

# Constructing Certificateless Encryption and ID-Based Encryption from ID-Based Key Agreement<sup>\*</sup>

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**Abstract.** We discuss the relationship between ID-based key agreement protocols, certificateless encryption and ID-based key encapsulation mechanisms. In particular we show how in some sense ID-based key agreement is a primitive from which all others can be derived. In doing so we focus on distinctions between what we term *pure* ID-based schemes and *non-pure* schemes, in various security models. We present security models for ID-based key agreement which do not “look natural” when considered as analogues of normal key agreement schemes, but which look more natural when considered in terms of the models used in certificateless encryption. Our work highlights distinctions between the two approaches to certificateless encryption, and adds to the debate about what is the “correct” security model for certificateless encryption.

## 1 Introduction

The notion of certificateless encryption was introduced by Al-Riyami and Paterson [3] and considers the following setting, that is similar to that of identity-based encryption. Each user is represented by a string *ID* (his identity) and has a matching secret key produced by a Key Generation Center (KGC). Furthermore each user has also a public/secret key pair, as in the traditional public key model. The main advantages of certificateless encryption are that such public keys do not need to be certified and the KGC cannot decrypt ciphertexts of users. In general, the security of certificateless encryption schemes is formalized by two properties related to semantic security of standard encryption schemes: Type I and Type II security. Type I security considers adversaries that are able to replace the public keys of users while Type II security is stated with respect to malicious KGCs.

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Ever since its introduction in [3] certificateless encryption has been the subject of debate as to what is the “correct” definition. This is not only a question of the definition of the security model, but also the syntax and functionality of the schemes itself. Many papers have presented differing restrictions for the adversaries in both Type I and Type II security games, creating a lot of different security definitions, with each paper claiming theirs to be the “correct” one. Also other papers have presented new syntax (with similar claims). Most of the claims are actually related to what can be proved about the schemes the papers present, rather than some deeper philosophical discussion. We refer the reader to [14] for a balanced summary of the existing models and schemes.

### 1.1 Our Contribution

This paper takes a different approach to the study of certificateless schemes, by studying their relationship to identity-based encryption. We do so in order to take a step back from scheme construction and instead concentrate on what the correct security and syntactic definitions should be. To simplify our discussion we will concentrate on the simpler notion of key-encapsulation (KEM) rather than encryption.

We show two main results: (1) a natural transform of *certain* CL-KEM schemes into ID-KEM schemes. In addition there is (2) another natural transform of *all* identity-based key agreement (ID-KA) protocols into CL-KEM schemes. We note that all our security relationships under our transforms hold in the *standard model*.

The motivation for this research is twofold: (i) by analyzing these transformations we are able to get a better understanding of what are the “correct” security notions and syntaxes for CL encryption; (ii) these reductions may give us a *generic* toolbox to construct new, and potentially improved, CL and ID schemes.

PURE AND NON-PURE SCHEMES. Certificateless schemes in the literature can be syntactically classified into two large classes, which we call *pure* and *non-pure*. This distinction between pure and non-pure schemes also applies to existing ID-KA protocols. Informally, a pure ID-based key agreement (resp. certificateless scheme) is one in which the parties compute their messages *without* using their long-term secret keys (which is used only in the derivation of the shared session key). As we will show, such pure schemes allow various functionalities such as encryption into-the-future etc. Interestingly there are no-known pure schemes (either ID-KA or CL-KEM) which do not use pairing-based groups.

We show a natural *standard model* transformation from a *pure* CL-KEM to a ID-KEM and we determine the precise security properties of the CL-KEM under which the resulting ID-KEM is secure in the usual sense. The hope is that this generic transformation might in the future yield new constructions for ID-based encryption. It is worthwhile to observe that this transform does not work for non-pure CL-KEMs. This is not surprising as non-pure CL-KEMs are the only ones that can be constructed without pairings. So, in some sense this shows that certificateless encryption is a simpler primitive than ID-based encryption, although the reverse is commonly believed (as CL encryption is thought as an extension of ID-based one).

TOWARDS A CORRECT SECURITY MODEL FOR CL-KEMs AND ID-KA PROTOCOLS. Next we show a natural generic transform of ID-KA protocols into CL-KEM schemes. The goal here is to gain some understanding on the correct security models for these notions. In particular we investigate what security models in the ID-KA setting imply, through our transform, certain specific CL-KEM security models. For lack of space, we do not look at all CL-KEM security models, but we do consider the main ones. Our results, all proven in the standard model, can be summarized in two distinct points. First, if one concentrates on pure schemes [11], then the associated transforms have a tight security reduction. This supports our previous point that pure schemes have more/better features. Second, the required security models in the ID-KA setting needed to imply strong notions of security in the CL-KEM setting are highly non-standard security notions for key agreement models. This last point can be interpreted in one of two ways: either the strong security models for CL-KEM schemes are unnatural and that the weaker definitions should suffice, or the security notions for ID-KA protocols (and by implication all other forms of key agreement protocol) are too weak.

At the end of the paper we try to draw some conclusions as to what the “correct” models for certificateless encryption and ID-based key agreement should be. Our conclusion is that perhaps the strong security models for certificateless encryption are probably correct, and that it is the security models for ID-KA protocols, and indeed standard public key or symmetric key based key agreement protocols, which need to be strengthened.

Our main generic constructions can be summarized by reference to Figure 1, the definitions used in the arrows will become clear as we define them in the following pages.

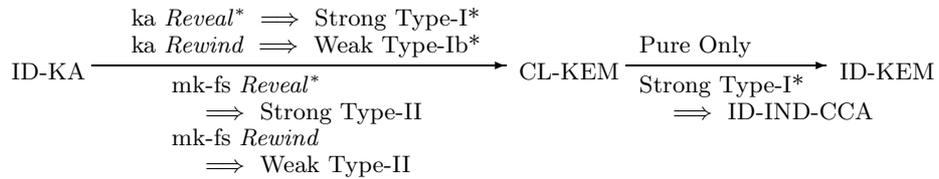


Fig. 1. Relationships Between Schemes

As a final side-result of independent interest, as part of our analysis we consider a weakened notion of Type-I security for certificateless schemes (which we denote by Type-I\* etc). This is because we have discovered an overlap in the standard security definitions for Strong Type-I and Strong Type-II security for CL-KEMs. By weakening the definition of Type-I security slightly, we remove this overlap and at the same time simplify a number of our security proofs, whilst not reducing the overall security result for the resulting CL-KEMs.

