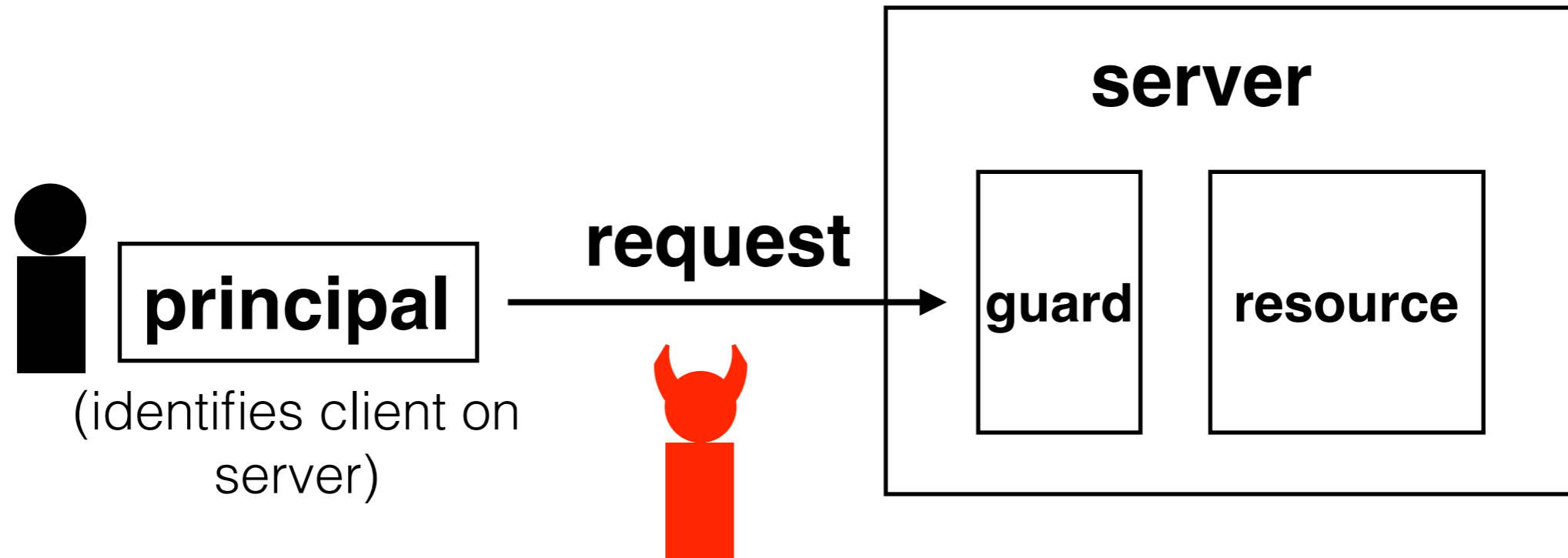


# 6.033 Spring 2015

## Lecture #23

- **Combating network adversaries**
  - **Secure Channels**
  - **Signatures**



**confidentiality:** adversary cannot learn message contents

**integrity:** adversary cannot tamper with message contents  
(if they do, client and/or server will detect it)

$\text{encrypt}(\text{key}, \text{message}) \rightarrow \text{ciphertext}$   
 $\text{decrypt}(\text{key}, \text{ciphertext}) \rightarrow \text{message}$

**property:** given the **ciphertext**, it is (virtually) impossible to obtain the **message** without knowing the **key**

$\text{MAC}(\text{key}, \text{message}) \rightarrow \text{token}$

**property:** given the **message**, it is (virtually) impossible to obtain the **token** without knowing the **key**

(it is also impossible to go in the reverse direction)

