Algebraic–Differential Cryptanalysis of DES

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Algebraic Cryptanalysis

Claude Shannon :

" Breaking a good cipher should require as much work as solving a system of simultaneous equations in a large number of unknowns "

Algebraic Cryptanalysis

- Algebraic representation of a cryptographic primitive.
- Tools for efficient polynomial system solving.
  1. Gröbner Bases algorithms (Buchberger, Faugère F4 and F5).
  2. SAT Solvers.

Remark

There is a very strong link between the modeling and the tools used for the resolution.

Challenge

Can algebraic cryptanalysis be efficient against block ciphers ?

Our work

- SAT Solvers attacks against DES using different modelings of the DES S-boxes.
- Incorporation of elements from differential cryptanalysis
  - new attacks against 6,7 and 8 rounds of DES using dedicated characteristics.
- Tradeoff between time and data complexity.

Polynomial System Solving

SAT Solvers ?

- Very efficient and flexible dedicated softwares.
- SAT-competition. Active research field.
- Easy to use. Low memory comsumption.

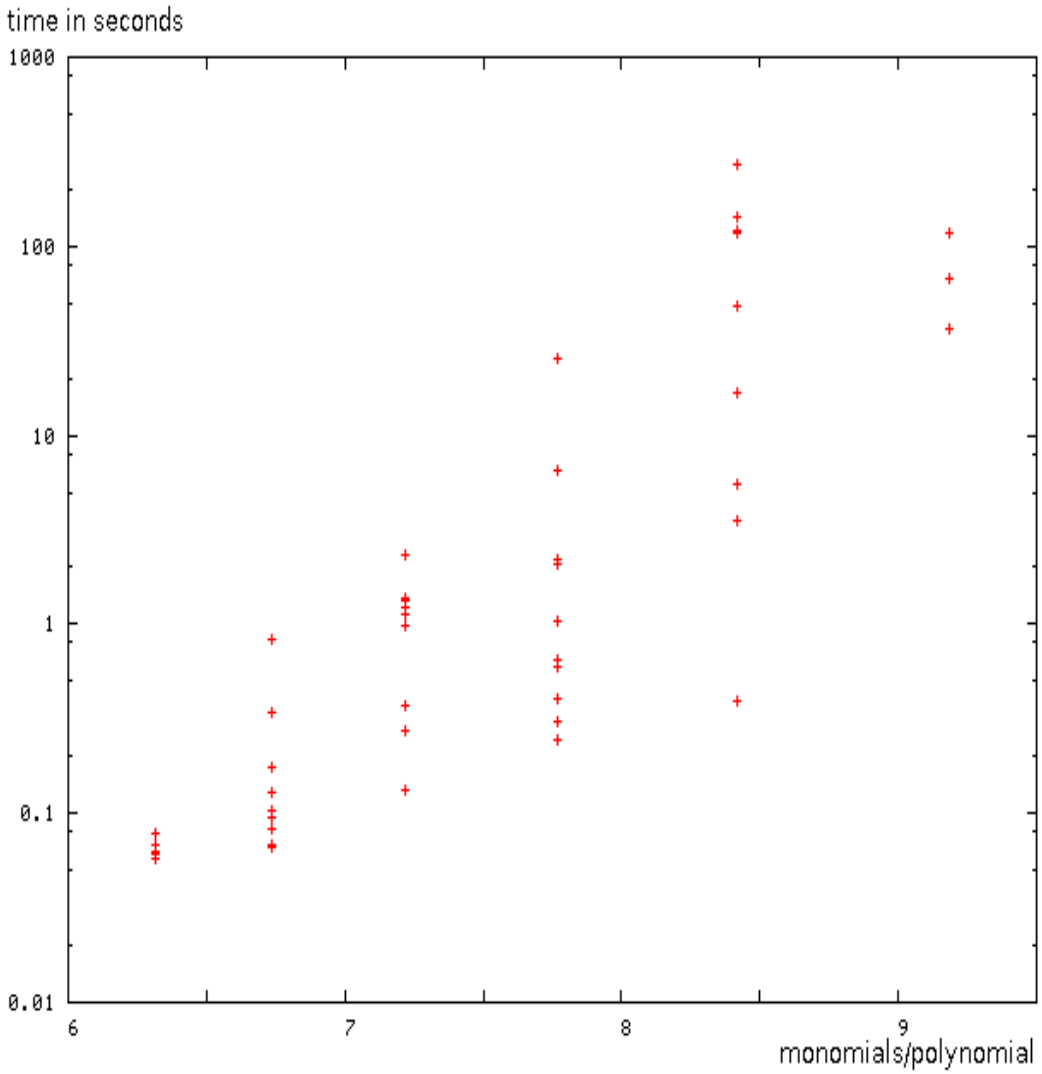
Courtois N.T. , Bard G.V. and Jefferson C.
Efficient Methods for Conversion and Solution of Sparse Systems of Low-Degree Multivariate Polynomials over GF (2) via SAT-Solvers.
http://eprint.iacr.org/2007/024.pdf

