

# DoveMAC

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# Section 1

## Motivation

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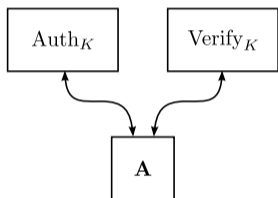


- Goal: Data authentication via unforgeable authentication tags
- Stateful, randomized, nonce-based, or **stateless deterministic** (our focus)

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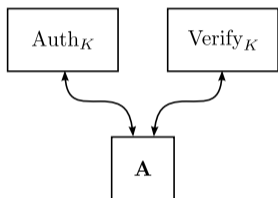


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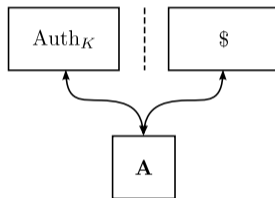
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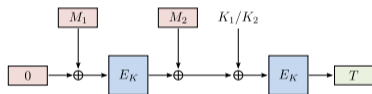
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$\Delta_{\mathbf{A}}(X; Y) := \left| \Pr[\mathbf{A}^X \Rightarrow 1] - \Pr[\mathbf{A}^Y \Rightarrow 1] \right|$  over random choice of keys, oracles  $X$  and  $Y$ , and coins of  $\mathbf{A}$  if any.

$\$$  returns  $|F_K(M)|$  uniform random bits on any input  $M$ .

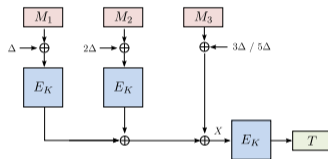
# Block-cipher-based MACs

Sequential



CMAC [Dwo16]

Parallel



PMAC [BR02]

- Various Standards: CMAC [Dwo16], OMAC [IK03], f9 [ETS01], PMAC [BR02] ...

# Tweakable Block Ciphers (TBCs) for MACs

TBCs [LRW02]:

- Keyed families of permutations

$$\tilde{E} : \mathbb{F}_2^k \times \mathbb{F}_2^t \times \mathbb{F}_2^n \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_2^n$$

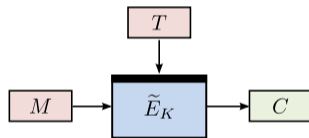
- Additional public tweak  $T$

(Not only) For MACs, tweaks are useful for:

- Domain separation  $\implies$  security
- Additional message input  $\implies$  efficiency

Constructions:

- PMAC\_TBC1k/PMAC\_TBC3k [Nai15]
- HaT [CLS17]
- ZMAC [IMPS17]
- Hashes in TBC-based AE schemes



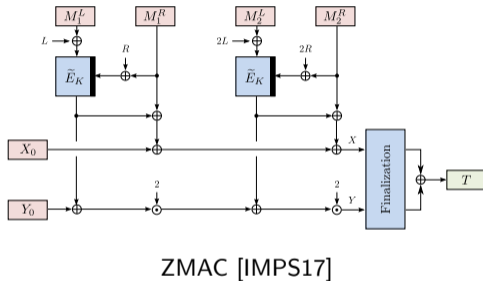
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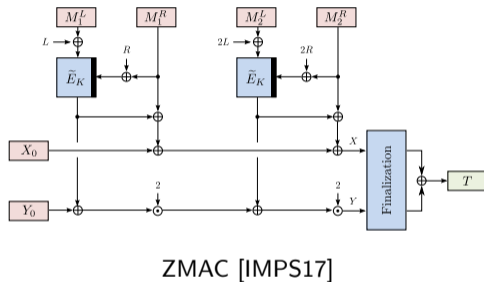
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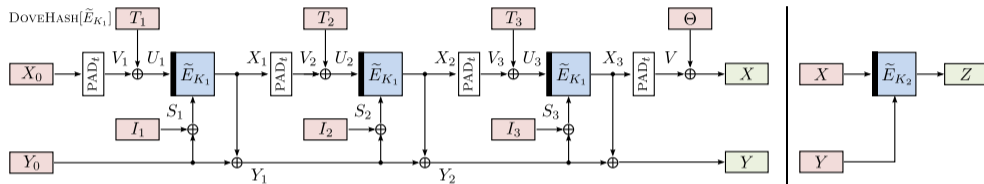
Can we keep the **high rate** and **high security** of ZMAC but **reduce** its state **size**?

