

# **RSA 40 years later: A historical perspective**

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# Summary



1. RSA before RSA
2. Did RSA prove secure enough?
3. Did RSA prove versatile enough?
4. Did RSA change our lives?

# 1976->1978 Only 2 years

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## New Directions in Cryptography

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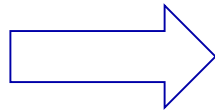
WHITFIELD DIFFIE AND MARTIN E. HELLMAN, MEMBER, IEEE

**Abstract**—Two kinds of contemporary developments in cryptography are examined. Widening applications of teleprocessing have given rise to a need for new types of cryptographic systems, which minimize the need for secure key distribution channels and supply the equivalent of a written signature. This paper suggests ways to solve these currently open problems. It also discusses how the theories of communication and computation are beginning to provide the tools to solve cryptographic problems of long standing.

### I. INTRODUCTION

**W**E STAND TODAY on the brink of a revolution in cryptography. The development of cheap digital hardware has freed it from the design limitations of me-

The best known cryptographic problem is that of privacy: preventing the unauthorized extraction of information from communications over an insecure channel. In order to use cryptography to insure privacy, however, it is currently necessary for the communicating parties to share a key which is known to no one else. This is done by sending the key in advance over some secure channel such as private courier or registered mail. A private conversation between two people with no prior acquaintance is a common occurrence in business, however, and it is unrealistic to expect initial business contacts to be postponed long enough for keys to be transmitted by some physical means. The cost and delay imposed by this key distribution problem is a major barrier to the transfer of business communications to large teleprocessing networks.



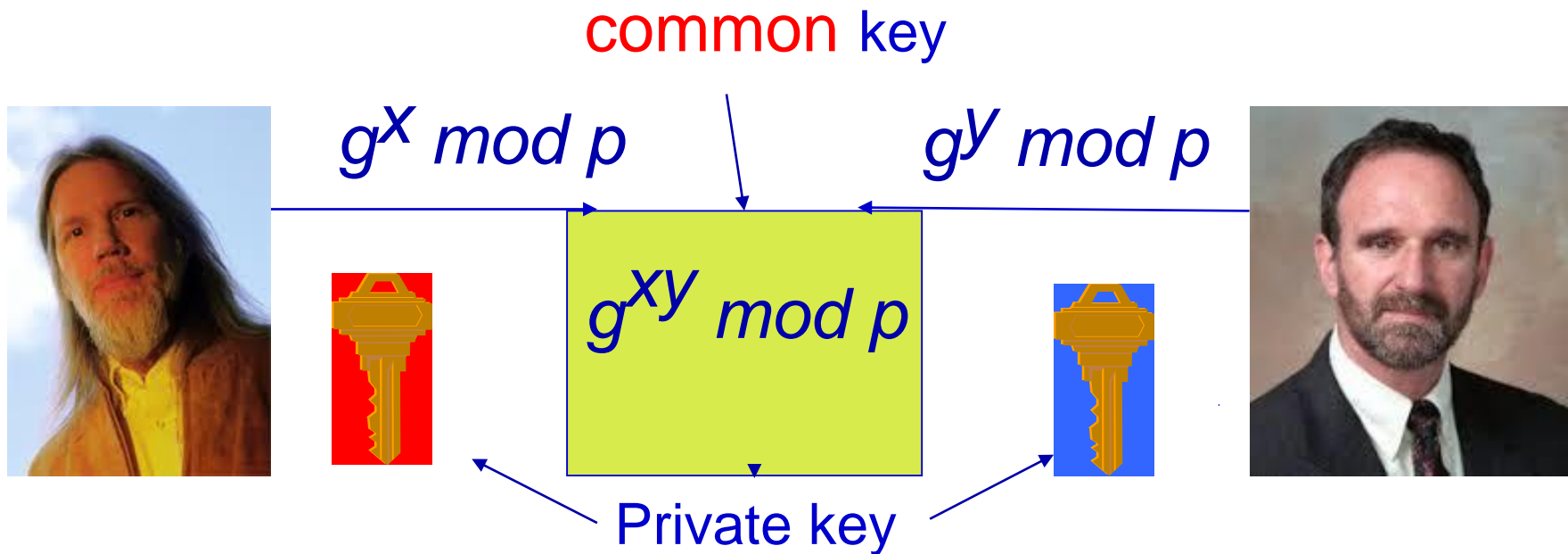
## A Method for Obtaining Digital Signatures and Public-Key Cryptosystems

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### Abstract

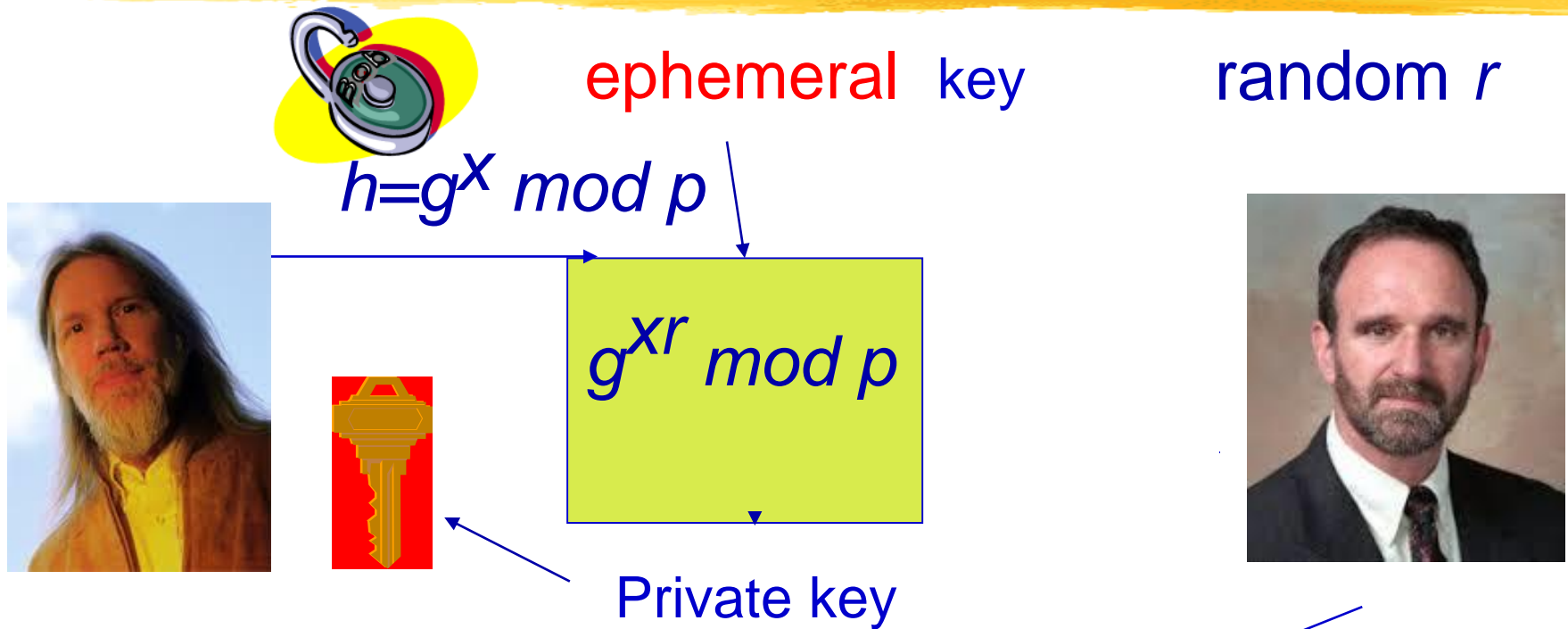
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# 1976: Asymmetric Cryptography



