



MIFARE Plus

Technical details

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Features and Functionality

▶ MIFARE Plus

- is a new main stream smart card IC of the MIFARE product family,
- has been designed for use in public transport and access management,
- uniquely features outstanding AES based security enhancements,
- protects investments with existing MIFARE infrastructure,
- is available via NXP's worldwide partner network.

▶ Further information can be found here:

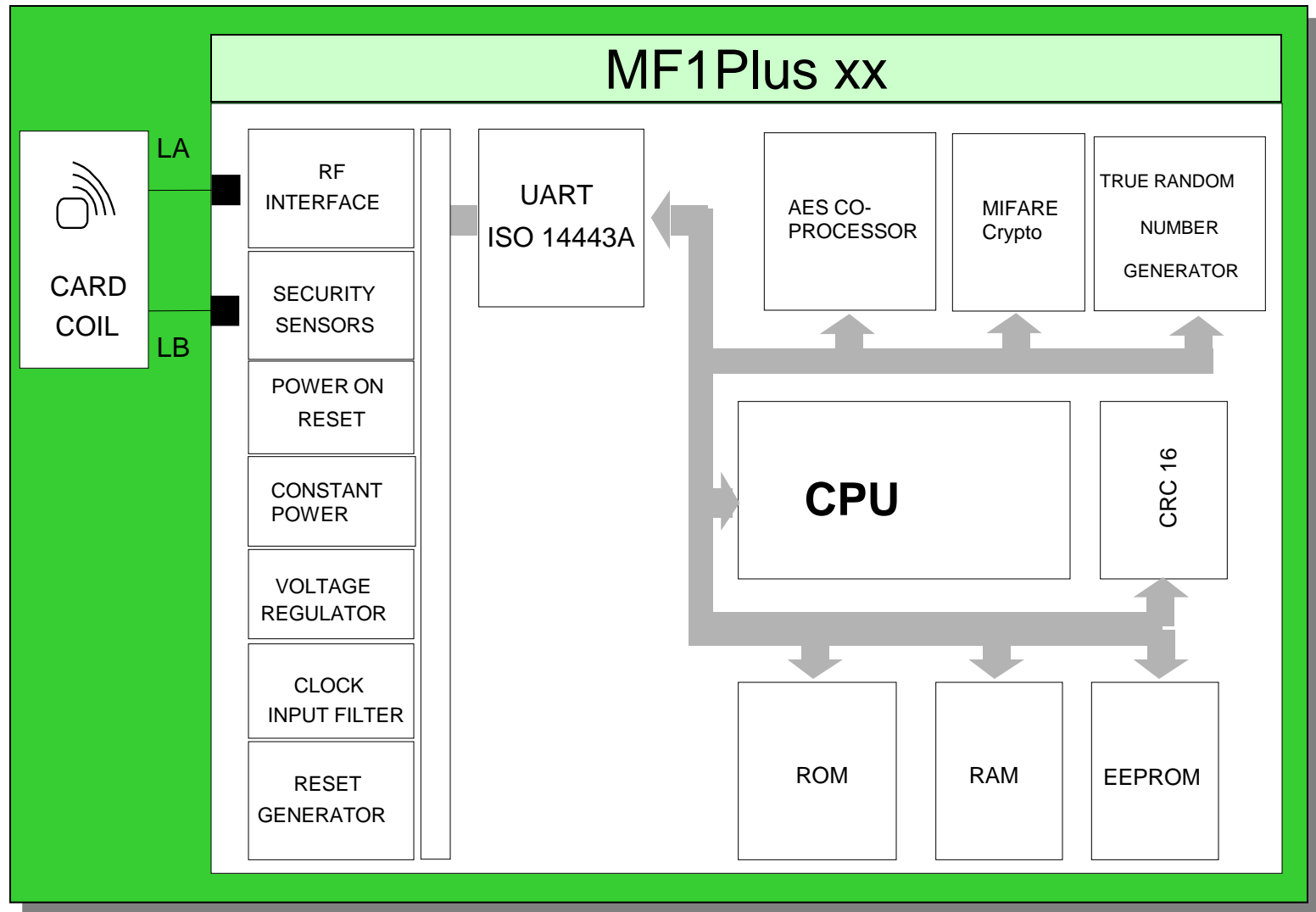
http://www.mifare.net/products/mifare_plus.asp

Features and Functionality

- ▶ MIFARE Classic compatible
 - Security Level concept allows easy system upgrade
- ▶ 4 Byte ONUID or 7 Byte UID (double size UID acc. to ISO/IEC 14443)
 - Optional Random ID
 - UID always available e.g. to use key diversification
- ▶ 2K / 4K Byte EEPROM
 - Same memory structure as MIFARE Classic
 - No need to change the card data layout in the system
- ▶ AES Authentication/Encryption/MAC
 - Different levels of MAC and encryption
 - Configurable acc. to system requirements
- ▶ Anti-tearing for AES Keys (SL2 & SL3) and Sector Trailers (SL3)
- ▶ Originality Function
 - Guarantees correct NXP card IC
- ▶ Proximity Check
 - Offers option to prevent relay attacks
- ▶ Data rates up to 848 kbit/s
 - According to ISO/IEC 14443
- ▶ Common Criteria evaluation and certification level 4+ (HW & SW)
- ▶ Supports system migration from MIFARE Classic



MIFARE Plus Block diagram



Abbreviations & Terms

- ▶ Auth = Authentication (i.e. 3-pass mutual authentication)
- ▶ SLx = one of the 4 Security Levels of MIFARE Plus
- ▶ MAC = Message Authentication Code
- ▶ POR = Power on Reset
- ▶ VC = Virtual Card
- ▶ LSB = Least Significant Byte
- ▶ MSB = Most Significant Byte

Be aware that the training slides do not replace any of the official documents.

MIFARE Plus derivatives

- ▶ MIFARE Plus S (2 KByte)
 - 4 Byte ONUID
 - 7 Byte UID
- ▶ MIFARE Plus S (4 KByte)
 - 4 Byte ONUID
 - 7 Byte UID
- ▶ MIFARE Plus X (2 KByte)
 - 4 Byte ONUID
 - 7 Byte UID
- ▶ MIFARE Plus X (4 KByte)
 - 4 Byte ONUID
 - 7 Byte UID



MIFARE Plus Type Identification

MIFARE Plus ATS Coding

'0C'	'75'	'77'	'80'	'02'	'C1'	'05'	'2F'	'2F'	'01'	'BC'	'D6'	C0	C1
TL	T0	TA(1)	TB(1)	TC(1)	T1 „Historical Characters“						CRC		

T1: 'Historical characters': see next slide

'Interface byte TC(1)': CID supported, NAD not supported

'Interface byte TB(1)':

High Nibble: Frame Waiting Time (FWT) (77.33 ms)

Low Nibble: Start-up frame guard time (SFGT) (302 µs)

'Interface byte TA(1)': possible data rates supported by the PICC.
(The *MIFARE Plus* supports up to 848 kbaud in both directions.)

T0: 'Format Byte'

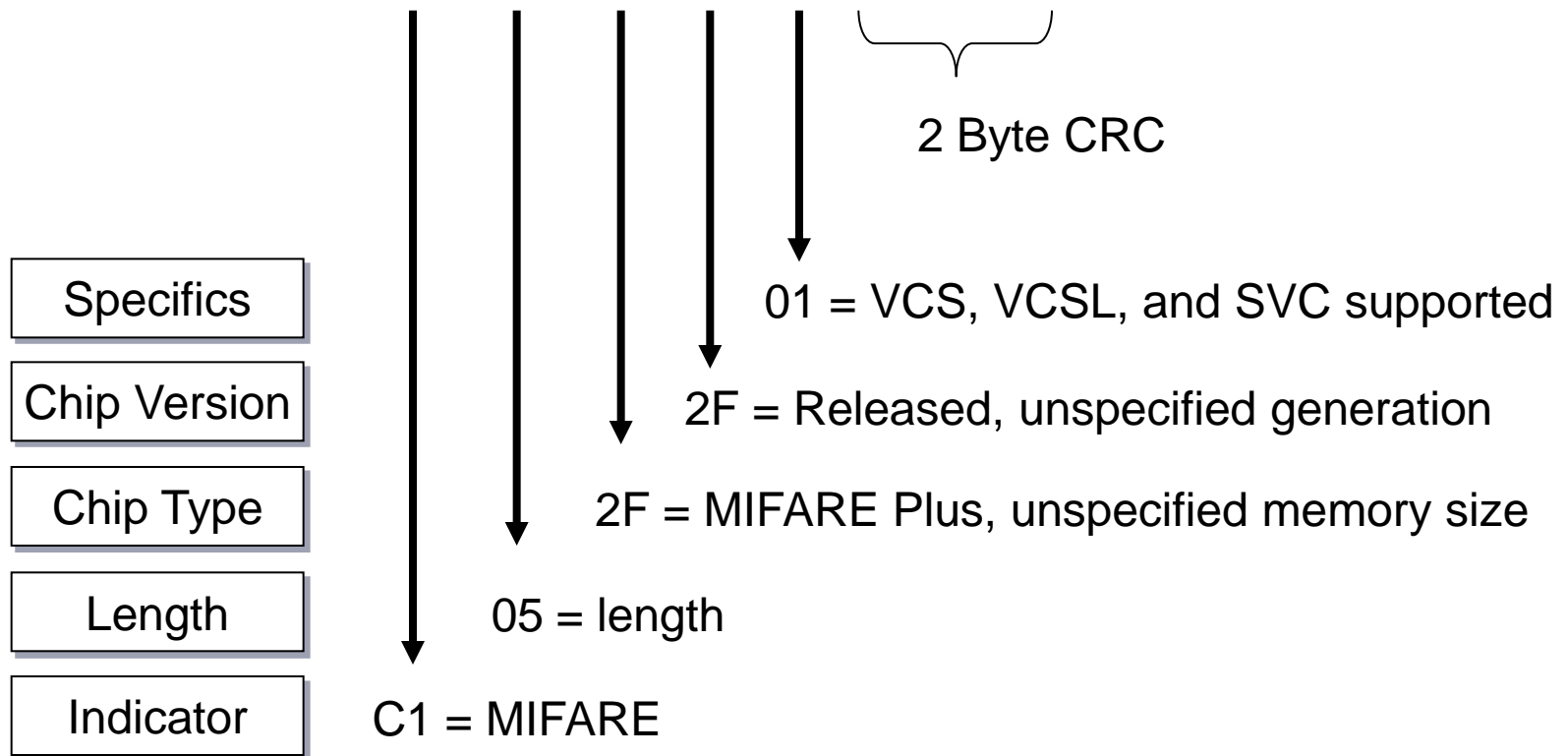
High Nibble: presence of TA(1), TB(1) and TC(1)

Low Nibble: 'FSCI' (maximum accepted size of a frame)

TL: 'Length Byte' of the transmitted ATS
(including itself, but excluding the two CRC bytes)

MIFARE Plus X ATS Coding of Historical Characters

'0C'	'75'	'77'	'80'	'02'	'C1'	'05'	'2F'	'2F'	'01'	'BC'	'D6'	C0	C1
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MIFARE Plus S ATS Coding of Historical Characters

'0C'	'75'	'77'	'80'	'02'	'C1'	'05'	'2F'	'2F'	'00'	'35'	'C7'	C0	C1
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TL

T0

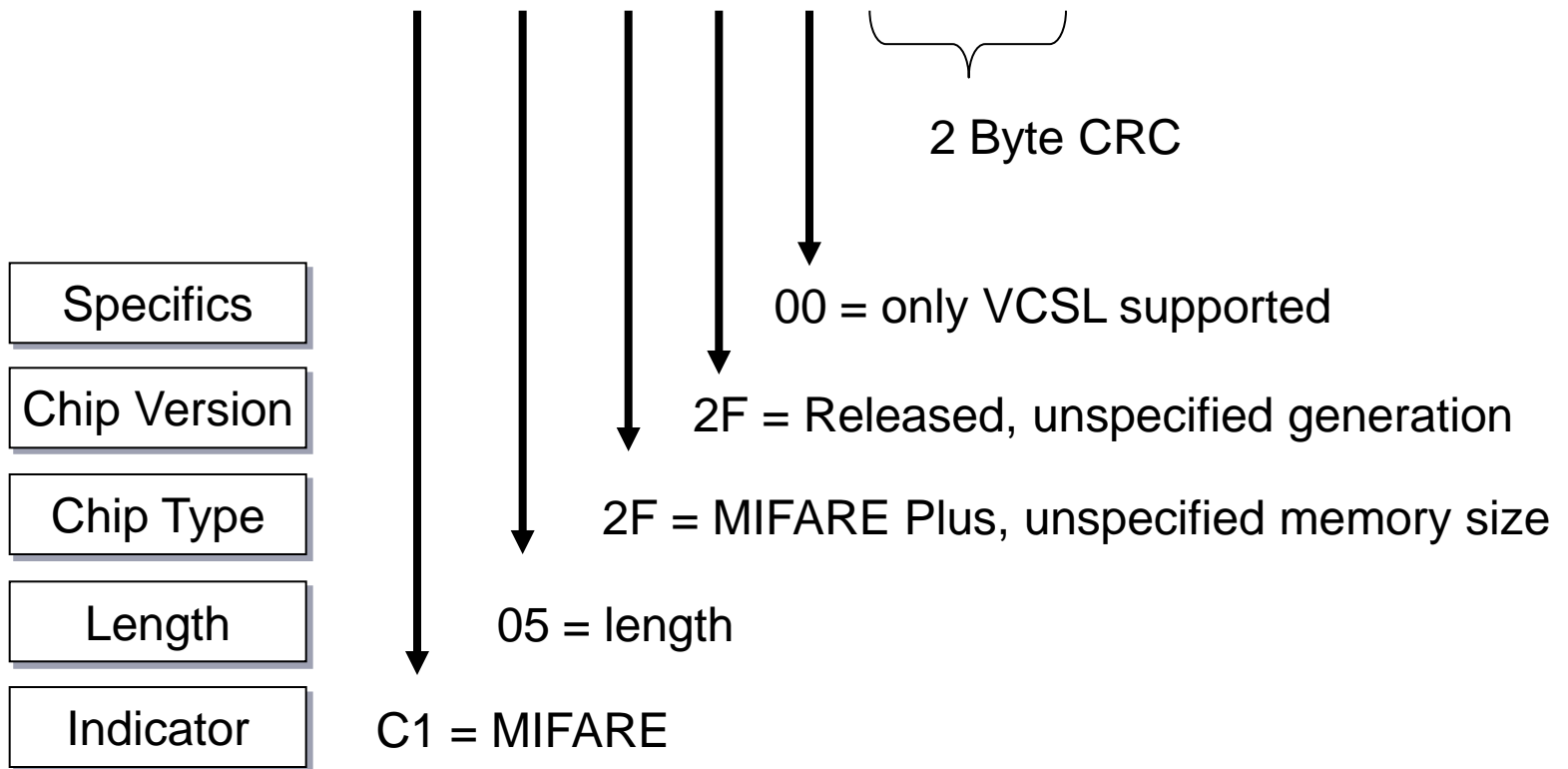
TA(1)

TB(1)

TC(1)

T1 „Historical Characters

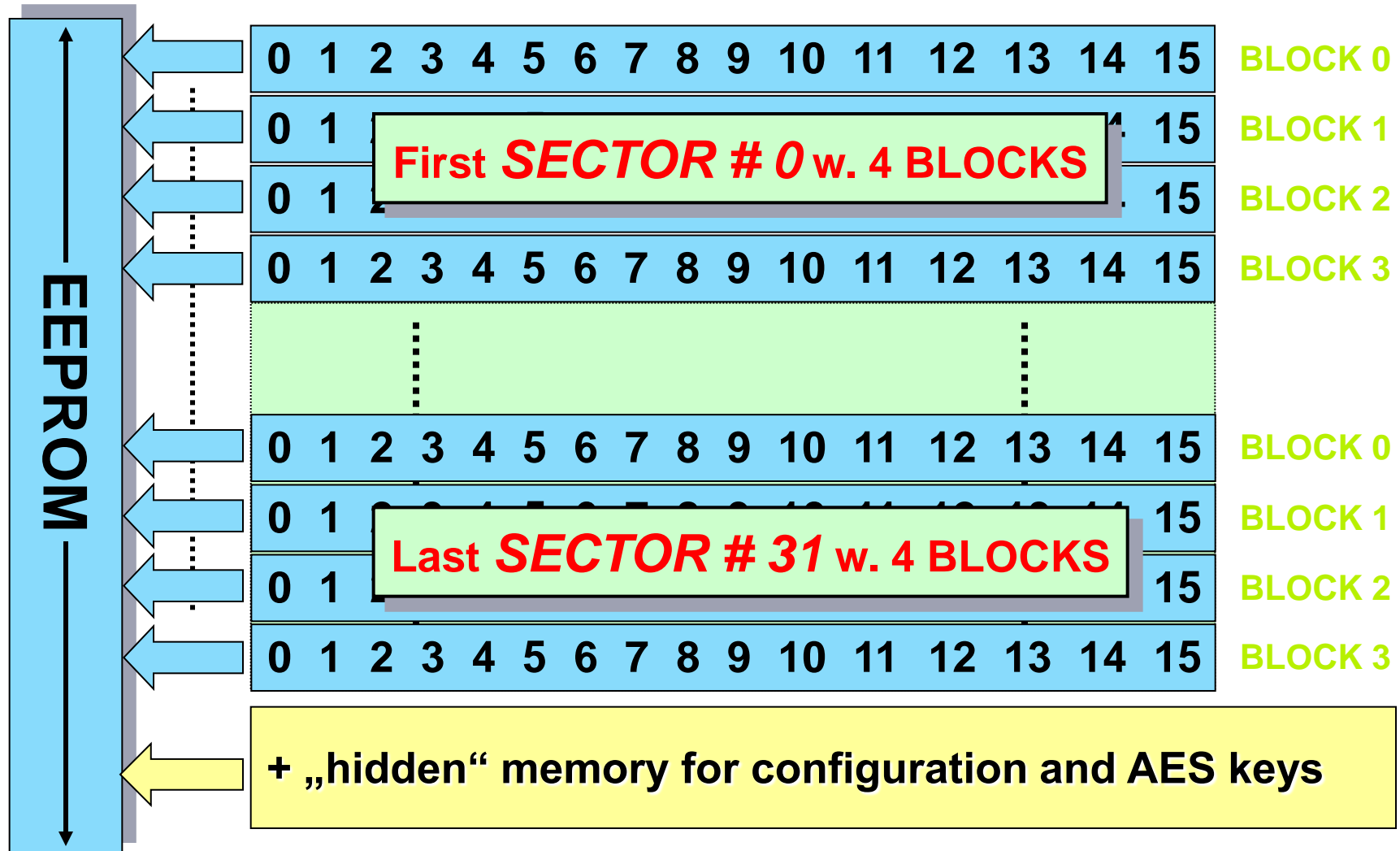
CRC



MIFARE Plus Memory Mapping

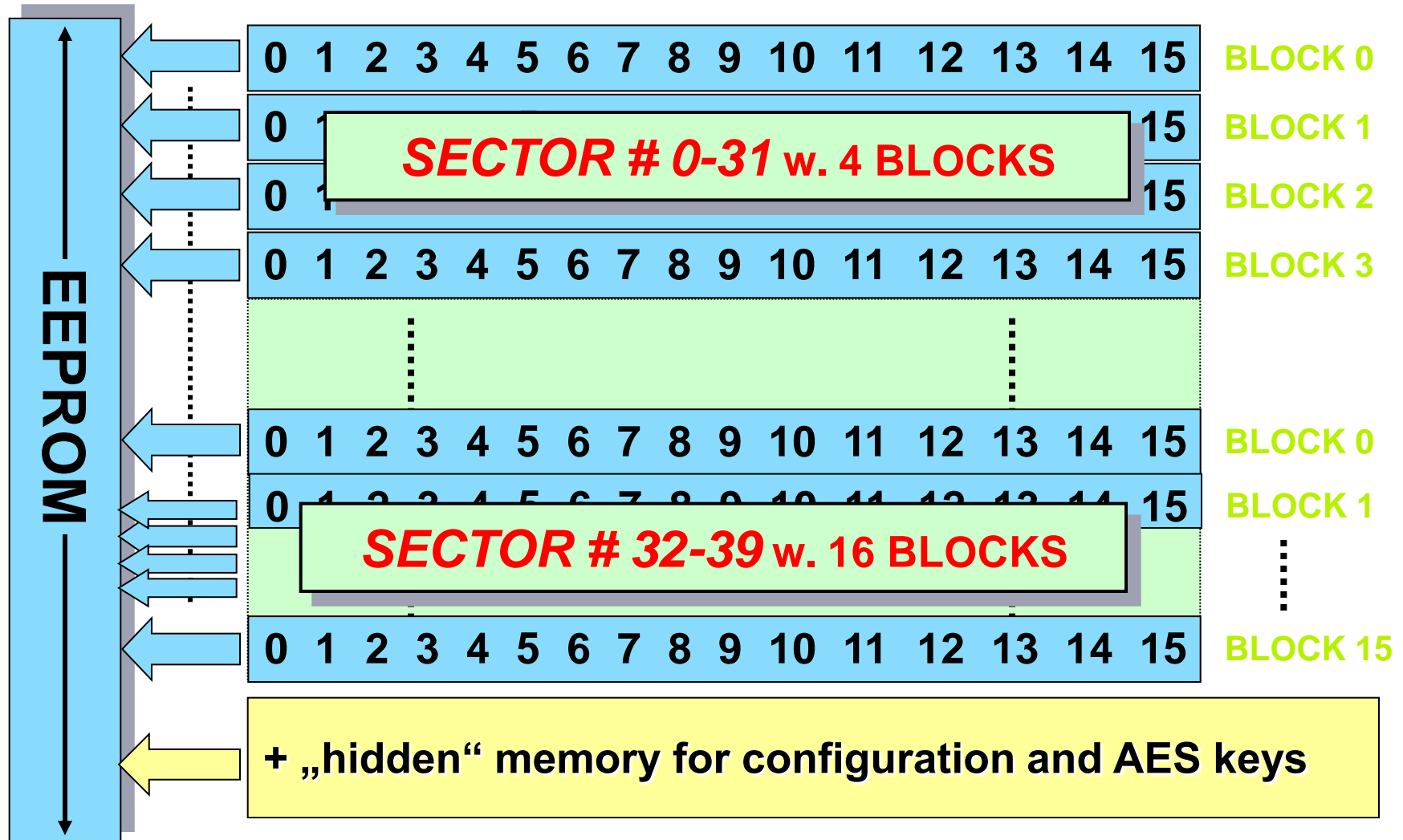
Memory Mapping of MF1 Plus 60 (2 kByte)

2048 Byte in 32 **SECTORS** with 128 addressable **BLOCKS** @ 16 BYTE each



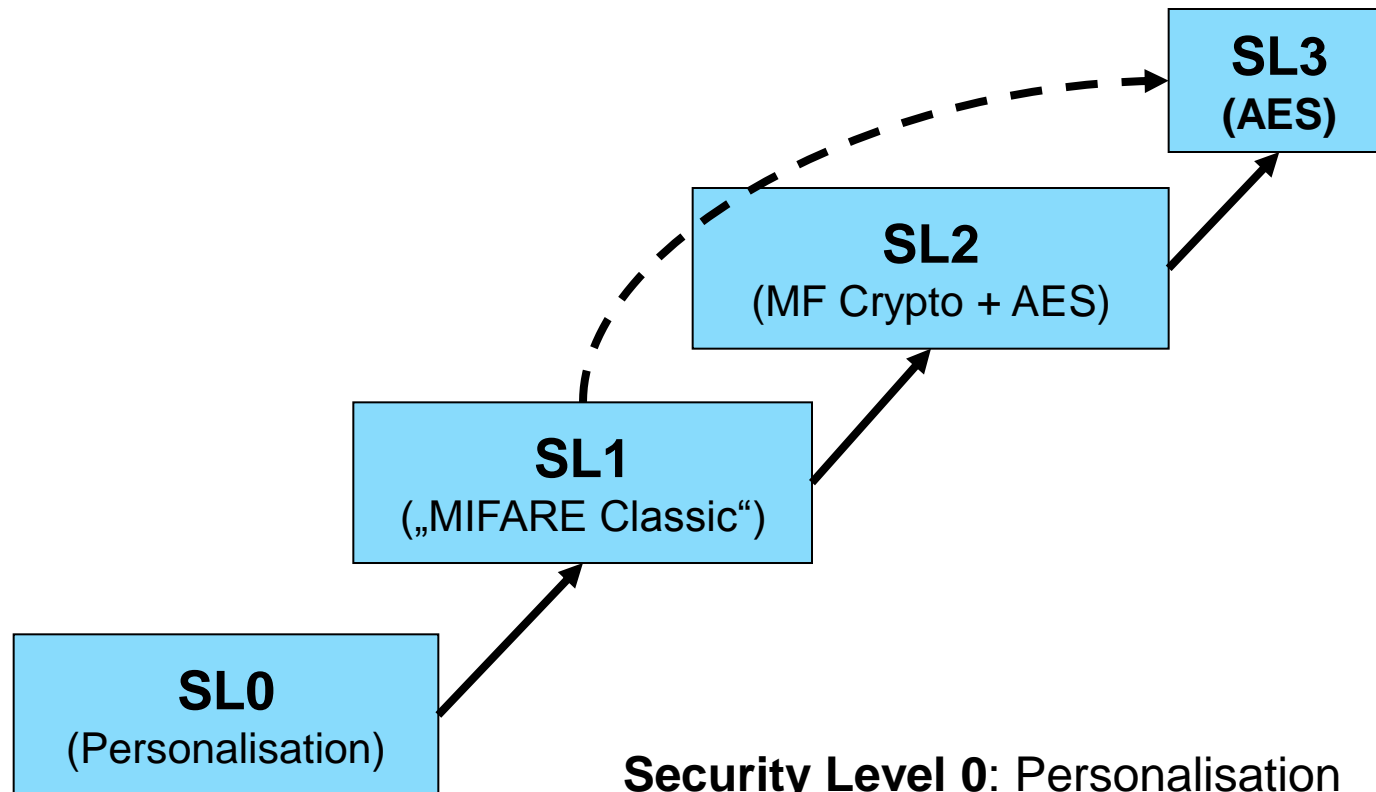
Memory Mapping of MF1 Plus 80 (4 kByte)

4048 Byte in 40 **SECTORS** with 256 addressable **BLOCKS** @ 16 BYTE each



MIFARE Plus Security Levels

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Security Level 0: Personalisation

