



# Traitor Tracing without Trusted Authority from Registered Functional Encryption

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# Motivation

- This work:

Efficient traitor-tracing *without* a trusted authority

- Goals:
  - Remove trusted authority
  - Non-trivial, concrete efficiency (Ciphertext grows sublinear in number of users)
  - Security from simple and well-understood objects (e.g. not iO)





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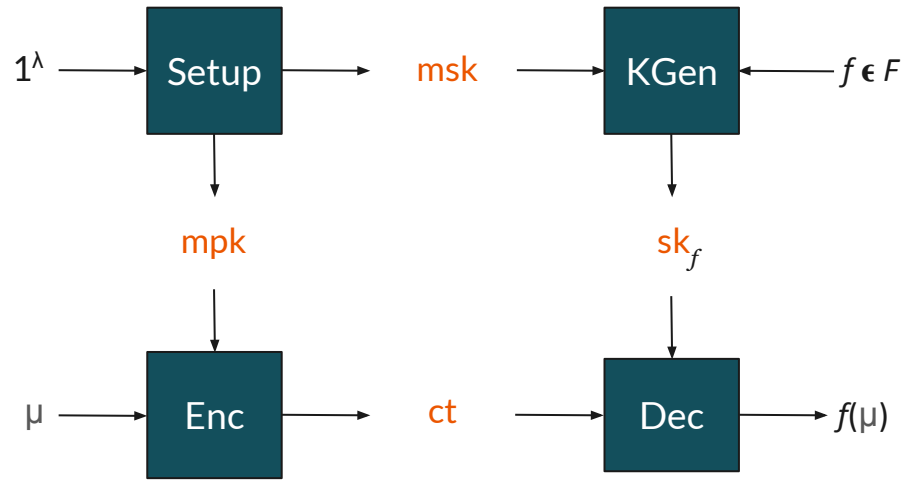
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- **Concurrent works** on RFE:
