

# Public Key Cryptography.

Main limitations of symmetric key cipher.

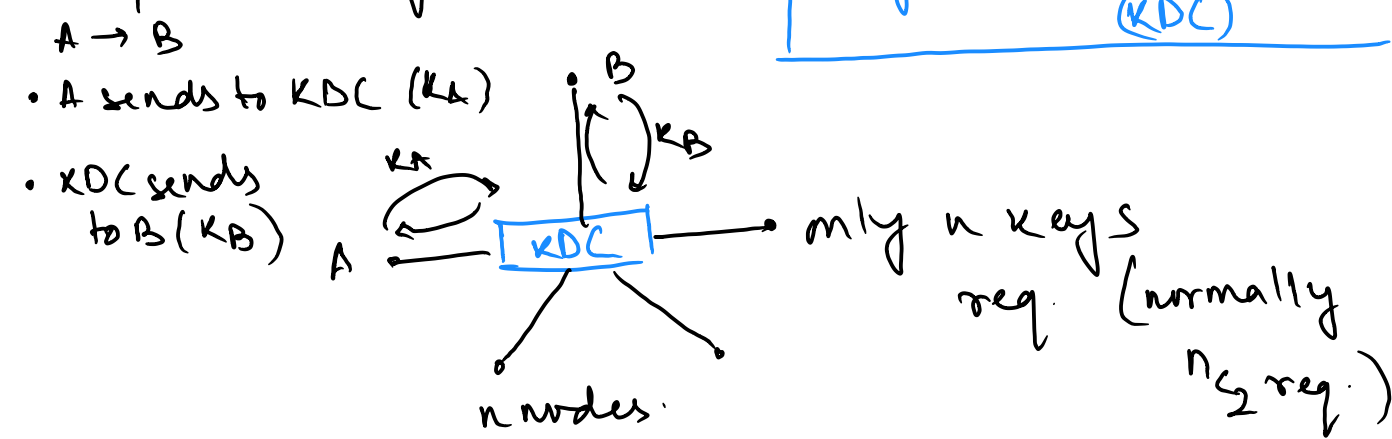
→ Secure Backchannel for Key establishment  
(need some way to share key)

→ Too many keys (key management issues)

- Huge amount of storage
- secure bits are critical.

One possible way to solve this

Key Distribution Centre (KDC)



Issues

→ need to trust the KDC (since KDC creates keys, it can eavesdrop)

→ does not work for Open systems

(only people in list of KDC can communicate?)

→ single pt. of failure (if KDC breaks, communication dies)

Beginnings of Public Key Cryptography.

## Diffie Hellman Protocol

A — B

Consider DLP problem.

$q$  = size of group (for  $\mathbb{Z}_p^*$   $q = p-1$ )

A chooses  $a \in \{0, \dots, q-1\}$ ; sends  $g^a$

B chooses  $b \in \{0, \dots, q-1\}$ ; sends  $g^b$

For A

→ knows  $a$

→ receives  $g^b$

does  $(g^b)^a = g^{ab}$

For B

→ knows  $b$

→ receives  $g^a$

does  $(g^a)^b = g^{ab}$

eavesdropper. knows  $g^a$  &  $g^b$ ; can't directly figure out  $g^{ab}$

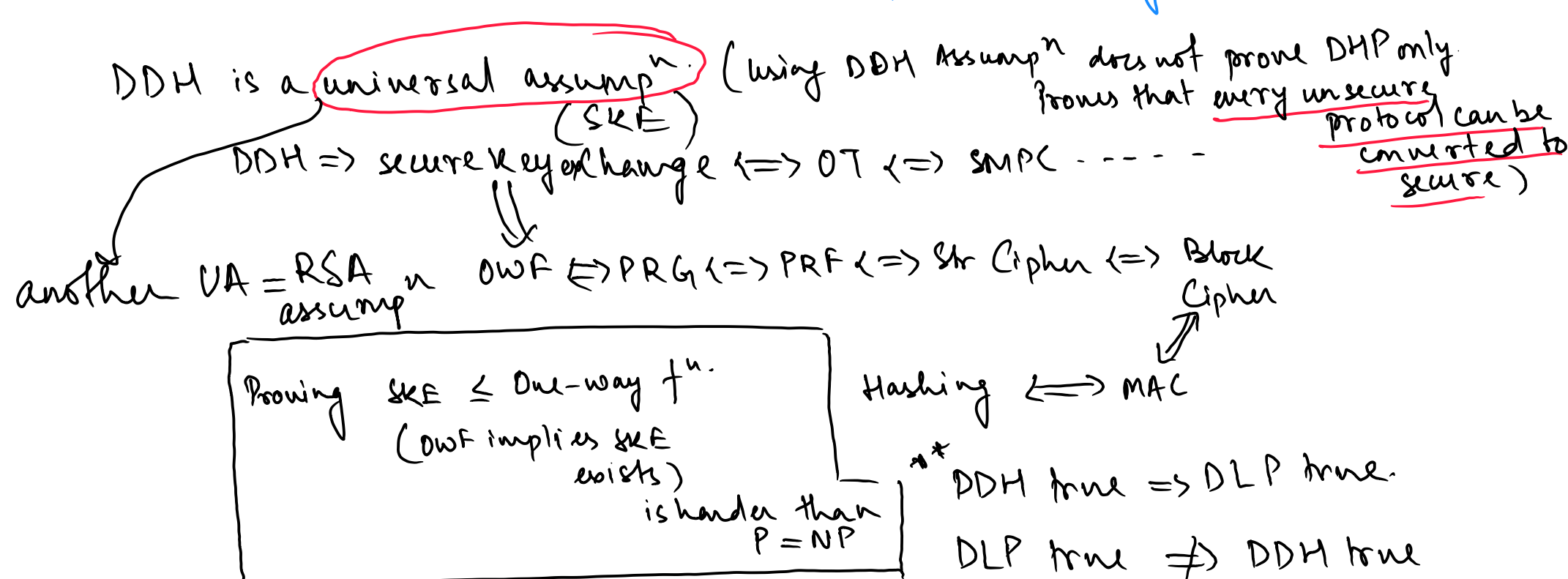
Proof that it's secure.

