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Crypto 101: Encryption, Codebreaking, SSL and Bitcoin

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Crypto 101



Cryptography is the art and science of keeping messages secure.

- Cryptography building blocks
- Cryptographic protocols
 - SSL / TLS
 - Bitcoin
- Attacks on cryptography

Security \si-'kyür-ə-tē\



**the state of being free
from danger or threat**

Cryptography terms

- Confidentiality
- Integrity
- Authentication
- Access control
- Non-repudiation

Other Criteria

- Interoperability
- Performance
- Usability

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Crypto Building Blocks



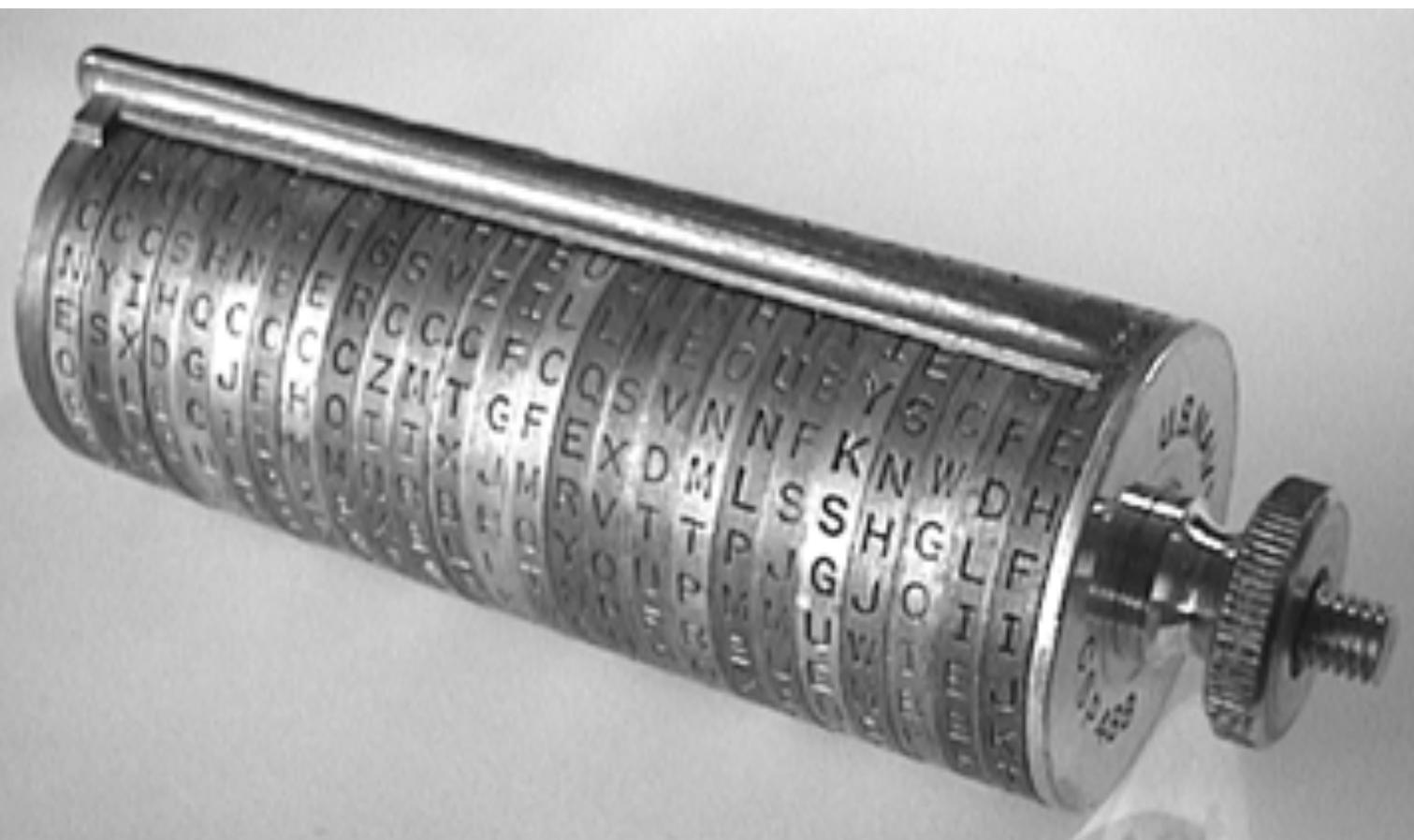
Encryption



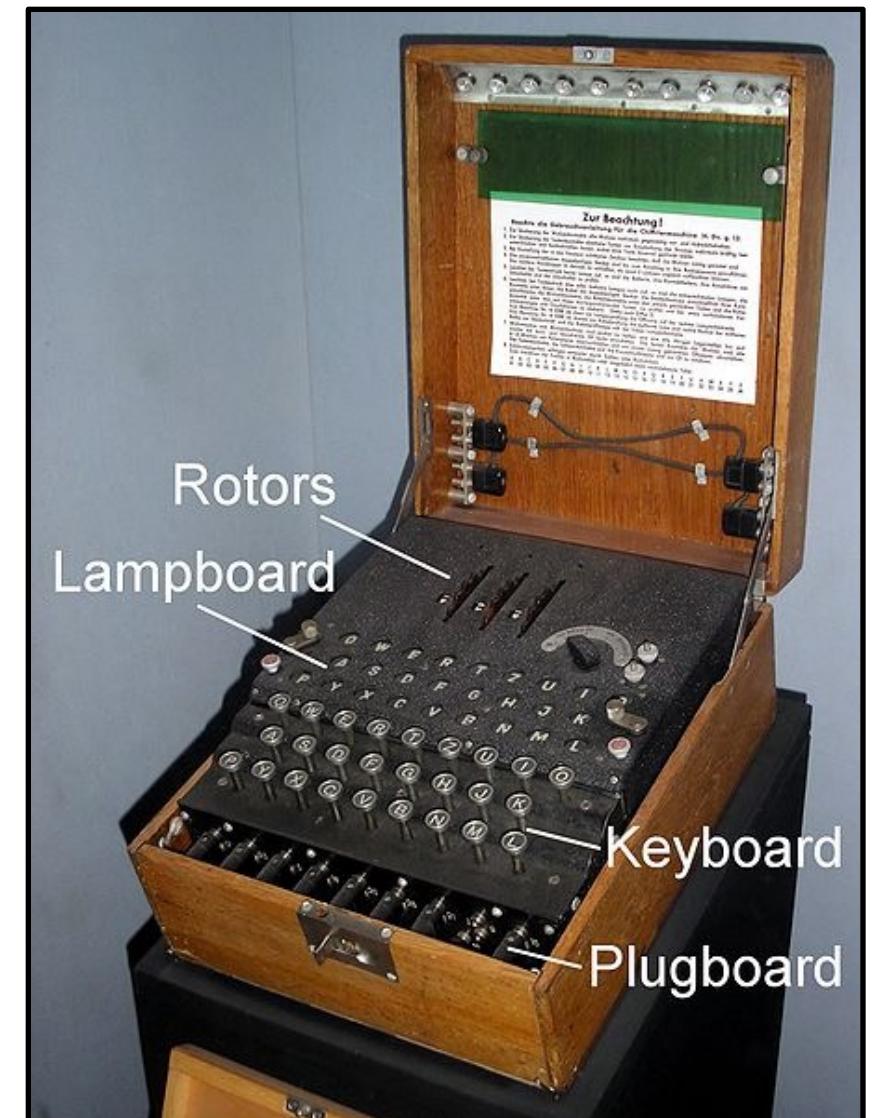
Obfuscation that is fast when you know the secrets, but impossible or slow when you don't.



