

Cryptography Part 2

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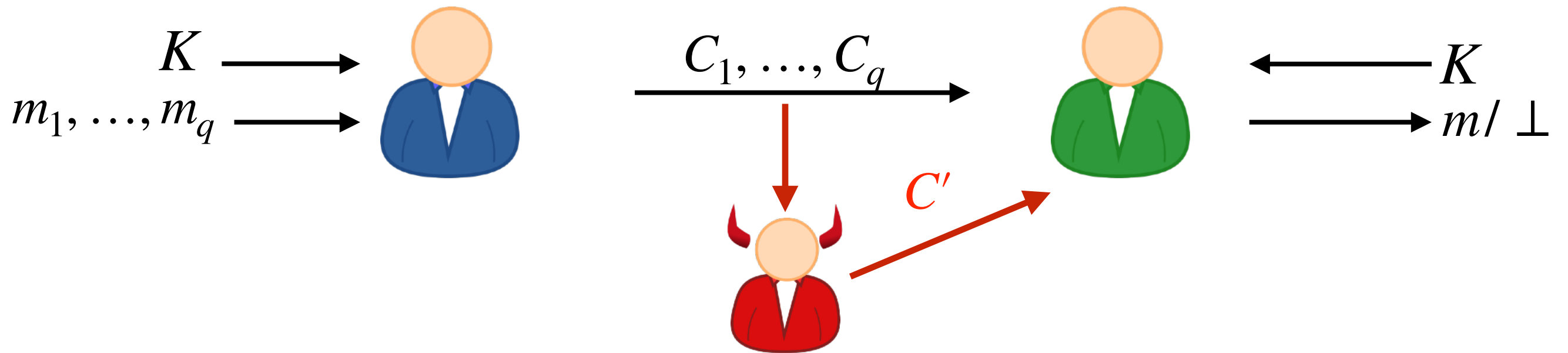
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Adversary Goal #2: Break Authenticity



The adversary sees ciphertexts and attempts to create and inject a new ciphertext without being detected by receiver.

Other attack settings are important here too.

Stream ciphers do not give integrity

M = please pay ben 20 bucks

C = b0595fafd05df4a7d8a04ced2d1ec800d2daed851ff509b3e446a782871c2d



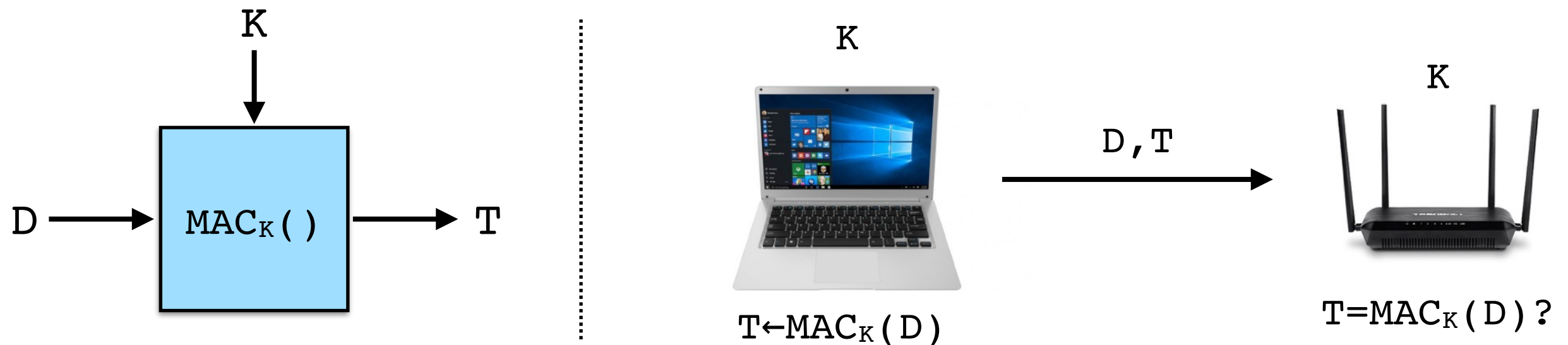
C' = b0595fafd05df4a7d8a04ced2d1ec800d2daed851ff509b3e546a782871c2d

M' = please pay ben 21 bucks

Inherent to stream-cipher approach to encryption.

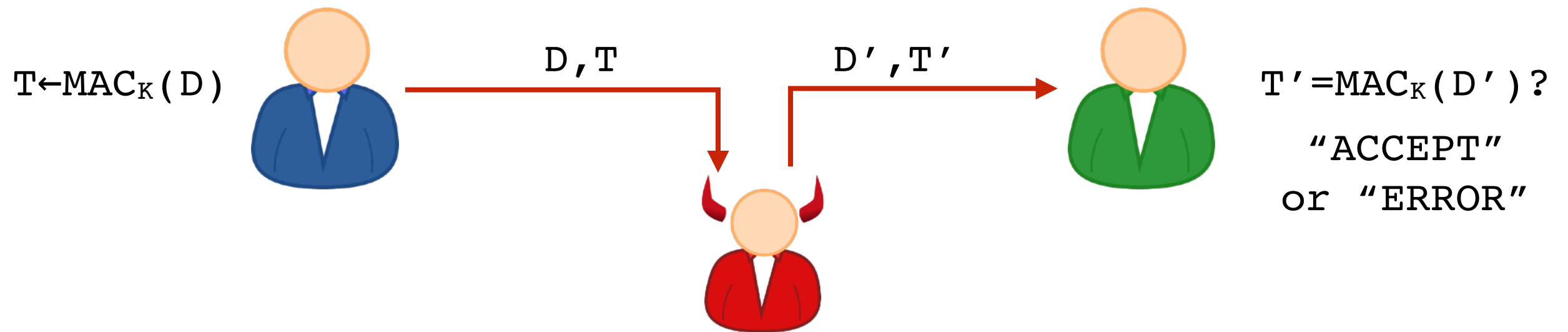
Message Authentication Codes

A **message authentication code (MAC)** is an algorithm that takes as input a key and a message, and outputs an “unpredictable” **tag**.



D will usually be a ciphertext, but is often called a “message”.

MAC Security Goal: Unforgeability



MAC satisfies **unforgeability** if it is infeasible for Adversary to fool Bob into accepting D' not previously sent by Alice.

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Note: No encryption on this slide.