  - [DPY23] gets **RLFE (with non-transparent setup)** in GGM
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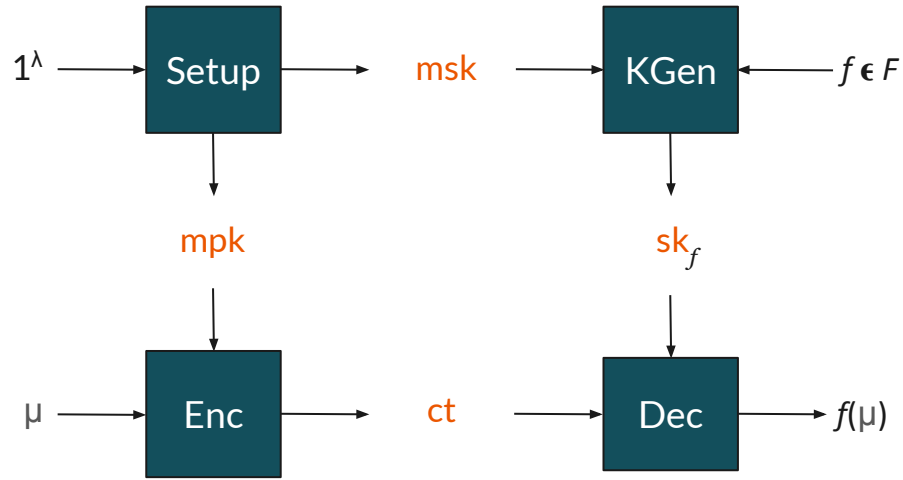
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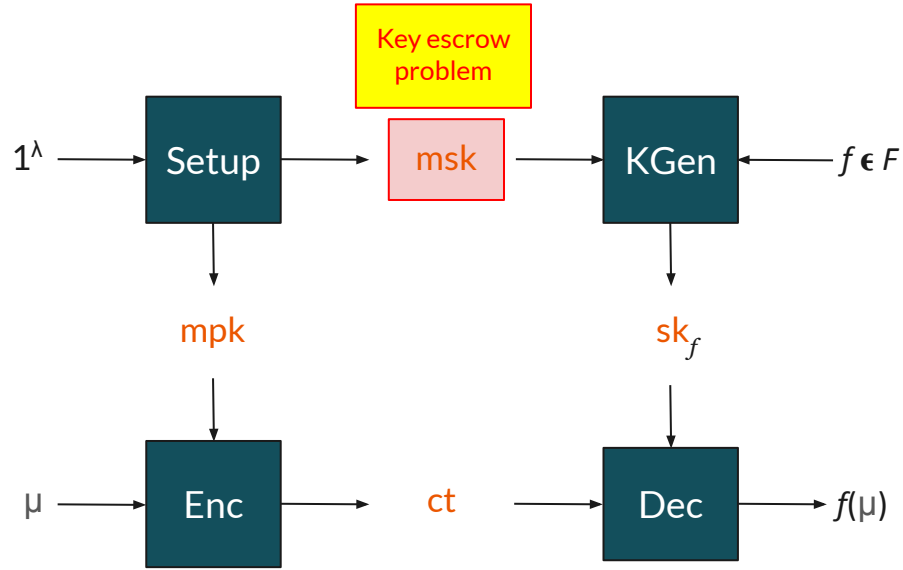
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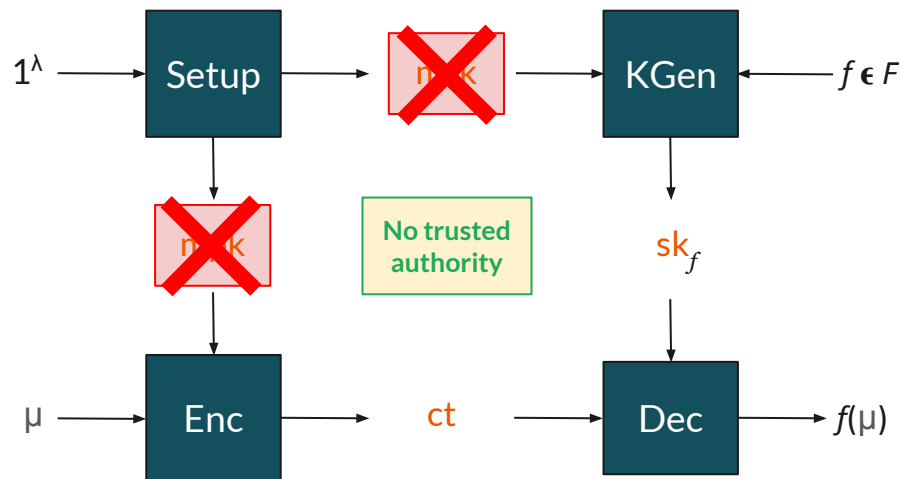
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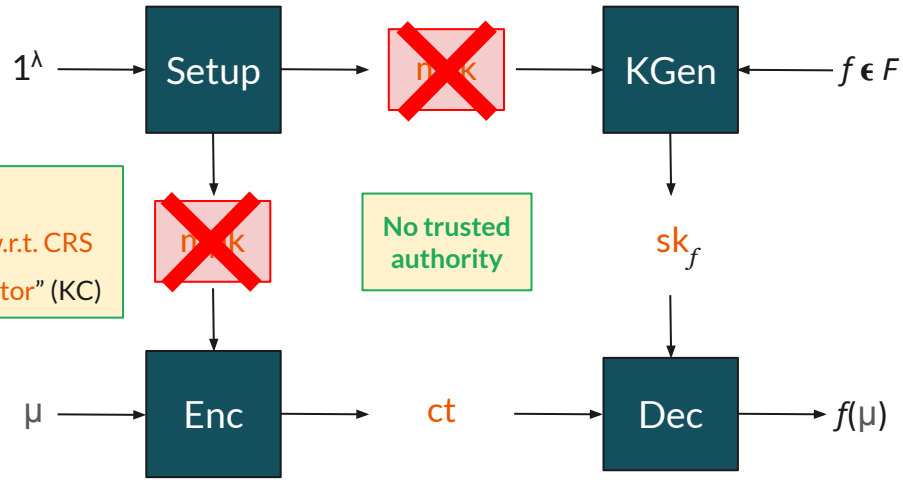
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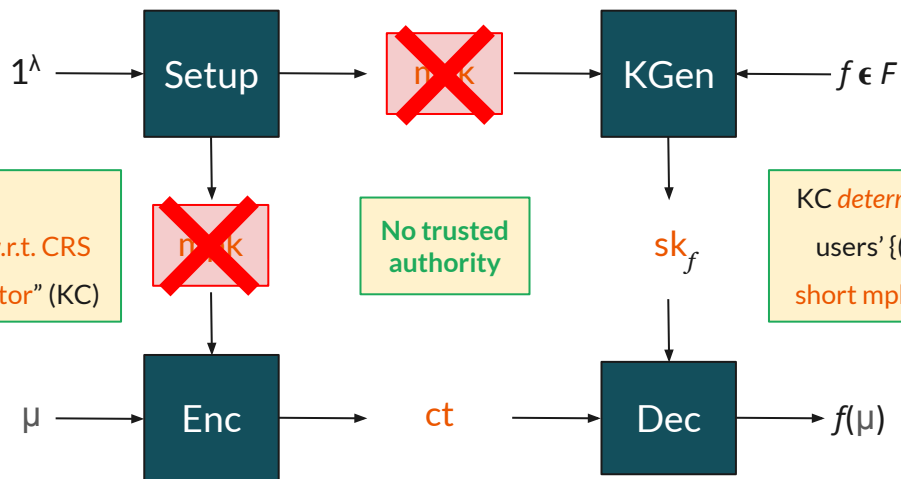
