



# Cryptography

## Lecture 5

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# Agenda

- Encryption Security
- Hash security
- MAC security

Confidentiality

# **SYMMETRIC ENCRYPTION SCHEMES**

# Security

- *perfect security*,
  - *an information-theoretic notion introduced by Shannon and showed by him to be met by the one-time pad scheme.*
  - *regardless of the computing power available to the adversary, the ciphertext provides it no information about the plaintext beyond the a priori information it had prior to seeing the ciphertext*
  - it requires a key as long as the total amount of data encrypted
- *computational security*
  - The security will only hold with respect to adversaries of limited computing power.

# Shannon's perfect secrecy definition

Let  $(E,D)$  be a cipher over  $(K,M,C)$

$(E,D)$  has perfect secrecy if  $\forall m_0, m_1 \in M$  (  $|m_0| = |m_1|$  )

$$\{ E(k,m_0) \} = \{ E(k,m_1) \} \quad \text{where } k \leftarrow K$$

# Perfect Secrecy

## Theorem

One time pad has perfect secrecy

- Proof: easily...

## Theorem

Perfect secrecy implies that the size of the key  $K$  greater or equal to plaintext  $M$

**Impractical!**

# Quiz

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# Two times padding/ re-using the IV (attack 1)

- Let
  - $c1 = m1 \oplus k$
  - $c2 = m2 \oplus k$
- Eve eavesdrops  $c1, c2$

## 1<sup>st</sup> attack: Know Plaintext Attack

Let  $m1$  be a known plaintext to Eve. Then trivially:

$$c1 \oplus c2 \oplus m1 = m1 \oplus k \oplus m2 \oplus k \oplus m1 = m2$$

# Example

- Alice (two times the same keystream)

m1: 0 1 1 0 1 1 1

k: 1 0 1 1 0 1 0

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c1: 1 1 0 1 1 0 1



m2: 1 0 0 1 0 1 1

k: 1 0 1 1 0 1 0

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c2: 0 0 1 0 0 0 1



# Example

- Eve

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c2: 0 0 1 0 0 0 1

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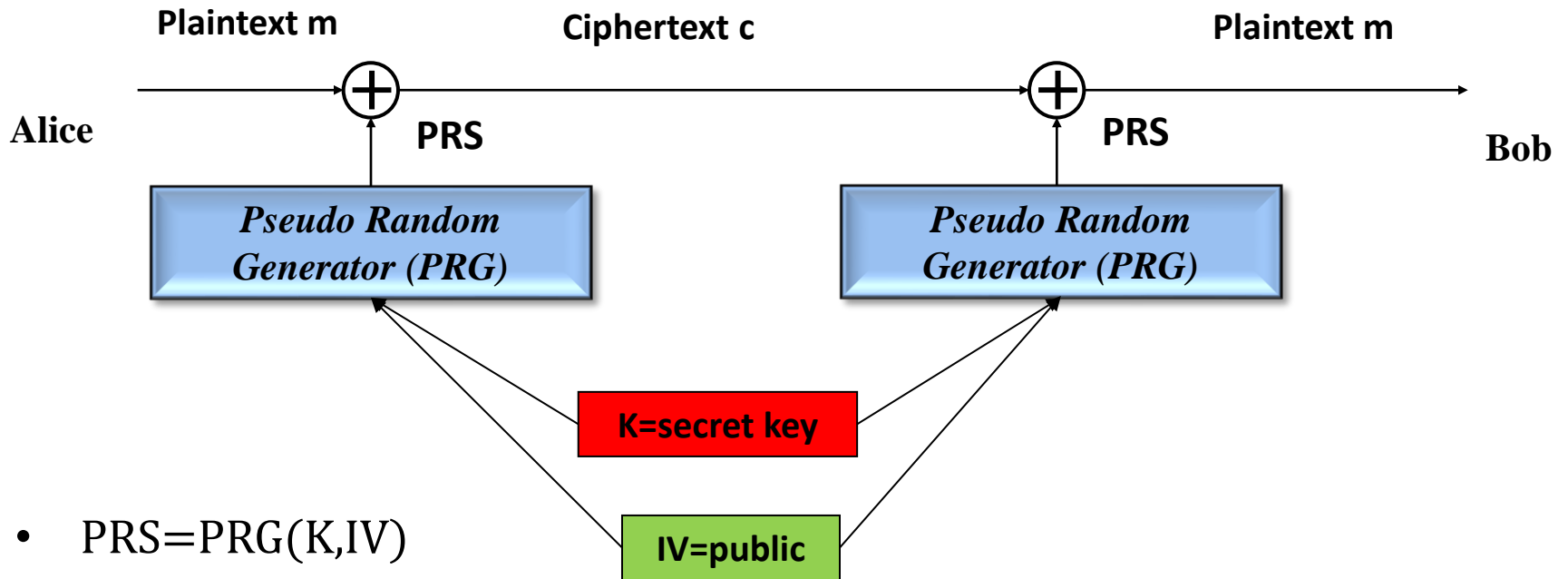
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m2: 1 0 0 1 0 1 1

# Stream Ciphers

- One time padding is also a stream cipher requirement
- Remember that:
  - The generator PRG produces a pseudorandom sequence PRS
    - $PRS = PRG(K, IV)$
    - $c = m \oplus PRS$

# Stream Ciphers (synchronous)



- $PRS = PRG(K, IV)$
- $c = m \oplus PRS$

# Stream Ciphers

- When the same key/IV pair is used the generator produces the same PRS
- Thus, we have
  - $c_1 = m_1 \oplus \text{PRS}$
  - $c_2 = m_2 \oplus \text{PRS}$
- The same attack. The IV must never repeat for the same key.

# Example

- Alice (two times the same IV)

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PRS: 1 0 1 1 0 1 0

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c1: 1 1 0 1 1 0 1



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# Example

- Eve

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$\oplus$

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# Two times padding/ re-using the IV (attack 2)

- Let
  - $c1 = m1 \oplus k$
  - $c2 = m2 \oplus k$
- Eve eavesdrops  $c1, c2$

## 2<sup>nd</sup> attack: Known Plaintext Statistics

- Eve computes:  
$$c = c1 \oplus c2 = m1 \oplus k \oplus m2 \oplus k = m1 \oplus m2$$
  - Eve combines the (most probable) values of  $m1$  and  $m2$  until she produces  $c$
  - It is an efficient way to find candidate pairs  $(m1, m2)$

# Example

- Alice (two times the same keystream)

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# Example

- Eve

c1: 1 1 0 1 1 0 1

c2: 0 0 1 0 0 0 1



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c: 1 1 1 1 1 0 0

## Trivial leakage:

When the bits of  $c$  are zero then the corresponding bits of  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  are the same

# Example

- Eve

c1: 1 1 0 1 1 0 1

c2: 0 0 1 0 0 0 1

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c: 1 1 1 1 1 0 0



**Scenario:**

Let any  $m$  used by Alice be of the form

$$m = X | D$$

where  $X$  is one of  $\{100, 000, 011\}$ .

Then,  $m_1 = X_1 | D_1$  and  $m_2 = X_2 | D_2$

We have that for the different possible  $X$ :

$$100 \oplus 000 = 100$$

$$100 \oplus 011 = 111$$

$$000 \oplus 011 = 011$$

Since the first 3 bits of  $c$  are 111, then the first 3 of  $m_1, m_2$  are  $\{100, 011\}$ / we don't know which is which.

We can improve the attack we more ciphertexts

# **WEP - SECURITY**

# Wired Equivalent Privacy (WEP)

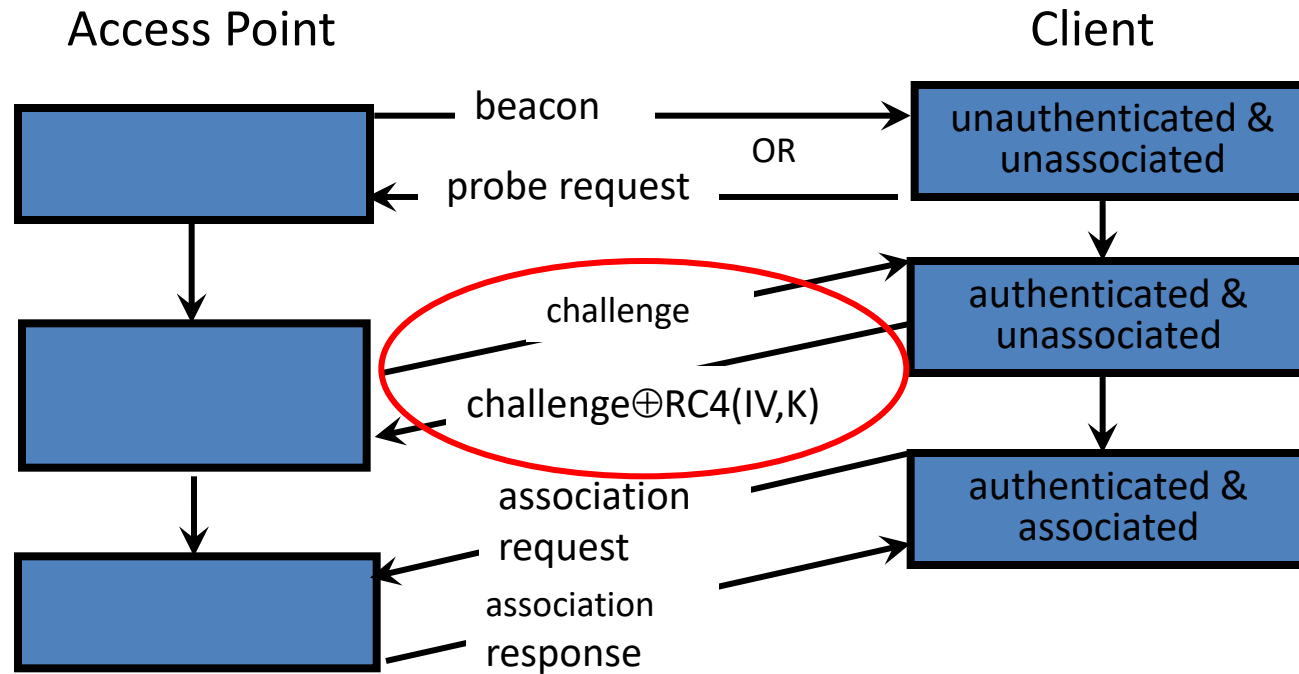
- WEP - Part of original 802.11 specification published in 1999.
- Confidentiality
  - Uses RC4 Stream cipher
  - Has static 40-bit base key (common for all the clients)
  - A 64-bit per-packet key
  - A 24-bit Initialization Vector (IV)
- Integrity
  - Uses Integrity Check Value (ICV) to verify integrity
  - No key!!

