



Almost Tight Multi-User Security under Adaptive Corruptions from LWE in the Standard Model

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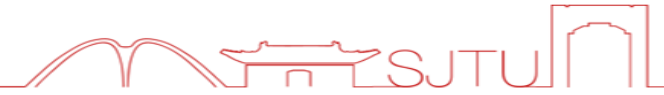
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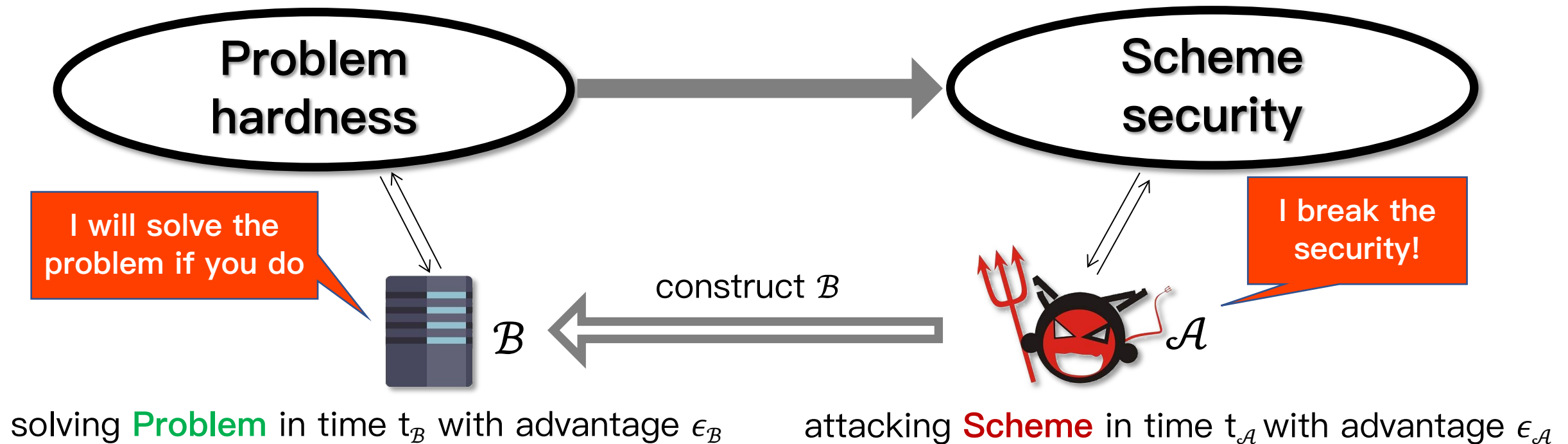
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Almost Tight Security



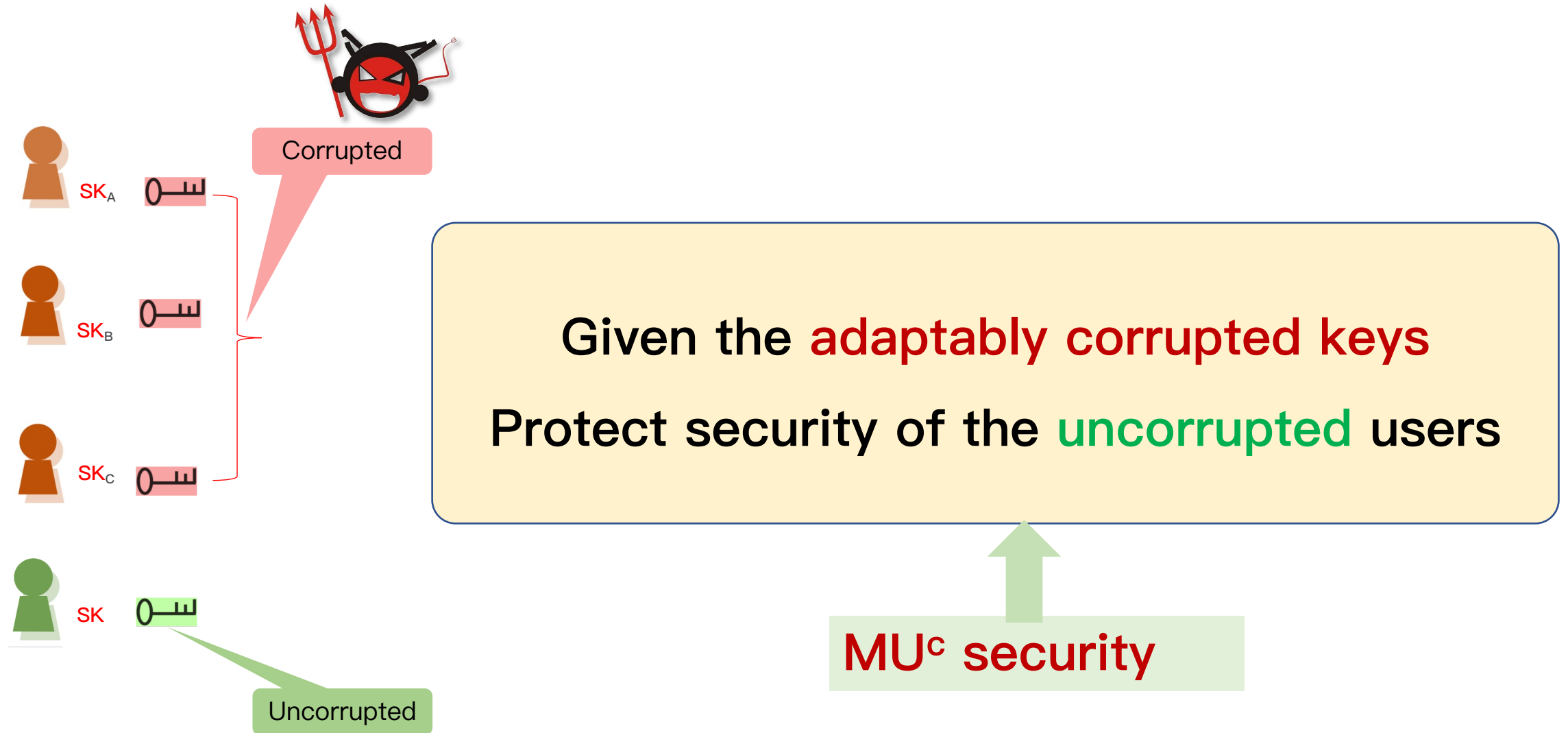
Security of a cryptographic **Scheme** based on a hard **Problem**.



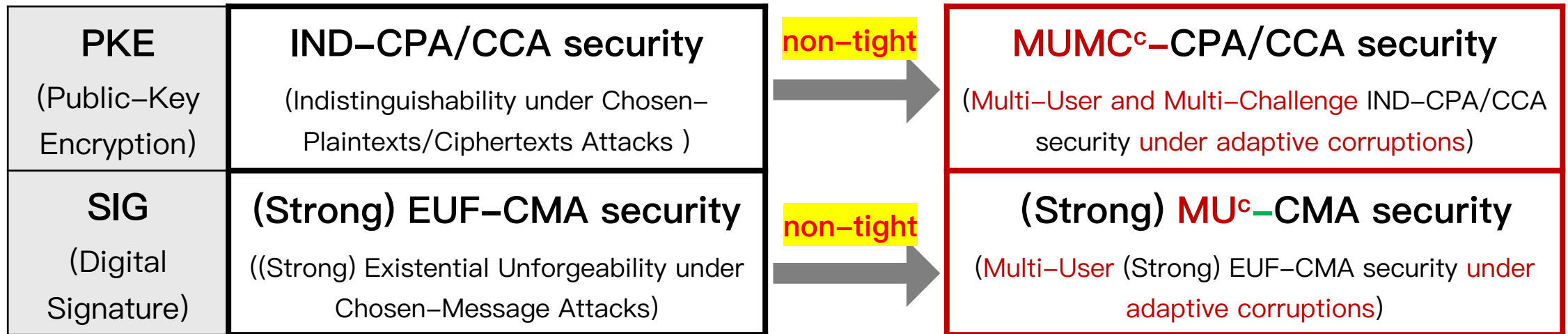
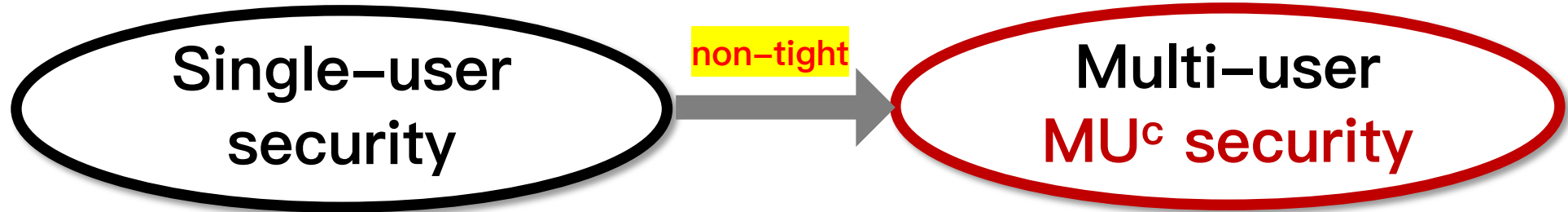
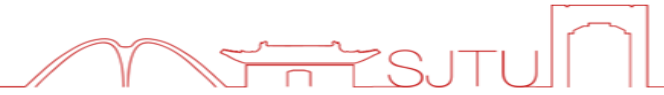
$$\frac{t_B}{\epsilon_B} \leq \frac{t_A}{\epsilon_A} \cdot \ell$$

(Almost) Tight Security: $\ell = O(1)$ or $\text{poly}(\lambda)$,
where $\lambda =$ security parameter

Multi-User Security under Adaptive Corruptions (MU^c Security)



On Achieving **Tight MU^c Security**



Non-tight reduction!

$\ell \geq \#users, \#ciphertexts, \text{ or } \#signatures$



On Achieving Tight MU^c Security: **Impossibility Results**



- Public–Key Encryption (PKE): Tight $MUMC^c$ –CPA/CCA security

- ◆ the relation (pk, sk) is "unique"

- ◆ the relation (pk, sk) is "re-ran"

Impossible !

- Digital Signature (SIG): Tight (Strong) MU^c –CMA security

- ◆ the signing algorithm is deterministic

Impossible !