Security Level 1: MIFARE Classic compatible

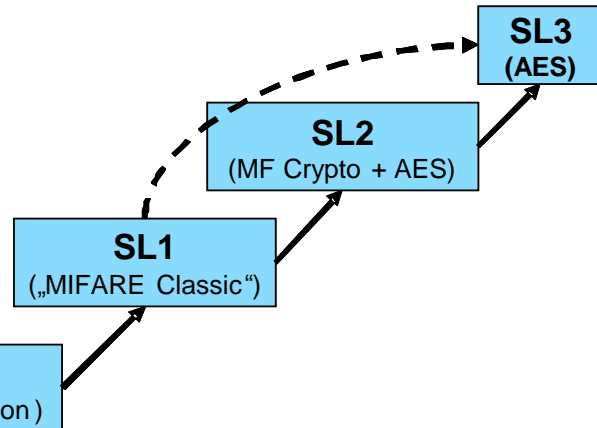
Security Level 2: AES + use of MIFARE Crypto

Security Level 3: Use of AES and T=CL protocol

MIFARE Plus Security Level 0

Personalisation

MIFARE Plus Security Level 0

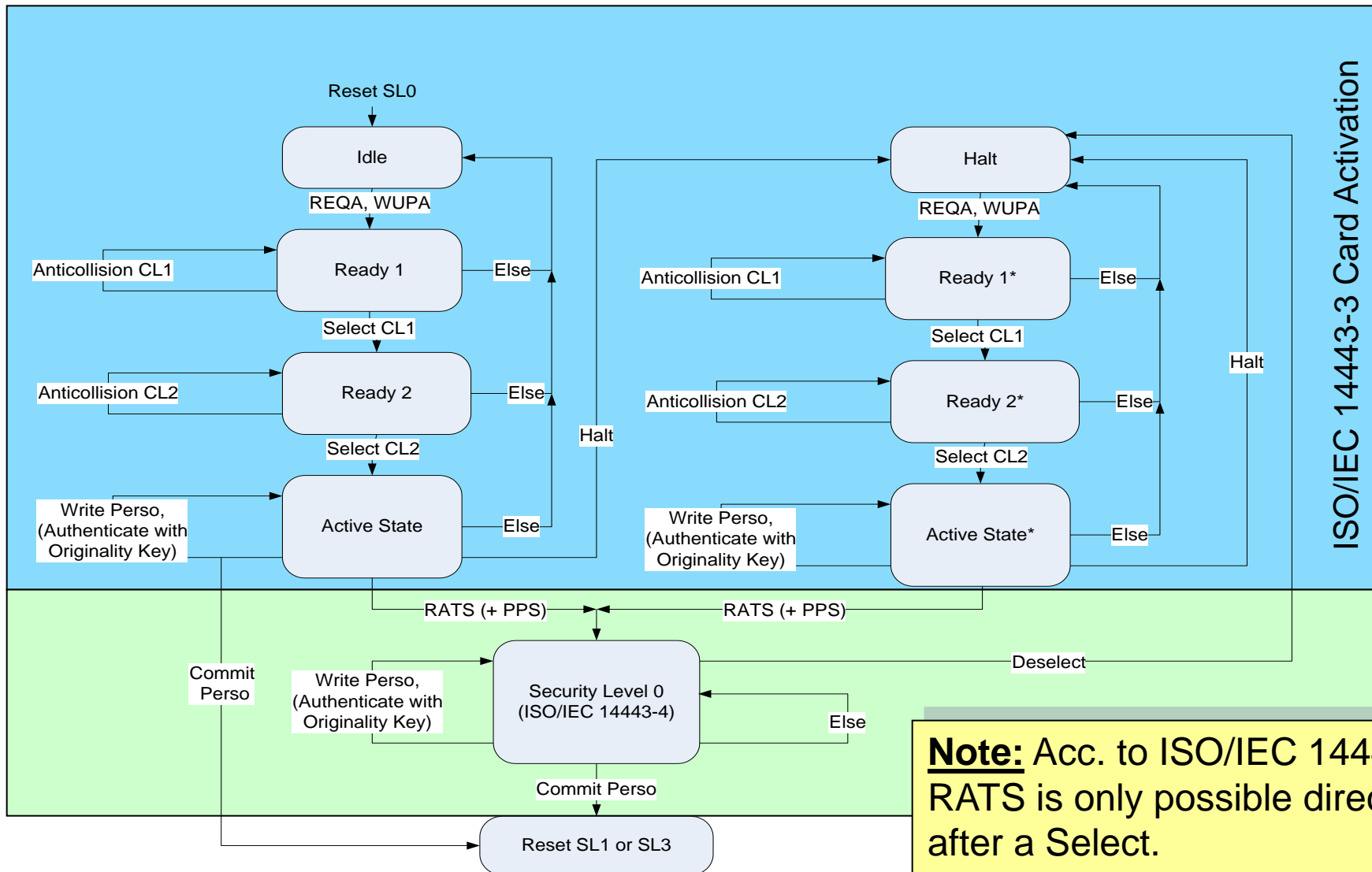


Personalisation

Security Level 0 just allows the personalisation of the MIFARE Plus:

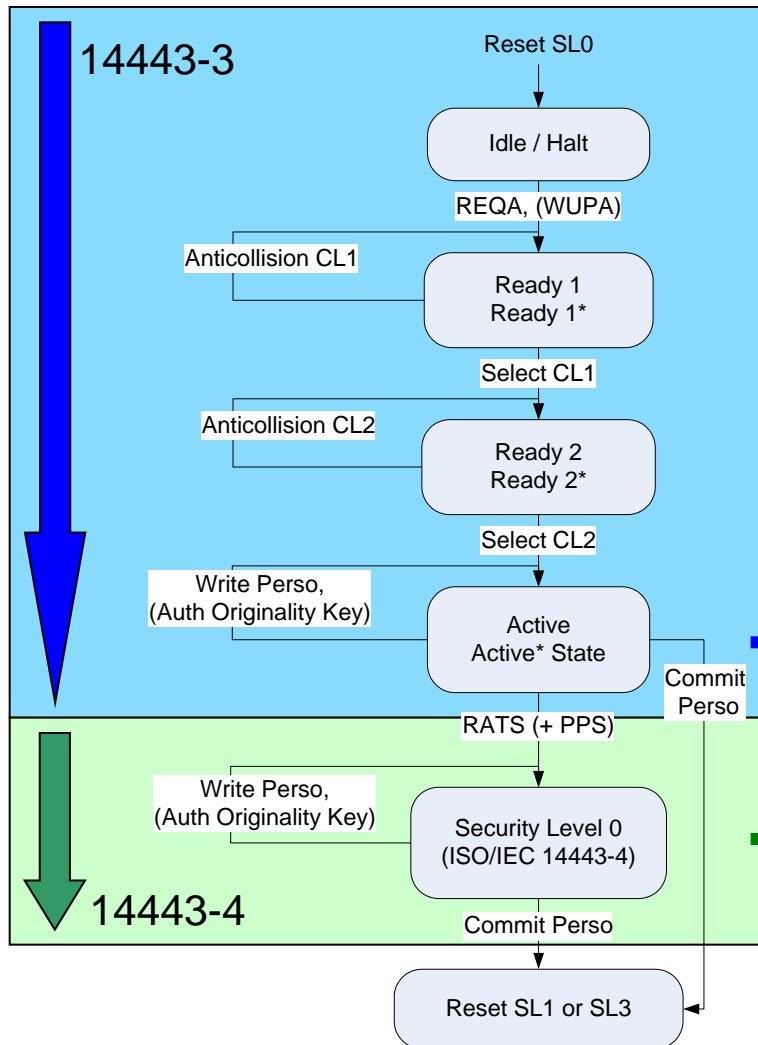
- **Write Perso:**
 - Write Data (optional)
 - Write Configuration (optional)
 - Write Keys (mandatory)
- **Commit Perso:**
 - finalises personalisation
 - switches to SL1

State diagram Security Level 0 (Details)



Note: Acc. to ISO/IEC 14443 RATS is only possible directly after a Select.
Ready 2 is only applicable for 7-byte UID

State diagram Security Level 0 (simplified)



Notes:

- Card Activation acc. to ISO/IEC 14443
- PPS is optional
- Error behaviour as in ISO/IEC 14443

Personalisation (Write Perso + Commit Perso) can be done

Using protocol like MIFARE Classic
or

Using 14443-4 protocol („T=CL“).

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Personalisation of MIFARE Plus

Write Perso

- ▶ Mandatory:

- Write Card Master Key (9000_{hex})
- Write Card Configuration Key (9001_{hex})
- Write Level 2 Switch Key* (9002_{hex})
- Write Level 3 Switch Key (9003_{hex})

MUST!

- ▶ Optional (recommended):

- Write all other Keys
- Write configuration blocks

- ▶ Optional

- Write Initial data

* MIFARE Plus S does not support SL2:
-> no Level 2 Switch Key is required.

Commit Perso

- ▶ Mandatory.

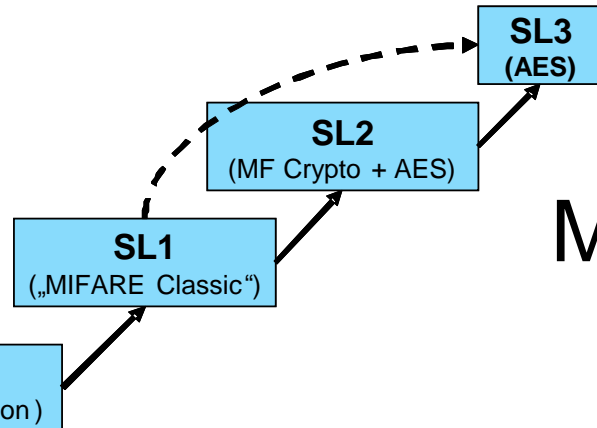
The importance of writing ALL keys at Security Level 0

- ▶ AES keys cannot be written in Security Level 1
- ▶ When switching to Security Level 2 or 3 and the AES keys are not written, sectors will be protected only by
 - **default keys = no protection.**
- ▶ So if AES keys are not written during Security Level 0, the switching to a higher security level cannot take place in the field:
 - Cards need to be taken from the user to a secure environment
 - Switch must be made to the higher security level
 - Keys must be replaced
 - Card can be handed back to the user

MIFARE Plus Security Level 1

MIFARE Classic compatible

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MIFARE Classic compatible

Security Level 1 offers the features of the well known MIFARE Classic:

- **MIFARE Authentication / Encryption**

- Same as MF1 ICS 50 or MF 1ICS70
- **Consider security risks!**

- **MIFARE Read / Write**

- Same as MF1 ICS 50 or MF 1ICS70

- **MIFARE Value operations**

- Increment / Decrement / Restore + Transfer
- Same as MF1 ICS 50 or MF 1ICS70

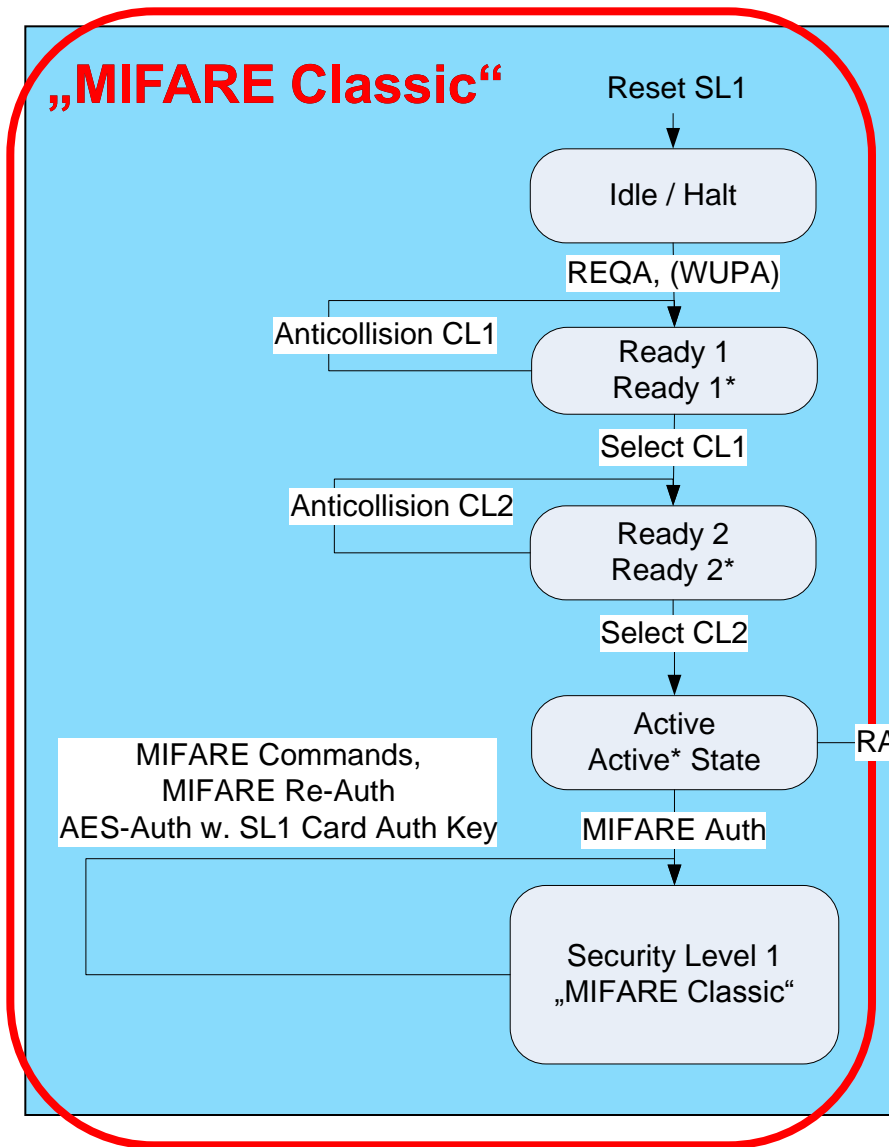
Be aware of the
UID length!

Vulnerability: Differences between IC types

	Vulnerability	MIFARE Classic Card	MIFARE Classic Emulation on ProX or SmartMX	MIFARE Classic Emulation on MIFARE Plus Security Level 1		Non-NXP MIFARE Classic implem.
				No AES card auth.	With AES card auth. (note 1)	
1	Eavesdropping Tx + Rx data during one valid transaction	Yes	Yes	Yes	Depends	Yes
2	Eavesdropping Tx data during two valid transactions	Yes	Yes	Yes	Depends	Yes
3	Eavesdropping the result of two failed authentications	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
4	Attack without a legitimate transaction	Yes	Yes	No	No	Depends
5	With one key all other keys of the card can be retrieved	Yes	No	No	No	Depends

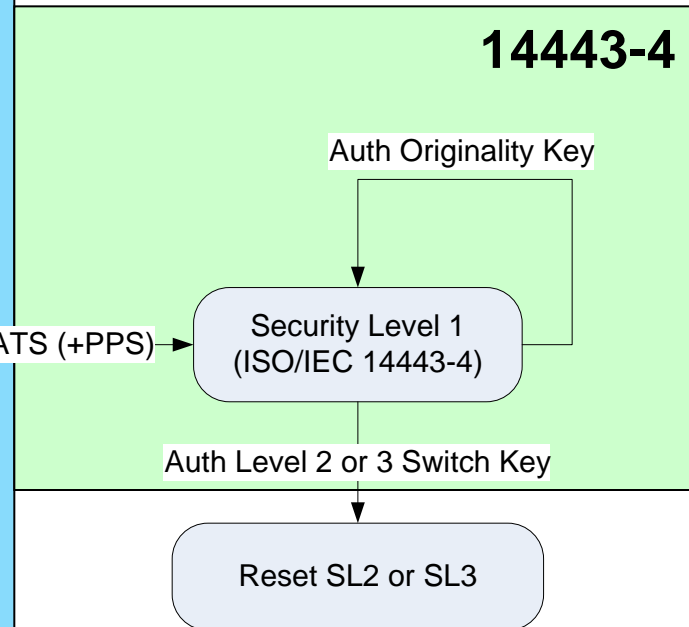
Note 1: Other attacks (not described here) will remain possible (with other/ less impact)

State diagram Security Level 1 (simplified)

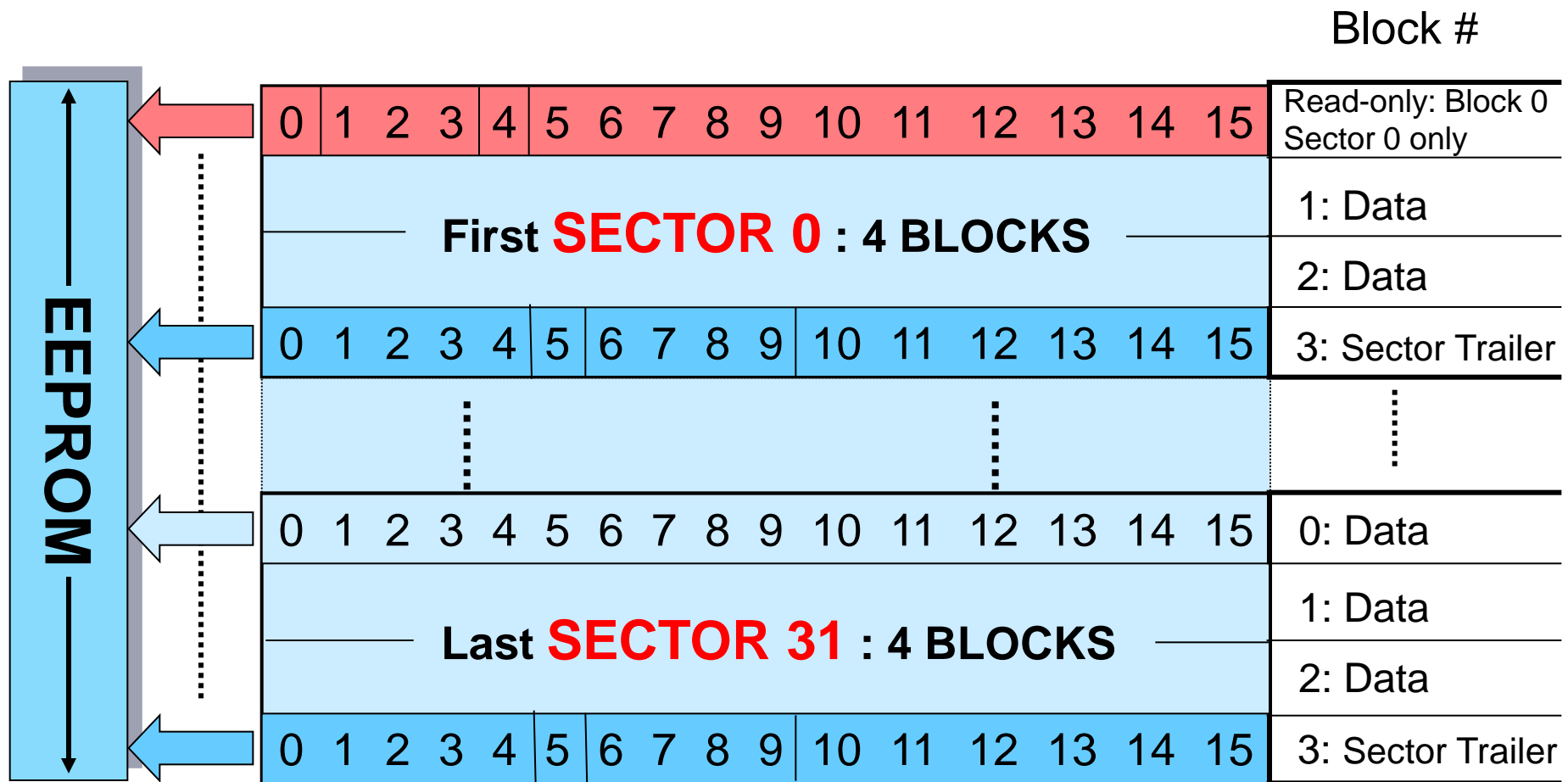


Notes:

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- Error behaviour as in ISO/IEC 14443

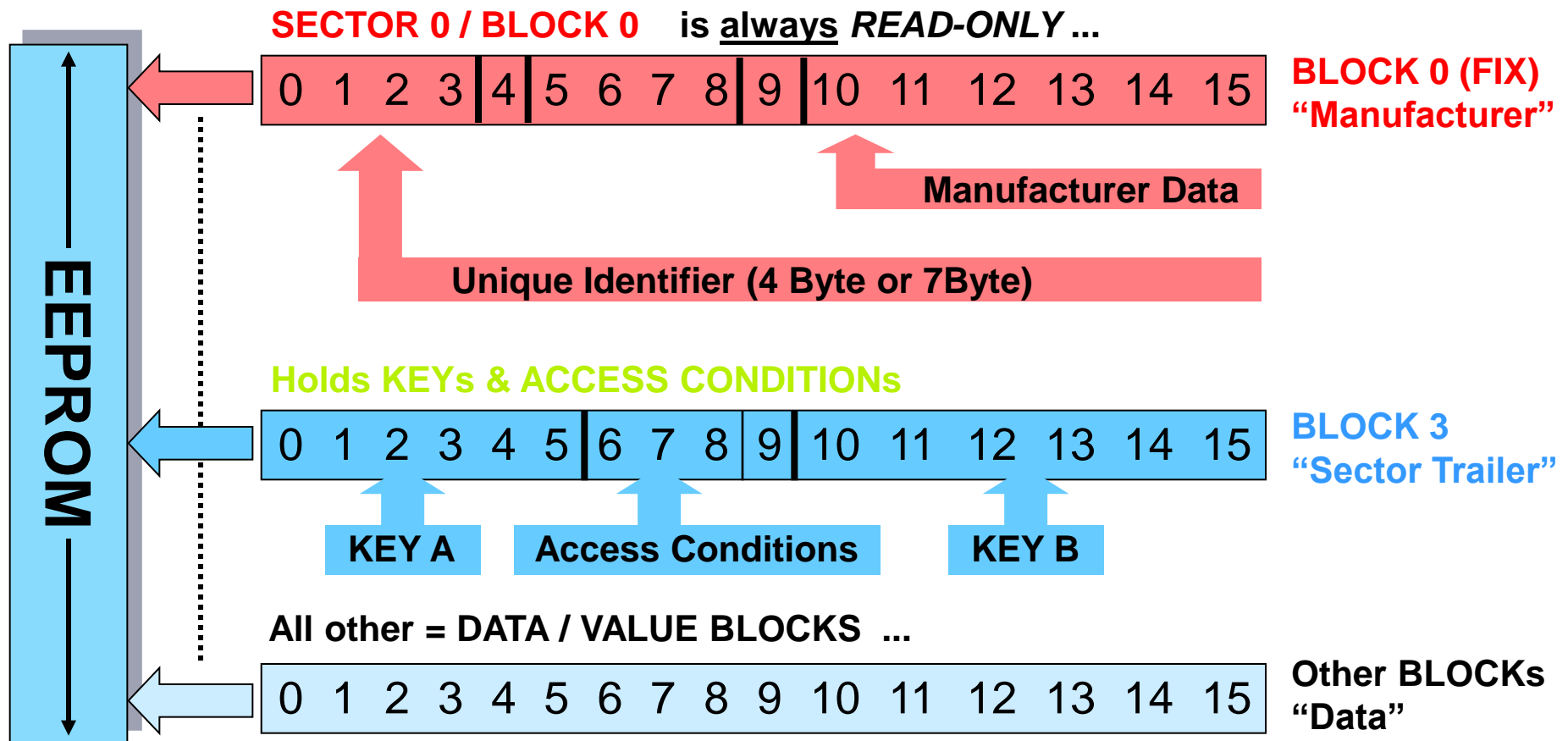


Blocks and Sectors of MF1 Plus 60 (2 kByte)



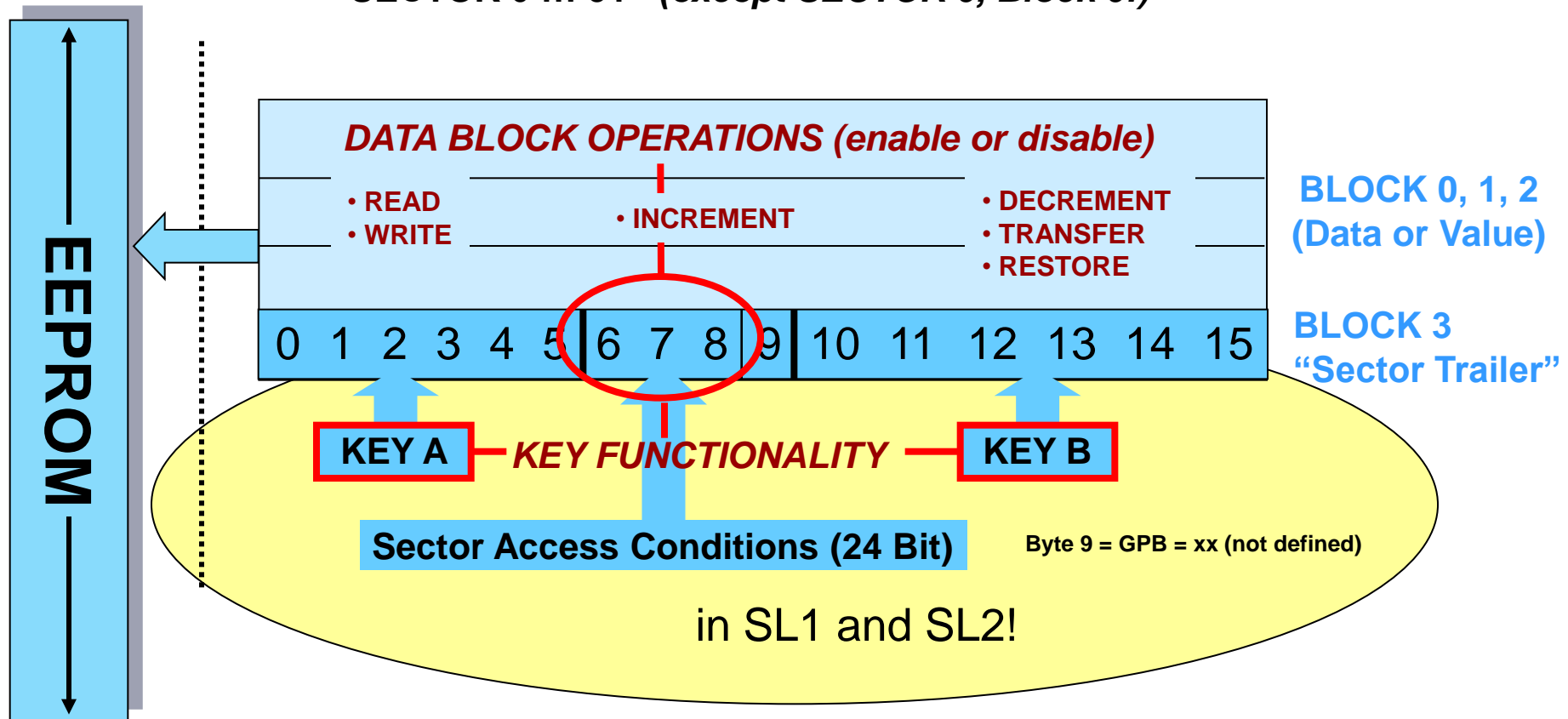
Same as in MIFARE Classic!

