



# Threshold Implementations

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# Threshold Implementations

- A provably secure countermeasure
- Against (first) order power analysis

based on

*multi party computation and secret sharing*

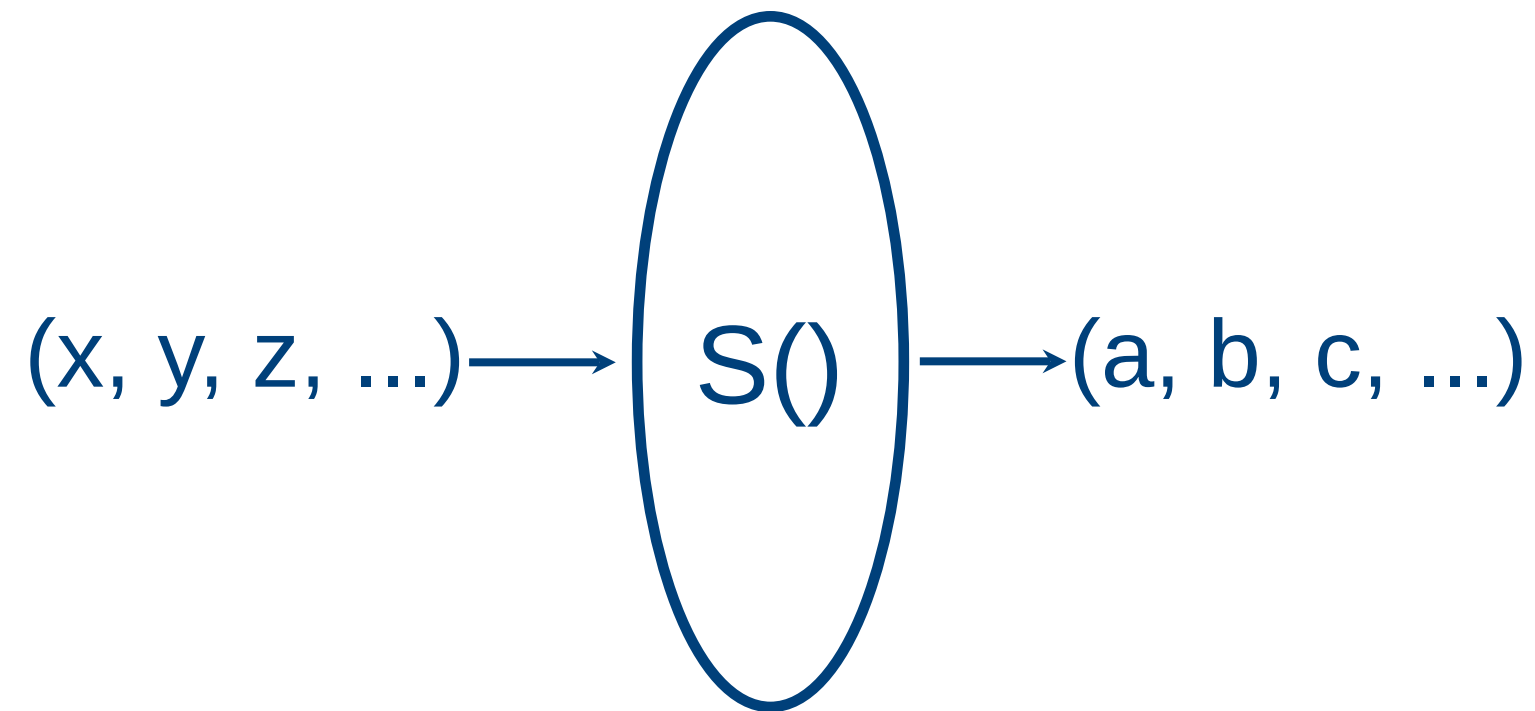
# Outline

- Threshold Implementations (update)
- Applications of TI
- Higher-order TI

# Countermeasures

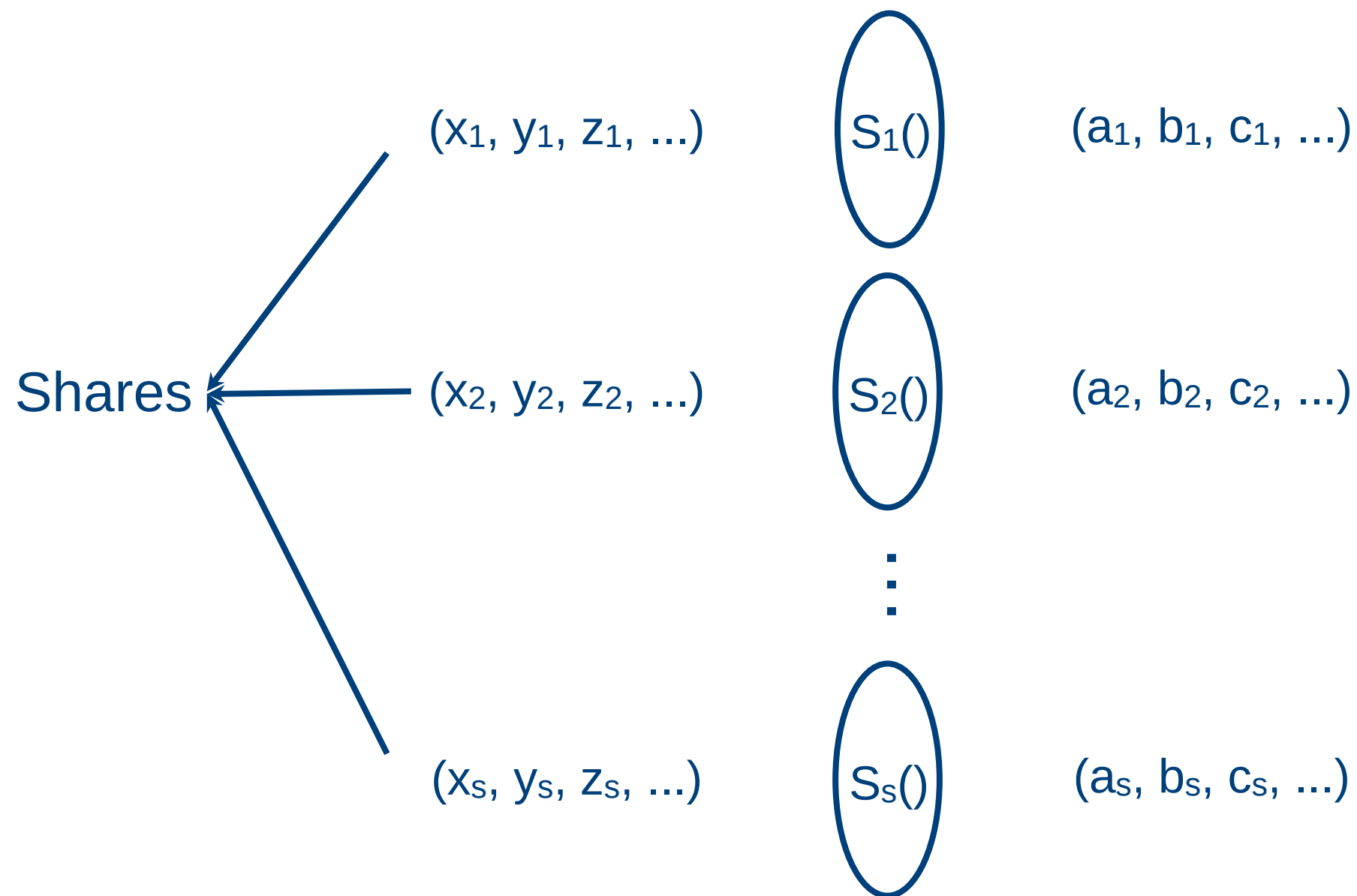
- Hardware countermeasures
  - Balancing power consumption [Tiri et al., CHES'03]
- Masking
  - Randomizing intermediate values [Chari et al., Crypto'99; Goubin et al., CHES'99]
  - Threshold Implementations [Nikova et al., ICICS'06]
  - Shamir's Secret Sharing [Goubin et al., Prouff et al., CHES'11]
- Leakage-Resilient Crypto

# Threshold Implementations

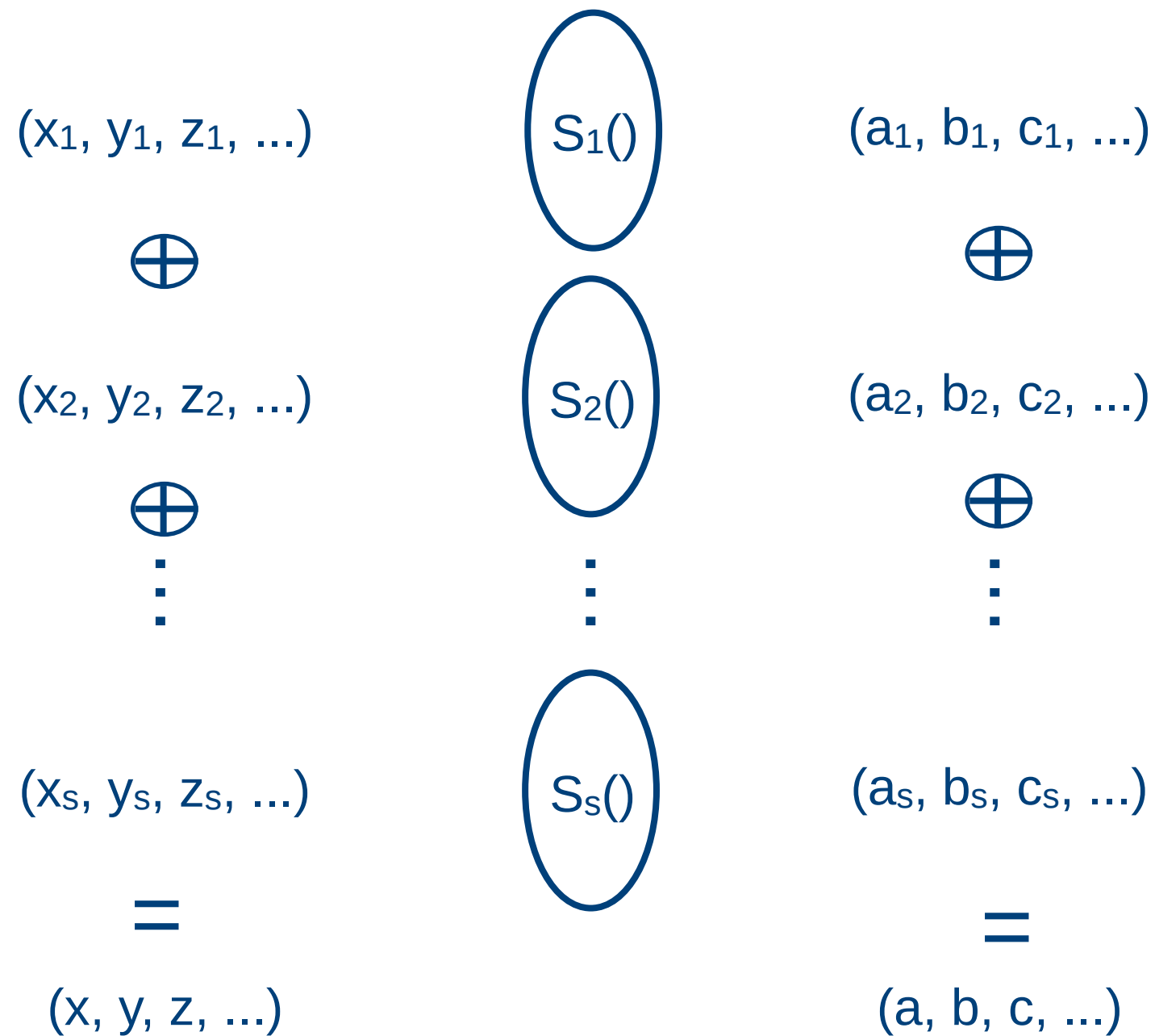


“Threshold Implementations ...”,  
S.Nikova, V.Rijmen et al. 2006, 2008, 2010 (JoC).

