

Symmetric-Key Encryption: constructions

Lecture 4

OWF, PRG, Stream Cipher

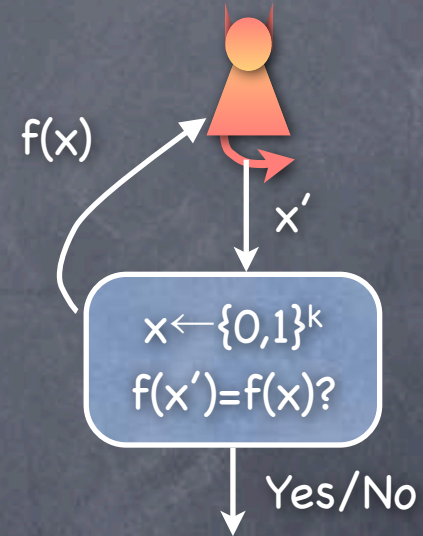
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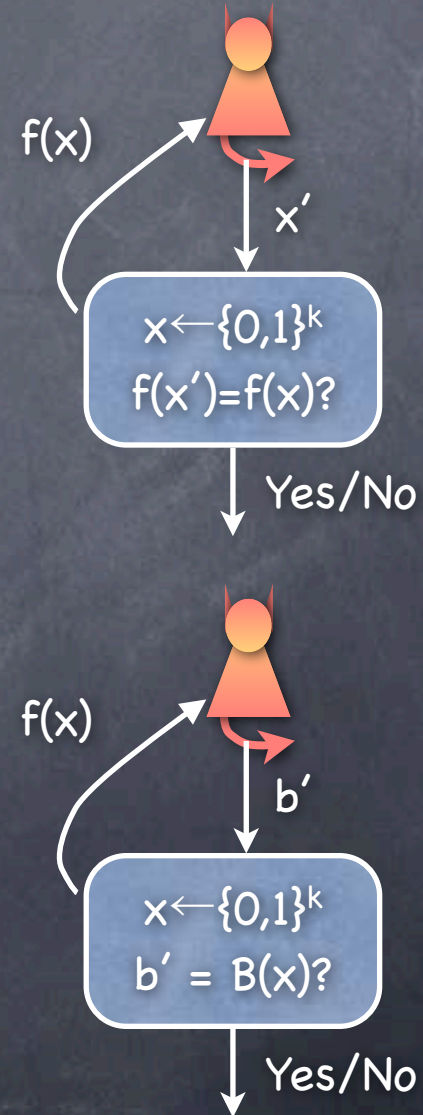
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 - Predictor for $B(x,r)$ is a “noisy channel” through which x , encoded as $(\langle x,0 \rangle, \langle x,1 \rangle, \dots, \langle x, 2^{|x|}-1 \rangle)$ (Walsh-Hadamard code), is transmitted. Can recover x by error-correction (local list decoding)

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Pseudorandomness Generator (PRG)

- Expand a short random seed to a “random-looking” string
 - So that we can build “stream ciphers” (to encrypt a stream of data, using just one short shared key)
- First, PRG with fixed stretch: $G_k: \{0,1\}^k \rightarrow \{0,1\}^{n(k)}$, $n(k) > k$
- Random-looking:
 - Next-Bit Unpredictability: PPT adversary **can't predict i^{th} bit** of a sample from its first $(i-1)$ bits (for every $i \in \{0,1,\dots,n-1\}$)
 - A “more correct” definition:
 - PPT adversary **can't distinguish** between a sample from $\{G_k(x)\}_{x \leftarrow \{0,1\}^k}$ and one from $\{0,1\}^{n(k)}$
- Turns out they are equivalent!
$$| \Pr_{y \leftarrow \text{PRG}}[A(y)=0] - \Pr_{y \leftarrow \text{rand}}[A(y)=0] |$$

