
Cryptanalytic Attacks on MIFARE Classic Protocol

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1. MIFARE Classic Smart Card (1/2)

- ▶ **MIFARE Classic smart card is claimed to be the most widely used contactless smart card in the world, especially for access control to buildings and public transport.** It is said to cover more than 70% of market share for access control worldwide.
- ▶ It is used in RFID (Radio Frequency IDentification) and NFC (Near Field Communication) systems.
- ▶ It implements a proprietary symmetric-key mutual authentication protocol based on a proprietary stream cipher known as CRYPTO1 (1994).
- ▶ CRYPTO1 is used for the authentication protocol and also for encrypting messages on RFID/NFC channel between card and reader (without data integrity).

1. MIFARE Classic Smart Card (2/2)

- ▶ CRYPTO1 and the protocol are reverse engineered in [Nohl et al. '08], [Garcia et al. '08] and analyzed in [Nohl et al. '08], [de Koning Gans et al. '08], [Garcia et al. '08], [Garcia et al. '09], [Courtois '09].
- ▶ CRYPTO1 uses a preshared 48-bit secret key. On a standard CPU, brute-force attack on 48-bit key can take several years, but less than an hour on FPGA board (e.g., COPACOBANA [Kumar et al. '06]).
- ▶ **Proposed cryptanalytic attacks in various scenarios demonstrate that MIFARE Classic smart card does not offer 48-bit security level.**
- ▶ Dedicated reader infrastructure is not easy to change.

2. Description of MIFARE Classic Protocol (1/6)

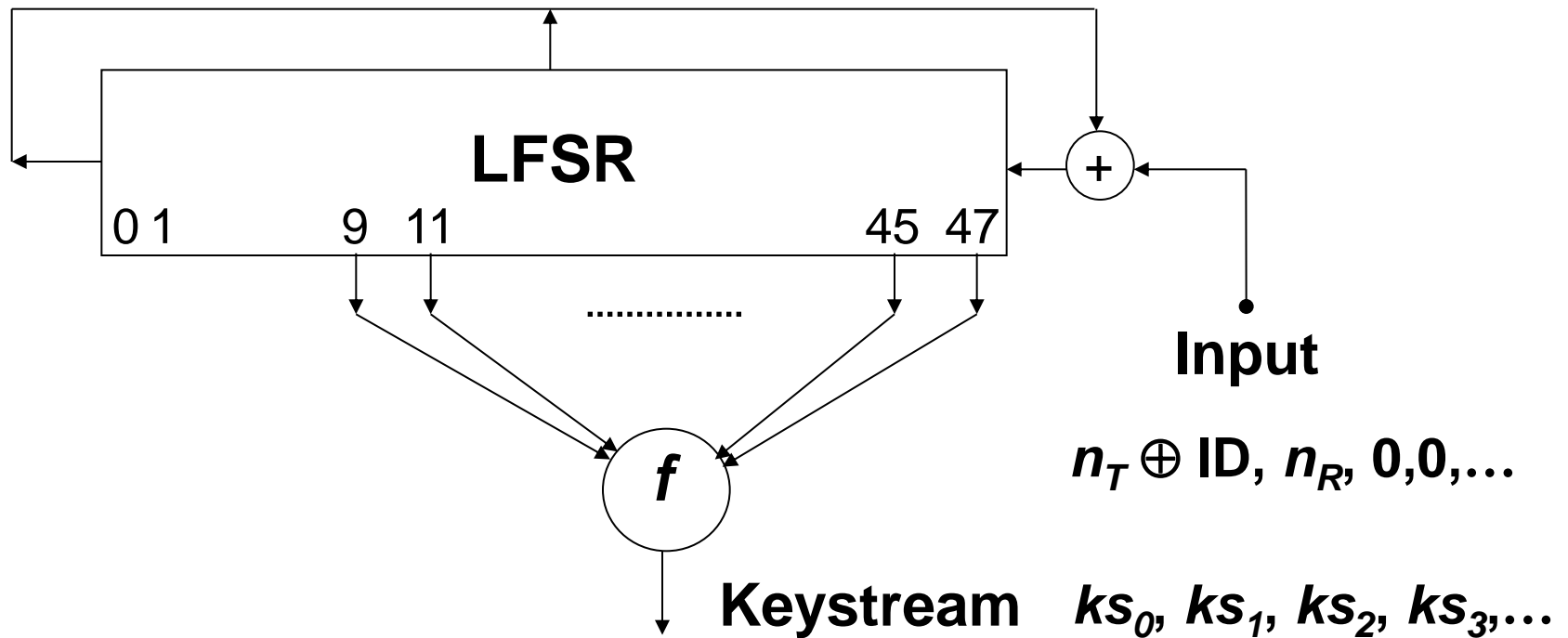
- ▶ Memory of MIFARE Classic card/tag is divided into sectors containing 16-byte blocks; the last block of each sector contains 48-bit secret key (in fact, two of them); the first block of the first sector contains read-only data including 32-bit tag identifier ID and manufacturer data.
- ▶ To write or read data from a given memory block, tag and reader have to be authenticated to each other by a **challenge-response symmetric-key authentication protocol** using the key of the corresponding sector and 32-bit challenge tag and reader nonces n_T and n_R , which are generated by respective pseudorandom number generators.

