

Data Encryption Standard (DES)

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DES

history/standardisation/speed

DES

- Federal Standard FIPS 46-3
- Intended to be used to protect all US government communications... First and the only encryption algorithm known for many years.
- Adopted by all the other countries, (incapacity to design their own cryptographic algorithm that would not be broken by the NSA ?).
 - Russia: GOST, different S-boxes can be specified.
- Used by almost anyone... - a de facto industry standard.
- 3-DES still used a lot in banking/financial sector (e.g. in bank cards). Replaced by AES slowly, over 20 years (!).

DES

- July 26, 2004:
NIST announces withdrawal of DES.
- Withdrawn a bit late...

Can be broken in 1 day now...

- Amateur: $2^{55} * 400$ cycles CPU,
 - Less than 1 year, 200 PCs, 3Ghz
- Smart: FPGA implementation
 - 1 year on FPGA, cost about 5000 \$
 - 1 month if we have 60 K\$ etc...
- Large budget: ACICS, DES chips:
 - Few hours with a budget of about 1M \$.

[Schneier reports that in the 80s Russia did order 100 000 DES chips from Eastern Germany Robotron]

DES Speed

In cycles on Pentium 3.

- key setup: 883
- encrypt: 472
(59 cycles per byte,
cf. AES-128 = 25 cycles per byte)

Cost of Exhaustive Search ?

$2^{55} * 472$ cycles on Pentium 3.

Gives 2^{64} cycles (CPU clocks) !

2 GHz => 2^{31} cycles per second.

2^{43} cycles per hour.

2^{47} cycles per day

2^{55} cycles per year, still not enough.

=> Even today we need $2^9 \approx 500$ PCs to break DES
in 1 year. (much faster with FPGAs...)

DES Speed – Smart Cards (1)

Low-end smart card:

- Software DES - about 50 ms
- Software 3-DES – about 150 ms
(cf. software AES-128 – about 120 ms)

⇒ Most cards have Hardware DES

⇒ Few μ s !!! (even on low-end).

DES Speed – Smart Cards (2)

SLE-66_{CX680PE}, 8051-based.

- Hardware DES - 3.5 μ s
- Hardware 3-DES - 5.3 μ s

(and hardware AES-128 - 85 μ s on recent ST22)
comparatively slow, AES requires much more surface
that DES !!!)

=> Several times **more** (2,3,5,10 times...)
if side-channel attacks are taken into
consideration !!

DES

basics

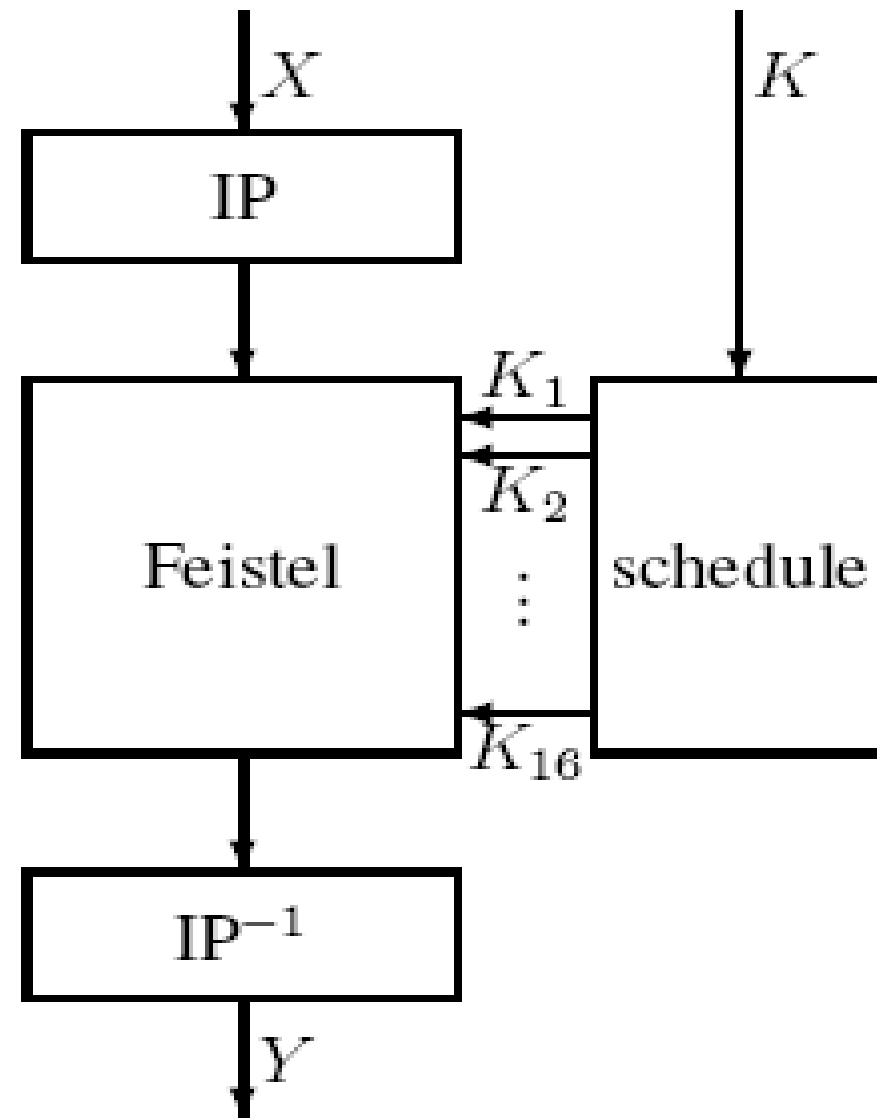
DES basics

- 64-bit blocks (8 bytes)
- effective key size: 56 bit (reduced on purpose by the NSA)
- key written as 64 bits: use 7 bits / byte,
One parity bit.

- Most authors use incompatible bit numberings...
 - (FIPSPUB-46) = 32 – (Matsui numbers)

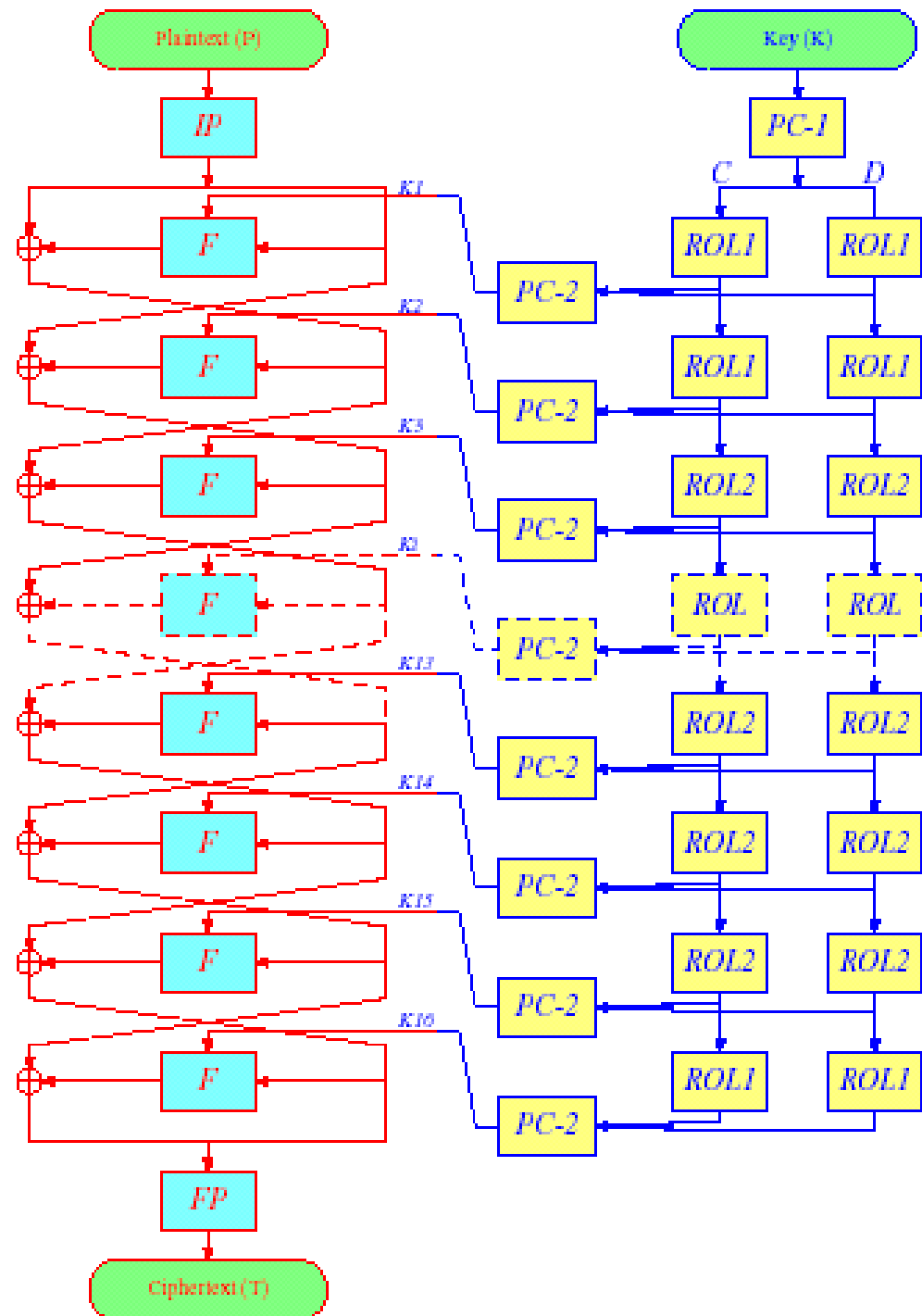
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Key Scheduling Details

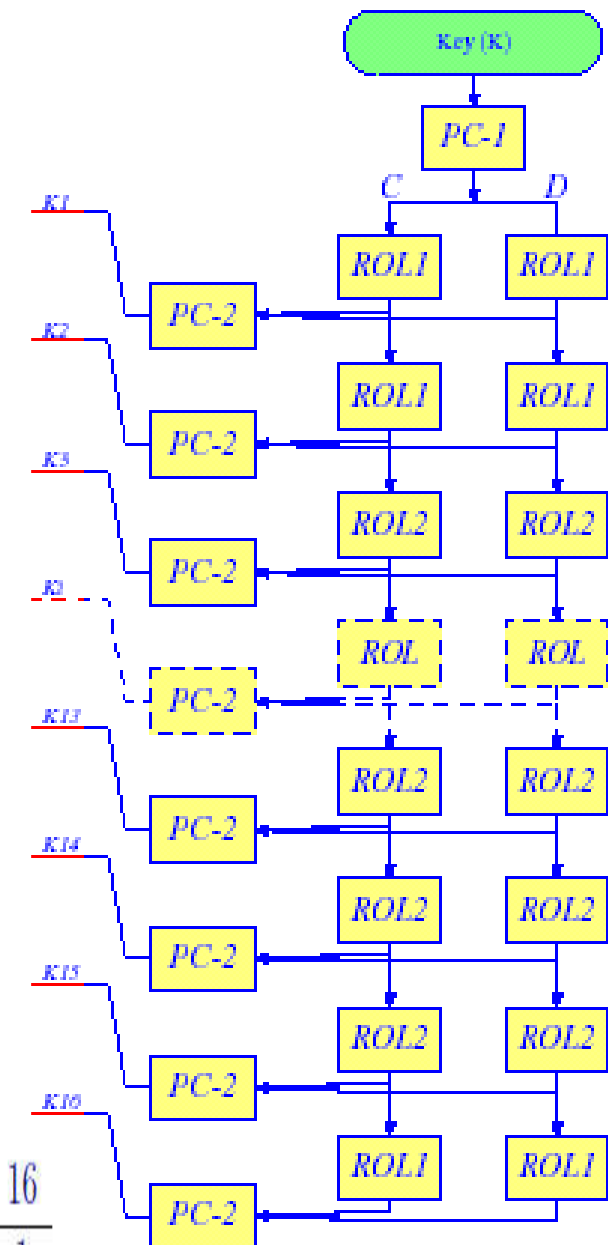
PC1						
57	49	41	33	25	17	9
1	58	50	42	34	26	18
10	2	59	51	43	35	27
19	11	3	60	52	44	36
above for C_i ; below for D_i						
63	55	47	39	31	23	15
7	62	54	46	38	30	22
14	6	61	53	45	37	29
21	13	5	28	20	12	4

PC2						
14	17	11	24	1	5	
3	28	15	6	21	10	
23	19	12	4	26	8	
16	7	27	20	13	2	
41	52	31	37	47	55	
30	40	51	45	33	48	
44	49	39	56	34	53	
46	42	50	36	29	32	

16*48 subsets of 56 bits.

- 1: $K \xrightarrow{PC1} (C, D)$
- 2: **for** $i = 1$ to 16 **do**
- 3: $C \leftarrow \text{ROL}_{r_i}(C)$
- 4: $D \leftarrow \text{ROL}_{r_i}(D)$
- 5: $K_i \leftarrow \text{PC2}(C, D)$
- 6: **end for**

i	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
r_i	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	1



*Self-Similarity in Key Schedule

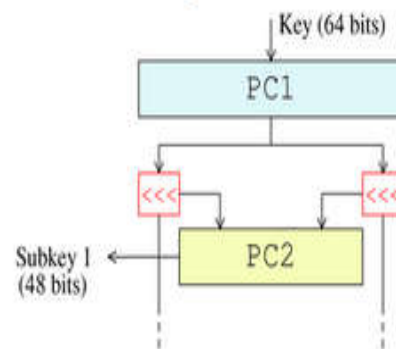
- Can DES key be periodic?
- After step 1 = key for R1
- After step 8 = key for R8
- After step 15 = key for R15
- We have a pattern G of length 7 which repeats twice.
- Unhappily $G = + 13 \bmod 28$,
- Does NOT have many fixed points.

i	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
r_i	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	1
	R1							R8							R15	

*****another description [Vaudenay,MOV,etc]

The DES key schedule is done by the following algorithm. We use two registers C and D of 28 bits. The 56 key bits from K are first split into C and D following a fixed bit selection table PC1. Then each round rotates C and D bits by r_i positions depending on the round number i . (The r_i 's are also defined by a table.) Then another bit selection table PC2 takes 24 bits from each of the two registers in order to make a round key.

