

# CS 442

## Introduction to Cryptography

### Lecture 14: CPA Secure Encryption – II and Modes of Operation

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## Agenda

- \* CPA-secure encryption from PRFs
- \* Proof of security
- \* Modes of operation: Practical ways of encrypting long messages.

## CPA Secure Encryption (Also called multi-message secure encryption)

Definition: A CPA-secure encryption scheme with message space  $M$ , key space  $\mathcal{K}$ , ciphertext space  $C$ , comprises of the following algorithms:

- \*  $\text{KeyGen} \rightarrow K$ : This algorithm samples a key  $K \in \mathcal{K}$ .
- \*  $\text{Enc}(K, m) \rightarrow c$ : On input a key  $K \in \mathcal{K}$  and a message  $m \in M$ , it outputs ciphertext  $c \in C$ .
- \*  $\text{Dec}(K, c) \rightarrow m$ : On input a key  $K \in \mathcal{K}$  and a ciphertext  $c \in C$ , it outputs message  $m \in M$ .

These algorithms must satisfy the following:

→ Correctness:  $\forall K \in \mathcal{K}, \forall m \in M$ , it holds that:

$$\Pr[\text{Dec}(K, \text{Enc}(K, m)) = m] = 1$$

→ CPA-Security: For all PPT adversaries, there exists a negligible function  $\nu(\cdot)$  such that the following holds in the game below:

