

EE309 Advanced Programming Techniques for EE

Lecture 23: Public key cryptography

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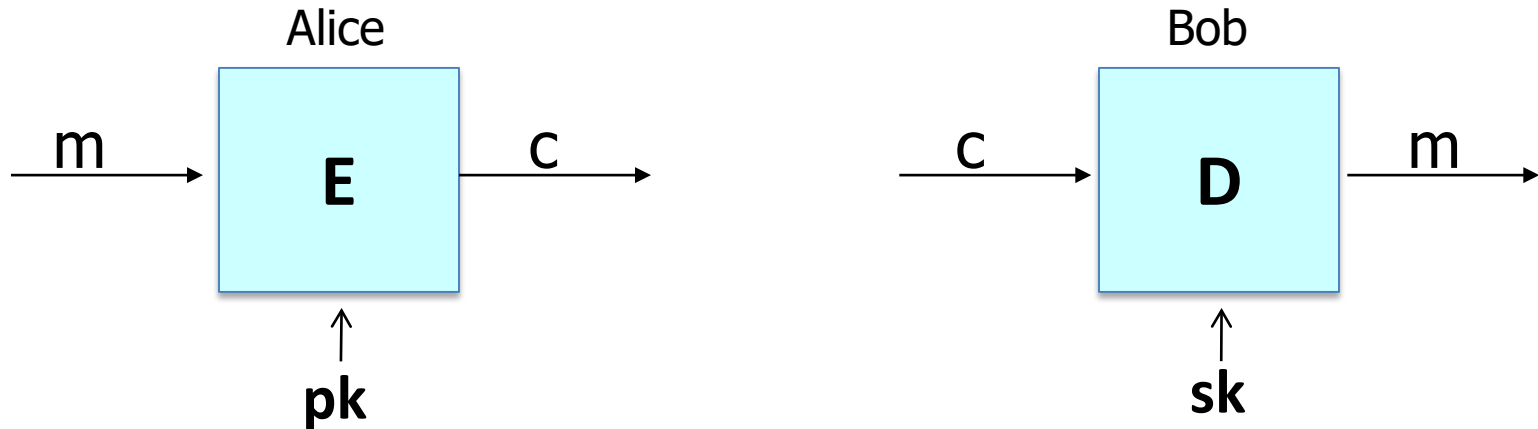
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[Slides from Cryptography at Coursera by Dan Boneh]

Public key encryption: definitions and security

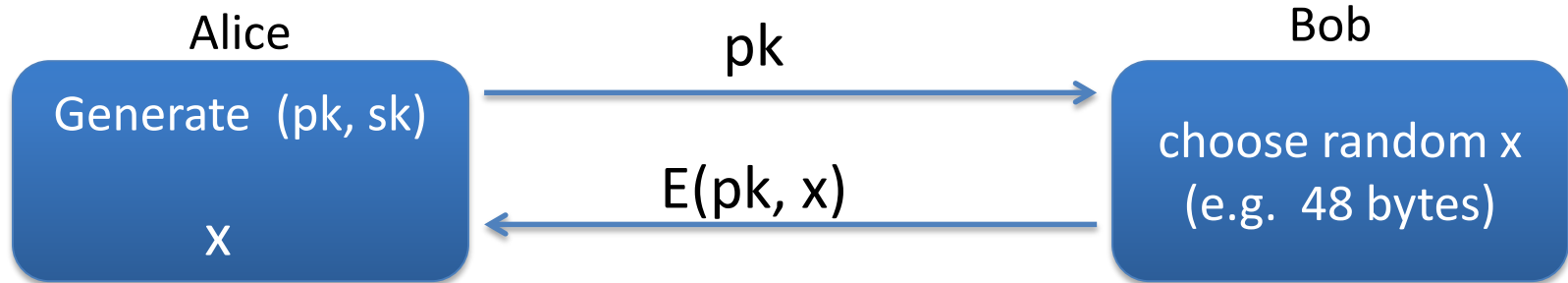
Public key encryption

Bob: generates (PK, SK) and gives PK to Alice



Applications

Session setup (for now, only eavesdropping security)



Non-interactive applications: (e.g. Email)

- Bob sends email to Alice encrypted using pk_{alice}
- Note: Bob needs pk_{alice} (public key management)

Public key encryption

Def: a public-key encryption system is a triple of algs. (G, E, D)

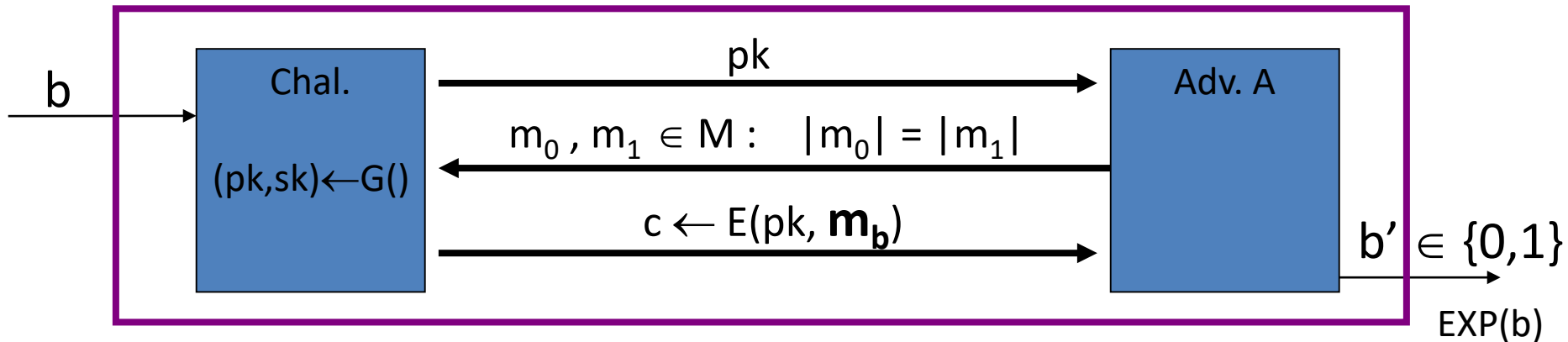
- $G()$: randomized alg. outputs a key pair (pk, sk)
- $E(pk, m)$: randomized alg. that takes $m \in M$ and outputs $c \in C$
- $D(sk, c)$: det. alg. that takes $c \in C$ and outputs $m \in M$ or \perp

Consistency: $\forall (pk, sk)$ output by G :

$$\forall m \in M: D(sk, E(pk, m)) = m$$

Security: eavesdropping

For $b=0,1$ define experiments $\text{EXP}(0)$ and $\text{EXP}(1)$ as:



Def: $\mathbb{E} = (G, E, D)$ is sem. secure (a.k.a IND-CPA) if for all efficient A :

$$\text{Adv}_{\text{SS}} [A, \mathbb{E}] = \left| \Pr[\text{EXP}(0)=1] - \Pr[\text{EXP}(1)=1] \right| < \text{negligible}$$

