

Week 7: Modern Asymmetric Ciphers

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Outline

- Why asymmetric cryptography?
- Factoring Based Cryptography (P1)
- Logarithm Based Cryptography (P2)
 - ElGamal cipher;
 - Diffie-Hellman key exchange;
- Elliptic Curve Cryptography (P3)
- Some advanced cryptography system (quantum resistance)

Public key: <https://www.vietcombank.com.vn> ???

Why Public-Key Cryptosystems?

To overcome two of the most difficult problems associated with symmetric encryption:

- **Key distribution (key for symmetric encryption)**
 - How to have secure communications in general without having to trust a KDC with your key
- **Digital signatures**
 - How to verify that a message comes intact from the claimed sender

Whitfield Diffie and Martin Hellman: proposed a method that addressed both problems (1976)

Modern Asymmetric ciphers

Symmetric cipher vs Asymmetric cipher

Homomorphic, Searchable encryption,...

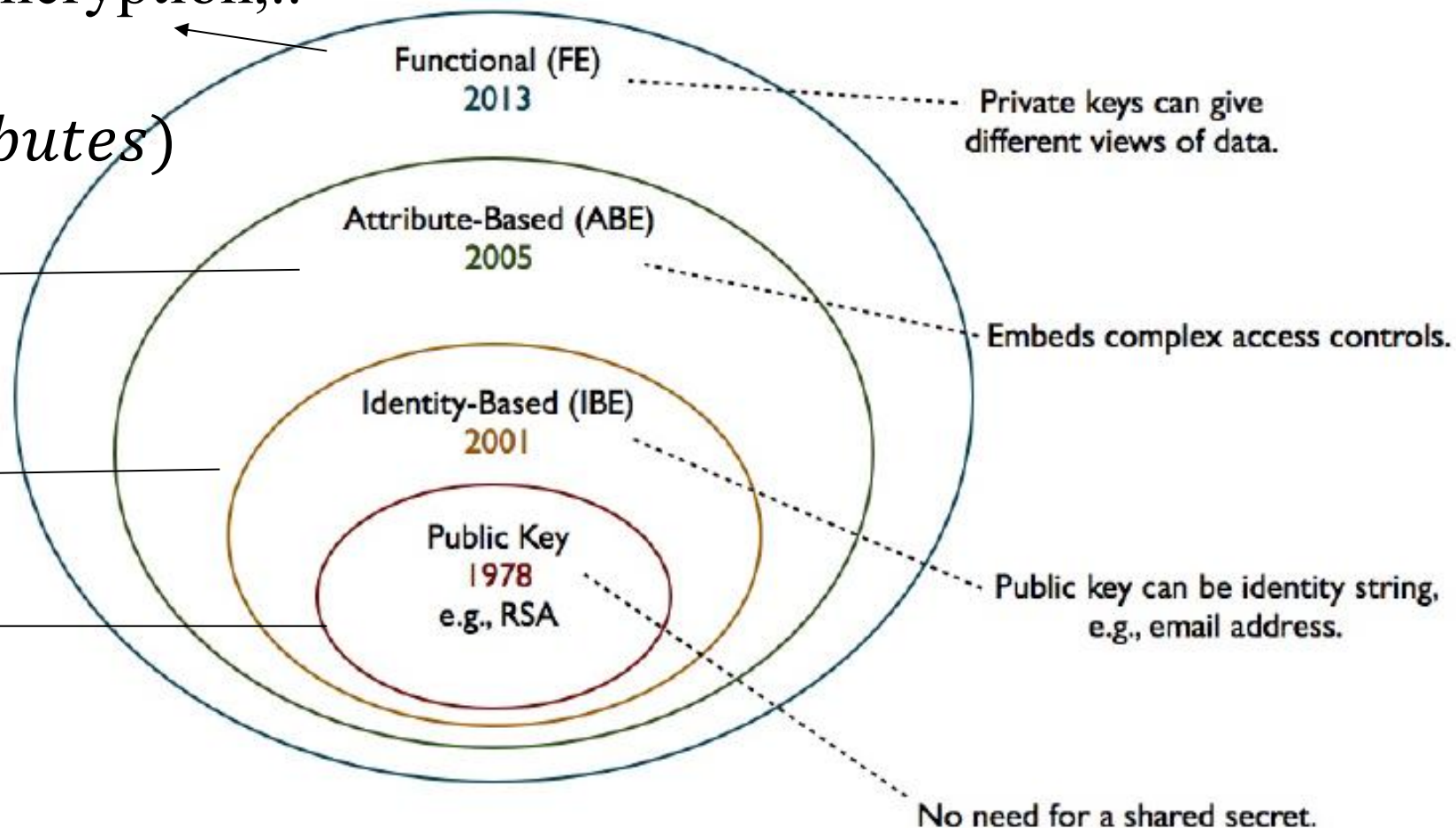
$ID_A(attributes)$ $ID_B(attributes)$

$(PK_A, \{SK_A, SK_B, \dots\})$

ID

(PK_A, SK_A)

