

Automating Cryptanalysis: Automated Reasoning and Structural Links Between Attacks

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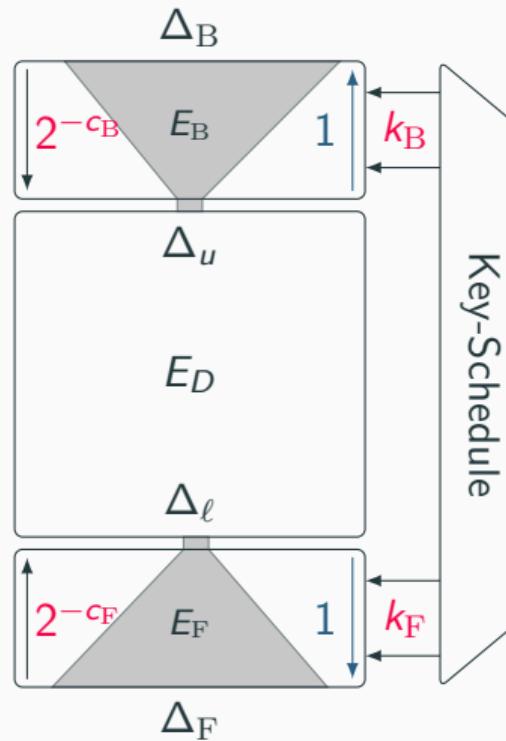
Anatomy of Symmetric-Key Attacks

Well-Known Cryptanalytic Attacks

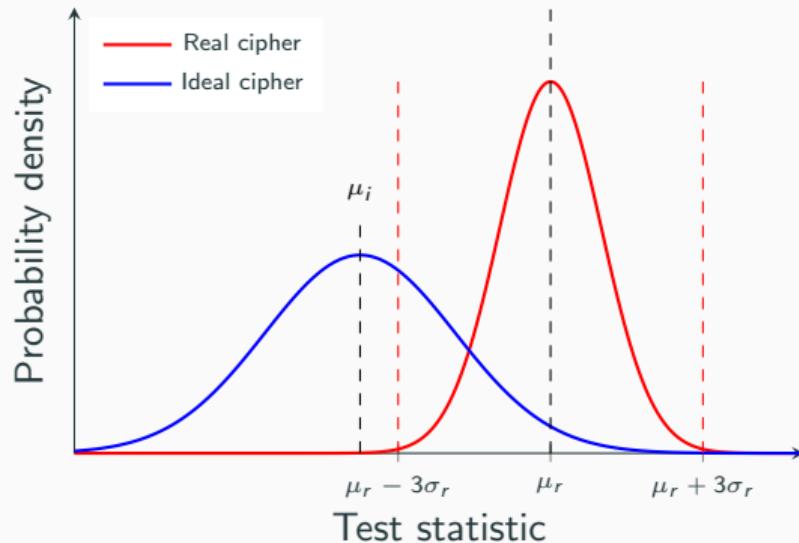
- Differential attack [BS90] (Full round DES [BS92]/AES-256 [BKN09])
- Linear attack [Mat93] (Full round DES [Mat93])
- Boomerang attack [Wag99] (Full round COCONUT98 [Wag99])
- Differential-Linear (DL) attack [LH94] (Full round COCONUT98 [BDK02])
- Impossible-Differential (ID) attack [Knu98; BBS99] (7 rounds of AES)
- Zero-Correlation attack (ZC) [BR14]
- Integral attack [Lai94a; DKR97] (Full-round MISTY1 [Tod15])
- Cube attack [DS09] (Best attack type on SHA-3 [Hua+17])
- And some others, e.g., guess-and-determine and meet-in-the-middle attacks.

Anatomy of Symmetric-Key Attacks – Overall View

- Distinguisher
- Key Recovery



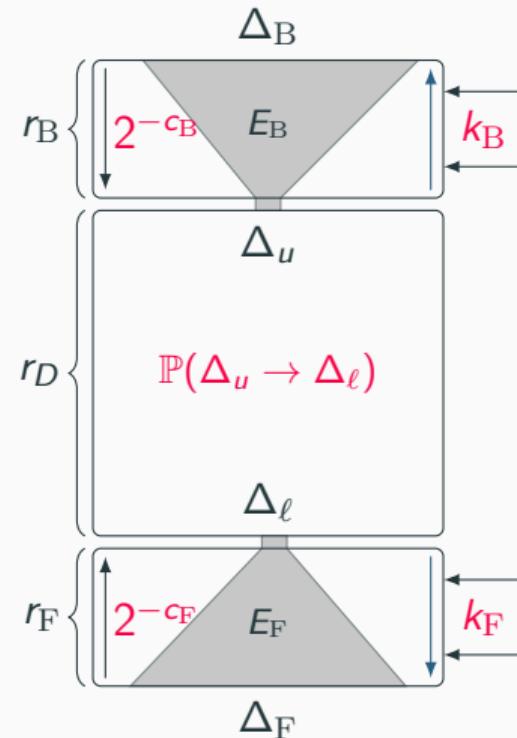
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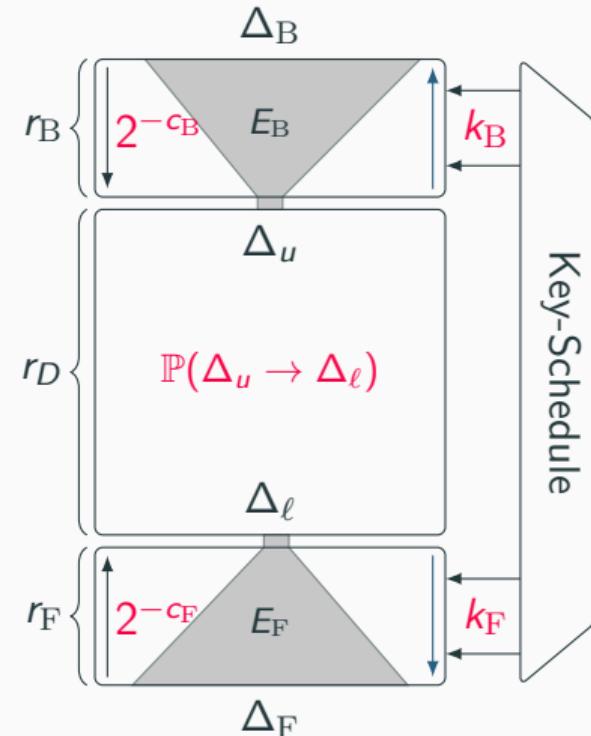
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- Generic and universal techniques (in key recovery):
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 - Key-Bridging technique [DKS10b]

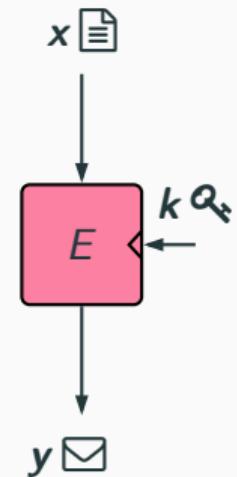


Why Do We Need to Study the Links Between Attacks?

- Avoid reinventing the wheel: save time and effort in cryptanalysis.
- Reuse discoveries in one attack to improve another.
 - Reuse more efficient automated tools from one attack to another.
 - Reuse discovered distinguishers from one attack to another.
 - Reuse discovered key-recovery techniques from one attack to another.
- Exploring the link between attacks can even lead to discovering a new attack type!

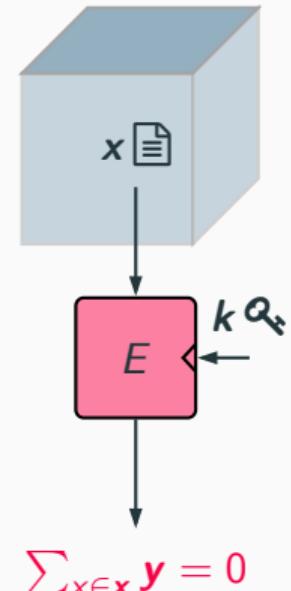
Theoretical Links Between Symmetric-Key Attacks

Integral and ZC Distinguishers



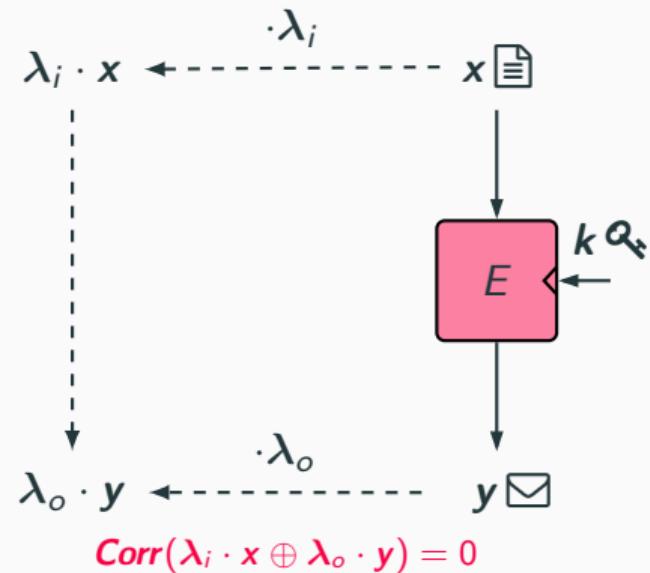
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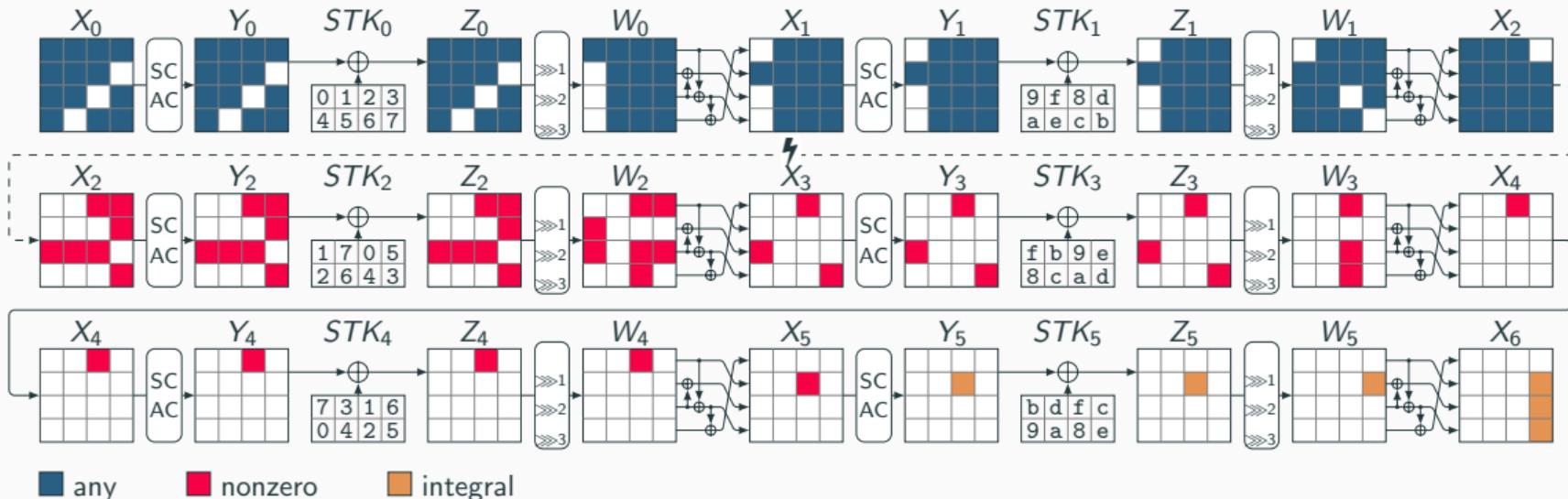
Relation Between ZC and Integral Distinguishers

Any ZC distinguisher can be converted to an integral distinguisher [Sun+15].

Let $F : \mathbb{F}_2^n \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_2^n$ be a vectorial Boolean function. Assume A is a subspace of \mathbb{F}_2^n and $\beta \in \mathbb{F}_2^n \setminus \{0\}$ such that (α, β) is a ZC approximation for any $\alpha \in A$. Then, for any $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}_2^n$, $\langle \beta, F(x + \lambda) \rangle$ is balanced over the set

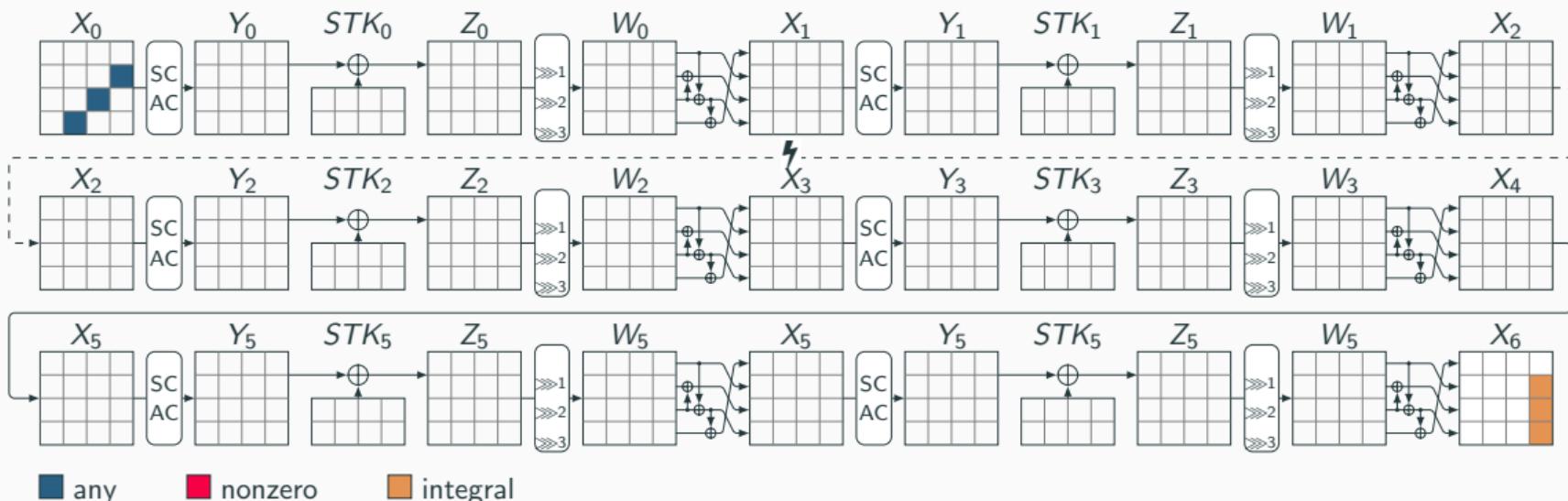
$$A^\perp = \{x \in \mathbb{F}_2^n \mid \forall \alpha \in A : \langle \alpha, x \rangle = 0\}.$$

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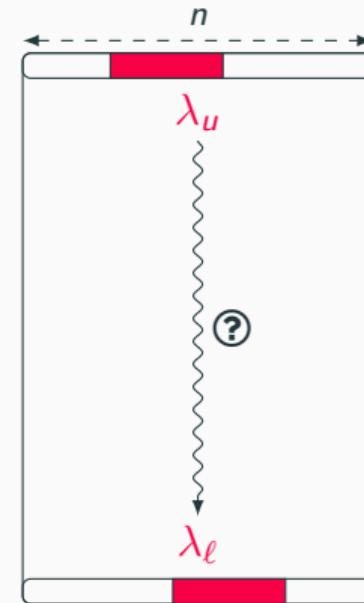
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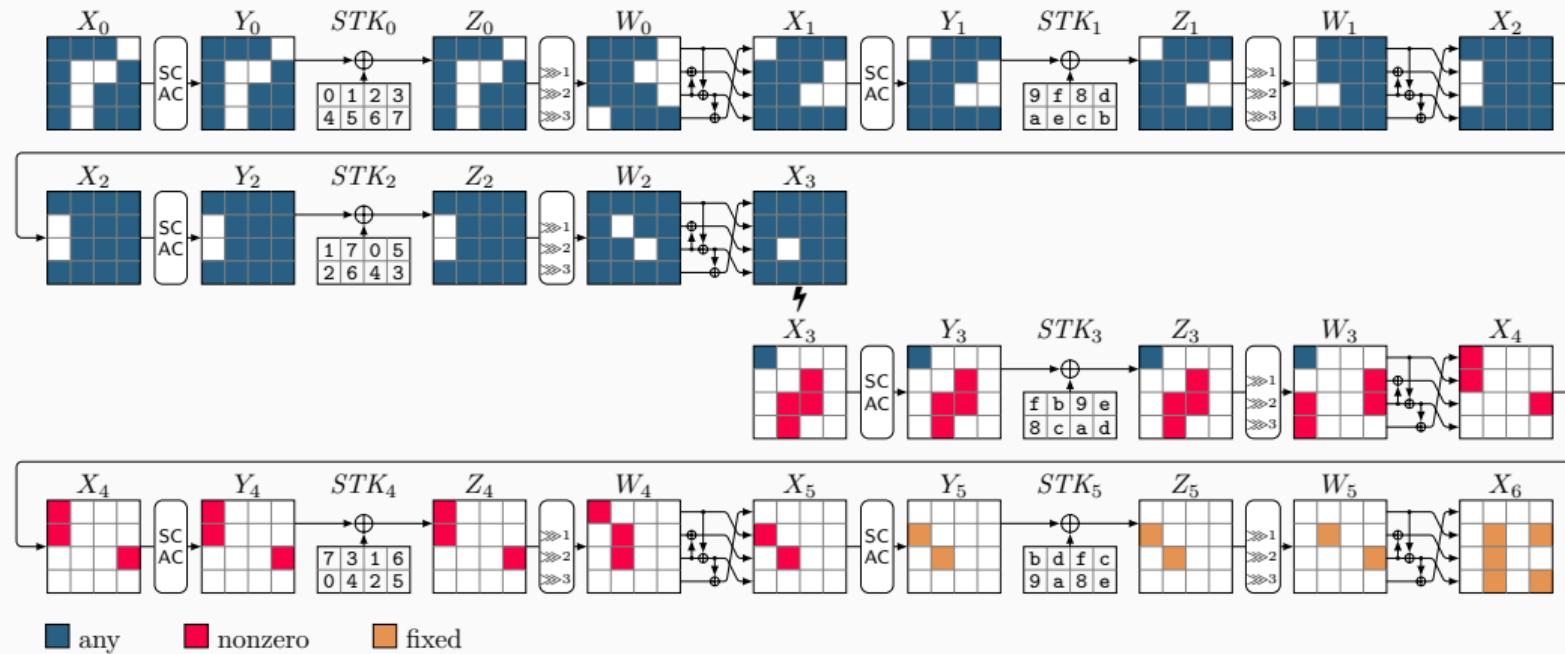
Previous Tools for ZC and Integral Attacks

- Tools based on (the **negative** output of the) general purpose solvers:
 - Eprint 2016 (ID) [Cui+16]
 - ASIACRYPT 2016 (Integral) [Xia+16]
 - EUROCRYPT 2017 (ID, ZC) [ST17]
 - ToSC 2017 (ID, ZC) [Sun+17]
 - ToSC 2020 (ID, ZC) [Sun+20]



Miss-in-the-Middle Technique [BBS99]

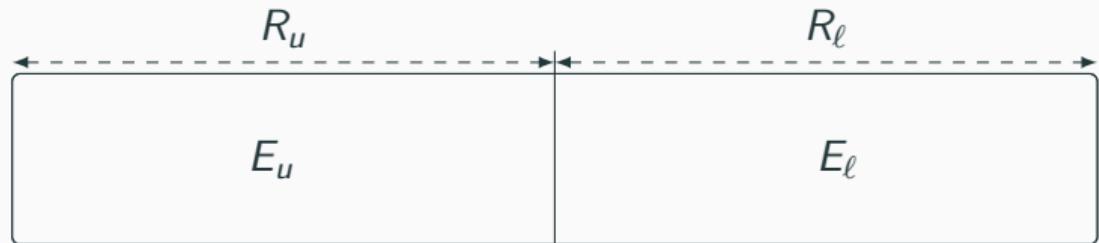
- Find two linear masks that propagate forward and backward with probability one and contradict each other somewhere in the middle.



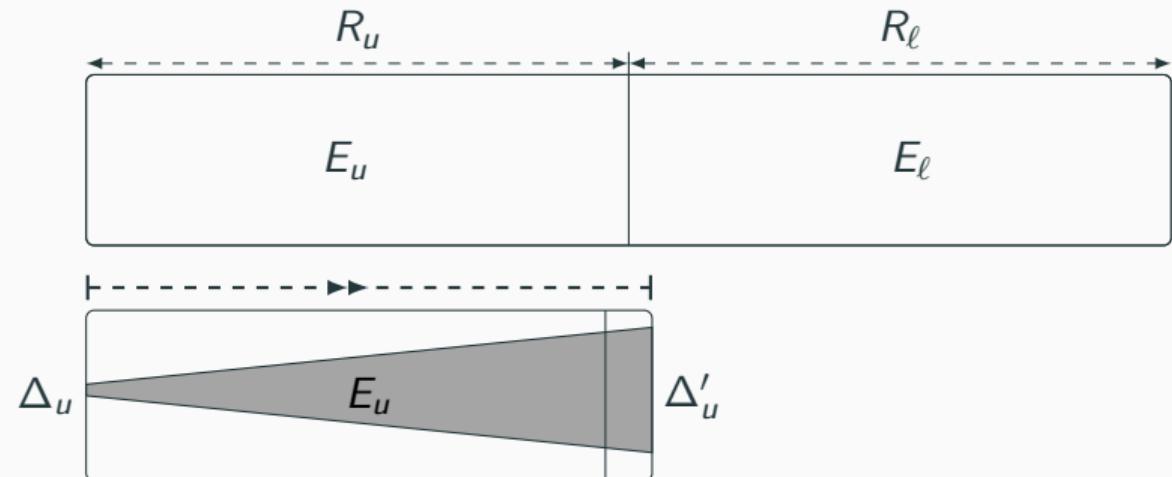
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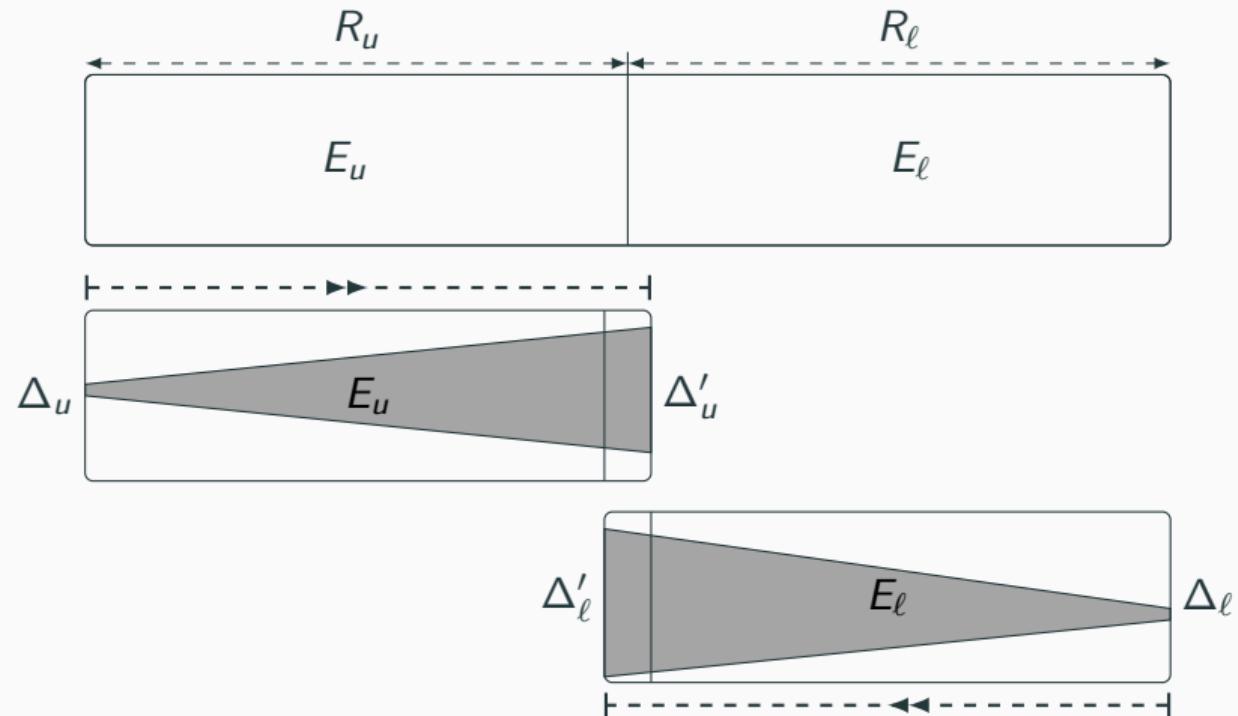


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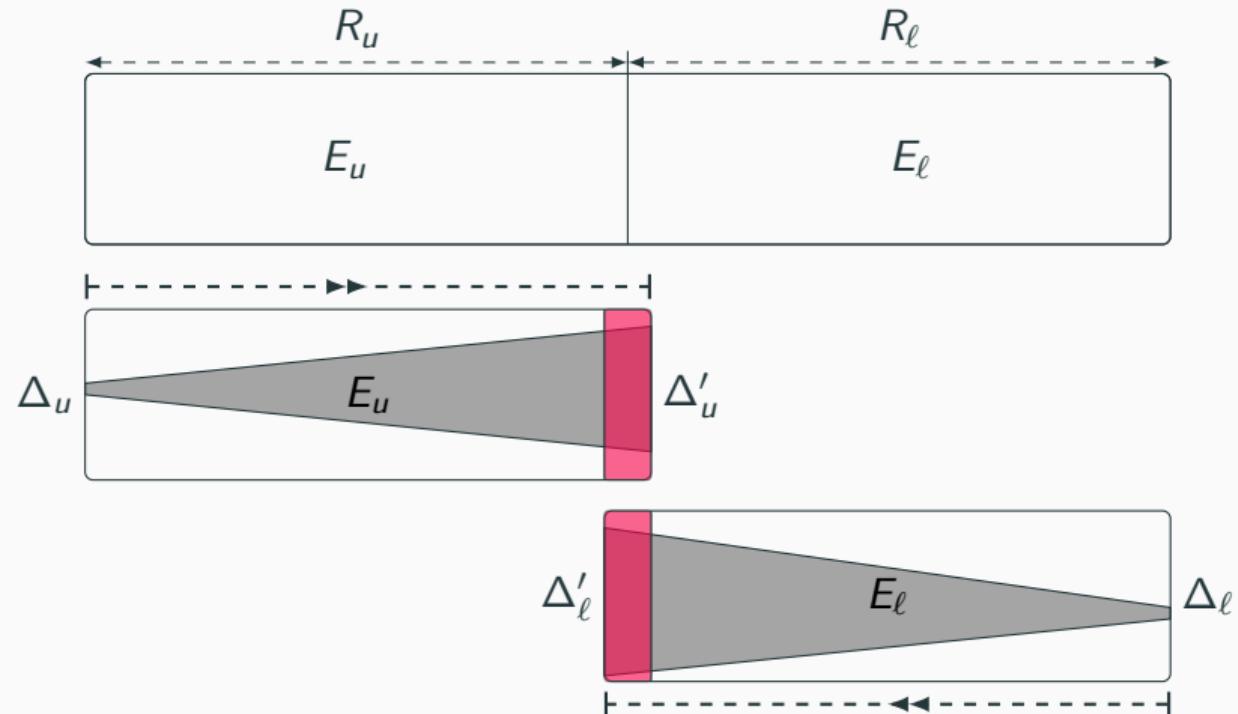
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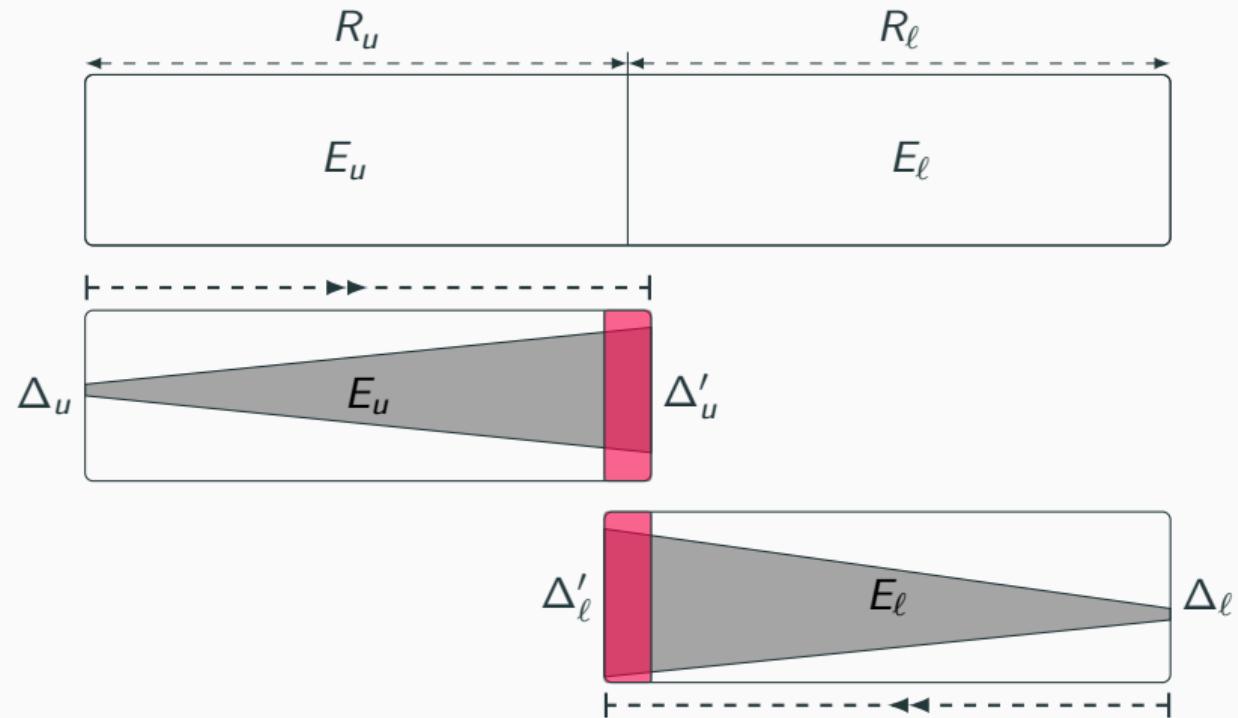
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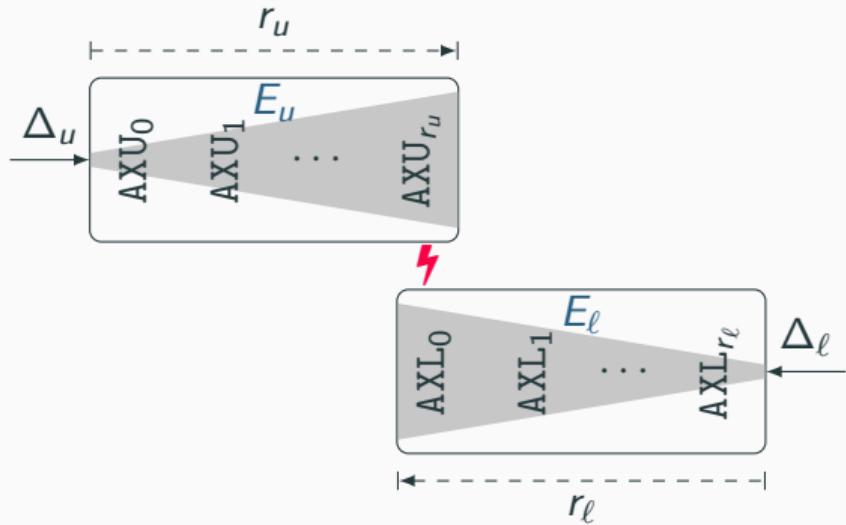
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- ✓ $CSP_M(\Delta'_u, \Delta'_\ell)$

