

ECE 297:11 Lecture 7

Advanced Encryption Standard

Why a new standard?

1. Old standard insecure against brute-force attacks

2. Straightforward fixes lead to inefficient implementations

• Triple DES in \rightarrow $\begin{matrix} \text{K1} \\ \square \end{matrix} \rightarrow \begin{matrix} \text{K2} \\ \square \end{matrix} \rightarrow \begin{matrix} \text{K3} \\ \square \end{matrix} \rightarrow$ out

3. New trends in fast software encryption

• use of basic instructions of the microprocessor

4. New ways of assessing cipher strength

- differential cryptanalysis
- linear cryptanalysis

Why a contest?

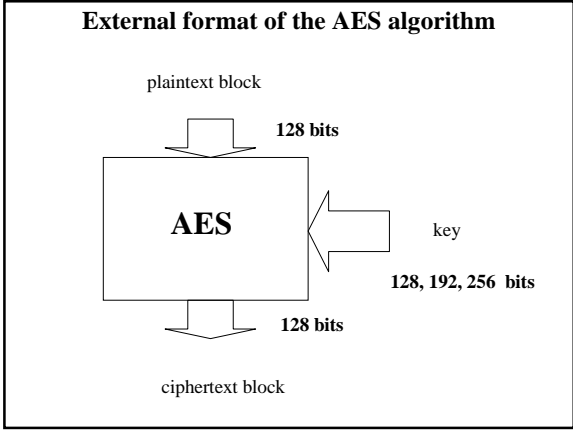
• Focus the effort of cryptographic community

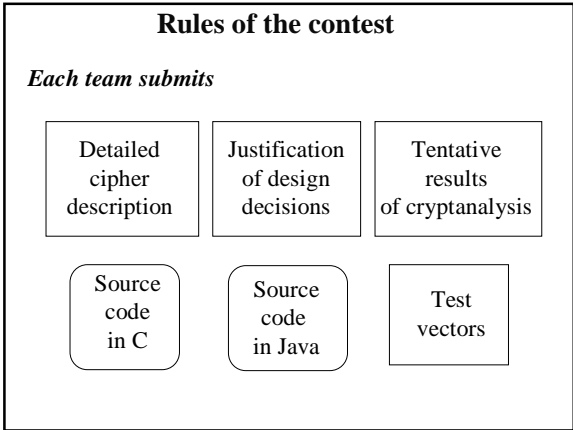
Small number of specialists in the open research

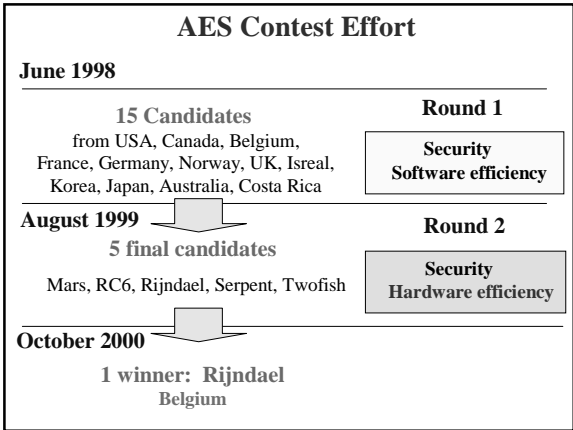
• Stimulate the research on methods of constructing secure ciphers

• Avoid backdoor theories

• Speed-up the acceptance of the standard







AES contest - First Round

15 June 1998 Deadline for submitting candidates
21 submissions,
15 fulfilled all requirements

August 1998 1st AES Conference in Ventura, CA
 Presentation of candidates

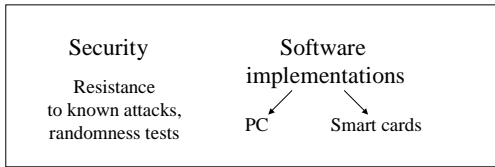
March 1999 2nd AES Conference in w Rome, Italy
 Review of results of the First Round
 analysis

August 1999 NIST announces five final candidates

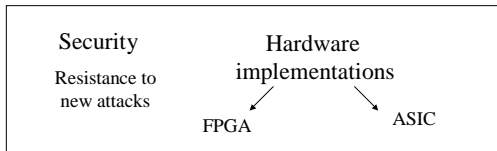
AES: Candidate algorithms

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|---|---|-----------------------------|
| North America (8) | Europe (4) | Asia (2) |
| Canada: CAST-256 Deal | Germany: Magenta | Korea: Crypton |
| USA: Mars RC6 Twofish Safer+ HPC | Belgium: Rijndael | Japan: E2 |
| Costa Rica: Frog | France: DFC | Australia (1) |
| | Israel, GB, Norway: Serpent | Australia: LOK197 |

First round June 1998-August 1999



Second round August 1999-August 2000



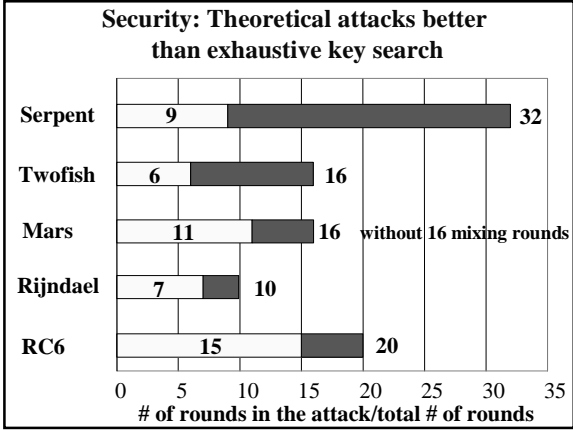
AES contest: Second Round

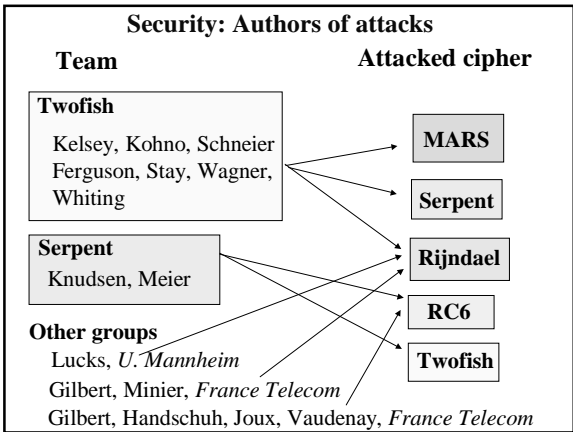
- 13-14 April 2000
3rd AES Conference in New York
- 15 May 2000
End of the comment period for Round II
- 2 October 2000 Winner announced**
- November 2001 FIPS-197: AES announced
- May 2002 Standard becomes effective

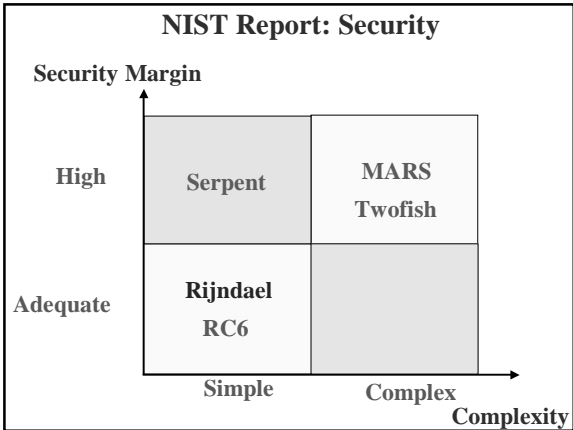
How NIST has made a final decision?