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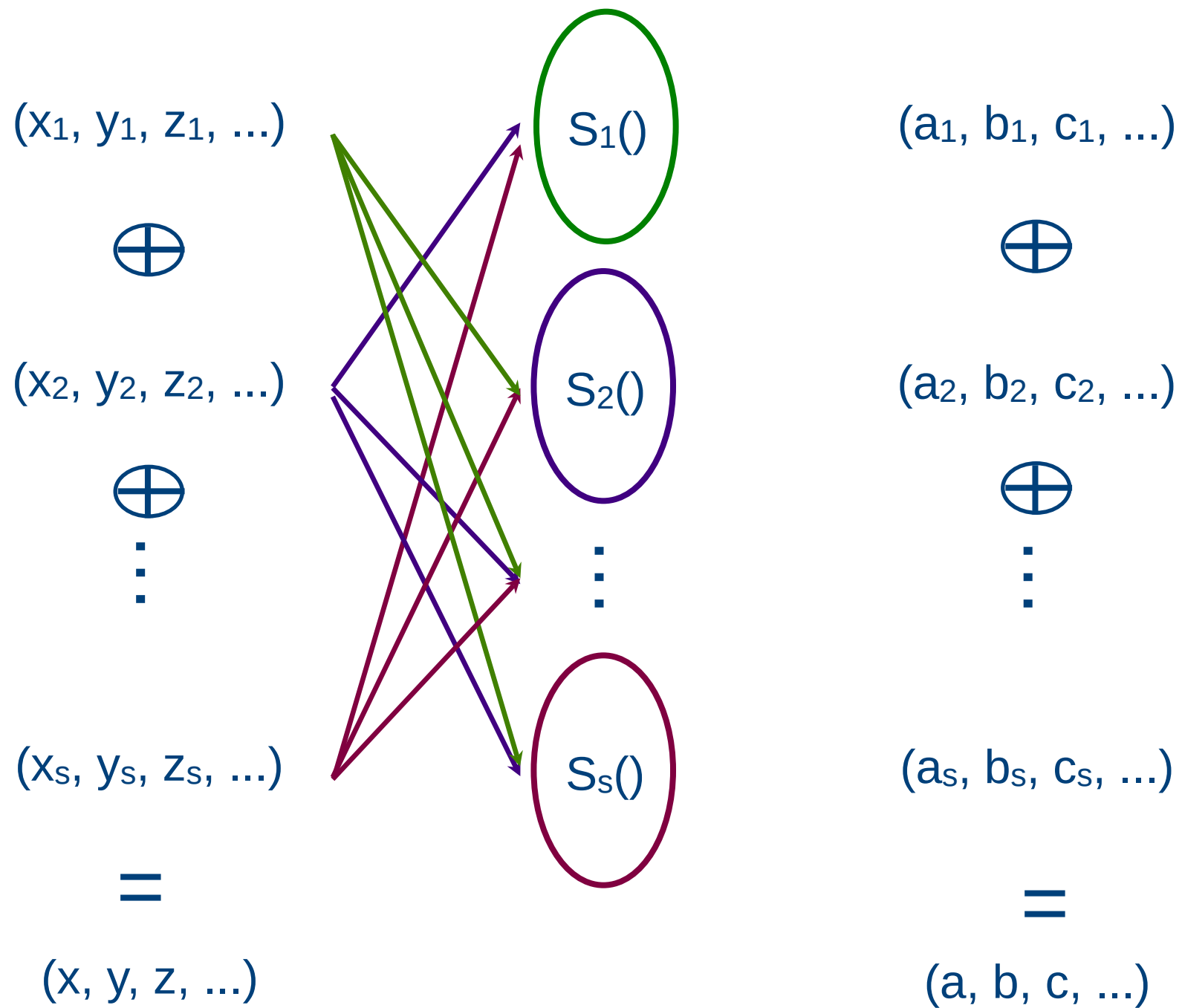
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Correct



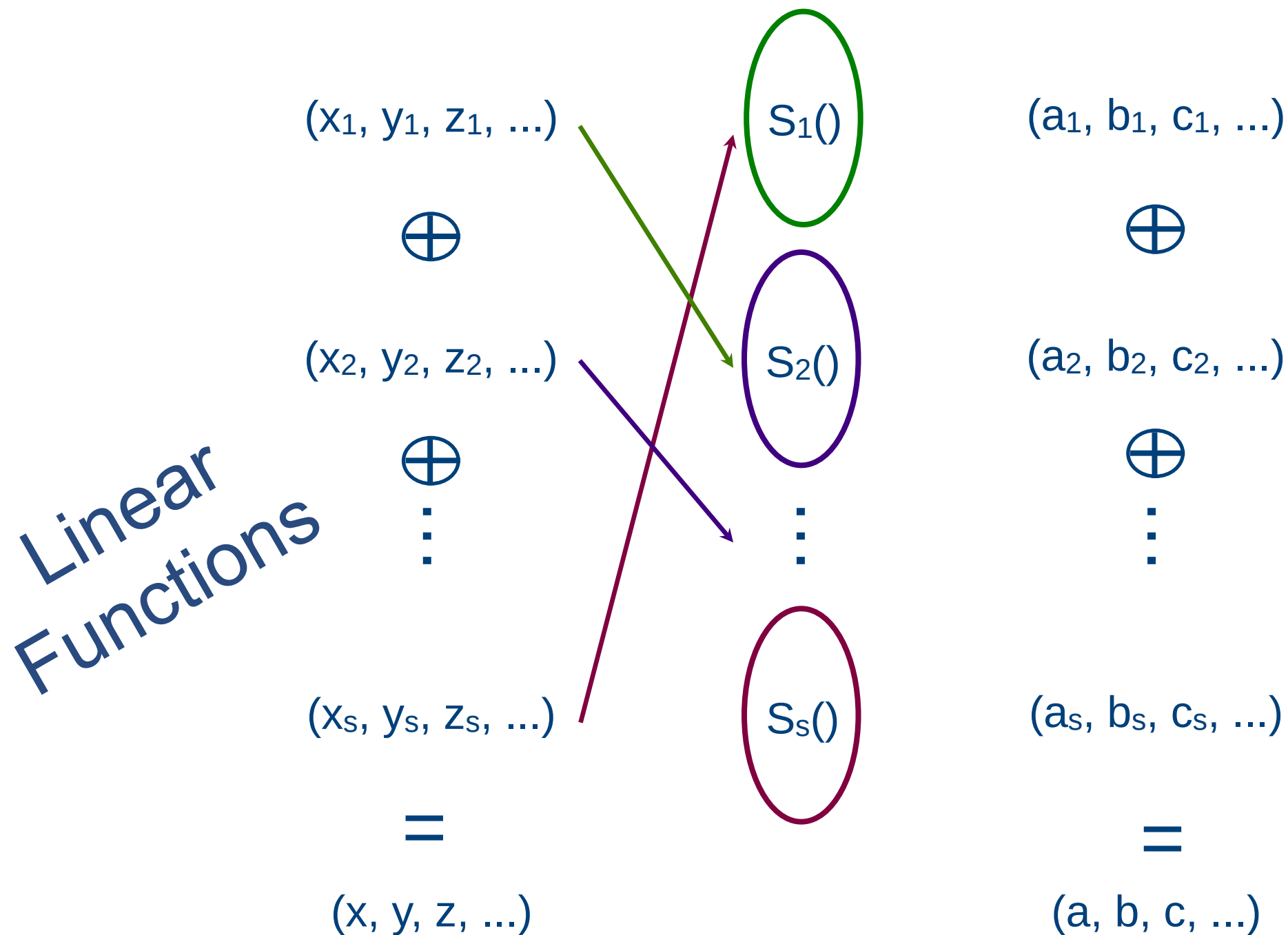
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Correct, Non-complete