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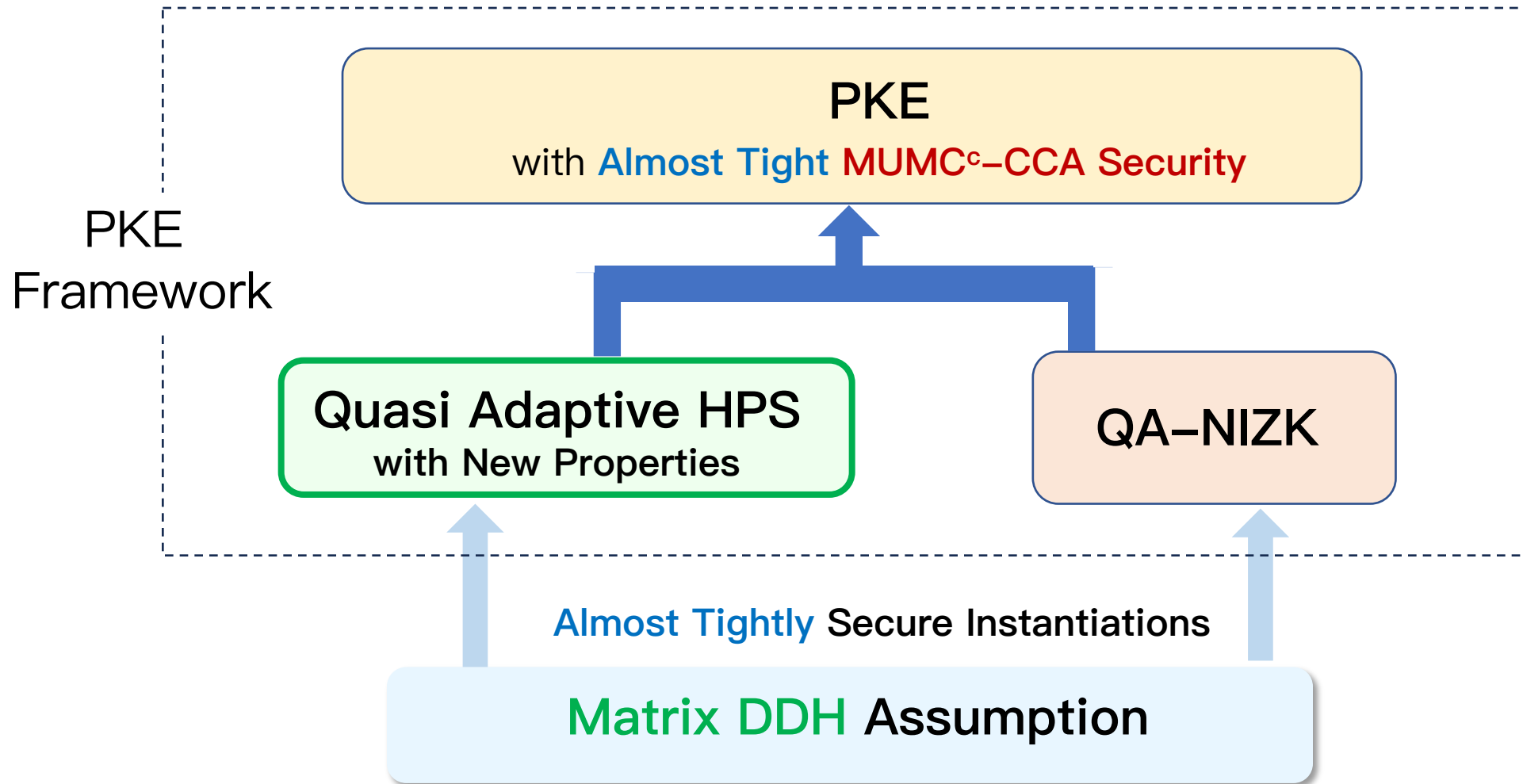
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- or in **classical RO** model.

Vulnerable to Quantum

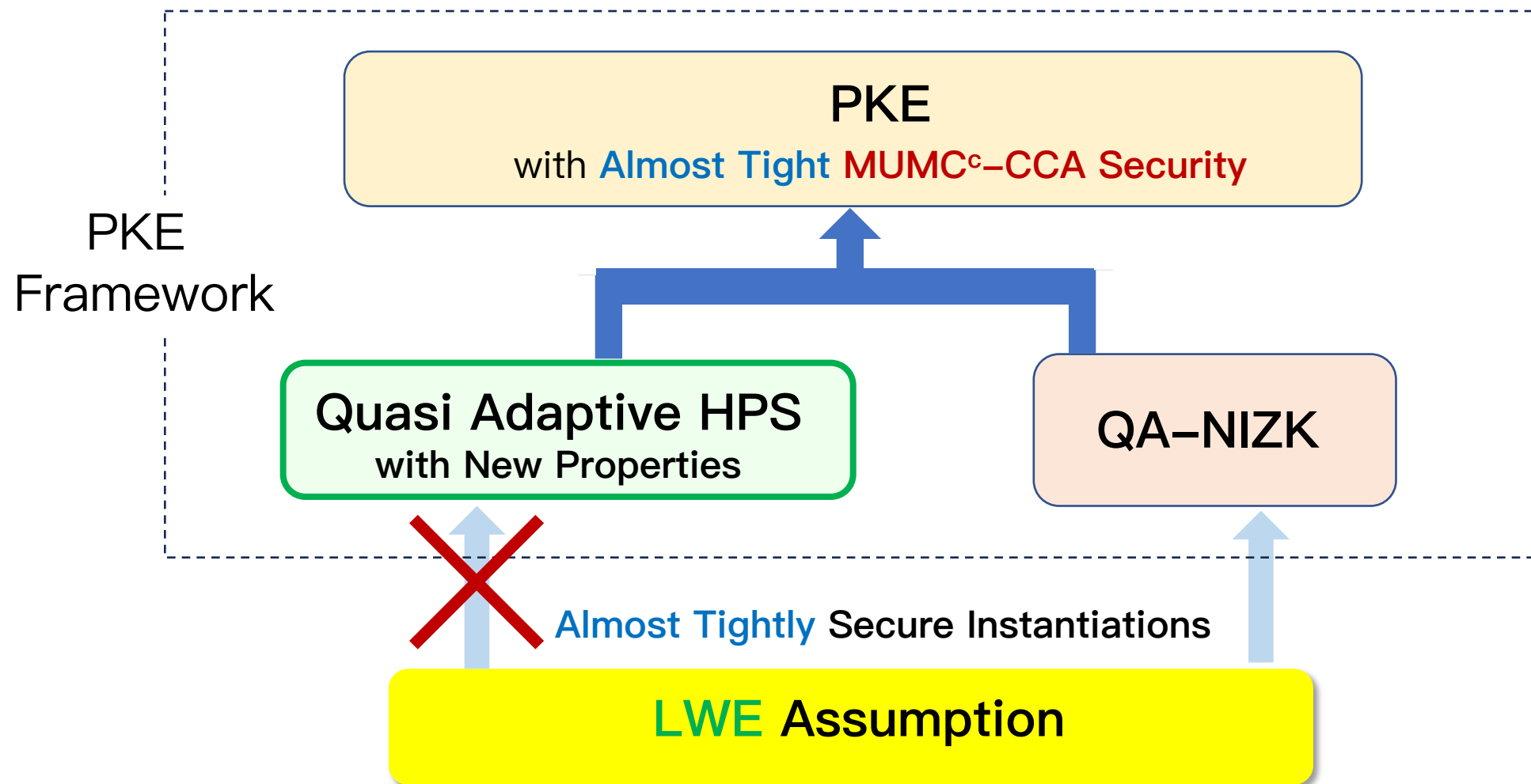



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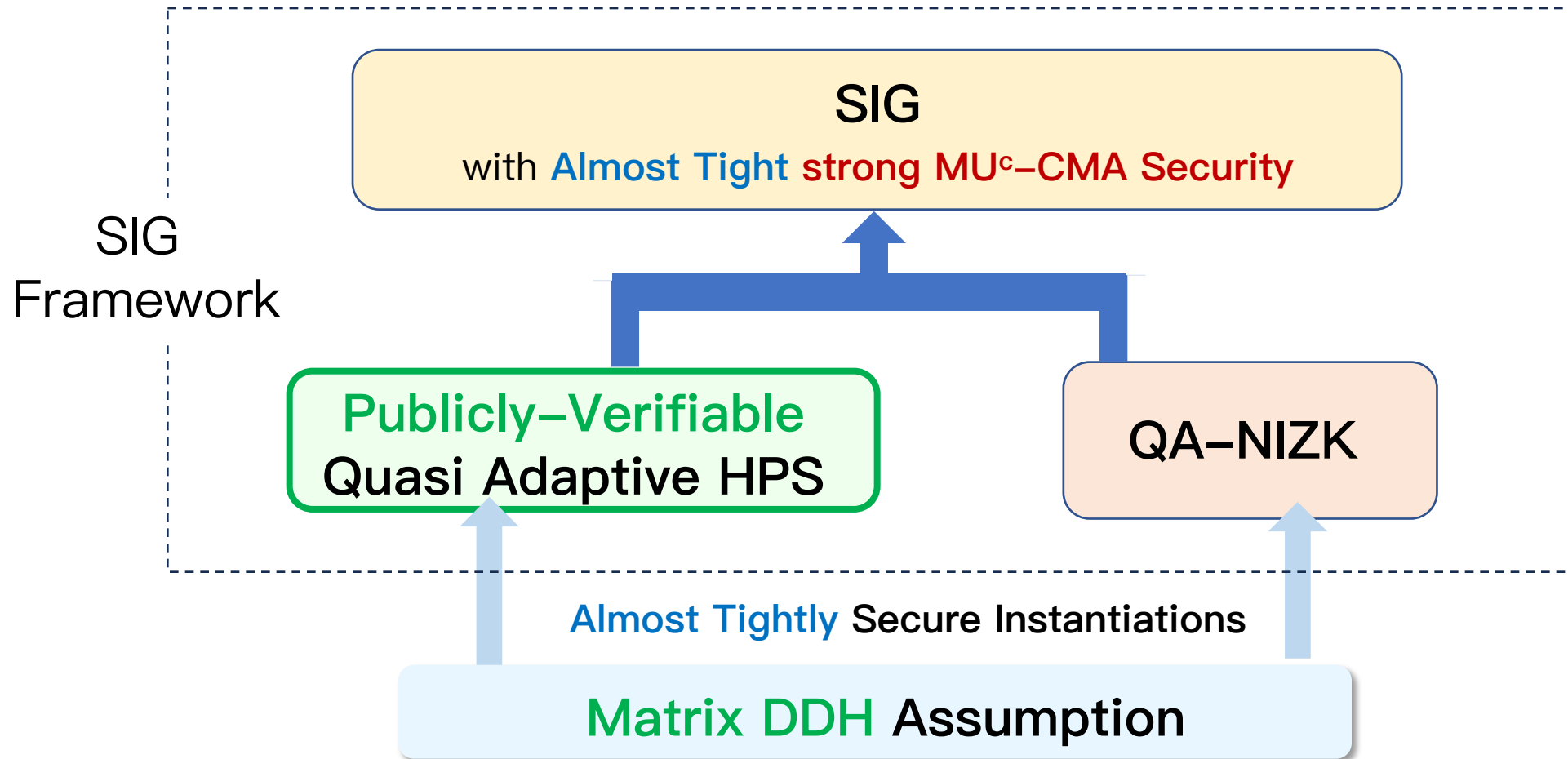


