

# **La cryptographie et la Sécurité Concrète**

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# Cryptography: 3 Goals

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- Integrity:
  - Messages have not been altered
- Authenticity:
  - Message-sender relation
- Secrecy:
  - Message unknown to anybody else

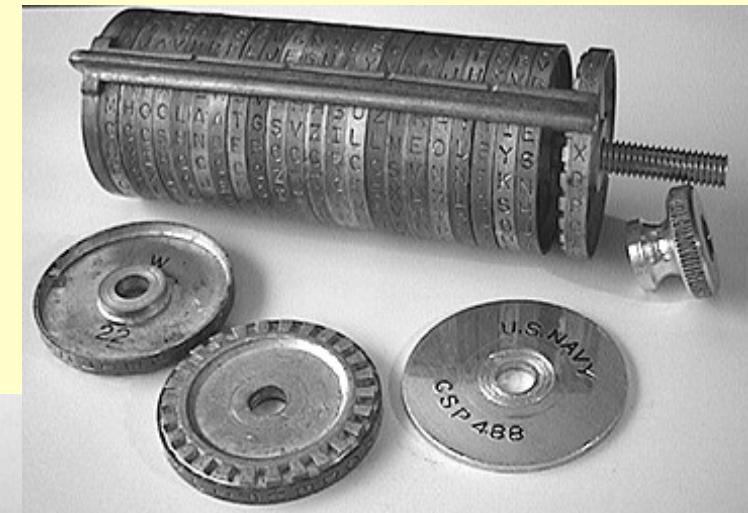
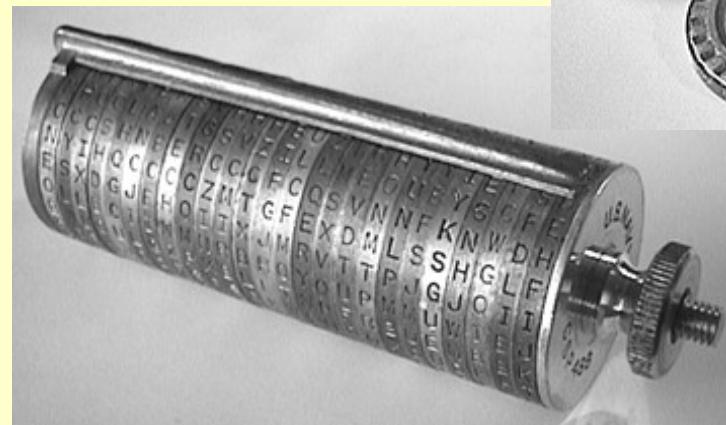
# Cryptography: 3 Periods

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- Ancient period: until 1918
- Technical period: from 1919 until 1975
- Paradoxical period : from 1976 until

# Ancient Period

## Substitutions and permutations



- Cipher disk
- Wheel cipher – M 94 (CSP 488)

Security = secrecy of the mechanisms

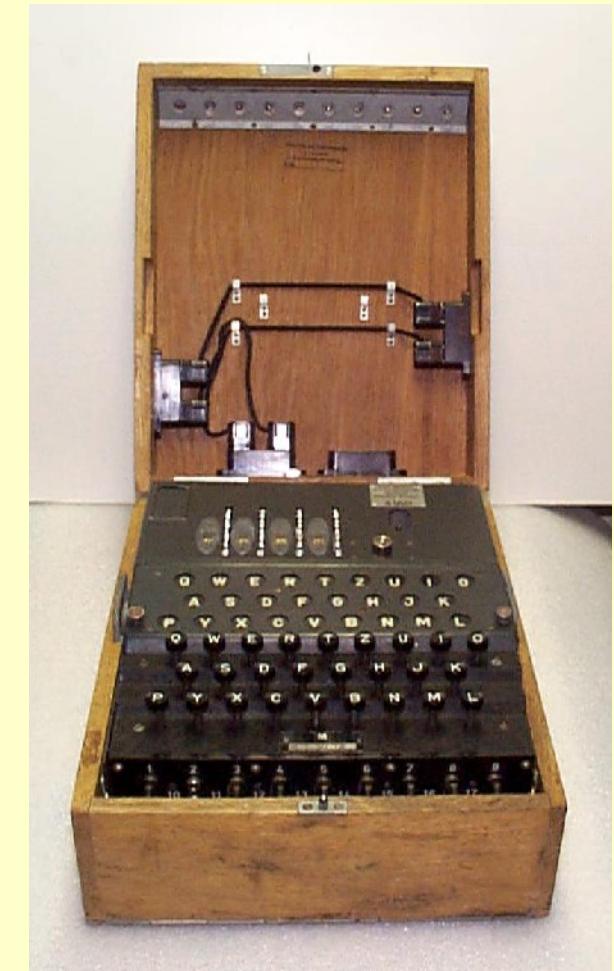
# Technical Period

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Cipher machines  
Automatism  
of permutations  
and substitutions

but no proof  
of better security!



■ Enigma

# Paradoxical Period

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- Symmetric cryptography
- Asymmetric cryptography



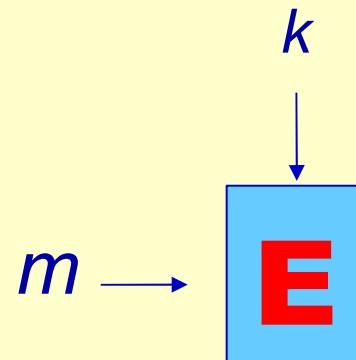
Security based on complexity assumptions

$$\mathcal{P} \neq \mathcal{NP}$$

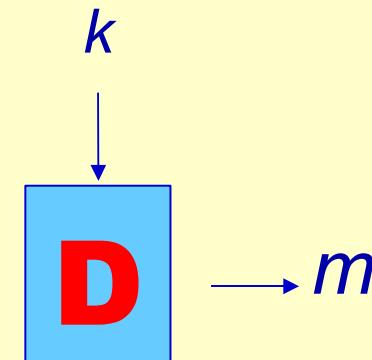
# Symmetric Encryption

One common secret

Encryption algorithm, **E**



Decryption algorithm, **D**



Security = secrecy:  
impossible to recover  $m$  from  $c$  only  
(without the short secret  $k$ )