2. Description of MIFARE Classic Protocol (2/6)

- ▶ Tag nonce, n_T , is generated by a 16-bit linear feedback shift register (LFSR), which starts from the same state after powering up the tag and has period 618 ms
 - ▶ At most 16 bits of entropy
 - ▶ True randomness – variable generation time of tag nonce.
- ▶ Reader nonce n_R is generated by a pseudorandom number generator, which starts from the same state after reader restart and generates a nonce upon invocation by authentication protocol
 - ▶ True randomness – variable number of invocations after restart.
- ▶ **Fresh nonces protect against replay attacks.**

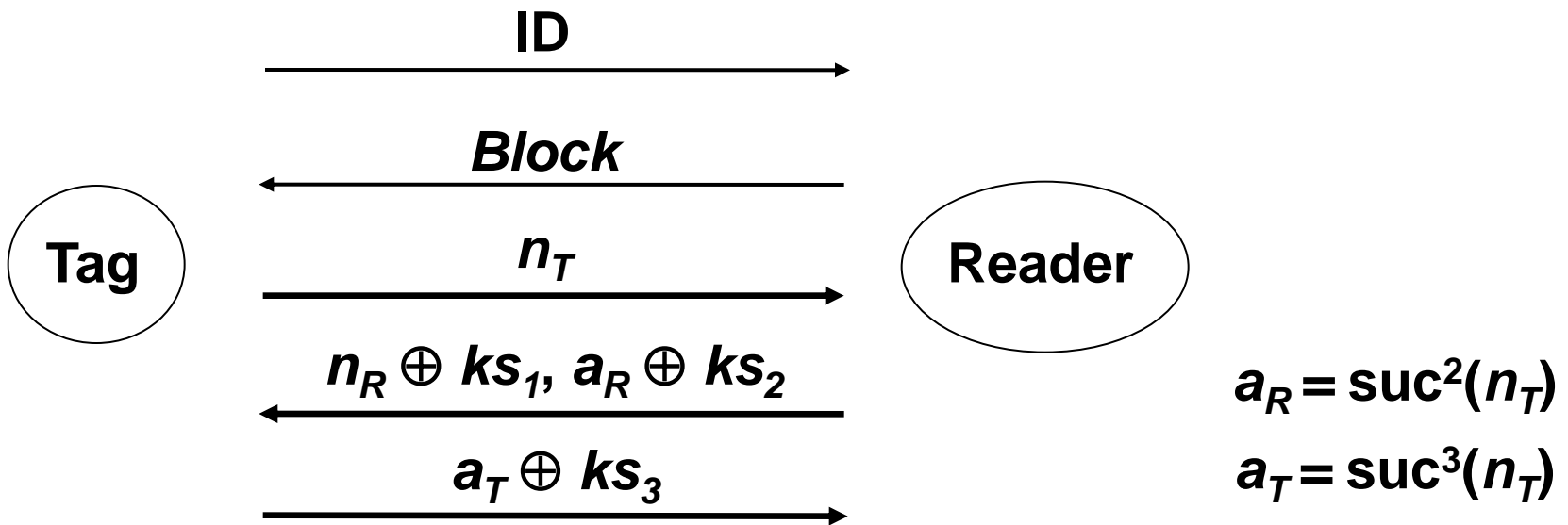
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- ▶ CRYPTO1 – nonlinear filter generator → 48-bit LFSR, 20-bit nonlinear filter function f
 - ▶ Initialized by secret key and then refreshed by nonces n_T and n_R .



2. Description of MIFARE Classic Protocol (5/6)

- ▶ Three-pass authentication protocol for one sector



- ▶ For multiple sectors, for each new sector, **Block** is encrypted by using previous sector key and n_T is sent encrypted with new key as $n_T \oplus ks_0$.