Relation to symmetric cipher security

Recall: for symmetric ciphers we had two security notions:

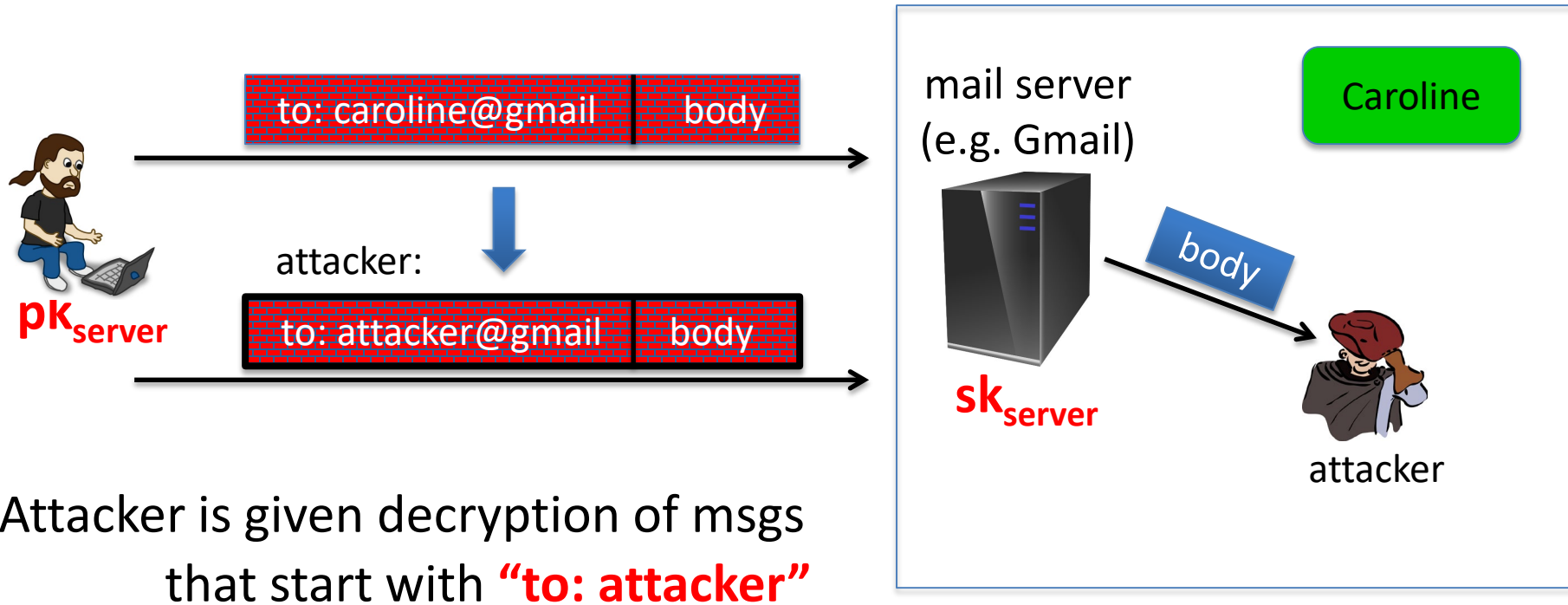
- One-time security and many-time security (CPA)
- We showed that one-time security $\not\Rightarrow$ many-time security

For public key encryption:

- One-time security \Rightarrow many-time security (CPA)
(follows from the fact that attacker can encrypt by himself)
- Public key encryption **must** be randomized

Security against active attacks

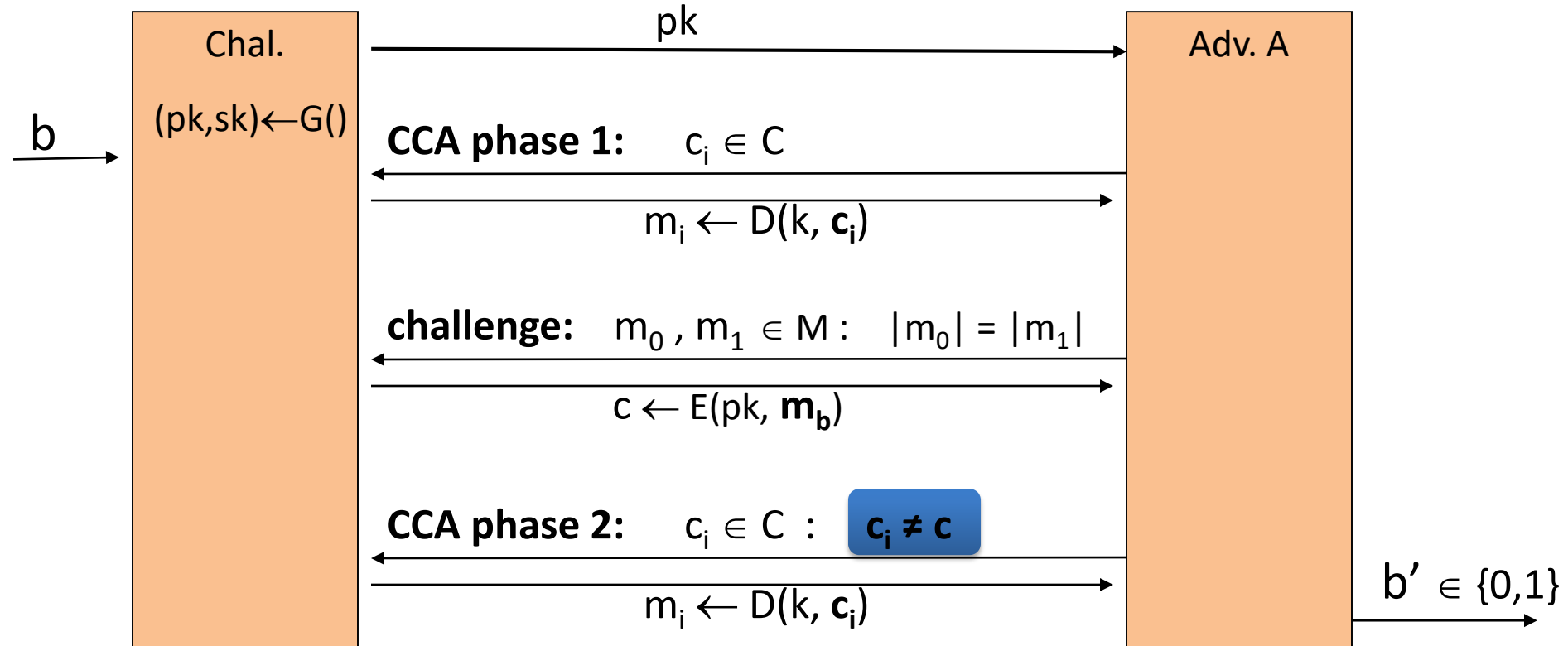
What if attacker can tamper with ciphertext?