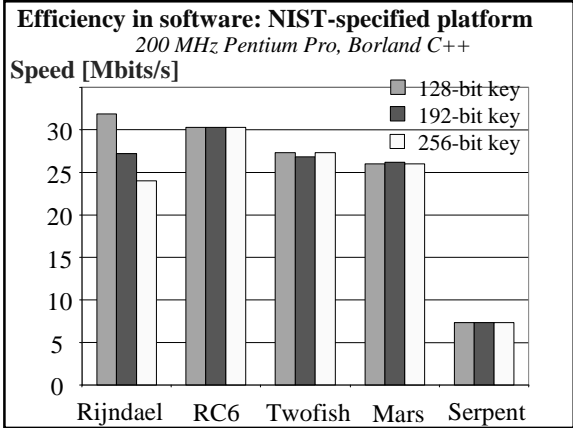
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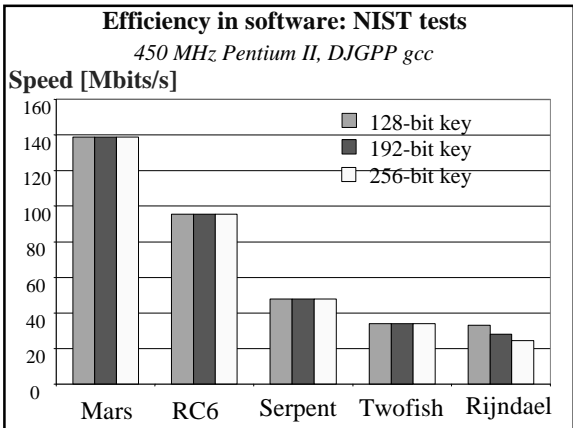
- security
- software efficiency
- hardware efficiency
- flexibility











Efficiency in software: Ranking of encryption speeds for various platforms

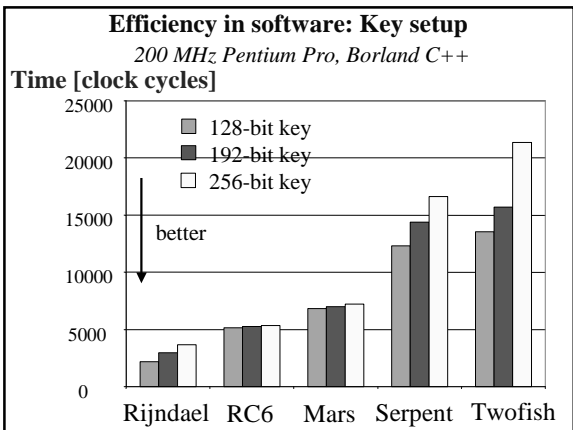
| | Intel | | | Alpha | | | Sun-Sparc | H-P | |
|-----------------|-------|---|---|-------|---|---|-----------|-----|---|
| Mars | 4 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 3 |
| RC6 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 3 |
| Twofish | 2 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Rijndael | 3 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Serpent | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 |

NIST Report: Software Efficiency
Encryption and Decryption Speed

| | 32-bit processors | 64-bit processors | DSPs |
|--------|-----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| high | RC6 | Rijndael Twofish | Rijndael Twofish |
| medium | Rijndael Mars Twofish | Mars RC6 | Mars RC6 |
| low | Serpent | Serpent | Serpent |

NIST Report: Software Efficiency
Encryption and decryption speed in software on smart cards

| | 8-bit processors | 32-bit processors |
|--------|------------------------|--------------------|
| high | Rijndael | Rijndael RC6 |
| medium | RC6 Mars Twofish | Mars |
| low | Serpent | Twofish Serpent |



NIST Report: Software Efficiency
Key scheduling

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| medium | Mars RC6 | RC6 Serpent | Mars RC6 |
| low | Serpent Twofish | Mars Twofish | Twofish |

NIST Report: Software Efficiency
Key scheduling
on smart cards

8-bit processors

| | |
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- Efficiency in software**
- Strong dependence on:**
1. Instruction set architecture
(e.g., variable rotations)
 2. Programming language
(assembler, C, Java)
 3. Compiler
 4. Programming style

Efficiency in software: Conclusions

Encryption/decryption

- Strong variation of results**
- Serpent the worst for majority of platforms**

Key setup

- Moderate variation of results**
- Rijndael and RC6 the best for majority of platforms**
- Twofish and Serpent the worst for majority of platforms**

Primary ways of implementing cryptography in hardware

| ASIC Application Specific Integrated Circuit | FPGA Field Programmable Gate Array |
|---|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • designs must be sent for expensive and time consuming fabrication in semiconductor foundry • designed all the way from behavioral description to physical layout | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • bought off the shelf and reconfigured by designers themselves • no physical layout design; design ends with a bitstream used to configure a device |

Which way to go?

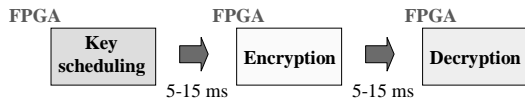
| ASICs | FPGAs |
|--|---------------------------------|
| High performance | Off-the-shelf |
| Low power | Low development costs |
| Low cost (but only in high volumes) | Short time to the market |
| | Reconfigurability |

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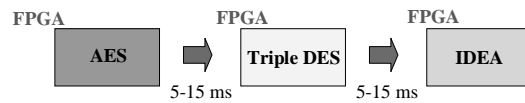
Reconfigurability

External ROM and microprocessor enables changing an FPGA function in several milliseconds

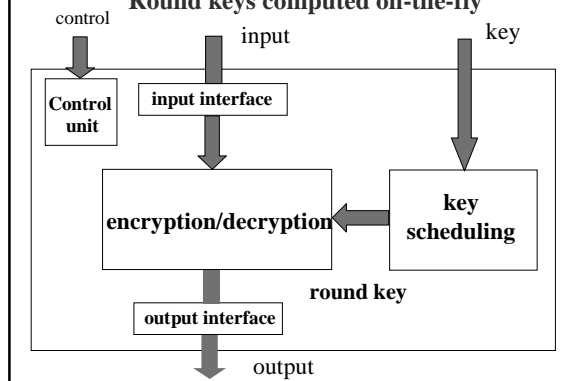
Encryption vs. decryption vs. key scheduling