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## Non-completeness

$$S(x, y, z) = x + yz$$

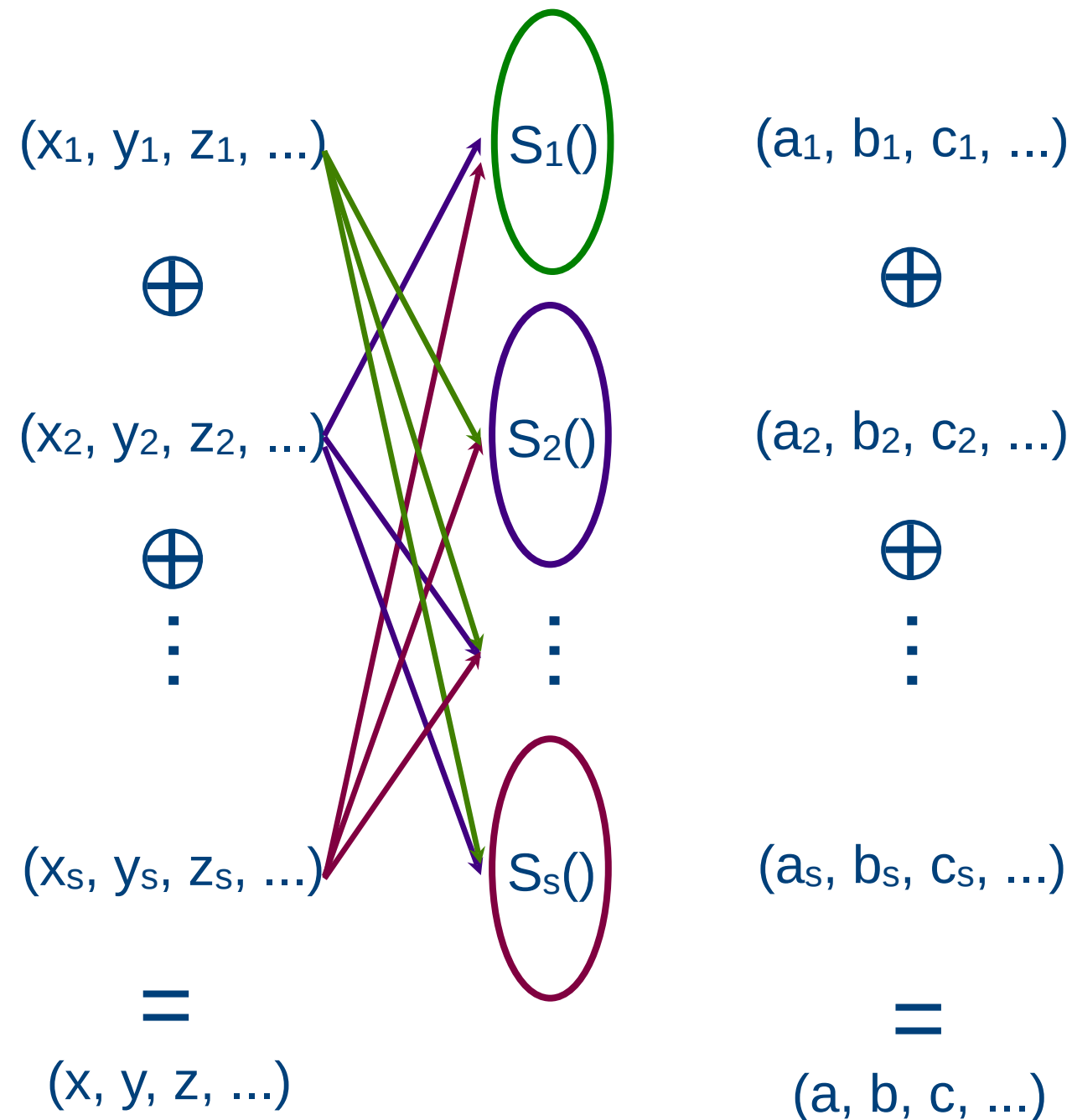
$$S_1 = x_2 + y_2 z_2 + y_2 z_3 + y_3 z_2$$

$$S_2 = x_3 + y_3 z_3 + y_3 z_1 + y_1 z_3$$

$$S_3 = x_1 + y_1 z_1 + y_1 z_2 + y_2 z_1$$

To protect a function with degree  $d$ , at least  $d+1$  shares are required

# Threshold Implementations



Correct, Non-complete, Uniform

# Threshold Implementations

## Uniformity

| a | b | f = a AND b |
|---|---|-------------|
| 0 | 0 | 0           |
| 0 | 1 | 0           |
| 1 | 0 | 0           |
| 1 | 1 | 1           |

| f | (0,0,0) | (0,0,1) | (0,1,0) | (0,1,1) | (1,0,0) | (1,0,1) | (1,1,0) | (1,1,1) |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 0 | 4       | 0       | 0       | 4       | 0       | 4       | 4       | 0       |
| 0 | 4       | 0       | 0       | 4       | 0       | 4       | 4       | 0       |
| 0 | 4       | 0       | 0       | 4       | 0       | 4       | 4       | 0       |
| 1 | 0       | 4       | 4       | 0       | 4       | 0       | 0       | 4       |
| 0 | 12      | 0       | 0       | 12      | 0       | 12      | 12      | 0       |
| 1 | 0       | 4       | 4       | 0       | 4       | 0       | 0       | 4       |

# Threshold Implementations

## Uniformity

A masking  $X$  is *uniform* if and only if there exists a constant  $p$  such that for all  $x$  we have:

if  $X \in \text{Sh}(x)$  then  $\Pr(X|x) = p$ , else  $\Pr(X|x) = 0$ .

If unshared function is a permutation,  
the shared function should also be a permutation

# Threshold Implementations

*If the masking of  $x$  is uniform, then the stochastic functions  $S_i$  and  $x$  are independent (for any choice of  $i$ ).*



*If the masking of  $x$  is uniform and the circuit  $S$  is non-complete, then any single component function of  $S$  does not leak information on  $x$ .*

No leak even in the presence of glitches!

# Threshold Implementations

## Uniformity

| f | (0,0,0) | (0,0,1) | (0,1,0) | (0,1,1) | (1,0,0) | (1,0,1) | (1,1,0) | (1,1,1) |
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| (a,b,d) | 000 | 011 | 101 | 110 | 001 | 010 | 100 | 111 |
|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
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| (1,1,0) | 31  | 11  | 11  | 11  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   |
| (1,1,1) | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 21  | 21  | 21  | 1   |



# Threshold Implementations

## Uniformity and a remedy

- Firstly, we can apply re-masking, i.e. by adding new masks to the shares we make the distribution uniform.
- Secondly, we can impose an extra condition on  $F$ , such that the distribution of the output is always uniform.

### Definition

The circuit  $F$  is *uniform* if and only if

$\forall x \in \mathcal{F}^m, \forall y \in \mathcal{F}^n$  with  $f(x) = y, \forall Y \in \text{Sh}(y) :$

$$|\{X \in \text{Sh}(x) | F(X) = Y\}| = \frac{2^{m(s_x-1)}}{2^{n(s_y-1)}}$$

- If  $X$ , the masking of  $x$  is uniform and the circuit  $F$  is uniform, then the masking  $Y = F(X)$  of  $y = f(x)$  is uniform.



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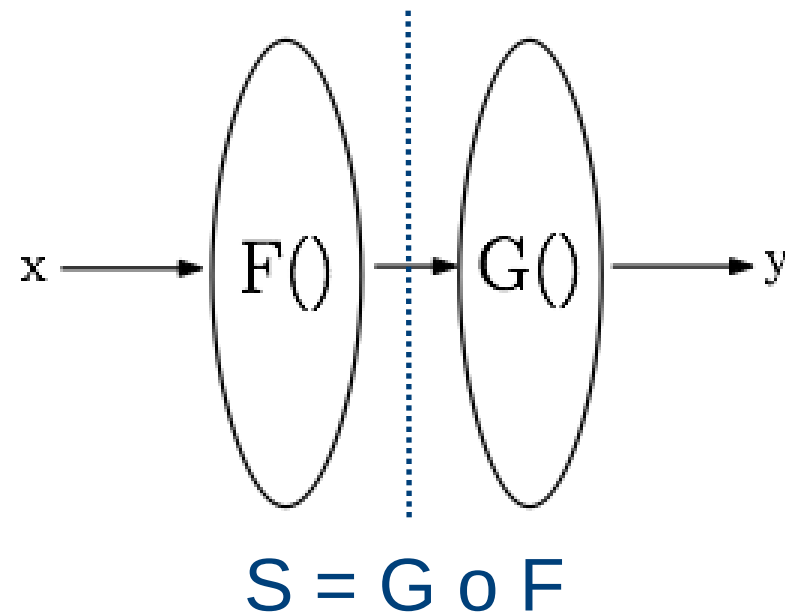
## Observations

- ✓ Linear functions are easy to protect
- As the nonlinearity increases
  - X DPA becomes easier
  - X Sharing becomes costly
  - ✓ S-boxes become mathematically stronger

## Decomposing nonlinear functions

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## Decomposing nonlinear functions

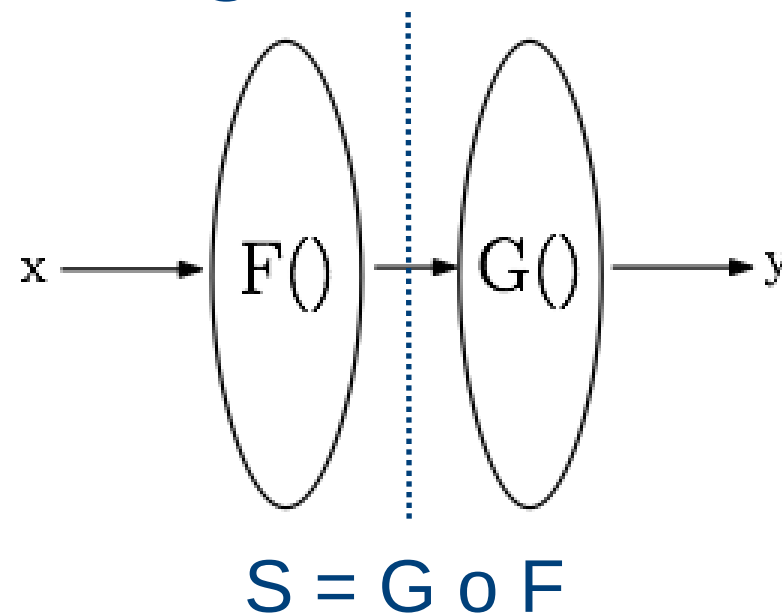


Most of the block ciphers use 4x4 permutations

4x4 permutations have at most degree 3

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All  $n \times n$  affine bijections are in alternating group  $A_{2^n}$

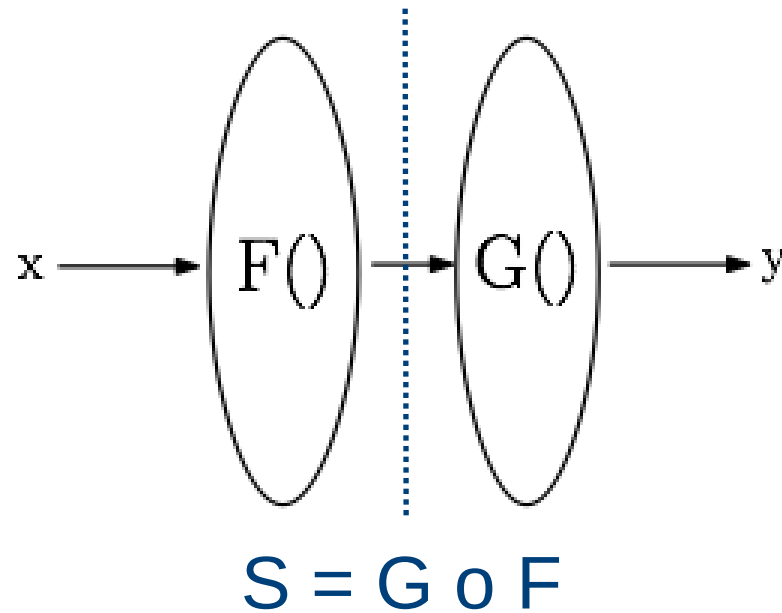
All  $4 \times 4$  quadratic S-boxes belong to  $A_{16}$



A  $4 \times 4$  bijection can be decomposed using quadratic bijections  
IFF it belongs to  $A_{16}$

# Threshold Implementations

## Decomposing nonlinear functions



302 affine equivalent classes of 4x4 S-boxes

$$S' = A \circ S \circ B$$

half of the 4x4 S-boxes belong to  $A_{16}$   $\Rightarrow$  3 shares

# Threshold Implementations

## Decomposing nonlinear functions

| remark                             | unshared | 3 shares |    |     |   | 4 shares |    |     | 5 shares |
|------------------------------------|----------|----------|----|-----|---|----------|----|-----|----------|
|                                    |          | 1        | 2  | 3   | 4 | 1        | 2  | 3   | 1        |
| affine                             | 1        | 1        |    |     |   | 1        |    |     | 1        |
| quadratic                          | 6        | 5        | 1  |     |   | 6        |    |     | 6        |
| cubic in $A_{16}$                  | 30       |          | 28 | 2   |   |          | 30 |     | 30       |
| cubic in $A_{16}$                  | 114      |          |    | 113 | 1 |          |    | 114 | 114      |
| cubic in $S_{16} \setminus A_{16}$ | 151      |          |    |     |   | 4        | 22 | 125 | 151      |

“Threshold Implementations of All  $3 \times 3$  and  $4 \times 4$  S-Boxes”, B.Bilgin et al., CHES 2012.

