

## Mobility

- ▶ Wireless traffic is easy to eavesdrop
- ▶ Requires new security solutions
- ▶ **Mobile phones:** Network operator may not be same as service provider
- ▶ We will look at
  - GSM
  - UMTS
  - WLAN

## GSM - Introduction

- ▶ Used by 2 billion people in more than 200 countries
- ▶ Security goals
  - Provide confidentiality for users – If the channel is eavesdropped it should not be possible to reconstruct messages.
  - Provide anonymity for users – It should not be possible to trace a user
  - Authenticate users – It should not be possible to spoof an identity
- ▶ Security requirements
  - Complexity added by security should be as small as possible
    - Bandwidth
    - Error rate
    - Overhead
  - Must be possible to use other networks in other countries

## Mobile Station

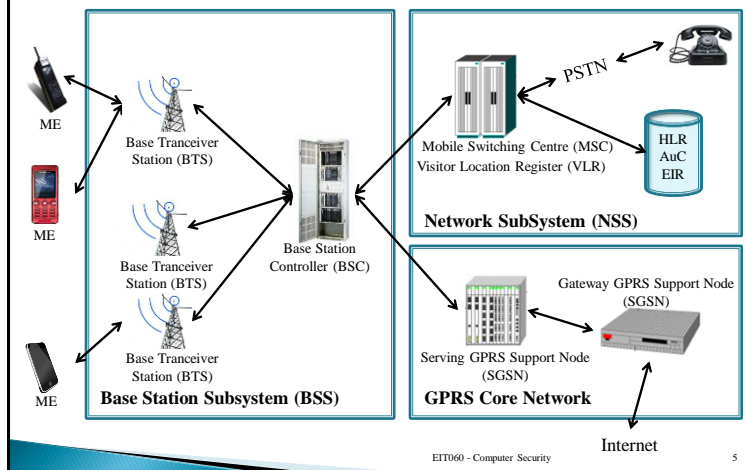
- ▶ Consists of mobile equipment (ME)
  - Physical device
  - IMEI – International Mobile Equipment Identity
- ▶ SIM card – Subscriber Identity Module, Smart card with identifiers, keys and algorithms
  - $K_i$  – Subscriber Authentication Key (Long term key)
  - IMSI – International Mobile Subscriber Identity
  - TMSI – Temporary Mobile Subscriber Identity
  - PIN – Personal Identity Number protecting a SIM
  - LAI – Location Area Identity



## Some important parts of GSM

- ▶ *HLR – home location register*
  - Stores information about every SIM card issued by the operator. SIM identified by IMSI.
  - Stores current location of SIM
  - Sends data to VLR/SGSN when SIM roams
- ▶ *AuC – Authentication Center*
  - Manages authentication data for user
  - Stores  $K_i$  and algorithm ID (A3/A8)
  - Issues key for encryption
- ▶ *VLR – Visitor Location Register*
  - Serves a base station
  - Stores IMSI and TMSI
  - Updates HLR with location
- ▶ *EIR – Equipment Identity Register*
  - Keeps a list of banned IMEI
  - Used to track stolen phones

## GSM Architecture



## Subscriber Identity Protection

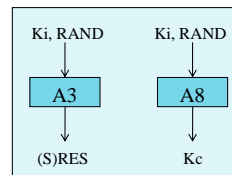
- ▶ If IMSI is always used for identification, then it is possible to track subscribers
  - Eavesdropping should not identify users
  - Network must identify users (someone has to pay the call)
- ▶ TMSI is used to identify a SIM
- ▶ Phone is switched on → IMSI is sent
  - SIM card receives a TMSI
  - All other times → TMSI is used
- ▶ VLR maps TMSI → IMSI
- ▶ New MSC → new TMSI

