

# COBRA: A Parallelizable Authenticated Online Cipher without Block Cipher Inverse<sup>1</sup>

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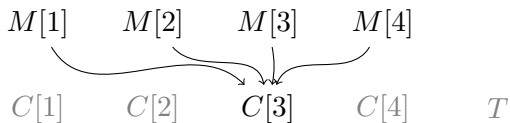
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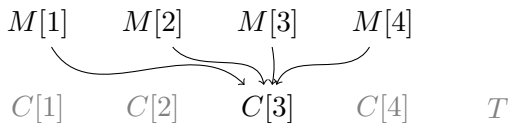
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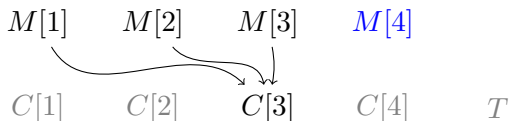


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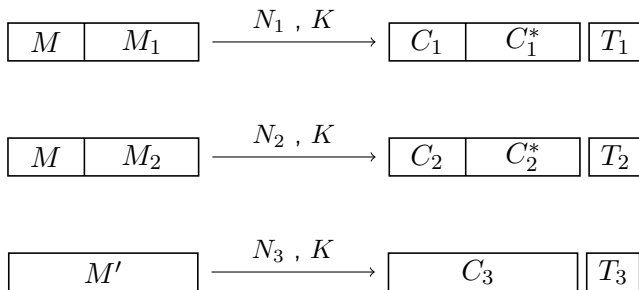
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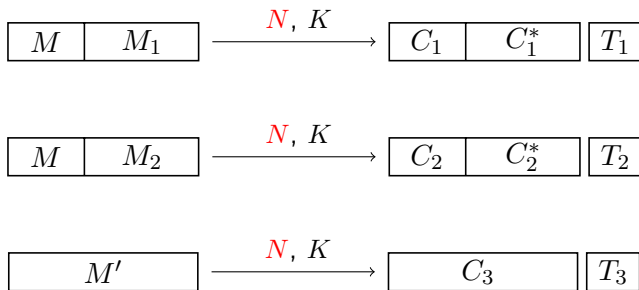
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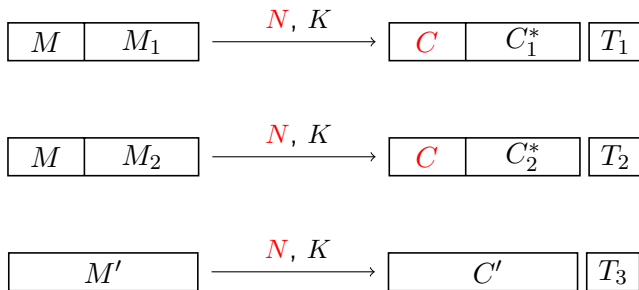
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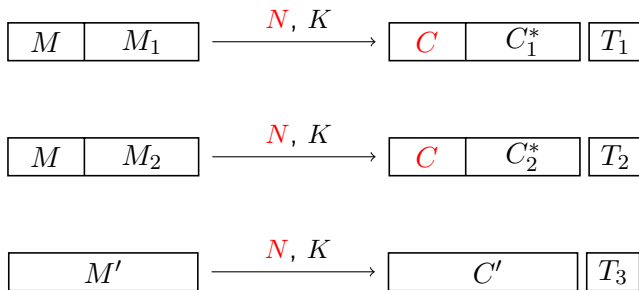
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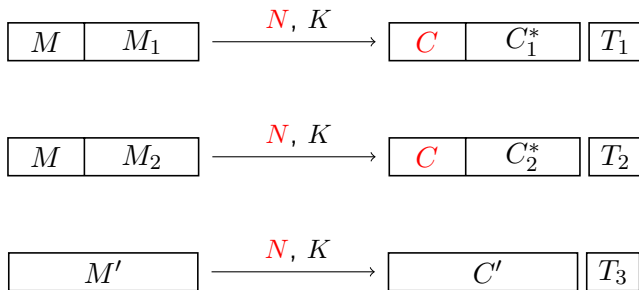


