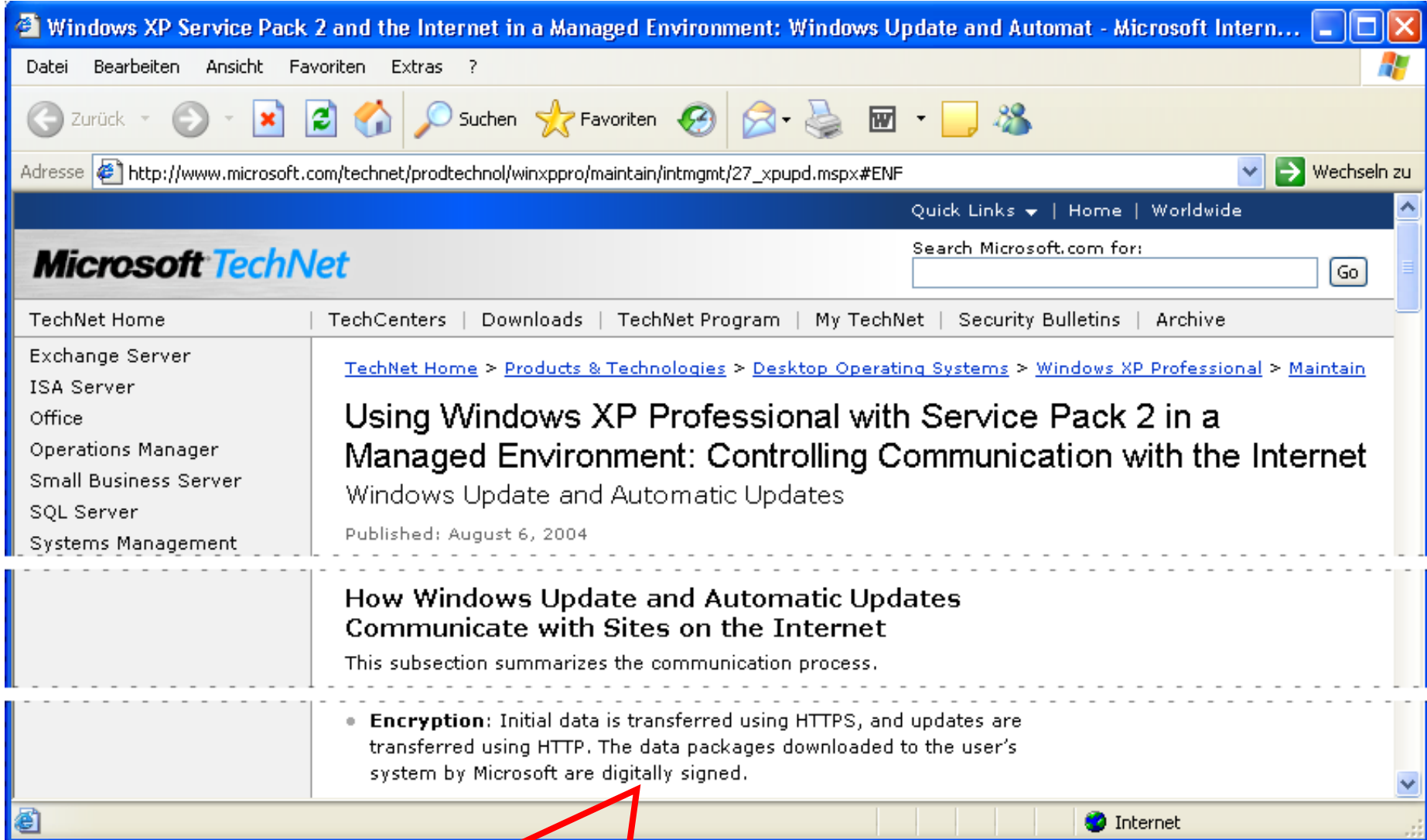


CMSS – Digital Signatures without Number Theory?

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Applications of digital signatures



Digitally signed updates



German passports



Personal data ECDSA signed.

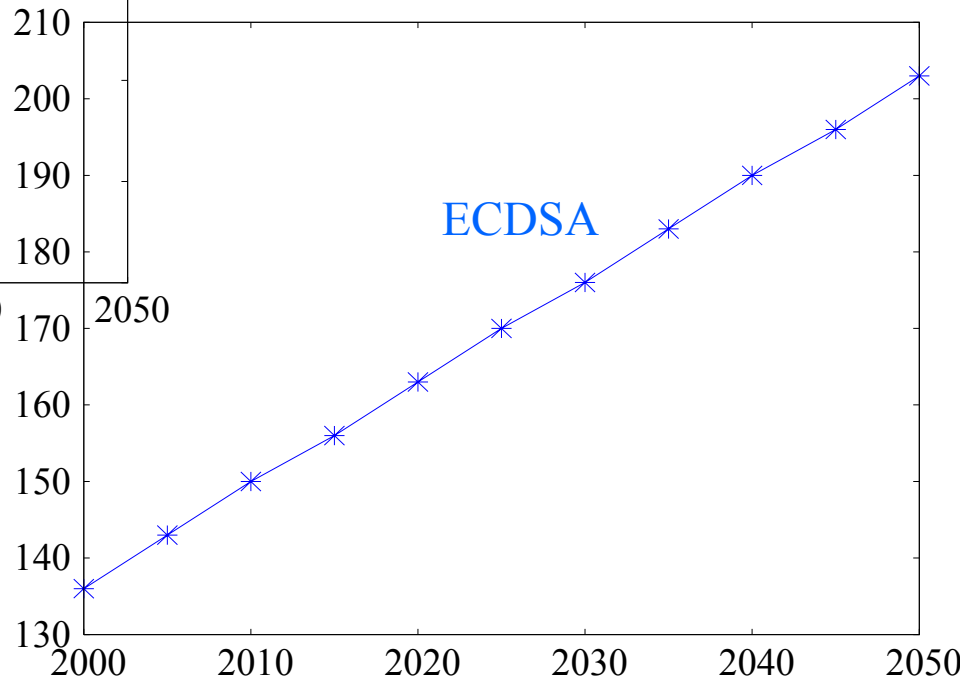
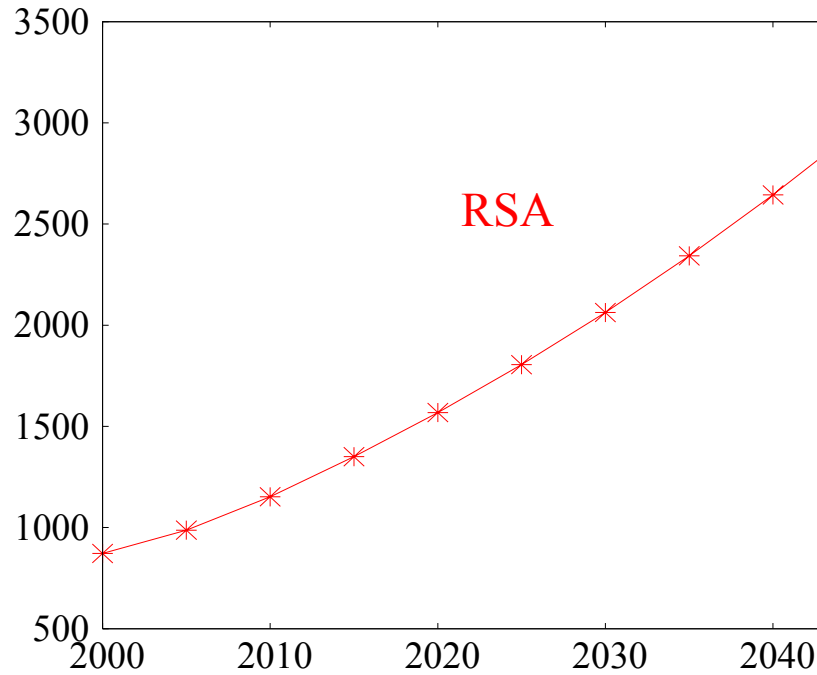
2007: ECDSA access control to biometric data

How long will RSA and ECDSA be secure?



Selecting key sizes

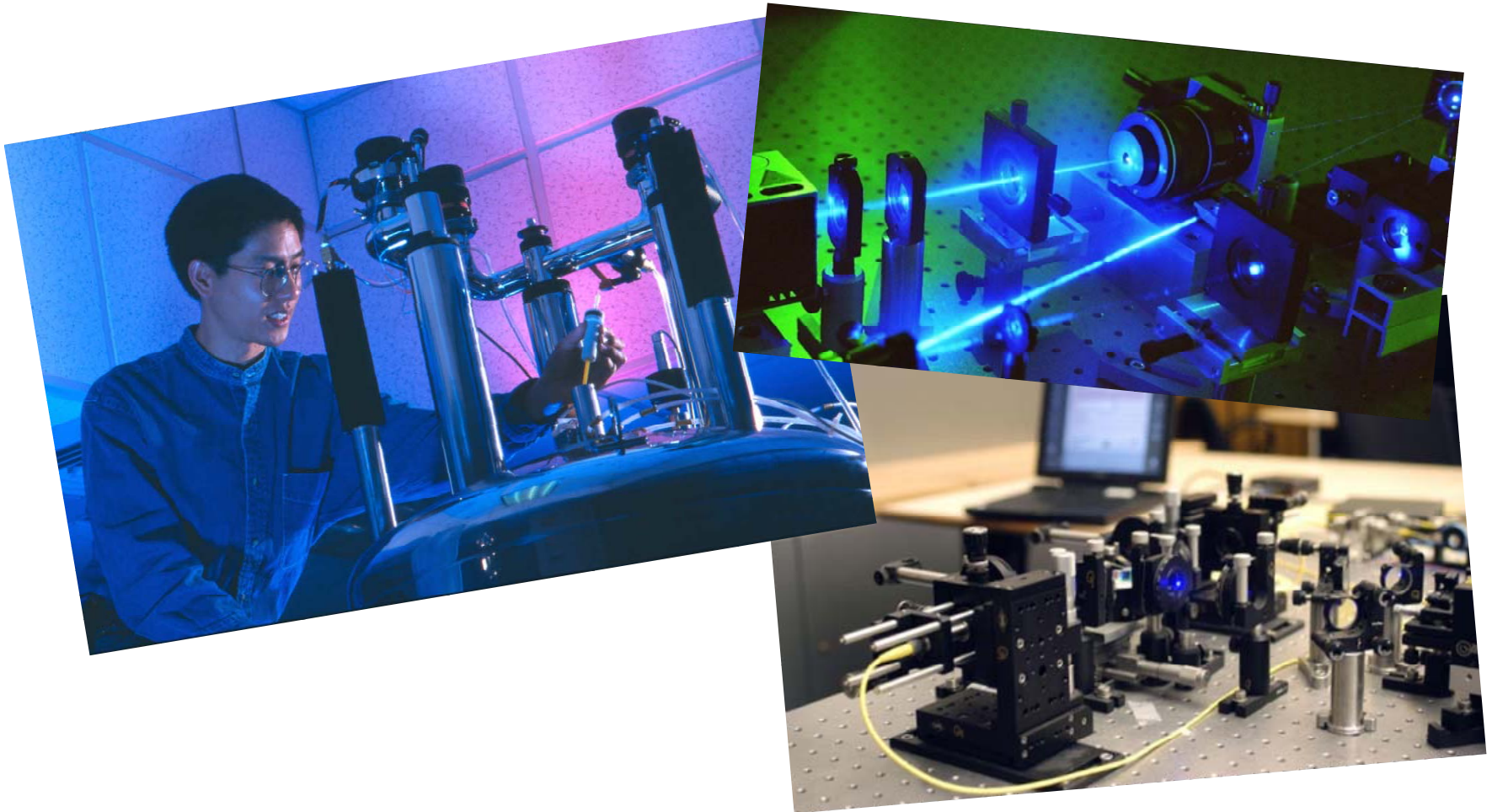
Lenstra (2004)



	2006	2046
RSA	1012 bits	3034 bits
ECDSA	144 bits	198 bits

Quantum computers will make RSA, DSA, ECDSA insecure

Shor (1994)



Alternatives?

