

# **Sometimes-Recurse Shuffle**

**Almost-Random Permutations  
in Logarithmic Expected Time**

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# Enciphering a Credit-Card Number

(also called a “PAN”)

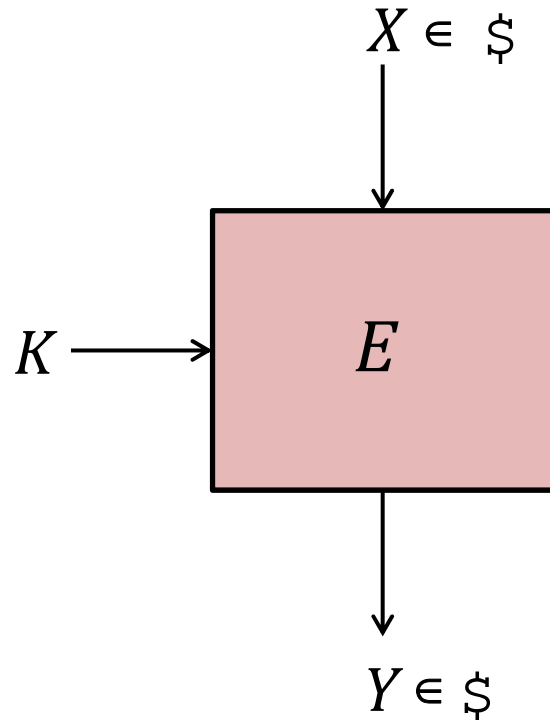


$$E: \sim \times \{0,1,\dots,9\}^{16} \rightarrow \{0,1,\dots,9\}^{16}$$

**Format-Preserving Encryption (FPE):** ← named & popularized by **T. Spies**  
**[NBS FIPS 74: 1981]**       $E: \sim \times \$ y \rightarrow \$$

# FPE = Blockcipher

Sort of



$$E: \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$$

$E(K, \cdot)$  is a permutation on  $\mathbb{Z}$

**Assumption:**  $\mathbb{Z} = [N] = \{0, \dots, N - 1\}$

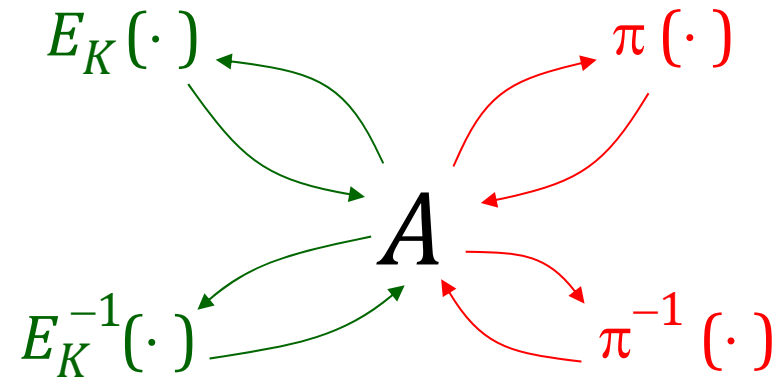
Not *that* limiting – many natural messages spaces can be efficiently put into 1-to-1 correspondence with  $[N]$

[Black, Rogaway 2002]

[Bellare, Ristenpart, Rogaway, Stegers 2009]

## Measuring quality

$$E: \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$$



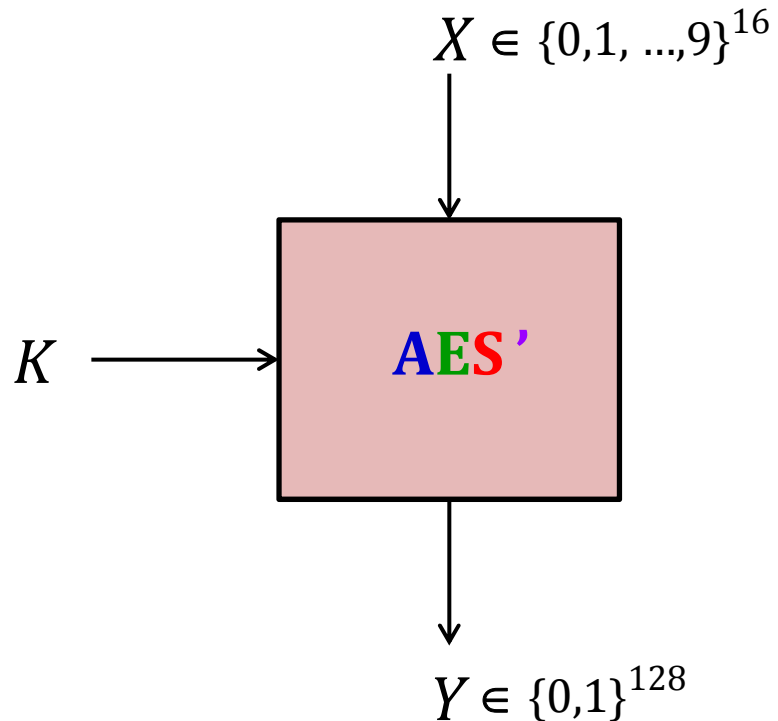
$$\text{Adv}_E^{\text{sprp}}(q) = \max_{A \text{ asks } q \text{ queries}} \Pr[A^{E_K E_K^{-1}} \rightarrow 1] - \Pr[A^{\pi \pi^{-1}} \rightarrow 1]$$

$$\Delta_E(q) = \max_{\substack{A \text{ asks } q \\ \text{nonadaptive queries}}} \Pr[A^{E_K} \rightarrow 1] - \Pr[A^{\pi} \rightarrow 1]$$