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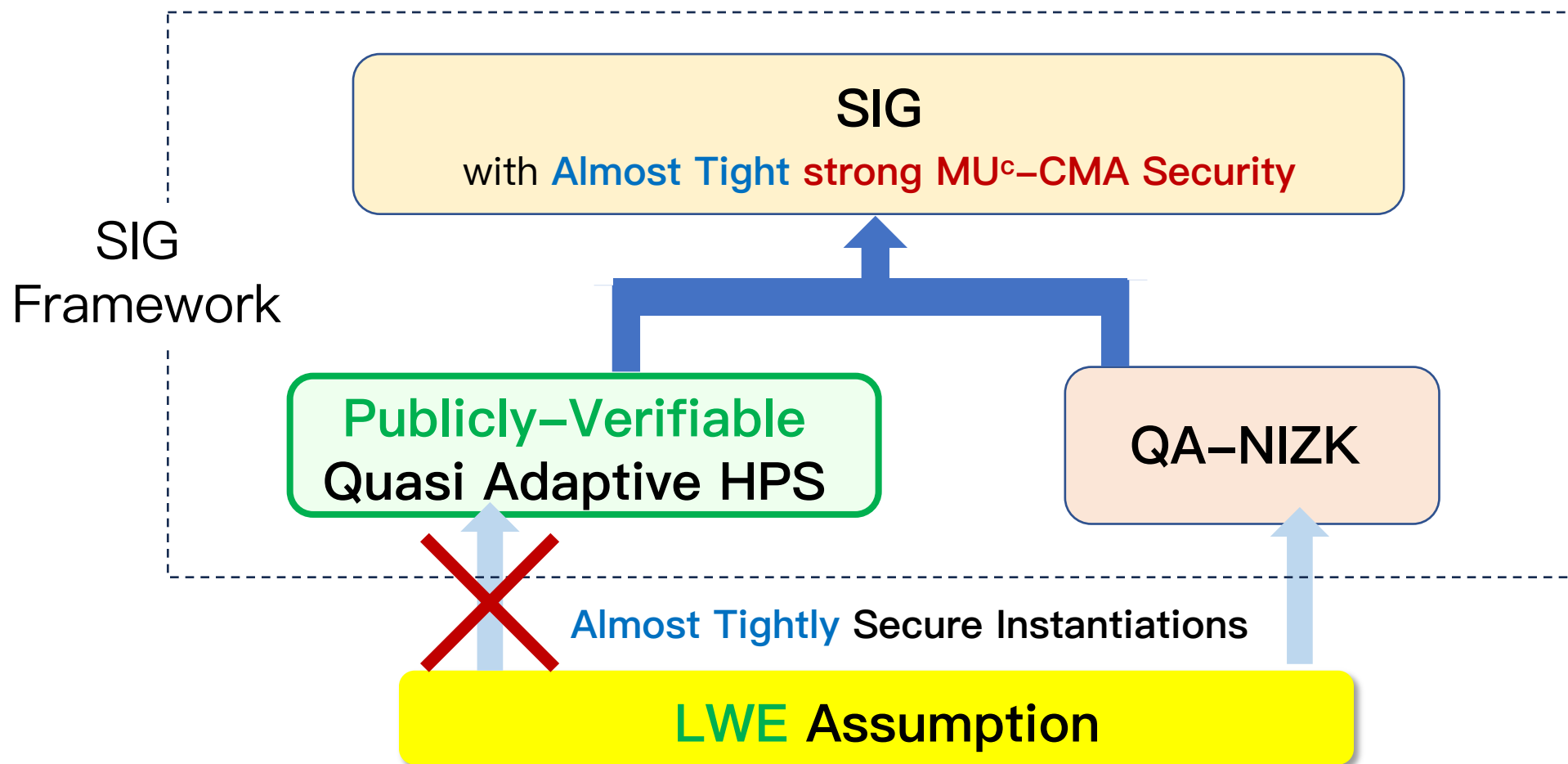


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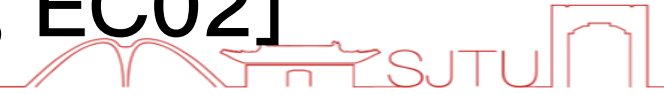
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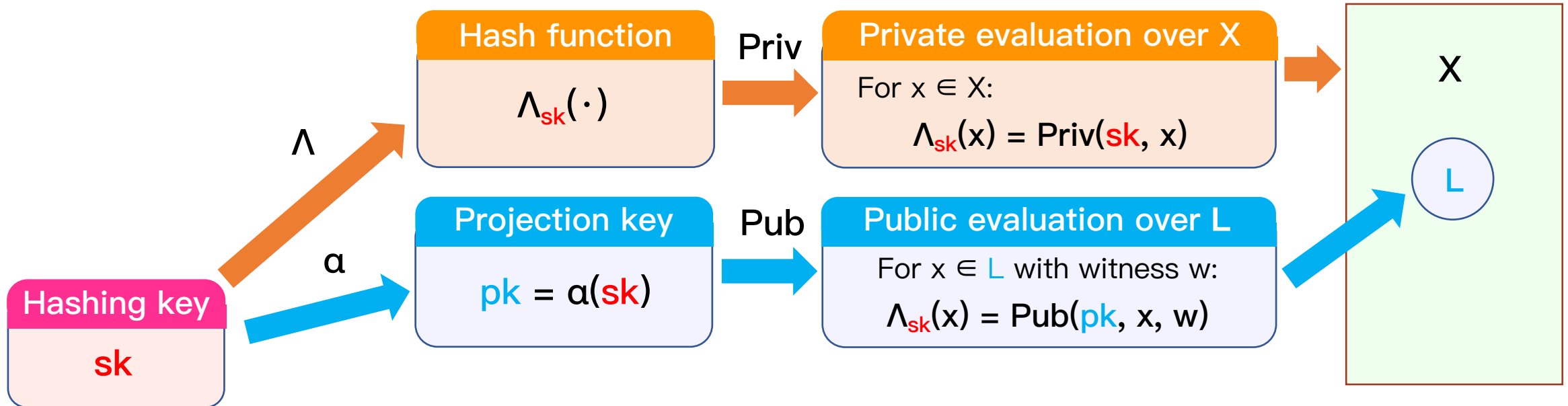
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Recap: Hash Proof System [Cramer–Shoup, EC02]



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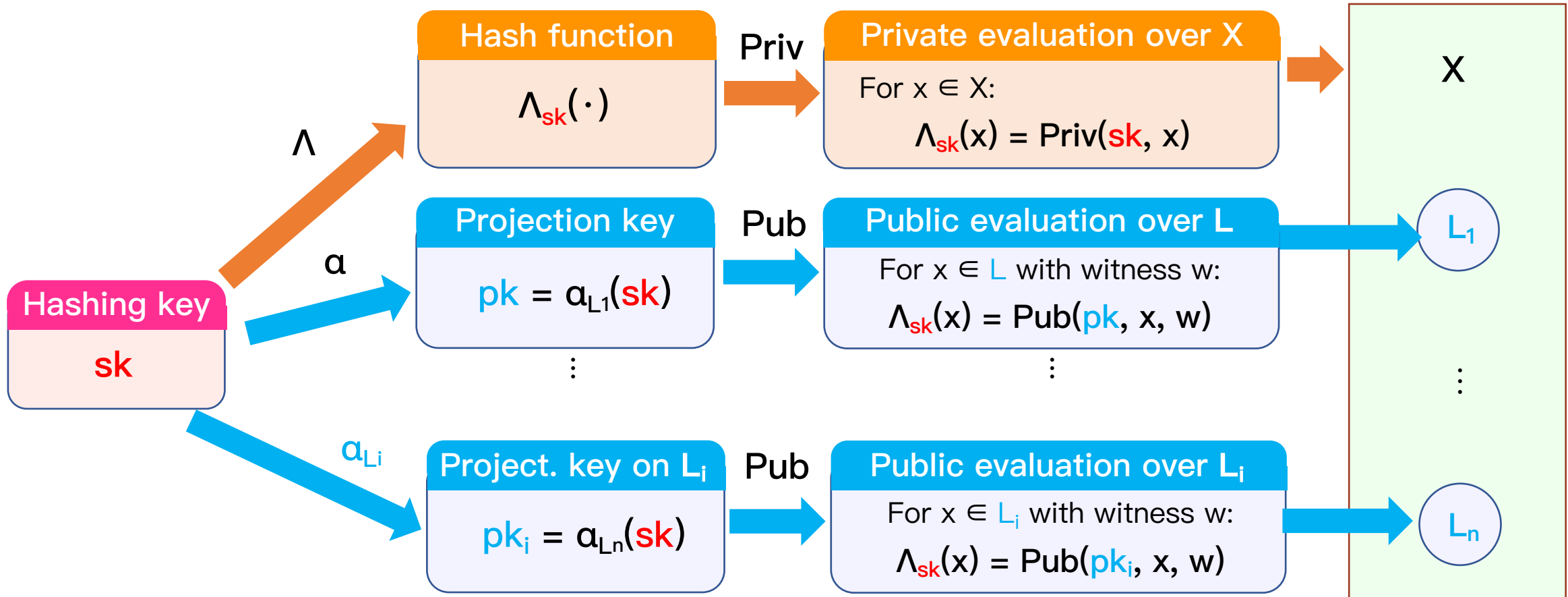
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Recap: Quasi-Adaptive HPS [Han-Liu-Lyu-Gu, C19]



