

# Authentication II

601.442/642 Modern Cryptography

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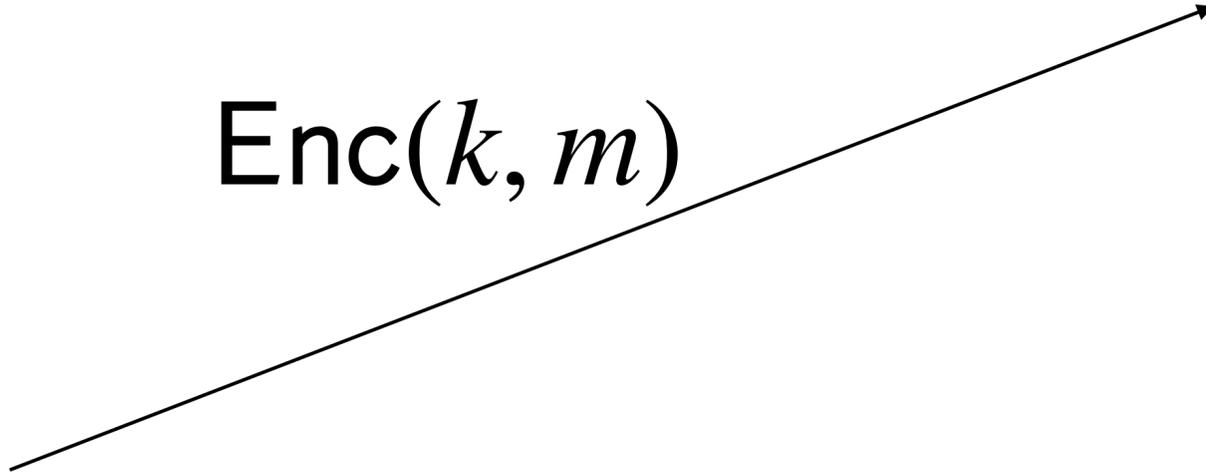
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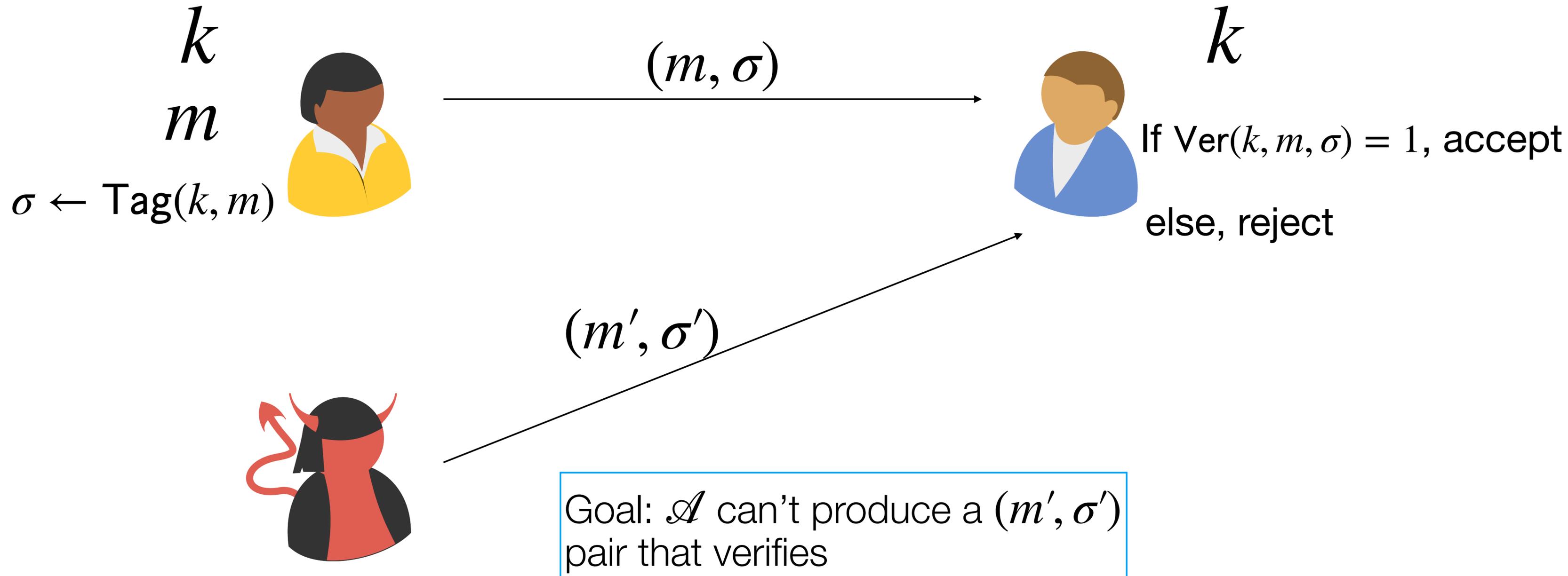
$\mathcal{A}$  sends a message to Bob while *claiming to be Alice*.

How can Bob tell that a message *really did* come from Alice?

Goal: something like a *signature*

- Alice can “sign” a message  $m$  to produce a signature  $\sigma$
- Bob can *verify* that  $\sigma$  is correct for  $m$
- $\mathcal{A}$  cannot *forge* a signature

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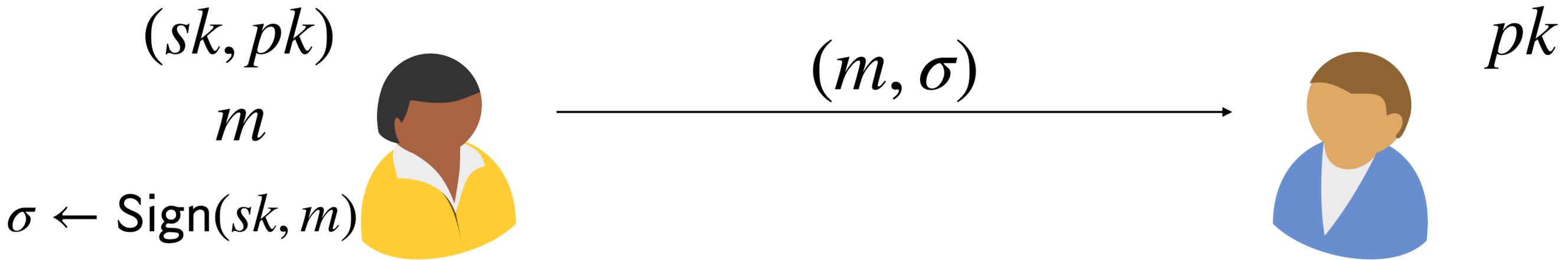
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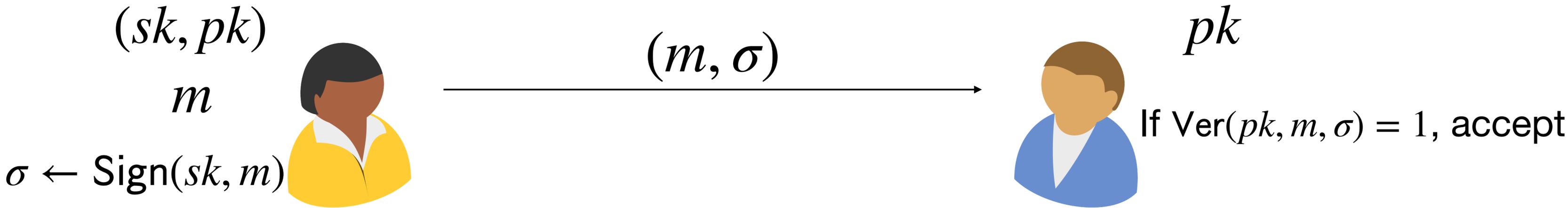


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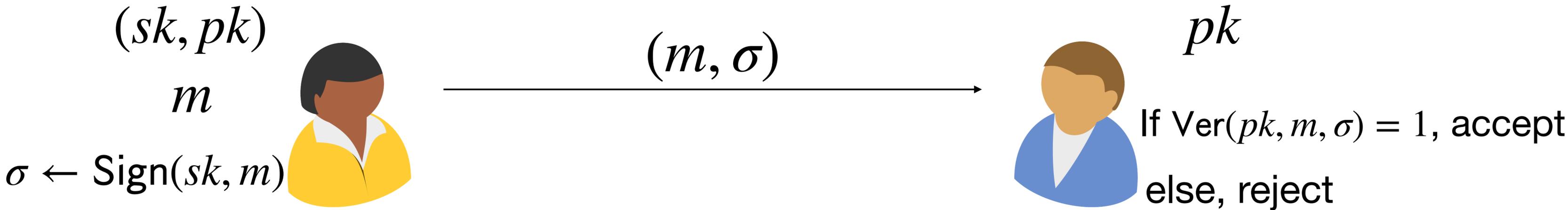
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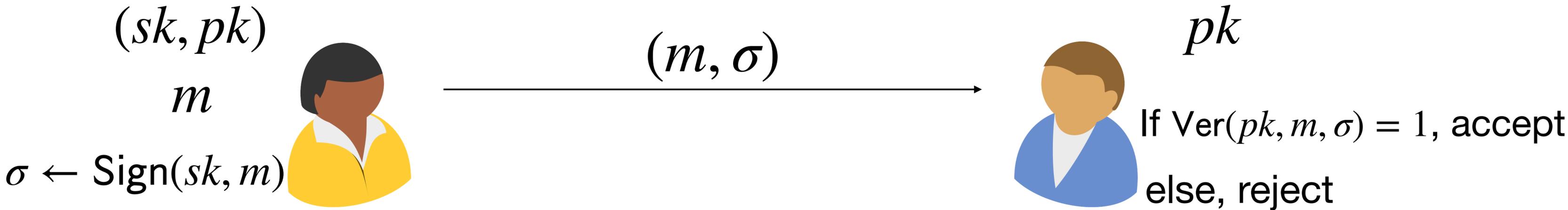
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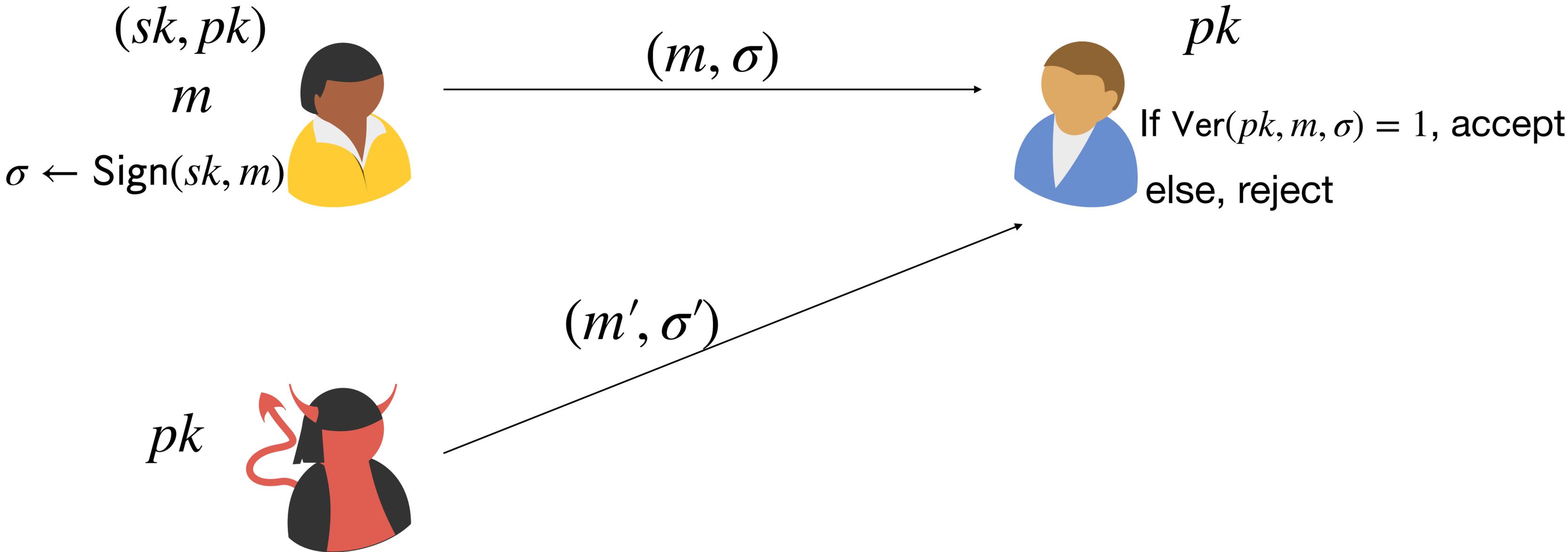
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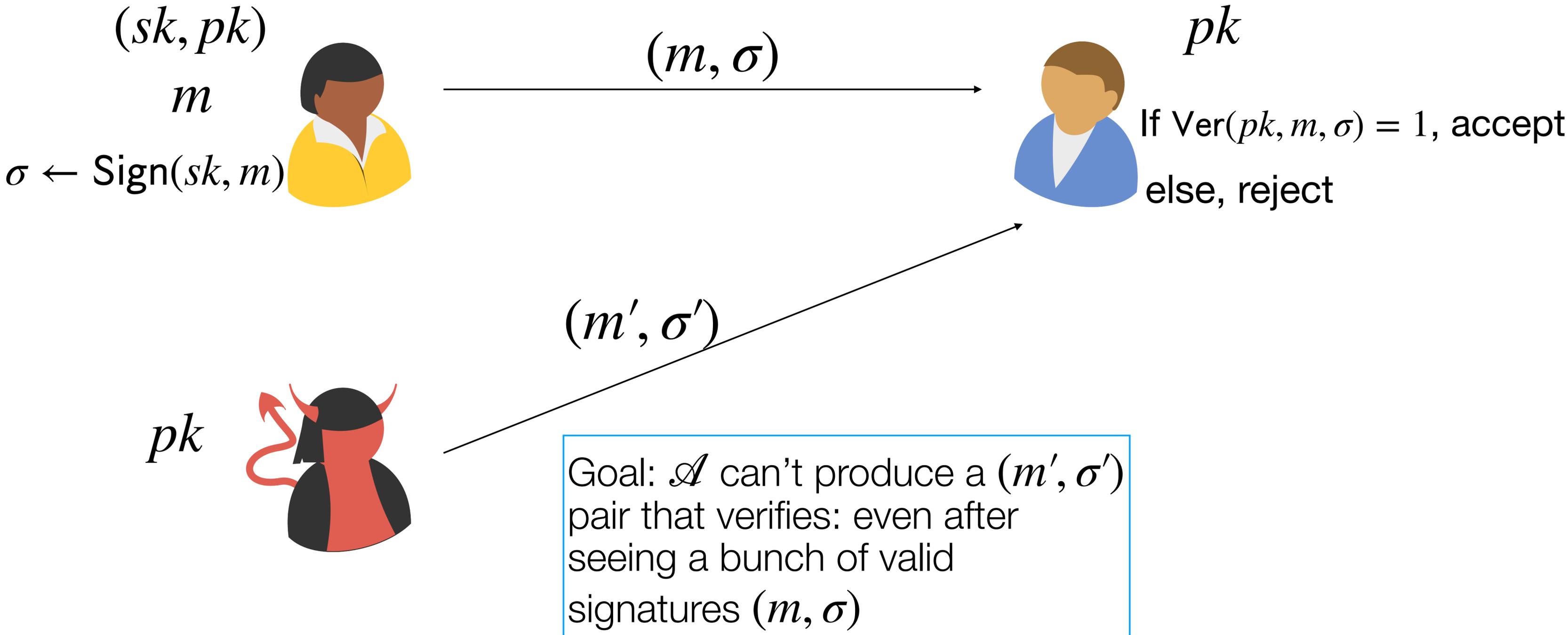
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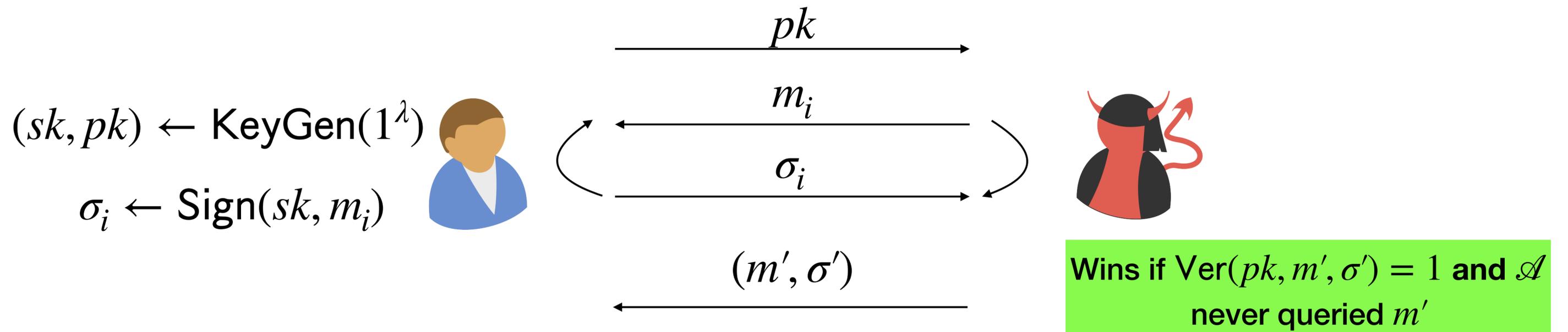
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A **Digital Signature scheme** (KeyGen, Tag, Ver) satisfies *unforgeability under chosen message attack* (UF-CMA) if for all NUPPT  $\mathcal{A}$ , there exists a negligible function  $\text{negl}(\cdot)$  such that  $\forall \lambda \in \mathbb{N}$ :

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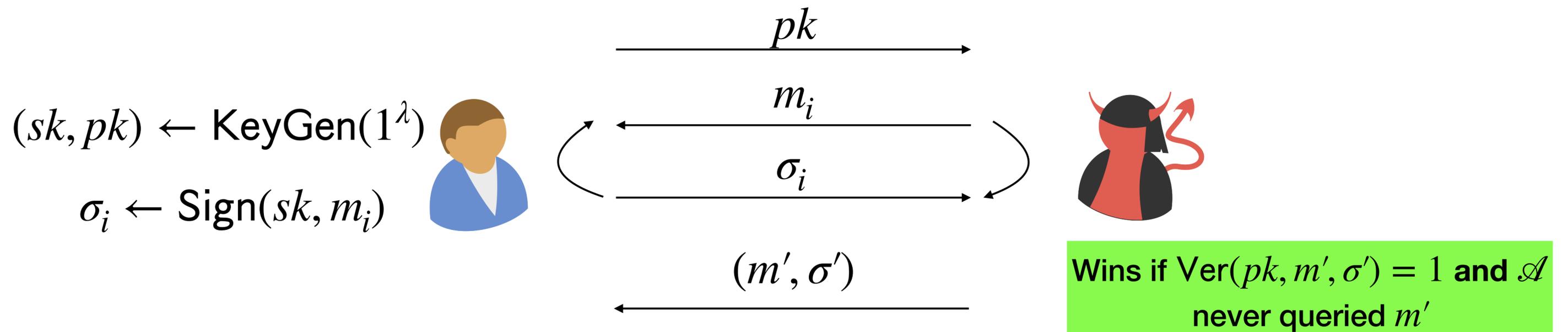


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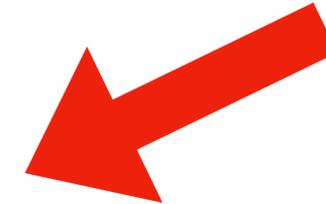
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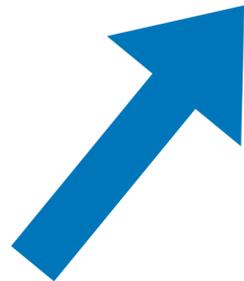
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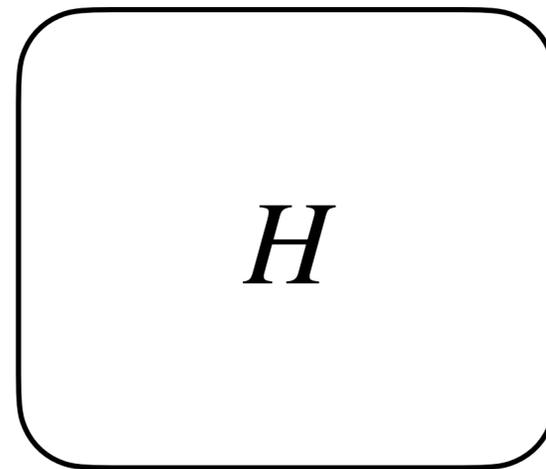
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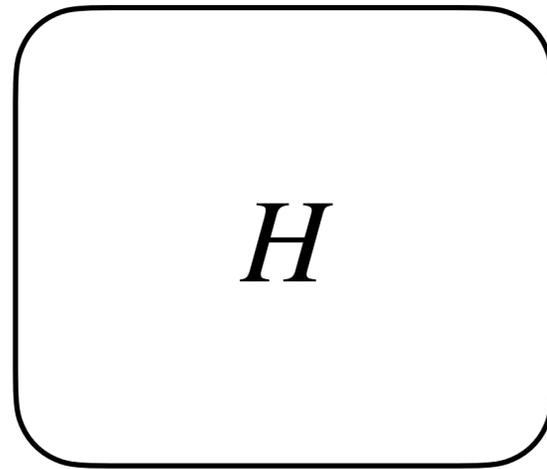
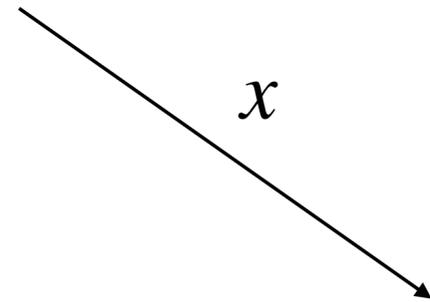


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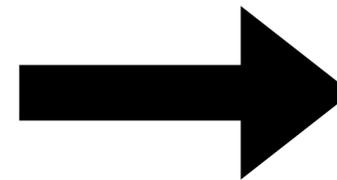
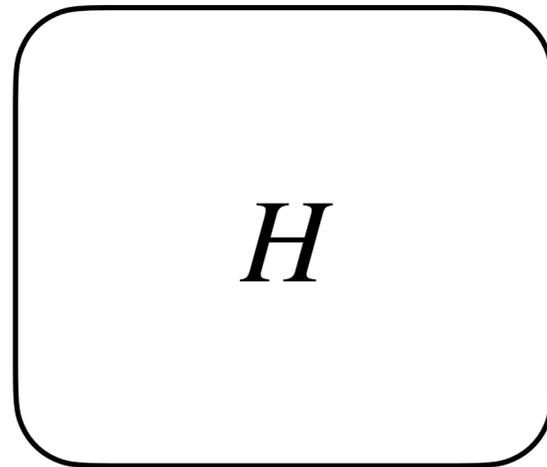
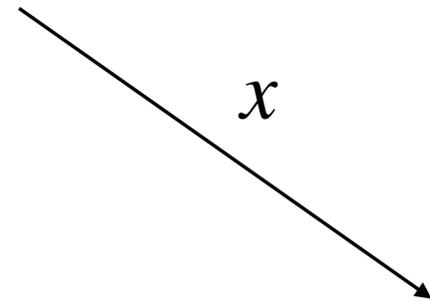
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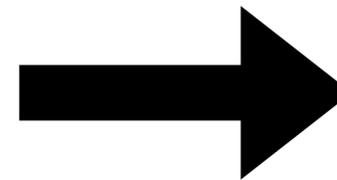
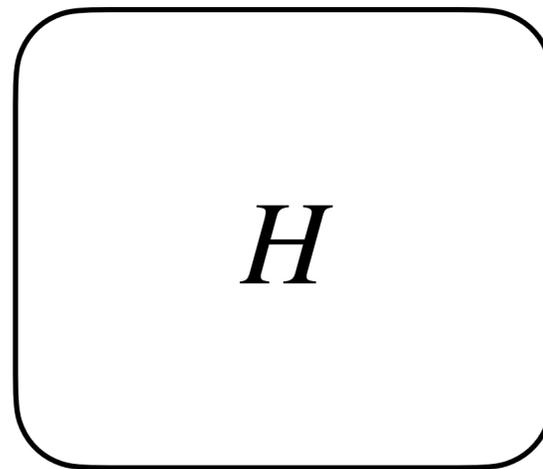
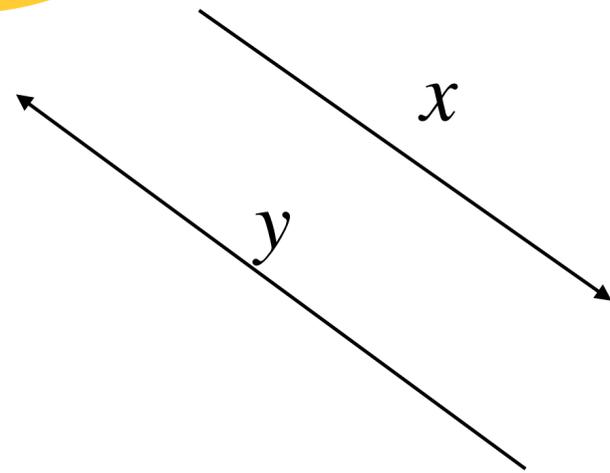
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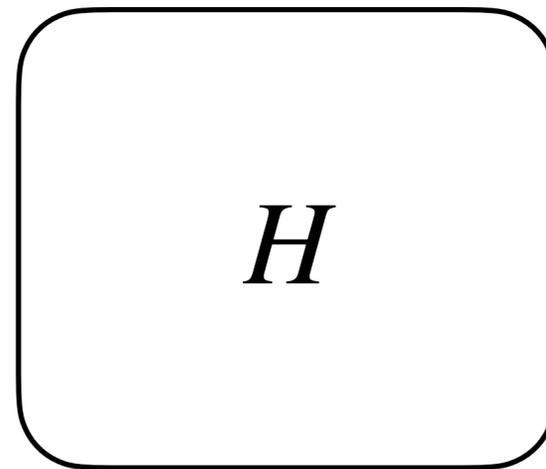
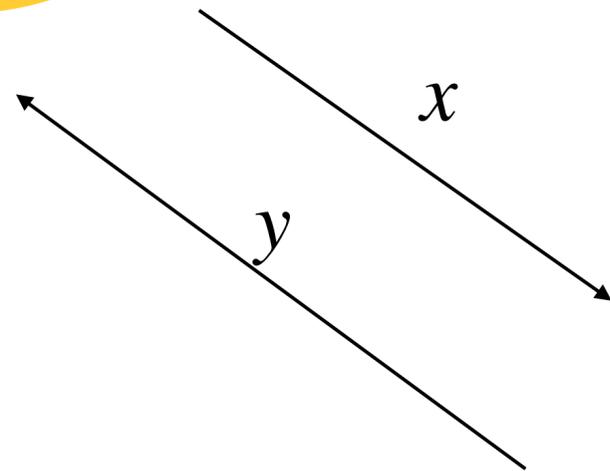
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$x$	$y$
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# The Random Oracle Model