# Asymmetric Cryptography

- Public parameter
- Short secret



Diffie-Hellman 1976

Asymmetric encryption:

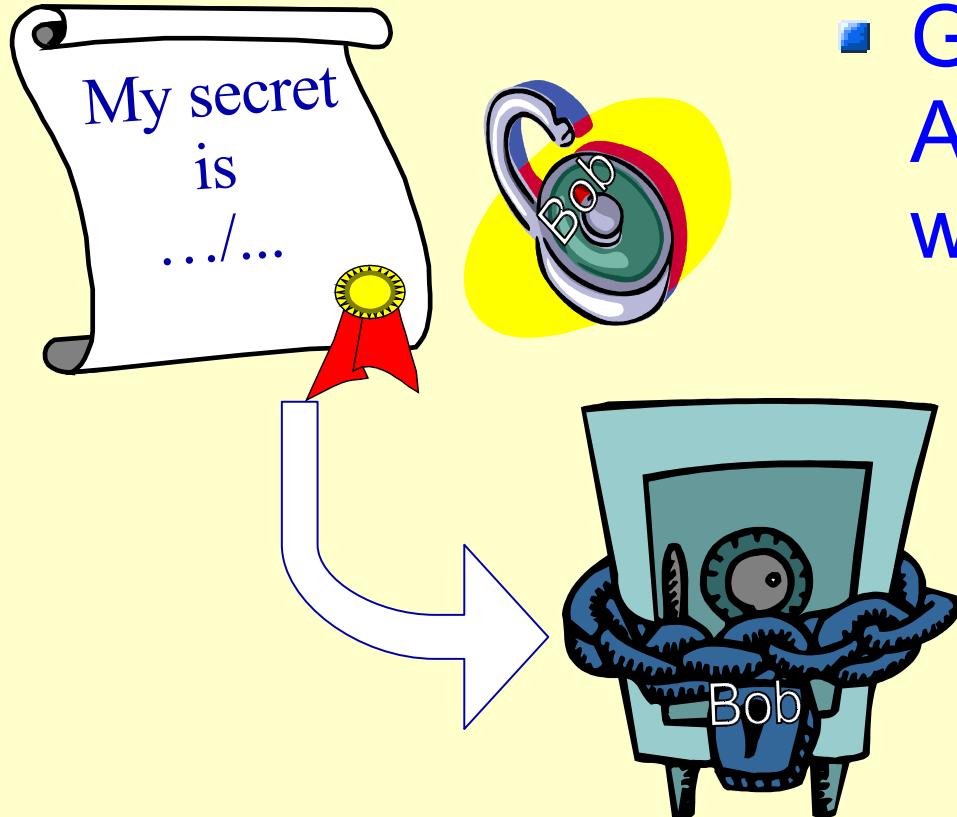
Bob owns two “keys”

- A public key (encryption  $k_e$ )
  - so that anybody can encrypt a message for him
- A private key (decryption  $k_d$ )
  - to help him to decrypt

⇒ known by everybody  
(including Alice)