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- **Key Switching:** $(\alpha_{L_0}(sk), \alpha_{L_1}(sk)) \approx_s (\alpha_{L_0}(sk), \alpha_{L_1}(sk'))$

Obstacle: No **LWE-based** HPS with **Exact Correctness**



$$\mathcal{X} = \{\mathbf{c} \mid \mathbf{c} \in \mathbb{Z}_q^m\}$$

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Secret&Projection Key:

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Private evaluation:

$$\text{Priv}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{c}) = \Lambda_{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{c}) := \mathbf{c}^\top \mathbf{k} \in \mathbb{Z}_q$$

$$= (\mathbf{s}^\top \mathbf{A} + \mathbf{e}^\top) \mathbf{k} = \boxed{\mathbf{s}^\top \mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{k}} + \mathbf{e}^\top \mathbf{k} \text{ for } \mathbf{c} \in \mathcal{L}_A$$



Public evaluation:

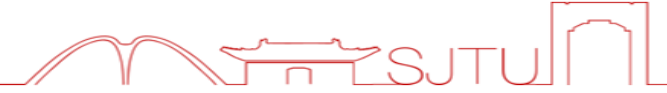
$$\text{Pub}(pk_A, \mathbf{c}, \mathbf{s}, \mathbf{e}) = \mathbf{s}^\top \cdot pk_A = \boxed{\mathbf{s}^\top \mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{k}}$$

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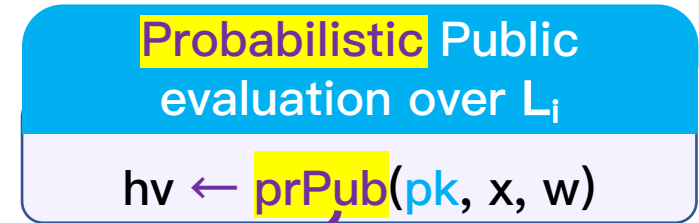
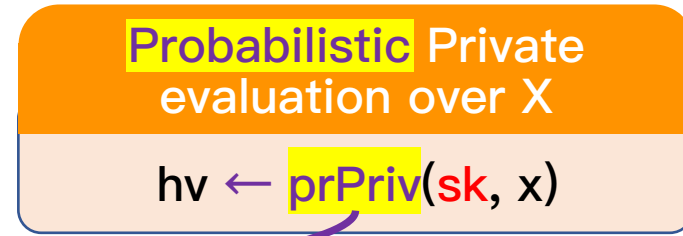
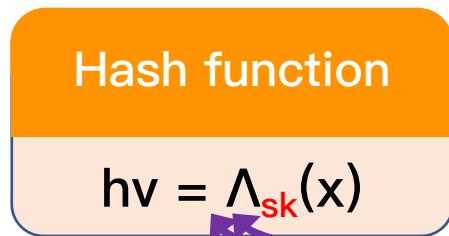
$$\text{Priv}(sk, x) \neq \text{Pub}(pk, x, s) !$$

Our Solution to the Obstacle: pr-QA-HPS



Probabilistic QA-HPS:

- Probabilistic public evaluation: $\text{prPriv}(sk, x)$
- Probabilistic private evaluation: $\text{prPub}(pk, x, s)$

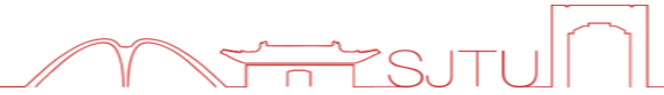


One deterministic function

Two probabilistic ways for evaluating it

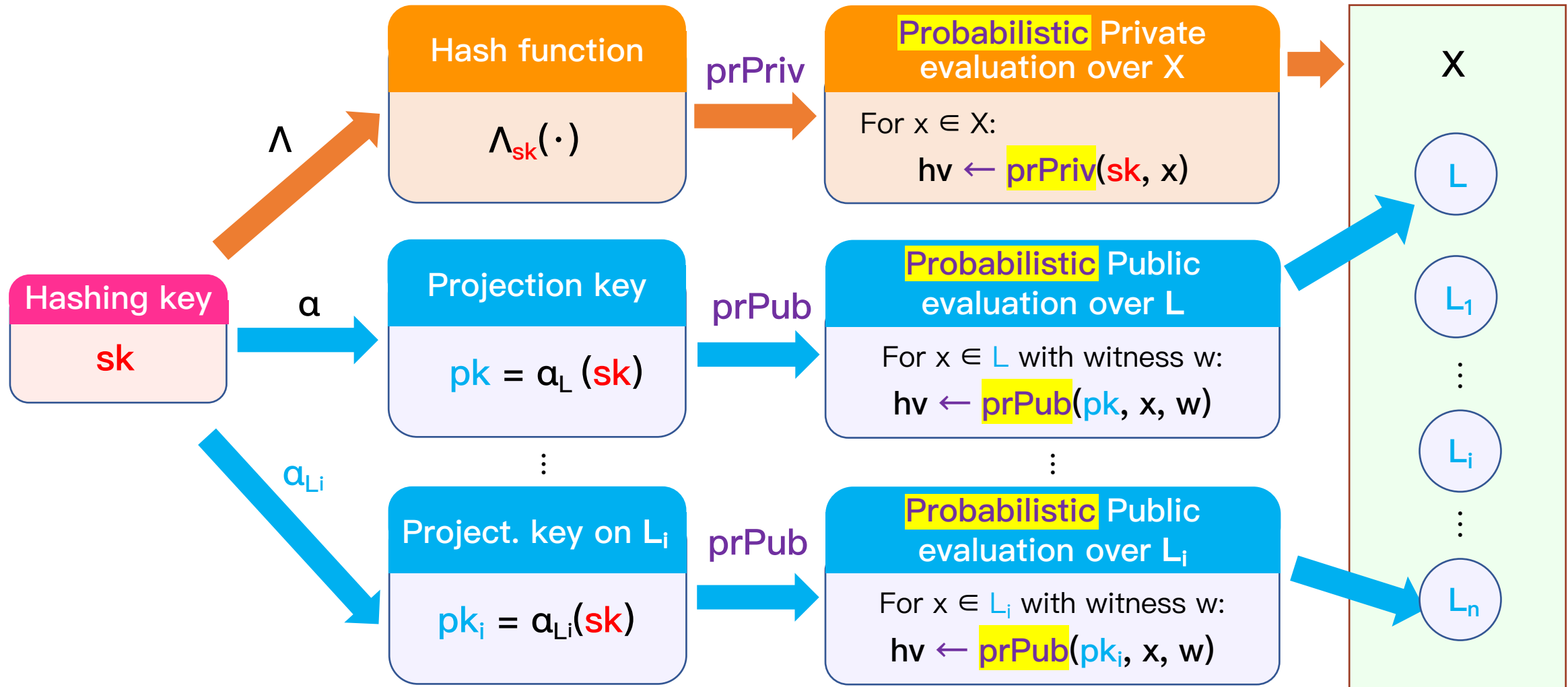
- Approximate Correctness: $\text{prPriv}(sk, x) \approx \Lambda_{sk}(x) \approx \text{prPub}(pk, x, w)$
- Evaluation st. Indistinguishability: $\text{prPriv}(sk, x) \approx_s \text{prPub}(pk, x, w)$ given sk
- Key Switching: $(a_{L_0}(sk), a_{L_1}(sk)) \approx_s (a_{L_0}(sk), a_{L_1}(sk'))$

Our New Tool: Probabilistic QA-HPS

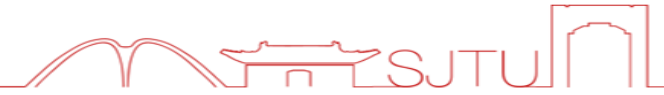


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pr-QA-HPS from **LWE**



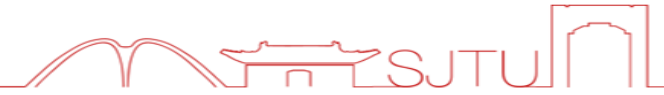
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Error smuging

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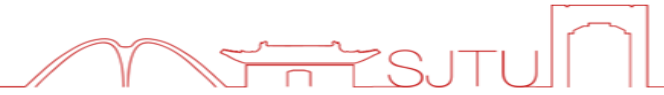
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Close & Evaluation Indistinguishability