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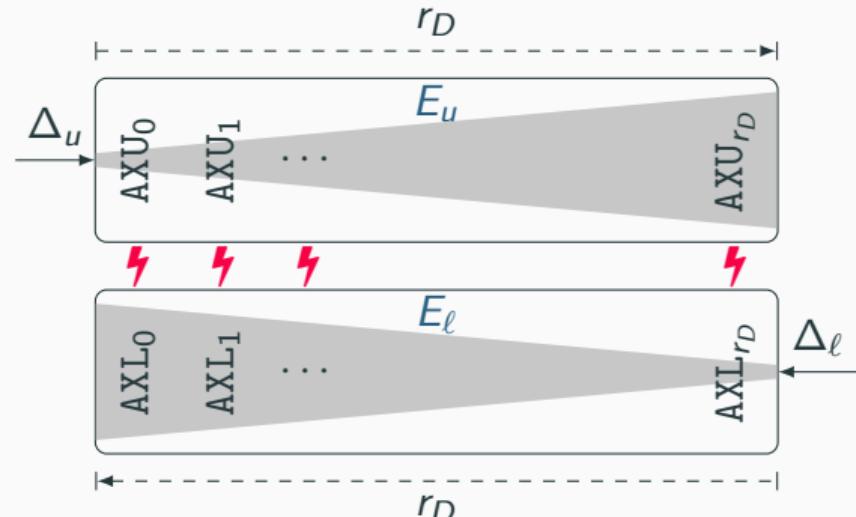


Relax the Limit of Fixing the Contradiction's Location [Hos+24]

Find ZC distinguisher for $r_D (= r_u + r_\ell)$ rounds

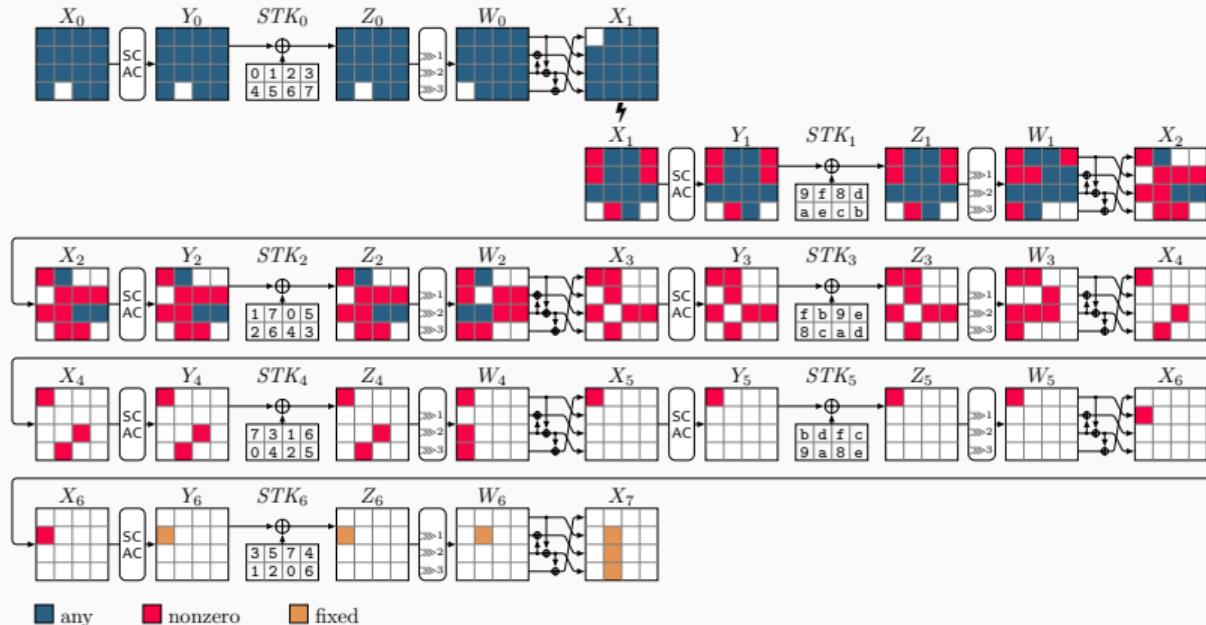


Our first model in [HSE23].



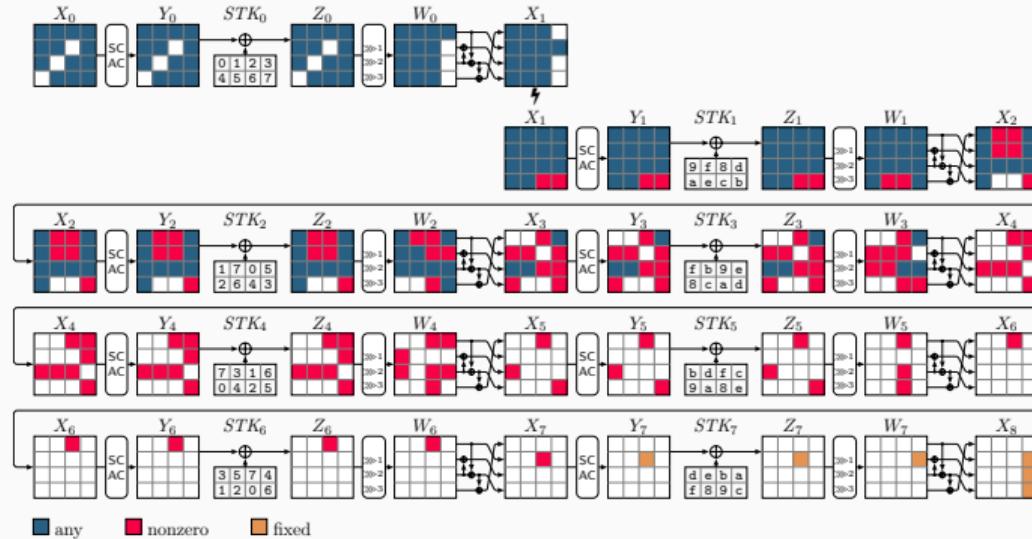
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Example: Integral Distinguisher for 7 Rounds of SKINNY



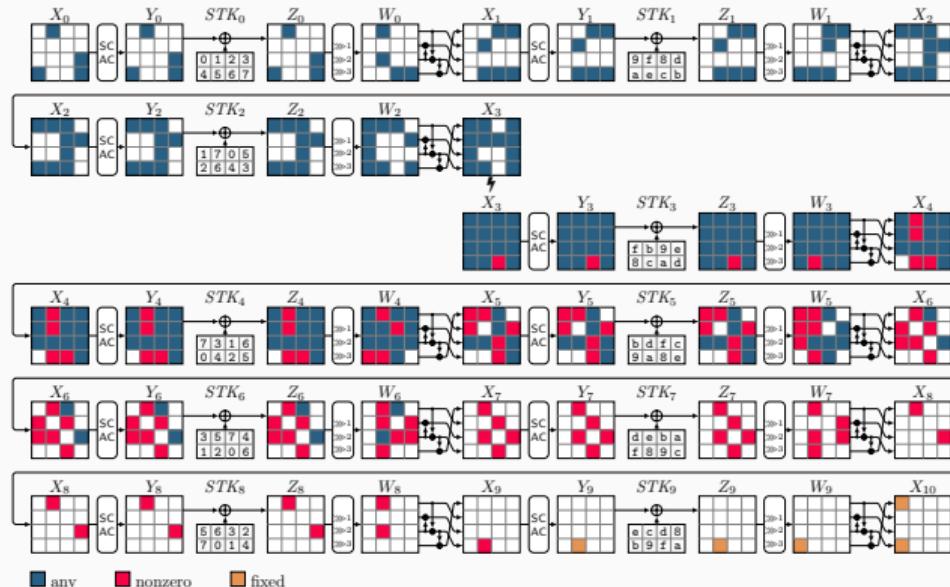
- ToSC 2019 (algebraic techniques) [Zha+20] : 7 rounds of SKINNY with data complexity $2^{2 \cdot c}$.
- Our simple model: 7-round integral distinguisher for SKINNY with data complexity 2^c .

Example: Integral Distinguisher for 8 Rounds of SKINNY



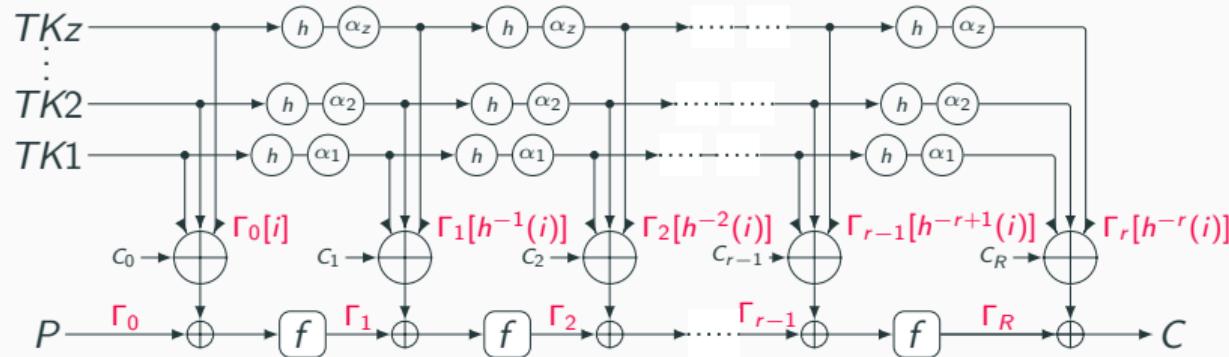
- ToSC 2020 (division property) [DF20]: 8 rounds of SKINNY-64 with data complexity 2^{15} .
- Applying division property to SKINNY-128 is computationally expensive (no results?).
- Our simple model: 8 rounds of SKINNY-64 (SKINNY-128) with data complexity 2^{12} (resp. 2^{24}).

Example: Integral Distinguisher for 10 Rounds of SKINNY



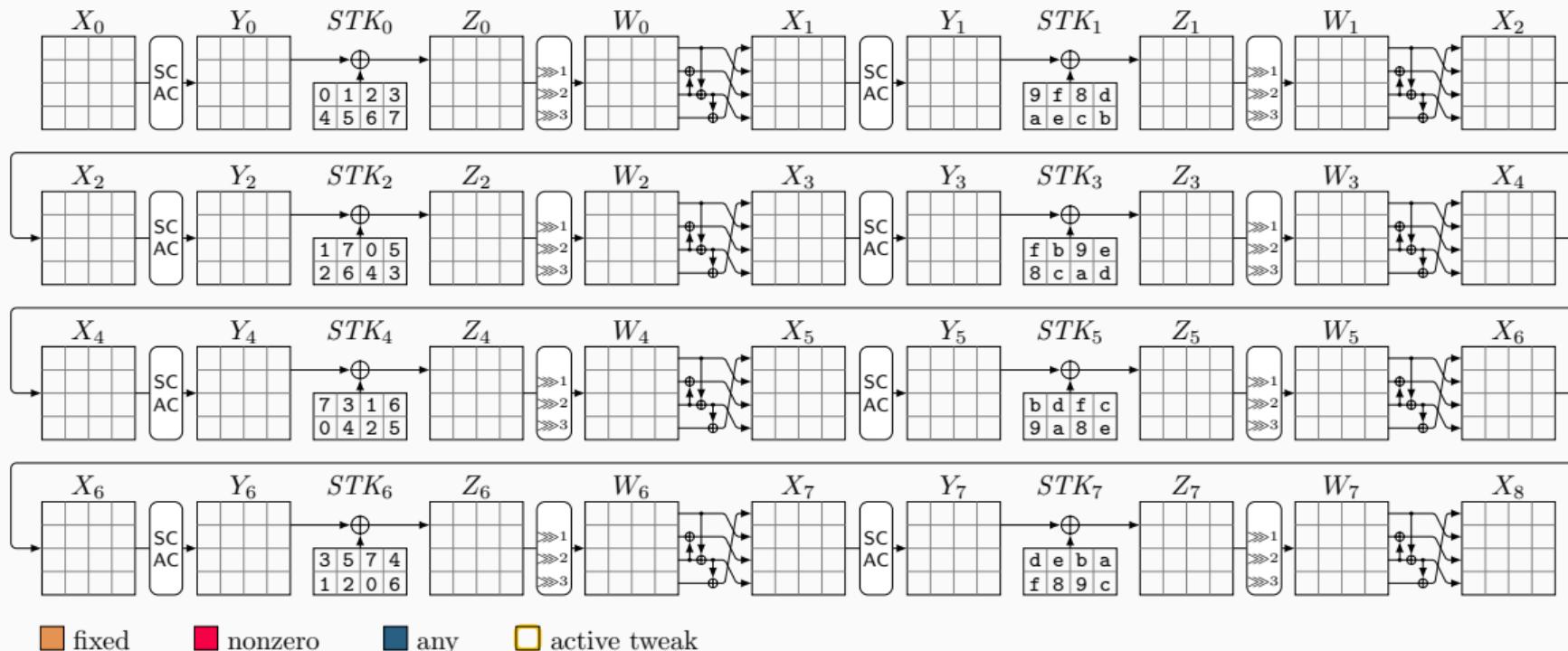
- ToSC 2019 (algebraic techniques) [Zha+20]: 10 rounds of SKINNY with data complexity $2^{15 \cdot c}$.
- ToSC 2020 (division property) [DF20]: 10 rounds of SKINNY-64 with data complexity 2^{47} .
- Our simple model: 10 rounds of SKINNY with data complexity $2^{12 \cdot c}$.
- Relaxing input mask constraints may even yield better results.

ZC Distinguishers for Ciphers Following the TWEAKY Framework

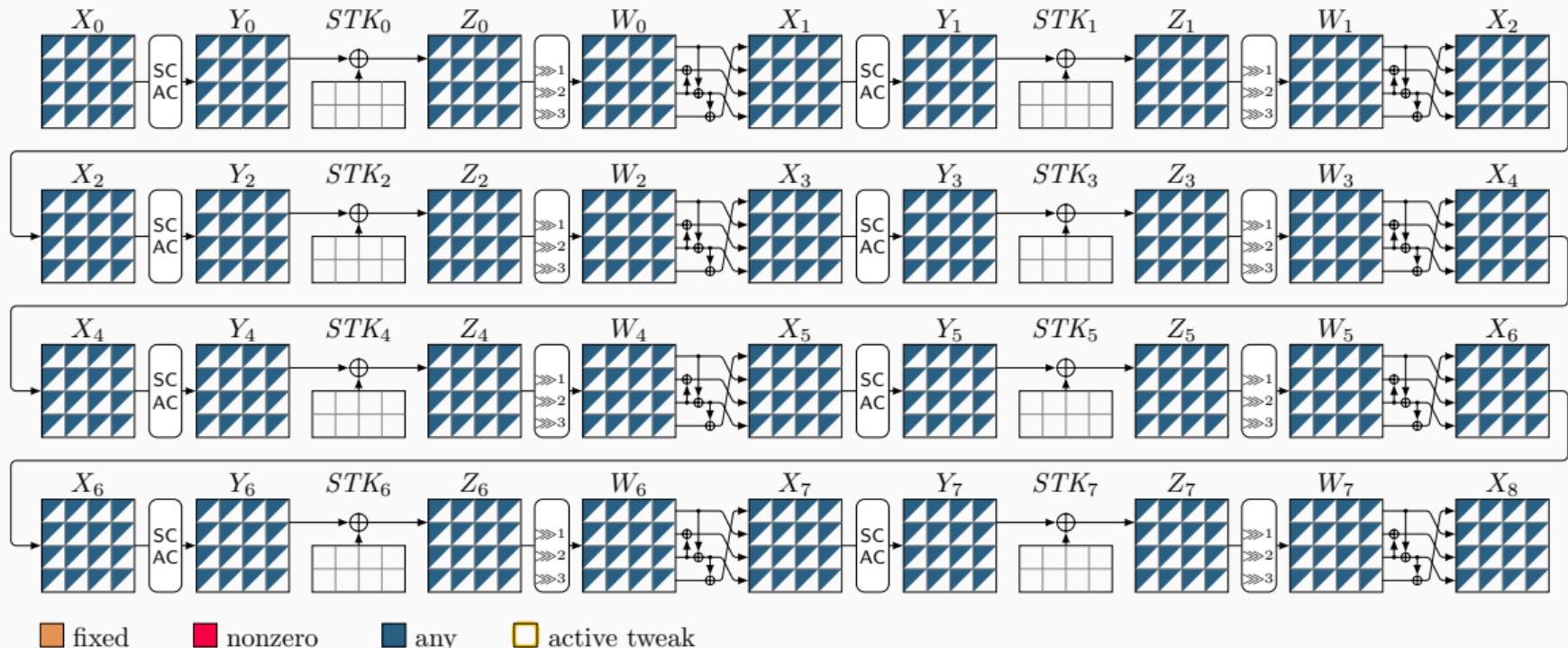


- Miss-in-the-Middle Method for ZC Distinguishers Considering Tweakey [Ank+19]:
 - Let z be the number of parallel paths in the tweakey schedule.
 - Find input/output masks activating a tweakey cell at most z times.
 - To see the formal description of the method see [Ank+19].

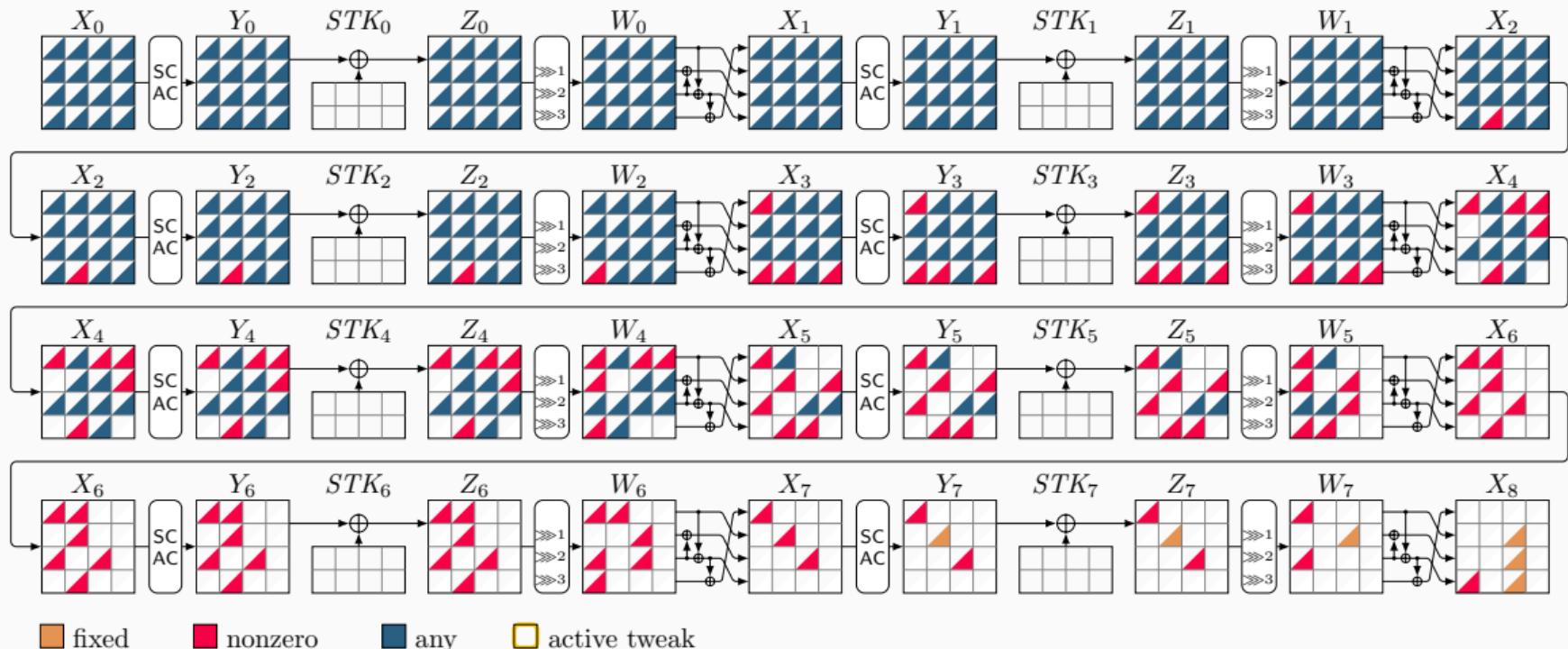
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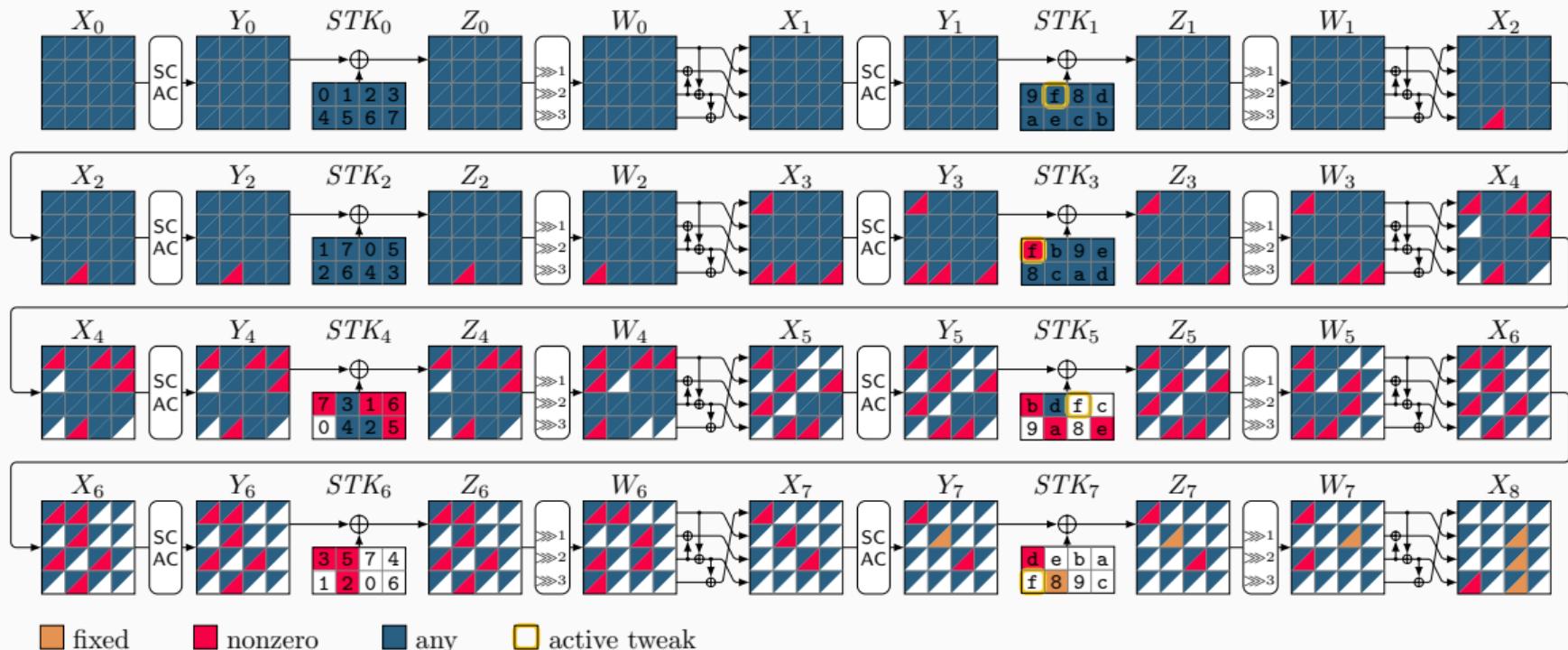
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- Look at the the tweak cell 0xf (active at most 2 times).
- Data complexity of the corresponding integral distinguisher: $2^{2 \cdot c}$.

Chosen Tweak Integral Distinguishers for SKINNY and QARMAv2

Cipher	#Rounds	Dist.	Data complexity	Ref.
SKINNY-64-128	14	Integral	2^{60}	[HSE23]
ForkSKINNY-64-128	15	Integral	2^{60}	[Hos+24]
SKINNY-64-192	16	Integral	2^{60}	[HSE23]
ForkSKINNY-64-192	17	Integral	2^{60}	[Hos+24]
SKINNY-128-256	14	Integral	2^{112}	[HSE23]
ForkSKINNY-128-256	15	Integral	2^{112}	[Hos+24]
QARMAv2-64	5	Integral	-	[Ava+23]
QARMAv2-64 ($\mathcal{T} = 1$)	7 / 8 / 9	Integral	$2^8 / 2^{16} / 2^{44}$	[Hos+24]
QARMAv2-64 ($\mathcal{T} = 2$)	8 / 9 / 10	Integral	$2^8 / 2^{16} / 2^{44}$	[Hos+24]
QARMAv2-128($\mathcal{T} = 2$)	10 / 11 / 12	Integral	$2^{16} / 2^{44} / 2^{96}$	[Hos+24]

- We also successfully applied our method to Deoxys-BC, CRAFT, MANTIS, PRESENT, Ascon, and even AndRX/ARX designs [HSE23; Hos+24; Cha+24].