- Whitfield Diffie and Martin Hellman 1976
- Secret key exchange

# 1976 -> 1984: From DH to EG

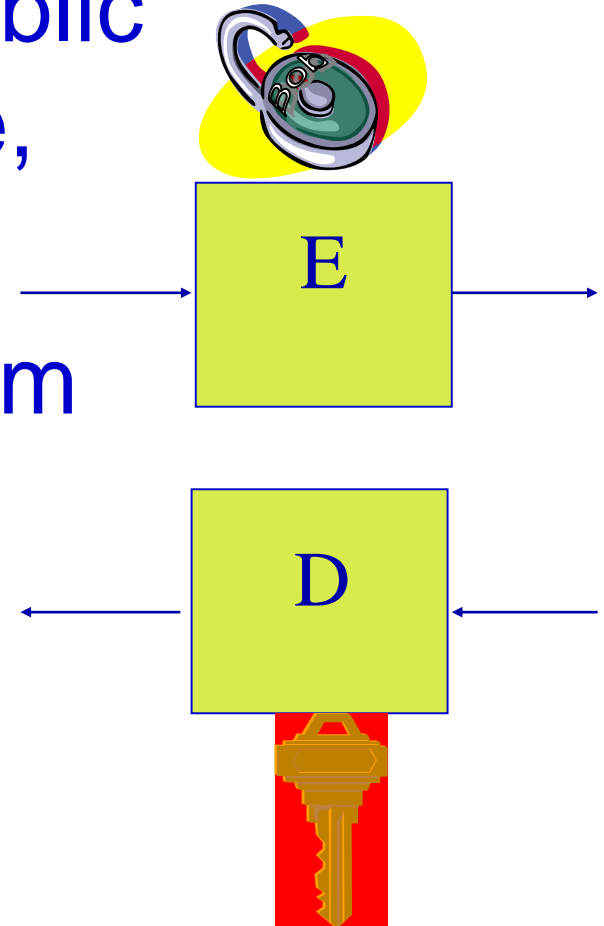


- El Gamal 1984
- Encrypt by producing  $g^r \bmod p$  and using ephemeral key as mask for message :  $m.h^r \bmod p$

# 1976->1978 From PKC to RSA

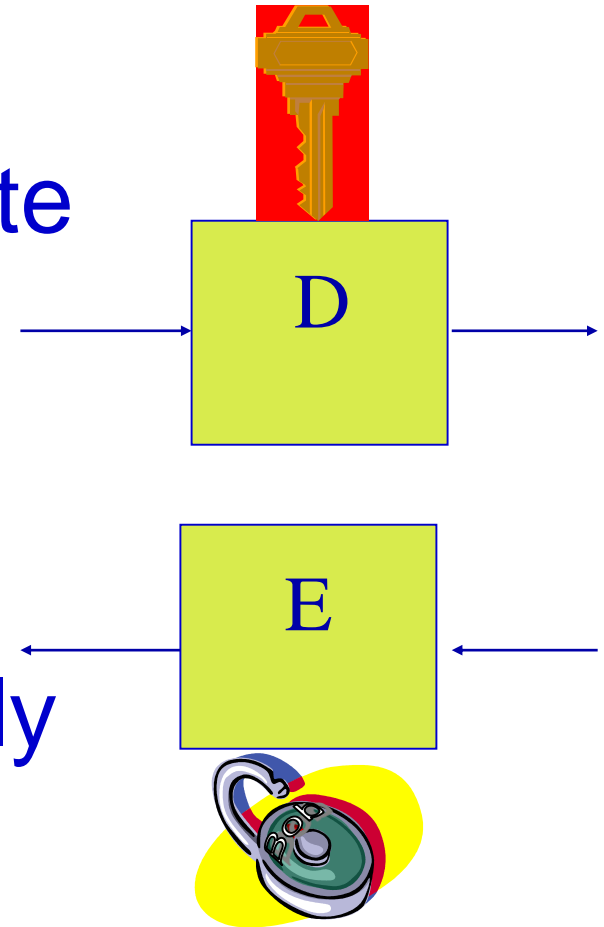
- 1976: Invention of PKC (Public Key Cryptography) by Diffie, Hellman
- 1978: The RSA cryptosystem and signature scheme by Rivest, Shamir, Adleman

$$y = x^e \bmod n$$
$$n = pq \quad p, q \text{ prime}$$



# RSA yields signatures

- Because E and D commute (known to DH)
- Apply D to message m to create signature
- Verify using public key only



# 1763 -> 1978: 215 years

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THEOREMATA ARITHMETICA  
NOVA METHODO DEMONSTRATA.

Auctore

L. EULERO.

Præter varias computandi operationes, quæ vulgo in Arithmetica tradi solent, huiusque disciplinae quasi partem practicam constituent, eiusdem pars Theoretica, quæ in indaganda numerorum natura versatur, non minus iam olim tractati est coepta, quænam admodum ex *Euklides* et *Diophanto* intelligere licet, ubi insignes numerorum proprietates erutæ reperiuntur ac demonstratæ. Quo magis autem deinceps numerorum indolem et affectiones Mathematici sunt scrutati, multo plures eorum proprietates observauerunt, vnde pulcherrima Theoremata numerorum naturam illustrantia derivare, quæ parim demonstrationibus sunt munita, partim etiam nunc iis indigent, siue quod eae ab auctoribus non sint inventæ, siue temporum iniuria deperditæ: ex quo genere plurima passim occurrunt huiusmodi Theoremata numerica, quorum demonstrationes adhuc desiderantur, etiam si eorum veritatem in dubium vocare non liceat. Atque hic insigne discrimen, quod inter Theoremata arithmetica et geometrica intercedit, non parum mirari debemus, quod vix vlla propositio geometrica proferri possit, quam non sit in promtu, siue veram, siue falsam, ostendere, dum

- Novi Commentarii  
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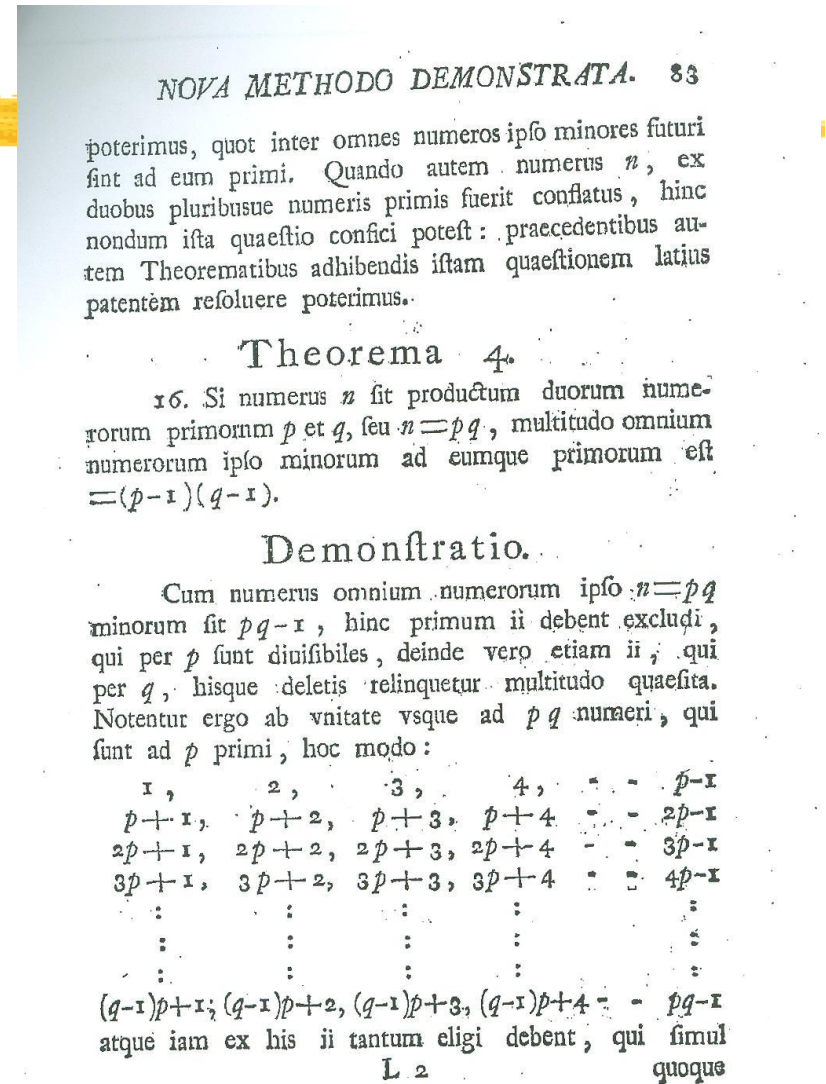
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# Euler 1763