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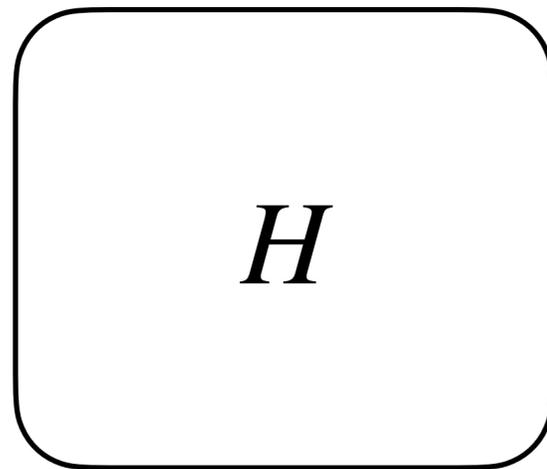
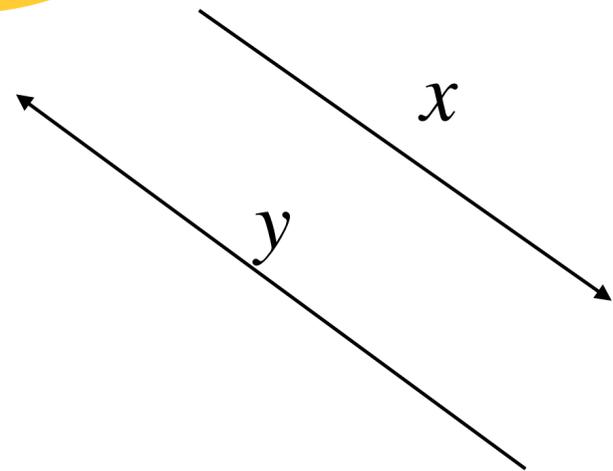
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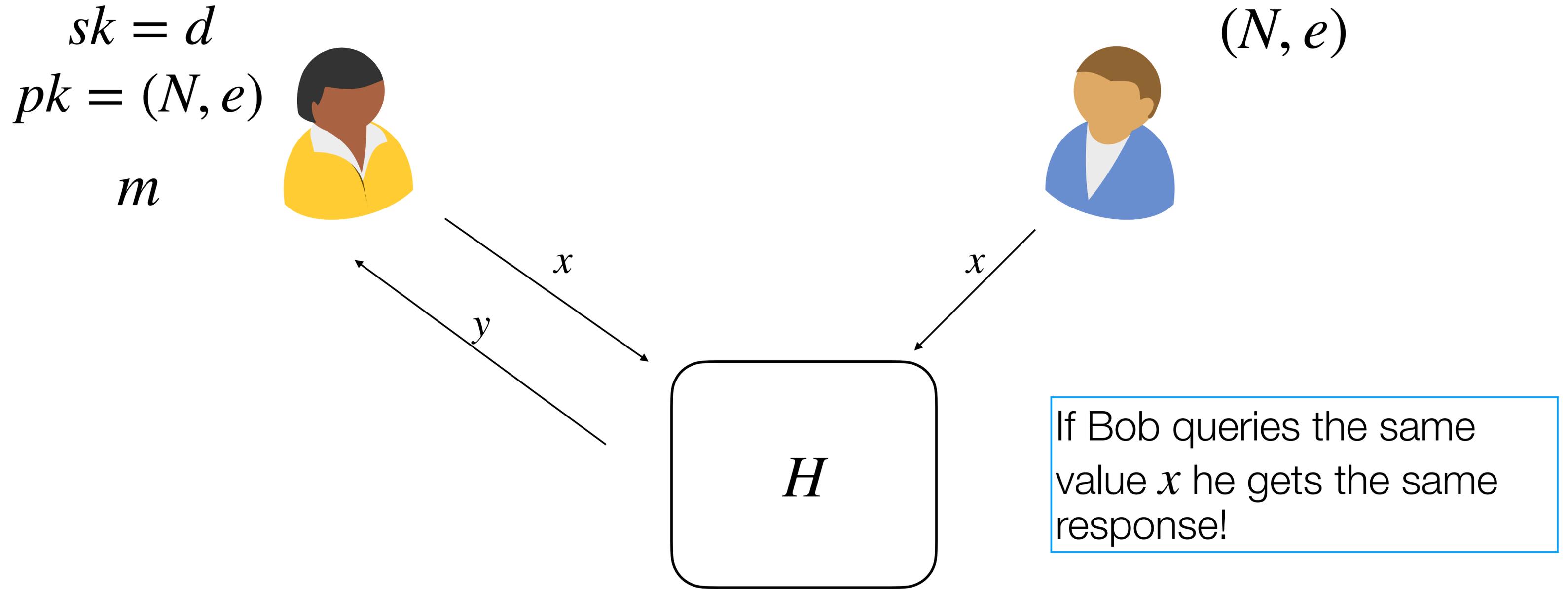
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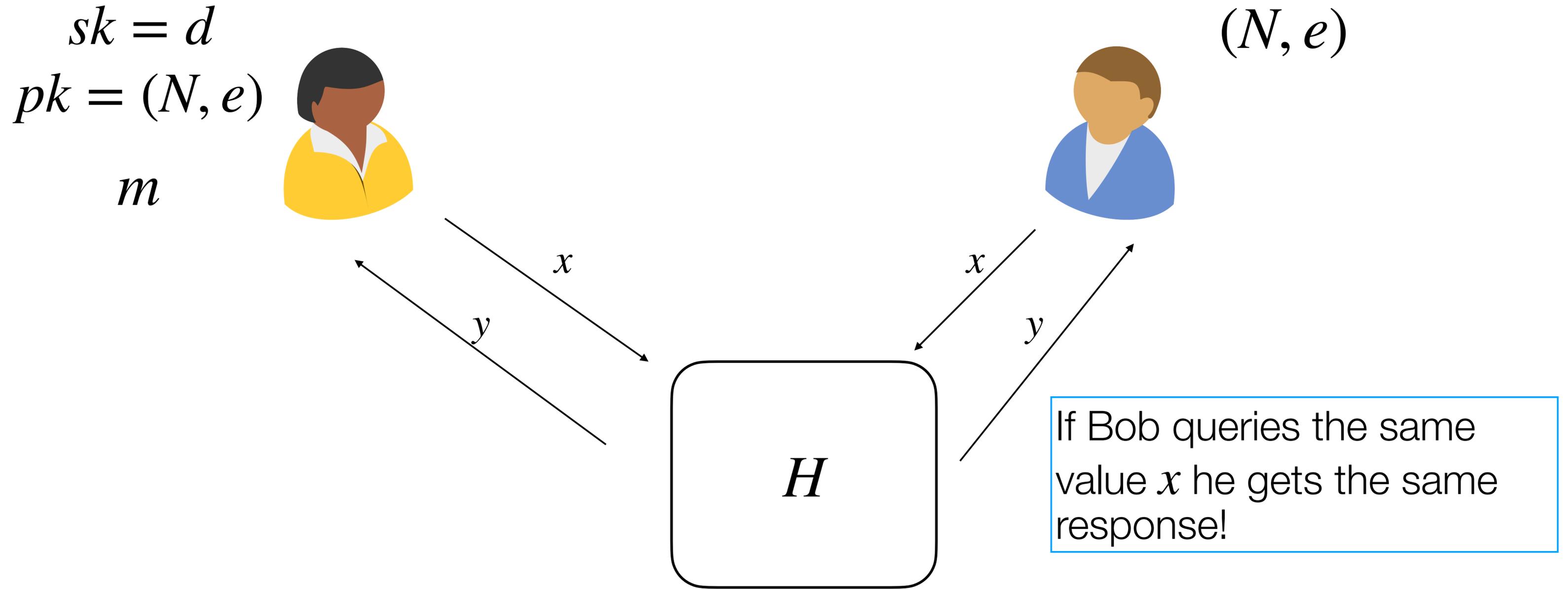
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If Bob queries the same value  $x$  he gets the same response!

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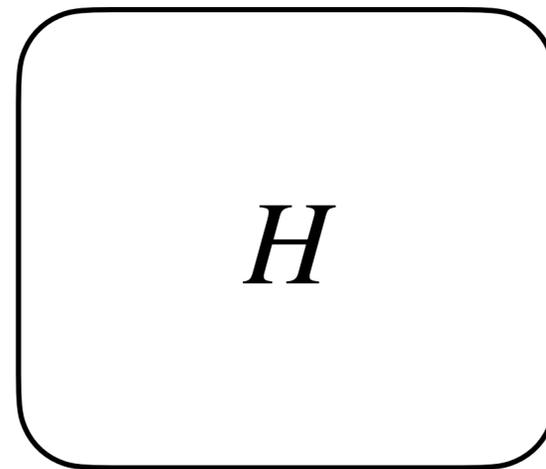


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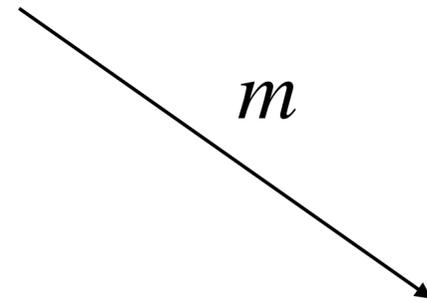


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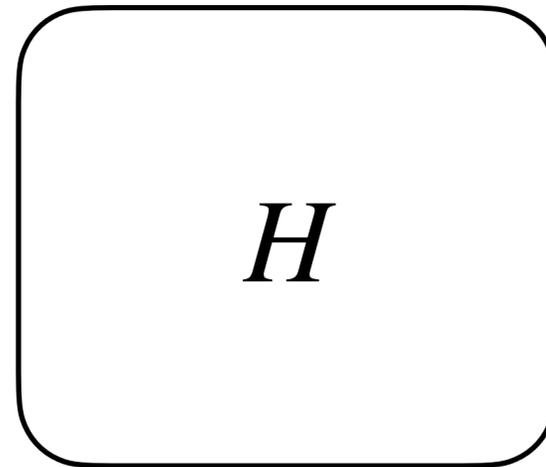
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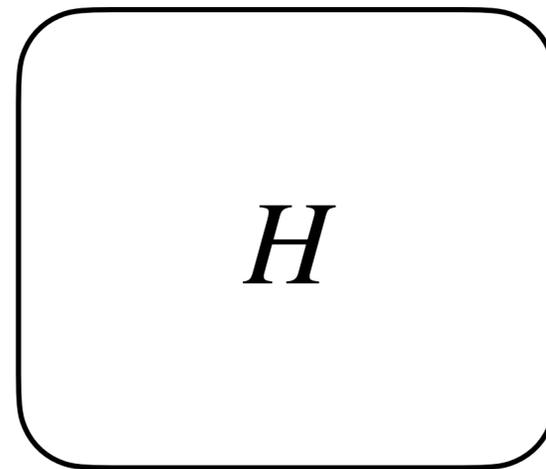
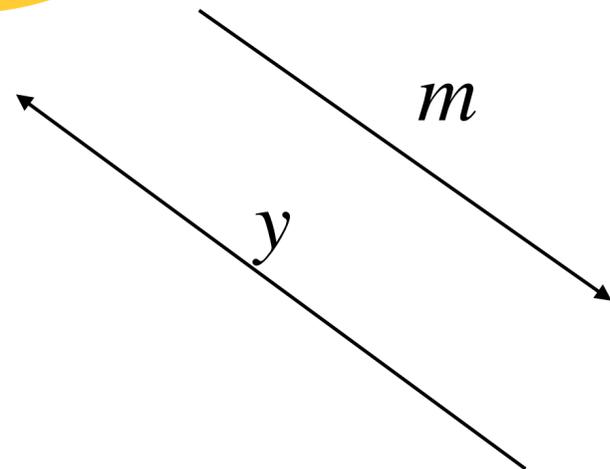


