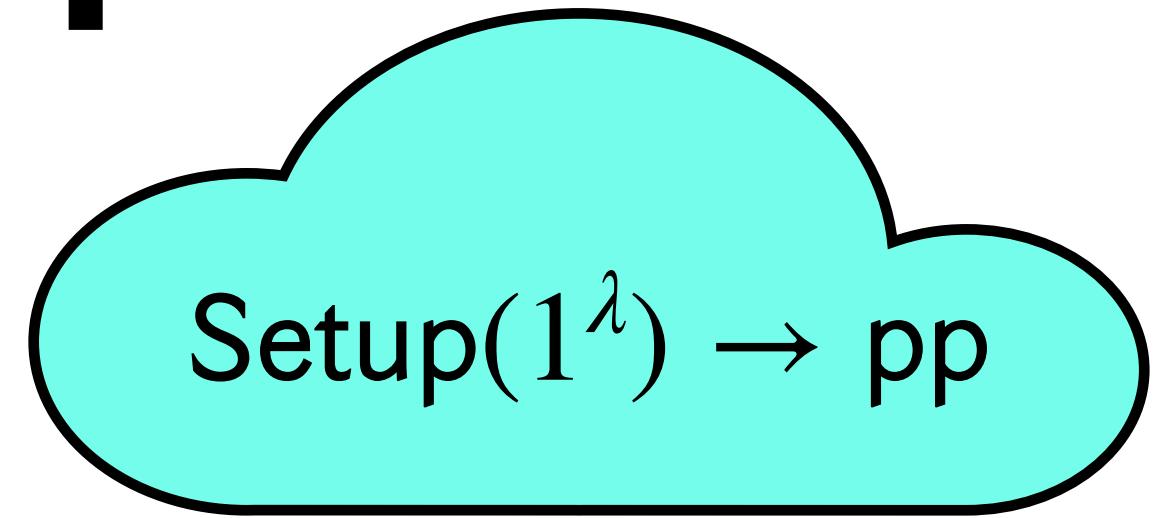
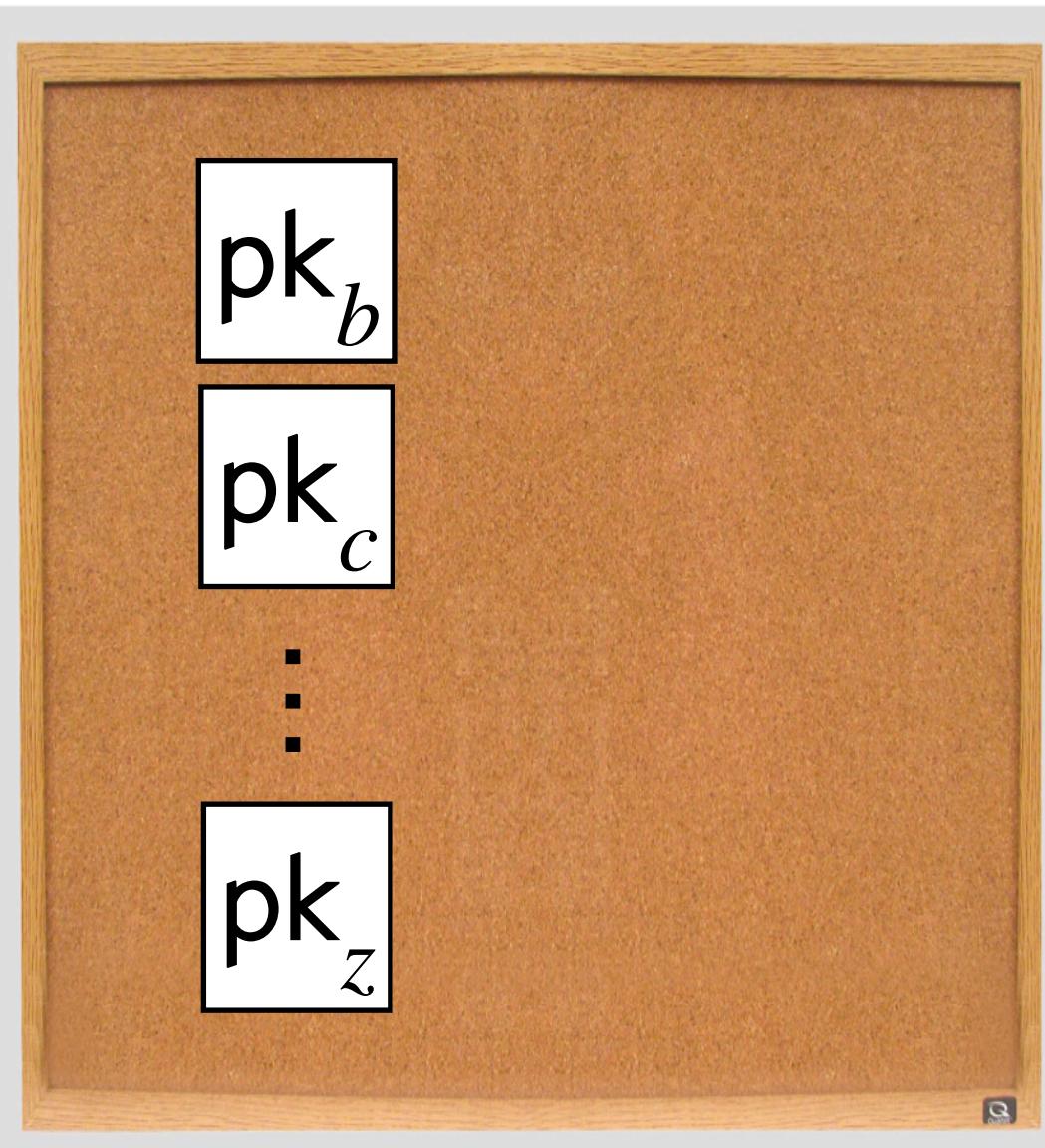


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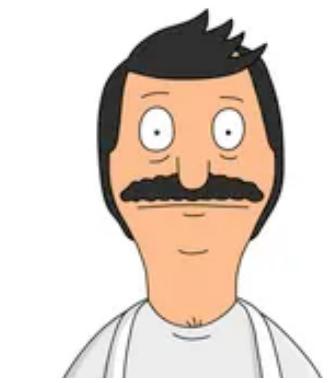


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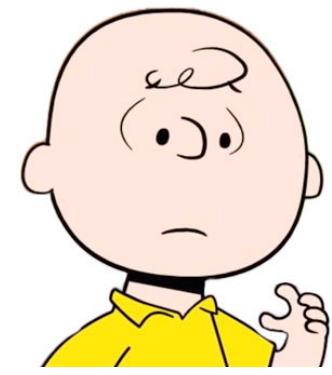


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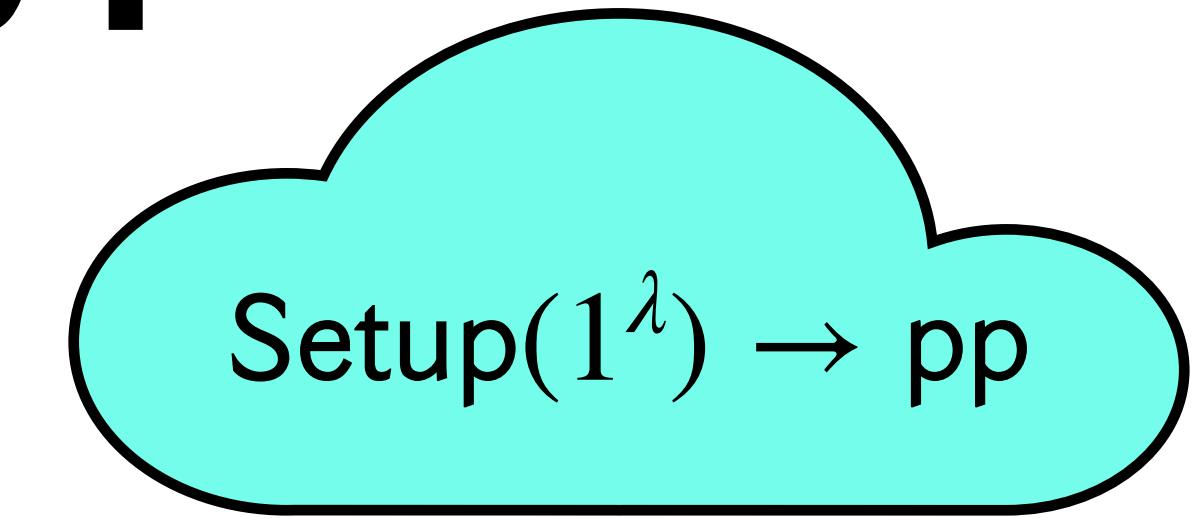
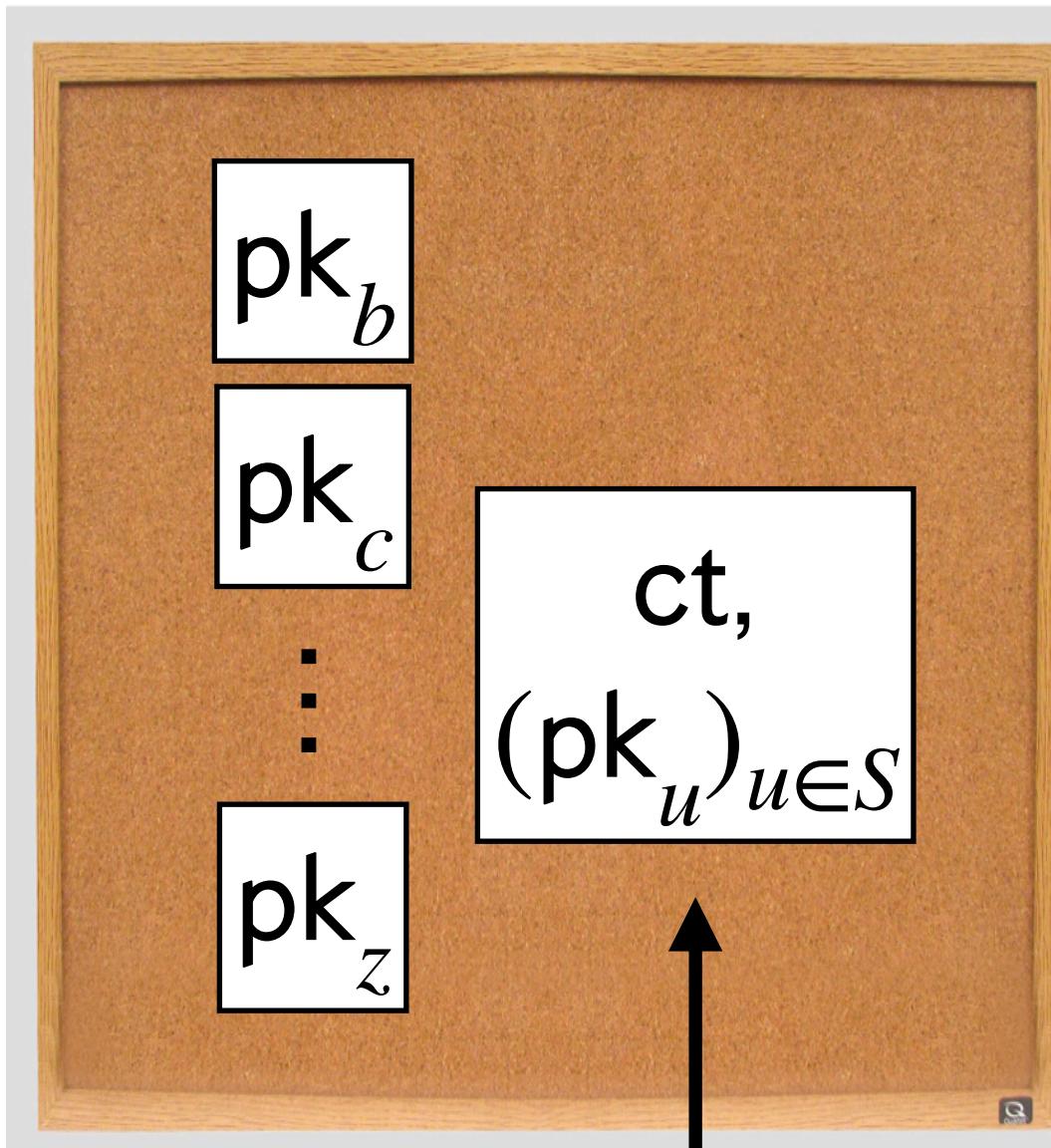


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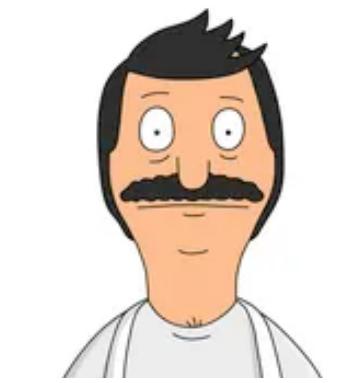


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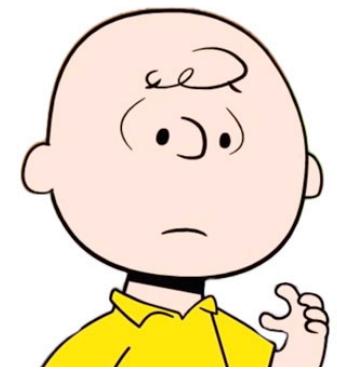


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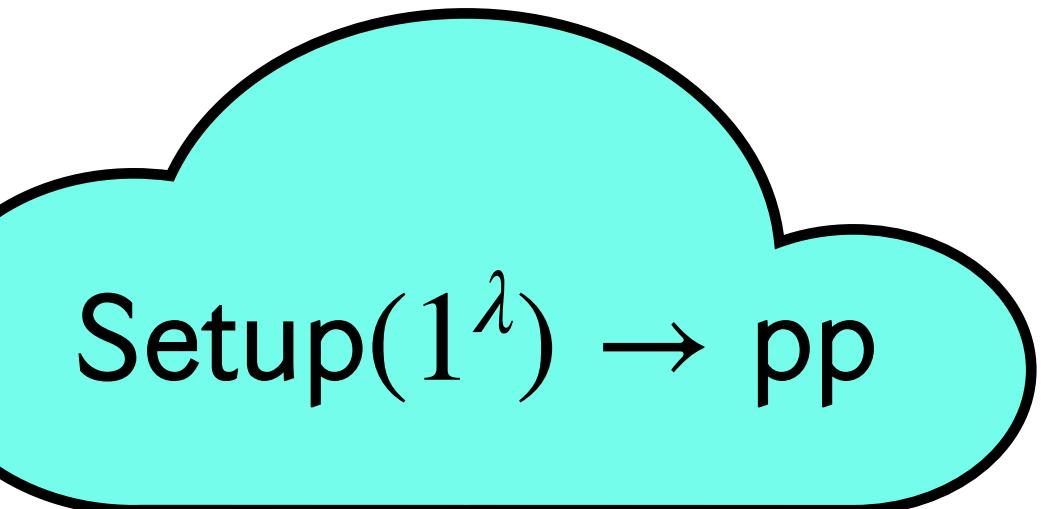
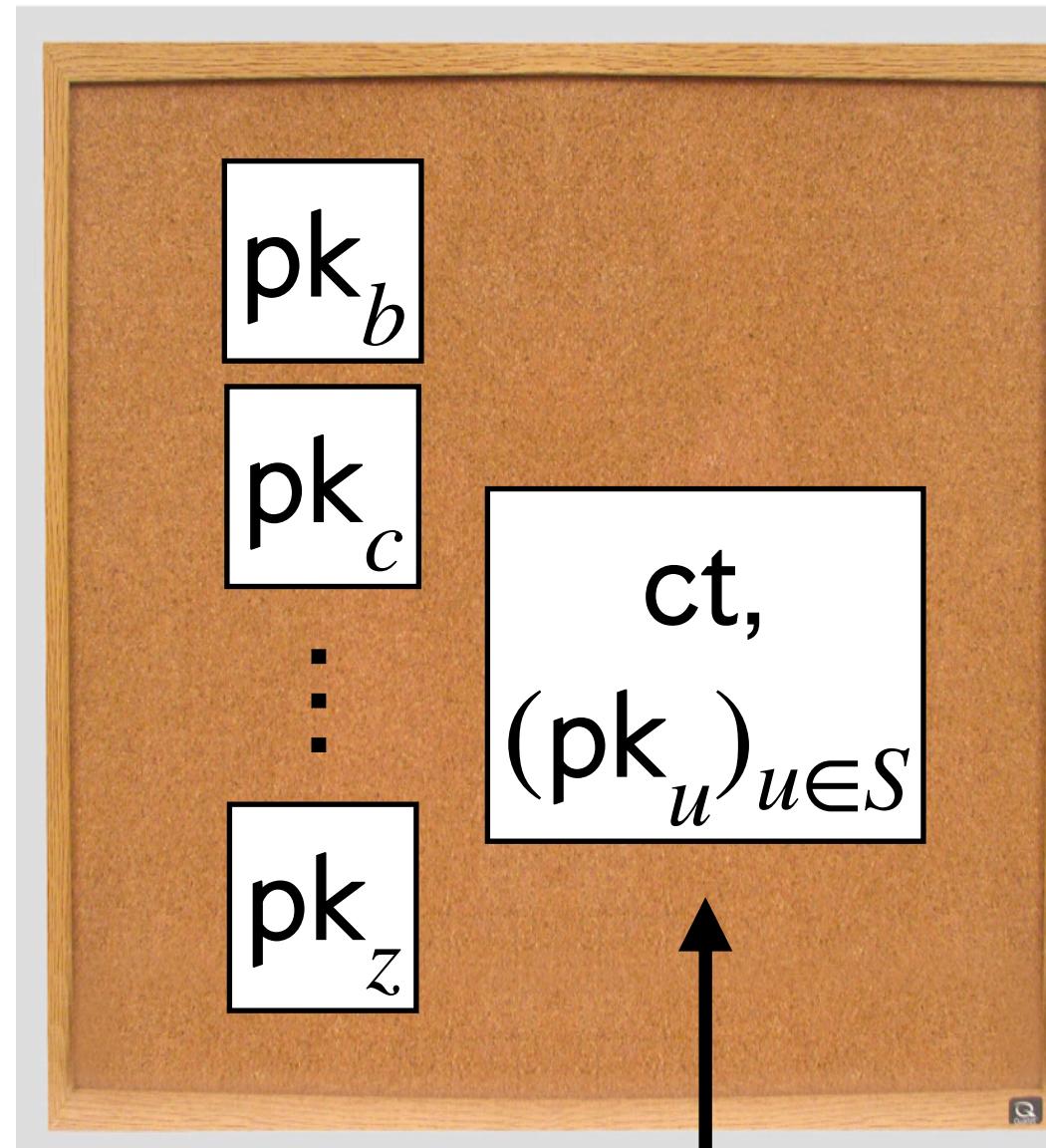


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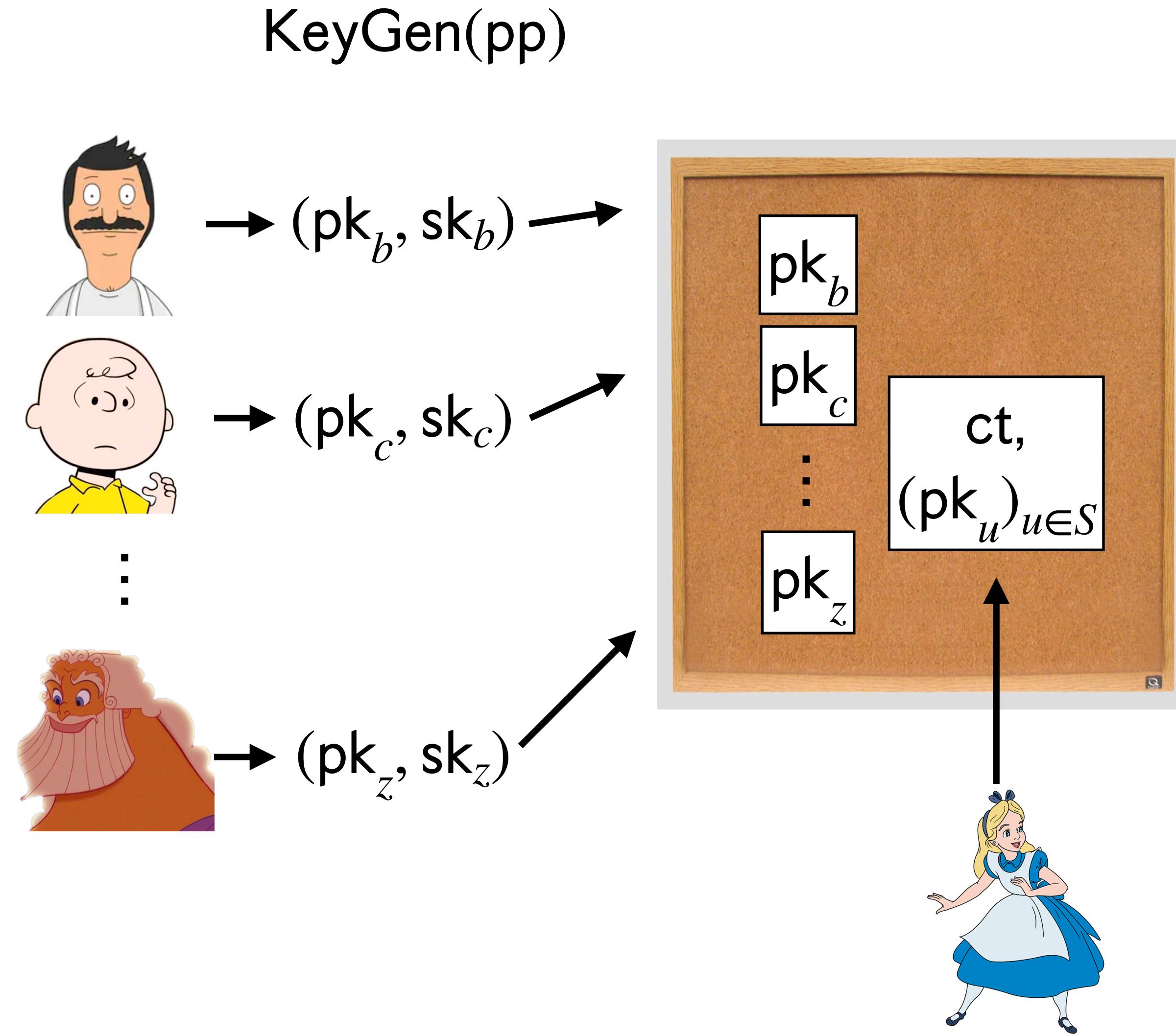