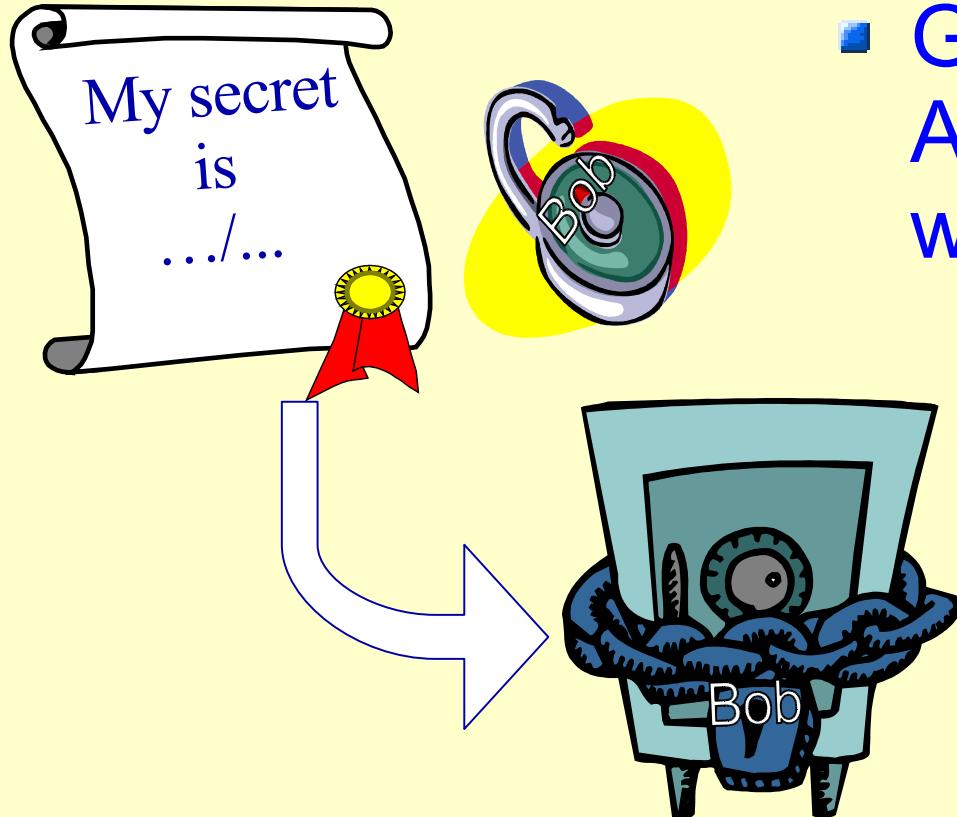
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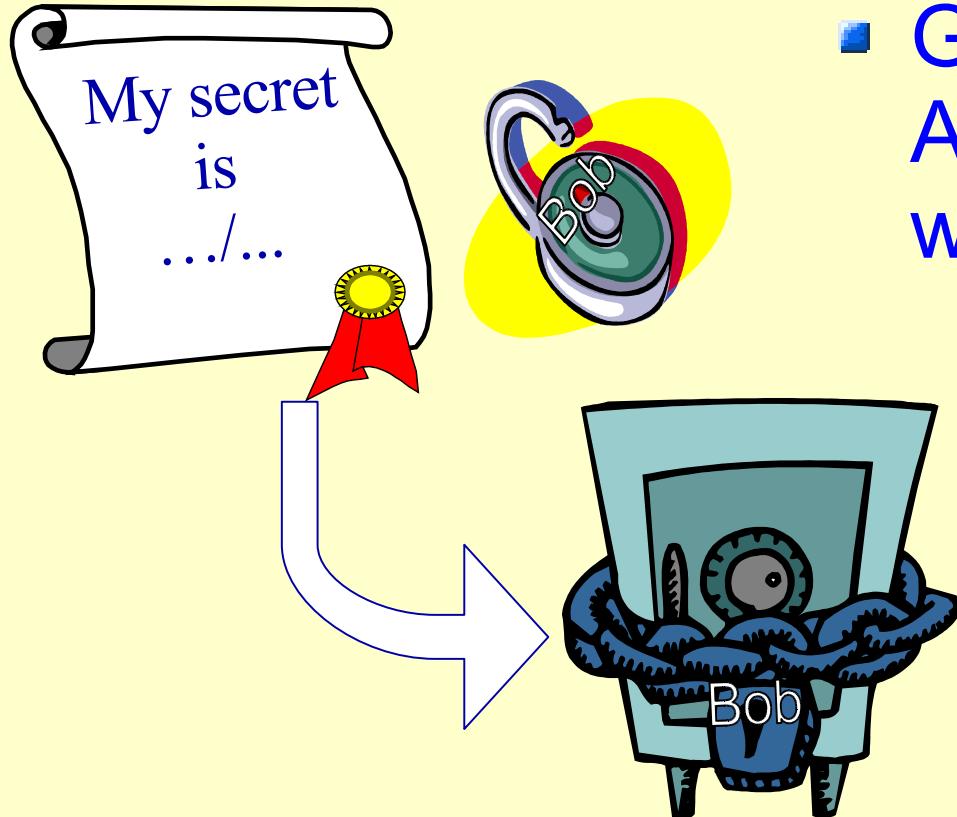
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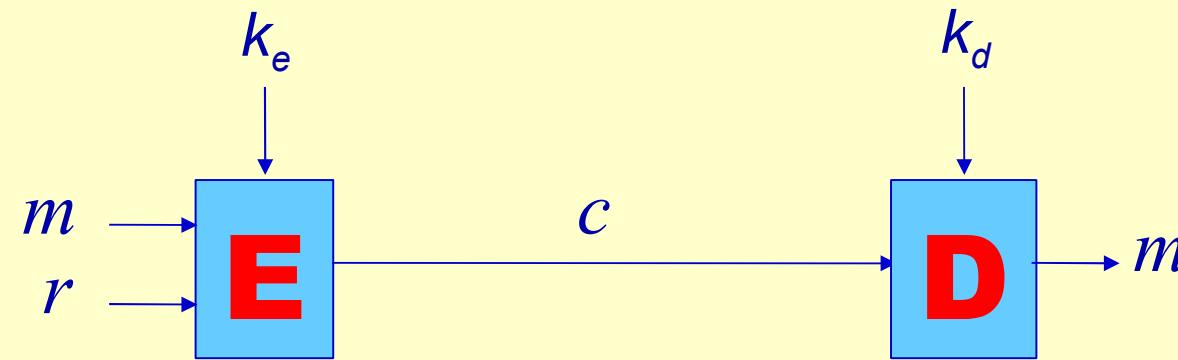
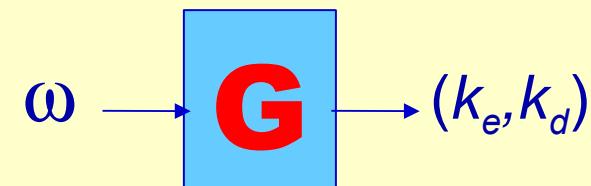


# Asymmetric Encryption Scheme

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3 algorithms:

- **G** - key generation
- **E** - encryption
- **D** - decryption



# Conditional Secrecy

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The ciphertext comes from  $c = \mathbf{E}_{k_e}(m; r)$

- The encryption key  $k_e$  is public
- A unique  $m$  satisfies the relation  
(with possibly several  $r$ )

At least exhaustive search on  $m$  and  $r$   
can lead to  $m$ , maybe a better attack!

⇒ unconditional secrecy impossible



Algorithmic assumptions

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*RSA Problem*

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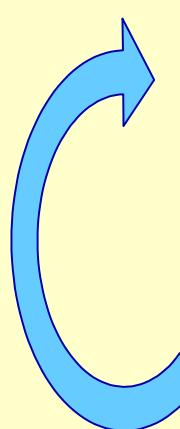
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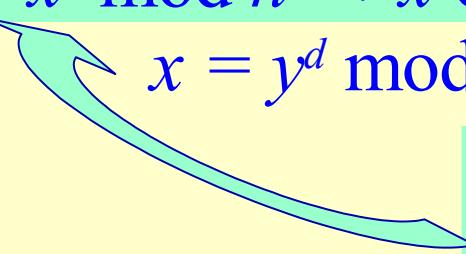
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trapdoor

key

decryption

# Complexity Estimates

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Estimates for integer factoring Lenstra-Verheul 2000

Modulus (bits)	Mips-Year ( $\log_2$ )	Operations (en $\log_2$ )
512	13	58
1024	35	80
2048	66	111
4096	104	149
8192	156	201

Can be used for RSA too

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# Algorithmic Assumptions *necessary*

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- $n=pq$  : **public modulus**
- $e$  : **public exponent**
- $d=e^{-1} \bmod \varphi(n)$  : **private**

## RSA Encryption

- $\mathbf{E}(m) = m^e \bmod n$
- $\mathbf{D}(c) = c^d \bmod n$

If the RSA problem is easy,  
secrecy is not satisfied:  
anybody may recover  $m$  from  $c$

# Algorithmic Assumptions sufficient?

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Security proofs give the guarantee that the assumption is **enough** for secrecy:

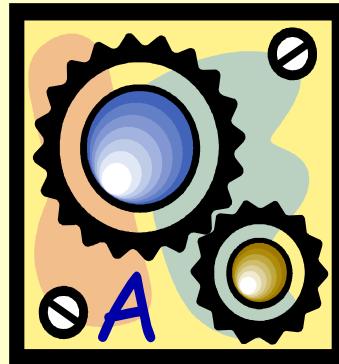
- if an adversary can break the secrecy
- one can break the assumption
  - ⇒ “reductionist” proof

# Proof by Reduction

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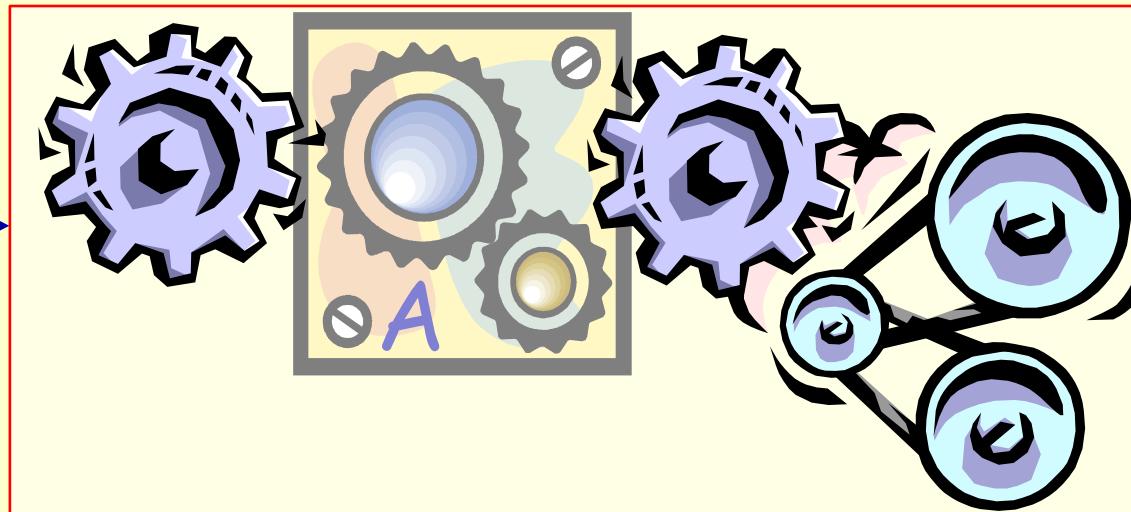


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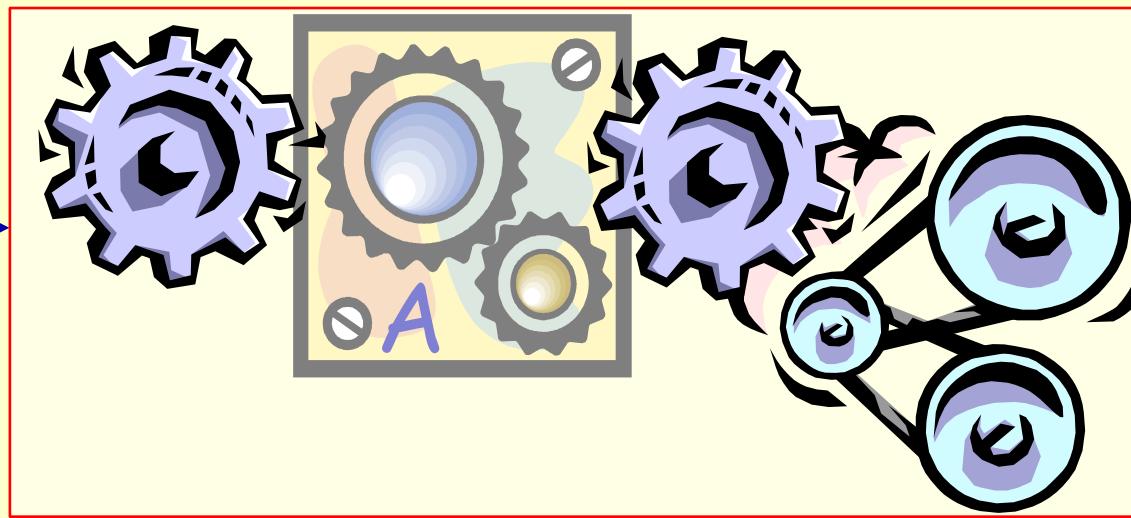
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**P** intractable  $\Rightarrow$  scheme unbreakable

# Provably Secure Scheme

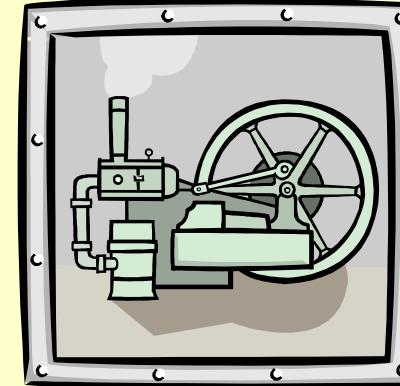
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To prove the security of a cryptographic scheme,  
one has to make precise

- the algorithmic assumptions
  - such as the RSA intractability
- the security notions to be guaranteed
  - depend on the scheme (signature, encryption, etc)
- a reduction:
  - an adversary can help  
to break the assumption

# Practical Security

Adversary  
within  $t$

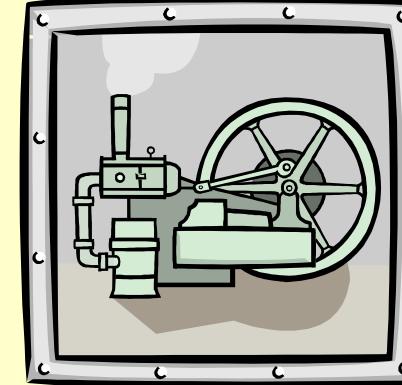
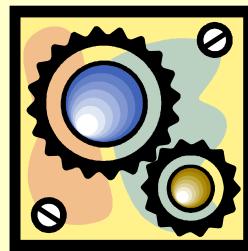