2. Description of MIFARE Classic Protocol (4/6)

- ▶ **suc** function maps 32 bits into next 32 bits of 16-bit LFSR.
- ▶ First $n_T \oplus$ ID and then n_R are bitwise XORed into LFSR
 - ▶ ks_0 is bitwise generated while XORing $n_T \oplus$ ID
 - ▶ ks_1 is bitwise generated while XORing n_R
 - ▶ ks_2 , ks_3 , and subsequent keystream are generated by clocking LFSR autonomously.
- ▶ Tag and reader generate the same keystream, clocking LFSR forwards, with a difference that reader uses n_R directly, whereas tag first decrypts encrypted n_R bit-by-bit, as the keystream bit encrypting a bit of n_R depends only on previous bits of n_R .
- ▶ For multiple sectors, n_T is treated analogously.

2. Description of MIFARE Classic Protocol (6/6)

- ▶ **Error detection in MIFARE Classic communication protocol**
 - ▶ Every plaintext byte is followed by one parity bit computed as the binary complement of the XOR of all 8 bits (**ISO/IEC 14443-A**)
 - ▶ Each parity bit is encrypted with the same keystream bit used to encrypt the next bit of plaintext.
- ▶ Due to linear coding preceding the encryption, ciphertext reveals linear relations among keystream bits (1 relation over 8+1 keystream bits per 8+1 ciphertext bits).
- ▶ Due to reused keystream bits, ciphertext reveals linear relations among plaintext bits (1 relation over 8+1 plaintext bits per 1+1 ciphertext bits).

3. Attack Scenarios

- ▶ Passive, genuine session scenario
 - ▶ Attacker intercepts genuine session and aims at decrypting some recorded traces (possibly also reconstructing the key)
 - ▶ Impractical, due to very short distances needed.
- ▶ Active, genuine reader scenario
 - ▶ Attacker uses fake/emulated tag to initiate fake authentication sessions with genuine reader, in order to reconstruct the key
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- ▶ Active, genuine tag scenario, also called tag-only scenario
 - ▶ Attacker uses fake/emulated reader to initiate fake authentication sessions with genuine tag (**queries**), in order to reconstruct the key
 - ▶ **Easy to implement, provided that the on-line stage is short.**

4. Objectives

- ▶ Present a critical comprehensive survey of currently known attacks on MIFARE Classic, in various attack scenarios, and put them into the right perspective in light of the prior art in cryptanalysis.
- ▶ Propose improvements of known attacks, if possible.
- ▶ **In particular, in tag-only scenario, significantly reduce required on-line time, while keeping off-line time practical**
 - ▶ Few seconds or less is very practical, a few tens of seconds is much less practical, a few minutes is impractical, ten or more minutes is very impractical.
- ▶ Discuss design drawbacks and design principles.

5. Attacks on Genuine Session or Reader (1/2)

- ▶ Objective of two attacks [Garcia et al. '08] is to reconstruct the 48-bit key from known keystream
 - ▶ 64 bits of ks_2 and ks_3 from genuine session, passive scenario
 - ▶ 32 bits of ks_2 and, possibly, additional 32 bits of ks_3 from genuine reader (encrypting known command, such as 'halt').
- ▶ Internal state, e.g., 48-bit LFSR state S_{64} from which the first bit of ks_2 is generated is first recovered and, then, the key is reconstructed by clocking LFSR backwards (LFSR rollback)
 - ▶ Possible even if encrypted $\{n_R\}=n_R \oplus ks_1$ is known instead of n_R
 - ▶ Not only for f that does not depend on the left-most LFSR state bit (by branching [Golić et al. '00]).

5. Attacks on Genuine Session or Reader (2/2)

- ▶ Time-memory-data tradeoff (TMDT) attack in genuine reader scenario requires multiple fake authentication sessions (e.g., 4096 \approx 10 min) in on-line stage ($T \cdot M = 2^{48}$)
 - ▶ Adaptation – success probability equal to 1 instead of being high
 - ▶ On-line time can be reduced while keeping off-line time and memory, at the expense of increasing pre-computation time.
- ▶ Inversion attack in genuine session or reader scenario requires one/two genuine or fake authentication sessions in on-line stage, for 64/32 known keystream bits
 - ▶ Adaptation of generic inversion attack and decimation technique from [Golić '96], [Golić et al. '00], to deal with short keystream
 - ▶ Bad tap positions (attack takes $2^{17}/2^{20}$ steps instead of 2^{47} steps).

