

Lec 10: Cryptography (2)

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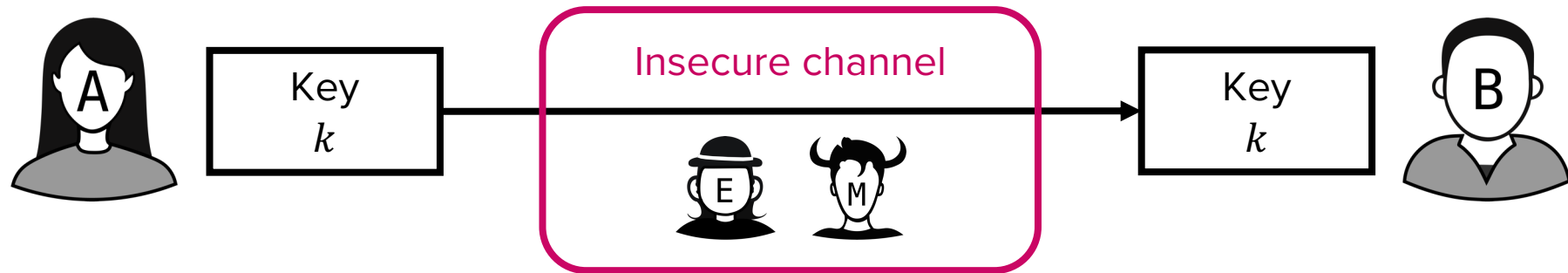
Cryptography roadmap

Goal \ Scheme	Symmetric Key	Asymmetric Key <i>Today's topic</i>
Confidentiality	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ One Time Pad (OTP)✓ Block ciphers (DES, AES)✓ Stream ciphers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• DH secure key exchange• ElGamal encryption• RSA encryption
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Secure Key Exchange (Diffie-Hellman)

Limitation of symmetric key scheme

- Key sharing problem:
 - Symmetric key cryptography requires key k to be **securely shared** between Alice and Bob
 - For securely sharing messages over insecure channels, symmetric key cryptography is used
 - However, symmetric schemes do not work without a shared k



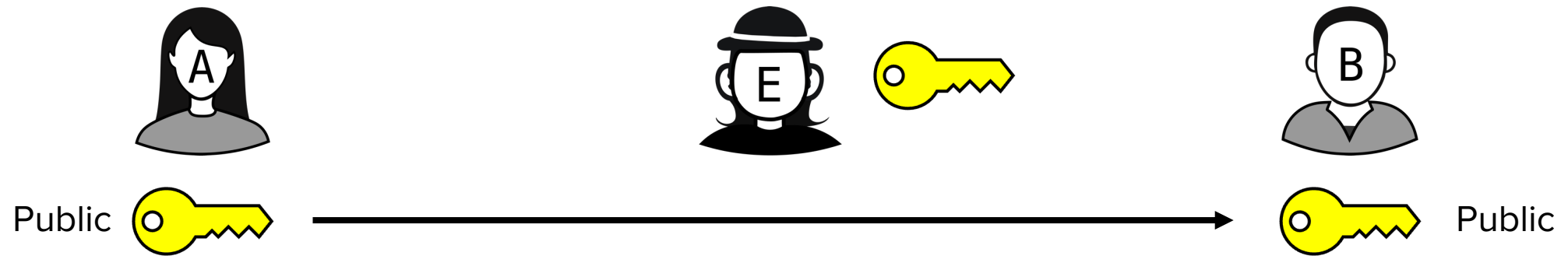
A secure key exchange algorithm is needed

Diffie-Hellman (DH) key exchange

- Named after Whitfield Diffie and Martin Hellman
- Key idea:
 - Derive a shared secret key mathematically, rather than sending it directly

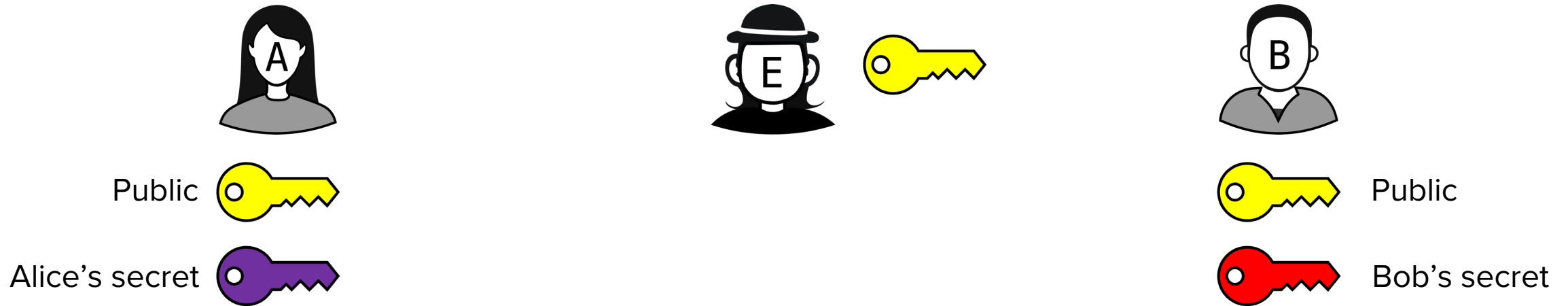
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1. Alice shares a yellow key (public key) with Bob (and Eve)



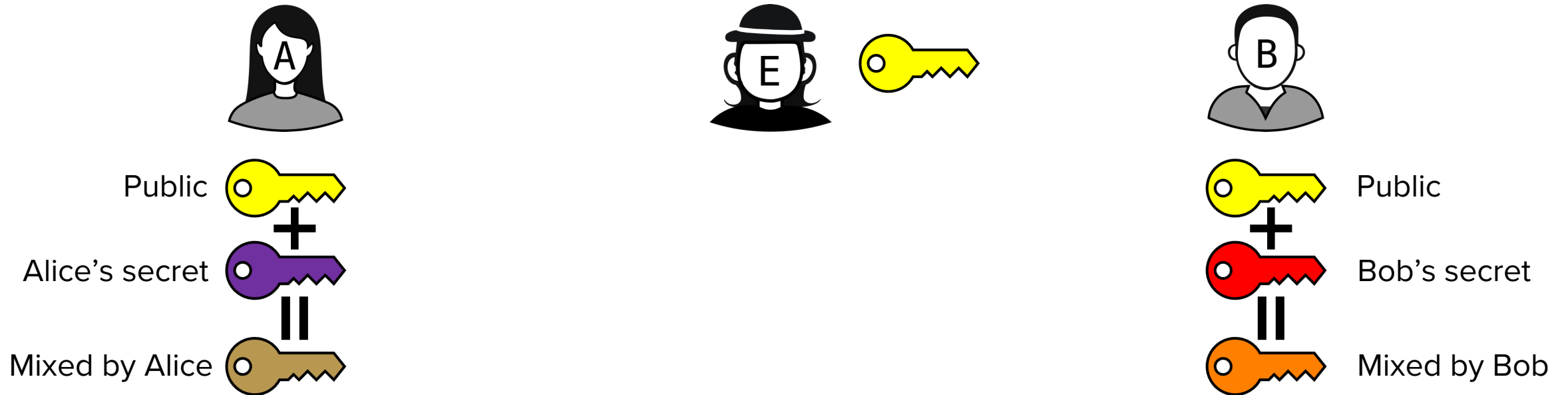
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2. Alice and Bob each select their own colored key (secret key) and keep it to themselves



