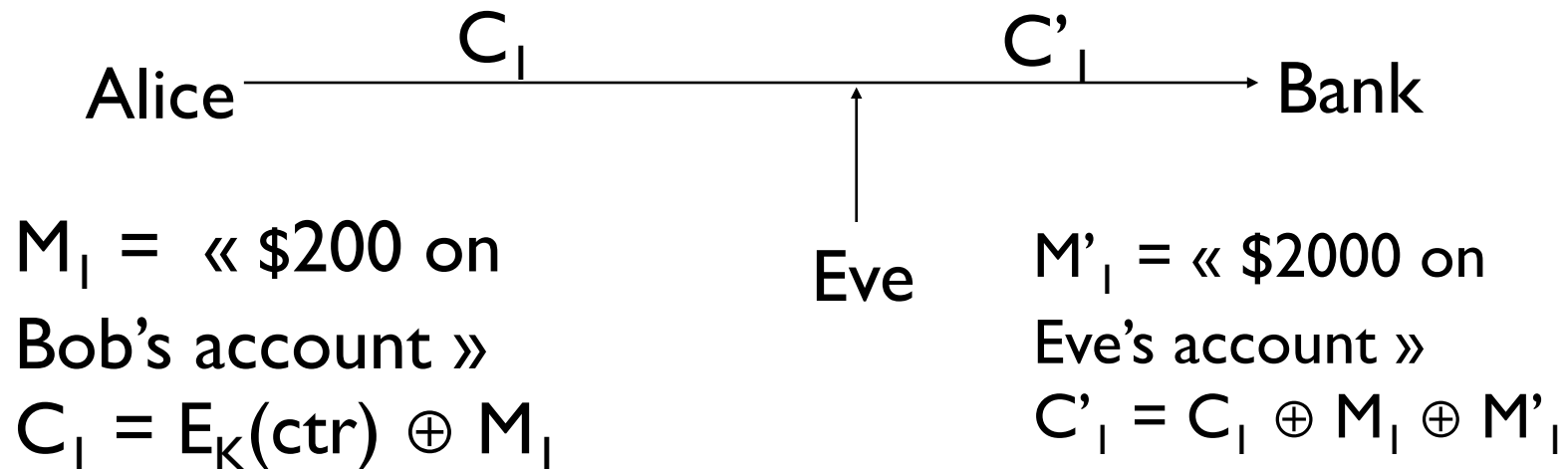


# Symmetric Crypto MAC

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# Message Authentication Code (MAC)

- Warning: Encryption does not provide integrity
- Eg: CTR mode ensures confidentiality if the blockcipher used is secure. However, no integrity is guaranteed. (CBC first block)



# Definition of Message Authentication Code

- Key generation: randomized alg.
  - output: key uniformly distributed
- Tag MAC generation: randomized or deterministic
  - input:  $M \in \{0,1\}^*$
  - output: tag  $\tau \in \{0,1\}^t \cup \perp : \tau = M_K ( M )$
- Verification: deterministic alg.
  - input: tag  $\tau \in \{0,1\}^t$  and message  $M$
  - output: bit if the tag is valid for this message s.t.  
for any  $K$  and message  $M$ , if  $\tau = M_K ( M )$ , then  $V_K ( \tau, M ) = 1$

# Security game

## Adversary's goals:

1. key recovery attacks
2. forgery: producing a valid MAC for some message  $M$  (of his choice, or any)

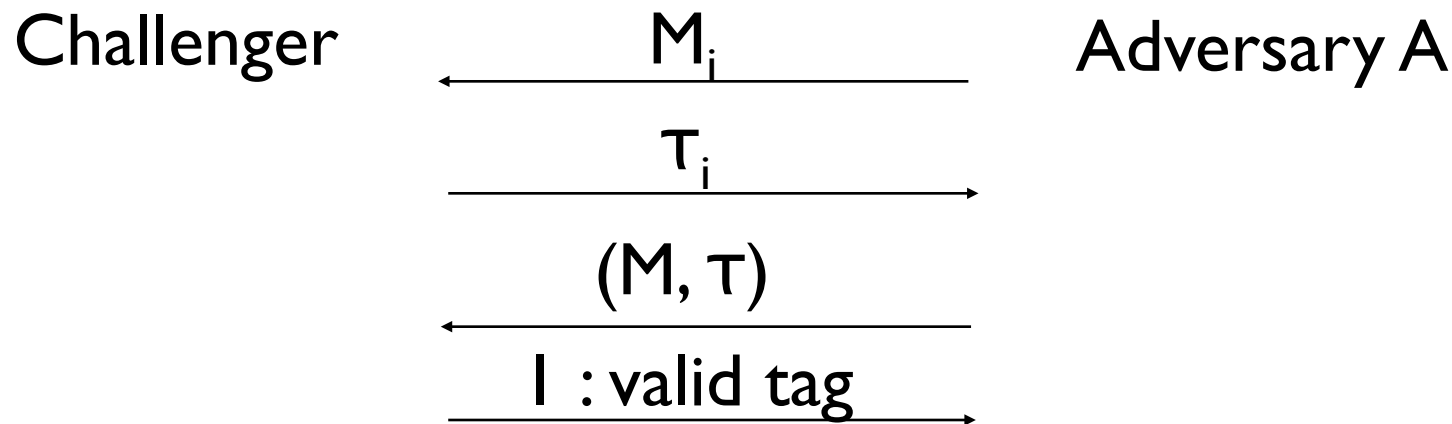
## Adversary's resources:

