

# RSA and Digital Signatures

# Schedule for today

## Recap

## More on RSA

1. Making RSA IND-CPA/IND-CCA secure
2. Hybrid encryption

## Digital Signatures

1. What are Digital Signatures?
2. Formalizing security
3. Simple RSA signatures and why they are not secure
4. The RSA-FDH signature scheme
5. Proving RSA-FDH secure

What we did last  
time



# Public Key Encryption

*True or false?*

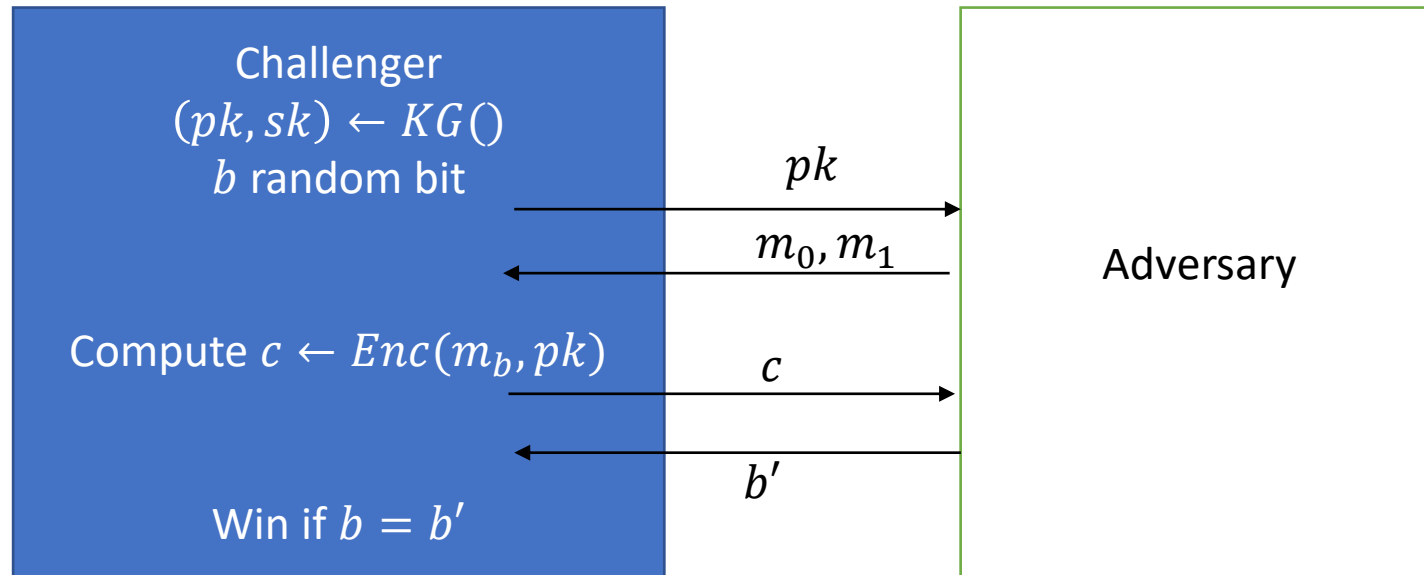
Public Key Encryption allows any two parties to confidentially communicate with each other, without knowing anything about each other.

# Security of PKE

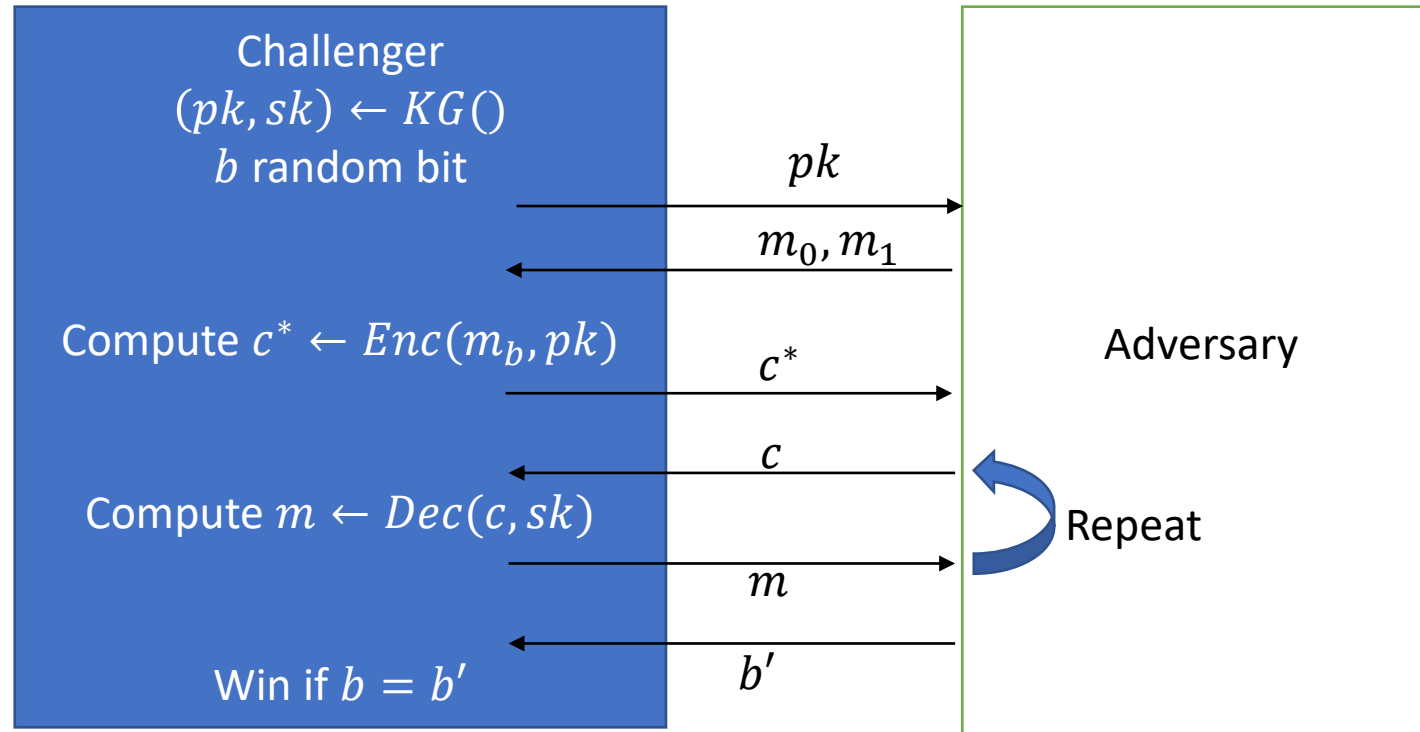
*True or False?*

IND-CPA is the strongest security notion for Public Key encryption schemes we know of.

