Key Wrapping with the Keccak Permutation

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How to update a key?

$$\text{Encrypt}_{\text{Master key}}(\text{New Key}).$$

Requirements:

- Simple encryption mode;
- Integrity protection;
- Minimum use of extra mechanism (like randomness or nonces).

Encryption Tools

Encryption

Modern encryption:

- Take a block cipher (AES, Present, etc.);
- Plug into a mode of operation (CBC, CTR, etc.);
- Fix a key;
- For each message:
  - Fix IV (random- or nonce-based);
  - Encrypt block by block (pad if necessary).

No integrity protection (yet), only confidentiality — indistinguishability of ciphertexts from random strings.

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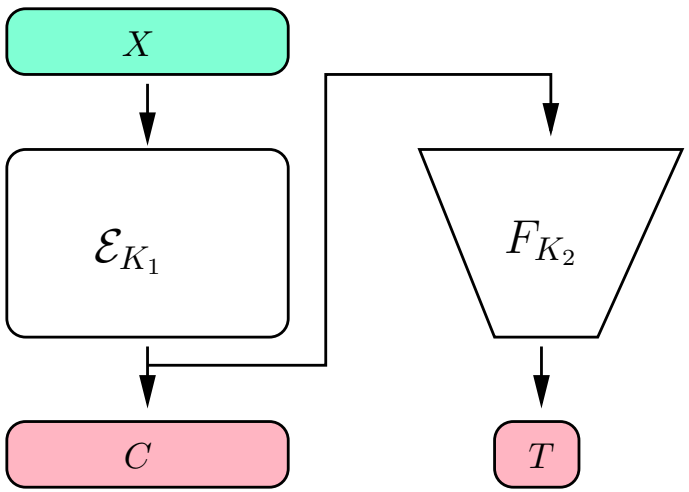
Furthermore, some input must be authenticated but not encrypted (e.g., routing information). It is called associated data (AD).

Encrypt then MAC

It is rather easy to [provably secure] add authentication using a second key:



$$C = E_{K_1}(P); \quad T = MAC_{K_2}(C).$$

It is substantially more difficult [to prove it secure] with a single key.

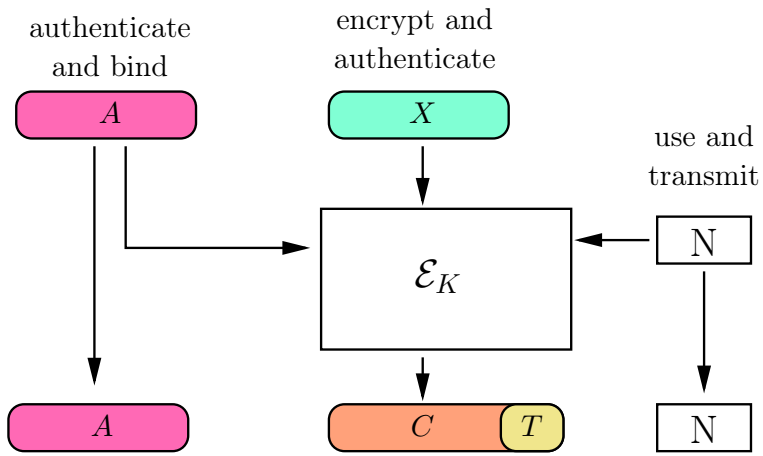
Authenticated encryption with associated data

Encryption:

$$\mathcal{E} : \mathcal{K} \times \mathcal{N} \times \mathcal{A} \times \mathcal{X} \to \mathcal{C}$$

Decryption:

$$\mathcal{D} : \mathcal{K} \times \mathcal{N} \times \mathcal{A} \times \mathcal{C} \to \mathcal{X} \cup \{\perp\}.$$



