

- Hash Diffie-Hellman Assumption

G: finite cyclic group of order  $n$ , H:  $G^2 \rightarrow K$  a hash function

**Def:** Hash-DH (HDH) assumption holds for  $(G, H)$  if:

$$\left( \underline{g}, \underline{g^a}, \underline{g^b}, \underline{H(g^b, g^{ab})} \right) \approx_p \left( \underline{g}, \underline{g^a}, \underline{g^b}, \underline{R} \right)$$

where  $\underline{g} \leftarrow \{\text{generators of } G\}$ ,  $\underline{a}, \underline{b} \leftarrow Z_n$ ,  $\underline{R} \leftarrow K$

*COH is easy  $G \Rightarrow$  HDH is easy in  $(G, H) \forall H, |K(H)| \geq 2$*

- HDH is a stronger assumption
- Example

Suppose  $K = \{0,1\}^{128}$  and

H:  $G^2 \rightarrow K$  only outputs strings in  $K$  that begin with 0  
( i.e. for all  $x, y$ :  $\text{msb}(H(x, y)) = 0$  )

Can Hash-DH hold for  $(G, H)$  ?

- ☐ Yes, for some groups  $G$
- $\Rightarrow$  ☒ No, Hash-DH is easy to break in this case
- ☐ Yes, Hash-DH is always true for such  $H$

- $H$  acts as an extractor: strange distribution on  $g$  squared  $\Rightarrow$  uniform on  $K$
- very easy to distinguish the distributions
- msb of the right will be 0 with probability 1/2
- msb of the left will be 0 always
- ElGamal is semantically secure under Hash-DH

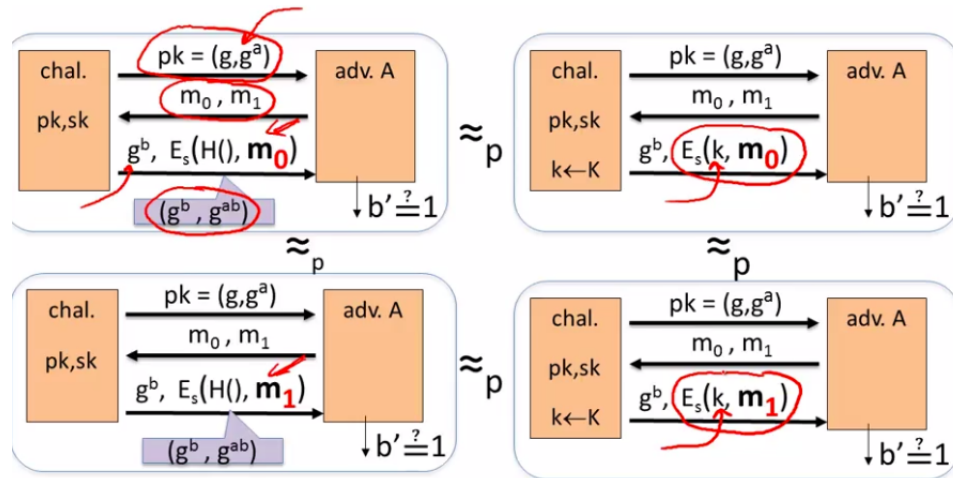
**KeyGen:**  $\underline{g} \leftarrow \{\text{generators of } G\}$ ,  $\underline{a} \leftarrow Z_n$

output  $\text{pk} = (g, h = g^a)$ ,  $\text{sk} = a$

**E(  $\text{pk} = (g, h)$ ,  $m$  ) :**  $b \leftarrow Z_n$   
 $\underline{k} \leftarrow \underline{H(g^b, h^b)}$ ,  $c \leftarrow E_s(k, m)$   
 output  $(g^b, c)$

**D(  $\text{sk} = a$ ,  $(u, c)$  ) :**  
 $\underline{k} \leftarrow \underline{H(u, u^a)}$ ,  $\underline{m} \leftarrow D_s(k, c)$   
 output  $m$