- Replace each monomial by a new variable.
- Cut linear equations into smaller equations (by adding new variables).
- + optimizations.

MiniSat2

Een, N. and Sorensson, N.
MiniSat: A SAT solver with conflict-clause minimization

Sparse quadratic systems



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Data Encryption Standard

- Iterative Block Cipher
- Bloc size : 64 bits
- Effective size of the key : 56 bits
- Encryption standard between 1976 and 2002

Why did we choose to study the DES ?

Main attacks against DES


Wiener, M.J.
Efficient DES key search. Technical Report

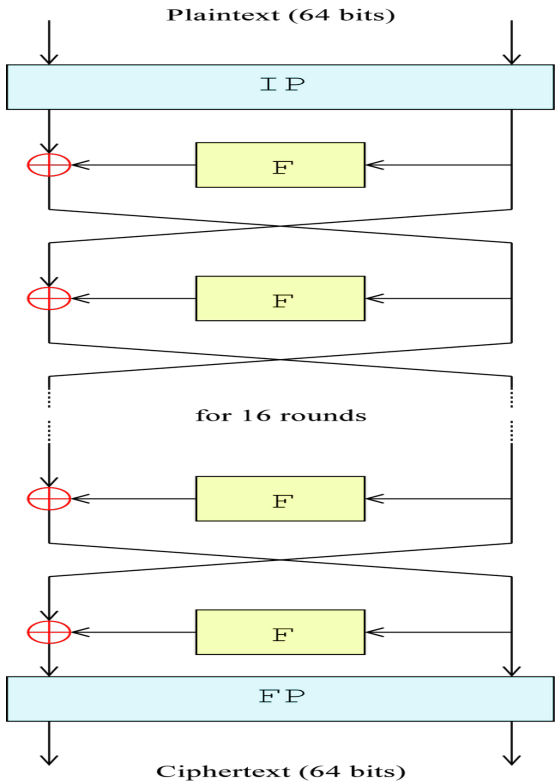

Biham, E. and Shamir, A.
Differential cryptanalysis of the full 16-round DES. Crypto'1992


Knudsen, L.R.
Partial and higher order differentials and applications to the DES. BRICS report


