

# Algebraic Fault Analysis on GOST for Key Recovery and Reverse Engineering



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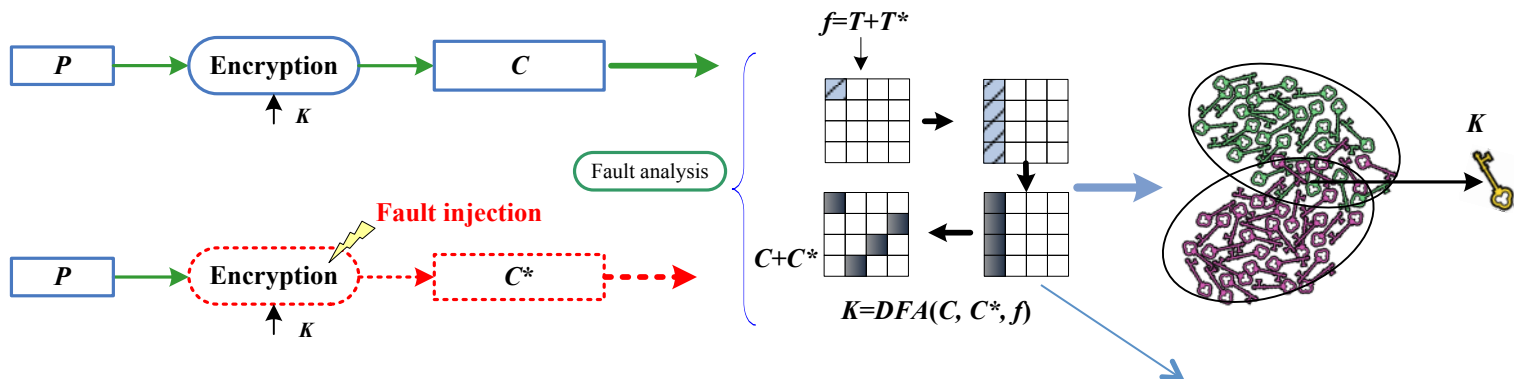
# Traditional Fault Analysis

FA (Fault Attack) first proposed by Boneh et al in 1996.

- Received faulty output, guess the fault, find the secret.

- DFA (Differential Fault Analysis) proposed by Biham and Shamir in 1997.

- Used to break public-key ciphers (ECC), block ciphers (AES, ARIA, Camellia and CLEFIA) and stream ciphers (RC4, Trivium).

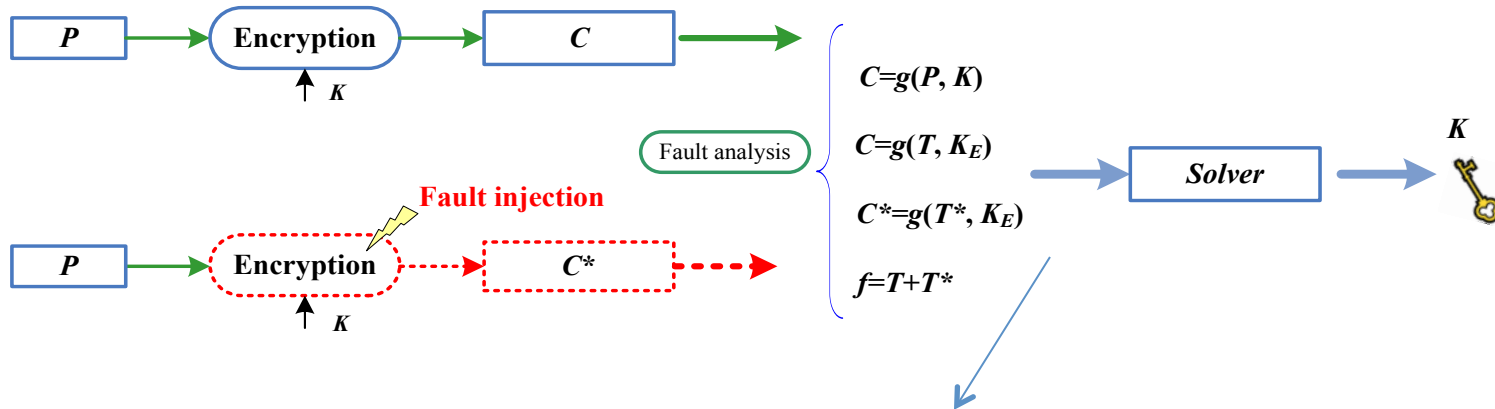


Framework of DFA

Manually fault analysis;  
Maximal efficiency unknown?