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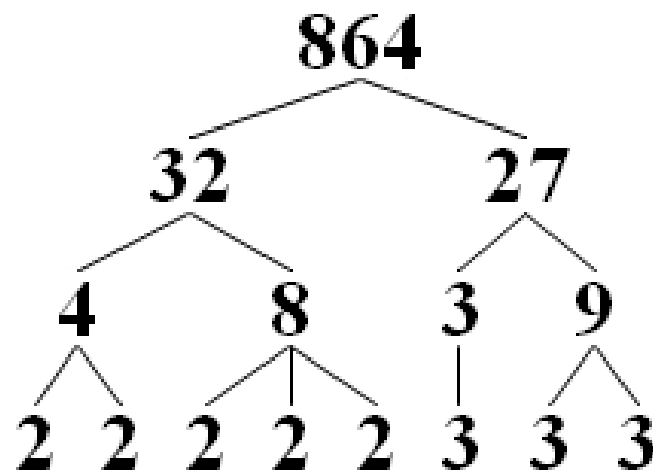


Prime factorization problem

Factorize number

$$N = 864$$

$$= 2^5 \times 3^3$$



Input: n-bits composite number N

Output: $N = p_1^{\alpha_1} p_2^{\alpha_2} \dots p_k^{\alpha_k}, \alpha_k \in \mathbb{N}^*$

No classical algorithm has been published that can factor all integers in polynomial time.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Integer_factorization

Prime factorization problem

“Prime factorization one-way function!”

Input: large prime number p, q and a large number e

Easy to compute

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} n = p \cdot q \\ d = e^{-1} \bmod (p-1)(q-1), e \cdot d = 1 \bmod (p-1)(q-1) \\ C = M^e \bmod n \end{array} \right.$$

Input: n, e, C

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} n = p \cdot q \leftarrow p, q \\ d = e^{-1} \bmod (p-1)(q-1) \end{array} \right. \text{ “Hard” to compute}$$

$$C^d \bmod n = M^{e \cdot d} \bmod n = M^{e \cdot d \bmod (p-1)(q-1)} \bmod n = M$$

The RSA Algorithm

Key Generation by Alice

Select p, q	p and q both prime, $p \neq q$
Calculate $n = p \times q$	
Calculate $\phi(n) = (p - 1)(q - 1)$	
Select integer e	$\gcd(\phi(n), e) = 1; 1 < e < \phi(n)$
Calculate d	$d \equiv e^{-1} \pmod{\phi(n)}$ $e \cdot d = 1 \pmod{\phi(n)}$
Public key	$PU = \{e, n\}$
Private key	$PR = \{d, n\}$

Encryption by Bob with Alice's Public Key

Plaintext:	$M < n$
Ciphertext:	$C = M^e \pmod{n}$

Decryption by Alice with Alice's Public Key

Ciphertext:	C		$C^d \pmod{n} = (M^e)^d \pmod{n}$ $= M^{ed} \pmod{n} = ? M$
Plaintext:	$M = C^d \pmod{n}$		

RSA Algorithm

- RSA makes use of an expression with exponentials
- Plaintext is encrypted in blocks with each block having a binary value less than some number n
- Encryption and decryption are of the following form, for some plaintext block M and ciphertext block C

$$C = M^e \bmod n$$

$$M = C^d \bmod n = (M^e)^d \bmod n = M^{ed} \bmod n$$

- Both sender and receiver must know the value of n
- The sender knows the value of e , and only the receiver knows the value of d
- This is a public-key encryption algorithm with a public key of $PU=\{e,n\}$ and a private key of $PR=\{d,n\}$

Algorithm Requirements

- For this algorithm to be satisfactory for public-key encryption, the following requirements must be met:
 1. It is possible to find values of e , d , n such that $M^{ed} \bmod n = M$ for all $M < n$
 2. It is relatively easy to calculate $M^e \bmod n$ and $C^d \bmod n$ for all values of $M < n$
 3. It is infeasible to determine d given e and n

Exponentiation in Modular Arithmetic

- Both encryption and decryption in RSA involve raising an integer to an integer power, mod n
- Can make use of a property of modular arithmetic:

$$[(a \bmod n) \times (b \bmod n)] \bmod n = (a \times b) \bmod n$$

- With RSA you are dealing with potentially large exponents so efficiency of exponentiation is a consideration

