

# Deterministic Ethernet Security

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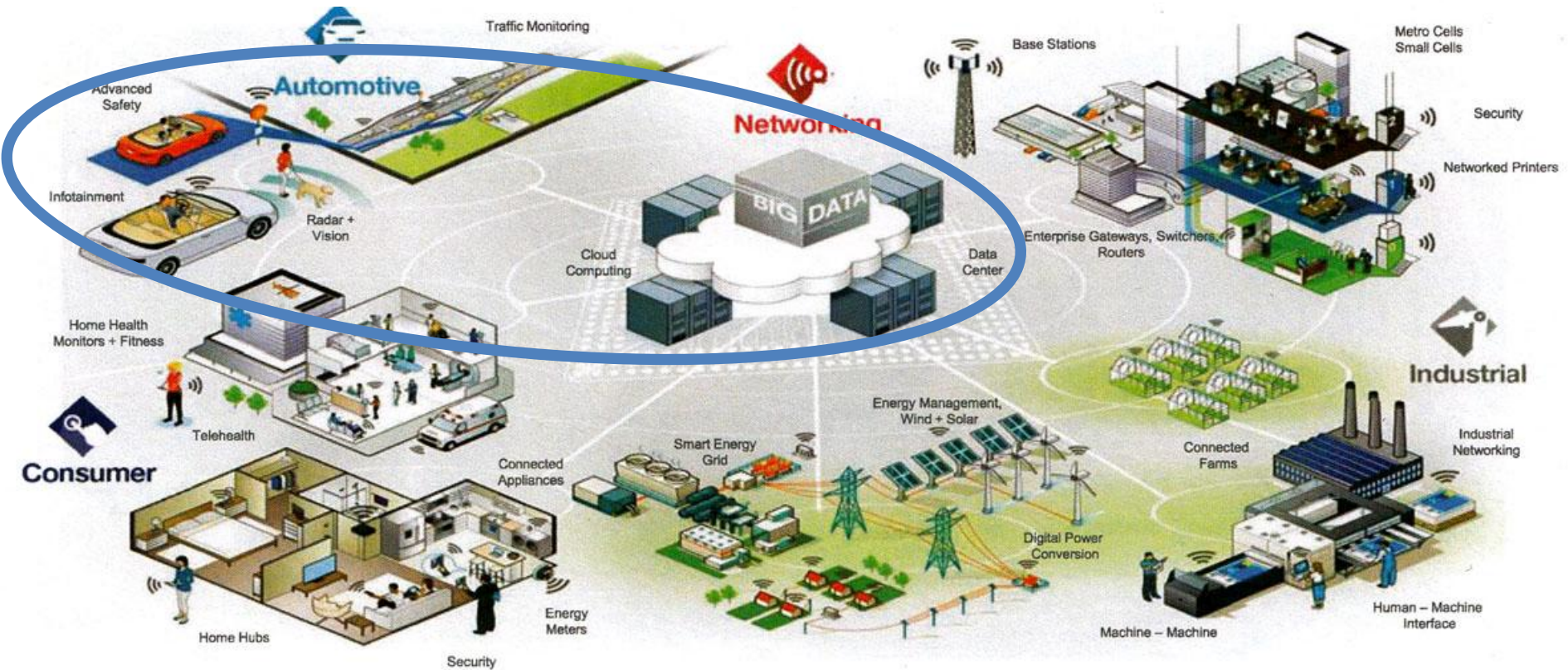


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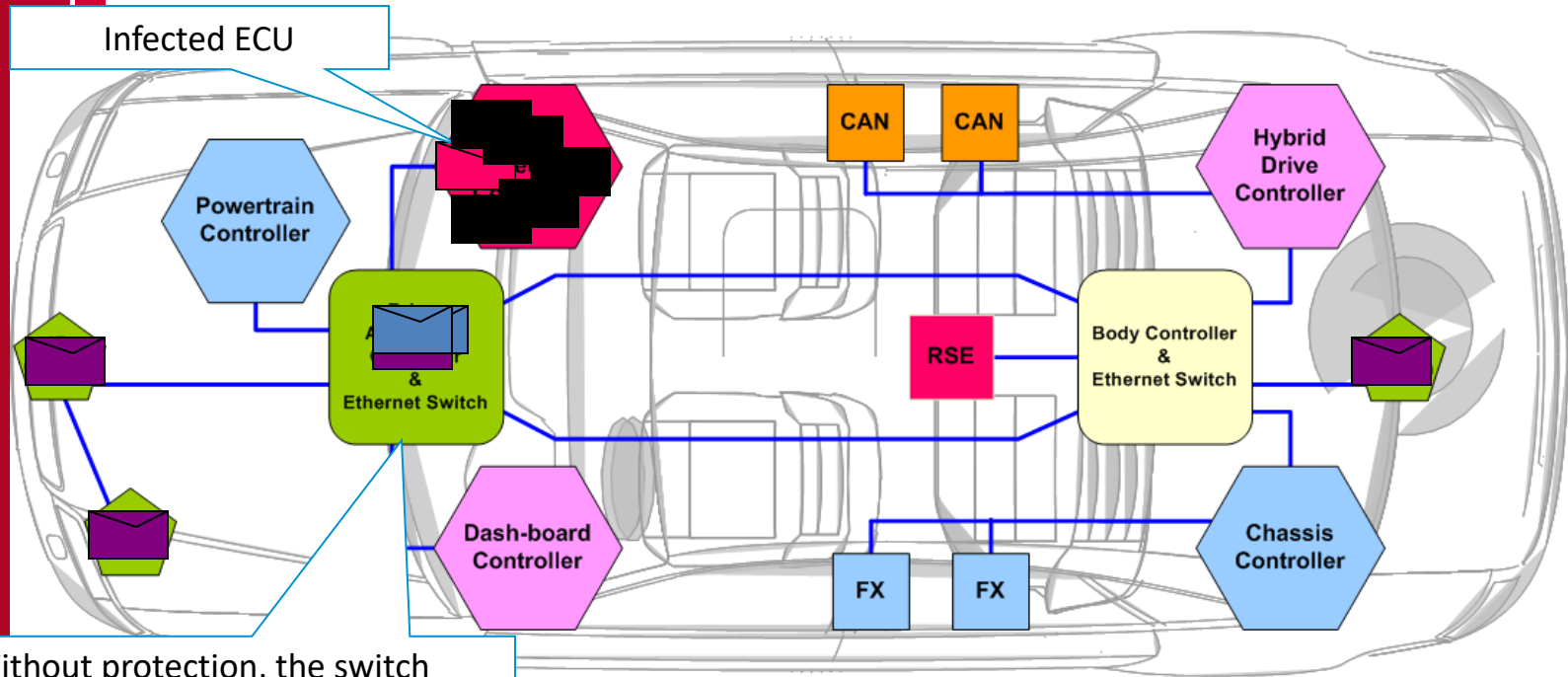
# Motivation for Automotive Ethernet Security



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# Motivation for Automotive Ethernet Security II



Without protection, the switch forwards all frames from the attack.

At some magnitude of attack, the switch starts losing frames from other, independent applications.