Block function SL1 („MIFARE Classic“)



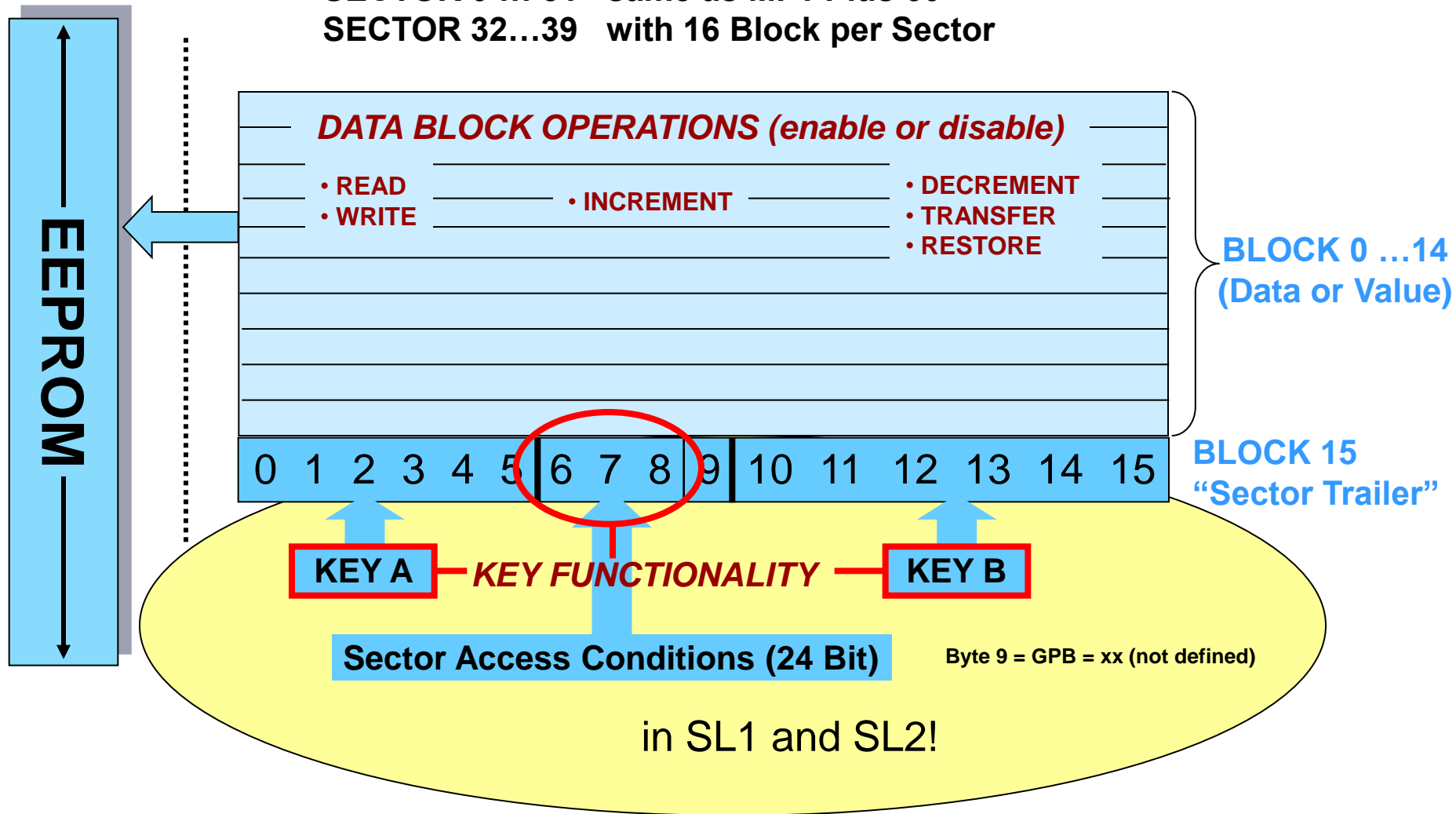
Sector structure in SL1 and SL2 of MF1 Plus 60 (2 kByte)

SECTOR 0 ... 31 (except SECTOR 0, Block 0!)



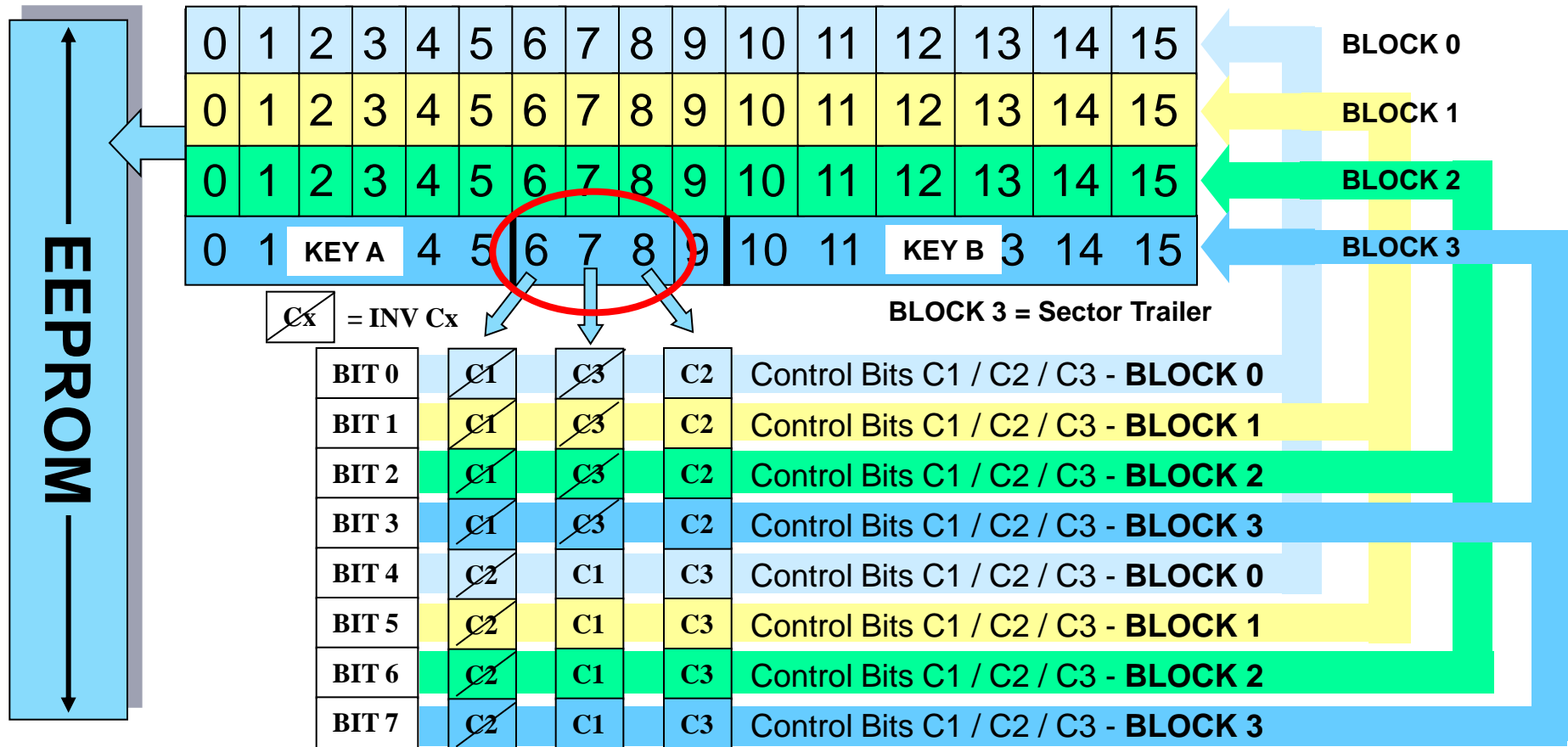
Sector structure in SL1 and SL2 of MF1 Plus 80 (4 kByte)

SECTOR 0 ... 31 same as MF1 Plus 60
SECTOR 32...39 with 16 Block per Sector



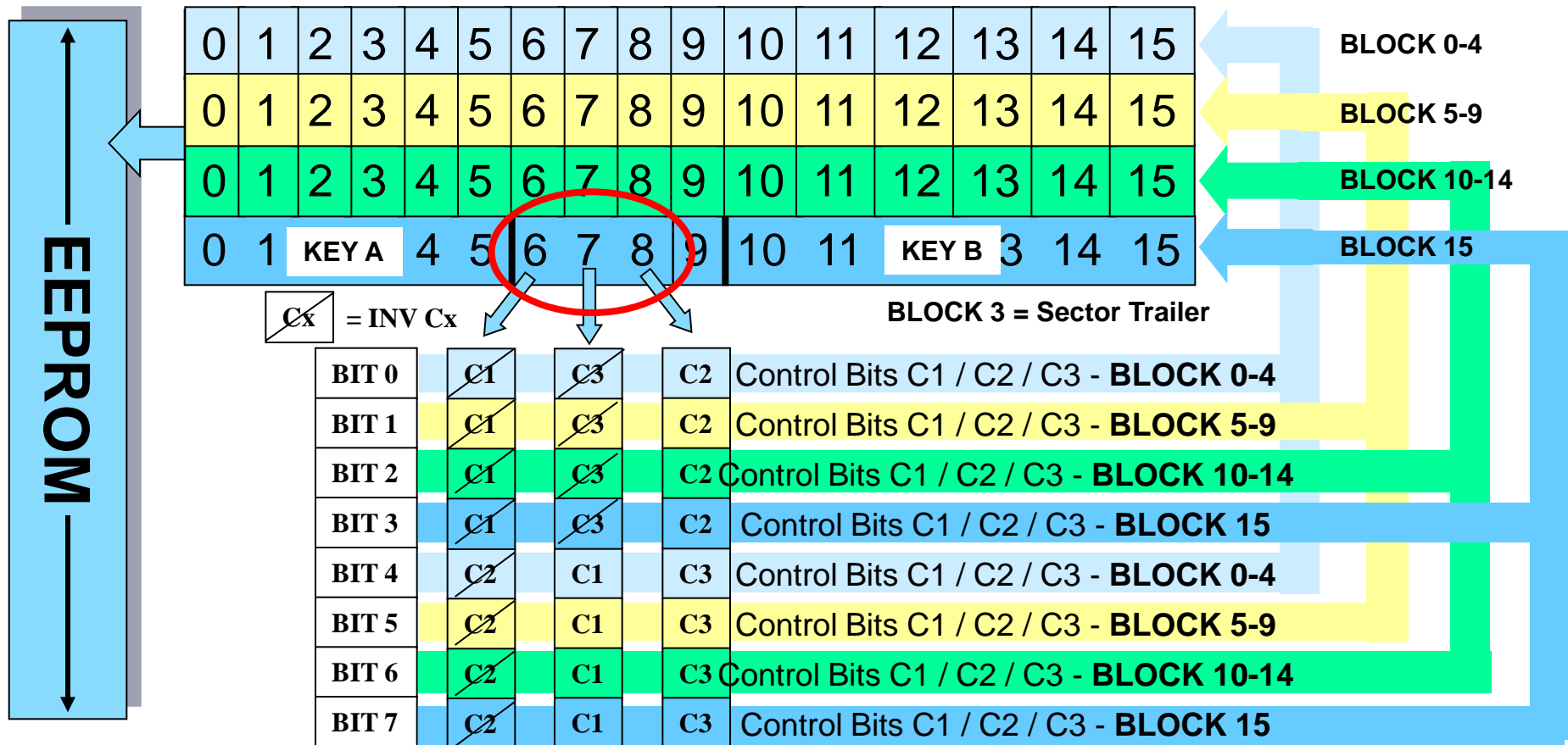
Access condition coding Sector 0...31

3 Control bits ($C1_n$, $C2_n$, $C3_n$) for **each** block

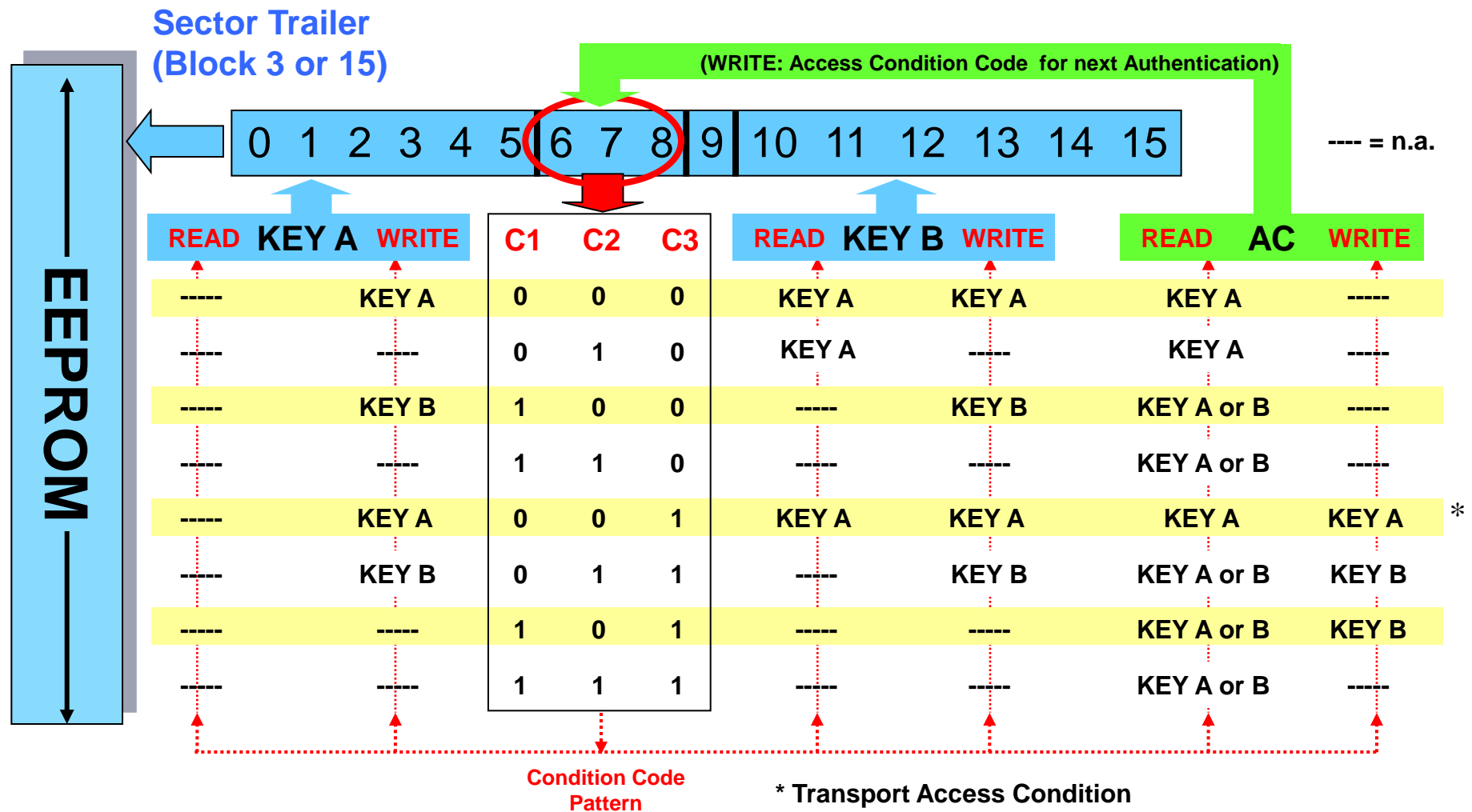


Access condition coding Sector 32...39

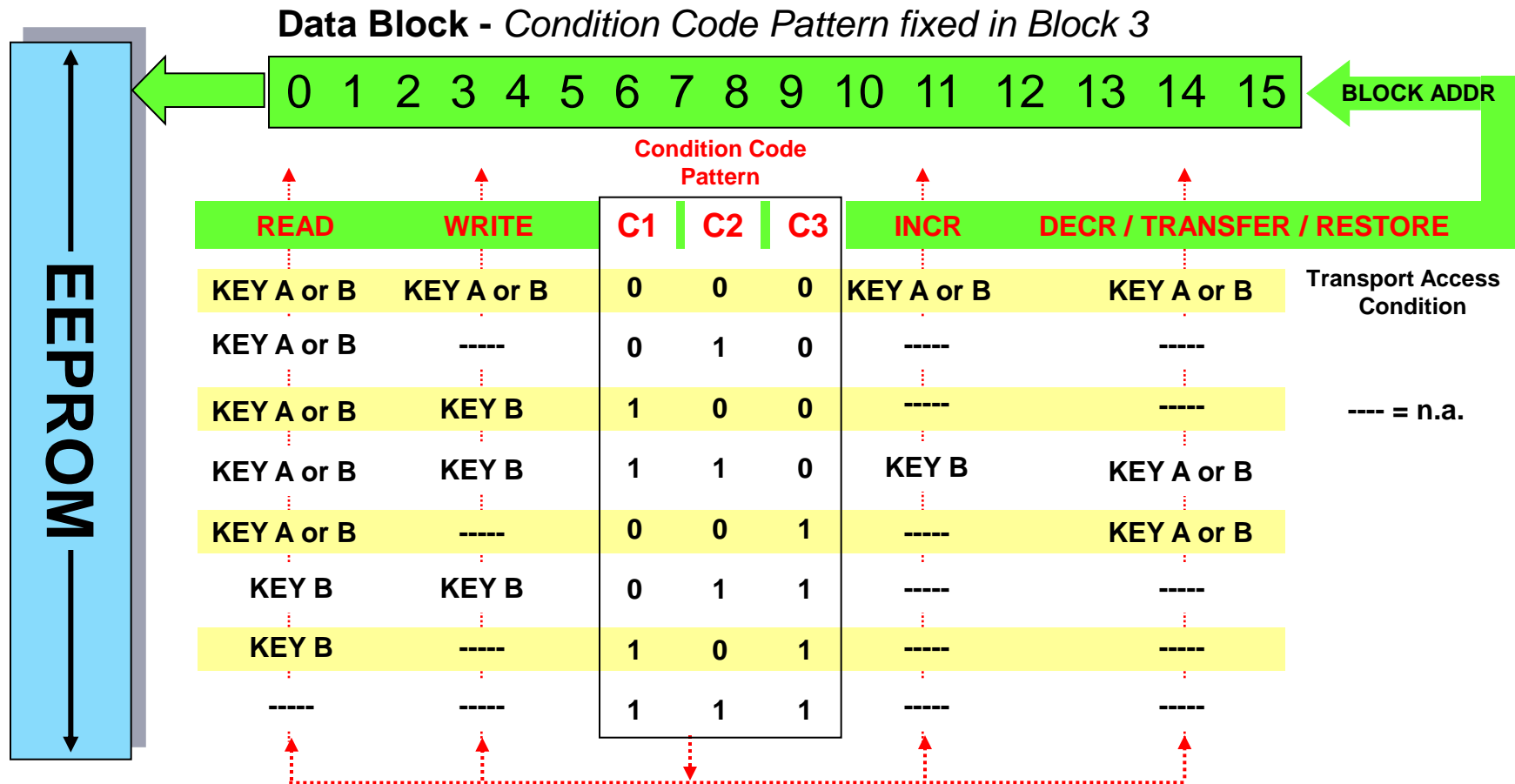
3 Control bits ($C1_n$, $C2_n$, $C3_n$) for each 5 blocks



3 Control bits for each Sector Trailer



3 Control bits for each Data Block (each 5 Data Blocks)



Value Block Format

**Format of “Value Block”
for electronic purse and / or anti-tearing function:**

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Value				$\overline{\text{Value}}$				Value				Adr	$\overline{\text{Adr}}$	Adr	$\overline{\text{Adr}}$

- **Fixed block- data format (generation via **WRITE**)**
- **Automatic value error detection & correction**

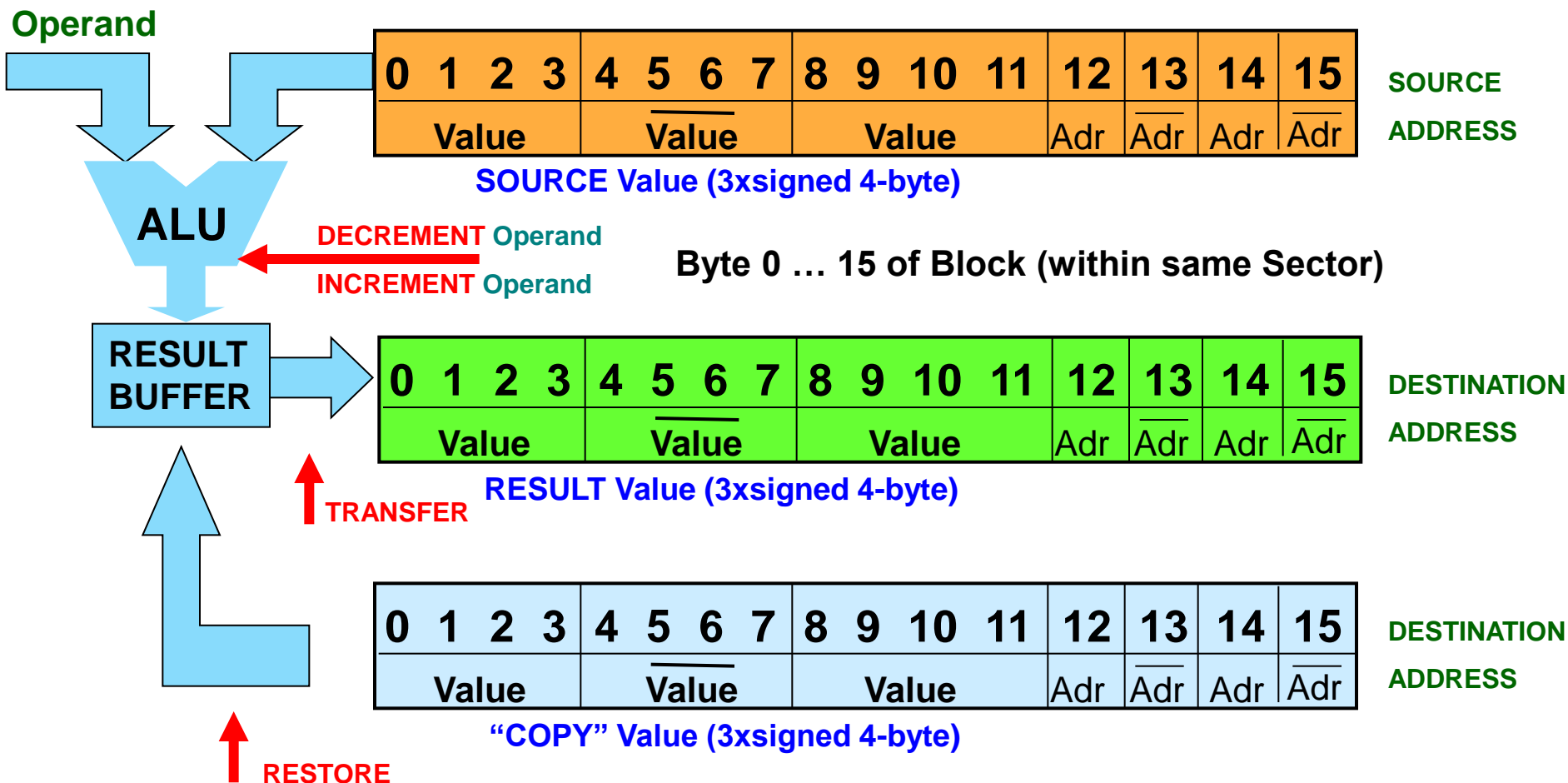
Commands:

- **READ**
- **WRITE**
- **INCREMENT**
- **DECREMENT**
- **RESTORE**
- **TRANSFER**

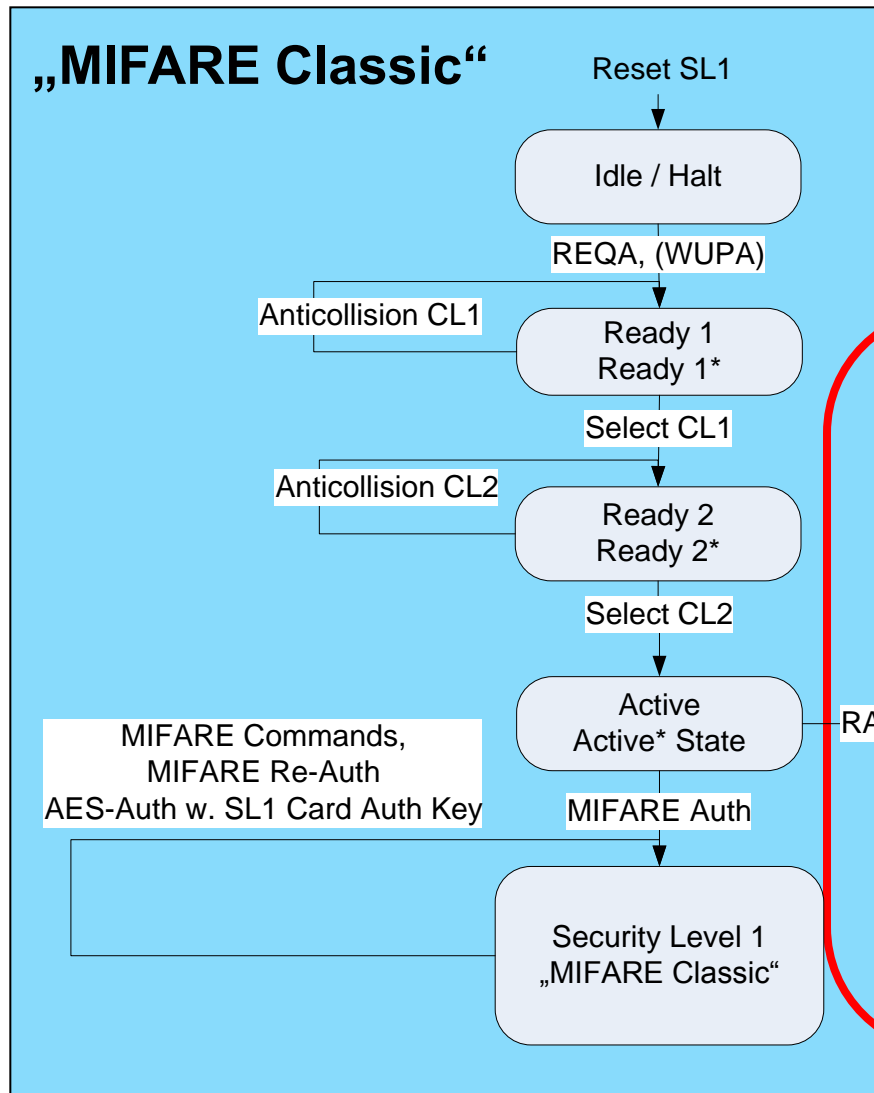
“Value”: stored 3 times in 32-bit signed 2's complement
(LSB first)

“Adr”: stored 4 times in 8-bit numbers - altered only via WRITE

Value Operations

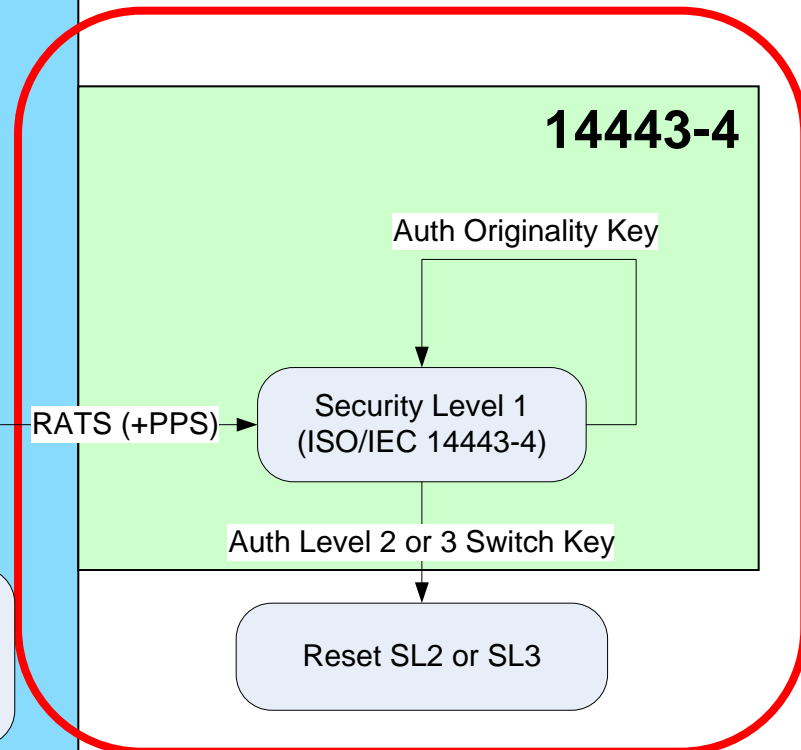


State diagram Security Level 1 (simplified)



Notes:

- Card Activation acc. to ISO/IEC 14443
- PPS is optional
- Error behaviour as in ISO/IEC 14443



Commands additional to „MIFARE Classic“ in SL1

▶ **Authenticate** with SL1 Authentication Key → **Proofs valid card!**

▶ **RATS** → Activates T=CL protocol.