When  $q=N$   
these coincide

# One approach to FPE

*De novo construction*

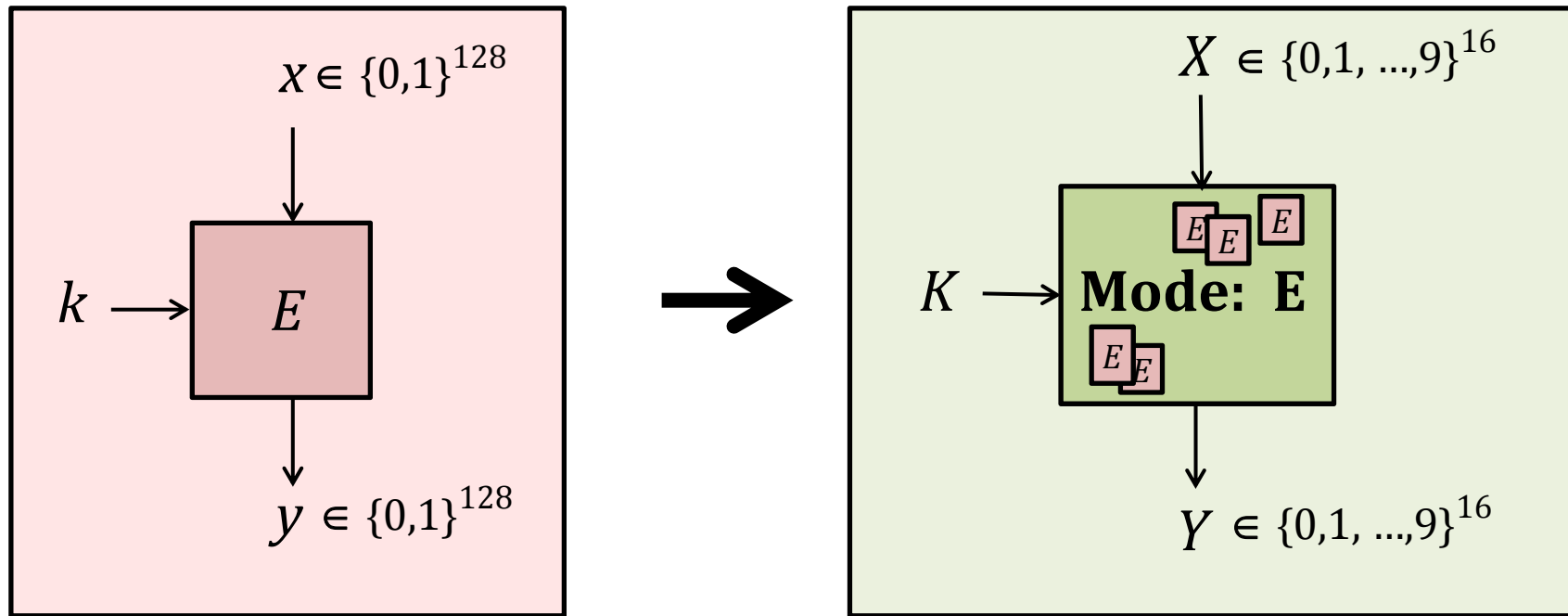


## Lots of problems

- Unclear **how** to extend conventional blockciphers to small/unusual domains.
  - **Security assurances** earned by existing blockcipher **forfeit**
  - **Existing HW** and **SW** not exploitable
- There exist designs that allow short binary strings, like **HPC**, but don't go as far as  $[N]$