Matsui, M.
Linear cryptanalysis method for DES cipher. EUROCRYPT'1993

DES Structure

Feistel network



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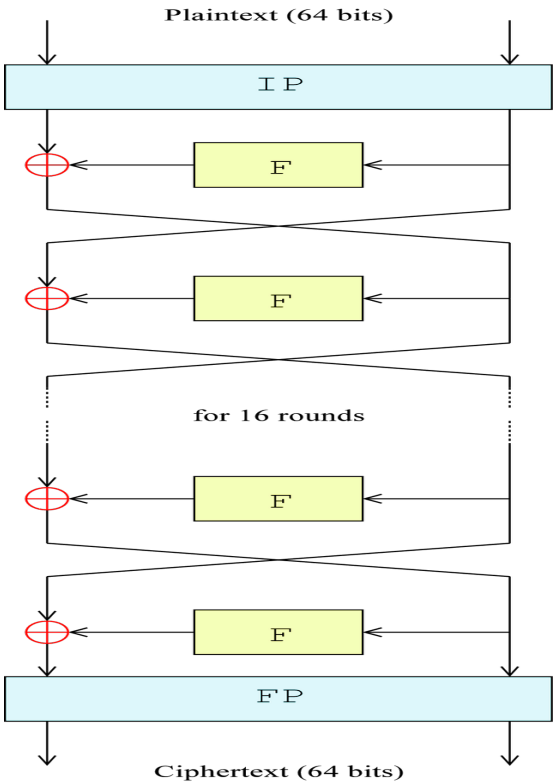
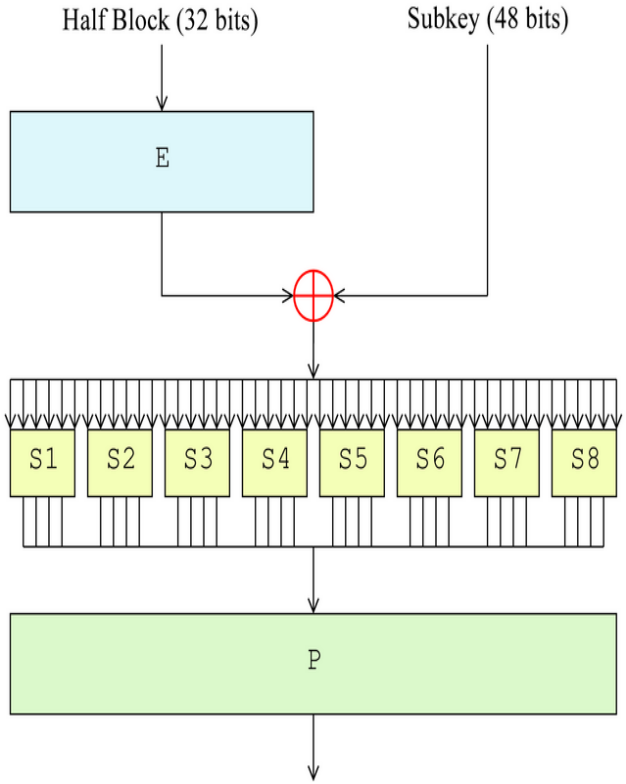




S-boxes : non-linear part of the system

Algebraic cryptanalysis of DES using Minisat

Starting point

N.T. Courtois, G.V. Bard
Algebraic Cryptanalysis of the Data Encryption Standard
IMA Int. Conf. 2007

General principle

- 1 known plaintext.
- Model the cryptosystem by a set of clauses.
- Use Minisat to extract the key.

Remark

We can combine this approach with an exhaustive search over some bits of the key.

S-boxes modeling (I)

- We have considered several modelings of the DES S-boxes.
- The choice of the modeling is very important.

Our modeling

We search (exhaustively) for the set of polynomials which verify :

$$P(x_1, \ldots, x_6, y_1, \ldots, y_4) = \prod(x_i + \alpha_i) \prod(y_i + \beta_i), \alpha_i, \beta_i \in \{0, 1\}$$

such that

$$S(x_1, \ldots, x_6) = (y_1, \ldots, y_4) \Rightarrow P(x_1, \ldots, x_6, y_1, \ldots, y_4) = 0$$

