

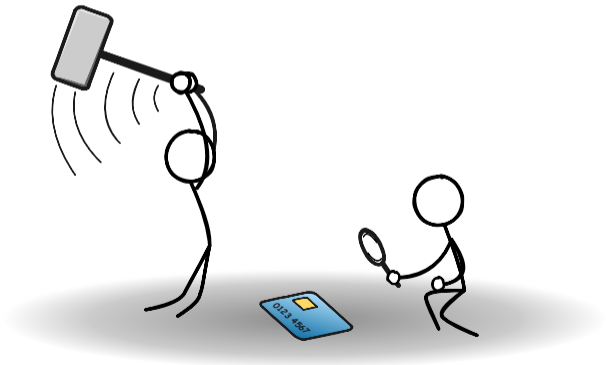
# Side-Channel and Fault Analysis of Cryptographic Implementations

PhD Defense

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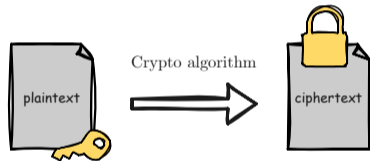


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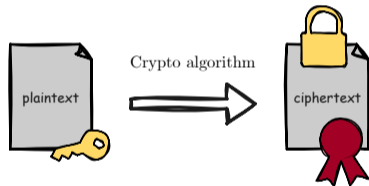


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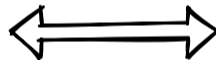
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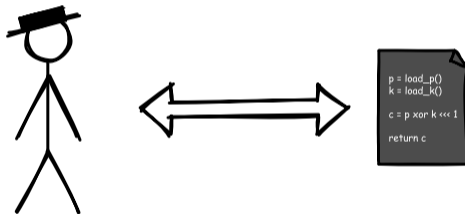
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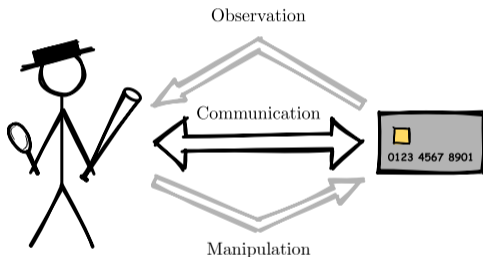


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Possibility of implementation attacks

- More like “gray-box” setting
- Observation of physical properties (passive)
- Tampering (active)



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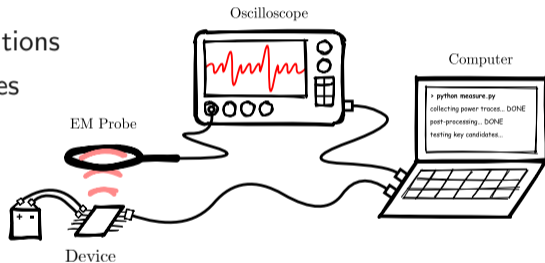
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## Other Works/Activities

# Part I - Passive Implementation Attacks



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



- Power analysis attacks on implementations of PQC decryption
- Full key recovery from a single power measurement
- Applicability to protected implementations
- Improved attack method targeting encryption operations

CHES 2017 [PPM17]

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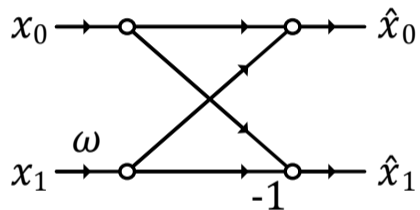
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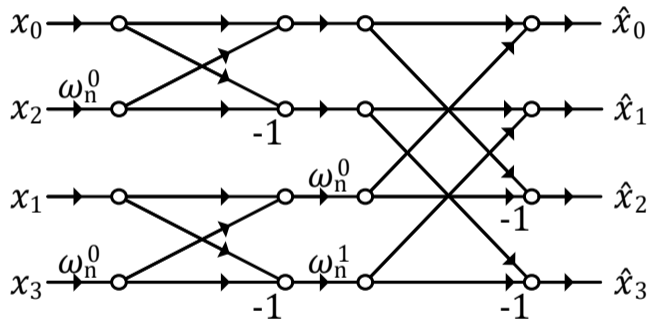
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- Naive polynomial multiplication:  $\mathcal{O}(n^2)$
- Better: Number Theoretic Transform (NTT)
  - $\approx$  FFT in  $\mathbb{Z}_q[x]$
  - $a \cdot b = \text{INTT}(\text{NTT}(a) \circ \text{NTT}(b))$
  - $\mathcal{O}(n \log n)$



Butterfly = 2-coefficient NTT



4-coefficient NTT

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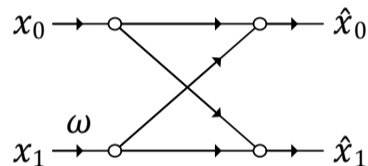
- Thus  $\hat{r}_2$  can be expressed as:

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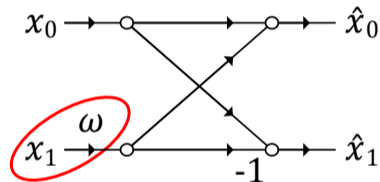
Steps:

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3. Key recovery via lattice decoding

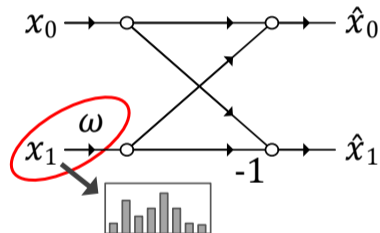
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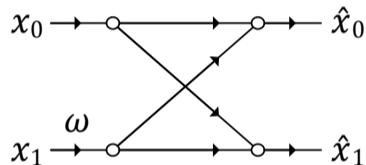
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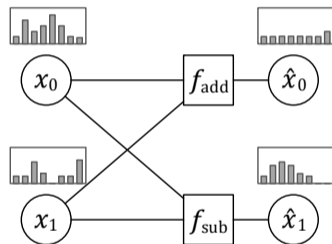
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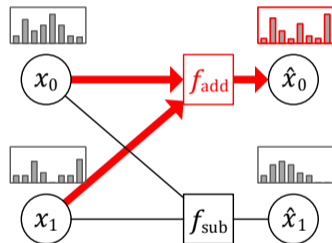
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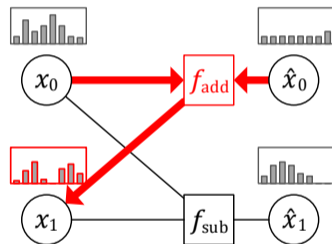


