

# Comprehensive Security Analysis of CRAFT

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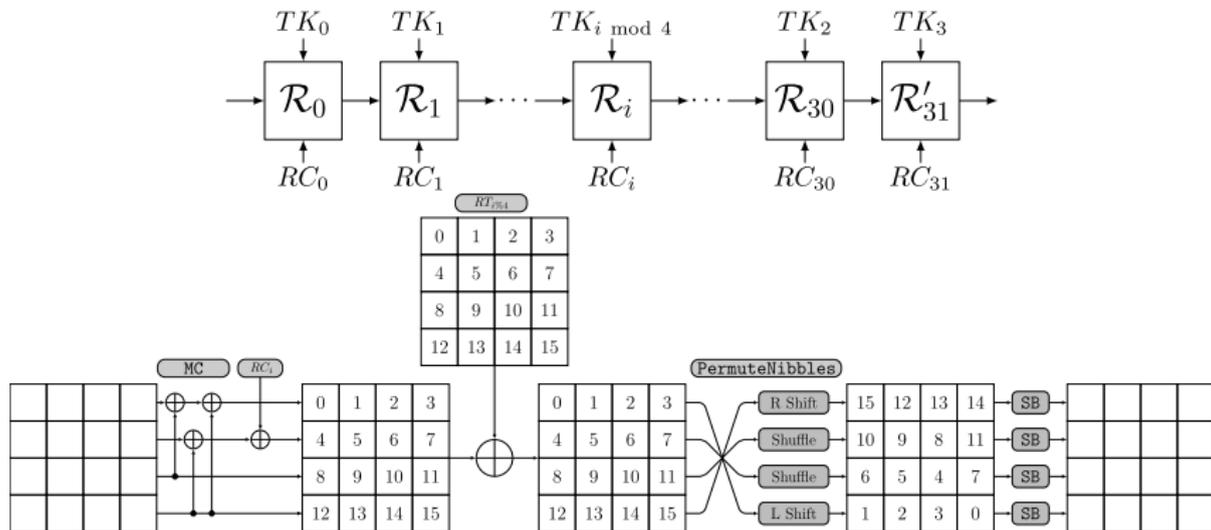
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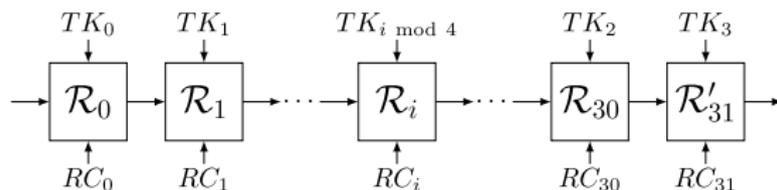
# CRAFT

- CRAFT: A light-weight tweakable block cipher, taking efficient protection against DFA<sup>1</sup> in consideration, from design phase [BLMR19]
- Main Parameters: 64-bit block, 128-bit key, 64-bit tweak, 32 rounds



<sup>1</sup>Differential Fault Attack

# CRAFT's Tweakey Schedule



## Tweakey Schedule

Let  $K_0 \| K_1 \in \mathbb{F}_2^{64} \times \mathbb{F}_2^{64}$  are two halves of secret key  $K$ , and  $T \in \mathbb{F}_2^{64}$  is the master tweak. Then

$$TK_0 = K_0 \oplus T,$$

$$TK_1 = K_1 \oplus T,$$

$$TK_2 = K_0 \oplus Q(T),$$

$$TK_3 = K_1 \oplus Q(T),$$

where  $Q$  is a circular permutation on the position of tweak nibbles

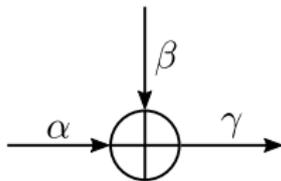
$$Q = [12, 10, 15, 5, 14, 8, 9, 2, 11, 3, 7, 4, 6, 0, 1, 13]$$

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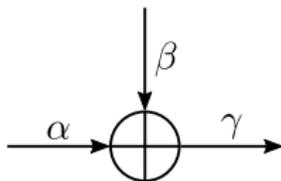
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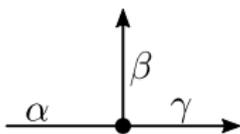