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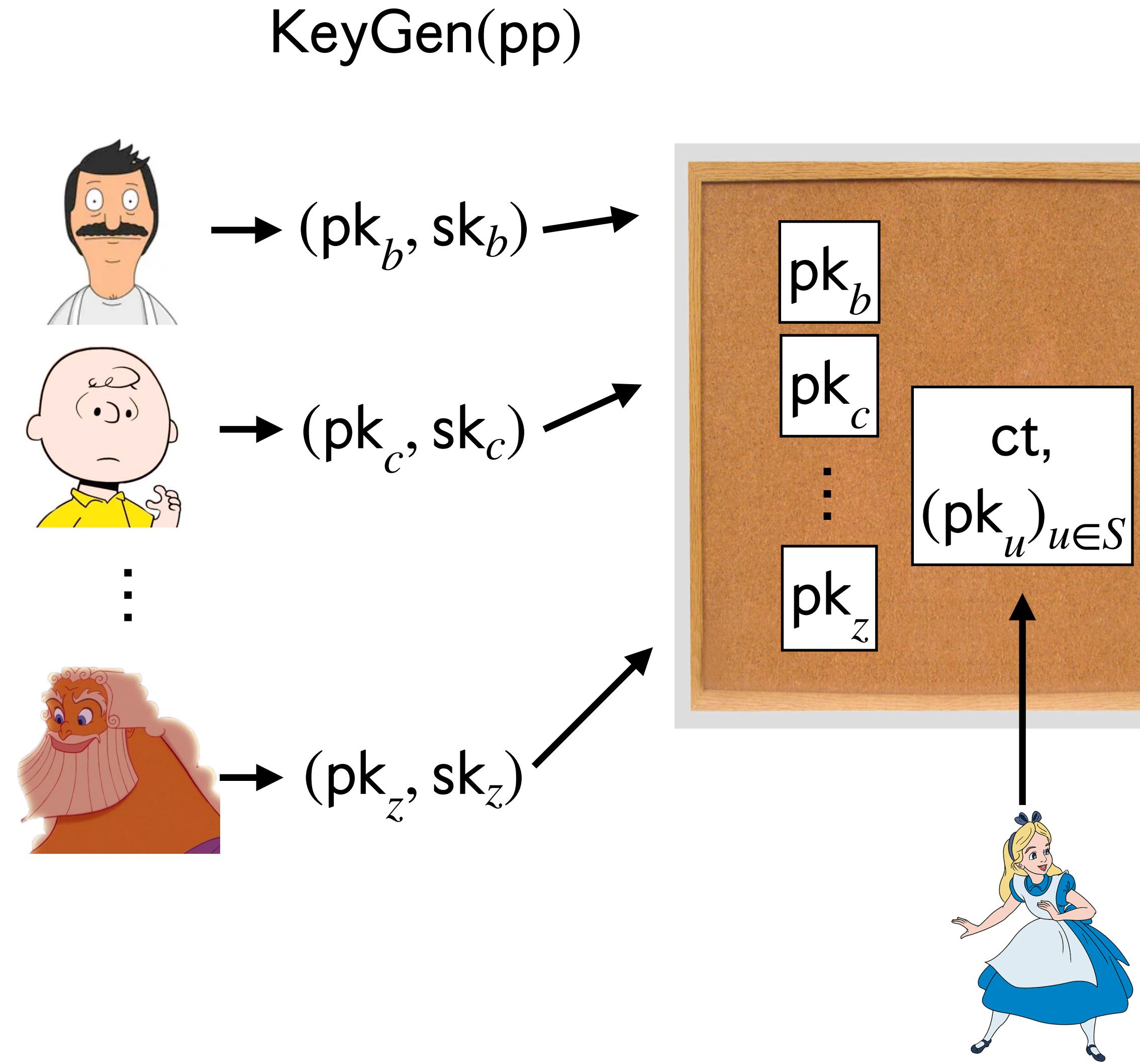
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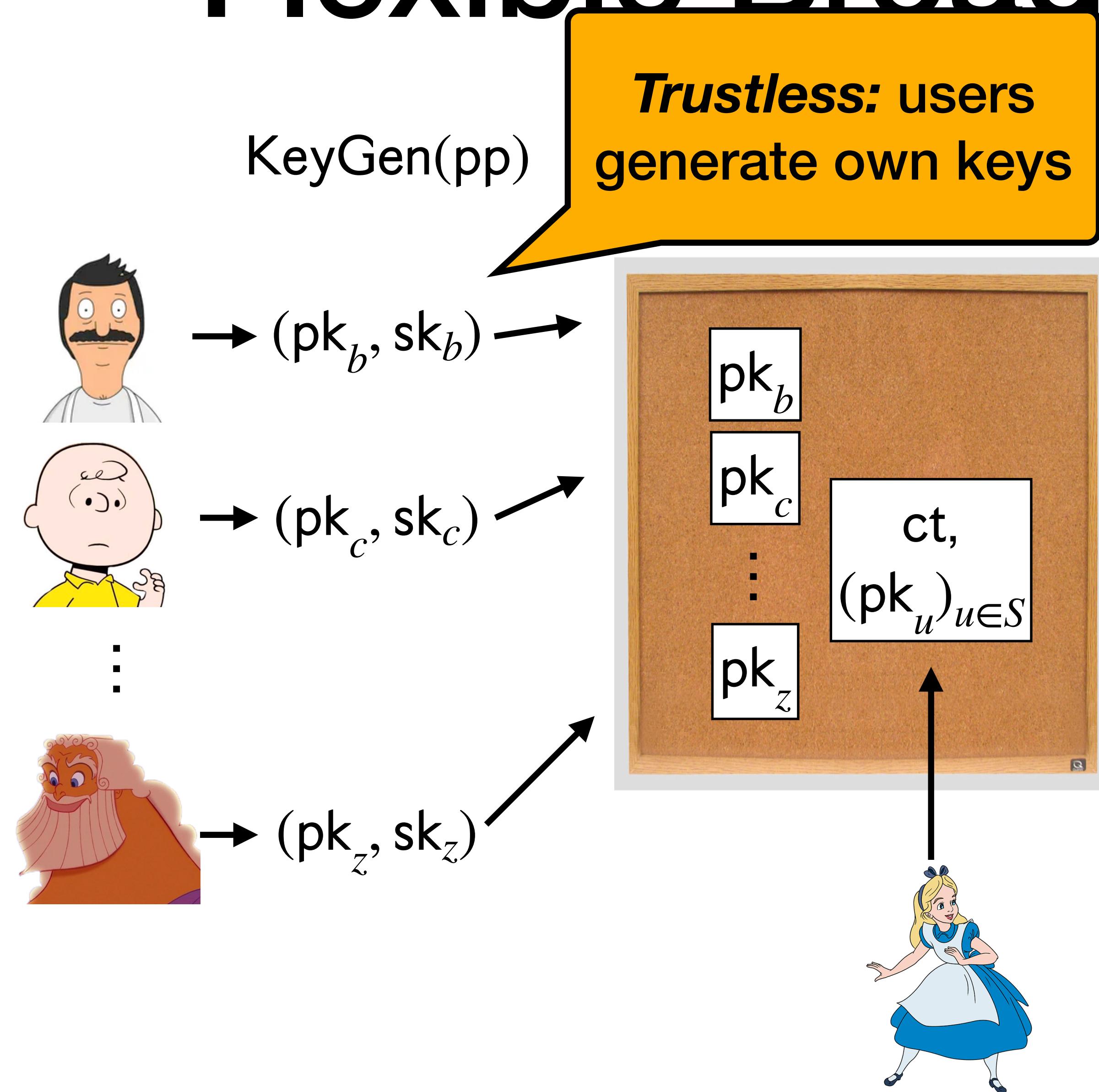
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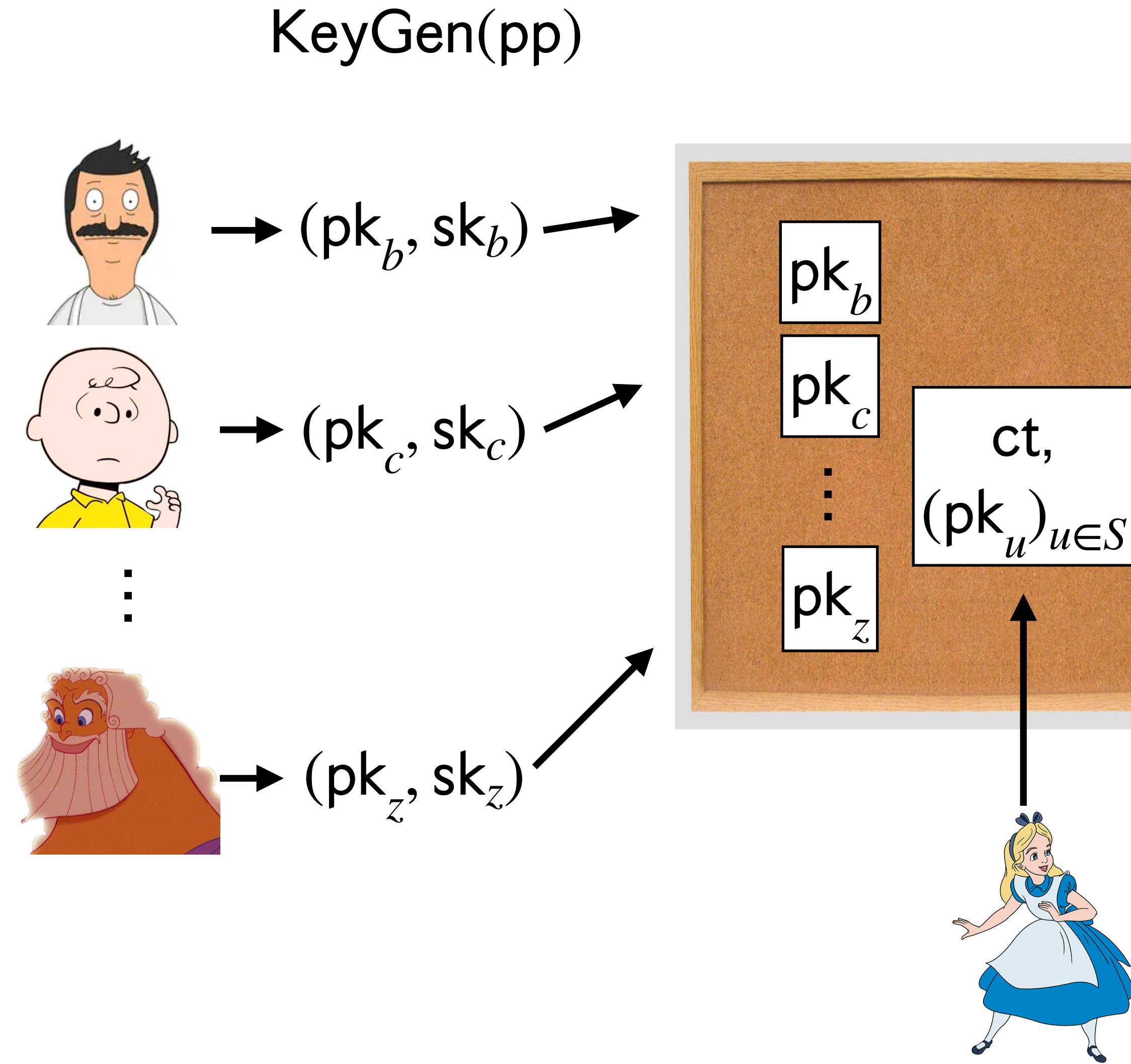
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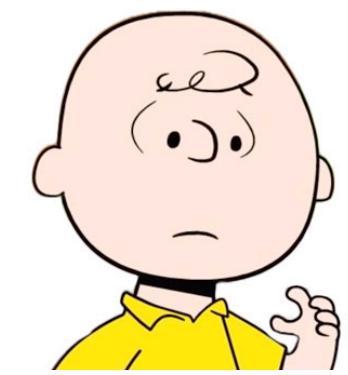
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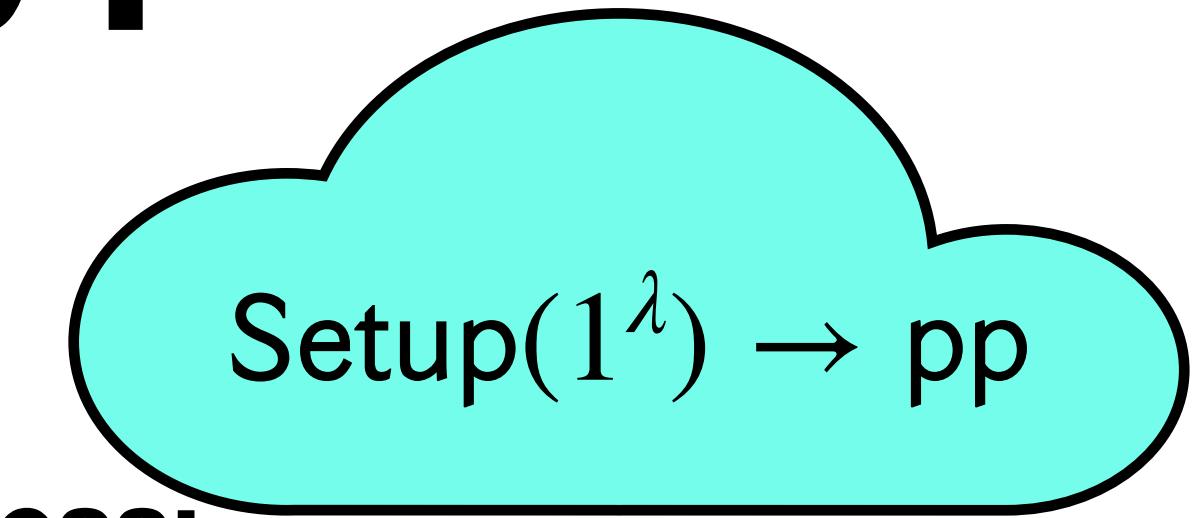
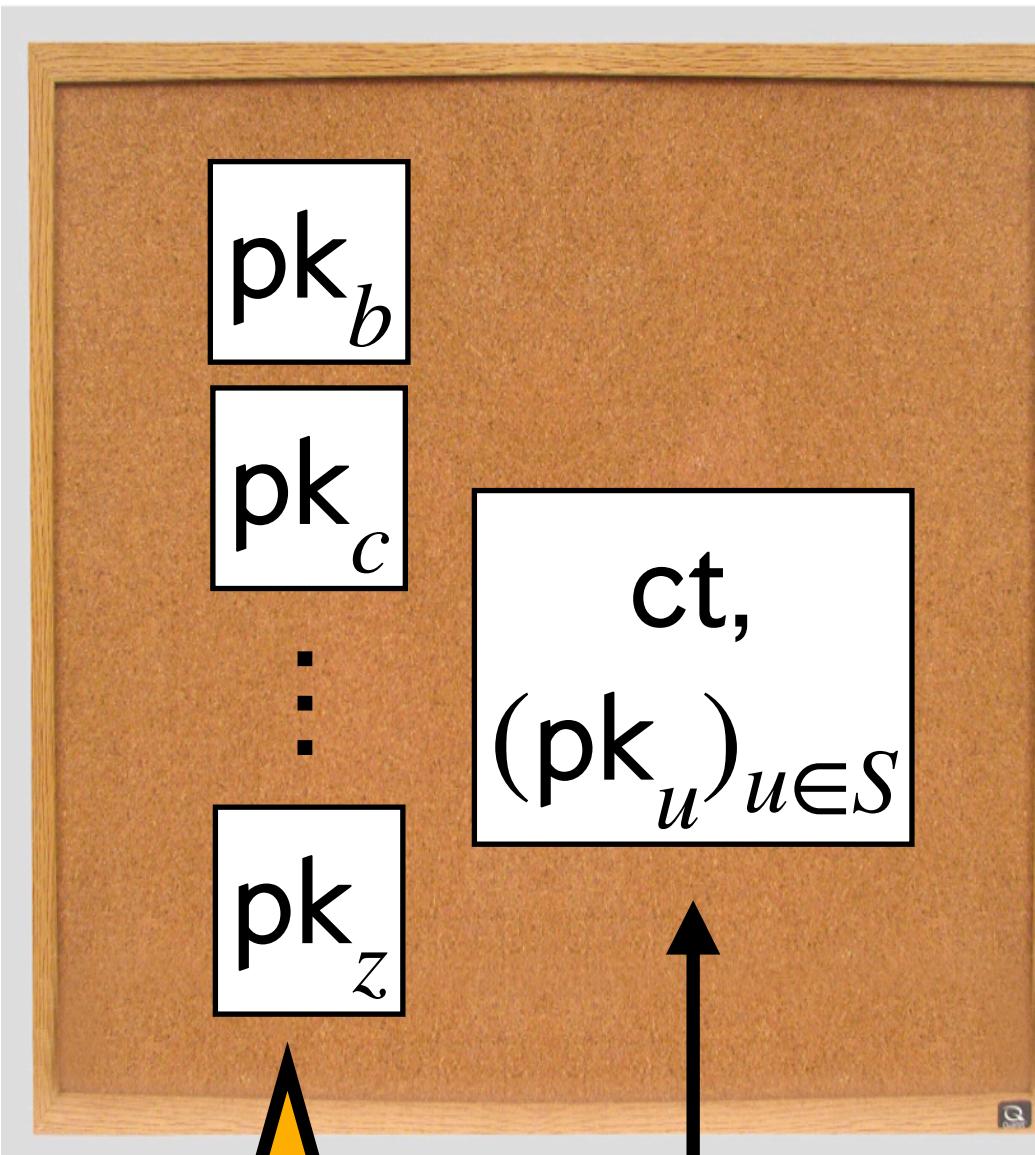


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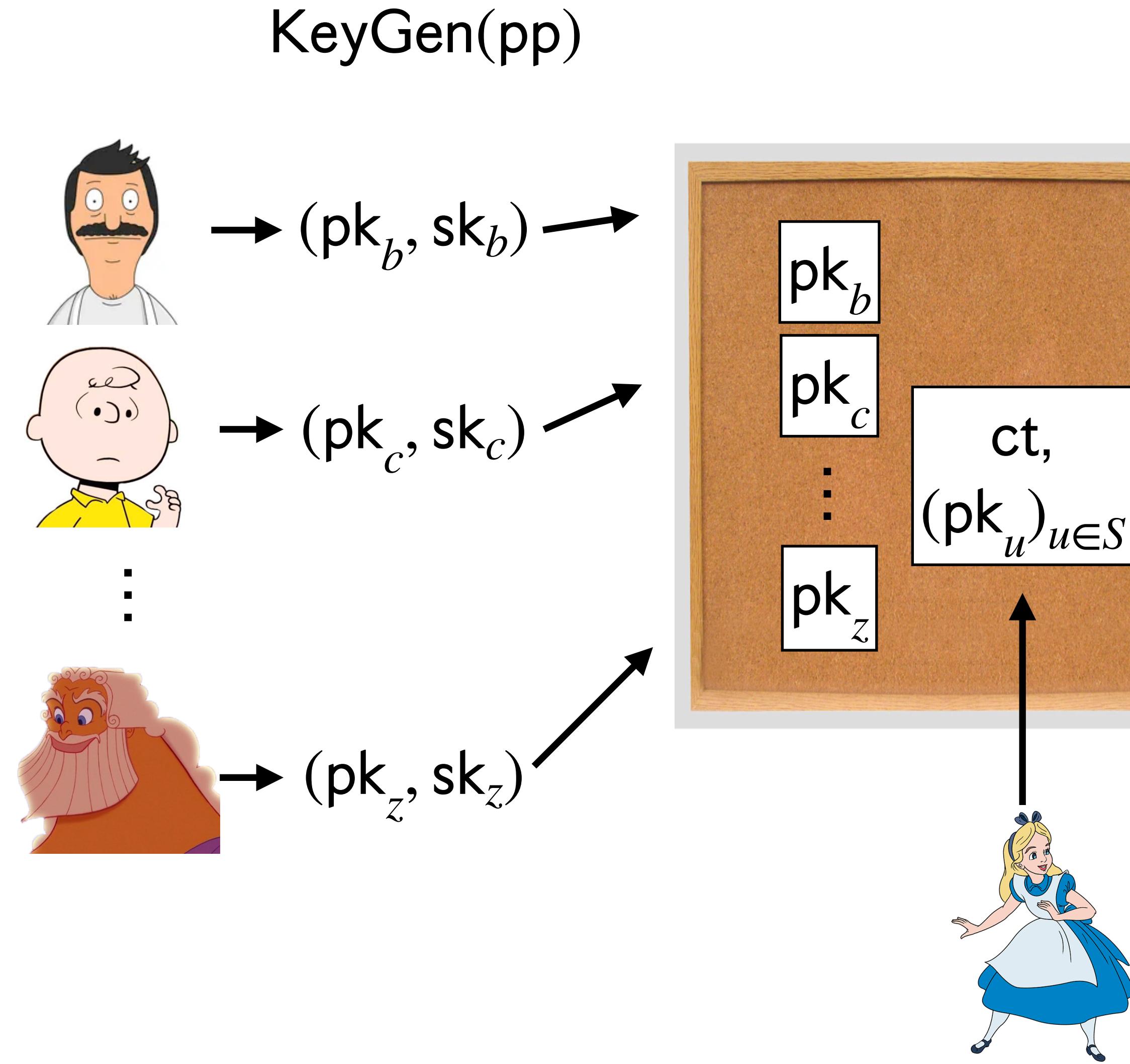
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Flexible Broadcast Encryption



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Enc(pp, msg, $(pk_u)_{u \in S}$) → ct

Dec(pp, ct, $sk_v, (pk_u)_{u \in S}$) → msg if $v \in S$

≈ Security: Without sk_v for $v \in S$,

Enc(pp, msg, $(pk_u)_{u \in S}$)

≈ Enc(pp, 0, $(pk_u)_{u \in S}$)

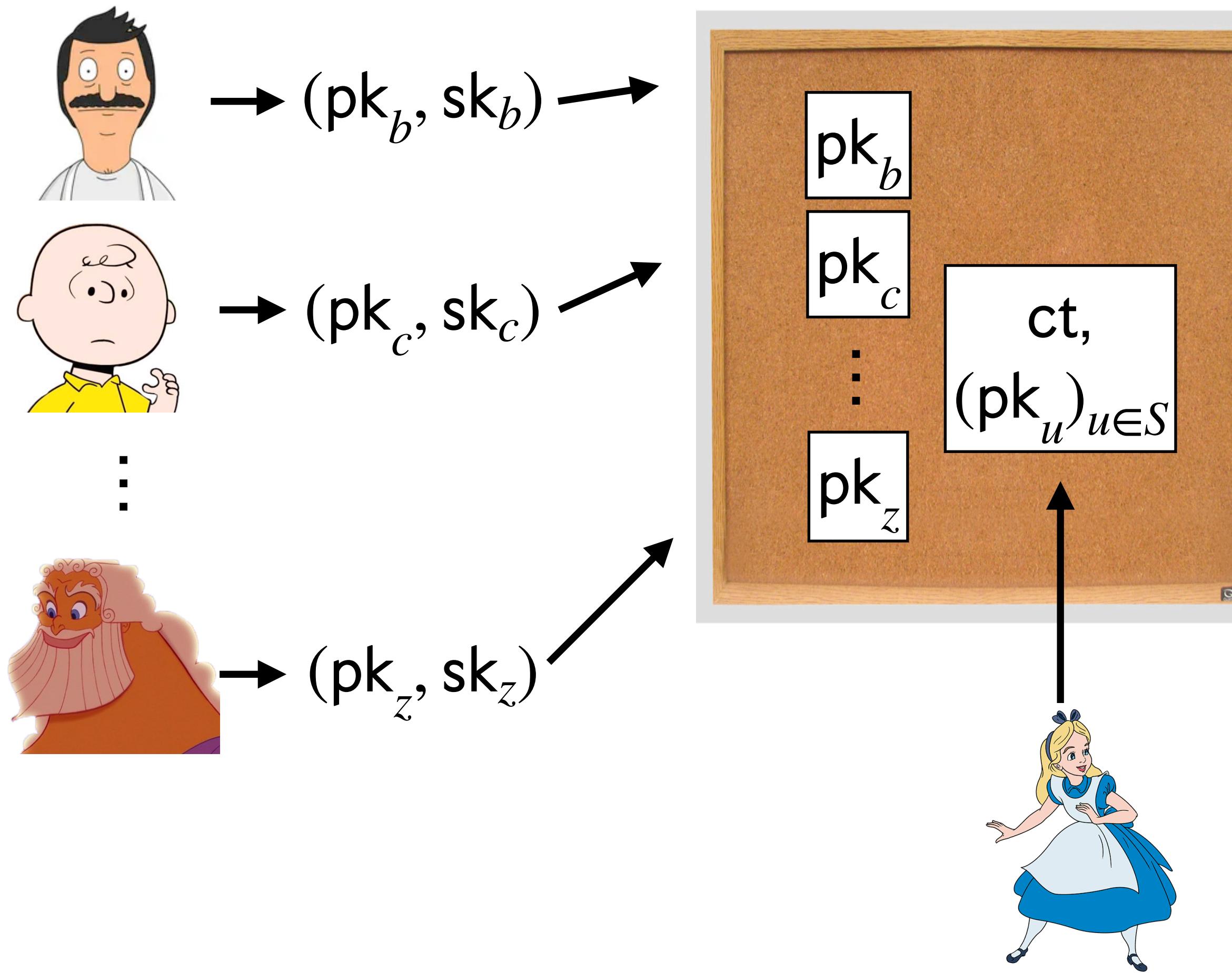
Efficiency:

|ct| = poly($\lambda, |\text{msg}|, \log |S|$)