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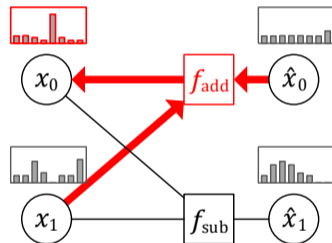




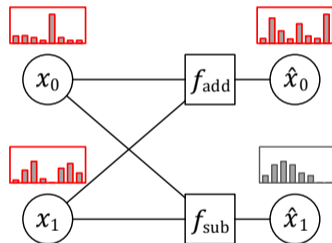
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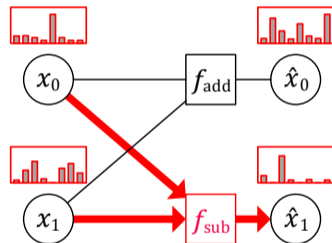
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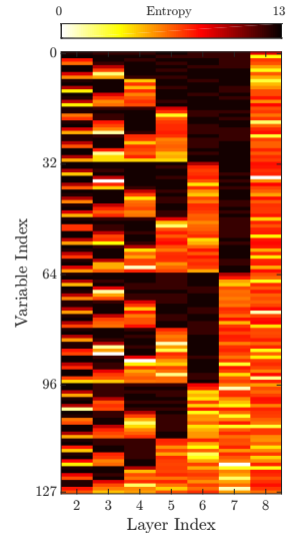
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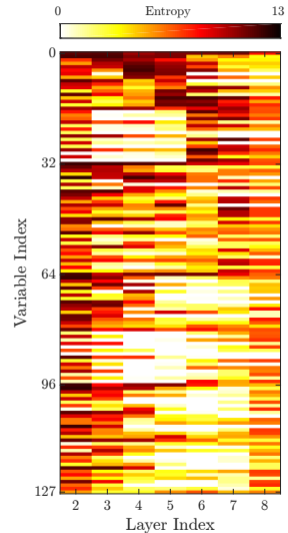
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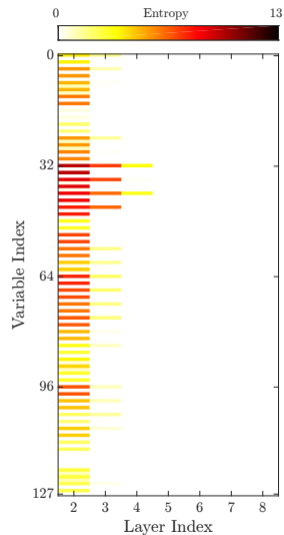
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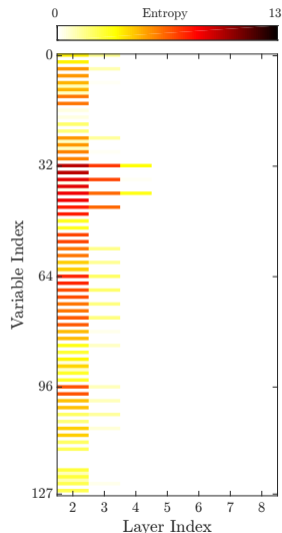
BP: Iteration  $\geq 20$



- 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  $r_2$
- Combine the equation system with the public key
- Recover  $r_2$  by solving a reduced rank ( $256 - 192 = 64$ ) SVP problem
- Success rate of lattice decoding is 1

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LATINCRYPT 2019 [PP19]

**More Practical Single-Trace Attacks on  
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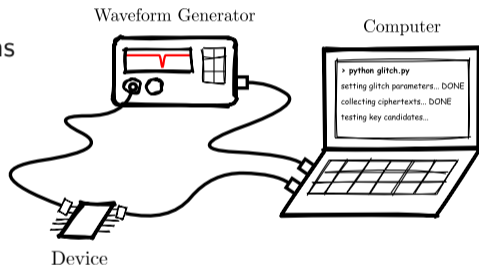
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- Improved factor graph representation of NTT
- New message scheduling
- Usage of message damping
- Changed attack setting to encryption phase (KEM)
- Attack on real constant-time Kyber implementation on ARM Cortex-M4
- Simple univariate Hamming-weight templates

## Part II - Active Implementation Attacks



- Breaking security of crypto implementations
- Disturbance of normal device operation
  - Voltage glitch
  - Clock glitch
  - Laser fault induction
  - ...



- New fault attack exploitation techniques
- Particularly versatile and hard to prevent
- Largely unaffected by redundant computation or masking
- Efficient countermeasures



## CHES 2018 [Dob+18b]

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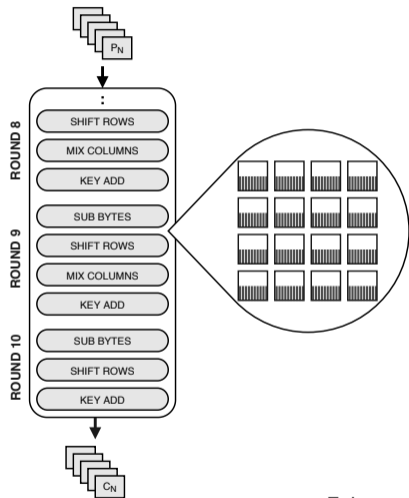
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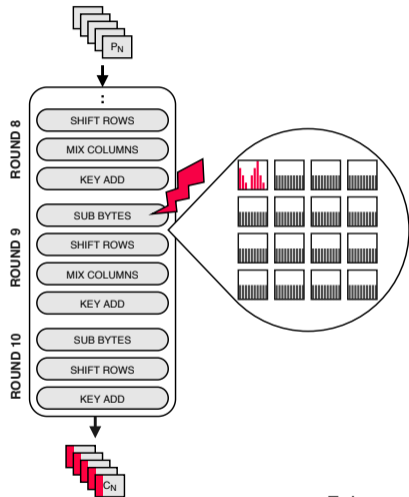
- Distribution of ciphertext bytes is uniform
- (Also after only 9 rounds)