# Another approach to FPE

PRF to PRP conversion



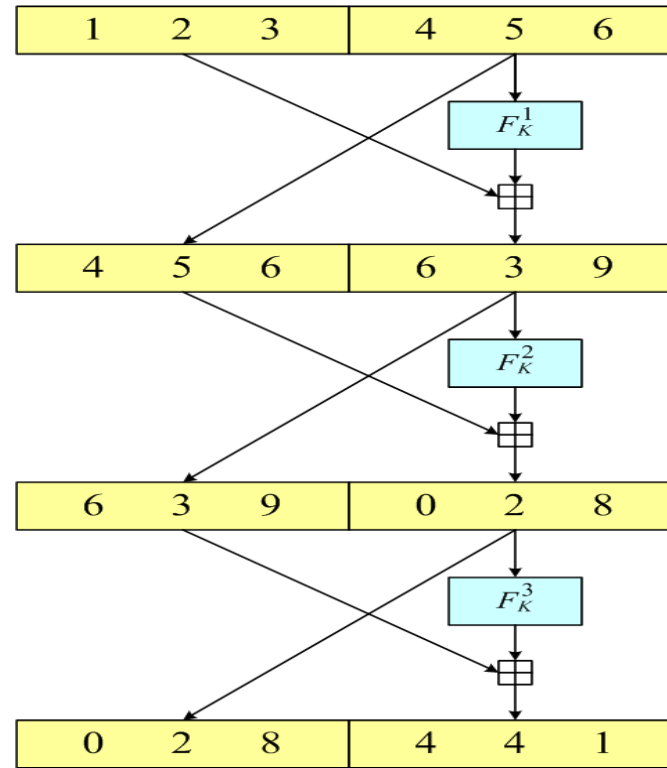
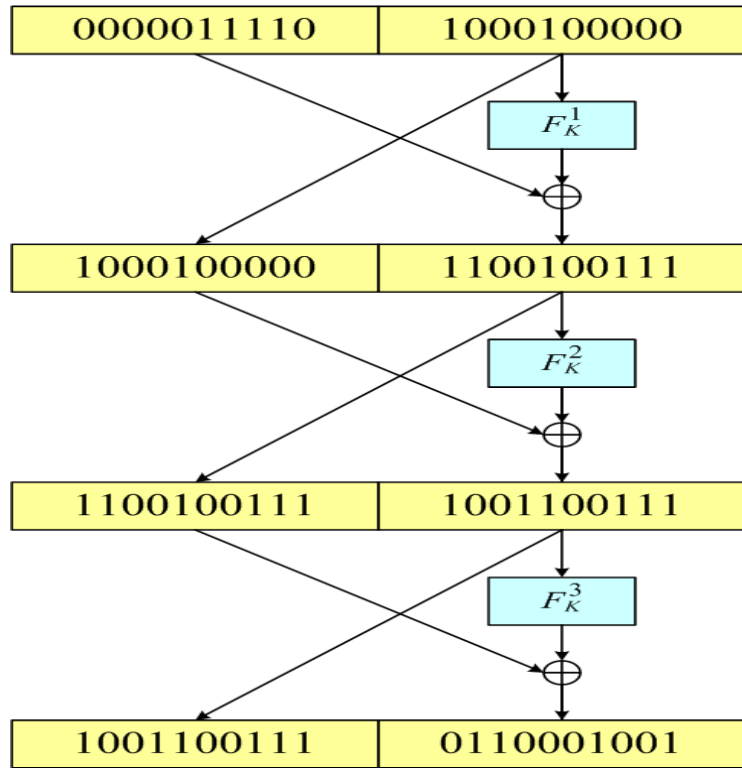
**PRP** with a domain  $\{0,1\}^b \rightarrow$  **PRP** with a domain  $[N]$

**PRF** with a domain  $\{0,1\}^b \rightarrow$  **PRP** with a domain  $[N]$

Random function with domain  $\{0,1\}^b \rightarrow$  Random permutation with domain  $[N]$

# That's what Feistel does

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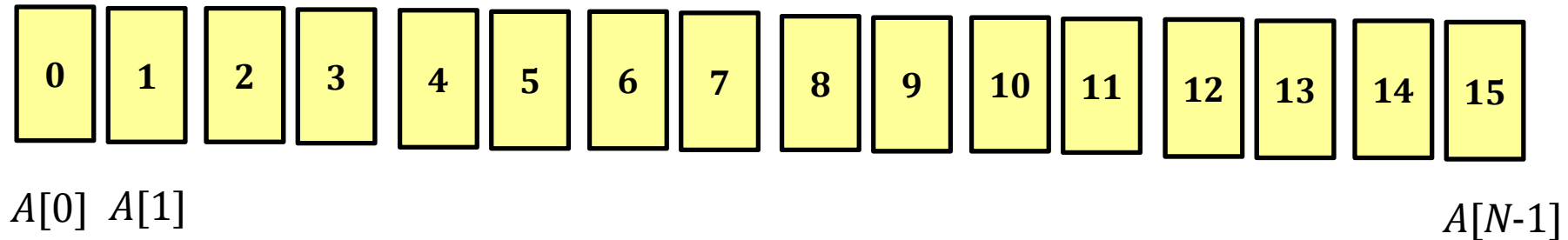


**Poor concrete security**  
 Luby-Rackoff: proven security to  $q \sim N^{1/4}$   
 Patarin: provable security to  $q \sim N^{1/2}$   
 Folklore: inf th attacks to  $q \sim N^{1/2}$

**Goal: security to  $q = N$**   
**full security** [Ristenpart, Yilek 2013]


# Full security is feasible

At least if you spend  $\Omega(N)$  time



```
for  $j$  from 0 to  $N-1$  do  $A[i] \leftarrow i$ 
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for  $j$  from  $N-1$  downto 1 do
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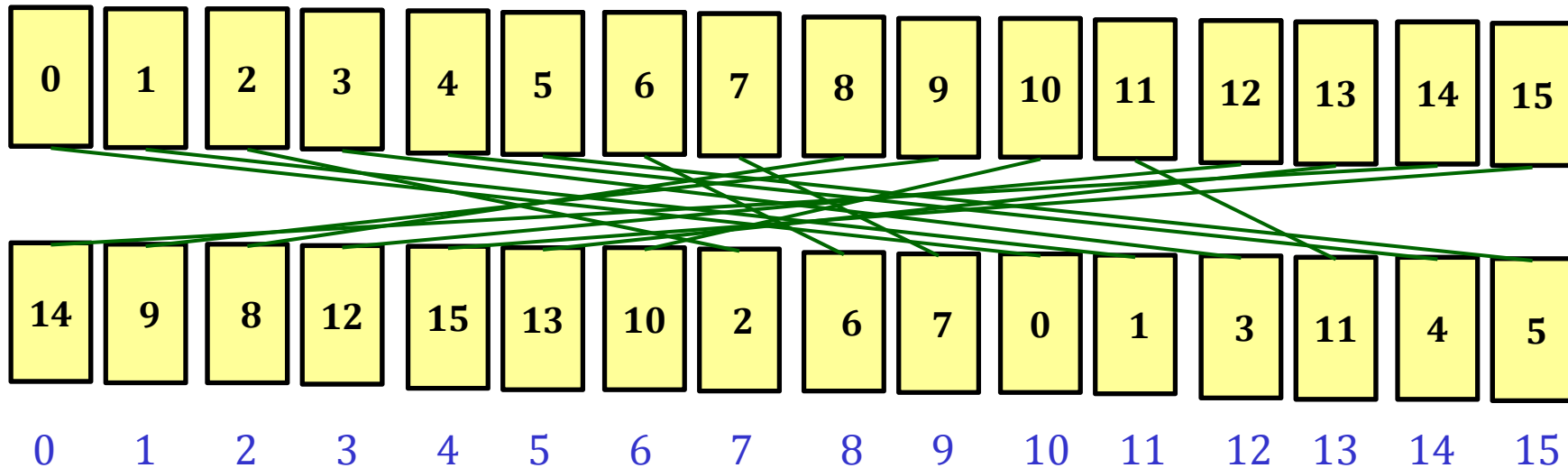
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   $i \leftarrow [j]$   Let key  $K$  name these choices:  
  sequence of numbers in  
   $[N], [N-1], \dots, [3], [2], [1]$ 
```