# Algebraic Fault Analysis

- AFA (Algebraic Fault Analysis) proposed by Courtois in 2010.
  - Algebraic cryptanalysis with fault attack.



## Compared with DFA:

- Algebraic analysis are **generic and automatic**
- Solvers (automatic) allow **easier and simpler analysis**
- Fault information **allows optimization**

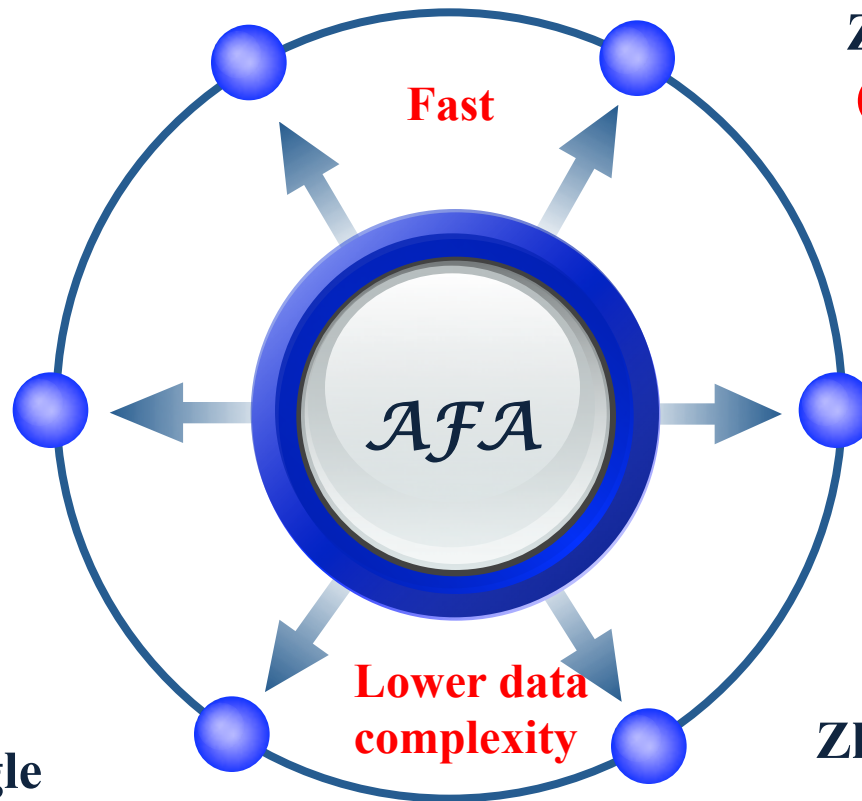
# State-of-the-art AFA

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eSmart 2010  
Courtois: **DES**,  
single fault,  $2^{17.35}$   
hours

COSADE 2011  
Mohamed: **Trivium**,  
less faults

ePrint 2012/400  
Jovanovic: **LED**, single  
fault, 14.67 hours.



