



Accelerating the Best Trail Search on AES-Like Ciphers

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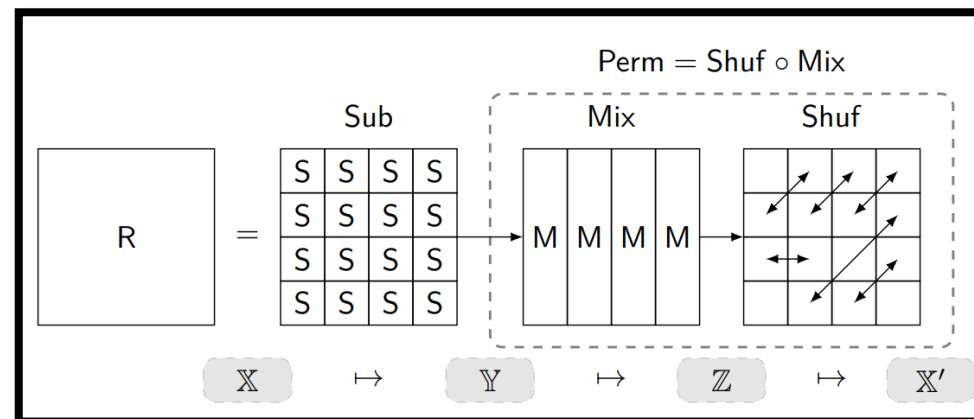
Presentation Overview

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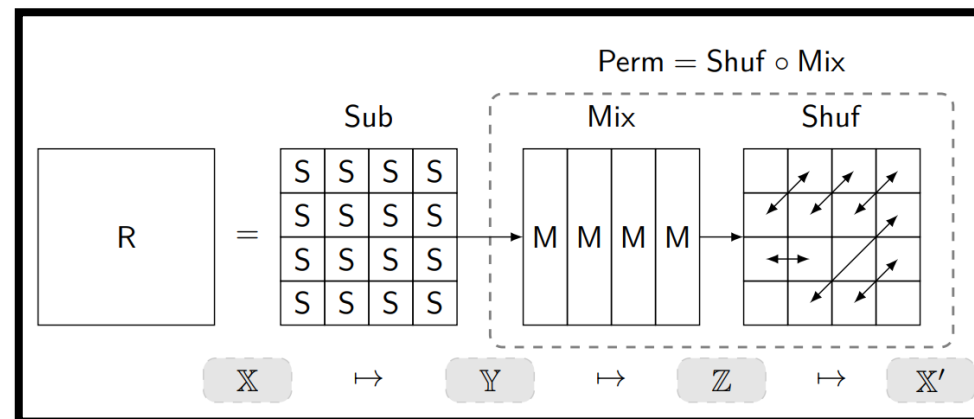
Cipher	Best Trail Type	Range of Analysis Rounds	Total Elapsed Time
GIFT-64	Differential	2 ~ 28 (full-round)	0.390s*
	Linear	2 ~ 28 (full-round)	9.755s*
GIFT-128	Differential	2 ~ 40 (full-round)	89.0h*
	Linear	2 ~ 40 (full-round)	451.3h*
PRESENT	Differential	2 ~ 31 (full-round)	7.280s
AES	Differential	2 ~ 3	17.452s
	Linear	2 ~ 3	21.009s
LED	Differential	2 ~ 3	0.008s
	Linear	2 ~ 3	0.013s
MIDORI-64	Differential	2 ~ 12	210.5h
	Linear	2 ~ 16 (full-round)	74.2h
CRAFT	Differential	2 ~ 8	456.9h
	Linear	2 ~ 7	3.2h
SKINNY-64	Differential	2 ~ 7	27.6h
	Linear	2 ~ 7	256.1h
SKINNY-128	Differential	2 ~ 6	24.998s
	Linear	2 ~ 6	0.5h

} First analysis result on full-round GIFT-128

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Contribution-2 : Investigating the Most DC/LC Resistant BOGI-based Cipher

- GIFT-variants, called *BOGI-based Ciphers*, by replacing the existing S-box and bit permutation.

- Considered S-boxes : 2,654,208
 - Considered bit perms : 55,296
- Totally, $2^{37.09}$ variants!

- Deduce equivalent combinations and take their representatives.

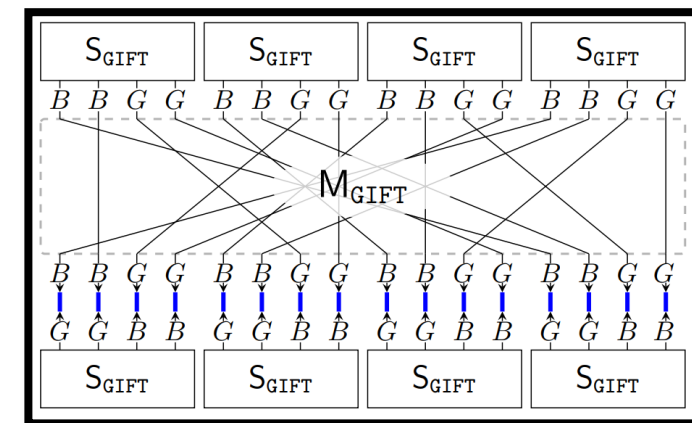
- Representatives : $2^{37.09} \rightarrow 41,472$

- Minimum required rounds to prevent effective trails for DC/LC.

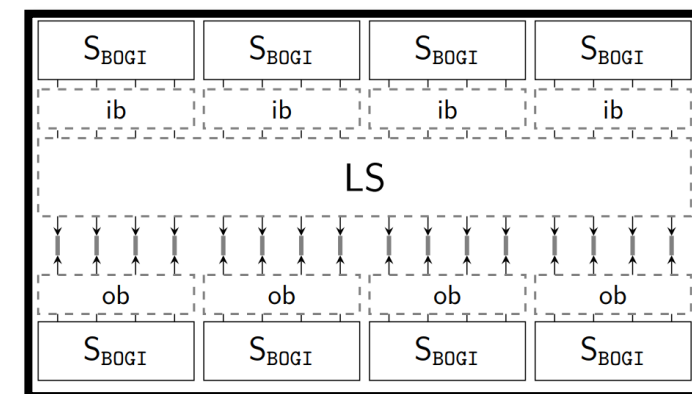
- Each representation gives 16-, 32-, 64-, 128-bit BOGI-based ciphers.

- Search results show that there are GIFT-variants allowing fewer rounds than GIFT.

- To prevent effective differential and linear trails,
- 2 rounds fewer than GIFT-64
- 3 rounds fewer than GIFT-128



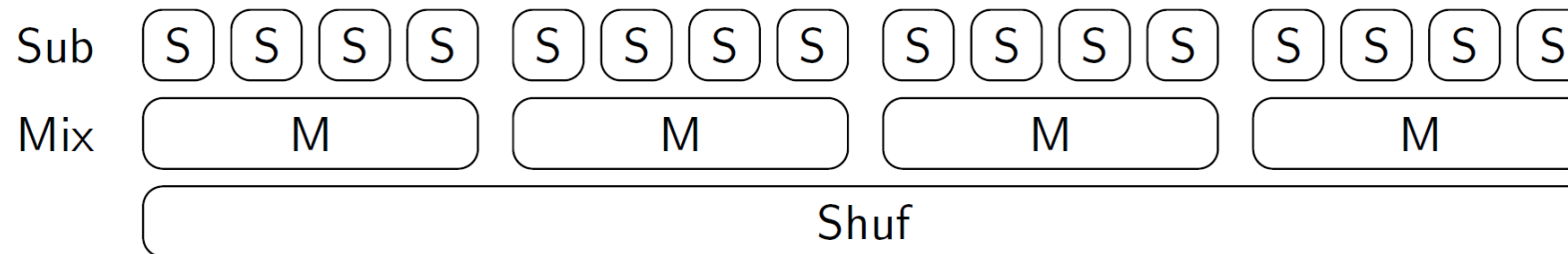
- Super-box of GIFT



- S-box and Bit-perm of BOGI-based Cipher

AES-like Cipher

- An AES-like cipher applies an identical round function R in all rounds.
- The AES-like round function $R = \text{Shuf} \circ \text{Mix} \circ \text{Sub}$ consists of
 1. S-layer Sub : nm identical w -bit S-boxes S are applied concurrently.
 2. Mixing-layer Mix : n identical wm -bit matrix multiplications M are applied concurrently.
 3. Shuffle-layer Shuf : shuffles nm w -bit words. Thus, $\text{Sub} \circ \text{Shuf} = \text{Shuf} \circ \text{Sub}$.

