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Practical Cryptographic Systems

Symmetric Cryptography (cont'd)

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Housekeeping

- Website updated
 - Office hours after class Mondays/Wednesdays
 - Mondays 2-3:30 in Matt's Office
 - Wednesdays 2-3:30 in Malone 216
 - Assignment 1 is out
 - If you are on the waitlist and have submitted an add form please email me

News?

FEATURE

HISTORY OF TECHNOLOGY

THE SCANDALOUS HISTORY OF THE LAST ROTOR CIPHER MACHINE

How this gadget figured in the shady Rubicon spy case

Juniper Breach Mystery Starts to Clear With New Details on Hackers and U.S. Role

Tech company installed a flawed NSA algorithm that became ‘a perfect example of the danger of government backdoors.’

By **Jordan Robertson**

September 2, 2021, 9:00 AM GMT-4

Kerckhoffs' Principle

2. It must not be required to be secret, and it must be able to fall into the hands of the enemy without inconvenience;



“The enemy knows the System”
-- Claude Shannon’s Maxim

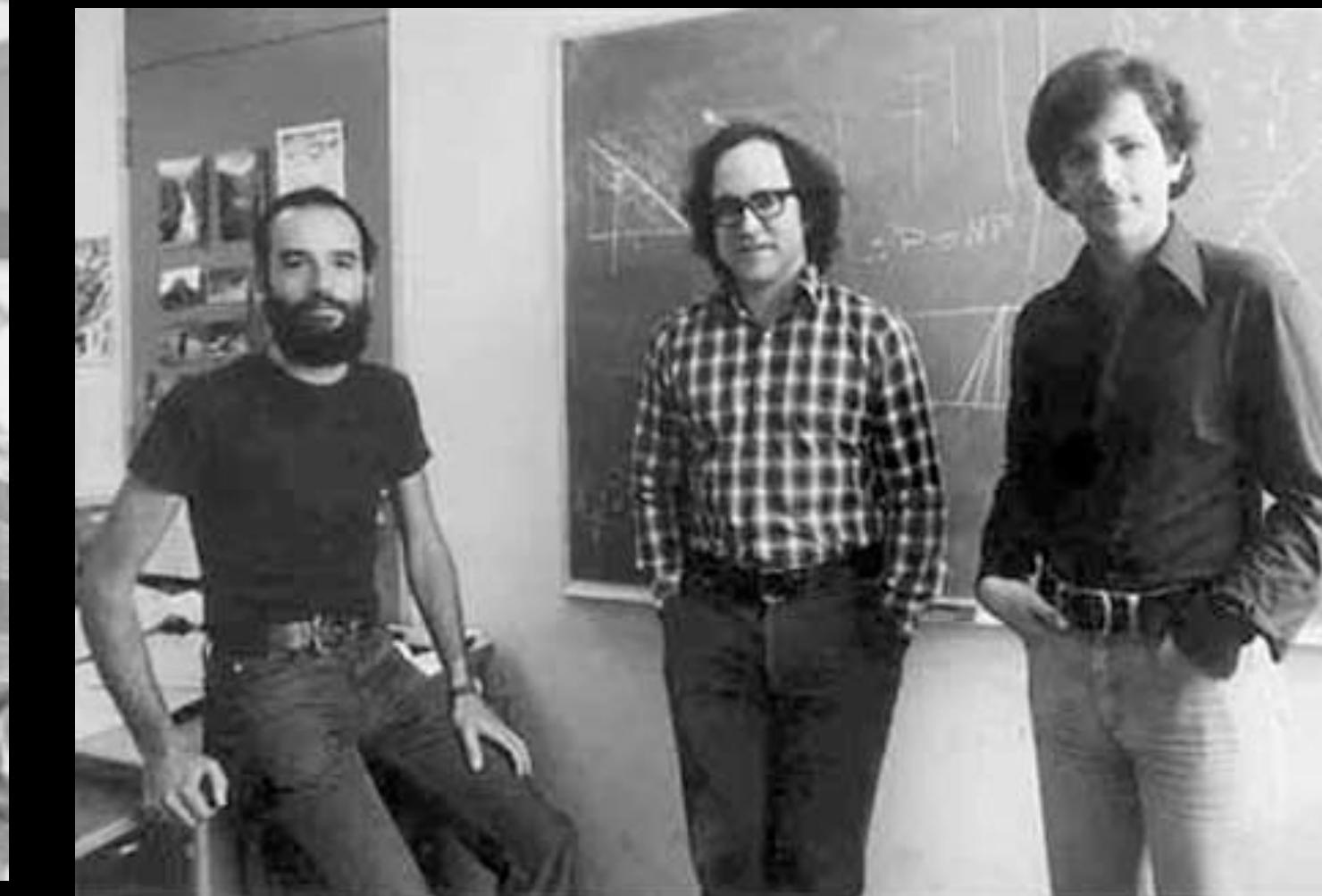
The 1970s



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(1974)



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(1973)

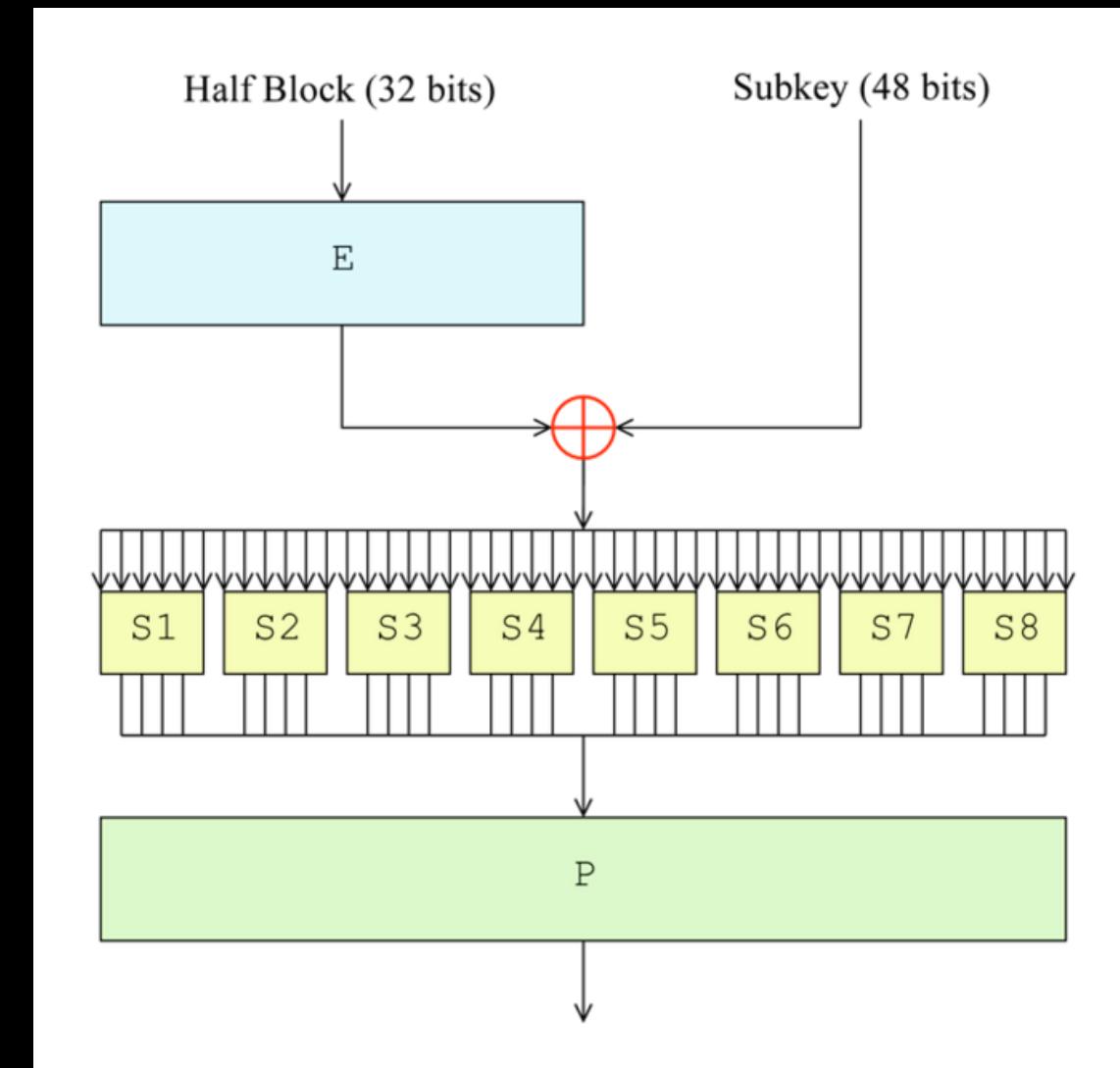
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The Implications