6. Attacks on Genuine Tag – General Concepts (1/2)

- ▶ Attacker can obtain known keystream only because of **a peculiar property of the authentication protocol**
 - ▶ In the second pass, fake reader sends fake 64-bit ciphertext, i.e., encrypted values $\{n_R\}$ and $\{a_R\}$, and 8 encrypted parity bits p , $\{p\}$, of n_R and a_R , without knowing the key
 - ▶ Authentication by tag will fail, but, if all 8 decrypted bits in p are correct, tag sends back 4-bit ciphertext of a fixed 4-bit error message, encrypted with first 4 bits of ks_3 , which reveals 4 keystream bits (**such a query is called successful**)
 - ▶ In addition, correct parity bits reveal 8 independent linear relations among keystream bits, i.e., 8 keystream parity bits
 - ▶ **Altogether, each successful query reveals 12 bits of information about the key.**

6. Attacks on Genuine Tag – General Concepts (2/2)

- ▶ Queries can use random or fixed tag nonces. According to [Garcia et al. '09], attacker can perform about
 - ▶ 1500 queries/sec with a random tag nonce, q_r
 - ▶ 30 queries/sec with a fixed tag nonce, q_f , by reset query technique (switch-off the field, power-up passive tag, and start a query at a fixed time after reset; at most ten attempts to get the same n_T).
- ▶ **Query strategies in on-line stage:**
 - ▶ For random n_T , if $\{n_R\}$, $\{a_R\}$, $\{p\}$ are randomly chosen, then, on average, 256 queries q_r are required to get one successful query, since p is then random (here $\{a_R\}=a_R \oplus ks_2$)
 - ▶ For fixed n_T , if $\{n_R\}$, $\{a_R\}$ are fixed and $\{p\}$ is varied, then, on average, 128 queries q_f are required to get one successful query, since p is then fixed.

7. Attacks on Genuine Tag – Comparison (1/2)

- ▶ Three attacks proposed in [Garcia et al. '09] are here denoted as Att. 1, 2, and 3
 - ▶ Att. 1 has impractical off-line time (brute force)
 - ▶ Att. 2 has impractical on-line time (15 min)
 - ▶ Att. 3 has impractical setup time (brute force).
- ▶ The best previously known attack is differential attack proposed in [Courtois '09] here denoted as Att. 4
 - ▶ Att. 4 makes better use of differential properties of f than Att. 2, thus significantly reducing on-line time
 - ▶ **In this work, Att. 4 is corrected&optimized into Att. 4*.**
- ▶ New differential attack, Att. 5, significantly reduces on-line time of Att. 4/4*, while keeping off-line time practical.

7. Attacks on Genuine Tag – Comparison (2/2)

Attacks	Att. 1	Att. 2	Att. 3	Att. 4*	New Att. 5
Setup time	0	0	2^{48}	0	0
Setup memory	0	0	48·2 ³⁶ bit 384 GByte	0	0
On-line time	1280q _r 1 sec	28500q _f 15 min	4230q _r +128q _f 7 sec	3(256q _r +112q _f) 11.7 sec	2(256q _r +48q _f) 3.5 sec
Off-line time	5·2 ⁴⁸ 3 year	2 ^{32.8} 10 min	2 ²⁴ TLU 20 sec	2 ¹⁶ +2 ²⁶ f _{ev} ≈0	2 ³² +2 ²⁵ f _{ev} 5 min
Off-line memory	≈0	≈0	≈0	168 Byte	42 KByte
Success Prob	100%	100%	100%	99.4%	99.1%

8. Generic Differential Attack on Genuine Tag (1/5)

▶ Objective:

- ▶ From a number of successful queries for different $(n_T, \{n_R\})$, recover a set of candidate LFSR states at a given time, for some $(n_T, \{n_R\})$
- ▶ By LFSR rollback, then recover a set of candidate keys and, finally, get the unique key possibly using additional successful queries
- ▶ **Problem: the values of n_R are unknown to the attacker.**
- ▶ **First on-line phase:** Get one successful query (random n_T).
- ▶ **Second on-line phase:** Modify last m bits of $\{n_R\}$ and then fix $n_T, \{n_R\}, \{a_R\}$ and vary last 5 bits of $\{p\}$ until a successful query occurs; on average, 16 such queries with a fixed n_T , for each of 2^m-1 modifications of $\{n_R\}$ are needed.
- ▶ On-line stage thus yields 2^m successful queries.

