

# HOW TO BACKDOOR DIFFIE-HELLMAN

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## HAMISTER 1.0 Side-Jacking

The following is a list of instructions you can use reading the root. Click on one of them as often as you want then go to services. After that point, you can either select from the list of URLs that will appear on the left, or type the right in between a address bar.

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Ian Gallagher  Edit My Profile

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Ashley Winter  realized i really for some fake r indeed.

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- \* 2010/2014: **preloaded-HSTS** introduced in Chrome

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## Deprecating Non-Secure HTTP



Richard Barnes

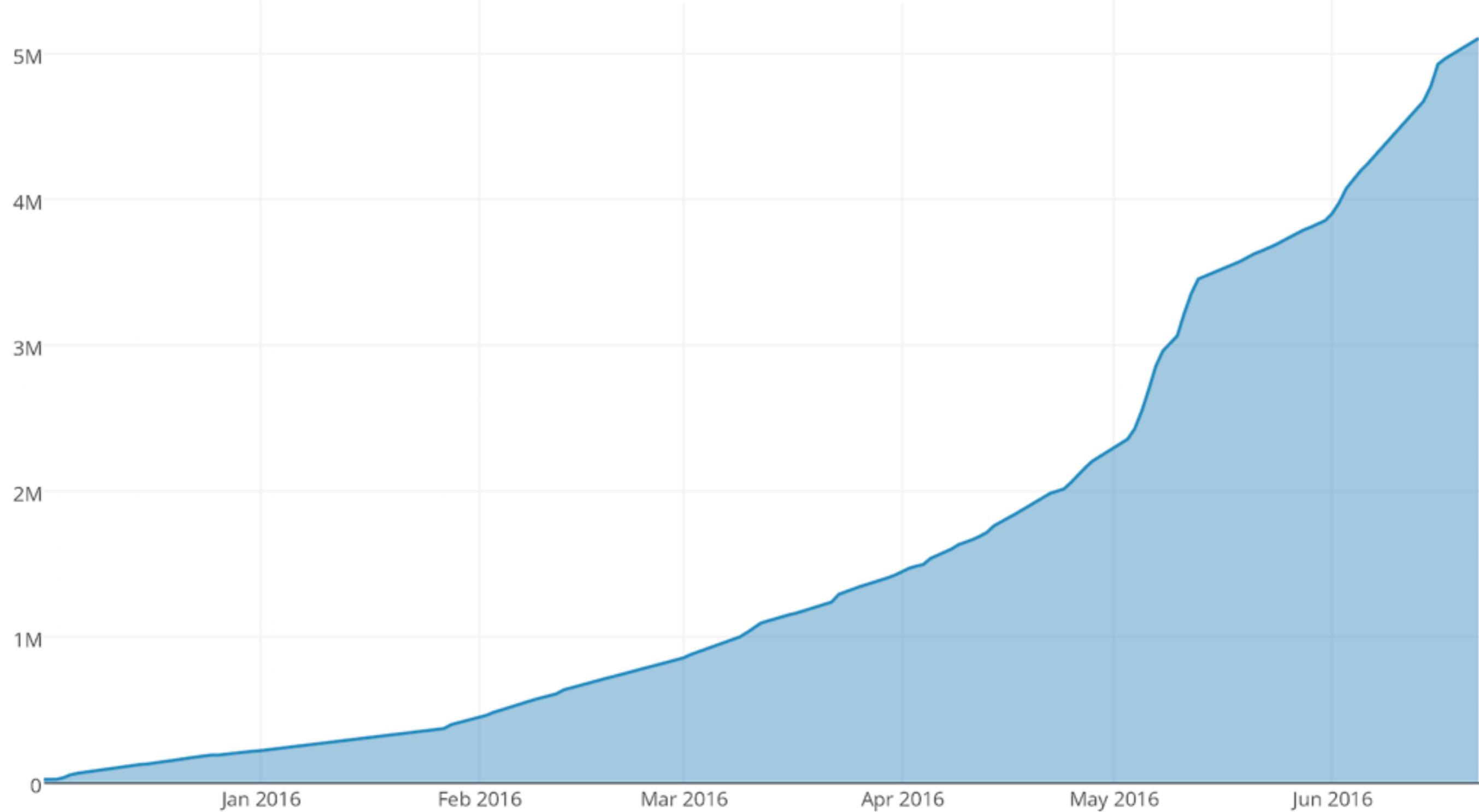
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Today we are announcing our intent to phase out non-secure HTTP.

There's pretty broad agreement that HTTPS is the way forward for the web. In recent months, there have been statements from [IETF](#), [IAB](#) (even the [other IAB](#)), [W3C](#), and the [US Government](#) calling for universal use of encryption by Internet applications, which in the case of the web means HTTPS.

After a [robust discussion](#) on our community mailing list, Mozilla is committing to focus new development efforts on the secure web, and start removing capabilities from the non-secure

## Certificates Issued by Let's Encrypt



Let's Encrypt has issued more than 5 million certificates in total since we launched to the general public on December 3, 2015. Approximately 3.8 million of those are active, meaning unexpired and unrevoked. Our active certificates cover more than 7 million unique domains.

# Logjam

## Imperfect Forward Secrecy: How Diffie-Hellman Fails in Practice

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For additional materials and contact information, visit [WeakDH.org](http://WeakDH.org).

### ABSTRACT

We investigate the security of Diffie-Hellman key exchange as used in popular Internet protocols and find it to be less secure than widely believed. First, we present Logjam, a novel flaw in TLS that lets a man-in-the-middle downgrade connections to “export-grade” Diffie-Hellman. To carry out this attack, we implement the number field sieve discrete log algorithm. After a week-long precomputation for a specified 512-bit group, we can compute arbitrary discrete logs in that group in about a minute. We find that 82% of vulnerable servers use a single 512-bit group, allowing us to compromise connections

