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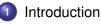
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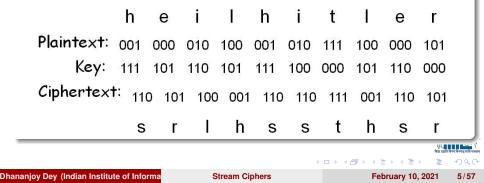
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- So, why not distribute message instead of pad?



## Real-World One-Time Pad

### Project VENONA

- Encrypted spy messages from U.S. to Moscow in 30's, 40's & 50's
- Nuclear espionage, etc.
- Thousands of messages
- Spy carried one-time pad into U.S.
- Spy used key to encrypt secret messages
- Repeats within the "one-time" key made cryptanalysis possible



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 "Ruth" == Ruth Greenglass, "Liberal" == Julius Rosenberg, "Enormous" == the atomic bomb



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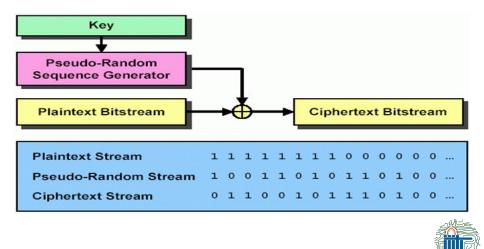
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#### based on one-time pad

- Except that key is relatively short
- Key is stretched into a long keystream
- Keystream is used just like a one-time pad





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#### **Main Characteristics**

- Speed: faster in hardware
- Hardware implementation cost: low
- Error propagation: limited or no error propagation
- Synchronization requirement: to allow for proper decryption, the sender and receiver must be synchronized



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# **Classification of Stream Ciphers**

### Synchronous Stream Ciphers:

A synchronous stream cipher is one in which the keystream is generated independently of the plaintext message and of the ciphertext.

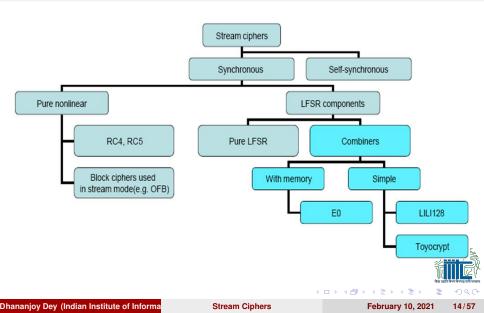
### Self-Synchronous Stream Ciphers:

A self-synchronizing or asynchronous stream cipher is one in which the keystream is generated as a function of the key and a fixed number of previous ciphertext bits.



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# The eSTREAM Project

### **Timeline**

14-15 Oct 04	:	workshop hosted by ECRYPT to discuss SA	SC
		(The State of the Art of Stream Ciphers)	
Nov 04	:	call for Primitives	
29 Apr 05	:	the deadline of submission to ECRYPT.	
		34 (32 + 2) primitives have been submitted	
		to ECRYPT	
13 Jun 05	:	website is launched to promote the public	
		evaluation of the primitives.	
02-03 Feb 06	:	workshop SASC 2006 hosted by ECRYPT	
Feb 06	:	The end of the first evaluation phase of	
		eSTREAM.	-784



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### **Timeline**

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Jul 06	:	The beginning of the second evaluation phase of eSTREAM.
31 Jan -		
1 Feb 07	:	workshop SASC 2007 hosted
		by ECRYPT
Apr 07	:	the beginning of the third evaluation phase
		of eSTREAM
Feb 08	:	workshop SASC 2008
May 08	:	the final report of the eSTREAM
Jan 12	:	the final report of the eSTREAM
		Portfolio in 2012



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## **Submission Requirements**

 Submissions had to be either fast in software or resource friendly in hardware

	key	IV	tag (optional)
Profile 1	128	64 or 128	32, 64, 96, or 128
Profile 2	80	32 or 64	32 or 64

• Designers required to give an IP statement.



