



# CLAASP: a Cryptographic Library for the Automated Analysis of Symmetric Primitives

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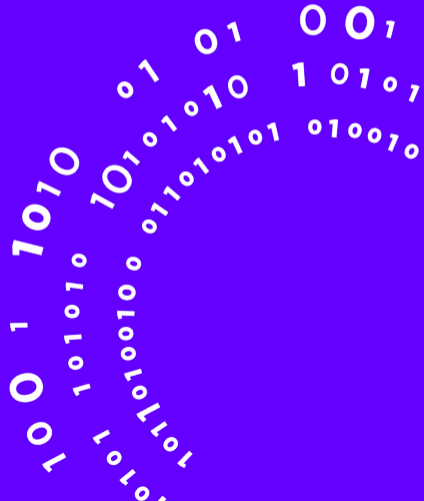
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# Introduction



## Overview



CLAASP is a library whose **goal** is to provide an extensive toolbox gathering state-of-the-art techniques aimed at simplifying the manual tasks of symmetric ciphers' designers and analysts.

`github.com/Crypto-TII/claasp`

- **opensource**, library is built on top of Sagemath
- **extendable**
- **easy-to-use**, especially with its web app
- **generic**
- **automated**

## Cipher representation

1001 101010 101010 0101 001  
101010 101010 10101010 10101  
1010100100 011010101 010010

## CLAASP basic idea



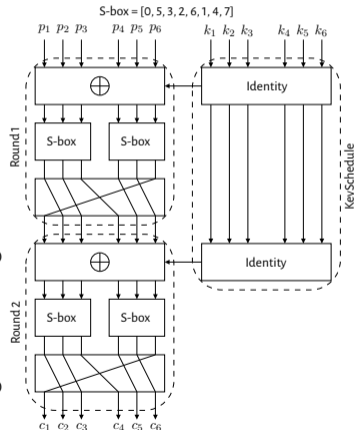
- How a cipher is represented in CLAASP?
  - a symmetric cipher is a python class represented as a list of "connected components"
  - a component is a python class that refers to the building blocks of ciphers (S-Boxes, XOR, etc.).
  
- What can be done from this representation?
  - 1 generate the Python or C code of the encryption function,
  - 2 execute a wide range of statistical and avalanche tests on the primitive,
  - 3 automatically generate SAT, SMT, CP and MILP models to find, for example, differential and linear trails,
  - 4 measure algebraic properties of the cipher,
  - 5 test neural-based distinguishers.

# ToySPN1: CLAASP code and diagram

```
from claasp.cipher import Cipher
```

```
class ToySPN(Cipher):  
    def __init__(self):  
        super().__init__(family_name="toyspn",  
                           cipher_type="block_cipher",  
                           cipher_inputs=["plaintext", "key"],  
                           cipher_inputs_bit_size=[6, 6],  
                           cipher_output_bit_size=6)  
  
        sbox = [0, 5, 3, 2, 6, 1, 4, 7]  
        self.add_round()  
        xor = self.add_XOR_component(["plaintext", "key"], [[0,1,2,3,4,5], [0,1,2,3,4,5]], 6)  
        sbox1 = self.add_SBOX_component([xor.id], [[0, 1, 2]], 3, sbox)  
        sbox2 = self.add_SBOX_component([xor.id], [[3, 4, 5]], 3, sbox)  
        rotate = self.add_rotate_component([sbox1.id, sbox2.id], [[0, 1, 2], [0, 1, 2]], 6, 1)  
        self.add_round_output_component([rotate.id], [[0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5]], 6)  
  
        self.add_round()  
        xor = self.add_XOR_component([rotate.id, "key"], [[0,1,2,3,4,5], [0,1,2,3,4,5]], 6)  
        sbox1 = self.add_SBOX_component([xor.id], [[0, 1, 2]], 3, sbox)  
        sbox2 = self.add_SBOX_component([xor.id], [[3, 4, 5]], 3, sbox)  
        rotate = self.add_rotate_component([sbox1.id, sbox2.id], [[0, 1, 2], [0, 1, 2]], 6, 1)  
        self.add_cipher_output_component([rotate.id], [[0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5]], 6)
```

```
toyspn = ToySPN()  
hex(toyspn.evaluate([0x3F,0x3F]))
```

