

PROPAGATION OF SUBSPACES IN PRIMITIVES WITH MONOMIAL SBOXES: APPLICATIONS TO RESCUE AND VARIANTS OF THE AES

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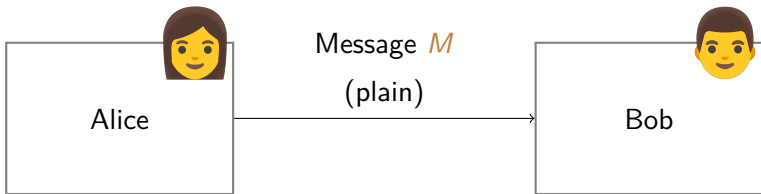
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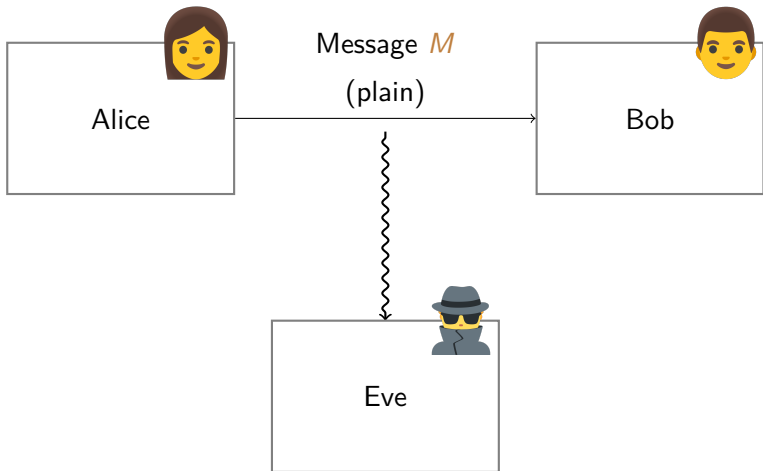
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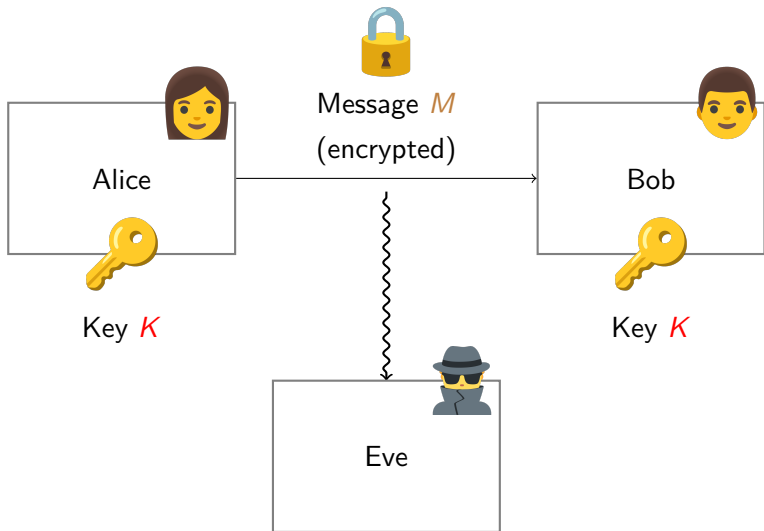
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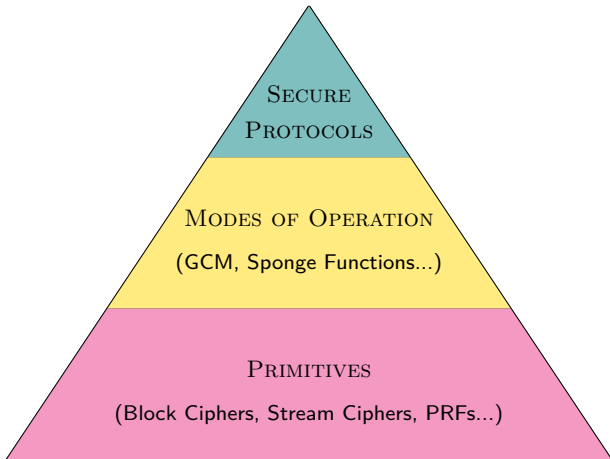


