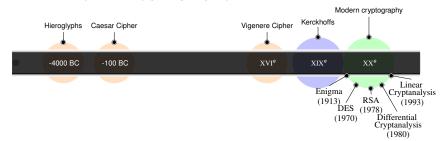
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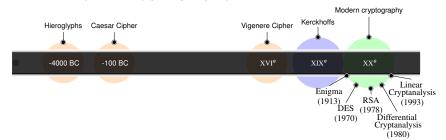
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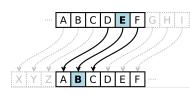
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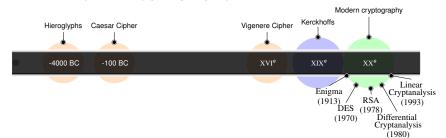


## Caesar Cipher





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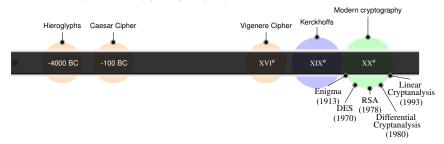


# (Blaise de) Vigenère Cipher





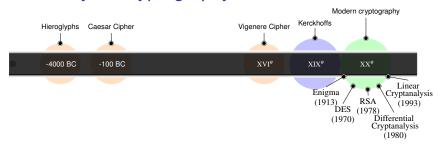
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## (Auguste) Kerckhoffs principle

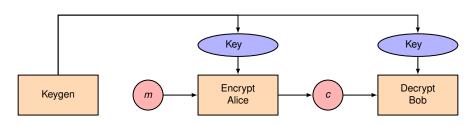


The design of a system should not require secrecy, and compromise of the system should not inconvenience the correspondents.



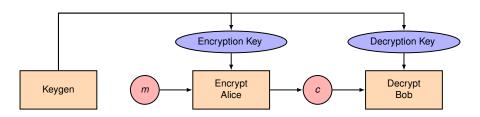
## Modern cryptography

- Major improvements in terms of mathematical background.
- Industrialization of calculators security based on computational complexity.
- ▶ Highly standardized (mostly by Americans): NIST, IETF, ISO.

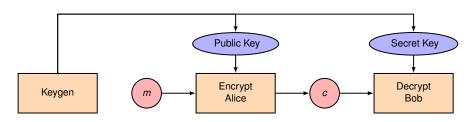


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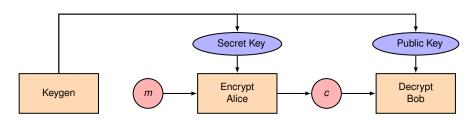


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### Perfect secrecy definition

Perfect Secrecy (or information-theoretic secure) means that the ciphertext conveys no information about the content of the plaintext.

### One Time Pad (Vernam, 1917)

### Highly secure

Uniform output + for a given ciphertext, any plaintext is possible.

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#### **But limited**

- ▶ Shannon:  $|K| \ge |M| \implies$  unpracticable (+ key must not be used twice)
- Maleable: Any partial knowledge on the plaintext leads to devastating attack.

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#### Remark

OTP can be viewed as a Vigenère cipher with 1-bit symbols with key as long as the message.

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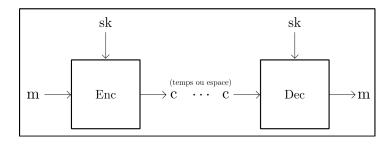
In one specific case, OTP may be practical:

- We generate offline an incredible amount of random bits.
- We physically store these bits into at least 2 mass storages.
- We distribute to some recipients a mass storage.
- ► Afterword, OTP communication can be started using random bits previously generated.



# Practical symmetric encryption

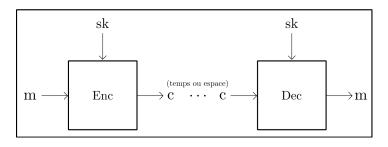
# Symmetric encryption - beyond OTP



#### Limitations of OTP

- Key length equals to message length;
- maleable;
- Cannot use key twice.