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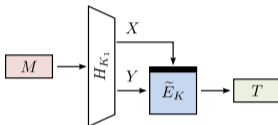
## Hash



- Processes  $(n + t)$ -bit/TBC call
- Top:  $t$  bits, extended or truncated after each call
- Bottom:  $n$  bits
- TBC output feed-forward to bottom lane after each call
- Checksum  $\Theta = \sum_{i=1}^m T_i$  needed for beyond-birthday security

# DoveMAC

## Finalization



- Instance of Hash-as-Tweak (HaT) [CLS17] or its generalization Hash-then-TBC (HtTBC) [LN17]
- Easily extendable to variable-output-length PRF
- $n$ -bit-secure if hash function  $H$  optimal
- Single-key version easily obtainable: reserve one tweak domain bit

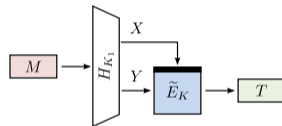
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### Proof Sketch

# Proof Sketch: PRF Security of DoveMAC

Steps:

- 1 Replace primitives with ideal tweakable permutations
- 2 Reduce to Hash-then-TBC
- 3 Upper bound collision probability of DoveHash
- 4 Upper bound truncated-almost universality of DoveHash

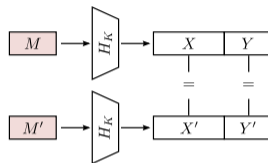


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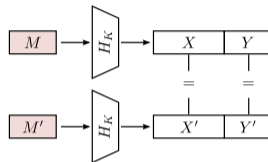


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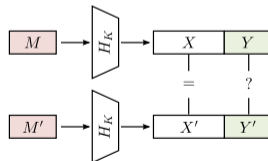
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## Definition 2 (Truncated Almost-Universality)

$H : \mathcal{K} \times \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_2^t \times \mathbb{F}_2^n$  is  $(t, n, \epsilon)$ -truncated-AU if for all  $M \neq M'$ :

$$\sum_{\Delta \in \mathbb{F}_2^n} \Pr_{K \leftarrow \mathcal{K}} [H_K(M) \oplus H_K(M') = (0^t, \Delta)] \leq \epsilon.$$



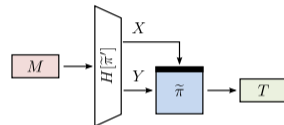


# Proof Sketch: (1) Ideal Primitive

- Replace primitives with ideal tweakable permutations:

From  $\tilde{E}_{K_1}, \tilde{E}_{K_2}$  from  $K_1, K_2 \leftarrow \mathcal{K}$

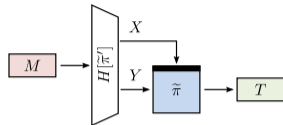
$\implies \tilde{\pi}, \tilde{\pi}' \leftarrow \widetilde{\text{Perm}}(\mathbb{F}_2^t, \mathbb{F}_2^n)$



$$\mathbf{Adv}_{\text{DoveMAC}[\tilde{E}_{K_1}, \tilde{E}_{K_2}]}^{\text{PRF}}(\mathbf{A}) \leq \mathbf{Adv}_{\text{DoveMAC}[\tilde{\pi}, \tilde{\pi}']}^{\text{PRF}}(\mathbf{A}') + (\sigma + q) \cdot \mathbf{Adv}_{\tilde{E}_K}^{\text{TPRP}}(\mathbf{A}'').$$

## Proof Sketch: (2) Reduce to HtTBC

$$\mathbf{Adv}_{\text{DoveMAC}[\tilde{\pi}, \tilde{\pi}']}^{\text{PRF}}(\mathbf{A}) \leq \mathbf{Adv}_{\text{HtTBC}[\tilde{\pi}', \text{DoveHash}[\tilde{\pi}]]}^{\text{PRF}}(\mathbf{A}')$$



### Theorem 3 (PRF Security of HtTBC [LN17])

Let  $H$  denote  $\text{DoveHash}[\tilde{\pi}]$ . Assume that

$$\text{coll}_H(n + t, q, m, \sigma) \leq \epsilon_1,$$

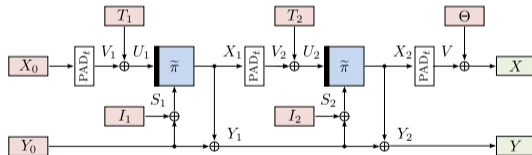
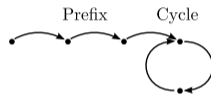
and  $H$  is  $(t, n, \epsilon_2)$ -tAU. Let  $\mathbf{A}$  be a PRF adversary against  $\text{HtTBC}[\tilde{\pi}', H]$  that makes at most  $q$  queries consisting at most  $m$   $(t + n)$ -bit blocks after padding each, that sum to at most  $\sigma$   $(t + n)$ -bit blocks in total. Then

$$\mathbf{Adv}_{\text{HtTBC}[\tilde{\pi}', \text{DoveHash}[\tilde{\pi}]]}^{\text{PRF}}(\mathbf{A}) \leq \epsilon_1 + \frac{\binom{q}{2} \cdot \epsilon_2}{2^n}.$$

