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Practical Cryptographic Systems

Symmetric Cryptography

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Housekeeping

- Website updated
 - Slides up as we go (<https://github.com/matthewdgreen/practicalcrypto>)
 - Reading assignment today (for Mon)
Anderson chap 5.7
 - Assignment 1 out this afternoon

News?

Security/crypto news

- Hacker news: news.ycombinator.com
- Ars Technica
- Twitter (e.g., here's a list)
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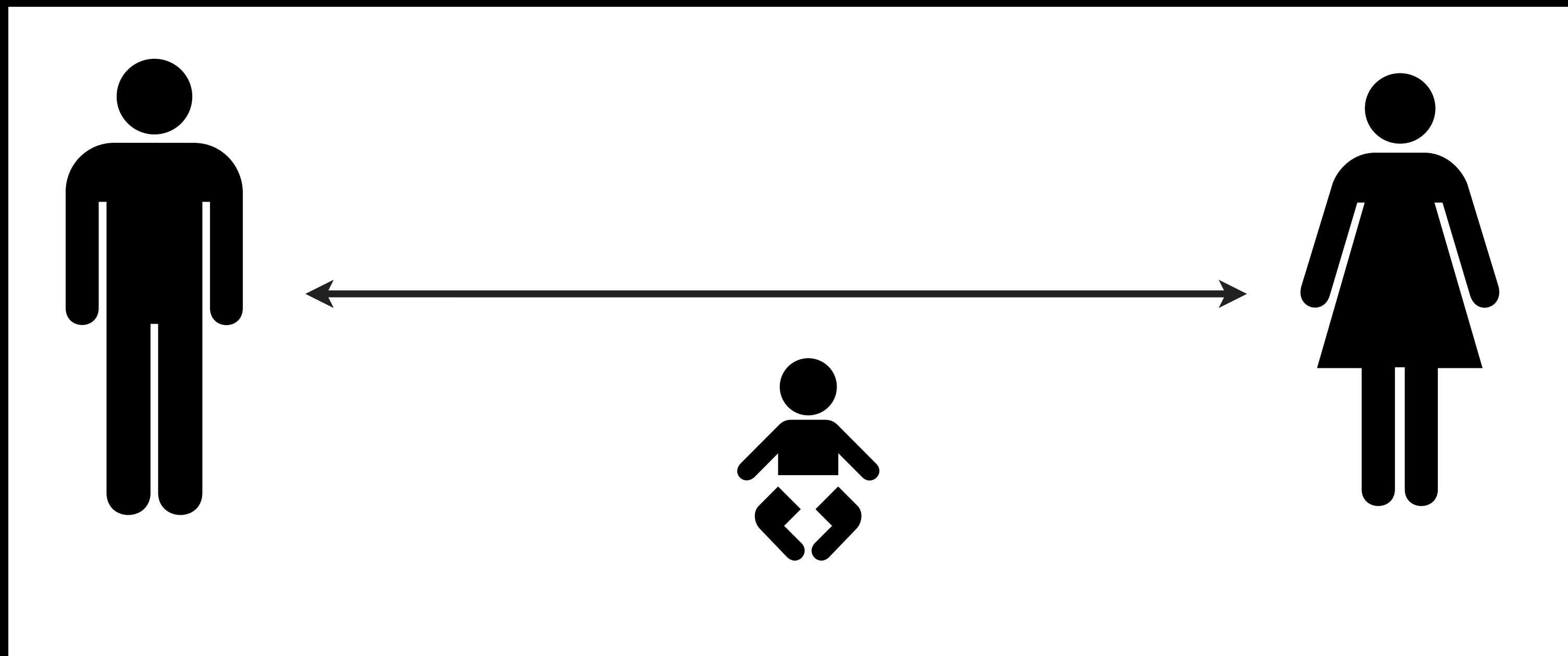
Review

- Last time:
 - A few examples of how systems break
 - Bad primitives, bad protocols, bad implementation
- Today:
 - A (brief) tour through cryptologic history
 - Starting with symmetric (secret-key) crypto