1. known message attack: interception of MACs. Adv. knows pair  $(M, \tau)$  of already tagged messages
2. chosen message attack: Adv. knows the tag of message of his choice (access to a MAC generation alg. adaptively or not)

# Security game

Def: Combining an adversary's goal and some resources

SUF-CMA: strongly inforgeability against chosen message attacks



$$\text{Adv} ( A ) = \text{Pr} ( \text{Expérience retourne } I )$$

# Generic Security

1. For a  $t$ -bit MAC, advantage (forgery probability) is always at least  $1/2^t$
2. Among  $2^{t/2}$  MACs, by the birthday paradox, there is a collision between two of them: these collisions can be used to recover the keys ...

# MAC vs. Signature

## Signatures:

- used for verifying public keys,
- guarantee non-repudiation,
- same properties than hand-written signature

## MACs:

- very good performances,
- secret-key shared between two users  $\Rightarrow$  no non-repudiation,
- no public verification

# First construction

Let  $F : \{0,1\}^k \times \{0,1\}^* \rightarrow \{0,1\}^t$  a random function (i.e. outputs are indistinguishable from random values)

MAC construction: For message  $M = M_1 \dots M_m$ ,

$$= F_K ( M_1 ) \oplus \dots \oplus F_K ( M_m )$$

Is this scheme secure ?



# Second Example

Let  $F : \{0,1\}^k \times \{0,1\}^* \rightarrow \{0,1\}^t$  random function

For message  $M = M_1 \dots M_m$

For  $i = 1$  to  $m$ ,  $y_i = F_K(\langle i \rangle, M_i)$   
 $y = y_1 \oplus \dots \oplus y_m$

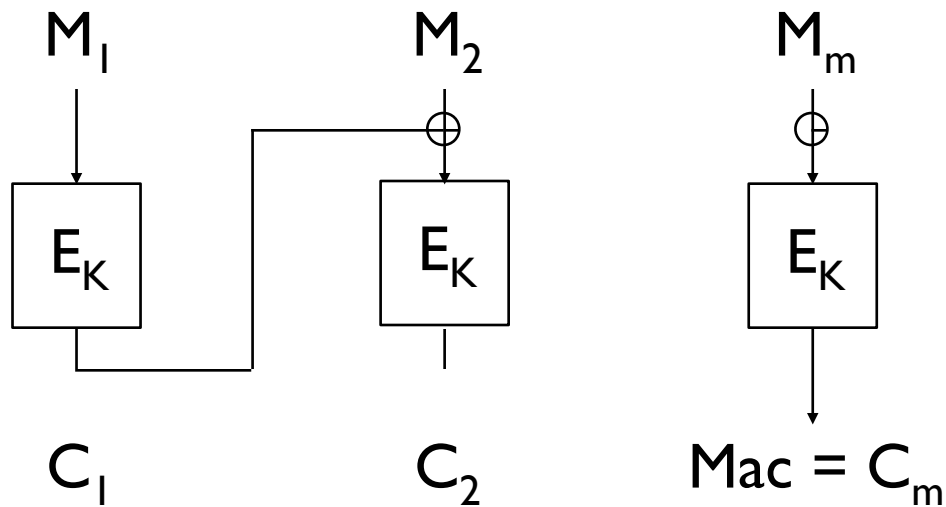
Is this scheme secure ?

