

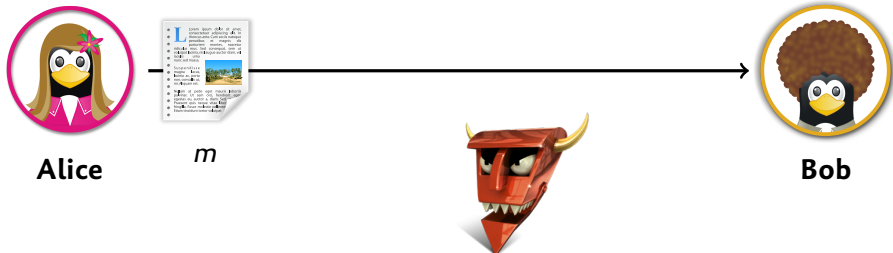
*How **Not** to Use a Blockcipher*

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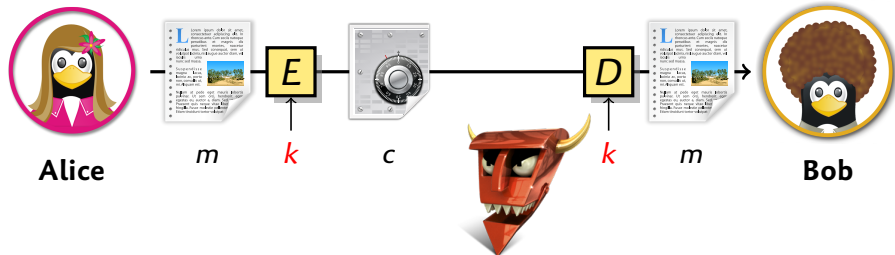
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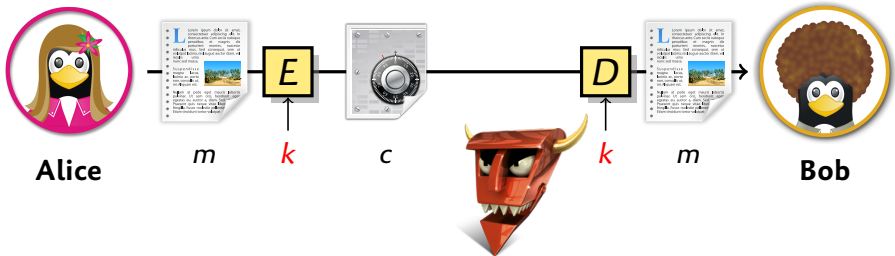
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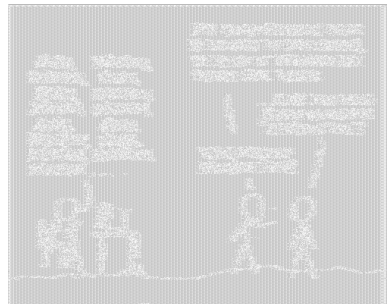
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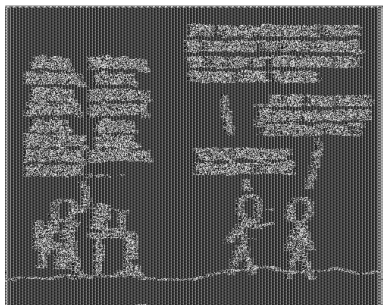


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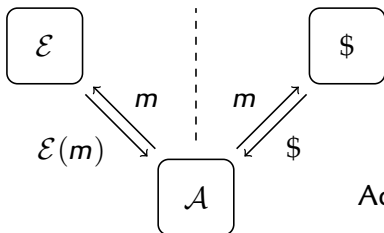
- ▶ We aim for computational security
 - ▶ Perfect security requires a key as large as the message
- ▶ Attack should be **impossible in practice**
- ▶ Security goal: No attack with less than X operations, with large X
 - ▶ X defined with generic attacks: e.g. exhaustive key search

Orders of magnitude

- ▶ Largest cryptanalytic attack: SHA-1 collision 2^{63} SHA-1
- ▶ Bitcoin network 2^{74} SHA-256/hr
- ▶ Google storage $\approx 2^{64}$ bytes

Meet the adversary

- ▶ Attacker has access to some information
 - ▶ Ciphertext only
 - ▶ Ciphertext with **Known plaintext**
 - ▶ Ciphertext with **Chosen plaintext** (encryption oracle)
- ▶ Attacker must break some security notion
 - ▶ Key recovery
 - ▶ Plaintext recovery
 - ▶ Distinguish ciphertext from random
- ▶ Focus on strongest notion: **distinguisher with chosen plaintext**:



$$\text{Adv}(\mathcal{A}) = |\Pr[\mathcal{A}^{\mathcal{E}} \rightarrow 1] - \Pr[\mathcal{A}^{\$} \rightarrow 1]|$$

HTTPS encryption: HTTP over TLS

HTTP

- ▶ Hypertext Transfer Protocol
 - ▶ Request/response (text)
 - ▶ Headers and body



GET /index.html HTTP/1.1
User-Agent: Firefox

HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Content-Type: text/html

<html>
 <body>...

TLS

- ▶ Transport Layer Security
 - ▶ Evolution of Netscape's SSL
 - ▶ Current version: TLS 1.2
- ▶ Stream encryption protocol
 - ▶ Algorithm negotiation
 - ▶ Handshake: **asym. crypto**
 - ▶ Transport: **sym. crypto**
- ▶ Each HTTP message encrypted in a TLS packet

HTTP authentication tokens

- ▶ HTTP is stateless: authentication tokens sent **with every request**
 - ▶ HTTP 1.1 Keep-alive sends many requests in the same connection

HTTP Basic Auth (RFC 7617)

- ▶ User/Password sent in a header (base64 encoded)

Authorization: Basic dGVzdDoxMjPCow=

HTTP Cookies (RFC 6265)

- 1 User sends password in a from
- 2 Server reply with a Cookie
- 3 Cookie is included in every subsequent request

Cookie: C=123456

Javascript attack

- ▶ A webpage is not just data, it includes code
- ▶ Malicious website can send requests to third party
- ▶ Requests include authentication cookies

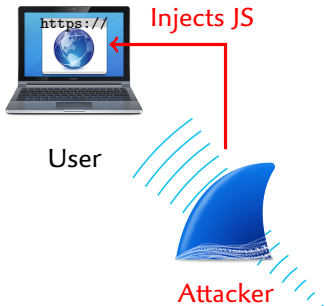
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var url = "https://www.facebook.com/index.html";  
var xhr = new XMLHttpRequest;
```

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while(true) {  
    xhr.open("HEAD", url, false);  
    xhr.withCredentials = true;  
    xhr.send();  
    xhr.abort();  
}
```

BEAST Attack Setting

[Duong & Rizzo 2011]



Captures
encrypted traffic



- ▶ Attacker has access to the network (eg. public WiFi)
- 1 Attacker uses JS to generate traffic
 - ▶ Tricks victim to malicious site
 - ▶ JS makes *cross-origin* requests
- 2 Attacker captures encrypted data
- ▶ **Very powerful model**
Chosen plaintext