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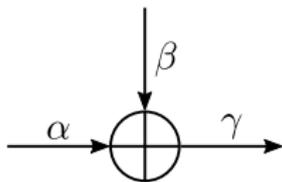


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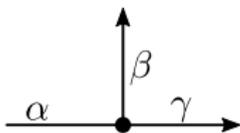


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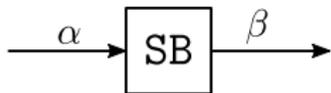
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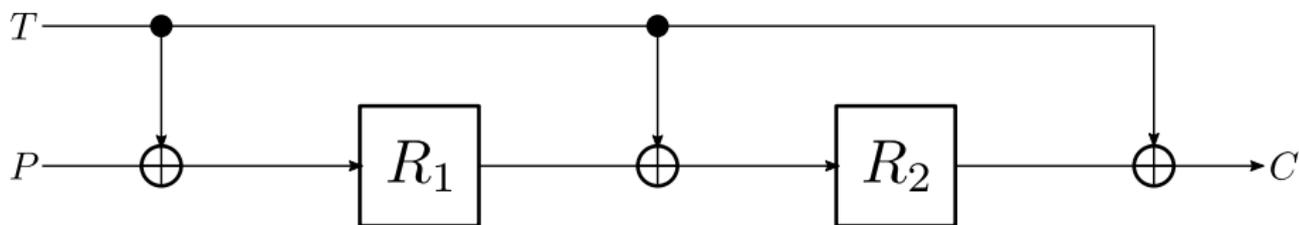
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$$\text{LAT}[\alpha][\beta] \neq 0$$

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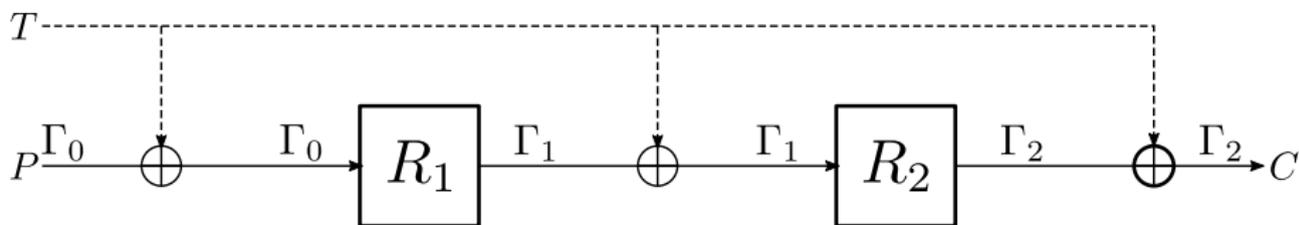
- Consider a toy tweakable block cipher like this<sup>2</sup>:



<sup>2</sup>Has been taken from [ADG<sup>+</sup>19]

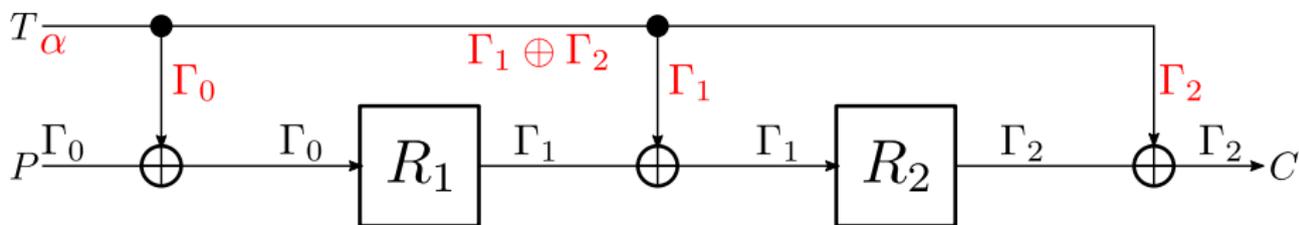
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- Extra (linear) constraint is induced:  $\alpha = \Gamma_0 \oplus \Gamma_1 \oplus \Gamma_2$
- Possibility of existing a ZC distinguisher is increased [ADG<sup>+</sup>19]