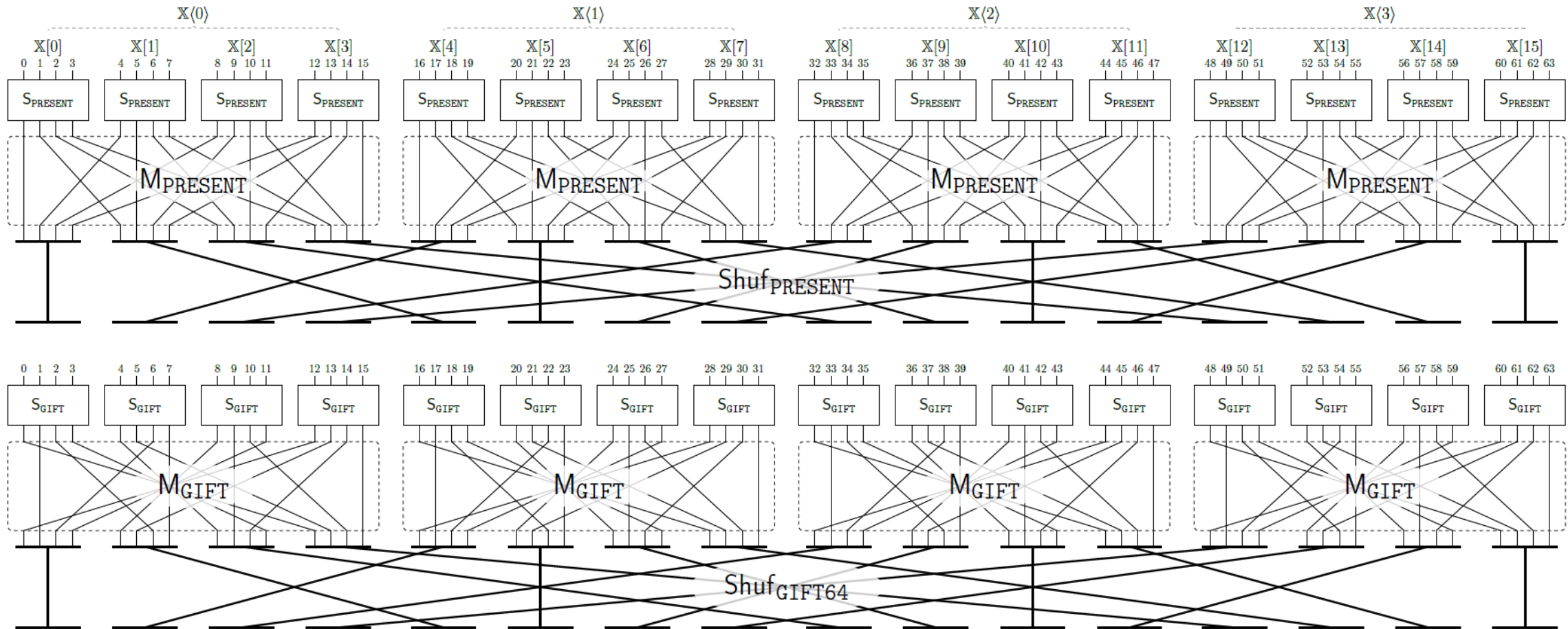


• AES-like Round Function

- Depending on whether M is a bit permutation or not, we call R and the cipher as
 - Bit permutation-based AES-like cipher : PRESENT, GIFT
 - Non-bit permutation-based AES-like cipher : MIDORI, SKINNY, LED, CRAFT

Examples - PRESENT, GIFT-64

- PRESENT, GIFT-64, and GIFT-128 are bit permutation-based AES-like ciphers.



Weight and Minimum Required Rounds for DC/LC Resistances

- Weight

- Negative Logarithm of Probability of Differential Trail (or Squared Linear Correlation of Linear Trail)

$$W(\mathbb{T}) = -\log_2 \prod_{i=1}^R \Pr \left[\mathbb{T}[i].\mathbb{X} \xrightarrow{R} \mathbb{T}[i].\mathbb{X}' \right]$$

- Let n_b be the block size. In general, DC/LC can be mounted with a trail \mathbb{T} such that

$$W(\mathbb{T}) < n_b.$$

- We are interested in **the minimum rounds** when every trail does not satisfy the above condition.
- Therefore, if the R -round best (minimum) weight as

$$\geq n_b,$$

we can show that the non-existence of distinguisher for DC/LC in R rounds.

Matsui's Search Algorithm [Mat95]

- Branch-and-bound Depth-First Search algorithm

- When we search for ($R \geq 2$)-round best trails, it traverses all the possible trails while checking the pruning condition with **the knowledge of**

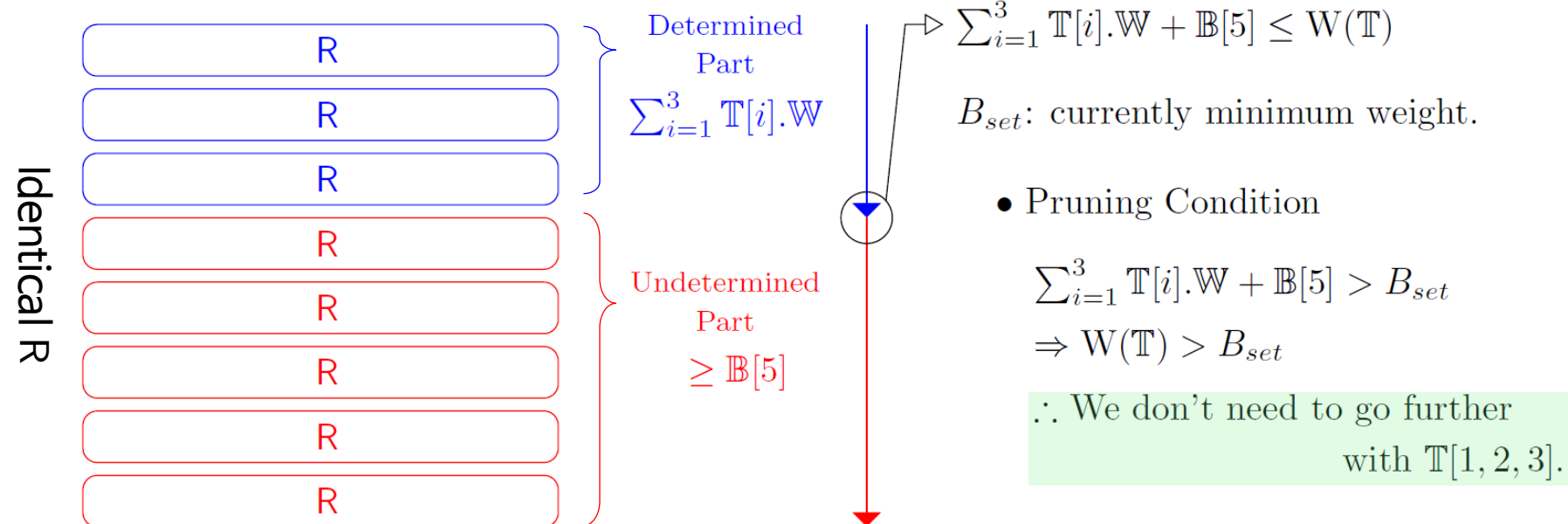
$1 \sim (R - 1)$ -round best weights $\mathbb{B}[1, \dots, R - 1]$.

- This requirement can be satisfied by recursively applying the algorithm from 2-round.

- Pruning Condition

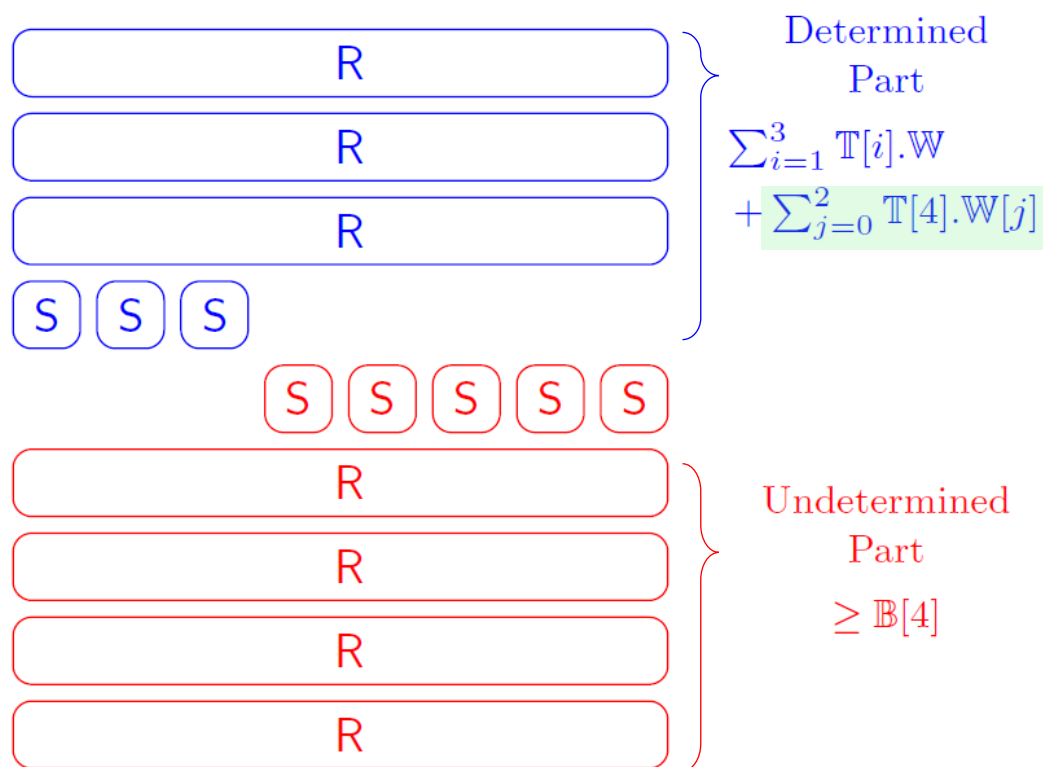
- Main Speedup Factor

- Application to 8-round best differential trail search,



Pruning Condition of Matsui's Search Algorithm

- Check the pruning condition S-box by S-box.



$$\sum_{i=1}^3 \mathbb{T}[i] \cdot \mathbb{W} + \sum_{j=0}^2 \mathbb{T}[4] \cdot \mathbb{W}[j] + \mathbb{B}[4] \leq \mathbb{W}(\mathbb{T})$$

B_{set} : currently minimum weight.