alice

$c = \text{encrypt}(k, m)$

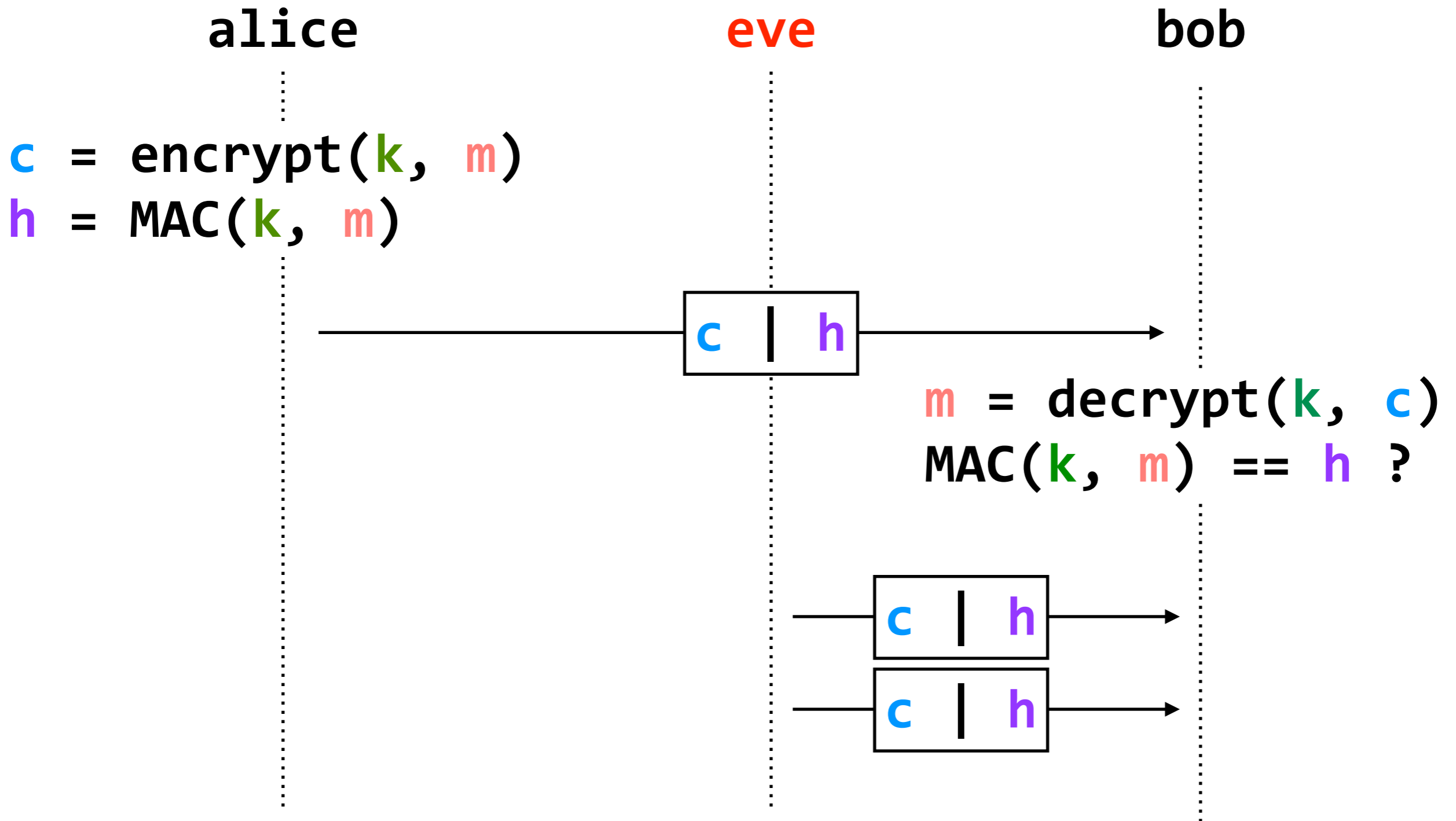
$h = \text{MAC}(k, m)$

bob



$m = \text{decrypt}(k, c)$

$\text{MAC}(k, m) == h ?$



## problem: replay attacks

(adversary could intercept a message, re-send it at a later time)