# unencrypted CBC-MAC

$$C_i = E_K (M_i \oplus C_{i-1})$$

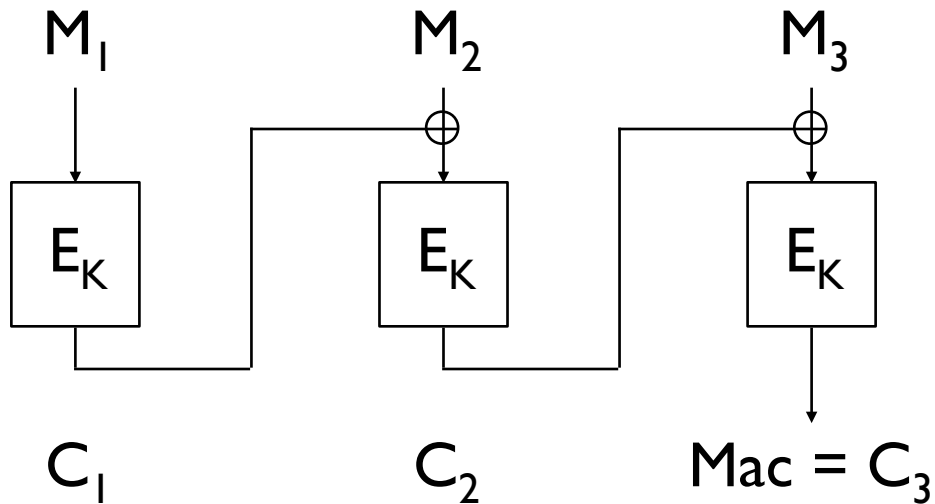
$$\text{MAC} = C_m$$

Secure only for **constant length** messages



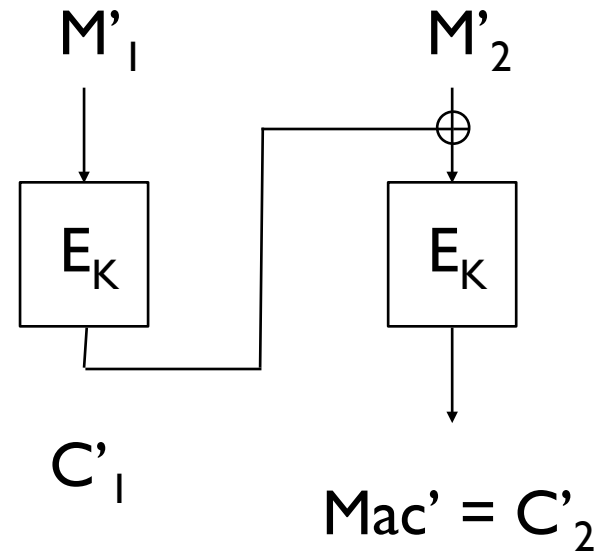
# Security CBC-MAC

Let 2 arbitrary messages  $M$  and  $M'$



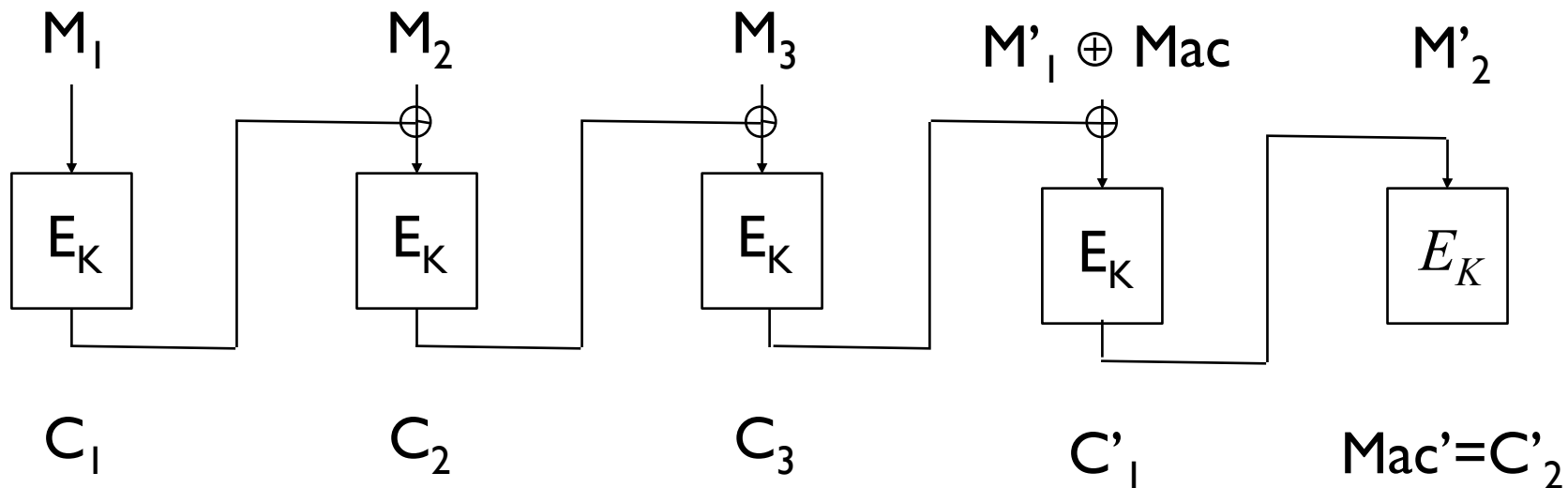
$MAC(M)$  is  $C_3 = Mac$

