# Correlation of Quadratic Boolean Functions: Cryptanalysis of All Versions of Full MORUS

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### Correlation

Let  $f : \mathbb{F}_2^n \to \mathbb{F}_2$  be a Boolean function with ANF

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{\mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{F}_2^n} a_{\mathbf{u}} \mathbf{x}^{\mathbf{u}},$$

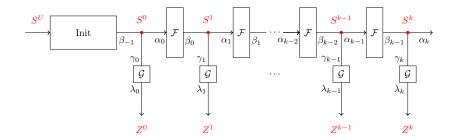
where 
$$\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \cdots, x_n), \mathbf{u} = (u_1, \cdots, u_n), \mathbf{a}_{\mathbf{u}} \in \mathbb{F}_2$$
, and  $\mathbf{x}^{\mathbf{u}} = \prod_{i=1}^n x_i^{u_i}$ .

#### Definition (Correlation)

The correlation of an *n*-variable Boolean function *f* is  $\operatorname{cor}(f) = \frac{1}{2^n} \sum_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{F}_2^n} (-1)^{f(\mathbf{x})}$ , and the weight of the correlation is defined as  $-\log_2 |\operatorname{cor}(f)|$ .

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$$Pr(f = 0) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}cor(f)$$

# Linear Cryptanalysis



Object:  $\max |\operatorname{cor} \left( \sum_{i=0}^{k} \lambda_i Z^i \right) |$ Note that  $\sum_{i=0}^{k} \lambda_i Z^i$  is a Boolean function whose variables are bits of  $S^0$ .

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- Brute force the input
- Graph-based method [TIM<sup>+</sup>18]

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#### Definition (Disjoint Quadratic Boolean Function)

A quadratic Boolean function  $f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  is disjoint if no variable  $x_i$  appears in more than one quadratic term.

#### Example

 $x_1x_2 + x_3x_4$ 

 $x_1x_3 + x_2x_4 + x_2 + x_5$ 

#### Counter-Example

 $x_1x_2 + x_2x_3$ 

#### lemma

Let  $f = x_{i_1}x_{i_2} + \cdots + x_{i_{2k-1}}x_{i_{2k}} + x_{j_1} + \cdots + x_{j_s}$  be a disjoint quadratic Boolean function. Then the correlation of f is

$$\begin{cases} (-1)^{\sum_{t=1}^{k} \operatorname{Coe}_{f}(x_{i_{2t-1}}) \operatorname{Coe}_{f}(x_{i_{2t}})} \cdot 2^{-k} & \{j_{1}, \cdots, j_{s}\} \subseteq \{i_{1}, \cdots, i_{2k}\} \\ 0 & \{j_{1}, \cdots, j_{s}\} \subsetneq \{i_{1}, \cdots, i_{2k}\} \end{cases}$$

where  $\operatorname{Coe}_{f}(x^{u})$  denotes the coefficient of the monomial  $x^{u}$  in the ANF of f.

$$|\operatorname{cor}(x_1x_2 + x_3x_4)| = 2^{-2}$$
$$|\operatorname{cor}(x_1x_3 + x_2x_4 + x_2 + x_5)| = 0$$
$$|\operatorname{cor}(x_1x_3 + x_2x_4 + x_2 + x_3)| = 2^{-2}$$

#### Idea

Given a quadratic Boolean function, transform it into a disjoint quadratic Boolean function such that the transformation is correlation invariant (up to a minus sign).

$$f = x_1 x_2 + x_1 x_5 + x_2 x_3 + x_2 x_4 + x_1 + x_2$$

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#### Theorem

Given a quadratic boolean function  $f(\mathbf{x}) = f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ , the algorithm outputs a disjoint quadratic Boolean function  $\hat{f}(\mathbf{x})$  and an invertible  $n \times n$  matrix M, such that  $\hat{f}(\mathbf{x}) = f(\mathbf{x}M)$ . Moreover, The algorithm has time complexity  $\mathcal{O}(n^{3.8})$  and memory complexity  $\Omega(n^2)$ .

#### Remark

On 22-06-2019, we received an E-mail from Ryan Williams (MIT), which indicated that essentially the same theory concerning quadratic forms had been developed much earlier (despite some superficial differences in the appearance).