The Advantages of Our Method to Search for Distinguishers

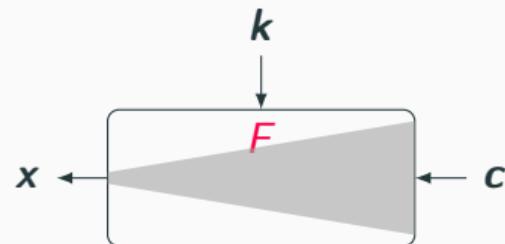
- ✓ Based on satisfiability of the CP model (a **positive** model)
- ✓ Any feasible solutions of our CP model is a distinguisher
- ✓ We do not fix the input/output of distinguisher
- ◆ Extendable to a unified model for key-recovery
 - ✓ Enables us to find a distinguisher optimized for key-recovery
 - ✓ Enables us to consider key-recovery techniques:
 - ✓ MitM
 - ✓ Key bridging
 - ✓ Partial-sum technique

Naive Approach v.s. Partial-Sum Technique



Naive approach:

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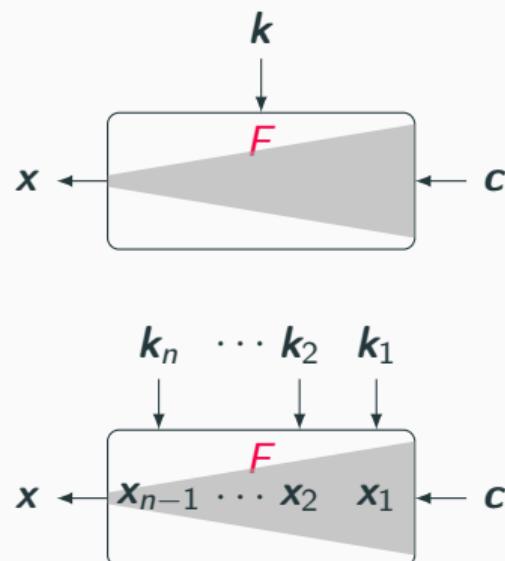
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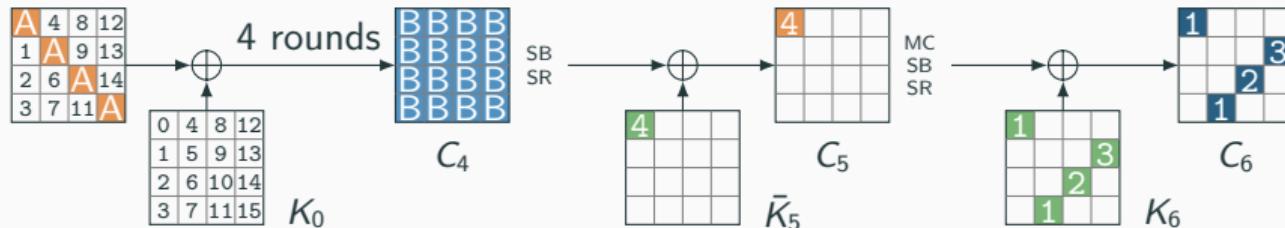
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✈ Partial-sum technique:

- ✓ $x_1 = f_1(\mathbf{k}_1, x_0), x_2 = f_2(\mathbf{k}_2, x_1), \dots, x = f_n(\mathbf{k}_n, x_{n-1})$
- ✓ $x_0 = \mathbf{c}, N_0 = N, N_i < N$
- ✓ $T = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{N_{i-1}}{n} \cdot 2^{|\mathbf{k}_1| + \dots + |\mathbf{k}_i|} < \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{N}{n} \cdot 2^{|\mathbf{k}|}$
- ✓ $T < N \cdot 2^{|\mathbf{k}|}$



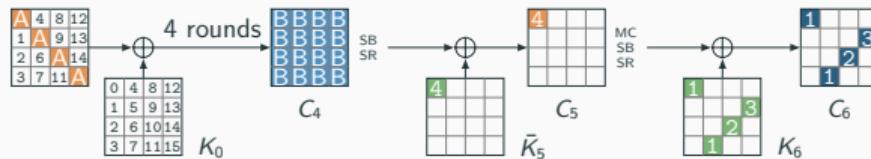
Example: Partial-Sum Integral Key Recovery for AES [Fer+00]



$$\begin{aligned} C_4[0] = & \mathcal{S}^{-1} (\bar{K}_5[0] \oplus 0E \cdot \mathcal{S}^{-1} (C_6[0] \oplus K_6[0]) \oplus 09 \cdot \mathcal{S}^{-1} (C_6[7] \oplus K_6[7]) \\ & \oplus 0D \cdot \mathcal{S}^{-1} (C_6[10] \oplus K_6[10]) \oplus 0B \cdot \mathcal{S}^{-1} (C_6[13] \oplus K_6[13])) \end{aligned}$$

- Time complexity of naive key recovery: $6 \times 2^{32} \times 2^{40} \approx 2^{74.58}$

Partial-sum Technique for Integral Key Recovery [Fer+00]



- Guess $K_6[0, 7]$ and derive $S_0 (C_6[0] \oplus K_6[0]) \oplus S_1 (C_6[7] \oplus K_6[7])$
- Guess $K_6[10]$ and derive $S_2 (C_6[10] \oplus K_6[10])$
- Guess $K_6[13]$ and derive $S_3 (C_6[13] \oplus K_6[13])$
- Guess $\bar{K}_5[0]$ and derive $C_4[0]$
- Time complexity: $6 \times 4 \times 2^{48} \approx 2^{52}$ S-box lookups

Step 1: Key = 2^{16}

Data = 2^{32}

Time = 2^{48}

Step 2: Key = 2^{24}

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Time = 2^{48}

Step 3: Key = 2^{32}

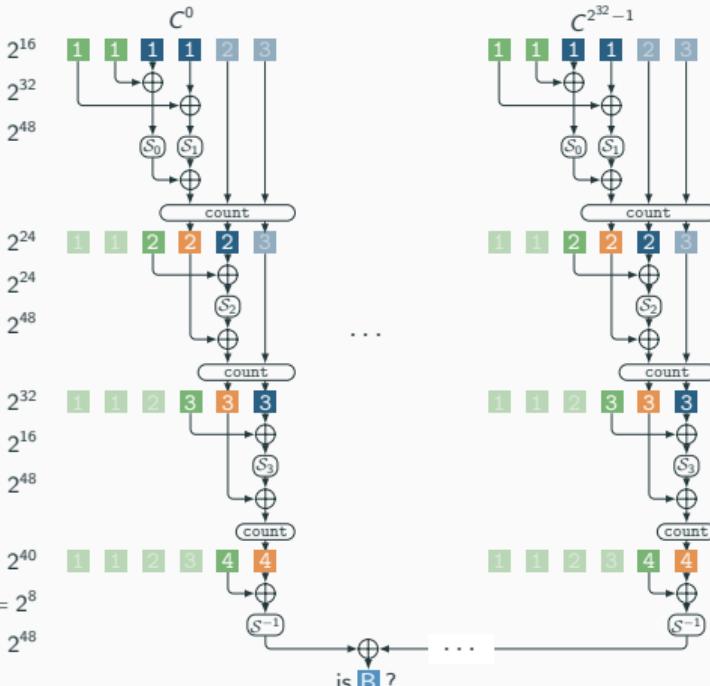
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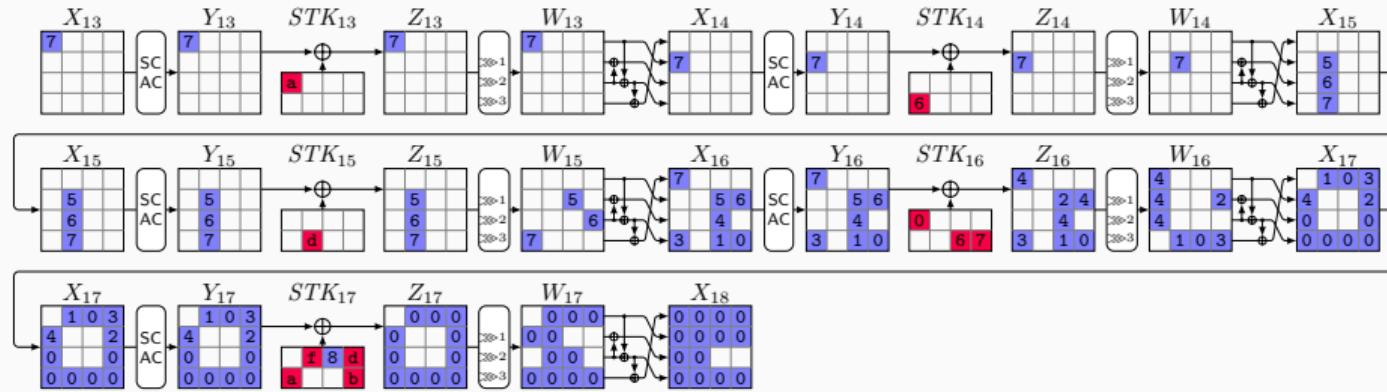
Step 4: Key = 2^{40}

Data = 2^8

Time = 2^{48}



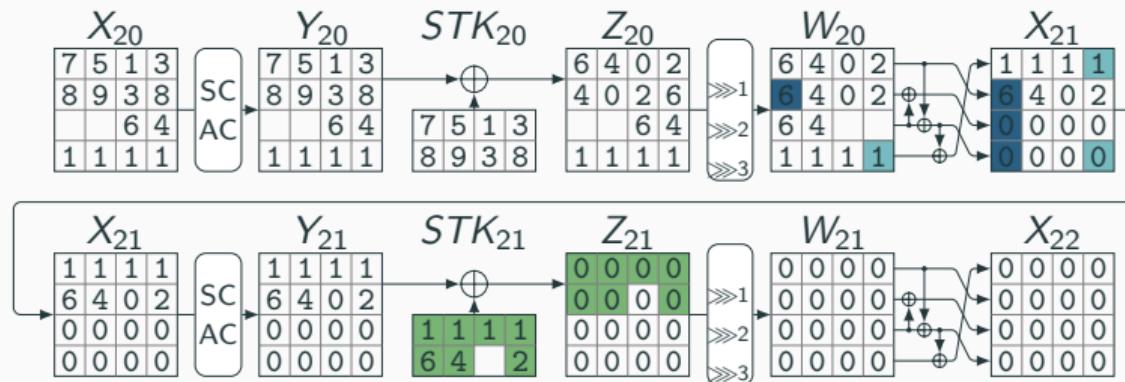
Our CP Model for Partial-Sum Technique - I



Step	Guessed	$K \times D = \text{Mem}$	Time	Stored Texts
0	-	$2^0 \times 2^{40} = 2^{40}$	$2^{40-5.2}$	$Z_{17}[1, 3, 4, 7]; X_{17}[8, 11, 12, 13, 15]; X_{16}[15]$
1	$STK_{17}[1]$	$2^4 \times 2^{36} = 2^{40}$	$2^{44-7.2}$	$Z_{17}[3, 4, 7]; X_{17}[8, 11, 12, 15]; X_{16}[14, 15]$
2	$STK_{17}[7]$	$2^8 \times 2^{32} = 2^{40}$	$2^{44-8.2}$	$Z_{17}[3, 4]; X_{17}[8, 12, 15]; Z_{16}[6]; X_{16}[14, 15]$
3	$STK_{17}[3]$	$2^{12} \times 2^{28} = 2^{40}$	$2^{44-7.2}$	$Z_{17}[4]; X_{17}[8, 12]; Z_{16}[6]; X_{16}[12, 14, 15]$
4	$STK_{17}[4]$	$2^{16} \times 2^{28} = 2^{44}$	$2^{44-7.2}$	$Z_{16}[0, 6, 7]; X_{16}[10, 12, 14, 15]$
5	$STK_{16}[6]$	$2^{20} \times 2^{20} = 2^{40}$	$2^{48-7.2}$	$Z_{16}[0, 7]; X_{16}[12, 15]; X_{15}[5]$
6	$STK_{16}[7]$	$2^{24} \times 2^{16} = 2^{40}$	$2^{44-7.2}$	$Z_{16}[0]; X_{16}[12]; X_{15}[5, 9]$
7	$STK_{16}[0]$	$2^{28} \times 2^4 = 2^{32}$	$2^{44-6.2}$	$X_{13}[0]$
Σ		2^{44}	$2^{41.32}$	

Our CP Model for Partial-Sum Technique - II

- Assume that in each step we guess at least one cell of the involved keys.
- We define the number of steps s which is less than the number of involved key cells.
- For each cell we define an integer variable with domain $\{0, \dots, s\}$.
- We define some constraints to compute the step number of deriving each cell.

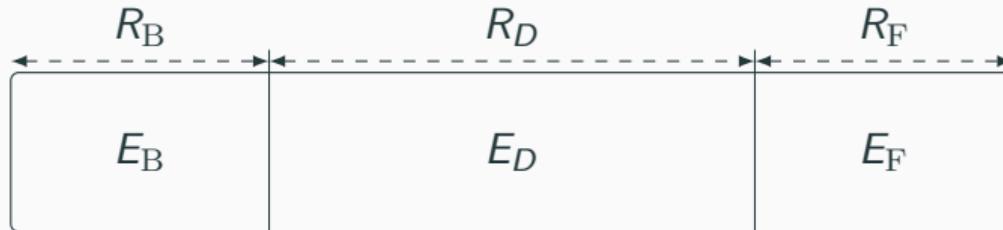


Our Unified Model for Finding Integral Attack

- Our CP model for finding complete integral attack includes the following modules:
 - Model the distinguisher part
 - Model the meet-in-the-middle technique
 - Model the involved cells in key recovery
 - Model the step assignment
 - Model the tweakey schedule (key-bridging)
 - Model the time/memory complexity evaluation
- Objective function: minimize the total time complexity

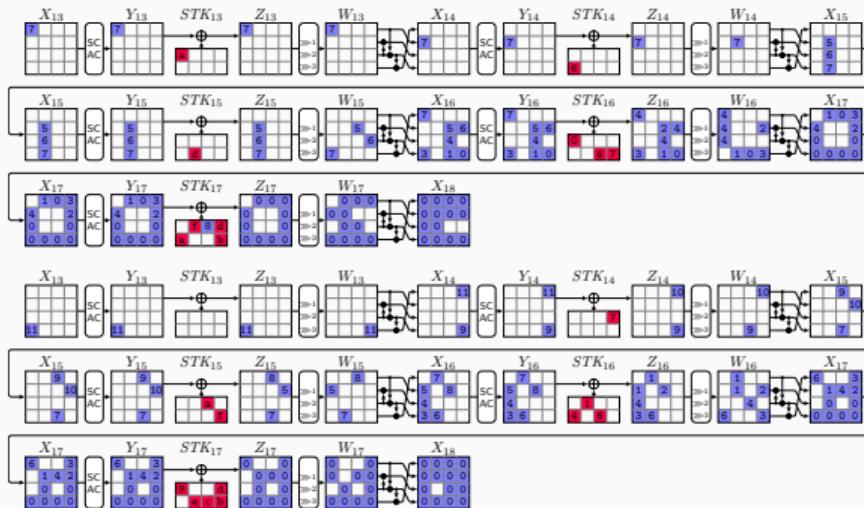
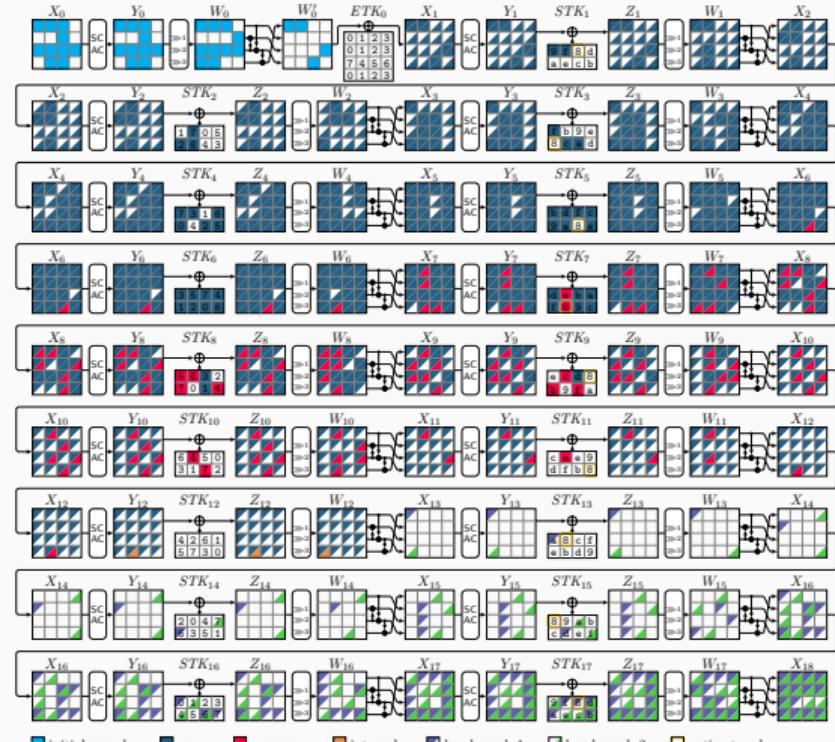
Usage of Our Tool

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python3 attack.py -RB 1 -RD 12 -RF 5
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- ✓ We use MiniZinc [Net+07] to create our CP models
- ✓ We mostly use OrTools [PF] as the CP solver
- ☐ Our tool can find the results in a few seconds running on a regular laptop

Example: 18-round Integral Attack on SKINNY- n - n



Legend:
█ initial round
 █ any
 █ nonzero
 █ integral
 █ key branch 1
 █ key branch 2
 █ active tweak

Part of Our Result

Cipher	#R	Time	Data	Mem.	Attack	Setting / Model	Ref.
SKINNY-64-64	18	$2^{53.58}$	$2^{53.58}$	2^{48}	Int	60,SK / CP,CT	[Hos+24]
SKINNY-128-128	18	$2^{105.58}$	$2^{105.58}$	2^{96}	Int	120,SK / CP,CT	[Hos+24]
SKINNY-64-192	23	$2^{155.60}$	$2^{73.20}$	2^{138}	Int	180,SK / CP,CT	[Ank+19]
	26	2^{172}	2^{61}	2^{172}	Int	180,SK / CP,CT	[HSE23]
SKINNY-64-128	20	$2^{97.50}$	$2^{68.40}$	2^{82}	Int	120,SK / CP,CT	[Ank+19]
	22	2^{110}	$2^{57.58}$	2^{108}	Int	120,SK / CP,CT	[HSE23]

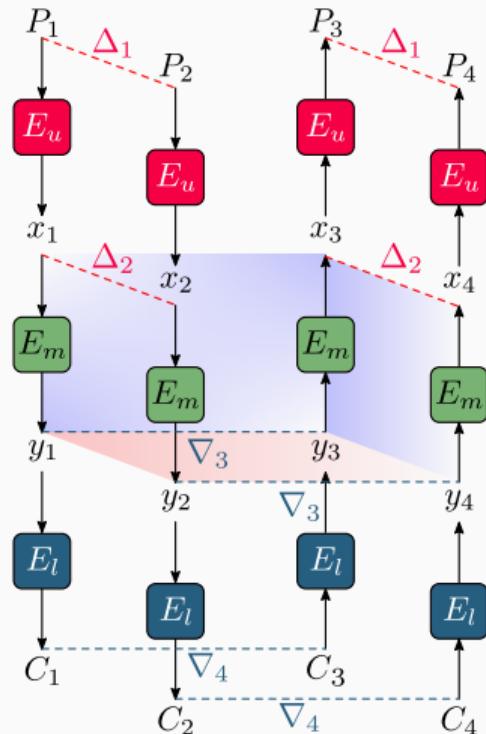
Open Question

- ZC distinguishers yield integral distinguishers but don't capture all integral properties.
- Monomial prediction (MP) captures all integral properties theoretically, but not practically.
- Automated methods based on MP or division property are negative and computationally expensive.

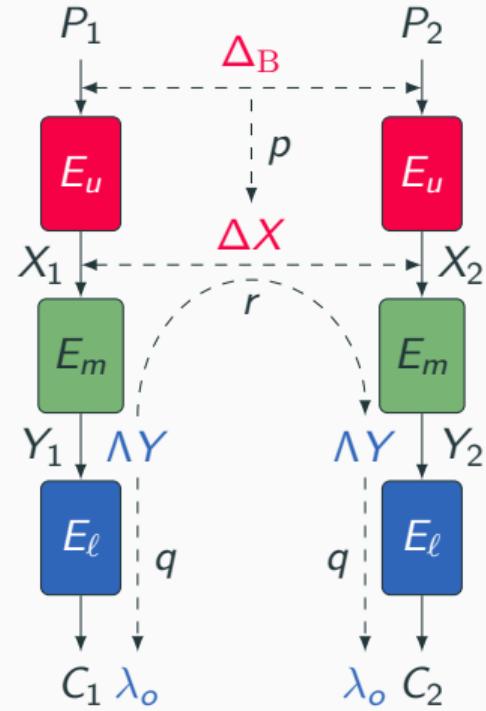
Is there a **positive model** based on division property or monomial prediction to automatically discover integral distinguishers?

Structural Similarities Between Symmetric-Key Techniques

Structural Similarities Between DL and Boomerang Distinguishers

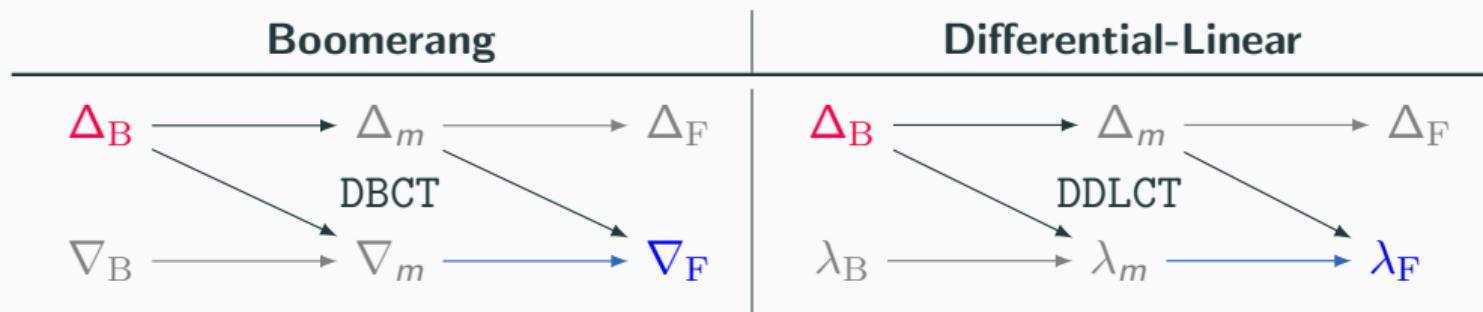
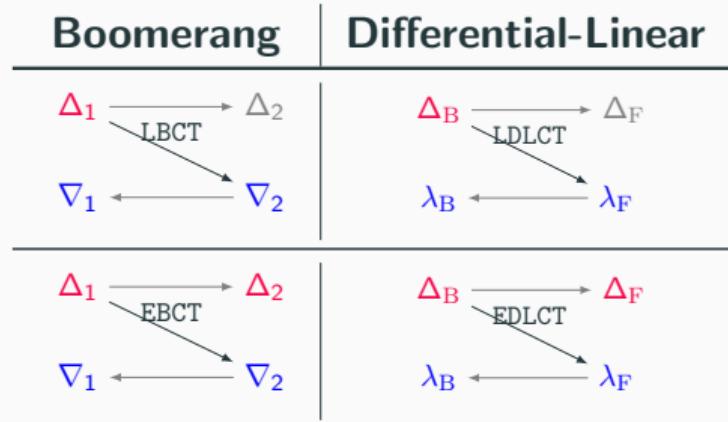
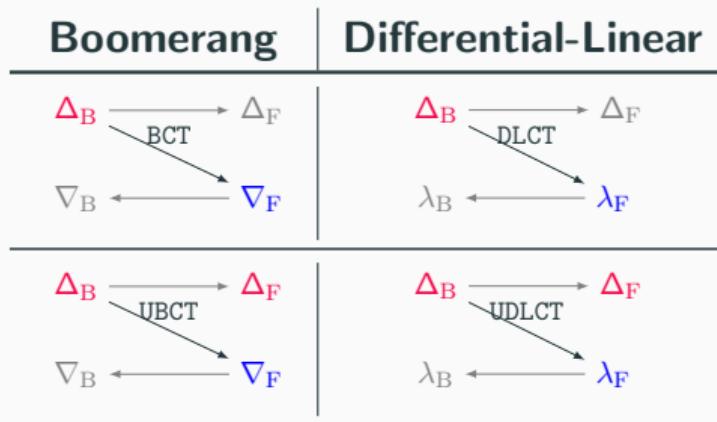


$$P = \mathbb{P}(P_3 \oplus P_4 = \Delta_1)$$



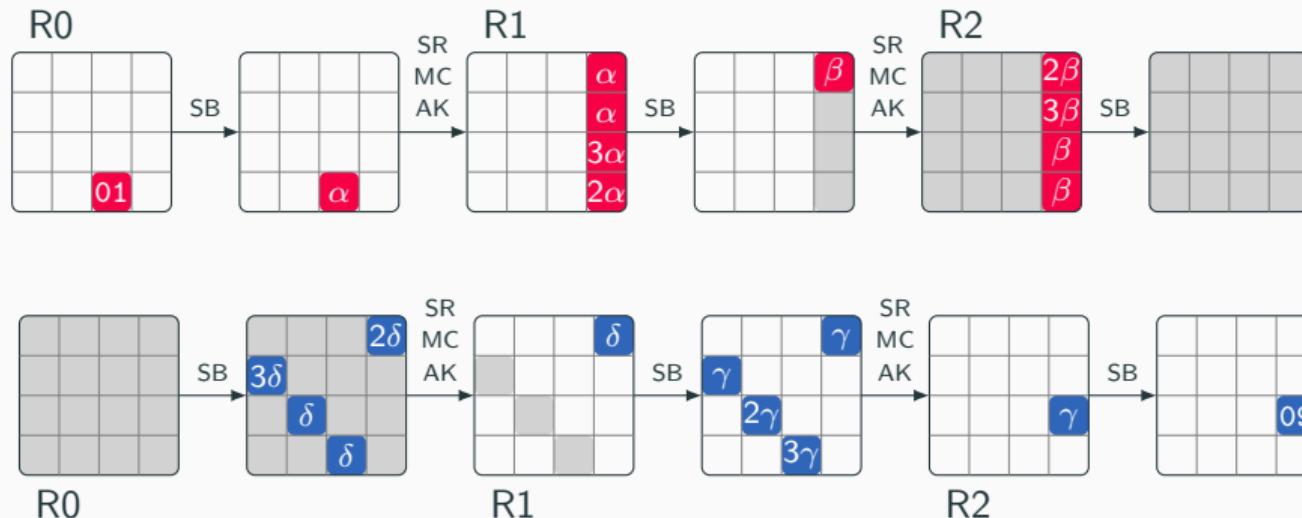
$$\mathbb{C} = \mathbb{C}(\lambda_o \cdot (C_1 \oplus C_2))$$

Reuse the Tools from Boomerang Analysis in DL Analysis [Bar+19; HDE24]



Application of the Generalized DLCT Tables - AES

(— differential — linear)

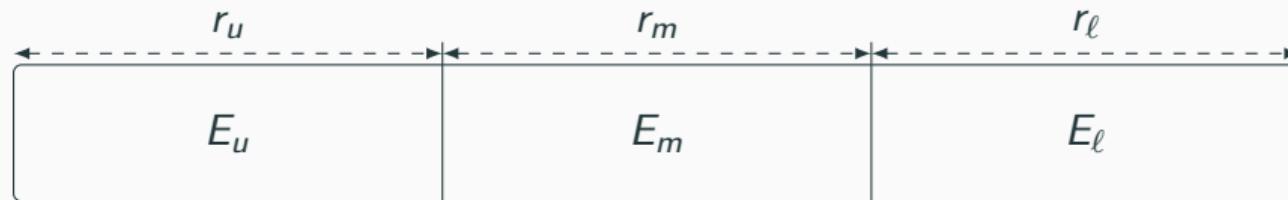


$$\sum_{\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta} \mathbb{C}_{UDLCT}(1, \alpha, \delta) \cdot \mathbb{C}_{EDLCT}(\alpha, \beta, \delta, \gamma) \cdot \mathbb{C}_{LDLCT}(\beta, \gamma, 9) = -2^{-7.94}$$

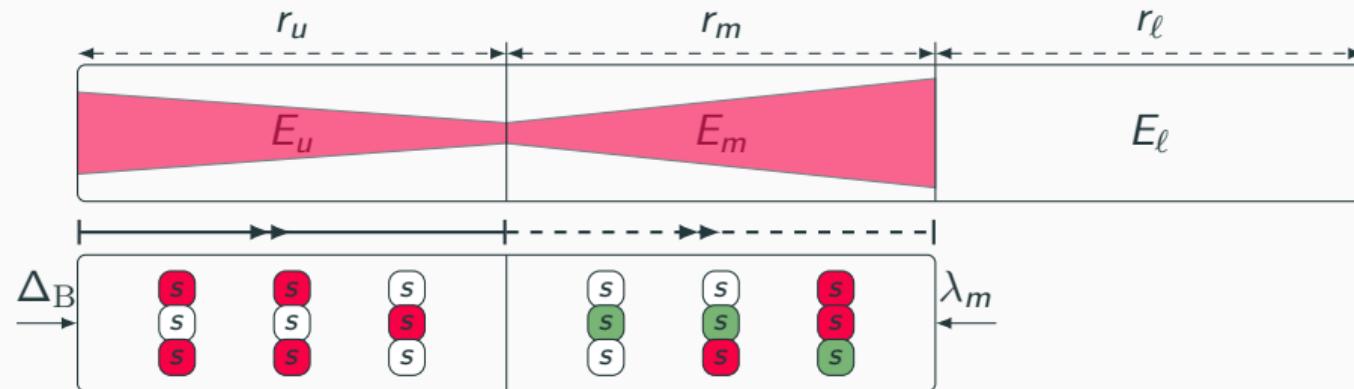
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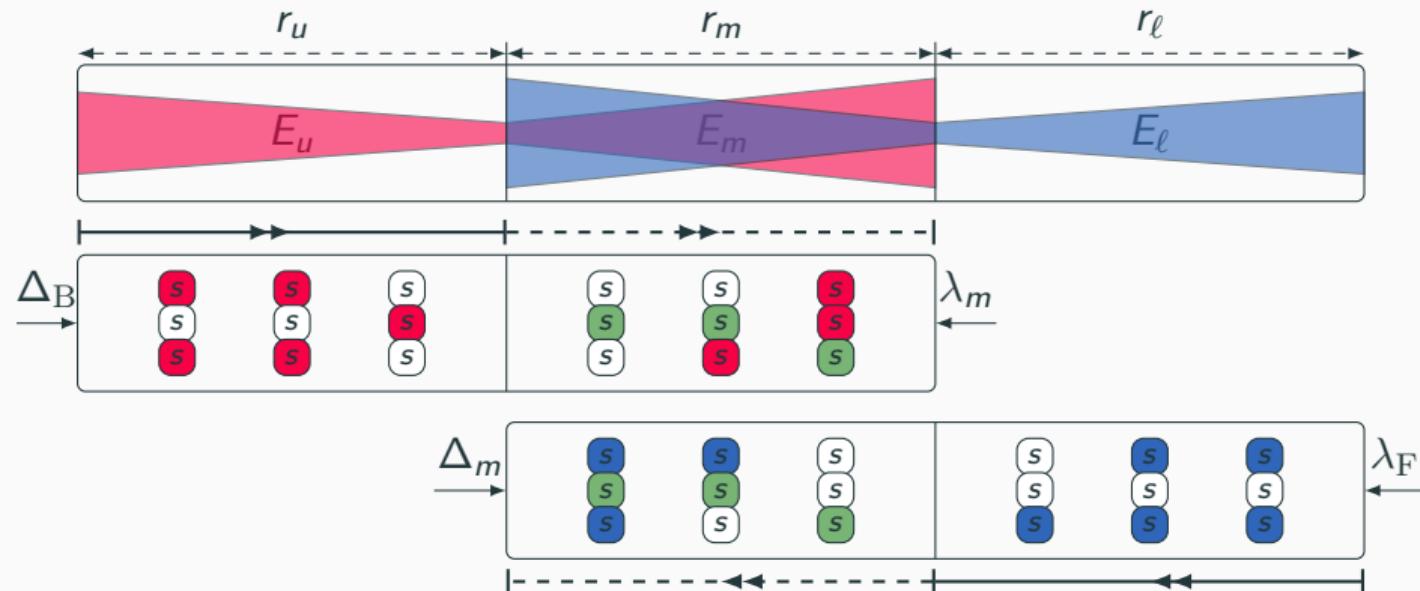