Rompel (1990)

One-way functions are necessary and sufficient
for secure signatures

Hash functions suffice

Impagliazzo, Rudich (1989)

(Black box) one-way functions are not sufficient
for public key encryption

Number theoretic, algebraic, geometric problems
required?

A signature scheme based on hash functions

Merkle (1979)



Merkle signature scheme

Idea:

Hash based one-time signature scheme (OTSS)

One key pair ( , ) per signature

Hash tree:

Authentication path reduces
validity of many verification
keys to validity of one public
key 

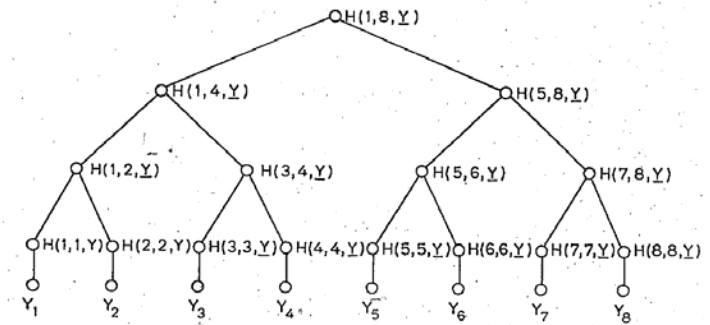


FIG 1
AN AUTHENTICATION TREE WITH N = 8.

Lamport-Diffie OTSS

Lamport, Diffie (1976)

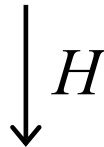
System parameters:

Hash function $H: \{0,1\}^* \rightarrow \{0,1\}^n$

Key generation

Signature key

$$\text{📌} = x_1(0), x_1(1), x_2(0), x_2(1), \dots, x_n(0), x_n(1) \in_{\mathbf{R}} \{0,1\}^n$$



$$\text{🔍} = y_1(0), y_1(1), y_2(0), y_2(1), \dots, y_n(0), y_n(1) \in \{0,1\}^n$$

Verification key

Lamport-Diffie OTSS

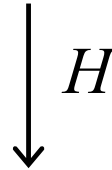
Example

$n = 3$



$x_1(0), x_1(1), x_2(0), x_2(1), x_3(0), x_3(1)$

0	1	1	0	0	1
1	1	1	0	1	0
0	0	1	1	1	1



0	1	0	0	1	1
1	1	0	1	0	1
1	1	0	0	0	0



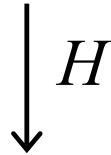
$y_1(0), y_1(1), y_2(0), y_2(1), y_3(0), y_3(1)$

Lamport-Diffie OTSS

Signing



$= m_1, m_2, \dots, m_v$



$H(\text{document icon}) = h_1, h_2, \dots, h_n$



$= x_1(h_1), x_2(h_2), \dots, x_n(h_n)$

Lamport-Diffie OTSS

Example



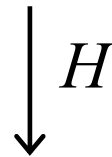
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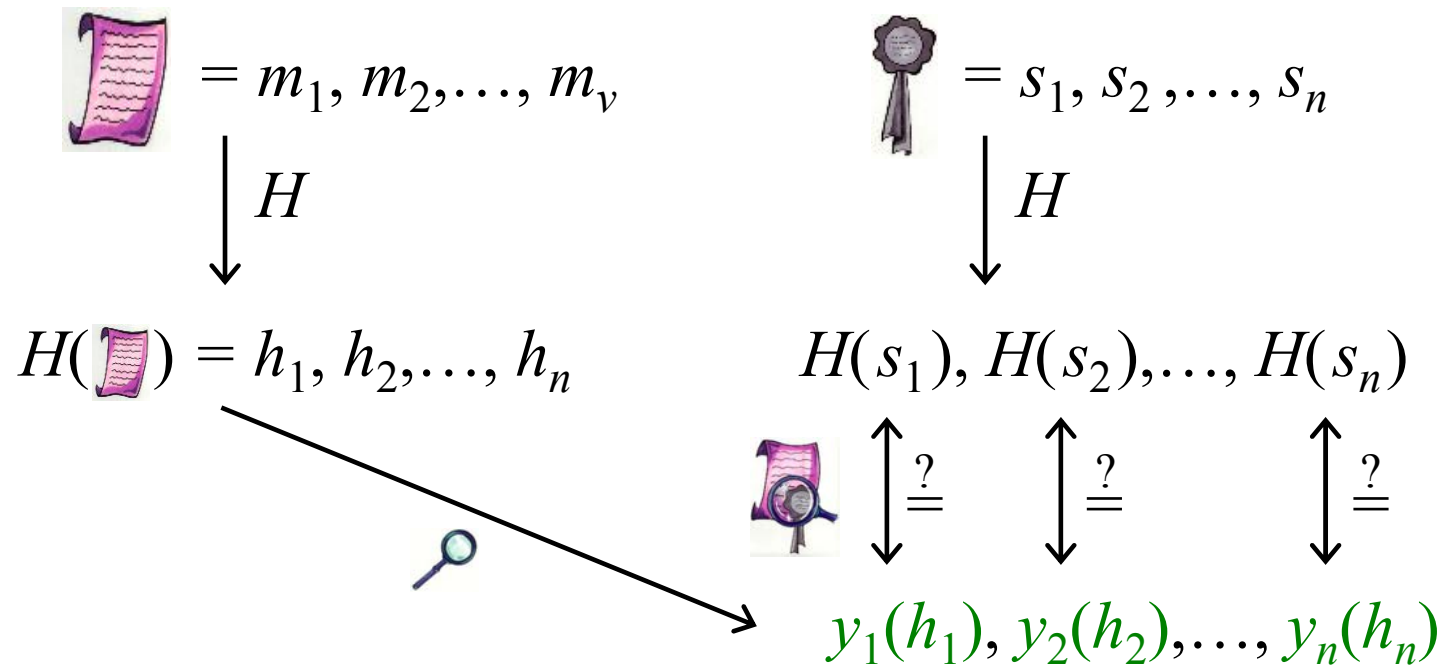


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Lamport-Diffie OTSS

Verifying



Lamport-Diffie OTSS

Example



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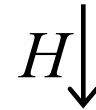
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$H(\text{scroll}) = 010$



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Lamport-Diffie OTSS

Example



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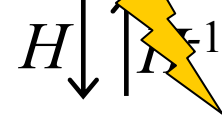


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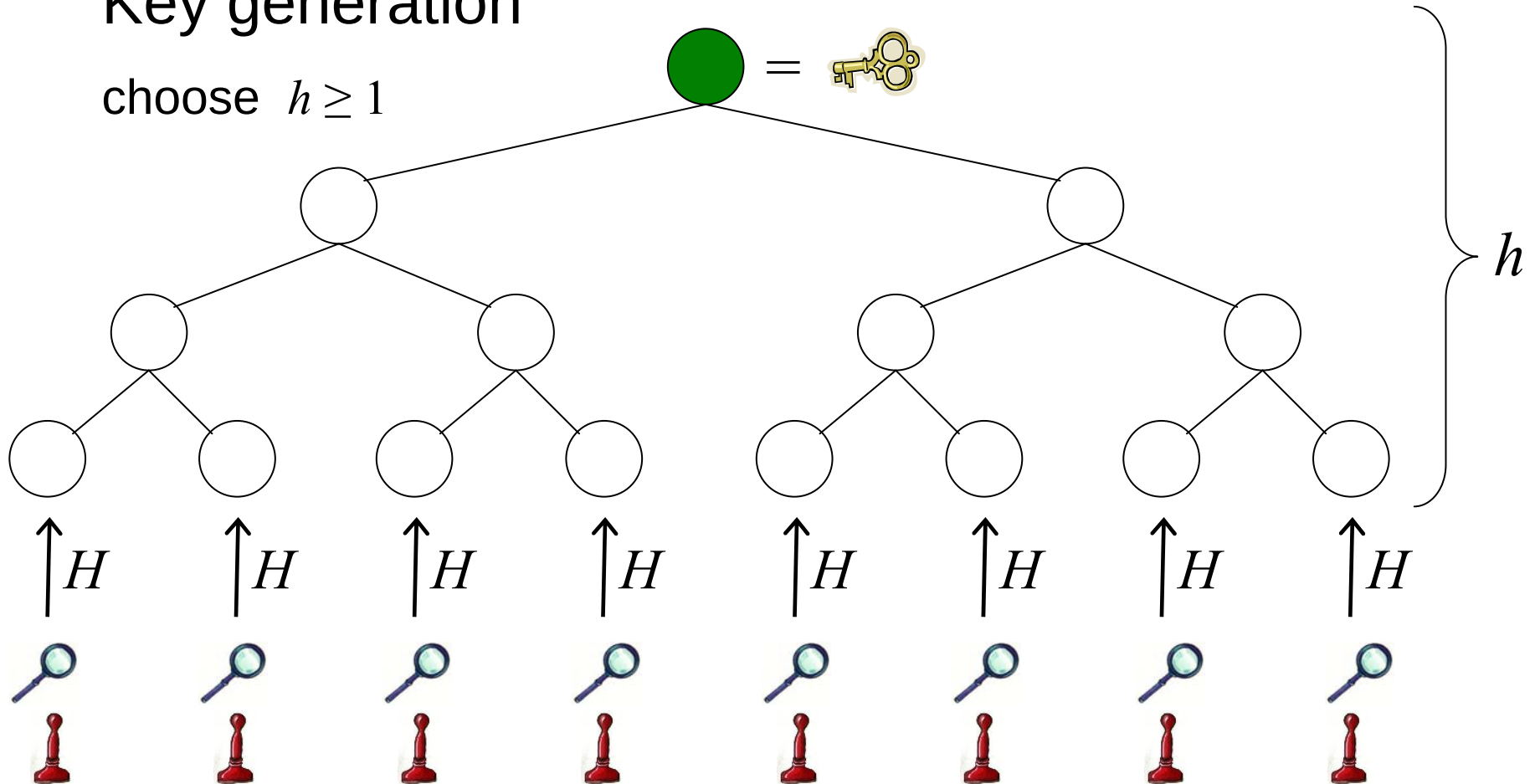


Merkle signature scheme

Merkle (1979)