Algorithm for Computing $a^b \bmod n$

Note: The integer b is expressed as a binary number $b = b_k b_{k-1} \dots b_0$

$$\begin{aligned} a^b &= a^{(b_k b_{k-1} \dots b_0)} \\ &= a^{(2^k b_k + \dots + 2^2 b_2 + 2^1 b_1 + b_0)} \\ &= \prod_{i=0}^k a^{b_i \cdot 2^i} = \prod_{i=0}^k (a^{b_i} \cdot a^{2^i}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} c &= 2^i \\ f_i &= a^{2^i} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f_{i+1} &= a^{2^{i+1}} = a^{2 \cdot 2^i} \\ &= (a^{2^i})^2 = (f_i)^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f_i &= a^c \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} c &= 2^{i+1} \\ f_{i+1} &= (f_i)^2 \cdot a \end{aligned}$$

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c ← 0; f ← 1
for i ← k downto 0
    do c ← 2 × c           | c = 2i
      f ← (f × f) mod n
    if bi = 1              | c = 2i+1
      then c ← c + 1
        f ← (f × a) mod n
return f
    
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Efficient Operation Using the Public Key

- To speed up the operation of the RSA algorithm using the public key, a specific choice of e is usually made
- The most common choice is 65537 ($2^{16} + 1$)
 - Two other popular choices are $e=3$ and $e=17$
 - Each of these choices has only two 1 bits, so the number of multiplications required to perform exponentiation is minimized
 - With a very small public key, such as $e = 3$, RSA becomes vulnerable to a **simple attack**

Efficient Operation Using the Private Key

- Decryption uses exponentiation to power d
 - A small value of d is vulnerable to a brute-force attack and to other forms of cryptanalysis
- Can use the Chinese Remainder Theorem (CRT) to **speed up computation**
 - The quantities $d \bmod (p - 1)$ and $d \bmod (q - 1)$ can be precalculated
 - End result is that the calculation is approximately four times as fast as evaluating $M = C^d \bmod n$ directly

Key Generation

- Before the application of the public-key cryptosystem each participant must generate a pair of keys:
 - Determine two prime numbers p and q
 - Select either e or d and calculate the other
- Because the value of $n = pq$ will be known to any potential adversary, primes must be chosen from a sufficiently large set
 - The method used for finding large primes must be reasonably efficient

Procedure for Picking a Prime Number

- Pick an odd integer n at random
- Pick an integer $a < n$ at random
- Perform the probabilistic primality test with a as a parameter. If n fails the test, reject the value n and go to step 1
- If n has passed a sufficient number of tests, accept n ; otherwise, go to step 2