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Uniformity problem

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Many S-boxes with good cryptographic properties



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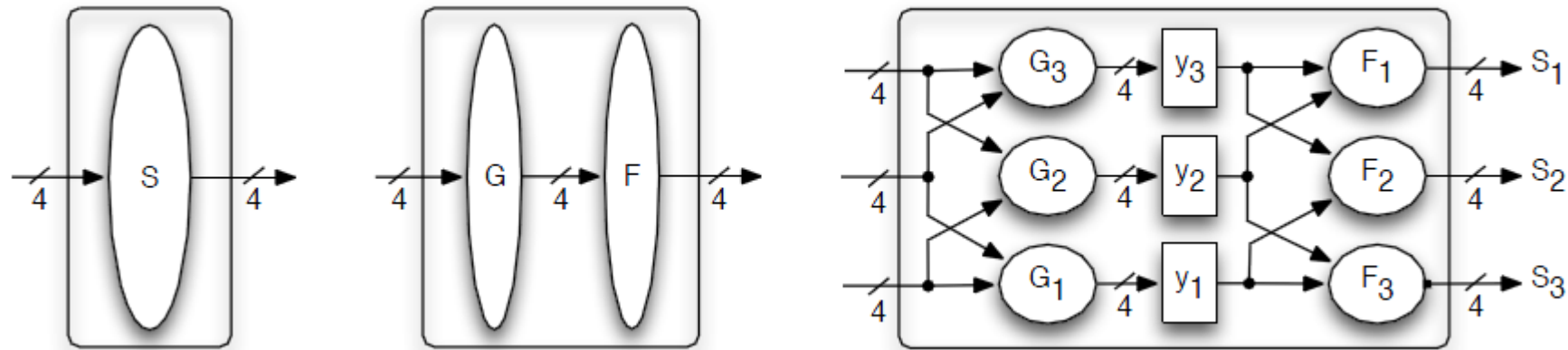
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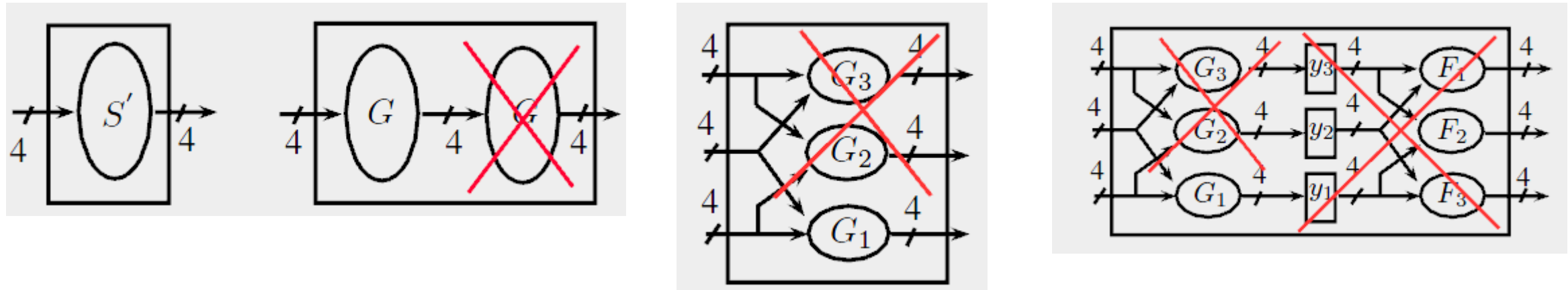
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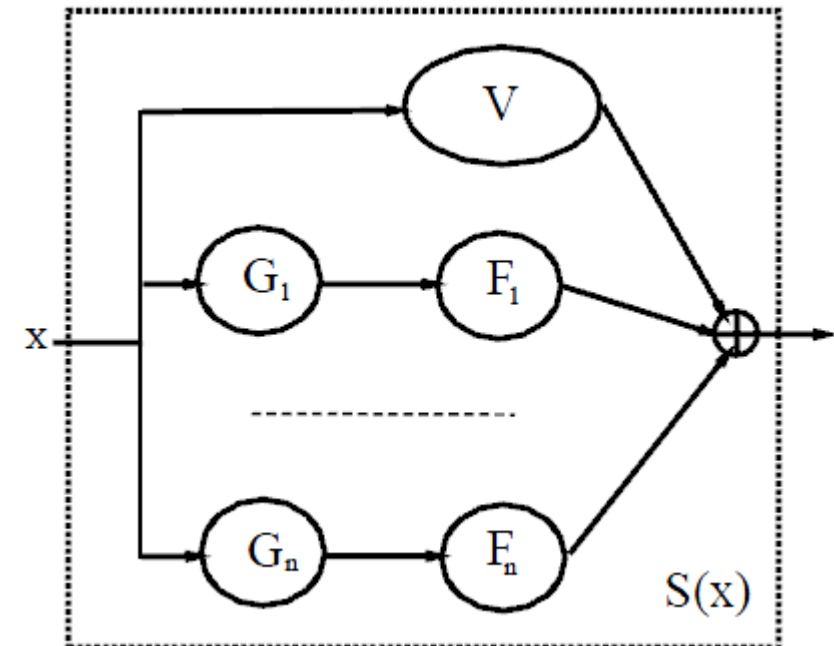
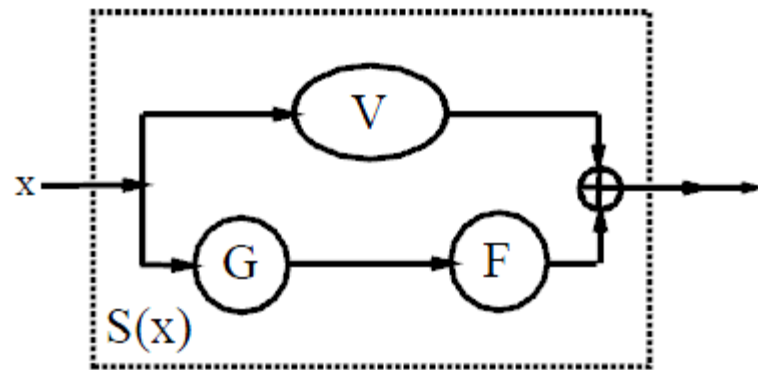
- “Side-Channel Resistant Crypto for less than 2300 GE”, A.Poschmann et al., JOC 2010.
  - uses 4x4 S-box with degree 3
  - Implemented with 3 shares
  - 3,3 kGE (1,1 kGE unprotected)
  - $31 \times (16+1) + 20 = 547$  cycles

# Applications - Present



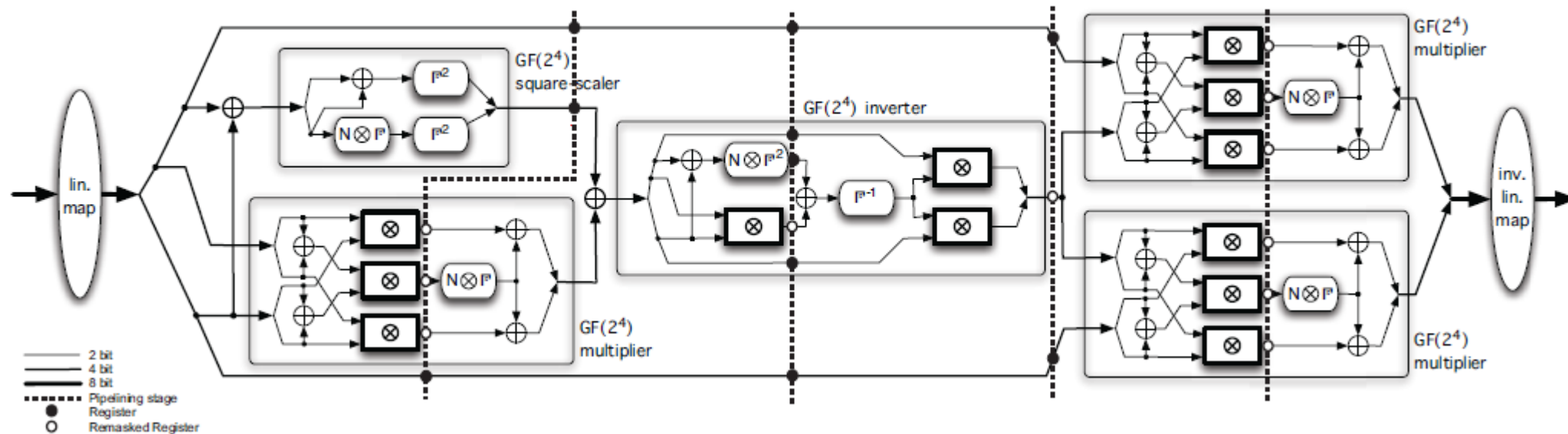
- “On 3-share Threshold Implementations for 4-bit S-boxes”, S.Kutzner et al., COSADE 2013.
  - Implemented with 3 shares  $S' = G(G(.))$
  - $G_1 = G_2 = G_3$
  - 3,0 kGE (-200 GE S-box)
  - $31 \times (16 \times 6) + 20 = 2996$  cycles