$$\Pr[b = b'] \leq \frac{1}{2} + \nu(|K|)$$

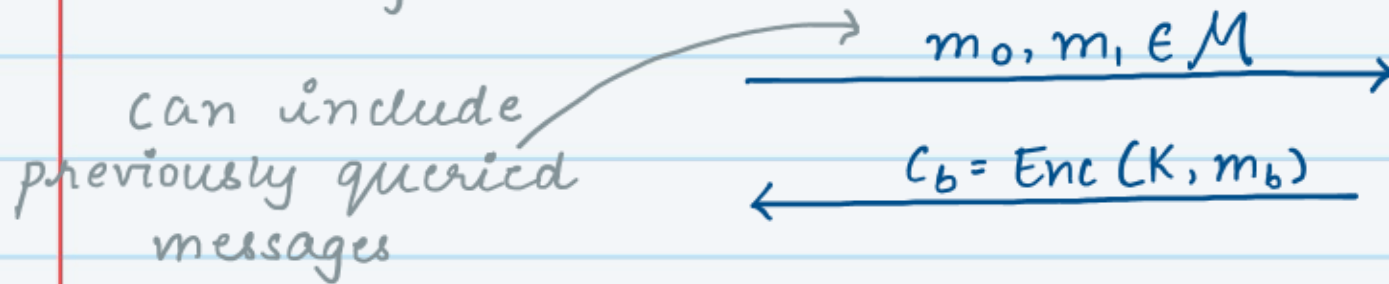


Adversary

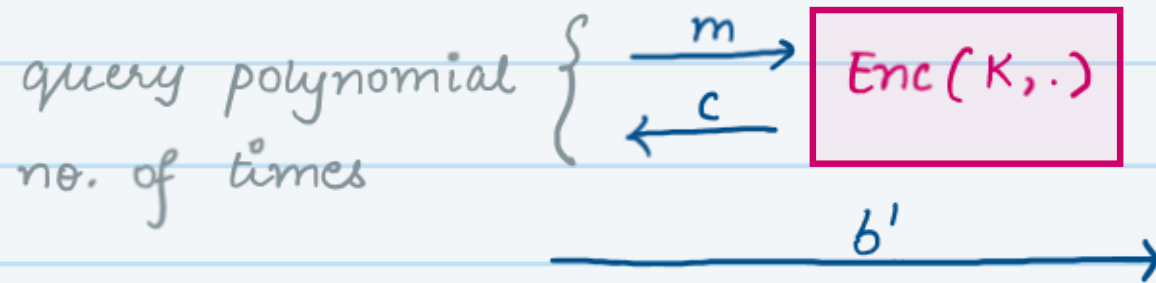


Challenger

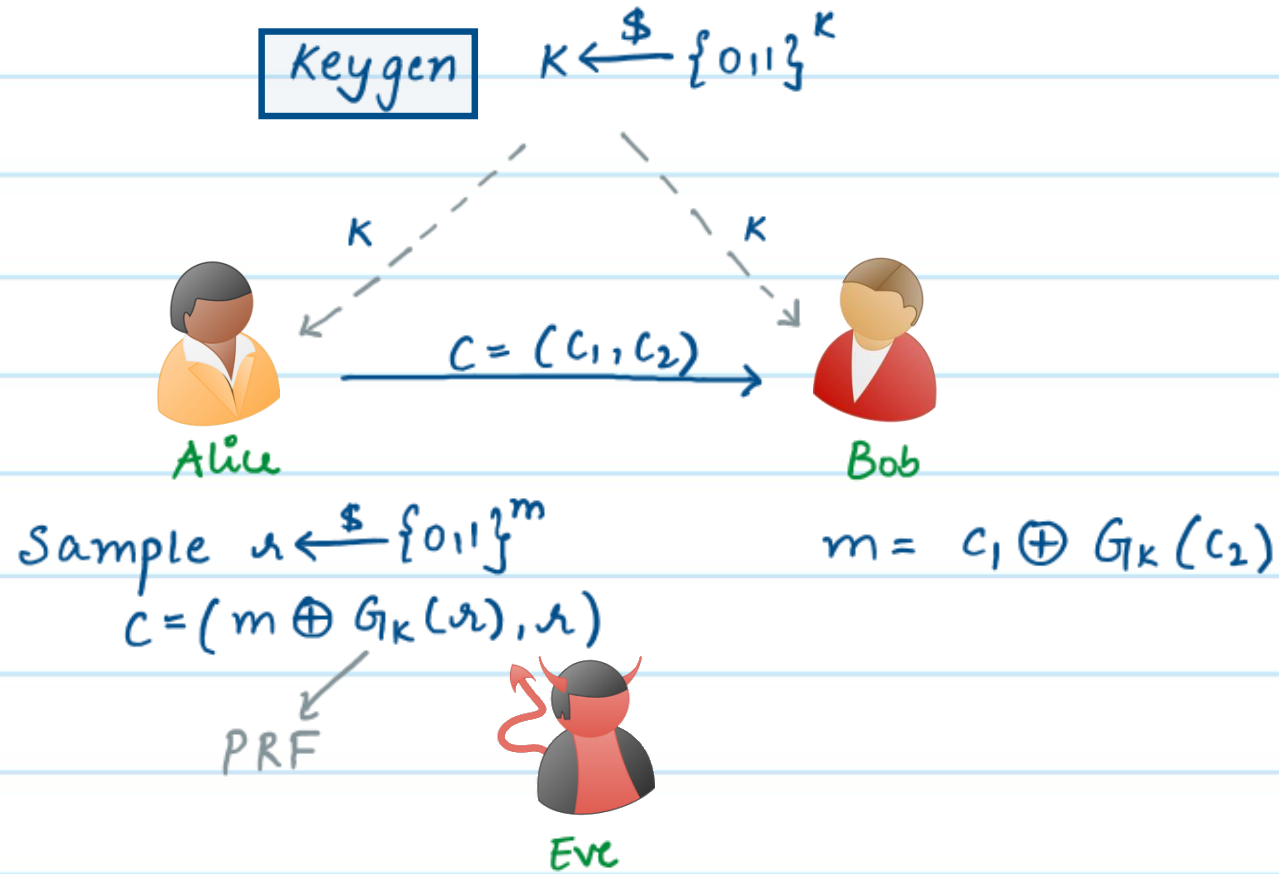
KeyGen  $\rightarrow$   $K$



$b \xleftarrow{\$} \{0, 1\}$



# CPA Secure Encryption from PRFs



## Proof of Security

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## How to Build PRFs?