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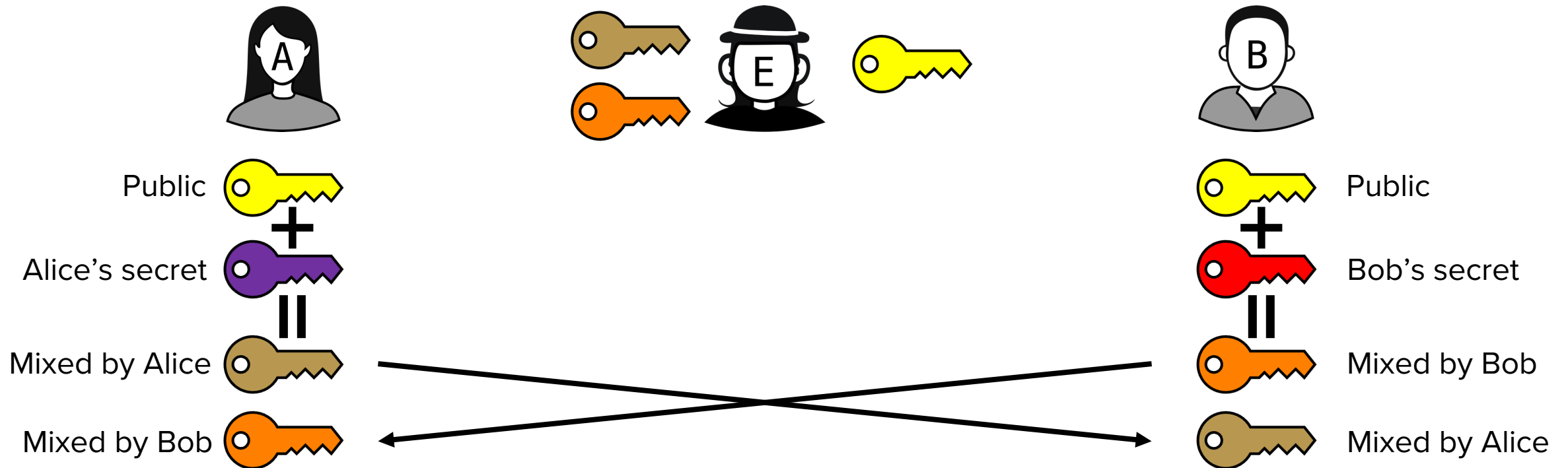
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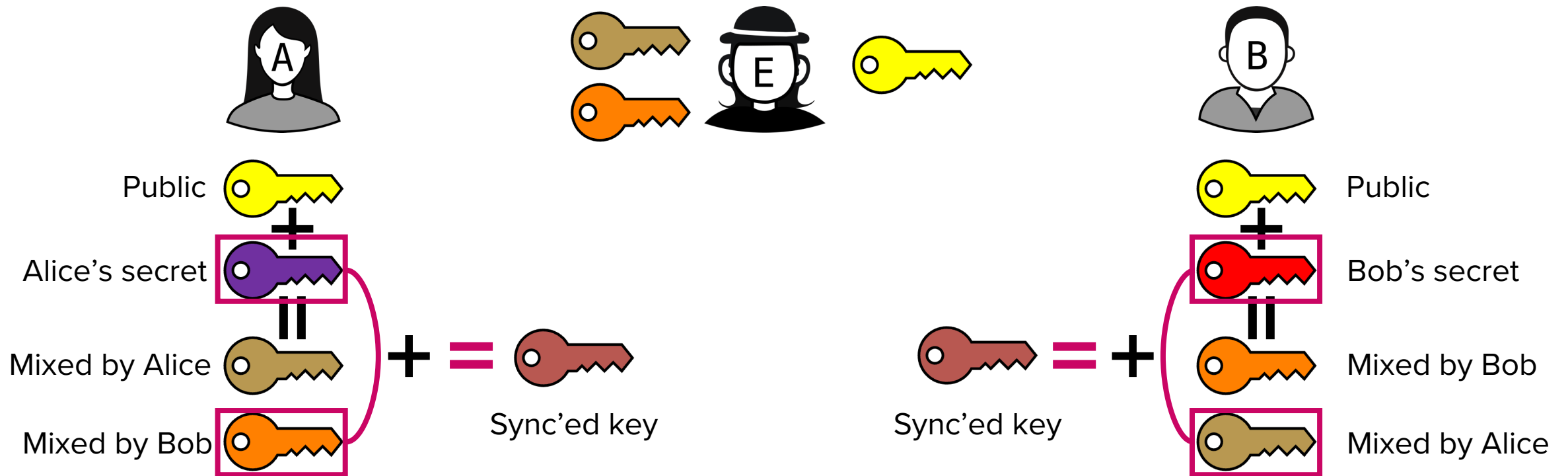
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- Eve can see the mixed keys