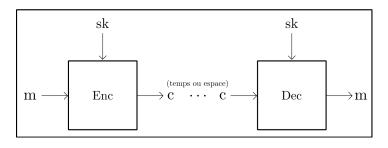
# Symmetric encryption - beyond OTP



## Desirable property and consequences

- We would like to use a bounded key for large messages;
- At some point, we must reduce security on perfect secrecy to allow such property;
- Now, we consider that attacker may break cryptosystem, but we want that such attack demands unpractical power.

# Symmetric encryption - Block cipher

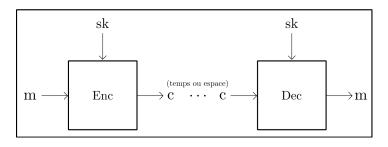


## Definition of a block cipher

- Message is split into blocks of size n;
- Key is selected as random string of size k;
- ► Each block of message is encrypted with the key and produces ciphertext of size *n*;
- decryption is the invert operation of encryption, using the same key and the same blocksize.



# Symmetric encryption - Block cipher

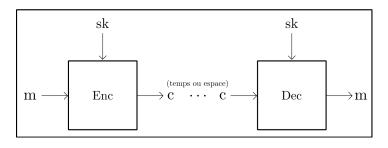


## Construction of a block cipher

- Assumption: Block ciphers are secured if they can be modeled as pseudo-random permutations (PRPs).
- ► Formally: an *n*-bit blockcipher under a randomly-chosen key is computationally indistinguishable from a randomly-chosen *n*-bit permutation.
- Challenge: Find a computationally efficient algorithm that meet the assumption.



# Symmetric encryption - Block cipher



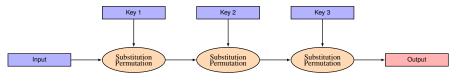
### Practical block cipher - Shannon properties (1949)

Two main properties for block ciphers:

- Diffusion: If 1 bit of plaintext is changed, statistically half of output bits must be changed (avalanch effect).
- Confusion: 1 bit of ciphertext must be linked with several bits of the key.

Question: Does it apply to OTP?

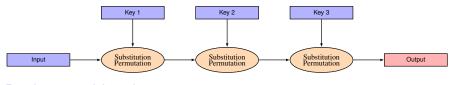
#### SP-Network



#### Construction

- SP-network is a succession of Substitution/permutation functions parametrized with a key.
- ▶ Substitution/permutation functions must be invertible.
- ► Each iteration of Substitution/permutation function is called a round.
- ► The more rounds implemented, the more outputs looks uniform and independent from message/key (if properly implemented).
- ▶ Security: finding information about plaintext must be as hard as an exhaustive search on the key  $\implies$  security level  $\approx 2^{\text{key length}}$ .

#### SP-Network

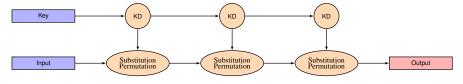


## Design considerations

Two main approaches exist:

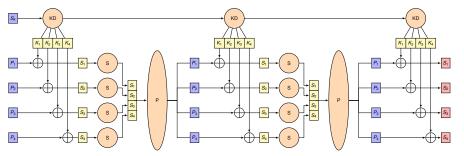
- ► Making Substitution/permutation pseudo-random with a unique key:
  - ► Requires the implementation of many Substitution/permutation functions.
- Making Key pseudo-random with a fixed Substitution/permutation function:
  - Requires the generation of many keys, as many as the number of rounds.

#### SP-Network



## Most practical approach

- Second choice: Key is pseudo-random with a fixed Substitution/permutation.
- ▶ Round keys are generated with a Key Derivation function.



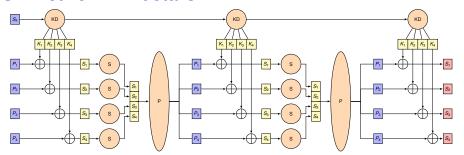
#### **Definitions**

#### Let:

- n be the length in bits of a block.
- k be the length in bits of the key.