alice

bob

$c = \text{encrypt}(k, m \mid \text{seq})$

$h = \text{MAC}(k, m \mid \text{seq})$



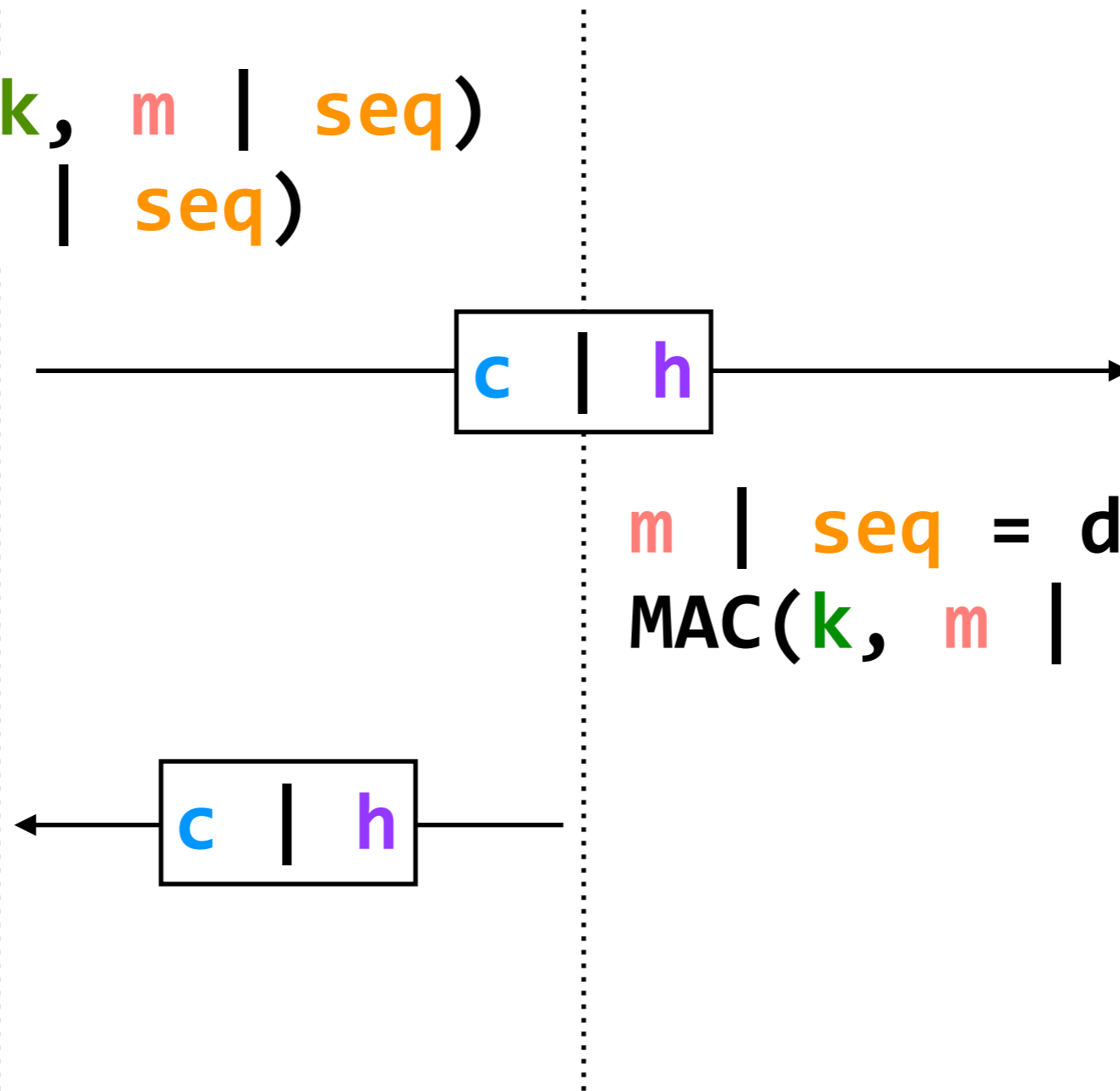
$m \mid \text{seq} = \text{decrypt}(k, c)$   
 $\text{MAC}(k, m \mid \text{seq}) == h ?$

alice

eve

bob

$c = \text{encrypt}(k, m \mid \text{seq})$   
 $h = \text{MAC}(k, m \mid \text{seq})$