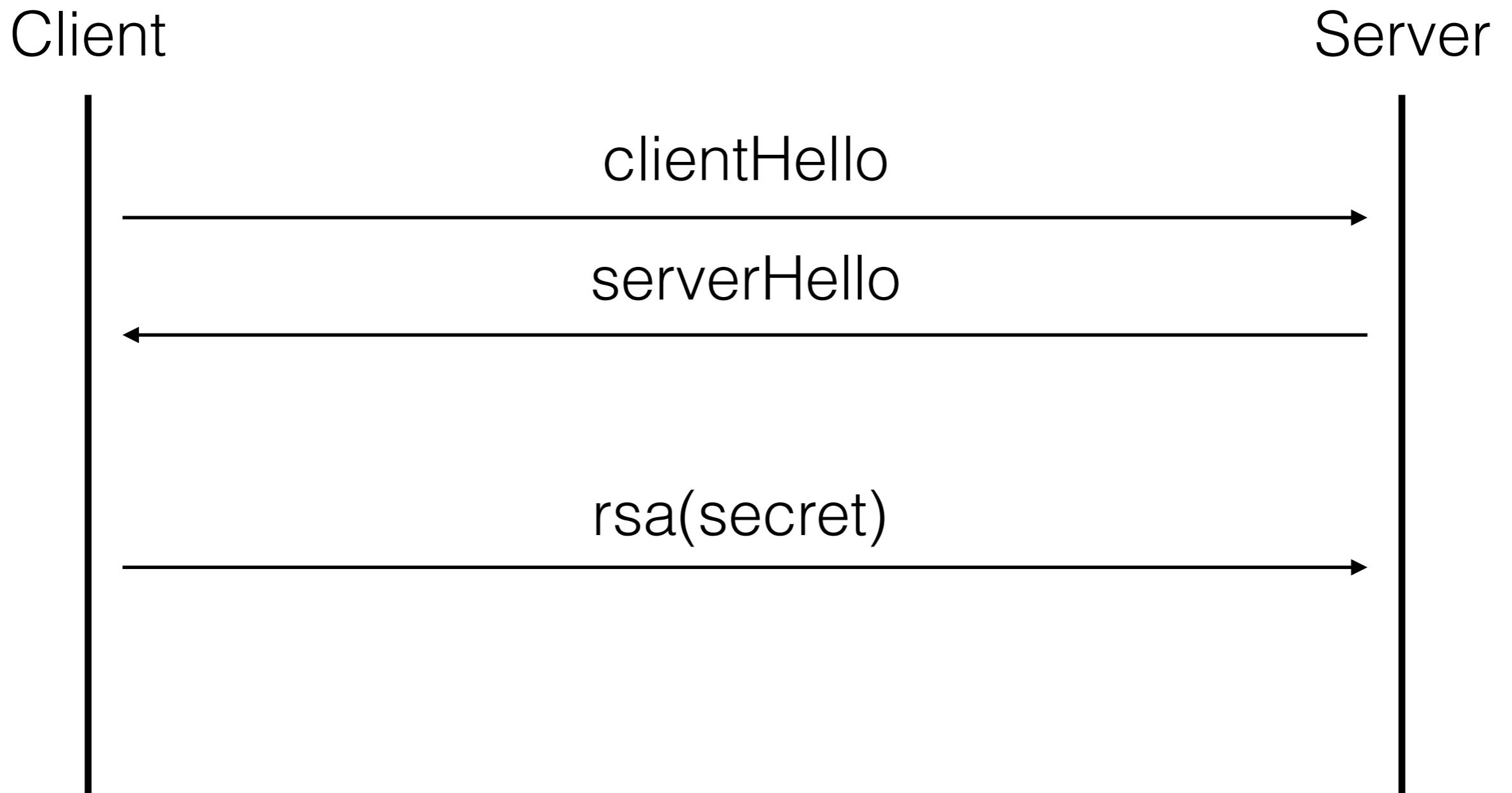
coded, or widely shared Diffie-Hellman parameters has the effect of dramatically reducing the cost of large-scale attacks, bringing some within range of feasibility today.

The current best technique for attacking Diffie-Hellman relies on compromising one of the private exponents ( $a, b$ ) by computing the discrete log of the corresponding public value ( $g^a \bmod p, g^b \bmod p$ ). With state-of-the-art number field sieve algorithms, computing a single discrete log is more difficult than factoring an RSA modulus of the same size. However, an adversary who performs a large precomputation for a prime  $p$  can then quickly calculate arbitrary discrete logs in that group, amortizing the cost over all targets that share