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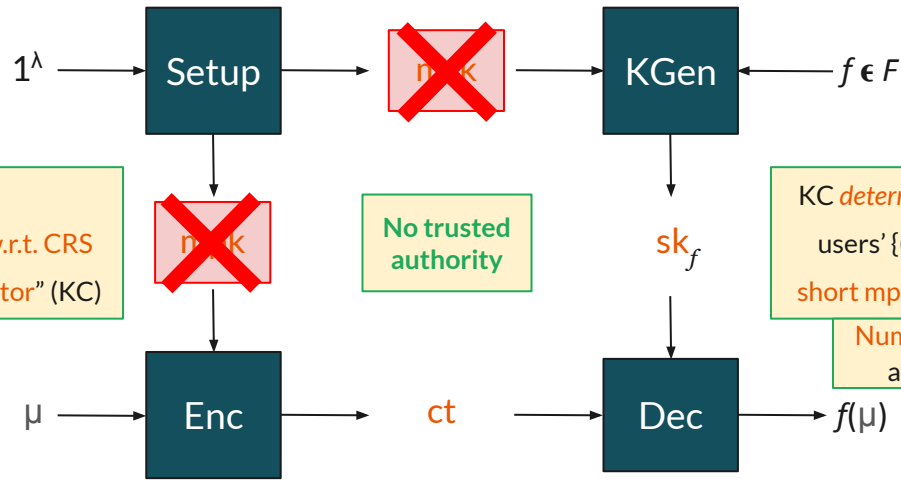
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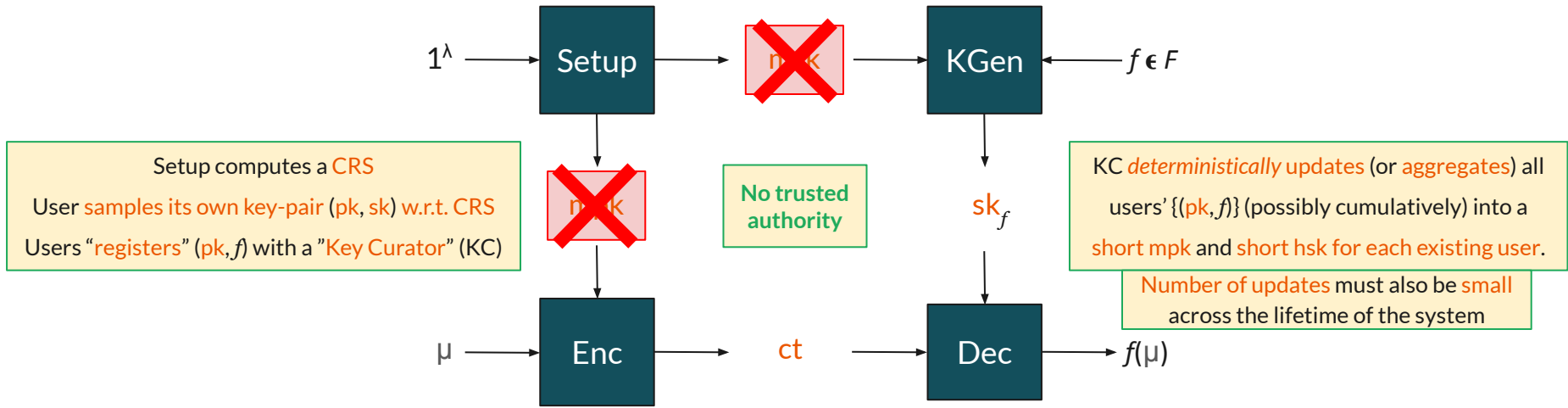
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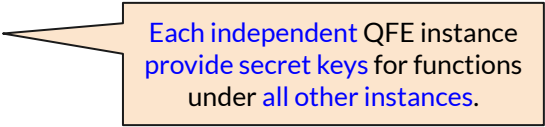
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- We provide **multiple transformations** for **security against maliciously registered keys**
  - **NIZK**: prove well-formedness of keys
  - Leverage **random oracle** on our RQFE: **Setup remains transparent**
  - **Modify RQFE scheme** (**without** random oracle, **loses transparent Setup**)



