

Digital Image Encryption using Improved Chaotic Map Lattice

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1. THE BIG PROBLEM: IMAGE ENCRYPTION

Security of digital images is crucial to preserve privacy.

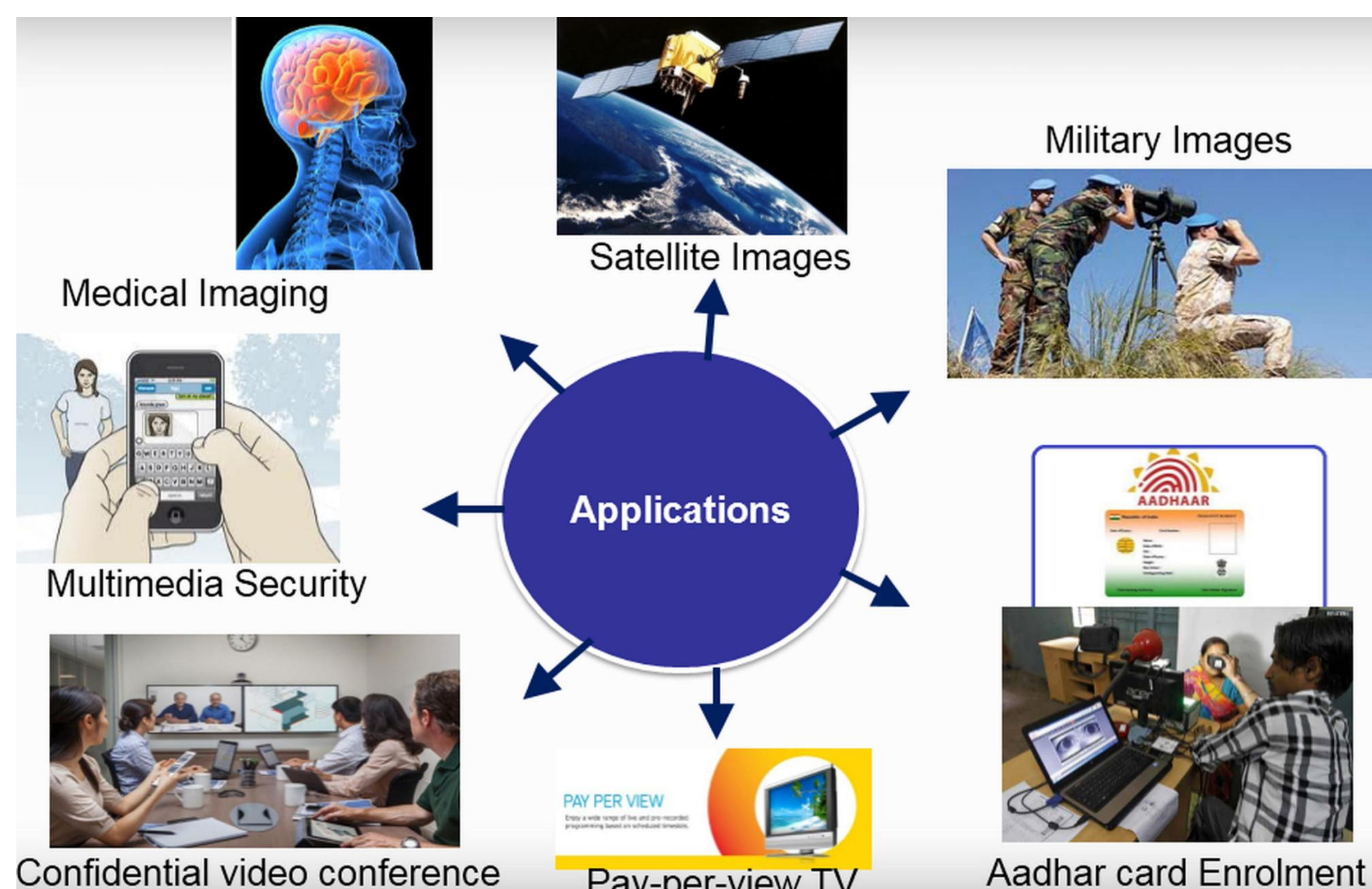


Figure 1. Applications of Image Encryption

Features: High correlation; Bulk capacity; Redundancy

Problem: Conventional Algorithms (DES, RSA) not applicable

2. Solution: CHAOS-BASED CRYPTOGRAPHY

- **Flaws of original Chaotic Map Lattice (CML):** Improper keys, Non-invertible, key space violating basic principles
- **Proposed Solution:** Improved CML (ICML) achieving both confusion as well as diffusion