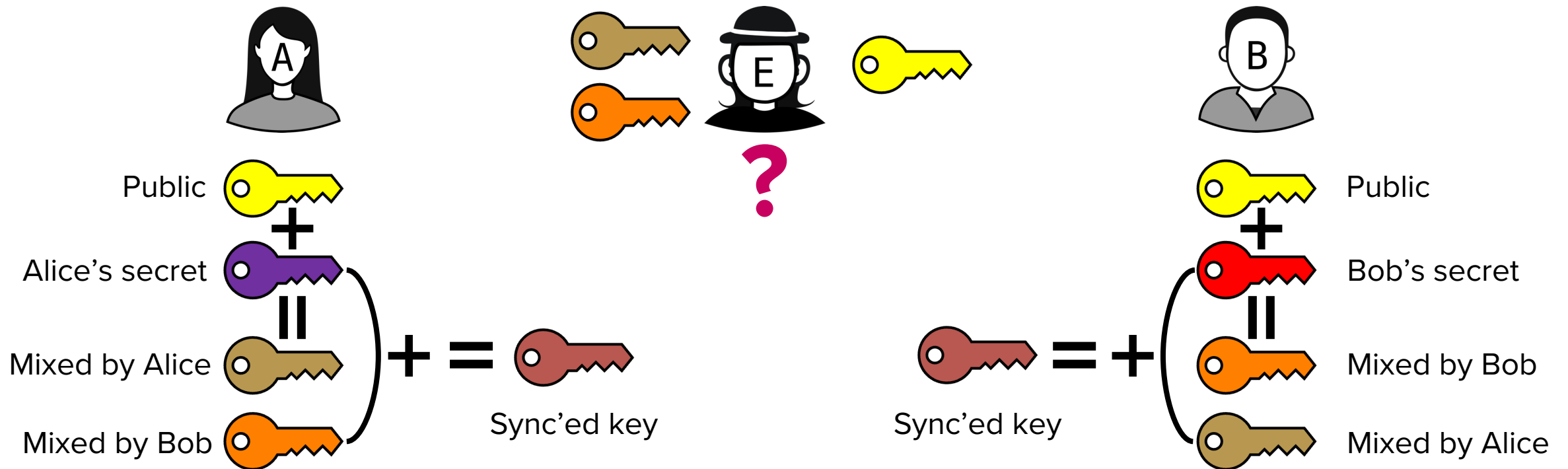
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5. Finally, each party mixes the received mixed key with their own secret key again, resulting in the same sync'd key



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Some operations are easy to perform in one direction but extremely hard to reverse

Easy:  +  = 

Hard:  = ? + ?

Mixed by Bob

Sync'd key

Sync'd key

Mixed by Alice

Background: Number theory

- Greatest common denominator $d = \gcd(a, b)$:
 - Largest integer d such that d divides a and d divides b
- Relatively prime (or, coprime)
 - If $\gcd(a, b) = 1$, then a and b are relatively prime
 - Is 15 relatively prime to 28? Yes. $\gcd(15, 28) = 1$
 - Is 14 and 49 relatively prime? No. $\gcd(14, 49) = 7$
 - Are 23 and 443 coprime? Yes. Two prime numbers are always coprime
 - Hint: 23 and 443 are prime numbers

Diffie-Hellman key exchange

1. Choose a prime num p and its generator g such that $g < p$
 - Both p and g are shared (public keys)
 - g is a generator of p if $g^k \bmod p$ can take any value in $[1, \dots, p - 1]$
 - Example: $p = 11$




$g^k \bmod p$	$i = 0$	$i = 1$	$i = 2$	$i = 3$	$i = 4$	$i = 5$	$i = 6$	$i = 7$	$i = 8$	$i = 9$	10	Generator?
$2^i \bmod 11$	1	2	4	8	5	10	9	7	3	6	1	Y
$3^i \bmod 11$	1	3	9	5	4	1	3	9	5	4	1	N
$4^i \bmod 11$	1	4	5	9	3	1	4	5	9	3	1	N
$5^i \bmod 11$	1	5	3	4	9	1	5	3	4	9	1	N
$6^i \bmod 11$	1	6	3	7	9	10	5	8	4	2	1	Y
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→ We can select $g = 6$

Diffie-Hellman key exchange

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- $B = g^b \bmod p = 6^8 \bmod 11$

← Too large to be calculated by hand?




Diffie-Hellman key exchange

- Note: Modular exponentiation
 - We can compute $x^y \bmod n$ by breaking y down into powers of 2
 - e.g., $6^{15} \bmod 11 \rightarrow 15 = 8 + 4 + 2 + 1$
 - $6^{15} = 6^8 \times 6^4 \times 6^2 \times 6$
 - $6 \bmod 11 = 6$
 - $6^2 \bmod 11 = 36 \bmod 11 = 3$
 - $6^4 \bmod 11 = (6^2)^2 \bmod 11 = 3^2 \bmod 11 = 9$
 - $6^8 \bmod 11 = (6^4)^2 \bmod 11 = 9^2 \bmod 11 = 81 \bmod 11 = 4$
 - Thus, $6^{15} \bmod 11 = (4 \times 9 \times 3 \times 6) \bmod 11 = 648 \bmod 11 = 10$

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Diffie-Hellman key exchange

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- $A = 6^{15} \bmod 11 = 10$
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$$10 \bmod 11 \equiv -1 \bmod 11$$







$$10^8 \bmod 11 = (-1)^8 \bmod 11 = 1 \bmod 11 = 1$$

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Alice and Bob have successfully generated a shared secret key k

Diffie-Hellman key exchange







- Can Eve deduce the shared secret key?

- Problem that Eve needs to solve:

- Given p , g , A , and B , find a , b , and k such that $A^b \bmod p = B^a \bmod p = k$.

- Discrete log problem (DLP):

- Given p , g , and $B = g^a \bmod p$, it is computationally difficult to find a , especially for large prime number p
 - e.g., $g^a \bmod p = 6^a \bmod 11 = 4 \rightarrow$ Can you find a ?
 - How about $43^a \bmod 170141183460469231731687303715884105727 = 107658615995071204650478536027214115641$?

