

# EWCDM: An Efficient, Beyond-Birthday Secure, Nonce-Misuse Resistant MAC

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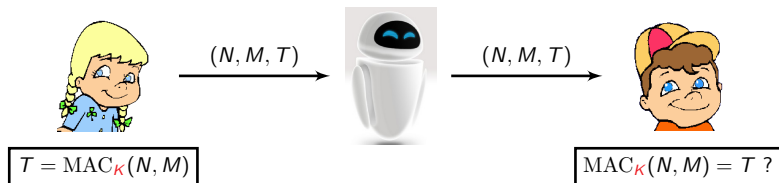
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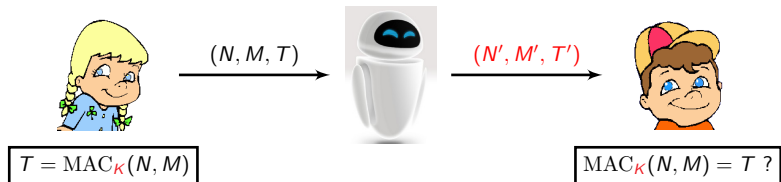
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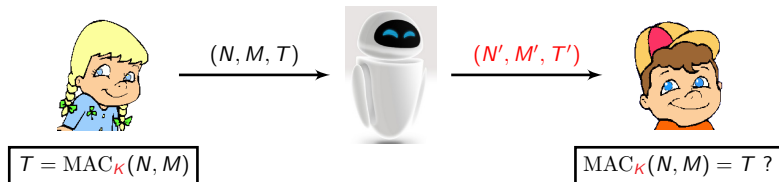
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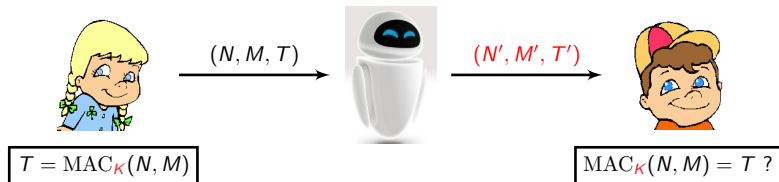
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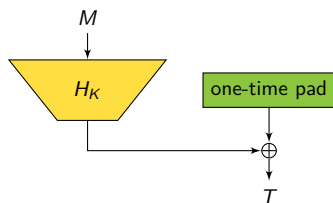
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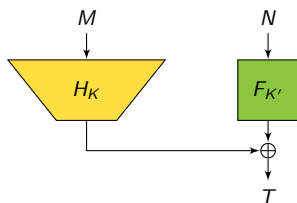
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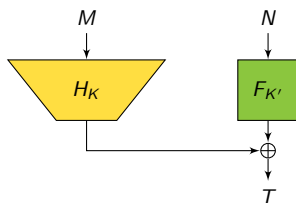
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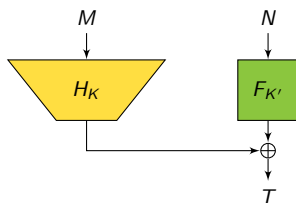
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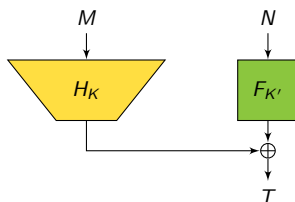
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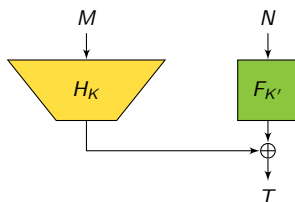


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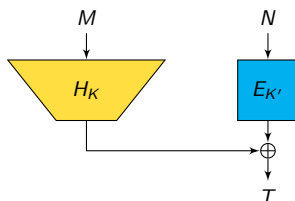


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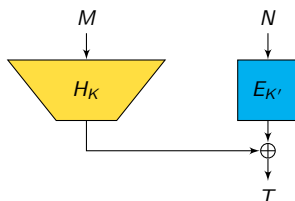


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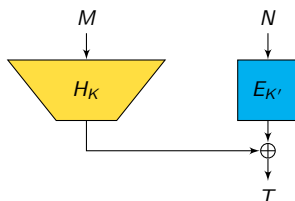


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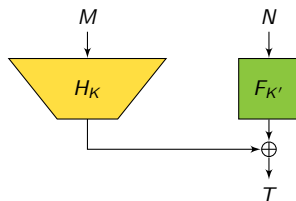


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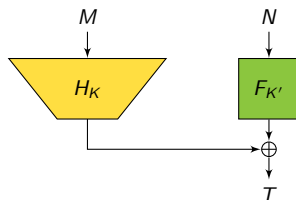