Attacker is given decryption of msgs
that start with **“to: attacker”**

(pub-key) Chosen Ciphertext Security: definition

$\mathbb{E} = (G, E, D)$ public-key enc. over (M, C) . For $b=0,1$ define $\text{EXP}(b)$:



Chosen ciphertext security: definition

Def: \mathbb{E} is CCA secure (a.k.a IND-CCA) if for all efficient A :

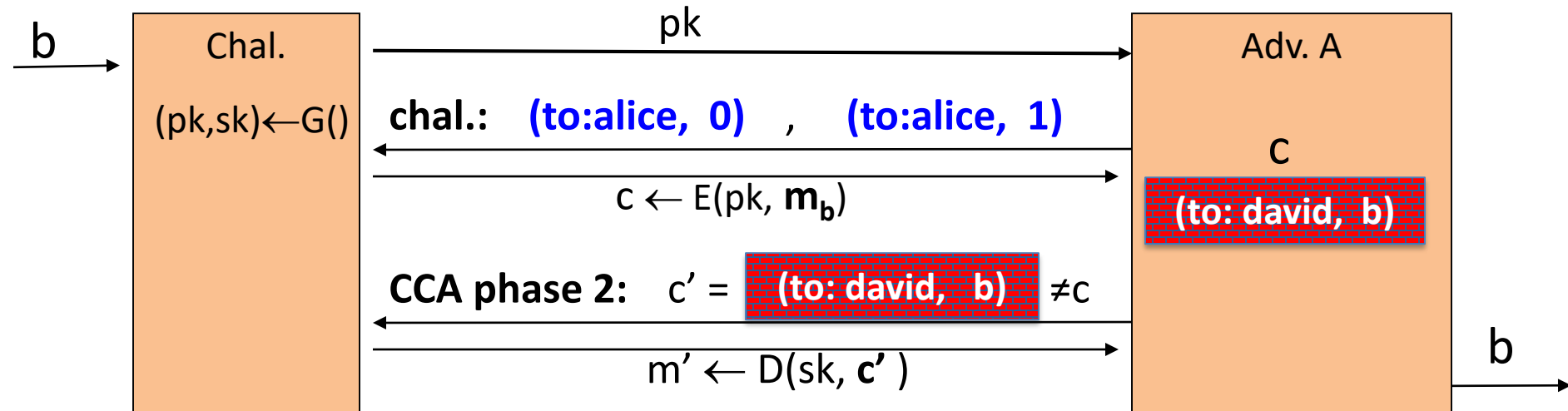
$$\text{Adv}_{\text{CCA}} [A, \mathbb{E}] = \left| \Pr[\text{EXP}(0)=1] - \Pr[\text{EXP}(1)=1] \right| \text{ is negligible.}$$

Example: Suppose

(to: alice, body)

→

(to: david, body)



Active attacks: symmetric vs. pub-key

Recall: secure symmetric cipher provides **authenticated encryption**

[chosen plaintext security & ciphertext integrity]

- Roughly speaking: **attacker cannot create new ciphertexts**
- Implies security against chosen ciphertext attacks

In public-key settings:

- Attacker **can** create new ciphertexts using pk !!
- So instead: we directly require chosen ciphertext security

Public Key Encryption from trapdoor permutations: Constructions

Trapdoor functions (TDF)

Def: a trapdoor func. $X \rightarrow Y$ is a triple of efficient algs. (G, F, F^{-1})

- $G()$: randomized alg. outputs a key pair (pk, sk)
- $F(pk, \cdot)$: det. alg. that defines a function $X \rightarrow Y$
- $F^{-1}(sk, \cdot)$: defines a function $Y \rightarrow X$ that inverts $F(pk, \cdot)$

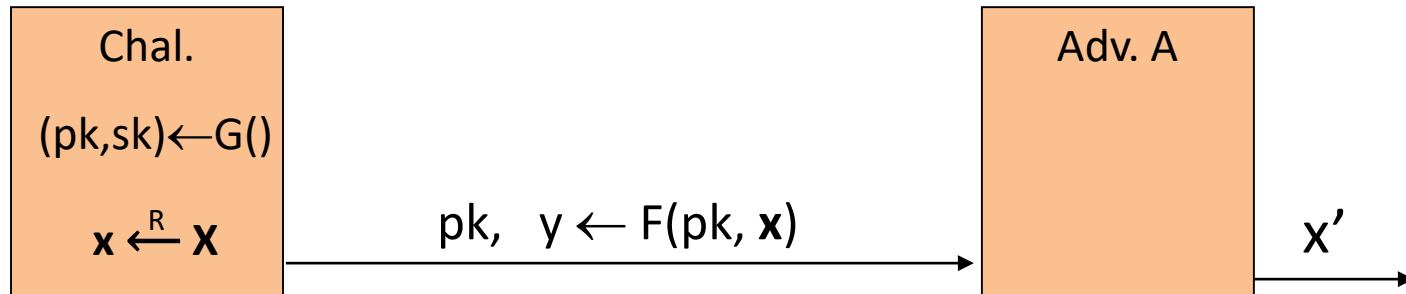
More precisely: $\forall (pk, sk)$ output by G

$$\forall x \in X: F^{-1}(sk, F(pk, x)) = x$$

Secure Trapdoor Functions (TDFs)

(G, F, F^{-1}) is secure if $F(pk, \cdot)$ is a “one-way” function:

can be evaluated, but cannot be inverted without sk



Def: (G, F, F^{-1}) is a secure TDF if for all efficient A :

$$\text{Adv}_{\text{OW}} [A, F] = \Pr[x = x'] < \text{negligible}$$

Public-key encryption from TDFs

- (G, F, F^{-1}) : secure TDF $X \rightarrow Y$
- (E_s, D_s) : symmetric auth. encryption defined over (K, M, C)
- $H: X \rightarrow K$ a hash function

We construct a pub-key enc. system (G, E, D) :

Key generation G : same as G for TDF

Public-key encryption from TDFs

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$E(pk, m)$:

$x \xleftarrow{R} X, \quad y \leftarrow F(pk, x)$

$k \leftarrow H(x), \quad c \leftarrow E_s(k, m)$

output (y, c)

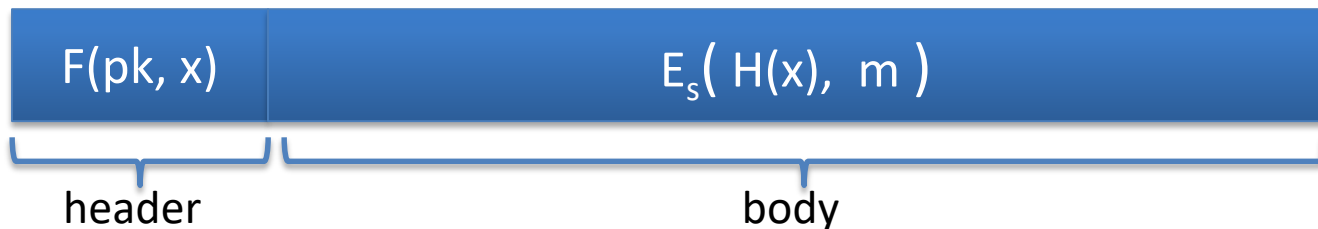
$D(sk, (y, c))$:

$x \leftarrow F^{-1}(sk, y),$

$k \leftarrow H(x), \quad m \leftarrow D_s(k, c)$

output m

In pictures:



Security Theorem:

If (G, F, F^{-1}) is a secure TDF, (E_s, D_s) provides auth. enc.
and $H: X \rightarrow K$ is a “random oracle”
then (G, E, D) is CCA^{ro} secure.