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PC2						PC1						
14	17	11	24	1	5	57	49	41	33	25	17	9
3	28	15	6	21	10	1	58	50	42	34	26	18
23	19	12	4	26	8	10	2	59	51	43	35	27
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Here ROL_r is a circular rotation of r bits to the left. The r_i 's are defined by

i	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
r_i	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	1

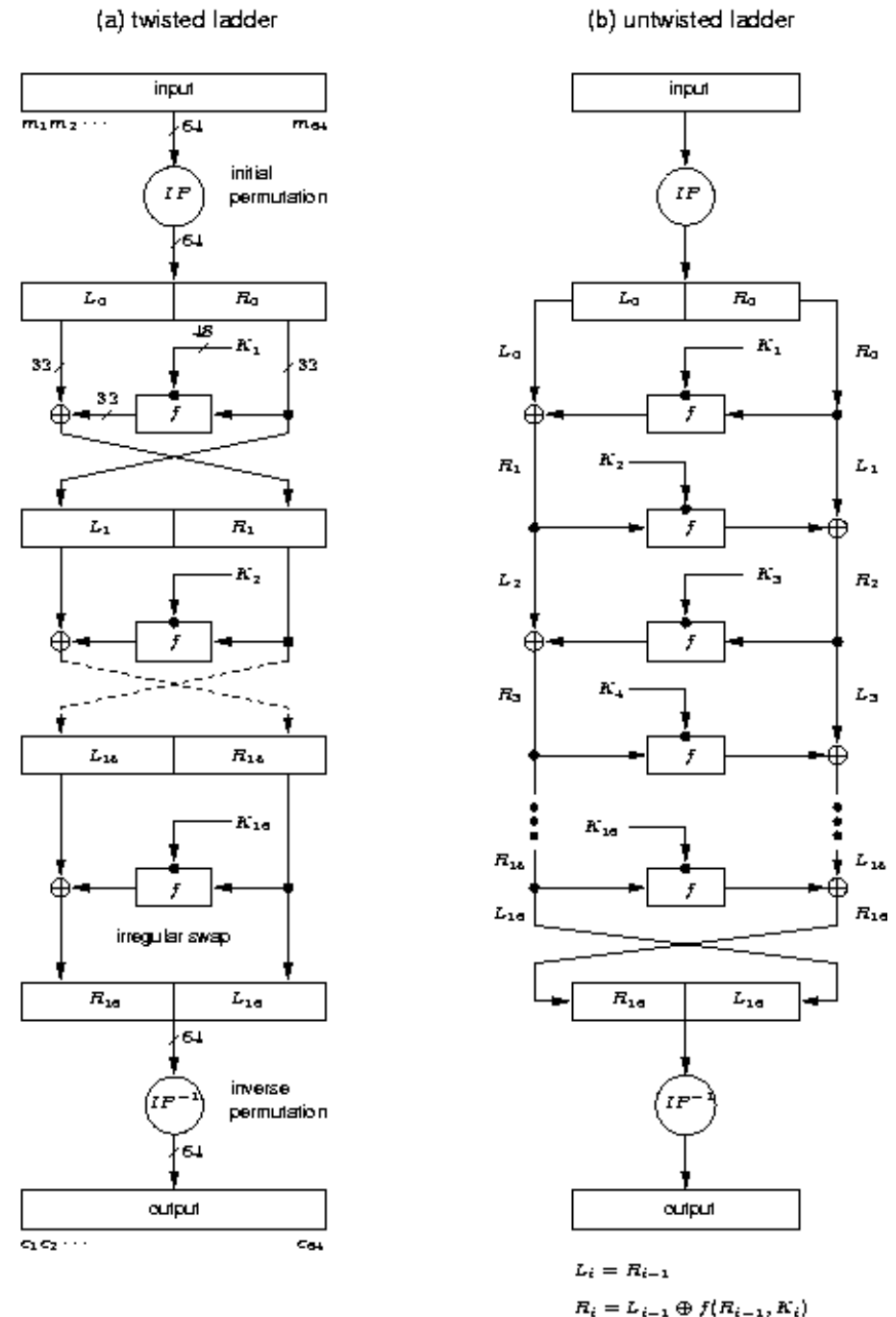
Note that the sum of all r_i 's is 28 so that we can generate the round keys in the decryption ordering by starting with the same C and D and by running the loop backwards.

Irregular Swap

At last round:

- encryption and decryption are identical - except order of keys.

Cheaper to implement in HW
(reuse the same circuit)



The Initial Permutation

IP,

IP							
58	50	42	34	26	18	10	2
60	52	44	36	28	20	12	4
62	54	46	38	30	22	14	6
64	56	48	40	32	24	16	8
57	49	41	33	25	17	9	1
59	51	43	35	27	19	11	3
61	53	45	37	29	21	13	5
63	55	47	39	31	23	15	7

FP = IP^{-1} .

IP^{-1}							
40	8	48	16	56	24	64	32
39	7	47	15	55	23	63	31
38	6	46	14	54	22	62	30
37	5	45	13	53	21	61	29
36	4	44	12	52	20	60	28
35	3	43	11	51	19	59	27
34	2	42	10	50	18	58	26
33	1	41	9	49	17	57	25

Legend: First output bit is input bit 58. (FIPSPUB numbering)

- Why IP is used ? Nobody really knows.
- Makes software implementation
harder and a bit slower...
- Makes no difference for the attacker
and can be ignored.

Feistel Scheme

- First described by Horst Feistel in 1971.
- Invertible transformation.

• Luby-Rackoff theory:
Relative security proofs...
PRF \Rightarrow PRP

-in fact cannot be applied:
one round is NOT a PRF.
-avoids generic attacks.

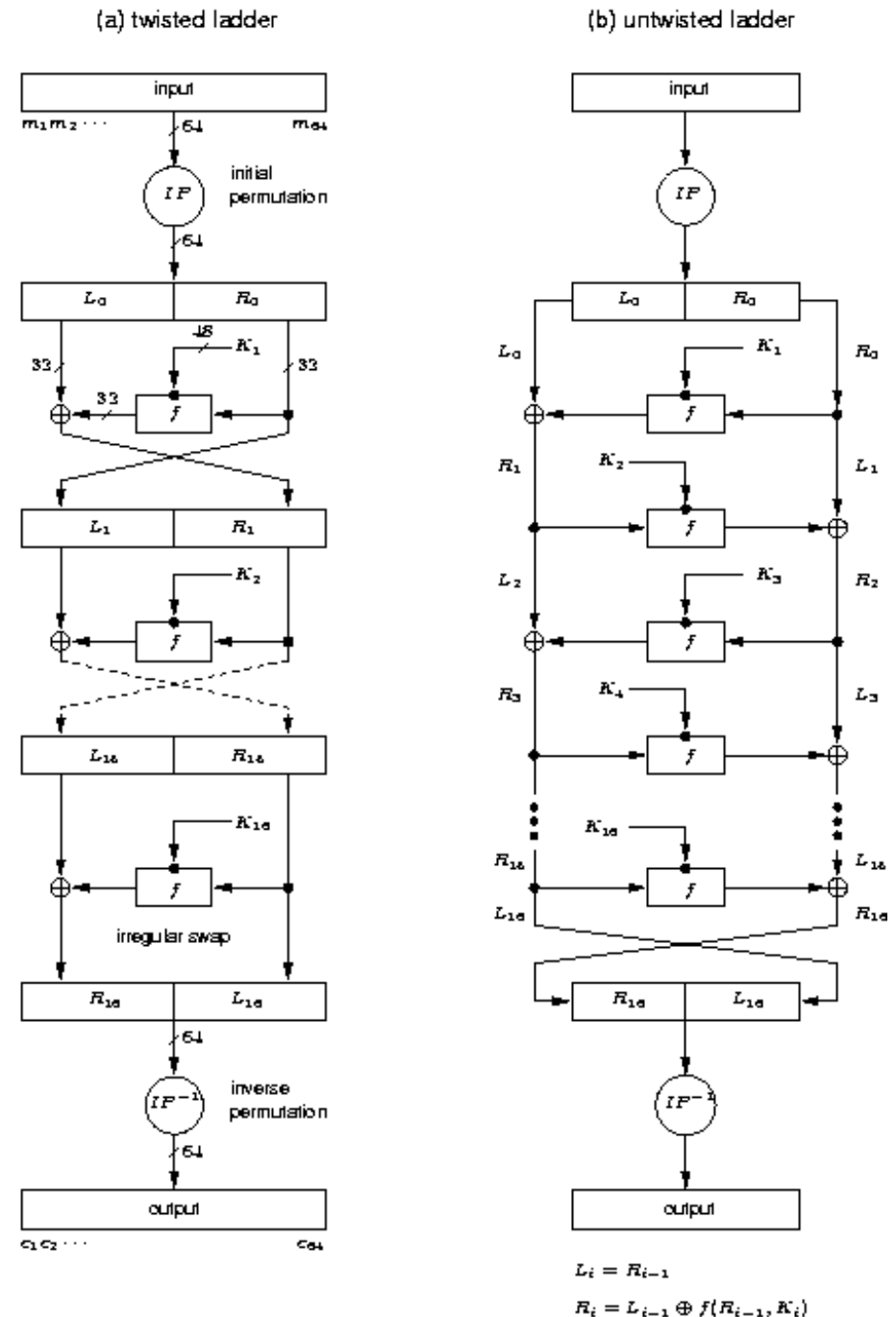
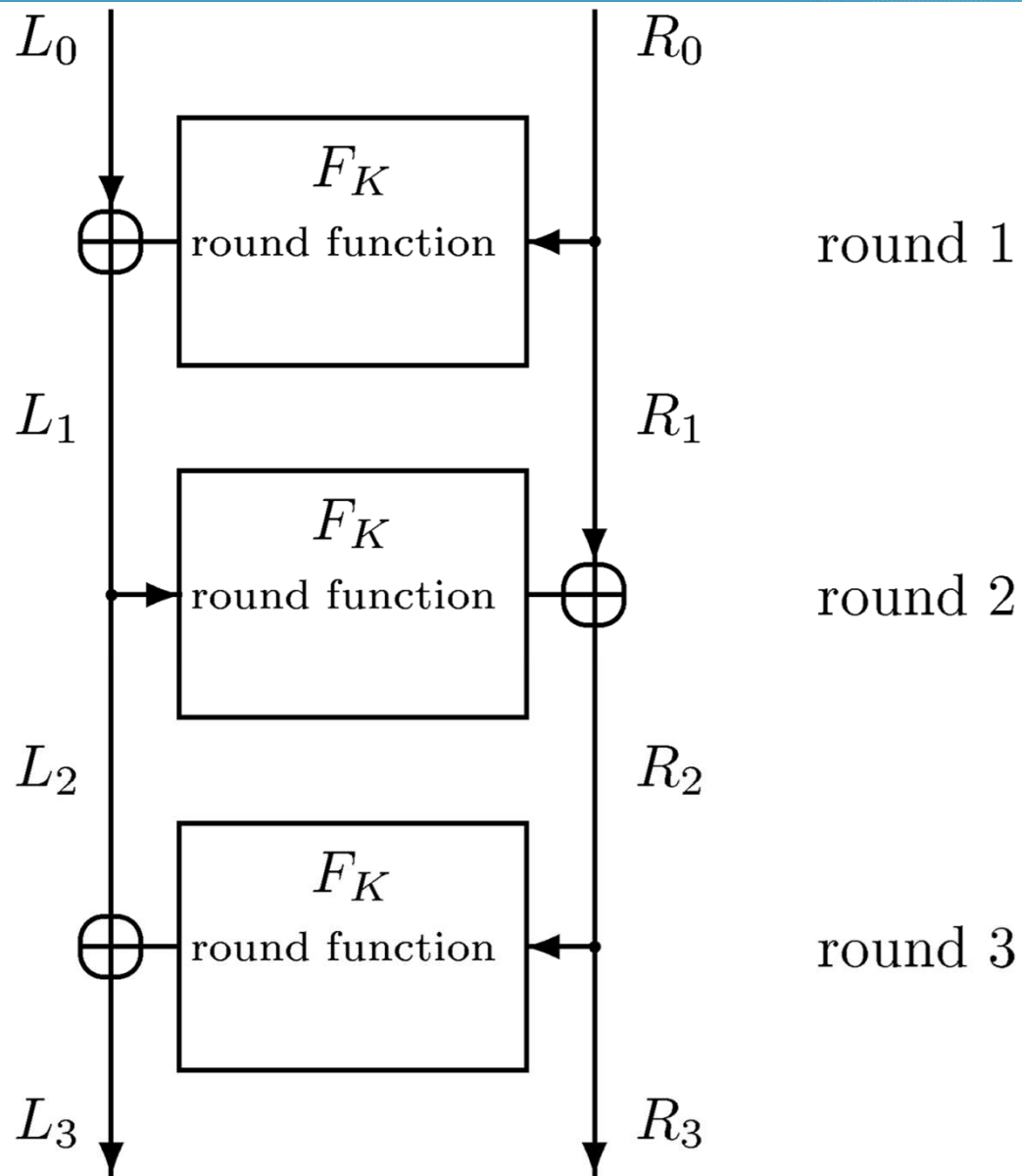


Figure 7.9: DES computation path.