- Leonard Carlitz: *Gauss sums over finite fields of order* 2<sup>*n*</sup>. Acta Arithmetica. 1969.
- Andrzej Ehrenfeucht and Marek Karpinski: The computational complexity of (xor, and)-counting problems. International Computer Science Inst. 1990
- Roland Mirwald and Claus-Peter Schnorr: *The Multiplicative Complexity of Quadratic Boolean Forms*. Theor. Comput. Sci. 1992.

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# The CAESAR Competition

- R1: 58 candidates, 2014.3-2015.7
- R2: 29 candidates, 2015.7-2016.8
- R3: 15 candidates, 2016.8-2018.3
- RF: 7 candidates, 2018.3-2019.3

# Finalists of CAESAR



6 winners were announce on March 20, 2019.

# MORUS

- Designers: Hongjun Wu and Tao Huang
- Stream-cipher like design
- MORUS-640, 128-bit key
- MORUS-1280, 128-bit or 256-bit key
- MORUS-1280-256 was broken in ASIACRYPT 2018 [AEL+18]

| Name           | State size<br>(5q) | Register size<br>(q) | Word size $(q/4)$ | Key size |
|----------------|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------|
| MORUS-640-128  | 640                | 128                  | 32                | 128      |
| MORUS-1280-128 | 1280               | 256                  | 64                | 128      |
| MORUS-1280-256 | 1280               | 256                  | 64                | 256      |

# Encryption Algorithm

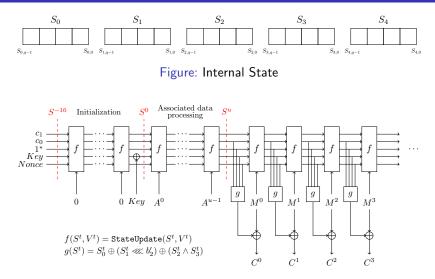
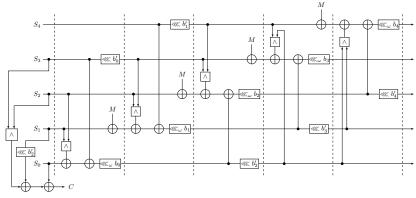
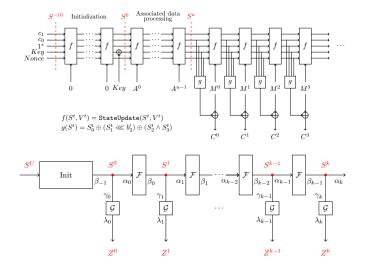


Figure: The encryption algorithm of MORUS

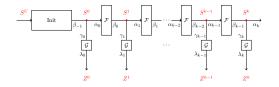
# State Update Function



b' is multiple of word size



- For a block cipher, we have many tools (Matsui's branch and bound, MILP, SAT, SMT, CP etc.) to search for its linear trails.
- For the key stream generator?



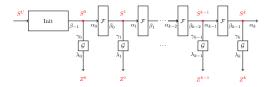
#### Definition

linear trail A linear trail of the key stream generator shown in Fig:

$$(\beta_{-1}, \gamma_0, \lambda_0, \alpha_0, \beta_0, \cdots, \alpha_{k-1}, \beta_{k-1}, \gamma_k, \lambda_k, \alpha_k)$$

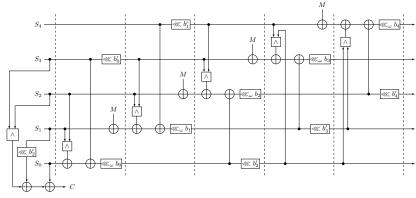
is said to be exploitable if and only if  $\beta_{-1} = 0$ ,  $\alpha_k = 0$ , and  $\alpha_i \oplus \gamma_i \oplus \beta_{i-1} = 0$  for  $0 \le i \le k$ .