# Defining security of PKE – IND-CPA



# Defining security of PKE – IND-CCA



# RSA

*Which statement/statements is/are true?*

RSA is secure if

1. It is hard to compute  $e$ 'th roots modulo a biprime  $N$ .
2. It is hard to compute  $e$ 'th powers modulo a biprime  $N$ .
3. It is hard to factor a number  $N$  into its prime factors.



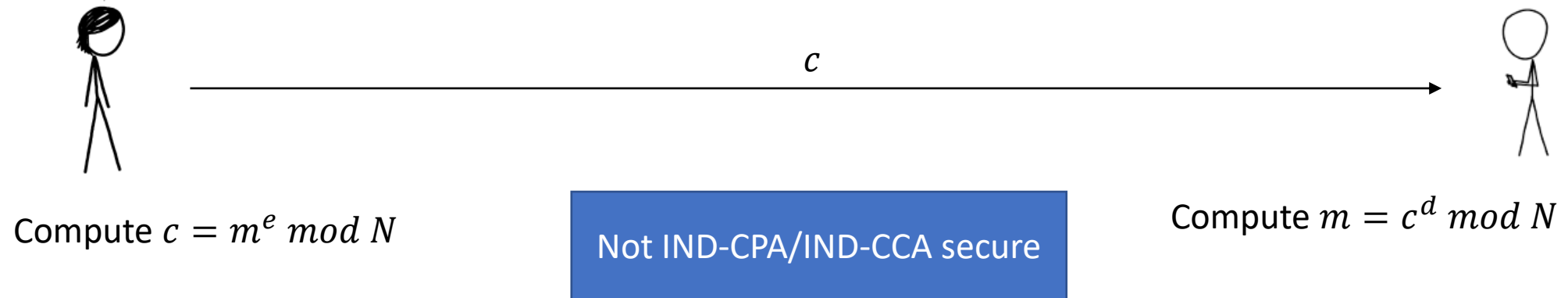
# More about RSA



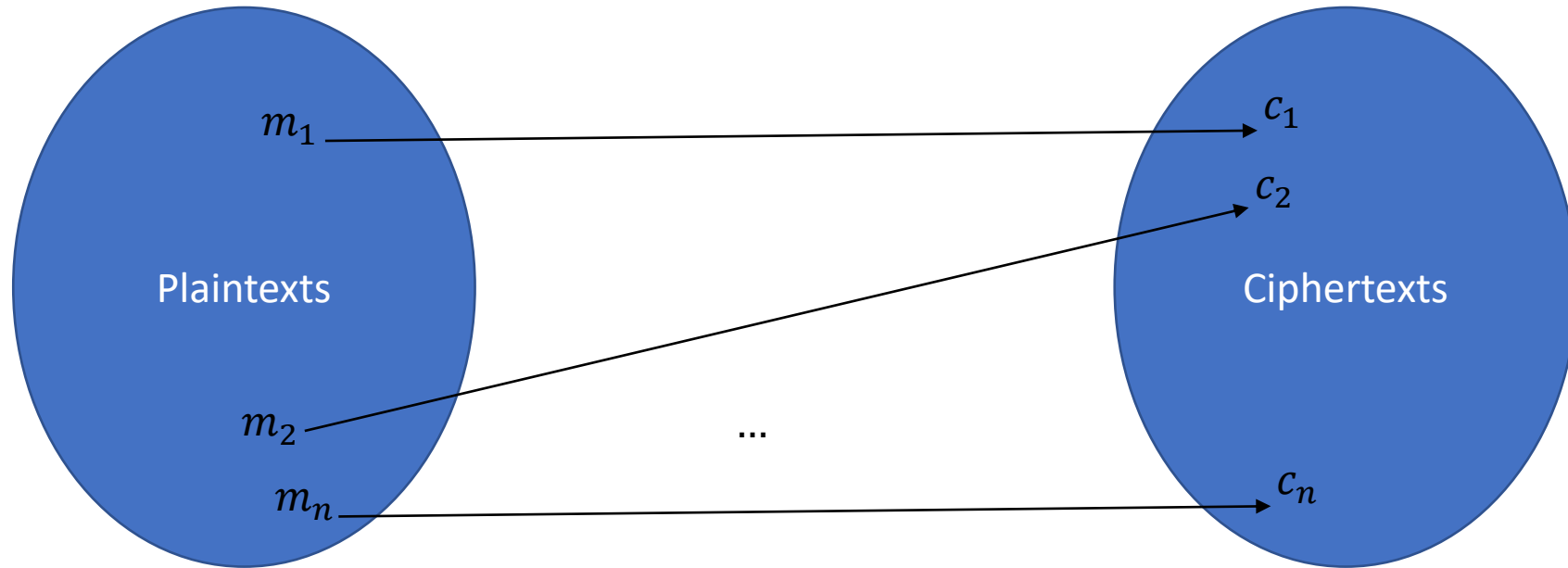
# The RSA cryptosystem

## Key Generation

1. Find two large primes  $p, q$  and  $e$  with  $\gcd(e, (p - 1) \cdot (q - 1)) = 1$
2. Compute  $N = p \cdot q$
3. Find  $d$  such that  $d \cdot e = 1 \bmod (p - 1)(q - 1)$