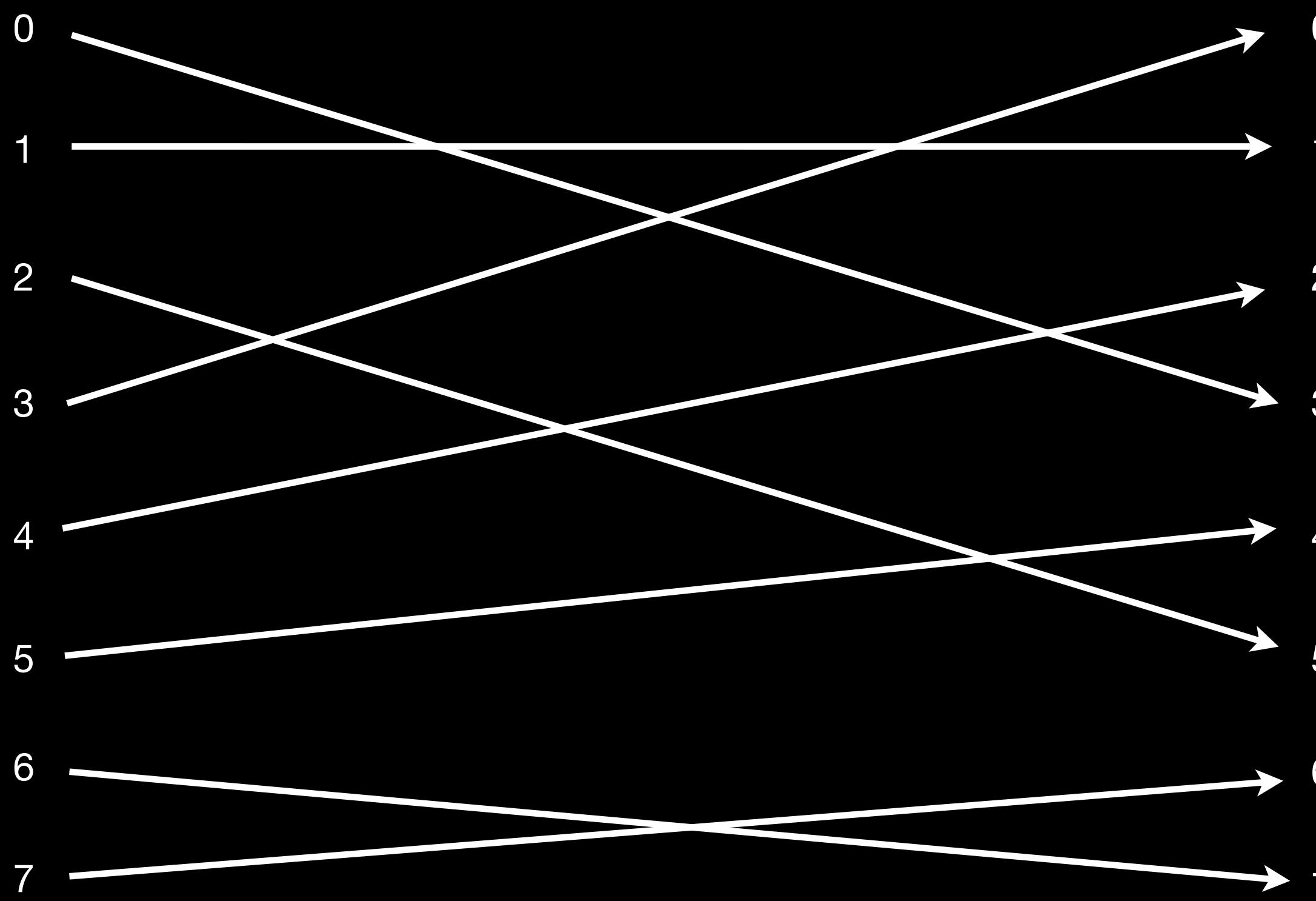
- Exponential increase in study & usage of cryptography in industry, academia
- Wide-scale deployment of cryptographic systems
- Provable Security
 - Cryptographic Systems can be reduced to some hard mathematical problem

Data Encryption Standard

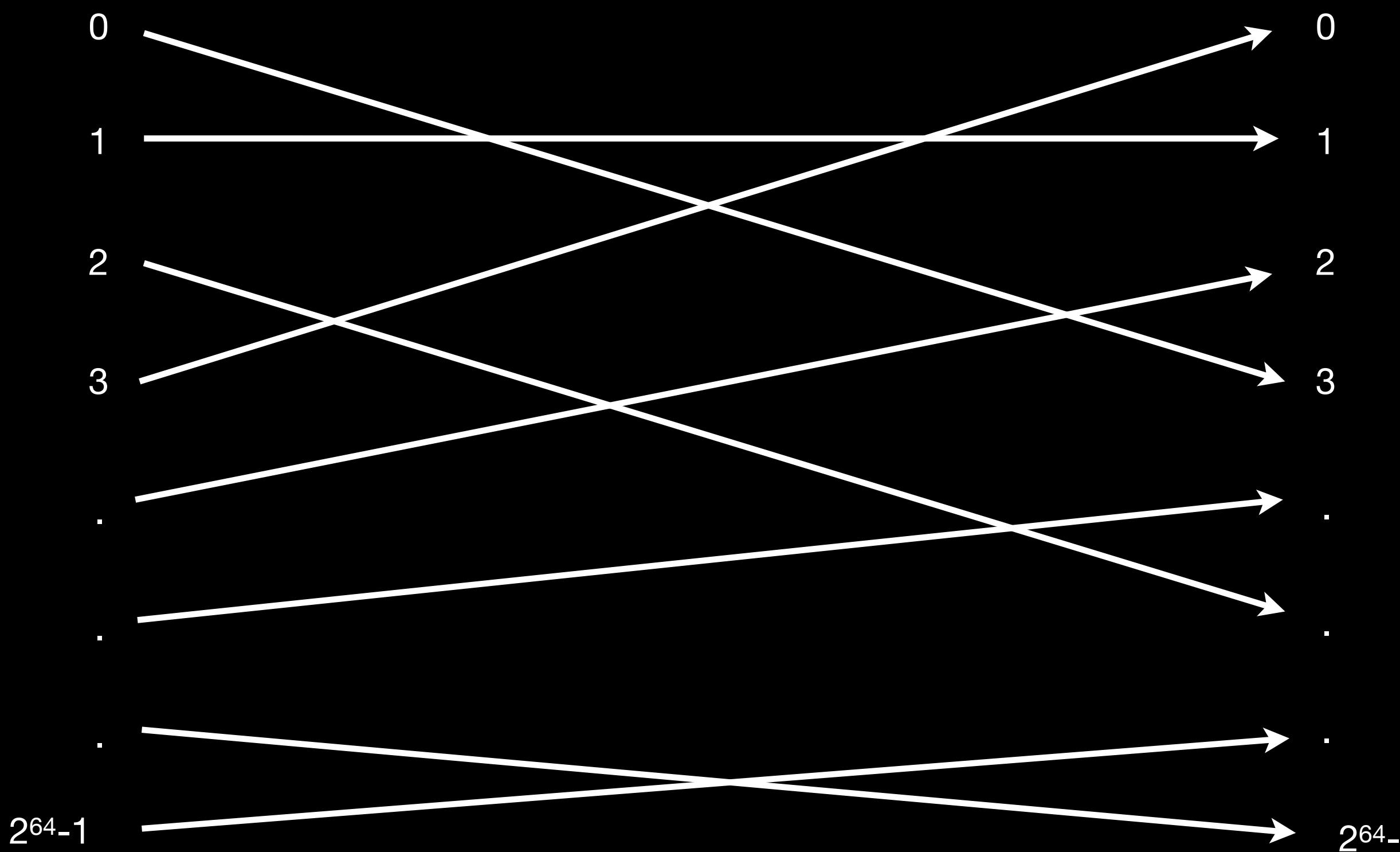
- Commercial-grade Block Cipher
 - 64-bit block size
 - 56 bit key (+ 8 bits parity)
 - “Feistel Network” Construction



Permutation



Permutation



Permutation Families

- Can't have just one permutation
 - Alice & Bob know the permutation
Adversary doesn't
 - Permutation is “random” (ish)
 - But there are $2^{64!}$ possible permutations
 - DES has a 56 bit key...

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 - Ideally: “Pseudo-random permutation (PRP)”

(i.e., attacker who does not know the key
can't determine whether you're using a
random permutation, or a PRP)

