

SoK: Security Models for Pseudo-Random Number Generators

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Motivation

Papers about PRNG

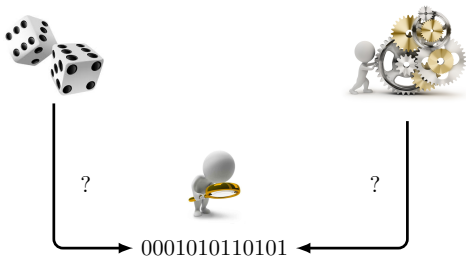
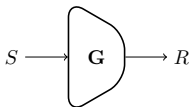
- FSE 96: Jenkins
- FSE 98: Schneier *et al.*
- Usenix 98: Gutman
- EC02: Desai *et al.*
- CT-RSA03: Bellare and Yee
- ACSAC03: Viega
- CHES03: Barak *et al.*
- CCS05: Barak and Halevi
- CCS10: Yu *et al.*
- CCS13: Dodis *et al.*
- C14: Dodis *et al.*
- ...

SoK Paper

- Unify security models presentation
- Propose secure constructions based on AES

- 1 Standard PRNG
- 2 Stateful PRNG
- 3 PRNG with input

Standard PRNG



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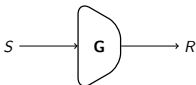
- Secret S
- $|R| > |S|$
- R is indistinguishable from random.

AES based construction

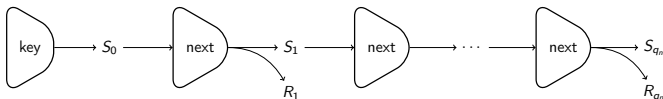
- $S \xleftarrow{\$} \{0, 1\}^{128}$
- $R = \text{AES}_S(1) || \text{AES}_S(2) || \dots$

Stateful PRNG

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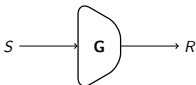
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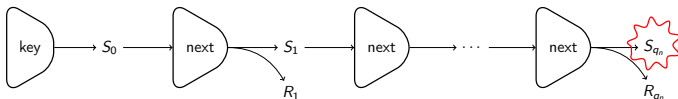
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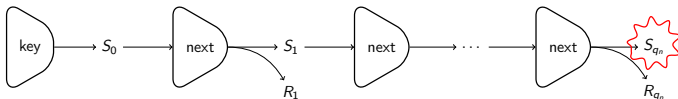


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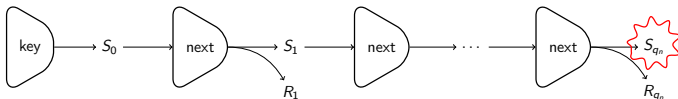
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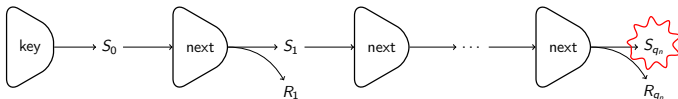
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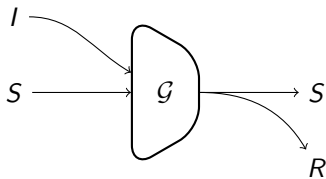
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Backward Security ?

- "Next" outputs are not compromised ?
 - ↪ **New input** shall be collected
 - ↪ **Recovery** mechanism

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Definitions

- **Seeded** extractors, accumulators
- Requires **independence** between public seed and inputs

↪ Potential vulnerability in NIST CTR_DRBG

Barak-Halevi Model (BH05)

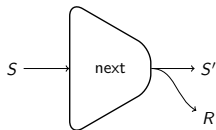
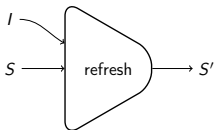
PRNG with input Definition

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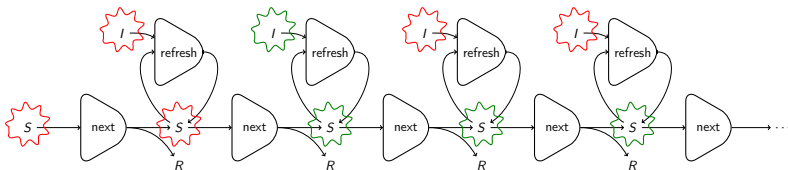
- input collection
- output generation