# Applications



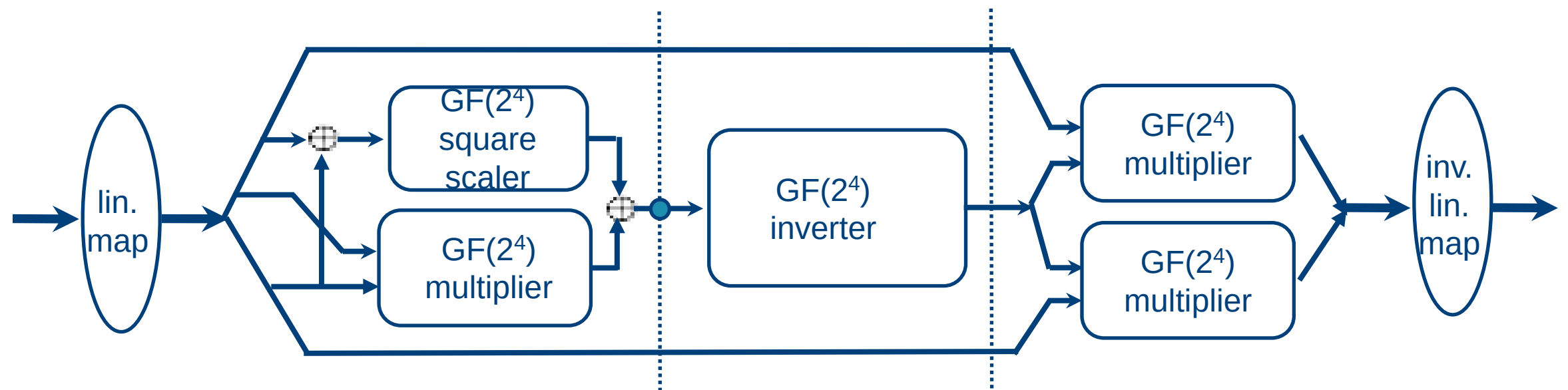
- “Enabling 3-share Threshold Implementations for any 4-bit S-box”, S.Kutzner et al., ePrint Archive 2012.
  - Factorization  $S(.) = U(.) + V(.)$
  - $U(.)$  contains all the cubic terms,  $V(.)$  quadratic
  - $U(.) = F(G(.))$  with quadratic  $F(.)$  and  $G(.)$

# Applications - AES



- “Pushing the Limits: A Very Compact and a Threshold Implementation of AES”, A.Moradi et al., Eurocrypt 2011.
  - uses 8x8 S-box with degree 7; 3 shares
  - Tower field approach down to GF(4); re-sharing (48 random bits per S-box)
  - 11.1 kGE (2,4 kGE unprotected)
  - 266 cycles (226 unprotected)

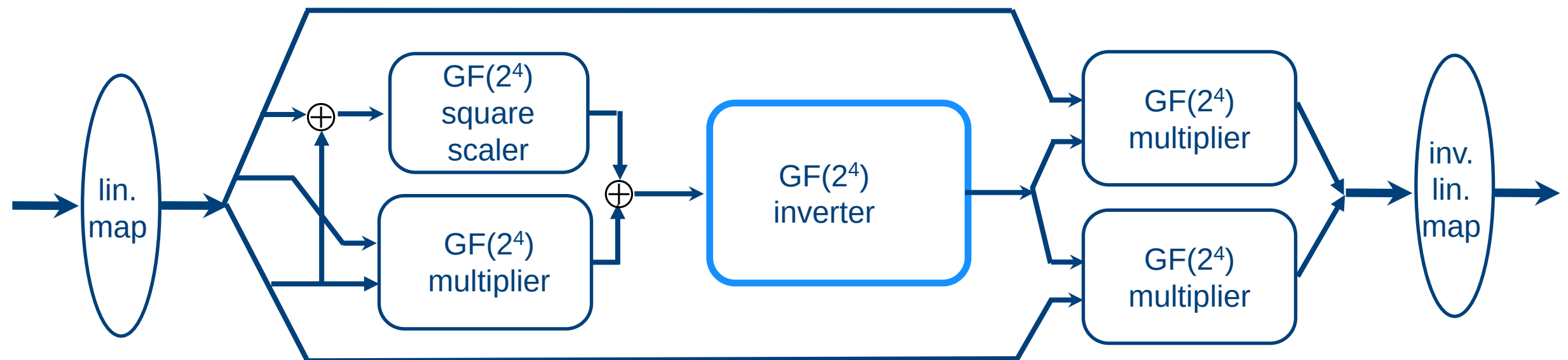
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- “A More Efficient AES Threshold Implementation”, B.Bilgin et al., Africacrypt 2014.
  - Implemented with  $n$  shares
  - Tower field approach down to GF(16); re-sharing (44 random bits per S-box)
  - 8,2 kGE (-2,9 kGE)
  - 246 cycles (-20 cycles)

# TI on AES

## S-box

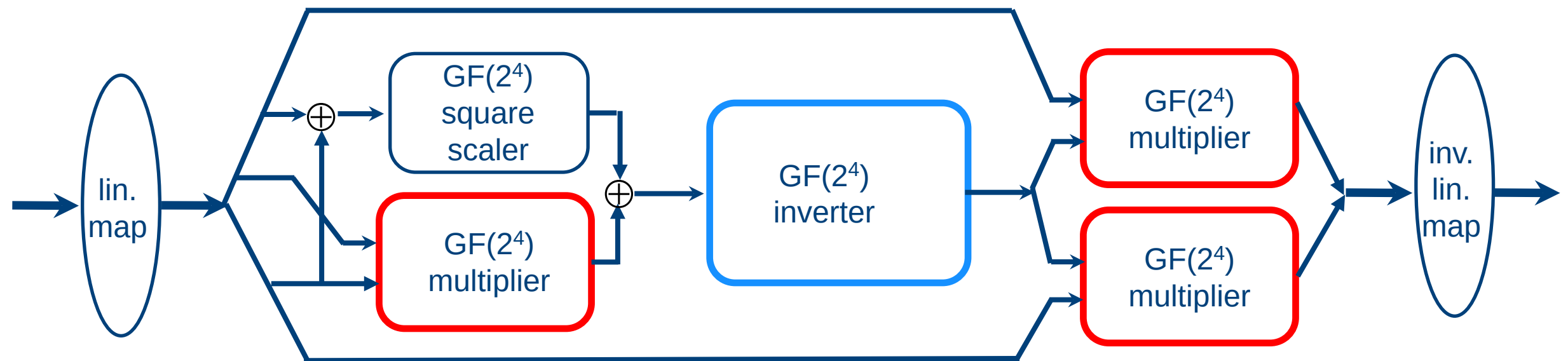


5 shares



# TI on AES

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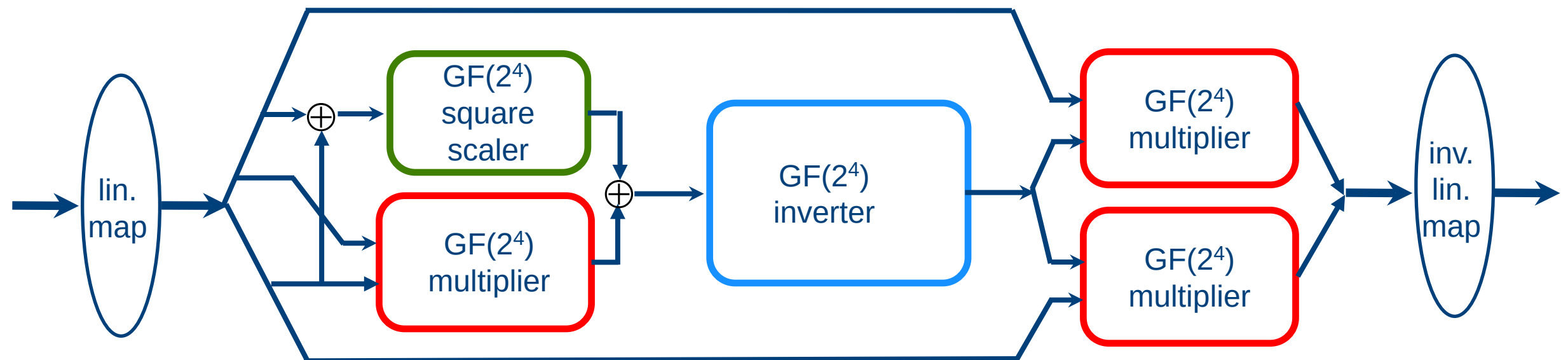


5 shares, 4 input 3 output shares



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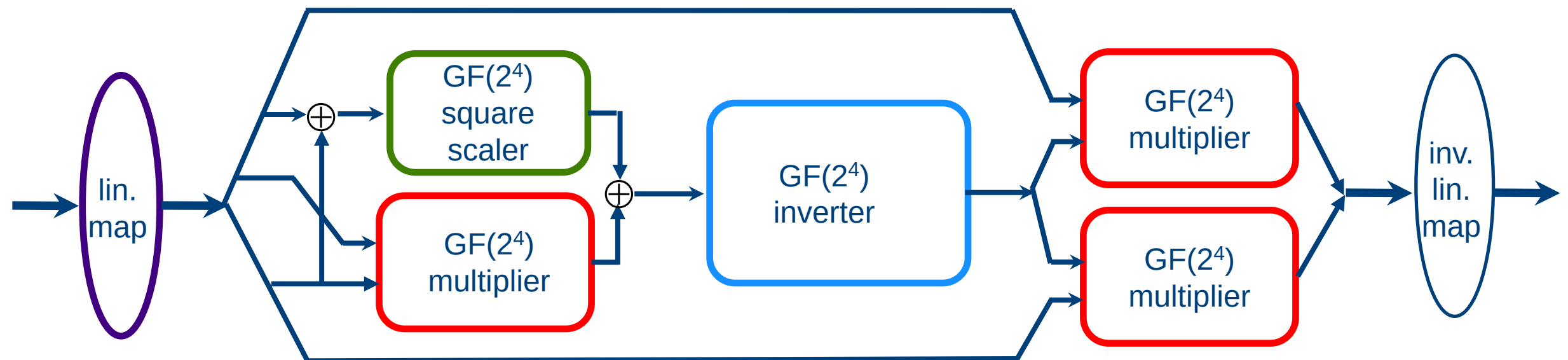
## S-box