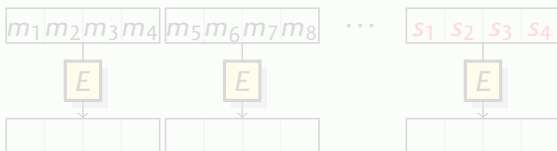
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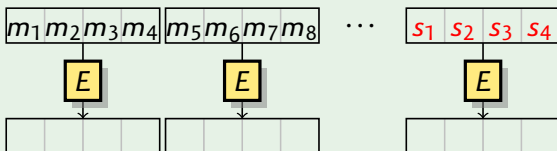
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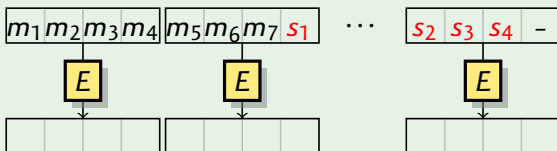
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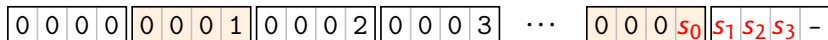
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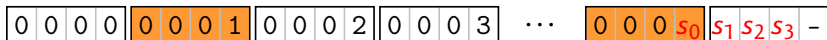


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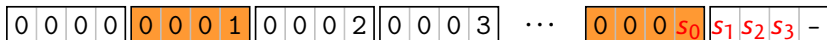
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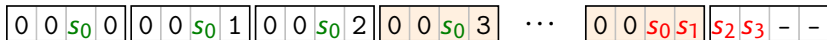
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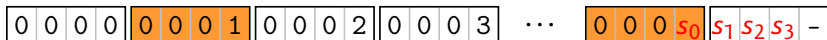
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- ▶ Even with a secure block cipher, secure communication is not easy
 - ▶ Block cipher modes for encryption and authentication
- ▶ This lecture considers how modes are used in practice (e.g. HTTPS)
 - ▶ Many issues in practice because of bad modes!
- ▶ This lecture focuses on **failures**
 - ▶ **Learn from other's mistakes!**

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Notations

E Block-cipher encryption

n Block size

κ Key size

\mathcal{E} Mode of operation

M Plaintext $M = m_0 || m_1 || \dots$

C Ciphertext $C = c_0 || c_1 || \dots$

S Secret to recover

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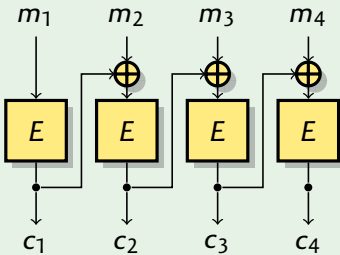
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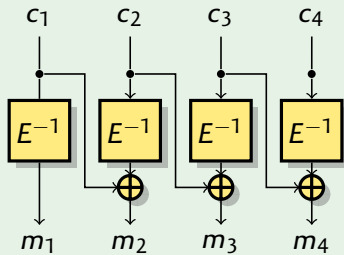
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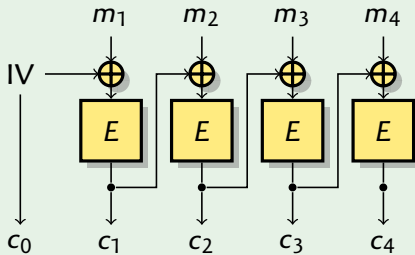


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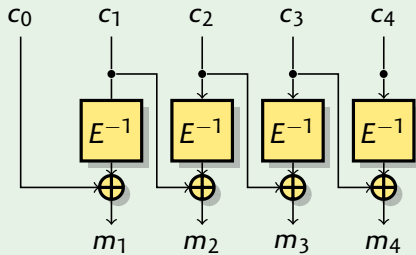
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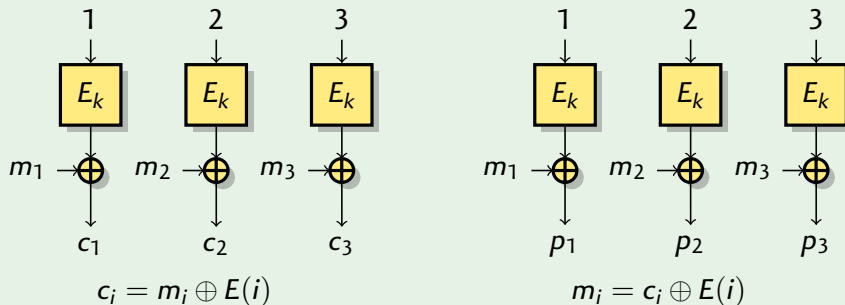


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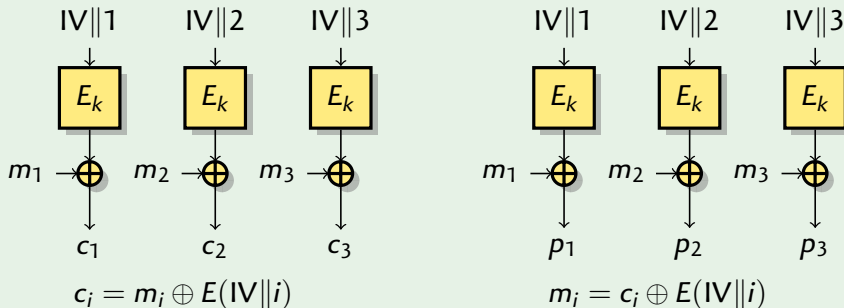
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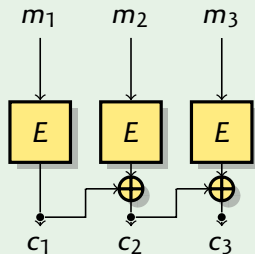
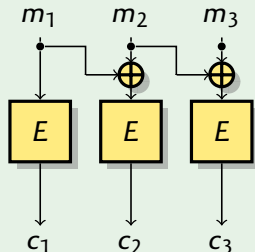
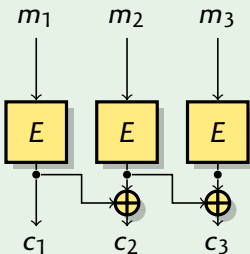
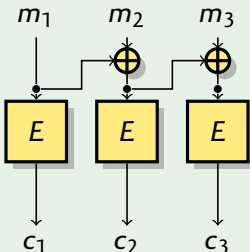
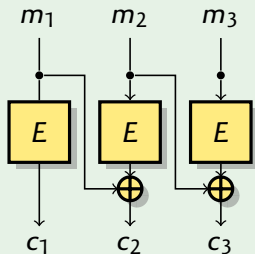
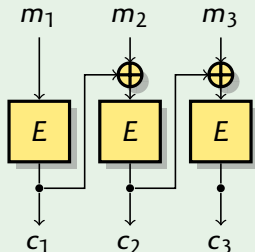
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Chaining rules

Exercise: Which of the following chaining rules are sound?



Security of modes of operation

- ▶ Modes are **proven secure** assuming the block cipher is secure.
- ▶ Most modes (CBC, CTR, GCM, ...) have a security proof like:

$$\text{Adv}_{\text{CBC-}E}^{\text{CPA}}(q, t) \leq \text{Adv}_E^{\text{PRP}}(q', t') + \frac{\sigma^2}{2^n},$$

with q the number of queries, σ the total number of blocks

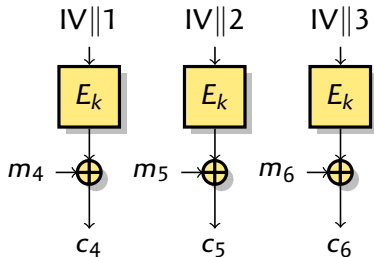
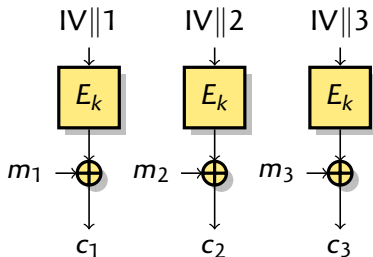
- ▶ Proof idea: if inputs to E are distinct, outputs are random
- ▶ The CPA security of CBC is essentially the PRP security of E (the block cipher)
- ▶ Many details must be done right for the proof to hold.