RSA: Confidentiality



A

$d_A / n_A, e_A$

$$e_A \cdot d_A = 1 \bmod \phi(n_A)$$

$$C = m^{e_B} \bmod n_B$$



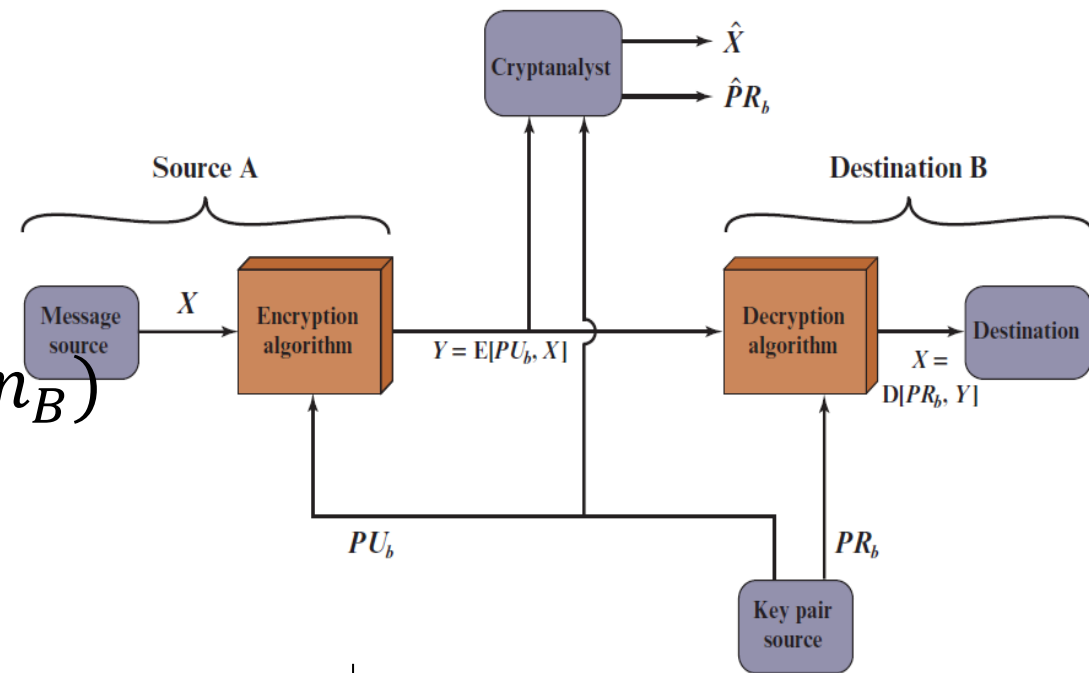
B

$d_B / n_B, e_B$

$$e_B \cdot d_B = 1 \bmod \phi(n_B)$$

$$\begin{aligned} C^{d_B} \bmod n_B &= (m^{e_B})^{d_B} \bmod n_B \\ &= m \end{aligned}$$

- Protect secret key?
- Distribute public keys?



RSA: Authentication



A

$d_A / n_A, e_A$

$$S = m^{d_A} \bmod n_A \quad (m, S)$$

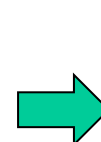


Verify message m

$$S^{e_A} \bmod n_A = (m^{d_A})^{e_A} \bmod n_A$$

$$= m'$$

$$? = m$$



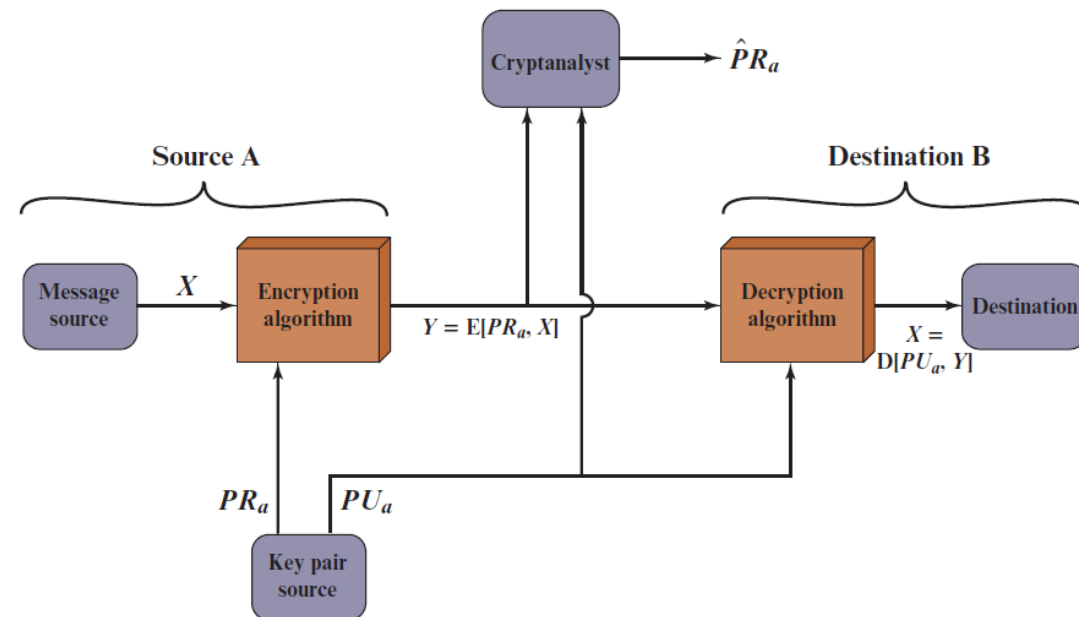
• Sent by A

• Original (integrity)



B

$d_B / n_B, e_B$



RSA: Authentication and Secrecy



A



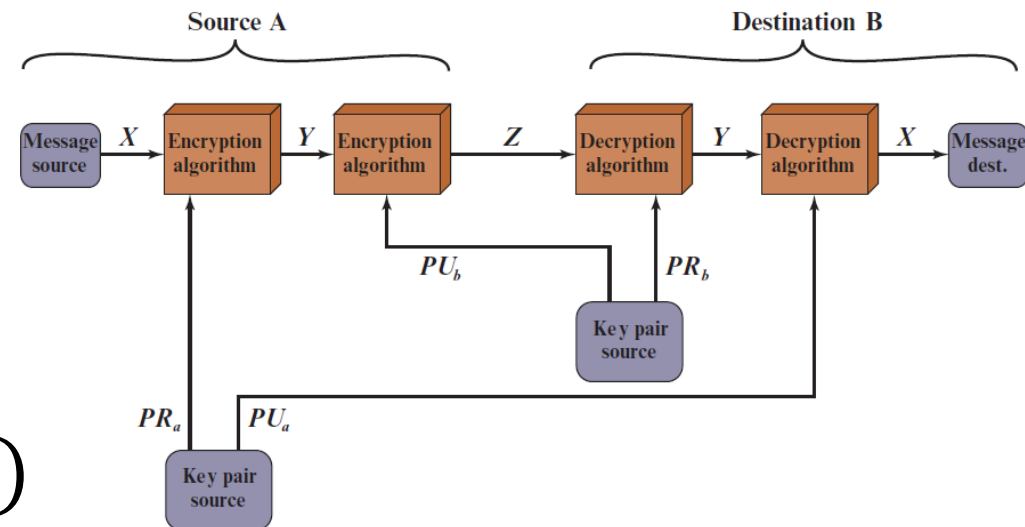
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$$S = k^{d_A} \bmod n_A$$