5 shares, 4 input 3 output shares, 2 shares

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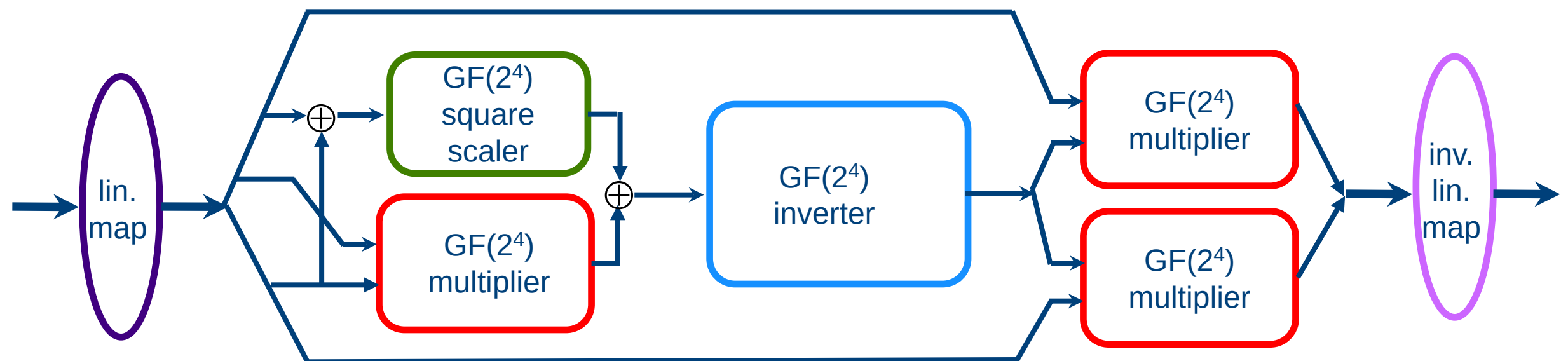
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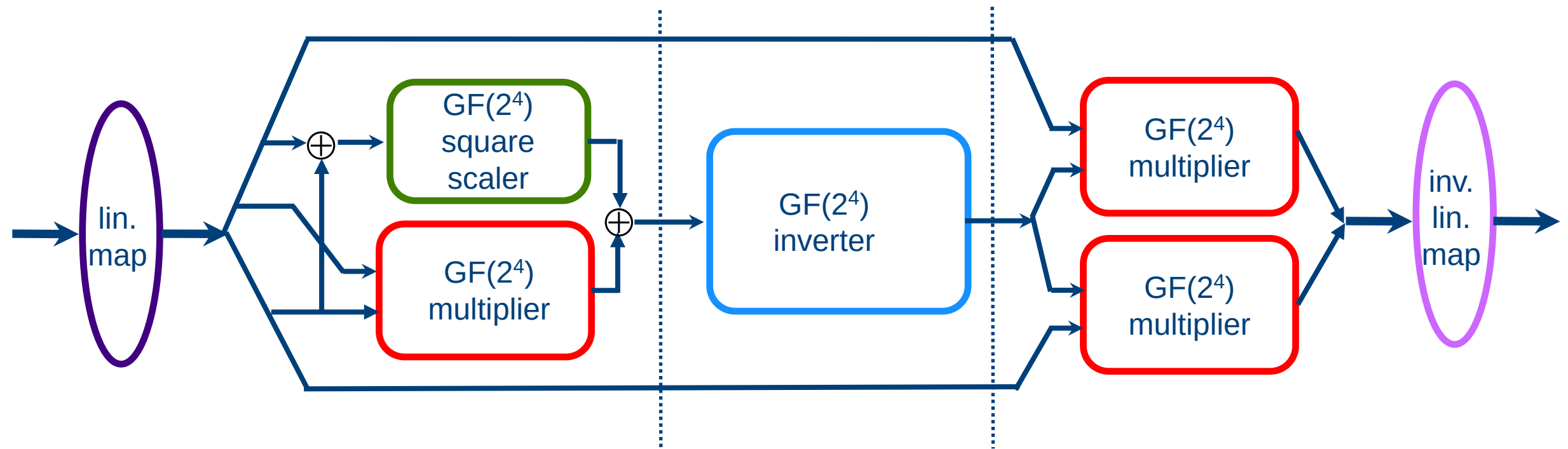
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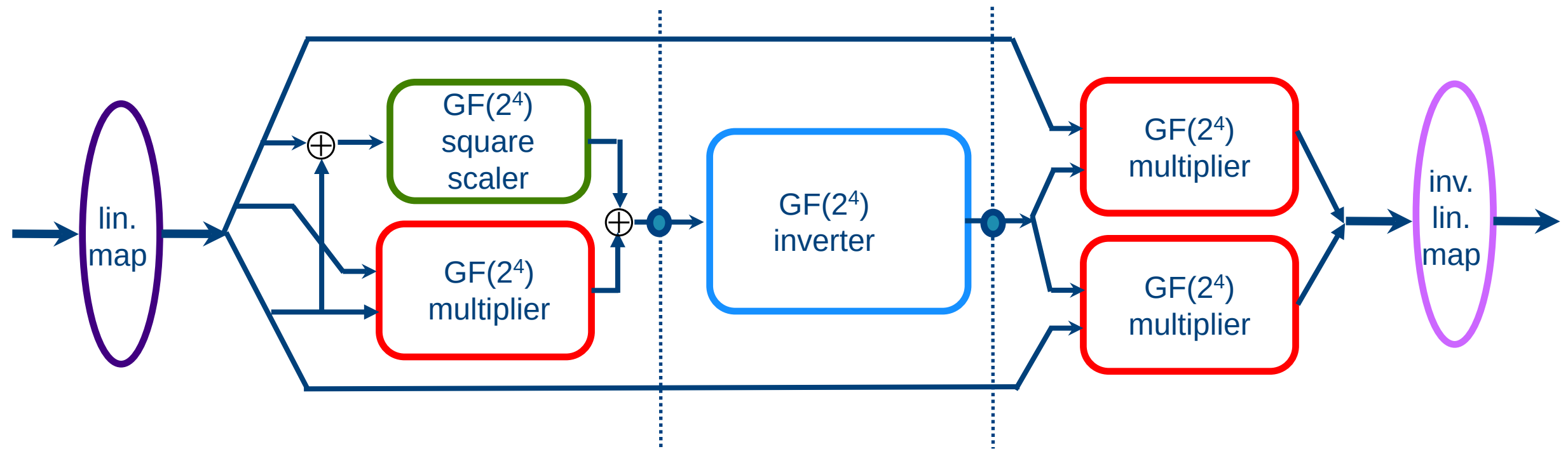
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## S-box



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registers after every nonlinear function  
re-masking to change the number of shares

# TI on AES

## Implementation Results

|               | State Array | Key Array | S-box | Mix Col. | Cont. | MUXes | Other | Total       | cycles | rand bits ** |
|---------------|-------------|-----------|-------|----------|-------|-------|-------|-------------|--------|--------------|
| Moradi et al. | 2529        | 2526      | 4244  | 1120     | 166   | 376   | 153   | 11114/11031 | 266    | 48           |
| This paper    | 1698        | 1890      | 3708  | 770      | 221   | 746   | 69    | 9102        | 246    | 44           |
| This paper*   | 1698        | 1890      | 3003  | 544      | 221   | 746   | 69    | 8171        | 246    | 44           |

\* compile\_ultra

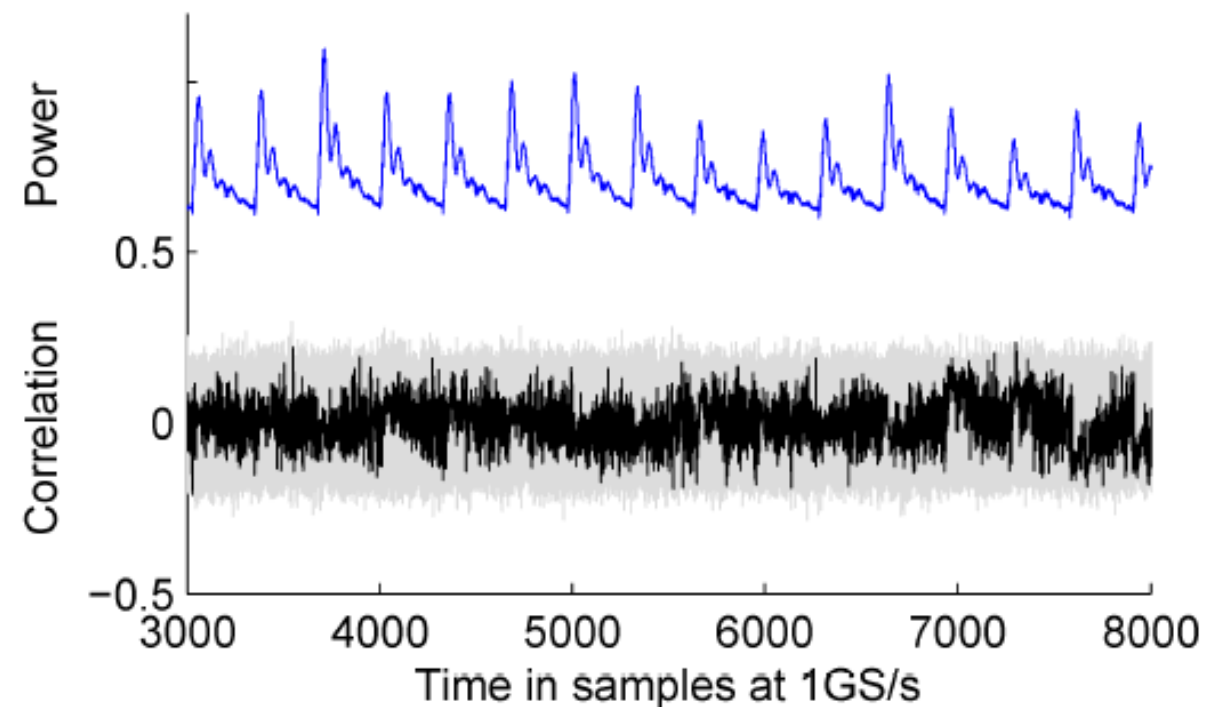
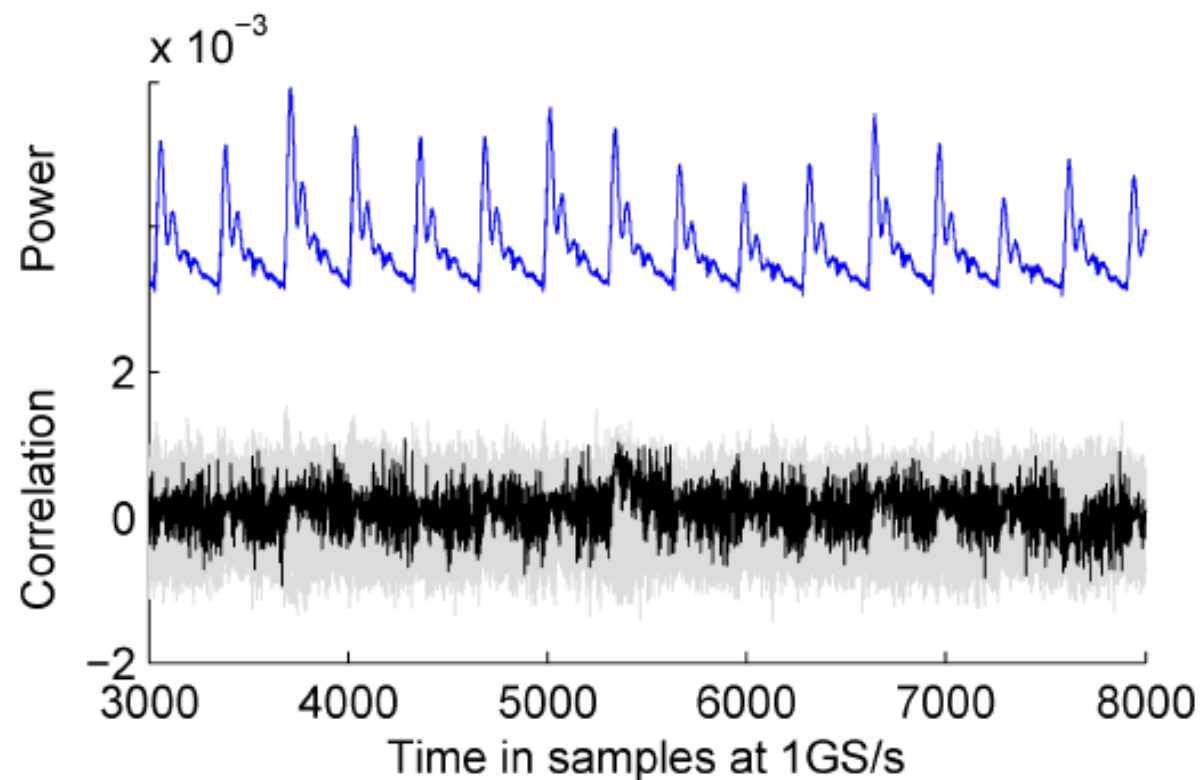
\*\* per S-box