#### Construction

A SP-Network is constructed with the execution of a given number *N* of rounds. A round consists in 1 round key addition, 1 Substitution and 1 Permutation. Each function is invertible to provide symmetric encryption.



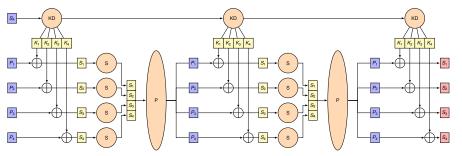
#### Substitution → S-BOX

Substitutes 1 symbol to another. It contributes to confusion because it makes output non-intelligible. It also contributes to non-linearity, i.e.: S-BOX( $v_1 \oplus v_2$ )  $\neq$  S-BOX( $v_1 \oplus v_2$ ).

#### Permutation → P-BOX

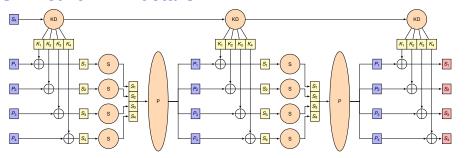
Switch symbols. It contributes to diffusion because it dispatches bits all over the internal state. By construction, it is linear, i.e.:

$$P\text{-BOX}(v_1 \oplus v_2) = P\text{-BOX}(v_1) \oplus P\text{-BOX}(v_2).$$



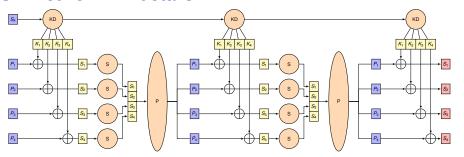
## Important note

S-BOX and P-BOX are basically permutations, that is why sometimes we prefer define S-BOX and D-BOX (*Diffusion*-BOX), where both are permutations but first one is non-linear.



#### **KD**

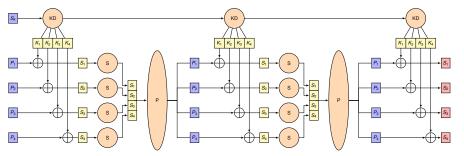
- ▶ Key derivation function. For N rounds and a k-bit key, generates (N + 1) n-bit subkeys.
- Like OTP, make input uniform before each round.



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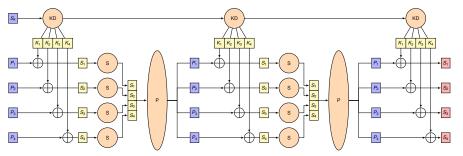
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#### **Answer**

Due to linearity,  $\Delta Y = P\text{-BOX}(P\text{-BOX}(X_1 \oplus X_2))$  independent from the key  $\implies$  differential attack.





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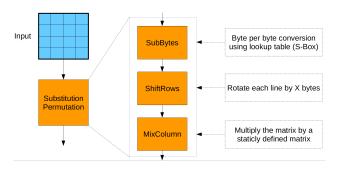
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#### Note

More advanced attack tries to find some linearity inside S-BOX, in order to partially remove key bits. It is so called linear cryptanalysis.



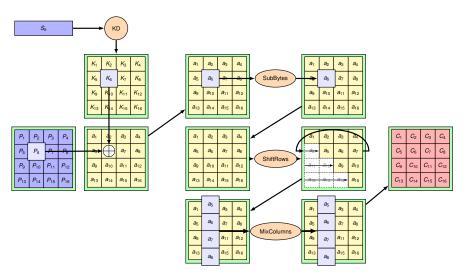
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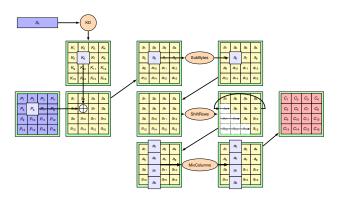


## History

- Designed by Joan Daemen et Vincent Rijmen (Belgium).
- ▶ Winner in 2000 of the NIST "AES" competition.
- Based on SP-NETWORK.
- ► Interesting construction: Both security AND implementation have been studied during design process.