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   $A[i] \leftrightarrow A[j]$ 
```

**“Knuth Shuffle”**  
(Fisher-Yates)



## The Route Towards Better Methods/Bounds Enciphering Scheme $\leftrightarrow$ Card Shuffle

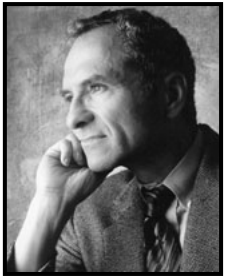


A point in  $x \in \mathcal{X} \leftrightarrow$  A particular card

A key  $K \in \mathcal{Y} \leftrightarrow$  Randomness used to shuffle the cards

Image  $E_K(x) \leftrightarrow$  Where that card ends up with the given randomness

An **oblivious** shuffle: can follow the path of a card without attending to the other cards. [Naor, 1989]



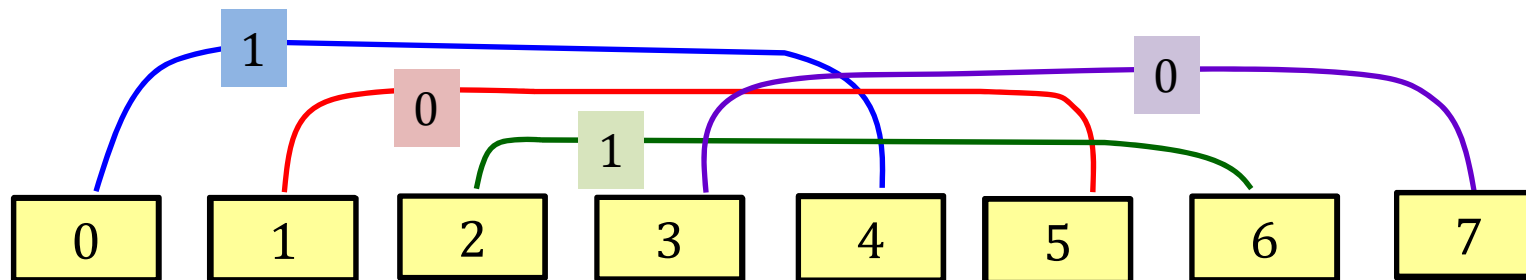
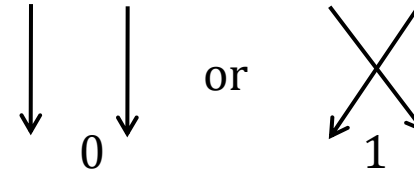
# Thorp Shuffle

TH[ $N, r$ ]

