

# Public-Key Encryption

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# Symmetric-key Crypto

- Before Alice and Bob can communicate securely, they need to have a common secret key  $K_{AB}$ .
- If Alice wishes to also communicate with Charlie then she and Charlie must also have another common secret key  $K_{AC}$ .
- If Alice generates  $K_{AB}$ ,  $K_{AC}$ , they must be communicated to her partners over private and authenticated channels.

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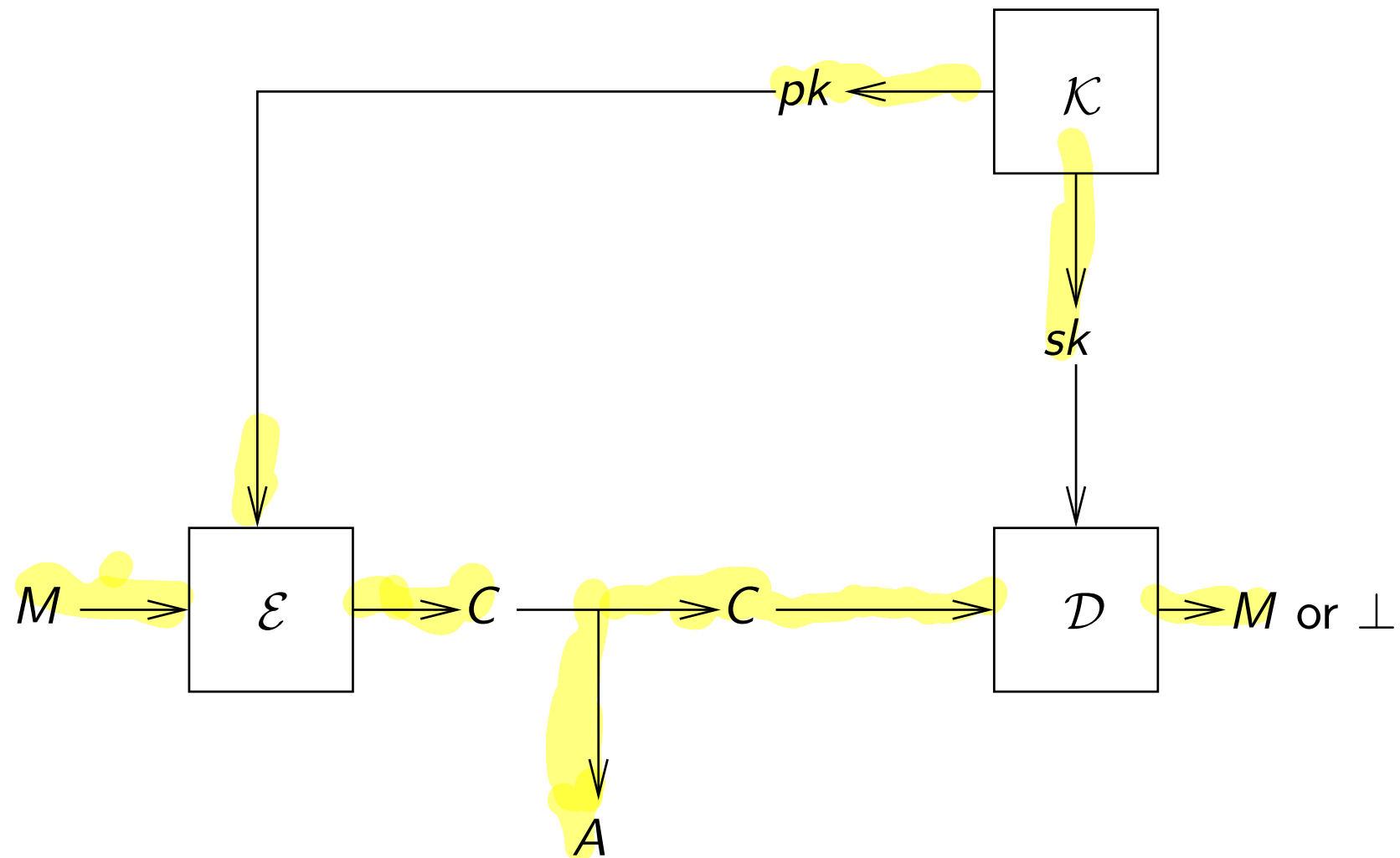
- Alice has a secret key that is shared with nobody, and an associated public key that is known to everybody.
- Anyone (Bob, Charlie, ...) can use Alice's public key to send her an encrypted message which only she can decrypt.

Think of the public key like a phone number that you can look up in a database

- Senders don't need secrets
- There are no **shared** secrets

# Syntax

A public-key (or asymmetric) encryption scheme  $\mathcal{AE} = (\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{E}, \mathcal{D})$  consists of three algorithms, where





# How it Works

Step 1: Key generation

Alice locally computes  $(pk, sk) \xleftarrow{\$} \mathcal{K}$  and stores  $sk$ .

Step 2: Alice enables any prospective sender to get  $pk$ .

Step 3: The sender encrypts under  $pk$  and Alice decrypts under  $sk$ .

We don't require privacy of  $pk$  but we do require authenticity: the sender should be assured  $pk$  is really Alice's key and not someone else's. One could

- Put public keys in a trusted but public “phone book”, say a cryptographic DNS.
- Use [certificates](#) as we will see later.

# Privacy

- The privacy notion is like IND-CPA for symmetric-key encryption, except the adversary is given the public key.

# IND-CPA

Finalize(b)  
return b

lossy  
enc.

$pk \approx pk'$

dec.  
key

Let  $\mathcal{AE} = (\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{E}, \mathcal{D})$  be a PKE scheme and  $A$  an adversary.

Game **Left** $_{\mathcal{AE}}$

**procedure Initialize**

$(pk, sk) \xleftarrow{\$} \mathcal{K}$ ; return  $pk$

**procedure LR**( $M_0, M_1$ )

Return  $C \xleftarrow{\$} \mathcal{E}_{pk}(M_0)$

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No finalize procedure means the "trivial" finalize procedure.  
Associated to  $\mathcal{AE}, A$  are the probabilities

$$\Pr \left[ \text{Left}_{\mathcal{AE}}^A \Rightarrow 1 \right]$$

$$\Pr \left[ \text{Right}_{\mathcal{AE}}^A \Rightarrow 1 \right]$$

that  $A$  outputs 1 in each world. The **ind-cpa advantage** of  $A$  is

$$\mathbf{Adv}_{\mathcal{AE}}^{\text{ind-cpa}}(A) = \Pr \left[ \text{Right}_{\mathcal{AE}}^A \Rightarrow 1 \right] - \Pr \left[ \text{Left}_{\mathcal{AE}}^A \Rightarrow 1 \right]$$

# Explanation

The “return  $pk$ ” statement in **Initialize** means the adversary  $A$  gets the public key  $pk$  as input. It does not get  $sk$ .

It can call **LR** with any equal-length messages  $M_0, M_1$  of its choice to get back an encryption  $C \xleftarrow{\$} \mathcal{E}_{pk}(M_b)$  of  $M_b$  under  $sk$ , where  $b = 0$  in game  $\text{Left}_{\mathcal{AE}}$  and  $b = 1$  in game  $\text{Right}_{\mathcal{AE}}$ . Notation indicates encryption algorithm may be randomized.