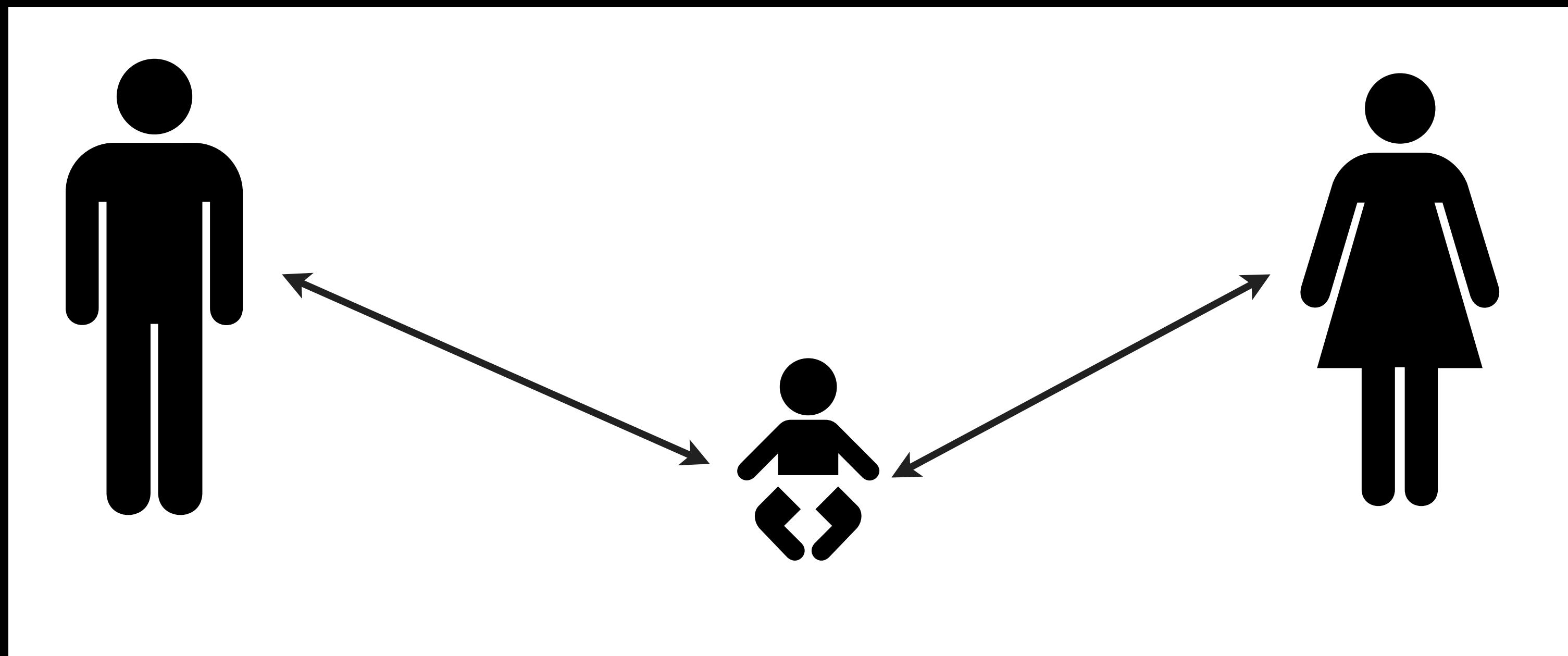
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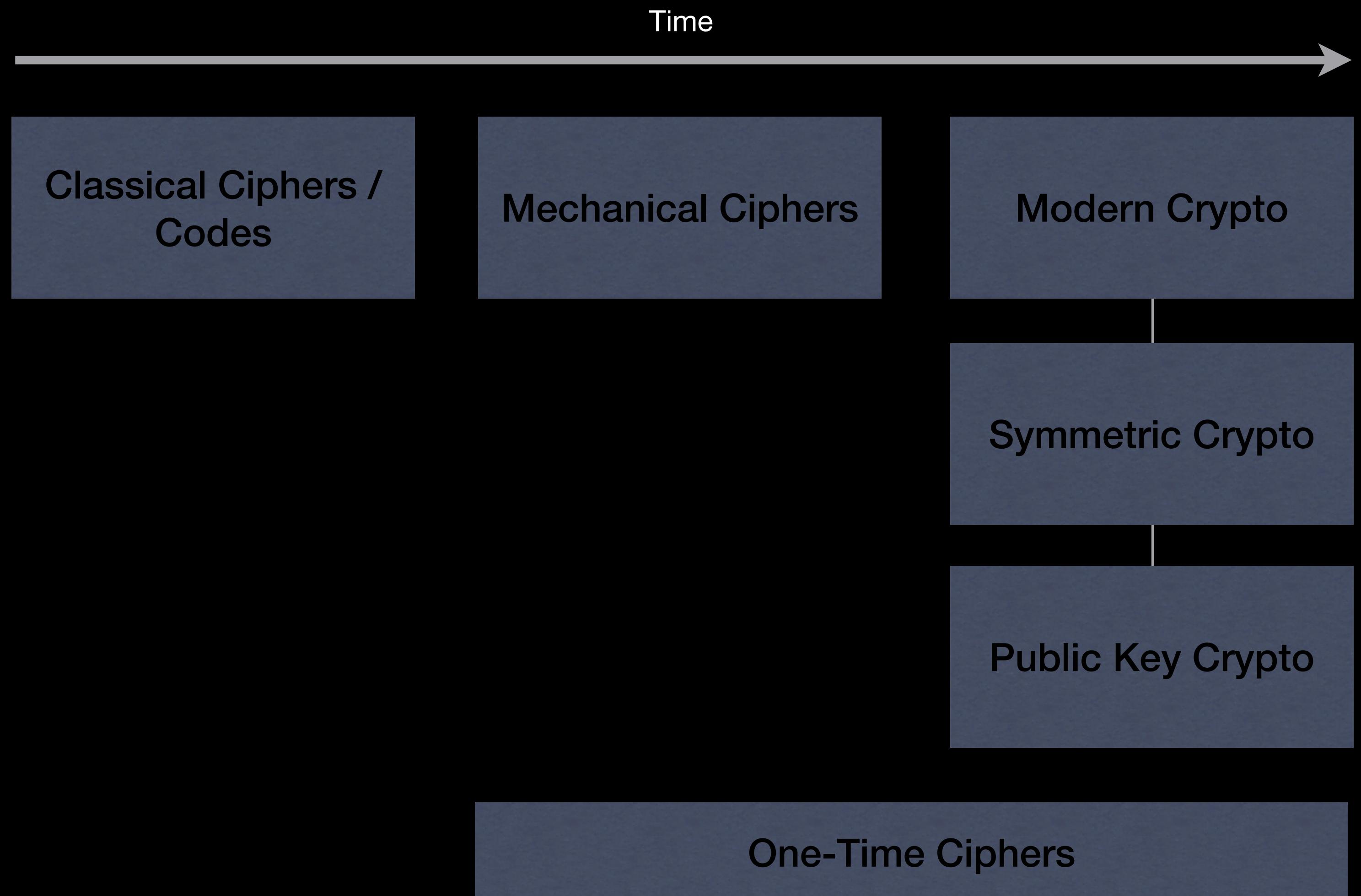
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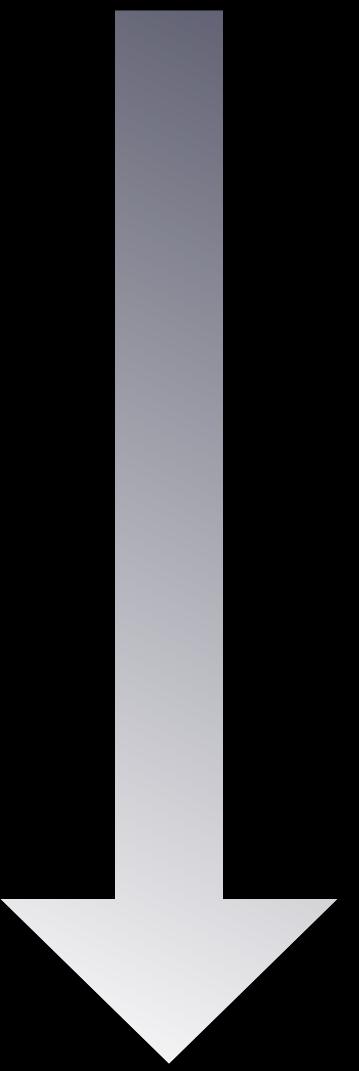
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- Tools:
 - Encryption / Key exchange
 - Message Authentication Codes (MACs)
 - Digital Signatures

History of Encryption



Classical Cryptography

- Beginning of time to 1900s or so
 - Shift (Caesar) cipher
 - Substitution ciphers
 - Polyalphabetic ciphers (Vigenère)
 - Digraph ciphers (Playfair)
 - A multitude of others...