Key generation

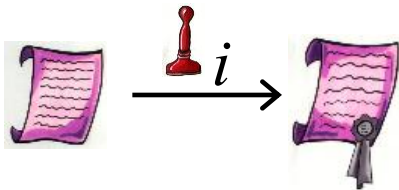
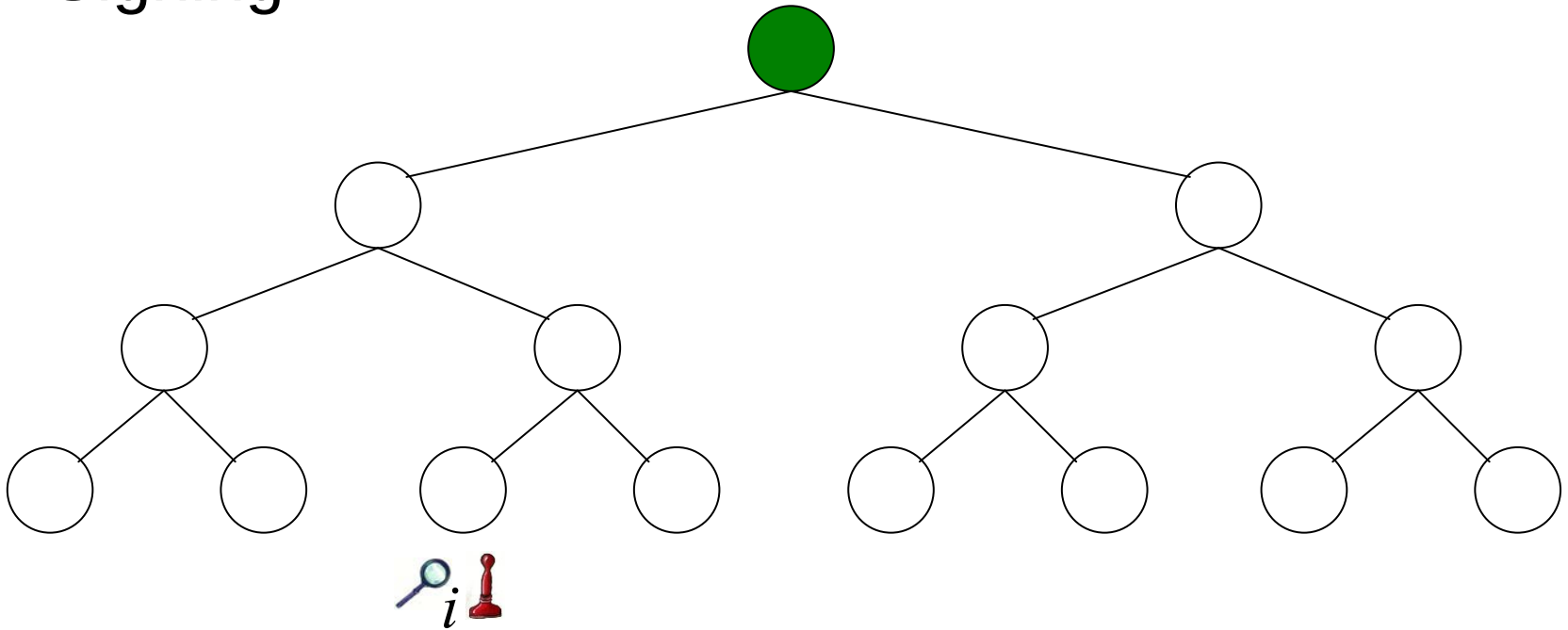
choose $h \geq 1$

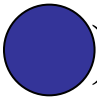


$$parent = H(left \parallel right)$$

Merkle signature scheme

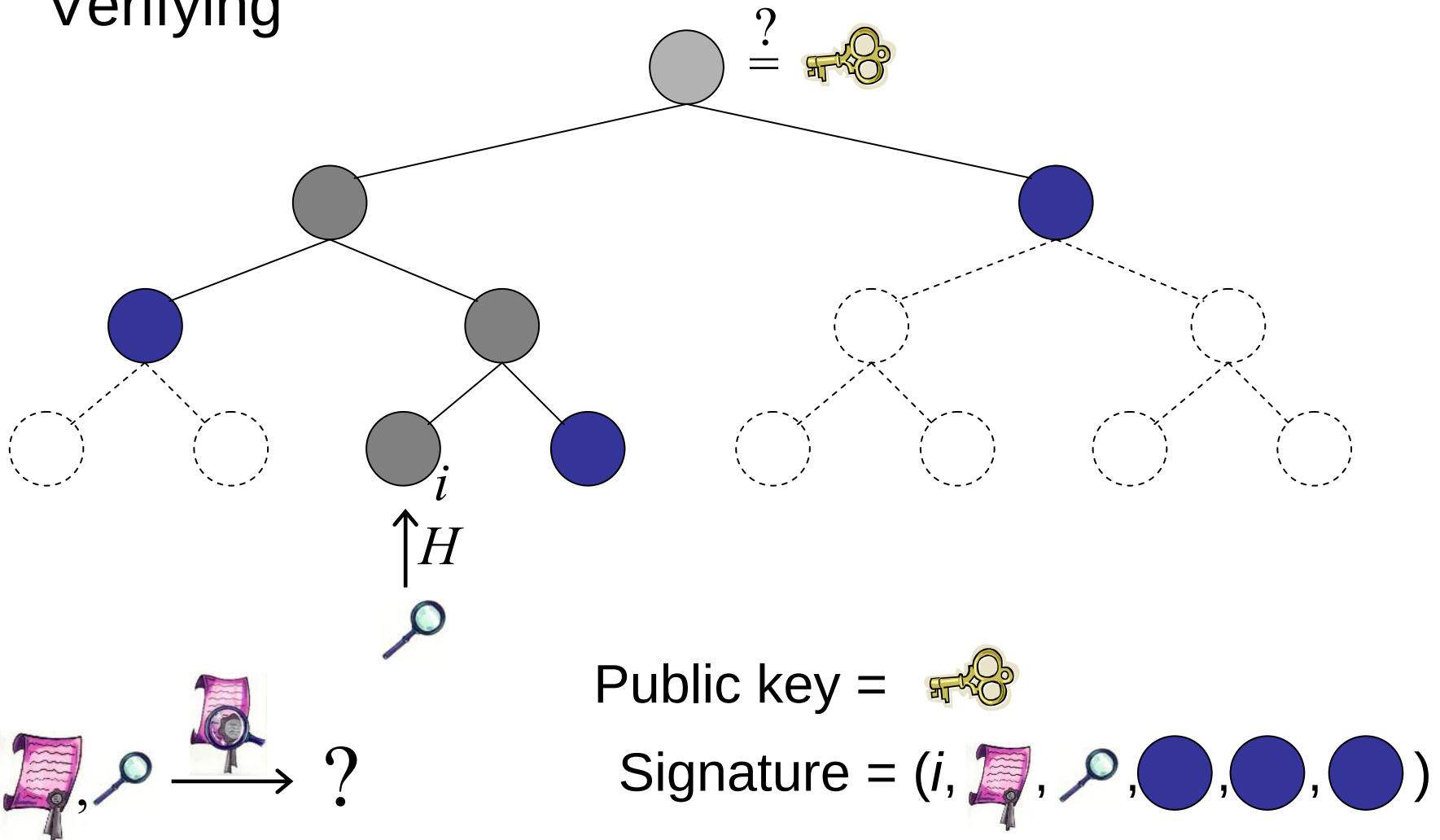
Signing



Signature = (i , , , , , )

Merkle signature scheme

Verifying



Merkle signature scheme

Problems

Large memory for private key

Expensive authentication path computation

Expensive authentication tree computation

Winternitz OTSS

Winternitz (1979), Dods, Smart, Stam (2005)

System parameters:

Hash function $H: \{0,1\}^* \rightarrow \{0,1\}^n$

$w \geq 1$; number of bits signed simultaneously

$$t \approx (n + \log(n)) / w < 2n$$

Signature key

$$\text{📌} = x_1, x_2, \dots, x_t \in_R \{0,1\}^n$$

Verification key

$$\text{🔍} = H(H^{2^w-1}(x_1) \parallel H^{2^w-1}(x_2) \parallel \dots \parallel H^{2^w-1}(x_t))$$

Winternitz OTSS

Signing:

$$\text{🏁} = x_1, x_2, \dots, x_t$$

$$H(\text{📜}) = 100101010\dots110 \qquad 111 \quad \dots \quad 001$$

$$b_1 \quad b_2 \quad b_3 \quad \dots \quad b_{\left\lceil n/w \right\rceil} \quad b_{p+1} \quad \dots \quad b_t$$

$$\qquad \qquad \qquad \parallel$$

$$\qquad \qquad \qquad p$$

$$c = \sum_{i=1}^p 2^w - b_i$$

$$(\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_t) = (H^{b_1}(x_1), H^{b_2}(x_2), \dots, H^{b_t}(x_t))$$

Winternitz OTSS

Verifying:

$$\text{🔍} = H(H^{2^w-1}(x_1) \parallel H^{2^w-1}(x_2) \parallel \dots \parallel H^{2^w-1}(x_t))$$

$$(\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_t) = (H^{b_1}(x_1), H^{b_2}(x_2), \dots, H^{b_t}(x_t))$$

Compute $b_1, \dots, b_t$ as before

$$(\varphi_1, \varphi_2, \dots, \varphi_t) = (H^{2^w-1-b_1}(\sigma_1), H^{2^w-1-b_2}(\sigma_2), \dots, H^{2^w-1-b_t}(\sigma_t))$$

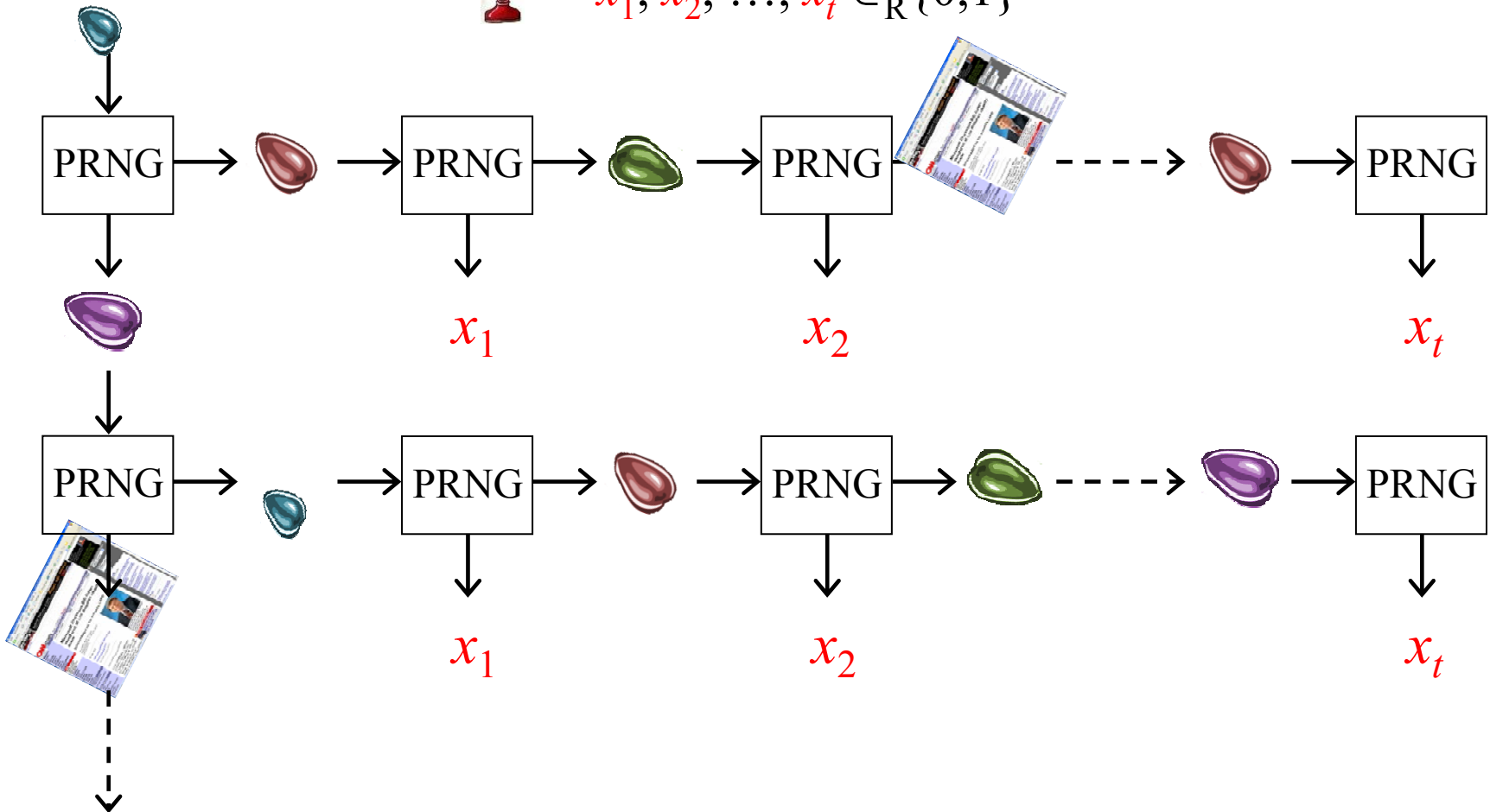
$$\text{🔍} \stackrel{?}{=} H(\varphi_1 \parallel \varphi_2 \parallel \dots \parallel \varphi_t)$$