# Our Strategy to Search for ZC Distinguishers

## Tasks Performed by Computer

- 1 Generate a bit-oriented MILP model describing the propagation of linear masks
- 2 Solve the generated model for all possible input/output masks with hamming weight of one
- 3 The correlation of a linear hull with input/output masks for which the MILP model is infeasible, will be zero

## Tasks Performed by Human

Using manual approaches, the contradiction inside the discovered ZC distinguishers, is extracted

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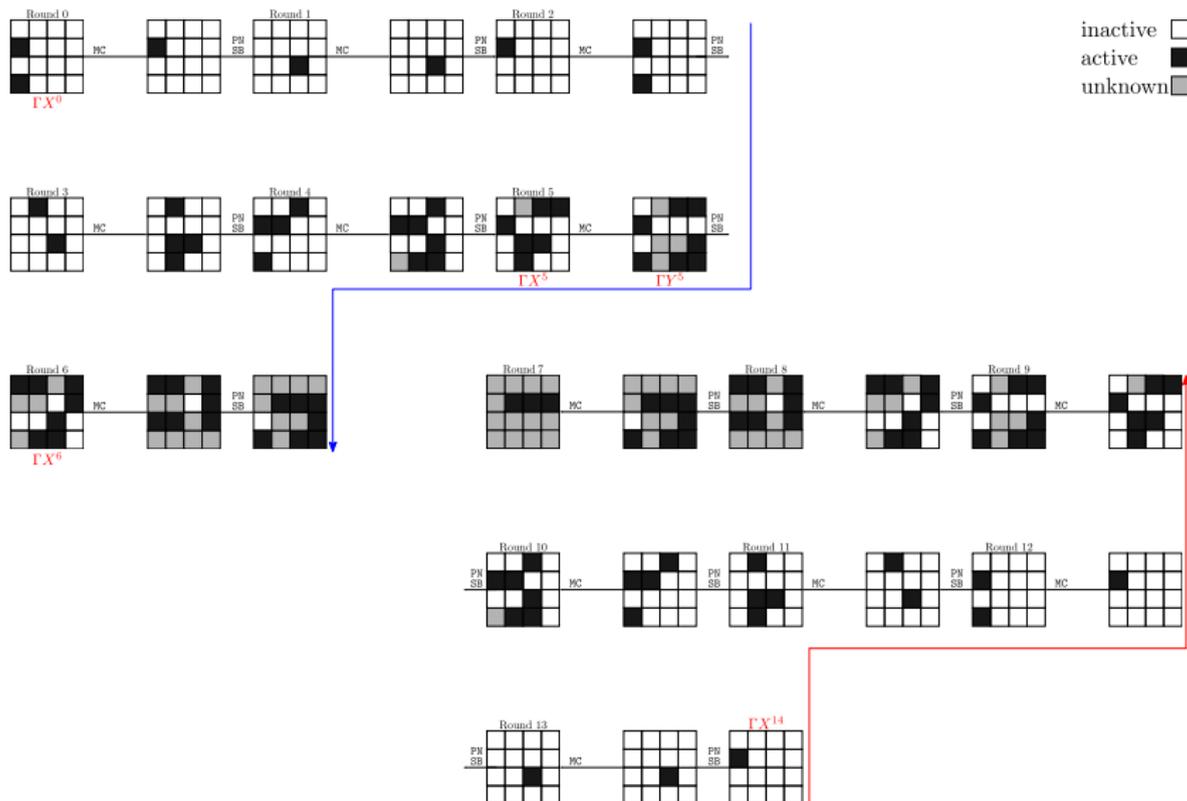
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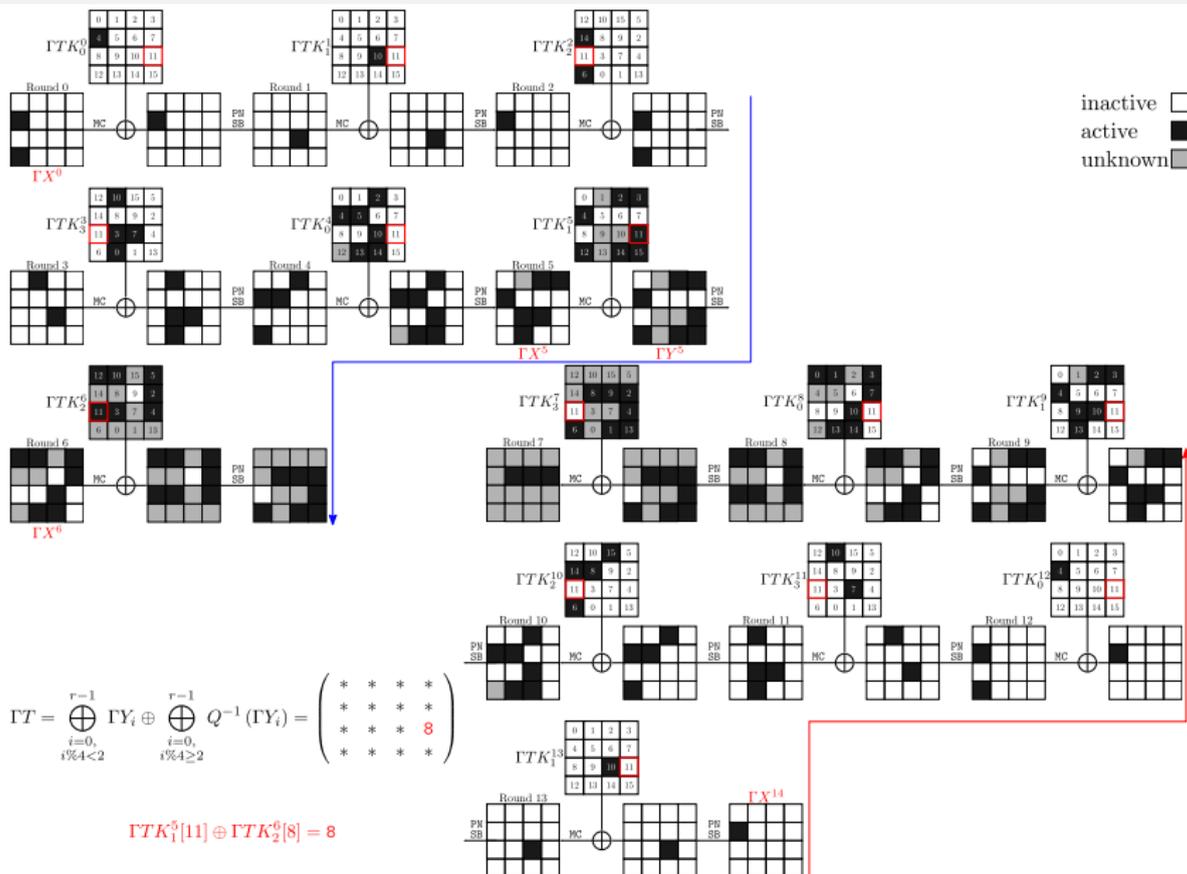
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where \* depicts an arbitrary value in  $\mathbb{F}_2^4$ , and  $\gamma, \delta \in \mathbb{F}_2^4 \setminus \{0\}$ .

