



# New developments in cryptology

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# Outline

- 1. Cryptology: concepts and algorithms
- 2. Cryptology: protocols
- 3. Public-Key Infrastructure principles
- 4. Networking protocols
- **5. New developments in cryptology**
- 6. How to use cryptography well
- 7. Hash functions



# Outline

- Block ciphers/stream ciphers/MAC algorithms
- Modes of operation
- The hash function disaster
- How to encrypt using RSA
- Algorithm: secure design and implementation
- Obfuscation
- SPAM fighting

# Block ciphers: Keeloq

- Microchip Inc algorithm, designed in the 1980s
- Allegedly used in large % of the cars for car locks, car alarms
- Block cipher with 32-bit blocks, 64-bit keys and 528 simple rounds
- Leaked on the internet early 2007



# Block ciphers: Keeloq (2)

[Bogdanov07] Car key = Master key + Car ID

[Biham-Dunkelman-Indesteeghe-Keller-Preneel07]:

- 1 hour access to token + 2 days of calculation

[Eisenbarth-Kasper-Moradi-Paar-Salmasizadeh-Manzuri  
ShalmaniPaar 08]

- **Side channel attack allows to recover master key in hopping mode**

in 2010 cryptographers will drive expensive cars

# Stream ciphers

- historically very important (compact)
  - LFSR-based: A5/1, A5/2, E0 – practical attacks known
  - software-oriented: RC4 – serious weaknesses
  - block cipher in CTR or OFB (slower)
- today:
  - many broken schemes
  - exception: SNOW2.0, MUGI
  - lack of standards and open solutions

# Open competition for stream ciphers

<http://www.ecrypt.eu.org>

- run by ECRYPT
  - high performance in **software** (32/64-bit): 128-bit key
  - low-gate count **hardware** (< 1000 gates): 80-bit key
  - variants: authenticated encryption
- April 2005: 33 submissions
- many broken in first year
- April 2008: end of competition

# The eSTREAM Portfolio

Apr. 2008 (**Rev1 Sept. 2008**)

(in alphabetical order)

Software	Hardware
HC-128	<del>F-FCSR-H</del>
Rabbit	Grain v1
Salsa20/12	MICKEY v2
Sosemanuk	Trivium

3-10 cycles per byte

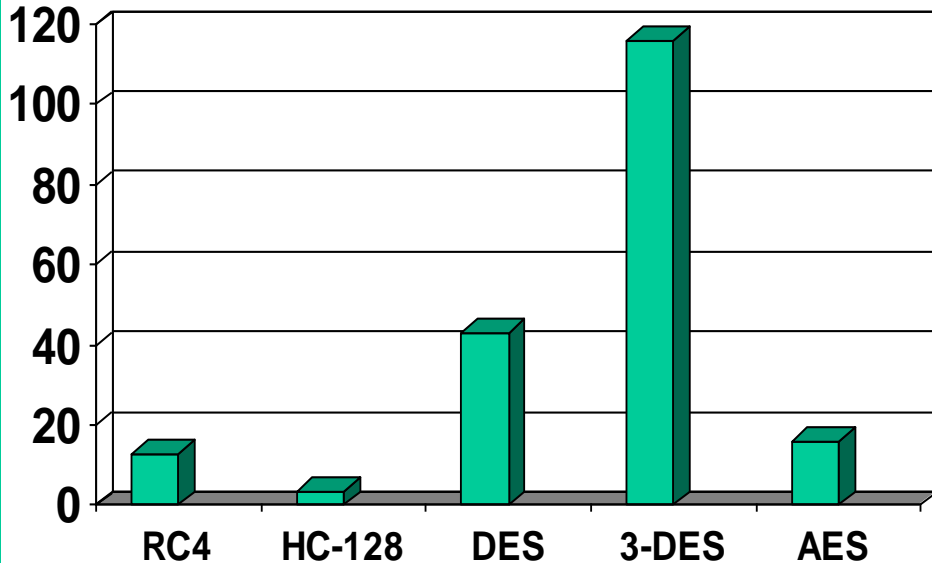
1500..3000 gates



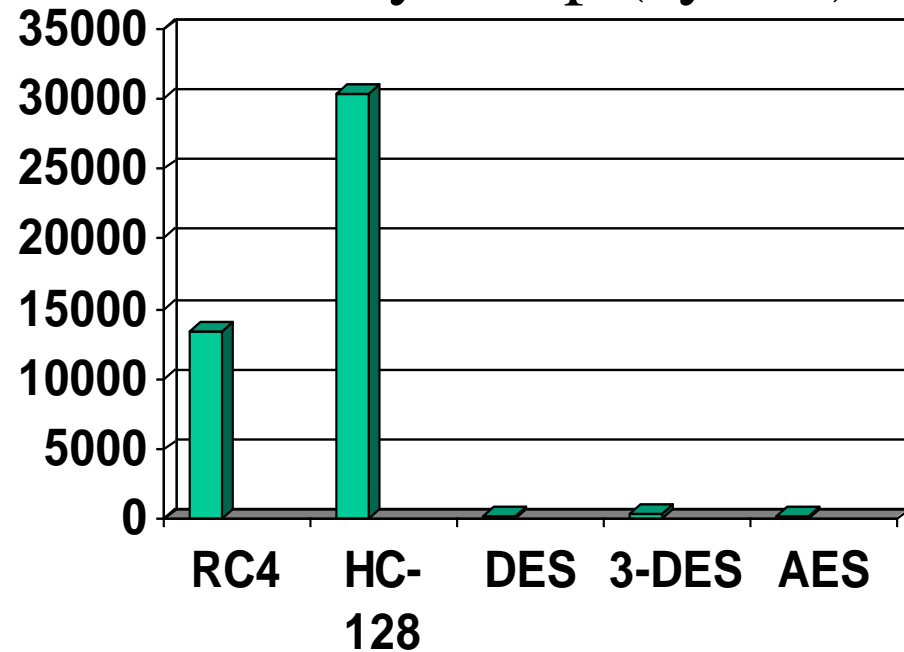
# Performance reference data

(Pentium M 1.70GHz Model 6/9/5)

encryption speed (cycles/byte)



key setup (cycles)



# Cube attack [Dinur-Shamir'08]

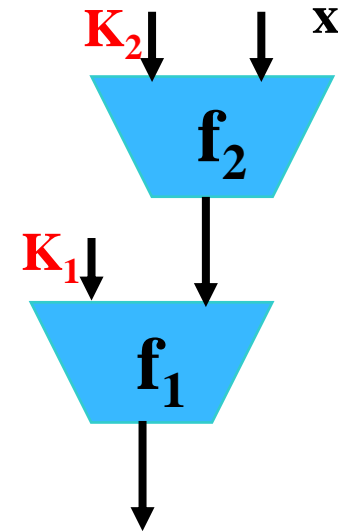
- Exploits low degree equations in stream cipher
- Can break certain ciphers which could not be broken before
- ...Media hype
- Trivium:
  - key setup can be broken if number of rounds is reduced from 1024 to 735
  - attack can probably be further improved
  - solution: increase number of rounds to 2048

# MAC algorithms

- EMAC based on AES
- HMAC based on MD5/SHA-1
- GMAC
- UMAC
  
- NIST: 2 new standards for authenticated encryption
  - CCM: CTR + CBC-MAC [NIST SP 800-38C]
  - GCM: CTR + GMAC [NIST SP 800-38C]

# HMAC based on MDx, SHA

- Widely used in SSL/TLS/IPsec
  - Attacks not yet dramatic
- NMAC weaker than HMAC



	Rounds in $f_1$	Rounds in $f_2$	Data complexity
MD4	48	48	$2^{88}$ CP & $2^{95}$ time
MD5	64	33 of 64	$2^{126}$ CP
MD5	64	64	$2^{51}$ CP & $2^{100}$ time (RK)
SHA(-0)	80	80	$2^{109}$ CP
SHA-1	80	43 of 80	$2^{154.9}$ CP

# GMAC: polynomial MAC (NIST SP 800-38D '07 + 3GSM)

- keys  $K_1, K_2 \in GF(2^{128})$
- input  $x: x_1, x_2, \dots, x_t$ , with  $x_i \in GF(2^{128})$ 
  - $g(x) = K_1 + \sum_{i=1}^t x_i \cdot (K_2)^i$
- in practice: compute  $K_1 = \text{AES}_K(n)$  (CTR mode)
- properties:
  - fast in software and hardware (support from Intel)
  - not very robust w.r.t. nonce reuse, truncation, MAC verifications, due to reuse of  $K_2$  (*not in 3GSM!*)
  - versions over  $GF(p)$  (e.g. Poly1305-AES) seem more robust

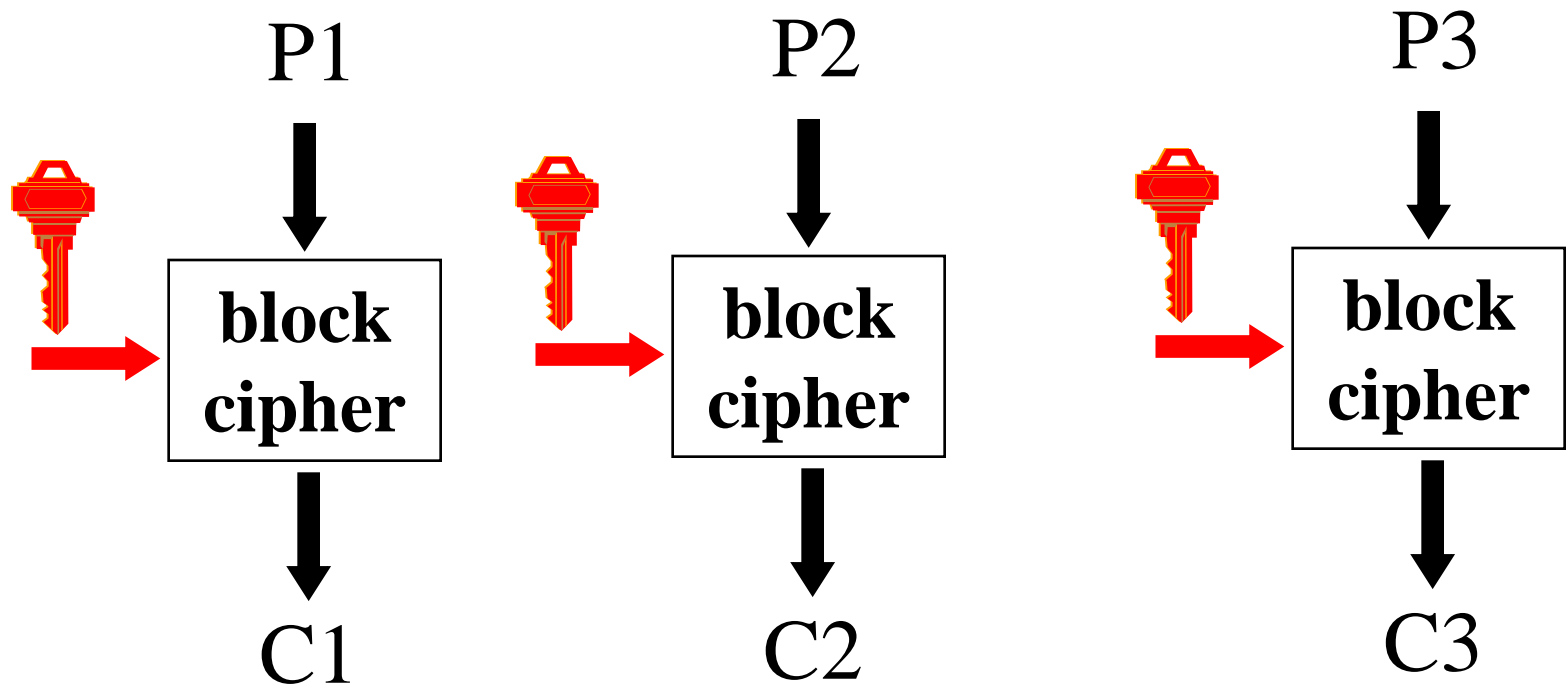
# UMAC RFC 4418 (2006)

- key  $K, k_1, k_2 \dots, k_{256} \in GF(2^{32})$  (1024 bytes)
- input  $x: x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{256}$ , with  $x_i \in GF(2^{32})$
- $g(x) = \text{prf}_K(h(x))$
- $h(x) = ( \sum_{i=1}^{512} (x_{2i-1} + k_{2i-1}) \text{ mod } 2^{32} \cdot (x_{2i} + k_{2i}) \text{ mod } 2^{32} ) \text{ mod } 2^{64}$
- properties
  - software performance: 1-2 cycles/byte
  - forgery probability:  $1/2^{30}$  (provable lower bound)
  - [Handschuh-Preneel08] **full key recovery** with  $2^{40}$  verification queries