[Thorp 1973]

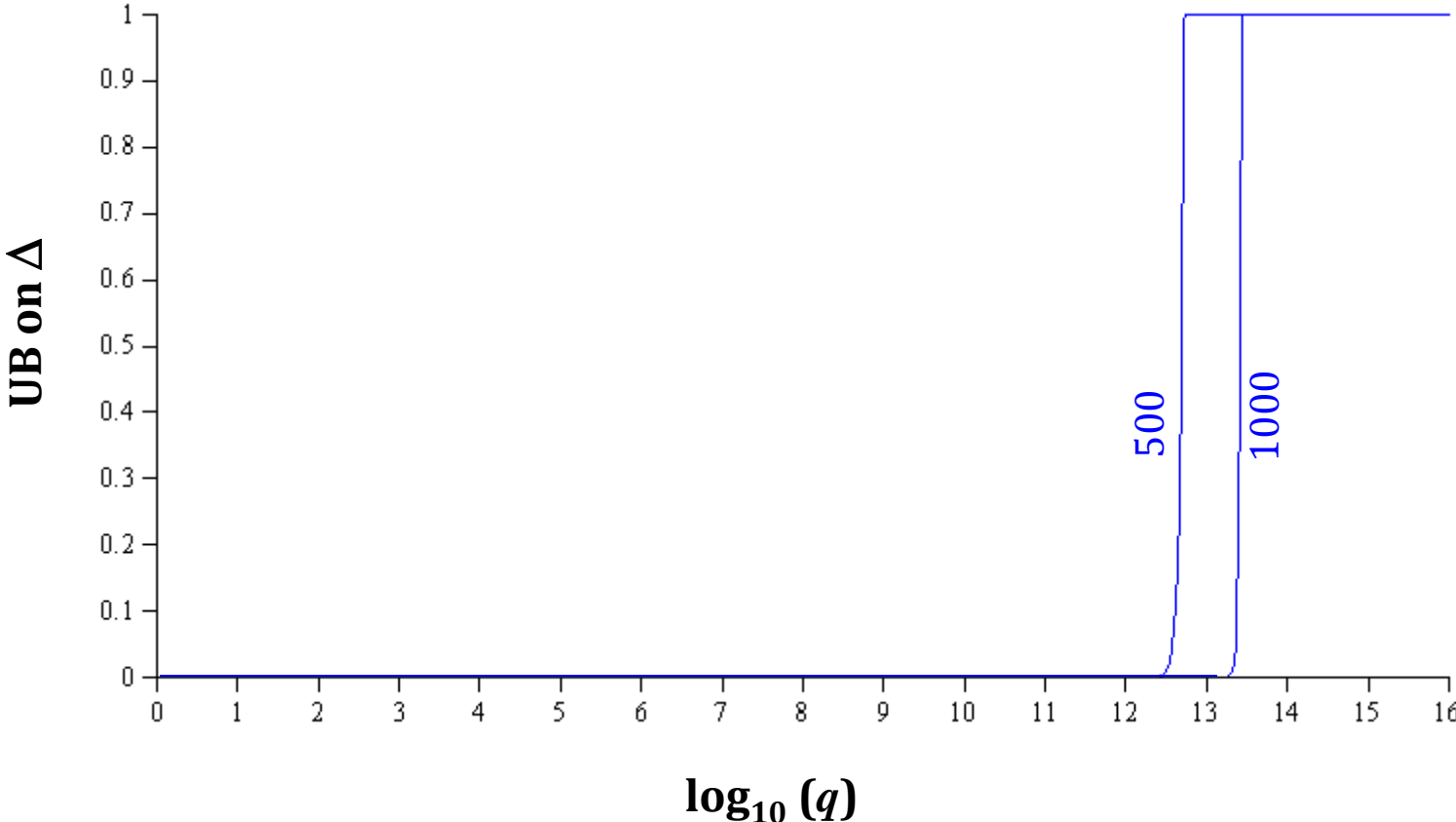
repeat  $r$  times

1. Pair cards at posns  $x$  and  $x + N/2$
2. Flip a coin for each pair
3. The coins indicate if pairs go



# Security of Thorp

$\text{TH}[10^{16}, r]$

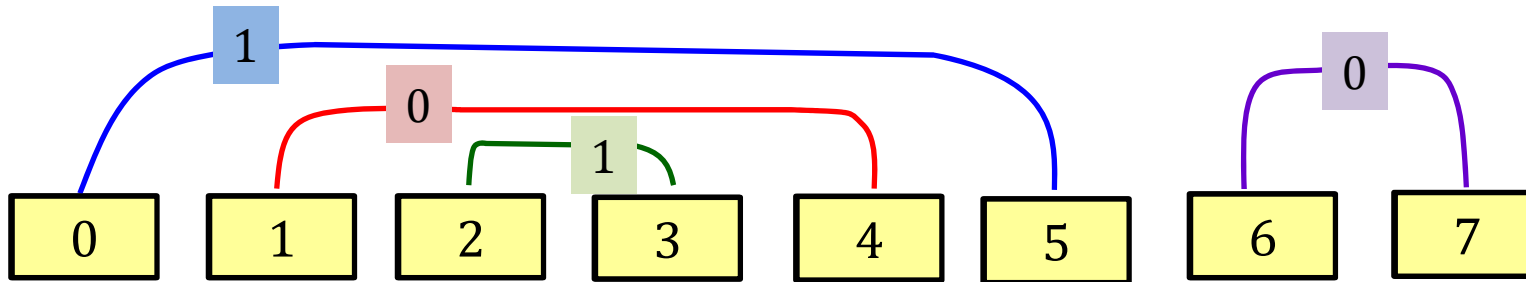
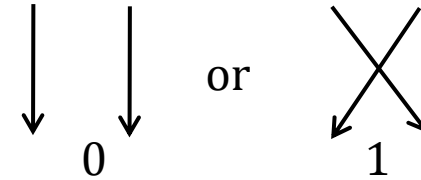


# Swap-or-Not $SN[N, r]$

[Hoang, Morris, Rogaway 2012]

repeat  $r$  times

1.  $K \leftarrow [N]$  Eg,  $K = 5$  below
2. Pair  $x$  and  $K-x \pmod N$
3. Flip a coin for each pair
4. The coins indicate if pairs go



# Swap-or-Not $\text{SN}[N, r]$

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As a **blockcipher**

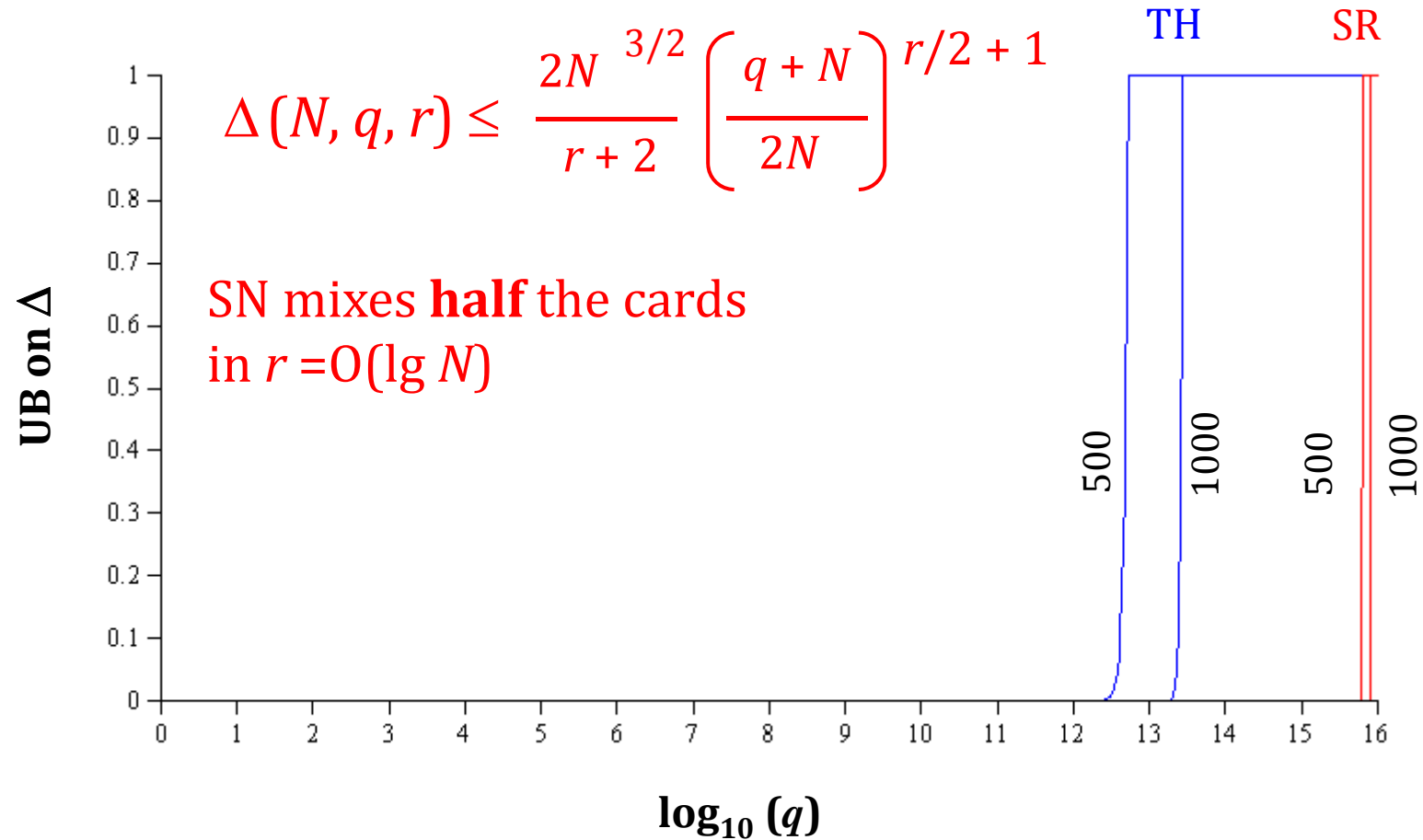
```