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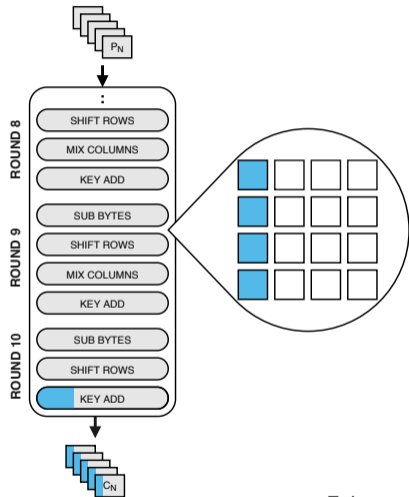
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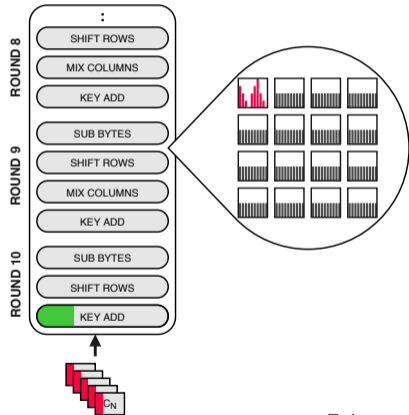
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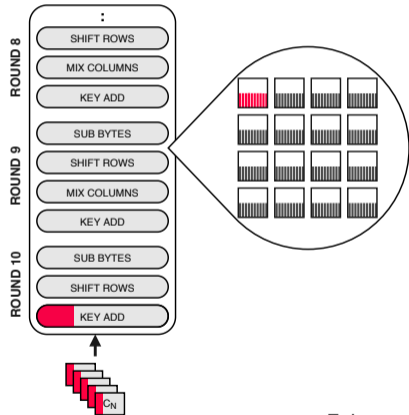
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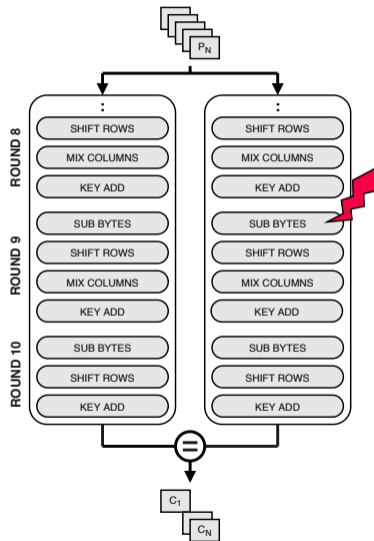
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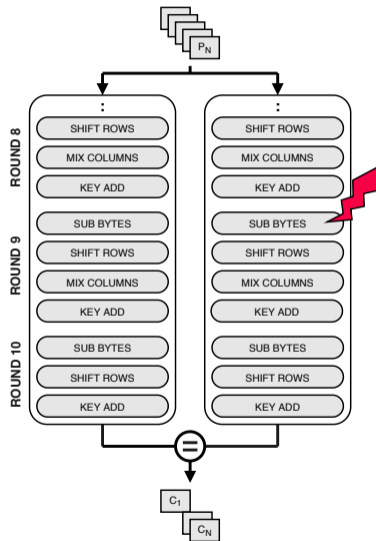


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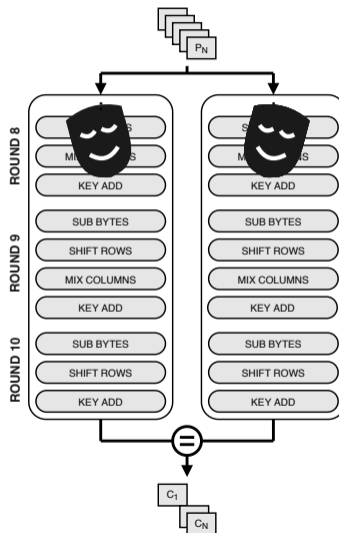


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  - “Effective” faults are filtered out
  - Correct ciphertexts still show a bias
  - Exploitation works same as before