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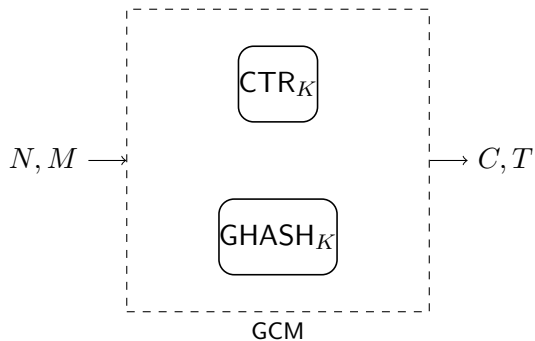
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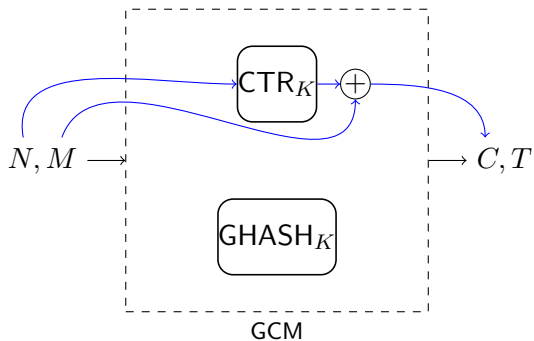


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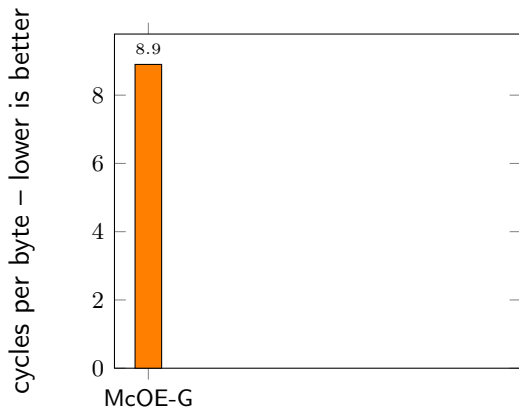


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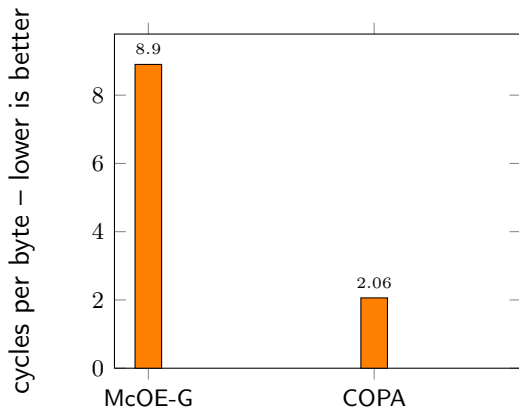


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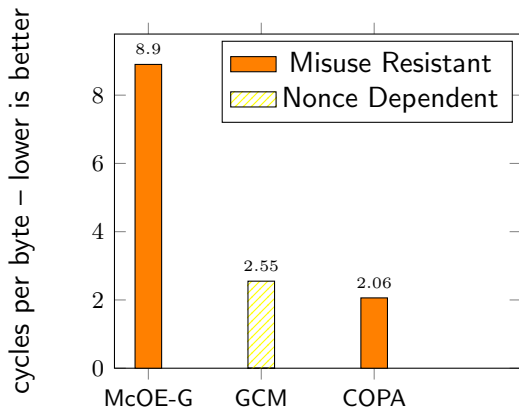


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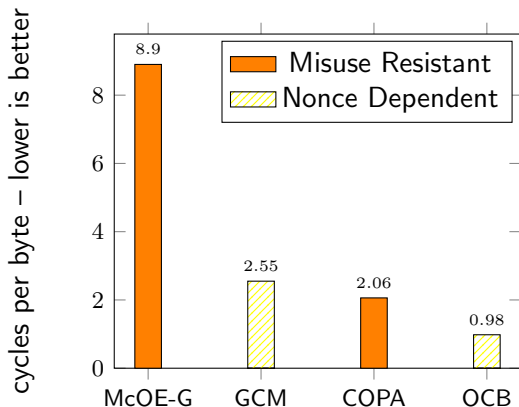
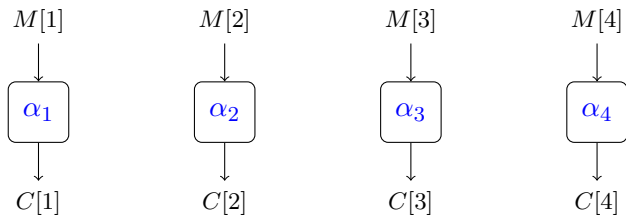