- Page 83: the numbers of  $< n$  integers prime to  $n$  is equal to  $\phi(n) = (p-1)(q-1)$



# Looks like the basis for RSA

NOVA METHODO DEMONSTRATA. 99

## Coroll. 2.

49. Contra autem iam supra vidimus productum ex duobus pluribusue residuis in classe residuorum repariri. Vnde sequitur ex vno non-residuo et quocunque residuis in classe non-residuorum occurrere debere.

## Scholion.

50. Vis huius demonstrationis isto nititur fundamento, quod si inter residua occurrant partes  $1, a, b, c, d$ , etc. ad diuisorem primae, atque  $a$  fuerit etiam pars ad diuisorem prima in his residuis non contenta, tum producta omnia  $aa, ab, ac, ad$ , etc. non solum in residuis non occurrere, quod quidem perfecte est demonstratum, sed etiam ea esse partes ad diuisorem  $N$  primas, omnesque inter se diuersas; seu si ea per  $N$ , actu diuidantur, relinqui residua diuersa. Illud quidem per se est perspicuum; cum enim tam  $a$ , quam  $a, b, c, d$ , etc. sint numeri ad  $N$  primi, etiam eorum producta ad  $N$  prima sint necesse est. Quod autem producta  $aa, ab, ac, ad$ , etc. sint omnia ad  $N$  relata inter se diuersa, intelligitur, quod si verbi gratia duo  $aa$  et  $ab$  per  $N$  diuisa paria darent residua, eorum differentia  $ab - aa = a(b - a)$  per  $N$  esset diuisibilis, ideoque et  $b - a$ ; id quod hypothese, quod  $a$  et  $b$  sint diuersae partes ad  $N$  primae, repugnat.

## Theorema 10.

51. Exponens minimae potestatis  $x^n$ , quae per numerum  $N$  ad  $x$  primum diuisa unitatem relinquit,  $N - 2$  vel

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vel est aequalis numero partium ad  $N$  primarum, vel huius numeri semissis, aliae eius pars aliquota.

## Demonstratio.

Sit  $n$  numerus partium ad  $N$  primarum, quarum cum  $v$  constituent residua, erit numerus non-residuorum  $= n - v$ . Vidimus autem hunc numerum esse vel  $= 0$ , vel  $= v$ , vel  $= 2v$ , vel alii cuiuspiam multiplo exponentis  $v$ . Sit ergo  $n - v = (m - 1)v$ , ita ut  $m$  denotet vel unitatem, vel alium quemuis numerum integrum, atque hinc obtinebimus  $n = mv$  et  $v = \frac{n}{m}$ : unde patet exponentem minimae potestatis ipsius  $x$ , quae per  $N$  diuisa unitatem relinquit, esse vel  $= n$ , si  $m = 1$ , vel  $= \frac{n}{2}$ , si  $m = 2$ , vel in genere esse partem quampiam aliquotam numeri  $n$ , qui exprimit multitudinem partium ad diuisorem  $N$  primarum. Q. E. D.

## Coroll. 1.

52. Si  $x^n$  fuerit minima potestas, quae per numerum  $N$  ad  $x$  primum diuisa unitatem relinquit, sequentes potestates idem residuum relinquentes sunt  $x^{2n}, x^{3n}, x^{4n}$ , etc. neque praetera vllae aliae dantur, quae per  $N$  diuisae unitatem relinquant.

## Coroll. 2.

53. Exponens ergo huius potestatis minimae semper cum numero partium ad diuisorem  $N$  primarum ita connectitur, ut sit vel illi ipsi, vel cuiuspiam eius parti aliquotae, aequalis.

Scholion.

# 1978: what is the future of RSA



- Will RSA prove secure enough? Or shall we give it up?
- Will RSA prove versatile enough? Or shall we need alternatives?
- Will RSA change our lives?

# First ten years: textbook attacks

- Small message space attack: exhaustively compute  $E_K(m_i)$  until correct message is found
- Broadcast attack : obtain encryption of an identical message under various public keys (Hastad)
- Solve equations by chinese remaindering

$$\begin{aligned}x^3 &= c \bmod N_1 \\&\dots\dots\dots \\x^3 &= c \bmod N_3\end{aligned}$$

# First 10 years: factoring

- M. Kraitchik, Recherches sur a Théorie des Nombres, Tome 2, Factorisation, Gauthier-Villars, Paris, 1929.
- Factor and combine congruences to yield  $x^2 = y^2 \bmod N$   
Pomerance, Eurocrypt 84, Paris



## THE QUADRATIC SIEVE FACTORING ALGORITHM

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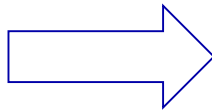
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The quadratic sieve algorithm is currently the method of choice to factor very large composite numbers with no small factors. In the hands of the Sandia National Laboratories team of James Davis and Diane Holdridge, it has held the record for the largest hard number factored since mid-1983. As of this writing, the largest number it has cracked is the 71 digit number  $(10^{71} - 1) / 9$ , taking 9.5 hours on the Cray XMP computer at Los Alamos, New Mexico. In this paper I shall give some of the history of this algorithm and also describe some of the improvements that have been suggested for it.