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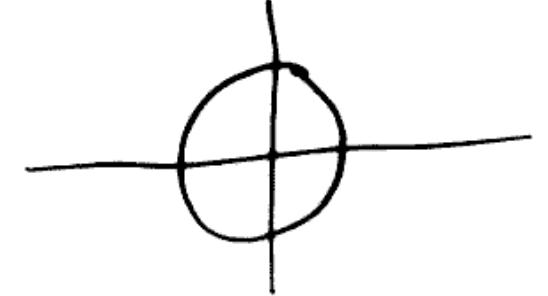
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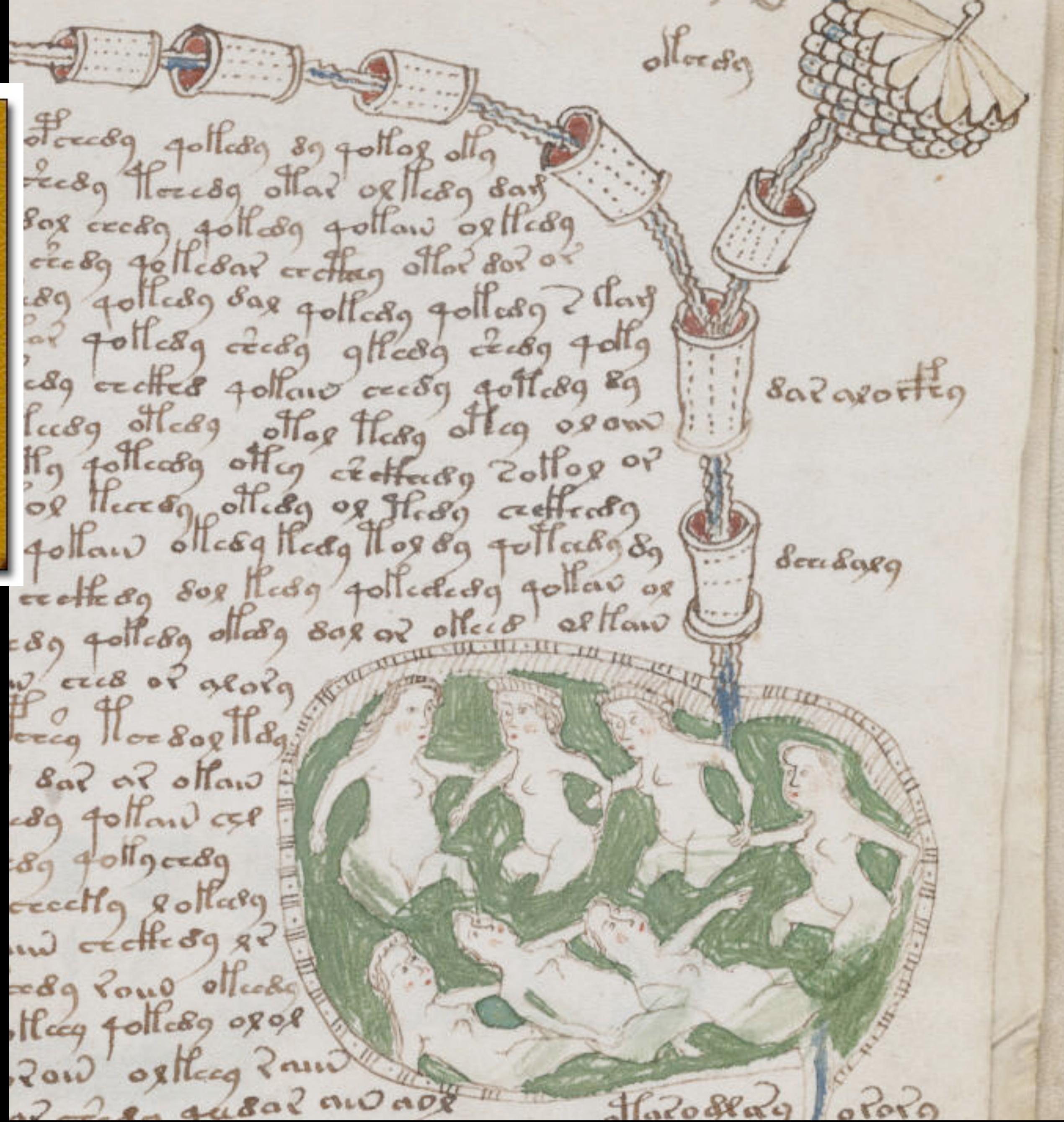
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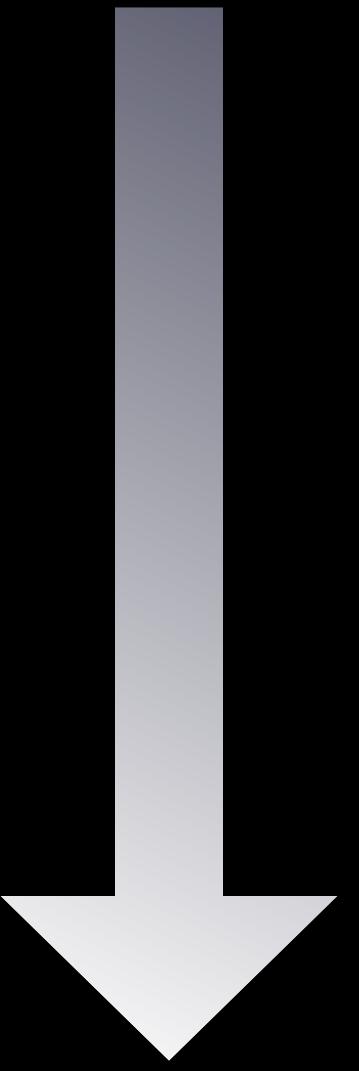
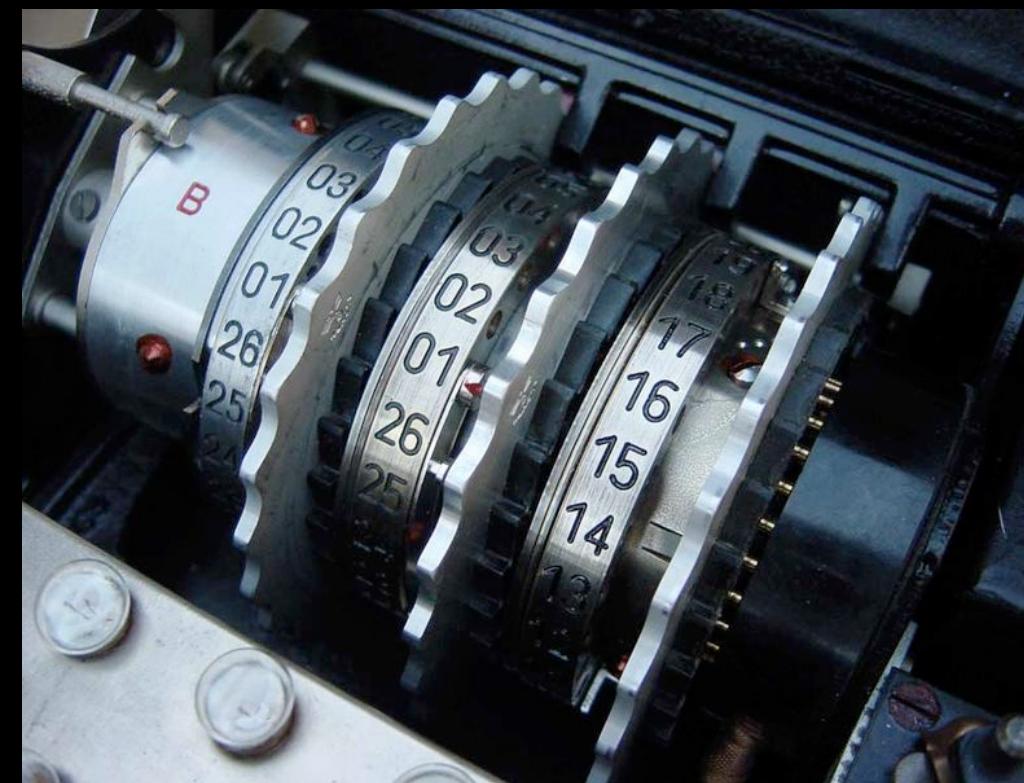
One-Time Ciphers

