



A Key Management Scheme for DPA-Protected Authenticated Encryption

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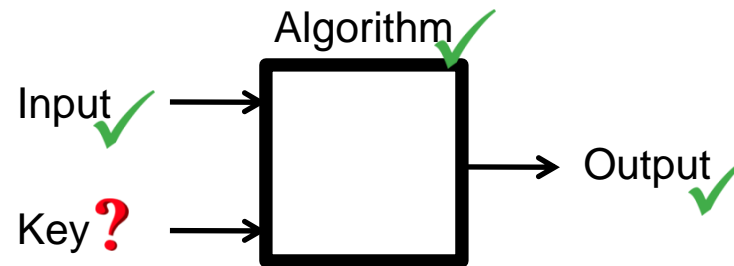
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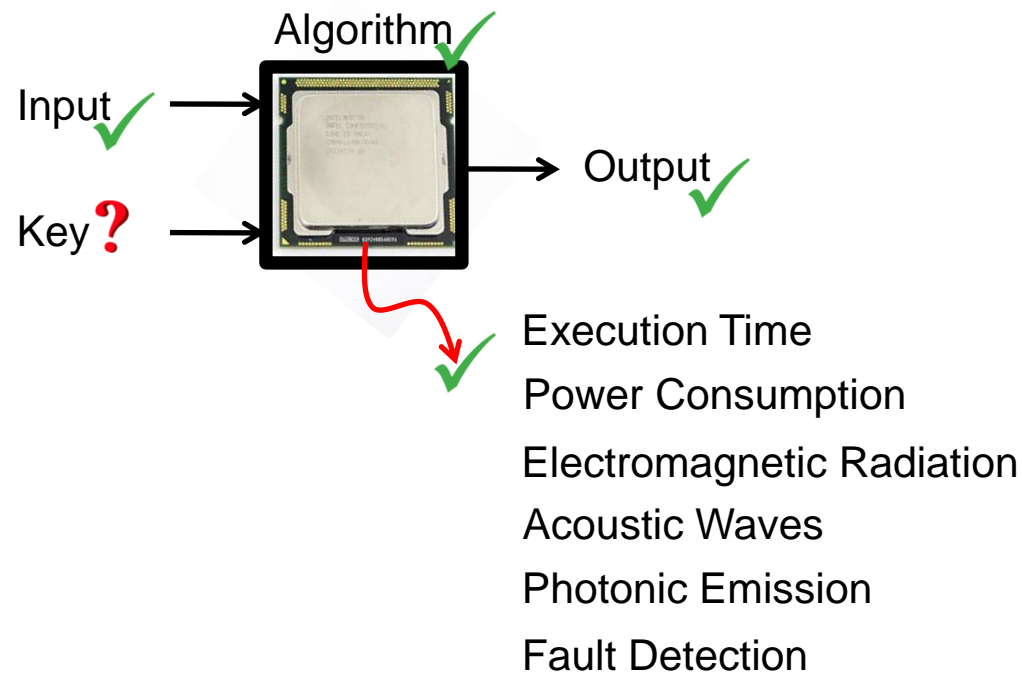
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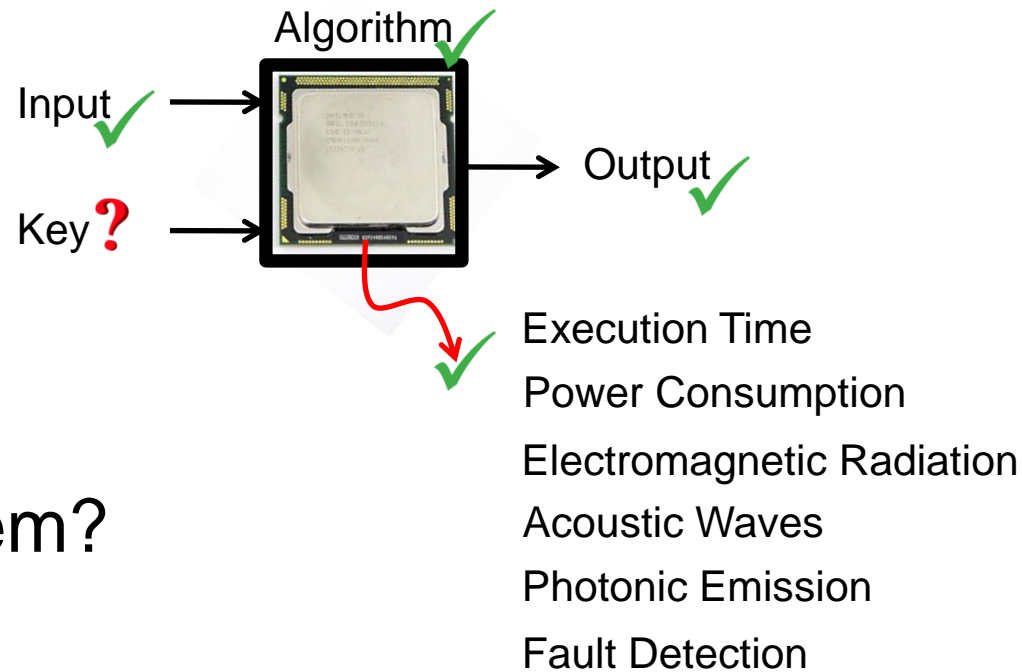
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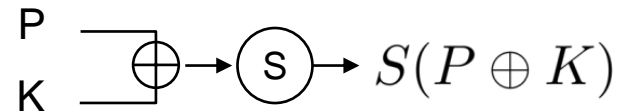
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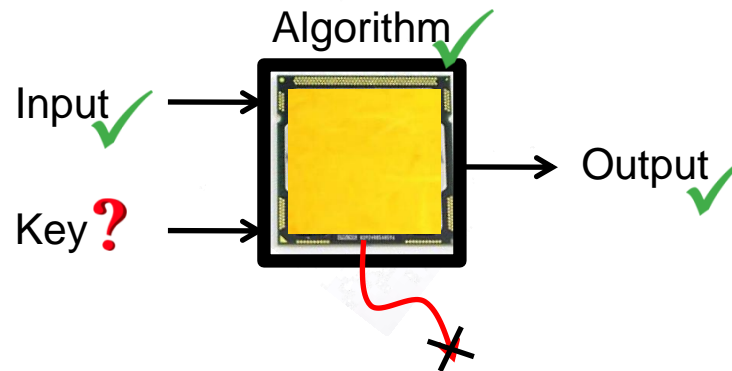
Differential Power Analysis



- The key in DPA is to find a sensitive intermediate variable that depends on:
 - a controllable/observable input.
 - and a fixed unknown.Where the unknown is affected by a small part of the key.