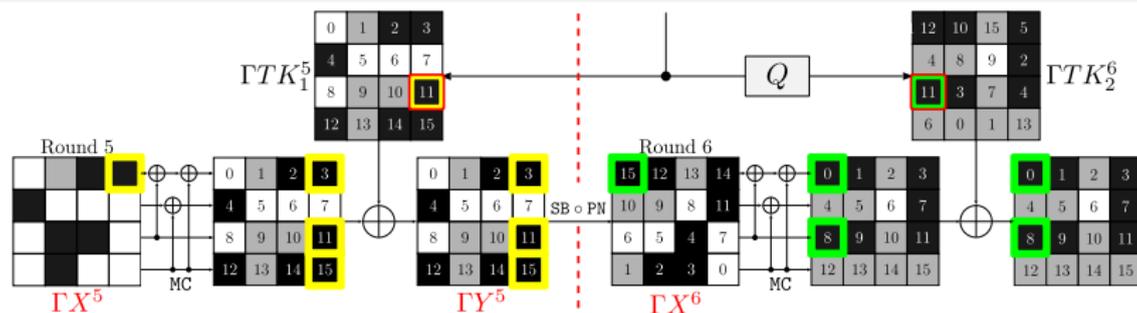
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According to the MC, PN, and SB in round 5

$$\Gamma Y^5[11] = \Gamma Y^5[15] \Rightarrow \Gamma X^6[0] \in \text{LAT}[\Gamma Y^5[11]]$$