▶ **PPS** → Switches to higher bit rates.

▶ **Authenticate** with Originality Key → Proofs NXP!

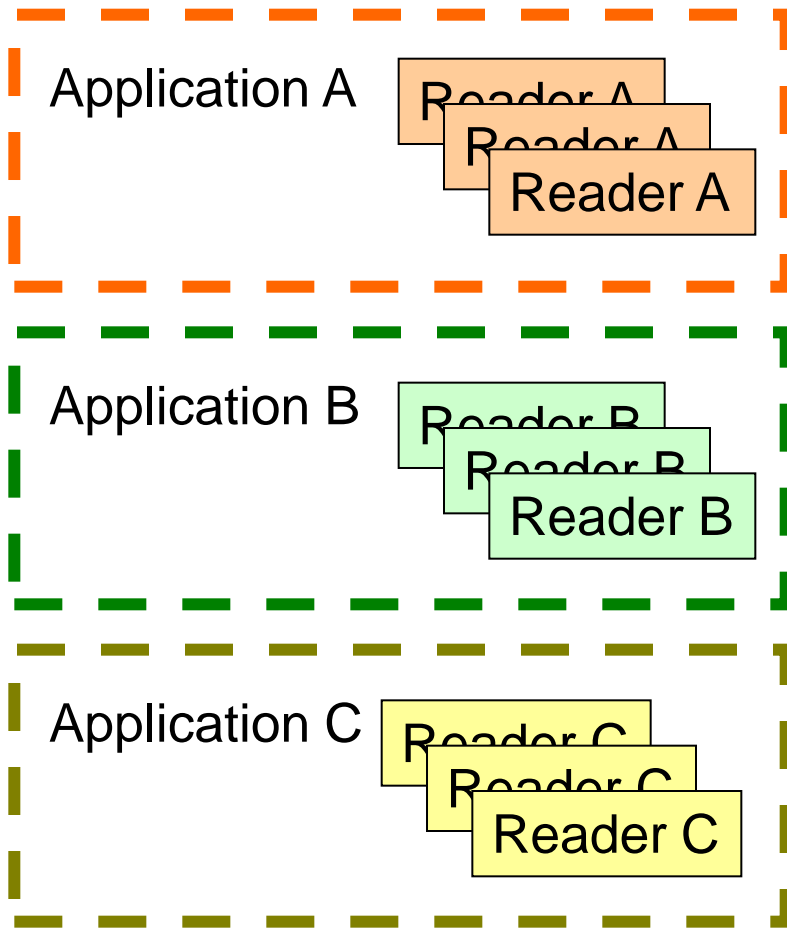
▶ **Authenticate** with Level 2 Switch Key → Switches to SL2.

▶ **Authenticate** with Level 3 Switch Key → Switches to SL3.

RF-Reset!

Authenticate with SL1 Authentication Key: Why?

Existing System, using the **same** MIFARE Classic Card



Application A and B:

- No need for Security.
- (Readers cannot be upgraded.)

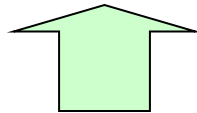
Application C:

- Readers can be upgraded.
- Need for Security.

Authenticate with SL1 Authentication Key: Why?

Option 1:

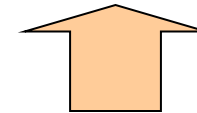
- ▶ **MIFARE Plus SL2 or 3**
- ▶ Advantages:
 - Better Security.
- ▶ Disadvantage:
 - **All readers** must be upgraded.



Recommendation!

Option 2:

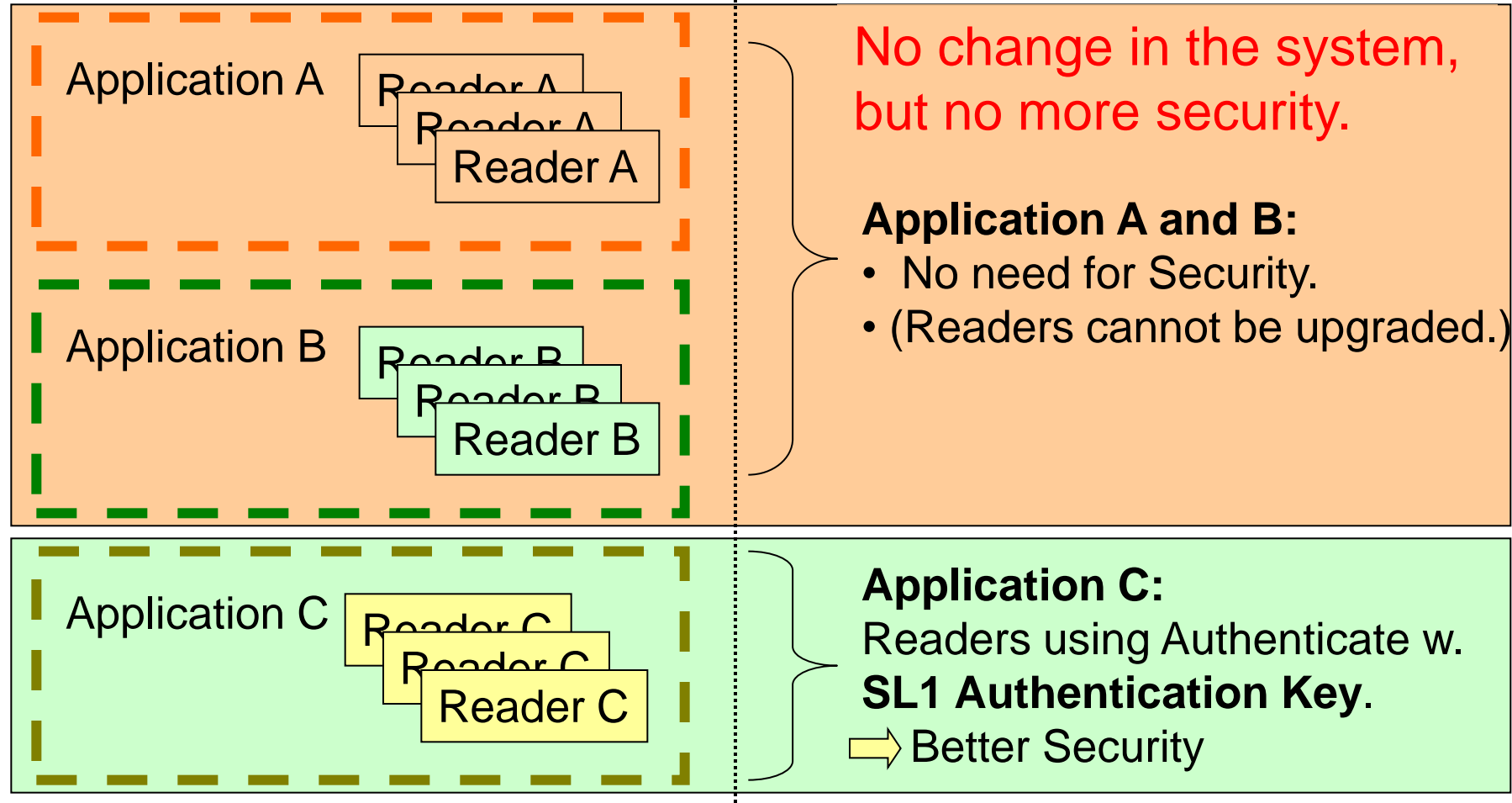
- ▶ **MIFARE Plus SL1 + Authenticate with SL1 Authentication Key**
- ▶ Advantages:
 - Only **few readers** must be upgraded. (all those, where the application needs more security)
- ▶ Disadvantage:
 - Limited Security Improvement.



Cheaper solution...

Authenticate with SL1 Authentication Key: Option 2

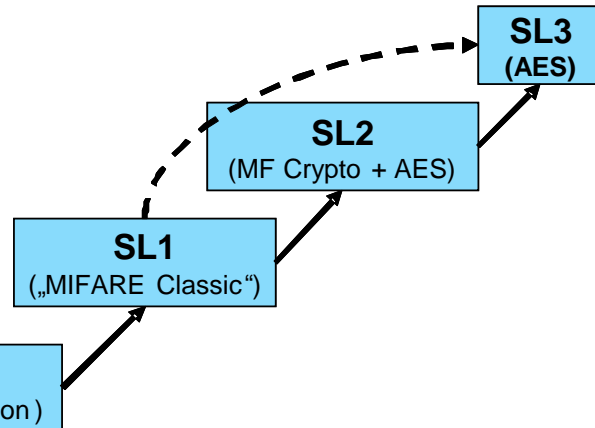
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MIFARE Plus Security Level 2

AES + use of MIFARE Crypto

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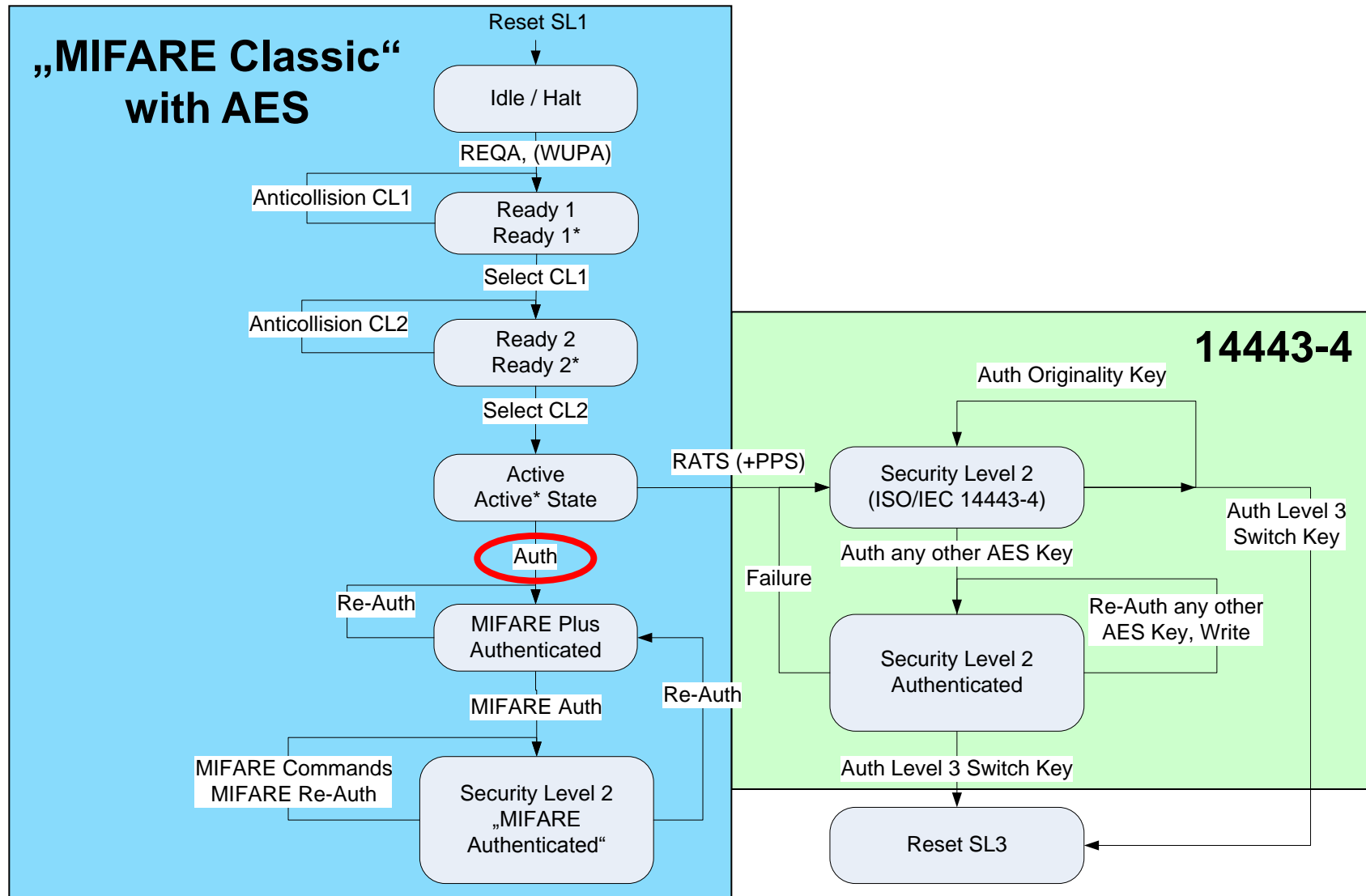
AES + use of MIFARE Crypto

Security Level 2 offers the features of the well known MIFARE Classic:

- **MIFARE Authentication / Encryption**
 - Same as MF1 ICS 50 or MF 1ICS70
 - **Consider security risks!**
- **MIFARE Read / Write**
 - Same as MF1 ICS 50 or MF 1ICS70
- **MIFARE Value operations**
 - Increment / Decrement / Restore + Transfer
 - Same as MF1 ICS 50 or MF 1ICS70

Previous AES authentication required!

State diagram Security Level 2 (simplified)



MIFARE Plus SL2 Authentication

PCD

PICC

1 2
CMD 0x76 KeyBNr
Generate 16 byte RndA

PCD to PICC

Generate 16 byte RndB

PICC to PCD

1 16
0x90 E(Kx, RndB)

RndB' = (RndB rotate left 1 byte)

1 32
CMD 0x72 E(Kx, RndA || RndB')

PCD to PICC

Verify RndB'
RndA' = (RndA rotate left 1 byte)

Verify RndA'

PICC to PCD

1 16
0x90 E(Kx, RndA')

Result

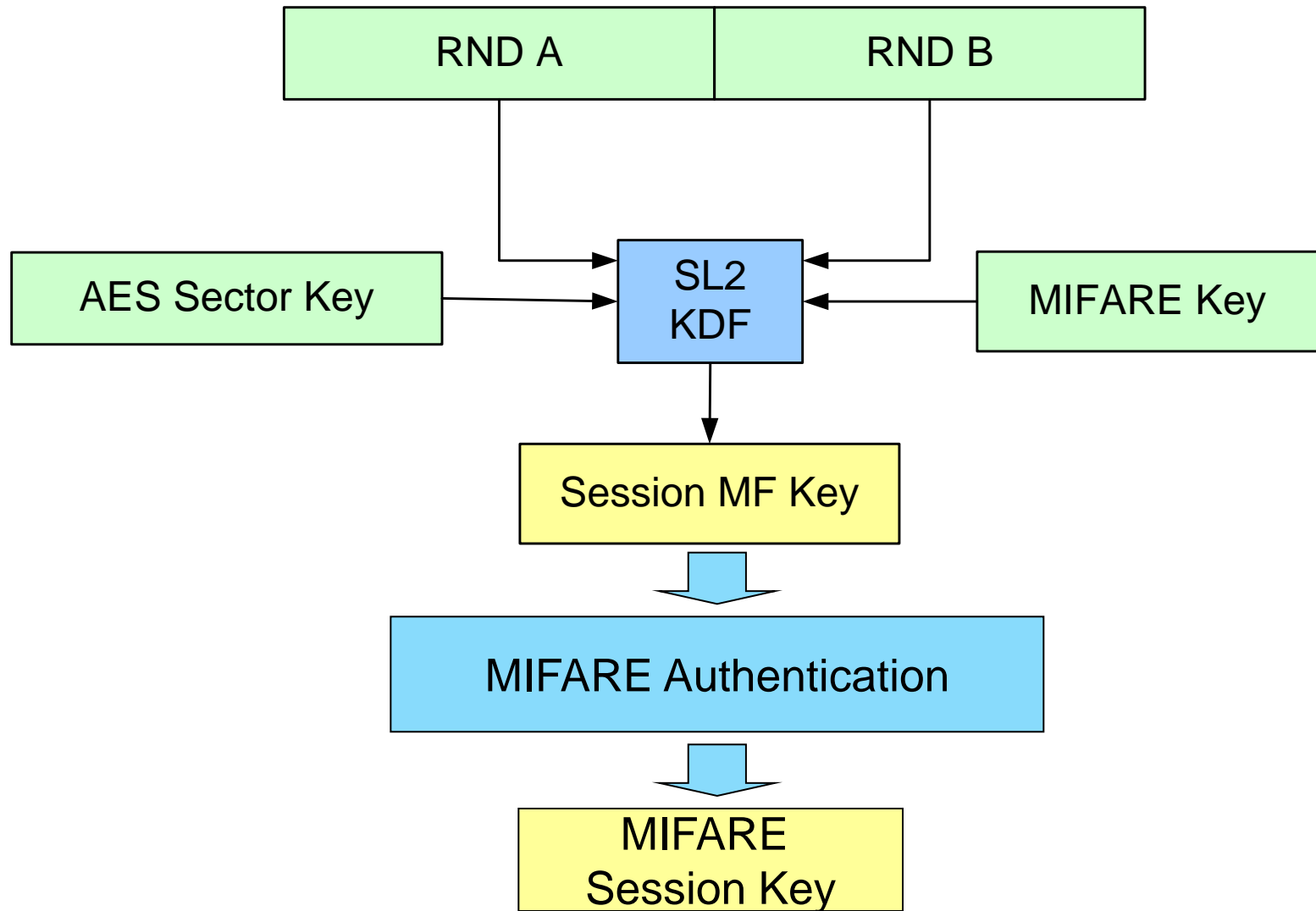
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Result

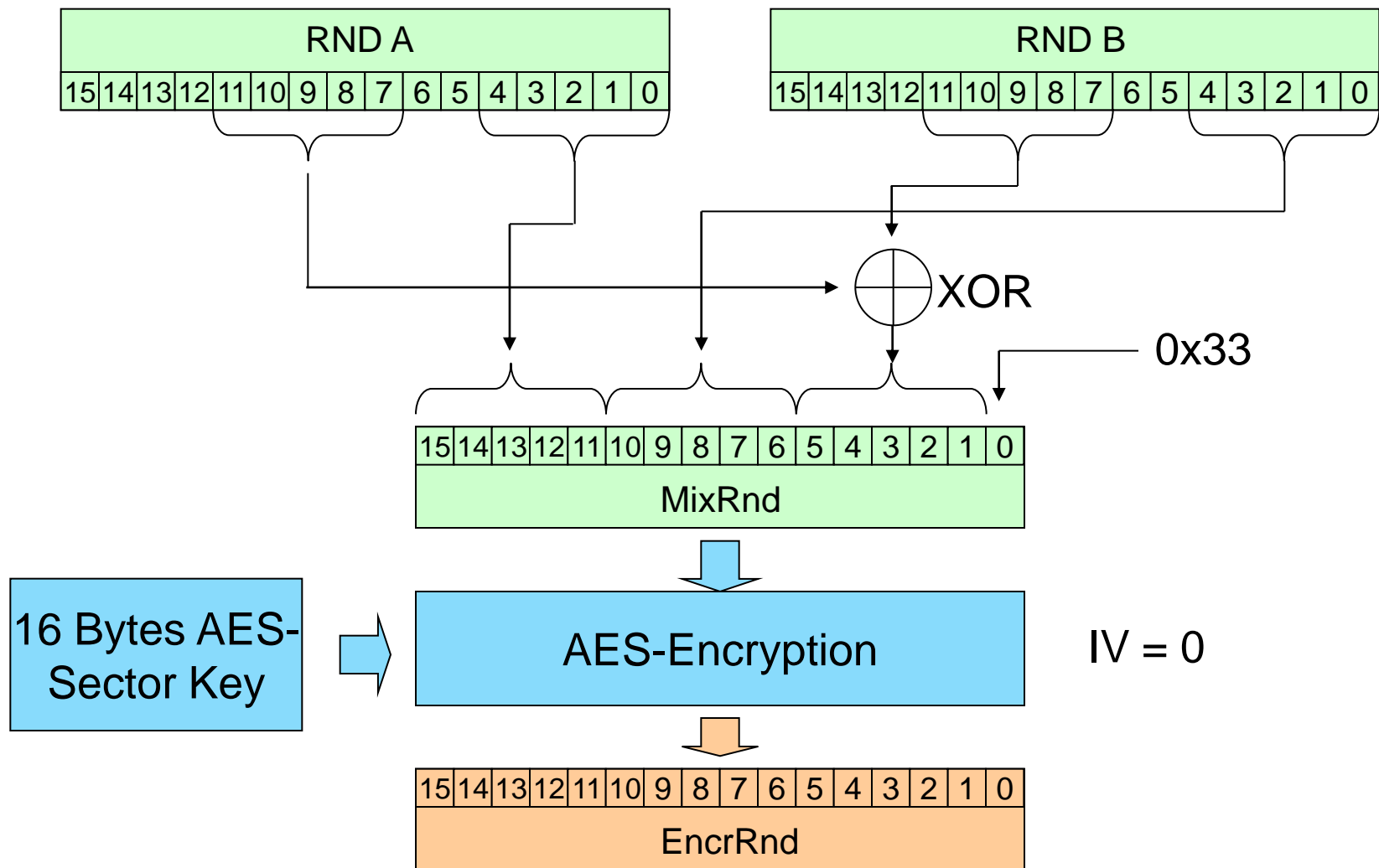
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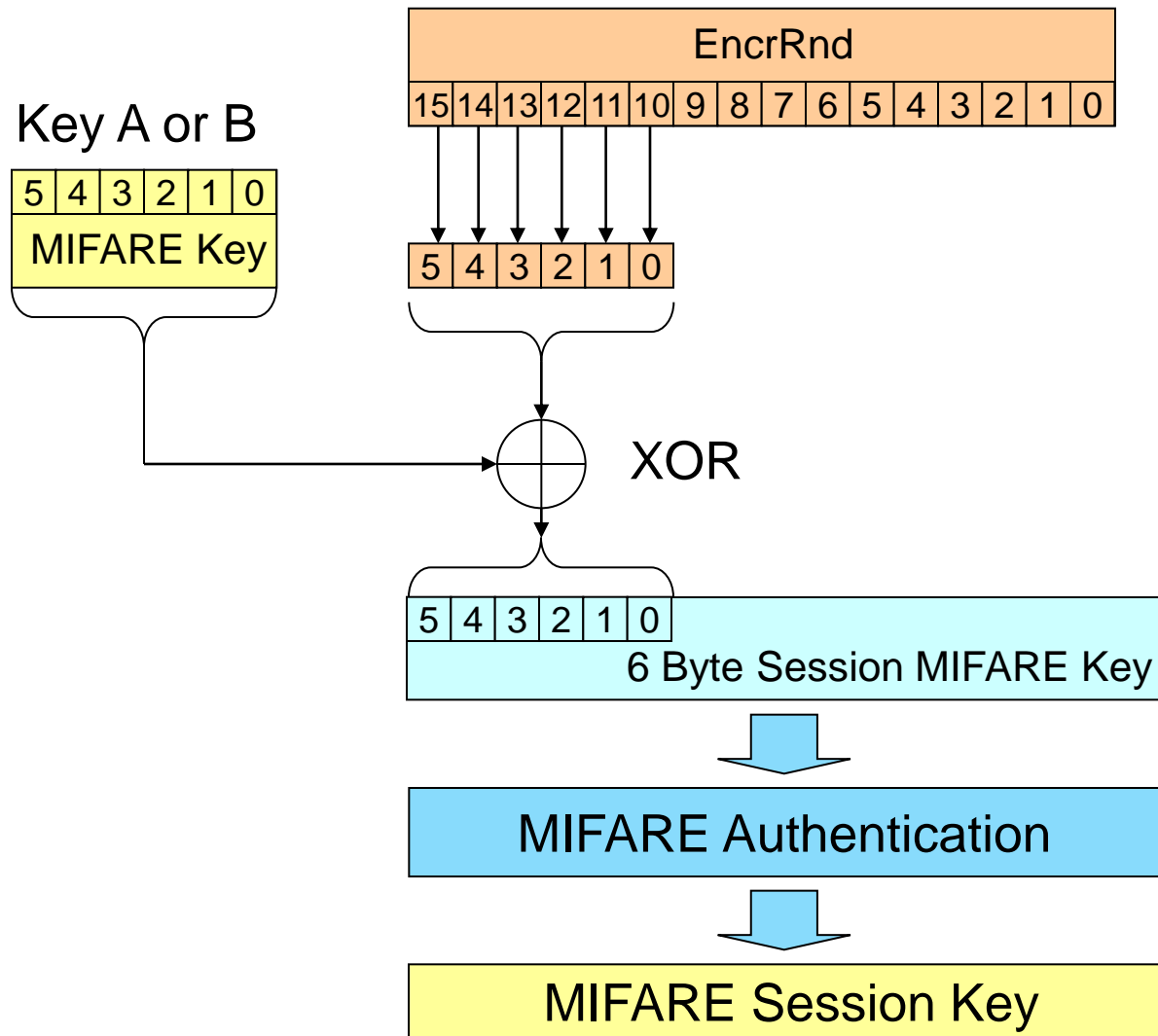
Generate the Session MIFARE Key, part 1



Generate the Session MIFARE Key, part 2



Generate the Session MIFARE Key, part 3



Multi Sector Authentication

- ▶ If the AES Key #X = AES Key #Y, no new AES authentication is required.
- ▶ If the **also** MIFARE Classic Key #X = MIFARE Classic Key #Y no new MIFARE Classic authentication is needed.
 - If AES Key #X \neq AES Key #Y, both new AES and MIFARE Classic authentication is required.
- ▶ Sector X and Sector Y can but do not have to be consecutive.
- ▶ Key type must be the same (A or B).