COSADE 2013  
Zhang: **Piccolo**, **DES**  
(10 seconds), **MIBS**,  
single fault

FDTC 2013  
Zhao: **LED**, single  
fault, **1-3 minutes**,  
evaluating DFA

CACR 2013  
Zhao: **LBlock**, single  
fault

# Our Motivations?

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- Current AFA
  - Key recovery when the design of cipher is known
  - Evaluating the reduced key search space of DFA
- Our work
  - Can AFA **work when partial design of cipher is unknown?**
  - Can AFA **be used for reverse engineering besides key recovery?**

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# Overview of GOST

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- A Soviet and Russian government standard symmetric key block cipher.
  - 64-bit block cipher
  - 256 bit keys
  - 32 rounds
  - Feistel structure
  - 8 S-Boxes
  - modulo  $2^{32}$  nonlinear part
  - Simple key schedule



# Overview of GOST

- processes the right half of the block using function  $f$ , XORs the result from  $f$  with the left half, and swaps the two halves.
- key schedule is simple, divide 256-bit key into 8 pieces, using one piece per round

the contents of 8 S-Boxes  
might be secret

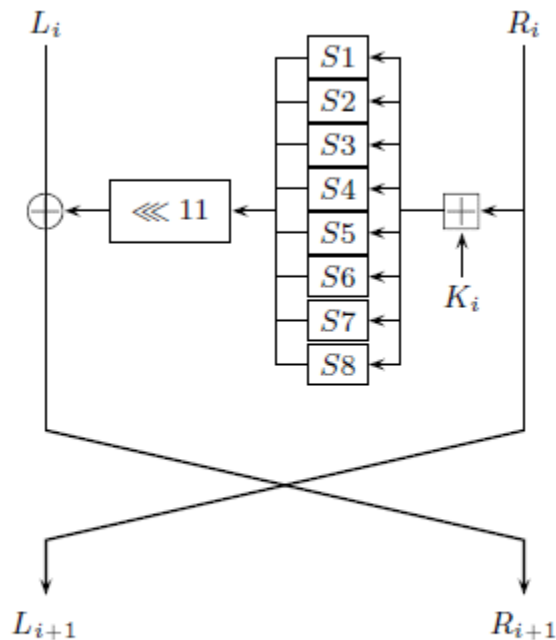


Figure 1. One round of GOST

# Attack Scenarios

## single byte fault injection on the right half of GOST

- **Scenario 1:** known complete GOST design, **key recovery?**
- **Scenario 2:** 8 S-Boxes secret, known secret key, AFA technique, **reverse engineering** of S-Boxes?
- **Scenario 3:** 8 S-Boxes secret, unknown secret key, AFA technique, **both key recovery and reverse engineering?**