Improved OTSS key generation

Coronado (2005)

truly random

$$\text{🏰} = x_1, x_2, \dots, x_t \in_R \{0,1\}^n$$



Authentication path computation

Naive:

Store complete authentication tree: 2^{h+1} nodes

Szydlo (2004):

Suffices to store $3h$ nodes and compute $2h$ hash values per signature

Authentication path computation

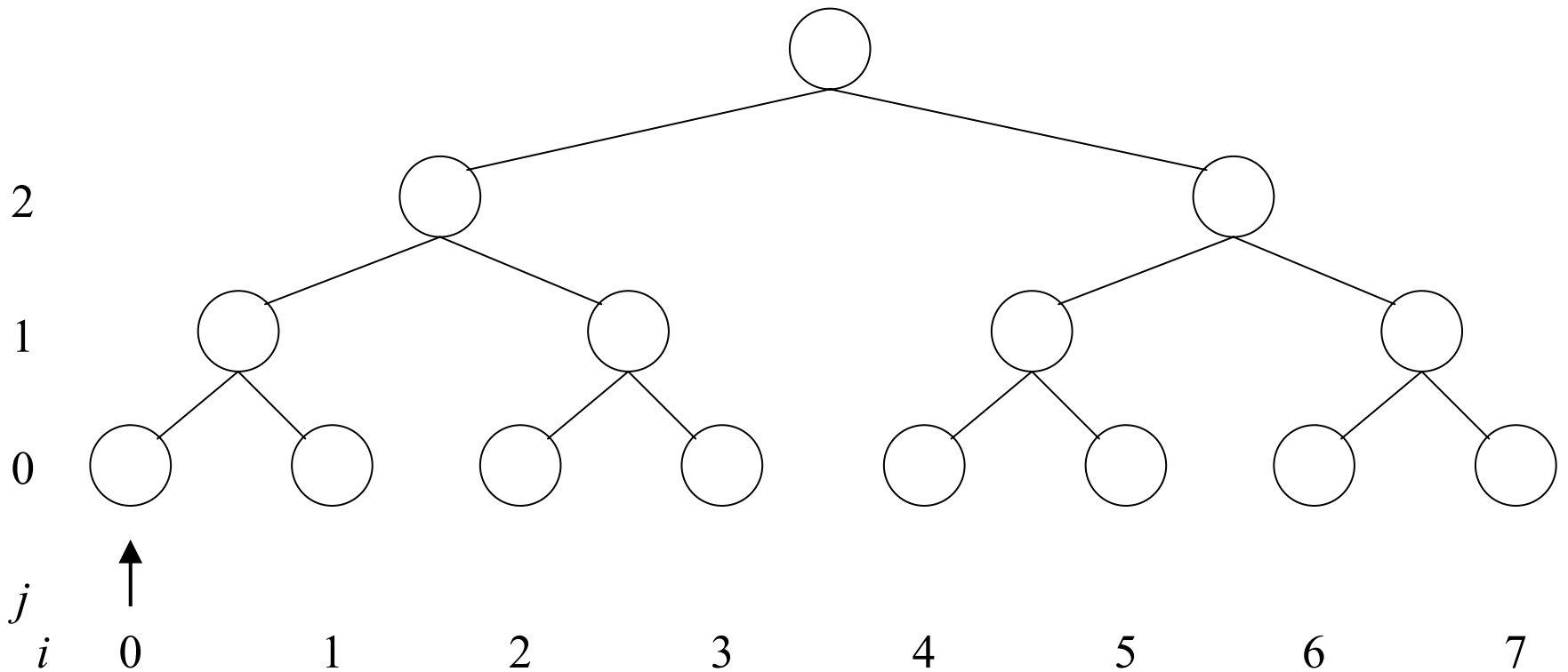
Replace node j if 2^j divides $i+1$

Initialize and Update stacks

$$startnode = (i + 1 + 2^j) \oplus 2^j$$

$$2^0 \mid i+1=1$$

$$(1 + 2^0) \oplus 2^0 = 3$$



Authentication path computation

Replace node j if 2^j divides $i+1$

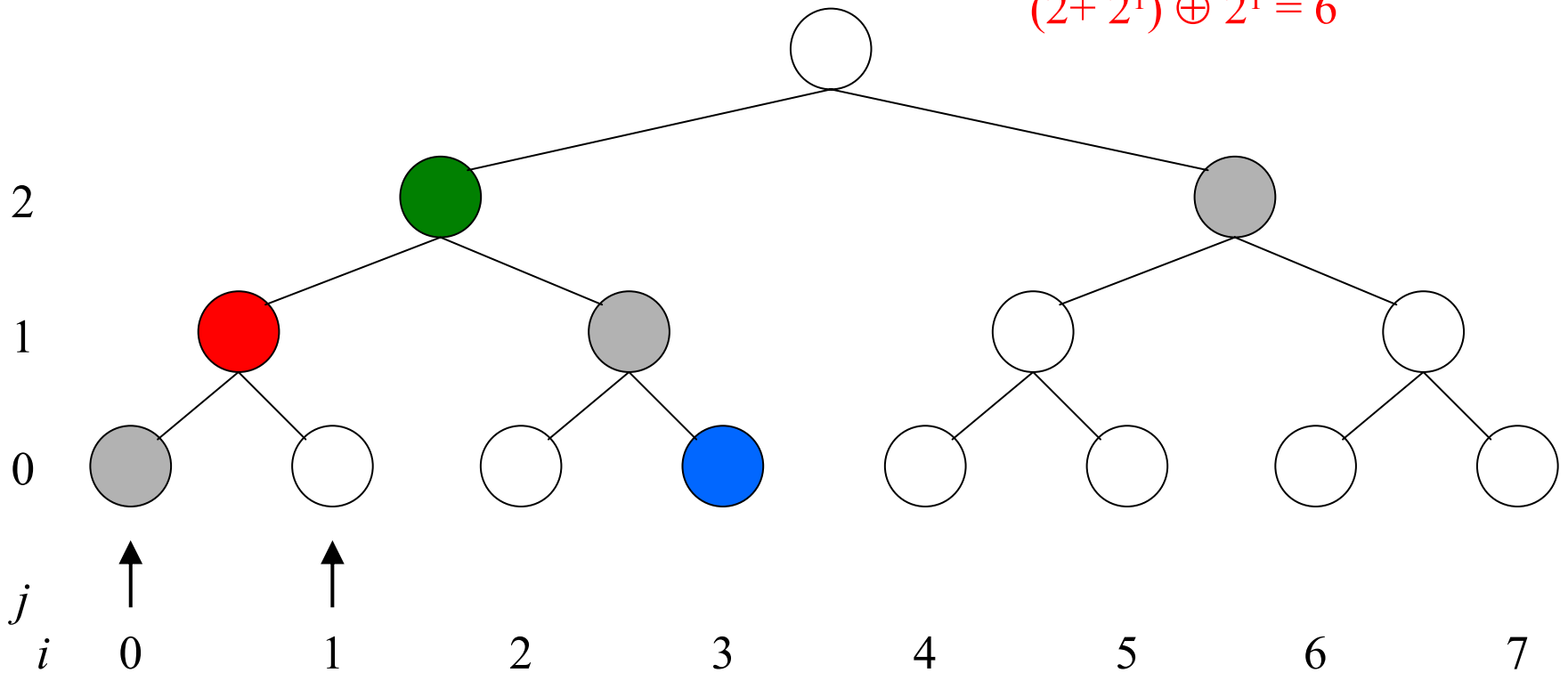
Initialize and Update stacks

$$startnode = (i + 1 + 2^j) \oplus 2^j$$

$$2^0 \mid i+1=2 \quad 2^1 \mid 2$$

$$(2 + 2^0) \oplus 2^0 = 2$$

$$(2 + 2^1) \oplus 2^1 = 6$$



Authentication path computation

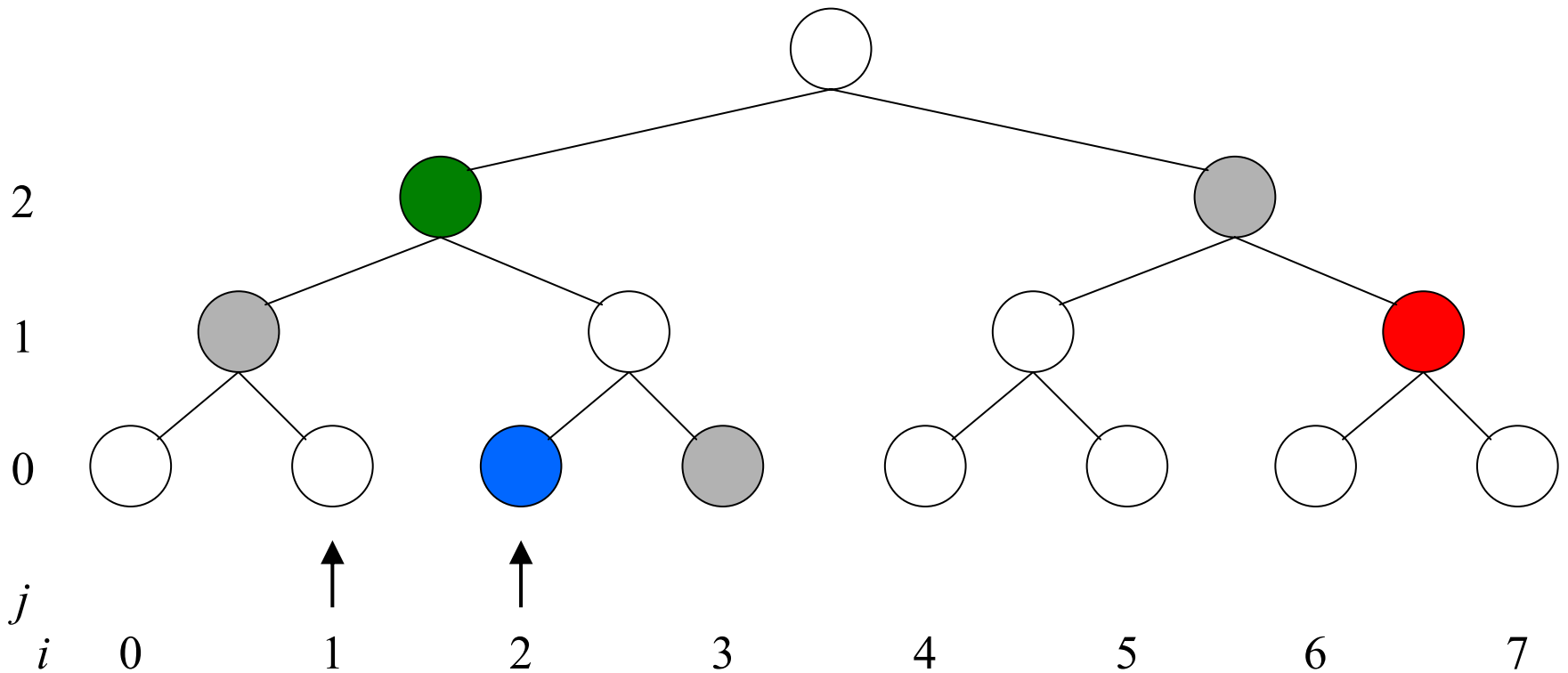
Replace node j if 2^j divides $i+1$

Initialize and Update stacks

$$startnode = (i + 1 + 2^j) \oplus 2^j$$

$$2^0 \mid i+1=3$$

$$(3 + 2^0) \oplus 2^0 = 5$$



Authentication path computation

Replace node j if 2^j divides $i+1$

Initialize and Update stacks

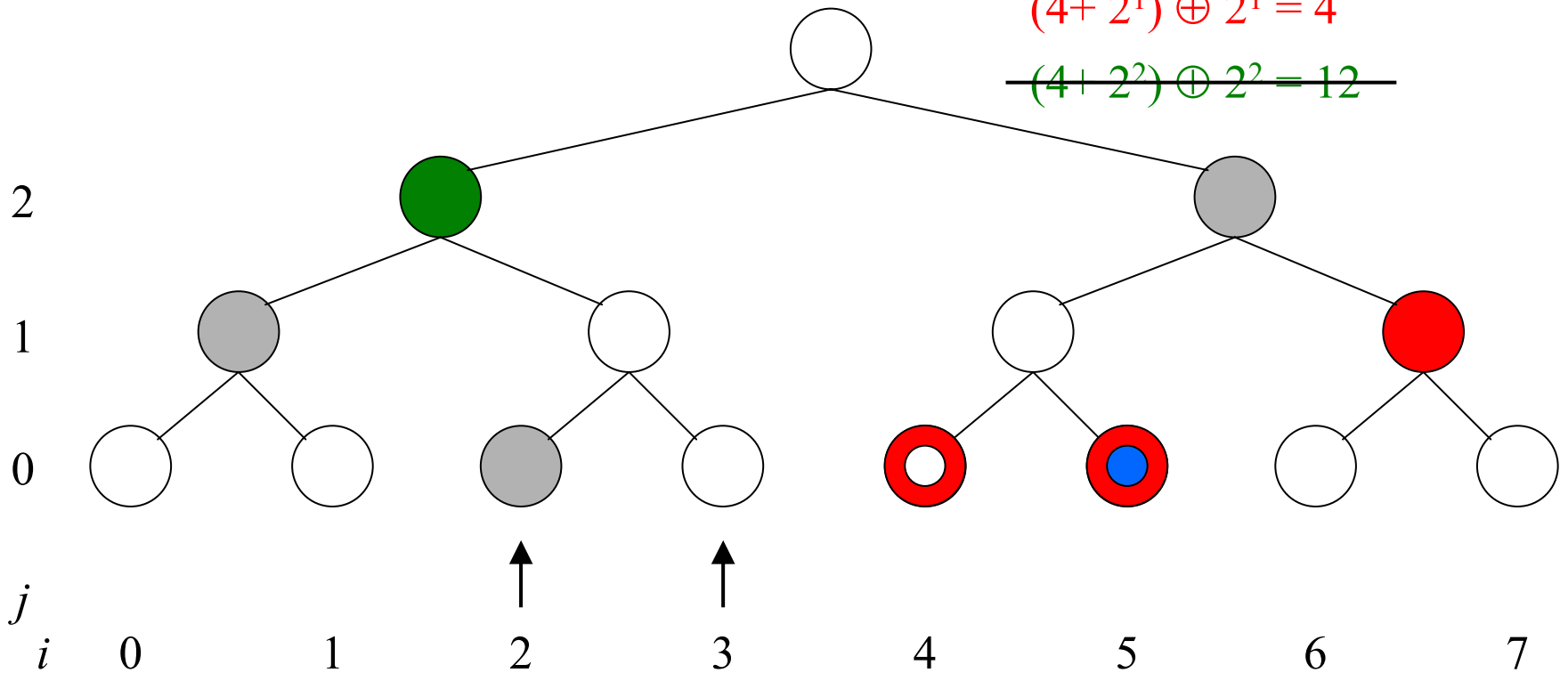
$$startnode = (i + 1 + 2^j) \oplus 2^j$$