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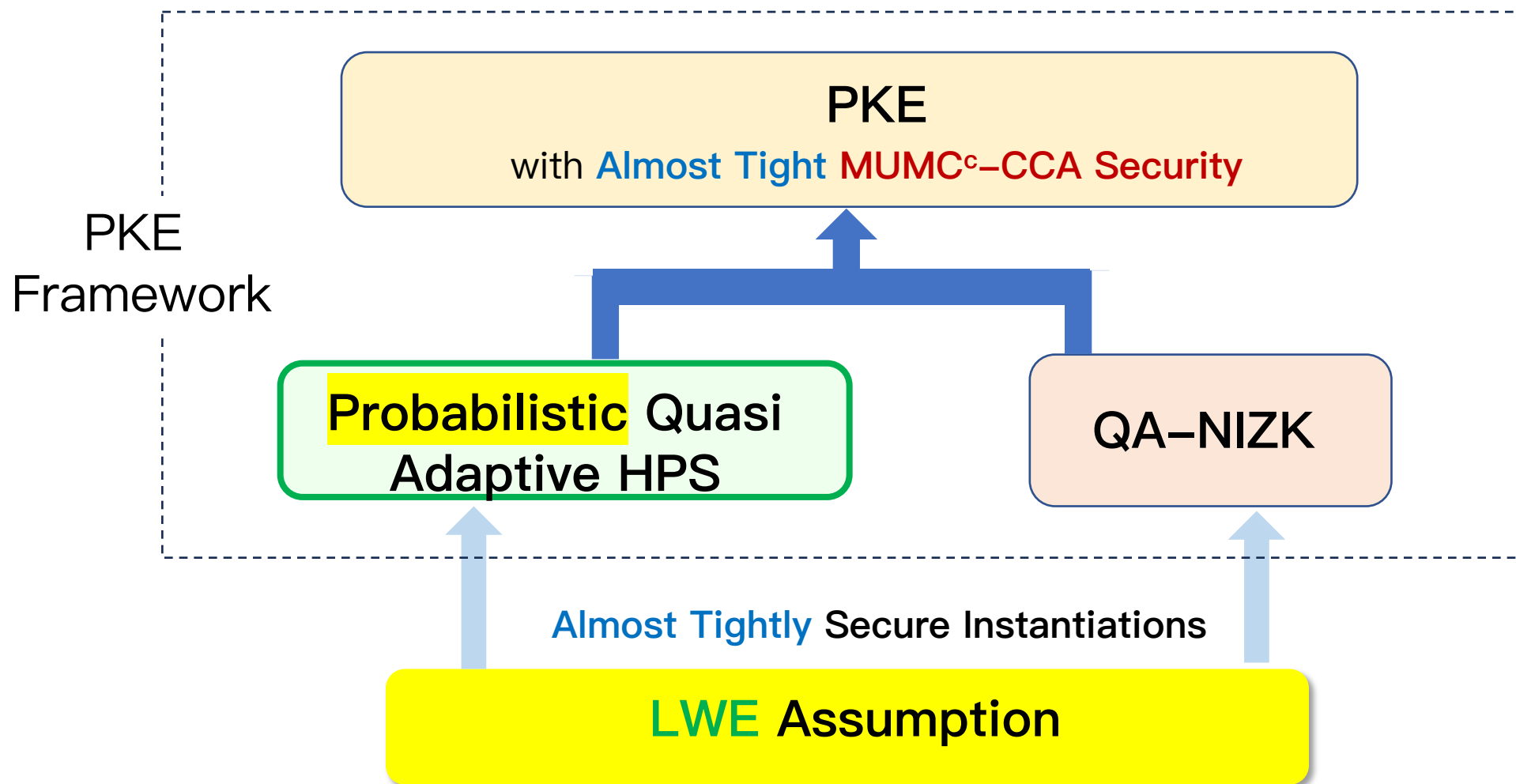
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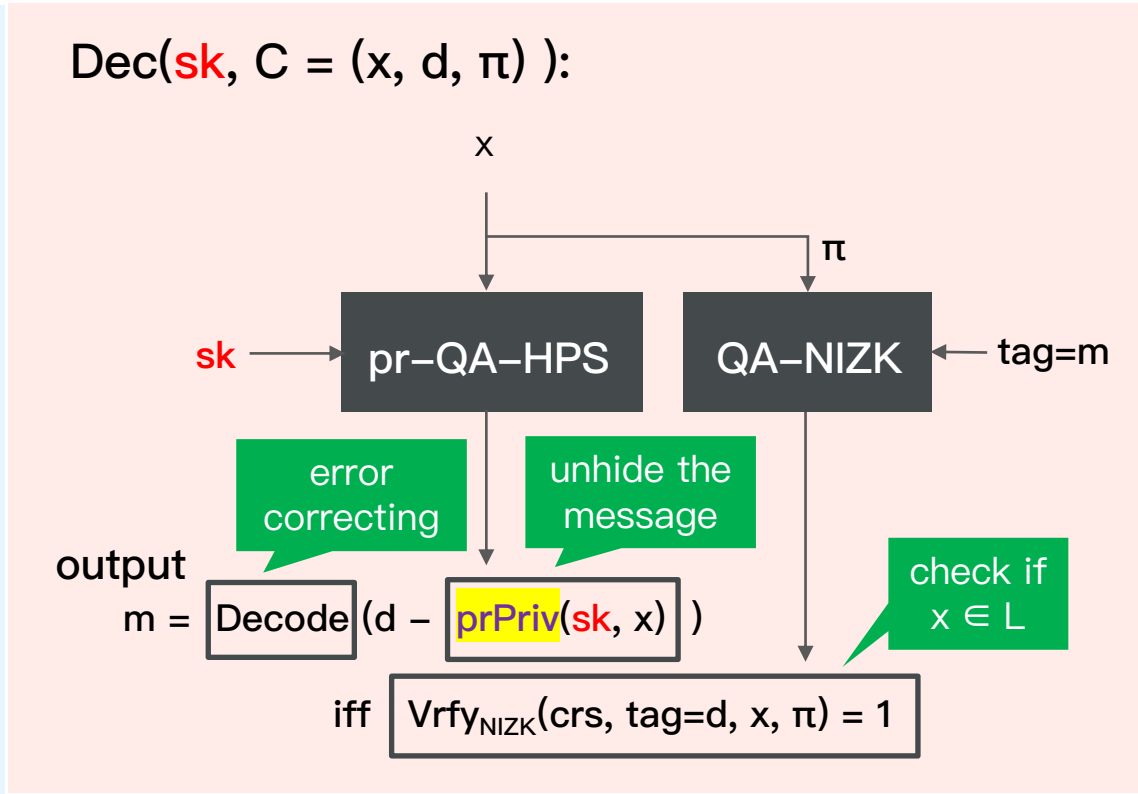
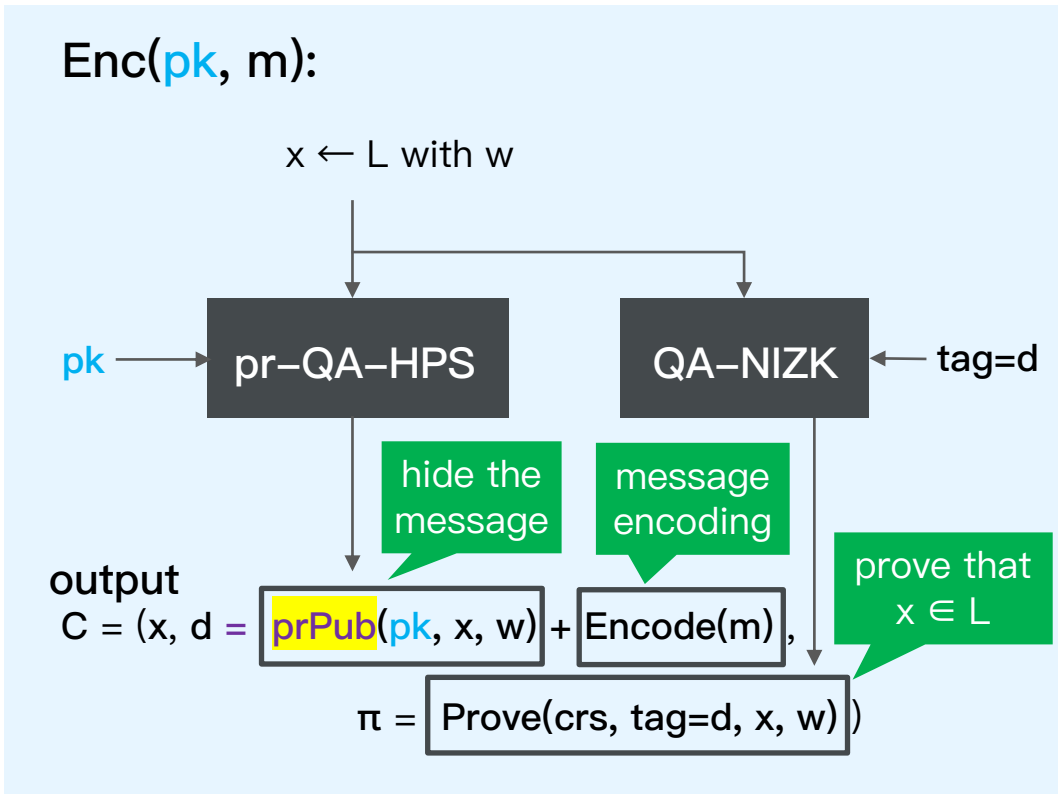


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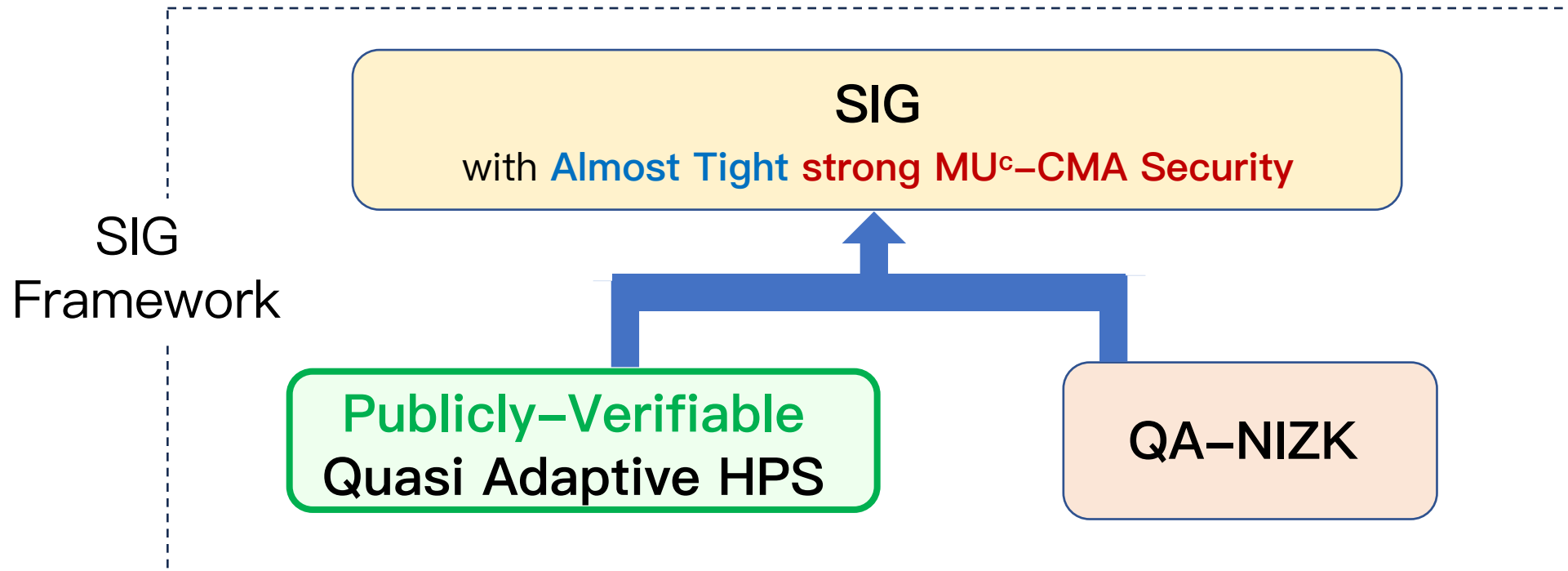
Our PKE with Almost Tight $MUMC^{c\&l}$ -CCA security



