

Research Center for Information Security

Symmetric Key Cryptographic Primitives Based on Pseudo-Randomness, Randomness and Dedicated Coding

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Power of Randomness for High Security and Low Implementation Complexity

Goal: Design of Cryptographic Primitives with Enhanced Security and Low Implementation Complexity

Encryption - Compact Stream Ciphers
 Authentication Protocols for RFID and related applications

Design Components:

Simple Finite State Machine for the Pseudo-Randomness
Dedicated Coding: Linear Homophonic and Error-Correction
Randomness

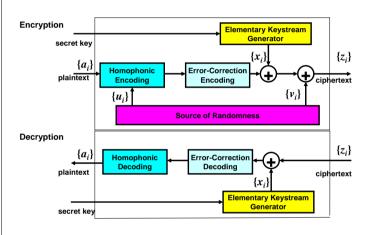
Effects:

Enhanced Security Implied by RandomnessLow Implementation Complexity

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Design of a Stream Cipher



An Authentication Protocol

- Party ${\mathcal B}$ sends vector ${\bf r}_{{\mathcal B}}$ to party ${\mathcal A};$
- Party A sends vector r_A to party B;
- Party B performs the following:
 - Employing the keystream generator seeded by the secret key $\mathbf{k} = [k_i]_{i=1}^k$ and the vectors $\mathbf{r}_{\mathcal{A}}$ and $\mathbf{r}_{\mathcal{B}}$ generate the vector \mathbf{v}_i
 - Generate *n*-dimensional binary vector $\mathbf{z} = [z_i]_{i=1}^n$

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\mathbf{z} = C_{ECC}(C_H(\mathbf{a}||\mathbf{u})) \oplus \mathbf{x} \oplus \mathbf{v} where \mathbf{a} = \mathbf{r}_{\mathcal{A}} ||\mathbf{r}_{\mathcal{B}};
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– Sends the response vector ${\bf z}$ to party ${\cal A}.$

- Party $\mathcal A$ performs the following:
 - Employing the keystream generator seeded by the secret key $\mathbf{k} = [k_i]_{i=1}^k$ and the vectors \mathbf{r}_A and \mathbf{r}_B generate the vector \mathbf{x}_i ;
 - Employing the received vector z calculate:
 - $\hat{\mathbf{a}} = tcat_{\ell}(C_H^{-1}(C_{ECC}^{-1}(\mathbf{z} \oplus \mathbf{x})))$
 - Assuming that the employed ECC has cancelled the error-vector v make the authentication decision as follows: If $\hat{a} = r_{\mathcal{A}} || r_g$ the party \mathcal{B} is authentic, and otherwise not authentic.