**Contradiction:**  $\exists (x, y) \in \mathbb{F}_2^4 \times \mathbb{F}_2^4$  s.t.  $(\text{LAT}[x][y] \neq 0) \wedge (x \oplus y = 8)$

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# Link Between ZC and Integral Distinguishers

## Theorem

[BLNW12] Let  $F : \mathbb{F}_2^n \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_2^n$  be a function, and  $A$  be a subspace of  $\mathbb{F}_2^n$  and  $\beta \in \mathbb{F}_2^n \setminus \{0\}$ . Suppose that  $(\alpha, \beta)$  is a zero-correlation linear approximation for any  $\alpha \in A$ , then for any  $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}_2^n$ ,  $\langle \beta, F(x + \lambda) \rangle$  is balanced on the following set

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

## Theorem

[BLNW12] A nontrivial zero-correlation linear hull of a block cipher always implies the existence of an integral distinguisher.

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Case	$\dim(A)$	$\dim(A^\perp)$	data complexity	# rounds
$RT_0$	1	67	$2^{67} = 2^4 \times 2^{63}$	14
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# Evaluating the Differential Effect

We use `CryptoSMT` [Ste]:

- 1 Encode the problem into a SAT problem in CNF form
- 2 Fix the input and output differences
- 3 Ask a SAT solver<sup>2</sup> to find differential trail  $x$  if it exists
- 4 Add a new condition to exclude  $x$
- 5 Ask the solver to find a new differential trail  $x$  if it exists
- 6 Repeat steps 4 and 5 until the solver returns UNSAT
- 7 Add the probability of all differential trails together

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<sup>2</sup>CryptoMiniSat

# Optimizing Sbox-Encoding in CryptoSMT

## From DDT to CNF

DDT of Sbox is encoded using the minimized CNF representation of the following Boolean function:

$$f(x, y, p) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } \Pr\{x \rightarrow y\} = 0, \\ \begin{cases} 1 & p = (1, 1, 1) \\ 0 & \text{o.w} \end{cases} & \text{if } \Pr\{x \rightarrow y\} = 2^{-3}, \\ \begin{cases} 1 & p = (0, 1, 1) \\ 0 & \text{o.w} \end{cases} & \text{if } \Pr\{x \rightarrow y\} = 2^{-2}, \\ \begin{cases} 1 & p = (0, 0, 0) \\ 0 & \text{o.w} \end{cases} & \text{if } \Pr\{x \rightarrow y\} = 1 \end{cases},$$

where  $x, y \in \mathbb{F}_2^4$  are the input/output differences of the Sbox, and  $p = (p_0, p_1, p_2)$ , such that  $\sum_{i=0}^2 p_i = -\log_2(\Pr\{x \rightarrow y\})$  [SWW18].

The minimized CNF can be obtained via QM [Qui52] and Espresso [BHMSV84]

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- $3513898 = 2^{21.74}$  optimal trails were counted on a desktop in 4 days, before interrupting the run!

# Some Inspiring Observations

## Observation I

There is always an optimum distinguishers for any even (starting from 8) or odd (starting from 9) number of rounds, with the following input/output differences:

$$0AAA \ 00AA \ 0000 \ 00AA \xrightarrow{\text{r-round; even, } \Pr_c^{o,r} = 2^{-(56+8(r-8))}} 0A00 \ 0000 \ 0000 \ 00AA,$$

