

Cryptography

Lecture 9

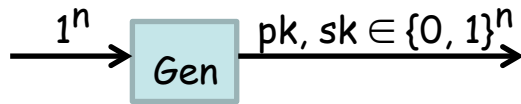
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Quick Recall and Today's Roadmap

- » Assumptions in Cyclic Groups (of prime order); how to construct such creatures using NT and GT
- » DH Key Agreement
- » Intro to PKE. Plus and Minus
- » PKE Security Definition
- » CPA Security
- » CPA Multi-message Security
- » CPA Single Message Security Implies CPA Multi-message Security Proof: Fantastic application of hybrid arguments
- » El Gamal CPA Secure Scheme
- » RSA (maybe)

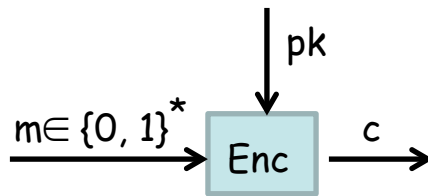
Public-key Cryptography: Syntax

- A public-key cryptosystem is a collection of 3 PPT algorithms (Gen, Enc, Dec)



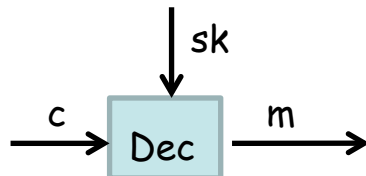
Syntax: $(pk, sk) \leftarrow \text{Gen}(1^n)$

Randomized Algo



Syntax: $c \leftarrow \text{Enc}_{pk}(m)$

Most often **randomized** to achieve meaningful notion of security



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

Deterministic (w.l.o.g)

Except with a **negligible probability** over (pk, sk) output by $\text{Gen}(1^n)$, we require the following for every (legal) plaintext m

$\text{Dec}_{sk}(\text{Enc}_{pk}(m)) := m$

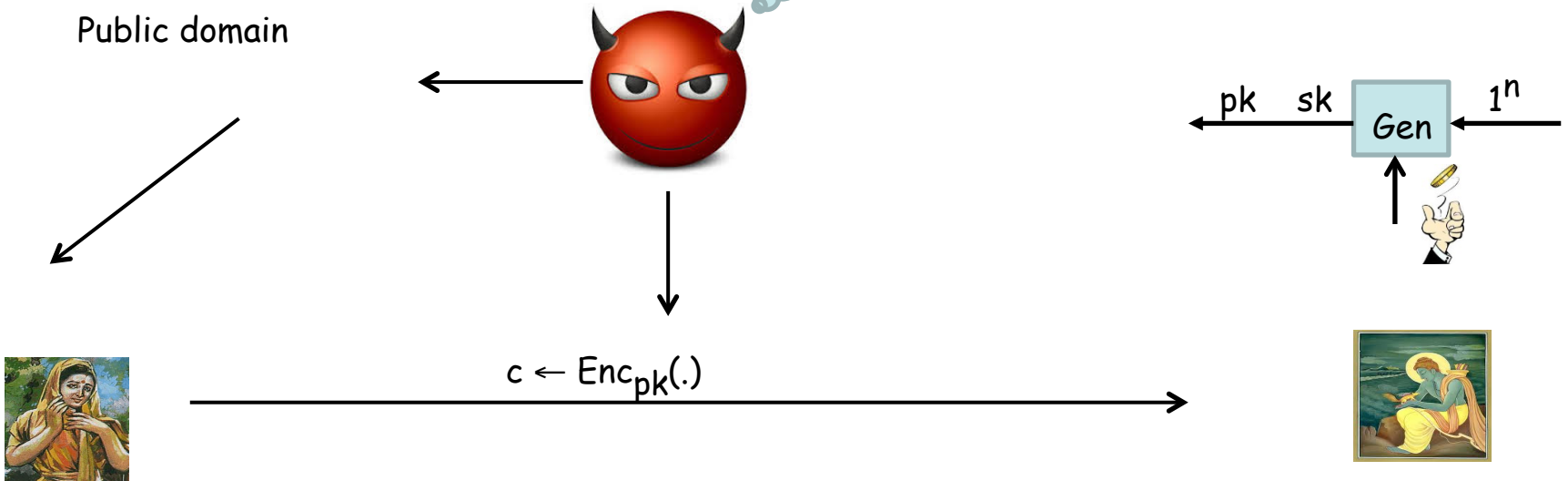
Public-key Encryption: Security Definition

Let $\Pi = (\text{Gen}, \text{Enc}, \text{Dec})$

- What is the **least possible security guarantee** we can expect?