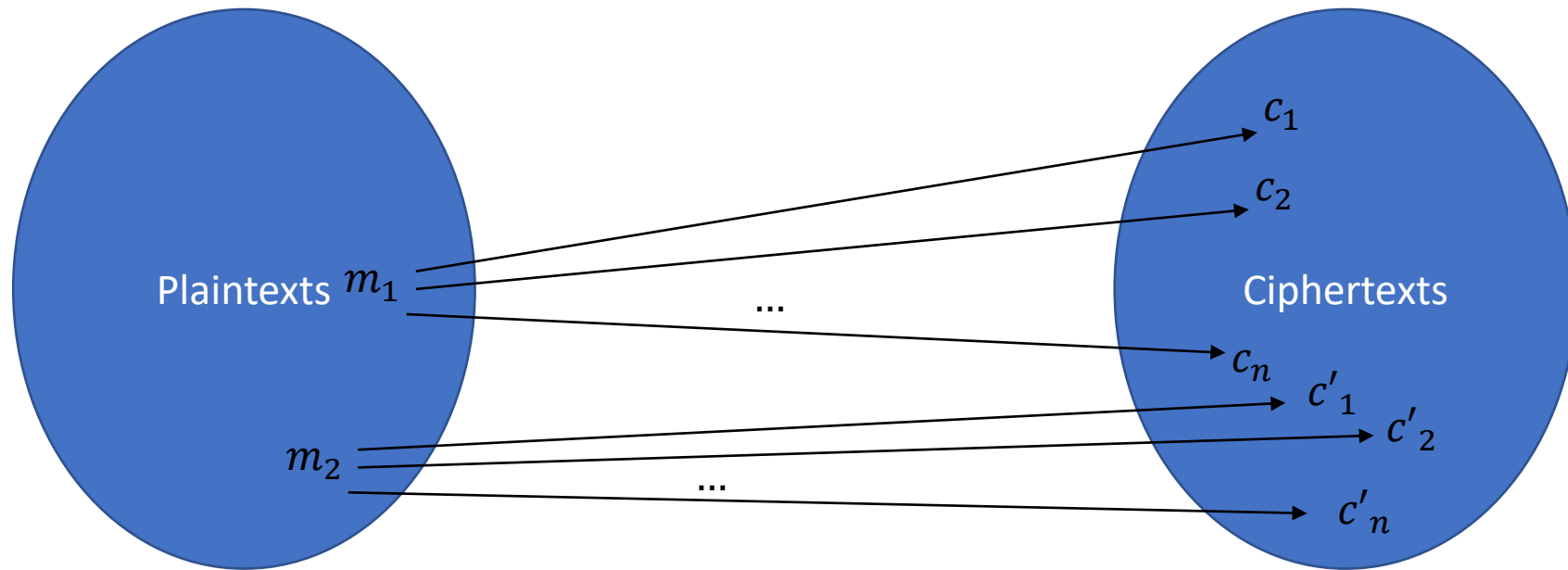


# Core of the problem for IND-CPA: no randomness

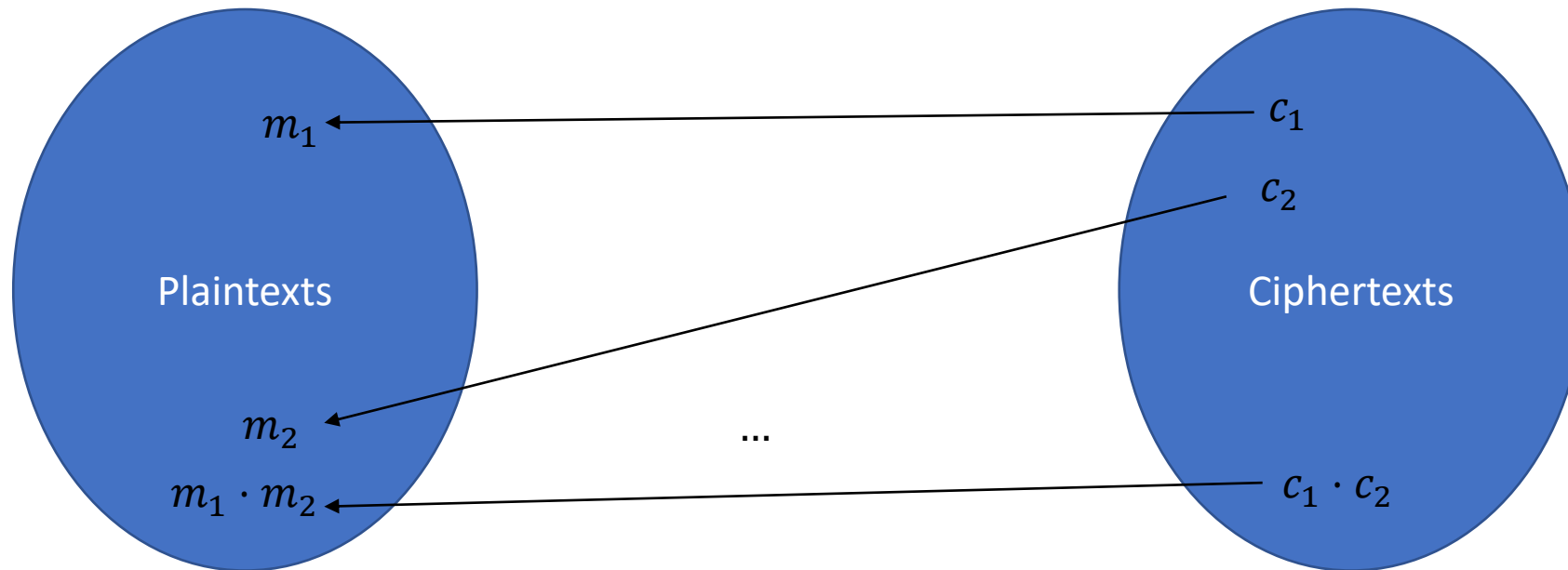


As many messages as ciphertexts, encryption/decryption is bijection

# Solving the IND-CPA problem

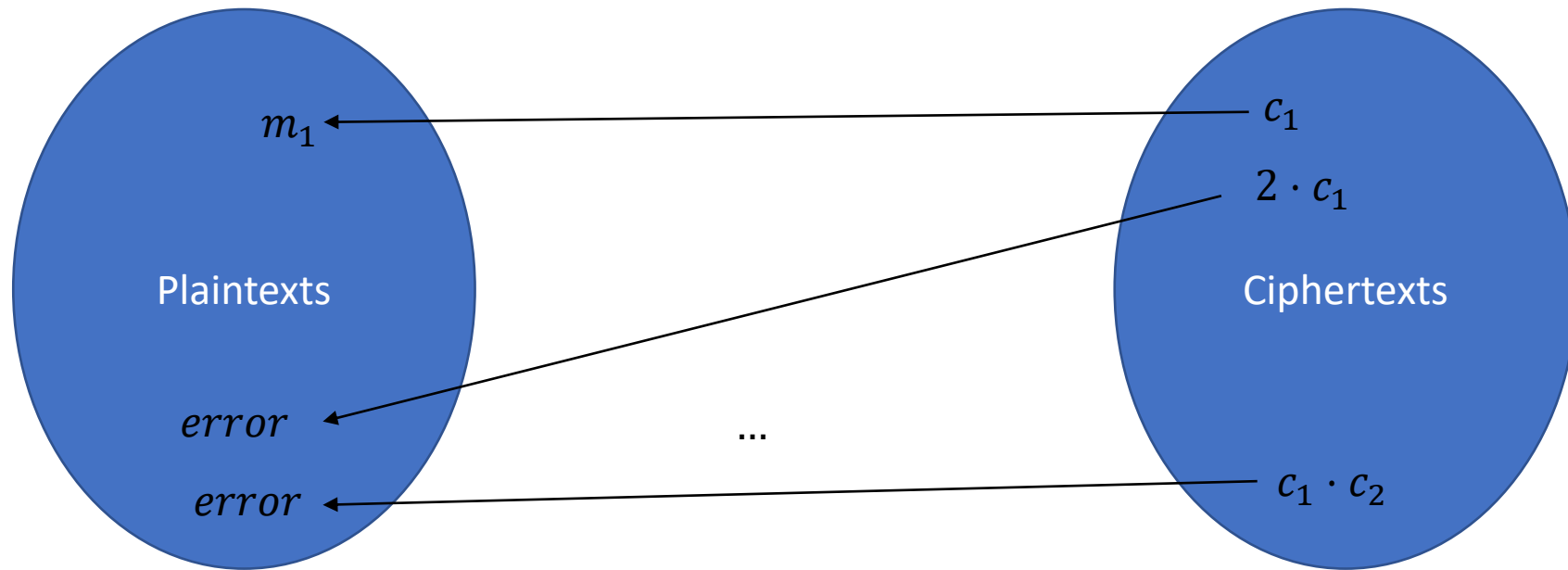


# Core of problem for IND-CCA: Malleable ciphertexts



In RSA we can change ciphertexts such that their plaintexts change in a predictable way

# Solving the IND-CCA problem



# RSA-OAEP

Let  $k = 8 \cdot \lfloor \log_8 N \rfloor$  and  $k_0, k_1 > 128, n = k - k_0 - k_1$

Messages  $m \in \{0,1\}^n$

Hash functions  $G: \{0,1\}^{k_0} \rightarrow \{0,1\}^{n+k_1}$ ,  $H: \{0,1\}^{n+k_1} \rightarrow \{0,1\}^{k_0}$

Encryption for  $m, N, e$ :

1. Sample random bit string  $R \in \{0,1\}^{k_0}$
2. Compute  $A = [(m \parallel 0^{k_1}) \oplus G(R), R \oplus H((m \parallel 0^{k_1}) \oplus G(R))]$
3. Set  $c = A^e \bmod N$

# Decrypt RSA-OAEP

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*Format:*  $[(m|0^{k_1}) \oplus G(R), R \oplus H((m|0^{k_1}) \oplus G(R))]$

Decryption for  $c, N, d$ :

1. Compute  $A' = c^d \bmod N$  and check if  $A' < 2^k$
2. Let  $A' = [B_0, B_1]$  and compute  $R' = H(B_0) \oplus B_1$
3. Compute  $m' = B_0 \oplus G(R')$ . If  $m'$  ends with  $k_1$  0s then recover  $m$



# Why RSA-OAEP works

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IND-CPA: every choice of  $R, m$  gives different  $A$  ( $2^{k_0}$  many)

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Changing 1 bit in  $m$  or  $R$  creates  
entirely different block

Related messages don't have an algebraic relation!

# Hybrid encryption

AES vs. RSA on a modern AMD Ryzen 9 5950X from 2020. 16 cores but we only use 1.

## AES-128

1. It takes around 16 cycles per byte (<https://bench.cr.yp.to/results-stream.html>) to encrypt/decrypt AES-128. For a whole ciphertext of 16 bytes, that is around 256 cycles.
2. The processor runs at 3.400 MHz, i.e. it performs 3.400.000.000 cycles per second.
3. One core can approximately encrypt/decrypt 13.300.000 ciphertexts per second.