OTHER RELATED WORK. Our results are similar to the work of Paterson and Srinivasan [17] on the link between ID-based non-interactive key distribution (NIKD) and ID-based encryption. In [17] the authors present a security model for ID-based NIKD and provide a transform from an ID-based NIKD to an ID-based encryption scheme. We note that the extension of this result to constructing ID-KEMs is immediate. However, this transform is not generic in that it requires special syntactic properties of the base ID-based NIKD scheme. Our transforms from ID-KA protocols (i.e. interactive protocols) to CL-KEMs and ID-KEMs are generic and do not require any special syntactic properties of the underlying ID-KA protocol. In addition the transform of [17] results in ID-IND-CPA ID-KEMs/ID-based encryption schemes. Indeed to obtain full CCA secure KEMs/encryption schemes it is easy to see that one needs to extend the security model in [17] for ID-based NIKD schemes in such a way as to provide the adversary with an analogue of our *Reveal\** oracles. Thus whilst our results are syntactically stronger than those of [17], the security results are roughly equivalent. That we can achieve more syntactically is due to us considering interactive, as opposed to non-interactive, protocols as our starting point.

## 2 Identity-Based Key Agreement

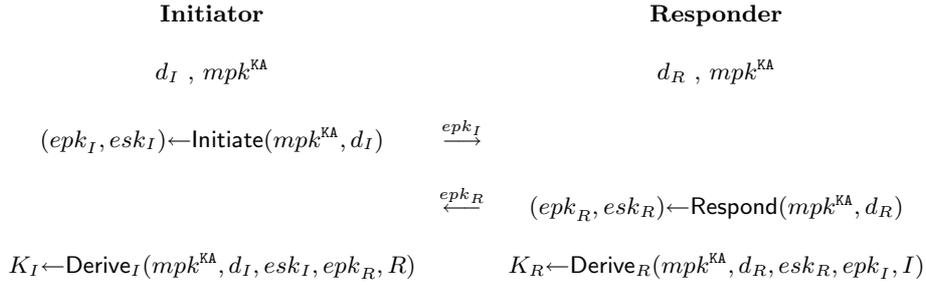
In this section we present the notion of ID-based key agreement. We will only consider two pass ID-based key agreement protocols in this paper as this simplifies the algorithm descriptions somewhat.

**ID-Based Key Agreement Definition.** A two-pass ID-based key agreement protocol is specified by six algorithms which run in polynomial time in the security parameter. The two passes are illustrated in Figure 2. We let  $\mathcal{ID}$  denote the set of possible user identities and  $\mathbb{K}_{\text{KA}}(mpk^{\text{KA}})$  be the set of valid session keys for the public parameter  $mpk^{\text{KA}}$ .

- $\text{KASetup}(1^t)$  is a PPT algorithm that takes as input the security parameter  $1^t$  and returns the master public key  $mpk^{\text{KA}}$  and the master secret key  $msk^{\text{KA}}$ .
- $\text{KeyDer}(msk^{\text{KA}}, ID)$  is the private key extraction algorithm. It takes as input  $msk^{\text{KA}}$  and  $ID \in \mathcal{ID}$  and it returns the associated private key  $d_{ID}$ . This algorithm may be deterministic or probabilistic.
- $\text{Initiate}(mpk^{\text{KA}}, d_I)$ . This is a PPT algorithm run by the initiator, with identity  $I$ , of the key agreement protocol which produces the ephemeral public key  $epk_I$  for transmission to another party. The algorithm stores  $esk_I$ , the corresponding ephemeral private key, for use later<sup>1</sup>.
- $\text{Respond}(mpk^{\text{KA}}, d_R)$ . This is a PPT algorithm run by the responder, with identity  $R$ , of the key agreement protocol which produces the ephemeral public/private key  $(epk_R, esk_R)$ .

<sup>1</sup> Notice that we refer to the messages exchanged by the parties as *public keys*, and their secret states after the computation of the message as *secret keys*. Jumping ahead, this is because that's the role these values play in our transformation from KA to CL scheme.

- $\text{Derive}_I(\text{mpk}^{\text{KA}}, d_I, \text{esk}_I, \text{epk}_R, R)$ . This is a (possibly probabilistic) algorithm run by the initiator to derive the session key  $K_I \in \mathbb{K}_{\text{KA}}(\text{mpk}^{\text{KA}})$  with  $R$ .
- $\text{Derive}_R(\text{mpk}^{\text{KA}}, d_R, \text{esk}_R, \text{epk}_I, I)$ . This is a (possibly probabilistic) algorithm run by the responder to derive the session key  $K_R \in \mathbb{K}_{\text{KA}}(\text{mpk}^{\text{KA}})$  with  $I$ .



**Fig. 2.** Diagrammatic view of two-pass ID-KA protocols

For correctness we require that in a valid run of the protocol we have that  $K_I = K_R$ . Notice, that the creation of the ephemeral public/private key pairs does not depend on the intended recipient. Most ID-KA protocols are of this form. For example in [11] ID-based key agreement protocols based on pairings are divided into four Categories. Only in Categories 2 and 4 does the ephemeral key pair depend on the intended recipient, these being protocols in the Scott [18] and McCullagh–Barreto [16] families. The majority of pairing-based ID-based key agreement protocols lie in the Smart [20] family (denoted Category 1 in [11]), with Category 3 (the Chen–Kudla family [12]) also sharing this property. The non-pairing based protocol of Fiore and Gennaro [15] also has this property.

If the algorithms `Initiate` and `Respond` do not require access to  $d_I$  and  $d_R$  respectively, then we call the protocol a *pure* identity based key agreement protocol. This is because the ephemeral public keys can be created *before* the sender knows his long term secret key. This therefore allows forms of sending-into-the-future which are common in many IBE style schemes. We shall return to this distinction below when discussing the conversion of ID-KA protocols into certificateless schemes. Indeed identifying differences between these two forms of ID-KA protocols and certificateless schemes, forms a significant portion of the current paper. In the categorization of [11] Categories 1, 3 and 4 are all pure ID-based key agreement protocols, whilst Category 2 and the non-pairing based FG protocol are non-pure.

A key agreement protocol is said to be role symmetric if algorithm `Initiate` is identical to algorithm `Respond` and algorithm `DeriveI` is identical to algorithm `DeriveR`. The FG protocol is role symmetric, but role symmetry is a more complex property to determine for pairing-based protocols. For example whether a scheme is role symmetric can depend on whether one instantiates the protocol with symmetric or asymmetric pairings. For the schemes in [11] (and focusing solely on the more practical scenario of asymmetric pairings) all those in Categories

2 and 4 are role symmetric, those in Category 3 are not, whereas half of those in Category 1 are. Of particular importance in Category 1 is the SCK protocols (which are a combined version of the Smart and Chen–Kudla protocol), these are highly efficient and role symmetric.

**Defining Security for ID-Based Key Agreement.** We will be using a modified version of the Bellare–Rogaway key exchange model, as extended to an identity-based setting. Our model is an extension of the model contained in Chen *et al.* [11], but we extend it in various ways which we will describe later. So as to be precise we describe the model in more formal details than that used in [11], however we shall (as stated above) be focusing solely on two-pass protocols, which explains some of our specifications in what follows.