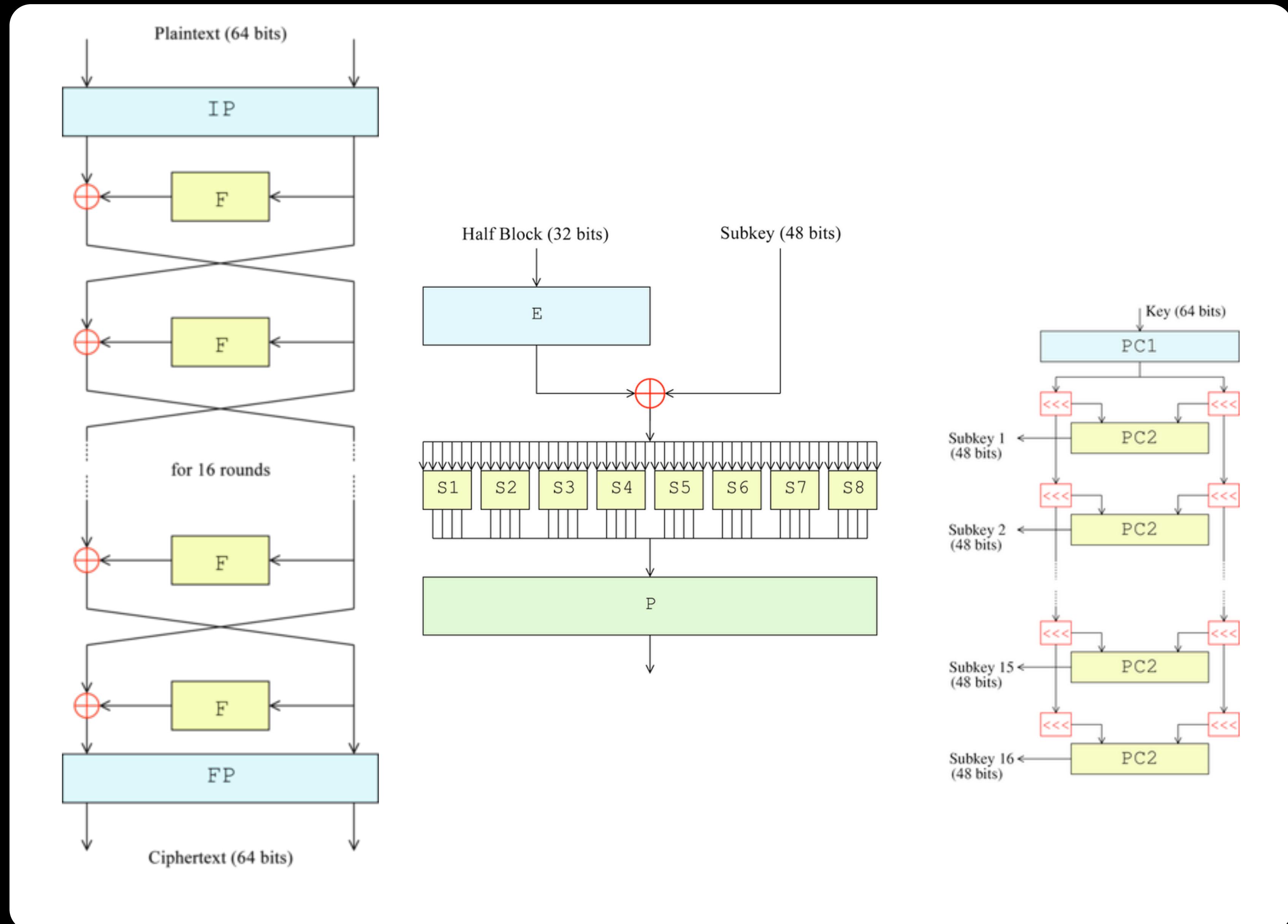
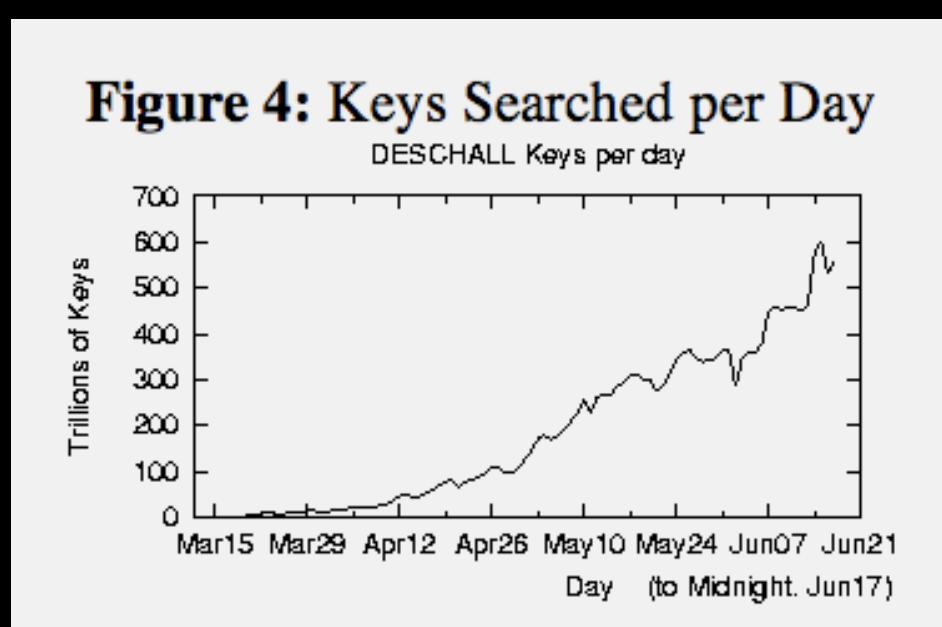


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DES

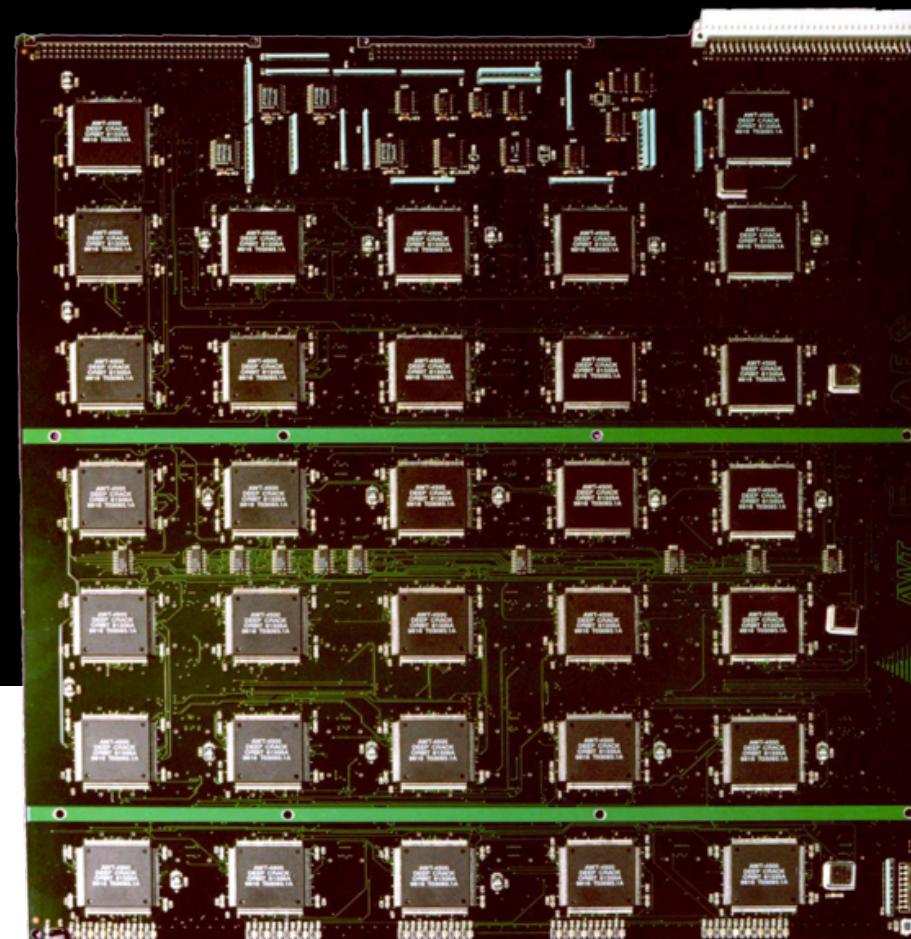
- Some “clever” attacks on DES
 - However: practical weakness = 56 bit key size
 - Practical solution: 3DES (now being deprecated)



U.S. Data-Scrambling Code Cracked With Homemade Equipment

By JOHN MARKOFF

SAN FRANCISCO -- In a 1990s variant of a John Henry-style competition between man and machine, researchers using a homemade supercomputer have cracked the government's standard data-scrambling code in record time -- and have done it by out-calculating a team that had harnessed thousands of computers, including some of the world's most powerful.



AES

- NIST open competition (200s):
 - Fast in software & hardware
 - Larger block size (128 bit)
 - Longer keys (128/192/256-bit)
- 5 finalists:
 - MARS, RC6, Rijndael, Serpent, and Twofish