# Overview

- MAC Level Encryption for Deterministic Ethernet
  - Overcomming potential issues with MACSec
  - Overhead of IEEE 802.1X
  - Nececery renewal of Secure Assiciation Key (SEK)
  - → New solution based on Vernam Principle
- Common Criteria for Automotive Ethernet
  - Common Language and Best Practices

# TTEthernet & Security

- Goal of Deterministic Ethernet: make Ethernet better suitable for real-time and fault-tolerant applications

## Real-Time & Determinism

- SAE AS6802 clock synch (1588)
- Real-time control, ultra-low latency
- Safety systems

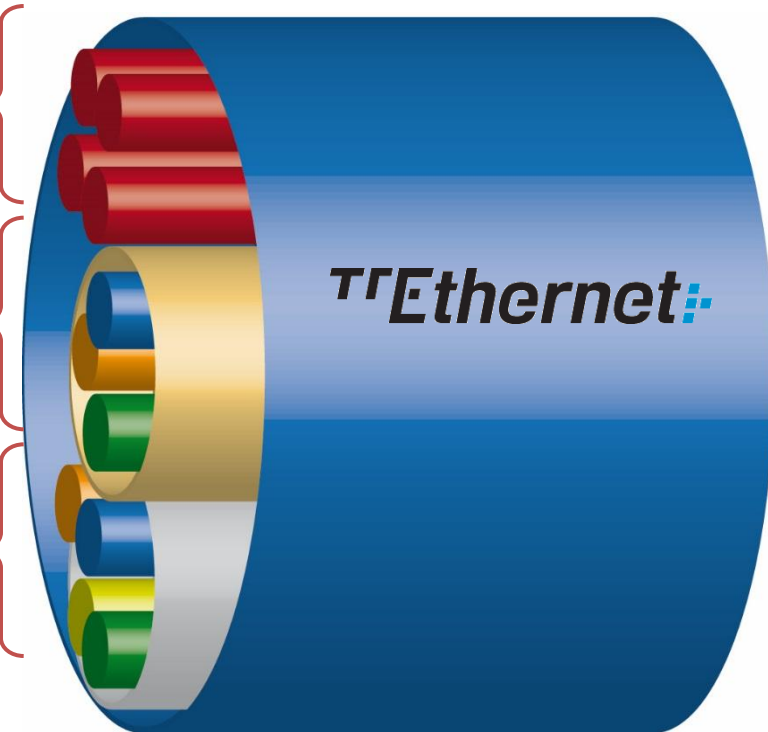


## Streaming

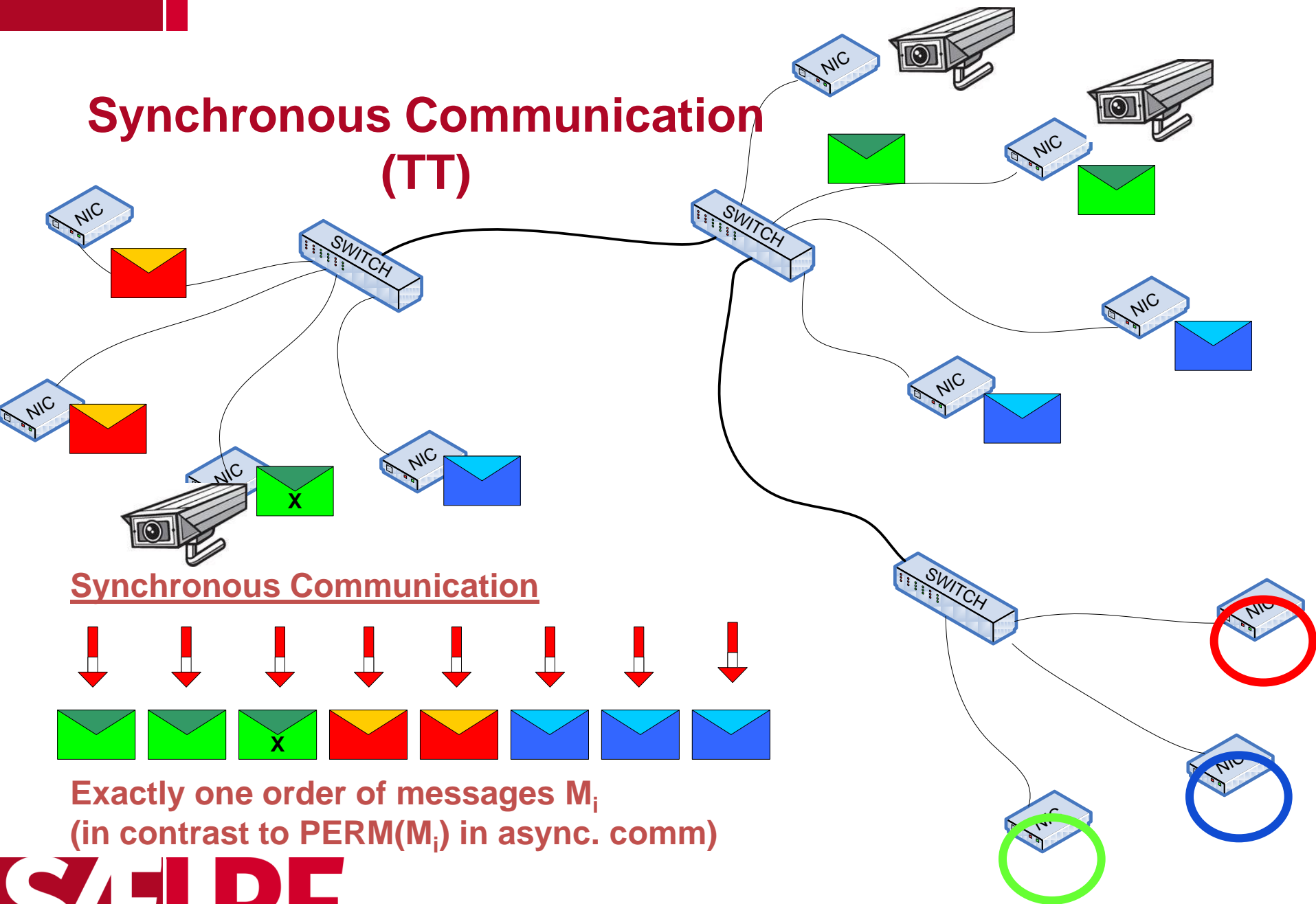
- AVB / ARINC 664
- Audio/video
- Sensor fusion

## Ethernet (IP)

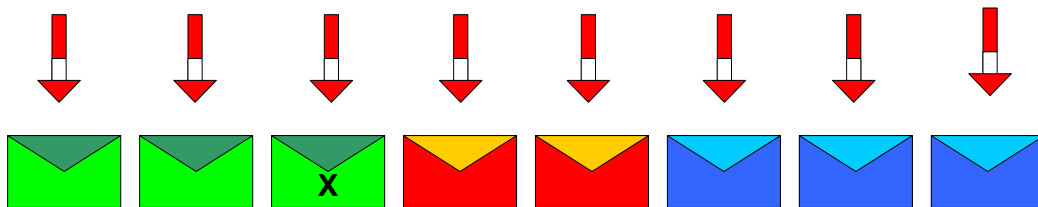
- IEEE 802.3
- compatible with standard traffic



# Synchronous Communication (TT)



## Synchronous Communication



Exactly one order of messages  $M_i$   
(in contrast to  $PERM(M_i)$  in async. comm)