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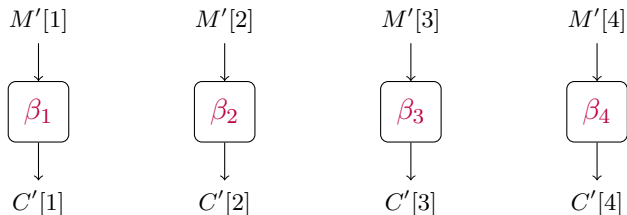
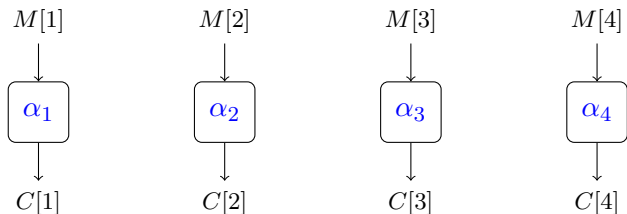
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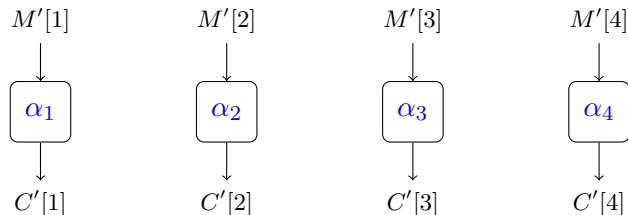
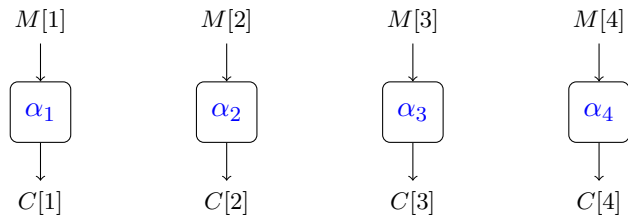


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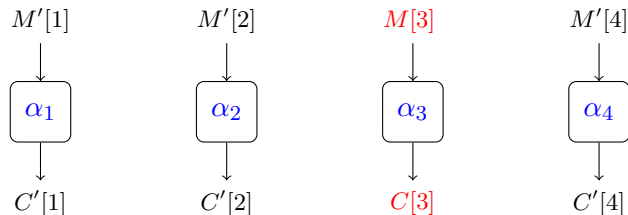
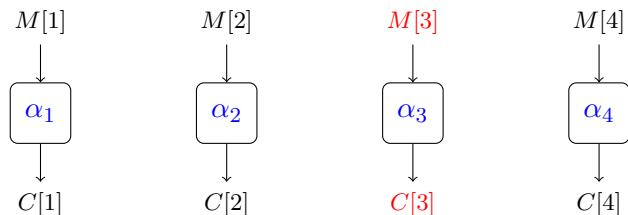