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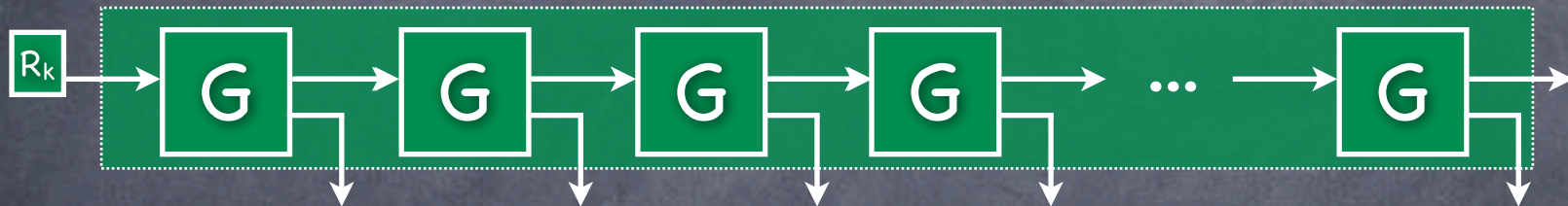
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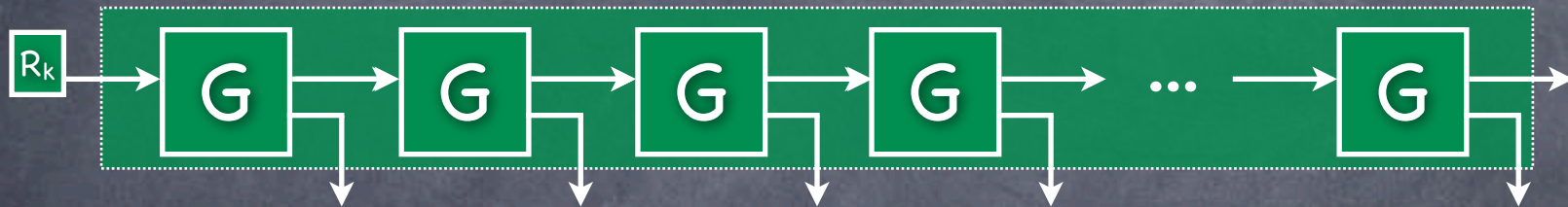
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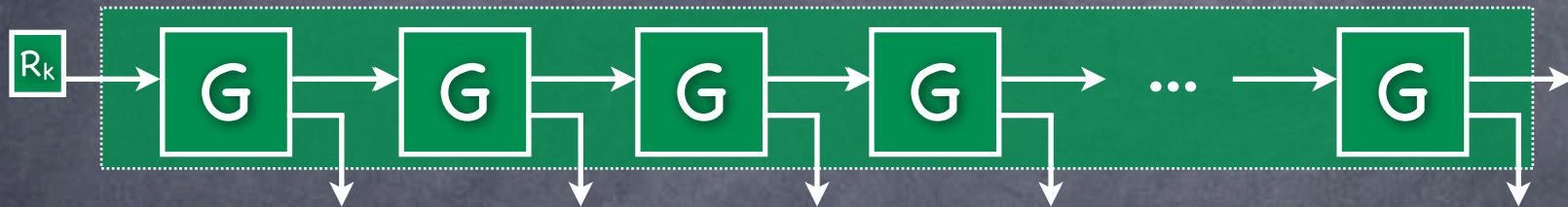
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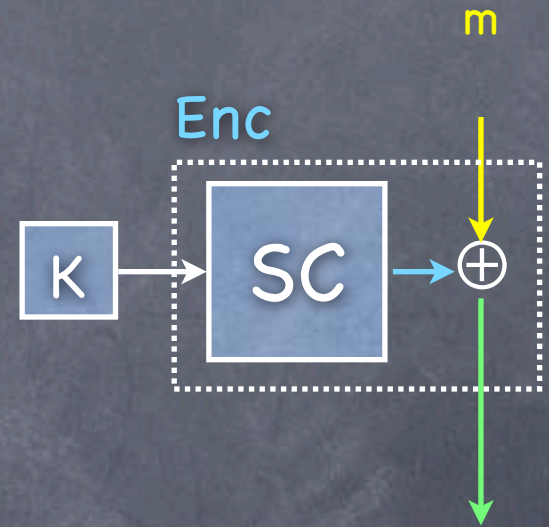
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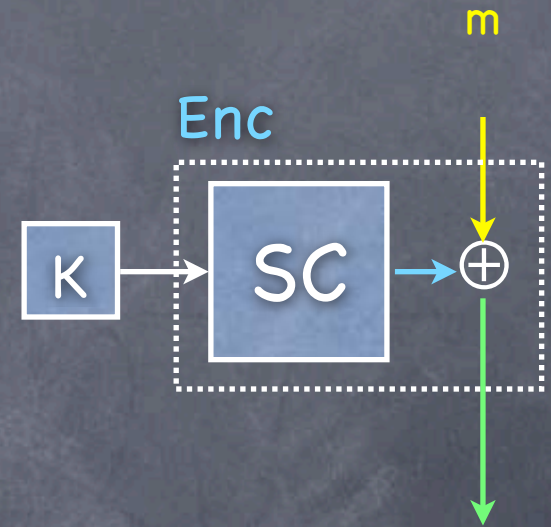


