

# Digital Signature Schemes and the Random Oracle Model

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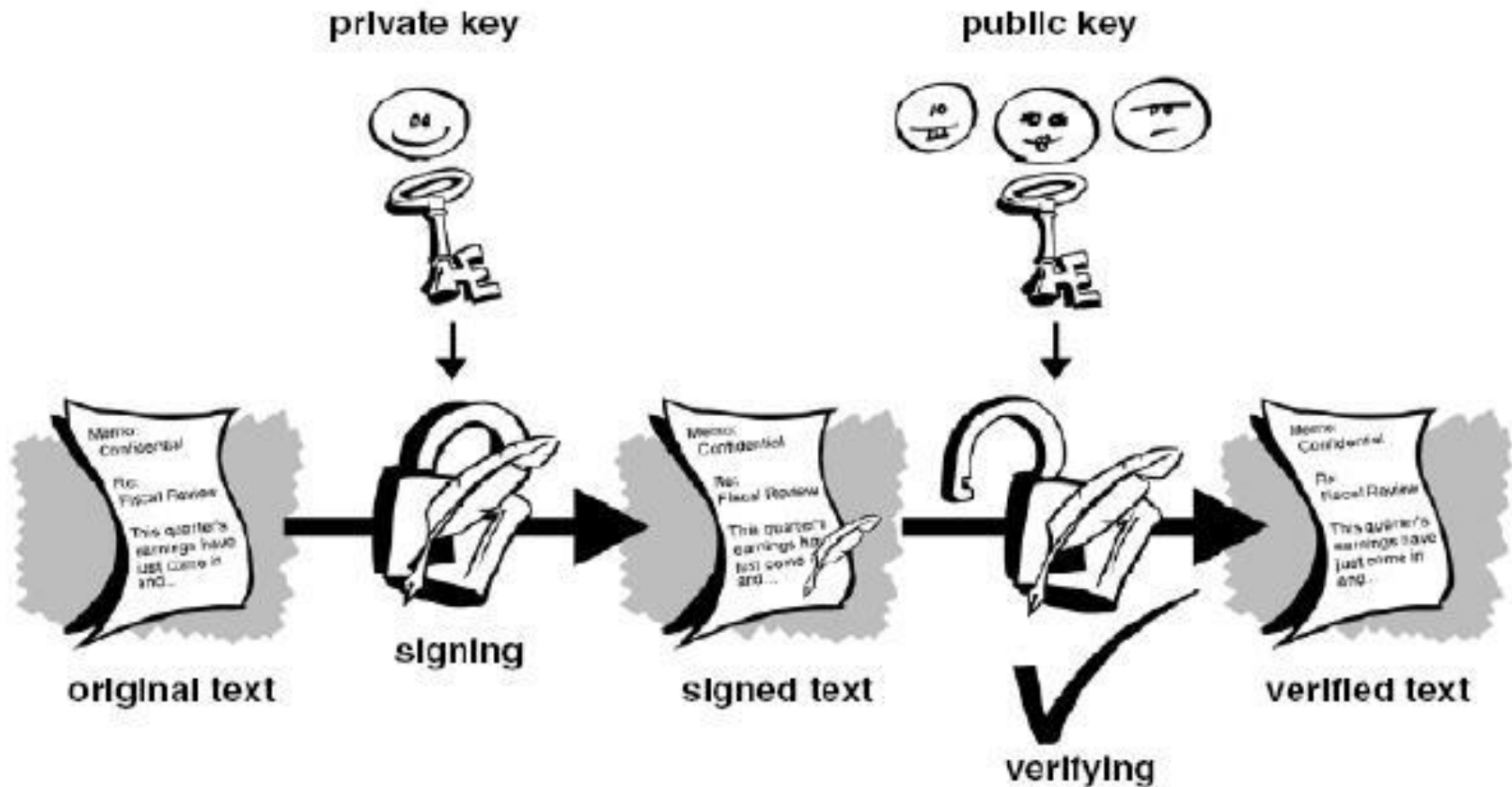
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# Today's goal

## 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  $\sigma$  under  $sk$  for message  $M$ , if  $M \in \mathcal{M}$ ,
- $\mathbf{Verify}(pk, M, \sigma)$ : outputs 1 iff  $\sigma$  is a valid signature on  $M$  under  $pk$ ,

such that the following correctness condition is fulfilled:

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

# Attack goals

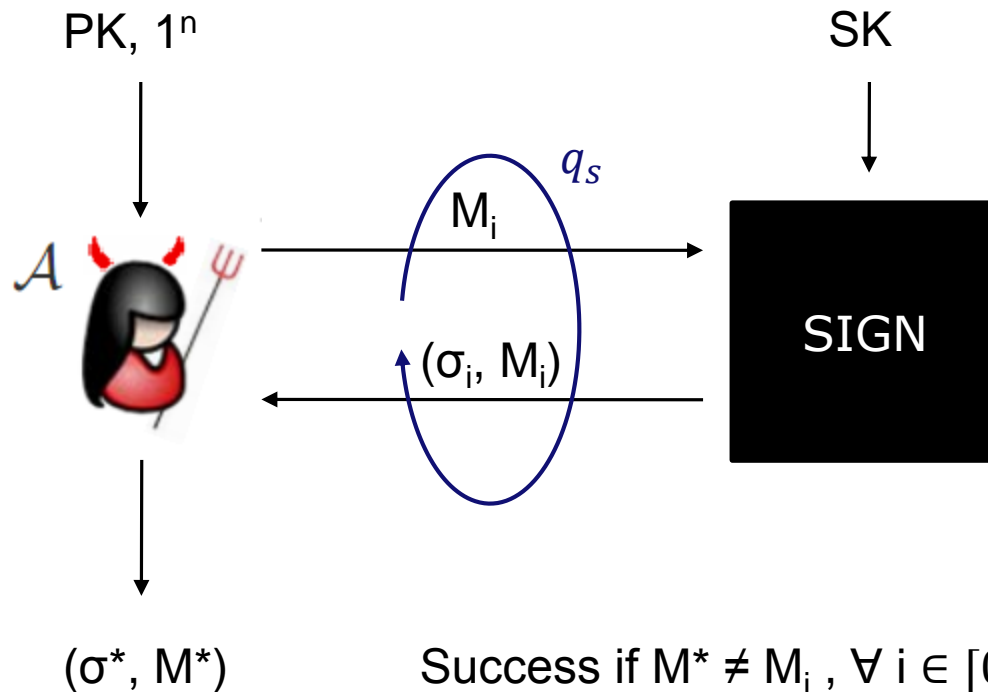
## Consider adversary $A$

- **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

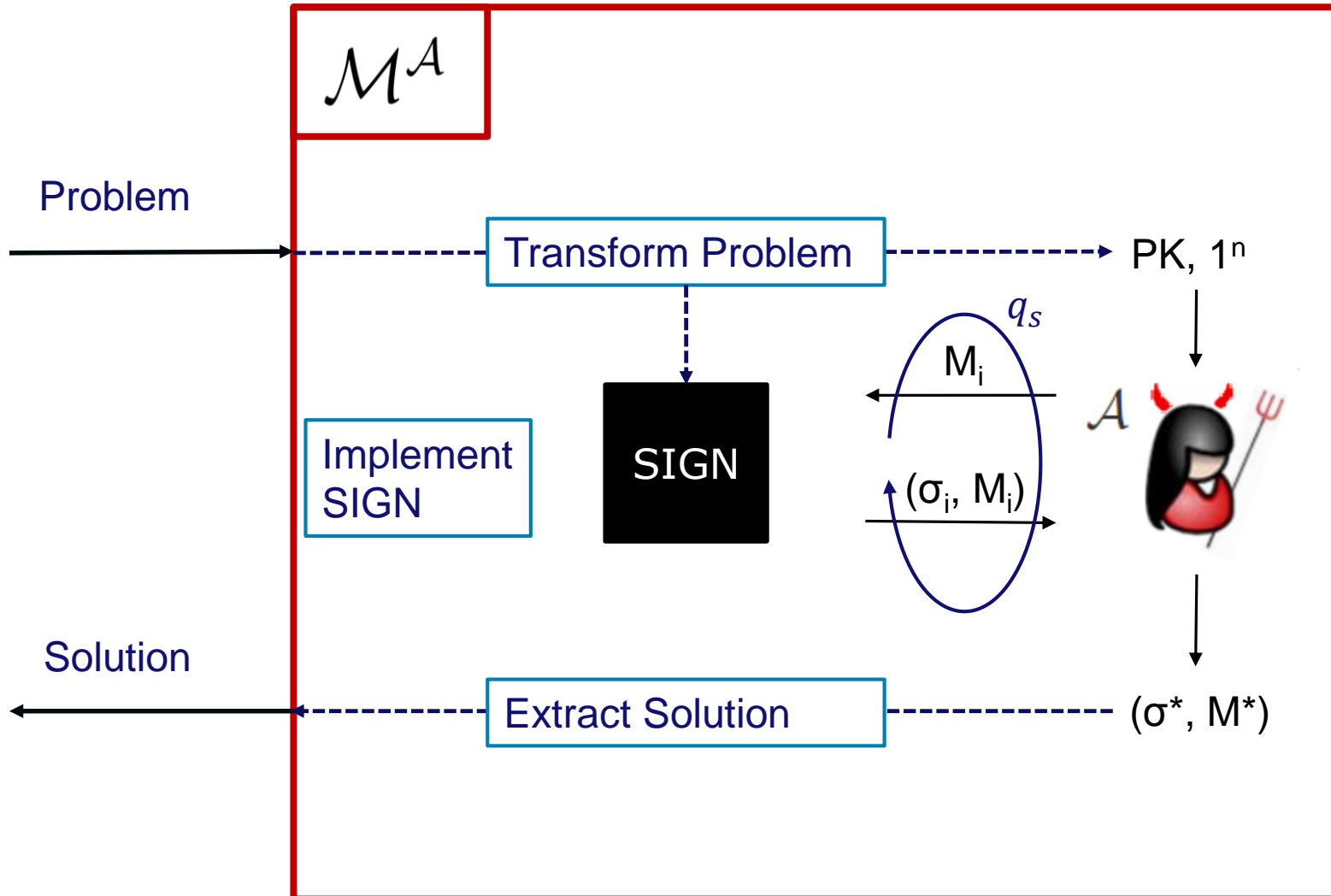
- **Key-only attack (KOA):** *A* only gets the public key for which it has to forge a signature.
- **Random message attack (RMA):** *A* learns the public key and the signatures on a set of random messages.
- **Adaptively chosen message attack (CMA):** *A* learns the public key and is allowed to adaptively 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  $ed = 1 \pmod{\phi(N)}$ .

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

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

# 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( $pk, M, \sigma$ ):** 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  $(\sigma, M)$ .

# 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  $\sigma_x$  of  $x$  and  $\sigma_y$  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  $\sigma$  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**( $pk, M, \sigma$ ): 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  $(\sigma^*, M_\tau)$

# 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!

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**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