I know that the message is either "I am not fine" or "I am fine Ram"

Public domain



- We expect that **even after seeing the ciphertext c** , the adversary should not be able to find out the password, except with probability negligibly better than $\frac{1}{2}$
 - Semantic security/IND security

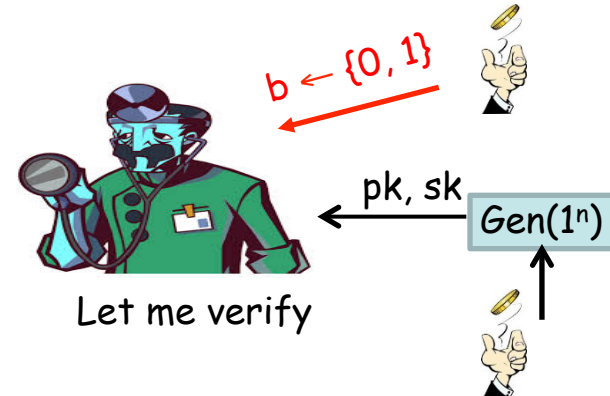
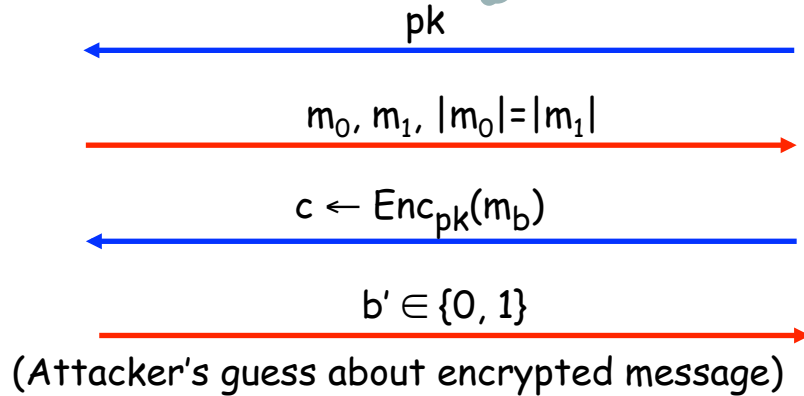
Indistinguishability Experiment for PKE (Ciphertext-only Attack)

Indistinguishability experiment

In the real-world, everyone including the attacker will have the public key pk



I can break Π



Game Output

$b = b'$ (red arrow)

1 --- attacker won

Π COA-secure if for every PPT attacker A , the probability that A wins the experiment is at most negligible.

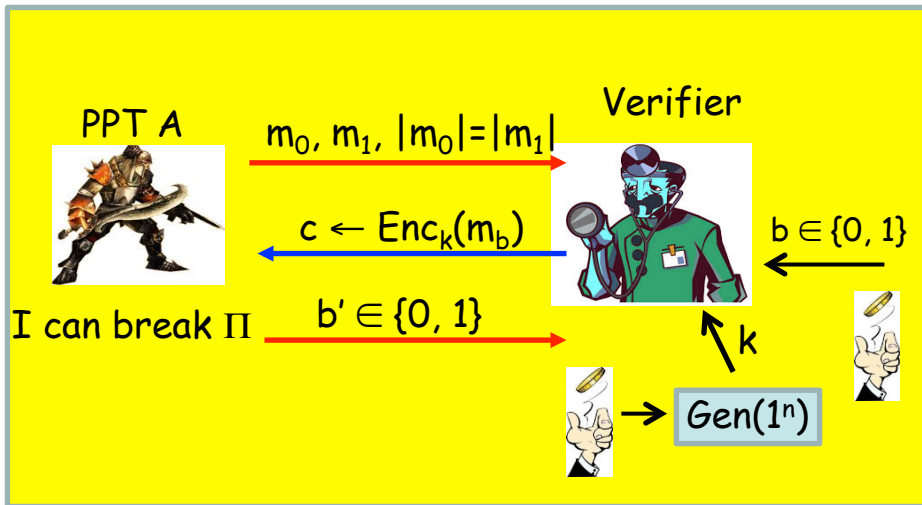
How is the above experiment different from the corresponding symmetric-key encryption experiment?

$$\Pr \left[\text{PubK}_{A, \Pi}^{\text{coa}}(n) = 1 \right] \leq \frac{1}{2} + \text{negl}(n)$$