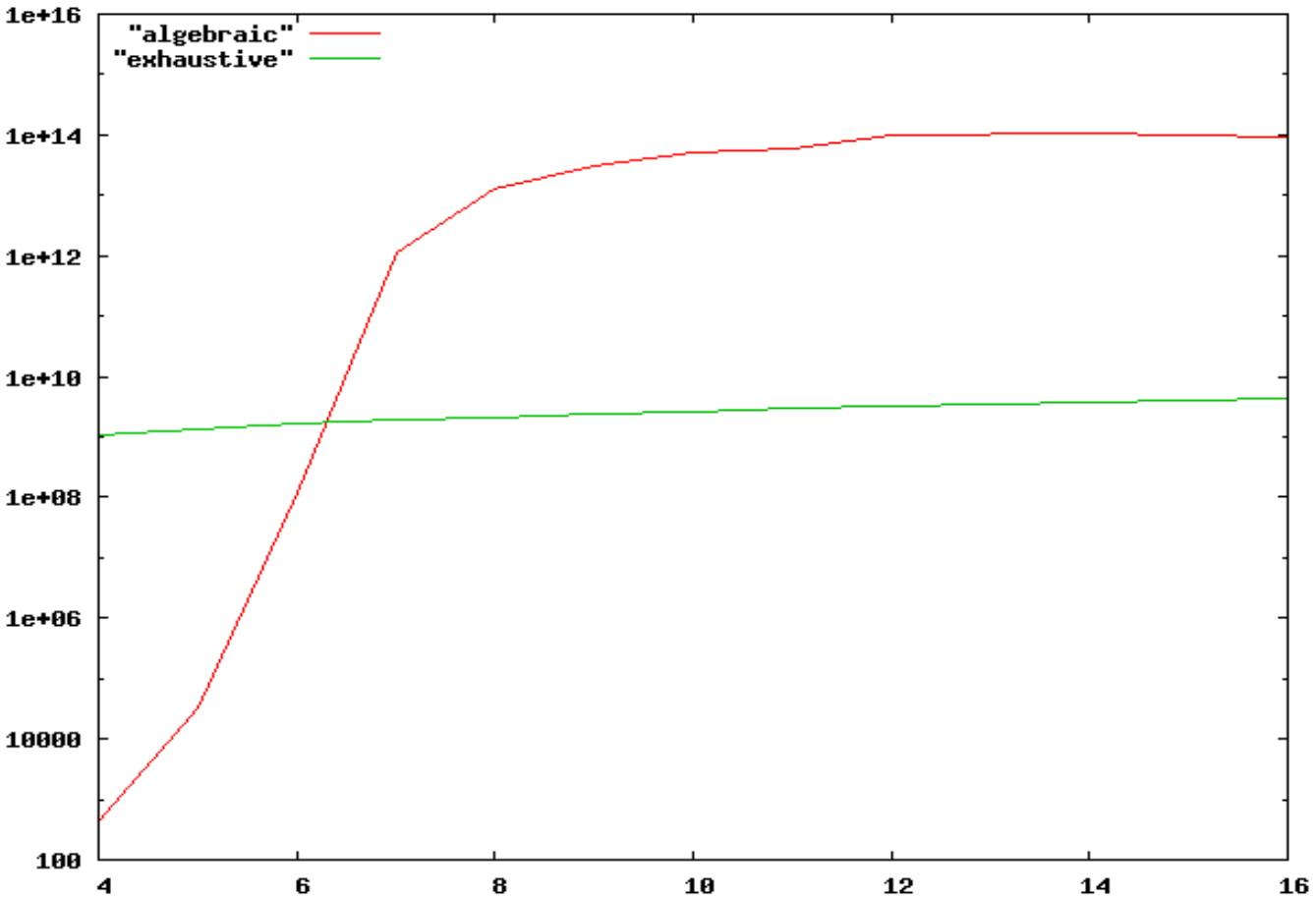
Complexity : 3^{10}

S-box modeling (II)

S-box	Nb of clauses
S1	1624
S2	1844
S3	1767
S4	1881
S5	1812
S6	1705
S7	1673
S8	2047

For 6 rounds : 792 variables and 90086 clauses.
+ partial exhaustive search on 28 bits of the key.