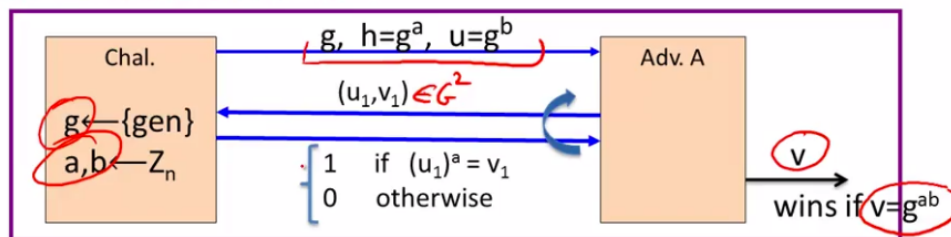
- ElGamal is semantically secure under Hash-DH
  - the output of the hash function  $g$  to the  $b$  and  $g$  to the  $ab$  is indistinguishable from random
  - if we replace the hash function by a truly random key  $K$  then the attacker cannot distinguish these two games



- the games on the right are a symmetric encryption system and semantically secure so the two games are indistinguishable therefore the two games on the left are also computationally indistinguishable for the same reasoning.
- ElGamal chosen ciphertext security?
  - give the attacker more power => stronger assumption
  - give the attacker the ability to make queries

To prove chosen ciphertext security need stronger assumption

Interactive Diffie-Hellman (IDH) in group  $G$ :



IDH holds in  $G$  if:  $\forall$  efficient  $A$ :  $\Pr[A \text{ outputs } g^{ab}] < \text{negligible}$

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 and  $H: G^2 \rightarrow K$  is a “random oracle”  
 then ElGamal is CCA<sup>ro</sup> secure.

## - Variants of ElGamal With a Better Security Analysis

- Review: ElGamal encryption
  - Keygen - picks a random generator
  - a - picks a random exponent from  $Z_n$
  - output
    - pk - generator and  $h = \text{generator to the } a$
    - sk - a
  - Encryption
  - Decryption

**KeyGen:**  $g \leftarrow \{\text{generators of } G\}$  ,  $a \leftarrow Z_n$

output  $pk = (g, h=g^a)$  ,  $sk = a$

**E( pk=(g,h), m ) :**  $b \leftarrow Z_n$   
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Can we prove CCA security based on CDH  $(g, g^a, g^b \rightarrow g^{ab})$ ?

- Option 1: use group  $G$  where CDH = IDH (a.k.a bilinear group)
- Option 2: change the ElGamal system

- Variants: twin ElGamal

**KeyGen:**  $g \leftarrow \{\text{generators of } G\}$  ,  $a_1, a_2 \leftarrow Z_n$

output  $pk = (g, h_1=g^{a_1}, h_2=g^{a_2})$  ,  $sk = (a_1, a_2)$

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- Chosen ciphertext security

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 then **twin ElGamal** is  $CCA^o$  secure.

Cost: one more exponentiation during enc/dec

– Is it worth it? No one knows ...

- ElGamal security w/o random oracles?

Can we prove CCA security without random oracles?

- Option 1: use Hash-DH assumption in "bilinear groups"  
 – Special elliptic curve with more structure [CHK'04 + BB'04]
- Option 2: use Decision-DH assumption in any group [CS'98]

- **A unifying Theme**
- One-way functions (informal)

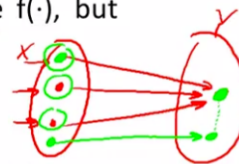
A function  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is one-way if

- There is an efficient algorithm to evaluate  $f(\cdot)$ , but

- Inverting  $f$  is hard:

for all efficient  $A$  and  $x \leftarrow X$  :

$$\Pr[\neg(A(f(x))) = x] < \text{negligible}$$



Functions that are not one-way:  $f(x) = x$ ,  $f(x) = 0$

- Example 1: generic one-way functions

Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a secure PRG (where  $|Y| \gg |X|$ )

(e.g.  $f$  built using det. counter mode)

**Lemma:**  $f$  a secure PRG  $\Rightarrow f$  is one-way

Proof sketch:

A inverts  $f \Rightarrow B(y) = \begin{cases} f(A(y)) = y & \text{output } 0 \\ \text{output } 1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$  is a distinguisher



Generic: no special properties. Difficult to use for key exchange.

