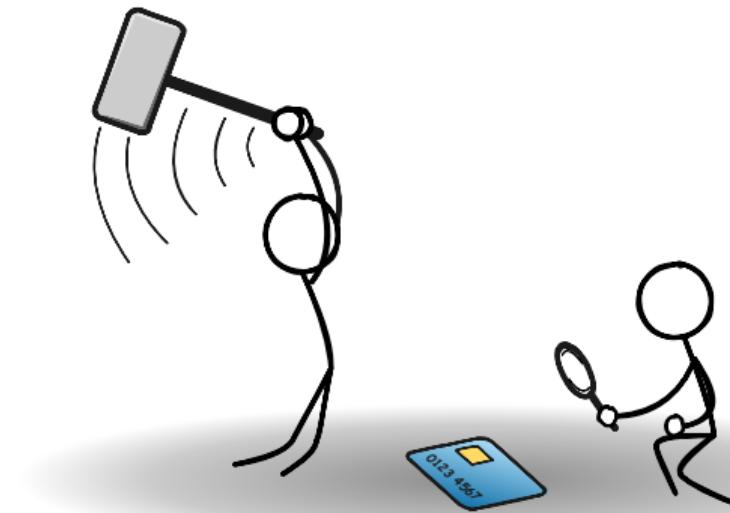


Side-Channel and Fault Analysis of Cryptographic Implementations

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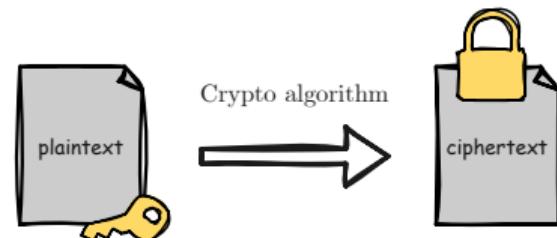


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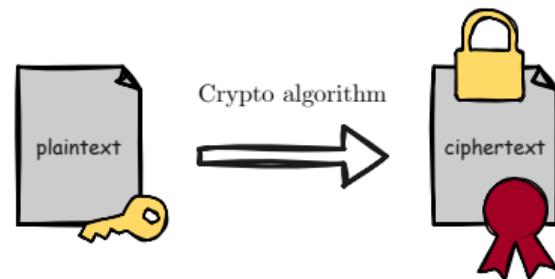


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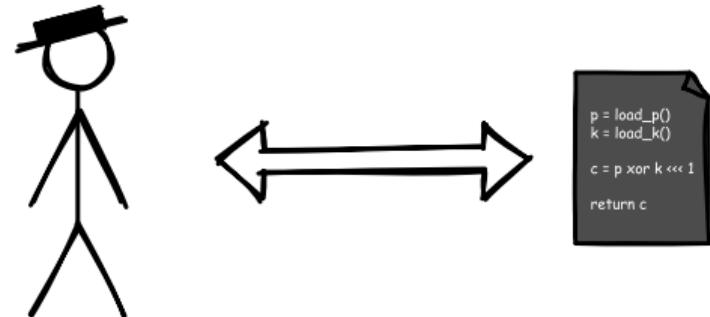
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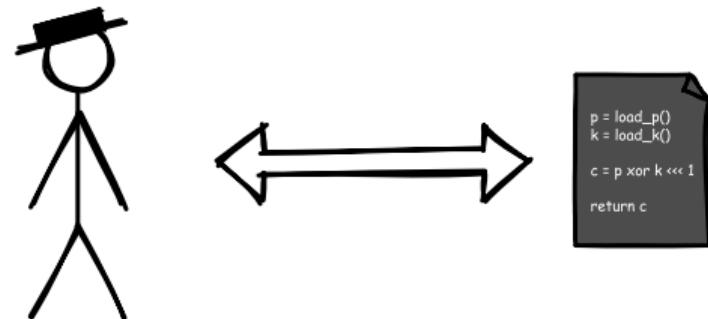


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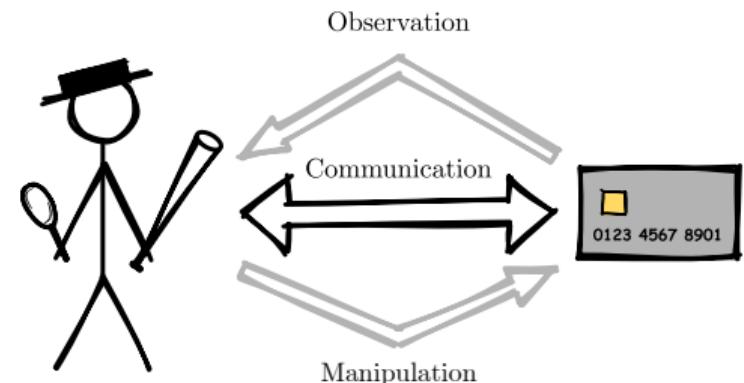
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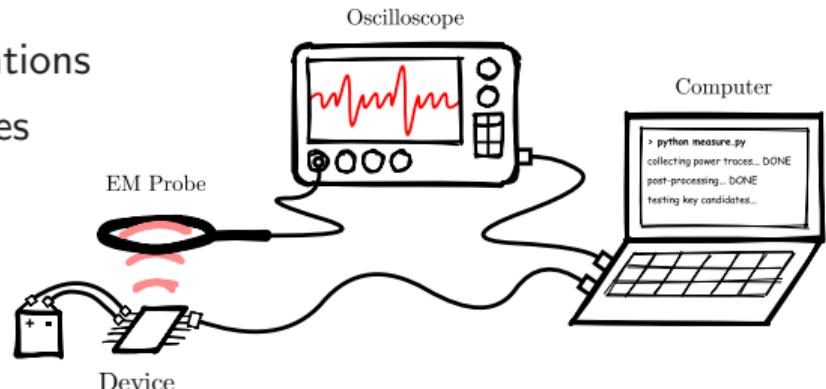
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- Breaking security of crypto implementations
- Observation of physical device properties
 - Electromagnetic emission
 - Power consumption
 - Photon emission
 - ...



- Power analysis attacks on implementations of PQC decryption
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CHES 2017 [PPM17]

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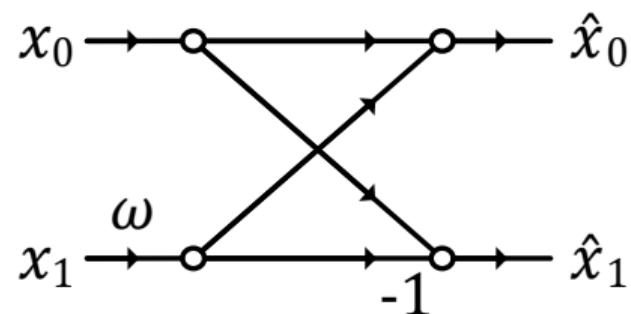
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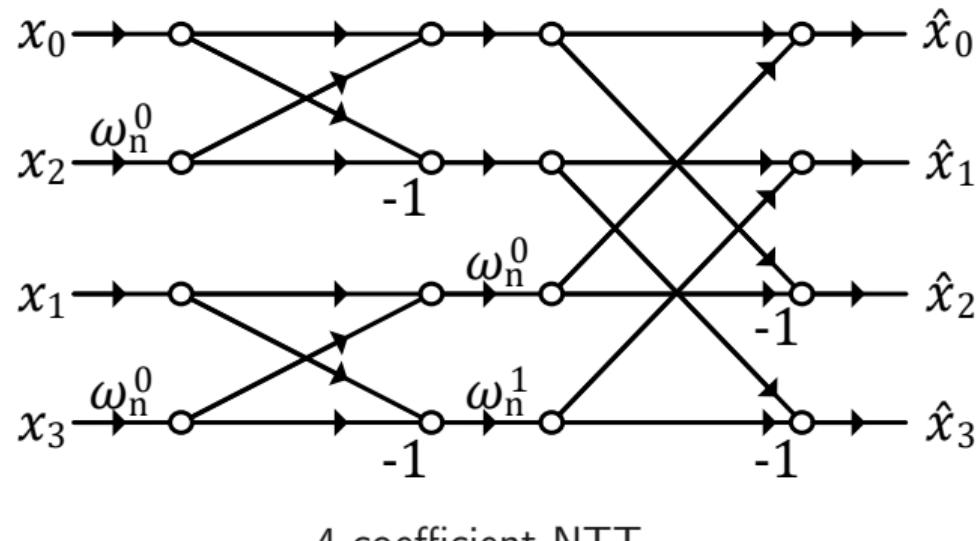
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 - $a \cdot b = \text{INTT}(\text{NTT}(a) \circ \text{NTT}(b))$
 - $\mathcal{O}(n \log n)$