## RSA w/ 2048 bit keys

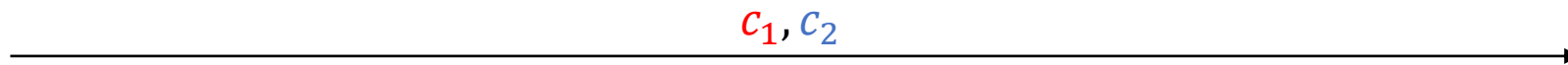
1. Encryption with small exponent:  $\approx 12.000$  cycles
2. Decryption:  $\approx 2.400.000$  cycles

(from <https://bench.cr.yp.to/results-kem.html> )



# Hybrid encryption (key encapsulation)

Use PKE scheme  $Enc^{Pub}, Dec^{Pub}$   
together with SKE scheme  $Enc^{Sym}, Dec^{Sym}$



$c_1, c_2$



1. Choose symmetric key  $k$ .
2. Compute  $c_1 \leftarrow Enc^{Pub}(k, pk)$ .
3. Compute  $c_2 \leftarrow Enc^{Sym}(m, k)$ .

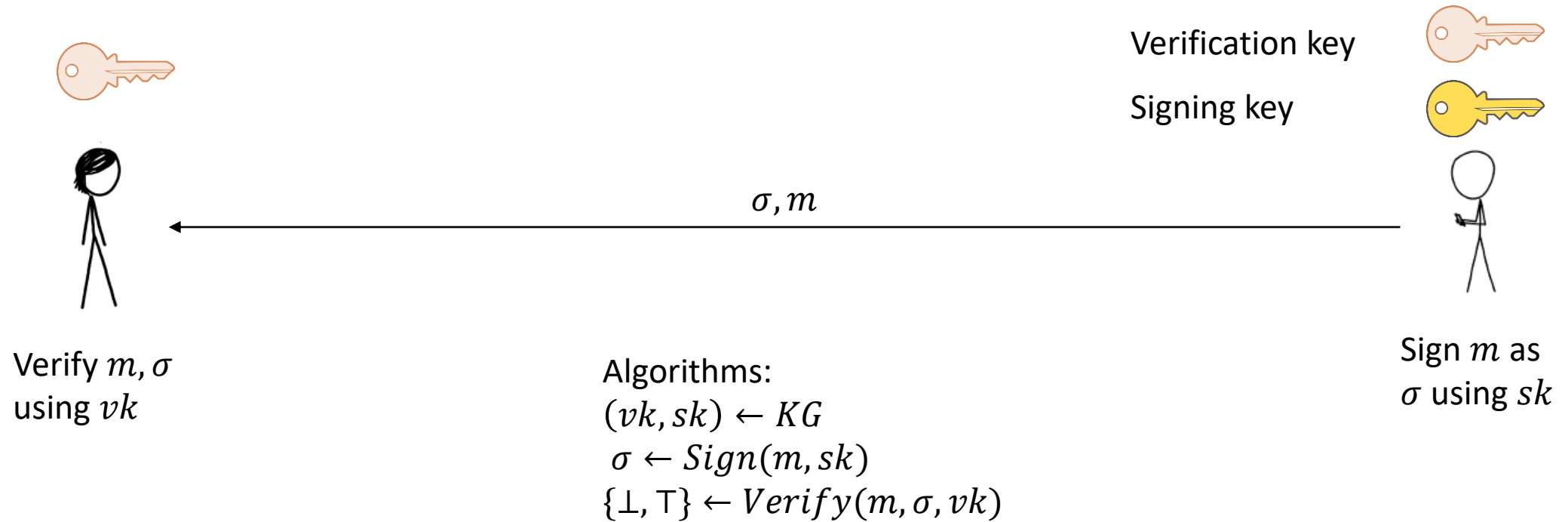
1. Recover  $k \leftarrow Dec^{Pub}(c_1, sk)$ .
2. Decrypt  $m \leftarrow Dec^{Sym}(c_2, k)$ .

# Digital Signatures

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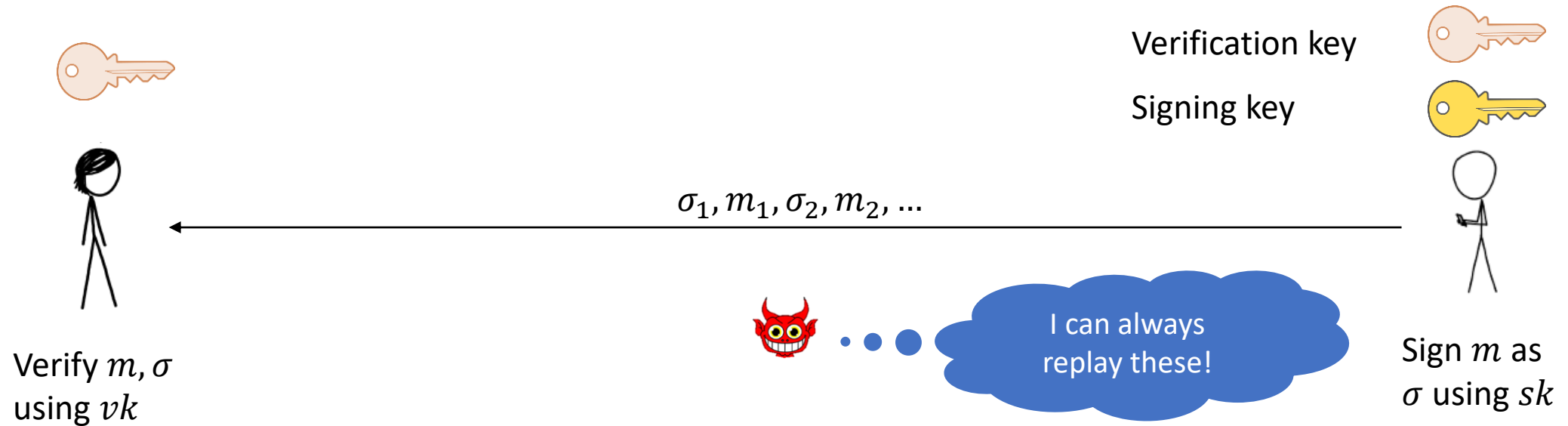
# Use cases of digital signatures

