



Redundancy-Free Encryption from Rabin and RSA

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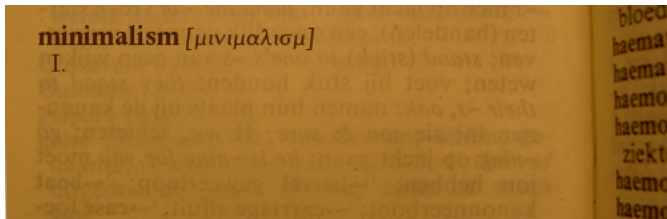


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The quest for minimalism in cryptography

Cryptography stripped down to its essential features

- Minimal assumptions sufficient to achieve a cryptographic goal
- Minimal constructions—removing any element results in a totally insecure construction
- Minimality often implies optimality: minimal overhead, efficiency, tight security reductions



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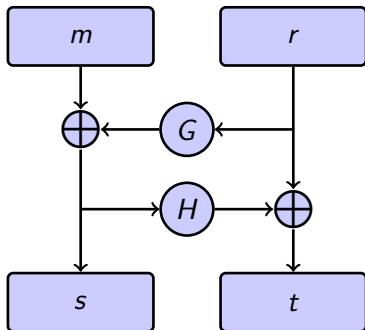
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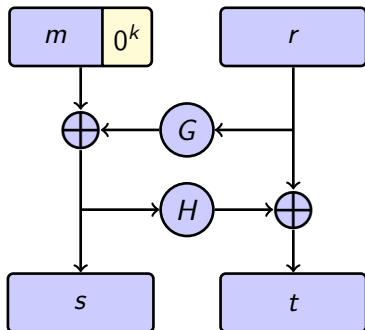
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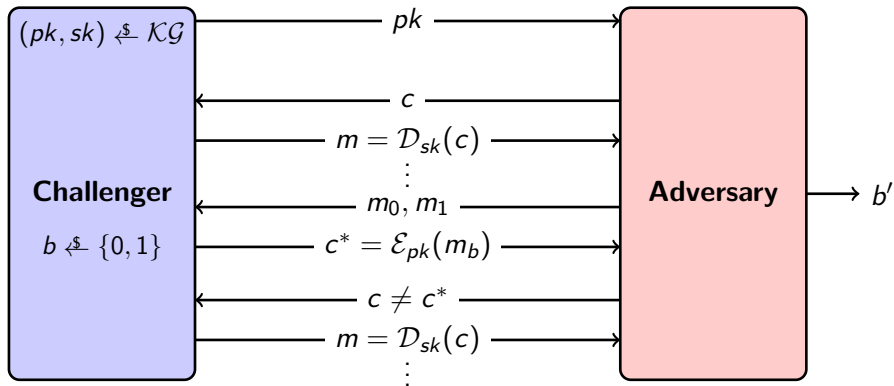


Not that **O**ptimal

Redundancy 0^k needed to get chosen-ciphertext security

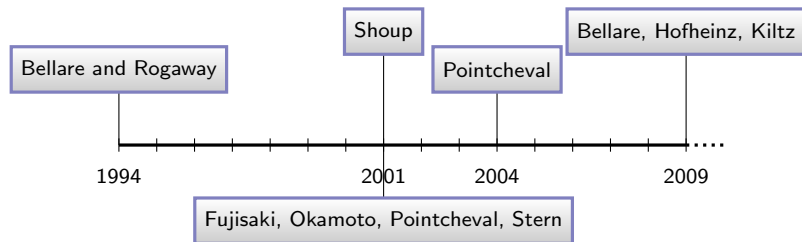
Chosen-ciphertext security

For a public-key encryption scheme $(\mathcal{KG}, \mathcal{E}, \mathcal{D})$, define the experiment CCA:



$$\text{Advantage of } \mathcal{A} : \mathbf{Adv}_{\text{CCA}}^{\mathcal{A}} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \left| \Pr[\text{CCA} : b = b'] - \frac{1}{2} \right|$$

A timeline of OAEP



1994 Proof of chosen-ciphertext security!

2001 Proof is flawed, but can be patched

- ...weakening the security notion, or
- ...modifying the scheme, or
- ...under stronger assumptions

2004 Filled gaps in 2001 proof

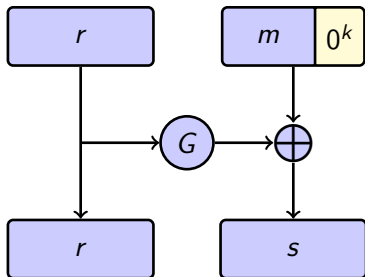
2009 Security definition is ambiguous

2011 Machine-checked proof: filled gaps in 2004 proof

A second attempt: SAEP [Boneh '01]

- Just 1 Feistel round
- CCA-secure when instantiated with Rabin and RSA with $e = 3$

$$\mathcal{E}_{pk}(m; r) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} f_{pk} \left(r \parallel (m \parallel 0^k) \oplus G(r) \right)$$

