

# **A Monster Emerges from the Chrysalis**

## **(Experiences reverse-engineering the Luna CA3)**

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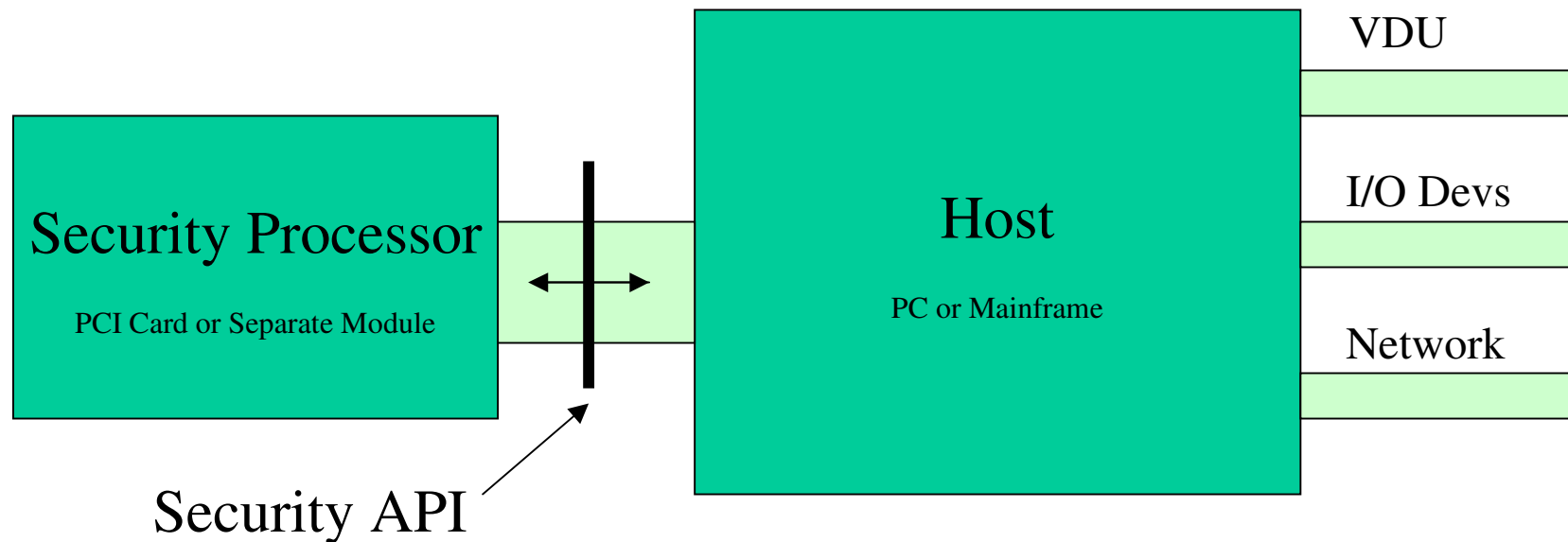
- Steven Murdoch
- Dan Cvrcek

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- and many more...

# What is a Security API ?

- A command set that uses cryptography to control processing of and access to sensitive data, according to a certain policy



# Security API Attacks

- APIs for HSMs have evolved to support more and more transactions and sophisticated features – but they are getting too complex now
- Use the permitted commands of the interface in an unusual sequence to trick a device into revealing secret key material
- Are simpler, quicker and more effective than going in by the ‘front door’?
- *Or are they?*

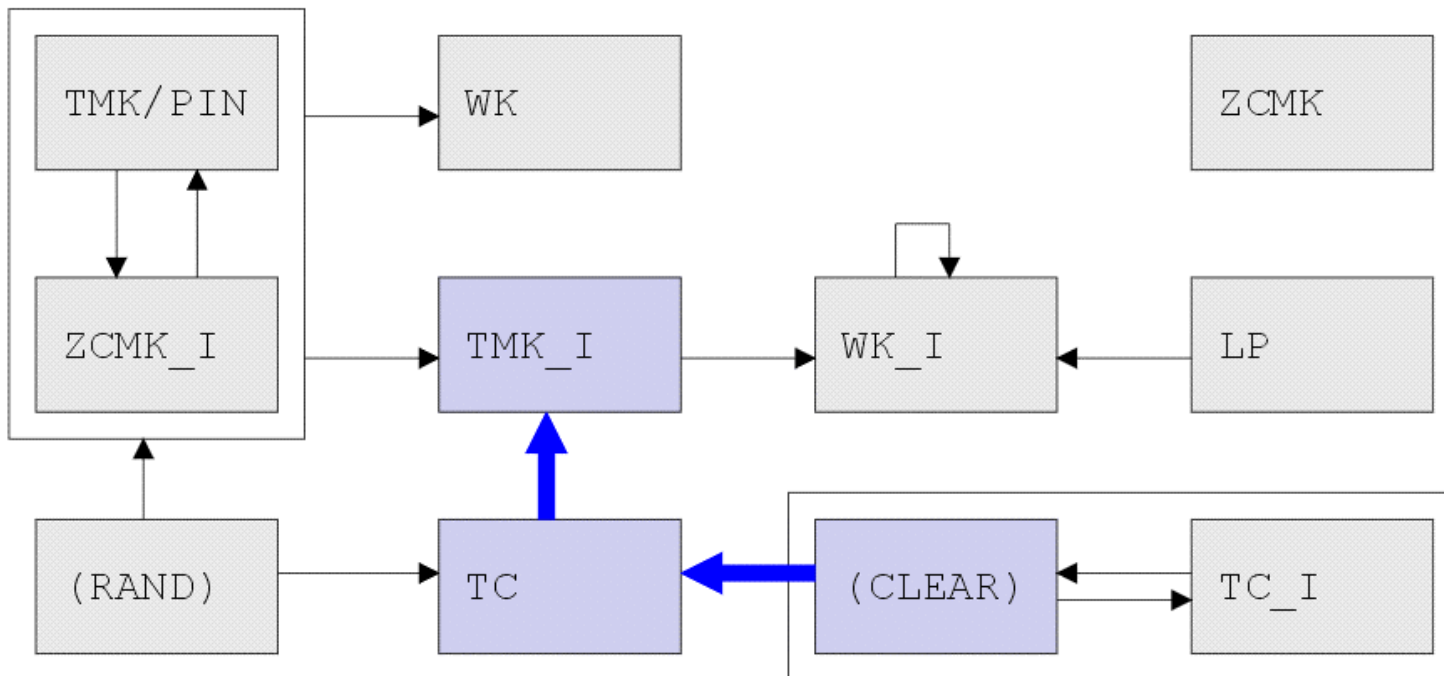
# Simple

U→C : PAN

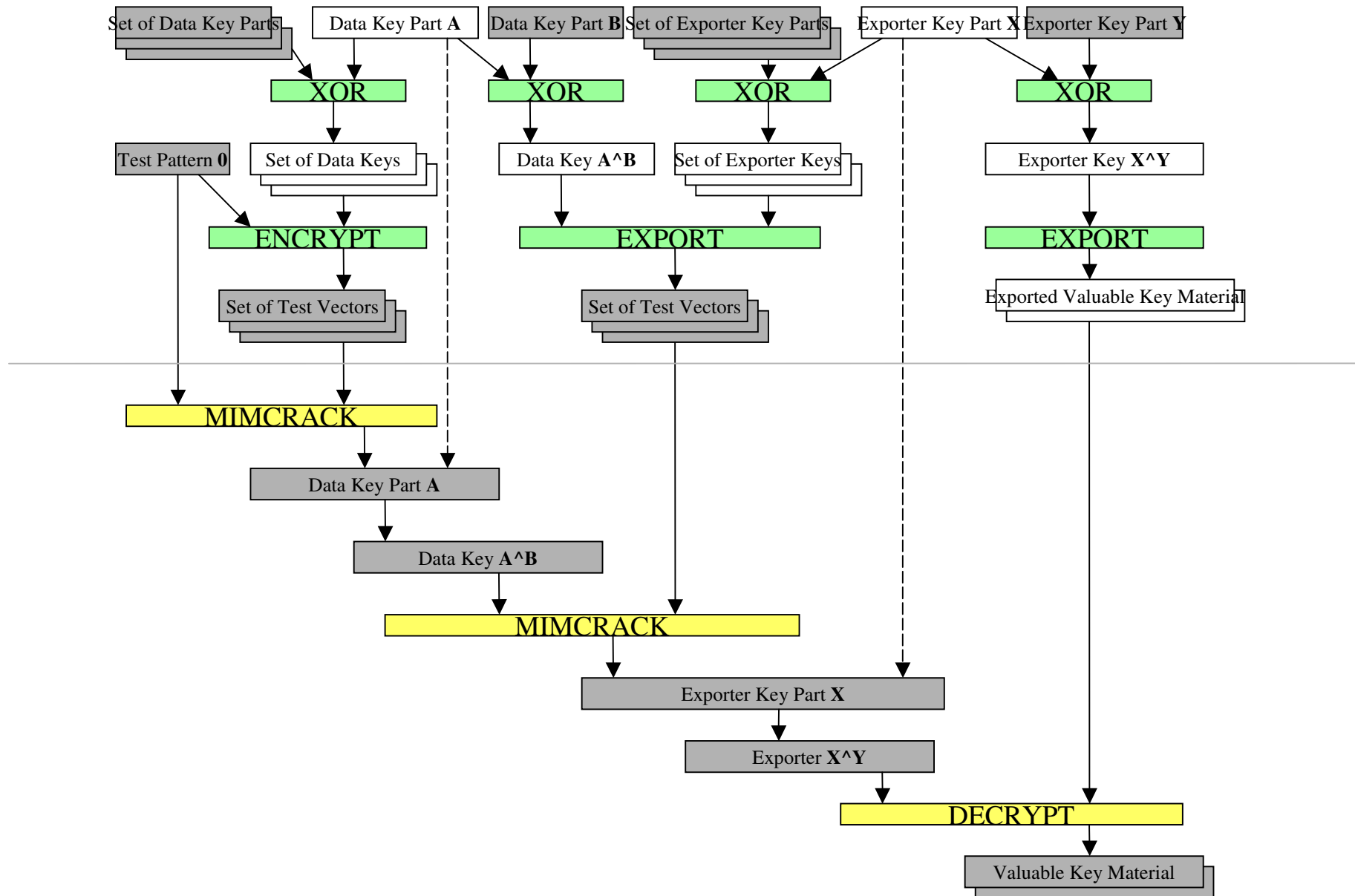
C→U : { PAN }<sub>TC</sub>

U→C : { PAN }<sub>TC</sub> , { PMK1 }<sub>TMK</sub>

C→U : { PAN }<sub>PMK1</sub>



# Not So Simple ?



# The Luna CA3

- PCMCIA token, for secure storage of private keys for Certification Authorities
- Manufactured by Chrysalis-ITS (Toronto), acquired by Rainbow, acquired by SafeNet
- Became popular during the rise of PKIs in the dot com boom (Verisign exclusively uses Chrysalis kit for key storage)
- Uses the PKCS#11 API (through an internal proprietary 'Luna API')



# Luna CA3 – Front View





# Luna Dock

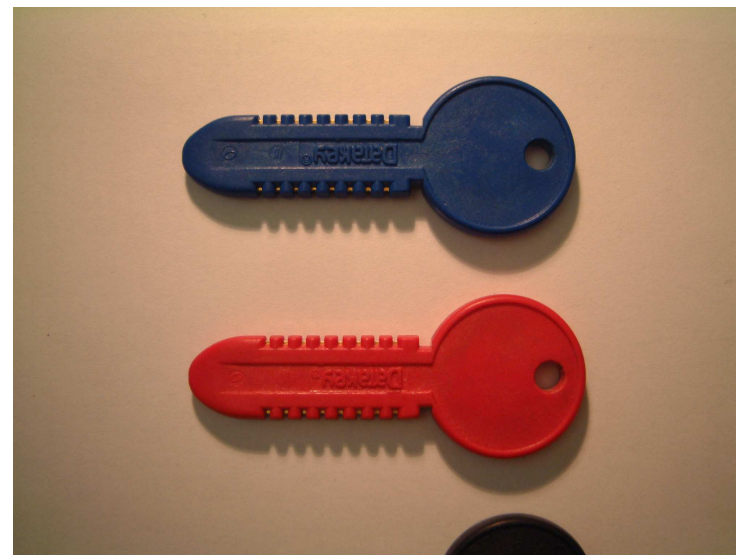


# The Cloning Protocol

- Used for backup and availability
- Initialise a new token into the same domain (you need the **RED** key)
- Log on to source and destination tokens (with **BLUE** security officer key)
- Select an object and call `CA_ClonePrivateKey` to transfer between source and destination. The devices exchange public keys then set up a session key for the transfer.



