

# Space-Efficient IBE without Pairings

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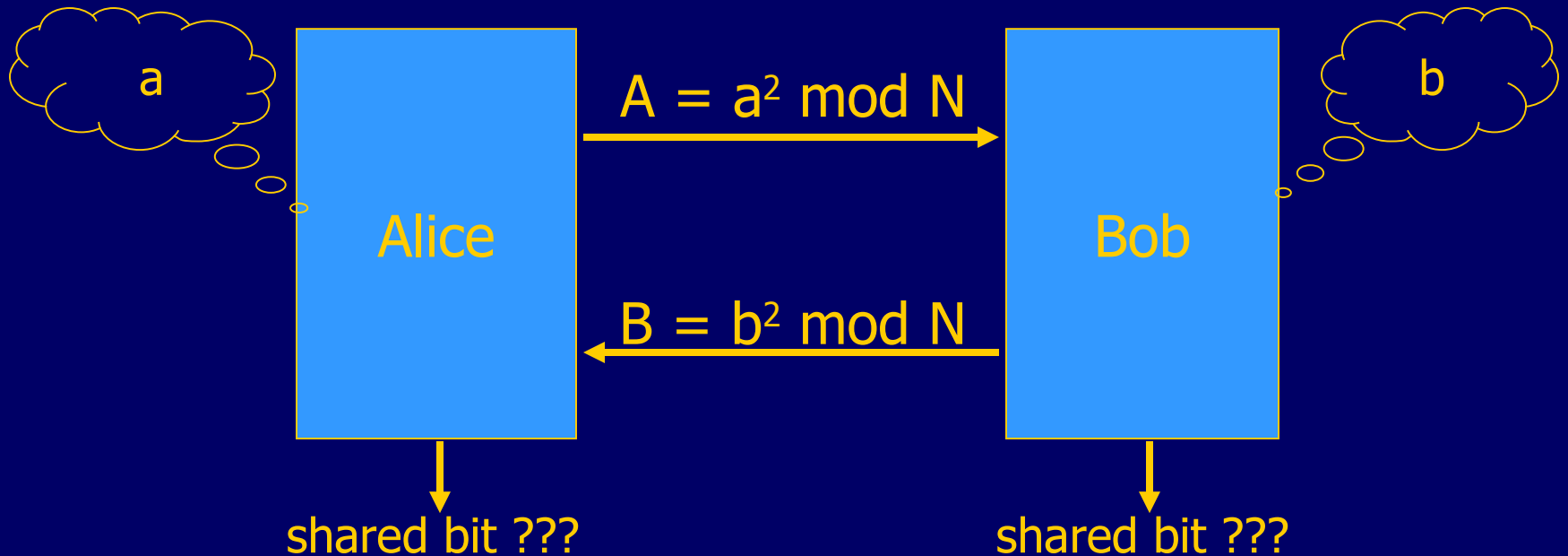
# IBE without Pairings

- Most work on IBE uses pairings (a.k.a. bilinear maps):
  - Boneh-Franklin (2001), BB04a, BB04b, Wat05, Gen06, etc.
- An IBE Scheme by Clifford Cocks (2001)
  - No pairings!
  - Based on quadratic residuosity mod  $N$  (w/ R.O.)
  - ... but CT is  $2 \times 1024$  times longer than PT

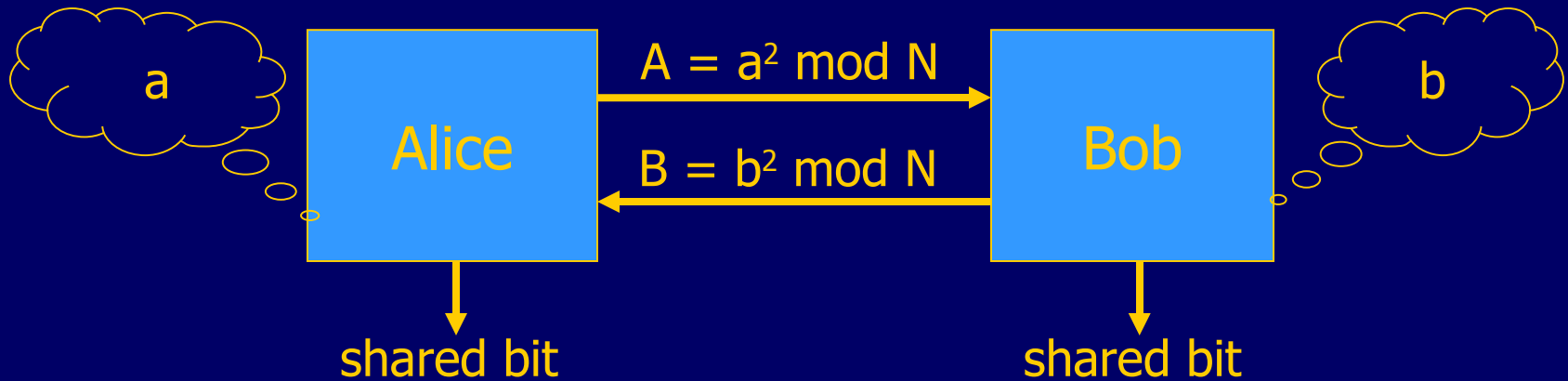
- New system:

$$|CT| = |PT| + \log_2 N + 1$$

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$$A \cdot x^2 + B \cdot y^2 = 1 \bmod N$$

$$\text{Shared bit} = \text{Jac}(ax+1, N) = \text{Jac}(2by+2, N)$$

$$A \cdot x^2 + B \cdot y^2 = 1 \pmod{N} \quad (*)$$

- Ong-Schnorr-Shamir (1984) signature scheme:

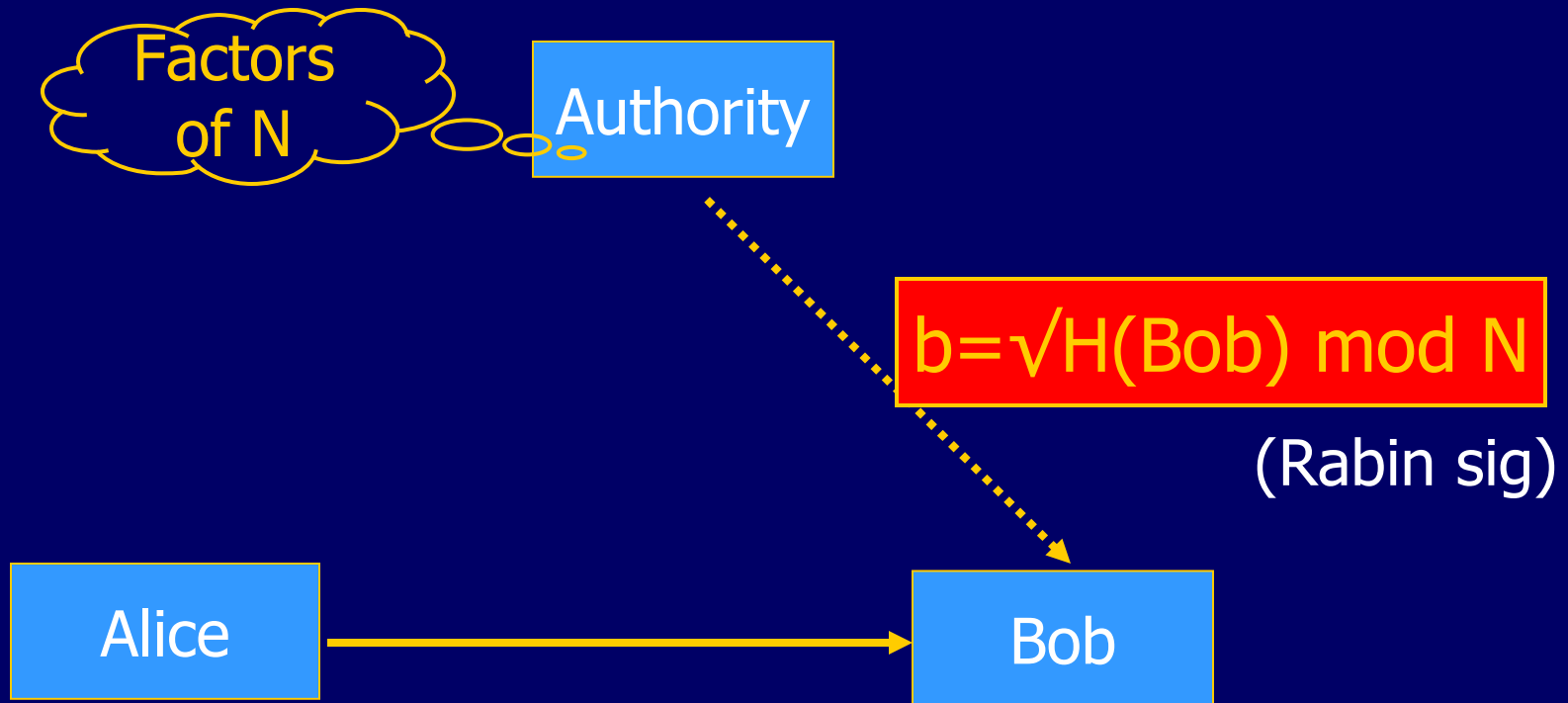
For  $PK=(N,A)$ ,

$\text{sig}(m) = (x,y)$  s.t.