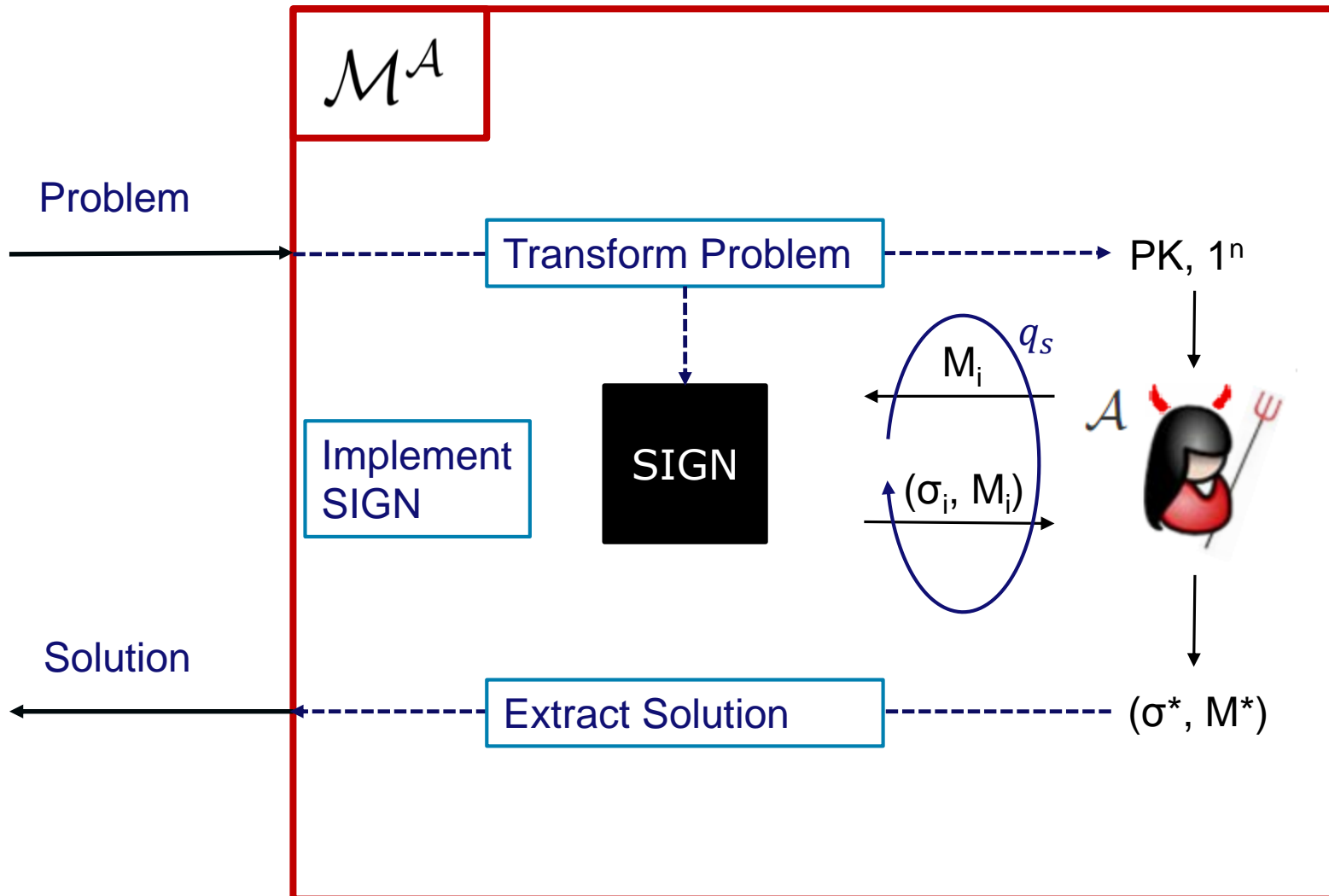
## Standard model:

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

## Idealized model:

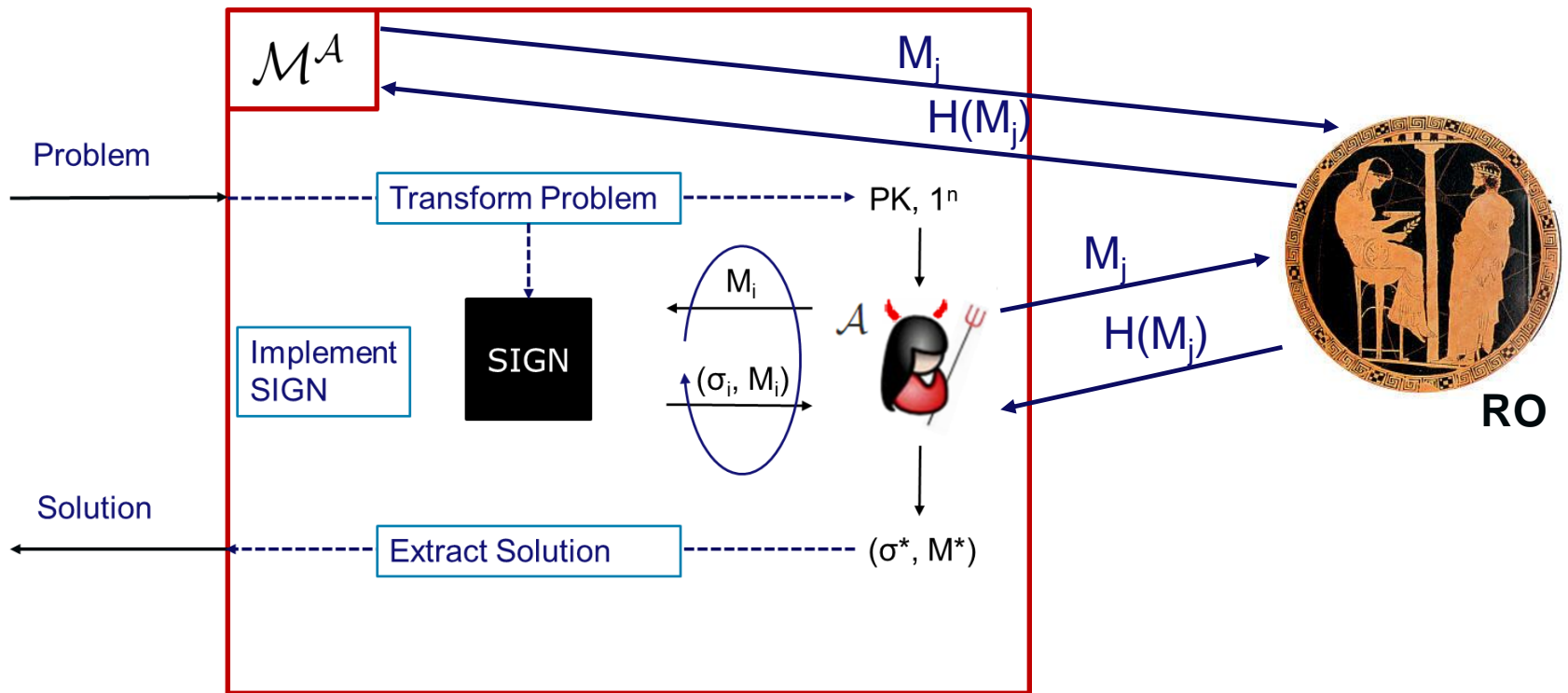
Assume a building block behaves perfectly (e.g. hash function behaves like truly random function). Replace building block by an oracle in reduction.