Butterfly = 2-coefficient NTT



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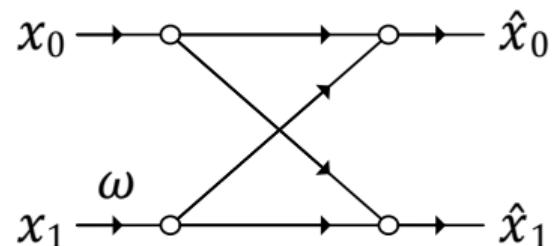
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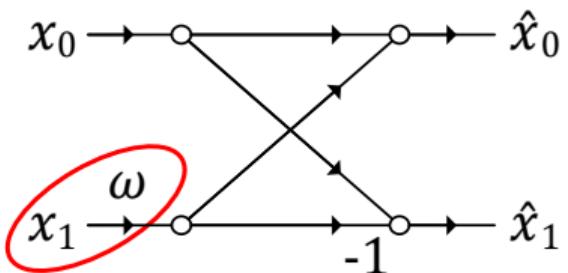
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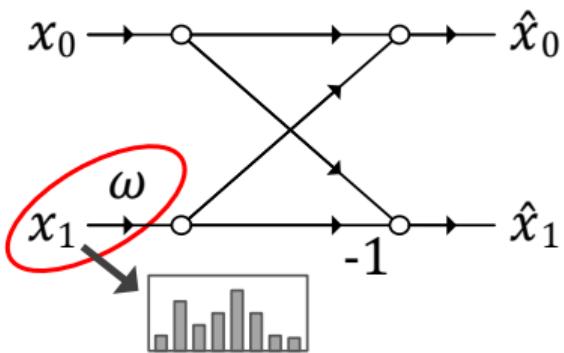
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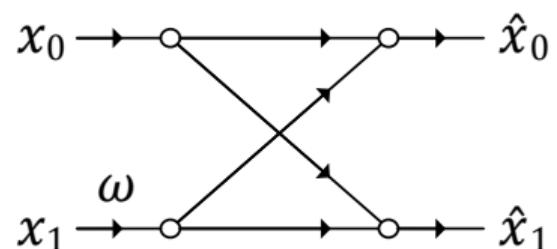
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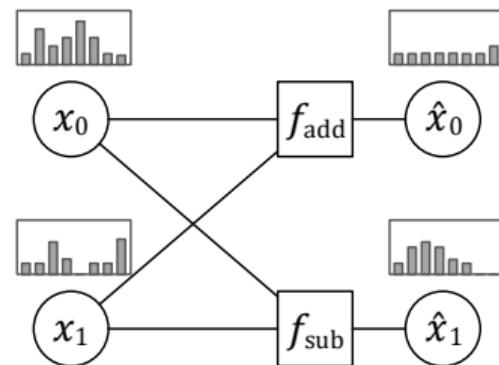
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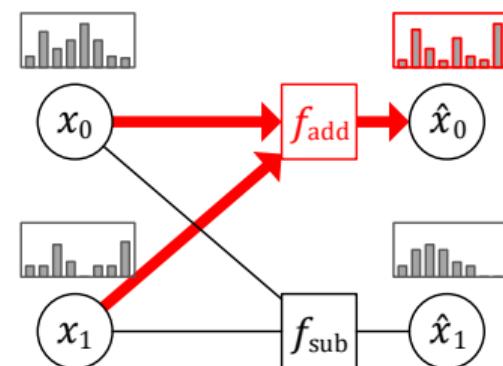
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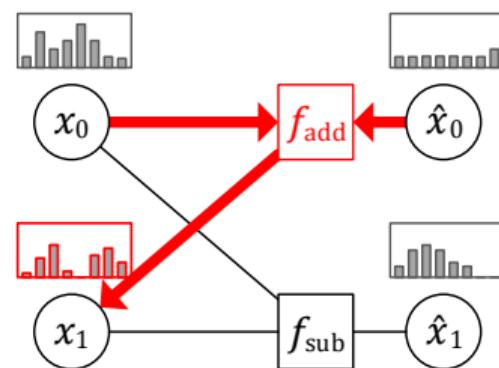
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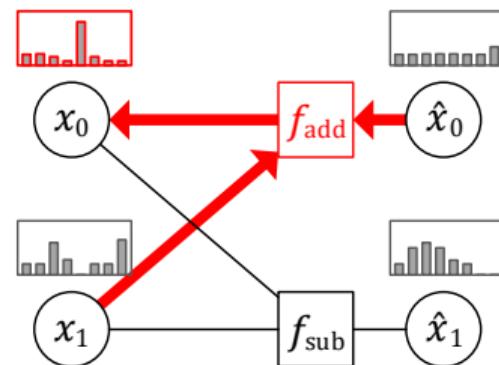
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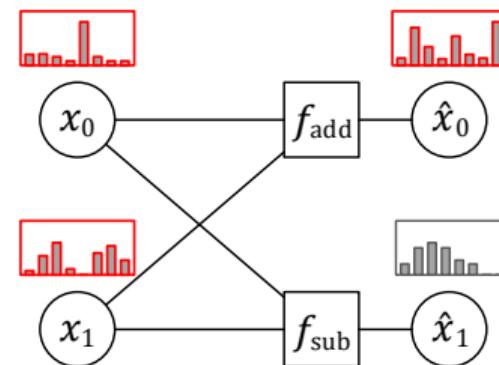
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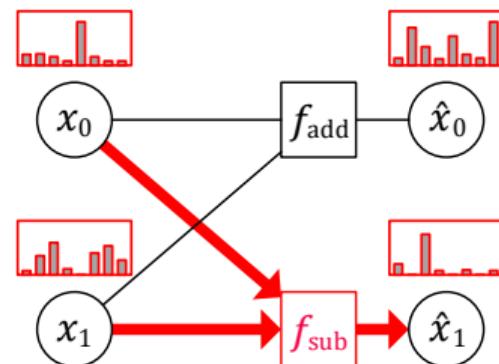
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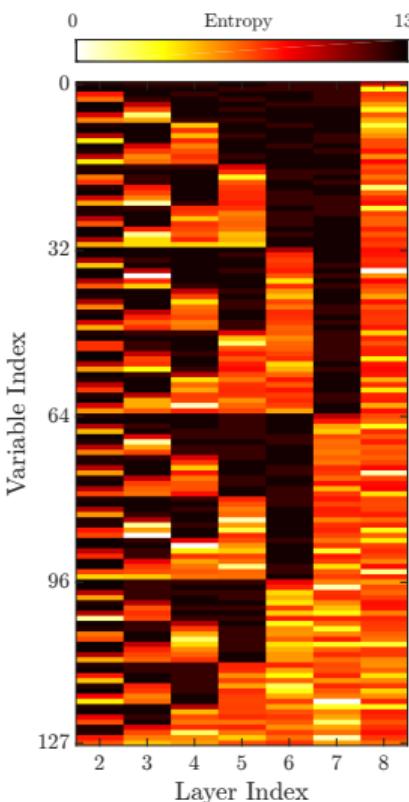
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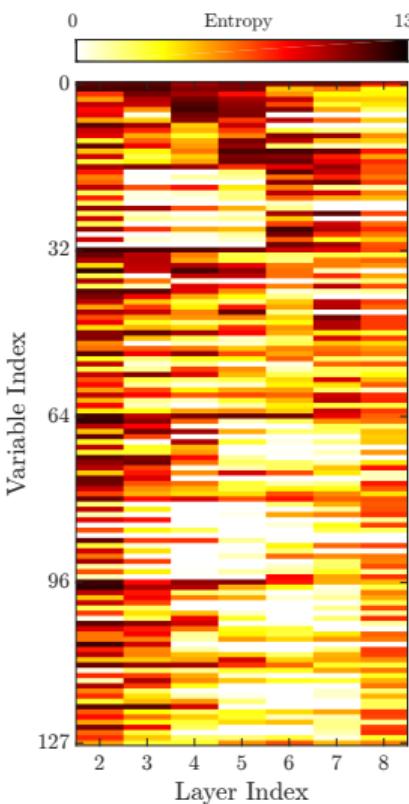
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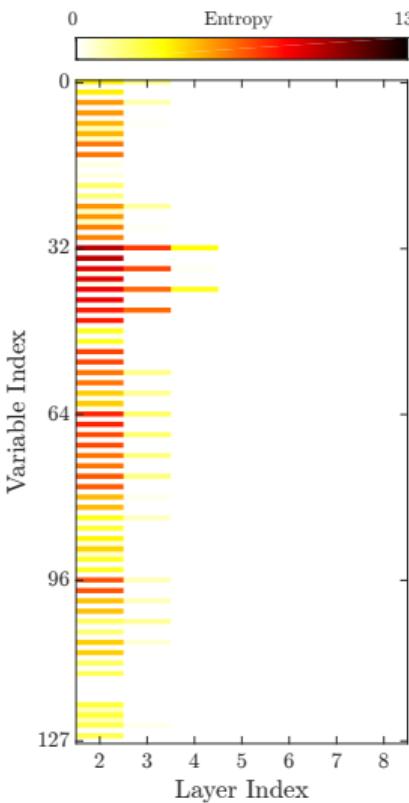
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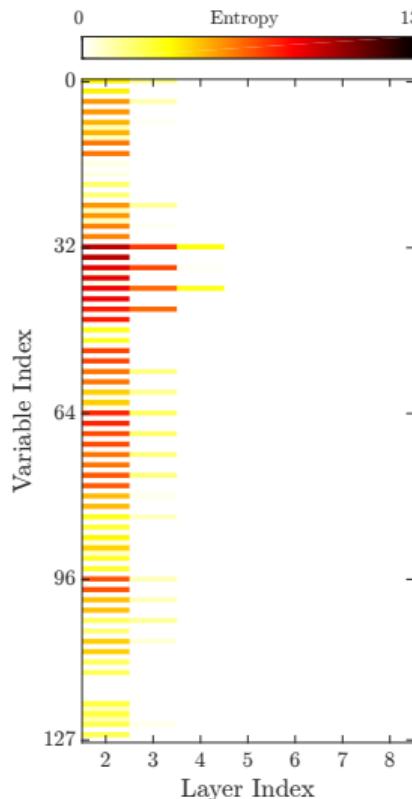
BP: Iteration ≥ 20



- Still a lot of uncertainty in the input layer
- We can exploit linearity of INTT to recover (in total) 192/256 inputs
- Brute forcing is still infeasible:

$$7681^{64} \approx 2^{826}$$

- Full key recovery still possible!



- Setup equations that relate 192 recovered coefficients to r_2
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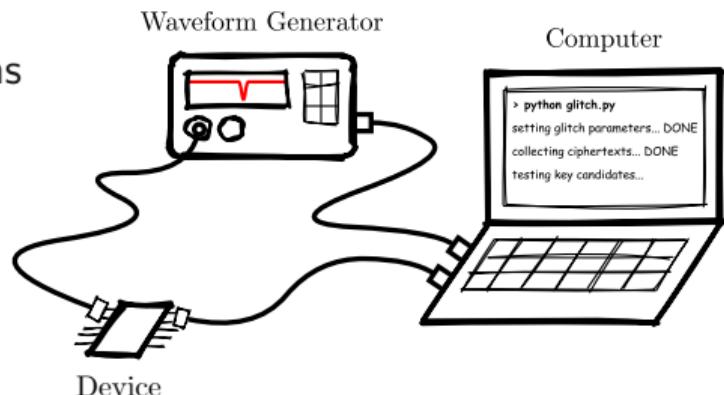
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- Improved factor graph representation of NTT
- New message scheduling
- Usage of message damping
- Changed attack setting to encryption phase (KEM)
- Attack on real constant-time Kyber implementation on ARM Cortex-M4
- Simple univariate Hamming-weight templates

Part II - Active Implementation Attacks



- Breaking security of crypto implementations
- Disturbance of normal device operation
 - Voltage glitch
 - Clock glitch
 - Laser fault induction
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- New fault attack exploitation techniques
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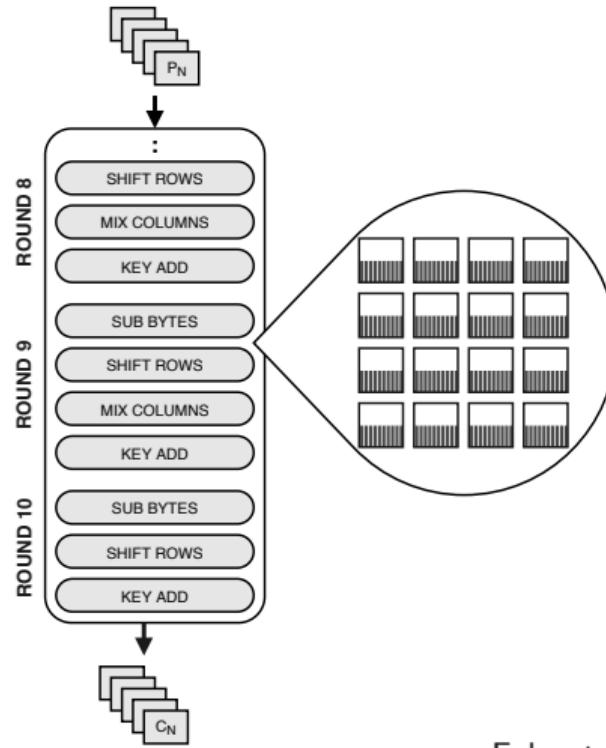
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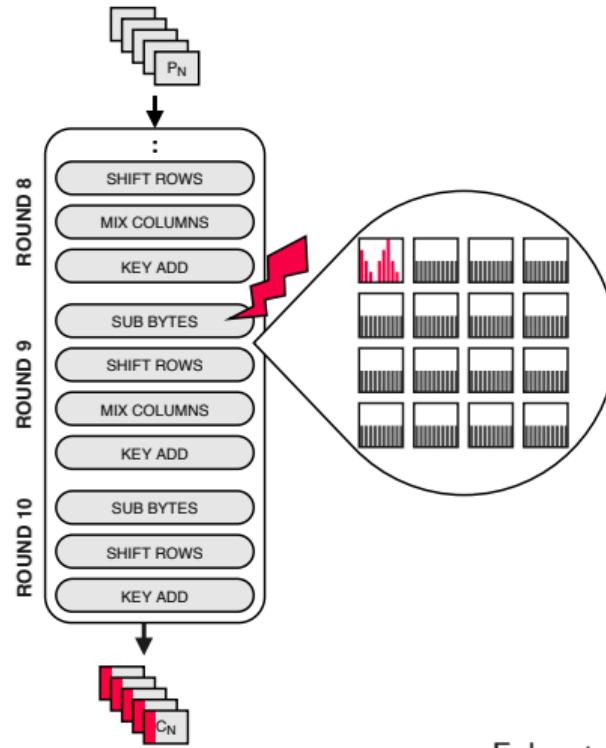
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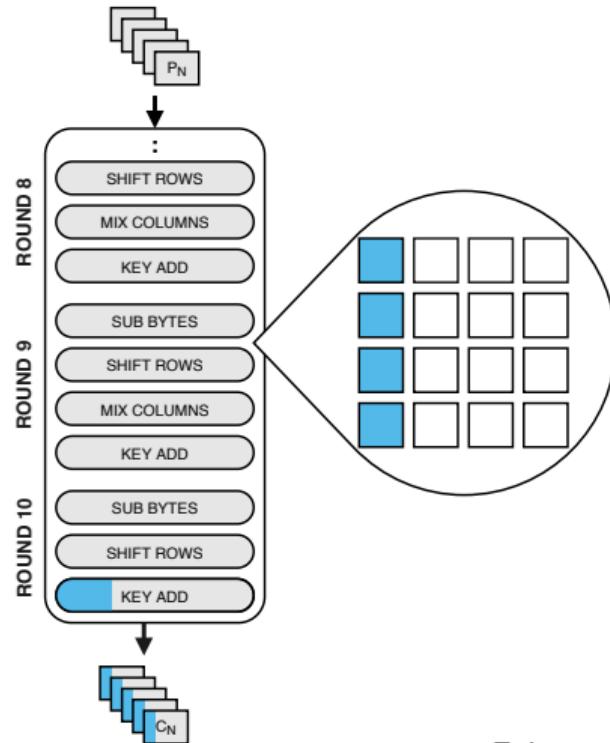
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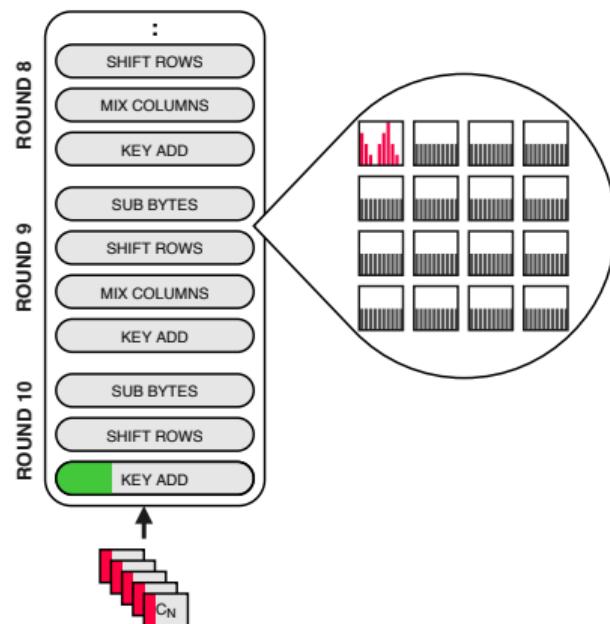
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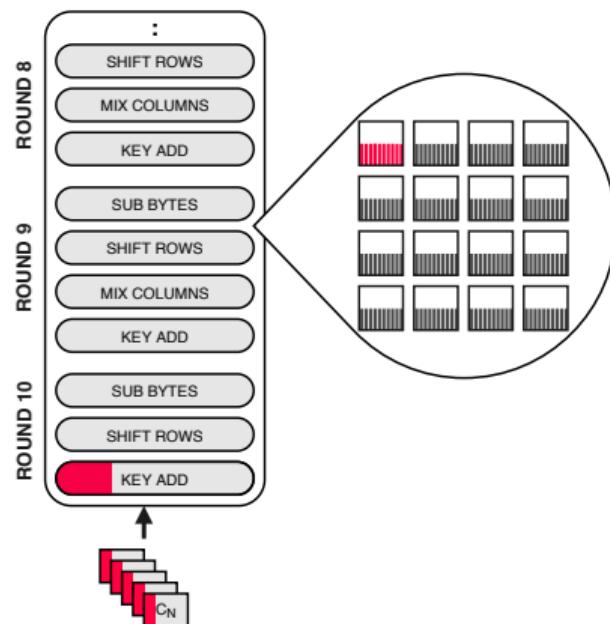
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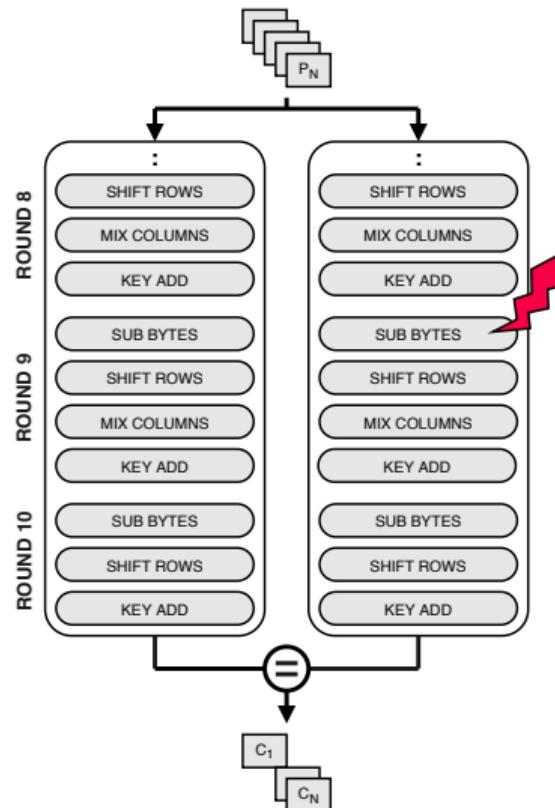
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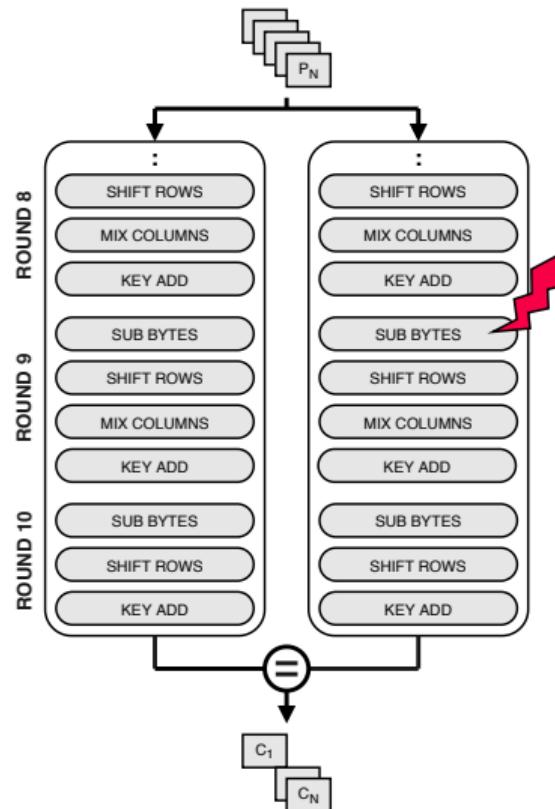