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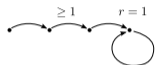
## Structure Graphs [BPR05]

- Vertices  $\mathcal{V}$ : State values  $v_i = B_i = (U_i, S_i)$
- Edges  $\mathcal{E}$ : transitions  $(v_i, v_{i+1}, \lambda_i)$
- Labels  $\Lambda$ :  $\lambda_i = (T_i, I_i)$
- Walk: Sequence of vertices  $\mathbf{v} = (v_0, \dots, v_m)$



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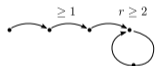


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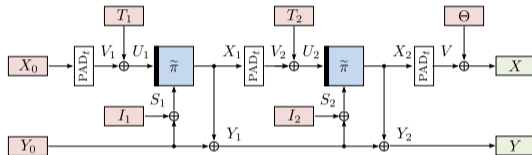


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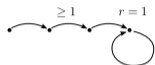


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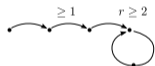


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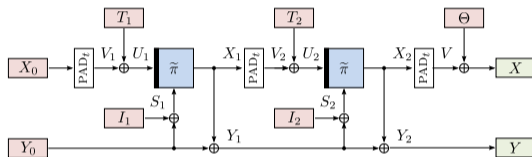


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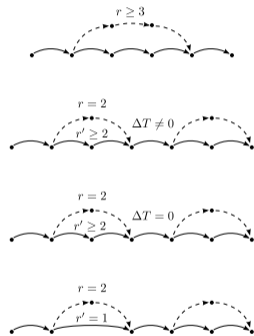
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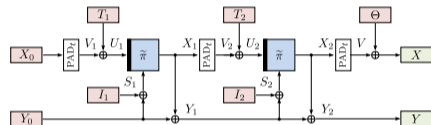


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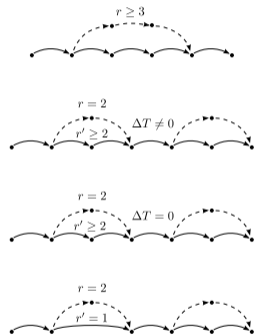


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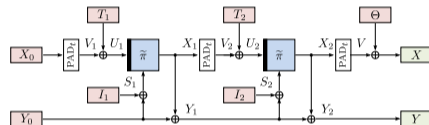


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### Lemma 4 (Collision Probability of DoveHash $[\tilde{\pi}]$ )

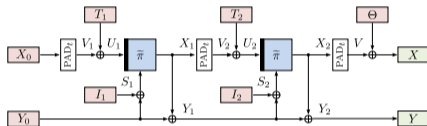
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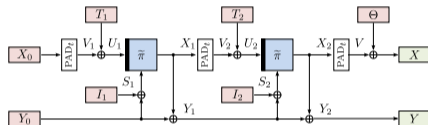


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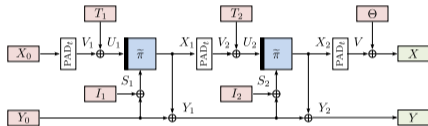


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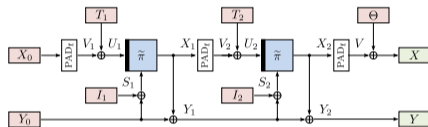
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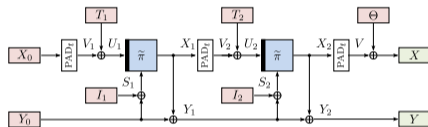


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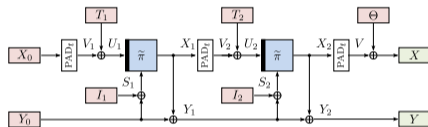
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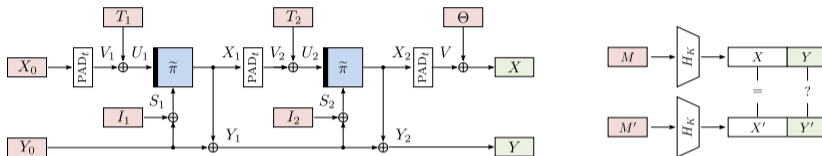
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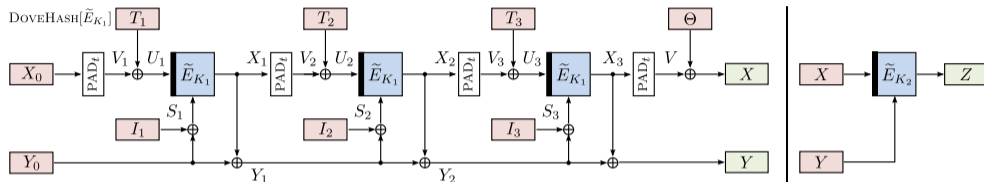


