



# Rhythmic Keccak: SCA Security and Low Latency in HW

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## Hackers can guess PINs using your smartphone's sensor data

Data from your smartphone sensors can reveal PINs and passwords to hackers and allow them to unlock your mobile devices, according to a study led by an Indian-origin scientist.

Source :<https://www.financialexpress.com/industry/technology/hackers-can-guess-pins-using-your-smartphones-sensor-data/991535/>



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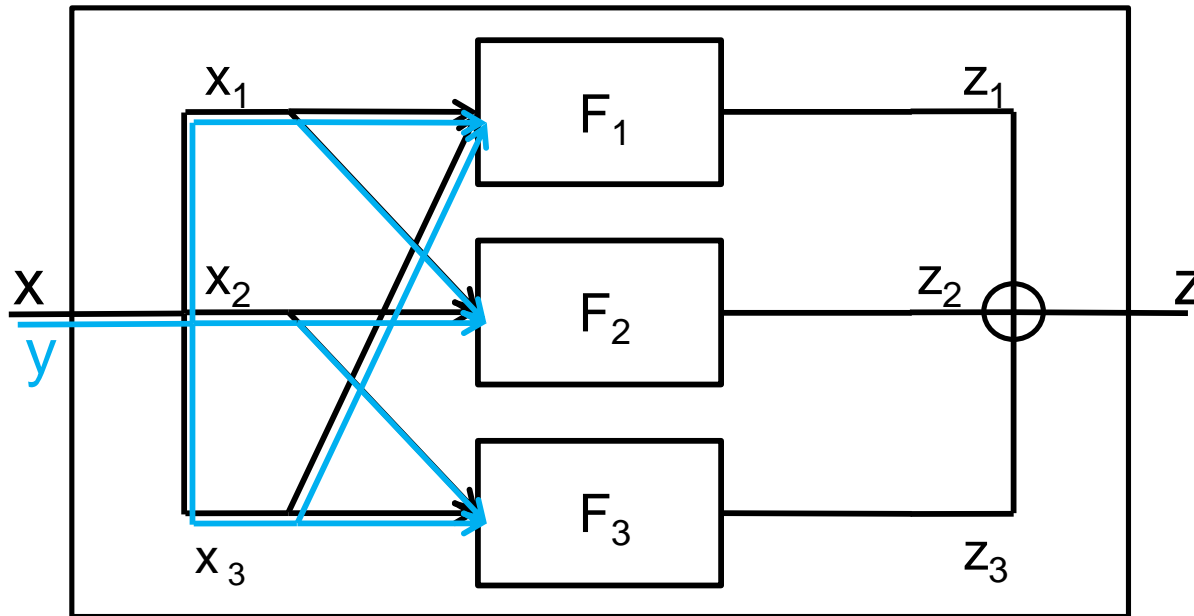
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# Masking

## Threshold Implementations (TI) [NRR06]



$$s_{in} \geq t \cdot d + 1$$

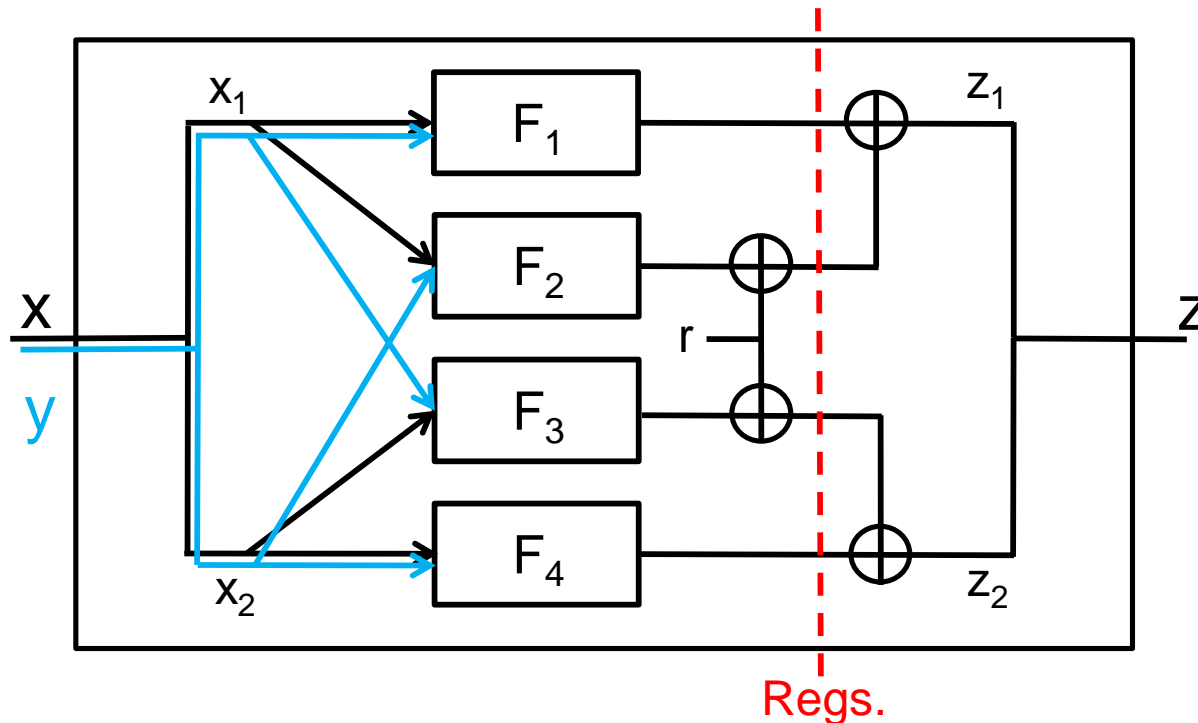
$d^{\text{th}}$ -order Non-Completeness [BGN+14]

**[NRR06]** S. Nikova, C. Rechberger, and V. Rijmen. Threshold implementations against side-channel attacks and glitches. In ICICS 2006.

**[BGN+14]** B. Bilgin, B. Gierlichs, S. Nikova, V. Nikov, and V. Rijmen. A more efficient AES threshold implementation. In AFRICACRYPT 2014.

# Masking

Domain Oriented Masking (DOM) [GMK16]



$$s_{in} = d + 1$$

Layer of registers

Indep. inputs

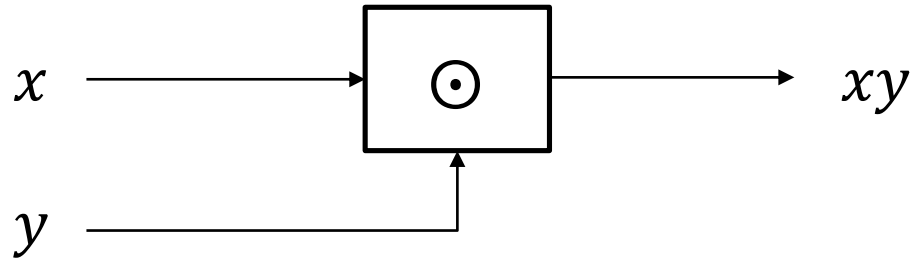
[GMK16] H. Gross, S. Mangard, and T. Korak. Domain-oriented masking: Compact masked hardware implementations with arbitrary protection order. In *Cryptology ePrint, Report 2016/486*.