Algorithm  
against **P**  
within  $t' = f(t)$

- Complexity theory:  $f$  polynomial
- Exact security:  $f$  explicit
- Practical security:  $f$  small (linear)

# Complexity Theory

Adversary  
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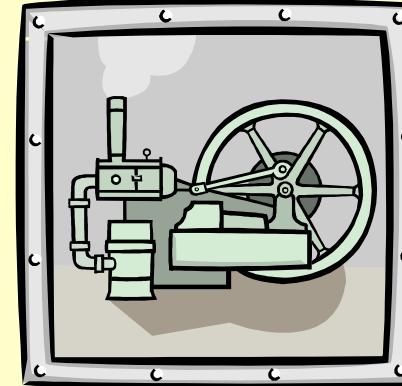


Algorithm  
against **P**  
within  $t' = f(t)$

- Assumption:
  - **P** is hard = no polynomial algorithm
- Reduction:
  - polynomial =  $f$  is a polynomial
- Security result:
  - no polynomial adversary
    - ⇒ no attack for parameters **large enough**

# Exact Security

Adversary  
within  $t$



Algorithm  
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- Assumption:
  - Solving **P** requires  $N$  operations (or time  $\tau$ )
- Reduction:
  - Exact cost for  $f$ ,  
in  $t$ , and some other parameters
- Security result:
  - no adversary within time  $t$  such that  $f(t) \leq \tau$

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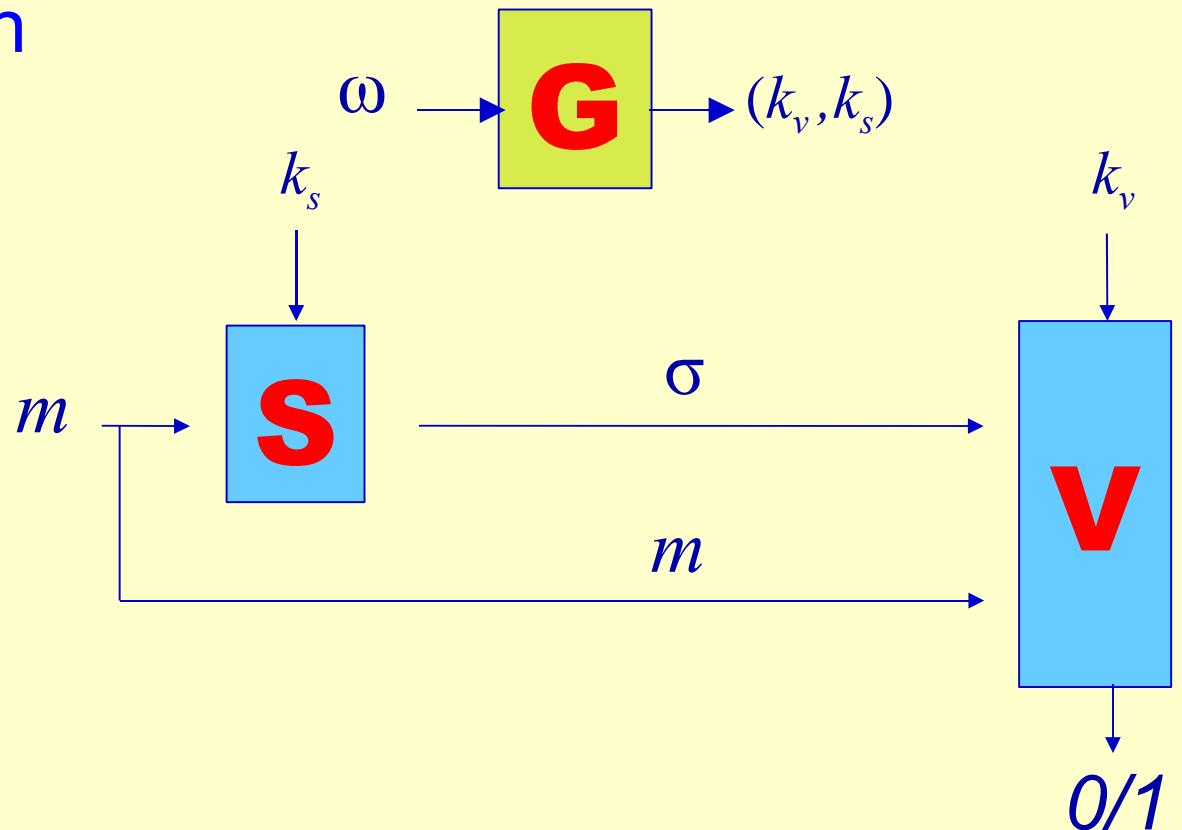
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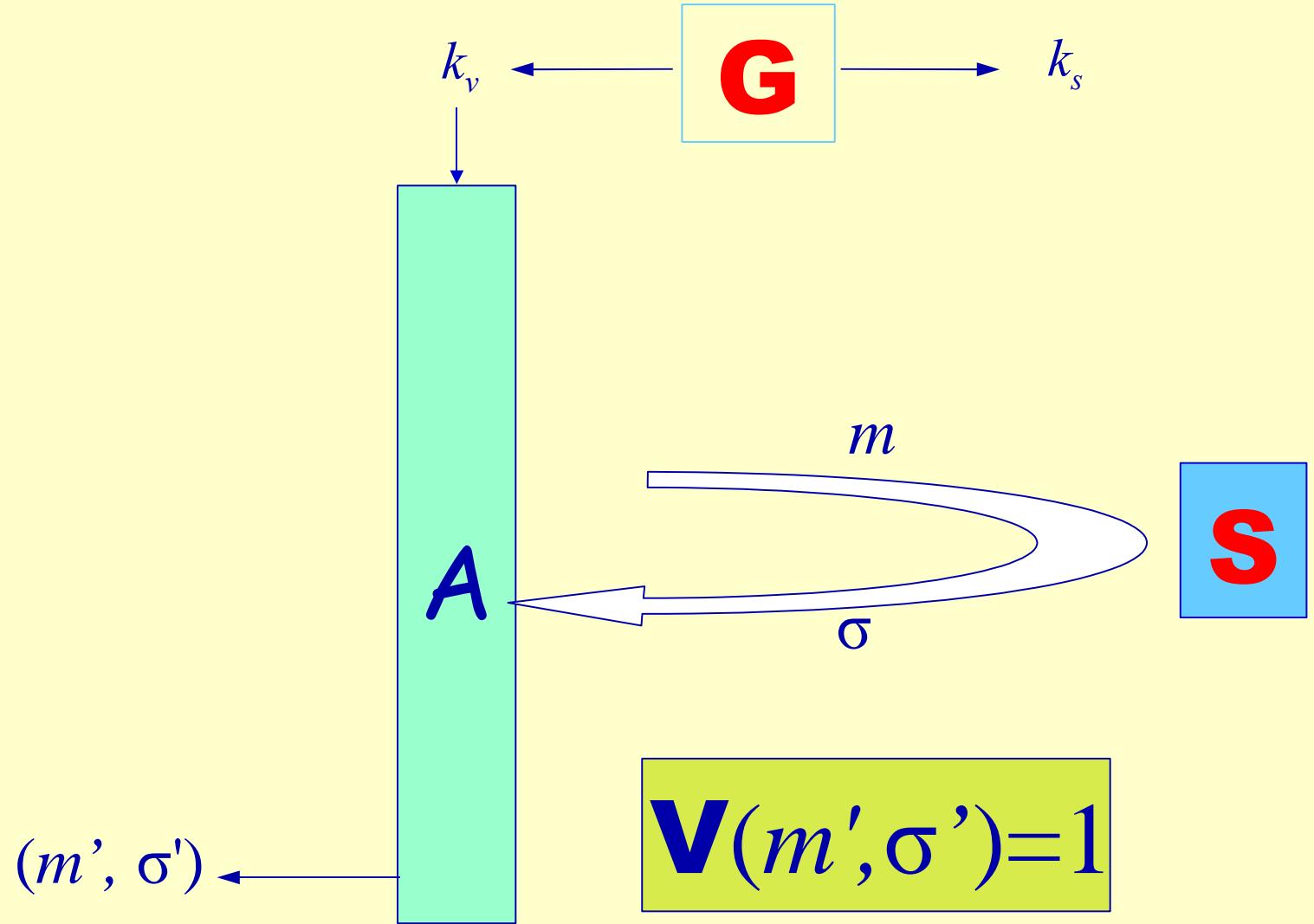
# Signature