# Luna CA3 – Pin Entry Device (PED)



# Luna CA3 – Datakeys



# Primary Goal

*Develop a way to extract all PKCS#11 keys  
in the clear from the Luna token, with  
the co-operation of the security officer*

# Motivations

- Break customer lock-in – help the market
- Learn about internal HSM architecture
- Find implementation faults (buffer overflows?)
- Find new Security API attacks?
- Learn useful skills along the way
  - Reverse-engineering
  - Assembler
  - Particular disassembly tools

# A Simple Plan

- Open up the card
- Reverse-engineer the flash chip
- Discover the cloning protocol
- Extract device keys
- Use keys to impersonate token in cloning protocol




# **Stage 1 : Finding the Protocol**

- Get the ARM code
- Get a reverse engineering tool
- Familiarise and Mark-up ARM code
- Identify Command Despatcher
- Annotate Commands
- Intercept and Decode PCMCIA Bus
- Locate and Decode Cloning Protocol

The image shows a custom electronic circuit board with several key components and labels:

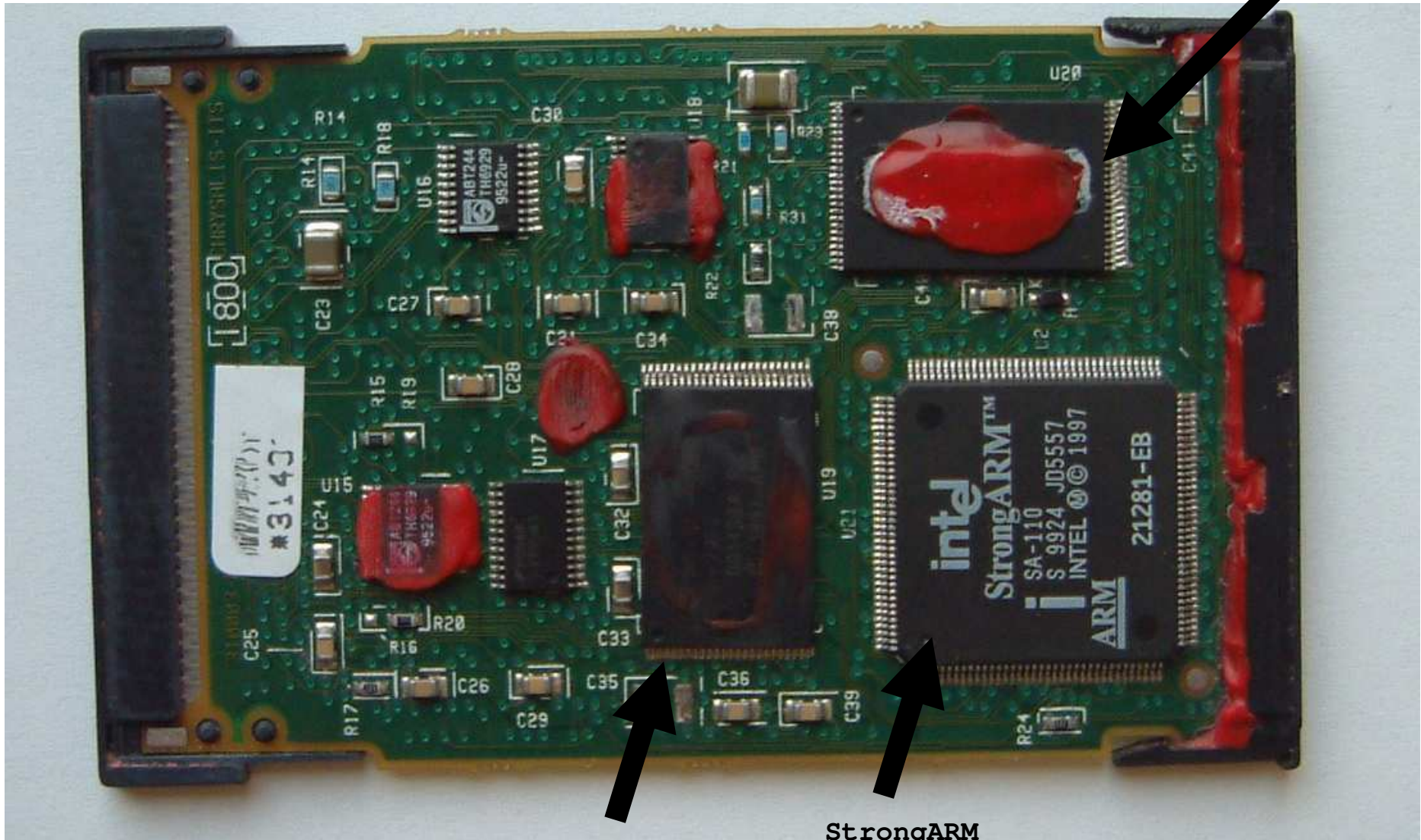
- Stuff:** Points to the left edge of the board, which has red solder or adhesive.
- PCMCIA Controller?:** Points to a small component on the right edge of the board.
- Mystery FPGA:** Points to a large, square integrated circuit in the center-right of the board. The label on the chip reads: "QUICKLOGIC 0006 BA Q1.2009 -1PF144C".

Other visible components include a large black chip labeled "GSI" (top center), several smaller chips labeled "AC9922" and "S3L3840", and various capacitors and resistors.



# Luna CA3 – Depackaged

Flash 1



StrongARM

Flash 2



# The Luna Flash File – AM29.BIN

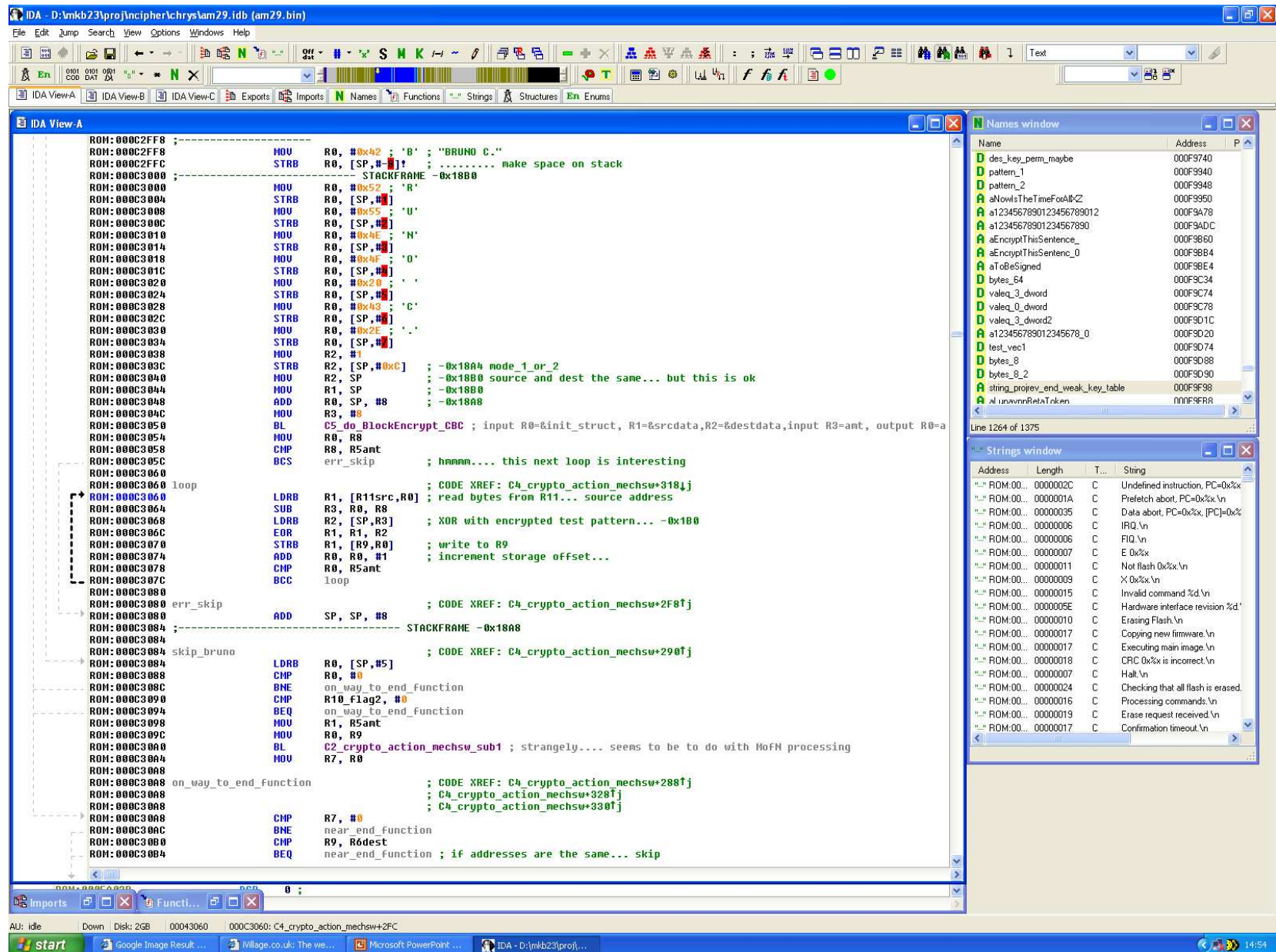
- Two 1/2MB flash chips, holding half words
  - ~300KB code
  - ~500KB data
  - ~200KB blank
- Complexity
  - 1035 subroutines
  - ~1700 pages of assembler (on this screen)



# IDA – The Interactive Disassembler

- Made by ‘Datarescue’ – one man consultant went commercial with the tool he developed for himself. Cost ~\$700 for 2 year licence.
- Beautiful windows GUI and navigation system. Rename functions and variable names on-the-fly and the new information propagates through the disassembly listing

# IDA



# **Reverse-Engineering Golden Rules**

Conventional wisdom is one rule...

- Figure everything out for yourself!

# Reverse-Engineering Golden Rules

My wisdom...

- If you don't know what to do, instead, **do what you can.**
- **Give everything** a name.

if you get stuck...

<http://www.babycakesinternational.com/100topbabnam.html>

or use movies, friends, books



# Markup and Annotation

- Make every letter in a name count!

**C5D2\_30SER\_BLEV\_JANE\_do\_something\_sub1**

- Group C1 type functions into larger clumps
- Pay special attention to most called functions

`memcpy` 327 calls

- Start propagating type information
  - (`memcpy` arg 2 is length, args 0 and 1 pointers)

# Finding the Command Despatcher

- Search for the biggest case switches...
  - 45 switch statements in total
  - ranging between 0x17 and 0x5 ways
  - no idea what the command encoding was

```
ADDLS    PC, PC, R0, LSL#2 ; switch 0xC ways
```

- Two pages from back of policy document listing the Luna API commands categorised by module was all we had.