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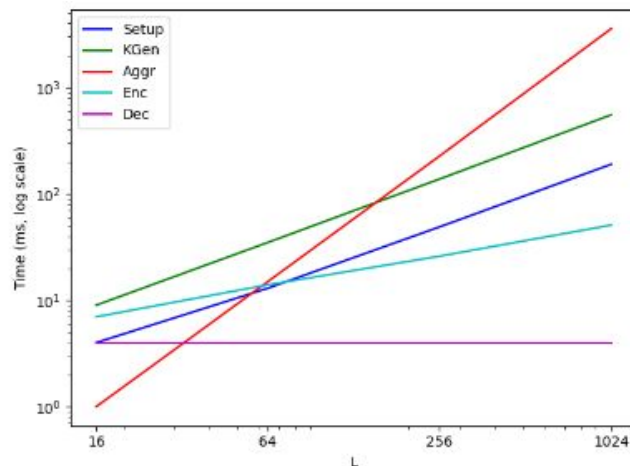
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Main observation: Weak RQFE suffices

# Implementation: Registered PLBE

- Sizes for  $L = 1024$ :  
crs: 135KB,      mpk: 6.6KB,      ciphertext: 6.7KB  
pk: 102.5KB,    sk: 97B,      hsk: 194B
- Runtimes on PC:  
(AMD Ryzen 5 5600X, 3.7GHz CPU, 32GB of RAM)

$L$	Time (ms)				
	Setup	KGen	Aggr	Enc	Dec
16	3.86	9.04	1.06	7.26	4.04
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256	48.94	138.17	226.93	26.11	4.04
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Table 4: Runtimes of our RPLBE algorithms for different  $L$ .





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