Incorrect use of a Trapdoor Function (TDF)

Never encrypt by applying F directly to plaintext:

$E(pk, m)$:

output $c \leftarrow F(pk, m)$

$D(sk, c)$:

output $F^{-1}(sk, c)$

Problems:

- Deterministic: cannot be semantically secure !!
- Many attacks exist (next segment)

The RSA trapdoor permutation

Review: trapdoor permutations

Three algorithms: (G, F, F^{-1})

- G : outputs pk, sk . pk defines a function $F(pk, \cdot): X \rightarrow X$
- $F(pk, x)$: evaluates the function at x
- $F^{-1}(sk, y)$: inverts the function at y using sk

Secure trapdoor permutation:

The function $F(pk, \cdot)$ is one-way without the trapdoor sk

Review: arithmetic mod composites

Let $N = p \cdot q$ where p, q are prime

$$\mathbb{Z}_N = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, N-1\} \quad ; \quad (\mathbb{Z}_N)^* = \{\text{invertible elements in } \mathbb{Z}_N\}$$

Facts: $x \in \mathbb{Z}_N$ is invertible $\iff \gcd(x, N) = 1$

– Number of elements in $(\mathbb{Z}_N)^*$ is $\varphi(N) = (p-1)(q-1) = N - p - q + 1$

Euler's thm:

$$\forall x \in (\mathbb{Z}_N)^* : x^{\varphi(N)} = 1$$

The RSA trapdoor permutation

First published: Scientific American, Aug. 1977.

Very widely used:

- SSL/TLS: certificates and key-exchange
- Secure e-mail and file systems
- ... many others

The RSA trapdoor permutation

G(): choose random primes $p, q \approx 1024$ bits. Set $N=pq$.

choose integers e, d s.t. $e \cdot d = 1 \pmod{\varphi(N)}$

output $pk = (N, e)$, $sk = (N, d)$

F(pk, x): $\mathbb{Z}_N^* \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_N^*$; $\text{RSA}(x) = x^e$ (in \mathbb{Z}_N)

F⁻¹(sk, y) = y^d ; $y^d = \text{RSA}(x)^d = x^{ed} = x^{k\varphi(N)+1} = (x^{\varphi(N)})^k \cdot x = x$

The RSA assumption

RSA assumption: RSA is one-way permutation

For all efficient algs. A :

$$\Pr \left[A(N, e, y) = y^{1/e} \right] < \text{negligible}$$

where $p, q \xleftarrow{R}$ n -bit primes, $N \leftarrow pq$, $y \xleftarrow{R} \mathbb{Z}_N^*$

Review: RSA pub-key encryption (ISO std)

(E_s, D_s) : symmetric enc. scheme providing auth. encryption.

$H: Z_N \rightarrow K$ where K is key space of (E_s, D_s)

- **G()**: generate RSA params: $pk = (N, e)$, $sk = (N, d)$
- **E(pk, m)**:
 - (1) choose random x in Z_N
 - (2) $y \leftarrow \text{RSA}(x) = x^e$, $k \leftarrow H(x)$
 - (3) output $(y, E_s(k, m))$
- **D(sk, (y, c))**: output $D_s(H(\text{RSA}^{-1}(y)), c)$

Textbook RSA is insecure

Textbook RSA encryption:

– public key: (N, e)

Encrypt: $c \leftarrow m^e$ (in Z_N)

– secret key: (N, d)

Decrypt: $c^d \rightarrow m$

Insecure cryptosystem !!

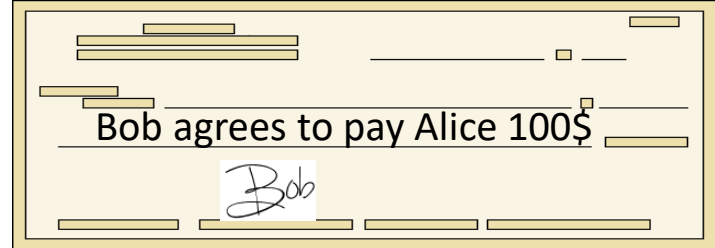
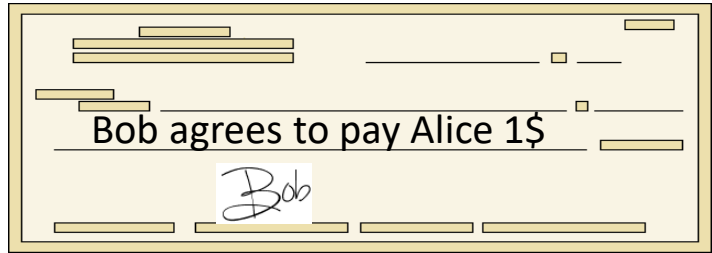
– Is not semantically secure and many attacks exist

\Rightarrow The RSA trapdoor permutation is not an encryption scheme !

What is a digital signature?