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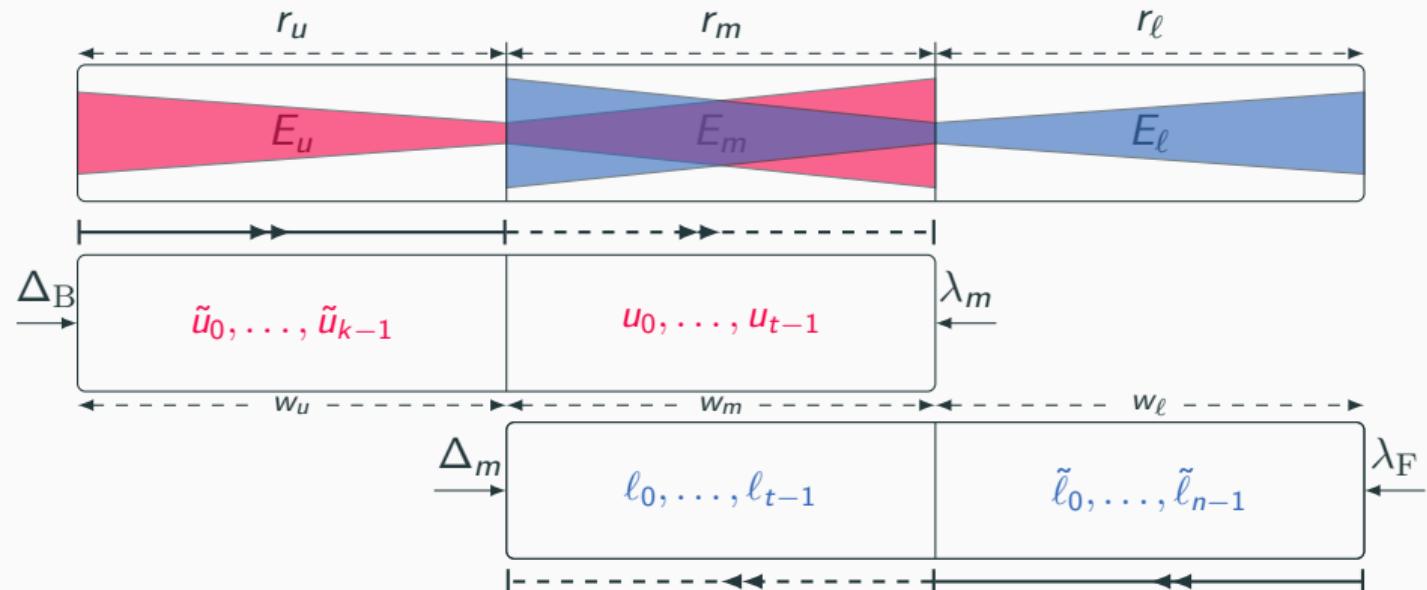
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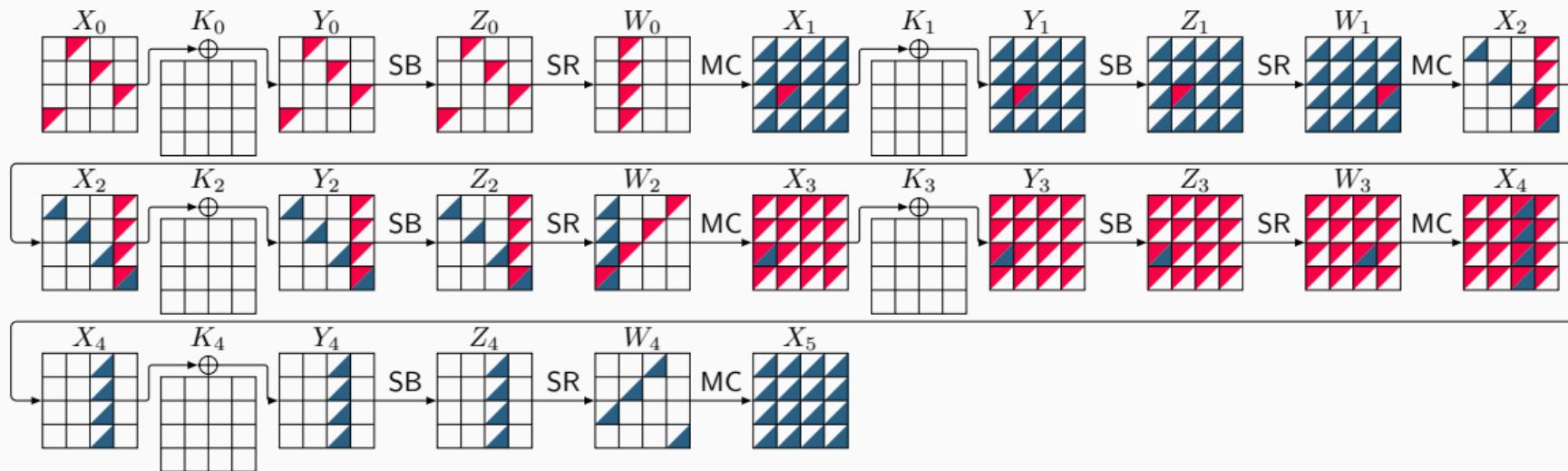
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Overview of Our Method to Search for Distinguishers in Sandwich Framework



$$\min \left(\sum_{i=0}^{k-1} w_u \cdot \tilde{u}_i + \sum_{j=0}^{t-1} w_m \cdot \text{bool2int}(\ell_j + u_j = 2) + \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} w_\ell \cdot \tilde{\ell}_k \right)$$

Example: A 5-round DL Distinguisher for AES



$$r_0 = 1, r_m = 3, r_1 = 1, p = 2^{-24.00}, r = 2^{-7.66}, q^2 = 2^{-24.00}, prq^2 = 2^{-55.66}$$

ΔX_0 001c00000000e200000000dfb3000000

ΔX_1 00000000000000000000f70000000000000

ΓX_4 000000000000000067000000000000000000

ΓX_5 21d3814d93b1ef228e923507f67383fd

Example: Distinguishers for up to 8 Rounds of CLEFIA [HDE24]

- Comparing the data complexity of best boomerang and DL distinguishers

# Rounds	Boomerang [HNE22]	Differential-Linear [HDE24]	Gain
3	1	1	1
4	$2^{6.32}$	1	$2^{6.32}$
5	$2^{12.26}$	$2^{5.36}$	$2^{6.90}$
6	$2^{22.45}$	$2^{14.14}$	$2^{8.31}$
7	$2^{32.67}$	$2^{23.50}$	$2^{9.17}$
8	$2^{76.03}$	$2^{66.86}$	$2^{9.17}$

Research Gaps and Future Works

Lessons and Future Works

- Lessons learned:
 - ◆ Consider the theoretical links between attacks in automated discovery.
 - ◆ Consider the structural similarities between attacks in automated discovery.
- Future works:
 - ◆ Connections between attacks are underutilized in automated discovery.
 - ◆ Existing methods often lack either accuracy or efficiency (hard to achieve both).
 - ◆ No unified framework exists for finding complete attacks across various types, e.g., differential, linear, boomerang.
 - ◆ Current methods are limited to strongly aligned designs, lacking approaches for weakly aligned designs.

”In this world, there is a universal law: to gain something, you must lose something else.”

– My Mom



: <https://github.com/hadipourh/talks>

Universal Bound for Data Complexity

Universal Bound for Data Complexity - I

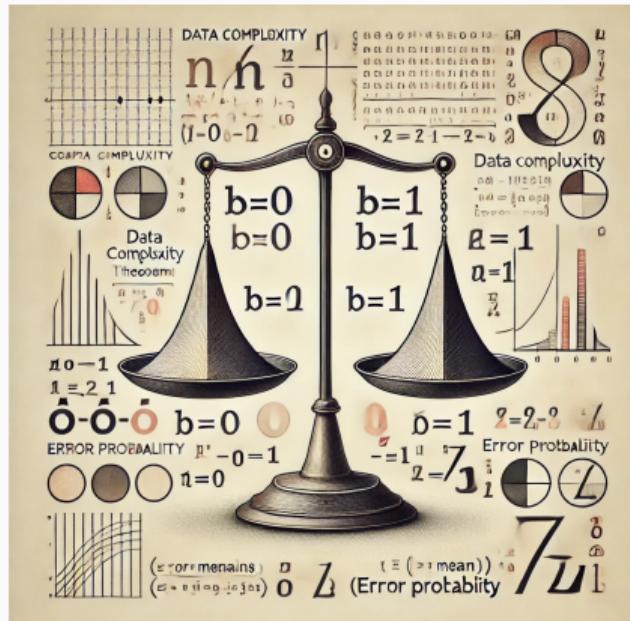
Theorem (Data Complexity)

Let X_0 and X_1 be two distributions. Given one sample from X_b , the distinguisher \mathcal{D} outputs 1 with probability p if $b = 0$, and outputs 1 with probability q if $b = 1$. Assume that b is chosen uniformly at random from $\{0, 1\}$ and is fixed. Next, we run \mathcal{D} on n samples, and output 1 if the sum of the outcomes is closer to $\mu_0 = np$, and 0 otherwise. If n satisfies the following inequality, then the error probability of the distinguisher is upper bounded by ε :

$$n \geq \max \left(\frac{2(3q + p) \ln \left(\frac{1}{\varepsilon} \right)}{(p - q)^2}, \frac{8p \ln \left(\frac{1}{\varepsilon} \right)}{(p - q)^2} \right).$$

Universal Bound for Data Complexity – II

- $n \geq \max \left(\frac{2(3q+p) \ln\left(\frac{1}{\varepsilon}\right)}{(p-q)^2}, \frac{8p \ln\left(\frac{1}{\varepsilon}\right)}{(p-q)^2} \right)$.
- If $p \gg q$, then $p - q \approx p$ then $n \geq \frac{8 \ln\left(\frac{1}{\varepsilon}\right)}{p}$.
- If $p = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{c}{2}$, $q = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{c'}{2}$, $c \gg c'$,
and $c, c' \ll \frac{1}{2}$ then $n \geq \frac{8 \ln\left(\frac{1}{\varepsilon}\right)}{c^2}$.



Generated using OpenAI's DALL-E.

Differential Attack

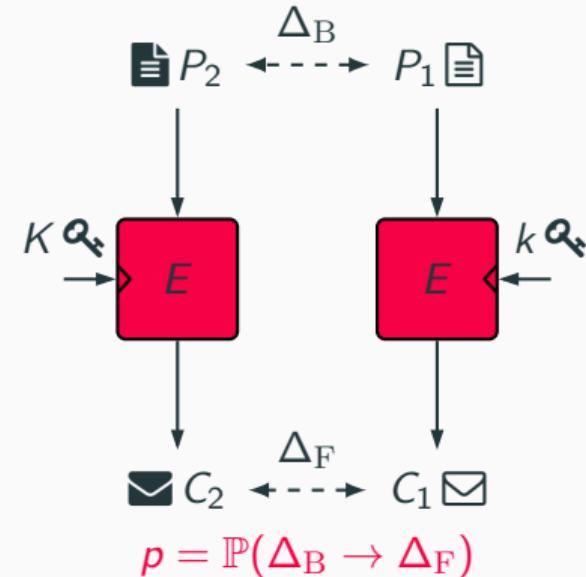
Differential Attacks [BS90]

Input: $E_K, (\Delta_B, \Delta_F), N, p = \mathbb{P}(\Delta_B, \Delta_F)$

Output: 0: **real** cipher, 1: **ideal** cipher

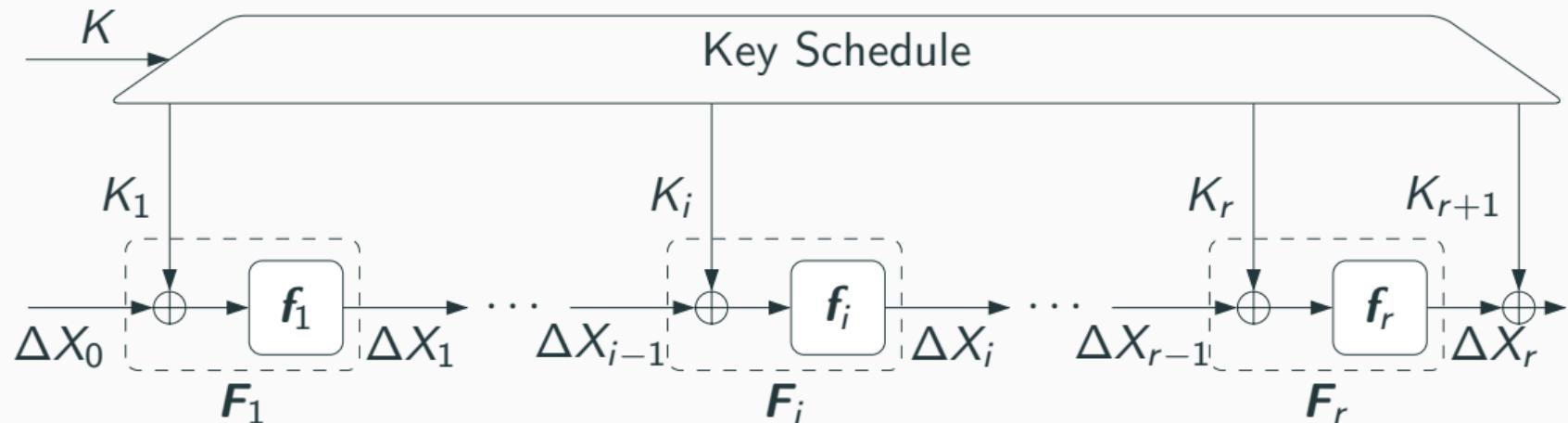
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1 Initialize counter  $T$  with zero;  
2 for  $i = 0, \dots, N - 1$  do  
3    $P_1 \leftarrow \mathbb{F}_2^n$ ;  
4    $C_1 \leftarrow E_K(P_1)$ ;  
5    $P_2 \leftarrow P_1 \oplus \Delta_B$ ;  
6    $C_2 \leftarrow E_K(P_2)$ ;  
7   if  $C_1 \oplus C_2 = \Delta_F$  then  
8      $T \leftarrow T + 1$ ;  
9 if  $T \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu = Np, \sigma^2 = Np(1 - p))$  then  
10  return 0;                                // real cipher  
11 else  
12  return 1;                                // ideal cipher
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$$N \approx \mathcal{O}(p^{-1}).$$



$$p = \mathbb{P}(\Delta_B \rightarrow \Delta_F)$$

Analytical Estimation of Differential Probability



$$\mathbb{P}(\Delta X_r = \Delta_r \mid \Delta X_0 = \Delta_0) = \sum_{\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_{r-1}} \prod_{i=1}^r \mathbb{P}(f_i(X) \oplus f_i(X \oplus \Delta_{i-1}) = \Delta_i).$$

Difference Distribution Table (DDT) – I

- We need a tool to handle the nonlinear operations

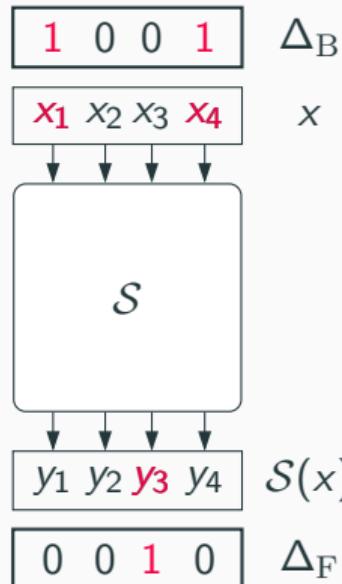
Differential Distribution Table (DDT)

For a vectorial Boolean function $S : \mathbb{F}_2^n \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_2^m$, the DDT is a $2^n \times 2^m$ table whose rows correspond to the input difference Δ_B to S and whose columns correspond to the output difference Δ_F of S . The entry at index (Δ_B, Δ_F) is

$$\text{DDT}(\Delta_B, \Delta_F) = |\{x \in \mathbb{F}_2^n : S(x) \oplus S(x \oplus \Delta_B) = \Delta_F\}|.$$

$$\mathbb{P}(\Delta_B, \Delta_F) = 2^{-n} \cdot \text{DDT}(\Delta_B, \Delta_F)$$

Difference Distribution Table (DDT) – II



$$\mathbb{P}(9, 2) = \frac{4}{16}$$

$\Delta_B \setminus \Delta_F$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	a	b	c	d	e	f
0	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	2
2	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	4	0	2	2	0	0	0	2	2
3	0	2	0	2	0	0	4	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	2	2
4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	2	2	2	2
5	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	2	0	0	4	4	0	0	0	0
6	0	2	0	2	0	4	0	0	0	2	2	0	2	2	0	0
7	0	2	0	2	4	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	2	2	0	0
8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	4	4
9	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	0	0	0	0
a	0	0	2	2	2	0	0	2	4	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
b	0	0	2	2	0	2	2	0	4	0	0	0	2	0	2	0
c	0	4	4	0	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
d	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	0	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0
e	0	0	2	2	0	2	2	0	4	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
f	0	0	2	2	2	0	0	2	4	0	0	0	2	0	2	0

Linear Attack

Linear Attacks [Mat93]

Input: E_K , Given N distinct plaintext-ciphertext pairs (P_i, C_i) , $\mathbf{c} = \mathbb{C}(\lambda_B, \lambda_F)$

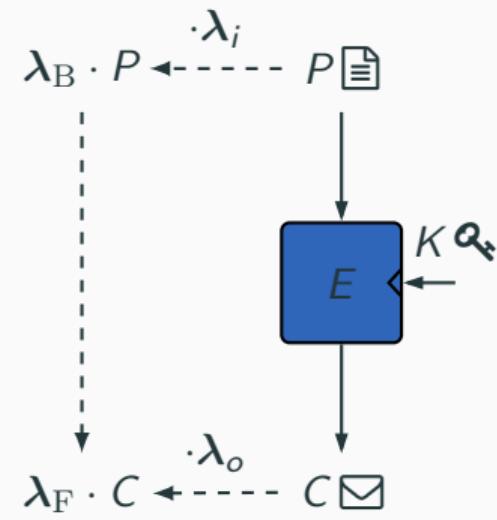
Output: 0: **real** cipher, 1: **ideal** cipher

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1 Initialize a counter list $V[z] \leftarrow 0$ for $z \in \{0, 1\}$;
2 for $t = 0, \dots, N - 1$ do
3 $b_1 \leftarrow \lambda_B \cdot P_t$;
4 $b_2 \leftarrow \lambda_F \cdot C_t$;
5 $V[b_1 \oplus b_2] \leftarrow V[b_1 \oplus b_2] + 1$;
6 if $V[0] \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_0 = N \frac{1+c}{2}, \sigma_0^2 = \frac{N(1-c^2)}{4})$. then
7 return 0; // real cipher
8 else
9 return 1; // ideal cipher

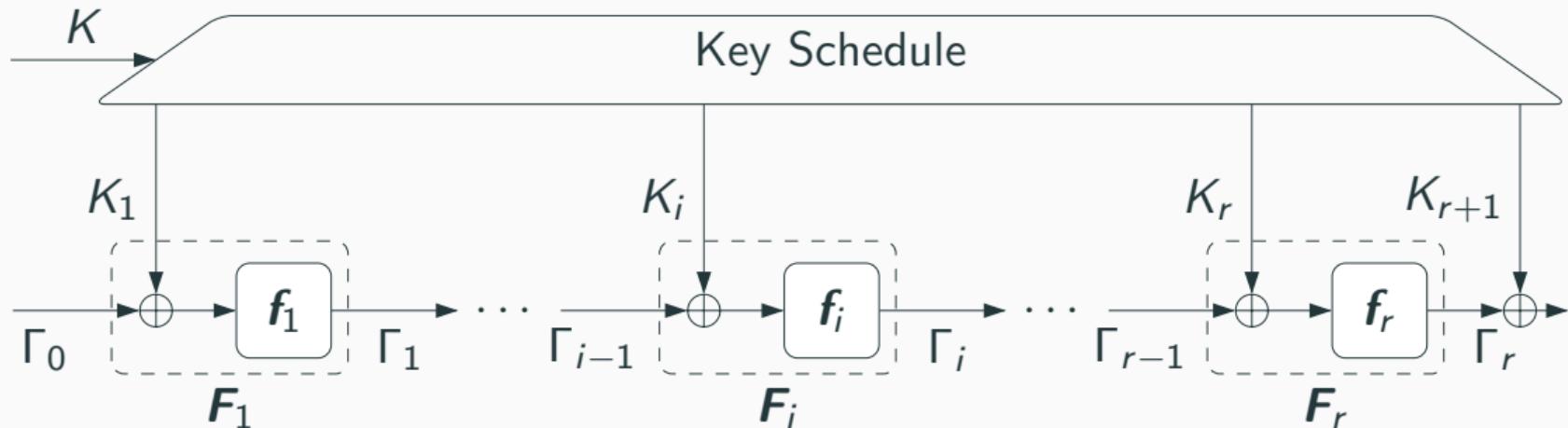
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$$N = \mathcal{O}(\mathbf{c}^{-2}).$$



$$c = 2 \cdot \mathbb{P}(\lambda_B \cdot P \oplus \lambda_F \cdot C = 0) - 1$$

## Analytical Estimation of Correlation



$$\mathbb{C}(\Gamma_0, \Gamma_{r+1}) \approx (-1)^{(\Gamma_0 \cdot K_1 \oplus \dots \oplus \Gamma_r \cdot K_{r+1})} \prod_{i=1}^r \mathbb{C}_{f_i}(\Gamma_{i-1}, \Gamma_i).$$

## Linear Approximation Table (LAT) – I

We need a metric to measure the quality of a linear approximation.

### Linear Approximation Table (LAT)

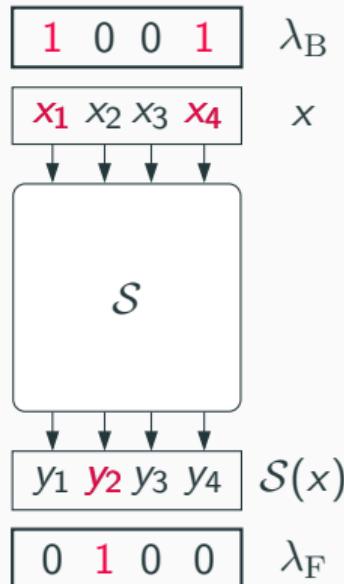
For a vectorial Boolean function  $S : \mathbb{F}_2^n \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_2^m$ , the LAT of  $S$  is a  $2^n \times 2^m$  table whose rows correspond to the input mask  $\lambda_B$  to  $S$  and whose columns correspond to the output mask  $\lambda_F$  of  $S$ . The entry at index  $(\lambda_B, \lambda_F)$  is

$$\text{LAT}(\lambda_B, \lambda_F) = |\text{LAT}_0(\lambda_B, \lambda_F)| - |\text{LAT}_1(\lambda_B, \lambda_F)|,$$

where  $\text{LAT}_b(\lambda_B, \lambda_F) = \{x \in \mathbb{F}_2^n : \lambda_B \cdot x \oplus \lambda_F \cdot S(x) = b\}$ .

$$\mathbb{C}(\lambda_B, \lambda_F) = 2^{-n} \cdot \text{LAT}(\lambda_B, \lambda_F)$$

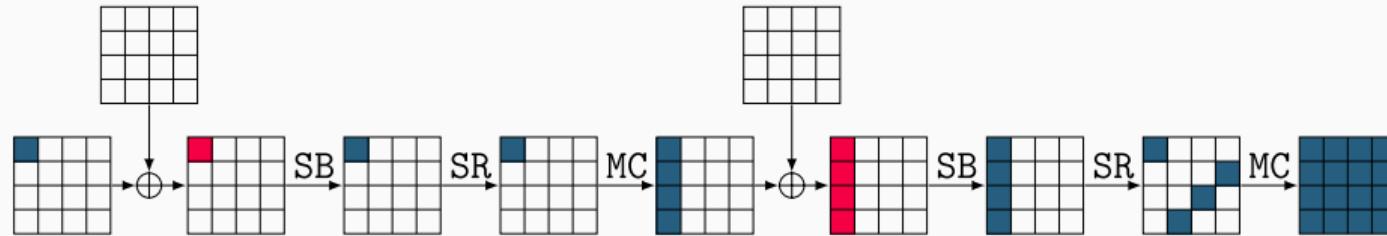
## Linear Approximation Table (LAT) – II



$$\mathbb{C}(9,4) = \frac{8}{16}$$

| $\lambda_B \setminus \lambda_F$ | 0  | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  | a  | b  | c  | d  | e  | f  |
|---------------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| 0                               | 16 | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| 1                               | 0  | 0  | 4  | -4 | 0  | -8 | -4 | -4 | 0  | 0  | 4  | -4 | -8 | 0  | 4  | 4  |
| 2                               | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 8  | 8  | 0  | 0  | 8  | -8 | 0  |
| 3                               | 0  | -8 | 4  | 4  | 0  | 0  | -4 | 4  | 0  | 0  | -4 | 4  | -8 | 0  | -4 | -4 |
| 4                               | 0  | 4  | 0  | 4  | 0  | 4  | 8  | -4 | 0  | 4  | 0  | 4  | -8 | -4 | 0  | 4  |
| 5                               | 0  | 4  | -4 | -8 | 0  | -4 | -4 | 0  | 0  | 4  | -4 | 8  | 0  | -4 | -4 | 0  |
| 6                               | 0  | -4 | 8  | 4  | 0  | -4 | 0  | -4 | 0  | 4  | 0  | 4  | 8  | -4 | 0  | 4  |
| 7                               | 0  | 4  | 4  | 0  | 0  | -4 | 4  | -8 | 0  | -4 | -4 | 0  | 0  | 4  | -4 | -8 |
| 8                               | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 8  | 8  | 0  | 0  | 8  | -8 | 0  |
| 9                               | 0  | 0  | -4 | 4  | 8  | 0  | -4 | -4 | 0  | 0  | 4  | -4 | 0  | -8 | -4 | -4 |
| a                               | 0  | 8  | 0  | 8  | 0  | -8 | 0  | 8  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| b                               | 0  | 0  | -4 | 4  | -8 | 0  | -4 | -4 | 0  | 8  | -4 | -4 | 0  | 0  | 4  | -4 |
| c                               | 0  | 4  | 0  | 4  | 0  | 4  | -8 | -4 | 8  | -4 | 0  | 4  | 0  | 4  | 0  | 4  |
| d                               | 0  | 4  | 4  | 0  | -8 | 4  | -4 | 0  | -8 | -4 | 4  | 0  | 0  | -4 | -4 | 0  |
| e                               | 0  | 4  | 8  | -4 | 0  | 4  | 0  | 4  | 8  | 4  | 0  | -4 | 0  | -4 | 0  | -4 |
| f                               | 0  | -4 | -4 | 0  | -8 | -4 | 4  | 0  | 8  | -4 | 4  | 0  | 0  | -4 | -4 | 0  |

# Minimum Number of Differentially Active S-boxes in AES



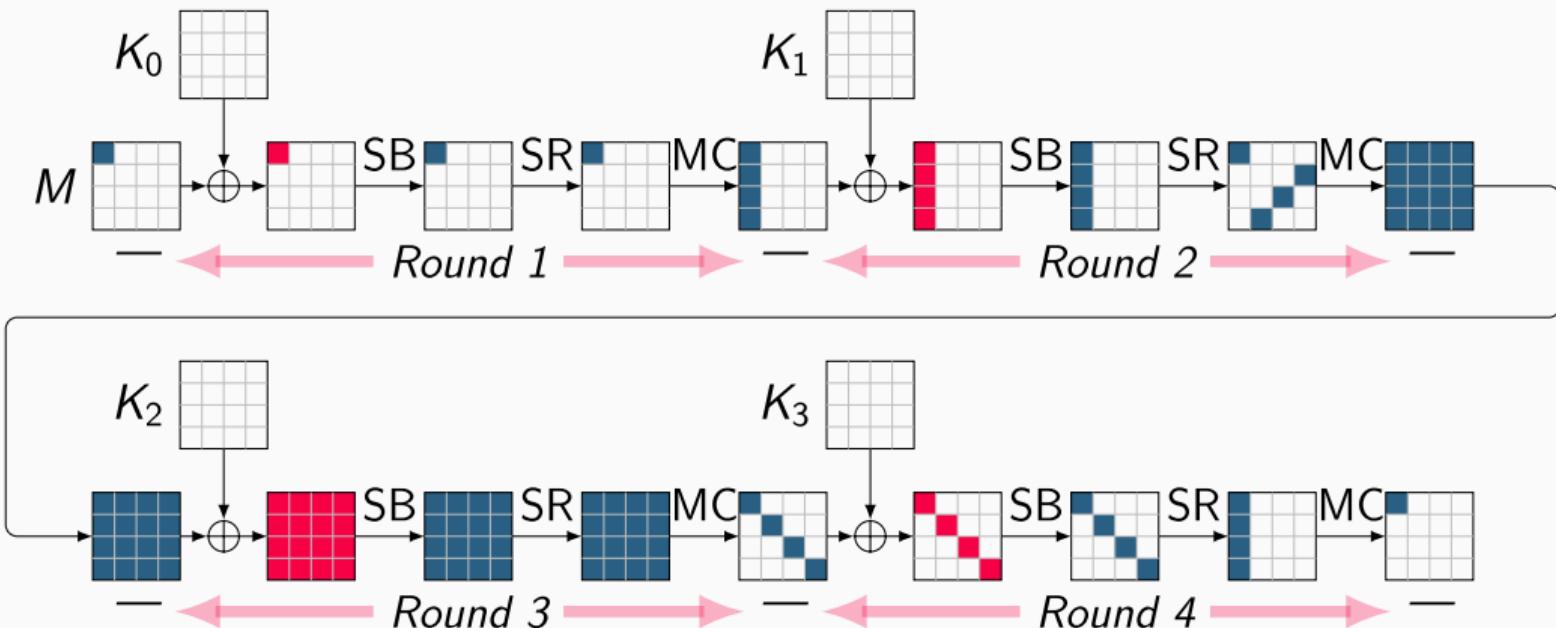
## Variables:

- $s_{r,i,j} \in \{0, 1\}$  is S-box in row  $i$ , column  $j$ , round  $r$  active?
- $m_{r,j} \in \{0, 1\}$  is Mix-columns  $j$  in round  $r$  active?