- Based on plain Canright S-box (233 GE)
- Based on plain Moradi et al.'s AES (2.4 GE)
- Keeping Hierarchy

# TI on AES

## Practical Security Evaluation

- PRNG on, first order DPA / correlation collision attack
- 10 million traces

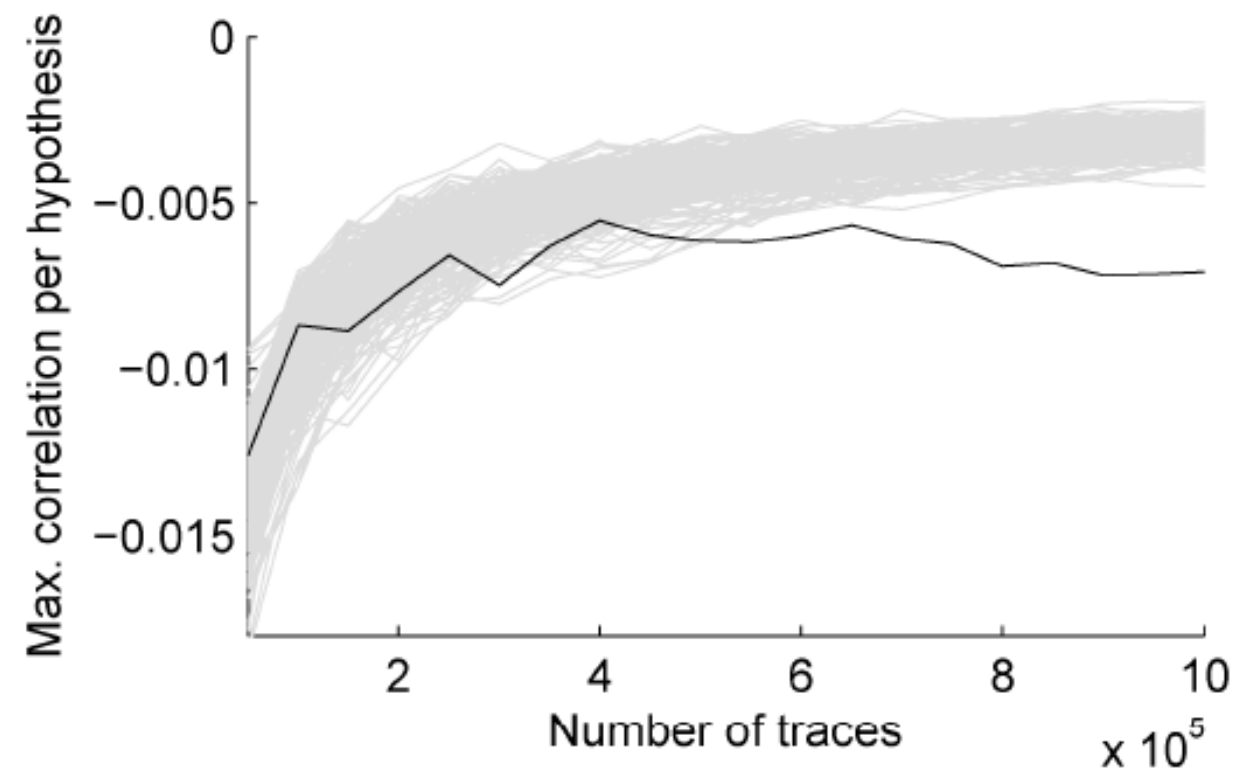
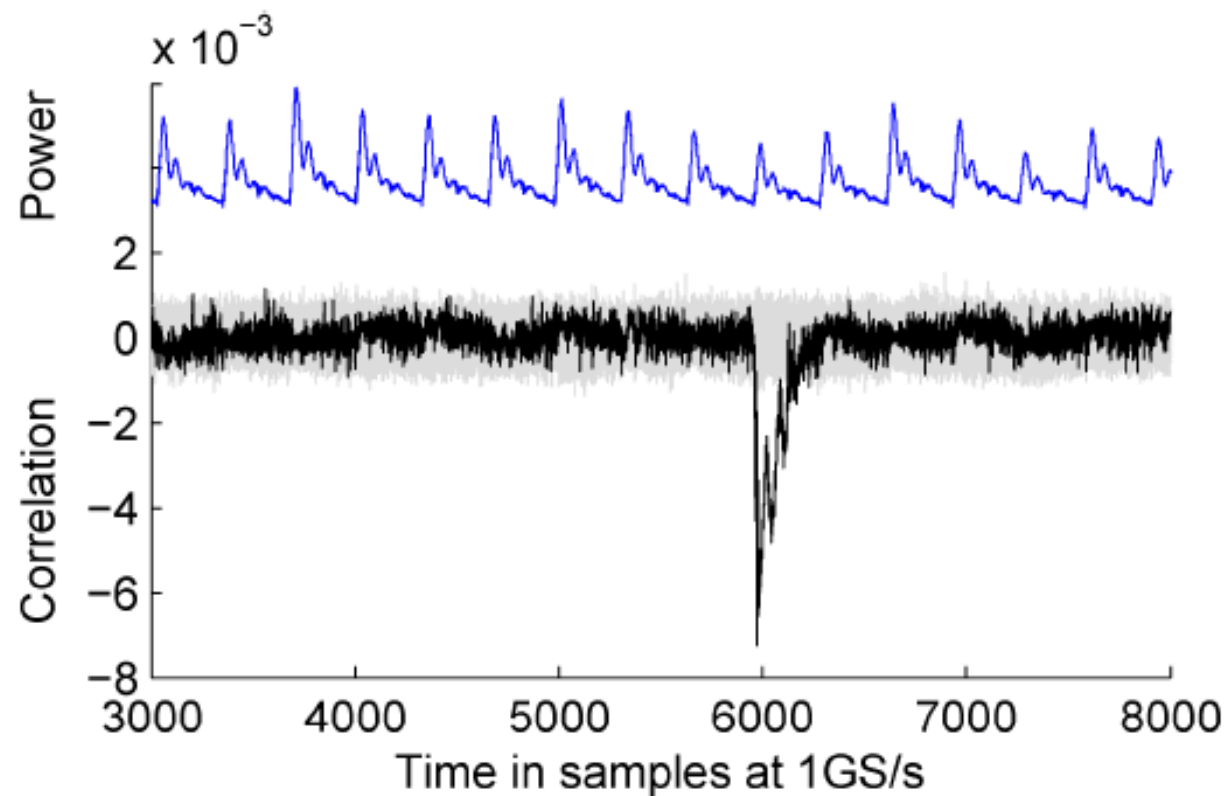




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## Practical Security Evaluation

- PRNG on, second order DPA
- HD model at S-box output

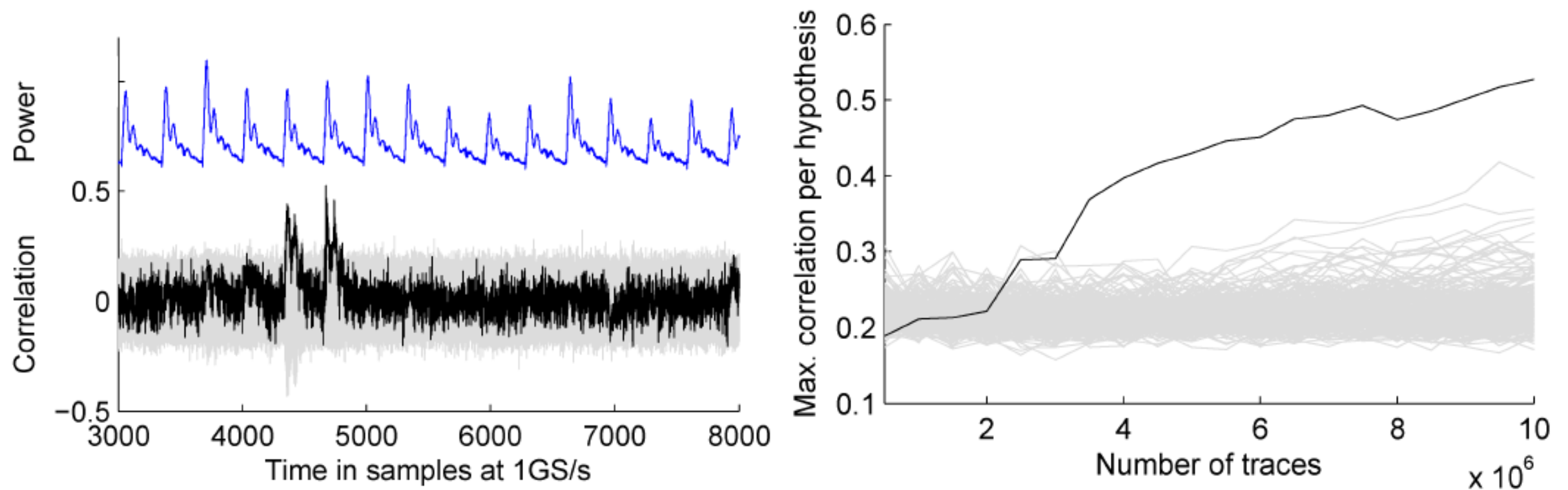




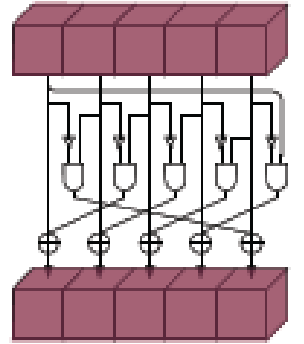
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# Applications - Keccak

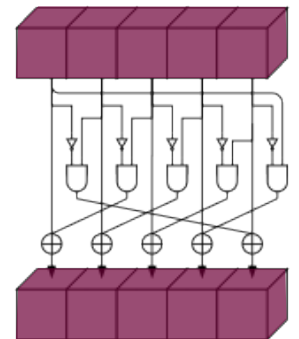


“Efficient and First-Order DPA Resistant Implementations of Keccak”, B.Bilgin et al., Cardis 2013.