Physical signatures

Goal: bind document to author

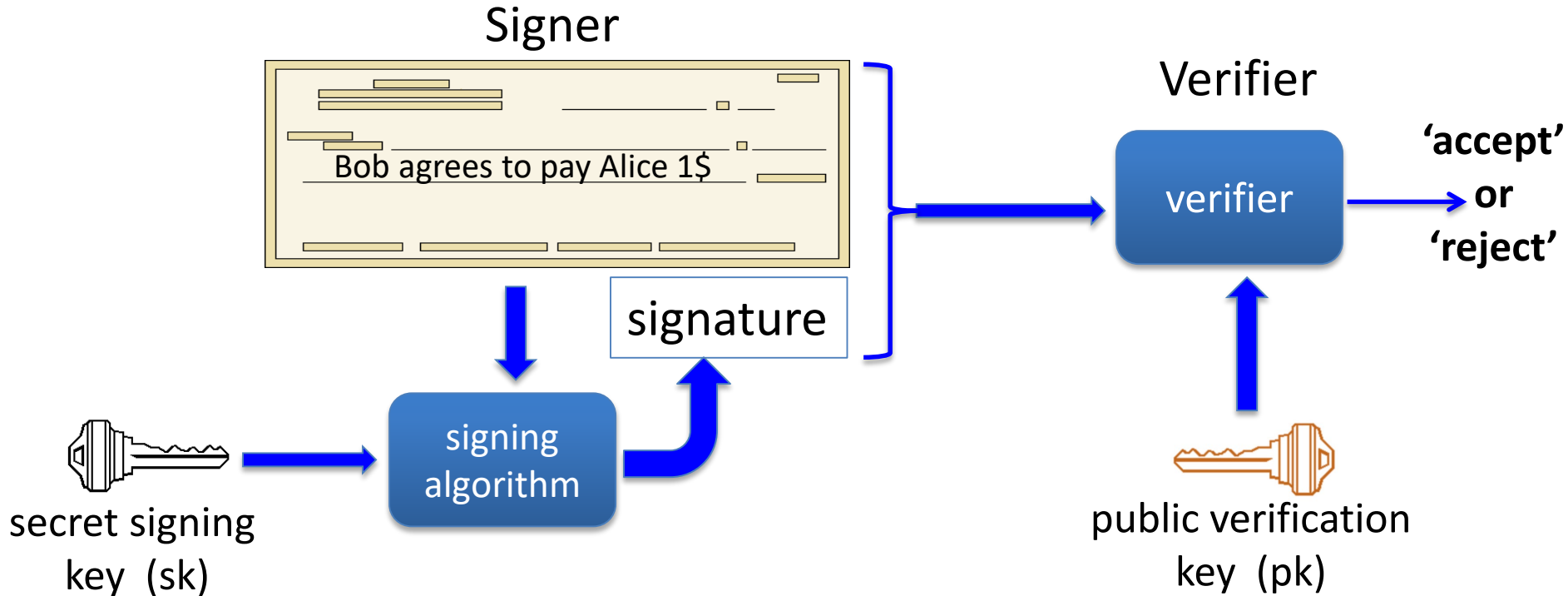


Problem in the digital world:

anyone can copy Bob's signature from one doc to another

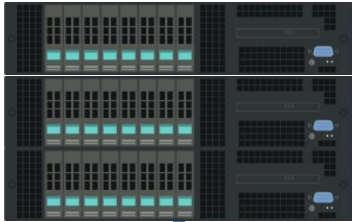
Digital signatures

Solution: make signature depend on document



A more realistic example

Software vendor



software update sig

secret signing
key (sk)



signing
algorithm

untrusted
hosting
site

clients



verify sig,
install if valid

Digital signatures: syntax

Def: a signature scheme (Gen, S, V) is a triple of algorithms:

- $\text{Gen}()$: randomized alg. outputs a key pair (pk, sk)
- $S(sk, m \in M)$ outputs sig. σ
- $V(pk, m, \sigma)$ outputs ‘accept’ or ‘reject’

Consistency: for all (pk, sk) output by Gen :

$$\forall m \in M: V(pk, m, S(sk, m)) = \text{‘accept’}$$

Digital signatures: security

Attacker's power: **chosen message attack**

- for m_1, m_2, \dots, m_q attacker is given $\sigma_i \leftarrow S(\text{sk}, m_i)$

Attacker's goal: **existential forgery**

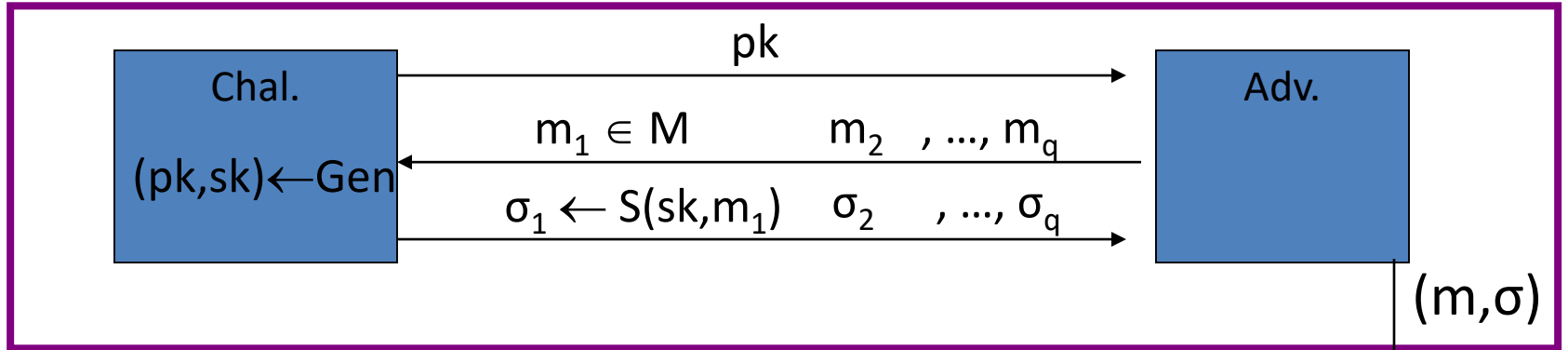
- produce some **new** valid message/sig pair (m, σ) .

$$m \notin \{m_1, \dots, m_q\}$$

\Rightarrow attacker cannot produce a valid sig. for a **new** message

Secure signatures

For a sig. scheme (Gen, S, V) and adv. A define a game as:



Adv. wins if $V(pk, m, \sigma) = \text{'accept'}$ and $m \notin \{m_1, \dots, m_q\}$

Def: $SS = (\text{Gen}, S, V)$ is **secure** if for all “efficient” A :

$$\text{Adv}_{\text{SIG}}[A, SS] = \Pr[A \text{ wins}] \text{ is “negligible”}$$

Let (Gen, S, V) be a signature scheme.

Suppose an attacker is able to find $m_0 \neq m_1$ such that

$$V(\text{pk}, m_0, \sigma) = V(\text{pk}, m_1, \sigma) \quad \text{for all } \sigma \text{ and keys } (\text{pk}, \text{sk}) \leftarrow \text{Gen}$$

Can this signature be secure?