Scytale
300BC

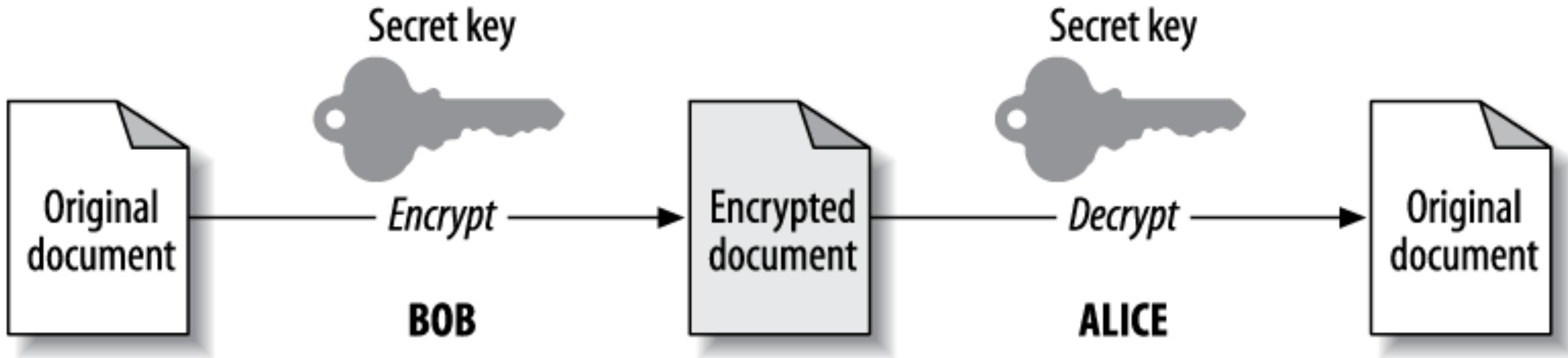


Jefferson Wheel (M94)
1900s



Enigma Machine
1920s

Symmetric encryption



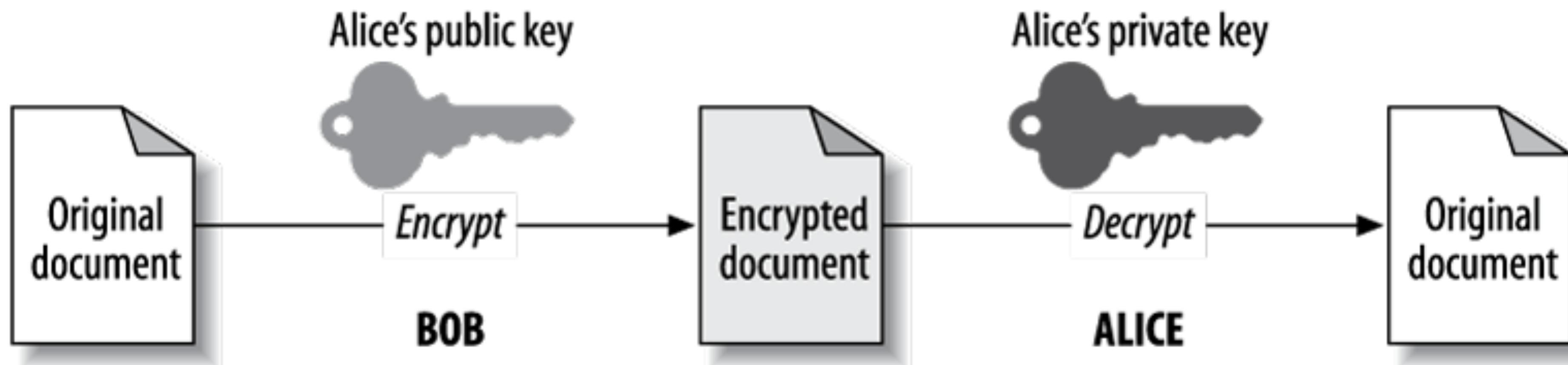
- Use shared key to encrypt/decrypt
 - Algorithm does not need to be secret
 - Key must be agreed and communicated in advance
- Convenient and fast
- Examples: RC4, 3DES, AES

Asymmetric encryption



Two related keys: one private, one public

- Anyone with the public key can encrypt the message
- Only the private key holder can decrypt message
- Enables encryption, key exchange, and authentication
 - Examples: RSA, Diffie-Hellman, ElGamal, DSA, Elliptic curve (ECDH / ECDSA)
 - Significantly slower than symmetric encryption



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Authentication



Confirm data integrity and message origin



Egyptian signet ring
(500BC)



Mark of the Fisherman
(1200AD)

On death, Cardinal Camerlengo to destroy



US nuclear “football”
(present day)

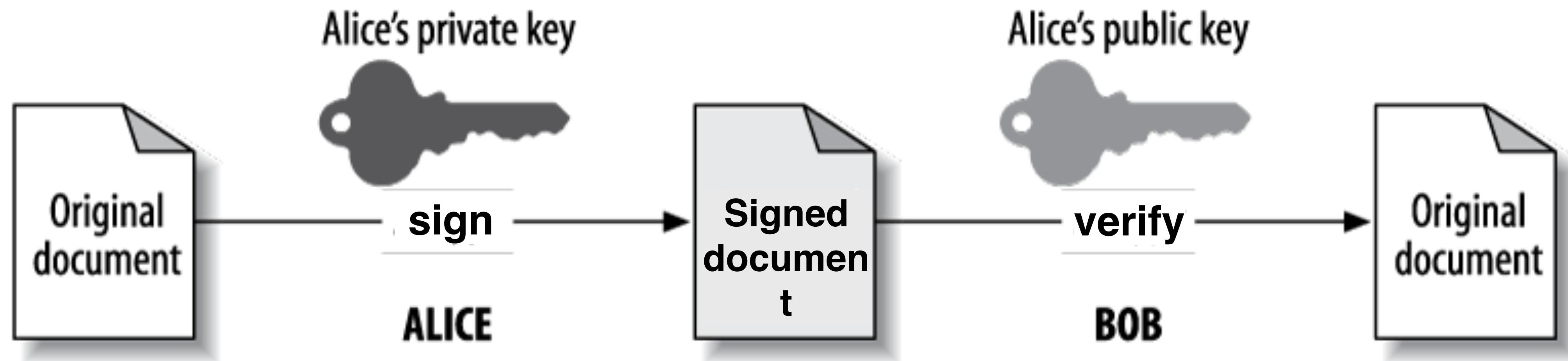
Keys roll at noon on inauguration day

Digital signatures



Asymmetric cryptography can authenticate messages

- Only the private key holder can generate a signature
- Anyone with the public key can validate the signature
- Signatures protect **digital certificates** from modification or forgery