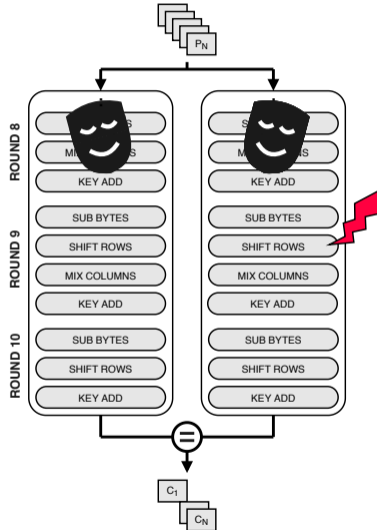




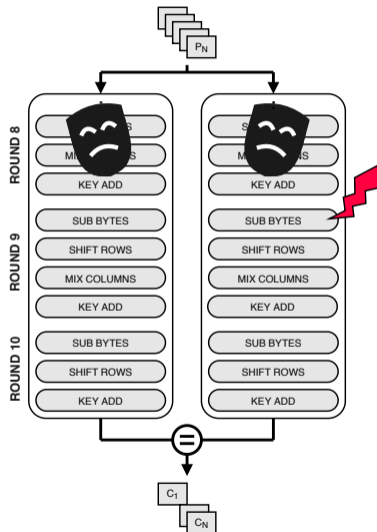
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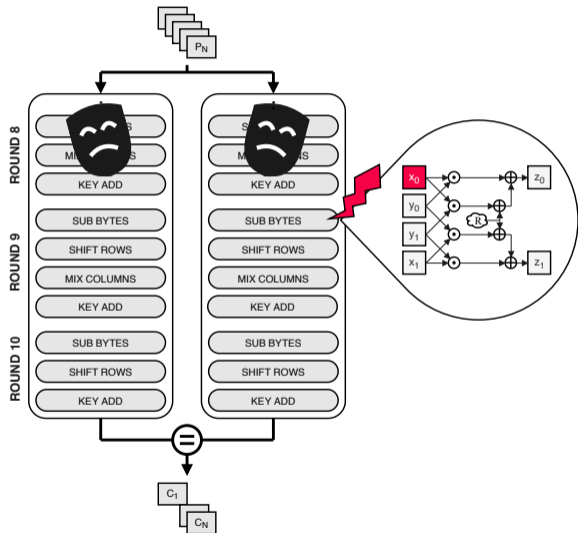
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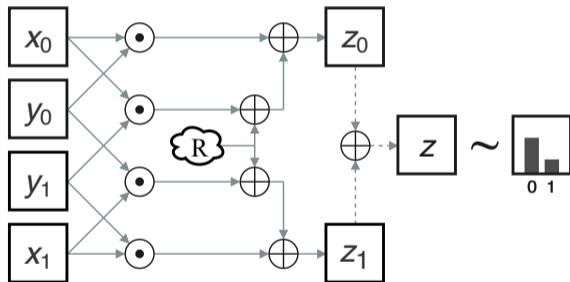


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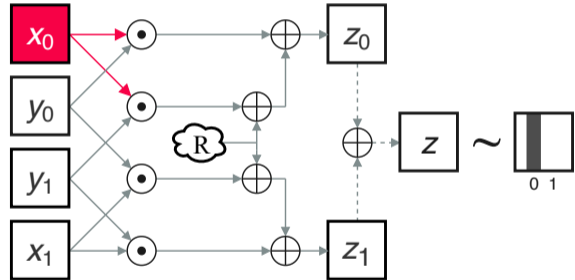


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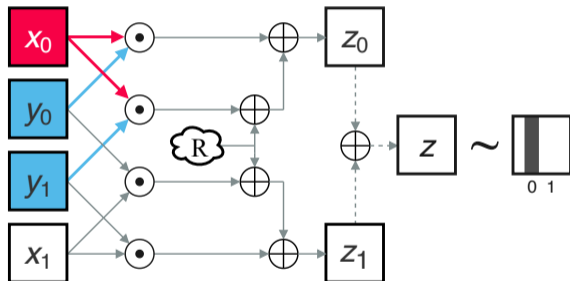
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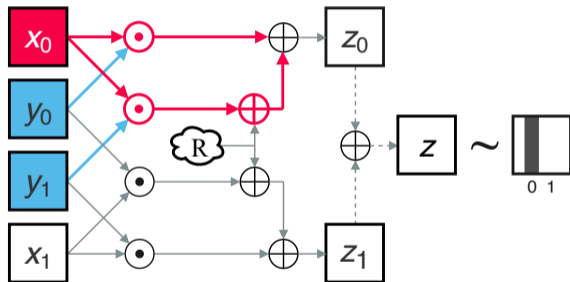
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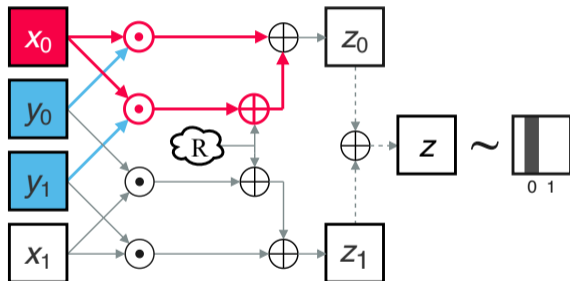


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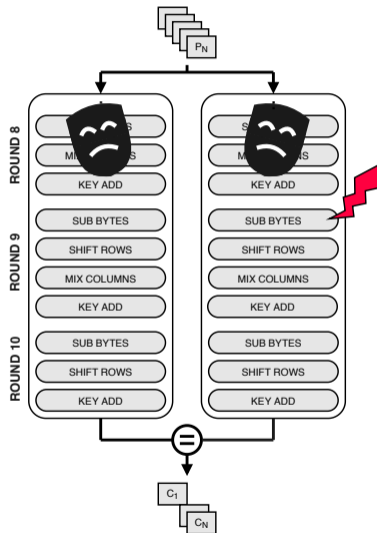




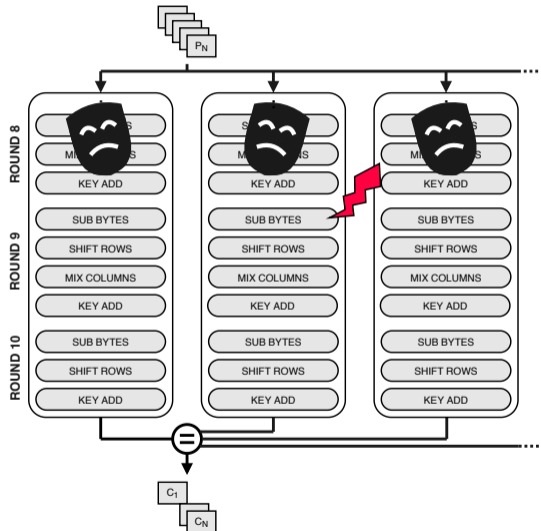
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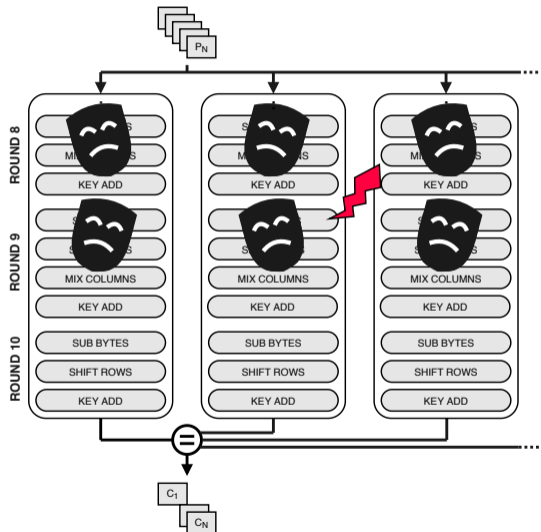
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- Statistical model of SIFA
- Applicability to other fault countermeasures (infection, majority voting)
- Simulated attacks on many different crypto building blocks
- Practical evaluations for (protected) implementations on
  - Microcontrollers
  - Hardware co-processors