## Constraints and objective:

- $5 \cdot M_{r,j} \leq \sum_i s_{r,i,(i+j)\%4} + \sum_i s_{r+1,i,j} \leq 8 \cdot M_{r,j}; \quad \sum_{i,j} s_{0,i,j} \geq 1$
- $\min \sum_{r,i,j} s_{r,i,j}$

# Security of AES Against Differential Attacks



$$\mathbb{P}_{\text{4 rounds}} \leq 2^{-150}$$

## Boomerang Attack

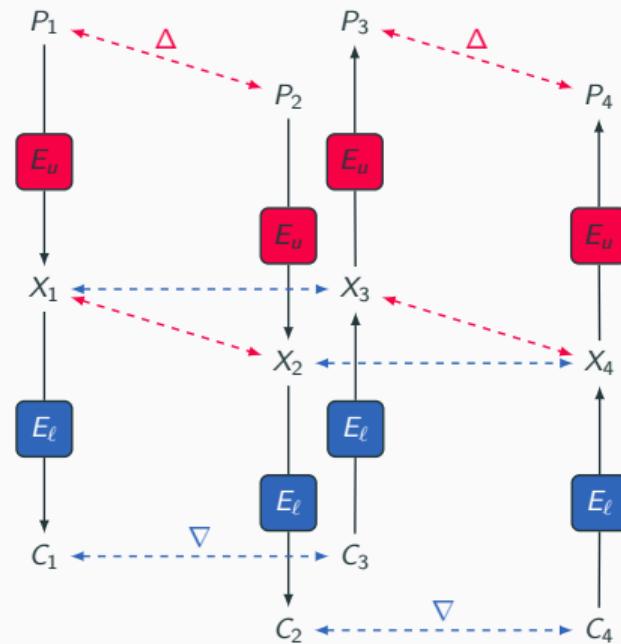
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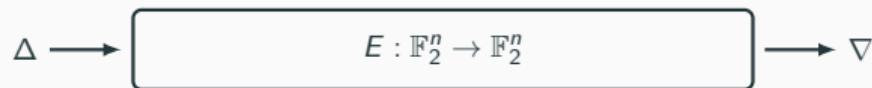
**Input:**  $E_K, (\Delta, \nabla), N, P = \mathbb{P}(P_3 \oplus P_4 = \Delta)$

**Output:** 0: **real** cipher, 1: **ideal** cipher

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1 Initialize counter T with zero;
2 for $i = 0, \dots, N - 1$ do
3 $P_1 \leftarrow \mathbb{F}_2^n$; $P_2 = P_1 \oplus \Delta$;
4 $C_1 \leftarrow E_K(P_1)$, $C_2 \leftarrow E_K(P_2)$;
5 $C_3 \leftarrow C_1 \oplus \nabla$, $C_4 \leftarrow C_2 \oplus \nabla$;
6 $P_3 \leftarrow D_K(C_3)$, $P_4 \leftarrow D_K(C_4)$;
7 if $P_3 \oplus P_4 = \Delta$ then
8 $T \leftarrow T + 1$;
9 if $T \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu = NP, \sigma^2 = NP(1 - P))$ then
10 return 0; // real cipher
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12 return 1; // ideal cipher
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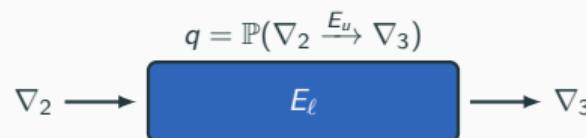
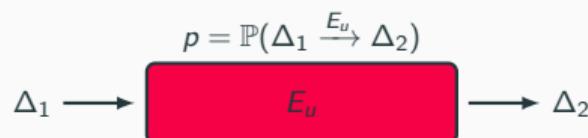
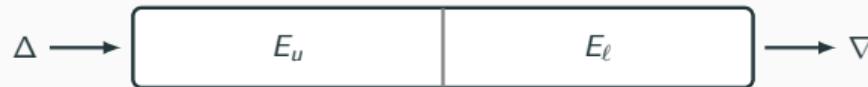


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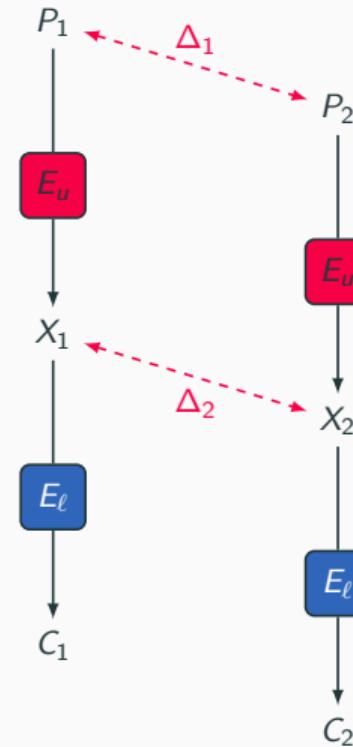
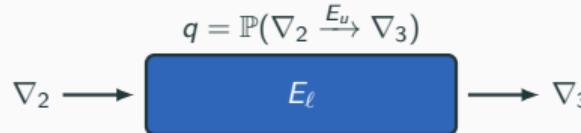
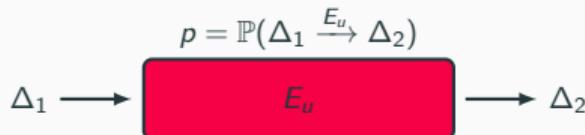
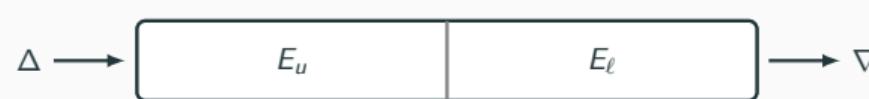


$$0 \leq \mathbb{P}(\Delta \xrightarrow{E} \nabla) \lll 2^{-n}$$

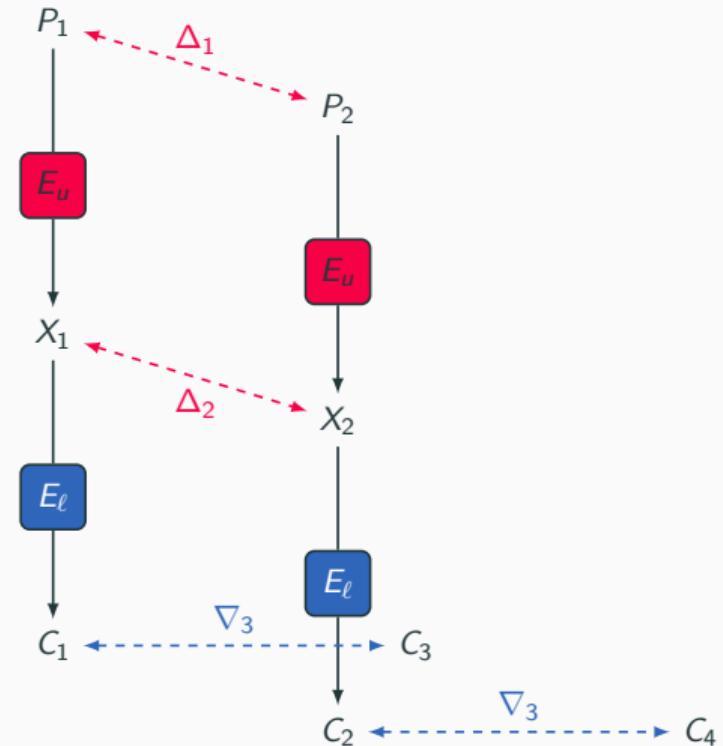
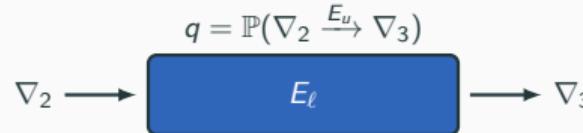
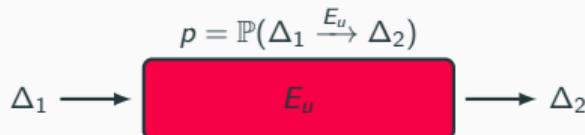
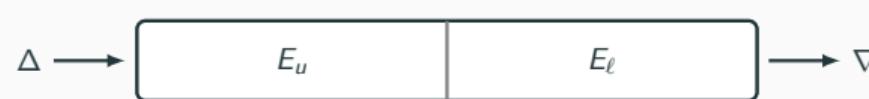
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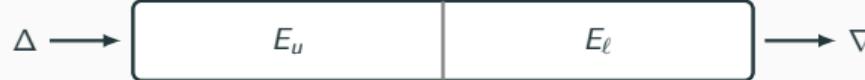
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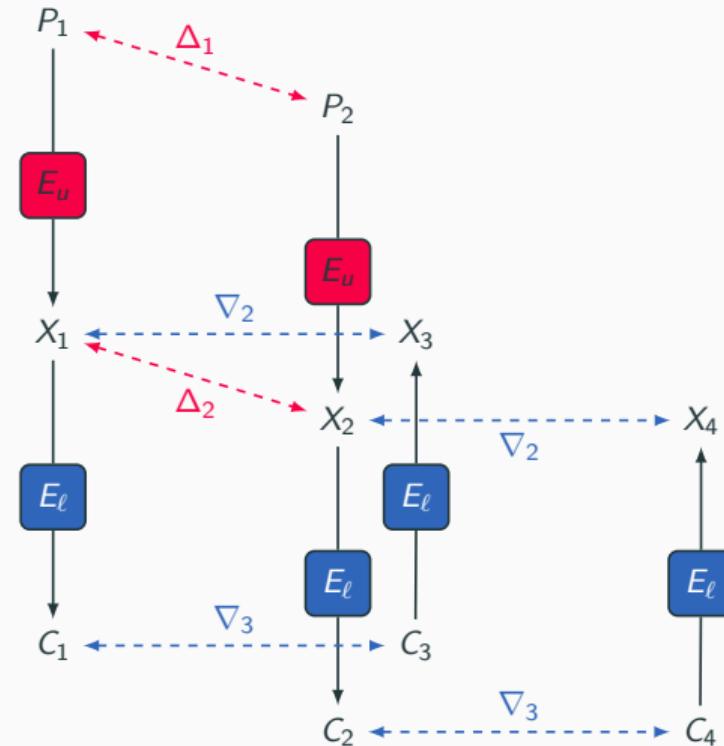
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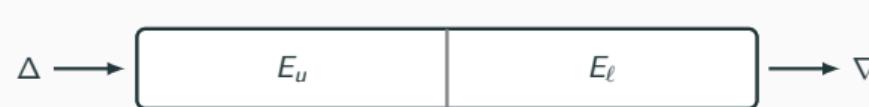
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$$q = \mathbb{P}(\nabla_2 \xrightarrow{E_u} \nabla_3)$$



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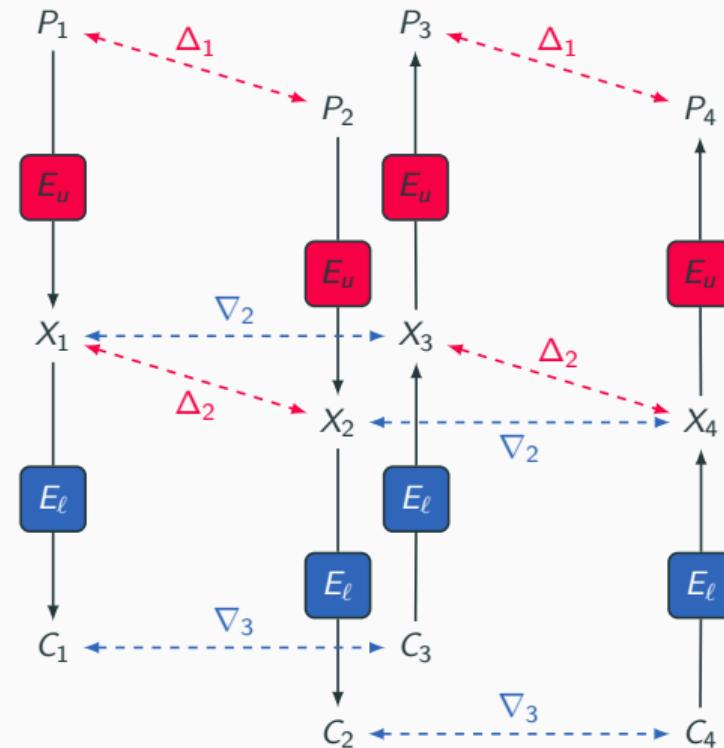
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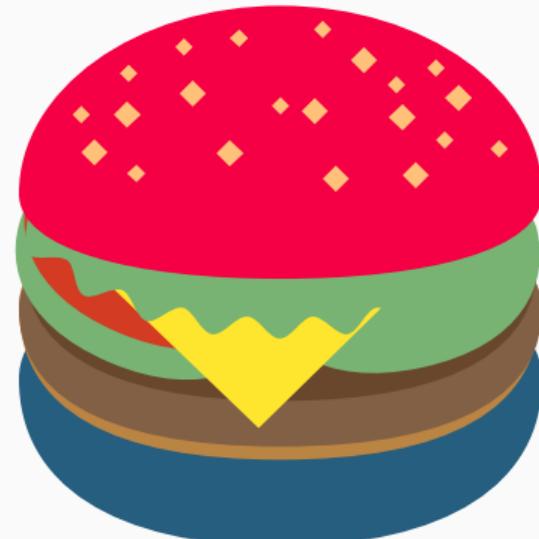
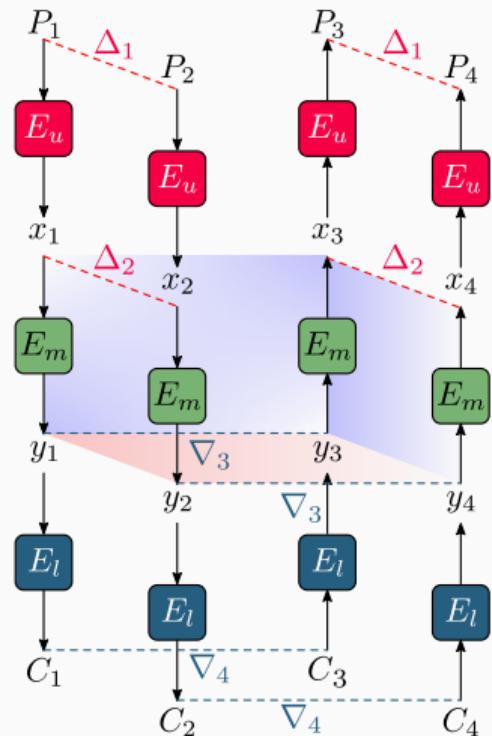
$$q = \mathbb{P}(\nabla_2 \xrightarrow{E_u} \nabla_3)$$



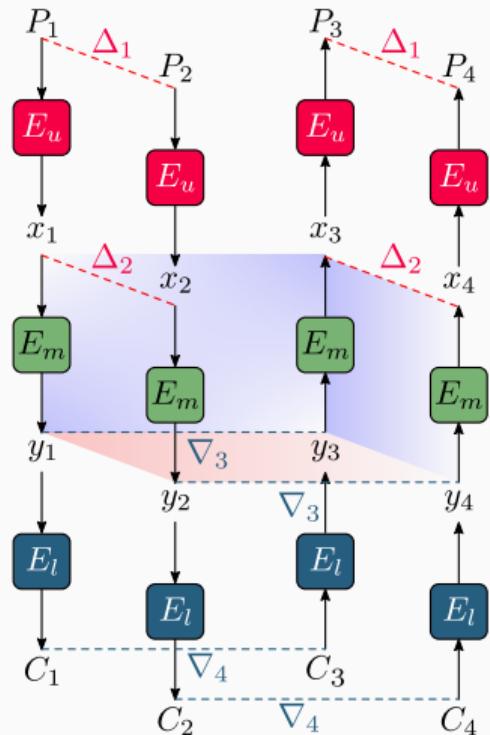
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## Sandwiching the Differentials! [DKS10a; DKS14]

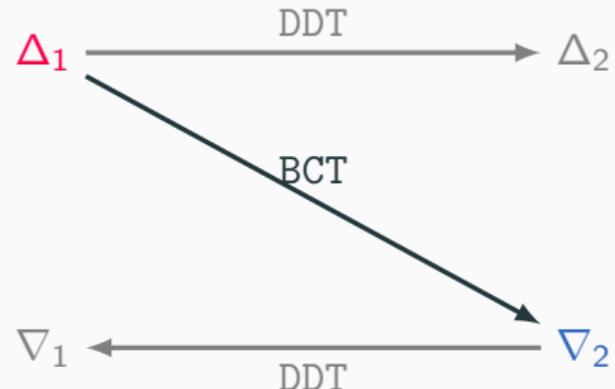
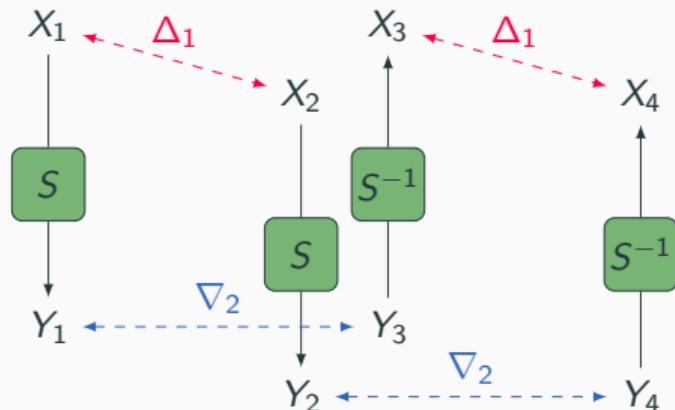


# Sandwiching the Differentials! [DKS10a; DKS14]



$$\mathbb{P}(P_3 \oplus P_4 = \Delta_1) \approx p^2 \times r \times q^2$$
$$r = \mathbb{P}(\Delta_2 \Leftrightarrow \nabla_3)$$

## Boomerang Connectivity Table (BCT) [Cid+18]



$$\text{BCT}(\Delta_1, \nabla_2) := \#\{X \in \mathbb{F}_2^n \mid S^{-1}(S(X) \oplus \nabla_2) \oplus S^{-1}(S(X \oplus \Delta_1) \oplus \nabla_2) = \Delta_1\}$$

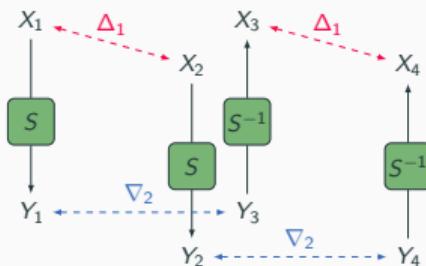
$$\mathbb{P}(\Delta_1 \leftrightarrow \nabla_2) = 2^{-n} \cdot \text{BCT}(\Delta_1, \nabla_2)$$

# Generalized BCT Framework – I



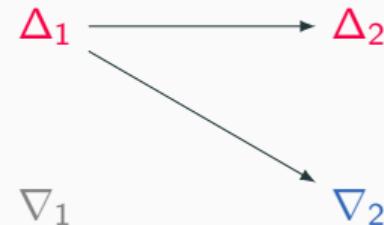
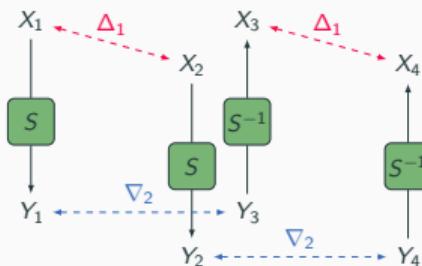
✓  $\mathcal{X}_{DDT}(\Delta_1, \Delta_2) = \{x : S(x) \oplus S(x \oplus \Delta_1) = \Delta_2\}, \quad DDT(\Delta_1, \Delta_2) = \#\mathcal{X}_{DDT}(\Delta_1, \Delta_2)$

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- ✓  $\mathcal{X}_{\text{DDT}}(\Delta_1, \Delta_2) = \{x : S(x) \oplus S(x \oplus \Delta_1) = \Delta_2\}, \quad \text{DDT}(\Delta_1, \Delta_2) = \#\mathcal{X}_{\text{DDT}}(\Delta_1, \Delta_2)$
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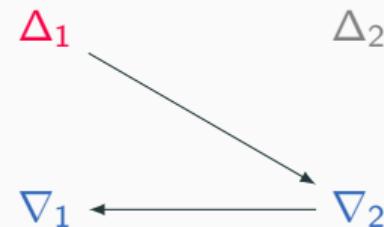
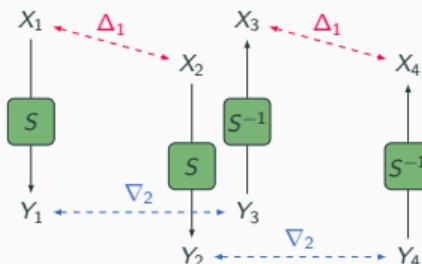
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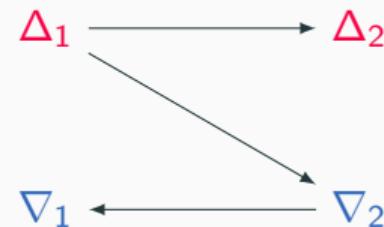
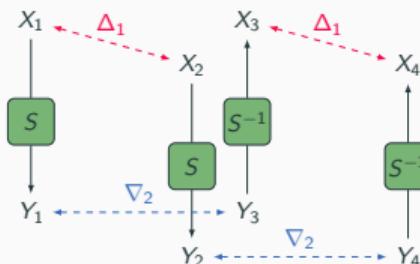
[WP19]

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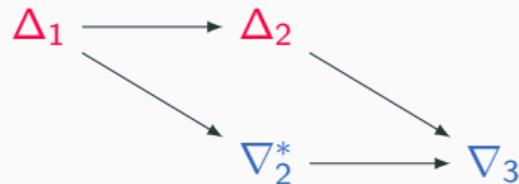
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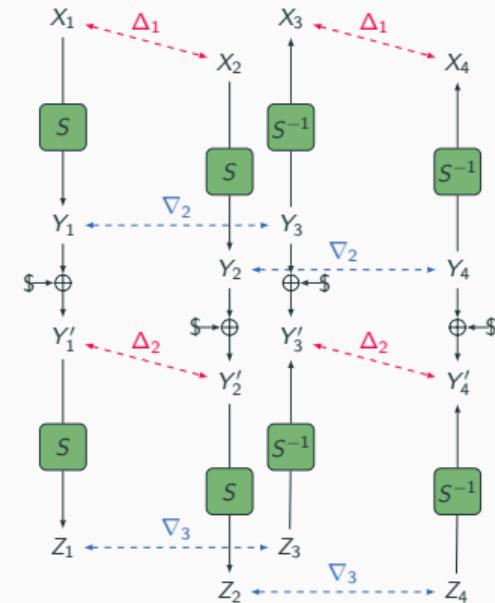
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- ✓  $\text{EBCT}(\Delta_1, \Delta_2, \nabla_1, \nabla_2) = \#\{x : x \in \mathcal{X}_{\text{BCT}}(\Delta_1, \nabla_2) \cap \mathcal{X}_{\text{DDT}}(\Delta_1, \Delta_2) \cap \mathcal{X}_{\text{DDT}}(\nabla_1, \nabla_2)\}$  [Bou+20; DDV20]

## Generalized BCT Framework (GBCT) - II

- Double Boomerang Connectivity Table (DBCT) [HB21]

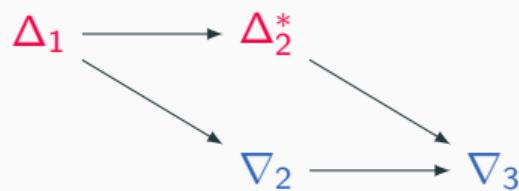


✓ DBCT<sup>+</sup>( $\Delta_1, \Delta_2, \nabla_3$ ) =  $\sum_{\nabla_2} \text{UBCT}(\Delta_1, \Delta_2, \nabla_2) \cdot \text{LBCT}(\Delta_2, \nabla_2, \nabla_3)$

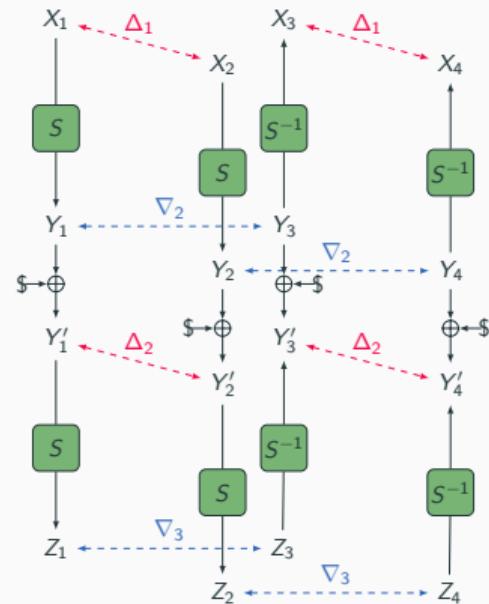


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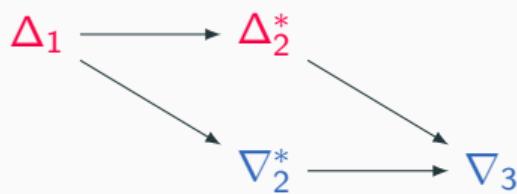


- $\checkmark$   $\text{DBCT}^\perp(\Delta_1, \Delta_2, \nabla_3) = \sum_{\nabla_2} \text{UBCT}(\Delta_1, \Delta_2, \nabla_2) \cdot \text{LBCT}(\Delta_2, \nabla_2, \nabla_3)$
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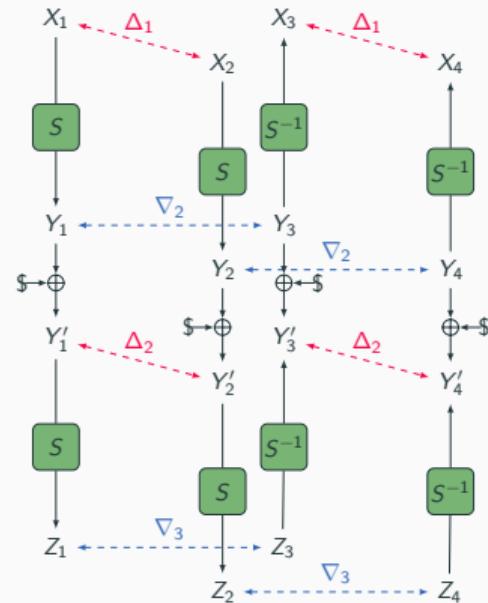


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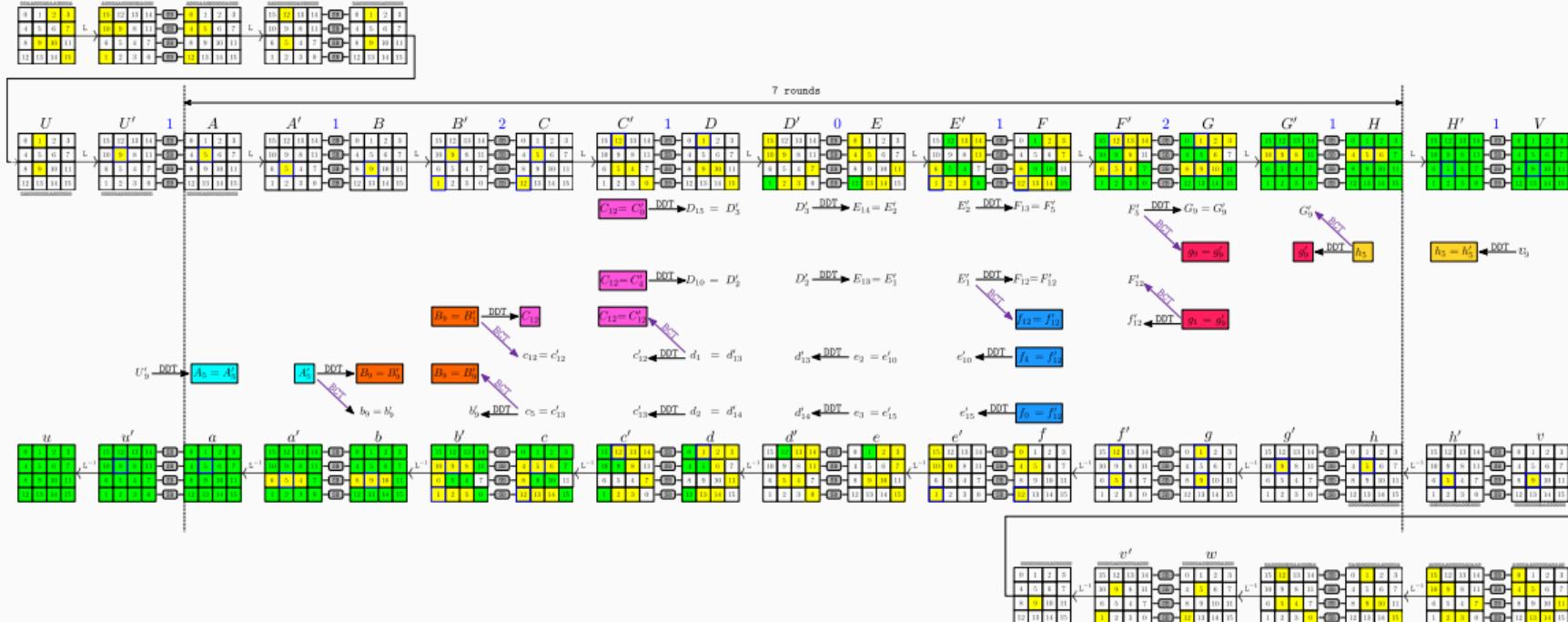
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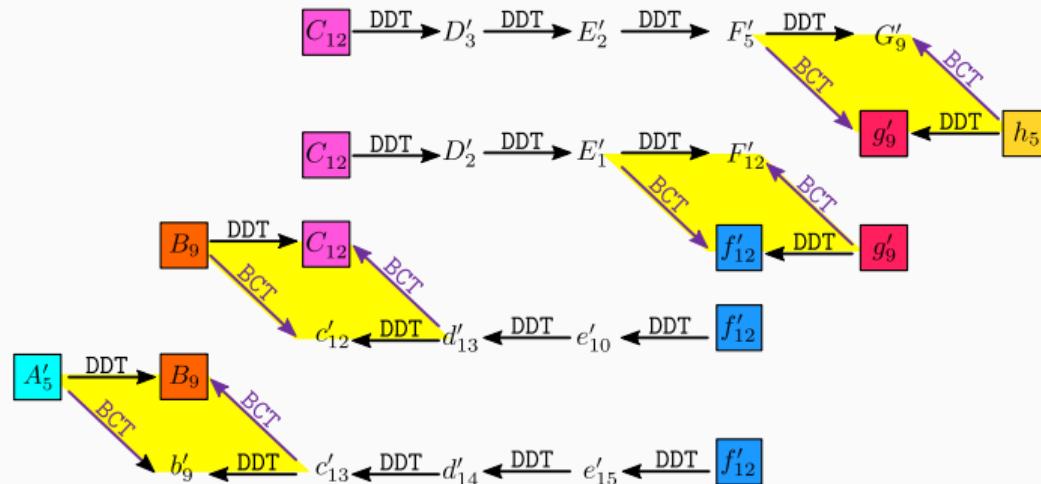
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$$\text{DBCT}_{\text{total}} = \text{DBCT}^{\leftarrow}(A_5, B_9, c_5) \cdot \text{DBCT}^{\leftarrow}(B_9, C_{12}, d_1) \cdot \text{DBCT}^{\leftarrow}(E'_1, f'_{12}, g'_9) \cdot \text{DBCT}^{\leftarrow}(F'_5, g'_9, h_5)$$

$$\text{Pr}_{\text{total}} = \Pr(d_1 \xleftarrow{2 \text{ DDT}} f'_{12}) \cdot \Pr(c_5 \xleftarrow{3 \text{ DDT}} f'_{12}) \cdot \Pr(C_{12} \xrightarrow{2 \text{ DDT}} E'_1) \cdot \Pr(C_{12} \xrightarrow{3 \text{ DDT}} F'_5)$$

$$r = 2^{-8 \cdot n} \cdot \sum_{B_9} \sum_{C_{12}} \sum_{g'_9} \sum_{f'_{12}} \sum_{c_5} \sum_{d_1} \sum_{E'_1} \sum_{F'_5} \text{DBCT}_{\text{total}} \cdot \text{Pr}_{\text{total}}.$$

# Differential-Linear (DL) Attack I [LH94]

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**Input:**  $E_K, (\Delta, \lambda), N, c = \mathbb{C}(\Delta, \lambda)$

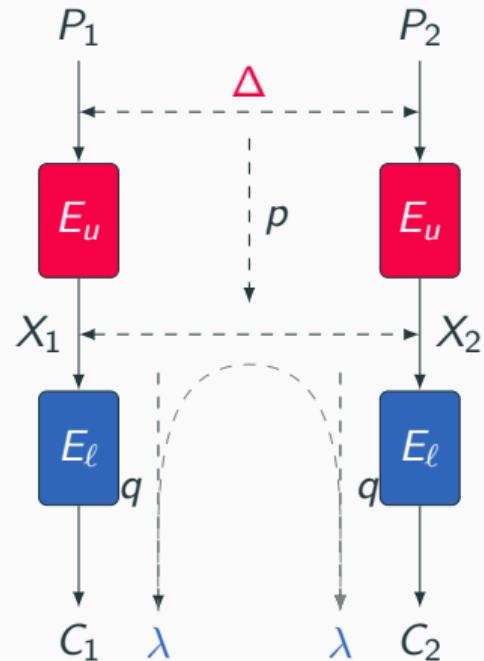
**Output:** 0: **real** cipher, 1: **ideal** cipher