- Pruning Condition

$$\sum_{i=1}^3 \mathbb{T}[i] \cdot \mathbb{W} + \sum_{j=0}^2 \mathbb{T}[4] \cdot \mathbb{W}[j] + \mathbb{B}[4] > B_{set}$$

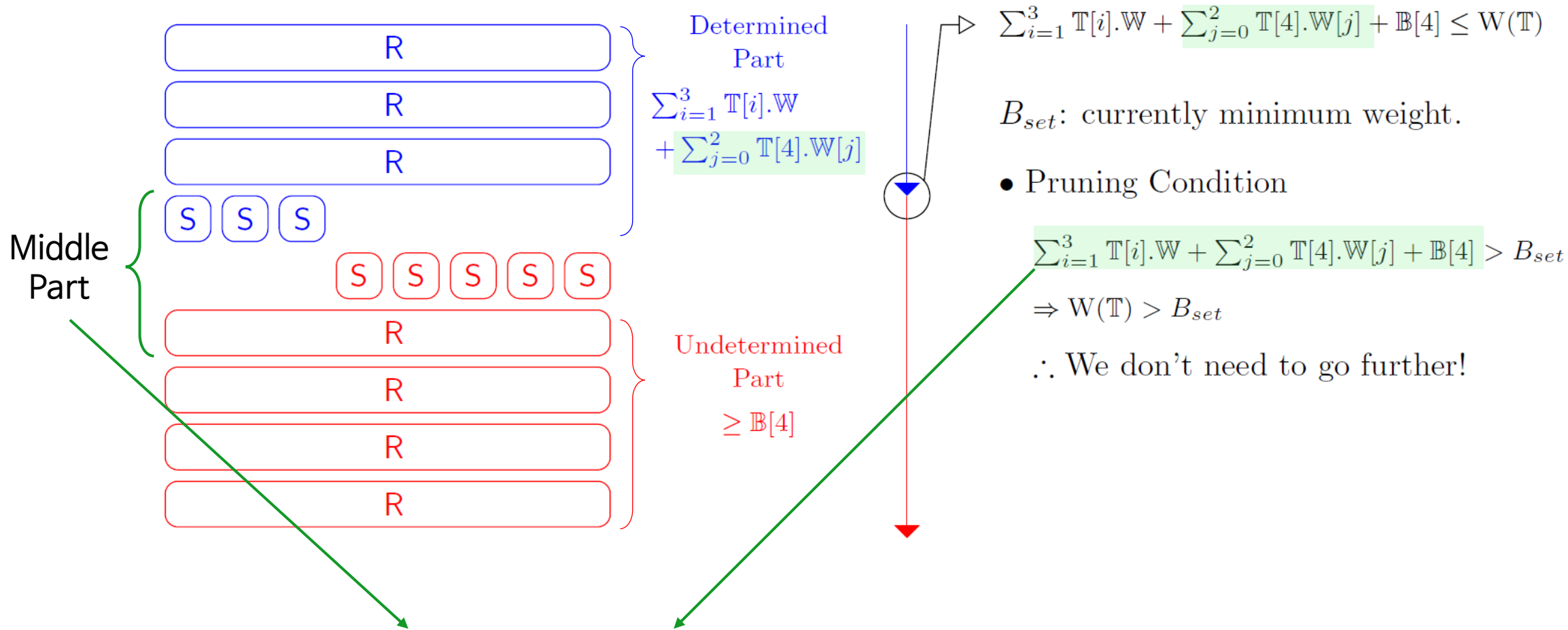
$$\Rightarrow \mathbb{W}(\mathbb{T}) > B_{set}$$

\therefore We don't need to go further!

- Stricter pruning condition: Make the left side of the pruning condition bigger.

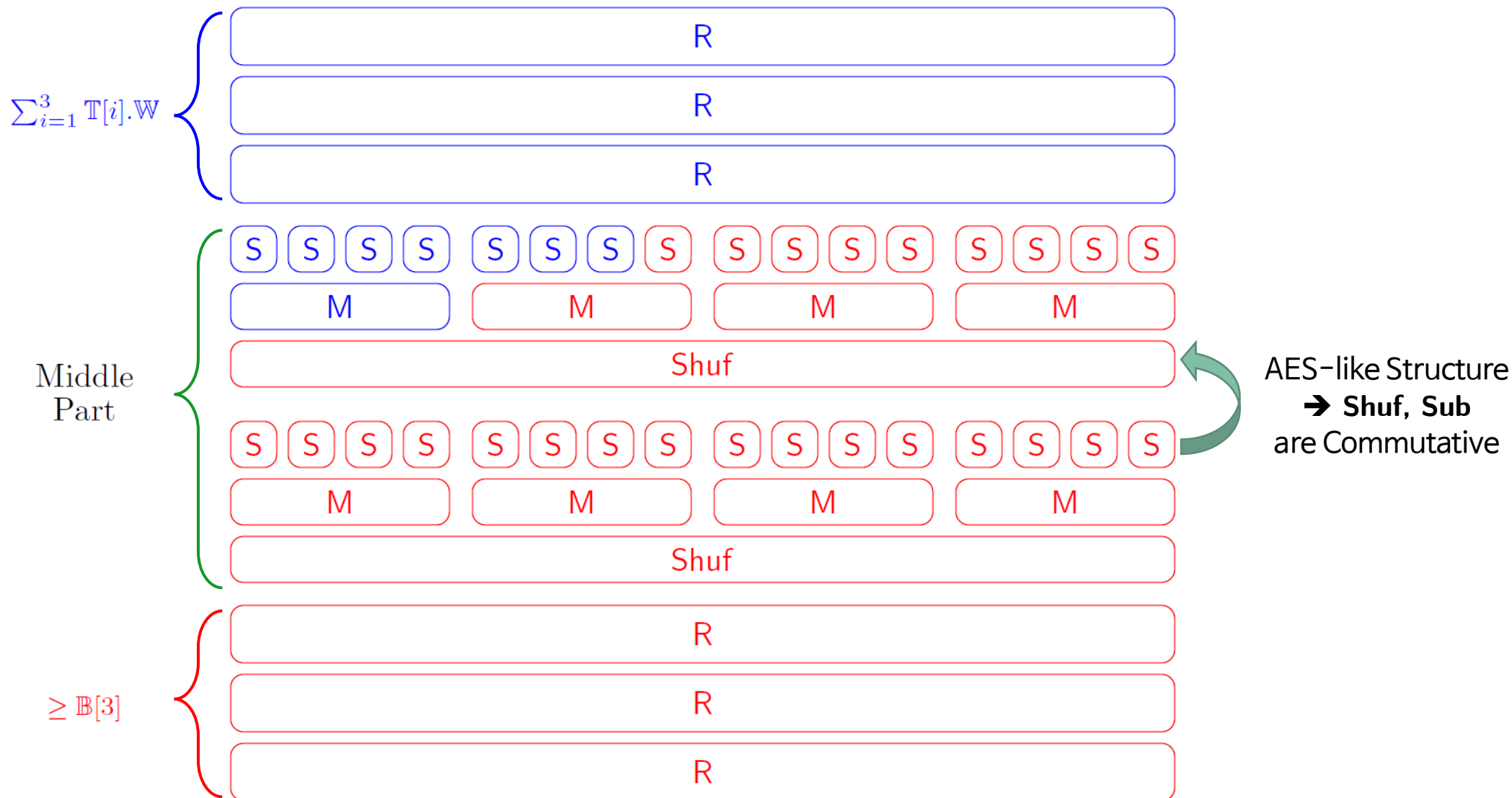
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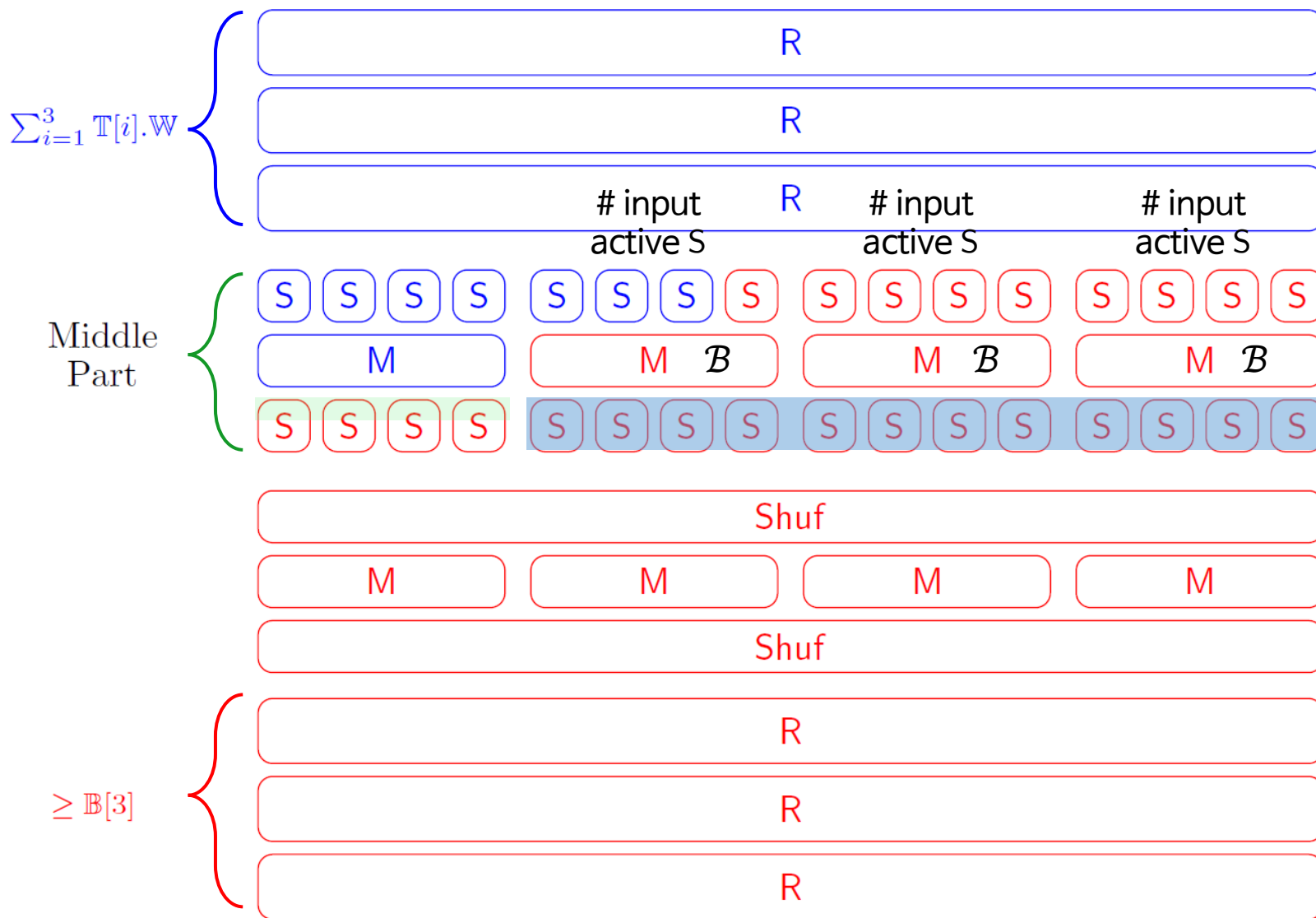