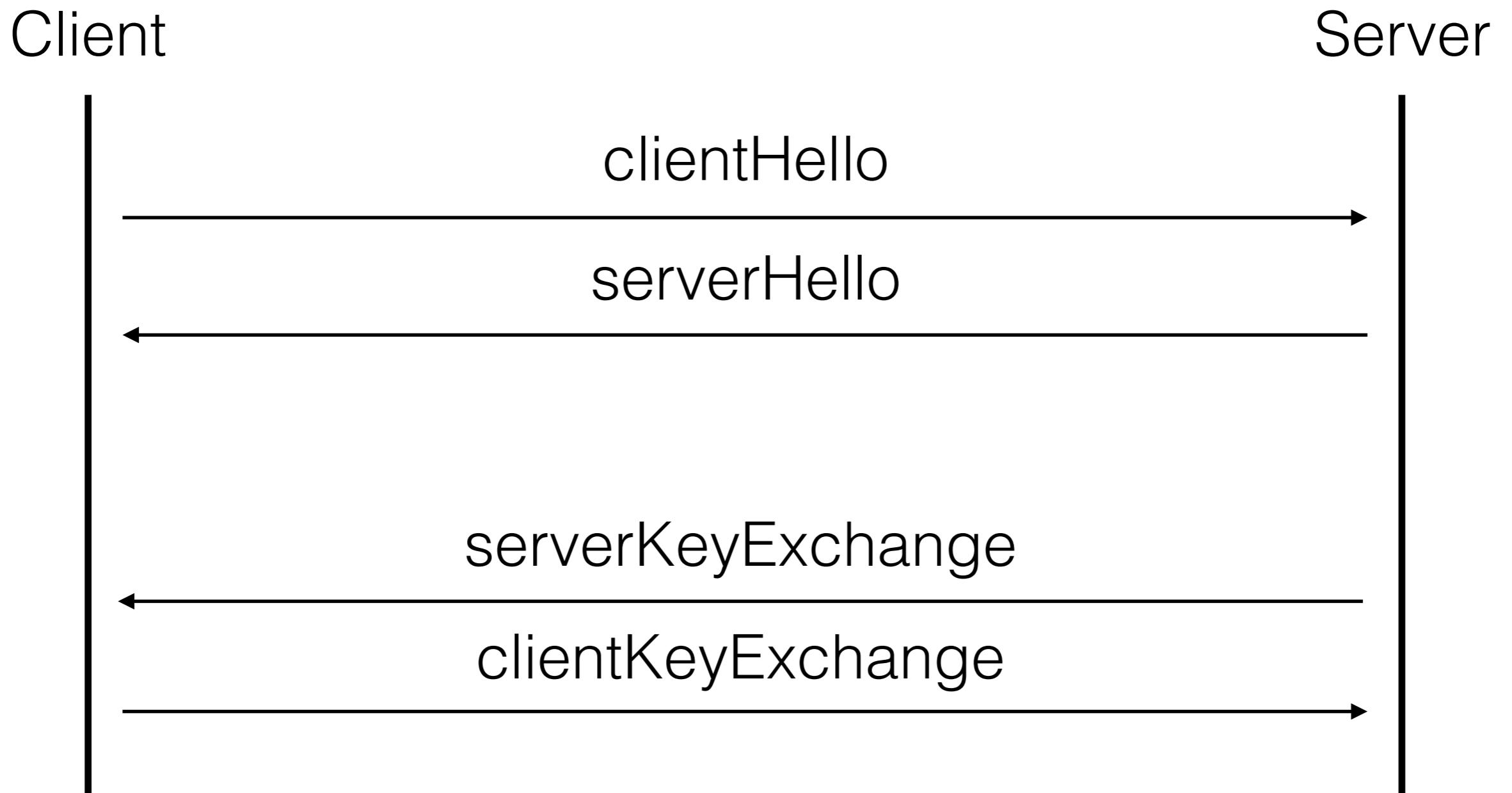
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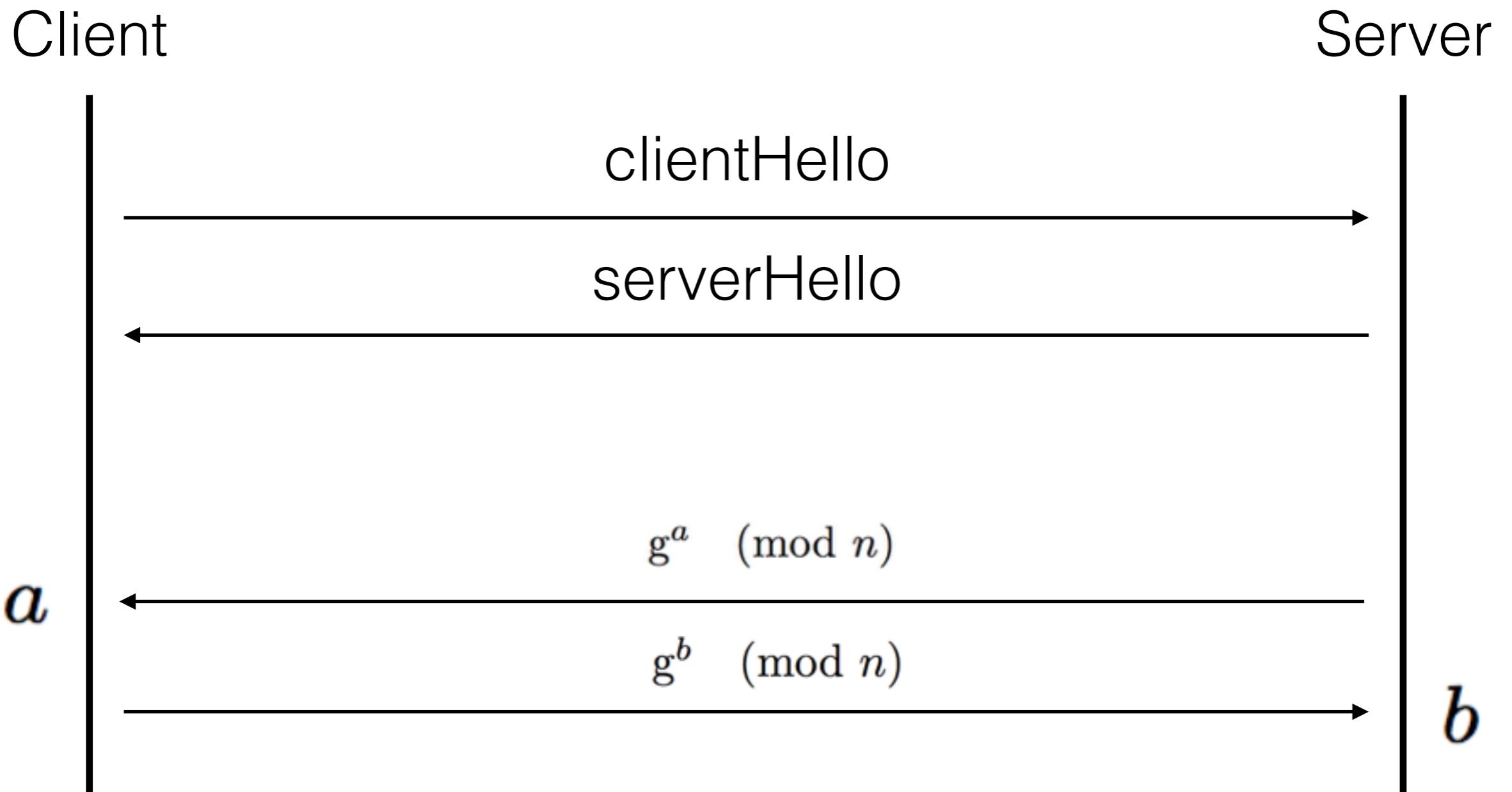
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UMServer	Fax from Peter Walker +49898407981	05/02/2010 15:23	133K
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Kevin Kramer	Re: Marketing Meeting Feb	05/02/2010 12:14	3K
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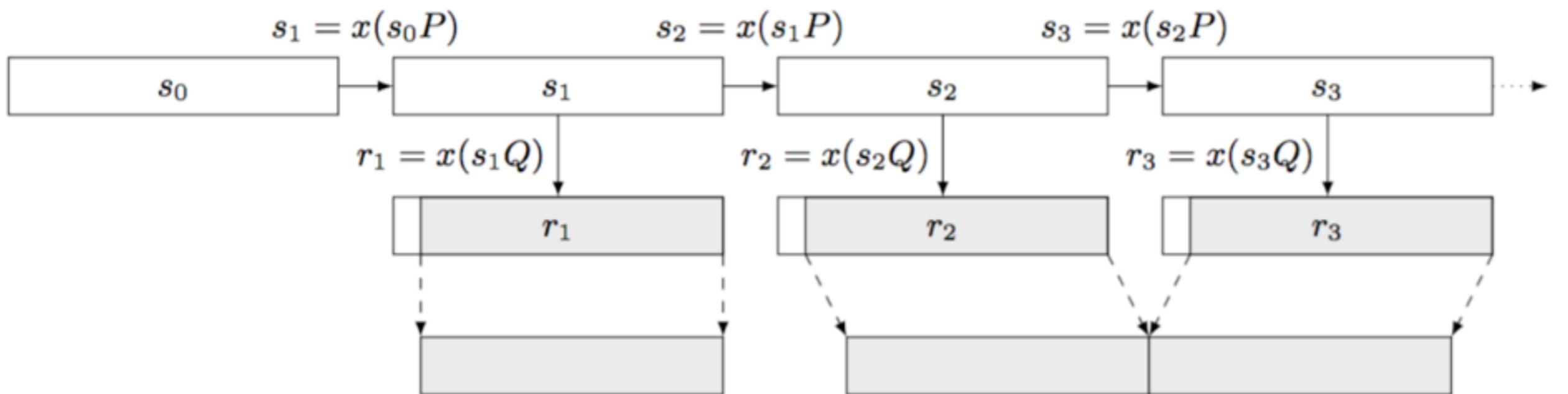
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- what about **white-box? Reverse Engineering?**

- Weak crypto
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# Dual EC



**NIST Special Publication 800-90A**

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**Elaine Barker and John Kelsey**

**Computer Security Division  
Information Technology Laboratory**

**C O M P U T E R   S E C U R I T Y**

# On the Possibility of a Back Door in the NIST SP800-90 Dual Ec Prng

Dan Shumow  
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Microsoft

# NSA's BULLRUN

**TOP SECRET//SI//REL TO USA, FVEY** 

**CLASSIFICATION GUIDE TITLE/NUMBER:** (U//FOUO) PROJECT  
BULLRUN/2-16

**PUBLICATION DATE:** 16 June 2010

**OFFICE OF ORIGIN:** (U) Cryptanalysis and Exploitation Services

**POC:** (U) Cryptanalysis and Exploitation Services (CES) Classification  
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1. (TS//SI//REL) Project BULLRUN deals with NSA's abilities to defeat the encryption used in specific network communication technologies. BULLRUN involves multiple sources, all of which are extremely sensitive. They include CNE, interdiction, industry

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## **2015-12 Out of Cycle Security Bulletin: ScreenOS: Multiple Security issues with ScreenOS (CVE-2015-7755, CVE-2015-7756)**

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### **PRODUCT AFFECTED:**

Please see below for details.

### **PROBLEM:**

During an internal code review, two security issues were identified.

Administrative Access (CVE-2015-7755) allows unauthorized remote administrative access to the device. Exploitation of this vulnerability can lead to complete compromise of the affected device.

