

Digital Signature Schemes and the Random Oracle Model

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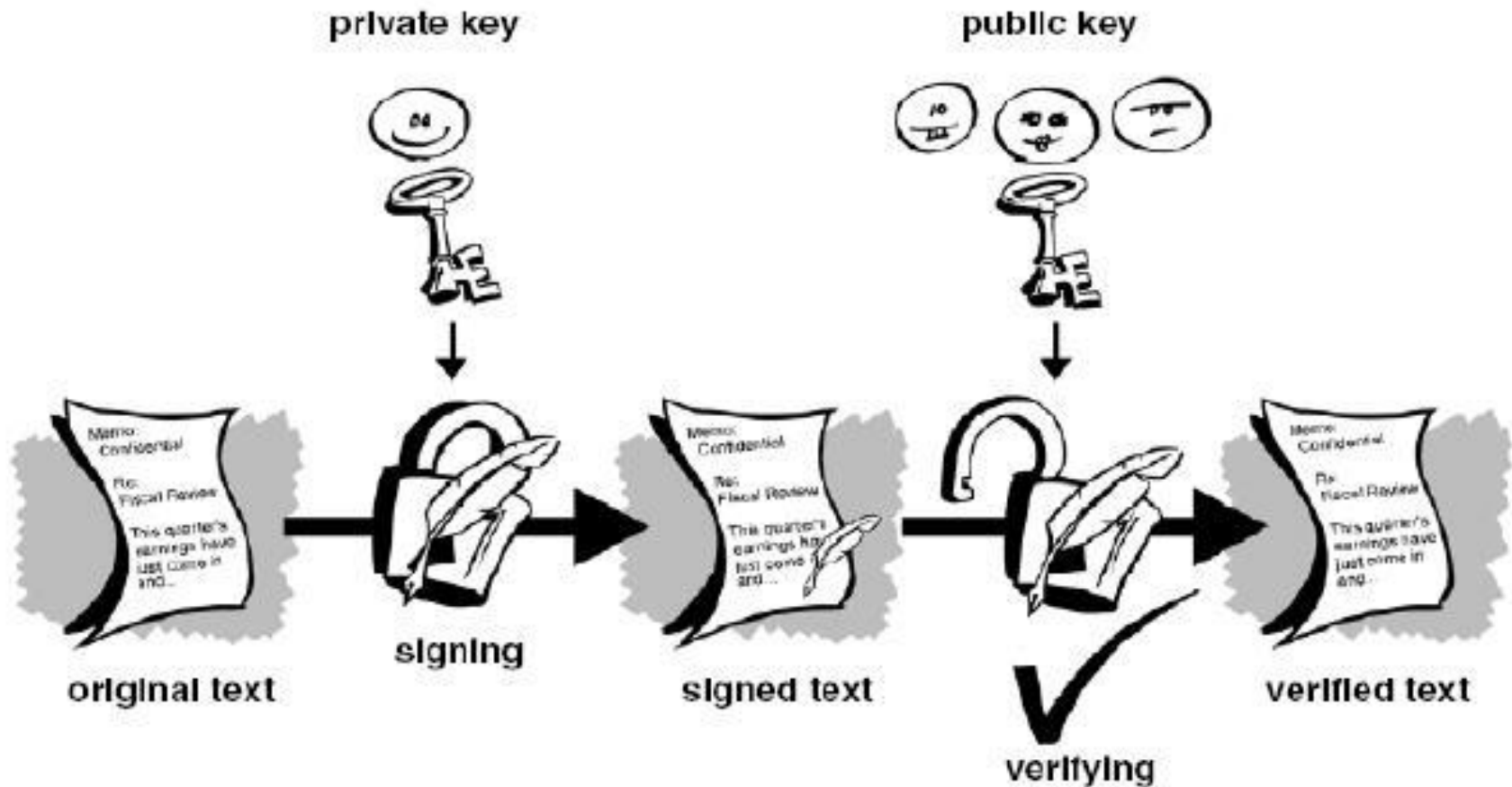
Where innovation starts

Today's goal

Review provable security of “in use” signature schemes. (PKCS #1 v2.x)



Digital Signature



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Definition: Digital Signature (formally)

Let \mathcal{M} be the message space. A digital signature scheme $\mathbf{DSig} = (\mathbf{KeyGen}, \mathbf{Sign}, \mathbf{Verify})$ is a triple of PPT algorithms

- $\mathbf{KeyGen}(1^k)$: upon input of a security parameter 1^k outputs a private signing key sk and a public verification key pk ,
- $\mathbf{Sign}(sk, M)$: outputs a signature σ under sk for message M , if $M \in \mathcal{M}$,
- $\mathbf{Verify}(pk, M, \sigma)$: outputs 1 iff σ is a valid signature on M under pk ,

such that the following correctness condition is fulfilled:

$$\forall(pk, sk) \leftarrow \mathbf{KeyGen}(1^k), \forall(M \in \mathcal{M}): \\ \mathbf{Verify}(pk, M, \mathbf{Sign}(sk, M)) = 1.$$

Attack goals

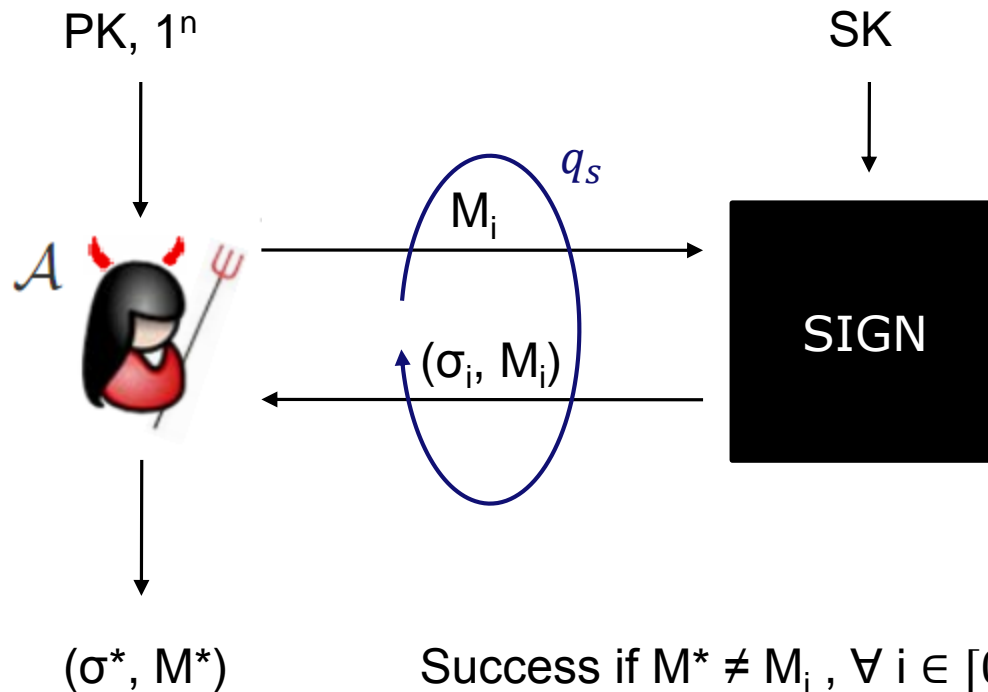
Consider adversary A

- **Full break (FB):** A can compute the secret key.
- **Universal forgery (UU):** A can forge a signature for any given message. A can efficiently answer any signing query.
- **Selective forgery (SU):** A can forge a signature for some message of its choice. In this case A commits itself to a message before the attack starts.
- **Existential forgery (EU):** A can forge a signature for one, arbitrary message. A might output a forgery for any message for which it did not learn the signature from an oracle during the attack.