# How to use cryptographic algorithms

- Modes of operation
- Padding and error messages
- Authenticated encryption
  
- How to encrypt with RSA

# How NOT to use a block cipher: ECB mode

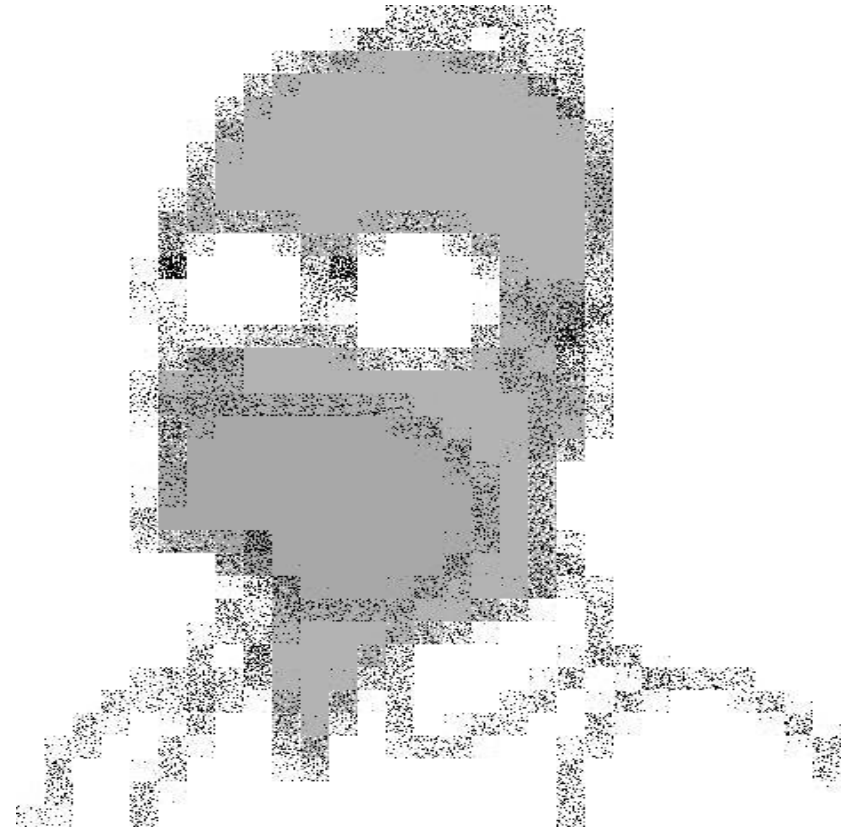
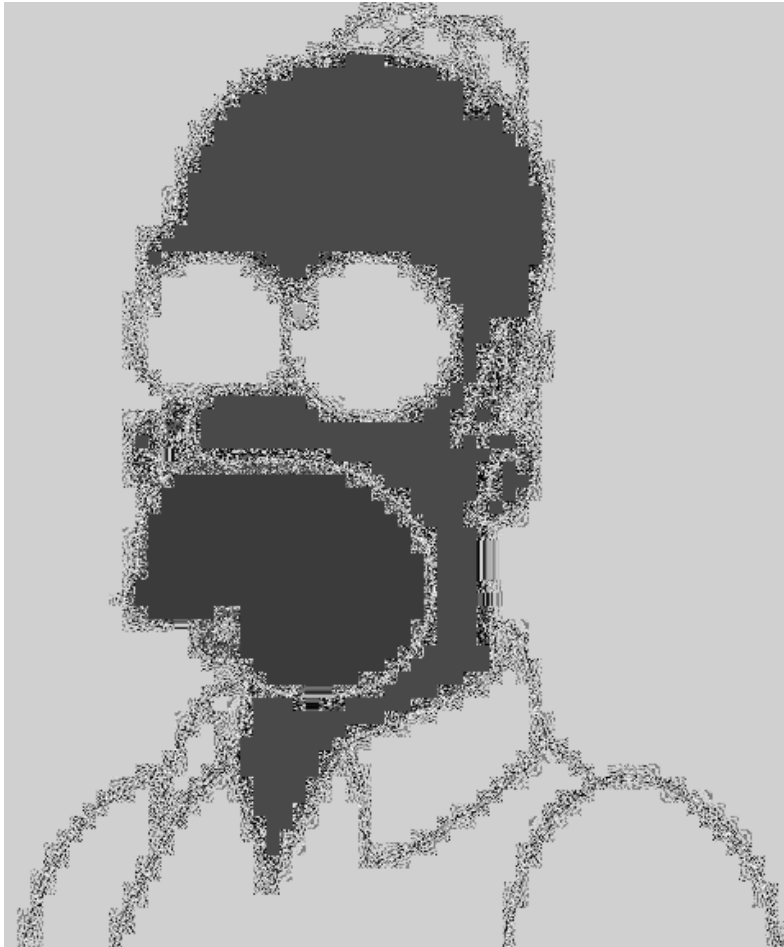




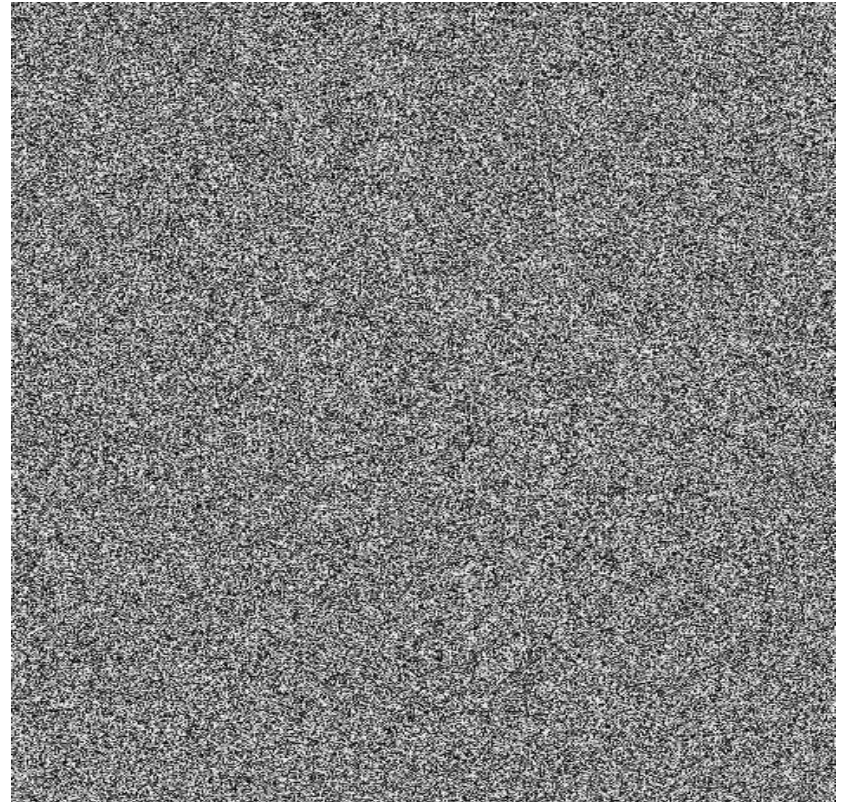
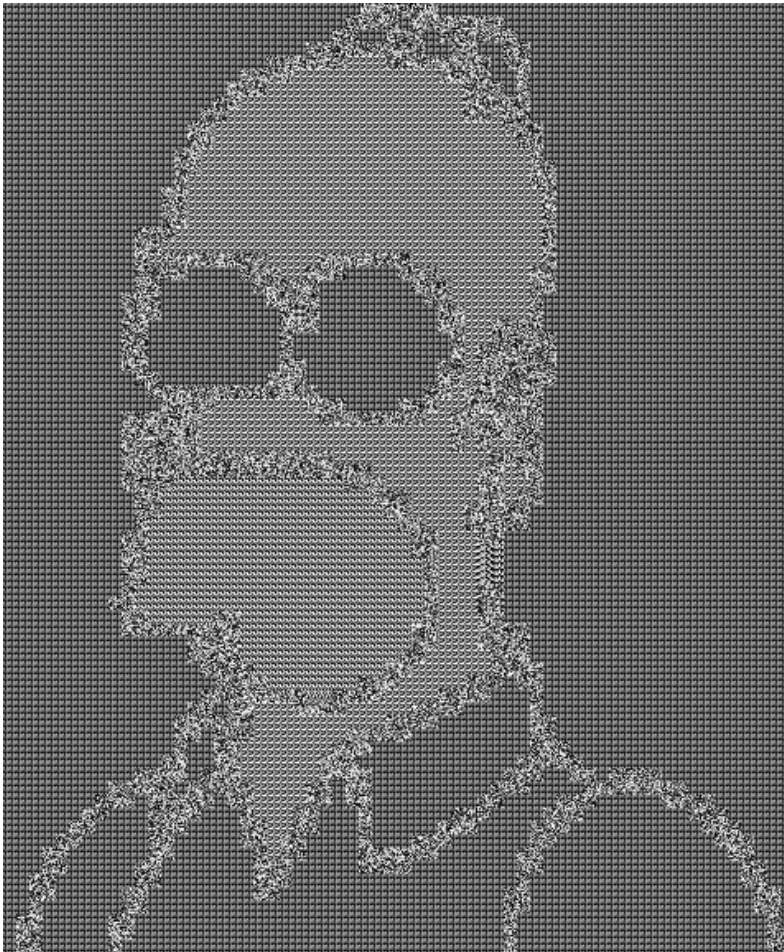
# An example plaintext



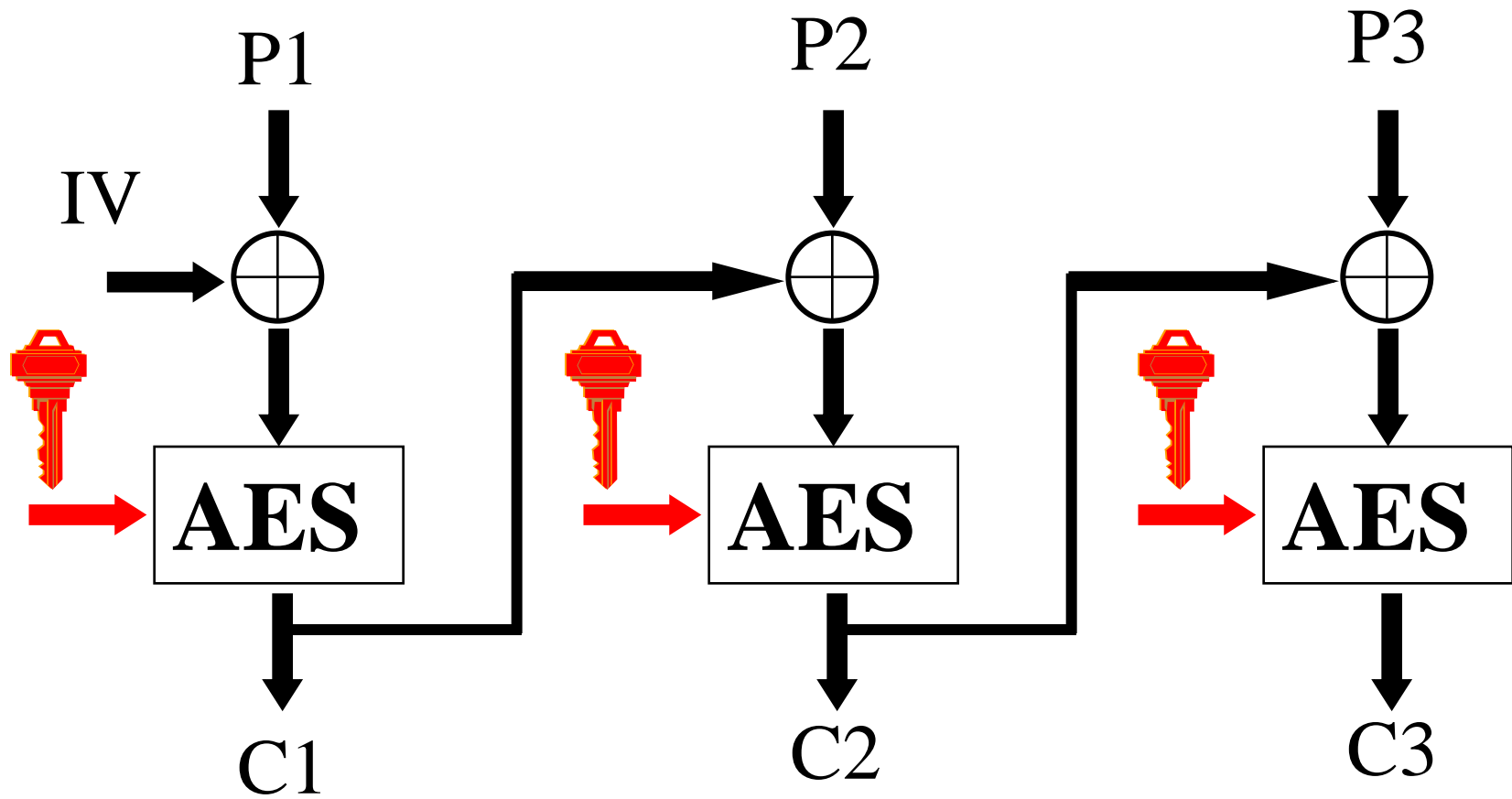
# Encrypted with substitution and transposition cipher