This issue only affects ScreenOS 6.3.0r17 through 6.3.0r20. **No other Juniper products or versions of ScreenOS are affected by this issue.**

Upon exploitation of this vulnerability, the log file would contain an entry that 'system' had logged on followed by password authentication for a username.

#### **Example:**

Normal login by user **username1**:

```
2015-12-17 09:00:00 system warn 00515 Admin user username1 has logged on via SSH from ....  
2015-12-17 09:00:00 system warn 00528 SSH: Password authentication successful for admin  
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Compromised login by user **username2**:

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user 'username2' at host ...
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Note that a skilled attacker would likely remove these entries from the local log file, thus effectively eliminating any reliable signature that the device had been compromised.

This issue has been assigned [CVE-2015-7755](#)

patched

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Dual EC is **obvious**.

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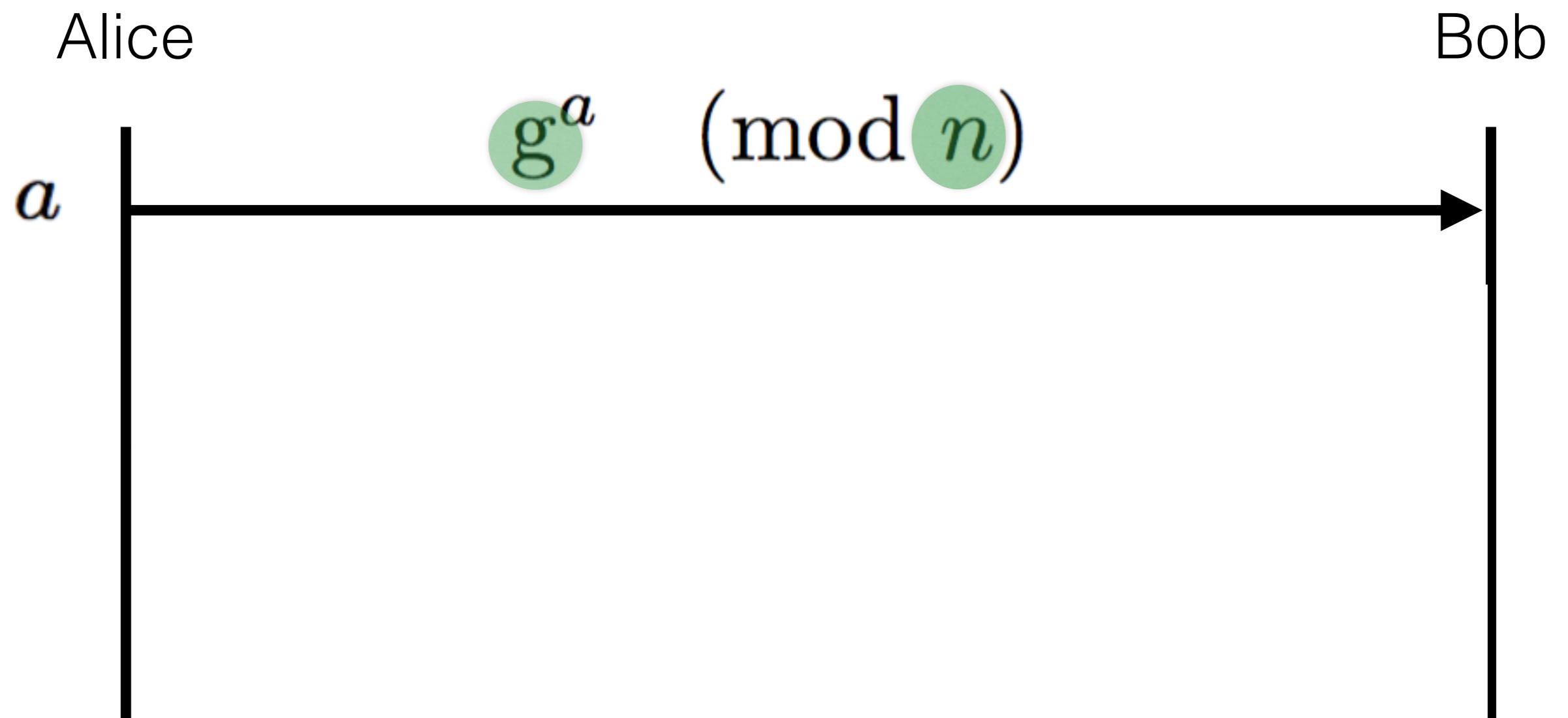
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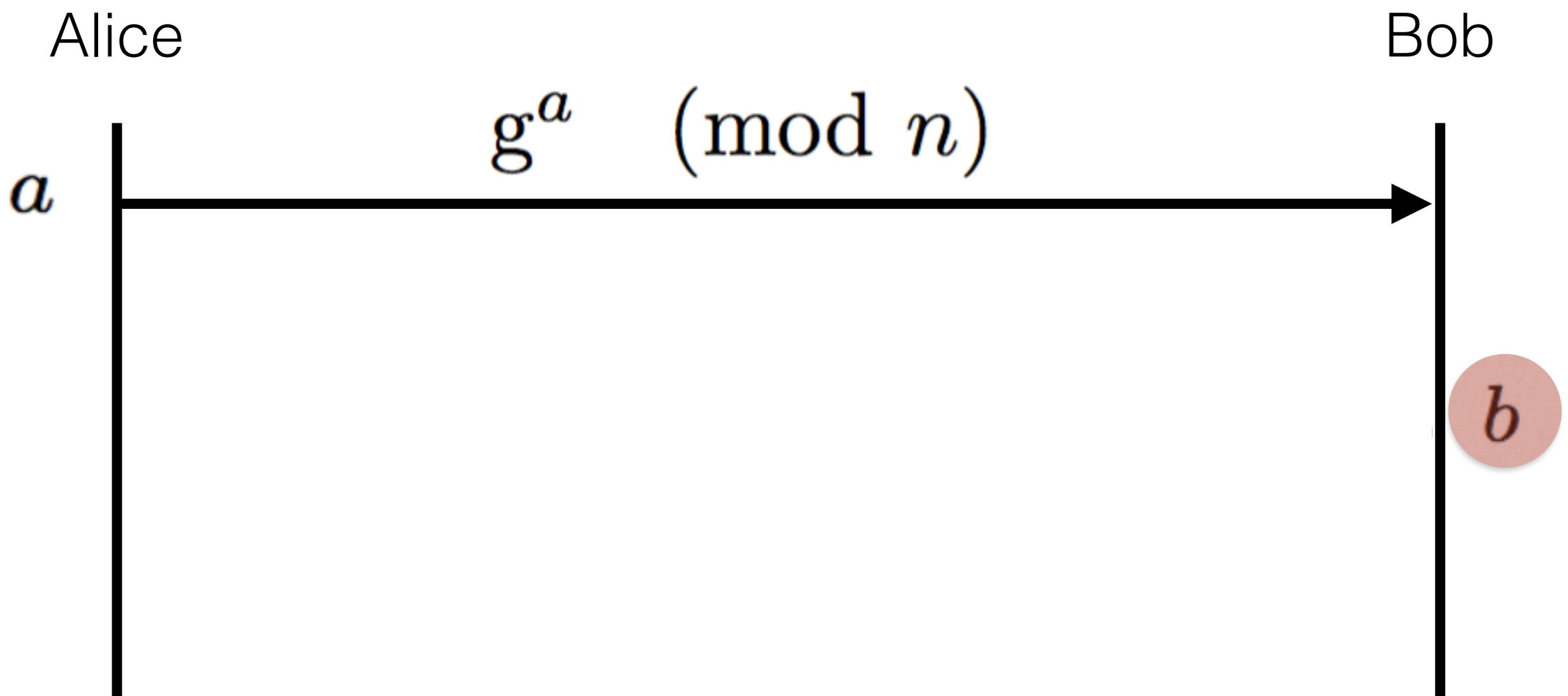
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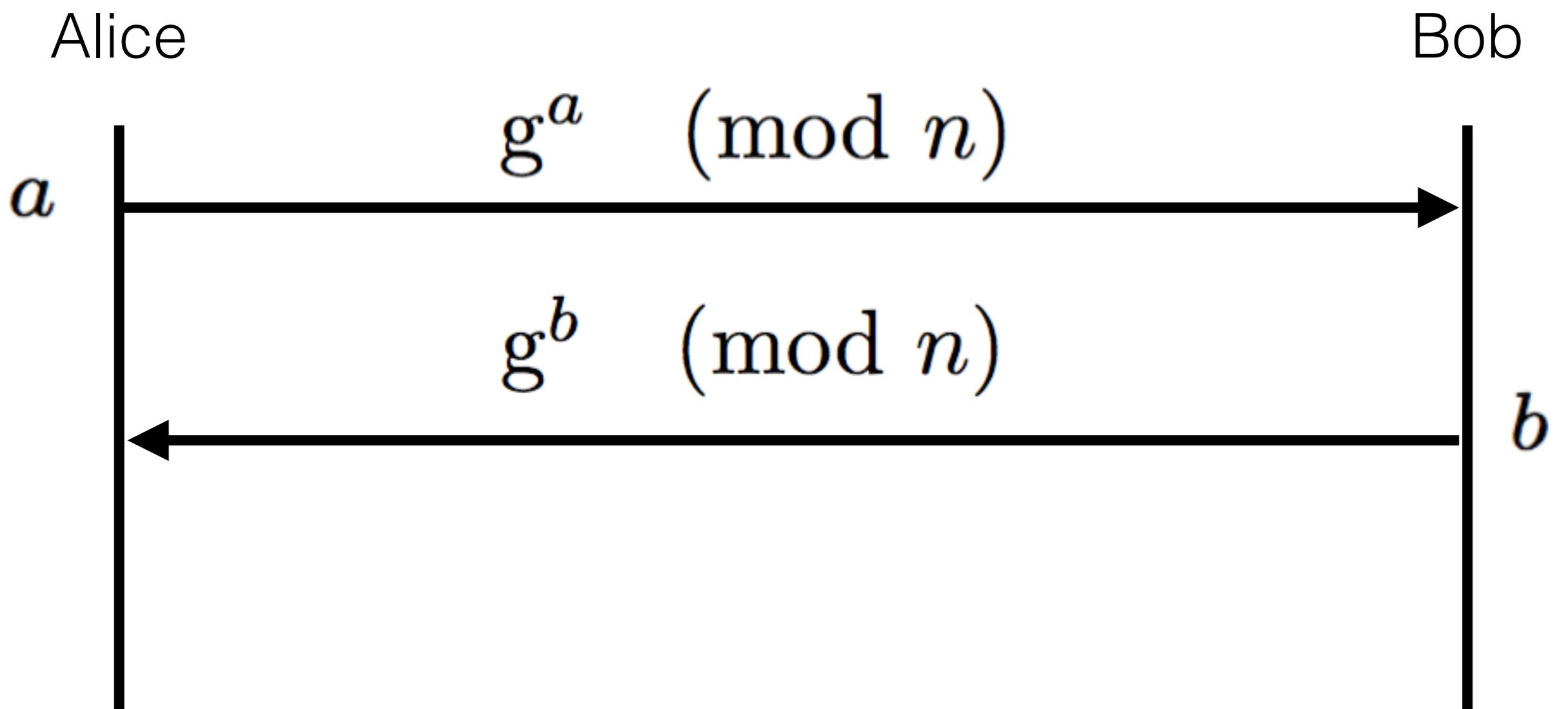
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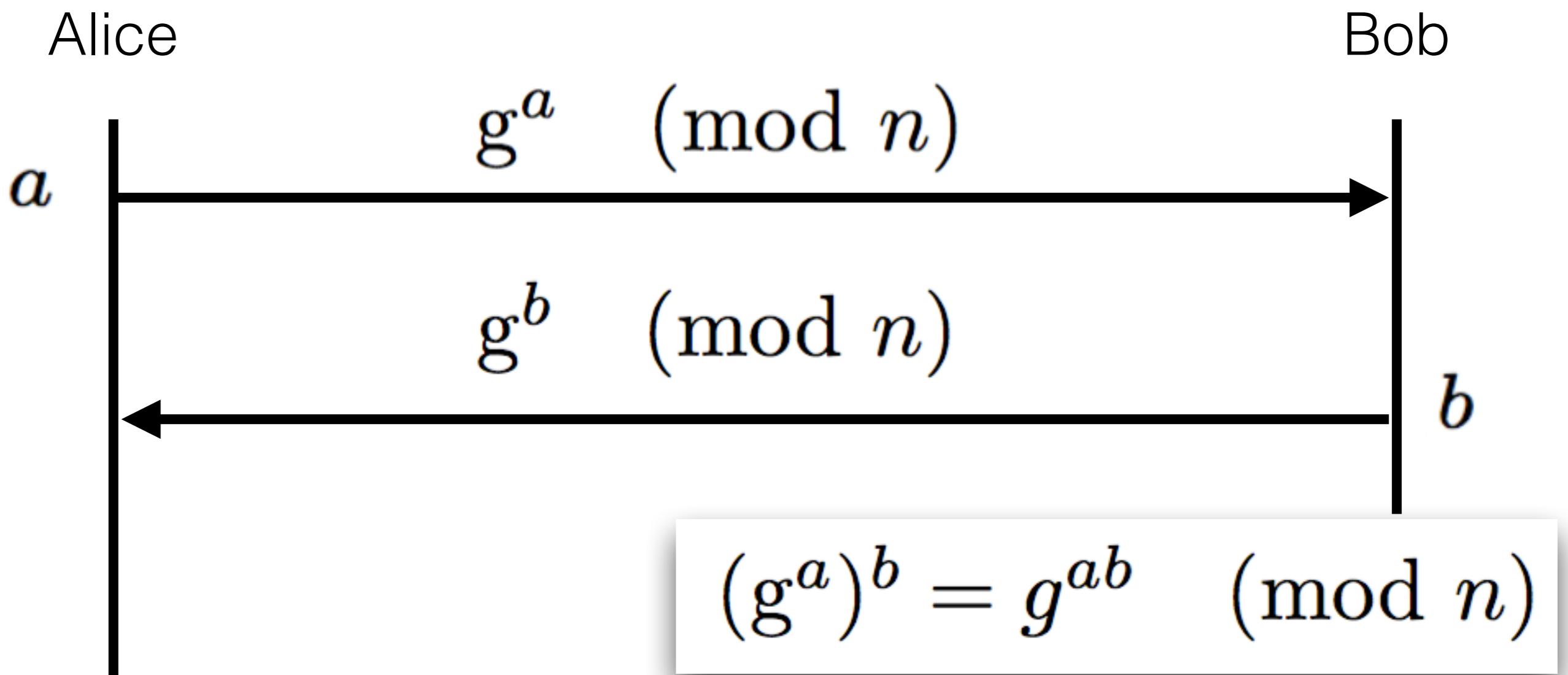
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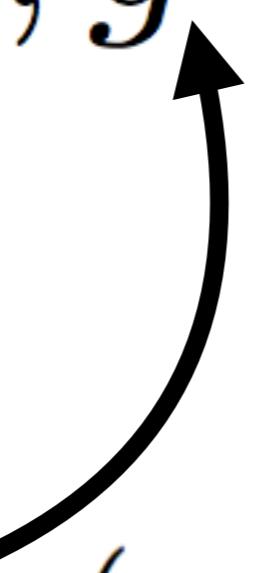
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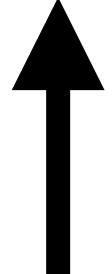
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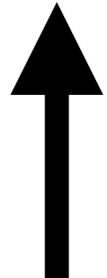
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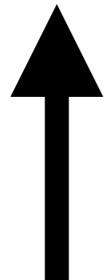
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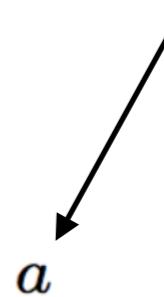
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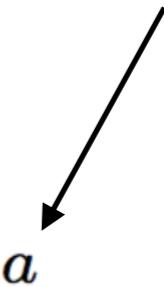