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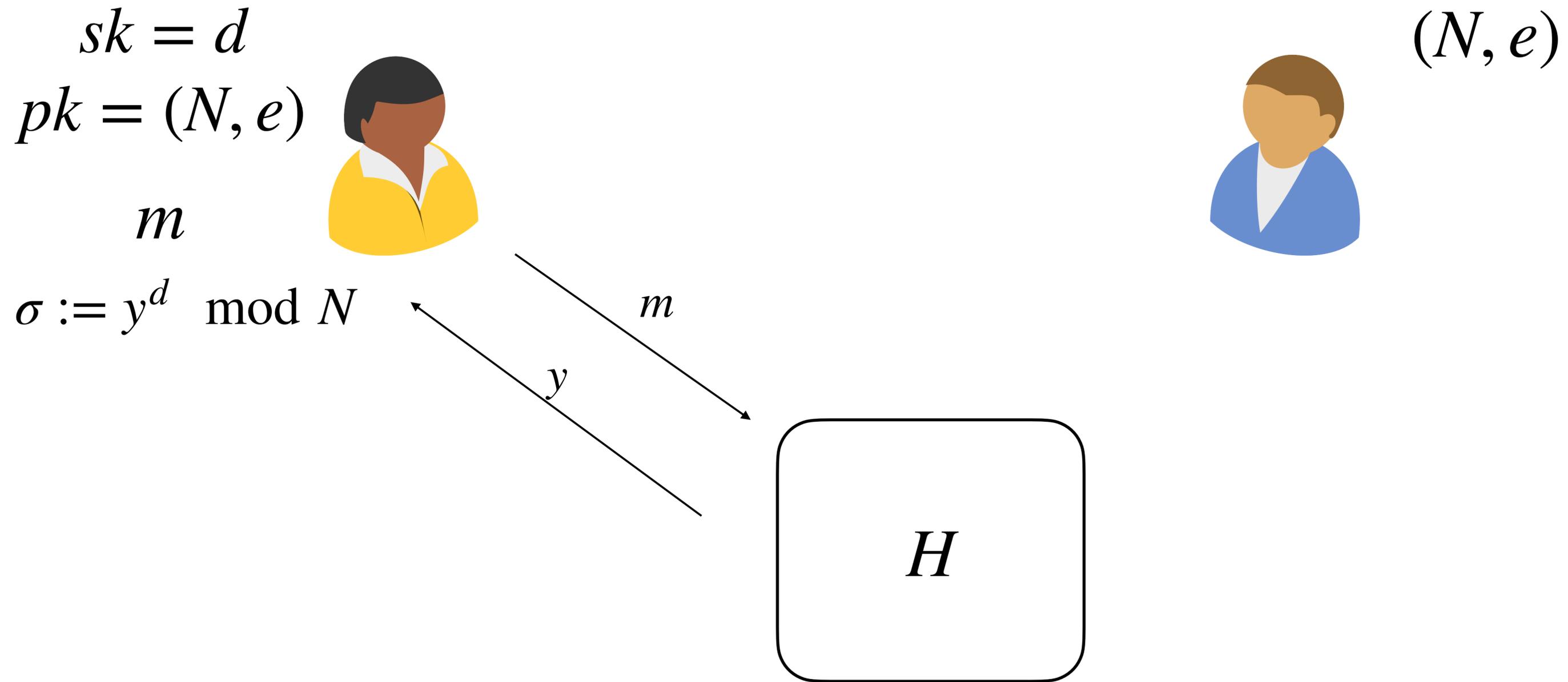
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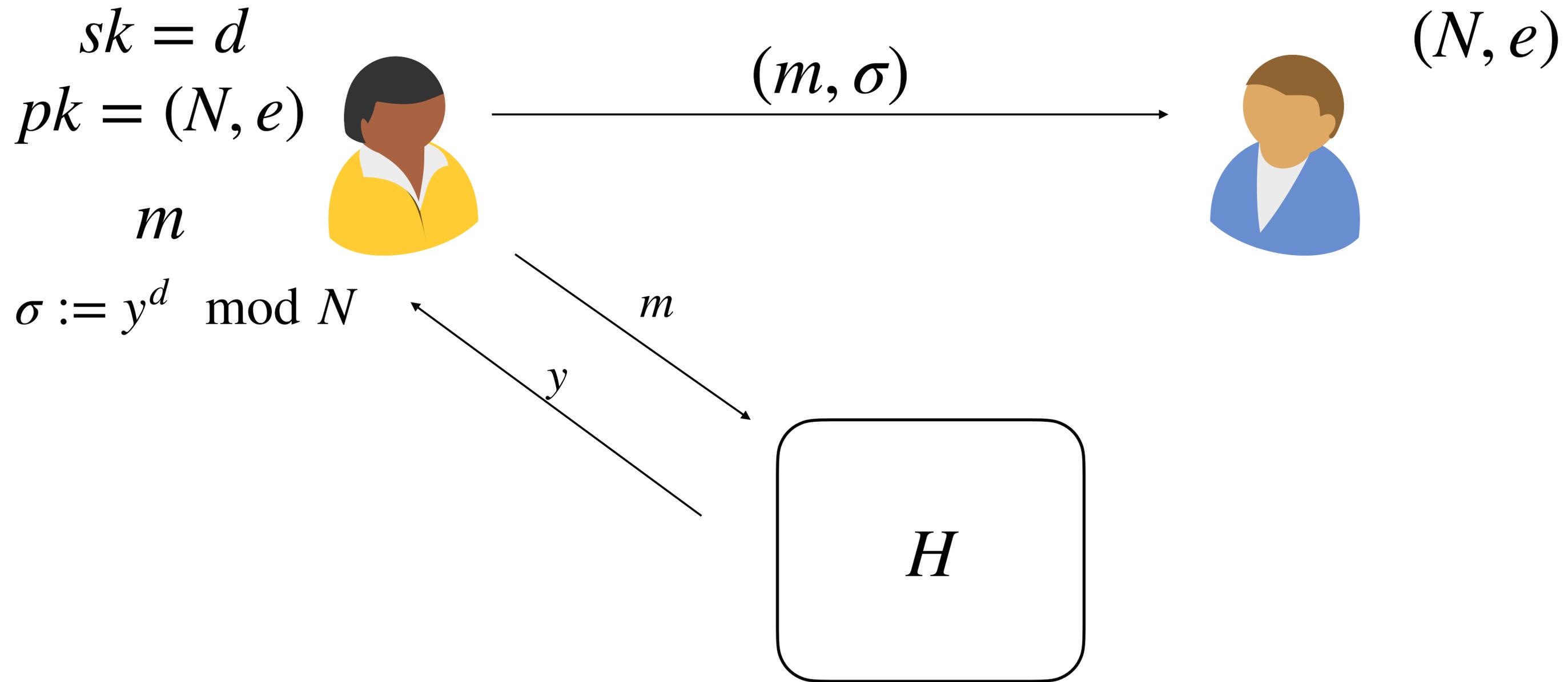
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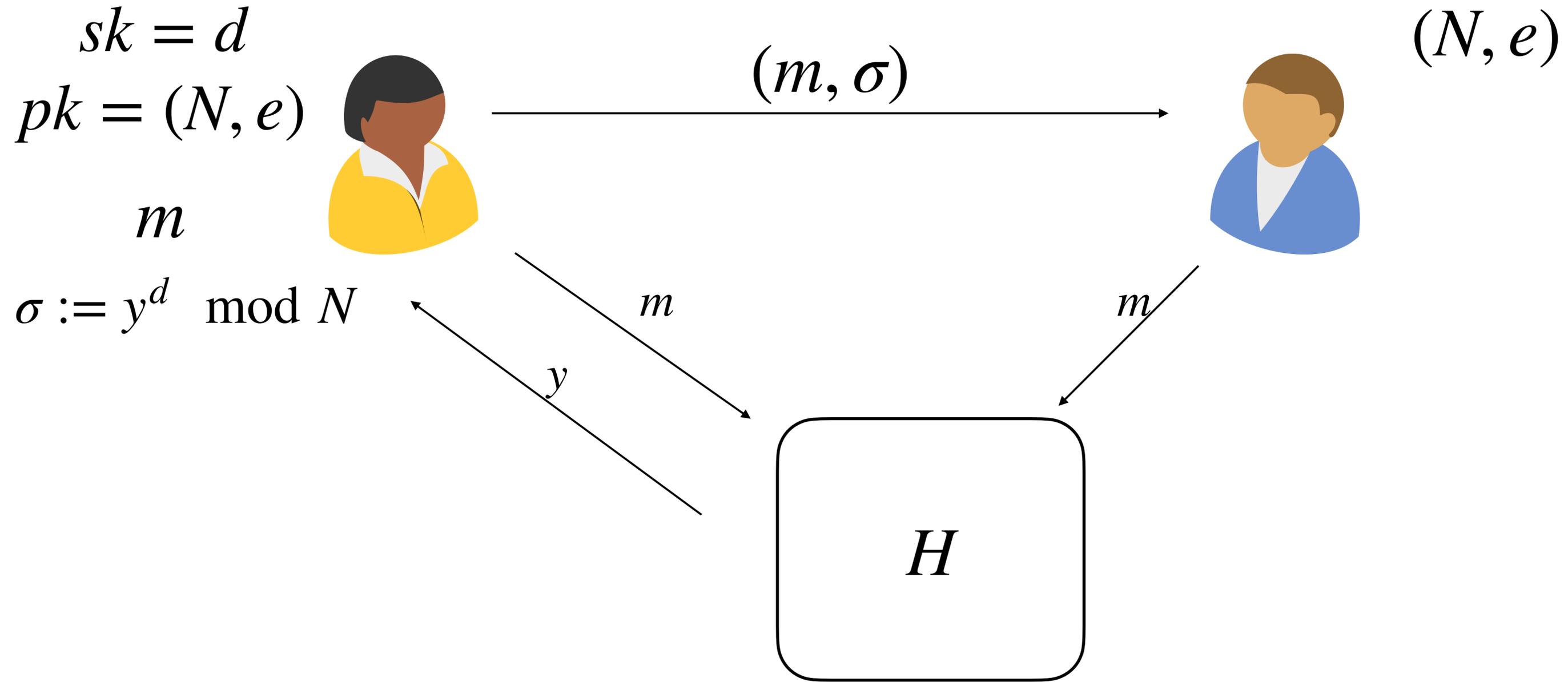
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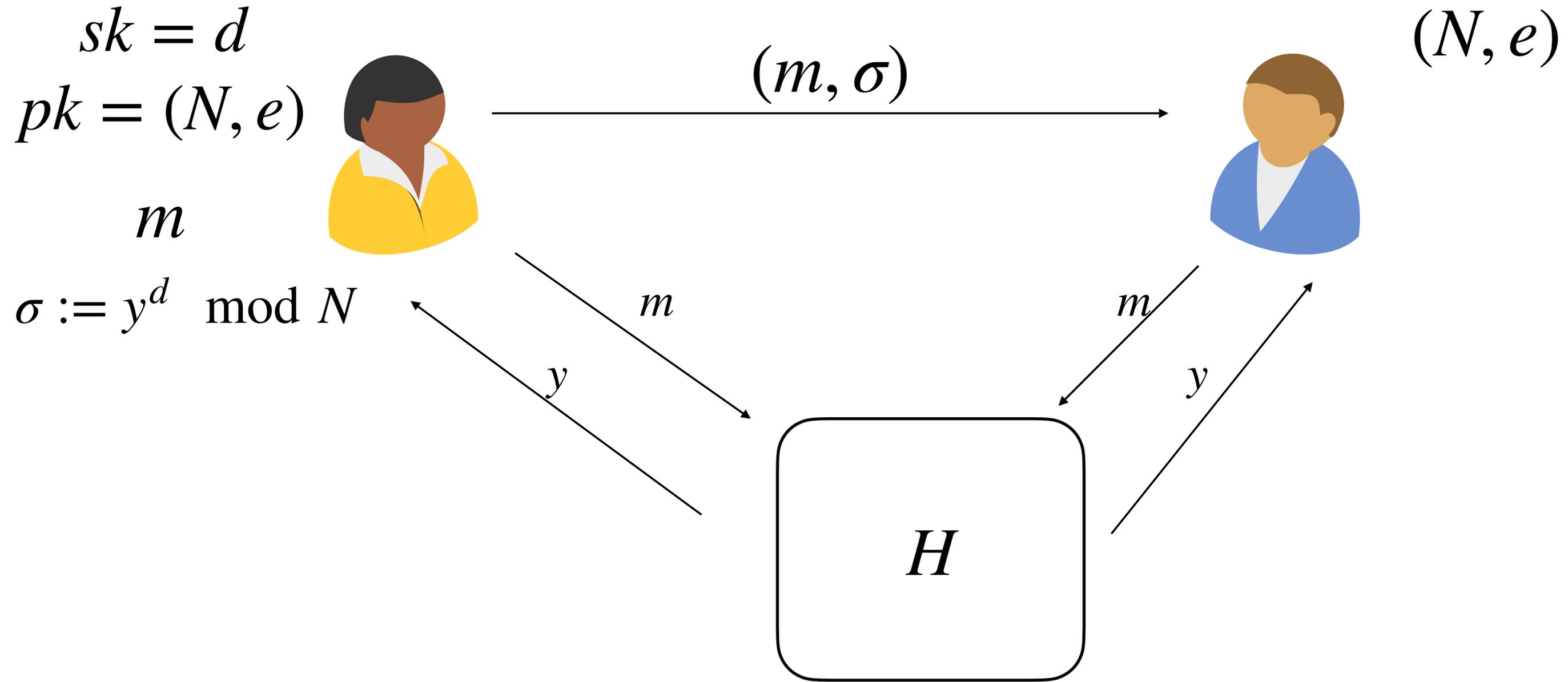
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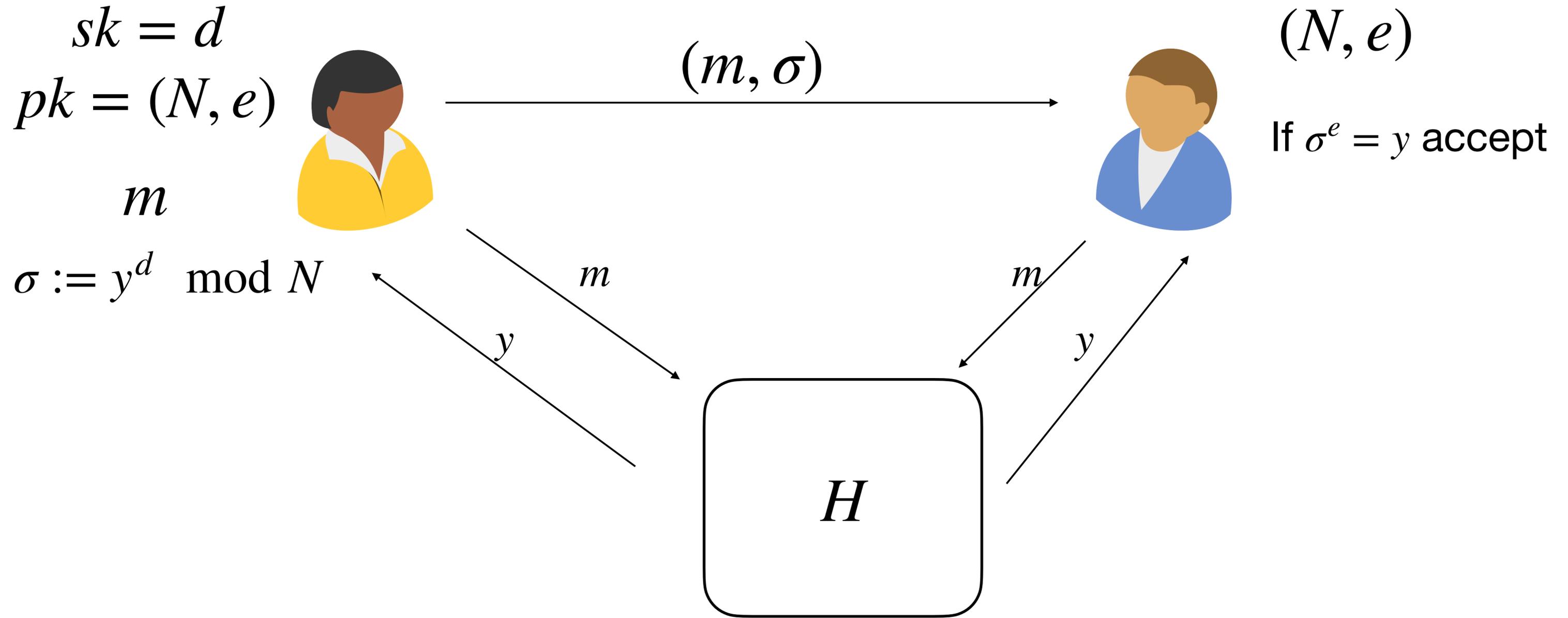
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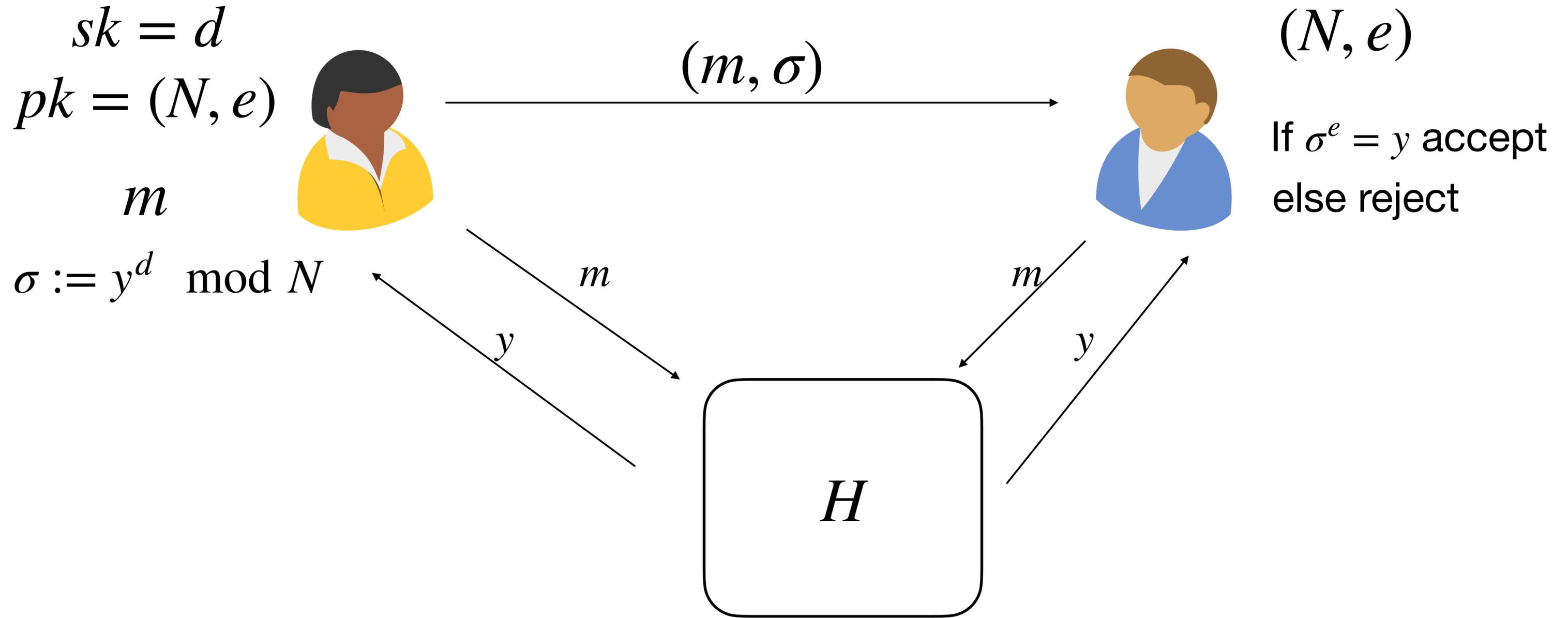
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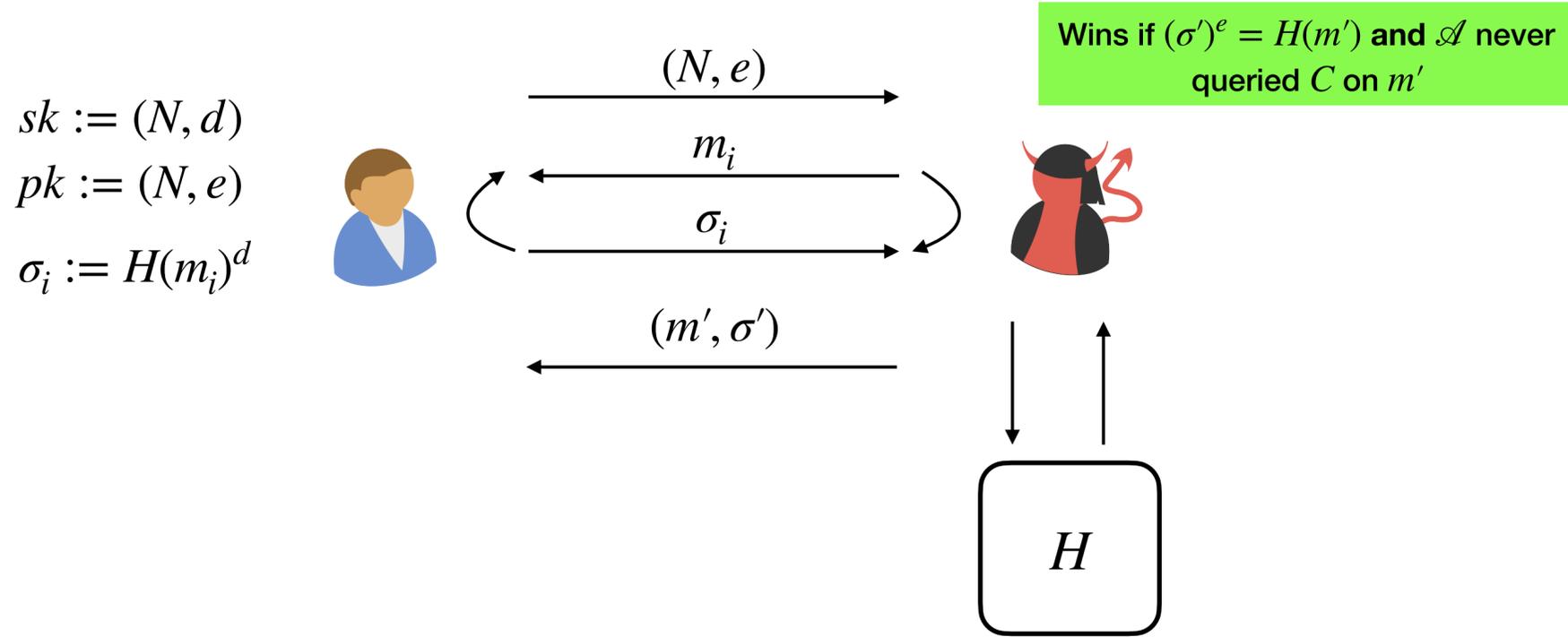
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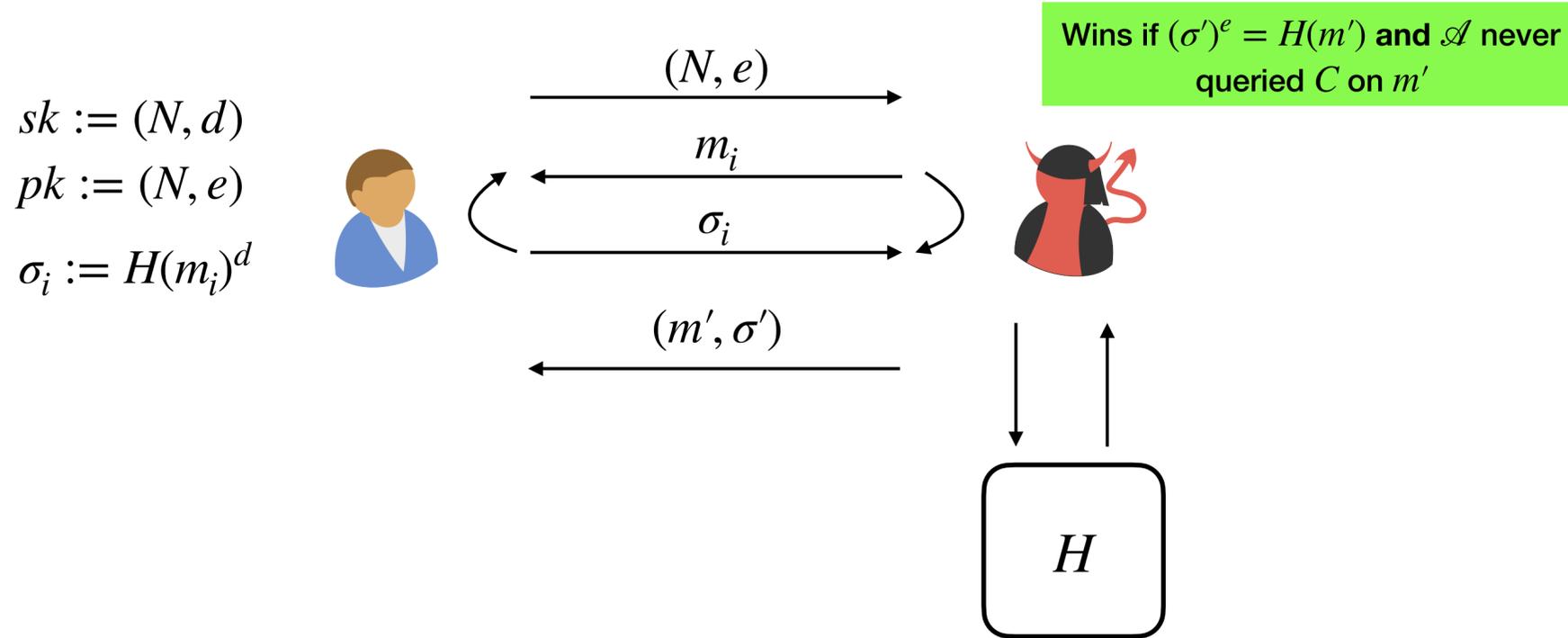
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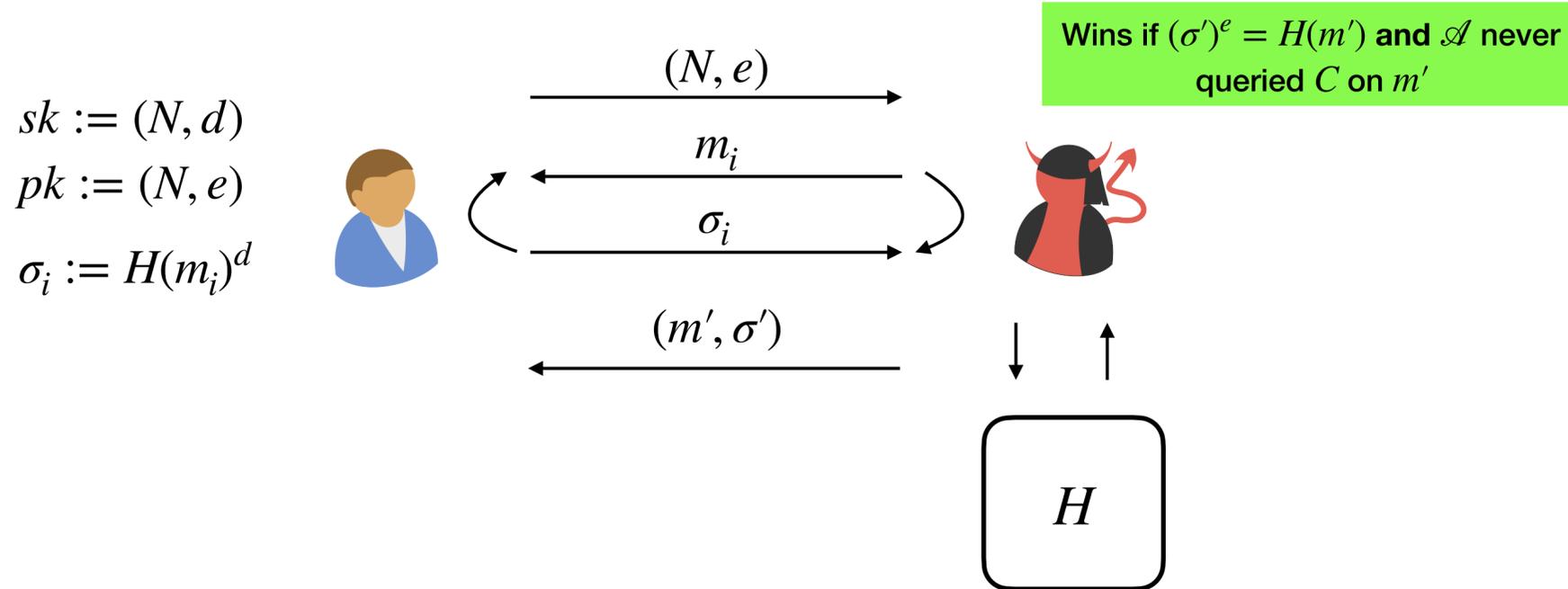
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Claim: If RSA holds, then FDH RSA Signatures are secure

# Recap Recap: RSA

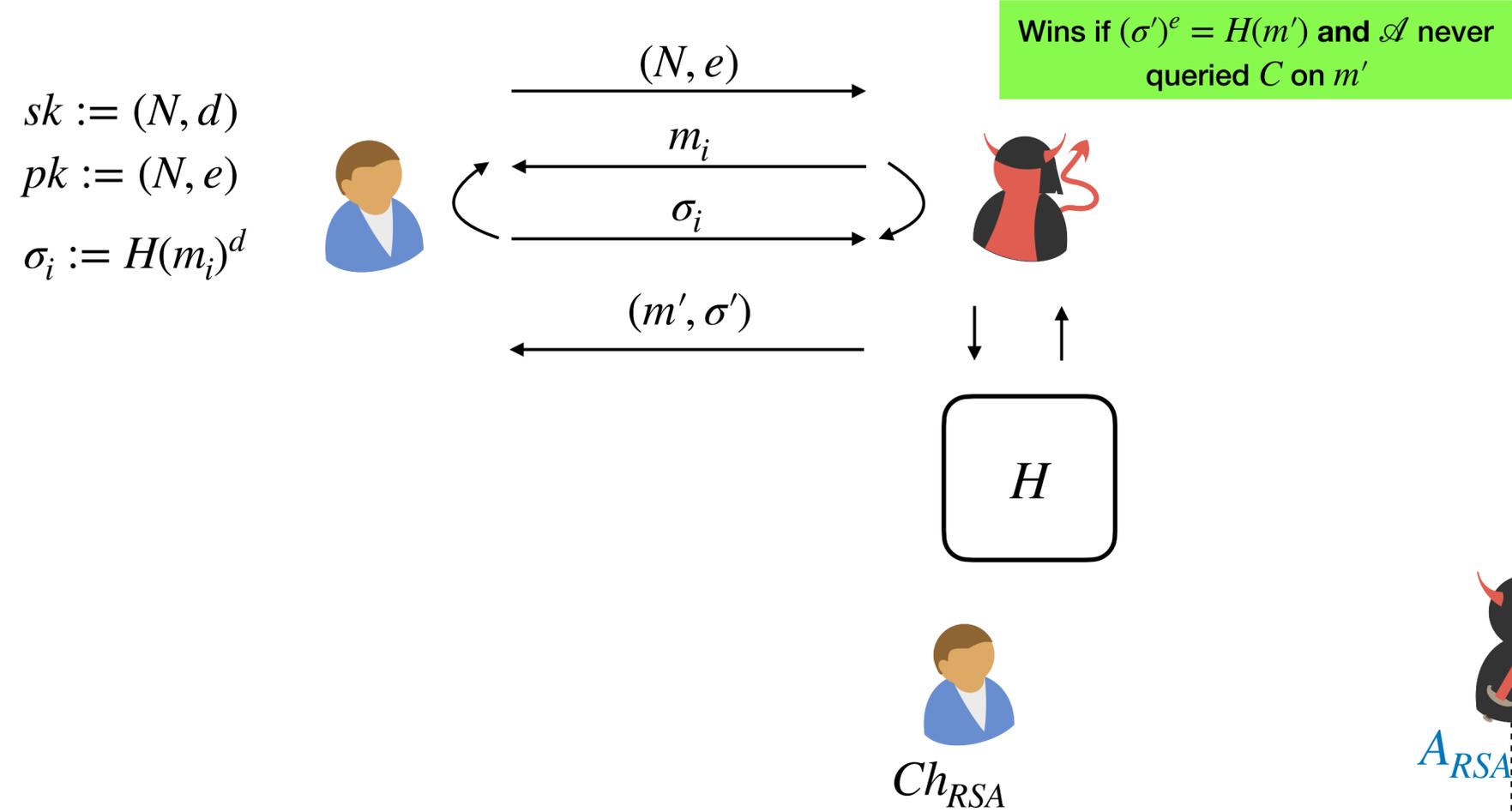
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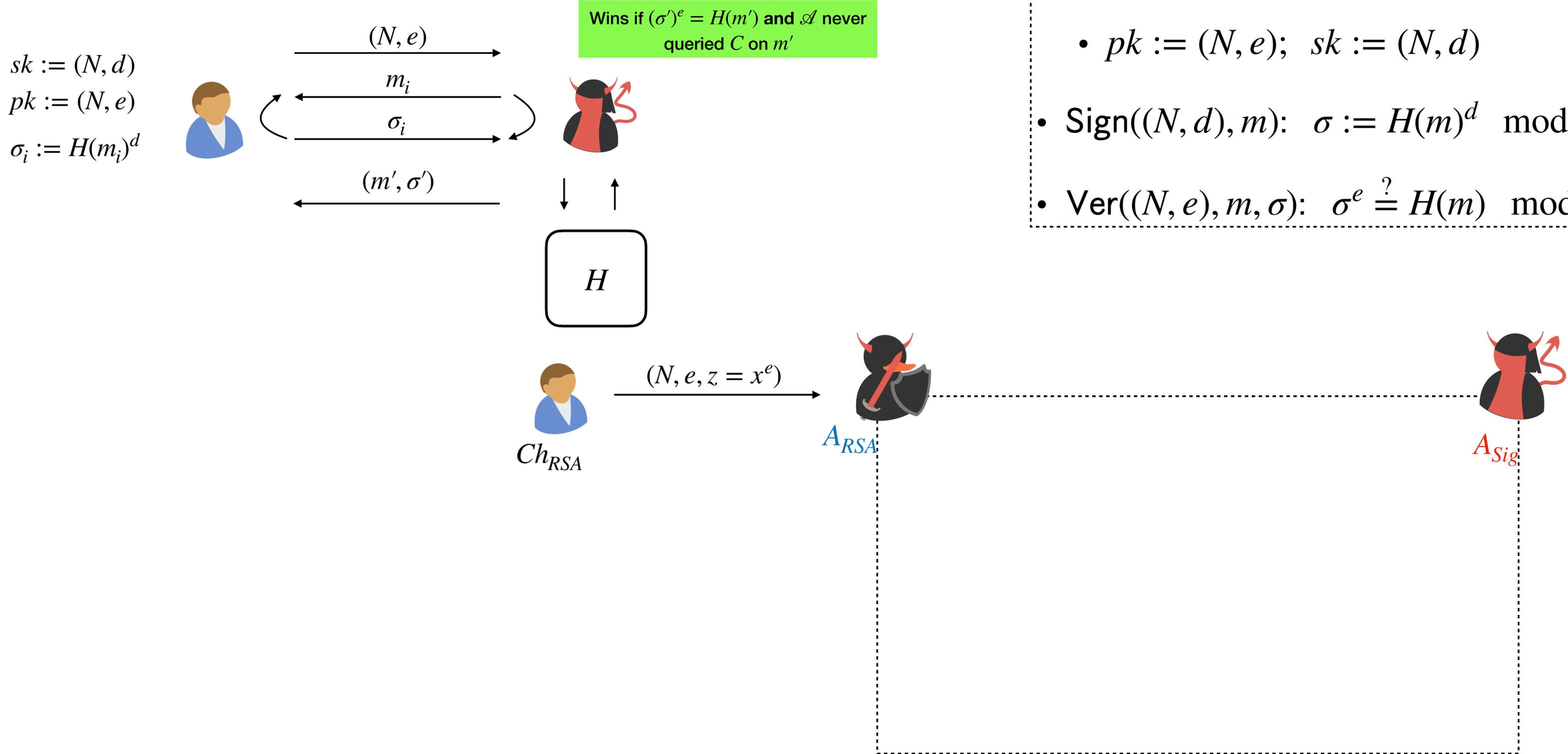