D = please pay ben 20 bucks

T = 827851dc9cf0f92ddcdc552572ffd8bc



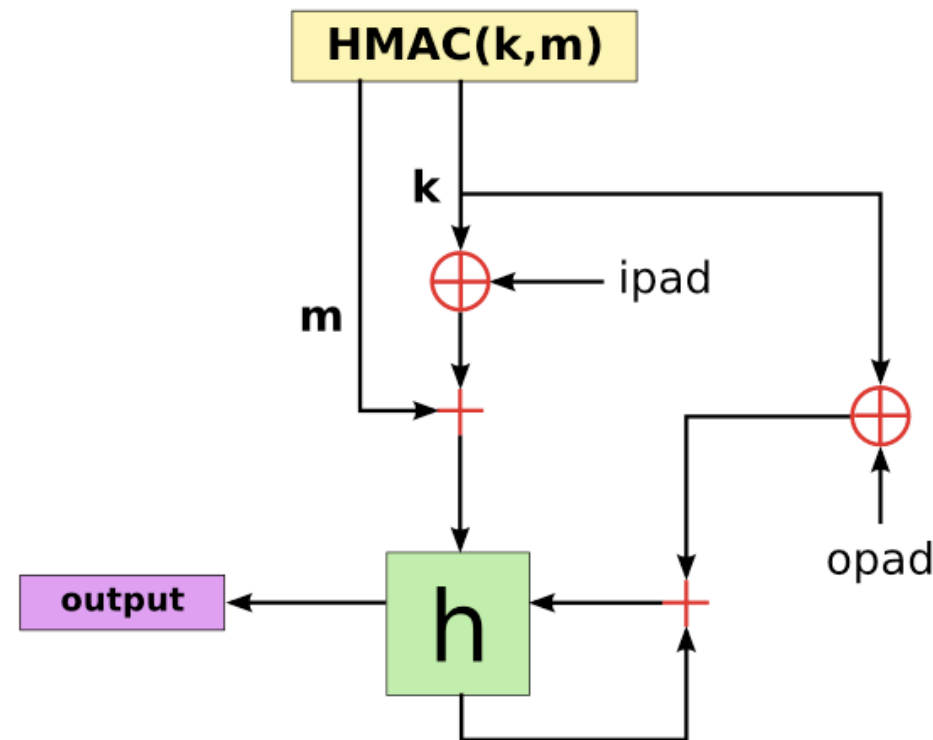
D' = please pay ben 21 bucks

T' = baeaf48a891de588ce588f8535ef58b6

Should be hard to predict T' for any new D' .

MACs In Practice: Use HMAC or Poly1305-AES

- More precisely: Use HMAC-SHA2. More on hashes and MACs in a moment.



- Other, less-good option: AES-CBC-MAC (bug-prone)

Authenticated Encryption

Encryption that provides **confidentiality** and **integrity** is called **Authenticated Encryption**.

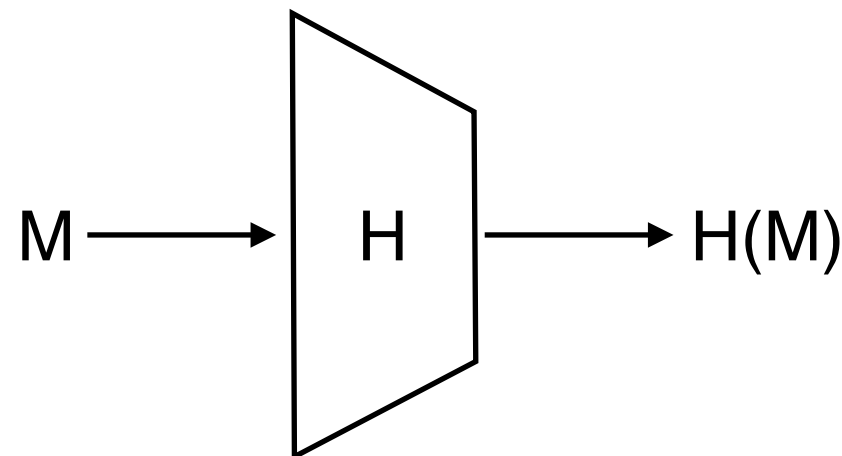
- Built using a good stream cipher and a MAC.
 - Ex: Salsa20 with HMAC-SHA2
- Best solution: Use ready-made Authenticated Encryption
 - Ex: AES-GCM is the standard

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Next Up: Hash Functions

Definition: A hash function is a deterministic function H that reduces arbitrary strings to fixed-length outputs.