# 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 Range, using uniform distribution
- Add  $(M_j, y)$  to table
- Return  $y$



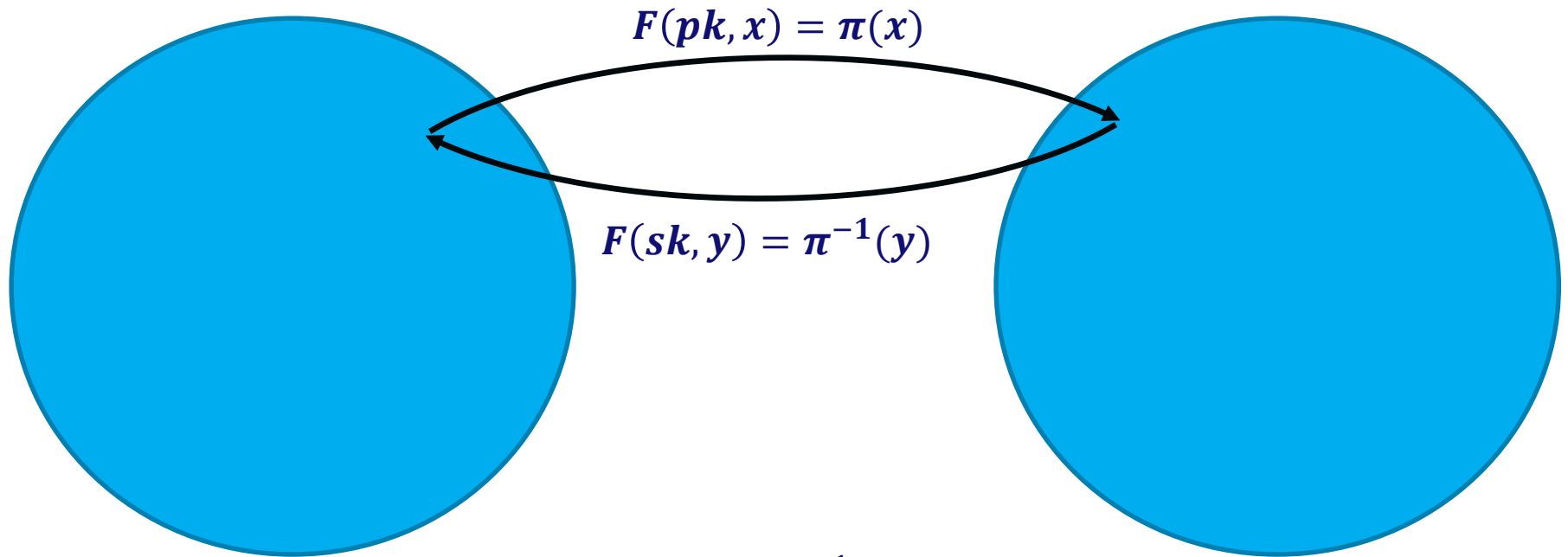
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# ROM security