# Finding the Command Despatcher

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Overview — Luna CA3 Security Policies

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## APPENDIX C. Session And Login States Required For Luna Token Commands

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5	LUNA_SET_TPV			✓	
6	LUNA_FW_UPDATE			✓	
7	LUNA_CONFIGURE_SP	✓			
8	Session Manager Commands				
9	LUNA_OPEN_ACCESS 10	✓			
10	LUNA_CLEAN_ACCESS	✓			
11	LUNA_CLOSE_ACCESS	✓			
12	LUNA_GET_ALL_ACCESSSES	✓			
13	LUNA_OPEN_SESSION 24	✓			
14	LUNA_CLOSE_SESSION 26		✓		
15	LUNA_CLOSE_ALL_SESSIONS	✓			
16	LUNA_GET_SESSION_INFO 27		✓		
17	LUNA_EXTRACT_CONTEXTS		✓		
18	LUNA_INSERT_CONTEXTS		✓		
19	User Module Commands 8				
20	LUNA_GET_USER_LIST		✓		
21	LUNA_GET_USER_NAME		✓		
22	LUNA_LOGIN 0D		✓		
23	LUNA_LOGOUT 0E				✓
24	LUNA_SET_PIN				✓
25	LUNA_INIT_PIN			✓	
26	LUNA_CREATE_USER			✓	
27	LUNA_DELETE_USER			✓	
28	Object Management Module 8				
29	LUNA_CREATE_OBJECT		✓		
30	LUNA_COPY_OBJECT		✓		
31	LUNA_DESTROY_OBJECT		✓		
32	LUNA_GET_OBJECT_SIZE		✓		
33	LUNA_GET_ATTRIBUTE_VALUE		✓		
34	LUNA_GET_ATTRIBUTE_LENGTH		✓		
35	LUNA_MODIFY_OBJECT		✓		
36	LUNA_FIND_OBJECTS 16		✓		
37	Random Number Generator Module 2				
38	LUNA_GET_RANDOM		✓		
39	LUNA_SEED_RANDOM		✓		
40	Key Management Module 9				
41	LUNA_GENERATE_KEY 17				✓
42	LUNA_GENERATE_KEY_W_VALUE				✓
43	LUNA_GENERATE_KEY_PAIR				✓
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45	LUNA_UNWRAP_KEY				✓
46	LUNA_UNWRAP_KEY_W_VALUE				✓
47	LUNA_DERIVE_KEY				✓
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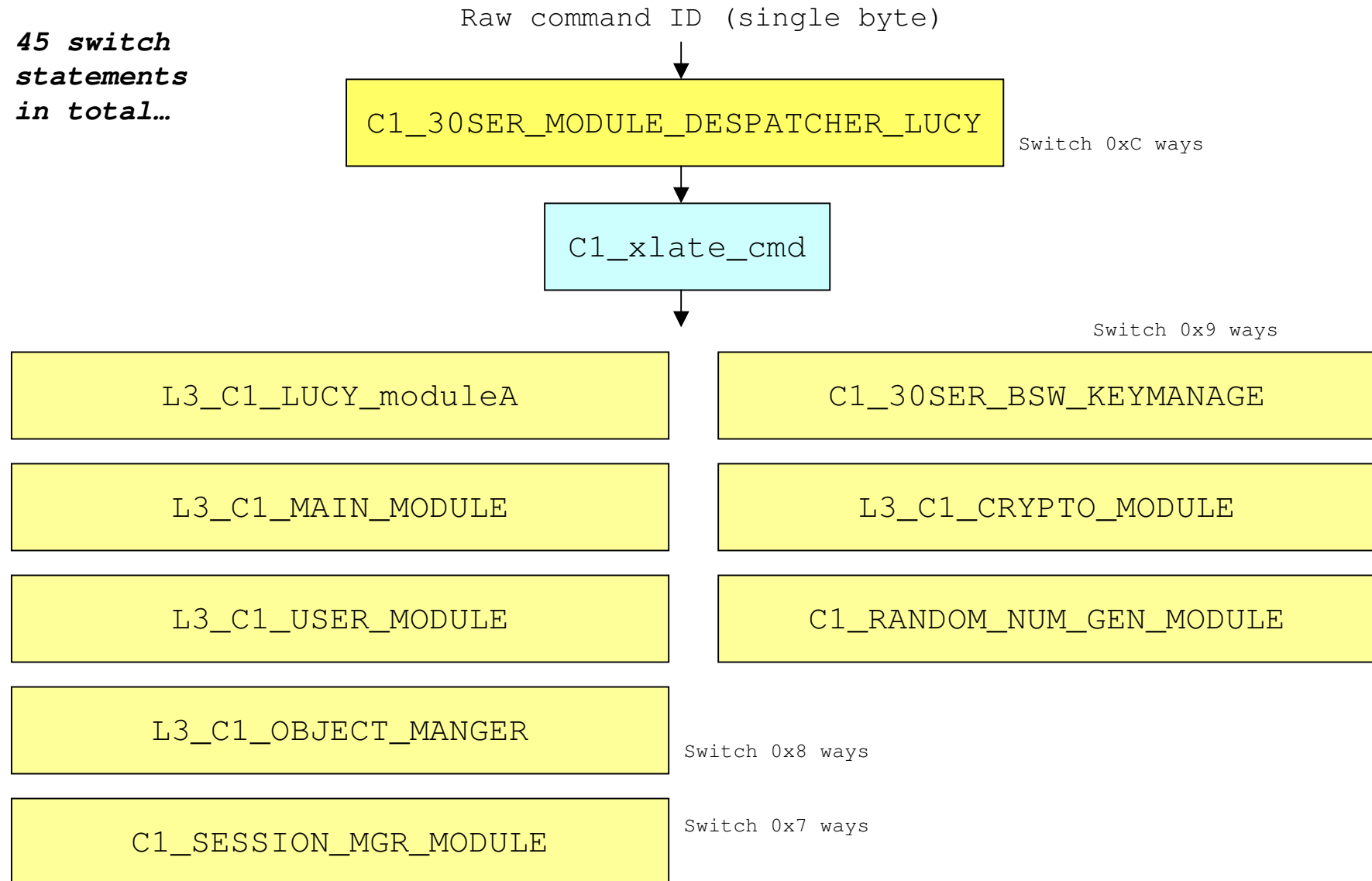
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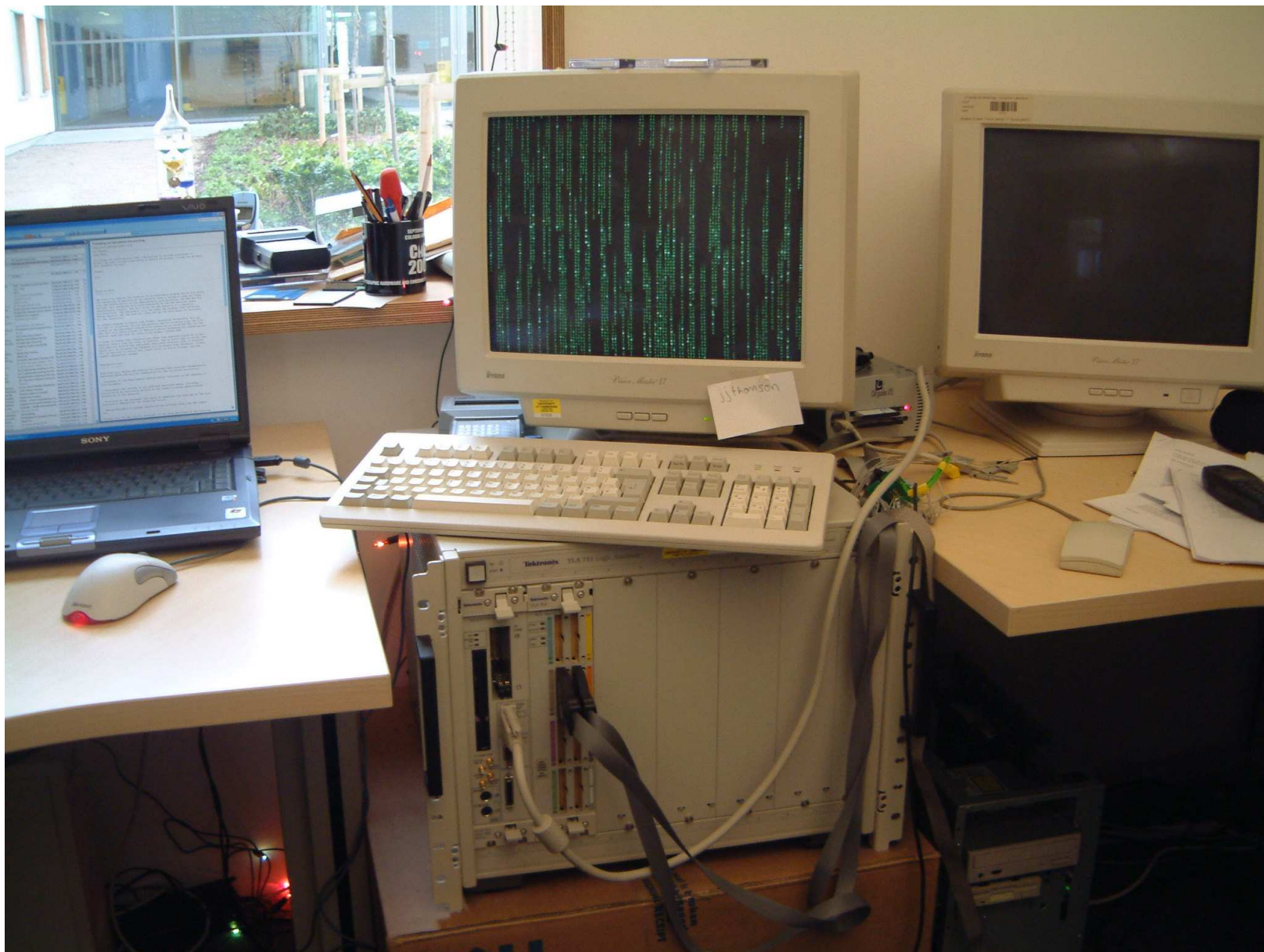
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# The Command Despatcher