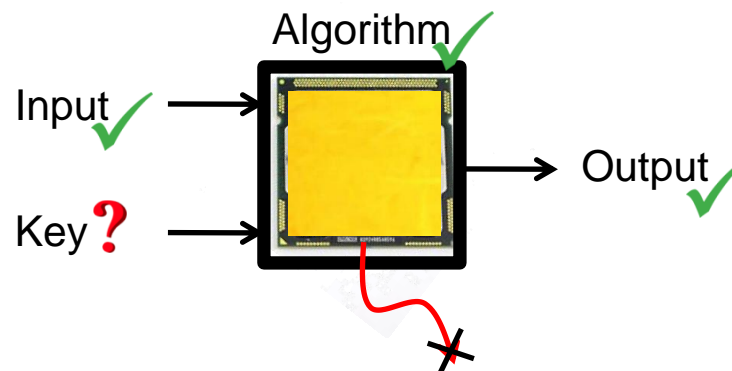
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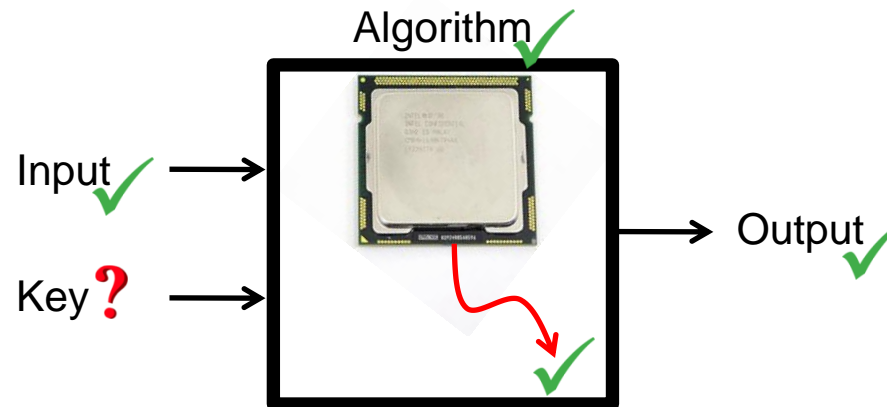
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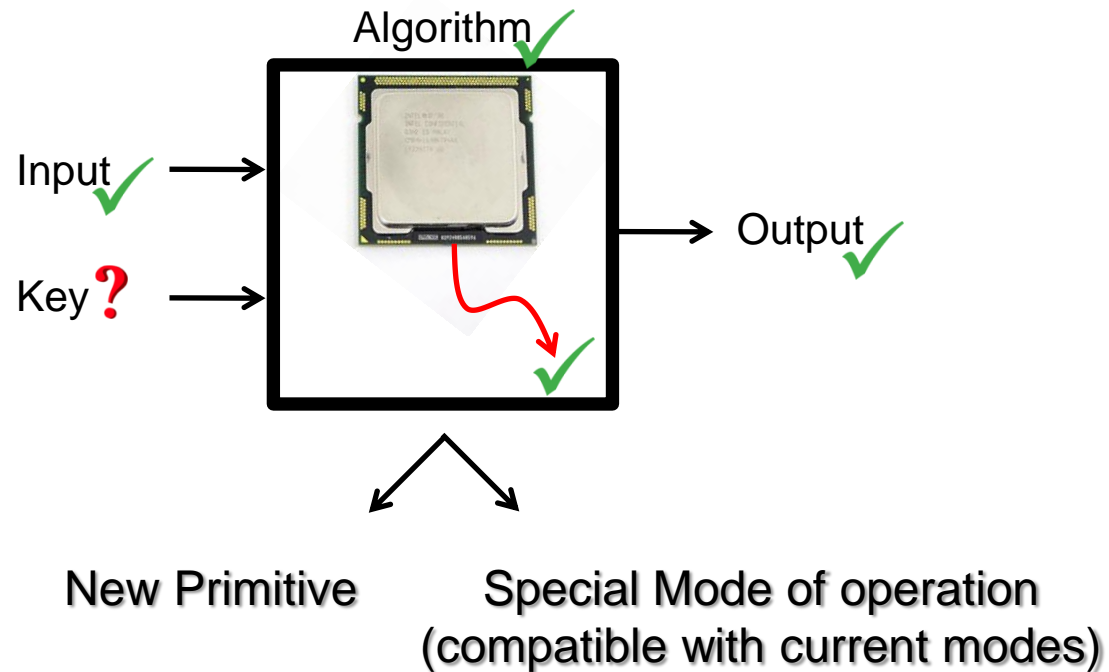
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However:

- The assumptions used are controversial.
- High-overhead initialization procedure.
- Not a current solution (still needs standardization).

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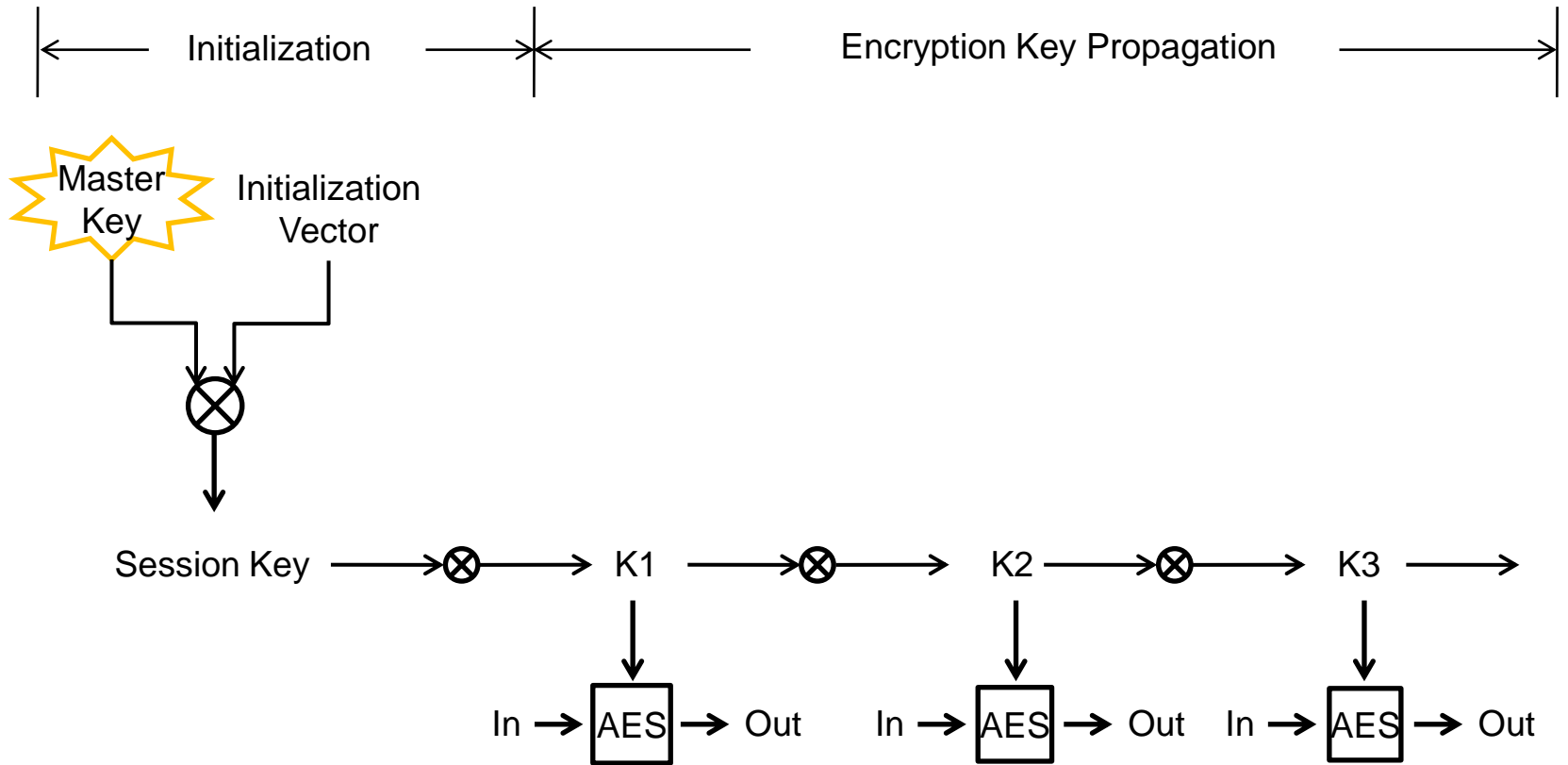
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- Research Goals:
 - Current: Design a compatible DPA-protection add-on.
 - Future: Include the DPA-protection in a new AE mode.