# eSTREAM Portfolio

### in 2008

Profile 2
F-FCSR-H v2
Grain v1
MICKEY v2
Trivium

### in 2012

Profile 1	Profile 2
HC-128	
Rabbit	Grain v1
Salsa20/12	MICKEY 2.0
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A5/2	×	×	
E0	×	×	
RC4	×	×	



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- Future ✓ Mechanism is well studied (often with security proof). Expected to remain secure in 10-50 year lifetime.



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- Once upon a time, not so very long ago, stream ciphers were the king of crypto
- Today, not as popular as block ciphers
- *RC*4
  - Based on a changing lookup table
  - Used many places (WEP ··· )
- **RFC 7465:** "Prohibiting RC4 Cipher Suites" published in Feb 2015.



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A **pseudo-random bit generator (PRBG)** is a deterministic algorithm which, given a truly random binary sequence of length k, outputs a binary sequence of length  $\ell$  much larger than k which "appears" to be random. The input to the PRBG is called **seed**, while the output of the PRBG is called a **pseudo-random bit sequence**.



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A PRBG that passes the next-bit test is called a cryptographically secure PRBG.



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#### LCGs are not very useful for cryptographic purpose.



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## **RSA CSPRBG**

- Choose 2 large primes *p* & *q*.
- Set n = p.q
- Choose a random  $e s/t 0 < e < \phi(n) s/t gcd(e, \phi(n)) = 1$ .
- Choose a random seed  $x_0$  s/t  $1 \le x_0 \le n-1$

 $x_i \equiv x_{i-1}^e \mod n.$ 

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## BBS (Blum-Blum-Shub) CSPRBG

- Generate 2 large primes  $p \& q \text{ s/t both} \equiv 3 \mod 4$
- Set n = p.q
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*C*(*t*) measures the amount of similarity between the sequence *s* and a shift of *s* by *t* positions, the is a random periodic sequence of period *N*, then |N.C(t)| can be expected to be quite small for all values of *t*, 0 < t < N.

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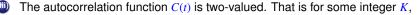
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The autocorrelation function C(t) is two-valued. That is for some integer K,

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A binary sequence which satisfies Golomb's randomness postulates is called a pseudo-noise sequence or a pn-sequence.



## Frequency Test (Monobit Test)

- The purpose of this test is to determine whether the number of 0's and 1's in *s* are approximately the same, as would be expected for a random sequence.
- Let  $s = s_0, s_1, s_2, \ldots, s_{n-1}$  be a binary sequence of length *n*.
- Let *n*<sub>0</sub>, *n*<sub>1</sub> denote the number of 0's and 1's in *s*, respectively.
- The statistic used is

$$X_1 = \frac{(n_0 - n_1)^2}{n}$$

which approximately follows a  $\chi^2$  distribution with 1 degree of freedom if  $n \ge 10$ .



## Serial Test (2-bit Test)

- The purpose of this test is to determine whether the number of occurrences of 00, 01, 10, and 11 as subsequences of *s* are approximately the same, as would be expected for a random sequence.
- Let n<sub>0</sub>, n<sub>1</sub> denote the number of 0's and 1's in s, respectively, and let n<sub>00</sub>, n<sub>01</sub>, n<sub>10</sub>, n<sub>11</sub> denote the number of occurrences of 00, 01, 10, 11 in s, respectively<sup>1</sup>.
- The statistic used is

$$X_2 = \frac{4}{n-1}(n_{00}^2 + n_{01}^2 + n_{10}^2 + n_{11}^2) - \frac{2}{n}(n_0^2 + n_1^2) + 1$$

which approximately follows a  $\chi^2$  distribution with 2 degrees of freedom if  $n \ge 21$ .



 $n_{00} + n_{01} + n_{10} + n_{11} = (n - 1)$  since the subsequences are allowed to overlap. Dhananjoy Dey (Indian Institute of Informa Stream Ciphers February 10, 2021 31/57

#### **Five Basic Tests**

#### Poker test

- Let *m* be a positive integer such that  $\lfloor \frac{n}{m} \rfloor \ge 5.2^m$ , and let  $k = \lfloor \frac{n}{m} \rfloor$ .
- Divide the sequence s into k non-overlapping parts each of length m
- Let  $n_i$  be the number of occurrences of the  $i^{th}$  type of sequence of length m,  $1 \le i \le 2^m$ .
- The poker test<sup>2</sup> determines whether the sequences of length *m* each appear approximately the same number of times in *s*, as would be expected for a random sequence.
- The statistic used is

$$X_{3} = \frac{2^{m}}{k} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{2^{m}} n_{i}^{2} \right) - k$$

which approximately follows a  $\chi^2$  distribution with  $2^m - 1$  degrees of freedom.