8. Generic Differential Attack on Genuine Tag (2/5)

- ▶ Since $n_R = \{n_R\} \oplus ks_1$, where the last m bits of ks_1 depend on the last m bits of $\{n_R\}$, each m -bit change δ_m of $\{n_R\}$ can result in the same change of n_R with some probability depending on the filter function f .
- ▶ This is the probability that the last m keystream bits of ks_1 , used for encrypting the last m bits of $\{n_R\}$, are independent of the last m bits of $\{n_R\}$
 - ▶ The first of these m bits is already independent, as it depends on previous bits of $\{n_R\}$ only
 - ▶ The remaining $m-1$ bits are output bits of $(m-1)$ -bit augmented filter function of all LFSR state bits as input bits; these $m-1$ output bits are independent of the last $m-1$ input bits with probability π_{m-1}

8. Generic Differential Attack on Genuine Tag (3/5)

- ▶ It follows that $\pi_0=1$, $\pi_1=29/32\approx 0.906$, $\pi_2=(29/32)^2\approx 0.821$
- ▶ Worst design case: $\pi_{m-1}=1$ would hold if f were independent of the last m LFSR state bits
- ▶ Best design case: $\pi_{m-1}=0$ would hold if f were linear in the last LFSR state bit (a sufficient condition from [Golić '96]).
- ▶ Since LFSR sequence depends linearly on n_R , for each value of δ_m , subsequent LFSR sequence can be expressed as bitwise XOR of unknown LFSR sequence corresponding to initial value of $\{n_R\}$ and a known binary sequence determined by known value of δ_m (**this holds with probability π_{m-1}**).
- ▶ 4 keystream bits from each successful query are used.

8. Generic Differential Attack on Genuine Tag (4/5)

- ▶ Attacker thus obtains $4 \cdot 2^m$ equations of the form $z_i = f(S_i \oplus \Delta_i)$, for 2^m values of δ_m and $96 \leq i \leq 99$, where S_i is unknown LFSR state for $\delta_m = 0$ at time i , and z_i and Δ_i depend only on δ_m (to be solved in off-line stage).
- ▶ Nonlinear system of equations can be solved for S_{99} by an adapted variant of the well-known resynchronization attack [Daemen et al. '94] (essentially, exhaustive search) and using the fact that
 - ▶ f depends only on 20 bits of LFSR state and after 2 steps, f depends on the same 19 bits and 1 new bit (bad tap positions)
 - ▶ Accordingly, z_{96} and z_{98} depend on 21 LFSR bits of S_{99} (as well as z_{97} and z_{99} depend on other 21 LFSR bits of S_{99}).

8. Generic Differential Attack on Genuine Tag (5/5)

- ▶ Att. 4* is corrected&optimized Att. 4 from [Courtois '09], which is a differential attack for $m=3$
 - ▶ Queries with random/fixed tag nonces are better handled
 - ▶ For one run, success probability $\pi_2 \approx 0.821$ (instead of ≈ 0.75) and average on-line time ≈ 3.9 sec (instead of ≈ 8.52 sec for first run and ≈ 5.33 sec for other runs), and off-line time ≈ 0
 - ▶ For 3 independent runs of Att. 4*, success probability ≈ 0.994 , average on-line time ≈ 11.7 sec, and average off-line time ≈ 0 .
- ▶ **Att. 5 is a new differential attack, for $m=2$**
 - ▶ For one run, success probability $\pi_1 \approx 0.906$, average on-line time ≈ 1.77 sec, and off-line time ≈ 5 min
 - ▶ For 2 independent runs of Att. 5, success probability ≈ 0.991 , average on-line time ≈ 3.5 sec, and average off-line time ≈ 5 min.

9. Multiple Sector Attack

- ▶ **Assumption:** Key for the first sector has been already recovered in any described attack scenario.
- ▶ Main feature is that n_T is sent encrypted by tag
 - ▶ This should prevent known keystream attacks, unless
 - ▶ **Entropy of n_T is small!** (Repeated keystream bits, timing.)
- ▶ By effectively guessing n_T , attacker gets 96 keystream bits in genuine session scenario [Garcia et al. '08] and 32 keystream bits in tag-only scenario [Garcia et al. '09] and then applies adapted inversion attack.
- ▶ **Consequently, tag-only attack scenario is much easier for other sectors than for the first sector.**

10. Conclusions (1/3)

- ▶ **MIFARE Classic protocol does not offer 48-bit security level due to:**
 - ▶ Repeatable and predictable tag nonces
 - ▶ Really bad tap positions for filter function and bad choice of filter function in CRYPTO1
 - ▶ Generation&encryption of parity bits for error detection
 - ▶ Peculiar feature that tag can sent an encrypted response if authentication of reader fails.
- ▶ The most effective known attack is adapted inversion attack in genuine session or genuine reader scenarios
 - ▶ Impractical, due to very short distances to genuine static reader required.

10. Conclusions (2/3)

- ▶ The most practical attack scenario is genuine tag scenario, and the new attack, requiring only about 3 sec of on-line time, is the most effective currently known attack in this scenario
 - ▶ It significantly improves on the most effective previously known attack, requiring about 10 sec of on-line time.
- ▶ **Practical countermeasures**
 - ▶ Use electromagnetic-shield covers for tags on smart cards
 - ▶ User notification or activation on demand of on-going NFC communications, for tags on mobile devices.
- ▶ **Impractical countermeasure:** Replace MIFARE Classic cards/tags and dedicated readers (costly).