Outline

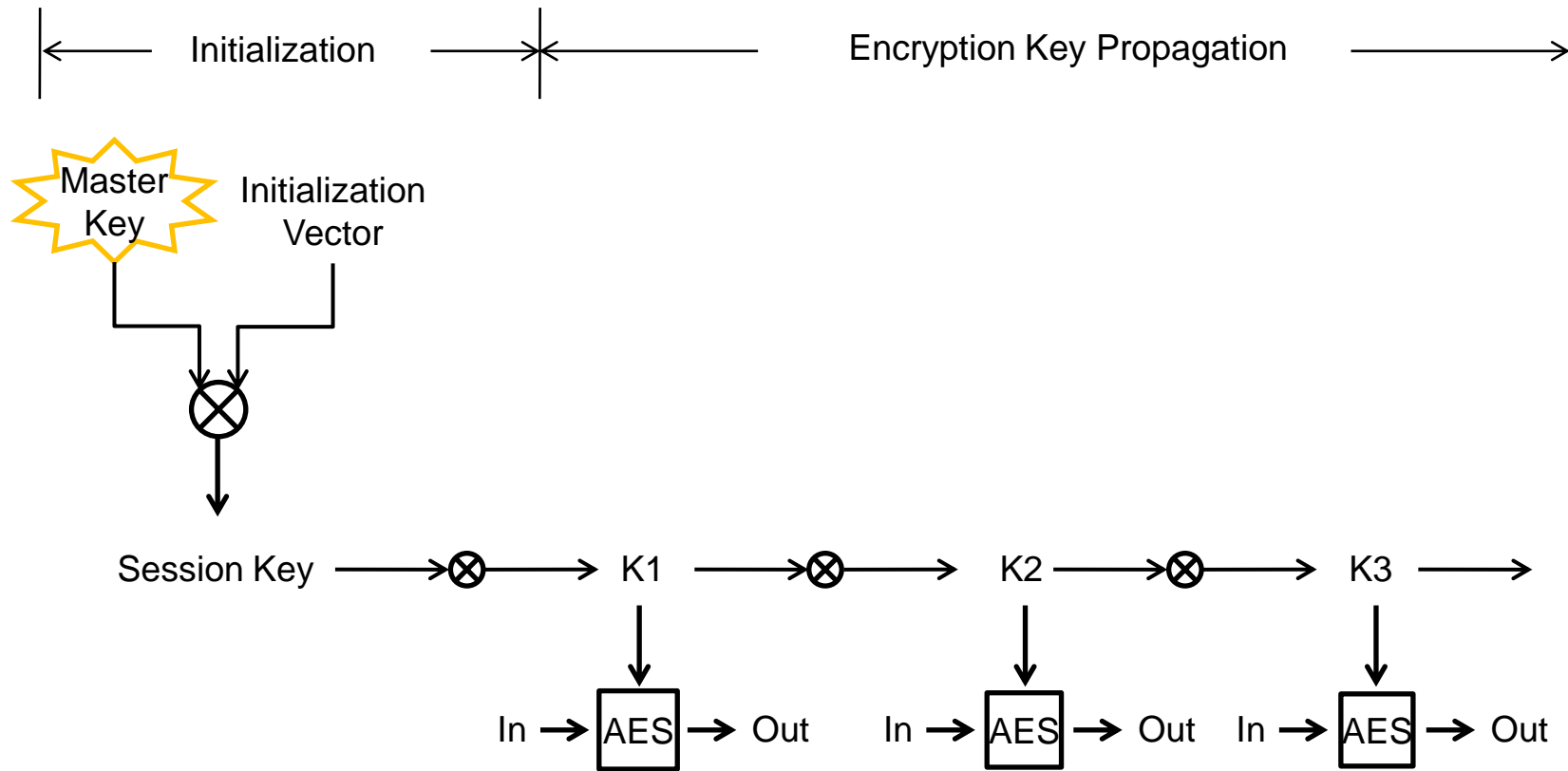
Introduction

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- Security Requirements of the New Scheme
- Previous Work
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- Concluding Remarks