- 1900s
 - Vernam & Mauborgne's "Unbreakable" cipher
- Based on Baudot code for Teletypes
- Added (XORed) a random Key (sequence of bits) to a binary message
 - Perfectly secure, provided:
 - key is perfectly random
 - key is at least as long as the message
 - key is never re-used



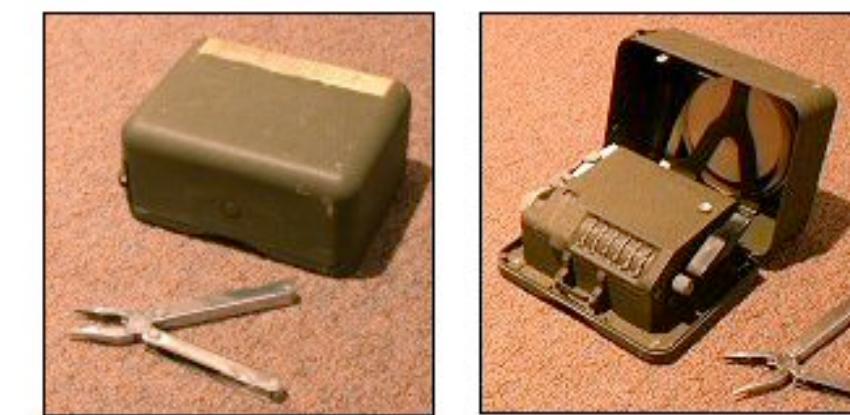
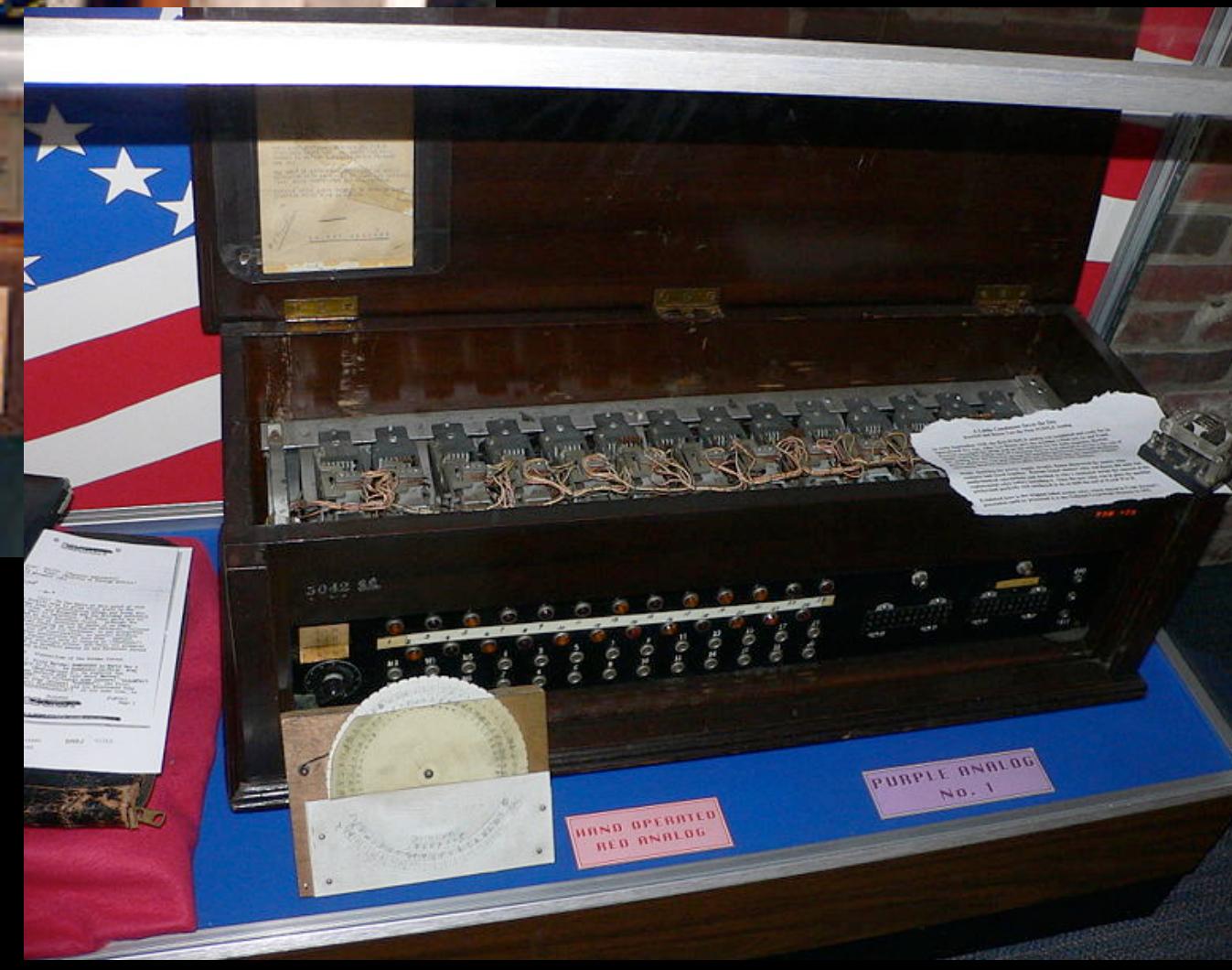
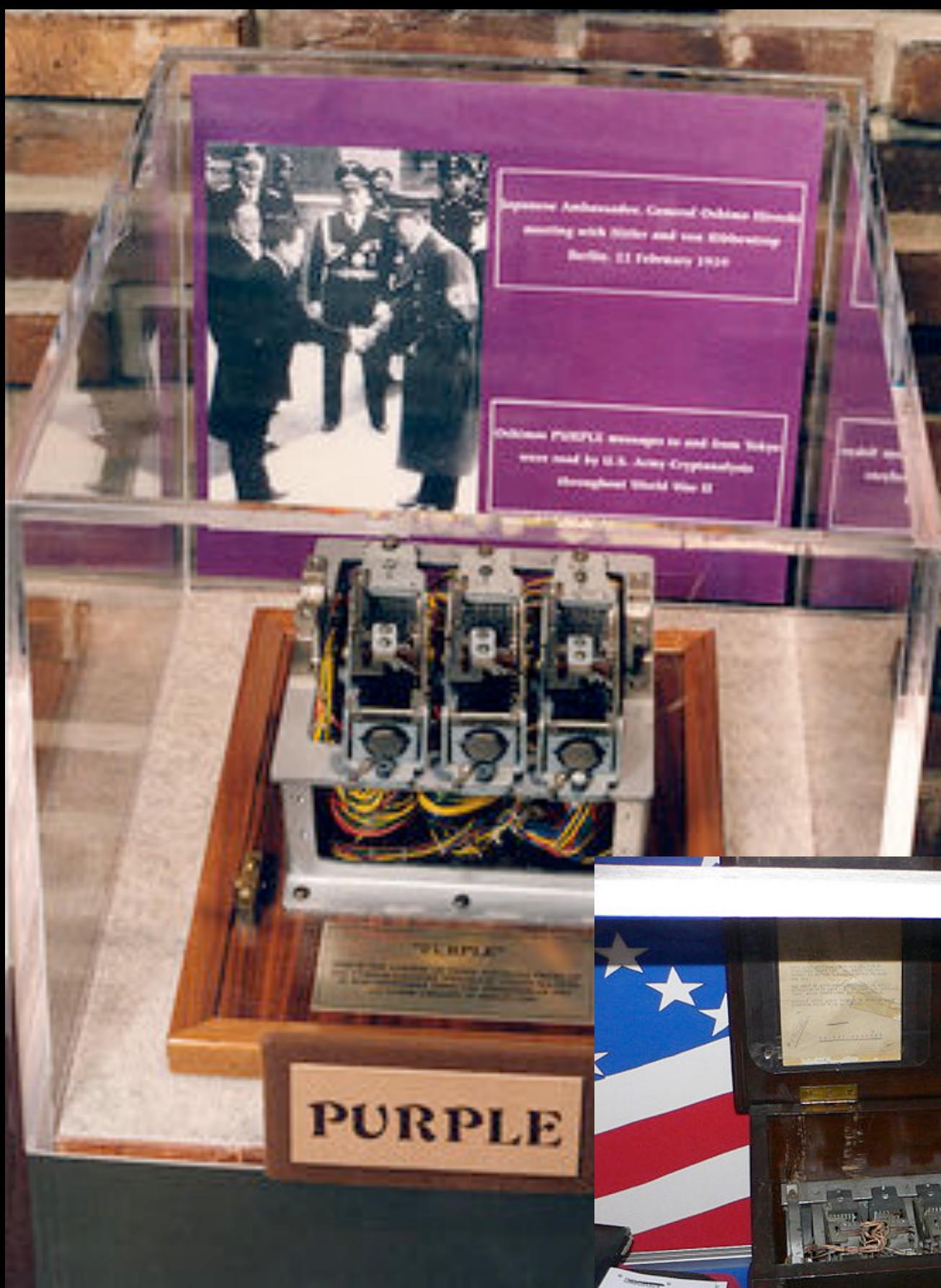
Mechanical Cryptography