CHES 2020 [Dae+20]

**Protecting against Statistical Ineffective  
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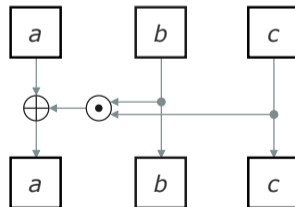
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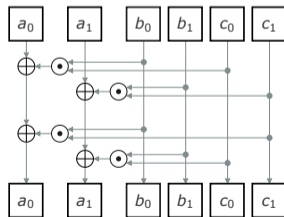
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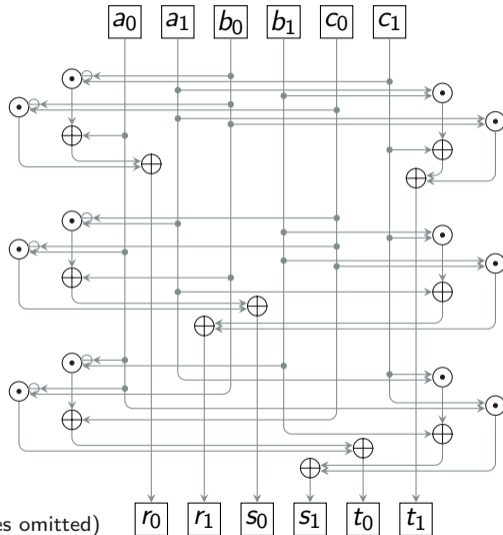


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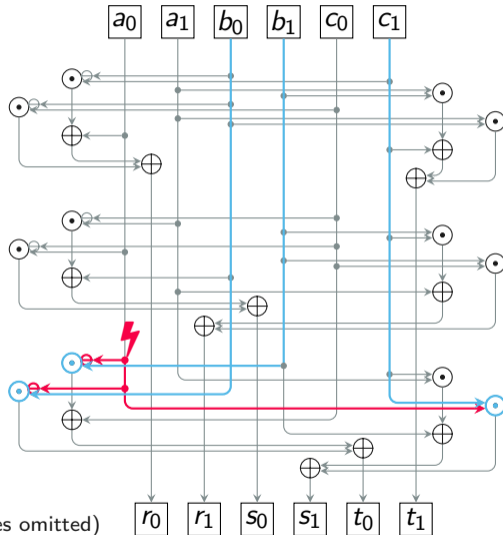
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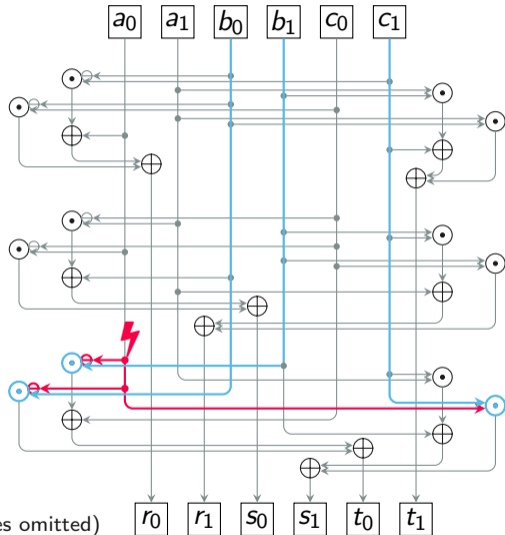
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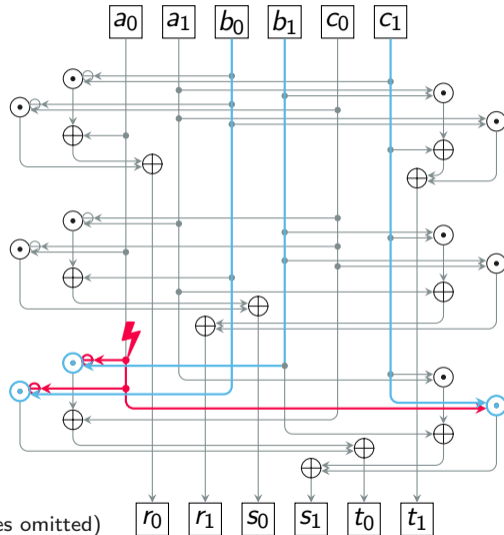
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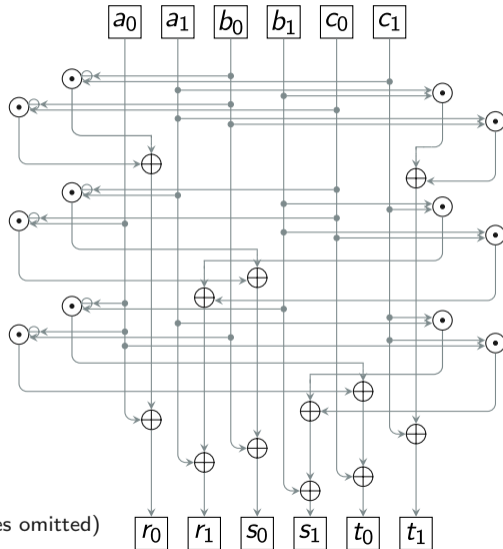
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  - Bias at S-box output