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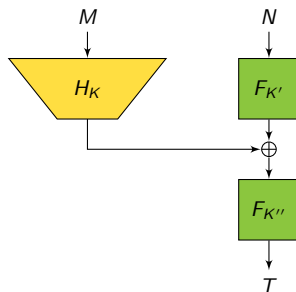


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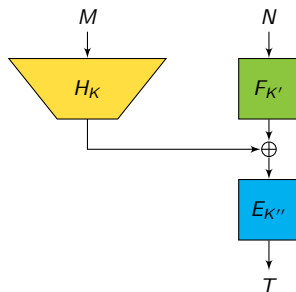
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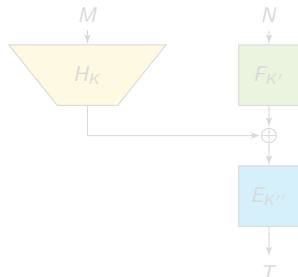
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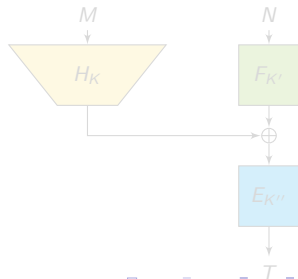
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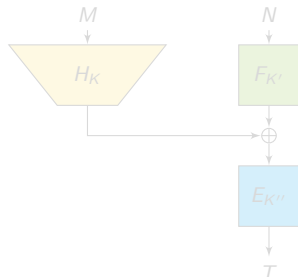
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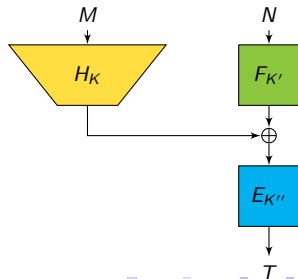
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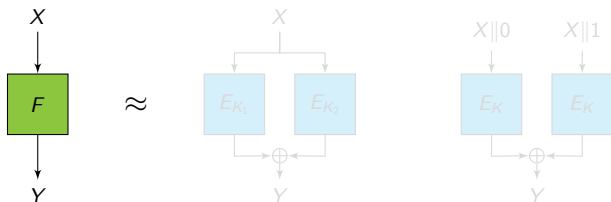
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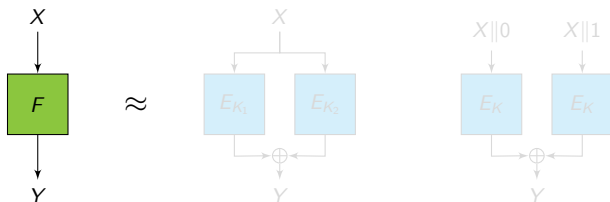
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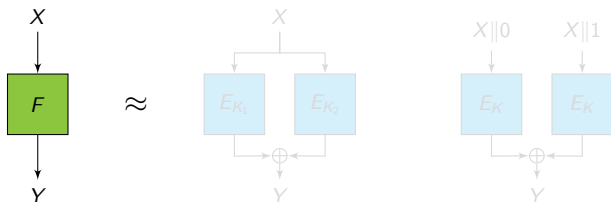