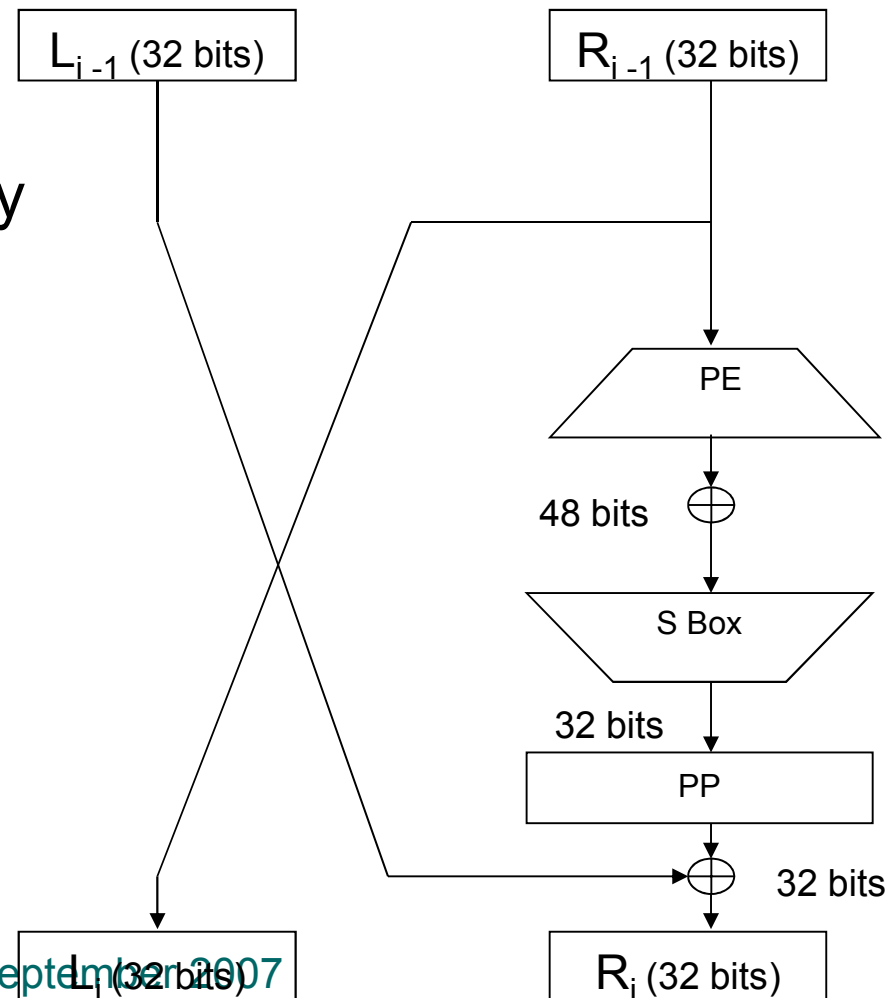


Un-Twisted
Feistel

*1 Round (twisted)

 F_K

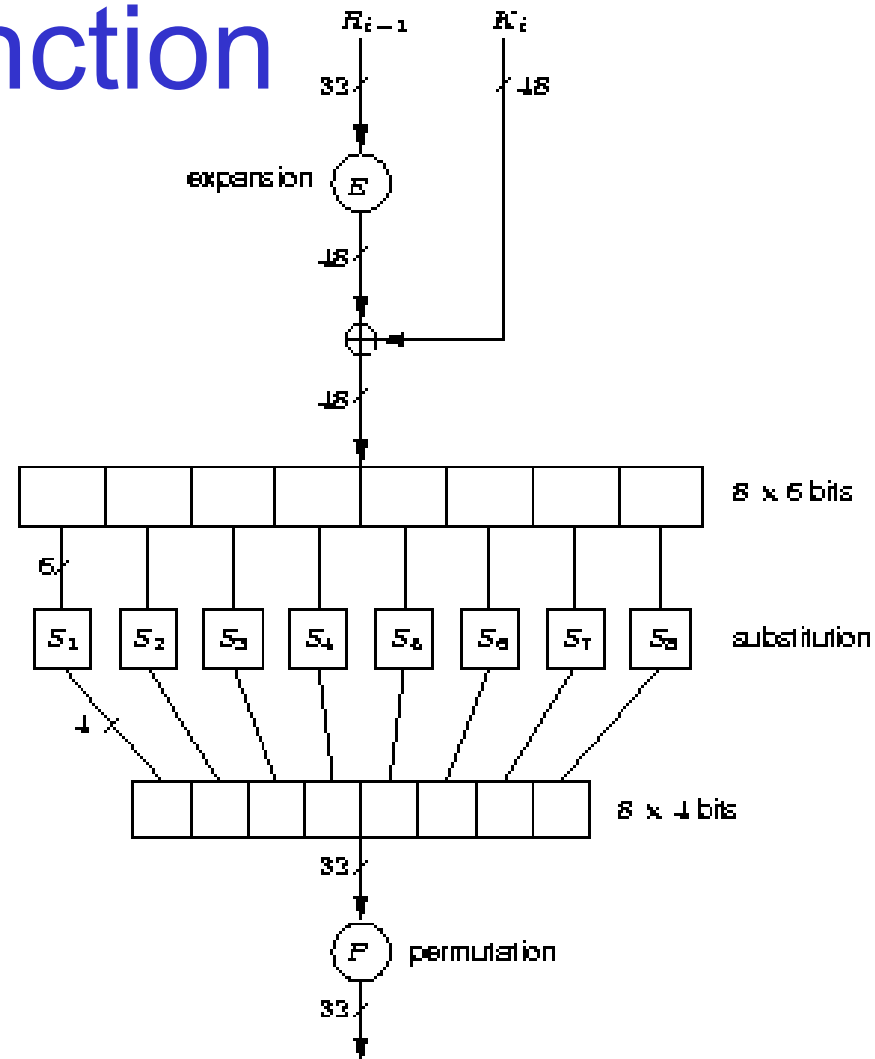
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DES Round Function

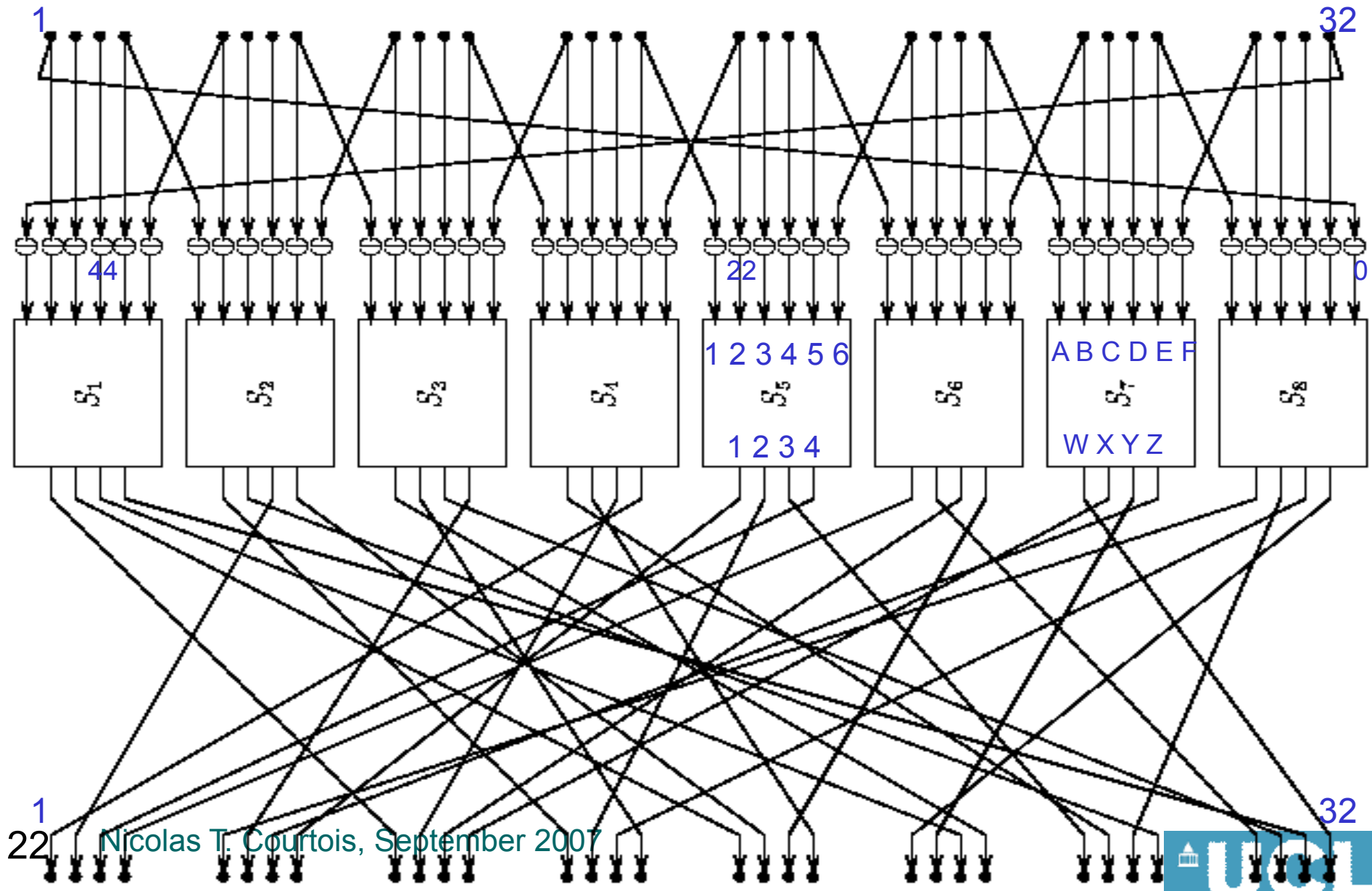
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$$f(R_{i-1}, K_i) = P(S(E(R_{i-1}) \oplus K_i))$$

Another view:

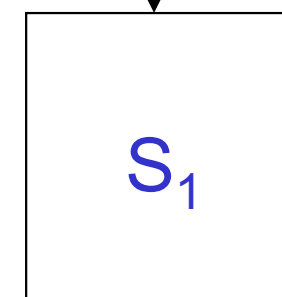


DES design

8 DES S-Boxes

row	column number															
	[0]	[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]	[6]	[7]	[8]	[9]	[10]	[11]	[12]	[13]	[14]	[15]
S_1																
[0]	14	4	13	1	2	15	11	8	3	10	6	12	5	9	0	7
[1]	0	15	7	4	14	2	13	1	10	6	12	11	9	5	3	8
[2]	4	1	14	8	13	6	2	11	15	12	9	7	3	10	5	0
[3]	15	12	8	2	4	9	1	7	5	11	3	14	10	0	6	13
S_2																
[0]	15	1	8	14	6	11	3	4	9	7	2	13	12	0	5	10
[1]	3	13	4	7	15	2	8	14	12	0	1	10	6	9	11	5
[2]	0	14	7	11	10	4	13	1	5	8	12	6	9	3	2	15
[3]	13	8	10	1	3	15	4	2	11	6	7	12	0	5	14	9
S_3																
[0]	10	0	9	14	6	3	15	5	1	13	12	7	11	4	2	8
[1]	13	7	0	9	3	4	6	10	2	8	5	14	12	11	15	1
[2]	13	6	4	9	8	15	3	0	11	1	2	12	5	10	14	7
[3]	1	10	13	0	6	9	8	7	4	15	14	3	11	5	2	12
S_4																
[0]	7	13	14	3	0	6	9	10	1	2	8	5	11	12	4	15
[1]	13	8	11	5	6	15	0	3	4	7	2	12	1	10	14	9
[2]	10	6	9	0	12	11	7	13	15	1	3	14	5	2	8	4
[3]	3	15	0	6	10	1	13	8	9	4	5	11	12	7	2	14
S_5																
[0]	2	12	4	1	7	10	11	6	8	5	3	15	13	0	14	9
[1]	14	11	2	12	4	7	13	1	5	0	15	10	3	9	8	6
[2]	4	2	1	11	10	13	7	8	15	9	12	5	6	3	0	14
[3]	11	8	12	7	1	14	2	13	6	15	0	9	10	4	5	3
S_6																
[0]	12	1	10	15	9	2	6	8	0	13	3	4	14	7	5	11
[1]	10	15	4	2	7	12	9	5	6	1	13	14	0	11	3	8
[2]	9	14	15	5	2	8	12	3	7	0	4	10	1	13	11	6
[3]	4	3	2	12	9	5	15	10	11	14	1	7	6	0	8	13
S_7																
[0]	4	11	2	14	15	0	8	13	3	12	9	7	5	10	6	1
[1]	13	0	11	7	4	9	1	10	14	3	5	12	2	15	8	6
[2]	1	4	11	13	12	3	7	14	10	15	6	8	0	5	9	2
[3]	6	11	13	8	1	4	10	7	9	5	0	15	14	2	3	12
S_8																
[0]	13	2	8	4	6	15	11	1	10	9	3	14	5	0	12	7
[1]	1	15	13	8	10	3	7	4	12	5	6	11	0	14	9	2
[2]	7	11	4	1	9	12	14	2	0	6	10	13	15	3	5	8
[3]	2	1	14	7	4	10	8	13	15	12	9	0	3	5	6	11

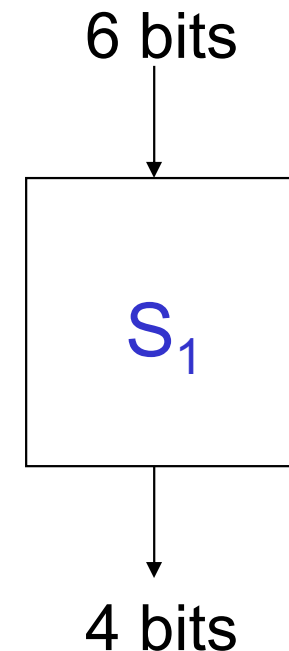
6 bits



4 bits

DES Boxes – S-box 1 / 8

S_1															
14	4	13	1	2	15	11	8	3	10	6	12	5	9	0	7
0	15	7	4	14	2	13	1	10	6	12	11	9	5	3	8
4	1	14	8	13	6	2	11	15	12	9	7	3	10	5	0
15	12	8	2	4	9	1	7	5	11	3	14	10	0	6	13



- Input: **110110** Output: 0111 (7 in decimal)
 - Row is: **10**, (2 in decimal)
 - Column is: **1011**, (11 in decimal)

DES Design

- IBM S-boxes were designed by IBM. Design criteria published, and re-published by Coppersmith etc. Presumably incomplete.
- Real S-boxes were done by the NSA, acknowledged publicly in 2000 by Coppersmith (I was there).