$MAC(M')$  is  $C'_2 = Mac'$



# unencrypted CBC-MAC

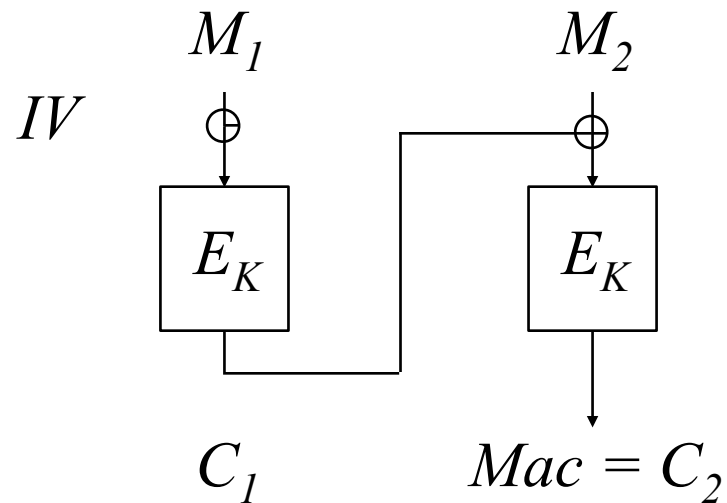
Given MACs of  $M$  and  $M'$ , it is possible to forge  
MAC of another message



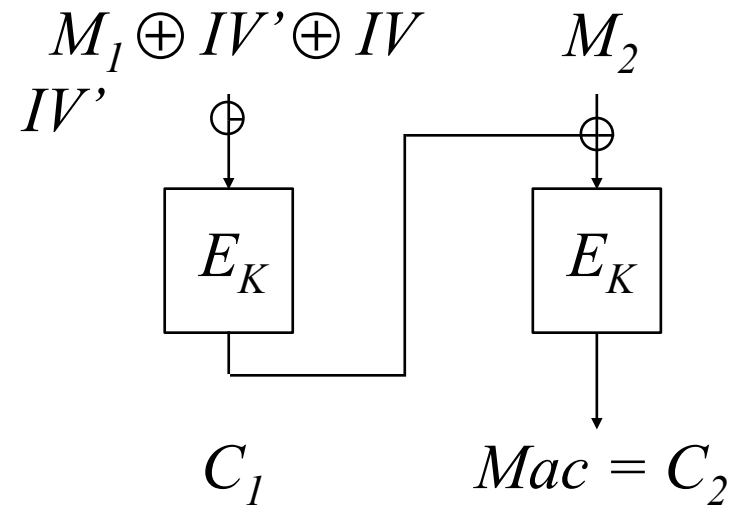
Recovering the secret key is in  $2^k$  MAC computation  
where  $k$  is the bit length of the used key (exhaustive search)