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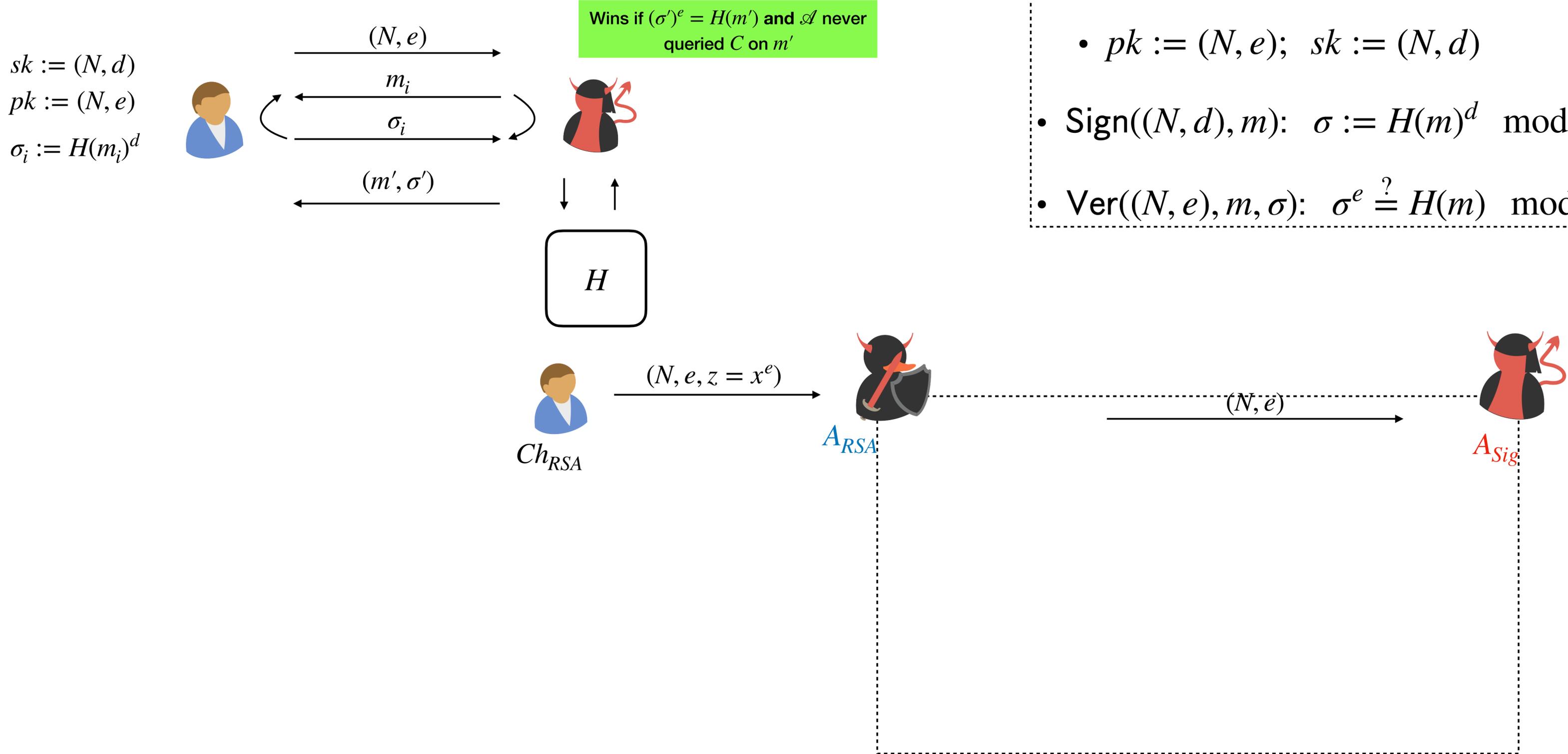
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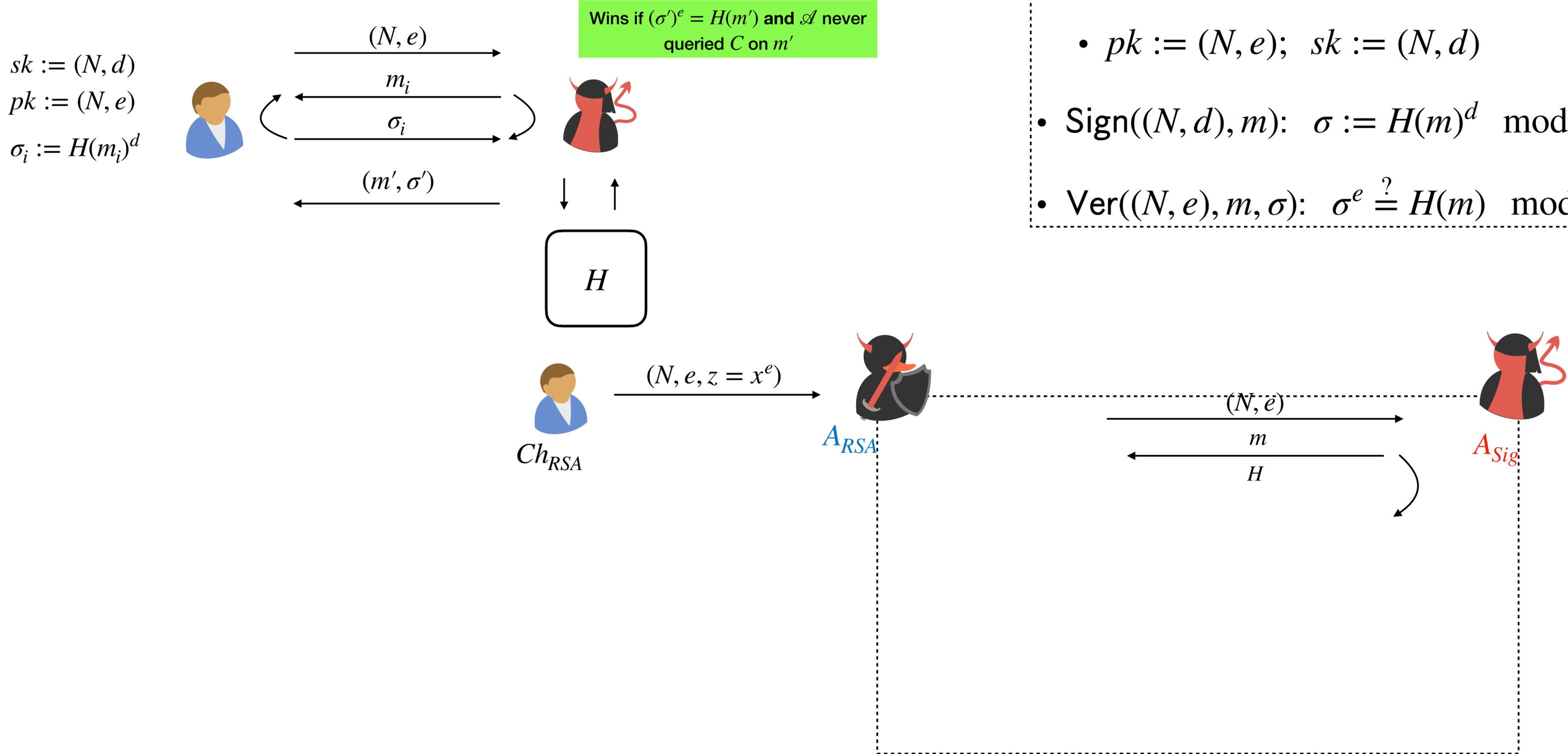
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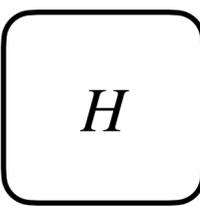


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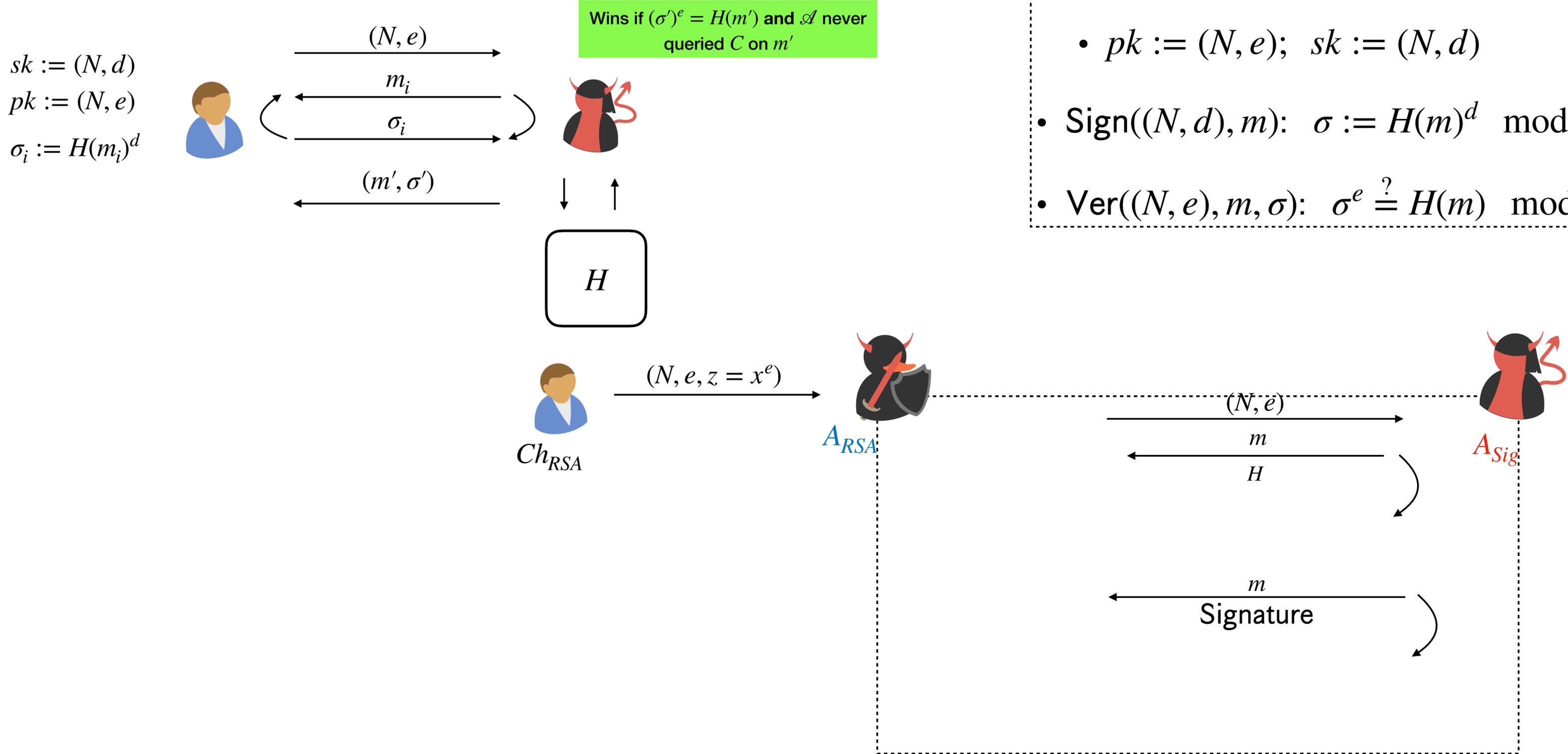


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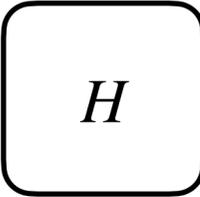


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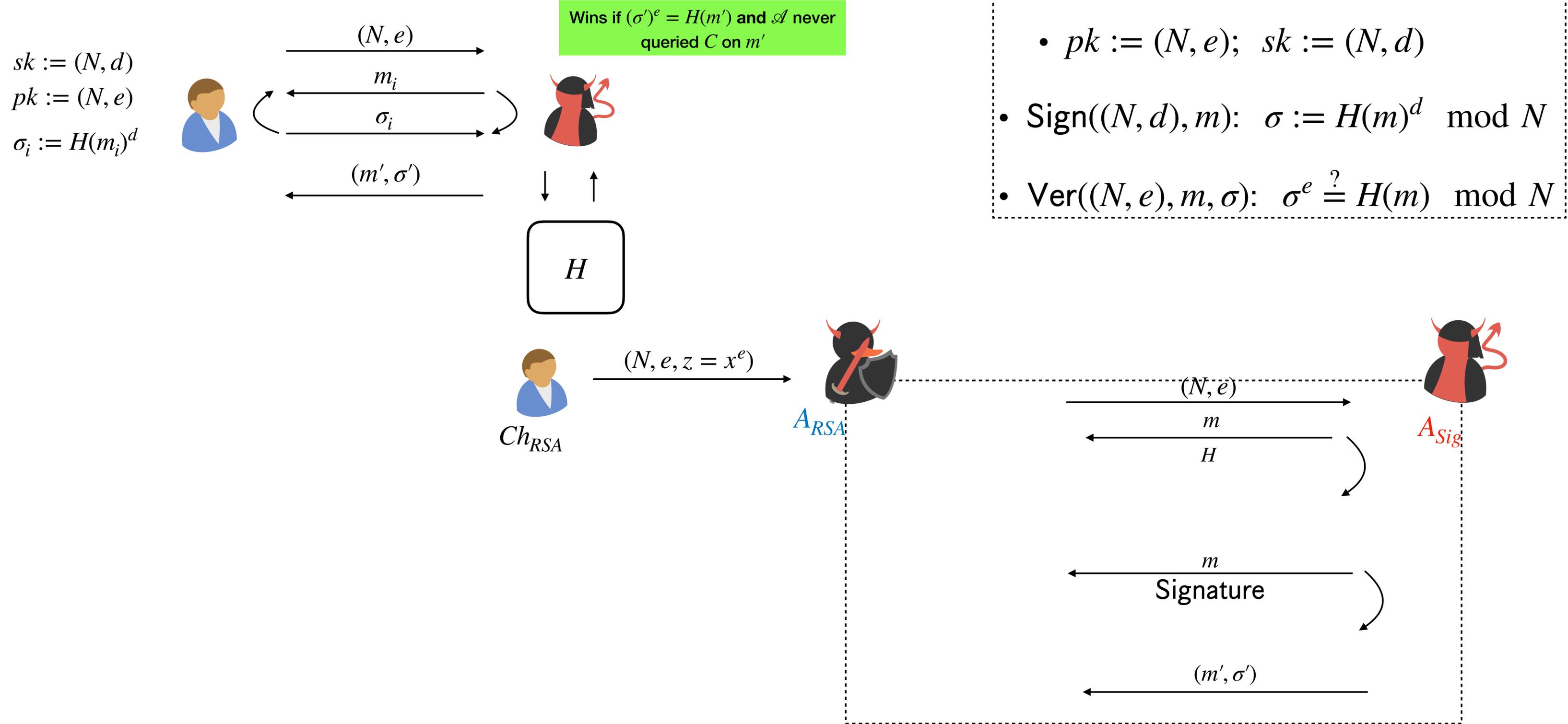
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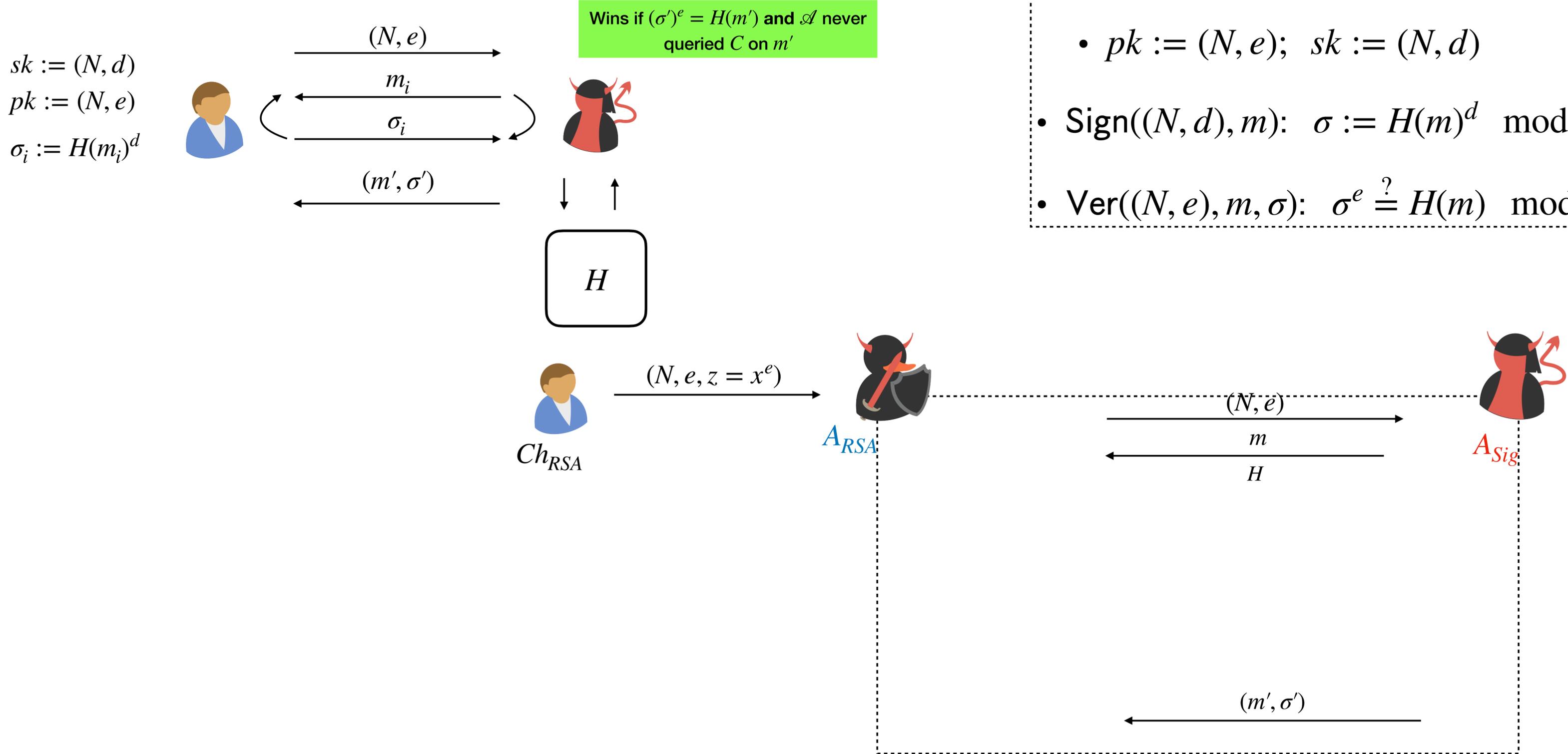
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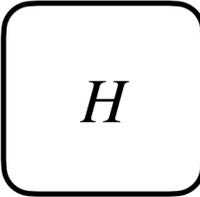
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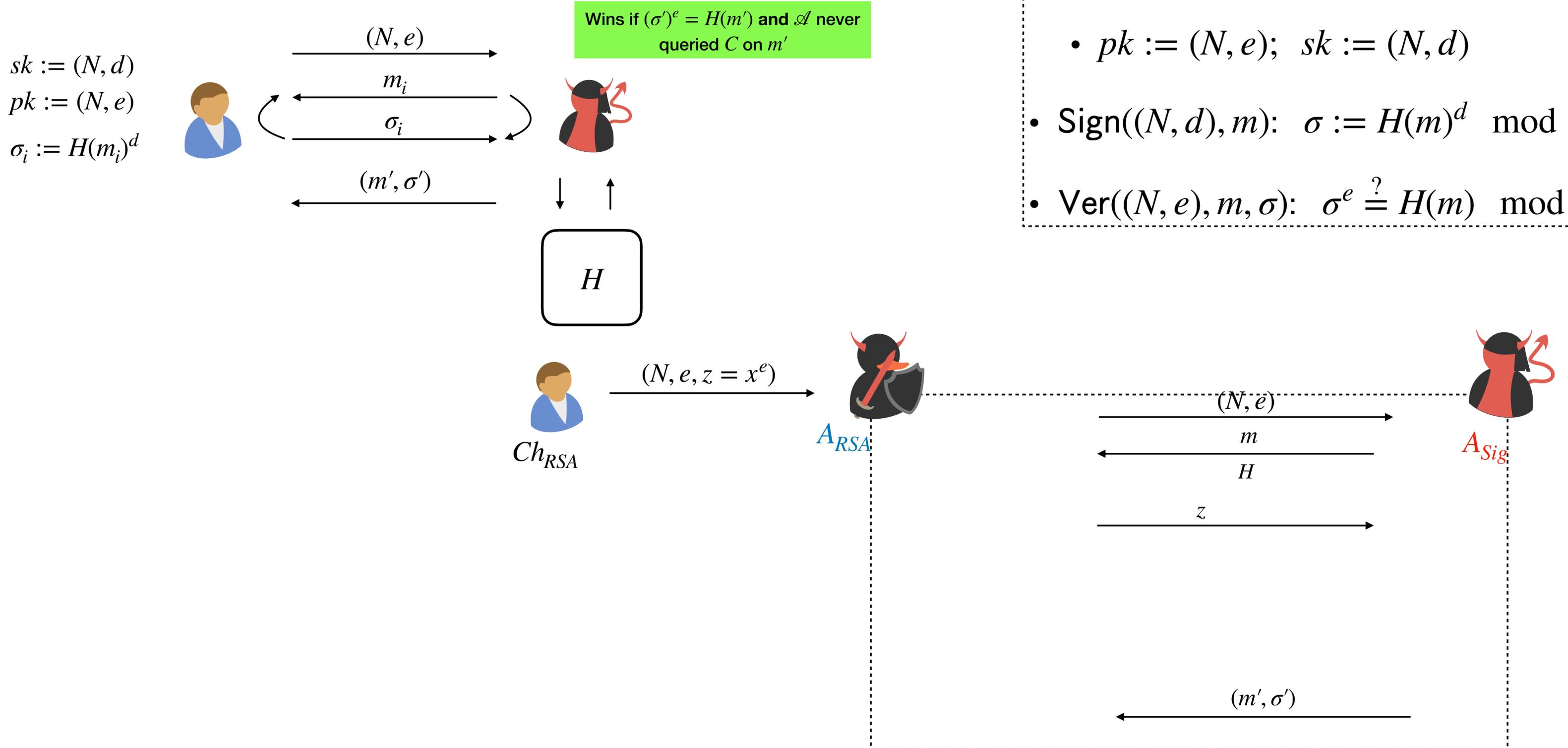