Attack Models

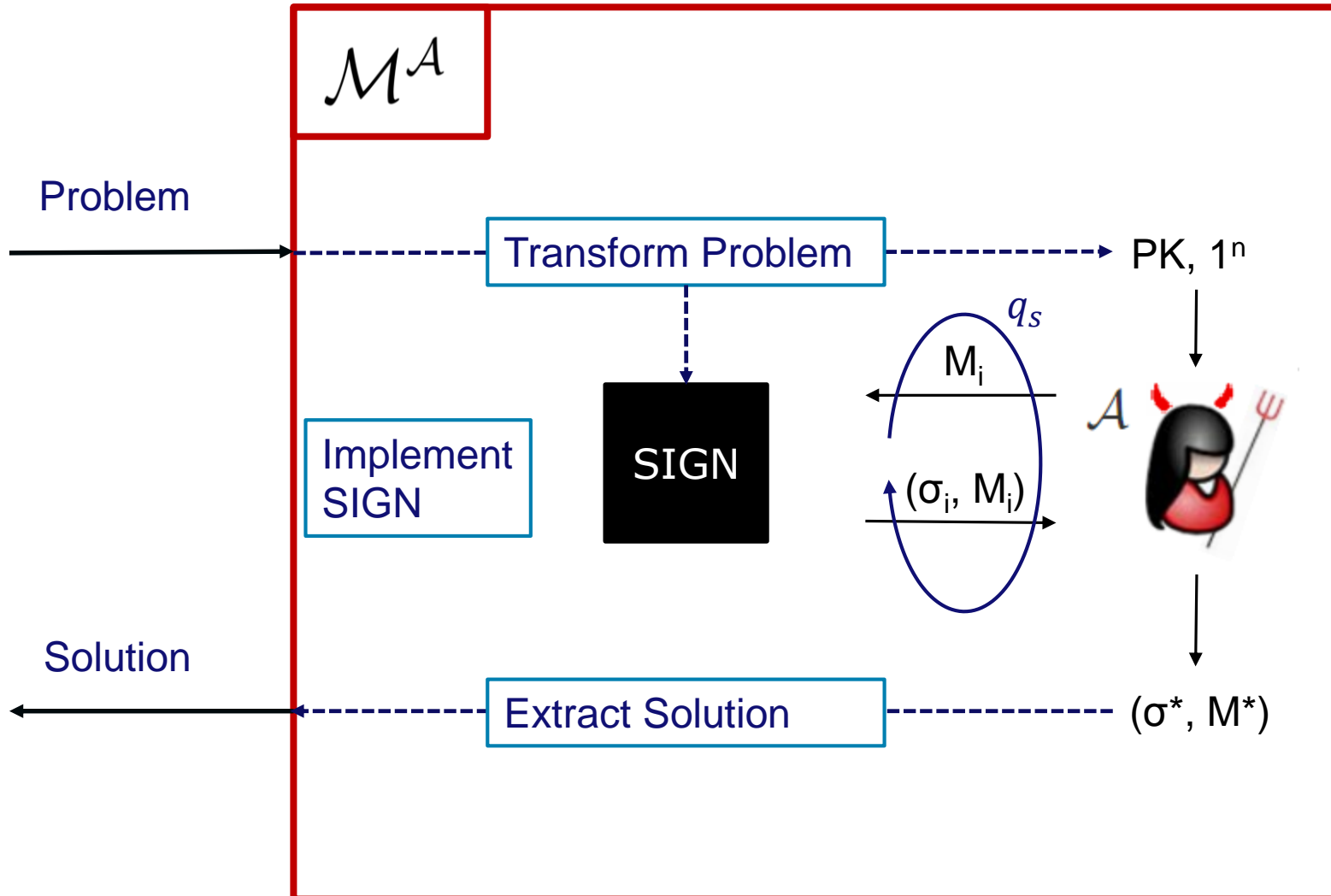
- **Key-only attack (KOA):** *A* only gets the public key for which it has to forge a signature.
- **Random message attack (RMA):** *A* learns the public key and the signatures on a set of random messages.
- **Adaptively chosen message attack (CMA):** *A* learns the public key and is allowed to adaptively ask for the signatures on messages of its choice.

Existential unforgeability under adaptive chosen message attacks



Success if $M^* \neq M_i, \forall i \in [0, q]$ and $\text{Verify}(pk, \sigma^*, M^*) = \text{Accept}$

Reduction



Why security reductions?

- **Current RSA signature standards so far unbroken**
- **Vulnerabilities might exist! (And existed for previous proposals)**
- **Might be possible to forge RSA signatures without solving RSA problem or factoring!**

**What could possibly
go wrong?**

RSA

Let $(N, e, d) \leftarrow \text{GenRSA}(1^k)$ be a PPT algorithm that outputs a modulus N that is the product of two k -bit primes (except possibly with negligible probability), along with an integer $e > 0$ with $\gcd(e, \phi(N)) = 1$ and an integer $d > 0$ satisfying $ed = 1 \bmod \phi(N)$.

For any $(N, e, d) \leftarrow \text{GenRSA}(1^k)$ and any $y \in \mathbb{Z}_N^*$ we have

$$(y^d)^e = y^{de} = y^{de \bmod \phi(N)} = y^1 = y \bmod N$$

RSA Assumption

Definition 1. We say that the RSA problem is hard relative to **GenRSA** if for all PPT algorithms **A**, the following is negligible:

$$\Pr[(N, e, d) \leftarrow \text{GenRSA}(1^k); y \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_N^*; \\ x \leftarrow A(N, e, y): x^e = y \bmod N].$$

A simple RSA Signature (a.k.a. textbook RSA)

KeyGen(1^k): Run $(N, e, d) \leftarrow \text{GenRSA}(1^k)$.

Return (pk, sk) with $pk = (N, e), sk = d$.

Sign(sk, M): Return $\sigma = (M^d \bmod N)$

Verify(pk, M, σ): Return 1 iff $\sigma^e \bmod N == M$

Some RSA properties

- **Public function:**

$$P(x) = x^e \bmod N$$

- **Secret function:**

$$S(x) = x^d \bmod N$$

- **Reciprocal property (RP):**

$$P \circ S = S \circ P = Id$$

- **Multiplicative property (MP):**

$$\forall x, y \in \mathbb{Z}_N: S(xy) = S(x)S(y)$$

Existential forgery under KOA

Given public key $pk = (N, e)$

- Choose random $\sigma \in \mathbb{Z}_N$.
- Apply public function:

$$P(\sigma) = \sigma^e \bmod N = M$$

- Return signature-message pair (σ, M) .

Universal forgery under CMA

Given public key $pk = (N, e)$

To create a forgery on a given message M :

1. Choose two messages $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}_N$ such that
$$xy = M \bmod N$$
2. Ask for signatures σ_x of x and σ_y of y
3. Output forgery $(\sigma_x \sigma_y, M)$

Universal forgery under CMA: The Blinding Attack

Given public key $pk = (N, e)$

To create a forgery on any given message M :

1. Sample random $r \in \mathbb{Z}_N^*$
2. Ask for signature σ on $r^e M \bmod N$
3. Output forgery $\left(\frac{\sigma}{r} \bmod N, M\right)$

Recall $\sigma = (r^e M)^d = r^{ed} M^d = r M^d \bmod N$

Hence $\frac{\sigma}{r} = M^d \bmod N$

A slightly better RSA Signature

Assume Hashfunction $H: \{0, 1\}^* \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^n$ for e.g. $n = 160$
(like with SHA1)

KeyGen(1^k): Run $(N, e, d) \leftarrow \text{GenRSA}(1^k)$.