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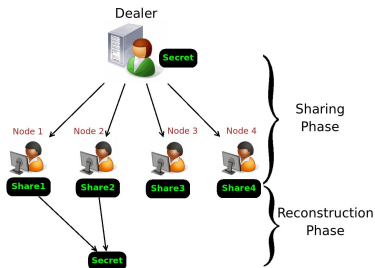
▶ **Light-weight cryptography**

- ▶ Ease of implementation
- ▶ Reduced, but guaranteed security level
- ▶ Designs secure against known attacks
- ▶ Reduced security margins with respect to known attacks
- ▶ **Difficult to satisfy in practice.**

▶ **Obscurity in cryptography**

- ▶ Unknown algorithms make cryptanalysis significantly more difficult, if not impossible
- ▶ Designs should be secure against known attacks even if algorithms are compromised (e.g., reverse engineered)
- ▶ **Typically not satisfied in practice.**

Asynchronous Computational VSS with Reduced Communication Complexity



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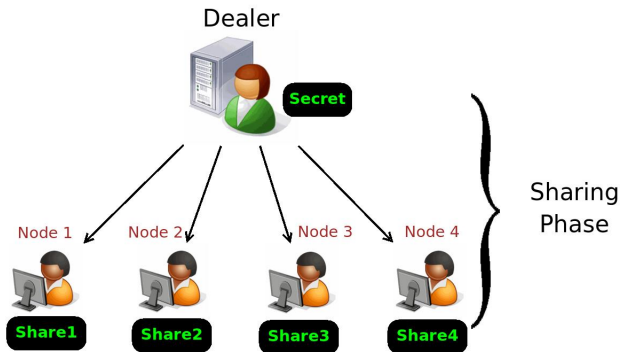