Experimental results



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Our approach

Limit

Algebraic cryptanalysis usually consider only one known plaintext.

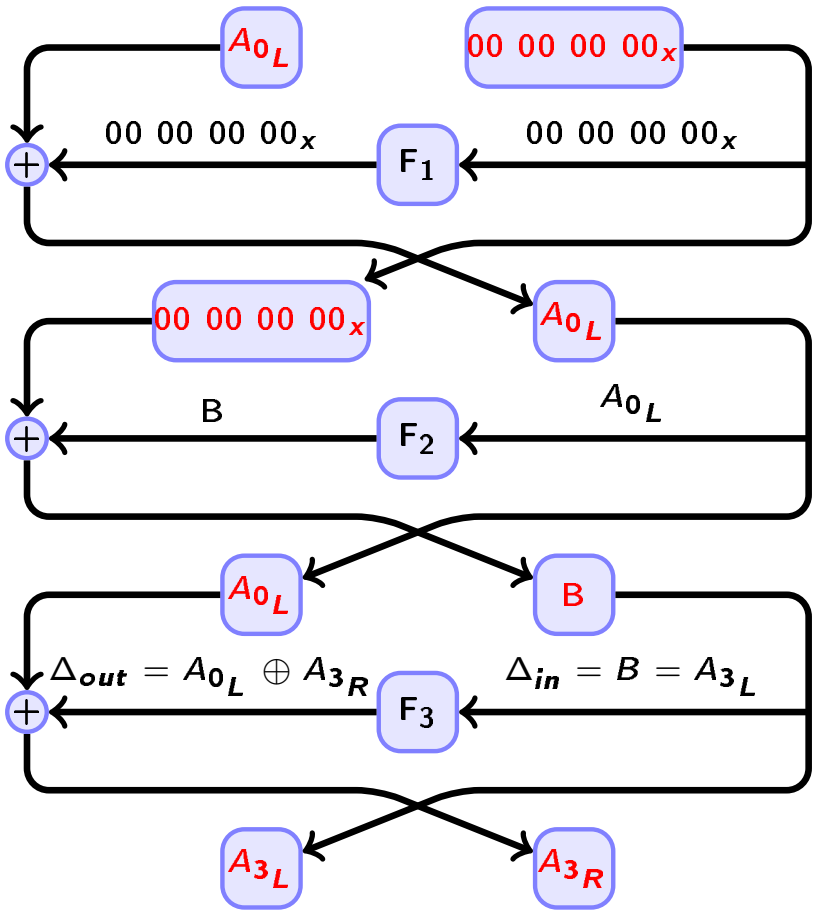
We combine algebraic cryptanalysis and statistical techniques to exploit efficiently the knowledge of several plaintexts.

- Tradeoff time/plaintexts.
- In particular, we consider differential cryptanalysis.

Differential cryptanalysis (I)

- The principle was known by the DES designers.
- Based on a statistical bias of the S-boxes.
- Key recovery attack.
- We try to predict how the difference of a pair of plaintexts will diffuse through the cipher.

Differential cryptanalysis of the 3 round-reduced DES



Differential cryptanalysis (II)

more than 3 rounds

- Statistical method.
- *differential characteristics*.
- A lot of plaintexts needed.

Motivations

Compromise between algebraic cryptanalysis and differential cryptanalysis.

- We can use the strong correlation between the subkeys.
- The notion of difference is easy to represent with clauses.
- We only need one pair following the characteristic to retrieve the key.

General algorithm

Repeat until the key is found :

- Choose a differential characteristic.
- Choose two plaintexts with difference fixed by the characteristic.
- Construct the system of clauses for DES, and add the clauses corresponding to the characteristic.
- Solve with MiniSat. If the result is UNSATISFIABLE, restart (it means that the pair didn't follow the characteristic). If the result is SATISFIABLE, then MiniSat returns the key.