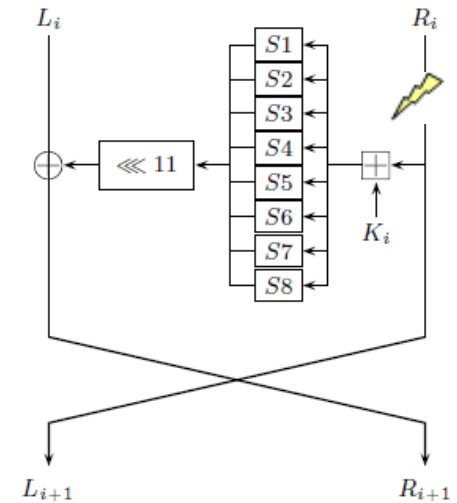


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# AFA on GOST

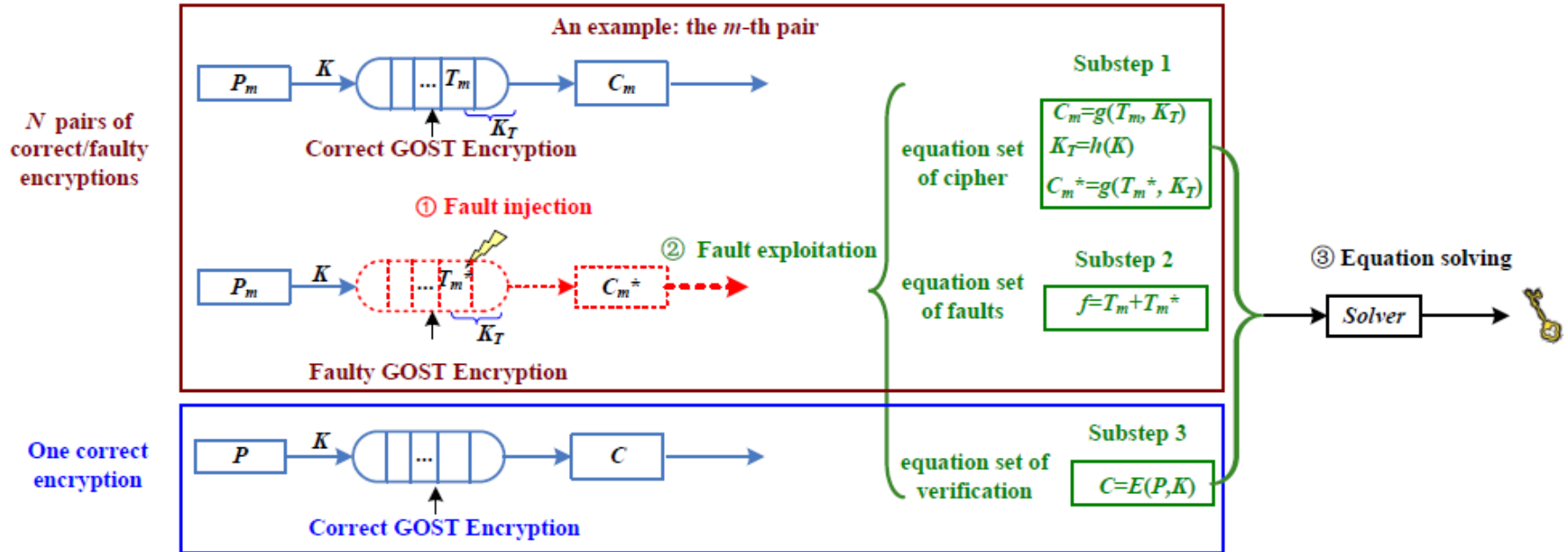


Figure 2. Framework of AFA on GOST

- one full correct GOST equation set
- the last few GOST rounds equation set since the fault injections for  $N$  pairs of correct and faulty encryptions

# Step 1: GOST Equation Set

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- Represent AK (Adding modulo  $2^{32}$  )

$$z_{32} = x_{32} + y_{32}$$

$$t_{31} = x_{32}y_{32}$$

$$z_{31} = x_{31} + y_{31} + t_{31}$$

$$t_{30} = x_{31}y_{31} + x_{31}t_{31} + y_{31}t_{31}$$

$$z_{30} = x_{30} + y_{30} + t_{30}$$

$$t_{29} = x_{30}y_{30} + x_{30}t_{30} + y_{30}t_{30}$$

$$z_{29} = x_{29} + y_{29} + t_{29}$$

$$t_{28} = x_{29}y_{29} + x_{29}t_{29} + y_{29}t_{29}$$

...

$$z_2 = x_2 + y_2 + t_2$$

$$t_1 = x_2y_2 + x_2t_2 + y_2t_2$$

$$z_1 = x_1 + y_1 + t_1$$

# Step 1: GOST Equation Set

- Represent SL (S-Box lookup)