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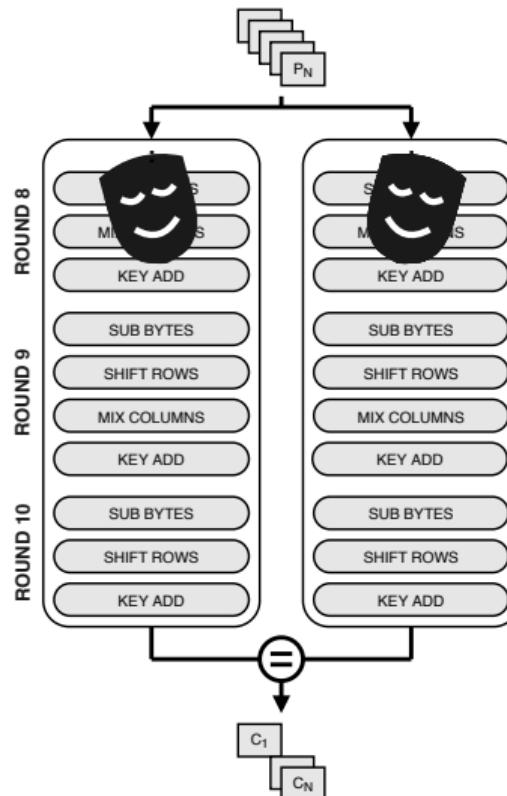
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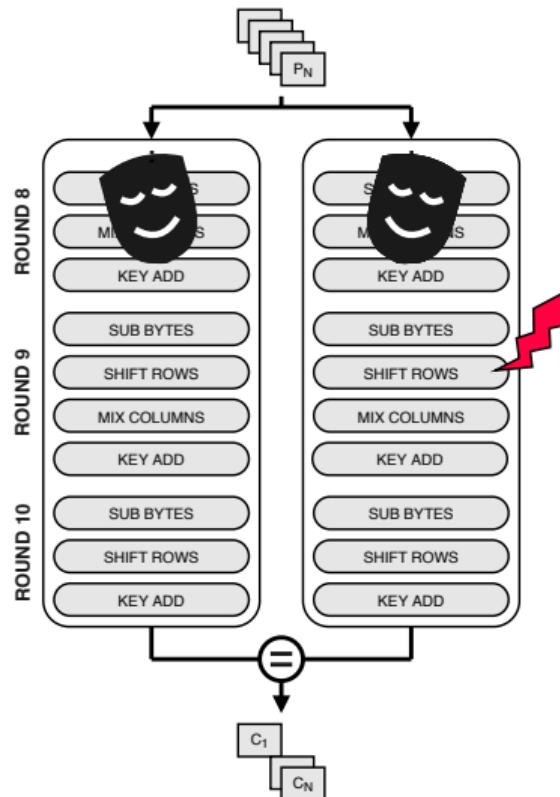
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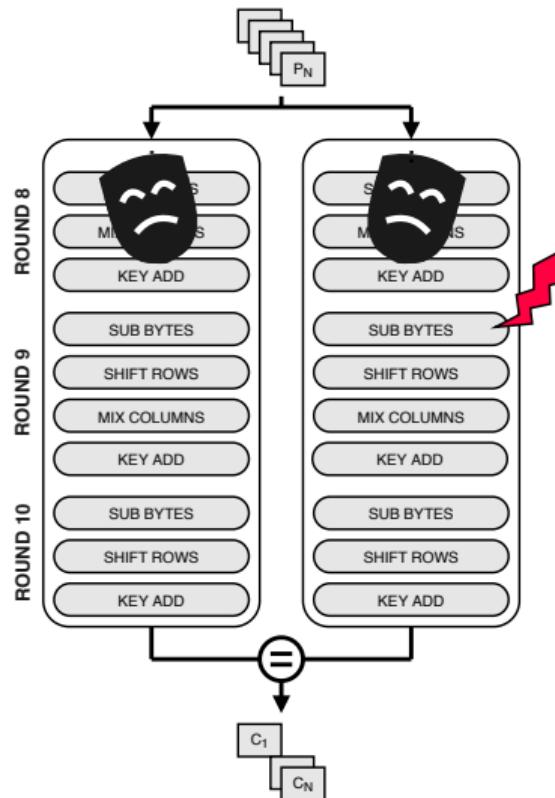
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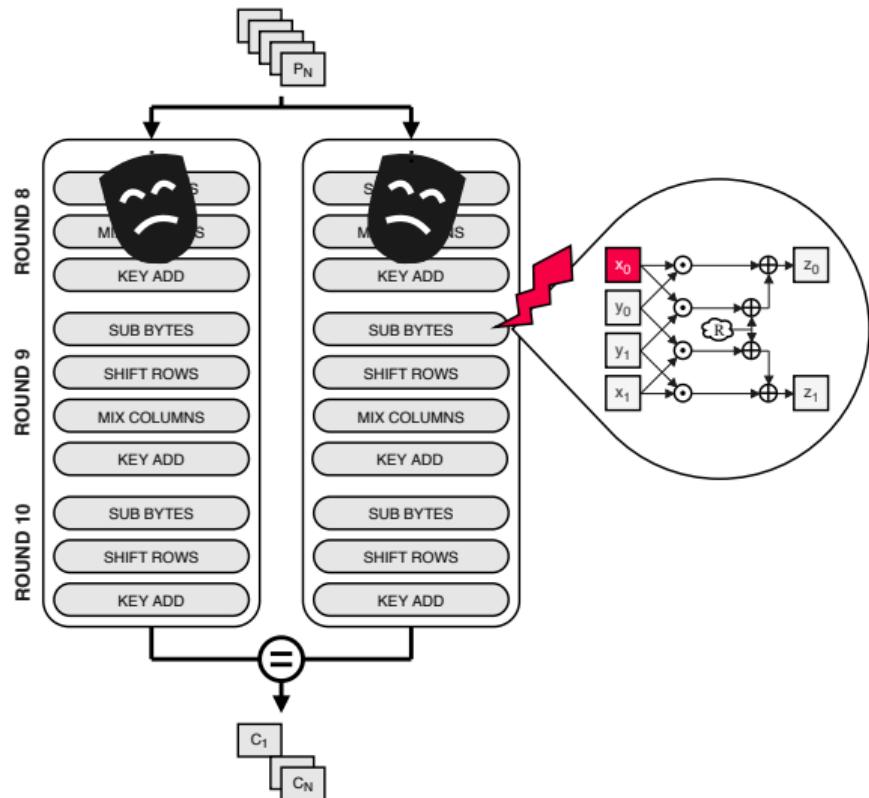
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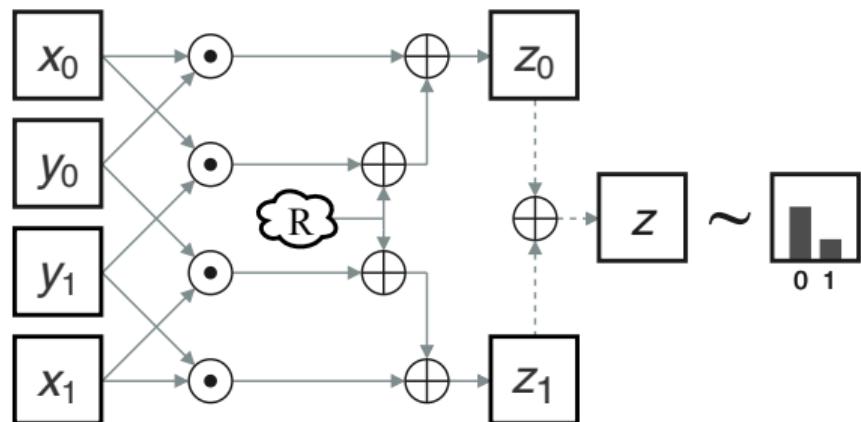