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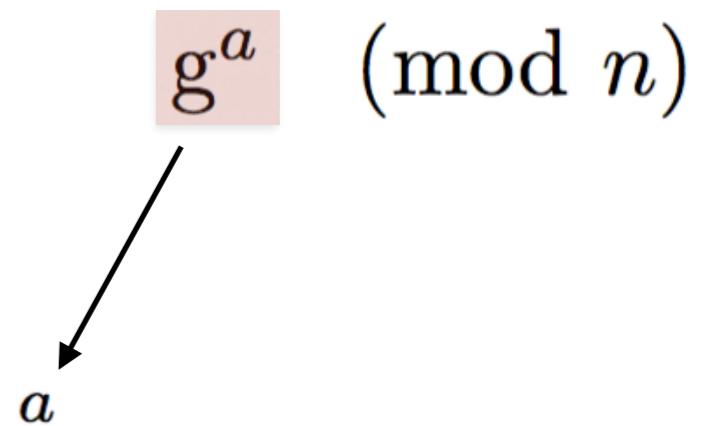
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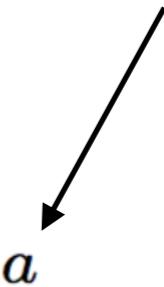
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A diagram illustrating the components of a discrete logarithm problem. A pink rectangular box contains the mathematical expression  $g^a \pmod{n}$ . An arrow originates from the variable  $a$  and points downwards towards the base  $g$  of the exponentiation.

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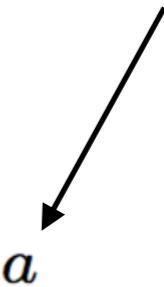
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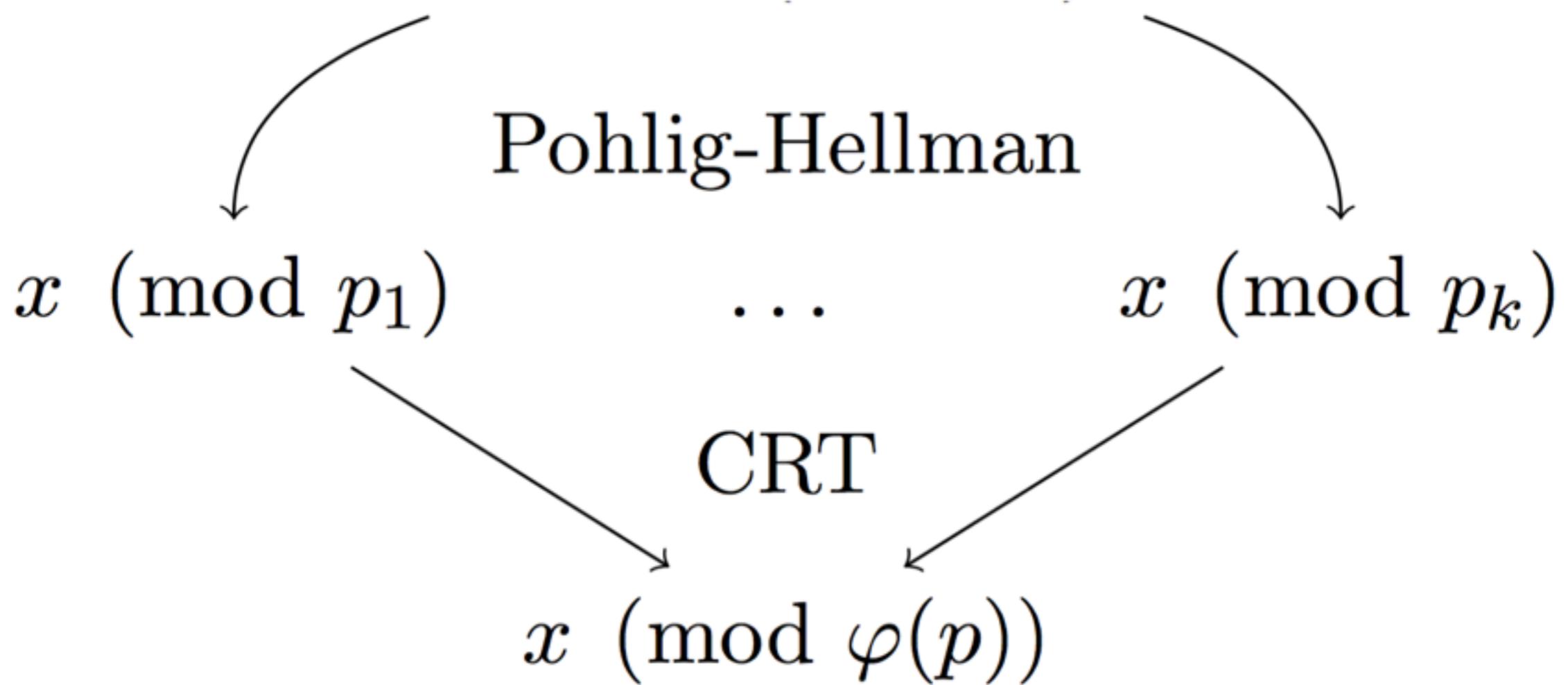
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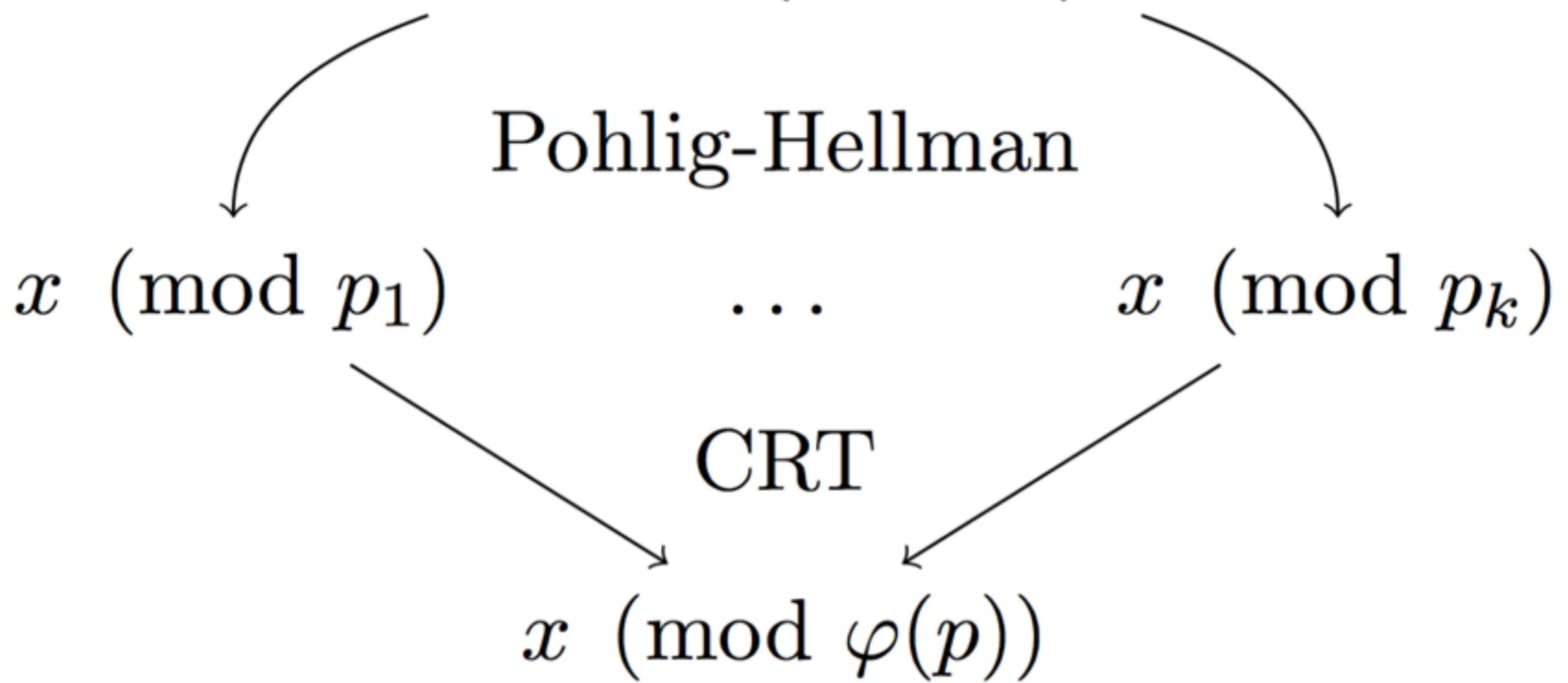
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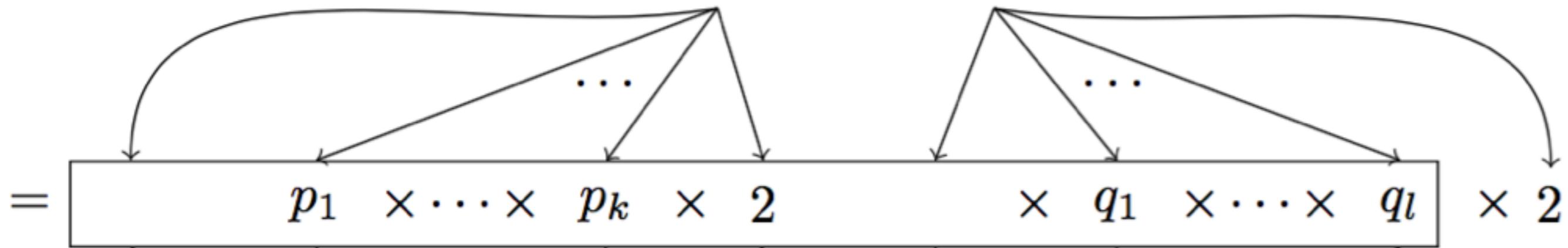
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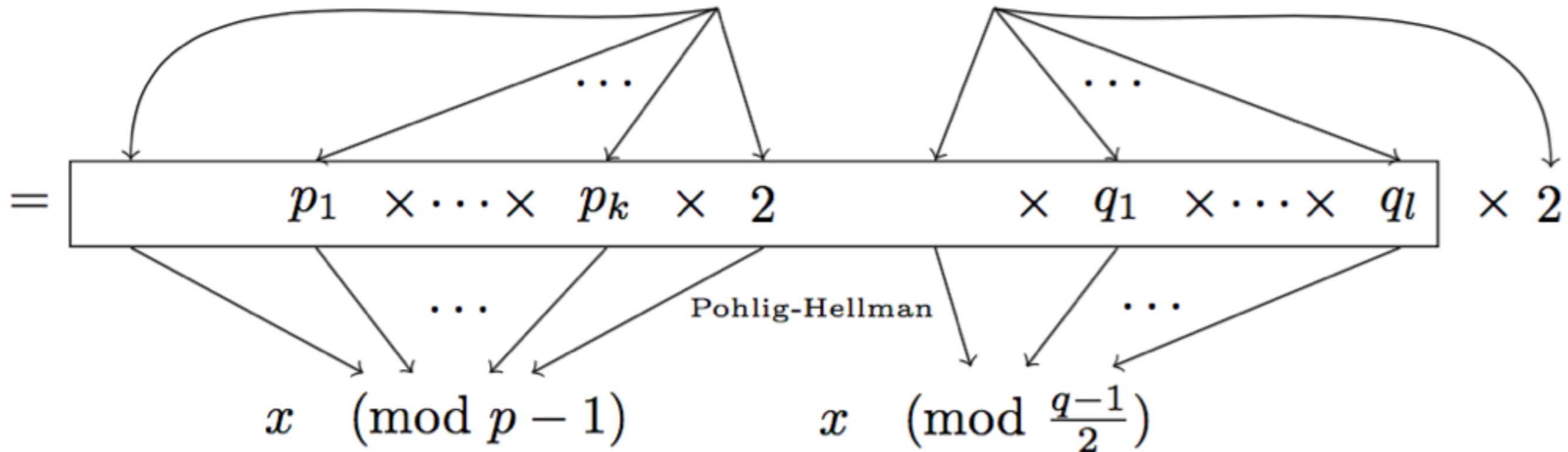