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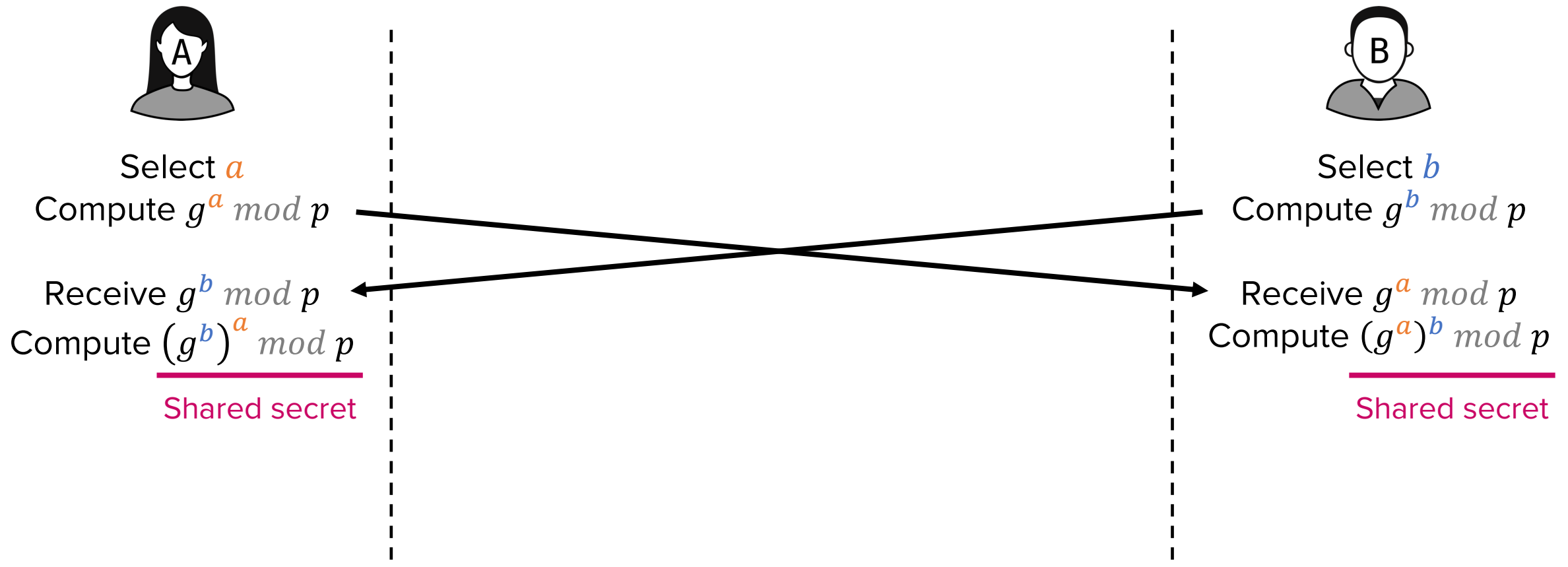
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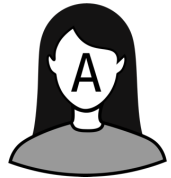
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- Intended key exchange



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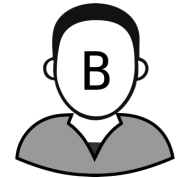