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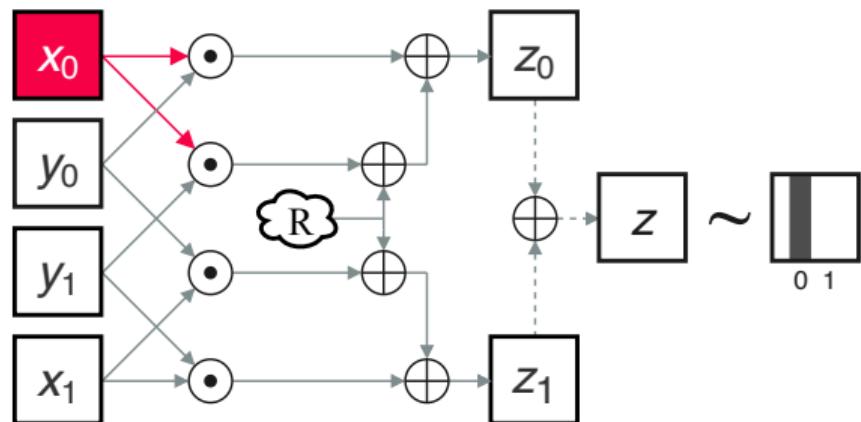


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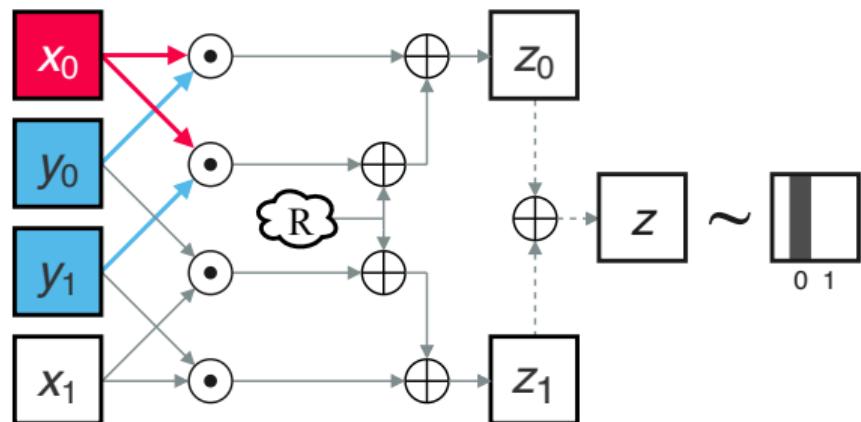
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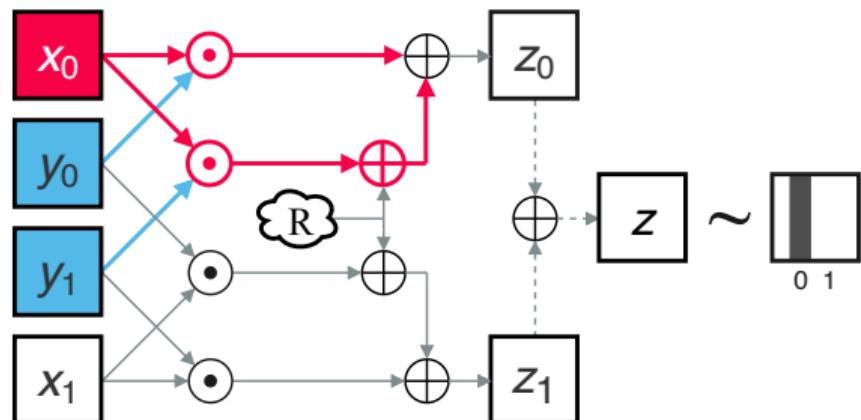
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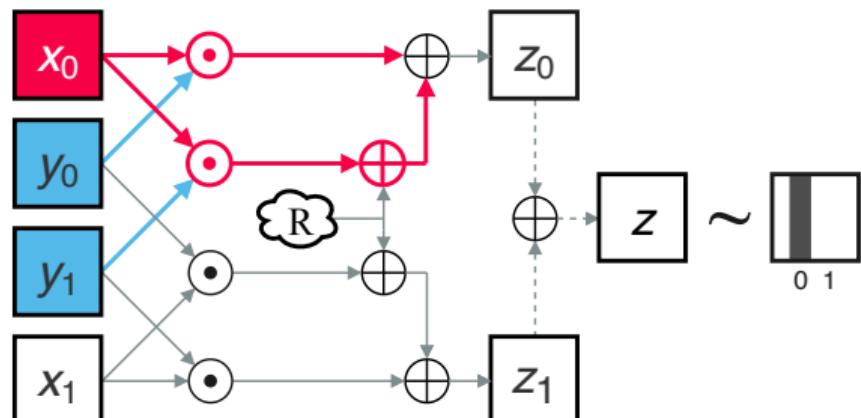
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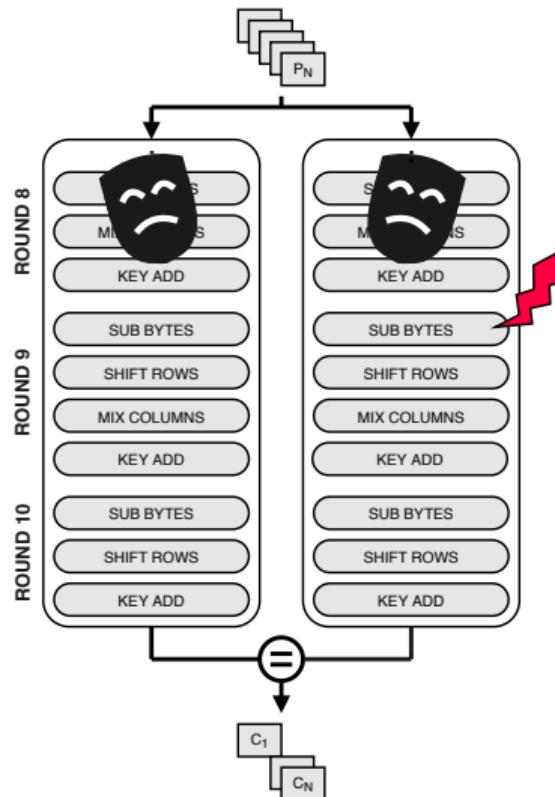
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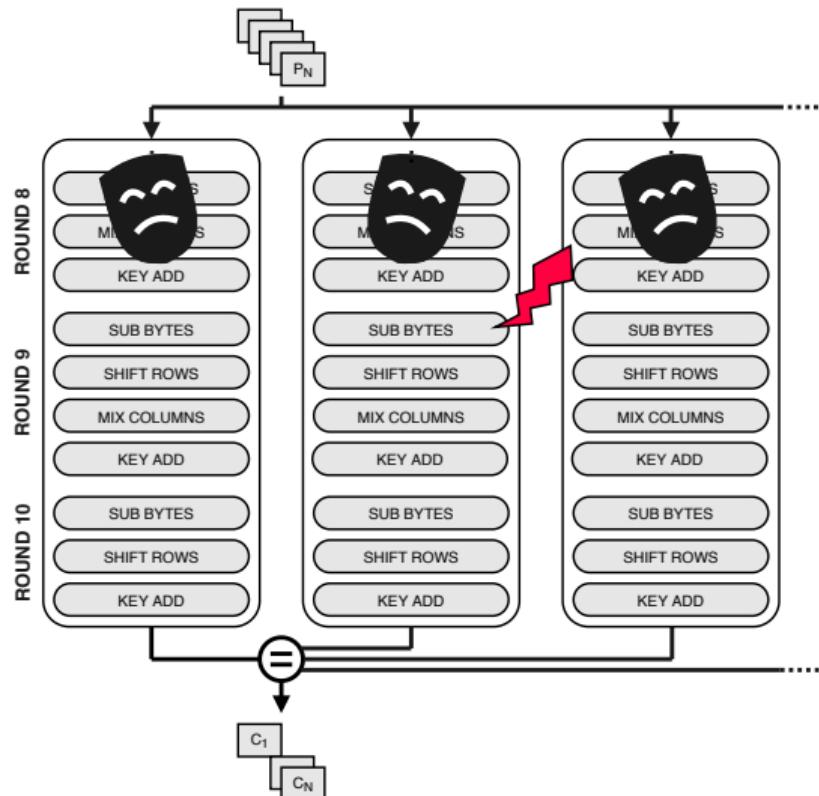
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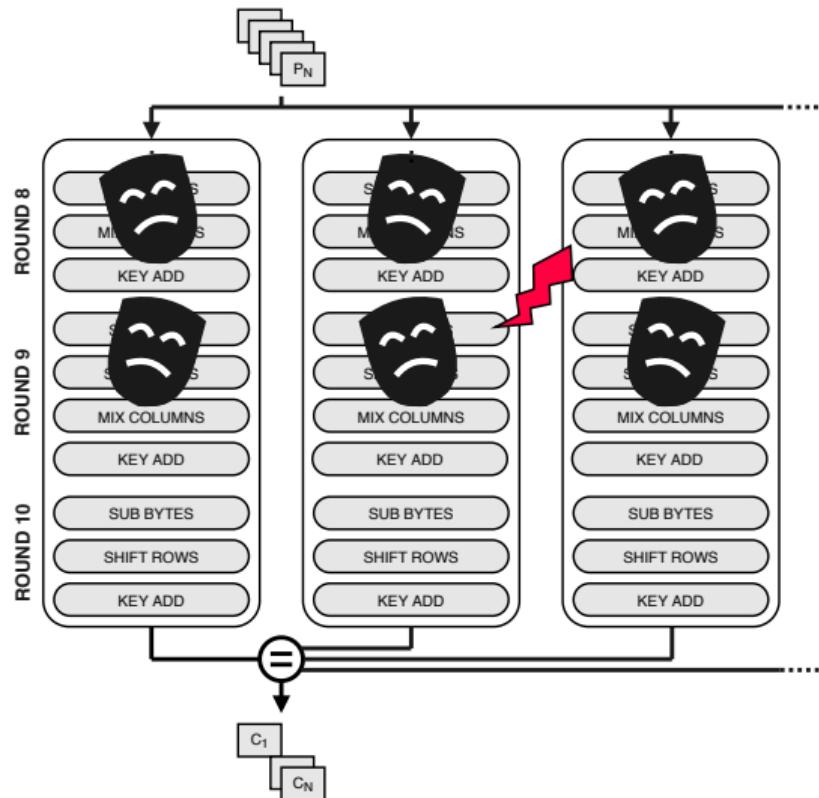
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- Statistical model of SIFA
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 - Hardware co-processors