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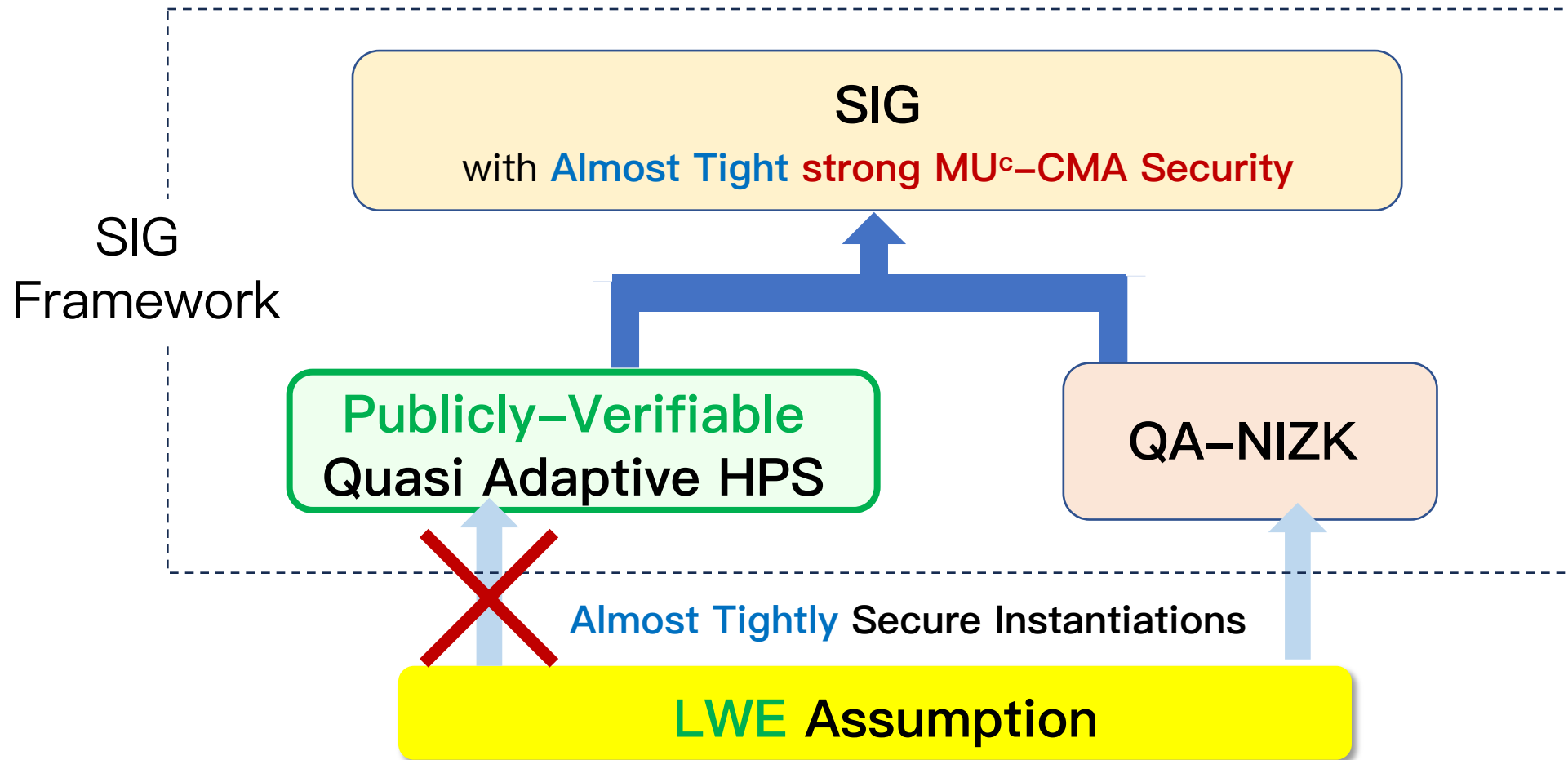


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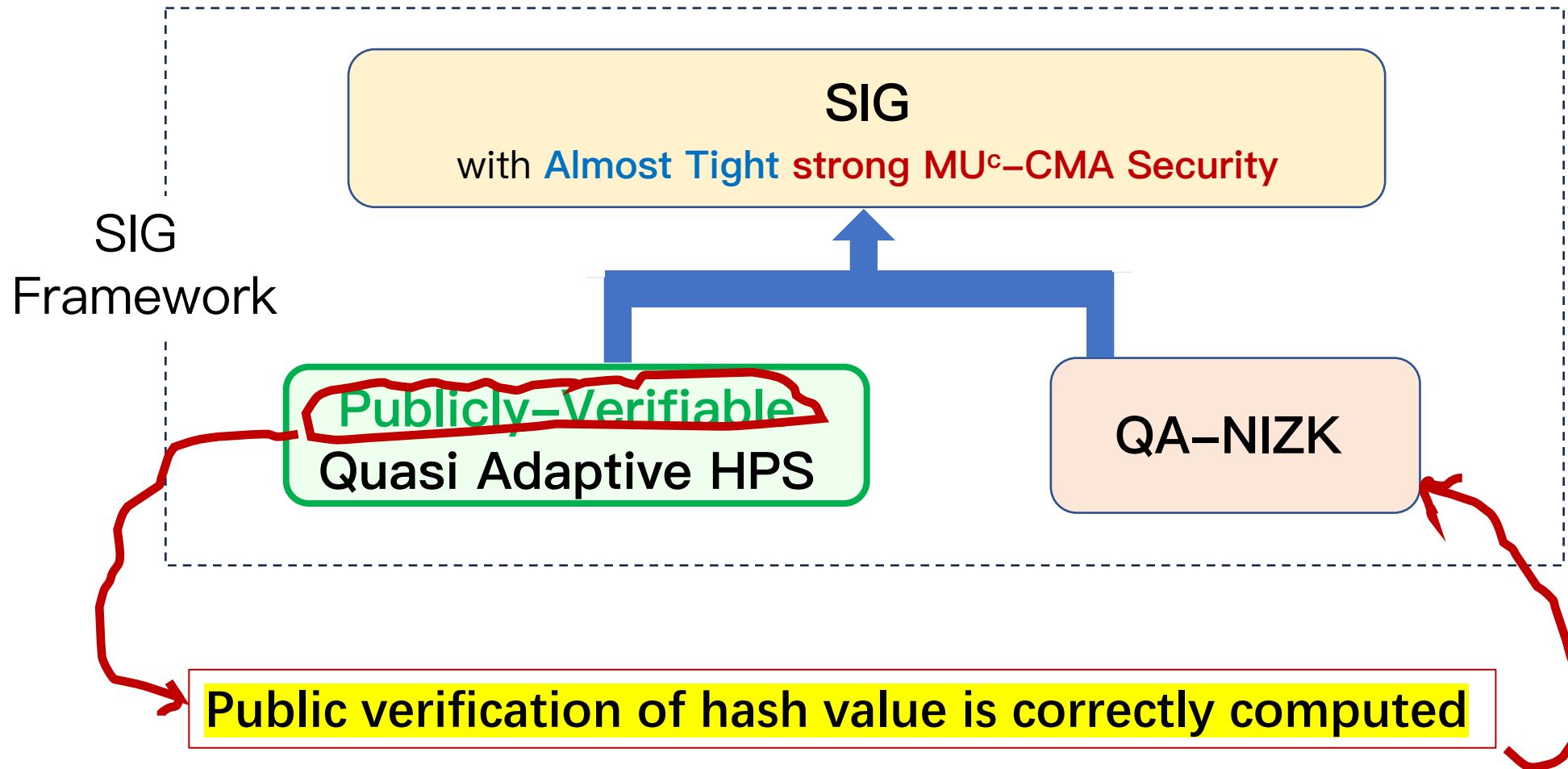
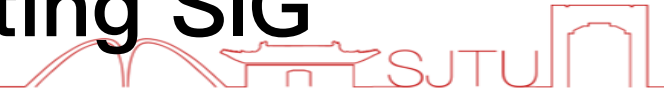
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Obstacle: No **LWE**-based HPS with **Public Verification**

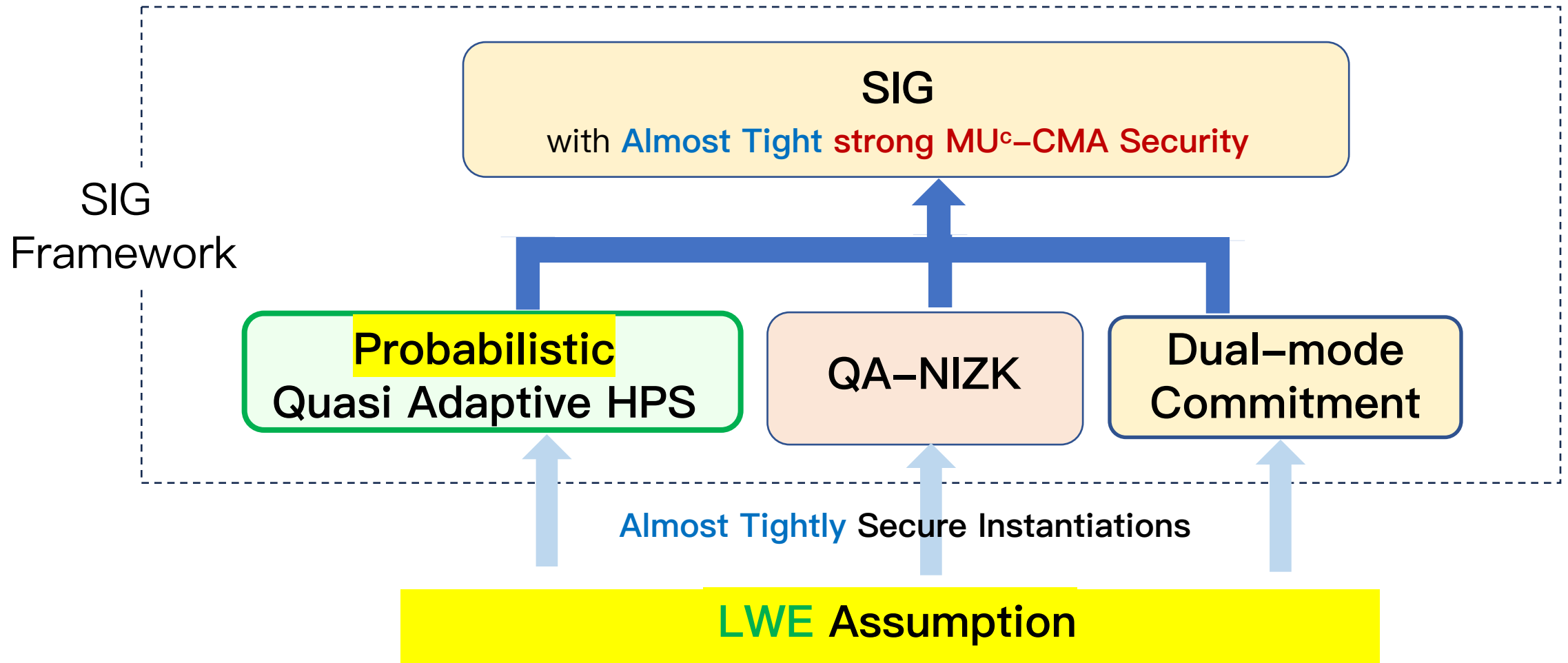
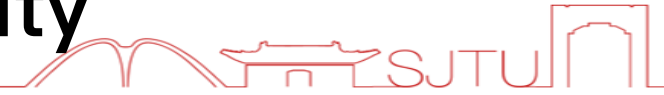