$A$  is not allowed to call **LR** with messages  $M_0, M_1$  of unequal length. Any such  $A$  is considered invalid and its advantage is undefined or 0.

It outputs a bit, and wins if this bit equals  $b$ .

# Building a Scheme

We would like security to result from the hardness of computing discrete logarithms.

Let the receiver's public key be  $g$  where  $G = \langle g \rangle$  is a cyclic group. Let's let the encryption of  $x$  be  $g^x$ . Then

$$\underbrace{g^x}_{\mathcal{E}_g(x)} \xrightarrow{\text{hard}} x$$

so to recover  $x$ , adversary must compute discrete logarithms, and we know it can't, so are we done?

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- A PKE scheme is then obtained by using **hybrid encryption** (the so-called KEM-DEM paradigm)

$$C \leftarrow^{\$} \mathcal{E}(pk, m)$$

# Key Encapsulation

$$(\boxed{y^e}, y) \quad (x, \cancel{x}^{1/e} \bmod N) \quad (\underline{x}, y) \quad f(x) = y$$

A KEM  $\mathcal{KEM} = (\mathcal{KK}, \mathcal{EK}, \mathcal{DK})$  is a triple of algorithms

$$(pk, sk) \leftarrow^{\$} \mathcal{KK}$$

$$(C, \cancel{K}) \leftarrow^{\$} \mathcal{EK}(pk) \leftarrow$$

$$K' \leftarrow \mathcal{DK}(sk, C)$$

$$K = K'$$



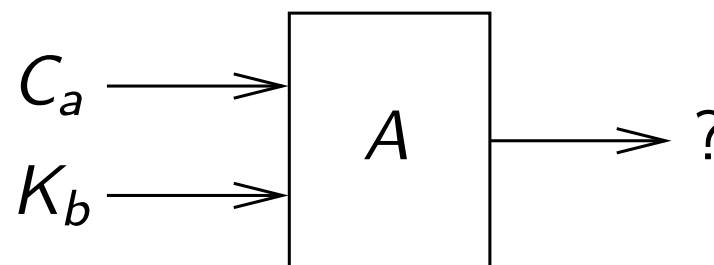
$|K| = \{0, 1\}^k$

# KEM Security

Let  $\mathcal{KEM} = (\mathcal{KK}, \mathcal{EK}, \mathcal{DK})$  be a KEM with key length  $k$ . Security requires that if we let

$$(K_1, C_a) \xleftarrow{\$} \mathcal{EK}_{pk}$$

then  $K_1$  should look “random”. Somewhat more precisely, if we also generate  $K_0 \xleftarrow{\$} \{0, 1\}^k$ ;  $b \xleftarrow{\$} \{0, 1\}$  then



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Game  $\text{Left}_{\mathcal{KEM}}$

**procedure Initialize**

$(pk, sk) \xleftarrow{\$} \mathcal{KK}$

return  $pk$

**procedure Enc**

$K_0 \xleftarrow{\$} \{0, 1\}^k ; (K_1, C_a) \xleftarrow{\$} \mathcal{EK}_{pk}$

return  $(K_0, C_a)$

Game  $\text{Right}_{\mathcal{KEM}}$

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# Building a KEM

$$C = g^y \quad g^x = pk \quad x = sk \quad K = H(g^{xy})$$

We can turn DH key exchange into a KEM via

- Let Alice have public key  $g^x$  and secret key  $x$
- Bob picks  $y$  and sends  $g^y$  to Alice as the ciphertext
- The key  $K$  is (a hash of) the shared DH key  $g^{xy} = Y^x = X^y$

The DH key is a group element. Hashing results in a key that is a string of a desired length.