# Characteristics - notes

- Stateless protocol
  - Mobile stations and access points are not required to keep past state
- Encrypted CRC-32 used as integrity check
  - Fine for random errors, but not deliberate ones
  - Linear
    - $CRC(X+Y) = CRC(X)+CRC(Y)$
- RC4 keystream should not be reused
  - One-time pad

# Shared-Key Authentication

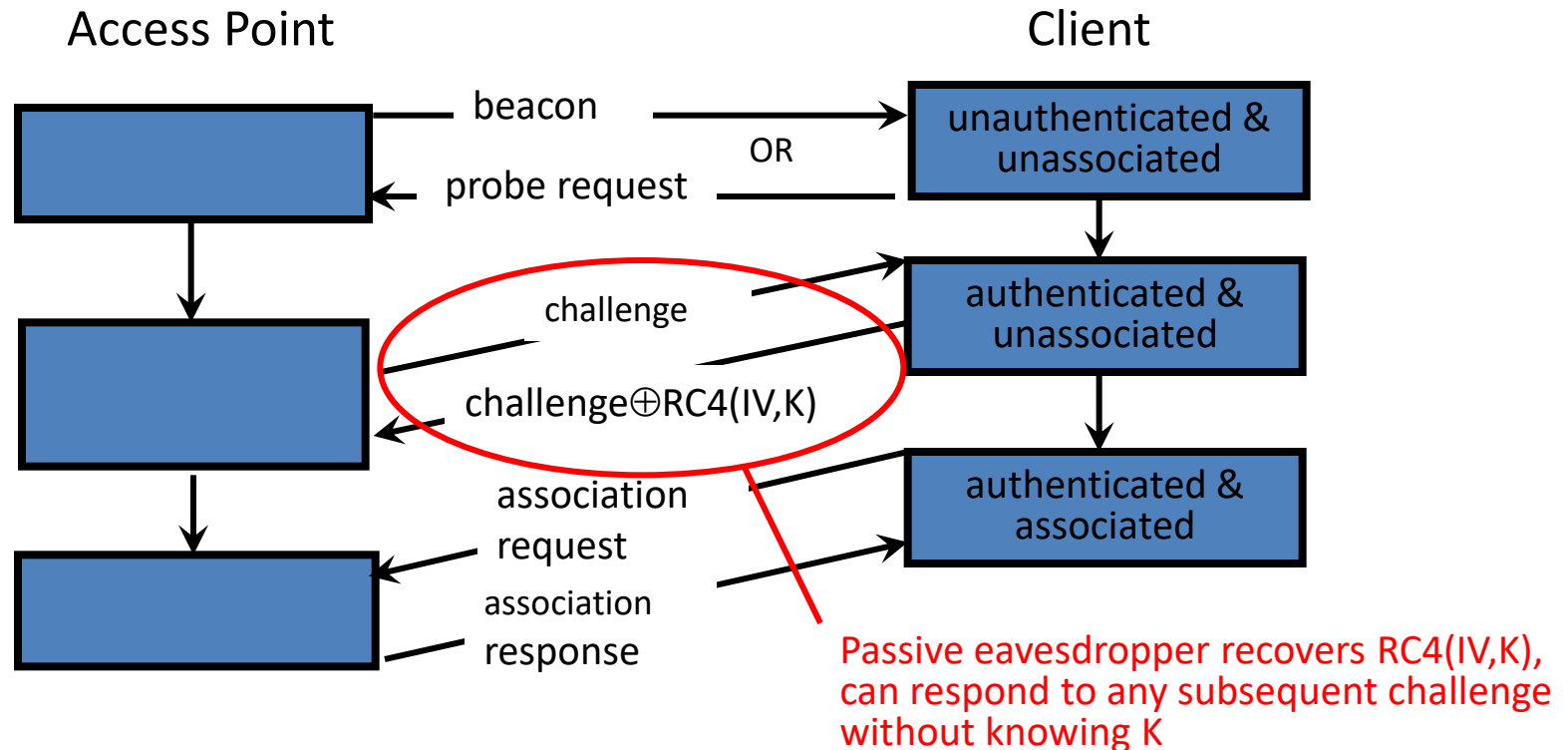
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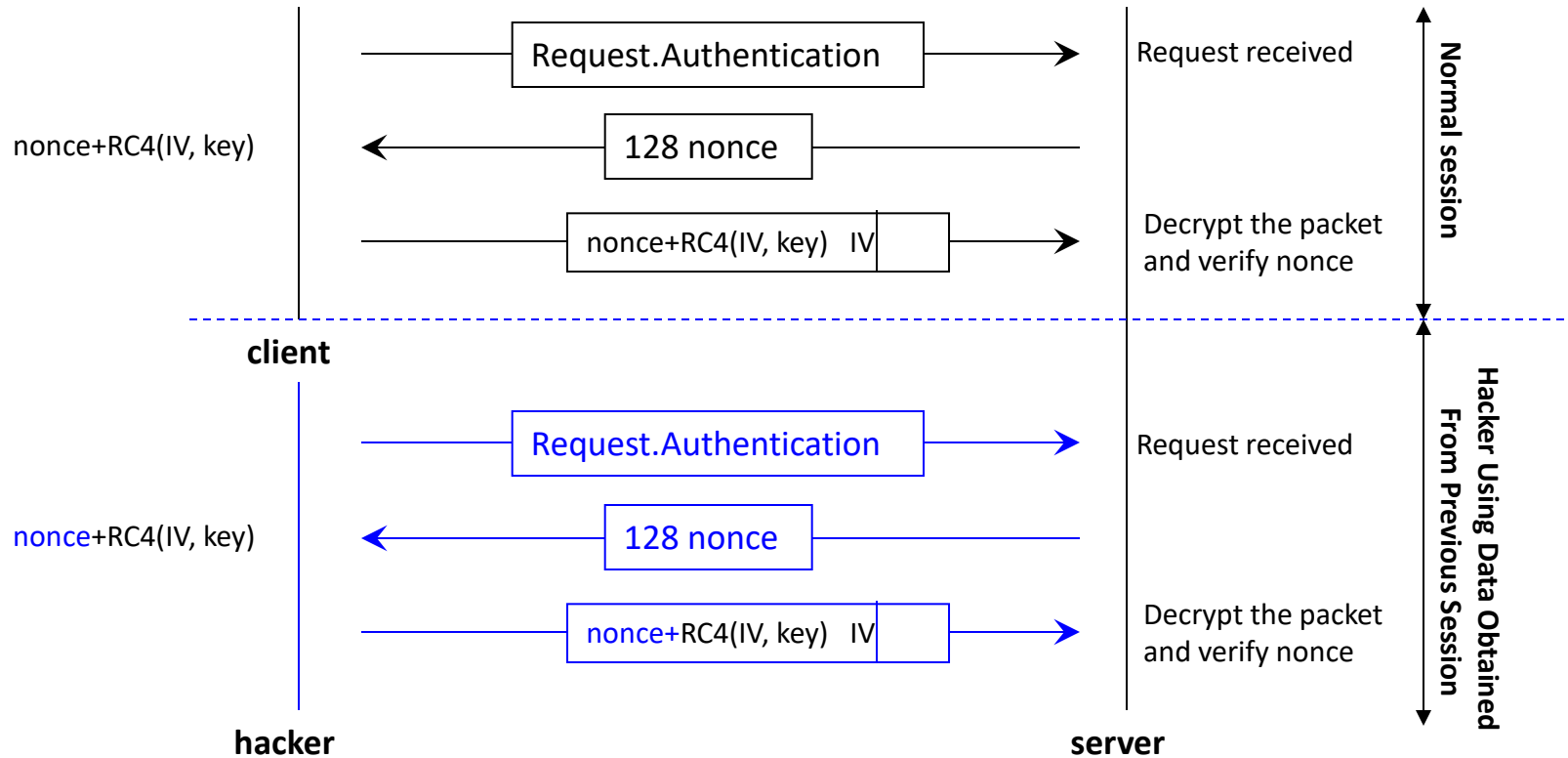