- 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

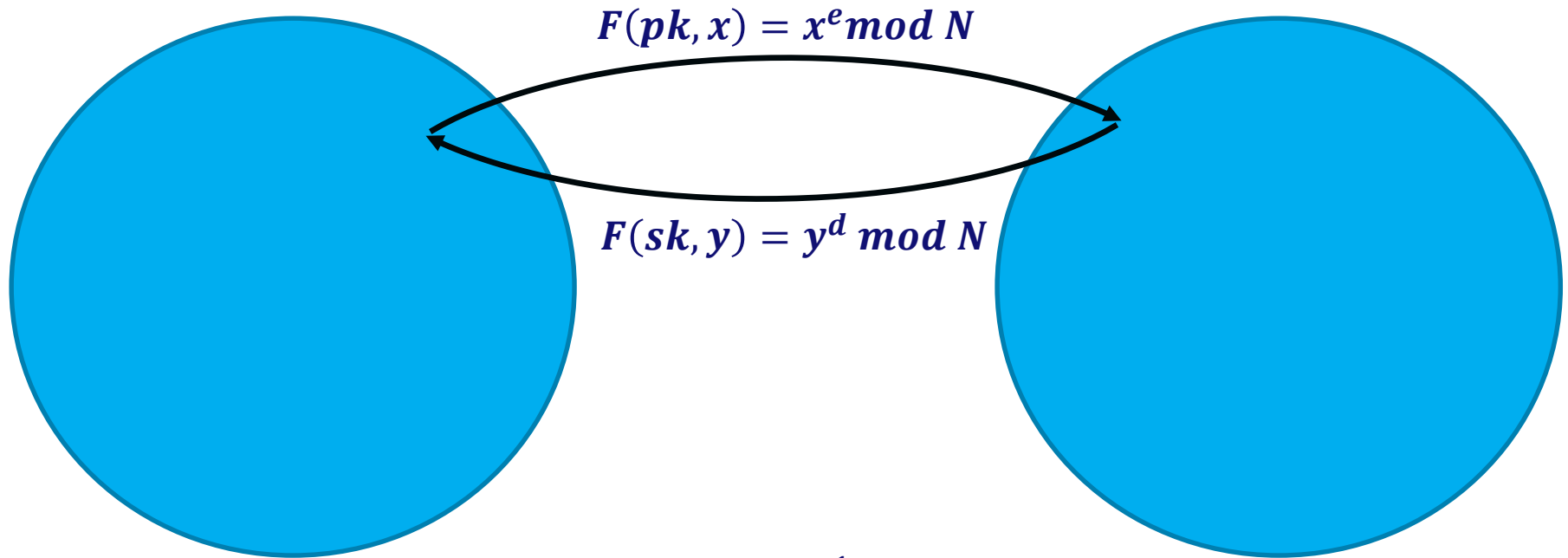
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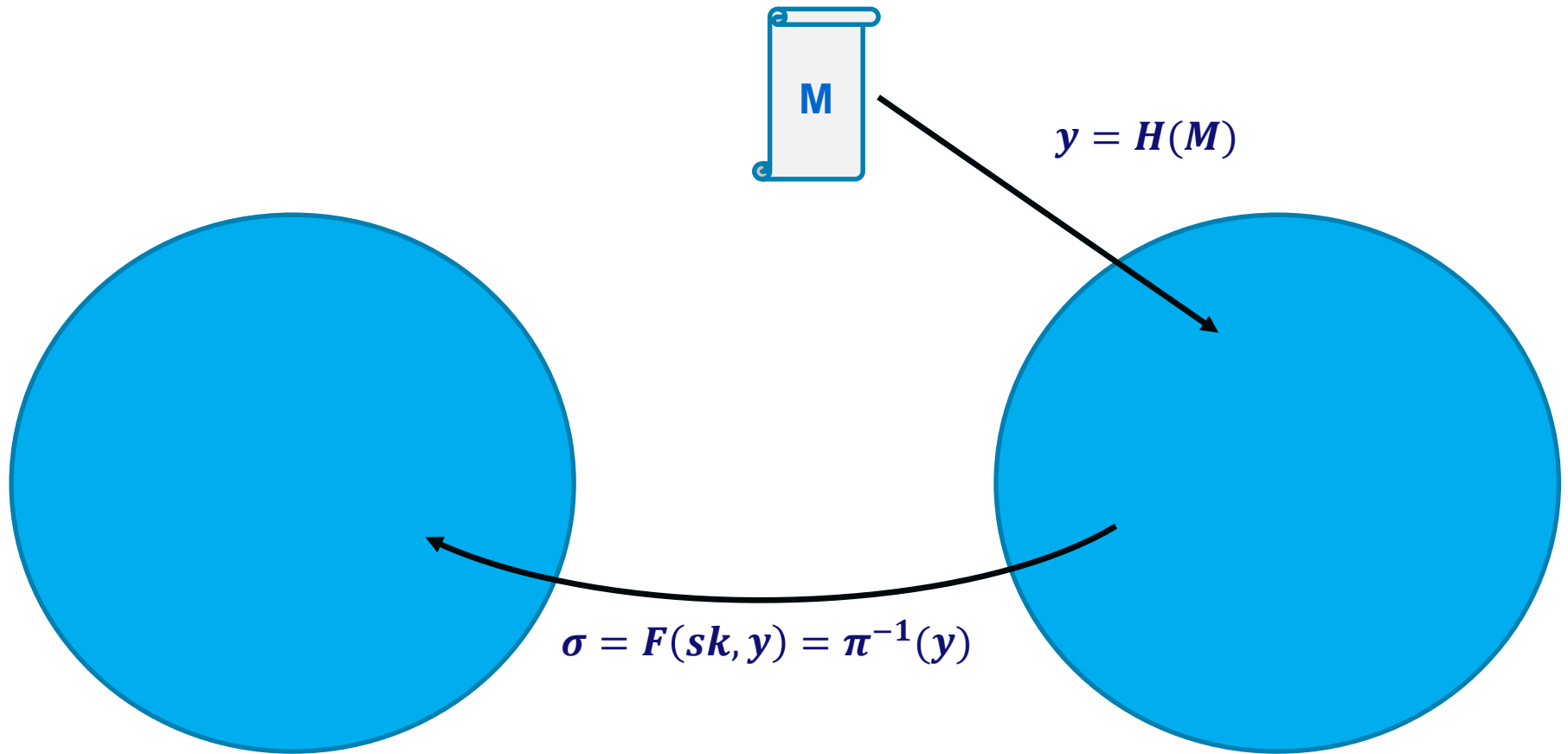
$(N, e, d) \leftarrow \text{GenRSA}(1^k); \quad pk = (N, e); \quad sk = d$