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1 Initialize a counter list $V[z] \leftarrow 0$ for $z \in \{0, 1\}$;
2 for $i = 0, \dots, N - 1$ do
3 $P_1 \xleftarrow{\$} \mathbb{F}_2^n$;
4 $b_1 \leftarrow \lambda \cdot E_K(P_1)$;
5 $P_2 \leftarrow P_1 \oplus \Delta$;
6 $b_2 \leftarrow \lambda \cdot E_K(P_2)$;
7 $V[b_1 \oplus b_2] \leftarrow V[b_1 \oplus b_2] + 1$;
8 if $V[0] \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu = N^{\frac{1+c}{2}}, \sigma^2 = N^{\frac{1-c^2}{4}})$ then
9 return 0; // real cipher
10 else
11 return 1; // ideal cipher

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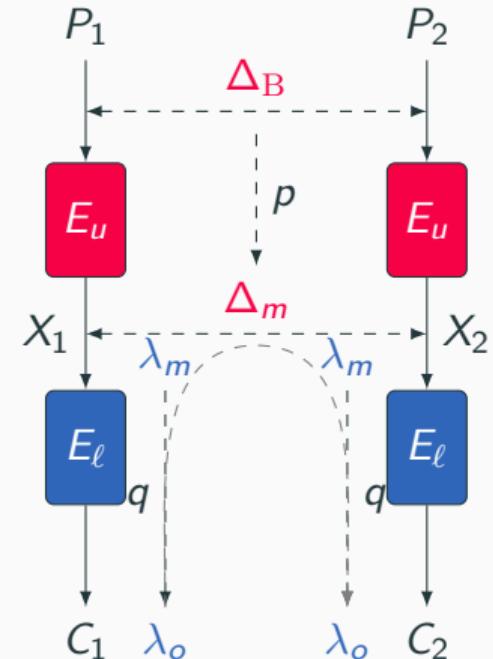


## Differential-Linear Attacks

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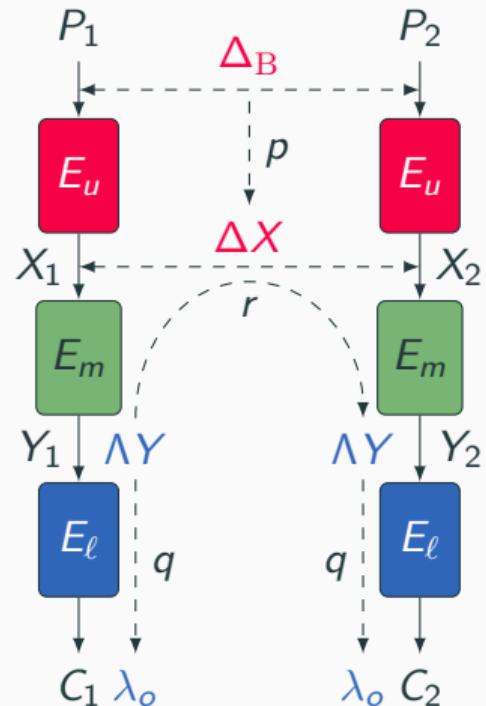
## Differential-Linear (DL) Attack II [LH94]

- $p = \mathbb{P}(\Delta_B \xrightarrow{E_u} \Delta_m)$
- $q = \mathbb{C}(\lambda_m \xrightarrow{E_\ell} \lambda_F) = 2 \cdot \mathbb{P}(\lambda_m \cdot X \oplus \lambda_F \cdot E_\ell(X) = 0) - 1$
- Assumptions ( $\Delta X = X_1 \oplus X_2$ ):
  1.  $E_u$ , and  $E_\ell$  are statistically independent
  2.  $\mathbb{P}(\lambda_m \cdot \Delta X = 0) = 1/2$  when  $\Delta X \neq \Delta_m$
- $\mathcal{C} = \mathbb{C}(\lambda_F \cdot \Delta C) \approx (-1)^{\lambda_m \cdot \Delta_m} \cdot pq^2 = \pm pq^2$
- Time/Data complexity:  $\mathcal{O}(\mathcal{C}^{-2})$



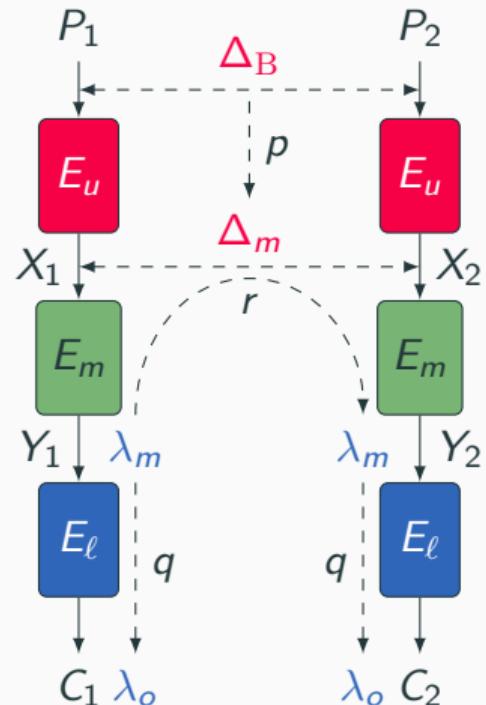
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- $\mathbb{R}(\Delta X, \Lambda Y) = \mathbb{C}(\Lambda Y \cdot E_m(X) \oplus \Lambda Y \cdot E_m(X \oplus \Delta X))$
- $\mathbb{C}(\lambda_F \cdot \Delta C) = \sum_{\Delta X, \Lambda Y} \mathbb{P}(\Delta_B, \Delta X) \cdot \mathbb{R}(\Delta X, \Lambda Y) \cdot \mathbb{C}^2(\Lambda Y, \lambda_F)$

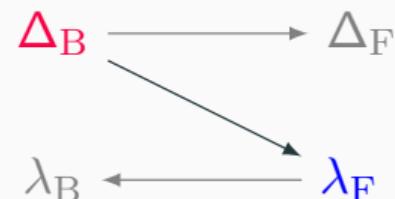
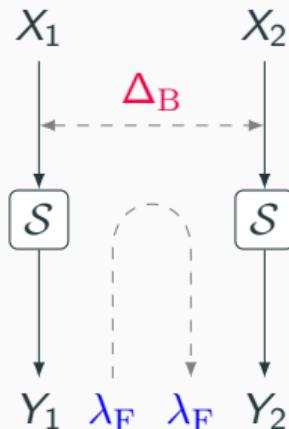


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- $\mathbb{P}(\Delta_B \xrightarrow{E_u} \Delta_m) = p$
- $\mathbb{R}(\Delta_m, \lambda_m) = r$
- $\mathbb{C}(\lambda_m \xrightarrow{E_\ell} \lambda_F) = q$
- $\mathbb{C}(\lambda_F \cdot \Delta C) \approx prq^2$



## Differential-Linear Connectivity Table (DLCT) [Bar+19]

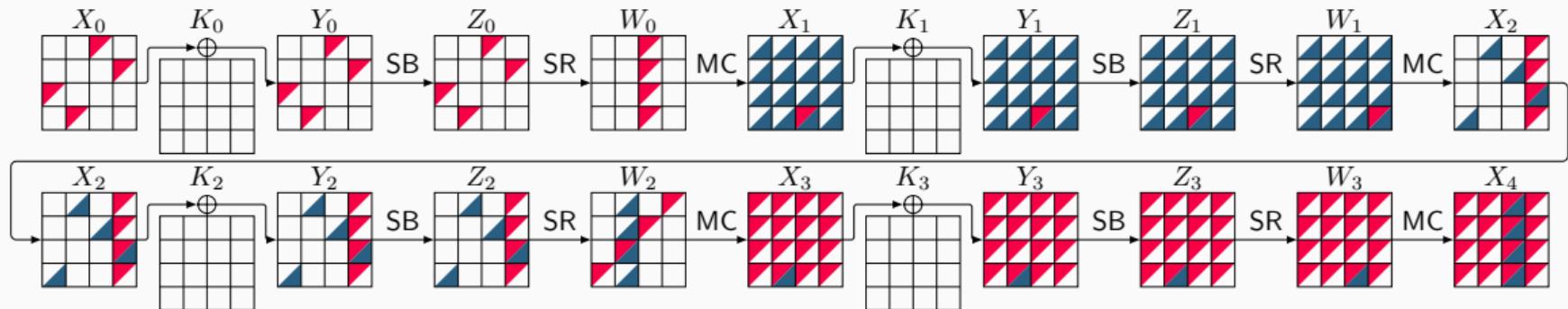


$$\text{DLCT}_b(\Delta_B, \lambda_F) = \{x \in \mathbb{F}_2^n : \lambda_F \cdot S(x) \oplus \lambda_F \cdot S(x \oplus \Delta_B) = b\}$$

$$\text{DLCT}(\Delta_B, \lambda_F) = |\text{DLCT}_0(\Delta_B, \lambda_F)| - |\text{DLCT}_1(\Delta_B, \lambda_F)|$$

$$\mathbb{C}_{\text{DLCT}}(\Delta_B, \lambda_F) = 2^{-n} \cdot \text{DLCT}(\Delta_B, \lambda_F)$$

# A 4-round DL Distinguisher for AES



$$r_u = 1, r_m = 3, r_\ell = 0, p = 2^{-24.00}, r = 2^{-7.66}, q^2 = 1, \mathbb{C} = prq^2 = 2^{-31.66}$$

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$\Delta X_0$  00005200000000f58f000000007b0000     $\Delta X_1$  00000000000000000000000000000000b400

$\Gamma X_4$  0032000000ab00000066000000980000

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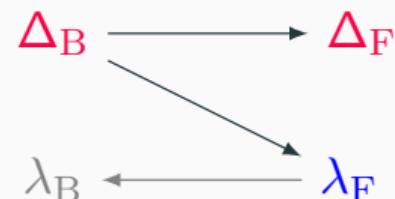
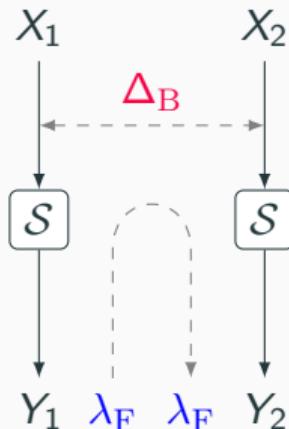
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**$2^{63.32}$  v.s.  $2^{150}$**

## Generalized DLCT Framework

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# Upper Differential-Linear Connectivity Table (UDLCT)

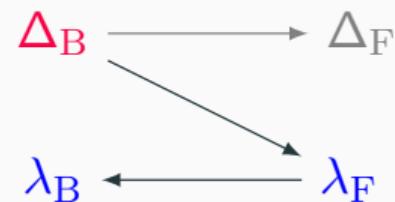
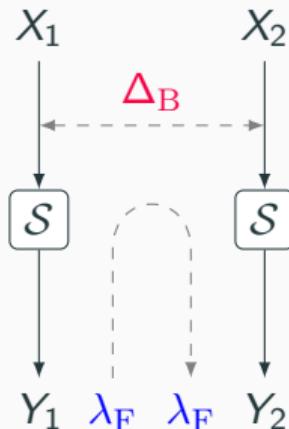


$$\text{UDLCT}_b(\Delta_B, \Delta_F, \lambda_F) = \{x \in \mathbb{F}_2^n : S(x) \oplus S(x \oplus \Delta_B) = \Delta_F \text{ and } \lambda_F \cdot \Delta_F = b\}$$

$$\text{UDLCT}(\Delta_B, \Delta_F, \lambda_F) = |\text{UDLCT}_0(\Delta_B, \Delta_F, \lambda_F)| - |\text{UDLCT}_1(\Delta_B, \Delta_F, \lambda_F)|$$

$$\mathbb{C}_{\text{UDLCT}}(\Delta_B, \Delta_F, \lambda_F) = 2^{-n} \cdot \text{UDLCT}(\Delta_B, \Delta_F, \lambda_F)$$

## Lower Differential-Linear Connectivity Table (LDLCT)

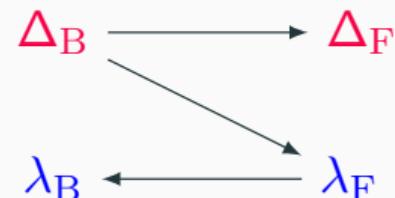
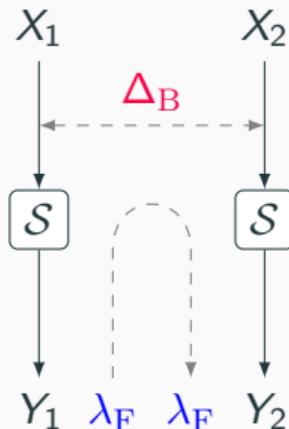


$$\text{LDLCT}_b(\Delta_B, \lambda_B, \lambda_F) = \{x \in \mathbb{F}_2^n : \lambda_B \cdot \Delta_B \oplus \lambda_F \cdot \mathcal{S}(x) \oplus \lambda_F \cdot \mathcal{S}(x \oplus \Delta_B) = b\}$$

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$$\mathbb{C}_{\text{LDLCT}}(\Delta_B, \lambda_B, \lambda_F) = 2^{-n} \cdot \text{LDLCT}(\Delta_B, \lambda_B, \lambda_F)$$

## Extended Differential-Linear Connectivity Table (EDLCT)

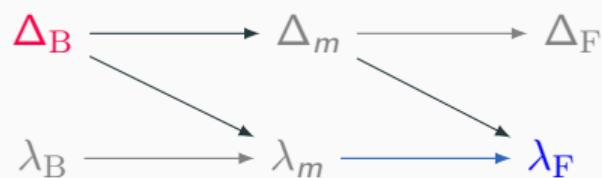


$$\text{EDLCT}_b(\Delta_B, \Delta_F, \lambda_B, \lambda_F) = \{x \in \mathbb{F}_2^n : S(x) \oplus S(x \oplus \Delta_B) = \Delta_F \text{ and } \lambda_B \cdot \Delta_B \oplus \lambda_F \cdot \Delta_F = b\}$$

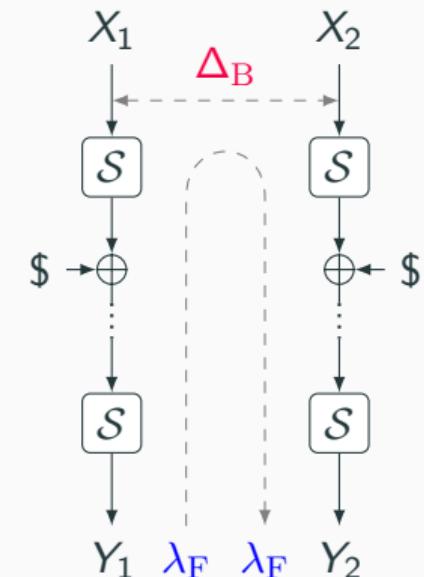
$$\text{EDLCT}(\Delta_B, \Delta_F, \lambda_B, \lambda_F) = |\text{EDLCT}_0(\Delta_B, \Delta_F, \lambda_B, \lambda_F)| - |\text{EDLCT}_1(\Delta_B, \Delta_F, \lambda_B, \lambda_F)|$$

$$\mathbb{C}_{\text{EDLCT}}(\Delta_B, \Delta_F, \lambda_B, \lambda_F) = 2^{-n} \cdot \text{EDLCT}(\Delta_B, \Delta_F, \lambda_B, \lambda_F)$$

# Double Differential-Linear Connectivity Table (DDLCT)



$$\text{DDLCT}(\Delta_B, \lambda_F) = 2^{-n} \cdot \sum_{\Delta_m} \sum_{\lambda_m} \text{UDLCT}(\Delta_B, \Delta_m, \lambda_m) \cdot \text{LDLCT}(\Delta_m, \lambda_m, \lambda_F)$$



## Generalized DLCT Framework (GBCT)

- How to formulate the correlation for more than 1 round?



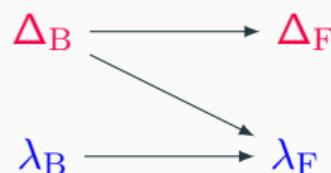
DLCT ( $\Delta_B, \lambda_F$ )



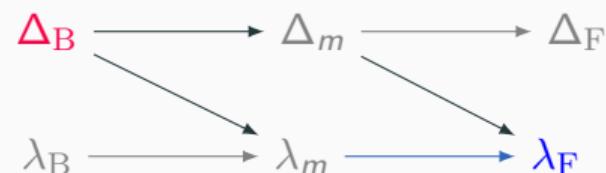
UDLCT ( $\Delta_B, \Delta_F, \lambda_F$ )



LDLCT ( $\Delta_B, \lambda_B, \lambda_F$ )



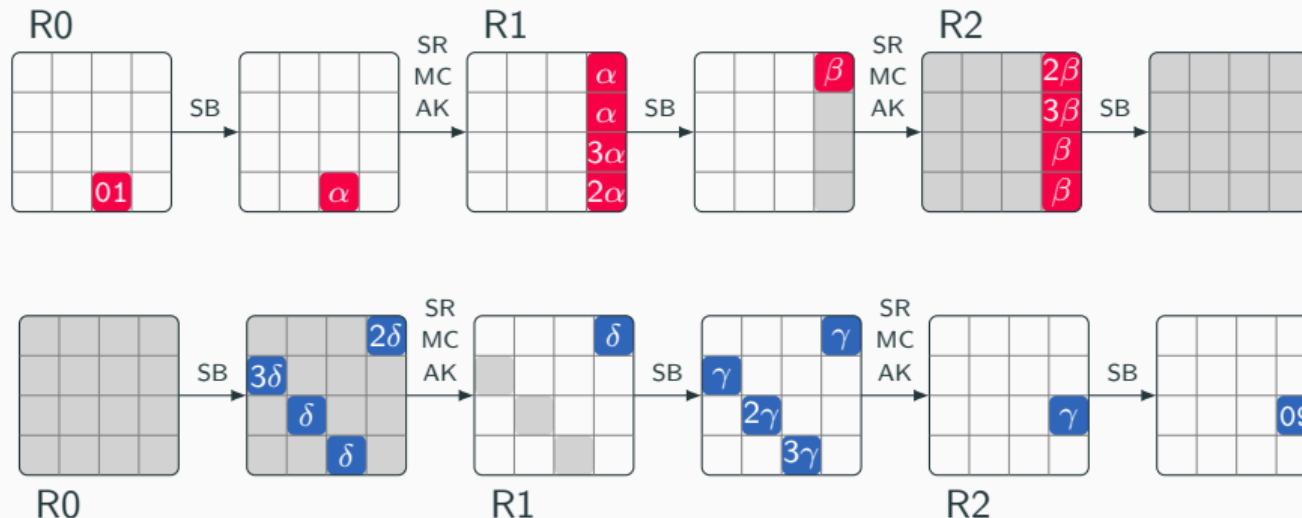
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DDLCT ( $\Delta_B, \lambda_F$ )

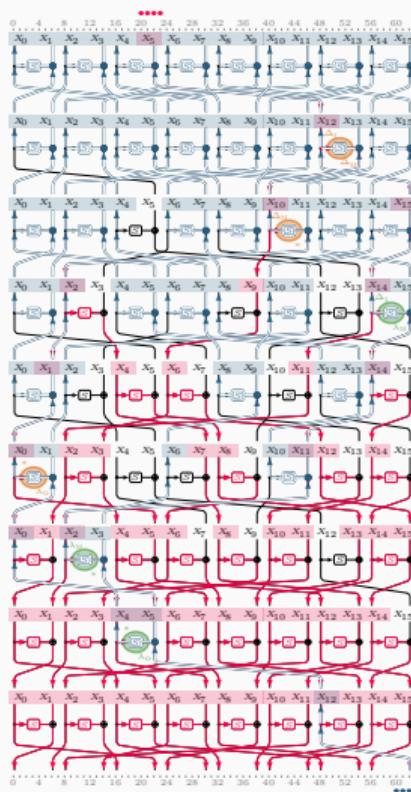
# Application of the Generalized DLCT Tables - AES

(— differential — linear)



$$\sum_{\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta} \mathbb{C}_{UDLCT}(1, \alpha, \delta) \cdot \mathbb{C}_{EDLCT}(\alpha, \beta, \delta, \gamma) \cdot \mathbb{C}_{LDLCT}(\beta, \gamma, 9) = -2^{-7.94}$$

# Application of the Generalized DLCT Tables - TWINE (— differential — linear)



$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{C}(\Delta_B, \lambda_F) &= \sum_{\Delta_m} \mathbb{P}_{DDT}(\Delta_B, \Delta_m) \cdot \mathbb{C}_{DDLCT}(\Delta_m, \lambda_F) \\ &= \sum_{\lambda_m} \mathbb{C}_{DDLCT}(\Delta_B, \lambda_m) \cdot \mathbb{C}_{LAT}^2(\lambda_m, \lambda_F). \\ \mathbb{C}_{tot}(\Delta_B, \lambda_F) &= \mathbb{C}^2(\Delta_B, \lambda_F). \end{aligned}$$

| Input/Output Differences/Linear-mask   | Formula      | Exp. Correlation |
|----------------------------------------|--------------|------------------|
| $(\Delta_B, \lambda_F) = (0xb4, 0x67)$ | $-2^{-7.66}$ | $-2^{-7.64}$     |
| $(\Delta_B, \lambda_F) = (0x02, 0x02)$ | $-2^{-7.92}$ | $-2^{-7.93}$     |
| $(\Delta_B, \lambda_F) = (0x55, 0x55)$ | $-2^{-7.99}$ | $-2^{-7.98}$     |
| $(\Delta_B, \lambda_F) = (0xbf, 0xef)$ | $-2^{-8.05}$ | $-2^{-8.06}$     |
| $(\Delta_B, \lambda_F) = (0xfe, 0x06)$ | $-2^{-8.26}$ | $-2^{-8.25}$     |
| $(\Delta_B, \lambda_F) = (0x4b, 0x1a)$ | $-2^{-8.43}$ | $-2^{-8.44}$     |

# **Differential-Linear Switches and Deterministic Trails**

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# Cell-Wise and Bit-Wise Switches

| $\Delta \setminus \lambda$ | 0  | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4   | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8   | 9  | a  | b   | c   | d  | e  | f  |
|----------------------------|----|----|----|----|-----|----|----|----|-----|----|----|-----|-----|----|----|----|
| $x$                        | 0  | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4   | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8   | 9  | a  | b   | c   | d  | e  | f  |
| $S(x)$                     | 4  | 0  | a  | 7  | b   | e  | 1  | d  | 9   | f  | 6  | 8   | 5   | 2  | c  | 3  |
| 0                          | 16 | 16 | 16 | 16 | 16  | 16 | 16 | 16 | 16  | 16 | 16 | 16  | 16  | 16 | 16 | 16 |
| 1                          | 16 | 0  | 0  | 0  | -16 | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| 2                          | 16 | -8 | -8 | 0  | 0   | 0  | 8  | -8 | 0   | -8 | 0  | 8   | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| 3                          | 16 | 0  | -8 | -8 | 0   | -8 | 8  | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | -8 | 0  | 8  |
| 4                          | 16 | 0  | -8 | 0  | 0   | 0  | -8 | 0  | -16 | 0  | 8  | 0   | 0   | 0  | 8  | 0  |
| 5                          | 16 | 0  | -8 | 0  | 0   | 0  | -8 | 0  | 0   | 0  | 8  | 0   | -16 | 0  | 8  | 0  |
| 6                          | 16 | -8 | 8  | -8 | 0   | 0  | -8 | 0  | 0   | -8 | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0  | 8  |
| 7                          | 16 | 0  | 8  | 0  | 0   | -8 | -8 | -8 | 0   | 0  | 0  | 8   | 0   | -8 | 0  | 0  |
| 8                          | 16 | 0  | 0  | 0  | -16 | 0  | 0  | 0  | -16 | 0  | 0  | 0   | 16  | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| 9                          | 16 | -8 | 0  | -8 | 16  | -8 | 0  | -8 | 0   | 8  | 0  | -8  | 0   | 8  | 0  | -8 |
| a                          | 16 | 0  | 0  | 8  | 0   | 8  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0  | -8 | 0   | 0   | -8 | -8 | -8 |
| b                          | 16 | 8  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0  | 8  | 0  | -8  | -8 | -8 | 0   | 0   | 0  | -8 | 0  |
| c                          | 16 | 0  | 0  | -8 | 0   | 0  | 0  | -8 | 16  | 0  | 0  | -8  | 0   | 0  | 0  | -8 |
| d                          | 16 | -8 | 0  | 0  | -8  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 8   | 0  | 0  | -16 | 8   | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| e                          | 16 | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 8  | 0  | 8  | 0   | 0  | -8 | -8  | 0   | -8 | -8 | 0  |
| f                          | 16 | 8  | 0  | 8  | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0  | -8  | -8 | 0  | 0   | 0   | -8 | -8 | -8 |

- Cell-wise switches:

$\text{DLCT}(\Delta_B, 0) = \text{DLCT}(0, \lambda_F) = 2^n$  for all  
 $\Delta_B, \lambda_F$

- Bit-wise switches:  $\text{DLCT}(\Delta_B, \lambda_F) = \pm 2^n$  for  
 $\Delta_B, \lambda_F \neq 0$

- Example:  $\mathbb{C}(9, 4) = \frac{16}{16}$

## Properties of Generalized DLCT Tables - I

- $\text{DLCT}(\Delta_B, \lambda_F) = \sum_{\Delta_F} \text{UDLCT}(\Delta_B, \Delta_F, \lambda_F)$
- $\text{UDLCT}(\Delta_B, \Delta_F, \lambda_F) = (-1)^{\Delta_F \cdot \lambda_F} \text{DDT}(\Delta_B, \Delta_F)$
- $\text{LDLCT}(\Delta_B, \lambda_B, \lambda_F) = (-1)^{\Delta_B \cdot \lambda_B} \text{DLCT}(\Delta_B, \lambda_F)$
- $\text{EDLCT}(\Delta_B, \Delta_F, \lambda_B, \lambda_F) = (-1)^{\lambda_B \cdot \Delta_B \oplus \lambda_F \cdot \Delta_F} \text{DDT}(\Delta_B, \Delta_F)$
- $\text{LDLCT}(\Delta_B, \lambda_B, \lambda_F) = \sum_{\Delta_F} \text{EDLCT}(\Delta_B, \Delta_F, \lambda_B, \lambda_F)$
- $\sum_{\Delta_B} \text{LDLCT}(\Delta_B, \lambda_B, \lambda_F) = \text{LAT}^2(\lambda_B, \lambda_F)$

## Properties of Generalized DLCT Tables - II

- $\text{DDLCT}(\Delta_B, \lambda_F) = 2^{-n} \cdot \sum_{\Delta_m} \sum_{\lambda_m} \text{UDLCT}(\Delta_B, \Delta_m, \lambda_m) \cdot \text{LDLCT}(\Delta_m, \lambda_m, \lambda_F)$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{DDLCT}(\Delta_B, \lambda_F) &= \sum_{\Delta_m} \text{DDT}(\Delta_B, \Delta_m) \cdot \text{DLCT}(\Delta_m, \lambda_F) \\ &= 2^{-n} \sum_{\lambda_m} \text{DLCT}(\Delta_B, \lambda_m) \cdot \text{LAT}^2(\lambda_m, \lambda_F).\end{aligned}$$

## Deterministic Bit-Wise Differential Trails (Forward)

|                               | x      | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | a | b | c | d | e | f |
|-------------------------------|--------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|                               | $S(x)$ | 4 | 0 | a | 7 | b | e | 1 | d | 9 | f | 6 | 8 | 5 | 2 | c | 3 |
| $\Delta_i \setminus \Delta_o$ | 0      | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | a | b | c | d | e | f |   |
| 0                             | 16     | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1                             | 0      | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| 2                             | 0      | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| 3                             | 0      | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| 4                             | 0      | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| 5                             | 0      | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 6                             | 0      | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 7                             | 0      | 2 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 8                             | 0      | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| 9                             | 0      | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| a                             | 0      | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| b                             | 0      | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| c                             | 0      | 4 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| d                             | 0      | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| e                             | 0      | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| f                             | 0      | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |

$$\Delta_i = (0, 0, 0, 0) \xrightarrow{S} \Delta_o = (0, 0, 0, 0)$$

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$$\Delta_i = (1, 1, 0, 0) \xrightarrow{S} \Delta_o = (0, ?, ?, ?)$$

## Deterministic Bit-Wise Linear Trails (Backward)

|                                 | x      | 0  | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  | a  | b  | c  | d  | e  | f |
|---------------------------------|--------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|---|
| $\lambda_i \setminus \lambda_o$ | $S(x)$ | 4  | 0  | a  | 7  | b  | e  | 1  | d  | 9  | f  | 6  | 8  | 5  | 2  | c  | 3 |
| 0                               | 16     | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0 |
| 1                               | 0      | 0  | 4  | -4 | 0  | -8 | -4 | -4 | 0  | 0  | 4  | -4 | -8 | 0  | 4  | 4  | 4 |
| 2                               | 0      | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 8  | 8  | 0  | 0  | 8  | -8 | 0  |   |
| 3                               | 0      | -8 | 4  | 4  | 0  | 0  | -4 | 4  | 0  | 0  | -4 | 4  | -8 | 0  | -4 | -4 |   |
| 4                               | 0      | 4  | 0  | 4  | 0  | 4  | 8  | -4 | 0  | 4  | 0  | 4  | -8 | -4 | 0  | 4  |   |
| 5                               | 0      | 4  | -4 | -8 | 0  | -4 | -4 | 0  | 0  | 4  | -4 | 8  | 0  | -4 | -4 | 0  |   |
| 6                               | 0      | -4 | 8  | 4  | 0  | -4 | 0  | -4 | 0  | 4  | 0  | 4  | 8  | -4 | 0  | 4  |   |
| 7                               | 0      | 4  | 4  | 0  | 0  | -4 | 4  | -8 | 0  | -4 | -4 | 0  | 0  | 4  | -4 | -8 |   |
| 8                               | 0      | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 8  | 8  | 0  | 0  | 8  | -8 |    |   |
| 9                               | 0      | 0  | -4 | 4  | 8  | 0  | -4 | -4 | 0  | 0  | 4  | -4 | 0  | -8 | -4 | -4 |   |
| a                               | 0      | 8  | 0  | 8  | 0  | -8 | 0  | 8  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  |   |
| b                               | 0      | 0  | -4 | 4  | -8 | 0  | -4 | -4 | 0  | 8  | -4 | -4 | 0  | 0  | 4  | -4 |   |
| c                               | 0      | 4  | 0  | 4  | 0  | 4  | -8 | -4 | 8  | -4 | 0  | 4  | 0  | 4  | 0  | 4  |   |
| d                               | 0      | 4  | 4  | 0  | -8 | 4  | -4 | 0  | -8 | -4 | 4  | 0  | 0  | -4 | -4 | 0  |   |
| e                               | 0      | 4  | 8  | -4 | 0  | 4  | 0  | 4  | 8  | 4  | 0  | -4 | 0  | -4 | 0  | -4 |   |
| f                               | 0      | -4 | -4 | 0  | -8 | -4 | 4  | 0  | 8  | -4 | 4  | 0  | 0  | -4 | -4 | 0  |   |