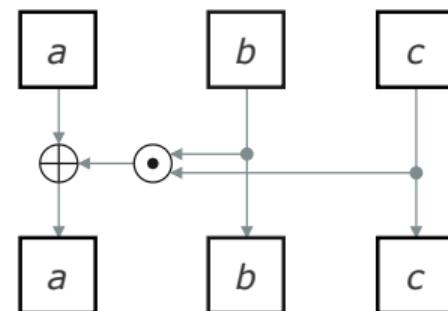
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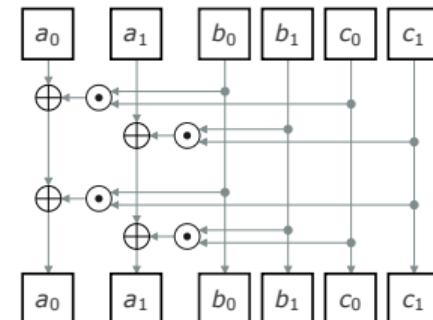
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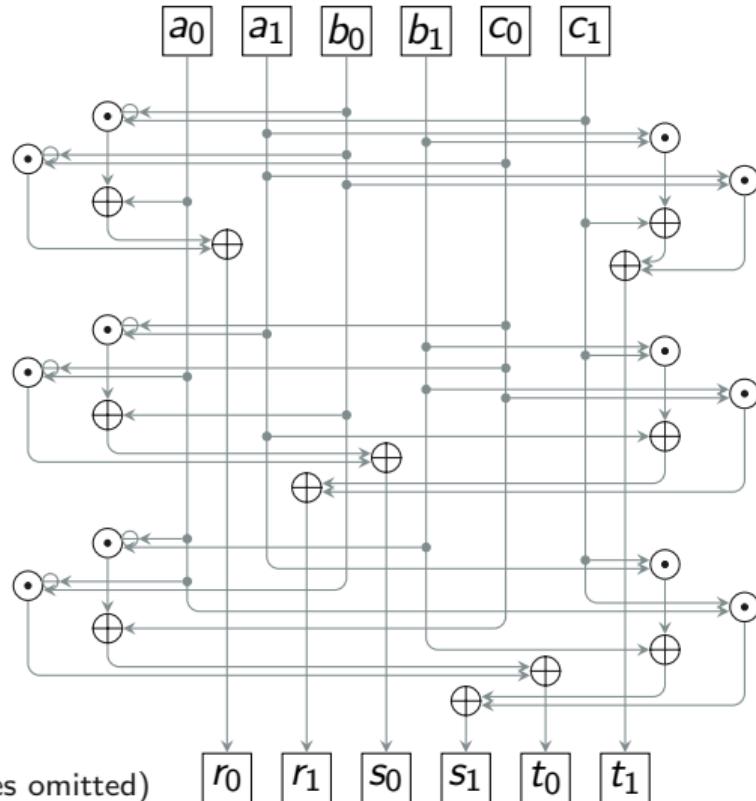
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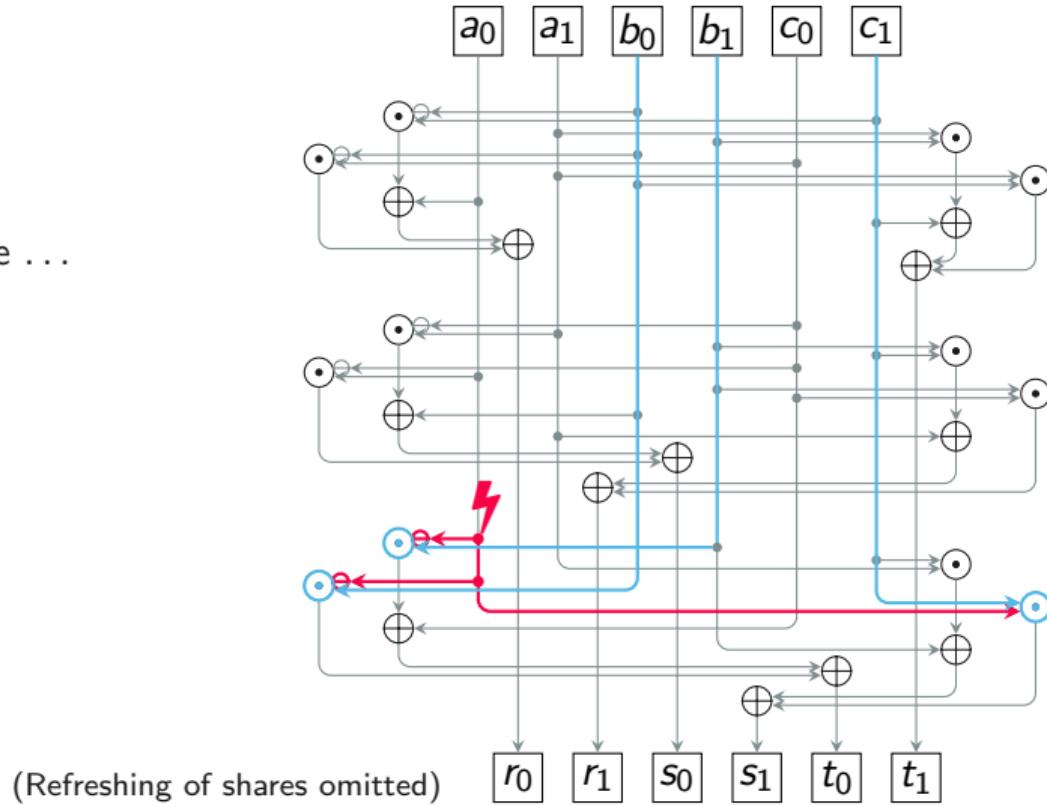
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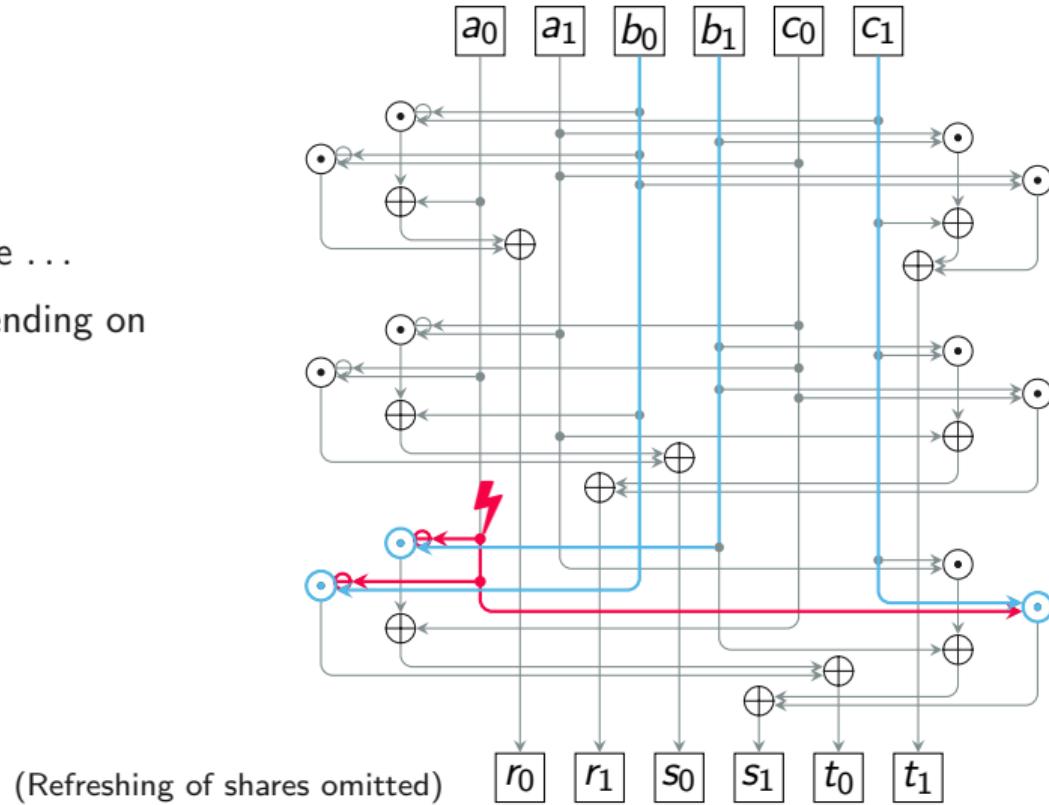


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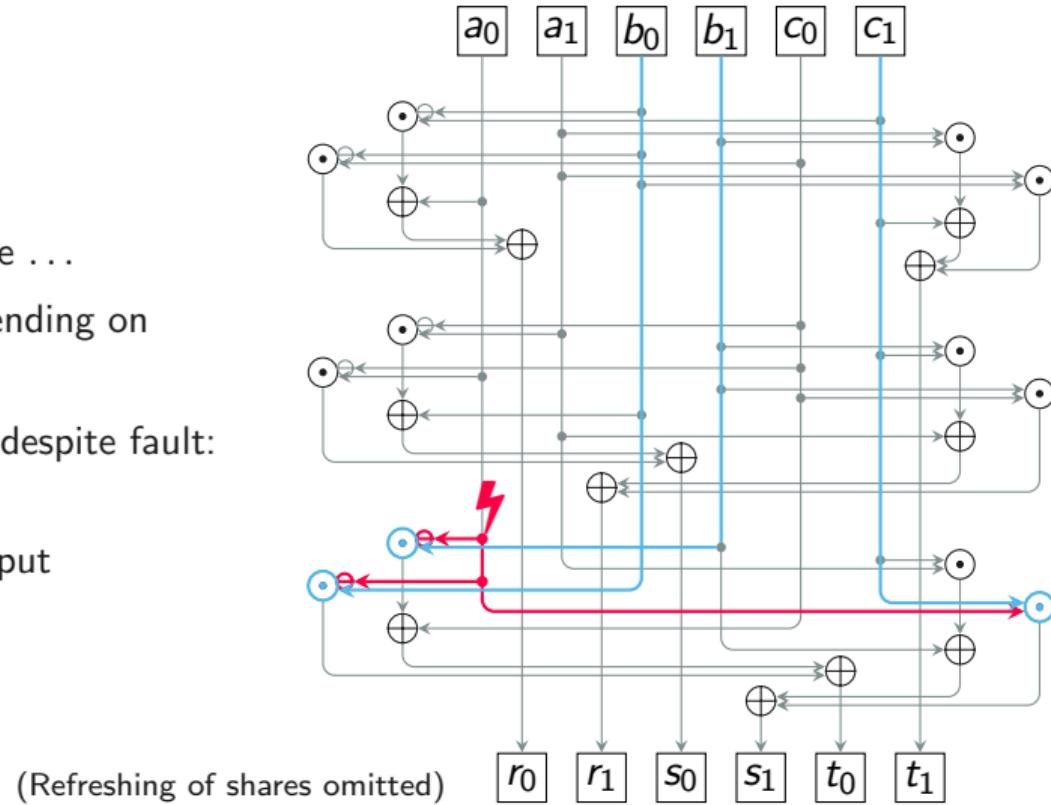
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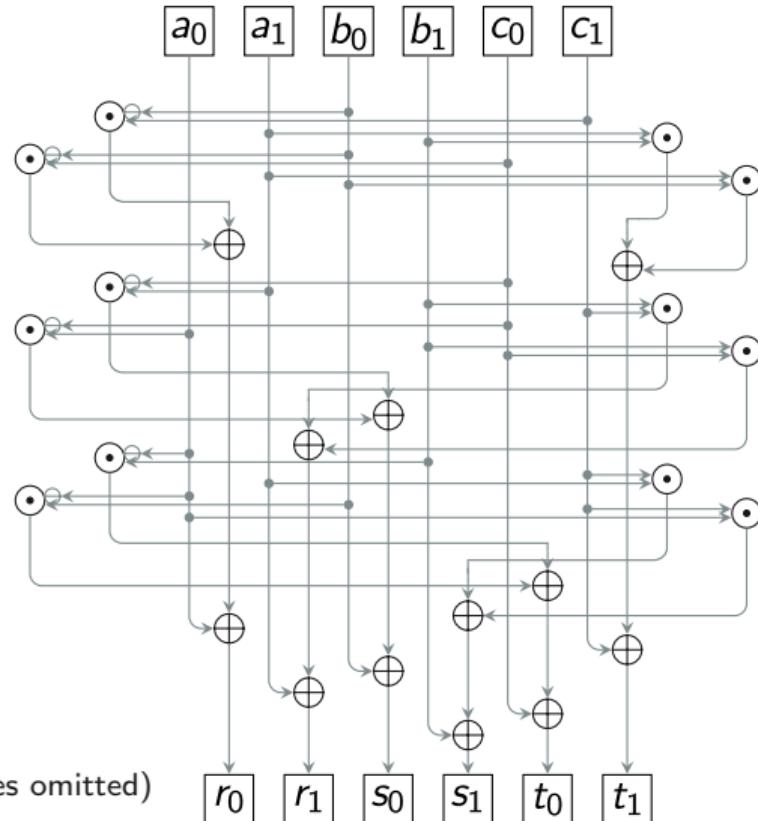
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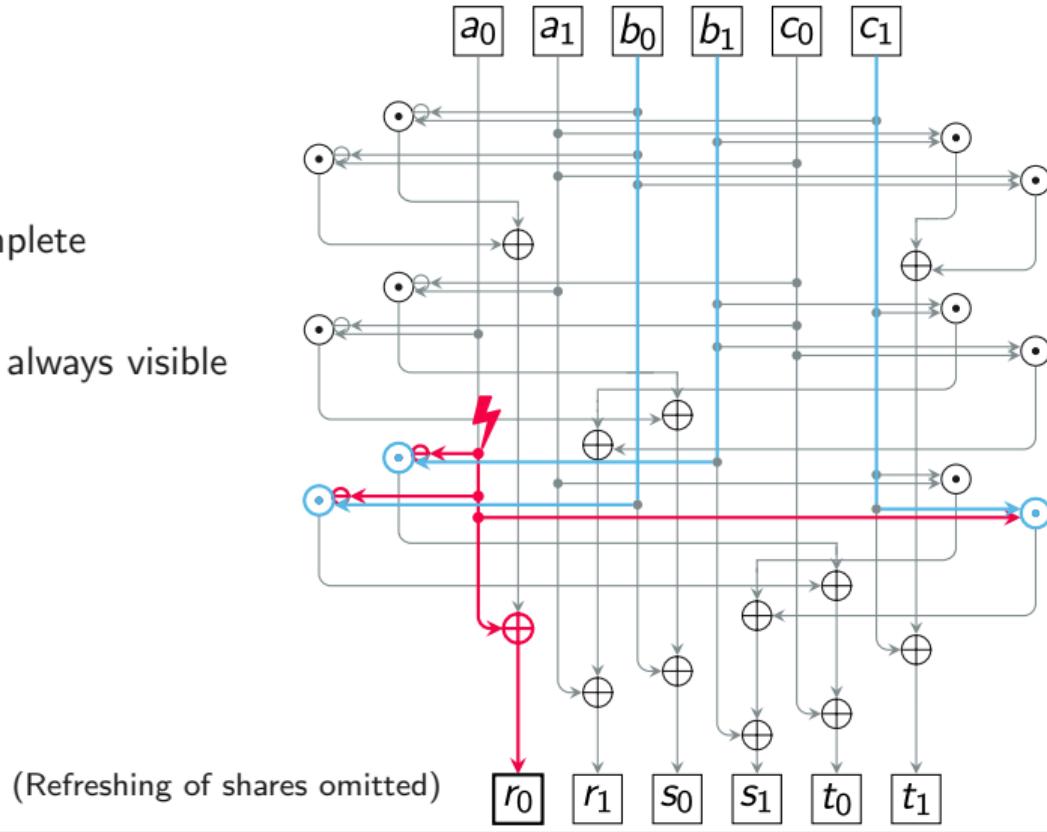
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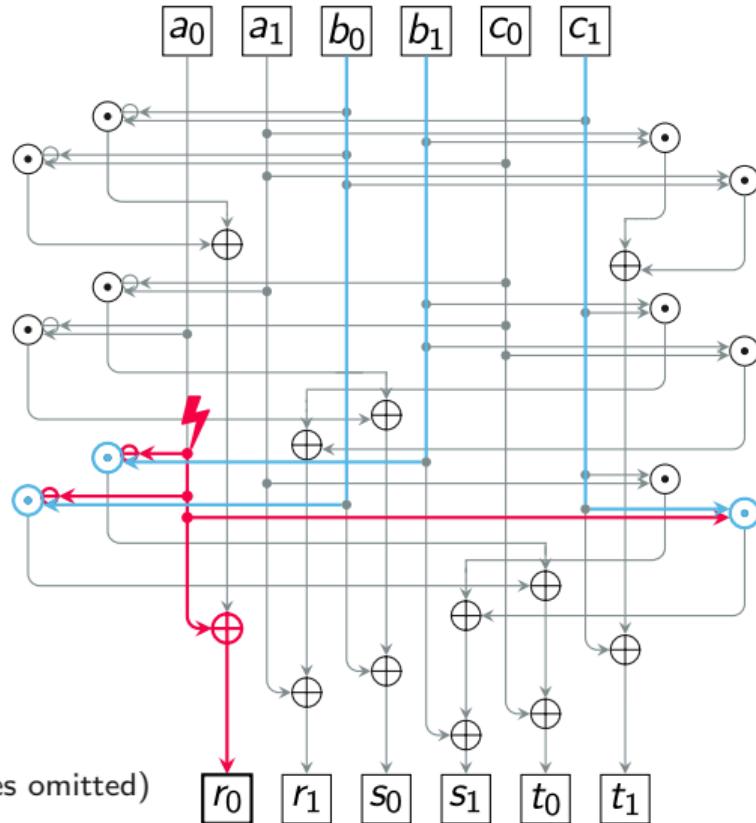