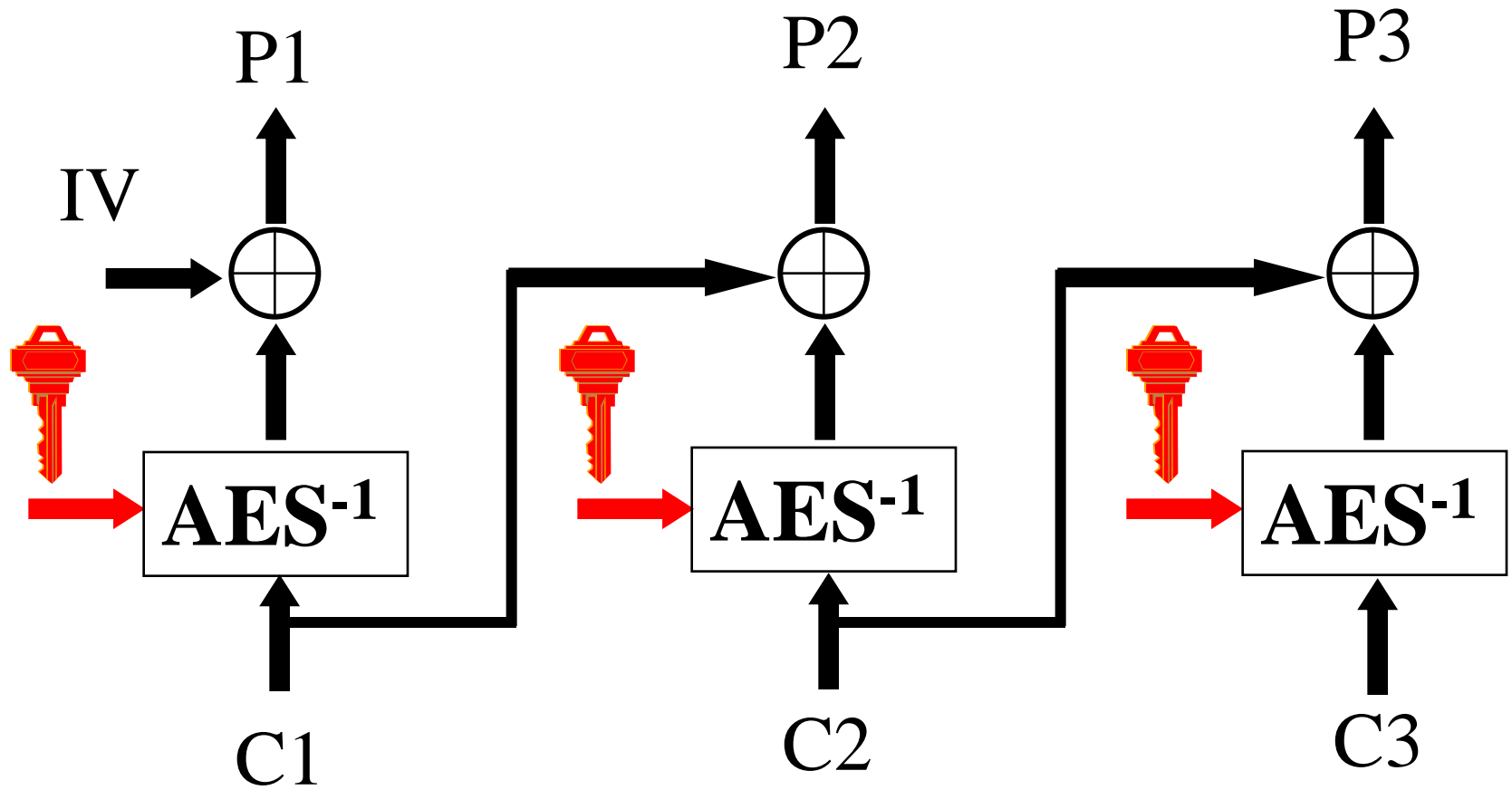
# Encrypted with AES in ECB and CBC mode



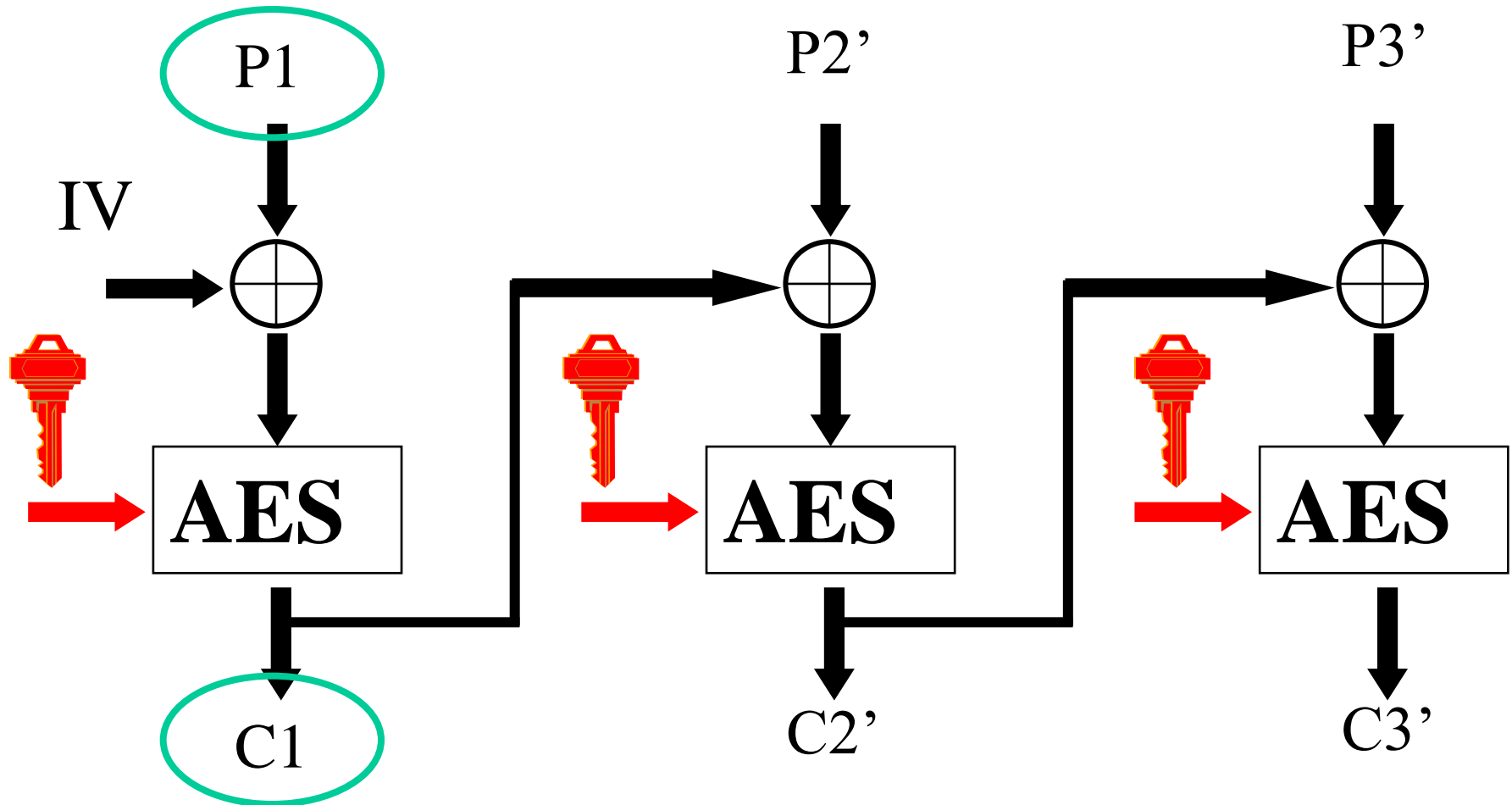
# How to use a block cipher: CBC mode



# CBC mode decryption



# What if IV is constant?



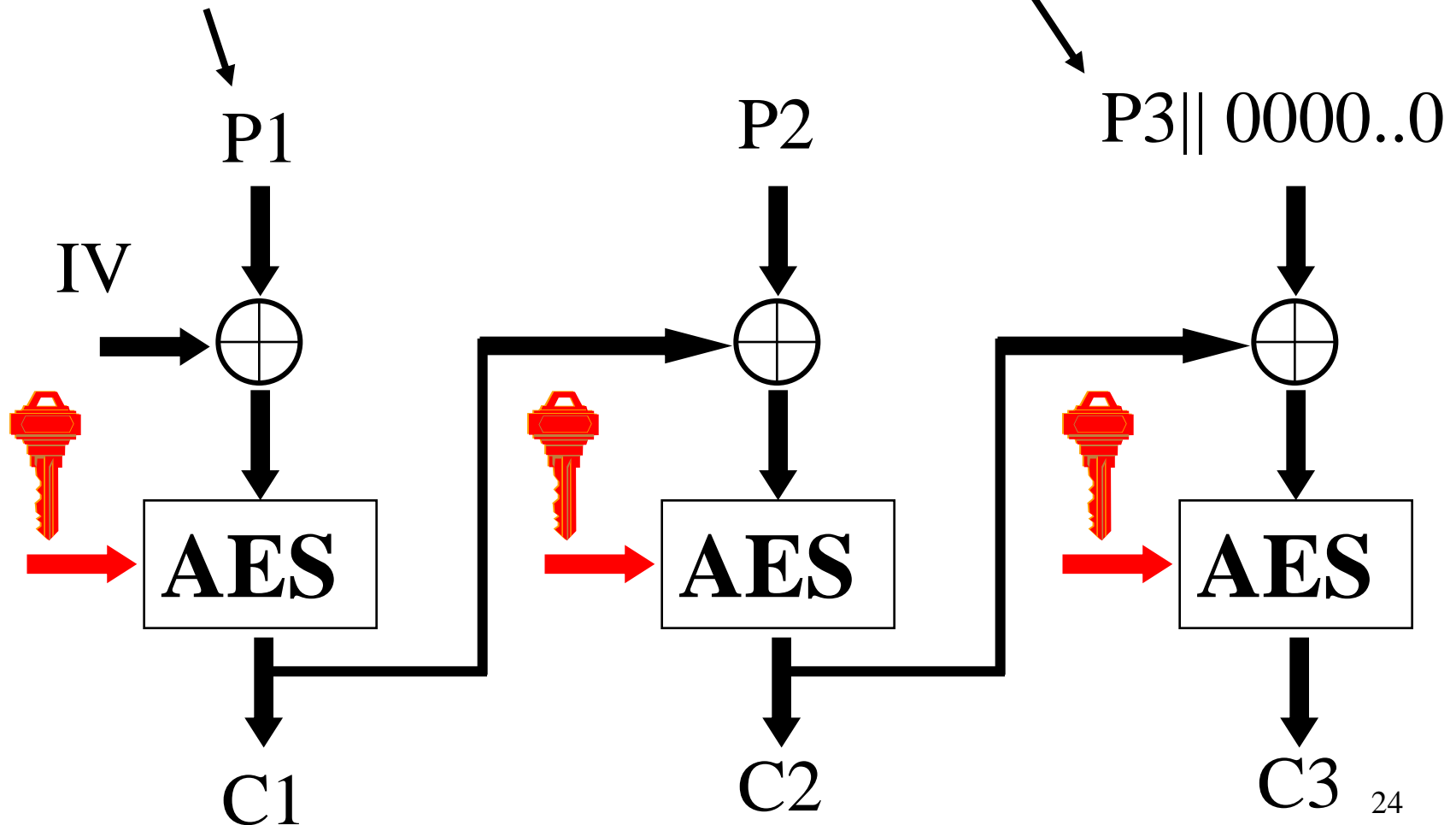
Repetition in P results in repetition in C:  $\Rightarrow$   
information leakage