algorithm  $E_{K_1 \dots K_R} F(x)$  //  $x \in \{0, \dots, N-1\}$   
for  $i \leftarrow 1$  to  $r$  do  
     $x' \leftarrow K_i - x$   
     $x^* \leftarrow \max(x, x')$   
    if  $F(i, x^*) = 1$  then  $x \leftarrow x'$   
return  $x$ 
```

Decryption: Same, with  $i$  going from  $r$  down to 1

Bounds for SN apply to  $\text{SN}^{-1}$

# Security of **Swap-or-Not**

SN[10<sup>16</sup>, r]



# Bootstrapping an inner shuffle

## Icicle & Mix-and-Cut

[Ristenpart, Yilek 2013]

following

[Granboulan-Pornin 2007] and

[Czumaj, Kanarek, Kutylowski and 1998]

- Apply some **inner shuffle**.  
It needs to be a **pseudorandom separator** (PRS):  
the **set** of elements in the left & right output pile should be near uniform
- Recurse down left & right output piles

**Icicle**

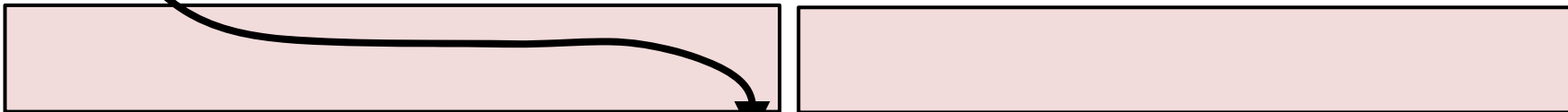
- Use  $SN[N, O(\lg N)]$  is a PRS
- Total time:  $O(\lg^2 N)$

**Mix-and-Cut**

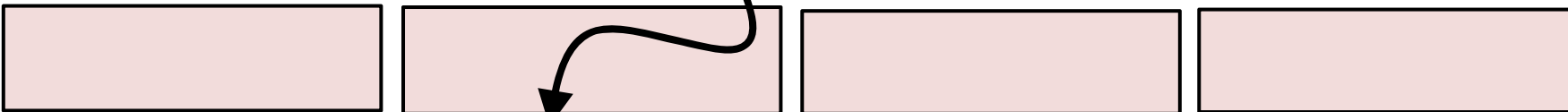
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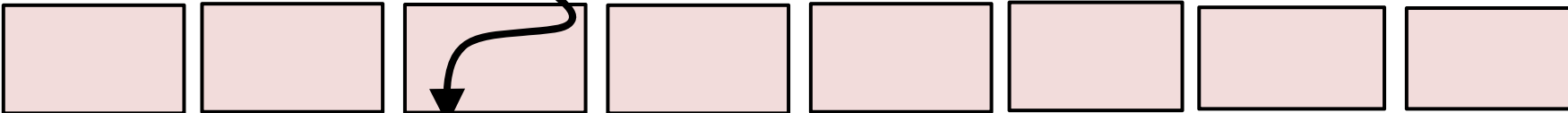
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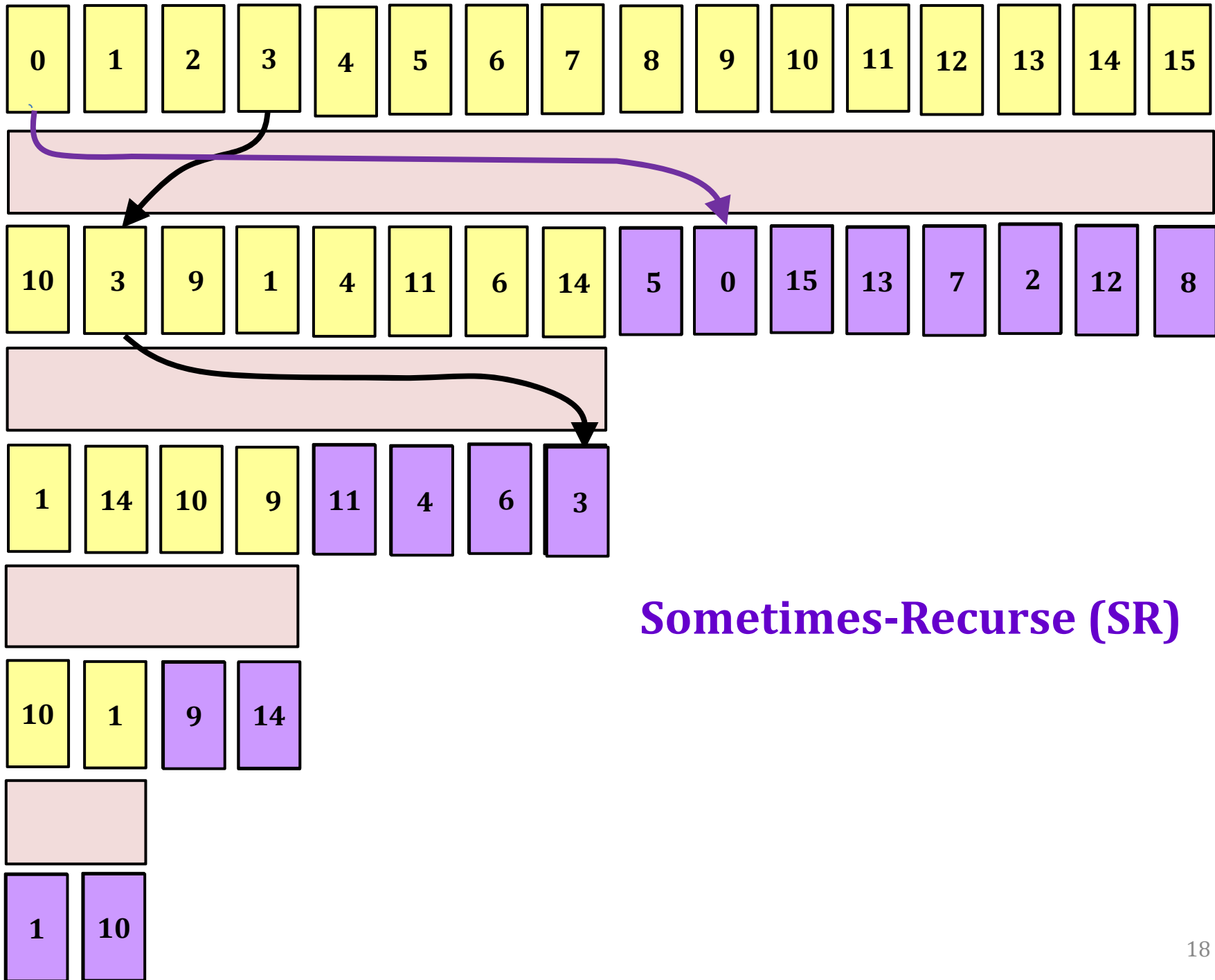
## Sometimes-Recurse (SR) Shuffle



- Apply some **inner shuffle**.  
It needs to mix **half** the cards (in the **inverse** shuffle):
- Recurse down **one** of the two output piles – the **left**, say

Anticipated instantiation:

- Use  $SN[N, O(\lg N)]$  as the inner shuffle



## Sometimes-Recurse (SR)

## SR as a Blockcipher