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# Bit-Wise Switches and Deterministic Trails

|                            | x  | 0  | 1  | 2  | 3   | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7   | 8  | 9  | a  | b   | c  | d  | e  | f  |
|----------------------------|----|----|----|----|-----|----|----|----|-----|----|----|----|-----|----|----|----|----|
| $\Delta \setminus \lambda$ |    | 4  | 0  | a  | 7   | b  | e  | 1  | d   | 9  | f  | 6  | 8   | 5  | 2  | c  | 3  |
| 0                          | 16 | 16 | 16 | 16 | 16  | 16 | 16 | 16 | 16  | 16 | 16 | 16 | 16  | 16 | 16 | 16 | 16 |
| 1                          | 16 | 0  | 0  | 0  | -16 | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| 2                          | 16 | -8 | -8 | 0  | 0   | 0  | 8  | -8 | 0   | -8 | 0  | 8  | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| 3                          | 16 | 0  | -8 | -8 | 0   | -8 | 8  | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0   | -8 | 0  | 8  |    |
| 4                          | 16 | 0  | -8 | 0  | 0   | 0  | -8 | 0  | -16 | 0  | 8  | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0  | 8  | 0  |
| 5                          | 16 | 0  | -8 | 0  | 0   | 0  | -8 | 0  | 0   | 0  | 8  | 0  | -16 | 0  | 8  | 0  |    |
| 6                          | 16 | -8 | 8  | -8 | 0   | 0  | -8 | 0  | 0   | -8 | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0  | 8  |
| 7                          | 16 | 0  | 8  | 0  | 0   | -8 | -8 | -8 | 0   | 0  | 0  | 8  | 0   | -8 | 0  | 0  |    |
| 8                          | 16 | 0  | 0  | 0  | -16 | 0  | 0  | 0  | -16 | 0  | 0  | 0  | 16  | 0  | 0  | 0  |    |
| 9                          | 16 | -8 | 0  | -8 | 16  | -8 | 0  | -8 | 0   | 8  | 0  | -8 | 0   | 8  | 0  | -8 |    |
| a                          | 16 | 0  | 0  | 8  | 0   | 8  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0  | -8 | 0  | 0   | -8 | -8 | -8 |    |
| b                          | 16 | 8  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0  | 8  | 0   | -8 | -8 | -8 | 0   | 0  | -8 | 0  |    |
| c                          | 16 | 0  | 0  | -8 | 0   | 0  | 0  | -8 | 16  | 0  | 0  | -8 | 0   | 0  | 0  | -8 |    |
| d                          | 16 | -8 | 0  | 0  | 0   | -8 | 0  | 0  | 0   | 8  | 0  | 0  | -16 | 8  | 0  | 0  |    |
| e                          | 16 | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 8  | 0  | 8  | 0   | 0  | -8 | -8 | 0   | -8 | -8 | 0  |    |
| f                          | 16 | 8  | 0  | 8  | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0  | -8  | -8 | 0  | 0  | 0   | -8 | -8 | -8 |    |

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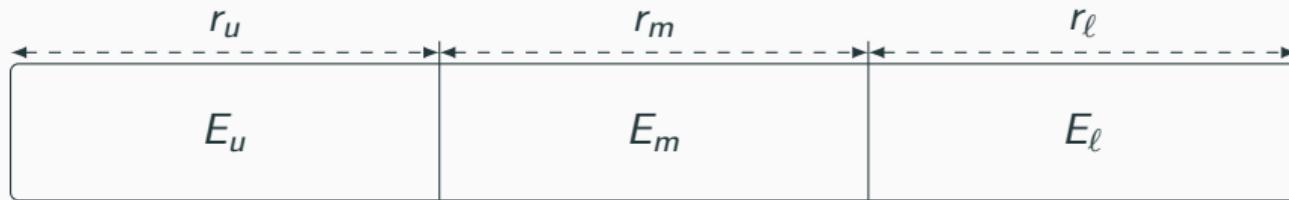
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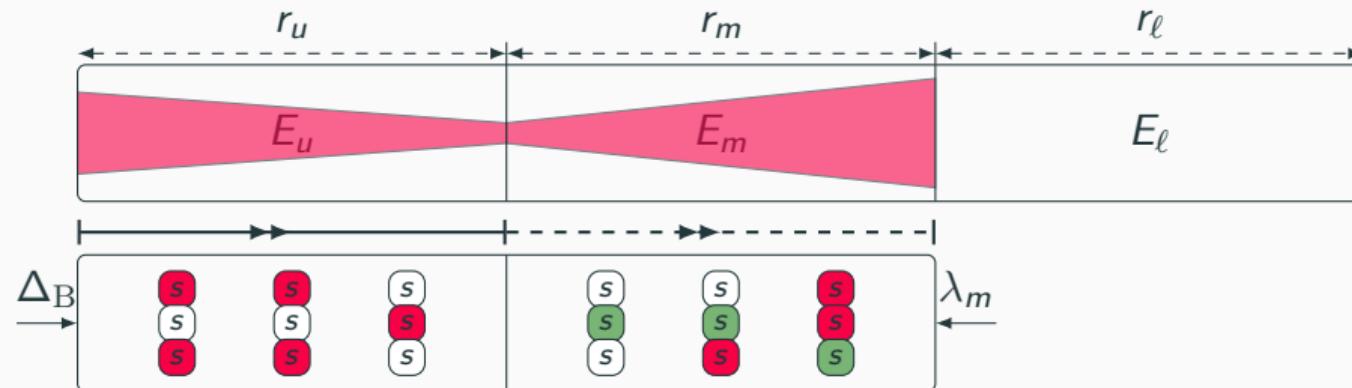
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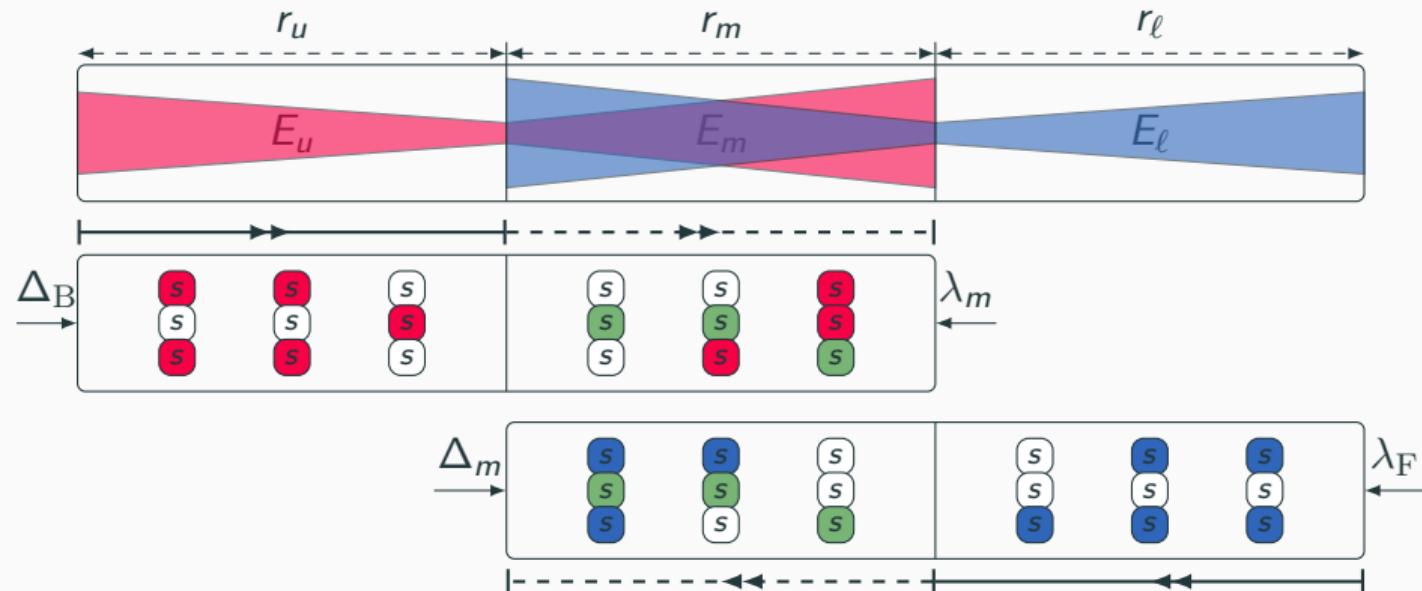


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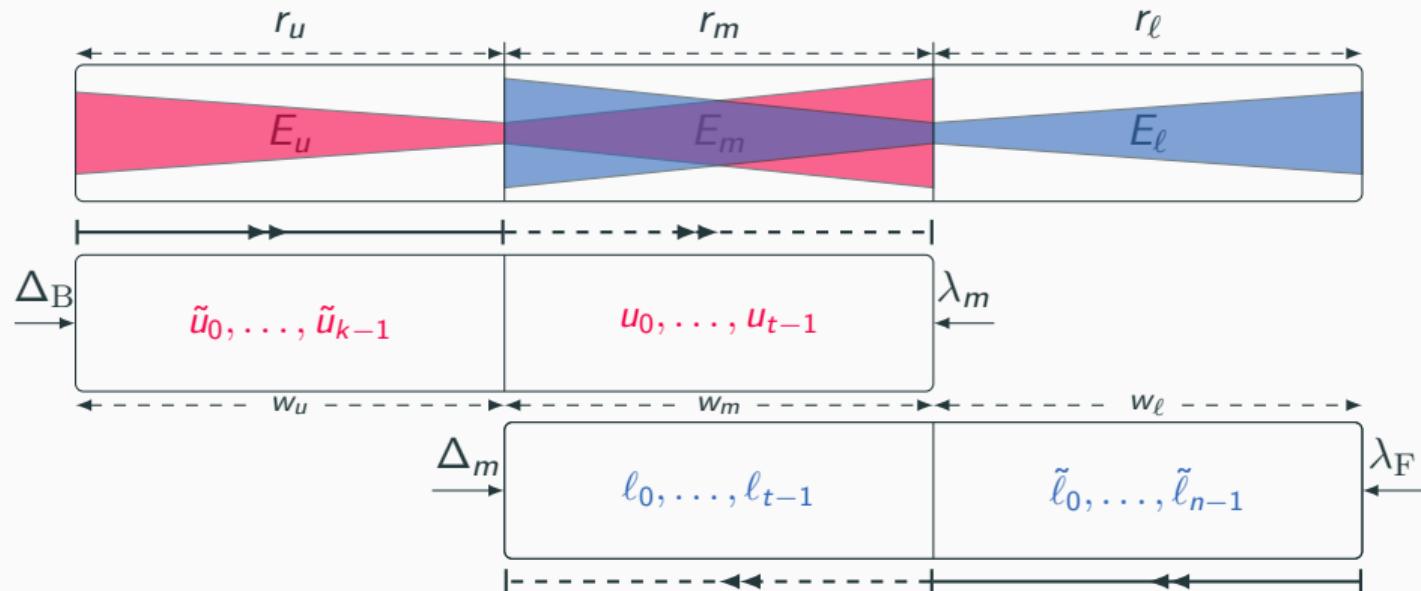
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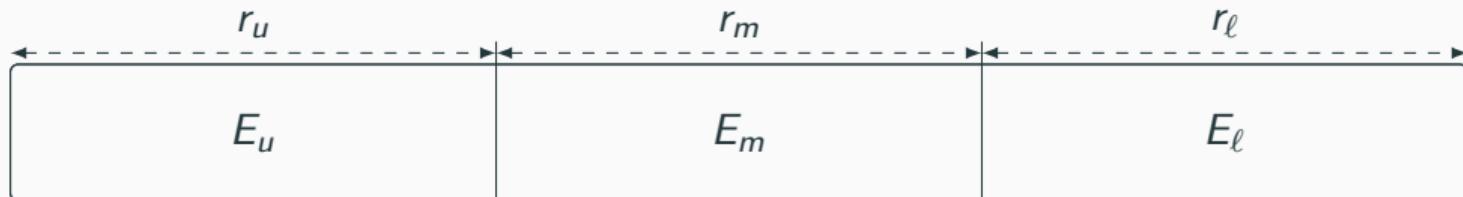
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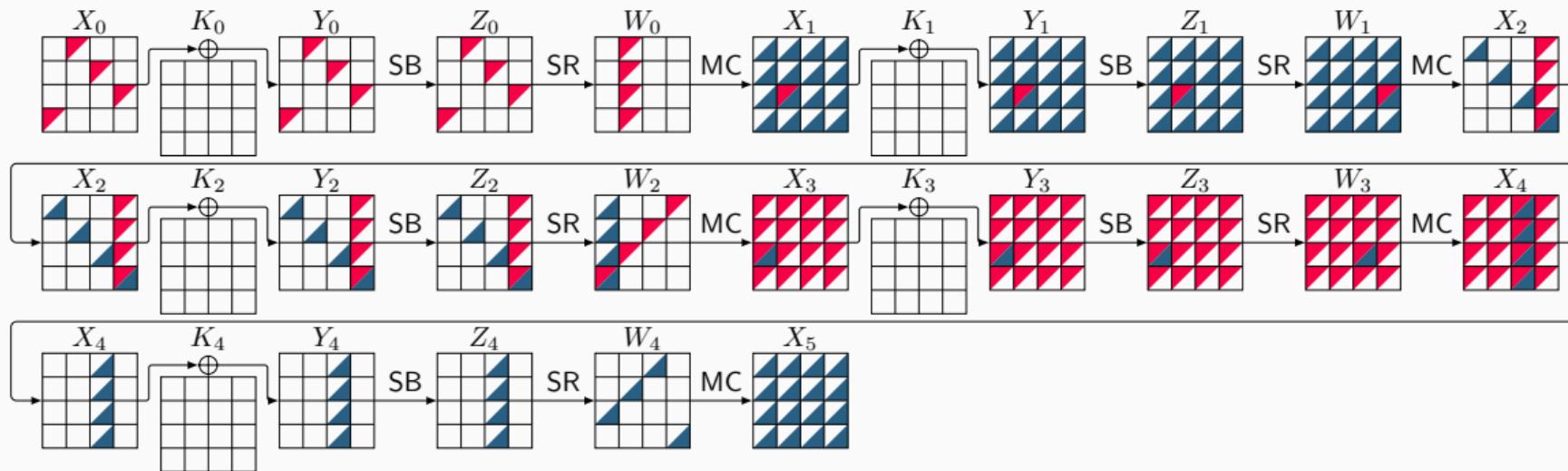
$$\min \left( \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} w_u \cdot \tilde{u}_i + \sum_{j=0}^{t-1} w_m \cdot \text{bool2int}(\ell_j + u_j = 2) + \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} w_\ell \cdot \tilde{\ell}_k \right)$$

## Usage of Our Tool

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python3 attack.py -RU 6 -RM 10 -RL 6
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## Results: A 5-round DL Distinguisher for AES



$$r_0 = 1, r_m = 3, r_1 = 1, p = 2^{-24.00}, r = 2^{-7.66}, q^2 = 2^{-24.00}, prq^2 = 2^{-55.66}$$

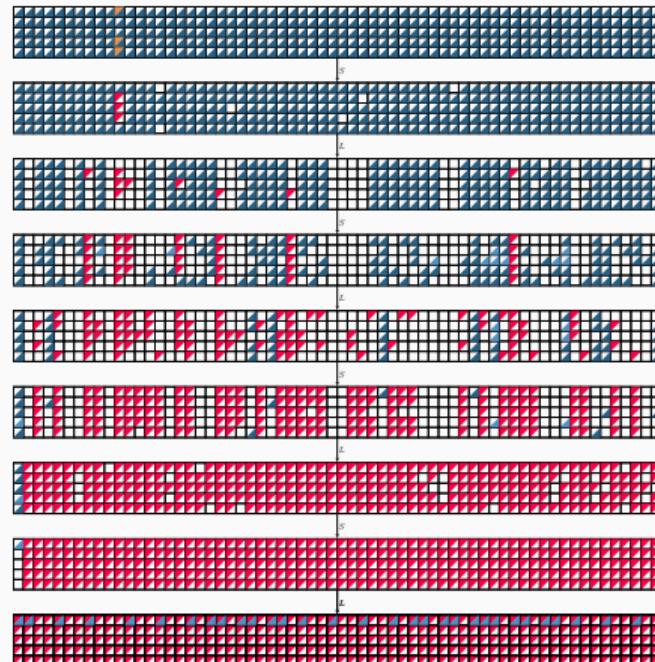
$\Delta X_0$  001c00000000e200000000dfb3000000

$\Delta X_1$  000000000000000000000000f70000000000000

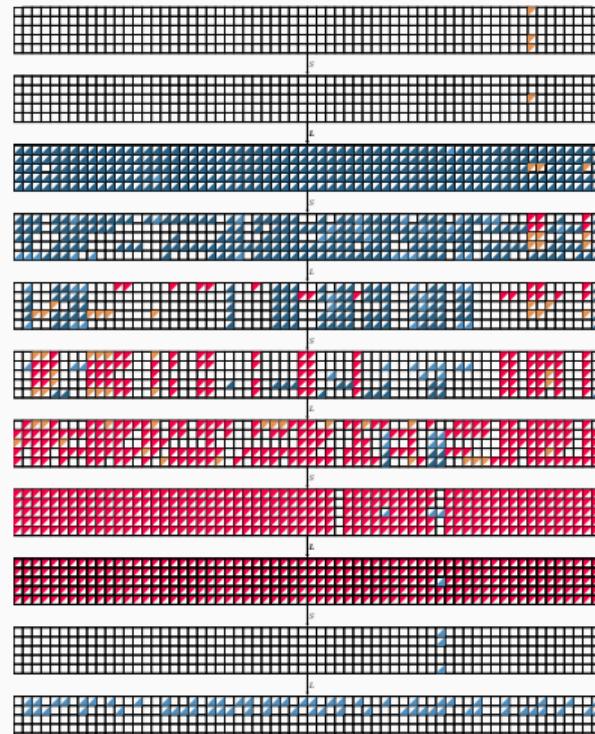
$\Gamma X_4$  00000000000000006700000000000000

$\Gamma X_5$  21d3814d93b1ef228e923507f67383fd

## Results: Application to Ascon-p( active difference unknown difference active mask unknown mask)



$\mathbb{C} = 1$



$\mathbb{C} = 2^{-4.33}$

## Results: Distinguishers for up to 17 Rounds of TWINE

- Comparing the data complexity of best boomerang and DL distinguishers

| # Rounds | Boomerang [HNE22] | Differential-Linear | Gain        |
|----------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------|
| 5        | 1                 | 1                   | 1           |
| 7        | $2^{3.20}$        | 1                   | $2^{3.20}$  |
| 13       | $2^{34.32}$       | $2^{27.16}$         | $2^{7.16}$  |
| 14       | $2^{42.25}$       | $2^{31.28}$         | $2^{10.97}$ |
| 15       | $2^{51.03}$       | $2^{38.98}$         | $2^{12.05}$ |
| 16       | $2^{58.04}$       | $2^{47.28}$         | $2^{10.76}$ |
| 17       | -                 | $2^{59.24}$         | -           |

## Results: Distinguishers for up to 17 Rounds of LBlock

- Comparing the data complexity of best boomerang and DL distinguishers

| # Rounds | Boomerang [HNE22] | Differential-Linear | Gain        |
|----------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------|
| 5        | 1                 | 1                   | 1           |
| 7        | $2^{2.97}$        | 1                   | $2^{2.97}$  |
| 13       | $2^{30.28}$       | $2^{23.78}$         | $2^{6.50}$  |
| 14       | $2^{38.86}$       | $2^{30.34}$         | $2^{8.52}$  |
| 15       | $2^{46.90}$       | $2^{38.26}$         | $2^{8.64}$  |
| 16       | $2^{57.16}$       | $2^{46.26}$         | $2^{10.90}$ |
| 17       | -                 | $2^{58.30}$         | -           |

## Results: Distinguishers for up to 8 Rounds of CLEFIA

- Comparing the data complexity of best boomerang and DL distinguishers

| # Rounds | Boomerang [HNE22] | Differential-Linear | Gain       |
|----------|-------------------|---------------------|------------|
| 3        | 1                 | 1                   | 1          |
| 4        | $2^{6.32}$        | 1                   | $2^{6.32}$ |
| 5        | $2^{12.26}$       | $2^{5.36}$          | $2^{6.90}$ |
| 6        | $2^{22.45}$       | $2^{14.14}$         | $2^{8.31}$ |
| 7        | $2^{32.67}$       | $2^{23.50}$         | $2^{9.17}$ |
| 8        | $2^{76.03}$       | $2^{66.86}$         | $2^{9.17}$ |

## Results: Application to SERPENT

- ☐: Experimentally verified

| Cipher  | #R | C            | ☐ | Ref.      |
|---------|----|--------------|---|-----------|
| SERPENT | 3  | $2^{-0.68}$  | ✓ | This work |
|         | 4  | $2^{-12.75}$ |   | [DIK08]   |
|         | 4  | $2^{-5.54}$  | ✓ | This work |
|         | 5  | $2^{-16.75}$ |   | [DIK08]   |
|         | 5  | $2^{-11.10}$ | ✓ | This work |
|         | 8  | $2^{-39.18}$ |   | This work |
|         | 9  | $2^{-56.50}$ |   | [DIK08]   |
|         | 9  | $2^{-50.95}$ |   | This work |

# Results: Application to Simeck

- Experimentally verified

| Cipher    | #R | C            | Ref.        |
|-----------|----|--------------|-------------|
| Simeck-32 | 7  | <b>1</b>     | ✓ This work |
|           | 14 | $2^{-16.63}$ | [ZWH24]     |
|           | 14 | $2^{-13.92}$ | ✓ This work |

| Cipher    | #R | C            | Ref.        |
|-----------|----|--------------|-------------|
| Simeck-48 | 8  | <b>1</b>     | ✓ This work |
|           | 17 | $2^{-22.37}$ | [ZWH24]     |
|           | 17 | $2^{-13.89}$ | ✓ This work |
|           | 18 | $2^{-24.75}$ | [ZWH24]     |
|           | 18 | $2^{-15.89}$ | This work   |
|           | 19 | $2^{-17.89}$ | This work   |
|           | 20 | $2^{-21.89}$ | This work   |

| Cipher    | #R | C            | Ref.        |
|-----------|----|--------------|-------------|
| Simeck-64 | 10 | <b>1</b>     | ✓ This work |
|           | 24 | $2^{-38.13}$ | [ZWH24]     |
|           | 24 | $2^{-25.14}$ | This work   |
| Simeck-64 | 25 | $2^{-41.04}$ | [ZWH24]     |
|           | 25 | $2^{-27.14}$ | This work   |
|           | 26 | $2^{-30.35}$ | This work   |

# **Bit-Wise Model for Finding ID/ZC/Integral Distinguishers**

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## Deterministic Bit-Wise Differential Trails (a.k.a. Undisturbed Bits [Tez14])

$\Delta_i \setminus \Delta_o$

|                               | x | 0  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | a | b | c | d | e | f |
|-------------------------------|---|----|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| $S(x)$                        | 4 | 0  | a | 7 | b | e | 1 | d | 9 | f | 6 | 8 | 5 | 2 | c | 3 |   |
| $\Delta_i \setminus \Delta_o$ | 0 | 1  | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | a | b | c | d | e | f |   |
| $\Delta_i$                    | 0 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |   |
| $x$                           | 1 | 0  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 |   |
|                               | 2 | 0  | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |   |
|                               | 3 | 0  | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |   |
|                               | 4 | 0  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |   |
|                               | 5 | 0  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |   |
|                               | 6 | 0  | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 |   |
|                               | 7 | 0  | 2 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 |   |
|                               | 8 | 0  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 4 |   |
|                               | 9 | 0  | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |   |
|                               | a | 0  | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |   |
|                               | b | 0  | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 |   |
|                               | c | 0  | 4 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |   |
|                               | d | 0  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |   |
|                               | e | 0  | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |   |
|                               | f | 0  | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 |   |

$\Delta_i = (0, 0, 0, 0) \xrightarrow{S} \Delta_o = (0, 0, 0, 0)$

$\Delta_i \neq (0, 0, 0, 0) \xrightarrow{S} \Delta_o \neq (0, 0, 0, 0)$

The diagram illustrates the computation of a bit-wise differential trail. It shows the inputs  $\Delta_i$ ,  $x$ , and the S-box  $S$  block, along with their corresponding outputs  $S(x)$  and  $\Delta_o$ . The inputs  $\Delta_i$  and  $x$  are shown in boxes with red highlights, while the outputs  $S(x)$  and  $\Delta_o$  are also highlighted in red.

## Deterministic Bit-Wise Differential Trails (a.k.a. Undisturbed Bits [Tez14])

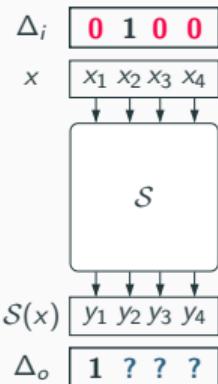
|                               | x      | 0  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | a | b | c | d | e | f |
|-------------------------------|--------|----|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|                               | $S(x)$ | 4  | 0 | a | 7 | b | e | 1 | d | 9 | f | 6 | 8 | 5 | 2 | c | 3 |
| $\Delta_i \setminus \Delta_o$ | 0      | 0  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | a | b | c | d | e | f |
| $\Delta_i$                    | 0      | 16 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| $x$                           | 1      | 0  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
|                               | 2      | 0  | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
|                               | 3      | 0  | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
|                               | 4      | 0  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
|                               | 5      | 0  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
|                               | 6      | 0  | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
|                               | 7      | 0  | 2 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
|                               | 8      | 0  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
|                               | 9      | 0  | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
|                               | a      | 0  | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
|                               | b      | 0  | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
|                               | c      | 0  | 4 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
|                               | d      | 0  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
|                               | e      | 0  | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
|                               | f      | 0  | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 |

$$\Delta_i = (0, 0, 0, 0) \xrightarrow{S} \Delta_o = (0, 0, 0, 0)$$

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$$\Delta_i = (0, 0, 0, 1) \xrightarrow{S} \Delta_o = (?, ?, ?, ?)$$

## Deterministic Bit-Wise Differential Trails (a.k.a. Undisturbed Bits [Tez14])



| $\Delta_i \setminus \Delta_o$ | 0  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | a | b | c | d | e | f |
|-------------------------------|----|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| $S(x)$                        | 4  | 0 | a | 7 | b | e | 1 | d | 9 | f | 6 | 8 | 5 | 2 | c | 3 |
| 0                             | 16 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1                             | 0  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| 2                             | 0  | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| 3                             | 0  | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| 4                             | 0  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| 5                             | 0  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 6                             | 0  | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| 7                             | 0  | 2 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| 8                             | 0  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| 9                             | 0  | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| a                             | 0  | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| b                             | 0  | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| c                             | 0  | 4 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| d                             | 0  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| e                             | 0  | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| f                             | 0  | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 |

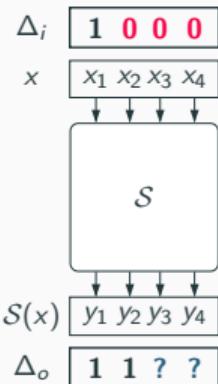
$$\Delta_i = (0, 0, 0, 0) \xrightarrow{S} \Delta_o = (0, 0, 0, 0)$$

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$$\Delta_i = (0, 1, 0, 0) \xrightarrow{S} \Delta_o = (1, ?, ?, ?)$$

## Deterministic Bit-Wise Differential Trails (a.k.a. Undisturbed Bits [Tez14])



| $x$                           | 0  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | a | b | c | d | e | f |
|-------------------------------|----|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| $S(x)$                        | 4  | 0 | a | 7 | b | e | 1 | d | 9 | f | 6 | 8 | 5 | 2 | c | 3 |
| $\Delta_i \setminus \Delta_o$ | 0  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | a | b | c | d | e | f |
| 0                             | 16 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1                             | 0  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| 2                             | 0  | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| 3                             | 0  | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| 4                             | 0  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| 5                             | 0  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 6                             | 0  | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| 7                             | 0  | 2 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| 8                             | 0  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| 9                             | 0  | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| a                             | 0  | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| b                             | 0  | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| c                             | 0  | 4 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| d                             | 0  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| e                             | 0  | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| f                             | 0  | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 |

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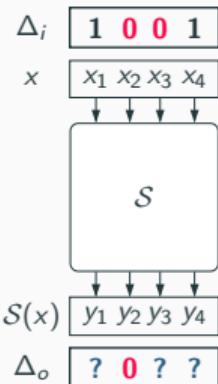
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## Deterministic Bit-Wise Differential Trails (a.k.a. Undisturbed Bits [Tez14])



|                               | $x$    | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | a | b | c | d | e | f |
|-------------------------------|--------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|                               | $S(x)$ | 4 | 0 | a | 7 | b | e | 1 | d | 9 | f | 6 | 8 | 5 | 2 | c | 3 |
| $\Delta_i \setminus \Delta_o$ | 0      | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | a | b | c | d | e | f |
| 0                             | 16     | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1                             | 0      | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| 2                             | 0      | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| 3                             | 0      | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| 4                             | 0      | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| 5                             | 0      | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 6                             | 0      | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 7                             | 0      | 2 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 8                             | 0      | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| a                             | 0      | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| b                             | 0      | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| c                             | 0      | 4 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| d                             | 0      | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| e                             | 0      | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| f                             | 0      | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |

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$$\Delta_i = (1, 0, 0, 1) \xrightarrow{S} \Delta_o = (? , 0, ?, ?)$$