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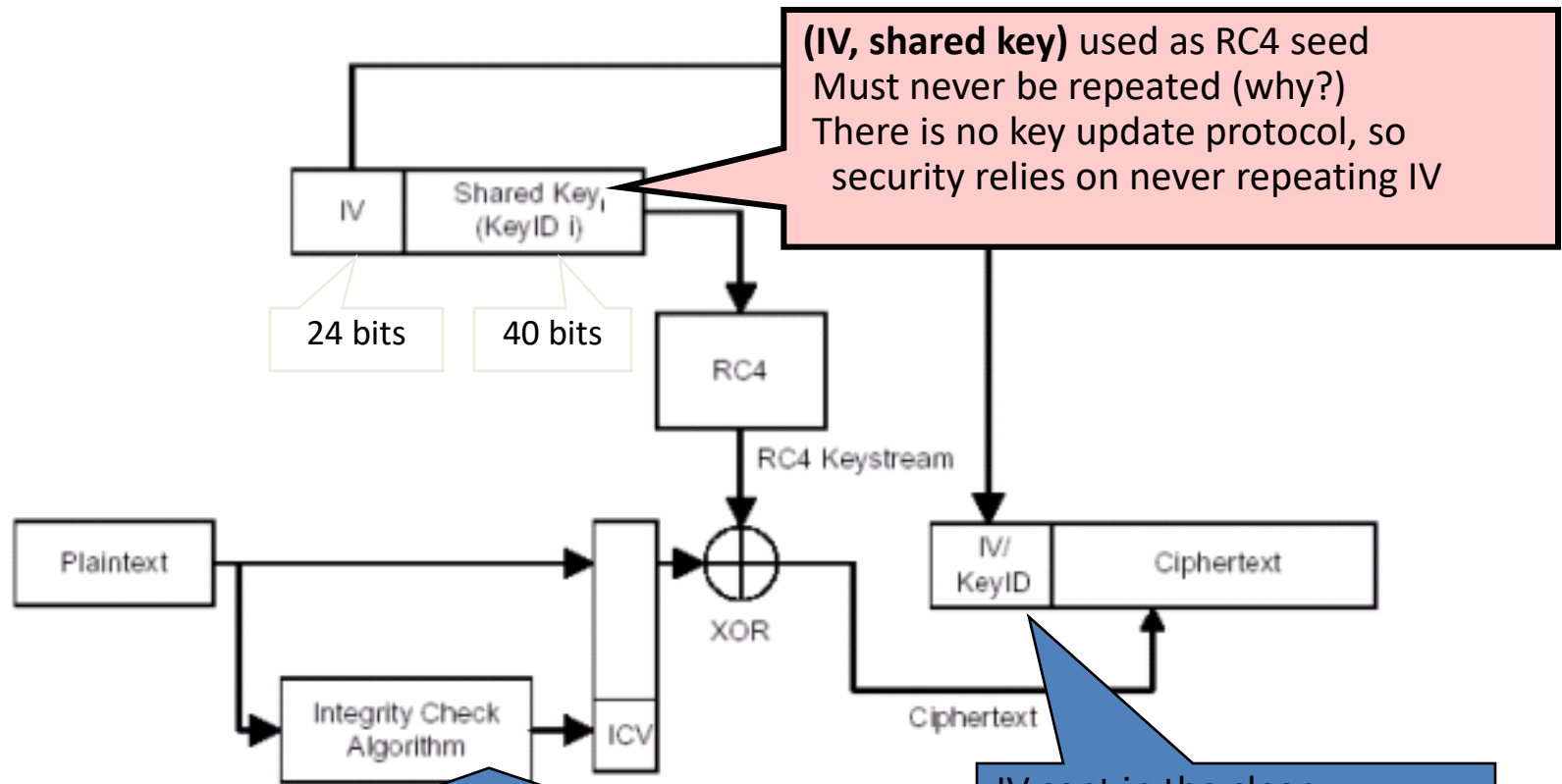


# Attack on Access Control



- It is possible to get authenticated without knowing the secret key! (shown in blue)
- We only need a plaintext, ciphertext pair of a legitimate authentication. (shown in black)

# How WEP "Privacy" Works

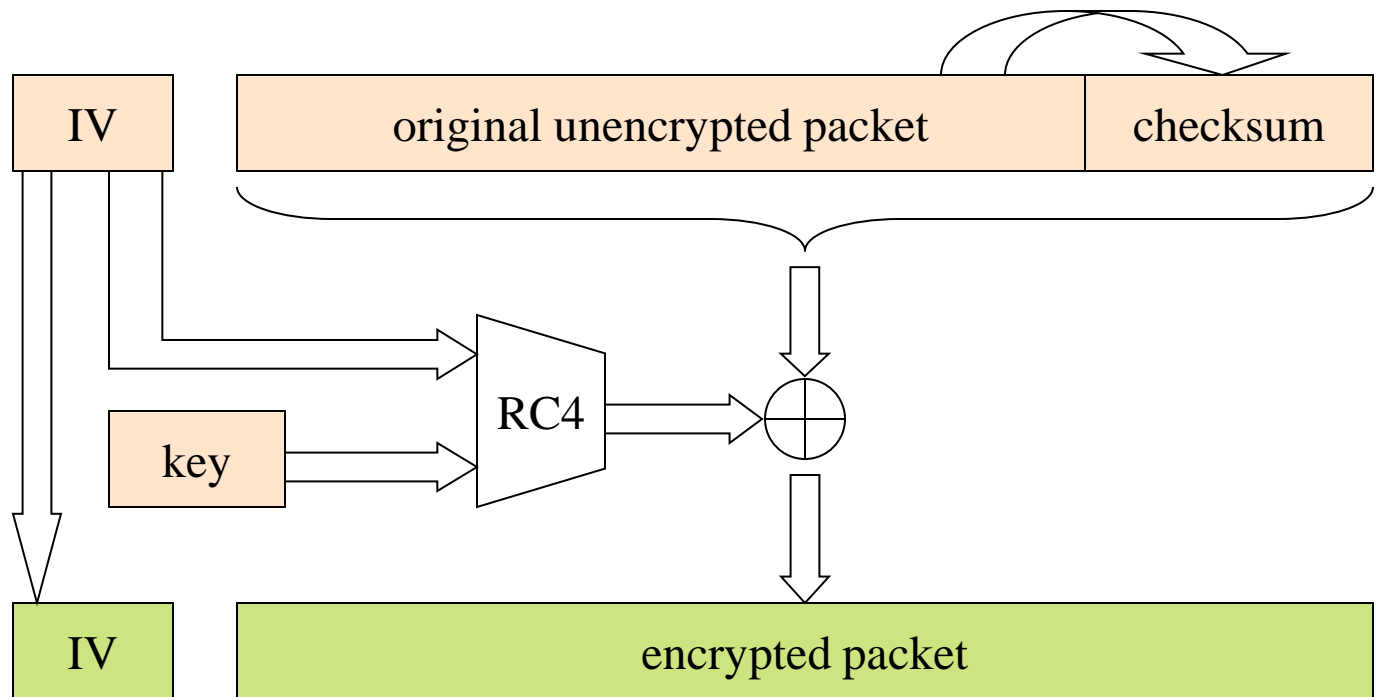


CRC-32 checksum is linear in  $\oplus$ :  
if attacker flips some plaintext bits, he knows which bits of CRC to flip to produce the same checksum

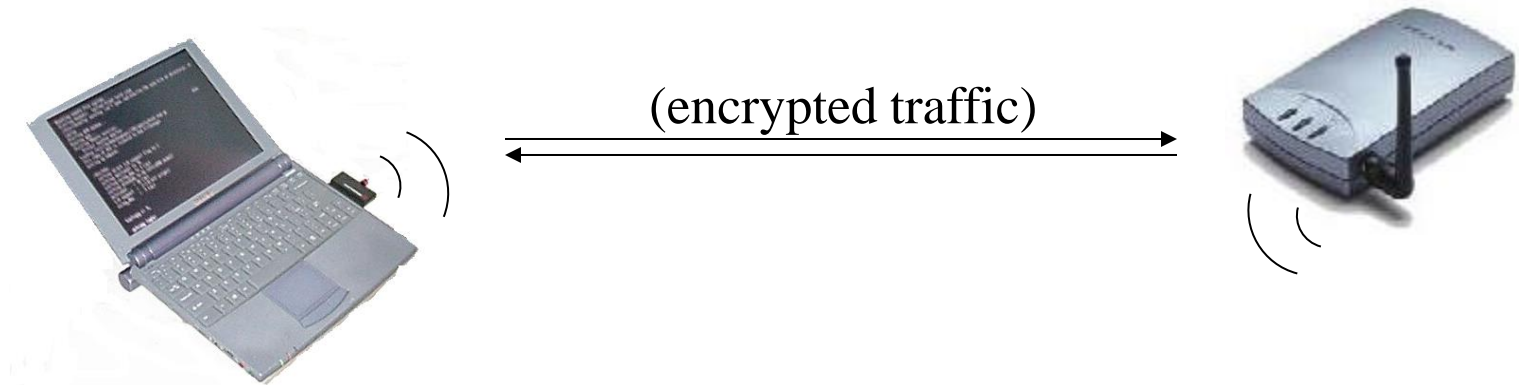
IV sent in the clear  
Worse: changing IV with each packet is optional!

no integrity!

# WEP



# WEP



- Share a single cryptographic key among all devices
- Encrypt all packets sent over the air, using the shared key
- Use a checksum to prevent injection of spoofed packets

# WEP - A Little More Detail



IV,  $P \oplus RC4(K, IV)$



- WEP uses the RC4 stream cipher to encrypt a TCP/IP packet ( $P$ ) by xor-ing it with keystream ( $RC4(K, IV)$ )

# A Property of RC4

- Keystream leaks, under known-plaintext attack
  - Suppose we intercept a ciphertext  $C$ , and suppose we can guess the corresponding plaintext  $P$
  - Let  $Z = \text{RC4}(K, IV)$  be the RC4 keystream
  - Since  $C = P \oplus Z$ , we can derive the RC4 keystream  $Z$  by  $P \oplus C = P \oplus (P \oplus Z) = Z$
- This is not a problem ... unless keystream is reused!

# A Risk of Keystream Reuse



IV,  $P \oplus \text{RC4}(K, \text{IV})$



IV,  $P' \oplus \text{RC4}(K, \text{IV})$



- If IV's repeat, confidentiality is at risk
  - If we send two ciphertexts ( $C, C'$ ) using the same IV, then the xor of plaintexts leaks ( $P \oplus P' = C \oplus C'$ ), which might reveal both plaintexts
- Lesson: If RC4 isn't used carefully, it becomes insecure



# A note on IVs

- What if random IVs were used?
- IV space –  $2^{24}$  possibilities
- Collision after 4000 packets
- Rough estimate: a busy AP sends 1000 packets/sec
- Collision every 4s!
- Even with counting IV (best case), rollover every few hours

So..

- If we have  $2^{24}$  known plaintexts, can decrypt every packet!!!!