Digital certificates



- Digital ID can include public/private keypair
- **Digital certificate** conveys identity
 - Credential holder info (name, address, etc.)
 - Identity's public key
 - Validity period
 - Digital signature of Certificate Authority (CA)
- Authentication has 3 steps
 - CA signature confirms data is authentic, vouched for
 - Do we approve of data in the certificate?
 - Identity keypair validated to confirm ID holder has the private key

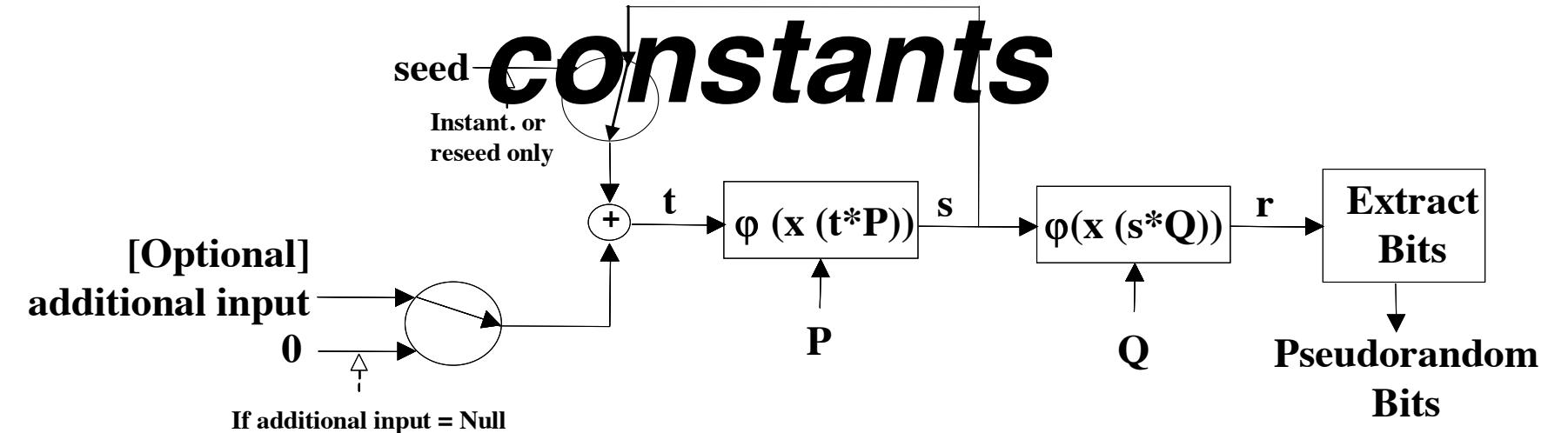


Randomness matters



- Random numbers at heart of crypto
 - Used for key generation
 - Weak keys = weak encryption
- Random number generators
 - True random (TRNG) – *truly random*
 - Pseudorandom (PRNG) – *look random*
 - PRNGs fine if properly seeded, properly designed

NIST SP800-90A: Dual EC DRBG with ~~NIST NSA~~*



A.1.1 Curve P-256

$p = 11579208921035624876269744694940757353008614\backslash 3415290314195533631308867097853951$

$n = 11579208921035624876269744694940757352999695\backslash 5224156342422259061068512044369$

$b = 5ac635d8 aa3d93e7 b1ebbd55 769886bc 651d06b0 cc53b0f6 3bce 27d2604b$

$P_x = 6b17d1f2 e12c4247 f8bec6ec b340f2 77037d81 2deb33a0 f4a13945 d898c296$

$P_y = 4fe342e2 fe1a7f9b 8ee7eb4a 7c0f9e16 2bde2257 6b315ece cbb64068 37bf51f5$

$Q_x = c97445f4 5cdef9f0 d3e05e1e 585fc297 235b82b3 1e81f1ef ca67c598 52018192$

$Q_y = b28ef557 ba31dfcb dd21ac46 e2a91e3c 304f44cb 87058ada 2cb81515 1e610046$

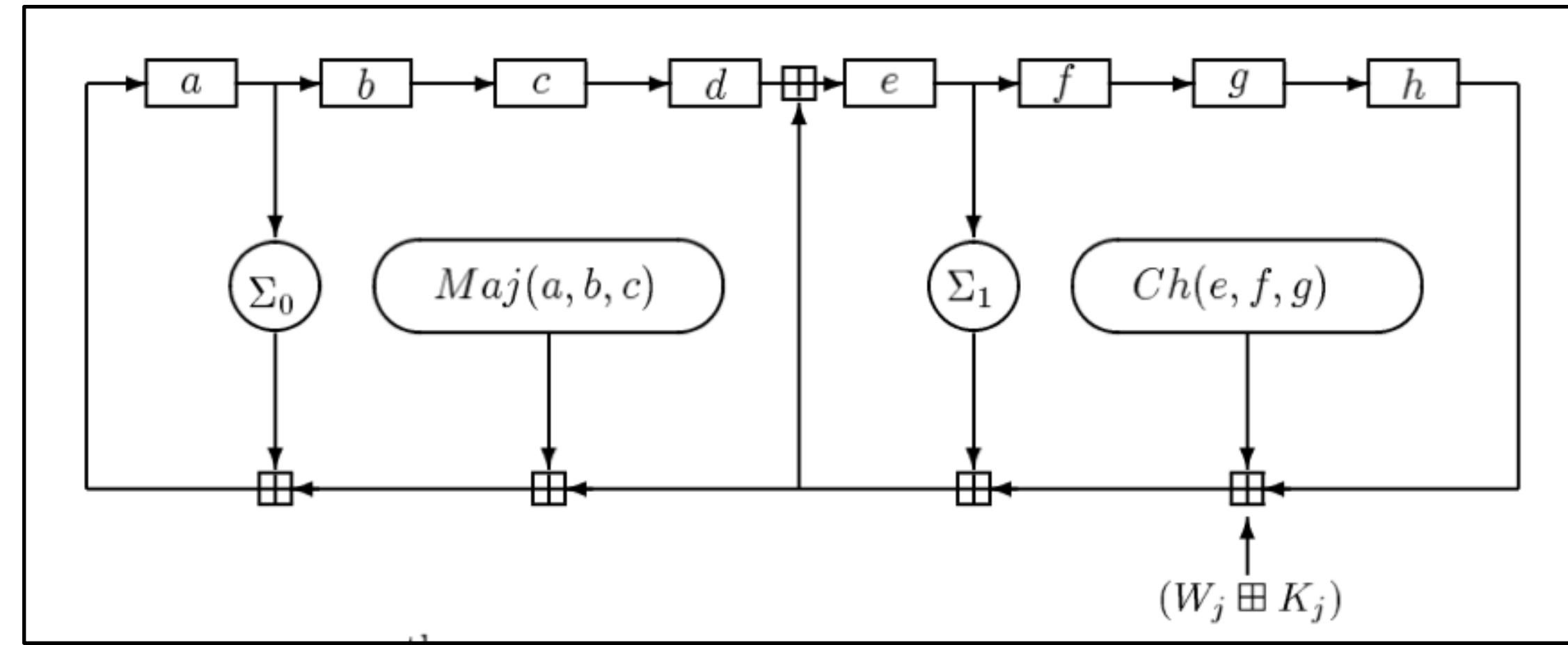
(don't use these)