Will prove sec  
later getting more  
proofs

$$17(g^y || g^{xy})$$

$$g^a \cdot g^b = g^{a+b}$$

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**Alg  $\mathcal{KK}$**

$x \xleftarrow{\$} \mathbf{Z}_m$

$X \leftarrow g^x$

return  $(X, x)$

**Alg  $\mathcal{EK}_X$**

$y \xleftarrow{\$} \mathbf{Z}_m; C_a \leftarrow g^y$

$Z \leftarrow X^y$

$K \leftarrow H(C_a || Z)$

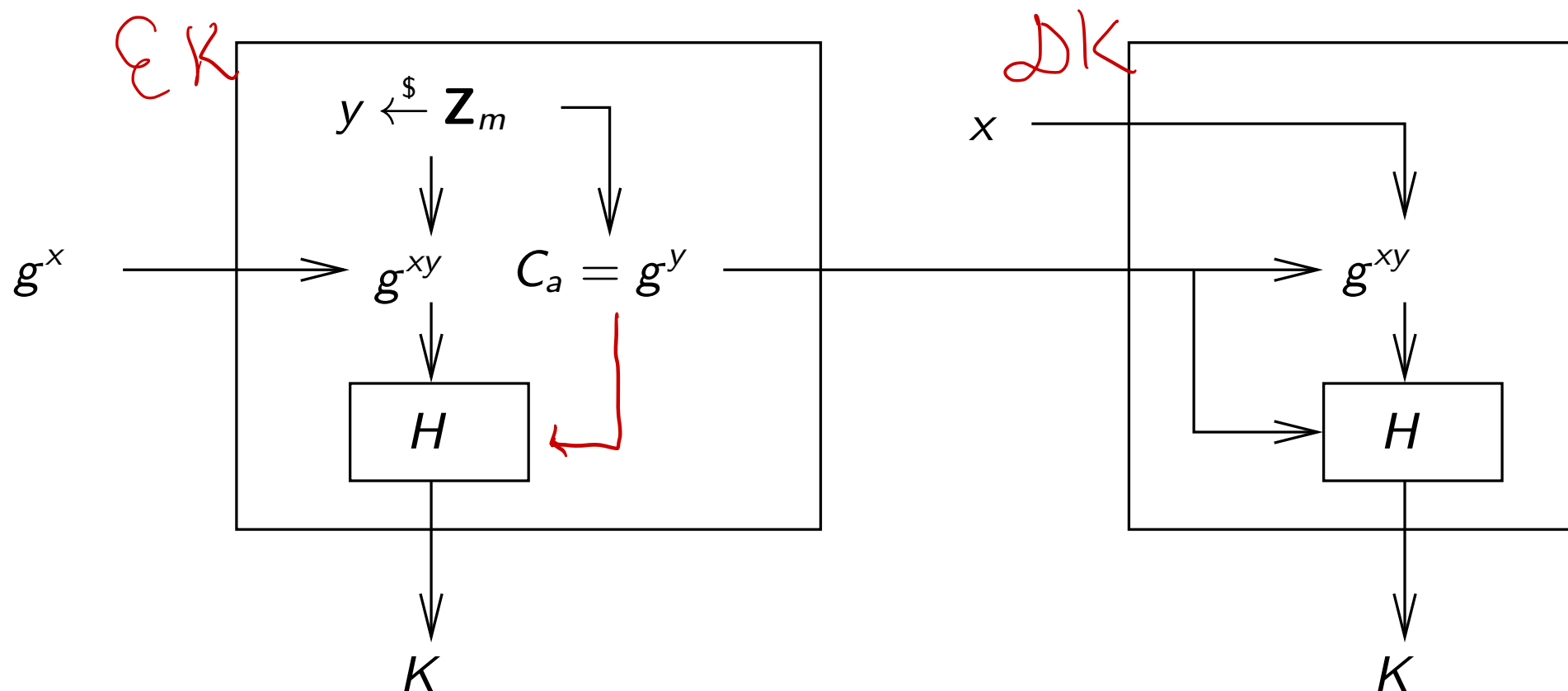
return  $(K, C_a)$

**Alg  $\mathcal{DK}_x(C_a)$**

$Z \leftarrow C_a^x$

$K \leftarrow H(C_a || Z)$

return  $K$



# Hybrid Encryption

Given a KEM  $\mathcal{KEM} = (\mathcal{KK}, \mathcal{EK}, \mathcal{DK})$  with key length  $k$ , we can build a PKE scheme with the aid of a symmetric encryption scheme  $\mathcal{SE} = (\mathcal{KS}, \mathcal{ES}, \mathcal{DS})$  that also has key length  $k$ . Namely, define the PKE scheme  $\mathcal{AE} = (\mathcal{KK}, \mathcal{E}, \mathcal{D})$  via:

**Alg**  $\mathcal{E}_{pk}(M)$

$(\underline{K}, C_a) \xleftarrow{\$} \mathcal{EK}_{pk}$

$C_s \xleftarrow{\$} \mathcal{ES}_{\underline{K}}(\underline{M})$

Return  $(C_a, C_s)$

**Alg**  $\mathcal{D}_{sk}((C_a, C_s))$


$K \leftarrow \mathcal{DK}_{sk}(C_a)$

$M \leftarrow \mathcal{DS}_K(C_s)$

Return  $M$

# One query simplification

In assessing IND-CPA security of a PKE scheme, we may assume  $A$  makes only one **LR** query. It can be shown that this can decrease its advantage by at most the number of **LR** queries.

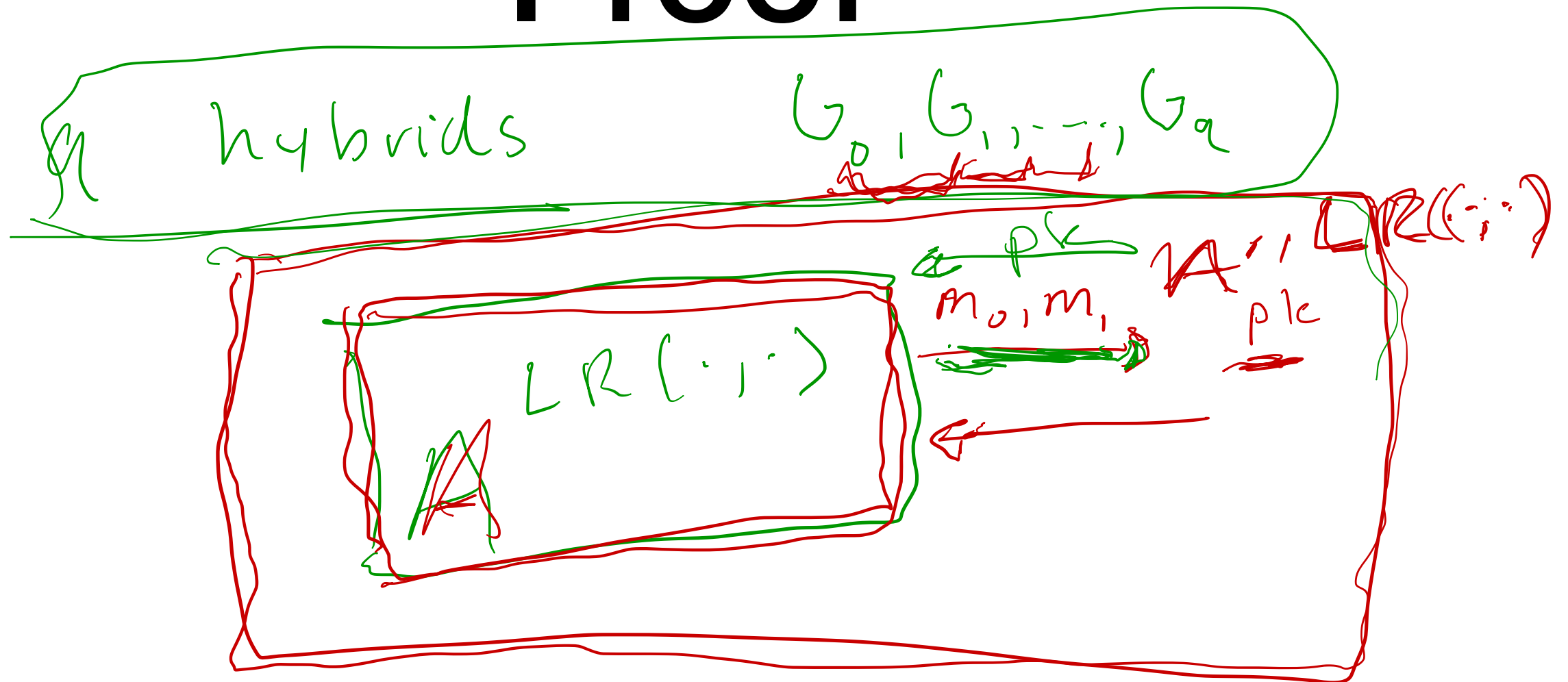
 **Theorem:** Let  $\mathcal{AE}$  be a PKE scheme and  $A$  an ind-cpa adversary making  $q$  **LR** queries. Then there is a ind-cpa adversary  $A_1$  making 1 **LR** query such that

$$\text{Adv}_{\mathcal{AE}}^{\text{ind-cpa}}(A) \leq q \text{ Adv}_{\mathcal{AE}}^{\text{ind-cpa}}(A_1) \quad \leftarrow 2^q$$

and the running time of  $A_1$  is about that of  $A$ .

NOT TRUE IN  
SYMMETRIC  
SETTING

# Proof



$i$ -th hybrid: queries  $1, \dots, i$  by  $A$   
 are answered by encrypting  
 LEFT

$(i+1)$ -st query: query own oracle

$i+2, \dots, q$  query: encrypt  
 RIGHT

hybrids ✓



# Hybrid Encryption

$$(c, k) \approx_c (c, \$)$$

If the KEM and symmetric encryption scheme are both IND-CPA, then so is the PKE scheme constructed by hybrid encryption.

**Theorem:** Let  $\text{KEM } \mathcal{KEM} = (\mathcal{KK}, \mathcal{EK}, \mathcal{DK})$  and symmetric encryption scheme  $\mathcal{SE} = (\mathcal{KS}, \mathcal{ES}, \mathcal{DS})$  both have key length  $k$ , and let  $\mathcal{AE} = (\mathcal{KK}, \mathcal{E}, \mathcal{D})$  be the corresponding PKE scheme built via hybrid encryption. Let  $A$  be an adversary making 1 LR query. Then there are adversaries  $B_a, B_s$  such that

$$\text{Adv}_{\mathcal{AE}}^{\text{ind-cpa}}(A) \leq 2 \cdot \text{Adv}_{\mathcal{KEM}}^{\text{ind-cpa}}(B_a) + \text{Adv}_{\mathcal{SE}}^{\text{ind-cpa}}(B_s).$$

Furthermore  $B_a$  makes one **Enc** query,  $B_s$  makes one **LR** query, and both have running time about the same as that of  $A$ .