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# Input dependencies

Example: calculating  $xy$

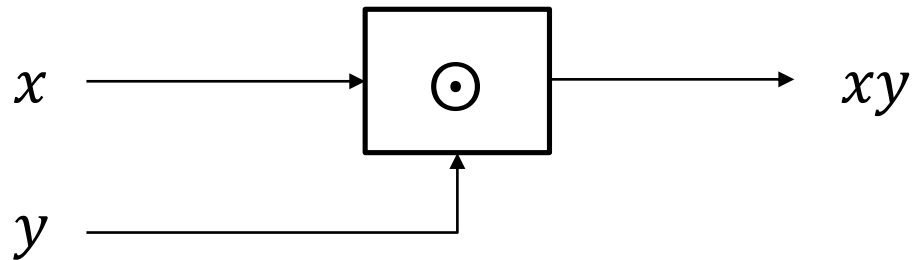


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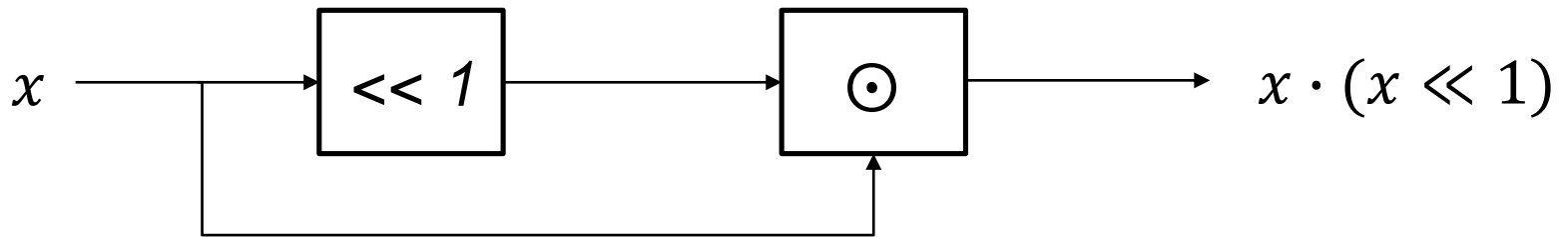


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Non-completeness OK

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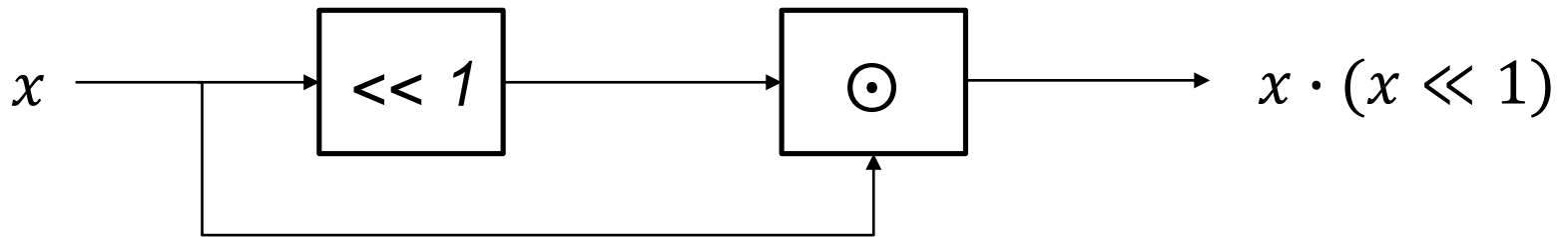


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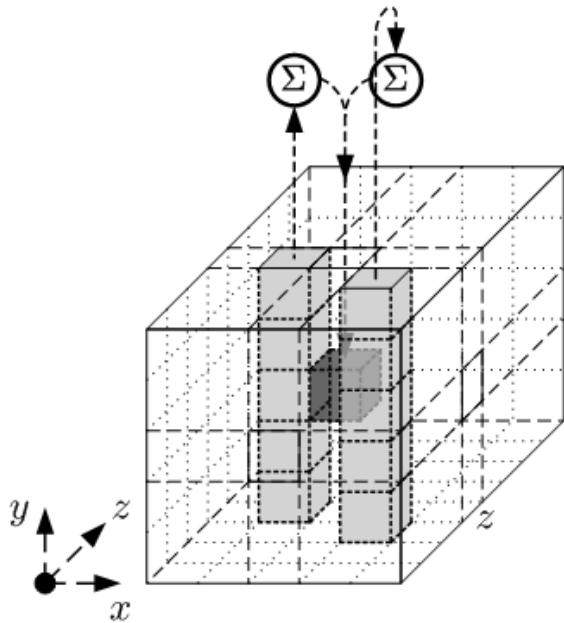
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Non-completeness FAILS

# Input deps. In Keccak

Dependencies introduced by  $\theta$



Round-based implementations

Non-completeness flaw in round-based implement. [GMS17] using DOM

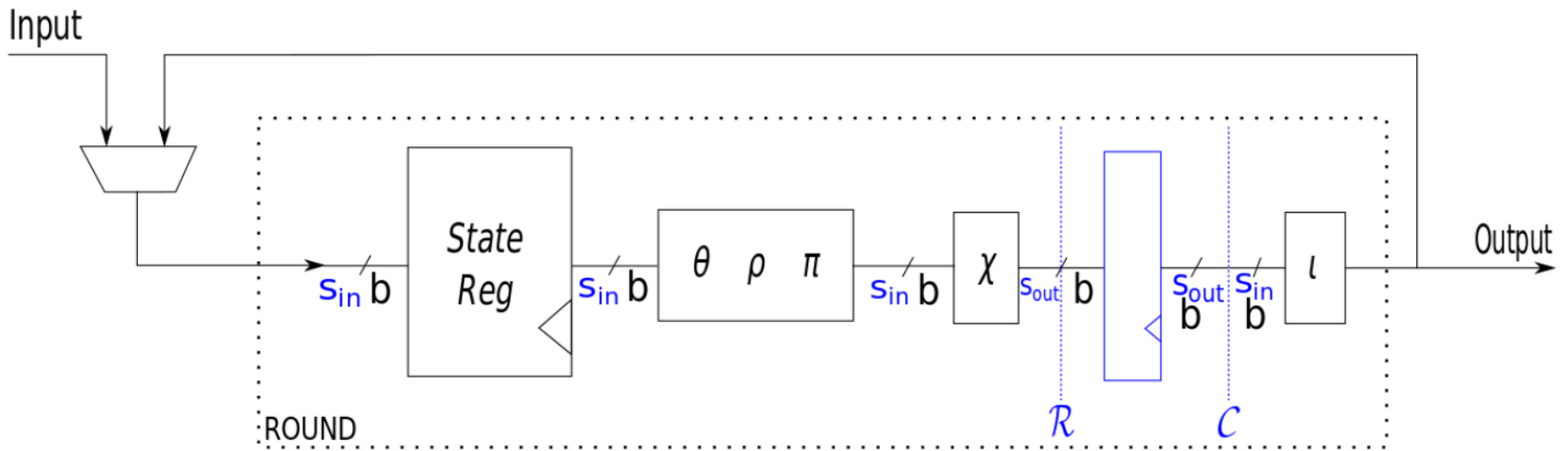
Potentially exploitable leakage

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# DOM-indep. Keccak



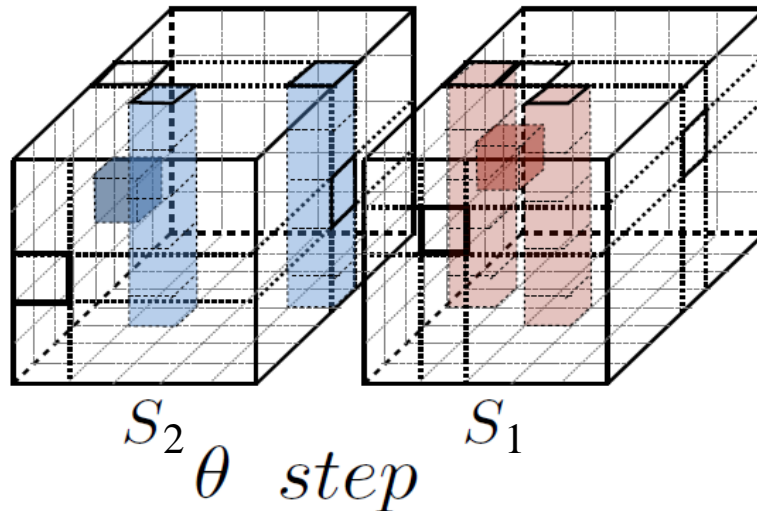
Non-completeness broken when computing  $\chi$