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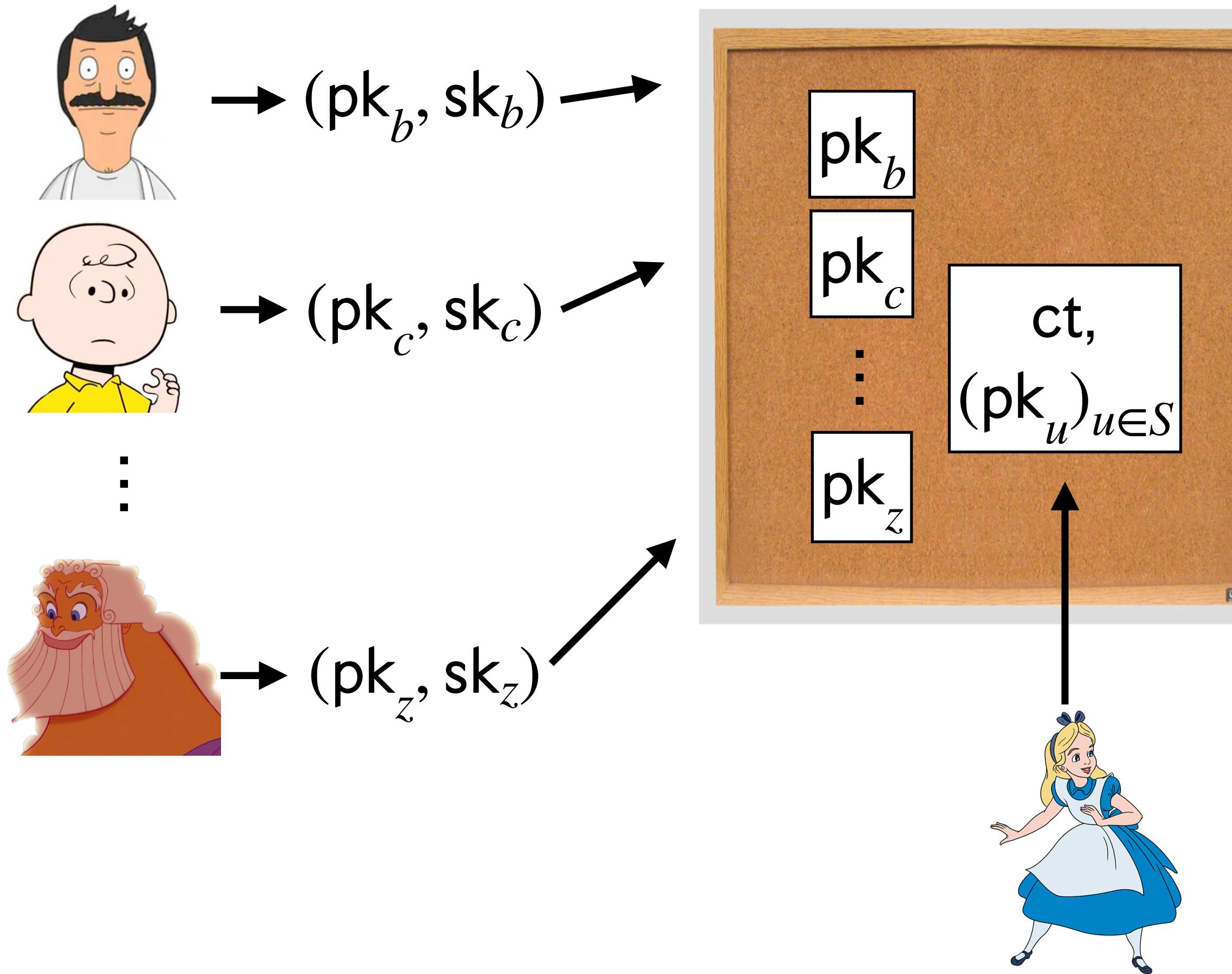
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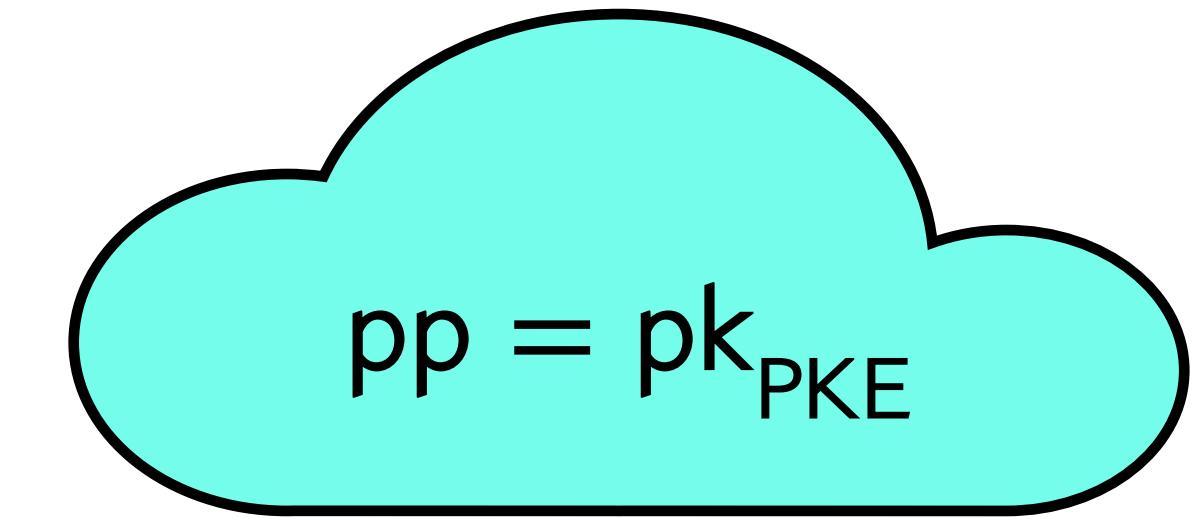
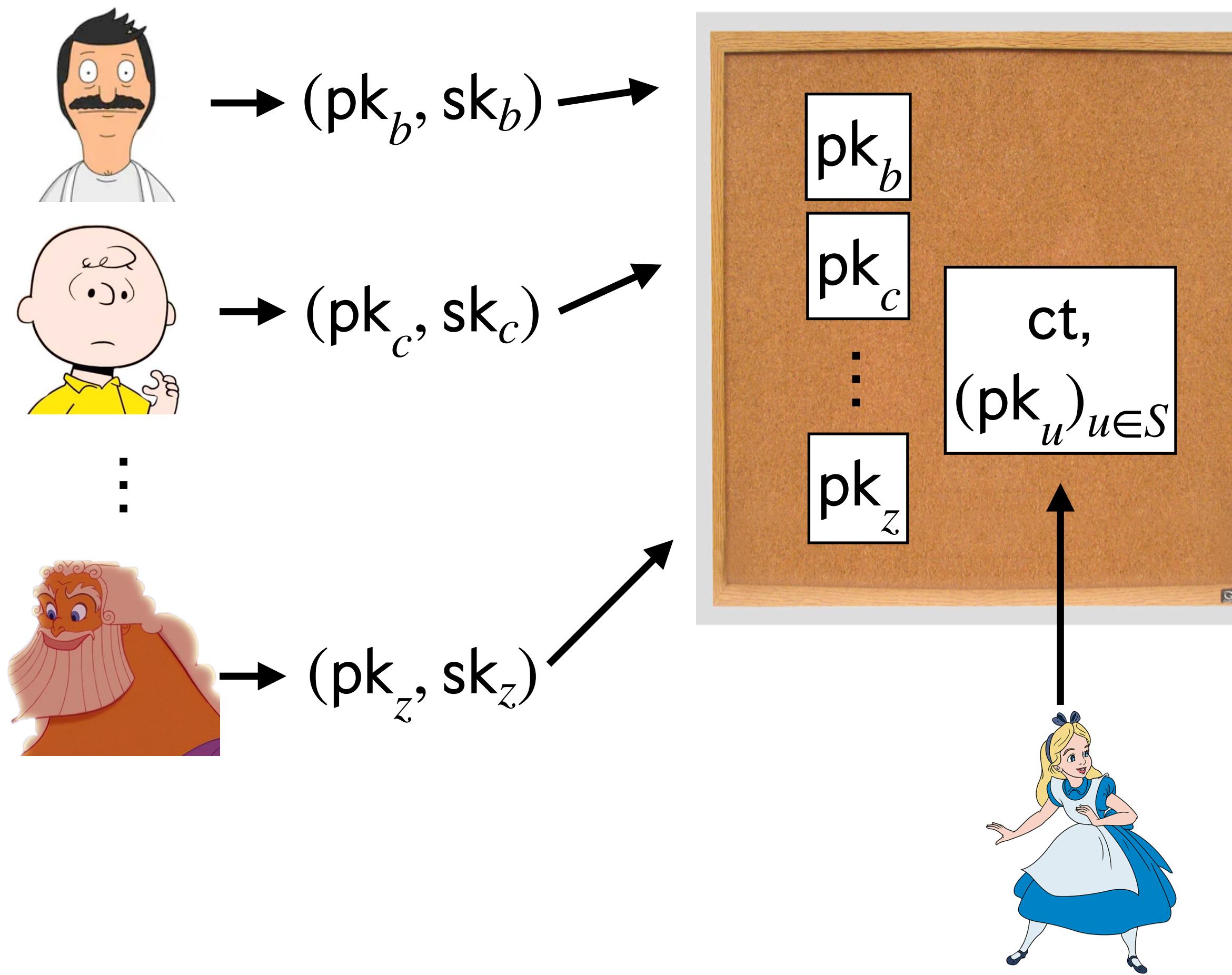
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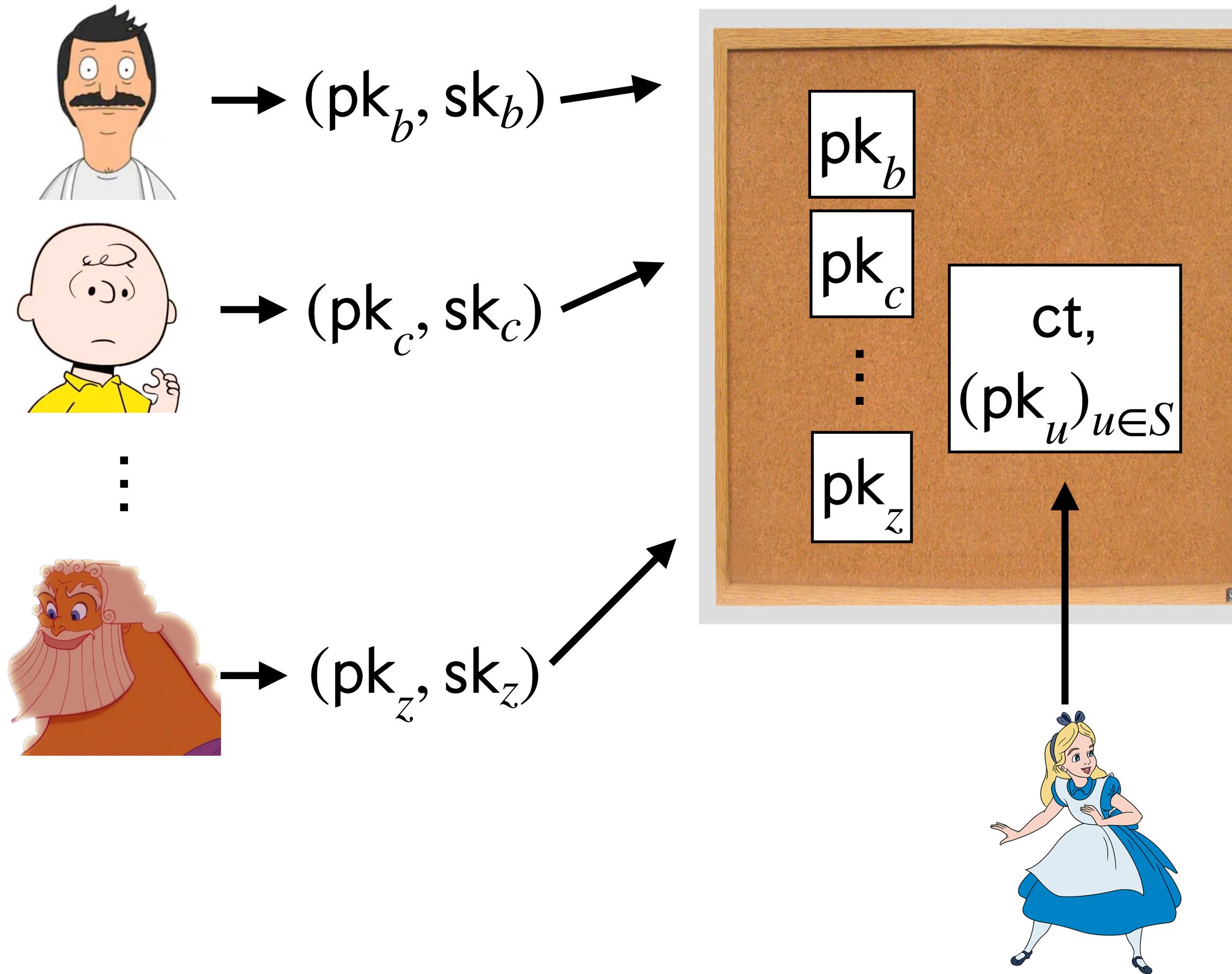
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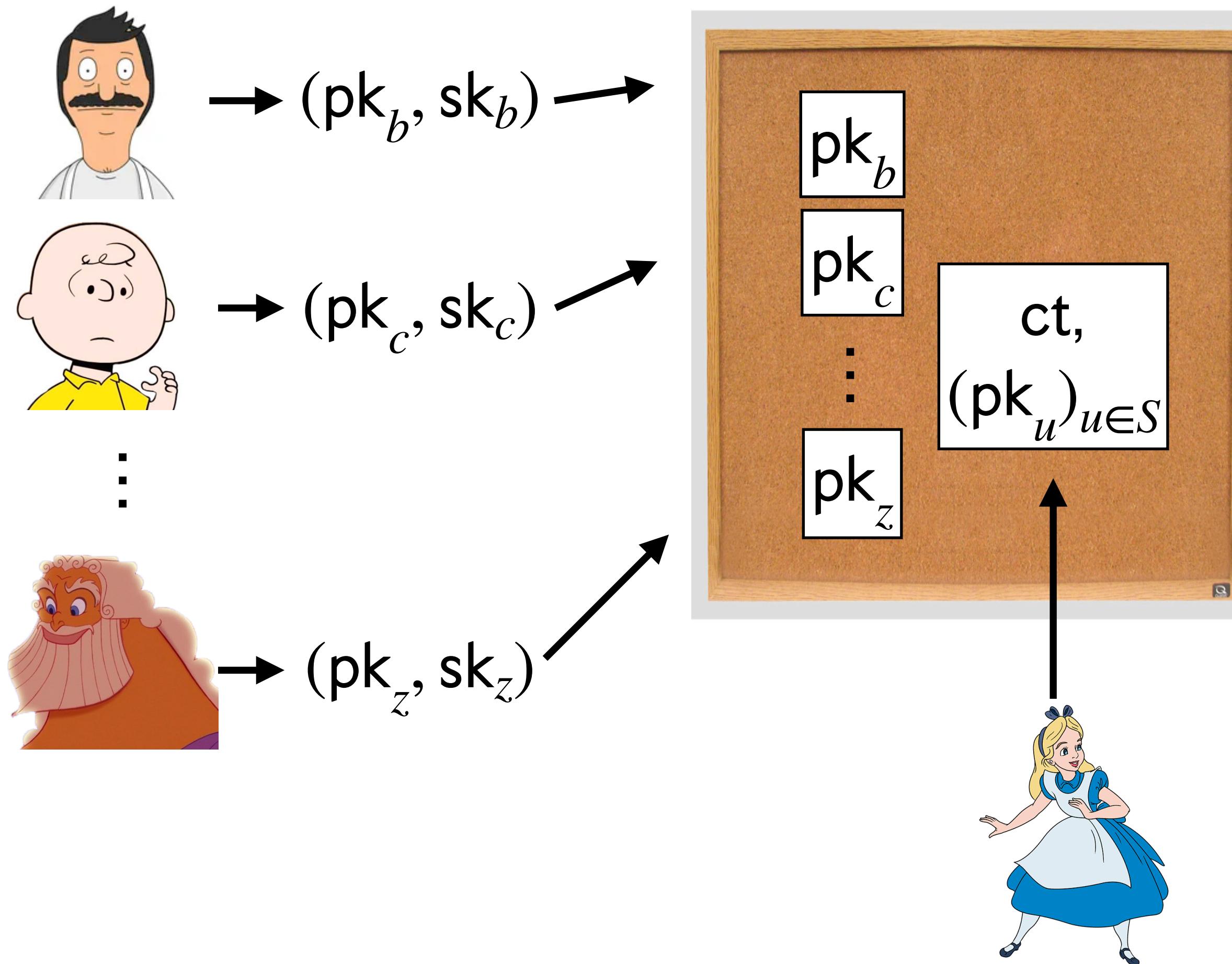
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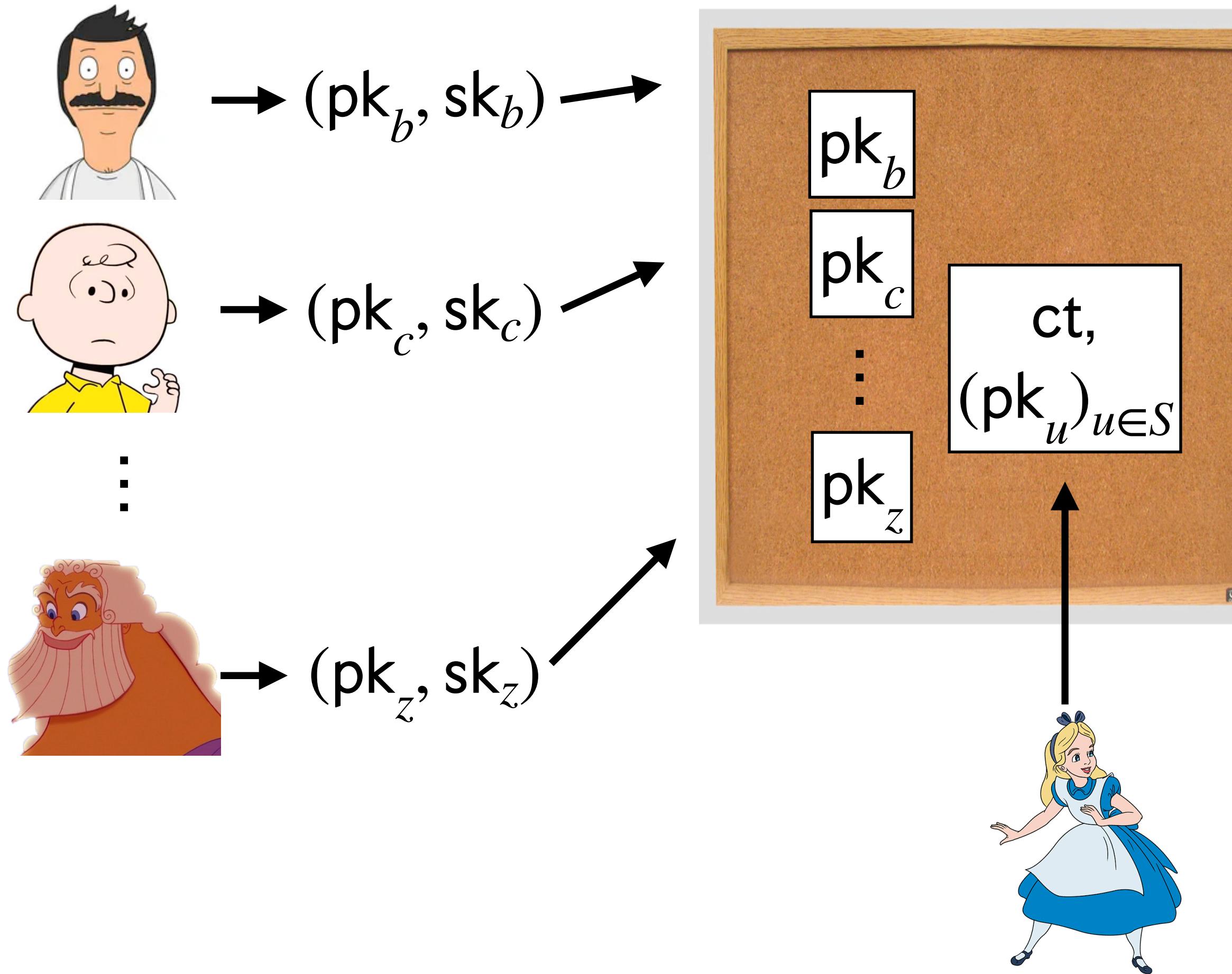
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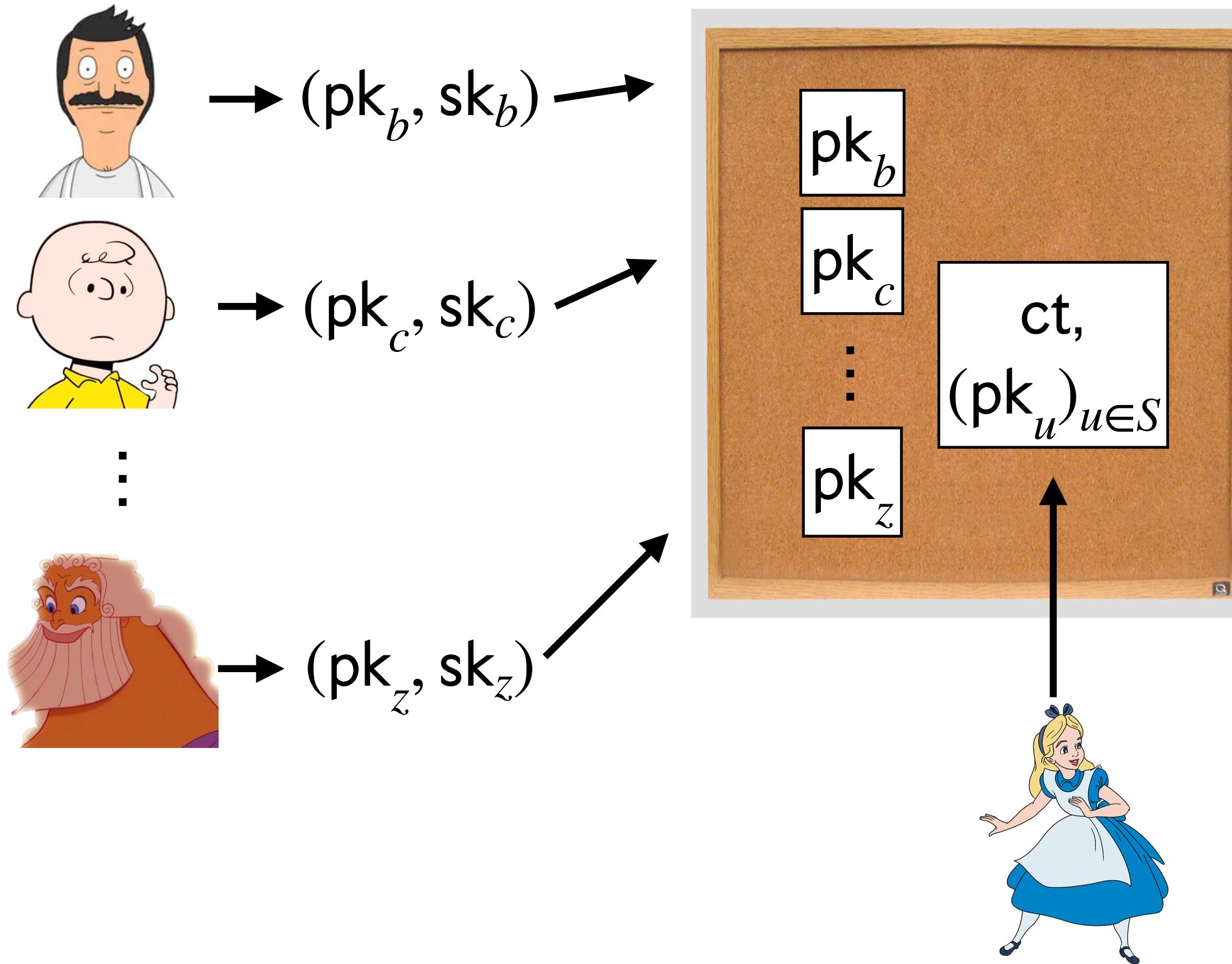
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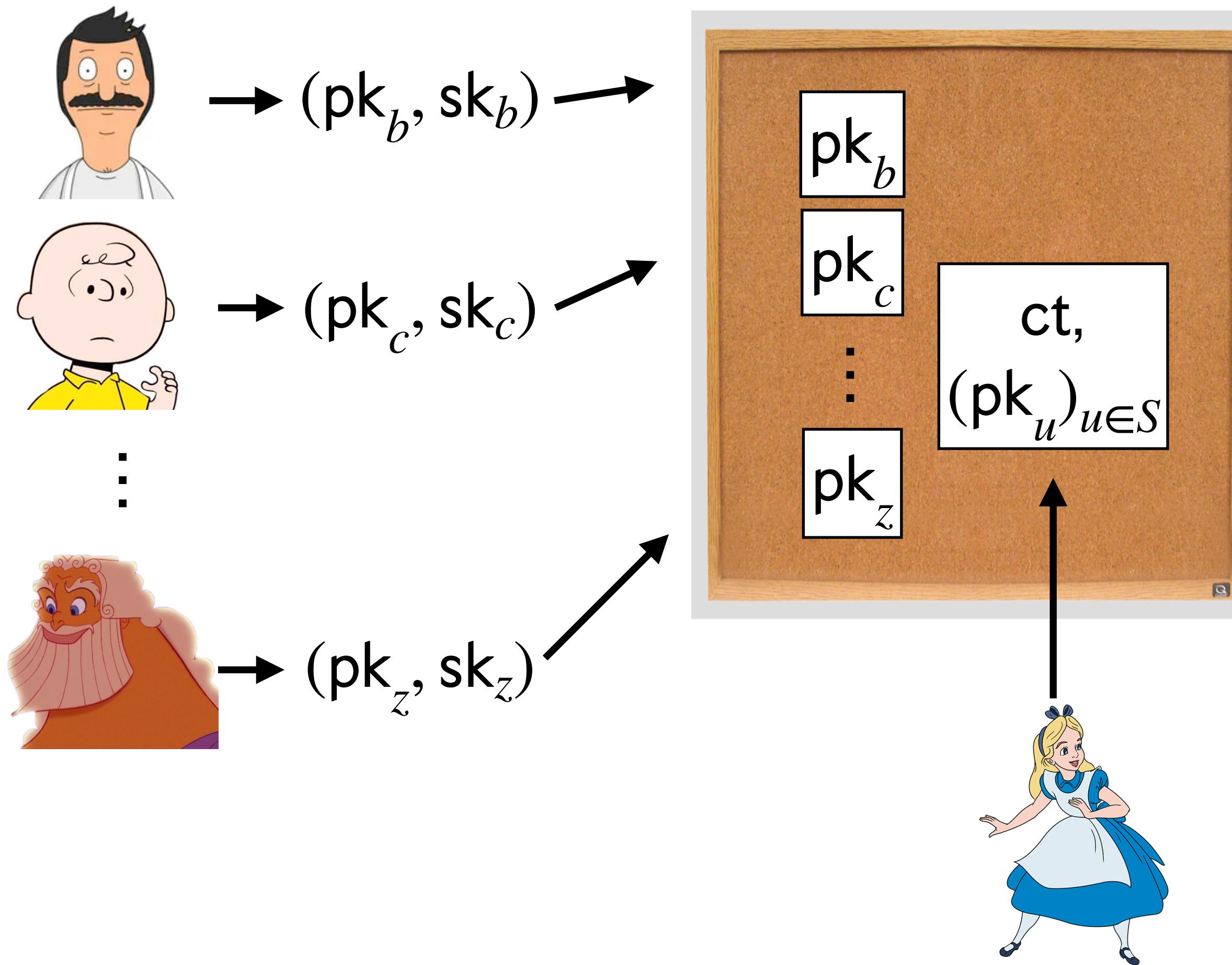
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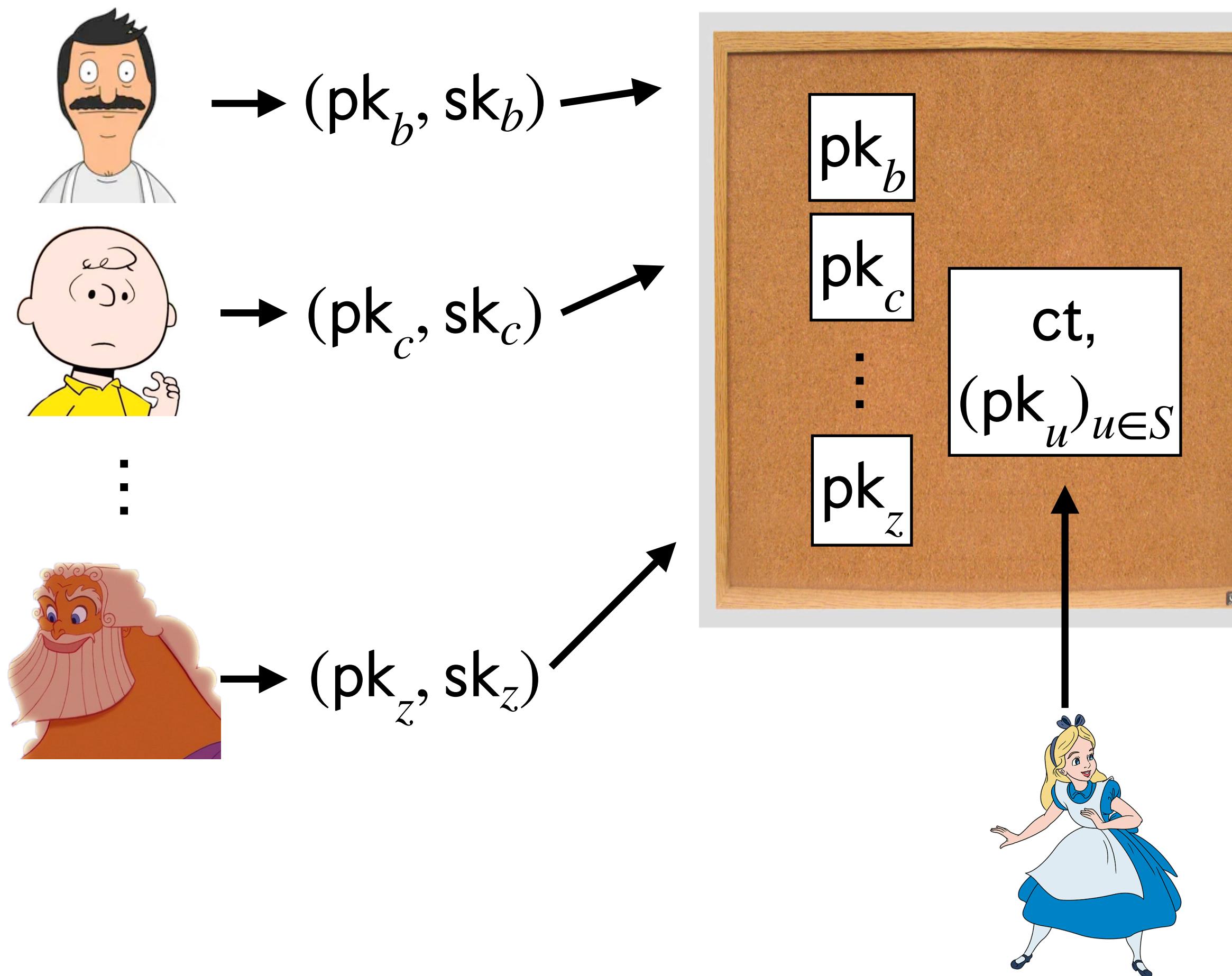
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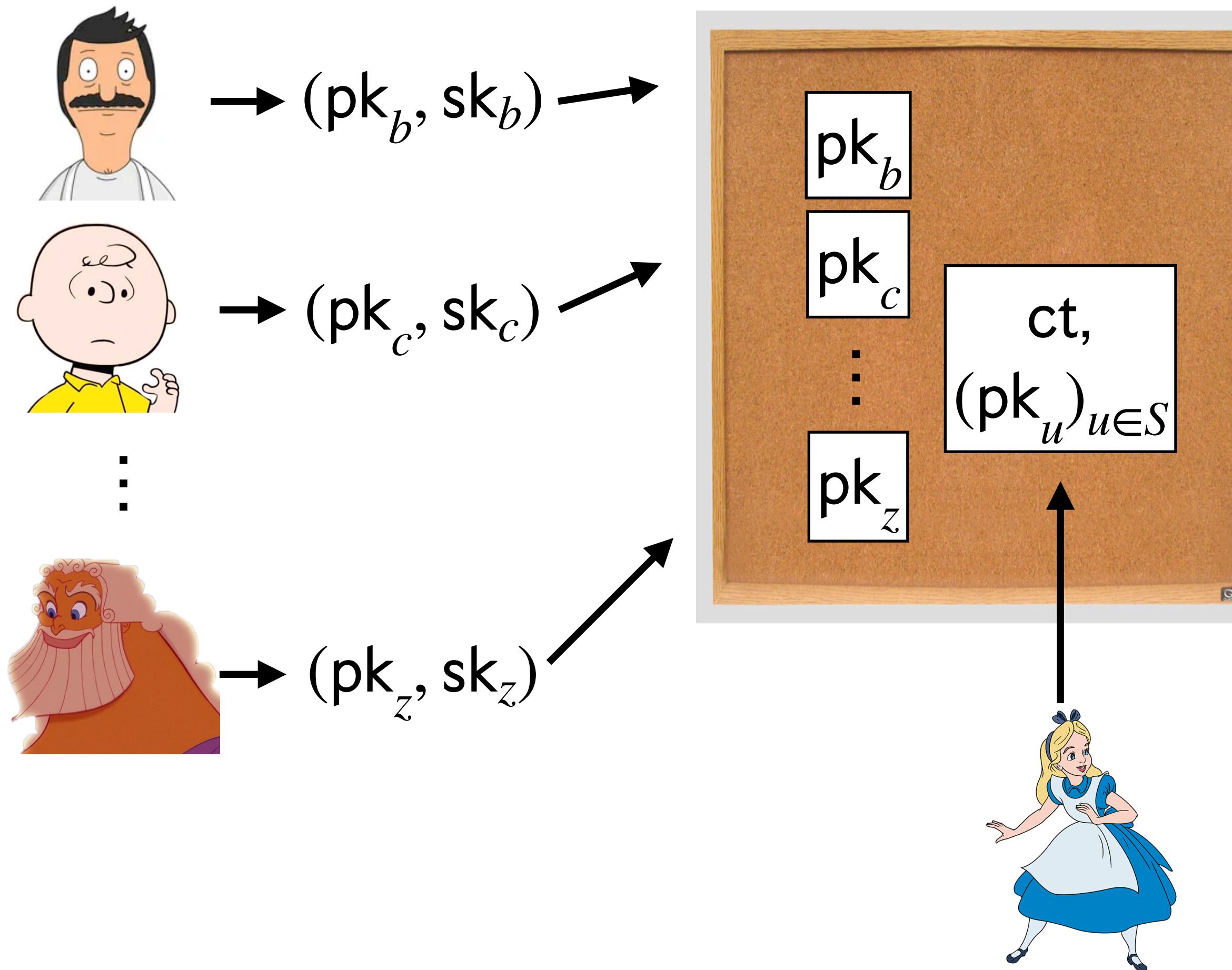