IV and nonce

- ▶ In CTR, we need the block cipher inputs to be distinct
- ▶ Several options:
 - 1 Stateful counter across messages
 - 2 Use a random starting point and increment
 - ▶ IV must be **random**
 - ▶ Cannot be chosen by adversary
 - 3 Concatenate IV and counter (reset counter for new message)
 - ▶ IV must only be **unique**: called a **nonce**
 - ▶ Can be chosen by adversary
 - ▶ Limits message length

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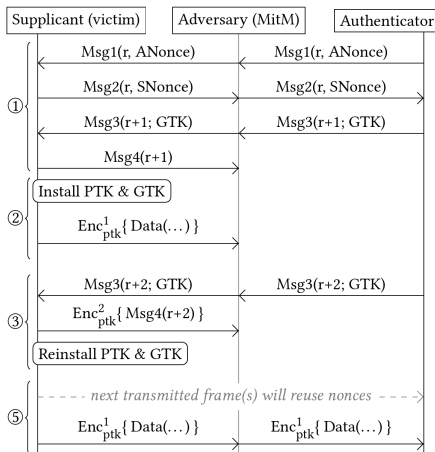
Example (WEP)

- ▶ WEP uses 24-bit IVs
- ▶ Collision expected after $2^{12} = 4096$ messages

Attack in practice: KRACK

[Vanhoef & Piessens, 2017]

- ▶ Flaw in WPA handshake (WiFi) allows nonce reuse
- ▶ Attacker can recover messages with a **few queries**



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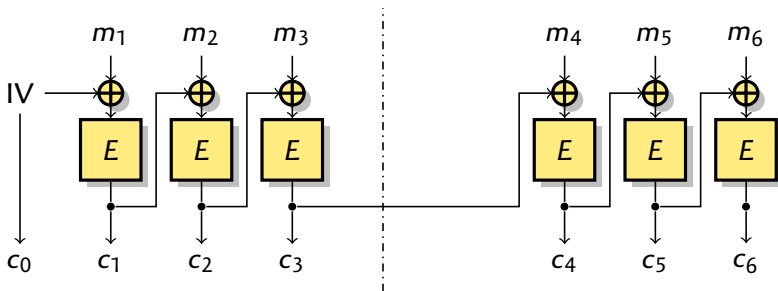
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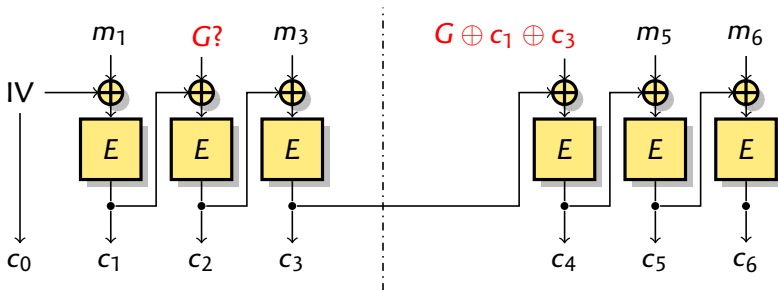
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- ▶ CBC Encryption is online
 - ▶ Constrained implementations receive m_i , send c_i
 - ▶ Attacker can see c_i and adaptively choose m_{i+1}
- ▶ TLS 1.0, SSH2: last ciphertext block as IV [Dai, '02], [Rogaway, '02]
 - ▶ Attacker can adaptively choose message with known IV

Blockwise-adaptive attacks

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- 1 Make a guess G for m_i
 - 2 After seeing c_{j-1} , sets $m_j = c_{j-1} \oplus G \oplus c_{i-1}$
 - 3 If guess is correct, $c_j = c_i$.
- Message recovery with **256 queries**

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Padding

- ▶ CBC can only process full blocks
- ▶ We use a padding rule

0 pad Pad the last block with zero

m_0	m_1	00	00
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- ▶ Between 0 and $n - 1$ bits of padding
- ▶ Plaintext length must be transmitted

10 pad* Add single 1 bit, and pad with zero

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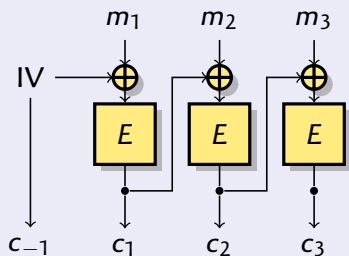
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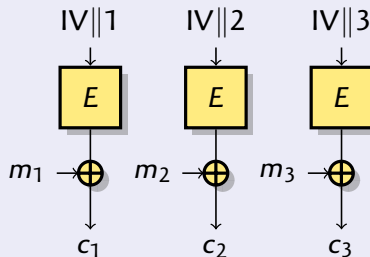
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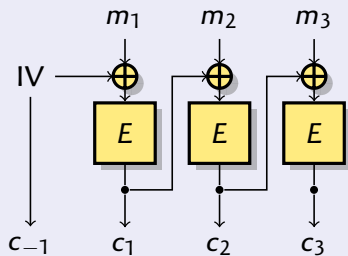
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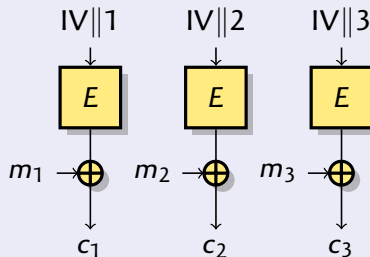
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Attack in practice: CRIME

[Rizzo & Duong, 2012]

- ▶ HTTP, TLS, SPDY support optional compression
 - ▶ SPDY has compression by default
- ▶ Compression changes length **depending on plaintext**
 - ▶ Leaks information [Kelsey, FSE'02]
- ▶ Attacker guesses part of secret, and includes it in message
 - ▶ If guess is correct, compression makes the message smaller
 - ▶ Message length is visible in ciphertext
 - ▶ **Recovery of HTTP cookies**: 256 requests per byte