* NYT Snowden memos, September 2013

Hash functions



- One-way transformation to generate *data fingerprints* for:
 - Digital signatures
 - Integrity validation
 - Tokenization (e.g., storing passwords)
- Examples
 - MD5 **considered broken**
 - SHA-1 (160) **some concerns**
 - SHA-2 (256) **ok**
 - Keccak and SHA-3



SHA2 (SHA-256) compression function

- ## Desirable qualities
- Preimage resistance (one-wayness)
 - Collision resistance and birthday

Stay humble



- Don't roll your own crypto
 - Failure modes subtle, catastrophic
 - Standard crypto has been strongly vetted
- Avoid unnecessary complexity
 - System only as strong as its weakest link
 - Complexity = more stuff to go wrong
- Never rely on obscurity
 - “If I can barely understand it, then it must be strong!”
 - Kerckhoffs's principle: only the key should be secure



Auguste Kerckhoffs (1835-1903)

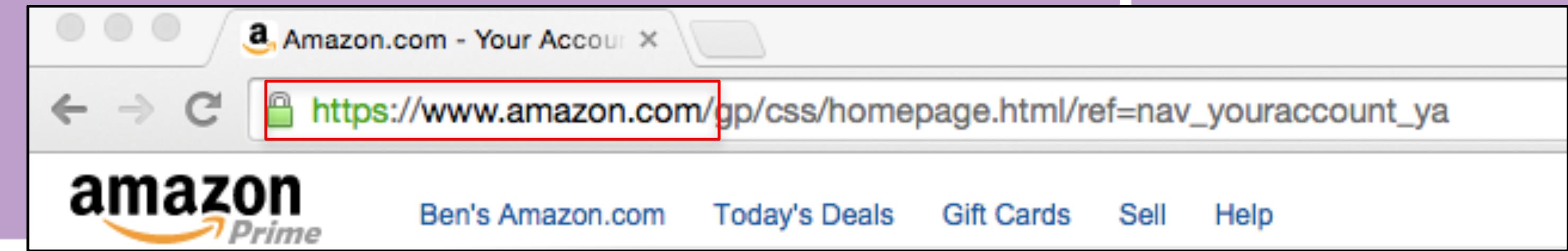


Putting It All Together

- SSL / TLS
- Bitcoin



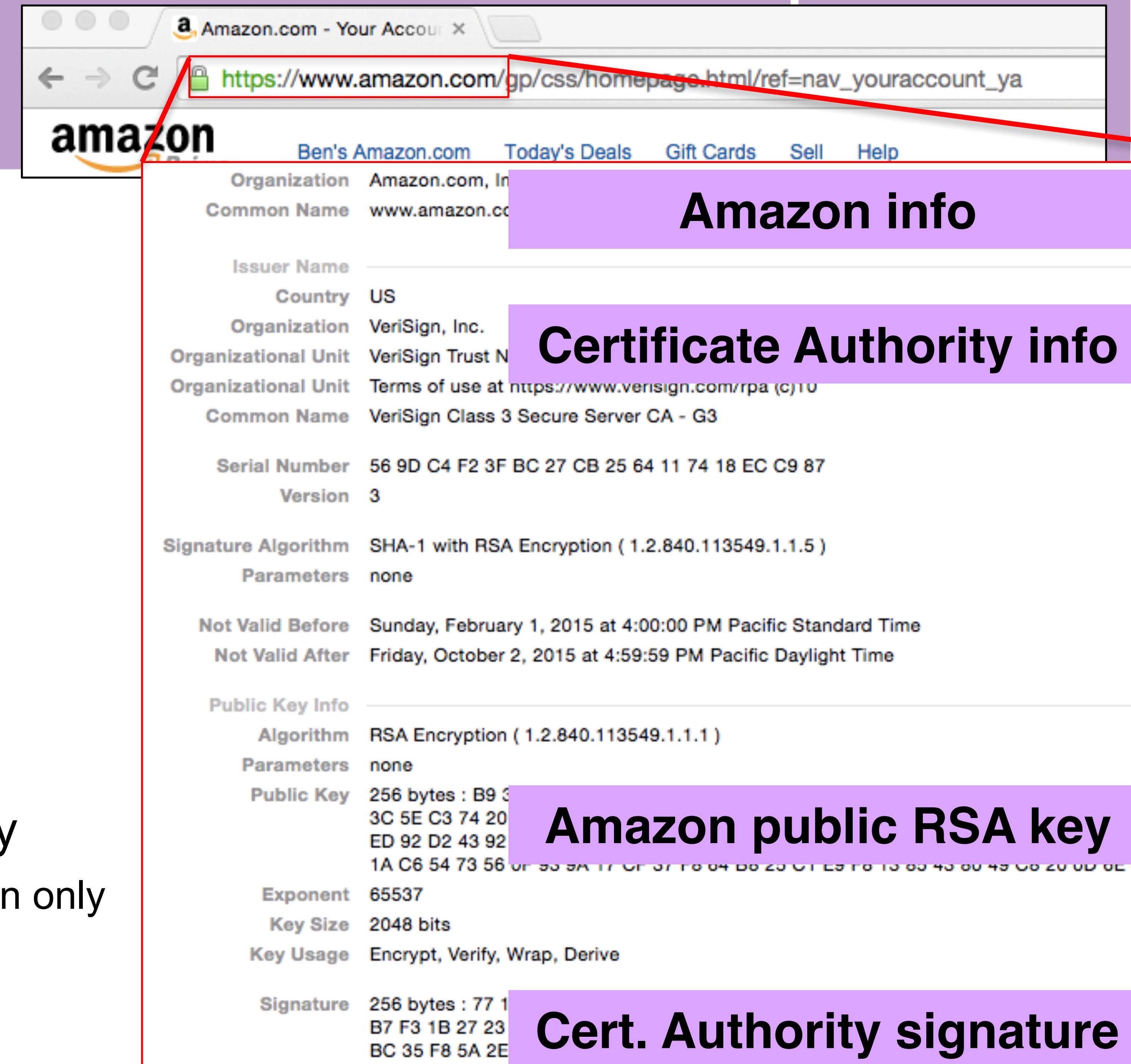
TLS



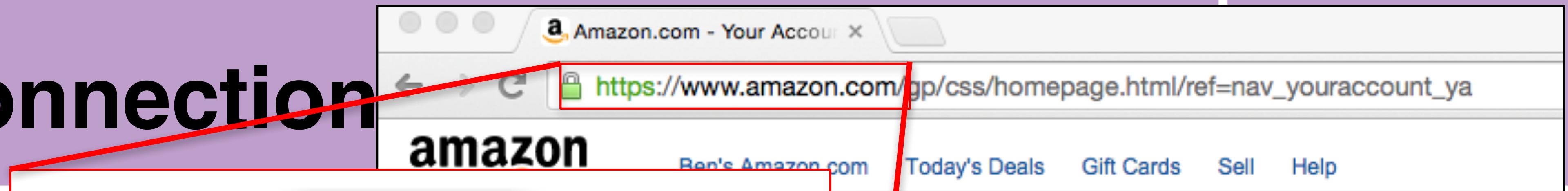
- Transport Layer Security
 - World's most widely used cryptographic protocol
 - From Netscape SSL3 (Kocher, 1995)
- Security requirements
 - Securely connect with someone you have never met