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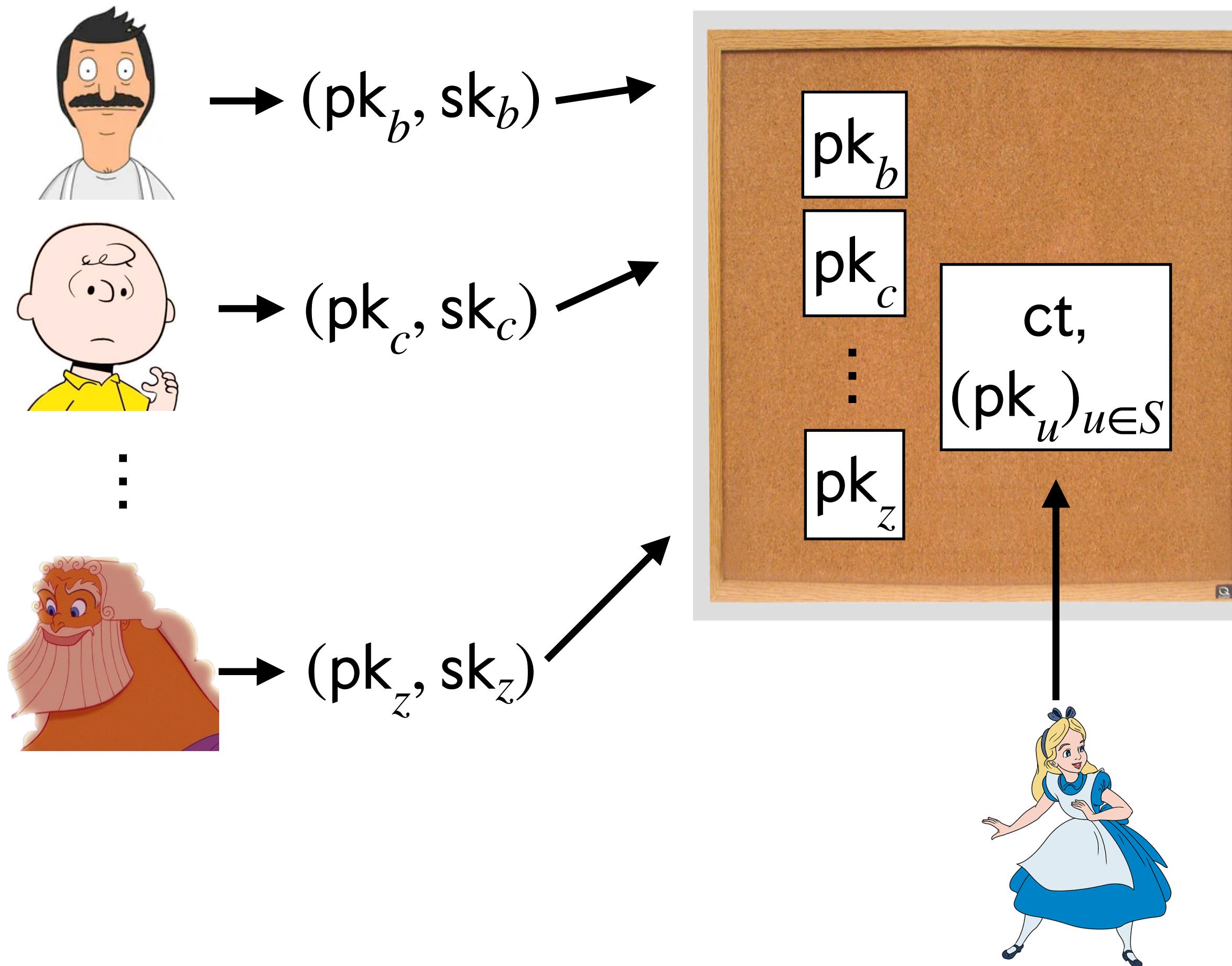
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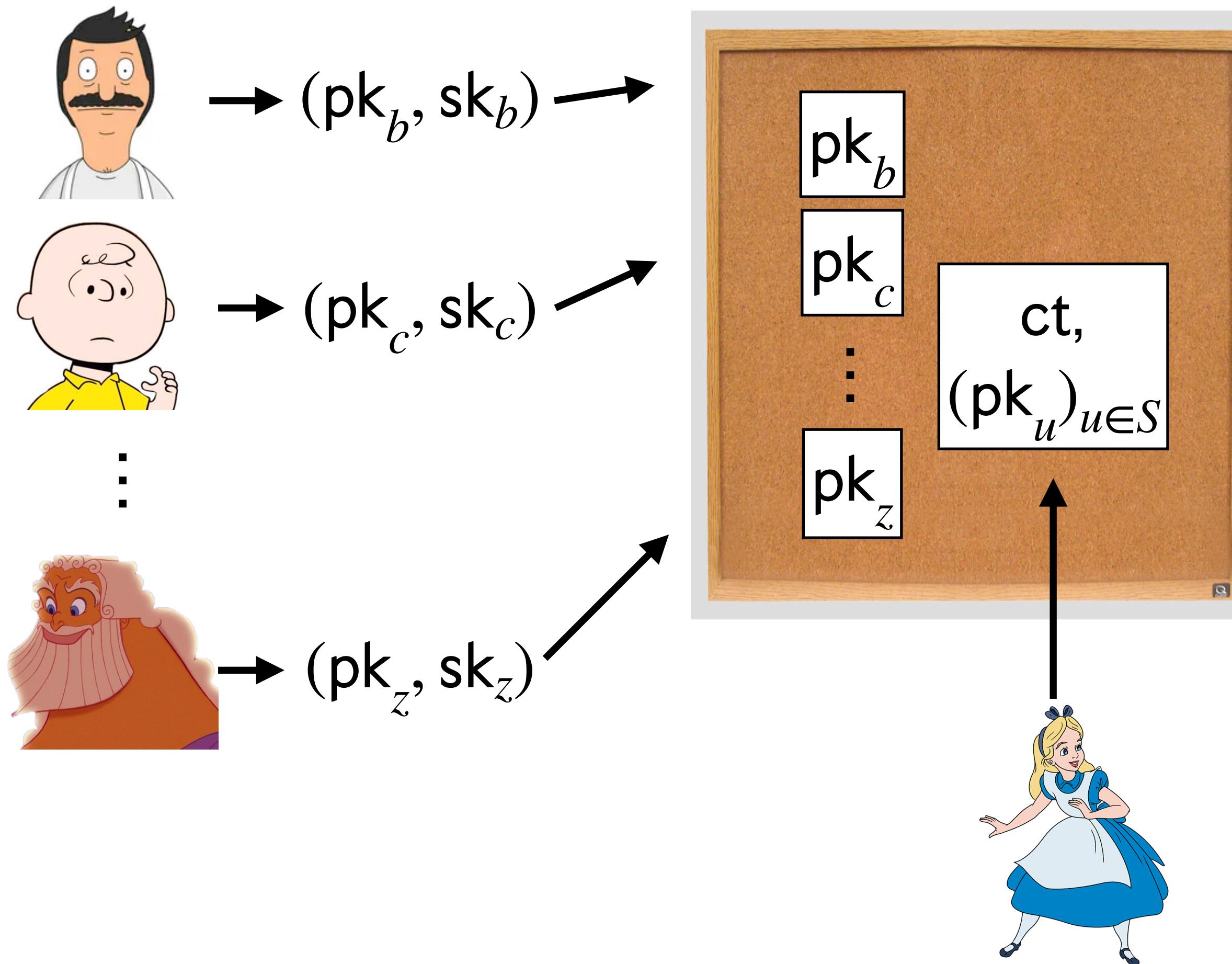
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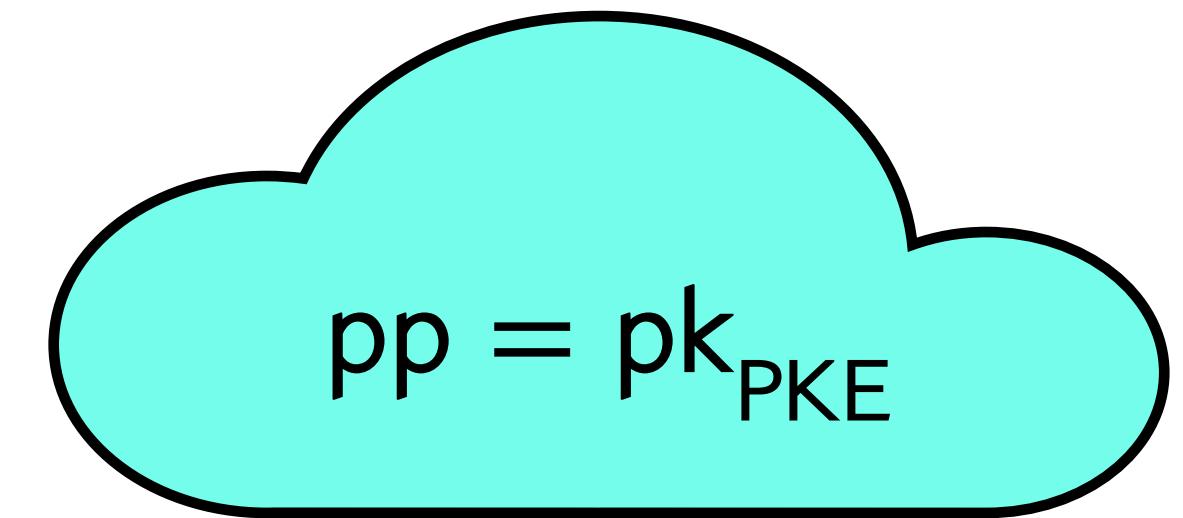
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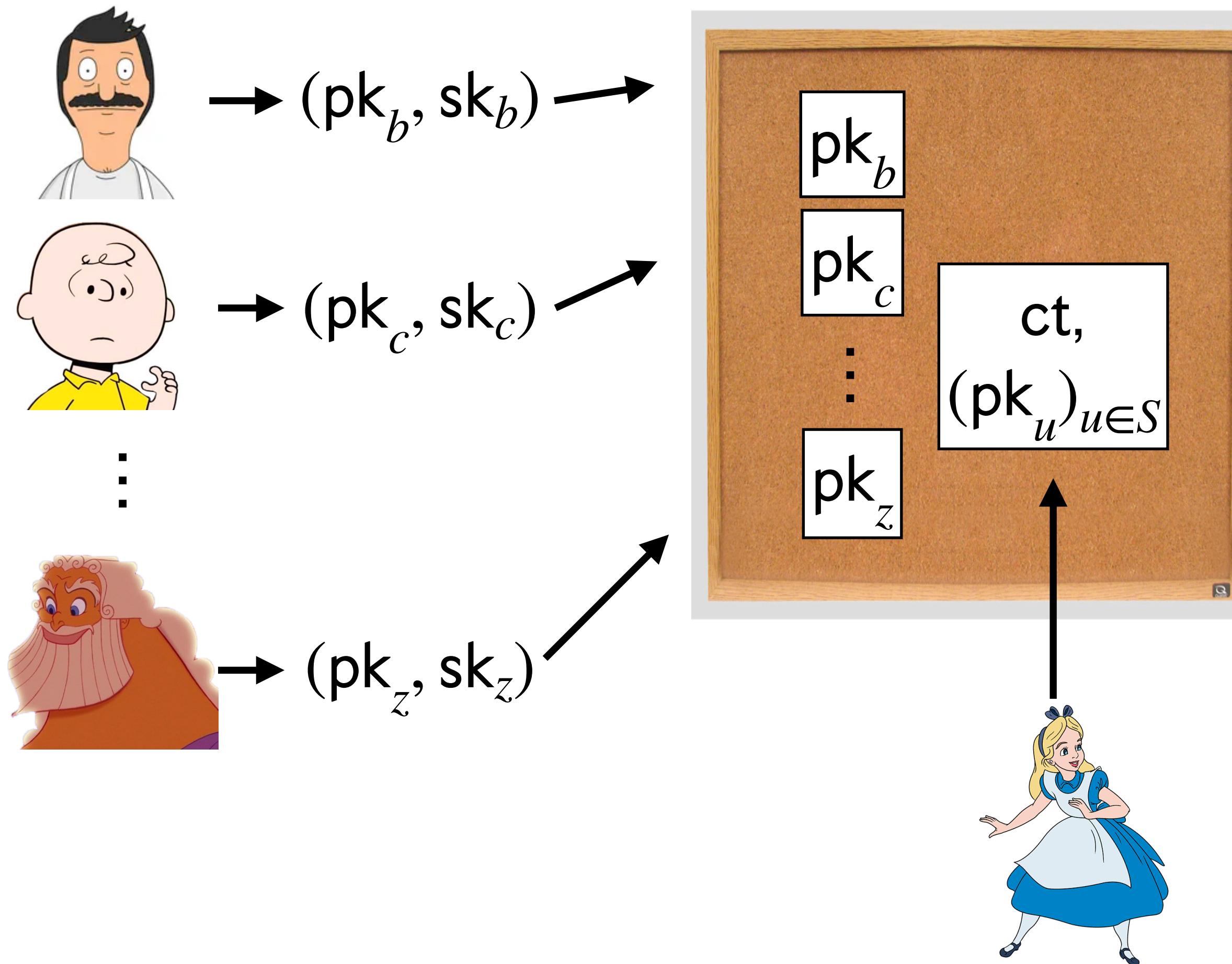
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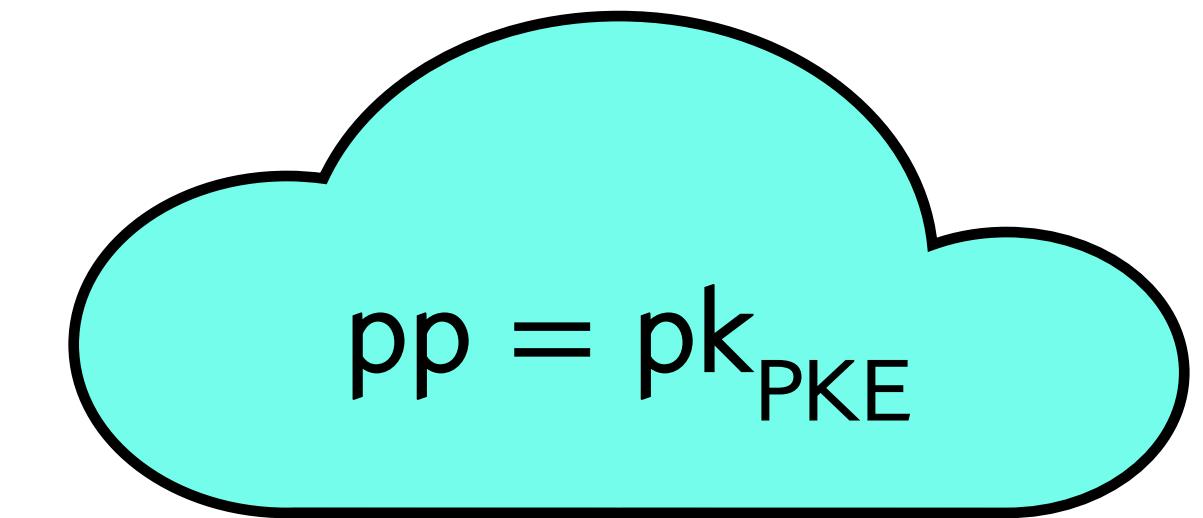
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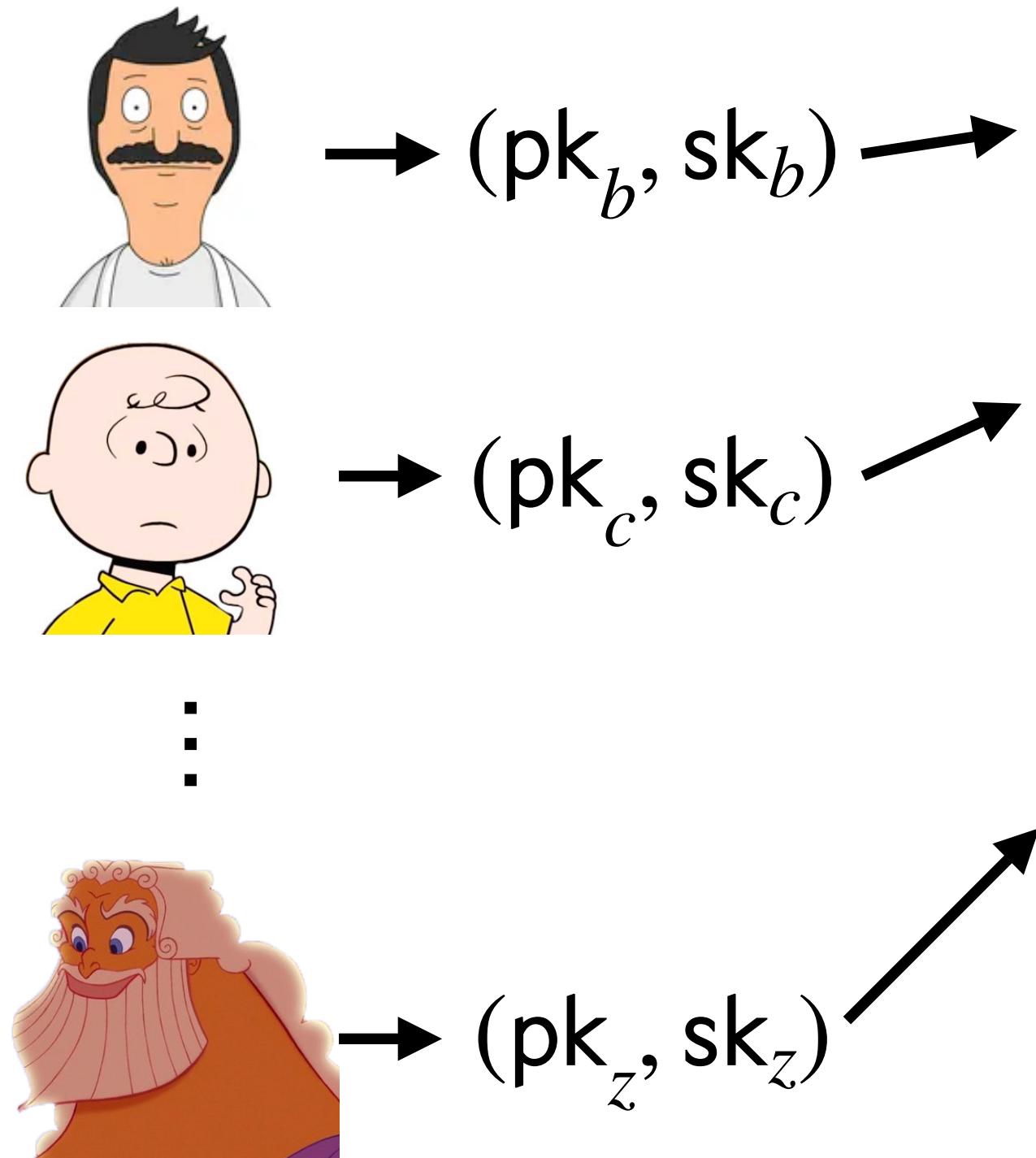
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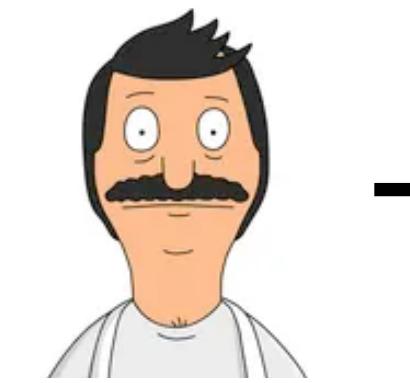
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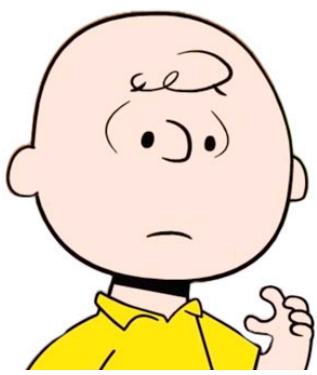
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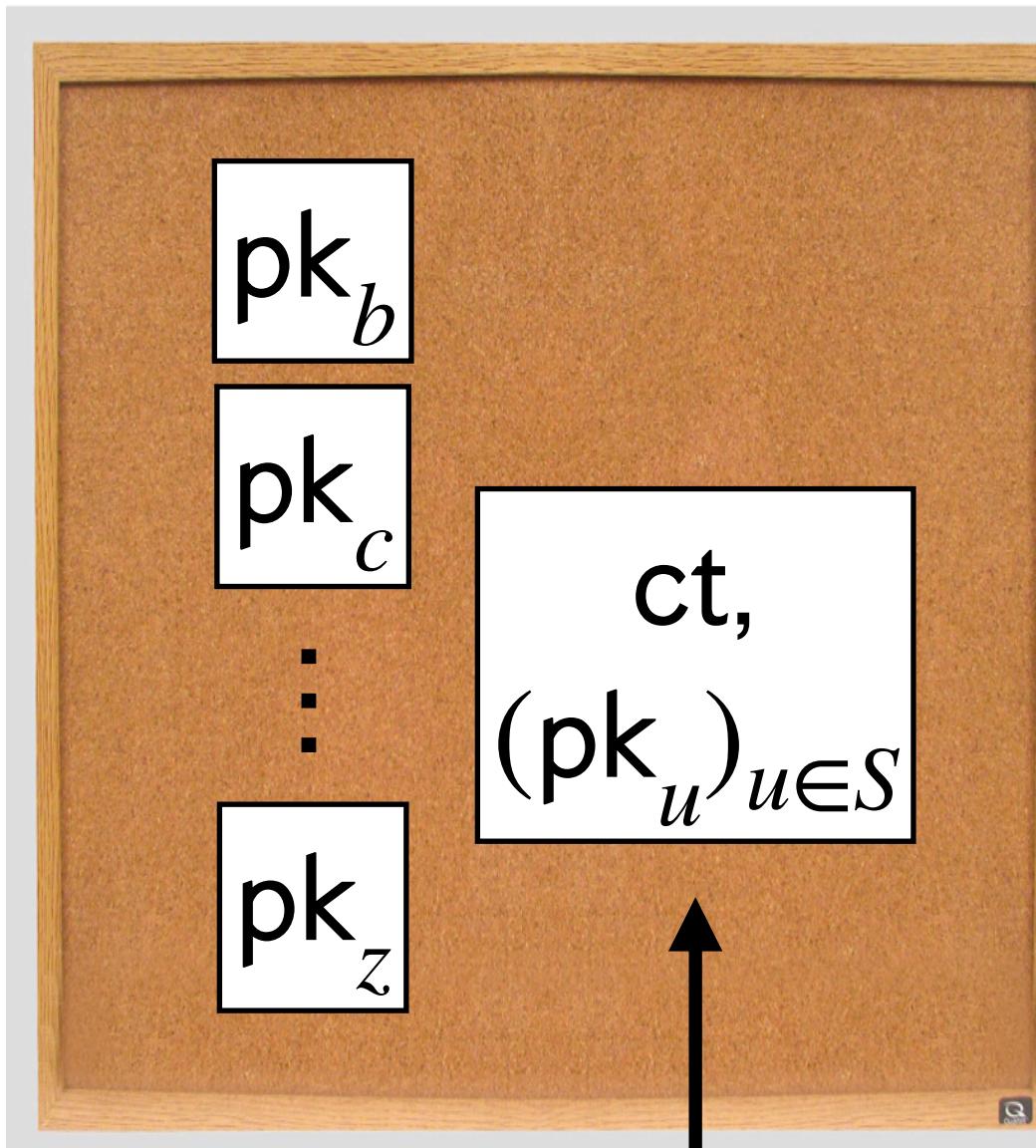