```
algorithm  $E_{K,F}^N(x)$  //  $x \in \{0, \dots, N-1\}$   
if  $N=1$  then return  $x$   
  
for  $i \leftarrow 1$  to  $r_N$  do  
     $x' \leftarrow K_i - x$   
     $x^* \leftarrow \max(x, x')$   
    if  $F(i, x^*)=1$  then  $x \leftarrow x'$   
  
if  $x \leq N/2$  then return  $E_{K,F}^{\lfloor N/2 \rfloor}(x)$   
    else return  $x$ 
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With appropriate  $r_N$   
**full security** in  $O(\lg N)$  **expected** rounds

# Number of rounds

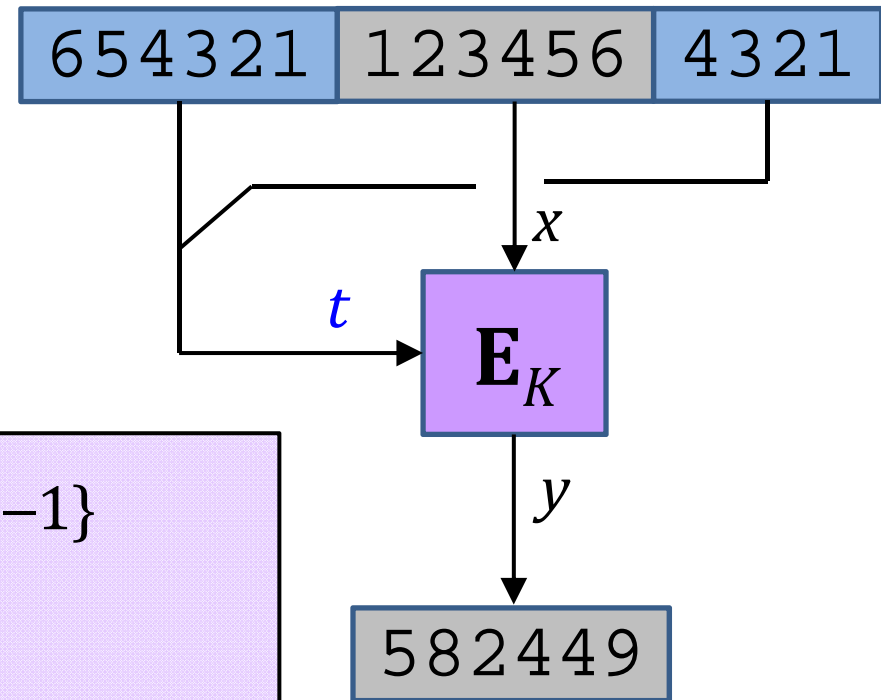
error to  $\varepsilon = 10^{-10}$

Plaintext	Best	Expected	Worst	$r_N$
<b>6-digits</b>	289	563	4411	fixed
	272	544	5168	splits $\varepsilon$
<b>16-digits</b> About 80k cycles, 25 $\mu$ sec	531	1048	18239	fixed
	507	1014	26365	splits $\varepsilon$
<b>30-digits</b>	869	1723	51453	fixed
	840	1680	83160	splits $\varepsilon$

# Supporting Tweaks

[Liskov, Rivest, Wagner 2002]

```
algorithm  $E_{K,F}^N(x)$  //  $x \in \{0, \dots, N-1\}$   
if  $N=1$  then return  $x$   
  
for  $i \leftarrow 1$  to  $r_N$  do  
     $x' \leftarrow K_i - x$  Doesn't need to depend on  $t$   
     $x^* \leftarrow \max(x, x')$   
    if  $F(i, x^*, t)=1$  then  $x \leftarrow x'$   
  
if  $x \leq N/2$  then return  $E_{K,F}^{\lfloor N/2 \rfloor}(x)$   
else return  $x$ 
```



## Choosing the split

Not necessary to choose  $|\text{Left}| = \lfloor N/2 \rfloor$

Plaintext	Expected	$ \text{Left} $	$r_N$
16-digits	<del>1014</del> 1010	$\lfloor 0.52 N/2 \rfloor$	splits $\varepsilon$

Makes little difference

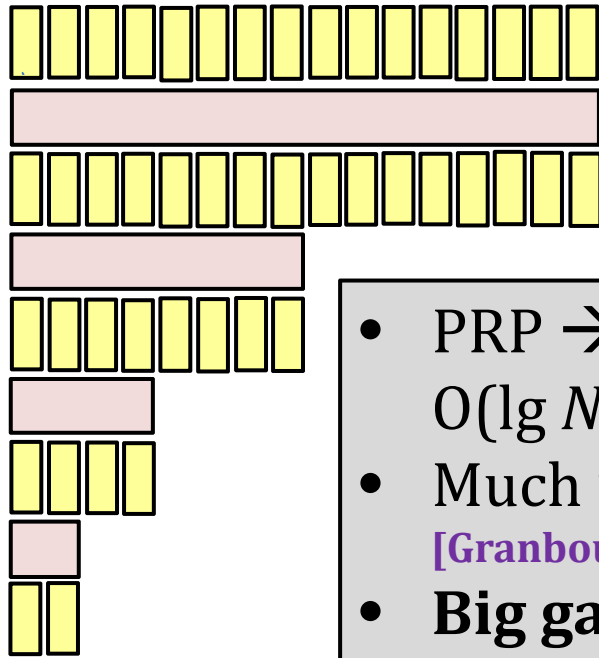
## A Potential Concern

Leaking the **runtime**

```
algorithm  $E_{K,F}^N(x)$  //  $x \in \{0, \dots, N-1\}$   
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**Not an issue** – the number of repetitions used to encipher  $x$  is already revealed by the ciphertext  $y$



## Summary

- PRP  $\rightarrow$  PRP, for any  $[N]$ , with **full security**, in  $O(\lg N)$  **expected** time
- Much **more efficient** than prior work  
[Granboulan-Pornin 2007], [Stefanov-Shi 2012], [Ristenpart, Yilek 2012]
- **Big gap** to practice remains:  $r = 10$  vs.  $r = 1000$

## Open

- $O(\lg N)$  **worst-case** time?