

# **JAMBU**

## **A Lightweight Authenticated Encryption Mode**

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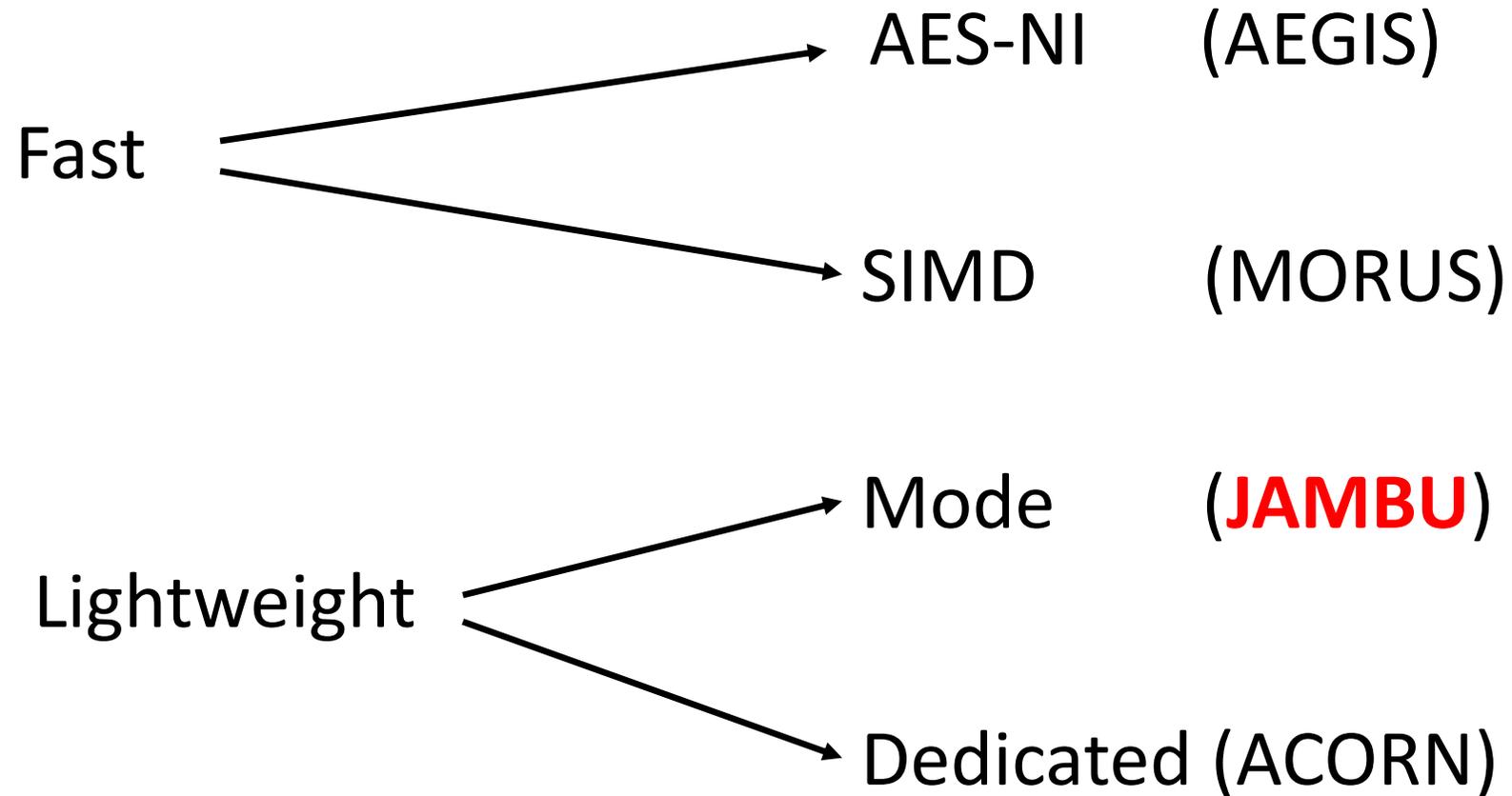
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# Comparison between AEGIS, MORUS, JAMBU, ACORN