$$\begin{aligned}y_1 &= x_2 + x_3 + x_4 + x_1x_2 + x_1x_3 + \\ &\quad x_2x_4 + x_1x_2x_4 + x_2x_3x_4 \\ y_2 &= 1 + x_3 + x_4 + x_3x_4 + x_1x_2x_3 + \\ &\quad x_1x_2x_4 + x_1x_3x_4 + x_2x_3x_4 \\ y_3 &= x_1 + x_4 + x_1x_3 + x_1x_4 + x_2x_4 + \\ &\quad x_1x_2x_4 + x_2x_3x_4 \\ y_4 &= x_2 + x_3 + x_1x_4 + x_2x_4 + x_3x_4 + \\ &\quad x_1x_2x_3 + x_1x_3x_4\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}y_1 &= a_1 + a_2x_1 + a_3x_2 + a_4x_3 + a_5x_4 + \\ &\quad a_6x_1x_2 + a_7x_1x_3 + a_8x_1x_4 + \\ &\quad a_9x_2x_3 + a_{10}x_2x_4 + a_{11}x_3x_4 + \\ &\quad a_{12}x_1x_2x_3 + a_{13}x_1x_2x_4 + a_{14}x_1x_3x_4 + \\ &\quad a_{15}x_2x_3x_4 + a_{16}x_1x_2x_3x_4 \\ y_2 &= a_{17} + a_{18}x_1 + a_{19}x_2 + a_{20}x_3 + a_{21}x_4 + \\ &\quad a_{22}x_1x_2 + a_{23}x_1x_3 + a_{24}x_1x_4 + \\ &\quad a_{25}x_2x_3 + a_{26}x_2x_4 + a_{27}x_3x_4 + \\ &\quad a_{28}x_1x_2x_3 + a_{29}x_1x_2x_4 + a_{30}x_1x_3x_4 + \\ &\quad a_{31}x_2x_3x_4 + a_{32}x_1x_2x_3x_4 \\ y_3 &= a_{33} + a_{34}x_1 + a_{35}x_2 + a_{36}x_3 + a_{37}x_4 + \\ &\quad a_{38}x_1x_2 + a_{39}x_1x_3 + a_{40}x_1x_4 + \\ &\quad a_{41}x_2x_3 + a_{42}x_2x_4 + a_{43}x_3x_4 + \\ &\quad a_{44}x_1x_2x_3 + a_{45}x_1x_2x_4 + a_{46}x_1x_3x_4 + \\ &\quad a_{47}x_2x_3x_4 + a_{48}x_1x_2x_3x_4 \\ y_4 &= a_{49} + a_{50}x_1 + a_{51}x_2 + a_{52}x_3 + a_{53}x_4 + \\ &\quad a_{54}x_1x_2 + a_{55}x_1x_3 + a_{56}x_1x_4 + \\ &\quad a_{57}x_2x_3 + a_{58}x_2x_4 + a_{59}x_3x_4 + \\ &\quad a_{60}x_1x_2x_3 + a_{61}x_1x_2x_4 + a_{62}x_1x_3x_4 + \\ &\quad a_{63}x_2x_3x_4 + a_{64}x_1x_2x_3x_4\end{aligned}$$

Public S-Box

Secret S-Box

64 variables  $a_i$  are introduced

# Step 1: GOST Equation Set

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- Represent RL (Rotating bits to left)

$$y_i = x_{((i+9) \bmod 32)+1}$$

- Represent GOST decryption can accelerate speed of AFA)

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| Algorithm 1. Building the equation set for<br>$r$ rounds decryption of GOST |
| 1: $C \leftarrow [c_1, c_2, \dots, c_{64}]$                                 |
| 2: $L_{33} \leftarrow [c_1, c_2, \dots, c_{32}]$                            |
| 3: $R_{33} \leftarrow [c_{33}, c_{34}, \dots, c_{64}]$                      |
| 4: $L_{32} \leftarrow L_{33} \oplus RL(SL(RL(R_{33}, K_{32})))$             |
| 5: $R_{32} \leftarrow R_{33}$   |
| 6: <b>for</b> $i = 31$ to $32 - r$ ( $i > 0$ ) <b>do</b>                    |
| 7: $L_i \leftarrow R_{i+1}$   |
| 8: $R_i \leftarrow L_{i+1} \oplus RL(SL(RL(R_{i+1}, K_i)))$                 |
| 9: <b>end for</b>   |

# Step 2: Fault Equation Set

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- Suppose  $Z$  denote the injected fault difference

- $Z$  can be considered as **the concatenation of four bytes**

$$Z_1 || Z_2 || Z_3 || Z_4, \quad Z_i = (z_{8i-7}, z_{8i-6}, \dots, z_{8i}) \quad (1 \leq i \leq 4).$$

- Four one-bit  $u_i$  are used to represent whether  $Z_i$  is faulty ( $u_i=0$ ) or not

$$u_i = (1 \oplus z_{8i-7}) \wedge (1 \oplus z_{8i-6}) \wedge (\dots) \wedge (1 \oplus z_{8i})$$