need random and secret IV<sub>23</sub>

# CBC with incomplete plaintext (1)

Plaintext length  
in bytes

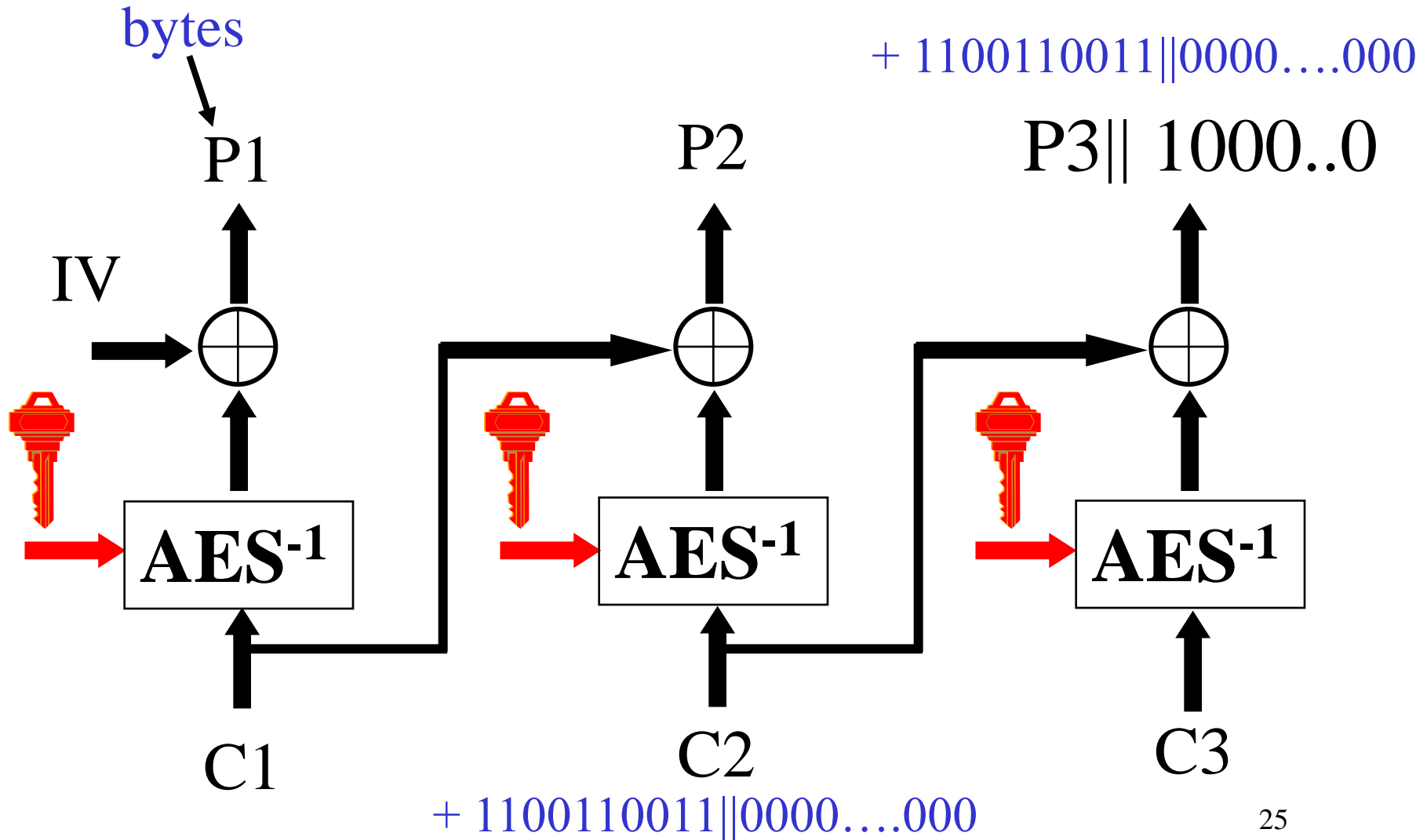
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# CBC with incomplete plaintext (2)

Plaintext length in

bytes





# CBC with incomplete plaintext (3)

Plaintext length in

bytes



P1

P2

+ 1100110011||0000....000

P3|| 1000..0

- If the first 10 bits of P3 are equal to 1100110011 then after the modification P3' will be equal to 0
- The decryption will then produce an error message because the plaintext length field is incorrect
- Conclusion: information on 1 byte of P3 can be obtained using on average 128 chosen ciphertexts
- Protection: random padding or authenticated encryption

# Modes of Operation

- CTR mode allows for pipelining
  - Better area/speed trade-off
- authentication: E-MAC and CMAC
  - E-MAC is CBC-MAC with extra encryption in last block
  - NIST prefers CMAC (was OMAC)
- authenticated encryption:
  - most applications need this primitive (ssh, TLS, IPsec, ...)
  - for security against chosen ciphertext this is essential
  - NIST solution: GCM (very fast but lacks robustness)

# Authenticated encryption

Inefficient solution: encrypt then MAC

We can do better

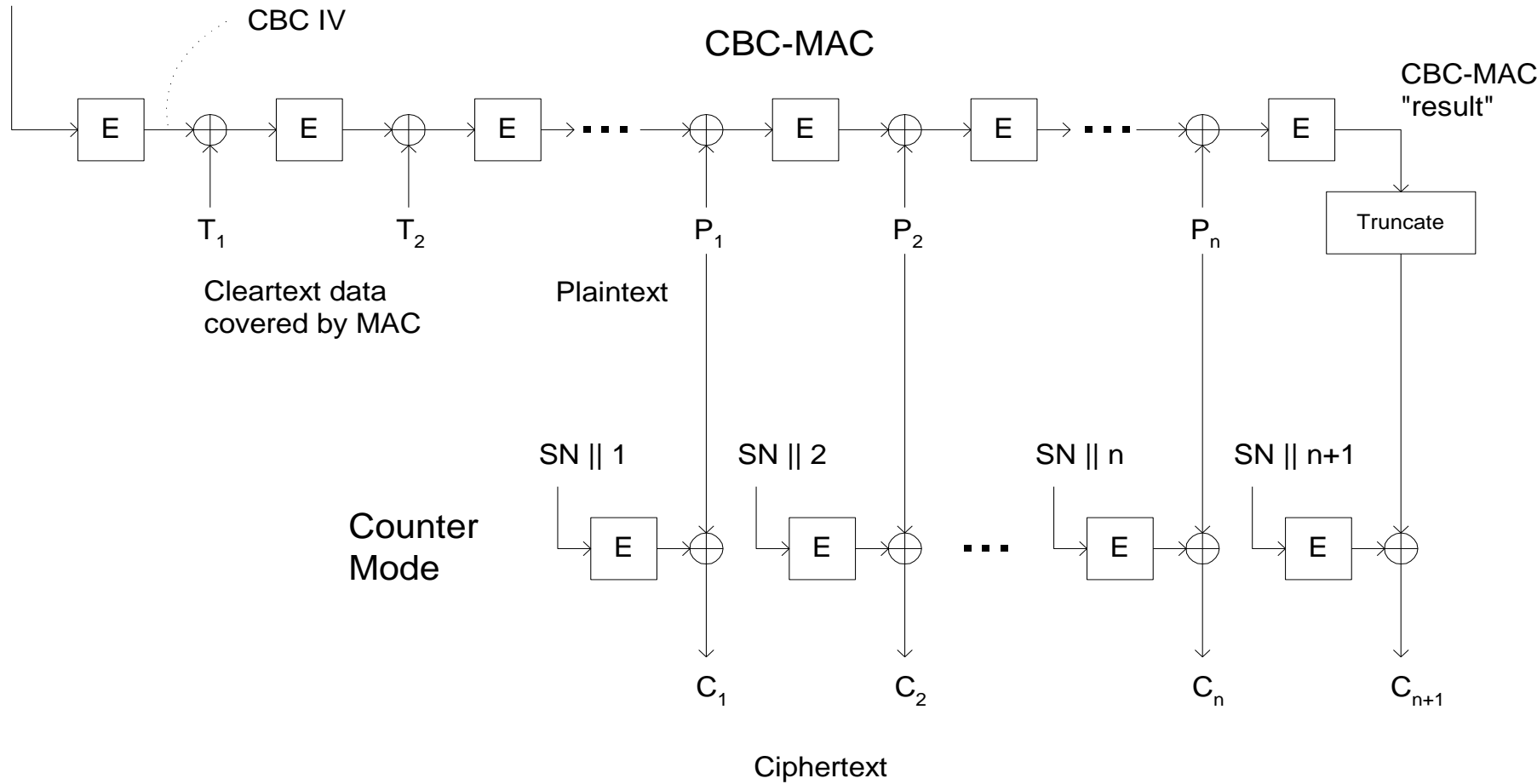
Issues:

- associated data
- parallelizable
- on-line
- patent-free
- provable security

- IAPM
- XECB
- OCB
- CCM
- EAX
- CWC
- GCM

# Example: CCM: CTR + CBC-MAC

SN || 0 || Length

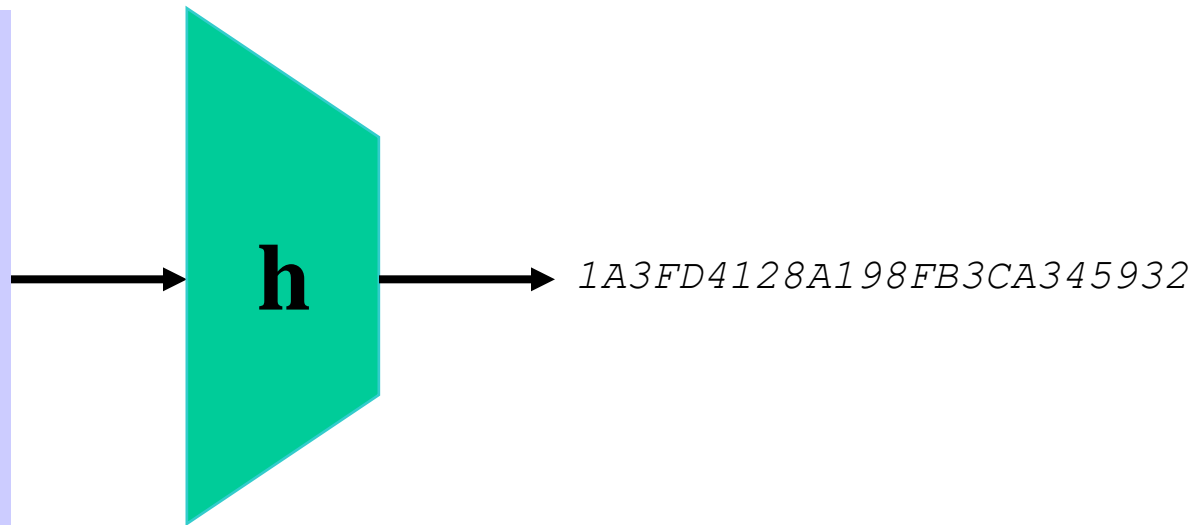


SN = packet sequence number (WEP "IV")