Query 1

```
GET /dummy?Cookie: A HTTP/1.1
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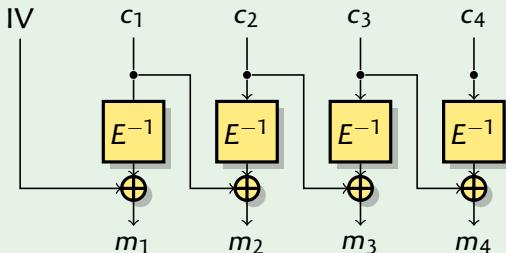
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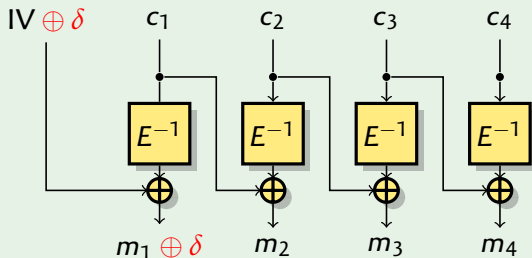
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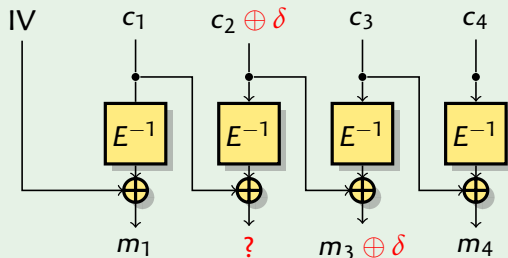
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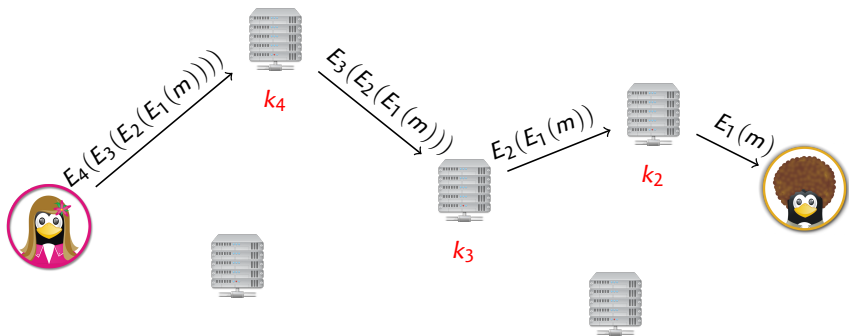
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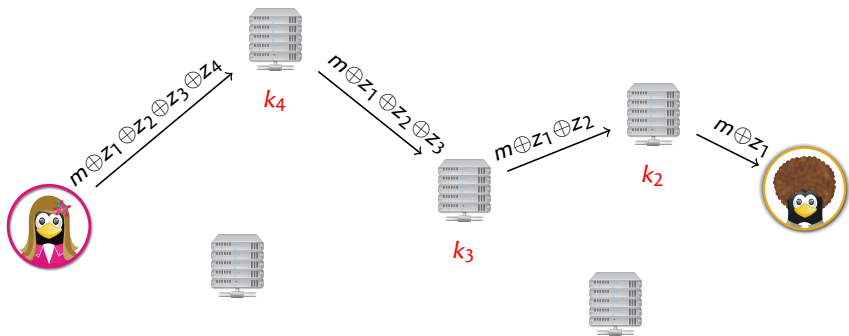
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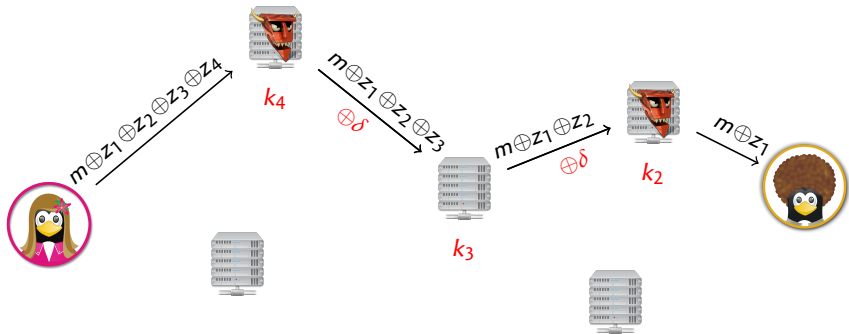
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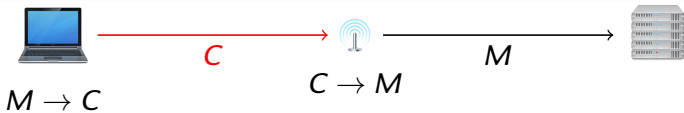


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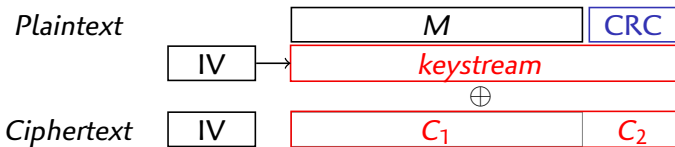
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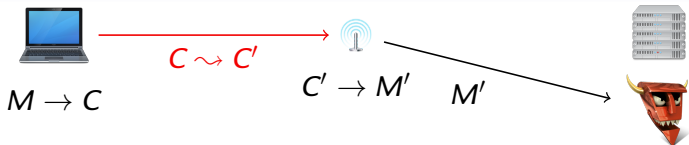
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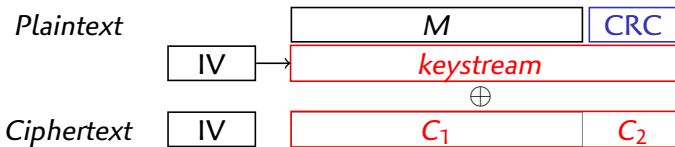
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- ▶ **Problem:** Linear CRC does not prevent malleability
 - ▶ $\text{CRC}(M \oplus \Delta) = \text{CRC}(M) \oplus \text{CRC}(\Delta)$
 - ▶ $C'_1 := C_1 \oplus \Delta$
 - ▶ $C'_2 := C_2 \oplus \text{CRC}(\Delta)$
- ▶ **Modify IP header:** Router decrypt message, sends plaintext to target

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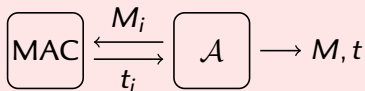


- Ensures **integrity** of the message
 - Alice uses a **key k** to compute a tag:
 - Bob verifies the tag with the **same key k** :

$$t = \text{MAC}_k(M)$$

$$t \stackrel{?}{=} \text{MAC}_k(M)$$

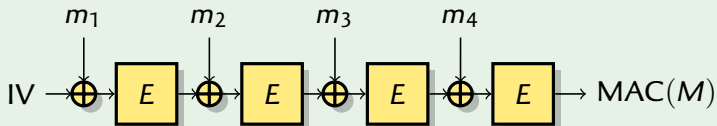
Security notion: forgery



- Adversary makes MAC queries
- Predicts MAC of a new message

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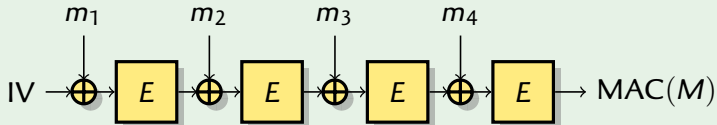
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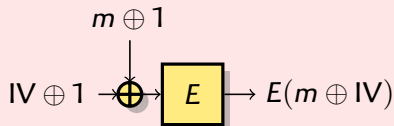
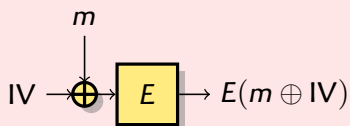
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- ▶ Can we use it for authentication?

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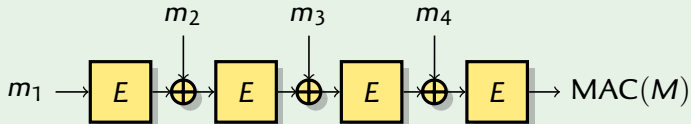


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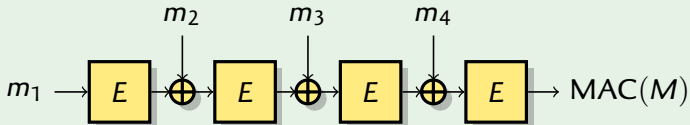
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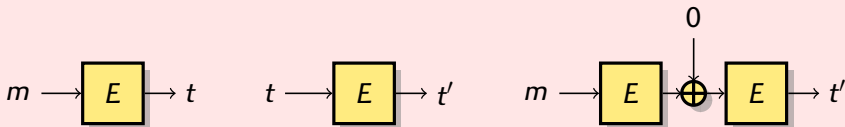
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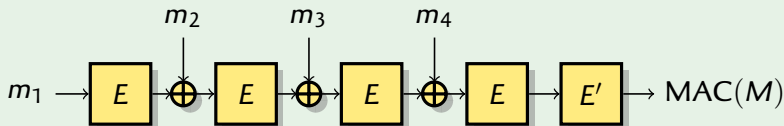