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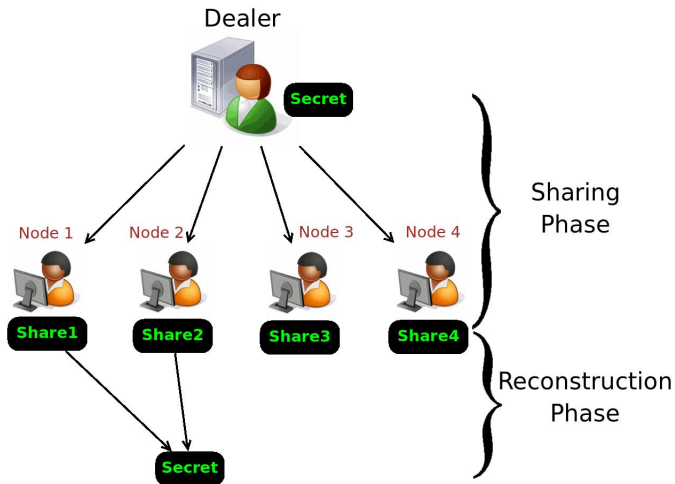
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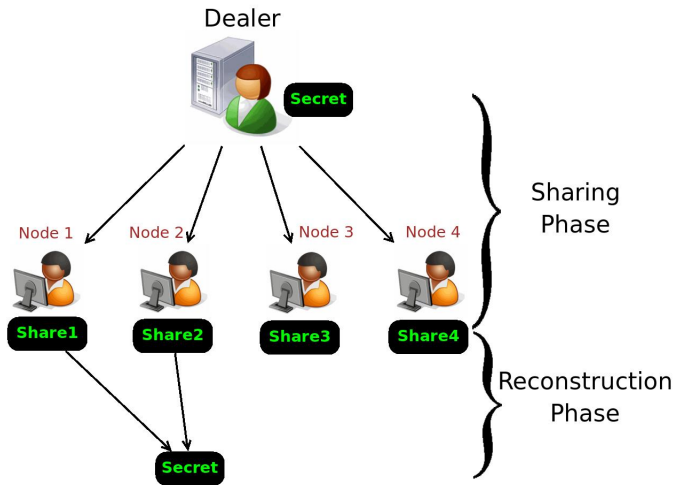
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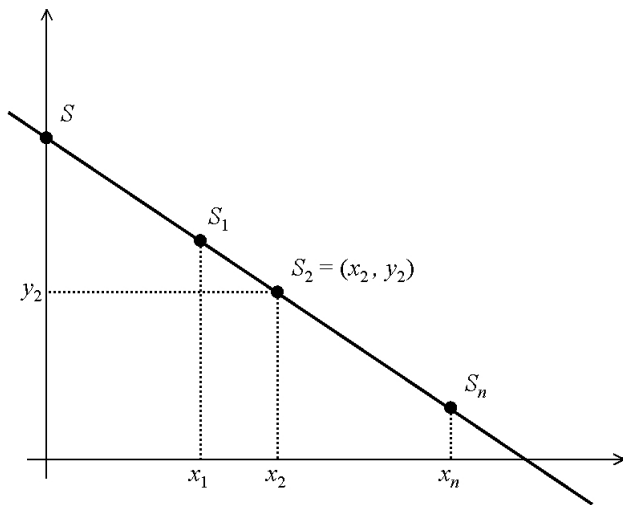
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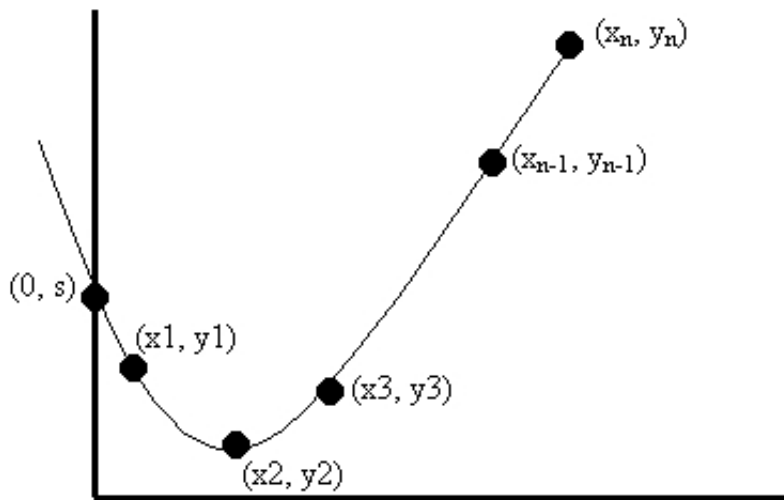
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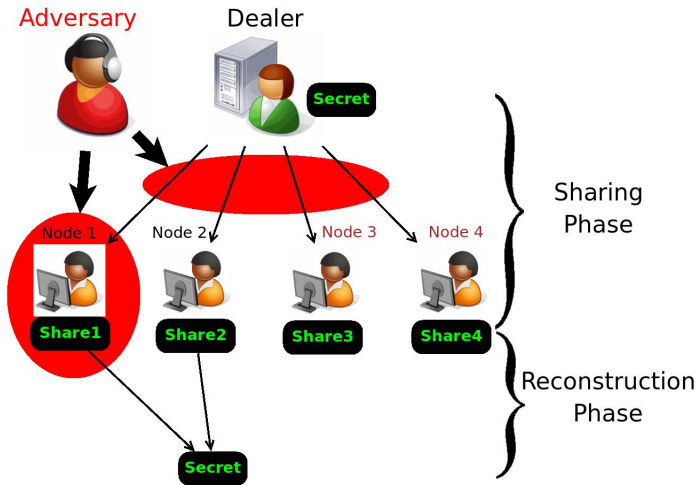
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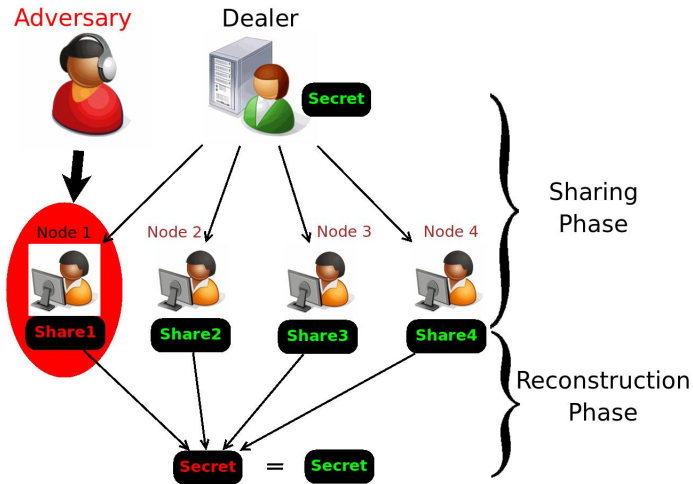
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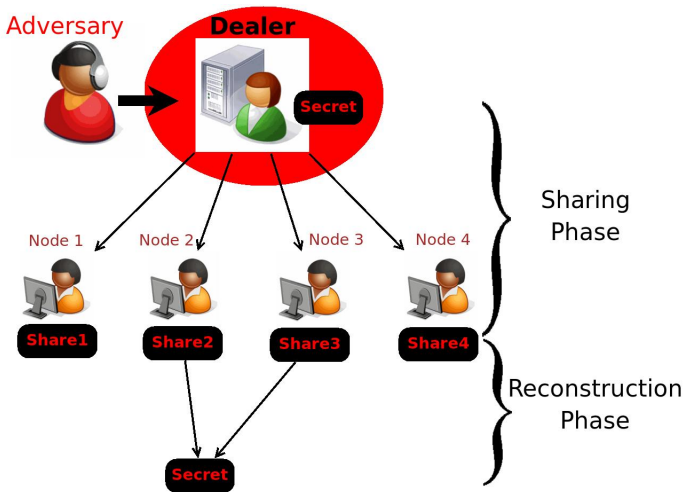
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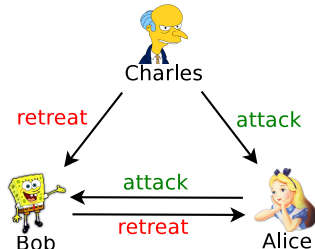
Applications