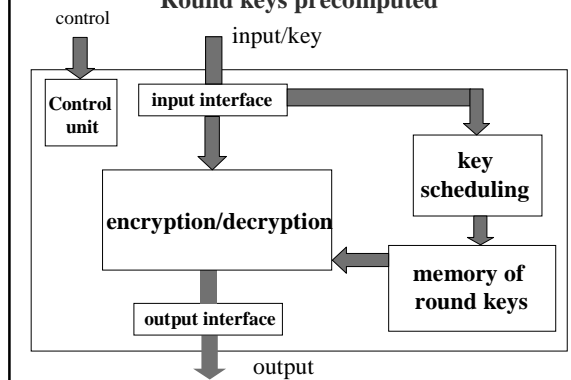
Various algorithms

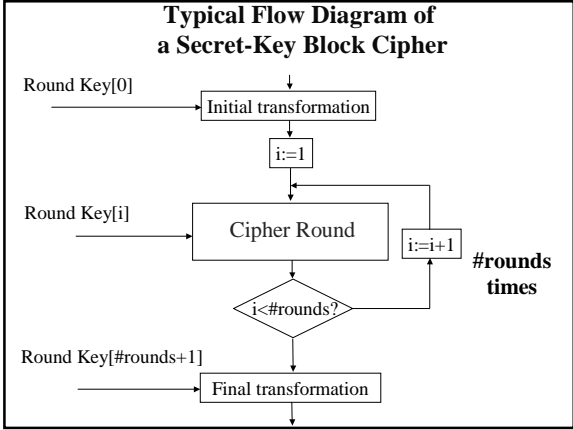


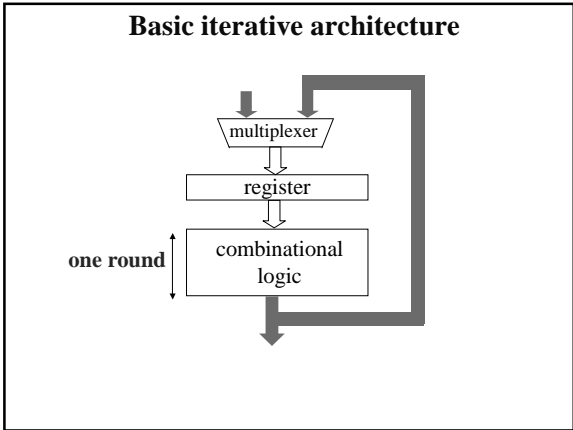
Implementation of a secret-key cipher Round keys computed on-the-fly

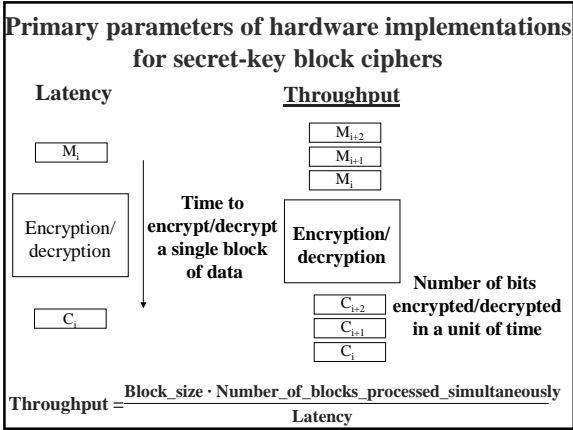


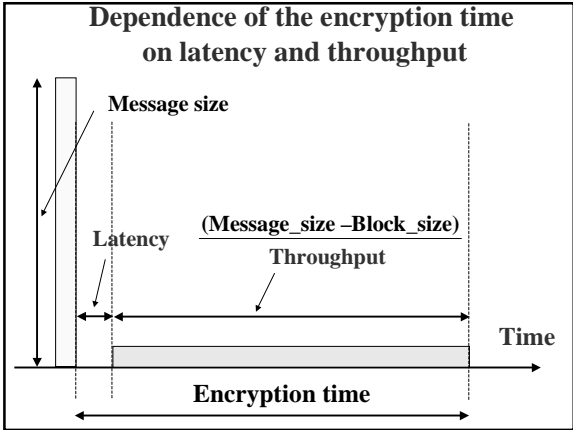
Implementation of a secret-key cipher Round keys precomputed