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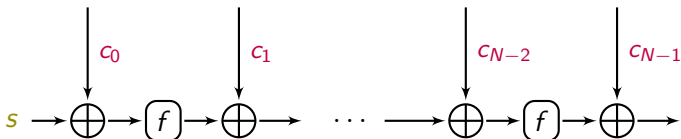
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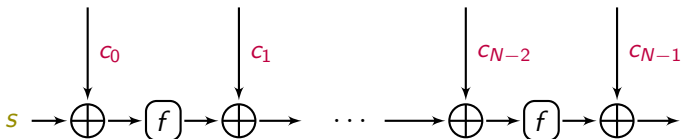
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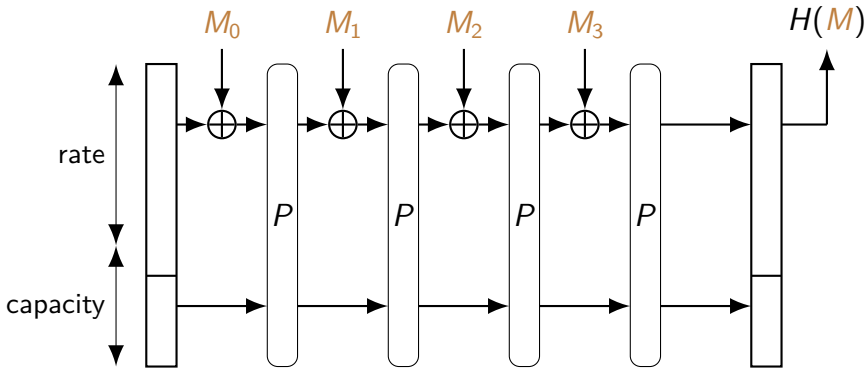
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A hash function is a function that maps an input of **any size** in \mathbb{F}_q to an element of \mathbb{F}_q^r for a **fixed** integer r .

- **collision resistance**: hard to find x, y such that $H(x) = H(y)$.
- **preimage resistance**: given $y \in \mathbb{F}_q^r$, hard to find x such that $H(x) = y$.
- **second preimage resistance**: given x , hard to find x' such that $H(x) = H(x')$.

SPONGE HASH FUNCTIONS



A sponge construction, originally designed for the standard **SHA-3**.
 P is, for example, a **fixed-key Block Cipher**.

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EXAMPLE

Primitive using the nonlinear component $S : x \mapsto x^3$ (MIMC and variants, RESCUE...).

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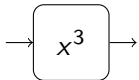
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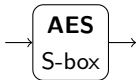
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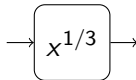
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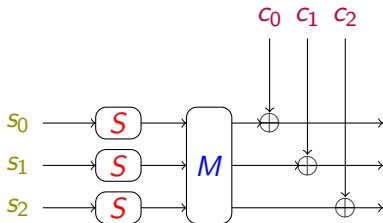
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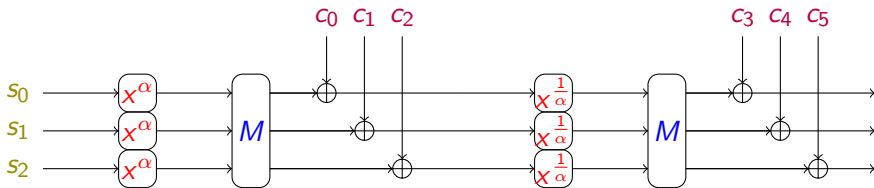
A TYPICAL ROUND FUNCTION



The round function of an SPN Block Cipher. Design basis for the **AES**.

RESCUE-PRIME

- Defined in \mathbb{F}_p with p prime $> 2^{64}$. Here we focus on $m = 3$, $c = 1$ and $p \approx 2^{256}$.



Two steps of RESCUE for $m = 3$ (repeated $N \geq 8$ times).

- Defined for any MDS matrix M and round constants c_i .

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Main motivation: Are the usual security arguments sufficient?

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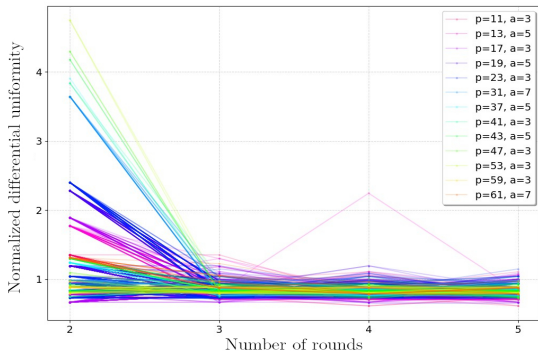
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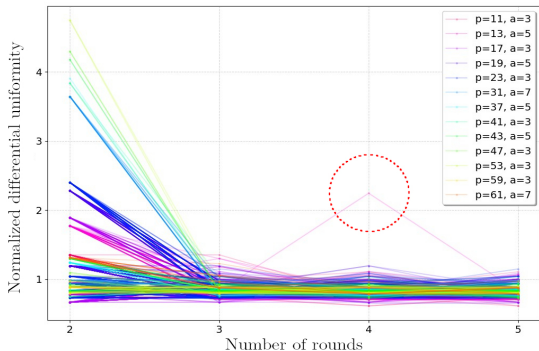
→ This quantity must be minimized.