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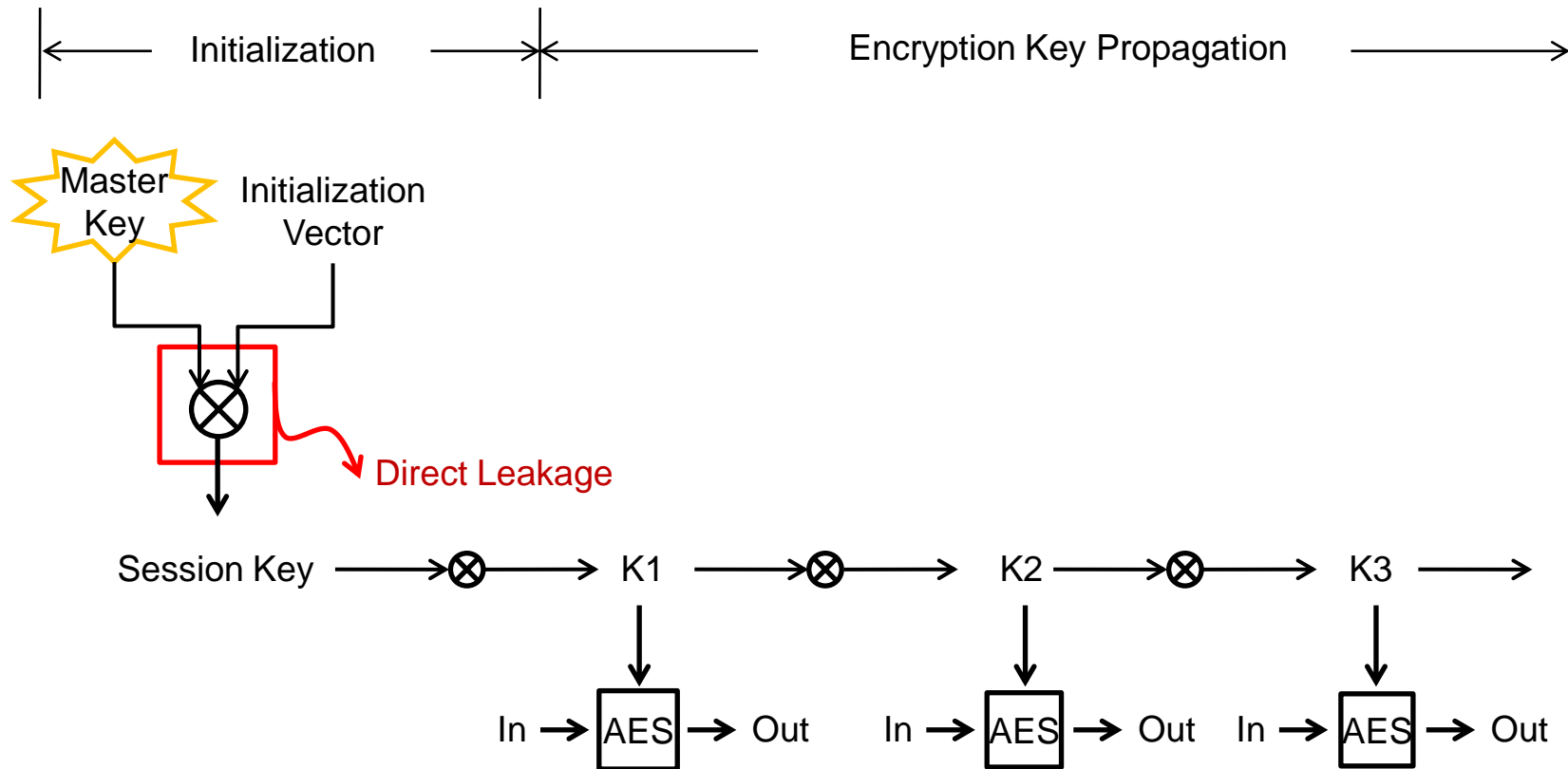
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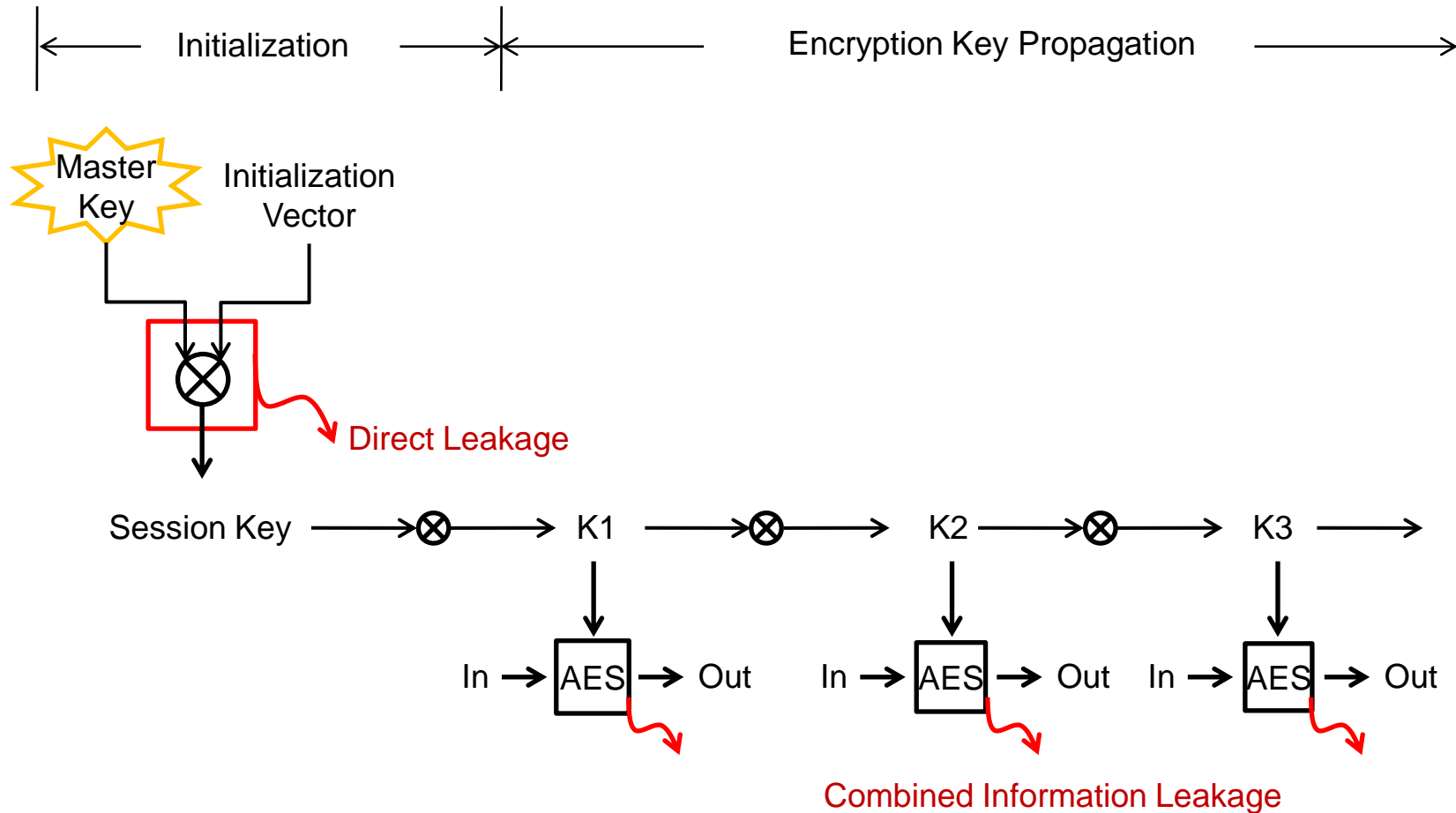
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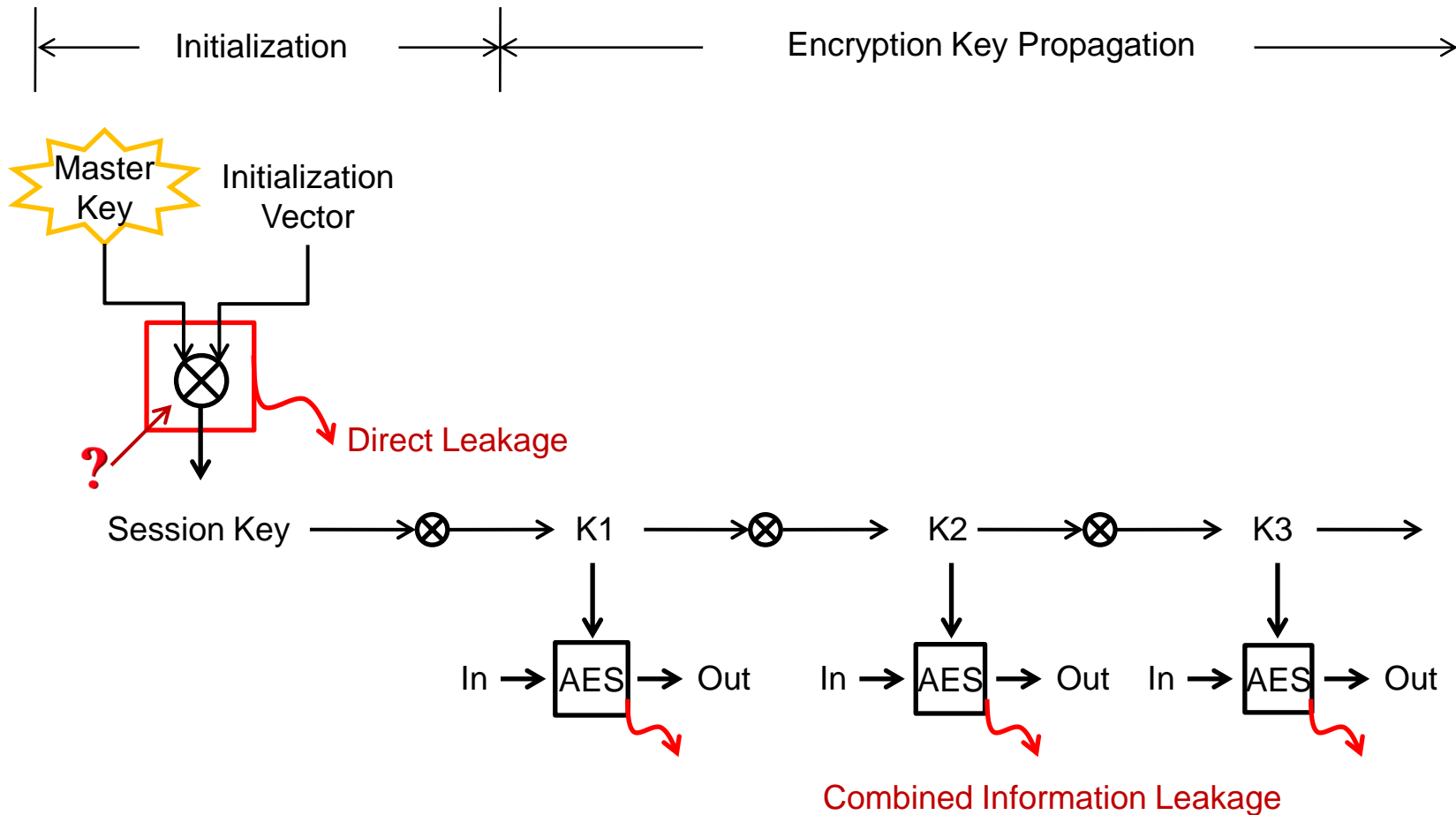
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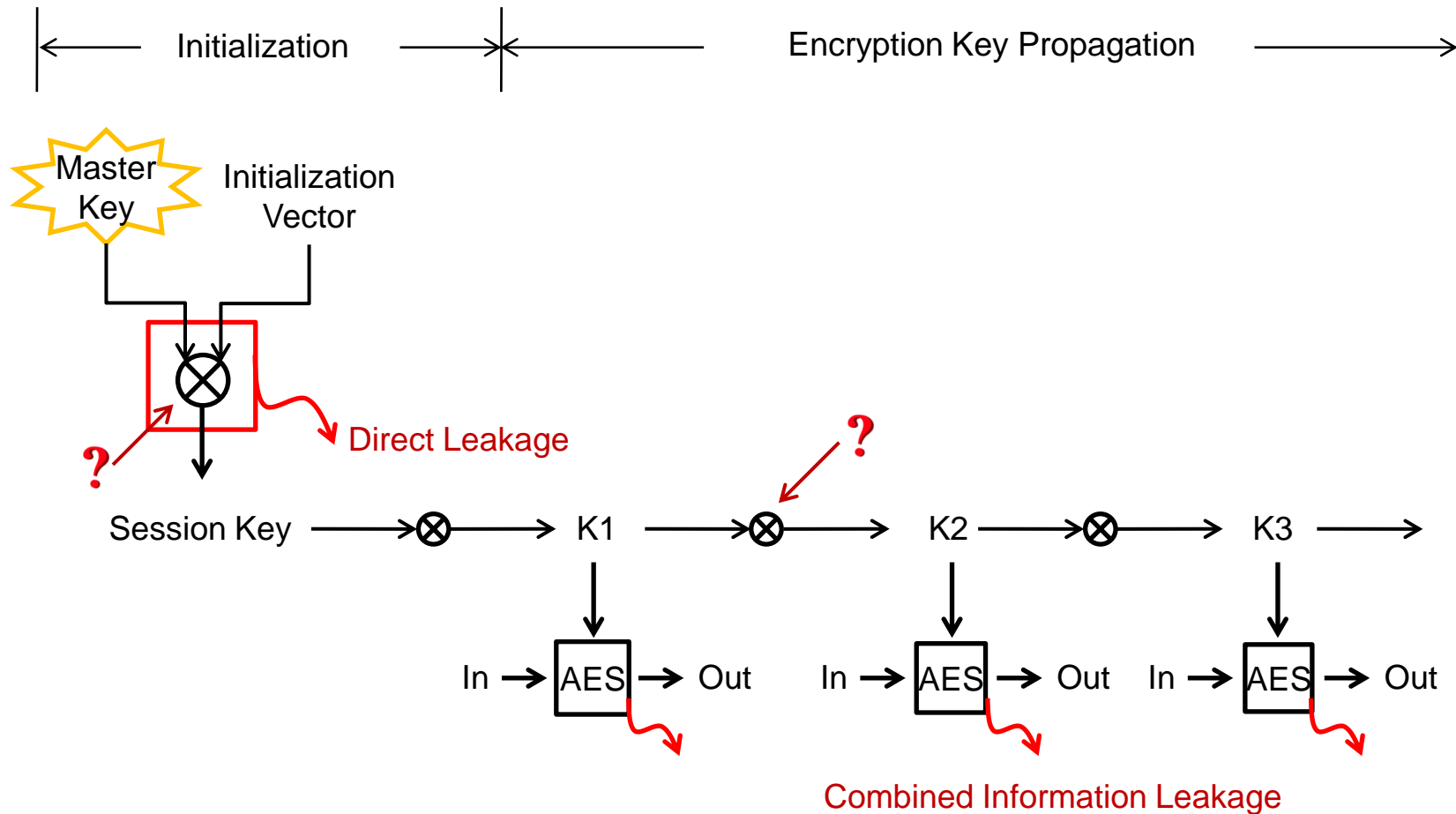
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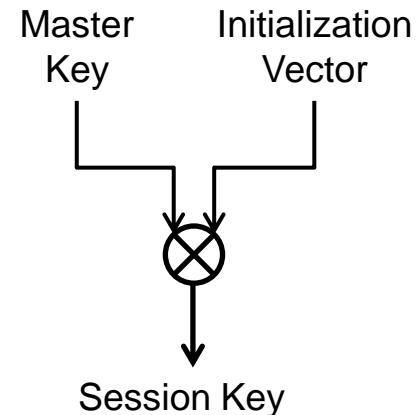