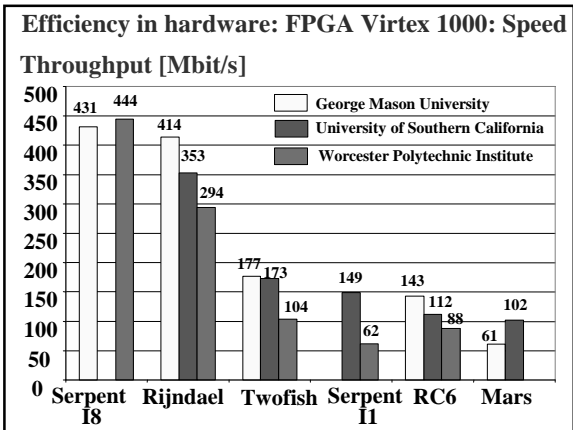


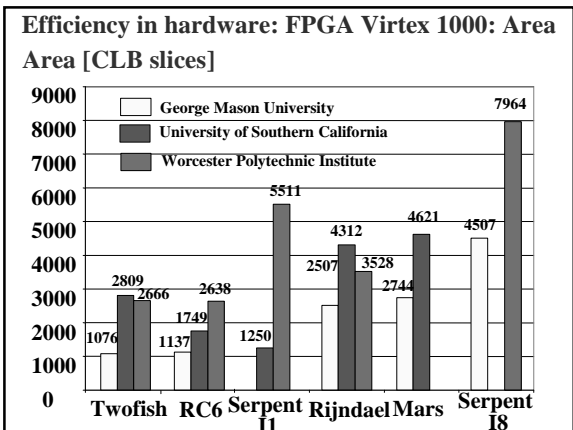


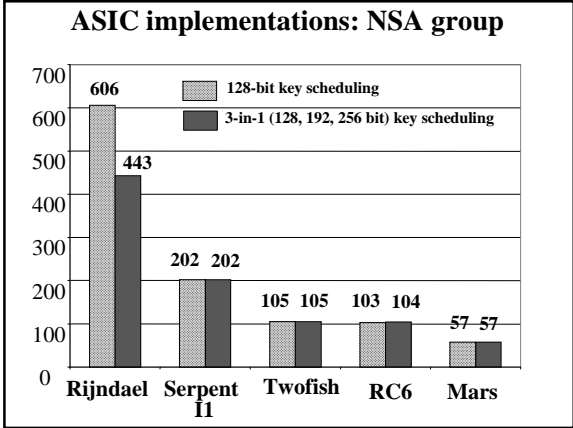


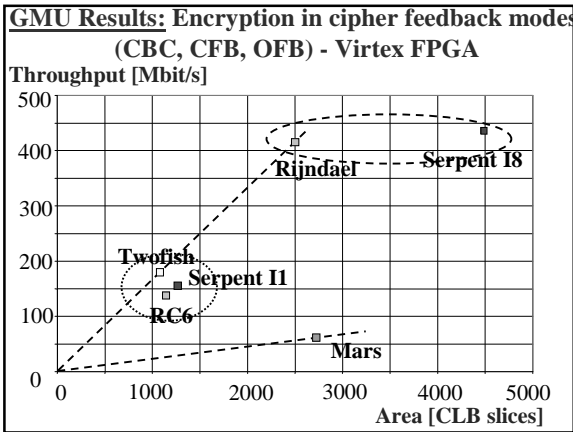


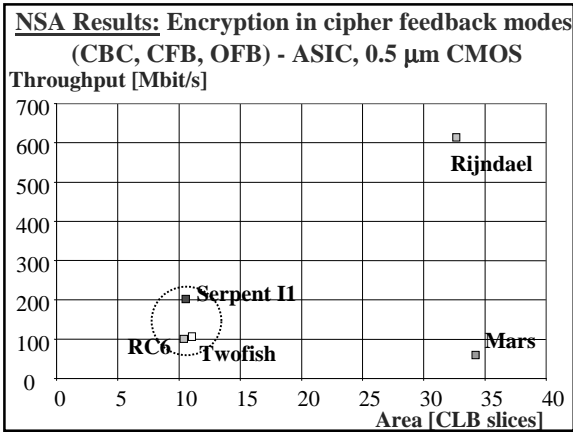


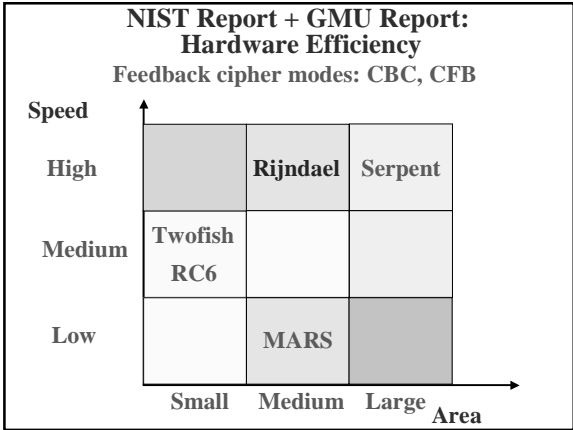










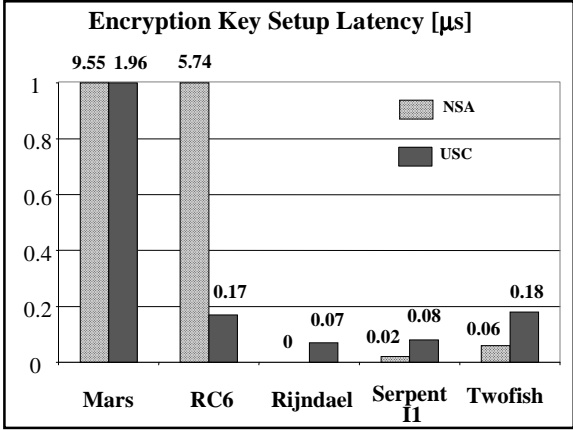


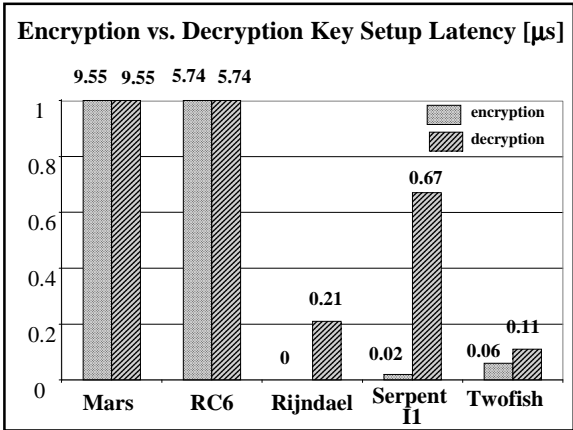
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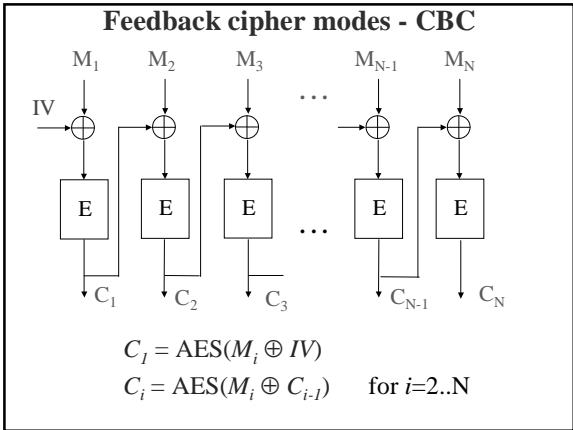
- Speed (throughput) should be the primary criteria of comparison
- Basic iterative architecture is the most appropriate for comparison and future implementations
- Serpent and Rijndael are over twice as fast as the next best candidate for all implementations

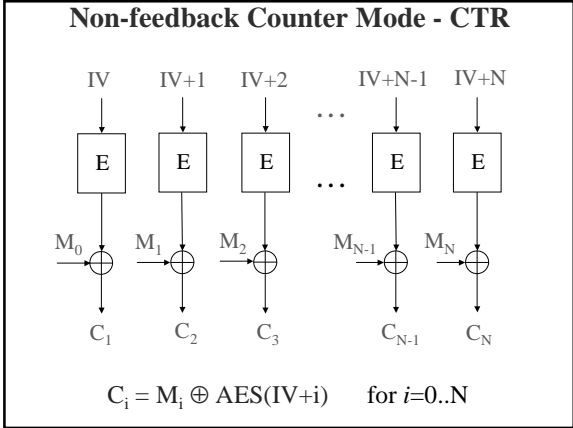
**Conclusions for feedback cipher modes (2)
(CBC, CFB, OFB)**

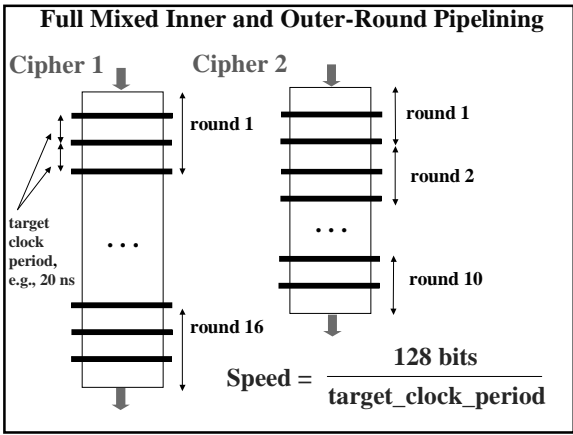
- Results confirmed by
 - three independent university groups for FPGAs, and
 - NSA group for ASICs
- Results of comparison independent of implementation technology (FPGAs vs. ASICs)