# No IV in CBC-MAC

The integrity of the first block is not ensured if an IV is used



$(M, IV, Mac)$

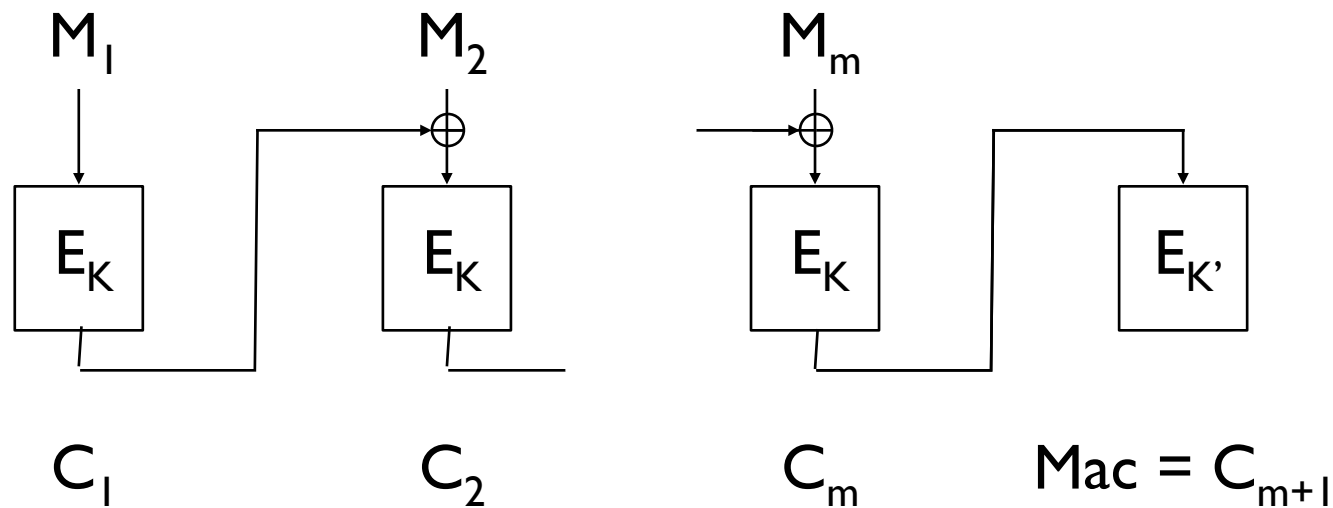


$(M', IV', Mac)$

# Encrypted CBC-MAC (EMAC)

$$C_i = E_K (M_i \oplus C_{i-1}) \text{ and } \text{MAC} = E_{K'} (C_m)$$

Secure if less than  $2^{n/2}$  MACs are computed



# Security Analysis

Assume  $2^{n/2}$  MACs computed:  $(M_i, \tau_i), 0 \leq i \leq 2^{n/2}$  and  $M_i \neq M_j$

Using Birthday Paradox, there exists  $i, j$  s.t.  $i \neq j$  and  $\tau_i = \tau_j$

Ask MAC  $\tau$  of  $M_i \parallel R$ , where  $R$  is a random block

Claim: One can forge MAC for message  $M_j \parallel R : \tau$

# Hash-based MAC

Consider the following MAC scheme:

$$\text{MAC}_K ( M ) = H ( K \parallel M )$$

Is it secure ?



# HMAC

$$\text{HMAC}_K(M) = H(K' \oplus \text{opad}, H(K' \oplus \text{ipad}, M))$$

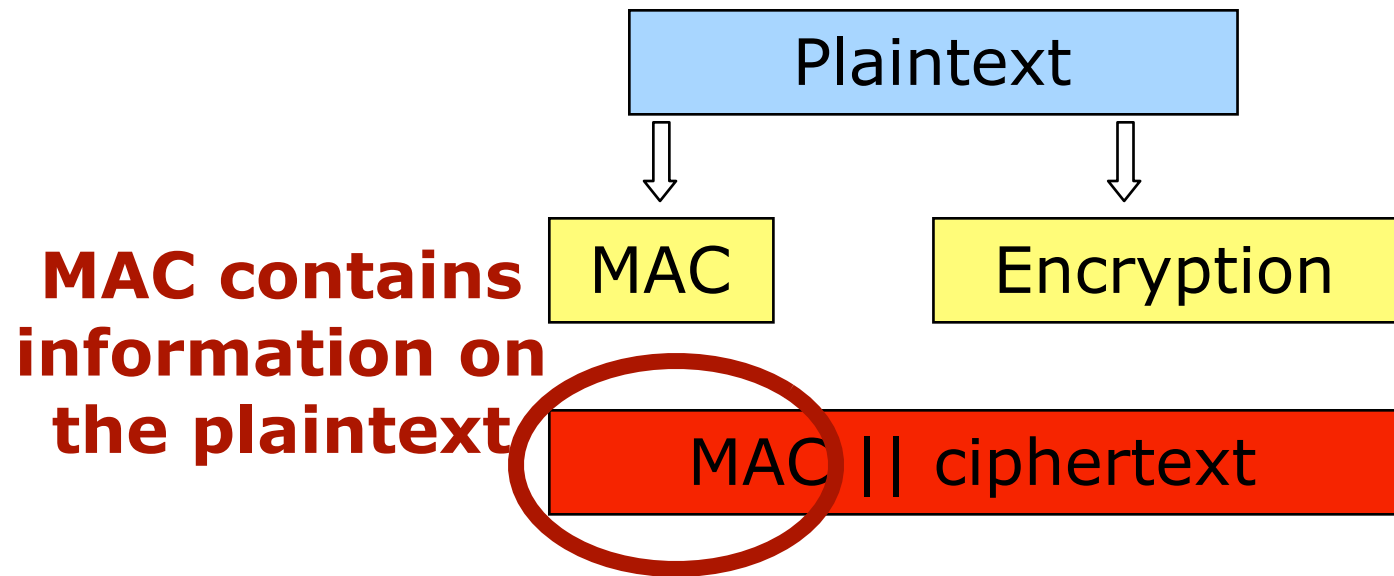
where ipad and opad are constant values:

# Encryption and Authentication

- IPSEC: MAC-Then-Encrypt
- SSL/TLS: Encrypt-Then-MAC
- SSH: MAC-And-Encrypt

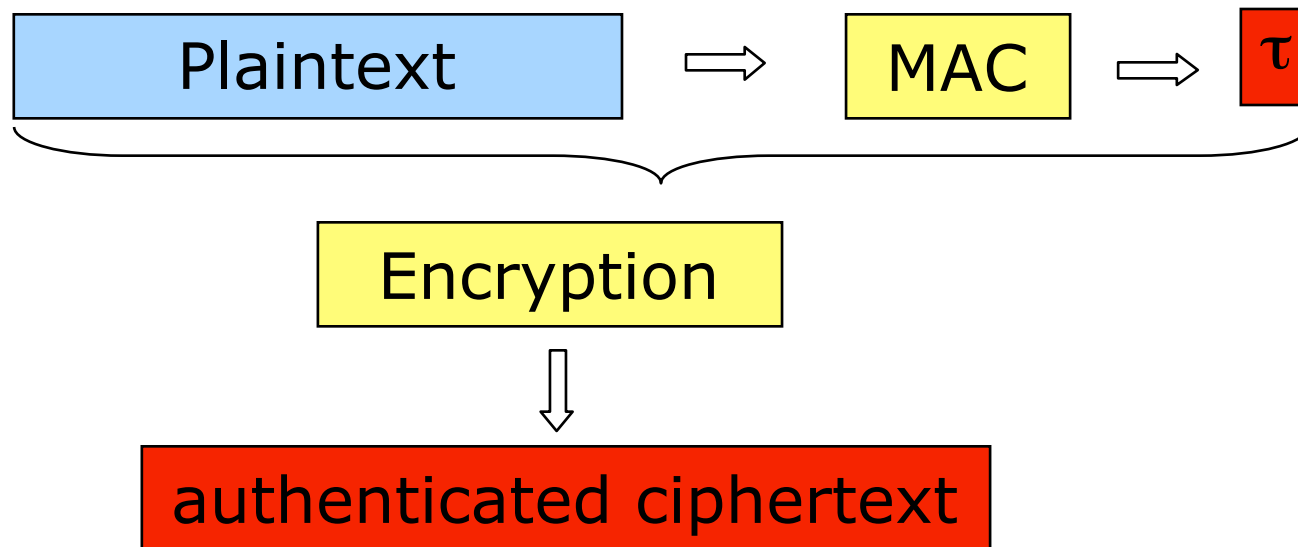
# Mac-And-Encrypt

- Non-secure mode of operation
- Confidentiality is not guaranteed



# MAC-then-Encrypt

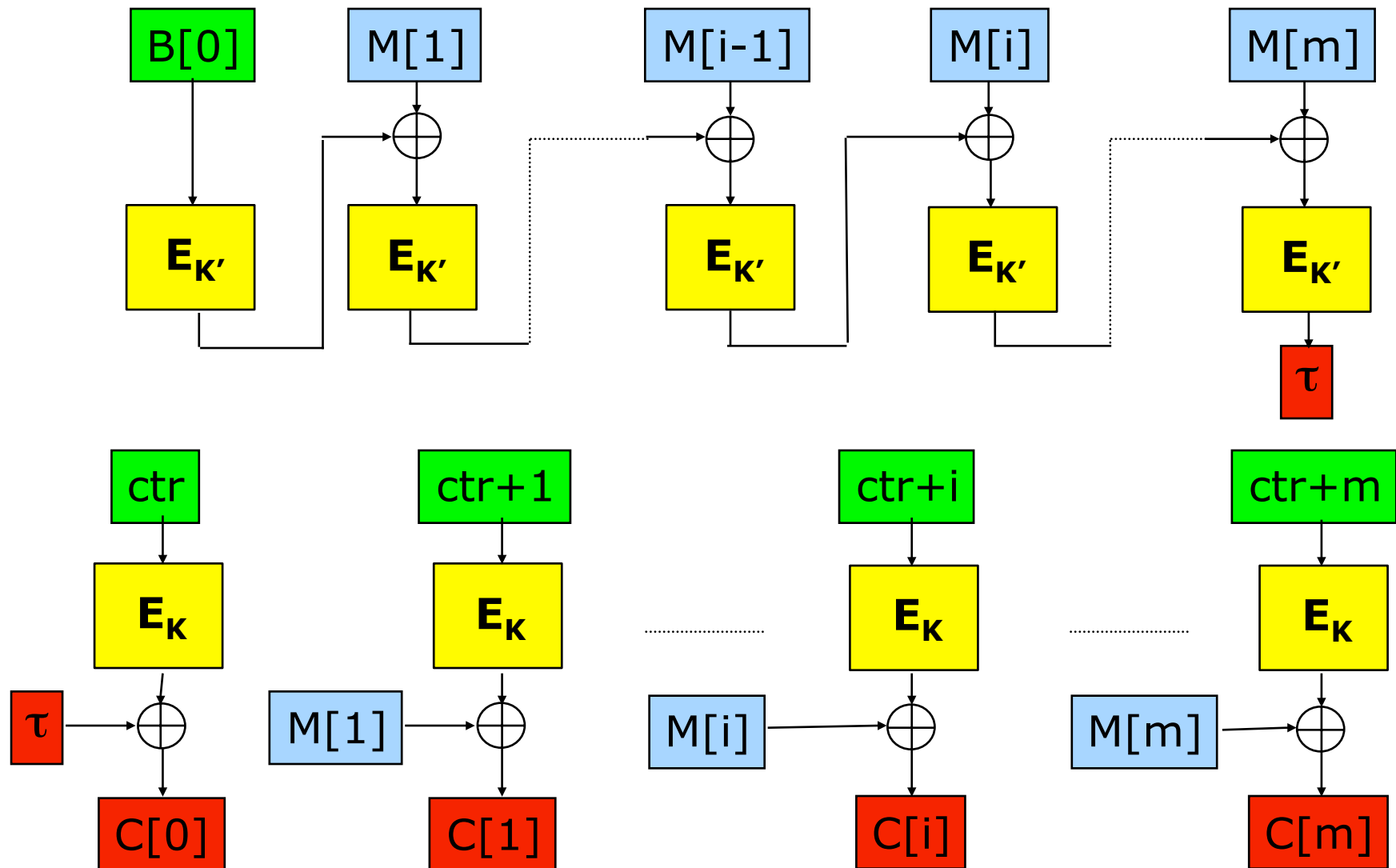
- Non-always secure but it could be
- In practice, one can construct secure scheme