# First 10 years: factoring

- Also from Eurocrypt 84

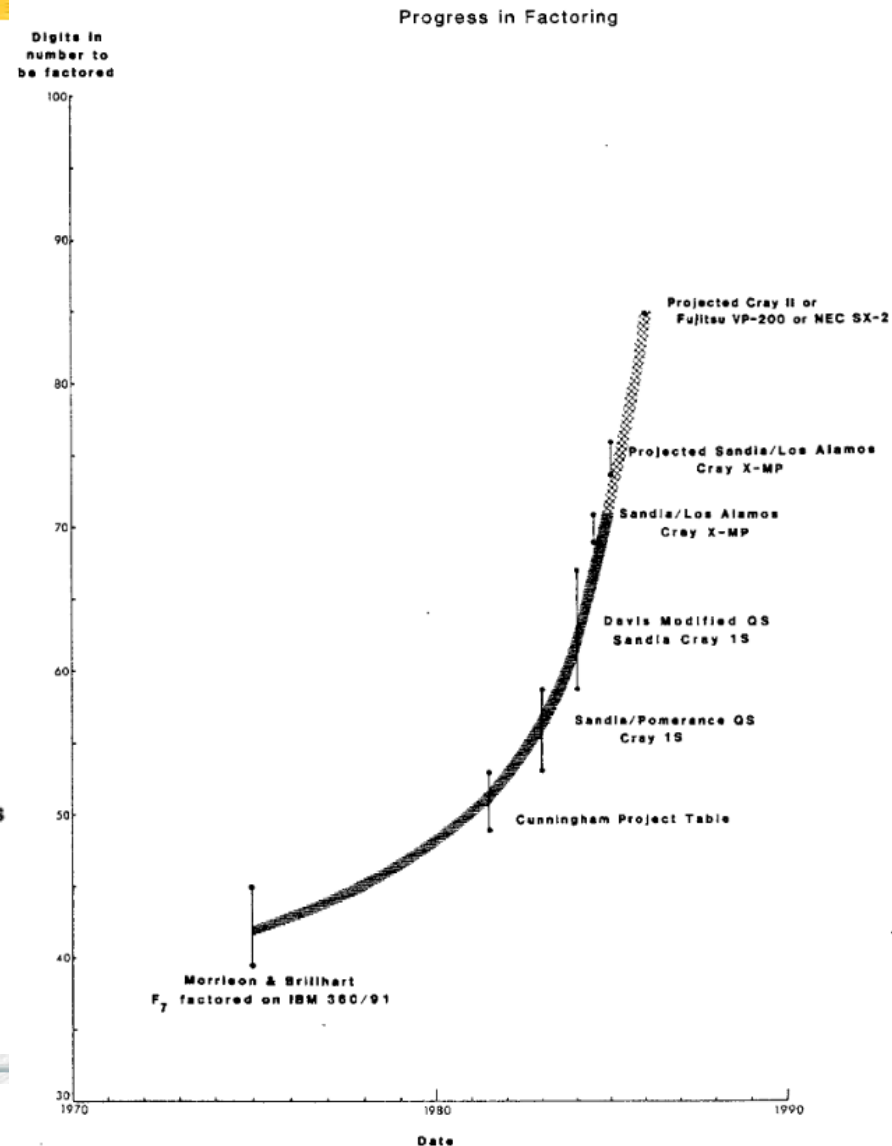


Status Report on Factoring  
(At the Sandia National Laboratories)\*

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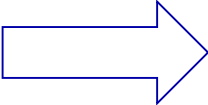


# 1988: a breaking point

- A 6 pages manuscript by John Pollard circulated in August 1988.
- Published a few years later in : The Development of the Number Field Sieve Lenstra, Arjen K., Lenstra, Hendrik W.Jr. (Eds.)

## FACTORIZING WITH CUBIC INTEGERS

J. M. POLLARD



SUMMARY. We describe an experimental **factoring** method for numbers of form  $x^3 + k$ ; at present we have used only  $k = 2$ . The method is the cubic version of the idea given by Coppersmith, Odlyzko and Schroeppel (Algorithmica 1 (1986), 1-15), in their section 'Gaussian integers'. We look for pairs of small coprime integers  $a$  and  $b$  such that:

- i. the integer  $a + bx$  is smooth,
- ii. the algebraic integer  $a + bz$  is smooth, where  $z^3 = -k$ . This is the same as asking that its norm, the integer  $a^3 - kb^3$  shall be smooth (at least, it is when  $k = 2$ ).

We used the method to repeat the factorisation of  $F_7$  on an 8-bit computer ( $2F_7 = x^3 + 2$ , where  $x = 2^{43}$ ).

# Second 10 years : factoring

RSA-100  
Factors: 40094690950920881030683735292761468389214899724061 \* 37975227936943673922808872755445627854565536638199  
Date: April 1, 1991  
Method: pmpqqs  
Time: Approx. 7 MIP-Years  
Name: Mark Manasse, Arjen K. Lenstra  
Email: msm@src.dec.com, lenstra@flash.bellcore.com  
Recd: April 1, 1991

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We are happy to announce that

RSA-129 = 1143816257578888676692357799761466120102182967212423625625618429\  
35706935245733897830597123563958705058989075147599290026879543541  
= 3490529510847650949147849619903898133417764638493387843990820577 \*  
32769132993266709549961988190834461413177642967992942539798288533

The encoded message published was

968696137546220614771409222543558829057599911245743198746951209308162\  
98225145708356931476622883989628013391990551829945157815154

This number came from an RSA encryption of the 'secret' message using the  
public exponent 9007. When decrypted with the 'secret' exponent

106698614368578024442868771328920154780709906633937862801226224496631\  
063125911774470873340168597462306553968544513277109053606095

this becomes

200805001301070903002315180419000118050019172105011309190800151919090\  
618010705

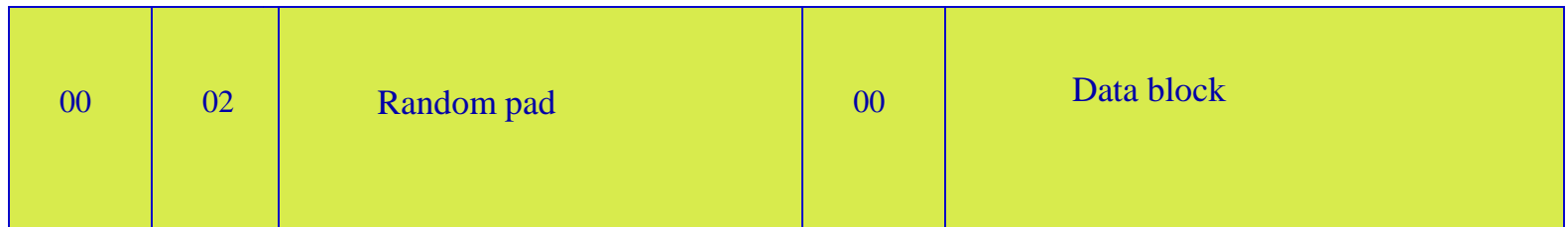
Using the decoding scheme 01=A, 02=B, ..., 26=Z, and 00 a space between  
words, the decoded message reads

THE MAGIC WORDS ARE SQUEAMISH OSSIFRAGE

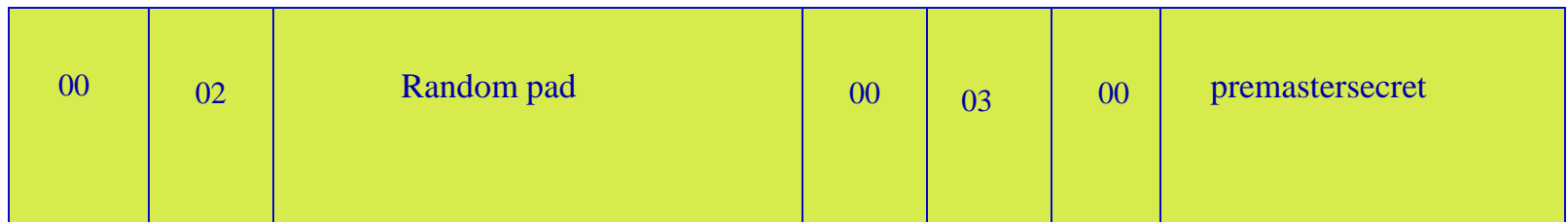
- April 1, 1991 RSA 110
- April 26, 1994 RSA 129  
original RSA 100 \$  
challenge
- April 10, 1996 RSA 130  
using GNFS, 8 years after  
Pollard's manuscript