# Attack #1: Keystream Reuse

- **WEP didn't use RC4 carefully**
- The problem: IV's frequently repeat
  - The IV is often a counter that starts at zero
  - Hence, rebooting causes IV reuse
  - Also, there are only 16 million possible IV's, so after intercepting enough packets, there are sure to be repeats
- Attackers can eavesdrop on 802.11 traffic
  - An eavesdropper can decrypt intercepted ciphertexts even without knowing the key

# Attack #2: Spoofed Packets

- Attackers can inject forged 802.11 traffic
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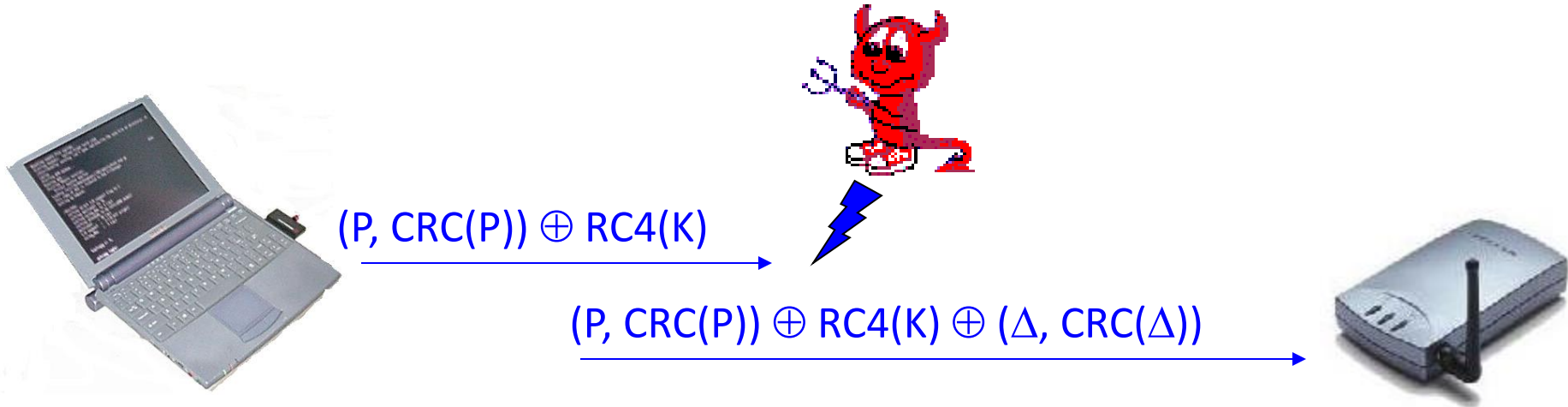


$IV, (P, CRC(P)) \oplus Z$



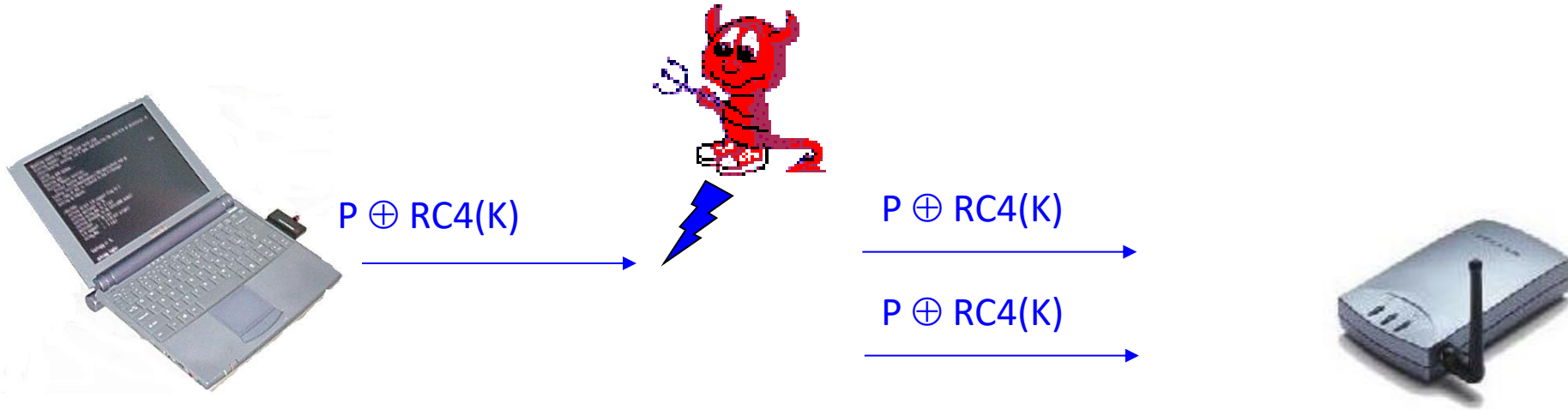
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- Attackers can bypass 802.11b access control
  - All computers attached to wireless net are exposed

# Attack #3: Packet Modification



- CRC is linear
  - ⇒  $\text{CRC}(P \oplus \Delta) = \text{CRC}(P) \oplus \text{CRC}(\Delta)$
  - ⇒ the modified packet  $(P \oplus \Delta)$  has a valid checksum
- Attacker can tamper with packet  $(P)$  without breaking RC4

# Attack #4: Replay Attacks



- Attacker can replay plaintext ( $P$ ) without breaking RC4
- Stateless!!

# Attacks

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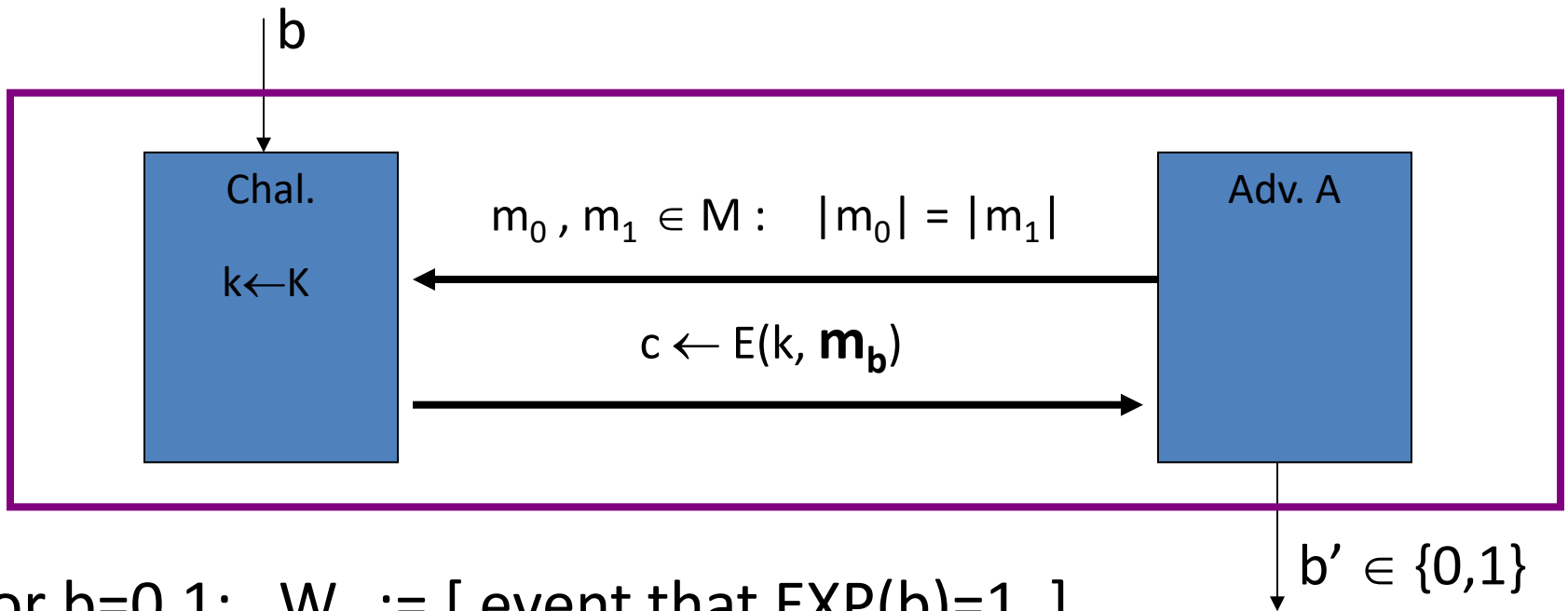
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$$\{ E(k, m_0) \} \approx_p \{ E(k, m_1) \} \quad \text{where } k \leftarrow K$$

... but also need adversary to exhibit  $m_0, m_1 \in M$  explicitly

# Semantic Security/ IND-CPA

For  $b=0,1$  define experiments  $\text{EXP}(0)$  and  $\text{EXP}(1)$  as:



for  $b=0,1$ :  $W_b := [ \text{event that } \text{EXP}(b)=1 ]$

$$\text{Adv}_{\text{SS}}[A,E] := | \Pr[ W_0 ] - \Pr[ W_1 ] | \in [0,1]$$

# Semantic Security (one-time key)

Def:  $\mathbb{E}$  is **semantically secure** if for all efficient  $A$

$\text{Adv}_{SS}[A, \mathbb{E}]$  is negligible.

- Indistinguishability under chosen-plaintext attack (IND-CPA)

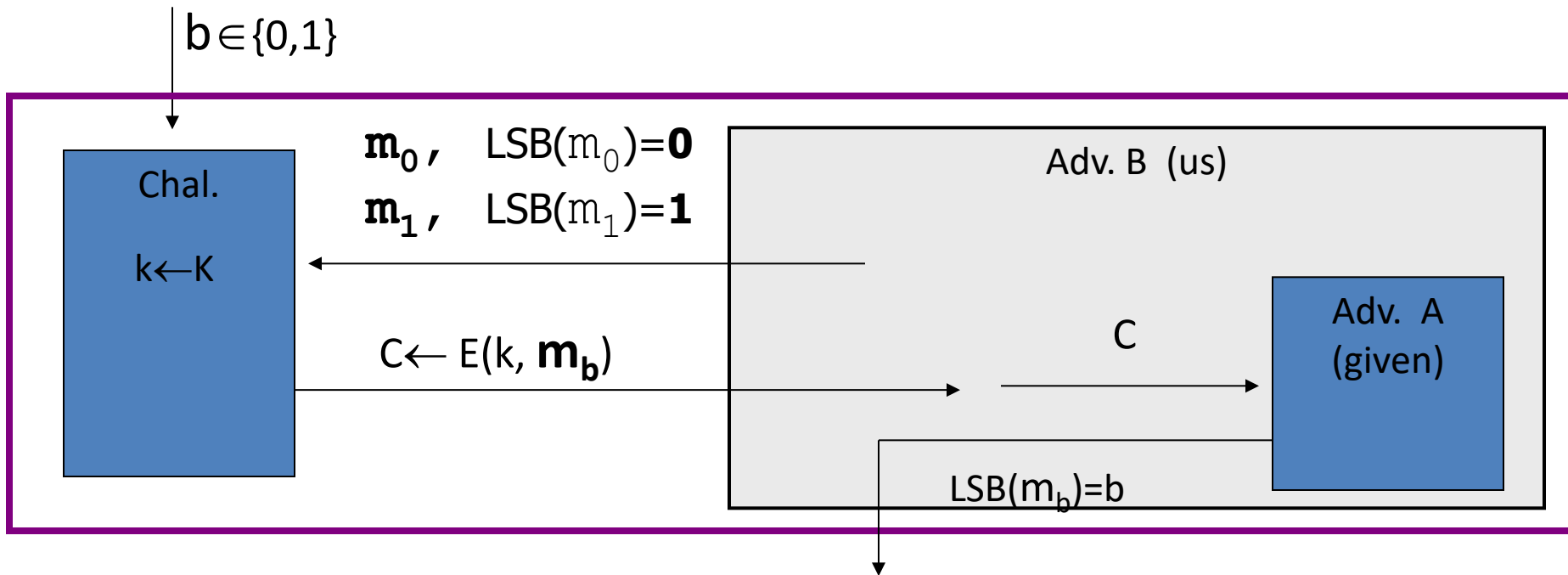
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Suppose efficient A can always deduce LSB of PT from CT.