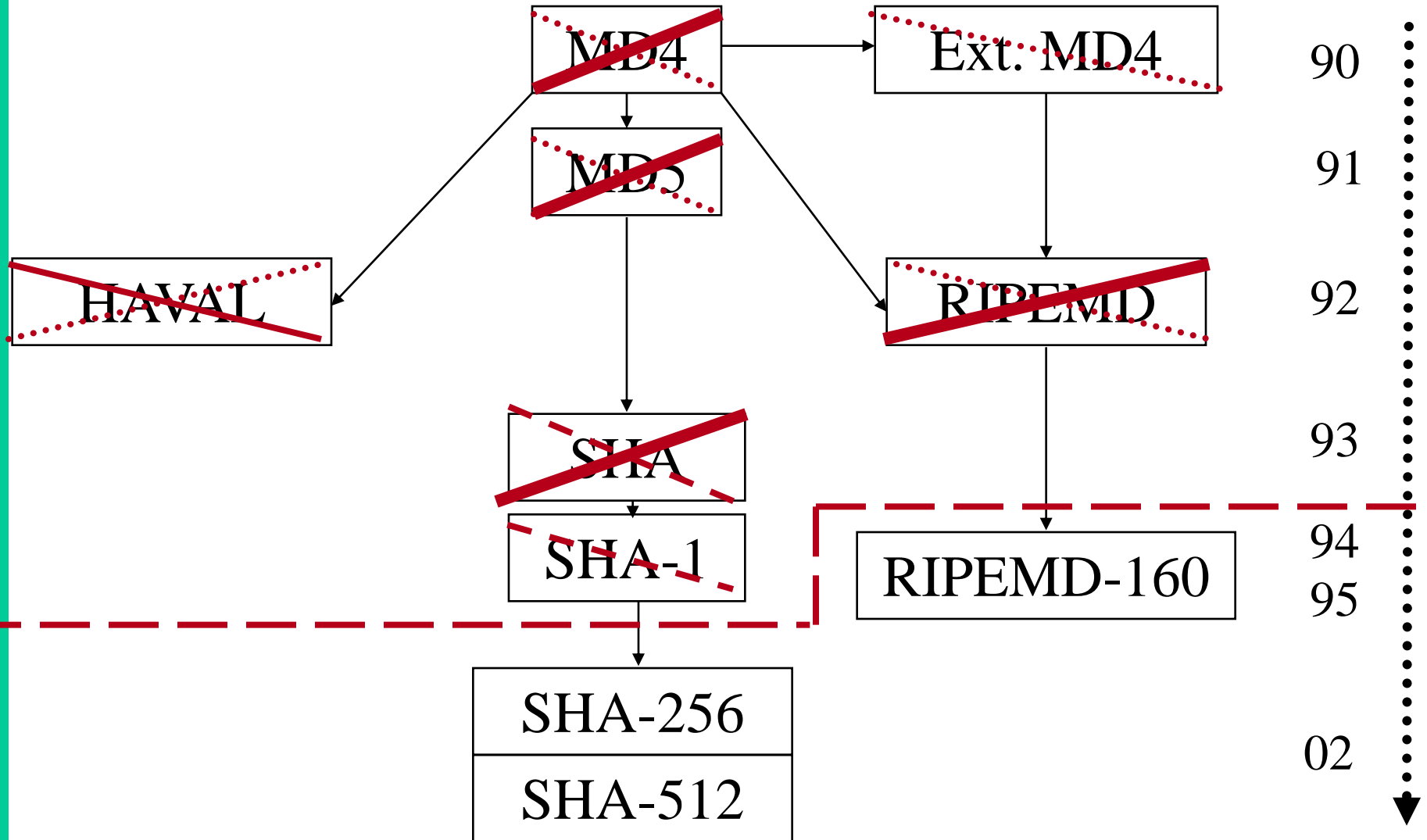
# Hash functions

- MDC (manipulation detection code)
- Protect short hash value rather than long text
- collision resistance
- preimage resistance
- 2<sup>nd</sup> preimage resistance

*This is an input to a cryptographic hash function. The input is a very long string, that is reduced by the hash function to a string of fixed length. There are additional security conditions: it should be very hard to find an input hashing to a given value (a preimage) or to find two colliding inputs (a collision).*

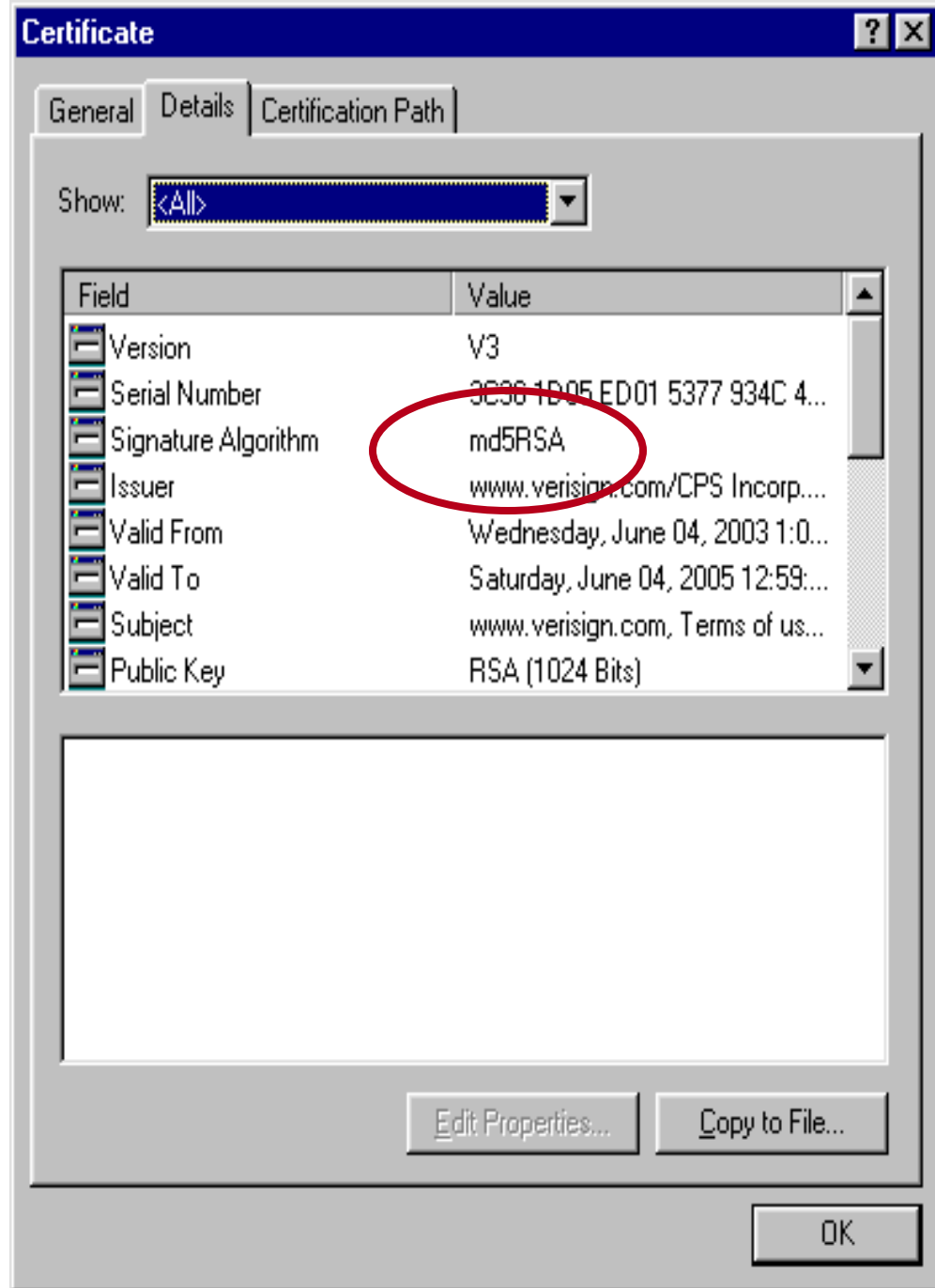


# MDx-type hash function history



# MD5

- Advice (RIPE since '92, RSA since '96): **stop using MD5**
- Largely ignored by industry (click on a cert...)
- Collisions for MD5 are within range of a brute force attack anyway ( $2^{64}$ )
- [Wang+'04] collision in 15 minutes
- Today: collisions in seconds



# SHA-1

- SHA designed by NIST (NSA) in '93
- redesign after 2 years ('95) to SHA-1
- Collisions found for SHA-0 in  $2^{51}$  [Joux+'04]
- Reduced to  $2^{39}$  [Wang+'05] and  $2^{32}$  [Rechberger+'07]
- **Collisions for SHA-1 in  $2^{63}$  [Wang+'05]**
- ***Structured* collisions for SHA-1 found for 64 out of 80 rounds [De Cannière-Rechberger'06]**
- **Collisions for 70 out of 80 rounds of SHA-1 and for SHA-1 in  $2^{60}$  [Rechberger+07]**

Prediction: collision for SHA-1 in the next 12 months




SHA-1 Collision Search Graz - Mozilla Firefox

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# SHA-1 Collision Search Graz




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## About SHA-1 Collision Search Graz

This is a research project that uses Internet-connected computers to do research in cryptanalysis. You can participate by downloading and running a free program on your computer.

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- [Website of the department](#)
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[B\*S] ralfi65 

I'm a member of [BOINC Synergy](#) and crunch for many projects since year 2000.



## News

September 12, 2007 New client version  
New version 5.35 of 32-bit and 64-bit Linux as well as 32-bit Windows, fixing some bugs, are available!

August 17, 2007 New Linux clients  
New version 5.34 of clients for better compatibility on 32- and 64bit Linux machines is built-in on the server!

August 8, 2007 Welcome to SHA-1 Collision Search Graz  
Welcome to SHA-1 Collision Search Graz, new workunits are now available. More information on the project can be found on [our website](#).

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From: “Cryptography Simplified in Microsoft .NET”  
Paul D. Sheriff (PDSA.com) [Oct. 2003]



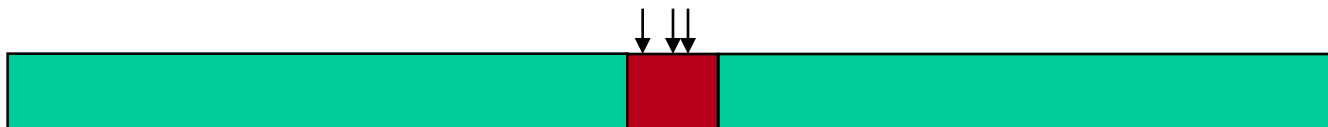
## How to Choose an Algorithm

- For example, SHA1 uses a 160-bit encryption key, whereas MD5 uses a 128-bit encryption key; thus, SHA1 is more secure than MD5.
- Another point to consider about hashing algorithms is whether or not there are practical or theoretical possibilities of collisions. Collisions are bad since two different words could produce the same hash. **SHA1, for example, has no practical or theoretical possibilities of collision.** MD5 has the possibility of theoretical collisions, but no practical possibilities.

In February 2008 this information was still available on MSDN

# Impact of collisions (1)

- collisions for MD5, SHA-0, SHA-1
  - two messages differ in a few bits in 1 to 3 512-bit input blocks
  - limited control over message bits in these blocks
  - but arbitrary choice of bits before and after them
    - 2 colliding executables, postscript documents and gif files [Lucks, Daum '05]
    - 2 colliding RSA public keys – thus with colliding X.509 certificates [Lenstra, Wang, de Weger '04]



- Chosen prefix collisions [Stevens+'07]
- 2 arbitrary colliding files (no constraints) for 100K\$

# Impact of collisions (2)

- digital signatures: only an issue if for **non-repudiation**
- **none** for signatures computed before attacks were public (1 August 2004)
- **none** for certificates if public keys are generated at random in a controlled environment
- **substantial** for signatures after 1 August 2005 (cf. traffic tickets in Australia)

# Other properties?

- 2<sup>nd</sup> preimage attack are not as infeasible as we once believed: for MD4/MD5 definitely less than  $2^{128}$
- HMAC
  - HMAC-MD4 is theoretically broken
  - HMAC-MD5 is questionable
  - HMAC-SHA1 seems ok
- many other issues have been identified with all our hash functions
- standards that are yet unbroken:
  - RIPEMD-160 ☺
  - SHA-256, SHA-512
  - Whirlpool
- upgrading MD5 and SHA-1 in Internet protocols:
  - algorithm flexibility is much harder than expected

# NIST hash function competition

The algorithm must support 224, 256, 384, and 512-bit message digests, and must support a maximum message length of at least  $2^{64}$  bits."