# Keccak

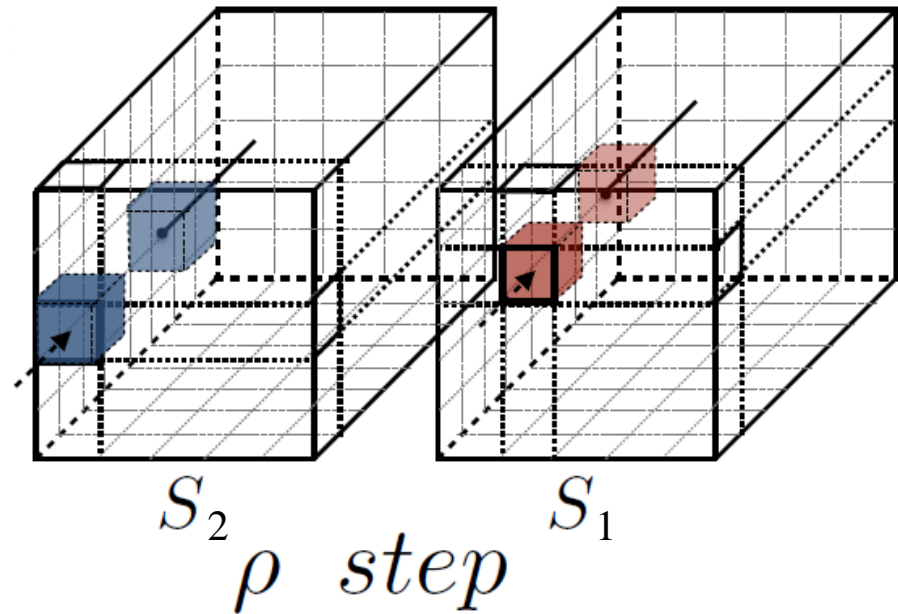
$$\theta_1 : S_2^\theta [3, 0, 4] \rightarrow S_2 [3, 0, 4] \oplus \bigoplus_{y'=0}^4 S_2 [2, y', 4] \oplus \bigoplus_{y'=0}^4 S_2 [4, y', 3]$$

$$S_1^\theta [4, 1, 4] \rightarrow S_1 [4, 1, 4] \oplus \bigoplus_{y'=0}^4 S_1 [3, y', 4] \oplus \sum_{y'=0}^4 S_1 [0, y', 3]$$



# Keccak

$$\rho : \begin{array}{l} S_2^\rho [3, 0, 0] \leftarrow S_2^\theta [3, 0, 4] \\ S_1^\rho [4, 1, 0] \leftarrow S_1^\theta [4, \end{array}$$

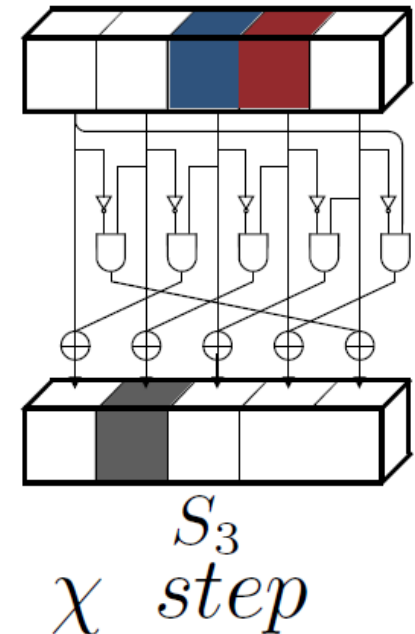
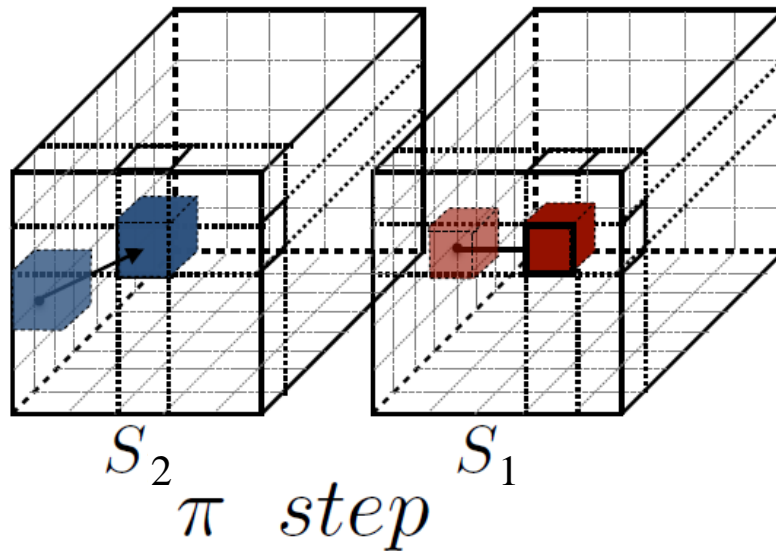




# Keccak

$$\begin{aligned} \pi & : S_2^\pi [0, 1, 0] & \leftarrow S_2^\rho [3, 0, 0] \\ & S_1^\pi [1, 1, 0] & \leftarrow S_1^\rho [4, 1, 0] \end{aligned}$$

Total of 112 bits found  
(200 bit state) [ANR17]



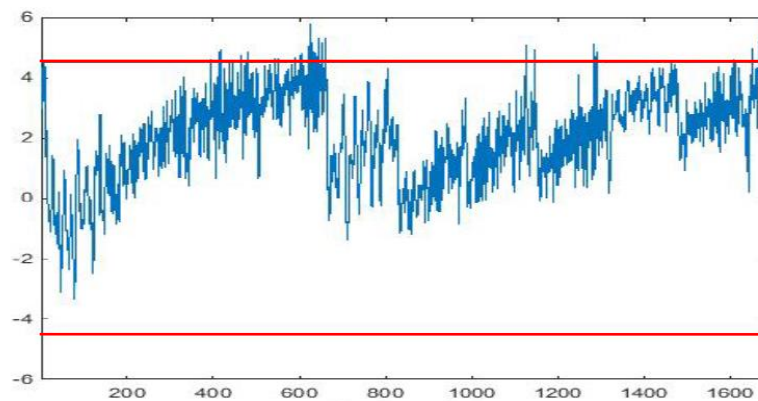
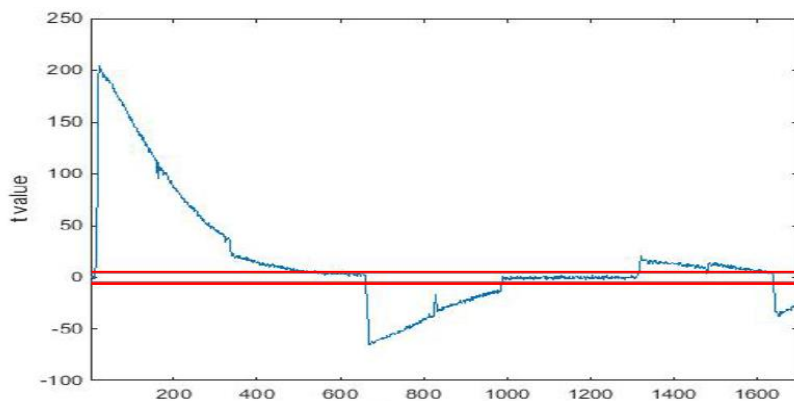
$$\chi : S_3^\chi [4, 1, 0] \leftarrow S_2^\pi [0, 1, 0] S_1^\pi [1, 1, 0] \oplus r$$

