# RSA

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Adleman



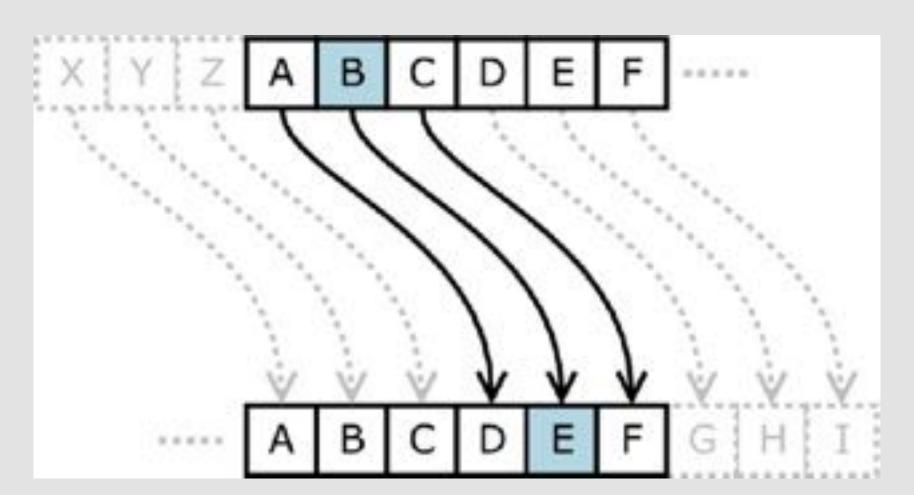
#### IDEAS BEHIND RSA

• Symmetric encryption studies permutations over blocks of size a power of two (64 or 128 bits).

• RSA looks at permutations over the set  $\{0,1,...,N-1\}$  of integers modulo N=pq where p and q are two large secret primes. This set is denoted  $\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z}$ .

#### **PERMUTATIONS**

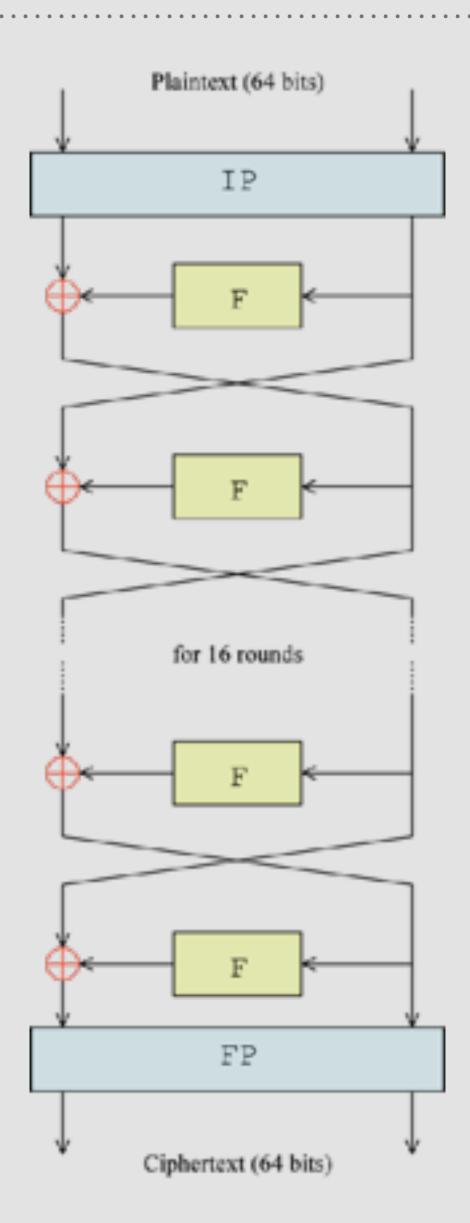
- A permutation is a function f mapping a set into itself:
  - \* f(x)=f(y) if and only if x=y
  - \* For every image y, there is x such that y=f(x).
- A permutation is invertible.
- Ex: Caesar's encryption with the alphabet {A,B,C,...,Z}



#### PERMUTATIONS AND BLOCK CIPHERS

A block cipher is a family of permutations

• Each 56-bit DES secret key defines a permutation over 64-bit numbers {0,1,2,..., 2<sup>64</sup>-1}.



# THE MATHEMATICS OF RSA

#### PRIME NUMBERS

- An integer n > 1 is prime if and only if there is no divisor d of n such that 1 < d < n.
- Ex: 2, 3, 5, 7, 11, etc.
- Th. [Euclid]: there are infinitely many prime numbers.
- But we can count the number of prime numbers up to a bound.

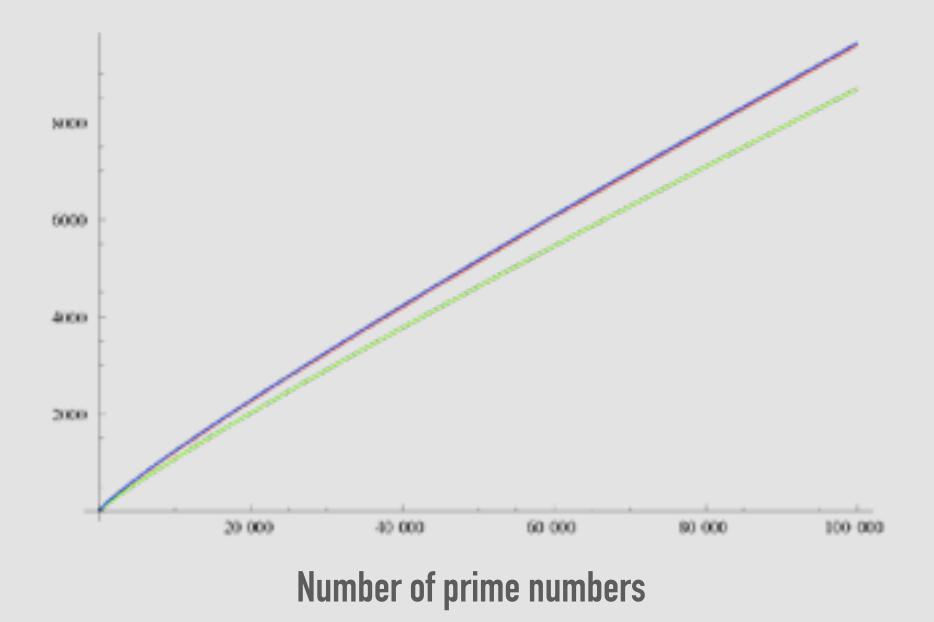
### **EXEMPLE**

➤ N=1000

- $\rightarrow$  nb = 0
- print("Les nombres premiers entre 1 et ",N," sont :")
- $\rightarrow$  for i in range(2,N):
- > premier = 1
- $\rightarrow$  for j in range(2,i):
- $\rightarrow$  if (i % j) == 0:
- > premier = 0
- ➤ nb += premier
- $\rightarrow$  if (premier > 0):
- print(i)
- print("Nombre de nombres premiers = ",nb)

#### **COUNTING PRIME NUMBERS**

- Generate large random primes by testing primality of random numbers.
- Theorem [Hadamard, de la Vallée Poussin, 1896]: The number of prime numbers between 1 and N is asymptotically  $\sim \frac{N}{\log N}$



#### PRIMALITY TESTING

- Input: a number n
- Output: is n prime or not?
- [AKS02]: There is a deterministic poly-time algorithm to decide primality testing.
- In practice, randomized poly-time algorithms are much more efficient. They can make mistakes, but the error probability can be made arbitrarily small.

#### TESTS AVEC PUISSANCE DE 2

- ➤ Si p est premier, alors  $2^{p-1}$  vaut 1 modulo p. Pourquoi ?
- ➤ Mais si p n'est pas premier, est-il possible que  $2^{p-1}$  vale aussi 1 modulo p ?
  - ➤ Entre 1 et 1000, les faux nombres premiers sont : [341, 561, 645]

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#### **KEY GENERATION: PRIMALITY TESTING**

- Theorem [AKS2002]: PRIMES can be decided in deterministic polynomial time.
  - ➤ Input: integer N
  - Output: decide if N is prime or not
- In practice, one prefers randomized polynomial-time algorithms (e.g. Miller-Rabin), based on modular exponentiations:
  - ➤ If the answer is "composite", the input number is composite.
  - ➤ Otherwise, if the input is not prime, the probability of answering "prime" is  $\leq \frac{1}{2^k}$  where k is the number of modular exponentiations.