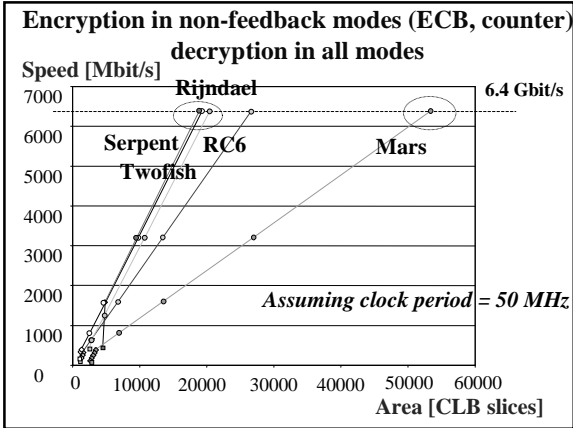


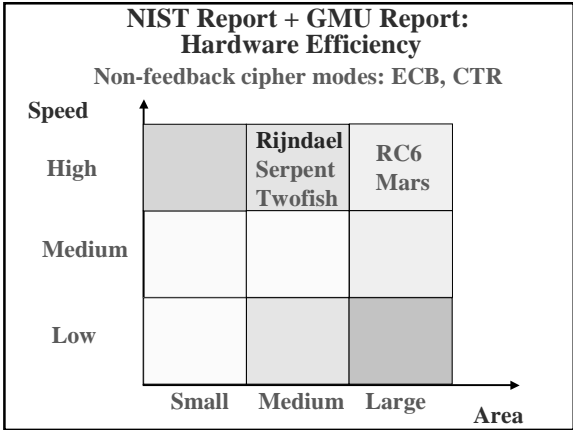












Conclusions for non-feedback cipher modes (1)
ECB, counter

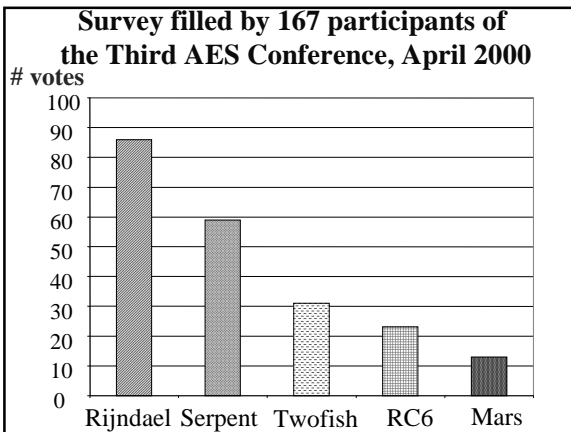
- All ciphers can achieve approximately the same speed.
Area should be the primary criteria of comparison.
- Serpent, Twofish and Rijndael are the most cost-efficient and take approximately the same amount of area

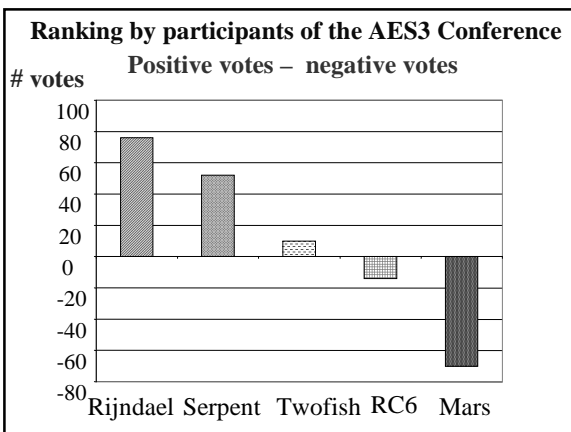
Importance of the AES candidate hardware efficiency comparison

- Important factor used to differentiate among final candidates
 - objective and commonly accepted measures
 - good agreement among results from various groups
 - large differences among final candidates
- Efficient architectures and methodologies developed for all algorithms

Flexibility: Criteria

- Additional key-sizes and block-sizes
- Ability to function efficiently and securely in a wide variety of platforms and applications
 - low-end smartcards, wireless - memory requirements
 - IPSec, ATM - key setup time in hardware
 - B-ISDN, satellite communication - encryption speed





Most likely winner(s) (1)

Rijndael

+

- fastest in hardware
- close to the fastest in software
- very high flexibility

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- security margin

novel ideas

Most likely winner(s) (2)

Serpent

+

- large security margin
- conservative construction
- very fast in hardware
- cryptanalytical reputation of authors

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- slow in software
- moderate flexibility

Most likely winner(s) (3)

Twofish

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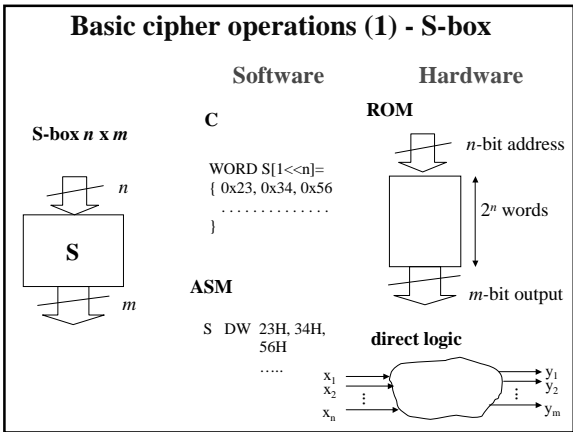
- good security margin
- fast encryption/decryption in software
- American
- strongly advertized

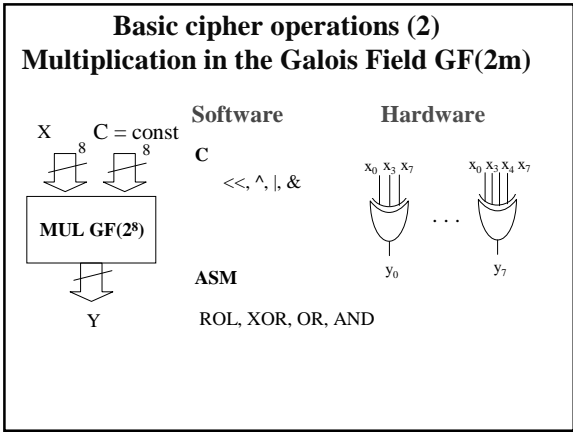
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- moderately fast in hardware
- slow key setup in software
- moderate flexibility

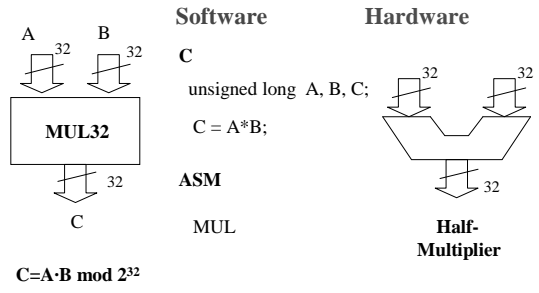
Major operations of AES finalists

| | Serpent | Rijndael | Twofish | RC6 | Mars |
|---------------------------------------|---------|----------|---------|-----|------|
| S-boxes | | | | | |
| Multiplication in GF(2 ^m) | | | | | |
| Integer multiplication | | | | | |
| Variable rotation | | | | | |