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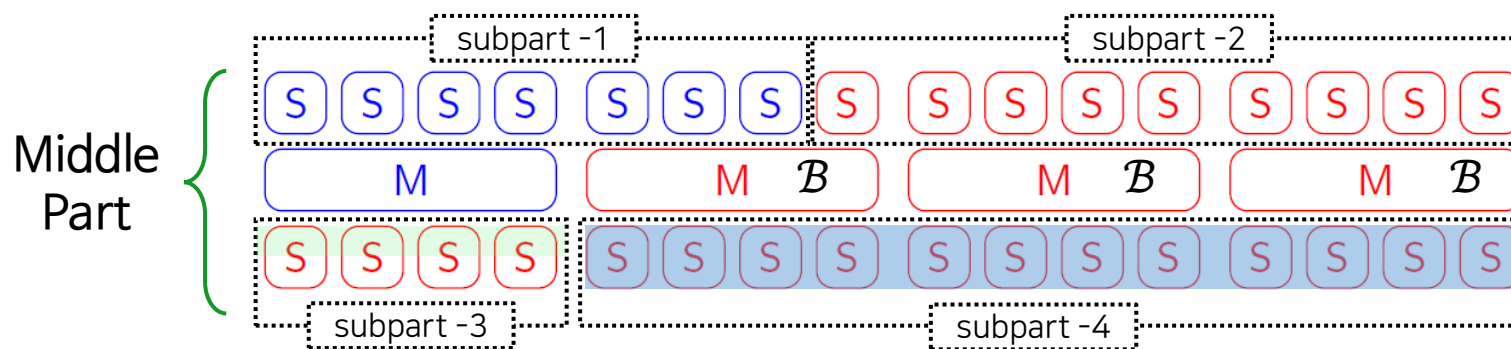
Strict Pruning Conditions for AES-like cipher



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Four Subparts in the Middle Part



subpart -1

$$\sum_{j=0}^c \mathbb{T}[r].\mathbb{W}[j]$$

subpart -2

$$\sum_{j=c+1}^{mn-1} \min_Y W(\mathbb{T}[r].\mathbb{X}[j] \xrightarrow{S} Y)$$

subpart -3

$$\sum_{k=0}^{n_M-1} \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} \min_Y W(M^*(\mathbb{T}[r].\mathbb{Y}\langle k \rangle)[j] \xrightarrow{S} Y)$$

subpart -4

$$\sum_{k=n_M}^{n-1} \phi\left(\sum_{j=0}^{m-1} \mathbb{T}[r].\mathbb{A}[mk+j]\right) \times \underline{W}$$

- **Non-bit Permutation-based AES-like Cipher**

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{i=1}^{r-1} \mathbb{T}[i].\mathbb{W} + \sum_{j=0}^c \mathbb{T}[r].\mathbb{W}[j] + \sum_{j=c+1}^{mn-1} \min_Y W(\mathbb{T}[r].\mathbb{X}[j] \xrightarrow{S} Y) \\ & + \sum_{k=0}^{n_M-1} \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} \min_Y W(M^*(\mathbb{T}[r].\mathbb{Y}\langle k \rangle)[j] \xrightarrow{S} Y) \\ & + \sum_{k=n_M}^{n-1} \phi\left(\sum_{j=0}^{m-1} \mathbb{T}[r].\mathbb{A}[mk+j]\right) \times \underline{W} \\ & + \mathbb{B}[R-1-r] \leq B_{set}, \end{aligned}$$

where $\phi(x) = \begin{cases} \max(1, B^* - x) & \text{if } x \neq 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } x = 0 \end{cases}$ and $n_M = \lfloor (c+1)/m \rfloor$.

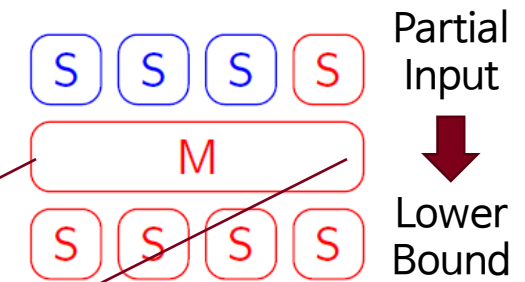
For Bit Permutation-based AES-like Cipher

- When M is a bit permutation, the partial input can provide the (non-trivial > 1) lower bound for # output active S-boxes.

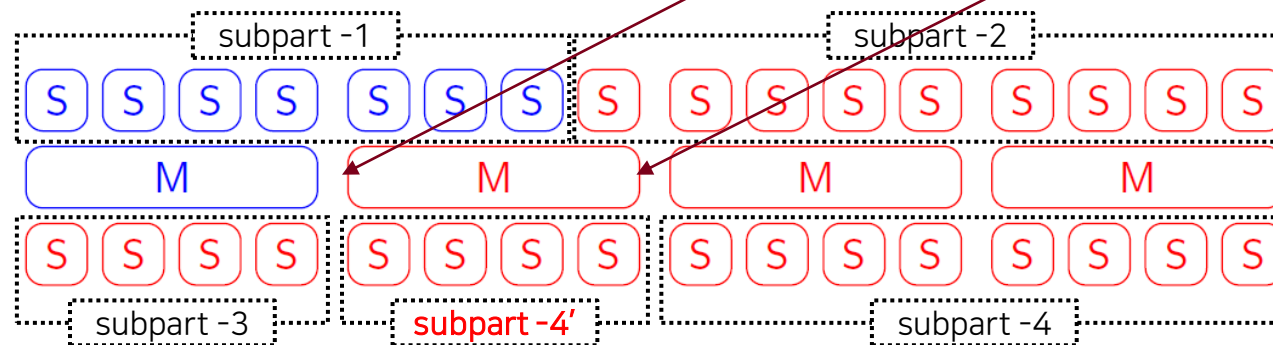
Lemma 1. *Let Perm be a bit permutation. For any $0 \leq c < mn$, it is satisfied that*

$$ACT(\text{Perm}(\mathbb{Y}[0, \dots, c] \parallel \mathbf{0})) \leq ACT(\text{Perm}(\mathbb{Y})),$$

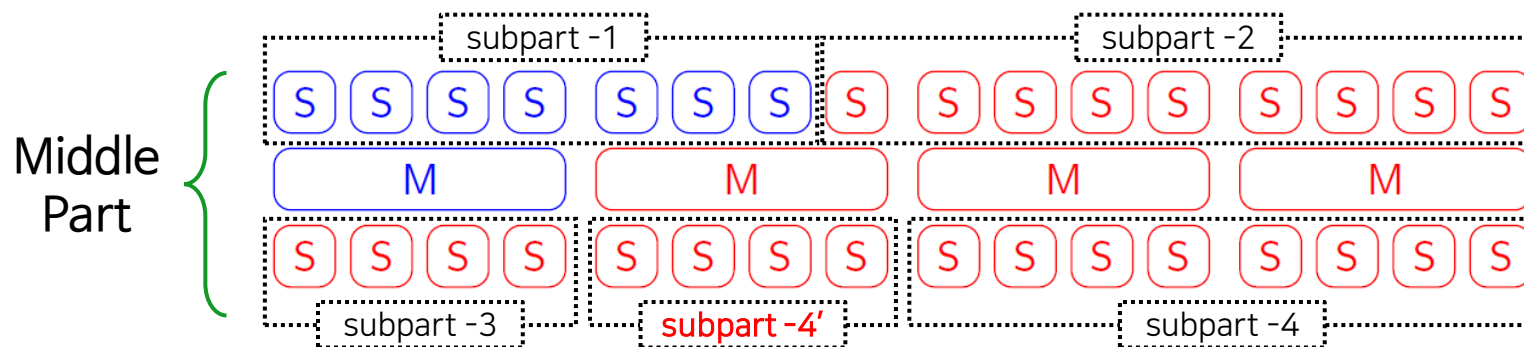
where $\mathbf{0}$ denotes a zero-bit padding.



- Thus, we can further consider subpart-4'.