Description of 1 round of AES:



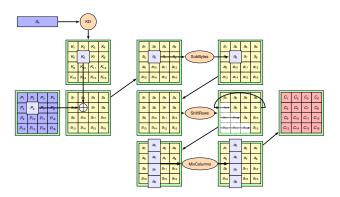


#### Structure

Internal state is composed of a 4x4 matrix of bytes. 4 operations are executed over internal state each round:

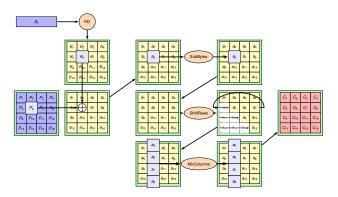
- AddRoundKey
- SubBytes (S-BOX)

- 3. ShiftRows (D-BOX)
- 4. MixColumns (D-BOX)



### 1 - AddRoundKey

- xor between state and round-key.
- if message independant from key, and key uniform, then the new state looks uniform.

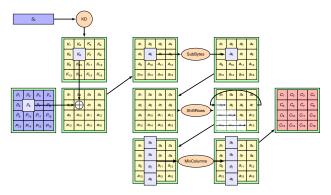


## 2 - SubBytes

- ▶ Non-linearity: Minimization of input-output correlation.
- Complexity: Complex expression in GF(2<sup>8</sup>).
- Simple implementation: Look-up table (and must be since litteral expression complex).



## Symmetric encryption - Round of AES

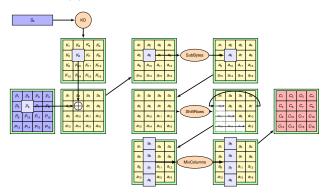


#### 3 - ShiftRows

- Variable byte rotation of each line depending on line index.
- First line: no rotation.
- Second row: 1 byte rotation.
- ► Third row: 2 bytes rotation.
- ► Fourth row: 3 bytes rotation.



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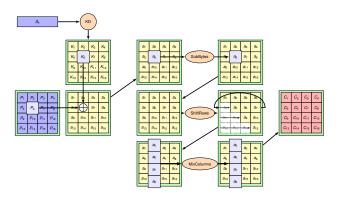
#### 4 - MixColumns

Column per column scrambling of coefficients. Equivalent to multiplying each column by following matrix:

$$\begin{pmatrix}
2 & 3 & 1 & 1 \\
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1 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\
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\end{pmatrix}$$



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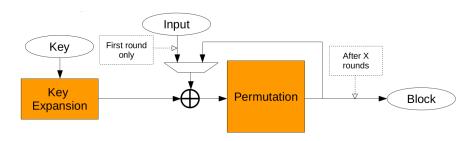
#### High level consideration

MixColumns of last round is skipped to make Encryption/decryption symmetric, i.e.:

- ▶ Encryption:  $\oplus$  → S-BOX → D-BOX →  $\cdots$  →  $\oplus$  → S-BOX →  $\oplus$
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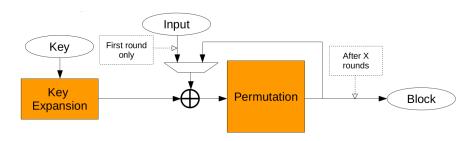


## Security

- AES is considered as a good PRP if implemented properly.
- Security depends on the number of rounds executed:

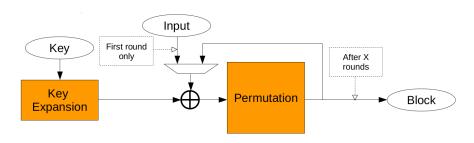
| Name    | Key length (bits) | Security | rounds |
|---------|-------------------|----------|--------|
| AES-128 | 128               | 128      | 10     |
| AES-196 | 196               | 192      | 12     |
| AES-256 | 256               | 256      | 14     |