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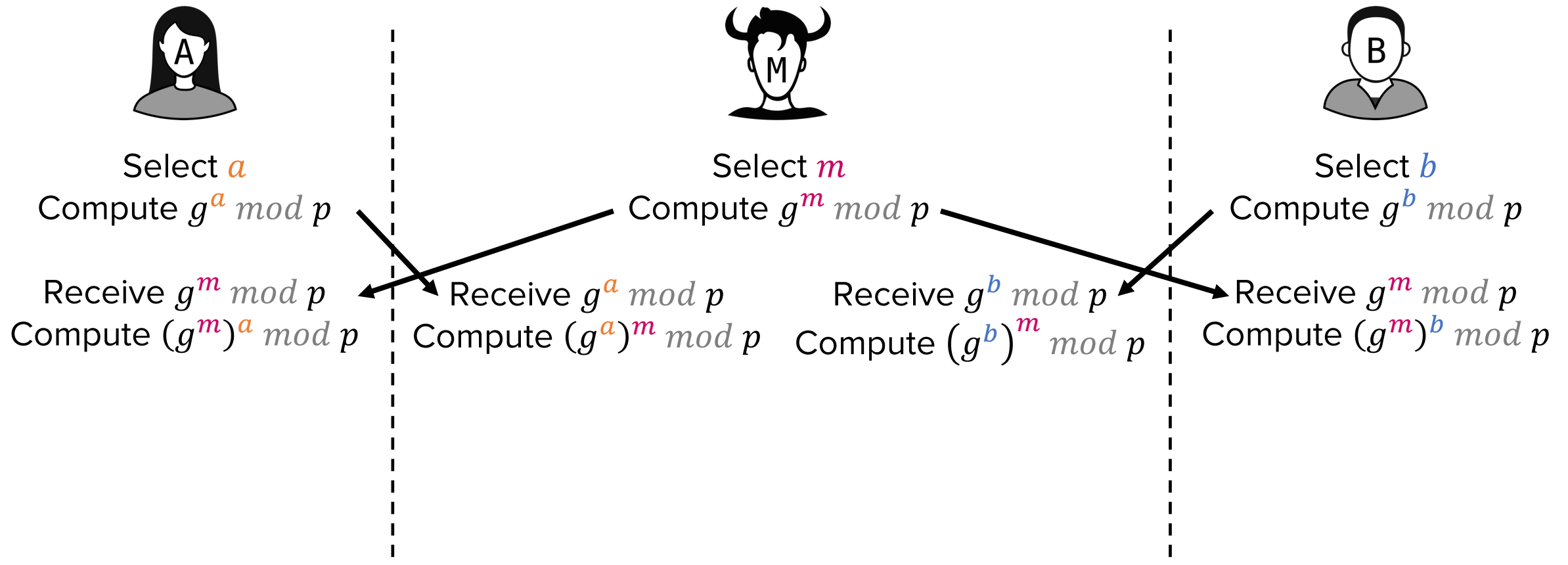
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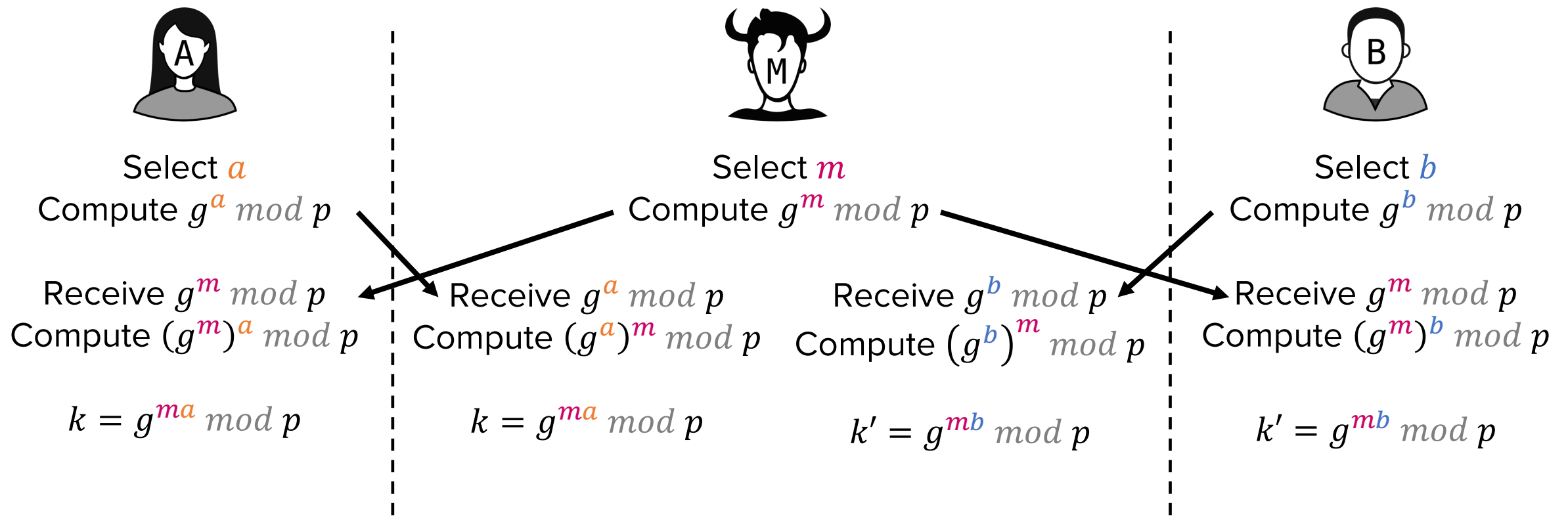
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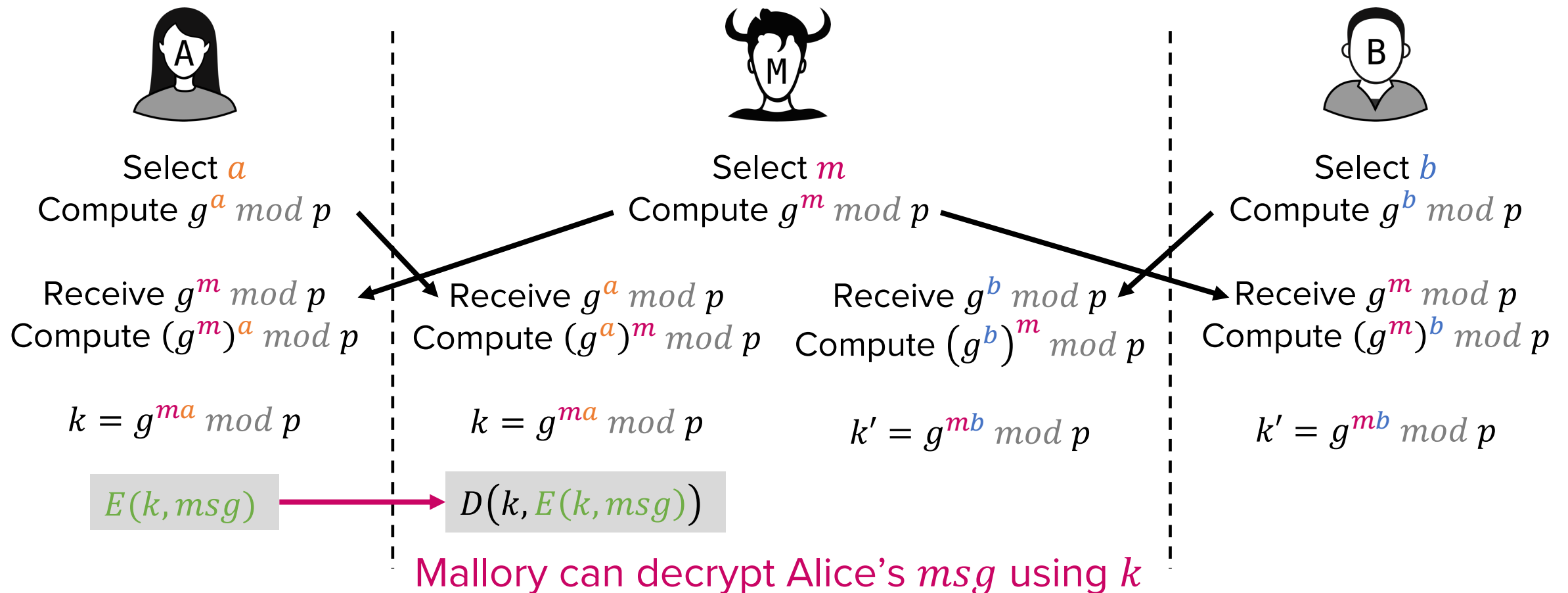
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Mallory keeps two shared keys: k for Alice, and k' for Bob, respectively