- “digital” equivalent of signing a contract (NemID/MitID)
- Building authenticated channels over insecure network
- Software integrity
- Transactions in cryptocurrencies



# Defining Security

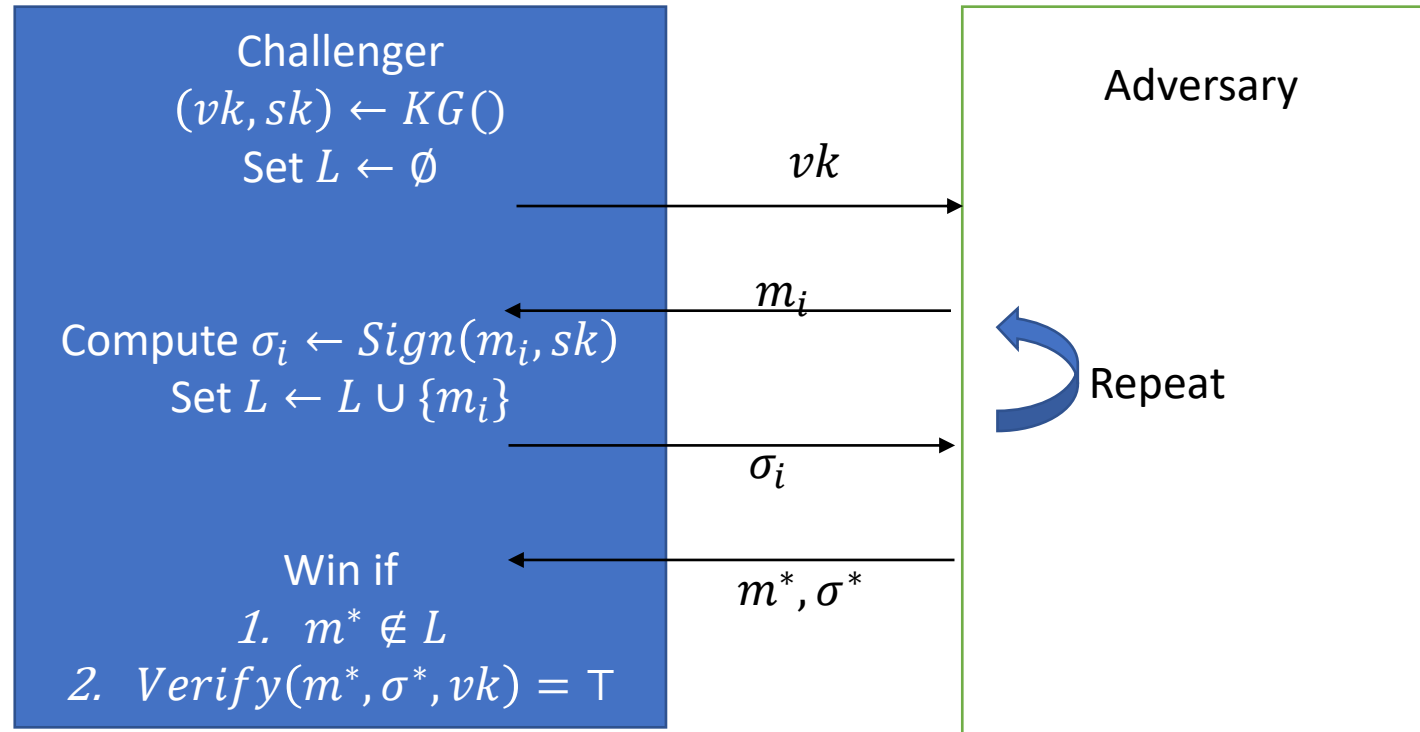
MACs for public  
key setting!



Unforgeability:  
No adversary with  $vk$  and  
message/signature pairs  $m_1, \sigma_1, \dots$   
should be able to make new  $m, \sigma$



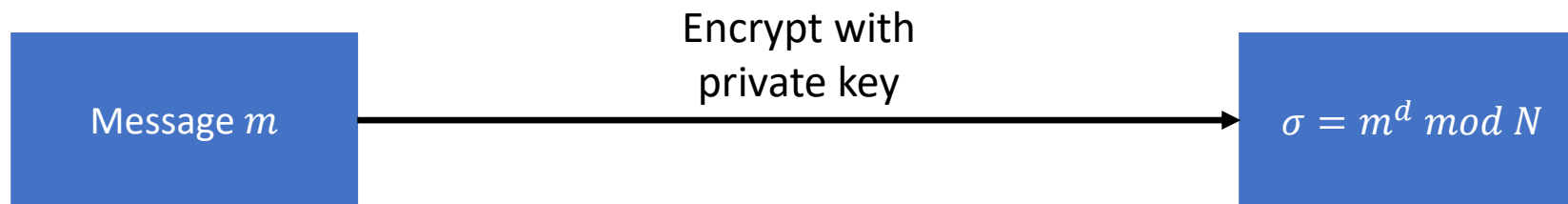
# EUFCMA for Signatures



# Signatures from RSA: the wrong way

Signing key: secret  $d$

Verification key:  $N, e$



Verify  $m, \sigma$ :  
Check that  $m = \sigma^e \bmod N$

This clearly fails!