#### SAGE: PRIMALITY TESTING

- Proved primality: is\_prime()
  - \* is\_prime(389)
    - \* True
  - \* is\_prime(2000)
    - \* False
- Probabilistic primality: is\_pseudoprime()
- Prime generation: next\_prime(n) returns the smallest ≥n.
  - \* next\_prime(n) returns the smallest ≥n.
  - \* random\_prime(n) returns a random prime < n.

### SAGE: PRIMALITY TESTING

• Experimentally, what is the growth of the running time of random\_prime()?

### PRIME MYSTERIES

- Prime numbers are the most studied object in mathematics.
- There remain many mysteries surrounding prime numbers:
  - \* It is unknown if there are infinitely many twin primes: pairs (p,q) of prime numbers such that q-p=2.
  - \* How « random » are prime numbers?

#### **COMPOSITE NUMBERS**

- Th. [Factoring]: Any number n > 1 can be decomposed as a product of prime numbers, and this decomposition is unique up to permutation.
- Ex: 15=3x5 and 70 = 2x5x7
- A random number can be factored more or less easily, but not RSA numbers of the form N=pq where p and q are two random primes of roughly the same size.
- Sage: factor(345)

#### FACTORING ALGORITHMS

- ➤ Input: Composite N
- Output: A non-trivial factor of N
- The naive algorithm costs  $\sqrt{N}$  poly-time operations.
- The best classical algorithm is the number field sieve: its heuristic run time is subexponential  $(\log N)^{1.923 \left(\frac{\log N}{\log \log N}\right)^{1/3}}$

#### Factoring record

- RSA numbers (2020): 829 bits = 250 digits using 2700 core-years on  $2.1\text{GHz} = 2^{67} \text{ clock cycles}$ .
- Special numbers (2014):  $2^{1199} 1 = 361$  digits
- A quantum computer can factor in polynomial time [Shor1994]

### COMPARISONS

- \* The X-box uses an RSA-2048 number.
- \* VIGIK uses an RSA-1024 number.
- \* A random RSA-512 number can be factored on the Amazon cloud for  $\leq$  300\$ and  $\leq$  2 days.

#### MODULAR ARITHMETIC

- Definition: Let N be an integer > 1. We write a≡b (mod N) if and only if N divides (a-b).
- The symbol  $\equiv$  behaves very much like =.
  - \* For +, any number is invertible:  $\forall a \exists b \text{ s.t. } a+b \equiv 0 \pmod{N}$ .
  - \* For x, only certain numbers are invertible: given a,  $\exists b \text{ s.t. ab} \equiv 1 \pmod{N}$  if and only if a and N are coprime (there is no integer d > 1 such that d divides both a and N, i.e. gcd(a,N)=1.
  - \* Euler's  $\varphi$  function gives the number of invertible numbers:  $\varphi(N)$  is the number of integers d coprime with N such that  $1 \le d < N$ .

#### REMARK

- If a is invertible mod N:  $\exists$ b s.t. ab  $\equiv$  1 (mod N), that is, ab=1+kN for some integer k, so ab-kN=1, which shows that a and N are coprime.
- Reciprocally, if a and N are coprime, Bézout's theorem shows that there exist integers u and v such that au+vN=1, which shows that a is invertible mod N.



Etienne Bézout(1730-1783)

#### SAGE: EULER

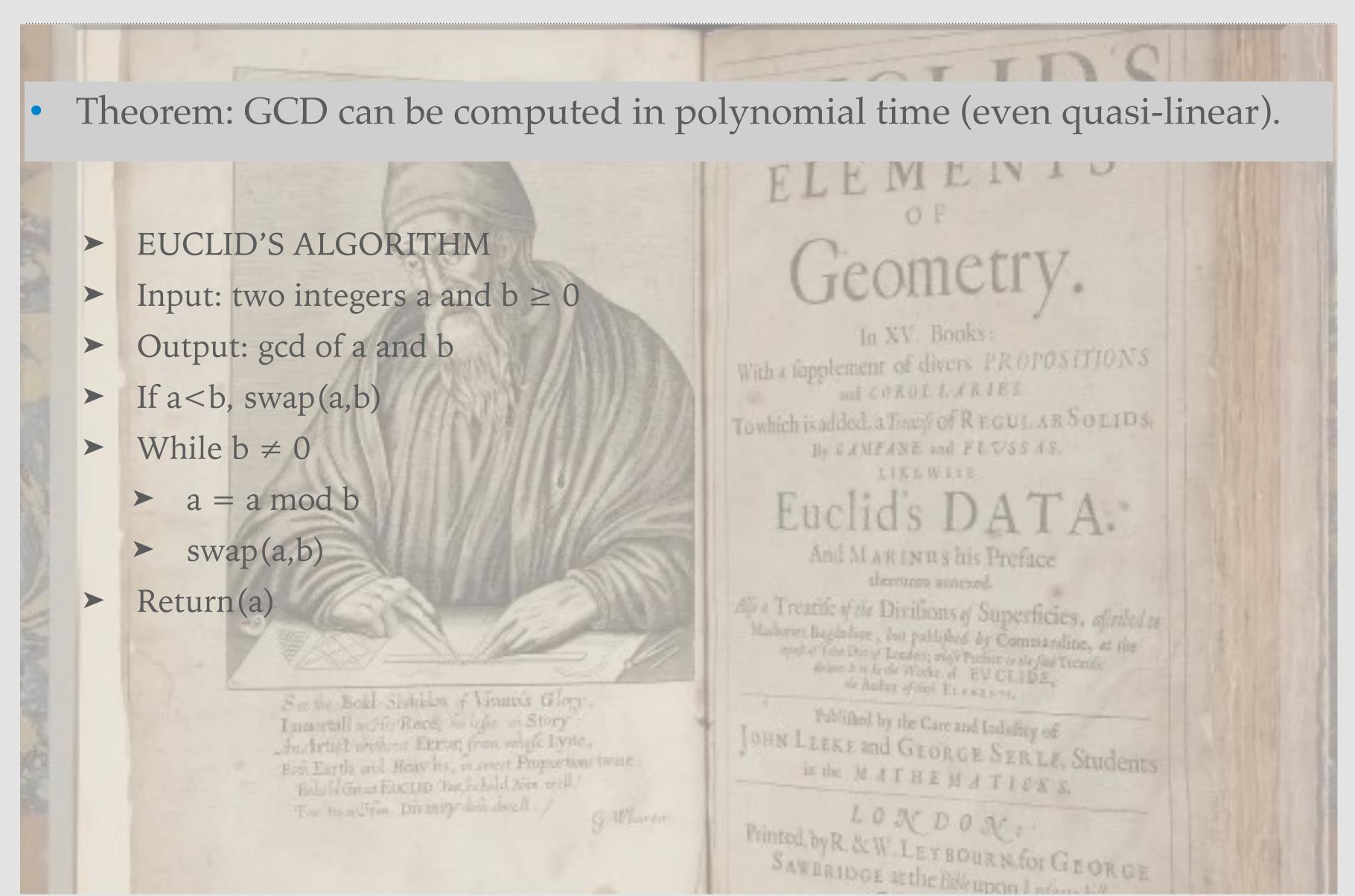
- Take n=923923
- Return the number of integers in {1,...,n-1} which are coprime with n.
- Hint: gcd(a,b) outputs the gcd of a and b.
- n=923923
- s=0
- for k in range(1,n):
- if gcd(k,n)==1:
- s+=1
- print(s)

# SAGE: EULER

• Take n=923923

- Return euler\_phi(n).
- Hint: gcd(a,b) outputs the gcd of a and b.

#### **KEY GENERATION: GCD**



# RSA KEY GENERATION

# RSA(1977)

Key generation:

- \* Select two large random primes p and q.
- + Let N=pq then  $\varphi(N)=(p-1)(q-1)$ .
- \* Select integers e and d s.t. ed $\equiv 1 \mod \varphi(N)$ .
- Secret key: the secret exponent d.
- Public key: the public exponent e and N.

#### CLASSICAL EXPONENT GENERATION

- Choose a random number d coprime with  $\varphi(N)$  such that  $1 < d < \varphi(N)$ .
- Let e be the inverse of d modulo  $\varphi(N)$ : ed =1 (mod  $\varphi(N)$ ).
  - + (e,N) is the public key.
  - \* d is the private key.

#### SMALL EXPONENT RSA

- A popular key generation selects instead a small e such as e=3 or e=65537: check your certificates in your browser.
  - \* Choose two large random prime numbers p and q of the same bit-length until e is coprime with  $\varphi(N)=(p-1)(q-1)$ .
  - + It selects d as the inverse of e modulo  $\phi(N)$ : ed =1  $(\text{mod }\phi(N))$ .