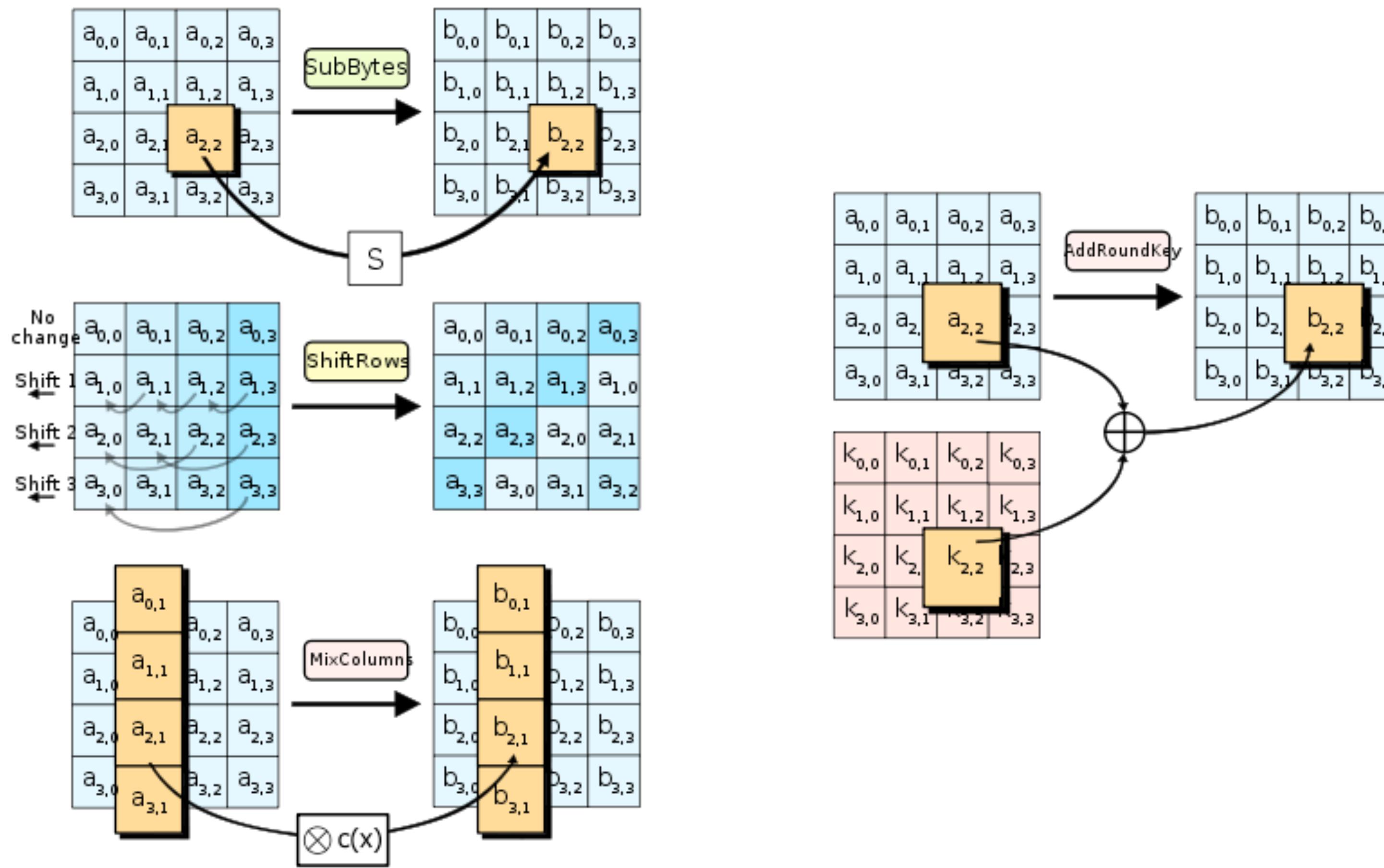
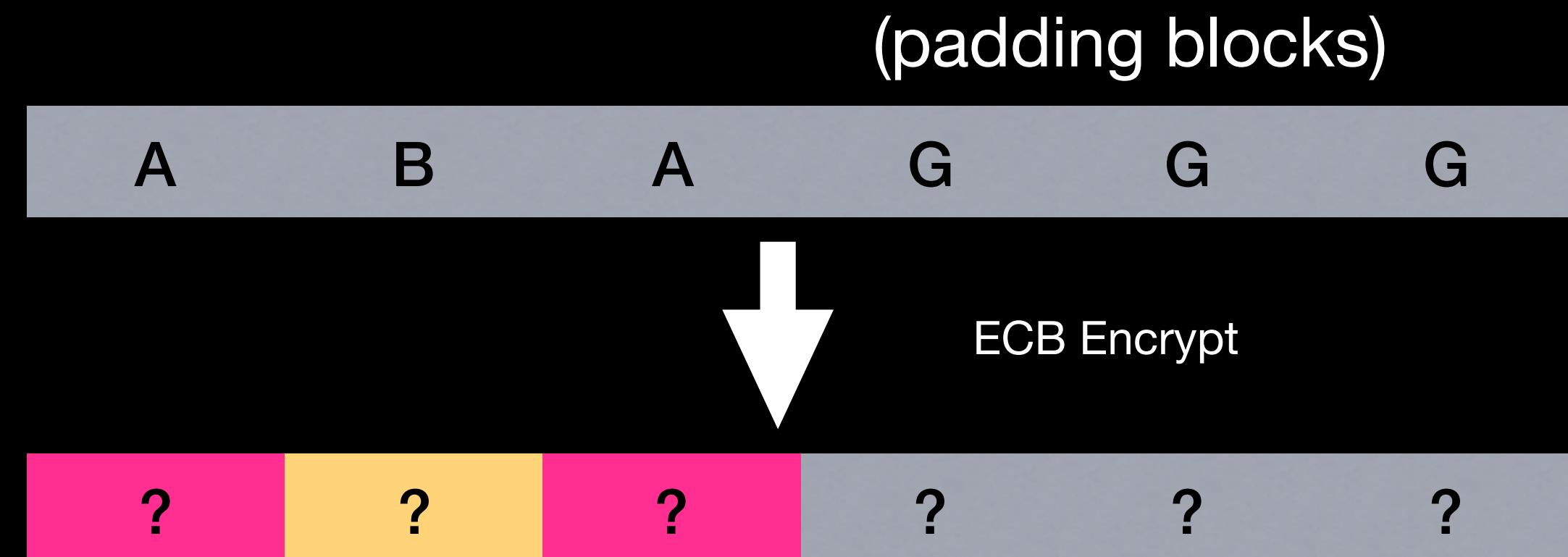
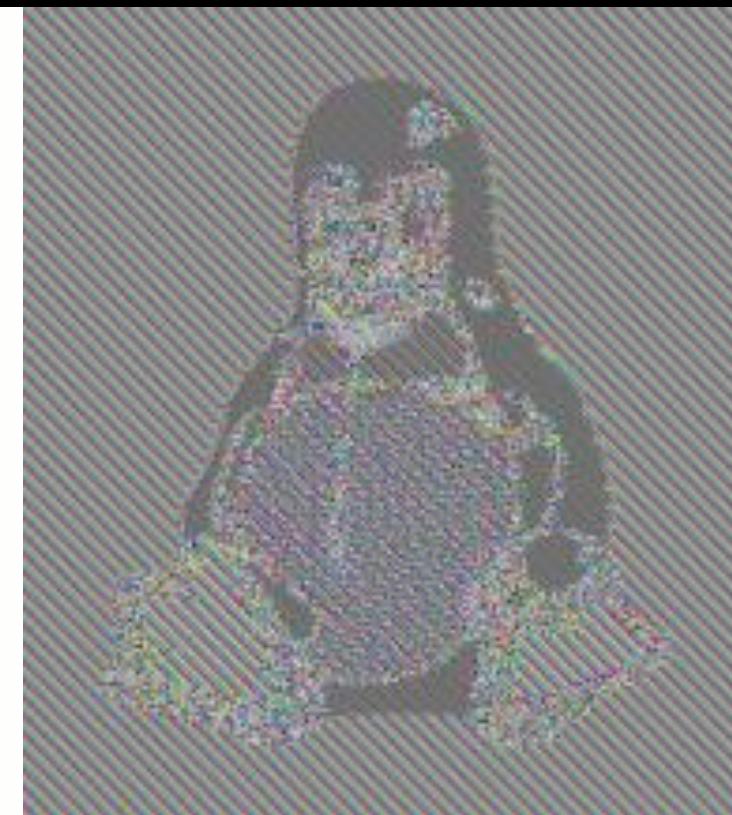
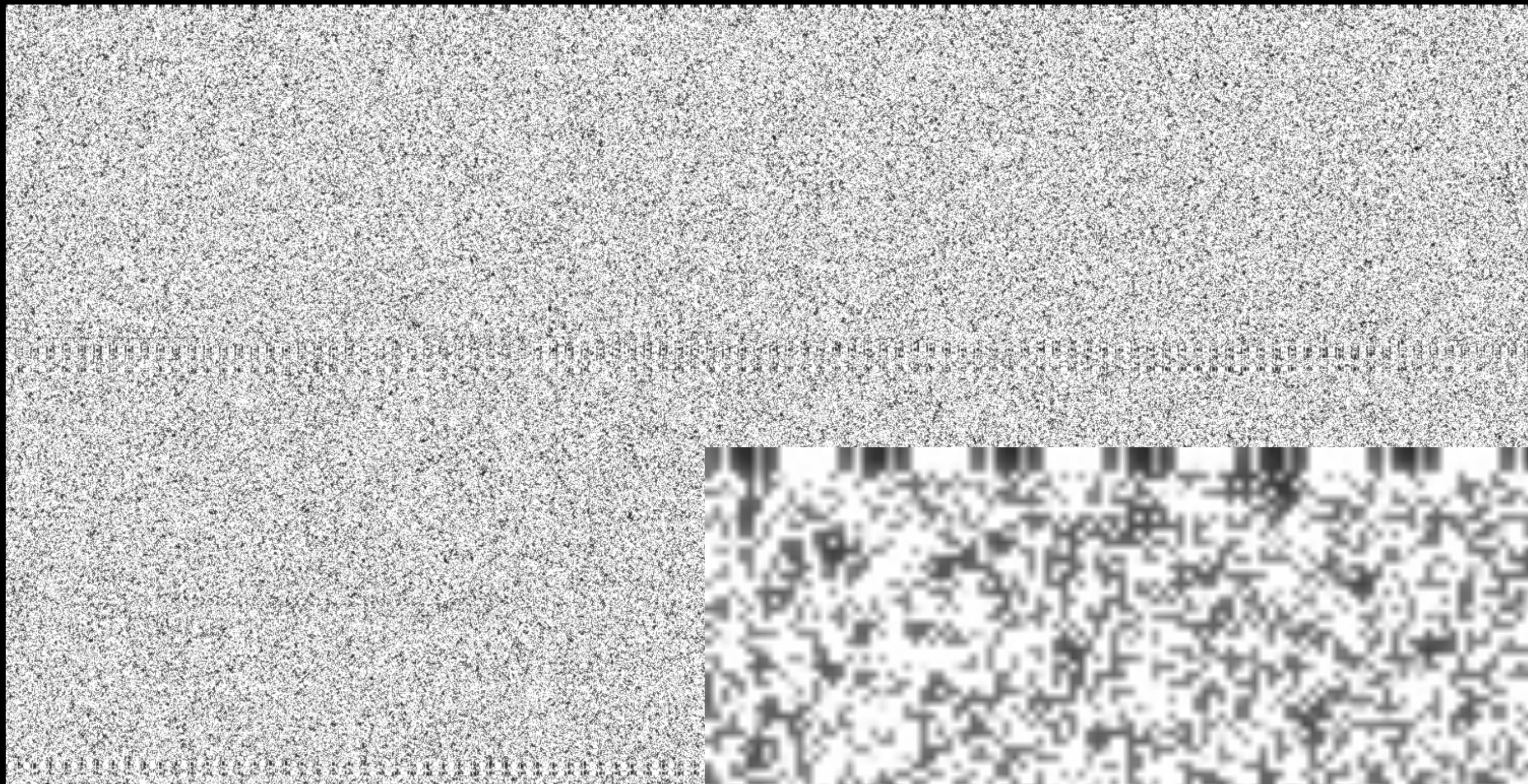


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How to use a block cipher?