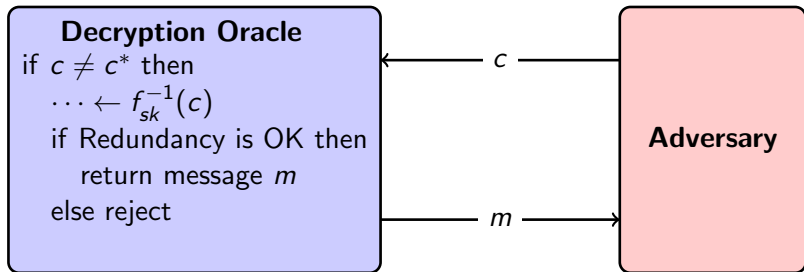


Once more, redundancy 0^k needed for chosen-ciphertext security
Security guarantee void as soon as $k \approx \log(q_D)$

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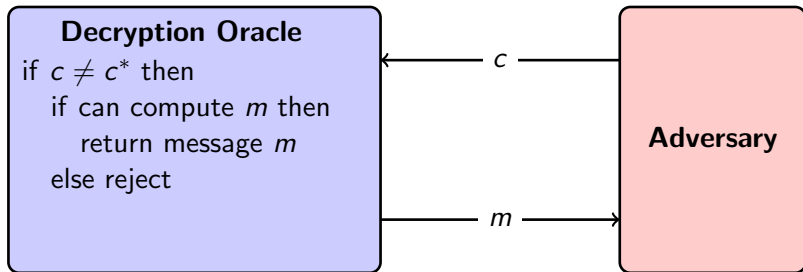
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0 (**Z**ero)

Every ciphertext is valid, decryption never rejects

Advantages of removing redundancy:

- Simpler implementation
- More bandwidth (less redundancy \implies less overhead)
- Absence of padding-oracle attacks
(no padding errors \implies no padding oracle)

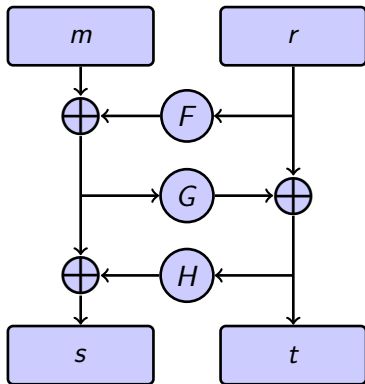
Remember Bleichenbacher's Million Message Attack on PKCS#1 1.5? Is now down to 15,000 messages!

[Steel-Bardou-Focardi-Kawamoto-Simionato, Kai-Tsay '12]

A secure redundancy-free scheme: OAEP-3R

- [Phan-Pointcheval '03]
- 3-round Feistel
- Loose security reduction \implies inefficient, large keys needed

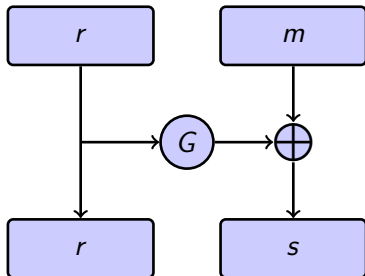
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ZAEP: minimalist redundancy-free secure encryption

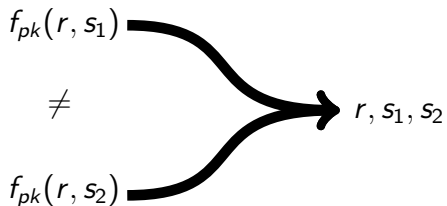
- Idea: take SAEP, but remove 0^k redundancy
- Simplest conceivable padding-based encryption scheme
- Security reduces to inversion of the trapdoor permutation f under minimal additional assumptions
- Tight security reduction \implies efficient, practical key sizes

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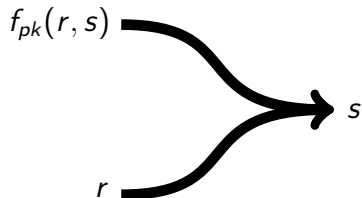


Necessary assumptions

- Common-Input Extractability (CIE)



- Second-Input Extractability (SIE)



Simulation of the decryption oracle

Oracle $G(x)$:

if $x \notin \text{dom}(L_G)$ then
 $c \leftarrow \text{find } c \in \text{dom}(L_D). \text{sie}_{pk}(c, x) \neq \perp$;
 if $c \neq \perp$ then
 $L_G[x] \leftarrow L_D[c] \oplus \text{sie}_{pk}(c, x)$;
 else
 $L_G[x] \xleftarrow{\$} \{0, 1\}^\ell$;
return $L_G[x]$