Remarks:

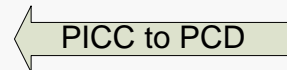
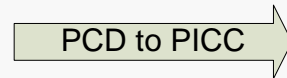
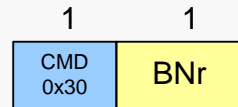
- Authentication is done with Key #X, so Key #Y can be changed without losing the authentication.
- If all keys are the same, the card can e.g. be read with one authentication only.

Commands additional to „MIFARE Classic“ in SL2

- ▶ **Multi Block Read** → Allows to read 2 or 3 blocks at once.
- ▶ **Multi Block Write** → Allows to write 2 or 3 blocks at once.
- ▶ **RATS** → Activates T=CL protocol.
- ▶ **PPS** → Switches to higher bit rates.
- ▶ **Authenticate** with Originality Key → Proofs NXP!
- ▶ **Authenticate** with Level 3 Switch Key → Switches to SL3.

Additional commands: MultiBlockRead

MIFARE Read

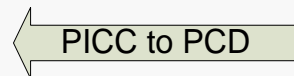
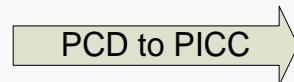
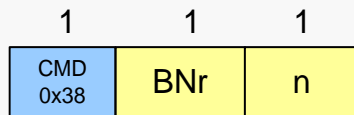


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Reading 1 Block

Multi Block Read



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Reading n Blocks

Notes: $n = 1 \dots 3$

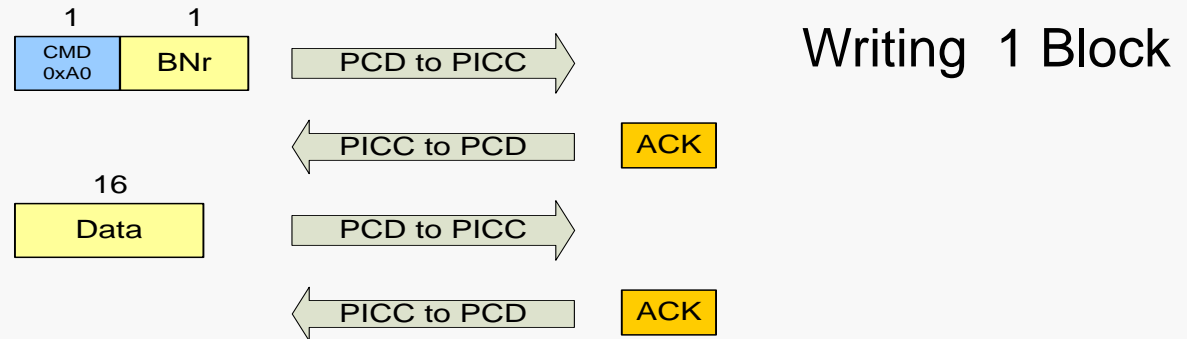
No Multi Sector Read!

Multi Block Read does not include the Sector Trailer.

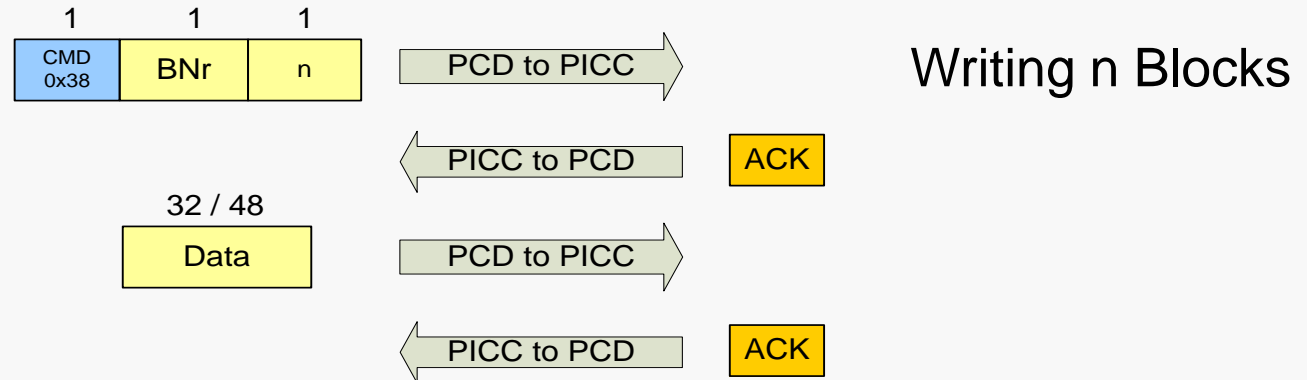
For $n > 1$: Framesize must be at least 32 resp. 48 Bytes.

Additional commands: MultiBlockWrite

MIFARE Write



Multi Block Write



Notes: $n = 1 \dots 3$

No Multi Sector Write!

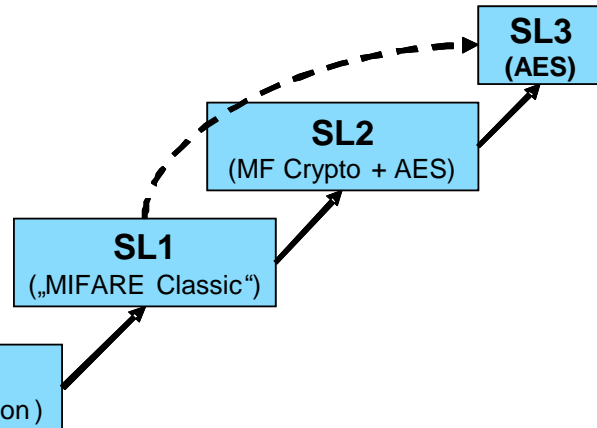
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MIFARE Plus Security Level 3

Use of AES and T=CL protocol

MIFARE Plus Security Level 3



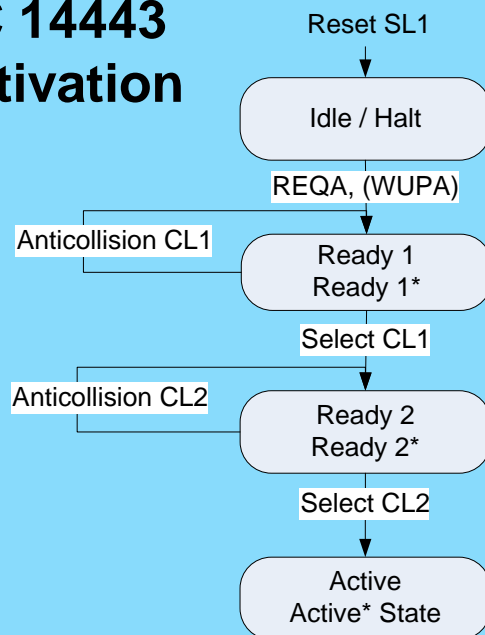
AES and T=CL protocol

Security Level 3 offers the following features :

- **AES Authentication / Encryption**
 - First Auth., Following Auth., Reset Auth.
- **Read / Write**
 - Encrypted or Plain, with or without MAC
- **Value operations**
 - Increment / Decrement / Restore + Transfer, with or without MAC
- Proximity Check
- Select Virtual Card

State diagram Security Level 3 (simplified)

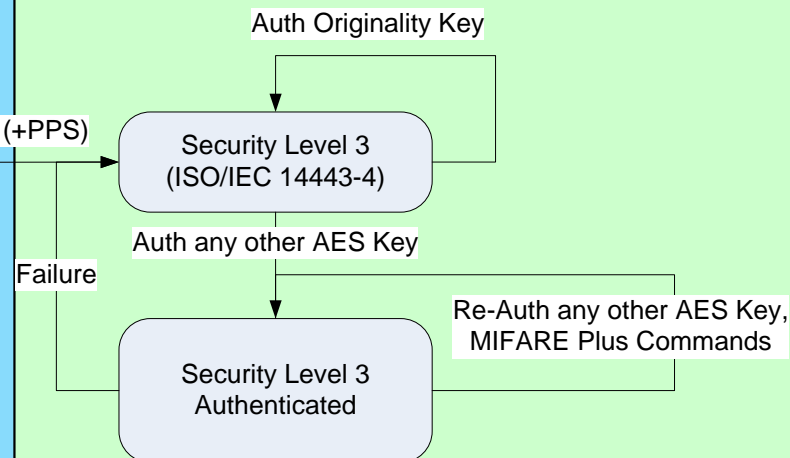
ISO/IEC 14443 Card Activation



Note: The auth with originality key will not work if proximity check is mandatory.

Note: This state diagram is slightly different when RID is used. Then first the Virtual Card selection must be done after the protocol has been established.

14443-4

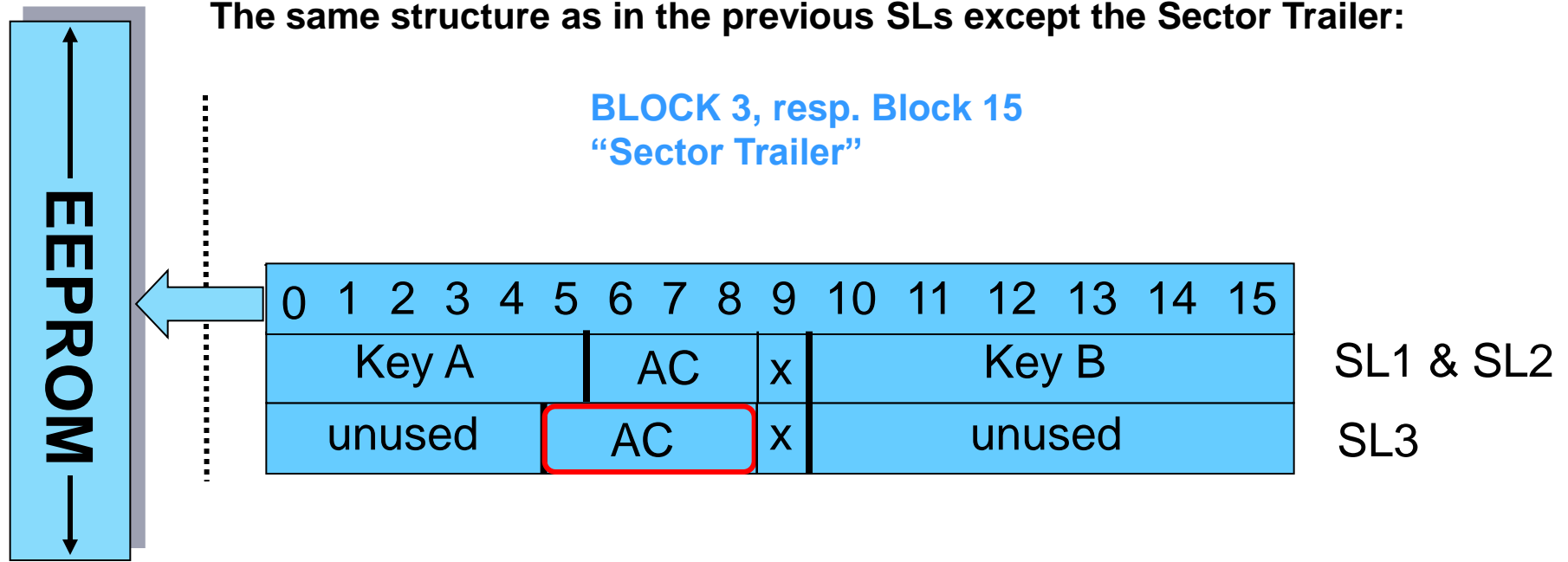


Anti tearing of AES keys in Security Level 3

- ▶ The MIFARE Plus provides an anti tearing mechanism for
 - the AES keys
 - the Sector Trailer
- ▶ When the update of an AES key or Sector Trailer is interrupted,
 - Either the old key is valid or the new one.
 - No check possible which key is written, so if updating is interrupted: try again.
 - The MIFARE Plus card needs up to appr. 25 ms after next POR (before REQA).

The PCD needs to „know“, whether a roll-back of an interrupted key update takes place or not.

Sector structure in SL3



Bytes 6,7,8: Same as in SL1

Byte 5 defines whether plain communication is allowed or not.

0x0F: Plain communication allowed for all blocks.

AC coding for plain communication (Sector 0..31)

Byte 5 of Block 3

7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0		
0				1				Plain allowed	Block 3
1				0				No Plain allowed	
	0				1			Plain allowed	Block 2
	1				0			No Plain allowed	
		0				1		Plain allowed	Block 1
		1				0		No Plain allowed	
			0				1	Plain allowed	Block 0
			1				0	No Plain allowed	

AC coding for plain communication (Sector 32..39)

Byte 5 of Block 15

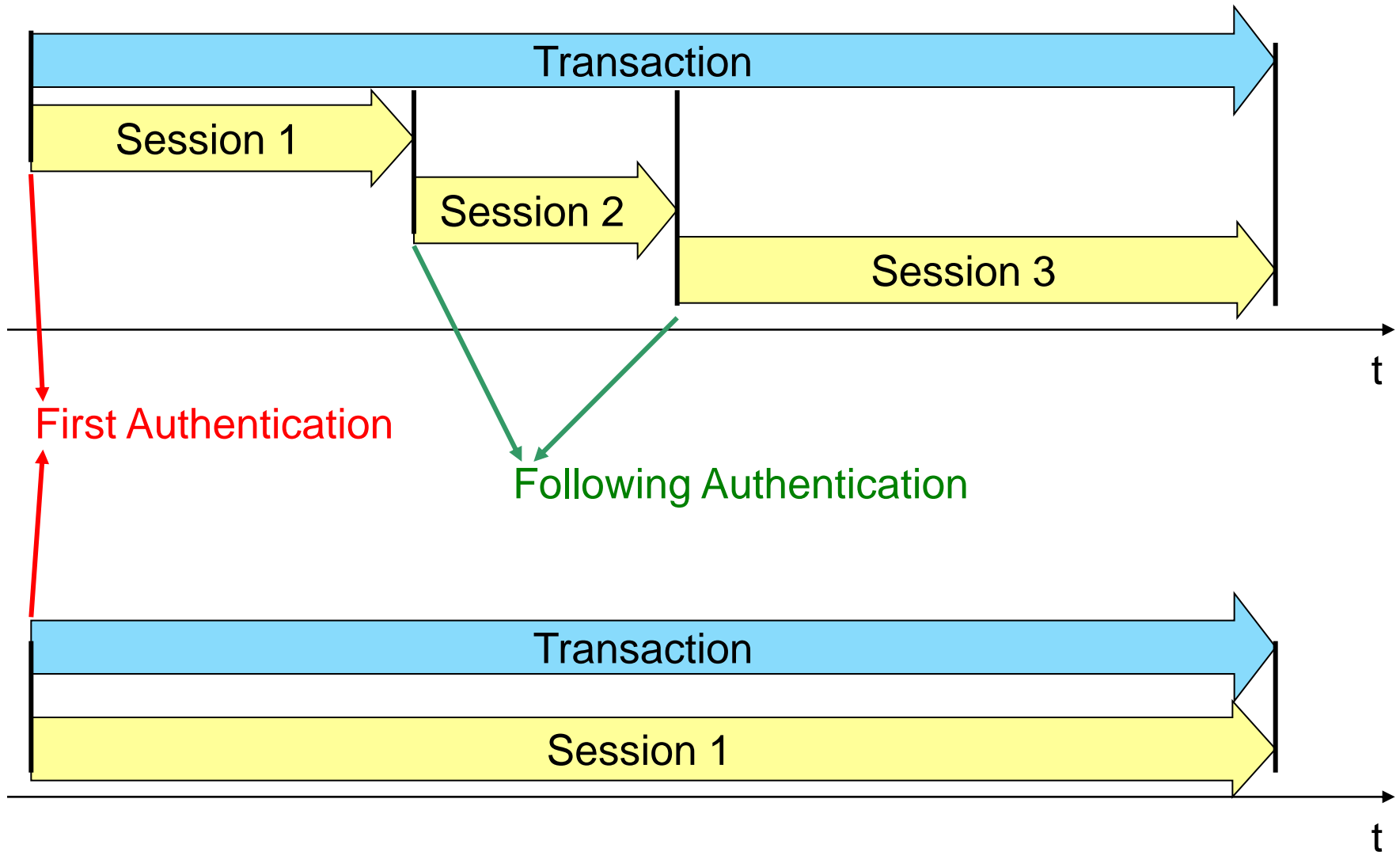
7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
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0				1				Plain allowed	}	Block 15
1				0				No Plain allowed		
	0				1			Plain allowed	}	Block 10..14
	1				0			No Plain allowed		
		0				1		Plain allowed	}	Block 5..9
		1				0		No Plain allowed		
			0				1	Plain allowed	}	Block 0..4
			1				0	No Plain allowed		

Switch to SL3 -> AC coding for plain communication

- ▶ The Byte 5 is used as MIFARE Key Byte in SL1 and SL2.
- ▶ The MFP Configuration Block contains the **Default AC coding of Byte 5**.
- ▶ The Default AC of Byte 5 is copied from the MFP Configuration Block into each Sector Trailer during Level Switch.
- ▶ Make sure that the right AC for plain communication is set during Personalisation! (Only possible in SL0!)
- ▶ Default is 0x0F (plain allowed in every block).

Transaction & Session



AES Authentication for MIFARE Plus SL3

► **Authentication** (general)

- Is always required, and guarantees authenticity.
- Is based on AES.
- Starts a Session, and ends the previous Session (if available).
- Generates 2(!) Session keys
- Releases the Transfer buffer.

► **First Authentication**

- Starts a transaction.
- Generates a Transaction Identifier (TI).
- Exchanges the PICC capabilities and the PCD capabilities.
- Resets Read & Write Counter (R_Ctr & C_Ctr).

► **Following Authentication**

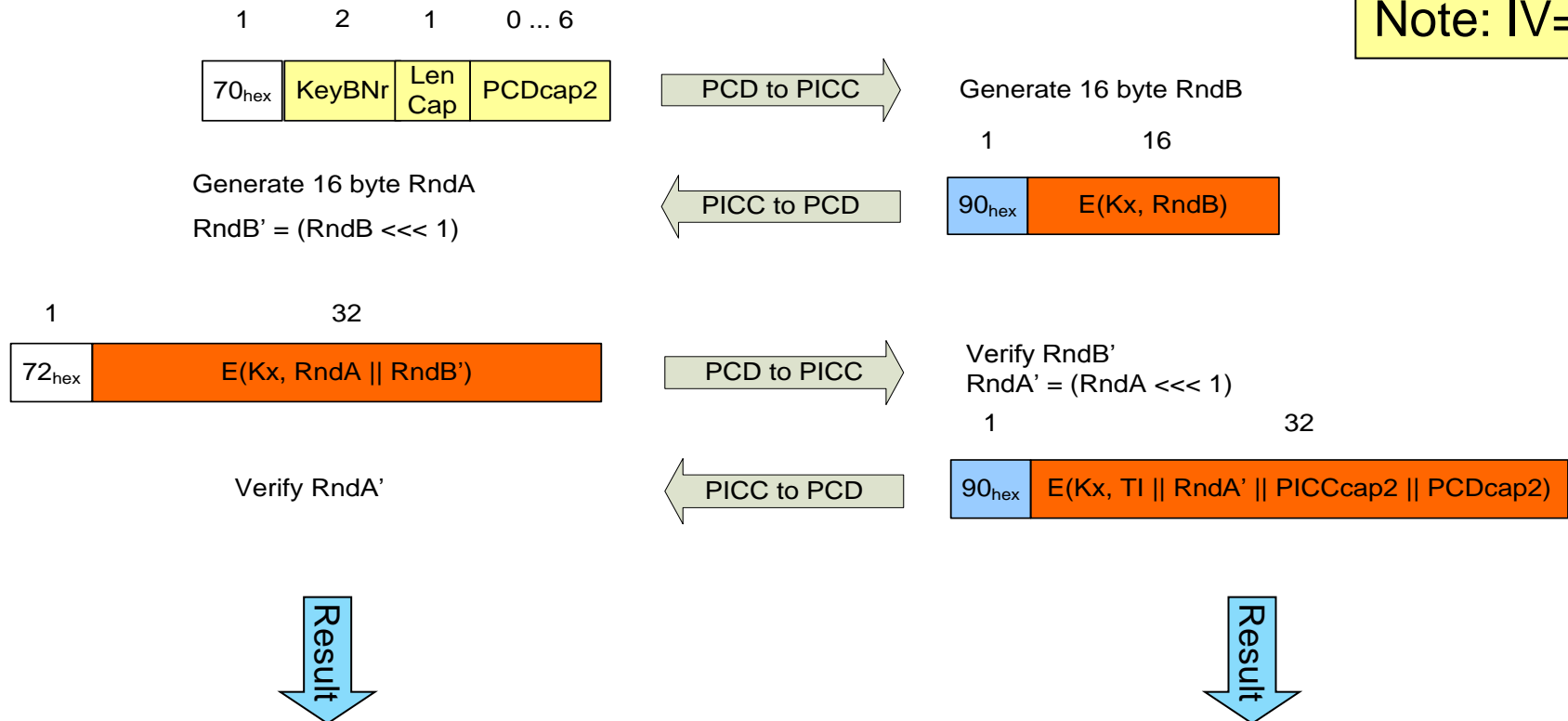
- Does not reset the counters

A **Transaction** may contain several **Sessions**



First Authentication

Note: IV=0



TI	= Transaction Identifier	4 Bytes	RND from PICC
RND A	= Random Number A	16 Bytes	RND from PCD
RND B	= Random Number B	16 Bytes	RND from PICC
PICCcap2	= PICC capabilities	6 Bytes	see next slides
PCDcap2	= PCD capabilities	0..6 Bytes	see next slides

PICC and PCD capabilities

► PICCcap1 and PCDcap1 (3Bytes each)

- 6 Bytes: Details refer to the Virtual Card Selection

► PCDcap2

- PCD capabilities: 6 Bytes
- Defined by the system / reader

There is no use case for the PCDCapabilities now:

- Either use no PCDCap (LenCap = 0) or fill all bytes with 00.
- All „missing“ bytes in the second response of authentication are padded with 00.
- The PCD **must** check the PCDCap in the second response!

► PICCcap2

- PICC capabilities: 6 Bytes
- Bytes 0..3 are defined by NXP (all bytes 00)
- Bytes 4 and 5 are definable by the user (Configuration Block)
- PCD must not check the PICCcap now. -> Will change later.

Following Authentication

Note: IV= Concatenation of TI, 3x R_Ctr and 3x W_Ctr
-> Same as IV for message transfer.