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

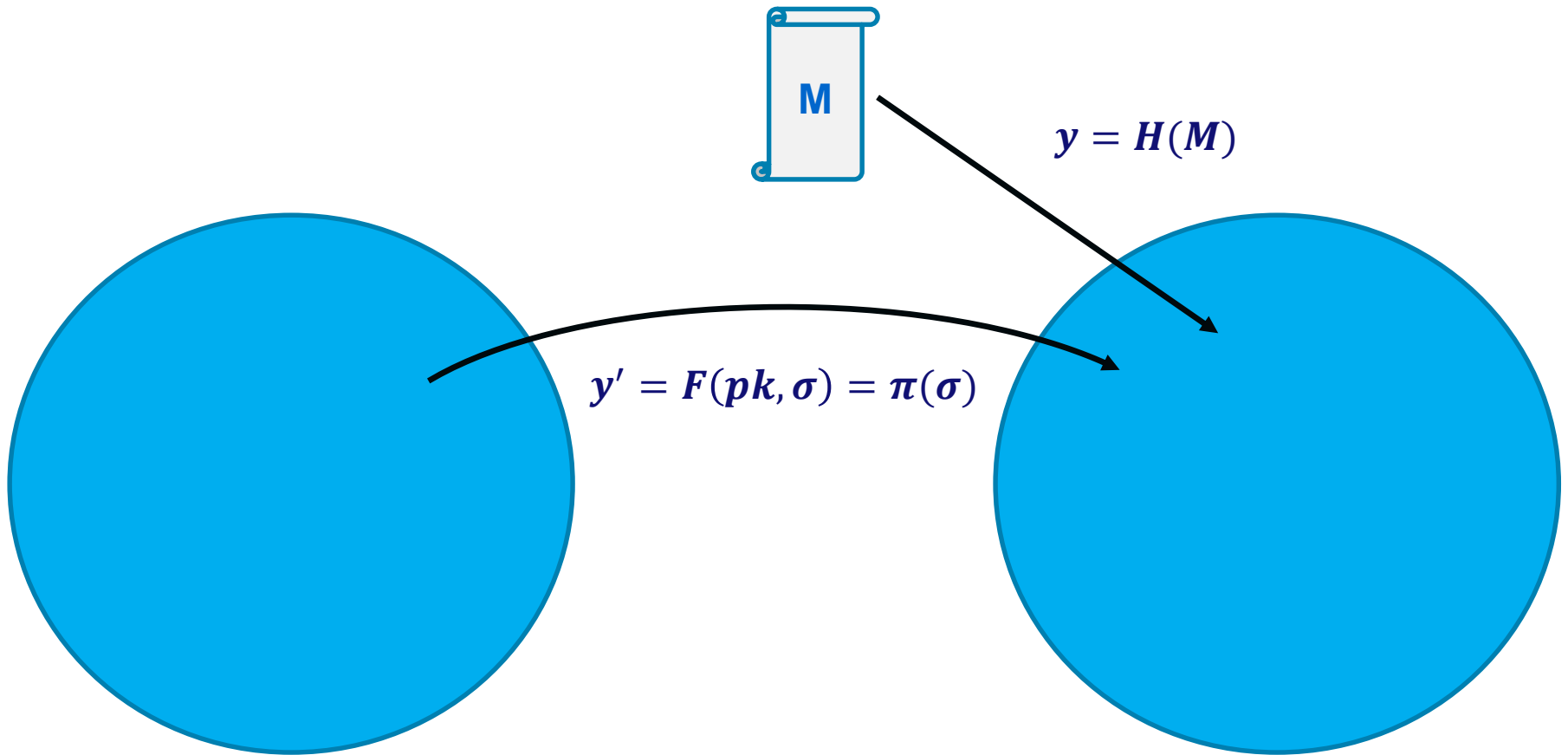


# Generic FDH: Sign



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

# Generic FDH: Verify



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

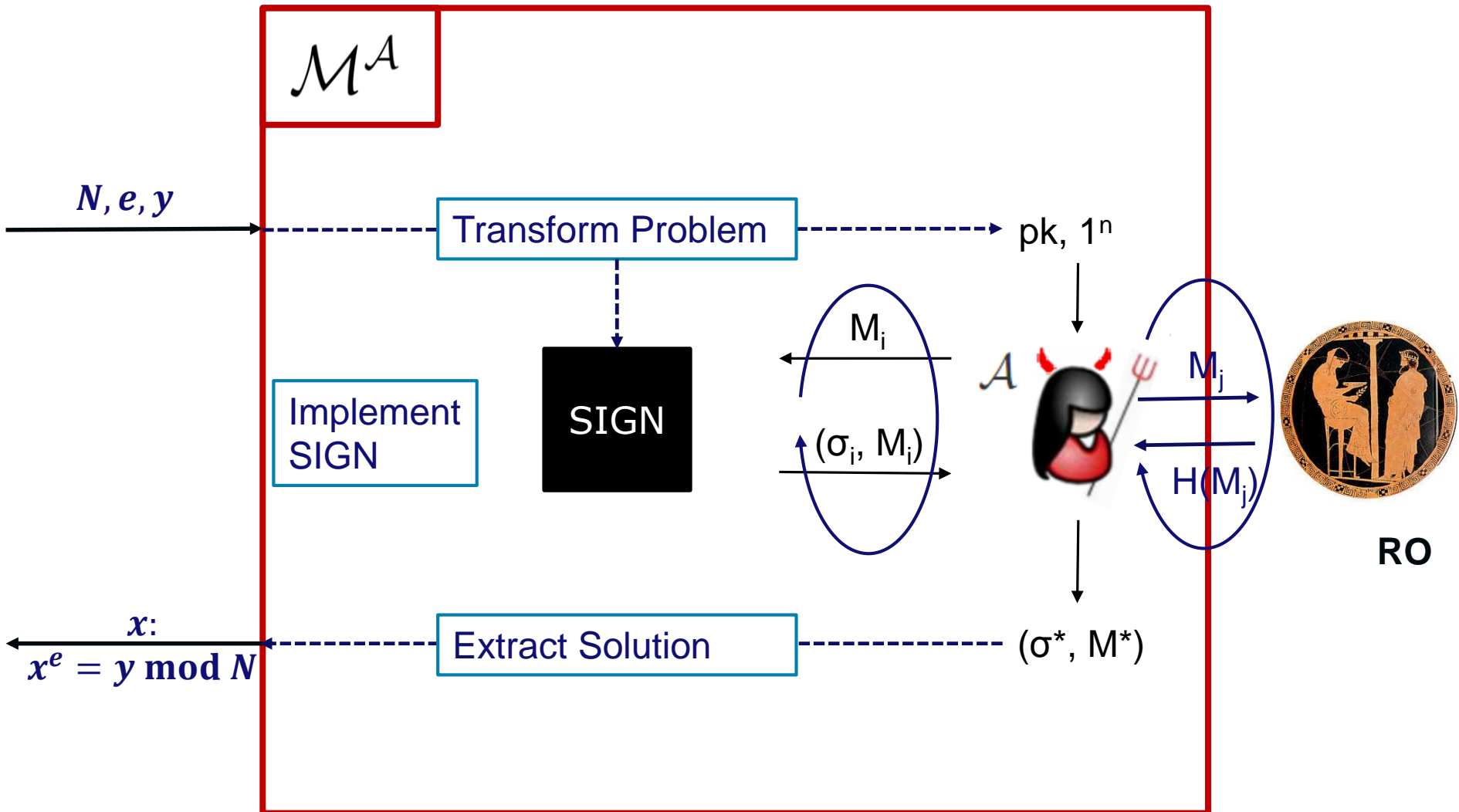
**If the RSA Assumption holds, RSA-PFDH is existentially unforgeable under adaptive chosen message attacks in the ROM.**