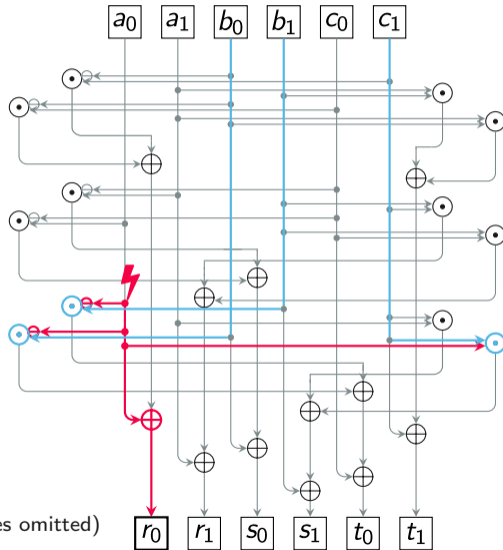
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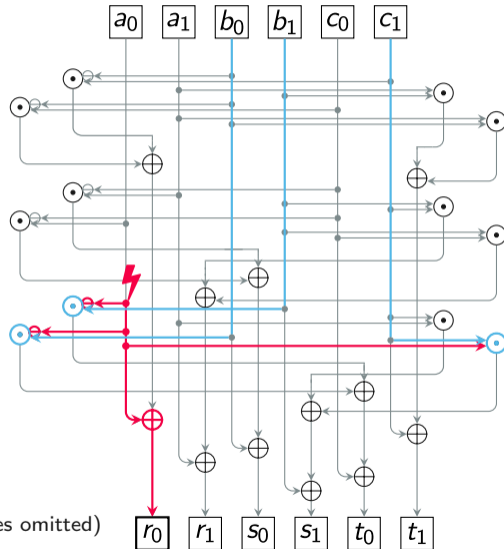
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- More precisely: Differences must not cancel based on all shares of a native variable



(Refreshing of shares omitted)

- We show applicability of Toffoli constructions ...
  - for all 3-bit and many 4-bit S-boxes
  - for Chi-5-ish S-boxes and the AES S-box
- Alternative countermeasure strategy
  - Fine-grained redundancy checks
  - Protection against multi-fault SIFA (but less efficient)
- Discuss additional implementation aspects for SW/HW

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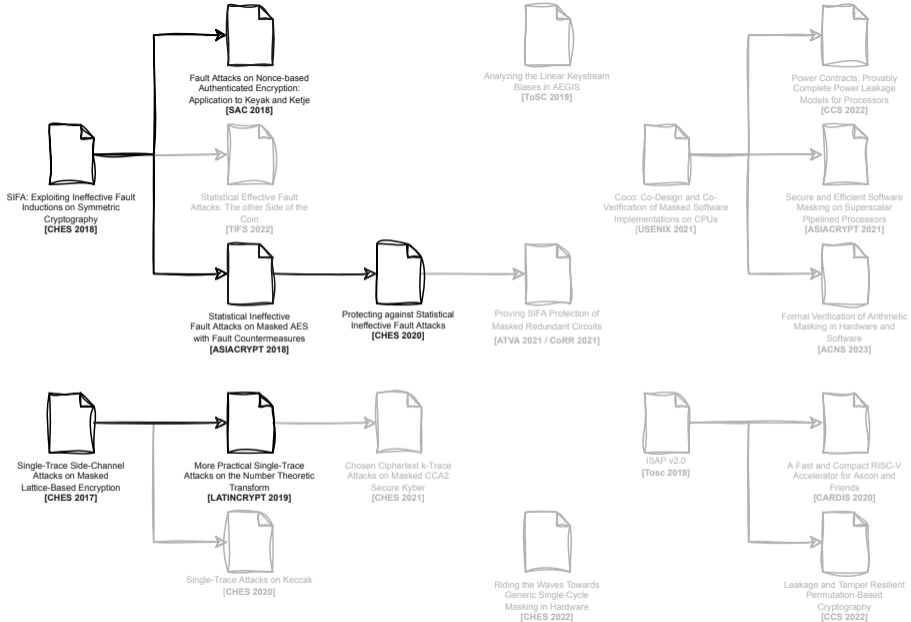
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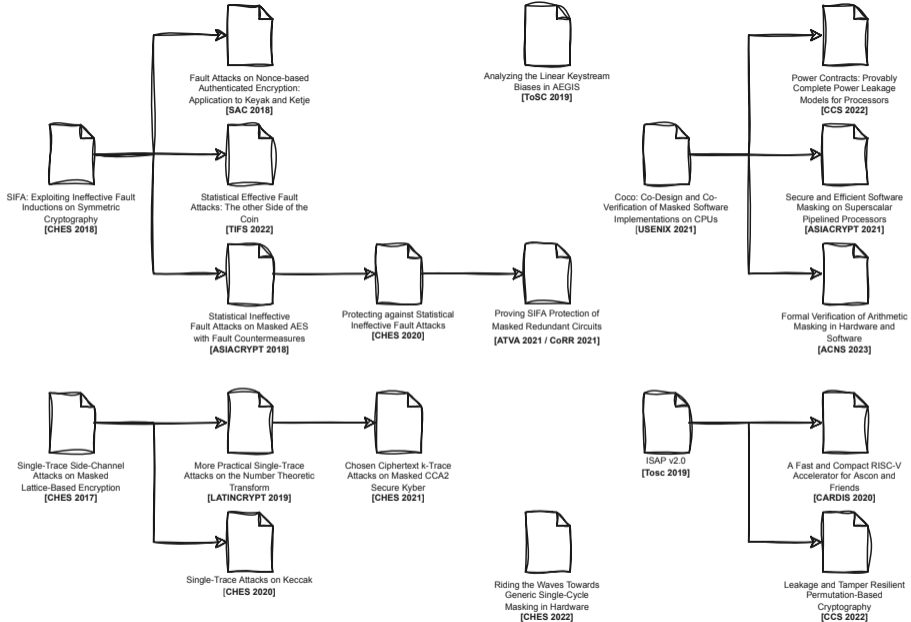
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- Show applicability of SIFA for nonce-based AEAD
- Key-recovery strategies for Keyak and Ketje