- 3Q07 Finalize and publish the minimum acceptability requirements, submission requirements, and evaluation criteria for candidate hash functions
- 3Q08 Submission deadline for new hash functions.
- 2Q10 Announce finalists
- 4Q11 Announce decision
- 3Q12 Publish Advanced Hash Function Standard

# How to encrypt with RSA?

- Assume that the RSA problem is hard
- ... so a fortiori we assume that factoring is hard
- How to encrypt with RSA?
  - Hint: ensure that the plaintext is mapped to a **random** element of  $[0, n-1]$  and then apply the RSA Encryption Permutation (RSAEP)

# How (not) to encrypt with RSA?

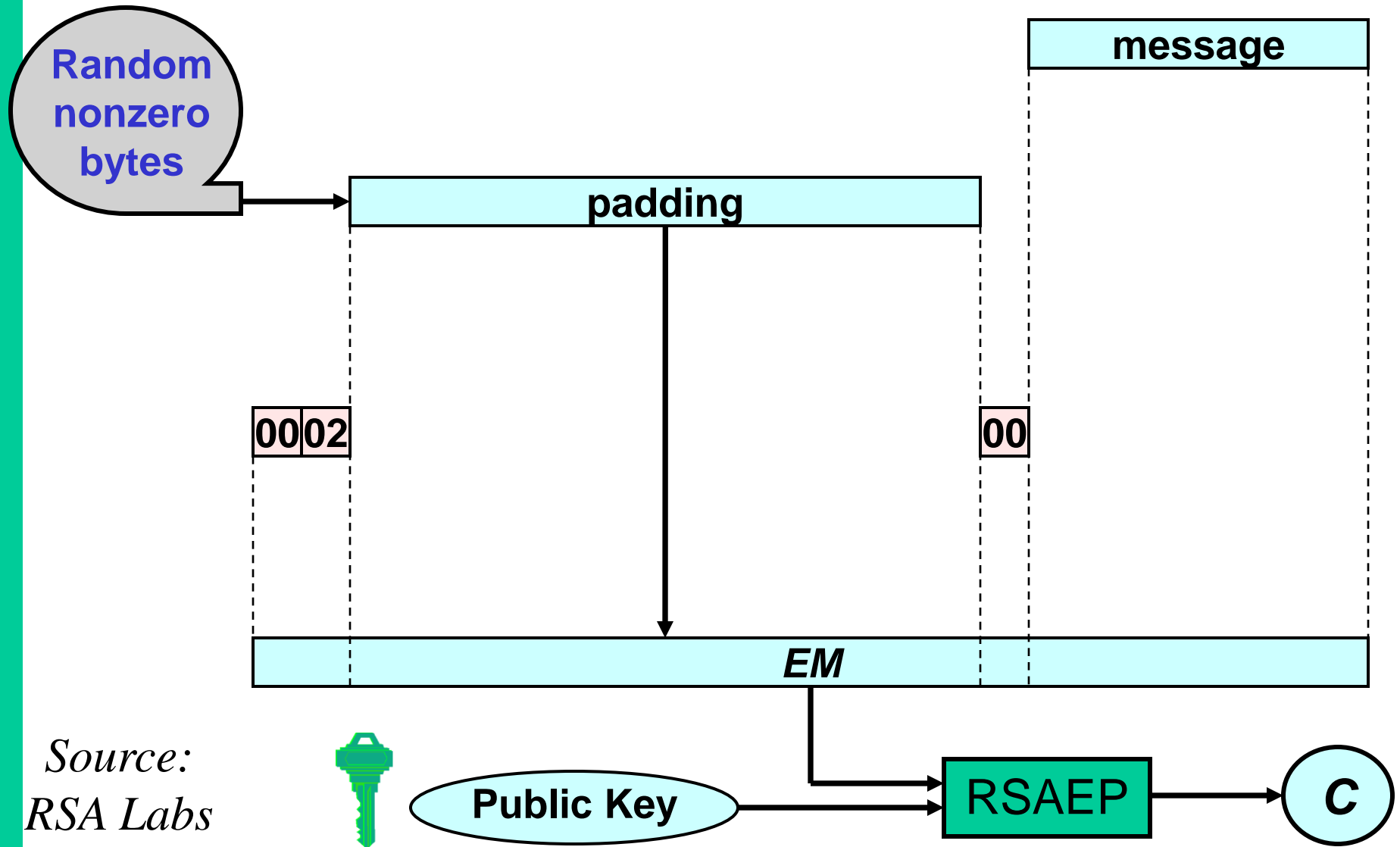
- Non-hybrid schemes
  - RSA-PKCS-1v1\_5 (RSA Laboratories, 1993)
  - RSA-OAEP (Bellare-Rogaway, 1994)
  - RSA-OAEP+ (Shoup, 2000)
  - RSA-SAEP (Johnson et al., 2001)
  - RSA-SAEP+ (Boneh, 2001)
- Hybrid schemes
  - RSA-KEM (Zheng-Seberry, 1992)
    - RSA-KEM-DEM (Shoup, 2001)
    - RSA-REACT (Okamoto-Pointcheval, 2001)
  - RSA-GEM (Coron et al., 2002)



# RSA PKCS-1v1\_5

- Introduced in 1993 in PKCS #1 v1.5
- *De facto* standard for RSA encryption and key transport
  - Appears in protocols such as TLS, S/MIME, ...

# RSA-PKCS-1v1\_5 Diagram



# RSA-PKCS-1v1\_5 Cryptanalysis

- Low-exponent RSA when very long messages are encrypted [Coppersmith+ '96/Coron '00]
  - large parts of a plaintext is known or similar messages are encrypted with the same public key
- Chosen ciphertext attack [Bleichenbacher '98]
  - decryption oracle: ciphertext valid or not?
  - 1024-bit modulus: 1 million decryption queries
- These attacks are precluded by fixes in TLS

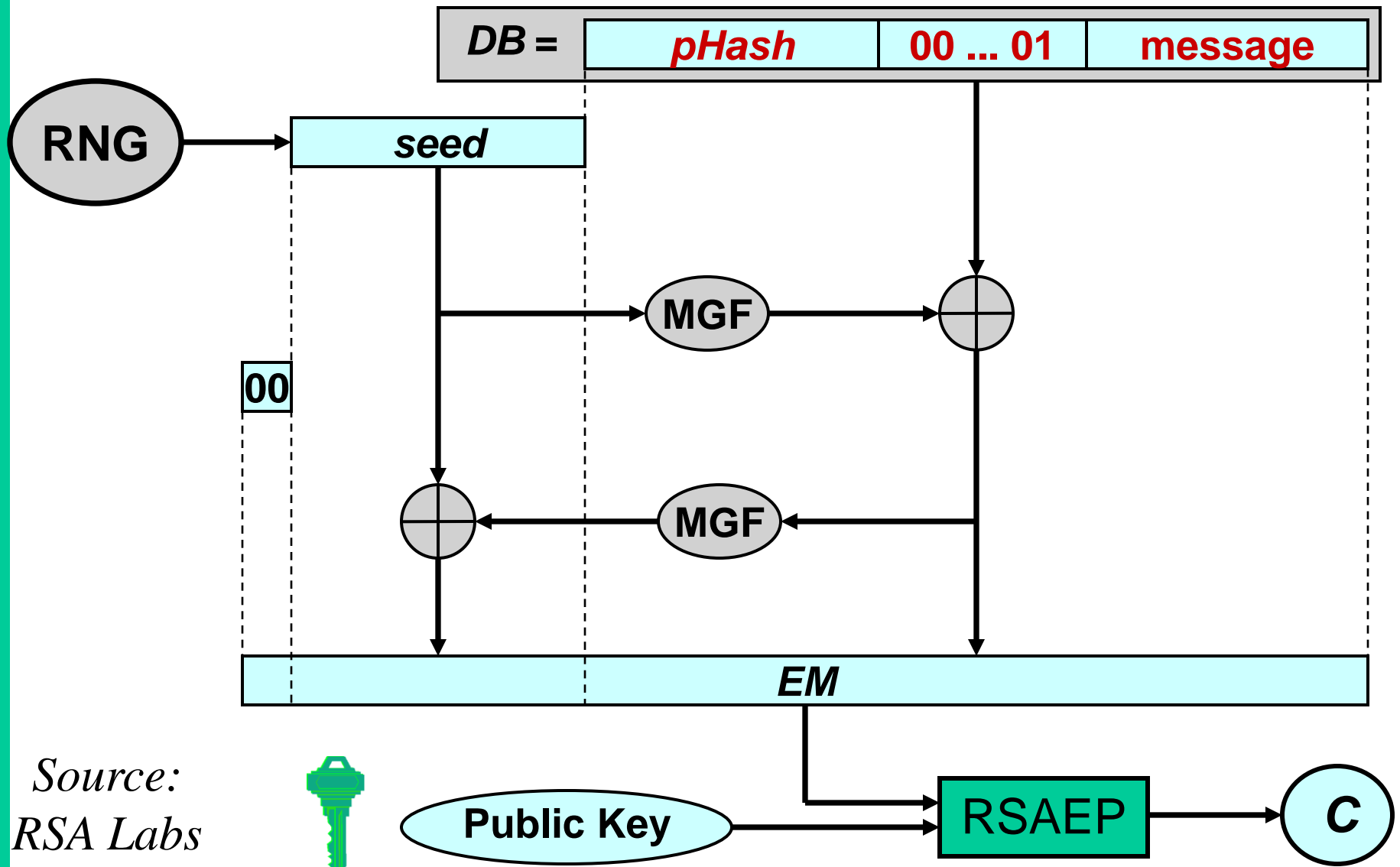
# Bleichenbacher's attack

- Goal: decrypt  $c$ 
  - choose random  $s$ ,  $0 < s < n$
  - compute  $c' = c s^e \bmod n$
  - ask for decryption of  $c'$ :  $m'$
  - compute  $m$  as  $m'/s \bmod n$
- but  $m'$  does not have the right format!
- idea: try many random choices for  $s$ :
  - if no error message is received, we know that
$$2B < (m s \bmod n) < 3B$$
  - with  $B = 2^{8(k-2)}$  ( $k$  length in bytes of the modulus)

# RSA-OAEP

- designers: Bellare and Rogaway 1993
- enhancements by Johnson and Matyas in 1996 (“encoding parameters”)
- already widely adopted in standards
  - IEEE P1363 draft
  - ANSI X9.44 draft
  - PKCS #1 v2.0 (PKCS #1 v2.1 draft)
  - ISO 18033-2 working draft 2000

# RSA-OAEP Diagram



# RSA OAEP - security

~~[BR'93] RSA-OAEP is IND-CCA2 secure under  
RSA assumption in ROM~~



Shoup '00: the proof is wrong

[FOPS 01] RSA-OAEP is IND-CCA2 secure under  
partial domain one-wayness RSA assumption in ROM  
for RSA: partial domain one-wayness  $\Leftrightarrow$  one-wayness

Reduction is very weak

ROM assumption is questionable

# RSA OAEP - security



- Improved chosen ciphertext attack [Manger, Crypto '01]
- requires a few thousand queries ( $1.1 \log_2 n$ )
- opponent needs oracle that tells whether there is an error in the integer-to-byte conversion or in the OAEP decoding
- overall conclusion: RSA Inc. is no longer recommending the use of RSA-OAEP

if it's provable secure, it probably isn't

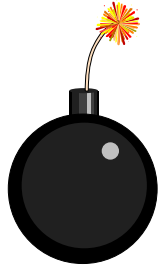
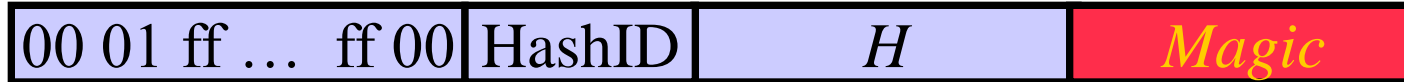


# How to encrypt with RSA

- RSA-KEM
  - encrypt 2 session keys with RSA
  - encrypt and MAC data with these 2 keys
- Recommended in NESSIE report (<http://www.cryptonessie.org>) and to be included in ISO 18033
- Similar problems for signatures:  
ISO 9796-1 broken, PKCS#1 v1.0 questionable

# Attack on PKCS #1 v1.5 implementations (1)

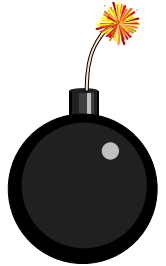
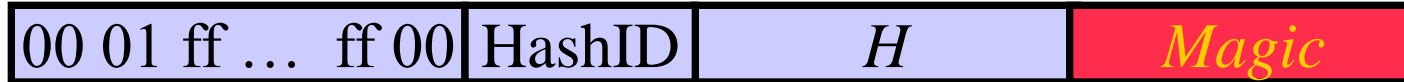
[Bleichenbacher06]



- Consider RSA with public exponent 3
- For any hash value  $H$ , it is easy to compute a string “Magic” such that the above string is a perfect cube of 3072 bits
- Consequence:
  - One can sign any message ( $H$ ) **without knowing the private key**
  - This signature works **for any public key** that is longer than 3072 bits
- Vulnerable: OpenSSL, Mozilla NSS, GnuTLS

# Attack on PKCS #1 v1.5 implementations (2)

[Bleichenbacher06]



- Fix
  - Write proper verification code (but the signer cannot know which code the verifier will use)
  - Use a public exponent that is at least 32 bits
  - Upgrade – finally – to RSA-PSS

# Cryptographic algorithm selection

- Standards?
- Public domain versus proprietary
- Upgrades

# Cryptographic standards

- Algorithms historically sensitive (e.g., GSM)
- Choices with little technical motivation (e.g., RC2 and MD2)
- Little or no coordination effort (even within IETF)
- Technically difficult

A.S. Tanenbaum: “The nice thing about standards is there's so many to choose from”

# Major Standardization Bodies in Cryptography

- International
  - ISO and ISO/IEC International Organization for Standardization
  - ITU: International Telecommunications Union
  - IETF: Internet Engineering Task Force
  - IEEE: Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers
- National
  - ANSI: American National Standards Institute
  - NIST: National Institute of Standards and Technology
- European
  - CEN: Comité Européen de Normalisation
  - ETSI: European Telecommunications Standards Institute
- Industry
  - PKCS, SECG
  - W3C, OASIS, Liberty Alliance, Wi-Fi Alliance, BioAPI, WS-Security, TCG
  - GP, PC/SC, Open Card Framework, Multos