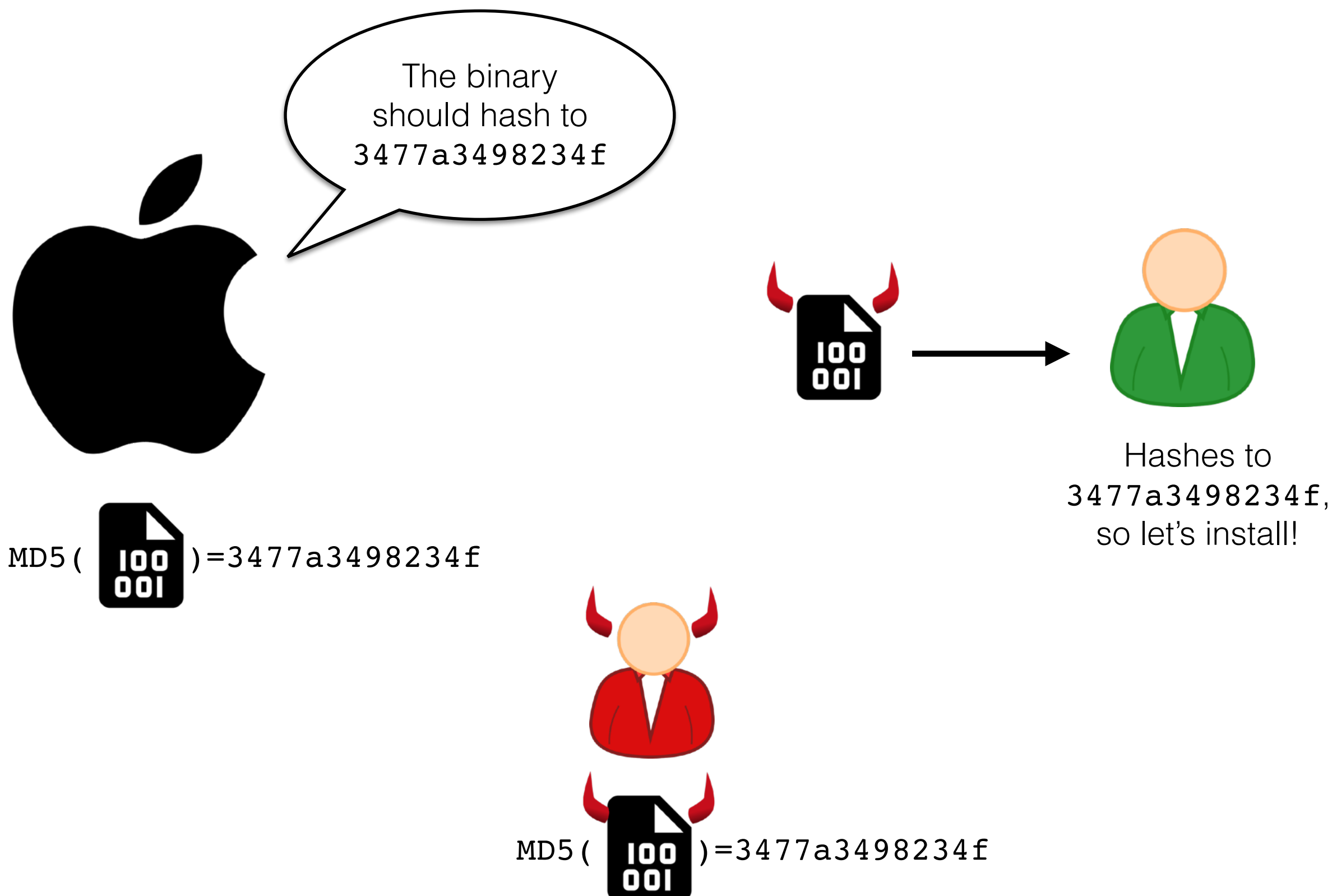


Some security goals:

- collision resistance: can't find $M \neq M'$ such that $H(M) = H(M')$
- preimage resistance: given $H(M)$, can't find M
- second-preimage resistance: given $H(M)$, can't find M' s.t.
 $H(M') = H(M)$

Note: Very different from hashes used in data structures!

Why are collisions bad?

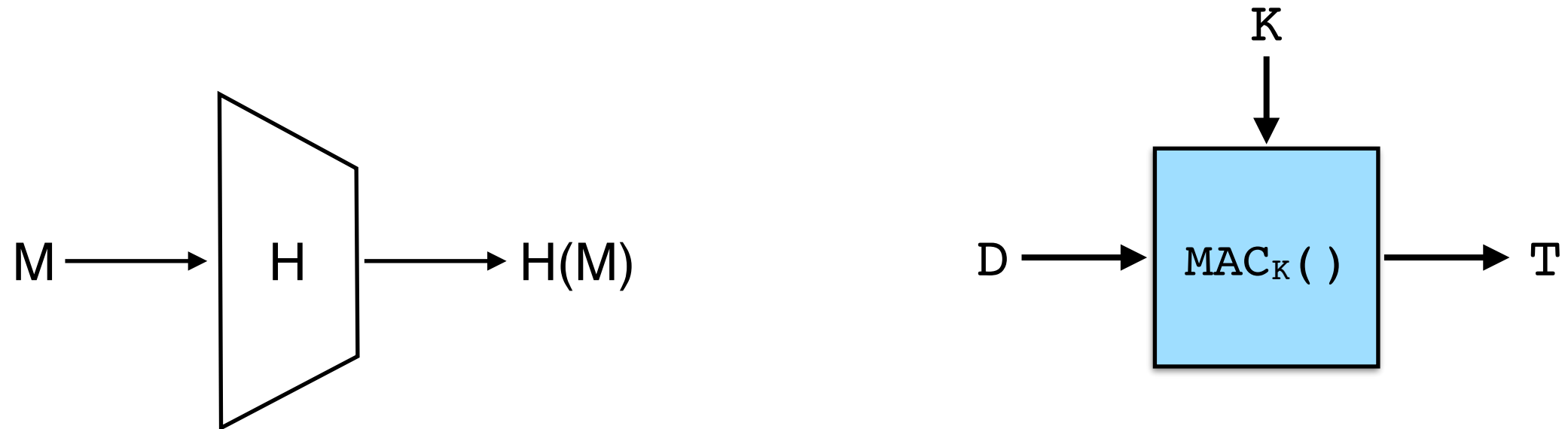


Practical Hash Functions

Name	Year	Output Len (bits)	Broken?
MD5	1993	128	Super-duper broken
SHA-1	1994	160	Yes
SHA-2 (SHA-256)	1999	256	No
SHA-2 (SHA-512)	2009	512	No
SHA-3	2019	≥ 224	No

Confusion over “SHA” names leads to vulnerabilities.

Hash Functions are not MACs



Both map long inputs to short outputs... but a hash function does not take a key.

Intuition: a MAC is like a hash function, that only the holders of key can evaluate.

MACs from Hash Functions

Goal: Build a secure MAC out of a good hash function.

Construction: $\text{MAC}(K, D) = H(K \parallel D)$



Warning: Broken



- Totally insecure if $H = \text{MD5, SHA1, SHA-256, SHA-512}$
- May be secure with SHA-3 (but don't do it)

Construction: $\text{MAC}(K, D) = H(D \parallel K)$



Just don't



Upshot: Use HMAC; It's designed to avoid this and other issues.

Later: Hash functions and certificates

Length Extension Attack

Construction: $\text{MAC}(K, D) = H(K \parallel D)$



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Adversary goal: Find new message D' and a valid tag T' for D'



Need to find: Given $T = H(K \parallel D)$, find $T' = H(K \parallel D')$ without knowing K .

In Assignment 4: Break this construction!