Oracle $\mathcal{D}(c)$:

if $q < q_{\mathcal{D}} \wedge \neg(c_{\text{def}}^* \wedge c = c^*)$ then
 $q \leftarrow q + 1$;
 $r \leftarrow \text{find } r \in \text{dom}(L_G). \text{sie}_{pk}(c, r) \neq \perp$;
 if $r \neq \perp$ then return $L_G[r] \oplus \text{sie}_{pk}(c, r)$
 else
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 else
 $c' \leftarrow \text{find } c' \in \text{dom}(L_D). \text{cie}_{pk}(c, c') \neq \perp$;
 if $c' \neq \perp$ then
 $(r, s, t) \leftarrow \text{cie}_{pk}(c, c')$;
 return $L_D[c'] \oplus s \oplus t$;
 else
 if $c_{\text{def}}^* \wedge \text{cie}_{pk}(c, c^*) \neq \perp$ then
 $(r, s, t) \leftarrow \text{cie}_{pk}(c, c^*)$;
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 else return \perp

- Requires programming the random oracle G
- Significantly different from original SAEP (w/redundancy) proof

Security of ZAEF in the Random Oracle Model

Let $f : \{0, 1\}^n \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^n$ be a trapdoor permutation satisfying both SIE and CIE

Theorem (ZAEF is INDCCA secure)

Let \mathcal{A} be an adversary against the CCA security of f -ZAEF that runs within time $t_{\mathcal{A}}$ and makes at most q_G queries to G and q_D decryption queries. Then, there exists an algorithm \mathcal{B} that inverts f with probability ϵ within time $t_{\mathcal{B}}$ such that

$$\begin{aligned}\epsilon &\geq \mathbf{Adv}_{\text{CCA}}^{\mathcal{A}} - \frac{q_D}{2^n} \\ t_{\mathcal{B}} &\leq t_{\mathcal{A}} + 2q_G q_D t_{\text{sie}} + q_D^2 t_{\text{cie}}\end{aligned}$$

In practice, $t_{\text{sie}} \approx t_{\text{cie}} \approx n^3$

Instantiations

Theorem (Coppersmith)

Let $p(X)$ be a monic polynomial of degree d and $N \in \mathbb{N}$. One can find all integer solutions of $p(x) = 0 \pmod{N}$ with $|x| < N^{1/d}$ in time polynomial in $\log(N)$ and d (basically $O(\log(N)^3)$ for small d).

- RSA with small public exponent (e.g. $e = 3$)

$$\text{RSA}[N, e] : \{0, 1\}^{n-\ell} \times \{0, 1\}^{\ell} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^n$$

$$\text{RSA}[N, e] : (r, s) \mapsto (r \times 2^{\ell} + s)^e \pmod{N}$$

Satisfies SIE and CIE when $\ell < n/e^2$

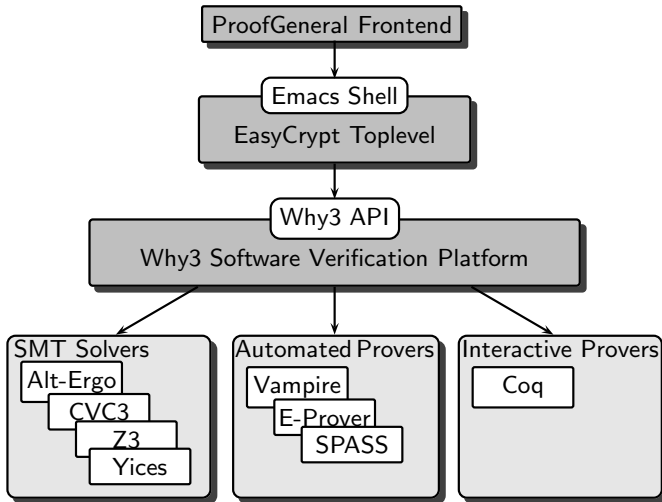
- Rabin with Blum integer modulus ($N = pq$; $p, q \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$)

$$\text{Rabin}[N] : \{0, 1\}^{n-\ell} \times \{0, 1\}^{\ell} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^n$$

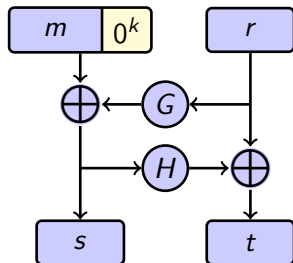
$$\text{Rabin}[N] : (b \| r, s) \mapsto (-1)^b \times (r \times 2^{\ell} + s)^2 \pmod{N}$$

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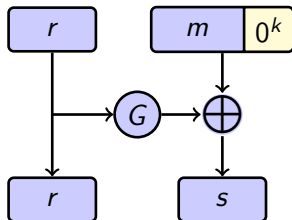
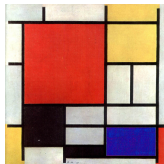
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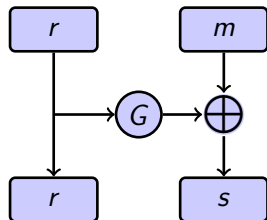
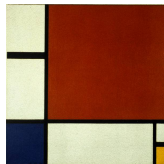
Questions?



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SAEP



ZAEP



<http://easycrypt.gforge.inria.fr>