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Merkle Tree—hash function with local opening

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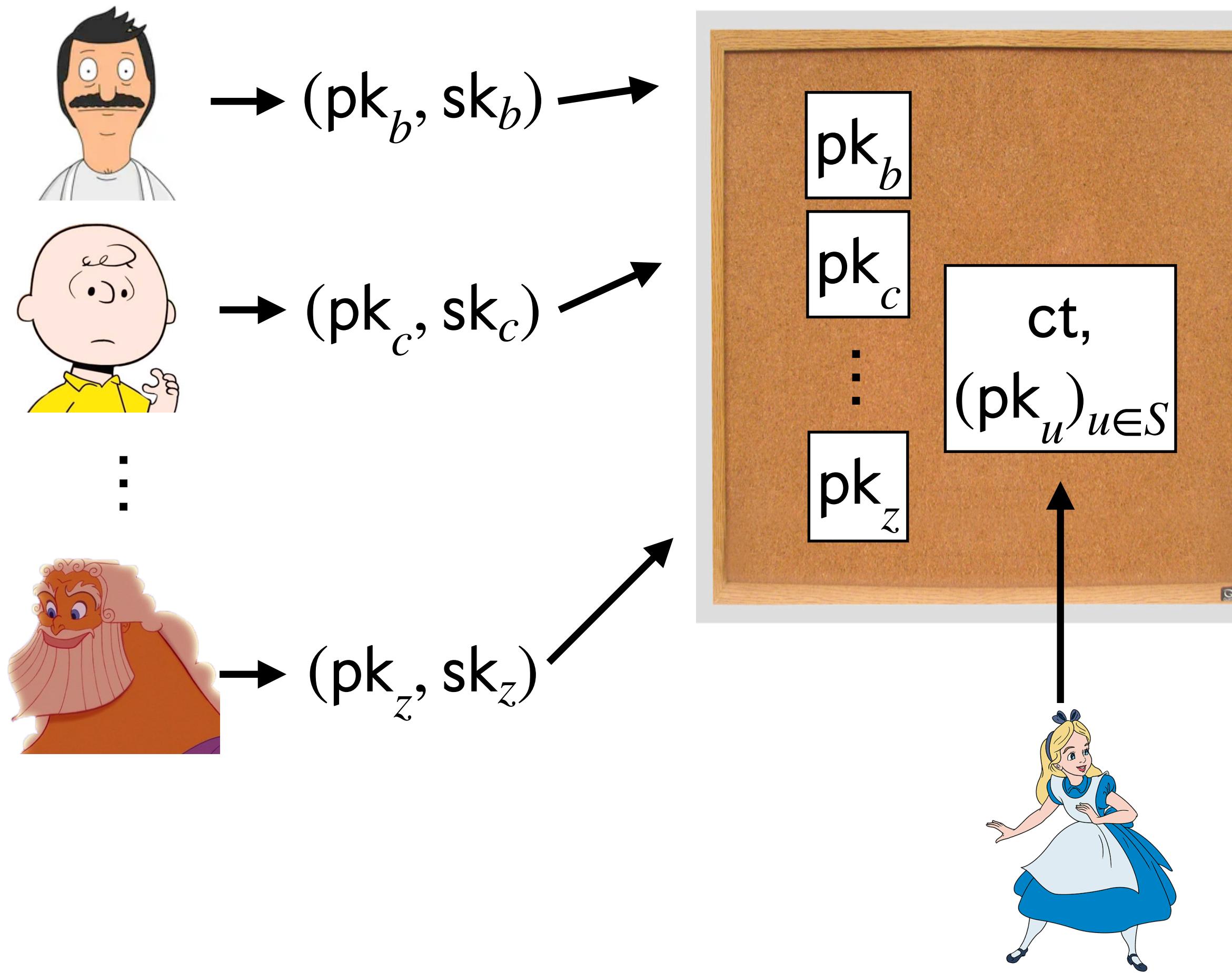
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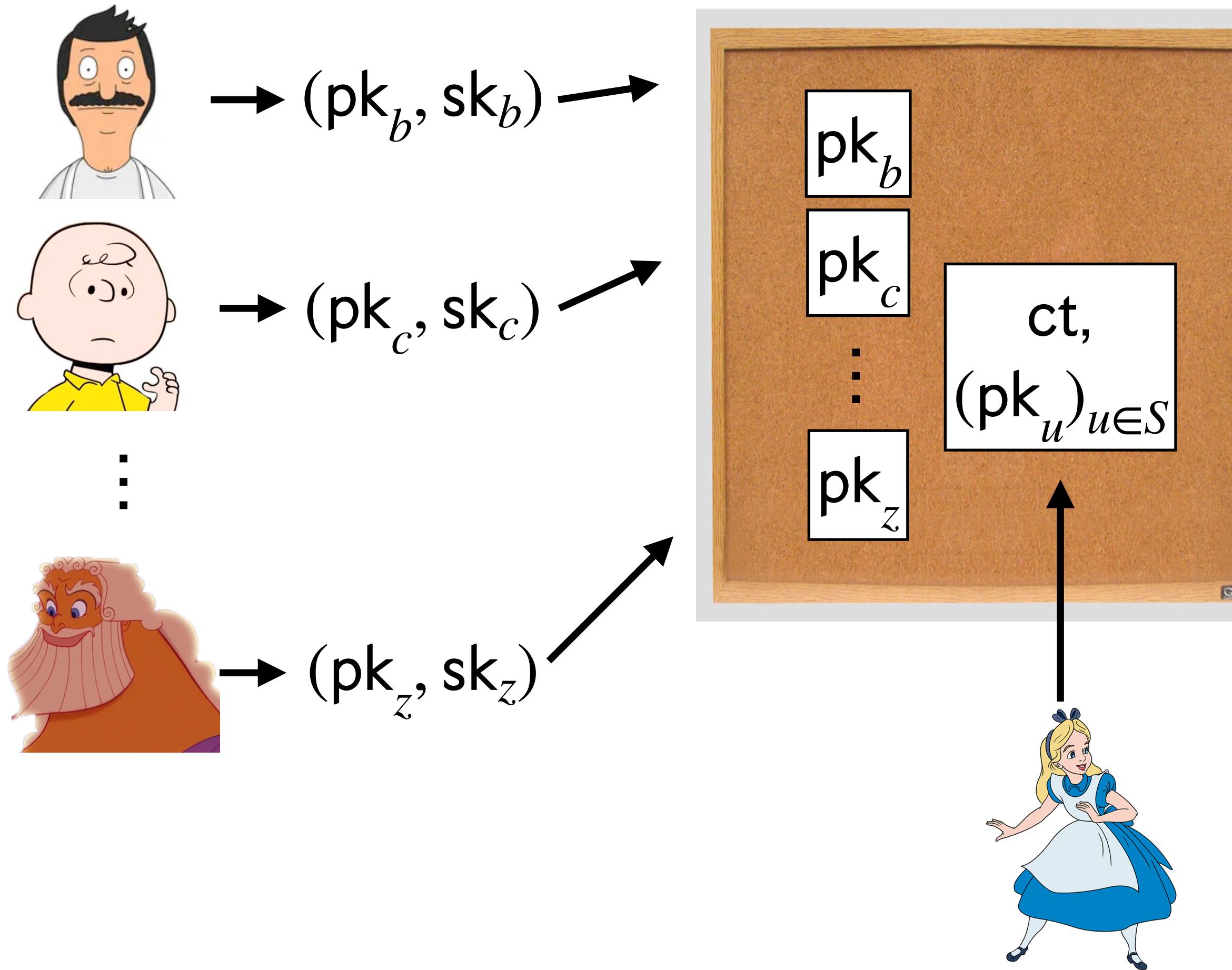
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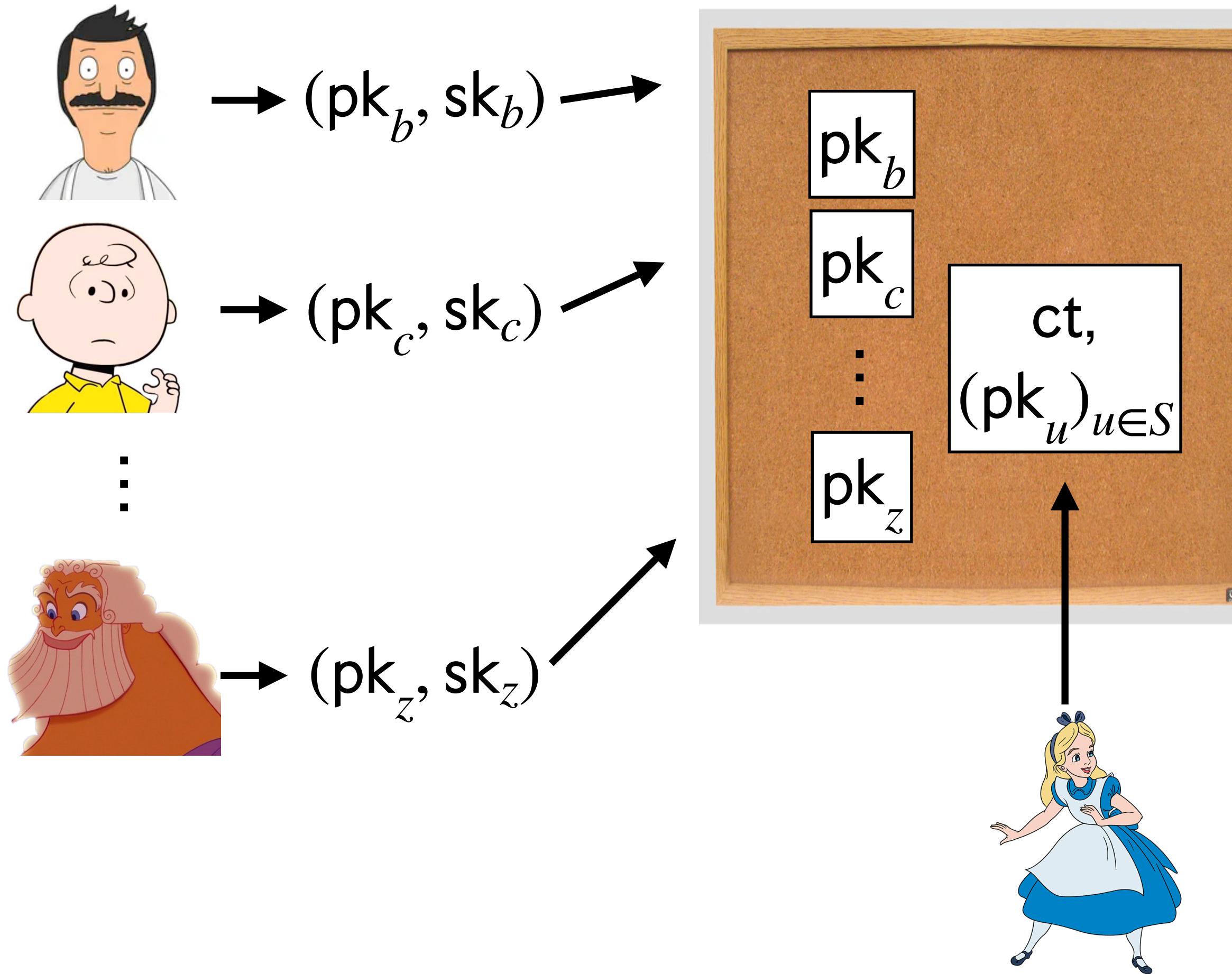
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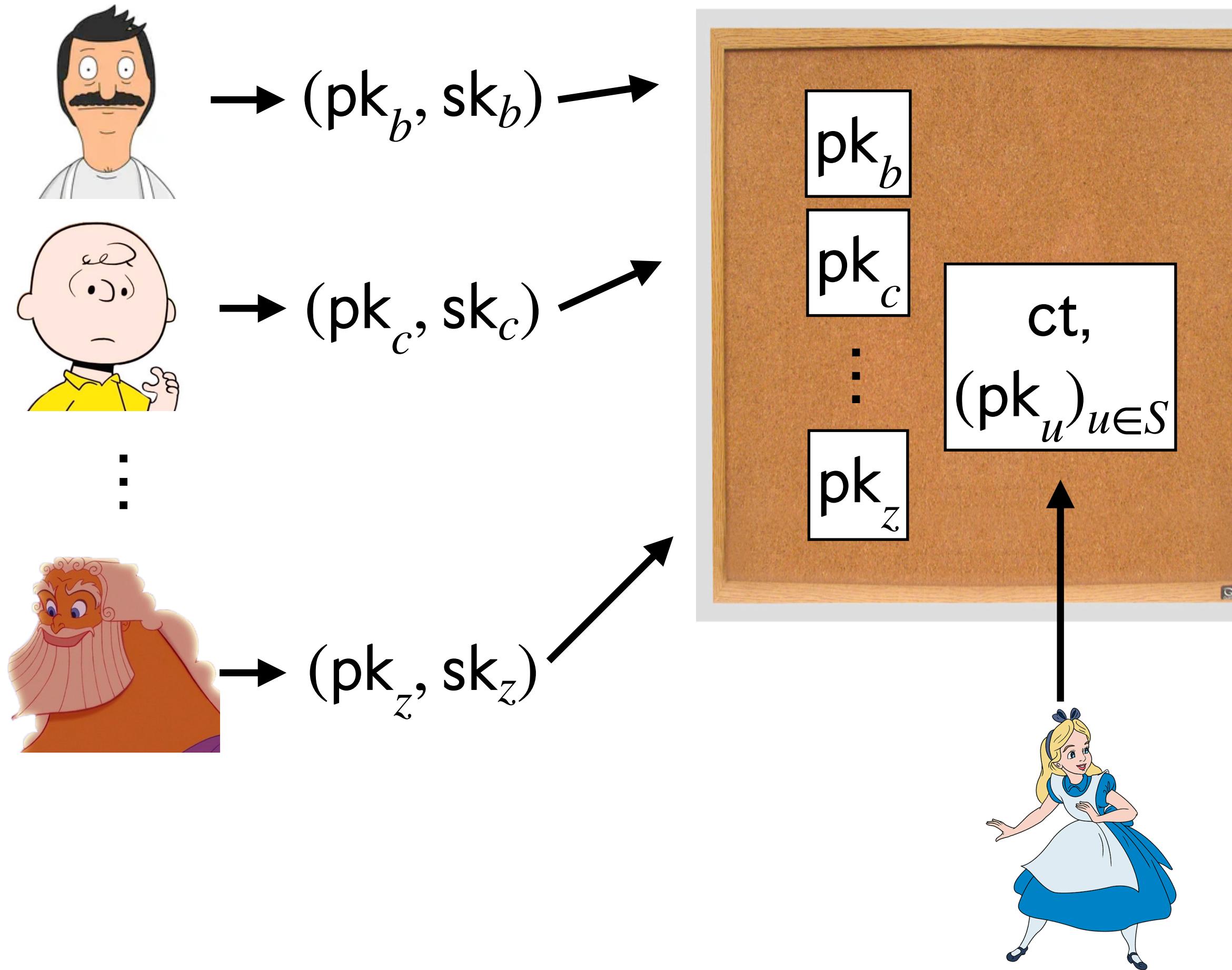
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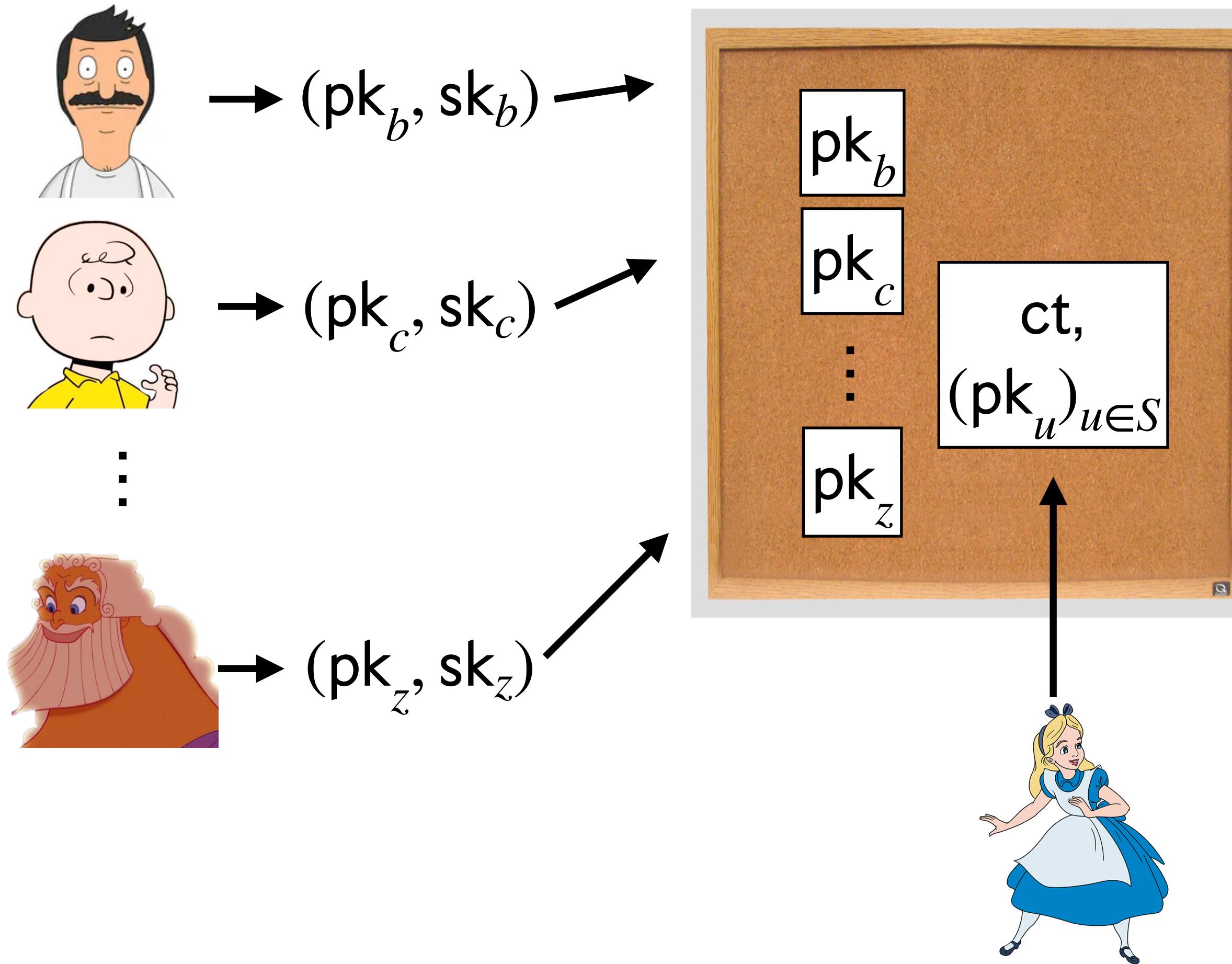
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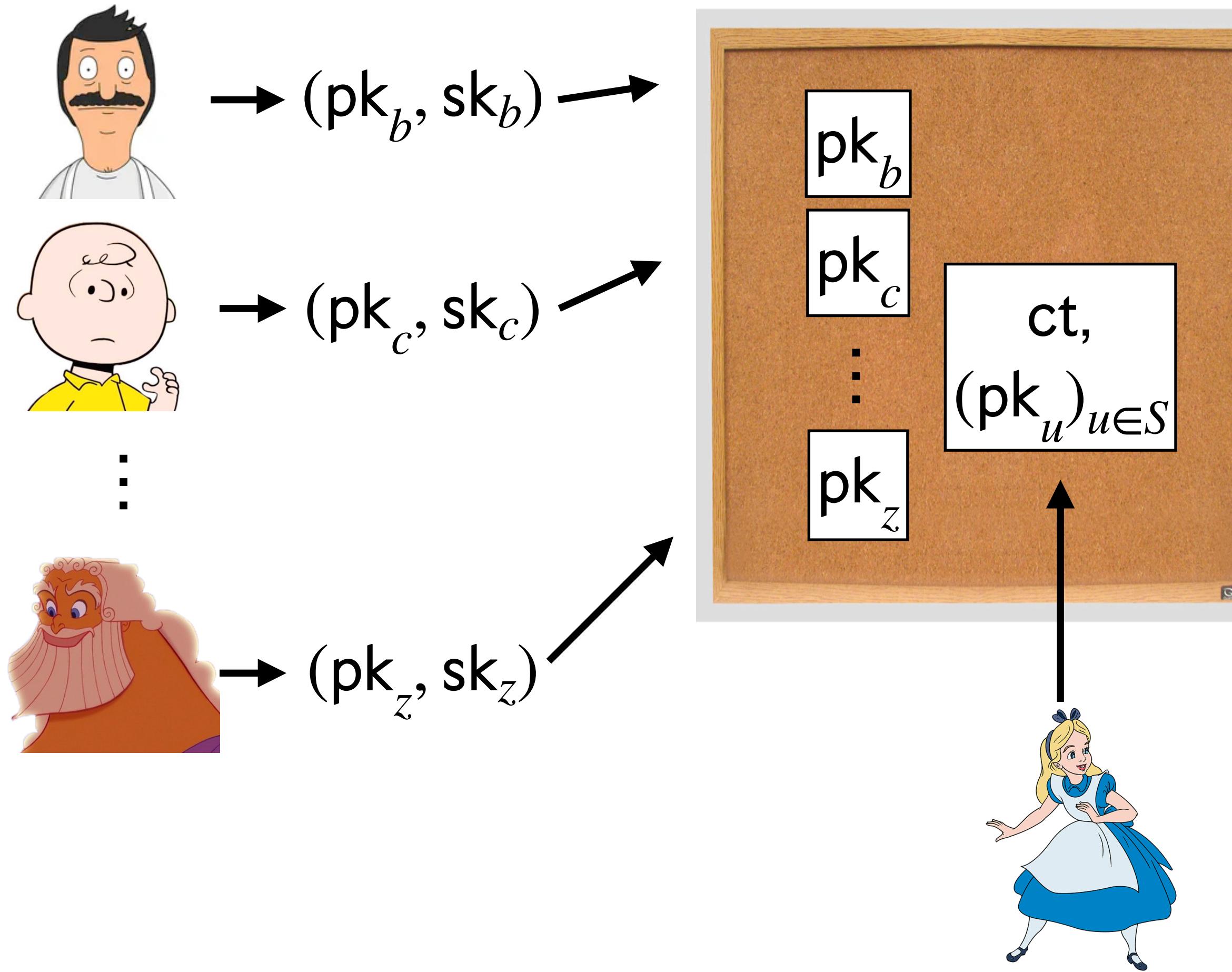
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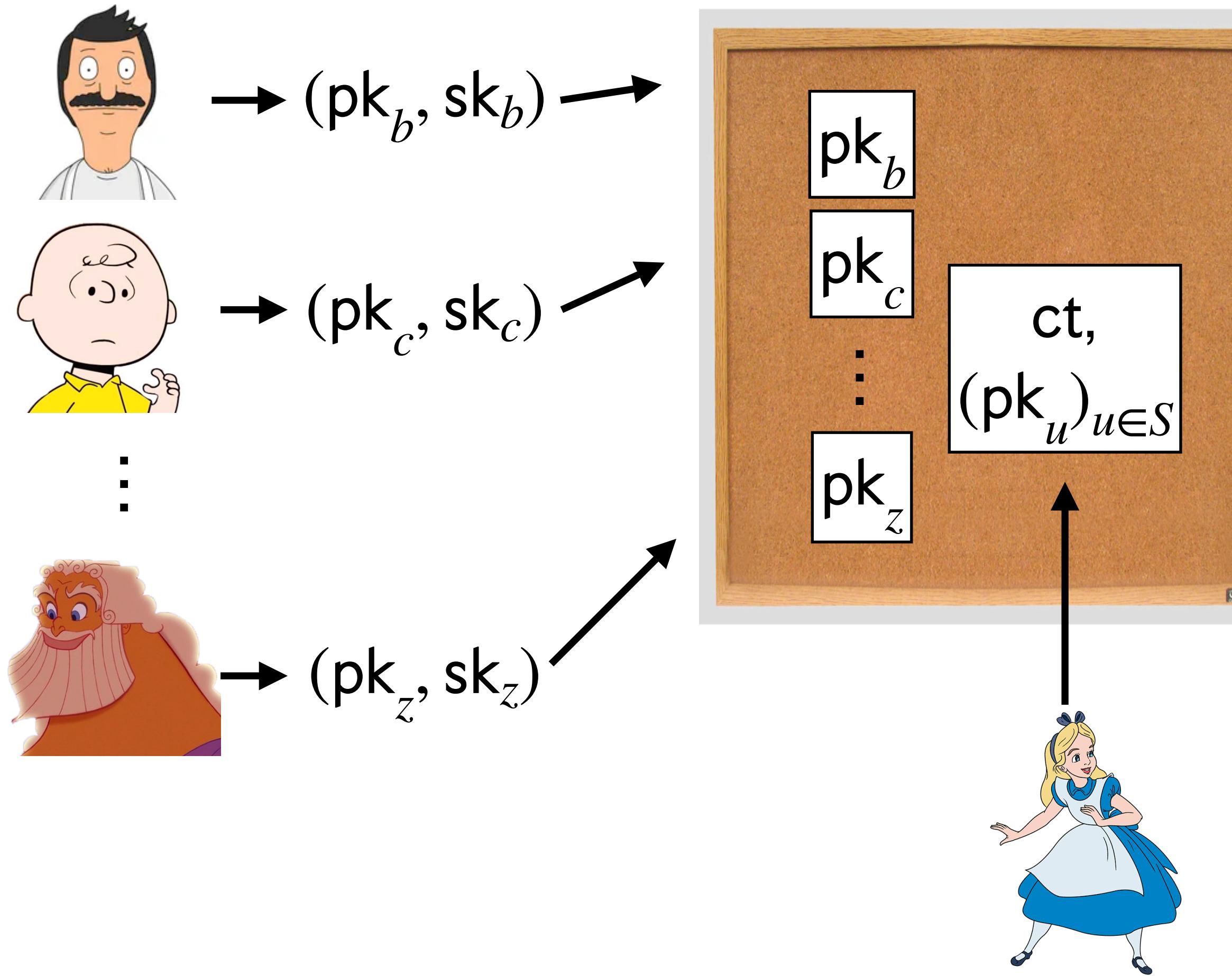
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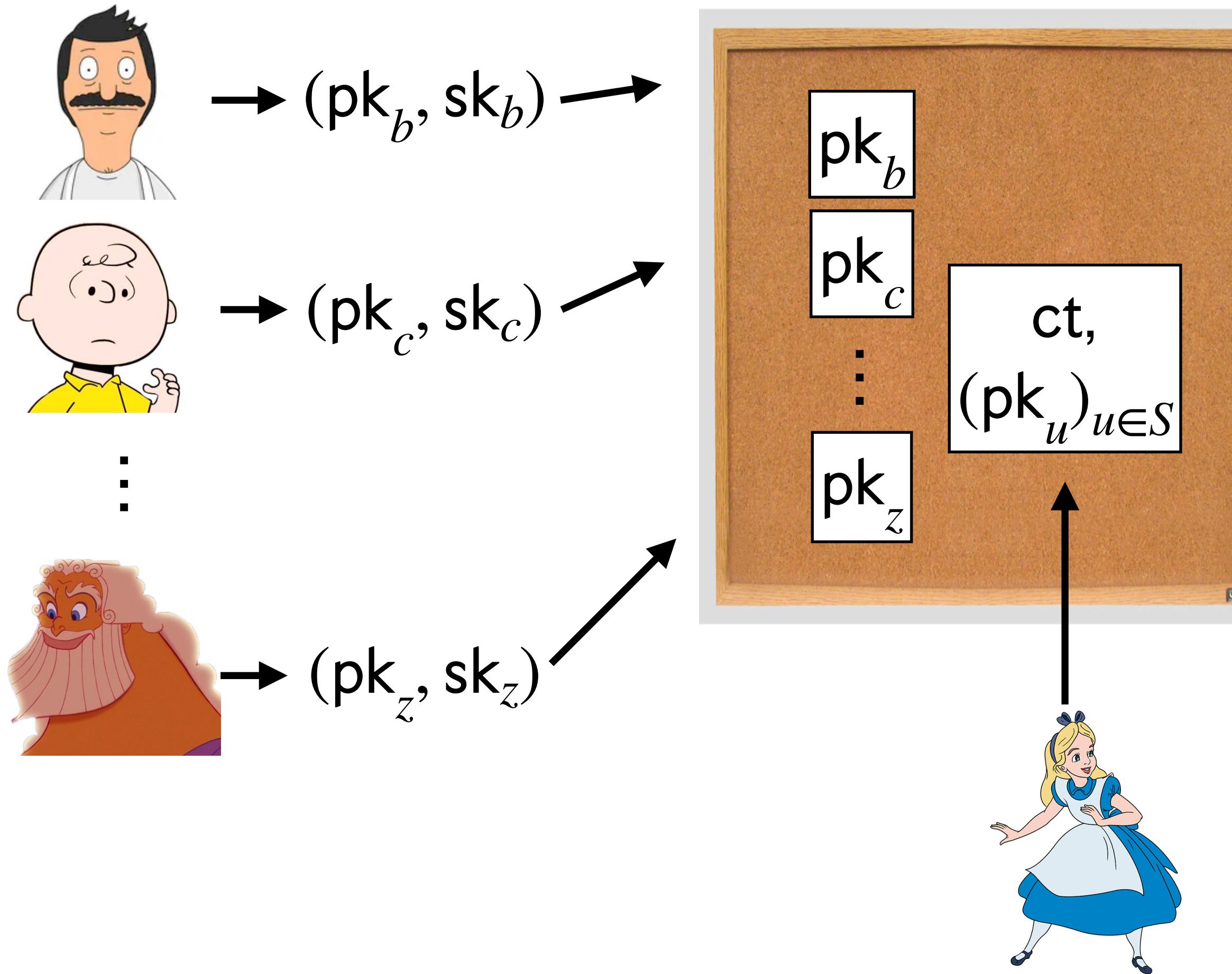
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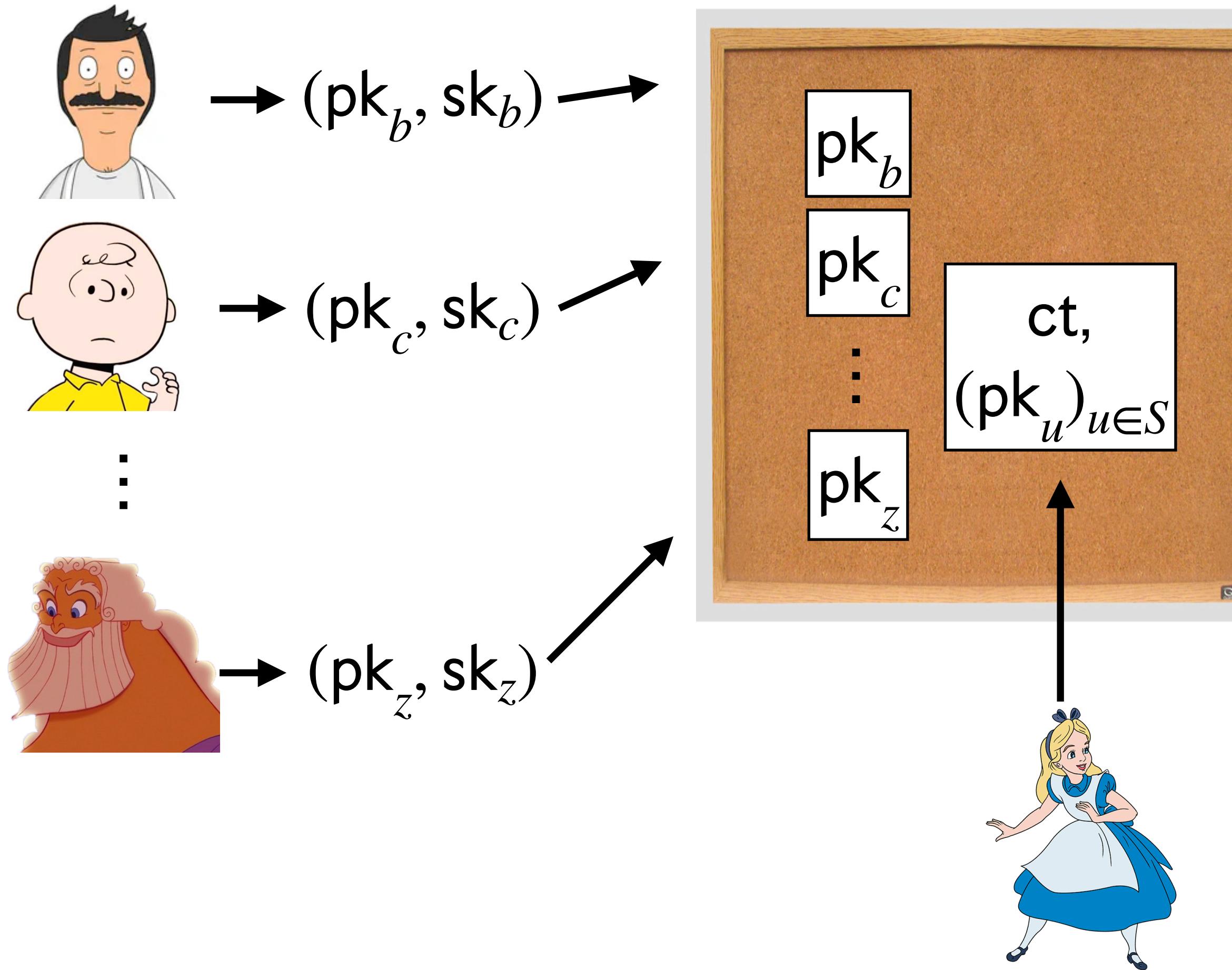
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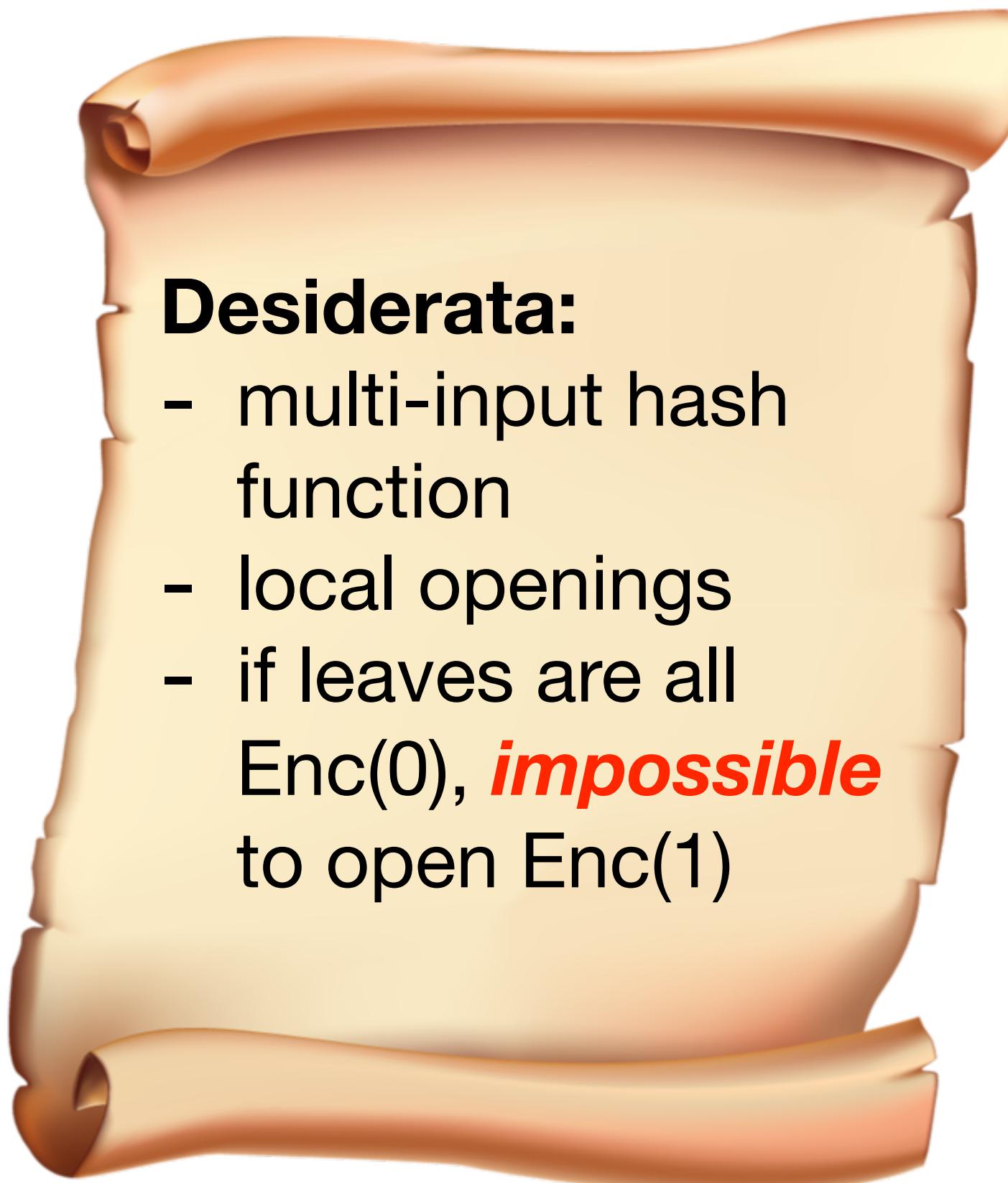
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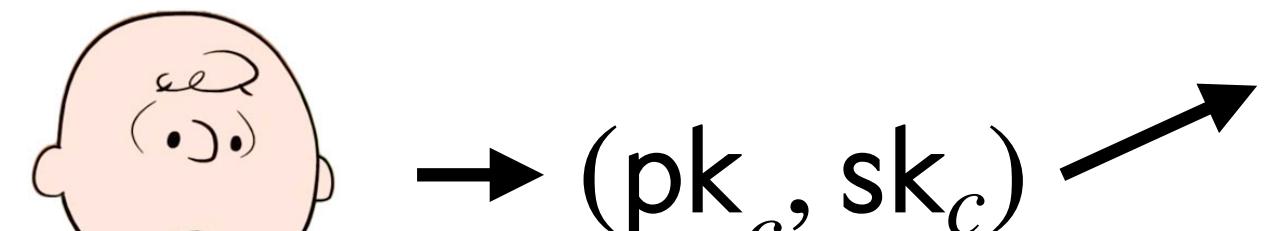
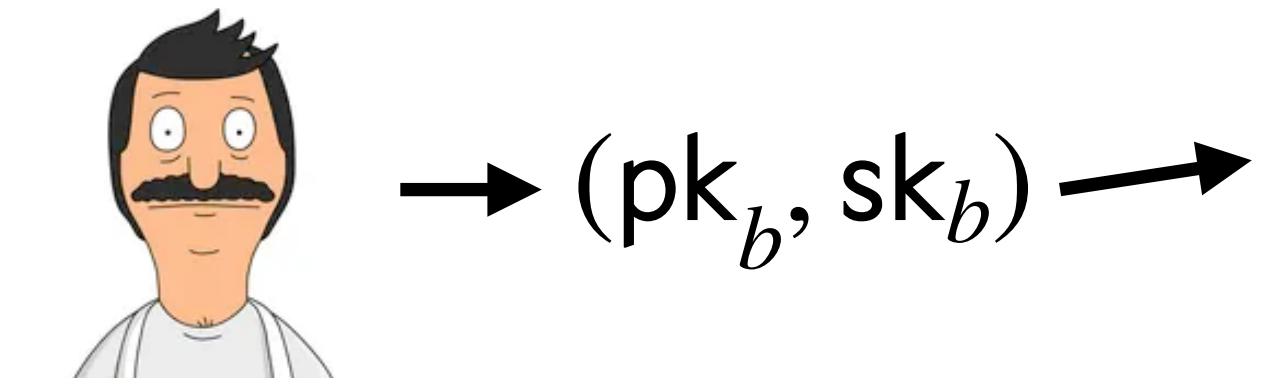
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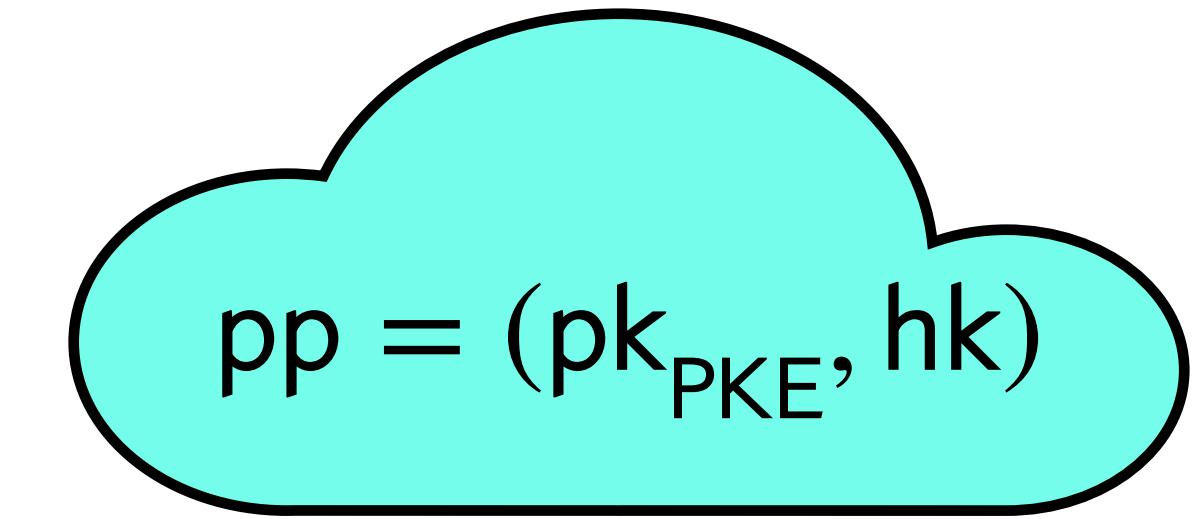
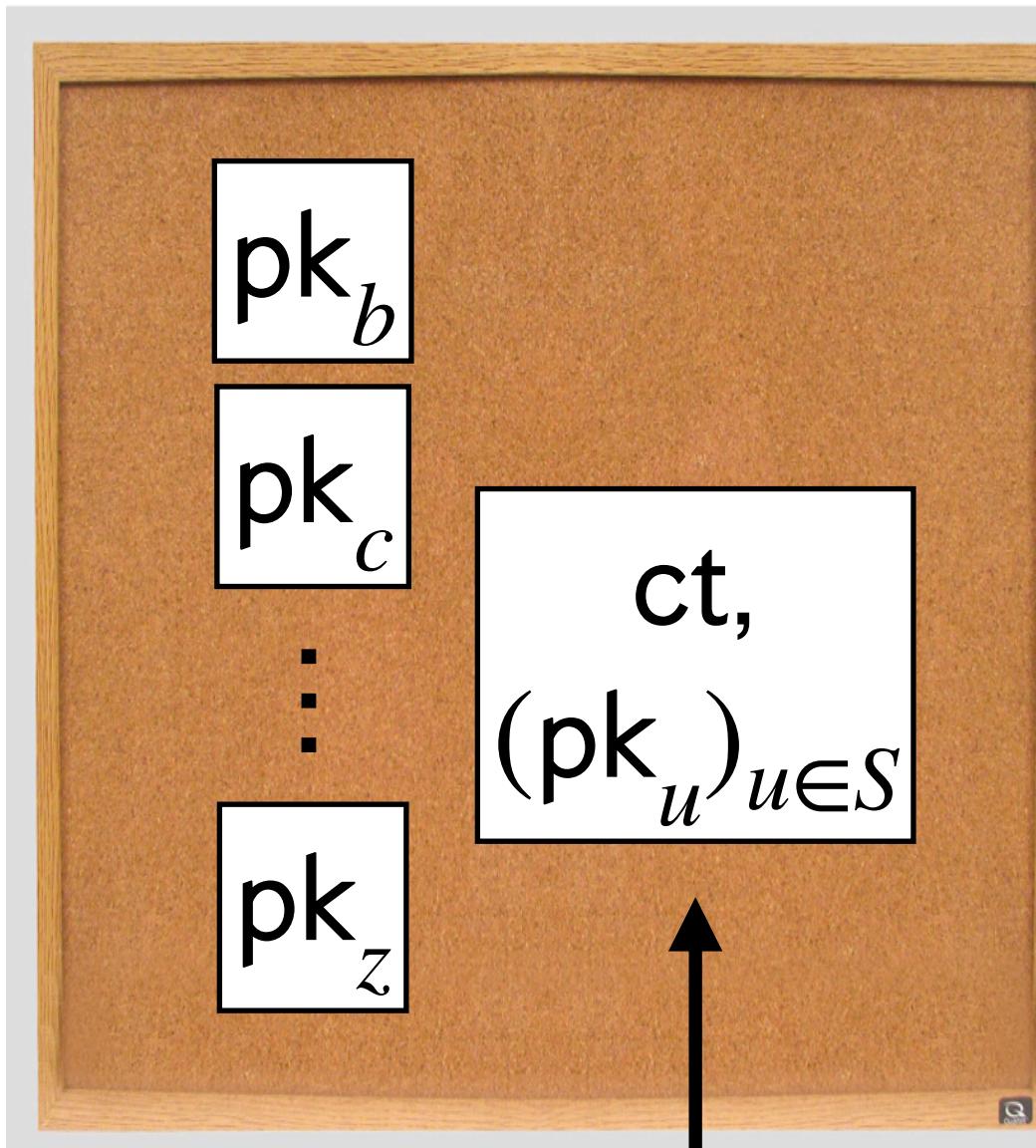
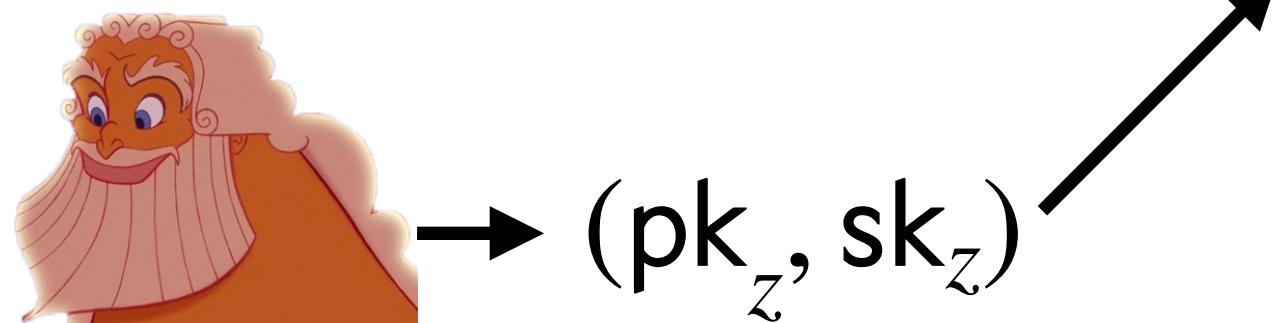
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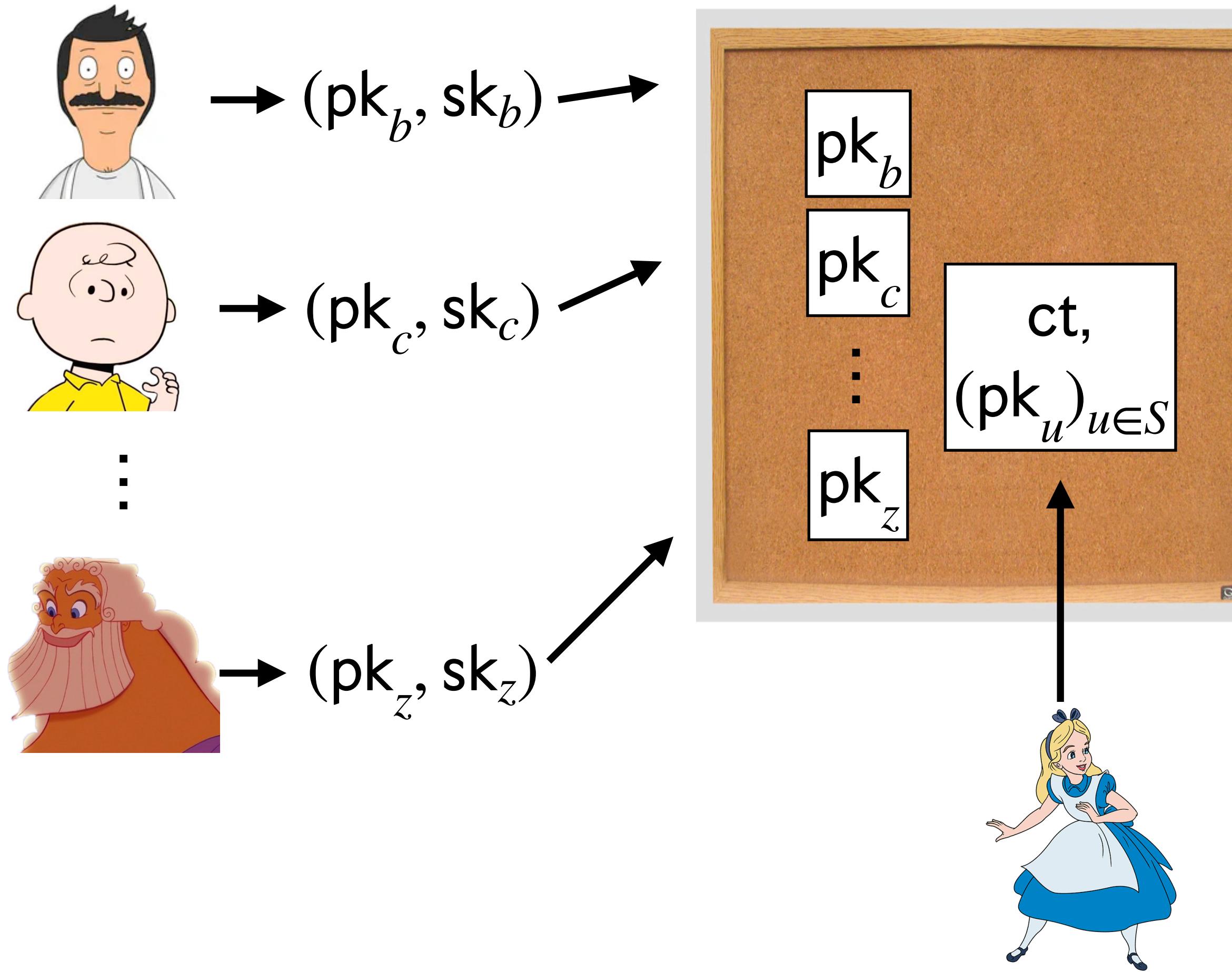
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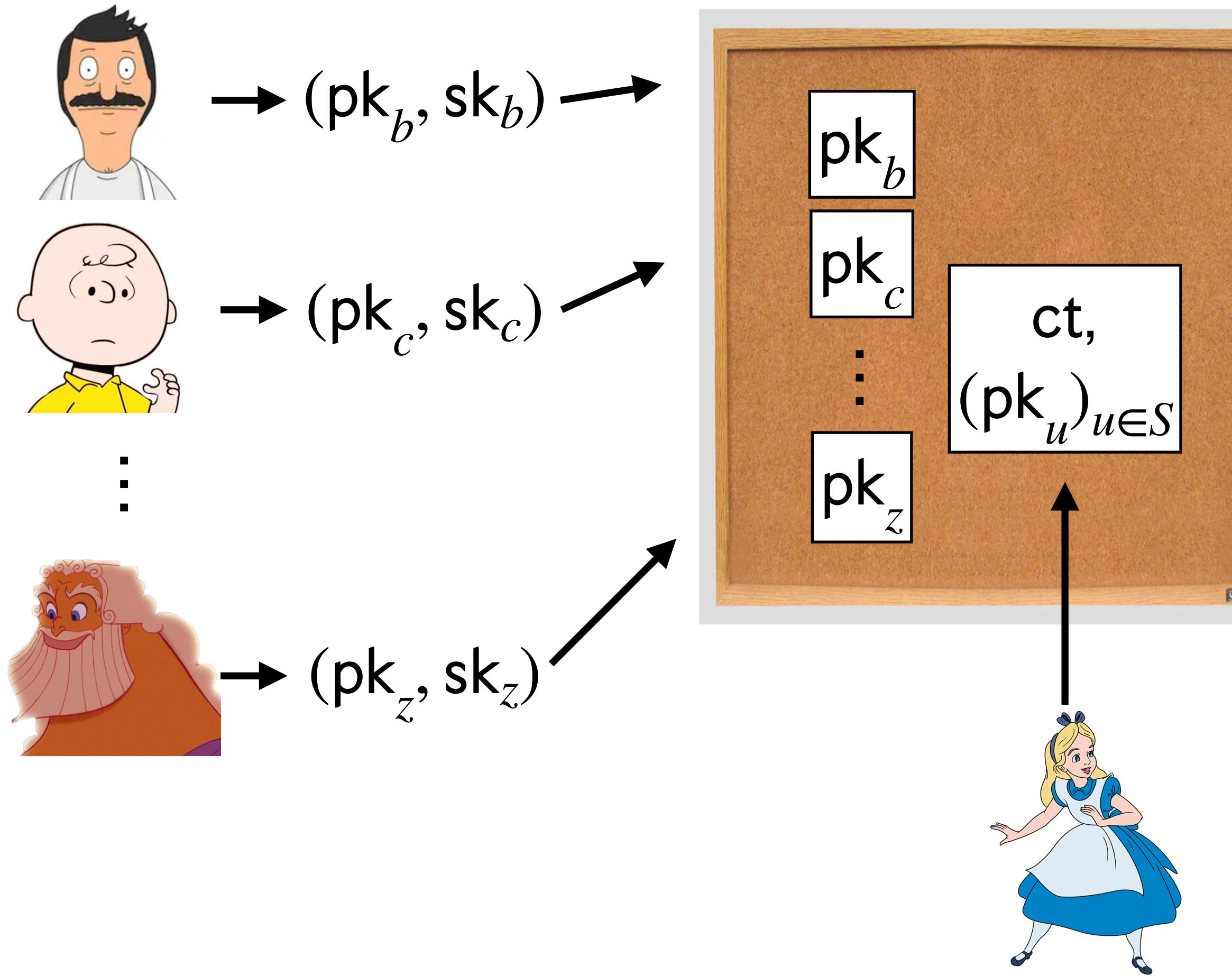


