

Improvements to low-qubit quantum resource estimates for quantum search

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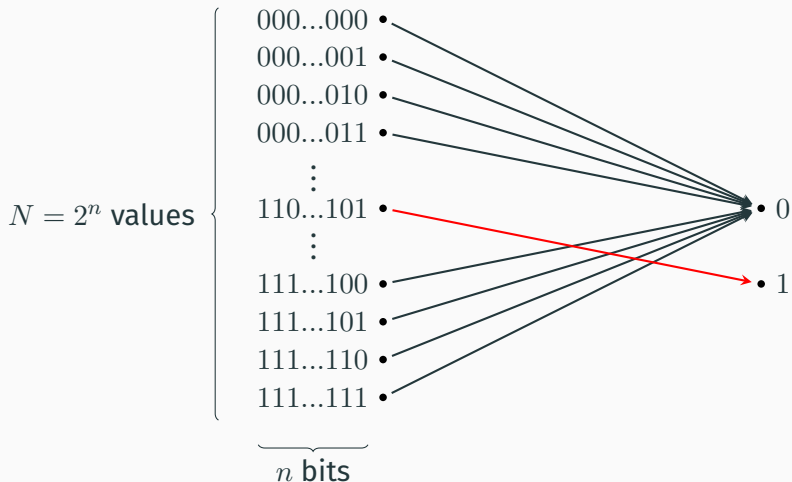
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How can we optimise quantum search and what impact does this have on cryptanalysis?

Talk overview III

1. Defining the search problem and motivating examples
2. Quantum search and applications to cryptanalysis
3. Optimising quantum cryptographic search in the average-case
4. Ensuring success in the worst-case

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Features of this definition

1. Makes no assumption about the function $\chi : \{0, 1\}^n \longrightarrow \{0, 1\}$
2. Makes no assumptions about the distribution of solutions
3. As generic as possible — applicable to a wide variety of problems

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For any ordering $x_1, \dots, x_{2^n} \in \{0, 1\}^n$: simply test $\chi_\pi(x_1), \dots, \chi_\pi(x_{2^n})$

- Average-case cost : $\frac{2^n+1}{2}$ evaluations of χ
- Worst-case cost : 2^n evaluations of χ

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1. Exploit structure to reduce the number of evaluations of χ
2. Exploit structure to reduce the cost of evaluating χ

No structure in the unstructured search problem(!)

The search problem V

Theorem (Grover's algorithm [Gro98])

There exists a quantum algorithm to solve the single-target unstructured search problem defined by $\chi : \{0, 1\}^n \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ that requires $O(2^{n/2})$ calls to a quantum circuit \mathcal{O}_χ that evaluates χ .

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2. Quantifying the full resources required to attack schemes

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Say Grover's search algorithm is the best attack on a cryptosystem.

How do we derive parameters for a cryptographic scheme?

a) The lower-bound $O(2^{n/2})$?

- Secure
- Large parameters

b) The full cost $O(2^{n/2} \cdot E_{\mathcal{O}_x})$?

- Smaller parameter sizes
- Scheme is then vulnerable to optimisations of quantum search

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Given $f^{(1)}, \dots, f^{(m)} \in \mathbb{F}_2[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ find $(x_1, \dots, x_m) \in \mathbb{F}_2^n$ such that:

$$f^{(1)}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} a_{i,j}^{(1)} x_i x_j + \sum_{1 \leq i \leq n} b_i^{(1)} x_i + c^{(1)} = 0$$

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where $a_{i,j}^{(k)}, b_i^{(k)}, c_i^{(k)} \in \mathbb{F}_2$.

$$\chi : \{0, 1\}^n \longrightarrow \{0, 1\}$$

$$\chi(x_1 \dots x_n) \mapsto \overline{f^{(1)}(x_1, \dots, x_n)} \wedge \dots \wedge \overline{f^{(m)}(x_1, \dots, x_n)}$$