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- 1 round or 3 rounds: the function is not affine.
- Because p is big ($\geq 2^{64}$), affine spaces of dim 1 are also big.

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$$\rightarrow \delta(F) \geq p$$

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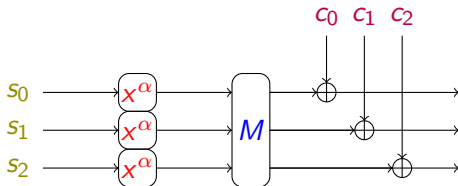
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Note $\mathbf{a} + \langle \mathbf{v} \rangle := \{\mathbf{a} + X\mathbf{v} \text{ such that } X \in \mathbb{F}_p\}$.

$$\mathbf{a}_0 + \langle \mathbf{v}_0 \rangle \xrightarrow{f} \mathbf{a}_1 + \langle \mathbf{v}_1 \rangle \xrightarrow{f} \dots \xrightarrow{f} \mathbf{a}_N + \langle \mathbf{v}_N \rangle$$

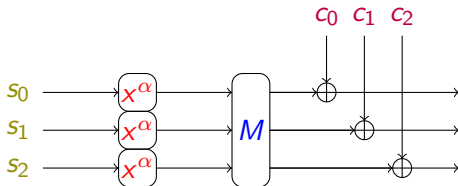
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RESCUE round.

Write elements of $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ a \end{pmatrix} + \langle \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ v \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \rangle$ as $\begin{pmatrix} s_0 \\ s_1 \\ s_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} X \\ vX \\ a \end{pmatrix}$.

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$$\begin{pmatrix} s_0 \\ s_1 \\ s_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} X \\ vX \\ a \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} X^\alpha \\ v^\alpha X^\alpha \\ a^\alpha \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ a^\alpha \end{pmatrix} + X^\alpha \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ v^\alpha \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

This is the most important part! It only relies on the fact that the Sbox is a monomial.

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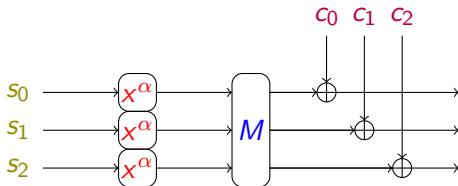
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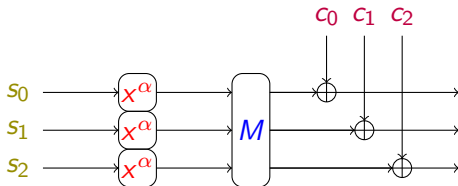
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For this space to be separable, we need that there exists $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}_p$ such that

$$M \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ v^\alpha \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } M \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ a^\alpha \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda M \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ v^\alpha \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

have disjoint supports.

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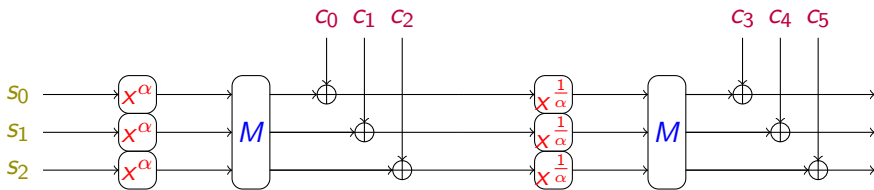
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STIR

- Based on RESCUE.
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STIR

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \left\langle \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle \longrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ a_3 \end{pmatrix} + \left\langle \begin{pmatrix} v'_1 \\ v'_2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle \longrightarrow \dots \longrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \left\langle \begin{pmatrix} v''_1 \\ v''_2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle$$

- Yields $p \approx 2^{64}$ solutions to the “CICO problem”. This breaks security arguments in sponge constructions.

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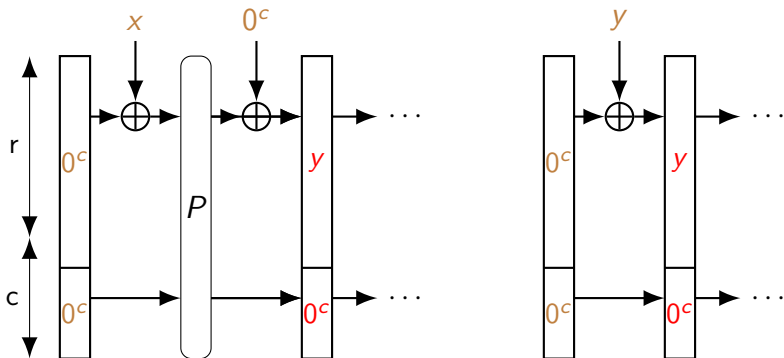
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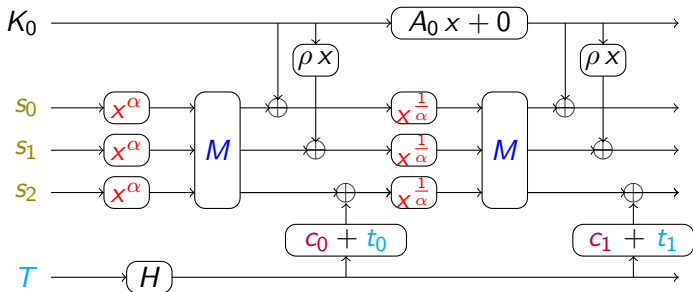
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- There are variants (e.g. given y of size r , find x such that $P(x \parallel 0^c) = (y \parallel *)$).