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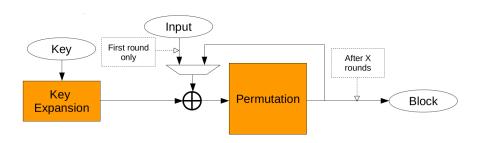
- Best known attack: biclique attack on full AES-128 reducing security by 2 bits (i.e. 4 times faster than exhaustive search).
- ▶ Variant of Meet-In-The-Middle (MITM) attack (Diffie and Hellman 1977)



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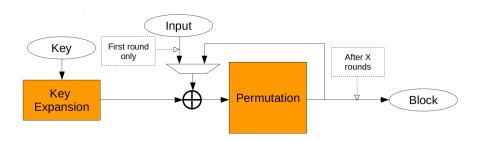
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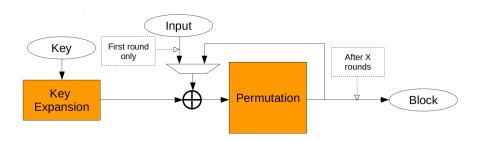
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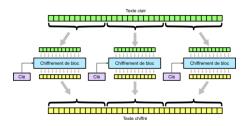
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## Encryption of larger messages - Mode of operation

### Electronic Code Book (ECB)



#### Construction

The message is split into blocks matching the size of Block-Cipher's block length. Each block is encrypted with the same key.

Pros:

- Simplest construction.
- Destination can decrypt a specific block without extra computations.
- Vulnerabilities?

## How to evaluate security?

### Security property: Semantic security

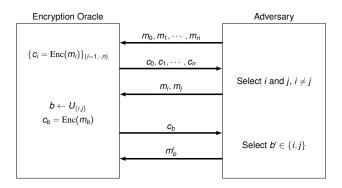
Without information about the key, ciphertext does not leak information about the message.

#### Adversary capability

Adversary capabilities are defined as indistinguishability games:

- ▶ IND-KPA (known plaintext-attack): adversary sees pairs  $(m_i, Enc(m_i))$ .
- ▶ IND-CPA (chosen plaintext-attack): adversary SELECTS messages *m<sub>i</sub>* and ASKS an entity to encrypt *m<sub>i</sub>*.
- ▶ IND-CCA: More information during asymmetric encryption lesson.

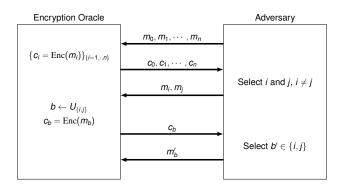
## **IND-CPA** game



#### Win condition

- ▶ Adversary wins the game if: Pr[b = b'] > 1/2.
- If Pr[b = b'] = 1/2, then adversary can only guess randomly which message has been encrypted.
- ▶ Advantage:  $A_{CPA} = |\Pr[b = b'] 1/2| = \epsilon$

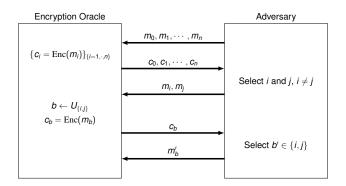
## **IND-CPA** game



### Notion of negligible advantage

- For key length k;
- ▶ For Advantage  $A_{CPA} = |\Pr[b = b'] 1/2| = \epsilon(k)$ ;
- ▶ Adversary has negligible advantage if  $e(k) < \frac{1}{2^k}$  for all k after given  $k_0$ .

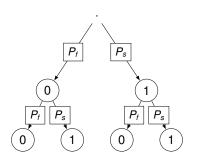
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#### Question

If I have an algorithm that provides a very small (say 1/10000) advantage, does this lead to a real distinguability?

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#### Success probability

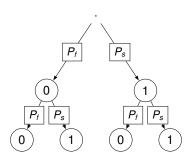
 $P_s$  = probability of success,  $P_f$  = probability of a fail.

### Algorithm

If algorithm output the same value twice, I select this value. If values are different, I flip a coin to select one.