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- ▶ We need to do something different at the end
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 - ▶ Many variants: FCBC, XCBC, OMAC, ... [Black & Rogaway '00]

Authenticated encryption

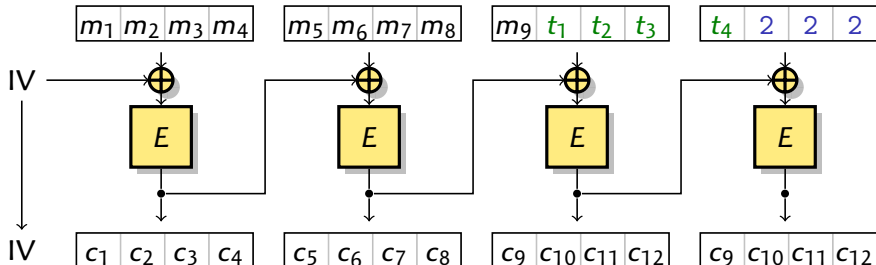
- ▶ Authenticated encryption combines encryption and MAC to provide confidentiality and authenticity
- ▶ Different way to combine, some are better than others...
- ▶ The keys must be **independent**

CBC and CBC-MAC with the same key

- ▶ CBC plaintext/ciphertext gives input/output pairs for E
- ▶ Can be used for forgeries

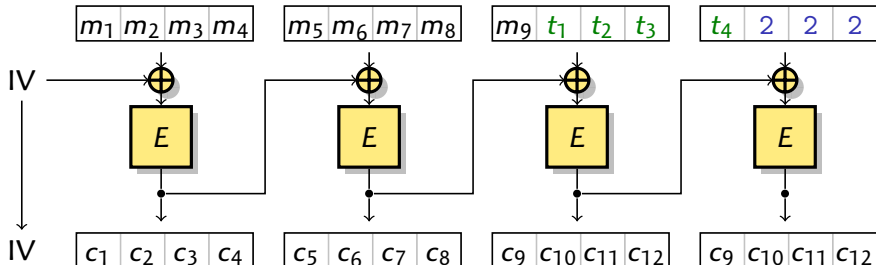
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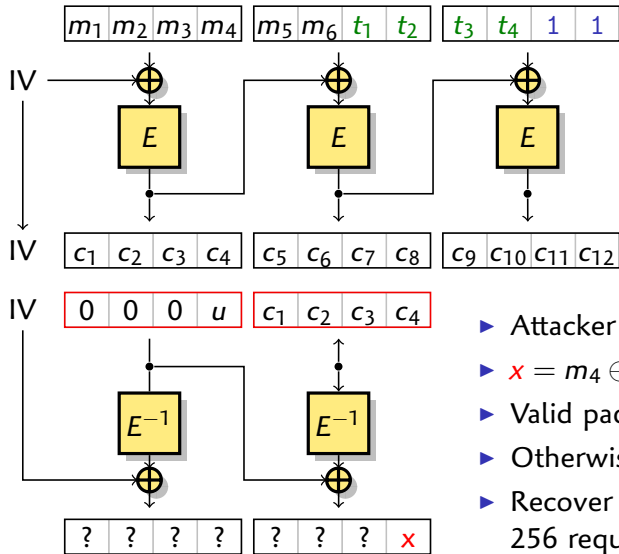
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- ▶ **Problem:** TLS 1.0 requires different errors for invalid padding and invalid MAC
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Padding oracle attack on TLS 1.0 [Vaudenay, Eurocrypt'02]



- ▶ Attacker manipulates ciphertext
- ▶ $x = m_4 \oplus IV_4 \oplus u$
- ▶ Valid padding if $x = 0$
- ▶ Otherwise, likely invalid
- ▶ Recover m_4 from error message:
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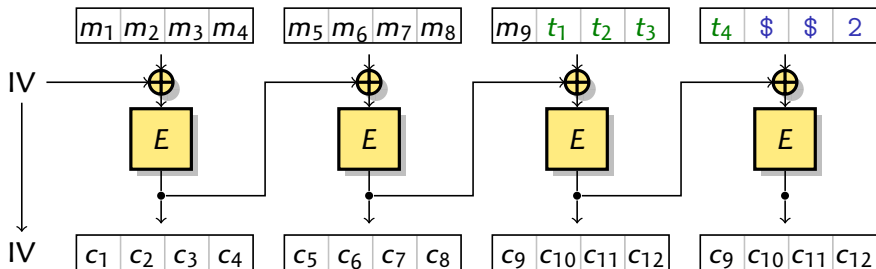
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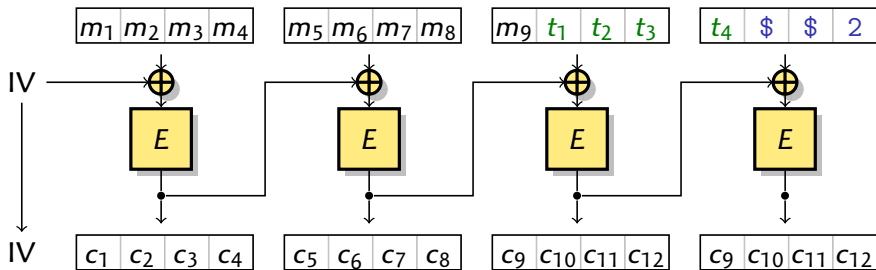
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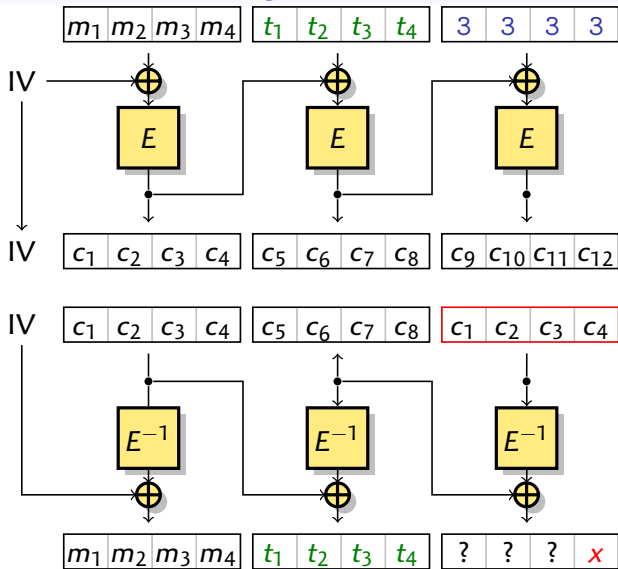
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► **Problem:** padding bytes not authenticated

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▶ A manipulates C, observes error, recovers M

- ▶ $x = m_4 \oplus IV_4 \oplus c_8$
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- ▶ Most modes (CBC, CTR, GCM, ...) have a security proof like:

$$\text{Adv}_{\text{CBC-}E}^{\text{CPA}}(q, t) \leq \text{Adv}_E^{\text{PRP}}(q', t') + \frac{\sigma^2}{2^n},$$

with q the number of queries, σ the total number of blocks

- ▶ The CPA security of CBC is essentially the PRP security of E (the block cipher)
- ▶ As long as the **number of encrypted blocks** $\sigma \lll 2^{n/2}$
 - ▶ Usually matching attack with birthday complexity ($2^{n/2}$)

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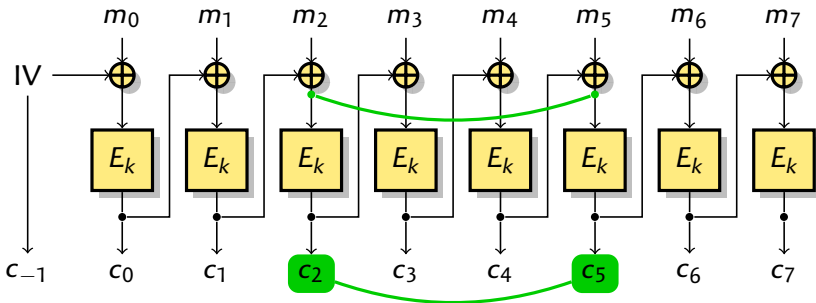
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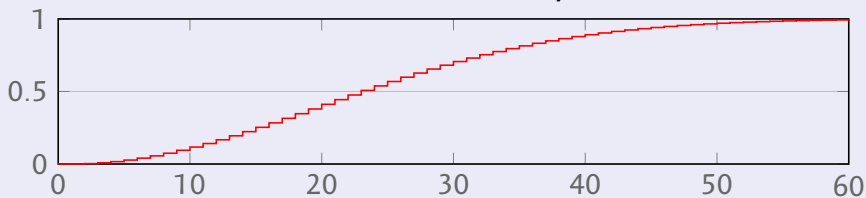