- Only one byte fault is injected, **only one  $u_i=0$**

$$(1 - u_1) \vee (1 - u_2) \vee (1 - u_3) \vee (1 - u_4) = 1,$$

$$u_i \vee u_j = 1, \quad 1 \leq i < j \leq 4$$



# Step 3: Solver

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- Combine the equation set of GOST with injected fault and use **solver** to recover the secret key.
- **CryptoMiniSAT v2.9.4, support multiple solution output**
- The PC that runs CryptoMiniSAT has the following configuration: **Intel Core I7-2640M, 2.80 GHZ, and 4G bytes memory**. The operating system is **64-bit Windows 7**.

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# Experiment Parameters

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**$N$**       **the number of fault injections**

$V(N)$       the number of variables in equation set

$A(N)$       the number of ANF equations in equation set

$u(N)$       the size of the generated scripts

$t(N)$       the time complexity (seconds) required in solver

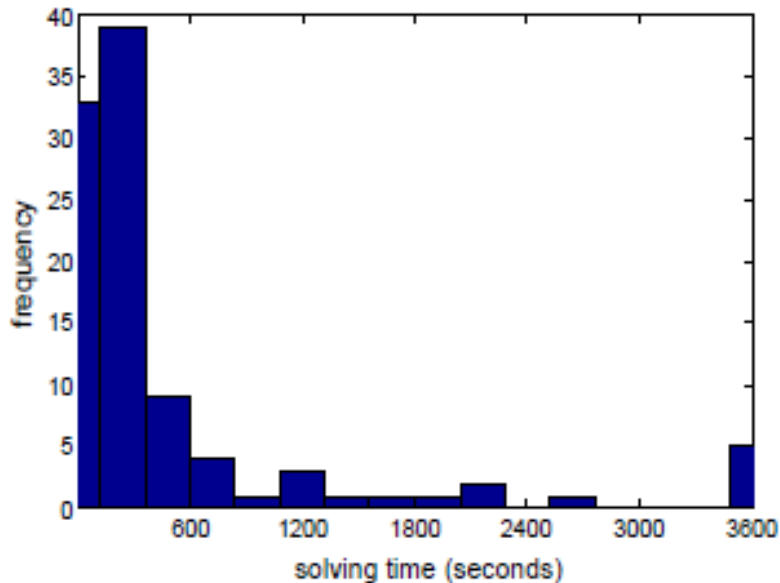
$\tau$       threshold of the time complexity (seconds) in a successful AFA

$\varphi(N, \tau)$       the success rate

$\lambda(N)$       the entropy of the secret key in Scenario 1

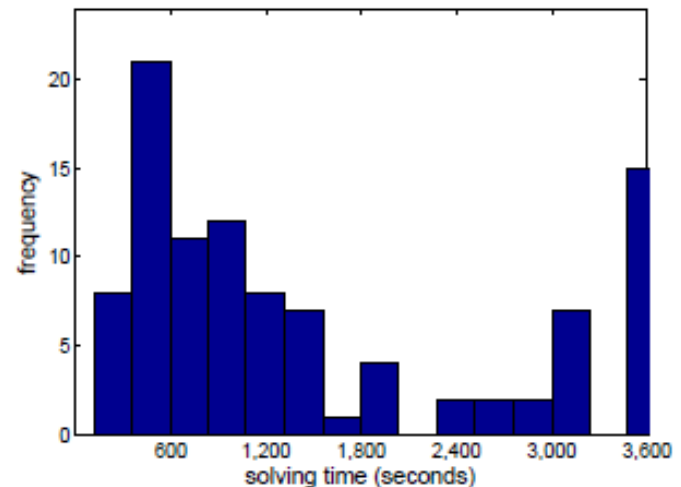
# Results of Scenario 1

$4n$  random faults are injected into  $R_i$ ,  $i = \{24, 26, 28, 30\}$  of GOST ( $n$  faults for each  $i$ ,  $N = 4n$ ).