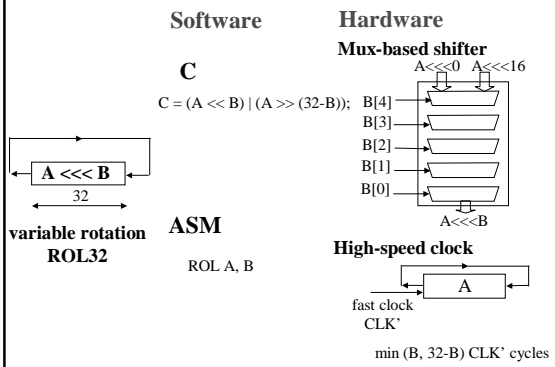




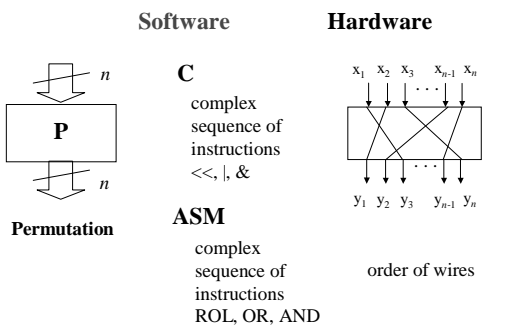
Basic cipher operations (3) - Multiplication

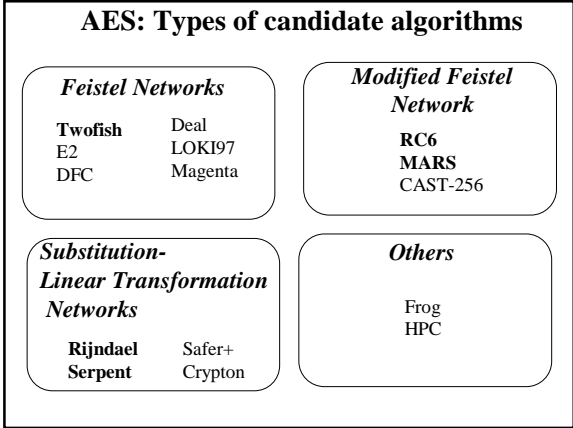


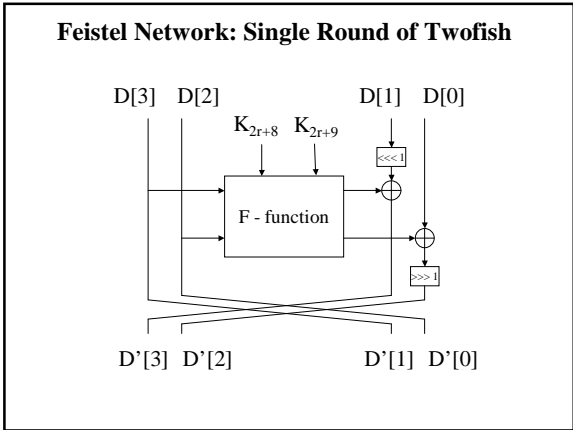
Basic cipher operations (4) - Rotations

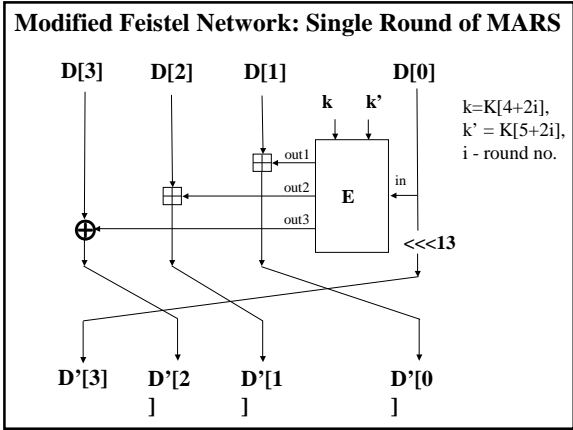


Auxiliary cipher operations - Permutation

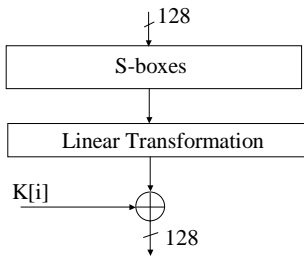




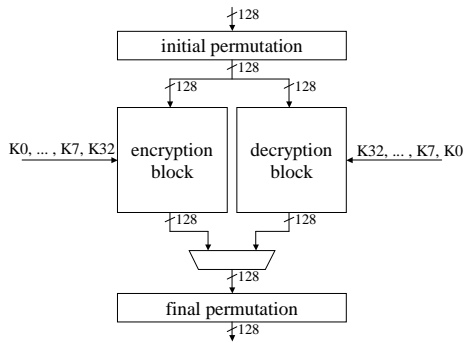




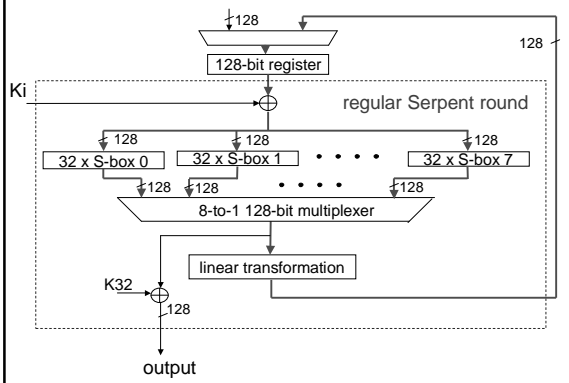
**Substitution-Linear Transformation Network:
Single Round of Serpent**

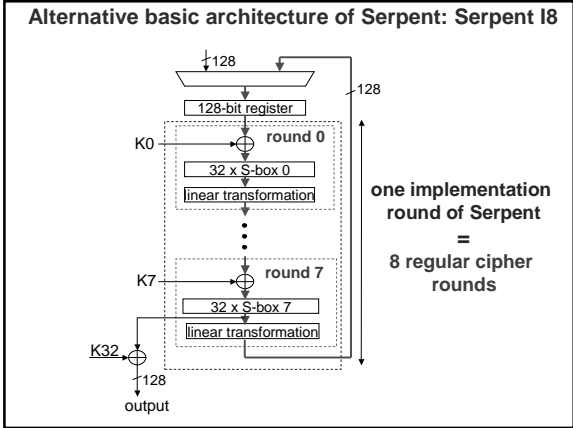


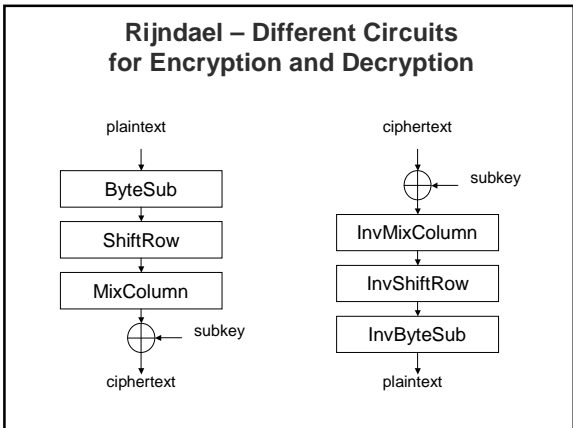
**Substitution-Linear Transformation Network:
Serpent in Hardware**