DDH Assump<sup>n</sup> → Differential Diffie-Hellman

Given all information about the group ( $g, q$ , elements)

$$\forall \text{ PPTMA } \Pr[A(g^{ab}, g^a, g^b) = 1] - \Pr[A(g^k, g^a, g^b) = 1] \leq 0$$

Assume that we cannot differentiate betw.  $g^{ab}$  & any other element  $g^k$ .



General PKC.

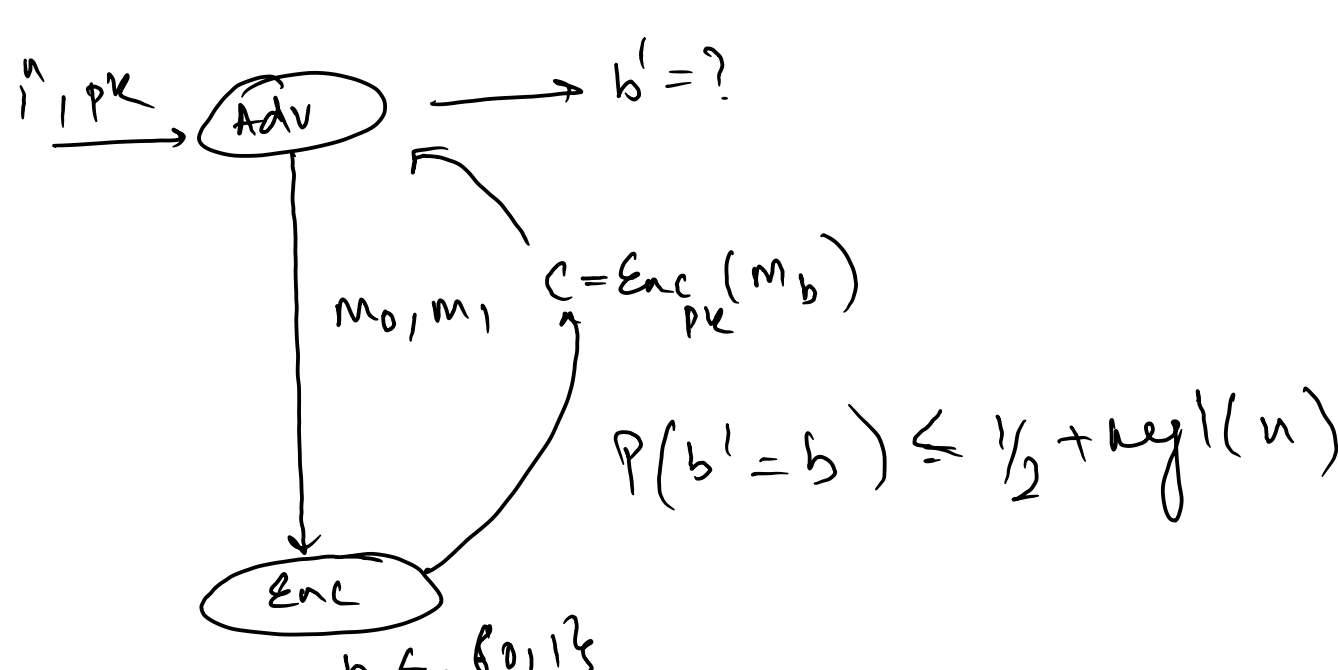
(pk, sk)  
public server  $\hookrightarrow$  secret key.

$c = \text{Enc}_{pk}(m)$

$\text{Dec}_{sk}(c) = m$

PKC has to atleast CPA-Secure.

Adversary has access to pk  $\Rightarrow$  can encrypt any plaintext.



El-Gamal Cryptosystem.

$pk: \langle G, q, g, g^x \rangle$

$sk: x$

Enc: choose  $r$  u.a.r  $r \in_R [1, q]$

$C = \langle g^r, (g^x)^r \cdot m \rangle$

Dec:  $\frac{(g^x)^r \cdot m}{(g^r)^x} = m$

known from ciphertext

from secret key.

why El-Gamal is CPA-secure?

$\hookrightarrow$  non-deterministic

under DDH-assump<sup>n</sup>  $g^{xr}$  is not diff. from any other group element.

El-Gamal is not CCA-secure

$C_0 = \langle g^{r_0}, g^{x r_0} m_0 \rangle$   $C_b = \langle g^{r_b}, g^{x r_b} m_b \rangle$

$C_1 = \langle g^{r_1}, g^{x r_1} m_1 \rangle$

$C'_b = \langle g^{r'_1} \cdot g^{r_b}, g^{r'_1 x} \cdot g^{r_b x} m'_b m_b \rangle$

$= \langle g^{(r'_1 + r_b)}, g^{(r'_1 + r_b)x} m'_b m_b \rangle$

Apply Dec m  $C'_b$  (not challenge ciphertext)

output =  $m'_b m_b$   
 $\hookrightarrow$  divide by  $m'_b = m_b$

homomorphic property.

$\text{Enc}(AB) = \text{Enc}(A) \cdot \text{Enc}(B)$

normally would have to decrypt individual messages first, multiply and encrypt again

homomorphic says just multiply directly.

homomorphic encryptions are NOT CCA-secure.