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$\text{Gui}(127, 9, 3, 4, 4)$	$\lambda = 120$ (classical)	$4 \times \mathcal{MQ}(\mathbb{F}_2, 124, 124)$	[PCY ⁺ 15]
$\text{Gui}(188, 17, 4, 4, 4)$	$\lambda = 80$ (quantum)	$4 \times \mathcal{MQ}(\mathbb{F}_2, 184, 184)$	[PCY ⁺ 15]
$\text{Gui}(190, 9, 5, 5, 3)$	$\lambda = 80$ (quantum)	$3 \times \mathcal{MQ}(\mathbb{F}_2, 185, 185)$	[PCY ⁺ 15]
$\text{Gui}(192, 5, 6, 6, 3)$	$\lambda = 80$ (quantum)	$3 \times \mathcal{MQ}(\mathbb{F}_2, 186, 186)$	[PCY ⁺ 15]
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$\text{Gui}(120, 9, 3, 3, 2)$	$\lambda = 80$ (quantum)	$2 \times \mathcal{MQ}(\mathbb{F}_2, 117, 117)$	[PCDY17]
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$\text{Gui}(464, 9, 7, 8, 2)$	$\lambda = 256$ (quantum)	$2 \times \mathcal{MQ}(\mathbb{F}_2, 457, 457)$	[PCDY17]

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Difference in public-key sizes

465 kB vs 113 kB

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Just choose r large enough to uniquely specify the key.

- AES-128 requires $r \geq 2$
- AES-192 requires $r \geq 2$
- AES-256 requires $r \geq 3$

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Any quantum algorithm can be approximated by using gates from a *universal quantum gate set*.

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Metric: logical quantum circuit-complexity using *Clifford+T* gate set:

- Circuit-size — number of elementary quantum gates
- Circuit-depth — number of timesteps
- Circuit-width — number of qubits we require

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Recent papers indicate a Depth \times Width metric may be realistic.

Definition (Success probability of a quantum algorithm)

Let $\chi : \{0, 1\}^n \longrightarrow \{0, 1\}$ be any boolean function.

Let \mathcal{A} be any quantum algorithm acting on n qubits.

The success probability of \mathcal{A} relative to $\chi : \{0, 1\}^n \longrightarrow \{0, 1\}$ is the probability of measuring the state

$$\mathcal{A}|0^n\rangle$$

and obtaining an $x \in \{0, 1\}^n$ such that $\chi(x) = 1$.

Quantum computing IV

A basic quantum algorithm

$$H^{\otimes n} |0^n\rangle \mapsto \frac{1}{2^{n/2}} \sum_{x \in \{0,1\}^n} |x\rangle$$

- $M_\chi = |\chi^{-1}(1)| \implies$ success probability of $H^{\otimes n}$ relative to χ is $\frac{M_\chi}{2^n}$.

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Definition (Quantum phase oracle)

The quantum phase oracle \mathcal{O}_χ defined by $\chi : \{0, 1\}^n$ is the quantum algorithm such that for all $x \in \{0, 1\}^n$

$$\mathcal{O}_\chi |x\rangle \mapsto \begin{cases} -|x\rangle & \text{if } \chi(x) = 1 \\ |x\rangle & \text{if } \chi(x) = 0 \end{cases}$$

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Quantum computing VI

Definition (Quantum evaluation of a boolean function)

A quantum evaluation \mathcal{E}_χ defined by $\chi : \{0, 1\}^n \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ is the quantum algorithm \mathcal{E}_χ such that for all $x \in \{0, 1\}^n$ and $b \in \{0, 1\}$

$$\mathcal{E}_\chi |x\rangle |0^w\rangle |b\rangle \mapsto |x\rangle |g(x)\rangle |b \oplus \chi(x)\rangle$$

where $g(x) \in \{0, 1\}^w$ is the state of memory used to compute $\chi(x)$.