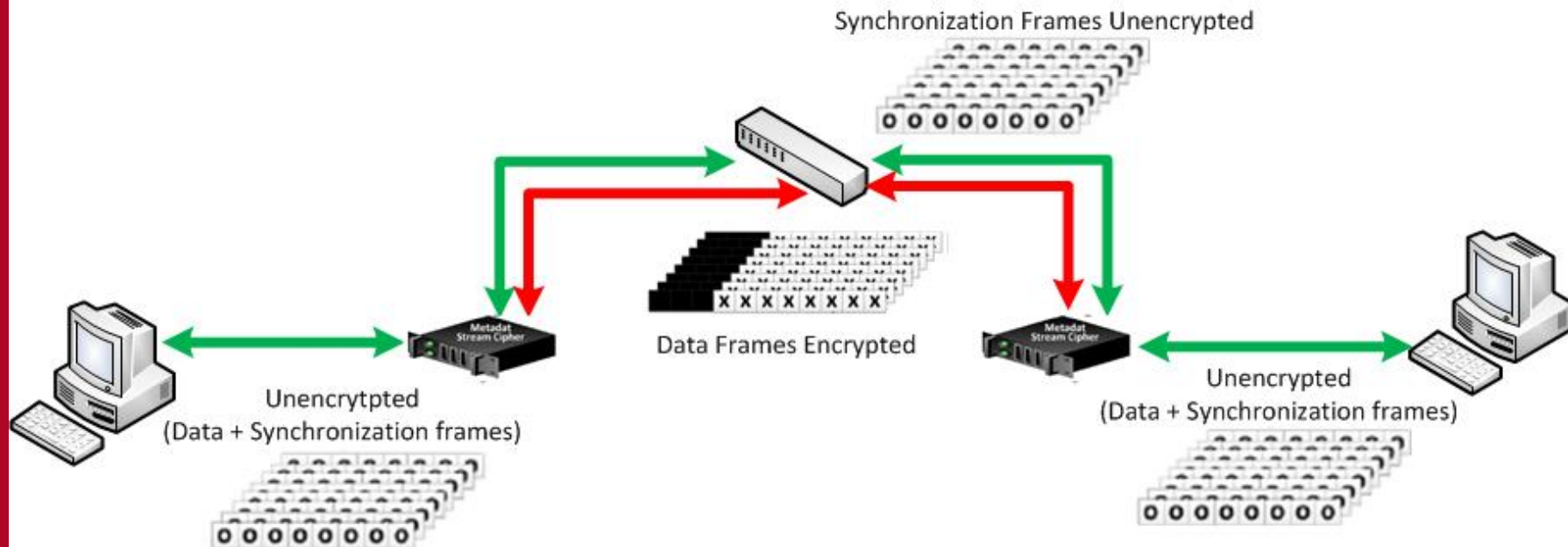


# MAC Level Encryption - Goals

1. Secure end-to-end data flow
2. Maintain determinism, minimize impact on real-time properties
  - minimal latency increase
  - avoid additional jitter
  - Line-speed performance (100Mbps/1Gbps)
3. Metadata Scrambler (MDS) simplifies the design of stream ciphers
  1. Based on XOR-ing of incoming data by pseudorandom values
  2. Vernam Principle with one-time pad (per Ethernet frame)
  3. Use of Dynamic Feedback Shift Registers
  4. Advantage of stream cipher: speed of transformation → algorithms are linear in time and constant in space

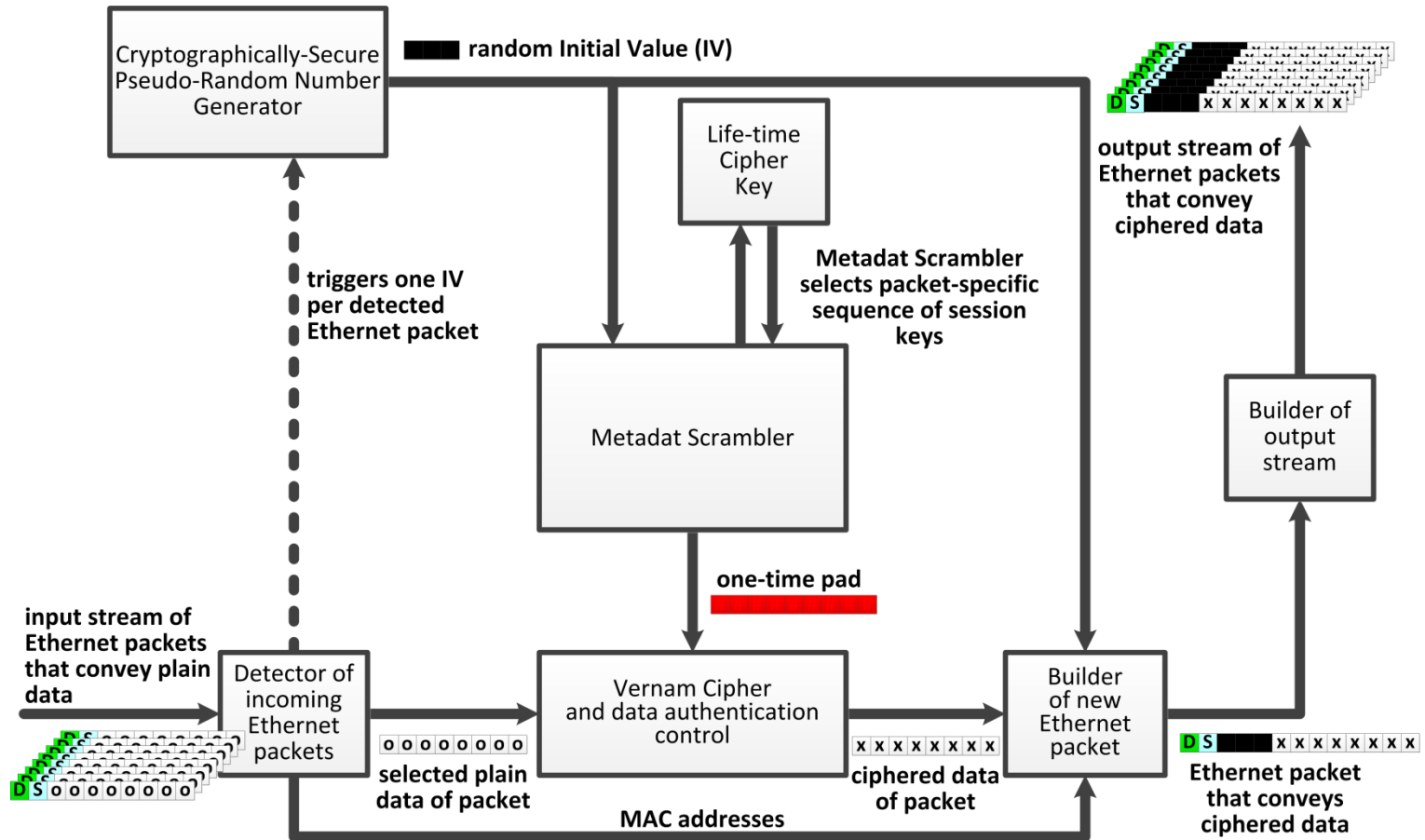
# End-to-end encryption of dataflow

- Secure end-to-end communication: **data stream will be secured.**
- Requires implementation at each hop (cost), latency cost at each hop
- Completely transparent to network nodes