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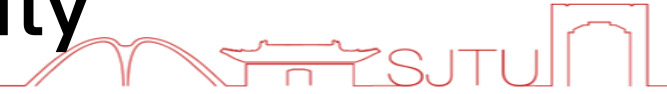
Our Solution: New Framework for Constructing SIG



Our SIG with Almost Tight MU^c -CMA security

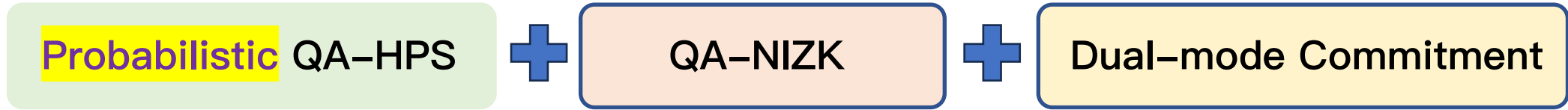
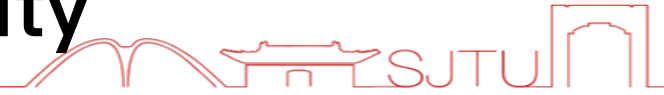


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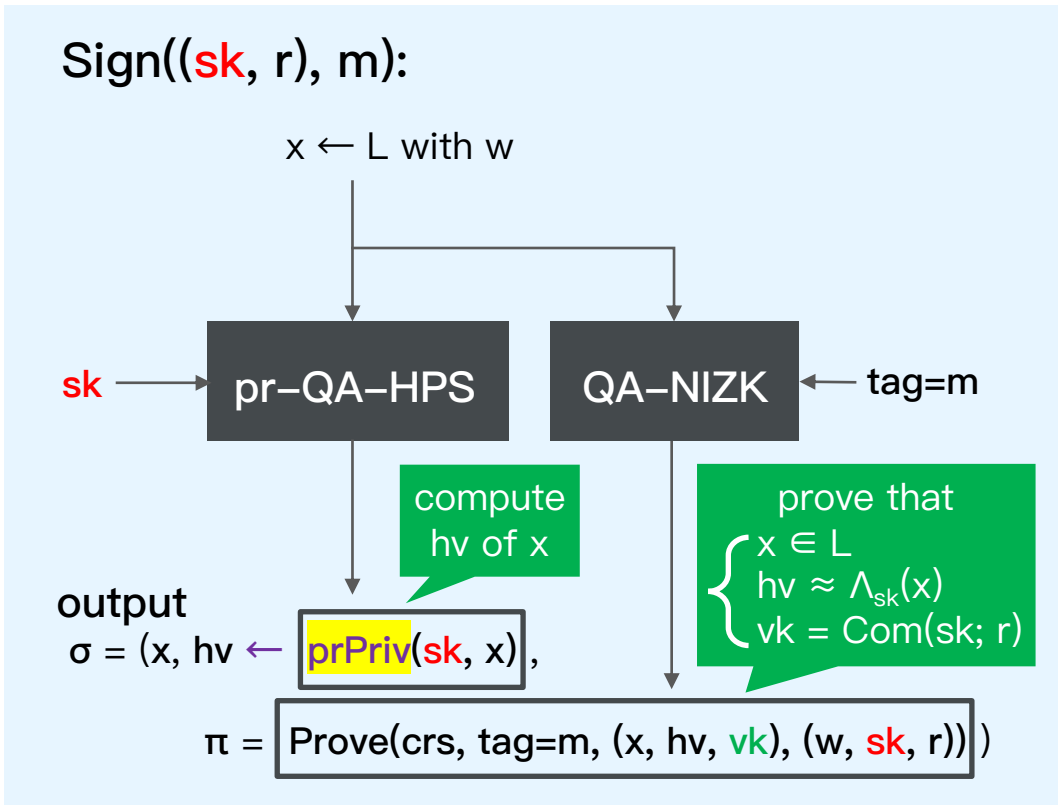


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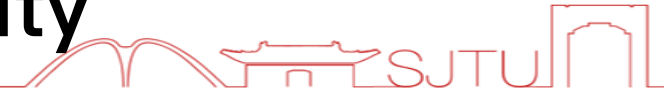
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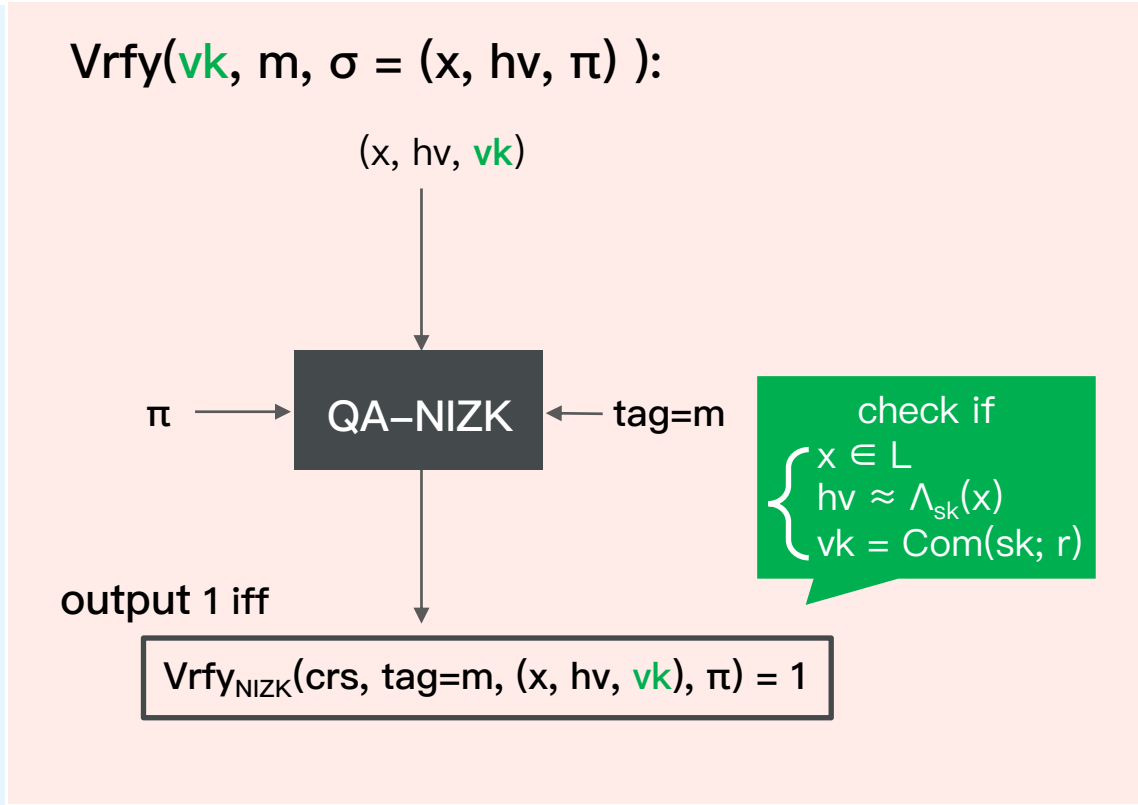
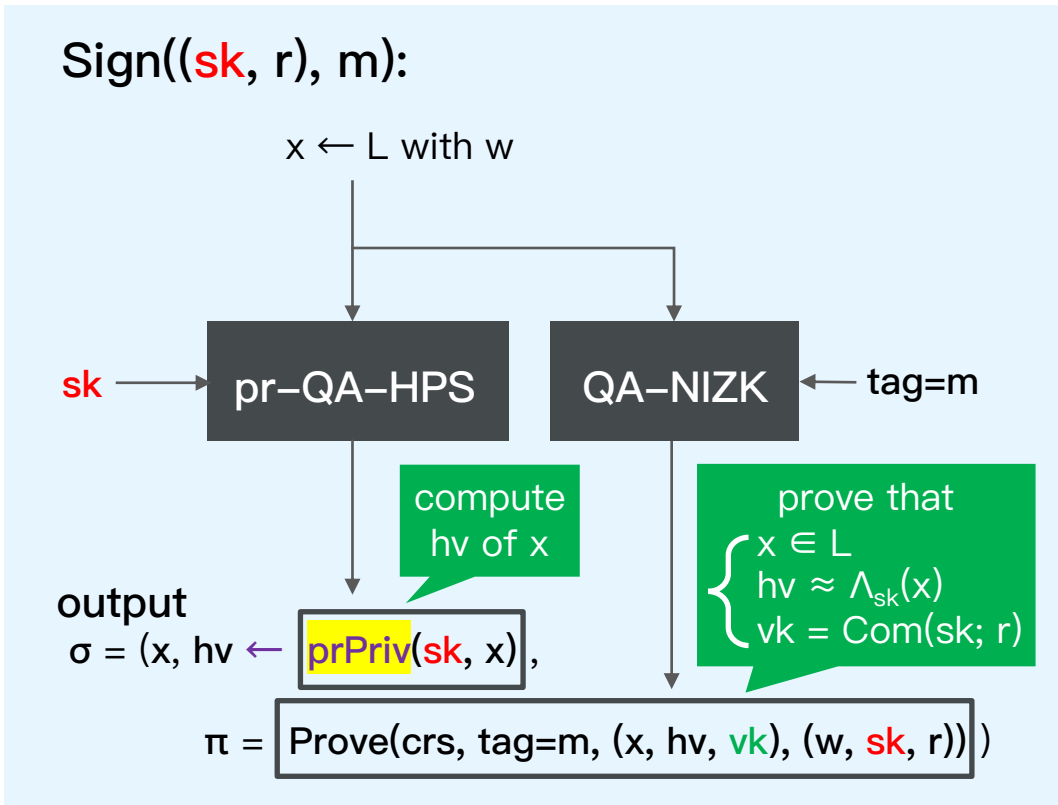
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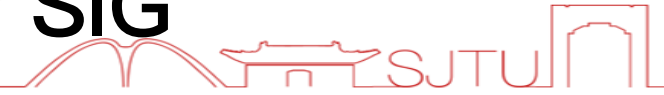
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Successful forgery ($m^*, \sigma^* = (x^*, d^*, \pi^*)$):

$$\text{Vrfy}_{\text{NIZK}}(\text{crs}, \tau, (x^*, vk, d^*), \pi^*) = 1$$

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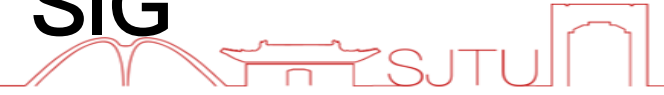
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Almost Tight (strong) MU^c -CMA security of SIG