Security of a protocol is defined by a game between an adversary  $A$  and a challenger  $E$ . At the start of the game the adversary  $A$  is passed the master public key  $mpk^{KA}$  of the key generation centre. During the game the adversary is given access to various oracles  $\mathcal{O}$  which maintain various meta-variables, including

- $role_{\mathcal{O}} \in \{initiator, responder, \perp\}$ . This records the type of session to which the oracle responds.
- $pid_{\mathcal{O}} \in \mathcal{U}$ . This keeps track of the intended partner of the session maintained by  $\mathcal{O}$ .
- $\delta_{\mathcal{O}} \in \{\perp, accepted, error\}$ . This determines whether the session is in a finished state or not.
- $\gamma_{\mathcal{O}} \in \{\perp, corrupted, revealed\}$ . This signals whether the oracle has been corrupted or not.
- $s_{\mathcal{O}}$ . This denotes the session key of the protocol if the protocol has completed.

The adversary can execute a number of oracle queries which we now describe.

- *NewSession*( $U, V$ ) This creates a new oracle, to represent the new session, which we shall denote by  $\mathcal{O} = \Pi_{U,V}^i$ , where  $i$  denotes this is the  $i$ th session for the user with identity  $U$ , and that the intended partner is  $V$ . After calling this oracle we have

$$pid_{\mathcal{O}} = V \text{ and } s_{\mathcal{O}} = role_{\mathcal{O}} = \delta_{\mathcal{O}} = \gamma_{\mathcal{O}} = \perp .$$

However, if any other oracle with identity  $U$  has been corrupted then we set  $\gamma_{\mathcal{O}} = corrupted$ .

- *Send*( $\mathcal{O}, role, msg$ ). Recall we are only modelling two-pass protocols, hence the functionality of this oracle can be described as follows:
  - If  $\delta_{\mathcal{O}} \neq \perp$  then do nothing.
  - If  $role = initiator$  then
    - \* If  $msg = \perp$ ,  $\delta_{\mathcal{O}} = \perp$  and  $role_{\mathcal{O}} = \perp$  then set  $role_{\mathcal{O}} = initiator$  and output a message (i.e. send the first message flow in the protocol);
    - \* If  $msg \neq \perp$  and  $role_{\mathcal{O}} = initiator$  (i.e.  $msg$  is the second message flow in the protocol) then compute  $s_{\mathcal{O}}$  and set  $\delta_{\mathcal{O}} = accepted$ ;
    - \* Else set  $\delta_{\mathcal{O}} = error$  and return  $\perp$
  - If  $role = responder$  then

- \* If  $msg \neq \perp$  and  $role_{\mathcal{O}} = \perp$  then compute  $s_{\mathcal{O}}$ , set  $\delta_{\mathcal{O}} = \textit{accepted}$ ,  $role_{\mathcal{O}} = \textit{responder}$  and respond with a message (i.e. send the second message flow in the protocol).
- \* Else set  $\delta_{\mathcal{O}} = \textit{error}$  and return  $\perp$ .
- *Reveal*( $\mathcal{O}$ ). If  $\delta_{\mathcal{O}} \neq \textit{accepted}$  or  $\gamma_{\mathcal{O}} = \textit{corrupted}$  then this returns  $\perp$ , otherwise it returns  $s_{\mathcal{O}}$  and we set  $\gamma_{\mathcal{O}} = \textit{revealed}$ .
- *Corrupt*( $U$ ). This returns  $d_U$  and sets all oracles  $\mathcal{O}$  in the game (both now and in the future) belonging to party  $U$  to have  $\gamma_{\mathcal{O}} = \textit{corrupted}$ . Notice, that this is equivalent to the extract secret key query in security games for other types of identity based primitives. Note, that we do not assume that the rest of the internal state of the oracles belonging to  $U$  are turned over to the adversary.
- *Test*( $\mathcal{O}^*$ ). This oracle may only be called once by the adversary during the game. It takes as input a *fresh oracle* (see below for the definition of freshness). The challenger  $E$  then selects a bit  $b \in \{0,1\}$ . If  $b = 0$  then the challenger responds with the value of  $s_{\mathcal{O}^*}$ , otherwise it responds with a random key chosen from the space of session keys. We call the oracle on which *Test* is called the Test-oracle.

At the end of the game the adversary outputs its guess  $b'$  as to the bit  $b$  used by the challenger in the *Test* query. We define the advantage of the adversary by

$$\text{Adv}_{ID-KA}(A) = |2 \Pr[b' = b] - 1|.$$

We now explain the *Test*( $\mathcal{O}^*$ ) query in more detail. An oracle  $\mathcal{O}^* = \Pi_{U^*,V^*}^i$  is said to be *fresh* if: (1)  $\delta_{\mathcal{O}^*} = \textit{accepted}$ , (2)  $\gamma_{\mathcal{O}^*} \neq \textit{revealed}$ , (3) Party  $V^*$  is not corrupted and (4) there is no oracle  $\mathcal{O}'$  with  $\gamma_{\mathcal{O}'} = \textit{revealed}$  with which  $\mathcal{O}^*$  has had a matching conversation. After the *Test*( $\mathcal{O}^*$ ) query has been made the adversary can continue making queries as before, except that it cannot: corrupt party  $V^*$ , call a reveal query on  $\mathcal{O}^*$ 's partner oracle if it exists, call reveal on  $\mathcal{O}^*$ .

**Definition 1.** A protocol  $\Pi$  is said to be a secure ID-KA protocol (or more simply ka secure) if

1. In the presence of a benign adversary, which faithfully conveys messages, on  $\Pi_{i,j}^s$  and  $\Pi_{j,i}^t$ , both oracles always accept holding the same session key, and this key is distributed uniformly on  $\{0,1\}^k$ ;
2. For any polynomial time adversary  $A$ ,  $\text{Adv}_{ID-KA}(A)$  is negligible.

**FORWARD SECRECY.** We also define a notion of *master-key forward secrecy*, (or mk-fs secure) following [11]. In this model the adversary is also given the master secret key  $msk^{KA}$ . Thus the adversary can compute the private key  $d_{ID}$  of any party. The security game is the same as above, except that instead of a fresh oracle for the test session it chooses an oracle  $\mathcal{O}^*$  which satisfies:

1.  $\delta_{\mathcal{O}^*} = \textit{accepted}$
2.  $\gamma_{\mathcal{O}^*} \neq \textit{revealed}$

3. There is an oracle  $\mathcal{O}'$  with which  $\mathcal{O}^*$  has had a matching conversation and  $\delta_{\mathcal{O}'} = \textit{accepted}$  and  $\gamma_{\mathcal{O}'} \neq \textit{revealed}$ .

Weaker notions of forward-secrecy are implied by the above, for example *perfect forward secrecy* gives the adversary access to a *Corrupt* oracle for any  $ID \in \mathcal{ID}$  but does not give the adversary access to  $msk^{\text{KA}}$ . A weaker form of simply *forward secrecy* is then implied where the adversary can only call the *Corrupt* oracle on one party in the test session, i.e. we must have either  $\gamma_{\mathcal{O}^*} = \perp$  or  $\gamma_{\mathcal{O}'} = \perp$ .