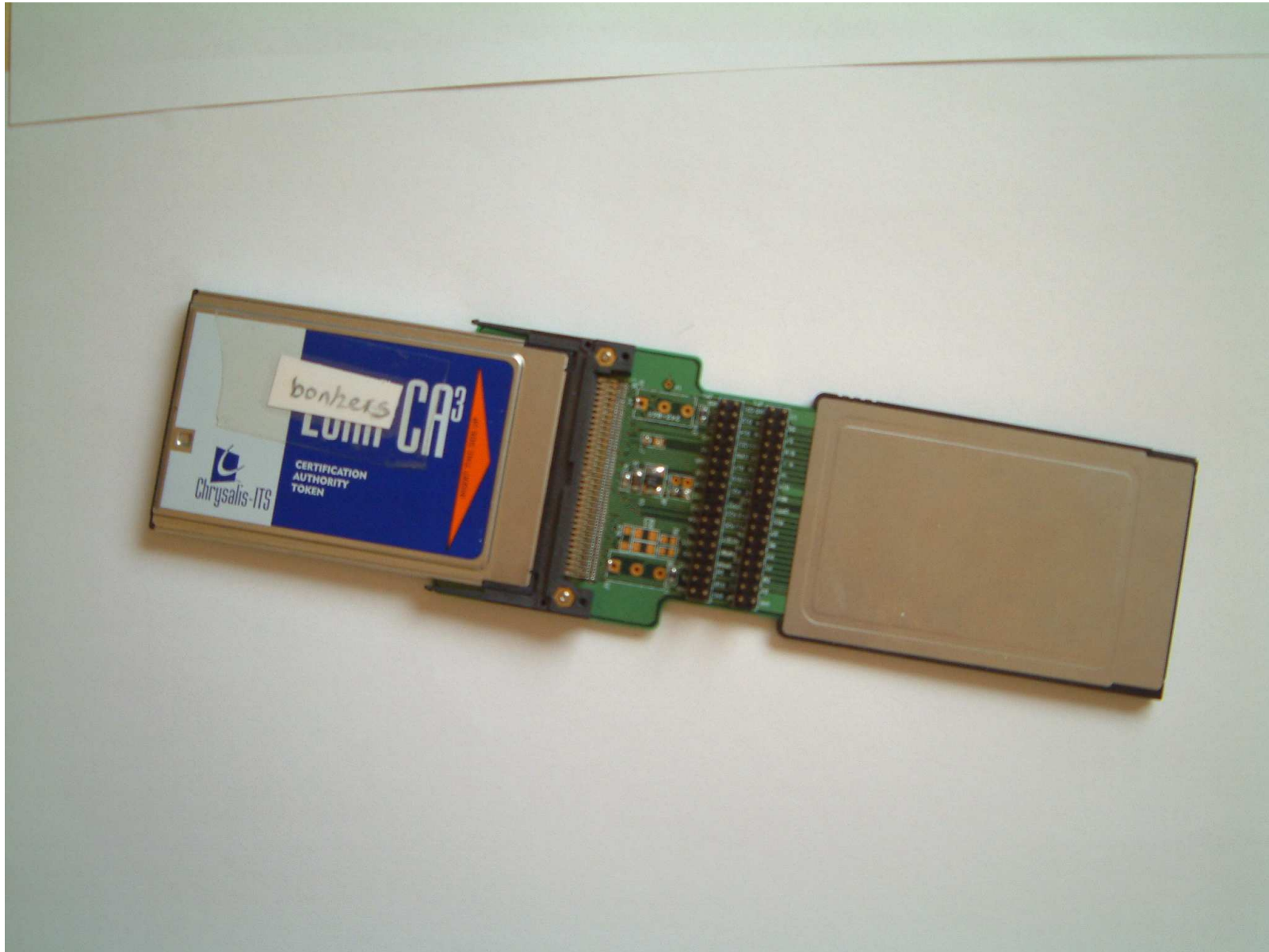
*45 switch  
statements  
in total...*



# Intercepting the PCMCIA Bus



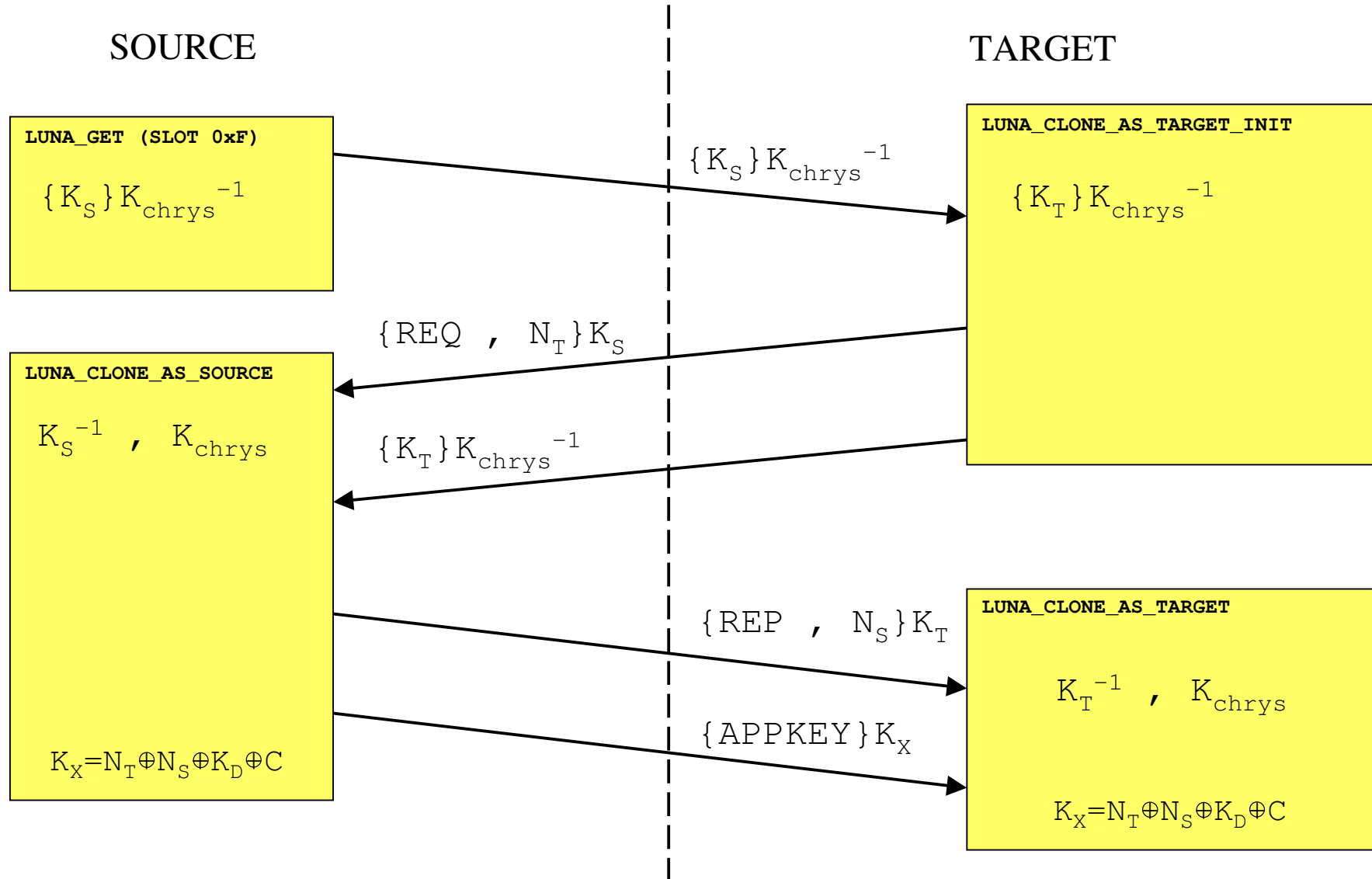
# Intercepting the PCMCIA Bus



# Bus Intercepts : Cloning Protocol

SOURCE	TARGET
LUNA_FIND_OBJECTS	LUNA_FIND_OBJECTS
LUNA_GET (SLOT 0xE)	LUNA_DESTROY_OBJECT
LUNA_GET (SLOT 0xF)	LUNA_FIND_OBJECTS
LUNA_CLONE_AS_SOURCE	LUNA_GET (SLOT 0xE)
LUNA_GET (SLOT 0xE)	LUNA_GENERATE_KEY
	LUNA_SET_UP_MASKING_KEY
	LUNA_DESTROY_OBJECT
	LUNA_GENERATE_KEY_W_VALUE
	LUNA_CLONE_AS_TARGET_INIT
	LUNA_CLONE_AS_TARGET
	LUNA_GET (SLOT 0xE)

# Luna Key Cloning Protocol





# Stage 2 : Understanding the Protocol

- We knew *what* the cloning routine did, but not *where* the key material came from
- The encrypted key material came from LEEA, the decryption key from JADE
- We could see encryption and decryption, but not exactly *how*... had to mark-up the crypto routines called by the cloning code
  - Identify which algorithms are used
  - Identify algorithm parameters, key lengths
  - What about IVs?

# The Luna Mysteries

- To understand the protocols we needed to discover the purpose of some puzzling functions
  - `C4_crypto_action_mechsw`
  - `LEELA`
  - `JADE`
  - `'EDAFLU'`

# **C4\_crypto\_action\_mechsw**

- Seemed to be the central function for symmetric crypto – called by...  
C25\_C\_ACTION\_0\_ENCRYPT  
C27\_C\_ACTION\_0\_DECRYPT
- Called `C5_do_BlockEncrypt_CBC` , and called lots of crypto-like routines, but the two seemed unlinked.
- Evidence of software DES was found (key-schedule), but the block encrypt function called HIFN (a DES accelerator manufacturer) IO functions. Yet there was no HIFN chip in the token. How and where was the DES done?

# **C4\_crypto\_action\_mechsw (2)**

- Solution: a well hidden table jump inside the CBC loop, once discovered made the code make sense
- There were 3 function tables – one for preparing key schedule, one for encrypt and one for decrypt
- DES key schedule was calculated in software, then uploaded into accelerator chip (this upload was mistaken for the full DES calculation)
- Why was DES done as a composite in H/W and S/W? To claim ‘hardware accelerated DES in marketing brochure’? Space was too limited in FPGA?

# Hunting LEELA

- Official name: `C68_LEELA_load` and `C35_LEELA_save`
- The token private key came from LEELA slot 0xF, but where did the slot live? The code used `memcpy` to pluck it from unusual address, but we only had rough idea of the memory map. Could they be special secure memory inside FPGA?
- Eventually: discovered that LEELA slot save code looked like flash file update code: became convinced that slots lived on 1MB flash image.
- Wrote script to scan flash for linked list of pointers as theorised from reader code. Success! Found LEELA slots at 0x88000 in AM29.BIN

# Finding JADE

- JADE, officially:

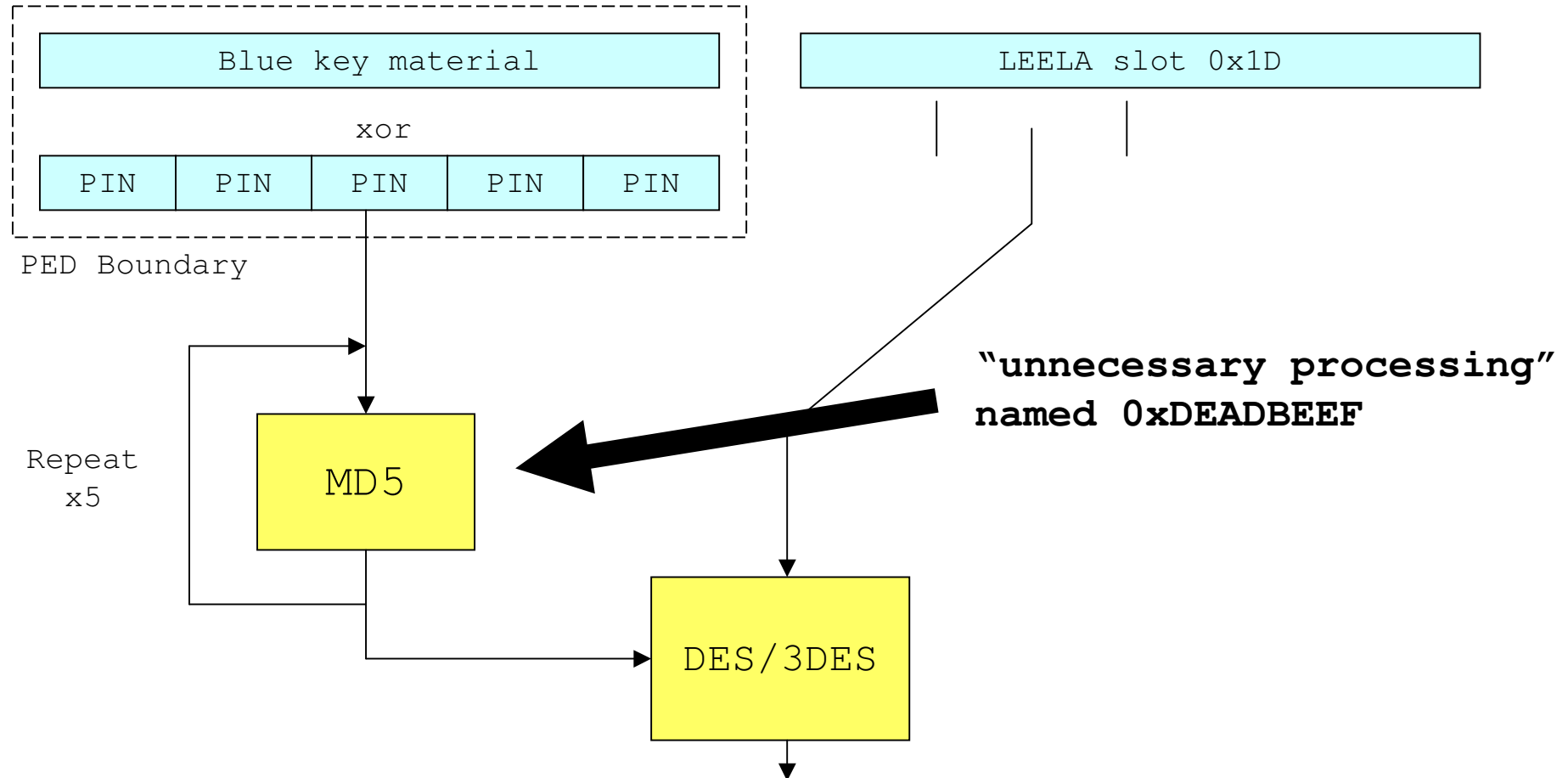
```
C12_JADE_prep_cryptolstruct_entryA  
C4_JADE_entryB
```

- **JADE takes no arguments**, and returns a `cryptolstruct`, containing a DES key or a 3DES key used for decrypting the contents of a LEELA slot.
- Problem: JADE walks through data structure in RAM to find keys – how can we locate code that set up keys in data structure?

# Finding JADE (2)

- Solutions:
  - Take a guess. Look in login routines – maybe JADE keys come from physical datakeys
  - Observe class of error code in JADE functions, and search for functions exhibiting similar error codes
- **Success:** `C3_LOGINOUT_setup_auth_contexts_JADE` was found. In fact, key material in JADE slots came from a decrypted version of the data structure inside a LEELA slot.
- But where did the encryption key come from? The datakey? And if so, which?