- ▶ If $c_i = c_j$, then $c_{i-1} \oplus m_i = c_{j-1} \oplus m_j$
- ▶ Ciphertext collision reveals the **xor of two plaintext blocks**

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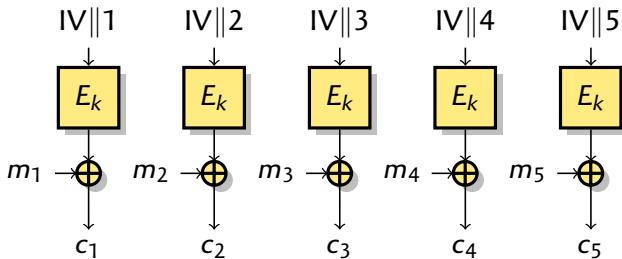


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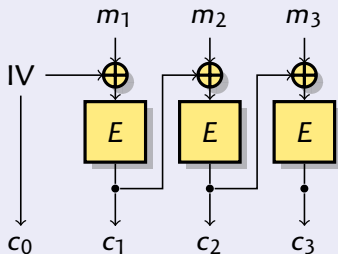


- ▶ All block cipher inputs are distinct
- ▶ For all $i \neq j$, $m_i \oplus c_i \neq m_j \oplus c_j$
 - ▶ Hard to extract plaintext information from inequalities
- ▶ **Distinguisher**: collision after $2^{n/2}$ blocks with random ciphertext

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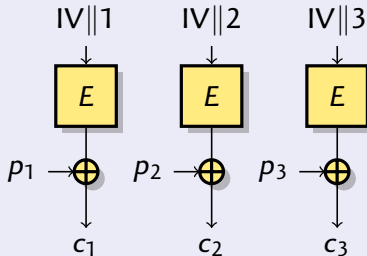
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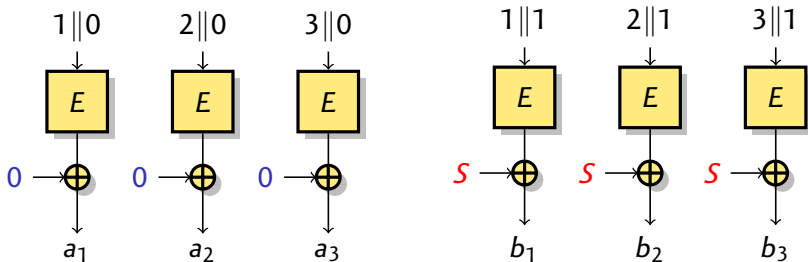
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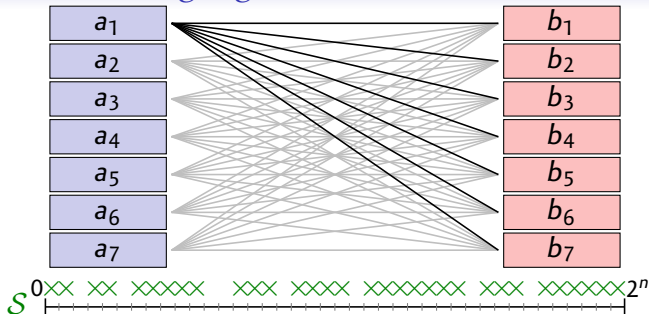


Missing difference problem

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- ▶ $\forall i, j, S \neq a_i \oplus b_j$

Sieving algorithm

[McGrew, FSE'13]



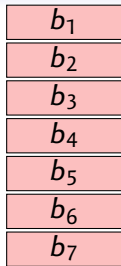
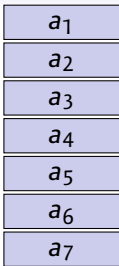
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Analysis: Coupon collector problem

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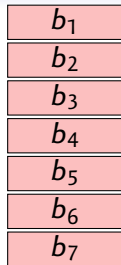
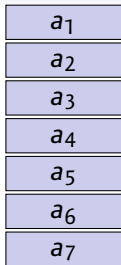


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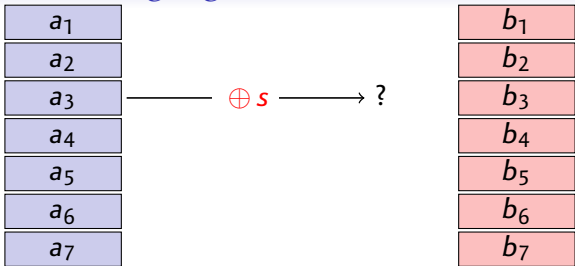
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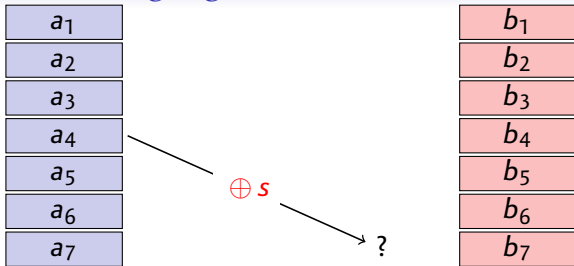
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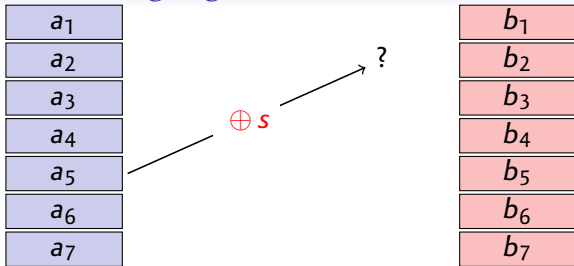
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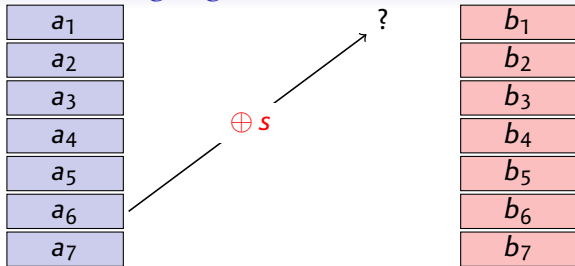
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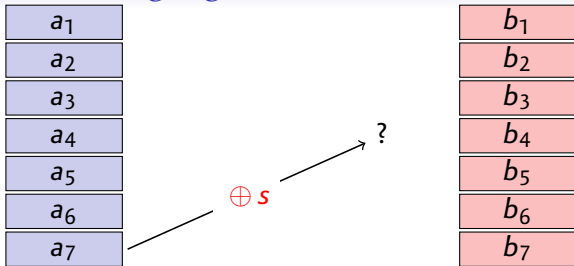
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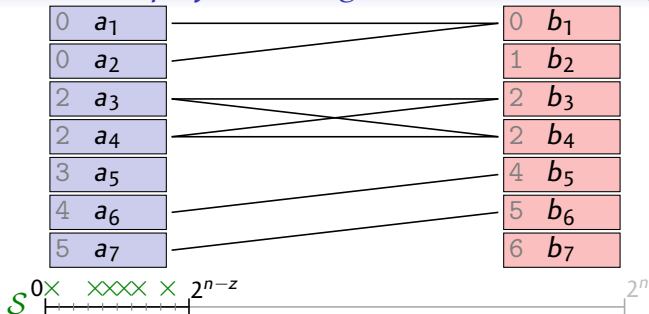
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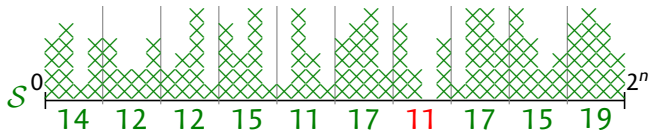
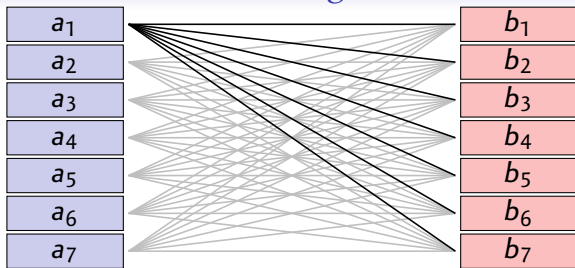
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- ▶ Assume S starts with z zero bits (e.g. CPSS queries)
 - ▶ Smaller sieve
- ▶ Sort lists, consider a_i 's and b_j 's with matching prefix
- ▶ **Complexity:** $\tilde{O}(2^{n/2})$ when $z \geq n/2$

Fast Convolution Sieving

[L & Sibleyras, EC'18]



- ▶ Use $2^{2n/3}$ queries, sieving with $2^{2n/3}$ buckets of $2^{n/3}$ elements
 - ▶ With high probability, missing difference has smallest buckets