- Yes, the attacker cannot forge a signature for either m_0 or m_1
- No, signatures can be forged using a chosen msg attack
- It depends on the details of the scheme

Applications

Applications

Code signing:

- Software vendor signs code
- Clients have vendor's pk. Install software if signature verifies.

software vendor



initial software install (pk)

[software update #1 , sig]

[software update #2 , sig]

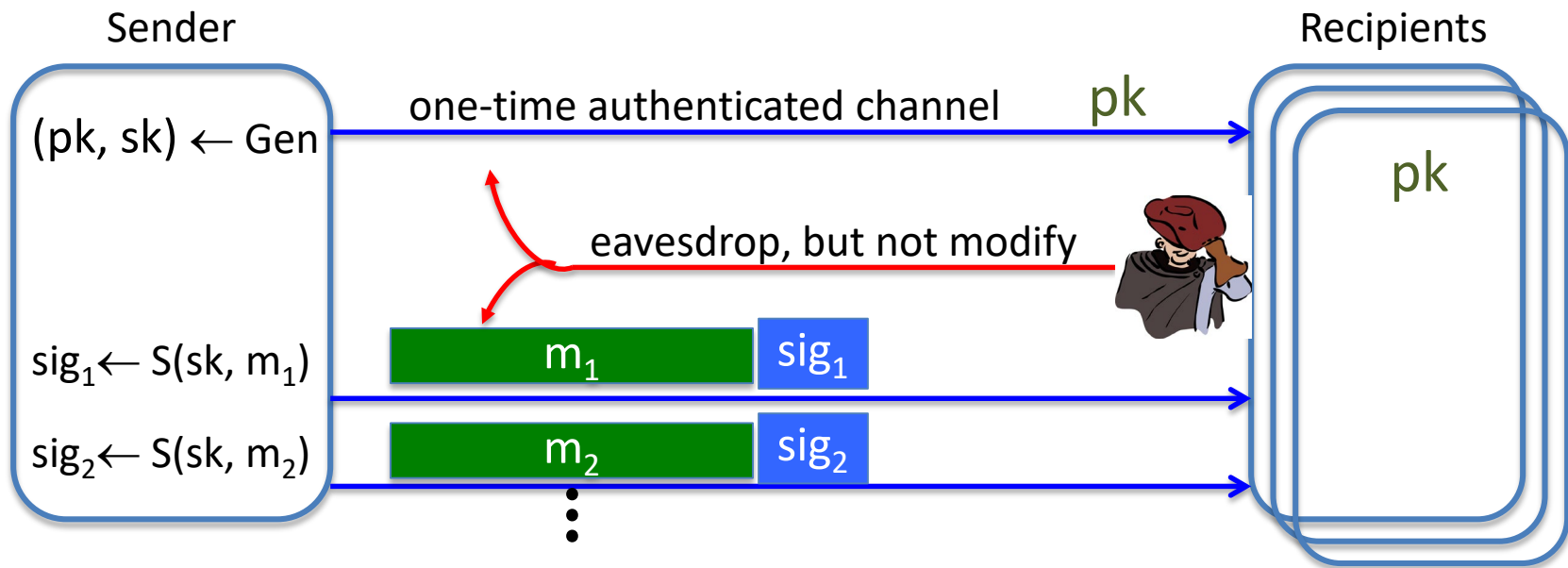
many clients



More generally:

One-time authenticated channel (non-private, one-directional)
 \Rightarrow many-time authenticated channel

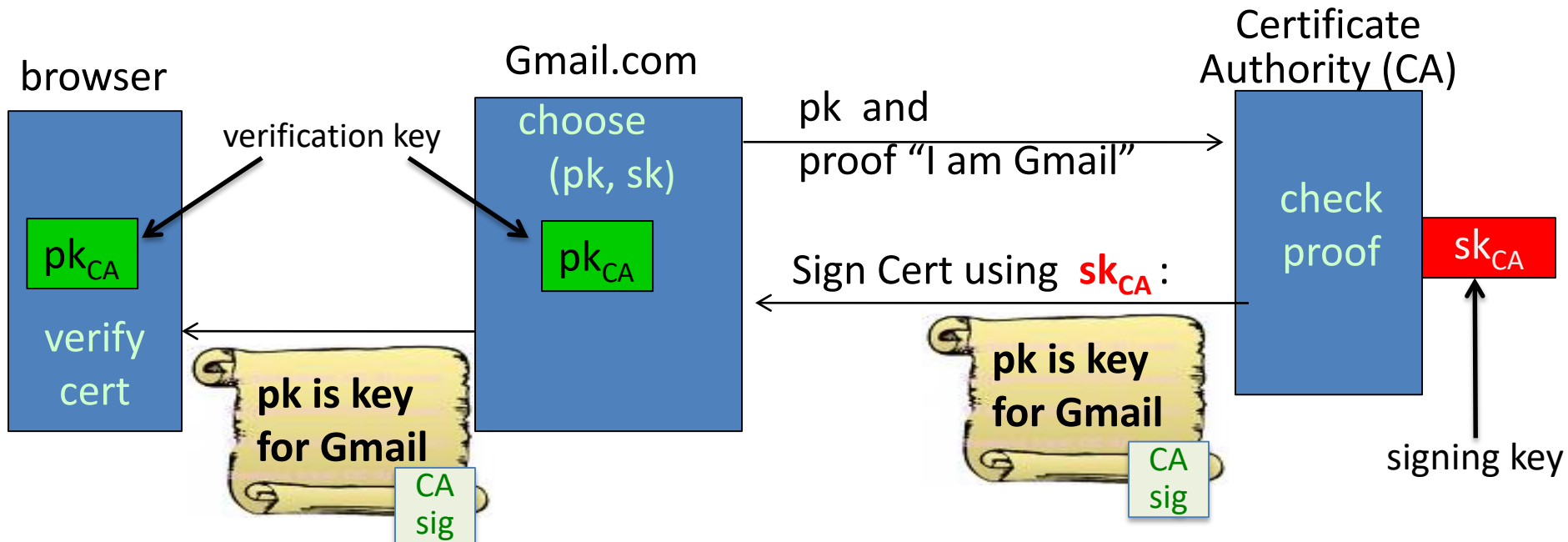
Initial software install is authenticated, but not private



Important application: Certificates

Problem: browser needs server's public-key to setup a session key

Solution: server asks trusted 3rd party (CA) to sign its public-key pk




Server uses Cert for an extended period (e.g. one year)

Certificates: example

Important fields:

Serial Number	5814744488373890497	←
Version	3	
Signature Algorithm	SHA-1 with RSA Encryption (1.2.840.113549.1.1.5)	
Parameters	none	
Not Valid Before	Wednesday, July 31, 2013 4:59:24 AM Pacific Daylight Time	
Not Valid After	Thursday, July 31, 2014 4:59:24 AM Pacific Daylight Time	
Public Key Info		
Algorithm	Elliptic Curve Public Key (1.2.840.10045.2.1)	
Parameters	Elliptic Curve secp256r1 (1.2.840.10045.3.1.7)	
Public Key	65 bytes : 04 71 6C DD E0 0A C9 76 ...	←
Key Size	256 bits	
Key Usage	Encrypt, Verify, Derive	
Signature	256 bytes : 8A 38 FE D6 F5 E7 F6 59 ...	←

Equifax Secure Certificate Authority
↳ GeoTrust Global CA
↳ Google Internet Authority G2
↳ mail.google.com

 **mail.google.com**
Issued by: Google Internet Authority G2
Expires: Thursday, July 31, 2014 4:59:24 AM Pacific Daylight Time
✔ This certificate is valid

▼ **Details**

Subject Name		
Country	US	
State/Province	California	
Locality	Mountain View	
Organization	Google Inc	
Common Name	mail.google.com	←
Issuer Name		
Country	US	
Organization	Google Inc	
Common Name	Google Internet Authority G2	

What entity generates the CA's secret key sk_{CA} ?