DES Boxes

8 S-boxes IBM, modified by the NSA.

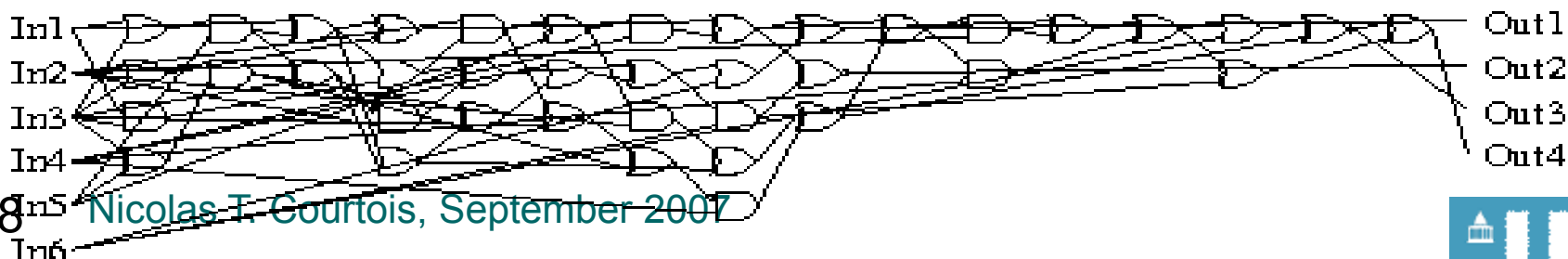
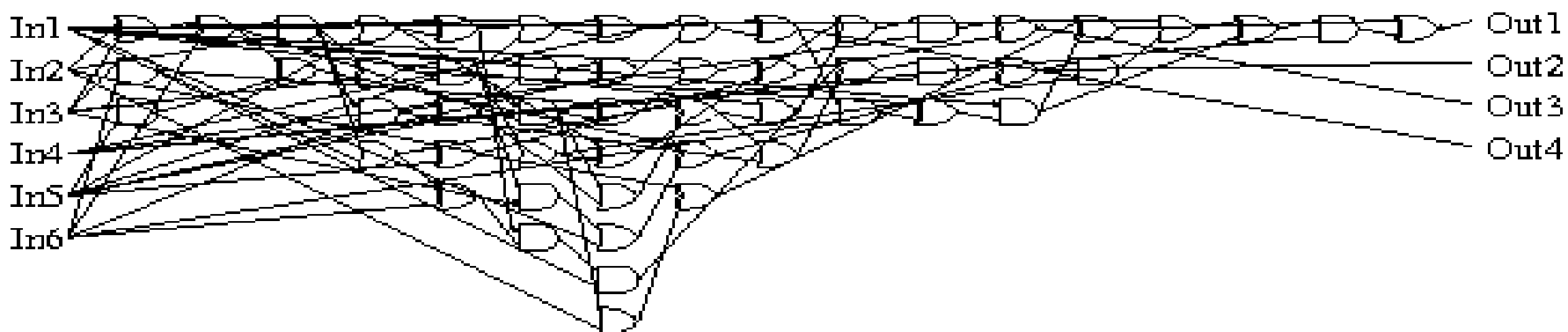
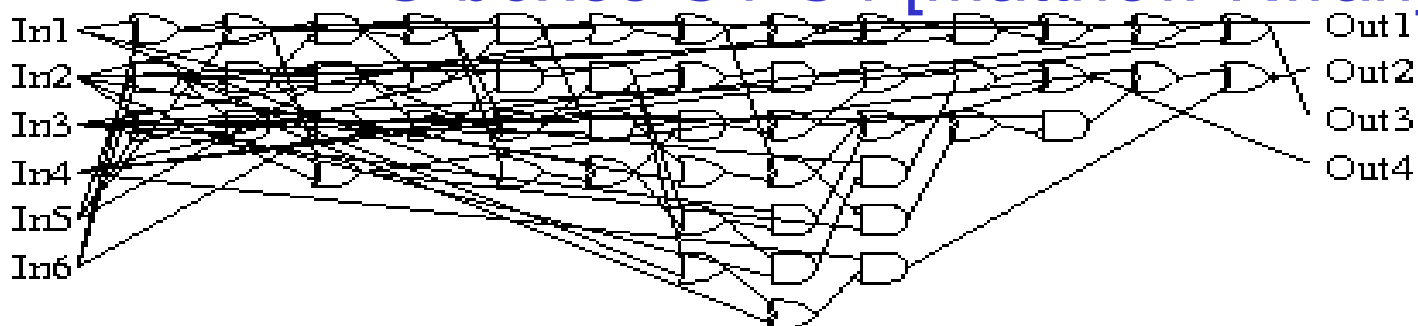
- The whole DES should be implemented on a single IC [with 1974 technology].
=> Each S-box should be implemented with 47 gates [NAND gates? 47??? NEVER SEEN one].

⇒ Fix two outer bits – permutation.

- No output should be too close to a linear function of inputs. [LC]. Coppersmith[C'2000]: A better criterion would be “no linear combination of outputs...”

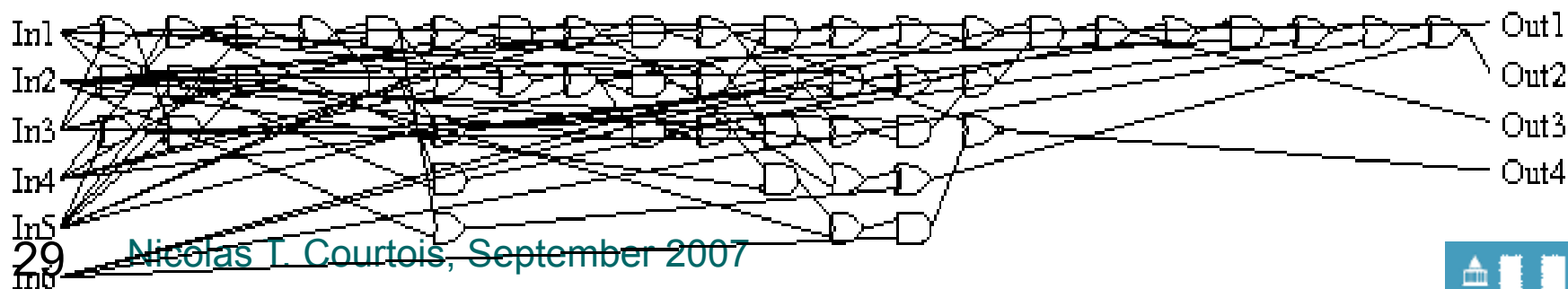
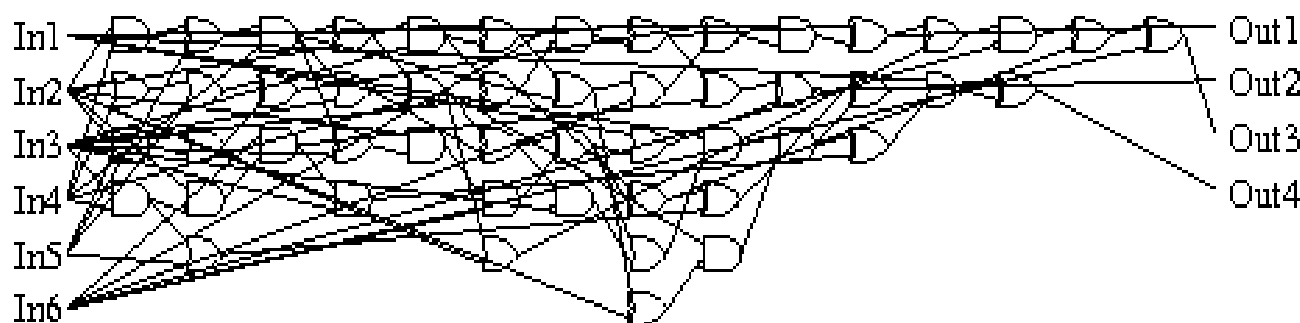


S-boxes S1-S4 [Matthew Kwan]





S-boxes S5-S8 [Matthew Kwan]



***DES Implementation [2013]

- 17% less gates still, by Roman Rusakov
- Bitslice
 - average of **44.125 gates per S-box**
(NB. they found several solutions with the same gate count)
 - vs. 53.375 for Kwan (his $\text{XNOR} \Rightarrow 2\text{gates}$).
 - cf. www.openwall.com/lists/john-users/2011/06/22/1
 - or the source code of John the Ripper

DES Boxes

- Change one bit in the input => at least two outputs change.
- Same for $S(x)$ and $S(x+001100)$.
- Some other...

Coppersmith 2000:

$$\text{Prob}(\Delta_{\text{out}} = 0 | \Delta_{\text{in}}) \leq \frac{8}{32}.$$

preventing annihilation of differential perturbations!

$$A : I[17] \oplus O[3, 8, 14, 25] = K[22] \quad 12/64$$

DES Design

- NSA trapdoor ? Never found.
Maybe did not know how to embed one in such a construction.
- Is DES a group? Not at all.

DES

early attacks

Chronology on DES

- Complementation property.
- No real attacks, lots of speculations until 1991 (work has been classified?).
- Davies-Murphy attack [1982-1995]LC
- Shamir Paper [1985].....LC
- Differential Cryptanalysis [1991]
- Linear Cryptanalysis: Gilbert and Matsui [1992-93]

Weak key of DES

- Does not matter.
- Tells us things about structure of DES.
- 4 weak keys:
 - 0101 0101 0101 0101
 - FEFE FEFE FEFE FEFE
 - 1F1F 1F1F 1F1F 1F1F
 - E0E0 E0E0 E0E0 E0E0
- For each of these there are 2^{32} fixed points.

“Early LC” - Shamir 1985

On the Security of DES

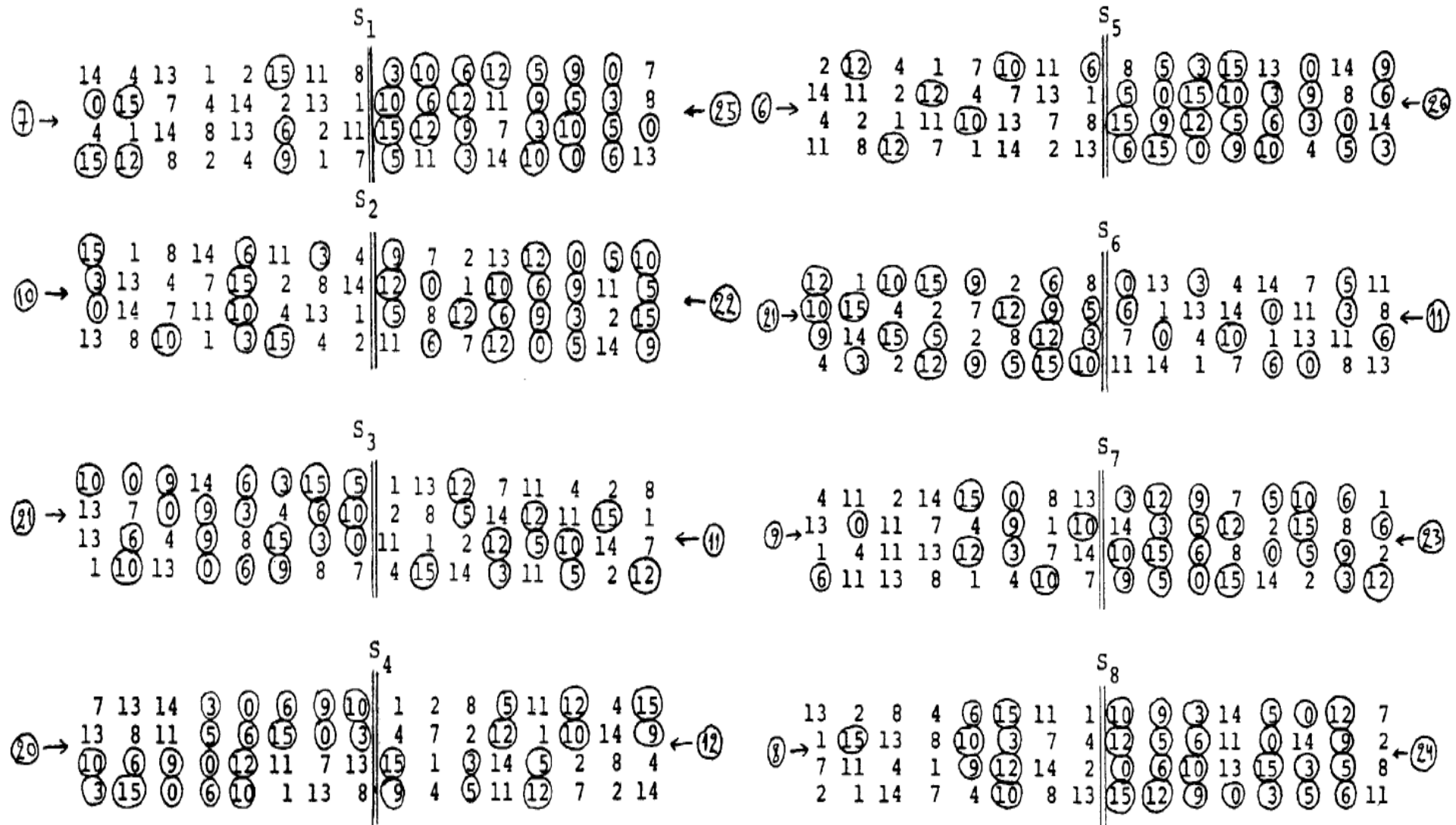
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The purpose of this note is to describe some anomalies found in the structure of the S-boxes in the Data Encryption Standard. These anomalies are potentially dangerous, but so far they have not led to any successful cryptanalytic attack.

Mystery thing.

Related to LC published 8 years later.

** Shamir 1985



Shamir 1985

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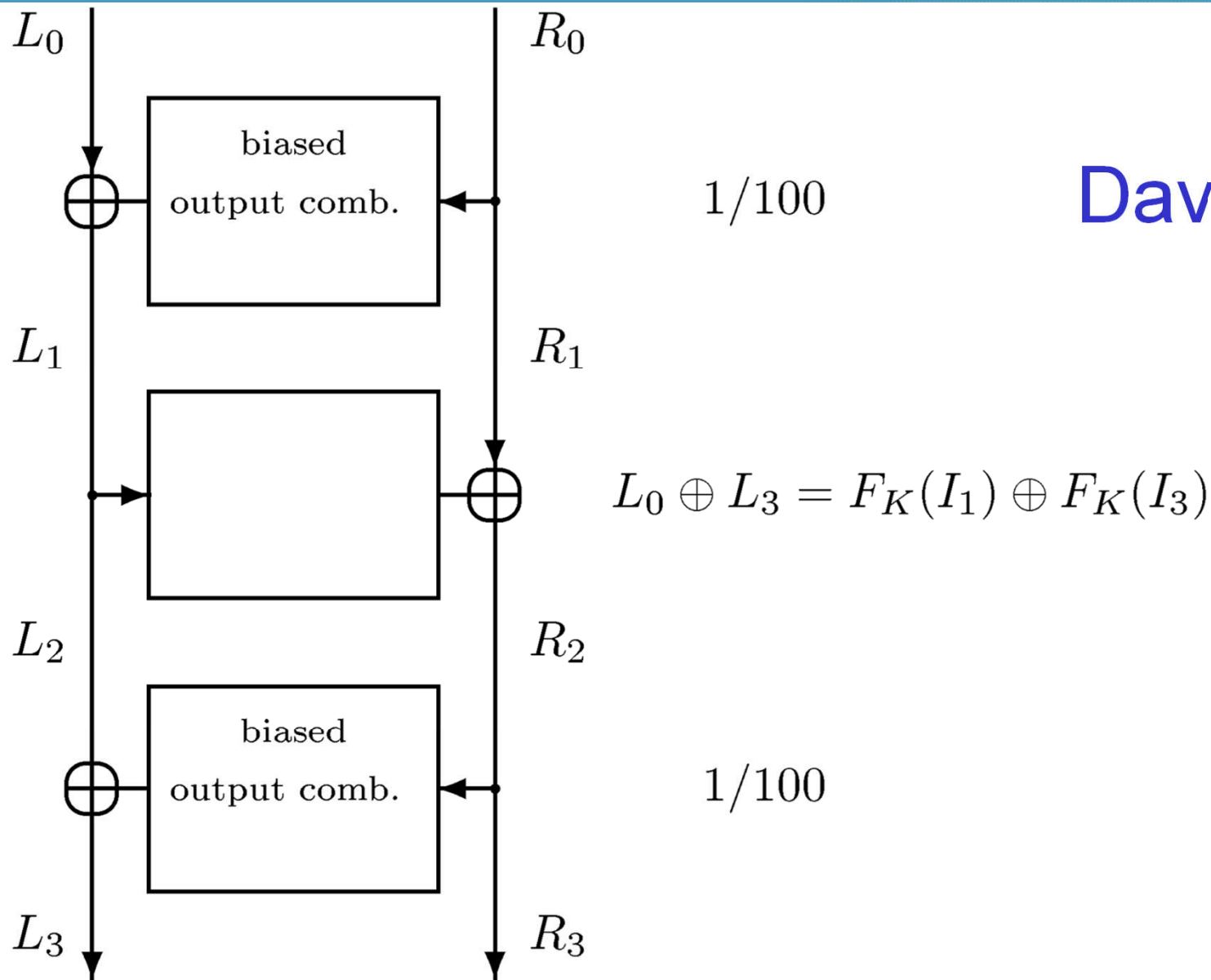
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$$x_2 \approx y_1 \oplus y_2 \oplus y_3 \oplus y_4 .$$