## Linear characteristic



$$\begin{cases} \beta_{-1} = 0\\ \alpha_k = 0\\ \alpha_i + \gamma_i + \beta_{i-1} = 0, & 0 \le i \le k\\ \gamma_i S^i + \lambda_i Z^i = 0, & 0 \le i \le k\\ \alpha_i S^i + \beta_i S^{i+1} = 0, & 0 \le i \le k - 1 \end{cases}$$
(1)

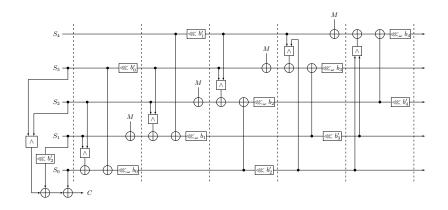
# Rotationally Invariant Masks [AEL+18]



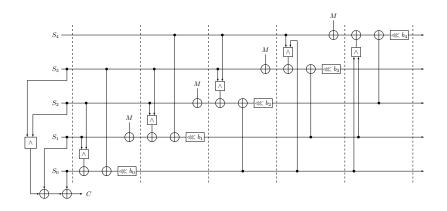
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#### • MiniMORUS: each register contains a single word

# MiniMORUS



# MiniMORUS



- Any linear characteristic search tool (Matsui, MILP, SAT/SMT, CP, etc.) can be applied.
- The resulting characteristics are only locally sound!
- Any characteristic can be converted to a quadratic boolean function in variables  $S_{i,j}^t$ , from which the correlation should be recalculated!

$$\begin{cases} f_1(x_1, x_2, x_3) = x_1 x_2 + x_2, \operatorname{cor}(f_1) = 2^{-1} \\ f_2(x_1, x_2, x_3) = x_1 x_3, \operatorname{cor}(f_2) = 2^{-1} \\ f = f_1 + f_2 = x_1 x_2 + x_1 x_3 + x_2 \end{cases}$$

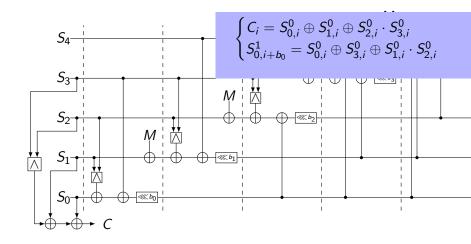
 $\operatorname{cor}(f) = 0 \neq 2^{-2}$ 

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#### Table: An invalid trail of MiniMORUS-640 with span 3

| Round |             |          |          | Linear masks |          |          |
|-------|-------------|----------|----------|--------------|----------|----------|
|       | $\alpha_0$  | 40400000 | 40400000 | 00000000     | 40400000 | 00000000 |
|       |             | 08000008 | 00400000 | 00000000     | 00000000 | 00000000 |
|       |             | 08000008 | 00200000 | 00000000     | 00000000 | 00400000 |
| 0     |             | 08000008 | 00200000 | 00000000     | 00000000 | 00400000 |
| 0     |             | 08000008 | 00200000 | 00000000     | 00000000 | 00400000 |
|       | $\beta_0$   | 08000008 | 00200000 | 00400000     | 00000000 | 80000008 |
|       | $\gamma_0$  | 40400000 | 40400000 | 00000000     | 40400000 | 00000000 |
|       | $\lambda_0$ | 40400000 |          |              |          |          |
|       | $\alpha_1$  | 20600000 | 28400008 | 00400000     | 20600000 | 80000008 |
|       |             | 0c000004 | 08000008 | 00000000     | 00000000 | 80000008 |
|       |             | 0c000004 | 0400004  | 08000000     | 00000000 | 08000000 |
| 1     |             | 04000004 | 0400004  | 0000004      | 00000000 | 00000000 |
| 1     |             | 04000004 | 04000004 | 00000004     | 00000000 | 00000000 |
|       | $\beta_1$   | 04000004 | 04000004 | 00000004     | 00000000 | 00000000 |
|       | $\gamma_1$  | 28600008 | 28600008 | 00000000     | 20600000 | 00000000 |
|       | $\lambda_1$ | 28600008 |          |              |          |          |
| 2     | $\gamma_2$  | 04000004 | 04000004 | 0000004      | 00000000 | 00000000 |
| 2     | $\lambda_2$ | 04000004 |          |              |          |          |