Ciphertext-only Attack: Symmetric-key vs Asymmetric-key World

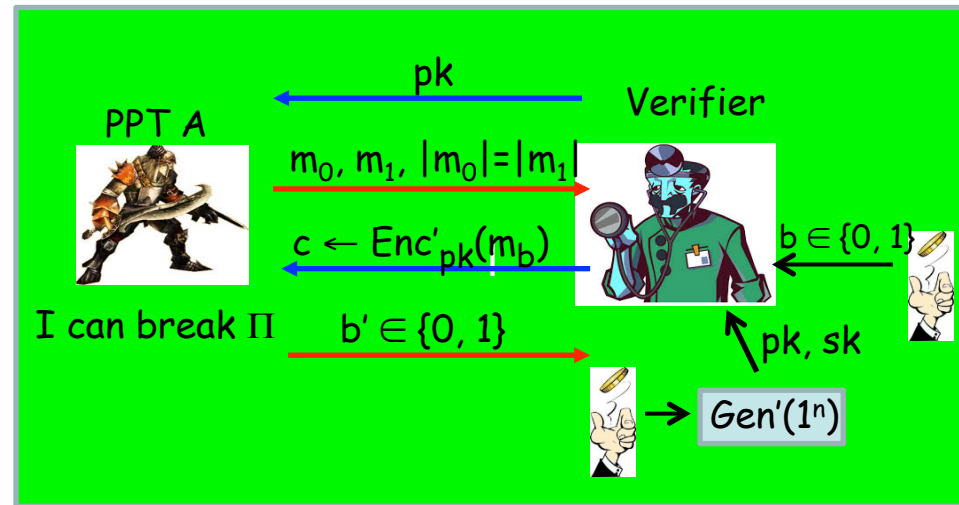
$\Pi = (\text{Gen}, \text{Enc}, \text{Dec})$

Symmetric-key Encryption



$\Pi' = (\text{Gen}', \text{Enc}', \text{Dec}')$

Asymmetric-key Encryption



❑ Consequence of giving the public-key pk to the attacker ?

- Attacker can encrypt any message of its choice
- Free-encryption oracle for the attacker
- ❖ Not possible in the symmetric-key world

❑ Already captures CPA!!

❑ COA is equivalent to CPA security for PKE

Attention: No deterministic public-key encryption can be even COA-secure, whereas we have seen deterministic scheme to be COA-secure in SKE

Extremely dangerous for small message space. Adv can keep a table of encryptions of all the message and then compares to find the message encrypted.

Multi-message CPA Security

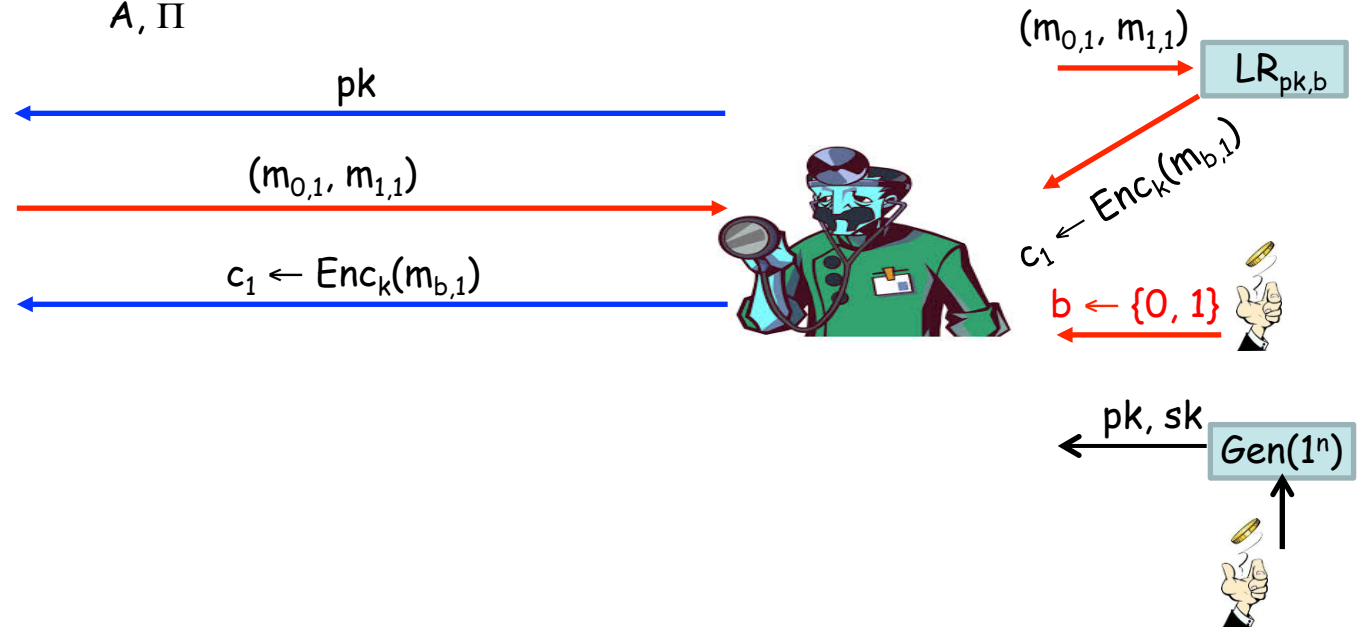
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Multi-CPA experiment