# REAL-WORLD STATISTICS

Table 1. Most frequently occurring RSA public exponents.

| X.509 |         | PGP           |         | Combined |         |
|-------|---------|---------------|---------|----------|---------|
| e     | %       | e             | %       | e        | %       |
| 65537 | 98.4921 | 65537         | 48.8501 | 65537    | 95.4933 |
| 17    | 0.7633  | 17            | 39.5027 | 17       | 3.1035  |
| 3     | 0.3772  | 41            | 7.5727  | 41       | 0.4574  |
| 35    | 0.1410  | 19            | 2.4774  | 3        | 0.3578  |
| 5     | 0.1176  | 257           | 0.3872  | 19       | 0.1506  |
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#### INVERSE MOD N

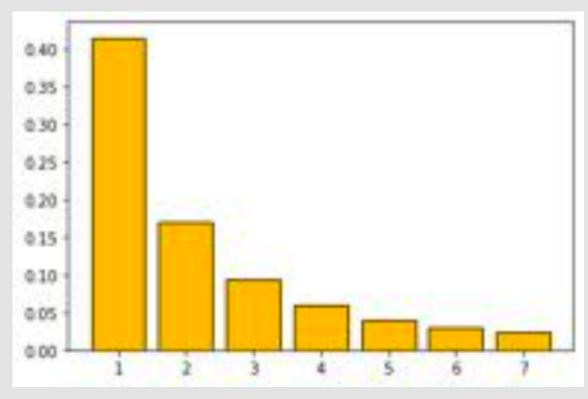
- The multiplicative inverse can be found efficiently by Euclid's extended algorithm.
  - \* Euclid's algorithm computes the gcd of two numbers a and N.
  - \* Euclid's extended algorithm computes two integers (x,y) such that ax+Ny=gcd(a,N).
- Sage: 1/Mod(a,N) returns the inverse of a mod N, if it exists.

### EXAMPLE

- print(1/Mod(3,31))
- print(Mod(3,31)\*21)
- print(Mod(3,31)\*Mod(21,31))
- print((3\*21) % 31)

#### KEY GENERATION: MODULAR INVERSION

- Theorem: a modular inverse can be computed in polynomial time.
  - ➤ EUCLID'S EXTENDED ALGORITHM
  - ➤ Input: two integers a and  $b \ge 0$
  - ightharpoonup Output: s and t such that as+bt = gcd(a,b)
  - $\rightarrow$  (old\_r, r) := (a, b)
  - $\rightarrow$  (old\_s, s) := (1, 0)
  - $\rightarrow$  (old\_t, t) := (0, 1)
  - $\rightarrow$  While  $r \neq 0$  do
    - quotient := old\_r div r
    - $\rightarrow$  (old\_r, r) := (r, old\_r quotient  $\times$  r)
    - $\rightarrow$  (old\_s, s) := (s, old\_s quotient  $\times$  s)
    - ightharpoonup (old\_t, t) := (t, old\_t quotient  $\times$  t)
  - Return(old\_s,old\_t)



**Distribution of the quotients** 

#### SAGE

- $p = random_prime(2^32)$
- print("p = ",p)
- $q = random_prime(2^32)$
- print("q = ",q)
- $\cdot N = p * q$
- phi = (p 1)\*(q 1)
- print("N = ",N)
- print("phi(N) = ",phi)

- \* e = ZZ.random\_element(phi)
- \* while gcd(e, phi) != 1:
- print(e," pas premier avec ",phi)
- \* e = ZZ.random\_element(phi)
- \* print("public exponent e = ",e)