## Lemma 5 (tAU Upper Bound of DoveHash[ $\tilde{\pi}$ ])

Let  $m, \sigma < 2^{n-2}$ . Then, DoveHash[ $\tilde{\pi}$ ] is  $(t, n, \epsilon)$ -tAU for

$$\epsilon \leq \text{coll}_{\text{DoveHash}[\tilde{\pi}]}(t + n, 2, m, 2m) + \frac{2m^2}{2^n} + \frac{4}{2^{\min(n,t)}}.$$

# Proof Sketch: Summary



## Theorem 6 (PRF Security of DoveMAC)

Let  $\tilde{\pi}, \tilde{\pi}' \leftarrow \widetilde{\text{Perm}}(\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{B})$ . Let  $\mathbf{A}$  be a PRF adversary on  $\text{DoveMAC}[\tilde{\pi}, \tilde{\pi}']$  s.t.  $\mathbf{A}$  asks at most  $q$  queries that consist of at most  $m < 2^{n-2}$   $(t+n)$ -bit blocks after padding each, and that sum to at most  $\sigma < 2^{n-2}$   $(t+n)$ -bit blocks in total. Then

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## Section 4

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**Table:** Rounded inverse throughputs in cycles/byte and RAM storage (bytes).

Scheme	Message length (bytes)										RAM (bytes)		
	ATmega 2560							ATmega 328p					
	64	128	256	512	1024	2048	4096	64	128	256		512	1024
DoveMAC[Skinny-64-128]	760	616	544	508	490	481	476	758	614	542	506	488	176
ZMAC1[Skinny-64-128]	1013	757	630	566	534	518	510	1009	755	627	564	532	236

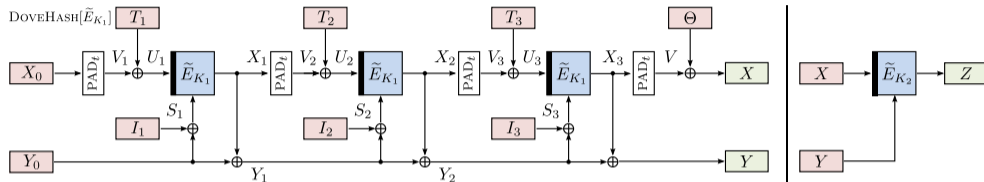
- Instantiation with Skinny-64-128 [BJK<sup>+</sup>16]
- Widespread 8-bit Atmel microcontrollers
- Comparison with ZMAC1 (ZHash [IMPS17] with HtTBC as finalization [Nai18])
- Base: Skinny AVR implementation by [BJK<sup>+</sup>16, rwe18] for both

Code available at <https://github.com/medsec/dovemac>

## Section 5

### Summary

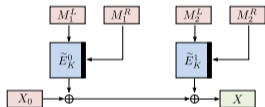
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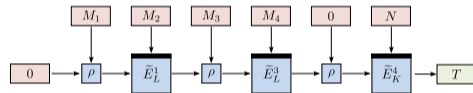
- Sequential TBC-based MAC
- High rate:  $(n + t)$  bits/TBC call
- High security:  $\min(n, (n + t)/2)$  bits without nonces
- Lower state size than ZMAC
- Easily extendable to variable-output-length PRF with Hash-then-TBC
- 2 keys, but single-key version easily obtainable by using tweak bit as domain

# Limitations

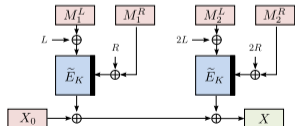
- Has grown complex
- Simpler and smaller high-rate schemes (as part of AE schemes) appeared since
- But: Nonce essential for high security



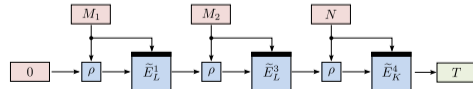
iZOCB-Hash [BGIM19]



Romulus [IKMP19, IKMP20]



iZOTR-Hash [BGIM19]



AE-TLR [GKP20]



Questions?

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