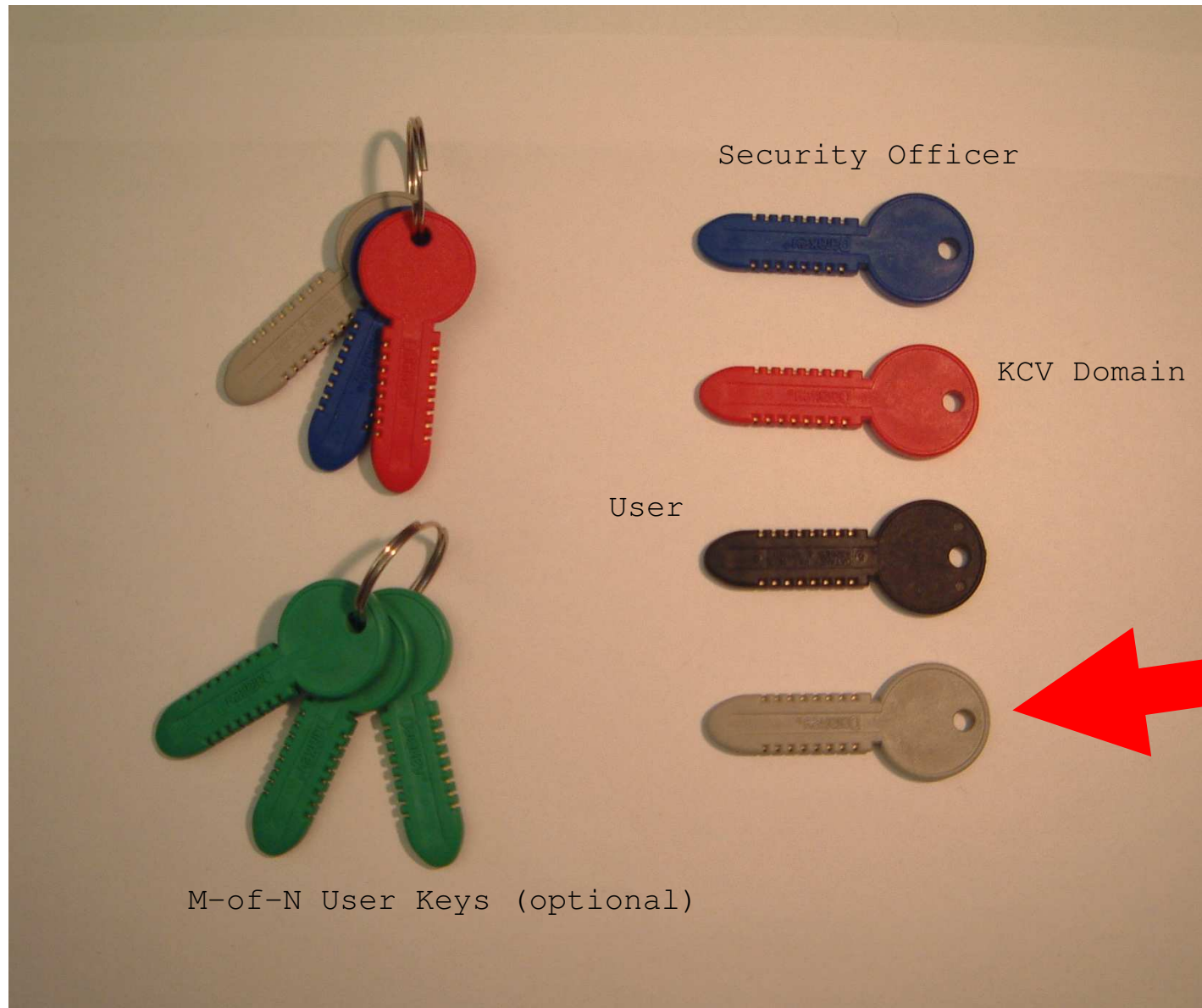
# Finding JADE (3)



- Problem: So how can the keys be stored in encrypted form when the token is uninitialised? – there is no blue key



# Datakeys Revisited



# The Luna PED Protocol

- PED talks to token be reusing high address lines from PCMCIA spec as bidirection communications channels
- Three lines: RESET, DATA, and DATA\_VALID
- However, DATA\_VALID was clocked in an unpredictable erratic way. Reason: Luna token implements serial communications protocol in software, and cycle time of loop was data dependent.
- Used a datakey reader to make an independent observation of data on keys, and try to observe this on the bus.

# The 'EDAFLU' Story

- During initialisation of a token, there is a special requirement: insert the mystery 'grey key'
- Grey key not mentioned at all in documentation, or release notes
- Contained 64 bytes, mainly zeroes, save for one interesting constant... more 0xDEADBEEF?

```
00 00 01 00 00 30 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
00 00 01 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
00 00 00 00 65 64 61 66 6C 75 00 74 00 00 00
```