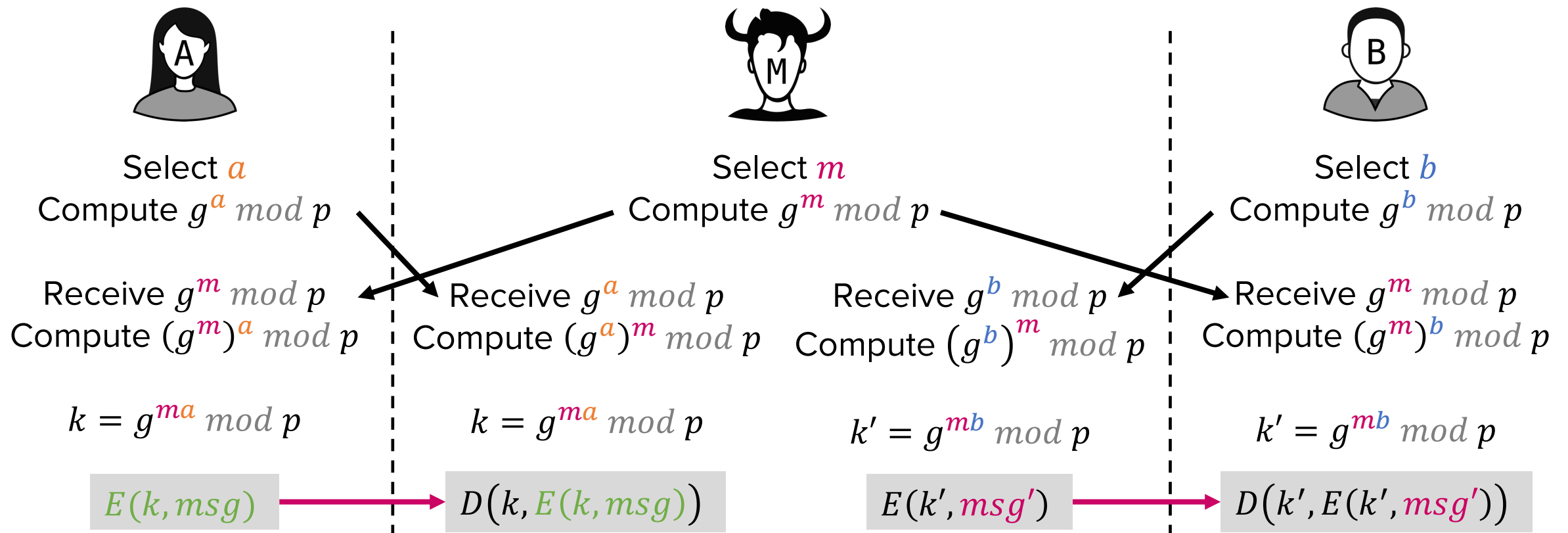
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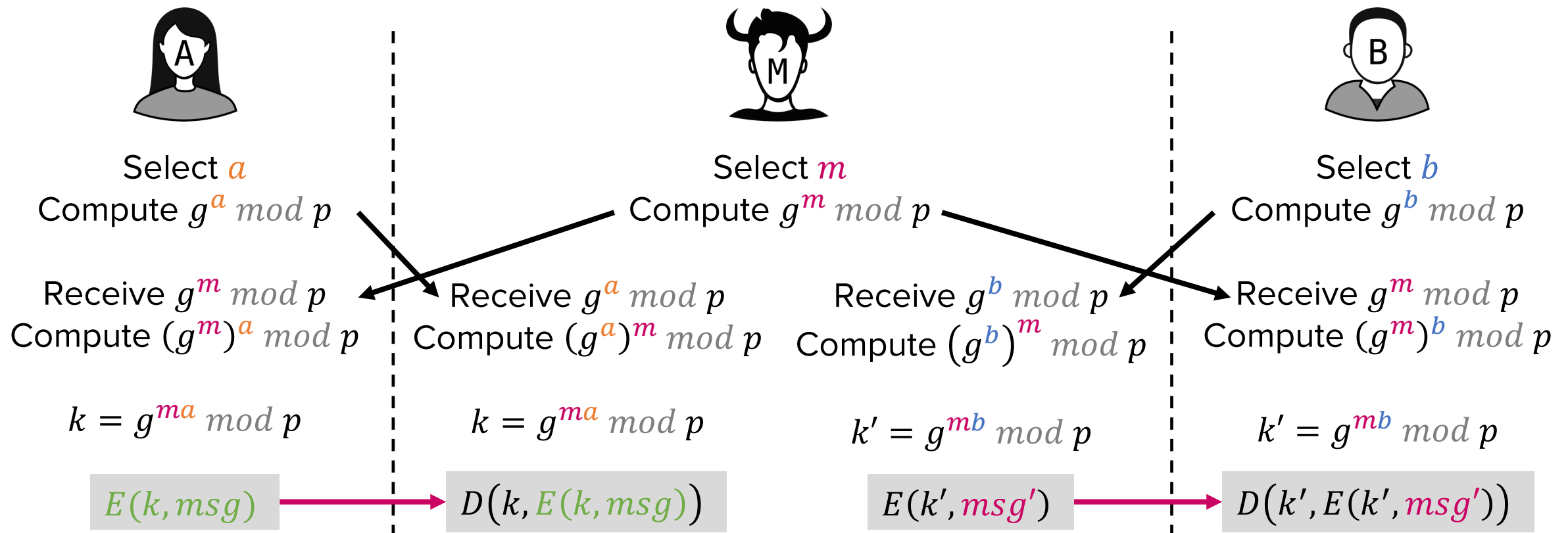
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Mallory can modify the msg to msg' and encrypt it using k' for Bob

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DH key exchange is insecure against active attacks

$$k = g^{ma} \bmod p$$

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$$k' = g^{mb} \bmod p$$

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Key exchange in the presence of active attacker

- When Mallory (an active attacker) exists, it is impossible for Alice and Bob to start from scratch and exchange messages to derive a shared key unknown to the adversary
- Why?
 - Bob cannot distinguish Alice from Mallory because DH does not provide authentication
- Solution:
 - Alice and Bob needs an “information advantage” over the adversary
 - Typically, in the form of long-lived keys (e.g., previously shared keys)
 - More on this next week!

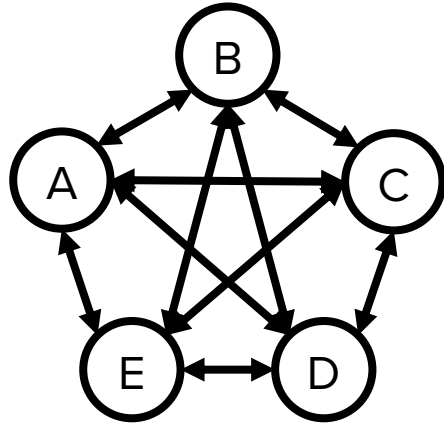
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Asymmetric Cryptography (Public key Scheme)

Motivation

- Another limitation of symmetric key schemes
 - The number of symmetric keys needed grows exponentially



→ $\binom{n}{2} = \frac{n(n-1)}{2}$ keys are needed for n people to securely communicate using symmetric key schemes

Solution: Public-key cryptography

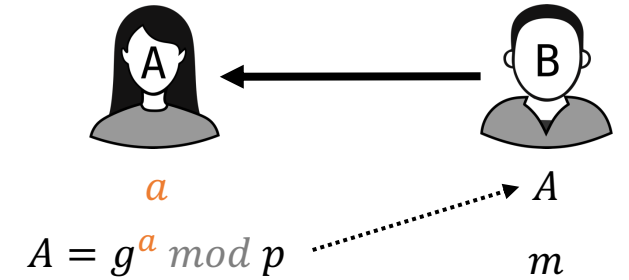
- Idea:
 - Utilize an asymmetric key pair $\langle k_p, k_s \rangle$, where
 - k_p : Public key that is publicly released
 - k_s : Secret key, which is kept secret
 - Any sender can encrypt a message using the receiver's public key
 - $c = E(k_p, m)$
 - Only the receiver can decrypt the ciphertext using his or her own private key
 - $m = D(k_s, c)$