 - Data privacy, data integrity, no site impersonation, no man-in-middle

Getting to https

1. Webserver provides digital certificate to browser
 - “Amazon.com’s passport”
 2. TLS layer + browser
“authenticates passport”
 - Confirms data fields in cert
 - Confirms digital signature
 3. TLS layer confirms that webserver holds private key
 - Sends encrypted data that can only be decrypted w/private key



TLS: Connection



Certificate check passed!

TLS 1.2 protocol for
secure socket &
session mgmt

The identity of this website has been verified by VeriSign Class 3 Secure Server CA - G3 but does not have public audit records.

[Certificate Information](#)

Your connection to www.amazon.com is encrypted with 128-bit encryption.

The connection uses TLS 1.2.

The connection is encrypted and authenticated using AES_128_GCM and uses ECDHE_RSA as the key exchange mechanism.

AES_128_GCM for bulk data

- Symmetric crypto
- AES128 block cipher (privacy)
- Galois authentication (integrity)

ECDHE_RSA for key exchange

- Asymmetric crypto
- Confidentiality: Elliptic curve Diffie-Hellman
- Authentication: RSA2048
- “Perfect forward secrecy”

Bitcoin (1/2)



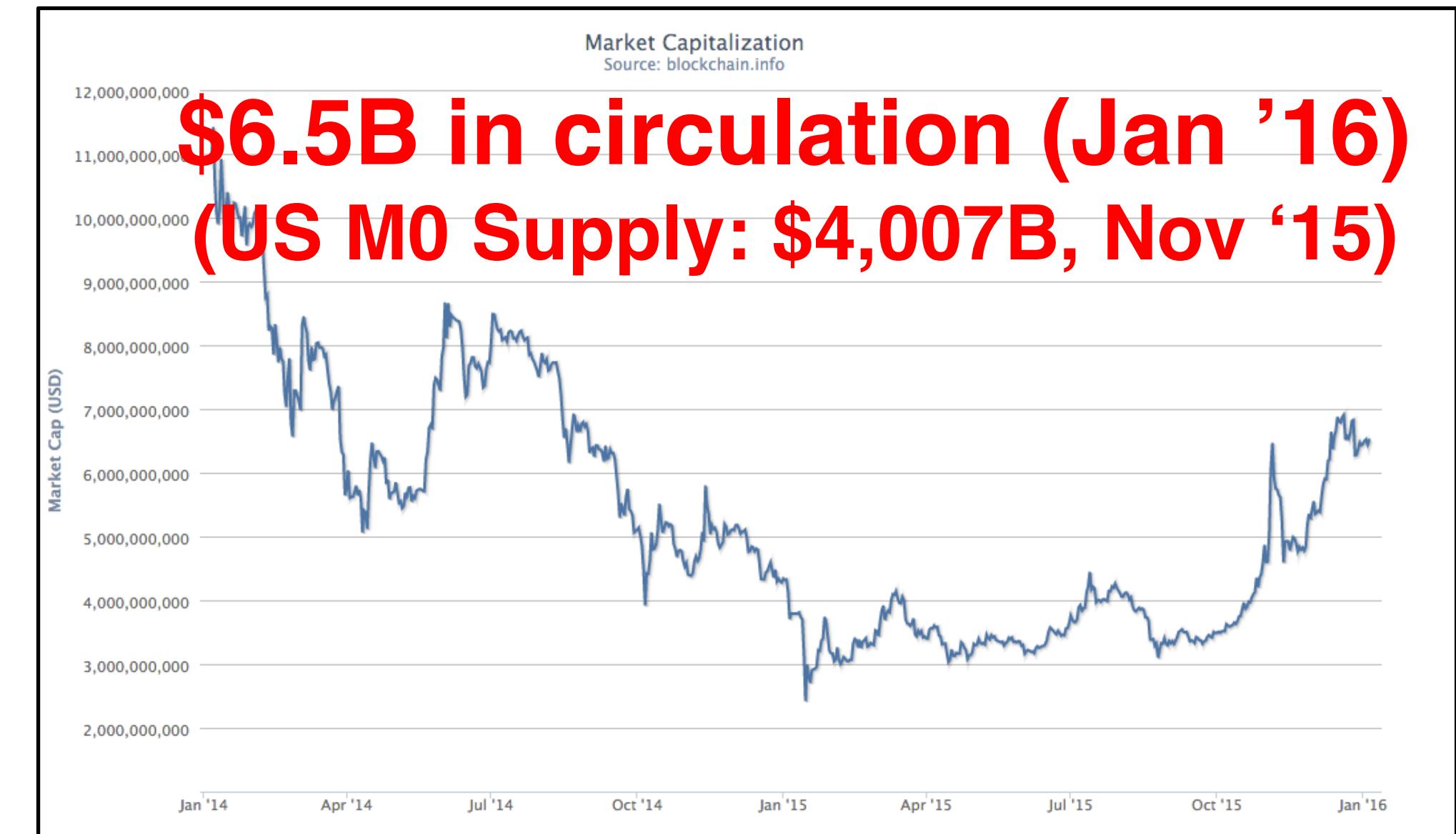
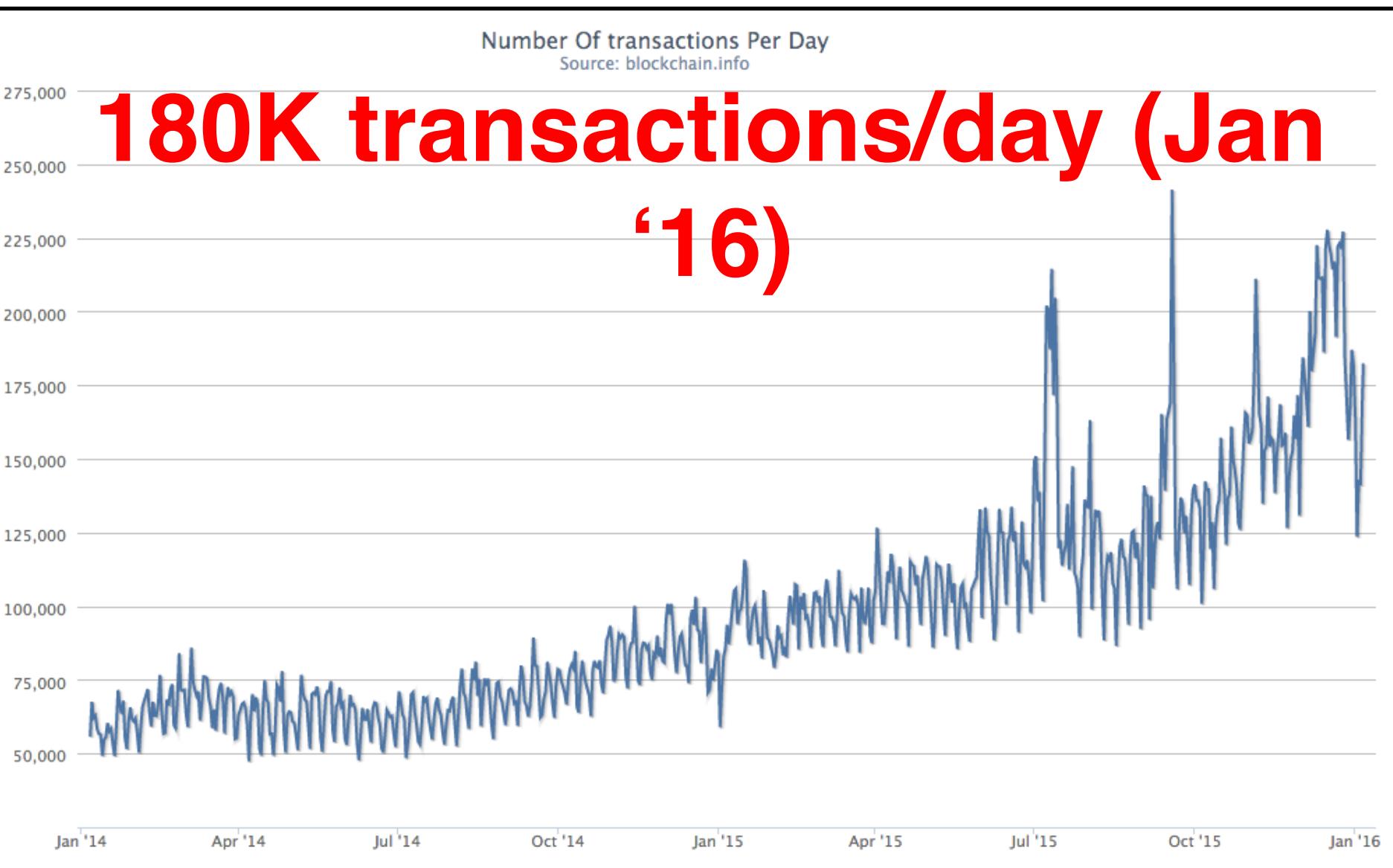
Peer-to-peer, decentralized currency