# The 'EDAFLU' Story (2)

```
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Datakey reader had wrong half-word endian!

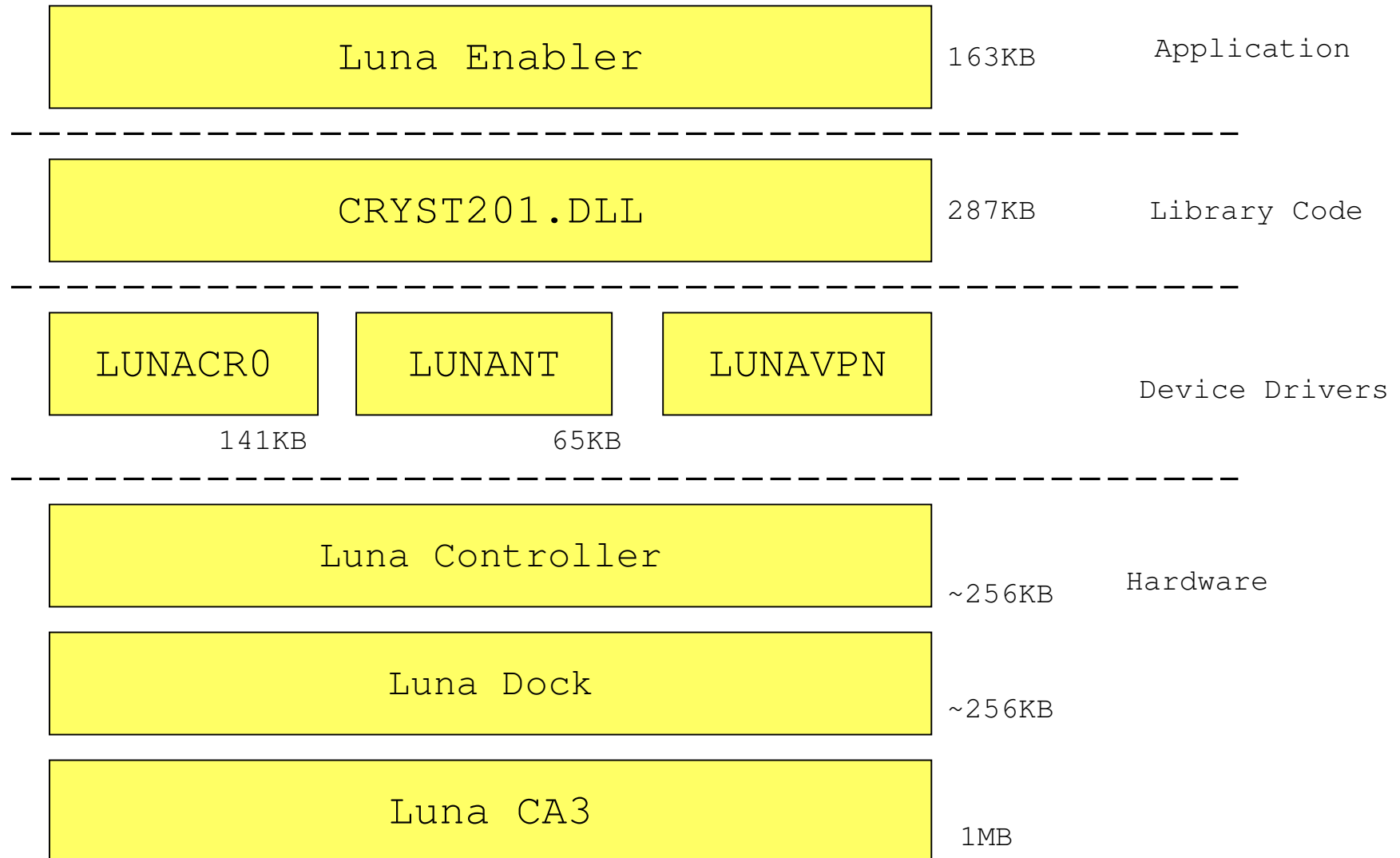
# Extracting the Token Private Key

- LEELA slot contained encrypted private key of token, in two forms, encrypted under grey key and under current blue key.
- Key material from data key retrieved
- JADE decrypts slot and puts clear keys in RAM
- We re-implemented decryption of LEELA slot using hash of 'default' key.
- Unfortunately...FAILURE
- Need to emulate ARM code and try again, or switch to another plan

# Stage 3 : Breaking the Protocol

- Find the protocol in the code stack
- Familiarisation and mark-up of PKCS#11 DLL code in CRYST201.DLL
- Follow data flow inside DLL
- Intercept and change data flow
- A change of plan: CVKs

# The Luna Code Stack



# Inside CRYST201.DLL

- Usual PKCS#11 entry points exported, but some extra vendor-specific ones of interest

`CA_SetCloningDomain`

`CA_SetTokenCertificateSignature`

`CA_ClonePrivateKey`

(and many more...)

- DLL written in mix of C++ and C. PKCS#11 entry points called C++ methods of object hierarchy representing different models of Luna token (Luna 1, Luna 2, Luna CA3, Luna RA etc.)
- These methods called ‘SOLAR API’, which corresponded closely (but not exactly) to Luna API intercepted on PCMCIA bus. SOLAR API called C stub functions, which called I/O methods of C++ class hierarchy representing different device drivers.
- To summarise: a real mess inside



C

C++

# Inside CRYST201.DLL

CA\_SetTokenCertificateSignature

PKCS#11 API

D1\_100h\_MAIN\_set\_token\_cert\_sig

JT\_CMDSET\_MAIN

D4\_SOLAR\_1F8\_LUNA\_LOAD\_CUST\_VERIF\_KEY

JT\_SOLAR\_API

ETHAN GOAT  
Write DWORD

NIOBE FISH  
Write block

DOZER  
Send cmd

WORM  
Get data buf

CFRONT API

WORM

SKUNK

GOAT (A-D)

FISH (A-D)

CAT

ZAK

AUSTIN4 LLCMDS

DRV40  
get numsl

DRV00  
get tokpr

DRV20  
get insct

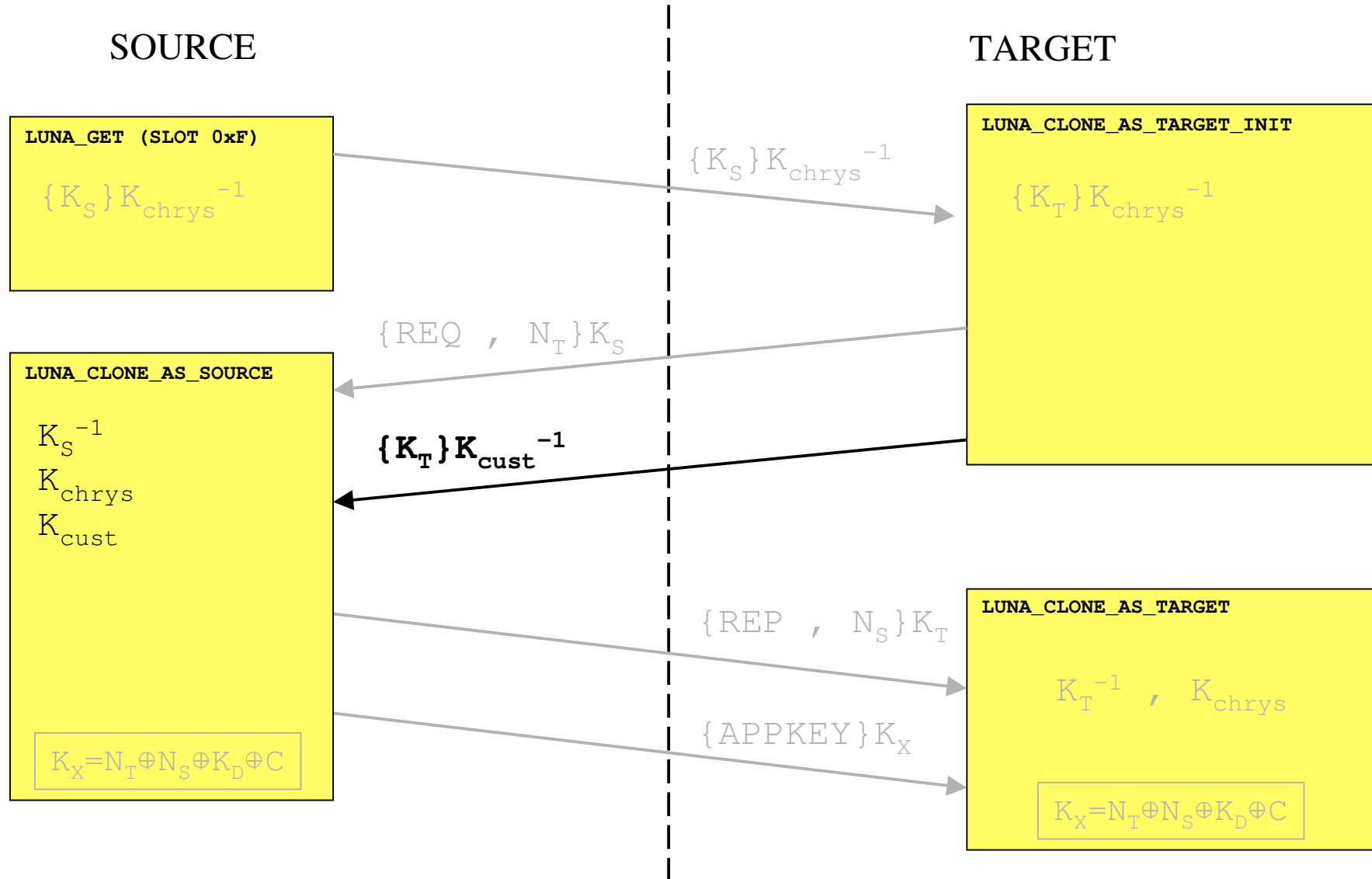
DRV08  
read wind

DRV04  
execute

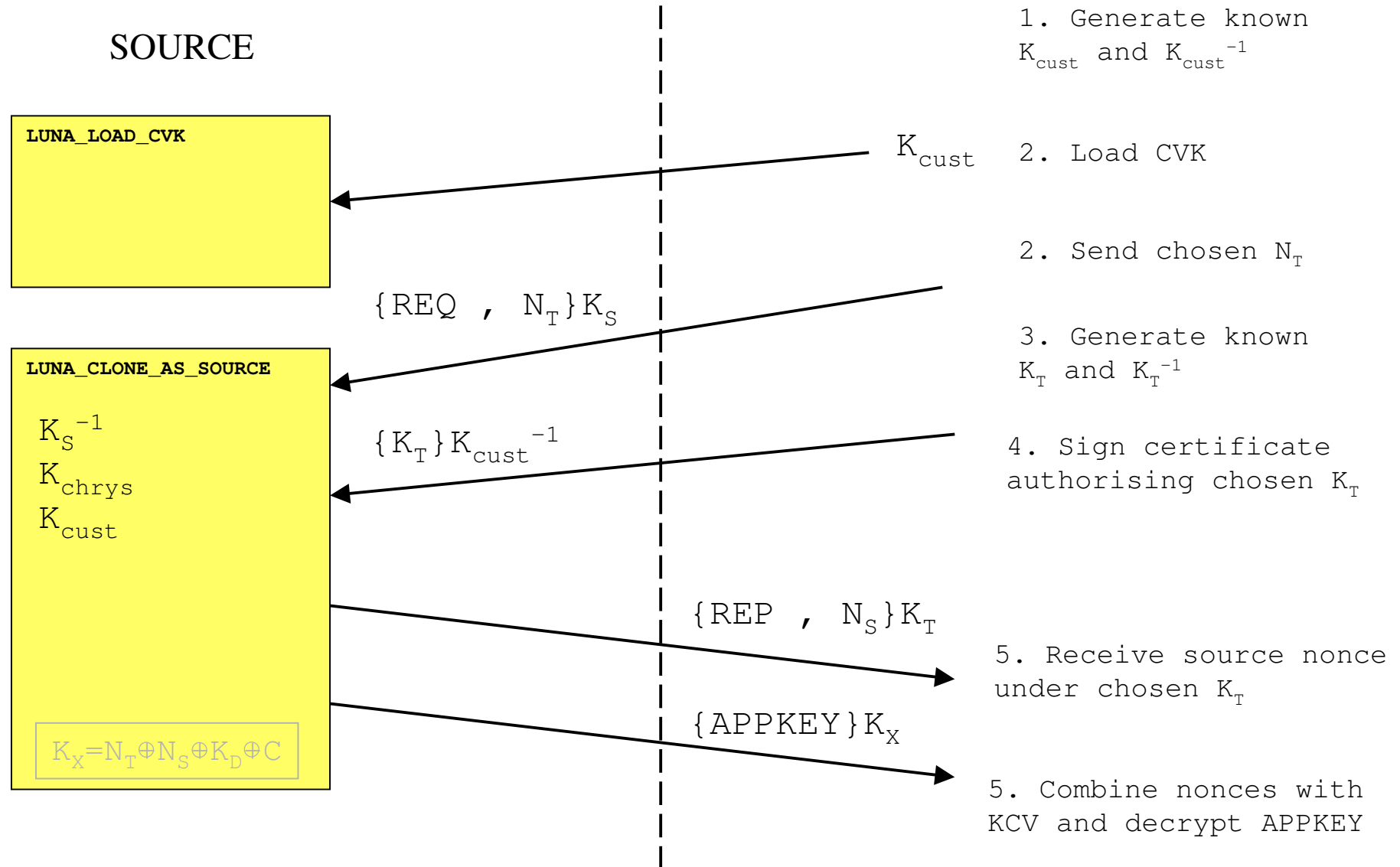
DRV48  
reset

AUSTIN TOKENIO

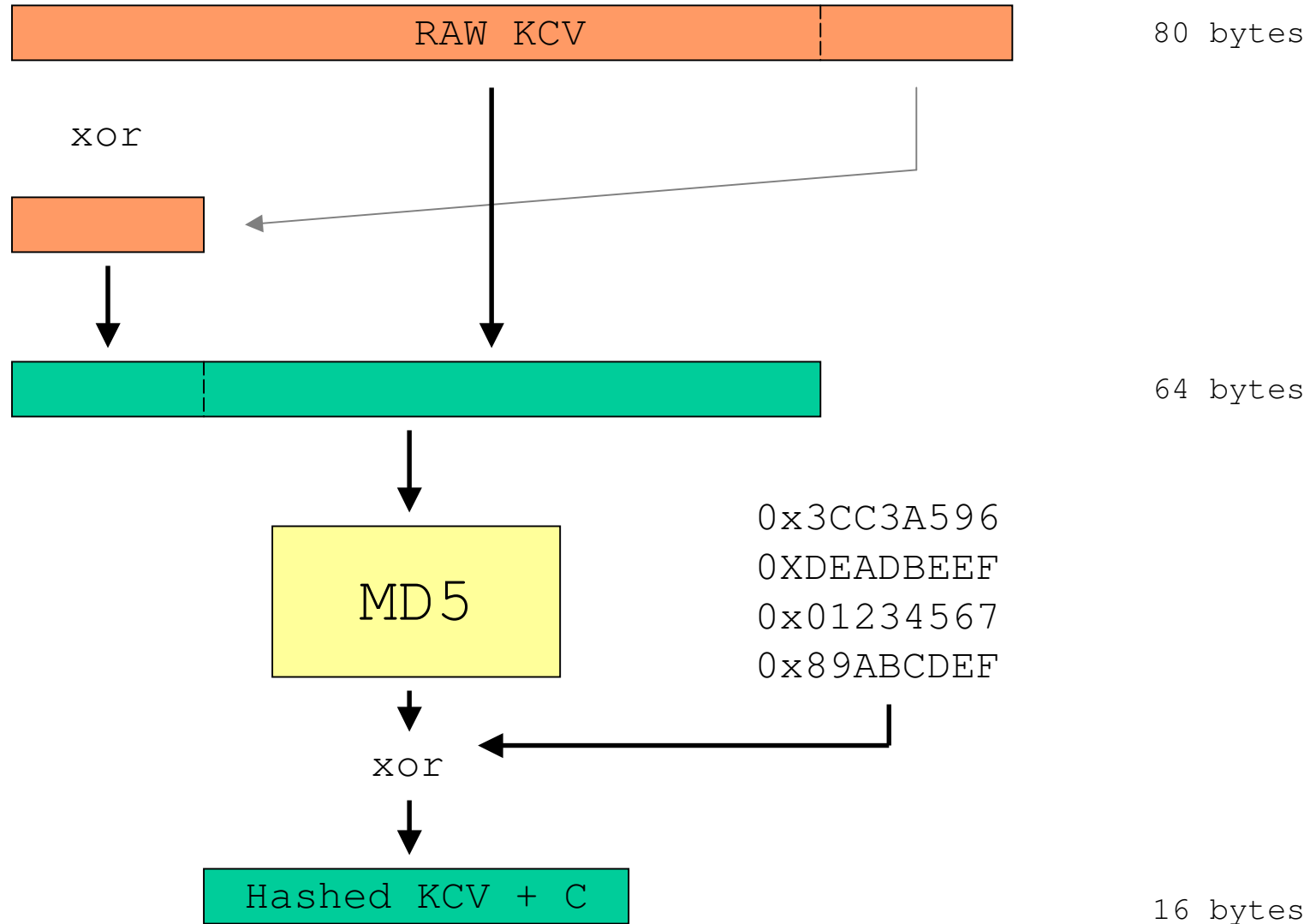
# Customer Verification Keys



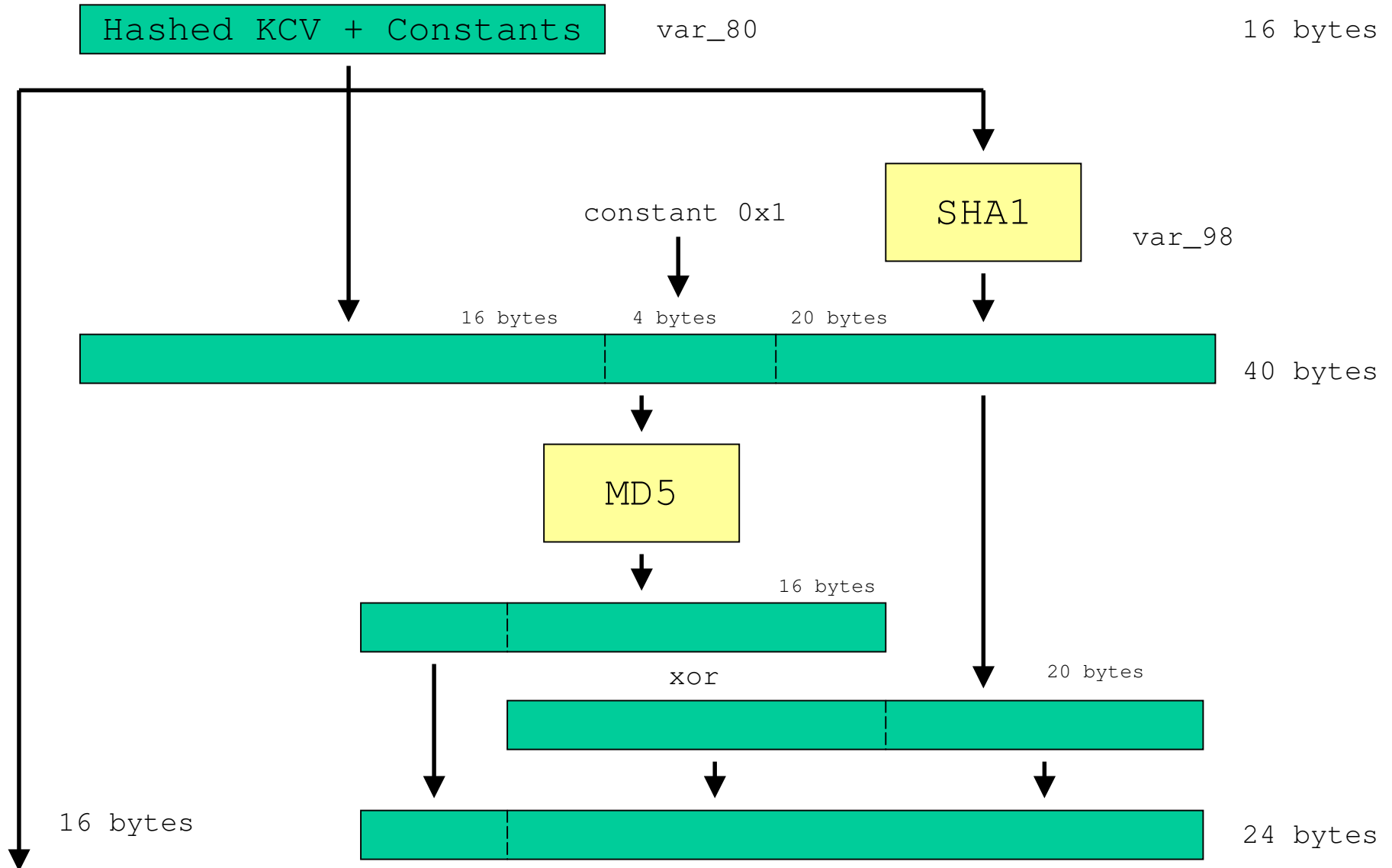
# Cloning to Clear



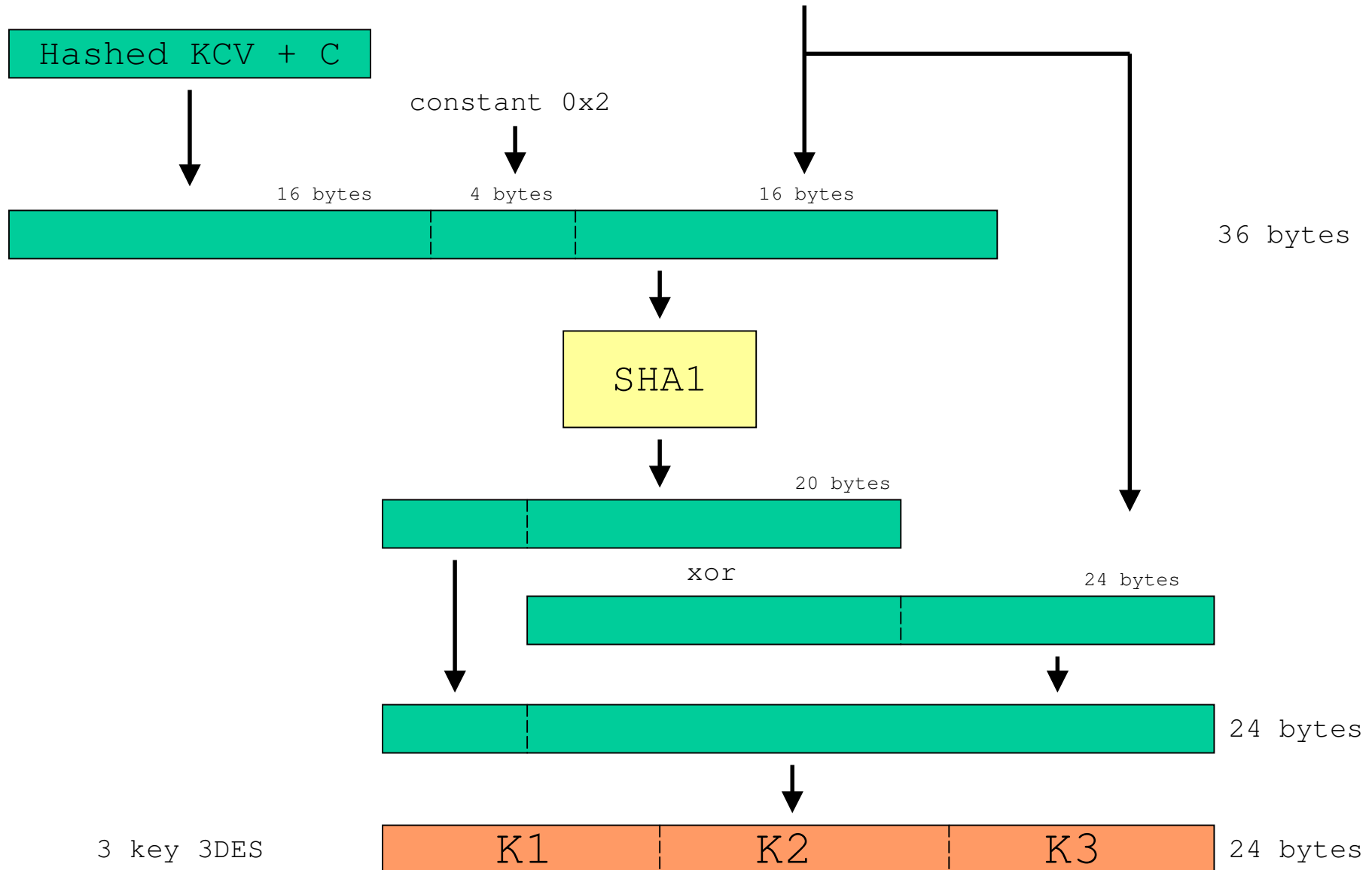
# Making the Key Cloning Vector



# Making the Key Cloning Vector (2)



# Making the Key Cloning Vector (3)



# Lessons Learned

- Going in the front door (reverse-engineering) is tough, but it is a skill that can be learned, and done again much more quickly
- Choice of tools, and knowledge of tools is vital to chances of success