# JAMBU: Design Goal

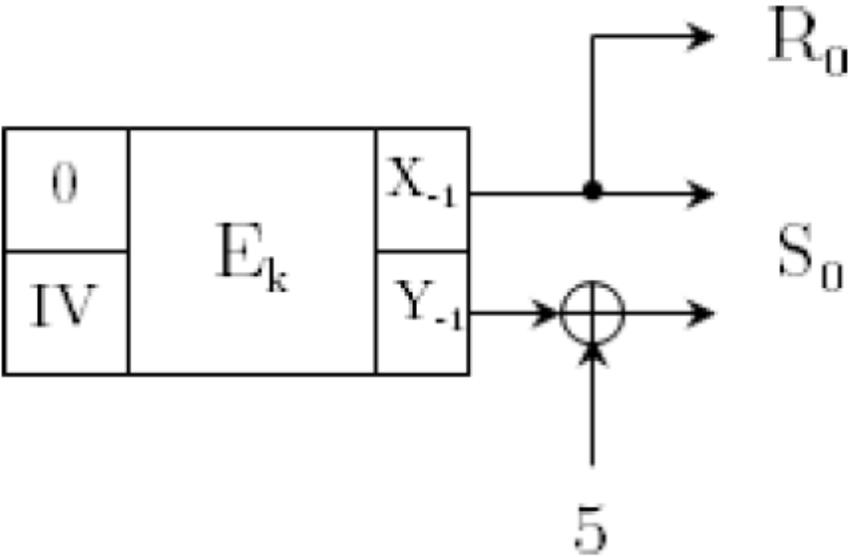
- Design Goal:
  - To design a **lightweight** AE **mode**
- The previous AE modes are not that lightweight
  - For  $n$ -bit block size, the extra state sizes are

CCM	$n$ -bit (authenticate-then-encrypt)
GCM	$2n$ -bit
OCB3	$2n$ -bit
EAX	$3n$ -bit
JAMBU	$0.5n$ -bit

# JAMBU: Design

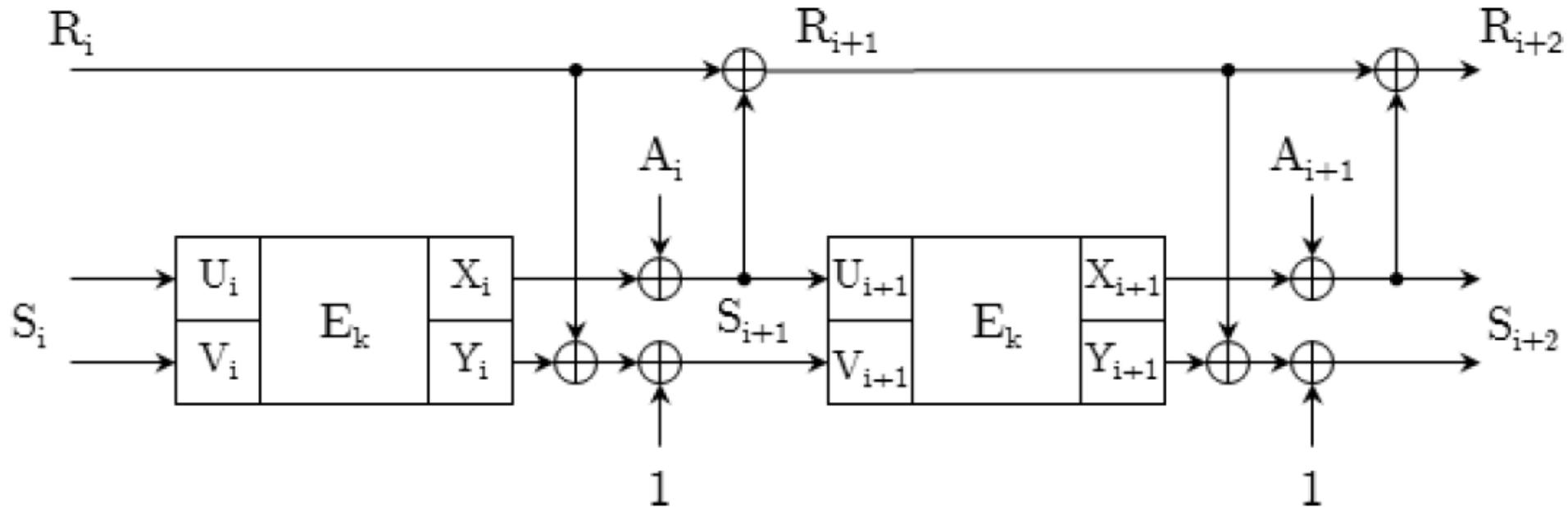
- JAMBU is a light-weight block cipher authenticated encryption mode
  - Benefits
    - Use the existing block ciphers directly
    - Light-weight mode
      - Only **n/2 extra state** is introduced (for n-bit block size)
      - Only simple XORs are introduced at each step
    - Reasonably strong when IV is misused
  - It is not computationally efficient
    - The computational cost is twice that of CBC encryption