## Deterministic Bit-Wise Differential Trails (a.k.a. Undisturbed Bits [Tez14])

$\Delta_i$     **1 1 0 0**  
 $x$      $x_1 \ x_2 \ x_3 \ x_4$   
 $\downarrow \downarrow \downarrow \downarrow$   
**S**  
 $\downarrow \downarrow \downarrow \downarrow$   
 $S(x)$     **y<sub>1</sub> y<sub>2</sub> y<sub>3</sub> y<sub>4</sub>**  
 $\Delta_o$     **0 ? ? ?**

| $\Delta_i \setminus \Delta_o$ | 0  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | a | b | c | d | e | f |
|-------------------------------|----|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| $S(x)$                        | 4  | 0 | a | 7 | b | e | 1 | d | 9 | f | 6 | 8 | 5 | 2 | c | 3 |
| 0                             | 16 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1                             | 0  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| 2                             | 0  | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| 3                             | 0  | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| 4                             | 0  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| 5                             | 0  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 6                             | 0  | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| 7                             | 0  | 2 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| 8                             | 0  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| 9                             | 0  | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| a                             | 0  | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| b                             | 0  | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| c                             | 0  | 4 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| d                             | 0  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| e                             | 0  | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| f                             | 0  | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 |

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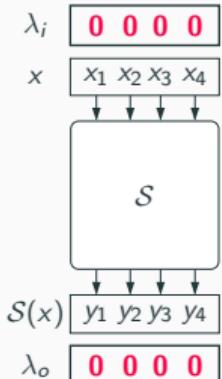
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$$\Delta_i = (1, 0, 0, 0) \xrightarrow{S} \Delta_o = (1, 1, ?, ?)$$

$$\Delta_i = (1, 0, 0, 1) \xrightarrow{S} \Delta_o = (? , 0, ?, ?)$$

$$\Delta_i = (1, 1, 0, 0) \xrightarrow{S} \Delta_o = (0, ?, ?, ?)$$

## Deterministic Bit-Wise Linear Trails

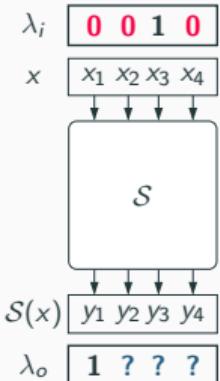


| $\lambda_i \setminus \lambda_o$ | 0  | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  | a  | b  | c  | d  | e  | f  |
|---------------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| $S(x)$                          | 4  | 0  | a  | 7  | b  | e  | 1  | d  | 9  | f  | 6  | 8  | 5  | 2  | c  | 3  |
| 0                               | 16 | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| 1                               | 0  | 0  | 4  | -4 | 0  | -8 | -4 | -4 | 0  | 0  | 4  | -4 | -8 | 0  | 4  | 4  |
| 2                               | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 8  | 8  | 0  | 0  | 8  | -8 | 0  |    |
| 3                               | 0  | -8 | 4  | 4  | 0  | -4 | 4  | 0  | 0  | -4 | 4  | -8 | 0  | -4 | -4 |    |
| 4                               | 0  | 4  | 0  | 4  | 0  | 4  | 8  | -4 | 0  | 4  | 0  | 4  | -8 | -4 | 0  | 4  |
| 5                               | 0  | 4  | -4 | -8 | 0  | -4 | -4 | 0  | 0  | 4  | -4 | 8  | 0  | -4 | -4 | 0  |
| 6                               | 0  | -4 | 8  | 4  | 0  | -4 | 0  | -4 | 0  | 4  | 0  | 4  | 8  | -4 | 0  | 4  |
| 7                               | 0  | 4  | 4  | 0  | 0  | -4 | 4  | -8 | 0  | -4 | -4 | 0  | 0  | 4  | -4 | -8 |
| 8                               | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 8  | 8  | 0  | 0  | 8  | -8 |    |
| 9                               | 0  | 0  | -4 | 4  | 8  | 0  | -4 | -4 | 0  | 0  | 4  | -4 | 0  | -8 | -4 | -4 |
| a                               | 0  | 8  | 0  | 8  | 0  | -8 | 0  | 8  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| b                               | 0  | 0  | -4 | 4  | -8 | 0  | -4 | -4 | 0  | 8  | -4 | -4 | 0  | 0  | 4  | -4 |
| c                               | 0  | 4  | 0  | 4  | 0  | 4  | -8 | -4 | 8  | -4 | 0  | 4  | 0  | 4  | 0  | 4  |
| d                               | 0  | 4  | 4  | 0  | -8 | 4  | -4 | 0  | -8 | -4 | 4  | 0  | 0  | -4 | -4 | 0  |
| e                               | 0  | 4  | 8  | -4 | 0  | 4  | 0  | 4  | 8  | 4  | 0  | -4 | 0  | -4 | 0  | -4 |
| f                               | 0  | -4 | -4 | 0  | -8 | -4 | 4  | 0  | 8  | -4 | 4  | 0  | 0  | -4 | -4 | 0  |

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# Deterministic Bit-Wise Linear Trails



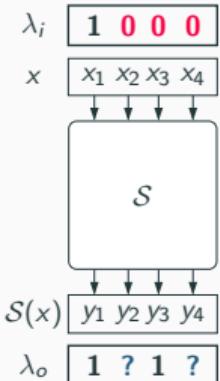
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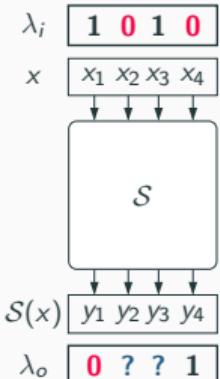
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# CP Model for Deterministic Bit-Wise Trails

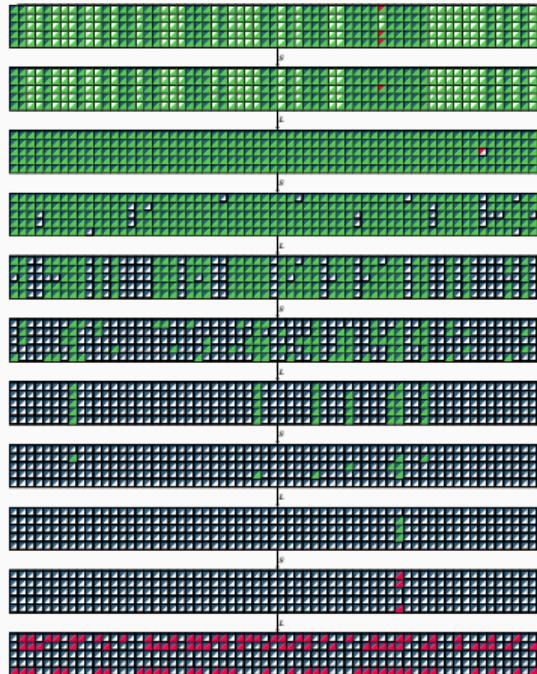
- For each bit position, we define an integer variable with domain  $\{0, 1, -1\}$ .
- Define CP constraints to model the propagation of deterministic bit-wise trails.

## S-box

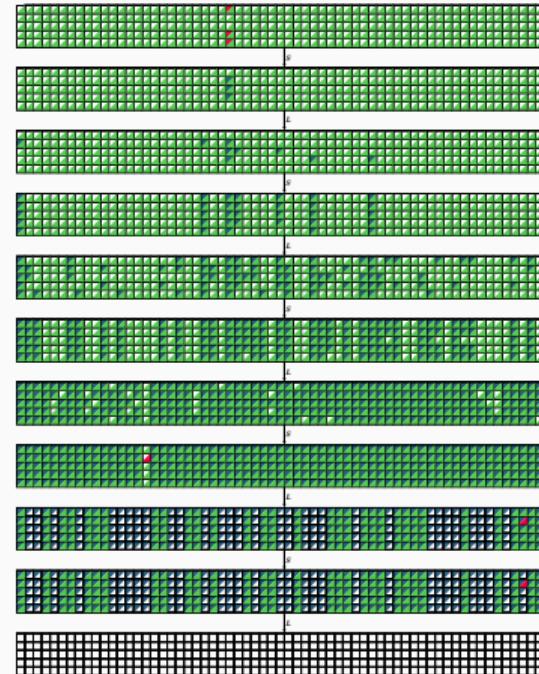
Assume that  $x[i], y[i]$  are integer variables with domain  $\{-1, 0, 1\}$  to encode the input and output differences at the  $i$ -th bit position, respectively. The valid deterministic differential transitions satisfy the following:

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## Example: ID/ZC Distinguishers for 5 Rounds of Ascon [Hos+24]



$2^{155}$  ZC Distinguishers (upper/lower nonzero: /



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## **Generic and Common Techniques in Symmetric-Key Attacks**

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## Example

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# Symmetric and Implication Relations

Assumption: Relations are symmetric or implication

✓ **Implication relations:**  $x_1, \dots, x_n \Rightarrow y$

✓ **Symmetric relations:**  $[x_1, \dots, x_n]$

## Example

Assume that  $x, y, z, k \in \mathbb{F}_2^{32}$ , and  $F : \mathbb{F}_2^{32} \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_2^{32}$  is bijective:

$$z = x \times y$$

$$x, y \Rightarrow z$$

$$z = F(x + k) \oplus y$$

$$[x, y, z, k]$$

## System of Equations

$$E : \begin{cases} e_1 : F(u + v) \oplus G(x) \oplus y \oplus (z \lll 7) &= c_1 \\ e_2 : G(u \oplus w) + (y \lll 3) + z &= c_2 \\ e_3 : F(w \oplus x) + y \oplus z &= c_3 \\ e_4 : F(u) \oplus G(w + z) &= c_4 \\ e_5 : (F(u) \times G(w \lll 7)) + H(z \oplus v) &= c_5 \end{cases}$$

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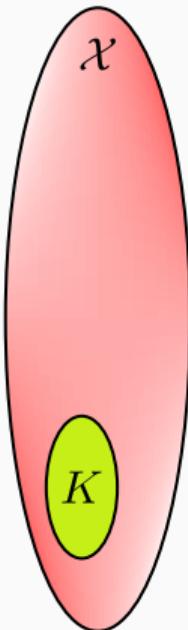
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$$\mathcal{R} : \begin{cases} r_1 : [u, v, x, y, z], \quad r_2 : [u, w, y, z] \\ r_3 : [w, x, y, z], \quad r_4 : [u, w, z] \\ r_5 : u, w \Rightarrow t, \quad r_6 : [t, z, v] \end{cases}$$

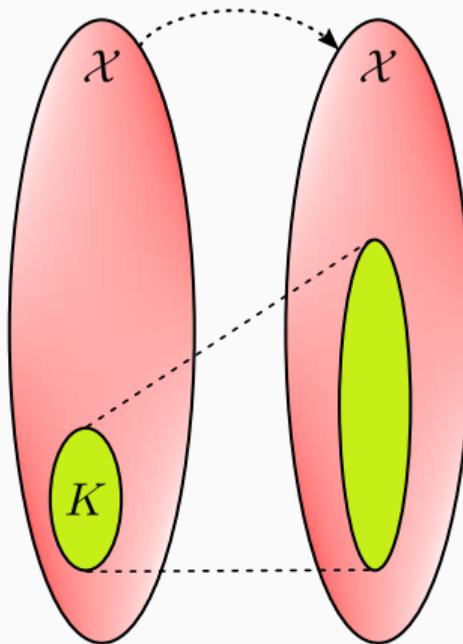
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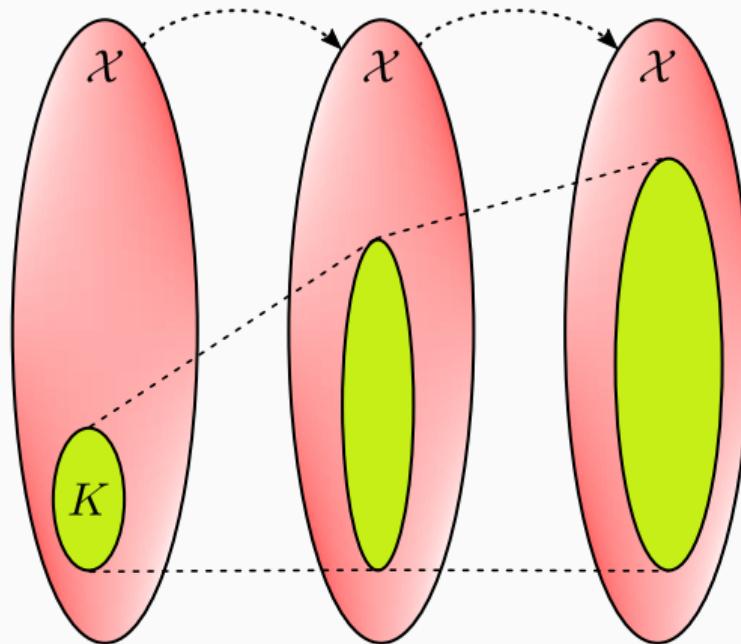
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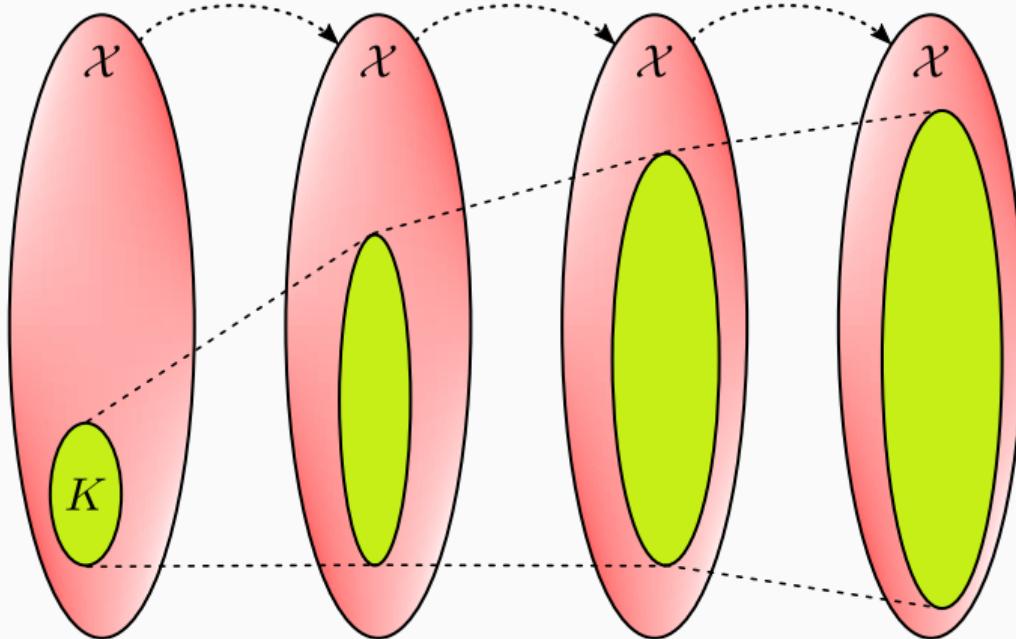
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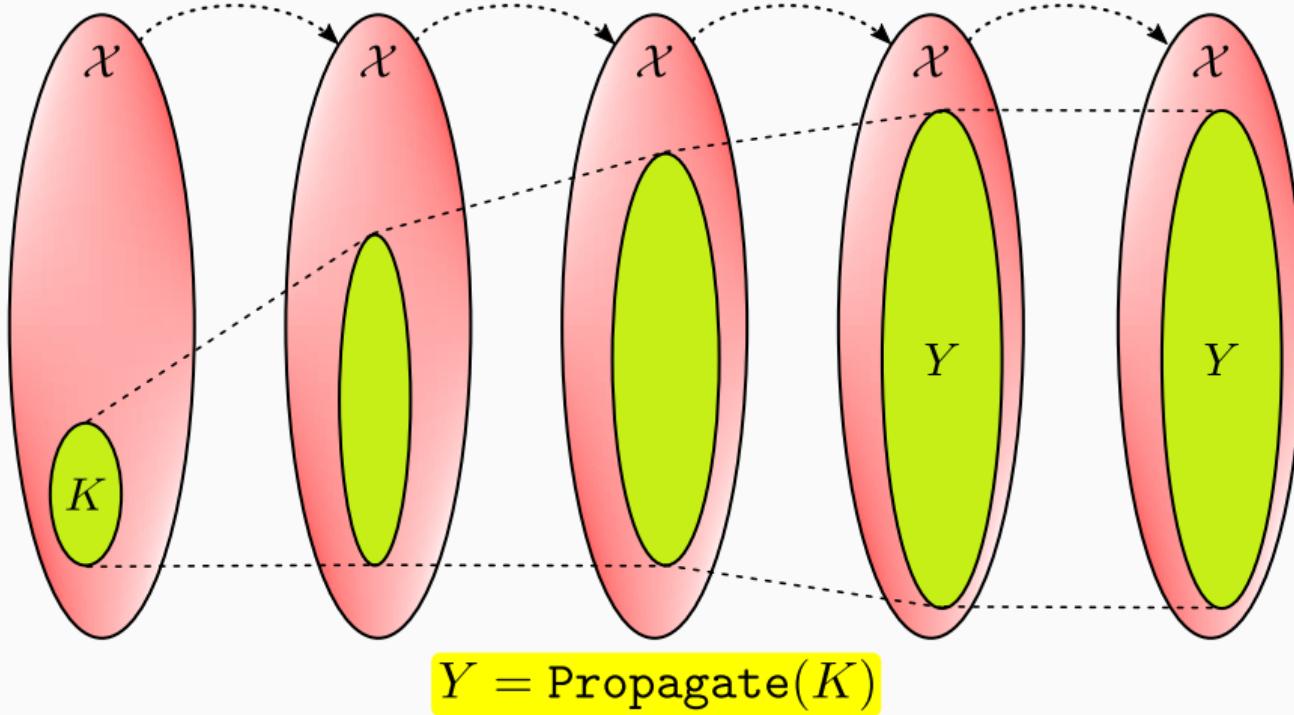
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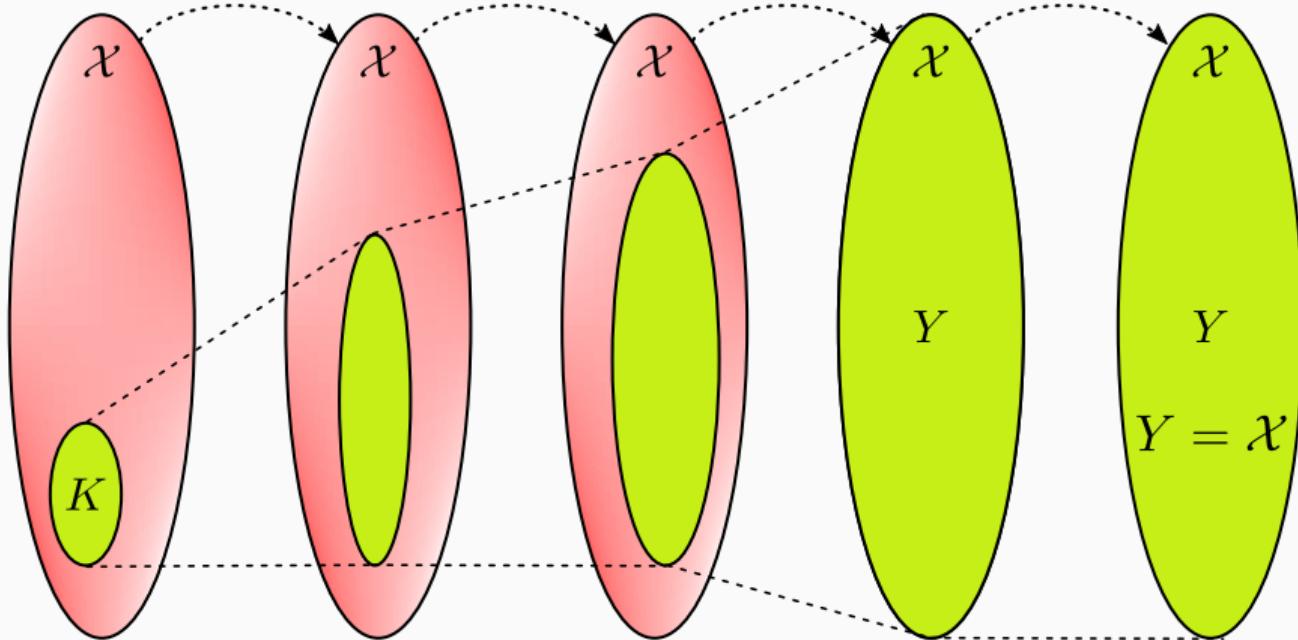
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If  $\mathcal{X} = \text{Propagate}(K)$ , then we say  $K$  is a *Guess Basis*

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- Time complexity  $\approx \sum_{k=1}^m \binom{n}{k}$
- Exponential with respect to both  $n$  and  $m$

## CP-Based Approach to Solve GD Problem

1. Convert the system of equations to a system of relations
  - We can apply a preprocessing step here (Gaussian elimination)
2. Convert the problem of finding a minimal guess basis to a CP problem
3. Employ the state-of-the-art CP solvers to solve the problem

## Convert GD to a CP Problem

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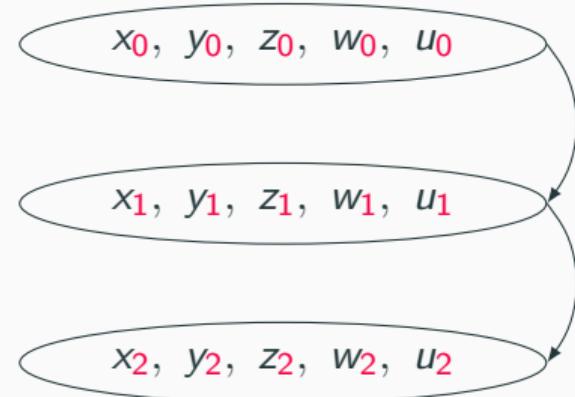
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- Fix the number of steps in knowledge propagation
- $X = \{x_i, y_i, z_i, w_i, u_i : 0 \leq i \leq 2\}$
- $x_i = 1$  iff  $x$  is known after the  $i$ th step of knowledge propagation, otherwise  $x_i = 0$
- Initialize the set of constraints:  $\mathcal{C} \leftarrow \emptyset$



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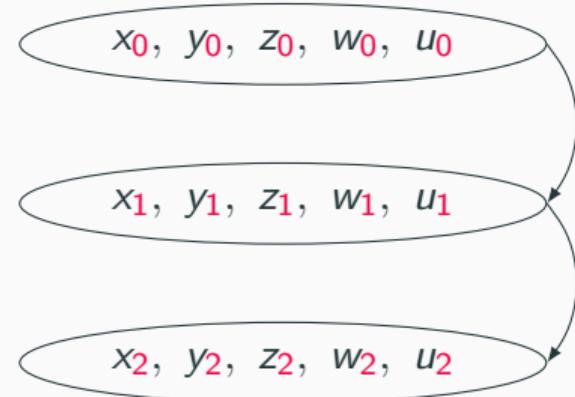
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$$X \leftarrow X \cup \{x_{0,0}, x_{0,1}\}$$

$$\mathcal{C} \leftarrow \mathcal{C} \cup \{x_{0,0} = y_0 \wedge z_0\}$$

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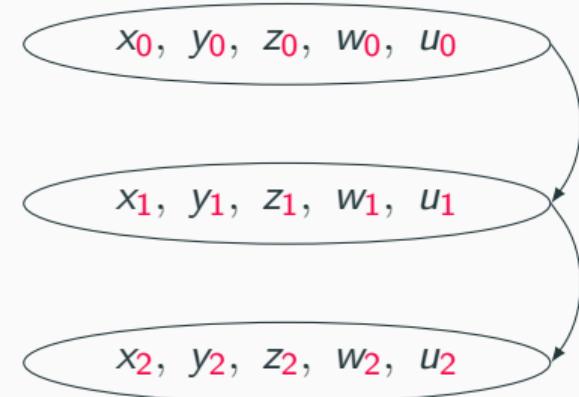
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$$X \leftarrow X \cup \{y_{0,0}, y_{0,1}\}$$

$$\mathcal{C} \leftarrow \mathcal{C} \cup \{y_{0,0} = x_0 \wedge z_0\}$$

$$\mathcal{C} \leftarrow \mathcal{C} \cup \{y_{0,1} = z_0 \wedge w_0\}$$

$$\mathcal{C} \leftarrow \mathcal{C} \cup \{y_1 = y_{0,0} \vee y_{0,1}\}$$



## Convert GD to a CP Problem

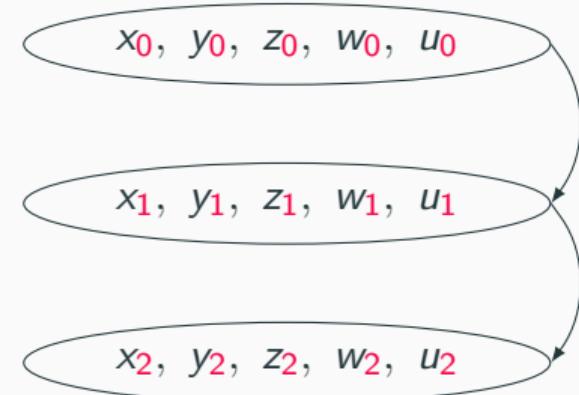
$$r_0 : [x, y, z]$$

$$r_1 : [z, w, y]$$

$$r_2 : [w, x, u]$$

- Do it for all variables and in each step
- All variables should be known at the last step:

$$\mathcal{C} \leftarrow \mathcal{C} \cup \{x_2 \wedge y_2 \wedge z_2 \wedge w_2 \wedge u_2 = 1\}$$



$$x_2 \wedge y_2 \wedge z_2 \wedge w_2 \wedge u_2$$

## Convert GD to a CP Problem

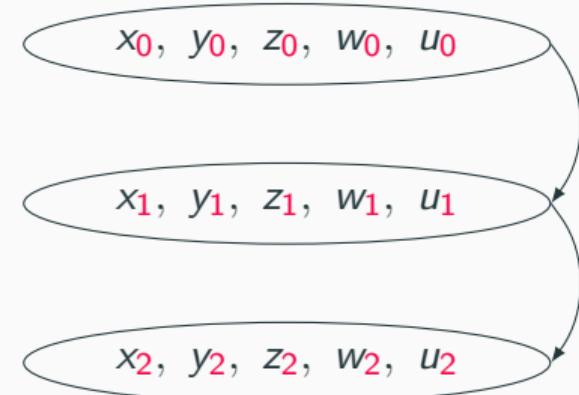
$$r_0 : [x, y, z]$$

$$r_1 : [z, w, y]$$

$$r_2 : [w, x, u]$$

$$\min x_0 + y_0 + z_0 + w_0 + u_0$$

s.t. all constraints in  $\mathcal{C}$  are satisfied



$$x_0 = y_0 = z_0 = w_0 = u_0$$

## Convert GD to a CP Problem

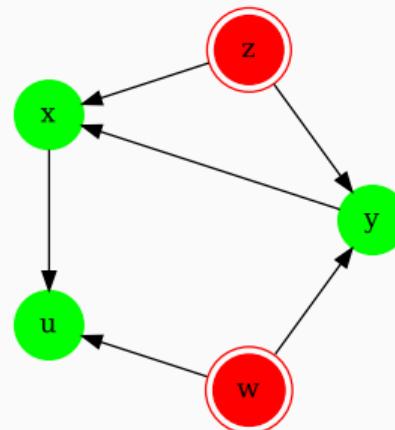
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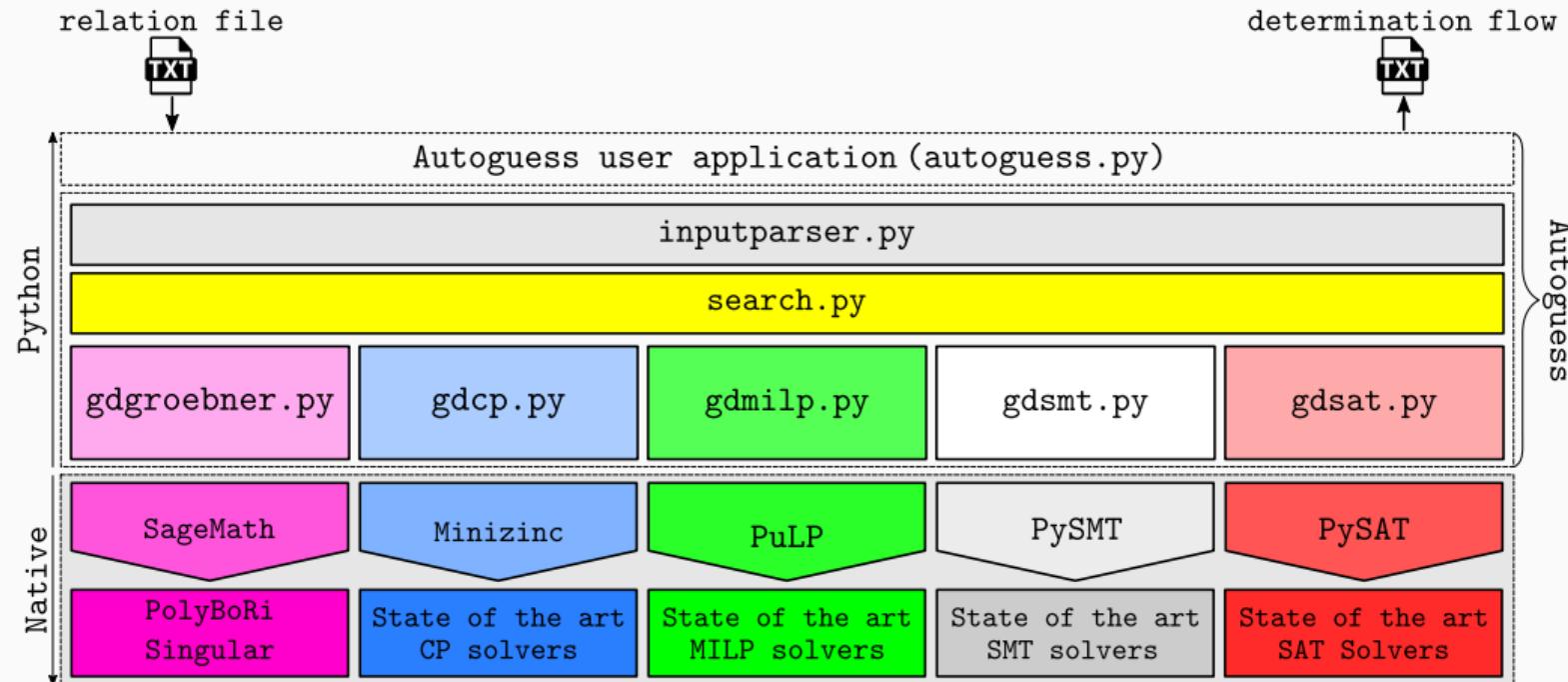
$$r_2 : [w, x, u]$$

$$\min x_0 + y_0 + z_0 + w_0 + u_0$$

s.t. all constraints in  $\mathcal{C}$  are satisfied



# Autoguess



🔗: <https://github.com/hadipourh/autoguess>

## GD Attack on 1 to 3 Rounds of AES With 1 Known Plaintext