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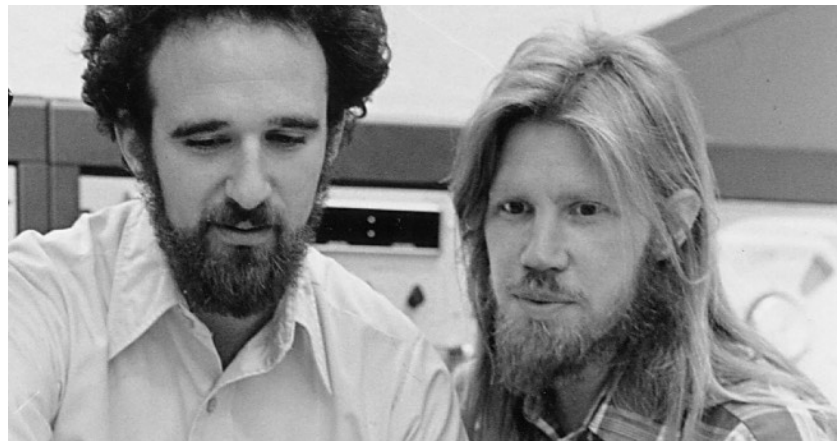
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Diffie and Hellman
in 1976: **Yes!**

*Turing Award, 2015,
+ Million Dollars*



Rivest, Shamir, Adleman
in 1978: **Yes, differently!**

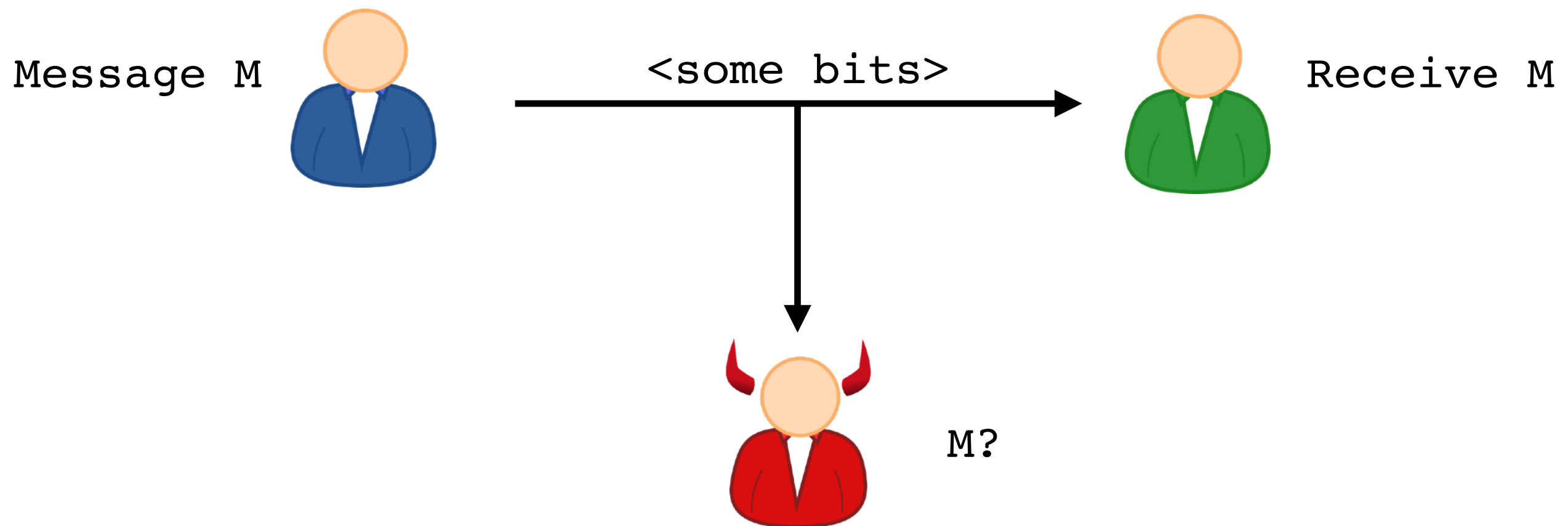
*Turing Award, 2002,
+ no money*



Cocks, Ellis, Williamson
in 1969, at GCHQ:
Yes...

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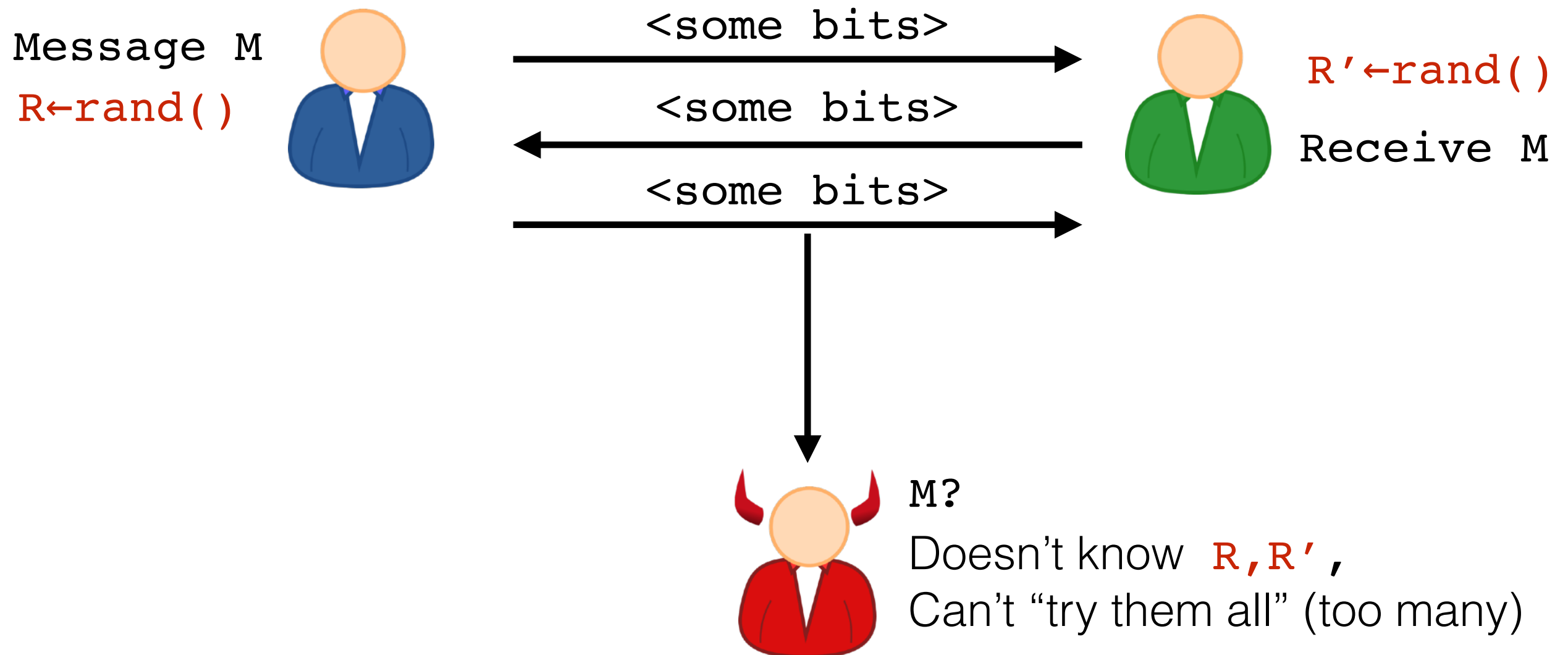
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Formally impossible (in some sense):
No difference between receiver and adversary.