ElGamal encryption

- An extension of Diffie-Hellman key exchange
 - DH only provides only a shared secret derivation
 - ElGamal supports direct encryption and decryption on top of DH key exchange

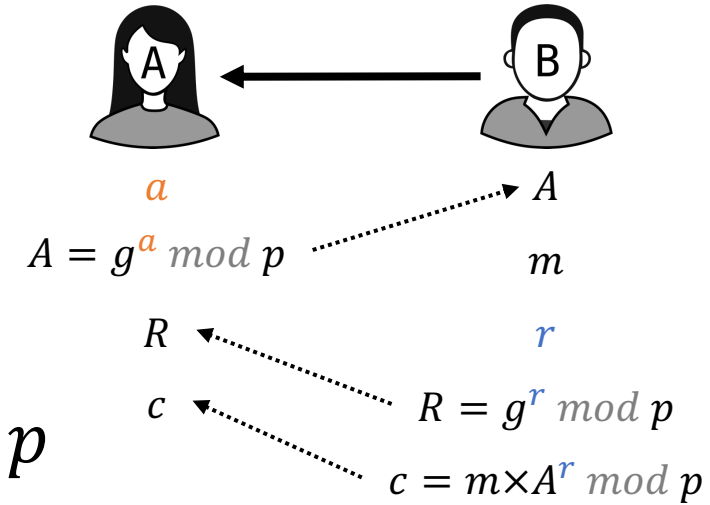
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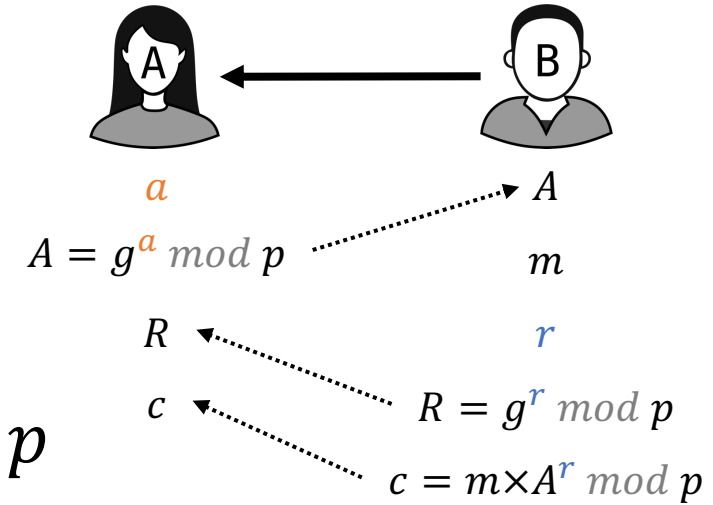
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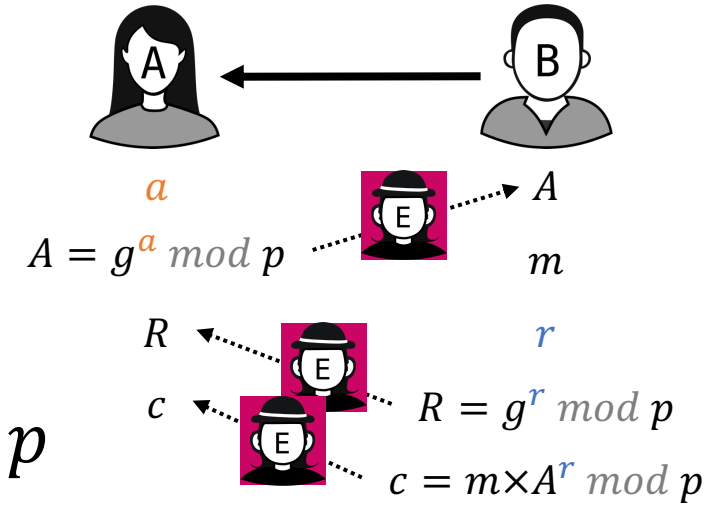
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- Alice can decrypt c by:
 - $$c \times (R^a)^{-1} = m \times A^r \times R^{-a} \bmod p = m \times (g^a)^r \times (g^r)^{-a} \bmod p$$
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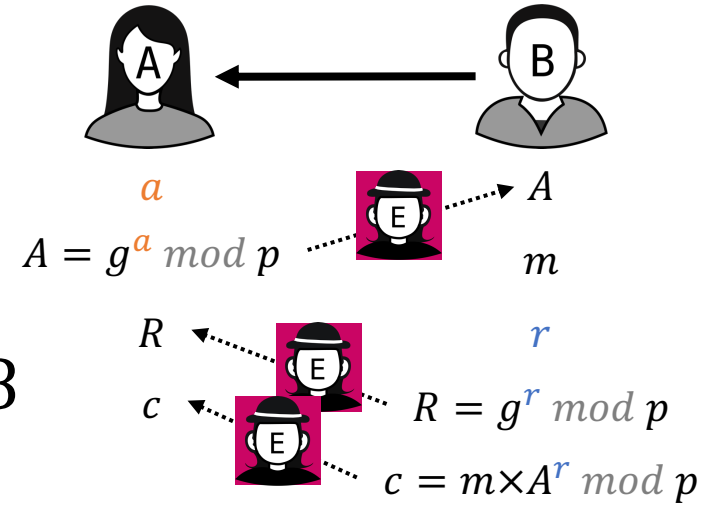
Security: Given A , R , and c , Eve cannot recover m (DLP!)

ElGamal encryption

- Example

- Public parameters: $p = 13, g = 2$
- Alice's secret key $a = 3$ // randomly chosen
- Alice's public key $A = g^a \bmod p = 2^3 \bmod 13 = 8$
- Bob's message $m = 11$
- Bob's random $r = 5$
- Bob computes $R = g^r \bmod p = 2^5 \bmod 13 = 6$
- Bob encrypts m : $c = m \times A^r \bmod p = 11 \times 8^5 \bmod 13 = 10$
- Alice receives R and c from Bob and decrypts c to obtain m

- $m = c \times (R^a)^{-1} \bmod p = 10 \times 6^{-3} \bmod 13 = 11$ Correctly decrypted!