cpa-mult
PubK (n)
A, Π

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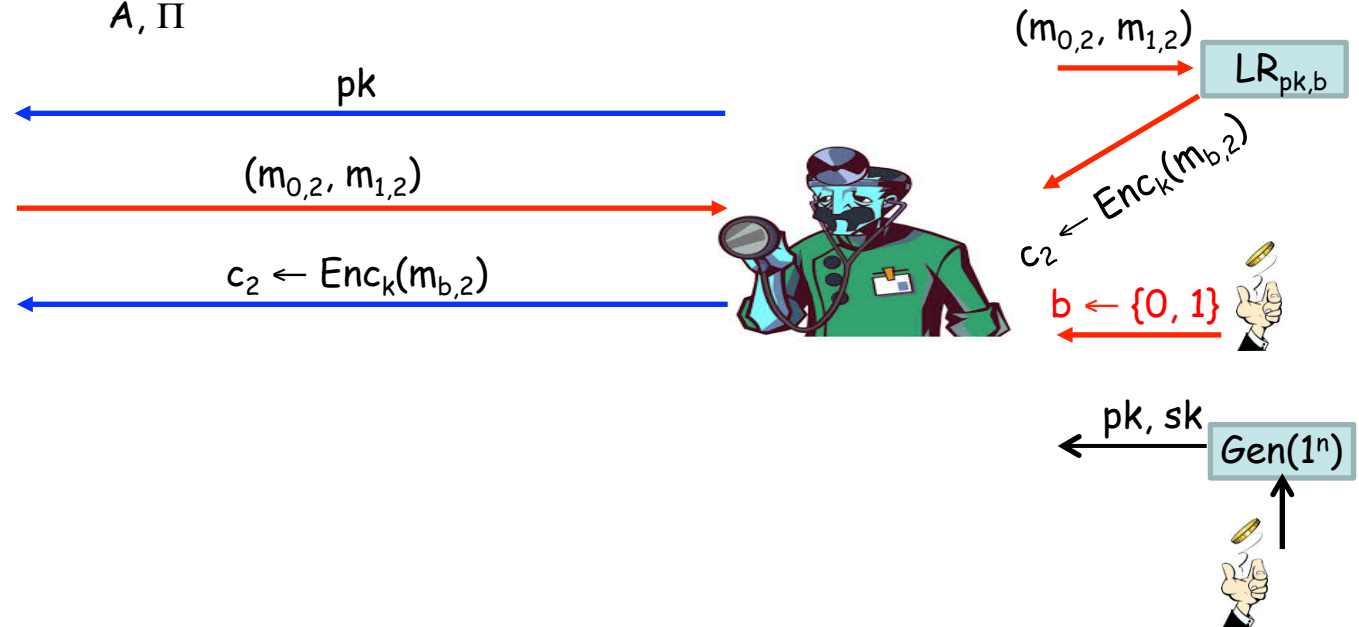
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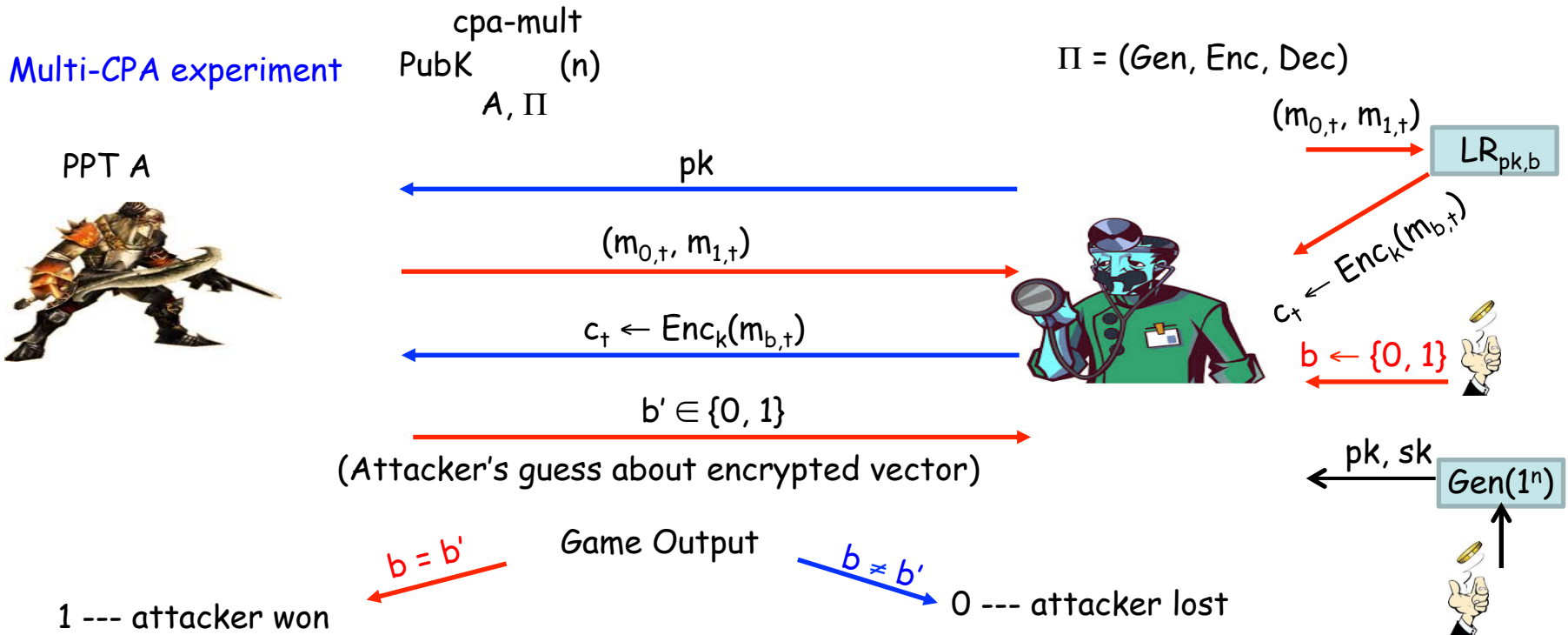
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Π has **mult-CPA secure** if **for every PPT attacker A** taking part in the above experiment, the probability that A wins the experiment is **at most negligibly better than $\frac{1}{2}$**