$m \mid \text{seq} = \text{decrypt}(k, c)$   
 $\text{MAC}(k, m \mid \text{seq}) == h ?$

**problem:** reflection attacks

(adversary could intercept a message, re-send it at a later time in the opposite direction)

alice

$$c_a = \text{encrypt}(k_a, m_a \mid \text{seq}_a)$$

$$h_a = \text{MAC}(k_a, m_a \mid \text{seq}_a)$$



$$m_a \mid \text{seq}_a = \text{decrypt}(k_a, c_a)$$
$$\text{MAC}(k_a, m_a \mid \text{seq}_a) == h_a ?$$

$$c_b = \text{encrypt}(k_b, m_b \mid \text{seq}_b)$$
$$h_b = \text{MAC}(k_b, m_b \mid \text{seq}_b)$$



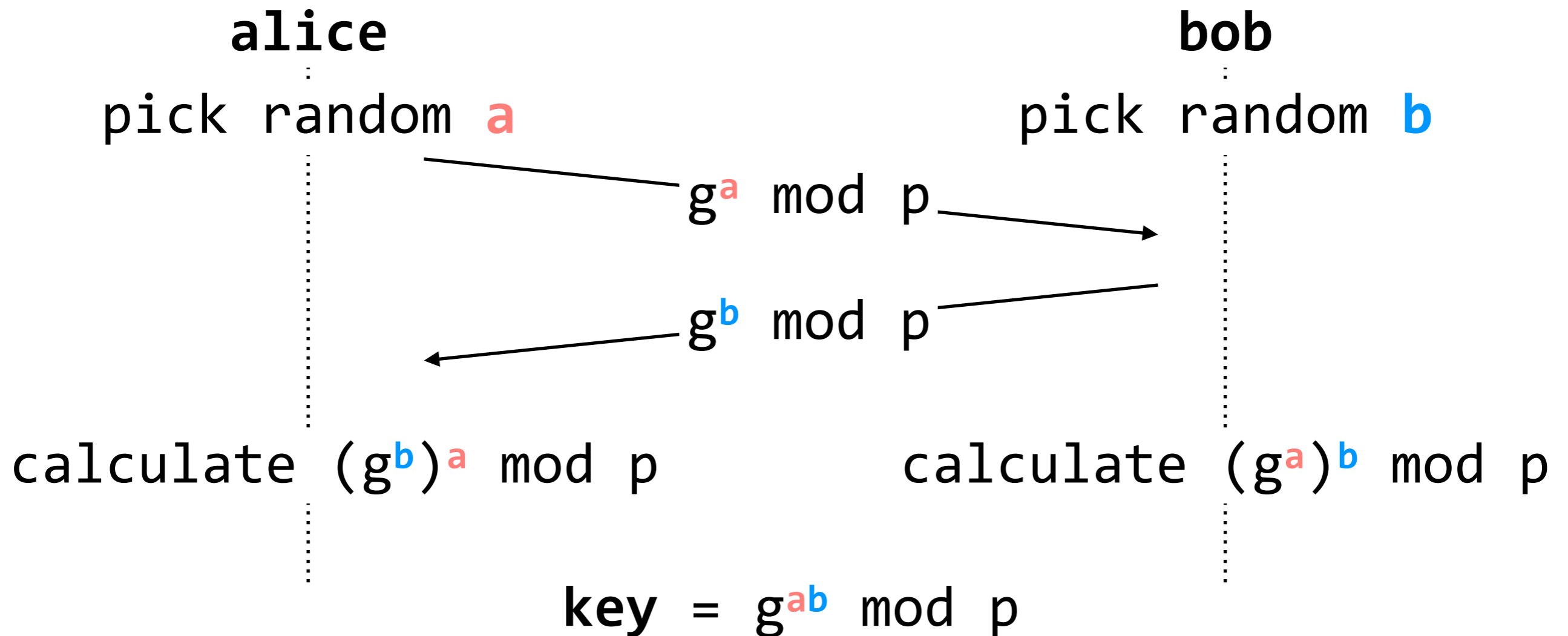
$$m_b \mid \text{seq}_b = \text{decrypt}(k_b, c_b)$$
$$\text{MAC}(k_b, m_b \mid \text{seq}_b) == h_b ?$$