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(Refreshing of shares omitted)



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- Discuss additional implementation aspects for SW/HW

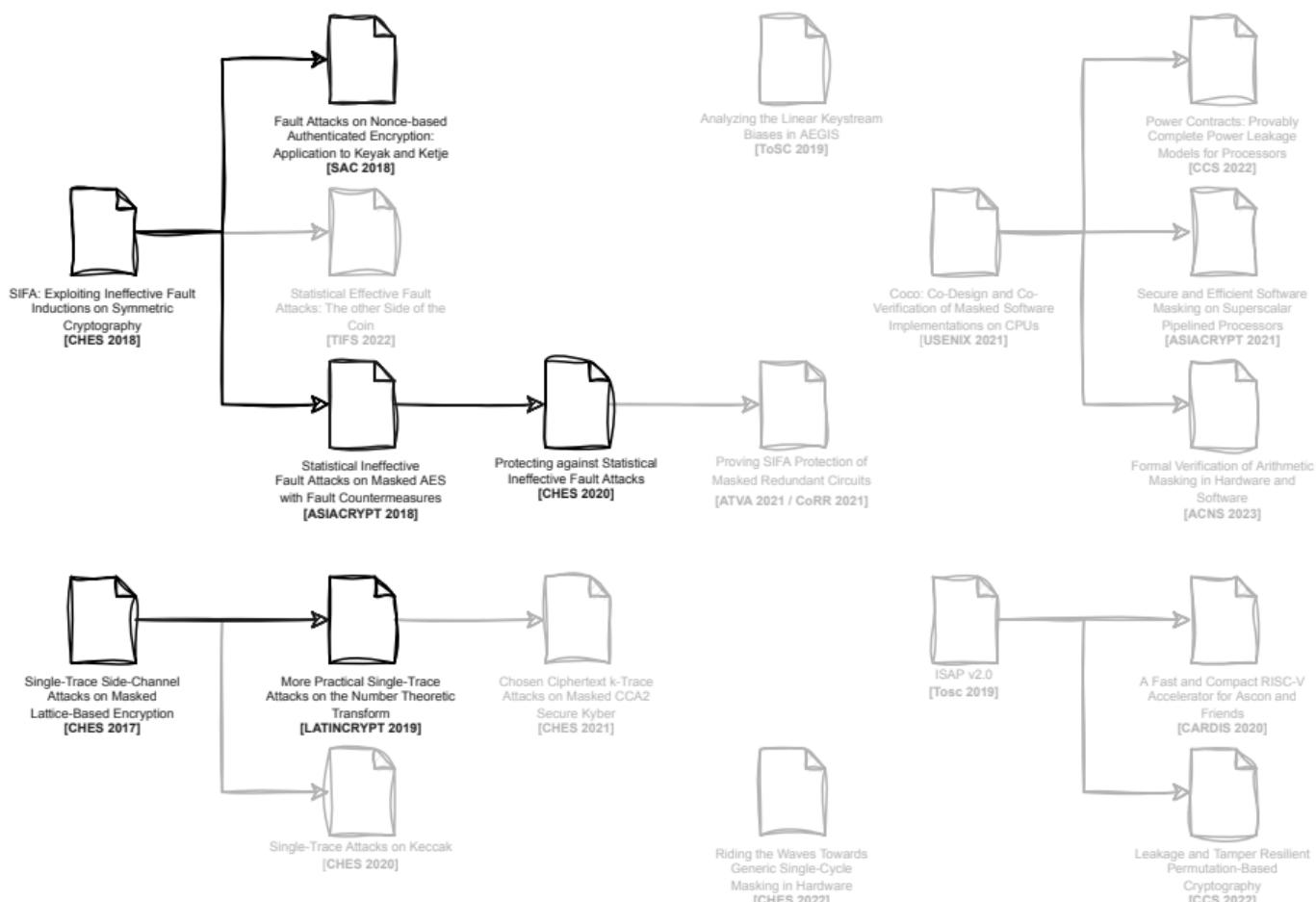
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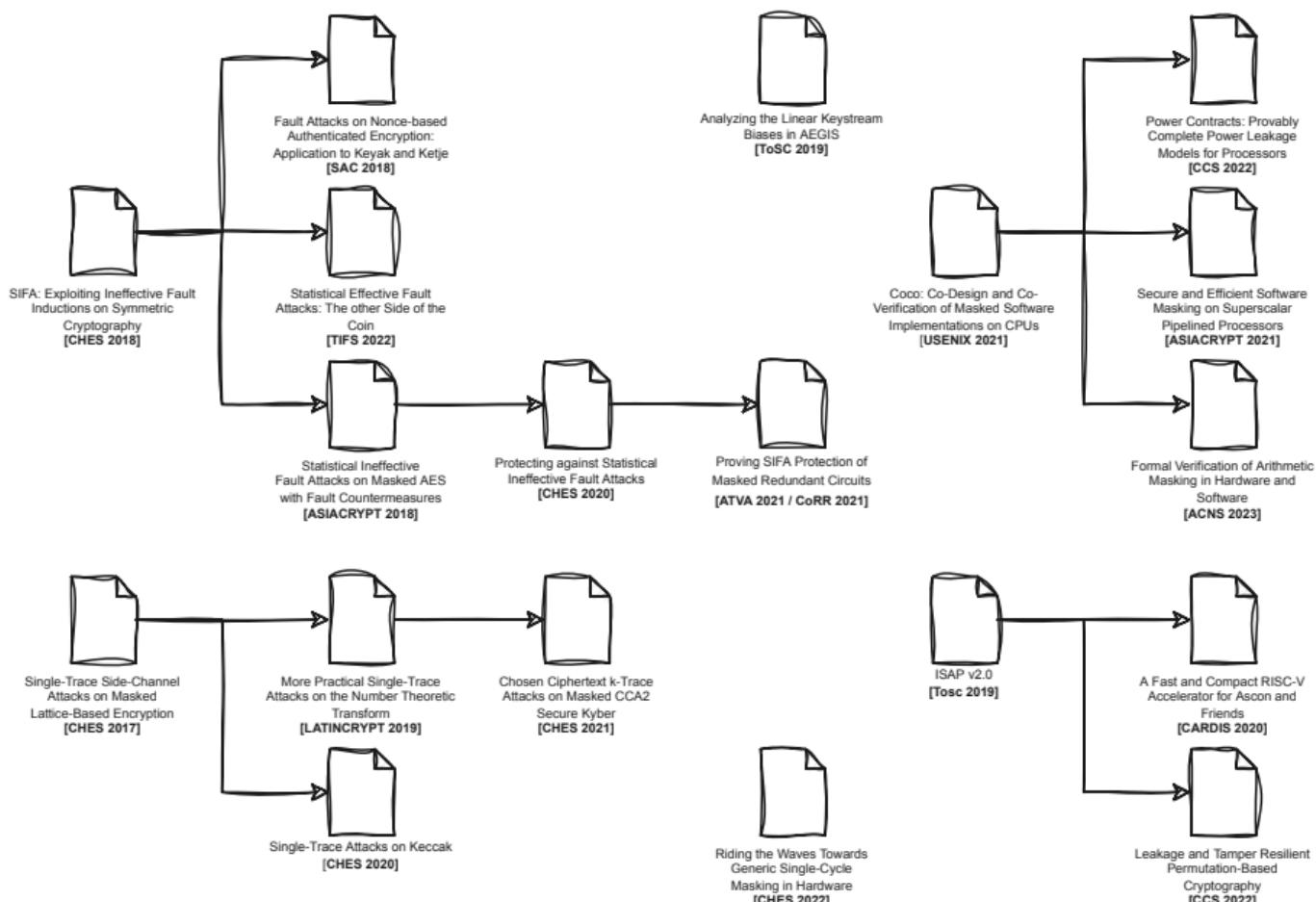
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- Show applicability of SIFA for nonce-based AEAD
- Key-recovery strategies for Keyak and Ketje

Other Activities

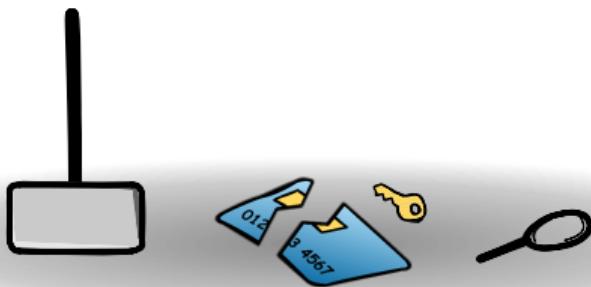
- 20 peer-reviewed publications so far
 - 6x: CHES
 - 2x: ASIACRYPT, CCS, ToSC
 - 1x: ATVA, CARDIS, CoRR, LATINCRYPT, SAC, TIFS, USENIX
- Collaboration with 35 different co-authors





- Talks at 10+ conferences/workshops
- Supervised 15+ students during bachelor/master project/thesis
- Lectures and practicals of the SCS course
- Involved in the submission of ISAP to NIST LWC standardization
- PC member: FDTC
- Artifact evaluator: CHES
- Refereeing:
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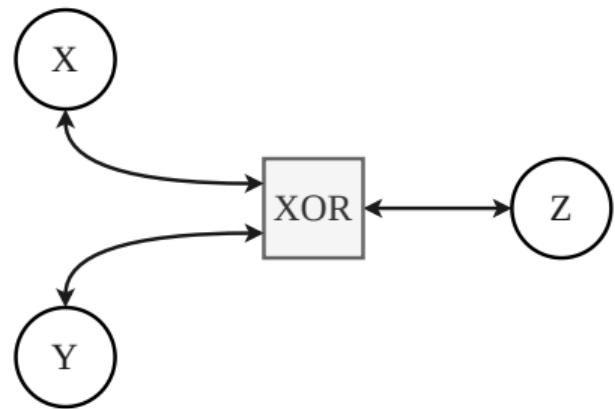
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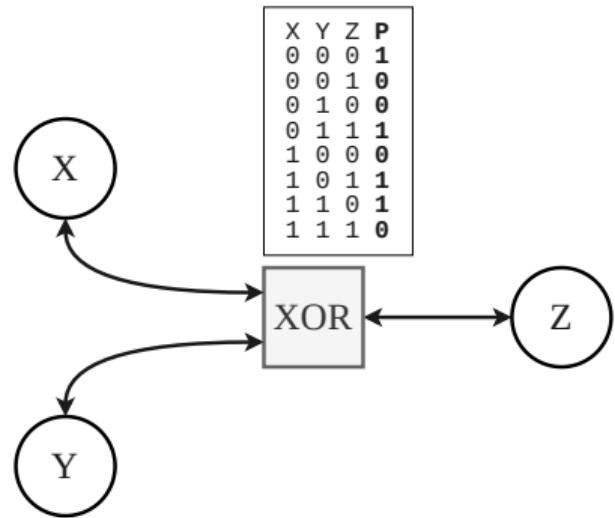