$$\Pr \left(\begin{array}{c} \text{cpa-mult} \\ \text{PubK} \quad (n) \\ A, \Pi \end{array} = 1 \right) \leq \frac{1}{2} + \text{negl}(n)$$

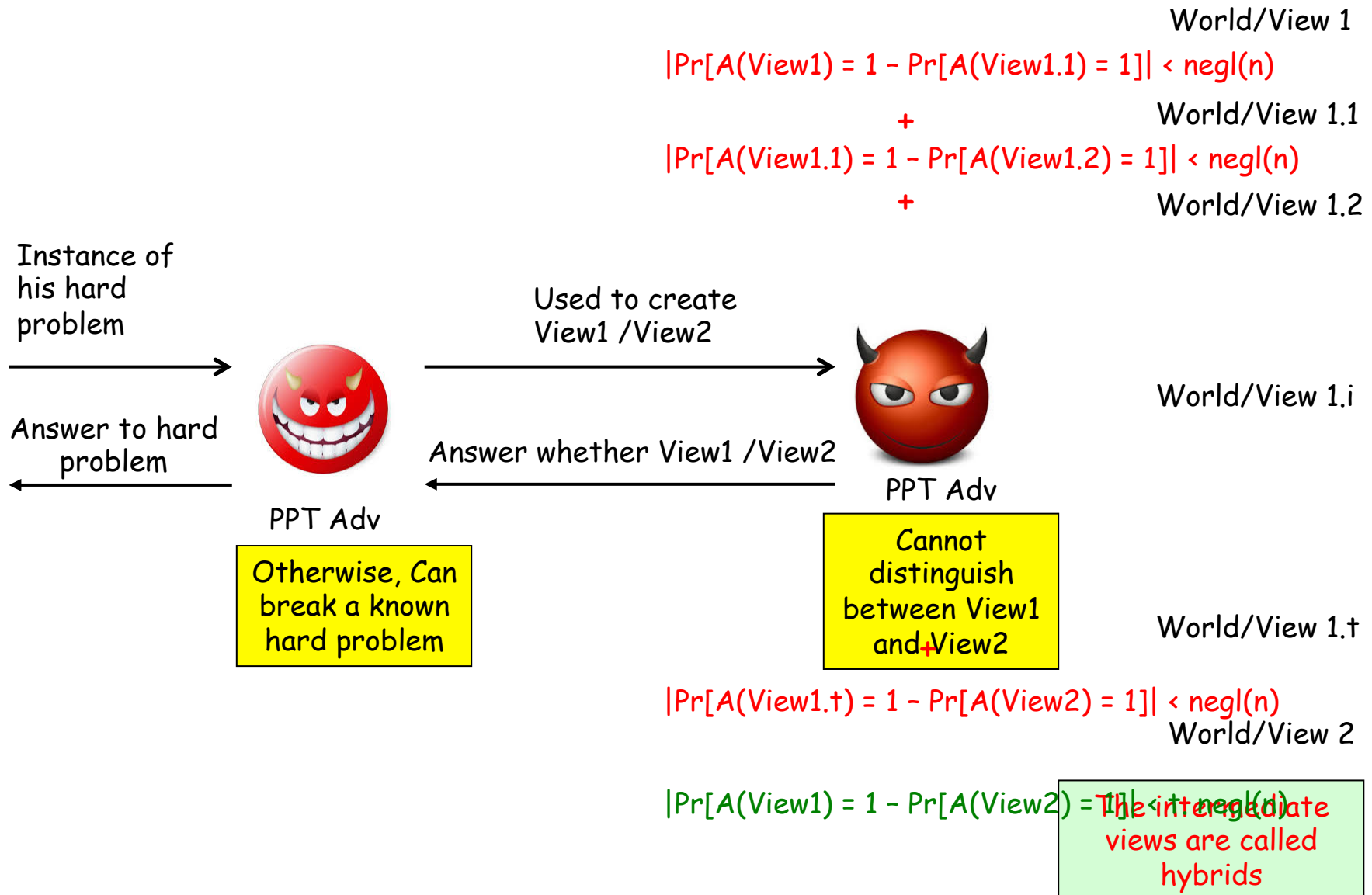
(Single vs Multi-message CPA Security)

Theorem: *single-message CPA security* \rightarrow *multi-message CPA security*.