# 1993: Engineering (PKCS#1 v 1.5)



Used in SSL v3.0



46 bytes

# Algebraic attacks revisited



- Tool : method to solve a low degree polynomial equation  $P(x)=0 \bmod N$ , when suitable approximation of a root is given (Coppersmith 94)
- Applies to factoring when partial information is known
- Also applies to small message space with random padding : Randomness should not be too small

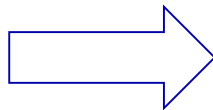
# 1994 : the quantum threat



- Proceedings of the 35th FOCS, Santa Fe, NM, Nov. 20--22, 1994
- SIAM J.Sci.Statist.Comput. 26 (1997) 1484

Polynomial-Time Algorithms for Prime Factorization  
and Discrete Logarithms on a Quantum Computer\*

Peter W. Shor<sup>†</sup>



## Abstract

A digital computer is generally believed to be an efficient universal computing device; that is, it is believed able to simulate any physical computing device with an increase in computation time by at most a polynomial factor. This may not be true when quantum mechanics is taken into consideration. This paper considers factoring integers and finding discrete logarithms, two problems which are generally thought to be hard on a classical computer and which have been used as the basis of several proposed cryptosystems. Efficient randomized algorithms are given for these two problems on a hypothetical quantum computer. These algorithms take a number of steps polynomial in the input size, e.g., the number of digits of the integer to be factored.

# 1998: The oracle threat

## Chosen Ciphertext Attacks Against Protocols Based on the RSA Encryption Standard PKCS #1

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**Abstract.** This paper introduces a new adaptive chosen ciphertext attack against certain protocols based on RSA. We show that an RSA private-key operation can be performed if the attacker has access to an oracle that, for any chosen ciphertext, returns only one bit telling whether the ciphertext corresponds to some unknown block of data encrypted using PKCS #1. An example of a protocol susceptible to our attack is SSL V.3.0.

- To decrypt  $c$ , submit ciphertext  $cs^e$
- Usually not PKCS#1 compliant
- if accepted reveal 7 bit of info
- Repeat cleverly
- cleartext is recovered after a few thousand calls
- plausible in SSL setting

# Third 10 years : factoring

- August 22, 1999, 512 bits!

RSA-155  
Factors:  
102639592829741105772054196573991675900716567808038066803341933521790711307779  
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106603488380168454820927220360012878679207958575989291522270608237193062808643  
Date: August 22, 1999  
Method: the General Number Field Sieve,  
with a polynomial selection method of Brian Murphy  
and Peter L. Montgomery,  
with lattice sieving (71%) and with line sieving (29%),  
and with Peter L. Montgomery's blocked Lanczos and  
square root algorithms;

- December 3, 2003

RSA-576 has 174 decimal digits (576 bits), and was factored on December 3, 2003 by J. Franke and T. Kleinjung from the University of Bonn.  
factorization.

The value and factorization are as follows:

RSA-576 = 188198812920607963838697239461650439807163563379417382700763356422988859715234665485319  
060606504743045317388011303396716199692321205734031879550656996221305168759307650257059

RSA-576 = 398075086424064937397125500550386491199064362342526708406385189575946388957261768583317  
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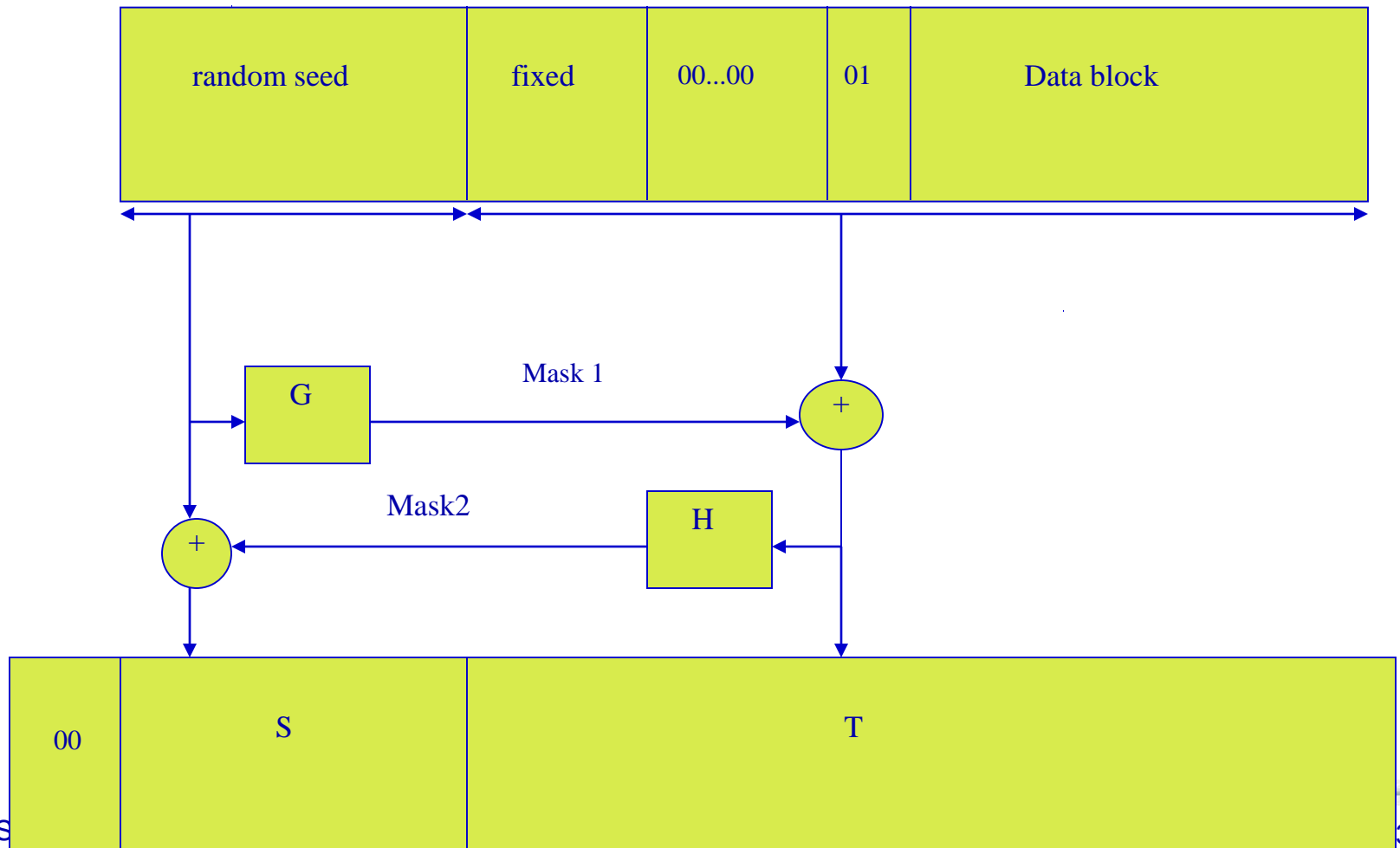
The factorization was found using the [general number field sieve](#) algorithm.