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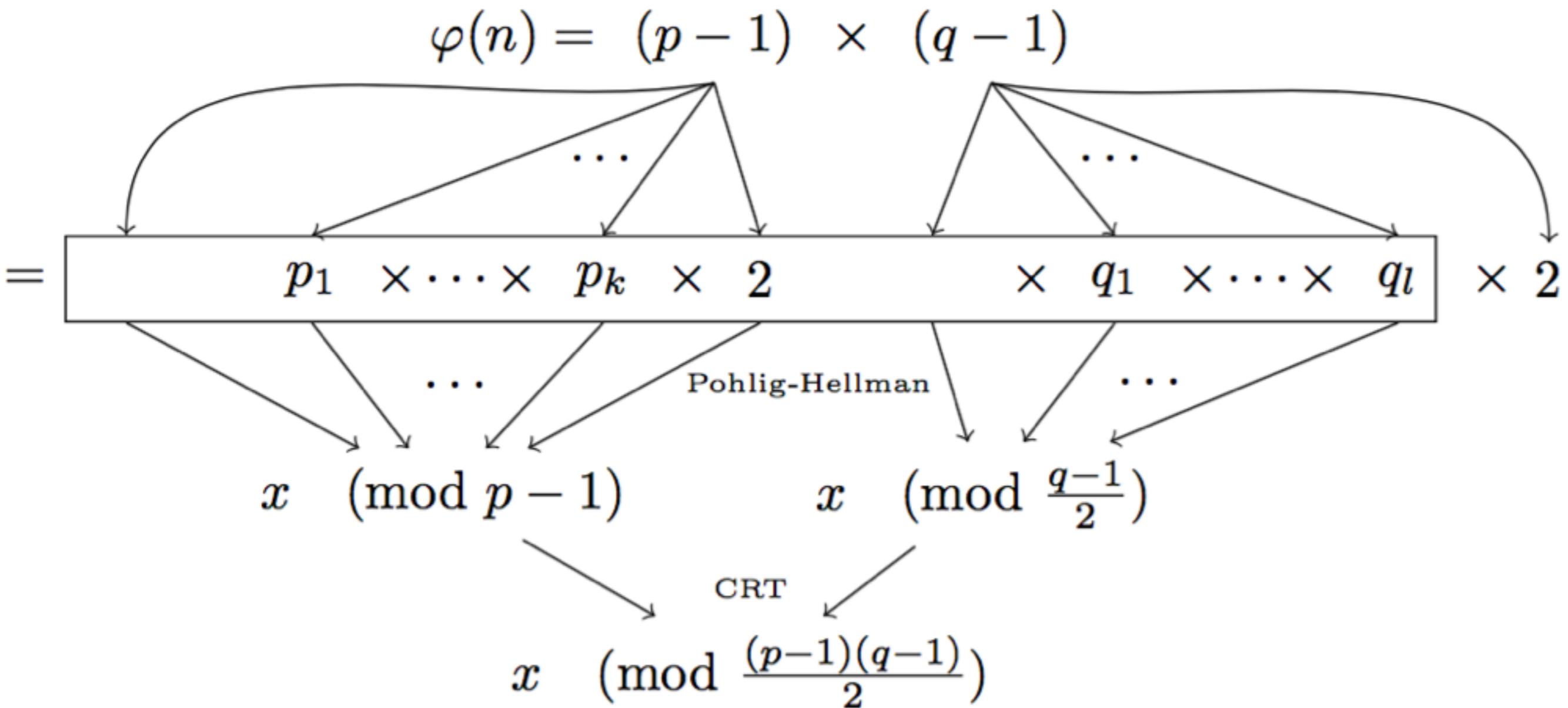
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## Composite Modulus with a Hidden Smooth Order





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    static unsigned char dh1024_p[] = {
0x4b,0x60,0xd1,0x11,0xa2,0x1c,0xa8,0x31,0x43,0xe8,0x5c,0x0b,
0xbf,0xf8,0xbb,0xcf,0x9e,0xfb,0xbc,0xe9,0x61,0x32,0x2c,0xfe,
0xf9,0x3d,0x68,0x08,0x9a,0xa2,0x25,0xa9,0x78,0x13,0xb7,0x9f,
0xc3,0xa4,0x33,0xb0,0x50,0x6c,0x4e,0xea,0xcd,0xbf,0x98,0x3e,
0x25,0x56,0x23,0x79,0x49,0xbe,0x1b,0x12,0xd0,0xdd,0xfe,0x05,
0xfb,0x93,0xdc,0xca,0x4f,0xed,0xbc,0xf0,0x35,0x01,0x55,0x0d,
0x70,0xc6,0xb8,0xe8,0xbe,0x6a,0xba,0xc3,0x72,0xa8,0x30,0x12,
0x10,0xab,0xfa,0xab,0x0c,0xdc,0xa8,0x98,0xf7,0x1d,0x85,0xde,
0xb9,0xec,0x16,0x45,0x05,0x51,0x05,0x89,0xa1,0xe4,0xaf,0x1f,
0x70,0x76,0x25,0xde,0xac,0x24,0x99,0x7d,0x09,0x4c,0xe3,0xb0,
0xc4,0x18,0x13,0xc1
};

    static unsigned char dh1024_g[] = {
0x02,
};

DH *dh;
```