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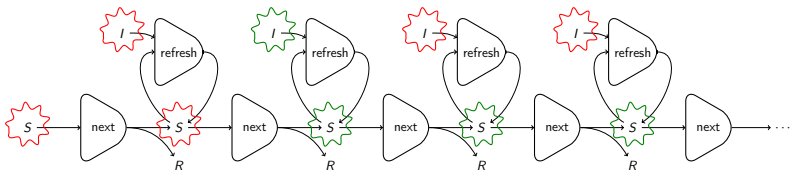
- Operations are **not** synchronised



Recovery in Barak-Halevi model



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AES based construction

setup

Require: r

Ensure: X

1: $X \xleftarrow{\$} \{0, 1\}^{512}$

2: **return** X

refresh

Require: X, I, S

Ensure: S'

1: $U = [X \cdot I]_{128}$

2: $S' = S \oplus U$

3: **return** S'

next

Require: S

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Security Analysis

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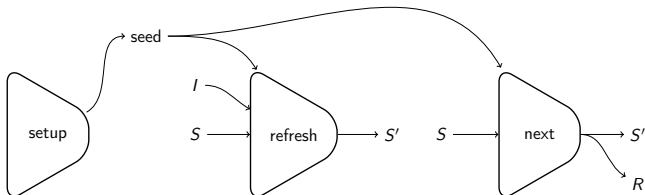
- $|S| = 128$
- Involves a **Seeded Extractor**
- At least one input shall have maximal entropy $H_\infty(I) = 512$
- Requires a public random seed X of length 512 bits
- Inputs shall be **independent** from X

Dodis *et al.* Model (DPR+13)

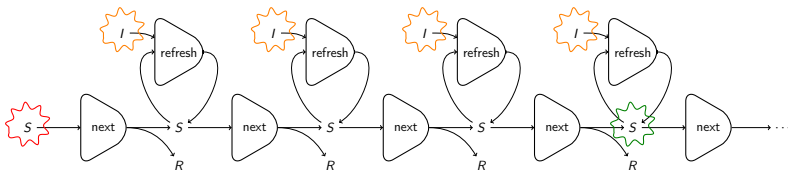
PRNG with input Definition

Triple of algorithms (setup, refresh, next):

- **setup**, seed generation algorithm
- **refresh**, entropy collecting algorithm, $(S, I) \rightarrow S'$
- **next**, output algorithm, $S \rightarrow (R, S')$

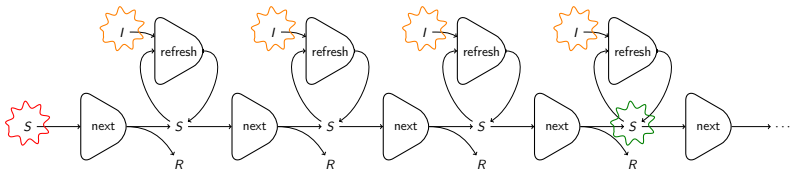


Recovery in Dodis *et al.* Model



- entropy can be **accumulated** slowly in S
- recovery: after accumulated entropy is OK

Recovery in Dodis *et al.* Model



AES based construction

setup

Require: \emptyset

Ensure: X, X'

1: $X \xleftarrow{\$} \{0, 1\}^{1024}$

2: $X' \xleftarrow{\$} \{0, 1\}^{1024}$

3: **return** X, X'

refresh

Require: X, I, S

Ensure: S'

1: $S' = S \cdot X + I$

2: **return** S'

next

Require: S, X'

Ensure: S', R

1: $U = [X' \cdot S]_{256}$

2: $S' = \text{AES}_U(1) \parallel \dots \parallel \text{AES}_U(8)$

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4: **return** (S', R)

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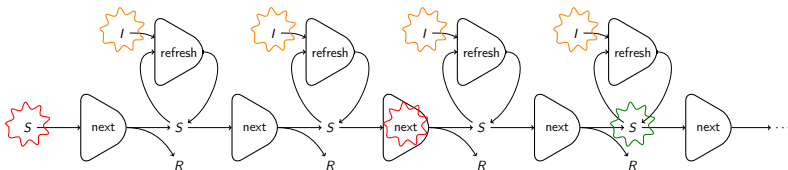
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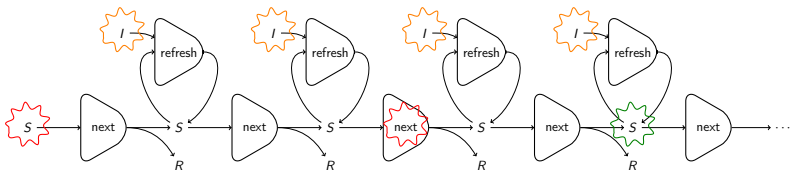
- $|S| = 1024$
- Involves a **Seeded Extractor** and a **Seeded Accumulator**
- Requires a public random (X, X') of length 2048 bits
- Inputs shall be independent from X
- Extensions has been proposed for Leakage Security [CR14, ABPRV15]