Return (pk, sk) with $pk = (N, e)$, $sk = d$.

Sign(sk, M): Pad with suff. zeros that

$$\mu(M) = (0 \dots 0 || H(M)) \in \mathbb{Z}_N^*$$

Return $\sigma = \mu(M)^d \bmod N$

Verify(pk, M, σ): Return 1 iff

$$\sigma^e \bmod N == \mu(M) = (0 \dots 0 || H(M))$$

B-smooth: An integer is B-smooth if all its prime factors are smaller than B.

Remember Index Calculus?

Given public key $pk = (N, e)$

1. Select a bound y and let $S = (p_1, \dots, p_l)$ be the list of primes smaller than y .
2. Find at least $l + 1$ messages M_i such that each $\mu(M_i) = (\mathbf{0} \dots \mathbf{0} || H(M_i))$ is a product of primes in S (i.e. y -smooth).
3. Express one $\mu(M_j)$ as a multiplicative combination of the other $\mu(M_i)$ by solving a linear system given by the exponent vectors of the $\mu(M_i)$ with respect to the primes in S .
4. Ask for the signatures on all $M_i, i \neq j$ and forge signature on M_j .

Step 3

Recall $\mu(M_i) = (\mathbf{0} \dots \mathbf{0} || H(M_i))$

1. We can write $\forall M_i, 1 \leq i \leq \tau$: $\mu(M_i) = \prod_{j=1}^l p_j^{v_{i,j}}$

2. Associate with $\mu(M_i)$ length l vector

$$V_i(v_{i,1} \bmod e, \dots, v_{i,l} \bmod e)$$

3. $\tau \geq l + 1$ and there are only l linearly independent length l vectors: We can express one vector as combination of others mod e . Let this be

$$V_\tau = \sum_{i=1}^{\tau-1} \beta_i V_i + e\Gamma ; \text{ for some } \Gamma = (\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_l)$$

4. Hence,

$$\mu(M_\tau) = \left(\prod_{j=1}^l p_j^{\gamma_j} \right) e \prod_{i=1}^{\tau-1} \mu(M_i)^{\beta_i}$$

Step 4

1. Ask for signatures $\sigma_i = \mu(M_i)^d \bmod N$ on M_i for $1 \leq i < \tau$

2. Compute:

$$\sigma^* = \mu(M_\tau)^d = \left(\prod_{j=1}^l p_j^{\gamma_j} \right) \prod_{i=1}^{\tau-1} (\mu(M_i)^d)^{\beta_i} \bmod N$$

3. Output forgery (σ^*, M_τ)

Summing up

- Original attack (Misarsky, PKC'98) works even for more complicated paddings (ISO/IEC 9796-2)
- Attack only works for small n ! (Complexity depends on l and probability that an n -bit number is y -smooth).
- But using SHA-1 ($n = 160$) the attack takes much less than 2^{50} operations!

**There are many ways to make mistakes...
(Similar attacks apply to encryption!)
That's why we want security reductions**

The Random Oracle Model

Standard model vs. idealized model

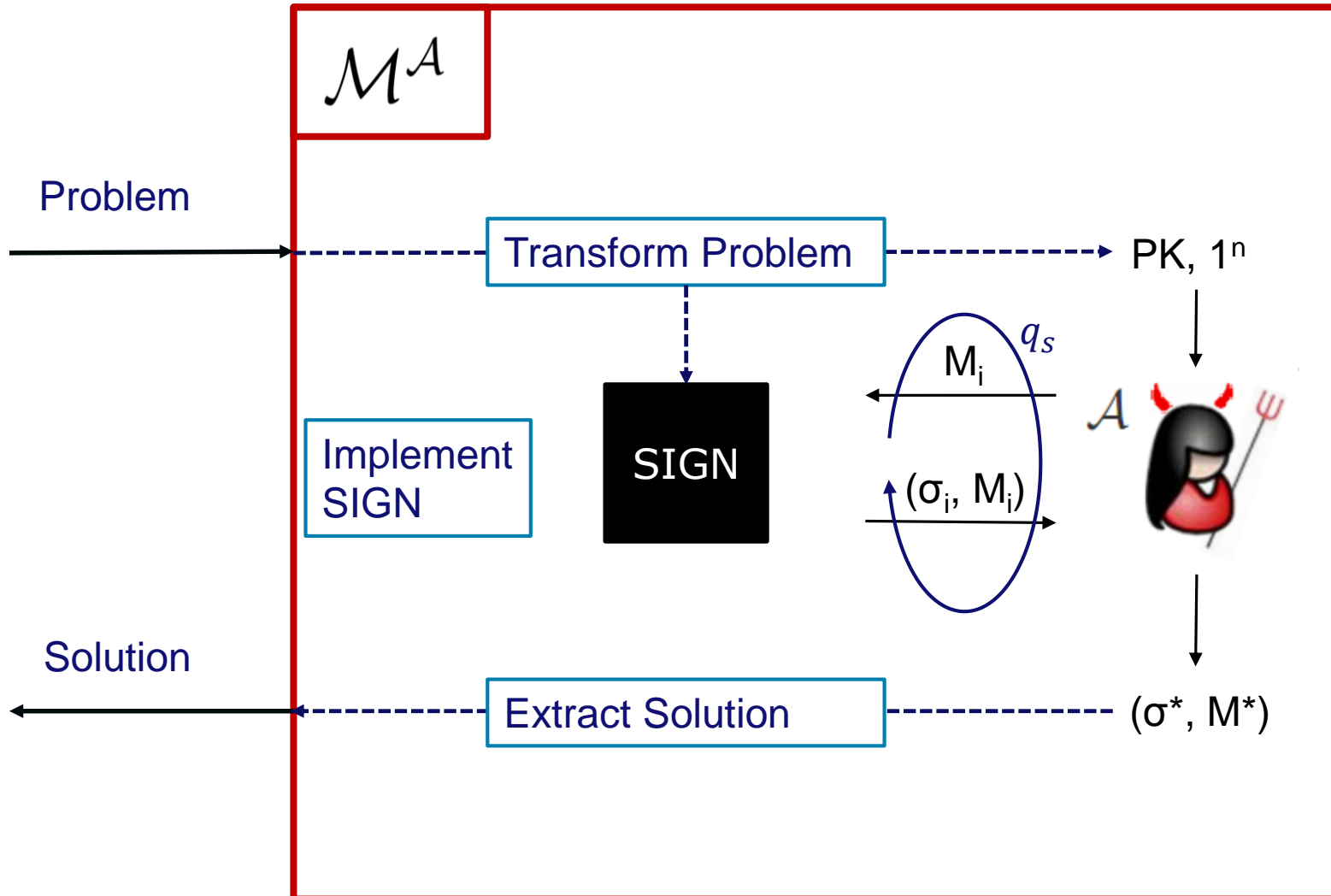
Standard model:

Assume building block has property P (e.g., collision resistance). Use property in reduction.