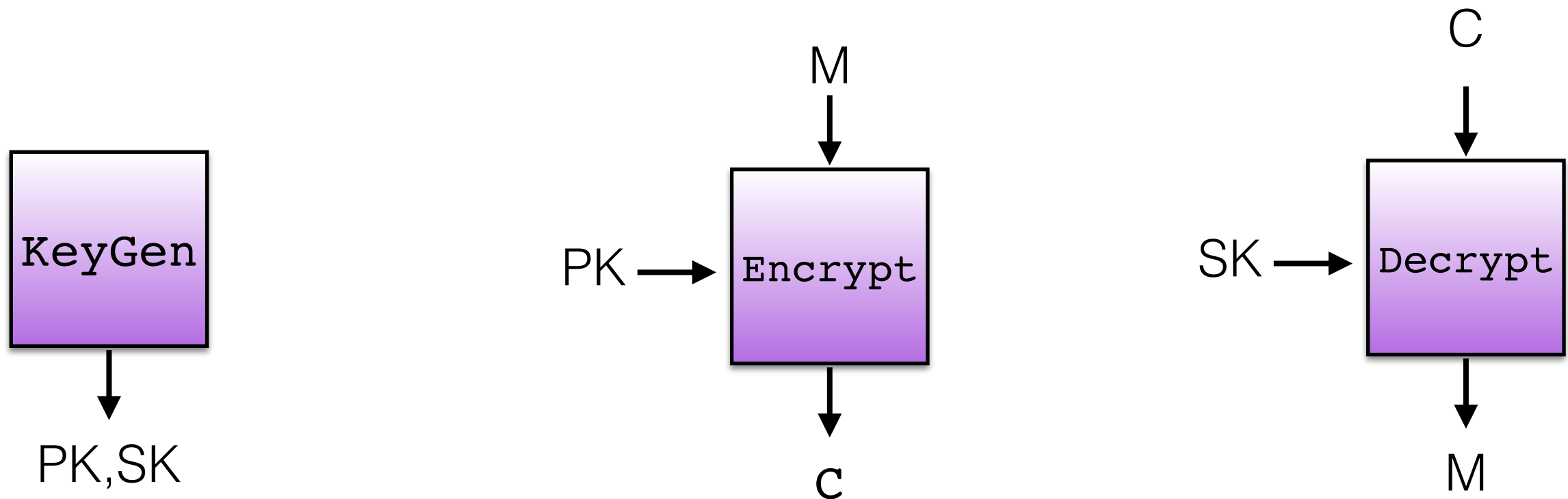
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Public-Key Encryption Schemes

A public-key encryption scheme consists of three algorithms **KeyGen**, **Encrypt**, and **Decrypt**

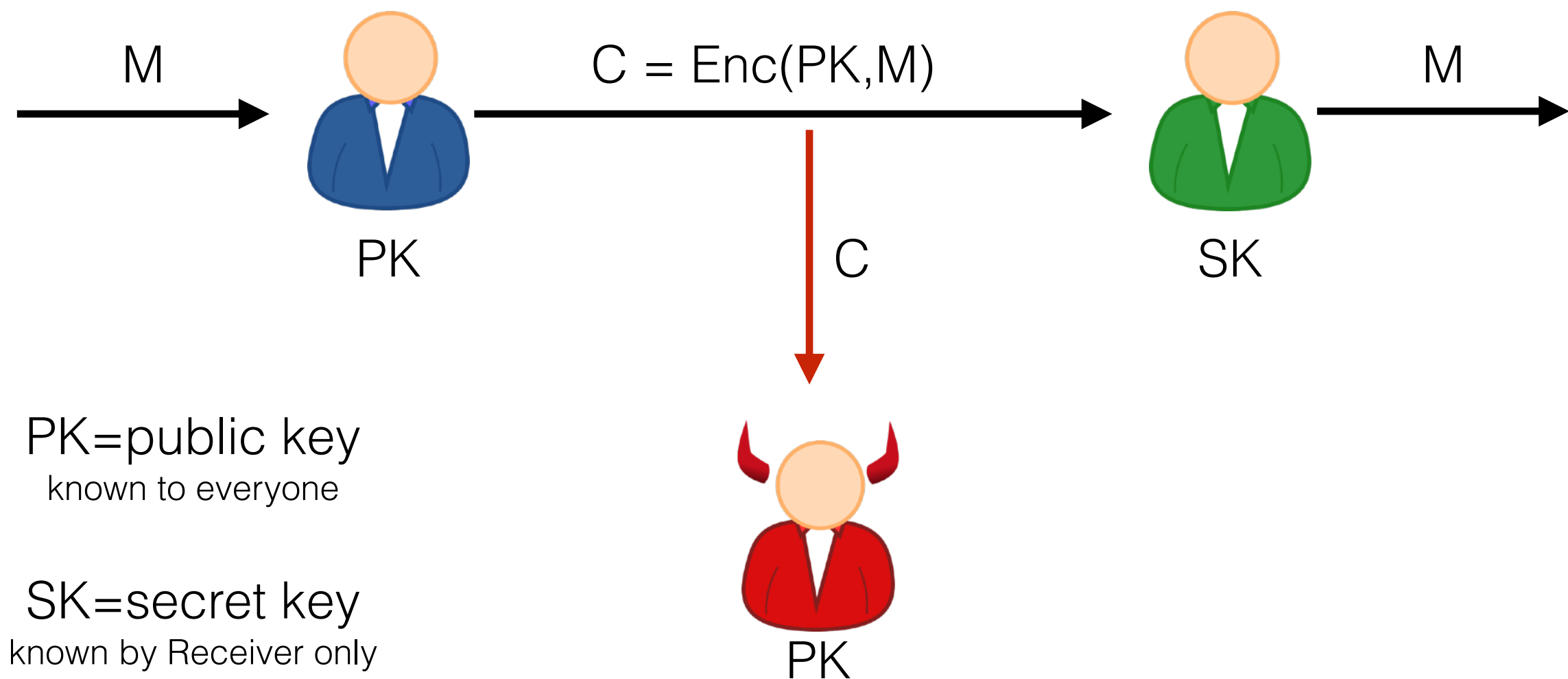


KeyGen: Outputs two keys. PK published openly, and SK kept secret.