# Third 10 years : provable security



- Provide a mathematical proof that formatted RSA is “as secure” as full-size “raw” RSA
- Hash functions are treated as purely random
- Adversary is extensively allowed to query decryption of related (but distinct from target) ciphertexts [CCA attack]
- Still unable to get one bit of information on target

# 1994: OAEP (Bellare Rogaway)



# 2001: The OAEP saga

- OAEP Believed to withstand CCA attacks,
- Paper by Shoup showing proof invalid
- Repaired by FOPS same year

OAEP Reconsidered\*

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September 18, 2001

## Abstract

The OAEP encryption scheme was introduced by Bellare and Rogaway at Eurocrypt '94. It converts any trapdoor permutation scheme into a public-key encryption scheme. OAEP is widely believed to provide resistance against adaptive chosen ciphertext attack. The main justification for this belief is a supposed proof of security in the random oracle model, assuming the underlying trapdoor permutation scheme is one way.

This paper shows conclusively that this justification is invalid. First, it observes

RSA-OAEP is Secure  
under the RSA Assumption\*

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# Fourth 10 years : factoring

- December 12, 2009 « halfway » to 1024 bits !
- Later: smaller sizes

RSA-210 <sup>[7]</sup>	210	696		September 26, 2013 <sup>[8]</sup>	Ryan Propper
RSA-704 <sup>[7]</sup>	212	704	\$30,000 USD	July 2, 2012	Shi Bai, Emmanuel Thomé and Paul Zimmermann
RSA-220 <sup>[7]</sup>	220	729		May 13, 2016	S. Bai, P. Gaudry, A. Kruppa, E. Thomé and P. Zimmermann
RSA-230	230	762			
RSA-232	232	768			
RSA-768 <sup>[7]</sup>	232	768	\$50,000 USD	December 12, 2009	Thorsten Kleinjung <i>et al.</i>

# Quantum factoring

- Still not competing

Table 5: Quantum factorization records

Number	# of factors	# of qubits needed	Algorithm	Year implemented	Implemented without prior knowledge of solution
15	2	8	Shor	2001 [2]	×
	2	8	Shor	2007 [3]	×
	2	8	Shor	2007 [3]	×
	2	8	Shor	2009 [5]	×
	2	8	Shor	2012 [6]	×
21	2	10	Shor	2012 [7]	×
143	2	4	minimization	2012 [1]	✓
56153	2	4	minimization	2012 [1]	✓
291311	2	6	minimization	not yet	✓
175	3	3	minimization	not yet	✓

## High-fidelity adiabatic quantum computation using the intrinsic Hamiltonian of a spin system: Application to the experimental factorization of 291311

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In previous implementations of adiabatic quantum algorithms using spin systems, the average Hamiltonian method with Trotter's formula was conventionally adopted to generate an effective instantaneous Hamiltonian that simulates an adiabatic passage. However, this approach had issues with the precision of the effective Hamiltonian and with the adiabaticity of the evolution. In order to address these, we here propose and experimentally demonstrate a novel scheme for adiabatic quantum computation by using the intrinsic Hamiltonian of a realistic spin system to represent the problem Hamiltonian while adiabatically driving the system by an extrinsic Hamiltonian directly induced by electromagnetic pulses. In comparison to the conventional method, we observed two advantages of our approach: improved ease of implementation and higher fidelity. As a showcase example of our approach, we experimentally factor 291311, which is larger than any other quantum factorization known.

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# Beyond provable security

- Verify cryptographic proofs formally
- Active research
- Many success with proof assistants

## Beyond Provable Security Verifiable IND-CCA Security of OAEP

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**Abstract.** OAEP is a widely used public-key encryption scheme based on trapdoor permutations. Its security proof has been scrutinized and amended repeatedly. Fifteen years after the introduction of OAEP, we present a machine-checked proof of its security against adaptive chosen-ciphertext attacks under the assumption that the underlying permutation is partial-domain one-way. The proof can be independently verified by running a small and trustworthy proof checker and fixes minor glitches that have subsisted in published proofs. We provide an overview of the proof, highlight the differences with earlier works, and explain in some detail a crucial step in the reduction: the elimination of indirect queries made by the adversary to random oracles via the decryption oracle. We also provide—within the limits of a conference paper—a broader perspective on independently verifiable security proofs.

# Back in 1978: RSA versatile?

- CANNOT provide short keys
- CANNOT allow to use email address as PK
- CANNOT allow to perform Crypto-computing



- Fostered 40 years of research on alternatives

# 1985: Shorter keys via EC

- Shorter keys due to less efficient attacks

Miller  
Koblitz

MATHEMATICS OF COMPUTATION  
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## Use of Elliptic Curves in Cryptography

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### ABSTRACT

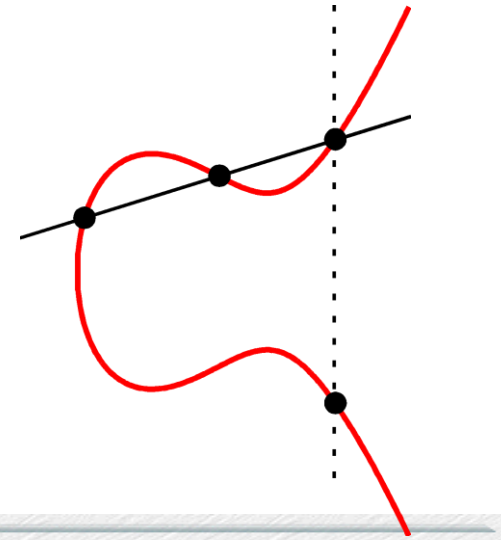
We discuss the use of elliptic curves in cryptography. In particular, we propose an analogue of the Diffie-Hellmann key exchange protocol which appears to be immune from attacks of the style of Western, Miller, and Adleman. With the current bounds for infeasible attack, it appears to be about 20% faster than the Diffie-Hellmann scheme over  $GF(p)$ . As computational power grows, this disparity should get rapidly bigger.

## Elliptic Curve Cryptosystems

By Neal Koblitz

*This paper is dedicated to Daniel Shanks on the occasion of his seventieth birthday*

**Abstract.** We discuss analogs based on elliptic curves over finite fields of public key cryptosystems which use the multiplicative group of a finite field. These elliptic curve cryptosystems may be more secure, because the analog of the discrete logarithm problem on elliptic curves is likely to be harder than the classical discrete logarithm problem, especially over  $GF(2^n)$ . We discuss the question of primitive points on an elliptic curve modulo  $p$ , and give a theorem on nonsmoothness of the order of the cyclic subgroup generated by a global point.