By doing so, I can double my success rate. True?

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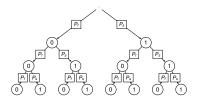


### Success probability

$$P_s = 0.5 + \epsilon, P_f = 0.5 - \epsilon.$$

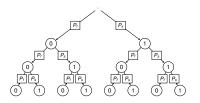
$$P_{success} = P_s^2 + 0.5 \times P_s P_e + 0.5 \times P_e P_s = (0.5 + \epsilon)^2 + (0.5 + \epsilon)(0.5 - \epsilon)$$
  
= 0.5 + \epsilon (fail...)

# Second try - I run my algorithm three times and I make a vote



## Success probability Better advantage this time?

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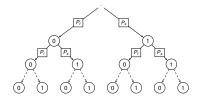


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$$P_s = 0.5 + \epsilon$$
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$$\begin{split} P_{success} &= P_s^3 + 3 \times P_s^2 P_e = P_s^2 \times (P_s + 3P_e) \\ &= (0.5 + \epsilon)^2 \times (0.5 + \epsilon + 1.5 - 3\epsilon) \\ &= (0.5 + 2\epsilon + 2\epsilon^2) \times (1 - \epsilon) \\ &= 0.5 + 1.5\epsilon - 2\epsilon^3 \; \; \text{(ouf...)} \end{split}$$

## I run my algorithm N times and I make a vote



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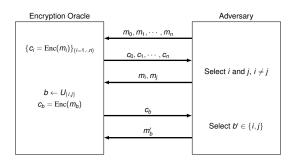
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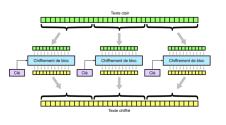
$$P_{success} = \sum_{i=0}^{N/2} {N \choose i} P_s^{N-i} P_e^i = P_s^N \times \sum_{i=0}^{N/2} {N \choose i} \left( \frac{P_e}{P_s} \right)^i > P_s^N$$
 $P_{success} > (0.5 + \epsilon)^N \sim 0.5 + N\epsilon$ 

Conclusion: If I run my algorithm  $1/(\epsilon)$ , I can distinguish with probability close to 1.



## Go back to ECB mode of operation

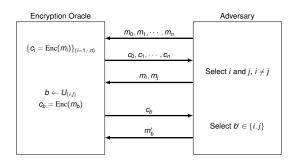


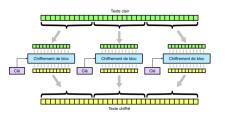


#### How to win the game?

Which  $m_i$  and  $m_j$  adversary can select to win?

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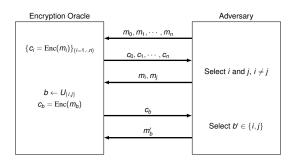


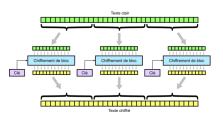
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If encrypted block 0 = encrypted block 1, return i else i.

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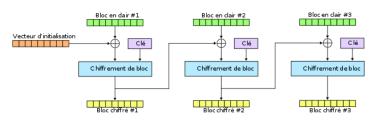




#### Conclusion

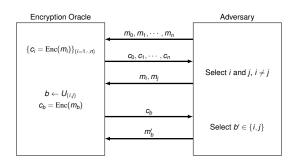
 $\mathcal{A}_{\textit{CPA}} = 1/2$ , i.e. adversary always wins!  $\Longrightarrow$  ECB mode is trivially insecure under IND-CPA game and should not be used in practice.

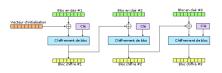
## Cipher Block Chaining (CBC)



#### Construction

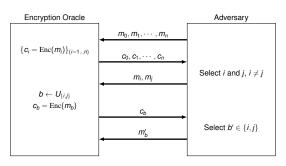
- Also called nonce-based encryption;
- Initialization Vector (IV = nonce) is XORed with input massage block, and chained with next input massage block;
- How I select a secure nonce?