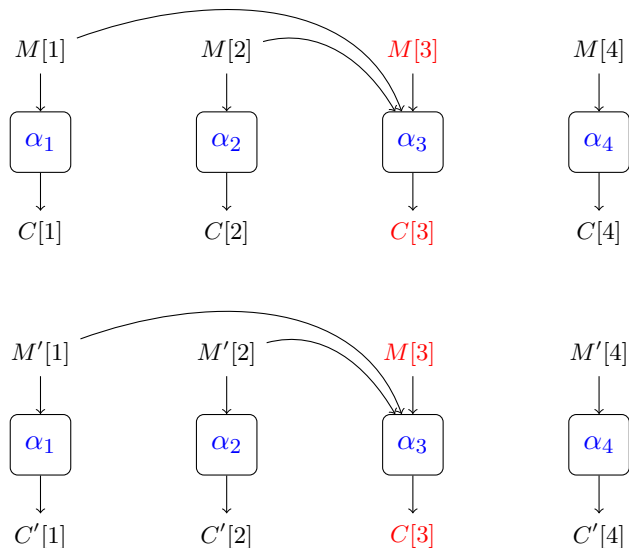
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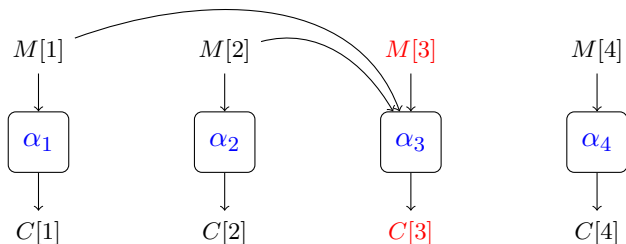
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Difference in efficiency:  
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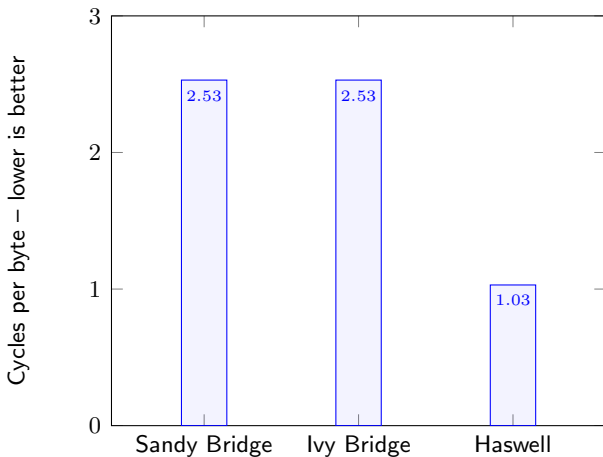


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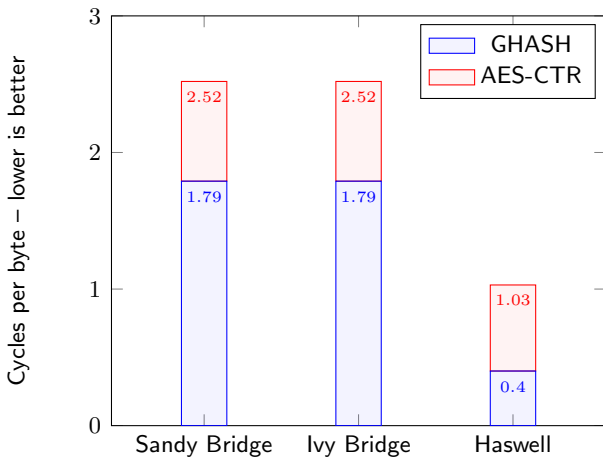


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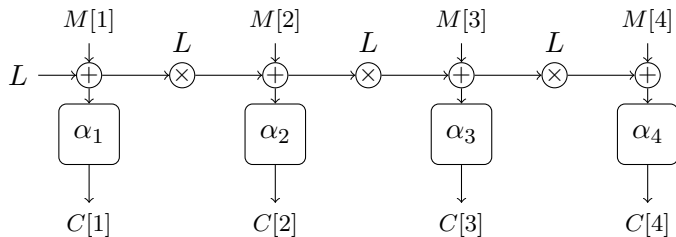


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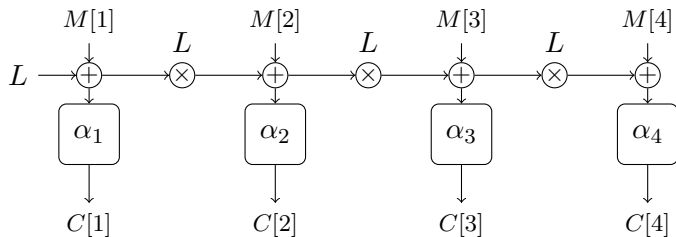
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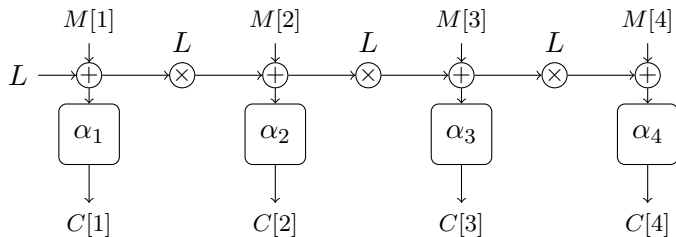
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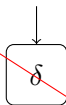
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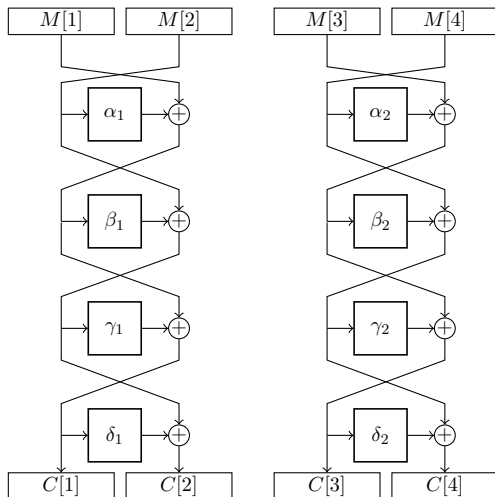