# Independent evaluation efforts

- NIST (US) (1997-2001): block cipher AES for FIPS 197 (<http://csrc.nist.gov/CryptoToolkit/aes/>)
- CRYPTREC (Japan) (2000-2003): cryptographic algorithms and protocols for government use in Japan (<http://www.ipa.go.jp/security>)
- EU-funded IST-NESSIE Project (2000-2003): new cryptographic primitives based on an open evaluation procedure (<http://www.cryptonessie.org>)
- ECRYPT eSTREAM (2004-2007): stream cipher competition

# Proprietary/secret algorithms

- No “free” public evaluations
- Risk of snake oil
- Cost of (re)-evaluation very high
- No economy of scale in implementations
- Reverse engineering
- Fewer problems with rumors and “New York Times” attacks
- Extra reaction time if problems
- Fewer problems with implementation attacks
- Can use crypto for IPR and licensing



# Many insecure algorithms in use

- Do it yourself (snake oil)
- Export controls
- Increased computational power for attacks (64-bit keys are no longer adequate)
- Cryptanalysis progress - including errors in proofs
- Upgrading is often too hard by design
  - cost issue
  - backward compatibility
  - version roll-back attacks

# Upgrade problem

- GSM: A5/3 takes a long time
- Bluetooth: E0 hardwired
- TCG: chip with fixed algorithms
- MD5 and SHA-1 widely used
- Negotiable algorithms in SSH, TLS, IPsec,...
- **But even then these protocols have problems getting rid of MD5/SHA-1**

Make sure that you do not use the same key with a weak and a strong variant (e.g. GSM A5/2 and A5/3)

# And the good news

- Many secure and free solutions available today: AES, RSA,...
- With some reasonable confidence in secure
- Cost of strong crypto decreasing except for “niche applications” (ambient intelligence)

In spite of all the problems, cryptography is certainly not the weakest link in our security chain

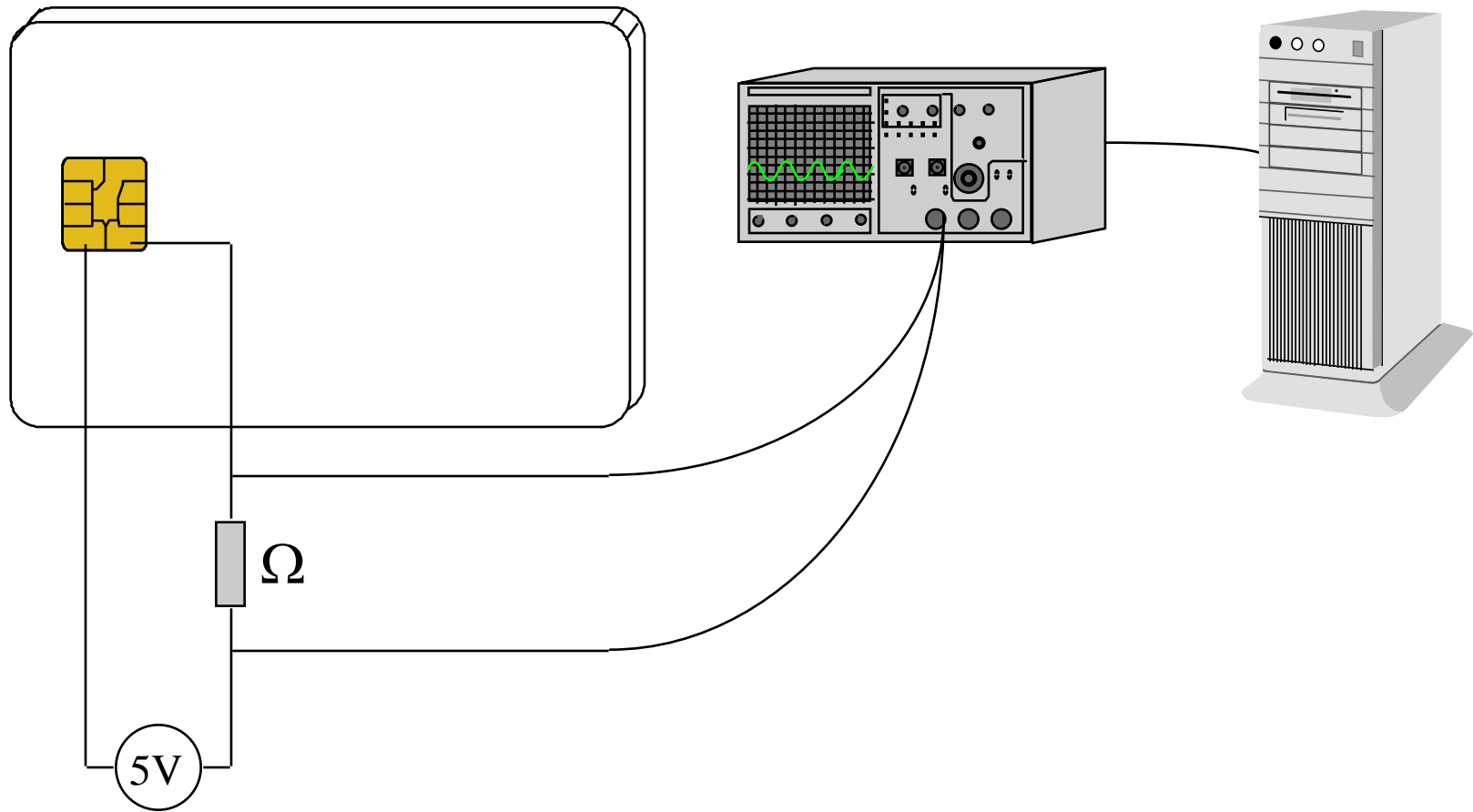
# What to use (generic solutions)

- Authenticated encryption mode (OCB, CWC, CCM, or even GCM) with 3-key 3-DES or AES
- Hash functions: RIPEMD-160, SHA-256, SHA-512 or Whirlpool
- Public key encryption: RSA-KEM or ECIES
- Digital signatures: RSA-PSS or ECDSA
- Protocols: TLS, SSH, IKE(v2)

# Secure implementations of cryptography

- Error messages and APIs (cf. supra)
- Side channels
  - Timing attacks
  - Power attacks
  - Acoustic attacks
  - Electromagnetic attacks
- Fault attacks

# Power analysis tools for smart cards



# Software: constant time is crucial

- PIN verification
- Square and multiply for RSA
- Variable rotations in RC5 and RC6
- Swaps in RC4
- Problems with cache misses in ciphers with S-boxes such as DES and AES

# PIN verification

```
input (PIN_U[0..k-1], PIN[0..k-1])
i=0;
while (i < k) do {
    if (PIN_U[i] != PIN[i]) return (0);
    i = i+1;
}
return(1);
```

Problem?



# Timing attack on RSA

- “square and multiply” algorithm
- exponent bits scanned from MSB to LSB (left to right)

Let  $k =$  bitsize of  $d$  (say 1024)

Let  $s = m$

For  $i = k-2$  down to 0

Let  $s = s*s \bmod n$  (*SQUARE*)

If (bit  $i$  of  $d$ ) is 1 then

Let  $s = s*m \bmod n$  (*MULTIPLY*)

End if

End for

**Example :**  $s = m^9 = m^{1001b}$

**init (MSB 1)**  $s = m$

**round 2 (bit 0)**  $s = m^2$

**round 1 (bit 0)**  $s = (m^2)^2 = m^4$

**round 0 (bit 1)**  $s = (m^4)^2 * m = m^9$

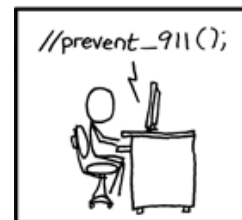
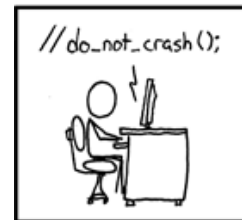
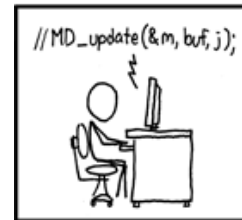
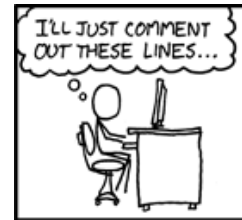
# Cache attack on crypto algorithms with S-boxes (DES, AES,...)

- Cache misses influence execution time
- Uses HyperThreading to monitor the encrypting process in real time and observe its use of shared resources.
- [Tsunoo-Saito-Suzaki-Shigeri-Miyauchi 03] Cryptanalysis of DES implemented on computers with cache, CHES 2003, LNCS 2779, 62-76, 2003
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# Implementation attacks (13 May '08)

## Debian-OpenSSL incident

- Weak key generation:
  - only 32K keys
    - easy to generate all private keys
    - collisions
- Between 13-17 May:
  - 280 bad keys out of 40K (0.6%)
- Revocation problematic



IN THE RUSH TO CLEAN UP THE DEBIAN-OPENSSL FIASCO, A NUMBER OF OTHER MAJOR SECURITY HOLES HAVE BEEN UNCOVERED:

AFFECTED SYSTEM	SECURITY PROBLEM
FEDORA CORE	VULNERABLE TO CERTAIN DECODER RINGS
XANDROS (EEE PC)	GIVES ROOT ACCESS IF ASKED IN STERN VOICE
GENTOO	VULNERABLE TO FLATTERY
OLPC OS	VULNERABLE TO JEFF GOLDBLUM'S POWERBOOK
SLACKWARE	GIVES ROOT ACCESS IF USER SAYS ELVISH WORD FOR "FRIEND"
UBUNTU	TURNS OUT DISTRO IS ACTUALLY JUST WINDOWS VISTA WITH A FEW CUSTOM THEMES

# Implementation attacks

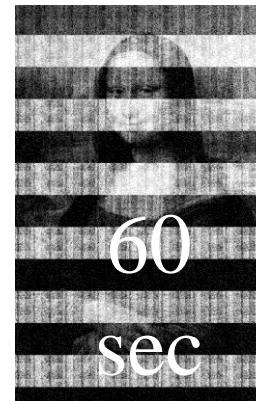
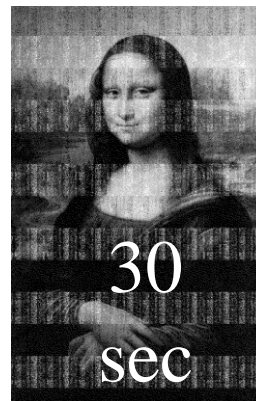
## cold boot attack

- Why break cryptography? Go for the key, stupid!

- Data reminence in DRAMs

Lest We Remember: Cold Boot Attacks on Encryption Keys [Halderman-Schoen-Heninger-Clarkson-Paul- Calandrino-Feldman- Appelbaum-Felten'08]

- Boot from USB device and dump RAM image
- Works for AES, RSA,...
- Products: BitLocker, FileVault, TrueCrypt, dm-crypt, loop-AES



# Implementation attacks

## cold boot attack (2)

- Countermeasures
  - Overwrite keys in memory
  - Shut down rather than sleep/hibernate
  - Limit boot options (network, USB)
  - resilient exposure cryptography (AONT)
  - physical protection of DRAM
  - encrypt in the disk controller
  - new architecture
- Ineffective: trusted computing as implemented today

# Some crypto libraries

- **OpenSSL:** <http://www.openssl.org/>
- **Cryptlib:**  
<http://www.cs.auckland.ac.nz/~pgut001/cryptlib/>
- **SSLey:** <http://www2.psy.uq.edu.au/~ftp/Crypto/>
- **IAIK Java:**  
<http://jce.iaik.tugraz.at/products/index.php>
- **COSIC crypto library (contact B. Preneel)**
- **See also**  
[http://www.ssh.fi/support/cryptography/online\\_resources/practical.html](http://www.ssh.fi/support/cryptography/online_resources/practical.html)

# Novel applications of cryptography

- Whitebox crypto
- SPAM fighting

# Protection of software against whitebox attacks

- Software
  - Confidential information
  - Secret keys
  - Proprietary code
- Software and content distribution
- White-box setting
  - Complete access to implementation
  - Decompilation, reverse engineering, ...



