

# New Properties of the Double Boomerang Connectivity Table

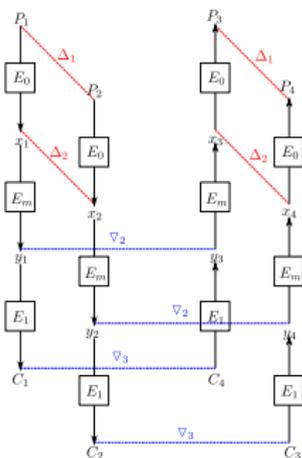
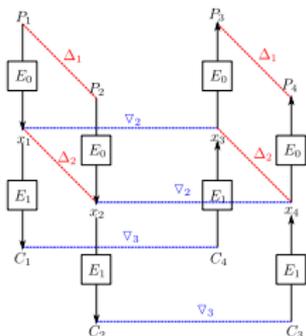
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- Boomerang attack:
  - ▶ a long differential  $\Leftarrow$  two short ones with high probability
  - ▶ the two trails are **independent**
- Sandwich attack:
  - ▶ takes into account the **dependency** between the differentials
  - ▶ handles it in a middle part  $E_m$

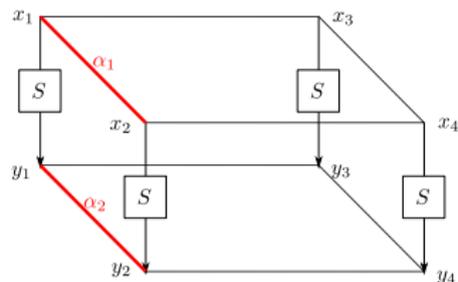


Figure: The Difference Distribution Table (DDT)

$$\text{DDT}(\alpha_1, \alpha_2) = \#\{x \in \mathbb{F}_2^n \mid S(x) \oplus S(x \oplus \alpha_1) = \alpha_2\}.$$

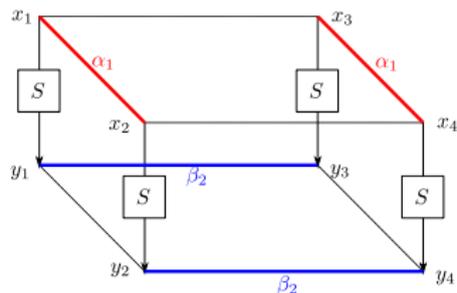


Figure: The Boomerang Connectivity Table (BCT)

$$\text{BCT}(\alpha_1, \beta_2) = \#\{x \in \mathbb{F}_2^n \mid S^{-1}(S(x) \oplus \beta_2) \oplus S^{-1}(S(x \oplus \alpha_1) \oplus \beta_2) = \alpha_1\}.$$

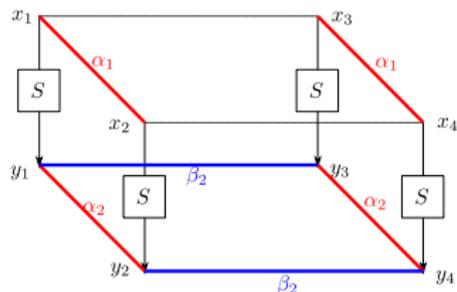


Figure: The Upper BCT (UBCT)

$$\text{UBCT}(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \beta_2) =$$

$$\# \left\{ x \in \mathbb{F}_2^n \mid \begin{array}{l} S(x) \oplus S(x \oplus \alpha_1) = \alpha_2 \\ S^{-1}(S(x) \oplus \beta_2) \oplus S^{-1}(S(x \oplus \alpha_1) \oplus \beta_2) = \alpha_1 \end{array} \right\}$$

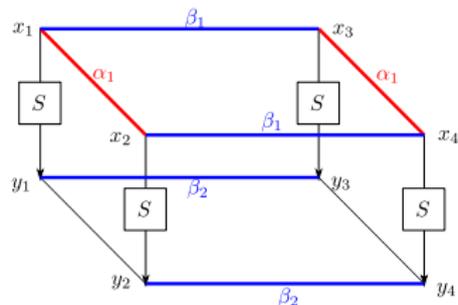


Figure: The Lower BCT (LBCT)

$$\text{LBCT}(\alpha_1, \beta_1, \beta_2) =$$

$$\# \left\{ x \in \mathbb{F}_2^n \mid \begin{array}{l} S(x) \oplus S(x \oplus \beta_1) = \beta_2 \\ S^{-1}(S(x) \oplus \beta_2) \oplus S^{-1}(S(x \oplus \alpha_1) \oplus \beta_2) = \alpha_1 \end{array} \right\}$$