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Security Requirements

- Initialization:
 - Maximum Diffusion.
 - Compatible with current AES modes .
(no additional secrets or exchanged variables)
 - One-wayness.
 - DPA-hard, without depending on the Hardware.
 - Small hardware overhead.



Security Requirements

- Key Propagation:
 - Non-linearity.
 - Prevent divide-and-conquer.
 - Forward Security (better).
 - Small hardware overhead.



Previous Work

Contribution	Initialization	Propagation
[Kocher03]	DES	DES
[MSGR10]	Modular Multiplication	_____
[GFM10]	NLM and AES	AES
[Kocher11]	Tree structure of Hashing	Hashing
[MSJ12]	Improved tree of AES	_____
[BSH..13]	Minimum SP Network	_____
Current Proposal	NLFSR-based scheme	

- They are all:
 - High cost.
 - Or, depend on other hardware protections.

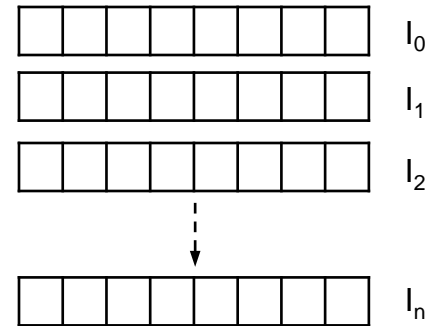
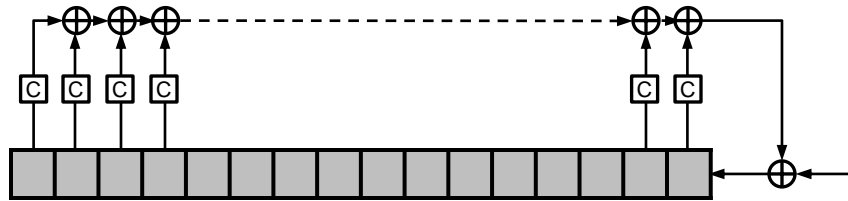
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- Why NLFSR?
 - High DPA-attack complexity.

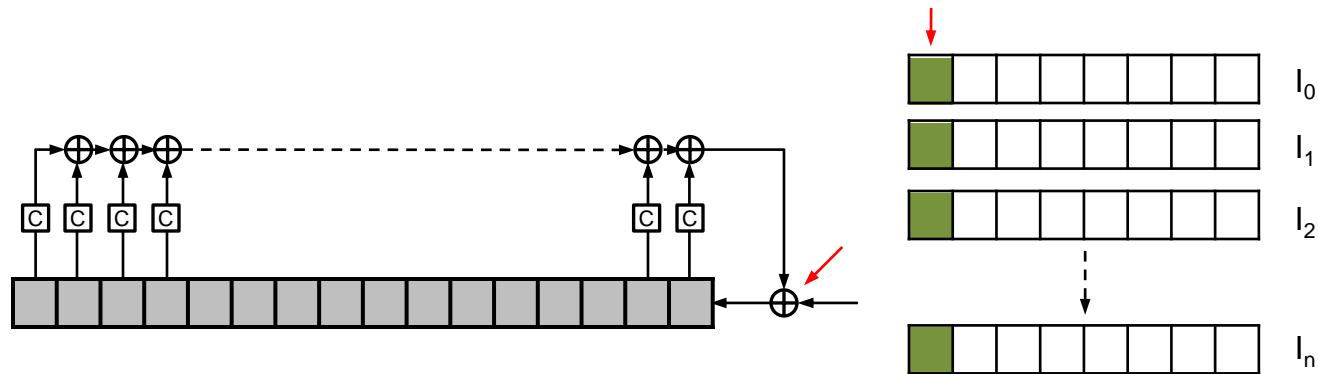
Current DPA attack on Grain leaves 30 bits of the key for exhaustive search [FGKV07].
 - High diffusion and one-wayness.
 - High non-linearity.
 - Low hardware overhead,

as learned from the eSTREAM results.
- What are the preferred properties of the NLFSR for the best DPA-protection?