# Protection of software against whitebox attacks

- “sandboxing”  
protect host against malware

Malicious client  
program/applet



Download/  
Install



Benign host



- malicious hosts  
protect software against malicious  
hosts

Benign client  
program/applet



Download/  
Install



Malicious host



# Techniques

- White-box cryptography
  - Extra input and output coding of encryption
- Code obfuscation
  - Obfuscate code and program flow
- Other techniques:
  - Integrity checks + error detection
    - Tamper resistant software (TRS)
  - Code encryption + ‘on-the-fly’ decryption

# White Box Cryptography

- Mathematical technique to hide keys in code

$$E'_K = \boxed{G \circ E_K \circ F^{-1}}$$

- *With:*
  - $E_K$  : encryption function, key  $K$
  - $F$  : arbitrary input coding
  - $G$  : arbitrary output coding

# Pro and Cons

- Unique object code
  - Choose  $F$  and  $G$
  - Integrate key
- Protect key
  - No function that computes  $E_K$  for an arbitrary key  $K$
- Flexible
- Fast updates
- Increased memory
  - Tables for input and output coding and for function
- Increased execution time
- Security: very strong attack model
  - Trade-off with performance
- Fast key update open problem

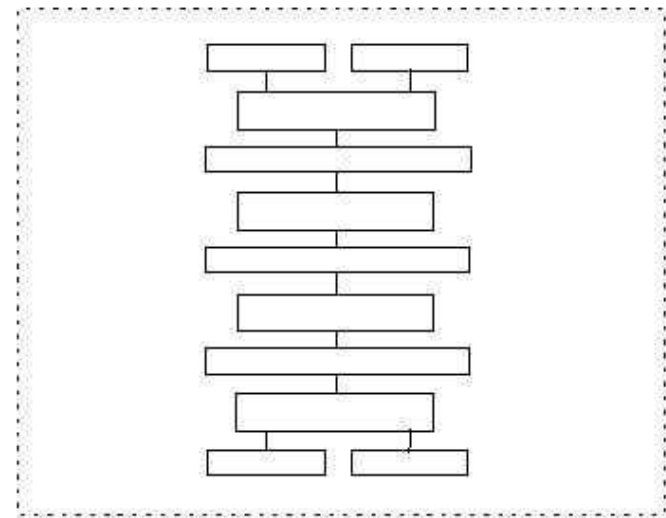
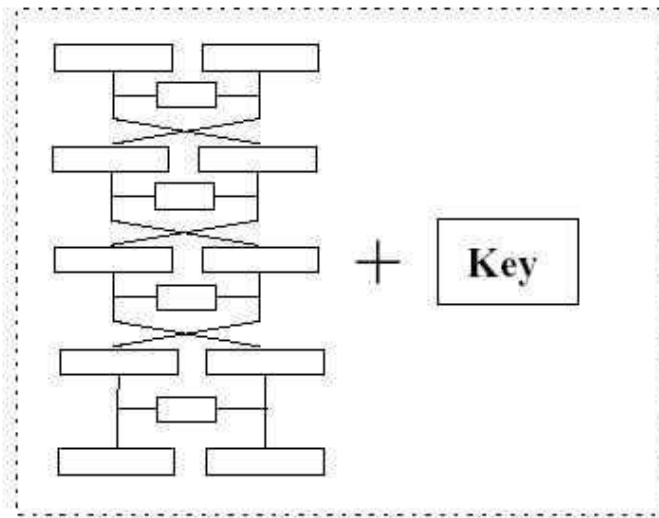
# Example

- DES

- 16-round Feistel
- 8 S-boxes
- 56-bit key

- White-box DES

- General structure
- 12 "T-boxes"
- Key built in code



# The SPAM problem: it is about economics, stupid

- list of  $10^7$ - $10^8$  “good” names
- cost per message:  $\sim 10^{-5}$  €; total cost 100-1000 €
- hit ratio:  $10^{-6}$  to  $10^{-4}$ : 10-10000 responses
- Cost to society
  - Ruining e-mail as communication tool
  - Time and attention
  - ISP fees
  - Storage and bandwidth

# AND...

"The right to be left alone - the most comprehensive of rights, and the right most valued by civilized men."

**- Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis**

# Fighting SPAM

- Filtering
- **Make sender pay**
- Ephemeral email addresses
- Data/Sender Authentication



# Fighting SPAM (2)

- Filtering
  - Everyone: text-based
  - Brightmail: decoys; rules updates
  - Microsoft Research: (seeded) trainable filters
  - SpamCloud: collaborative filtering
  - SpamCop, Osirusoft, etc: IP addresses, proxies, ...
- **Make Sender Pay**
  - **Computation (CPU and/or memory)**
  - Human attention
  - Cash, bonds, stamps (PennyBlack)

# Fighting SPAM (3)

- Ephemeral e-mail addresses
  - E.g. SPA: Single Purpose Addresses
- Data/Sender authentication
  - Sign all emails
  - Sender Permitted From (SPF): whitelist mail senders
  - Sign domain names (Yahoo's DomainKeys)
  - Authenticated mail: AMTP (TLS)

Often bypass for friends on whitelist

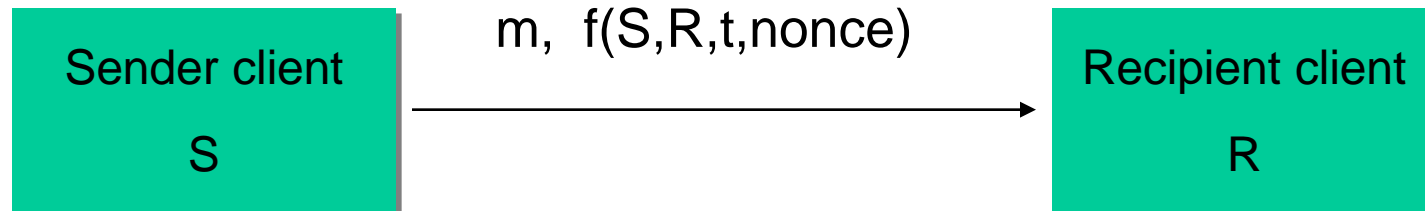
# Filtering: limitations

- Still high cost if too late in the chain
- Spammers generate more sophisticated emails...
  - "Daphnia blue-crested fish cattle, darkorange fountain moss, beaverwood educating, eyeblinking advancing, dulltuned amazons...."
  - FWD: Many On Stocks. Vali/u/m + V1codin+ ; V|@GRa + /Xanax/ ; Pnter.m.in ? Som|a| muKPs

# Computational Approach

- If I don't know the sender:
  - Prove sender spent 10 seconds CPU time,
  - just for me, and just for this message
- Checking proof by receiver:
  - automatically in the background
  - very efficient
- All unsolicited mail treated equally

# Point-to-Point Architecture



## (Ideal Message Flow)

- Single-pass “send-and-forget”
- Can augment with helper to handle slow machines
- Can add post office / pricing authority to handle money payments
- Time mostly used as nonce for avoiding replays (cache tags, discard duplicates; time controls size of cache)

# Economics

- 10 seconds CPU cost a few hundreds of a cent
- $(80,000 \text{ s/day}) / (10\text{s/message}) = 8,000 \text{ msgs/day}$
- Hotmail's billion daily spams:
  - 125,000 CPUs
  - Up front capital cost just for hardware: \$150 million
- **The spammers can't afford it.**

# Cryptographic Puzzles

- Hard to compute;  $f(S,R,t,nonce)$  can't be amortized
  - lots of work for the sender
- Easy to check “ $z = f(S,R,t,nonce)$ ”
  - little work for receiver
- Parameterized to scale with Moore's Law
  - easy to exponentially increase computational cost, while barely increasing checking cost
- Can be based on (carefully) weakened signature schemes, hash collisions
- Can arrange a “shortcut” for post office

# Idea: replace CPU by memory

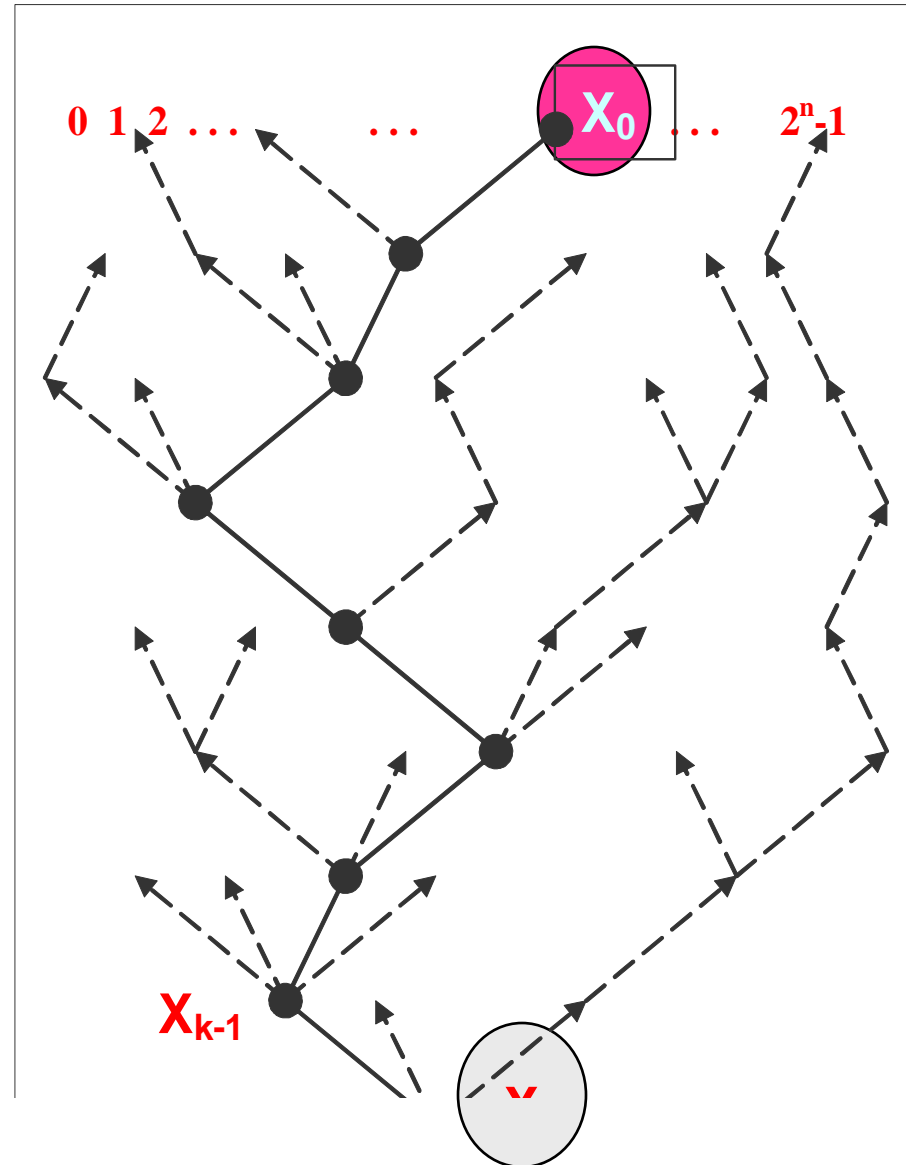
- CPU speeds vary widely across machines, but memory latencies vary much less (20-100 vs 2-6)
  - 33 MHz PDA vs. 3 GHz PC
- design a puzzle leading to a large number of cache misses
- Concrete schemes: [ABMW02] and [DGN03]



# Easy Functions

## [ABMW02]

- $f$ :  $n$  bits to  $n$  bits, easy
- Given  $x_k \in \text{range}(f^{(k)})$ , find a pre-image with certain properties
- Hope: best solved by building table for  $f^{-1}$  and working back from  $x_k$
- Choose  $n=22$  so  $f^{-1}$  fits in small memory, but not in cache
- Optimism:  $x_k$  is root of tree of expected size  $k^2$



# Social Issues

- Who chooses  $f$ ?
  - One global  $f$ ? Who sets the price?
  - Autonomously chosen  $f$ 's?
- How is  $f$  distributed (ultimately)?
  - Global  $f$  built into all mail clients? (1-pass)
  - Directory? Query-Response? (3-pass)

# Technical Issues

- Distribution lists
- Awkward introductory period
  - Old versions of mail programs; bounces
- Very slow/small-memory machines
  - Can implement “post office” (CPU), but:
  - Who gets to be the Post Office? Trust?
- Cache Thrashing (memory-bound)
- The Subverters or Zombies

# Conclusions: cryptography

- Can only move and simplify your problems
- Solid results, but still relying on a large number of unproven assumptions and beliefs
- Not the bottleneck or problem in most security systems
- *To paraphrase Laotse, you cannot create trust with cryptography, no matter how much cryptography you use -- Jon Callas.*

# Conclusions (2): cryptography

- Leave it to the experts
- Do not do this at home
- Make sure you can upgrade
- Implementing it correctly is hard
  
- Secure computation very challenging and promising: reduce trust in individual building blocks

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