The advantage for forward secrecy of an adversary is defined in the same way as above and is denoted by one of

$$\text{Adv}_{ID-\text{KA}}^{mk-fs}(A), \quad \text{Adv}_{ID-\text{KA}}^{p-fs}(A) \text{ or } \text{Adv}_{ID-\text{KA}}^{fs}(A),$$

as appropriate.

For non-pure ID-based key agreement protocols we can consider an additional notion of forward secrecy, which we call *active perfect forward secrecy* (resp. *active forward secrecy*). In this model we drop the third condition above that there exists another oracle  $\mathcal{O}'$  with which  $\mathcal{O}^*$  has had a matching conversation. This means that the adversary could have been active before corrupting the parties, i.e. he sent one of the two message flows.

It is interesting to observe that such notion cannot be achieved by any pure ID-based KA protocol because of the following attack. Assume the adversary acts as initiator and computes  $epk_I \leftarrow \text{Initiate}(mpk^{\text{KA}})$  (he can do that without  $d_I$  as the protocol is pure). He can initiate a new session oracle setting  $epk_I$  as first message, then ask for the second message and later make a test query on this oracle. When the adversary corrupts  $I$  then he will have all the informations needed to compute the correct session key and so he will be able to distinguish whether he received the real session key or a random one. It is easy to see that such attack does not apply to the case of non-pure protocols as the private key is needed to produce protocol's messages.

OUR AUGMENTED SECURITY MODEL. In our analysis of converting ID-based key agreement protocols into certificateless schemes we will require stronger security notions in which the adversary will have access to additional oracles. We define three such oracles, the first one is relatively standard, whilst the second two are new. The second can be motivated by similar arguments one uses to motivate resettable zero-knowledge [9], whilst the third oracle is a natural analogue in the key agreement setting of the strong adversarial powers one gives an adversary for certificateless schemes. One may therefore consider the extreme nature of the third oracle as an additional argument as to why the certificateless strongest security model looks excessive.

- *StateReveal*( $\mathcal{O}$ ). If  $role_{\mathcal{O}} = \perp$  then do nothing. Otherwise return the value of the ephemeral secret key held within the oracle.
- *Rewind*( $\mathcal{O}$ ). If  $role_{\mathcal{O}} = \textit{initiator}$  and  $\delta_{\mathcal{O}} = \textit{accepted}$  then this returns  $\mathcal{O}$  to the state it was in before it received its last message, i.e. it sets  $\delta_{\mathcal{O}} = s_{\mathcal{O}} = \perp$ . If we have  $\gamma_{\mathcal{O}} = \textit{revealed}$  then we also reset  $\gamma_{\mathcal{O}}$  to  $\perp$ .

- $Reveal^*(I, R, epk_I, epk_R)$ . This is a stronger version of the  $Reveal$  query in that it is not associated to an oracle, but simply takes the two message flows and returns the associated agreed shared secret assuming these messages had been transmitted between party  $I$  and party  $R$ . There is an obvious restriction in that the adversary is not allowed to call this oracle on the message flows used in the  $Test$  query, nor (for role-symmetric protocols) with the message flows used in the  $Test$  query but with the roles of initiator and responder swapped.

The  $StateReveal(\mathcal{O})$  query corresponds to an adversarial power which can partially corrupt a party, but which does not allow the adversary to obtain the long term secret. This power has been used in numerous works starting with [10], and is often considered to be the main distinction between the CK model and the BR model for key exchange [13].

The presence of the  $Rewind(\mathcal{O})$  oracle enables the adversary to extract more information for a particular set of ephemeral and static public key pairs. To intuitively see what the  $Rewind(\mathcal{O})$  oracle provides us, imagine a standard key agreement protocol based on standard Diffie–Hellman, for example the Station-to-Station protocol. Usually one reduces the security of this protocol to the decisional Diffie–Hellman problem (DDH). But with the presence of a  $Rewind(\mathcal{O})$  oracle the adversary can take a test oracle (which has output the ephemeral public key  $g^x$ ) and obtain, using a combination of the  $Rewind(\mathcal{O})$  and  $Reveal(\mathcal{O})$  oracles, values of the form  $h^x$  for values of  $h$  of the adversary's choosing. This means the simulator is essentially solving the DDH problem with access to a static-Diffie–Hellman oracle.

The  $Reveal^*(I, R, epk_I, epk_R)$  is a very strong oracle. As we will show later, if a protocol is secure even when an adversary is given such an oracle we are able to transform the protocol into a certificateless encryption scheme which also satisfies a strong security notion.

We say a protocol is a secure ID-KA protocol in the  $Rewind$ -model (resp.  $Reveal^*$ -model) if it is secure as ID-based key agreement protocol where we give the adversary access to a  $Rewind$  (resp.  $Reveal^*$ ) oracle. If we require access to two of these oracles we will call the model, for instance, the  $(StateReveal, Rewind)$ -model. We call these extra models, augmented models, since they augment the standard security model with extra functionality. Similarly we can define augmented notions for master-key forward secrecy.

### 3 From Mutual to One-Way Authentication

In many key agreement protocols one is only interested in one-way authentication. SSL/TLS is a classic example of this, where the server is always authenticated but the user seldom is. We overview in this section the modifications to the previous syntax of ID-KA protocols which are needed to ensure only one-way authentication and show how to convert a mutually authenticated identity-based key agreement protocol into one which is only one-way authenticated. The reason for introducing only one-way authentication is that this enables us to make

the jump to certificateless encryption conceptually easier, and can also result in simpler schemes. We assume the responder in a protocol is the one who is *not* authenticated, this is to simplify notation in what follows. The scheme definitions are then rather simple to extend.

We note that any protocol proved to be secure for mutual authentication, can be simplified and remain secure in the context of one-way authentication. The transformation from mutual to one-way authentication is performed as follows. An identity is selected, let us call it  $R_0$ , which acts as a “dummy” responder identity. A “dummy” secret key is then created for this user and this is published along with the master public key. Notice, that by carefully selecting the dummy secret key one can often obtain efficiency improvements. The protocol is then defined as before except that  $R_0$  is always used as the responding party, and we drop any reference to  $d_{R_0}$ . Thus we call  $\text{Respond}(mpk^{\text{KA}})$  rather than  $\text{Respond}(mpk^{\text{KA}}, d_{R_0})$ . Similarly we call

$$\text{Derive}_R(mpk^{\text{KA}}, esk_{R_0}, epk_{ID}, ID) \text{ and } \text{Derive}_I(mpk^{\text{KA}}, d_{ID}, esk_{ID}, epk_{R_0})$$

rather than

$$\text{Derive}_R(mpk^{\text{KA}}, d_{R_0}, esk_{R_0}, epk_{ID}, ID) \text{ and } \text{Derive}_I(mpk^{\text{KA}}, d_{ID}, esk_{ID}, epk_{R_0}, R_0).$$

In the security model all oracles either have  $R_0$  as an intended partner, or the oracle belongs to  $R_0$ . If the oracle belongs to  $R_0$  then it is corrupted, since  $R_0$ 's secret key is public. This means that only oracles belonging to  $R_0$  may be used in the *Test* queries.