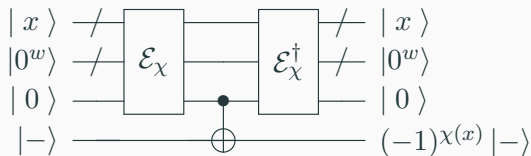


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$$|-\rangle = \frac{|0\rangle - |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$$

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$$E_{\mathcal{B}} = (2k + 1)E_{\mathcal{A}} + k(E_{\mathcal{O}_{\chi}} + E_{\mathcal{O}_0})$$

where

$$k = \left\lceil \frac{\pi}{4 \arcsin \sqrt{a}} \right\rceil$$

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Then there exists a quantum algorithm \mathcal{B} that succeeds with probability $\geq 1 - \frac{1}{2^n}$ and which costs

$$E_{\mathcal{B}} \approx 2kE_{H^{\otimes n}} + kE_{\mathcal{O}_\chi}$$

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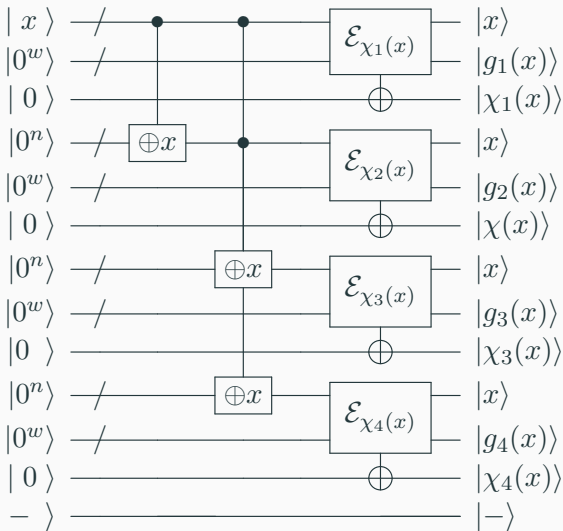
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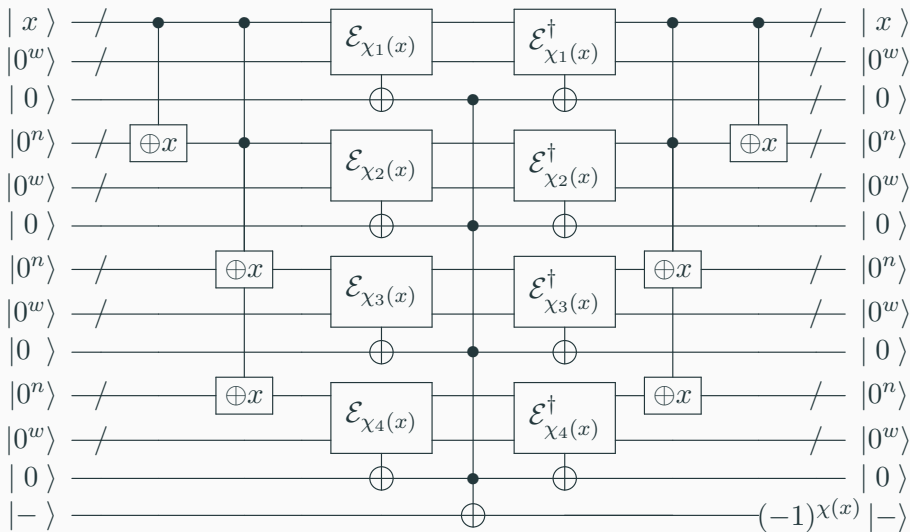
How can we implement this oracle using quantum evaluations of χ_i ?