# 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



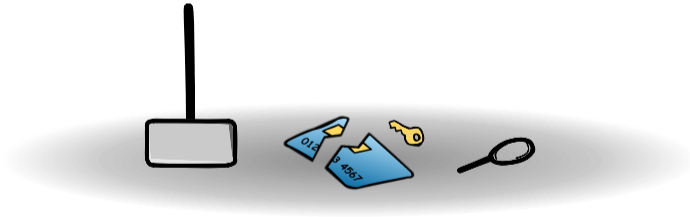




- Talks at 10+ conferences/workshops
- Supervised 15+ students during bachelor/master project/thesis
- Lectures and practicals of the SCS course
- Involved in the submission of ISAP to NIST LWC standardization
- PC member: FDTC
- Artifact evaluator: CHES
- Refereeing:

AFRICACRYPT, ASIACRYPT, CCDS, CHES, COMJNL, COSADE, CRYPTO, CSUR, CT-RSA,  
EUROCRYPT, EuroS&P, MICPRO, SAC, TC, TCAD, TIFS

Thank you!

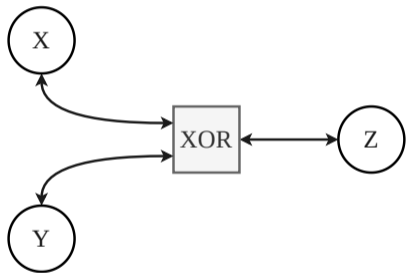


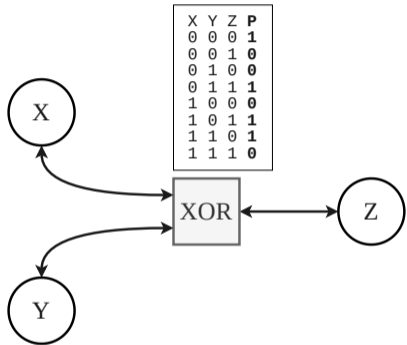
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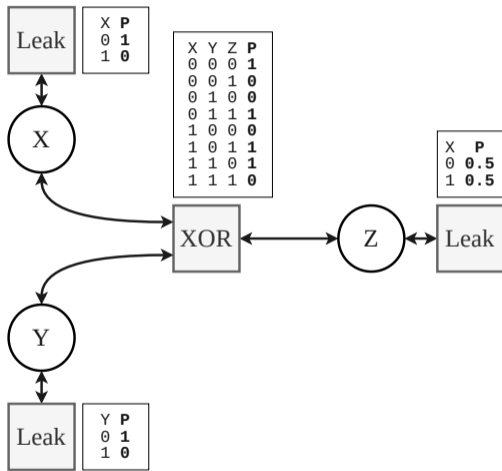
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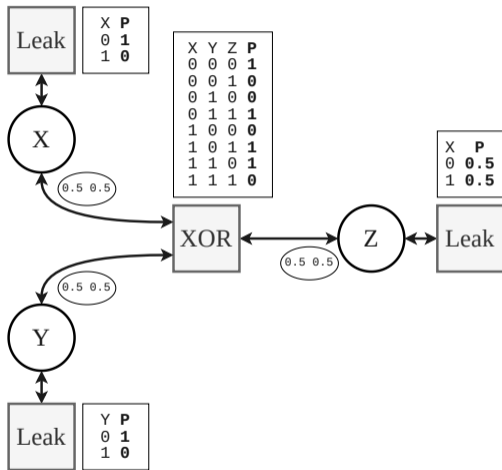
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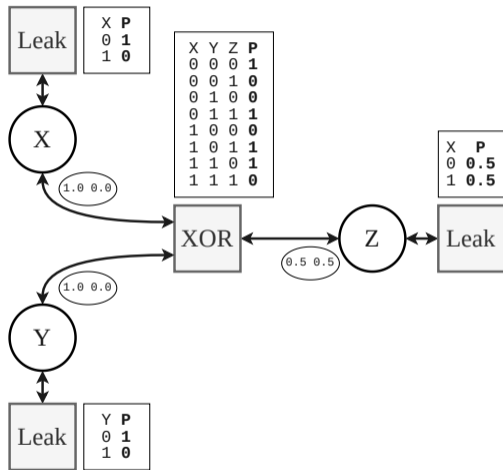