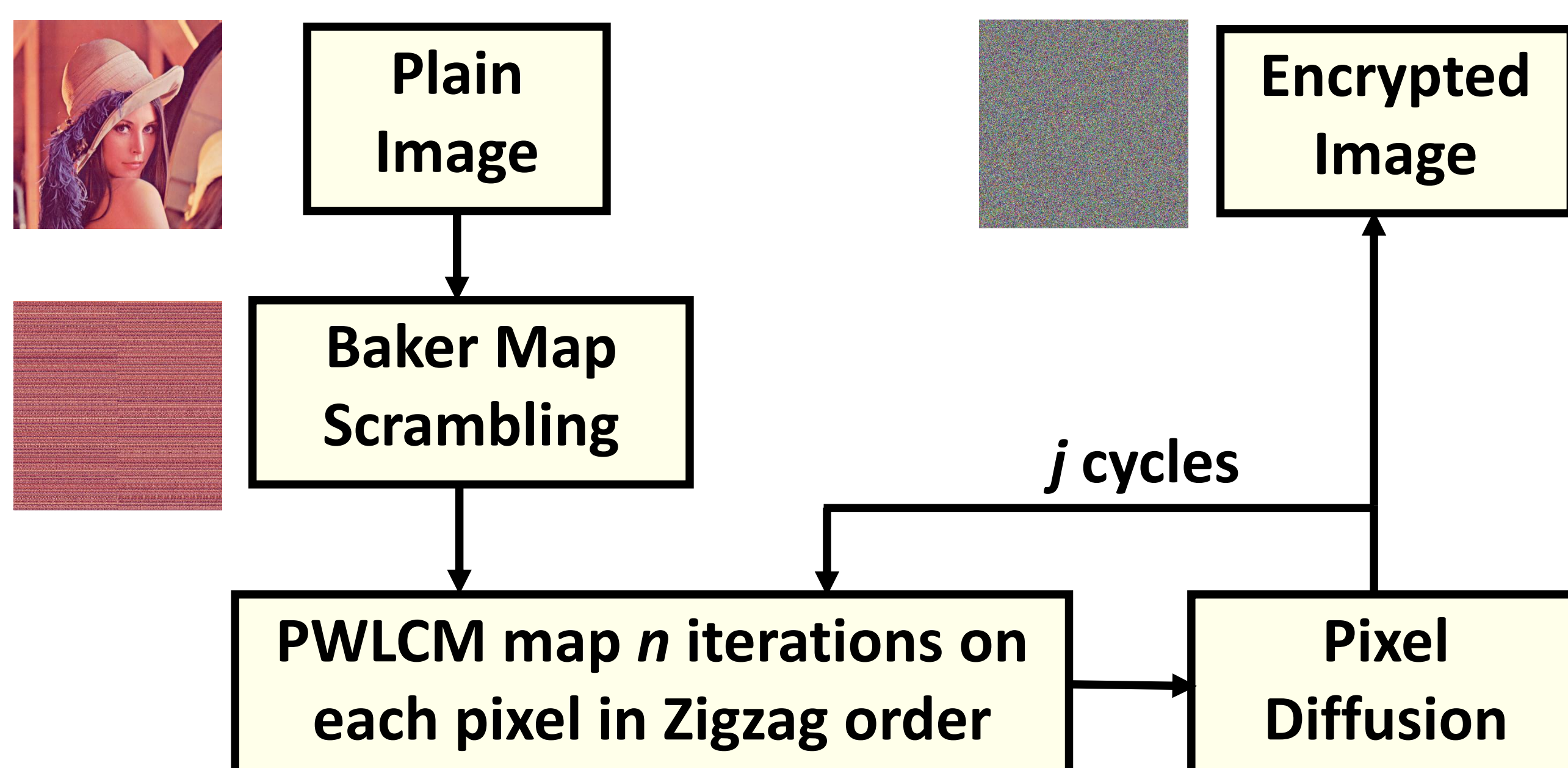


Figure 2. Schematic of Proposed Solution (ICML Encryption)

3. Details of ICML

- 256-bit secret key => Key space is 2^{256}
- Instead of Logistic Map, use Piecewise Linear Chaotic Map (PWLCM) => highly chaotic with positive Lyapunov exponent
- Invertible since conversion of A/D and D/A done before and after making n iterations of the map
- Pixel diffusion achieved using “XOR plus mod” operation, incorporating a different PWLCM