- Not underwritten by any entity
- “Satoshi Nakamoto” paper (2008)

Bitcoin: A Peer-to-Peer Electronic Cash System

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Abstract. A purely peer-to-peer version of electronic cash would allow online payments to be sent directly from one party to another without going through a financial institution. Digital signatures provide part of the solution, but the main benefits are lost if a trusted third party is still required to prevent double-spending. We propose a solution to the double-spending problem using a peer-to-peer network. The network timestamps transactions by hashing them into an ongoing chain of hash-based proof-of-work forming a record that cannot be changed without redoing



Bitcoin (2/2)

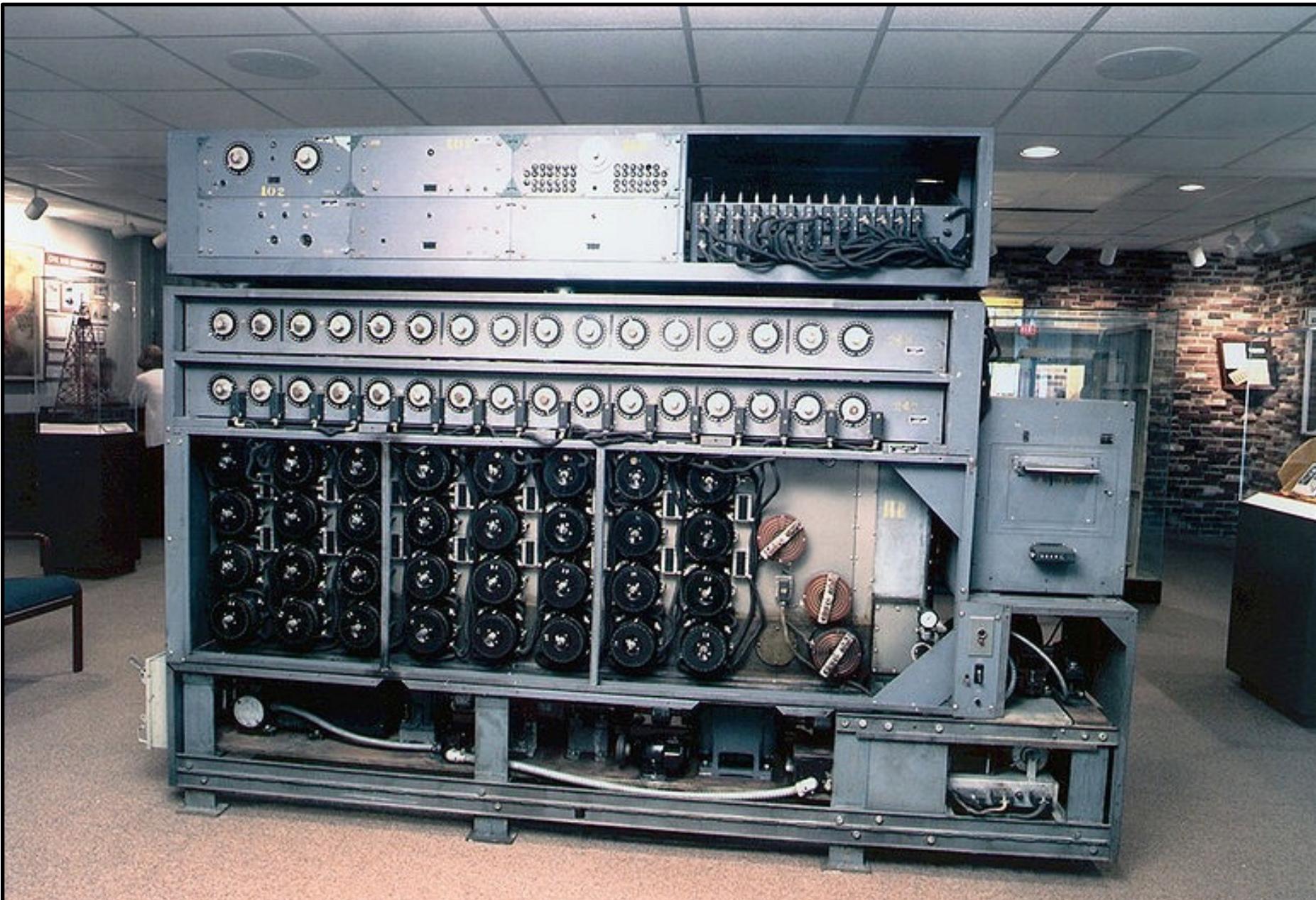


Characteristic	What happens	Cryptography
Value creation	Mined by searching for magic values $KWh \rightarrow BTC!$	Proof-of-work method uses SHA-256 hash function
Coin transfers	Digital signatures	ECDSA digital signature
Recordkeeping (no double-spending)	Distributed ledger with financial incentive for a “single view”	Block chain uses SHA-256 hash function
Backing entity	NONE!	<i>Everything regulated by market forces + math!</i>



Attacks on Cryptography

Brute force



US Navy Bombe, 1943

Contains 16 four-rotor Enigma equivalents to perform exhaustive key search.