#### **EXECUTION**

```
3417738307
    1257596279
    4298134977478959653
phi(N) = 4298134972803625068
2982437488721560582
                     pas premier avec 4298134972803625068
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                     pas premier avec
public exponent e =
                     1046549980555063013
secret exponent d = 1210684402134783929
d*e mod phi = 1
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#### SAGE

- d = ZZ(1/Mod(e,phi))
- print("secret exponent d = « ,d)
- print("d\*e mod phi = ",mod(d \* e, phi))
- print("clef publique = ",N,e,"; clef secrete = ",d)

#### QUESTIONS

- If you know N=pq and  $\varphi(N)=(p-1)(q-1)$ , can you recover p and q efficiently?
- For Small Exponent RSA we chose the public exponent e to be small, can we instead choose the secret exponent d to be small?

#### SMALL SECRET ATTACKS



Michael J. Wiener

- Theorem [Wiener1989]: If  $q and <math>1 \le d \le N^{1/4}/3$ , one can recover p and q in polynomial time from (N,e).
- [BonehDurfee1999]: There is a heuristic (lattice) attack recovering p and q in polynomial time from (N,e) if d≤N<sup>0.292...</sup>



Dan Boneh



Glenn Durfee

## KEY RECOVERY

- Th: given (N,e,d), one can recover p and q efficiently.
- Finding the RSA secret key is as hard as factoring N.
- Yet, breaking RSA might be easier than factoring.

## KEYSIZE

• Typically, N is 2048-bit, so p and q are 1024-bit.

# ENCRYPTION

## EXPONENTATION AND PERMUTATION

• **Theorem**: Let e be an integer > 0, and N=pq be an RSA modulus. The function  $m \mapsto m^e \mod N$  is a permutation of  $\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z}$  if and only if e is coprime with  $\phi(N)=(p-1)(q-1)$ . In such a case, its inverse permutation is  $c \mapsto c^d \mod N$  where d is any integer such that  $ed \equiv 1 \mod \phi(N)$ .

## WHY?

- Fermat's little theorem: if p is prime then mp≡m (mod p) for any integer m.
- Chinese remainders theorem: if  $p\neq q$ , then  $a\equiv b\pmod{pq}$  if and only if  $a\equiv b\pmod{p}$  and  $a\equiv b\pmod{q}$ .

## ENCRYPTION/DECRYPTION

- The message space is **Z**/N**Z**.
- A message  $m \in \mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z}$  is encrypted as  $c=m^e$  (mod N).
- The ciphertext c is decrypted as  $\mathbf{m} = c^d \pmod{N}$ .

#### THE RSA THEOREM (1978)

- N=pq product of two large random primes.
- Theorem: Let e > 0. The map  $m \mapsto m^e$  is a permutation of  $\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z}$  if and only if e is coprime with  $\phi(N)=(p-1)(q-1)$ . In such a case, its inverse permutation is  $c \mapsto c^d$  where d is any integer such that  $ed \equiv 1 \mod \phi(N)$ .

- $ed\equiv 1 \pmod{\phi(N)}$  where  $\phi(N)=(p-1)(q-1)$
- ➤ e is the public exponent.

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## SAGE

- m = randrange(N)
- print("message m = ",m)
- $c = power\_mod(m, e, N)$
- print("ciphertext  $c = m^e \mod N = ",c$ )
- $print("decryption(c) = c^d \mod N = ",power_mod(c,d,N))$

## **EXECUTION**

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p = 293499559
q = 2889278867
N = 848002073292519653
phi(N) = 848002070109741228
public exponent e = 610064010304828637
secret exponent d = 839899126964201069
d*e mod phi = 1
clef publique = 848002073292519653 610064010304828637 ; clef secrete = 839899126964201069
msg m = 258780777538061729
ciphertext c = m^e mod N = 262764416509344761
decryption(c) = c^d mod N = 258780777538061729
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## MODULAR EXPONENTIATION