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## Authentication step

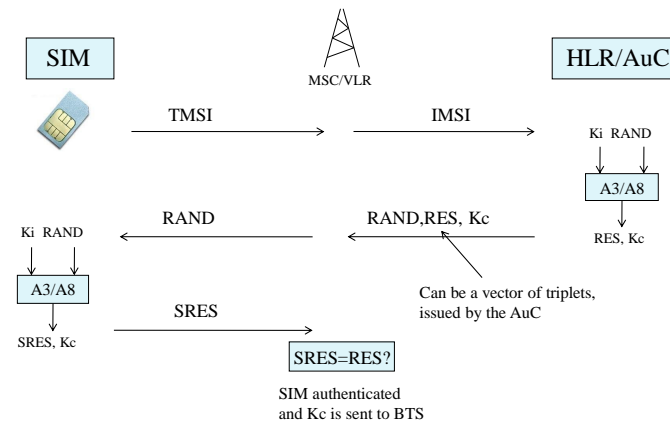
- ▶ Ki – subscriber identification key is stored in SIM and HLR/AuC
  - Size is 128 bits
- ▶ Goal
  - Authenticate subscriber to network
  - Create a session key
- ▶ Algorithm A3 computes response in authentication step
- ▶ Algorithm A8 computes 64-bit session key
- ▶ RAND is 128 bits
- ▶ (S)RES is 32 bits



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## Authentication Step



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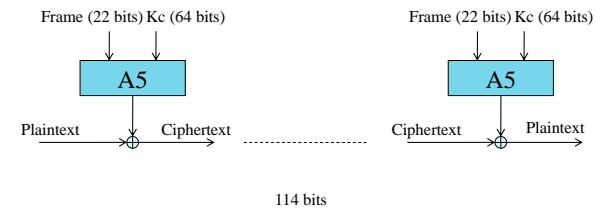
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## A3/A8

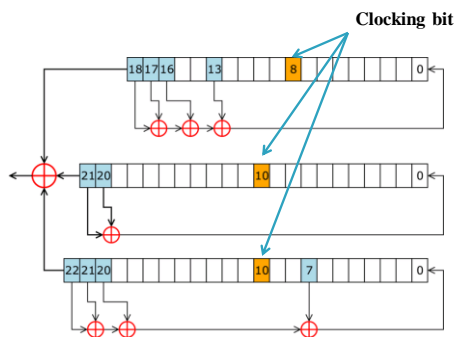
- ▶ A3 and A8 are implemented on the SIM
- ▶ Can be network specific, but example algorithms are proposed (COMP128)
- ▶ Independent of hardware manufacturers
- ▶ COMP128 was very weak.
  - Using Smart Card reader it was possible to get  $K_i$
  - Possible to clone SIM cards
  - New versions were proposed

## Encryption

- ▶ Encryption algorithms
  - **A5/1 – Strong version**
  - A5/2 – Weak version
  - A5/3 – Strong version (introduced later and based on Kasumi used in 3G)
- ▶ Traffic only encrypted between mobile station and base station



## A5/1



*Initialization:* Load key and frame number by xoring them with bit 0  
*Keystream generation:* Register is clocked if clocking bit is majority bit.

### Note the small state:

Time-memory tradeoff feasible! (Some known plaintext is needed)

## Secrecy of algorithms

- ▶ **Kerckhoffs' principle** – The secrecy of a message should only depend on the secret key!
- ▶ This well known principle from the 19th century was ignored
- ▶ If the algorithm is not investigated by public/researchers before deployment, how can we know it is secure?
  - COMP128 leaked out – was broken
  - A5/1 leaked out – was broken
- ▶ **Another problem with GSM:** Only users are authenticated, the network is not
  - Fake basestations can trick phones to send IMSI and/or turn off encryption