### Two Approaches

#### Theoretical

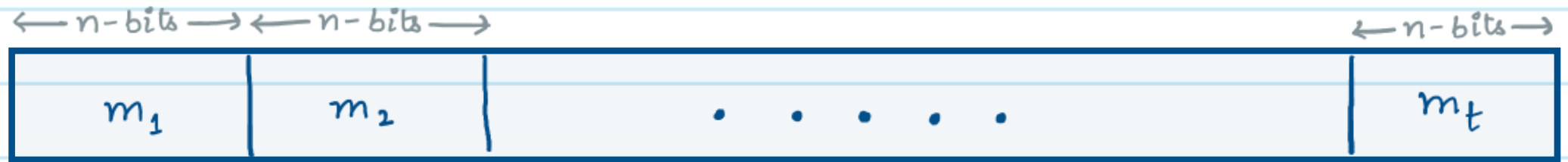
- \*  $PRG \Rightarrow PRF$
- \* PRGs can be constructed using well-studied computational hardness assumptions.
- \* Provably secure but far from practical.

#### Practical Constructions

- \* Start from some design framework ("Appropriately chosen" functions, composed "appropriately many times" look random)
- \* Build a candidate construction
- \* Do extensive cryptanalysis.
- \* Practical but not provably secure (eg. AES, DES etc.)

## CPA-Secure Encryption for Arbitrary Length Messages

- \* Let's start with a PRF  $G_K: \{0,1\}^m \rightarrow \{0,1\}^n$ . This PRF yields a CPA-secure encryption for encrypting  $n$ -bit messages.
- \* What if we want to encrypt a  $tn$ -bit message?



$K \xleftarrow{\$} \text{Keygen}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Enc}(K, m_1): \\ r_1 \xleftarrow{\$} \{0,1\}^n \\ c_1 = (m_1 \oplus G_K(r_1), r_1) \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \text{Enc}(K, m_t): \\ r_t \xleftarrow{\$} \{0,1\}^n \\ c_t = (m_t \oplus G_K(r_t), r_t) \end{aligned}$$

(Theoretical Construction)

No. of message blocks =  $t$   
 size of each message block =  $n$

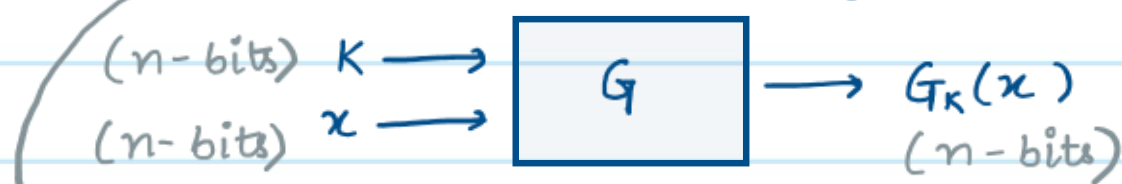
### How Good Is This?

	Theoretical Construction				Ideal Goal
Randomness Used	$tn$ - bits				$n$ - bits
Ciphertext Size	$2tn$ - bits				$tn+n$ - bits
Parallelizable ciphertext computation	yes				yes
Reusable Randomness	No				yes
Minimal Assumption	PRF				PRF
CPA Secure?	yes				yes

## Block-cipher Modes of Operation

Practical ways of encrypting long messages.

- \* Given: Let  $\{G_k\}$  be a family of length-preserving family of PRFs (or a PRP) with block-length  $n$



pseudorandom permutation is function that is indistinguishable from a random permutation.