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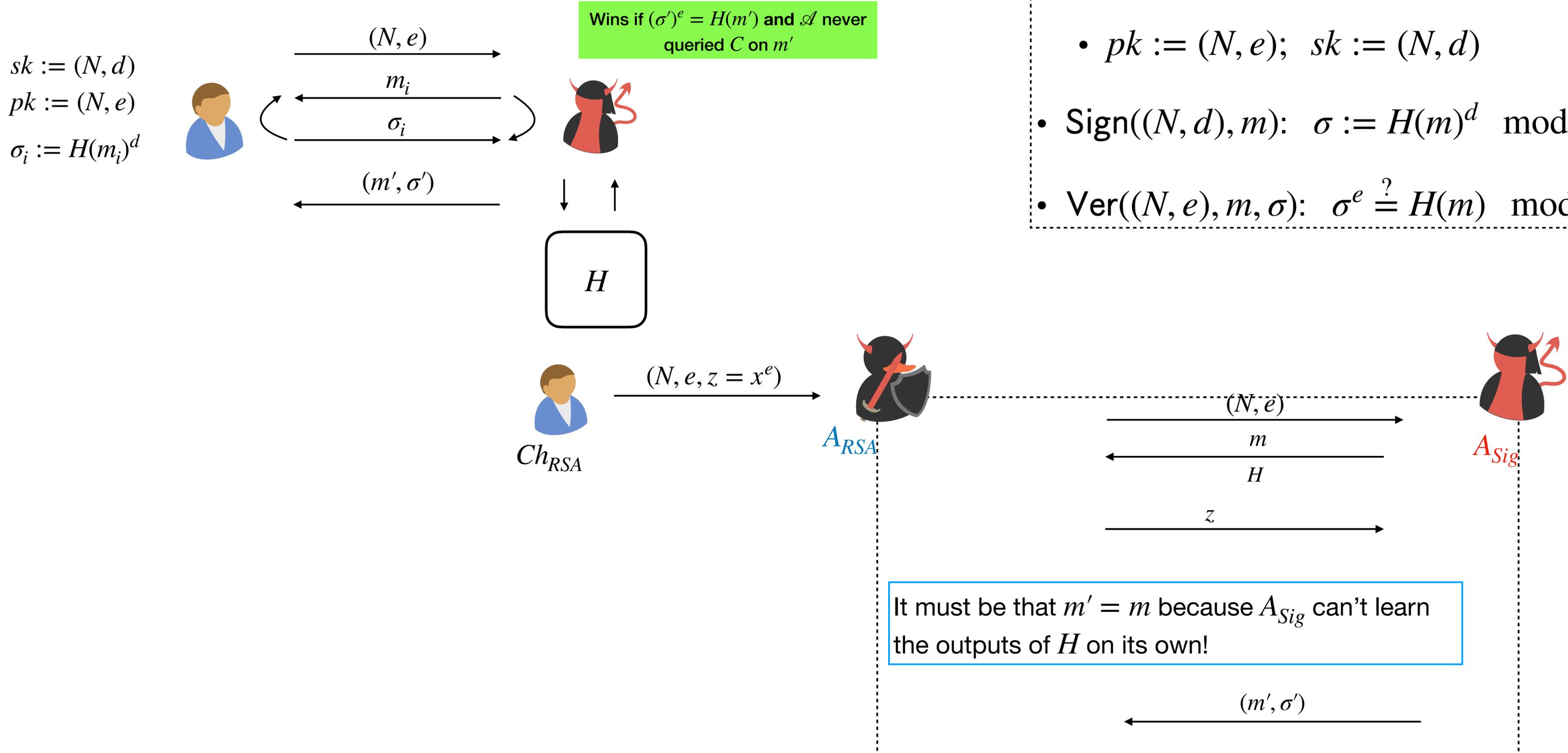
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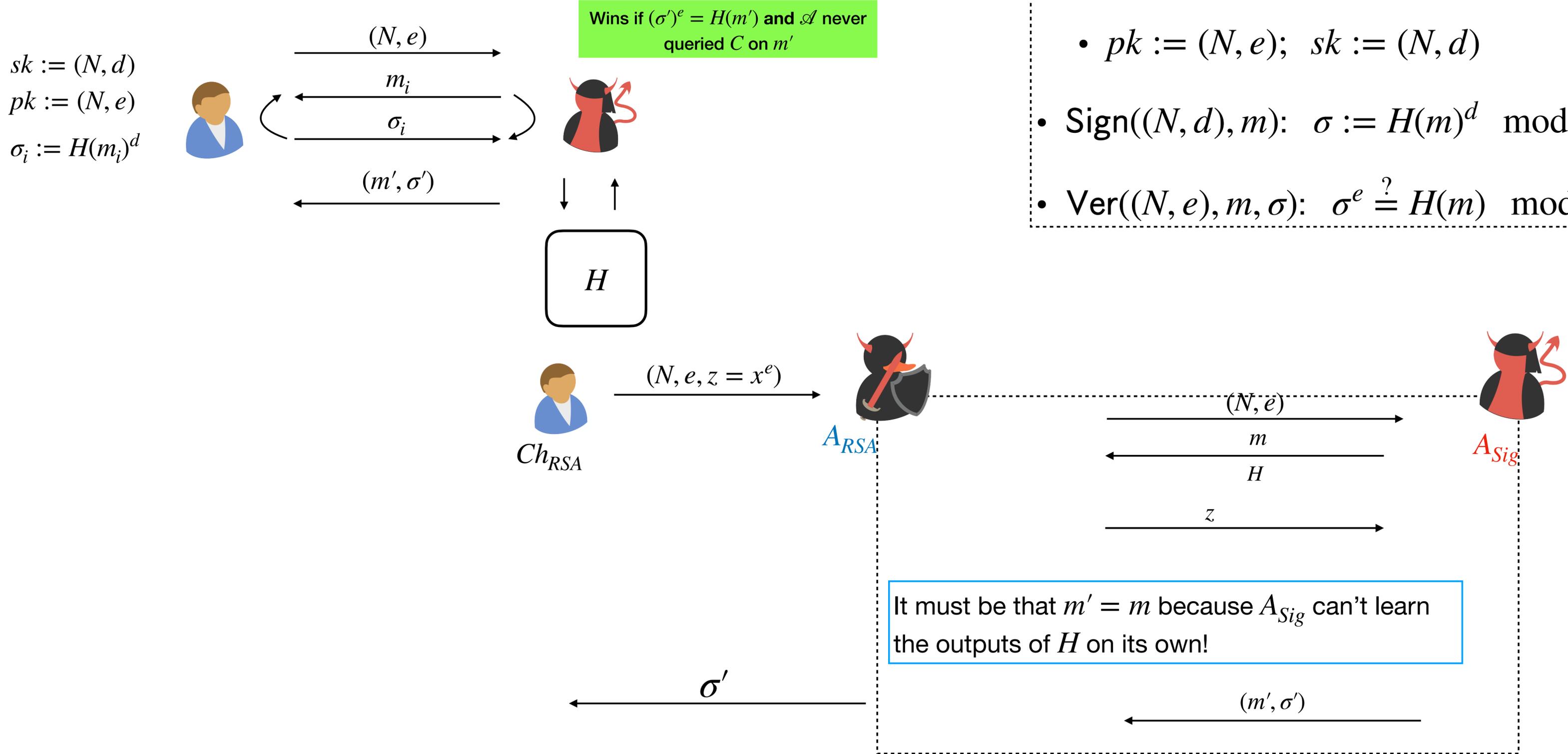
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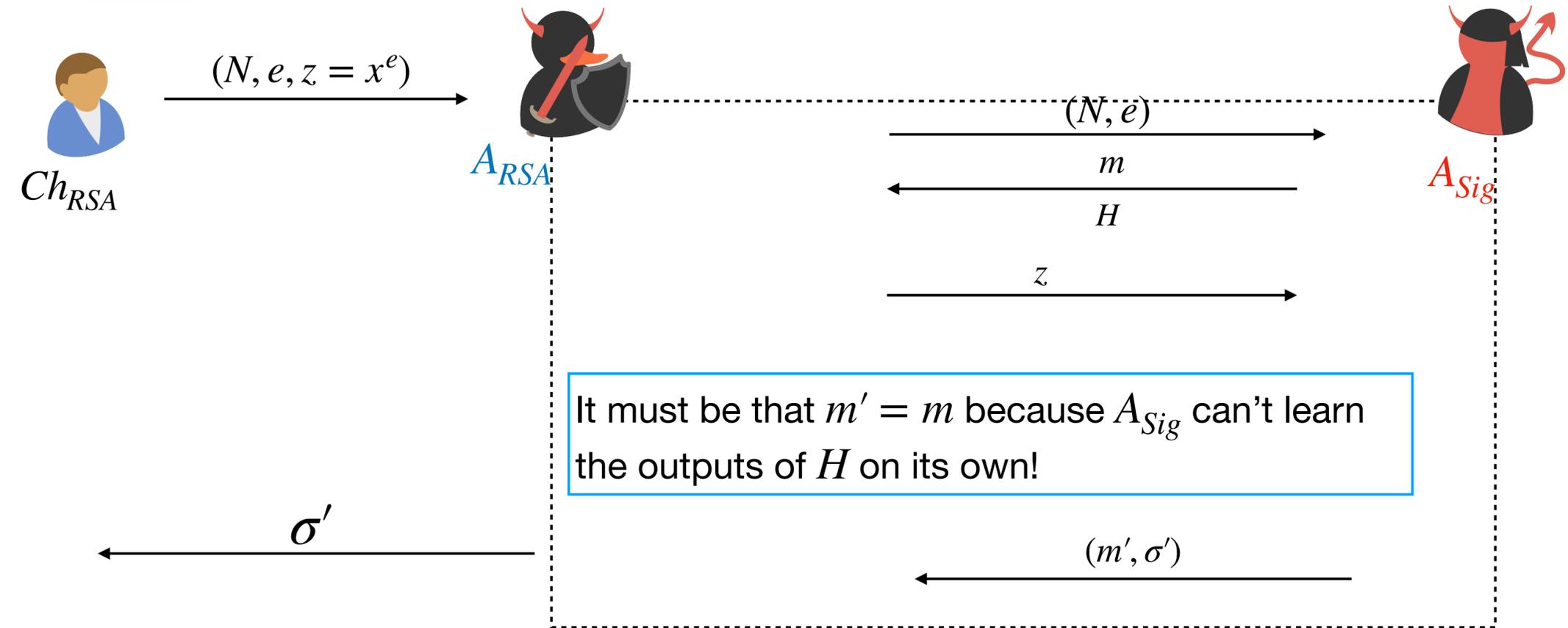
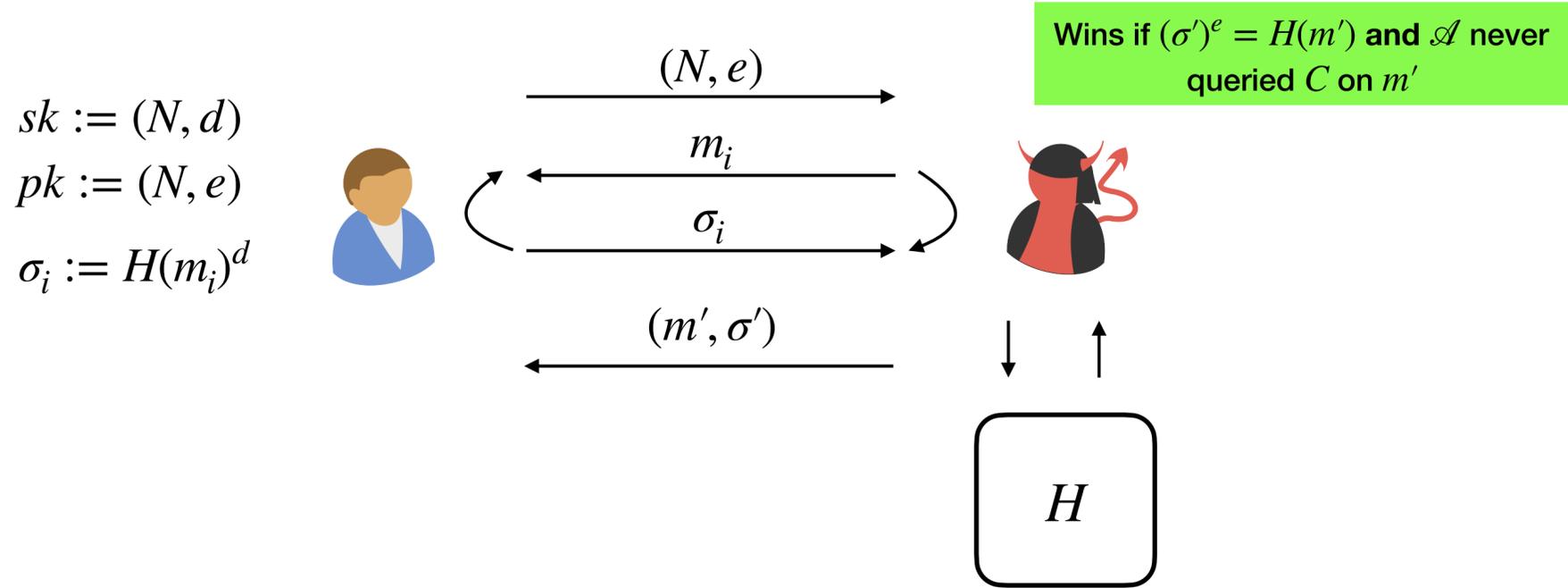
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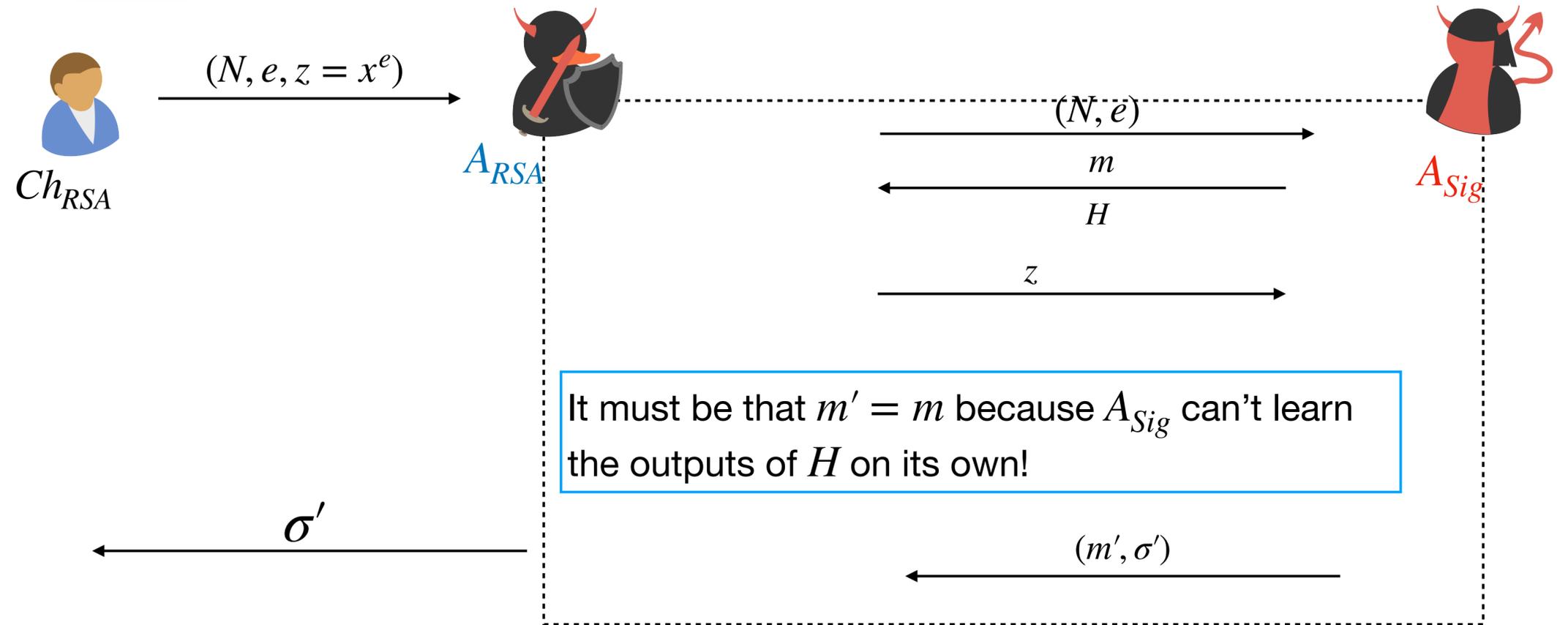
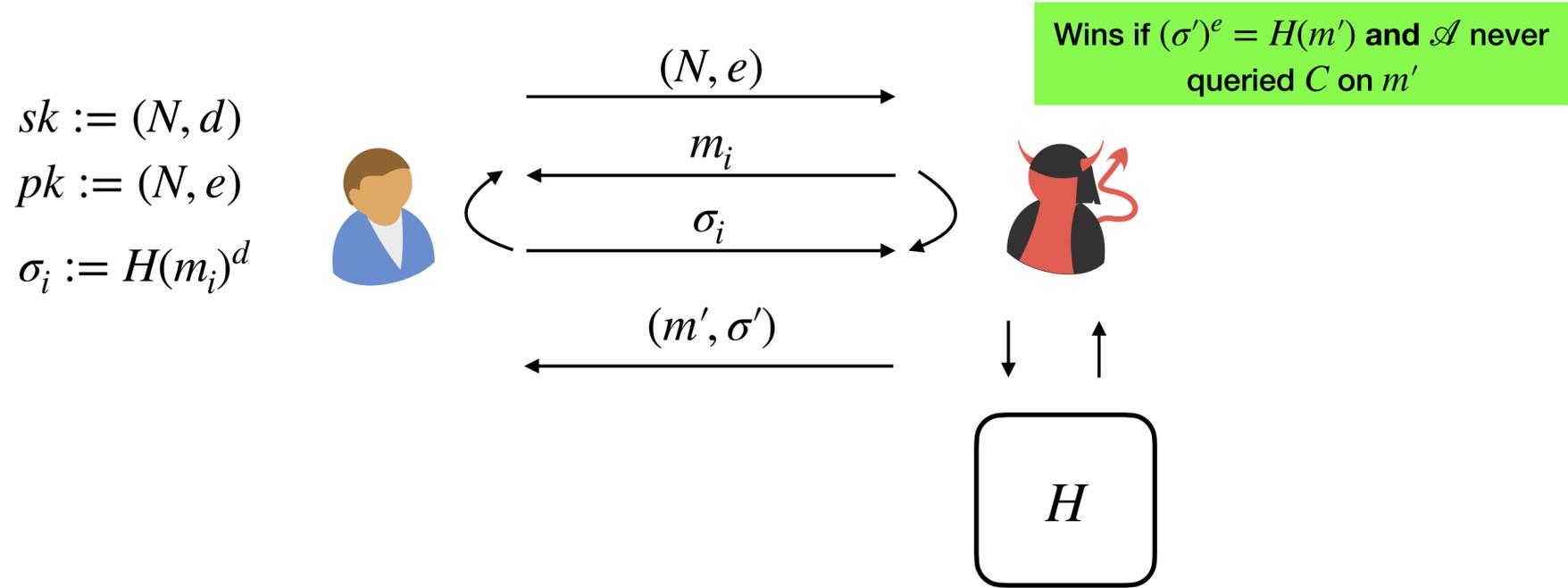
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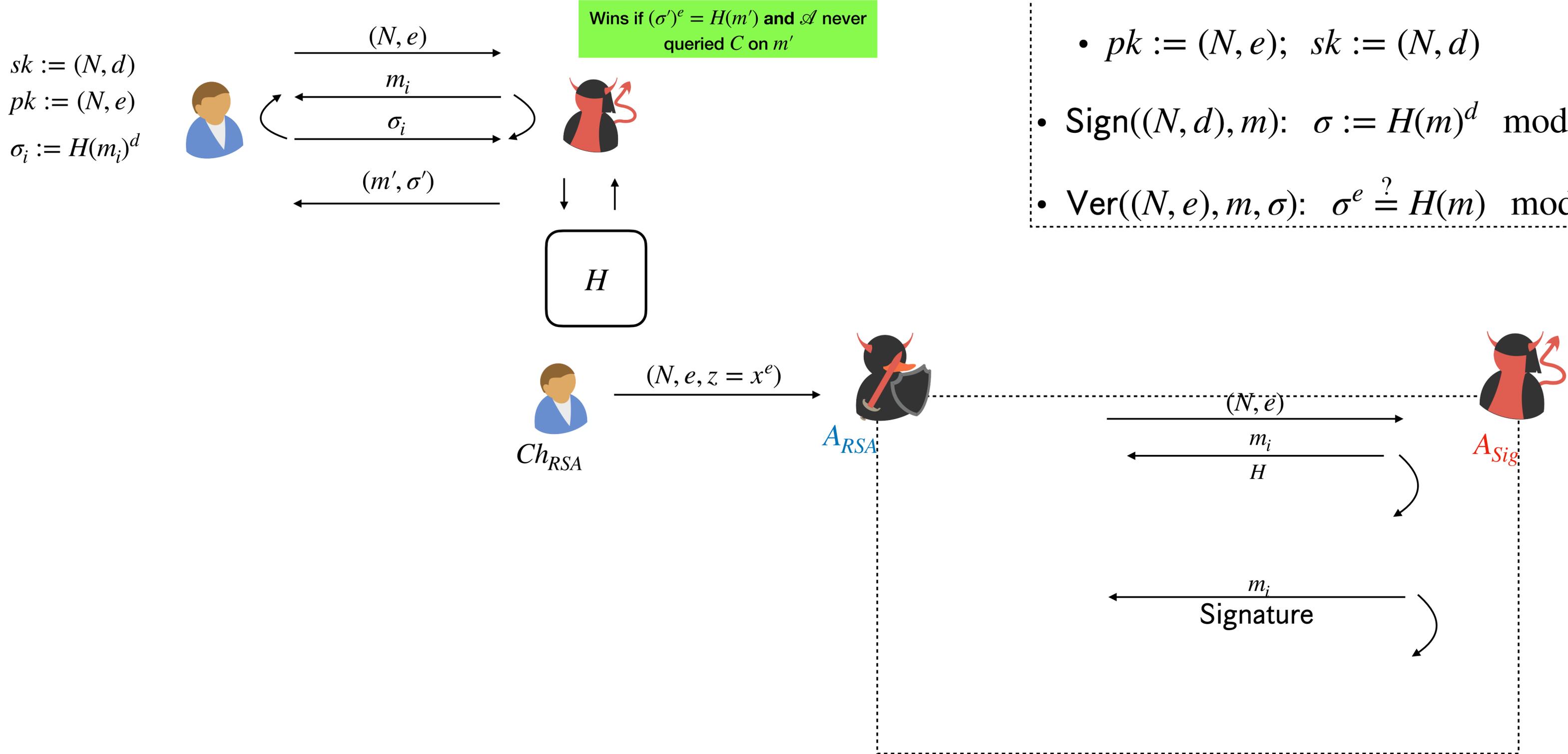
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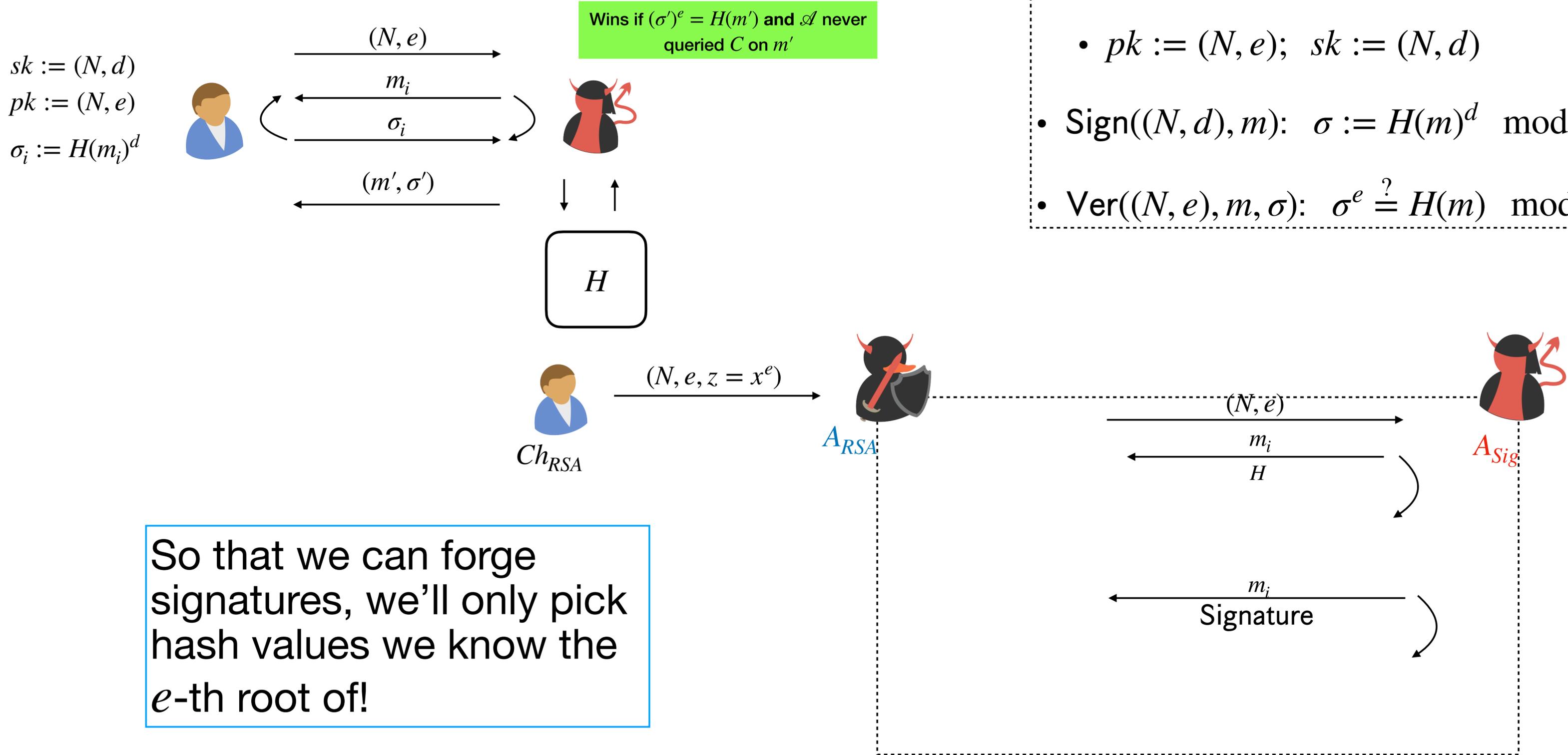
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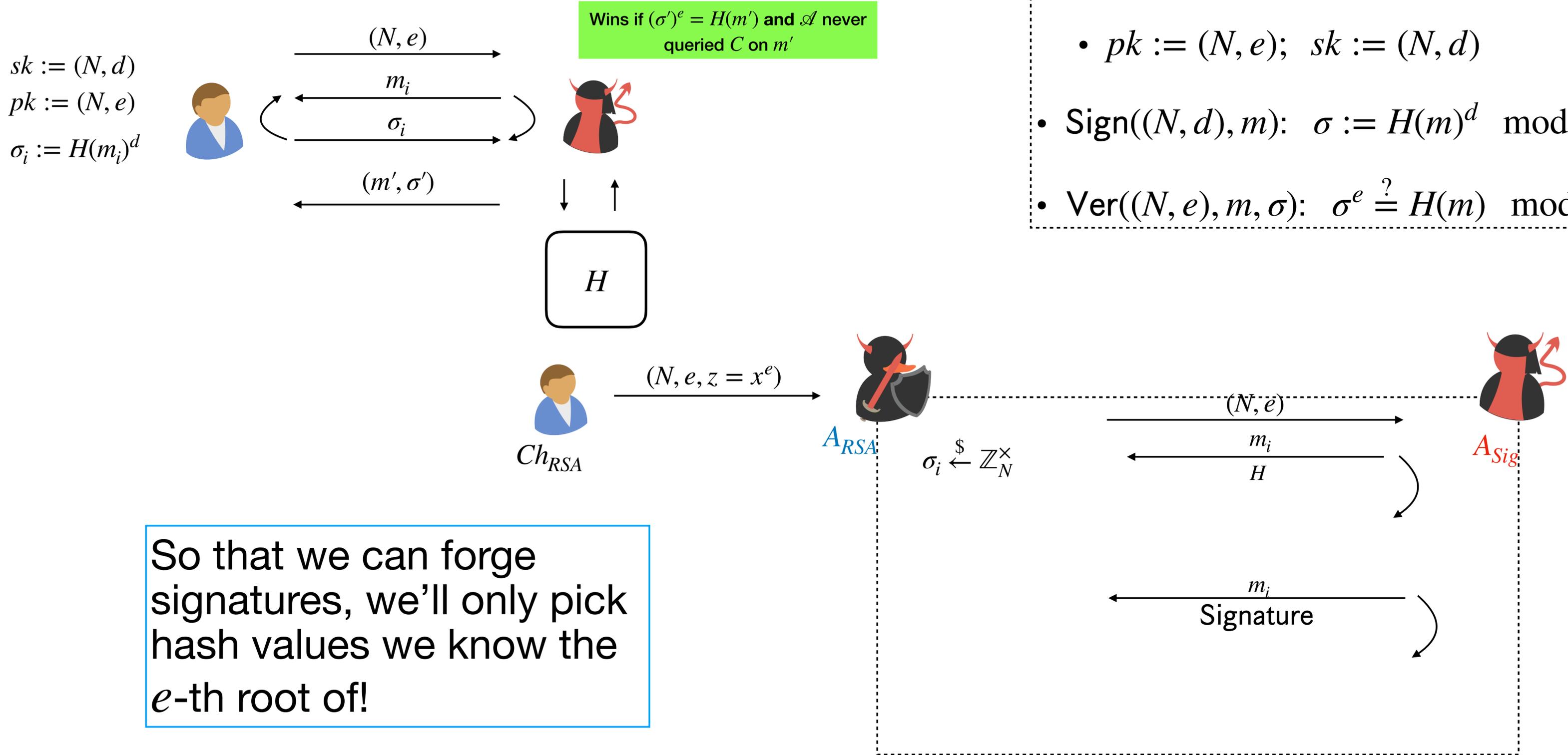
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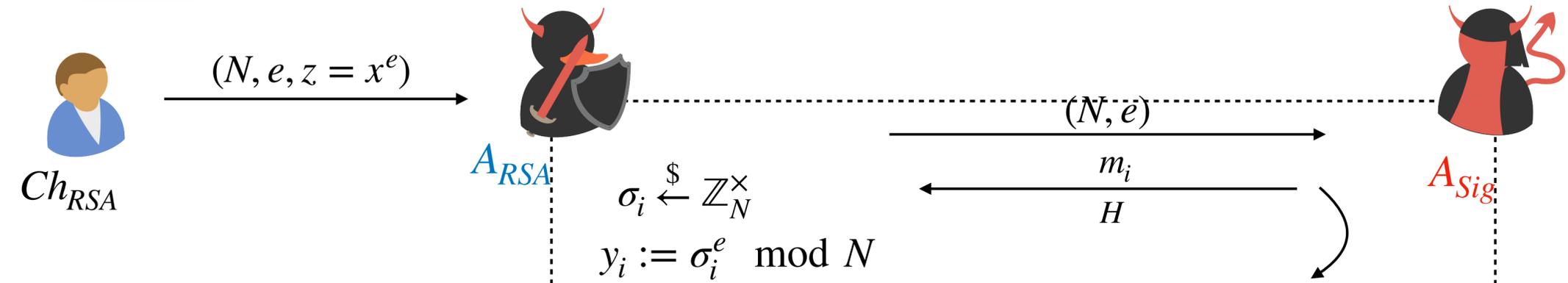
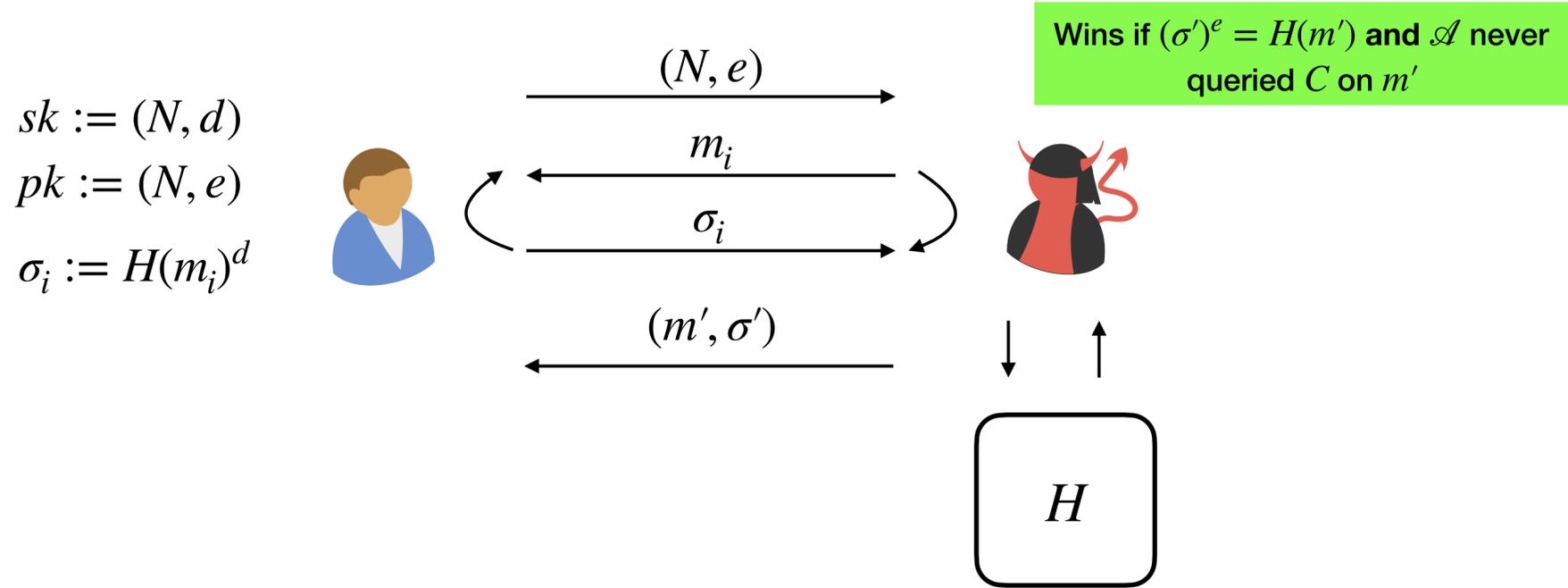
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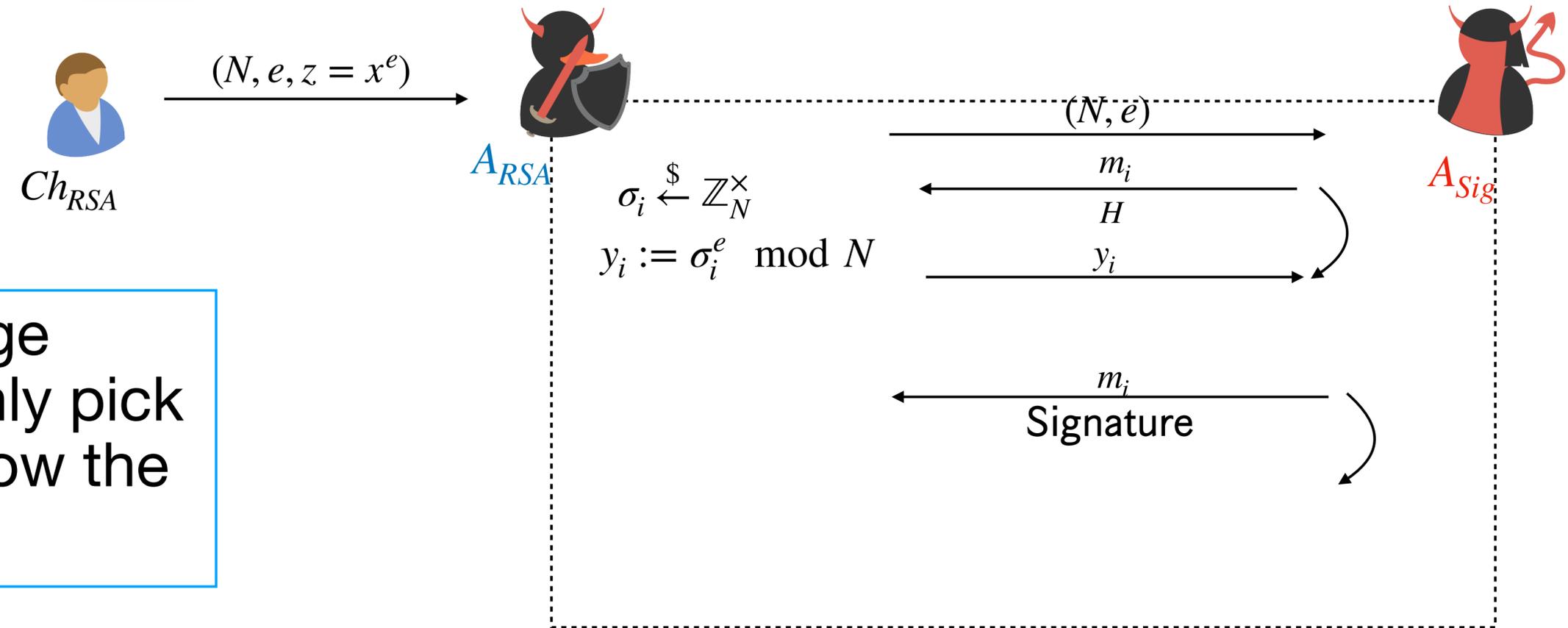
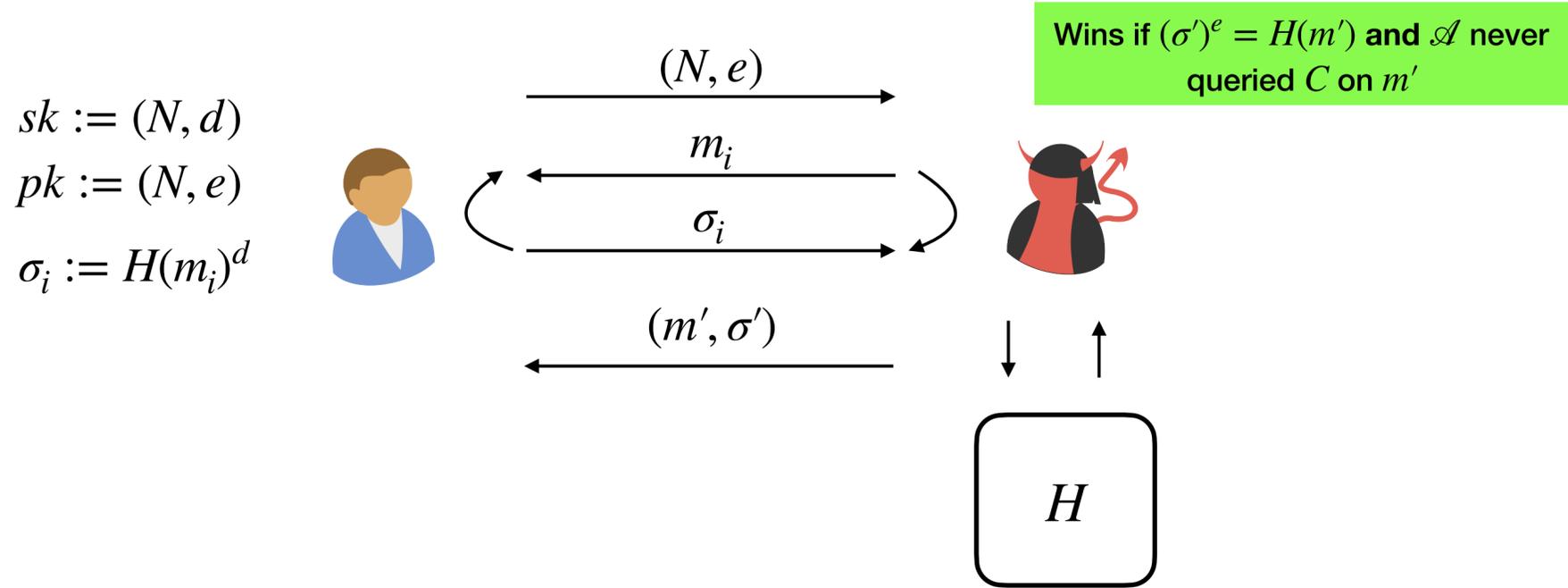
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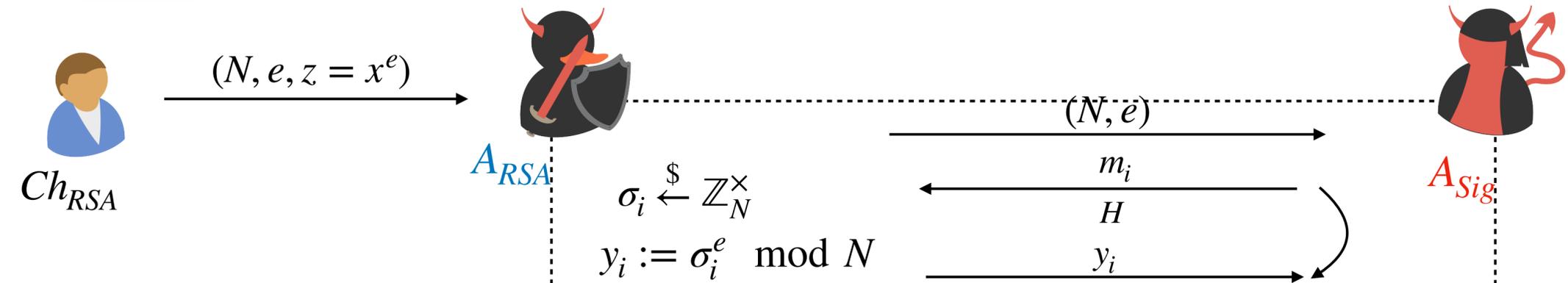
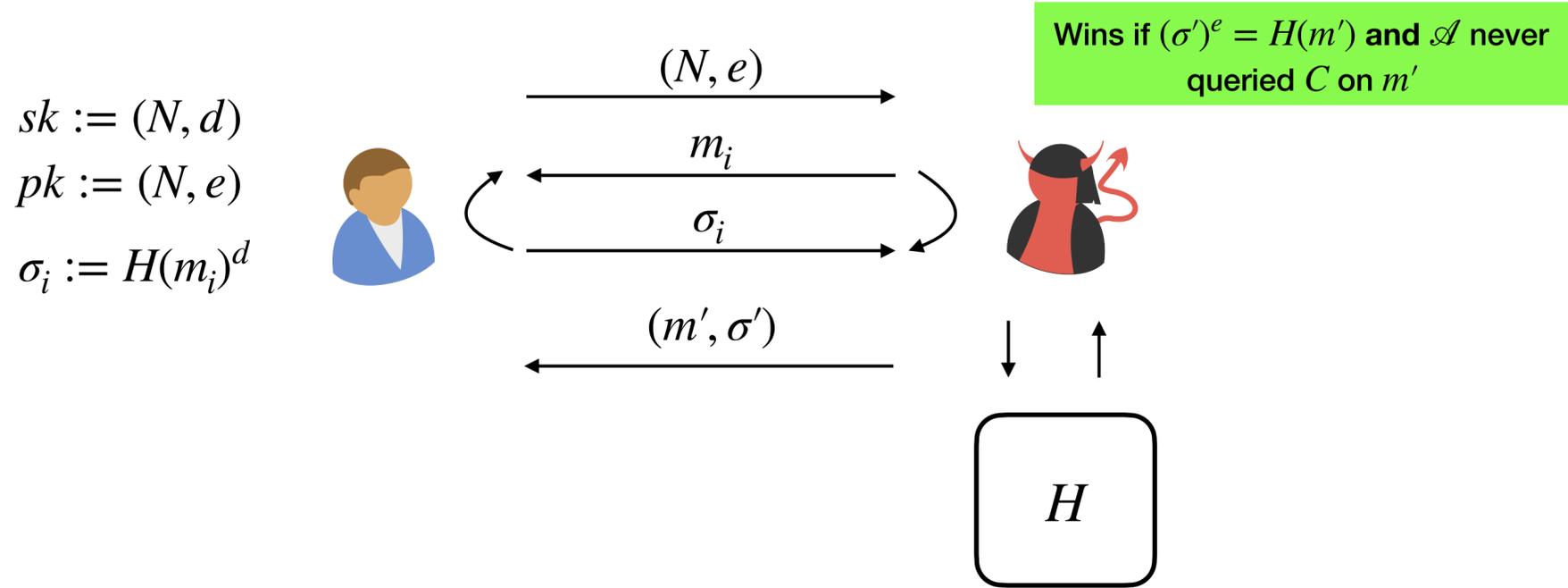
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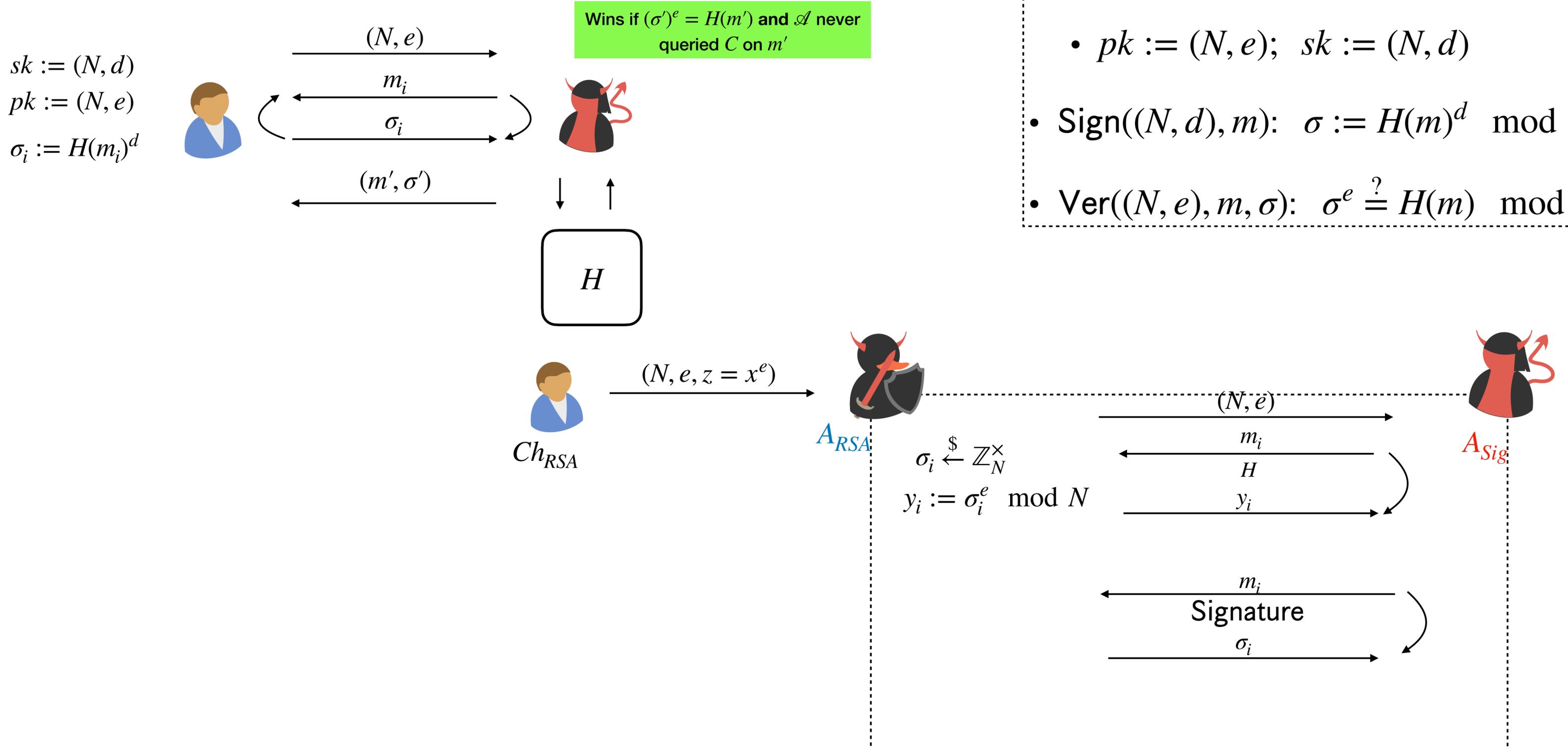
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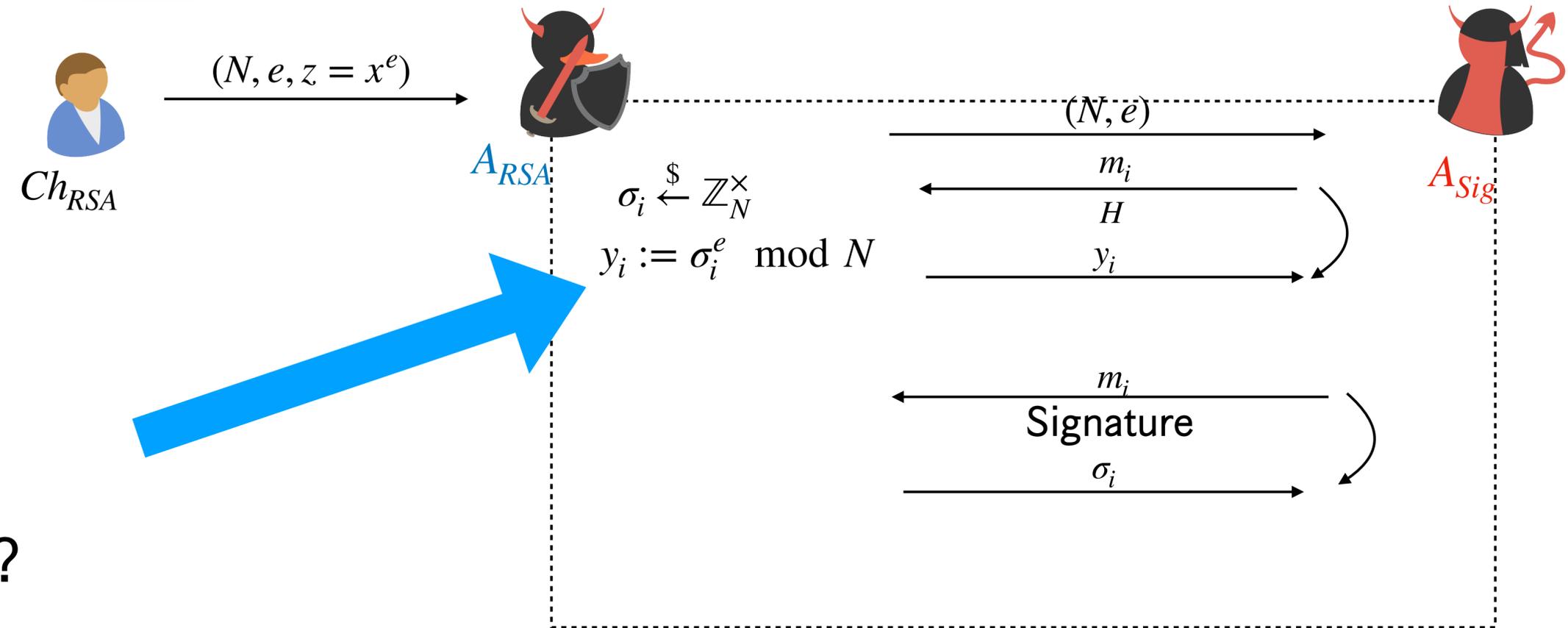
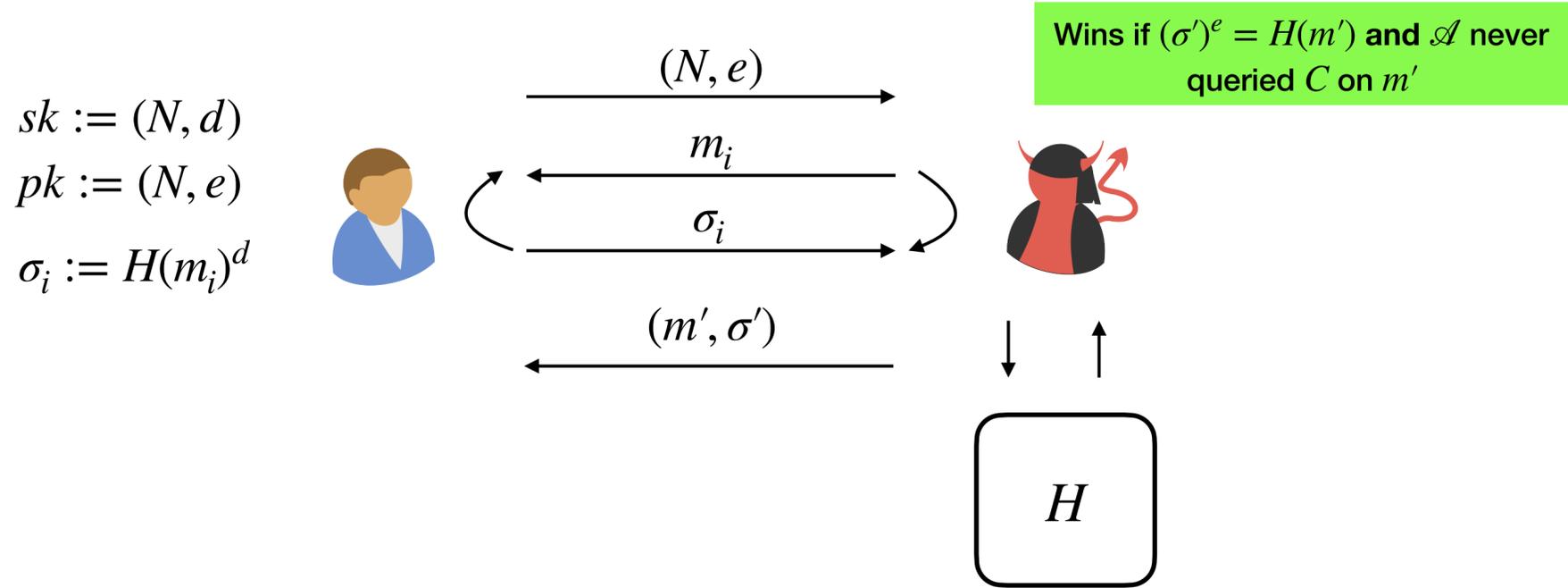
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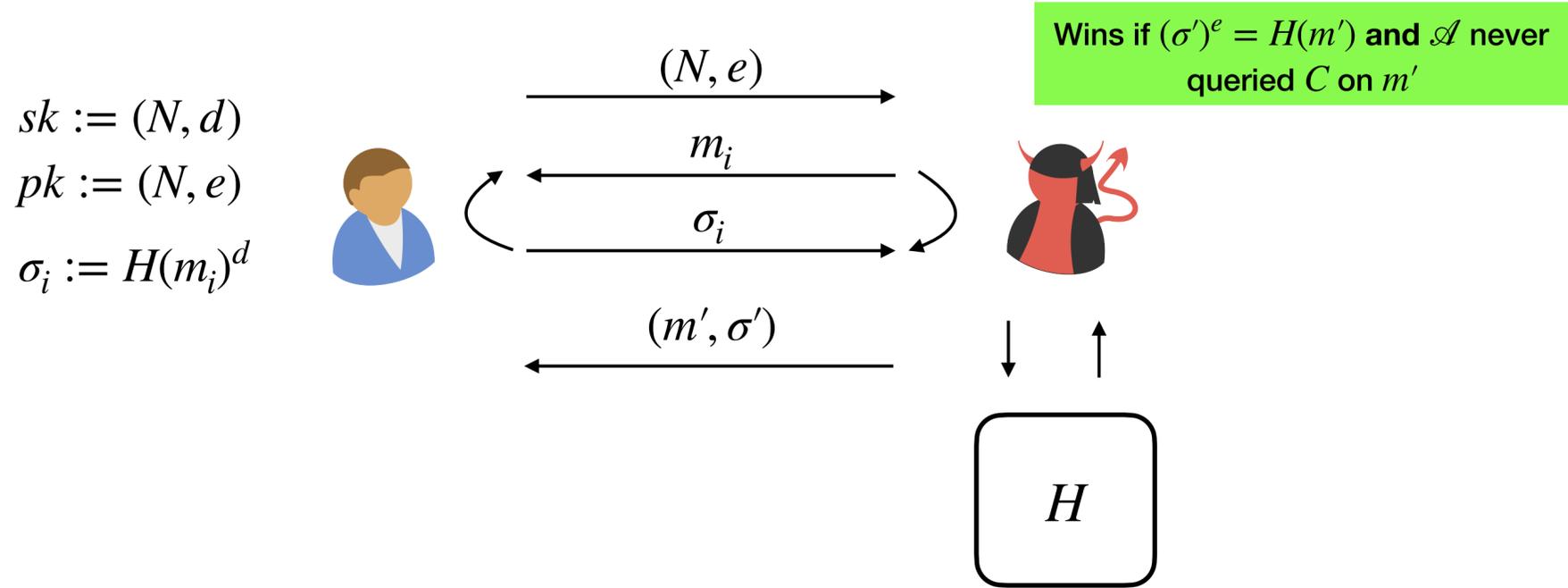
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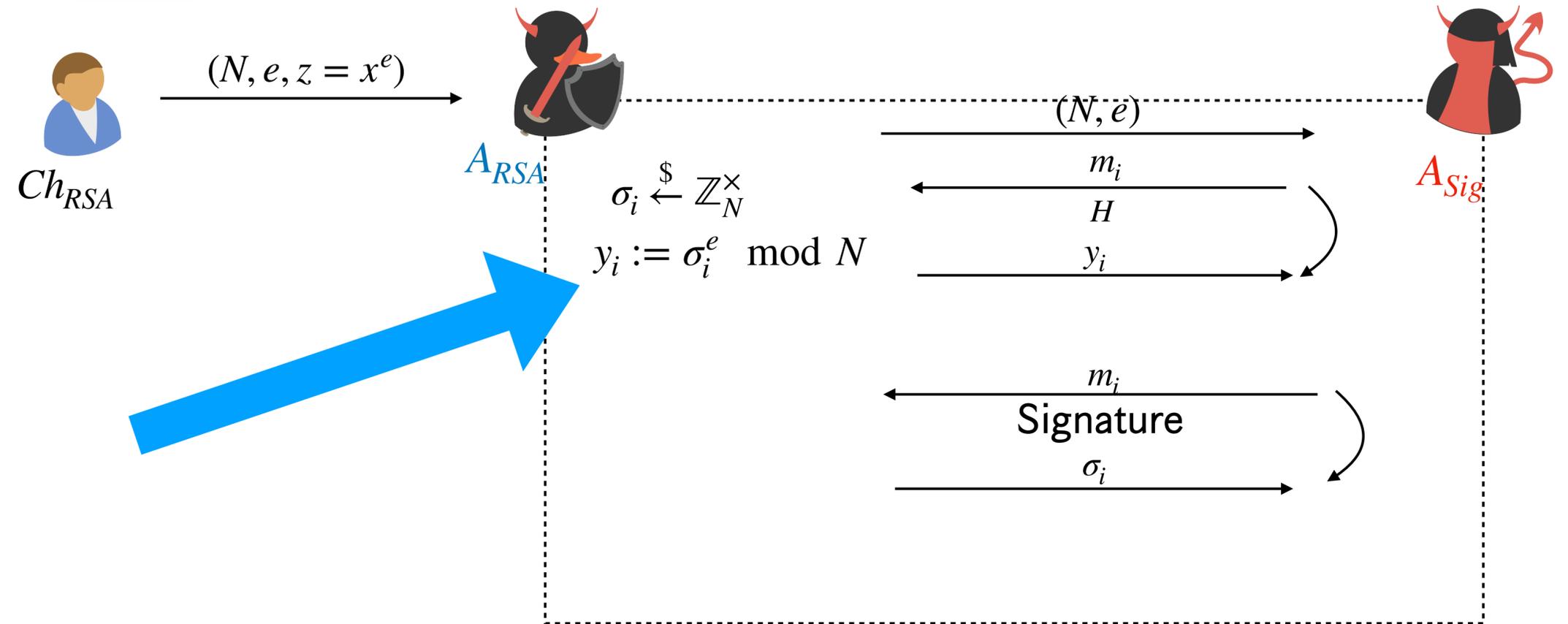
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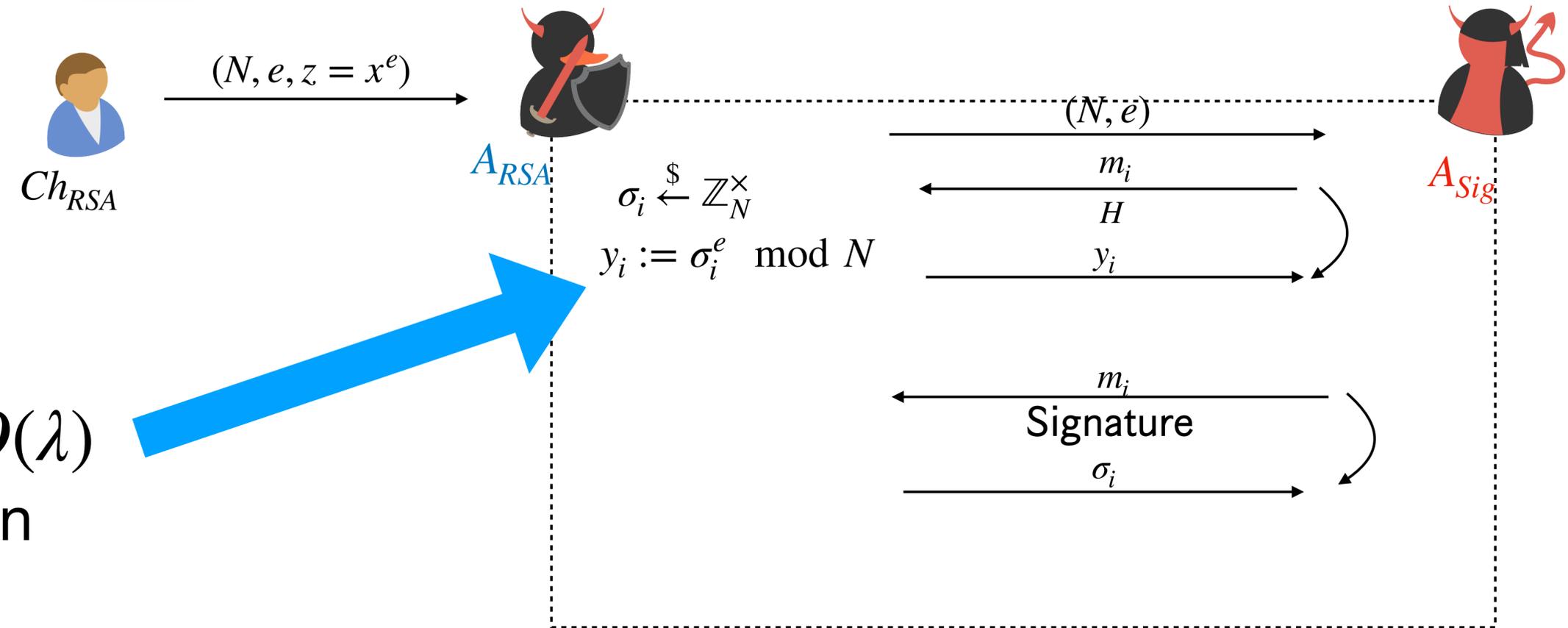
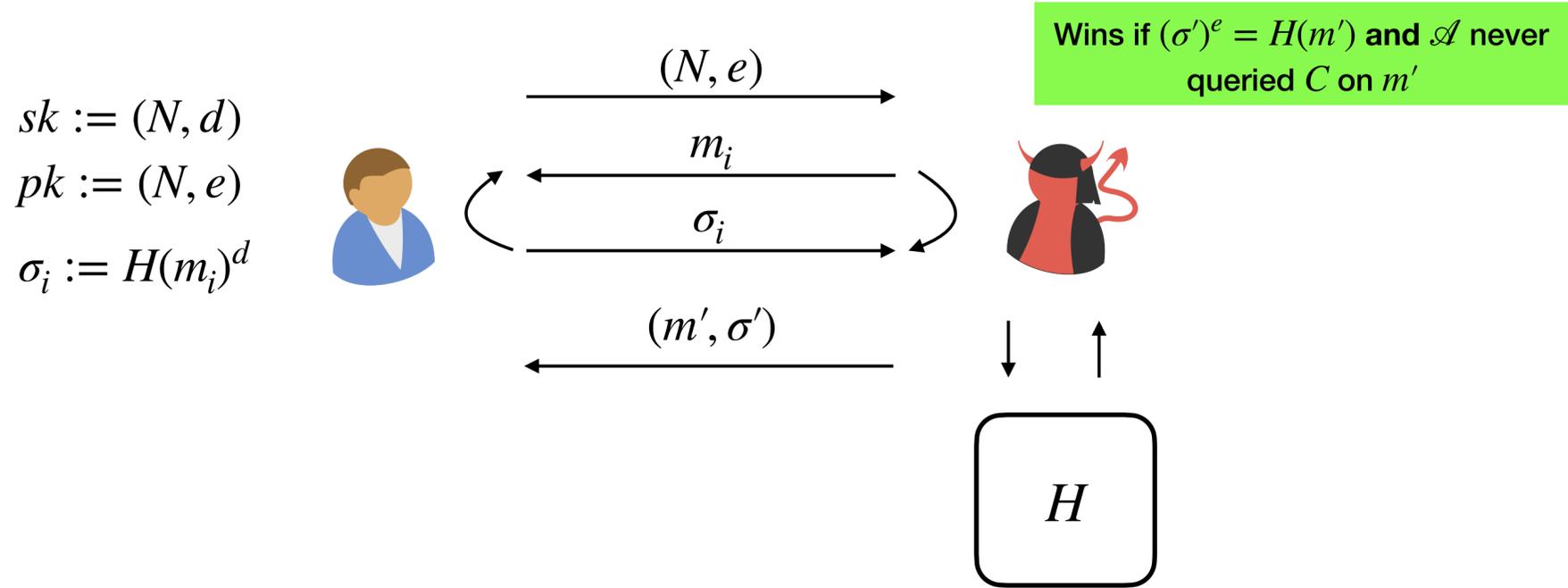


