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Attacks on AOP (Arithmetization-Oriented Primitives) When cryptanalysis becomes lucrative!

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AOP: "Appellation d'origine protégée"

Bleu du Vercors-Sassenage



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Sudoku

	2		5		1		9	
8			2		3			6
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5	4						1	9
		2				7		
	9			3			8	
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Unsolved Sudoku

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A need for new primitives



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Protocols requiring new primitives:

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Problem: Designing new symmetric primitives

And analyse their security!

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 \star Symmetric cryptography and cryptanalysis tools

 \star Introduction of AOP



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		Block ciphers		

★ input: *n*-bit block

 $x \in \mathbb{F}_2^n$

 \star parameter: *k*-bit key

 $\kappa \in \mathbb{F}_2^k$

★ output: n-bit block

 $y = E_{\kappa}(x) \in \mathbb{F}_2^n$

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(a) Block cipher

(b) Random permutation

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A block cipher is a family of 2^k permutations of \mathbb{F}_2^n .



(a) Block cipher

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Iterated constructions

How to build an efficient block cipher?

By iterating a round function.



Performance constraints! The primitive must be fast.

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SPN construction

SPN = Substitution Permutation Networks



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Hash functions

Definition

Hash function: $H : \mathbb{F}_q^{\ell} \to \mathbb{F}_q^h, x \mapsto y = H(x)$ where ℓ is arbitrary and h is fixed.



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* **Preimage resistance**: Given y it must be *infeasible* to find x s.t. H(x) = y.

* Collision resistance: It must be *infeasible* to find $x \neq x'$ s.t. H(x) = H(x').

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Sponge construction

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Parameters:

- \star rate r > 0
- \star capacity c > 0
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P is an iterated construction



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Building blocks of security



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Cycle primitive



Primitive life cycle



CICO problem

CICO: Constrained Input Constrained Output

DefinitionLet $P : \mathbb{F}_q^{r+c} \to \mathbb{F}_q^{r+c}$. The CICO problem is:Finding $X, Y \in \mathbb{F}_q^r$ s.t. $P(X, 0^c) = (Y, 0^c)$



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Introduction of AOP



A new environment

Traditional case

Operations based on logical gates or CPU instructions.

 \mathbb{F}_2^n , with $n \simeq 4,8$

Example

Field of AES

 \mathbb{F}_2^n , where n = 8

 $\begin{array}{c} (0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0),\\ (0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1),\\ & \dots\\ (1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1) \end{array}$

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Arithmetization-Oriented

Operations based on large finite-field arithmetic.

 \mathbb{F}_q , with $q \in \{2^n, p\}, p \simeq 2^n, n \ge 32$

Example

Scalar Field of Curve BLS12-381

 \mathbb{F}_{p} , where

 $\label{eq:p} p = 0 \texttt{x73eda753299d7d483339d80809a1d805} \\ 53 \texttt{bda402fffe5bfefffffff00000001} \end{cases}$

0, 1, 2, ..., *p* − 1

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Use of logical gates and CPU instructions.



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Use of Arithmetic circuit.


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Minimize time and memory.





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 $y \leftarrow E(x)$

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Minimize the number of multiplications.

 $y \leftarrow E(x)$ and y == E(x)



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Example

Let $\boldsymbol{E} : \mathbb{F}_{11} \to \mathbb{F}_{11}, x \mapsto x^3$. We have $\boldsymbol{E}^{-1} : \mathbb{F}_{11} \to \mathbb{F}_{11}, x \mapsto x^7$. **Evaluation:** Given x = 5, compute $y = \boldsymbol{E}(x)$.

$$y = 4$$
 (applying E)

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Let $E : \mathbb{F}_{11} \to \mathbb{F}_{11}, x \mapsto x^3$. We have $E^{-1} : \mathbb{F}_{11} \to \mathbb{F}_{11}, x \mapsto x^7$. Verification: Given x = 5 and y = 4, check if y = E(x).