⇒  $\mathbb{E} = (E,D)$  is not semantically secure.



$$\text{Then } \text{Adv}_{ss}[B, \mathbb{E}] = \left| \Pr[\mathbf{EXP}(0)=1] - \Pr[\mathbf{EXP}(1)=1] \right| = |0 - 1| = 1$$

# Example 1

- When algorithm A works with probability  $p$  (not certain) then the attack is the same, only the advantage changes.
- Example,  $p = 0.8$

$$\text{Then } \text{Adv}_{SS}[B, \mathbb{E}] = |0,8 - 0,2| = |0,6| = 0,6$$

# Example 2

- Έστω ότι ο  $(E,D)$  είναι ένας semantically secure cipher όπου ο χώρος του μηνύματος και του ciphertext είναι  $\{0,1\}^n$ . Είναι το ακόλουθο σχήμα κρυπτογράφησης είναι semantically secure?

$$E'(k,m) = E(k,m) \parallel (\text{LSB}(m) \oplus \text{MSB}(m))$$

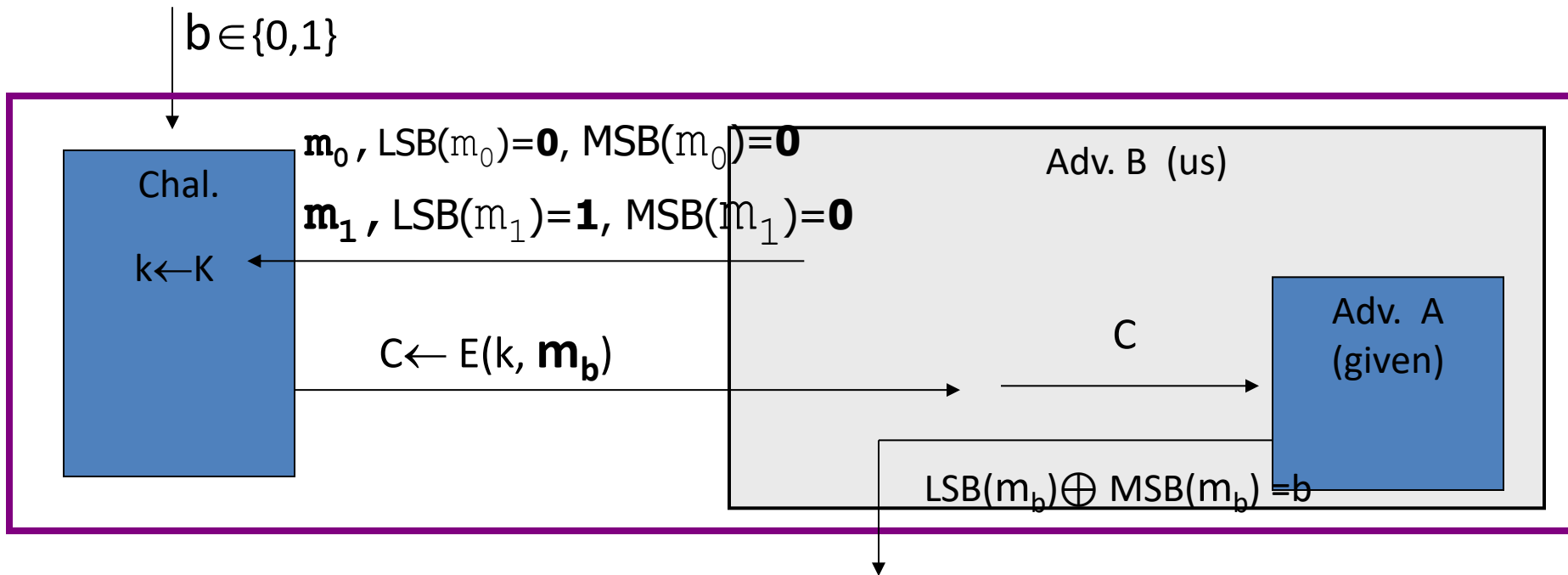
Proof (sketch):

1. Use the definition to evaluate the scheme
  2. We are looking for two messages such that  $\text{LSB}(m) \oplus \text{MSB}(m)$  gives different output
  3. Two such messages, for any  $m$ , are
    - $m_0 = (0 \parallel m \parallel 0)$
    - $m_1 = (1 \parallel m \parallel 0)$(there are also other choices of course.)
- The advantage is 1.

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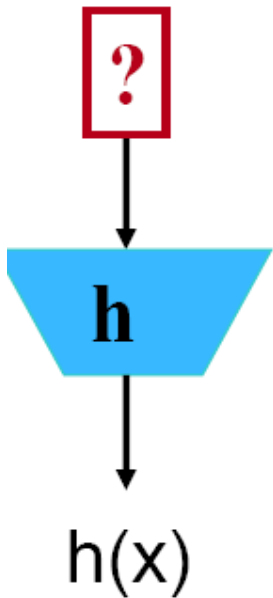
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# **HASH FUNCTIONS**



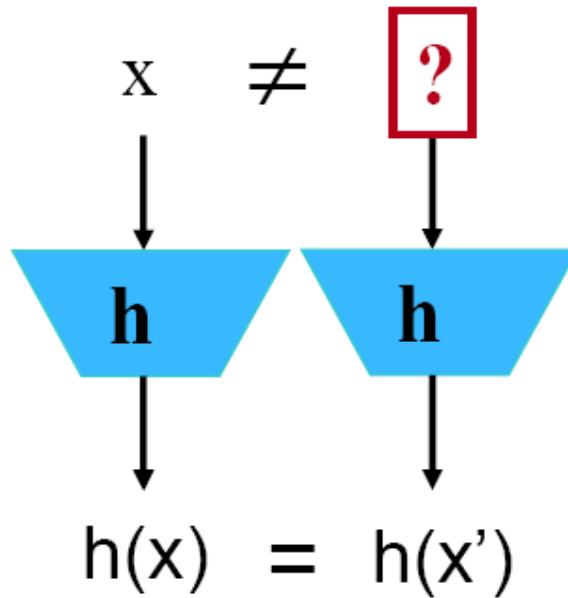
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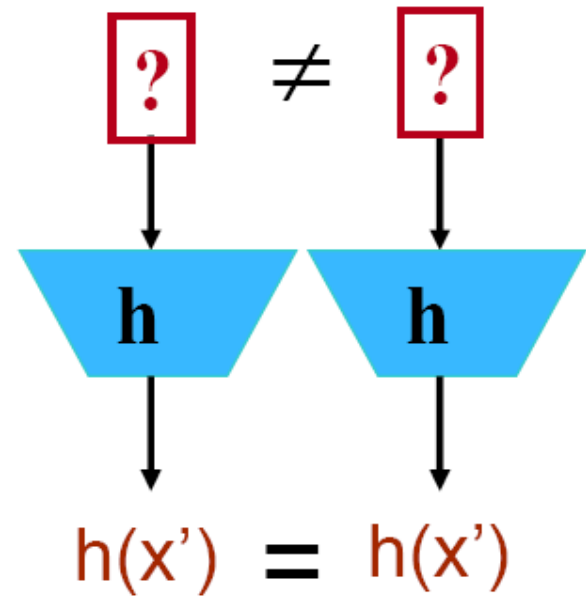
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2<sup>nd</sup> preimage



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collision



$2^{n/2}$

# Exercise 1

Let  $H:\{0,1\}^* \rightarrow T$  be a collision resistant hash function. Is the following hash function collision resistant?

$$H'(m) = H(m) \oplus H(m \oplus 1^{|m|})$$

Where  $|m|$  is length of  $m$  and  $1^x$  is a string of  $x$  1's.

For instance, let  $m=10101$ . Then,  $|m|=5$  and  $1^{|m|}=1^5=11111$

Proof

As a general rule of thumb, when you a hash function is not secure, you need to provide the attack. Otherwise, you must craft a proof.

Clearly, it is easy to show that any two message  $m, m'$  such that  $m' = m \oplus 1^{|m|}$ , they have that same hash value:

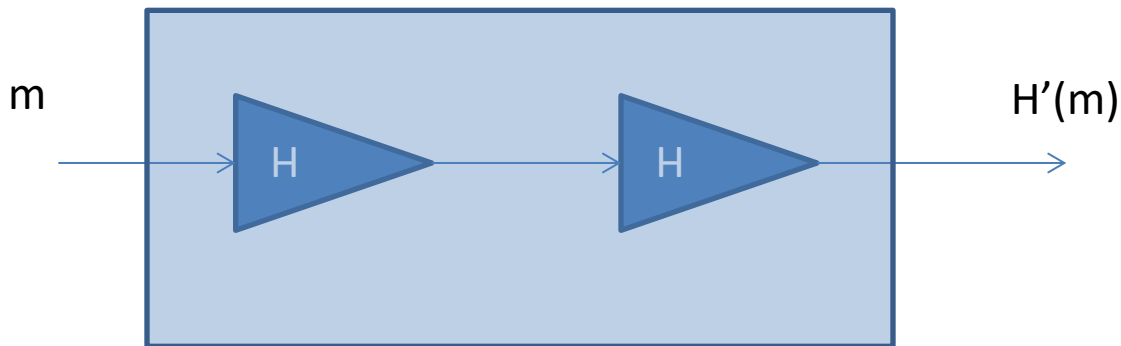
$$\begin{aligned} H'(m') &= H(m') \oplus H(m' \oplus 1^{|m'|}) = H(m \oplus 1^{|m|}) \oplus H(m \oplus 1^{|m|} \oplus 1^{|m|}) = \\ &= H(m \oplus 1^{|m|}) \oplus H(m) = H'(m) \end{aligned}$$

Thus, it is not collision resistant.