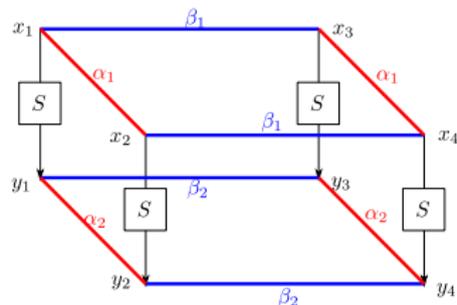


Figure: The Extended BCT (EBCT)

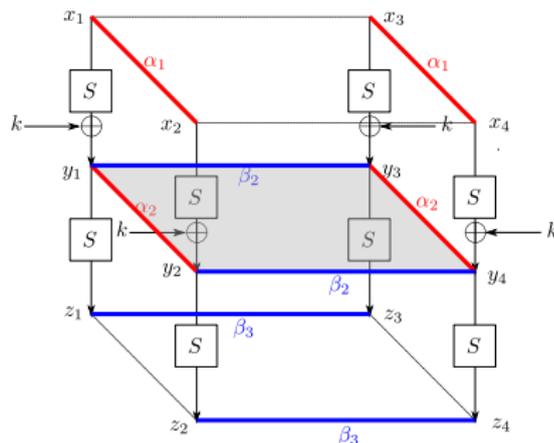
$$\text{EBCT}(\alpha_1, \beta_1, \alpha_2, \beta_2) =$$

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How about two  
continuous S-boxes?  
 $t$  continuous S-boxes?



## Definition

Let  $S$  be a function from  $\mathbb{F}_2^n$  to  $\mathbb{F}_2^n$ . The double boomerang connectivity table (DBCT) is defined as

$$\text{DBCT}(\alpha_1, \beta_3) = \sum_{\alpha_2, \beta_2} \text{dbct}(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \beta_2, \beta_3),$$

where  $\text{dbct}(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \beta_2, \beta_3) =$   
 $\text{UBCT}(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \beta_2) \cdot \text{LBCT}(\alpha_2, \beta_2, \beta_3).$

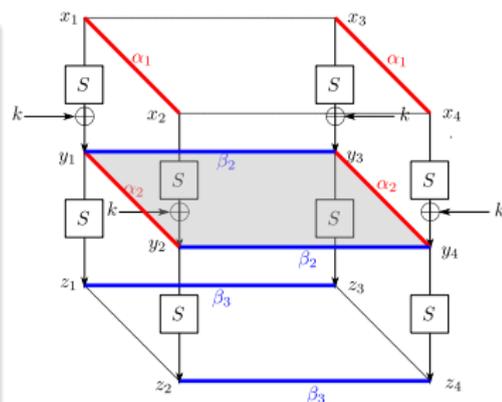


Figure: DBCT of general S-box

## Property

Let  $S$  be a function from  $\mathbb{F}_2^n$  to  $\mathbb{F}_2^n$ . For  $\forall \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \beta_2, \beta_3 \in \mathbb{F}_2^n \setminus 0$ , **nonzero dbct**( $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \beta_2, \beta_3$ ) occurs **mainly** when  $\alpha_2 = \beta_2$ . Consequently,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{DBCT}(\alpha_1, \beta_3) &= \sum_{\alpha_2, \beta_2} \text{UBCT}(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \beta_2) \cdot \text{LBCT}(\alpha_2, \beta_2, \beta_3) \\ &\geq \sum_{\alpha_2 = \beta_2} \text{UBCT}(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \beta_2) \cdot \text{LBCT}(\alpha_2, \beta_2, \beta_3) \\ &= \sum_{\alpha_2} \text{DDT}(\alpha_1, \alpha_2) \cdot \text{DDT}(\alpha_2, \beta_3). \end{aligned}$$

- ladder switch; S-box switch

# Hard S-box

## Definition

Let  $S$  be a function from  $\mathbb{F}_2^n$  to  $\mathbb{F}_2^n$ .  $S$  is hard if the following holds, for  $\forall \alpha_1, \beta_3 \neq 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{DBCT}(\alpha_1, \beta_3) &= \sum_{\alpha_2, \beta_2} \text{UBCT}(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \beta_2) \cdot \text{LBCT}(\alpha_2, \beta_2, \beta_3) \\ &= \sum_{\alpha_2 = \beta_2} \text{UBCT}(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \beta_2) \cdot \text{LBCT}(\alpha_2, \beta_2, \beta_3) \\ &= \sum_{\alpha_2} \text{DDT}(\alpha_1, \alpha_2) \cdot \text{DDT}(\alpha_2, \beta_3). \end{aligned}$$

- obtain a relationship between DBCT and DDT
- reduce the time complexity

- **Hard S-box:** PRESENT, LBlock-s0, LBlock-s1, MIBS, TWINE...
- **Others:** CRAFT, SKINNY, PRIDE, QARMA...