$$2^0 \mid i+1=4 \quad 2^1 \mid 4 \quad 2^2 \nmid 4$$

$$(4 + 2^0) \oplus 2^0 = 4$$

$$(4 + 2^1) \oplus 2^1 = 4$$

$$\cancel{(4 + 2^2) \oplus 2^2 = 12}$$



Authentication path computation

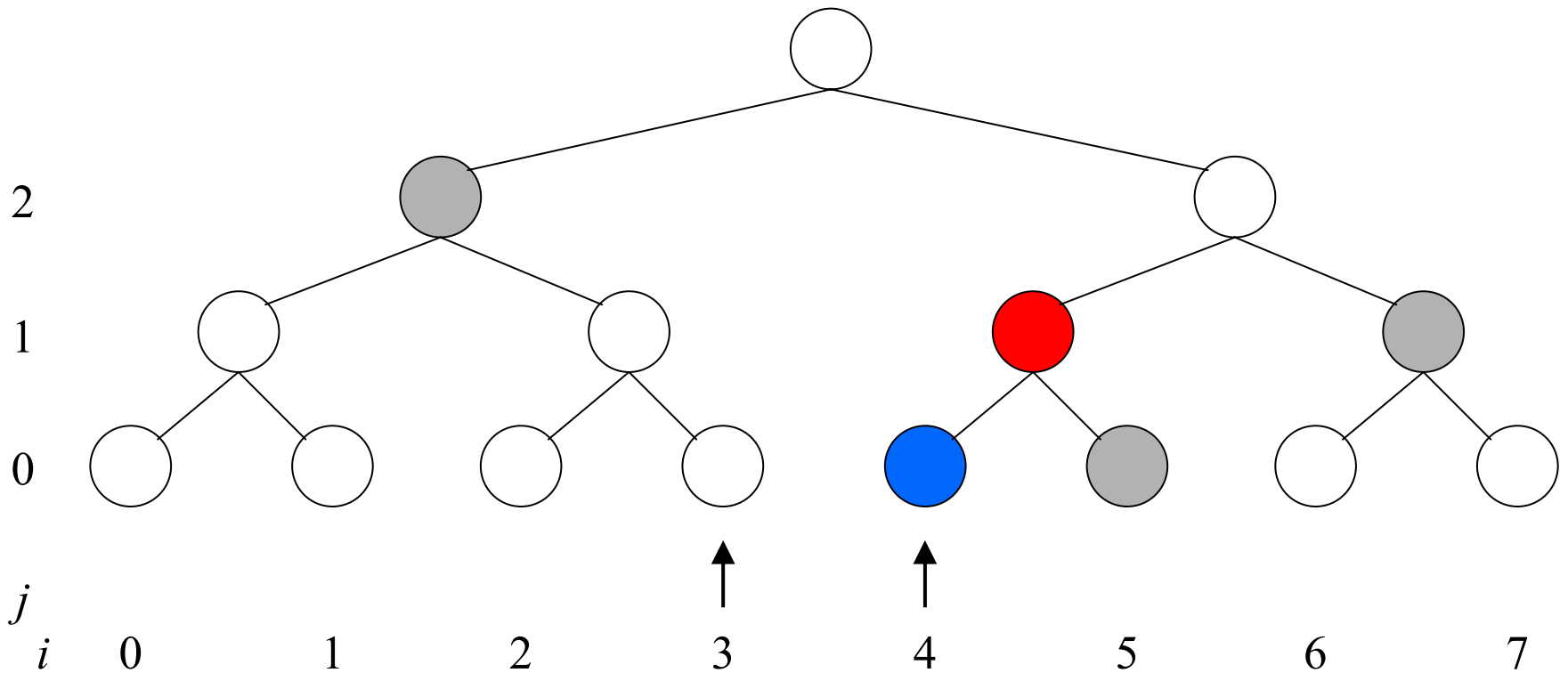
Replace node j if 2^j divides $i+1$

Initialize and Update stacks

$$startnode = (i + 1 + 2^j) \oplus 2^j$$

$$2^0 \mid i+1=5$$

$$(5 + 2^0) \oplus 2^0 = 7$$



Authentication path computation

Replace node j if 2^j divides $i+1$

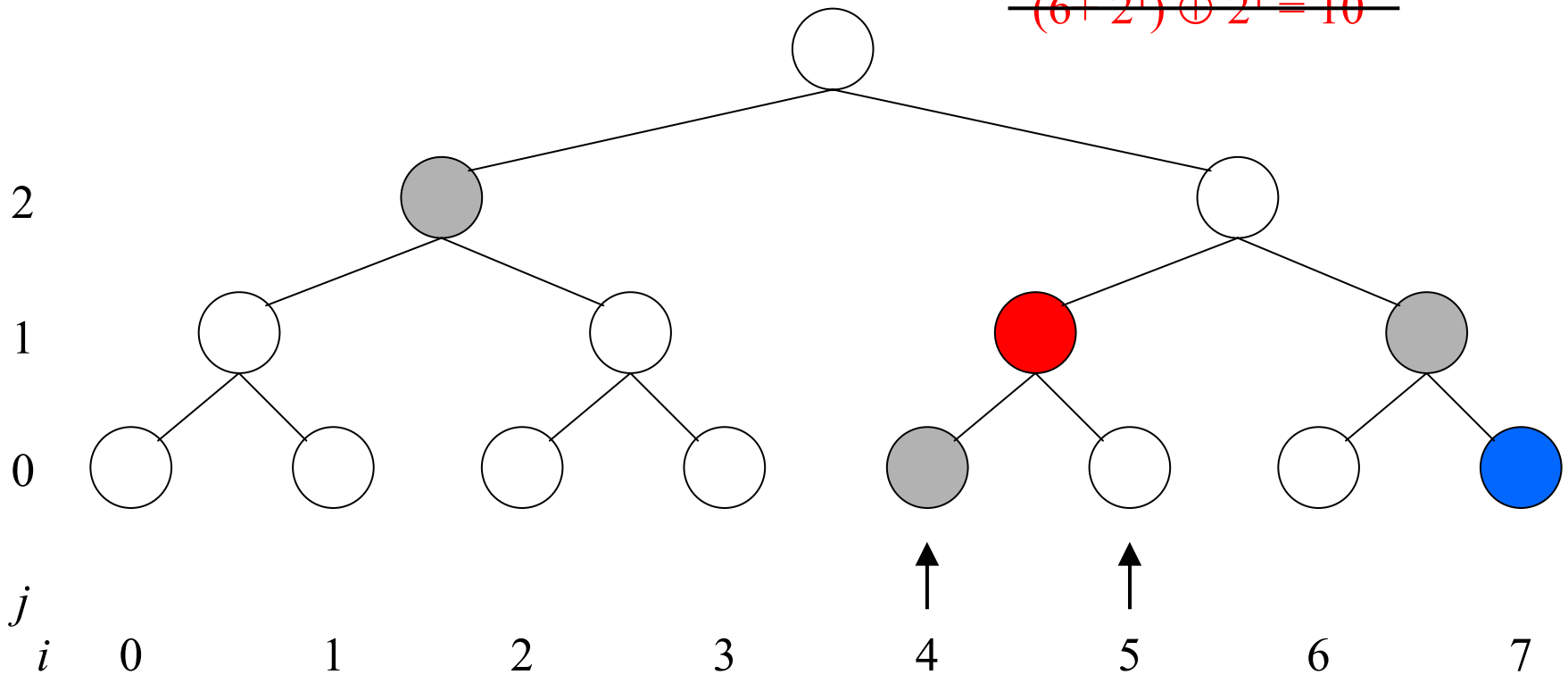
Initialize and Update stacks

$$startnode = (i + 1 + 2^j) \oplus 2^j$$

$$2^0 \mid i+1=6 \quad 2^1 \nmid 6$$