**problem:** how do the parties know the keys?

**known:**  $p$  (prime),  $g$

**property:** given  $g^r \bmod p$ , it is (virtually) impossible to determine  $r$  *even if you know  $g$  and  $p$*



**alice**

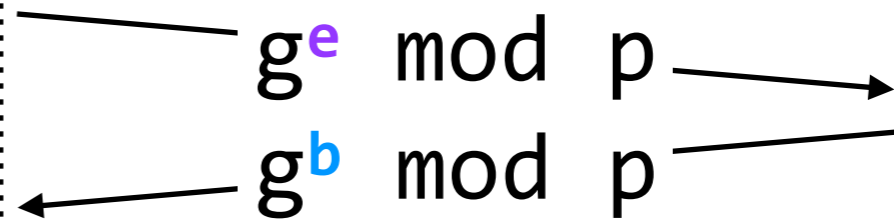
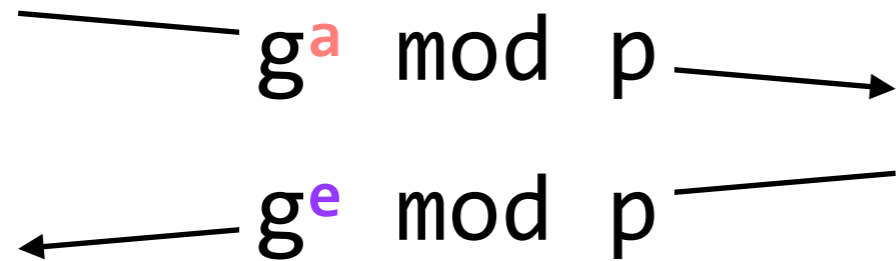
**eve**

**bob**

pick random **a**

pick random **e**

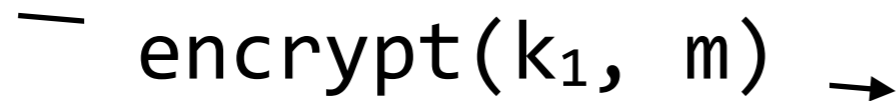
pick random **b**



$$k_1 = (g^e)^a \text{ mod } p$$

$$k_2 = (g^e)^b \text{ mod } p$$

**eve can calculate  
k<sub>1</sub> and k<sub>2</sub>**



decrypt  $m$



**problem:** alice and bob don't know they're not communicating directly

# cryptographic signatures

allow users to verify identities using public-key cryptography

**sign**(secret\_key, message) → sig

**verify**(public\_key, message, sig) → yes/no

# TLS handshake

client

server

ClientHello {version, seq<sub>c</sub>, session\_id, cipher suites, compression func} →

← ServerHello {version, seq<sub>s</sub>, session\_id, cipher suite, compression func}

← {server certificate, CA certificates}

← ServerHelloDone

client verifies authenticity of server

ClientKeyExchange {encrypt(server\_pub\_key, pre\_master\_secret)} →

compute

master\_secret = PRF(pre\_master\_secret, "master secret", seq<sub>c</sub> | seq<sub>s</sub>)

key\_block = PRF(master\_secret, "key expansion", seq<sub>c</sub> | seq<sub>s</sub>)

= {client\_MAC\_key,  
server\_MAC\_key,  
client\_encrypt\_key,  
server\_encrypt\_key,  
...}

Finished {sign(client\_MAC\_key, encrypt(client\_encrypt\_key,  
MAC(master\_secret, previous\_messages)))} →

← Finished {sign(server\_MAC\_key, encrypt(server\_encrypt\_key,  
MAC(master\_secret, previous\_messages)))}

- **Secure channels** protect us from adversaries that can observe and tamper with packets in the network.
- Encrypting with **symmetric keys** provides secrecy, and using **MACs** provides integrity. **Diffie-Hellman key exchange** lets us exchange the symmetric key securely.
- To verify identities, we use **public-key cryptography** and cryptographic **signatures**. We often distribute public keys with **certificate authorities**, though this method is not perfect.