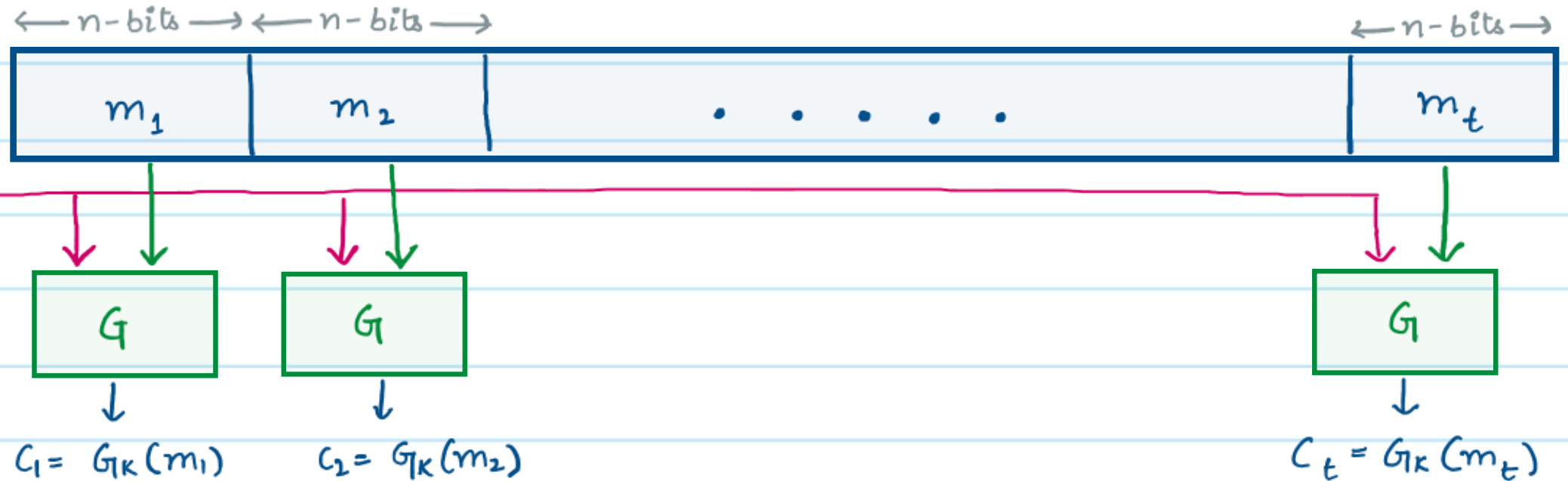
we will assume that  $G_k^{-1}$  is also known.

- \* Goal: We want to encrypt  $m = m_1, \dots, m_t$  using  $G_k$  with ciphertext length as small as possible and as less randomness as possible.

What can we do if the message length is not a multiple of  $n$ ?

## Electronic Code Book (ECB) Mode

Let  $\{G_k\}$  be a family of PRPs.



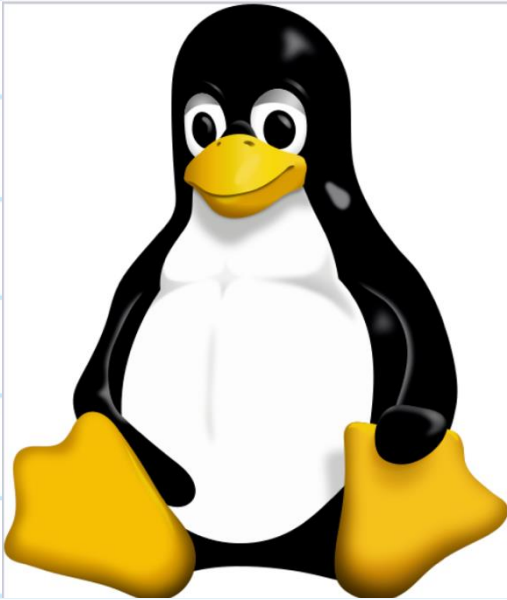
\* Decryption:  $\forall i \in [t]$ , compute  $m_i = G_k^{-1}(c_i)$ .

Is this CPA-secure? Why NOT?

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Minimal Assumption	PRF	PRP			PRF
CPA Secure?	Yes	No			Yes