DPA of a Generic LFSRs

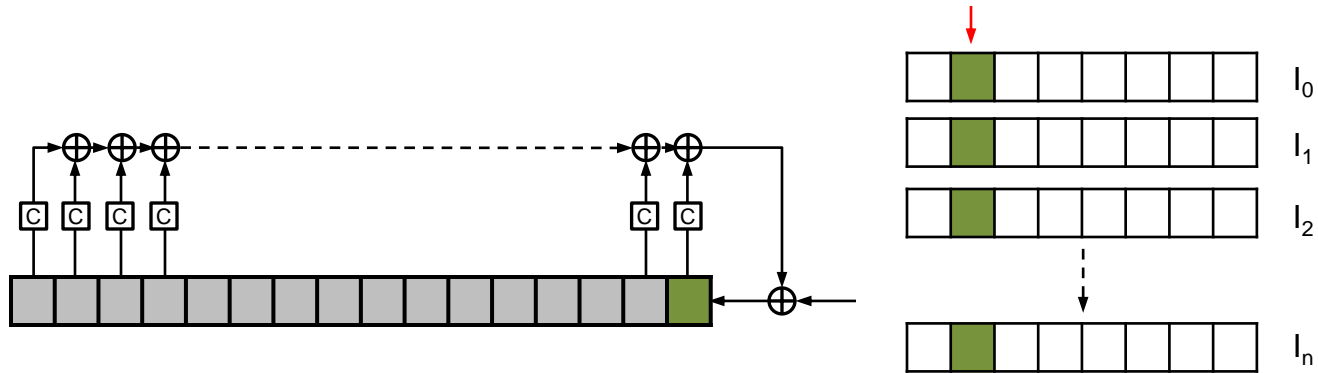


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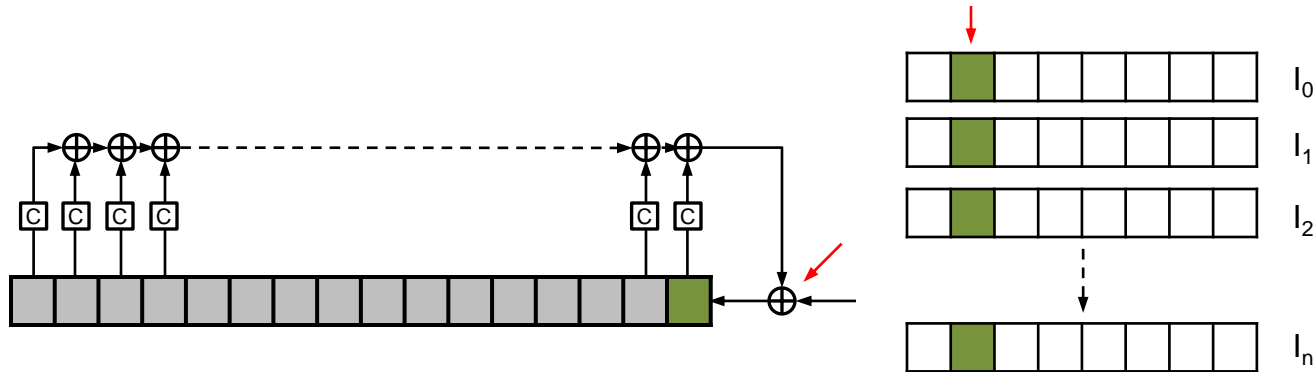
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 - One sensitive variable of high leakage.
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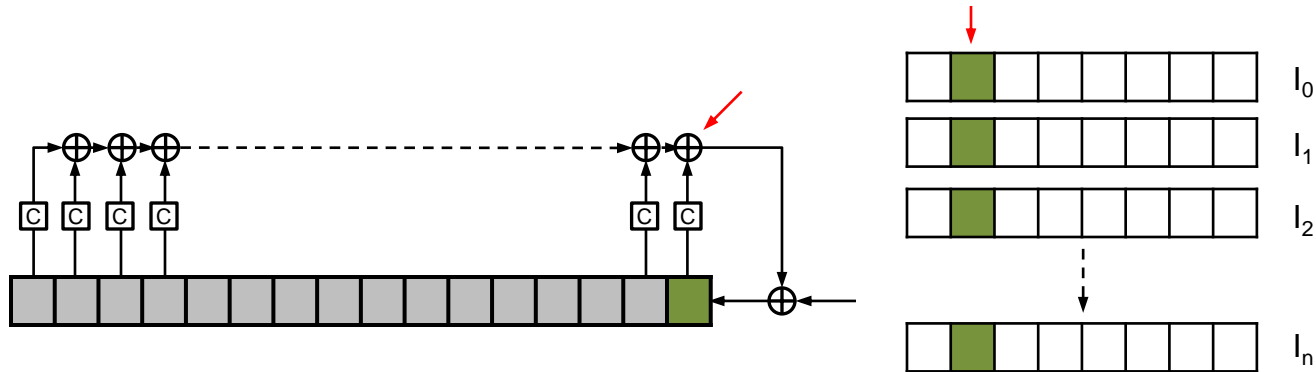
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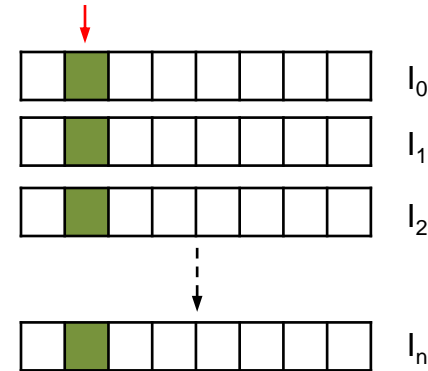
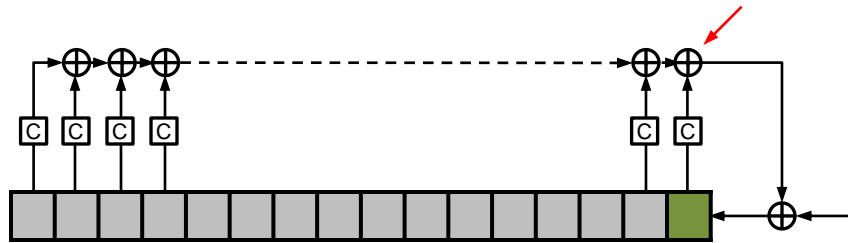
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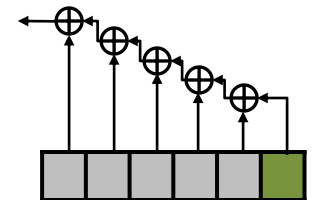
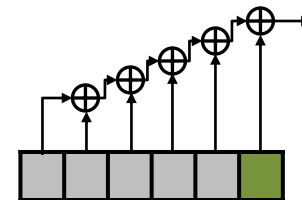


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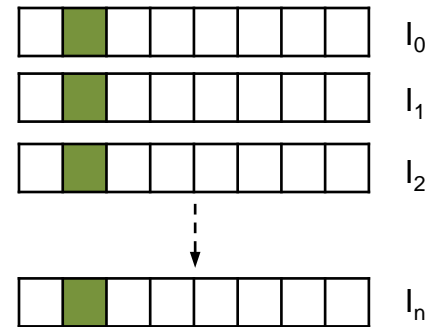
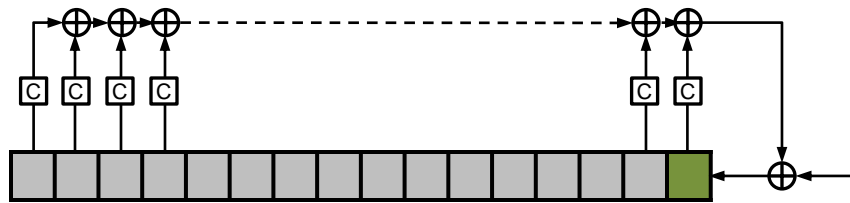
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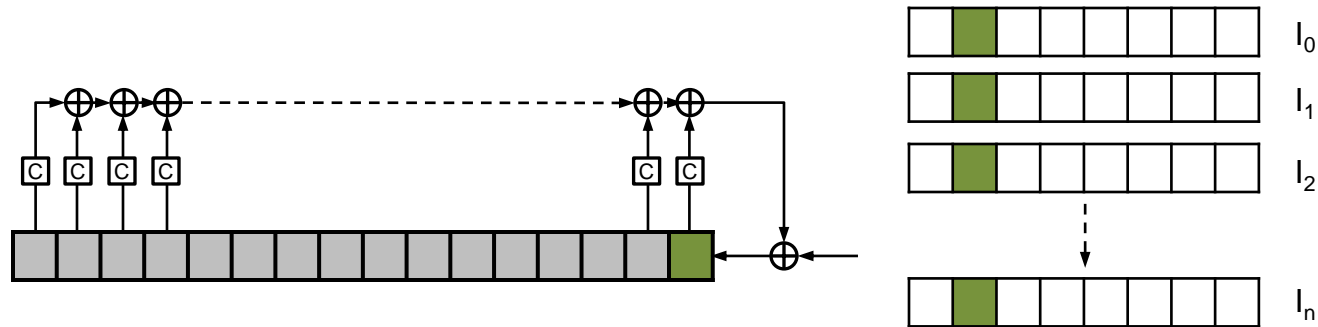