# Dependent AND Gates



### Table: A linear trail of MiniMORUS-640 with correlation $-2^{-8}$

| Round |             | Linear masks |          |          |          |         |
|-------|-------------|--------------|----------|----------|----------|---------|
|       | $\alpha_0$  | 10000000     | 10000000 | 00000000 | 10000000 | 0000000 |
|       |             | 00000002     | 00000000 | 00000000 | 00000000 | 0000000 |
|       |             | 00000002     | 00000000 | 00000000 | 00000000 | 0000000 |
| 0     |             | 00000002     | 00000000 | 00000000 | 00000000 | 0000000 |
| 0     |             | 00000002     | 00000000 | 00000000 | 00000000 | 0000000 |
|       | $\beta_0$   | 00000002     | 00000000 | 00000000 | 00000000 | 0000000 |
|       | $\gamma_0$  | 10000000     | 10000000 | 00000000 | 10000000 | 0000000 |
|       | $\lambda_0$ | 10000000     |          |          |          |         |
|       | $\alpha_1$  | 08000200     | 08000202 | 00000002 | 08000200 | 0000000 |
|       |             | 00004001     | 00000002 | 00000002 | 00000000 | 0000000 |
|       |             | 00004001     | 0000001  | 00000000 | 00000000 | 0000000 |
| 1     |             | 00004001     | 0000001  | 00000000 | 00000000 | 0000000 |
| 1     |             | 00004001     | 0000001  | 00000000 | 00000000 | 0000000 |
|       | $\beta_1$   | 00004003     | 0000003  | 00000002 | 00000000 | 0000400 |
|       | $\gamma_1$  | 08000202     | 08000202 | 00000002 | 08000200 | 0000000 |
|       | $\lambda_1$ | 08000202     |          |          |          |         |
|       | $\alpha_2$  | 00000100     | 00004100 | 00000000 | 00000100 | 0000400 |
|       |             | 00002000     | 00004000 | 00000000 | 00000000 | 0000400 |
|       |             | 00002000     | 00002000 | 00000000 | 00000000 | 0000000 |
| 2     |             | 00002000     | 00002000 | 00000000 | 00000000 | 0000000 |
| 2     |             | 00002000     | 00002000 | 00000000 | 00000000 | 0000000 |
|       | $\beta_2$   | 00002000     | 00002000 | 00000000 | 00000000 | 0000000 |
|       | $\gamma_2$  | 00004103     | 00004103 | 00000002 | 00000100 | 0000000 |
|       | $\lambda_2$ | 00004103     |          |          |          |         |
| 3     | $\gamma_3$  | 00002000     | 00002000 | 00000000 | 00000000 | 0000000 |
|       | $\lambda_3$ | 00002000     |          |          |          |         |
|       |             |              |          |          |          |         |

- We only list the values for α<sub>i</sub>, β<sub>i</sub>, γ<sub>i</sub>, and λ<sub>i</sub>. Actually, for every input and output bits of all the AND gates involved, the solution specifies their masks.
- For every AND gate whose output mask is 1 (active AND gates), we can write down a equation in S<sup>t</sup><sub>i,i</sub>.
- Summing up this equations gives  $\sum \lambda_i Z_i$  expressed in a quadratic Boolean function in  $S_{i,j}^t$ .
- Trails for MiniMORUS can be extended to full MORUS.

| Target            | Span | cor             | Data             | Time             | Source                |
|-------------------|------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| MiniMORUS-640     | 5    | $2^{-16}$       | 2 <sup>32</sup>  | 2 <sup>32</sup>  | [AEL <sup>+</sup> 18] |
| 1011111010103-040 | 4    | 2 <sup>-8</sup> | 2 <sup>16</sup>  | 2 <sup>16</sup>  | Ours                  |
| MiniMORUS-1280    | 5    | $2^{-16}$       | 2 <sup>32</sup>  | 2 <sup>32</sup>  | [AEL <sup>+</sup> 18] |
| WIIIIWOR03-1200   | 4    | 2 <sup>-8</sup> | 2 <sup>16</sup>  | 2 <sup>16</sup>  | Ours                  |
| MORUS-640-128     | 4    | $2^{-38}$       | 2 <sup>76</sup>  | 2 <sup>76</sup>  | Ours                  |
| MORUS-1280-128    | 4    | $2^{-38}$       | 2 <sup>76</sup>  | 2 <sup>76</sup>  | Ours                  |
| MORUS-1280-256    | 5    | $2^{-76}$       | 2 <sup>152</sup> | 2 <sup>152</sup> | [AEL+18]              |
| WOR03-1200-250    | 4    | $2^{-38}$       | 2 <sup>76</sup>  | 2 <sup>76</sup>  | Ours                  |

#### Table: A summary of the results

- Distinguishing attack
- Message recovery attack

#### Assumptions

- S<sup>0</sup> is random (quite reasonable!).
- S<sup>i</sup>s are independent for different *i*. (??)