# Exercise 2

1. Let  $H: \{0,1\}^* \rightarrow \{0,1\}^n$  be a collision resistant hash function. Is the following hash function collision resistant?

$$H'(m) = H(H(m))$$



## Proof (sketch)

- Let  $H'(m)=H(H(m))$  and let's assume that  $H'(m)$  is not collision resistant. Thus, there is a polynomial algorithm  $A$  that can compute a pair of messages  $m_1$  and  $m_2$ , more efficiently than  $O(2^{n/2})$ , such that:

$$H'(m_1)=H'(m_2)$$

Thus, it holds  $H(H(m_1))=H(H(m_2))$ . We distinguish two cases:

1.  $H(m_1)=H(m_2)$ . Then, the algorithm  $A$  can compute collisions for  $H(m)$ , more efficiently than  $O(2^{n/2})$ . This is a contradiction.
2.  $H(m_1)\neq H(m_2)$ . Then, the messages  $y_1=H(m_1)$  and  $y_2=H(m_2)$

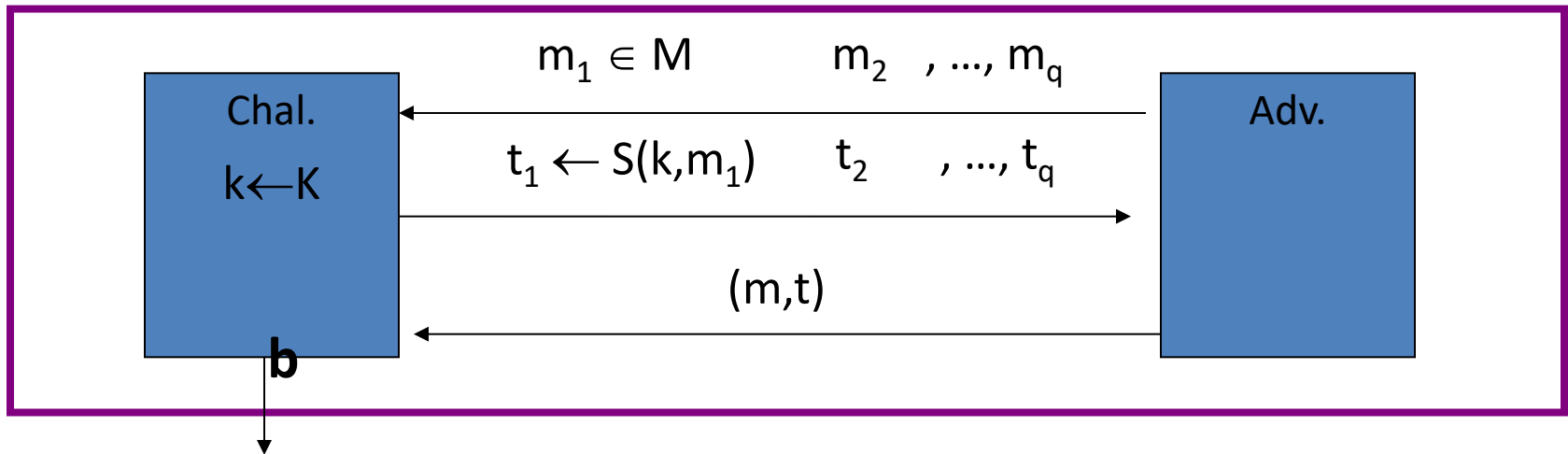
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# MAC SECURITY

# Strong Unforgeability under Chosen Message Attack (SUF-CMA)

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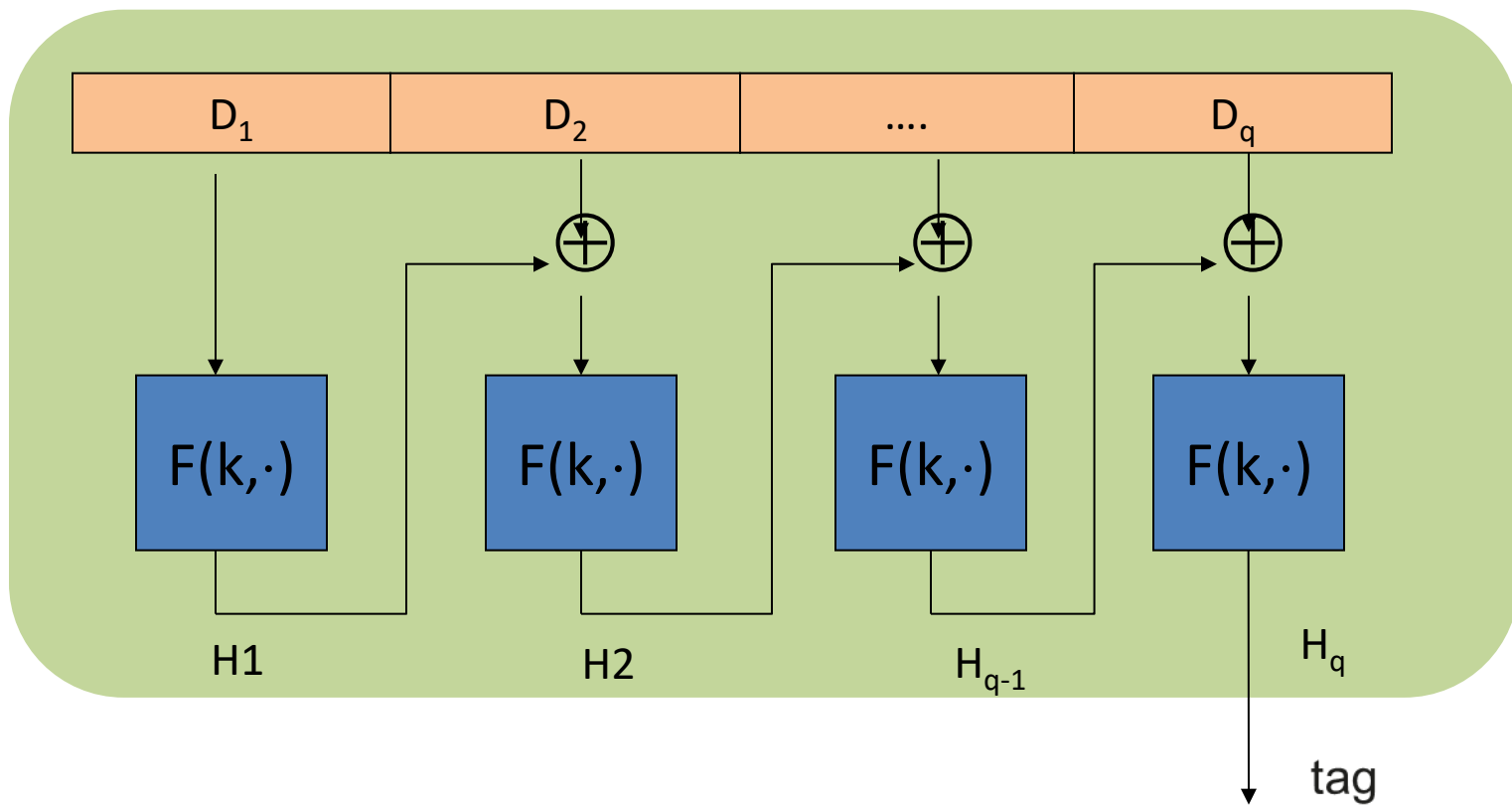


$$\begin{cases}
 \mathbf{b}=1 & \text{if } V(k,m,t) = \text{'yes'} \text{ and } (m,t) \notin \{(m_1,t_1), \dots, (m_q,t_q)\} \\
 \mathbf{b}=0 & \text{otherwise}
 \end{cases}$$

Def:  $I=(S,V)$  is a secure MAC if for all “efficient”  $A$ :

$$\text{Adv}_{\text{MAC}}[A,I] = \Pr[\text{Chal. outputs } 1] \text{ is “negligible.”}$$