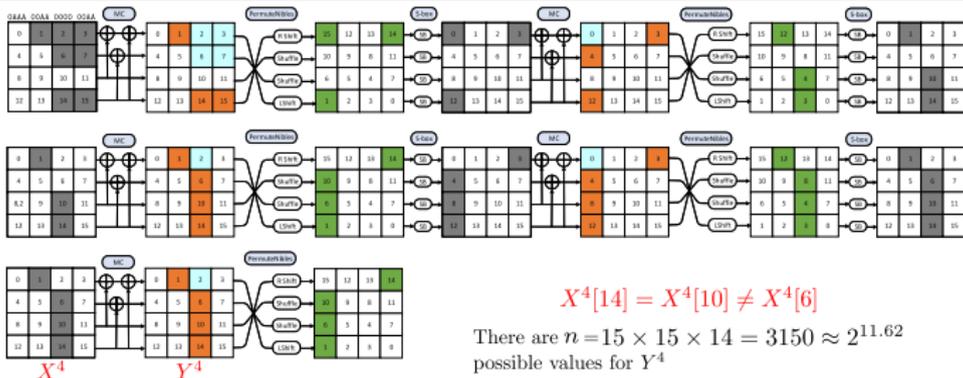
$$AA0A \ AA00 \ 0000 \ AA00 \xrightarrow{\text{r-round; odd, } \Pr_c^{o,r} = 2^{-(64+8(r-9))}} 0A00 \ 0000 \ 0000 \ 00AA.$$

## Observation II

The above differential distinguishers can be divided into three parts in which the middle part is a repeatable one.

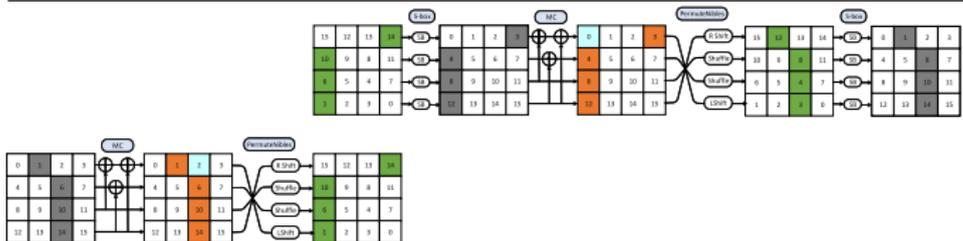
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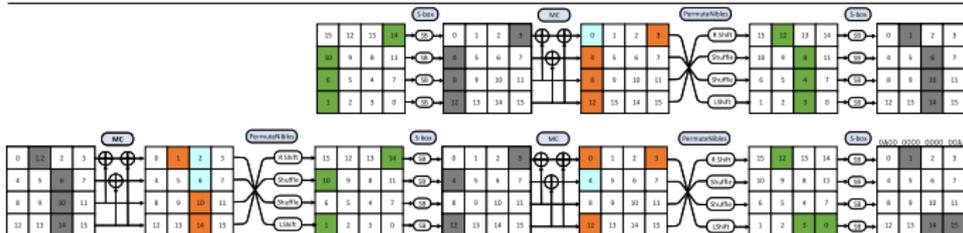
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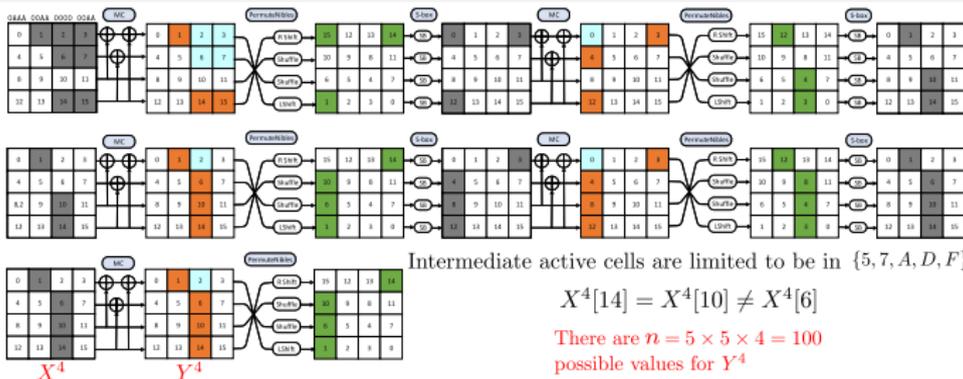
## Another Observation - DDT of CRAFT'Sbox