Idealized model:

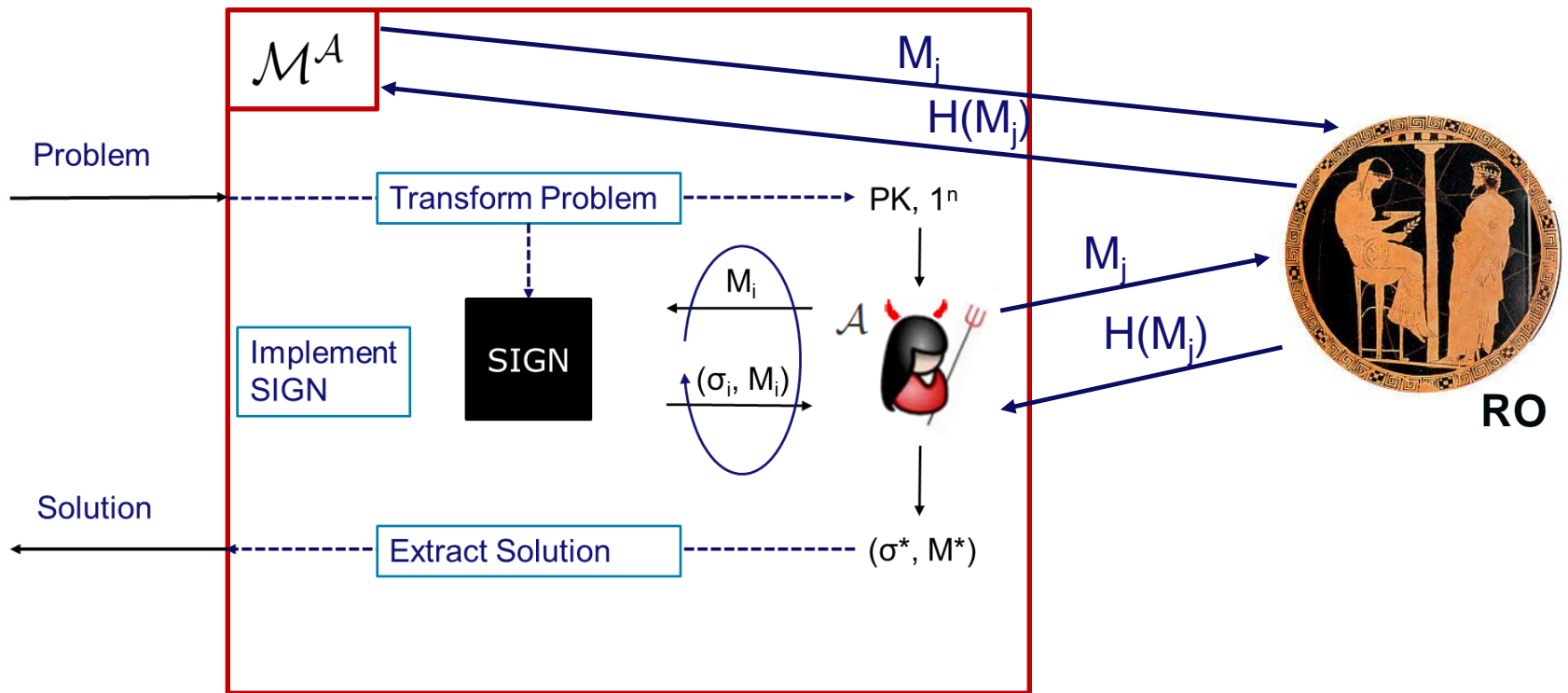
Assume a building block behaves perfectly (e.g. hash function behaves like truly random function). Replace building block by an oracle in reduction.

Reduction



Random Oracle Model (ROM)

- Idealized Model
- Perfectly Random Function



How to implement RO? (In theory)

”Lazy Sampling”:

- Keep list of (x_i, y_i)
- Given M_j , search for $x_i = M_j$
- If $x_i = M_j$ exists, return y_i
- Else sample new y from Domain, using uniform distribution
- Add (M_j, y) to table
- Return y



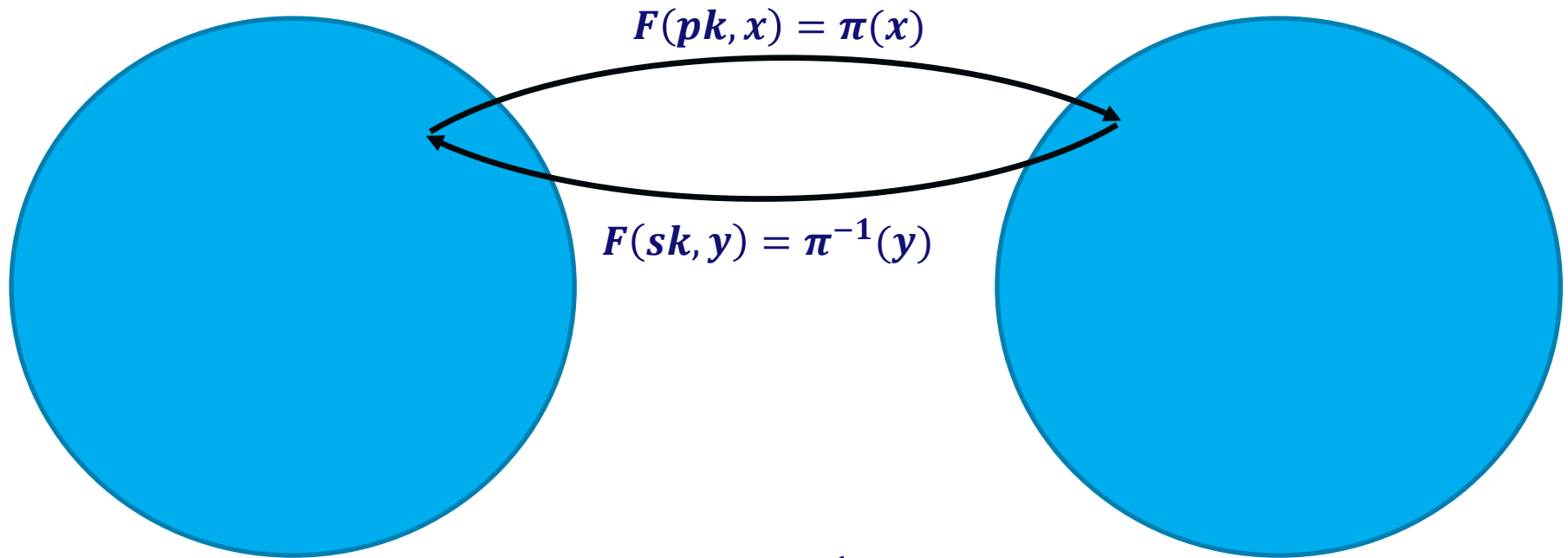
RO

ROM security

- Take scheme that uses cryptographic hash
- For proof, replace hash by RO
 - Different flavors:
Random function vs. Programmable RO
- Heuristic security argument
- Allows to verify construction
- Worked for "Natural schemes" so far
- However: Artificial counter examples exist!