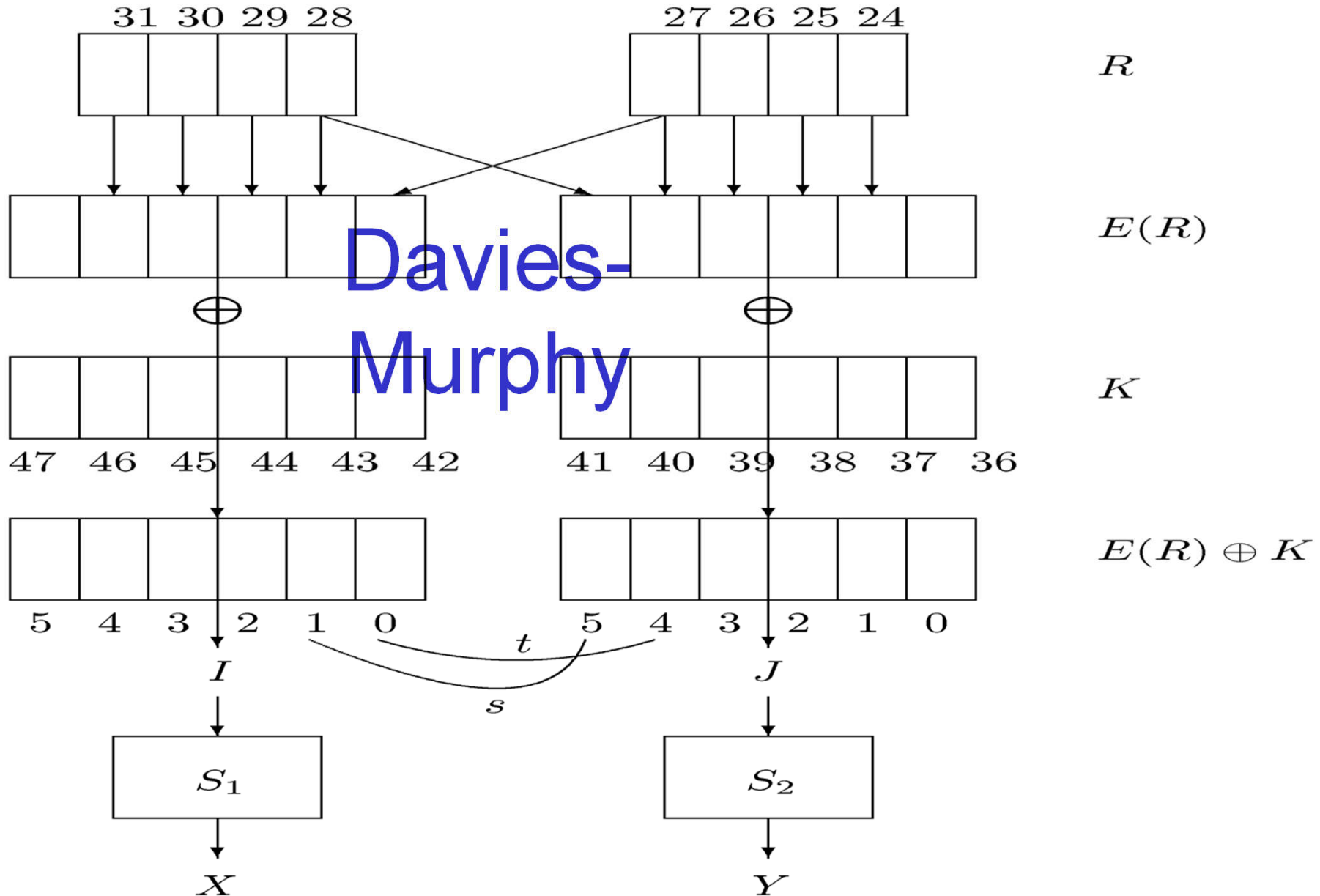
Common to all S-boxes !!!!

Mystery only partially explained by Coppersmith...

S5: the strongest linear bias in DES, used in LC.



Davies-style
attacks



Davies-Murphy - example

S_1	S_2															
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
0	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
1	5	5	4	3	4	4	3	4	3	4	6	4	4	5	3	3
2	2	2	4	6	4	4	6	4	6	4	0	4	4	2	6	6
3	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
5	3	3	4	5	4	4	5	4	5	4	2	4	4	3	5	5
6	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
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9	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
10	6	6	4	2	4	4	2	4	2	4	8	4	4	6	2	2
11	3	3	4	5	4	4	5	4	5	4	2	4	4	3	5	5
12	5	5	4	3	4	4	3	4	3	4	6	4	4	5	3	3
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DES and LC

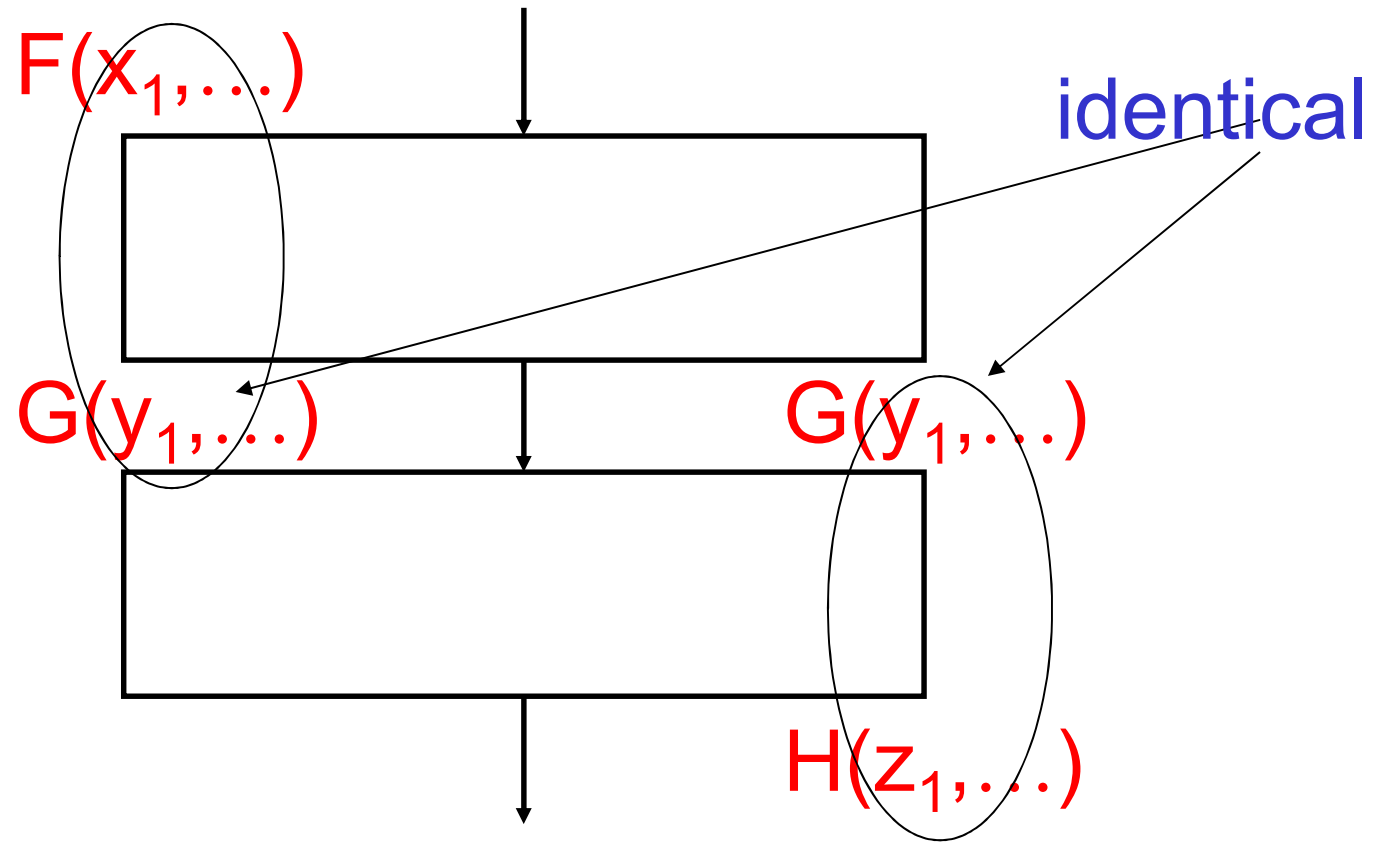
Linear Cryptanalysis = LC

Not known by Coppersmith/NSA ?

- [Gilbert and Tardy-Corffdir, FEAL, Crypto'92]
- [Matsui and DES, EuroCrypt'93]
- Biham at Eurocrypt'94: shows that the earlier Davies and Murphy DES attack method [1982-1995] is “essentially” a linear attack (!).
- Shamir [Crypto'85]: already exhibits a strong linear characteristic for each DES S-box.

Linear Cryptanalysis

Combine I/O Equations.



Linear Cryptanalysis

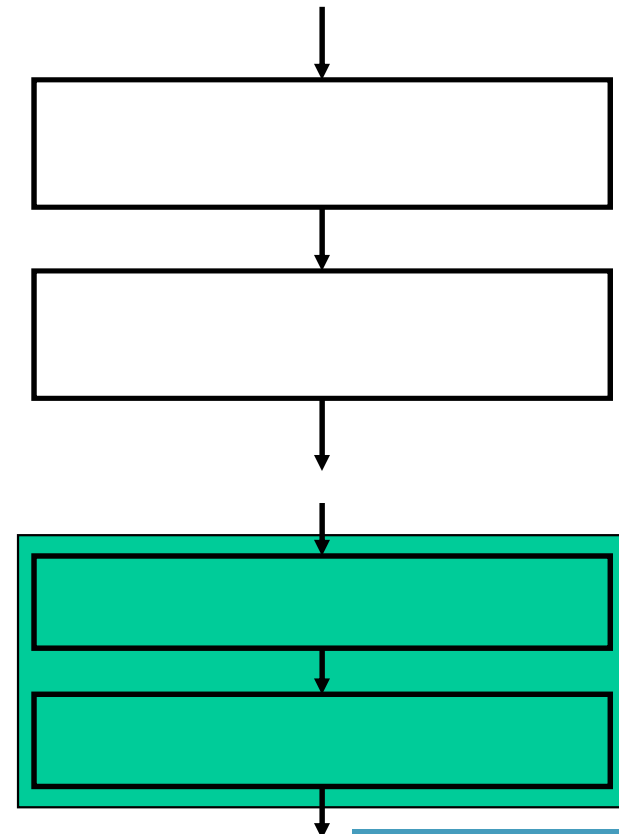
Add I/O Equations \Rightarrow get another I/O Equation.

$$F(x_1, \dots) \oplus G(y_1, \dots) = 0 \text{ with } P = \dots$$

$$\oplus$$

$$G(y_1, \dots) \oplus H(z_1, \dots) = 0 \text{ with } P = \dots$$

$$F(x_1, \dots) \oplus H(z_1, \dots) = 0 \text{ with } P = \dots$$



Linear Cryptanalysis

Piling-up Lemma [Matsui]

$$p = p_1 p_2 + (1-p_1)(1-p_2) = \frac{1}{2} + 2(p_1 - \frac{1}{2})(p_2 - \frac{1}{2})$$

Imbalances : $I = 2 | p_1 - \frac{1}{2} |$

They do multiply !!!

Search for LC – Matsui 1993

Table of size

$$2^6 * 2^4$$

find the strongest
bias

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	4	-2	2	-2	2	-4	0	4	0	2	-2	2	-2	0	-4
3	0	-2	6	-2	-2	4	-4	0	0	-2	6	-2	-2	4	-4
4	2	-2	0	0	2	-2	0	0	2	2	4	-4	-2	-2	0
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8	0	2	6	0	0	-2	-6	-2	2	4	-12	2	6	-4	4
9	-4	6	-2	0	-4	-6	-6	6	-2	0	-4	2	-6	-8	-4
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31	-4	8	-8	2	-6	-6	-2	-2	2	-2	-8	0	0	0	-4
32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 1. A distribution table of S5 (part).