$$(C_1 = k^{e_B}, S_1 = S^{e_B})$$



Limitation? 

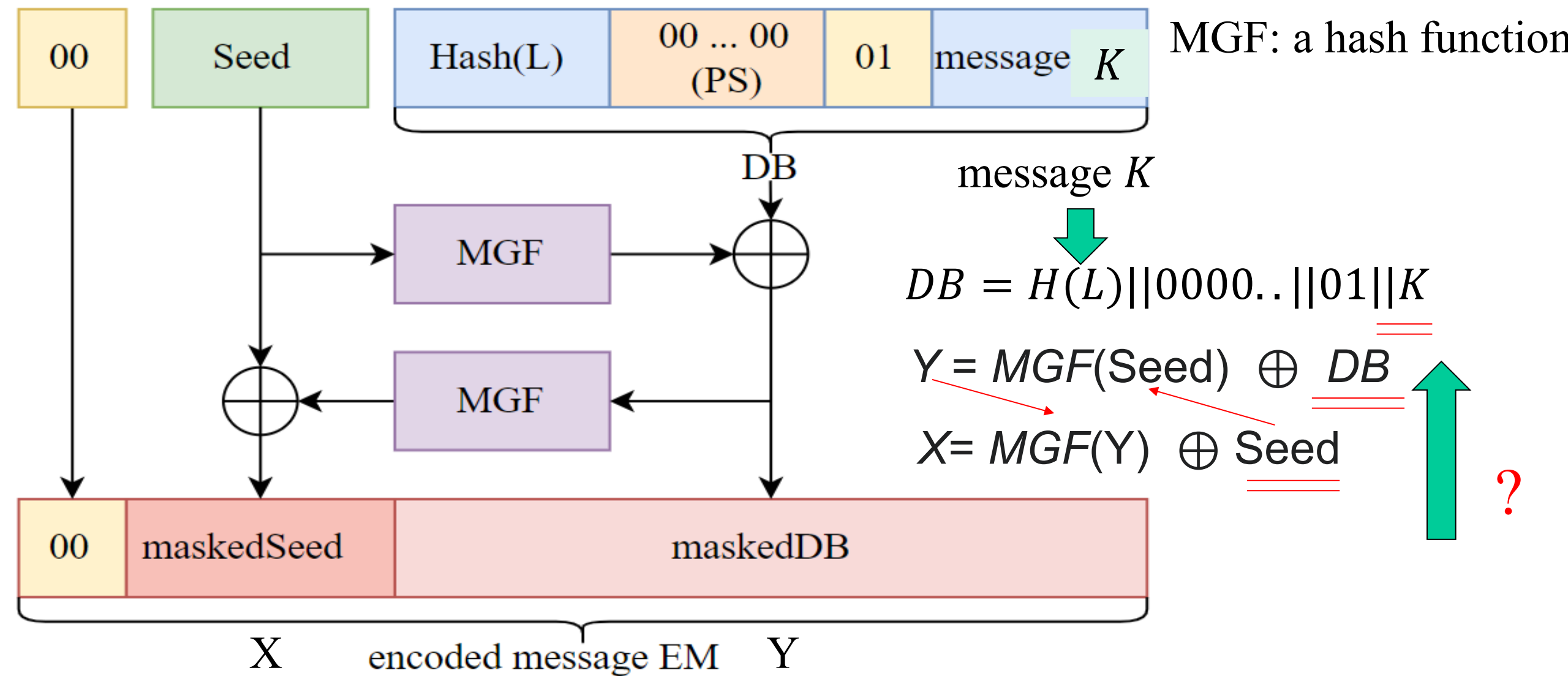
Decrypt and verify the secret key k

$$C_1^{d_B} \bmod n_B = (k^{e_B})^{n_B} \bmod n_B = k;$$

$$S_1^{d_B} \bmod n_B = (S^{e_B})^{n_B} \bmod n_B = S;$$

$$S^{e_A} \bmod n_A = (k^{d_A})^{e_A} \bmod n_A = k' = ? k$$

Encryption Using Optimal Asymmetric Encryption Padding (OAEP)