- the browser
- Gmail
- the CA
- the NSA

Constructions overview

Review: digital signatures

Def: a signature scheme (Gen, S, V) is a triple of algorithms:

- $\text{Gen}()$: randomized alg. outputs a key pair (pk, sk)
- $S(sk, m \in M)$ outputs sig. σ
- $V(pk, m, \sigma)$ outputs 'yes' or 'no'

Security:

- Attacker's power: chosen message attack
- Attacker's goal: existential forgery

Extending the domain with CRHF

Let $\mathbf{Sig}=(\text{Gen}, S, V)$ be a sig scheme for short messages, say $M = \{0,1\}^{256}$

Let $H: M^{\text{big}} \rightarrow M$ be a hash function (s.g. SHA-256)

Def: $\mathbf{Sig}^{\text{big}} = (\text{Gen}, S^{\text{big}}, V^{\text{big}})$ for messages in M^{big} as:

$$S^{\text{big}}(\text{sk}, \mathbf{m}) = S(\text{sk}, H(\mathbf{m})) \quad ; \quad V^{\text{big}}(\text{pk}, \mathbf{m}, \sigma) = V(\text{pk}, H(\mathbf{m}), \sigma)$$

Thm: If \mathbf{Sig} is a secure sig scheme for M and H is collision resistant then $\mathbf{Sig}^{\text{big}}$ is a secure sig scheme for M^{big}

\Rightarrow suffices to construct signatures for short 256-bit messages

Suppose an attacker finds two distinct messages m_0, m_1 such that $H(m_0) = H(m_1)$. Can she use this to break **Sig^{big}** ?

- No, **Sig^{big}** is secure because the underlying scheme **Sig** is
- It depends on what underlying scheme **Sig** is used
- Yes, she would ask for a signature on m_0 and obtain an existential forgery for m_1

Primitives that imply signatures: TDP

Recall: $f: X \rightarrow X$ is a **trapdoor permutation** (TDP) if:

- easy: for all $x \in X$ compute $f(x)$
- inverting f is hard, **unless one has a trapdoor**

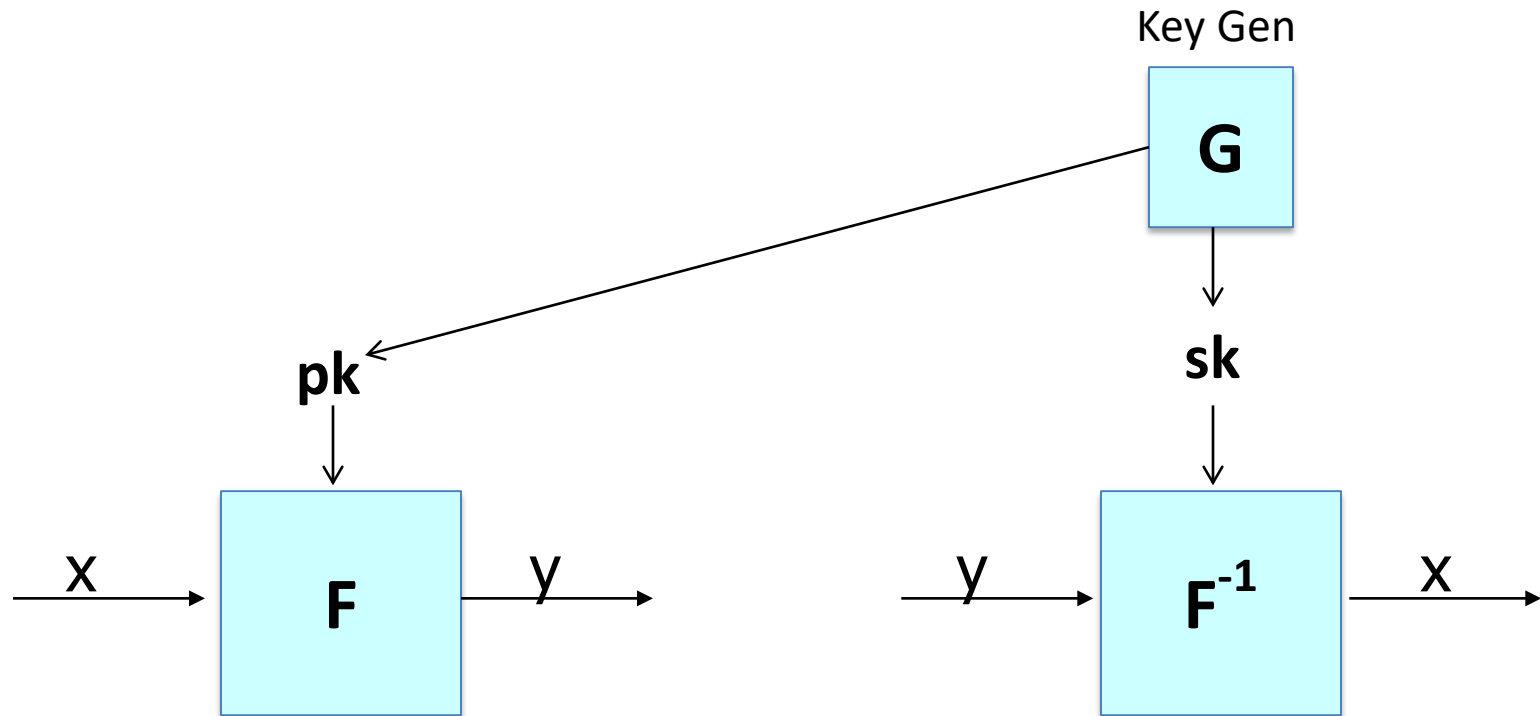
Example: [RSA](#)

Signatures from TDP: very simple and practical (next segment)

- Commonly used for signing certificates

Signatures From Trapdoor Permutations

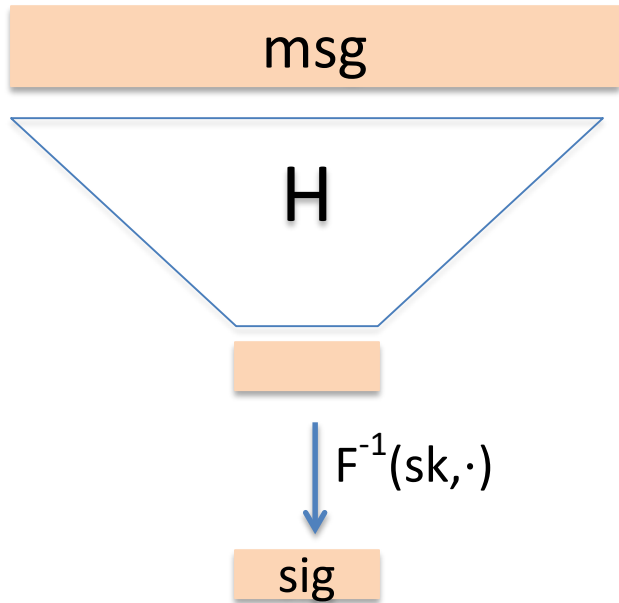
Review: Trapdoor permutation (G, F, F^{-1})