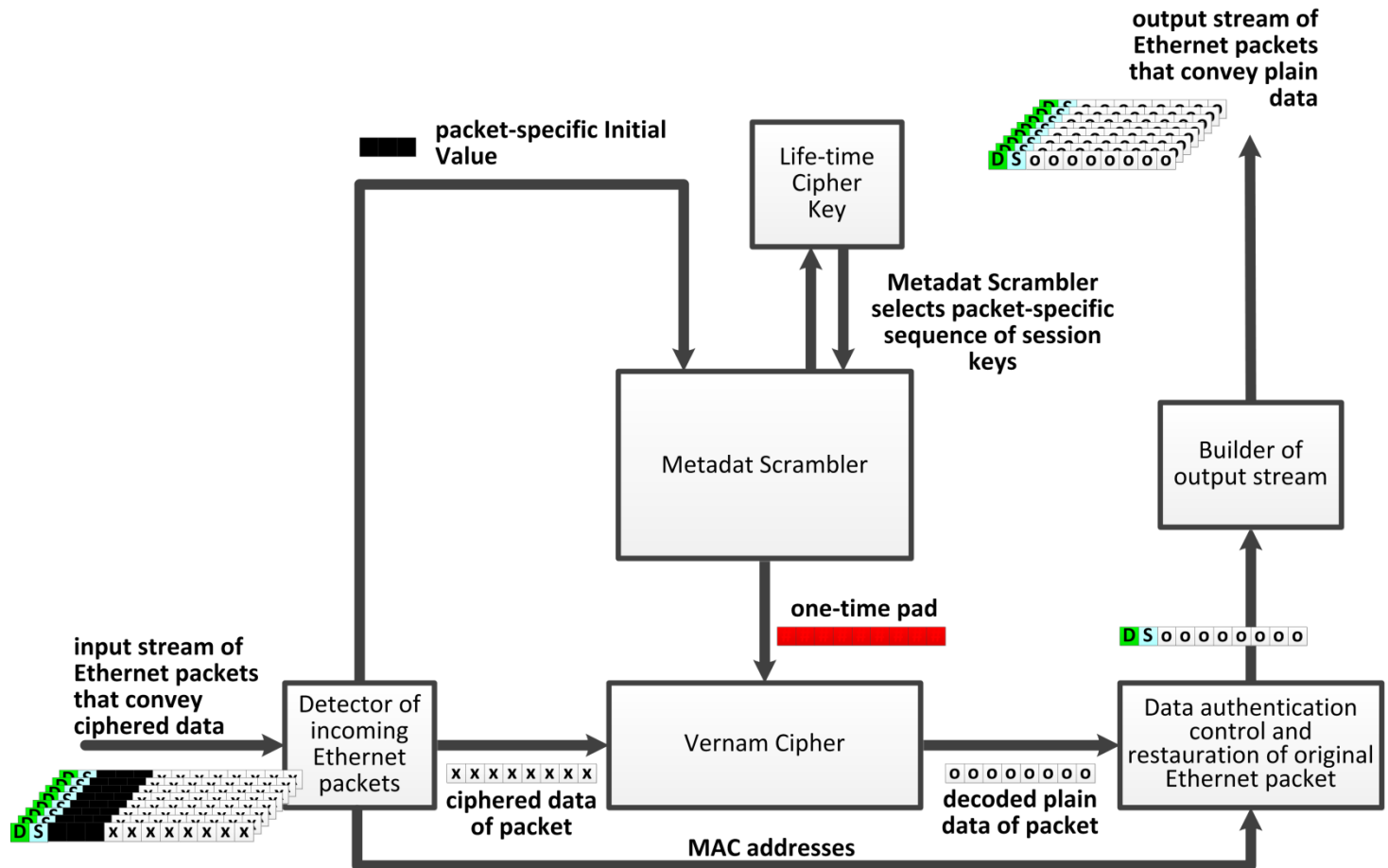




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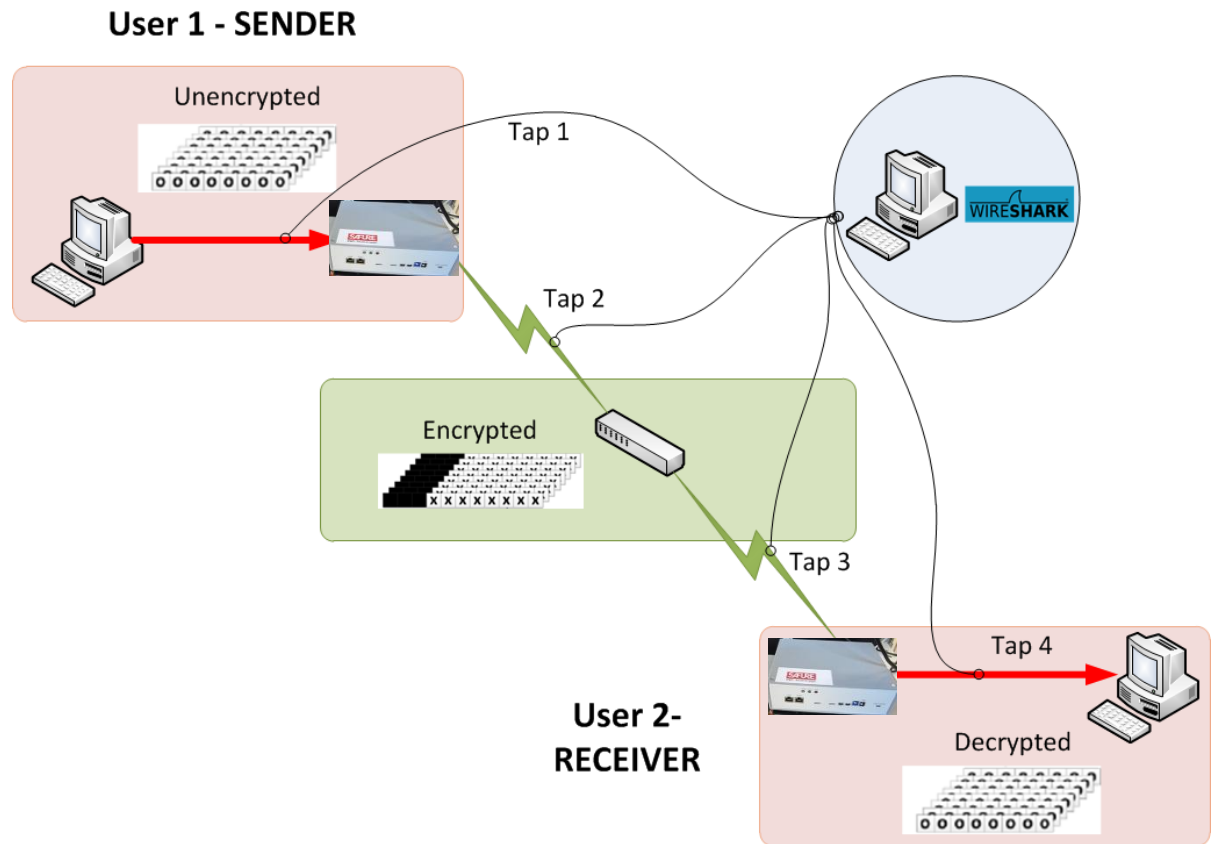


# Decryption process @receiver



# Performance Evaluation - Setup

- Evaluate latency, jitter, bit rate in various data flows



Switch

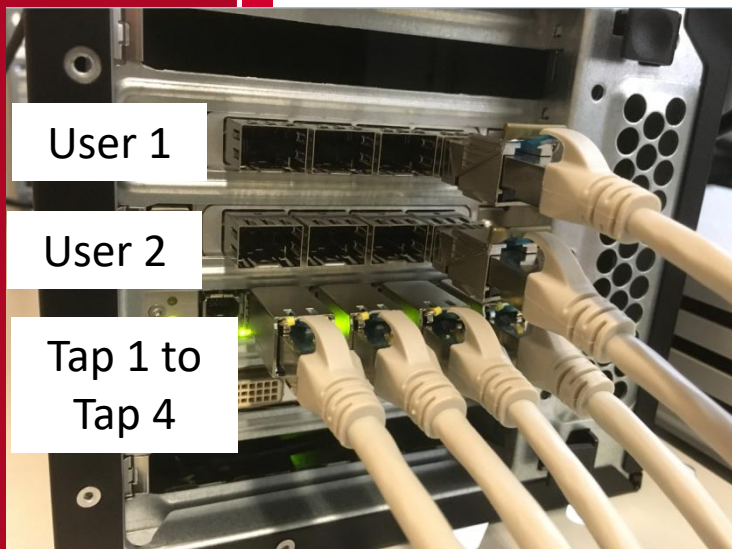
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User 1