• RSA encryption / decryption require an efficient exponentiation: there are classical algorithms.

• The main idea is:

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* m^e = (m^{e/2})^2 if e is even
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$$m^e = m \times (m^{e-1})$$
 if e is odd

• This suggests to look at the binary decomposition of the exponent.

#### MODULAR EXPONENTIATION

- Encryption and decryption requires an efficient modular exponentiation.
- Lemma: me can be computed in 2log<sub>2</sub>(e) modular multiplications.
- > SQUARE-AND-MULTIPLY
- Input: m, N and  $e=e_ke_{k-1}...e_0$  (in base 2)
- ➤ Output: me (mod N)
- $\rightarrow$  c = 1
- $\rightarrow$  for i = k downto 0
  - ightharpoonup c = c<sup>2</sup> (mod N)
  - $\rightarrow$  if  $e_i = 1$ 
    - ightharpoonup c = c x m (mod N)
- ➤ Return(c)

- $\rightarrow$  m<sup>e</sup> = (m<sup>e/2</sup>)<sup>2</sup> if e is even
- $\rightarrow$  m<sup>e</sup> = m x (m<sup>e-1</sup>) if e is odd

#### **INTEGER ARITHMETIC**

- How much cost a multiplication of two n-bit numbers?
  - $\triangleright$  Naïve:  $n^2$  bit-operations
  - $\succ$  Karatsuba:  $n^{\log_2 3} = n^{1.584...}$
  - $\rightarrow$  Toom-Cook:  $n^{1.46...}$
  - ightharpoonup Schönhage-Strassen:  $n(\log n)\log\log n...$

### THE COST OF RSA (WITHOUT FFT)

|                                | Bit-complexity       |  |  |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|--|--|
| Key generation                 | (log N) <sup>4</sup> |  |  |
| Encryption with short exponent | (log N) <sup>2</sup> |  |  |
| Decryption                     | (log N) <sup>3</sup> |  |  |

• Exercise: Show that decryption can be sped up with the Chinese Remaindering Theorem.

# SECURITY OF RSA

## SECURITY OF RSA ENCRYPTION

- •Breaking RSA encryption may be easier than factoring. In fact, this basic RSA encryption is insecure:
  - \* it is deterministic
  - \* if the message is too short, it can be recovered: this is because extracting e-th roots is only hard on the average, not in every case.
- Real-life RSA transforms the message before encryption, and similarly for decryption.

#### SECURITY OF RSA

- Knowing  $\varphi(N)=(p-1)(q-1)$  is equivalent to factoring N=pq.
- Knowing the secret key d is equivalent to factoring N=pq.

➤ Does it mean that breaking RSA is as hard as factoring?

## SHORT-MESSAGE ATTACK

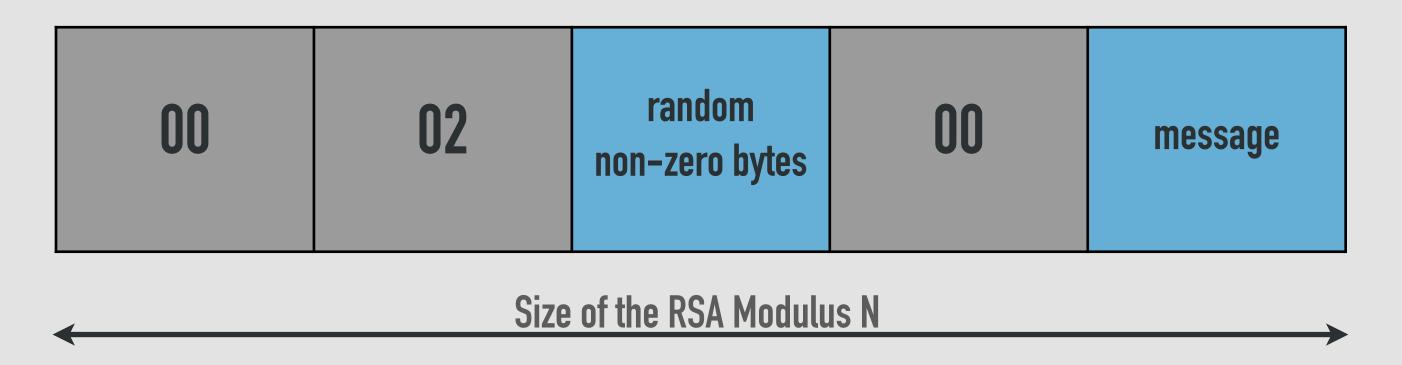
• Assume that e=3, N is 2048-bit, and that we encrypt a 128-bit AES key m.

- $*c=m^e \pmod{N}$ .
- \* What is the problem?

## RANDOMIZING RSA

- •To prevent various attacks, one preprocesses the message to make it more random, before RSA-encrypting it with the eth power.
- After decryption with the d-th power, the preprocessing must be inverted to recover the message.
- But the preprocessing must be chosen wisely.

#### RSA ENCRYPTION IN SSL V3.0

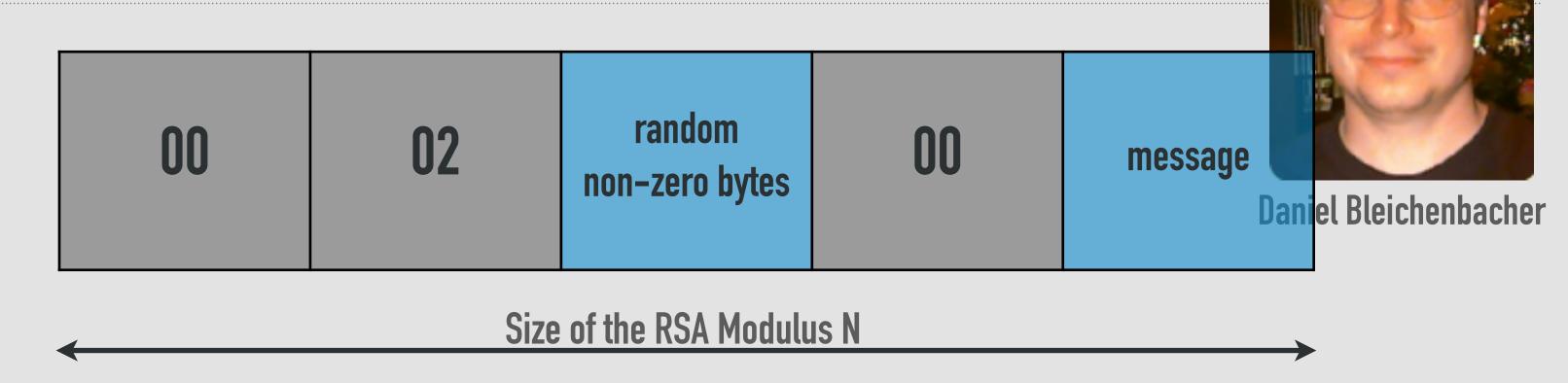


• The server checked if decrypted messages had this shape: if not, an error message was sent.



• Thus, one could know if the decryption of a ciphertext started with 00 02.

#### BLEICHENBACHER'S ATTACK (1998)



- Given a public key (N,e) and a ciphertext  $c=m^e$  (mod N).
  - ightharpoonup Choose a random r mod N and let  $c' = c r^e \pmod{N}$ .
  - ➤ Ask the server if c' is a valid ciphertext.
    - ➤ If no, pick another r...
    - ➤ If yes, we know that  $c'^{d}=mr \pmod{N}$  starts with 00 02.
  - Repeat until enough r's have been collected: recover m using a special algorithm.