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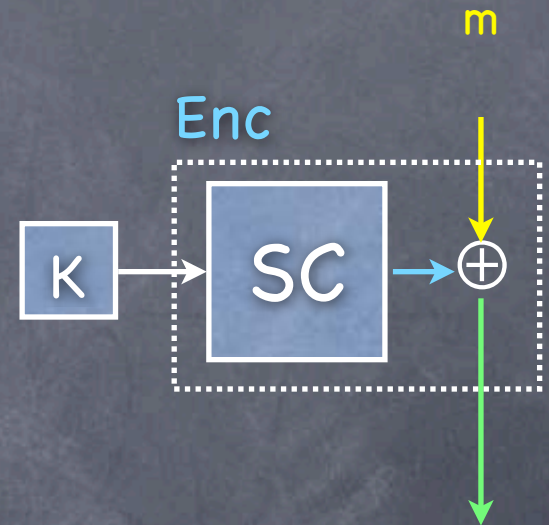
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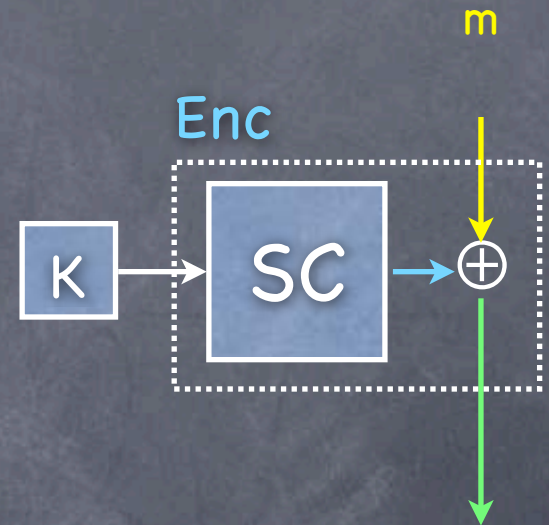


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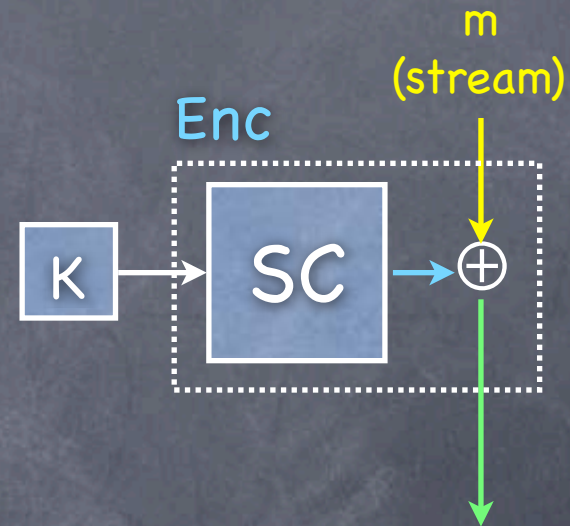