$G_0, G_1$

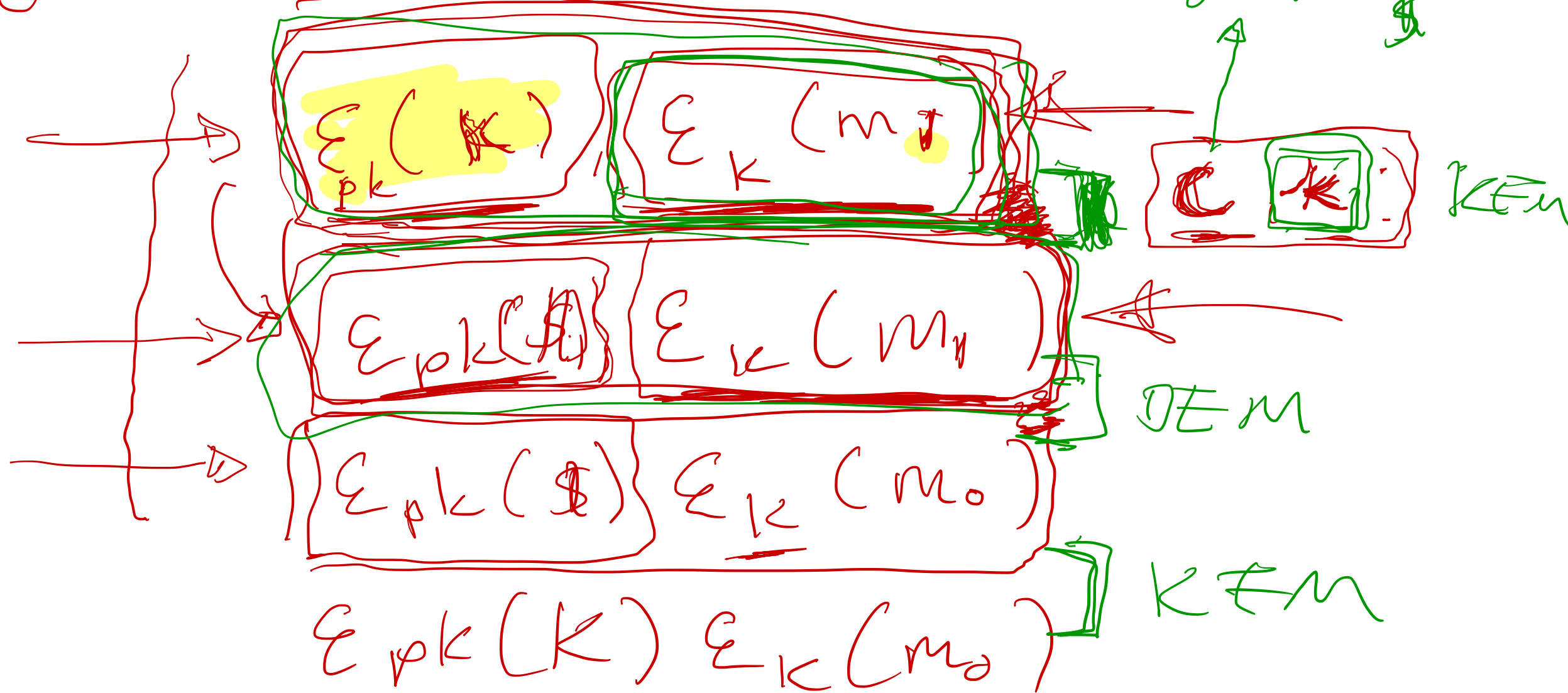
$C_a, C_b$

no!

# Proof

~~Use DEM sec first?~~

either enc.  
of  $k$  or  $\$$





# Benefits

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- Speed: 160-bit elliptic curve exponentiation takes the time of about 3k-4k block cipher operations or hashes

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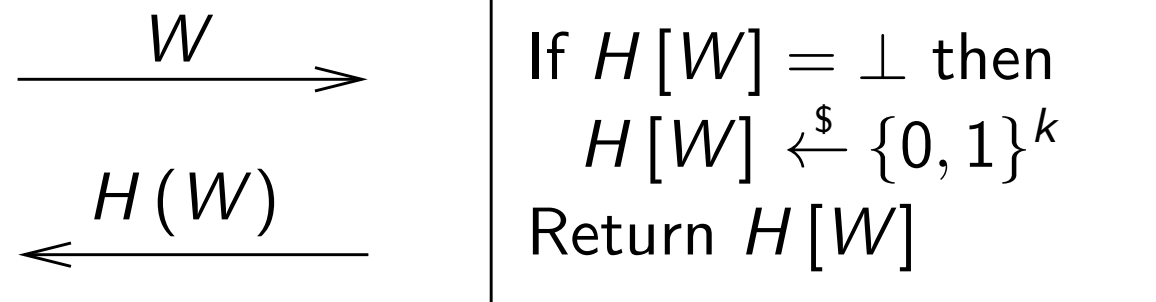
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<b>Alg <math>\mathcal{KK}</math></b> $x \xleftarrow{\$} \mathbf{Z}_m$ $X \leftarrow g^x$ return $(X, x)$	<b>Alg <math>\mathcal{EK}_X</math></b> $y \xleftarrow{\$} \mathbf{Z}_m; C_a \leftarrow g^y$ $Z \leftarrow X^y$ $K \leftarrow H(C_a \  Z)$ return $(K, C_a)$	<b>Alg <math>\mathcal{DK}_x(C_a)</math></b> $Z \leftarrow C_a^x$ $K \leftarrow H(C_a \  Z)$ return $K$
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**How to prove this scheme is secure?**

# Random Oracle Model

A **random oracle** is a publicly-accessible random function



Oracle access to  $H$  provided to

- all scheme algorithms
- the adversary

The only access to  $H$  is oracle access.

# ROM EG KEM

Let  $G = \langle g \rangle$  be a cyclic group of order  $m$  and  $H$  the random oracle. Define the Random Oracle Model (ROM) KEM  $\mathcal{KEM} = (\mathcal{KK}, \mathcal{EK}, \mathcal{DK})$  by

$\begin{array}{l} \textbf{Alg } \mathcal{KK} \\ \hline x \xleftarrow{\$} \mathbf{Z}_m \\ X \leftarrow g^x \\ \text{return } (X, x) \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{l} \textbf{Alg } \mathcal{EK}_X^H \\ \hline y \xleftarrow{\$} \mathbf{Z}_m; C_a \leftarrow g^y \\ Z \leftarrow X^y \\ K \leftarrow H(C_a \  Z) \\ \text{return } (K, C_a) \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{l} \textbf{Alg } \mathcal{DK}_x^H(C_a) \\ \hline Z \leftarrow C_a^x \\ K \leftarrow H(C_a \  Z) \\ \text{return } K \end{array}$
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Algorithms  $\mathcal{EK}, \mathcal{DK}$  have oracle access to the random oracle  $H$ .