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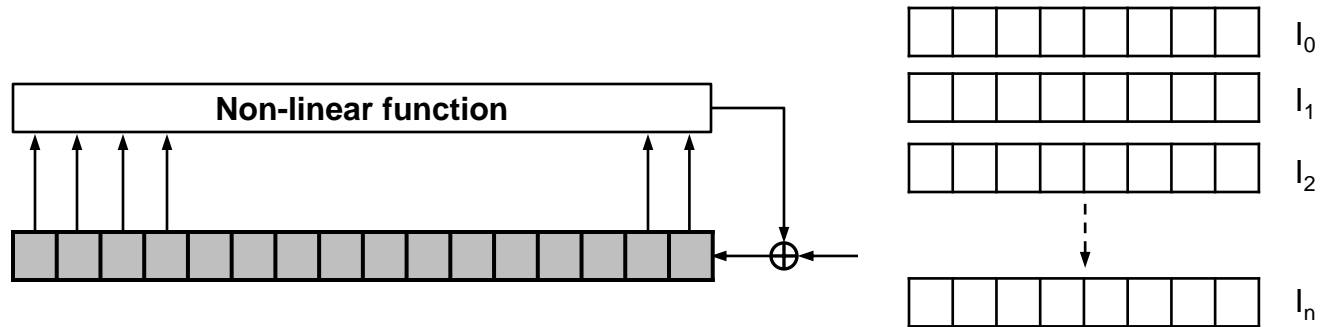
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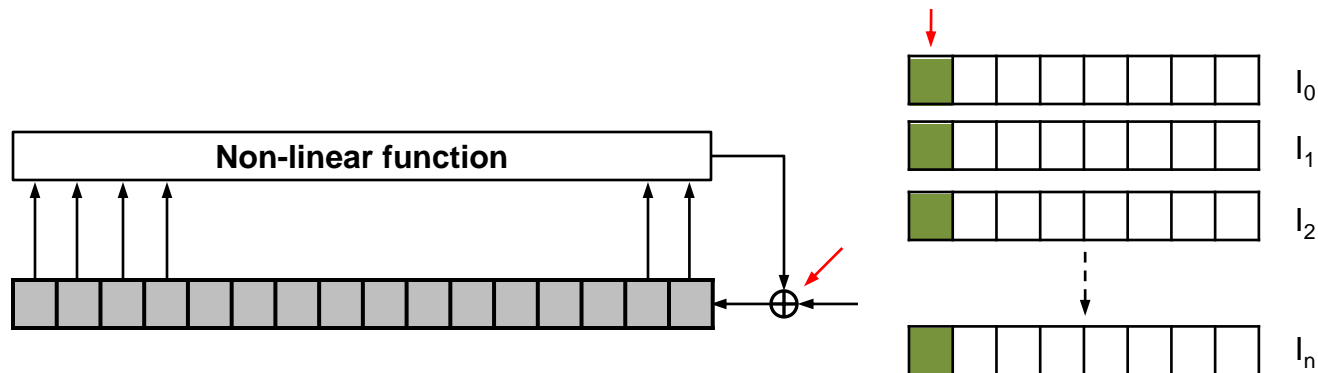
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LFSRs are directly breakable after reaching all state bits

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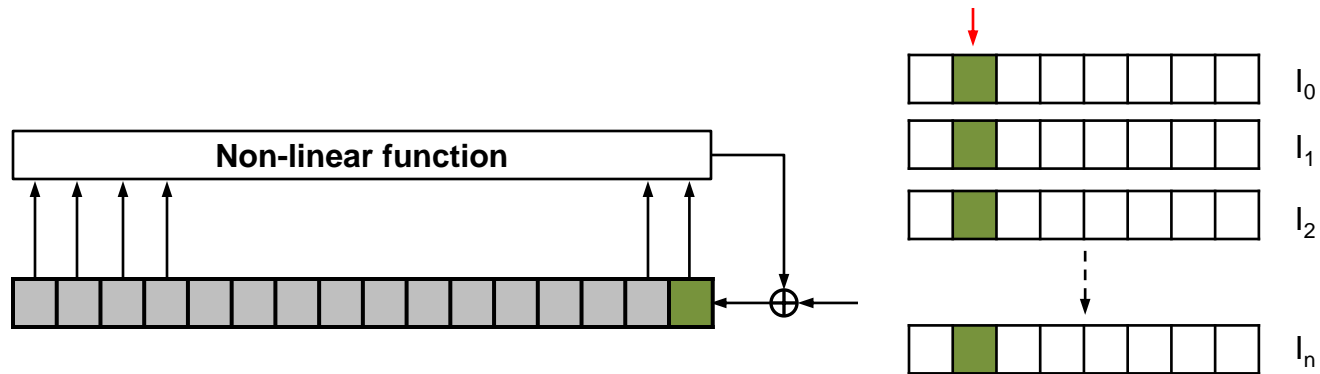