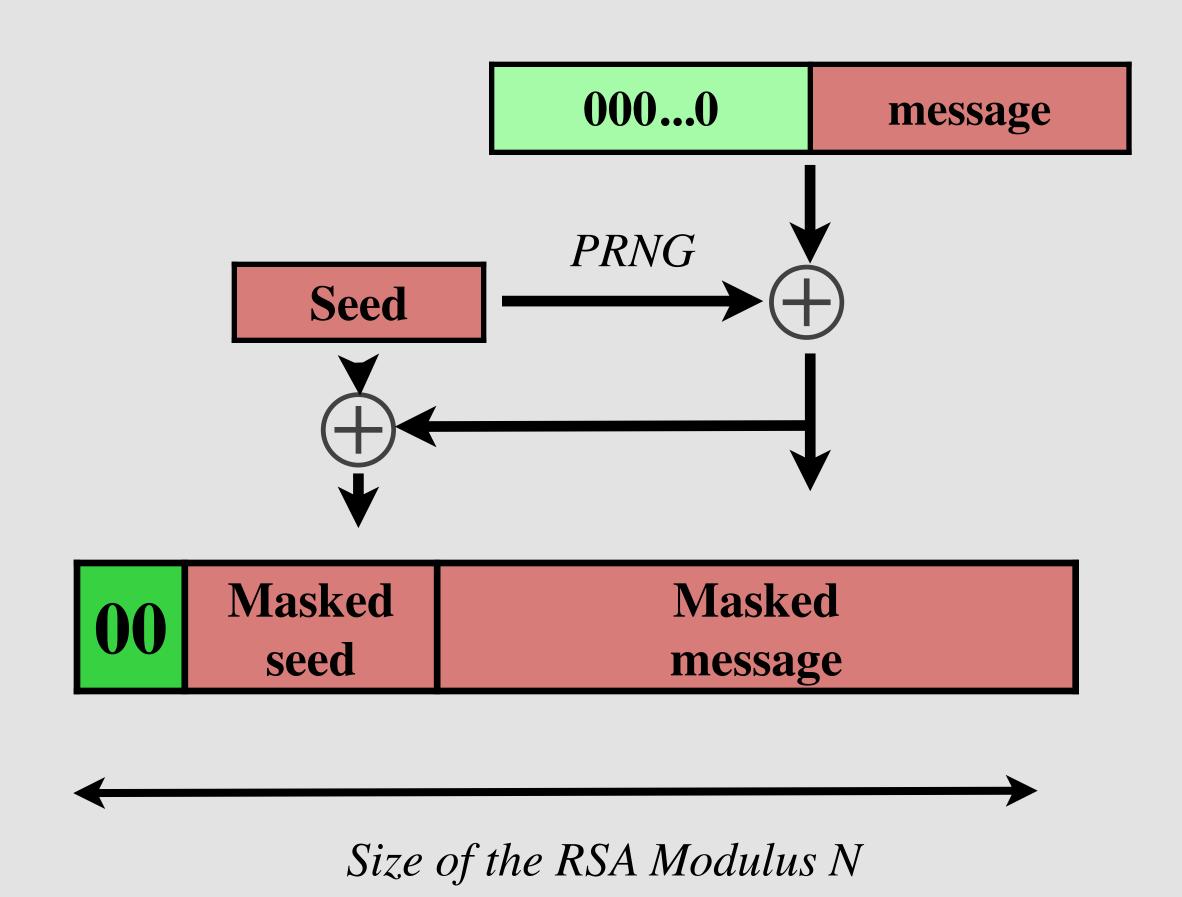
#### THE ORIGINAL ATTACK

- Recall that  $c=m^e \pmod{N}$ .
- We chose random integers r<sub>i</sub> s.t. (mr<sub>i</sub>) mod N starts with 00 02.
- Instead, choose the r<sub>i</sub>'s adaptively
- Let  $r_1$  be the smallest successful integer s.t.  $r_1 \ge \frac{N}{00||02||FF...FF}$
- ► Let  $r_2$  be the smallest successful integer s.t.  $r_2 > r_1$
- ➤ We narrow **m** to an intersection of intervals: see TD.
- ➤ The whole attack requires about a million oracle queries.
- In some sense, the attack is not surprising: bit-security of RSA (1996).

#### WHY?

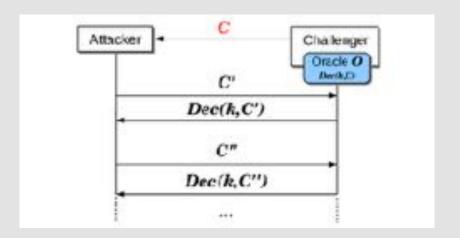
- This RSA-PKCS encryption did not satisfy the strongest security property: chosen-ciphertext security.
- Another way to say it is that it is dangerous not to have authenticated encryption. Here, anyone could submit ciphertexts to the server, including adversaries.

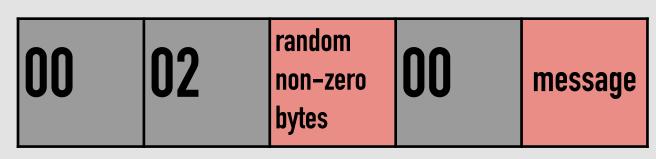
## RSA-OAEP ENCRYPTION (PKCS V2.1)



#### SIDE-CHANNEL ATTACKS

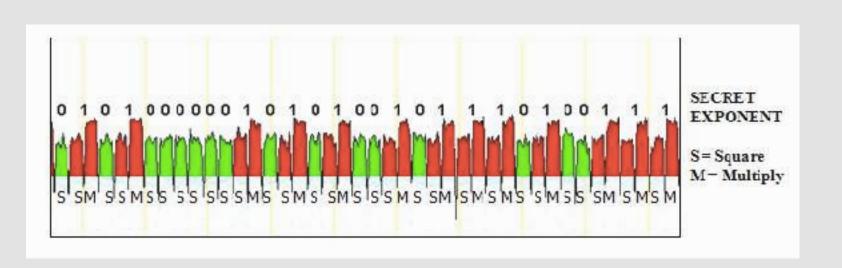
• Bleichenbacher's chosen-ciphertext attack on SSL's RSA (1998)





Size of the RSA Modulus N

- Timing and Power Attacks
  - > Square-and-multiply depends on binary decomposition of the exponent.
    - ➤ Input: m, N and  $e=e_ke_{k-1}...e_0$  (in base 2)
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# SIGNATURE

## REMEMBER RSA (1977)

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- Public key: the public exponent e and N.

## RSA SIGNATURE (1977)

- The message space is **Z**/N**Z**.
- A message  $m \in \mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z}$  is signed as  $s = m^d \pmod{N}$ .
- The signature s is verified by checking that  $m = s^e \pmod{N}$ .

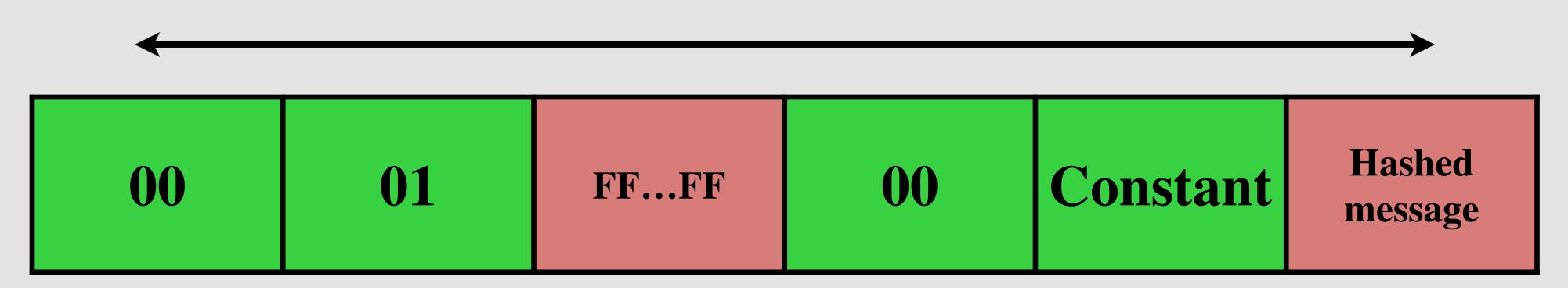
## HASHING MESSAGES

- This basic version of RSA signatures is insecure: like for encryption, one needs to preprocess the messages before signing, using hash functions.
- This can be formalized using « provable security ».

### FORMER PKCS STANDARD

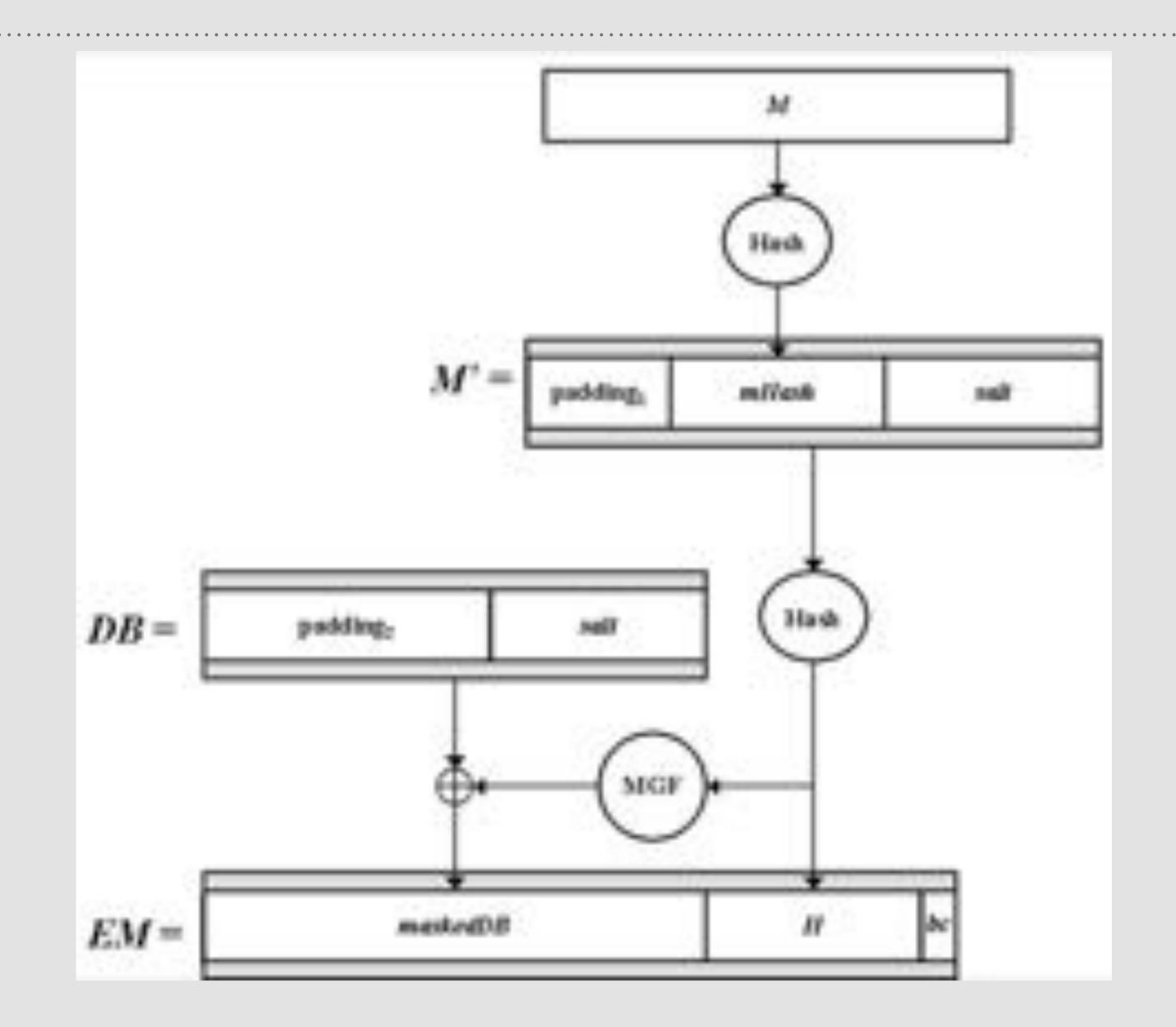
• The PKCS standard used to preprocess messages as follows:

Size of the RSA Modulus N



• In 2006, Bleichenbacher noticed that several implementations did not fully check the shape, which allows to forge « valid » RSA signatures without knowing the secret key.

## RSA-PSS STANDARD



# IMPLEMENTATION: THE ZERO ATTACK

## WII

• The first generation of Wii had a bug for RSA signature verification.

• The zero-signature attack allows to generate accepted signatures for "almost" every message.



## WII'S RSA SIGNATURES

- The Wii uses RSA signatures to check the authenticity of DVD games.
- Each game m comes with a signature s, such that, in a simplified way:
  - \*  $SHA-1(m) \equiv s^e \pmod{N}$ .



## WII'S RSA SIGNATURES

- But to check the validity of a signature, old Wiis performed the following:
  - \* Compute  $t = s^e \mod N$ .
  - \* strcmp(t,SHA-1(m),up to 20 bytes)
  - \* If equal, then accept signature.
  - \* Otherwise, reject.



## **PROBLEM**

- \* strcmp is a string comparison:
  - \* it compares byte by byte until they are different, or we have reached the end of the strings, which is checked by the null character or by the size limit (20 bytes here).



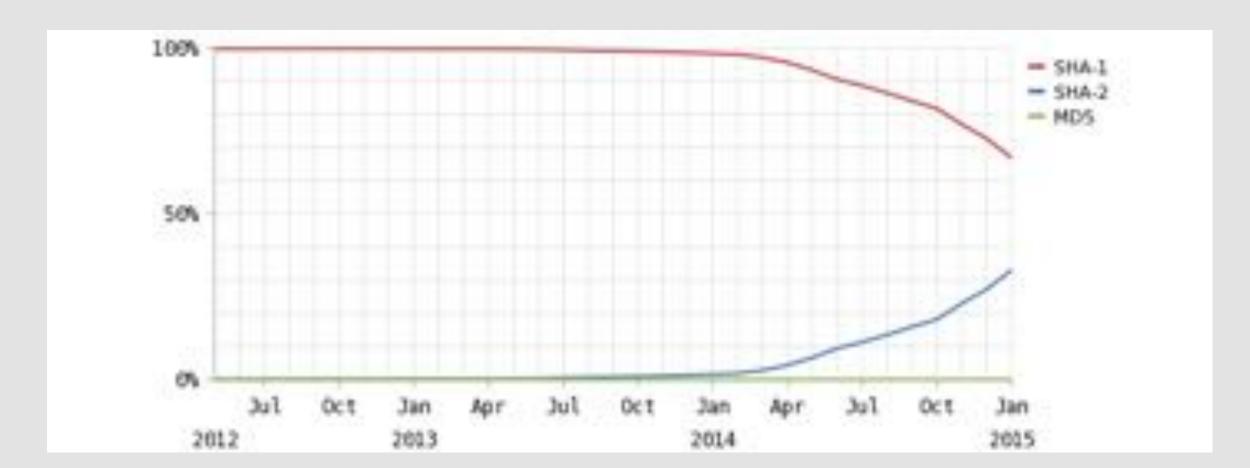
## BREAKING WII'S SIGNATURE

- For any message m, it is now easy to change a few bytes in m (at any position), to get a game m' such that the zero signature s=0 is a valid signature of m'.