Proof: On the board (power of hybrid argument)

Hybrid Arguments

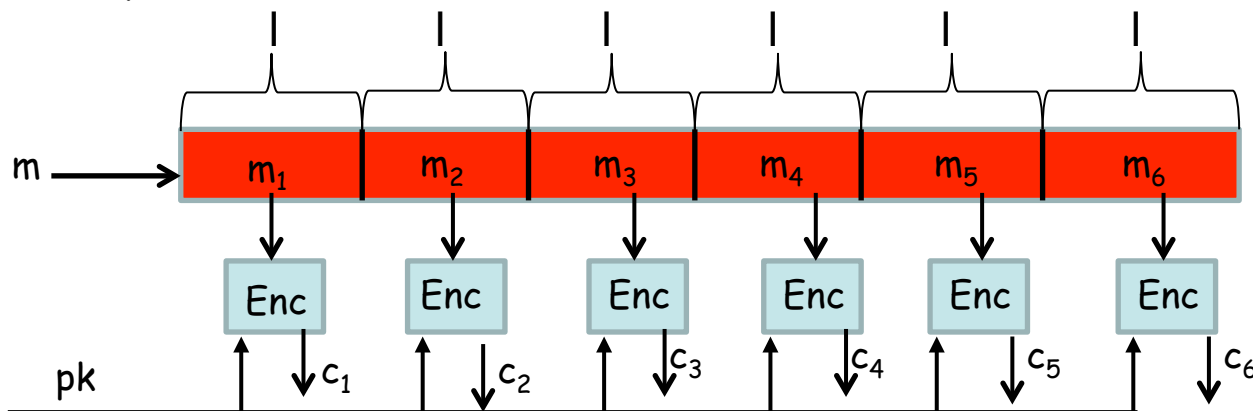
Polynomially Many



Implications of Single-message CPA security \rightarrow Multi-message CPA Security

PKE		SKE		
COA	\approx	COA	$\not\rightarrow$	COA-mult
	\approx		$\not\rightarrow$	CPA
CPA	\approx			CPA-mult

- Given CPA secure scheme Π for bit/small messages, constructing CPA-secure PKE for long message is not an issue.



Heads-up; Surprise:
Same does not hold
for CCA security.
Term paper

$$c_1c_2...c_6 \leftarrow Enc_{pk}(m)$$

- Why the above PKE, say Π' is CPA-secure?

- The above construction is **equivalent to encrypting a vector of message** $\vec{M} = (m_1, \dots, m_6)$
- Reduction of CPA-security of Π' for LARGE single message \rightarrow CPA-security for Π for multi messages

CPA-secure Public-key Encryption Based on DDH (El Gamal Encryption Scheme)

❑ Invented by Taher El Gamal in 1985

- Based on the observation that the DH key-exchange protocol can be “converted” into a public-key encryption algorithm by incorporating an additional step

❑ Recall the DH key-exchange protocol

Public Info: Cyclic group of prime order q , (G, \cdot, q, g)

(For concreteness, consider $(\mathbb{Z}_p^*, \cdot \bmod p)$ and the subgroup $(G, \cdot \bmod p)$, with $G = \{x^2 \bmod p\}$)

$$h_S = g^x, \text{ where } x \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_q$$



$m \in G$

$$h_R = g^y, \text{ where } y \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_q$$

$[k \cdot m \bmod p]$



$$k = (h_R)^x = g^{xy}$$



Protocol transcript

$$k = (h_S)^y = g^{xy}$$

$[k \cdot m, k^{-1} \bmod p]$

Unable to distinguish $k = g^{xy}$ from a random element g^z in G (if DDH is hard in G)

❑ How to convert this protocol into a public-key encryption scheme ?