# DOM-Keccak

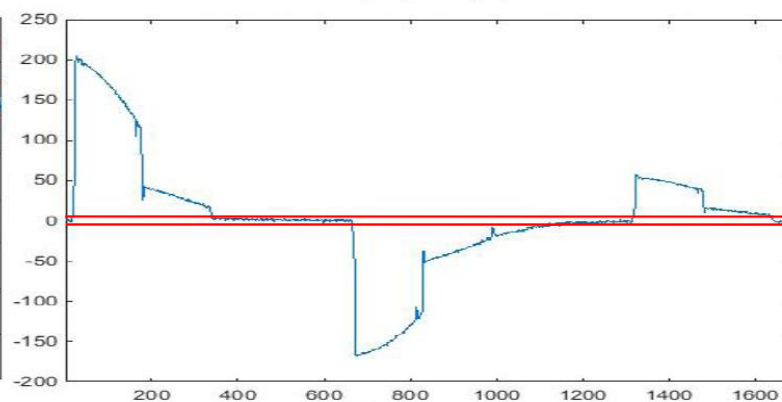
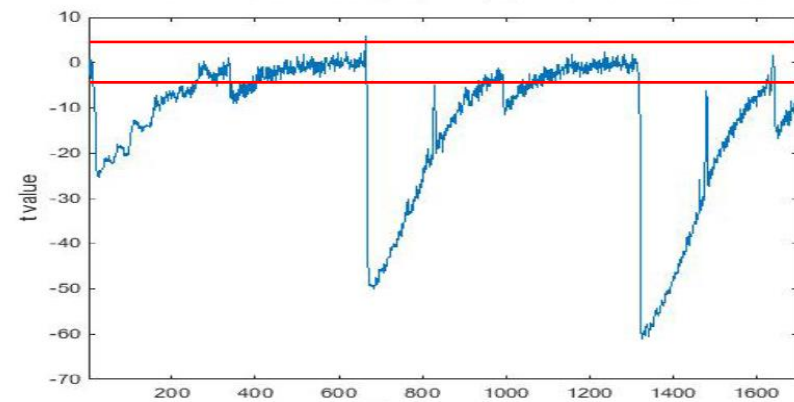
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Masks On