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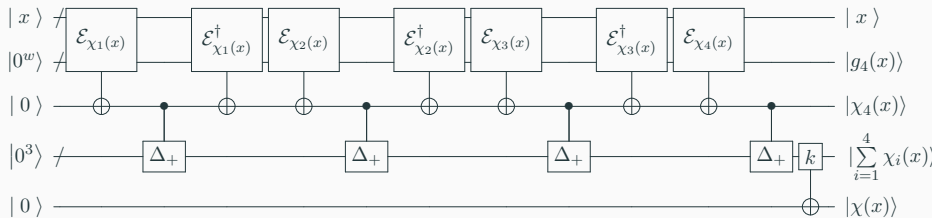
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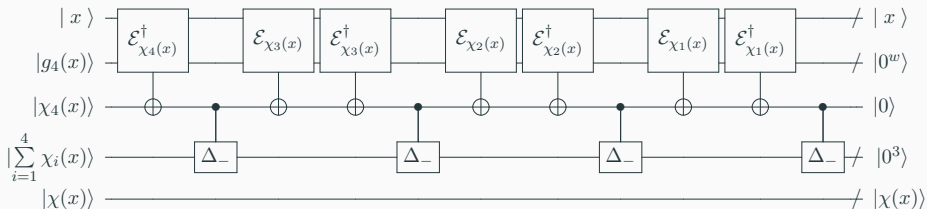
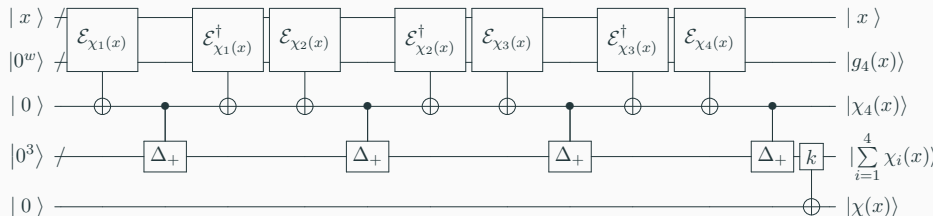
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2. w : #qubits required to implement a single \mathcal{E}_{χ_i}

Parallel evaluation oracle

Size : $\approx 2k$ evaluations

Depth : ≈ 2 evaluations

Qubits: $\approx k(n + w + 1) + 1$

Counter-based oracle

Size : $\approx 4k - 2$ evaluations

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Qubits: $\approx n + w + \lfloor \log_2(k + 1) \rfloor + 2$

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The Search with Two Oracles problem

What is the cost?

1. $\mathcal{A} = H^{\otimes n}$ is simply n Hadamard gates.
2. \mathcal{B} costs $\approx 2\sqrt{\frac{2^n}{M_S}}$ applications of \mathcal{A} and $\sqrt{\frac{2^n}{M_S}}$ applications of \mathcal{O}_{f_S} .
3. \mathcal{C} costs $\approx 2\sqrt{M_S}$ applications of \mathcal{B} and $\sqrt{M_S}$ applications of \mathcal{O}_{f_*} .

Approximate cost of \mathcal{C} (STO)

$$\text{Applications of } \mathcal{O}_{f_*} : \frac{\pi}{4}\sqrt{M_S}$$

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$$O(2 \cdot \sqrt{2^n} E_{\mathcal{O}_{f_S}} + \sqrt{M_S} E_{\mathcal{O}_{f_*}})$$

Approximate cost of Grover's algorithm

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- $f_*(x) \mapsto \chi_1(x) \wedge \cdots \wedge \chi_k(x)$
- *AES* : choose a subset of the plaintext-ciphertext pairs
- *MQ* : choose a subset of the equations

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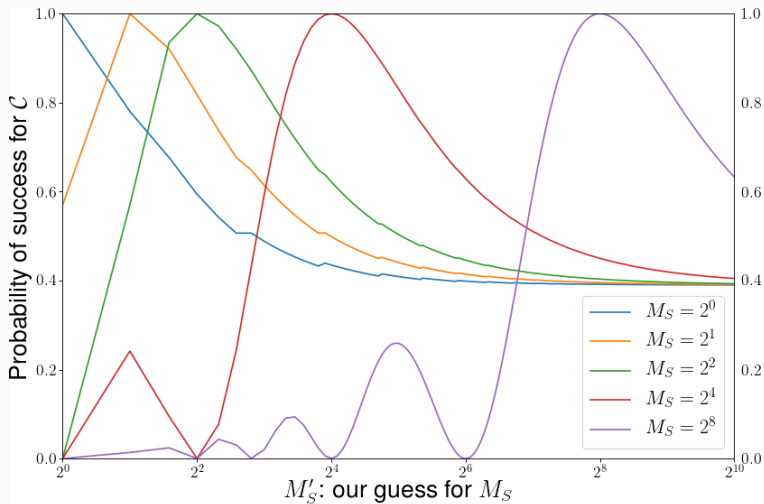