# ROM KEM Security

Let  $\mathcal{KEM} = (\mathcal{KK}, \mathcal{EK}, \mathcal{DK})$  be a ROM KEM with key length  $k$ , and let  $A$  be an adversary.

<p>Game <math>\text{INDCPA}_{\mathcal{KEM}}</math></p> <p><b>procedure Initialize</b> <math>(pk, sk) \xleftarrow{\\$} \mathcal{KK}; b \xleftarrow{\\$} \{0, 1\}</math> return <math>pk</math></p> <p><b>procedure Finalize</b>(<math>b'</math>) return <math>(b = b')</math></p>	<p><b>procedure</b> <math>H(W)</math> if <math>H[W] = \perp</math> then <math>H[W] \xleftarrow{\\$} \{0, 1\}^k</math> return <math>H[W]</math></p> <p><b>procedure Enc</b> <math>K_0 \xleftarrow{\\$} \{0, 1\}^k; (K_1, C_a) \xleftarrow{\\$} \mathcal{EK}_{pk}^H</math> return <math>(K_b, C_a)</math></p>
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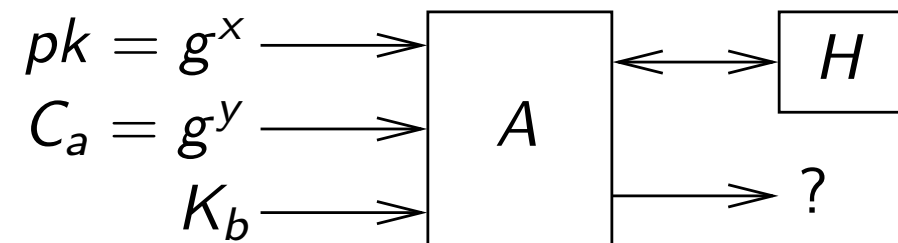
We allow only one call to **Enc**. The ind-cpa advantage of  $A$  is

$$\mathbf{Adv}_{\mathcal{KEM}}^{\text{ind-cpa}}(A) = 2 \cdot \Pr \left[ \text{INDCPA}_{\mathcal{KEM}}^A \Rightarrow \text{true} \right] - 1$$

# ROM Security of EG KEM

**Claim:** The EG KEM is IND-CPA secure in the RO model

In the IND-CPA game



where

$$b \xleftarrow{\$} \{0, 1\}; \quad K_0 \xleftarrow{\$} \{0, 1\}^k; \quad K_1 \leftarrow H(g^y \| g^{xy})$$

We are saying  $A$  has a hard time figuring out  $b$ . **Why?**

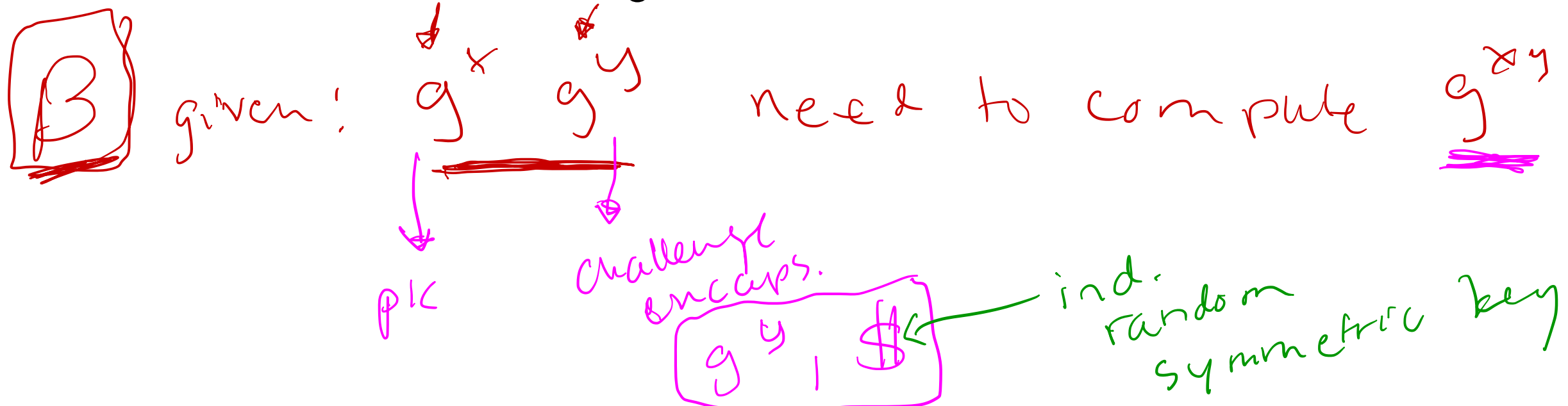
# The Theorem

The following says that if the CDH problem is hard in  $G$  then the EG KEM is IND-CPA secure in the ROM.

**Theorem:** Let  $G = \langle g \rangle$  be a cyclic group of order  $m$  and let  $\mathcal{KEM} = (KK, EK, DK)$  be the ROM EG KEM over  $G$  with key length  $k$ . Let  $A$  be an ind-cpa adversary making 1 query to **Enc** and  $q$  queries to the RO  $H$ . Then there is a cdh adversary  $B$  such that

$$\text{Adv}_{\mathcal{KEM}}^{\text{ind-cpa}}(A) \leq q \cdot \text{Adv}_{G,g}^{\text{cdh}}(B).$$

Furthermore the running time of  $B$  is about the same as that of  $A$ .



# Games for Proof

Game  $G_0$ ,  $G_1$

**procedure Initialize**

$x, y \xleftarrow{\$} \mathbf{Z}_m; K \xleftarrow{\$} \{0, 1\}^k$   
return  $g^x$

**procedure Enc**

return  $(K, g^y)$

**procedure  $H(W)$**

$H[W] \xleftarrow{\$} \{0, 1\}^k; Y || Z \leftarrow W$   
if  $(Z = g^{xy}$  and  $Y = g^y)$  then

**bad**  $\leftarrow$  true;  $H[W] \leftarrow K$

return  $H[W]$

Assume (wlog) that  $A$  never repeats a  $H$ -query. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{Adv}_{\mathcal{KEM}}^{\text{ind-cpa}}(A) &= \Pr[G_1^A \Rightarrow 1] - \Pr[G_0^A \Rightarrow 1] \\ &\leq \Pr[G_0^A \text{ sets bad}] \end{aligned}$$

We would like to design  $B$  so that  $\Pr[G_0^A \text{ sets bad}] \leq \mathbf{Adv}_{G,g}^{\text{cdh}}(B)$

**adversary**  $B(g^x, g^y)$

$K \xleftarrow{\$} \{0, 1\}^k$   
 $b' \leftarrow A^{\text{EncSim}, \text{HSim}}(g^x)$

**subroutine** EncSim

return  $(K, g^y)$

**subroutine** HSim( $W$ )

$H[W] \xleftarrow{\$} \{0, 1\}^k$ ;  $Y || Z \leftarrow W$   
 if  $(Z = g^{xy} \text{ and } Y = g^y)$  then  
     output  $Z$  and halt  
 return  $H[W]$

**Problem:**  $B$  can't do the test since it does not know  $g^{xy}$ .

# DHIES and ECIES

The PKE scheme derived from KEM + symmetric encryption scheme with

- The RO EG KEM
- Some suitable mode of operation symmetric encryption scheme (e.g. CBC\$) is standardized as DHIES and ECIES

ECIES features:

Operation	Cost
encryption	2 160-bit exp
decryption	1 160-bit exp
ciphertext expansion	160-bits

ciphertext expansion = (length of ciphertext) - (length of plaintext)

# Instantiating the RO

We have studied the EG KEM in an abstract model where  $H$  is a random function accessible only as an oracle. To get a “real” scheme we need to instantiate  $H$  with a “real” function

How do we do this securely?