# 1984: ID based

- PK related to ID
- Generated by Trusted third Party
- Proposed for signatures

IDENTITY-BASED CRYPTOSYSTEMS AND SIGNATURE SCHEMES

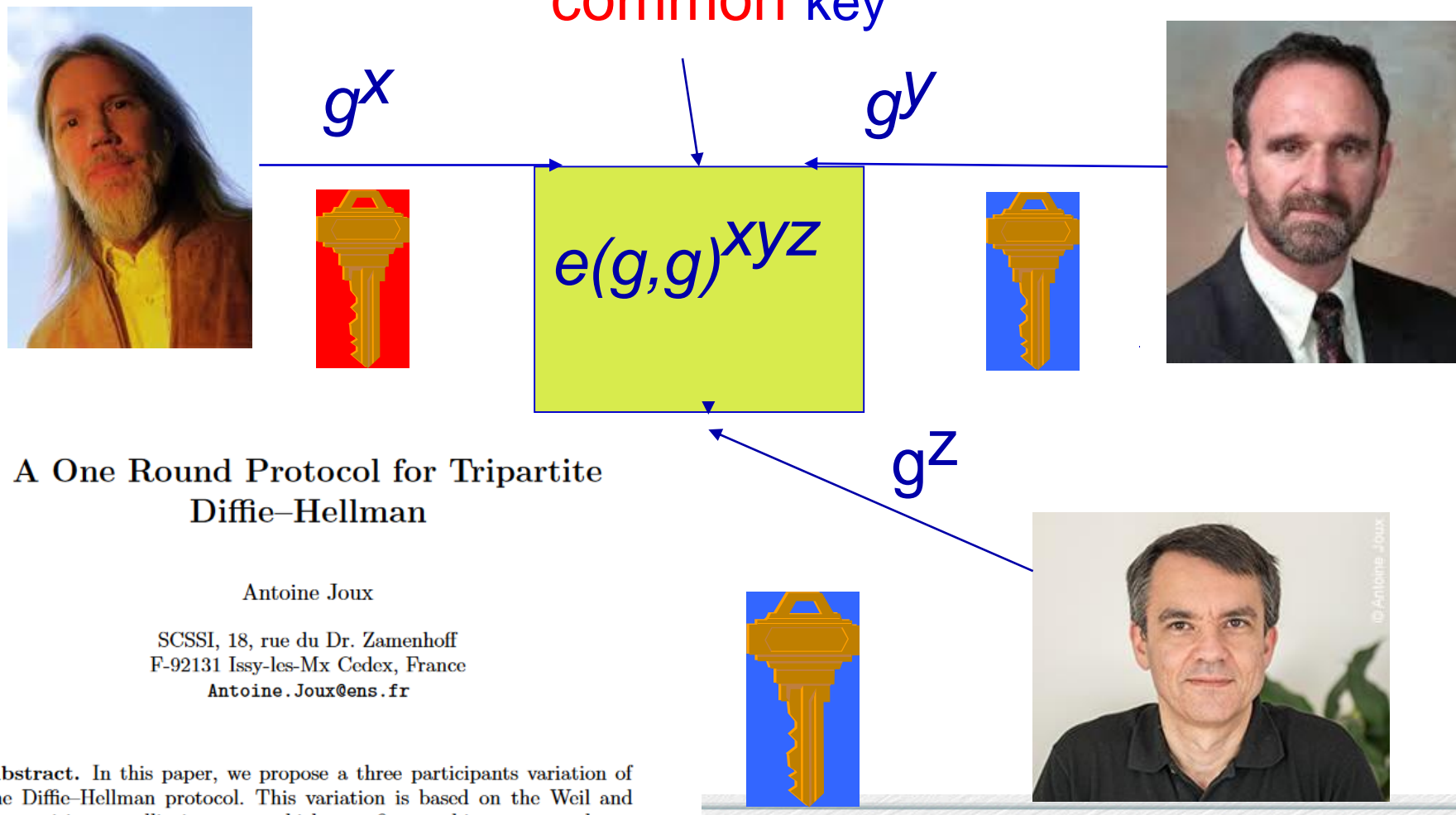
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## THE IDEA

In this paper we introduce a novel type of cryptographic scheme, which enables any pair of users to communicate securely and to verify each other's signatures without exchanging private or public keys, without keeping key directories, and without using the services of a third party. The scheme assumes the existence of trusted key generation cen-

# 2000: Tripartite DH



## A One Round Protocol for Tripartite Diffie-Hellman

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# 1940 -> 2000 Pairings

- Introduced by Weil 1940

ALGÈBRE. — *Sur les fonctions algébriques à corps de constantes fini.*  
Note (1) de M. **ANDRÉ WEIL**, présentée par M. Élie Cartan.

Je vais résumer dans cette Note la solution des principaux problèmes de la théorie des fonctions algébriques à corps de constantes fini; on sait que celle-ci a fait l'objet de nombreux travaux, et plus particulièrement, dans les dernières années, de ceux de Hasse et de ses élèves; comme ils l'ont entrevu, la théorie des correspondances donne la clef de ces problèmes; mais la théorie algébrique des correspondances, qui est due à Severi, n'y suffit point, et il faut étendre à ces fonctions la théorie transcendante de Hurwitz.

- Used in Crypto to spot “weak” elliptic curves where DLP is easier
- Reversed by Joux 2000



# 2000 -> 2001: few months

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Compared to 6  
years for DH -> EG !

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## Identity-Based Encryption from the Weil Pairing

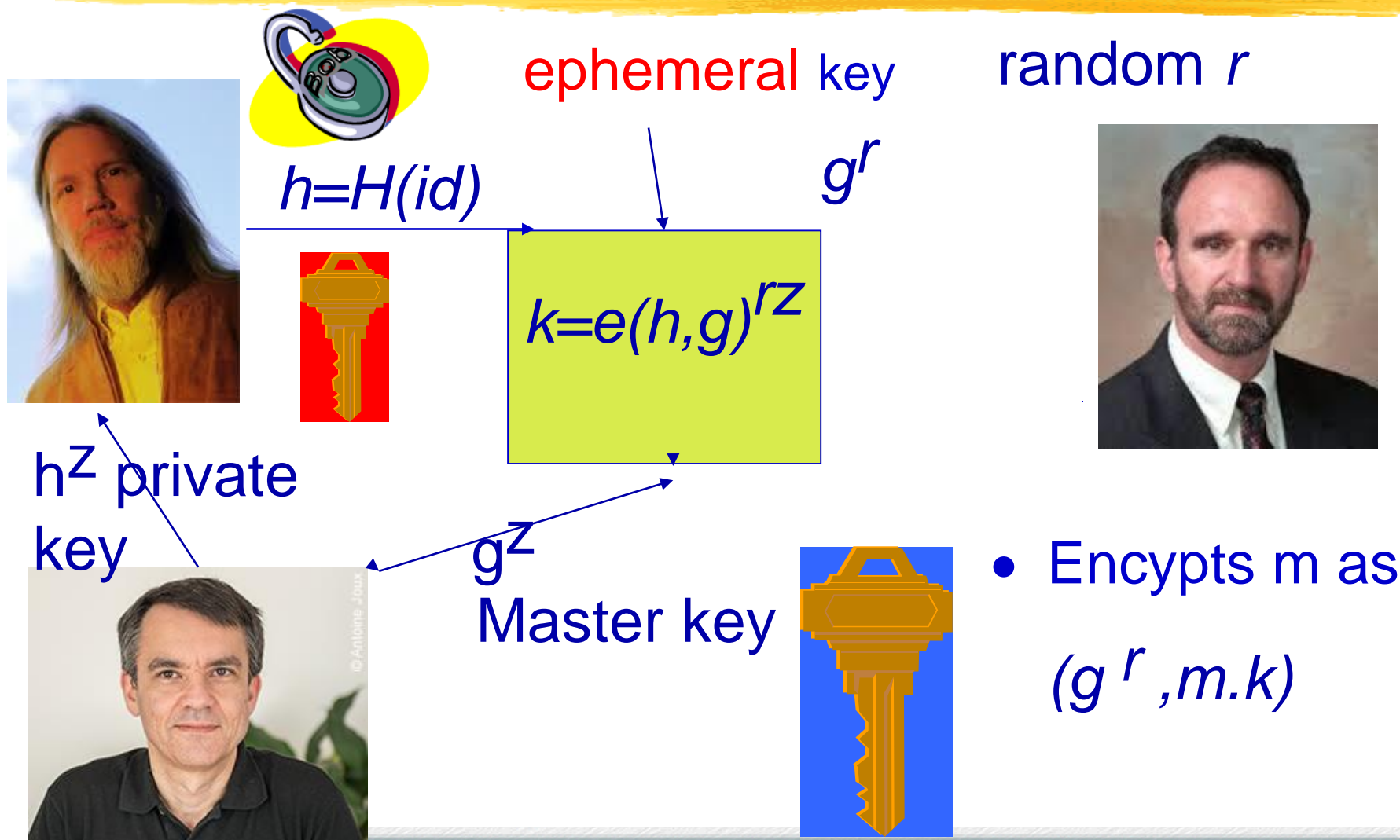
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### Abstract

We propose a fully functional identity-based encryption scheme (IBE). The scheme has chosen ciphertext security in the random oracle model assuming a variant of the computational Diffie–Hellman problem. Our system is based on bilinear maps between groups. The Weil pairing on elliptic curves is an example of such a map. We give precise definitions for secure identity based encryption schemes and give several applications for such systems.