For Bit Permutation-based AES-like Cipher



subpart -1

$$\sum_{j=0}^c \mathbb{T}[r].\mathbb{W}[j]$$

subpart -2

$$\sum_{j=c+1}^{mn-1} \min_Y W(\mathbb{T}[r].\mathbb{X}[j] \xrightarrow{S} Y)$$

subpart -3

$$\sum_{k=0}^{n_M-1} \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} \min_Y W(M^*(\mathbb{T}[r].\mathbb{Y}(k))[j] \xrightarrow{S} Y)$$

subpart -4'

$$\text{ACT}(M(\mathbb{T}[r].\mathbb{Y}(n_M)[0, \dots, m_M - 1] \parallel \mathbf{0})) \times \underline{W}$$

subpart -4

$$\sum_{k=n_M+\phi(m_M)}^{n-1} \phi\left(\sum_{j=0}^{m-1} \mathbb{T}[r].\mathbb{A}[mk + j]\right) \times \underline{W}.$$

● Bit Permutation-based AES-like Cipher

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{i=1}^{r-1} \mathbb{T}[i].\mathbb{W} + \sum_{j=0}^c \mathbb{T}[r].\mathbb{W}[j] + \sum_{j=c+1}^{mn-1} \min_Y W(\mathbb{T}[r].\mathbb{X}[j] \xrightarrow{S} Y) \\ & + \sum_{k=0}^{n_M-1} \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} \min_Y W(M(\mathbb{T}[r].\mathbb{Y}(k))[j] \xrightarrow{S} Y) \\ & + \text{ACT}(M(\mathbb{T}[r].\mathbb{Y}(n_M)[0, \dots, m_M - 1] \parallel \mathbf{0})) \times \underline{W} \\ & + \sum_{k=n_M+\phi(m_M)}^{n-1} \phi\left(\sum_{j=0}^{m-1} \mathbb{T}[r].\mathbb{A}[mk + j]\right) \times \underline{W} + \mathbb{B}[R - 1 - r] \leq B_{set}, \end{aligned}$$

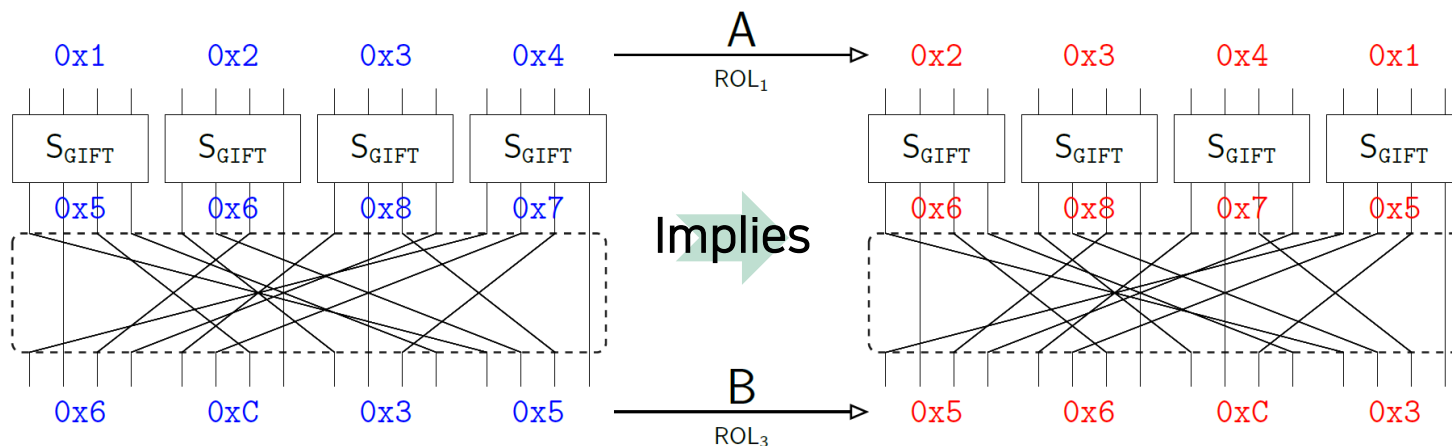
where $\phi(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \neq 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } x = 0 \end{cases}$, $n_M = \lfloor (c + 1)/m \rfloor$, and $m_M = c + 1 - mn_M$.

Employing Permutation Characteristics in Trail Search

● Permutation Characteristic

- It was presented originally for invariant subspace attack [LMR15].
- Although permutation characteristics can be used for the attack in a limited way due to key(constant) -additions, we can ignore them in trail search.
- It ensures that two different trails have the same weight. → reduced search space

● Concept



Same Weight

$$\begin{aligned}
 &W(0x1 \xrightarrow{S_{GIFT}} 0x5) && W(0x2 \xrightarrow{S_{GIFT}} 0x6) \\
 &+ W(0x2 \xrightarrow{S_{GIFT}} 0x6) && + W(0x3 \xrightarrow{S_{GIFT}} 0x8) \\
 &+ W(0x3 \xrightarrow{S_{GIFT}} 0x8) && + W(0x4 \xrightarrow{S_{GIFT}} 0x7) \\
 &+ W(0x4 \xrightarrow{S_{GIFT}} 0x7) && + W(0x1 \xrightarrow{S_{GIFT}} 0x5)
 \end{aligned}$$

For any sequences of values, there must exist the corresponding word-wise permuted sequence.

∴ After trail search from an input active S-box pattern D , we don't have to consider trails from $A(D)$.

Permutation Characteristics

- R -round permutation characteristic: a sequence of $A_i \xrightarrow{R} B_i$ such that

$$A_1 \xrightarrow{R} B_1 (= A_2) \xrightarrow{R} B_2 (= A_3) \xrightarrow{R} \dots \xrightarrow{R} B_R.$$

- R -round permutation characteristic only covers $(t \leq R)$ -round trail search.
- Iterative permutation characteristics are needed for the arbitrary round trail search.

$$A_1 \xrightarrow{R} B_1 (= A_2) \xrightarrow{R} B_2 (= A_3) \xrightarrow{R} \dots \xrightarrow{R} B_R (= A_1).$$

Obtaining Iterative Permutation Characteristics

- Generate a directed graph and find the cyclic subgraphs

- After obtaining $A \xrightarrow{M} B$, extend them as $A \xrightarrow{\text{Mix}} B$ and $A \xrightarrow{\text{Perm}} B$; $\text{DWSE}(\text{Perm})$.

- Find cycles in the corresponding directed graph (vertex - A, B , edge - \xrightarrow{R}).

- All Permutations (vertices) in a cycle can reduce the considered inputs.

Algorithm 2: R -Round Permutation Characteristics of AES-like Cipher

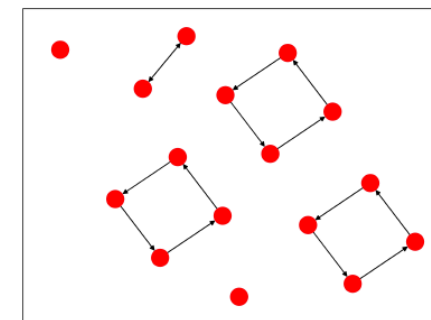
Input: Perm^* and Rounds $R \geq 2$

Output: \mathcal{D}

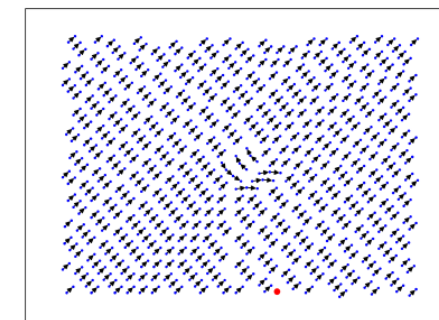
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1  $\mathcal{D} \leftarrow \emptyset$ 
2  $\overleftarrow{\text{DWSE}}(\text{Perm}^*) \leftarrow \{(A, B) \in \text{DWSE}(\text{Perm}^*) : \exists X \text{ such that } (B, X) \in \text{DWSE}(\text{Perm}^*)\}$ 
3  $G \leftarrow$  a directed graph regarding the pairs in  $\overleftarrow{\text{DWSE}}(\text{Perm}^*)$  as the edges
4  $\mathcal{C} \leftarrow$  the set of connected cyclic subgraphs in  $G$ 
5  $\mathcal{L} \leftarrow$  the set of connected linear subgraphs in  $G$ 
6 for  $H \in \mathcal{C}$  do
7    $\mathcal{D} \leftarrow \mathcal{D} \cup \{\text{all vertices (word-wise permutations) in } H\}$ 
8 for  $H \in \mathcal{L}$  do
9   // Note that there is one more removed vertex for  $H$ .
9    $\mathcal{D} \leftarrow \mathcal{D} \cup \{\text{from the first head vertex, } \min(0, |H| + 1 - R) \text{ vertices in } H\}$ 
10 return  $\mathcal{D}$ 

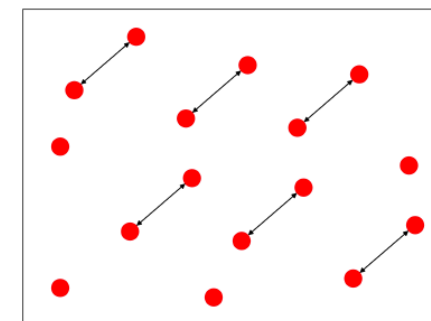
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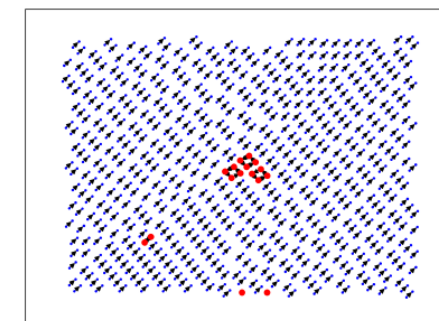
(a) GIFT-64



(b) GIFT-128



(c) AES



(d) MIDORI-64

Iterative Permutation Characteristics of Considered Ciphers

- The number of word-wise permutations on iteratives permutation characteristics is up to 16.
- The number of input active S-box patterns decreases up to 15.77 factors.