$$(6 + 2^0) \oplus 2^0 = 6$$

$$\text{---} (6 + 2^1) \oplus 2^1 = 10 \text{---}$$



Authentication path computation

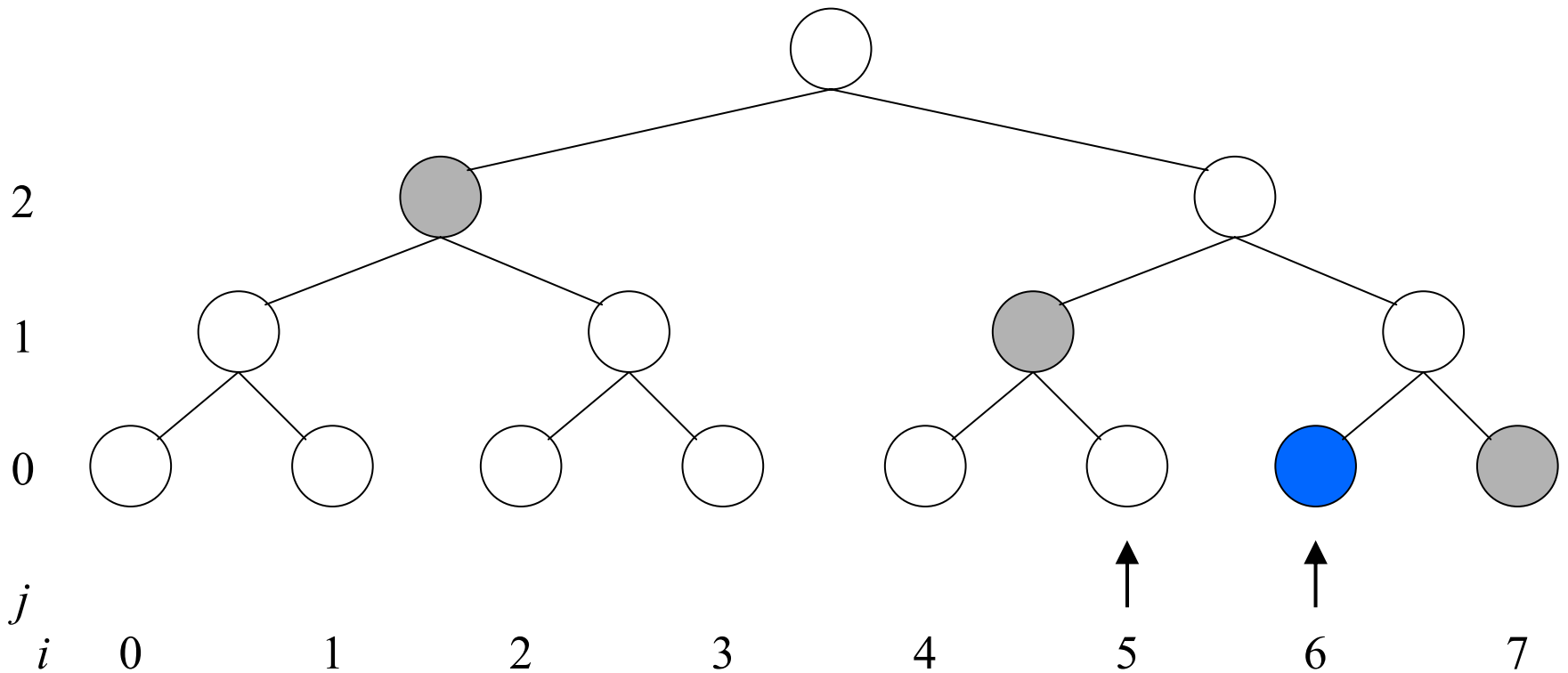
Replace node j if 2^j divides $i+1$

Initialize and Update stacks

$$startnode = (i + 1 + 2^j) \oplus 2^j$$

$$2^0 \mid i+1=7$$

~~$$(7 + 2^0) \oplus 2^0 = 9$$~~

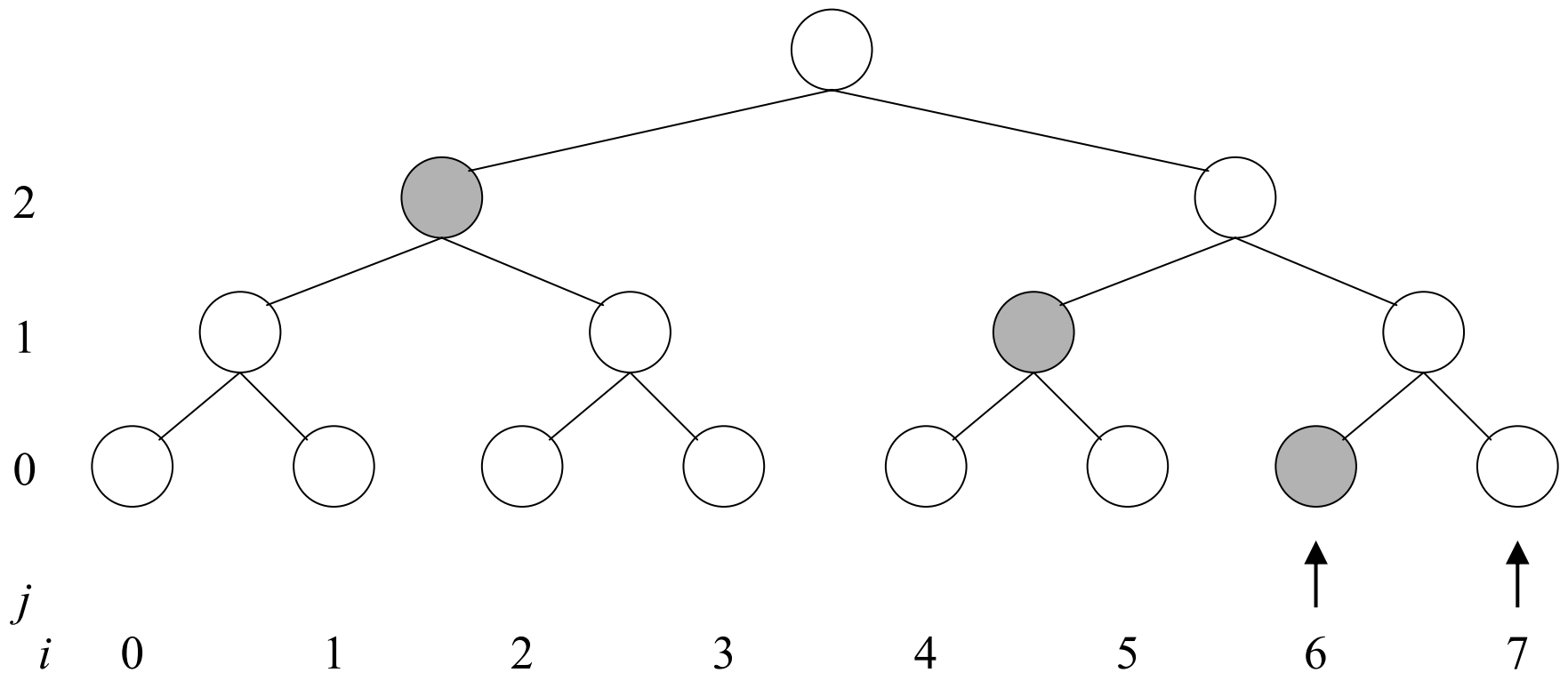


Authentication path computation

Replace node j if 2^j divides $i+1$

Initialize and Update stacks

$$startnode = (i + 1 + 2^j) \oplus 2^j$$



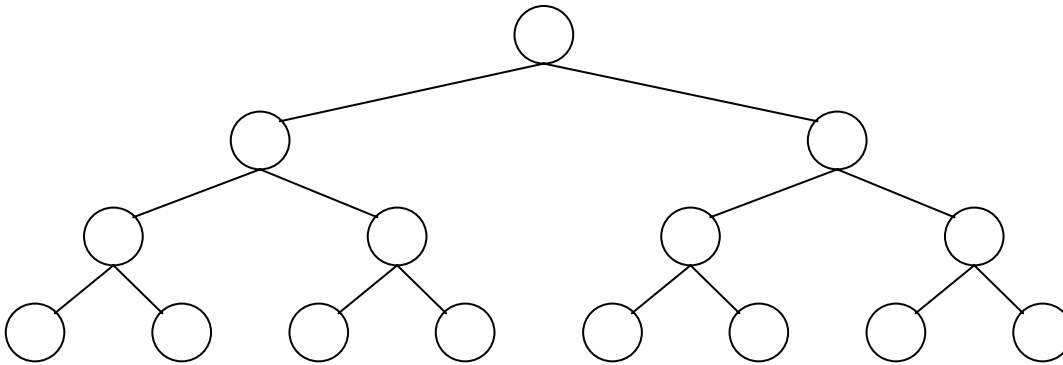
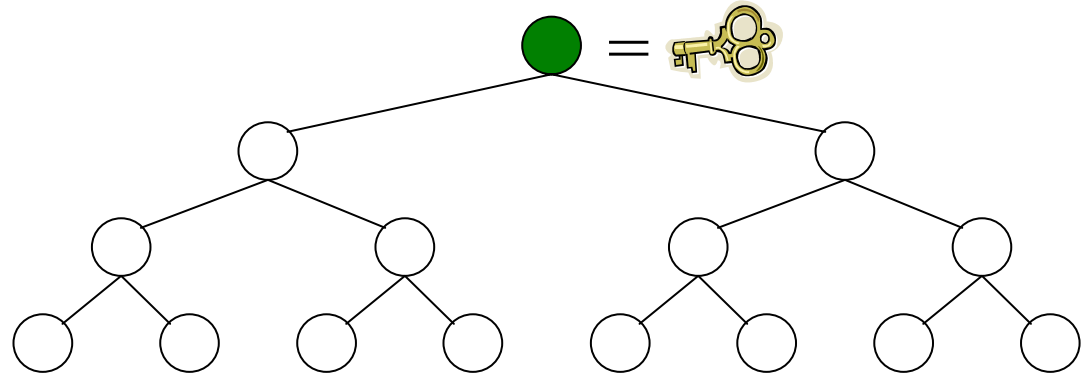
Extrapolated timings for key generation