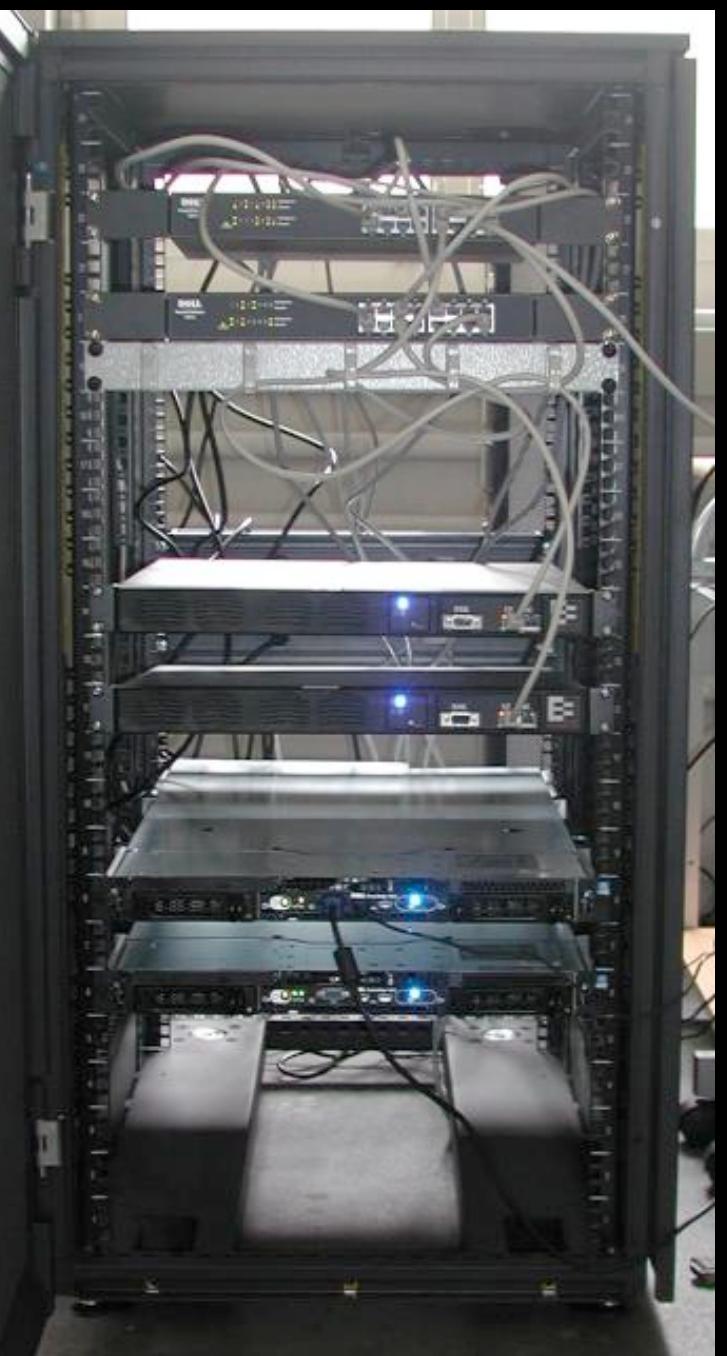
- ECB Mode: Encrypt each block separately
 - Problems?





ECB Mode

- ECB is deterministic
 - Leads to problems, e.g.,:



Game server

E(Attack Monster)
E(Monster Attacks)



Game client

Definitions

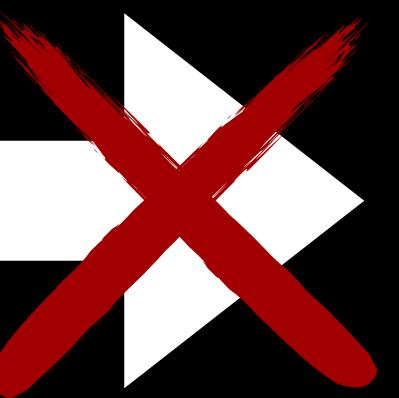
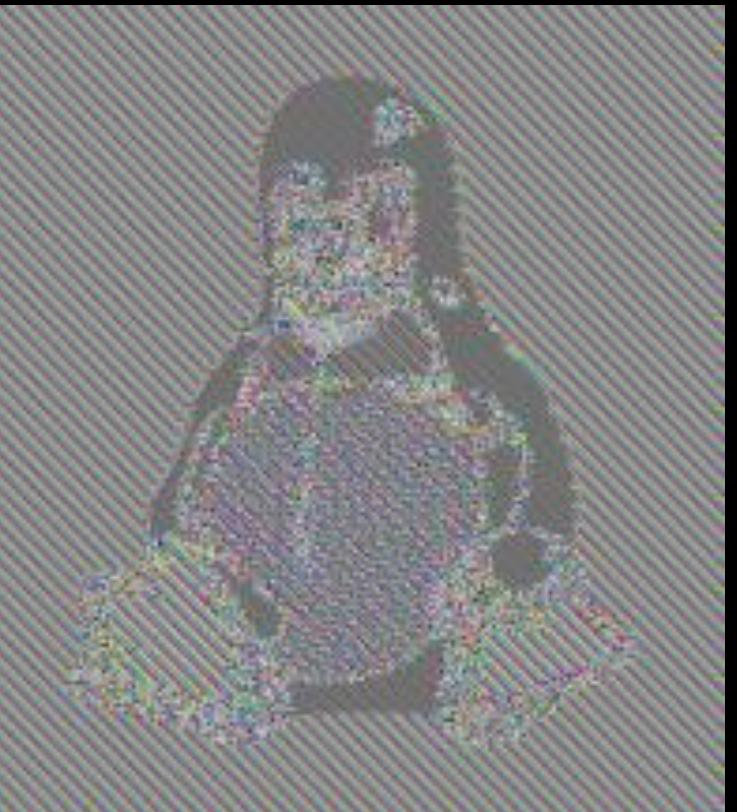
- What does it mean to securely encrypt something?

Historical attempts

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Security of Encryption

- Semantic Security
 - Due to Goldwasser & Micali (1980s)
 - Informally: An encryption scheme is secure if adversary who sees ciphertext “learns as much” as adversary who doesn’t see ciphertext.
- Even if adversary can request chosen plaintexts
 - How do we state this formally?

Semantic security

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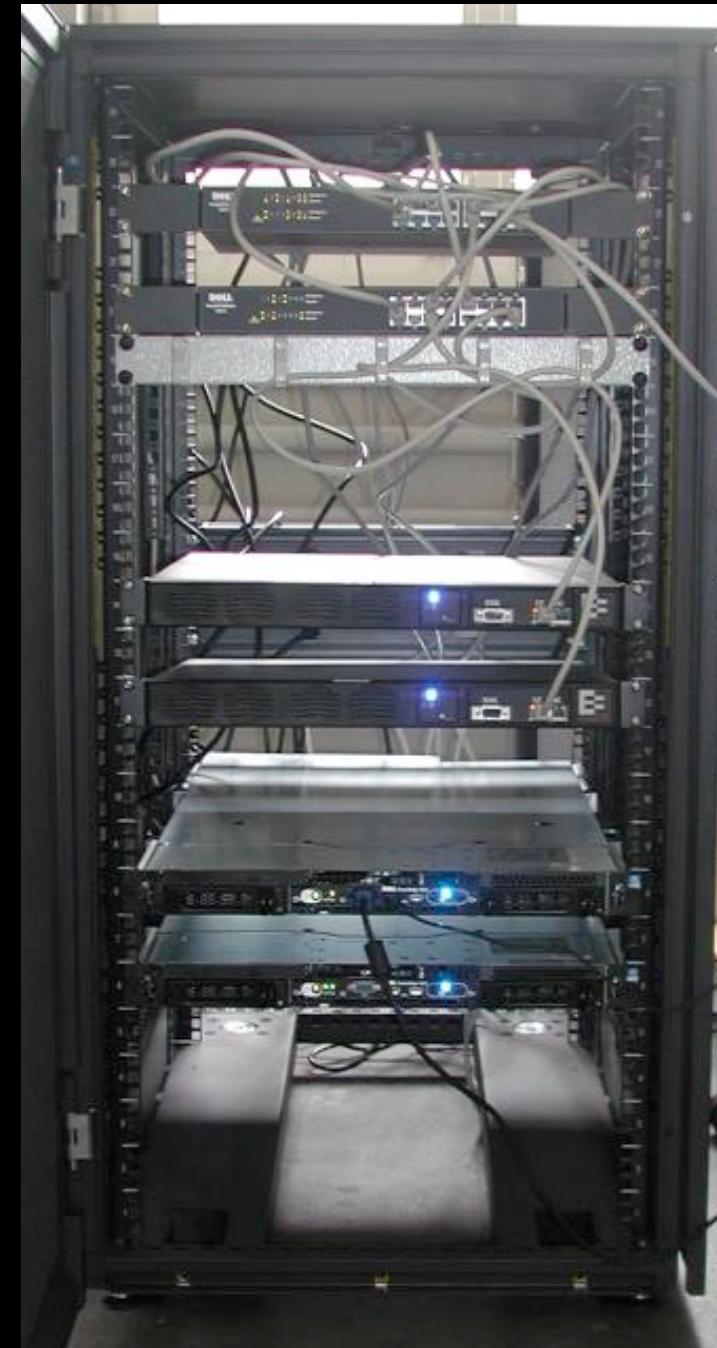
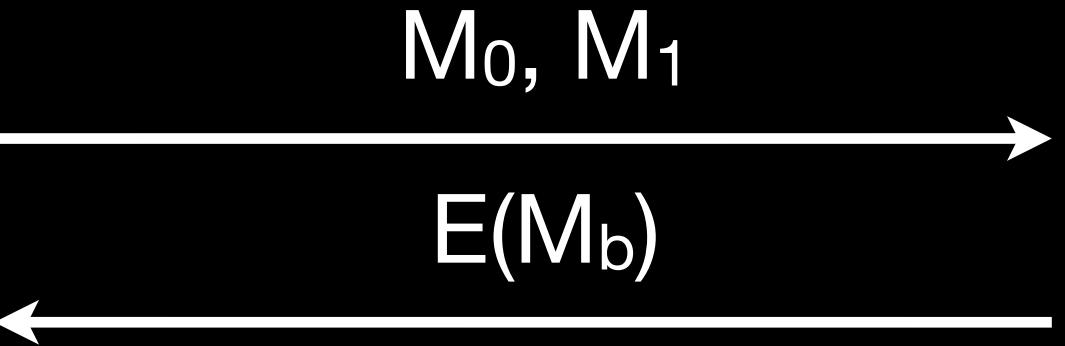
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$$|M_0| = |M_1|$$