Cipher	$ A_{tab} $	$ DWSE(Perm^*) $	$ \overleftrightarrow{DWSE(Perm^*)} $	$ D $	$ Opt.A_{tab} $	$ A_{tab} / Opt.A_{tab} $
AES	65,535	6,144	16	16	4,155	15.77
LED	65,535	20	4	4	16,455	3.98
MIDORI-64	65,535	7,962,624	576	16	4,155	15.77
CRAFT	65,535	20	4	4	16,575	3.95
SKINNY	65,535	20	4	4	16,455	3.98
PRESENT	65,535	24	1	1	65,535	1
GIFT-64	65,535	6,144	16	16	4,155	15.77
GIFT-128	$2^{32} - 1$	$\approx 2^{31.3}$	512	1	$2^{32} - 1$	1

Performance Comparisons

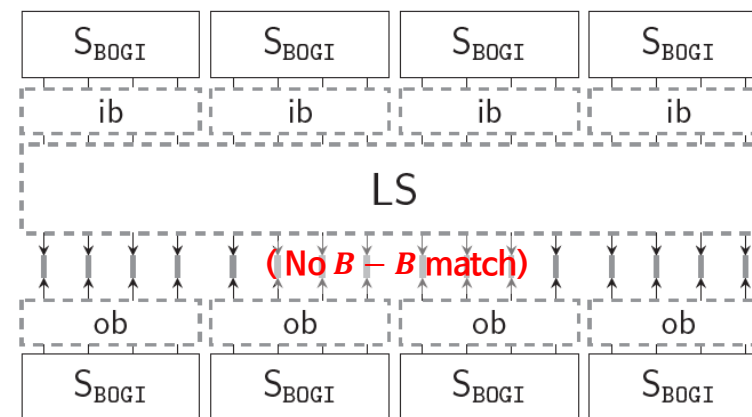
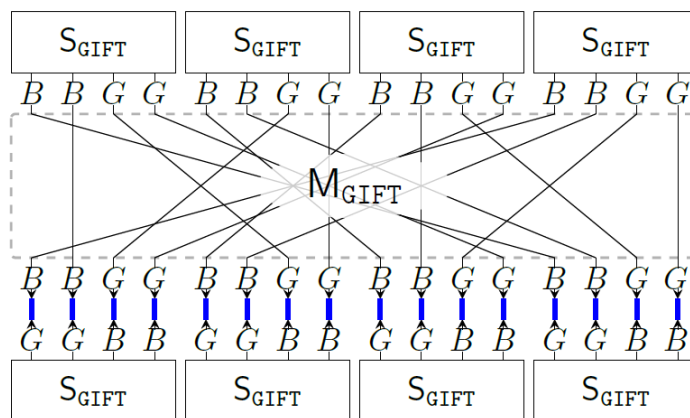
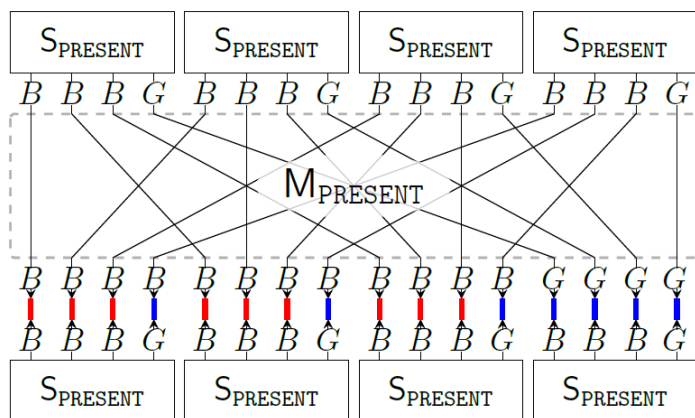
- Strategy - 1 : Accelerate up to 474 factors
- Strategy - 2 : Accelerate up to 10 factors
- Both : Accelerate up to 1904 factors

Cipher	$\frac{ A_{tab} }{ Opt.A_{tab} }$	Round	Trail	\mathcal{M}_{prev}	\mathcal{M}_{pc}	\mathcal{M}_{our}	$\frac{\mathcal{M}_{prev}}{\mathcal{M}_{pc}}$	$\frac{\mathcal{M}_{pc}}{\mathcal{M}_{our}}$	$\frac{\mathcal{M}_{prev}}{\mathcal{M}_{our}}$
PRESENT	1	2 ~ 31	Dif.	9.777 s	5.131 s		1.91	1	1.91
GIFT-64	15.77	2 ~ 28	Dif.	436.242 s	57.235 s	5.627 s	7.62	10.17	77.52
			Lin.	1.0 h	0.5 h	177.506 s	1.92	10.31	19.79
GIFT-128	1	2 ~ 19	Dif.	68.2 h	4.5 h		15.00	1	15.00
			Lin.	354.9 h	62.0 h		5.72	1	5.72
AES	15.77	2 ~ 2	Dif.	1.0 h	<0.001 s	<0.001 s	∞	2.00	∞
			Lin.	1.4 h	<0.001 s	<0.001 s	∞	2.00	∞
LED	3.98	2 ~ 3	Dif.	7.393 s	0.033 s	0.008 s	221.34	3.98	880.11
			Lin.	24.191 s	0.051 s	0.013 s	474.34	4.02	1904.83
MIDORI-64	15.77	2 ~ 2	Dif.	0.535 s	0.004 s	0.001 s	130.51	6.83	891.83
			Lin.	0.084 s	0.002 s	<0.001 s	33.44	6.25	209.00
CRAFT	3.95	2 ~ 7	Dif.	235.3 h	4.6 h	1.4 h	50.94	3.30	168.10
			Lin.	171.3 h	3.3 h	3.2 h	51.75	1.05	54.26
SKINNY-64	3.98	2 ~ 6	Dif.	291.702 s	11.468 s	2.139 s	25.44	5.36	136.39
			Lin.	0.9 h	164.916 s	35.964 s	19.81	4.59	90.86
SKINNY-128	3.98	2 ~ 6	Dif.	446.164 s	52.572 s	24.998 s	8.49	2.10	17.85
			Lin.	7.9 h	1.0 h	0.5 h	8.17	2.15	17.54

BOGI Design

● BOGI (Bad Output must go to Good Input) Design

- GIFT is based on this design.
- The fundamental prevention of consecutive single active bit propagations over a trail.
- It requires a proper combination of S-box and bit permutation.



- Such combinations amount to $2,654,208 \times 55,296 = 2^{37.09}$.
 - S-box : 2,654,208
 - 16-bit permutation ({ib, ob} and {LS}) : $96 \times 576 = 55,296$

- S-box and Bit-perm of BOGI-based Cipher

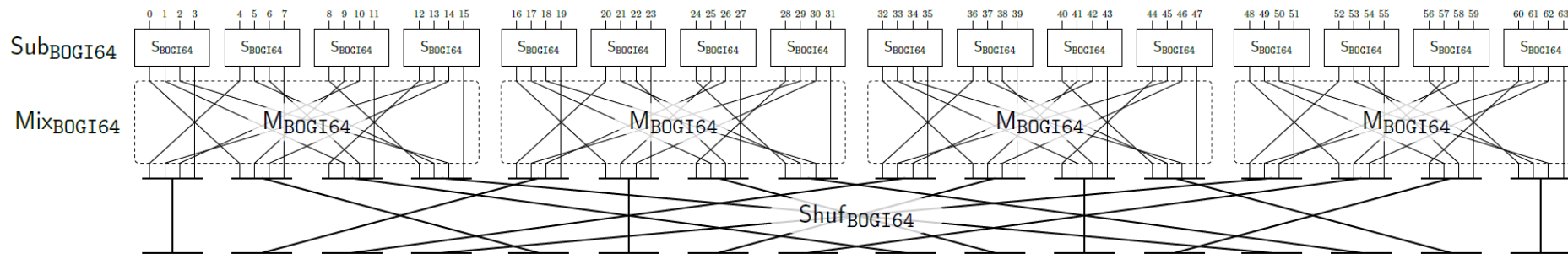
BOGI-based Cipher

Definition 7. A $(16 \cdot n)$ -bit *BOGI-based cipher*, denoted by $\text{BOGI-}16 \cdot n$, is a bit permutation-based AES-like cipher that is parameterized by the state dimension $(m = 4) \times n$ and the word size $w = 4$. Each component of the AES-like round function is given as follows.

- $\text{Sub}_{\text{BOGI}16 \cdot n}$: The parallel application of a BOGI-applicable S-box $S_{\text{BOGI}} \in \mathcal{BS}$ that has differential uniformity of 6 and linearity of 8.
- $\text{Mix}_{\text{BOGI}16 \cdot n}$: The parallel application of a 16-bit permutation M_{BOGI} which is derived from $LS \in \mathcal{LS}$ and $(ib, ob) \in \mathcal{BP}(S_{\text{BOGI}})$ as described in Figure 5.
- $\text{Shuf}_{\text{BOGI}16 \cdot n}$: The shuffle layer with $\sigma_{\text{BOGI}16 \cdot n}(j) = n \times (j \bmod 4) + \lfloor \frac{j}{4} \rfloor$.

Note that the number of considered S_{BOGI} is 2,654,208, $|\mathcal{LS}| = 576$, and $|\mathcal{BP}(S_{\text{BOGI}})| = 96$ as we mentioned. Therefore, the number of $(16 \cdot n)$ -bit BOGI-based ciphers is about $2^{37.09}$.

- Each combination gives a $(16 \cdot n)$ -bit BOGI-based cipher with a proper shuffle layer.
- Therefore, each version amounts to $2^{37.09}$.