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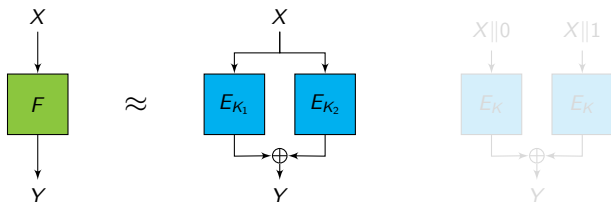
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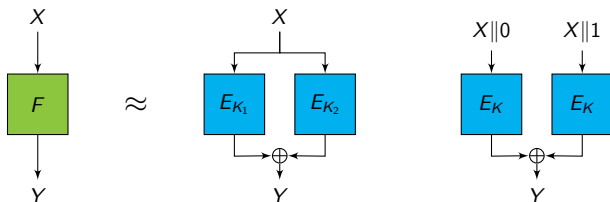
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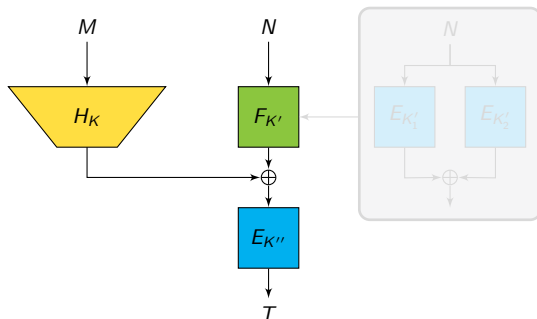
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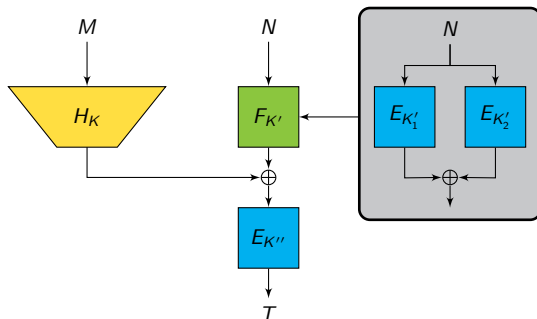
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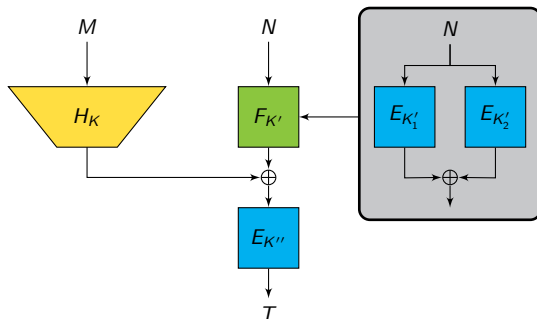
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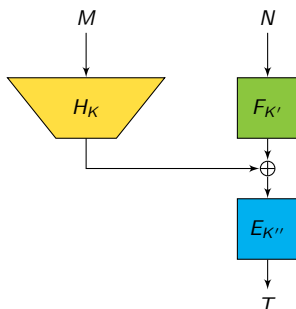
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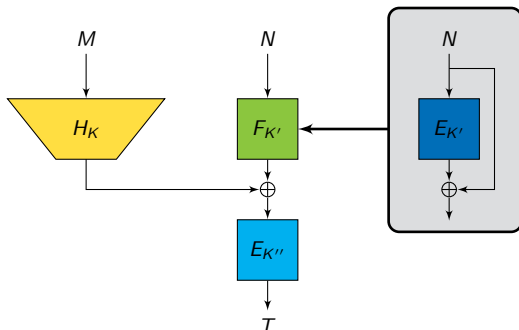
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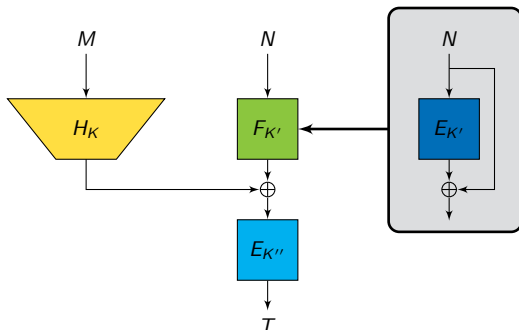
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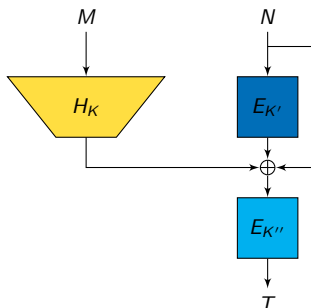


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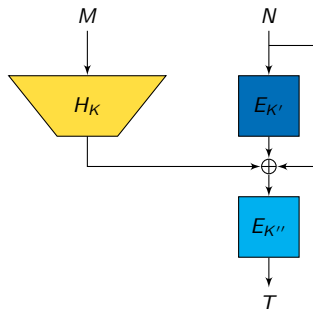
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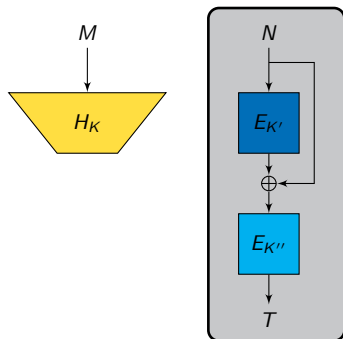
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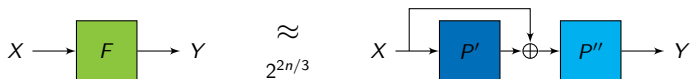


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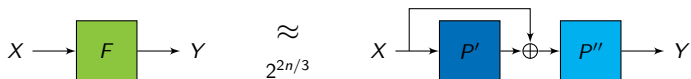