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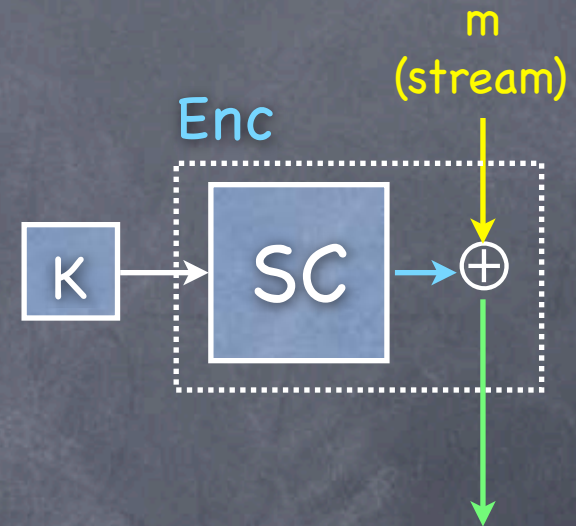
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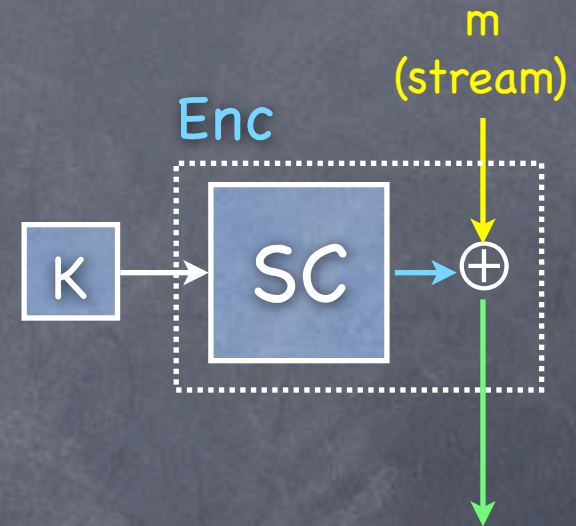
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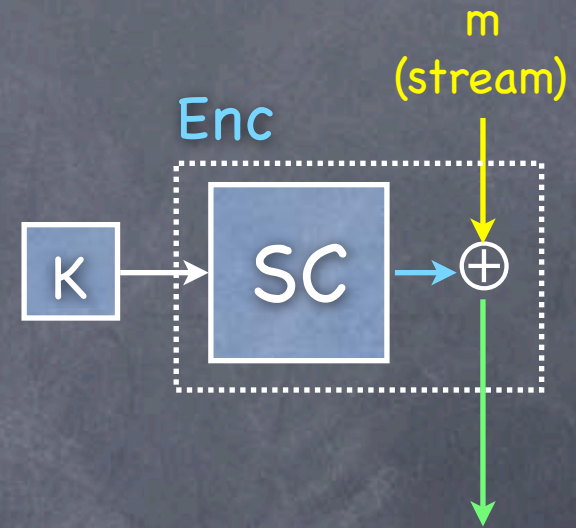
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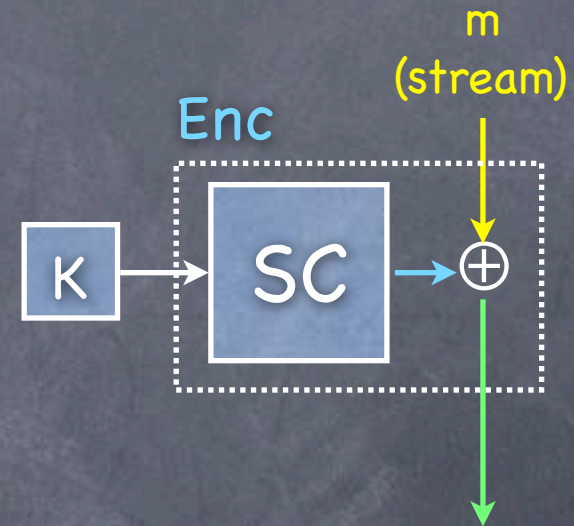
