

# Symmetric key cryptography

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- ▶ The communication channel is insecure. How can we settle on the key to be used for cryptography over this insecure channel?
- ▶ Diffie-Hellman key exchange algorithm (1976)
- ▶  $p, g$ : prime numbers.  $a, b$ : random numbers

Alice				Bob		
Secret	Public	Calculates	Sends	Calculates	Public	Secret
$a$	$p, g$		$p, g \rightarrow$			$b$
$a$	$p, g, A$	$g^a \bmod p = A$	$A \rightarrow$		$p, g$	$b$
$a$	$p, g, A$		$\leftarrow B$	$g^b \bmod p = B$	$p, g, A, B$	$b$
$a, s$	$p, g, A, B$	$B^a \bmod p = s$		$A^b \bmod p = s$	$p, g, A, B$	$b, s$