User 2

Tap 1 to  
Tap 4



MDSC devices



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# Performance Evaluation

## Setup

- Best effort traffic, 100 Mbps, Frame interval: 10ms

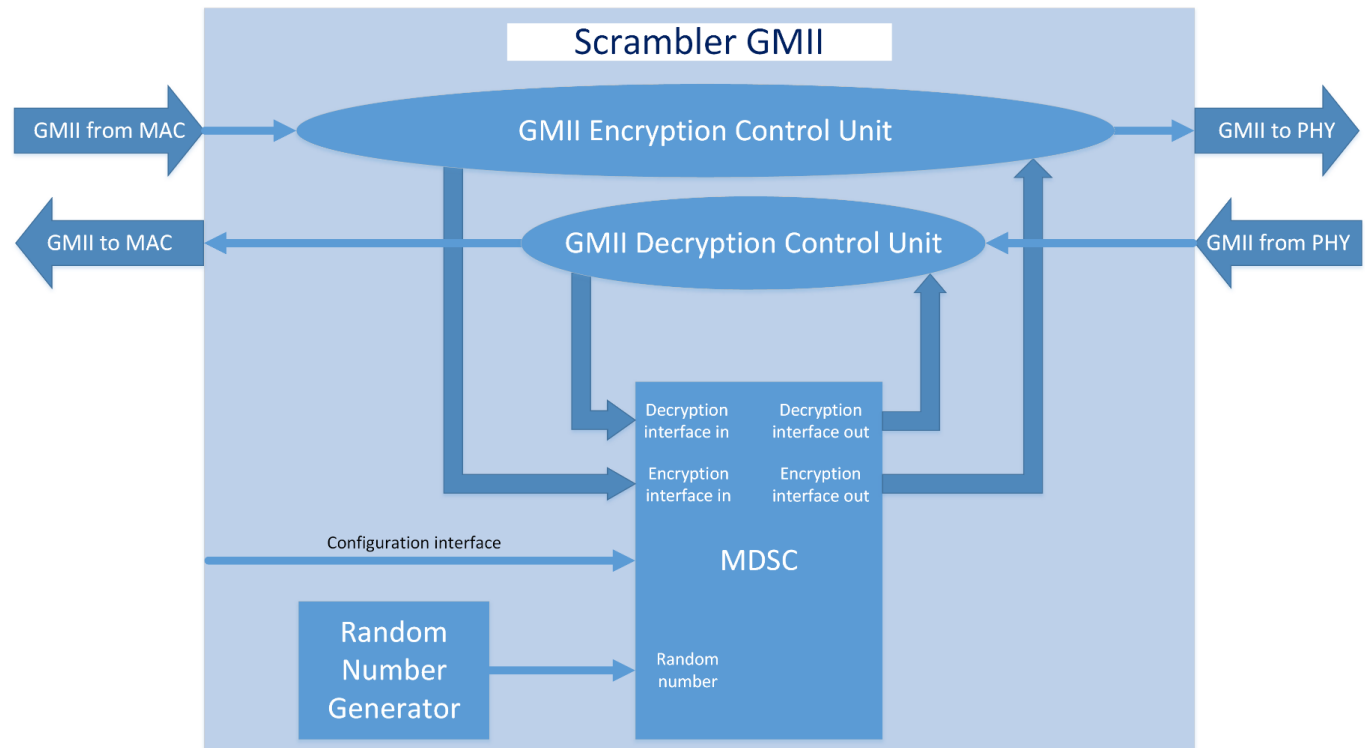
## Results

- Jitter is high for Time Triggered Ethernet
- Caused by Software, Network interface and the Scrambler in external device
- Jitter can be avoided by implementing the scrambler directly in the End Point Card.
- **Porting the FPGA Implementation**
- MDSC Extension for GMII

Process	Frame size [Bytes]	Min latency [ $\mu$ s]	Max Latency [ $\mu$ s]	Avg Latency [ $\mu$ s]	Jitter [ $\mu$ s]
Encryption	64	77	307	176	230
Encryption	1418	224	495	388	271
Decryption	64	72	151	106	79
Decryption	1418	253	488	378	235