# From TDH to ID-based



# 1978 -> 2009 : HE

A FULLY HOMOMORPHIC ENCRYPTION SCHEME

ON DATA BANKS AND PRIVACY HOMOMORPHISMS

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## I. INTRODUCTION

Encryption is a well-known technique for preserving the privacy of sensitive information. One of the basic, apparently inherent, limitations of this technique is that an information system working with encrypted data can at most store or retrieve the data for the user; any more complicated operations seem to require that the data be decrypted before being operated on.

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# Homomorphic encryption



- Many schemes have “somewhat homomorphic” properties
- Based on encrypting with noise and decrypting with trapdoor
- Too many operations on encrypted data does not allow to recover error

# Bootstrapping

- Breakthrough by Gentry 09  
bootstrapping technique

## Fully Homomorphic Encryption Using Ideal Lattices

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### ABSTRACT

We propose a fully homomorphic encryption scheme – i.e., a scheme that allows one to evaluate circuits over encrypted data without being able to decrypt. Our solution comes in three steps. First, we provide a general result – that, to construct an encryption scheme that permits evaluation of *arbitrary circuits*, it suffices to construct an encryption scheme that can evaluate (slightly augmented versions of) its *own decryption circuit*; we call a scheme that can evaluate its (augmented) decryption circuit *bootstrappable*.

duced by Rivest, Adleman and Dertouzos [54] shortly after the invention of RSA by Rivest, Adleman and Shamir [55]. Basic RSA is a multiplicatively homomorphic encryption scheme – i.e., given RSA public key  $pk = (N, e)$  and ciphertexts  $\{\psi_i \leftarrow \pi_i^e \bmod N\}$ , one can efficiently compute  $\prod_i \psi_i = (\prod_i \pi_i)^e \bmod N$ , a ciphertext that encrypts the product of the original plaintexts. Rivest et al. [54] asked a natural question: What can one do with an encryption scheme that is *fully* homomorphic: a scheme  $\mathcal{E}$  with an efficient algorithm  $\text{Evaluate}_{\mathcal{E}}$  that, for any valid public key  $pk$ , *any* circuit  $C$  (not just a circuit consisting of multiplication

- Used ideal lattices in  $\mathbb{Z}[X]/f$

# 2010-11 : Variants/implementations

Fully Homomorphic Encryption with Relatively Small Key and Ciphertext Sizes

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**Abstract.** We present a fully homomorphic encryption scheme which has both relatively small key and ciphertext size. Our construction fol-

Implementing Gentry's Fully-Homomorphic Encryption Scheme

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**Abstract.** We describe a working implementation of a variant of Gentry's fully homomorphic encryption scheme (STOC 2009), similar to the variant used in an earlier implementation effort by Smart and Vercauteren (PKC 2010). Smart and Vercauteren implemented the underlying "somewhat homomorphic" scheme, but were not able to implement the bootstrapping functionality that is needed to get the complete scheme to work. We show a number of optimizations that allow us to implement all aspects of the scheme, including the bootstrapping functionality.

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Fully Homomorphic Encryption over the Integers

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**Abstract.** We construct a simple fully homomorphic encryption scheme, using only elementary modular arithmetic. We use Gentry's technique to construct a fully homomorphic scheme from a "bootstrappable" somewhat homomorphic scheme. However, instead of using ideal lattices over a polynomial ring, our bootstrappable encryption scheme merely uses addition and multiplication over the integers. The main appeal of our scheme is the conceptual simplicity.

# HE over the integers

- Simpler construction
- Security based on the “approximate GCD” problem [*find an integer  $p$  from approximations of several multiples of  $p$* ]
- Seems familiar to cryptanalysts ...



# The two faces of lattices



## The Two Faces of Lattices in Cryptology

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**Abstract.** Lattices are regular arrangements of points in  $n$ -dimensional space, whose study appeared in the 19th century in both number theory and crystallography. Since the appearance of the celebrated Lenstra-Lenstra-Lovász lattice basis reduction algorithm twenty years ago, lattices have had surprising applications in cryptology. Until recently, the applications of lattices to cryptology were only negative, as lattices were used to break various cryptographic schemes. Paradoxically, several positive cryptographic applications of lattices have emerged in the past five years: there now exist public-key cryptosystems based on the hardness of lattice problems, and lattices play a crucial rôle in a few security proofs. We survey the main examples of the two faces of lattices in cryptology.

A method to break  
the approximate  
gcd problem (using  
orthogonal lattices  
see NS 2001)

A method to  
achieve HE



# Alternatives in 2018



- Practicality is improving
- Balance between design and cryptanalysis not always clear
- Additional research needed

# Cryptanalysis takes time

– 2001

FLASH, a fast multivariate signature algorithm

<http://www.minrank.org/flash/>

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**Abstract.** This article describes the particular parameter choice and implementation details of one of the rare published, but not broken signature schemes, that allow signatures to be computed and checked by a low-cost smart card. The security is controversial, since we have no proof of security, but the best known attacks require more than  $2^{80}$  computations. We called FLASH our algorithm and we also proposed SFLASH, a version that has a smaller public key and faster verification though one should be even more careful about its security.

FLASH and SFLASH have been accepted as submissions to NESSIE (New European Schemes for Signatures, Integrity, and Encryption), a project within the Information Societies Technology (IST) Programme of the European Commission.

2007

Practical Cryptanalysis of SFLASH

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**Abstract.** In this paper, we present a practical attack on the signature scheme SFLASH proposed by Patarin, Goubin and Courtois in 2001 following a design they had introduced in 1998. The attack only needs the public key and requires about one second to forge a signature for any message, after a one-time computation of several minutes. It can be applied to both SFLASH<sup>v2</sup> which was accepted by NESSIE, as well as to SFLASH<sup>v3</sup> which is a higher security version.

# Did RSA change our lives?



- As a community YES
- Gathered smart researches
- Fostered progress in crypto
- Also in related fields : quantum, DPA, formal security ...

# Did RSA change our lives?



- As individuals ALSO YES
- Improved security of the Internet (SSL)
- Laid foundations for the future (signatures, blockchains ...)
- Still challenges for use for confidentiality and privacy

# RSA in 2018



- Security well understood and discussed
- RSA is here to last
- Provided we keep an eye on cryptanalysis
- And on Quantum machines
- Still work on alternatives should go on
- And care should be exercised !

# Oracles strike again

## The ROBOT Attack



Paper

Play CTF

Test Server

### Return Of Bleichenbacher's Oracle Threat

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## Return Of Bleichenbacher's Oracle Threat (ROBOT)

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