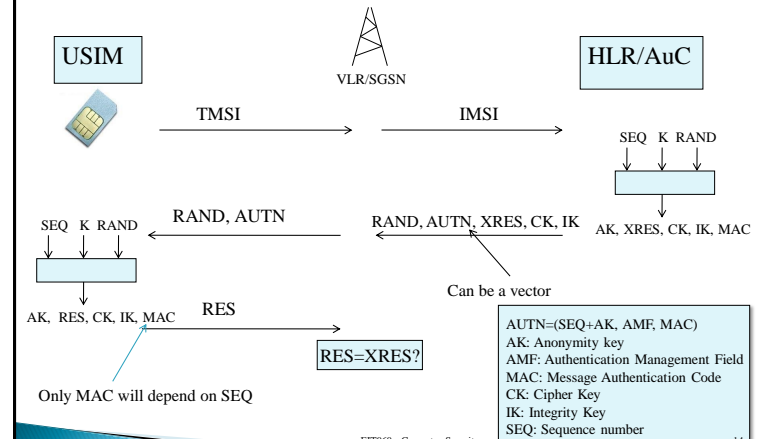
## UMTS

- As far as we are concerned the architecture of UMTS is similar to the architecture of GSM
  - USIM – Universal subscriber identity module
  - Secret key  $K$  shared between USIM and HLR/AuC
- Goal of authentication step
  - Authenticate user
  - Create session key for encryption
  - Authenticate network**
  - Create session key for message authentication**
- Do not keep algorithms secret**
- 128 bit session key**

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## Authentication and Key Agreement



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## Functions used

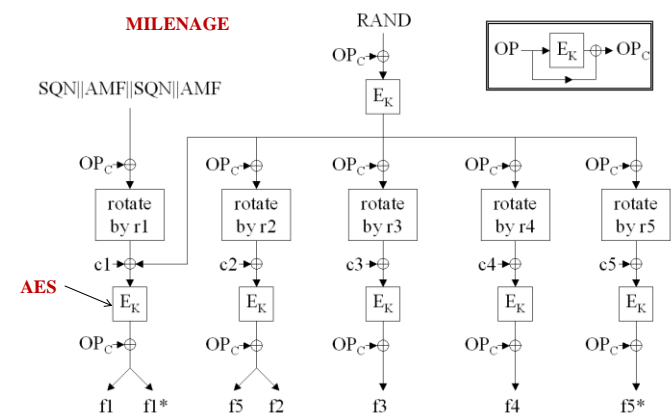
- f0: Random number generator
- f1: Network authentication function. computes a MAC that is part of AUTN
- f2: User authentication function. Computes RES and XRES
- f3: Cipher key derivation function
- f4: Integrity key derivation function
- f5: Anonymity key derivation function. Used to hide sequence number
- f8: Stream cipher for session encryption
- f9: MAC for session integrity protection

- f0 implemented in AuC
- f1-f5 are operator specific and implemented in USIM
- f8-f9 are mandatory for everyone and implemented in user equipment (phone)

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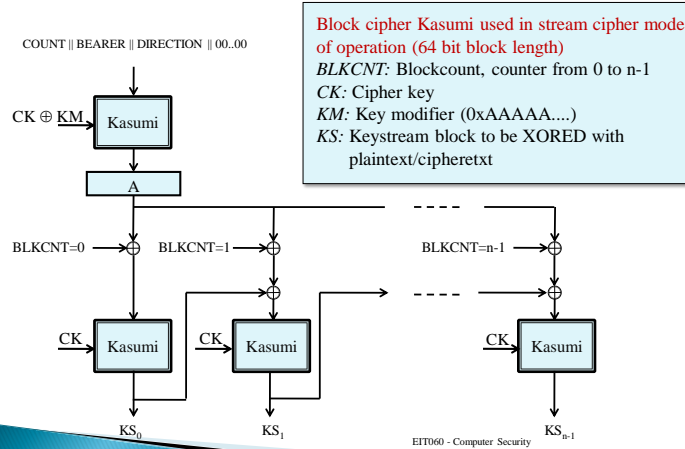
## Functions computed in AuC and USIM



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## Encryption in UMTS (f8)

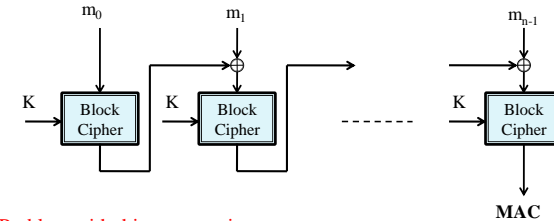


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## Message Authentication, CBC-MAC