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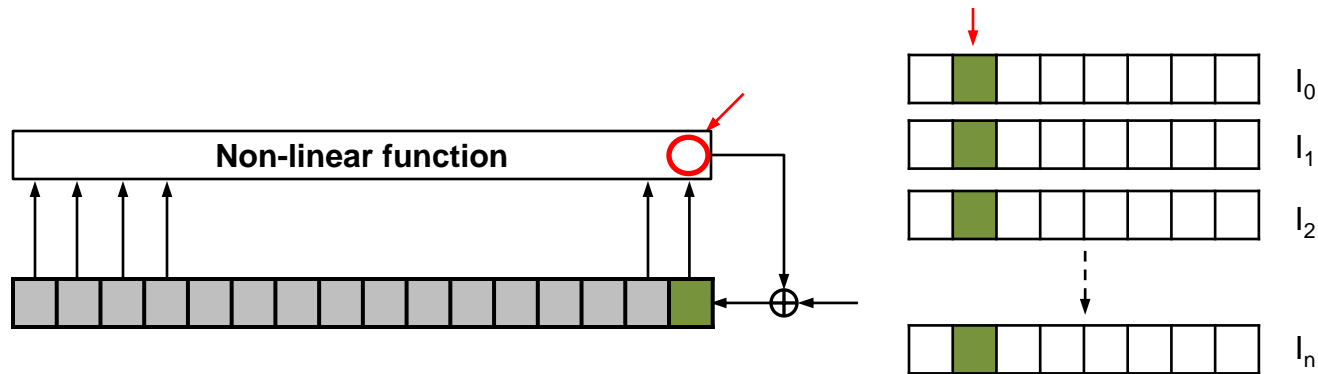
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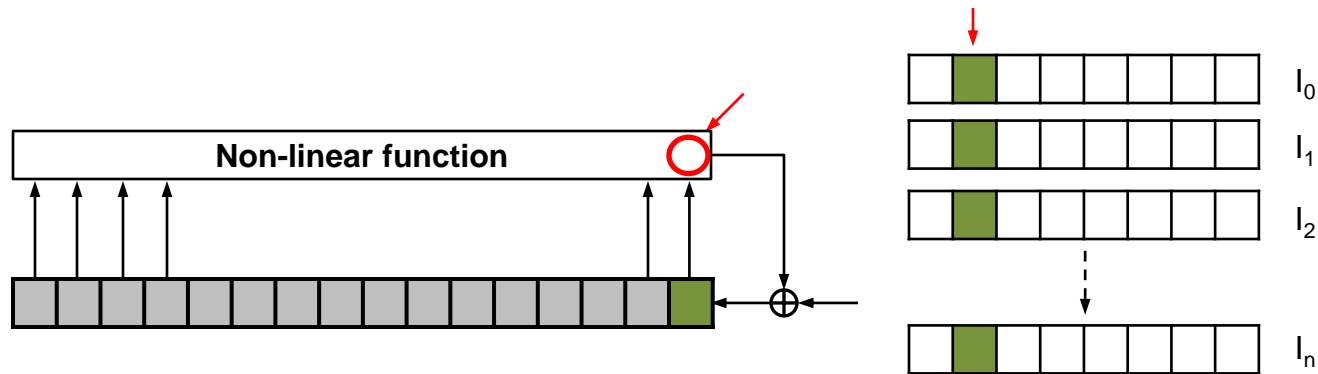
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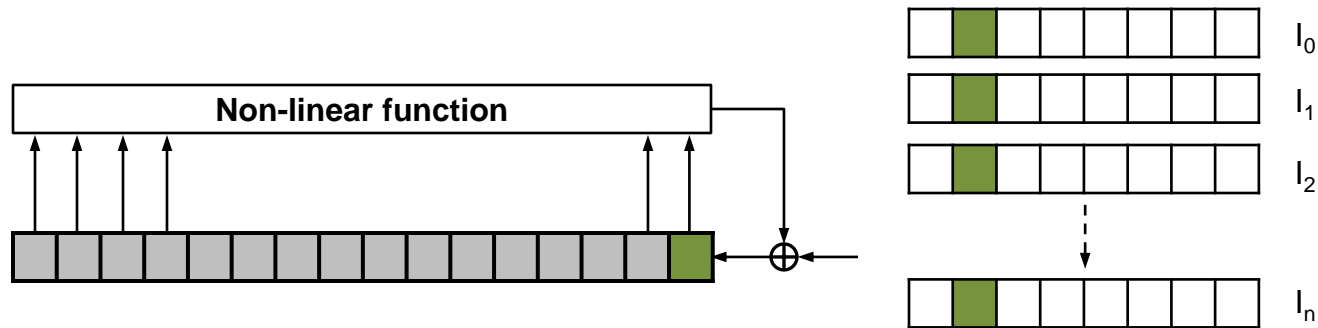
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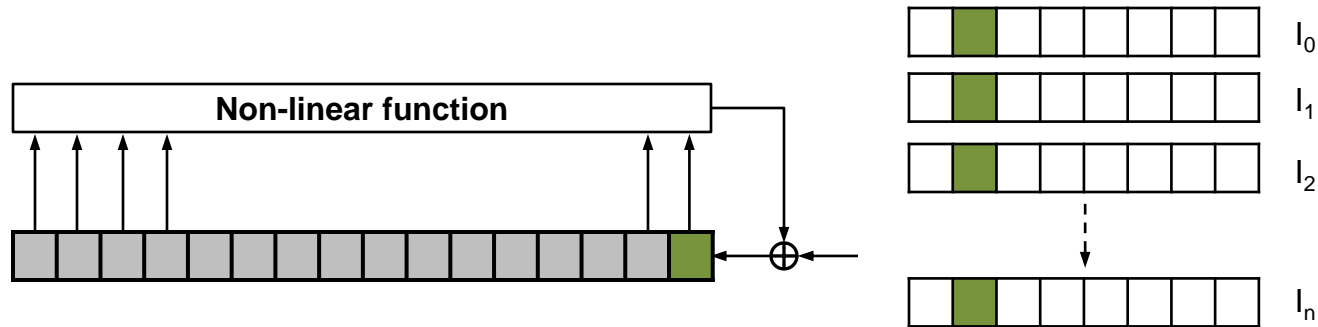
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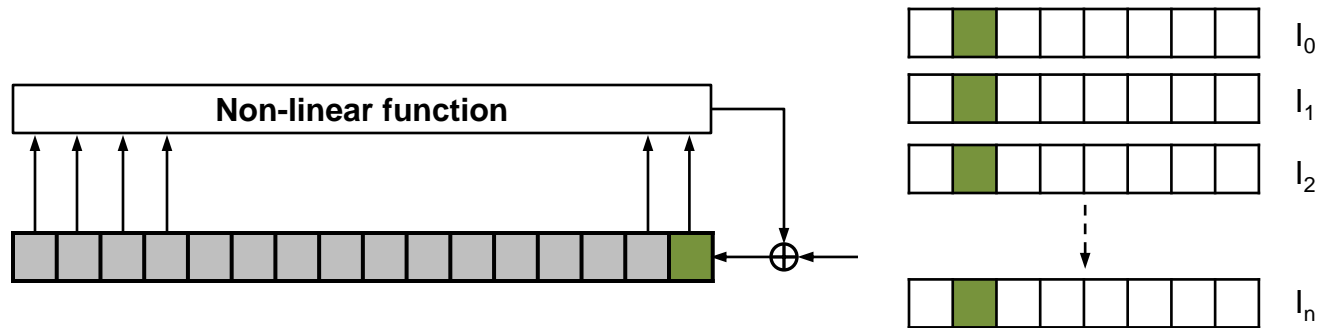
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NLFSRs can still be broken by focusing on small operations within the feedback function

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- Solution:
Implement the feedback function in memory.

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- Preferred properties:
 - Large internal state.
 - High number of feedback taps.
 - Feedback function includes the first state bit.
 - Either:
 - The first bit is ANDed at the top of computational hierarchy.
 - Or, the feedback function is implemented using memory.
 - Maximum period.

Comparison between NLFSRs

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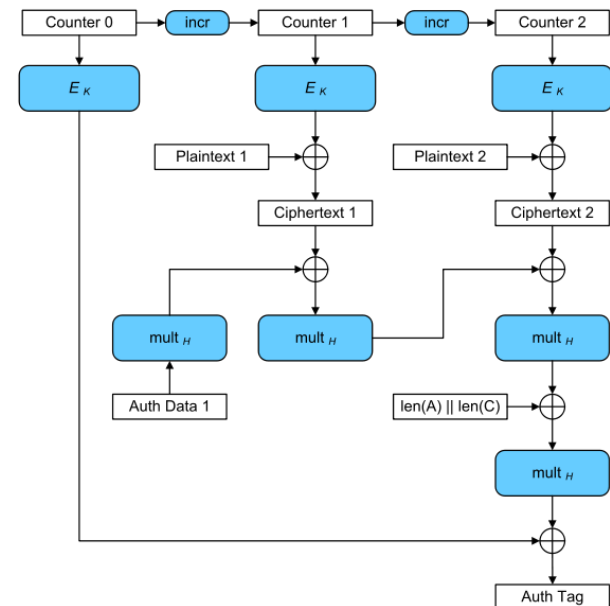
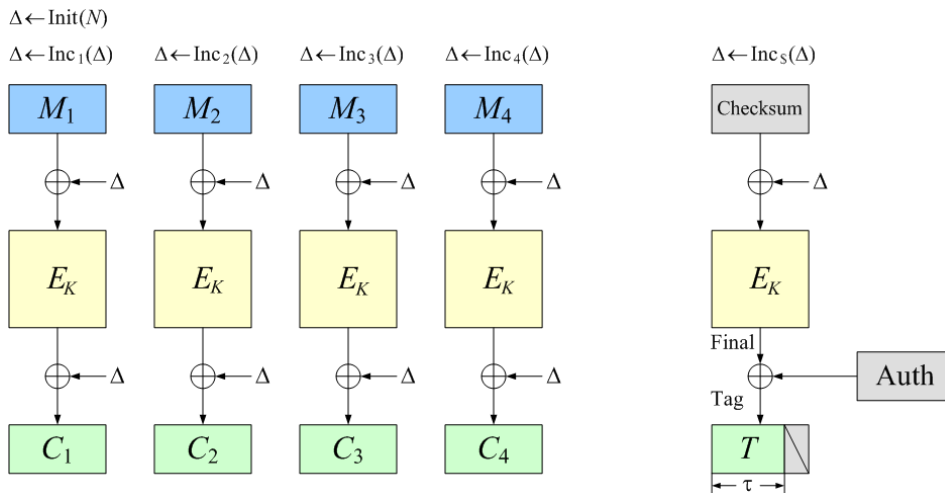
- The best available NLFSR is still not optimal.

Current Work

- Choose a new feedback function.
- Increase the parallelism.
- Implementation
- Practical DPA attack.

Future Work

- Include the DPA-protection in a new AE mode
 - Most modes of operation including major AE modes keep the Key as a constant.
 - Updating the Key can provide a free DPA-protection in new designs.



Concluding Remarks

- DPA-protection can be achieved by a special mode of operation.
- We propose a light-weight primitive that can achieve a high level of DPA security.
- We are working on including the DPA-protection in a new AE mode.
 - ✓ Collaborations are welcomed ✓

Thank You
Questions?