Matsui's Favourite

$$A : I[17] \oplus O[3, 8, 14, 25] = K[22] \quad 12/64$$

$$C : I[3] \oplus O[17] = K[44] \quad 30/64$$

$$D : I[17] \oplus O[8, 14, 25] = K[22] \quad 42/64$$

LC Example: (Untwisted)

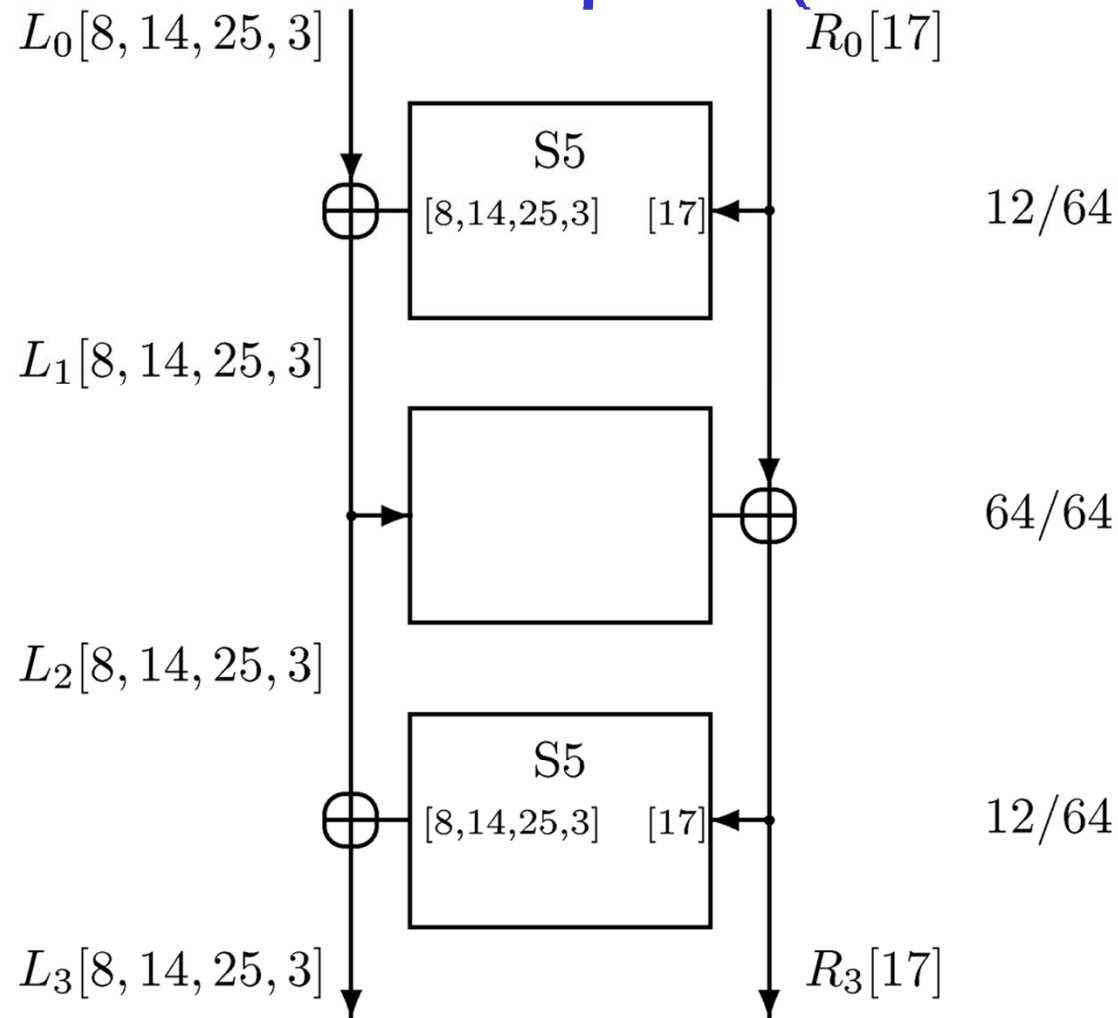


Figure 1: Matsui's Best Linear Approximation on 3 Rounds of DES

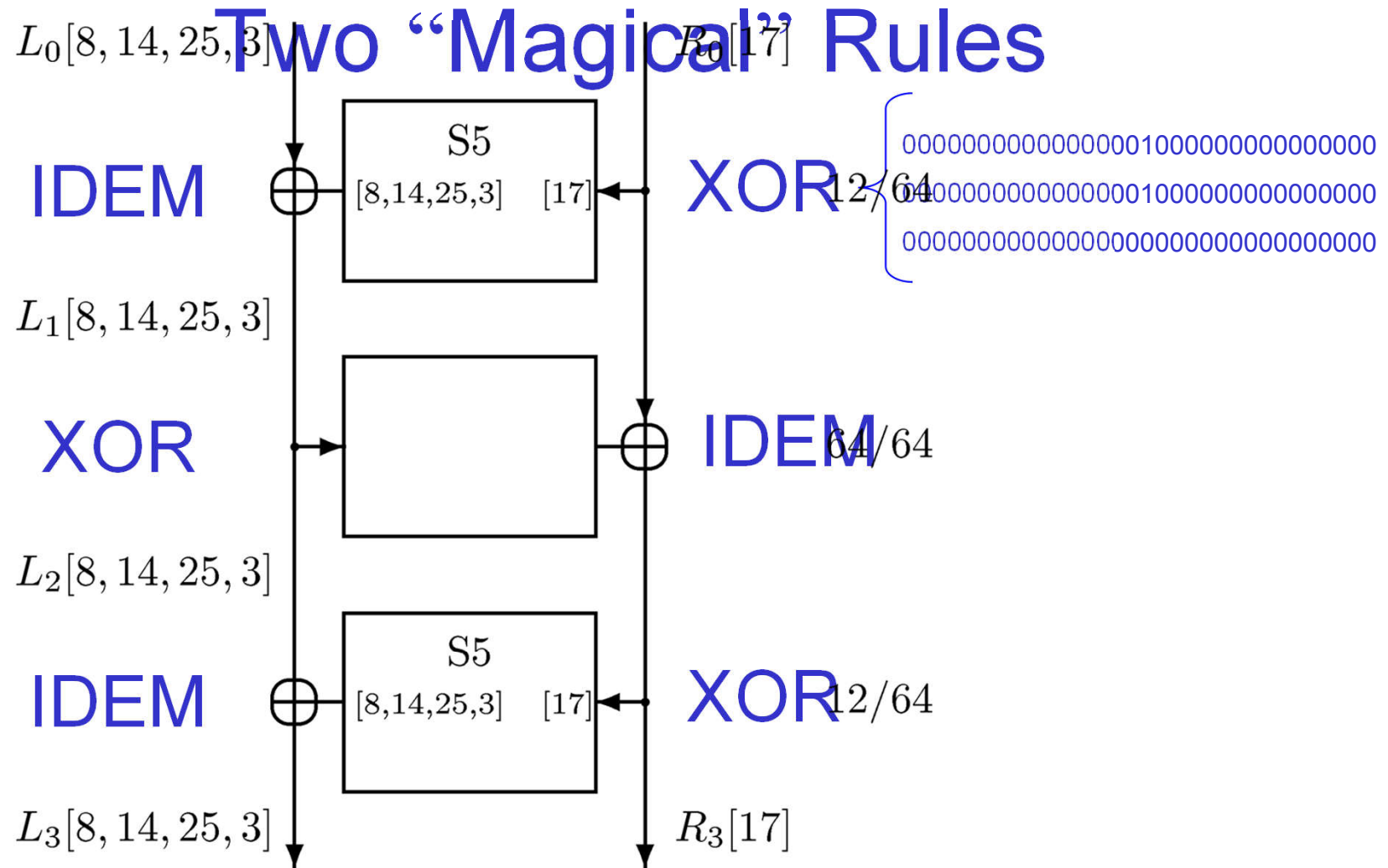


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Complexity of LC

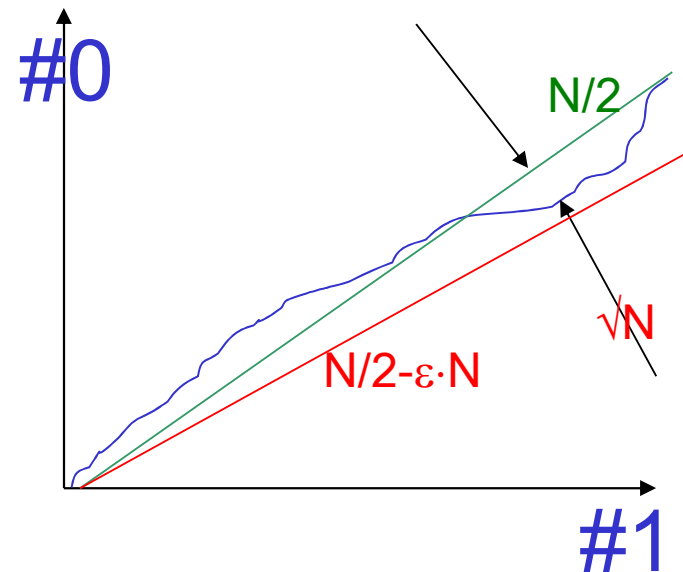
Decision by majority. **Bias** = ε .

The signal must be stronger than “noise”.

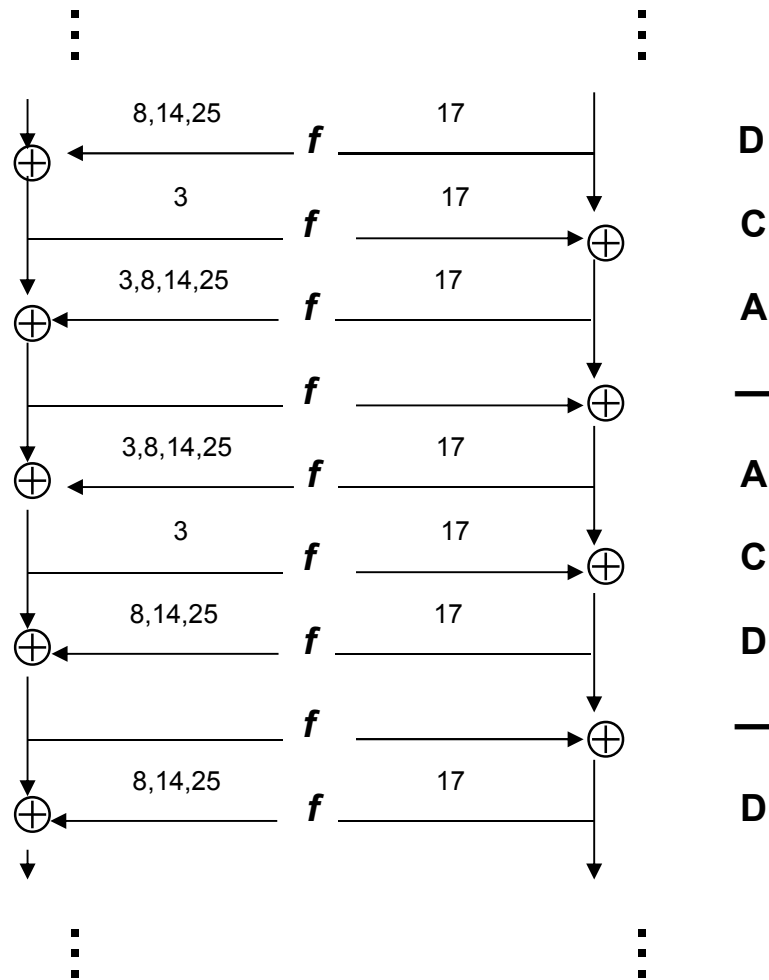
The law of the random walk.
(average **$N/2$** , std. dev= **\sqrt{N}**)

$$\Rightarrow \varepsilon \cdot N \geq \sqrt{N}$$

$$\# \text{ KP} \geq (1 / \text{bias})^2$$



Best DES Approximation (Matsui, 1993)



- cyclic; 14 rounds
- 2-R method

Linear Cryptanalysis

- A statistical known plaintext attack
- Correlation among pt, ct, key bits are exploited:
 - Find a binary equation of pt, ct, key bits (“linear approximation”) which shows a non-trivial correlation among them (“bias”).
 - Collect a large pt-ct sample.
 - Try all key values with the collected pt-ct in the eq. (hence, relatively few key bits must be involved.)
 - Take the key that maximizes the bias as the right key.
- The remaining key bits can be found by brute force or by another LC attack.

Improvements

Apply LC to 16-1 rounds.

Guess some key bits in the last round.

See if the results confirm the guess.

This is called 1R method.

Possible because the “Linear Characteristics”
used uses very few I/O bits, that involve
very few bits in the last round.

1R Method

A linear approximation of $r-1$ rounds:

$$P[i_1 \dots i_a] \oplus X_{r-1}[j_1 \dots j_b] = K[m_1 \dots m_c]$$

with $p \neq \frac{1}{2}$. ($p = 1$ usually not possible)

- $|p - \frac{1}{2}|$: the “bias” of the approximation
- (notation: X_i : ciphertext after i rounds;
 $S[\dots]$: xor of the specified bits of the string S .)

Expressed in terms of the ciphertext:

$$P[i_1 \dots i_a] \oplus F(C, K_r)[j_1 \dots j_b] = K[m_1 \dots m_c]$$

where F is related to the last round's decryption.

1R Method

- Approximation:

$$P[i_1 \dots i_a] \oplus F(C, K_r)[j_1 \dots j_b] = K[m_1 \dots m_c] \quad (1)$$

- Collect a large number (N) of pt-ct blocks
- For all possible K_r values, compute the left side of (1). $T^{(i)}$ denoting the # of zeros for the i^{th} candidate, take the K_r value that maximizes the “sample bias” $|T^{(i)} - N/2|$ as the right key.
- Another bit of key information (that is, $K[m_1 \dots m_c]$) can be obtained comparing the signs of $(p - 1/2)$ and $(T^{(i)} - N/2)$.

1R Improved

- 1 bit in the equation \Rightarrow 6 key bits/eqs
- 1 S-box \Rightarrow then 12 key bits / equation.
- 24 due to the symmetry: scrap 1 at the end and at the beginning...
- Remaining: exhaustive search !
- False positives ?
 - E.g. $5 * 2^{(56-24)} = \text{easy} !$

LC of DES

- 8 rounds: 2^{21} known plaintexts
12 rounds: 2^{33} known plaintexts
16 rounds: 2^{43} known plaintexts
- First experimental cryptanalysis of the 16-round DES (Matsui, 1994).
- Ordering of the S-boxes were far from optimal against LC.

GLC

Generalised Linear Cryptanalysis = GLC =

[Harper, Kramer and Massey, Eurocrypt'95]
[related work: Harper, Jakobsen...]

Concept of non-linear **I/O sums**.

$F(\text{inputs}) = F'(\text{outputs})$
with some probability...

GLC

[Eurocrypt'95]

Proof of Concept for SPN-type ciphers:

Exhibit a cipher very secure w.r.t. LC but very weak w.r.t. to GLC.

Can be Seen as GLC

[Jakobsen and Knudsen polynomial approximation attacks, Crypto'98, JoC'01]

Another proof of concept for SPNs.

Contrived ciphers secure w.r.t. to all known attacks but in fact very weak...

GLC and Feistel Ciphers?

[Knudsen and Robshaw, EuroCrypt'96]

For some reason decided that...GLC was impossible for Feistel Ciphers. Write that:

“one-round approximations that are non-linear [...] cannot be joined together”...

- Content themselves with using non-linear approximations for the first and last round... [cf. also Kaneko and Shimoyama, Crypto'98].

BLC – Courtois 2004

1. **Proof of concept:** ciphers resistant to DC, LC etc. yet extremely weak w.r.t. the new attack.
2. New non-trivial **attacks on DES**.
Some do slightly beat Matsui's best equation.