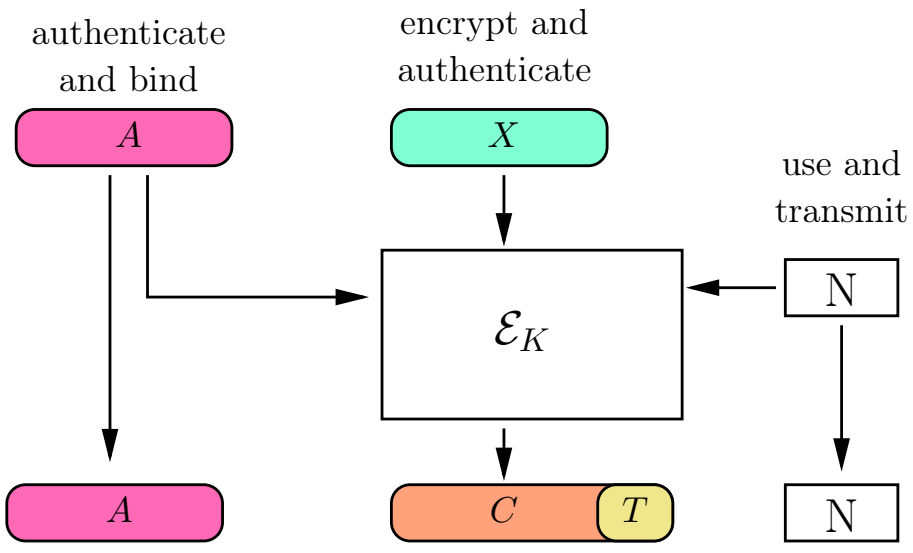
Confidentiality:

- Ciphertexts indistinguishable from random strings;

Data integrity:

- Most of seemingly valid ciphertexts decrypt to $\perp$.

Use for key wrap?



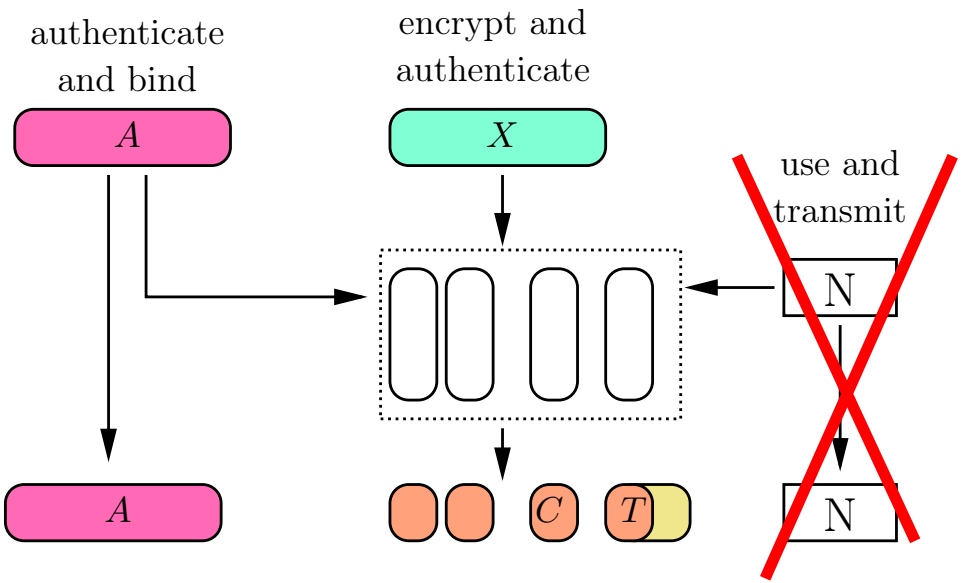
Too much for a key wrap scheme:

- Uses nonces or random IVs.

Also often not misuse-resistant.

No nonce?