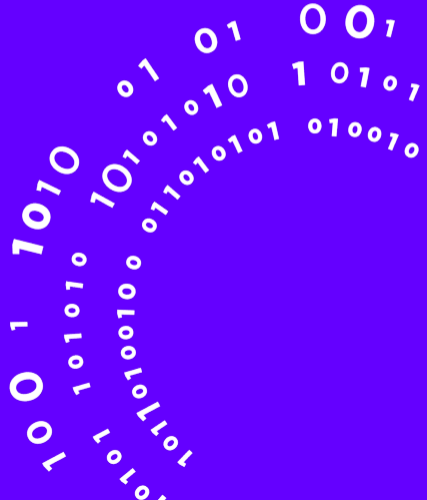


## CLAASP pre-defined ciphers so far

Block Ciphers	Permutations	Hash Functions	Stream Ciphers
AES	ASCON	SHA-1	ChaCha
DES	ChaCha	SHA-2	ZUC
LEA	GIFT-128	MD5	A5/1
LowMC	GIMILI	BLAKE	Bivium
Midori	Grain core	BLAKE2	Trivium
PRESENT	KECCAK- $p$	Whirlpool	Snow3g
Raiden	PHOTON		BluetoothE0
SIMON	Salsa		
Speck	SPARKLE		
Sparx	Spongant- $\pi$		
SKINNY	TinyJAMBU		
TEA - XTEA	Xoodoo		
Twofish			
Threefish			
Kasumi			
LBlock			
QARMA			
RC5			
SCARF			



## Evaluator module



# From cipher representation to evaluation code



- From a cipher class, we can **automatically generate**:
  - Python and C code to evaluate the cipher
  - a vectorized implementation of the cipher, when the evaluation of millions of inputs are required
  - the class of the inverse of the cipher
  
- Future works:
  - 1 A CUDA-based parallel evaluation with GPUs
  - 2 Optimization of the automatically generated code

## Vectorized evaluation example: AES-128



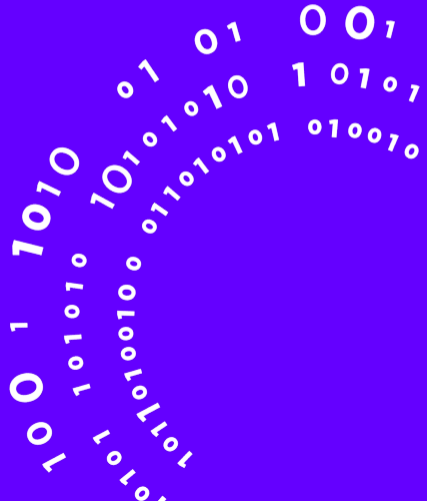
### Example

```
sage: from claasp.ciphers.block_ciphers.aes_block_cipher import AESBlockCipher
sage: aes = AESBlockCipher()
sage: import numpy as np
sage: from os import urandom

sage: n = 1000
sage: key = np.frombuffer(urandom(n*16), dtype = np.uint8).reshape((-1, n))
sage: plaintext = np.frombuffer(urandom(n*16), dtype = np.uint8).reshape((-1, n))

sage: result = aes.evaluate_vectorized([key, plaintext])
```

## Trails search modules



## Constraints solvers

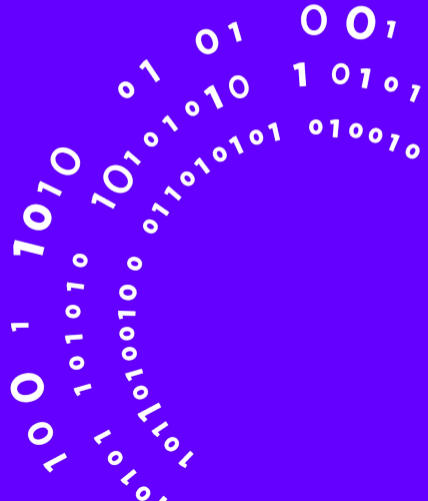
- From a given cipher object, CLAASP can automatically generate models for:
  - Differential trails - Truncated differential trails
  - Linear trails
  - Impossible trails
- CLAASP implements the generation of models to find:
  - One optimal trail
  - All trails for which the weight value is within a fixed range
  - Trails for single-key or related-key scenarios
- Trails can be found for ARX, SPN and Feistel ciphers
- The following solvers can be used: MILP (GLPK, Gurobi, CPLEX, GLOP), SAT (Cadical, Cryptominisat, MiniSAT, Kissat, Par-Kissat), SMT (Yices, MathSAT, Z3), CP (Choco, ORTools, MiniZinc)