We argue that if the original protocol is secure then its one-way version (obtained as described above) is also one-way secure. To see this observe that an adversary  $\mathcal{A}$  that breaks the security of the one-way protocol can be turned into an adversary  $\mathcal{B}$  against the original protocol. Assume  $\mathcal{A}$  breaks the security choosing a test session that involves a user  $ID$  (and the dummy identity  $R_0$ ). Then  $\mathcal{B}$  can trivially choose a test oracle  $\Pi_{R_0, ID}^s$  and forward the obtained key to  $\mathcal{A}$ .

## 4 Certificateless Key Encapsulation Mechanisms

In this section we discuss various aspects of certificateless KEMs. The reader is referred to [8] and [14] for further details.

**CL-KEM Definition:** A CL-KEM scheme is specified by seven polynomial time algorithms:

- $\text{CLSetup}(1^t)$  is a PPT algorithm that takes as input  $1^t$  and returns the master public keys  $mpk^{\text{CL}}$  and the master secret key  $msk^{\text{CL}}$ .
- $\text{Extract-Partial-Private-Key}(msk^{\text{CL}}, ID)$ . If  $ID \in \mathcal{ID}$  is an identifier string for party  $ID$  this (possibly probabilistic) algorithm returns a partial private key  $d_{ID}$ .
- $\text{Set-Secret-Value}$  is a PPT algorithm that takes no input (bar the system parameters) and outputs a secret value  $s_{ID}$ .

- **Set-Public-Key** is a deterministic algorithm that takes as input  $s_{ID}$  and outputs a public key  $pk_{ID}$ .
- **Set-Private-Key**( $d_{ID}, s_{ID}$ ) is a deterministic algorithm that returns  $sk_{ID}$  the (full) private key.
- **Enc**( $mpk^{\text{CL}}, pk_{ID}, ID$ ) is the PPT encapsulation algorithm. On input of  $pk_{ID}$ ,  $ID$  and  $mpk^{\text{CL}}$  this outputs a pair  $(C, K)$  where  $K \in \mathbb{K}_{\text{CL-KEM}}(mpk^{\text{CL}})$  is a key for the associated DEM and  $C \in \mathbb{C}_{\text{CL-KEM}}(mpk^{\text{CL}})$  is the encapsulation of that key.
- **Dec**( $mpk^{\text{CL}}, sk_{ID}, C$ ) is the deterministic decapsulation algorithm. On input of  $C$  and  $sk_{ID}$  this outputs the corresponding  $K$  or a failure symbol  $\perp$ .

Baek *et al.* gave in [5] a different formulation where the **Set-Public-Key** algorithm takes the partial private key  $d_{ID}$  as an additional input. In this case it is possible to combine the **Set-Secret-Value**, **Set-Public-Key** and **Set-Private-Key** algorithms into a single **Set-User-Keys** algorithm that given as input the partial private key  $d_{ID}$  of  $ID$  outputs  $pk_{ID}$  and  $sk_{ID}$ . While the Baek *et al.* formulation may seem at first glance to be a simplification, it stops various possible applications of certificateless encryption, such as encrypting into the future. Extending our definition of *pure* and *non-pure* ID-based key agreement protocols to this situation, we shall call certificateless schemes which follow the original formulation as *pure*, and those which follow the formulation of Baek *et al.* as *non-pure*.

#### 4.1 CL-KEM Security Model

To define the security model for CL-KEMs we simply adapt the security model of Al-Riyami and Paterson [3] into the KEM framework, as explained in [8]. The main issue with certificateless encryption is that, since public keys lack authenticating information, an adversary may be able to replace users' public keys with public keys of its choice. This appears to give adversaries enormous power. However, the crucial part of the certificateless framework is that to compute the full private key of a user, knowledge of the partial private key is necessary.

To capture the scenario above, Al-Riyami and Paterson [2,3,4] consider a security model in which an adversary is able to adaptively replace users' public keys with (valid) public keys of its choice. Such an adversary is called a Type-I adversary below.

Since the KGC is able to produce partial private keys, we must of course assume that the KGC does not replace users public keys itself. By assuming that a KGC does not replace users public keys itself, a user is placing a similar level of trust in a KGC that it would in a PKI certificate authority: it is always assumed that a CA does not issue certificates for individuals on public keys which it has maliciously generated itself! We do however treat other adversarial behaviour of a KGC: eavesdropping on ciphertexts and making decryption queries for example. Such an adversarial KGC is referred to as a Type-II adversary below.

Below we present a game to formally define what an adversary must do to break a certificateless KEM [8]. This is a game run between a challenger and a two stage adversary  $\mathcal{A} = (\mathcal{A}_1, \mathcal{A}_2)$ . Note that X can be instantiated with I or II

in the description below and that the master secret  $msk^{\text{CL}}$  is only passed to the adversary in the case of Type-II adversaries.

Type-X Adversarial Game

1.  $(mpk^{\text{CL}}, msk^{\text{CL}}) \leftarrow \text{CLSetup}(1^t)$ .
2.  $(ID^*, s) \leftarrow \mathcal{A}_1^{\mathcal{O}}(mpk^{\text{CL}}, msk^{\text{CL}})$ .
3.  $(K_0, C^*) \leftarrow \text{Enc}(mpk^{\text{CL}}, pk^*, ID^*)$ .
4.  $K_1 \leftarrow \mathbb{K}_{\text{CL-KEM}}(mpk^{\text{CL}})$ .
5.  $b \leftarrow \{0, 1\}$ .
6.  $b' \leftarrow \mathcal{A}_2^{\mathcal{O}}(C^*, s, ID^*, K_b)$ .

When performing the encapsulation, in line three of both games, the challenger uses the *current* public key  $pk^*$  of the entity with identifier  $ID^*$ . The adversary's advantage in such a game is defined to be

$$\text{Adv}_{\text{CL-KEM}}^{\text{Type-X}}(\mathcal{A}) = |2 \Pr[b' = b] - 1|$$

where X is either I or II. A CL-KEM is considered to be secure, in the sense of IND-CCA2, if for all PPT adversaries  $\mathcal{A}$ , the advantage in both the games is a negligible function of  $t$ .

The crucial point of the definition above is to specify which oracles the adversary is given access and which are the restrictions of the game. According to such specifications one can obtain different levels of security. A detailed discussion about all possible security definitions is given by Dent in [14]. In the following we describe the various oracles  $\mathcal{O}$  available to the adversaries, we then describe which oracles are available in which game and any restrictions on these oracles.