# Instantiating the RO

We know that PRFs approximate random functions, meaning if  $F : \{0, 1\}^s \times D \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^k$  is a PRF then the I/O behavior of  $F_K$  is like that of a random function.

So can we instantiate  $H$  via  $F$ ?



# RO Paradigm

- Design and analyze schemes in RO model
- In instantiation, replace RO with a hash-function based construct.

**Example:**  $H(W)$  = first 128 bits of  $\text{SHA1}(W)$ . More generally if we need  $\ell$  output bits:

$$H(W) = \text{first } \ell \text{ bits of } \text{SHA1}(1||W) || \text{SHA1}(2||W) || \dots$$

# RO Paradigm

There is no **proof** that the instantiated scheme is secure based on some “standard” assumption about the hash function.

The RO paradigm is a heuristic that seems to work well in practice.

The RO model is a model, **not** an assumption on  $H$ . To say

“Assume SHA1 is a RO”

makes no sense: it isn't.

# RO Paradigm

It yields practical, natural schemes with provable support that has held up well in practice.

Cryptanalysts will often attack schemes assuming the hash functions in them are random, and a RO proof indicates security against such attacks.

Bottom line on RO paradigm:

- Use, but use with care
- Have a balanced perspective: understand both strengths and limitations
- Research it!

# Counter-Example

Let  $\mathcal{AE}' = (\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{E}', \mathcal{D}')$  be an IND-CPA PKE scheme. We modify it to a ROM PKE scheme  $\mathcal{AE} = (\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{E}, \mathcal{D})$ , which

- Is IND-CPA secure in the ROM, but
- Fails to be IND-CPA secure for all instantiations of the RO.

# Counter-Example

Given  $\mathcal{AE}' = (\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{E}', \mathcal{D}')$  we define  $\mathcal{AE} = (\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{E}, \mathcal{D})$  via

**Alg**  $\mathcal{E}_{pk}^H(M)$

Parse  $M$  as  $\langle h \rangle$  where  $h : \{0, 1\}^* \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^k$

$x \xleftarrow{\$} \{0, 1\}^k$

if  $H(x) = h(x)$  then return  $M$

else return  $\mathcal{E}'_{pk}(M)$

If  $H$  is a RO then for any  $M = \langle h \rangle$

$$\Pr[H(x) = h(x)] \leq \frac{q}{2^k}$$

for an adversary making  $q$  queries to  $H$ , and hence security is hardly affected.

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else return  $\mathcal{E}'_{pk}(M)$

Now let  $h : \{0, 1\}^* \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^k$  be **any** fixed function, and instantiate  $H$  with  $h$ . Then if we encrypt  $M = \langle h \rangle$  we have

$$\mathcal{E}_{pk}^h(\langle h \rangle) = M$$

so the scheme is insecure.

# Chosen Ciphertext Attack

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- Let's first look at the math behind RSA

# RSA Math

Recall that  $\varphi(N) = |\mathbf{Z}_N^*|$ .

**Claim:** Suppose  $e, d \in \mathbf{Z}_{\varphi(N)}^*$  satisfy  $ed \equiv 1 \pmod{\varphi(N)}$ . Then for any  $x \in \mathbf{Z}_N^*$  we have

$$(x^e)^d \equiv x \pmod{N}$$

**Proof:**

$$(x^e)^d \equiv x^{ed} \pmod{\varphi(N)} \equiv x^1 \equiv x$$

modulo  $N$

# RSA Function

A modulus  $N$  and encryption exponent  $e$  define the RSA function  $f : \mathbf{Z}_N^* \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}_N^*$  defined by

$$f(x) = x^e \pmod{N}$$

for all  $x \in \mathbf{Z}_N^*$ .

A value  $d \in \mathbf{Z}_{\varphi(N)}^*$  satisfying  $ed \equiv 1 \pmod{\varphi(N)}$  is called a decryption exponent.

**Claim:** The RSA function  $f : \mathbf{Z}_N^* \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}_N^*$  is a permutation with inverse  $f^{-1} : \mathbf{Z}_N^* \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}_N^*$  given by

$$f^{-1}(y) = y^d \pmod{N}$$

**Proof:** For all  $x \in \mathbf{Z}_N^*$  we have

$$f^{-1}(f(x)) \equiv (x^e)^d \equiv x \pmod{N}$$

by previous claim.

# Example

Let  $N = 15$ . So

$$\mathbf{Z}_N^* = \{1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 11, 13, 14\}$$

$$\varphi(N) = 8$$

$$\mathbf{Z}_{\varphi(N)}^* = \{1, 3, 5, 7\}$$

Let  $e = 3$  and  $d = 3$ . Then

$$ed \equiv 9 \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$$

Let

$$f(x) = x^3 \bmod 15$$

$$g(y) = y^3 \bmod 15$$

$x$	$f(x)$	$g(f(x))$
1	1	1
2	8	2
4	4	4
7	13	7
8	2	8
11	11	11
13	7	13
14	14	14

# RSA Usage

- $pk = N, e; \ sk = N, d$
- $\mathcal{E}_{pk}(x) = x^e \bmod N = f(x)$
- $\mathcal{D}_{sk}(y) = y^d \bmod N = f^{-1}(y)$

Security will rely on it being hard to compute  $f^{-1}$  without knowing  $d$ .

RSA is a trapdoor, one-way permutation:

- Easy to invert given trapdoor  $d$
- Hard to invert given only  $N, e$

# RSA Generators

An RSA generator with security parameter  $k$  is an algorithm  $\mathcal{K}_{rsa}$  that returns  $N, p, q, e, d$  satisfying

- $p, q$  are distinct odd primes
- $N = pq$  and is called the (RSA) modulus
- $|N| = k$ , meaning  $2^{k-1} \leq N \leq 2^k$
- $e \in \mathbf{Z}_{\varphi(N)}^*$  is called the encryption exponent
- $d \in \mathbf{Z}_{\varphi(N)}^*$  is called the decryption exponent
- $ed \equiv 1 \pmod{\varphi(N)}$

# More Math

**Fact:** If  $p, q$  are distinct primes and  $N = pq$  then  $\varphi(N) = (p - 1)(q - 1)$ .

**Proof:**

$$\begin{aligned}\varphi(N) &= |\{1, \dots, N - 1\}| - |\{ip : 1 \leq i \leq q - 1\}| - |\{iq : 1 \leq i \leq p - 1\}| \\ &= (N - 1) - (q - 1) - (p - 1) \\ &= N - p - q + 1 \\ &= pq - p - q + 1 \\ &= (p - 1)(q - 1)\end{aligned}$$

**Example:**

- $15 = 3 \cdot 5$
- $\mathbf{Z}_{15}^* = \{1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 11, 13, 14\}$
- $\varphi(15) = 8 = (3 - 1)(5 - 1)$



# Building RSA Generators

Say we wish to have  $e = 3$  (for efficiency). The generator  $\mathcal{K}_{rsa}^3$  with (even) security parameter  $k$ :

repeat

$p, q \xleftarrow{\$} \{2^{k/2-1}, \dots, 2^{k/2} - 1\}; N \leftarrow pq; M \leftarrow (p-1)(q-1)$

until

$N \geq 2^{k-1}$  **and**  $p, q$  are prime **and**  $\gcd(e, M) = 1$

$d \leftarrow \text{MOD-INV}(e, M)$

return  $N, p, q, e, d$

# One-Wayness

The following should be hard:

**Given:**  $N, e, y$  where  $y = f(x) = x^e \pmod N$

**Find:**  $x$

Formalism picks  $x$  at random and generates  $N, e$  via an RSA generator.