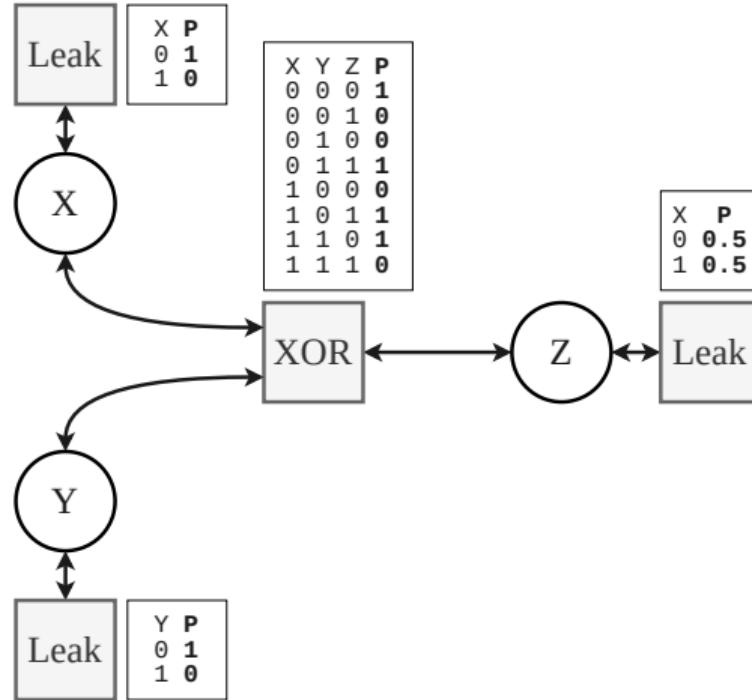
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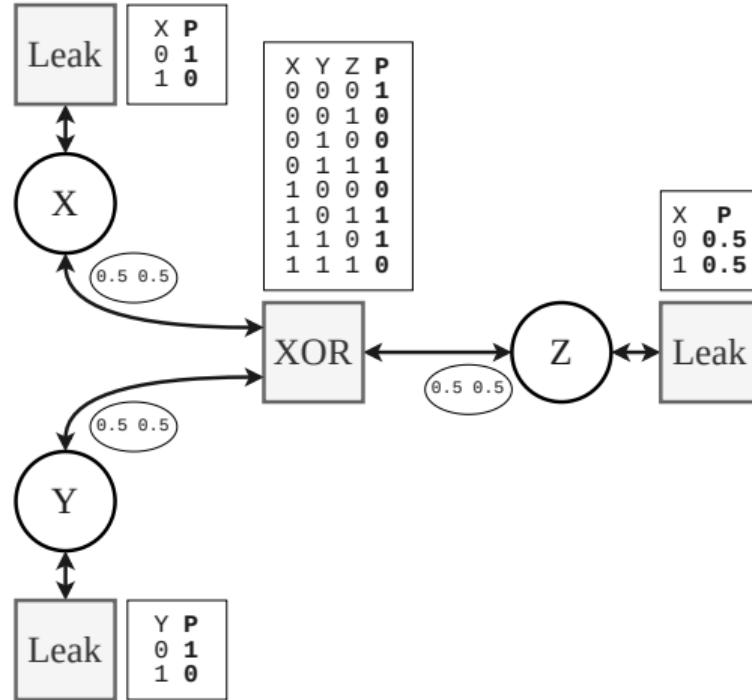
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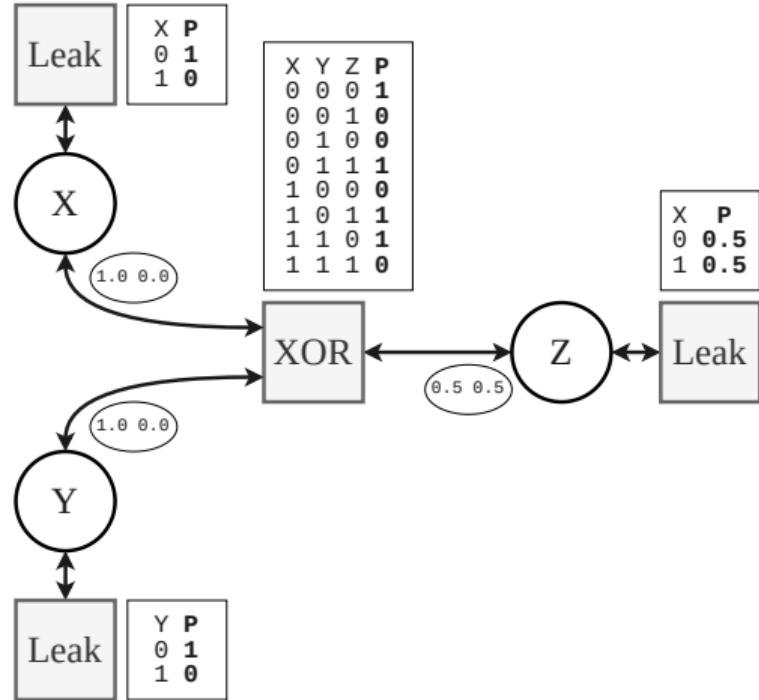
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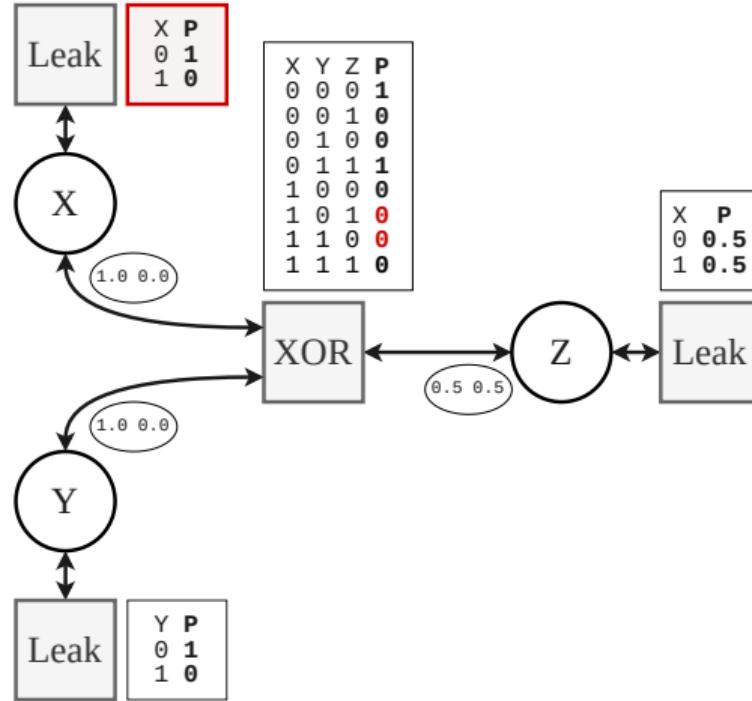