COLLISION FROM THE CICO PROBLEM

- Suppose you know x such that $P(x \parallel 0^c) = (y \parallel 0^c)$.



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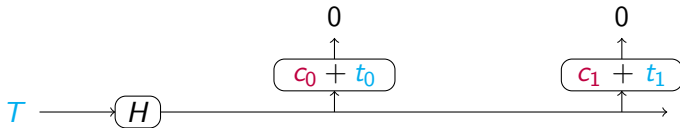


- H is an XOF (eXtendable Output Function), like **SHAKE256**.
- The t_i are the tweak hashes.

SNARE

Idea: Choose $c_i = -H(T^*)_i$ for some secret tweak T^* .

→ When $T = T^*$, c_i and t_i annihilate one another and an invariant vector space appears.



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- Retrieve K_0 with multivariate polynomial solving (Gröbner bases), with m times less equations as the general case.

→ Algebraic attack complexity put to the m th root!

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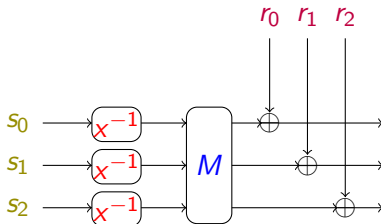
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MORSE CODE WITH DIFFERENTIAL UNIFORMITY

- Same thing as SNARE, but with elements over \mathbb{F}_{2^n} and the inverse function $x \mapsto x^{-1}$ as an Sbox.



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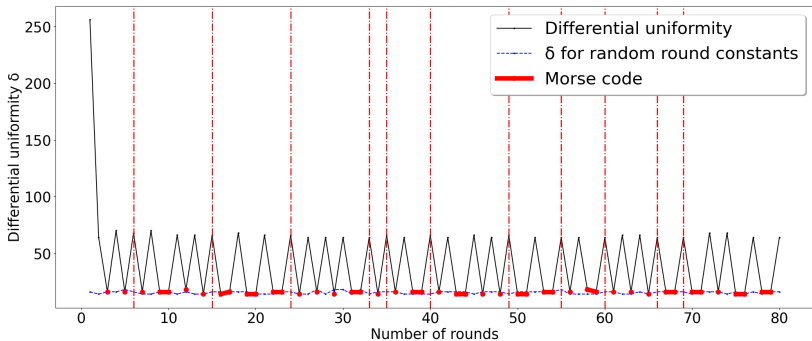
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- For a 2-round delay, the coefficient X of the affine space basis verifies $X \longrightarrow X^{-1} \longrightarrow X$ (Case $\lambda = 0$).
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MORSE CODE WITH DIFFERENTIAL UNIFORMITY



This differential uniformity graph spells “-- . -. .-. -.- -.-
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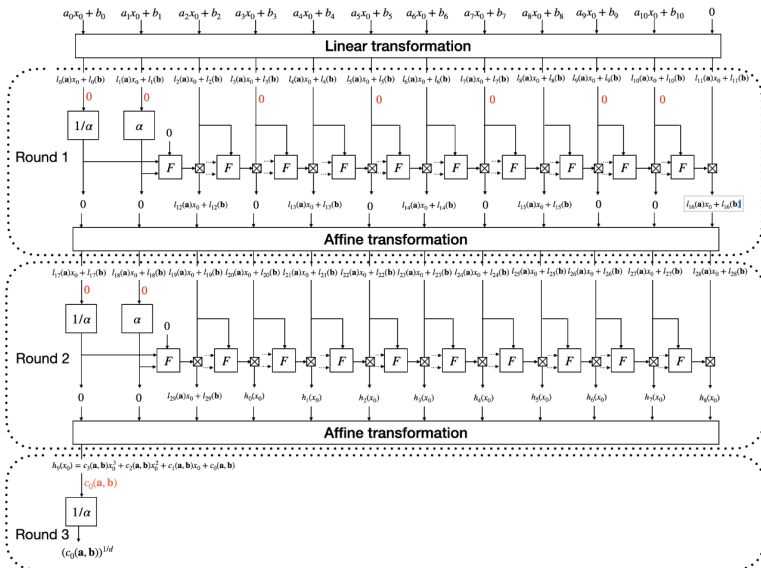
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