#### Table: Verification for MiniMORUS

| Version        | Experiments   | Theoretically   |
|----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| MiniMORUS-640  | $2^{-7.7919}$ | 2 <sup>-8</sup> |
| MiniMORUS-1280 | $2^{-8.1528}$ | 2 <sup>-8</sup> |

#### Table: The five trail fragments of MORUS-640

|          | Trail fragment   | Weight |
|----------|--|--------|
| χ1       | $C^0_{\{124,92,60,28\}}\oplus C^1_{\{97,65,33,1\}}=S^1_{4,\{97,65,33,1\}}\oplus S^2_{1,\{96,64,32,0\}}$                  | 7      |
| $\chi_2$ | $C^1_{\{123,91,59,27\}} \oplus C^2_{\{96,64,32,0\}} = S^2_{1,\{96,64,32,0\}}$  | 8      |
| $\chi_3$ | $C^{2}_{\{104,72,40,8\}} \oplus C^{3}_{\{109,77,45,13\}} = S^{3}_{1,\{109,77,45,13\}}$                                   | 8      |
| $\chi_4$ | $C^{1}_{\{105,73,41,9\}} \oplus C^{2}_{\{110,78,46,14\}} = S^{3}_{1,\{109,77,45,13\}} \oplus S^{2}_{4,\{110,78,46,14\}}$ | 7      |
| $\chi_5$ | $C^2_{\{97,65,33,1\}} = S^1_{4,\{97,65,33,1\}} \oplus S^2_{4,\{110,78,46,14\}}$  | 8      |

#### Table: The five trail fragments of MORUS-1280

|          | Trail fragment  | Weight |
|----------|---|--------|
| $\chi_1$ | $C^0_{\{208,144,80,16\}} \oplus C^1_{\{221,157,93,29\}} = S^1_{4,\{221,157,93,29\}} \oplus S^2_{1,\{203,139,75,11\}}$         | 7      |
| $\chi_2$ | $C^{1}_{\{254,190,126,62\}} \oplus C^{2}_{\{203,139,75,11\}} = S^{2}_{1,\{203,139,75,11\}}$                                   | 8      |
| $\chi_3$ | $C^2_{\{194,130,66,2\}} \oplus C^3_{\{207,143,79,15\}} = S^3_{1,\{207,143,79,15\}}$   | 8      |
| $\chi_4$ | $C^{1}_{\{212,148,84,20\}} \oplus C^{2}_{\{225,161,97,33\}} = S^{3}_{1,\{207,143,79,15\}} \oplus S^{2}_{4,\{225,161,97,33\}}$ | 7      |
| $\chi_5$ | $C^2_{\{221,157,93,29\}} = S^1_{4,\{221,157,93,29\}} \oplus S^2_{4,\{225,161,97,33\}}$  | 8      |

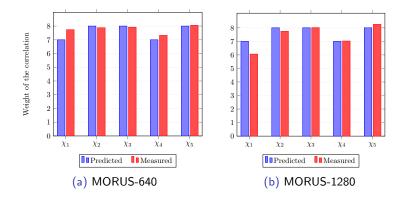


Figure: Experimental verification of the trail fragments of MORUS-640 and MORUS-1280

## Outline

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- 2 Correlation of Quadratic Boolean Functions
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- Correlation of quadratic Boolean function can be computed efficiently.
- How about Boolean functions with higher degrees?
- How can we search for trails which are not rotationally invariant?
- MILP based search can only deal with small spans.
- Some manual analysis targeting Trivium, SNOW, and ZUC using very large spans!

# Thanks! Any questions?

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