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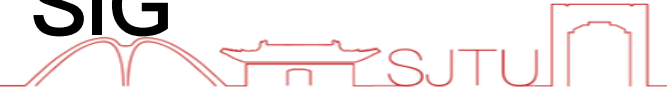
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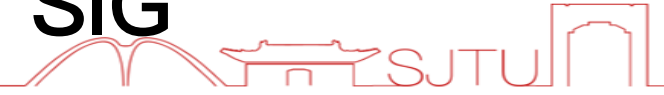
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USS-Soundness of QA-NIZK

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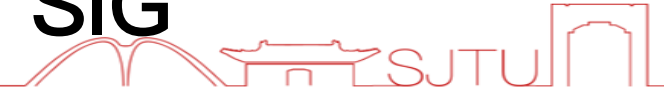
Key Switching of pr-QA-HPS

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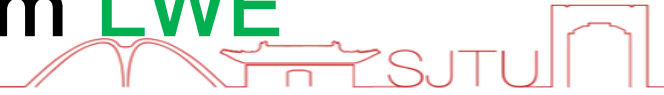
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Hardly true due to entropy of k

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Subtlety 1: QA-NIZK with Tight Security from **LWE**



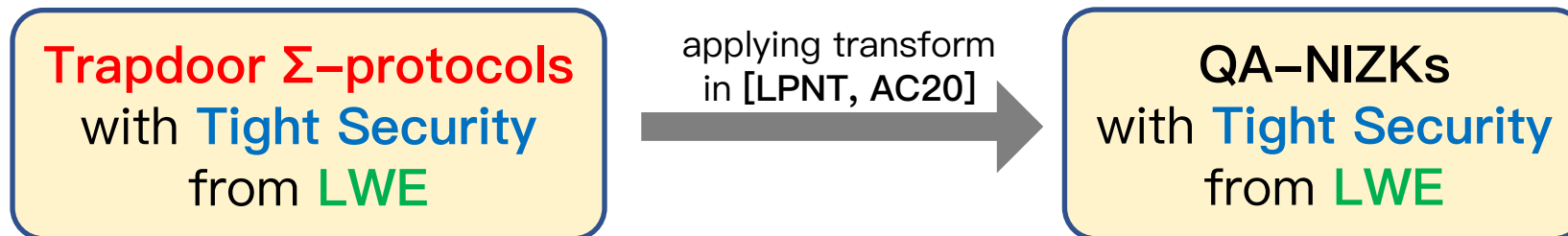
- In our SIG and PKE constructions, we need QA-NIZKs proving that

Linear Equations for SIG

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \mathbf{c} \in \mathcal{L}_A \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{c} = \mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{s} + \mathbf{e} \\ hv \approx \Delta_{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{c}) \Leftrightarrow hv = \mathbf{c}^\top \mathbf{k} + \text{small} \\ vk = \text{Com}(\mathbf{k}; \mathbf{R}) \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{X} \cdot \mathbf{R} + \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} \\ q \cdot \mathbf{k}^\top \end{pmatrix} \text{ (Regev Encryption)} \end{array} \right.$$

Linear Equation for PKE

- We build QA-NIZKs for such languages



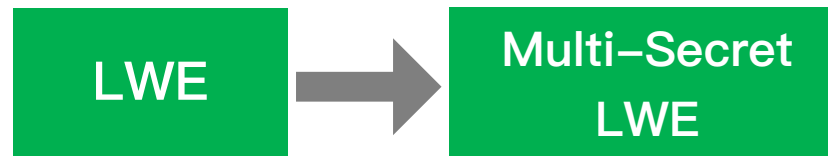
Subtlety 2: **Almost Tight** Reduction from **LWE** to **Multi-Secret LWE**

- In the MU^c security proof, we require the hardness of **Multi-fold Subset Membership Problem (SMP)** of **Probabilistic QA-HPS**

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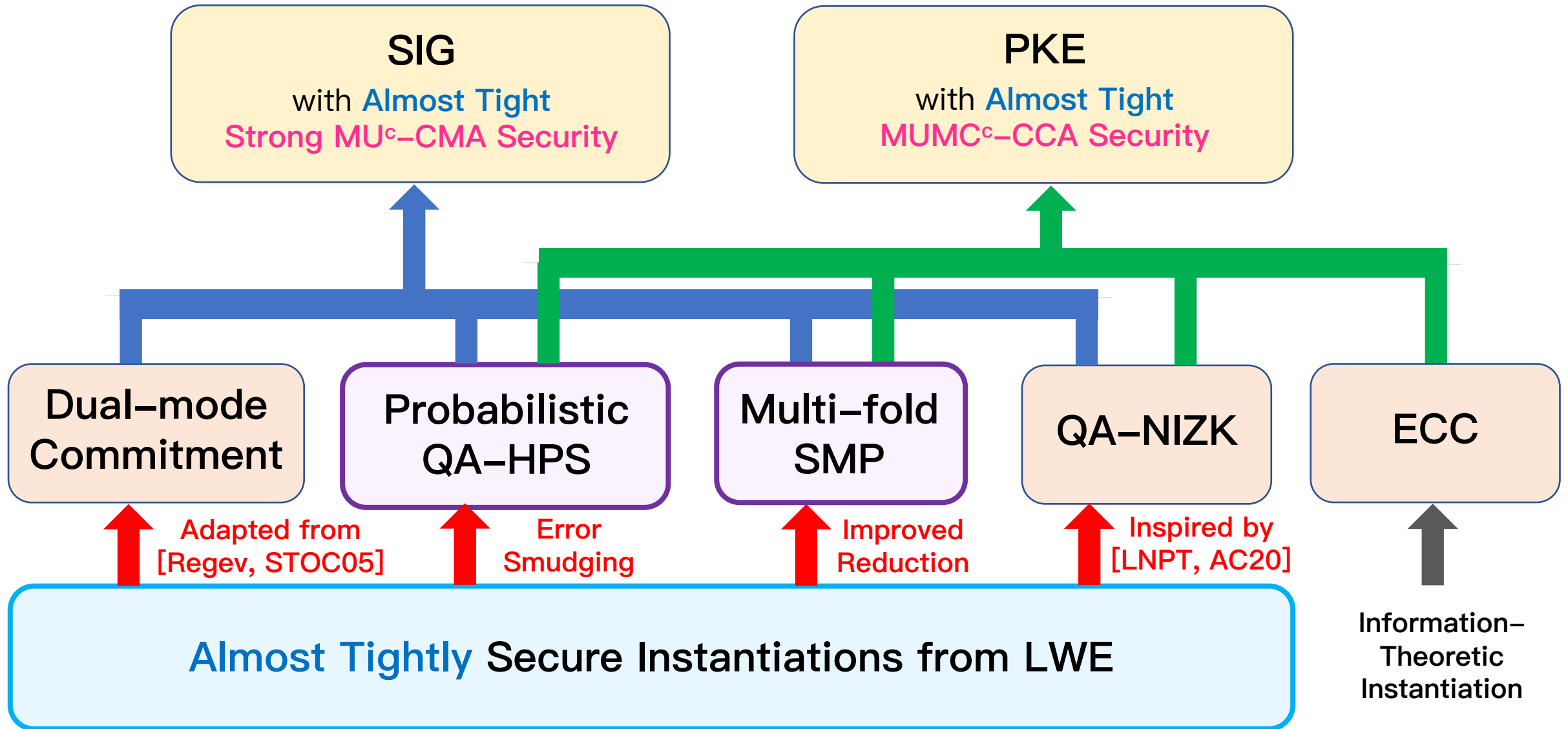
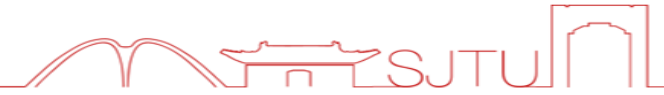
Multi-fold SMP: $(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{S}\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{E}) \approx_c (\mathbf{A}, \$)$
 $\mathbf{A} \leftarrow_{\$} \mathbb{Z}_q^{n \times m}, \mathbf{S} \leftarrow_{\$} \mathbb{Z}_q^{Q \times n}, \mathbf{E} \leftarrow_{\$} \chi^{Q \times m}$

- Improved **Almost Tight** Reduction

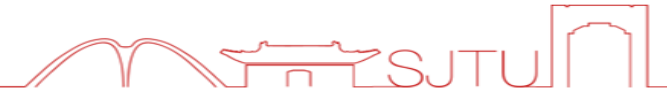


- The reduction implicit in [Alwen-Krenn-Pietrzak-Wichs, C13] has $\ell = \lambda^3$
- ✓ Our fine-grained reduction has $\ell = \lambda^2$ by applying the noise lossiness approach in [Brakerski-Döttling, EC20]

Summary of Our SIG and PKE



Conclusion



- The first SIG and PKE schemes
 - ✓ with **almost tight** **MU^c security** from **LWE** in the **standard model**.
- Generic constructions of SIG and PKE by using
 - New technical tool: **Probabilistic QA-HPS**.
- **Improved almost tight** reductions from **LWE** to **Multi-Secret LWE**.

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Thanks! Questions?