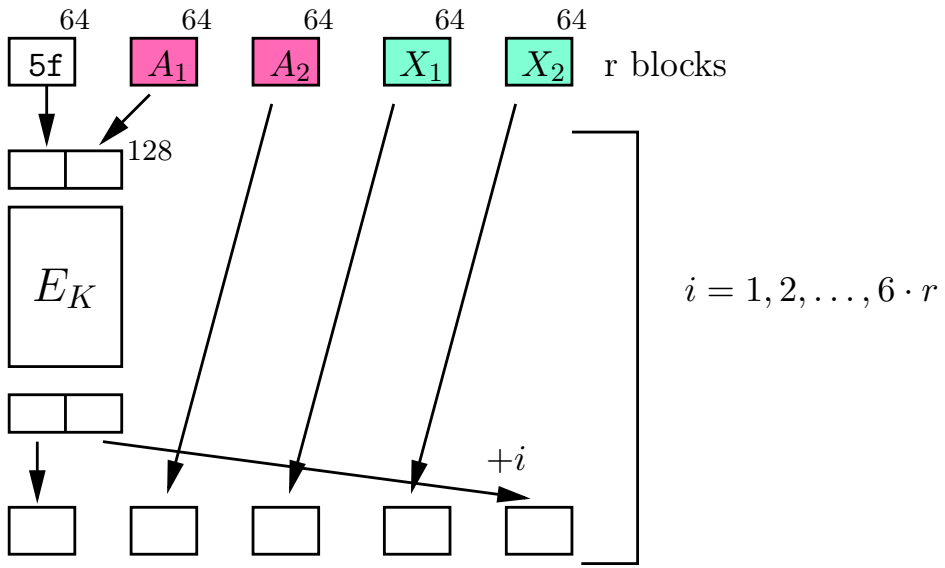
It is difficult to construct a nonce-free AE, and two passes are usually required.



Confidentiality can not be delivered with one pass only — because of the block structure.

Existing solutions

NIST Key Wrap scheme (AES-KW)



- 12× overhead;
- Expansion by the size of AD;
- No provable security (though probably good one);
- No cryptanalysis;
- At least 2^{-64} forgery probability;
- Unparallelizable.

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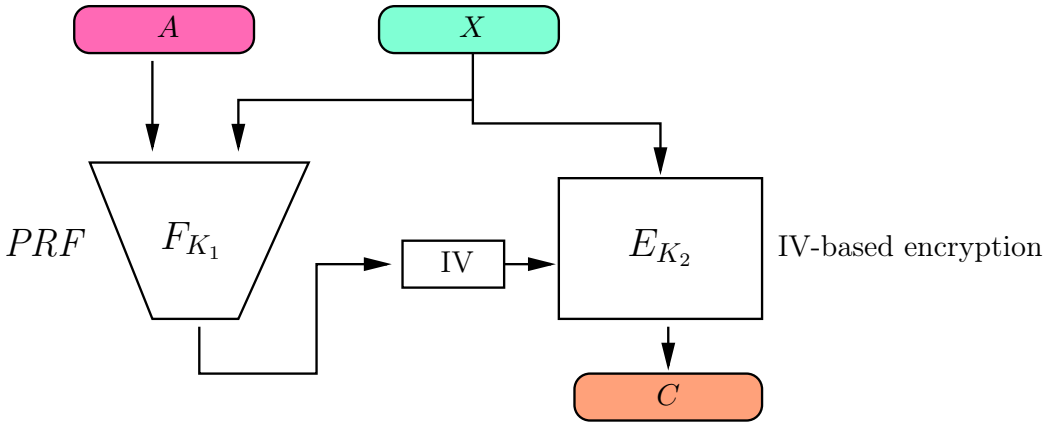
Deterministic Authenticated Encryption (DAE, Rogaway-Shrimpton 2006):

$$(\mathcal{E}(\cdot), \mathcal{D}(\cdot)) \approx (\$(\cdot), \perp(\cdot)); \qquad K \xleftarrow{\$} \mathcal{K}.$$

Indistinguishability from random oracle and "always invalid" oracle.

Synthetic IV (SIV) scheme (Rogaway-Shrimpton 2006)



- 2× overhead;
- Two keys;
- Combined, not integrated scheme;
- Only encryption parallelizable;
- 64-bit security with AES.

Other schemes

The Key-Wrap concept (Gennaro-Halevi, 2009):

- Random-Plaintext secure (wrapped keys out of attacker's control);
- Similar ciphertext integrity notion;
- Hash-then-CTR and Hash-then-CBC secure schemes, which require both block cipher and a hash function.

More sophisticated schemes (HBS, BTM, etc.).

Hard to deliver the security beyond the birthday bound (64 bits if AES).