- A signature scheme  $S = (\mathbf{G}, \mathbf{S}, \mathbf{V})$  is defined by 3 algorithms:

- **G** – key generation
- **S** – signature
- **V** – verification



# Security: EF-CMA



# RSA Signature

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- $n = pq$ , product of large primes
- $e$ , relatively prime to  $\varphi(n) = (p-1)(q-1)$
- $n, e$  : **public key**
- $d = e^{-1} \bmod \varphi(n)$  : **private key**

$$\sigma = \mathbf{S}(m) = (m)^d \bmod n$$

$$\mathbf{V}(m, \sigma) = [ \sigma^e = m \bmod n ]$$

Existential Forgery = easy!

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# FDH-RSA Signature

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- $H$  : hash function onto  $\mathbb{Z}_n$

$$\sigma = \mathbf{S}(m) = (H(m))^d \bmod n$$

$$\mathbf{V}(m, \sigma) = [ \sigma^e = H(m) \bmod n ]$$

Existential Forgery = RSA Problem

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# FDH-RSA: Exact Security

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- If one can forge a signature in expected time  $T$ , one can break the RSA problem in expected time  $T' \leq (q_H + q_S + 1) (T + (q_H + q_S) T_{\text{rsa}})$
- Expected security level:  $2^{75}$ 
  - and  $2^{55}$  hash queries and  $2^{30}$  signing queries
- An efficient adversary leads to  $T' \leq 2^{56} (t + 2^{55} T_{\text{rsa}})$
- Contradiction:

1024 bits	$\rightarrow 2^{131}$ (NFS: $2^{80}$ )	✗
fixed exponent $e$	2048 bits $\rightarrow 2^{133}$ (NFS: $2^{111}$ )	✗
$T_{\text{rsa}}$ quadratic	4096 bits $\rightarrow 2^{135}$ (NFS: $2^{149}$ )	✓

# RSA PKCS#1 Standard: RSA-PSS

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- More intricate padding before applying the RSA function, proposed by Bellare-Rogaway – 1996

$$T' \leq T + (q_H + q_{\mathbf{S}}) T_{\text{rsa}}$$

- Security bound:  $2^{75}$ 
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$$\Rightarrow T' \leq 2^{75} + 2^{56} T_{\text{rsa}}$$