- **Request Public Key:** Given an  $ID$  this returns to the adversary a value for  $pk_{ID}$ .
- **Replace Public Key:** This allows the adversary to replace user  $ID$ 's public key with any (valid) public key of the adversaries choosing.
- **Extract Partial Private Key:** Given an  $ID$  this returns the partial private key  $d_{ID}$ .
- **Extract Full Private Key:** Given an  $ID$  this returns the full private key  $sk_{ID}$ .
- **Strong Decap:** Given an encapsulation  $C$  and an identity  $ID$ , this returns the encapsulated key. If the adversary has replaced the public key of  $ID$ , then this is performed using the secret key corresponding to the new public key. Note, this secret key may not be known to either the challenger or the adversary, hence this is a very strong oracle.
- **Weak SV Decap:** This takes as input an encapsulation  $C$ , an identity  $ID$  and a secret value  $s_{ID}$ . The challenger uses  $s_{ID}$  to produce the corresponding full secret key of  $ID$  that is used to decapsulate  $C$ . Note, that  $s_{ID}$  may not correspond to the actual current public key of entity  $ID$ . Also note that one can obtain this functionality using the Strong Decap oracle when the certificateless scheme is pure.

- **Decap:** On input of an encapsulation  $C$  and an identity  $ID$  it outputs the session key obtained decapsulating  $C$  with the original secret key created by  $ID$ . One can obtain this functionality using a Strong Decap oracle if the scheme is pure.

Using these oracles we can now define the following security models for certificateless KEMs, see [14] for a full discussion.

**Strong Type-I Security:** This adversary has the following restrictions to its access to the various oracles.

- $\mathcal{A}$  cannot extract the full private key for  $ID^*$ .
- $\mathcal{A}$  cannot extract the full private key of any identity for which it has replaced the public key.
- $\mathcal{A}$  cannot extract the partial private key of  $ID^*$  if  $\mathcal{A}_1$  replaced the public key (i.e. the public key was replaced before the challenge was issued).
- $\mathcal{A}_2$  cannot query the Strong Decap oracle on the pair  $(C^*, ID^*)$  unless  $ID^*$ 's public key was replaced after the creation of  $C^*$ .
- $\mathcal{A}$  may not query the Weak SV Decap or the Decap oracles (although for pure schemes, one can always simulate these using the Strong Decap oracle).

We note that this security notion is often considered to be incredibly strong, hence often one finds it is weakened in the following manner.

**Weak Type-Ia Security:** Dent describes in [14] a weaker security definition called *Weak Type-Ia* that was also used in [8]. Weak Type-Ia security does not allow the adversary to make decapsulation queries against identities whose public keys have been replaced. In this case the restrictions on the adversary's oracle access is as follows:

- $\mathcal{A}$  cannot extract the full private key for  $ID^*$ .
- $\mathcal{A}$  cannot extract the full private key of any identity for which it has replaced the public key.
- $\mathcal{A}$  cannot extract the partial private key of  $ID^*$  if  $\mathcal{A}_1$  replaced the public key (i.e. the public key was replaced before the challenge was issued).
- $\mathcal{A}$  may not query the Strong Decap oracle at any time.
- $\mathcal{A}_2$  cannot query the Weak SV Decap oracle on the pair  $(C^*, ID^*)$  if the attacker replaced the public key of  $ID^*$  before the challenge was issued.
- $\mathcal{A}_2$  cannot query the Decap oracle on the pair  $(C^*, ID^*)$  unless the attacker replaced the public key before the challenge was issued.

Though this notion is clearly weaker than Strong Type-I, it still looks reasonable for practical purposes. In fact Strong Type-I gives to the adversary as much power as possible, but it is unclear whether a real adversary can obtain decapsulations in practice from users whose public keys have been replaced by the adversary itself.

We pause to note that there are weaker forms of Type-I security called Weak Type-Ib and Weak Type-Ic security. In Weak Type-Ib security access to the

Weak SV Decap oracle is denied to the adversary, whereas in Weak Type-Ic security not only denies access to the Weak SV Decap oracle, but it also denies the ability to the replace public keys entirely. We also can define a CPA like notion, which we call Weak Type-I-CPA which denies access to all forms of decapsulation oracle (this is a notion which is not used in other papers, but which will be useful when we present our conclusions).

In addition, for each definition of Type-I security we can define a slightly weaker variant denoted by  $*$  (e.g. Strong Type-I $*$ ) in which the adversary cannot query the partial private key of the target identity  $ID^*$  at any point. This weaker variant will simplify somewhat our security theorems. But, it still allows us to obtain a final non-weakened result due to the combination with security theorems for Type-II security, which we define below.

**Strong Type-II Security:** In the Type-II game the adversary has access to the master secret key  $msk^{CL}$  and so can create partial private keys itself. The strong version of this security model enables the adversary to query the various oracles with the following restrictions:

- $\mathcal{A}$  cannot extract the full private key for  $ID^*$ .
- $\mathcal{A}$  cannot extract the full private key of any identity for which it has replaced the public key.
- $\mathcal{A}_1$  cannot output an identity  $ID^*$  for which it has replaced the public key.
- $\mathcal{A}$  cannot query the partial private key oracle at all.
- $\mathcal{A}_2$  cannot query the Strong Decap oracle on the pair  $(C^*, ID^*)$  unless the public key used to create  $C^*$  has been replaced.
- $\mathcal{A}$  may not query the Weak SV Decap or the Decap oracles (although for pure schemes, one can always simulate these using the Strong Decap oracle).

Note, because we assume in this case that the adversary *is* the KGC, the adversary does not have access to the partial private key oracle since all partial private keys are ones which he can compute given  $msk^{CL}$ . This applies even in the case where generation of the partial private key from  $msk^{CL}$  and  $ID$  is randomised.

**Weak Type-II Security:** As for the case of Type-I security one can consider a weaker variant of Type-II security In this notion the adversary is not allowed to replace public keys at any point and thus it cannot make decapsulation queries on identities whose public keys have been replaced. This is the traditional form of Type-II security, and is aimed at protecting the user against honest-but-curious key generation centres. Again a weak form, which we call Weak Type-II-CPA, can be defined which gives no access to any decapsulation oracle, this form of security will only be needed in the discussion leading up to our conclusions. There are other strengthenings of the Type-II model which try to model completely malicious key generation centres, see [14] for a discussion of these models. But we will not consider these in this paper.

**Full Type-I security from Type-I $*$  security and Strong Type-II security:** In this section we justify our consideration of Type-I $*$  security by showing that proving a scheme Type-I $*$  secure is sufficient to get “full” Type-I security if such

a scheme also satisfies the strongest notion of Type-II security. In some sense this says that the definitions Type-I and Strong Type-II overlap in a specific case.

For ease of presentation we prove the theorem for the case of Strong Type-I security, but it is easy to see that it holds even if the scheme is Weak-Type-Ia\*, Weak Type-Ib\*, Weak Type-Ic\* or Weak Type-I-CPA\*. In this case one obtains the corresponding level of security (e.g. Weak Type-Ia ). To complete the picture we recall that Dent noted in [14] that Weak Type-II security implies Weak Type-Ic security. We can state the following theorem whose proof can be found in the full version of the paper.