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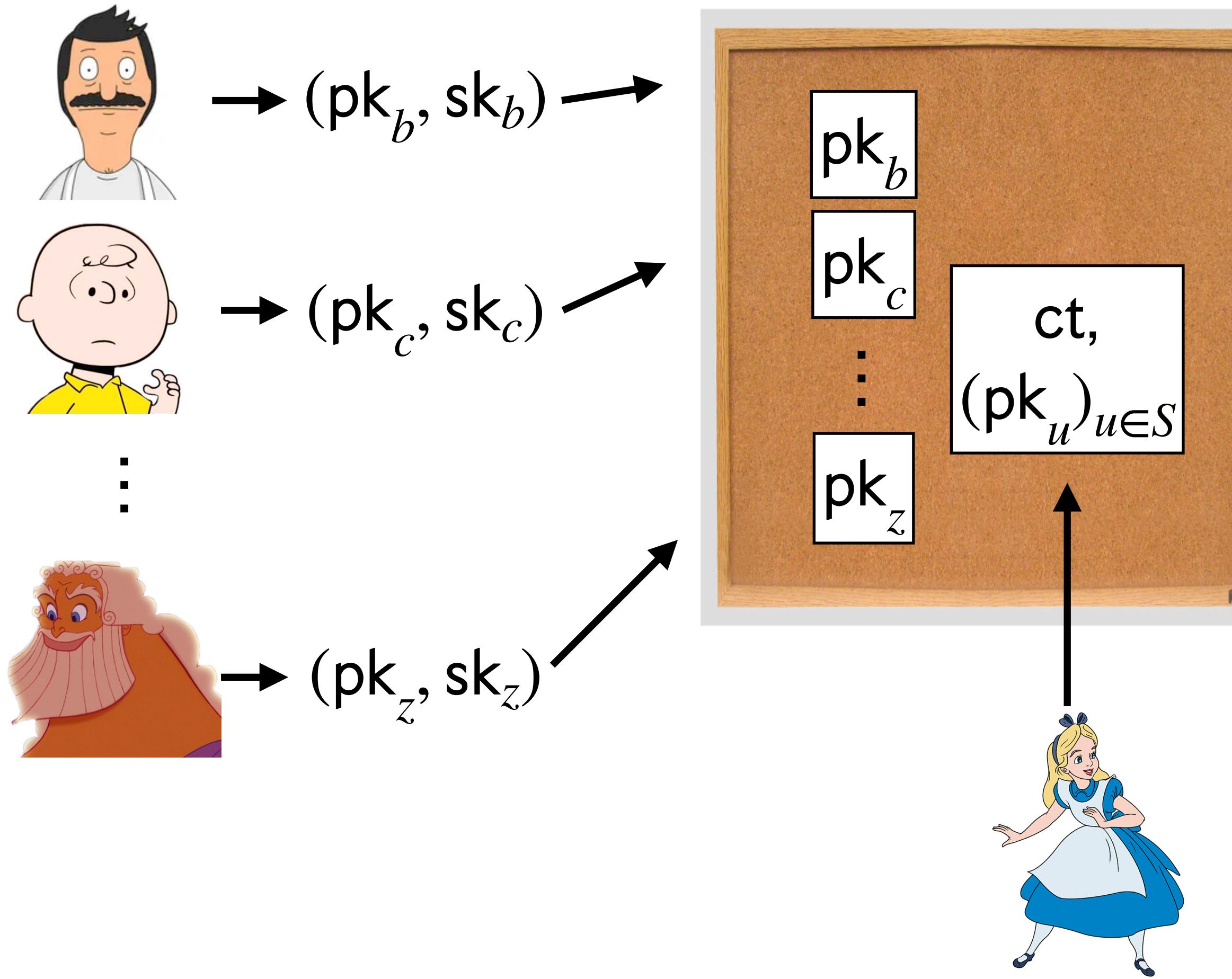
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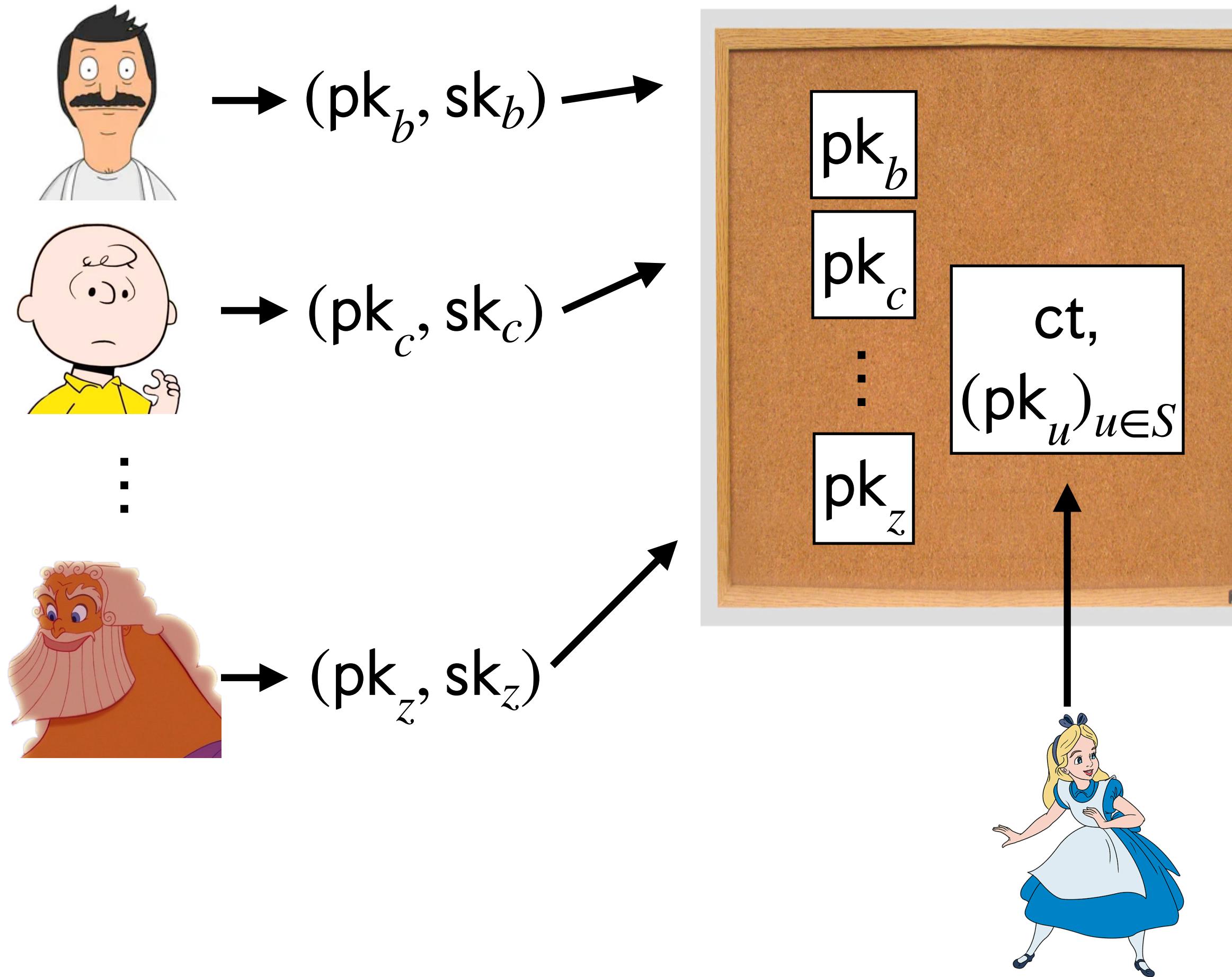