 $5^3 = 4$ (applying E) or $4^7 = 5$ (applying E^{-1})

Take-away

Traditional case

⋆ Alphabet:

 \mathbb{F}_2^n , with $n \simeq 4,8$

- Operations: Logical gates/CPU instructions
- * Metric: minimize time and memory for the evaluation
- ***** Decades of Cryptanalysis

Arithmetization-Oriented

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- Operations: Large finite-field arithmetic
- \star Metric: minimize the number of multiplications for the verification
- \star \leq 8 years of Cryptanalysis

Primitives overview



Example of Type I: POSEIDON



Low degree primitive

L. Grassi, D. Khovratovich, C. Rechberger, A. Roy and M. Schofnegger, 2021

★ S-box:

 $x \mapsto x^3$

 \star Nb rounds:

 $R = 2 \times Rf + RP$ = 8 + (from 56 to 84)

Example of Type II: Rescue





A. Aly, T. Ashur, E. Ben-Sasson, S. Dhooghe and A. Szepieniec, 2020

★ S-box:

 $x \mapsto x^3$ and $x \mapsto x^{1/3}$

 \star Nb rounds:

R =from 8 to 26 (2 S-boxes per round)



Example of Type III: Reinforced Concrete



Primitive using Look-up-Tables

L. Grassi, D. Khovratovich, R. Lüftenegger, C. Rechberger, M. Schofnegger and R. Walch, 2022

★ S-box:

Decomp.	
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⋆ Nb rounds:

R = 7

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	Туре І	Type II	Type III
	Low-degree primitives	Equivalence relation	Look-up tables
Alphabet	\mathbb{F}_q^m	\mathbb{F}_q^m	specific fields
	for various <i>q</i> and <i>m</i>	for various <i>q</i> and <i>m</i>	
Nb of rounds	many	few	fewer
Plain performance	fast	slow	faster
Nb of constraints	often more	fewer	it depends
			on the proof system

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To which type of primitives (I, II, or III) belong AES?



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Could we use AES for advanced protocols?



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CICO Problem

CICO: Constrained Input Constrained Output

Definition

Let $P : \mathbb{F}_q^t \to \mathbb{F}_q^t$ and u < t. The **CICO** problem is: Finding $X, Y \in \mathbb{F}_q^{t-u}$ s.t. $P(X, 0^u) = (Y, 0^u)$.



when t = 3, u = 1.

Need to solve polynomial systems

Solving polynomial systems

* **Univariate** solving: find the roots of $\mathcal{P}_j \in \mathbb{F}_q[X]$

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Euclidean division

 \star Integers

$$a = q \times b + r, \ 0 \leq r < b$$

Example: division of 2025 by 100

 $2025 = 20 \times 100 + 25$

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* Univariate polynomials

 $A = Q \times B + R, \ 0 \leq \deg(R) < \deg(B)$

Example: division of $X^5 + 2X^3 + 3X$ by X^2

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* Multivariate polynomials

Need monomial ordering

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Monomial ordering





What about the multivariate case?

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Lexicographical ordering



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Monomial ordering

Some orderings in $\mathbb{F}_q[x_1, x_2, x_3]$.

Lexicographical order (lex)

First, compare degrees of highest variable, then second variable, ...

 $x_1 > x_2 > x_3,$ $x_1 > x_2^2,$ $x_1^2 x_2 > x_1^2 x_3$

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 $x_1 < {x_2}^2,$
 $x_1^2 x_2 > {x_1}^2 x_3$

Weighted graded lex. order

First, compare weighted sum of degrees, then graded lex. order.

If wt(
$$x_1$$
) = 3, wt(x_2) = 1 and wt(x_3) = 4, then

 $x_1 < x_2^2 x_3$

Solving polynomial systems

★ **Univariate** solving: find the roots of $\mathcal{P}_j \in \mathbb{F}_q[X]$

$$\begin{cases} \mathcal{P}_0(X) &= 0 \\ \vdots \\ \mathcal{P}_{m-1}(X) &= 0 \end{cases}$$

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$$\begin{cases} \mathcal{P}_{0}(X_{0},...,X_{n-1}) &= 0 \\ &\vdots \\ \mathcal{P}_{m-1}(X_{0},...,X_{n-1}) &= 0 \\ \end{cases}$$

- * Compute a grevlex order GB (F5 algorithm)
- * Convert it into lex order GB (FGLM algorithm)
- \star Find the roots in \mathbb{F}_q^n of the GB polynomials using univariate system resolution.

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How to efficiency solve polynomial systems to build algebraic attacks?

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How to efficiency solve polynomial systems to build algebraic attacks?

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- \star by changing the ordering
- \star by doing nothing??