- ▶ CBC-MAC – Block cipher in CBC mode with last ciphertext as MAC value



**Problem with this construction:**

Get message/MAC pair of a one-block message ( $m, t$ )

Then  $m || m+t$  also has MAC  $t$ ,

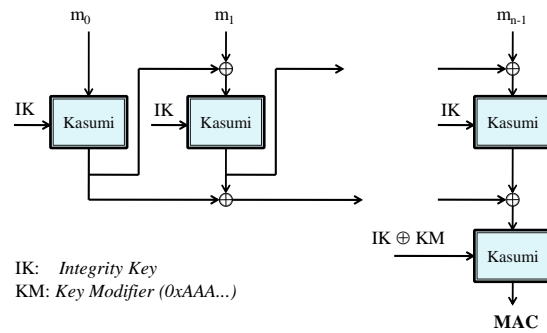
→  $(m || m+t, t)$  is a valid pair

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## MAC used in UMTS (f9)

- ▶ Only signalling data is authenticated
- ▶ CBC-MAC with output permutation and extra large state



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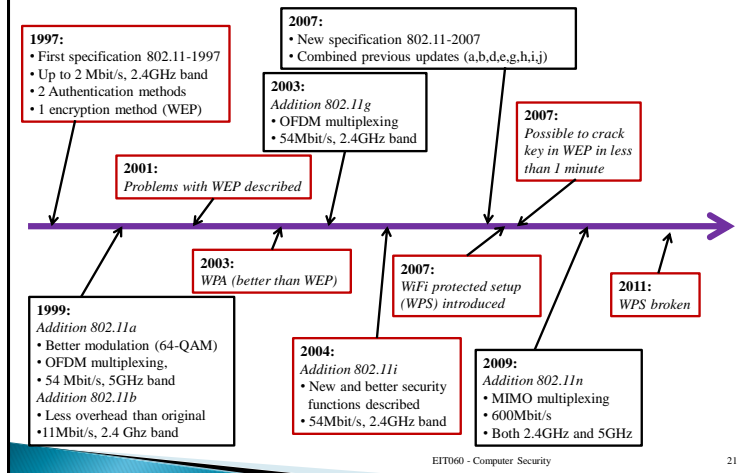
## WLAN Security

- ▶ IEEE 802.11
- ▶ Security Requirements
  - Authentication
  - Confidentiality
  - Integrity
- ▶ Non-cryptographic access control
  - Hide SSID – Users will have to know the SSID
  - Restrict access based on MAC address
  - **Both are more or less worthless!**
- ▶ Cryptographic protection
  - WEP – Wired Equivalent Privacy
  - WPA – WiFi Protected Access
  - WPA2 – WiFi Protected Access 2

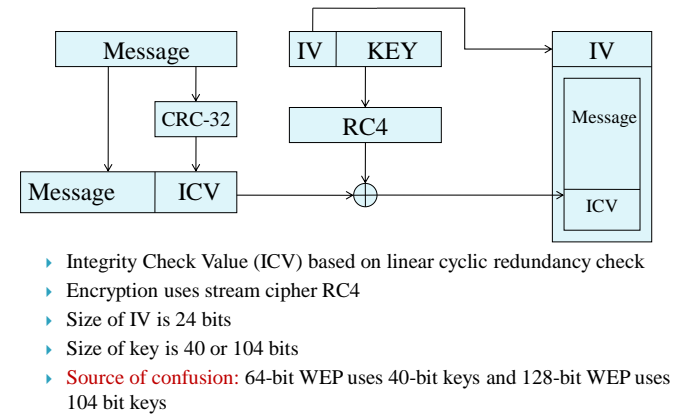
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## 802.11 timeline