Our proposal

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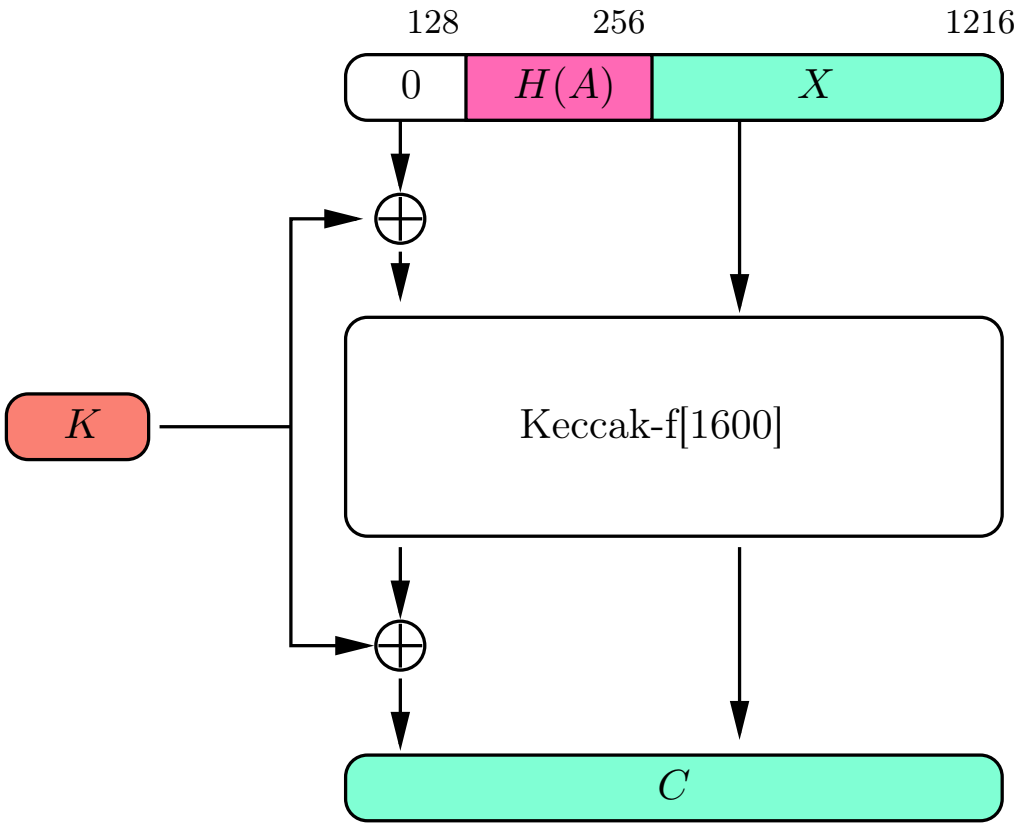
We found the AES block of 128 bit too short for making a simple scheme.

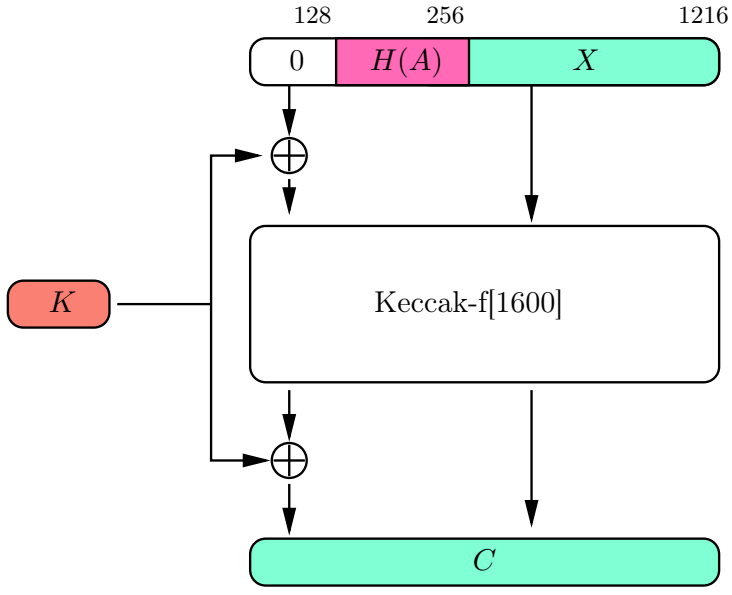
Key wrap scheme I

Encryption (X — plaintext for wrapping):

- Compute hash of associated data with [collision-resistant] Keccak-256 — $H(A)$;
- Apply Keccak-f[1600] to $K||H(A)||X$, where K — master key.
- XOR the master key K to the output.