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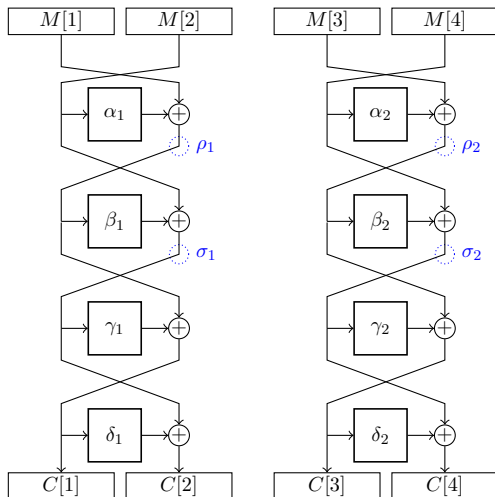
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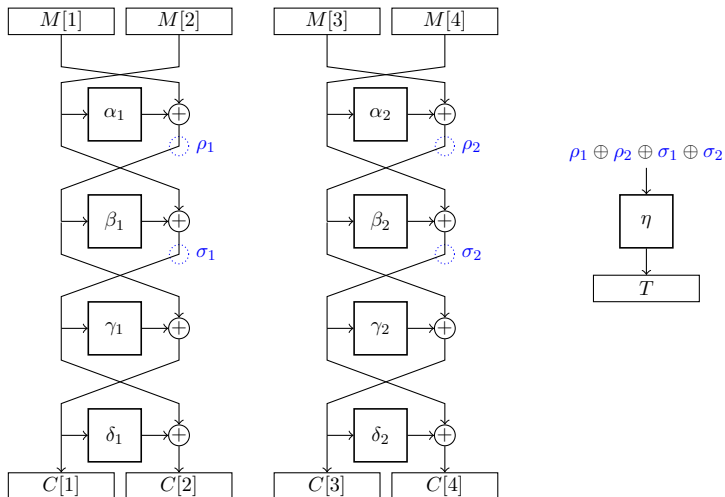
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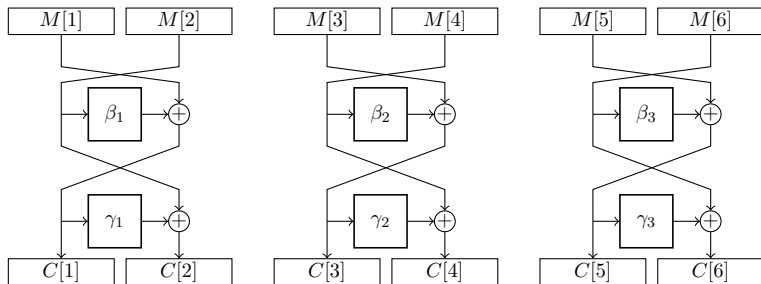
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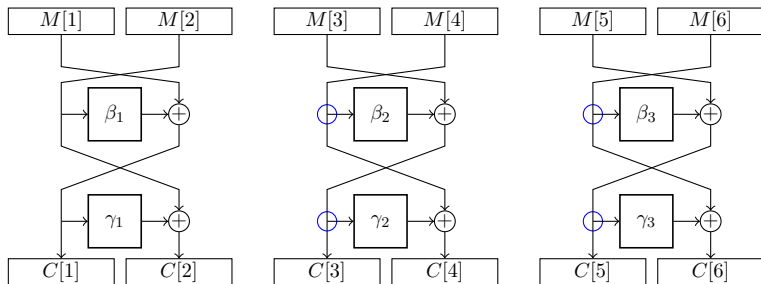