# One-Wayness

Let  $\mathcal{K}_{\text{rsa}}$  be a RSA generator and  $I$  an adversary.

Game  $\text{OW}_{\mathcal{K}_{\text{rsa}}}$

**procedure Initialize**

$(N, p, q, e, d) \xleftarrow{\$} \mathcal{K}_{\text{rsa}}$   
 $x \xleftarrow{\$} \mathbf{Z}_N^*$ ;  $y \leftarrow x^e \bmod N$   
return  $N, e, y$

**procedure Finalize**( $x'$ )

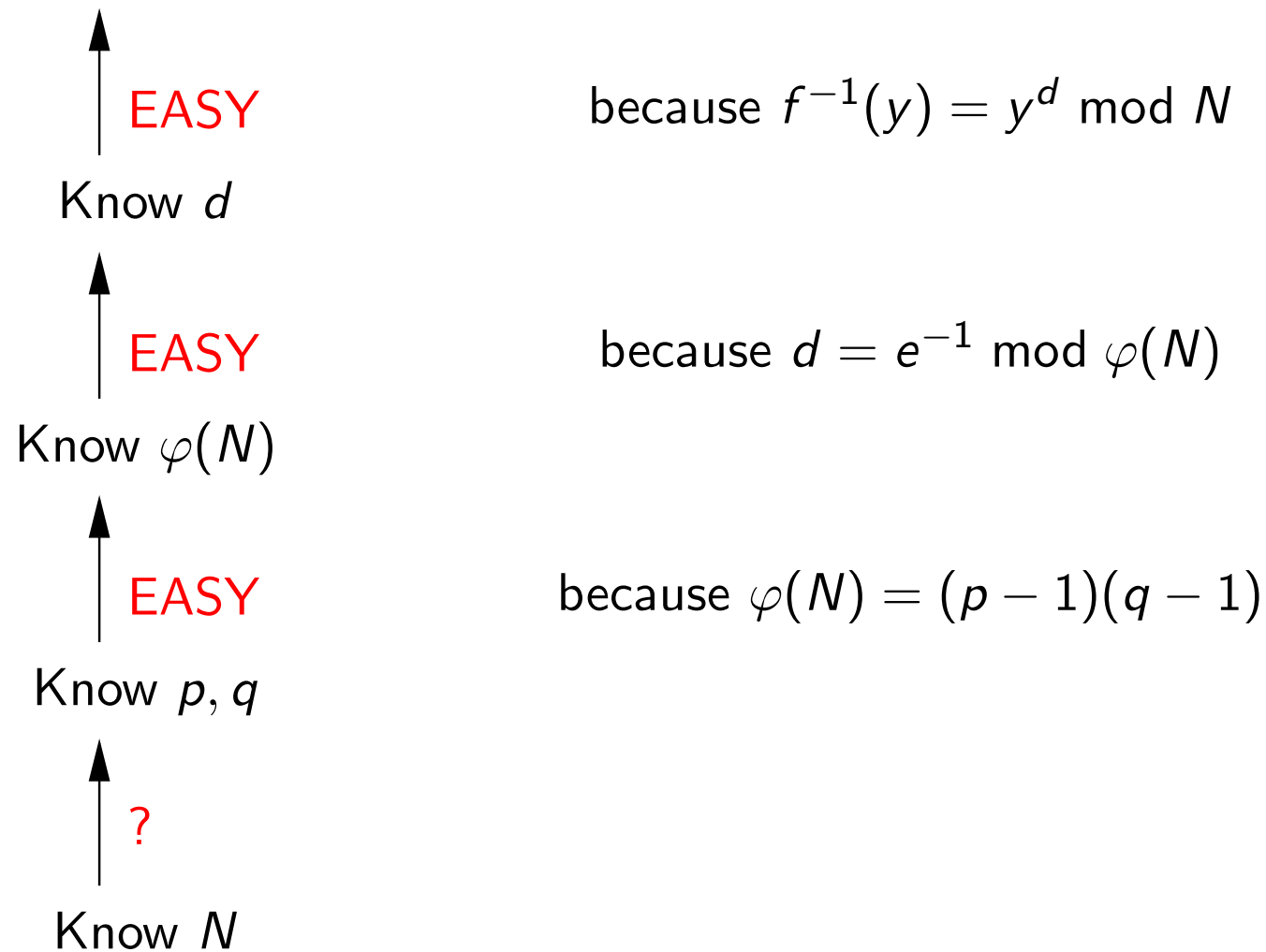
return  $(x = x')$

The ow-advantage of  $I$  is

$$\mathbf{Adv}_{\mathcal{K}_{\text{rsa}}}^{\text{ow}}(I) = \Pr \left[ \text{OW}'_{\mathcal{K}_{\text{rsa}}} \Rightarrow \text{true} \right]$$

# Inverting RSA

Inverting RSA : given  $N, e, y$  find  $x$  such that  $x^e \equiv y \pmod{N}$



# Factoring

Given:  $N$  where  $N = pq$  and  $p, q$  are prime

Find:  $p, q$

If we can factor we can invert RSA. We do not know whether the converse is true, meaning whether or not one can invert RSA without factoring.

# Factoring

**Alg** FACTOR( $N$ )    //  $N = pq$  where  $p, q$  are primes  
for  $i = 2, \dots, \lceil \sqrt{N} \rceil$  do  
  if  $N \bmod i = 0$  then  
     $p \leftarrow i; q \leftarrow N/i$ ; return  $p, q$

# Factoring

Algorithm	Time taken to factor $N$
Naive	$O(e^{0.5 \ln N})$
Quadratic Sieve (QS)	$O(e^{c(\ln N)^{1/2}(\ln \ln N)^{1/2}})$
Number Field Sieve (NFS)	$O(e^{1.92(\ln N)^{1/3}(\ln \ln N)^{2/3}})$

# Factoring

Number	bit-length	Factorization	alg
RSA-400	400	1993	QS
RSA-428	428	1994	QS
RSA-431	431	1996	NFS
RSA-465	465	1999	NFS
RSA-515	515	1999	NFS
RSA-576	576	2003	NFS
RSA-768	768	2009	NFS



# Factoring

Current wisdom: For 80-bit security, use a 1024 bit RSA modulus

80-bit security: Factoring takes  $2^{80}$  time.