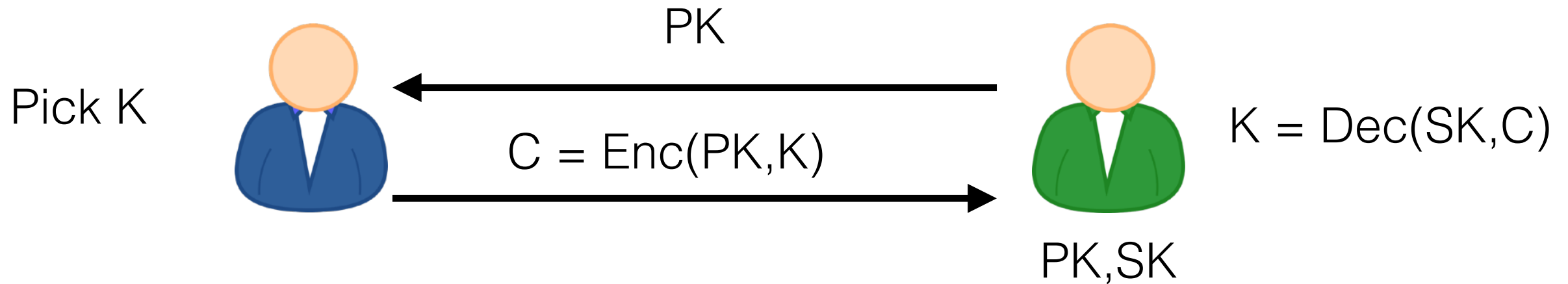
Encrypt: Uses PK and M to produce a ciphertext C.

Decrypt: Uses SK and C to recover M.