1st-order



2nd-order

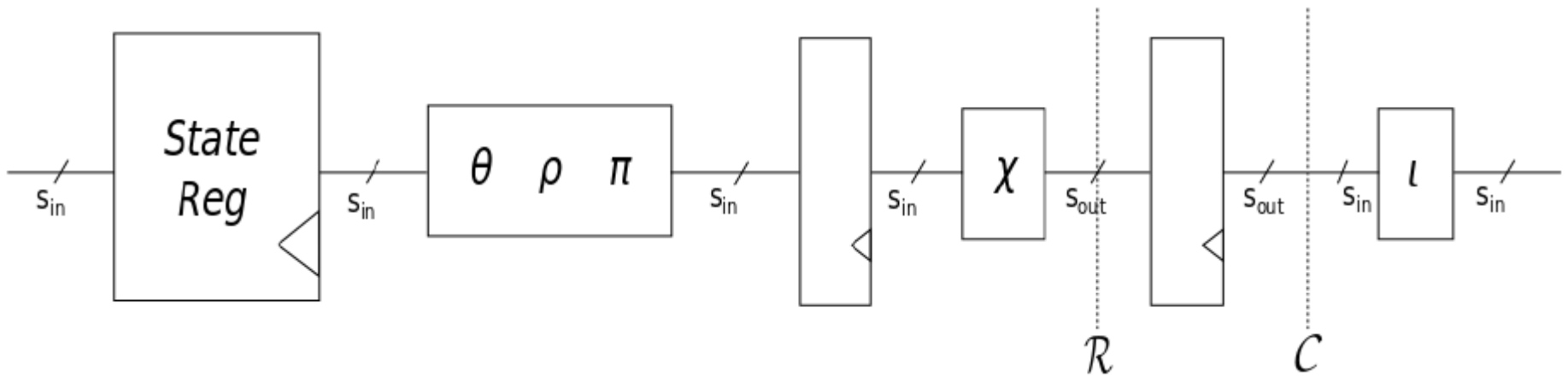


TVLA

$$t_{value} \leq |4.5|$$

55M traces

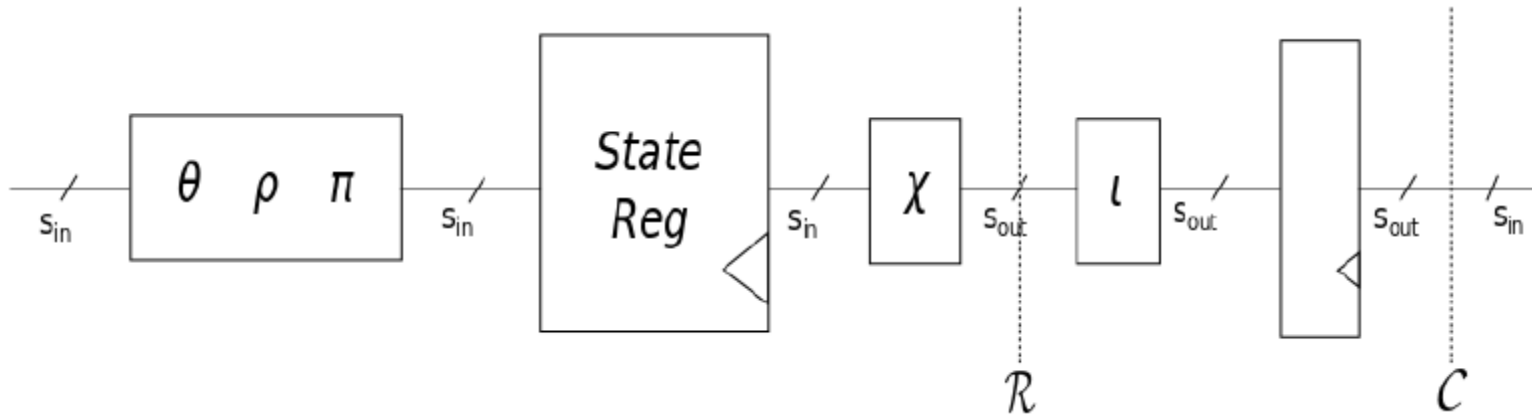
# NC-Keccak



Non-completeness fulfilled



# NC-Keccak



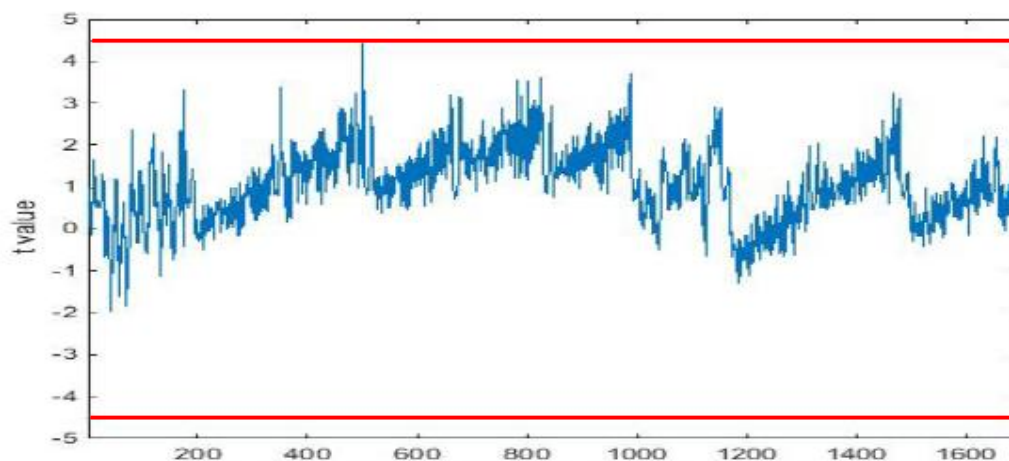
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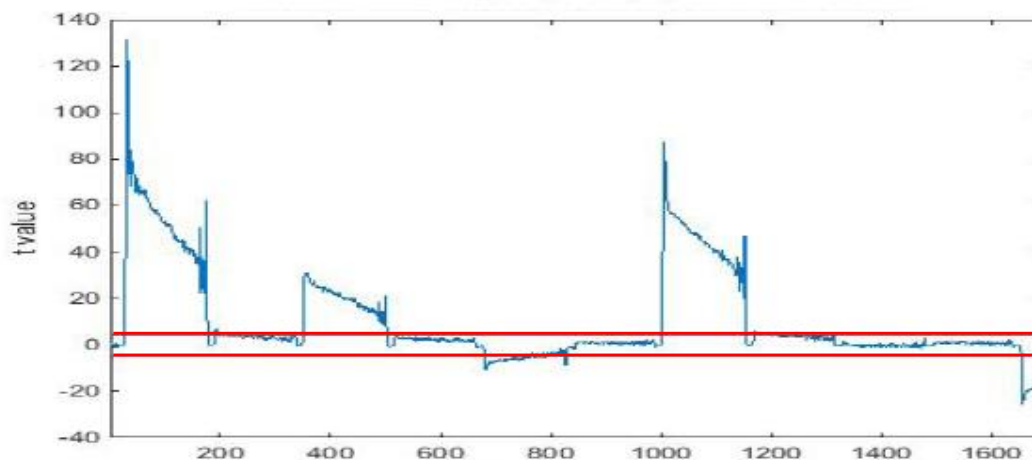
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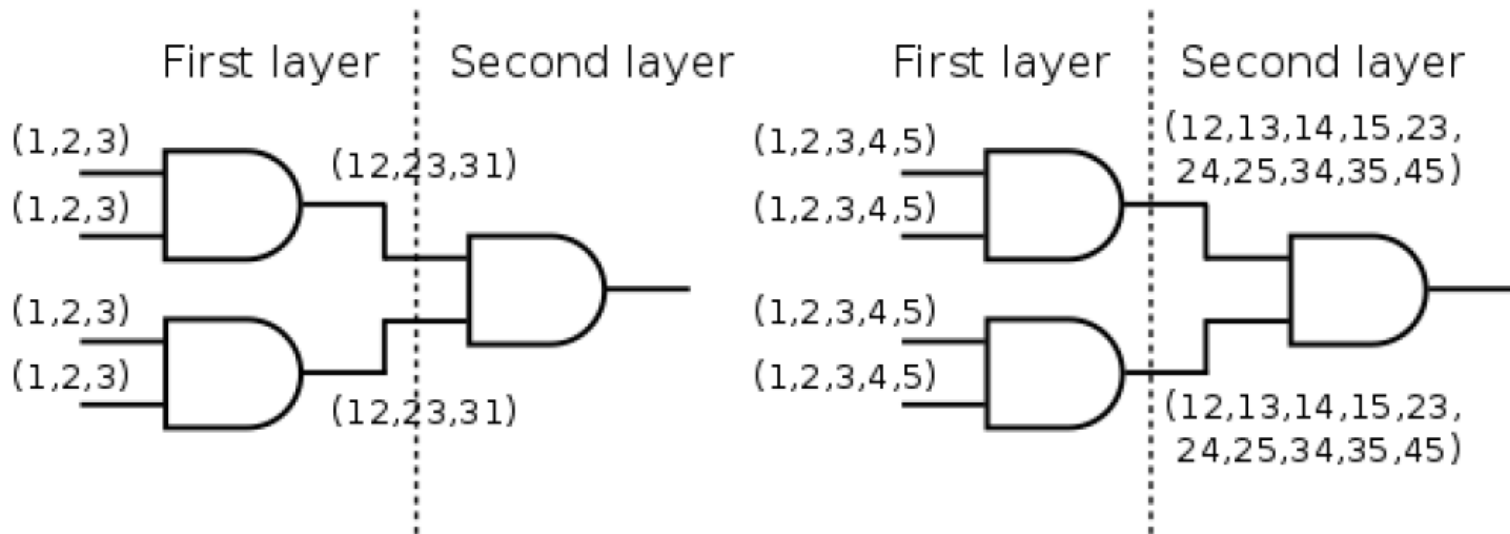
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# Unrolling

Halve number of cycles on protected implementations



Quartic operation (out of quadratics):  $F = R^2 \circ R^1$

# Unrolling

Extending methodology:  $F = R^N \circ \dots \circ R^1$

$$d_{R^i} = \begin{cases} d_F & \text{if } i = N \\ t_{R^{i+1}} * d_{R^{i+1}} & \text{if } i < N \end{cases}$$

Sharing scheme to use not specified

Refreshing for multi-variate security not provided

Might not be optimal

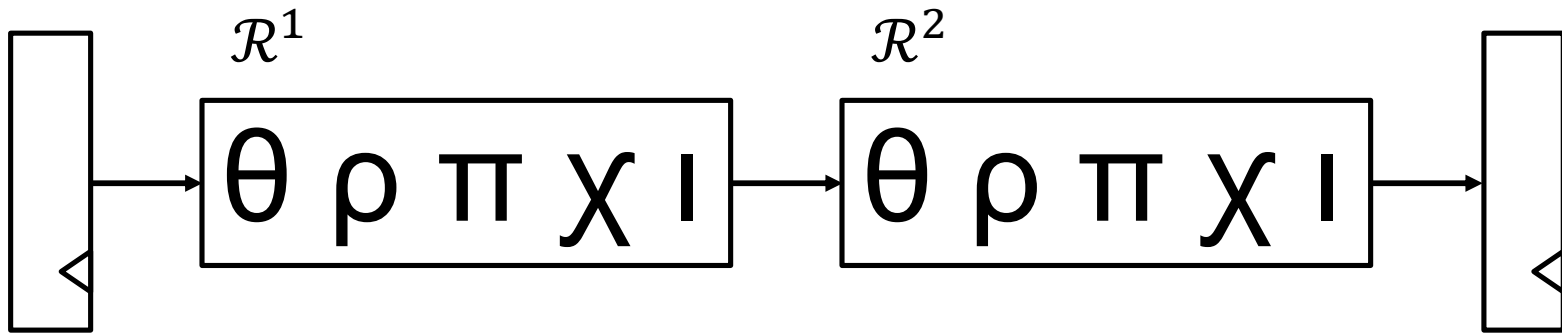
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# Low latency Keccak