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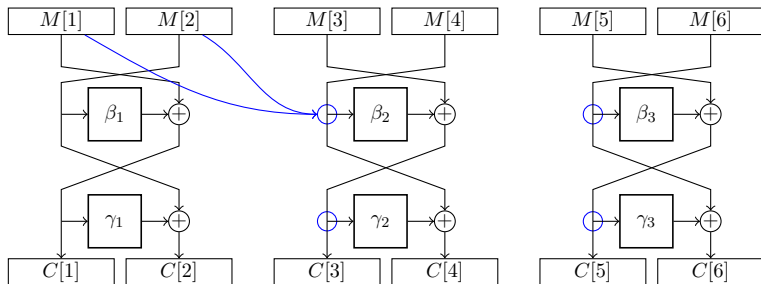
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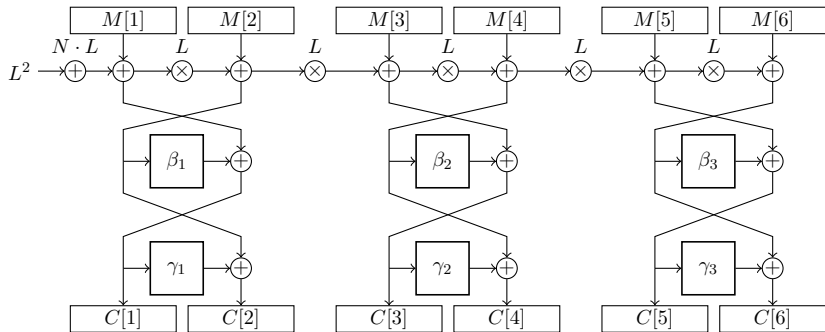
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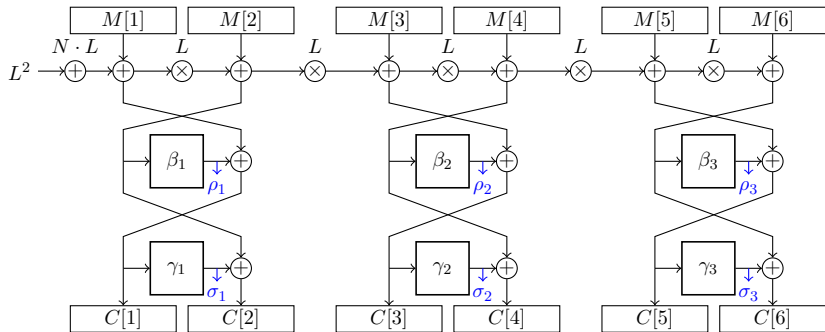


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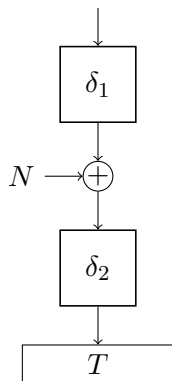
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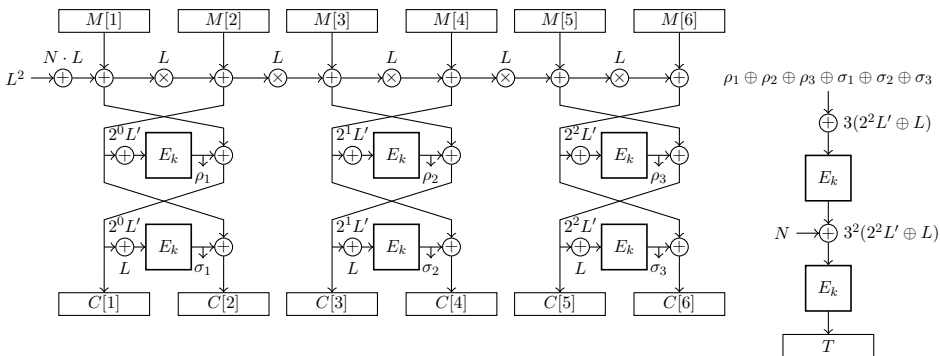