## New results and future works



- New results:
  - Differential trail: We managed to find an optimal differential trail for 10 rounds of Speck128-128 with a probability weight of 49
  - Linear trail: we found a linear trail for 8 rounds of Salsa with a theoretical correlation of  $2^{-31}$  instead of  $2^{-34}$  as described in Coutinho et al. (2022)
- Future works:
  - Differential-linear trails
  - Rotational XOR trails
  - Boomerang trails

## Statistical tests module



## Multiple tests



We have integrated in CLAASP the following tests:

- NIST STS and Dieharder suites, Rukhin et al. (2001); Bassham et al. (2010)
- Avalanche properties, Daemen et al. (2018)
- Continuous avalanche properties, Coutinho et al. (2020)
  
- Future release: High-order avalanche tests defined in "ACE-HOT: Accelerating an extreme amount of symmetric Cipher Evaluations for High-Order avalanche Tests" that has been presented in LatinCrypt 2023



## Avalanche entropy example

### Example

```
sage: from claasp.ciphers.block_ciphers.speck_block_cipher import SpeckBlockCipher
sage: speck = SpeckBlockCipher(block_bit_size=8, key_bit_size=16, number_of_rounds=5)
sage: d = speck.diffusion_tests(number_of_samples=1000)
sage: d["test_results"]["plaintext"]["round_output"]
      ["avalanche_entropy_vectors"]["differences"][0]["output_vectors"][2]
[0.99896, 0.96544, 0.83272, 0, 0, 0.99805, 0.7967, 0.99999]
```

We obtained the entropy vector of all output bits of the round 3 due to a difference injected in position 0.

## Heatmap for the avalanche entropy criterion

- Cell shading: Greener when entropy, with a 0.01 bias from a single input bit difference, nears 1; otherwise, redder.

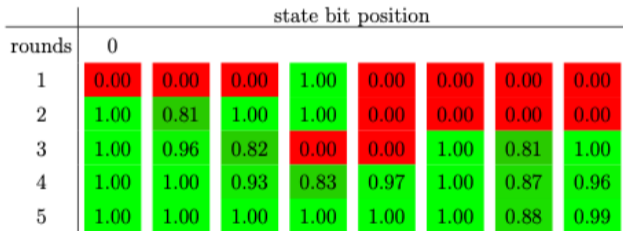
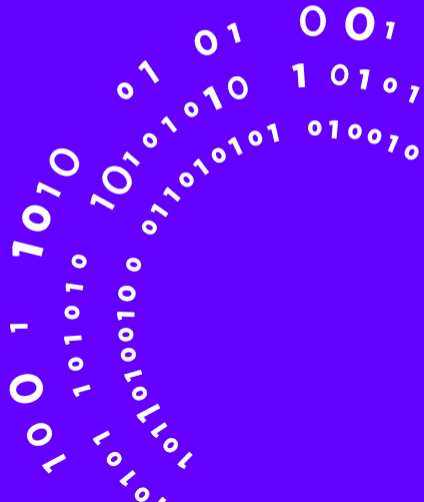


Figure 5.1: Speck: avalanche entropy heatmap - difference injected in position 0

## Algebraic module



## Current state



- Generate a multivariate polynomial system corresponding to the cipher
- Try to solve this symbolic system by using Gröbner basis
  
- Future works:
  - Cube attacks: generation of superpolies
  - Division trails search

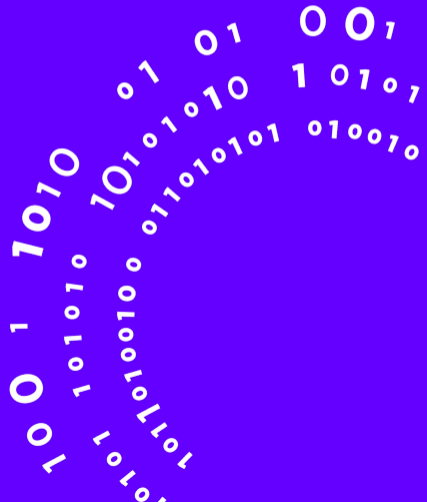
# Algebraic Test by Solving the algebraic System

## Example

```
sage: from claasp.cipher_modules.models.algebraic.algebraic_model import AlgebraicModel
sage: from claasp.cipher_modules.algebraic_tests import algebraic_tests
sage: from claasp.ciphers.toys.toyspn1 import ToySPN1
sage: toyspn1 =ToySPN1()
sage: result = algebraic_tests(toyspn1,120)
sage: result["test_passed"]
[False, False]
```

- If the test fails (returns False), the cipher is not secure against the algebraic attack based on solving its symbolic system by using Gröbner basis. If it returns True, we cannot claim that it is secure.