$$d_2 = 2$$

$$d_F = d_2 = 1$$

1.  $s_{in} = 5; s_{out} = 10$        $s_{in} = 10; s_{out} = 5$

2.  $s_{in} = 6; s_{out} = 6$        $s_{in} = 6; s_{out} = 6$

# Low latency Keccak

6 → 6 → 6

$\mathcal{R}^1$

$$S'_1 = f_1(S_1, S_2, S_3)$$

$$S'_2 = f_2(S_1, S_4, S_5)$$

$$S'_3 = f_3(S_1, S_4, S_6)$$

$$S'_4 = f_4(S_2, S_5, S_6)$$

$$S'_5 = f_5(S_3, S_5, S_6)$$

$$S'_6 = f_6(S_2, S_3, S_4)$$

$\mathcal{R}^2$

$$S''_1 = f_1(S'_4, S'_5, S'_6) \quad (\text{Missing input } S_1)$$

$$S''_2 = f_2(S'_2, S'_3, S'_5) \quad (\text{Missing input } S_2)$$

$$S''_3 = f_3(S'_2, S'_3, S'_4) \quad (\text{Missing input } S_3)$$

$$S''_4 = f_4(S'_1, S'_4, S'_5) \quad (\text{Missing input } S_4)$$

$$S''_5 = f_5(S'_1, S'_3, S'_6) \quad (\text{Missing input } S_5)$$

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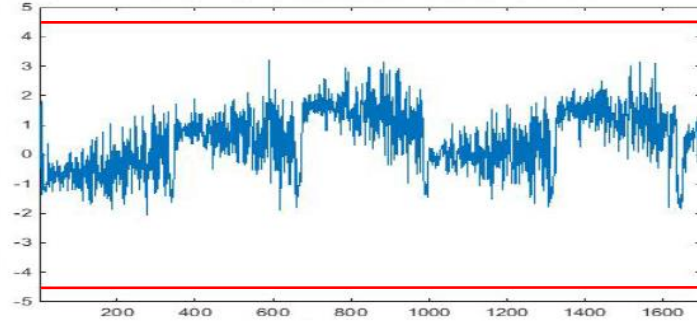
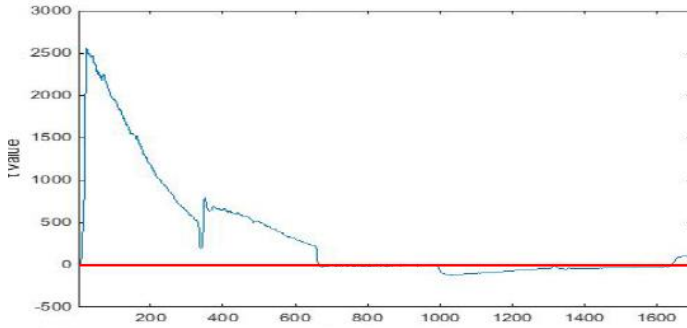
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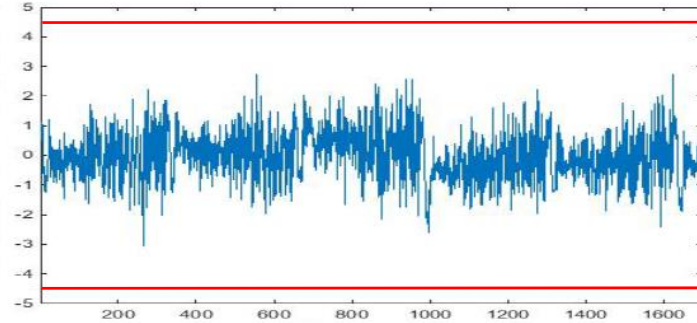
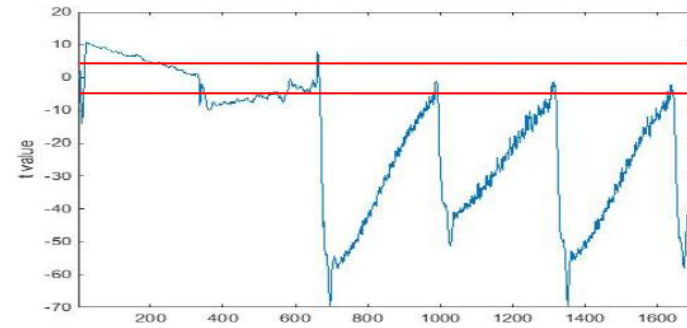
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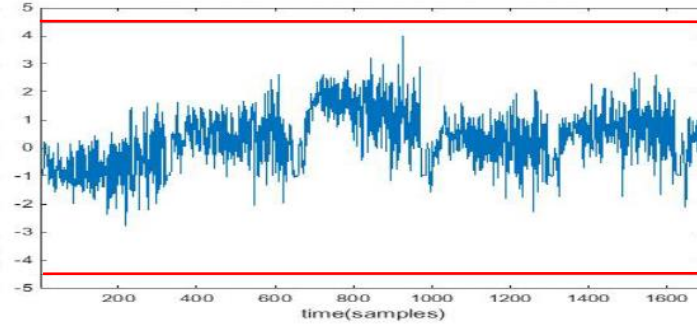
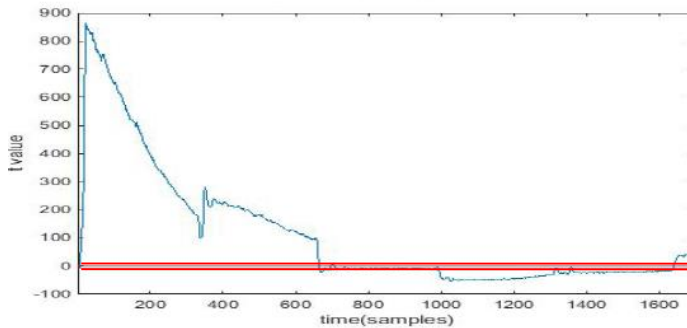
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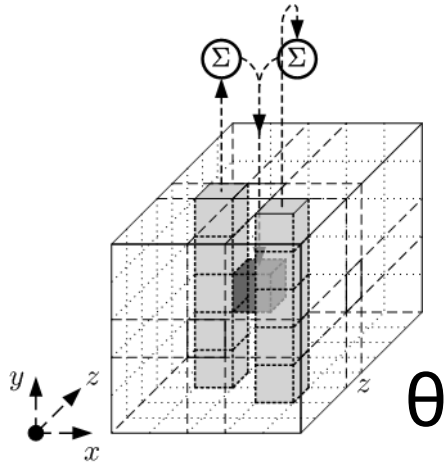
# Conclusions

- A flaw was discovered in previous work round-based implementation of Keccak
- Causes are analyzed and fixed, with a practical evaluation
- A methodology to secure unwrapped implementations
- Faster Keccak implementation with 70,12 kGE and 20,61 ns per computation