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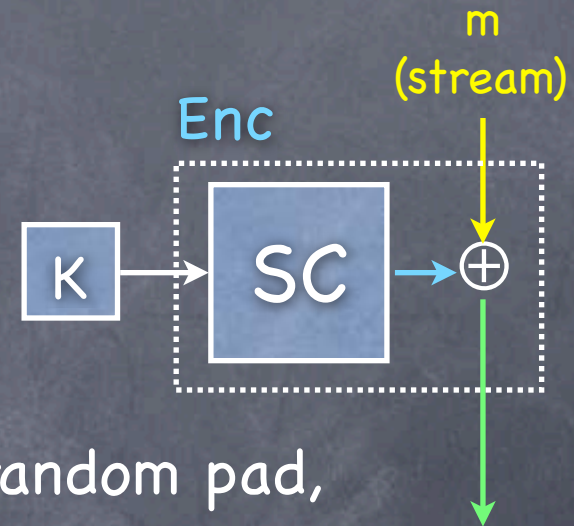
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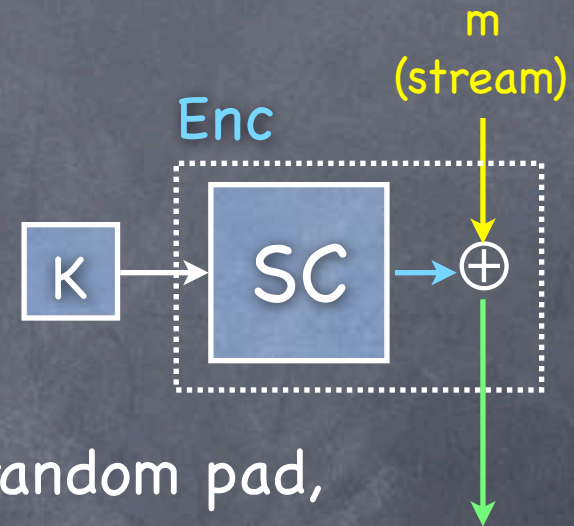
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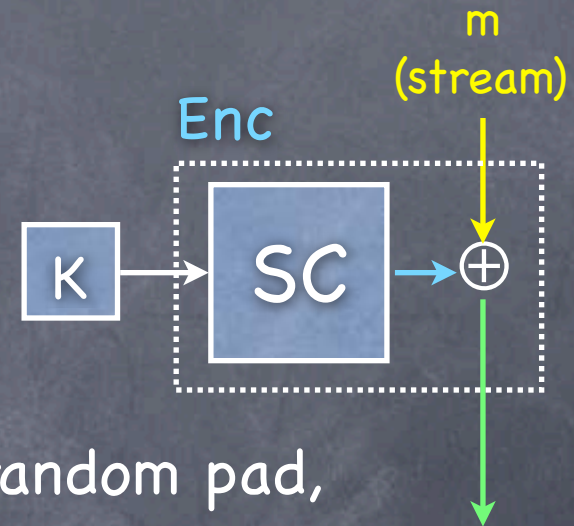
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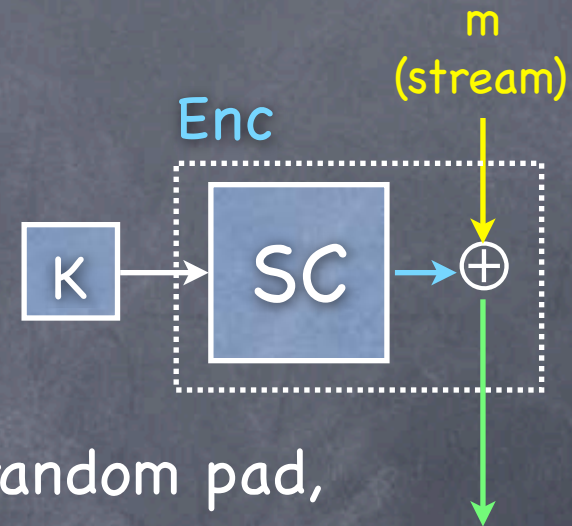
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