- 1900s
 - Mass production and usage of cipher devices
 - Rotor ciphers
 - Elec

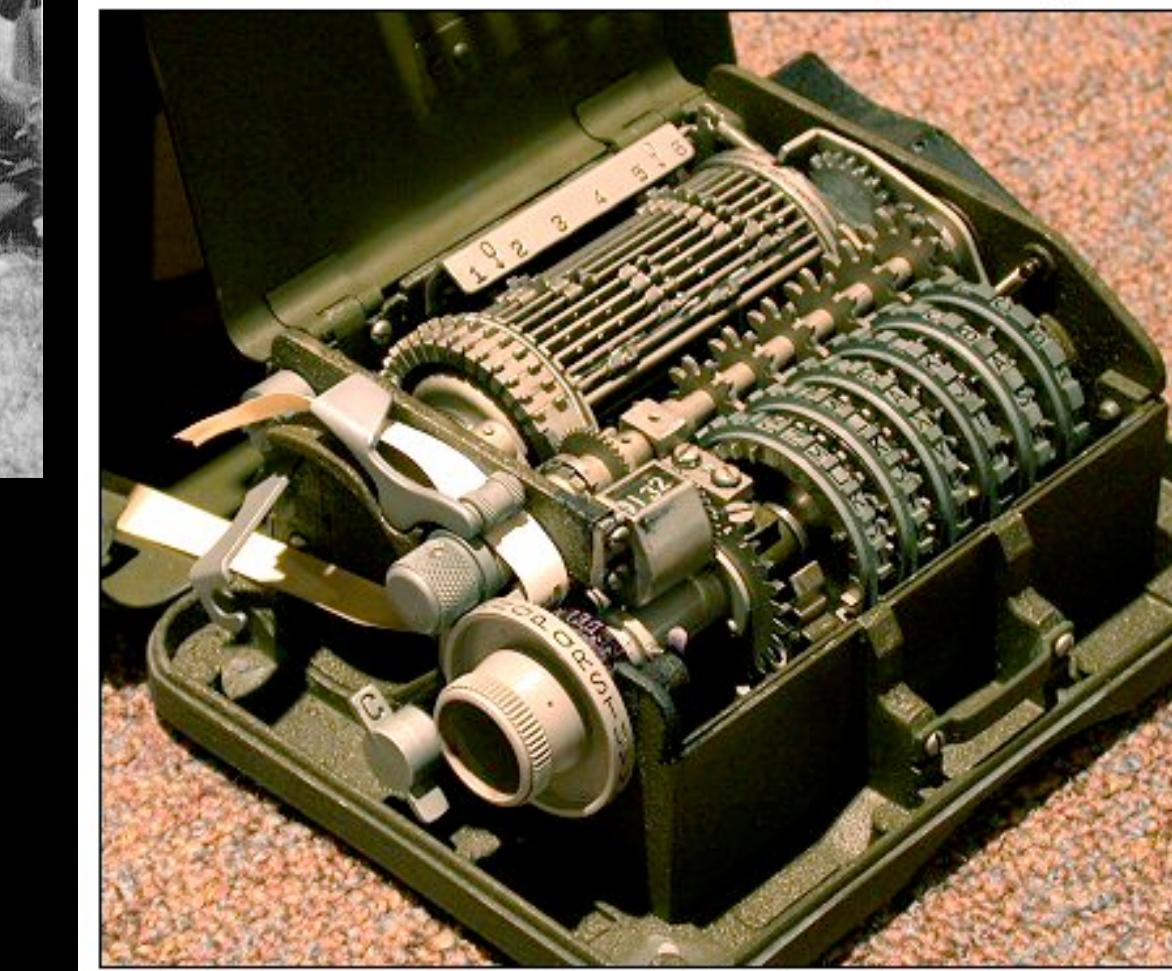


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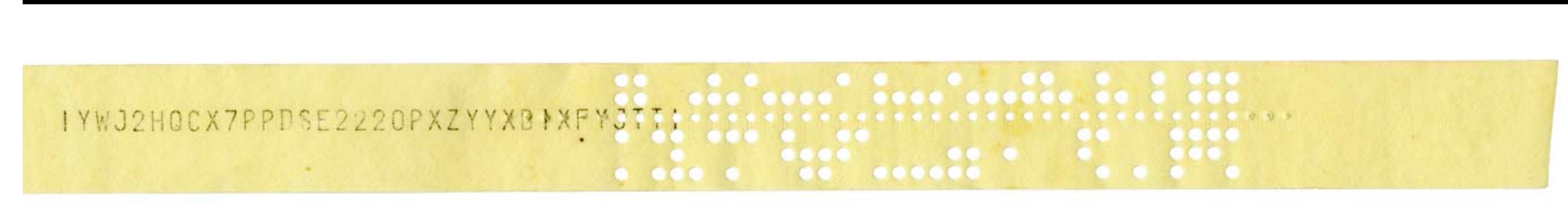
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HAGELIN M-209 CIPHER MACHINE (GVG / PD)