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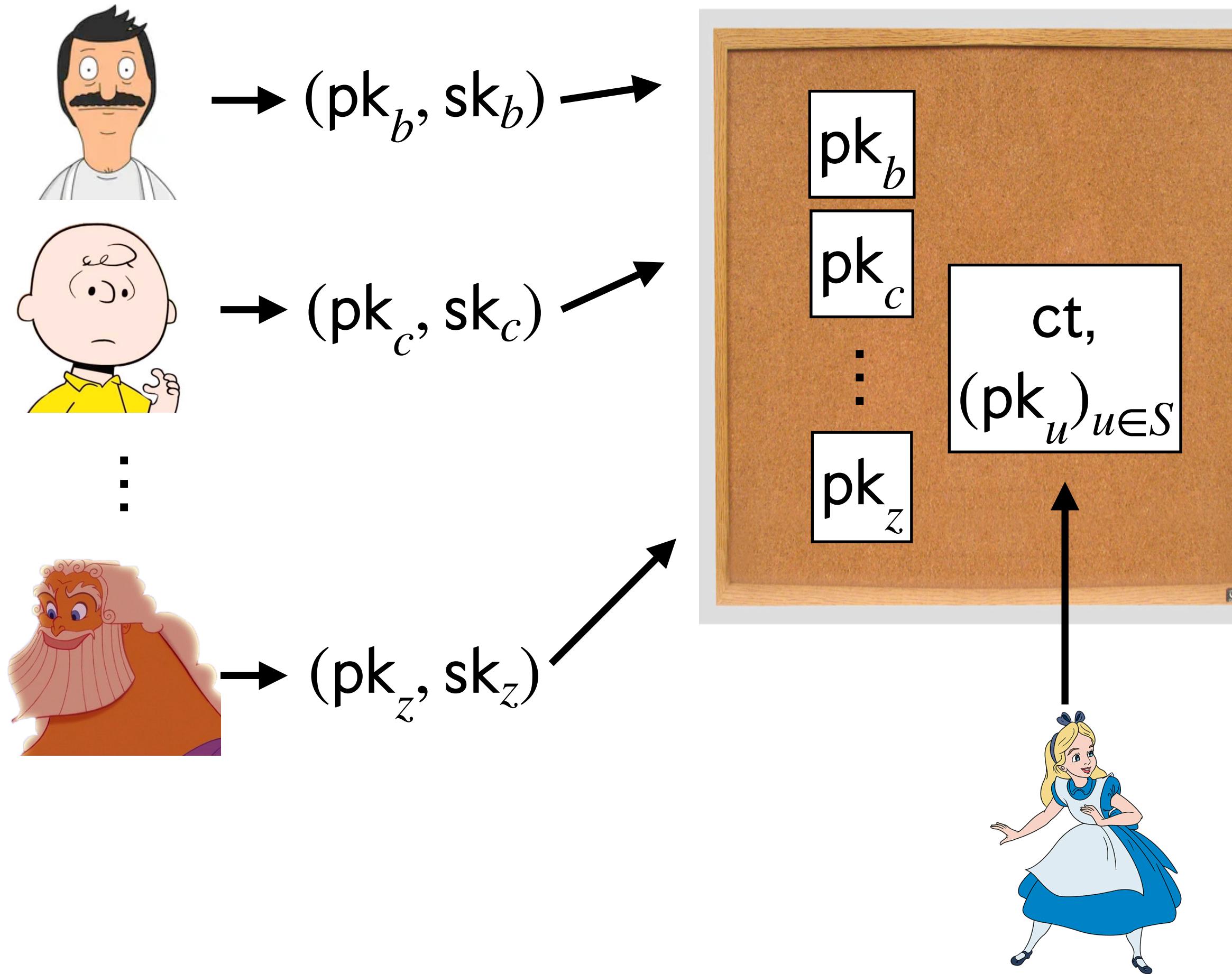
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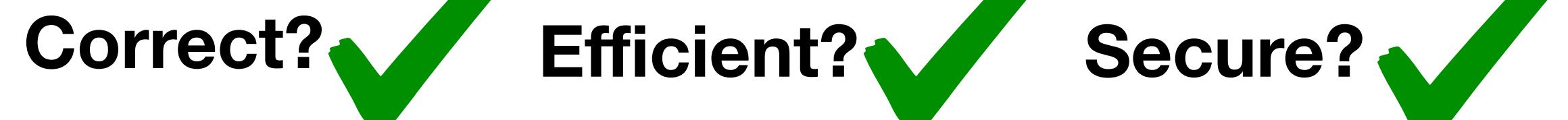
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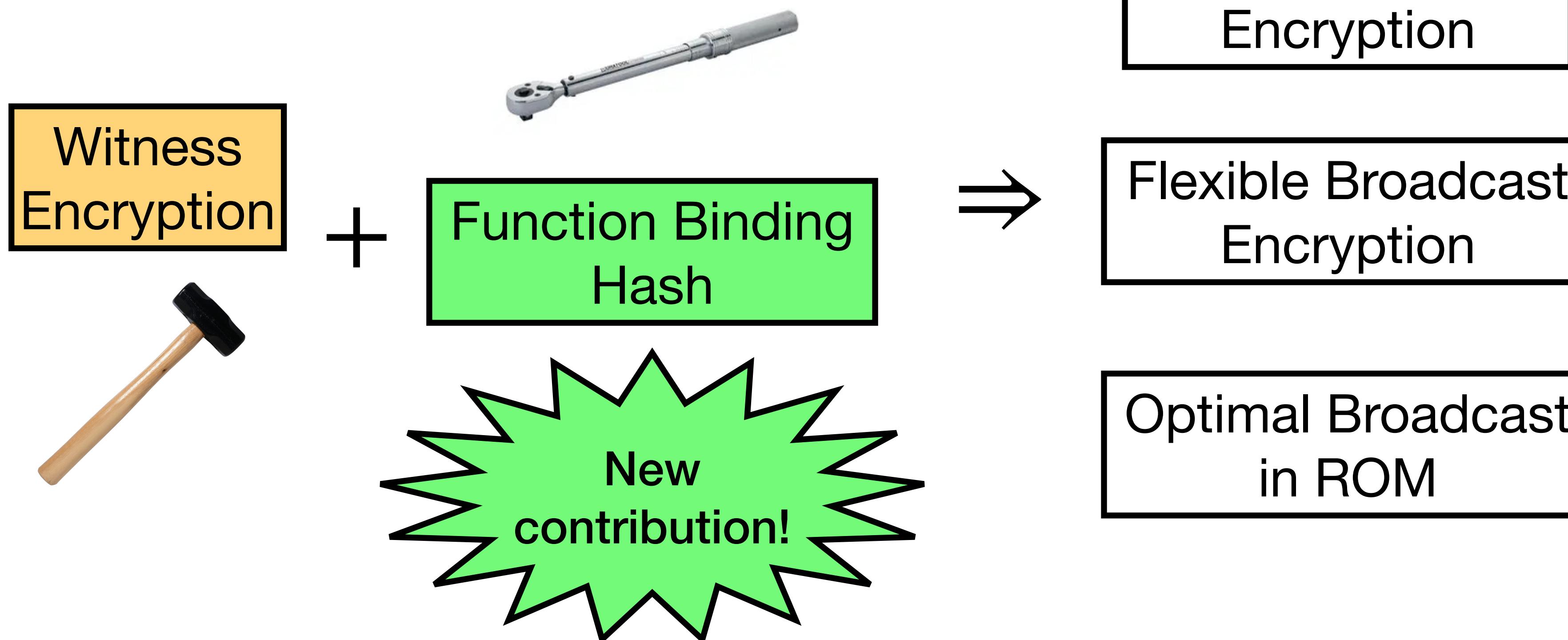