- ▶ Sieving can be computed with Fast Walsh-Hadamard transform!
 - ▶ **Complexity:** $\tilde{O}(2^{2n/3})$ for arbitrary S

CBC vs. CTR

CBC mode

- ▶ Collisions reveals xor of two plaintext blocks

CTR mode

- ▶ Distinguishing attack: Key stream doesn't collide
- ▶ Message recovery attack with birthday complexity

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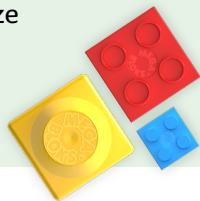
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Block size in practice

Block size is an important security parameter

- ▶ Block ciphers from the 90's have a **64-bit** block size
 - ▶ Blowfish, DES, 3DES
- ▶ Modern block ciphers have a **128-bit** block size
 - ▶ **AES**, Twofish, CAMELLIA



- ▶ With $n = 64$, the birthday bound is only **32 GB**
- ▶ Around **1–2%** of HTTPS connections **use 3DES-CBC**

	February 2016		October 2016		January 2017	
3DES	support	use	support	use	support	use
Top 1k	93%	1.6%	84%	1.5%	75%	1.1%
Top 1M	86%	1.3%	86%	1.0%	76%	0.8%

Poorly configured websites

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Poorly configured websites

match.com

The screenshot shows the match.com login page in a Mozilla Firefox browser. The browser's address bar shows the URL https://www4.match.com/login/. The page features a sign-in form with fields for email and password, and a 'SIGN IN NOW' button. A 'SUBSCRIBE' button is also visible in the top navigation bar.

The Firefox Page Info window is open, displaying the following information:

- Web Site Identity:**
 - Web site: **www4.match.com**
 - Owner: **MATCH.COM, L.L.C.**
 - Verified by: **Symantec Corporation**
- Privacy & History:**
 - Have I visited this web site before today? **No**
 - Is this web site storing information (cookies) on my computer? **Yes**
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Last scan 2016-10-20 12:29:18 UTC

TLS HTTP (port 443)

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TLS (port 443 – HTTP)

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Fallback SCSV	Not supported
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https://discovery.cryptosense.com/analyze/trumporg.com



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[Bhargavan & L, CCS'16]

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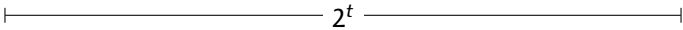
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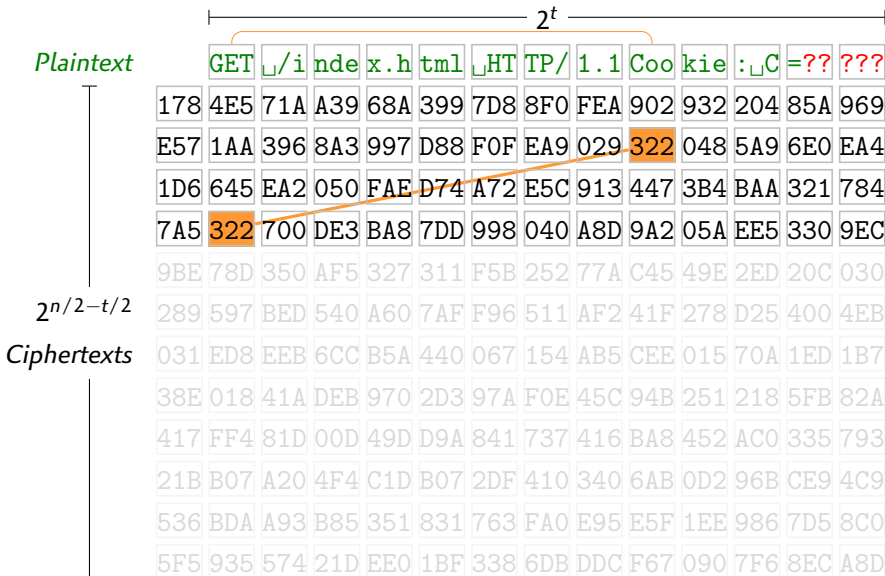