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1	0	2	4	0	2	2	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
2	0	4	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	0	0
3	0	0	0	0	2	0	4	2	2	2	0	0	0	2	0	2
4	0	2	4	2	2	2	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
5	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	4	0	2	4	0	2	0	0	0
6	0	2	0	4	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	2	2	0	2
7	0	0	0	2	0	4	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	4	2	0
8	0	2	0	2	2	0	2	0	0	2	0	2	2	0	2	0
9	0	0	4	2	0	2	0	0	2	2	0	2	2	0	0	0
A	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	4
B	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	2	2	0	4	0	2	0	2
C	0	0	4	0	0	2	2	0	2	2	0	0	2	0	2	0
D	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	4	0	0	4	2	0	0	2	0
E	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	2	2	4	2
F	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	4	2	0	0	2	4

$$\forall x \in \{5, 7, A, D, F\} \exists y \in \{5, 7, A, D, F\} \text{ s.t. } \Pr\{x \rightarrow y\} = 2^{-2}$$

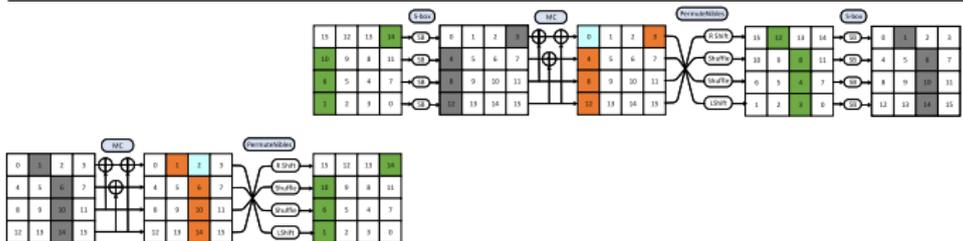
$$\forall x \in \{5, 7, A, D, F\} \forall z \notin \{5, 7, A, D, F\} : \Pr\{x \rightarrow z\} \leq 2^{-3}$$

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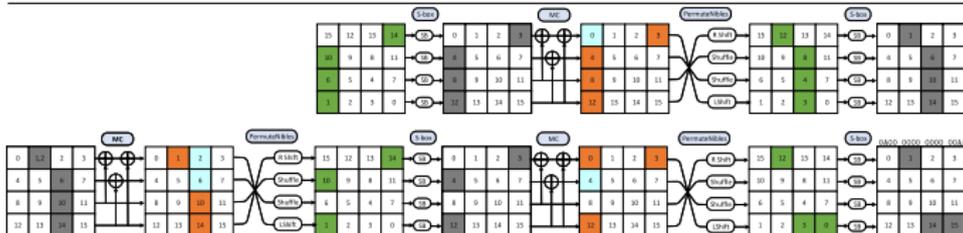
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# Improved Differential Distinguishers of CRAFT

Results achieved by combining SAT based method and partitioning technique:

# Rounds	$r_{in}$	$r_m$	$r_{out}$	Pr	# optimum trails
9	4	-	5	$2^{-40.20}$	$2^{23.32}$
10	4	-	6	$2^{-44.89}$	$2^{26.49}$
11	4	2	5	$2^{-49.79}$	$2^{29.66}$
12	4	2	6	$2^{-54.48}$	$2^{32.83}$
13	4	4	5	$2^{-59.13}$	$2^{36.00}$
14	4	4	6	$2^{-63.80}$	$2^{39.18}$

# Contributions

Attack	# Rounds	Probability	Reference
<i>ST-D</i>	10	$2^{-62.61}$	[BLMR19]
	10	$2^{-44.89}$	this paper
	11	$2^{-49.79}$	
	12	$2^{-54.48}$	
	13	$2^{-59.13}$	
	14	$2^{-63.80}$	
<i>ST-TD</i>	12	$2^{-36}$	[MA19]
<i>ST-LH</i>	14	$2^{-62.12}$	[BLMR19]
<i>RT<sub>0</sub>-D</i>	15	$2^{-55.14}$	[BLMR19]
<i>RT<sub>1</sub>-D</i>	16	$2^{-57.18}$	
<i>RT<sub>2</sub>-D</i>	17	$2^{-60.14}$	
<i>RT<sub>3</sub>-D</i>	16	$2^{-55.14}$	
<i>ST-ID</i>	13	-	
<i>ST-INT</i>	13	-	
<i>ST-ZC</i>	13	-	
<i>RT-ZC</i>	14	-	this paper
<i>RT-INT</i>	14	-	this paper
<i>RK-D</i>	32	$2^{-32}$	[EY19]

# Thank You for Listening!

All of our codes are publicly available via the following link:

`https://github.com/hadipourh/craftanalysis`

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