# Counterexample 1

Generate signature on ``random'' message:

1. Let  $pk = (N, e)$
2. Fix a random element  $\sigma \in Z_N^*$
3. Compute  $m = \sigma^e \bmod N$

$(m, \sigma)$  is valid by construction

# Counterexample 2 – Inspired by Homework 2

We want to forge a signature on  $m$

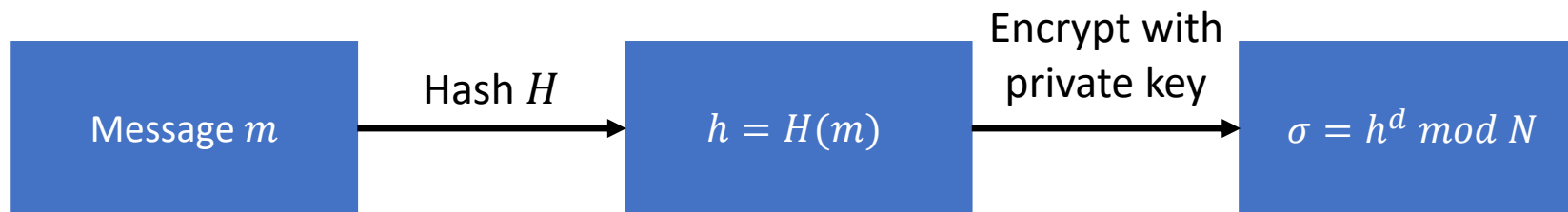
1. Choose  $m_1 \in Z_N^*$ , compute  $m_2 \leftarrow \frac{m}{m_1} \bmod N$
2. Ask EUF-CMA oracle to compute  $\sigma_1 \leftarrow \text{Sign}(m_1, sk), \sigma_2 \leftarrow \text{Sign}(m_2, sk)$
3. Then  $\sigma = \sigma_1 \cdot \sigma_2 = m_1^d \cdot m_2^d = m^d$  is a valid signature on  $m$ !

# Digital Signatures using RSA: RSA-FDH

Signing key: secret  $d$

Verification key  $N, e$

Cryptographic hash  $H: \{0,1\}^* \rightarrow Z_N^*$

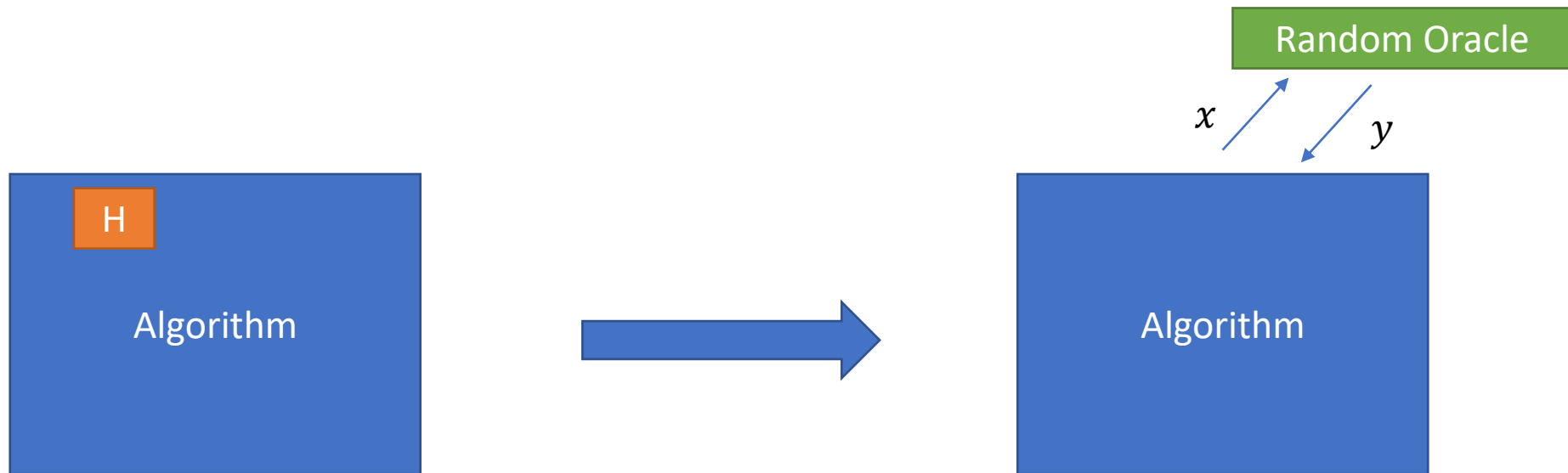


Verify  $m, \sigma$ :  
Check that  $H(m) = \sigma^e \bmod N$

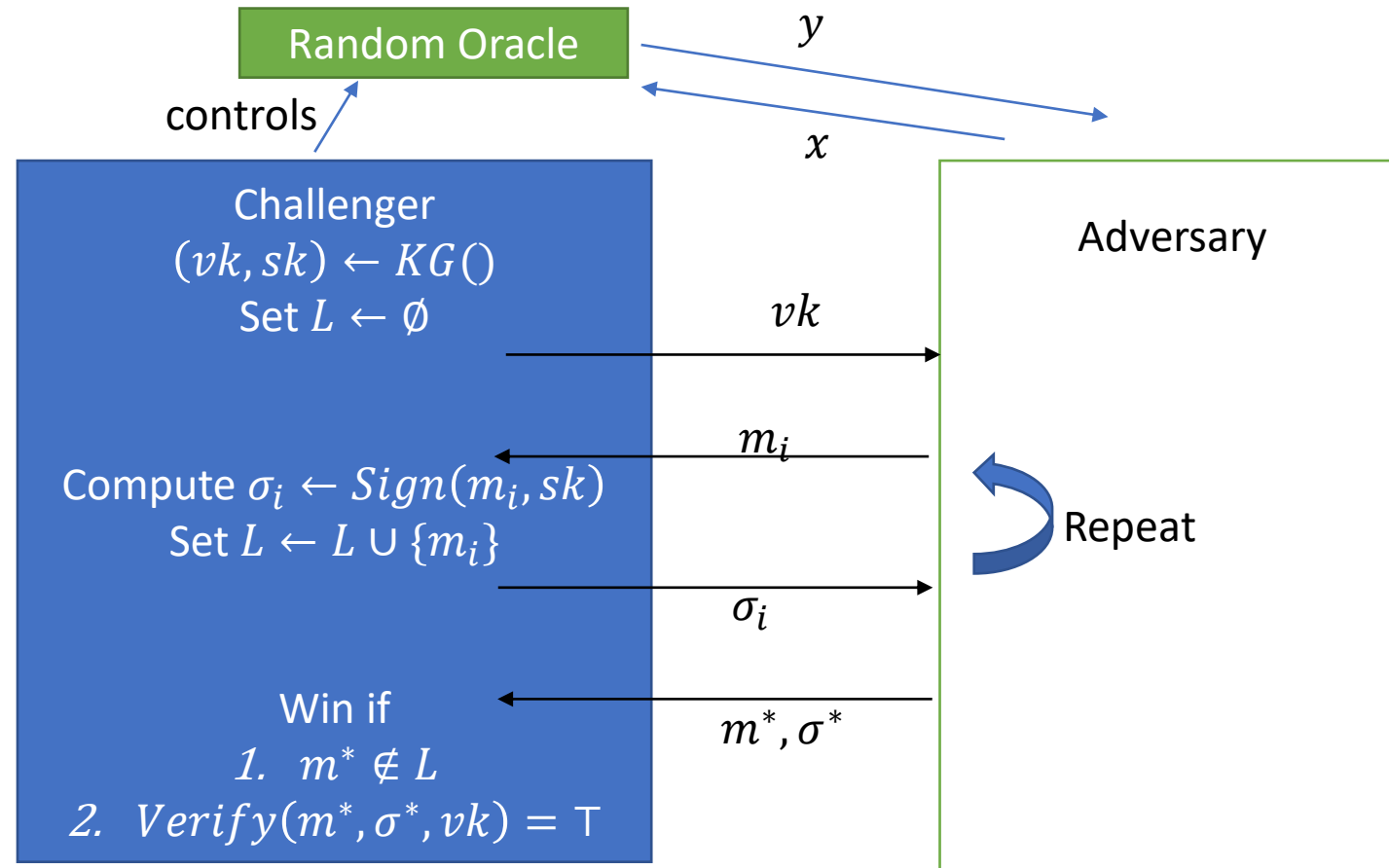
Any RSA instance for encryption can also be used for signing!