Full Domain Hash Signature Scheme

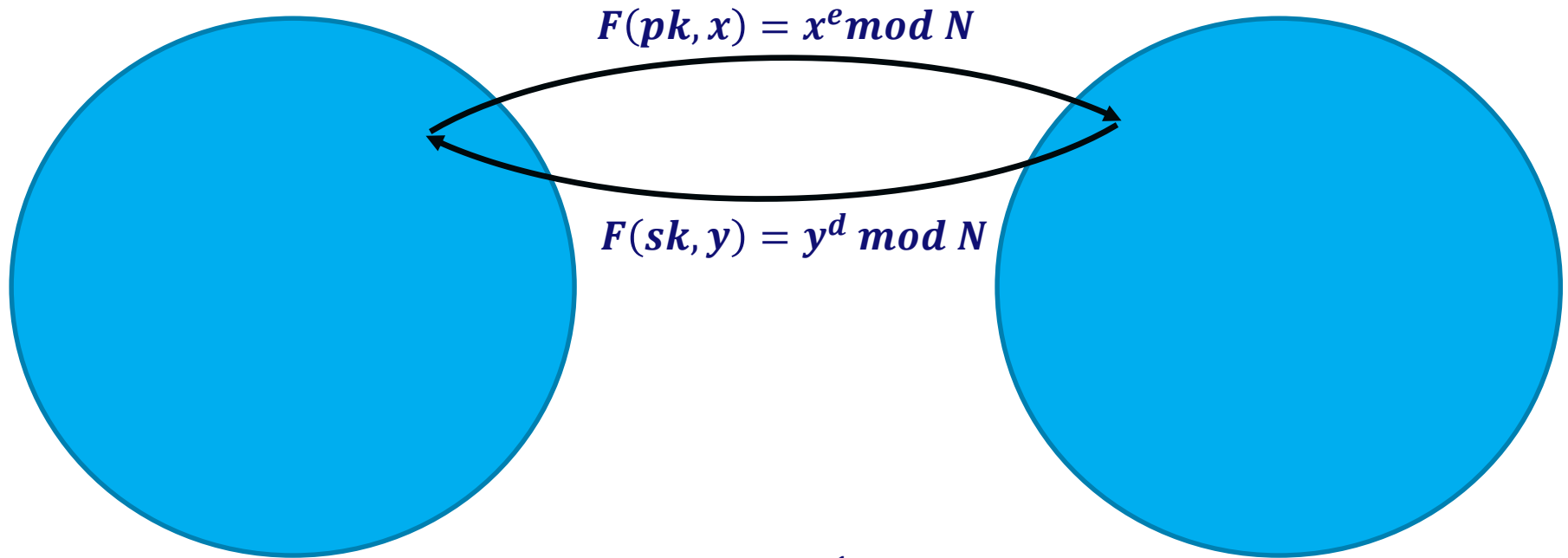
Trapdoor (One-way) Permutation



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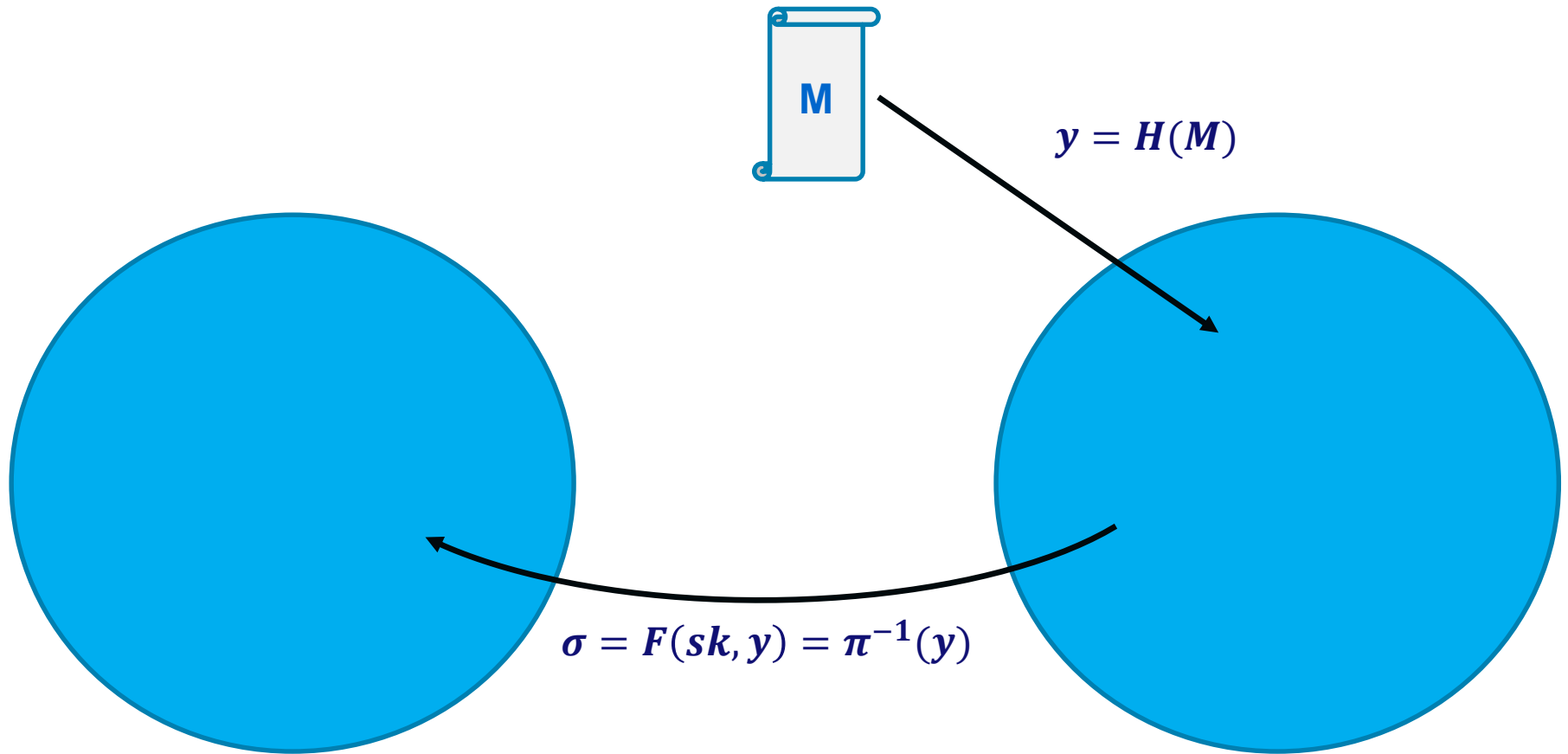
RSA Trapdoor (One-way) Permutation

$(N, e, d) \leftarrow \text{GenRSA}(1^k); \quad pk = (N, e); \quad sk = d$



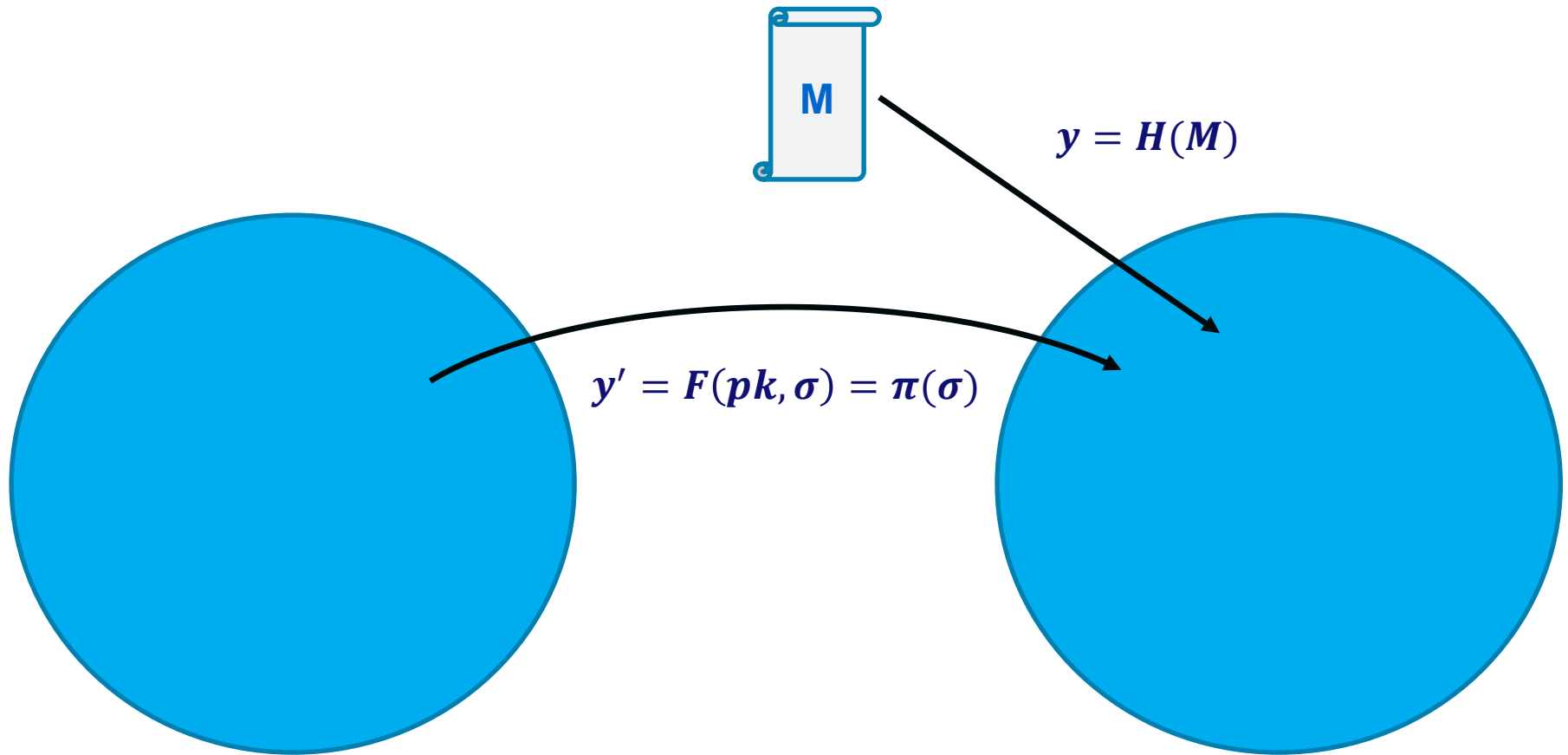
Computing $\pi^{-1}(y)$
without knowledge of **sk**
computationally hard if
RSA Assumption holds