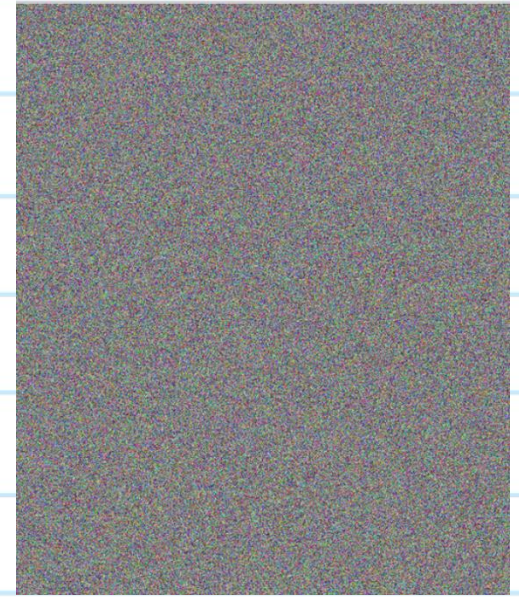
# Visible Insecurity of ECB



Plain Image



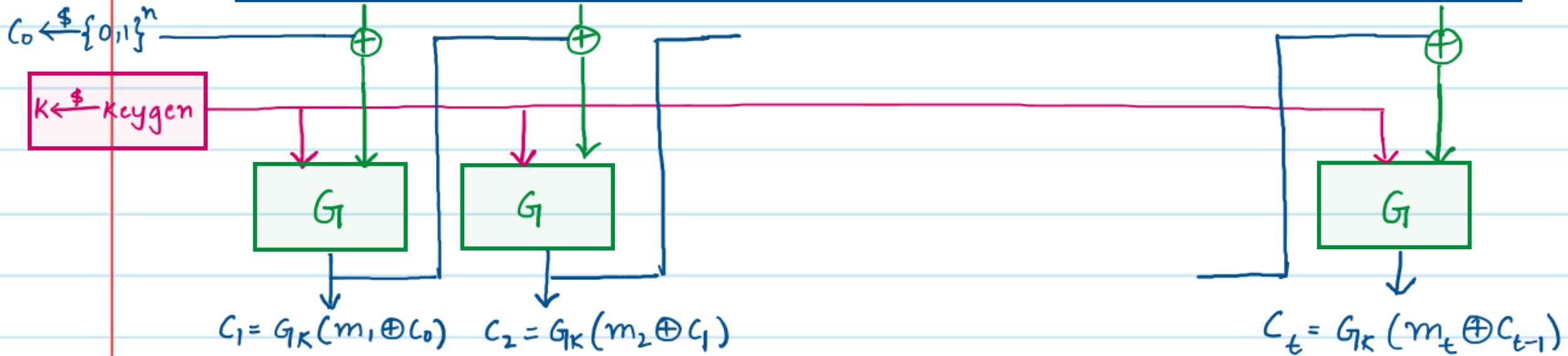
ECB Encrypted



Securely Encrypted

# Cipher Block Chaining (CBC) Mode (Used in SSL 3.0 and TLS 1.0)

Let  $\{G_K\}$  be a family of PRPs.



\* Decryption:  $\forall i \in [t]$ , compute  $m_i = G_K^{-1}(C_i) \oplus C_{i-1}$

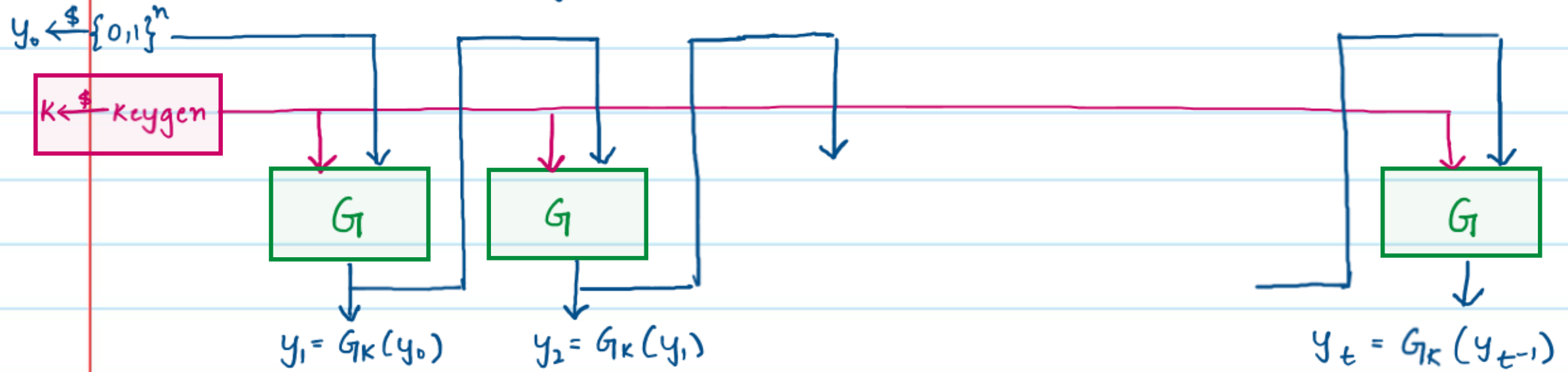
Is this CPA-secure? Can we reuse  $C_0$ ?