# EUF-CMA security

Recap from Problem Sheet 5: the Random Oracle Model

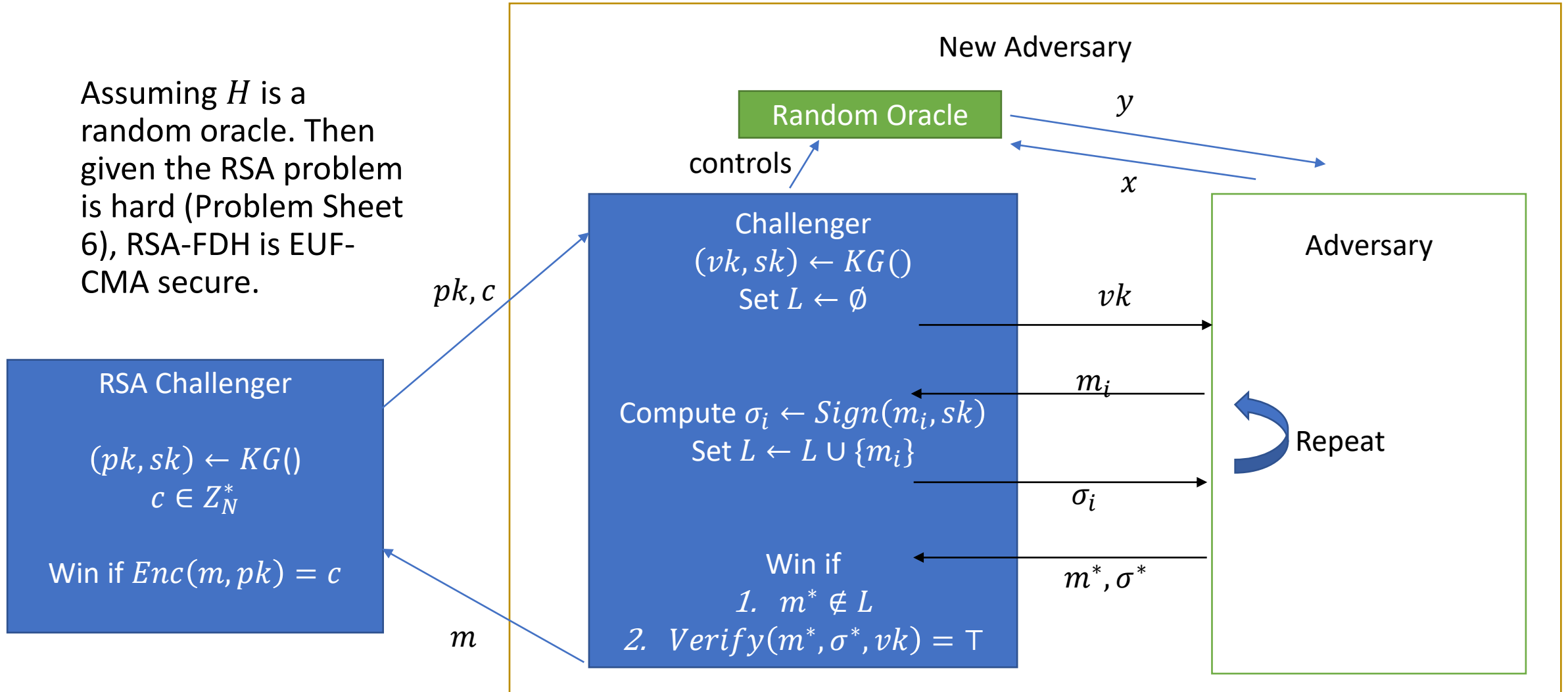


# Looking at EUF-CMA



# What we prove

Assuming  $H$  is a random oracle. Then given the RSA problem is hard (Problem Sheet 6), RSA-FDH is EUF-CMA secure.





# Summary

When using RSA, use RSA-OAEP to make it IND-CCA secure (16.2.1 in the book)

Hybrid encryption for long messages

Digital signatures

RSA signatures using RSA-FDH