DC/LC-Equivalent BOGI-based Cipher

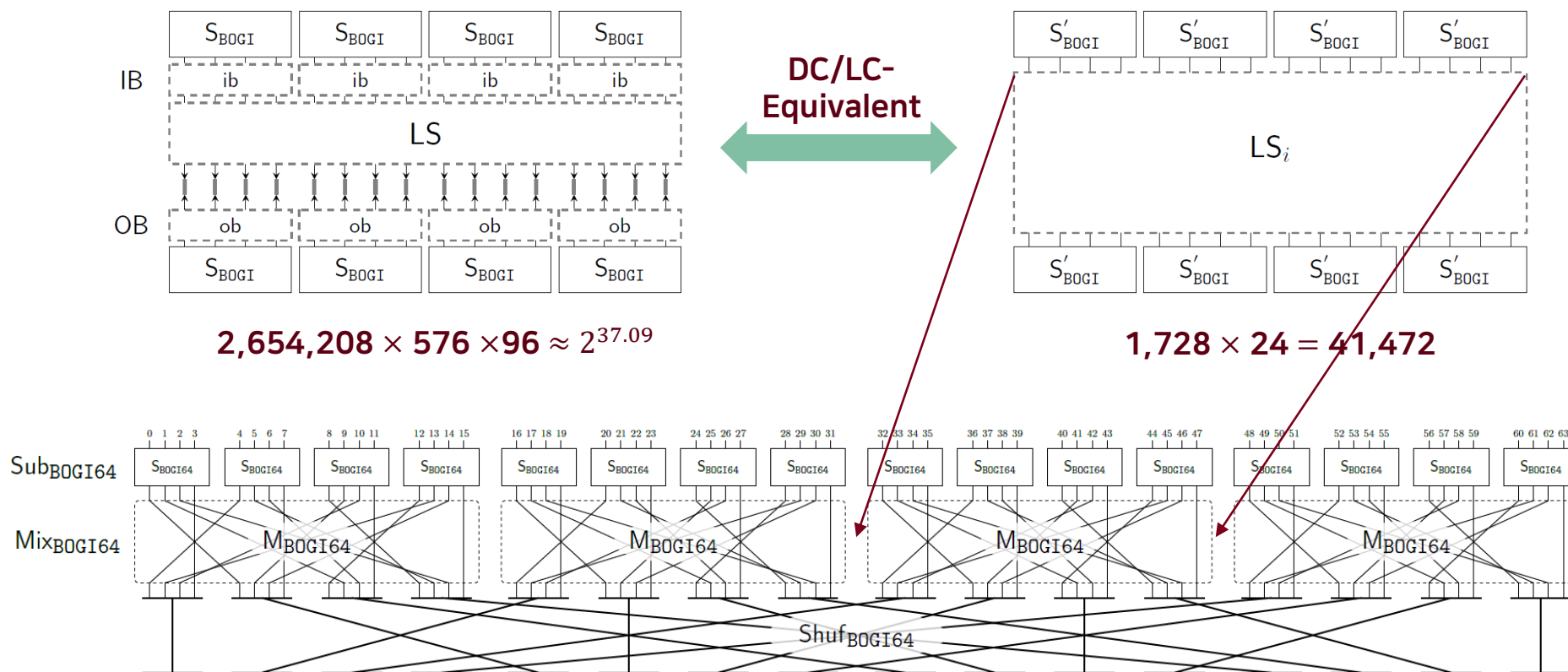
- Deduce DC/LC-equivalence classes between super boxes \rightarrow # BOGI-based ciphers for each block size is same.

- DDT-Equivalence : $|\text{Sub}| = 2,654,208 \rightarrow 10,398$

(We don't specify the shuffle layer)

- (LS)-Equivalence : $|\text{LS}| = 576 \rightarrow 24$

- (ib,S,ob)-Equivalence : $|\text{Sub}| \times |\text{Mix}| = |\text{Sub}| \times |\text{LS}| = 1,728 \times 24 = 41,472$



Trail Search on BOGI-based Cipher

- Strategy - 1 : Use the Pruning Condition for Bit Permutation-based AES-like Cipher
- Strategy - 2 : Obtaining Permutation Characteristics for Each Version
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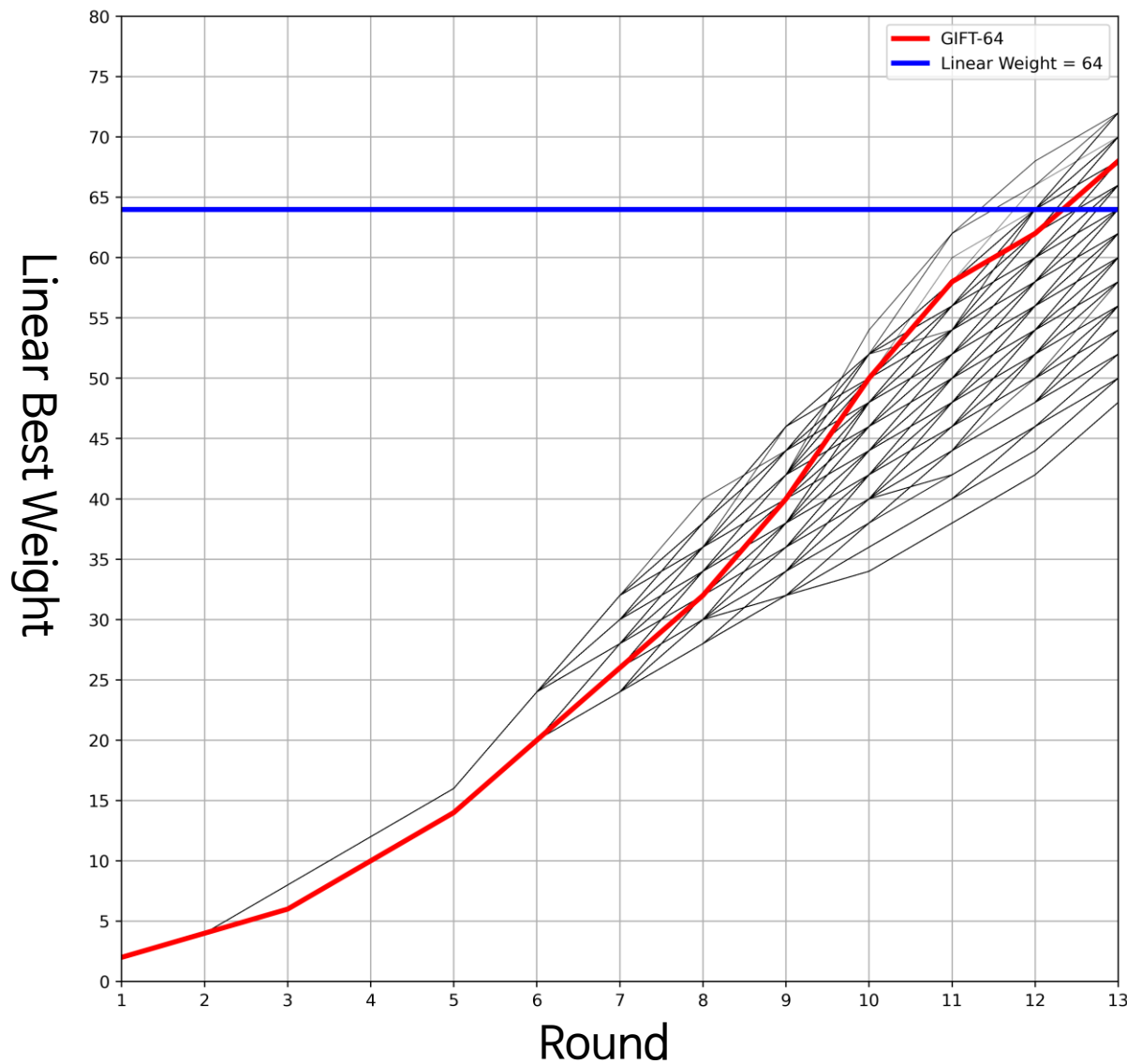
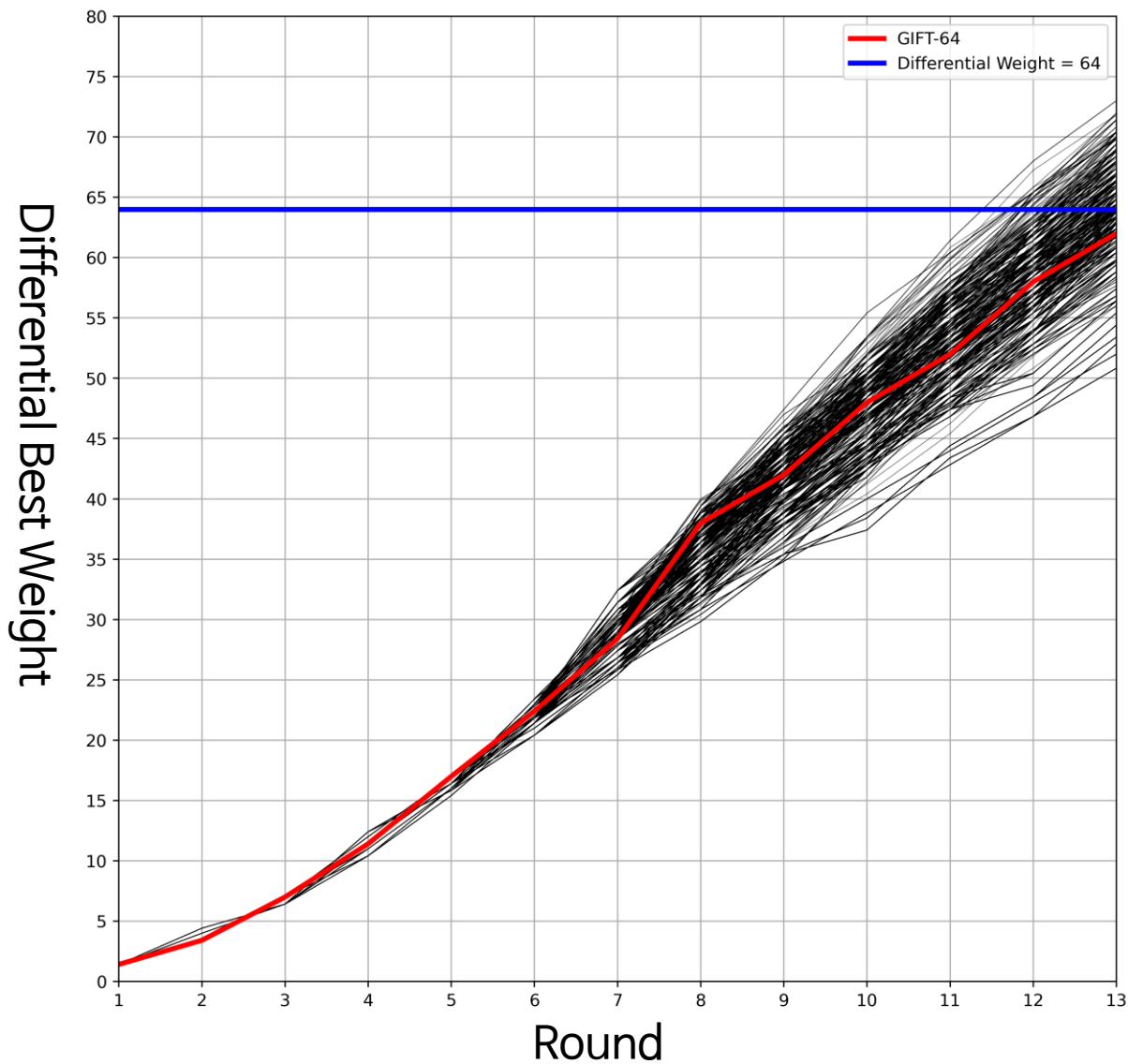
BOGI-16 · n	Combinations	Trail Type	Rounds	Min Elapsed	Avg Elapsed	Max Elapsed
BOGI-16	41,472	Differential	2 ~ 15	0.001 s	0.016 s	1.261 s
		Linear		<0.001 s	0.003 s	0.11 s
BOGI-32		Differential	2 ~ 15	0.001 s	0.072 s	4.622 s
		Linear		0.001 s	0.03 s	1.229 s
BOGI-64		Differential	2 ~ 13	0.004 s	29.508 s	0.5 h
		Linear		0.002 s	40.618 s	1.3 h
BOGI-128		Differential	2 ~ 11	0.011 s	1.5 h	450.9 h
		Linear		0.004 s	0.9 h	156.4 h