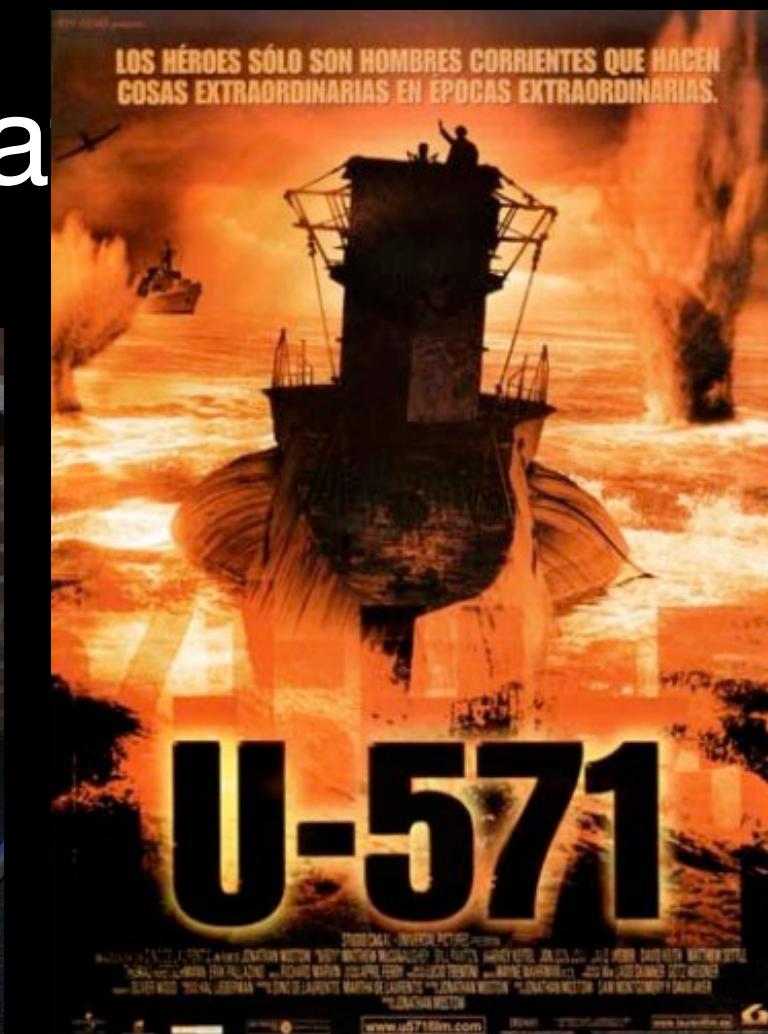
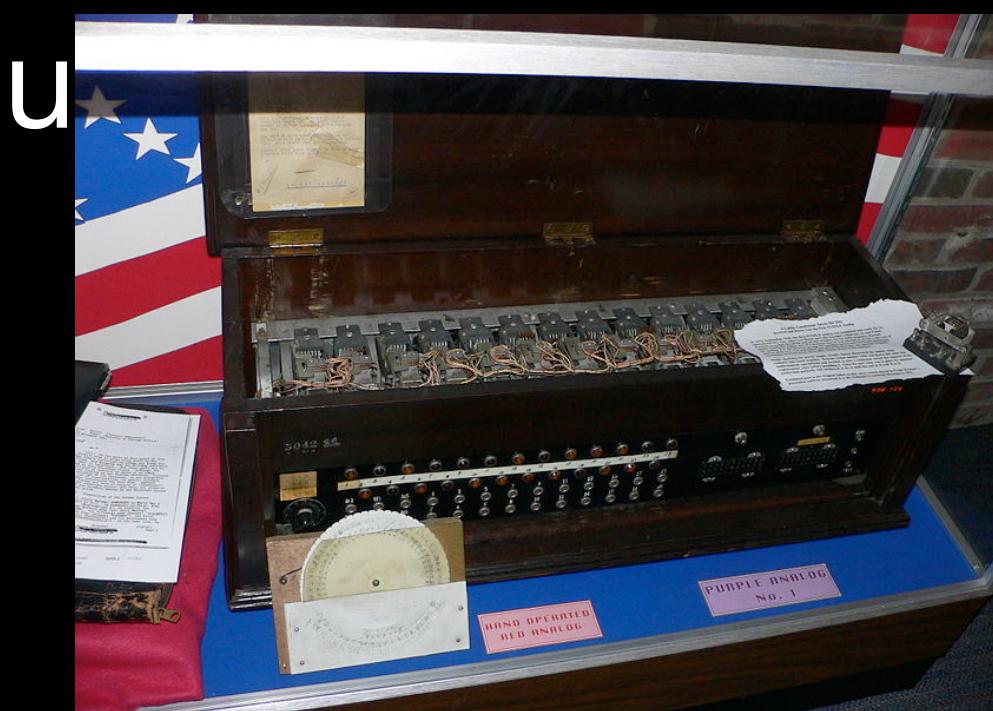
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Russian Fialka device and tape by Bob Lord, used under a Creative Commons license.
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Summary

- Most cryptosystems ultimately broken
 - Sophistication of the attackers outpaces that of the cryptosystem
 - Security relies on secrecy of design
 - Not evaluated for chosen plaintext, known plaintext attacks
 - Key generation/distribution procedures
 - It's an arms race...



