

CS 553 CRYPTOGRAPHY

Lecture 7
More on Differential
Cryptanalysis

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Leaderboard

Group	Time of Submission	Points Awarded
KS KeySentinels	August 23, 12:22 AM	10
PlainCiphers	August 23, 12:25 AM	7
SDFSM19VNV9QTFo=	August 23, 12:27 AM	5
UVU Caesar	August 23, 12:31 AM	3
CRYpto	August 23, 12:33 AM	1
Keybreakers	August 23, 12:46 AM	-
2/39	August 23, 12:57 AM	-
PCRCEHTCTCSR	August 23, 01:10 AM	-
Random_Lavarands	August 23, 01:41 AM	-
Atipho	August 23, 03:52 AM	-
RSA	-	-
PhD Group	-	-
MIS Group	=	-



- ▶ Initialize counters $T_i = 0$, one for each possible key k_2 .
- ► For each message/ciphertext pair do
 - ▶ For each guess i for k_2 do
 - ► Compute $v_0' \oplus v_1'$
 - ▶ If $v_0' \oplus v_1' = d$ increase counter T_i
- Assume that the right key k_2 corresponds to the highest counter.
- ▶ What about the complexity of recovering each k_i

u_0	$u_1 = u_0 \oplus f$	$v_0 = S[u_0]$	$v_1 = S[u_1]$	$v_0 \oplus v_1$
0	f	6	b	d
1	е	4	9	d
2	d	С	a	6
3	С	5	8	d
4	b	0	d	d
5	a	7	3	4
6	9	2	f	d
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f	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	2

Recall the interpretation

Point to Ponder



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$$k_0 \xrightarrow{k_1} \xrightarrow{k_2} \xrightarrow{k_3} \xrightarrow{k_3} \xrightarrow{m \longrightarrow \bigoplus} u \longrightarrow s \longrightarrow v \longrightarrow s \longrightarrow x \longrightarrow \bigoplus y \longrightarrow s \longrightarrow z \longrightarrow \bigoplus c$$

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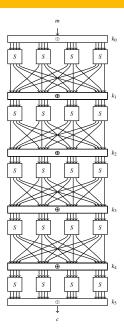
Characteristics are independent 🛆

$$\Pr\left[f \xrightarrow{S} d \xrightarrow{S} c\right] = \frac{10}{16} \times \frac{6}{16} = \frac{15}{64}$$

Any Guess about Sypher004

What does it look like?

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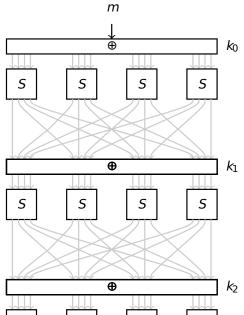


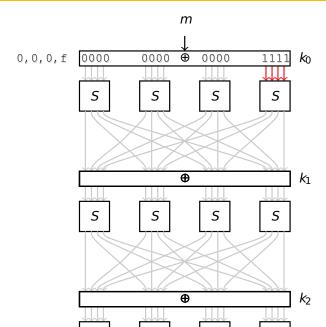
- ► Till now there was no **permutation** layer
- ► So we did not have to consider its effect

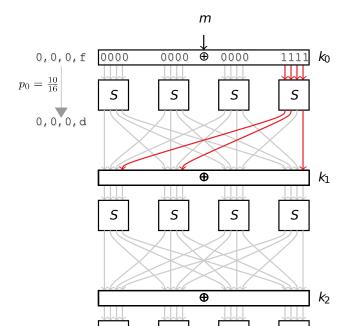
Notion of Active Sboxes

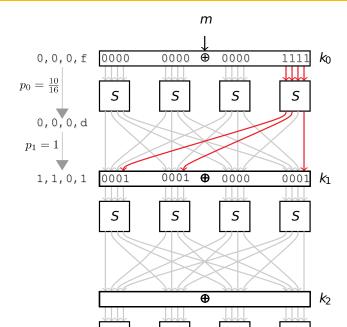
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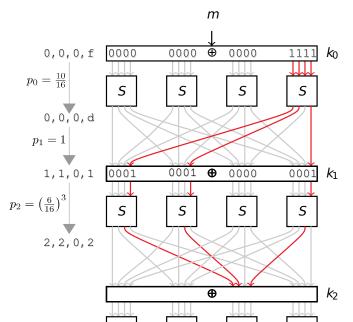
No permutation in last round. Why?