## WEP encryption



## Weakness of CRC-32

- Message is divided by a degree 32 polynomial with coefficients in GF(2)
- Remainder is ICV
- Linear function – protects only against accidental changes if encryption is "xor plaintext with keystream"
- Assume we want to add (xor)  $\Delta$  to plaintext.
  - Compute  $\delta = \text{CRC-32}(\Delta)$
  - Add  $(\Delta \parallel \delta)$  to ciphertext

$$(M \parallel \text{CRC-32}(M)) \oplus \text{RC4}(K) \oplus (\Delta \parallel \delta) = (M \oplus \Delta \parallel \text{CRC-32}(M) \oplus \delta) \oplus \text{RC4}(K) = (M \oplus \Delta \parallel \text{CRC-32}(M \oplus \Delta)) \oplus \text{RC4}(K)$$

- We still have a valid message

## Weakness in encryption

- IV is only 24 bits
- After  $2^{24}$  frames the IV will repeat. If the key is not changed the keystream will repeat.

$$C \oplus C' = \text{RC4}(\text{IV} \parallel K) \oplus P \oplus \text{RC4}(\text{IV} \parallel K) \oplus P' = P \oplus P'$$

- Much worse problem:** RC4 does not define how to use IV so it was decided to concatenate the IV with key!
- It is possible to recover the key very fast using this setup
- It does not matter if it is 40 or 108 bit key, it is still easy to break.
- No defense against replay attacks
  - Makes it easy to gather lots of encrypted data

## RC4

- Probably the most well known (and simplest) stream cipher
- Designed 1987 but kept secret, leaked out 1994
- Also referred to as ARC4 and ARCFOUR since the name RC4 is a trademark
- Many weaknesses have been found. Still, correctly used, it is not very weak.
- In SSL/TLS there is no IV in RC4. One stream is used for each key.

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KSA( $K[0 \dots \ell - 1]$ )
Initialization:
  For  $i = 0 \dots N - 1$ 
     $S[i] = i$ 
   $j = 0$ 
Scrambling:
  For  $i = 0 \dots N - 1$ 
     $j = j + S[i] + K[i \bmod \ell]$ 
    Swap( $S[i], S[j]$ )
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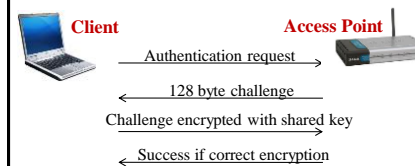
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PRGA( $K$ )
Initialization:
   $i = 0$ 
   $j = 0$ 
   $S = KSA(K)$ 
Generation loop:
   $i = i + 1$ 
   $j = j + S[i]$ 
  Swap( $S[i], S[j]$ )
  Output  $z = S[S[i] + S[j]]$ 
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## Authentication in WEP

- Open system authentication
  - Same as no authentication
  - Client sends identity to authenticator
  - Authenticator sends association message back
- Shared key authentication
  - Challenge response protocol using shared WEP key



**Attack:** Save *keystream* = *challenge* @ *response* for an IV. Use same keystream for any new challenge and use same IV.

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## WPA and WPA2

- Wi-Fi protected Access
- First version (WPA) started to appear in APs around 2003
  - Designed to quickly fix the problems in WEP
  - Important that the same hardware could be used – only a software update was necessary
  - Based on 802.11i, but only a draft of it
  - Much stronger than WEP
    - Better authentication
    - Avoiding confidentiality and integrity problems in WEP
- Full implementation of 802.11i, using AES is called WPA2

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## 802.11i Authentication

- Can use a specific server for EAP authentication
  - Supports several methods for authentication
  - More on this in the course "Advanced Computer Security"
  - Authentication server constructs a **Master Session Key (MSK)**
- Can also use a pre-shared key (often called WPA-PSK)
  - Still keys are different for each user and each handshake
  - The **pre-shared key (PSK)** is derived from the password
  - Function used is called Password-Based Key Derivation Function 2 (PBKDF2)
  - Slow function → Key strengthening

$PSK = PBKDF2(PRF, password, salt, iterations, output\ size)$

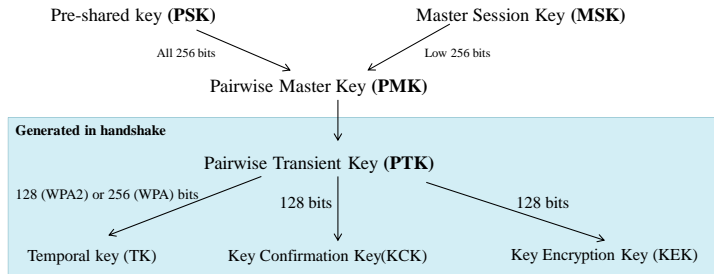
- WPA uses PBKDF2(HMAC-SHA1, password, ssid, 4096, 256)