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

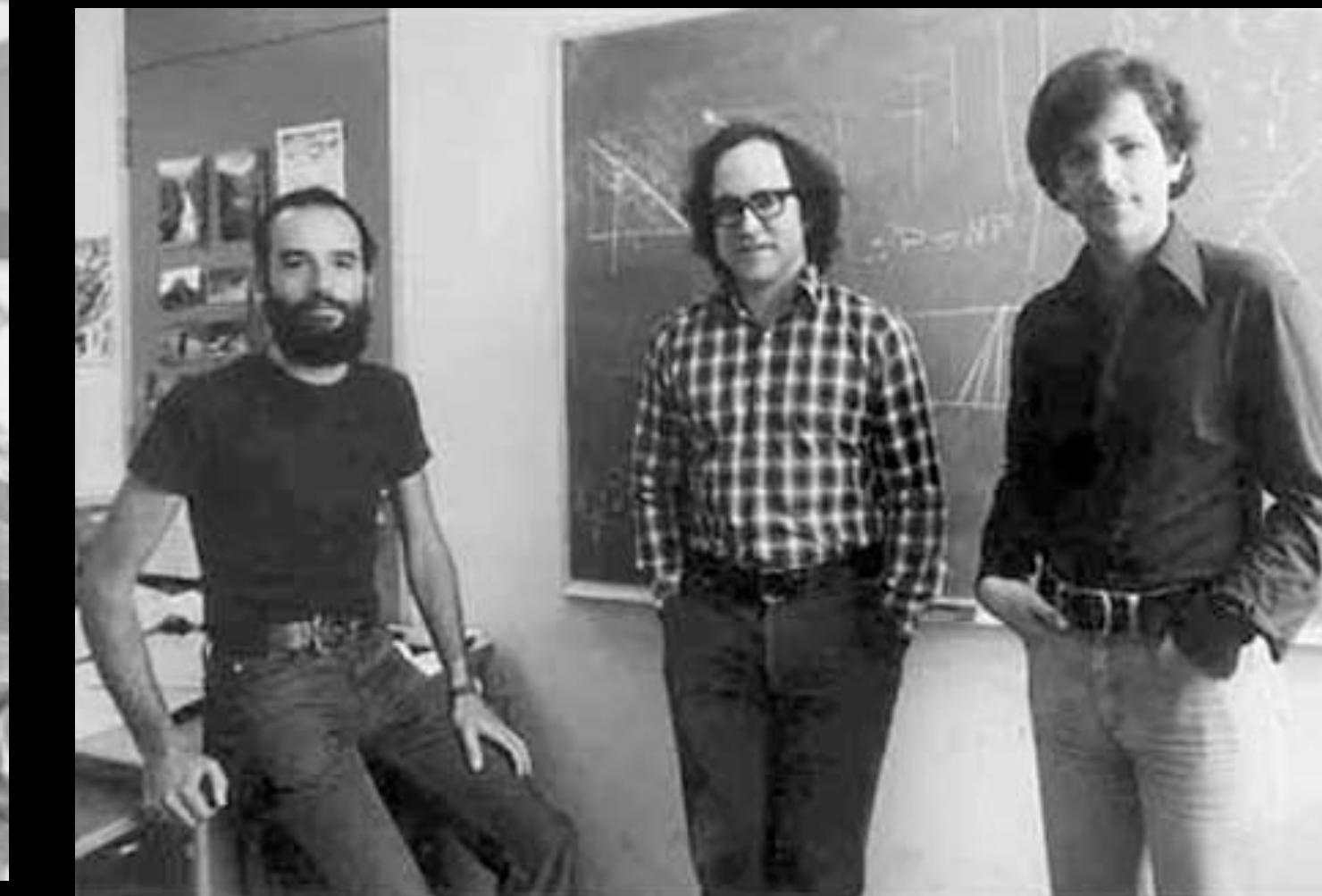
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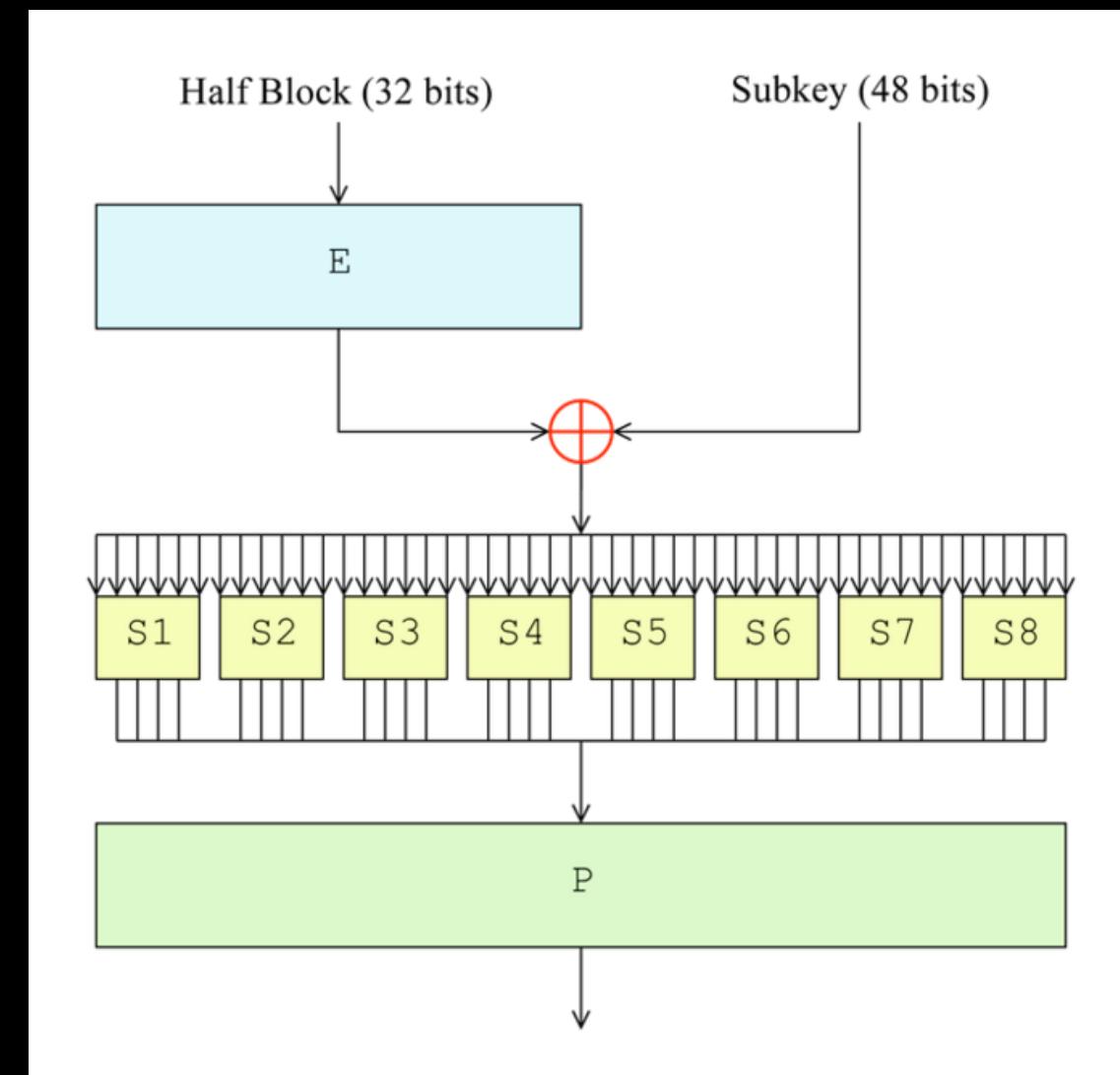
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The Implications

- 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