Adversary

b?



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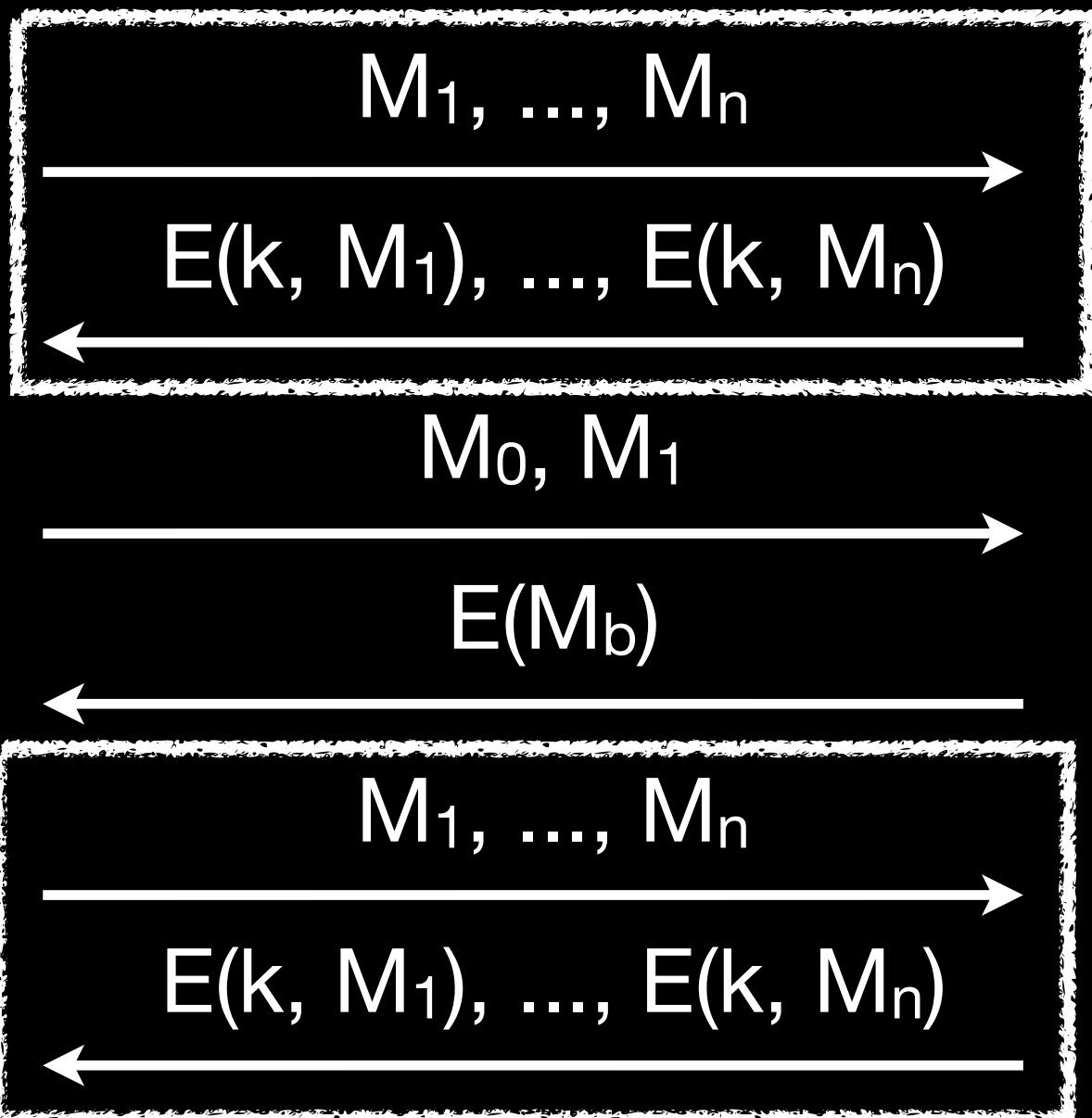
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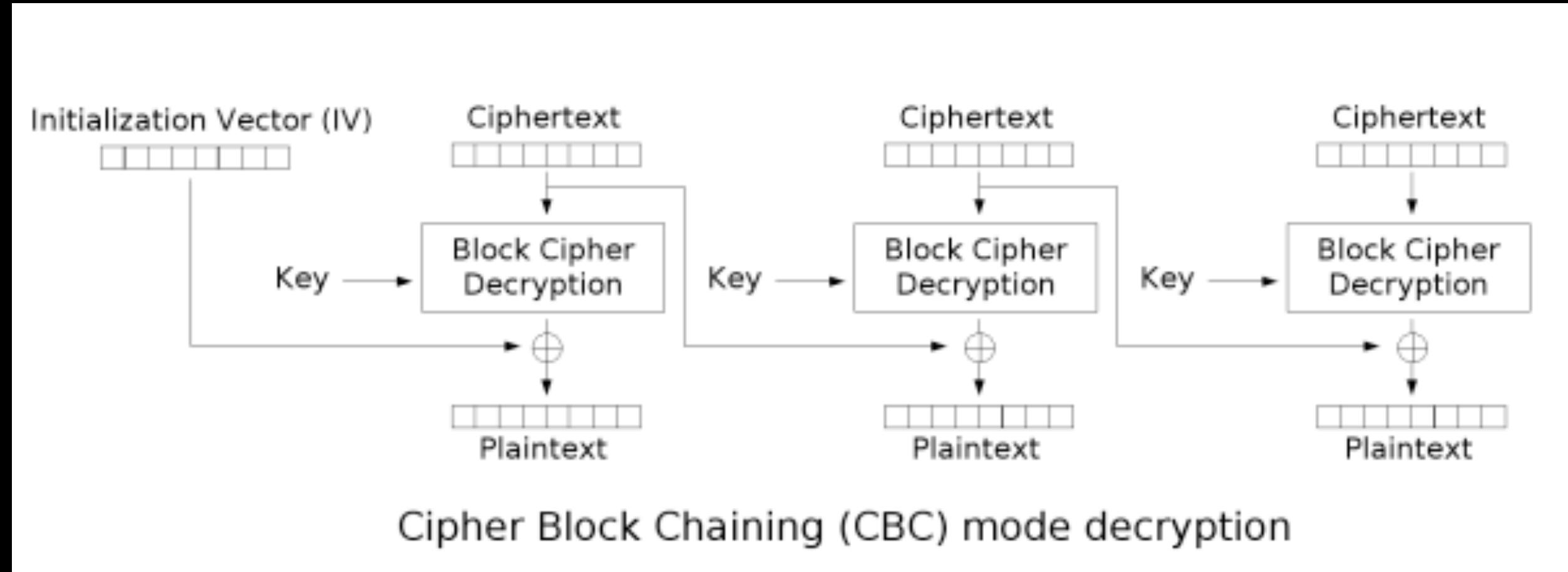
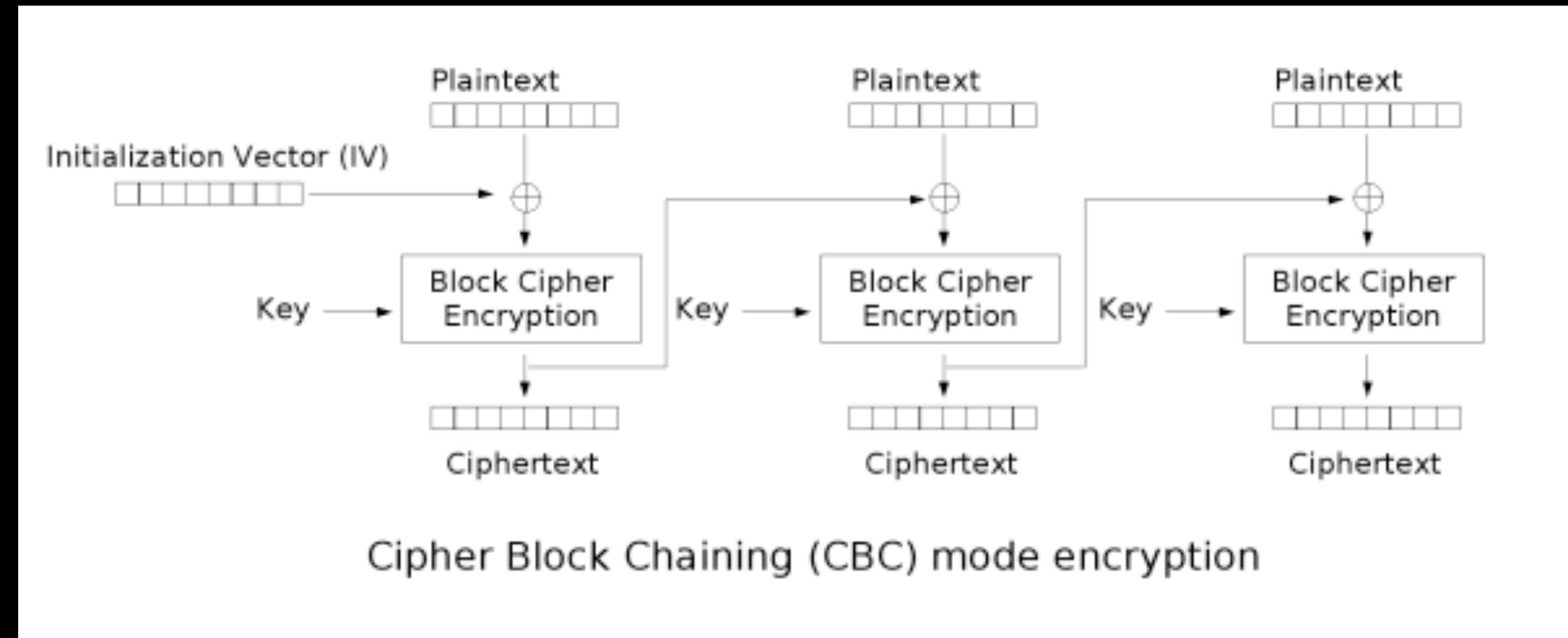