- It's easy to drown in a sea of maybes and unknowns and give up. The golden rules of reverse engineering can help
  - “do what you can”, and “name everything”

# Lessons Learned (2)

- Legacy code is much better camouflage than obfuscation to slow reverse engineering.
- 0xDEADBEEF hinders reimplementing of crypto code as it has to be bit-for-bit perfect
- A new defence – stupidity! If the programmer understands his task poorly, the reverse engineer will have an even worse time.
- Beware of undocumented features in your API. Chrysalis didn't let on about the CVK, what are other manufacturers hiding?



# Lessons Learned (3)

- The Luna CA3 API *is* secure, but the architecture has accumulated too much baggage – if it is pushed much further, it may break completely.
- If the Luna CA3 is anything to go by, HSM code is no better than O/S code.
- Even if your architecture is not exploited by a Security API attack, it may still be used in an *unexpected way*.

# IDA Strengths

- Excellent navigation interface design, once familiarisation done
- Excellent cross-referencing comment system
- Good auto-analysis and support for standard libraries
- Strong use of colours and graphics to help spot patterns
- Good extensibility, supporting scripts and plugins

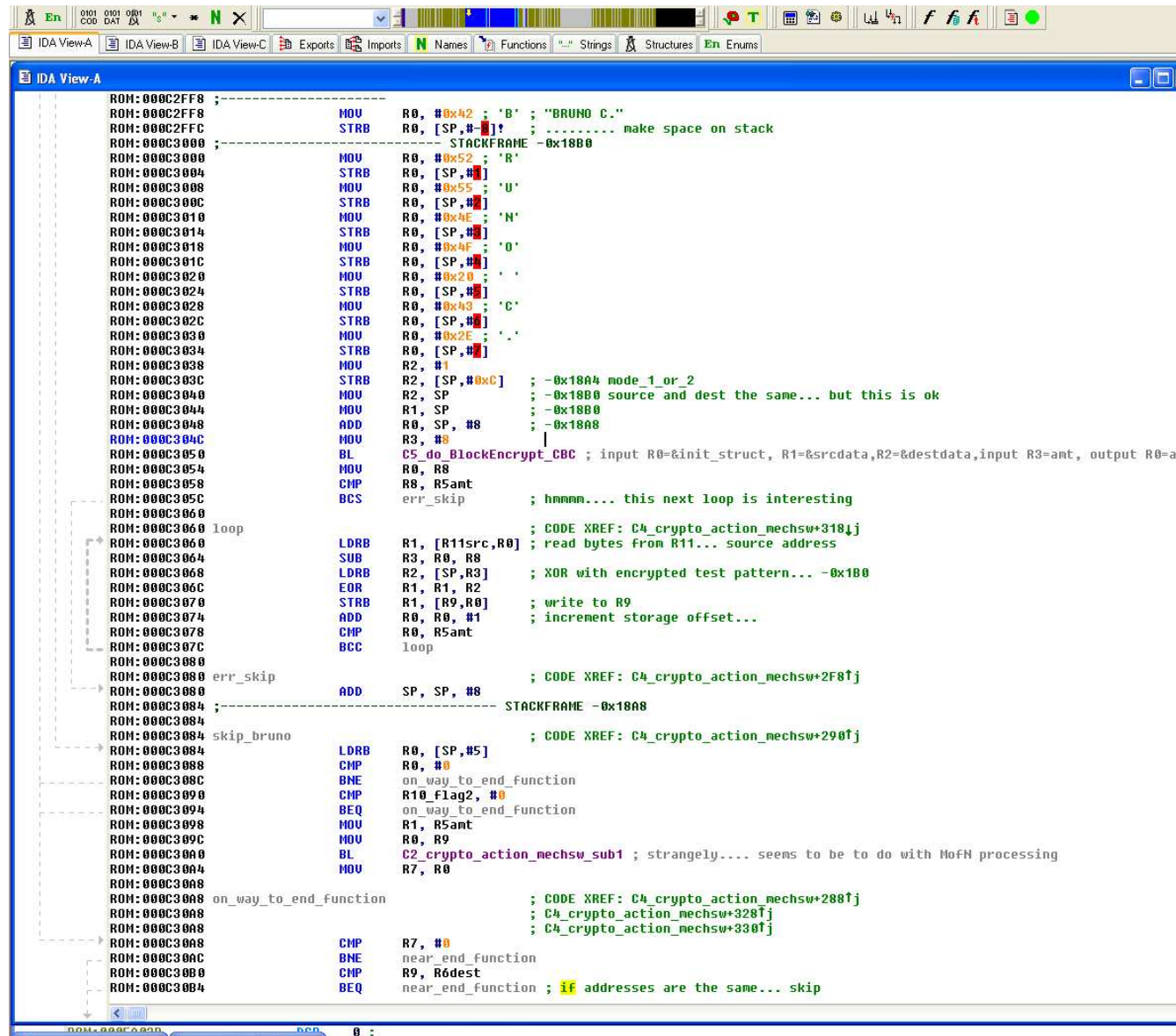
# IDA Weaknesses

- No graphing of conditional jumps or calculated jumps
- Poor support for stack variables on ARM
- Poor documentation – many features discovered late
- Non-standard look and feel
- Some cosmetic defects

# Weak Spots in the Luna CA3

- Application Key Integrity
  - During transport, cipher was 3-Key 3DES in CBC with fixed IV, 32-bit CRC with custom polynomial used for ‘integrity’
- Buffer, integer overflows?
  - Will take a brief look shortly
- Cryptographic Algorithms
  - “BRUNO C.” (to be explained...)

# "BRUNO C."

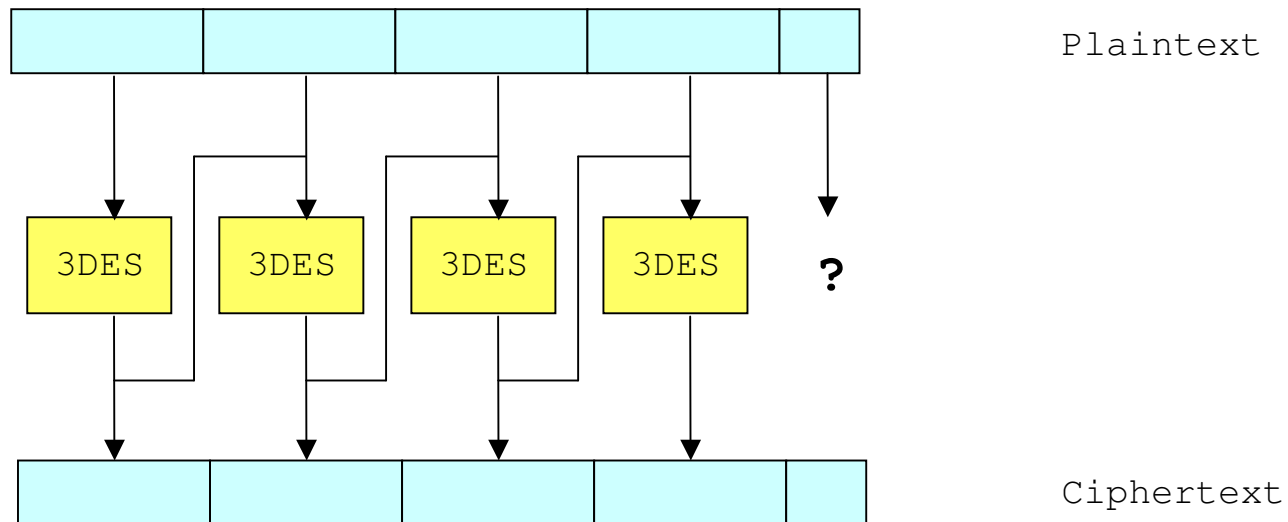


The screenshot displays the IDA Pro disassembler interface for a function named "BRUNO C.". The assembly code is shown in the main window, with the address range from 000C2FF8 to 000C30B4. The code includes various instructions such as MOV, STRB, LDRB, SUB, EOR, STRB, ADD, CMP, BCC, and BL. Comments are present throughout the code, providing context and explanations for certain instructions and branches. The code is organized into several sections, including a loop, an error skip section, and a skip\_bruno section. The final instruction is a BEQ instruction at address 000C30B4, which branches to the near\_end\_function if the R9 register is equal to the R0dest register.