# JAMBU: Initialization



Block cipher:  $n$ -bit block size  
IV:  $n/2$ -bit

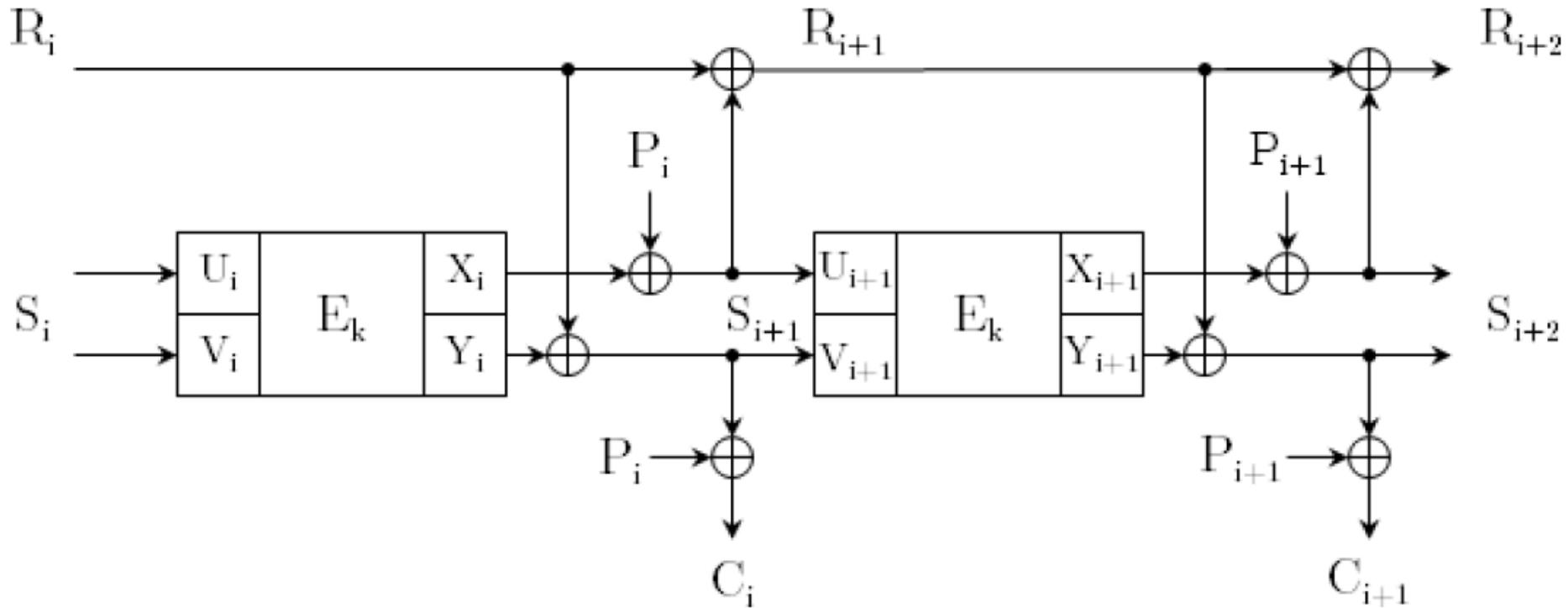
# JAMBU: Process associated Data



Data block size:  $n/2$  bits

Pad the associated data with:  $10^*$

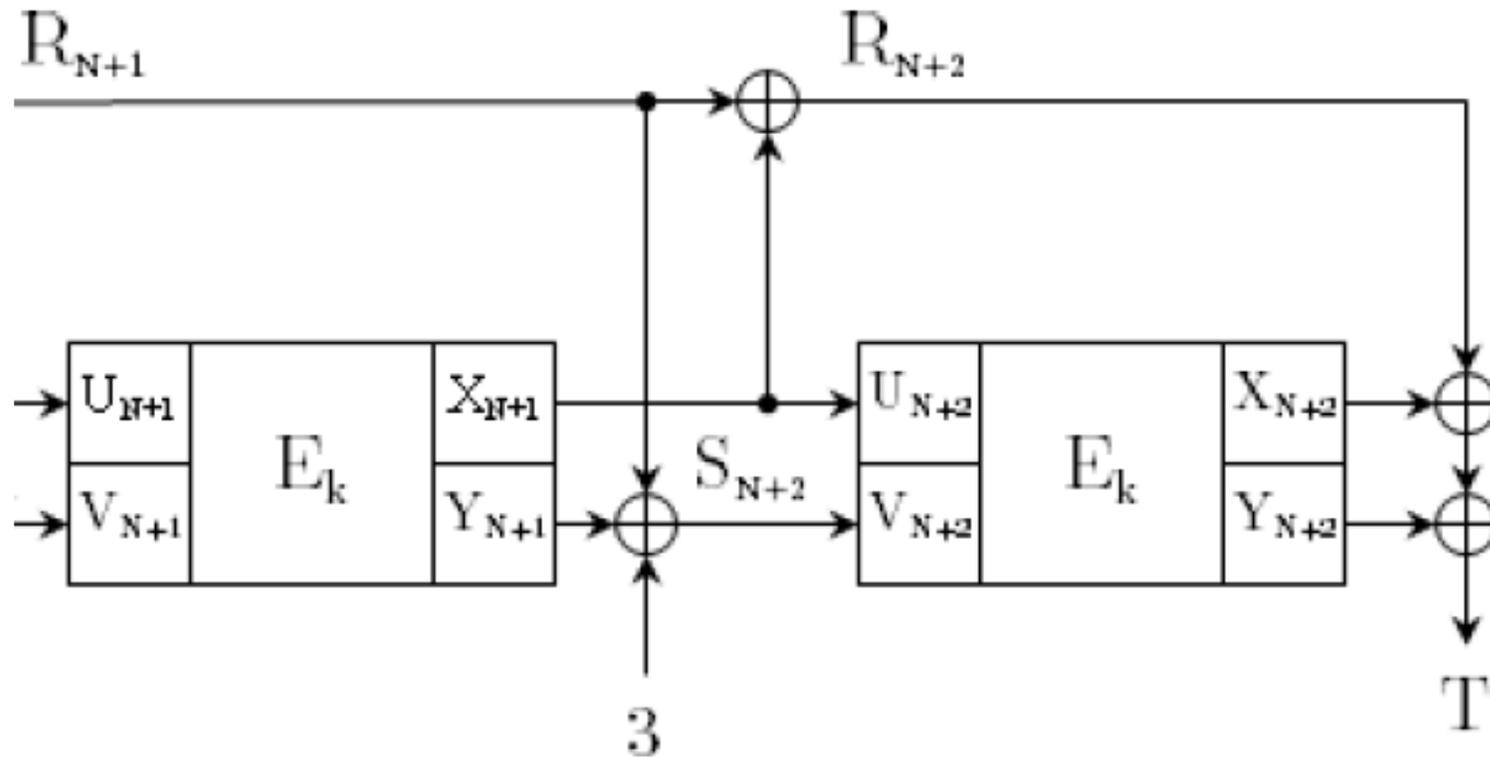
# JAMBU: Process plaintext



Data block size:  $n/2$  bits

Pad the plaintext with:  $10^*$

# JAMBU: Finalization



Tag:  $n/2$ -bit

# JAMBU: Security

- Encryption: as secure as CFB mode
- Authentication
  - $n/2$ -bit tag
  - Provide  **$n/2$ -bit security** when  **$2^{n/2}$  message blocks** get protected
- The nonce misuse in JAMBU affects security, but JAMBU is still reasonably strong
- We performed security analysis of JAMBU
  - security proof will be provided later

# JAMBU mode: Performance

- Any strong block cipher can be used in JAMBU
- In our submission, we used AES as an example
  - The speed of AES-JAMBU is about half that of AES-CBC
- The hardware area cost of JAMBU is very close to that of the underlying block cipher
  - I guess that **JAMBU is probably the most compact AE mode** in the CAESAR competition

# Conclusion

- JAMBU: A lightweight authenticated encryption mode
  - Reasonably strong when nonce is misused
  - Probably the most compact authenticated encryption mode