Public-Key Encryption in Action



Establishing a Shared Key



- This and similar ideas used in SSH, TLS, etc

```
davidcash@hofbraeuhaus:~|⇒ ssh cs232-33.c.cs.uchicago.edu
The authenticity of host 'cs232-33.c.cs.uchicago.edu (128.135.37.172)' can't be established.
ED25519 key fingerprint is SHA256:hw3ERhLhD97AFxQTfHdy0NeKJchxySqfxZQ66JqLBSI.
This host key is known by the following other names/addresses:
  ~/.ssh/known_hosts:56: cs232main.c.cs.uchicago.edu
  ~/.ssh/known_hosts:58: a2bailey.c.cs.uchicago.edu
  ~/.ssh/known_hosts:59: 128.135.37.128
  ~/.ssh/known_hosts:60: cs232-02.c.cs.uchicago.edu
  ~/.ssh/known_hosts:61: cs232-10.c.cs.uchicago.edu
  ~/.ssh/known_hosts:62: cs232-53.c.cs.uchicago.edu
  ~/.ssh/known_hosts:63: cs232-52.c.cs.uchicago.edu
  ~/.ssh/known_hosts:64: cs232-01.c.cs.uchicago.edu
  (19 additional names omitted)
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no/[fingerprint])?
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A Glimpse at Public-Key Encryption: RSA

RSA Key Generation

- Pick p and q be *large* random prime numbers (around 2^{1024})
- Compute $N \leftarrow pq$
- Set e to a default value ($e = 3$ and $e = 65537$ are common)
- Compute d such that $ed = 1 \bmod (p - 1)(q - 1)$
- Output
 - Public key $pk = (N, e)$
 - Secret key $sk = (N, d)$

Example:

- $p = 5, q = 11, N = 55$
- $e = 3, d = 27$

Plain RSA Encryption

$$PK = (N, e) \quad SK = (N, d) \quad \text{where} \quad N = pq, \quad ed = 1 \bmod \phi(N)$$

$$\text{Enc}((N, e), x) = x^e \bmod N$$

$$\text{Dec}((N, d), y) = y^d \bmod N$$

Using number theory from CMSC 27100, can show:

$$\text{Dec}(\text{Enc}((N, e), x)) = (x^e)^d = x \bmod N$$

Never use directly as encryption!



Warning: Broken



Factoring Records and RSA Key Length

- Factoring N allows recovery of secret key
- Challenges posted publicly by RSA Laboratories

Bit-length of N	Year
400	1993
478	1994
515	1999
768	2009
795	2019

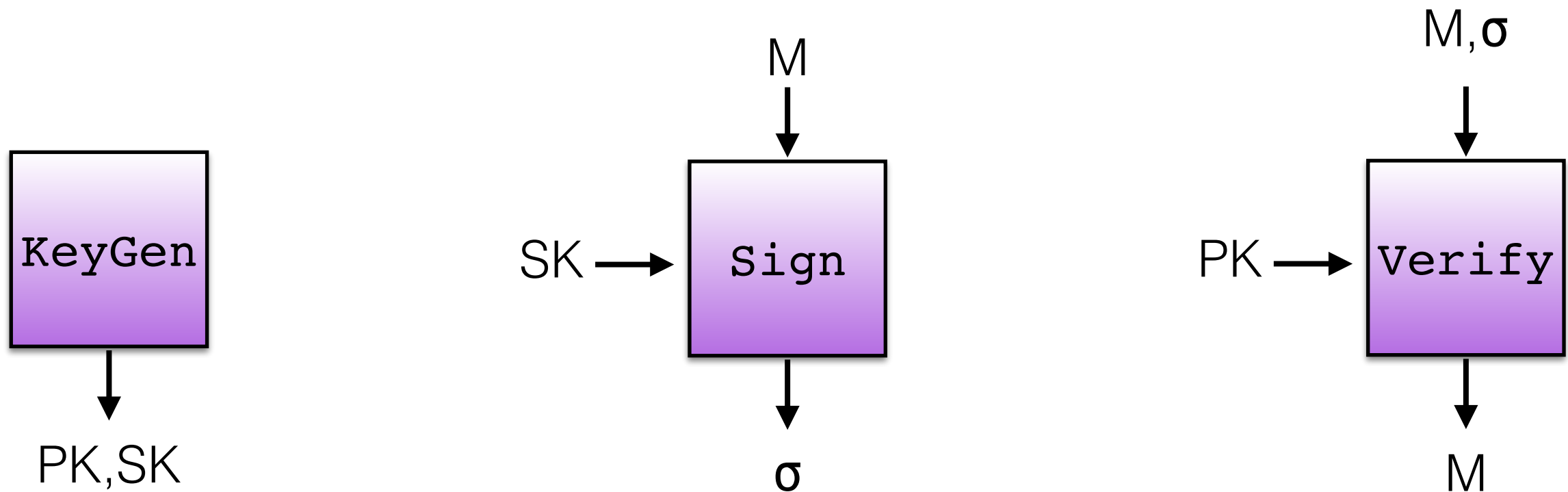
- Recommended bit-length today: 2048 or greater
- Note that fast algorithms force such a large key.
 - 512-bit N defeats naive factoring

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Digital Signatures Schemes

A digital signature scheme consists of three algorithms **KeyGen**, **Sign**, and **Verify**

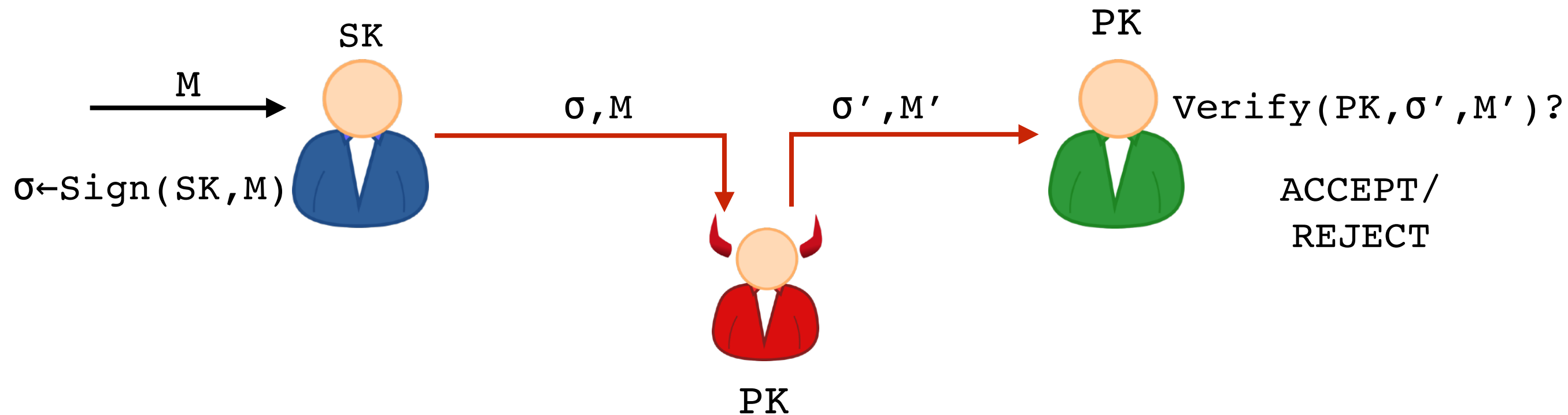


KeyGen: Outputs two keys. PK published openly, and SK kept secret.

Sign: Uses SK to produce a “signature” σ on M.

Verify: Uses PK to check if signature σ is valid for M.

Digital Signature Security Goal: Unforgeability



Scheme satisfies **unforgeability** if it is unfeasible for Adversary (who knows PK) to fool Bob into accepting M' not previously sent by Alice.