Ethereum Foundation Challenges

https://www.zkhashbounties.info/

(November 2021)



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Solving CICO Problem

- * Feistel-MiMC [Albrecht et al., 2016]
- * POSEIDON [Grassi et al., 2021]
- * Rescue–Prime [Aly et al., 2020]
- * Reinforced Concrete [Grassi et al., 2022]



Ethereum Challenges: solving CICO problem for AO primitives with $q \sim 2^{64}$ prime

A. Bariant, C. Bouvier, G. Leurent, L. Perrin, 2022

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Cryptanalysis Challenge

Category	Parameters	Security level	Bounty
Easy	<i>r</i> = 6	9	\$2,000
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Medium	r = 14	22	\$6,000
Hard	r = 18	28	\$12,000
Hard	<i>r</i> = 22	34	\$26,000

(a) Feistel–MiMC

Category	Parameters	Security level	Bounty
Easy	N = 4, m = 3	25	\$2,000
Easy	N = 6, m = 2	25	\$4,000
Medium	N = 7, m = 2	29	\$6,000
Hard	N=5, m=3	30	\$12,000
Hard	N = 8, m = 2	33	\$26,000

(b) Rescue-Prime

Category	Parameters	Security level	Bounty
Easy	RP = 3	8	\$2,000
Easy	RP = 8	16	\$4,000
Medium	RP = 13	24	\$6,000
Hard	RP = 19	32	\$12,000
Hard	RP = 24	40	\$26,000

(c) POSEIDON

Category	Parameters	Security level	Bounty
Easy	<i>p</i> = 281474976710597	24	\$4,000
Medium	p = 72057594037926839	28	\$6,000
Hard	p = 18446744073709551557	32	\$12,000

(d) Reinforced Concrete

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Feistel-MiMC



$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{P}_0(X) &= X \\ \mathcal{Q}_0(X) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

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Feistel-MiMC



$$\begin{array}{ll} \mathcal{P}_{0}(X) &= X \\ \mathcal{Q}_{0}(X) &= 0 \\ \mathcal{P}_{1}(X) &= (X + c_{0})^{3} \\ \mathcal{Q}_{1}(X) &= X \end{array}$$
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Feistel-MiMC



$$\begin{array}{ll} \mathcal{P}_{0}(X) &= X \\ \mathcal{Q}_{0}(X) &= 0 \\ \mathcal{P}_{1}(X) &= (X + c_{0})^{3} \\ \mathcal{Q}_{1}(X) &= X \\ & \cdots \\ \mathcal{P}_{i}(X) &= \mathcal{Q}_{i-1}(X) + (\mathcal{P}_{i-1}(X) + c_{i-1})^{3} \\ \mathcal{Q}_{i}(X) &= \mathcal{P}_{i-1}(X) \end{array}$$

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Feistel-MiMC



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1 variable + (2r + 1) equations

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dium	r = 14	22	\$6,000		M	edium	N=7, m=2	29	\$6,00	0
rd	r = 18	28	\$12,000			d	N = 5, m = 3	30	\$12,0	00
ard	r = 22	3 4	\$26,000	0	()	1	N = 8, m = 2	33	\$26,0	00
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ard	RP = 24	40	\$26,000					~		
	(c) Posi	EIDON				(d) Keinforced	Concr	ete	

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Trick for SPN

Let
$$P = P_0 \circ P_1$$
 be a permutation of \mathbb{F}_p^3 and suppose



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★ S-box:

★ Nb rounds:

 $R = 2 \times Rf + RP$ = 8 + (from 3 to 24)

 $x \mapsto x^3$



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Trick for **POSEIDON**





(b) Overview.

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Rescue-Prime



- ★ S-box: $x \mapsto x^3$ and $x \mapsto x^{1/3}$
- * Nb rounds:

(2 steps)

R =from 4 to 8 (2 S-boxes per round)



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Trick for Rescue-Prime







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Medium	r = 14	22	\$6,000		Medium	N = 7, m = 2	29	\$6,00	0
Hard	r = 18	28	\$12,000		d	N = 5, m = 3	30	\$12,0	00
Hard	r = 22	3 4	\$26,000	201		N = 8, m = 2	33	\$26,0	00
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New Challenges

https://www.poseidon-initiative.info/

(November 2024)



New winners

- Poseidon-256:
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- 32-bit estimated security: RF=6, RP=11. \$10000
- 40-bit estimated security: RF=6, RP=16. \$15000
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- 40-bit estimated security: RF=6, RP=13. \$15000
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- 40-bit estimated security: RF=6, RP=4 (M31 only). \$15000

More than \$30,000

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- A. Bariant,
- A. Boeuf,
- M. Hostettler,
- G. Jazeron

and others...

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QUIZ !!

Could we use our trick for SPN on Reinforced Concrete?



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