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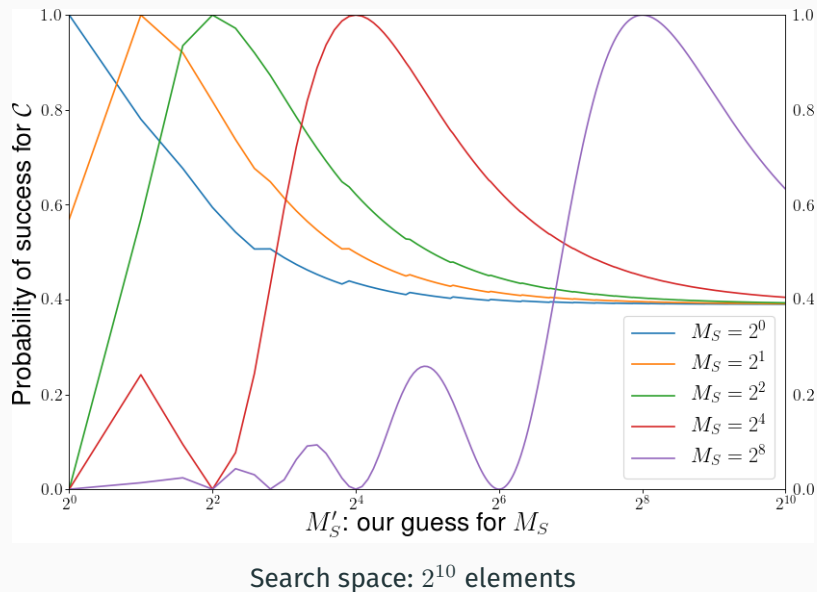
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Observations:

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2. $M'_S < M_S$: the errors are compounded
3. $M'_S > M_S$: some of the errors compensate $c \rightarrow \sin^2 \left(\left(\frac{\pi}{2} \right)^2 \right) \approx 0.39$

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1. Cheap modification: $O(n - t)$ quantum gates
2. Guarantees that $M_{S \cup Z_t} \geq 2^t$
3. New ratio:

$$M_{S \cup Z_t} : M'_{S \cup Z_t} \approx M_S + 2^t : M'_S + 2^t$$

approaches 1 as $t \rightarrow n$.

4. New cost:

$$O(2 \cdot \sqrt{2^n} E_{\mathcal{O}_{f_{S \cup Z_t}}} + \sqrt{M_{S \cup Z_t}} E_{\mathcal{O}_{f_*}})$$

New quantum resource estimations I

λ	$n = m$	[SW16]	[SW16] (counter)	[Pri18]
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Table 3: Quantum circuit-size/qubits/minimal probability of success for quantum search applied to cryptanalysis of Gui [PCY⁺15, PCDY17].

New quantum resource estimations II

AES- k	[GLRS16] ($r = 2/3$)	Our method ($r = 10$)	Our method (counter) ($r = 10$)
128	$2^{86.87}/1969/1$	$2^{86.53}/1969/1$	$2^{86.53}/988/1$
192	$2^{119.23}/2225/1$	$2^{118.89}/2225/1$	$2^{118.89}/1115/1$
256	$2^{151.96}/4009/1$	$2^{151.03}/4009/1$	$2^{151.03}/1340/1$

Table 4: Comparison of quantum resource estimates for Grover vs the modified *STO* algorithm applied to cryptanalysis of single-target AES

Conclusions

- Interesting quantum optimisations out there
- Quantum search may be more practical than previously thought
- Be careful when choosing parameters

Thanks! Questions?

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