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Using Block Ciphers

- ECB is not semantically secure, hence we use a “mode of operation”
 - e.g., CBC, CTR, CFB, OFB (and others)
- These provide:
 - Security for multi-block messages
 - Randomization (through an Initialization Vector)

CBC Mode



Security of CBC

- Is CBC a secure encryption scheme?
 - Yes, assuming a secure block cipher
 - Correct (random) IV generation
 - Can prove this under assumption that block cipher = Pseudo-Random Permutation (PRP)
- Bellare, Desai, Jokipii & Rogaway (2000)
 - Easy to use wrong...
 - Most important: use a unique & random IV!

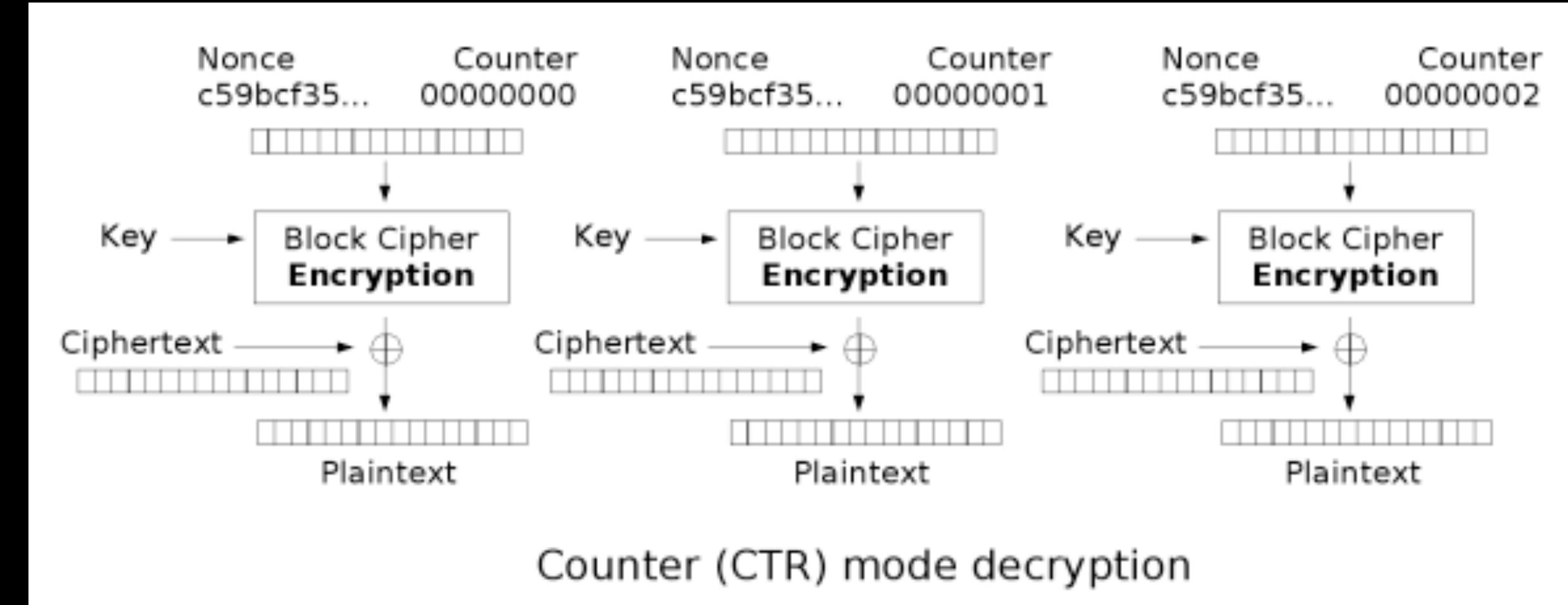
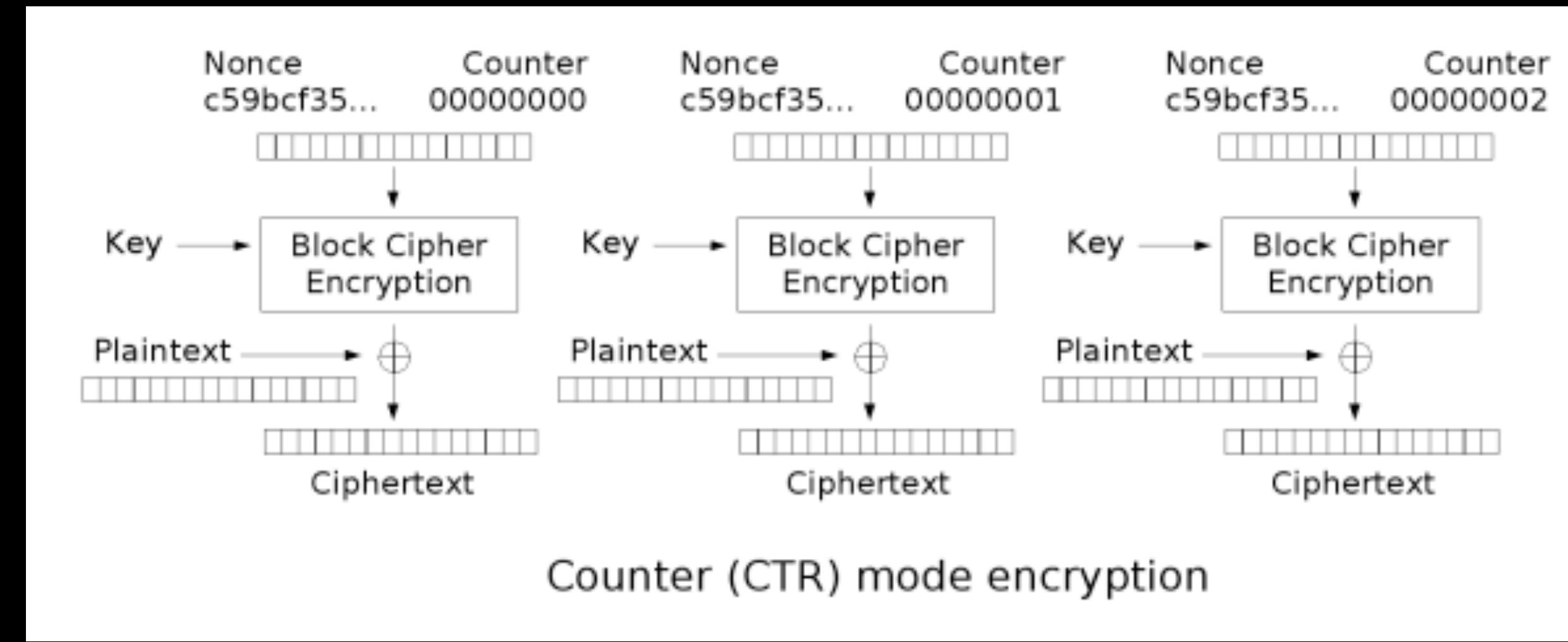
The size of the frame of data to be encrypted or decrypted (i.e. how often a new CBC chain is started) depends on the particular application, and is defined for each in the corresponding format specific books of this specification. Unless otherwise specified, the Initialization Vector used at the beginning of a CBC encryption or decryption chain is a constant, iv_0 , which is:

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Advanced Access Content System (AACS)