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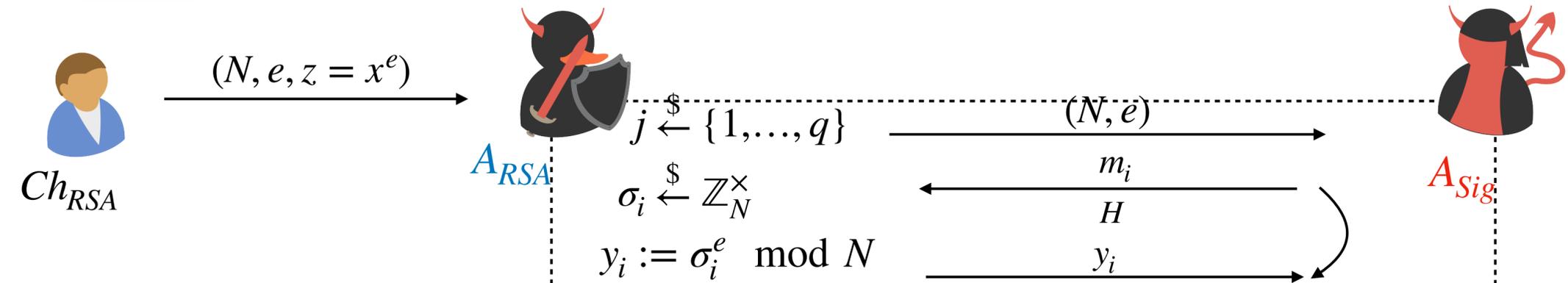
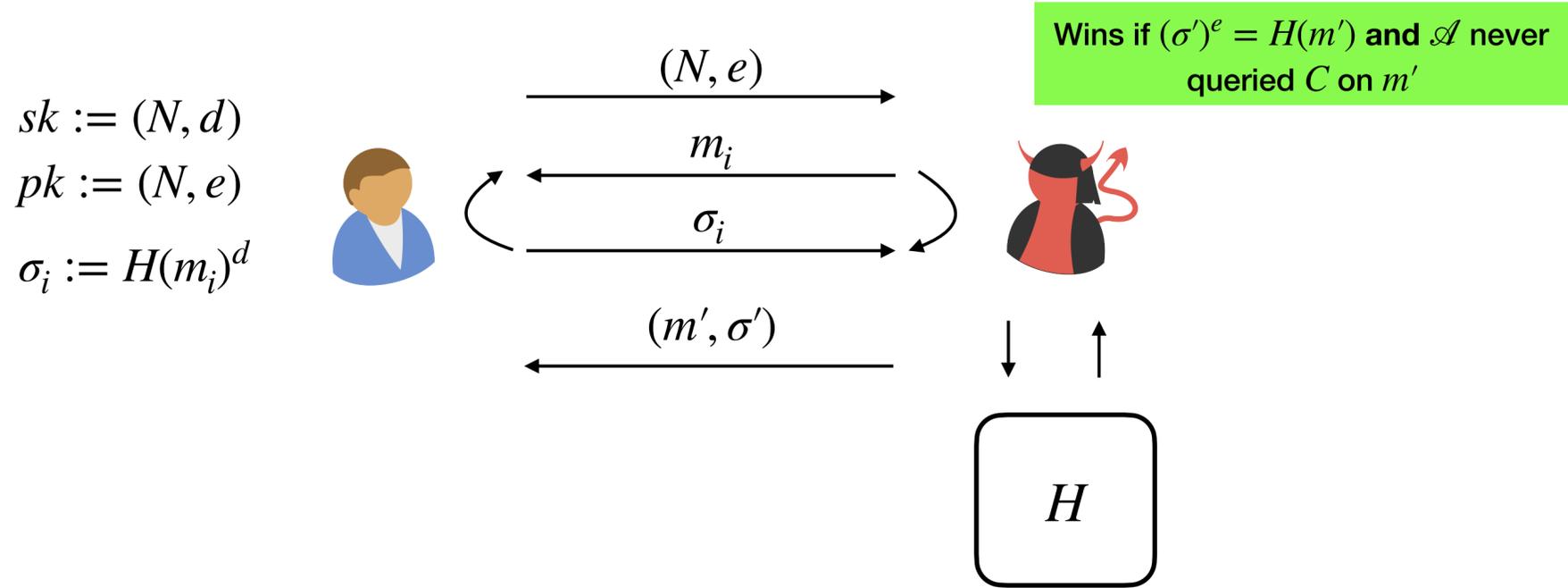