4. RESULTS AND ANALYSIS

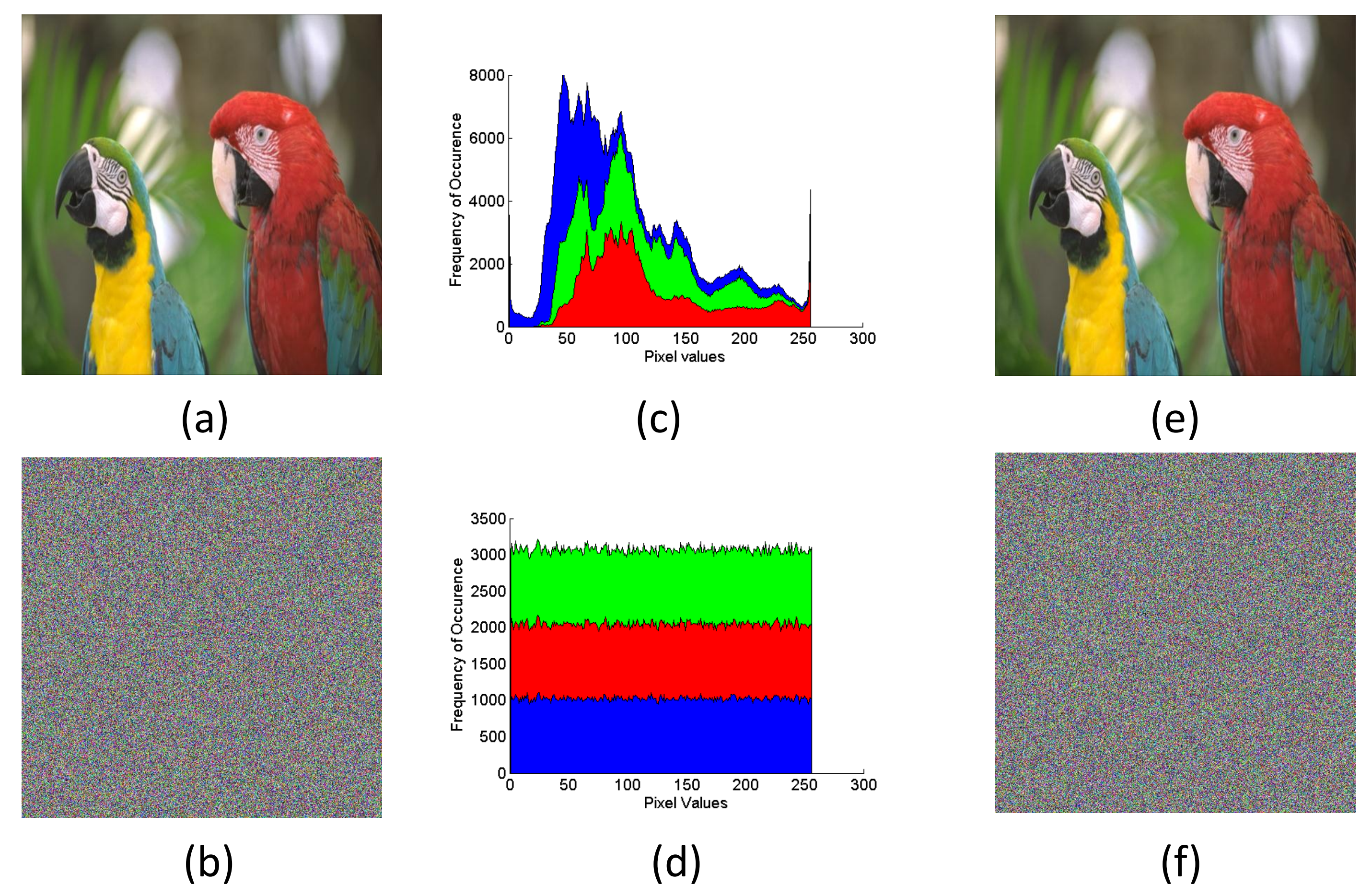


Figure 3. (a) Plain Image, (b) Encrypted Image with K , (c) & (d) Histograms of (a) & (b), (e) Decrypted Image with correct K , (f) Decrypted Image with one-bit change in K

Table 1. Statistical Analysis of ICML

| Test Criteria | Ideal Random Image | CML Cipher Image | Proposed ICML Cipher Image |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------------------|
| NPCR % | 99.5693 | 84.3281 | 99.6384 |
| UACI % | 33.2824 | 31.7260 | 33.5668 |
| Entropy | 8 | 7.4957 | 7.9994 |
| Correlation | 0 | 0.1693 | 0.0046 |
| Kurtosis | 1.8054 | 5.3549 | 1.8062 |
| χ^2 test (histogram uniformity) | 293 | 55,114 | 200 |

5. DISCUSSION

- Highly sensitive to changes in input image as well as changes in key => resists differential cryptanalytic attacks
- Achieves both confusion and diffusion by effective use of chaotic maps => resists known/chosen-plaintext attacks
- High level of security, large key space, passes statistical moment analysis tests
- Solution suitable for grayscale as well as colour images