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Discrete Logarithm problem

Finite multiplicative group $(G, \cdot) = \langle g \rangle = \{g^n : n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$

Example: $G = \mathbb{Z}_p \setminus \{0\} = \{1, 2, \dots, p-1\} = \langle g \rangle$

g, n $\xrightarrow{\text{Easy to compute}}$ $y_0 = g^n \bmod p$

$g^n = y_0 \bmod p$ $\xleftarrow{\text{Hard to solve } n}$ g, y_0, p

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AutoSeededRandomPool prng;
Integer p, q, g;
CryptoPP::PrimeAndGenerator pg;

pg.Generate(1, prng, 512, 511);
p = pg.Prime();
q = pg.SubPrime();
g = pg.Generator();
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Hard to solve equation $g^x = a \bmod p$ in finite field!

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ElGamal parameters

Large prime number: p

Multiplicative group

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Key generation (

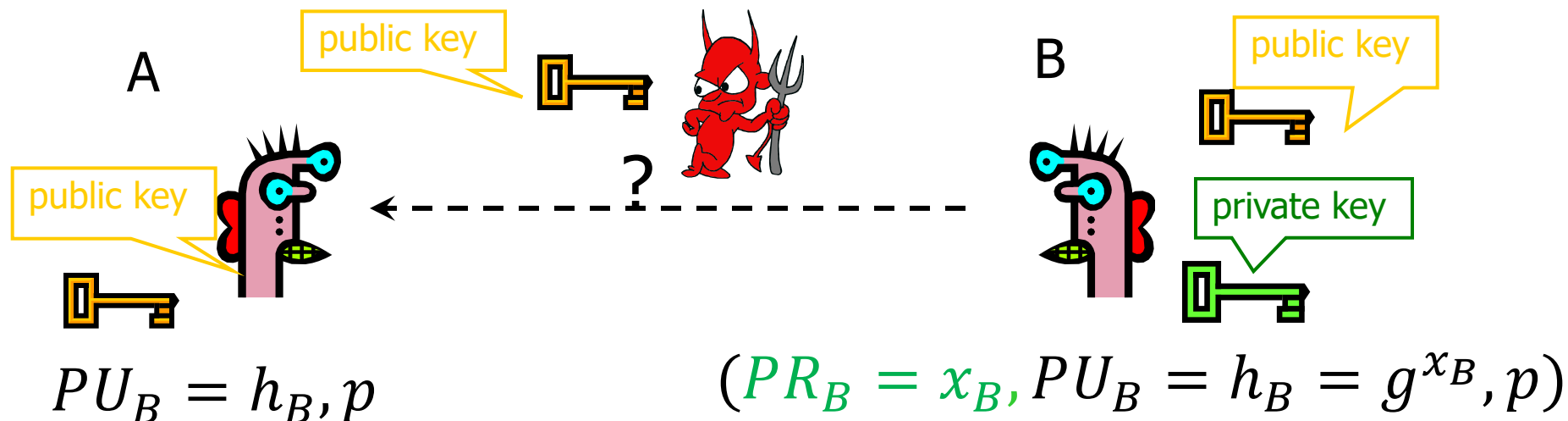
Secret key: $x \in_R [1, p - 1]$

Public key: $h = g^x \bmod p \in \mathbb{Z}_p$

ElGamal cipher

- **Encryption** message $m < p - 1$ (using public key $h = g^x$)
 - Choose a random number: $r \in_R [1, p - 1]$
 - Compute $C_1 = g^r \bmod p$;
 - Compute $C_2 = m \cdot h^r \bmod p$
 - Output cipher message (C_1, C_2)
- **Decryption** (C_1, C_2) (using secret key x)
 - Compute $(C_1)^x \bmod p = g^{r \cdot x} \bmod p$;
 - Compute $\frac{C_2}{(C_1)^x} \bmod p = \frac{m \cdot g^{x \cdot r}}{g^{r \cdot x}} \bmod p = m$
 - Output message m

ElGamal cipher



Input: $M < p$

Select a random number: $r < p - 1$

Compute: $C_1 = g^r \bmod p$
 $C_2 = m \cdot h_B^r \bmod p$

(C_1, C_2)

Compute:

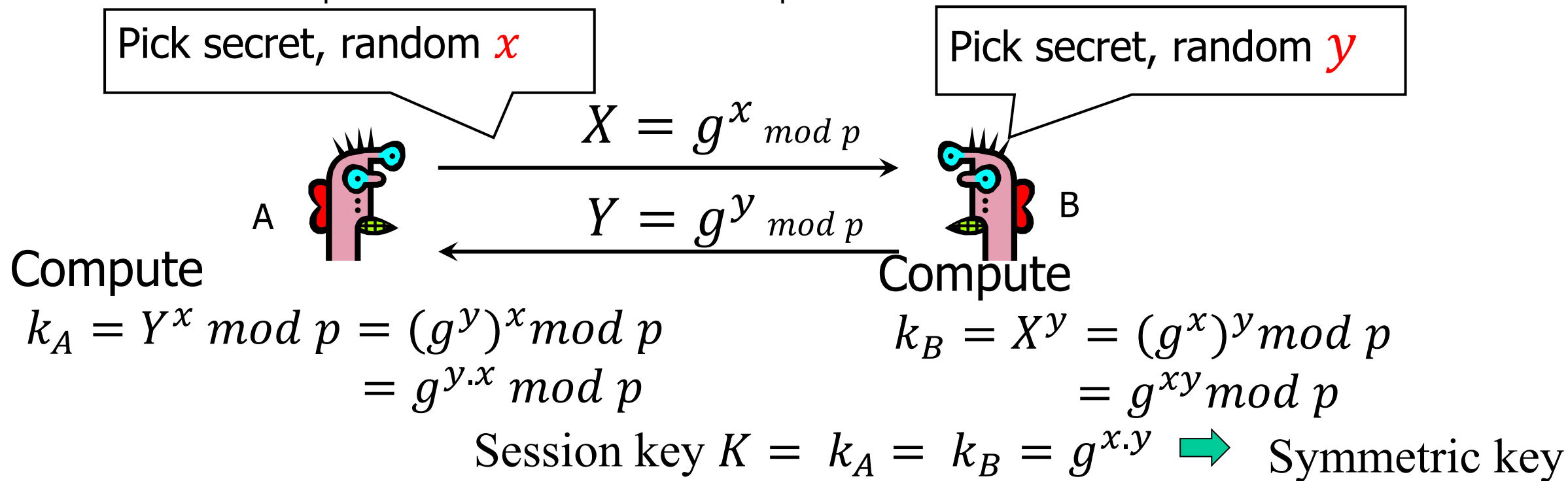
$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{C_2}{(C_1)^{x_B}} \bmod p \\ &= \frac{m \cdot g^{x_B \cdot r}}{g^{r \cdot x_B}} \bmod p = m \end{aligned}$$

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Diffie-Hellman key exchange

- A and B never met and share no secrets;
- Public info: the prime number p and g
 - p is a large prime number, g is a generator of Z_p^*
 - $Z_p^* = \{1, 2 \dots p-1: \forall a \in Z_p^* \exists i \text{ such that } a = g^i \bmod p\}$



Diffie-Hellman exchange Protocol (DHE)

$p = 1606938044258990275541962092341162602522202993782792835301301$

$g = 123456789$



$g^a \bmod p =$

78467374529422653579754596319852702575499692980085777948593



$g^b \bmod p =$

560048104293218128667441021342483133802626271394299410128798

$a =$

685408003627063
761059275919665
781694368639459
527871881531452

$(g^b)^a \bmod p$

$b =$

362059131912941
987637880257325
269696682836735
524942246807440

$(g^a)^b \bmod p$

$g^{ab} \bmod p =$

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845969831329749878767465041215

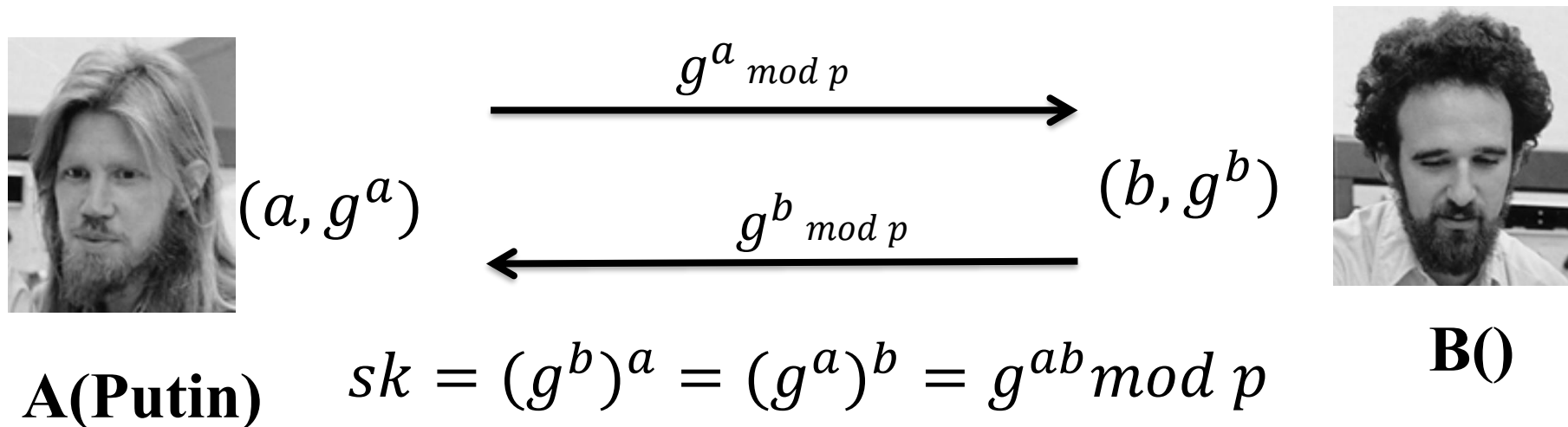
Why Is Diffie-Hellman Secure?