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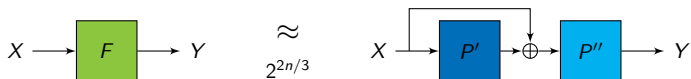
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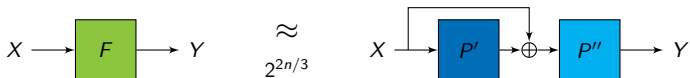
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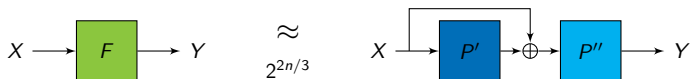
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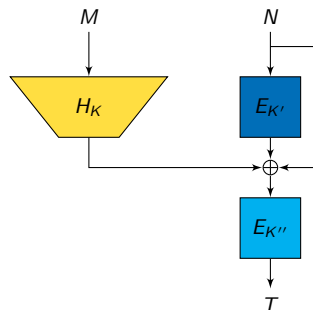
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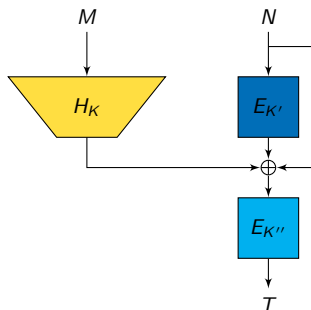
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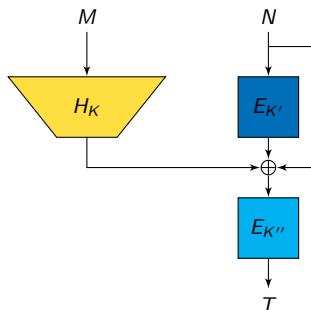
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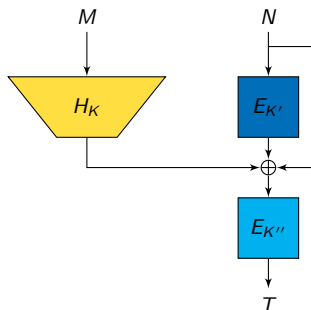


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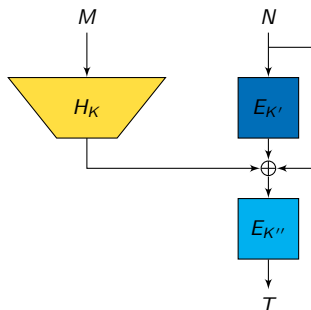
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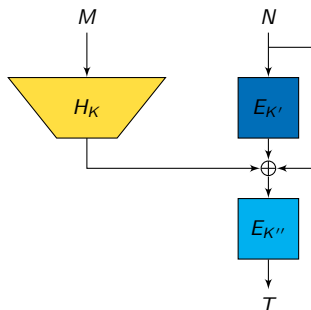
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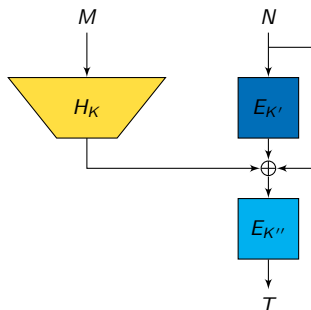
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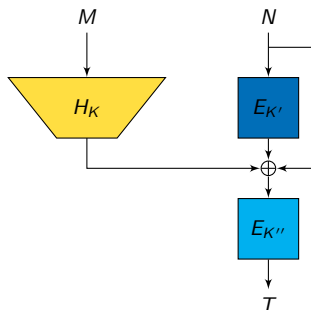
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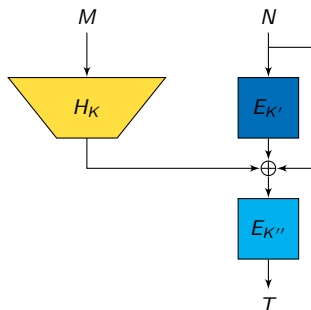
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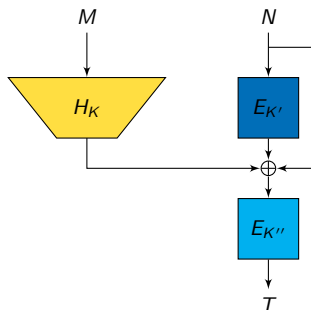
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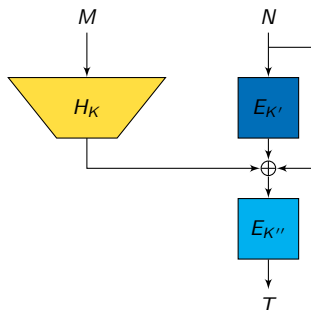
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