<sup>2</sup>Note that the poker test is a generalization of the frequency test: setting  $m = \frac{1}{2}$  the poker test yields the frequency test.

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#### Runs test

- The purpose of the runs test is to determine whether the number of runs of ٠ various lengths in the sequence s is as expected for a random sequence.
- The expected number of gaps (or blocks) of length *i* in a random sequence of ۰ length *n* is  $e_i = (n - i + 3)/2^{i+2}$ .
- Let k be equal to the largest integer i for which  $e_i \ge 5$ .
- Let  $B_i, G_i$  be the number of blocks and gaps, respectively, of length i in s for each  $i, 1 \leq i \leq k$ .
- The statistic used is

$$X_4 = \sum_{i}^{k} \frac{(B_i - e_i)^2}{e_i} + \sum_{i}^{k} \frac{(G_i - e_i)^2}{e_i}$$

which approximately follows a  $\chi^2$  distribution with 2k - 2 degrees of freedom.



### Autocorrelation test

- The purpose of this test is to check for correlations between the sequence *s* and (non-cyclic) shifted versions of it.
- Let *d* be a fixed integer,  $1 \le d \le \lfloor n/2 \rfloor$ .
- The number of bits in *s* not equal to their *d*-shifts is  $A(d) = \sum_{i=0}^{n-d-1} s_i \oplus s_{i+d}$ .
- The statistic used is

$$X_5 = \frac{2(A(d) - \frac{n-d}{2})}{\sqrt{n-d}}$$

which approximately follows an N(0, 1) distribution if  $n - d \ge 10$ . Since small values of A(d) are as unexpected as large values of A(d), a two-sided test should be used.



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## Linear Feedback Shift Registers (LFSR)

- A standard way of producing a binary stream of data is to use a feedback shift register.
- These are small circuits containing a number of memory cells, each of which holds one bit of information.
- The set of such cells forms a register.
- In each cycle a certain predefined set of cells are 'tapped' and their value is passed through a function, called the feedback function.
- The register is then shifted down by one bit, with the output bit of the feedback shift register being the bit that is shifted out of the register.
- The combination of the tapped bits is then fed into the empty get at the top of the register.



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## Linear Feedback Shift Registers (LFSR)

#### Definition

A LFSR of degree *L* (or length *L*) is defined by feedback coefficients  $c_1, \ldots, c_L \in GF(2)$ .

The initial state is an *L*-bit word  $S = (s_{L-1}, ..., s_1, s_0)$  and new bits are generated by the recursion

 $s_j = (c_1 \cdot s_{j-1} \oplus c_2 \cdot s_{j-2} \oplus \ldots \oplus c_L \cdot s_{j-L}) \mod 2, \text{ for } j \ge L$ 

At each iteration step (clock tick), the state *S* is updated from  $(s_{j-1}, \ldots, s_{j-L})$  to  $(s_j, s_{j-1}, \ldots, s_{j-L+1})$ , i.e., by shifting the register to the right. The rightmost bit  $s_{j-L}$  is output.

The output of an LFSR is called a linear recurring sequence.

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- Let the length of the register be L.
- One defines a set of bits (c<sub>1</sub>,..., c<sub>L</sub>) where c<sub>i</sub> = 1 if that cell is tapped and c<sub>i</sub> = 0 otherwise.
- The initial internal state of the register is given by the bit sequence  $(s_{L-1}, \ldots, s_1, s_0)$ .
- The output sequence is then defined to be

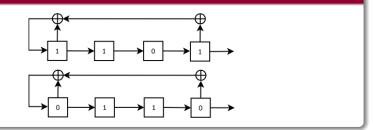
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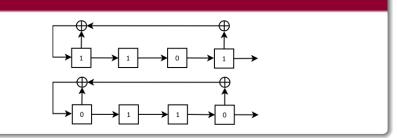
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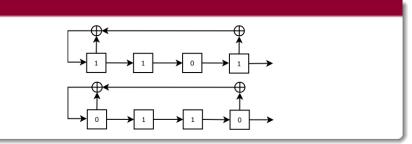
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- Connection polynomial :  $c(x) = x^4 + x + 1$
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The period of a sequence generated by an LFSR of degree *n* is at most  $2^n - 1$ .