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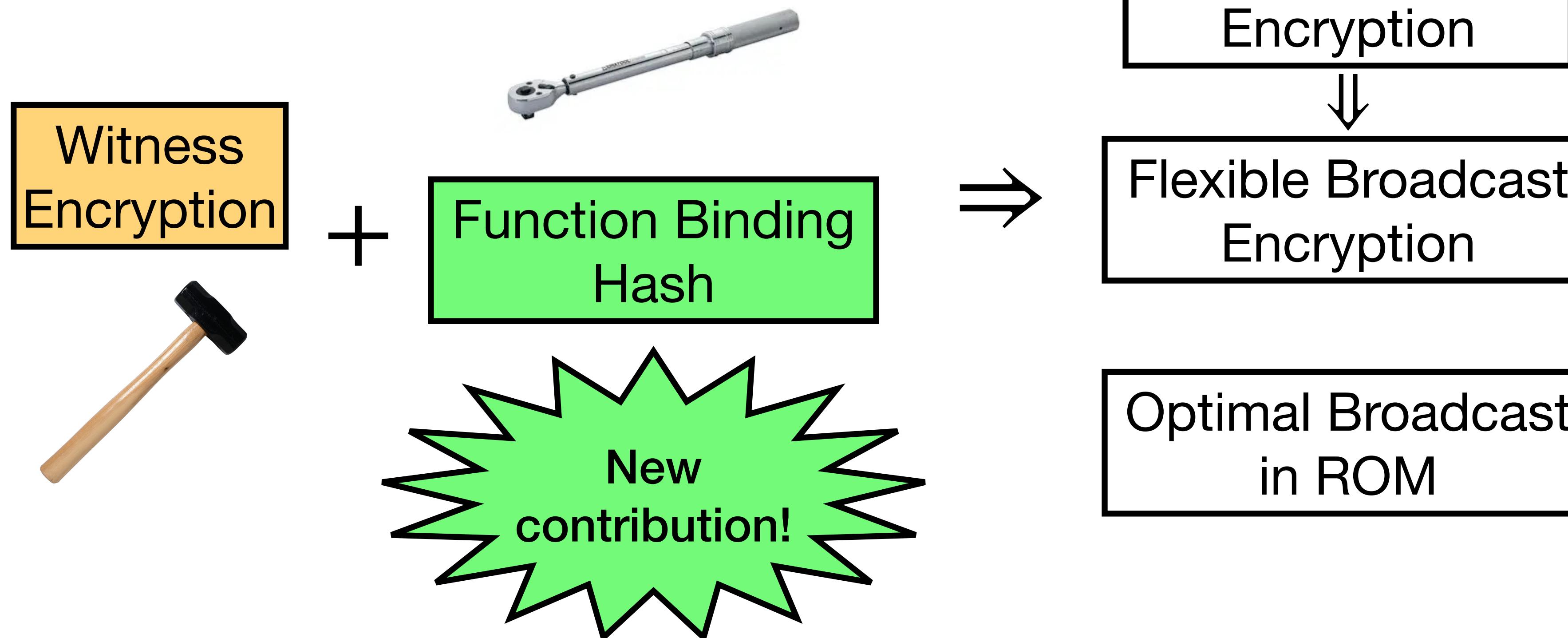
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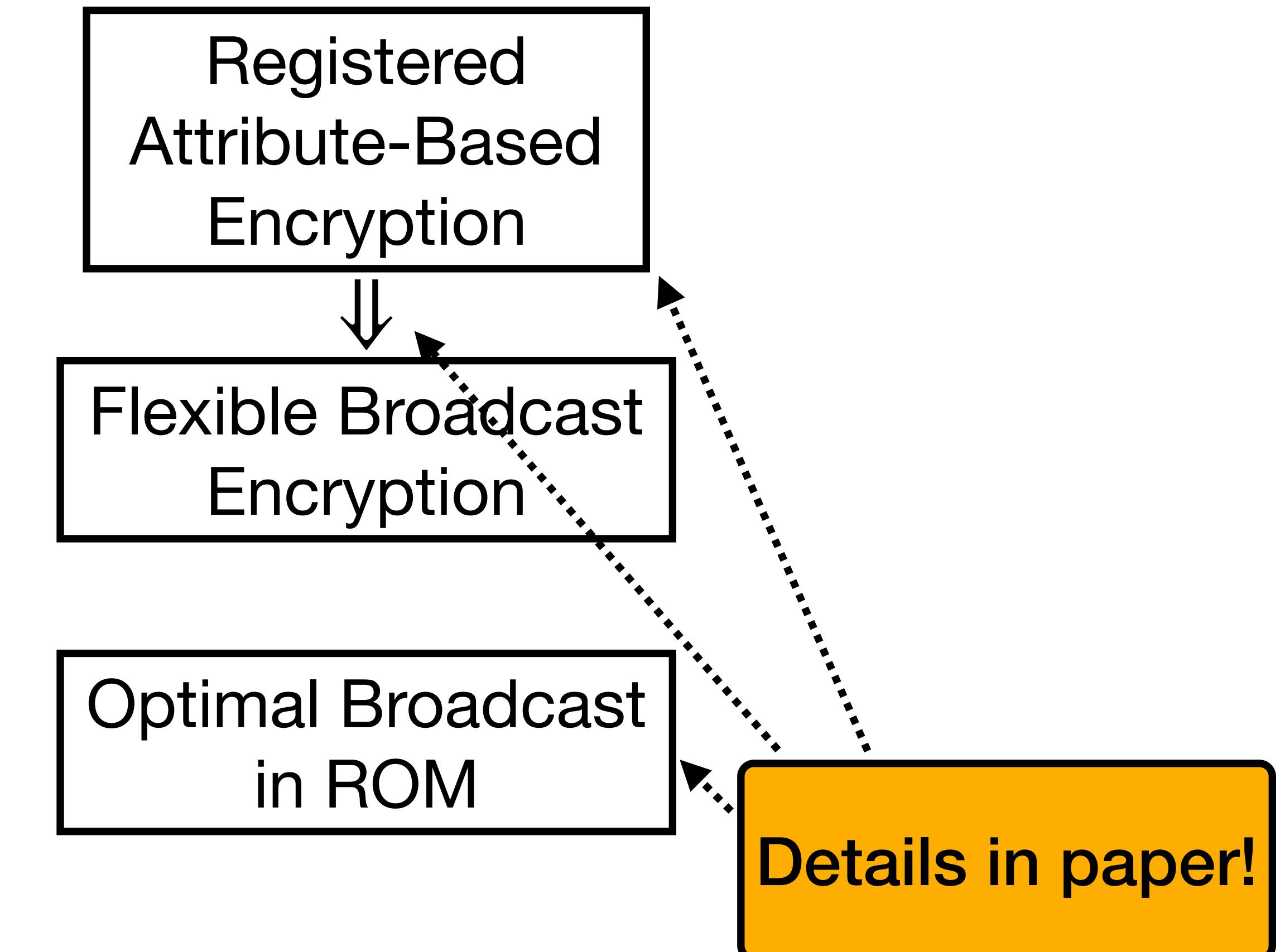
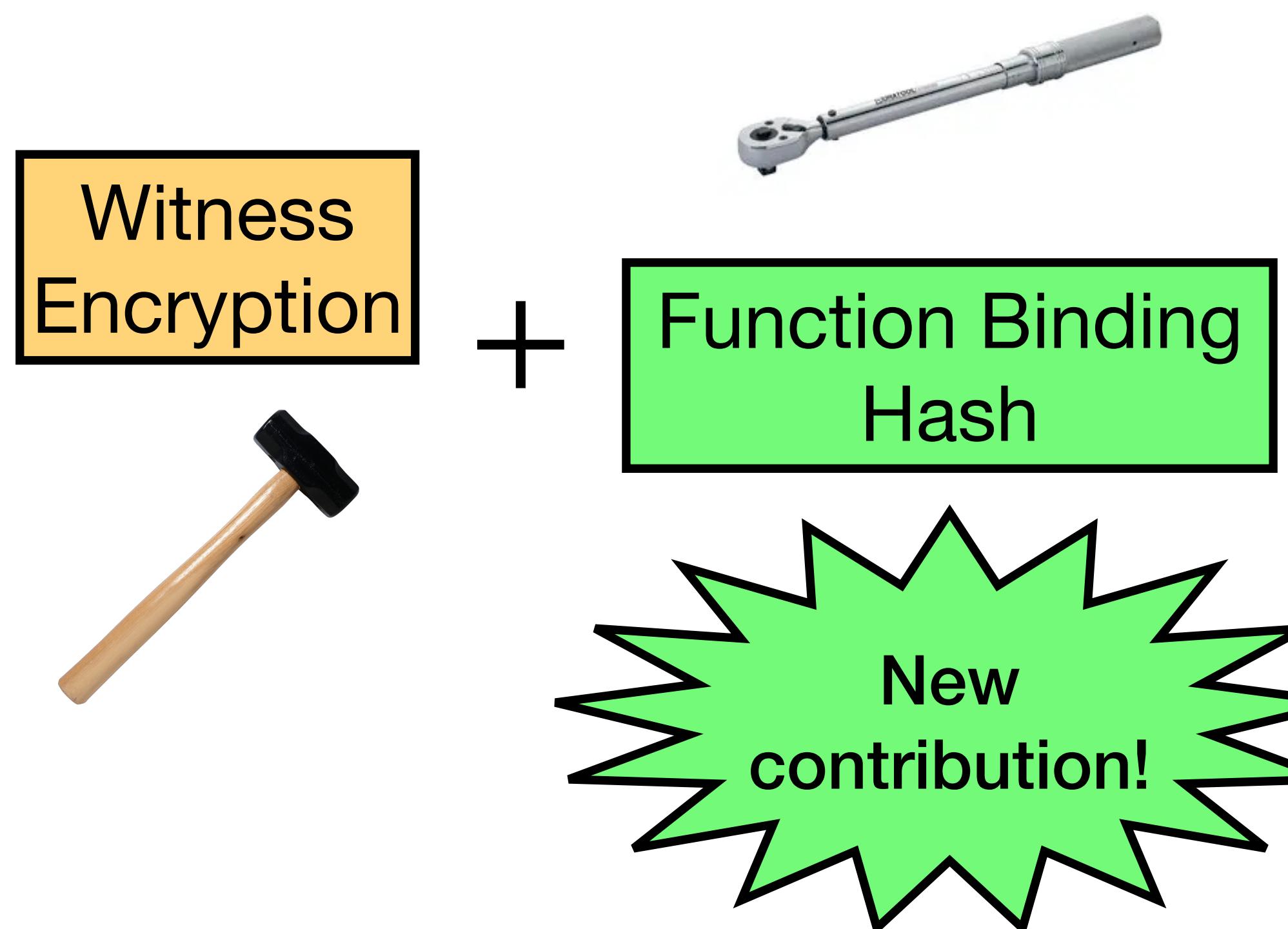
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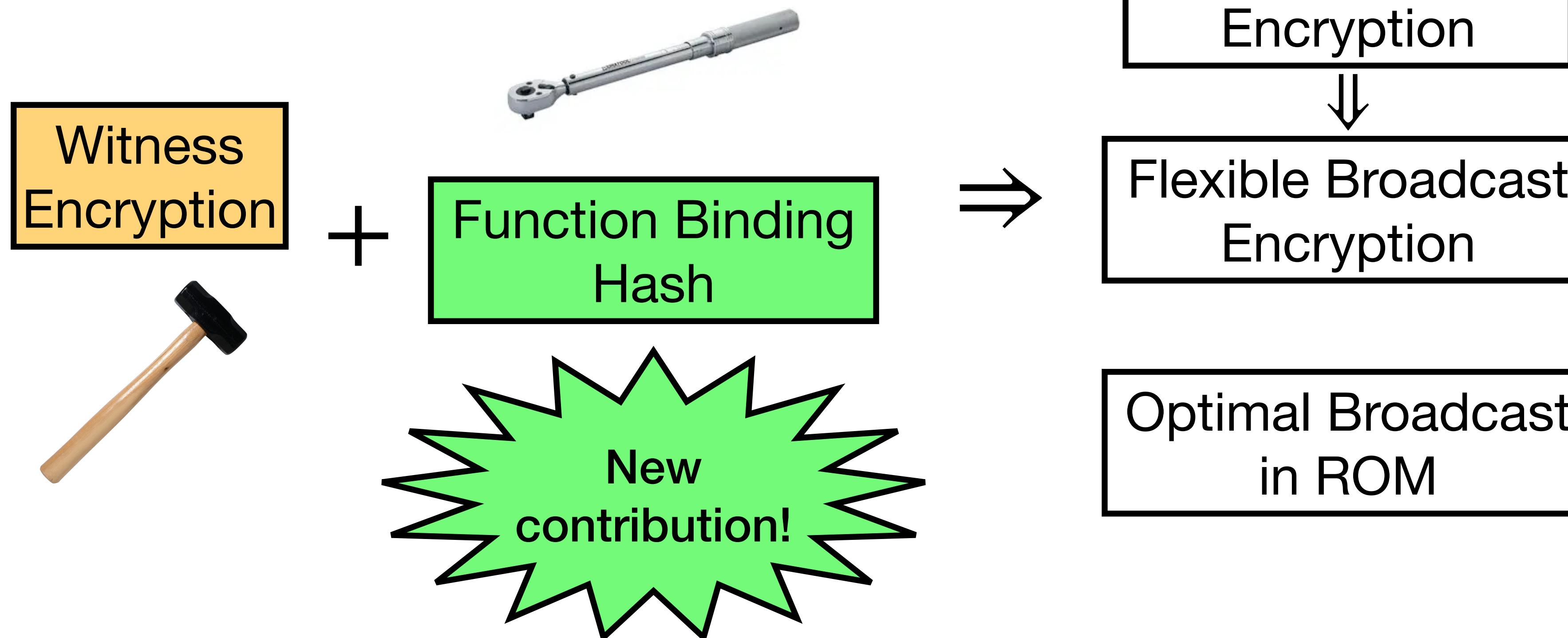
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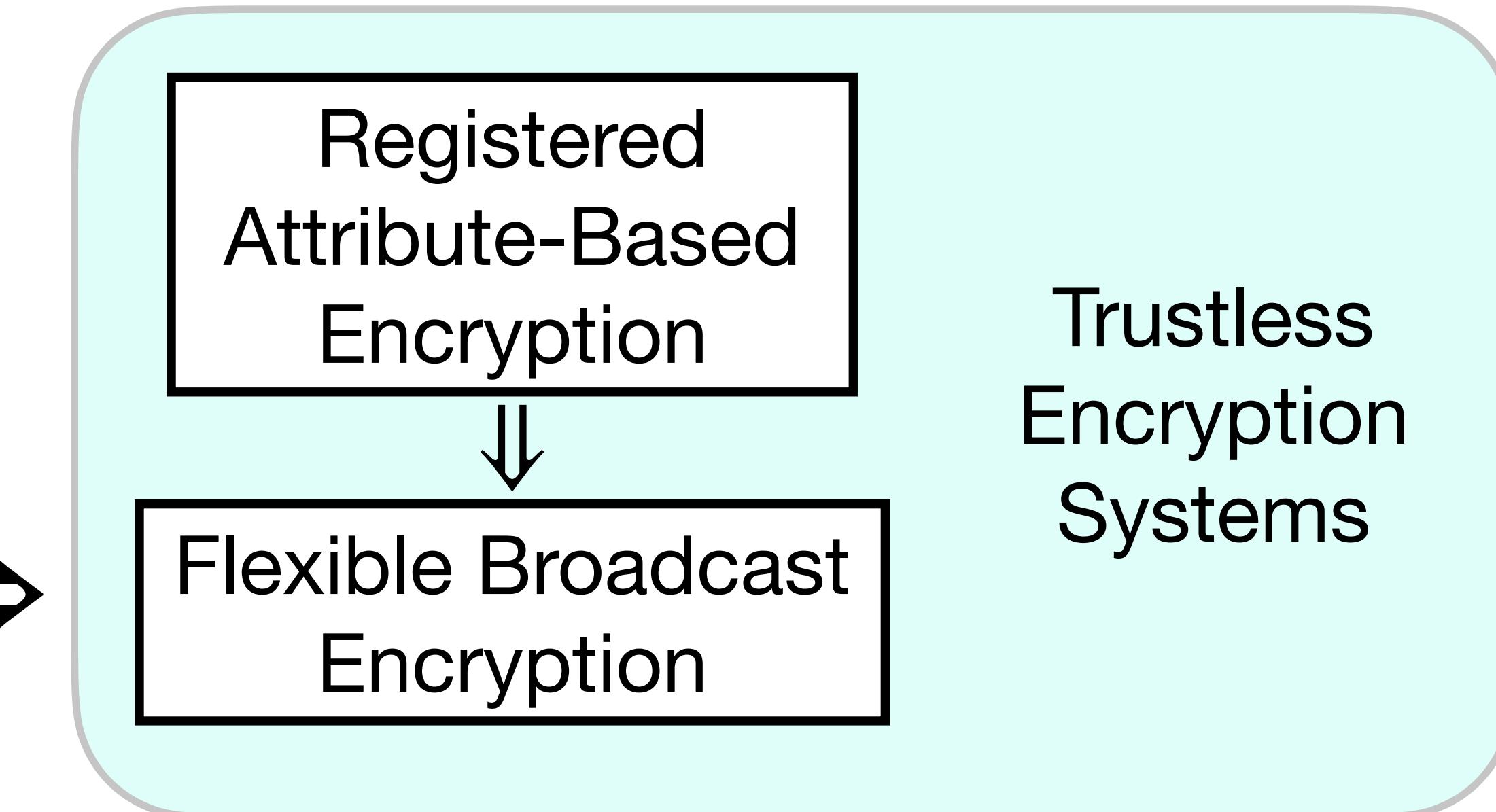
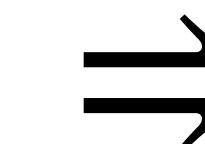
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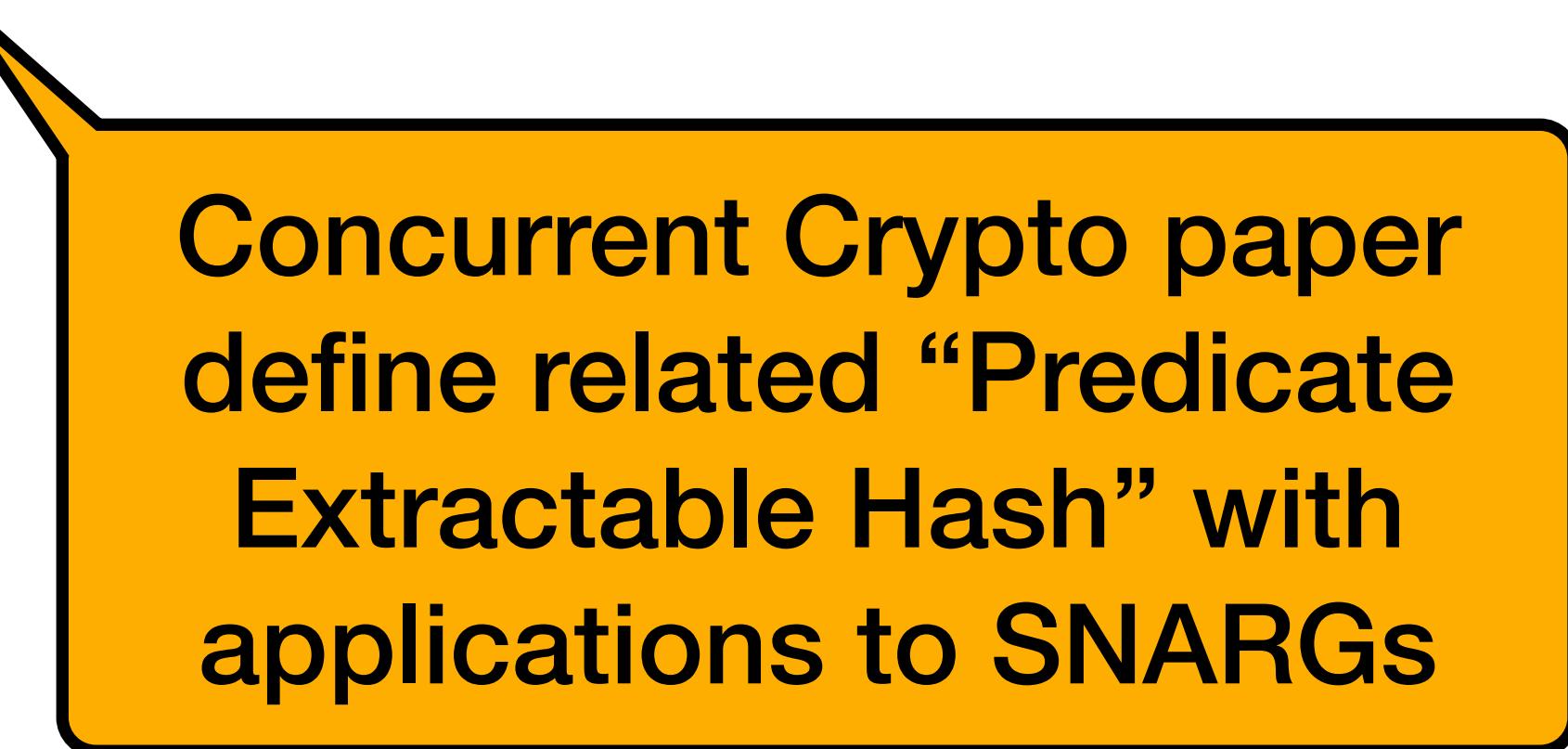
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