Summary of ElGamal encryption

- ElGamal encryption provides confidentiality
 - Discrete logarithm problem
- ElGamal encryption does not provide integrity
 - Mallory can tamper with the ciphertext without decrypting it
 - e.g.,
 - Mallory (MitM) receives R and c from Bob
 - Mallory sends R and $c' = c \times 2$ to Alice
 - Alice decrypts c' and retrieves $m \times 2 \bmod 13$

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```
# N = pq where p and q are primes
def factorize(N):
    for i in range(2, sqrt(N)):
        if N mod i == 0:
            p = i
            q = N / i
            return (p, q)
```

This algorithm works, but takes time $O(\sqrt{N})$
e.g., using a 2048-bit N, naïve factorization takes $O(\sqrt{2^{2048}})$

RSA Encryption

- Choose two large primes p and q
- Compute public $N = pq$
- Compute the totient, $T = (p - 1)(q - 1)$
- Select public key e , such that e is relatively prime to T
- Compute private key $d = e^{-1} \bmod T$ // modular inverse of e
 - $ed = 1 \bmod T$

RSA Encryption

- Encryption function:
 - $E(e, m) = m^e \bmod N = c$ // Anyone can encrypt using the public key e
- Decryption function:
 - $D(d, c) = c^d \bmod N$ // Only the receiver can decrypt using the private key d
 - Magically, $m = c^d \bmod N$ holds:
 - $c^d \bmod N = (m^e)^d \bmod N$
 $= m^{ed} \bmod N$... $ed = kT + 1$ because $ed = 1 \bmod T$
 $= m^{kT} m^1 \bmod N$
 $= m \bmod N$... $m^T = 1 \bmod N$ by Euler's theorem*

* If m and $N = pq$ are relatively prime, then $m^T = 1 \bmod N$ where $T = (p - 1)(q - 1)$

RSA example

- $p = 7, q = 11$
- $N = 77$
- $T = (p - 1)(q - 1) = 6 \times 10 = 60$
- Select public key e that is coprime to 60 $\rightarrow e = 7$
- Private key $d = e^{-1} \bmod T = 7^{-1} \bmod 60 = 43$
 - Problem: Find e such that $7 \times e \bmod 60 = 1$
 - Can be obtained by the Extended Euclid's algorithm
 - In Python: `pow(7, -1, 60)`

RSA example

- Given
 - Secret: $p = 7, q = 11, d = 43$
 - Public: $N = 77, e = 7$
- Plaintext $m = 8$
- Encryption
 - $c = m^e \bmod N = 8^7 \bmod 77 = 57$
- Decryption
 - $m = c^d \bmod N = 57^{43} \bmod 77 = 8$

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- Decryption
 - $m = c^d \bmod N = 57^{43} \bmod 77 = 8 \leftarrow \text{Correctly decrypted!}$

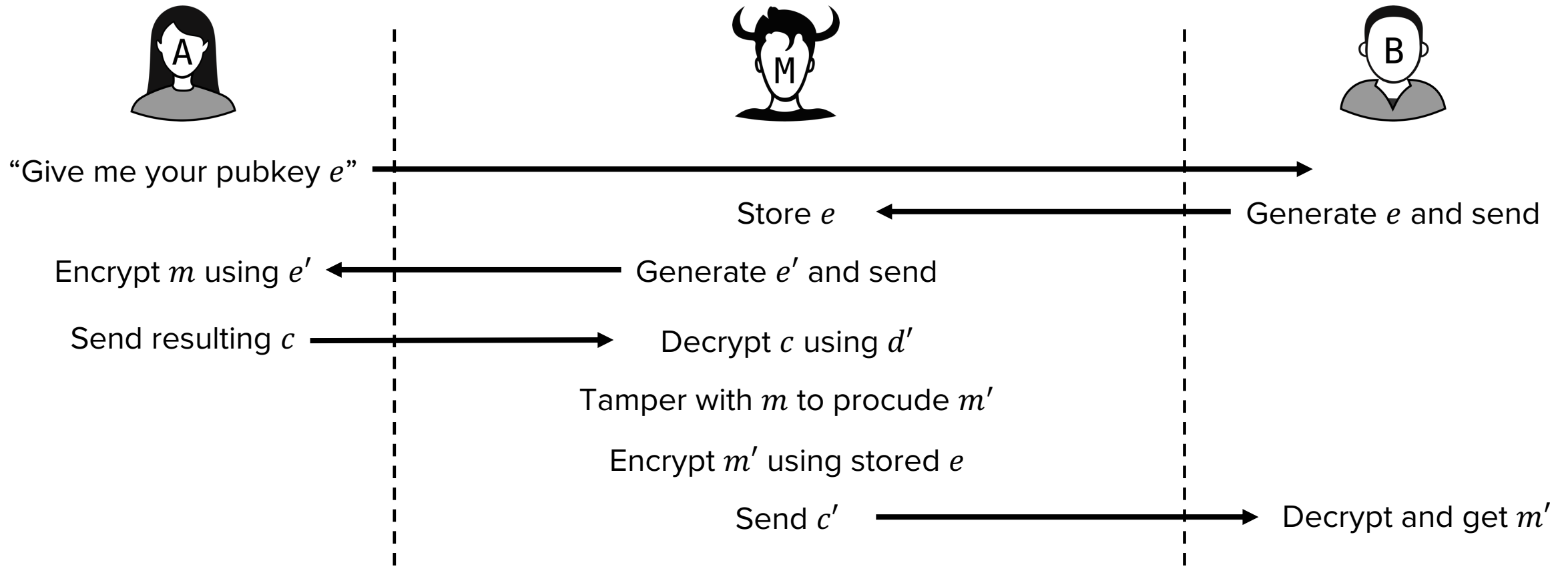
(Use modular exponentiation
for computation)

RSA security – Confidentiality

- RSA provides confidentiality based on the hardness of integer factorization problem
 - Steps for Eve to decipher c given public N and public key e ,
 - To compute $m = c^d \bmod N$, Eve needs to find the secret key d
 - To derive $d = e^{-1} \bmod T$, Eve needs to find T
 - To find $T = (p - 1)(q - 1)$, Eve needs to find p and q
 - To find p and q such that $N = pq$, Eve needs to prime factorize N
 - However, there is no polynomial time algorithm that can factor a large integer N to find its prime factors p and q

RSA security – Integrity

- RSA does not guarantee integrity
 - Still susceptible to MitM attacks



Cryptography roadmap

Goal \ Scheme	Symmetric Key	Asymmetric Key
Confidentiality	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ One Time Pad (OTP)✓ Block ciphers (DES, AES)✓ Stream ciphers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ DH secure key exchange✓ ElGamal encryption✓ RSA encryption
Integrity & Authentication	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Message Authentication Code (MAC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Digital signature

Questions?