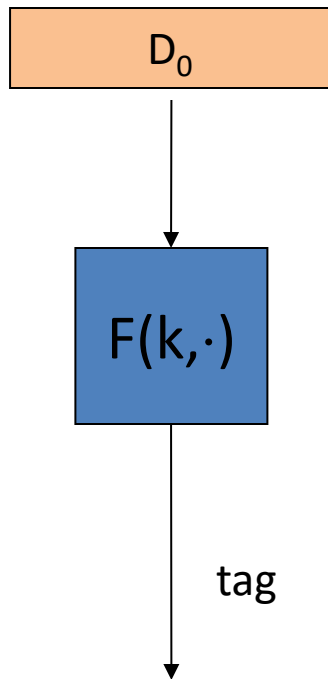
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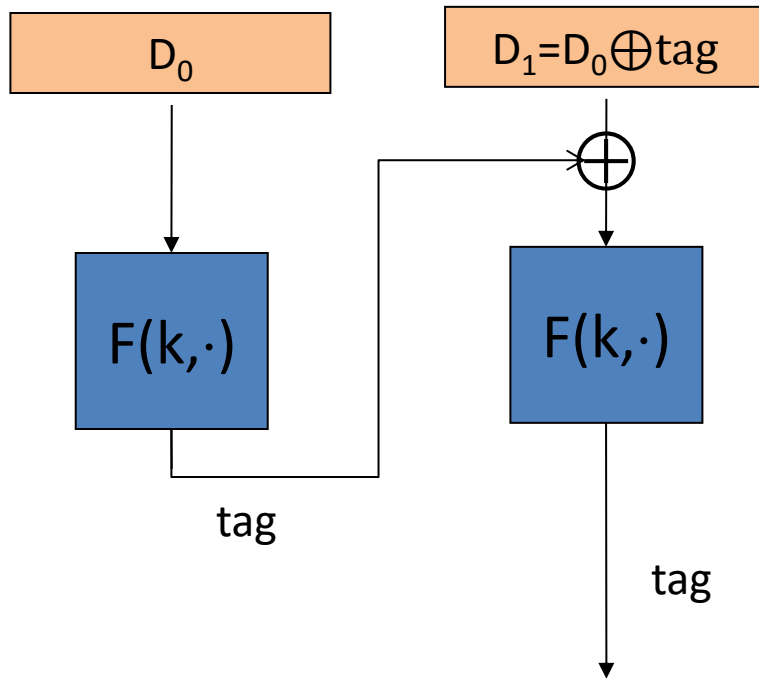
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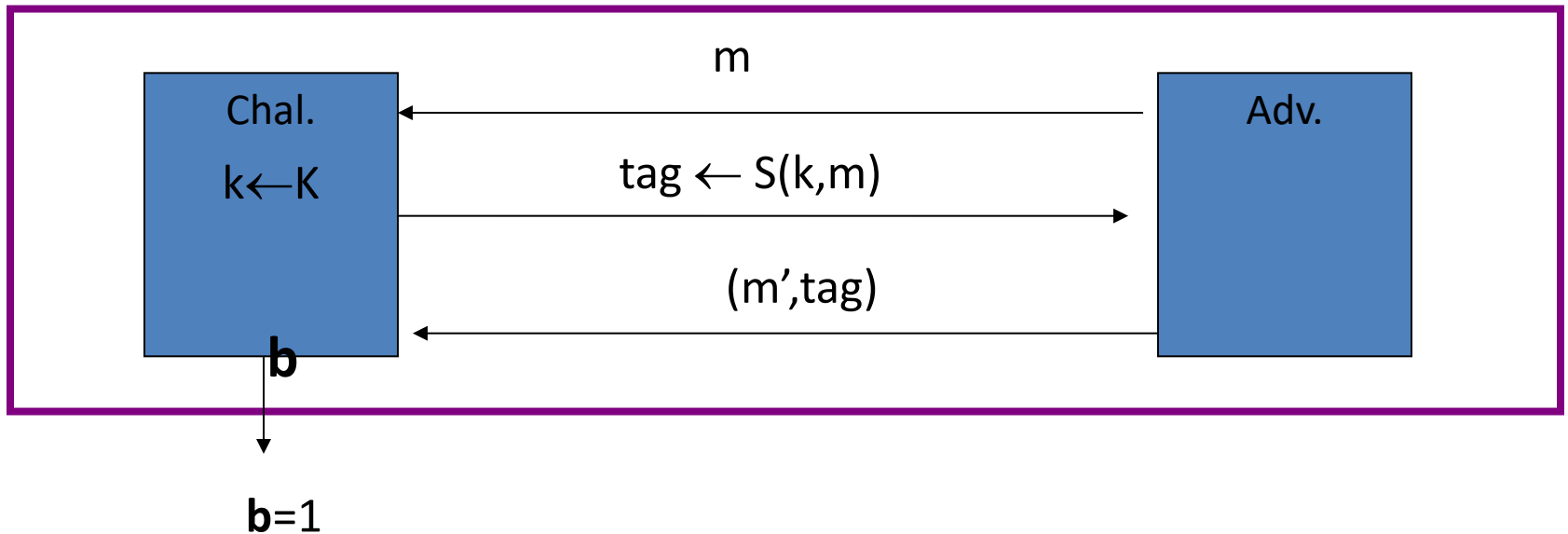
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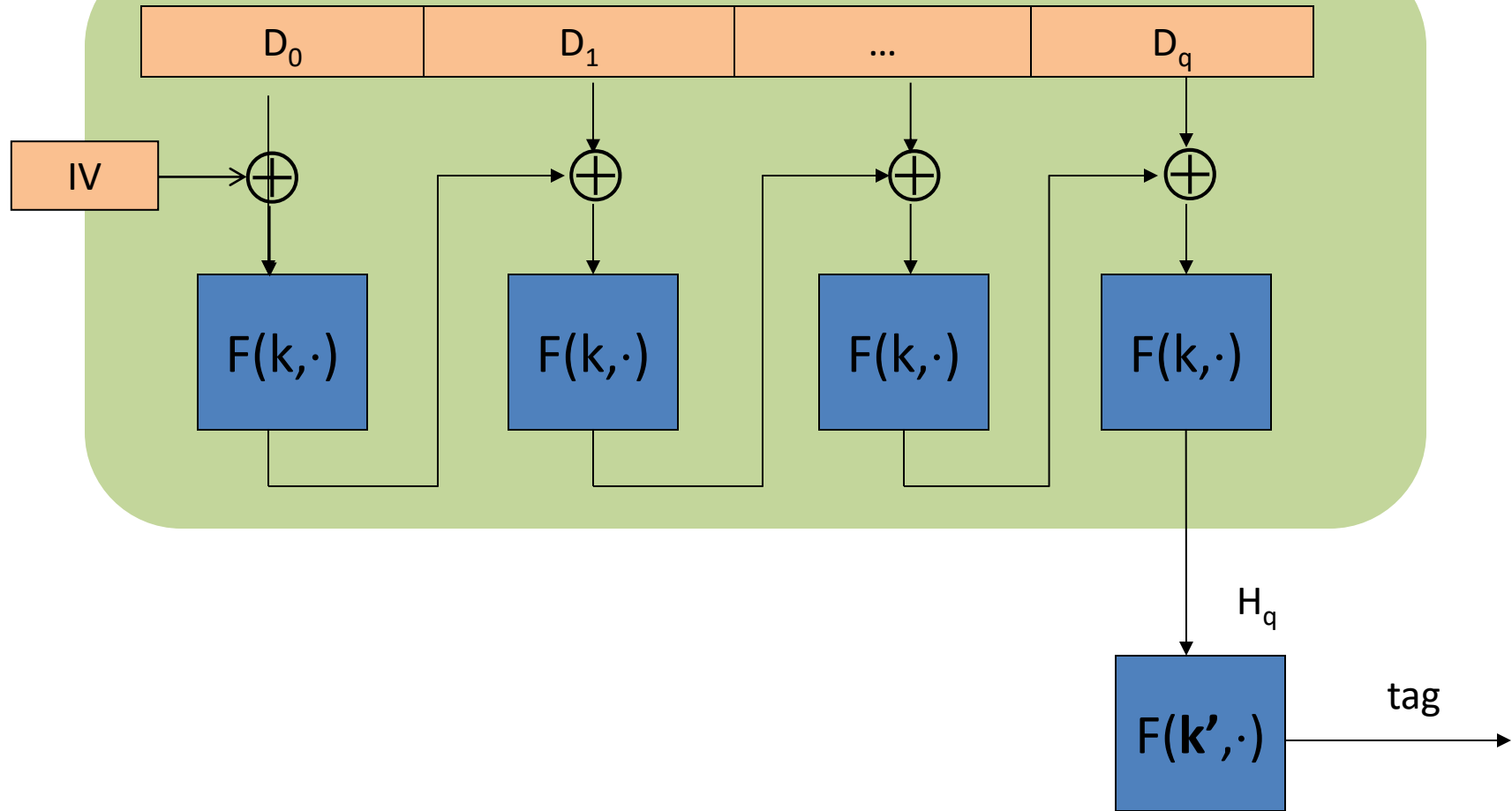
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# Άσκηση

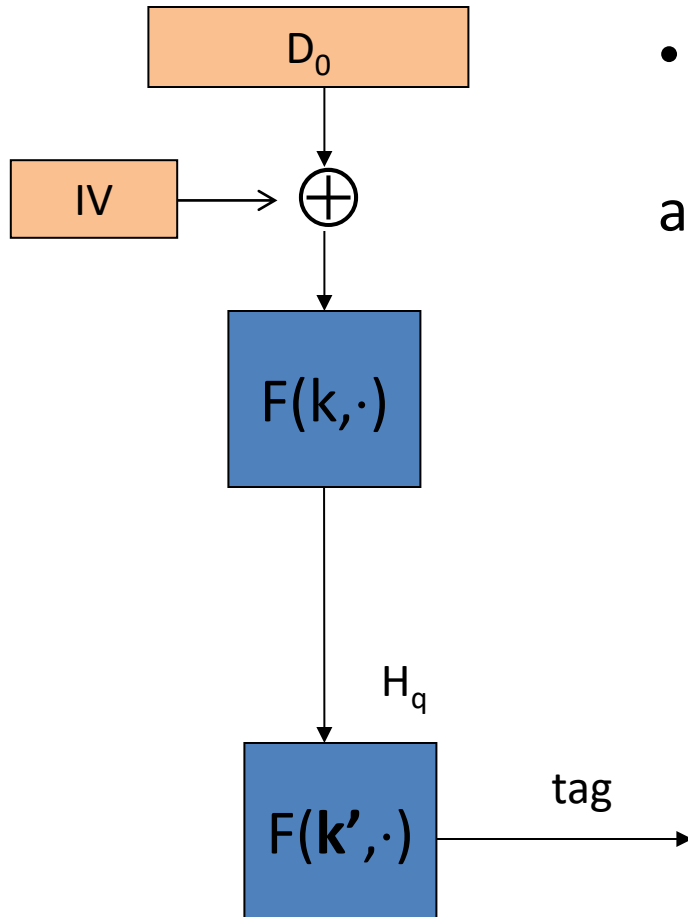
- Έστω ότι το ECBC-MAC επιλέγει ένα τυχαίο  $IV$  για κάθε μήνυμα που προστατεύεται και περιλαμβάνει το  $IV$  στο tag. Δηλαδή,  $S(k,m):=(r, ECBC_r(k,m))$  όπου το  $ECBC_r(k,m)$  αναφέρεται στο ECBC χρησιμοποιώντας το  $r$  ως  $IV$ . Ο αλγόριθμος επιβεβαίωσης  $V$  με το κλειδί  $k$ , το μήνυμα  $m$ , και το tag  $(r,t)$  επιστρέφει ``1'', όταν  $t=ECBC_r(k,m)$  και ``0'', διαφορετικά. Ο αλγόριθμος MAC δεν είναι ασφαλής. Γιατί;