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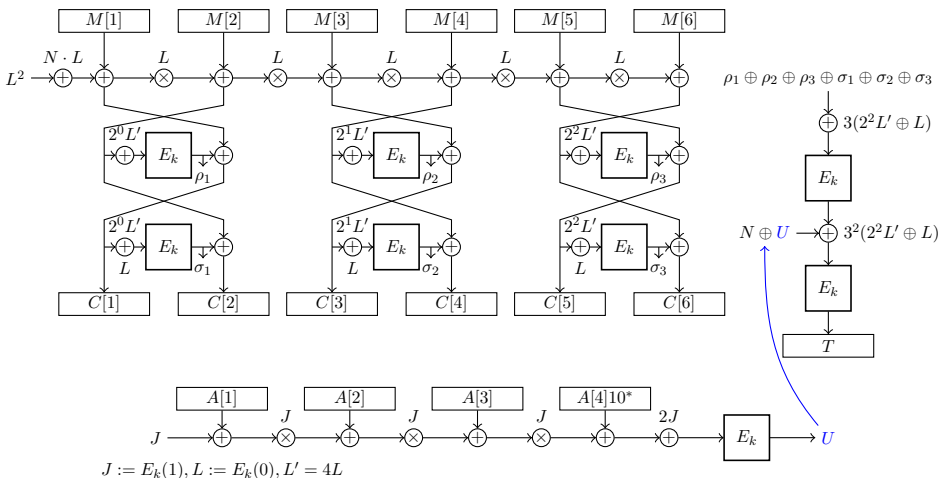
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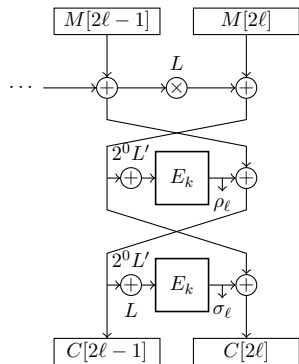
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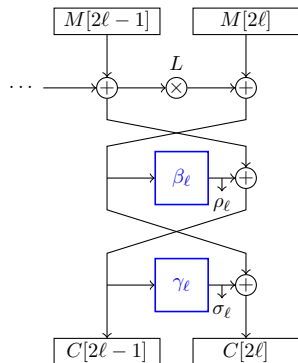
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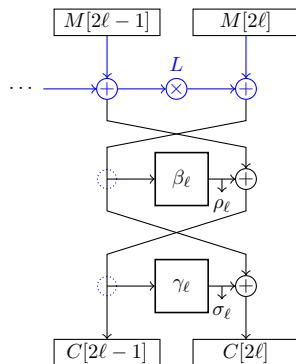
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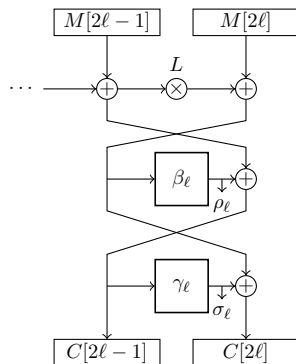
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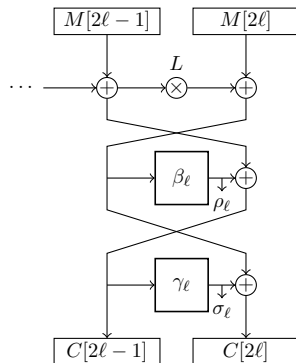


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# High Level Comparison With Other Misuse Resistant Schemes

Scheme	Year	No BC Inverse	Parallelizable	Online
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COPA	2013	✗	✓	✓
<i>BC + UH</i>				
HBS	2009	✗	✓	✗
BTM	2009	✓	✓	✗
McOE-G	2011	✗	✗	✓
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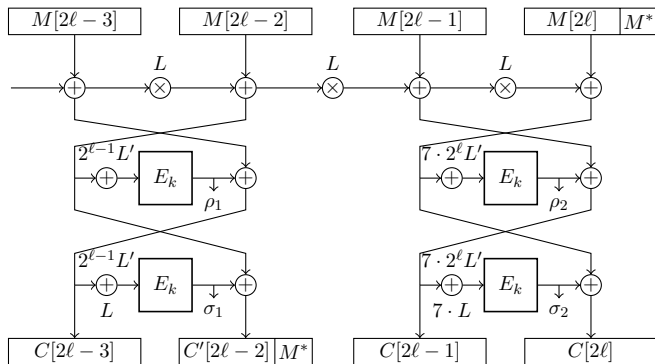
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Submission to CAESAR

Software implementation results



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