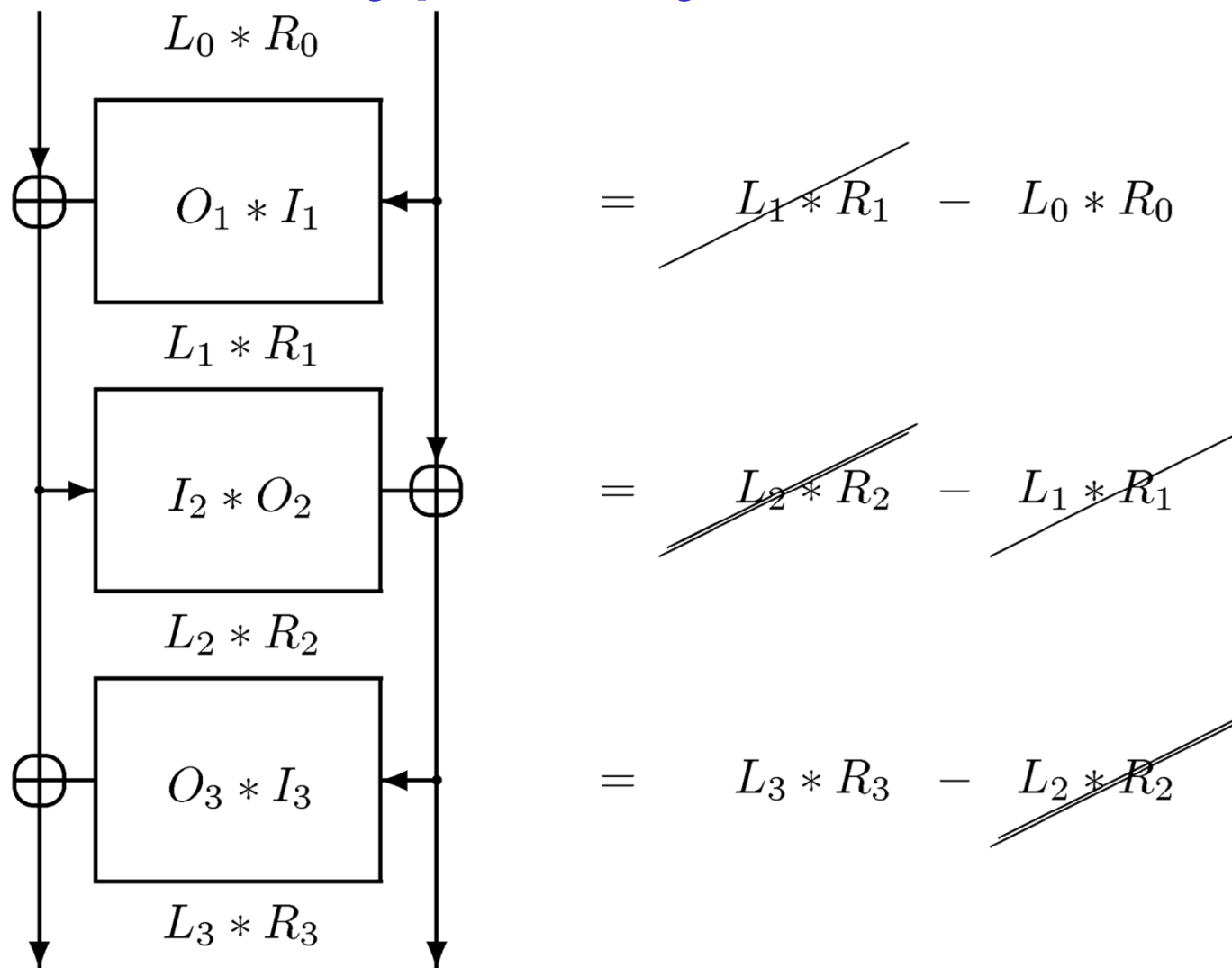
GLC and Feistel Ciphers.

Main Claim:

The structure of Feistel ciphers makes them predisposed to a special subclass of GLC.

BLC = Bi-Linear Cryptanalysis.

Bi-linear Cryptanalysis over $GF(2^n)$



Bi-linear Cryptanalysis – Example:

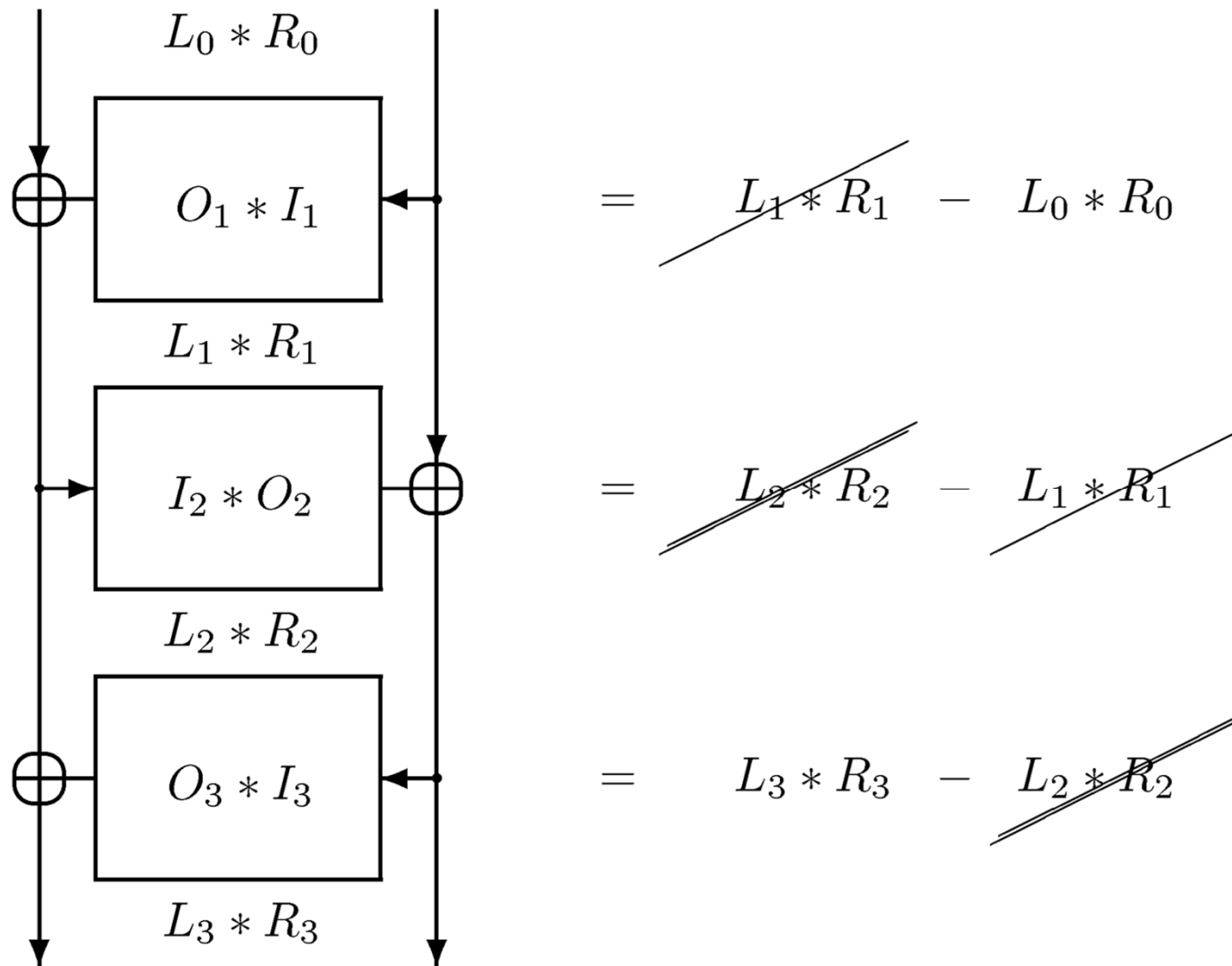
Round function:

$$f_i(X) = K_i \cdot \text{Inv}(X) \quad \text{in } GF(2^n),$$

Then for every round:

$$I_i \cdot O_i = K_i \quad \text{with probability} \quad \left(1 - \frac{1}{2^n}\right)$$

Sum-Up:



Example - contd.

Whole cipher:

$$L_{N_r} \cdot R_{N_r} \oplus L_0 \cdot R_0 = \sum_{i=1}^{N_r} K_i$$

with probability $\left(1 - \frac{1}{2^n}\right)^{N_r}$

Broken even for 2^n rounds !

What we get:

- Insecure Feistel cipher based on Inverse in $GF(2)^n$.
- Mixes 3 different group operations.
- High non-linearity.
- Satisfies all design criteria.
- Provably secure against DC and LC.
- Yet broken even for 2^n rounds !

DES S-boxes and BLC

Table 1: Selected bi-linear characteristics for DES S-boxes

		equation			remarks and comments
		input	output	input*output	
S5	12/64	17	8, 14, 25, 3		Matsui's equation A
S5	6/64	17	8, 14, 25, 3	$[17] * [8, 14, 25, 3]$	gets better
S5	58/64			$[17] * [8, 14, 25, 3]$	
S5	61/64	16, 20	8, 14, 25, 3	$[16, 17, 20] * [3]$	the best in DES
S5	47/64		8, 14, 25	$17 * 3$	
S5	17/64		8, 14, 25, 3	$17 * 3$	
S1	30/64	3	17		Matsui's equation C
S1	15/64	3	17	$3 * 17$	gets better
S1	47/64		17	$3 * 17$	

1st Example for DES

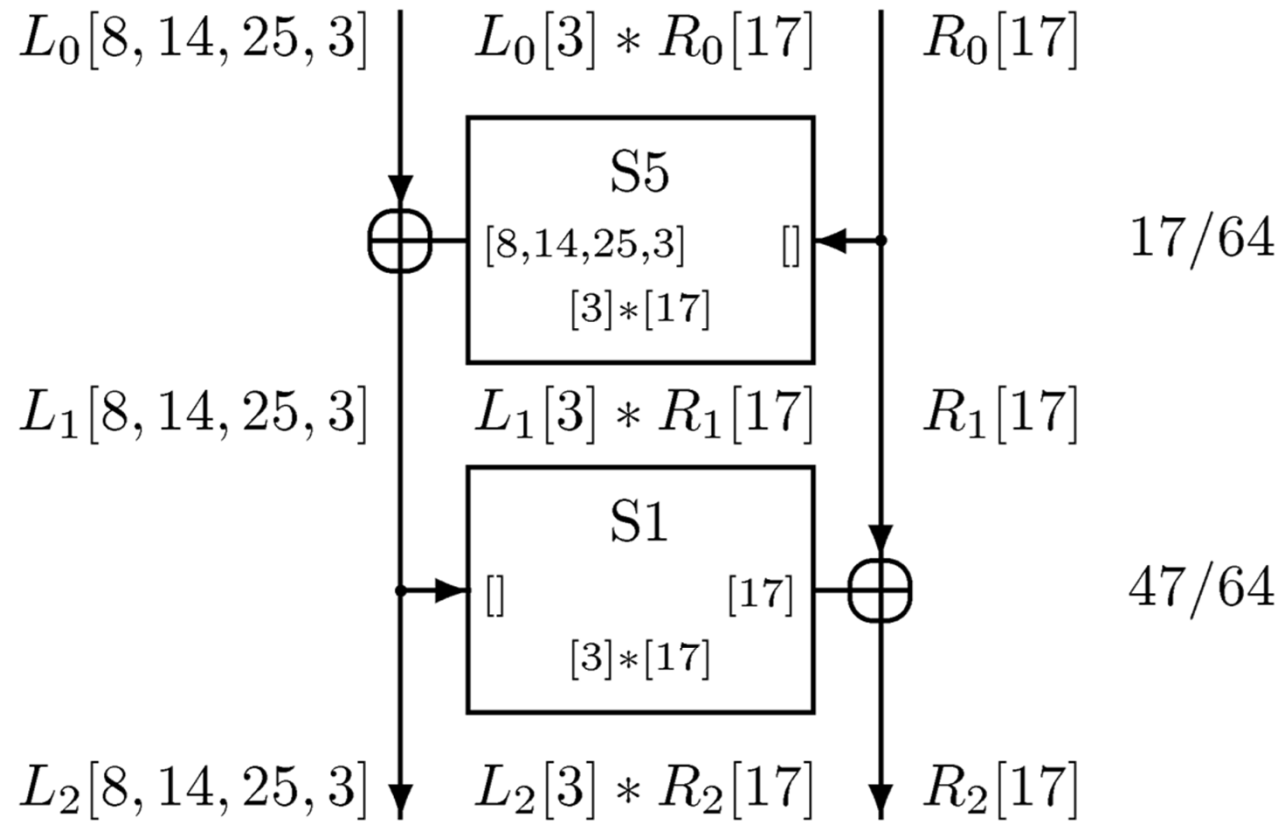


Figure 1: Our first example - an invariant bi-linear attack on DES (*)

3 Rounds:

$$(*) \quad \begin{array}{l} L_0[3, 8, 14, 25] \oplus L_0[3]R_0[17] \oplus R_0[17] \oplus \\ L_2[3, 8, 14, 25] \oplus L_2[3]R_2[17] \oplus R_2[17] = K[sth] \end{array}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} - 1.76 \cdot 2^{-4}$$

Happens to work also for EVERY
OTHER KEY !

Bias varies slightly...

r rounds:

$$(*) \quad \begin{array}{l} L_0[3, 8, 14, 25] \oplus L_0[3]R_0[17] \oplus R_0[17] \oplus \\ L_r[3, 8, 14, 25] \oplus L_r[3]R_r[17] \oplus R_r[17] = K[sth] \end{array}$$

Biased for:

- any key
- any number of rounds

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, ...

What we get:

$$(*) \quad L_0[3, 8, 14, 25] \oplus L_0[3]R_0[17] \oplus R_0[17] \oplus \\ L_r[3, 8, 14, 25] \oplus L_r[3]R_r[17] \oplus R_r[17] = K[sth]$$

An invariant-based bi-linear attack
for DES, for any key, and any
number of rounds.

The strongest known invariant
attack on DES.

How good it is ?

$$(*) \quad \begin{array}{l} L_0[3, 8, 14, 25] \oplus L_0[3]R_0[17] \oplus R_0[17] \oplus \\ L_r[3, 8, 14, 25] \oplus L_r[3]R_2[17] \oplus R_r[17] = K[sth] \end{array}$$

- Always worse than some other Matsui's equation.
- But never much worse.
- In fact closely related to some prominent equations of Matsui – their difference is a biased Boolean function.

How good is BLC ?

Conjecture: BLC cannot be much better than some existing linear attack. Heuristic, detailed argumentation in the extended version of the paper.

----- BUT -----

BLC **can be**
strictly better than LC.