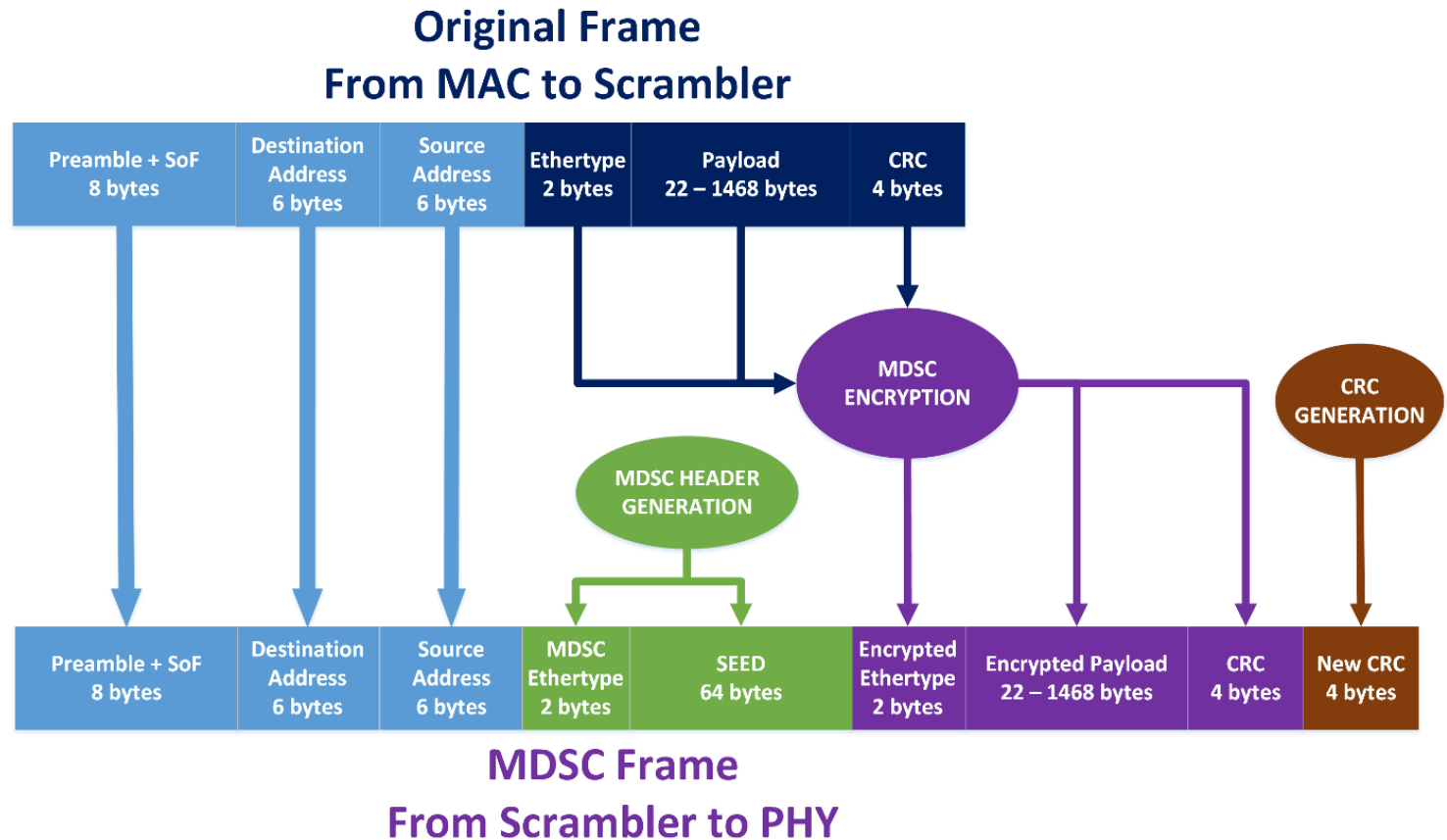
# MDSC Extension for GMII

- GMII – standard 1 Gbit/s interface between MAC and PHY.



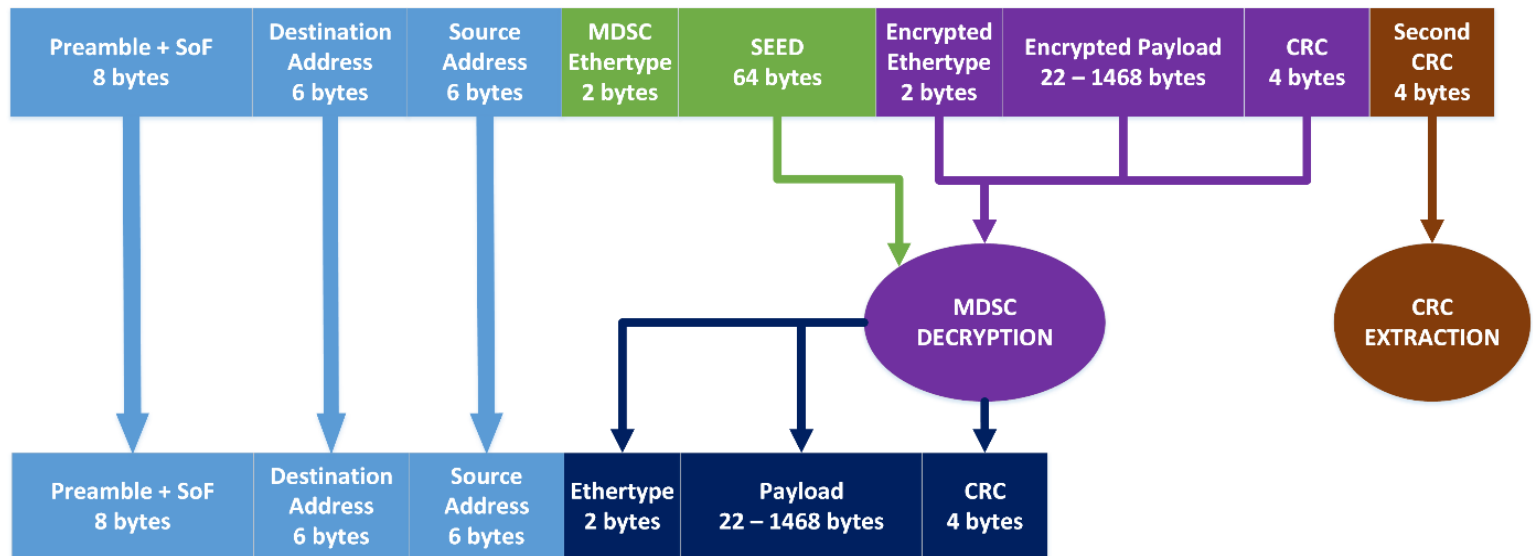


# Frame Encryption (MAC → PHY)



# Frame Decryption (PHY → MAC)

## MDSC Frame From PHY to Scrambler



## Original Frame From Scrambler to MAC

# MDSC Internal Modifications

- Several internal modification was applied to the original MDSC Scrambler:
  - Xilinx models of memories and FIFOs were replaced by register-transfer level (RTL) models → can be used for simulations and other FPGA platforms
  - State machines responsible for encryption/decryption in Scrambler were improved by removing the need of information about the frame length before the encryption/decryption starts → no need to buffer the entire frame to get the frame length (resource cost and latency optimization)
  - The Lookup table used for configuration of linear feedback shift register LFSR were merged → the new Scrambler consumes only 50% of memory resources in comparison to the original version

# Technical Parameters

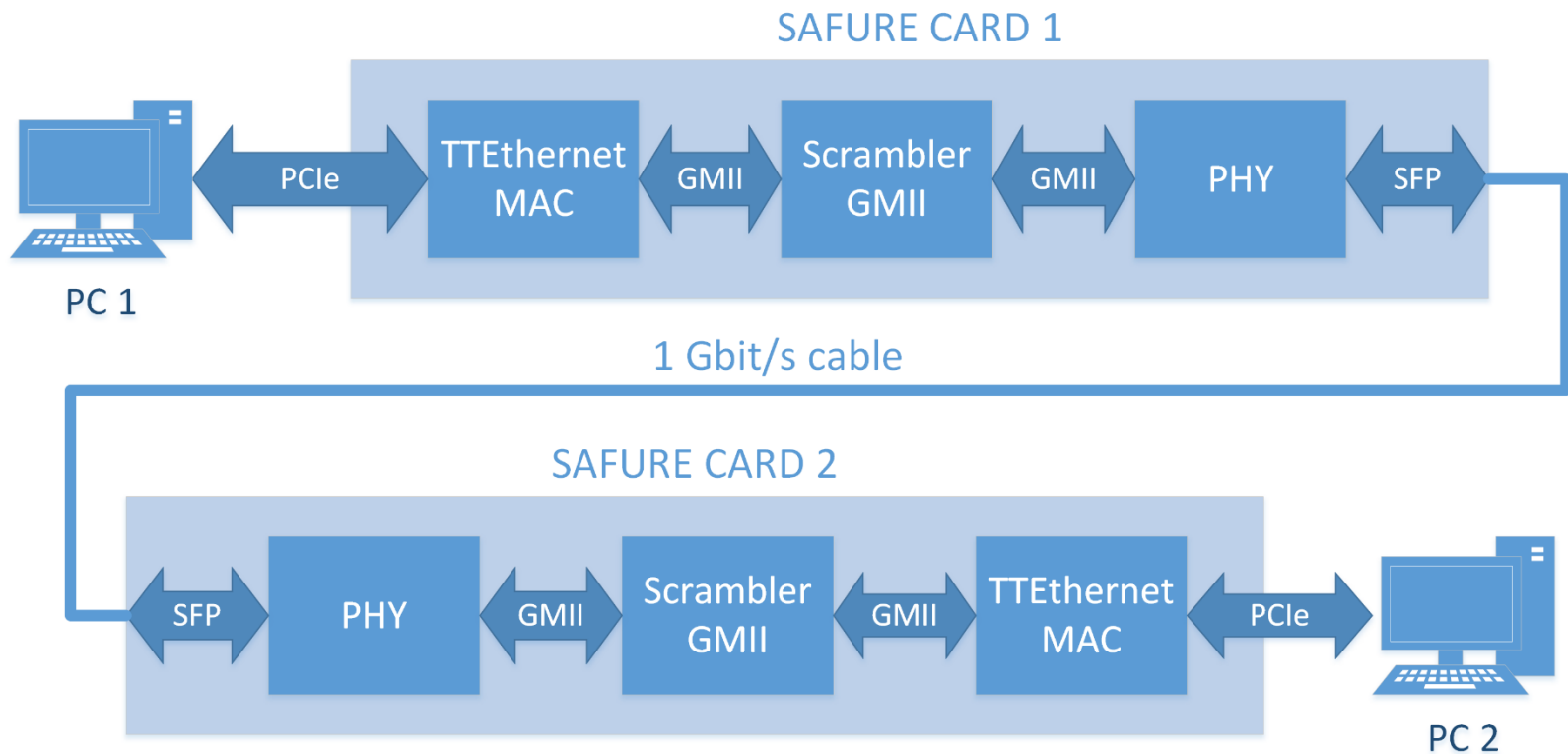
- Scrambler GMII is designed for 1 Gbit/s Ethernet speed.
- Only one clock domain is used, Clock freq.: 125 MHz.
- Period of one clock cycle is 8 ns.
- For 1 Gbit/s Ethernet speed, one byte has to be processed per one clock cycle.
- Original *random number generator* was replaced by an implementation based on Cellular Automata
  - Reason: the original *random number generator* has introduced latency high (non-constant) latency for random number generation
  - The new RNG requires **only one clock** cycle to generate a new random value → encryption/decryption latency is reduced
  - The Cellular Automata consists of 512 cells that generate 512-bit pseudo-random vectors
  - $2^{512}$  possible values in total