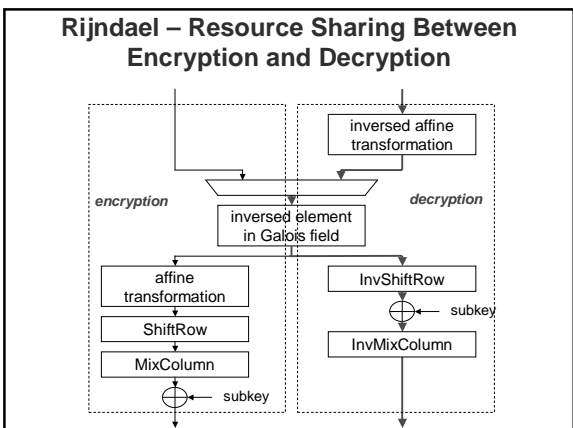


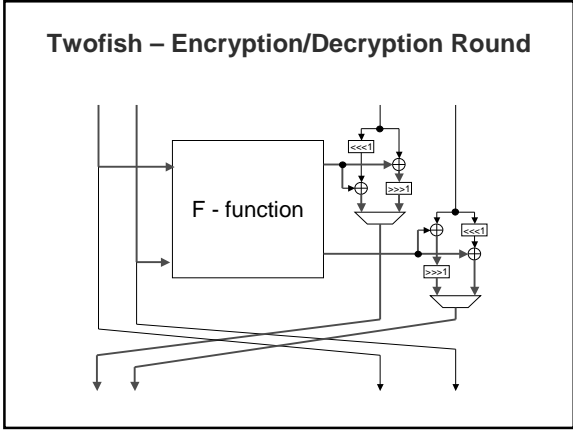
First basic architecture of Serpent - Serpent I1