# CCM: Mac-then-encrypt

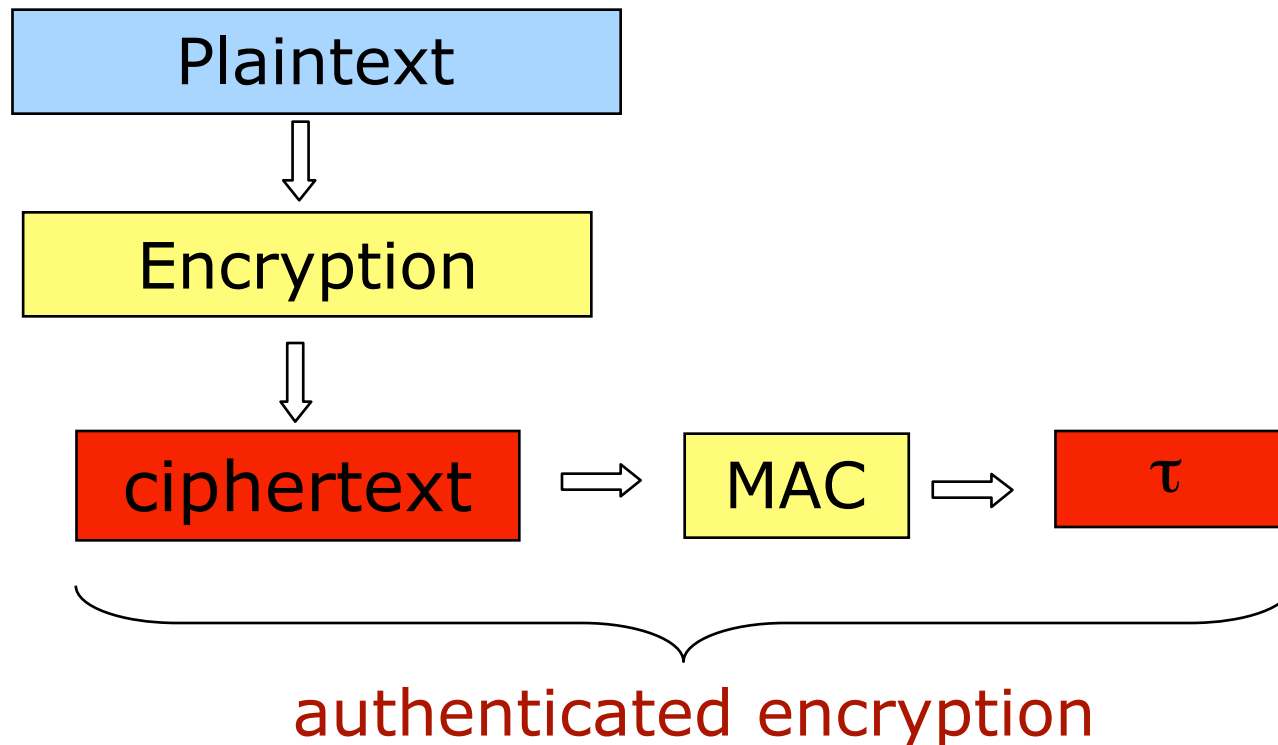
- CCM proposed by Housley, Whiting and Ferguson
- Wifi network
- NIST in 2003, operation mode for AES
- CBC-MAC then CTR
  - associated data
  - security proof