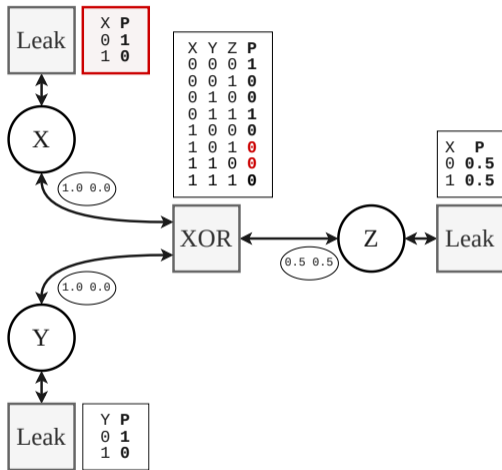


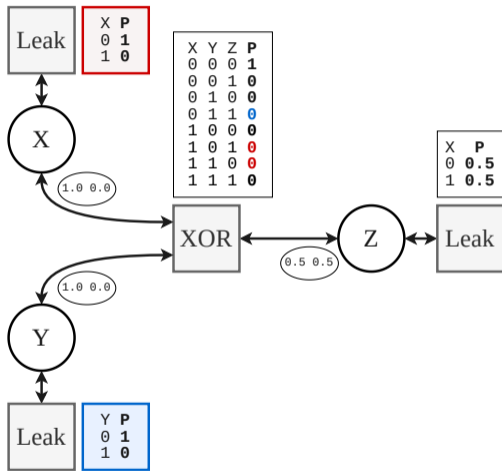


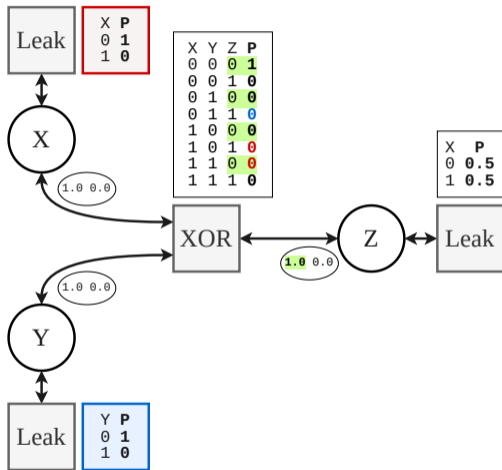


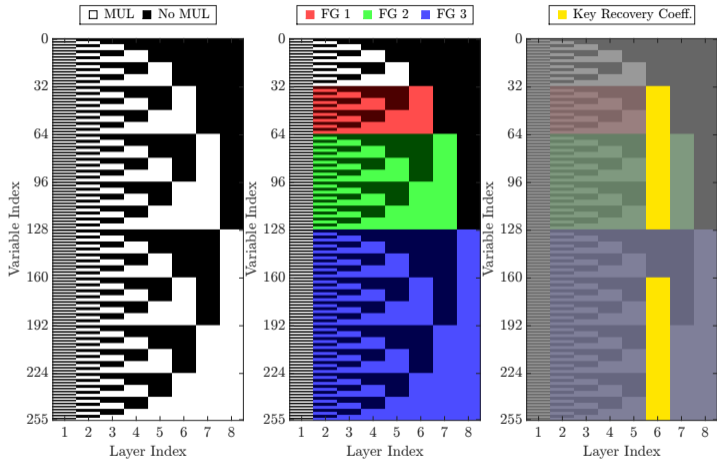


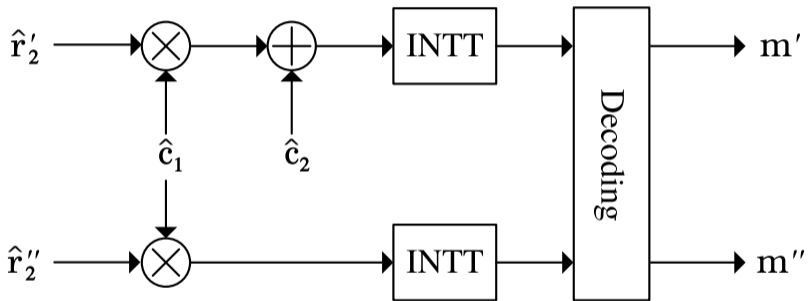










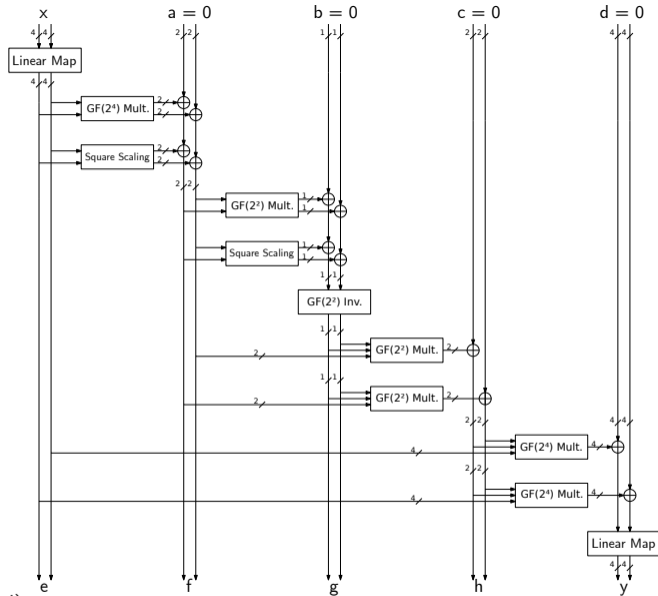


Inputs:

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

Outputs:

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



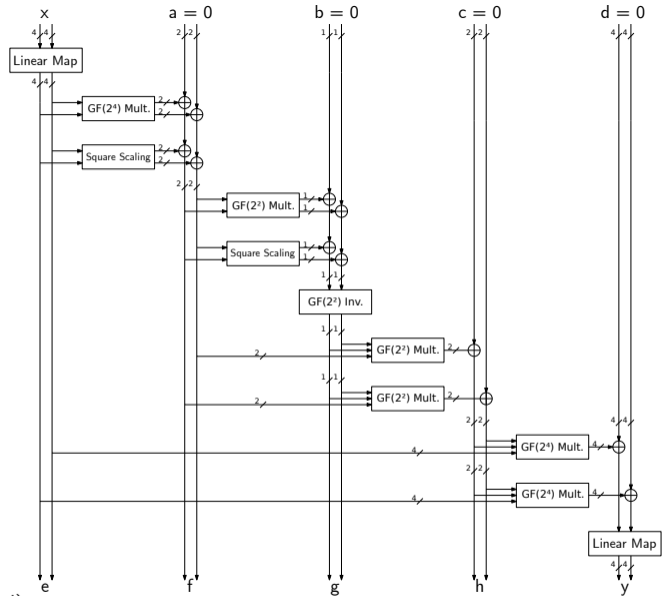
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When masked:

- $x_0, x_1$  (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



(Masking omitted)



Input to		Bit positions				
$\theta_1$	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	
$\chi_1$	-----1	8-----1	8-----1	8-----	-----1	
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$\theta_2$	-----1	8-----	-----	-----	-----1	
	-----	8-----	-----	-----	-----1	
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Input to	Bit positions				
$\theta_1$	ff	bf	7f	bf	fb
	fe	bf	7f	bf	fb
	fe	bf	7f	ff	fb
	fe	bf	7f	bf	fb
	fe	ff	7f	bf	ff
$\chi_1$	-1	81	81	8-	-1
	-1	81	8-	8-	-1
	-1	81	8-	8-	-1
	-1	81	8-	8-	-1
	-1	81	8-	8-	-1
$\theta_2$	-1	8-	--	--	-1
	--	8-	--	--	-1
	--	8-	--	--	-1
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$\chi_2$	-1	--	--	--	--
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