Trail Search on BOGI-based Cipher

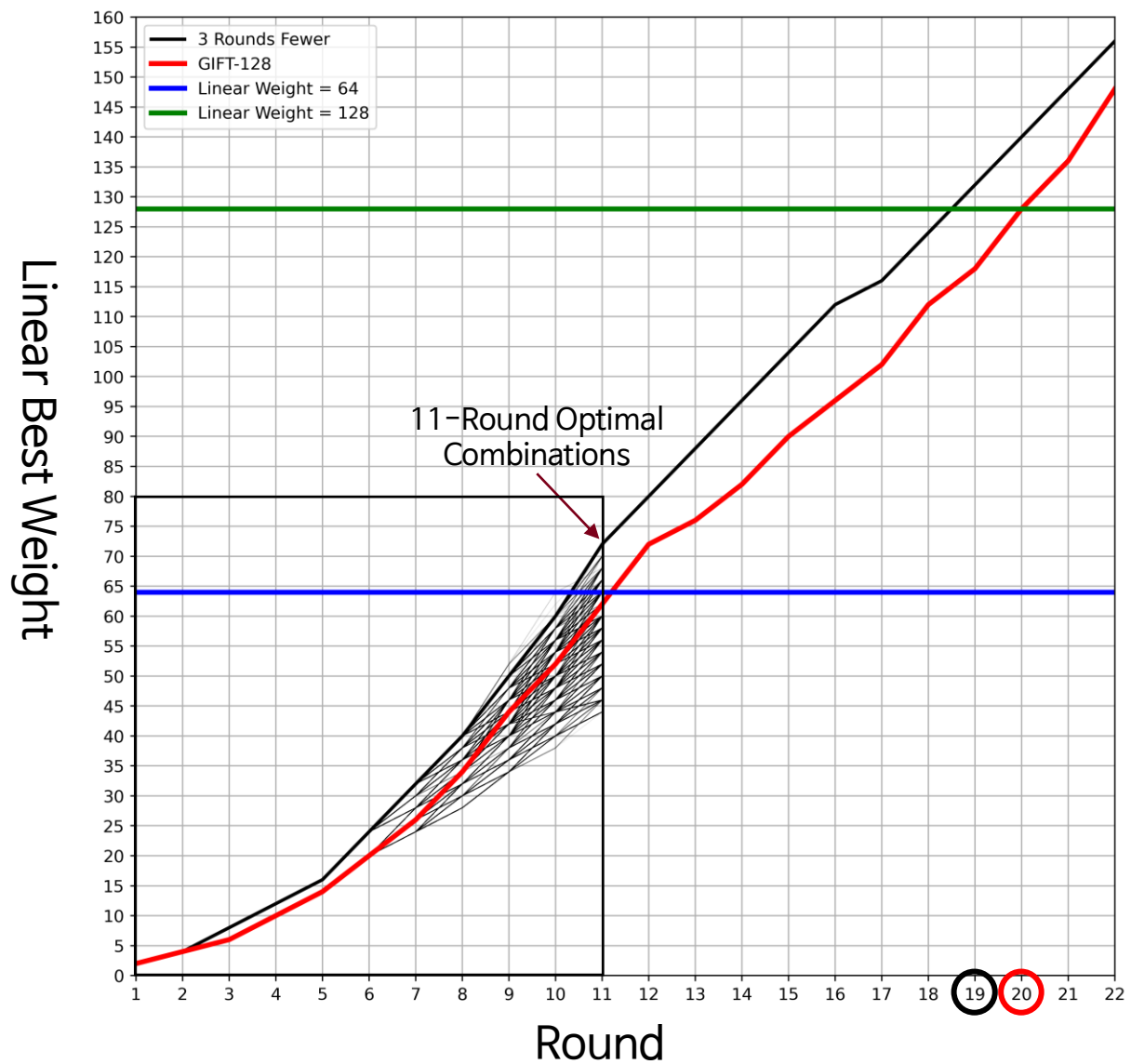
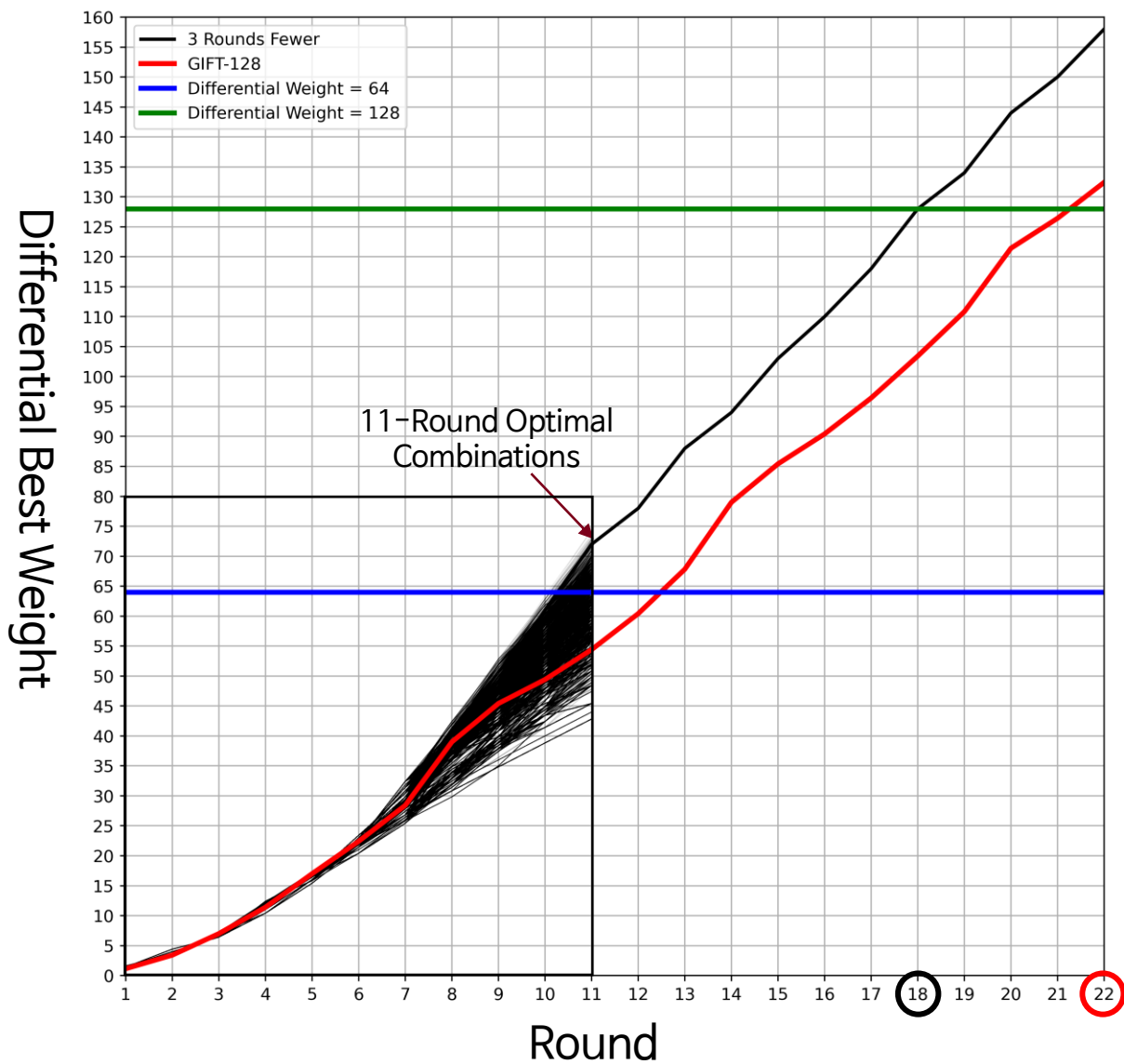
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- **There exist better combinations than GIFT-64 and GIFT-128 in terms of DC/LC-resistance.**
 - Only replacing the existing bit permutation even allows fewer rounds.

Block Size (b-bit)	Minimum Required Rounds to Prevent Efficient Trails for DC/LC		
	GIFT-b*	With Replacement of Bit Permutation	With Replacement of Bit Perm. and S-box
16-bit	6 rounds	6 rounds	5 rounds
32-bit	10 rounds	10 rounds	8 rounds
64-bit	14 rounds	13 rounds (1 Round)	12 rounds (2 Rounds Fewer)
128-bit	22 rounds	20 rounds (2 Round)	19 rounds** (3 Rounds Fewer)

Best Weights of 64-bit BOGI-based Ciphers



Best Weights of 128-bit BOGI-based Ciphers



Conclusion

- We attempted to optimize Matsui's Search Algorithm with two strategies.
- Moreover, taking advantage of the optimization, we obtain the first analysis results of best trail of full-round GIFT-128 and investigate the most DC/LC-resistant BOGI-based ciphers.
- Our implementations, codes, and analysis results can be found publicly in

`https://github.com/jeffgyeom/Best-Trail-Search-on-AES-Like-Ciphers`.

Q&A

Thanks



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