## TODO:

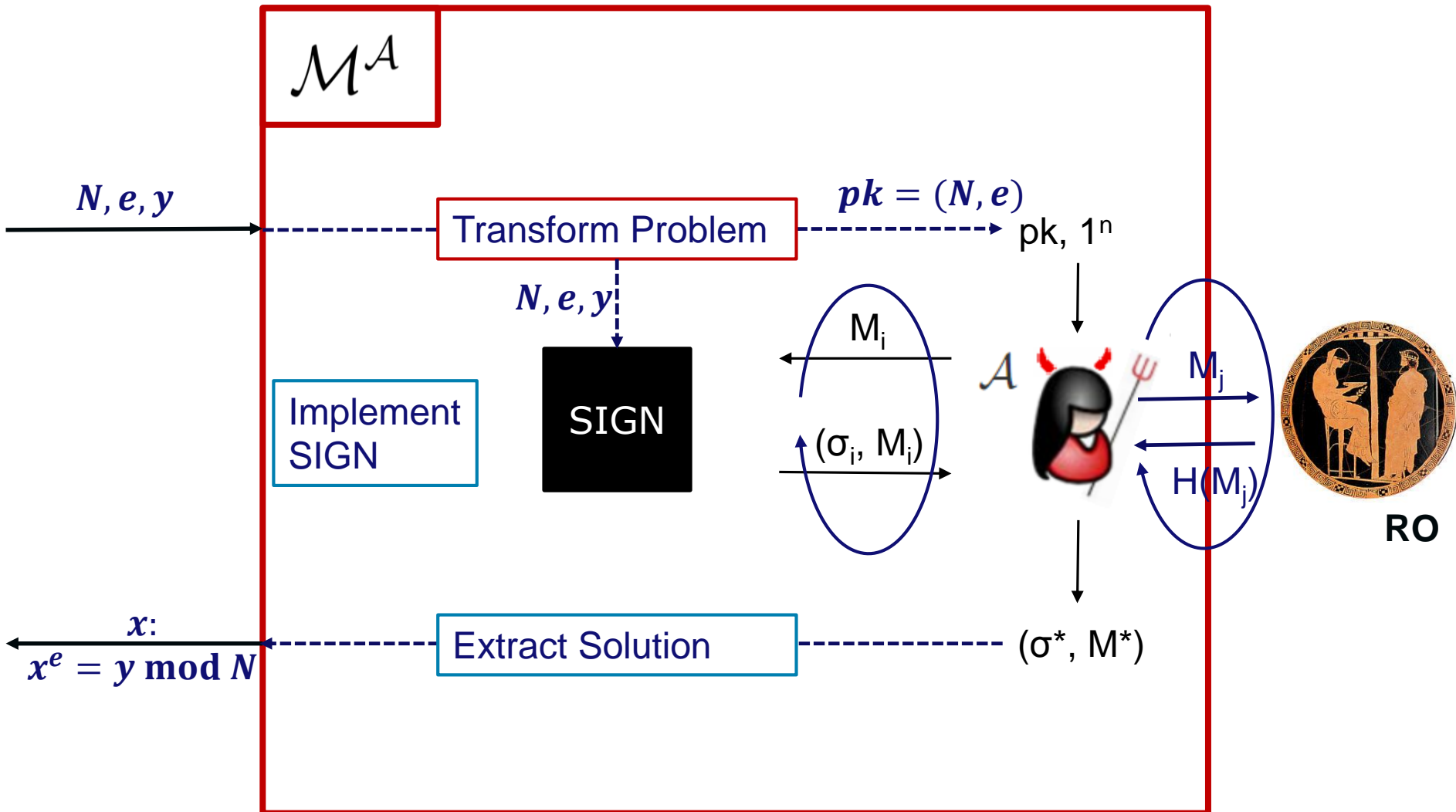
Show that any forger  $A$  against RSA-PFDH can be used to break the RSA Assumption with approx. the same time and success probability.