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Generate 16 byte RndA
RndB' = (RndB <<< 1)

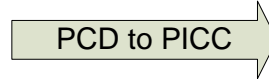
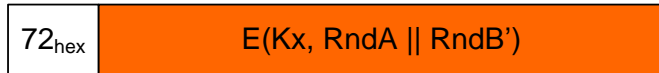


Generate 16 byte RndB

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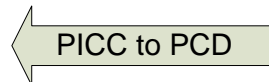


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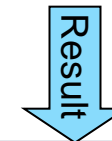
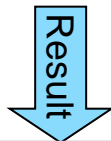


Verify RndB'
RndA' = (RndA <<< 1)

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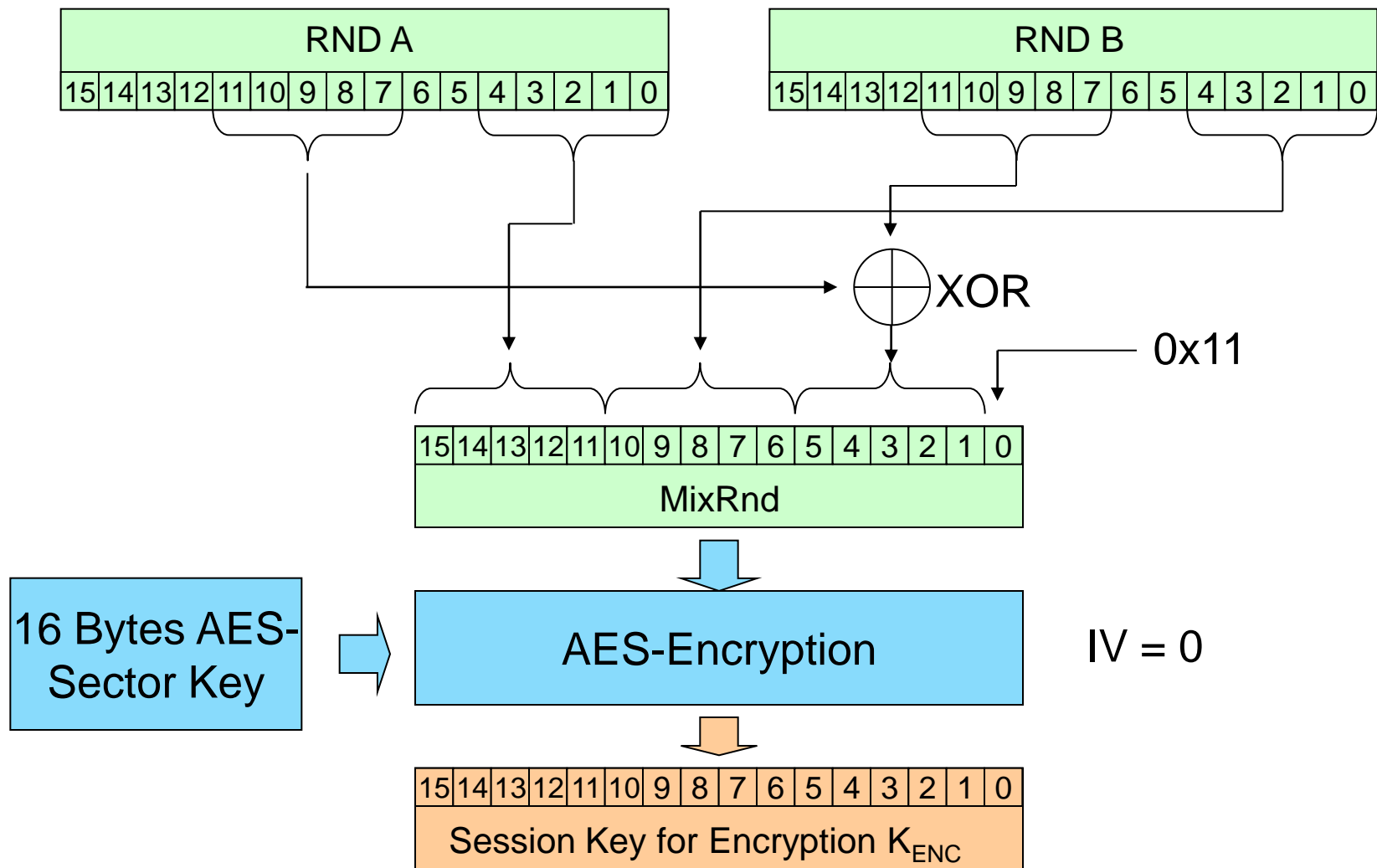


Verify RndA'

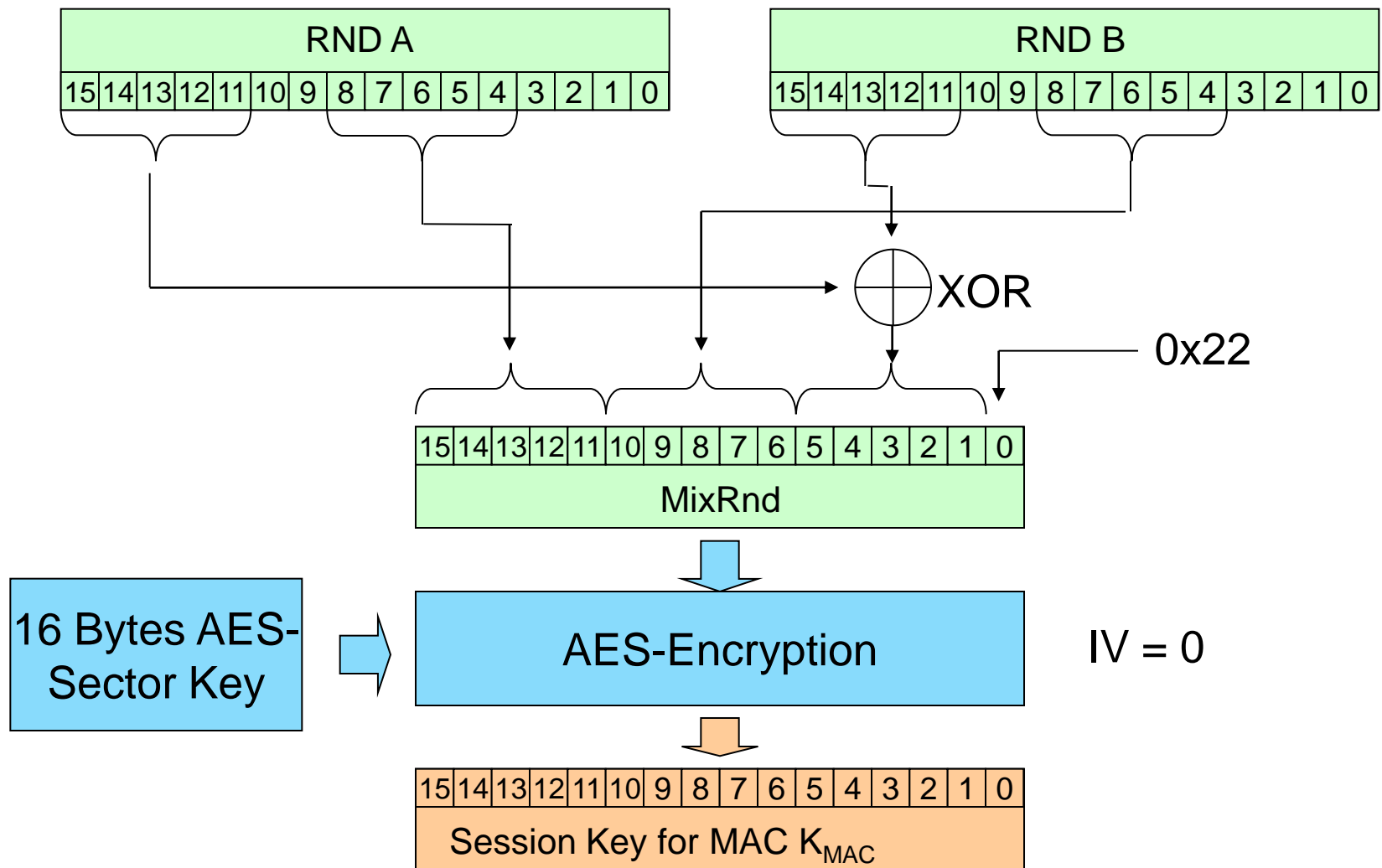


TI	= Transaction Identifier	4 Bytes	known
RND A	= Random Number A	16 Bytes	RND from PCD
RND B	= Random Number B	16 Bytes	RND from PICC
PICCap2	= PICC capabilities	6 Bytes	known
PCDcap2	= PCD capabilities	6 Bytes	known

Generation of Session Key for Encryption

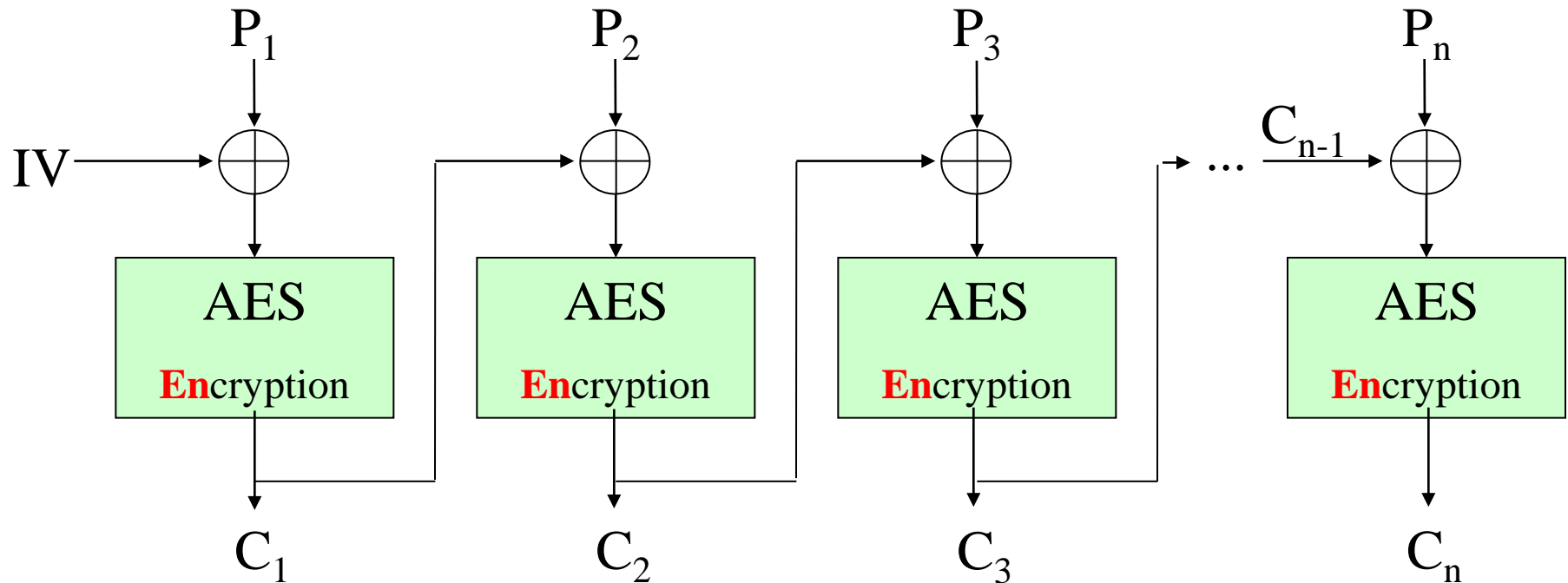


Generation of Session Key for calculating Message Authentication Code



Confidentiality: MIFARE Plus AES Encryption

If plain data is more than 16 bytes long, chaining according to standard CBC mode



P_n : Plain Block (16 bytes)

C_n : Ciphered Block (16 bytes)

\oplus : addition modulo 2 ("XOR")

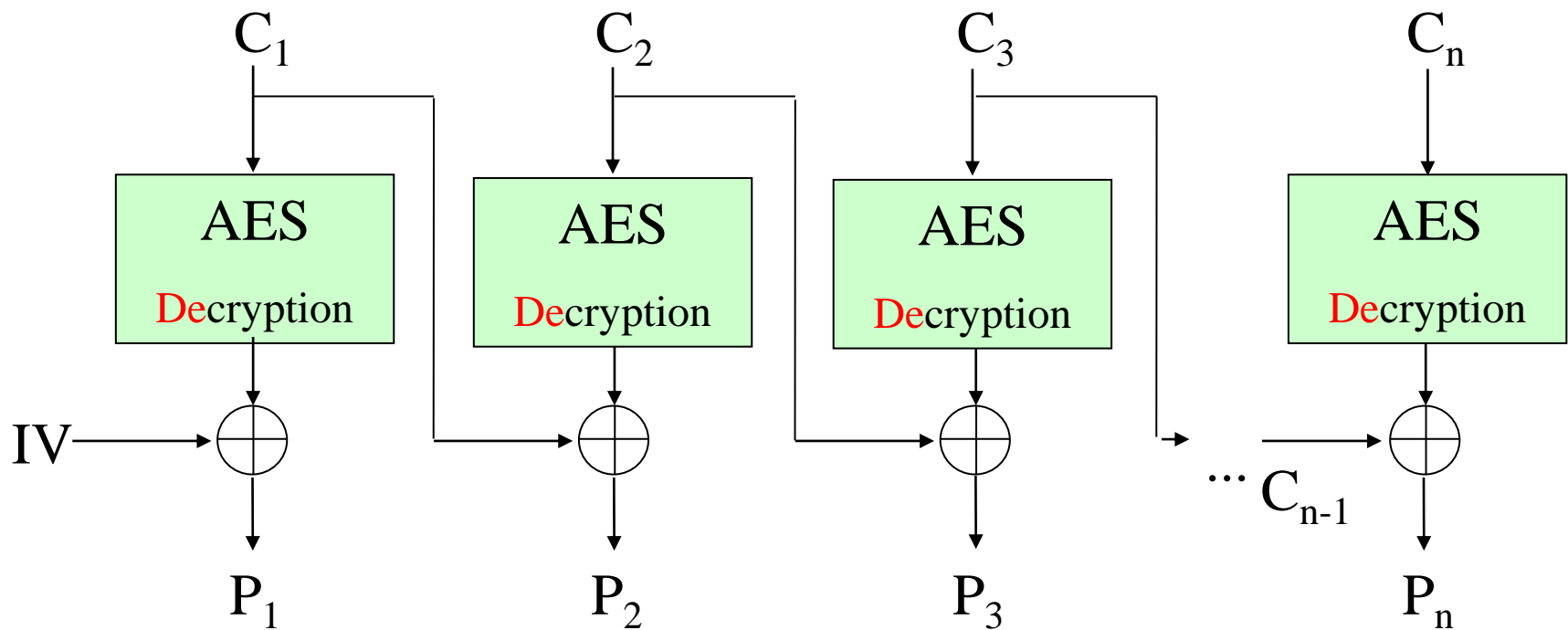
IV : Init vector 16 bytes

IV:

4	2	2	2	2	2	2
Transaction Identifier	R_Ctr	W_Ctr	R_Ctr	W_Ctr	R_Ctr	W_Ctr

Note: R_Ctr and W_Ctr -> LSB first
TI is a bytestring, so LSB/MSB does not apply.

Confidentiality: MIFARE Plus AES Decryption



P_n : Plain Block (16 bytes)

C_n : Ciphered Block (16 bytes)

\oplus : addition modulo 2 ("XOR")

IV : Init vector 16 bytes

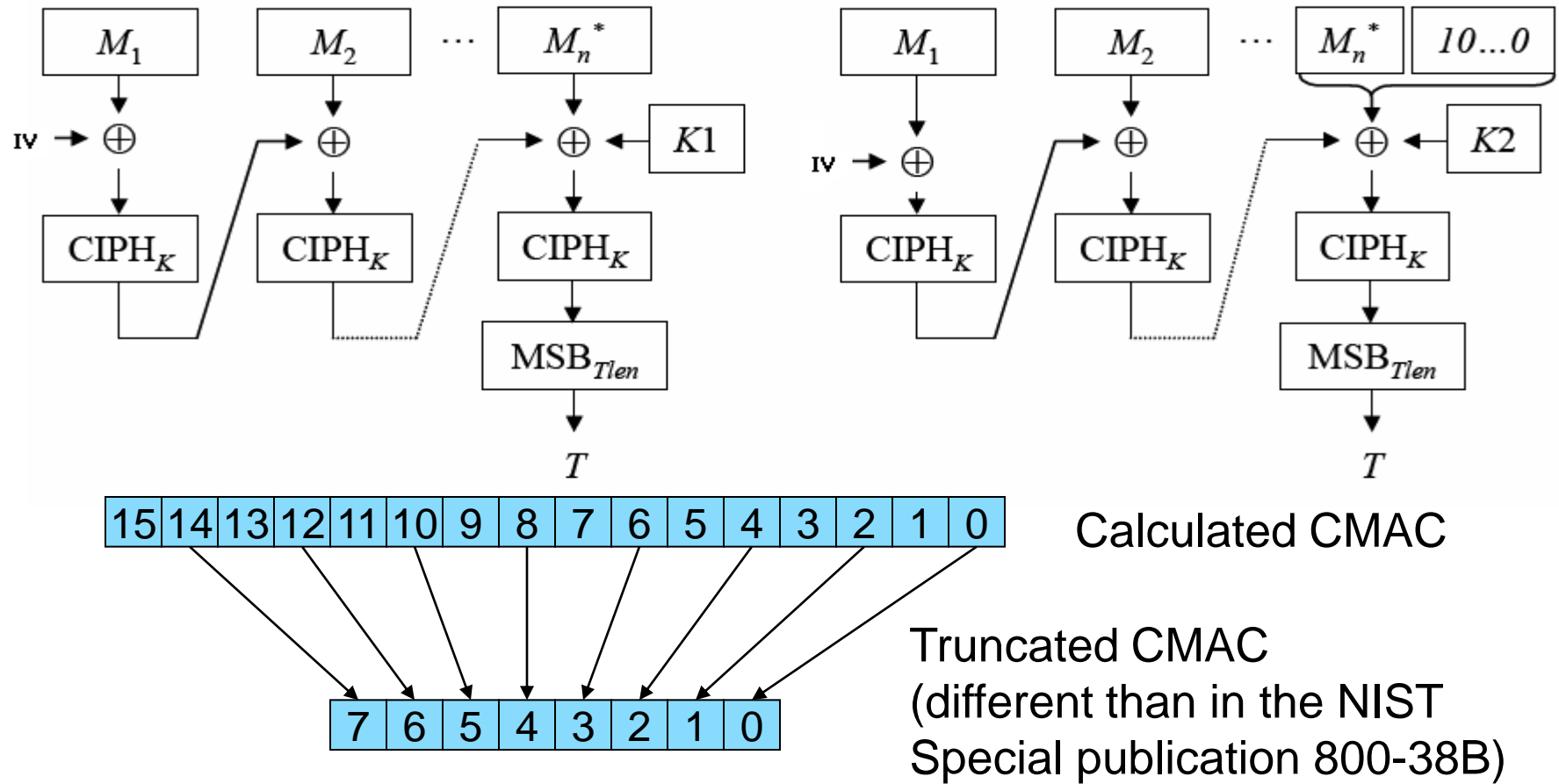
IV:

4	2	2	2	2	2	2
Transaction Identifier	R_Ctr	W_Ctr	R_Ctr	W_Ctr	R_Ctr	W_Ctr

Note: R_Ctr and W_Ctr -> LSB first
TI is a bytestring, so LSB/MSB does not apply.

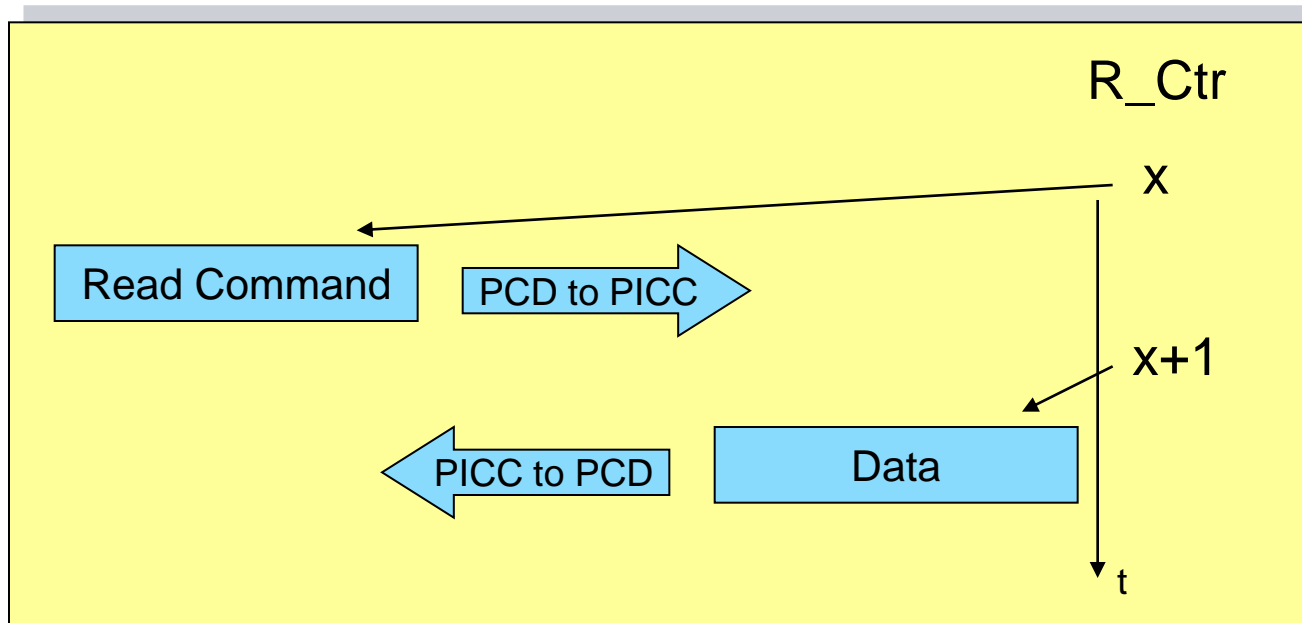
Integrity: MAC

CMAC: According to NIST Special Publication 800-38B



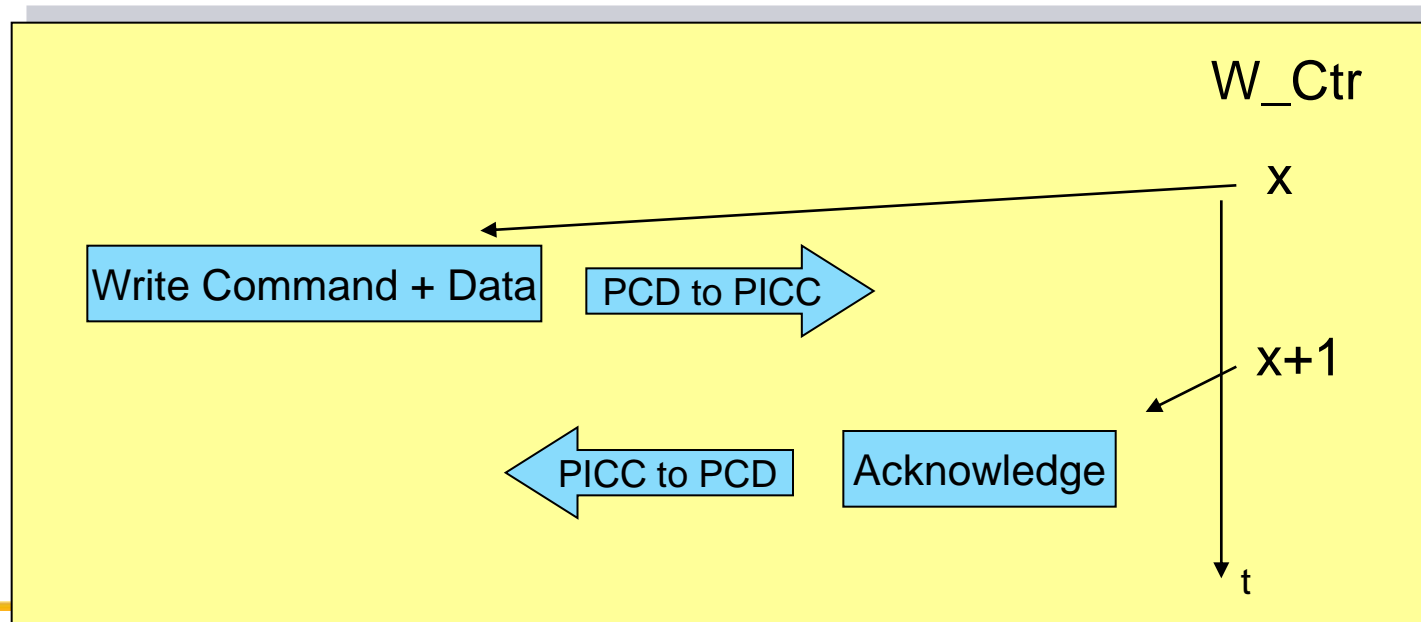
Read Counter R_Ctr

- ▶ Format:
 - 2 Byte counter (integer),
 - LSByte first („Little Endian“)
- ▶ The counter values are never transferred.
- ▶ Read Counter counts the Read commands.
- ▶ First Authentication resets the R_Ctr.

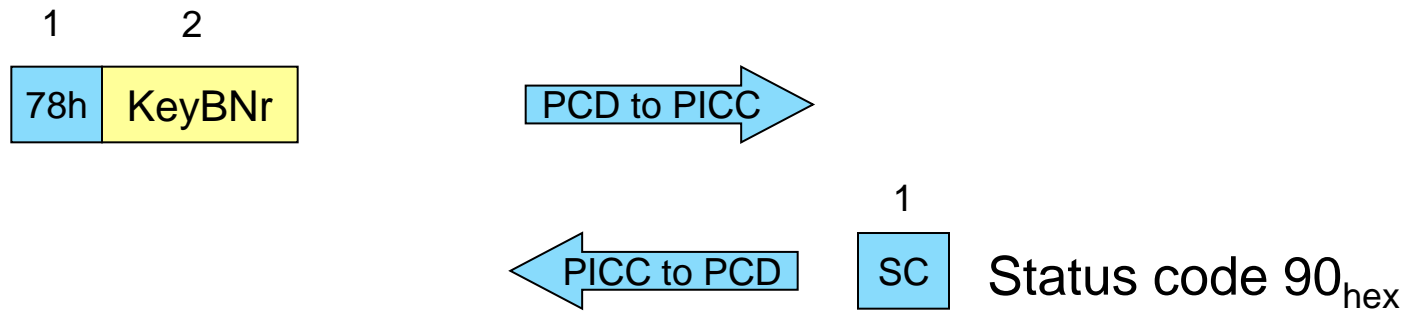


Write Counter W_Ctr

- ▶ Format:
 - 2 Byte counter (integer),
 - LSByte first („Little Endian“)
- ▶ The counter values are never transferred.
- ▶ Write Counter counts the Write, Increment, Decrement, Restore and Transfer commands.
- ▶ First Authentication resets the W_Ctr



Reset Authentication



This command resets the authentication.