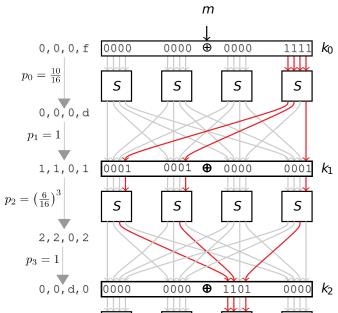


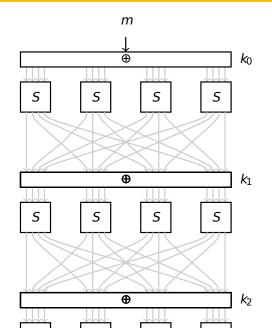












For Reference



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Let Us take A Non-Greedy Approach

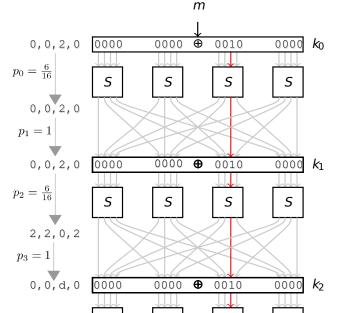


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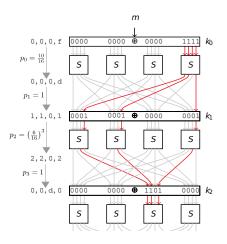
Look at $2 \rightarrow 2$ transition

Example
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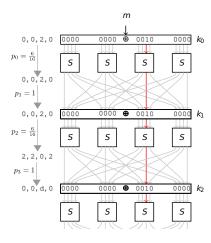
Input Diff. \rightarrow (0, 0, 2, 0)



Putting things in perspective



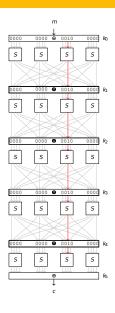
$$p = \frac{10}{16} \times \left(\frac{6}{16}\right)^3$$



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DC of Sypher004

The Attack

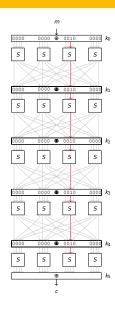


- ► Get 4-round characteristic
- ► Find conforming message pairs △



Why 4-rounds?

- Recall previous attacks
- Partial decryption (go backwards)
- Last round will be inverted by guessing (part of) k_5
- ► To verify expected difference as per 4-round characteristic



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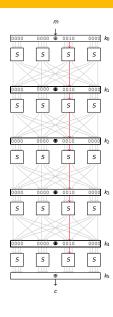
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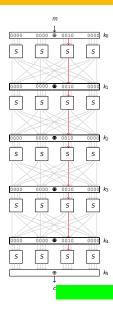
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How to find a better one?

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- Recent results on using Mixed Integer Linear Programming (MILP)

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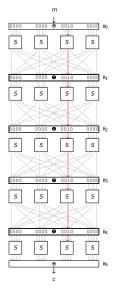
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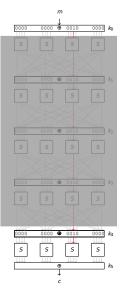
Two optimization techniques

Differentials Filtering

Characteristic

Differential



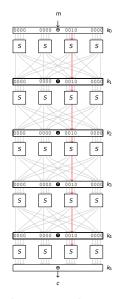


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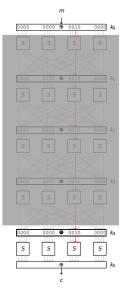
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But it also contains at least three other possible characteristics. They are

$$(0,0,2,0) \xrightarrow{\mathscr{R}} (0,0,0,2) \xrightarrow{\mathscr{R}} (0,0,0,1) \xrightarrow{\mathscr{R}} (0,0,1,0) \xrightarrow{\mathscr{R}} (0,0,2,0),$$

$$(0,0,2,0) \xrightarrow{\mathscr{R}} (0,0,0,2) \xrightarrow{\mathscr{R}} (0,0,1,0) \xrightarrow{\mathscr{R}} (0,0,2,0) \xrightarrow{\mathscr{R}} (0,0,2,0), \text{ and } (0,0,2,0) \xrightarrow{\mathscr{R}} (0,0,2,0) \xrightarrow{\mathscr{R}} (0,0,0,2) \xrightarrow{\mathscr{R}} (0,0,1,0) \xrightarrow{\mathscr{R}} (0,0,2,0).$$

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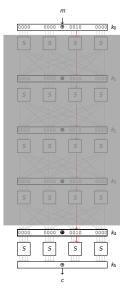
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- ► Any other transition from 2 is impossible ▲
- Message pairs leading to ciphertext pairs giving differences other than $\{1, 2, 9, a\}$ in the third nibble can be discarded