# CCM mode

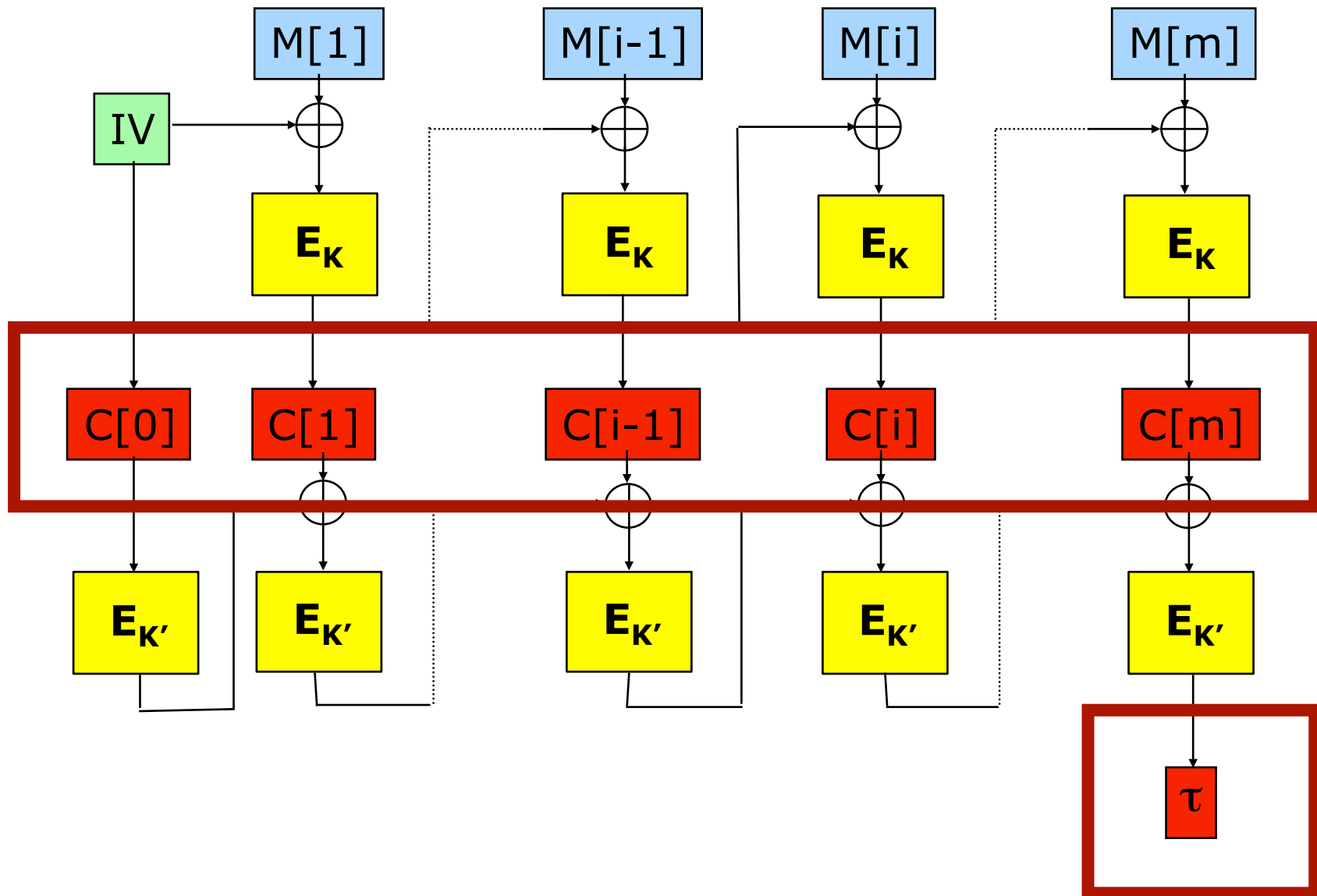


# Encrypt-then-MAC

- Secure if the encryption mode is secure and if the MAC is secure



# Encrypt-then-MAC





# One-pass Mode

- Message is treated once:
  - More efficient : near as efficient as one encryption
  - One key
- Examples : IAPM, IACBC, OCB, ...

# IACBC mode