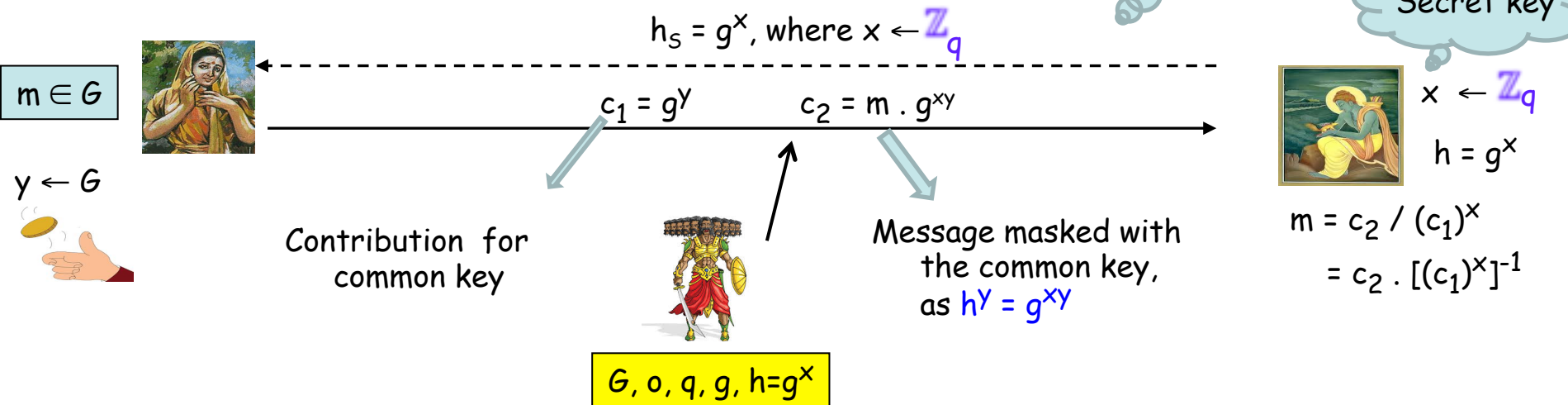
- The encryptor can use the agreed upon key k to mask its message !!

El Gamal Public-key Encryption

Public Info: Cyclic group of prime order q , (G, o, q, g, \quad)

Imagine this like sending the 1st message in DH key-exchange protocol

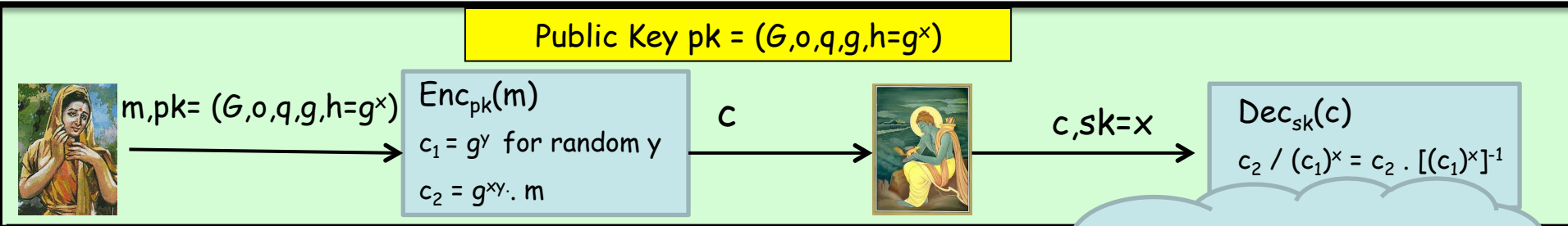
Secret key



Theorem: If the DDH problem is hard relative to (G, o) , then El Gamal encryption scheme is CPA-secure

- Adversary will be unable to distinguish the mask g^{xy} from a random group element g^z , given $h=g^x$, $c_1 = g^y$. Otherwise, we can use him to break DDH assumption.
- If an random element g^z was used for masking, then the encryption perfectly hides m (it is an OTP in fact). So even an unbounded powerful adversary will have no clue about the message

Security Proof of El Gamal



Theorem. If DDH is hard, then Π is a CPA-secure scheme.

Proof: Assume Π is not CPA-secure

$$A, p(n): \Pr \left[\text{PubK}_{A, \Pi}^{\text{cpa}}(n) = 1 \right] > \frac{1}{2} + 1/p(n)$$

$$\Pr \left[\text{PubK}_{A, \bar{\Pi}}^{\text{cpa}}(n) = 1 \right] = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\left| \Pr [D(\text{DDH tuple}) = 1] - \Pr [D(\text{non-DDH tuple}) = 1] \right| > 1/p(n)$$

For any z' , $\Pr[g^z \cdot m = g^{z'}] = 1/|G|$
 when z is chosen uniformly from G

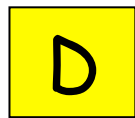
DDH or non-DDH tuple?