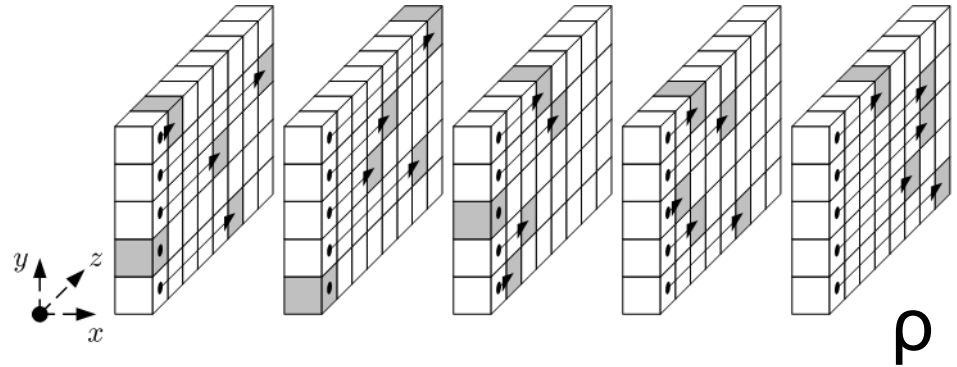
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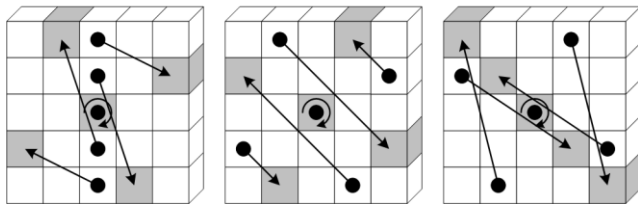
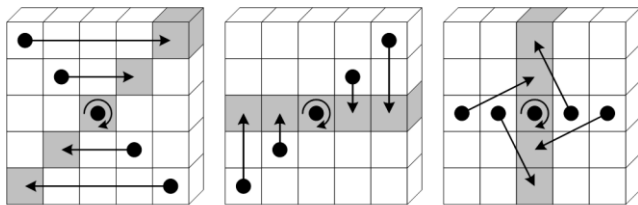
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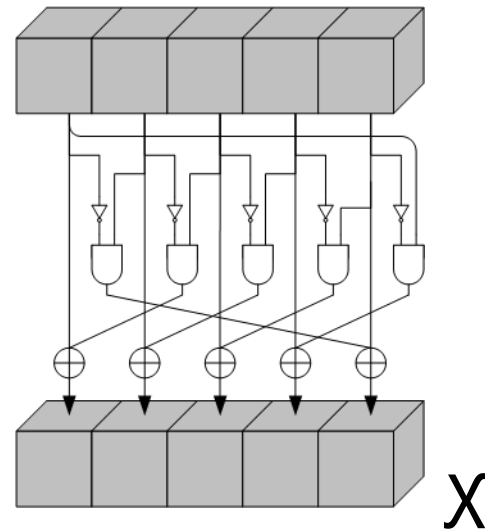
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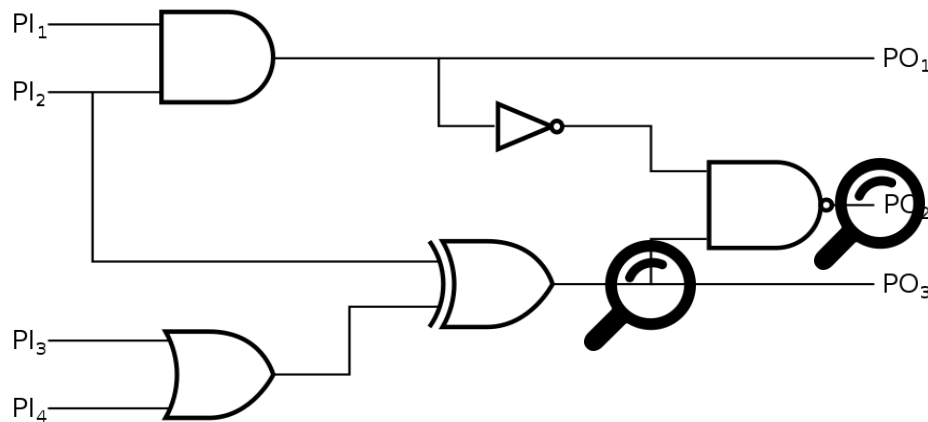
# Masking

Based on secret sharing

$$x = x_1 \perp x_2 \perp \dots \perp x_s$$

Boolean:  $\perp \Rightarrow \oplus$

d-Probing Model [ISW03]



$d^{\text{th}}$ -order SCA  
Security [DFS15]

[ISW03] Y. Ishai, A. Sahai, and D. Wagner. *Private Circuits: Securing Hardware against Probing Attacks*. In *CRYPTO 2003*

[DFS15] A. Duc, S. Faust, and F.-X. Standaert. *Making Masking Security Proofs Concrete*. In *EUROCRYPT 2015*

# Evaluation

SAKURA board  $\Rightarrow$  Spartan-6 FPGA

Frequency = 3.072 MHz

Test Vector Leakage Assessment (TVLA) [CMG+13]

Security  $\Rightarrow t_{value} \leq |4.5|$

55 million traces collected

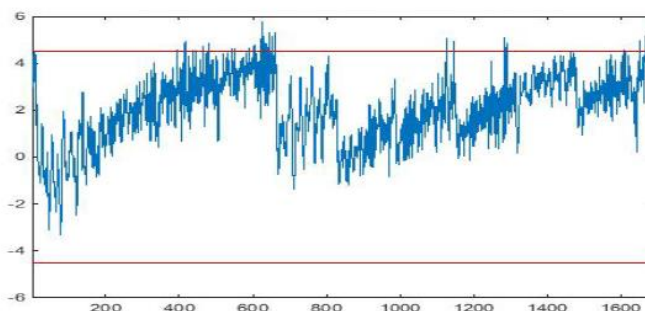
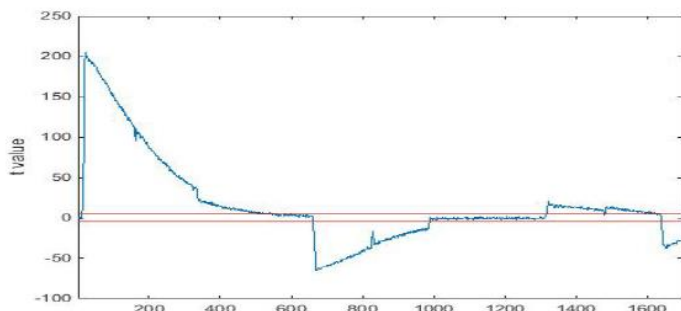
*[GMS17] J. Cooper, E. De Mulder, G. Goodwill, J. Jaffe, G. Kenworthy, and P. Rohatgi. Test vector leakage assessment (TVLA) methodology in practice. In ICMC 2013.*