**Theorem 1.** *If a CL-KEM is Strong-Type-I\* and Strong Type-II secure then it is Strong Type-I secure*

## 5 Generic Construction of CL-KEM from ID-KA

In this section we show our main result, namely a generic transform of any ID-KA protocol into a CL-KEM scheme.

Suppose we are given algorithms for a one-way authenticated ID-KA protocol (KASetup, KeyDer, Initiate, Respond, Derive<sub>I</sub>, Derive<sub>R</sub>). Given a one-way identity-based key agreement protocol KA, we let CL(KA) denote the derived certificateless KEM obtained from the following algorithms.

- CLSetup( $1^t$ ). We run  $(mpk^{KA}, msk^{KA}) \leftarrow \text{KASetup}(1^t)$  and then set:  $mpk^{CL} \leftarrow mpk^{KA}$  and  $msk^{CL} \leftarrow msk^{KA}$ .
- Extract-Partial-Private-Key( $msk^{CL}, ID$ ). We set  $d_{ID} \leftarrow \text{KeyDer}(msk^{KA}, ID)$ .
- The pair Set-Secret-Value and Set-Public-Key are defined by running

$$(epk_{ID}, esk_{ID}) \leftarrow \text{Initiate}(mpk^{KA}, [d_{ID}]).$$

The output of Set-Secret-Value is defined to be  $s_{ID} = esk_{ID}$  and the output of Set-Public-Key is defined to be  $pk_{ID} = epk_{ID}$ .

- Set-Private-Key( $d_{ID}, s_{ID}$ ) creates  $sk_{ID}$  by setting  $sk_{ID} = (d_{ID}, s_{ID})$ .
- Enc( $mpk^{CL}, pk_{ID}, ID$ ). This runs as follows:
  - $(epk_0, esk_0) \leftarrow \text{Respond}(mpk^{KA})$ .
  - $K \leftarrow \text{Derive}_R(mpk^{KA}, esk_0, pk_{ID}, ID)$ .
  - $C \leftarrow epk_0$ .
- Dec( $mpk^{CL}, sk_{ID}, C$ ). Decapsulation is obtained by executing

$$K \leftarrow \text{Derive}_I(mpk^{KA}, d_{ID}, sk_{ID}, C).$$

In the above construction if the underlying ID-based key agreement protocol is *pure* (resp. *non-pure*), then we will obtain a *pure* (resp. *non-pure*) certificateless KEM, i.e. it will follow the original formulation of Al-Riyami and Paterson (resp. Baek *et al.*). To see this, notice that the Set-Public-Key function calls the Initiate( $mpk^{KA}, [d_I]$ ) operation, which itself may require  $d_I$ .

### 5.1 Security Results on the ID-KA to CL-KEM Transforms

Once we have defined our black-box construction of CL-KEM from ID-KA protocols we prove its security in the theorems below. As one can see, the theorems show that the resulting CL-KEM can achieve different types of security according to the security of the underlying ID-KA protocol. As already discussed in the introduction, this relationship between the security models of ID-KA and CL-KEM sheds light on understanding which are the correct notion of security for the two primitives.

**Theorem 2 (Type-I Security).** *Consider the certificateless KEM  $CL(KA)$  derived from the one-way ID-based key agreement protocol  $KA$  as above:*

- *If  $KA$  is secure in the  $Reveal^*$ -model then  $CL(KA)$  is Strong Type-I\* secure as a certificateless KEM.*
- *If  $KA$  is secure in the  $Rewind$  model then  $CL(KA)$  is Weak Type-Ib\* secure as a certificateless KEM.*
- *If  $KA$  is secure in the normal model then  $CL(KA)$  is Weak Type-I-CPA\* secure as a certificateless KEM.*

*In particular if  $\mathcal{A}$  is an adversary against the  $CL(KA)$  scheme (in the above sense) then there is an adversary  $\mathcal{B}$  against the  $KA$  scheme (also in the above sense) such that for pure schemes we have*

$$\text{Adv}_{\text{CL-KEM}}^{\text{Type-I}}(\mathcal{A}) = \text{Adv}_{\text{ID-KA}}(\mathcal{B})$$

*and for non-pure schemes we have*

$$\text{Adv}_{\text{CL-KEM}}^{\text{Type-I}}(\mathcal{A}) \leq e \cdot (q_{pk} + 1) \cdot \text{Adv}_{\text{ID-KA}}(\mathcal{B})$$

*where  $q_{pk}$  is the maximum number of extract public key queries issued by algorithm  $\mathcal{B}$ .*

The proof of this theorem can be found in the full version of the paper.

We notice that the proof technique does not allow the simulator to provide the partial private key of the challenge identity  $ID^*$ . Which is why our theorem is stated for the case of Strong Type-I\* (resp. Weak Type-Ib\* or Weak Type-I-CPA\*). If we then apply the result of Theorem 1, along with the following theorems, we obtain full Strong Type-I security (resp. Weak Type-Ib or Weak Type-I-CPA) for the scheme  $CL(KA)$ .

In looking at Type-II security we present two security theorems. The first one (Theorem 3) is conceptually simpler but requires our underlying identity based key agreement scheme to have a strong security property (i.e. it must support state reveal queries). The second theorem (Theorem 4) is more involved and does not provide such a tight reduction. On the other hand the second theorem requires less of a security guarantee on the underlying key agreement scheme. The proofs of both theorems can be found in the full version of the paper.

**Theorem 3 (Type-II Security – Mk I).** *Consider the certificateless KEM  $CL(KA)$  derived from the one-way ID-based key agreement protocol  $KA$  as above:*

- *If  $KA$  satisfies master-key forward secrecy in the  $(\text{StateReveal}, \text{Reveal}^*)$ -model then  $CL(KA)$  is Strong Type-II secure as a certificateless KEM.*

- If  $KA$  satisfies master-key forward secrecy in the  $(StateReveal, Rewind)$ -model then  $CL(KA)$  is Weak Type-II secure as a certificateless KEM.
- If  $KA$  satisfies master-key forward secrecy in the  $StateReveal$ -model then  $CL(KA)$  is Weak Type-II-CPA secure as a certificateless KEM.

In particular if  $\mathcal{A}$  is an adversary against the  $CL(KA)$  scheme (in the sense described above) then there is an adversary  $\mathcal{B}$  against the master-key forward secrecy of the  $KA$  scheme (also in the above sense) such that

$$\text{Adv}_{\text{CL-KEM}}^{\text{Type-II}}(\mathcal{A}) = \text{Adv}_{\text{ID-KA}}^{\text{mk-fs}}(\mathcal{B}).$$

We now turn to showing that one does not necessarily need the  $StateReveal$  query to prove security, although the complication in the proof results in a less tight reduction.