Factorization of RSA-1024 seems out of reach at present.

Estimates vary, and for more security, longer moduli are recommended.

# RSA: What to Remember

The RSA function  $f(x) = x^e \bmod N$  is a trapdoor one way permutation:

- Easy forward: given  $N, e, x$  it is easy to compute  $f(x)$
- Easy back with trapdoor: Given  $N, d$  and  $y = f(x)$  it is easy to compute  $x = f^{-1}(y) = y^d \bmod N$
- Hard back without trapdoor: Given  $N, e$  and  $y = f(x)$  it is hard to compute  $x = f^{-1}(y)$

# Plain RSA Encryption

The plain RSA PKE scheme  $\mathcal{AE} = (\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{E}, \mathcal{D})$  associated to RSA generator  $\mathcal{K}_{\text{rsa}}$  is

<b>Alg <math>\mathcal{K}</math></b> $(N, p, q, e, d) \xleftarrow{\$} \mathcal{K}_{\text{rsa}}$ $pk \leftarrow (N, e)$ $sk \leftarrow (N, d)$ return $(pk, sk)$	<b>Alg <math>\mathcal{E}_{pk}(M)</math></b> $C \leftarrow M^e \bmod N$ return $C$	<b>Alg <math>\mathcal{D}_{sk}(C)</math></b> $M \leftarrow C^d \bmod N$ return $M$
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The “easy-backwards with trapdoor” property implies

$$\mathcal{D}_{sk}(\mathcal{E}_{pk}(M)) = M$$

for all  $M \in \mathbf{Z}_N^*$ .

# RSA-KEM

The ROM SRSA (Simple RSA) KEM  $\mathcal{KEM} = (\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{E}, \mathcal{D})$  associated to RSA generator  $\mathcal{K}_{\text{rsa}}$  is as follows, where  $H : \{0, 1\}^* \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^k$  is the RO:

## Alg $\mathcal{K}$

$(N, p, q, e, d) \xleftarrow{\$} \mathcal{K}_{\text{rsa}}$   
 $pk \leftarrow (N, e)$   
 $sk \leftarrow (N, d)$   
return  $(pk, sk)$

## Alg $\mathcal{E}_{pk}^H$

$x \xleftarrow{\$} \mathbf{Z}_N^*$   
 $K \leftarrow H(x)$   
 $C_a \leftarrow x^e \bmod N$   
return  $(K, C_a)$

## Alg $\mathcal{D}_{sk}^H(C_a)$

$x \leftarrow C_a^d \bmod N$   
 $K \leftarrow H(x)$   
return  $K$

# RSA-KEM

**Theorem:** Let  $\mathcal{K}_{\text{rsa}}$  be a RSA generator and  $\mathcal{KEM} = (\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{E}, \mathcal{D})$  the associated ROM SRSA KEM. Let  $A$  be an ind-cpa adversary that makes 1 **Enc** query and  $q$  queries to the RO  $H$ . Then there is a OW-adversary  $I$  such that

$$\mathbf{Adv}_{\mathcal{KEM}}^{\text{ind-cpa}}(A) \leq \mathbf{Adv}_{\mathcal{K}_{\text{rsa}}}^{\text{ow}}(I)$$

Furthermore the running time of  $I$  is about that of  $A$  plus the time for  $q$  RSA encryptions.

# Proof

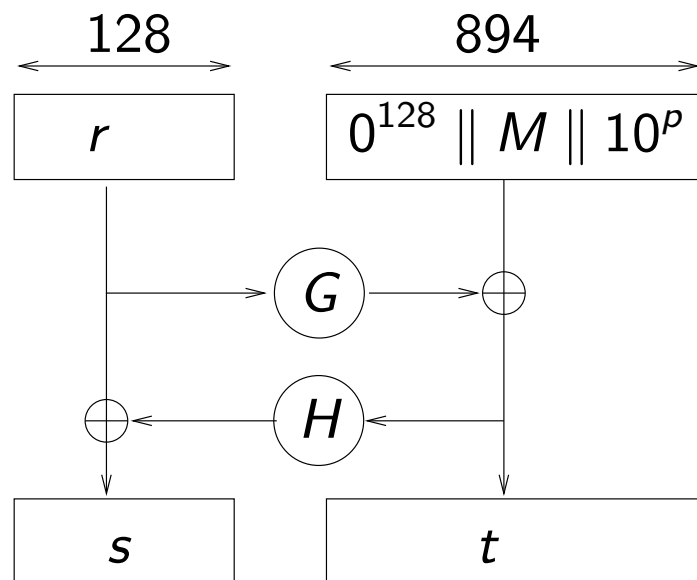


# RSA-OAEP

Receiver keys:  $pk = (N, e)$  and  $sk = (N, d)$  where  $|N| = 1024$   
 ROs:  $G: \{0, 1\}^{128} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^{894}$  and  $H: \{0, 1\}^{894} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^{128}$

**Algorithm  $\mathcal{E}_{N,e}(M)$**  //  $|M| \leq 765$

$r \xleftarrow{\$} \{0, 1\}^{128}; p \leftarrow 765 - |M|$

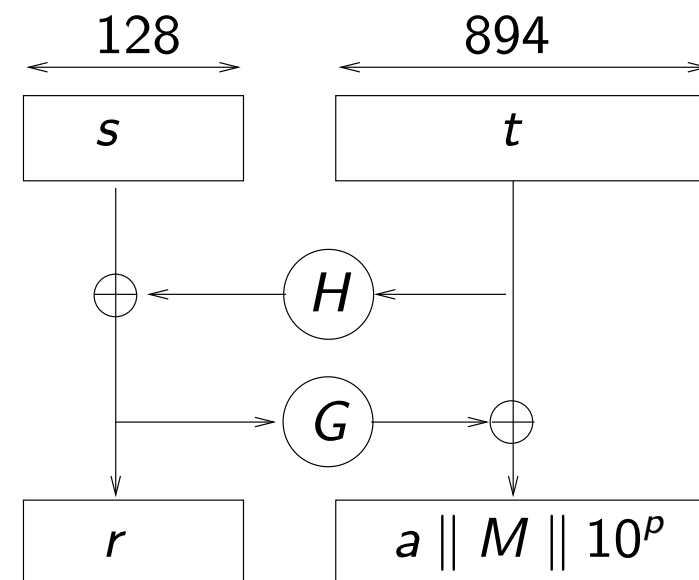


$x \leftarrow s || t$   
 $C \leftarrow x^e \bmod N$   
 return  $C$

**Algorithm  $\mathcal{D}_{N,d}(C)$**  //  $C \in \mathbb{Z}_N^*$

$x \leftarrow C^d \bmod N$

$s || t \leftarrow x$



if  $a = 0^{128}$  then return  $M$   
 else return  $\perp$



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- **IND-CPA** secure in the **standard model** assuming the phi-hiding assumption [KOS'10]

# RSA-OAEP

## Protocols:

- SSL ver. 2.0, 3.0 / TLS ver. 1.0, 1.1
- SSH ver 1.0, 2.0
- ...

## Standards:

- RSA PKCS #1 versions 1.5, 2.0
- IEEE P1363
- NESSIE (Europe)
- CRYPTREC (Japan)
- ...