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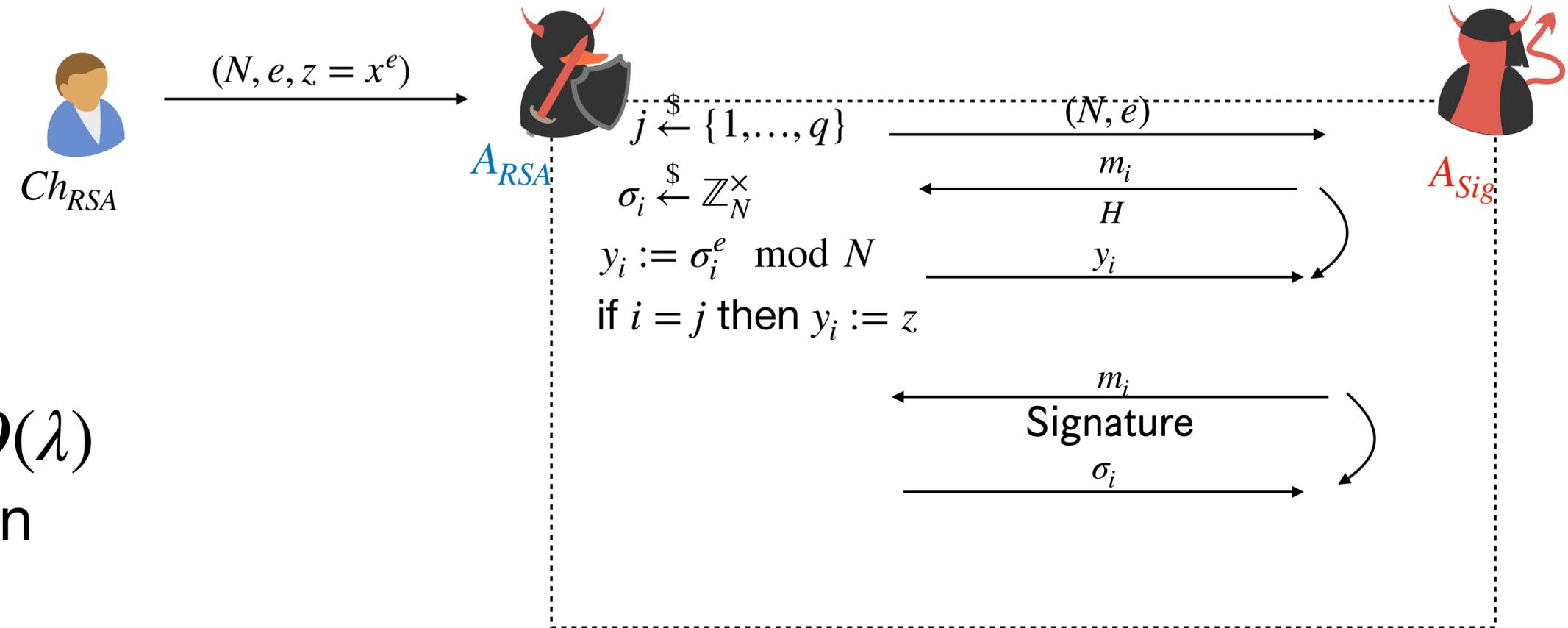
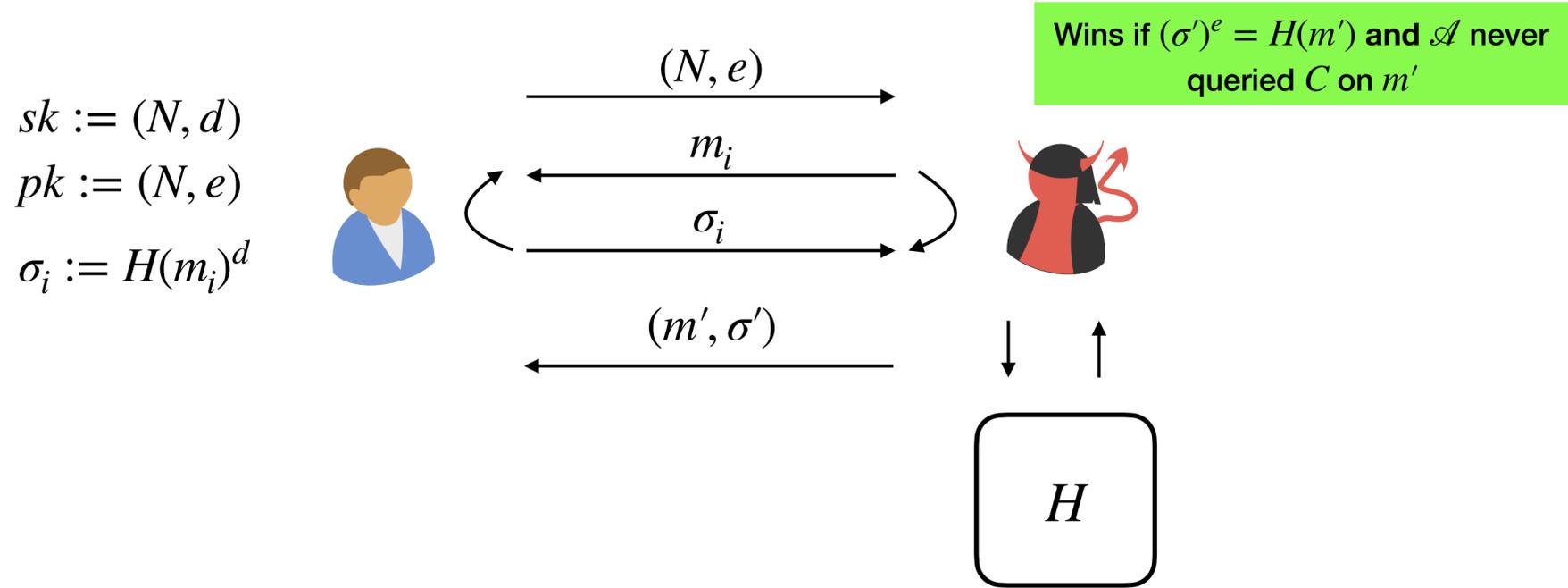


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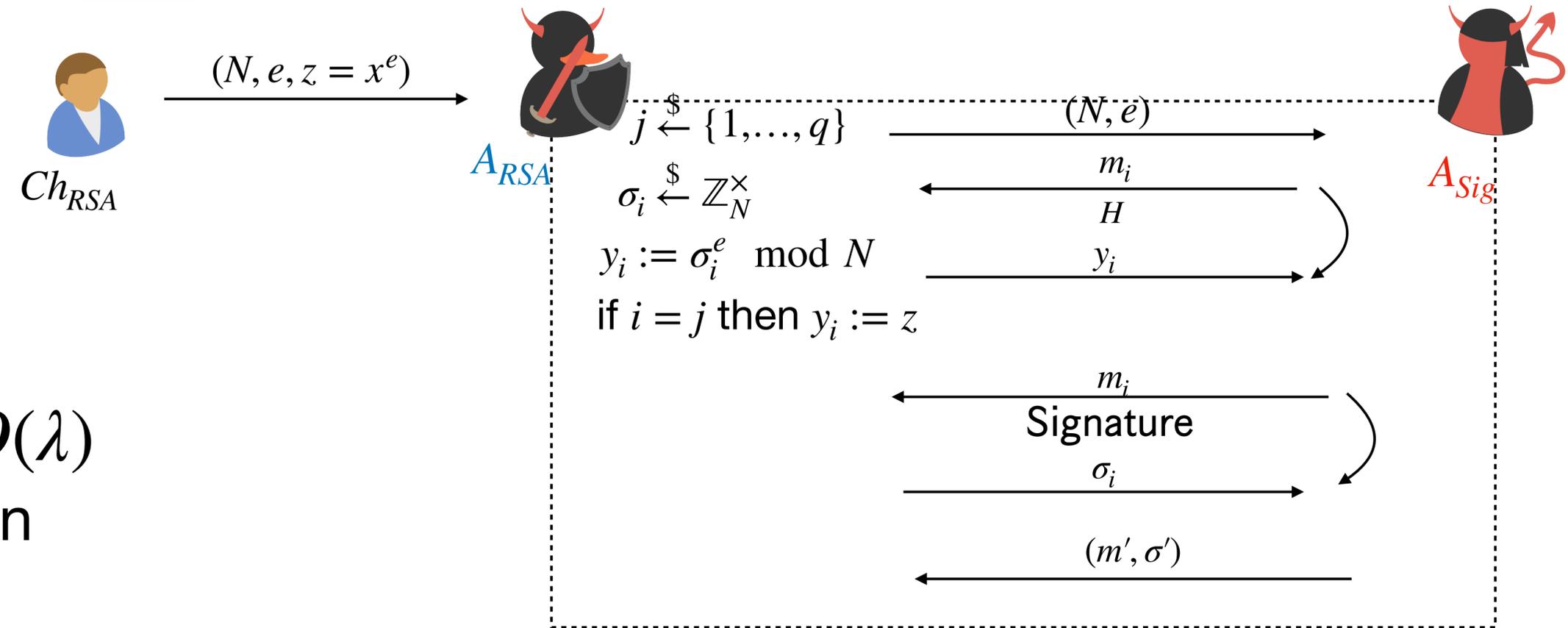
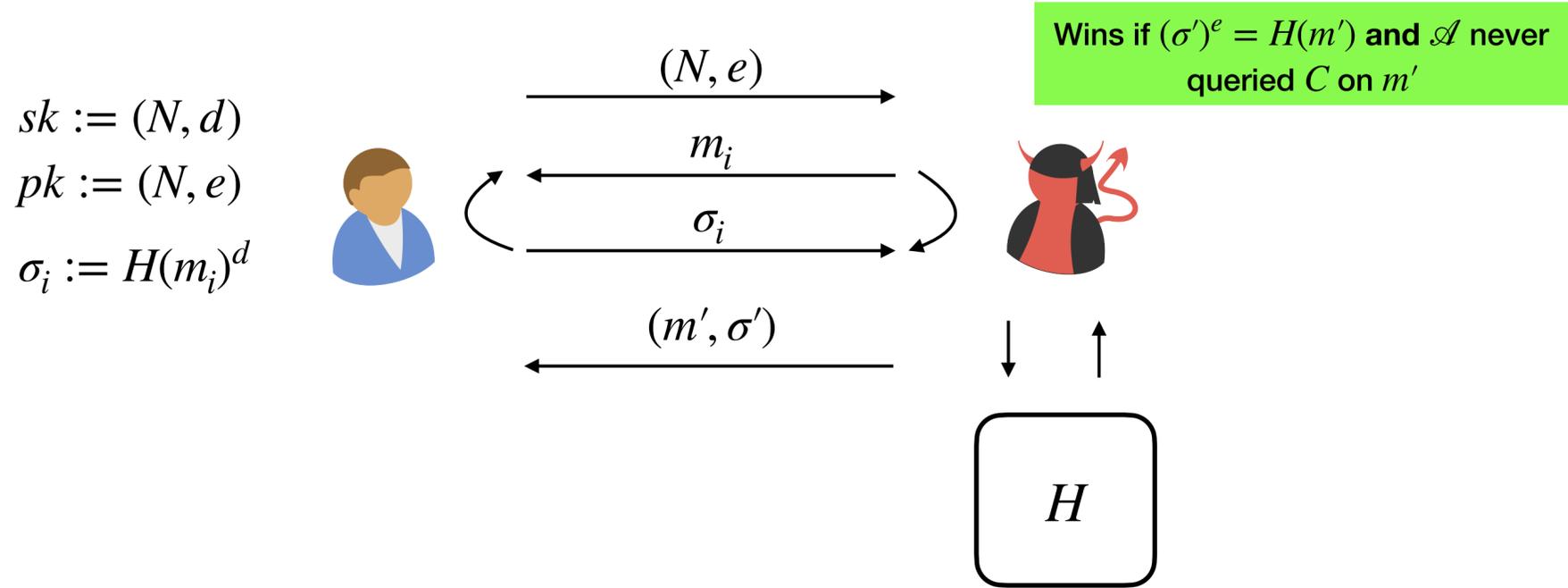