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Parallelizable ciphertext computation	yes	yes	No		yes
Reusable Randomness	No	-	-		yes
Minimal Assumption	PRF	PRP	PRP		PRF
CPA Secure?	Yes	No	yes		Yes

## Output Feedback (OFB) Mode

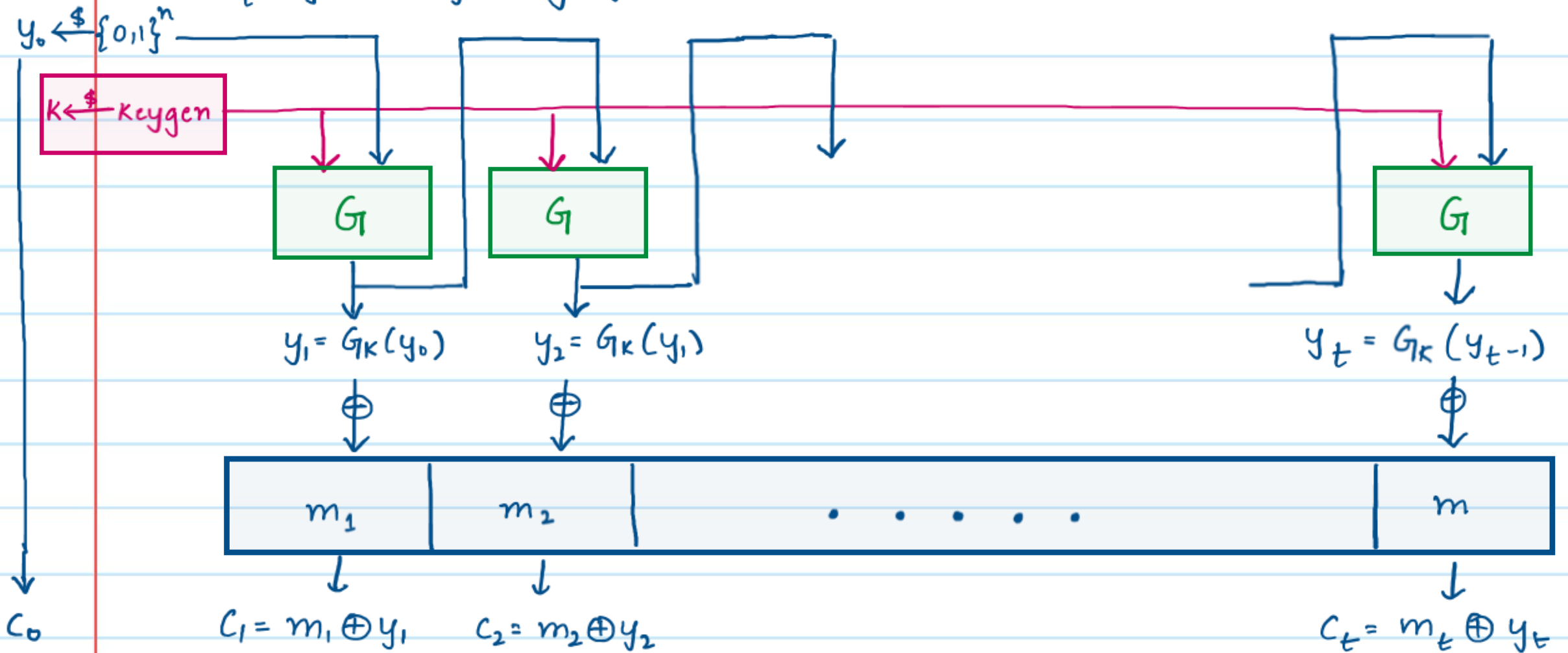
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\* Generate a pseudorandom stream of one-time pads.