```
ROM:000C2FF8 ;-----  
ROM:000C2FF8 MOV R0, #0x42 ; 'B' ; "BRUNO C."  
ROM:000C2FFC STRB R0, [SP, #0]! ; ..... make space on stack  
ROM:000C3000 ;----- STACKFRAME -0x18B0  
ROM:000C3000 MOV R0, #0x52 ; 'R'  
ROM:000C3004 STRB R0, [SP, #1]  
ROM:000C3008 MOV R0, #0x55 ; 'U'  
ROM:000C300C STRB R0, [SP, #2]  
ROM:000C3010 MOV R0, #0x4E ; 'N'  
ROM:000C3014 STRB R0, [SP, #3]  
ROM:000C3018 MOV R0, #0x4F ; 'O'  
ROM:000C301C STRB R0, [SP, #4]  
ROM:000C3020 MOV R0, #0x20 ; '.'  
ROM:000C3024 STRB R0, [SP, #5]  
ROM:000C3028 MOV R0, #0x43 ; 'C'  
ROM:000C302C STRB R0, [SP, #6]  
ROM:000C3030 MOV R0, #0x2E ; '.'  
ROM:000C3034 STRB R0, [SP, #7]  
ROM:000C3038 MOV R2, #1  
ROM:000C303C STRB R2, [SP, #0xC] ; -0x18A4 mode 1_or 2  
ROM:000C3040 MOV R2, SP ; -0x18B0 source and dest the same... but this is ok  
ROM:000C3044 MOV R1, SP ; -0x18B0  
ROM:000C3048 ADD R0, SP, #8 ; -0x18A8  
ROM:000C304C MOV R3, #0  
ROM:000C3050 BL C5_do_BlockEncrypt_CBC ; input R0=&init_struct, R1=&srcdata, R2=&destdata, input R3=amt, output R0=a  
ROM:000C3054 MOV R0, R0  
ROM:000C3058 CMP R8, R5amt  
ROM:000C305C BCS err_skip ; hmmm... this next loop is interesting  
ROM:000C3060  
ROM:000C3060 loop LDRB R1, [R11src, R0] ; CODE XREF: C4_crypto_action_mechsw+318fj  
ROM:000C3064 SUB R3, R0, R8 ; read bytes from R11... source address  
ROM:000C3068 LDRB R2, [SP, R3] ; XOR with encrypted test pattern... -0x18B0  
ROM:000C306C EOR R1, R1, R2  
ROM:000C3070 STRB R1, [R9, R0] ; write to R9  
ROM:000C3074 ADD R0, R0, #1 ; increment storage offset...  
ROM:000C3078 CMP R0, R5amt  
ROM:000C307C BCC loop  
ROM:000C3080  
ROM:000C3080 err_skip ADD SP, SP, #8 ; CODE XREF: C4_crypto_action_mechsw+2F8fj  
ROM:000C3084 ;----- STACKFRAME -0x18A8  
ROM:000C3084  
ROM:000C3084 skip_bruno ; CODE XREF: C4_crypto_action_mechsw+290fj  
ROM:000C3084 LDRB R0, [SP, #5]  
ROM:000C3088 CMP R0, #0  
ROM:000C308C BNE on_way_to_end_function  
ROM:000C3090 CMP R10_flag2, #0  
ROM:000C3094 BEQ on_way_to_end_function  
ROM:000C3098 MOV R1, R5amt  
ROM:000C309C MOV R0, R9  
ROM:000C30A0 BL C2_crypto_action_mechsw_sub1 ; strangely... seems to be to do with MofN processing  
ROM:000C30A4 MOV R7, R0  
ROM:000C30A8  
ROM:000C30A8 on_way_to_end_function ; CODE XREF: C4_crypto_action_mechsw+288fj  
ROM:000C30A8 ; C4_crypto_action_mechsw+328fj  
ROM:000C30A8 ; C4_crypto_action_mechsw+330fj  
ROM:000C30A8 CMP R7, #0  
ROM:000C30AC BNE near_end_function  
ROM:000C30B0 CMP R9, R0dest  
ROM:000C30B4 BEQ near_end_function ; if addresses are the same... skip
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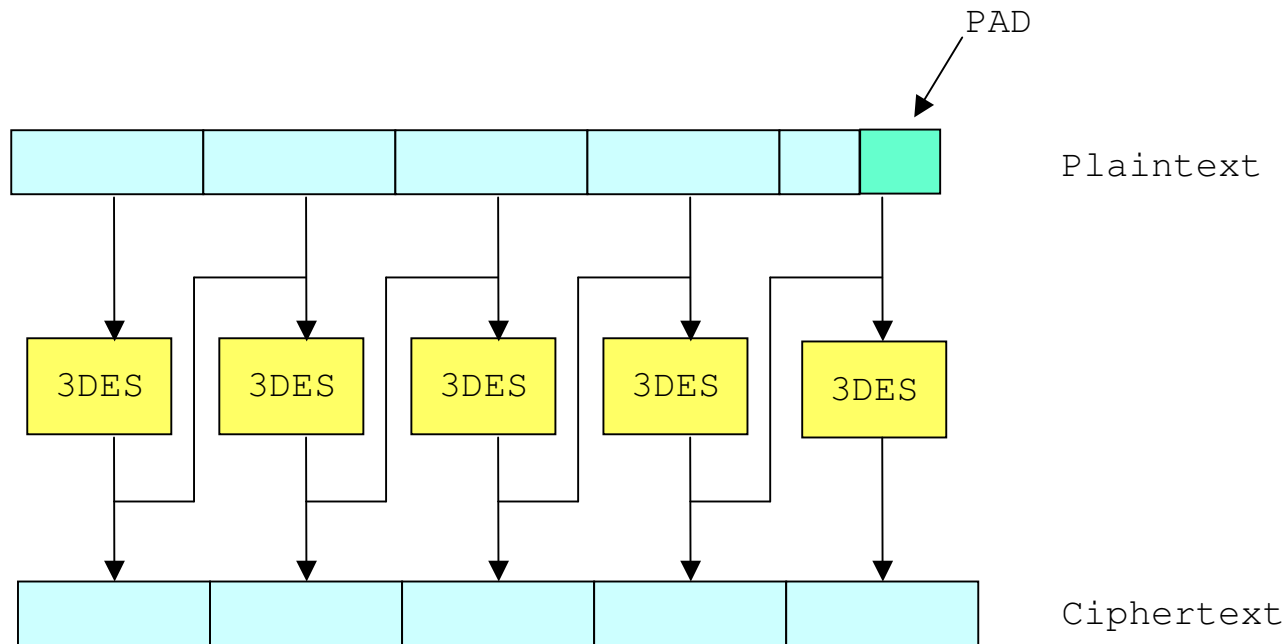
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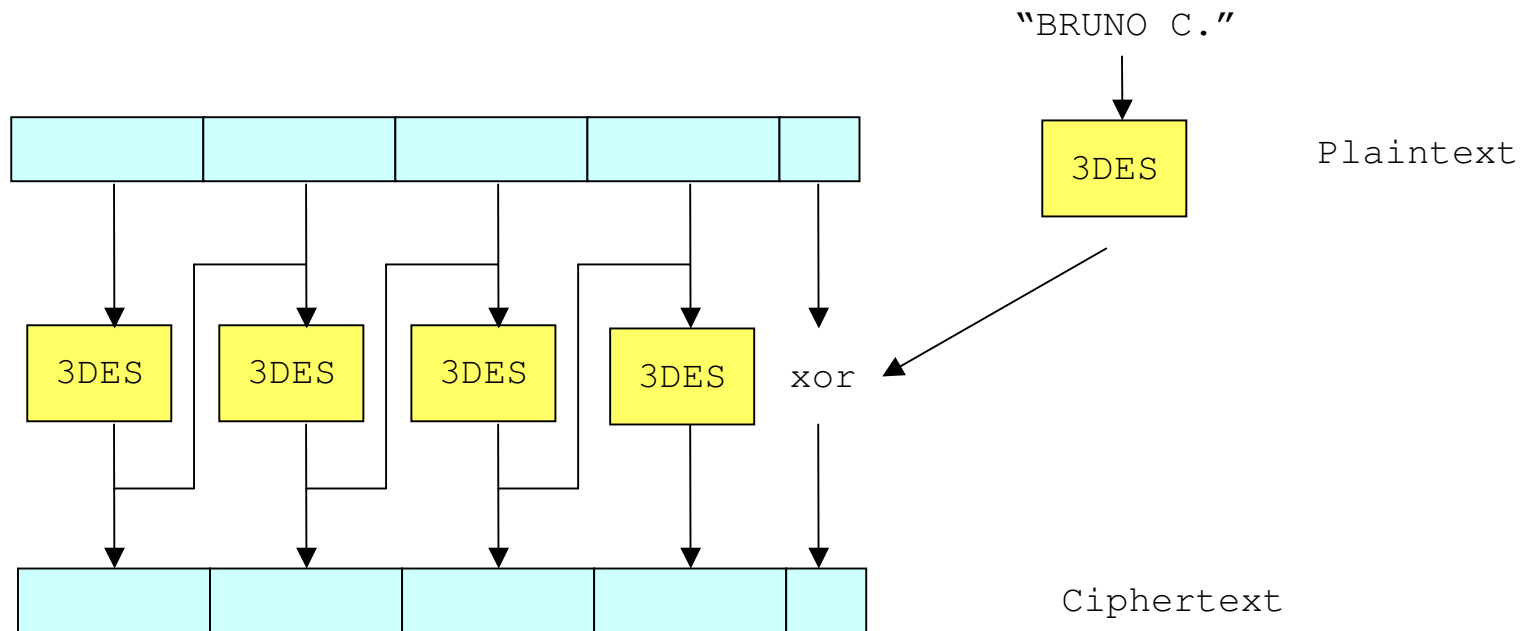
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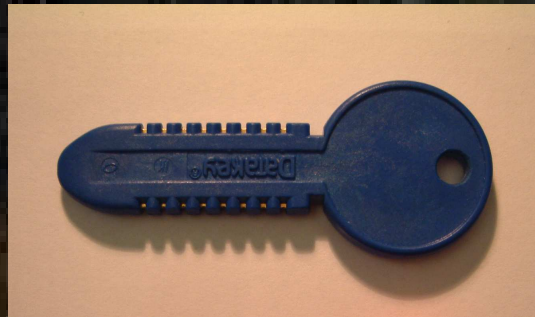




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