Generic FDH: Sign



$$\begin{aligned}\sigma &= \text{Sign}(sk, M) \\ &= \pi^{-1}(H(M)) \\ &= F(sk, H(M))\end{aligned}$$

Generic FDH: Verify



Verify(pk, M, σ):
check $y = H(M) == \pi(\sigma) = F(pk, \sigma) = y'$

- **Randomized FDH**
- **Simplified RSA-PSS**
 - **Standardized in PKCS #1 v2**
(slightly different randomization)
- **Tight Reduction from RSA Assumption in ROM**

RSA-PFDH

Assume Hashfunction $H: \{0, 1\}^* \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_N^*$

KeyGen(1^k): Run $(N, e, d) \leftarrow \text{GenRSA}(1^k)$.

Return (pk, sk) with $pk = (N, e)$, $sk = d$.

Sign(sk, M): Sample $r \xleftarrow{\$} U_{\kappa}$; Compute $y = H(r||M)$
Return $\sigma = (r, y^d \bmod N)$

Verify(pk, M, σ): Return 1 iff $\sigma^e \bmod N == H(r||M)$

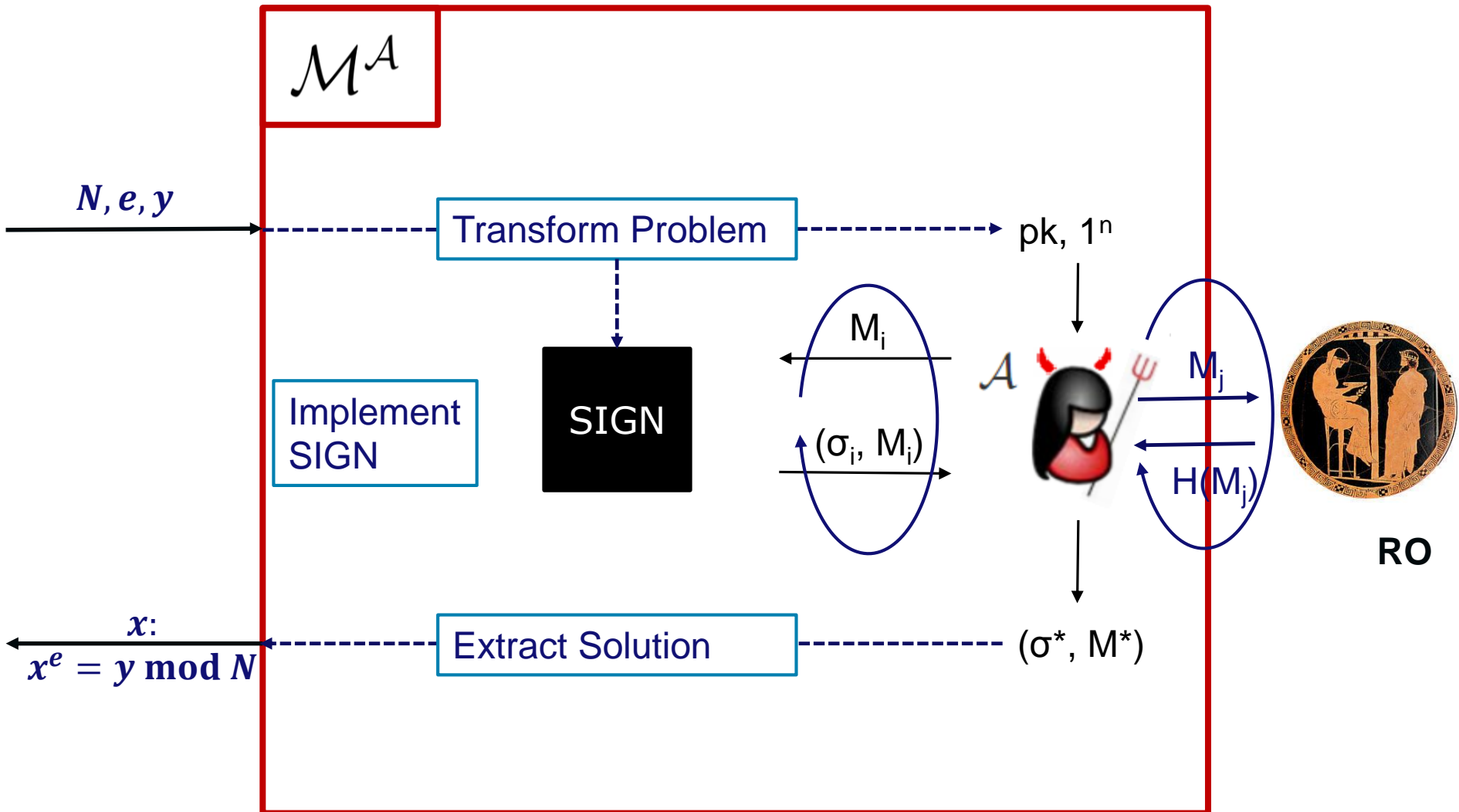
If the RSA Assumption holds, RSA-PFDH is existentially unforgeable under adaptive chosen message attacks in the ROM.