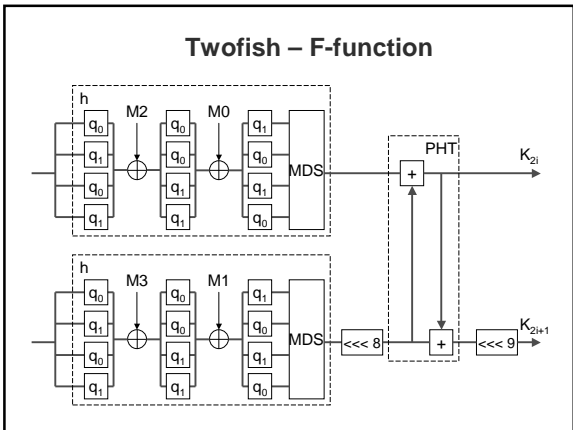


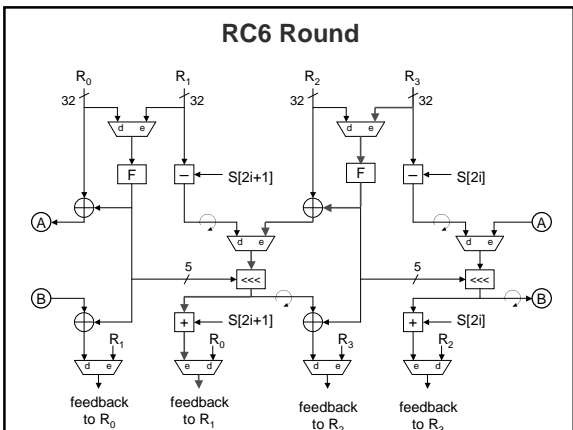


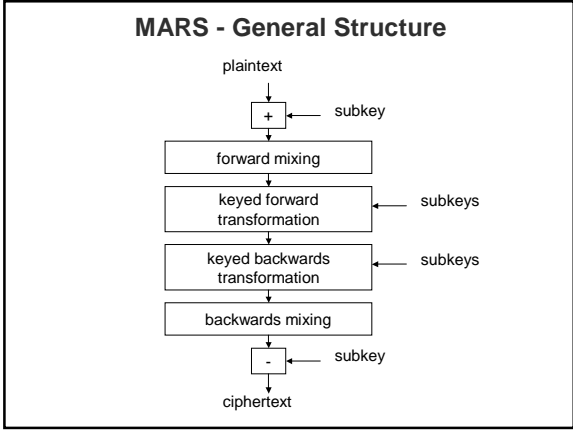


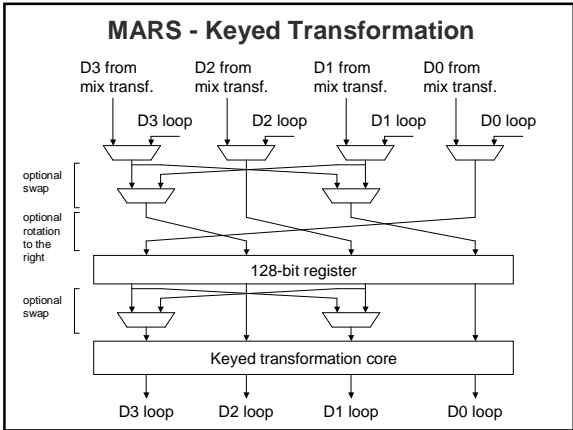


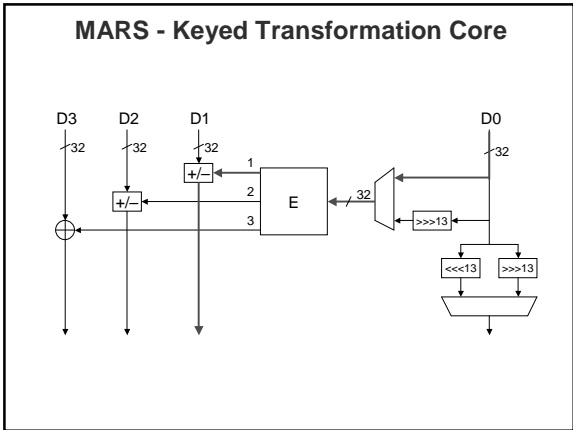


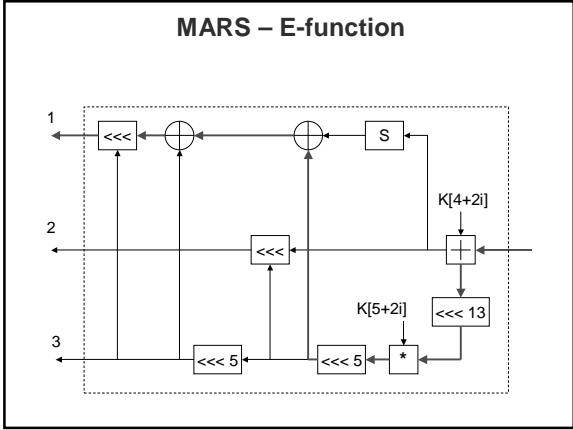


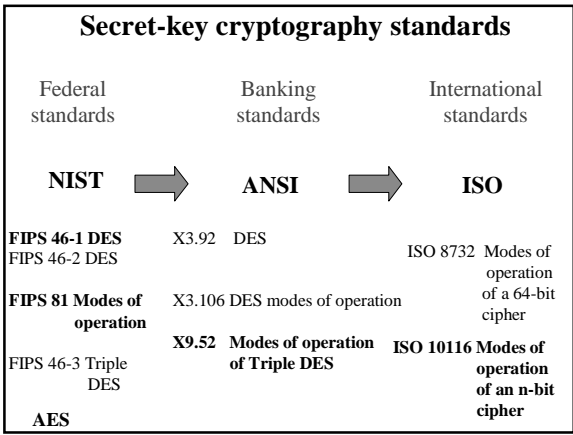


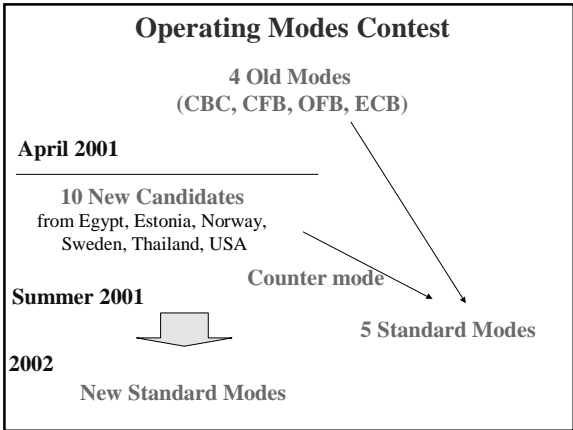






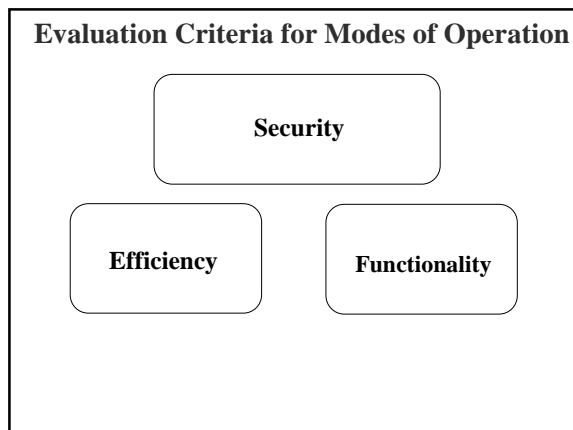






| Modes submitted to the contest (1) | | | |
|---|--|--|--|
| | Full name | Authors | Institution |
| 2DEM | 2D-Encryption Mode | A. A. Belal, M. A. Abdel- Gawad | Alexandria University, Egypt |
| ABC | Accumulated Block Chaining | L. Knudsen | U. of Bergen Norway |
| CTR | Counter Mode | H. Lipmaa, P. Rogaway, D. Wagner | Finland, Estonia, USA, Thailand |
| IACBC | Integrity Aware CBC | C. Jutla | IBM, USA |
| IAPM | Integrity Aware Parallalizable Mode | C. Jutla | IBM, USA |

| Modes submitted to the contest (2) | | | |
|---|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| | Full name | Authors | Institution |
| IGE | Infinite Garble Extension | V. D. Gligor, P. Donescu | VDG, Inc., USA |
| KFB | Key Feedback Mode | J. Håstad, M. Naslund | NADA, Ericsson Sweden |
| OCB | Offset Codebook | P. Rogaway | UCSD, USA, Thailand |
| PCFB | Propagating Cipher Feedback | H. Hellström | StreamSec, Sweden |
| XCBC | eXtended CBC Encryption | V. D. Gligor, P. Donescu | VDG, Inc., USA |



Evaluation criteria (1)

Security

- resistance to attacks
- **proof of security**
- random properties of the ciphertext

Efficiency

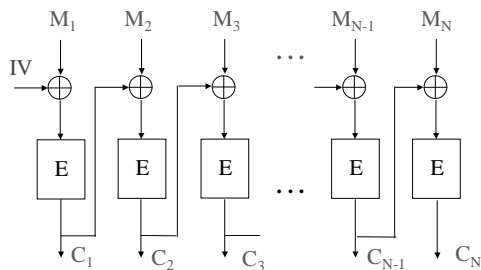
- number of calls of the block cipher
- **capability for parallel processing**
- memory/area requirements
- initialization time
- **capability for preprocessing**

Evaluation criteria (2)

Functionality

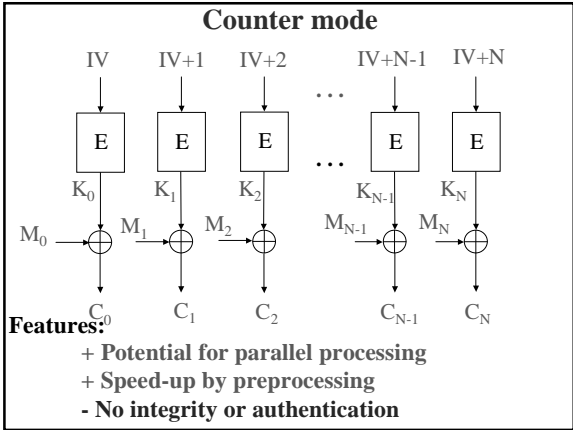
- **security services**
 - confidentiality, **integrity, authentication**
- flexibility
 - variable lengths of blocks and keys
 - different amount of precomputations
 - requirements on the length of the message
- **vulnerability to implementation errors**
- requirements on the amount of keys, initialization vectors, random numbers, etc.
- error propagation and the capability for resynchronization
- patent restrictions

Modes of operation: Current standard - CBC



Problems:

- No parallel processing of blocks from the same packet
- No speed-up by preprocessing
- No integrity or authentication



| Properties of existing and new cipher modes | | | | |
|---|-----------------|-----|-----|--------------|
| | CBC | CFB | OFB | New standard |
| Proof of security | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Parallel processing | decryption only | | — | ✓ |
| Preprocessing | — | — | ✓ | ✓ |
| Integrity and authentication | — | — | — | ✓ |
| Resistance to implementation errors | ✓ | ✓ | — | ✓ |

| Encryption with authentication | | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| | Full name | Authors | Institutions |
| IACBC | Integrity Aware CBC | C. Jutla | IBM (patent) |
| IAPM | Integrity Aware Parallellizable Mode | C. Jutla | IBM (patent) |
| XCBC-XOR | eXtended CBC Encryption | V. D. Gligor, P. Donescu | VDG, Inc., (patent) |
| XECB-XOR | eXtended ECB Encryption | V. D. Gligor, P. Donescu | VDG, Inc., (patent) |
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