A Block Cipher Based Pseudo Random Number Generator Secure against Side-Channel Key Recovery

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- ► Grey-Box security (GB): prevent traditional SC cryptanalysis

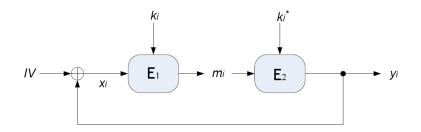


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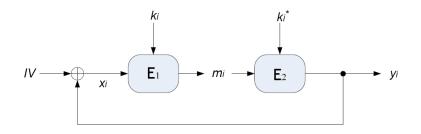
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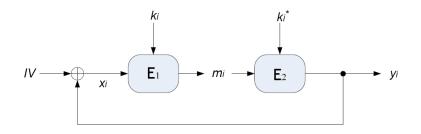


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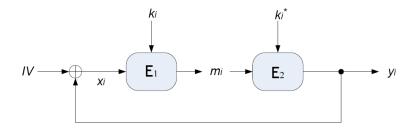
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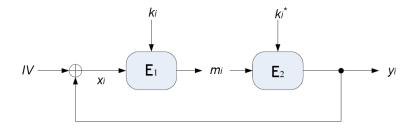
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- $\blacktriangleright \text{ Ideal cipher model } \mathsf{E}: \mathcal{K} \times \mathcal{M} \to \mathcal{M}$
 - (Here $\mathcal{K} = \mathcal{M}$)
 - For each key k ∈ K, the function E_k(·) = E(k, ·) is a random permutation on M



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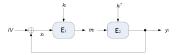
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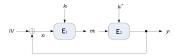
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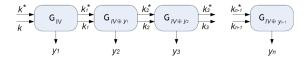


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- ▶ For each $X \in \mathcal{M} = \mathcal{K}$, let $G_X : \mathcal{K} \times \mathcal{K} \to \mathcal{K} \times \mathcal{K} \times \mathcal{K}$
 - $\mathsf{G}_X(K,K^*) = (\mathsf{E}_K(X) \oplus K, \mathsf{E}_K(X) \oplus K^*, \mathsf{E}_{K^*}(\mathsf{E}_K(X))).$

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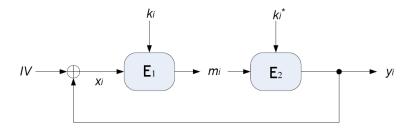
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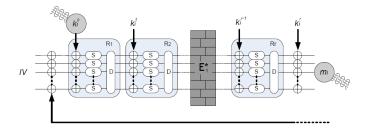
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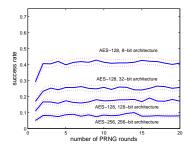
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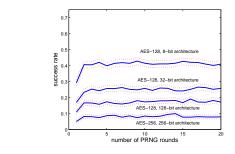
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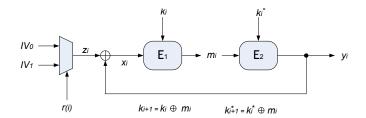




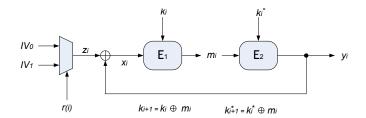




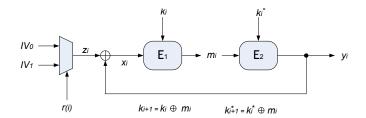




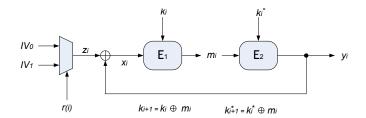








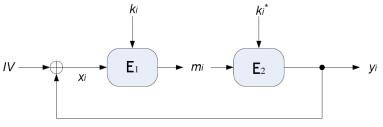






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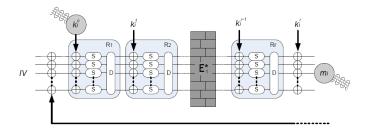
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Discussion about Grey-Box assumptions

- Many assumptions
 - make the proofs cleaner...
 - ...but are not essential.
- Relaxations \rightarrow same qualitative conclusions
 - key schedule \rightarrow adapt the leakage model $L(k_i)$
 - ► targeting not only the first iteration of the PRNG → may increase SR, but qualitative results remains