- Discrete Logarithm (DL) problem:
given $g^x \bmod p$, it's hard to extract x
 - There is no known efficient algorithm for doing this
 - This is not enough for Diffie-Hellman to be secure!
- Computational Diffie-Hellman (CDH) problem:
given g^x and g^y , it's hard to compute $g^{xy} \bmod p$
 - ... unless you know x or y , in which case it's easy
- Decisional Diffie-Hellman (DDH) problem:
given g^x and g^y , it's hard to tell the difference between $g^{xy} \bmod p$ and $g^r \bmod p$ where r is random

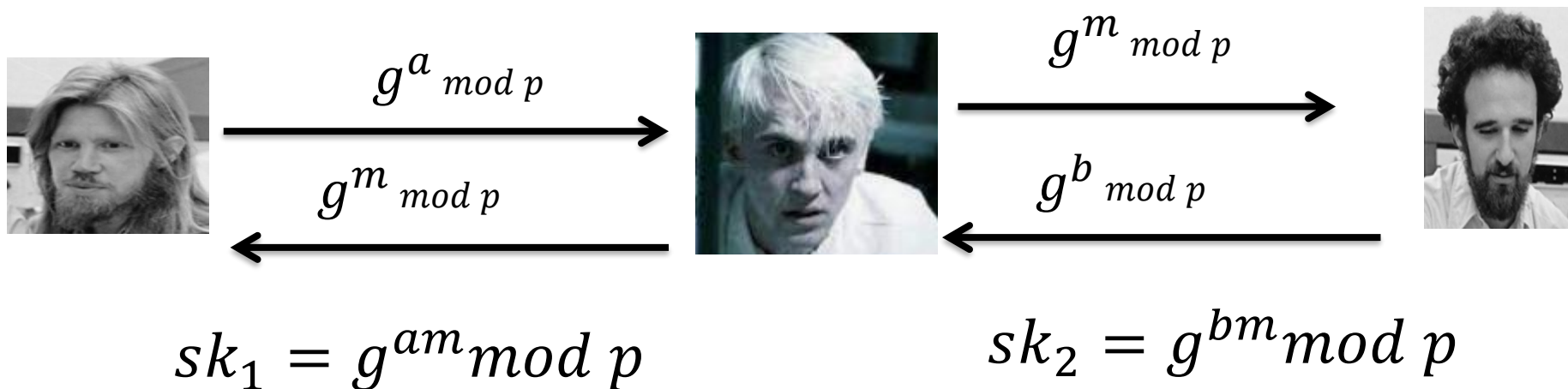
Properties of Diffie-Hellman

- Assuming DDH problem is hard, Diffie-Hellman protocol is a secure key establishment protocol against passive attackers
 - Eavesdropper can't tell the difference between the established key and a random value
 - Can use the new key for symmetric cryptography
- Basic Diffie-Hellman protocol does not provide authentication
 - IPsec combines Diffie-Hellman with signatures, anti-DoS cookies, etc.

Man-in-the middle attacks the DHE



man-in-the-middle attack!



Advantages of Public-Key Crypto

- Confidentiality without shared secrets
 - Very useful in open environments
 - Can use this for key establishment, avoiding the “chicken-or-egg” problem
 - With symmetric crypto, two parties must share a secret before they can exchange secret messages
- Authentication without shared secrets
- Encryption keys are public, but must be sure that Alice’s public key is really her public key
 - This is a hard problem... Often solved using public-key certificates

Disadvantages of Public-Key Crypto

- Calculations are 2-3 orders of magnitude slower
 - Modular exponentiation is an expensive computation
 - Typical usage: use public-key cryptography to establish a shared secret, then switch to symmetric crypto
 - SSL, IPsec, most other systems based on public crypto
- Keys are longer
 - 3072 bits (RSA) rather than 128 bits (AES)
- Relies on unproven number-theoretic assumptions
 - Factoring, RSA problem, discrete logarithm problem, decisional Diffie-Hellman problem...