Let us run $\text{PubK}_{A, \Pi}^{\text{cpa}}(n)$

$(G, o, q, g, g^x, g^y, g^z)$

1 if $b = b'$

0 otherwise



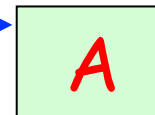
b

$pk = (G, o, q, g, g^x)$

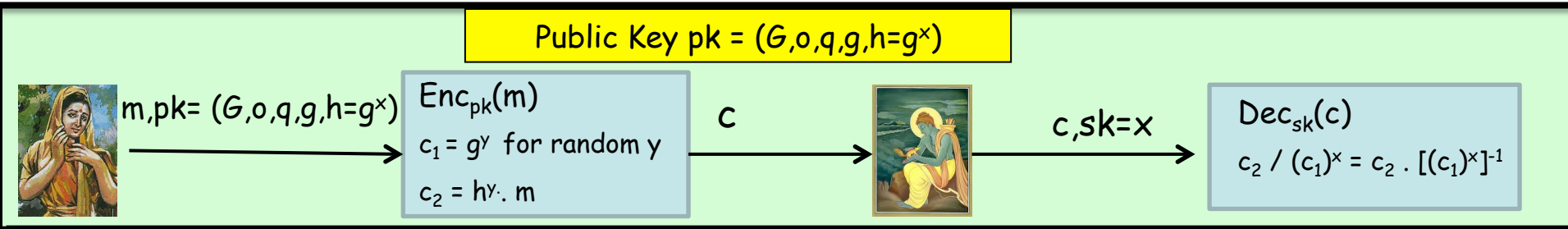
$m_0, m_1 \in_R \mathcal{M}, |m_0| = |m_1|$

$c = (g^y, g^z \cdot m_b)$

$b' \in \{0, 1\}$



El Gamal Implementation Issues



❑ Sharing public parameters

- The public parameters (G, q, g, h) can be publicly shared once-and-for-all
- NIST has published standard parameters suitable for El Gamal encryption scheme
- Sharing public parameters does not hamper security --- contrast to RSA

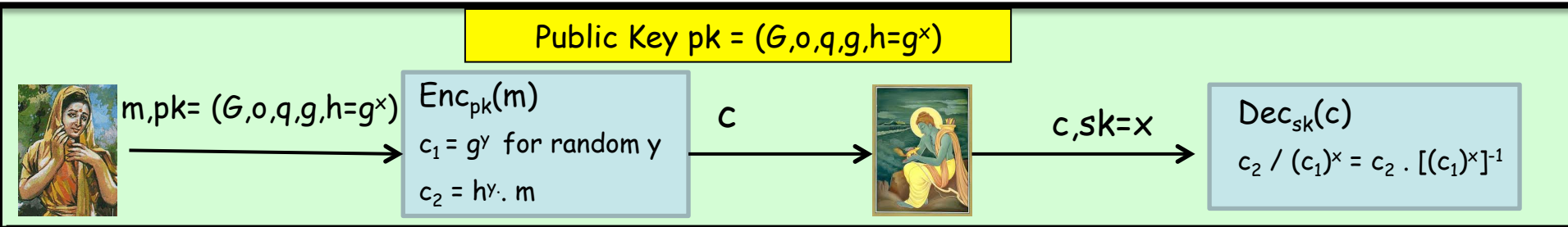
❑ Choice of groups

- Option I: prime order subgroup $(G, * \bmod p)$ of \mathbb{Z}_p^* , where $p = 2q+1$ and $G = \{x^2 \bmod p \mid x \in \mathbb{Z}_p^*\}$
- Option II (Practically popular): groups based on points on **elliptic curves**

❑ Message Space --- not bit strings, but rather **group elements**. Two possible solutions to deal with this

- Option I: Use some **efficient reversible encoding mechanism** from bit strings to group elements
- Option II: Use the El Gamal encryption scheme as a part of a **Hybrid encryption scheme**

El Gamal Implementation Issues



Mapping bit strings to group elements

- For concreteness, consider prime order subgroup G of \mathbb{Z}_p^* , where $p = 2q+1$ and $G = \{x^2 \bmod p \mid x \in \mathbb{Z}_p^*\}$

\mathbb{Z}_{11}^* : 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 $p = 11, q = 5$

Squares modulo 11: 1^2 2^2 3^2 4^2 5^2 6^2 7^2 8^2 9^2 10^2 Group G

Values: 1 4 9 5 3 3 5 9 4 1 Plaintext and ciphertext space

- $\mathbb{Z}_p^* = \{1, 2, \dots, q, q+1, \dots, 2q\}$
- Consider the mapping $f: \{1, \dots, q\} \rightarrow G$

$$f(x) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} [x^2 \bmod p]$$
- Let $||q|| = n$ bits
- Given an $(n-1)$ -bit string $x \in \{0, 1\}^{n-1}$, map it to an element of G as follows:
 - Compute $f(1 || x)$ --- $1 || x$ will be an n -bit string, will be an integer in the range $\{1, \dots, q\}$
- Function f is a bijection
 - A quadratic residue $[x^2 \bmod p]$ has two modular square roots: $[x \bmod p]$, $[-x \bmod p]$
 - Only one square root lies in the range $\{1, \dots, q\}$
 - Function f is efficiently invertible

7th Chalk and Talk topic

Goldwasser-Micali Cryptosystem based on Quadratic
Residuacity

8th Chalk and Talk topic

Miller-Rabin Primality Testing

Thank You!