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1024 bits $\rightarrow 2^{77}$ (NFS: $2^{80}$ )	✓
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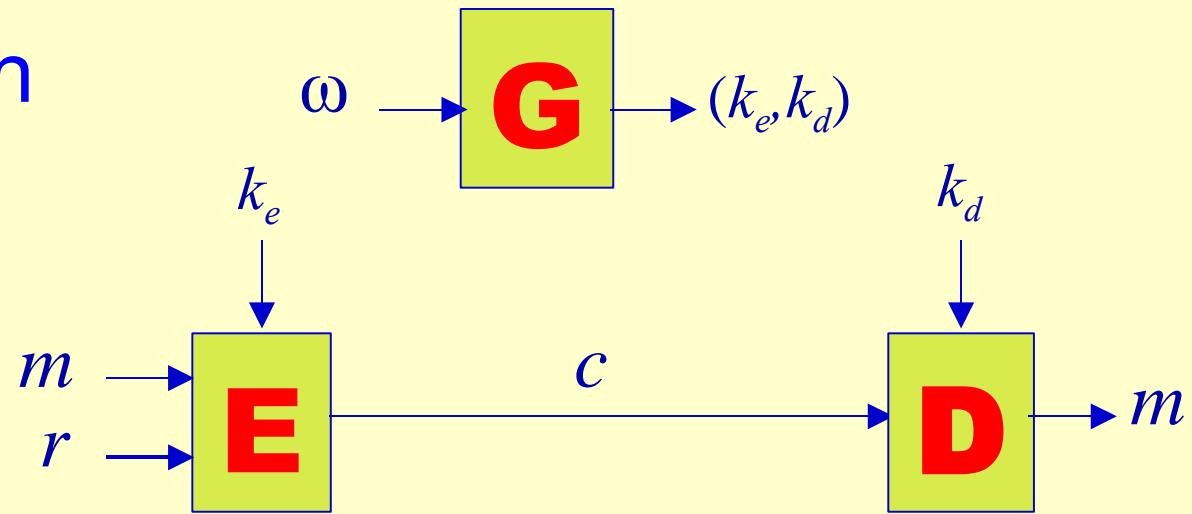
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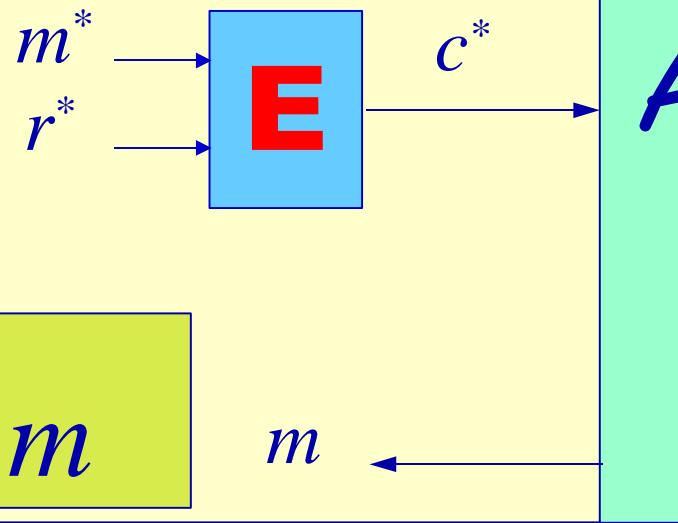
- **E** – encryption
- **D** – decryption



Security = secrecy : impossible  
to recover  $m$  from public information  
(i.e from  $c$ , but without  $k_d$ )

# One-Wayness

$m^*$  random  
 $r^*$  random



# Not Enough

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- One-Wayness (OW) :
  - without the private key, it is computationally impossible to recover the plaintext
  - but it does not exclude the possibility of recovering half of the plaintext!
- It is not enough if one already has some information about  $m$ :
  - “Subject: XXXXX”
  - “My answer is XXX” (XXX = Yes/No)

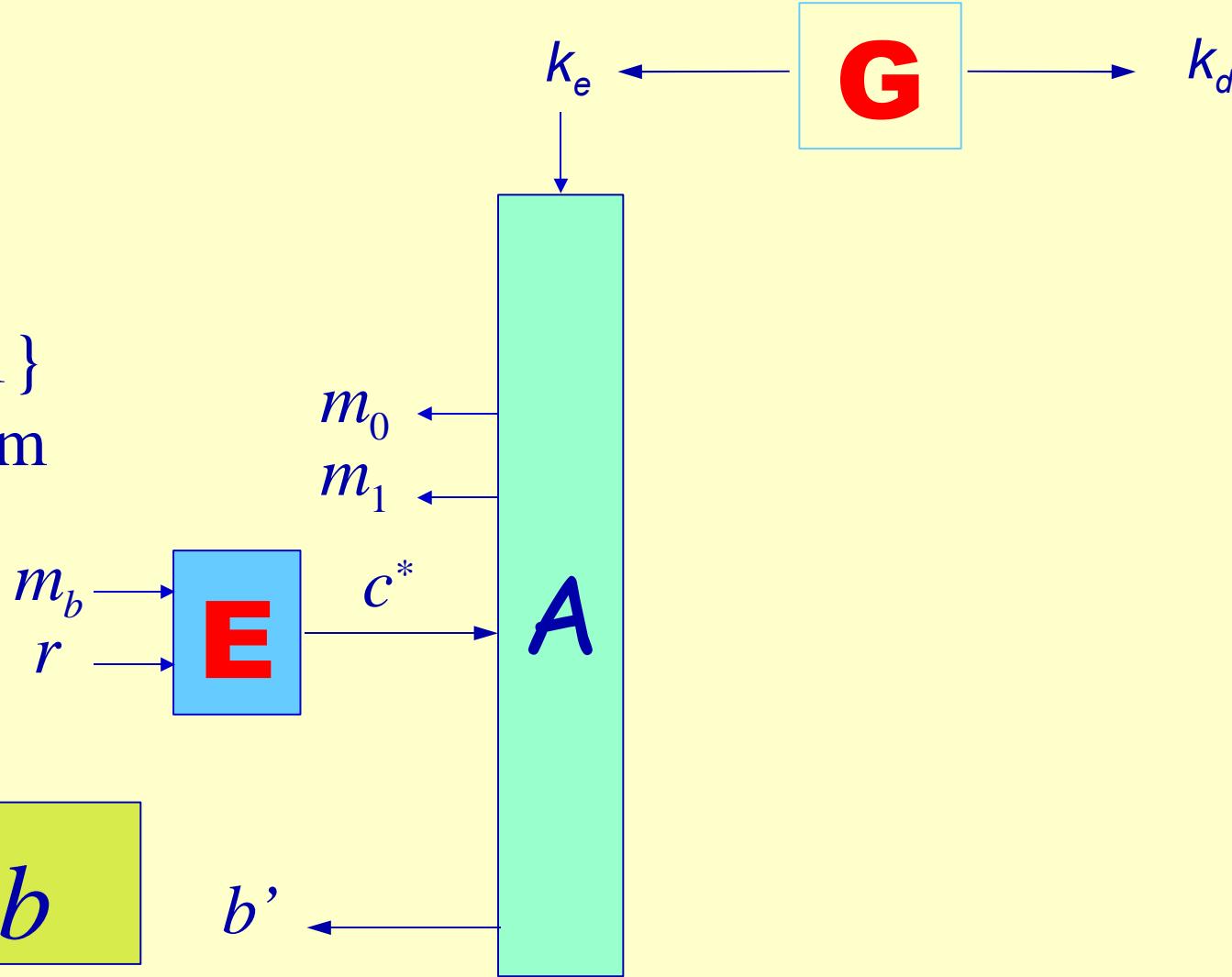
# Even Worse

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- Let  $g$  be a “one-way” function
- Let us define  $f(x \parallel y) = x \parallel g(y)$ 
  - function  $f$  is also one-way
  - from  $f(x \parallel y)$ ,  
one easily recovers most of the pre-image!