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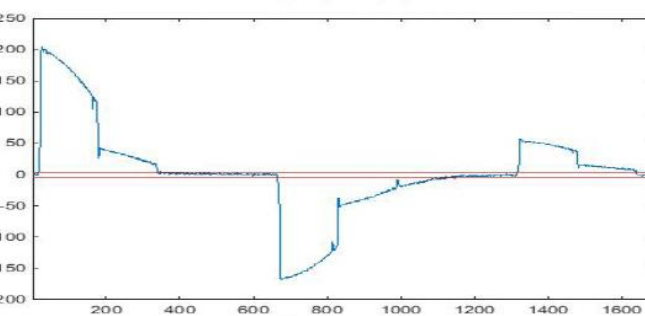
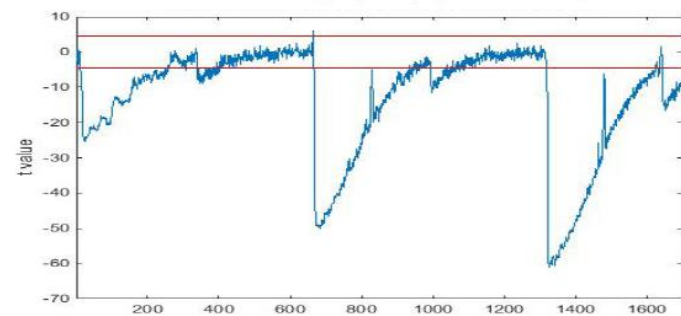
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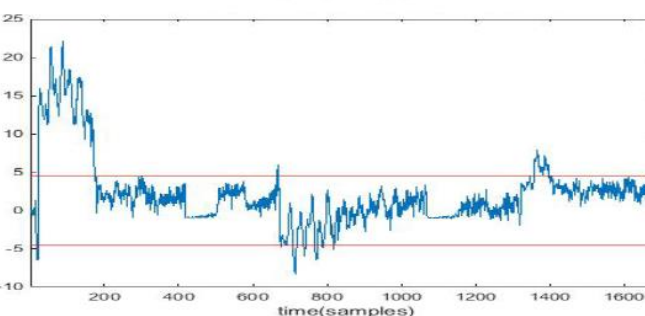
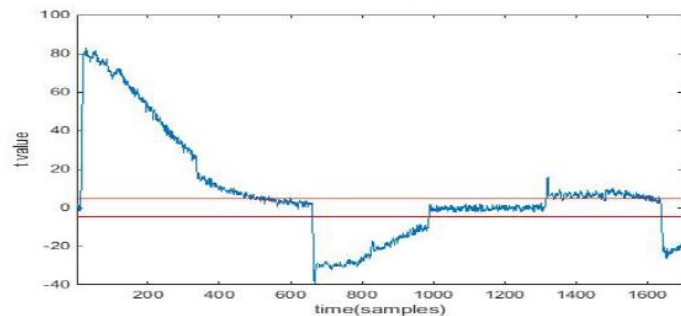
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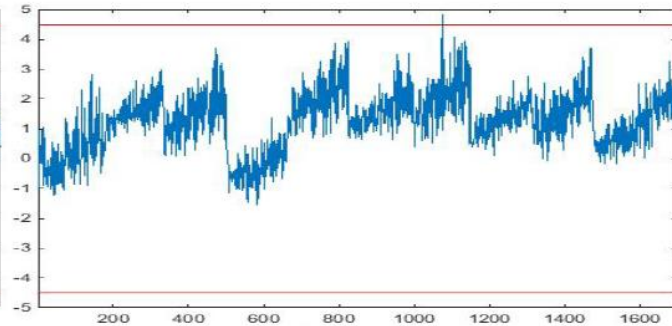
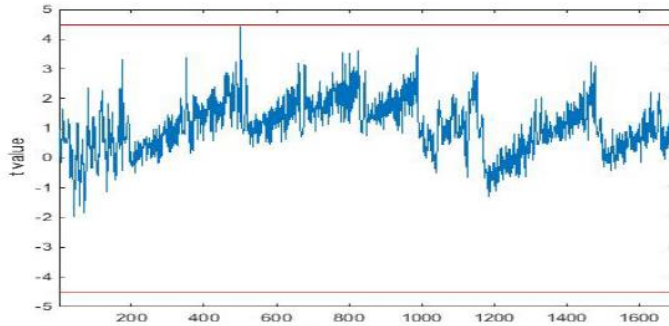
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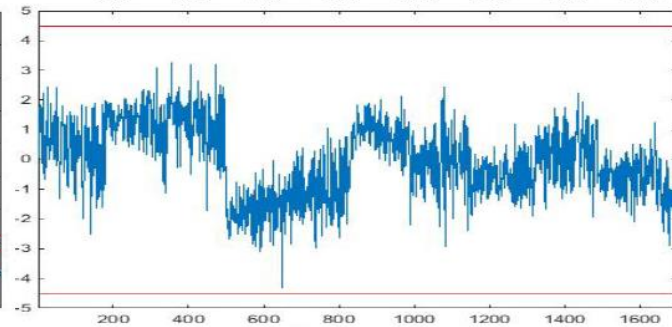
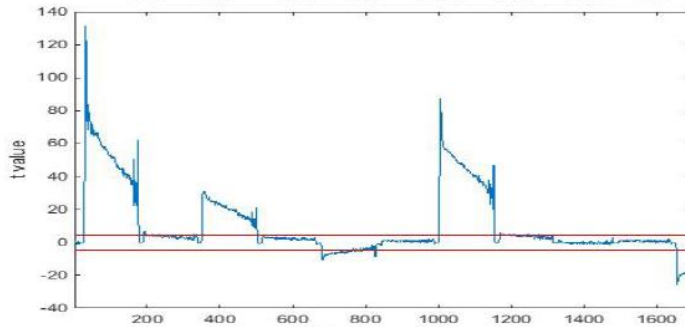
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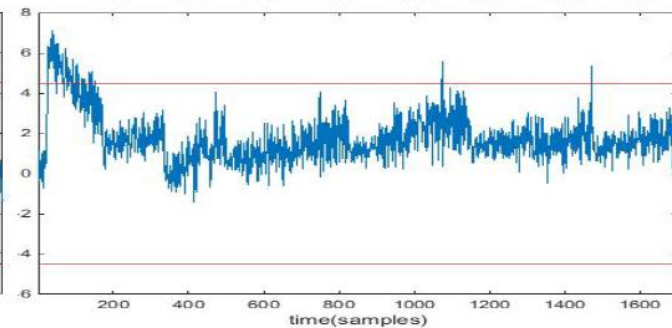
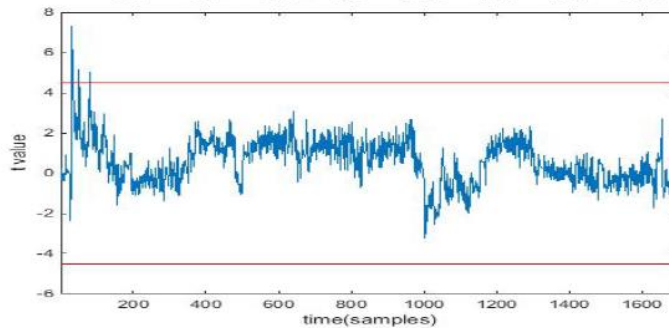
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# Performance

DESIGN	AREA(kGE)						Cycles	Max.Freq. (MHz)
	$\chi^1$	$\chi^2$	$\theta^1$	$\theta^2$	State	Total		
5 $\rightarrow$ 10 $\rightarrow$ 5	13.53	59.89	4.28	9.75	6.7	99.34	9	395.25
6 $\rightarrow$ 6 $\rightarrow$ 6	22.40	22.16	5.66	5.66	8.03	70.12	9	436.7
			Previous work*					
3sh [BDN <sup>+</sup> 14]	-	-	-	-	27.2	116.6	25	592
4sh [BDN <sup>+</sup> 14]	-	-	-	-	36.3	139.4	24	588
D.c. [GSM17b]**	-	-	-	-	38.9	100.5	48	803.9
Pipel. [GSM17b]**	-	-	-	-	36.8	111.8	72	837.5

\* Implementations of KECCAK- $f$ [1600]

\*\* Results gathered with library UMC 130nm