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How to combine

- We can run MiniSat 6 times with 7 plaintexts.
- Six 3-rounds characteristics $\Delta_1, \ldots, \Delta_6$.
- 7 plaintexts $m_0, \ldots, m_6$ such that $m_i = m_0 \oplus \delta_i$.

Experimental results

Cryptanalysis	Plaintexts	Time
Differential (Biham, Shamir)	240	0,3 seconds
Differential (Knudsen)	46	a few seconds
Algebraic with SAT Solver (Courtois, Bard)	1	2^{25} seconds
Algebraic-differential	32	3000 seconds
Algebraic-differential (combination of characteristics)	22	<10 hours

Seven rounds

For seven rounds and more, the classical differential characteristics don't seem to be adapted.

We have used a dedicated differential characteristic.

- Truncated characteristic with probability 1/1000.

S-Box	δ_{in}	δ_{out}	Proba
S1	4_x	6_x	10/64
	8_x	3_x	12/64
S2	4_x	10_x	10/64
	4_x	12_x	10/64
	8_x	9_x	10/64
	8_x	10_x	16/64
	12_x	5_x	14/64
S3	4_x	9_x	12/64
	8_x	3_x	10/64
	12_x	5_x	12/64
	12_x	6_x	12/64
S4	4_x	6_x	12/64
	4_x	9_x	12/64

Boîte-S	δ_{in}	δ_{out}	Proba
S5	4_x	6_x	10/64
	8_x	6_x	10/64
	8_x	10_x	10/64
	12_x	3_x	10/64
	12_x	6_x	10/64
	12_x	10_x	10/64
S6	8_x	6_x	16/64
	12_x	3_x	12/64
	12_x	5_x	10/64
S7	8_x	10_x	12/64
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S8	4_x	12_x	10/64
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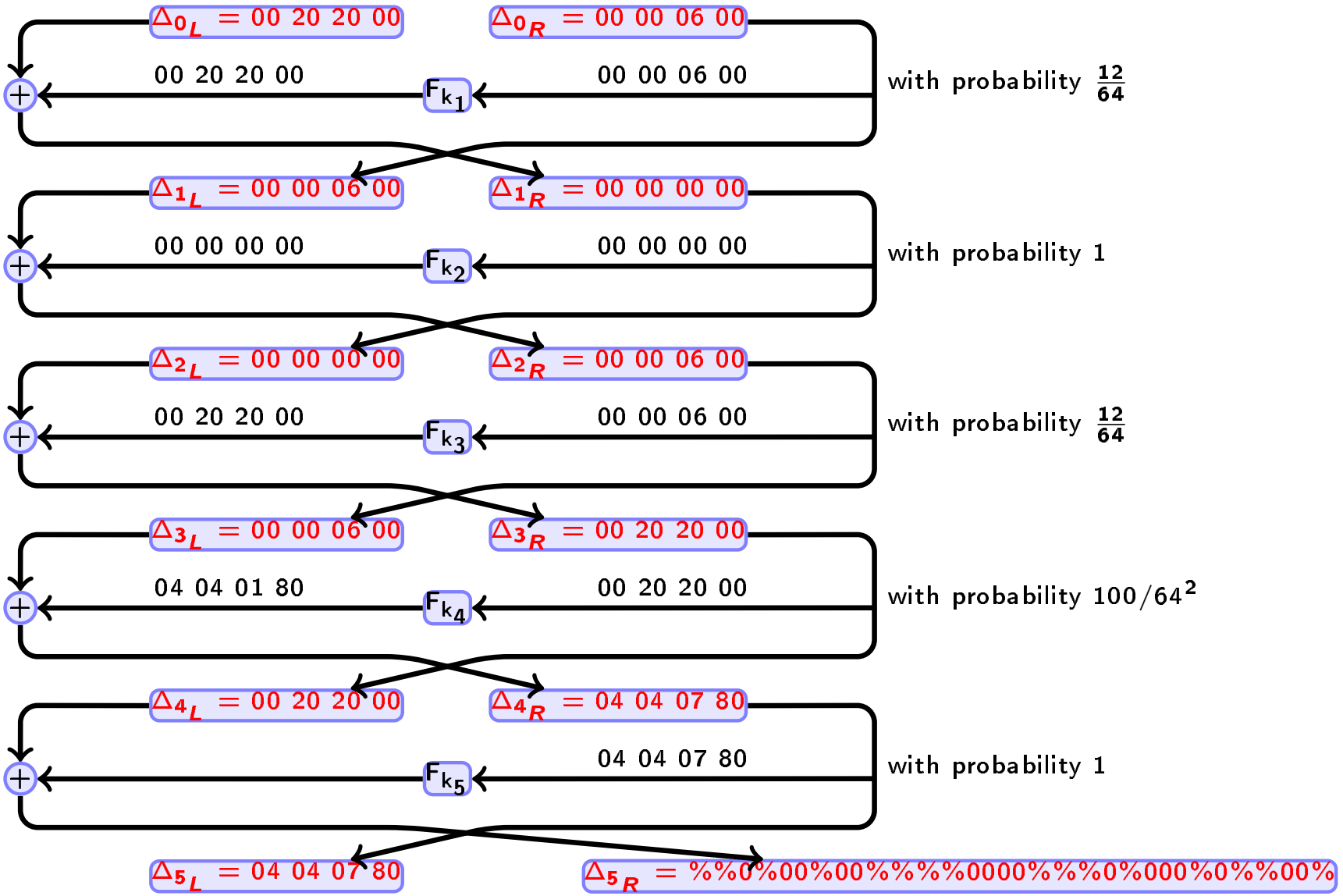
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with probability $\frac{12}{64}$
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Δ_{1_R} = 00 00 00 00
00 00 00 00
F_{k_2}
00 00 00 00
with probability 1
Δ_{2_L} = 00 00 00 00
Δ_{2_R} = 00 00 06 00
00 20 20 00
F_{k_3}
00 00 06 00
with probability $\frac{12}{64}$
Δ_{3_L} = 00 00 06 00
Δ_{3_R} = 00 20 20 00
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F_{k_4}
00 20 20 00
with probability $100/64^2$
Δ_{4_L} = 00 20 20 00
Δ_{4_R} = 04 04 07 80
F_{k_5}
04 04 07 80
with probability 1
Δ_{5_L} = 04 04 07 80
Δ_{5_R} = %%0%00%00%%%%0000%%%0%000%0%%00%