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

# Reduction



# Reduction: Transform Problem

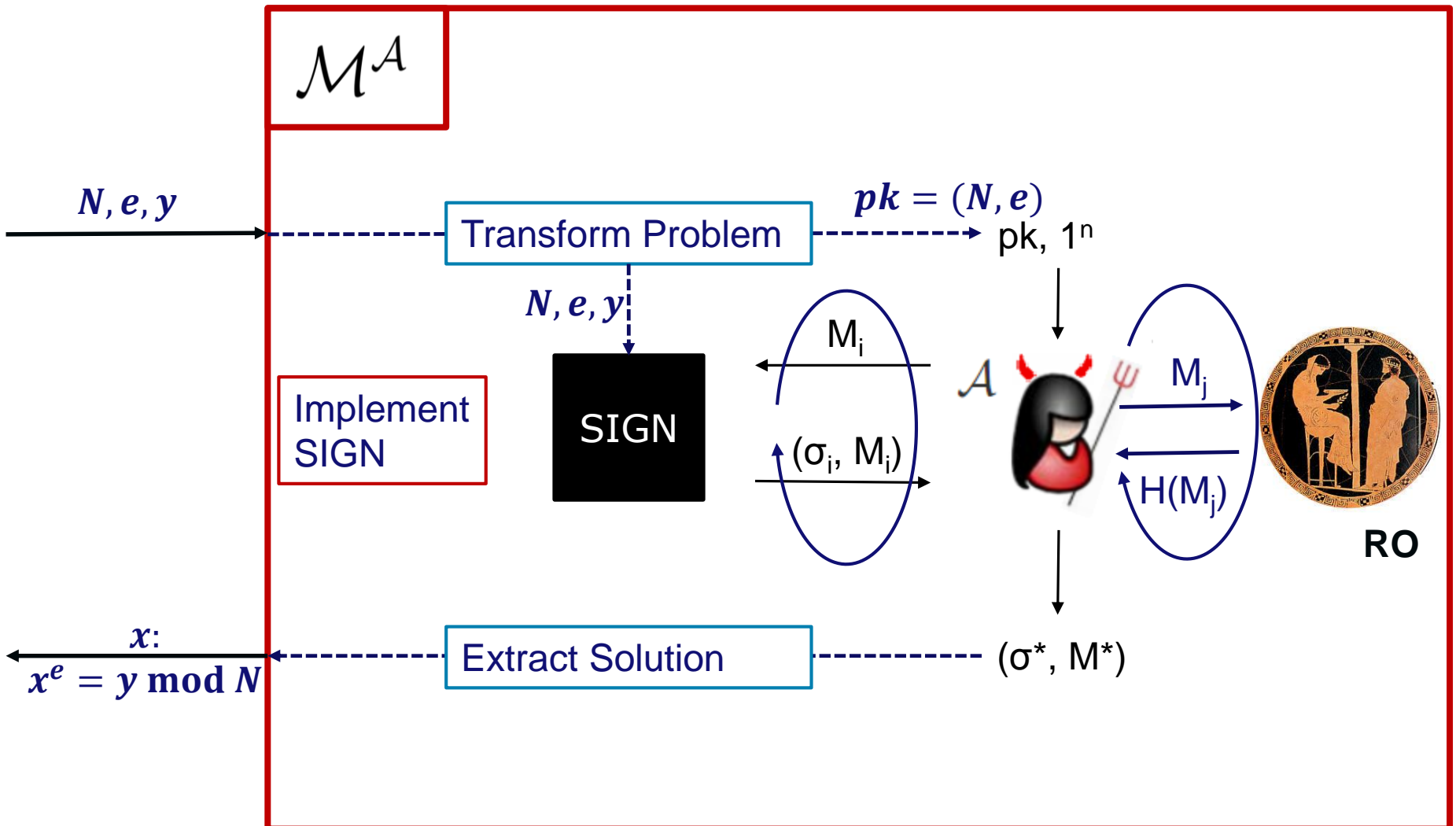




# The RO trick

**Simulate RO such that you can answer SIGN-queries.**

# Reduction: Implement SIGN




# Implement SIGN – Simulate RO

- Keep table of triples ( $*.*.*$ )

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- 1.
- 2.

$z^d$  together with  $x$  allows to extract  $y^d$

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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.



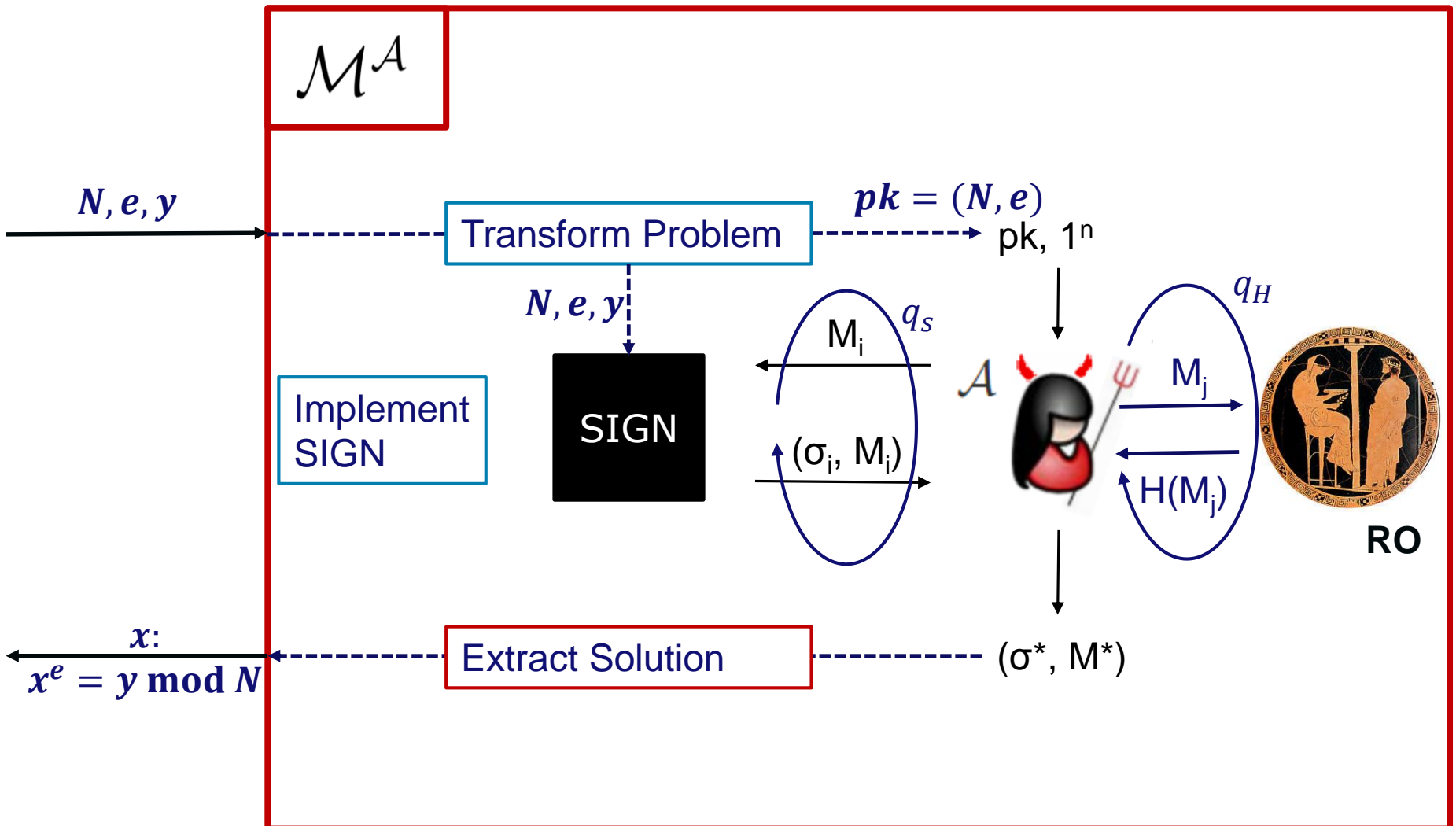
# Implement SIGN

- 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  $\epsilon$  into an algorithm  $M^A$  that solves the RSA problem with probability  $\epsilon/4$ .
- **In reverse:**  
If there exists no efficient algorithm to solve the RSA problem with probability  $\geq \epsilon$  then there exists no efficient forger against RSA-PFDH that succeeds with probability  $\geq 4\epsilon$ .
- 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?