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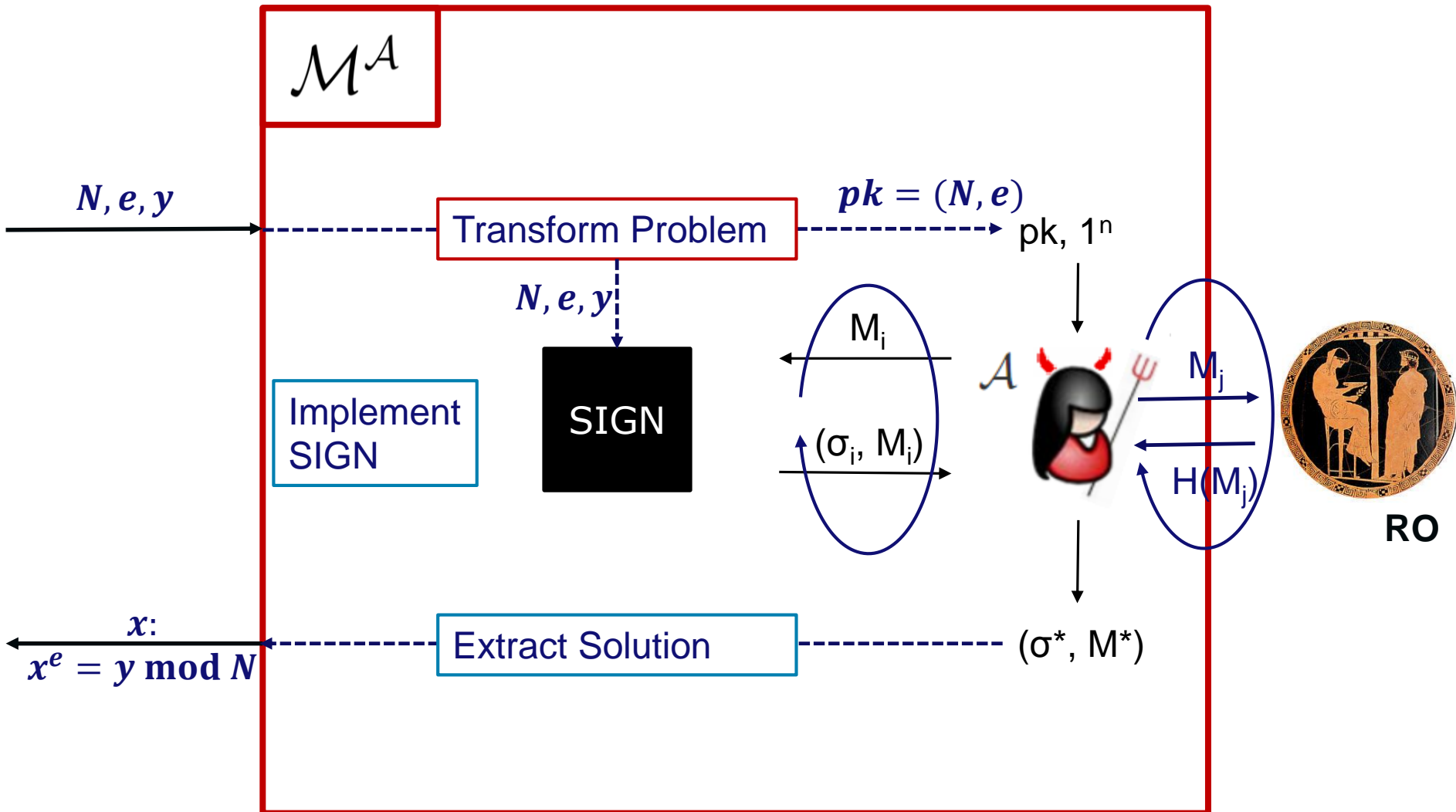
Show that any forger A against RSA-PFDH can be used to break the RSA Assumption with approx. the same time and success probability.

”Given a forger A against RSA-PFDH with success probability ε , we construct an oracle Machine M^A that succeeds with probability $\varepsilon/4$.”

Reduction



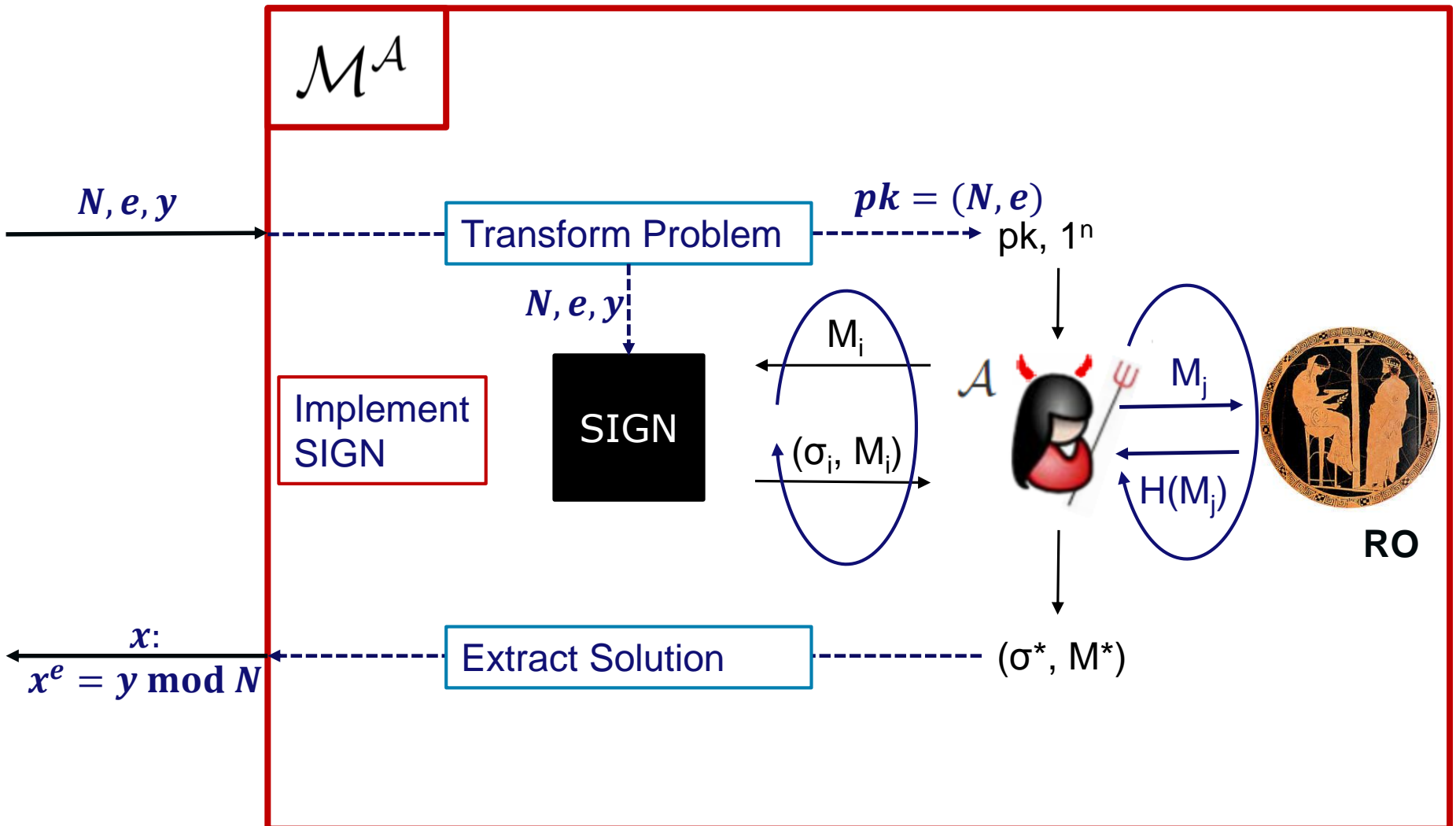
Reduction: Transform Problem



The RO trick

Simulate RO such that you can answer SIGN-queries.