**Theorem 4 (Type-II Security – Mk II).** *Consider the certificateless KEM  $CL(KA)$  derived from the one-way ID-based key agreement protocol  $KA$  as above:*

- If  $KA$  satisfies master-key forward secrecy in the  $Reveal^*$ -model then  $CL(KA)$  is Strong Type-II secure as a certificateless KEM.
- If  $KA$  satisfies master-key forward secrecy in the  $Rewind$  model then  $CL(KA)$  is Weak Type-II secure as a certificateless KEM.
- If  $KA$  satisfies master-key forward secrecy in the normal model then  $CL(KA)$  is Weak Type-II-CPA secure as a certificateless KEM.

In particular if  $\mathcal{A}$  is an adversary against the  $CL(KA)$  scheme (in the above sense) then there is an adversary  $\mathcal{B}$  against the  $KA$  scheme (also in the above sense) then we have

$$\text{Adv}_{\text{CL-KEM}}^{\text{Type-II}}(\mathcal{A}) \leq e \cdot (q_{pk} + 1) \cdot \text{Adv}_{\text{ID-KA}}^{\text{mk-fs}}(\mathcal{B})$$

where  $q_{pk}$  is the maximum number of extract public key queries issued by algorithm  $\mathcal{B}$ .

## 6 Identity-Based Key Encapsulation Mechanisms

In this section we are going to show the relationship between CL-KEM and identity-based KEMs. In particular we will give a generic transformation from any pure CL-KEM into an ID-KEM. As in the case of ID-KA and CL-KEM, here it is also interesting to observe how the different security models of CL-KEM transform into analogous models for ID-KEM. We defer the reader to [8] for further details on the definitions and security models of ID-KEMs.

**GENERIC CONSTRUCTION OF ID-KEM FROM PURE CL-KEM.** To construct an ID-KEM from a CL-KEM the obvious solution is to set the user public/private keys to be trivial and known to all parties. This however can only be done for pure CL-KEMs since in non-pure schemes one does not have complete control over the public/private keys, since they depend on the partial private key  $d_{ID}$ . We call the resulting scheme the ID(CL) scheme, as it is an ID-KEM built from a CL-KEM. Now we can state the following theorem whose proof, for lack of space, appears in the full version.

**Theorem 5.** *Consider the pure ID-KEM  $ID(CL)$  derived from the pure CL-KEM scheme  $CL$  as above. Then if  $CL$  is Strong Type-I\* secure then  $ID(CL)$  is ID-IND-CCA secure. In particular if  $\mathcal{A}$  is an adversary against the  $ID(CL)$  scheme then there is an adversary  $\mathcal{B}$  against the CL-KEM scheme such that*

$$\text{Adv}_{ID-KEM}^{ID-IND-CCA}(A) = \text{Adv}_{CL-KEM}^{\text{Strong-Type-I}^*}(B).$$

## 7 Conclusion: Which Certificateless Model Is Correct?

In this section we summarize the conclusions we have drawn from our analysis. It is worth pointing out that these are personal conclusions, and we leave the reader to draw their own analysis.

Firstly, all our conclusions are predicated on the assumption that our transforms are all “natural”, in that they are the obvious way to convert an ID-KA protocol into a CL-KEM and a CL-KEM into an ID-KEM. If these are the natural transformations then the underlying security and syntactic models should also transform naturally.

**Pure vs Non-Pure.** First we discuss the issue of pure vs non-pure certificateless schemes. Our transform from CL-KEMs to ID-KEMs requires the underlying CL-KEM to be pure. This is not surprising as an essential feature of ID-based cryptography is that of the identity (and hence the associated secret key) being independent of all parameters bar the actual identity. It is not surprising even because non-pure CL-KEMs are the only ones that can be constructed without pairings.

We draw two conclusions from this. First, the pure syntax is more powerful as it enables functionalities such as encryption-into-the-future (a.k.a. workflow). Second, we can say that certificateless encryption is a primitive simpler than ID-based encryption, although people have usually thought of the former as an extension of the latter. When ID-based encryption was proposed [19], one of its main motivations was to avoid the certificates management issues of standard public key encryption. Then it took almost twenty years to have IBE schemes, basically thanks to the idea of exploiting pairings. From our considerations we can say that the “hard part” of constructing ID-based encryption is not avoiding certificates, but achieving those additional properties (e.g. workflows); i.e. technically speaking, having a user’s public key independent of the scheme parameters.

**CPA Security.** Before turning to CCA security of certificateless encryption we first consider the simpler case of CPA security. We remarked in the introduction that the [17] construction of ID-based encryption from ID-based NIKD schemes only produces CPA secure schemes, unless one assumes an oracle equivalent to our *Reveal\** oracle.

Similar considerations apply in our case. The construction of ID-KEMs from CL-KEMs will produce a CPA secure ID-KEM if the underlying CL-KEM is Weak Type-I-CPA\* secure. Note, that we only require Weak Type-I-CPA\* and not Weak Type-I-CPA security. In constructing CL-KEMs from ID-KA protocols we need to consider what security is required of the underlying ID-KA protocol to

ensure Weak Type-I-CPA and Weak Type-II-CPA security of the CL-KEM. Our theorems show that a sufficient condition is that the underlying ID-KA protocol is secure in the standard sense, i.e. with no *Reveal\**, *Rewind* or *StateReveal* oracles. Although the security reduction is tighter if we assume the adversary has access to *StateReveal* oracles, i.e. we use a CK-like security model for ID-based key agreement. We note that the security reductions go through more naturally when one considers the CL-KEM to have Weak Type-I-CPA\* security and Weak Type-II-CPA security. We then obtain the full Weak Type-I-CPA by appealing to the analogue of Theorem 1.

**CCA Security.** Our theorems show that to obtain full Strong Type-I and Strong Type-II security of the derived CL-KEM we require the ID-based key agreement security model to give the adversary access to our *Reveal\** oracle. This is a very non-standard oracle for key agreement protocols, but this should not be surprising. Essentially CCA security for an encryption scheme means the adversary has to be able to open anything, even something created in an illegitimate way (even if the opening results in the  $\perp$  symbol). All our *Reveal\** oracle does is to provide the adversary against the ID-based key agreement scheme with an oracle to open anything. A similar remark as to Strong Type-I\* as opposed to Strong Type-I security as mentioned in the above comments on CPA security also applies in this case.

**Summary.** So in summary we believe the correct syntactic security definitions for CL-KEMs should be schemes with Strong Type-I\* and Strong Type-II security where the pure syntax allows for more properties. By using Strong Type-I\* as the security definition instead of Strong Type-I we obtain a natural separation between the two security notions, rather than dealing with the cases in the intersection twice. However, our construction from ID-based key agreement schemes would seem to imply that the correct security definition should be one which uses *StateReveal* queries (i.e. one which follows the analogue of CK-security). However, it also implies that the model also includes *Reveal\** queries, which seems to provide an extreme form of security definition for key agreement schemes. Since it would seem silly to define security for normal key agreement schemes and ID-based key agreement schemes in a different manner, this would imply that standard key agreement schemes should also be defined to be secure in the presence of a *Reveal\** oracle. This final conclusion is somewhat unsatisfactory, and we hope our work will inspire other researchers to investigate this connection.

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