# Semantic Security

$b \in \{0,1\}$   
 $r$  random



# Basic Attacks

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- Chosen-Plaintext Attacks (CPA)

In public-key cryptography setting,  
the adversary can encrypt any message  
of his choice, granted the public key

⇒ the basic attack

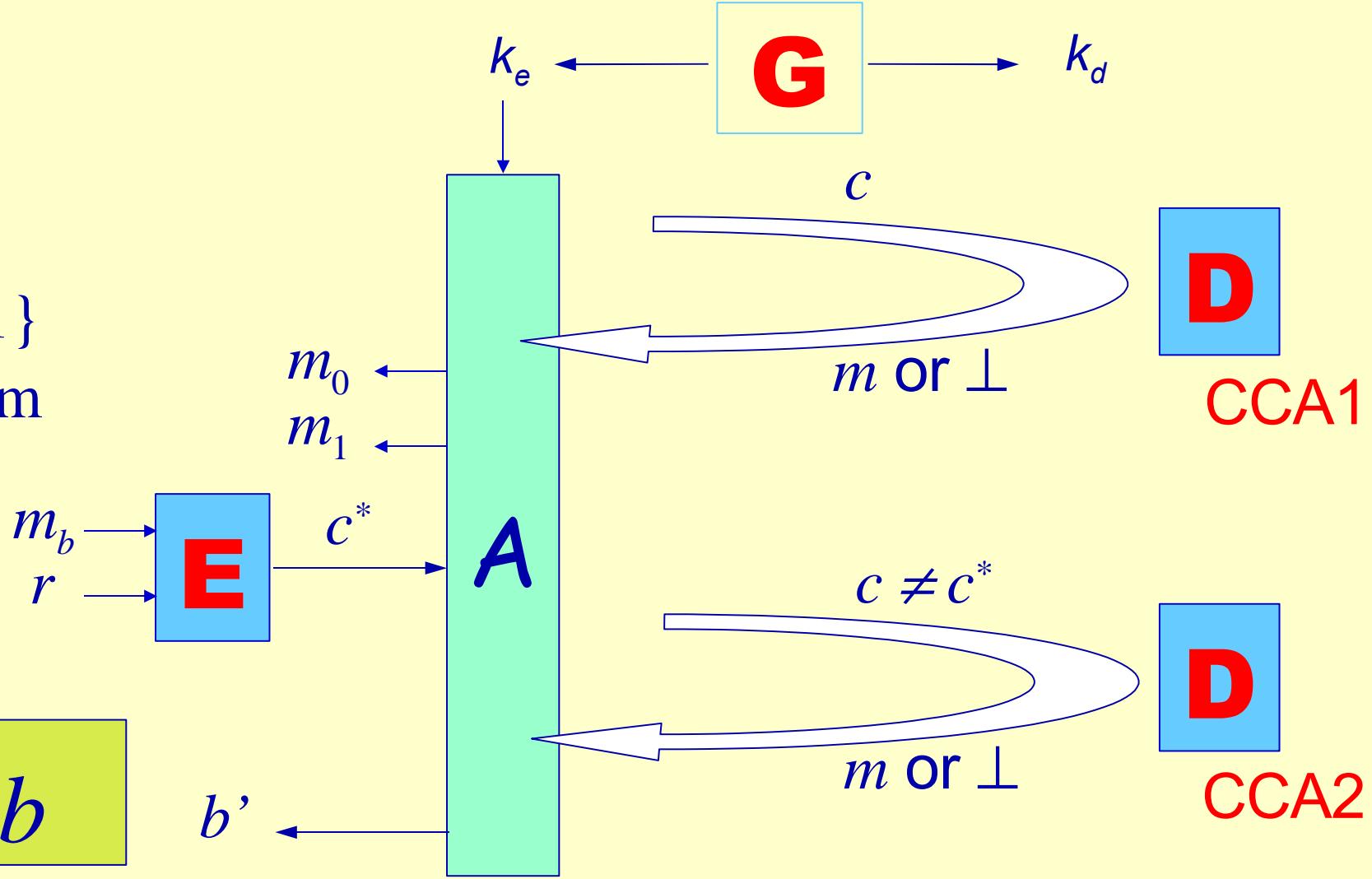
# Improved Attacks

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- More information: oracle access
  - reaction attacks
    - oracle which answers, on  $c$ , whether the ciphertext  $c$  is valid or not
  - plaintext-checking attacks
    - oracle which answers, on a pair  $(m,c)$ , whether the plaintext  $m$  is really encrypted in  $c$  or not (whether  $m = \mathbf{D}(c)$ )

# IND-CCA2

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# Generic Construction Bellare-Rogaway '93

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- Let  $f$  be a trapdoor one-way permutation then (with  $G \rightarrow \{0,1\}^n$  and  $H \rightarrow \{0,1\}^k$ )
- $\mathbf{E}(m;r) = f(r) \parallel m \oplus G(r) \parallel H(m,r)$
- $\mathbf{D}(a,b,c) :$ 
  - $r = f^{-1}(a)$
  - $m = b \oplus G(r)$
  - $c = H(m,r) ?$

# Practical Security

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$$\text{Adv}^{\text{ind}}(\mathcal{A}) \leq 2q_{\mathbf{D}}/2^k + q_H/2^n + \text{Succ}^{\text{ow}}(t + (q_G + q_H)T_f)$$

- Security bound:  $2^{75}$ 
  - and  $2^{55}$  hash queries and  $2^{30}$  decryption queries
- Break the scheme within  $t$ , invert  $f$  within time  
 $t' \leq t + (q_G + q_H) T_f \leq t + 2^{55} T_f$ 
  - RSA: 1024 bits  $\rightarrow 2^{76}$  (NFS:  $2^{80}$ )      ✓
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# Conclusion

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With provable security, one can prove that a cryptographic scheme actually achieves a specific security level

- Under well-defined computational assumptions
- In a precise (communication) security model
  - Side-channel attacks are not considered