Reduction: Implement SIGN



Implement SIGN – Simulate RO

- Keep table of tripples $(*,*,*)$
- When **A** asks for $H(r||M)$:
 1. If there is an entry $((r||M), x, z)$ in table, return z
 2. If list L_M already exists, go to **3**. Otherwise, choose q_s values $r_{M,1}, \dots, r_{M,q_s} \leftarrow \{0, 1\}^k$ and store them in a list L_M .
 3. If $r \in L_M$ then let i be such that $r = r_{M,i}$. Choose random $x_{M,i} \in \mathbb{Z}_N^*$ and return the answer $z = x_{M,i}^e \bmod N$. Store $(r||M, x_{M,i}, z)$ in the table. (RP)
 4. If $r \notin L_M$, choose random $x \in \mathbb{Z}_N^*$ and return the answer $z = yx^e \bmod N$. Store $(r||M, x, z)$ in the table.

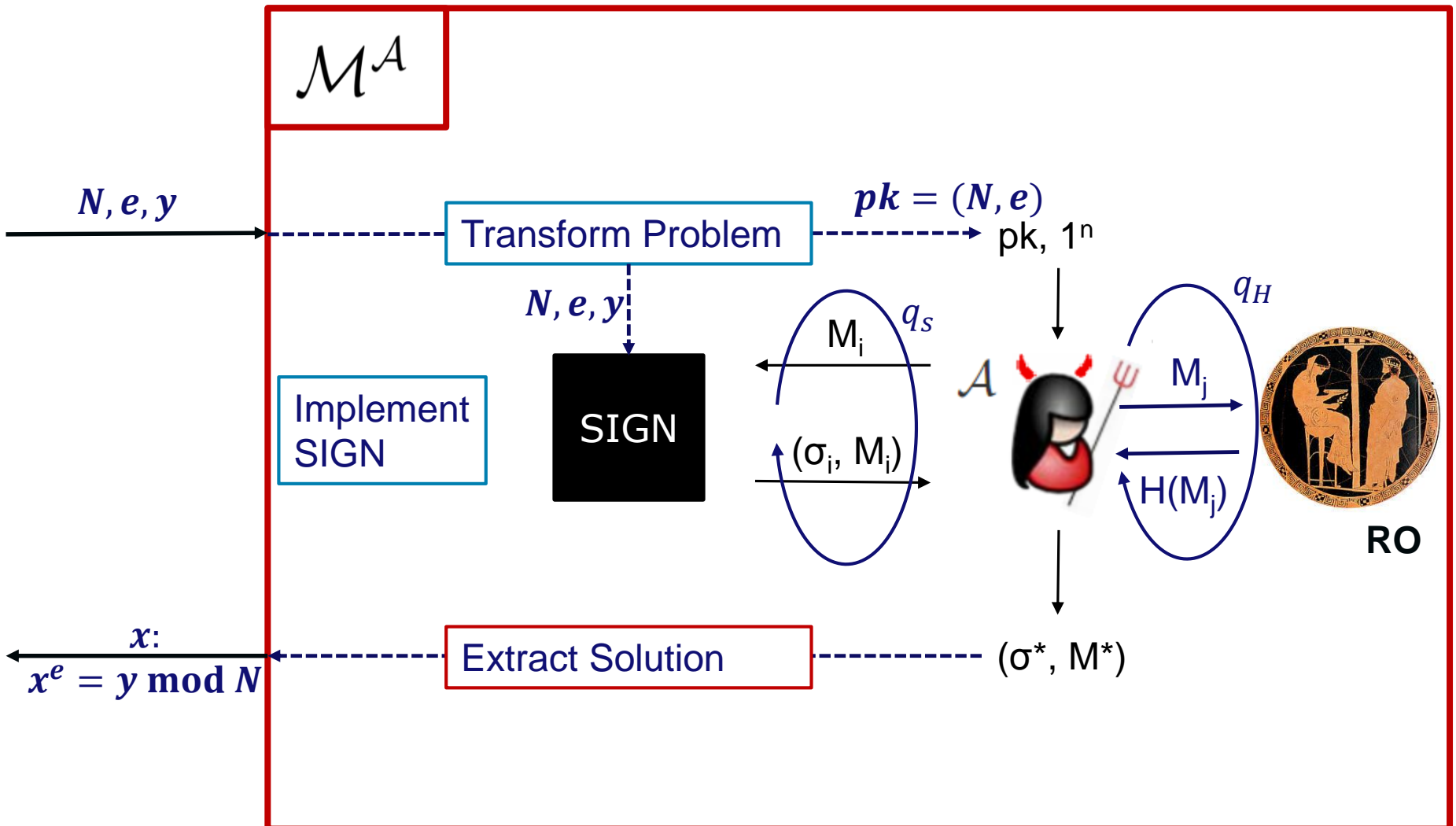
Implement SIGN

- When **A** requests some message M to be signed for the i th time:
 - let $r_{M,i}$ be the i th value in L_M and
 - compute $z = \mathbf{H}(r_{M,i}||M)$ using **RO**.
 - Let $(r||M, x_{M,i}, z)$ be the corresponding entry in the **RO** table.
 - Output signature $(r_{M,i}, x_{M,i})$.

Observation

- All **SIGN** queries can be answered!
- **SIGN** queries are answered using hash
$$\mathbf{H}(r_{M,i}||M) = z = x_{M,i}^e \bmod N$$
 - Signature $(r_{M,i}, x_{M,i})$ known by programming **RO**
- All other hash queries are answered with
$$\mathbf{H}(r||M) = z = yx^e \bmod N$$
(with high probability).
 - Signature not known!
 - **BUT**: Allows to extract solution from forgery!
- Note: Any **A** with non-negl. success probability has to query **RO** for digest of forgery message!

Reduction: Extract Solution



Reduction: Extract Solution

- If **A** outputs a forgery $(M^*, (r^*, \sigma^*))$:
 - If $r^* \in L_{M^*}$ abort.
 - Else, let $(r^* || M^*, x, z)$ be the corresponding entry of the table.
 - Output $\frac{\sigma^*}{x} \bmod N$.

- Note:

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{\sigma^*}{x}\right)^e &= \frac{\sigma^{*e}}{x^e} = \frac{H(r^* || M^*)}{x^e} = \frac{yx^e}{x^e} = y \bmod N \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{\sigma^*}{x} = \sqrt[e]{y} \bmod N \end{aligned}$$

Analysis

- **Transform Problem:**
 - Succeeds always
 - Generates exactly matching distribution
- **Implement SIGN / RO:**
 - Succeeds always (we choose r)
 - Generates exactly matching distribution:
 - **RO**: Outputs are uniform in \mathbb{Z}_N^*
 - **SIGN**: Follows from **RO**
- **Extract Solution:**
 - Succeeds iff **A** succeeds AND
 - $r^* \notin L_{M^*} \Rightarrow p = \Pr[r^* \notin L_{M^*}] = (1 - 2^{-\kappa})^{q_s}$
Setting $\kappa = \log_2 q_s$: $p \geq \frac{1}{4}$ assuming $q_s \geq 2$

What have we shown?

- We can turn any forger A against RSA-PFDH with success probability ε into an algorithm M^A that solves the RSA problem with probability $\varepsilon/4$.
- **In reverse:**
If there exists no algorithm to solve the RSA problem with probability $\geq \varepsilon$ then there exists no forger against RSA-PFDH that succeeds with probability $\geq 4\varepsilon$.
- As proof is in ROM we have to add
”... As long as the used hash function behaves like a RO.”

How to implement RO? (In practice)

Formerly:

- Use hash function + PRG
- E.g. SHA2 in counter mode /
- SHA2-HMAC in counter mode keyed with SHA2(M)

Today:

- Use XOF
- E.g. SHAKE128



RO

Conclusion

- **Ad Hoc constructions problematic**
 - **Blinding / Index Calculus**
- **Proofs (even in ROM) allow to check construction**
- **There is one standardized RSA Sig with proof**
- **Similar situation for DSA (ROM proof)**

Thank you!

Questions?