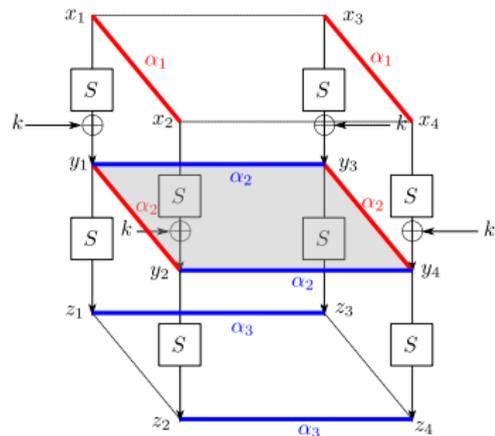


Figure: DBCT of **hard** S-box

# Extensions

- **Multiple S-boxes:**(hard S-box)

$$t\text{-BCT}(\alpha, \beta) =$$

$$\sum_{\alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_t} \text{DDT}(\alpha, \alpha_2) \cdot \text{DDT}(\alpha_2, \alpha_3) \cdot \dots \cdot \text{DDT}(\alpha_t, \beta).$$

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- Complex linear layer:

eg: AES

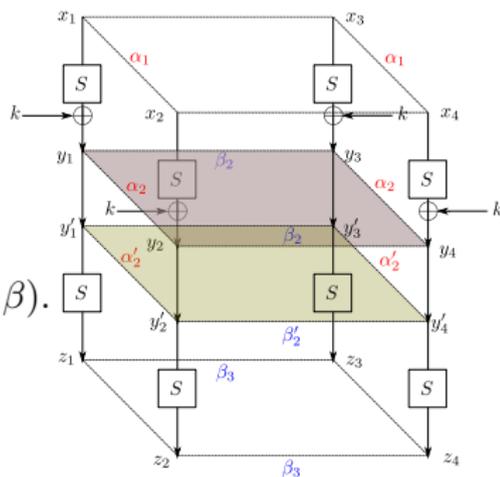


Figure: General DBCT with a complex linear layer in between

**Table:** Number of entries for each value for the  $\text{DBCT}^{i,j}$  and the basic DBCT for the AES S-box

$M$	Table	65536	16	8	0	192-332
MC	$\text{DBCT}^{0,0}$	511	8	882	64135	-
	$\text{DBCT}^{0,1}$	511	3	252	64770	-
	$\text{DBCT}^{0,2}$	511	1	-	65024	-
	$\text{DBCT}^{0,3}$	511	3	126	64896	-
XOR	basic DBCT	511	-	-	-	65025

- the basic DBCT, the AES S-box is **hard** without zero values
- $\text{DBCT}^{i,j}$  with complex linear layer, **most values are zero**

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# Revisiting Boomerang Attack on CRAFT

- **Through the same boomerang distinguisher with the different S-boxes, how DBCT uniformity and hard S-box matter?**
  - ▶ eg: 7-round distinguisher of CRAFT

Table: Probability of the 7-round distinguisher with different S-boxes

S-box	DDT uni.	BCT uni.	DBCT uni.	Hard	Probability		
					Max	Min	Average
CRAFT	4	16	128	✗	$2^{-10.39}$	$2^{-14.97}$	$2^{-13.37}$
QARMA	4	10	48	✗	$2^{-13.99}$	$2^{-15.18}$	$2^{-14.65}$
PRESENT	4	16	40	✓	$2^{-15.47}$	$2^{-15.63}$	$2^{-15.57}$
LBlock-s0	4	16	40	✓	$2^{-15.51}$	$2^{-15.62}$	$2^{-15.56}$
LBlock-s1	4	16	40	✓	$2^{-15.41}$	$2^{-15.63}$	$2^{-15.56}$
MIBS	4	6	32	✓	$2^{-15.59}$	$2^{-15.62}$	$2^{-15.60}$
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- QARMA has better BCT than PRESENT
- PRESENT with the **smaller** DBCT has the **lower** probability

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- They share the **same** DDT, BCT and DBCT
- They have **almost** the **same** probability

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- MIBS and TWINE have the **small** BCT and **small** DBCT
- They have the **low** probability

- **Observation:** Apart from the uniformity of BCT and DDT, the uniformity of DBCT is a new measure criterion to evaluate the performance of S-box for resisting boomerang attacks.