# Simulation Results

- **Latency** for frame encryption and decryption remains **constant** regardless of frame size → **jitter is 0**
- **Frame extension** is caused by MDSC Ethertype (2 bytes) and Seed (64 bytes) = 66 bytes total → 66 clock cycles (528 ns)
- **Encryption processing latency:** 12 clock cycles (96 ns)
- **Encryption total latency:** processing + frame extension = 78 clock cycles (624 ns)
- **Decryption processing latency:** 41 clock cycles (328 ns)
- **Decryption total latency:** processing + frame extension = 107 clock cycles (856 ns)

# Test Scenario

- Two PCIe cards containing Scrambler GMII between MAC and PHY
- End systems connected directly with 1 Gbit/s cable
- **Performance evaluation and comparison to MACSec ongoing**





# Common Criteria for Automotive Ethernet

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# Unified Approach to Automotive Security

*Do we as an industry want to establish common best-practices in automotive security design?*

- There is a broad agreement that, indeed, we do.  
How can we do that?
- We need a common language.
- The common criteria is a candidate solution.

# Some Abbreviations

- CC: Common Criteria
- TOE: Target of Evaluation
- TSF: TOE Security Functionality
- PP: Protection Profile
- ST: Security Target
- SFR: Security Functional Requirements
- SAR: Security Assurance Requirements
- EAL: Evaluation Assurance Level

# Draft Protection Profile for Automotive Ethernet

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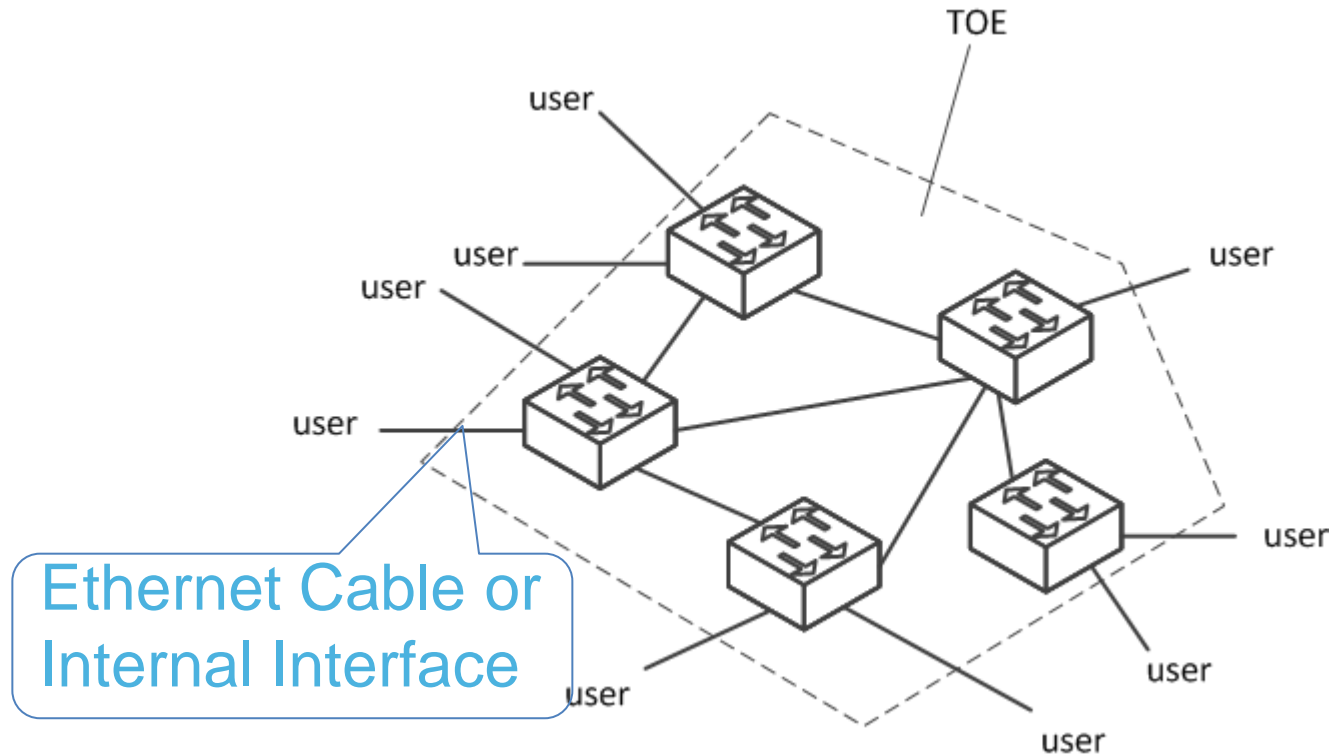