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#### Outline



2 Statistical Tests
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# RC4 Key Scheduling Algorithm (KSA)

**Input:** Key array K[0], K[1], ..., K[n-1] of *n* bytes,  $1 \le n \le 255$ **Output:** State array S[0], S[1], ..., S[255]

RC4

- 1: **for** i = 0 to 255 **do**
- 2: S[i] = i
- 3: end for
- 4: *j* = 0
- 5: **for** i = 0 to 255 **do**
- 6:  $j = (j + S[i] + K[i \mod n]) \mod 256$
- 7: Swap the values of S[i] and S[j]
- 8: end for



# RC4 Pseudorandom Generation Algorithm (PRGA)

• For each keystream byte, swap elements in table and select byte

Input: State array S[0], S[1], ..., S[255]Output: Output bytes B1: i = 02: j = 03: while Keystream is generated do 4: i = i + 15:  $j = (j + S[i]) \mod 256$ 6: Swap the values of S[i] and S[j]7:  $B = S[(S[i] + S[j]) \mod 256]$ 8: Output B9: end while

- Use keystream bytes like a one-time pad
- Note: first 256 bytes should be discarded
  - Otherwise, related key attack exists



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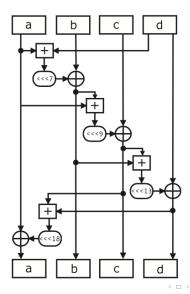
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- Salsa20 is based on quarter-rounds, row-rounds and columnrounds.
- The quarter-rounds operate on four words, the row-rounds transform the four rows and the column-rounds transform the fourcolumns of the state matrix.



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## Salsa20/20: Quarter-round





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### Salsa20/20: Row-round

$$row - round(S) = \begin{pmatrix} z_0 & z_1 & z_2 & z_3 \\ z_4 & z_5 & z_6 & z_7 \\ z_8 & z_9 & z_{10} & z_{11} \\ z_{12} & z_{13} & z_{14} & z_{15} \end{pmatrix},$$

where

 $(z_0, z_1, z_2, z_3) = quarter - round(y_0, y_1, y_2, y_3),$   $(z_5, z_6, z_7, z_4) = quarter - round(y_5, y_6, y_7, y_4),$   $(z_{10}, z_{11}, z_8, z_9) = quarter - round(y_{10}, y_{11}, y_8, y_9),$  $(z_{15}, z_{12}, z_{13}, z_{14}) = quarter - round(y_{15}, y_{12}, y_{13}, y_{14}).$ 



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# Salsa20/20: Column-round

- The *column-round* function is the transpose of the row-round function: the words in the columns are permuted, the quarter-round map is applied to each of the columns and the permutation is reversed.
- Let *S* be a state matrix as above; then

 $column - round(S) = (row - round(S^T))^T$ .



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Salsa20 runs 10 successive double-rounds, i.e., 20 quarter-rounds, in order to generate 64 bytes of output.

The *initial state* depends on the *key*, a *nonce* and a *counter*.



- The Salsa20/20 stream cipher takes a 256-bit key  $k = (k_1, ..., k_8)$  and a unique 64-bit message number  $n = (n_1, n_2)$  (nonce) as input.
- A 64-bit block counter  $b = (b_1, b_2)$  is initially set to zero.
- The initialization algorithm copies *k*, *n*, *b* and the four 32-bit constants

 $y_0 = 61707865, y_5 = 3320646E, y_{10} = 79622D32, \& y_{15} = 6B206574$ 

into the sixteen 32-bit words of the Salsa20 state matrix:



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  - May be greatly exaggerated ...



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