# Output Feedback (OFB) Mode (Used in multimedia streaming)

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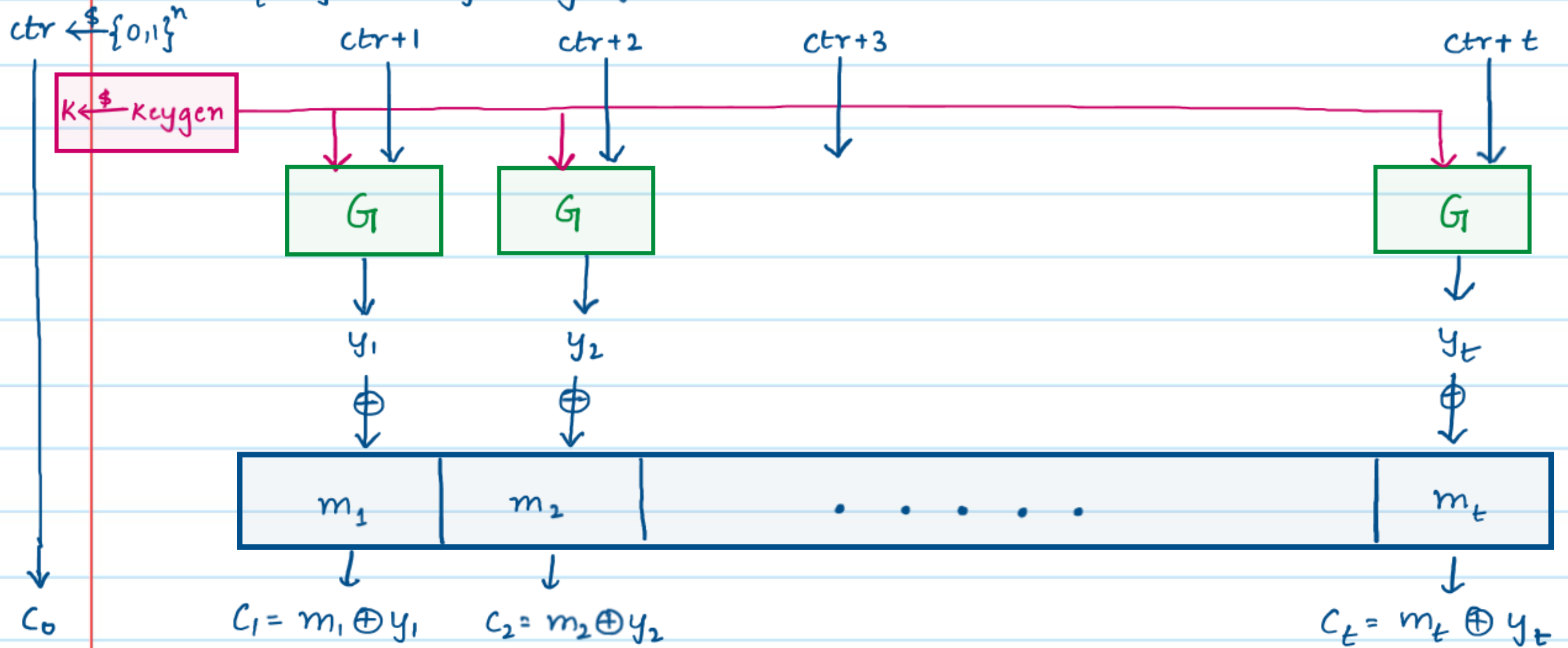
\* Use the pseudorandom stream to mask messages

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Parallelizable ciphertext computation	yes	yes	No	No, but pre-computable	yes
Reusable Randomness	No	-	-	-	yes
Minimal Assumption	PRF	PRP	PRP	PRF	PRF
CPA Secure?	Yes	No	yes	yes	yes

# Counter (CTR) Mode (Used in VPNs, cloud computing etc.)

Let  $\{G_k\}$  be a family of PRFs.



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CTR

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