# Neural aided cryptanalysis module



## Current state



- Built from Bellini et al. (2021), CLAASP provides a test that returns the accuracy of distinguishing a ciphertext coming from an instance of the cipher with a certain key and the output of a random permutation.
- CLAASP implements the neural distinguisher described by Gohr in Gohr (2019). Specifically, the neural distinguisher is trained to label samples  $[C_0 = E_K(P_0), C_1 = E_K(P_1)]$  as 0 (if  $P_0 \oplus P_1$  is random) or 1 if  $P_0 \oplus P_1$  is a given, fixed value  $\delta$ .
- Finding good differences for Gohr's approach for any cipher: Bellini et al. (2022) accepted to FES 2024

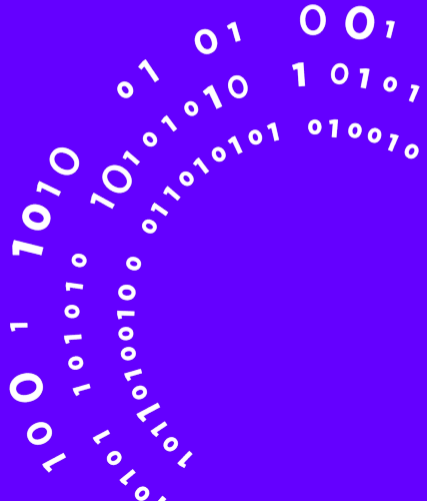
## Example

```
sage: from claasp.ciphers.block_ciphers.speck_block_cipher import SpeckBlockCipher
sage: speck = SpeckBlockCipher()
sage: from claasp.cipher_modules.neural_network_tests import make_resne
sage: from claasp.cipher_modules.neural_network_tests import get_differential_dataset

sage: net = make_resnet(input_size = 64)
sage: X, Y = get_differential_dataset(cipher = speck,
    input_differences = [0x400000, 0], number_of_rounds = 5, samples =10**6)
sage: X_val, Y_val = get_differential_dataset(cipher = speck,
    input_differences = [0x400000, 0], number_of_rounds = 5, samples =10**5)
sage: net.compile(optimizer='adam',loss='mse',metrics=['acc']);
sage: h = net.fit(X, Y, batch_size=5000, validation_data=(X_val, Y_val), epochs = 2)
```



## Conclusion



## Conclusion



- CLAASP gathers a large array of cipher analysis techniques, all in one framework
- CLAASP team is strongly committed to include new state-of-the-art techniques
- Open-source statut is an invitation to researchers to not only use it, but also collaborate

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Demo

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# Comparison of cryptanalysis libraries features with CLAASP

	TAGADA	CASCADA	CryptoSMT	lineartrails	YAARX	Autoguess	CLAASP	
Cipher types	SPN	All	All	SPN	ARX	All	All	
Cipher representation	DAG	Python code	Python code	C++ code	C code	Algebraic representation	DAG	
Statistical/Avalanche tests	-	-	-	-	-	-	Yes	
Continuous diffusion tests	-	-	-	-	-	-	Yes	
Components analysis tests	-	-	-	-	-	-	Yes	
Constraint solvers	Differential trails	Truncated	Yes	Yes	-	Yes	-	Yes
	Differentials	-	Yes	Yes	-	Yes	-	Yes
	Impossible differential	-	Yes	-*	-	-	-	Yes
	Linear trails	-	Yes	Yes	Yes	-	-	Yes
	Linear hull	-	-*	-*	-	-	-	Yes
	Zero correlation approximation	-	Yes	-*	-	-	-	Yes
	Supported solvers	CP, (MiniZinc)	SMT	SMT	-	-	SAT, SMT, MILP, CP, Groebner basis	SAT, SMT, MILP, CP, Groebner basis
Supported Scenarios	single-key related-key	single-key related-key	single-key related-key	single-key	single-key	single-key related-key single-tweak related-tweak	single-key related-key single-tweak related-tweak	
Algebraic tests	-	-	-	-	-	-	Yes**	
Neural-based tests	-	-	-	-	-	-	Yes	
State Recovery	-	-	-	-	-	Yes	-	
Key-bridging	-	-	-	-	-	Yes	-	