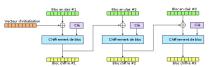




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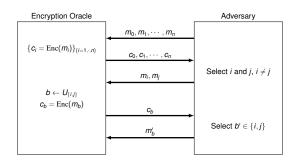


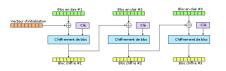
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Adversary ask for encryption of two plaintexts differents, say:

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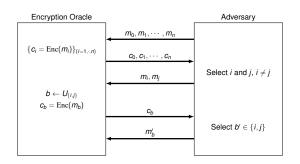
then choose [Hello] and [World] as challenges.

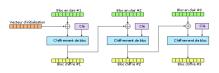




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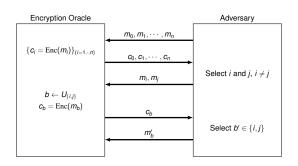
Which nonce may I choose?

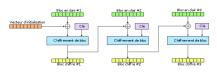




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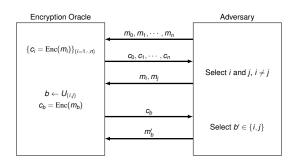
Nonce is selected at random at the start of communication and kept secret from adversary. Secure?

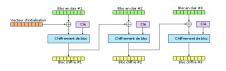




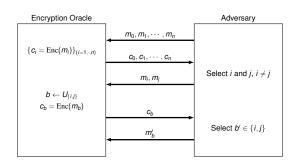
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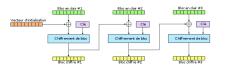
Still not CPA secure since adversary can select  $m_i$  and  $m_j$  before challenge and requests  $c_i = \text{Enc}(m_i)$  and  $c_j = \text{Enc}(m_j)$ .





Case 1 - Conclusion
Nonce should not be used twice.

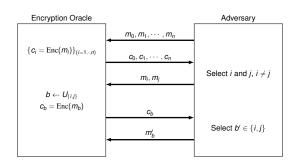


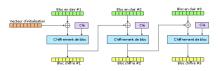


## Case 2 - randomized, public but predictible

- Nonce is firstly selected at random.
- ► For next message, we just continue the chaining, i.e. last cipher block is taken as the new nonce. Secure? (case of TLSv1.0).







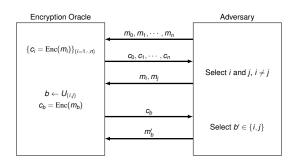
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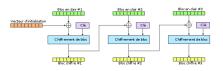
Select  $m_i$  such as  $m_i = IV_{n-1} = last$  encrypted block

⇒ first block is the encryption of 0 under a free nonce.

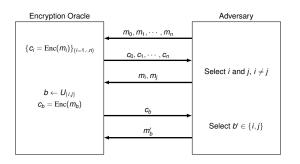
⇒ deterministic.

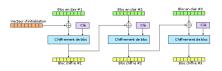




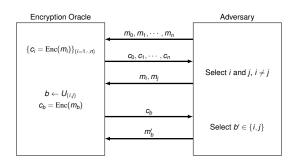


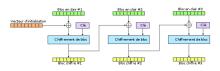
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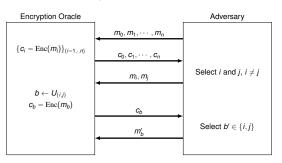




## Case 3 - Random and unpredictible

Secure, but be carefull, you must send secretly to your corresponding the nounce used for next encryption and ensure integrity.

## And what about the key? How often I must renew it?



#### CBC - theorem

For any length L > 0:

If PRP E is semantically secure over (K,X), then E used in CBC mode  $(E_{CBC})$  is semantically secure under CPA over  $(K,X^L,X^{L+1})$ .

For adversary making *q*-query, then:

$$\mathcal{A}(E_{CBC}) \leq 2\mathcal{A}(E) + q^2L^2/|X|$$

Where |X| is the number of outputs possible for the permutation and L the maximum number of blocks per message.

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