BLC better than LC for DES

$$\begin{aligned}
 &L_0[3, 8, 14, 25] \oplus L_0[3]R_0[16, 17, 20] \oplus R_0[17] \oplus \\
 &L_{11}[3, 8, 14, 25] \oplus L_{11}[3]R_{11}[16, 17, 20] \oplus R_{11}[17] = \\
 &K[sth] + K[sth']L_0[3] + K[sth'']L_{11}[3]
 \end{aligned}$$

Better than the best existing linear attack of Matsui

for 3, 7, 11, 15, ... rounds.

Ex: LC 11 rounds: $\frac{1}{2} \pm 1.91 \cdot 2^{-16}$

BLC 11 rounds: $\frac{1}{2} \pm 1.2 \cdot 2^{-15}$

DC of DES

DC

Differential Cryptanalysis = DC.

[1991]

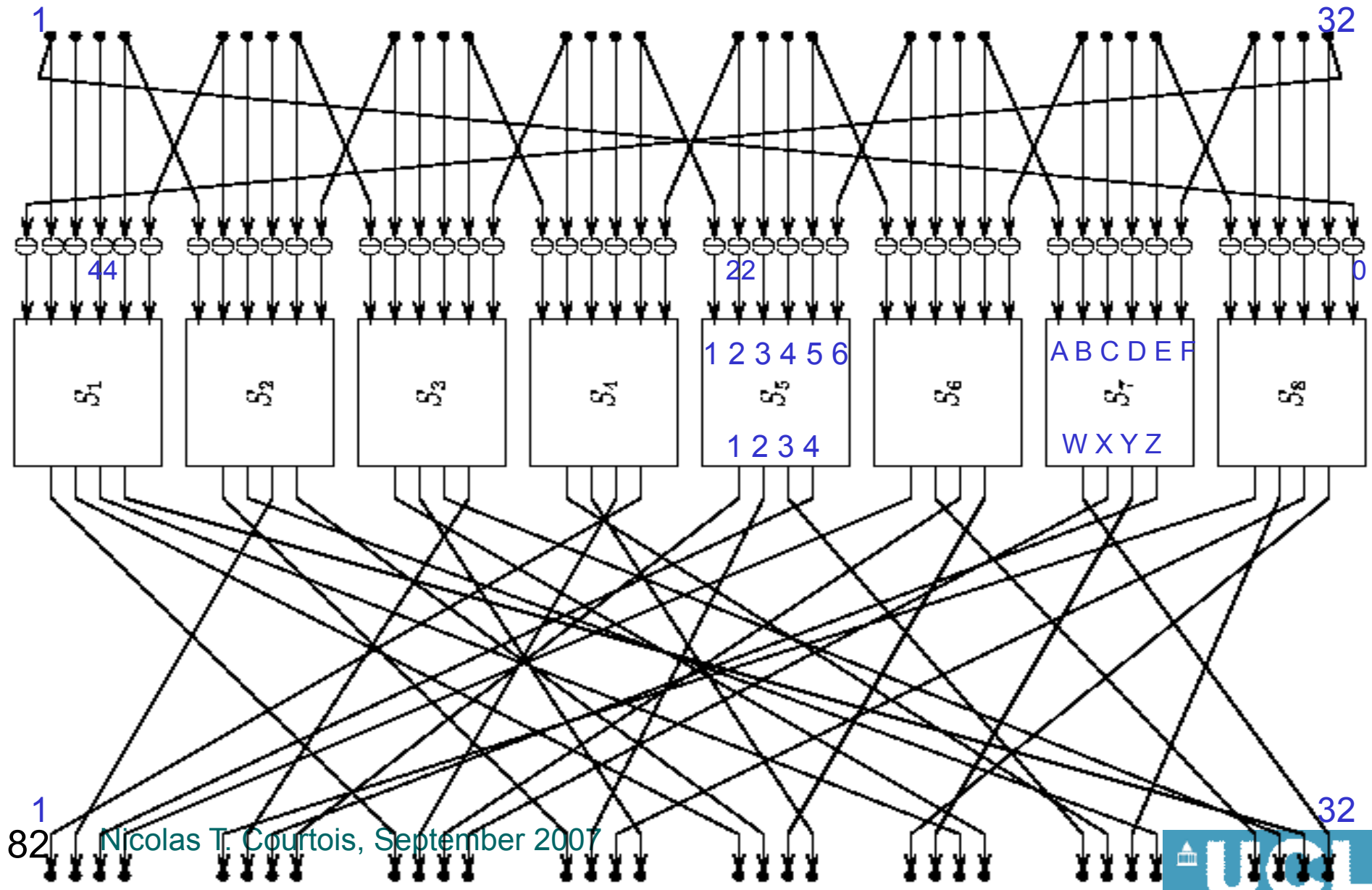
- Very powerful
- Known by Coppersmith, optimised against, random S-boxes are weak !
- Shamir's disturbing remark to Coppersmith...
- Russian Des: GOST. S-boxes not published.

DES vs. DC

Critical property: a differential with 4 bits in the middle ‘active’ cannot happen with $P \leq 1/256$ or so.

- BTW. If we use outer bits \Rightarrow other boxes will be affected.

Why?

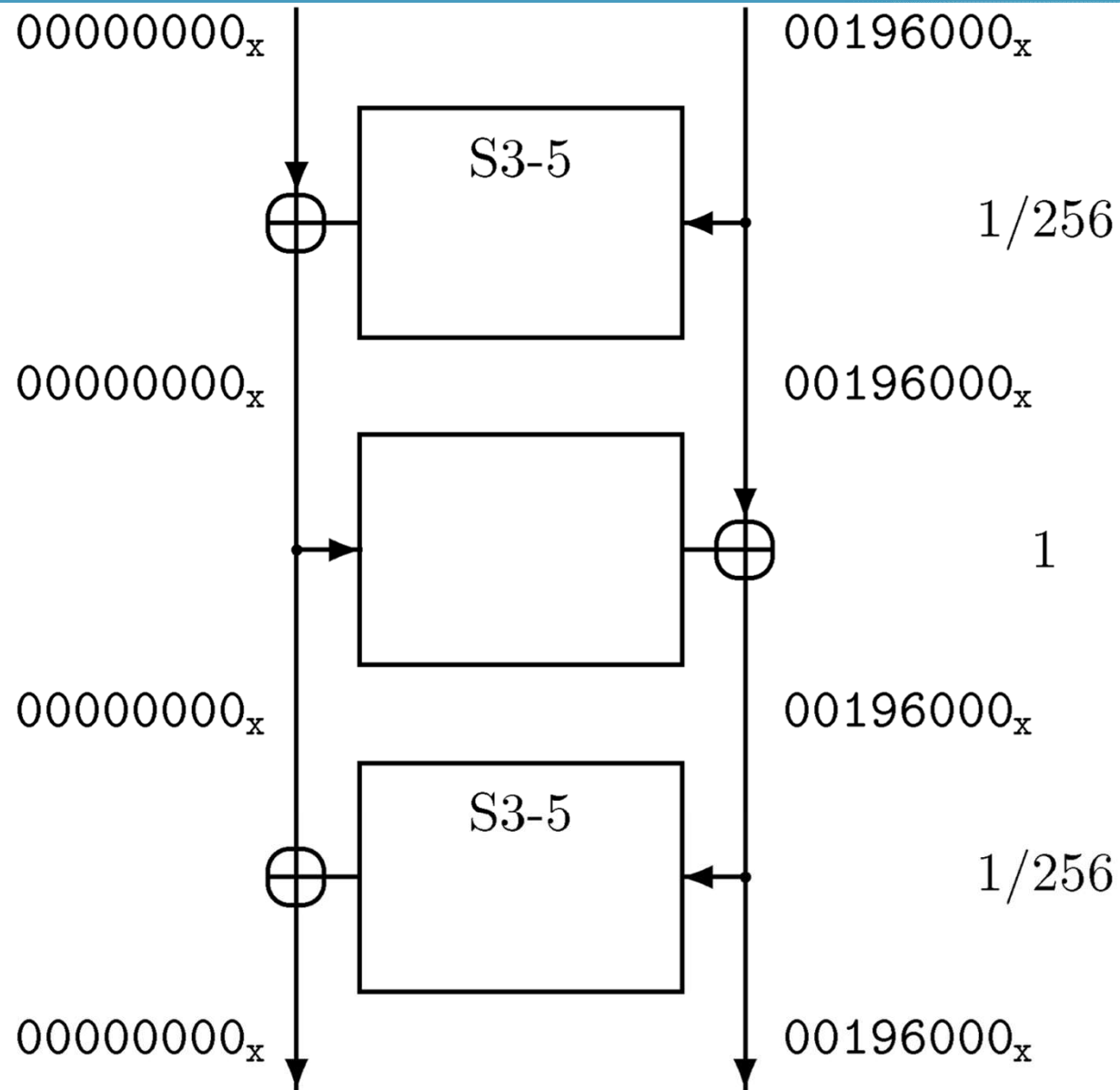


DES vs. DC

Consequences:

- DES with random S-boxes would be very weak w.r.t. DC.
- Best differentials for DES use 3 S-boxes.

example



DC complexity

Plaintexts = $1 / \text{probability}$

No “noise”,

Looking for an exceptional event the almost never happens by itself.

Very strong property that gives a lot of information !

DES and Algebraic Attacks [recent work]

Results on DES

Nicolas T. Courtois and Gregory V. Bard:
“Algebraic Cryptanalysis of the D.E.S.”.

In IMA Cryptography and Coding 2007
18-20 December 2007, Cirencester, UK
eprint.iacr.org/2006/402/

What Can Be Done ?

As of today, we can:

Idea 1+ Method 1:

Recover the key of **5**-round DES with
3 known plaintexts faster than brute force.

Idea 2 + Method 2:

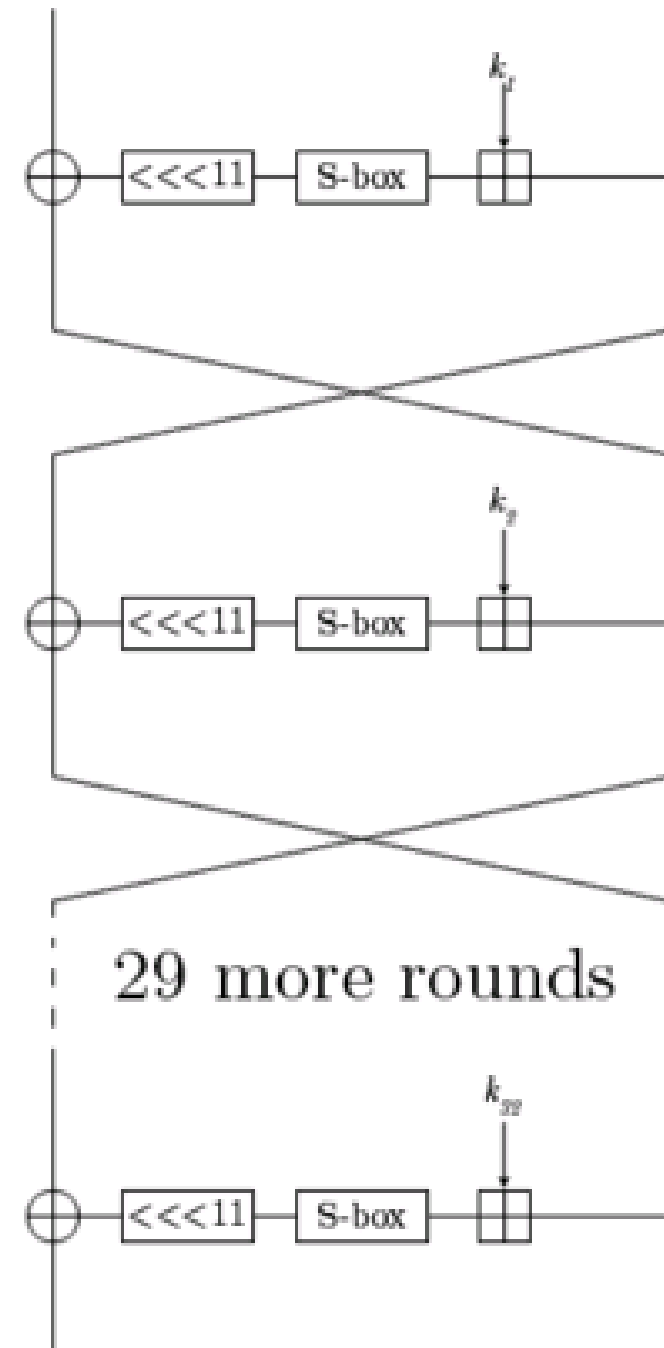
Key recovery for **6**-round DES !
1 known plaintext (!).

GOST

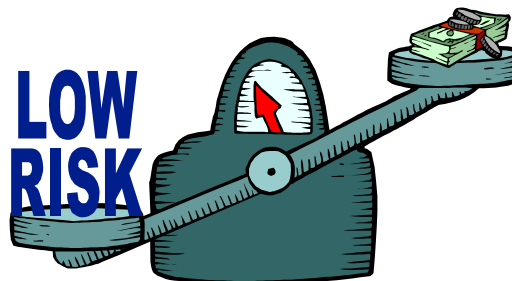
GOST 28147-89

- 64-bit block, 256-bit key, 32 rounds
- Slow diffusion,
 - lack of P-box
- Ultra-simple key schedule
 - 3xdirect, 1xreversed
- 8 secret S-boxes. (354 bits of info)
 - Central Bank of Russia uses these:

#	S-Box
1	4 10 9 2 13 8 0 14 6 11 1 12 7 15 5 3
2	14 11 4 12 6 13 15 10 2 3 8 1 0 7 5 9
3	5 8 1 13 10 3 4 2 14 15 12 7 6 0 9 11
4	7 13 10 1 0 8 9 15 14 4 6 12 11 2 5 3
5	6 12 7 1 5 15 13 8 4 10 9 14 0 3 11 2
6	4 11 10 0 7 2 1 13 3 6 8 5 9 12 15 14
7	13 11 4 1 3 15 5 9 0 10 14 7 6 8 2 12
8	1 15 13 0 5 7 10 4 9 2 3 14 6 11 8 12



So What?



Summary

attack method	data complexity		storage complexity	processing complexity
	known	chosen		
exhaustive precomputation	—	1	2^{56}	1 (table lookup)
exhaustive search	1	—	negligible	2^{55}
linear cryptanalysis	2^{43} (85%)	—	for texts	2^{43}
	2^{38} (10%)	—	for texts	2^{50}
differential cryptanalysis	—	2^{47}	for texts	2^{47}
	2^{55}	—	for texts	2^{55}

Table 7.7: DES strength against various attacks.

Never was “really” broken [Coppersmith Crypto 2000]