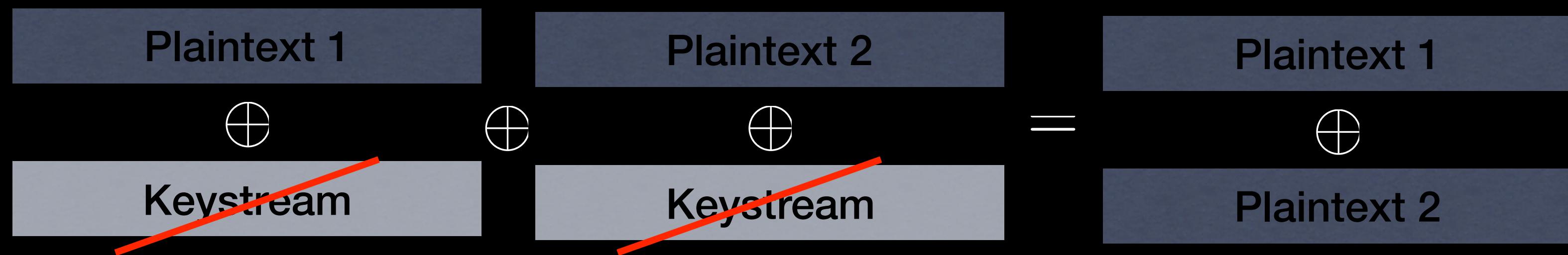
*Introduction and
Common Cryptographic Elements*

CTR Mode



Security of CTR

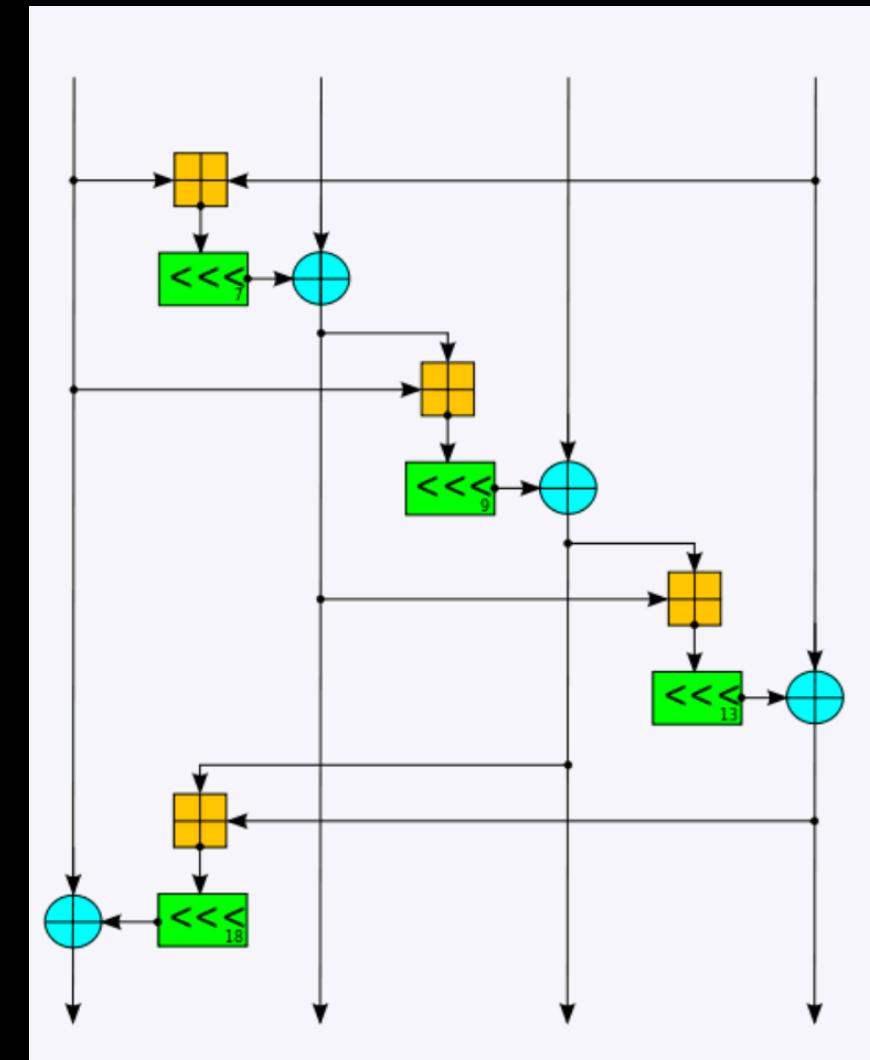
- Yes, assuming secure block cipher (PRP)
- However, counter range must never be re-used



- Similar example: MS Word 2003
 - (they used RC4, but same problem)

Alternative ciphers

- Salsa20, ChaCha (Bernstein)
 - These are not block ciphers
 - Designed as *non-invertible pseudorandom* functions
 - $\text{Salsa20}(k, n) \rightarrow \{\text{output}\}$
 - Can use these to implement a stream cipher (i.e. CTR mode)



Point of order

- Proofs of security:
 - We don't know how to prove that DES or AES or Salsa20 are secure block ciphers
 - But if we assume that the block ciphers are secure PRPs (resp PRFs) then:
- We can prove that CBC & CTR & OFB & CFB etc. are secure encryption modes.

<http://www.cs.ucdavis.edu/~rogaway/papers/sym-enc-abstract.html>

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In 2008, Bernstein published the closely related "**ChaCha**" family of ciphers, which aim to increase the diffusion per round while achieving the same or

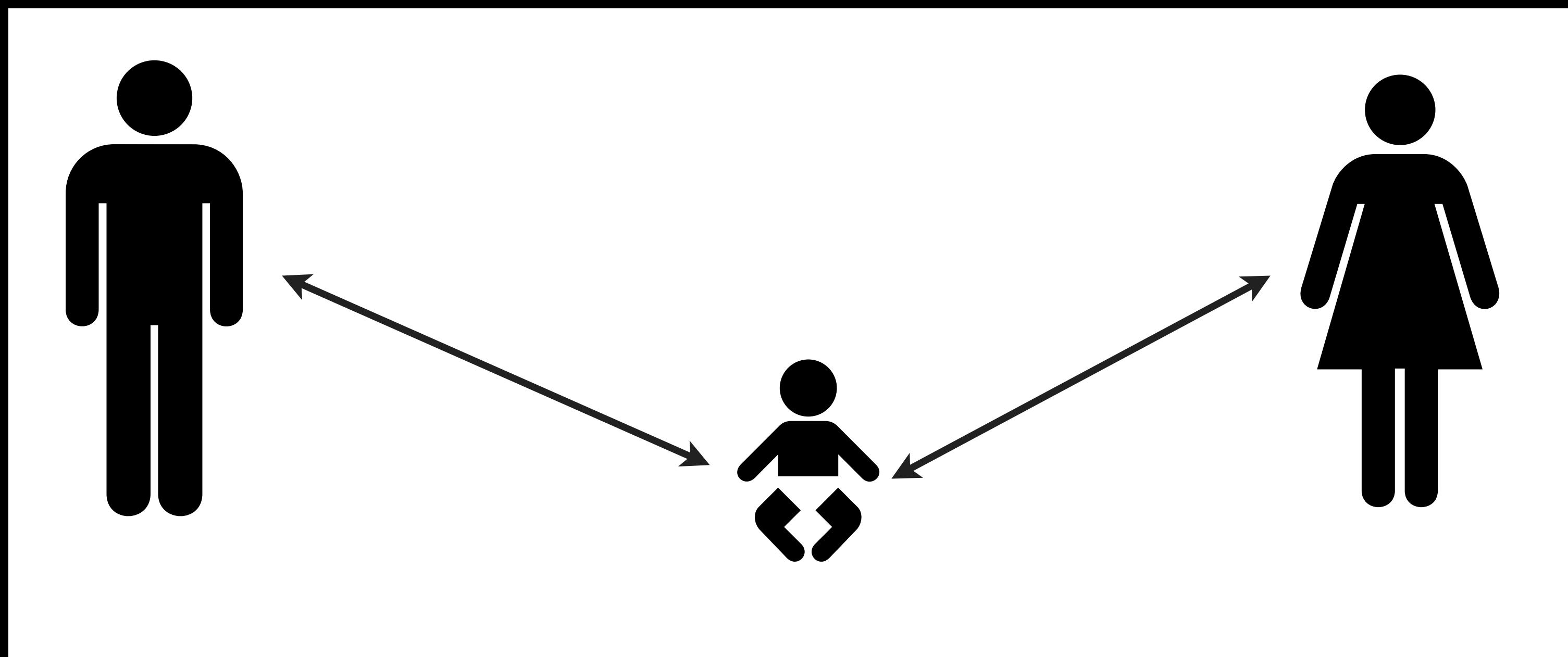
- Proofs of security for ChaCha20 and ChaCha20-PCP, achieving slightly better performance.^[17] The Aumasson et al. paper also attacks ChaCha, achieving one round fewer: for 256 bits ChaCha6 with complexity 2^{139} and ChaCha7 with complexity 2^{248} . 128 bits ChaCha6 within 2^{107} , but claims that the attack fails to break 128 bits ChaCha7.^[3]
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Malleability

- The ability to modify a ciphertext
 - Such that the plaintext is meaningfully altered
 - CTR Mode (bad)
 - CBC Mode (somewhat bad)

Authenticated Encryption



MACs

- Symmetric-key primitive
 - Given a key and a message, compute a “tag”
 - Tag can be verified using the same key
 - Any changes to the message detectable
- To prevent malleability:
 - Encrypt then MAC
 - Under separate keys

MACs

- Definitions of Security
 - Existential Unforgeability under Chosen Message Attack (EU-CMA)
- Examples:
 - HMAC (based on hash functions)
 - CMAC/CBC-MAC (block ciphers)

Authenticated Encryption

- Two ways to get there:
 - Generic composition
Encrypt (e.g., CBC mode) then MAC
- two different keys, multiple primitives
 - Authenticated mode of operation
- Integrates both encryption & authentication
- Single key, typically uses only one primitive (e.g., block cipher)
- Ex: CCM, OCB, GCM modes