Premature Next Attack, Dodis et al. (DSSW14)



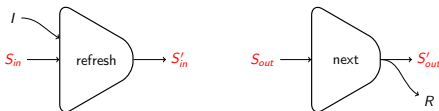
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Solution: $S = [S_1 \cdots S_{in} \cdots S_{out} \cdots S_p]$, a **scheduler** selects S_{in} and S_{out}



Generalized Fortuna Construction (DSSW14)

$G_i, i = 1, \dots, 32$, based on AES

setup $_G$

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Ensure: X, X'

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3: **return** X, X'

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AES based scheduler

- Uses AES as a PRF
- $(in, out) \leftarrow SC(skey)$

AES based construction

setup $_G$

Require: \emptyset

Ensure: $X, X', skey$

1: $X, X' \leftarrow \text{setup}_G$

2: $skey \xleftarrow{\$} \{0, 1\}^{128}$

3: **return** $X, X', skey$

refresh

Require: X, key, I, S

Ensure: S'

1: parse S as $(S_\rho, (S_i)_{i=0}^{31})$

2: $(in, out) \leftarrow SC(skey)$

3: $S_{in} \leftarrow \text{refresh}_{in}(X, S_{in}, I)$

4: $(S_{out}, R) \leftarrow \text{next}_{out}(X', S_{out})$

5: $S_\rho \leftarrow S_\rho \oplus R$

6: **return** $S' = (S_\rho, (S_i)_{i=0}^{31})$

next

Require: S

Ensure: S', R

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Security Analysis

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- 4: **return** (S', R)

- $S = (S_{\rho}, (S_i)_{i=0}^{31}), |S| = 33024$
- Involves a **Seeded Extractor** a **Seeded Accumulator** and a **Scheduler**
- Requires a public random (X, X') of length 2048 bits
- Inputs shall be independent from X
- Leakage Security shall be studied: **SPOF: $S_{\rho}, |S_{\rho}| = 256$**

Model and constructions analysis

Ref.	Definition	Property	Attacker Capabilities	Construction				Operations	
				AES	Ext	Acc	SC	refresh	next
BY03	1: $S \leftarrow \text{key}$ 2: $(S', R) \leftarrow \text{next}(S)$	FWD	next-ror, get-state	✖					AES (2)
GMPST14	1: $S \leftarrow \text{key}$ 2: $(S', R) \leftarrow \text{next}(S)$	LPR(f)	next-ror, leaknext	✖					AES (3)
DHY02	1: $(K, S) \leftarrow \text{key}$ 2: $(S', R) \leftarrow \text{next}(S, K, I)$	CIA	getinput, get-state, setinput	✖		✖			+ (3), × (2), AES (2)
		CSA	getinput, get-state, set-state						
		KKA	getinput, get-key						
BST03	1: seed \leftarrow setup 2: $R \leftarrow \text{next}(\text{seed}, I)$	RES(\mathcal{F})	next-ror		✖				× (1), [] (1)
BH05	1: $S' \leftarrow \text{refresh}(S, I)$ 2: $(S', R) \leftarrow \text{next}(S)$	ROB(\mathcal{F})	good-refresh, bad-refresh, get-state, next-ror	✖	✖			× (1), [] (1), ⊕ (1)	AES (2)
DPRVW13	1: seed \leftarrow setup 2: $S' \leftarrow \text{refresh}(\text{seed}, S, I)$ 3: $(S', R) \leftarrow \text{next}(\text{seed}, S)$	ROB(γ^*)	\mathcal{D} -refresh, set-state, get-state next-ror	✖	✖	✖		× (1), + (1)	× (1), [] (1), AES (9)
DSSW14	1: seed \leftarrow setup 2: $S' \leftarrow \text{refresh}(\text{seed}, S, I)$ 3: $(S', R) \leftarrow \text{next}(\text{seed}, S)$	NROB(γ^*, β)	\mathcal{D} -refresh, set-state, get-state next-ror	✖	✖	✖	✖	+ (1), × (2), ⊕ (1), [] (2), AES (11)	AES (4)

Conclusion

Contribution

- Revisited the notions of Extractors and Accumulators
- Unified the presentation of PRNG models
- Proposed AES based constructions
- Identified a potential vulnerability in NIST CTR_DRBG

Perspectives

- Independence requirement ?
- Leakage security of [DSSW14] construction ?
- Lightweight PRNG ?