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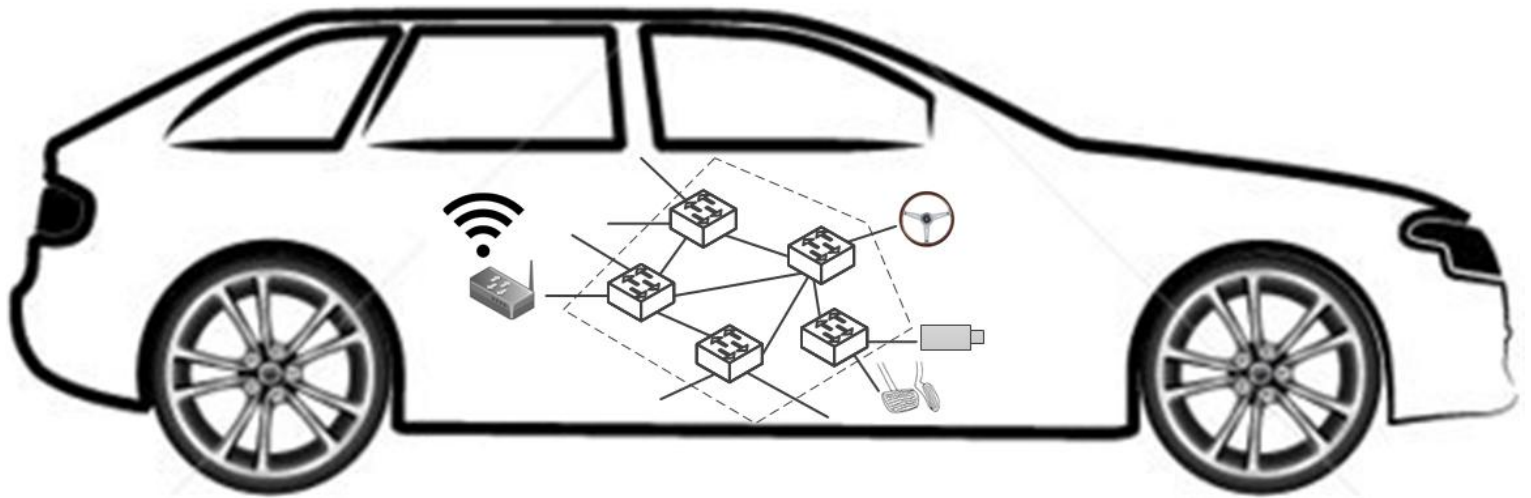
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# Target Of Evaluation (TOE)



# TOE Operational Environment

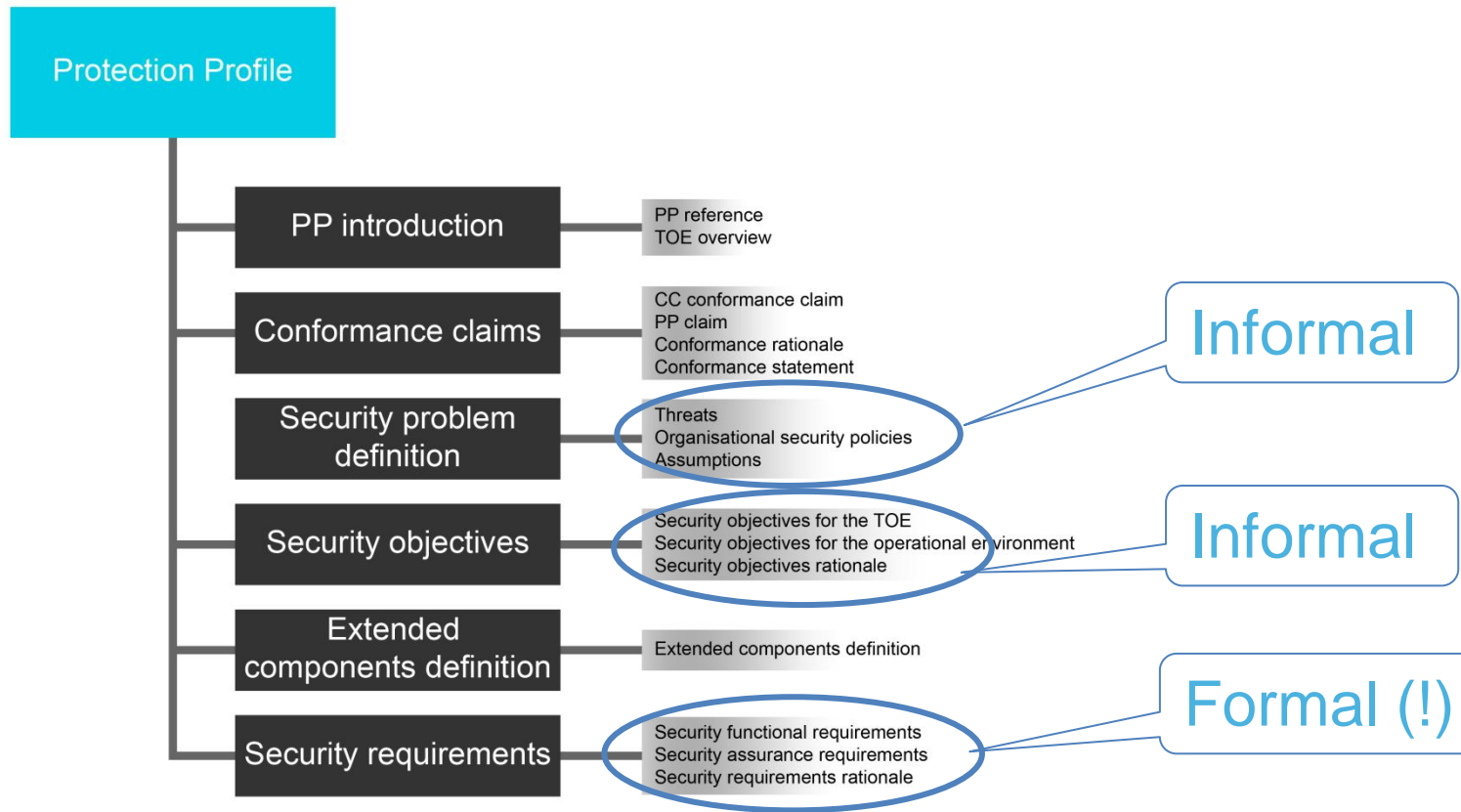




# CC Workflow

- CC General Workflow:
  - An organization seeking to acquire a particular type of IT security product develops their security needs into a PP (protection profile), then has this evaluated and publishes it.
  - A developer takes this PP, writes an ST (security target), that claims conformance to the PP and has this ST evaluated.
  - The developer then builds a TOE (target of evaluation) (or uses an existing one) and has this evaluated against the ST.
- Suggested Automotive Workflow
  - A group of automotive OEMs seeking to acquire a particular type of E/E security product develops their security needs into a PP (protection profile), then has this evaluated and publishes it.
  - A specific OEM or Tier takes this PP, writes an ST (security target), that claims conformance to the PP and has this ST evaluated.
  - The Tier then builds a TOE (target of evaluation) (or uses an existing one) and has this evaluated against the ST.

# Protection Profile Structure



# Examples – Threats

- From the CC:
  - a worm seriously degrading the performance of a wide-area network;
- Automotive Ethernet Specific:
  - T\_INSERT\_DELAY: The threat agent sources messages into the Ethernet network thereby delaying real-time messages for more than the length of one maximum sized Ethernet frame.

# Examples – Security Objectives

- From the CC:
  - The TOE shall keep confidential the content of all files transmitted between it and a Server;
- Automotive Ethernet Specific:
  - O\_MSG\_WHITELISTING: The TOE shall ensure that only whitelisted real-time messages are communicated in the Ethernet network.

# Example – Security Funct. Requ.

- **FRU\_RSA.1.1** The TSF shall enforce maximum quotas of the following resources:
  - *the TOE switch memory*
  - *the communication bandwidth between any two switches in the TOE and between switches and users in the TOE*
  - *time slots in time-triggered communication*
  - **that individual user can use** over a specified period of time.

# Conclusion – Common Criteria for Automotive Security

- Industry-wide agreement on E/E security best-practice optimally reduces risk at and is cost-efficient.
- There is a need for a common language for these best-practices.
- The common criteria can be such a language.
- The CC have a track record in critical IT products.
- Application of the common criteria to Automotive Ethernet.



# Summary

- Security for (Automotive) Deterministic Ethernet is critical
- Address it on technological and process level
  - MAC level encryption for secure end-to-end data flow
  - Common Criteria and Protection Profile

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