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[0] &lt;r\_generatorZ 2:emacs\*&gt; "dhcp-101.chi.matasano" 11:45 03-May-1666

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```
static unsigned char dh1024_p[] = {
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0xCC, 0x17, 0xF2, 0xDC, 0x96, 0xDF, 0x59, 0xA4, 0x46, 0xC5, 0x3E, 0x0E,  
0xB8, 0x26, 0x55, 0x0C, 0xE3, 0x88, 0xC1, 0xCE, 0xA7, 0xBC, 0xB3, 0xBF,  
0x16, 0x94, 0xD8, 0xA9, 0x45, 0xA2, 0xCE, 0xA9, 0x5B, 0x22, 0x25, 0x5F,  
0x92, 0x59, 0x94, 0x1C, 0x22, 0xBF, 0xCB, 0xC8, 0xC8, 0x57, 0xCB, 0xBF,  
0xBC, 0x0E, 0xE8, 0x40, 0xF9, 0x87, 0x03, 0xBF, 0x60, 0x9B, 0x08, 0xC6,  
0x8E, 0x99, 0xC6, 0x05, 0xFC, 0x00, 0xD6, 0x6D, 0x90, 0xA8, 0xF5, 0xF8,  
0xD3, 0x8D, 0x43, 0xC8, 0x8F, 0x7A, 0xBD, 0xBB, 0x28, 0xAC, 0x04, 0x69,  
0x4A, 0x0B, 0x86, 0x73, 0x37, 0xF0, 0x6D, 0x4F, 0x04, 0xF6, 0xF5, 0xAF,  
0xBF, 0xAB, 0x8E, 0xCE, 0x75, 0x53, 0x4D, 0x7F, 0x7D, 0x17, 0x78, 0x0E,  
0x12, 0x46, 0x4A, 0xAF, 0x95, 0x99, 0xEF, 0xBC, 0xA6, 0xC5, 0x41, 0x77,  
0x43, 0x7A, 0xB9, 0xEC, 0x8E, 0x07, 0x3C, 0x6D,
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};

```
static unsigned char dh1024_g[] = {
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0x02,
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};

```
DH *dh;
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```
vagrant@proxy:/vagrant/shared$ go build proxy.go attack.go && sudo ./proxy -l 192.168.0.66:6666 -r 192.168.0.50:4433
```

```
vagrant@server:~$ sudo socat openssl-listen:4433,verify=0,cert=server.pem,key=server.key,cipher=DHE-RSA-AES128-SHA256,reuseaddr -
```

```
vagrant@client:~/shared$ socat - openssl:192.168.0.66:6666,verify=0,reuseaddr
```

```
[0] 0...deBasedCrypto- 1.../github_socat 2:vagrant*
```

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"dhcp-101.chi.matasano" 12:12 27-Jun-16
```

[https://github.com/mimoo/\*\*Diffie-Hellman\\_Backdoor\*\*](https://github.com/mimoo/Diffie-Hellman_Backdoor)

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# END

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