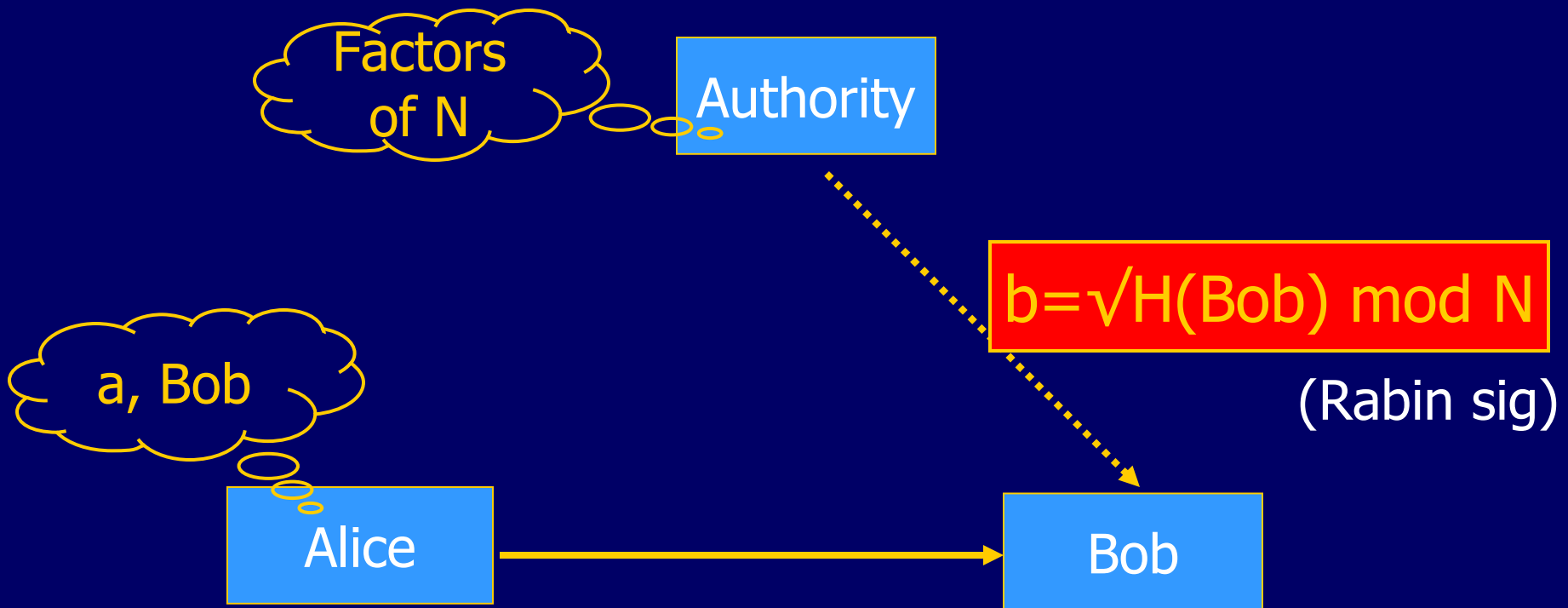
$$A \cdot x^2 + m \cdot y^2 = 1 \pmod{N}$$

- ... but efficient algorithm to solve (\*)  
Pollard-Schnorr algorithm
- So, our 1-bit key agreement scheme works

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$(x,y)$  s.t.

$$A \cdot x^2 + H(\text{Bob}) \cdot y^2 = 1 \pmod N$$

Factors  
of  $N$

Authority

$$b = \sqrt{H(\text{Bob})} \pmod N$$

(Rabin sig)

$a, \text{Bob}$

$$A = a^2 \pmod N$$

Alice

$m \oplus (\text{shared bit})$

Bob

$m$



# Multi-bit IBE system

$(x,y)$  s.t.

$$A \cdot x^2 + H(B,j) \cdot y^2 = 1 \pmod{N}$$

Factors  
of  $N$

Authority

$$b_j = \sqrt{H(B,j)} \pmod{N}$$

$a$ , Bob

$$A = a^2 \pmod{N}$$

Alice

$M \oplus$  (shared bits)

Bob

only one  $A$  !!

$M$

# Security, Extensions, Open Problems

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## ➤ Security:

- ANON-IND-ID-CCA based on QR (w/ R.O.)
- R.O. needed for Rabin sigs security

## ➤ Extensions:

- New hash proof system based on QR  
→ New standard model PKE system based on QR

## ➤ Open Problems:

- Solve  $Ax^2 + By^2 = 1 \pmod N$  faster!
- Remove random oracles