MIFARE Plus SL3 Read and Write commands

With and without MAC, Encrypted or Plain

MIFARE Plus Read

MIFARE Plus S

Data in Plain

Data encrypted

MAC on response (data)

no MAC on response (data)

MAC on command

no MAC on command

All combinations possible with MIFARE Plus X

MIFARE Plus Read commands

Command Code (hex)	Data	MAC on Command	MAC on Response
▶ 30	Encrypted	Yes	No
▶ 31	Encrypted	Yes	Yes
▶ 32	plain	Yes	No
▶ 33	plain	Yes	Yes
▶ 34	Encrypted	No	No
▶ 35	Encrypted	No	Yes
▶ 36	plain	No	No
▶ 37	plain	No	Yes

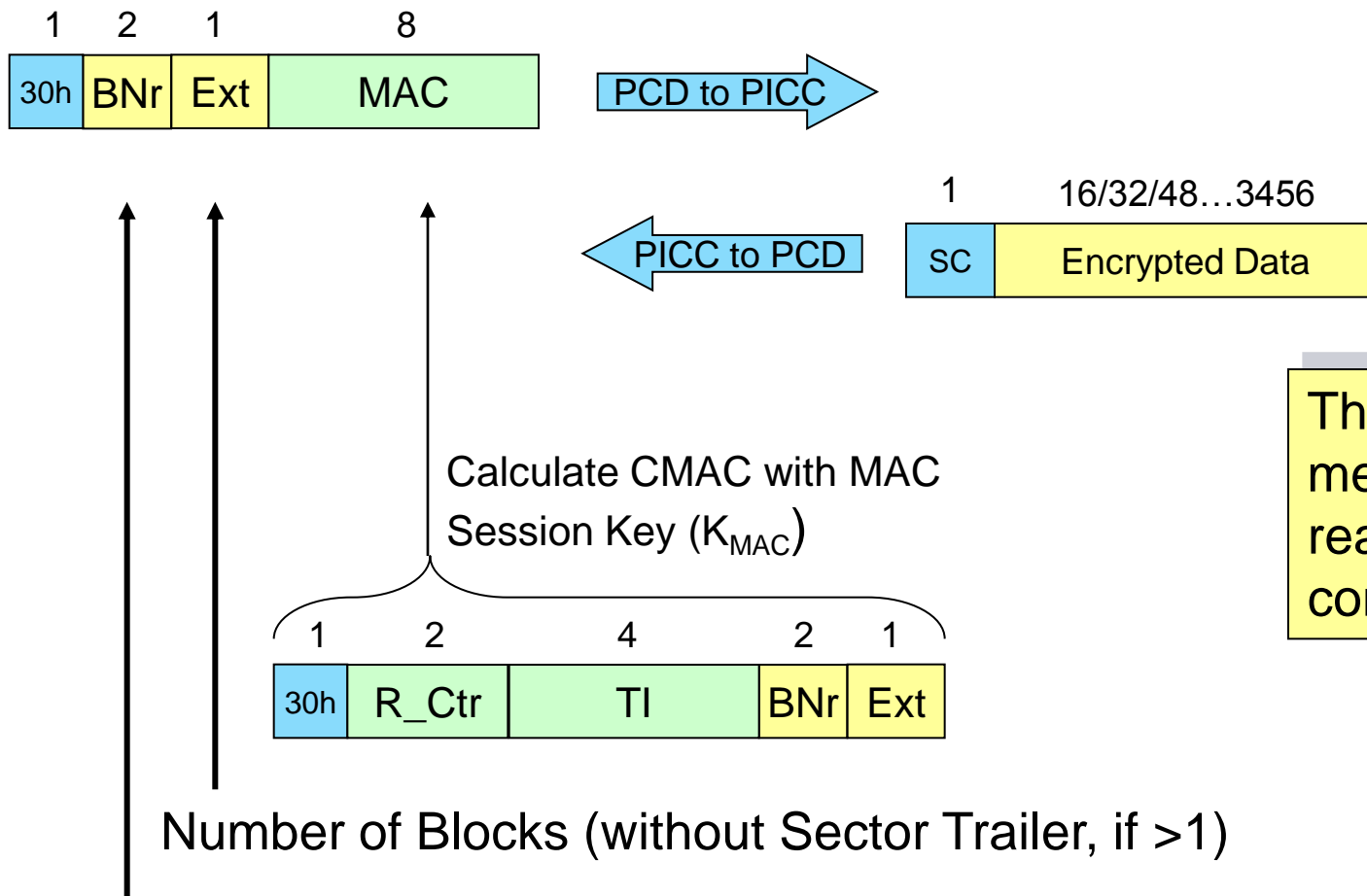
S

MIFARE Plus X



Example of Read 30h

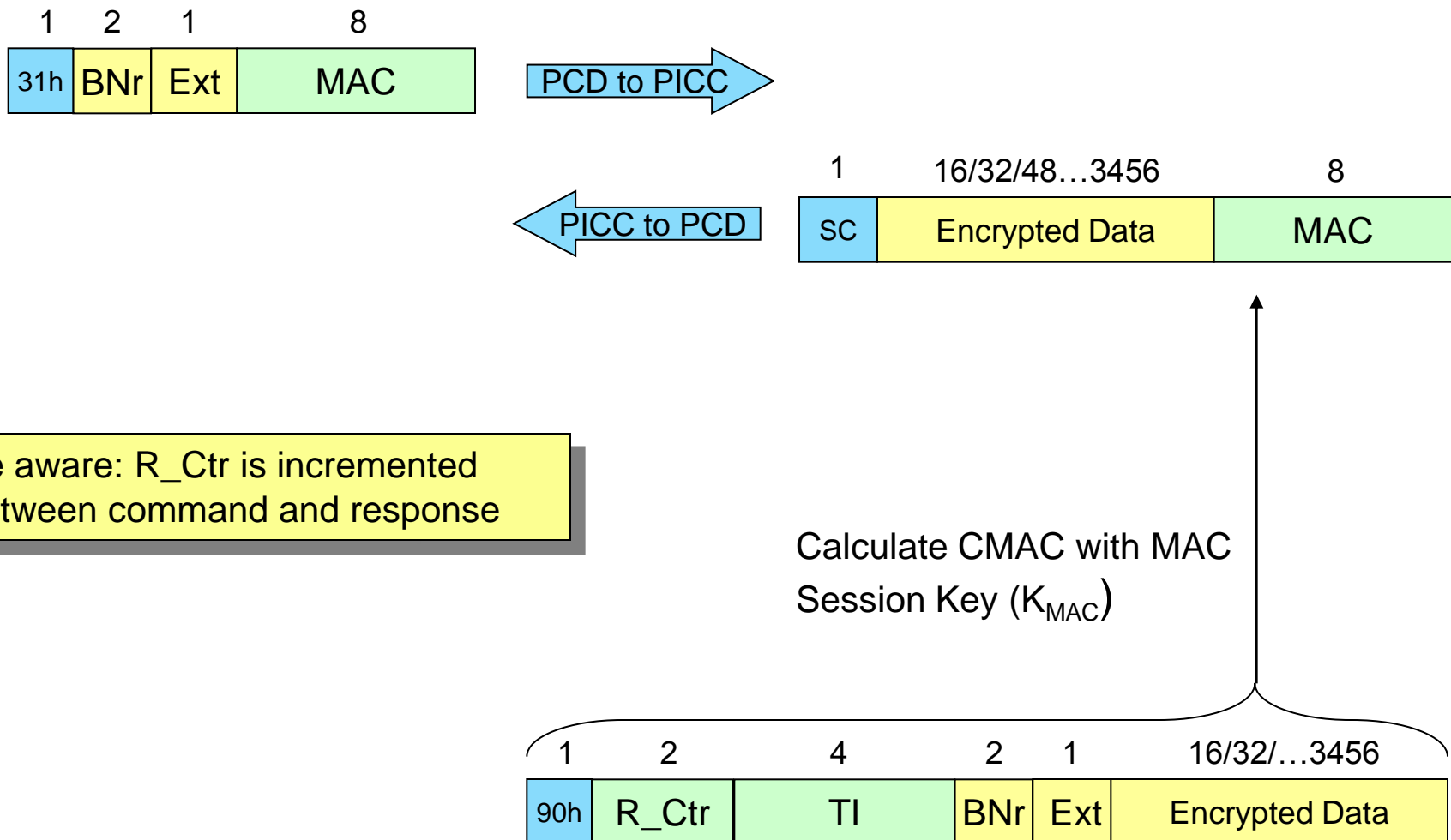
Read encrypted, MAC on command, no MAC on Response



The complete memory can be read with one command.

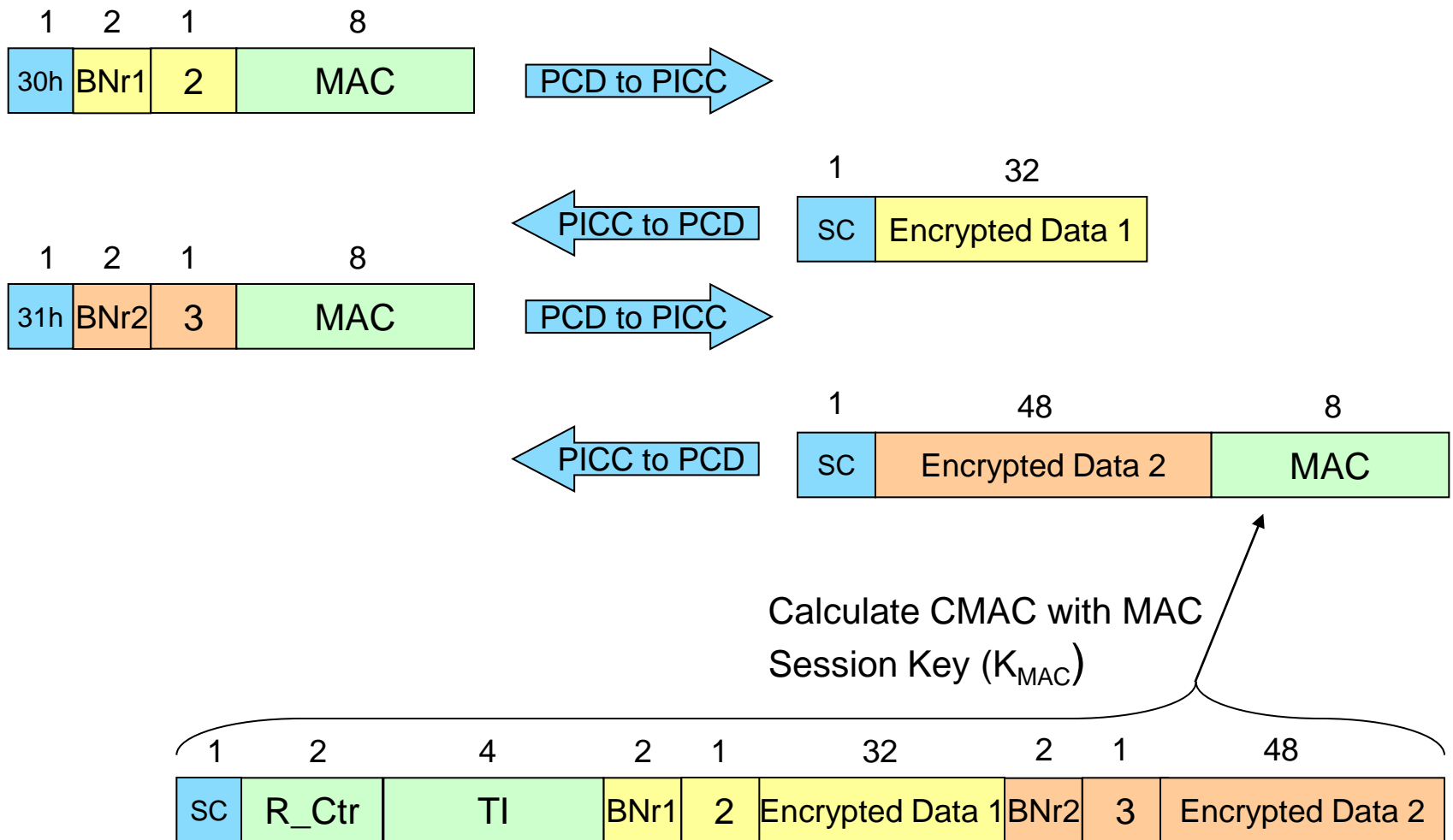
Example of Read 31h

Read encrypted, MAC on command, MAC on Response



MAC on Response over more than one Read

2 Reads



MIFARE Plus Write

MIFARE Plus S

Data in Plain

Data encrypted

MAC on response

no MAC on response

Always MAC on command + data

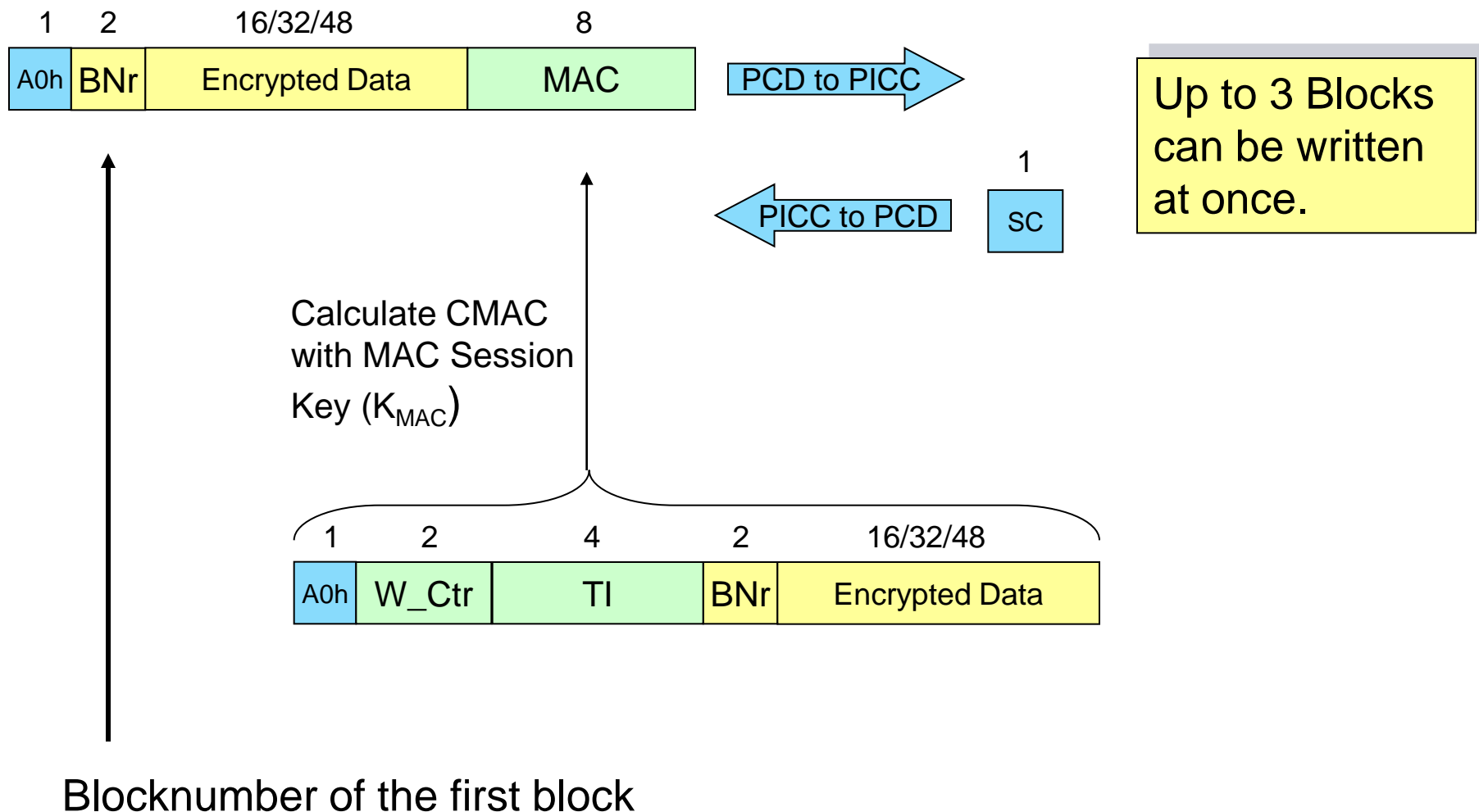
All combinations possible with MIFARE Plus X

MIFARE Plus Write commands

Command Code (hex)	Data	MAC on Command	MAC on Response
▶ A0	Encrypted	Yes	No
▶ A1	Encrypted	Yes	Yes
▶ A2	plain	Yes	No
▶ A3	plain	Yes	Yes
MIFARE Plus S			
MIFARE Plus X			

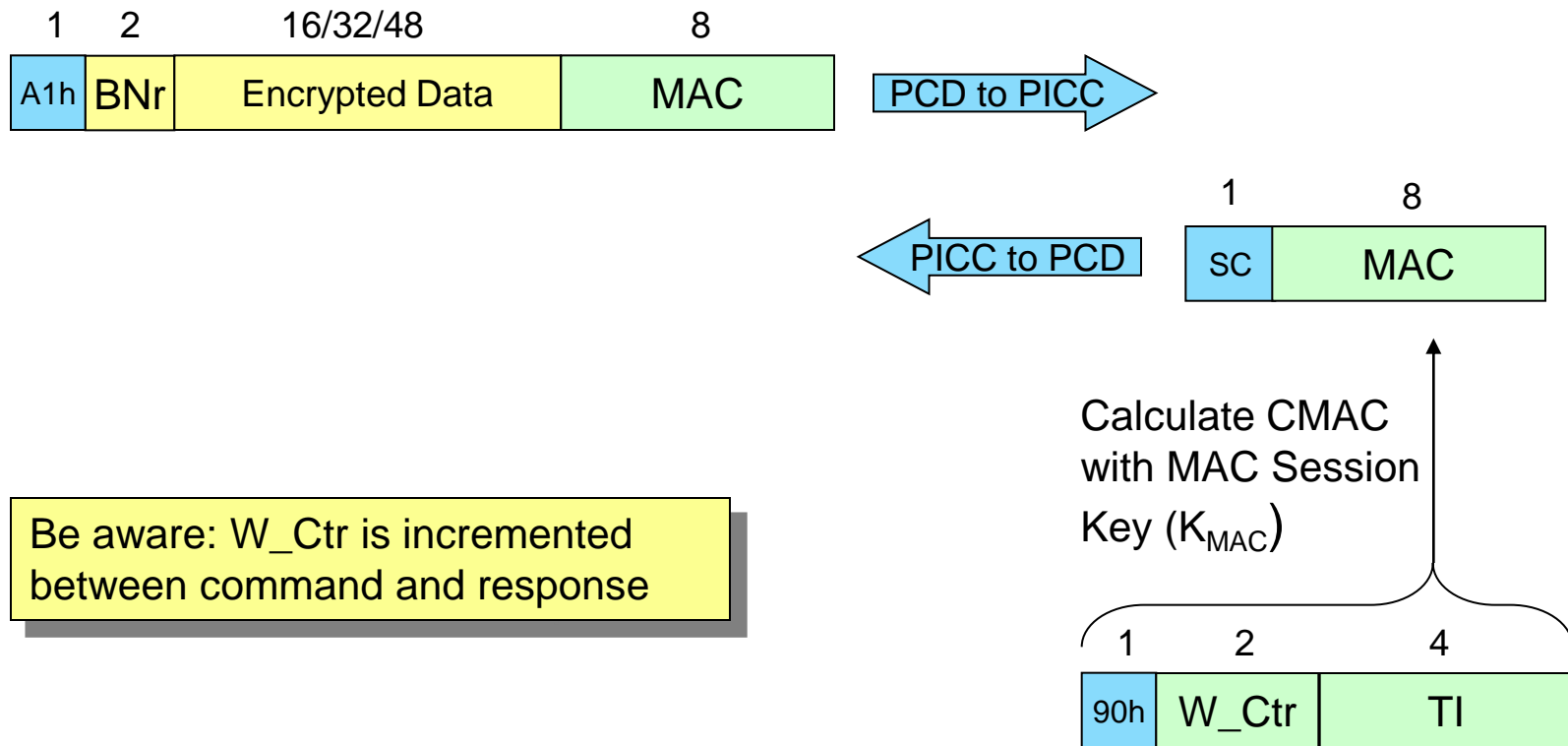
Example of Write A0h

Write encrypted, MAC on command, no MAC on Response



Example of Write A1h

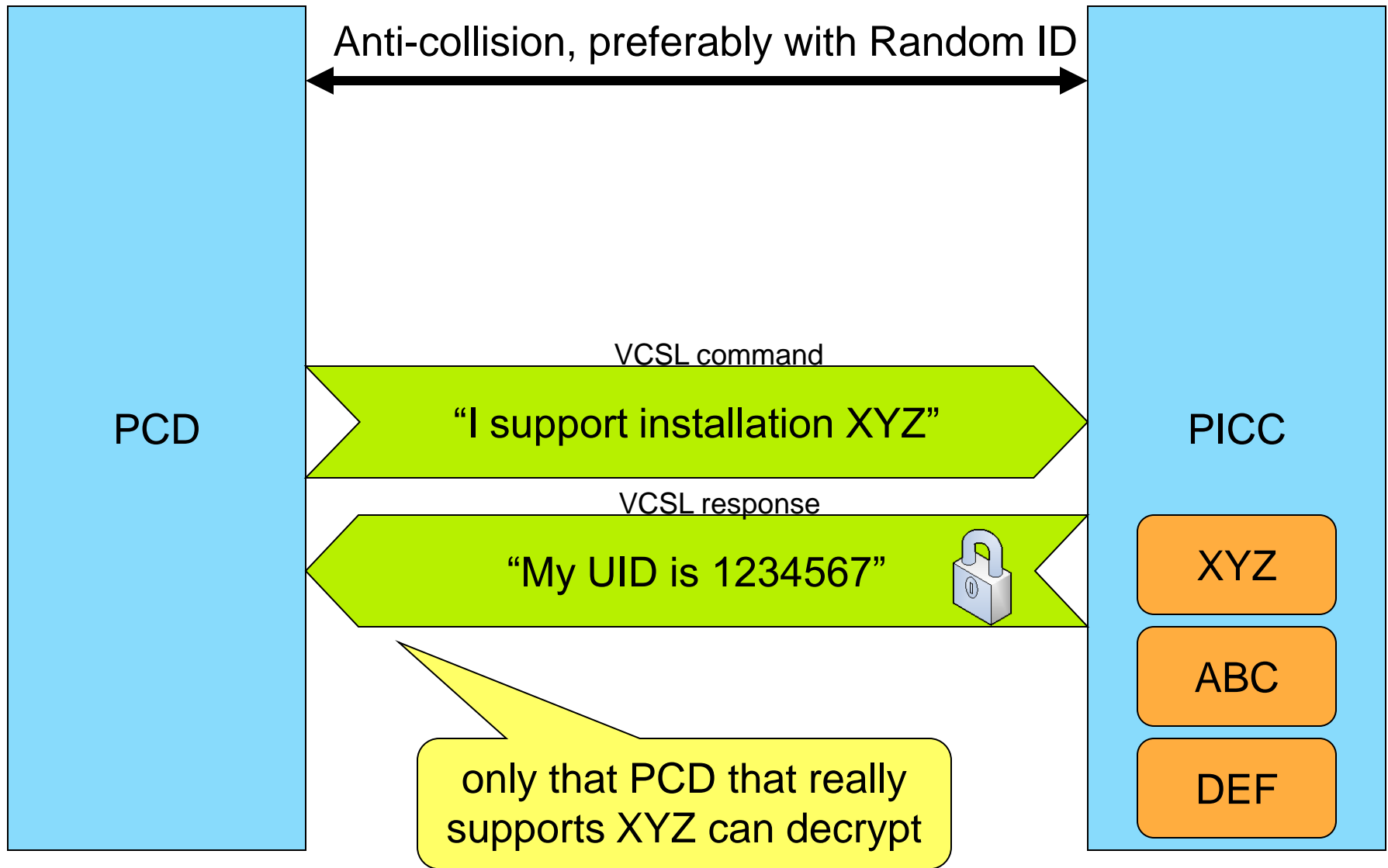
Write encrypted, MAC on command, MAC on Response



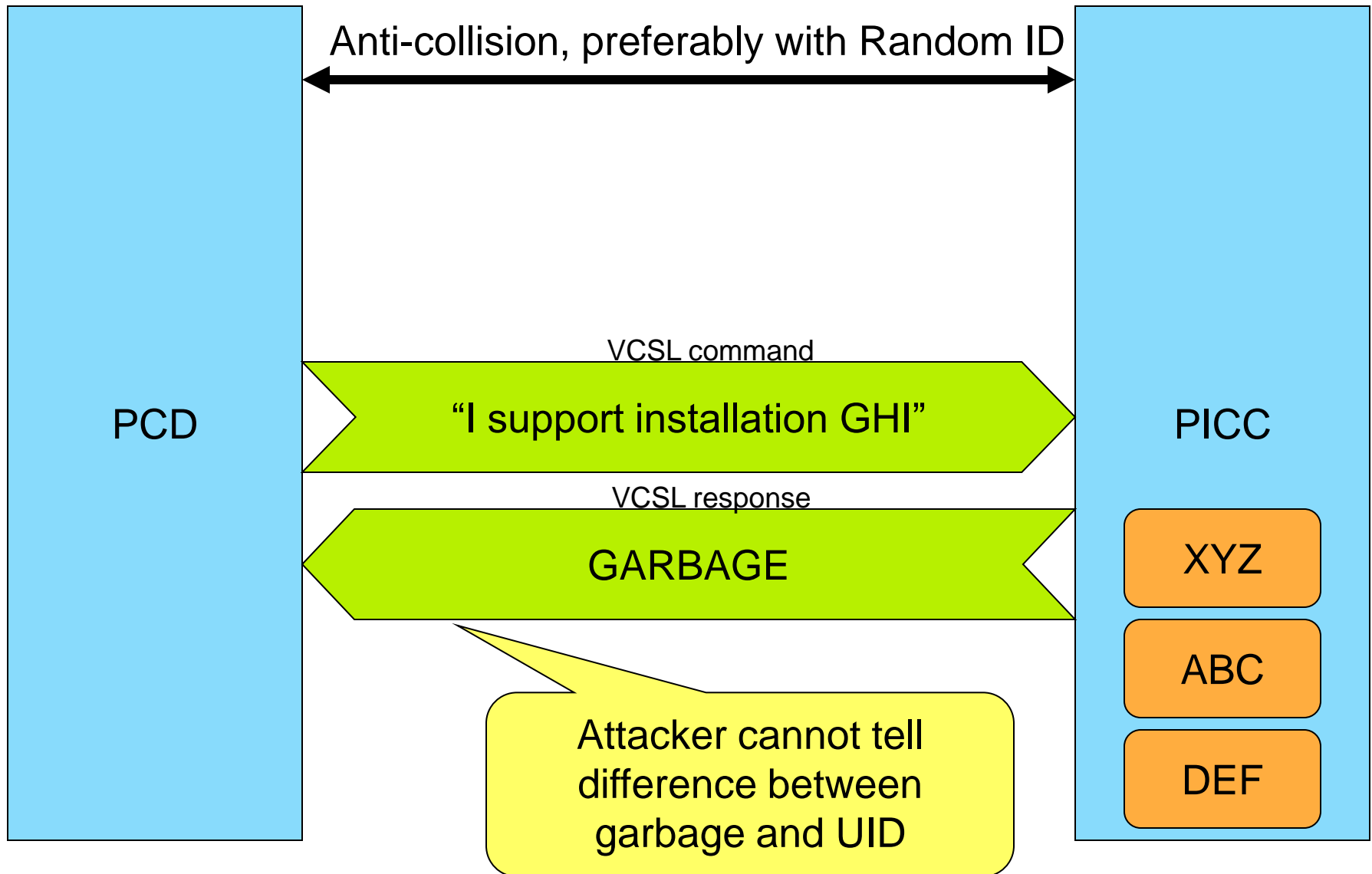
MIFARE Plus Virtual Card Architecture (VCA)