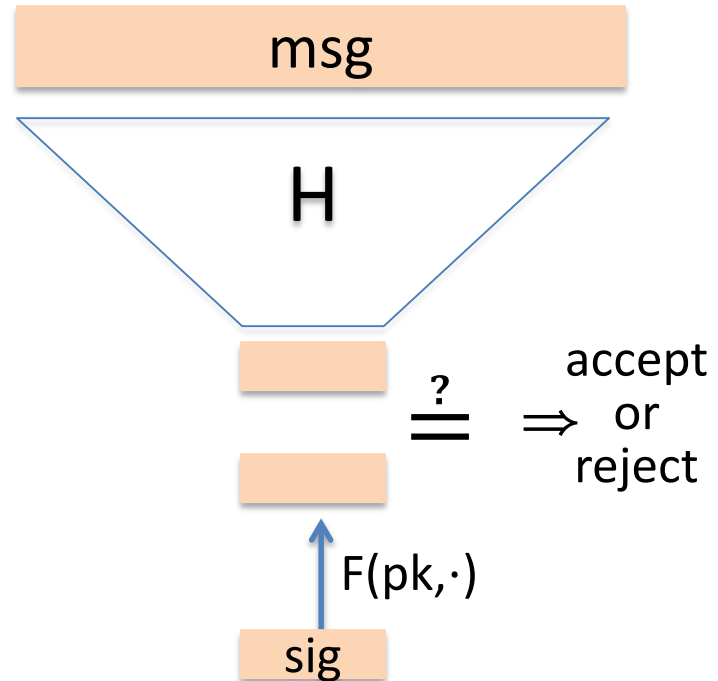
$f(x) = F(pk, x)$ is one-to-one ($X \rightarrow X$) and is a **one-way function**.

Full Domain Hash Signatures: pictures

$S(\text{sk}, \text{msg})$:



$V(\text{pk}, \text{msg}, \text{sig})$:



Full Domain Hash (FDH) Signatures

$(G_{\text{TDP}}, F, F^{-1})$: Trapdoor permutation on domain X

$H: M \rightarrow X$ hash function (FDH)

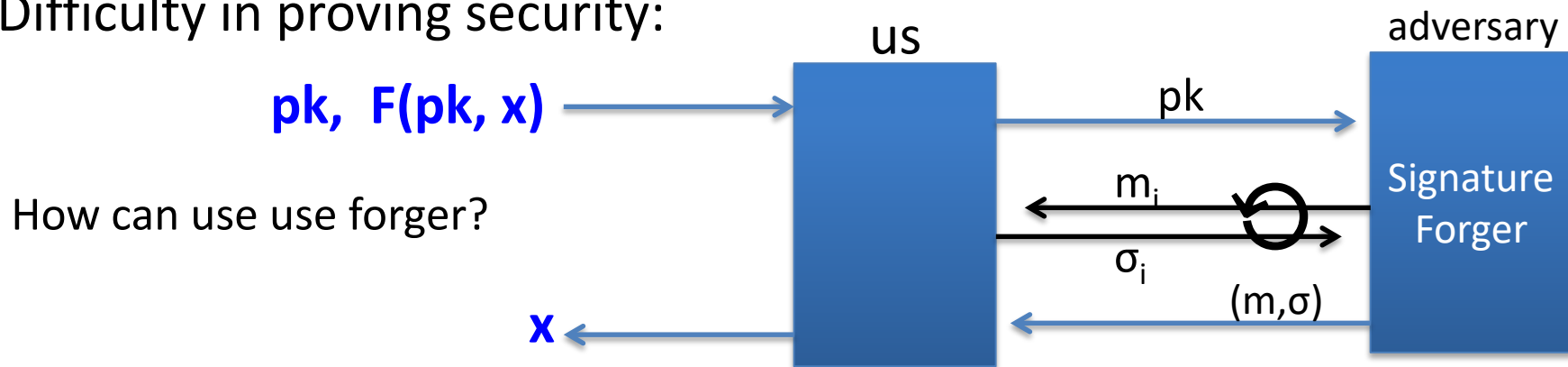
(Gen, S, V) signature scheme:

- **Gen**: run G_{TDP} and output pk, sk
- **$S(sk, m \in M)$** : output $\sigma \leftarrow F^{-1}(sk, H(m))$
- **$V(pk, m, \sigma)$** : output $\begin{cases} \text{'accept' if } F(pk, \sigma) = H(m) \\ \text{'reject' otherwise} \end{cases}$

Security

Thm [BR]: $(G_{\text{TDP}}, F, F^{-1})$ secure TDP \Rightarrow (Gen, S, V) secure signature
when $H: M \rightarrow X$ is modeled as an “ideal” hash function

Difficulty in proving security:

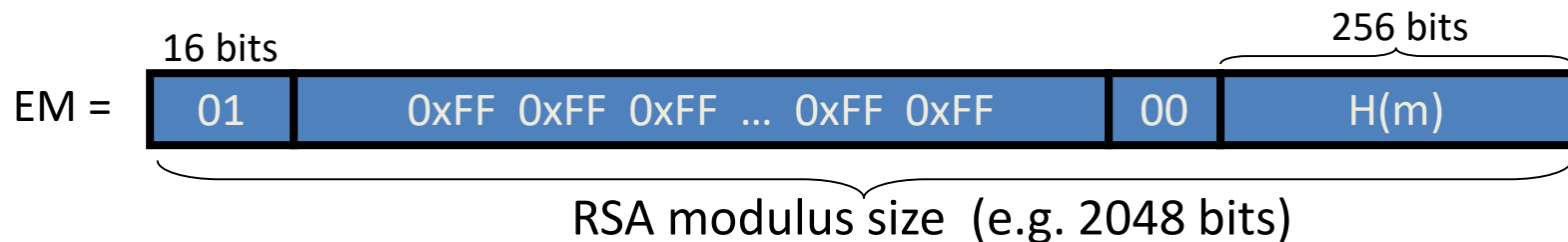


Solution: “we” will know sig. on **all-but-one** of m where adv. queries $H()$.
Hope adversary gives forgery for that single message.

PKCS1 v1.5 signatures

RSA trapdoor permutation: $pk = (N,e)$, $sk = (N,d)$

- $S(sk, m \in M)$:



output: $\sigma \leftarrow (EM)^d \bmod N$

- $V(pk, m \in M, \sigma)$: verify that $\sigma^e \bmod N$ has the correct format

Security: no security analysis, not even with ideal hash functions

Many 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