DES Keysearch Machine, 1998

Tests 90 billion keys/sec, average time to crack 56-bit DES: **5 days**
(Cryptography Research, AWT, EFF)

Cryptanalysis



- HDCP = “High bandwidth Digital Copy Protection”
- Protects digital content, interoperability
 - Fast, offline, any-to-any negotiation
 - Encryption and authentication
- “Clever” key management
 - No one device contains global secret
 - HDCP master key published (2010)
 - **Unlicensed implementations cannot be revoked**



Number of KSVs	40	42	44	46	48	50
Prob. of Spanning M	.295	.773	.940	.982	.997	.999

But keys from ~40 devices can reveal the master key

A Cryptanalysis of the High-bandwidth Digital Content Protection System
(Crosby, Goldberg, Johnson, Song, Wagner)

Implementation: Side Channel (1/2)



Simple EM attack with radio at distance of 10 feet

Devices



Signal Processing
(demodulation, filtering)



Antennas



Digitizer,
GNU Radio peripheral
(\$1000)



Receiver (\$350)

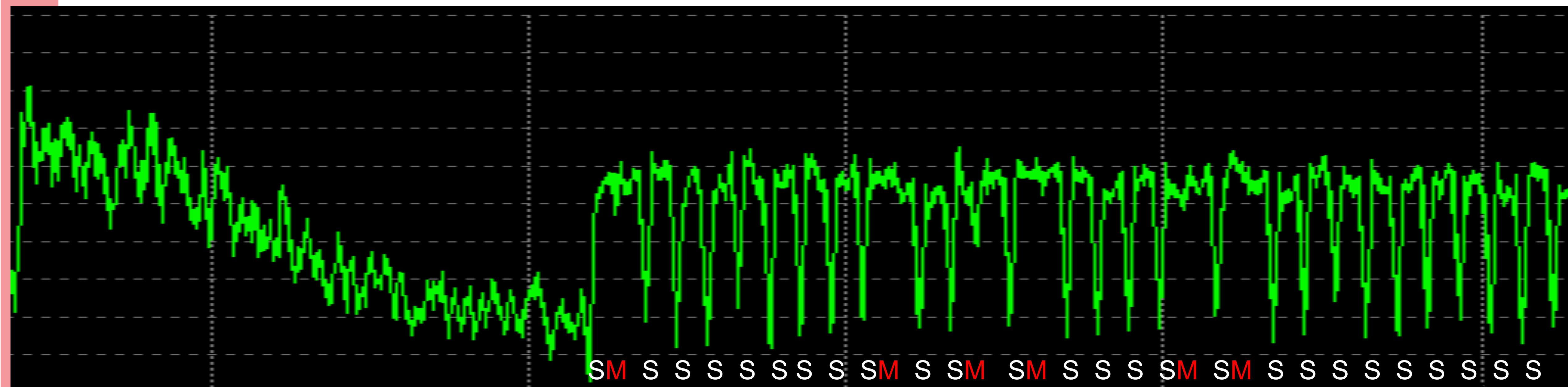


Implementation: Side Channel (2/2)



Focus on $M_p^{dp} \bmod p$ calculation ($M_q^{dq} \bmod q$ similar)

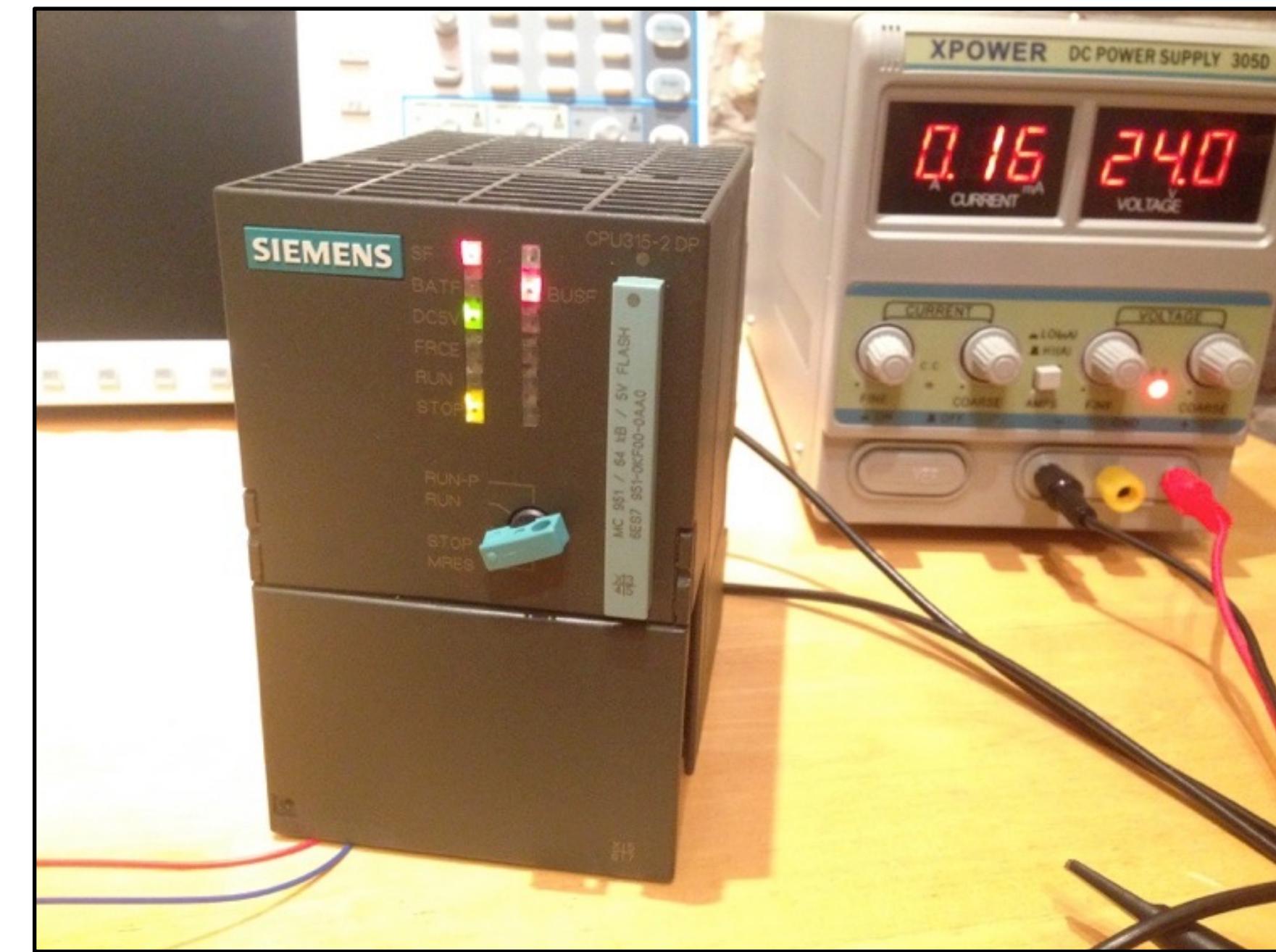
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For each bit i of secret dp
    perform “Square”
    if (bit i == 1)
        perform “Multiply”
    endif
endfor
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Crypto necessary, but not sufficient