VCA Part 1: Principle

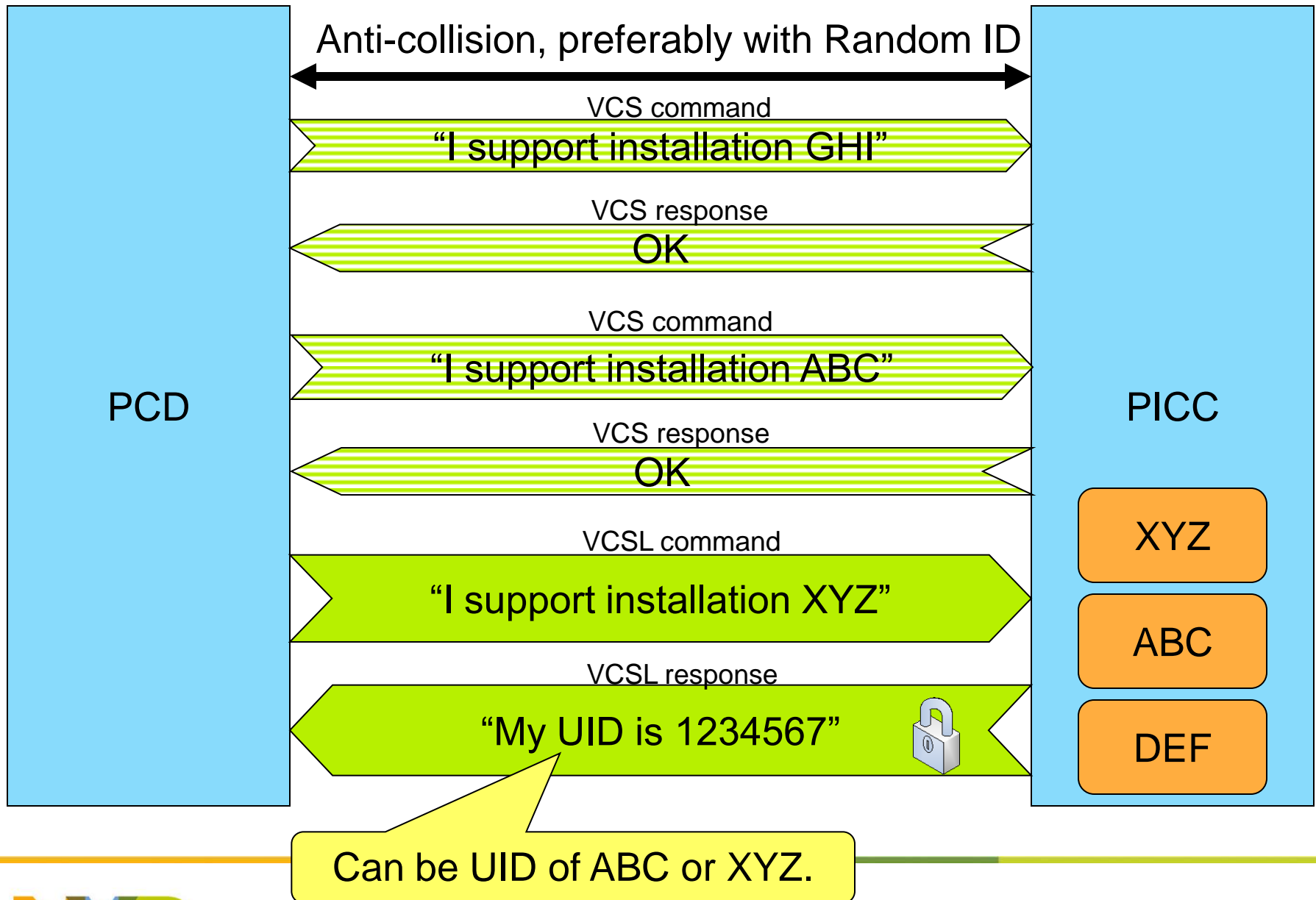
One VC available for the installation



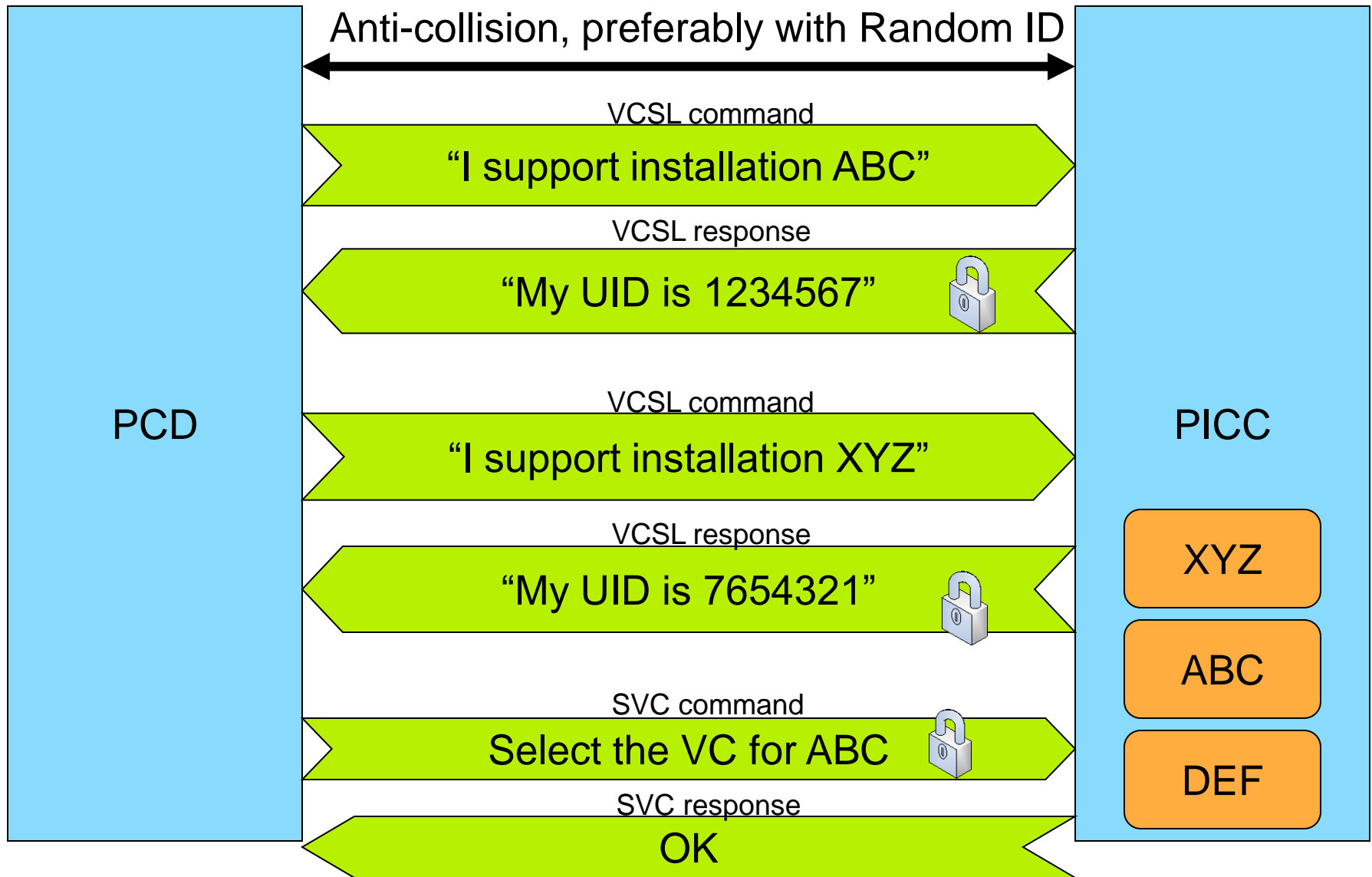
No VC available for the installation



PCD supports multiple installations, PICC makes the choice



PCD supports multiple installations, PCD makes the choice



MIFARE Plus Virtual Card Architecture (VCA)

VCA Part 2: Commands

VCA commands

▶ **VCS: Virtual Card Select**

- To inform the PICC about the IID (Installation supported by PCD)
- Always returns an „OK“.
- Can be cascaded.

▶ **VCSL: Virtual Card Select Last**

- To inform the PICC about the IID (Installation supported by PCD)
- Always returns the encrypted UID or garbage.
- Can be cascaded.

▶ **SVC: Select Virtual Card**

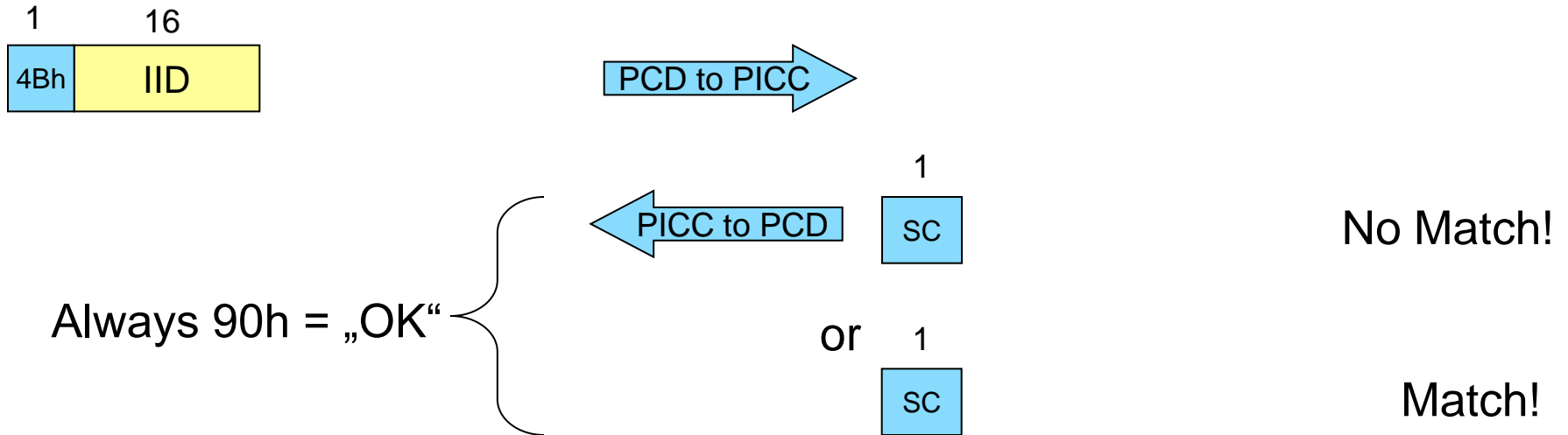
- Selects a VC with its UID.

▶ **DVC**

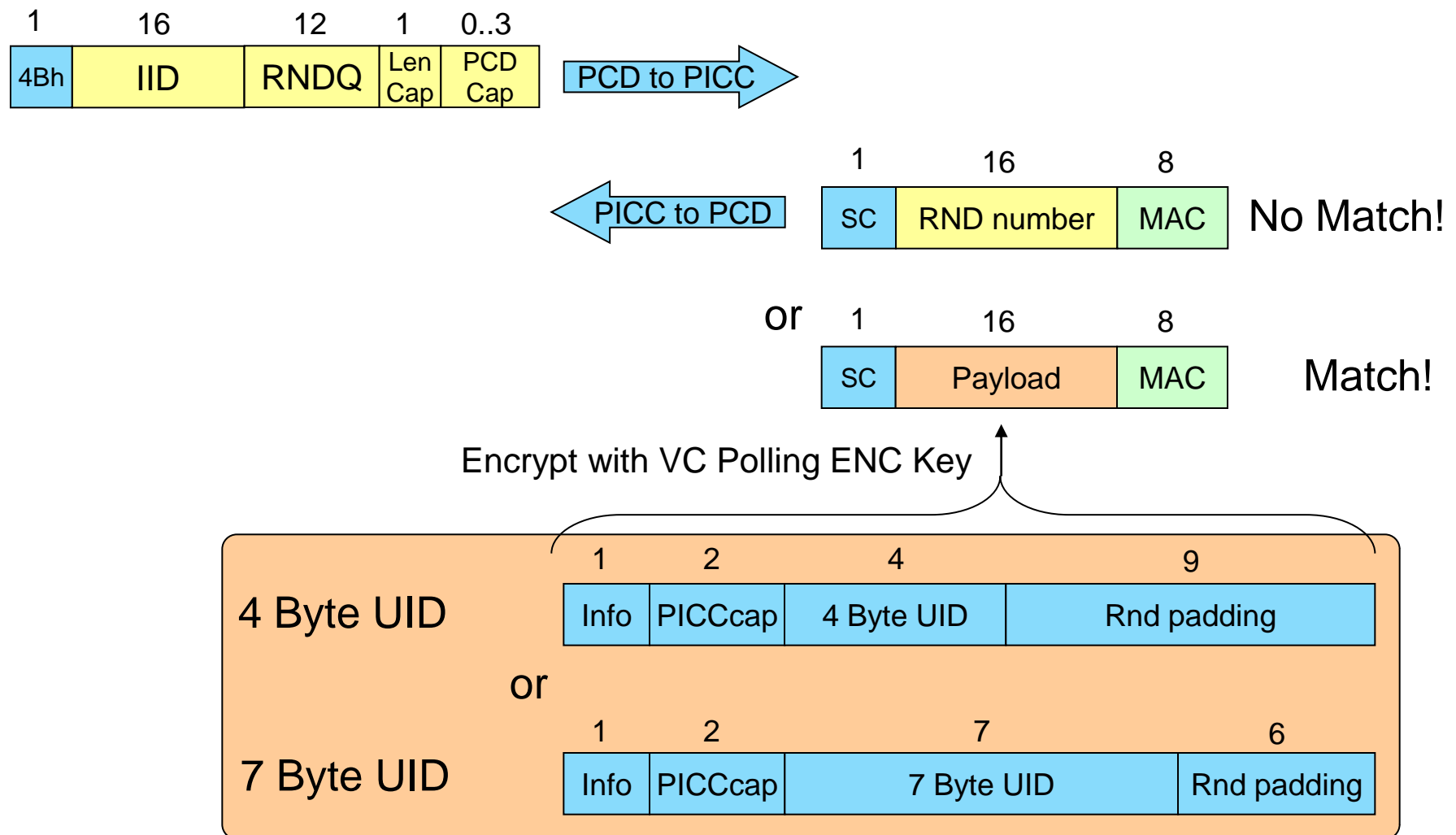
- Deselect a VC with its UID.



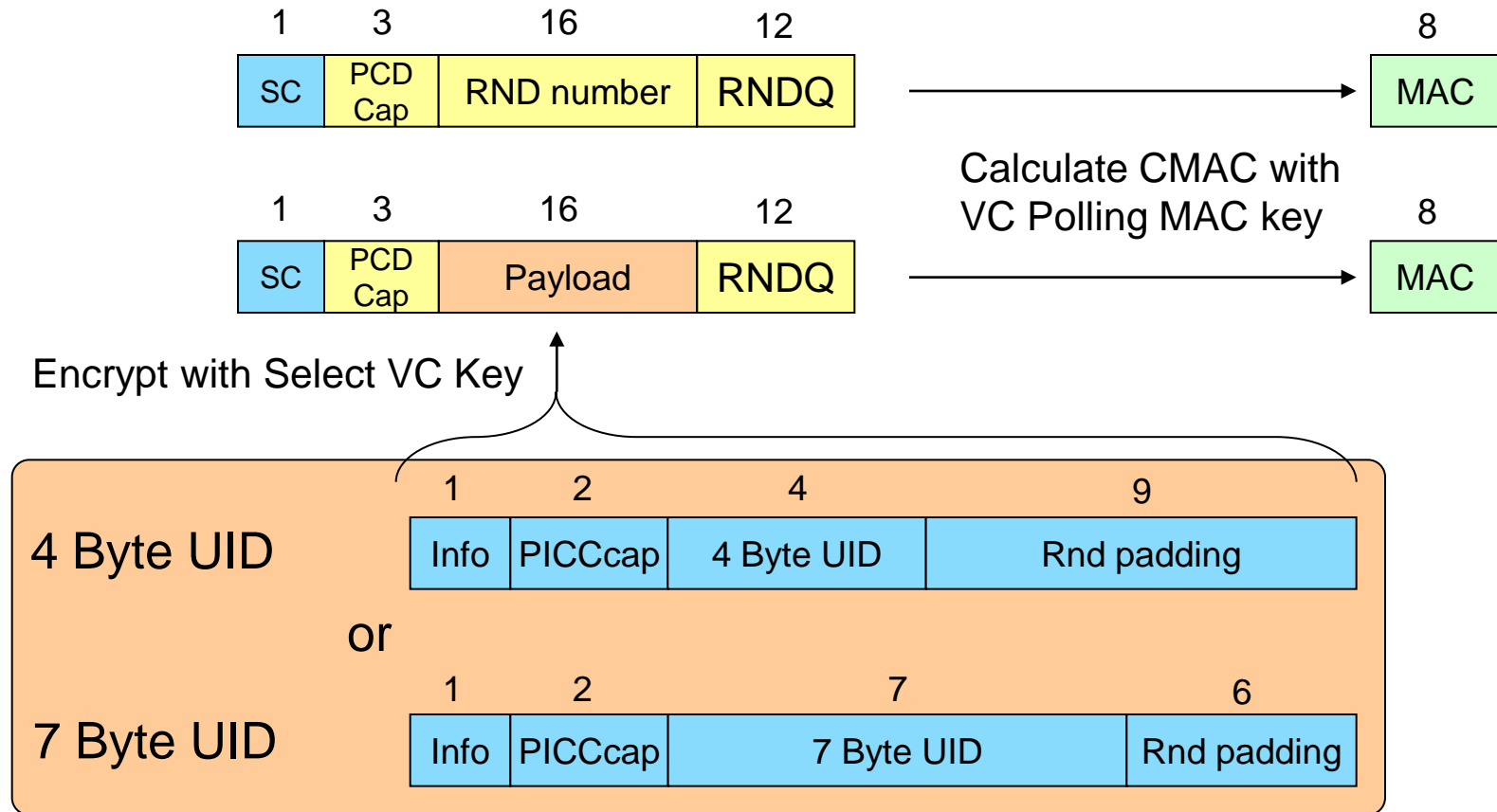
Virtual Card Support



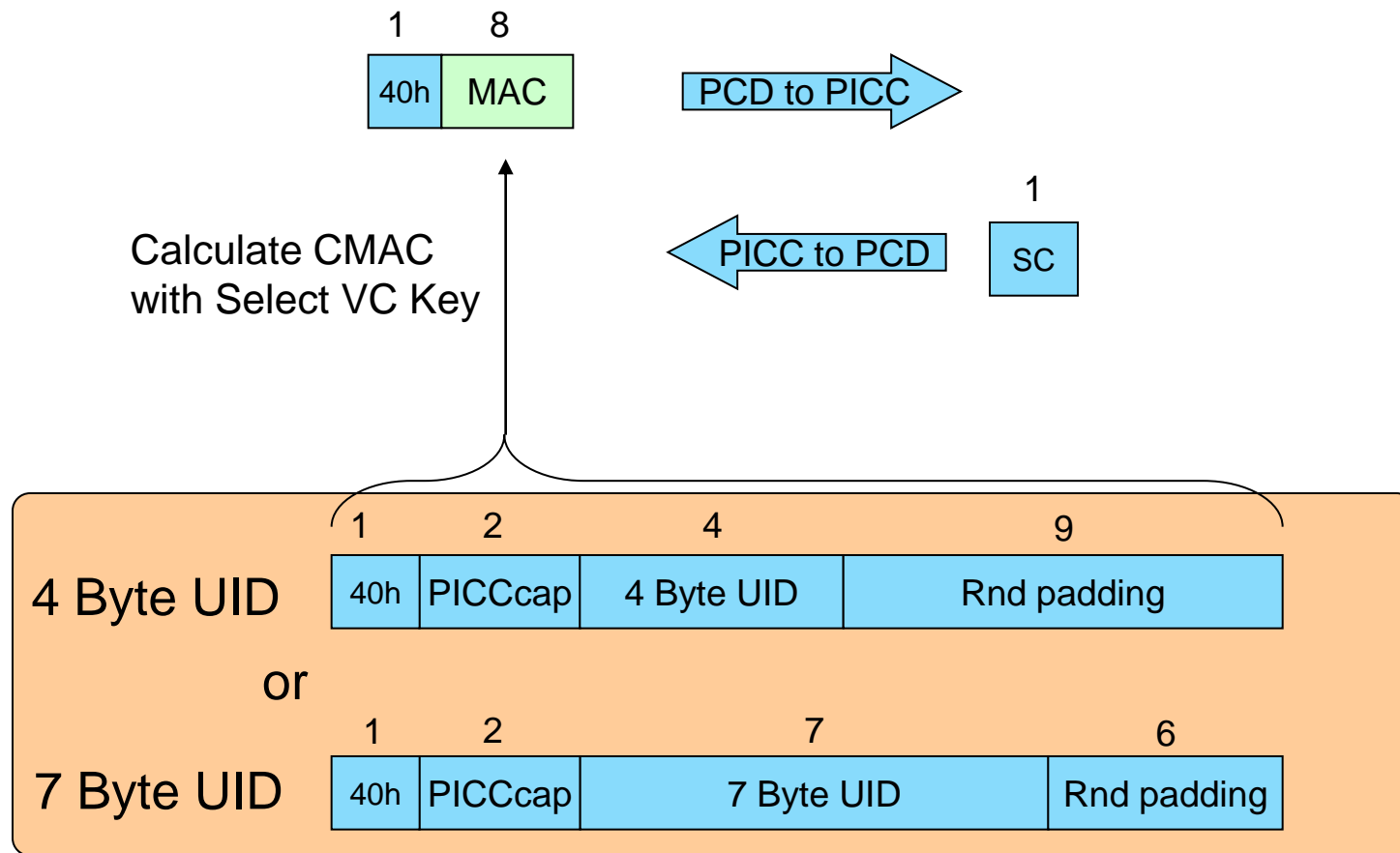
Virtual Card Support Last



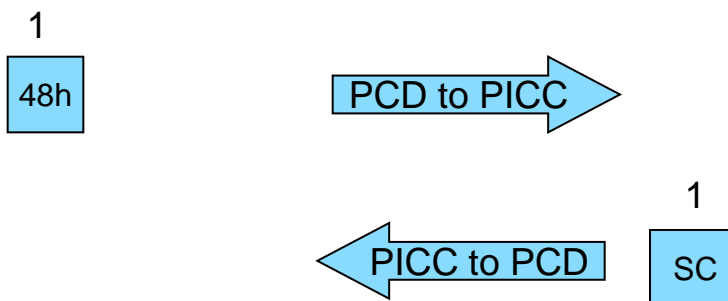
MAC on Virtual Card Support Last response



Select Virtual Card



Deselect Virtual Card



MIFARE Plus Virtual Card Architecture (VCA)

VCA Part 3: How to build the VC IID

Installation Identifier: Proposal of NXP

If **no MAD** is used:

„Golden Device UID“
see next slides

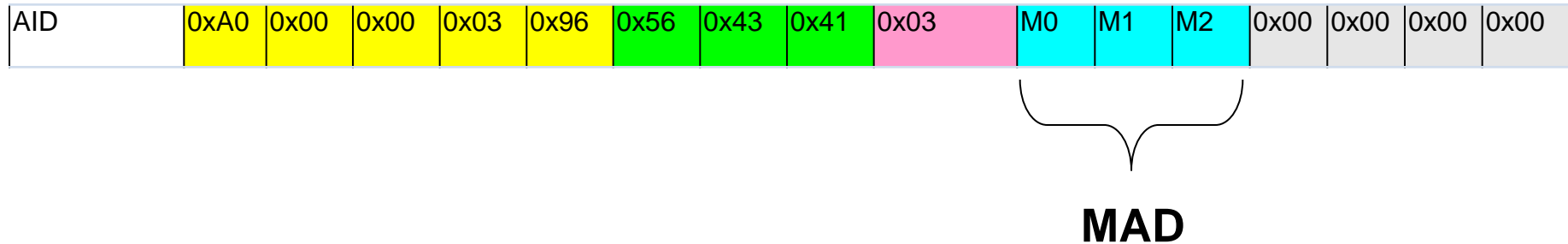
Variant	15	14	13	12	11	10	09	08	07	06	05	04	03	02	01	00
7 byte UID	0xA0	0x00	0x00	0x03	0x96	0x56	0x43	0x41	0x01	UID0	UID1	UID2	UID3	UID4	UID5	UID6
4 byte UID	0xA0	0x00	0x00	0x03	0x96	0x56	0x43	0x41	0x02	UID0	UID1	UID2	UID3	0x00	0x00	0x00
AID	0xA0	0x00	0x00	0x03	0x96	0x56	0x43	0x41	0x03	M0	M1	M2	0x00	0x00	0x00	0x00
Factory default	0xA0	0x00	0x00	0x03	0x96	0x56	0x43	0x41	0xFF	0xFF	0xFF	0xFF	0xFF	0xFF	0xFF	0xFF
Explanation	International RID for PIX (assigned to NXP) according ISO 7816-5					Virtual Card Architecture (VCA)			Variant ID	UID, MAD ID or default bytes, and filler bytes						

If **MAD** is used:

MAD based IID
see next slides

MAD based IID

If MAD is used:



3 bytes from the MAD (like with MIFARE DESFire)

M0 = MIFARE DESFire AID byte 0

M1 = MIFARE DESFire AID byte 1

M2 = MIFARE DESFire AID byte 2

MIFARE DESFire AID Byte 0		MIFARE DESFire AID Byte 1		MIFARE DESFire AID Byte 2	
Nibble 0	Nibble 1	Nibble2	Nibble3	Nibble4	Nibble5
0xF	MIFARE classic AID				0x0 .. 0xF

Details refer to AN „MIFARE Application Directory“.

„Golden Reference UID“ based IID

If no MAD is used :

7 byte UID	0xA0	0x00	0x00	0x03	0x96	0x56	0x43	0x41	0x01		UID0	UID1	UID2	UID3	UID4	UID5	UID6
4 byte UID	0xA0	0x00	0x00	0x03	0x96	0x56	0x43	0x41	0x02		UID0	UID1	UID2	UID3	0x00	0x00	0x00

UID

- ▶ Take a MIFARE card (MIFARE Plus).
- ▶ Read out the UID.
- ▶ Clearly mark this card that this is **the “Golden Device”**.
- ▶ Make sure that the UID stays readable,
 - Do not configure **this card** into Random ID.
 - After reading out the UID do not further interact with it.
- ▶ Lock the card away (“Golden Reference”).
- ▶ Compose the IID using the table in the previous slide using the row 7 byte UID or 4 byte UID depending on the length of the UID that was read from the card.

MIFARE Plus Virtual Card Architecture (VCA)

VCA Part 4: VCA Quick and Easy!!

VCA Quick and Easy!!

- ▶ What is the target?
- ▶ How to prepare the MIFARE Plus
- ▶ How to use VCSL
- ▶ Additional Remarks

What is the target?

- ▶ We want to use the MIFARE Plus with RID -> Privacy protection!
- ▶ We want to use the UID to diversify keys -> Security!
- ▶ We want to use the fastest (& secure) way to retrieve the UID!
- ▶ **VCSL = Virtual Card Select Last command**

How to prepare the MIFARE Plus

1. Create an IID for **YOUR** installation.
 - IID = Installation Identifier = „Unique“ Installation ID
 - Proposal from NXP available: use a „Golden Device UID“ and store away.
 - Details see slides in VCA part 3 above.
2. Create a VC Polling ENC Key for **YOUR** installation.
3. Create a VC Polling MAC Key for **YOUR** installation.
4. Personalize the MIFARE Plus with
 - IID (Block B001_{hex})
 - VC Polling ENC Key (Block A080_{hex})
 - VC Polling MAC Key (Block A081_{hex})
5. Switch MIFARE Plus to use RID in SL3
 - Write Field Configuration Block (e.g. during Personalization)
 - Default = 00 **55** 55 00 00 00000000 00 00 000000000000 → no RID
 - change = 00 **AA** 55 00 00 00000000 00 00 000000000000 → RID



How to use VCSL

- ▶ Activate Card: REQA – Anticollision – Select - RATS (-optionally PPS)
 - This Activation sequence uses the Random ID now.
 - Privacy is protected.
- ▶ **Run VCSL to get UID.**
 - You need to know **YOUR IID.**
 - You need to know **YOUR VC Polling ENC Key.**
 - You need to know **YOUR VC Polling MAC Key.**
 - UID is transferred encrypted and MACed -> Secure!
 - Only YOU can retrieve the UID to diversify keys.
- ▶ Simple and fast!

Remarks

- ▶ VCSL is the fastest way to retrieve the UID.
 - Read Block 0 might be possible, but takes longer.
 - Read Block 0 might not be encrypted (MIFAR Plus S): not secure!
- ▶ VC Polling ENC Key must NOT be diversified!
- ▶ VC Polling MAC Key must NOT be diversified!