(a)  $N=12$ ,  $V(N) = 42,857$ ,  $A(N) = 83,037$ ,  $v(N) = 1613\text{KB}$

$$\lambda(N) = 2^{12.2}$$



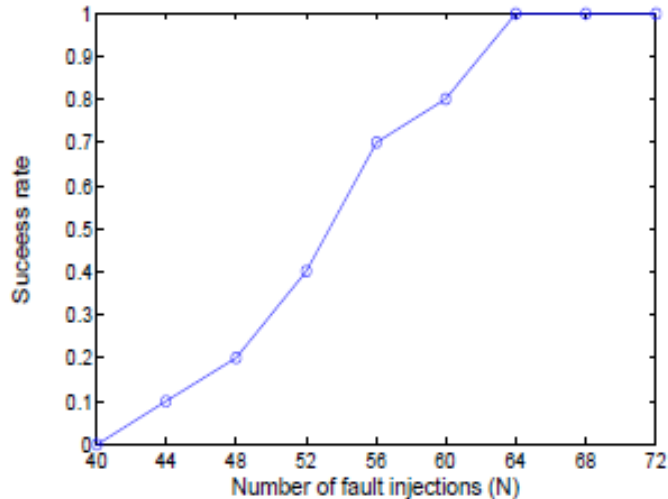
(b)  $N=8$ ,  $V(N) = 32,913$ ,  $A(N) = 63,689$ ,  $v(N) = 1226\text{KB}$

$$\lambda(N) = 2^{16.7}$$

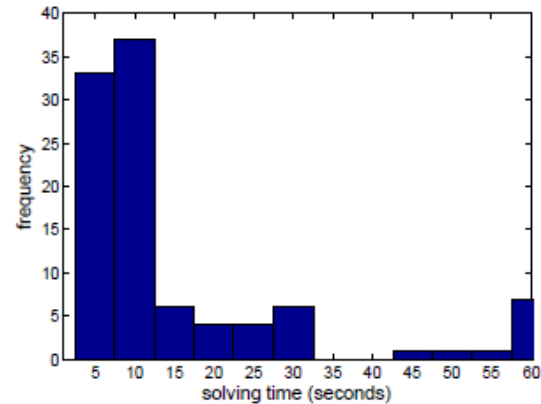
$N=8$  faults are required to recover the master key, which is less than 64 in [Kim10].

# Results of Scenario 2

$2n$  random faults are injected into  $R_i$ ,  $i = \{30, 31\}$  of GOST ( $n$  faults for each  $i$ ,  $N = 2n$ ).



(a) Success rate (different  $N$ )



(b) Solving time ( $N=64$ ,  $V(N) = 183,553$ ,  $A(N) = 467,969$ ,  $v(N) = 9024\text{KB}$ )

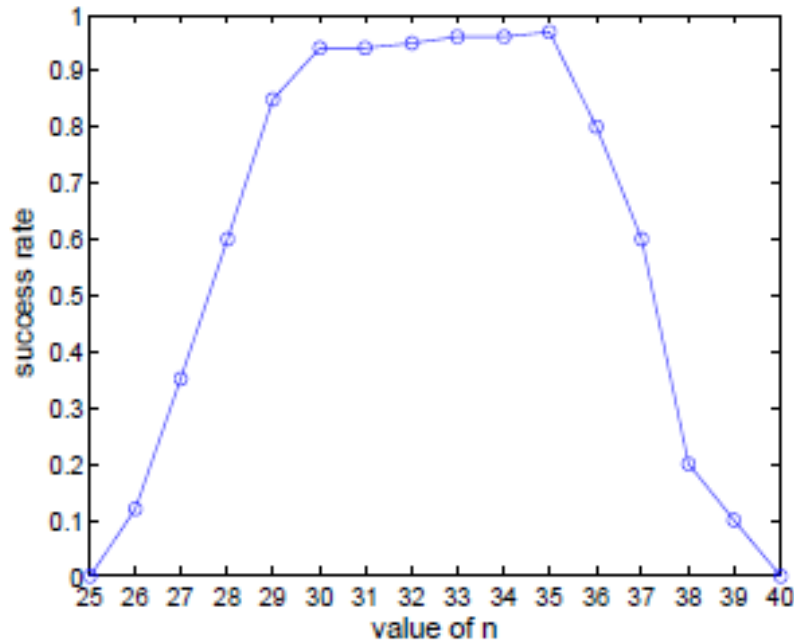
64-BIT SECRET PARAMETERS FOR THE EIGHT RECOVERED S-BOXES OF GOST (IN HEXADECIMAL)