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## Keys in 802.11i

- ▶ A hierarchy of keys

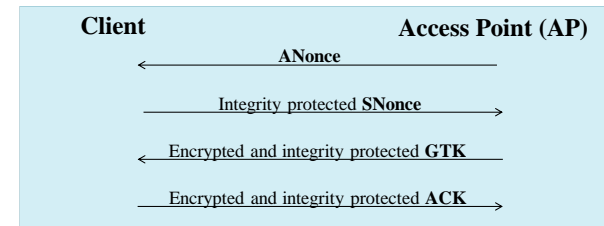


AP also has a Group Master Key (GMK) used for broadcast messages

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## 4-way handshake



- ▶ PTK is hash of (PMK,  $MAC_{client}$ ,  $MAC_{AP}$ , Anonce, SNonce)
  - Iterated SHA-1
  - Note that MAC here is *MAC address*
- ▶ Last two messages constructed such that *key confirmation* is provided
- ▶ Encryption and integrity protection in handshake uses KCK and KEK
- ▶ GTK is derived from GMK and updates every time someone leaves or enters the network

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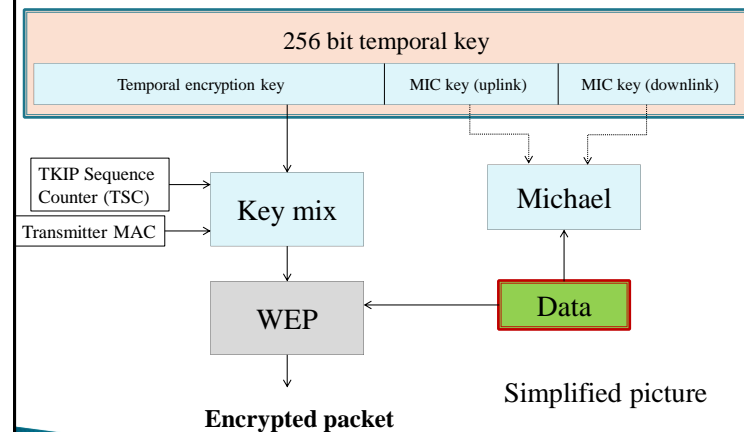
## TKIP

- ▶ Temporal Key Integrity Protocol
- ▶ 256 bit temporal key divided into 128 bit encryption key and 2\*64 bit integrity key (one for each direction)
- ▶ Message Integrity Code (MIC), Michael, is used
  - "MIC" removes "MAC" confusion in this context
- ▶ IV is increased to 48 bits and used as counter to prevent replay attacks
- ▶ New encryption key for every frame
  - Encryption key is mixed with counter
- ▶ WEP is still used
- ▶ Attacks on WEP are no longer possible

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## TKIP (WPA)



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## CCMP (WPA2)

- ▶ Fully implementing 802.11i
- ▶ RC4 is replaced by AES in CCMP mode
  - AES used in counter mode
  - CBC-MAC based on AES instead of MIC
- ▶ Same 128-bit temporal key used for both encryption and MAC
  - Authenticated encryption
- ▶ Require new hardware since completely new encryption algorithm is used

## What's next?

- ▶ Exam 17/3, 14-19, Sparta A-D
- ▶ CEQ will be sent out the day after the exam (18/3)
  - Exam will be corrected immediately (about 4 days)
  - Results will be posted when CEQ response rate has reached 75% or at latest on Tuesday April 7.
- ▶ If you want more security courses
  - Web security HT1, 4hp,
  - Advanced computer security, HT1, 7.5hp
  - Advanced web security, HT2, 7.5hp
  - Cryptology, HT2, 7.5hp