  - \* Make sure that SHA-1(m') starts with the 00 byte.
  - \* Then  $SHA-1(m) == (s^e \mod N)$  as byte-strings because both are null strings!



### RSA DEPLOYMENT

- The main use of signatures is certificates: a certificate allows to check the authenticity of a public key, either for encryption or signature.
- In Nov. 2015, 90% of Internet certificates used RSA signatures, and the size of the RSA modulus was 2048-bit.
- The dominant hash function for Internet certificates is now SHA-2:



## RSA CERTIFICATES

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## RSA KEYSIZES

• The current RSA factorization record is RSA-829.

• Some experts have estimated the security level of RSA keys, compared to symmetric keys:

| Symmetric Key-length             | 56 bits  | 64 bits  | 80 bits   | 128 bits  |
|----------------------------------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| Bit-length of the RSA<br>modulus | 512 bits | 768 bits | 1536 bits | 6000 bits |

• If we really wanted 128-bit security for RSA, we should use much bigger modulus 6000-bit than 2048-bit, the most common RSA keysize..

## KEY GENERATION ISSUES

#### BAD RSA MODULUS

- 2022: Some Canon and Fujitsu Xerox printers used N=pq s.t. p-q is small.
  - ➤ Can be factored with Fermat's method.

- 2017: Infineon produced moduli N=pq s.t. p and q are powers of 65537 modulo the first 100 primes.
- Can be factored with lattice reduction techniques.





• 2012: 0.5% of TLS and 0.03% of SSH RSA keys can be factored due to shared primes.

## RSA RANDOMNESS

- In 2012, two teams scanned 10 million RSA public keys on the Internet and found out severe randomness problems: they found pairs of RSA modulus  $(N_1, N_2)$  such that  $gcd(N_1, N_2)$  is non-trivial:
  - \*  $N_1=pq_1$  and  $N_2=pq_2$  and  $gcd(N_1,N_2)=p$
  - \* This would never have happened with correct randomness.
- In Nov. 2015, RSA secret keys were retrieved for 0.50% of TLS hosts and 0.03% of SSH hosts.
- Similarly, about 200 RSA secret keys were retrieved from Taiwan's national « Citizen Digital Certificate » database: 2 million 1024-bit RSA keys generated by certified smart cards.ic key, either for encryption or signature.

## RSA RANDOMNESS

- Given k RSA modulus  $N_1, ..., N_k$ , identify the shared prime numbers.  $N_1$ =pq1 and  $N_2$ =pq2 and gcd( $N_1, N_2$ )=p
  - \* The naive solution is to perform roughly  $k^2$  gcd calculations by considering all pairs  $(N_i, N_j)$ .
  - \* There is a more efficient quasi-linear algorithm: both teams used it. For 11 million RSA modulus, it only took 5 hours on a single core.

#### ANOTHER REAL-WORLD ATTACK

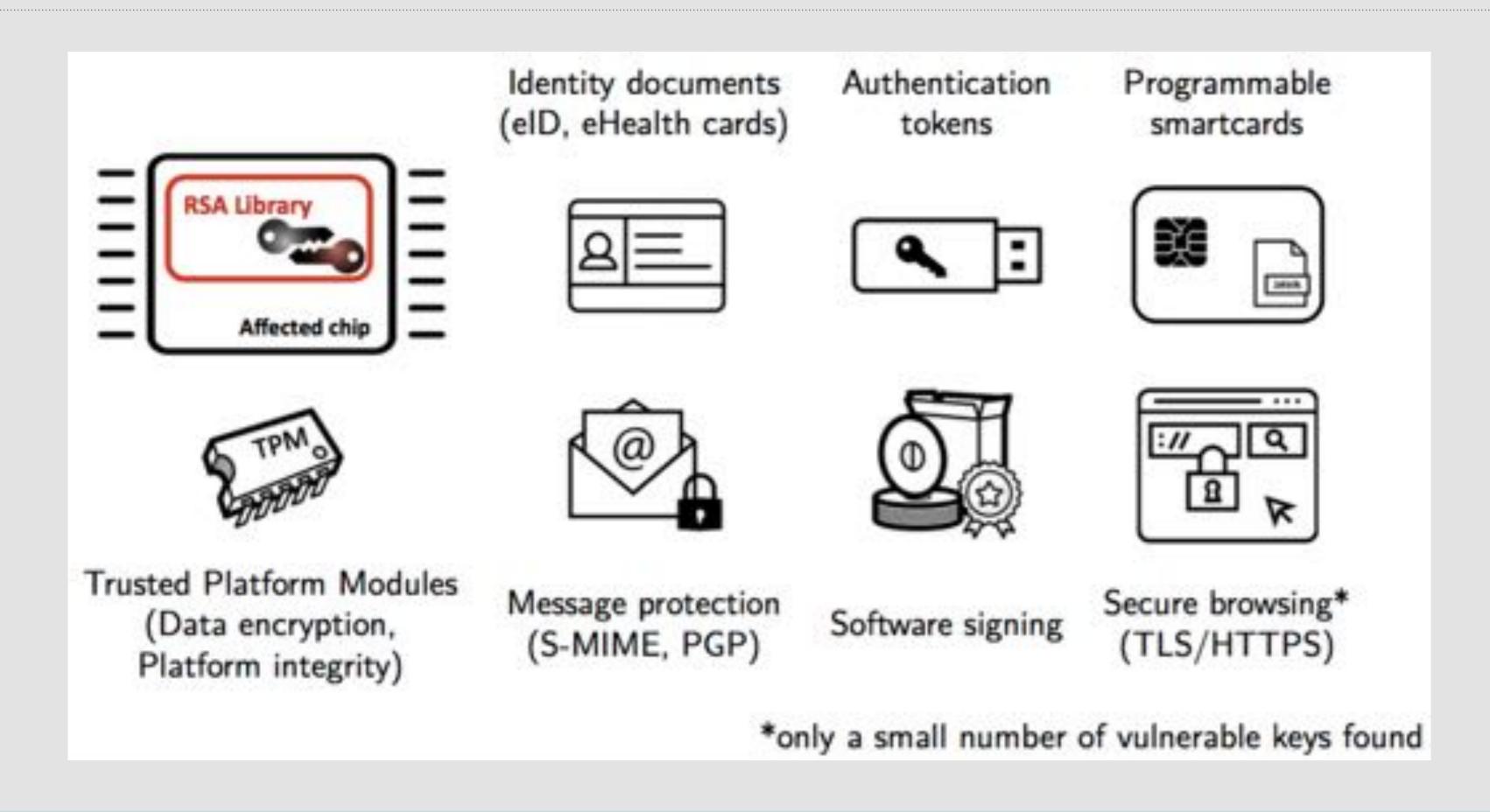
Attack on Infineon RSA keys.





- See ACM CCS '17: <a href="https://github.com/crocs-muni/roca">https://github.com/crocs-muni/roca</a>
- The Return of Coppersmith's Attack: Practical Factorization of Widely Used RSA Moduli by Matus Nemec, Marek Sys, Petr Svenda, Dusan Klinec, Vashek Matyas (Masaryk University).

#### **IMPACT**



Ex: Estonia's 750,000 ID cards.

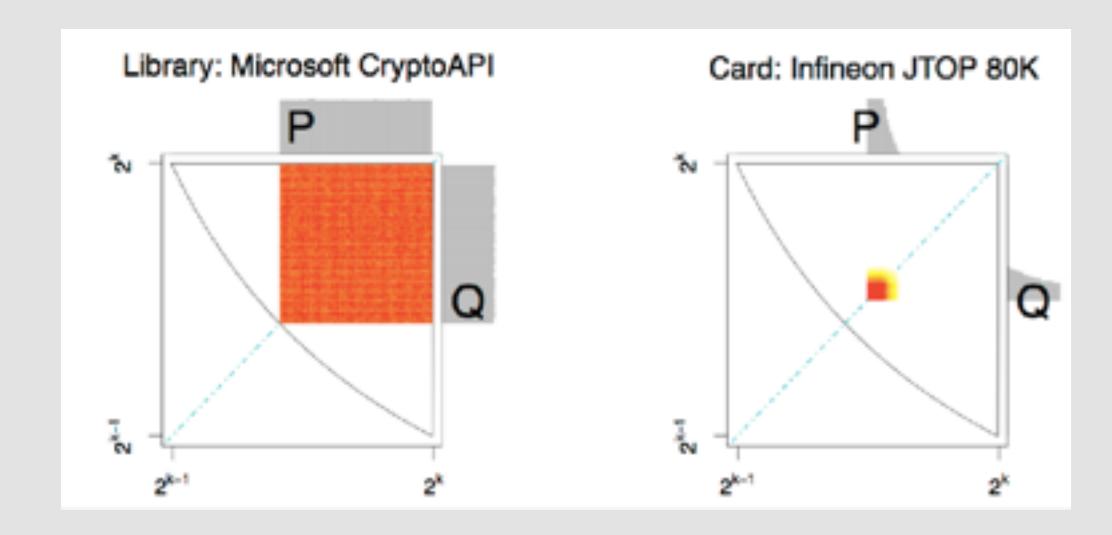
#### **IDENTIFYING RSA KEYS**

• Svenda et al. analyzed 60 millions fresh keys produced by 22 libraries and 16 smartcards from 6 manufacturers.

• Most distributions of N=pq and/or p were different and could be identified!

#### WHY?

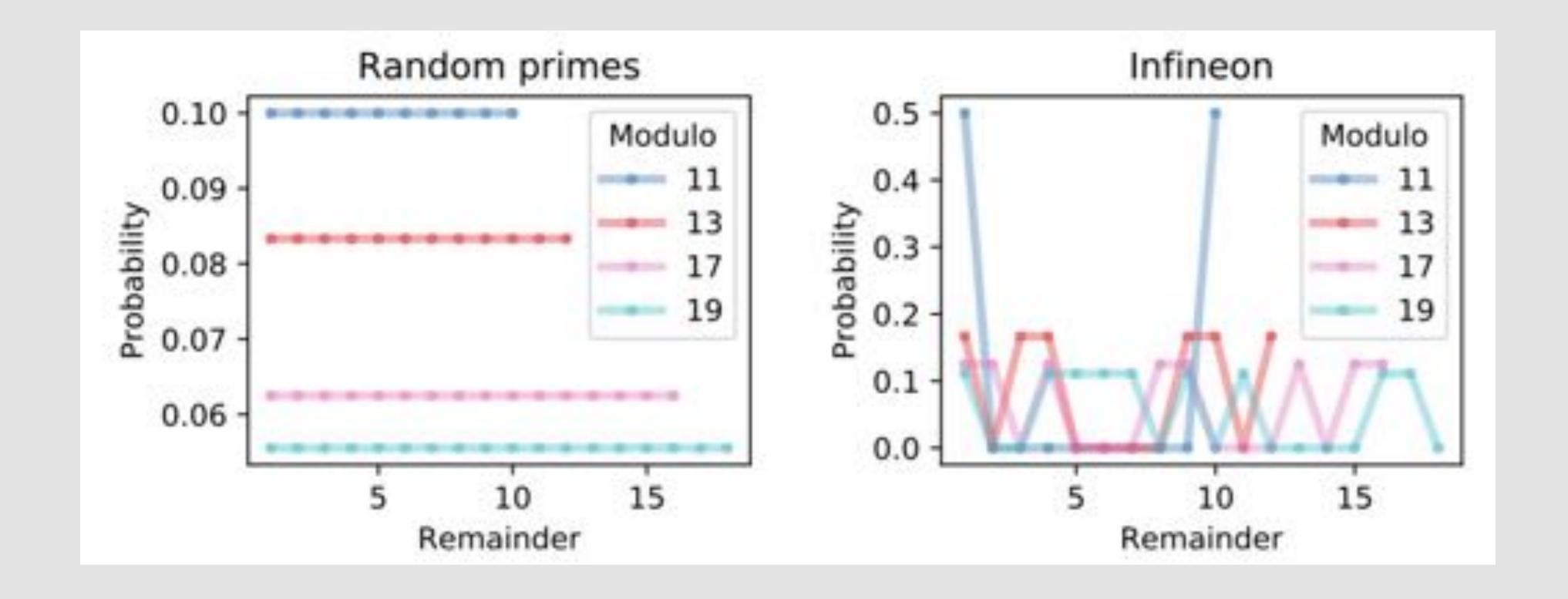
- If p and q are random primes, then (p-1)(q-1) may not be coprime with e, and N=pq will not have a fixed bit-length.
- Each manufacturer/library typically has their own distribution.