# Modified encrypted CBC-MAC (EMAC)

raw CBC

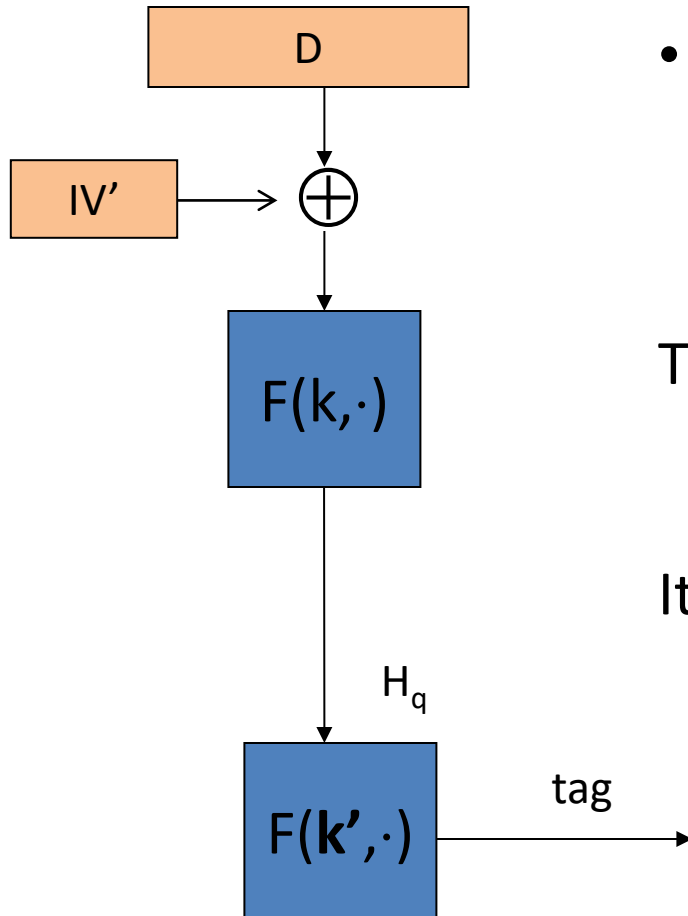


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- Let  $m_1 = D_0$ . Then,  
tag = (IV, ECBC<sub>IV</sub>(k, m<sub>1</sub>))  
and  $IV \oplus D_0$  is the input of F()

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- It is easy to verify that for any message (for any  $D$ )

- $m_2 = D$ , and

- $IV' = IV \oplus D \oplus D_0$

The input of  $F()$  is again

$$IV' \oplus m_2 = IV \oplus D \oplus D_0 \oplus D = IV \oplus D_0$$

It holds that

$$\text{tag} = (IV', \text{ECBC}_{IV'}(k, m_2)),$$

# ECBC-MAC and HMAC analysis

Theorem: For any  $L > 0$ ,

For every eff.  $q$ -query PRF adv.  $A$  attacking  $F_{\text{ECBC}}$  or  $F_{\text{NMAC}}$  there exists an eff. adversary  $B$  s.t.:

$$\text{Adv}_{\text{PRF}}[A, F_{\text{ECBC}}] \leq \text{Adv}_{\text{PRP}}[B, F] + 2q^2 / |X|$$

$$\text{Adv}_{\text{PRF}}[A, F_{\text{HMAC}}] \leq q \cdot L \cdot \text{Adv}_{\text{PRF}}[B, F] + q^2 / 2|K|$$

CBC-MAC is secure as long as  $q \ll |X|^{1/2}$

HMAC is secure as long as  $q \ll |K|^{1/2}$  ( $2^{64}$  for AES-128)

# An example

$$\text{Adv}_{\text{PRF}}[A, F_{\text{ECBC}}] \leq \text{Adv}_{\text{PRP}}[B, F] + 2q^2 / |X|$$

$q = \#$  messages MAC-ed with  $k$

Suppose we want  $\text{Adv}_{\text{PRF}}[A, F_{\text{ECBC}}] \leq 1/2^{32} \iff q^2 / |X| < 1/2^{32}$

- AES:  $|X| = 2^{128} \implies q < 2^{48}$

So, after  $2^{48}$  messages must, must change key

- 3DES:  $|X| = 2^{64} \implies q < 2^{16}$

Questions?





# IND-CPA

Oracle  $\mathcal{E}_K(\text{LR}(M_0, M_1, b))$  //  $b \in \{0, 1\}$  and  $M_0, M_1 \in \{0, 1\}^*$   
if  $|M_0| \neq |M_1|$  then return  $\perp$   
 $C \stackrel{s}{\leftarrow} \mathcal{E}_K(M_b)$   
return  $C$

- We define a world

World 0: The oracle provided to the adversary is  $\mathcal{E}_K(\text{LR}(\cdot, \cdot, 0))$ . So, whenever the adversary makes a query  $(M_0, M_1)$  with  $|M_0| = |M_1|$ , the oracle computes  $C \stackrel{s}{\leftarrow} \mathcal{E}_K(M_0)$ , and returns  $C$  as the answer.

World 1: The oracle provided to the adversary is  $\mathcal{E}_K(\text{LR}(\cdot, \cdot, 1))$ . So, whenever the adversary makes a query  $(M_0, M_1)$  with  $|M_0| = |M_1|$  to its oracle, the oracle computes  $C \stackrel{s}{\leftarrow} \mathcal{E}_K(M_1)$ , and returns  $C$  as the answer.

- The problem for the adversary is, after talking to its oracle for some time, to tell which of the two oracles it was given.

# Security definition

- Let  $SE = (K, E, D)$  be a symmetric encryption scheme, and let  $A$  be an algorithm that has

acc	Experiment $\text{Exp}_{SE}^{\text{ind-cpa-1}}(A)$	Experiment $\text{Exp}_{SE}^{\text{ind-cpa-0}}(A)$	ring
exp	$K \xleftarrow{\$} \mathcal{K}$ $d \xleftarrow{\$} A^{\mathcal{E}_K(\text{LR}(\cdot, \cdot, 1))}$ Return $d$	$K \xleftarrow{\$} \mathcal{K}$ $d \xleftarrow{\$} A^{\mathcal{E}_K(\text{LR}(\cdot, \cdot, 0))}$ Return $d$	

$$\text{Adv}_{SE}^{\text{ind-cpa}}(A) = \Pr \left[ \text{Exp}_{SE}^{\text{ind-cpa-1}}(A) = 1 \right] - \Pr \left[ \text{Exp}_{SE}^{\text{ind-cpa-0}}(A) = 1 \right].$$

The *IND-CPA advantage* of  $A$  is defined as

# Security definition

- IND-CPA is a very strong notion of security and covers all our security goals
- Easy to check...
  - Recover the secret key
  - Distinguish the ciphertext from a random message
  - Create a valid plaintext-ciphertext pair
  - Recover the plaintext from the ciphertext

# ECB mode is NOT IND-CPA

algorithm  $\mathcal{E}_K(M)$

if  $(|M| \bmod n \neq 0 \text{ or } |M| = 0)$  then return  $\perp$   
Break  $M$  into  $n$ -bit blocks  $M[1] \cdots M[m]$   
for  $i \leftarrow 1$  to  $m$  do  
     $C[i] \leftarrow E_K(M[i])$   
 $C \leftarrow C[1] \cdots C[m]$   
return  $C$

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algorithm  $\mathcal{D}_K(C)$

if  $(|C| \bmod n \neq 0 \text{ or } |C| = 0)$  then return  $\perp$   
Break  $C$  into  $n$ -bit blocks  $C[1] \cdots C[m]$   
for  $i \leftarrow 1$  to  $m$  do  
     $M[i] \leftarrow E_K^{-1}(C[i])$   
 $M \leftarrow M[1] \cdots M[m]$   
return  $M$

# Attack ECB mode

- Adversary  $A^{\mathcal{E}_K(\text{LR}(\cdot, \cdot, b))}$  adversary A.  
 $M_1 \leftarrow 0^{2n}$  ;  $M_0 \leftarrow 0^n \| 1^n$   
 $C[1]C[2] \leftarrow \mathcal{E}_K(\text{LR}(M_0, M_1, b))$   
 If  $C[1] = C[2]$  then return 1 else return 0

- We claim  
 $\Pr \left[ \text{Exp}_{\mathcal{SE}}^{\text{ind-cpa-1}}(A) = 1 \right] = 1$  and  
 $\Pr \left[ \text{Exp}_{\mathcal{SE}}^{\text{ind-cpa-0}}(A) = 1 \right] = 0$ .

# Why?

- In world 1,
  - $b = 1$ ,
  - the oracle returns  $C[1]C[2] = E_K(0^n) || E_K(0^n)$ ,
  - so  $C[1] = C[2]$  and  $A$  returns 1.
- In world 0,
  - $b = 0$ ,
  - the oracle returns  $C[1]C[2] = E_K(0^n) || E_K(1^n)$ .
  - Since  $E_K$  is a permutation,  $C[1], C[2]$  are different. So  $A$  returns 0 in this case
- Thus,  $\text{Adv}_{\mathcal{SE}}^{\text{ind-cpa}}(A) = 1 - 0 = 1$

# That is...

- ECB is an insecure encryption scheme *even if the underlying block cipher  $E$  is highly secure!!!*
- The weakness is not in the tool being used (here the block cipher) but in the manner we are using it.!!!
- It is the ECB mechanism that is at fault!!!
- Maybe it is a more generic problem...

# Any deterministic, stateless schemes is insecure

- Let  $SE = (K, E, D)$  be a deterministic, stateless symmetric encryption scheme. Assume there is an integer  $m$  such that the plaintext space of the scheme  $\text{Adv}_{SE}^{\text{ind-cpa}}(A) = 1$  for all strings of length  $m$ . Then there is an adversary  $A$  such that:

Adversary  $A$  runs in time  $O(m)$  and asks just two queries, each of length  $m$ .



# Proof

- We must describe the adversary  $A$
- $A$  is given an  $lr$ -encryption oracle  $f = E_K(LR(, , b))$
- The goal of  $A$  is to determine the value of  $b$  (the

Adversary  $A^f$

Let  $X, Y$  be distinct,  $m$ -bit strings in the plaintext space

$C_1 \leftarrow \mathcal{E}_K(LR(X, Y, b))$

$C_2 \leftarrow \mathcal{E}_K(LR(Y, Y, b))$

If  $C_1 = C_2$  then return 1 else return 0

- *It is easy to show that*  $\Pr \left[ \text{Exp}_{\mathcal{SE}}^{\text{ind-cpa-1}}(A) = 1 \right] = 1$  and

$$\Pr \left[ \text{Exp}_{\mathcal{SE}}^{\text{ind-cpa-0}}(A) = 1 \right] = 0.$$

- *That it*

$$\text{Adv}_{\mathcal{SE}}^{\text{ind-cpa}}(A) = 1 - 0 = 1$$