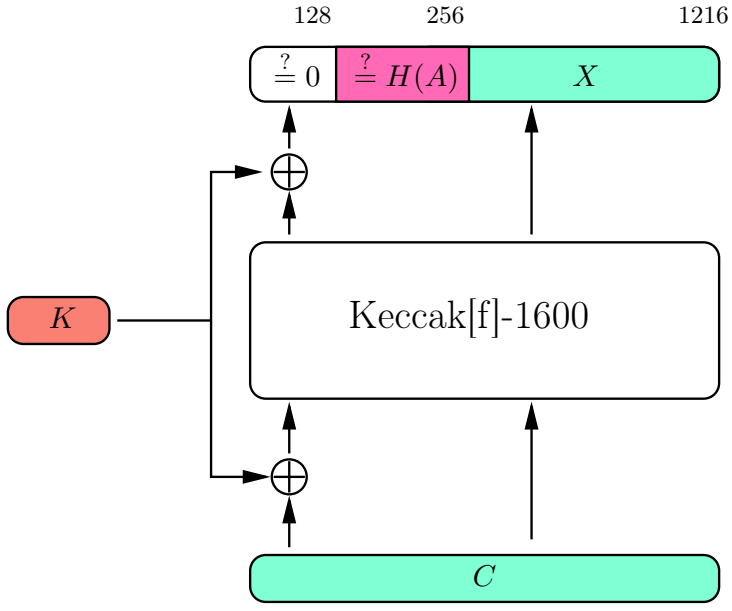
Confidentiality



Confidentiality (Left-or-Right) for random permutation (proof intuition):

- Submit two plaintexts on your own;
- Unable to figure out inputs and outputs of the permutation unless the key is guessed;
- Two ciphertexts become indistinguishable.

Ciphertext integrity

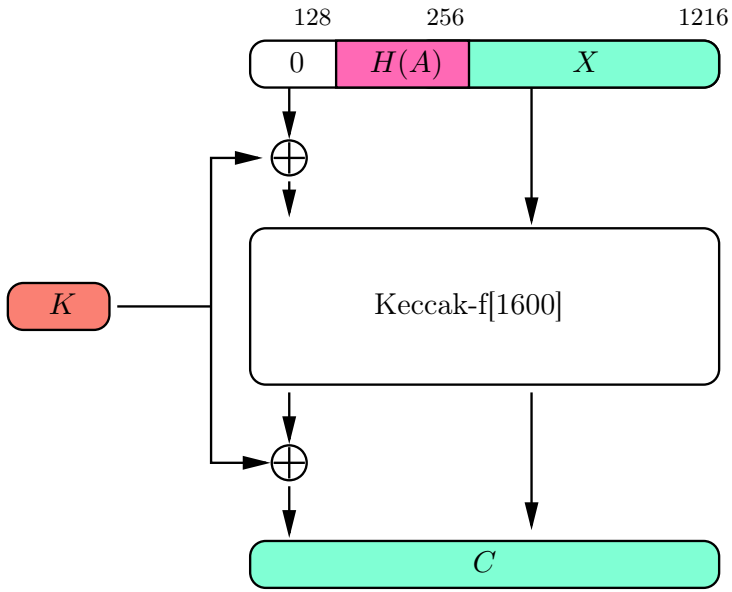


Ciphertext integrity for random permutation (proof intuition):

- Request to decrypt fresh pairs (A, C);
- Ciphertext must be fresh, otherwise there is mismatch in $H(A)$ due to collision resistance;
- If ciphertext is fresh, then it is a new query to π^{-1}, and $H(A)$ is obtained with prob. $\approx 2^{-256}$.

Better scheme?

Some redundancy:



- 0 for confidentiality;
- $H(A)$ for integrity.

Combine?