Based on results by Naor, Shenhavy, Woolz (2005)

h	Key generation
20	2.7 min
25	1.4 h
30	45.8 h
35	61.6 days
40	5.4 years

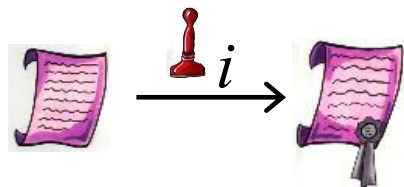
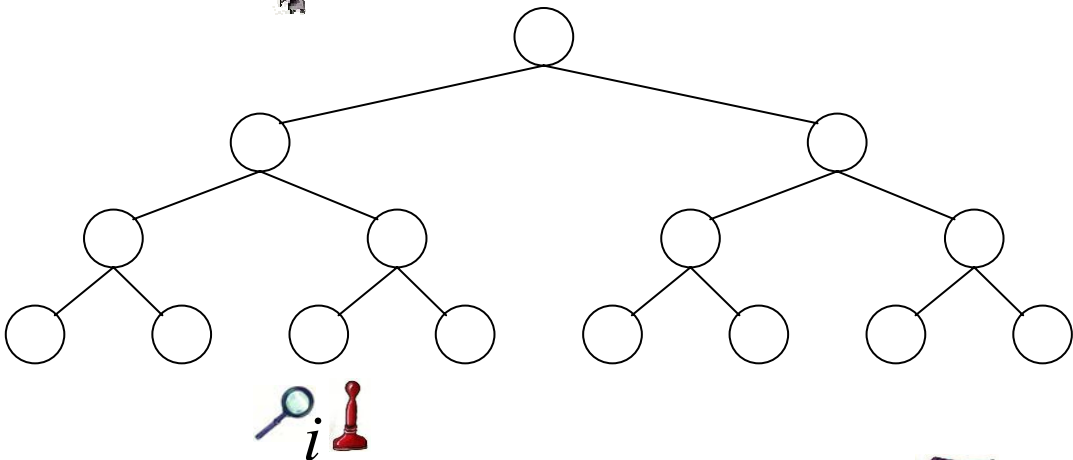
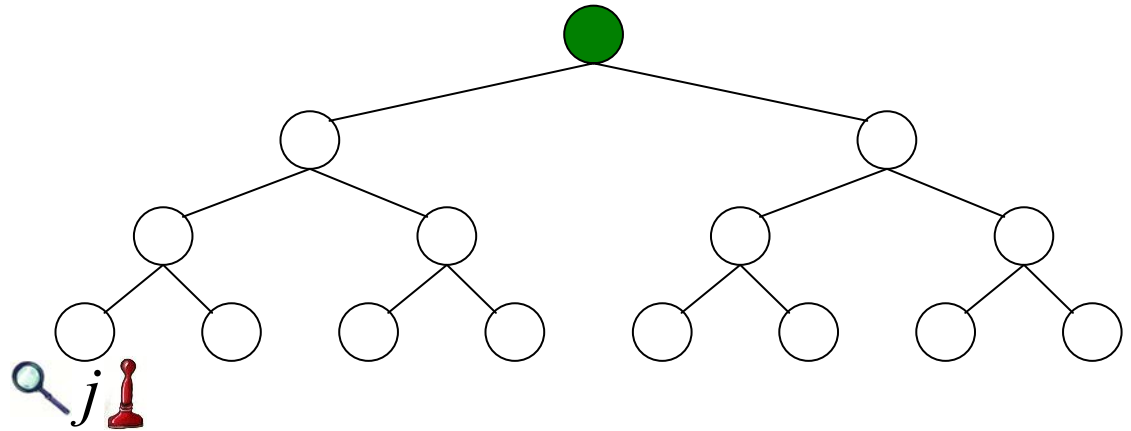
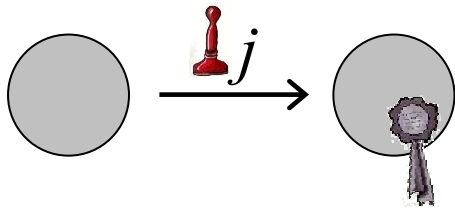
Tree chaining

Key generation



Tree chaining

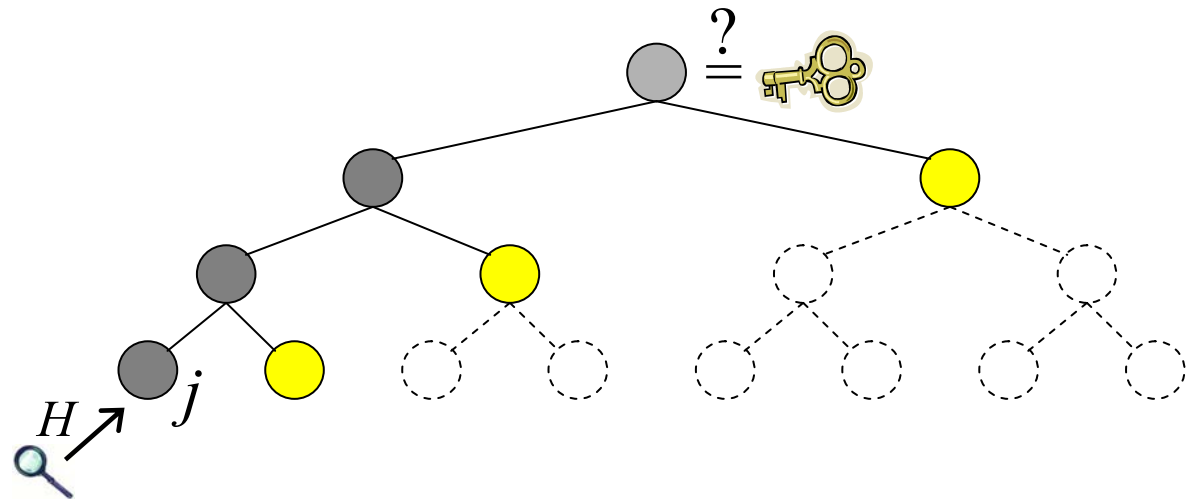
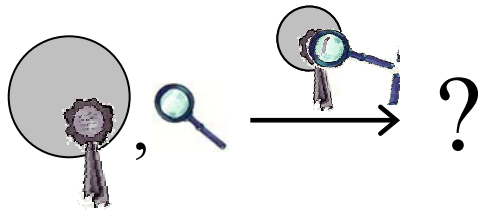
Signing



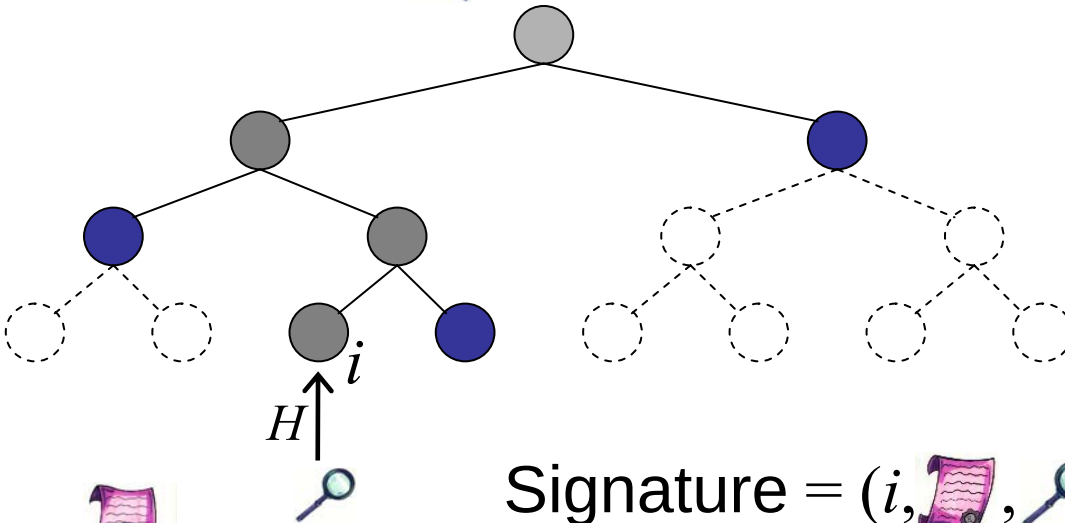
Signature = $(i, \text{key}, \text{magnifying glass}, \text{blue circle}, \text{blue circle}, \text{blue circle},$
 $j, \text{key}, \text{magnifying glass}, \text{yellow circle}, \text{yellow circle}, \text{yellow circle})$

Tree chaining

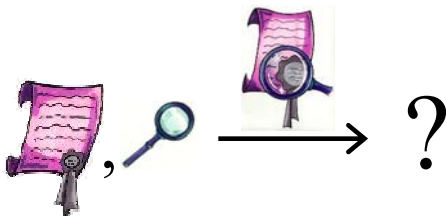
Verifying



Public Key = 



Signature = $(i, \text{[red scroll]}, \text{[blue magnifying glass]}, \text{[blue circle]}, \text{[blue circle]}, \text{[blue circle]},$
 $j, \text{[grey circle]}, \text{[blue magnifying glass]}, \text{[yellow circle]}, \text{[yellow circle]}, \text{[yellow circle]})$



Timings using SHA1

$w = 2$

h	Key generation	Signing	Verifying
20	2.6 sec	9.2 msec	1.3 msec
30	1.4 min	12.4 msec	1.4 msec
40	43.8 min	14.9 msec	1.3 msec

$w = 3$

h	Key generation	Signing	Verifying
20	3.1 sec	9.7 msec	1.5 msec
30	1.5 min	13.2 msec	1.5 msec
40	47.8 min	16.9 msec	1.6 msec

h corresponds to 2^h possible signatures

Sizes using SHA1

$w = 2$

h	Public Key	Private Key	Signature
20	46 bytes	1900 bytes	3808 bytes
30	46 bytes	2788 bytes	4008 bytes
40	46 bytes	3668 bytes	4208 bytes

$w = 3$

h	Public Key	Private Key	Signature
20	46 bytes	1900 bytes	2688 bytes
30	46 bytes	2788 bytes	2888 bytes
40	46 bytes	3668 bytes	3088 bytes

h corresponds to 2^h possible signatures

Timings using SHA256

$w = 2$

h	Key generation	Signing	Verifying
20	6.3 sec	19.6 msec	2.8 msec
30	3.2 min	27.3 msec	2.8 msec
40	101.3 min	34.9 msec	2.9 msec

$w = 3$

h	Key generation	Signing	Verifying
20	7.5 sec	23.3 msec	3.7 msec
30	3.8 min	31.9 msec	3.7 msec
40	120.7 min	40.9 msec	3.7 msec

h corresponds to 2^h possible signatures

Sizes using SHA256

$w = 2$

h	Public Key	Private Key	Signature
20	58 bytes	2884 bytes	9160 bytes
30	58 bytes	4244 bytes	9480 bytes
40	58 bytes	5604 bytes	9800 bytes