#### **EX: INFINEON**



• Infineon primes are « not random »



#### WHAT IS GOING ON?

• If  $p_i$  is a small prime then p mod  $p_i$  is not uniform over  $\{1, ..., p_i-1\}$ .

• It seems to be uniform over some small subgroup of  $(\mathbf{Z}/p_i\mathbf{Z})^*$ .

#### WHY?

- Typically, one generates primes as:
  - > Repeat
    - ➤ Generate a large random number p
  - ➤ Until p is prime
- In practice, primality testing is a few modular exponentiations.
   One can increase the probability by making p not divisible by all small p<sub>i</sub>.

#### **GENERATION**



- The subgroup of  $(\mathbf{Z}/p_i\mathbf{Z})^*$  is the one generated by 65537.
- p and q are of the form:
  - ➤ p=kM+(65537a mod M), where M is the product of the first n primes: 2x3x5x...
  - > n depends on the size of N.

• Hence, N mod M is a power of 65537, which can easily be checked.

### VALUES OF M

• M is the product of the first n primes.

| Bit-length(N) | Number of primes |  |  |
|---------------|------------------|--|--|
| 512-960       | 39               |  |  |
| 992–1952      | 71               |  |  |
| 1984-3936     | 126              |  |  |
| 3968-4096     | 225              |  |  |

#### **BREAKING INFINEON-RSA**



- $p=kM+(65537a \mod M)$
- If one can guess the exponent a, then p mod M is known.
- From Coppersmith's 1996 work: if M≥N<sup>0.25</sup>, lattice attacks recover p in poly-time from N.

| N                       | 512-bit | 1024-bit | 2048-bit | 3072-bit | 4096-bit |
|-------------------------|---------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| $(\log_2 M)/(\log_2 N)$ | 0.43    | 0.46     | 0.47     | 0.32     | 0.48     |

#### THE TRICK

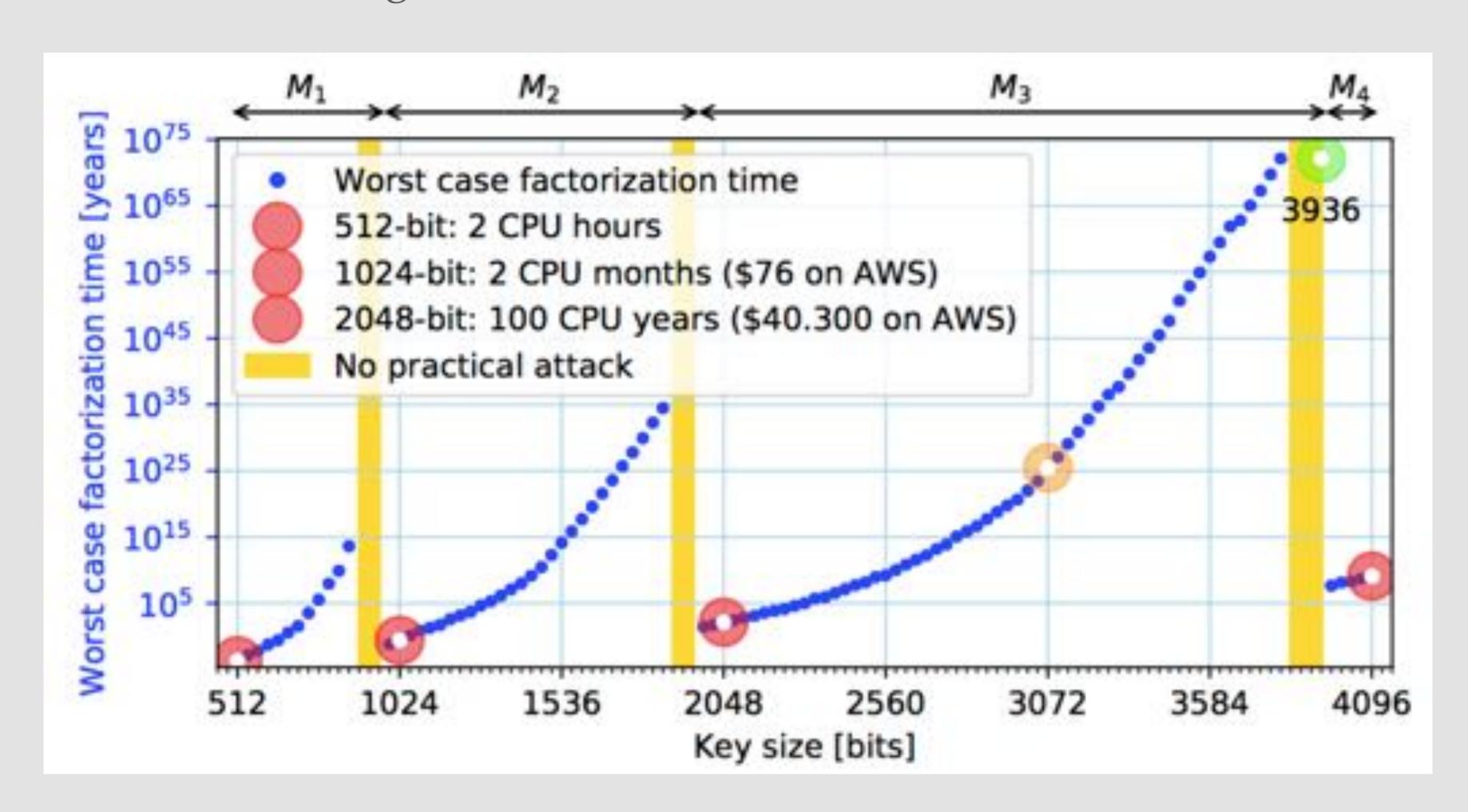
• Guessing a depends on the order of 65537 in  $(\mathbf{Z}/M\mathbf{Z})^*$ , which might be as big as  $M \ge N^{0.4}$ : exhaustive search too expensive!

• However, no need to take M: take any divisor M' of M s.t.  $M' \ge N^{1/4}$  and the order of 65537 in  $(\mathbf{Z}/M'\mathbf{Z})^*$  is small.

• Ex: 20-bit order for 512-bit N, 30-bit order for 1024-bit.

#### **IMPLEMENTATION**

Non-increasing



## CONCLUSION ON RSA

- RSA is the most famous public-key cryptosystem, and still the most widespread.
- But it is not the most efficient one and perhaps not the most secure one.
- There are several alternatives.

# BEYOND RSA

#### 1999: PAILLIER'S ENCRYPTION

- Key generation
  - ➤ Public key: N=pq like in RSA.
  - ➤ Secret key: d s.t. Nd=1 (mod  $\phi(N)$ ) where  $\phi(N)=(p-1)(q-1)$
- The message space is **Z/NZ**

Pascal Paillier

- To encrypt a message  $m \in \{0,1,...,N-1\}$ :
  - ➤ Pick a random  $r \in \{0,1,...,N-1\}$
  - ightharpoonup Output c= $(1+mN)r^N \pmod{N^2}$
- To decrypt c:
  - ightharpoonup Compute  $\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{c^d} \pmod{N}$
  - ightharpoonup Compute  $a=c(\mathbf{r}^N)^{-1} \pmod{N^2}$
  - ightharpoonup Compute m=(a-1)/N

#### 1999: PAILLIER'S HOMOMORPHIC ENCRYPTION

- The message space is  $\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z}$ .
- To encrypt a message  $m \in \{0,1,...,N-1\}$ :
  - ➤ Pick a random  $\mathbf{r} \in \{0,1,...,N-1\}$
  - ightharpoonup Output c= $(1+mN)r^N \pmod{N^2}$
- To decrypt c:
  - ightharpoonup Compute  $\mathbf{r} = c^{\mathbf{d}} \pmod{N}$
  - ightharpoonup Compute  $a=c(\mathbf{r}^N)^{-1} \pmod{N^2}$
  - ightharpoonup Compute m = (a-1)/N
- Theorem (Paillier):  $E(m_1, r_1) \times E(m_2, r_2) \equiv E(m_1 + m_2 \mod N, r_1 r_2 \mod N) \mod N^2$

#### APPLICATION: ELECTRONIC VOTING