Key wrap scheme II

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- Compute MAC of associated data with Keccak-256 — $H(K||A)$;
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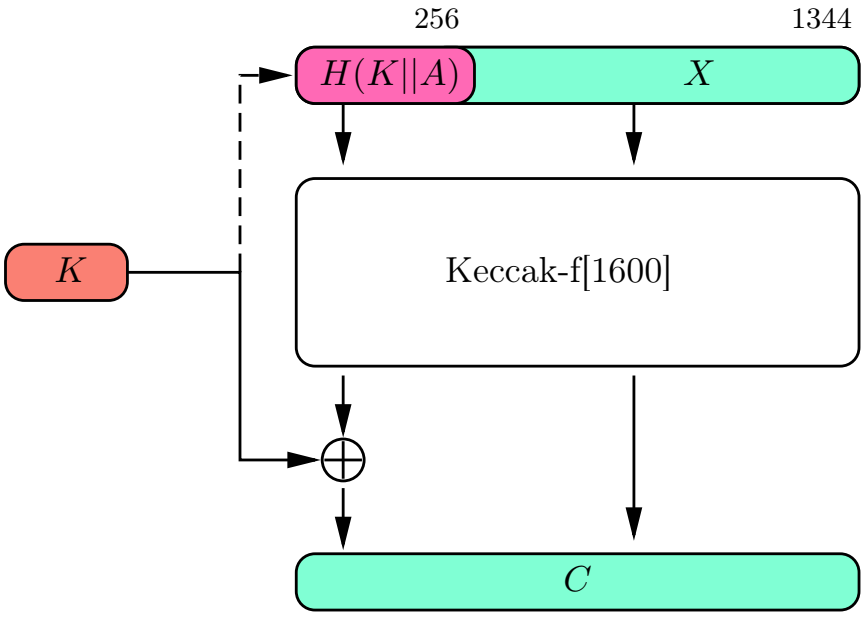

$H(K||A)$ supposed to be unpredictable, collision-resistant, and infeasible to match.

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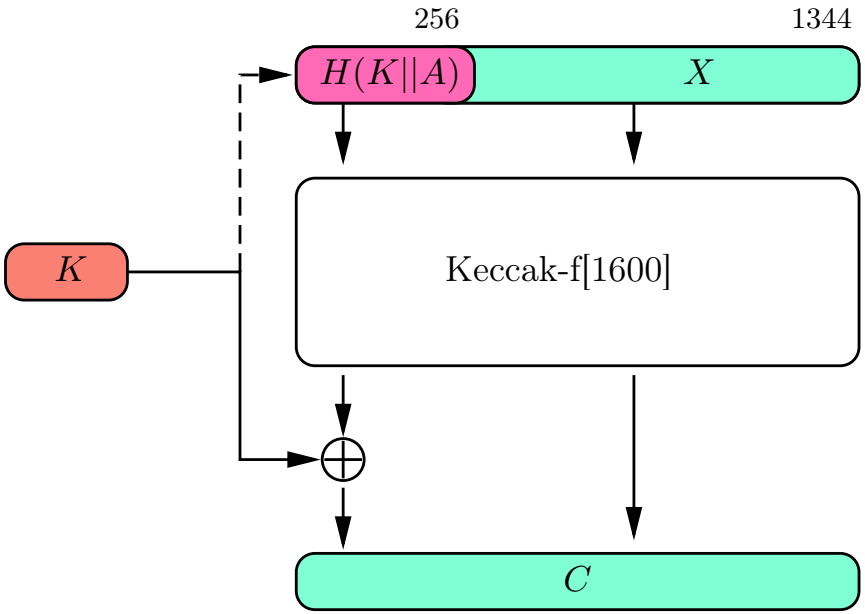

- Higher rate;
- Proof seems to be more difficult.

I promised to show more, but schemes III and IV got broken yesterday night...

Summary

Assume other schemes use AES (as usually specified):

	Scheme 1	Scheme 2	AES-KW	SIV	HtCTR
Message length	1216	1344	Arbitrary		
Overhead	(1.3)	(1.2)	12	2	2
Expansion	≥ 384	≥ 256	$\lvert A\rvert + 64$	128	128
Parallelizable	-	-	No	Partly	Partly
Security proof	Working out DAE		No	DAE	KW
Block cipher	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hash function	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Precompute AD	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
128-bit security	Yes	Yes	No	Not with AES	