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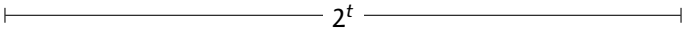
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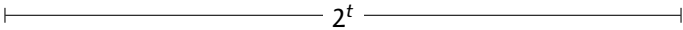
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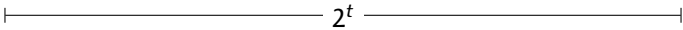
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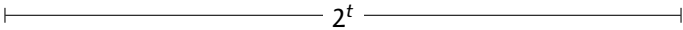


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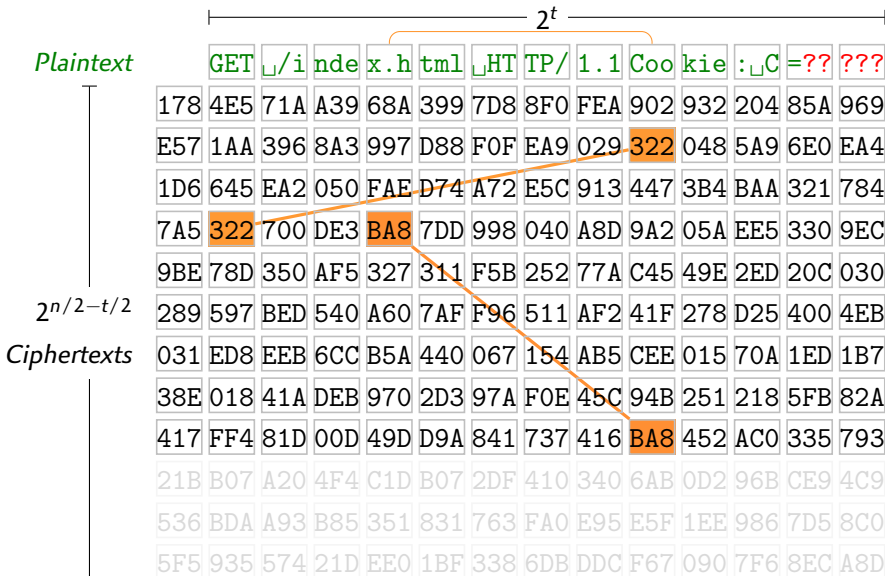
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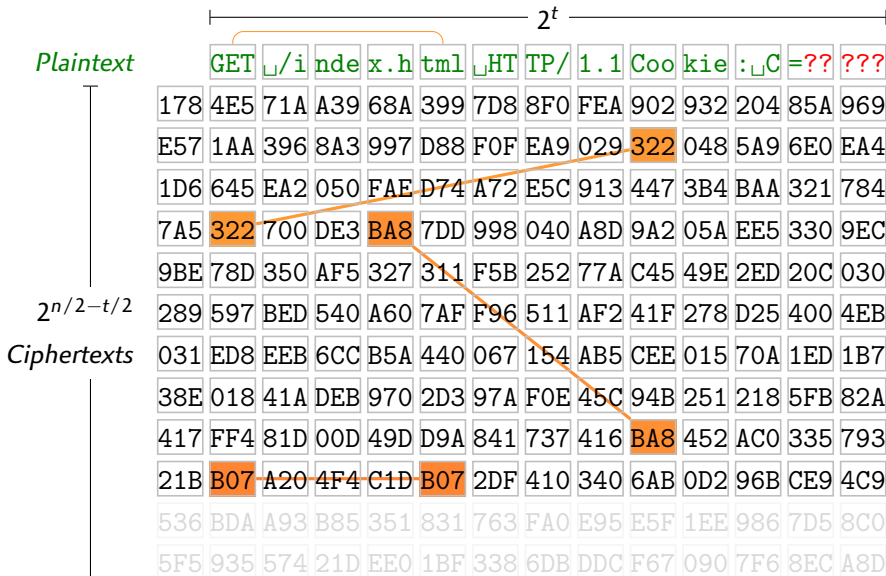
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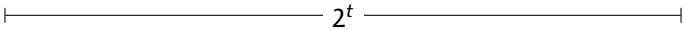
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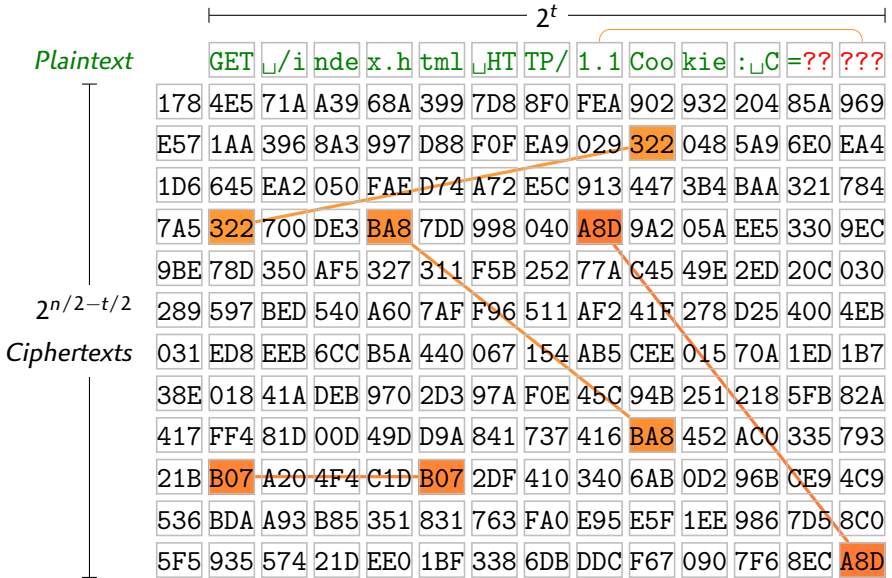
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Proof-of-concept Attack Demo

- ▶ Demo with **Firefox** (Linux), and **IIS 6.0** (Windows Server 2003)
 - ▶ Default configuration of IIS 6.0 does not support AES
- ▶ Each HTTP request encrypted in TLS record, with fixed key

- 1 Generate traffic with malicious JavaScript
 - 2 Capture on the network with `tcpdump`
 - 3 Remove header, extract ciphertext at fixed position
 - 4 Sort ciphertext (`stdxxl`), look for collisions
- ▶ **Expected time**: 38 hours for 785 GB (tradeoff q. size / # q.).
 - ▶ **In practice**: 30.5 hours for 610 GB.

Another target

OpenVPN uses **Blowfish-CBC** by default

Disclosure

Sweet32 attack disclosed on August 24

- ▶ <https://sweet32.info>
- ▶ CVE-2016-2183, CVE-2016-6329



- ▶ **OpenVPN** 2.4 has cipher negotiation defaulting to AES
- ▶ **Mozilla** has implemented data limits in Firefox 51 (1M records)

Block size does matter

- ▶ **Birthday attack** against CBC with $2^{n/2}$ data
- ▶ Protocols from the 90's still use 64-bit ciphers
- ▶ Attacks with 2^{32} data are **practical**



How *Not* to Use a Blockcipher

- ▶ No mode of operation (or ECB)
- ▶ Repeated nonces
- ▶ Predictable IVs (CBC)
- ▶ Metadata leaks information
- ▶ Encryption without authentication
- ▶ Padding oracles
- ▶ Metadata not authenticated
- ▶ **Too much data with the same key**



Conclusion

- ▶ It's easy to make mistakes
 - ▶ Mistakes in widely used protocols: SSL, TLS, SSH, WEP, WPA, ...
- ▶ Pay attention to security assumptions
 - ▶ Security model
 - ▶ Nonces/IV
 - ▶ ...
- ▶ **Distinguisher matters**
 - ▶ They can often be turned into real attacks
 - ▶ Protocols should be fixed as soon as issue are found