64 faults to recover the  
8 S-Boxes

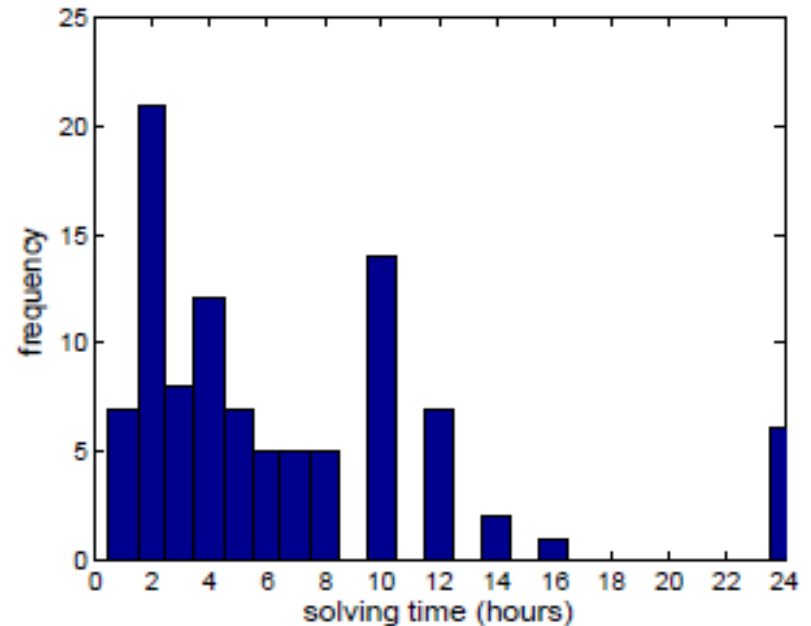
| S-box | $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{64}$ | S-box | $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{64}$ |
|-------|---------------------------|-------|---------------------------|
| $S1$  | 0x3e4a983e4b4a3174        | $S5$  | 0x0ab8873cec12349e        |
| $S2$  | 0xf478c97494c208a6        | $S6$  | 0x1dceda3679486e34        |
| $S3$  | 0x6986bf52669eec3c        | $S7$  | 0xf5c8eb982aead2b2        |
| $S4$  | 0x5802b282ac52f22e        | $S8$  | 0x5c4a3b560eba85b6        |

# Results of Scenario 3

$9n$  random faults are injected into  $R_i$ ,  $i = \{23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31\}$  of GOST ( $n$  faults for each  $i$ ,  $N = 9n$ ).



(a) Success rate  $\phi(N, \tau)$ ,  $N = 9n$



(b) Solving time ( $N=270$ ,  $V(N) = 1,543,797$ ,  $A(N) = 3,974,183$ ,  $v(N) = 83,700\text{KB}$ )

270 faults for the recovery of both of the key and 8 S-Boxes

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# Conclusion of Our Work

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## Make a comprehensive study of AFA on GOST

- **AFA is Efficient**: when the whole design of GOST is known, the key recovery requires only 8 fault injection, less than 64 in previous DFA work.
- **AFA is Powerful**: can be used for reverse engineering, even both the key and S-Boxes are secret.
- **AFA is Automatic**: no need to analyze the fault propagation.
- **AFA is Generic**: apply to different attack scenarios.
- **One lesson**: keeping some components in a cipher secret cannot guarantee its security.





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# Thanks!

## Q & A

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