Game King poker (2014)
Bug allows user to adjust bet
after hand played



Siemens Simatic S7-315
Target of Stuxnet
Operation Olympic Games

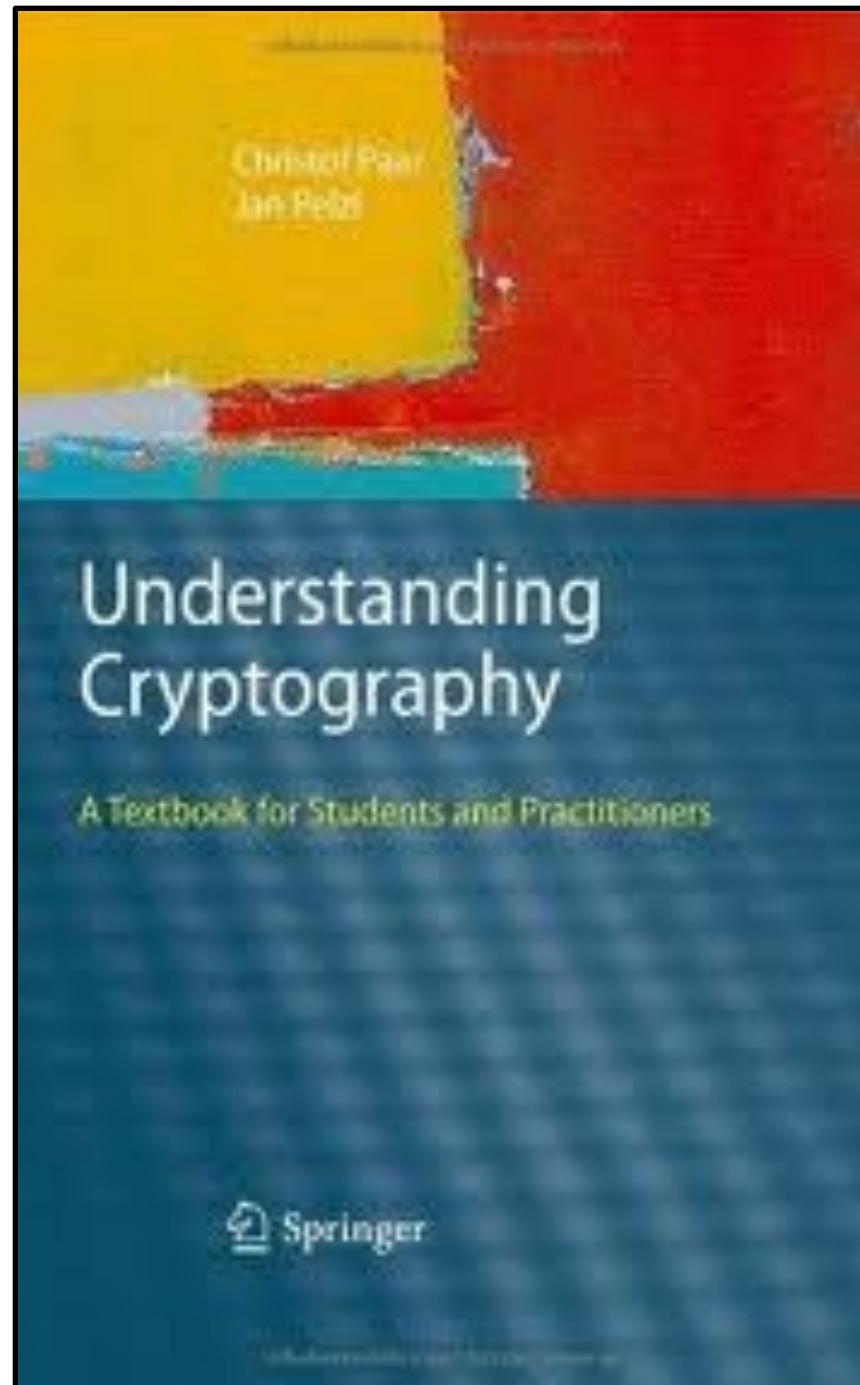
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Learn More!



Resources



Understanding Cryptography
Christof Paar and Jan Pelzl
(Springer, 2009)

Generating keys: a toy protocol

Alice wants a shared key with Bob. Eavesdropping security only.

Insecure against man-in-the-middle

As described, the protocol is insecure against **active** attacks



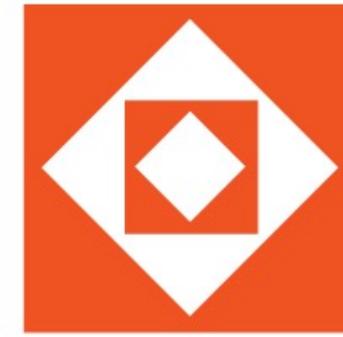
Cryptography online course
Dan Boneh, Stanford University

How to apply what you have learned



- In the first three months:
 - Identify where cryptography is used in your organization
 - Identify infrastructure required (key management, certificates)
- Within six months:
 - Know what crypto can do. Explain the different security properties.
 - Know what crypto can't do. Understand basic implementation security issues.

Questions?



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Friday March 4, 10:10am

***Our Road Ahead: Today's Tech Developments,
Tomorrow's Security Challenges***

*Fireside chat with Benjamin Jun and Hugh Thompson
Industry Experts EXP-F02*