- seed causes the generator to output the same strings
- Example 2: The DLOG one-way function

Fix a finite cyclic group  $G$  (e.g.  $G = (\mathbb{Z}_p)^*$ ) of order  $n$

$g$ : a random generator in  $G$  (i.e.  $G = \{1, g, g^2, g^3, \dots, g^{n-1}\}$ )

**Define:**  $f: \mathbb{Z}_n \rightarrow G$  as  $f(x) = g^x \in G$

**Lemma:**  $\text{Dlog hard in } G \Rightarrow f$  is one-way

**Properties:**  $f(x), f(y) \Rightarrow f(x+y) = f(x) \cdot f(y) \in G$   
 $\Rightarrow$  key-exchange and public-key encryption.

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- Example 3: The RSA one-way function

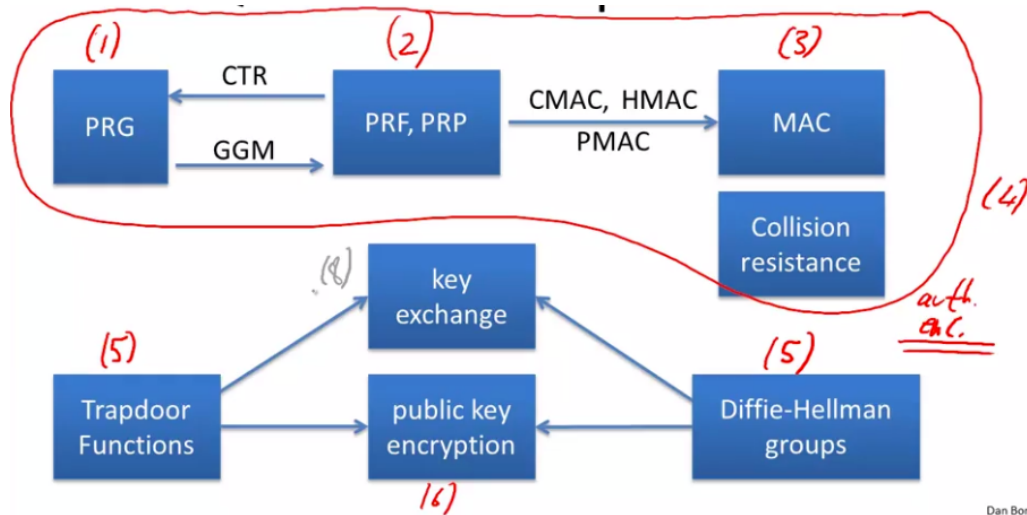
- choose random primes  $p, q \approx 1024$  bits. Set  $N = pq$ .
- choose integers  $e, d$  s.t.  $e \cdot d = 1 \pmod{\phi(N)}$

**Define:**  $f: \mathbb{Z}_N^* \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_N^*$  as  $f(x) = x^e \text{ in } \mathbb{Z}_N$

**Lemma:**  $f$  is one-way under the RSA assumption

**Properties:**  $f(x \cdot y) = f(x) \cdot f(y)$  and  $f$  has a trapdoor.

- Summary
  - Public key encryption
    - made possible by one way functions with special properties
    - homomorphic properties and trapdoors
      - $F(x), F(y) \Rightarrow F(x + y)$  or  $F(x * y)$
- **Farewell (For Now)**
- Quick review: primitives



- Remaining core topics (part 2)

- Digital signatures and certificates  $\Leftarrow$
- Authenticated key exchange  $\Leftarrow$
- User authentication:  $\Leftarrow$   
passwords, one-time passwords, challenge-response
- Privacy mechanisms  $\Leftarrow$
- Zero-knowledge protocols

- Man more topics to cover

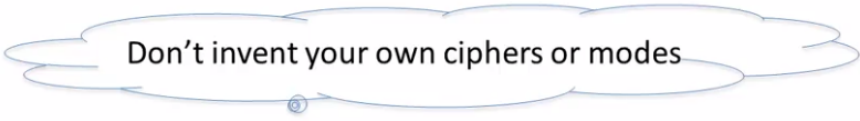
- Elliptic Curve Crypto
- Quantum computing
- New key management paradigms:  
identity based encryption and functional encryption
- Anonymous digital cash
- Private voting and auction systems
- Computing on ciphertexts: fully homomorphic encryption
- Lattice-based crypto
- Two party and multi-party computation

- Final words

Be careful when using crypto:

- A tremendous tool, but if incorrectly implemented:  
system will work fine, but may be easily attacked

Make sure to have others review your designs and code



Don't invent your own ciphers or modes

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