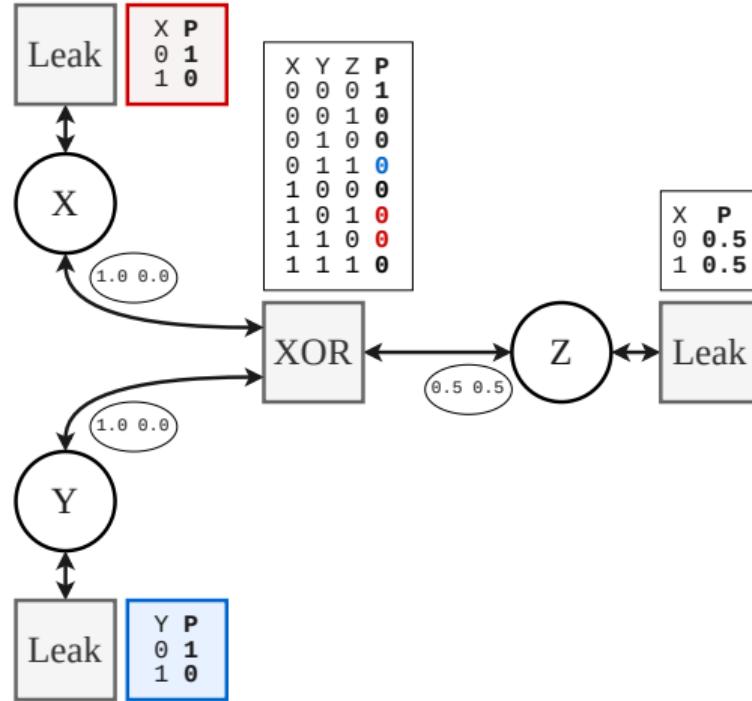


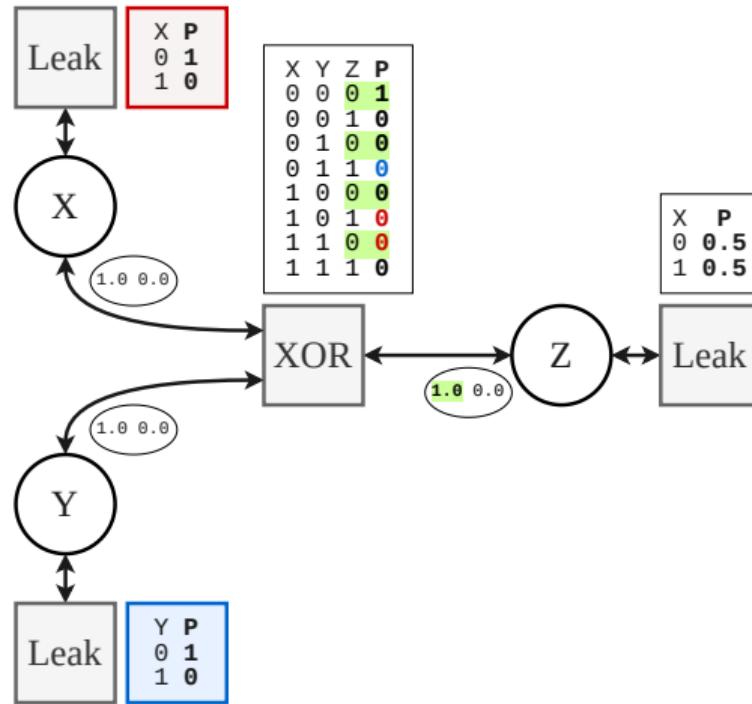


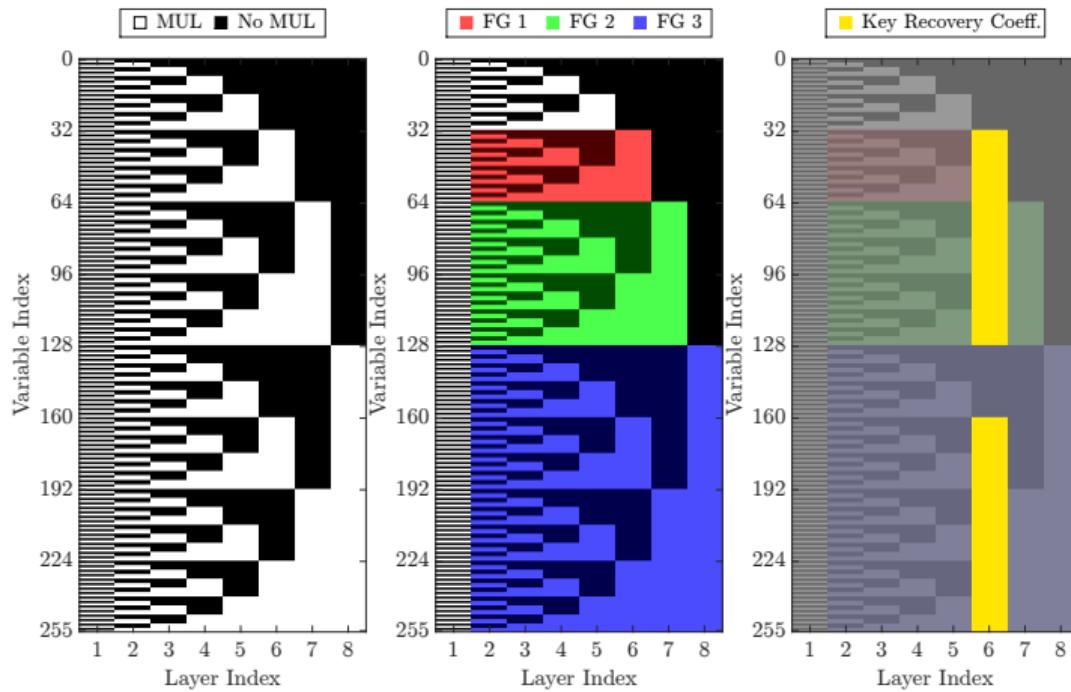


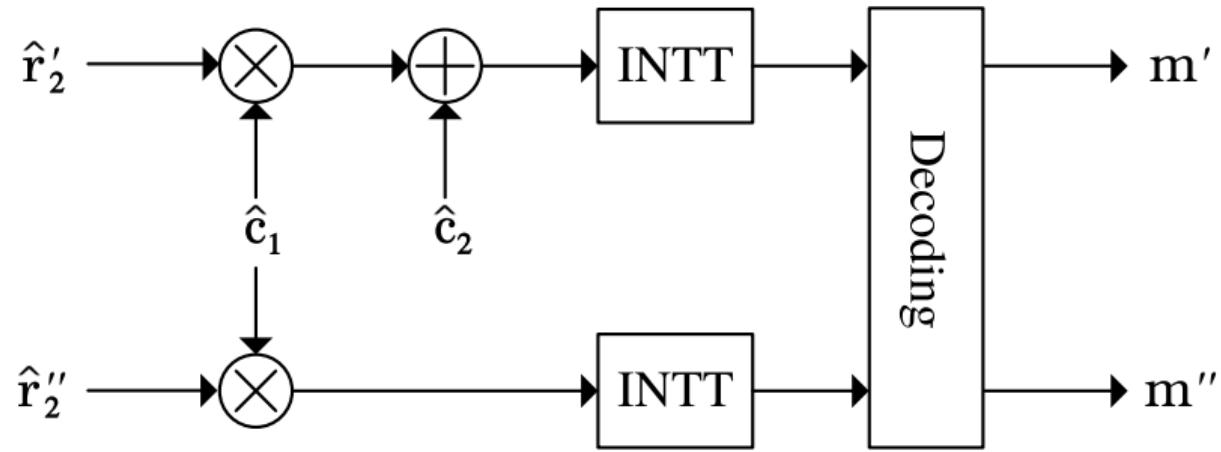










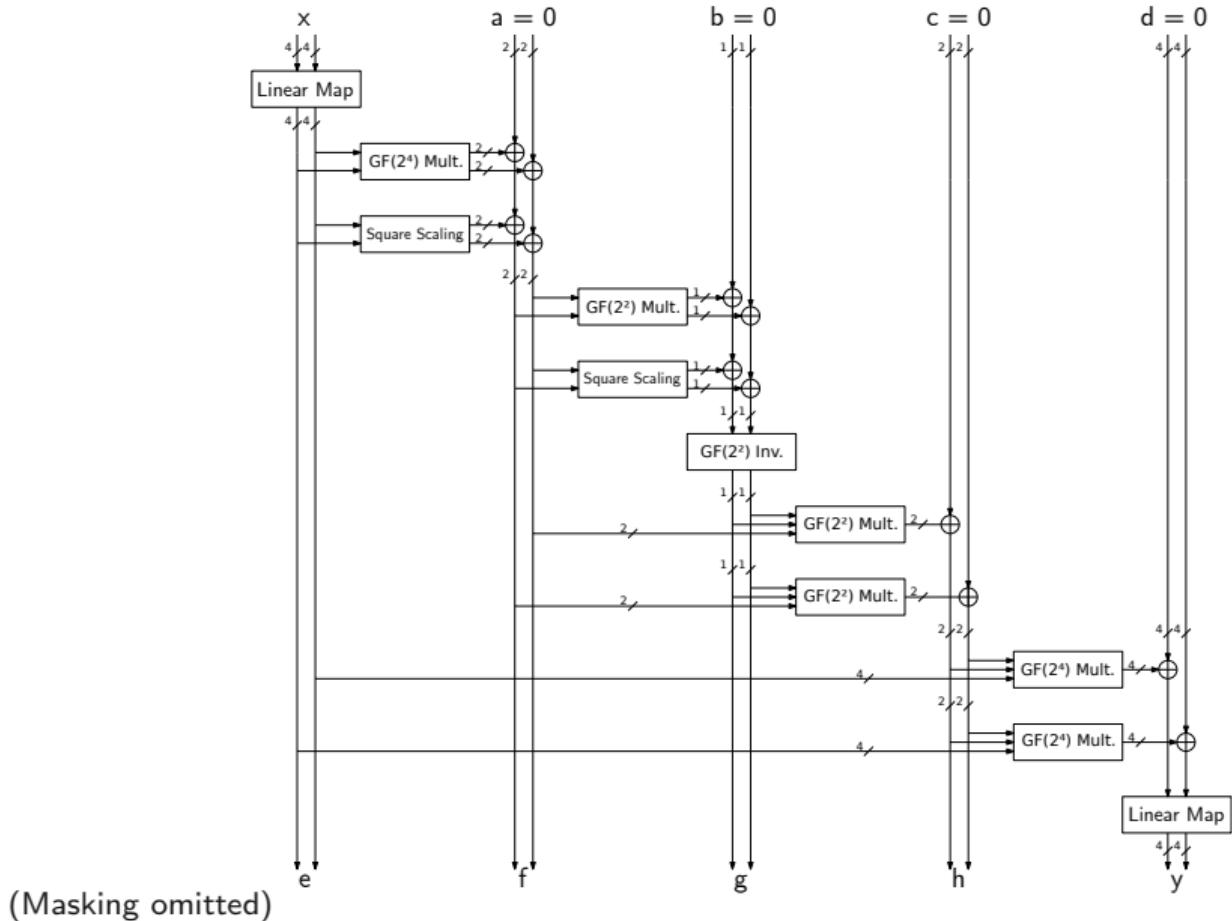


Inputs:

- x (8-bits)
- a, b, c, d (18-bits)

Outputs:

- y (8-bits)
- e, f, g, h (18-bits)



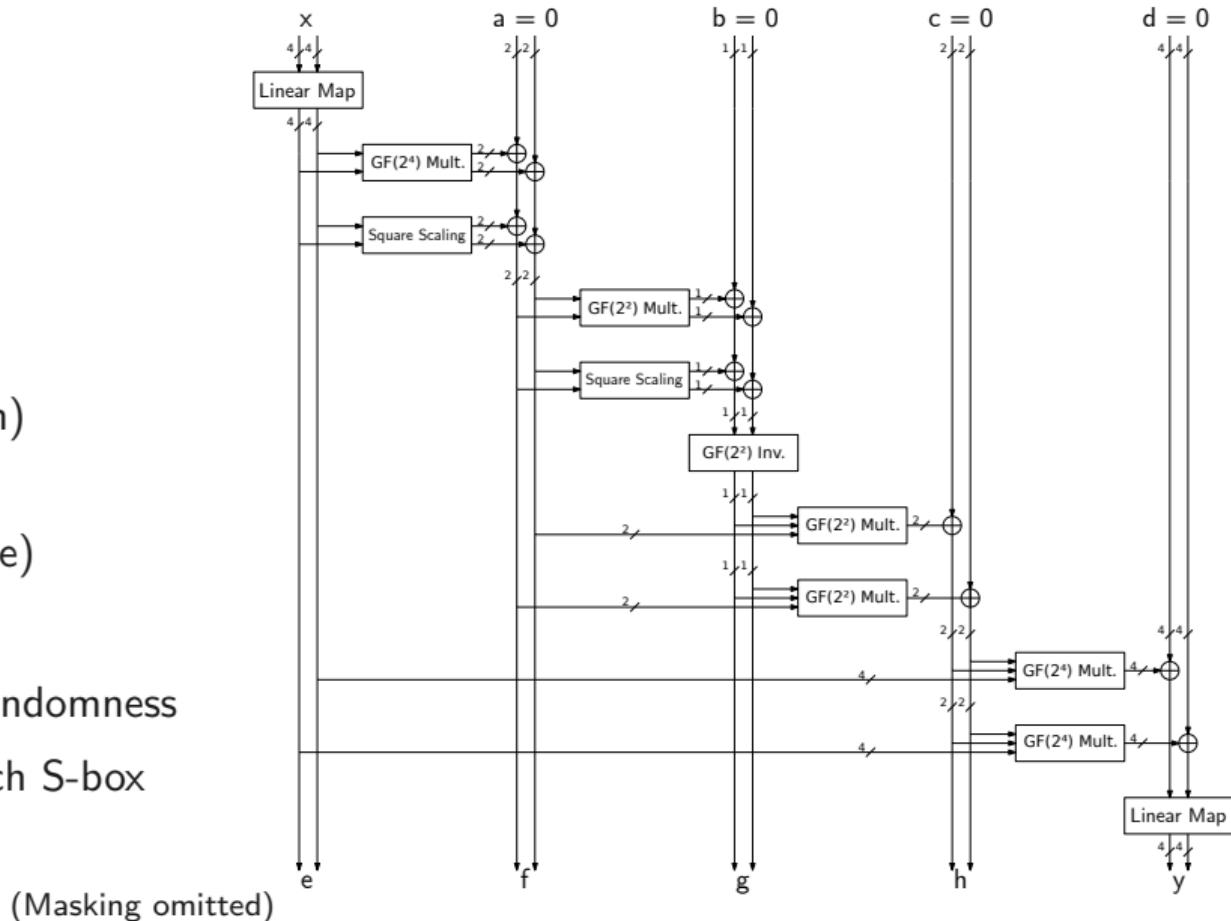
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When masked:

- x_0, x_1 (16-bits)
- y_0, y_1 (16-bits)
- a_0, b_0, c_0, d_0
(18-bits, random)
- e_0, f_0, g_0, h_0
(18-bits, reusable)

Properties:

- No additional randomness
- Checks after each S-box



| Input to | | Bit positions | | | | |
|------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|---|
| θ_1 | C-62-C1---9C---1 | 8E-12---C3---C | 6-1--45----E-3-4 | -384983--118---6 | 1---4228184--181 | |
| | C-62-C1-189C--- | 8E-12---C38---C | 661--45----E-3-- | -384982--118-3-6 | 1---5A28184--181 | |
| | D-62-C1---9C--- | 8E212---C3---C | 6-1--45---3E-3-- | -384986--118---6 | 1---4228194--181 | |
| | C-62-C1---DC--- | 8E-12---C34---C | 6-11-45----E-3-- | -3849C2--118---6 | 1-8-4228184--181 | |
| | C-624C1---9C--- | CE-12---C3---C | 6-1--45----E-3-8 | -384982--118-1-6 | 1--44228184--181 | |
| χ_1 | -----1 | 8-----1 | 8-----1 | 8----- | ----- | 1 |
| | -----1 | 8-----1 | 8----- | 8----- | ----- | 1 |
| | -----1 | 8-----1 | 8----- | 8----- | ----- | 1 |
| | -----1 | 8-----1 | 8----- | 8----- | ----- | 1 |
| | -----1 | 8-----1 | 8----- | 8----- | ----- | 1 |
| θ_2 | -----1 | 8----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | 1 |
| | ----- | 8----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | 1 |
| | ----- | 8----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | 1 |
| | ----- | 8----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | 1 |
| | ----- | 8----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | 1 |
| χ_2 | -----1 | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | |
| | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | |
| | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | |
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| | Input to Bit positions | | | | |
|------------|------------------------|----|----|----|----|
| | ff | bf | 7f | bf | fb |
| θ_1 | fe | bf | 7f | bf | fb |
| | fe | bf | 7f | ff | fb |
| | fe | bf | 7f | bf | fb |
| | fe | ff | 7f | bf | ff |
| | -1 | 81 | 81 | 8- | -1 |
| χ_1 | -1 | 81 | 8- | 8- | -1 |
| | -1 | 81 | 8- | 8- | -1 |
| | -1 | 81 | 8- | 8- | -1 |
| | -1 | 81 | 8- | 8- | -1 |
| | -1 | 8- | -- | -- | -1 |
| θ_2 | -- | 8- | -- | -- | -1 |
| | -- | 8- | -- | -- | -1 |
| | -- | 8- | -- | -- | -1 |
| | -- | 8- | -- | -- | -1 |
| | -1 | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| χ_2 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
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