- **For the AES, the DBCT with complex linear layer has too many zero values.**
  - ▶ 7-round boomerang distinguisher of TweAES
  - ▶ 8-round boomerang distinguisher of Deoxys-BC in the model RTK1
  - ▶ 10-round boomerang distinguisher of Deoxys-BC in the model RTK2

## **Zero probability**

- hard S-box with a complex linear layer should be treated carefully

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## Previous

- search for good **truncated** boomerang characteristic with the least active S-boxes
- search for the best **instantiations**

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## Our

- formula for the probability of **clusters**
- MILP model to search for good **clusters**

# Formula for the Probability of Boomerang clusters

- **Probability in  $E_0/E_1$ .** Suppose  $E_0$  covers the first  $r_0$  rounds,  $E_1$  consists of the last  $r_1$  rounds. For  $\forall \Delta, \Delta_1, \nabla_1, \nabla \neq 0$ , the probability are  $\mathbb{P}_{E_0}(\Delta \Leftrightarrow \Delta_1) = \hat{p}^2$  and  $\mathbb{P}_{E_1}(\nabla_1 \Leftrightarrow \nabla) = \hat{q}^2$  on average, *i.e.*,

$$\hat{p} = 2^{-s \cdot c_0} \cdot \frac{1}{|\Delta_1|},$$

$$\hat{q} = 2^{-s \cdot c_1} \cdot \frac{1}{|\nabla_1|},$$

where  $c_0$  and  $c_1$  are the number of cells which need to be zero from uniformity and  $s$  is the cell size.

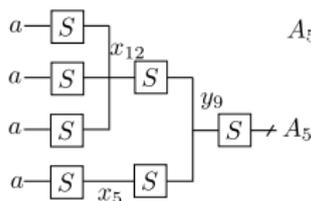
- **Probability in  $E_m$ .** Suppose  $E_m$  is composed of the middle  $r_m$  rounds. For  $\forall \Delta_1, \nabla_1 \neq 0$  the probability is  $\mathbb{P}_{E_m}(\Delta_1 \Leftrightarrow \nabla_1) = \hat{r}$  on average and

$$\hat{r} = 2^{-s \cdot c_m},$$

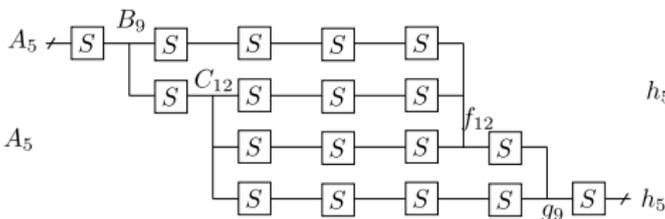
where  $c_m$  is the *condition* consumed in  $E_m$ . ( $c_m$  is the sum of the number of cells which need to be zero from uniformity, the number of UDDT2 and LDDT2, the number of  $m$  - BCT and the number of BCT.)

# eg: CRAFT

$$c_0 = 4$$



$$c_m = 4$$



$$c_1 = 4$$

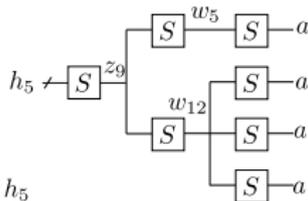


Figure: The difference propagation of  $E_0$ (left), the difference propagation of  $E_m$ (middle) and the difference propagation of  $E_1$ (right)

- the conditions are closely related to the actual probability

# MILP Model to Search for Boomerangs with Good Cluster Probabilities

## • The Attribute Propagation

- ▶ Modeling of the attribute propagation through **subbytes**
- ▶ Modeling of the attribute propagation through **XOR operation** with the condition consuming
- ▶ Modeling of the **table**
- ▶ Modeling of the upper and lower **boundary**

- **Objective Function:** to minimize the number of conditions consuming for  $E$ :

$$obj = 2c_0 + 2c_1 + c'_0 + c'_1 + c_m.$$

eg: new 9/10 round boomerang distinguisher of CRAFT

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- **Property of DBCT**

- ▶ the ladder switch and S-box switch happen in most cases.
- ▶ **hard S-box**: only the ladder switch and S-box switch are possible.  
eg: evaluate the performance of S-box; hard S-box with a complex linear layer should be treated carefully

- **MILP model**

- ▶ formula for the probability of clusters
- ▶ model with cluster probability  
eg: 9/10-round distinguisher with a higher probability of CRAFT

Thank you!  
Q & A