

Post-quantum Plaintext-awareness

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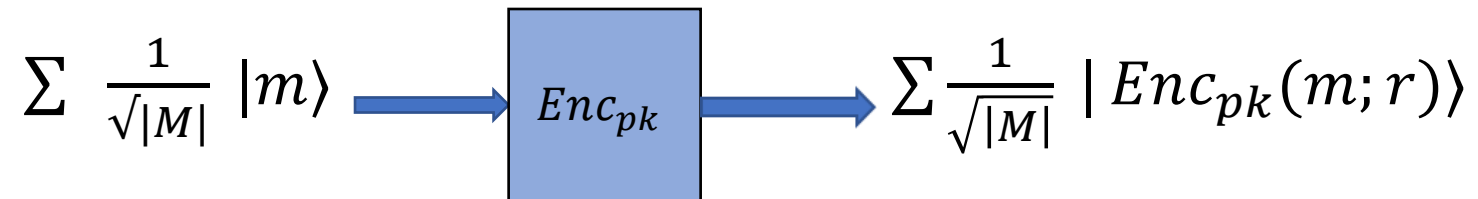
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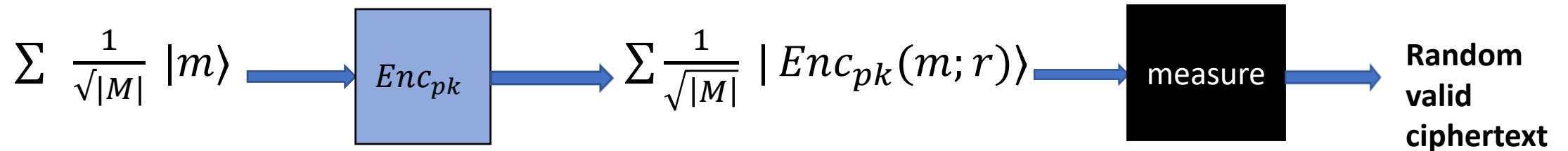
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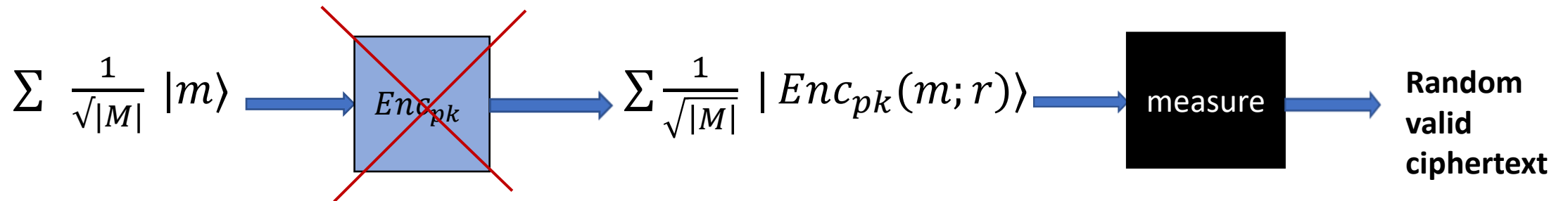
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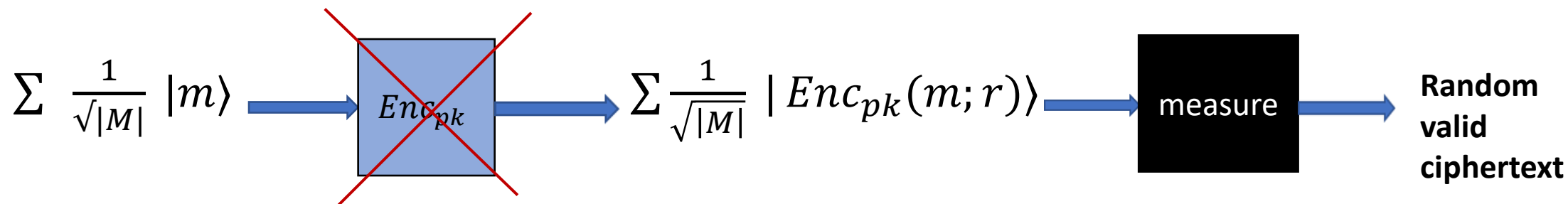
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Relation with IND-qCCA

- Any public-key encryption scheme Enc that is $pqPA2 - Q_{Dec}$ plaintext-aware and IND-qCPA secure is IND-qCCA secure.

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Thank you for listening