Broken



“Plain” RSA with No Encoding

$$PK = (N, e) \quad SK = (N, d) \quad \text{where} \quad N = pq, \quad ed = 1 \bmod \phi(N)$$

$$\text{Sign}((N, d), M) = M^d \bmod N$$

$$\text{Verify}((N, e), M, \sigma) : \sigma^e = M \bmod N?$$

$e = 3$ is common for fast verification.

RSA Signatures with Encoding

$$PK = (N, e) \quad SK = (N, d) \quad \text{where} \quad N = pq, \quad ed = 1 \bmod \phi(N)$$

$$\text{Sign}((N, d), M) = \text{encode}(M)^d \bmod N$$

$$\text{Verify}((N, e), M, \sigma) : \sigma^e = \text{encode}(M) \bmod N?$$

encode maps bit strings to numbers between 0 and N

Encoding must be chosen
with extreme care.



Broken



Forging RSA Signatures with Encoding

To forge a signature on M , an adversary must find an integer σ between 0 and N such that:

$$\sigma^e = \text{encode}(M) \bmod N$$

When $e = 3$, this is just

$$\sigma^3 = \text{encode}(M) \bmod N$$

Easy: Find a *real number* σ such that

$$\sigma^3 = \text{encode}(M) \bmod N$$

In fact, we can find σ such that

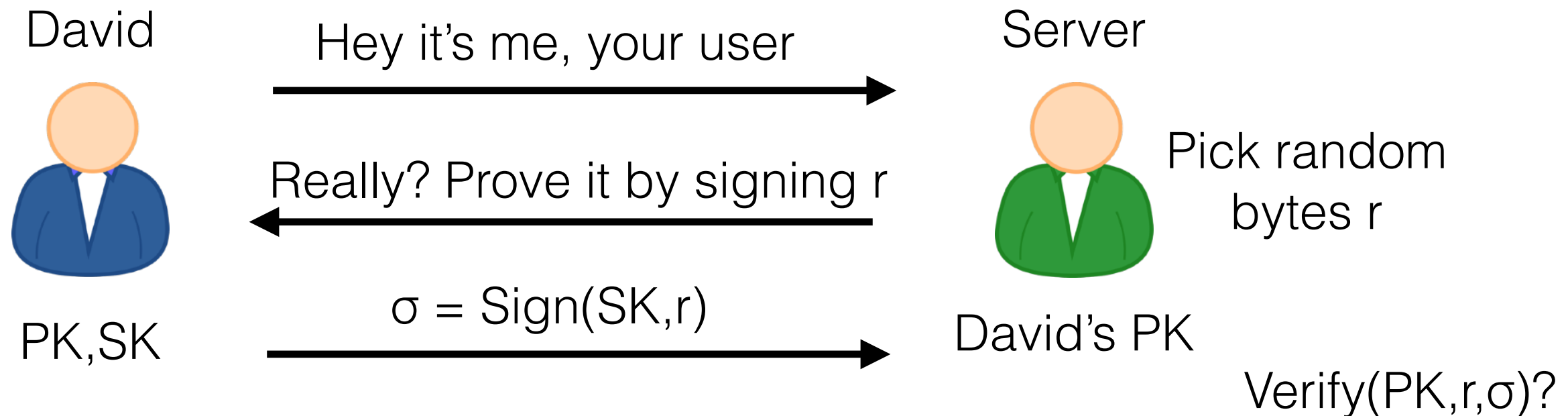
$$\sigma^3 = \text{encode}(M).$$

It's just $\sigma = \sqrt[3]{\text{encode}(M)}$, which is easy to compute even if the numbers involved are large.

Hard: Find an *integer* σ such that

$$\sigma^3 = \text{encode}(M) \bmod N$$

Signatures for Authentication



- This and similar ideas used in SSH, TLS, etc
- Contrast with passwords?

Example RSA Signature Encoding: Full Domain Hash

N: n-byte long integer.

H: Hash fcn with m-byte output. ← Ex: SHA-256, m=32

$k = \text{ceil}((n-1)/m)$

Sign((N,d),M):

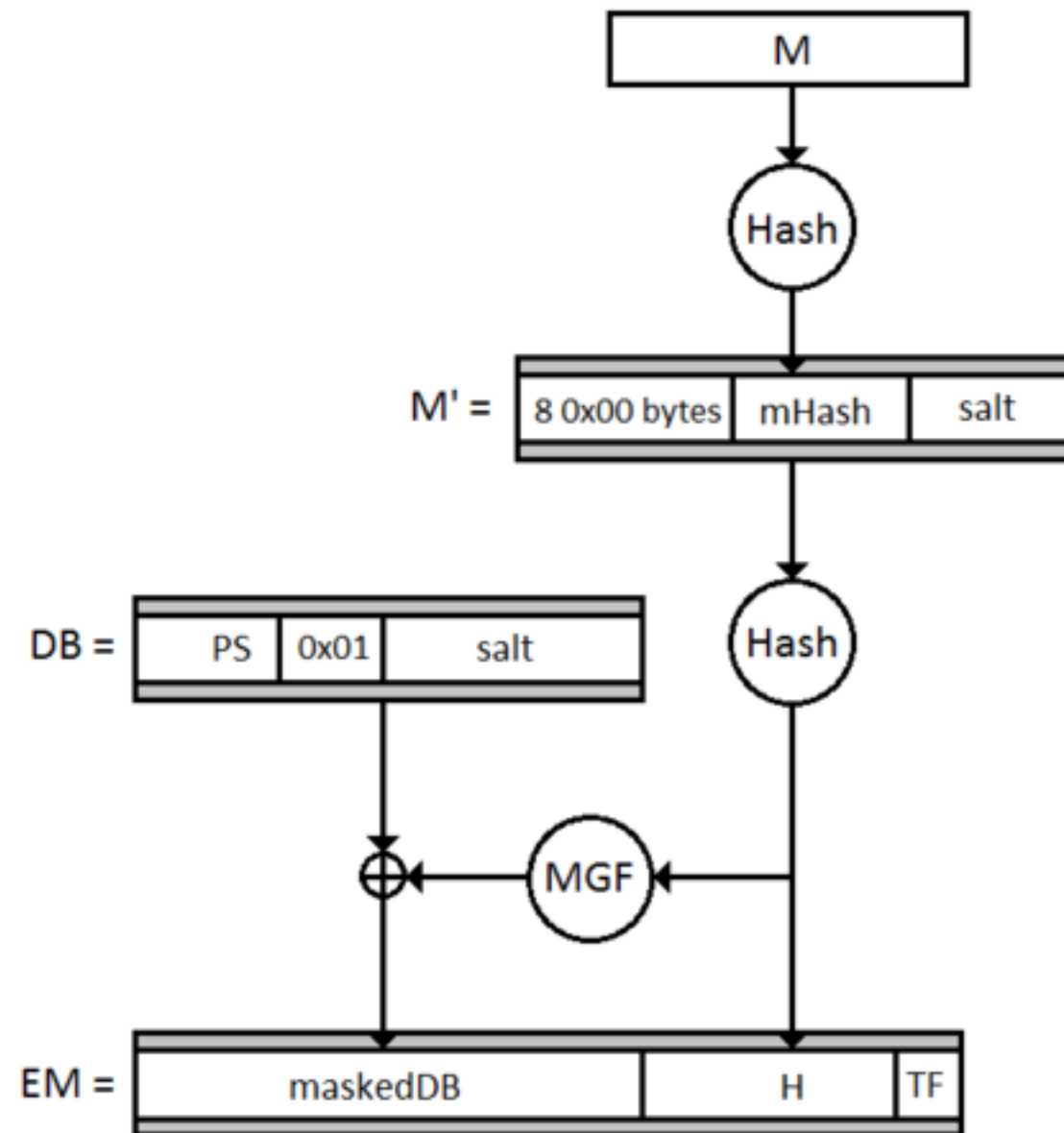
1. $X \leftarrow 00 || H(1 || M) || H(2 || M) || \dots || H(k || M)$
2. Output $\sigma = X^d \bmod N$

Verify((N,e),M, σ):

1. $X \leftarrow 00 || H(1 || M) || H(2 || M) || \dots || H(k || M)$
2. Check if $\sigma^e = X \bmod N$

Other RSA Padding Schemes: PSS (In TLS 1.3)

- Somewhat complicated
- *Randomized* signing



RSA Signature Summary

- Plain RSA signatures are very broken
- PKCS#1 v.1.5 is widely used, in TLS, and fine if implemented correctly
- Full-Domain Hash and PSS should be preferred
- Don't roll your own RSA signatures!

Other Practical Signatures: DSA/ECDSA

- Based on ideas related to Diffie-Hellman key exchange
- EC version has shorter keys
- Secure, but even more ripe for implementation errors

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Hackers obtain PS3 private
cryptography key due to epic
programming fail? (update)



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Shares

Sony's ECDSA code

```
int getRandomNumber()  
{  
    return 4; // chosen by fair dice roll.  
              // guaranteed to be random.  
}
```

The End