Experimental results

7 rounds cryptanalysis

- 2000 chosen plaintexts
- 3 hours

Not so much results on 7 rounds in the literature.

Eight rounds

We have found a 5-round truncated differential characteristic with probability 1/5800.
+ partial exhaustive search over 8 bits of the key.

8 rounds cryptanalysis

- 11600 chosen plaintexts and 2^{25} seconds.

Summary

Rounds	Cryptanalysis	Nb of plaintexts	Time
6	diff (Biham,Shamir)	240 (chosen)	0,3 s
	diff (Knudsen)	46 (chosen)	$<$10 s
	alg (Courtois,Bard)	1 (known)	2^{25} s
	diff + alg	**32 (chosen)**	**3000 s**
	diff + alg	**22 (chosen)**	**$<$10 h**
7	**diff + alg**	**2000 (chosen)**	**10000 s**
8	diff (Biham,Shamir)	50000 (chosen)	100 s
	lin (Matsui)	2^{20} (known)	40 s
	diff + alg	**11500 (chosen)**	2^{25} **s**
	diff+lin (Hellman,Langford)	512 (chosen)	few seconds

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Future work

- Extension of this attack for more rounds ?
- Algebraic-differential cryptanalysis of DES with Gröbner Bases ?
- Other cryptosystems ?
- Other statistical tools (differential-linear cryptanalysis, ...) ?