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2. Threshold Cryptography

$$\lambda_i = \prod_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^n \frac{x - x_j}{x_i - x_j}$$

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State-of-the-art

- Asynchronous VSS (AVSS) protocols are inefficient in terms of communication complexity
- The best known AVSS protocol [Cachin et al., ACM CCS '02] communicates $O(\kappa n^3)$ bits

Our Contributions

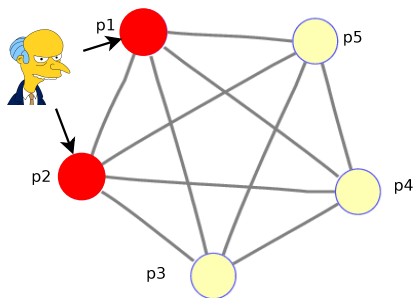
- Communication complexity for AVSS can be reduced using the concept of **(constant-size) polynomial commitments**
- We present two AVSS protocols with $O(\kappa n^2)$ communication complexity:
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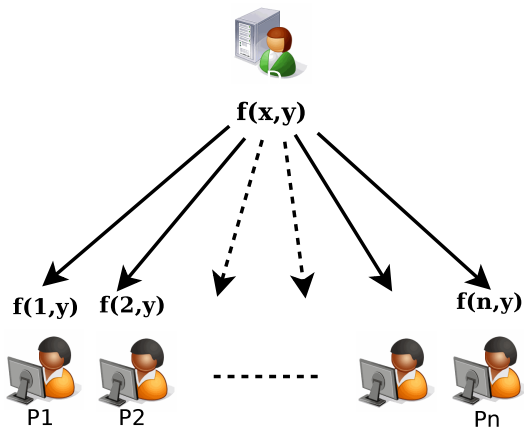


processes: p_1, \dots, p_n

- pairwise connected by an asynchronous channel
 - messages can be arbitrarily delayed, or reordered
 - however, messages are eventually delivered
- at most t of n processes may exhibit faulty behavior In this setting, the optimal resiliency bound is $n \geq 3t + 1$

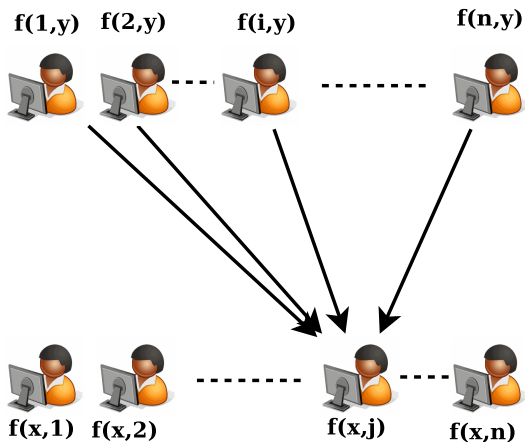
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Solution : **Constant-size Polynomial Commitments**

Helps commit to a univariate polynomial by publishing just one value

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Salient Points

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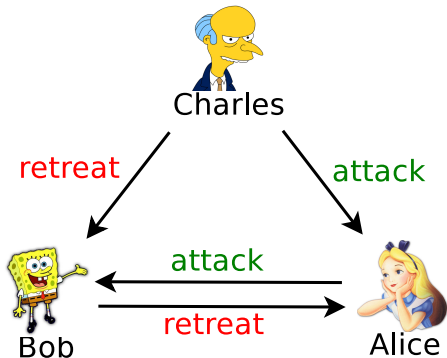
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Problem: Have to send a vector of commitments in the `echo` and `ready` messages.

Solution: Perform another round of PolyCommit on hash values of the commitments.

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