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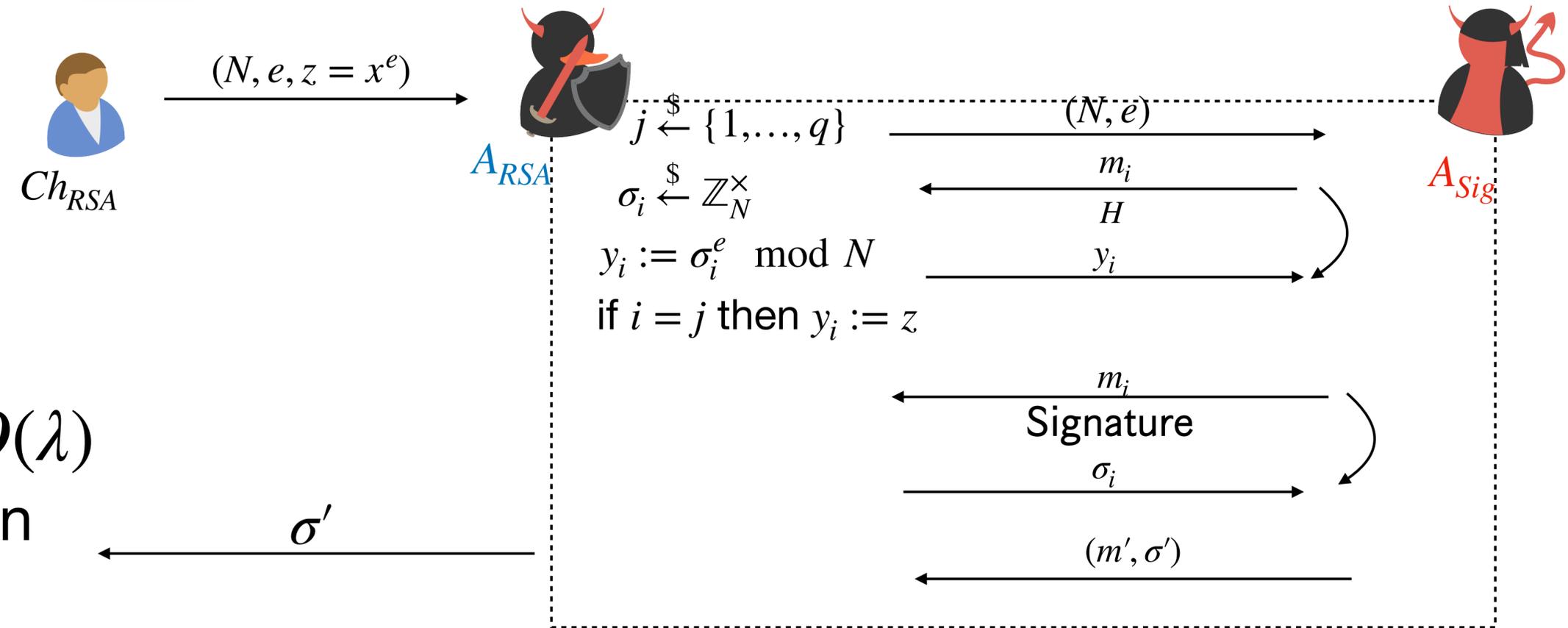
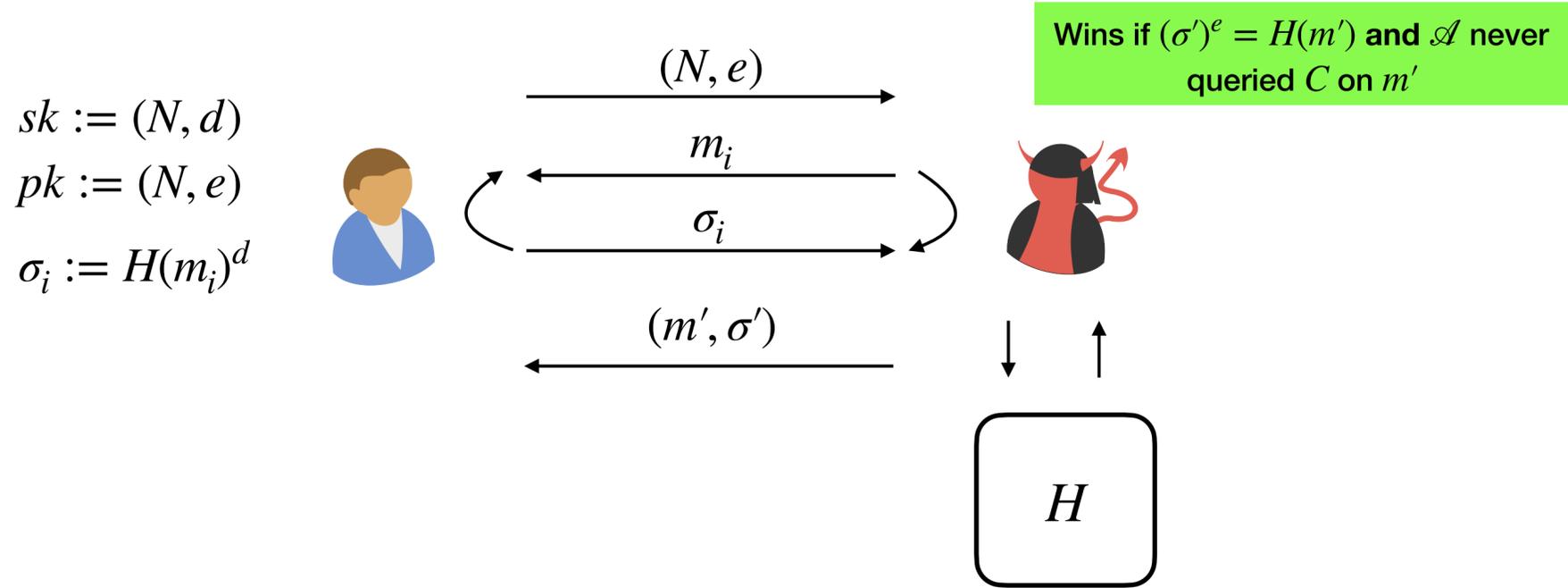


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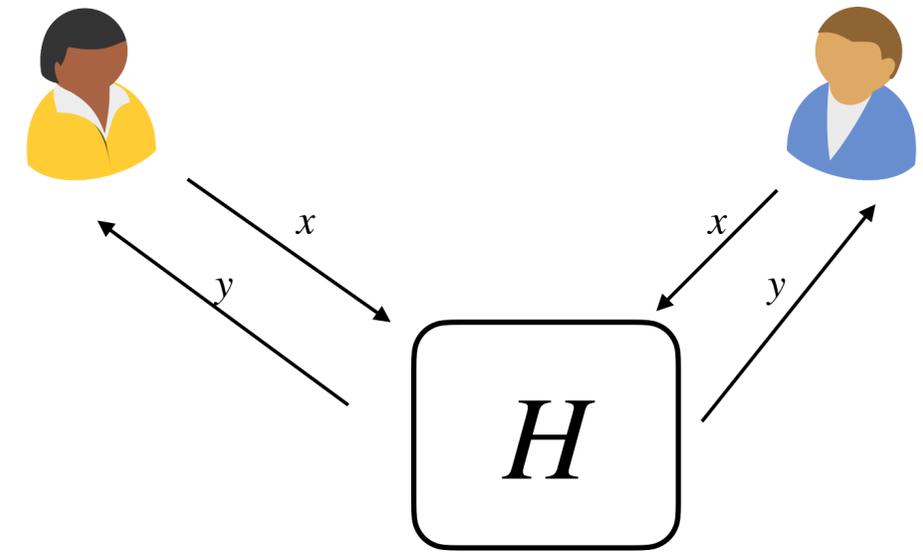
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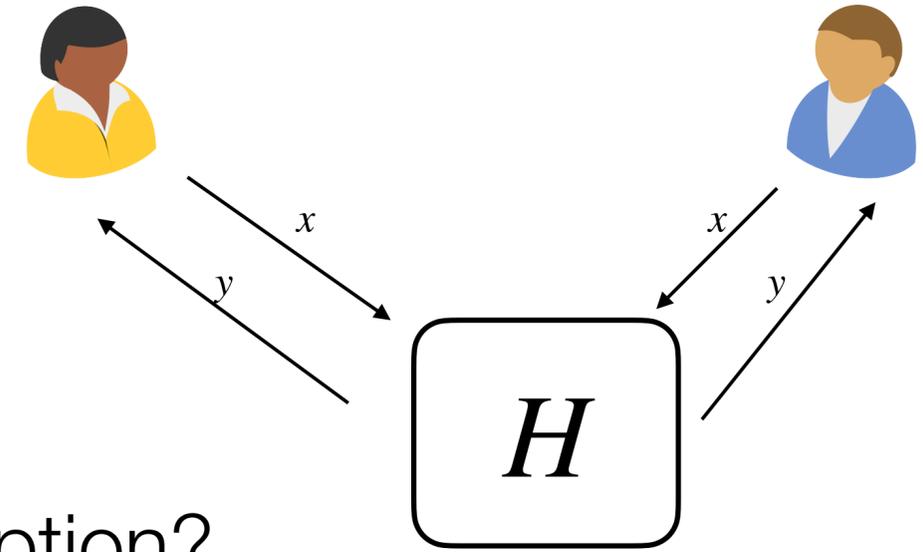
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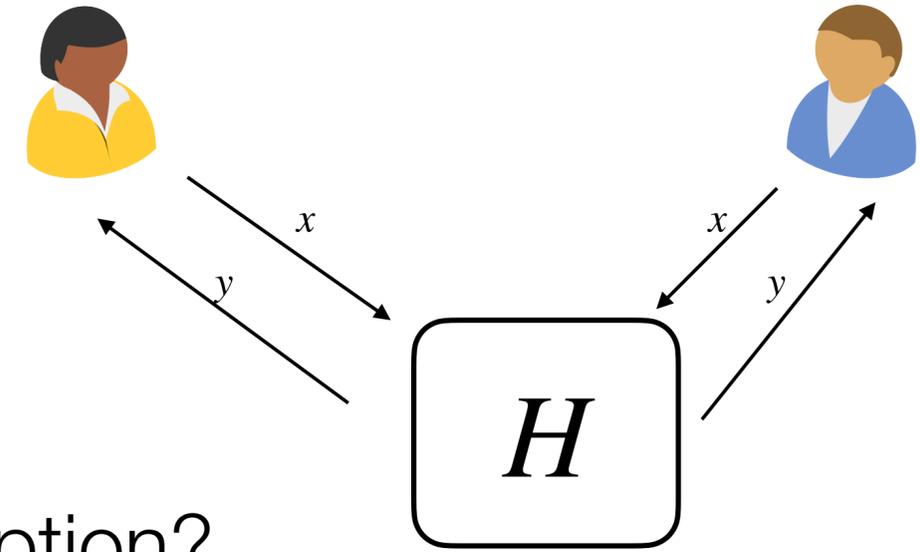


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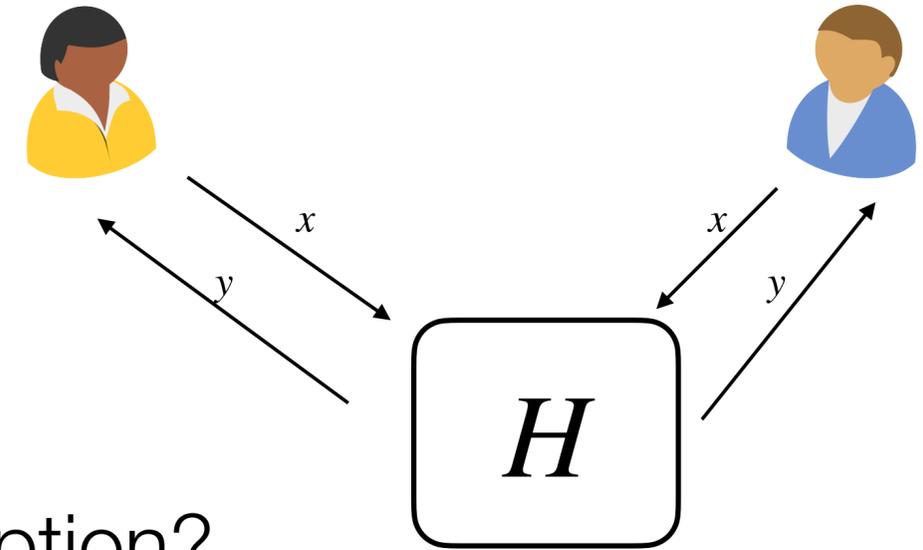
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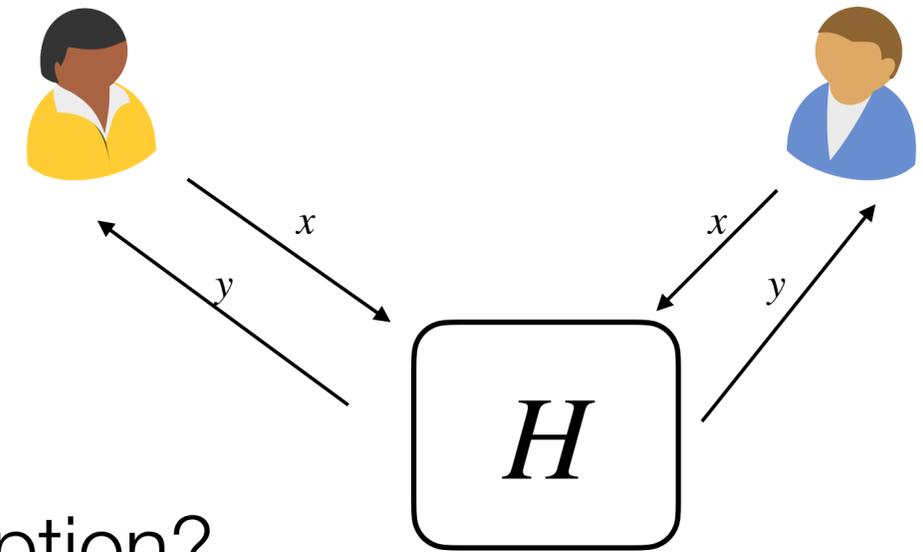
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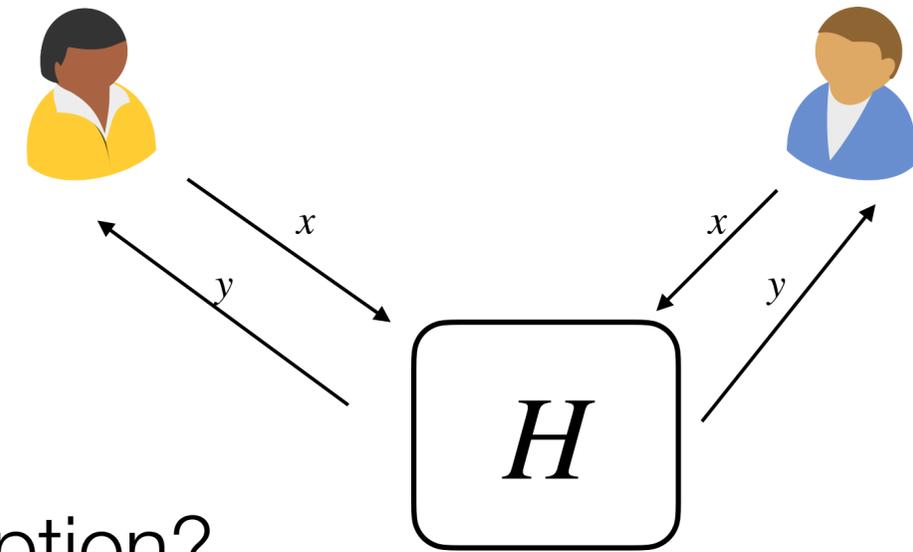
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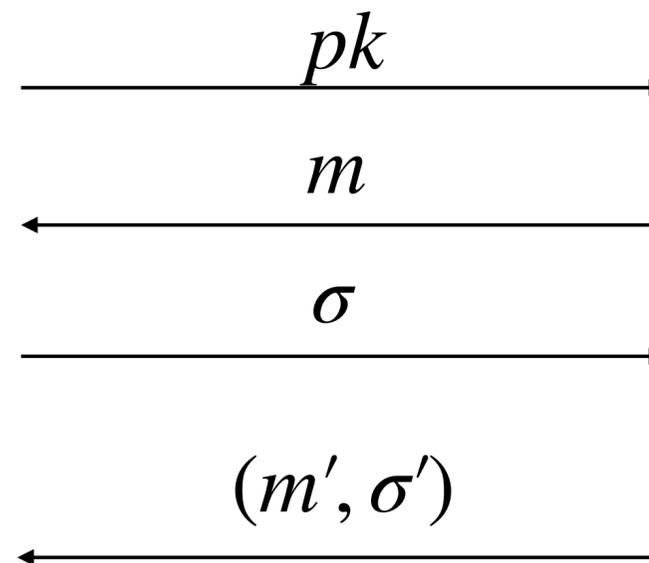
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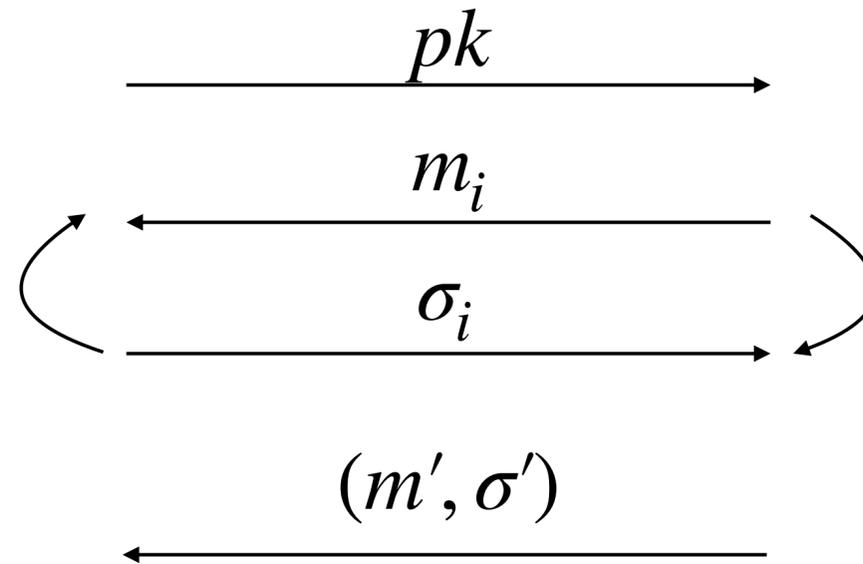
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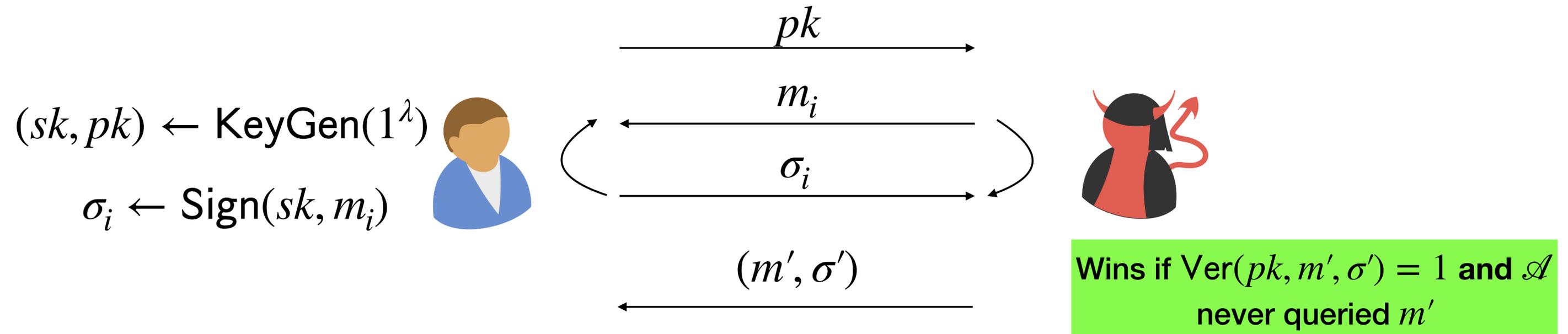
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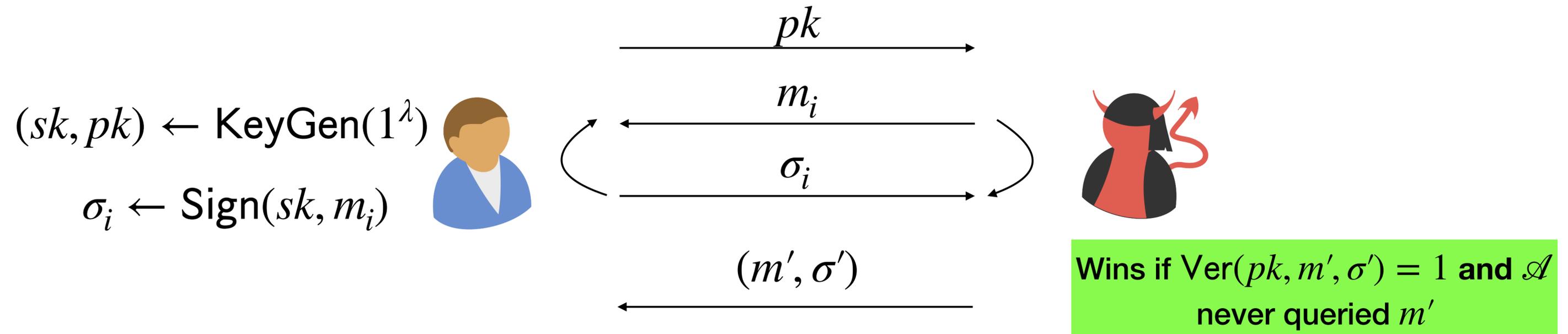
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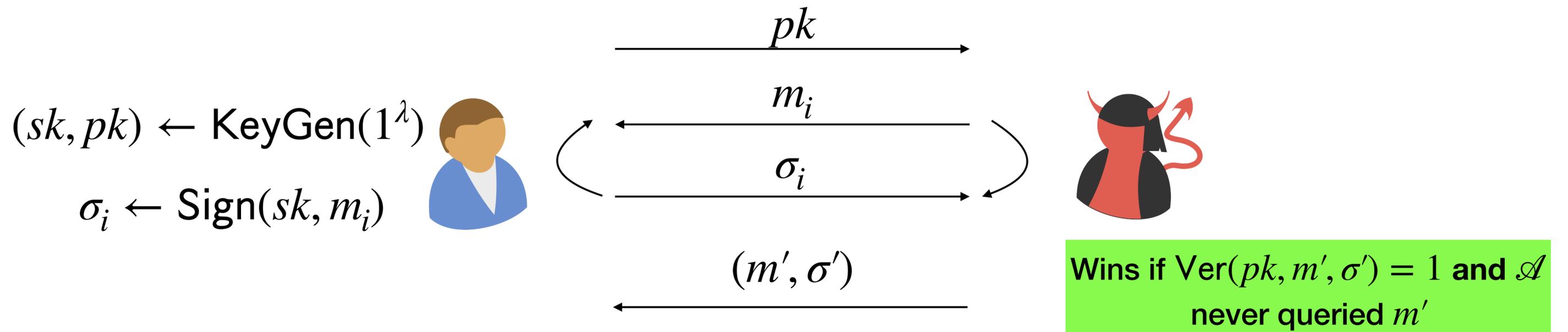
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