$w = 3$

h	Public Key	Private Key	Signature
20	58 bytes	2884 bytes	6408 bytes
30	58 bytes	4244 bytes	6728 bytes
40	58 bytes	5604 bytes	7048 bytes

h corresponds to 2^h possible signatures

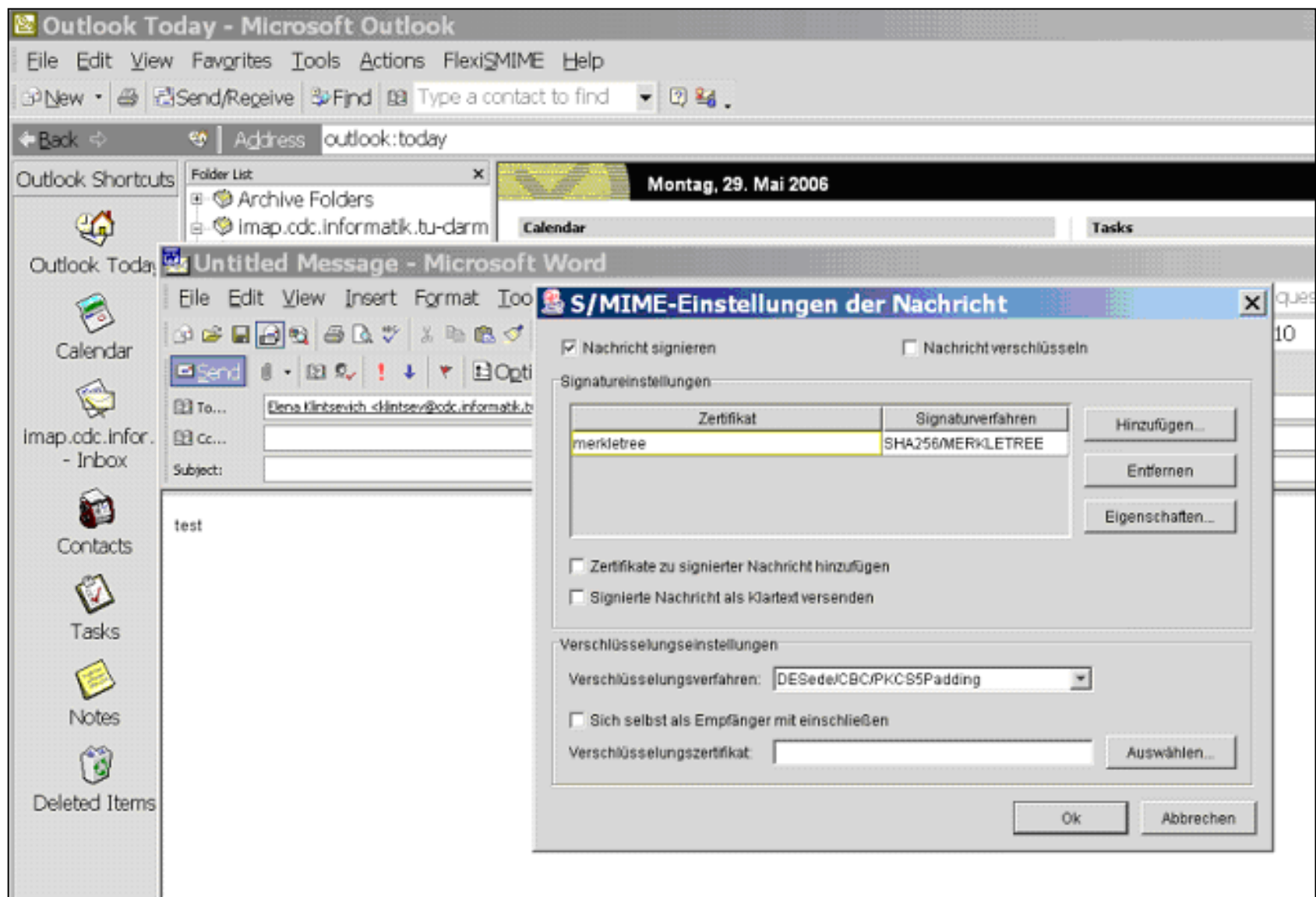
Number theory revisited

Ajtai, Micciancio, Regev, Lyubashevsky
Peikert, Rosen

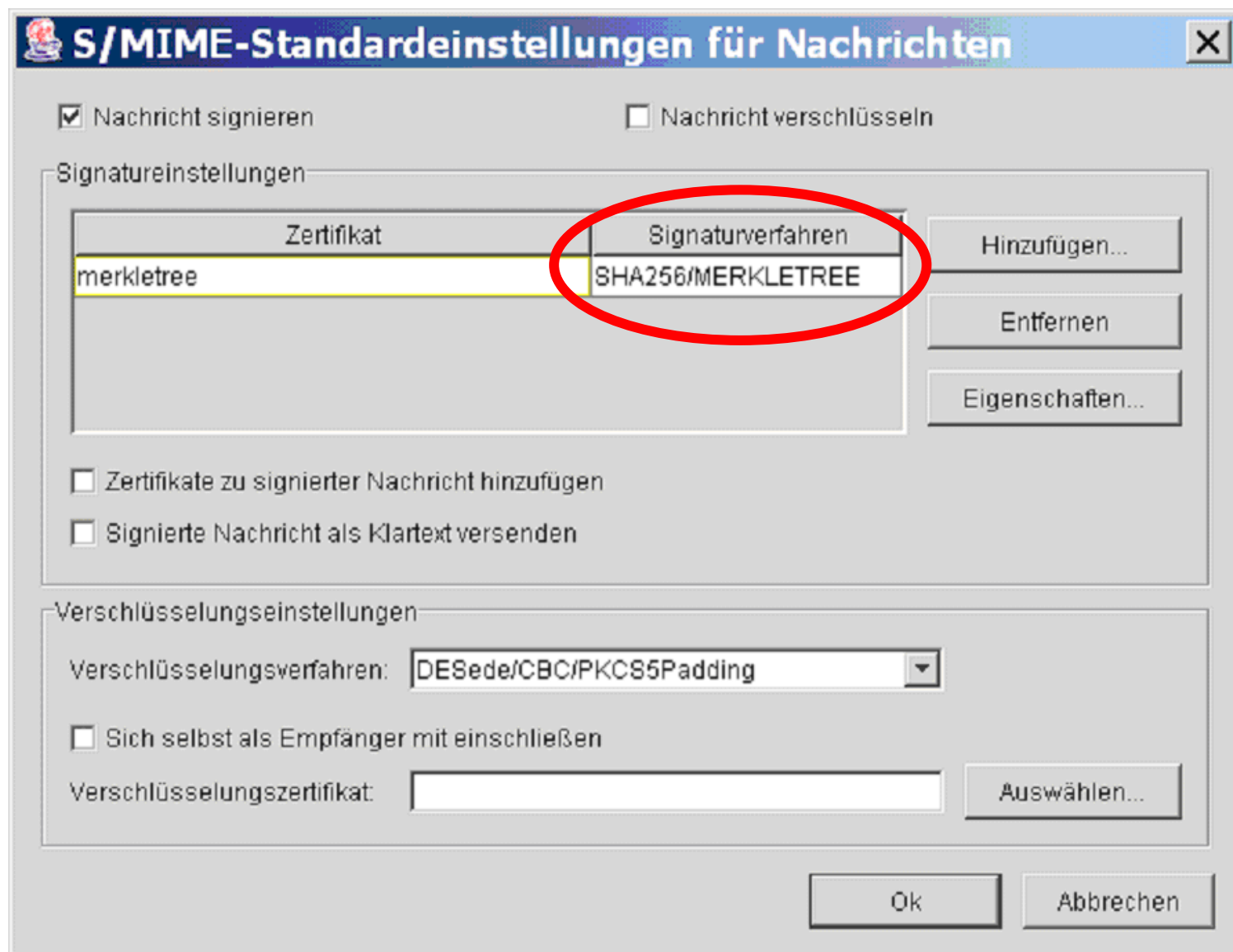
Provably secure hash functions based on
lattice reduction

→ Provably secure and efficient (?) signature
schemes based on lattices

Plugin for MS Outlook



Using Merkle signature scheme

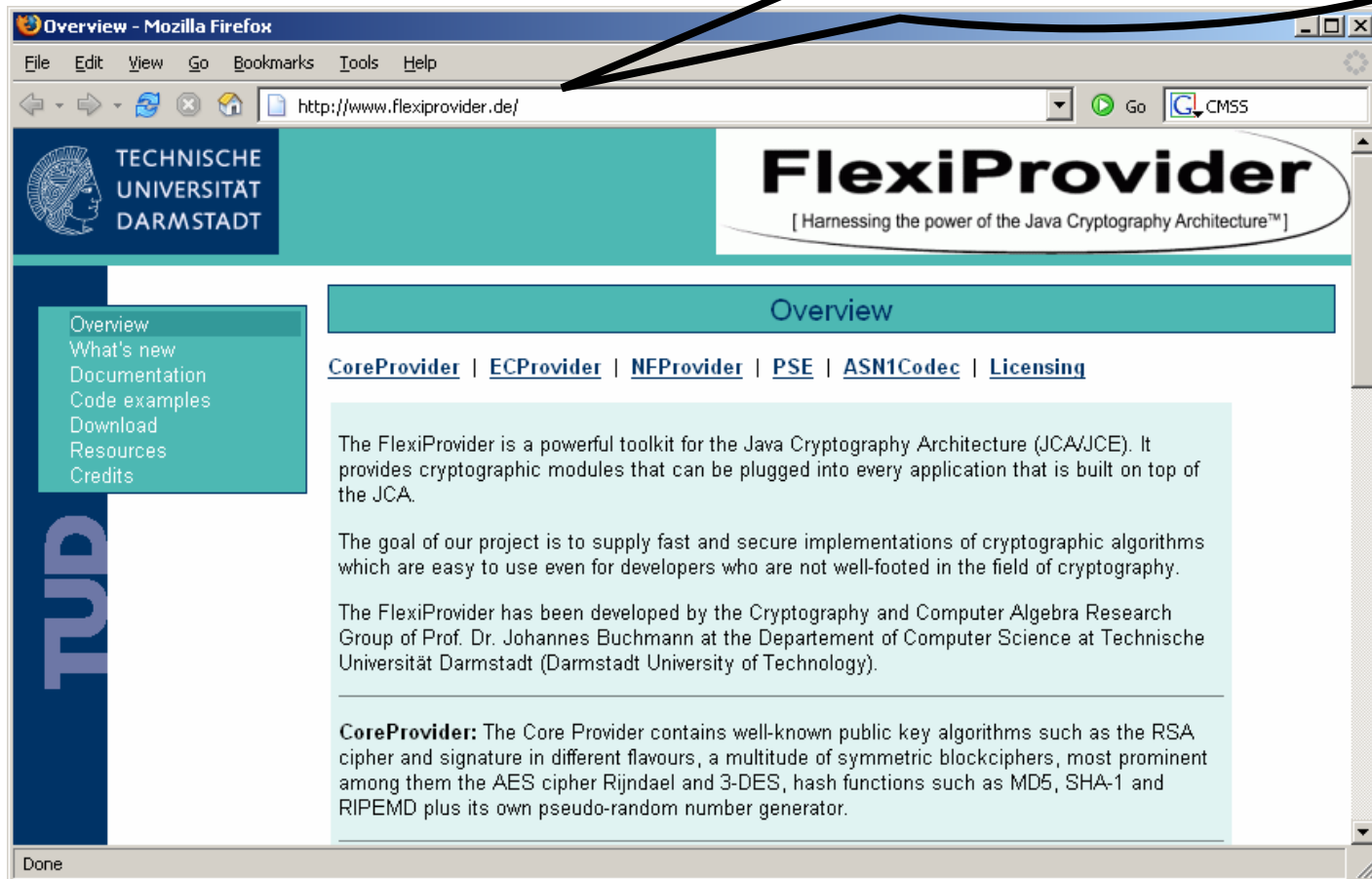


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