- uses 5x5 S-box with degree 2, thus 3 shares
- 32,6 kGE (10,6 kGE unprotected)
- Uniformity issues – how to solve?
  - Re-masking – 3200 (naive), 1280 (in  $\chi$ ) , 4 ( in rows) bits per round
  - Find a uniform sharing (3+CT or 4 shares)
  - Ignore uniformity - the leak is too small (ongoing work)

# Applications - Keccak

$\chi$  function



$$x_i' \leftarrow x_i + (x_{i+1} + 1) x_{i+2}$$

$$A_i' \leftarrow \chi_i'(B, C) \triangleq B_i + (B_{i+1} + 1)B_{i+2} + B_{i+1}C_{i+2} + B_{i+2}C_{i+1},$$

$$B_i' \leftarrow \chi_i'(C, A) \triangleq C_i + (C_{i+1} + 1)C_{i+2} + C_{i+1}A_{i+2} + C_{i+2}A_{i+1},$$

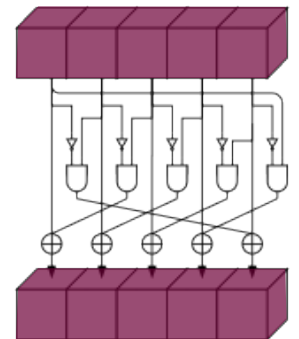
$$C_i' \leftarrow \chi_i'(A, B) \triangleq A_i + (A_{i+1} + 1)A_{i+2} + A_{i+1}B_{i+2} + A_{i+2}B_{i+1}.$$

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$\chi$  function  
Fresh Randomness

- Standard masking [MPLPW'11]

$$A'_i \leftarrow \chi'_i(B, C) + P_i + S_i,$$

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$$C'_i \leftarrow \chi'_i(A, B) + S_i,$$

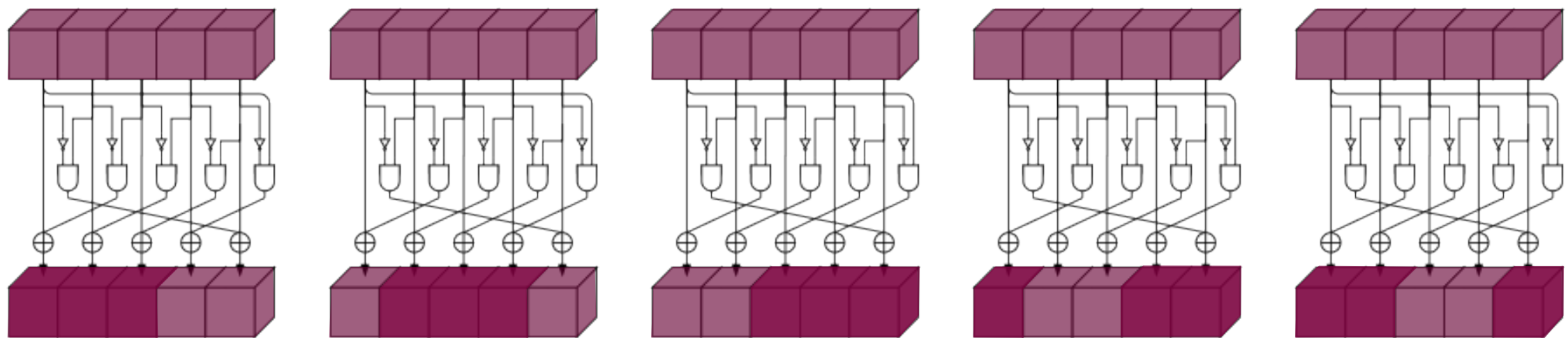
- 2 random bits per state bit
- One needs 3200 bits per round

Not feasible in practice

# Applications - Keccak

$\chi$  function  
Fresh Randomness

For any consecutive 3 positions, the output shares are uniform



- 4 random bits per each  $\chi$  operation
- 1280 bits per round

Still too much <sup>46</sup> in practice

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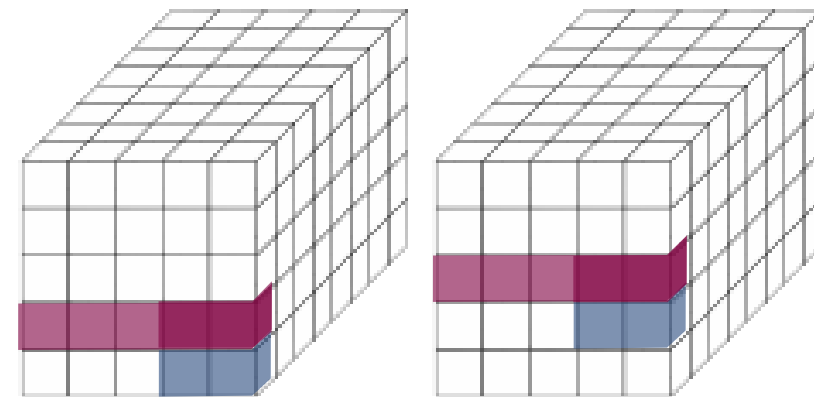
## $\chi$ function Fresh Randomness

Make the output row  $j+1$  uniform by using input from row  $j$

$$A'_i(j) \leftarrow \chi'_i(B^{(j)}, C^{(j)}) + A_i^{(j-1)} + B_i^{(j-1)},$$

$$B'_i(j) \leftarrow \chi'_i(C^{(j)}, A^{(j)}) + A_i^{(j-1)},$$

$$C'_i(j) \leftarrow \chi'_i(A^{(j)}, B^{(j)}) + B_i^{(j-1)},$$



To break circular dependency, use fresh masks in one row

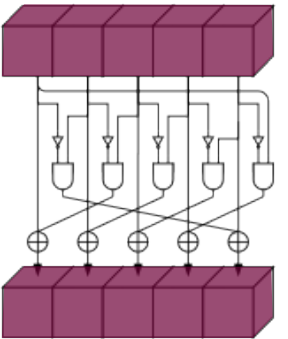
Detailed proof in the paper

- 4 random bits per round
- 96 bits in total for 24 rounds of KECCAK- $f$



# Applications – Keccak

$\chi$  function



$$x_i' \leftarrow x_i + (x_{i+1} + 1) x_{i+2}$$

$$A_i' \leftarrow \chi_i'(B, C) \triangleq B_i + (B_{i+1} + 1)B_{i+2} + B_{i+1}C_{i+2} + B_{i+2}C_{i+1},$$

$$B_i' \leftarrow \chi_i'(C, A) \triangleq C_i + (C_{i+1} + 1)C_{i+2} + C_{i+1}A_{i+2} + C_{i+2}A_{i+1},$$

$$C_i' \leftarrow \chi_i'(A, B) \triangleq A_i + (A_{i+1} + 1)A_{i+2} + A_{i+1}B_{i+2} + A_{i+2}B_{i+1}.$$

Not uniform

1. Inject fresh randomness to preserve uniformity
2. Find a uniform sharing



# Threshold Implementations

x function  
Uniform Sharing

X With 3 shares with different sharing functions, i.e.  
with correction terms

✓ With more shares

$$\begin{aligned}A'_i &\leftarrow B_i + B_{i+2} + ((B_{i+1} + C_{i+1} + D_{i+1})(B_{i+2} + C_{i+2} + D_{i+2})), \\B'_i &\leftarrow C_i + C_{i+2} + (A_{i+1}(C_{i+2} + D_{i+2}) + A_{i+2}(C_{i+1} + D_{i+1}) + A_{i+1}A_{i+2}), \\C'_i &\leftarrow D_i + D_{i+2} + (A_{i+1}B_{i+2} + A_{i+2}B_{i+1}), \\D'_i &\leftarrow A_i + A_{i+2},\end{aligned}\quad i = 0, 1, 2, 4.$$

$$\begin{aligned}A'_3 &\leftarrow B_3 + B_0 + C_0 + D_0 + ((B_4 + C_4 + D_4)(B_0 + C_0 + D_0)), \\B'_3 &\leftarrow C_3 + A_0 + (A_4(C_0 + D_0) + A_0(C_4 + D_4) + A_0A_4), \\C'_3 &\leftarrow D_3 + (A_4B_0 + A_0B_4), \\D'_3 &\leftarrow A_3.\end{aligned}$$

# Applications - Fides

Design of the  
crypto algorithm



Secure  
implementation  
crypto algorithm

“Fides: Lightweight Authenticated Cipher with Side-Channel Resistance for Constrained Hardware”, B.Bilgin et al, CHES 2013.

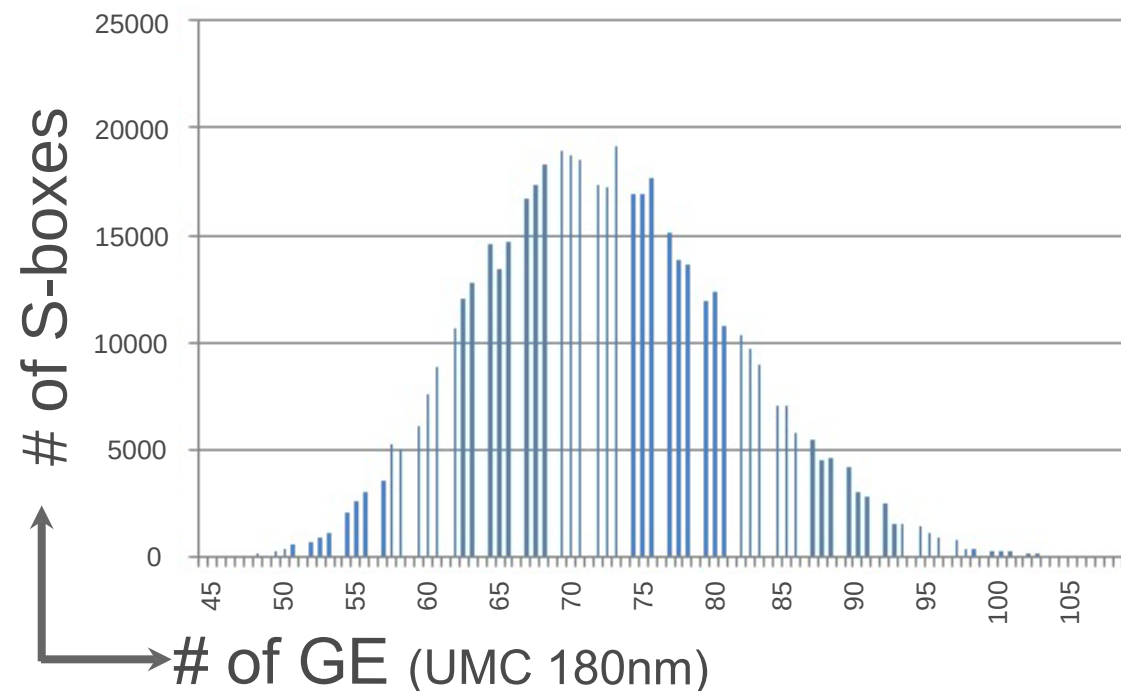
- 5x5 AB (Almost Bent);  
degree 2 (two), 3 (one), 4 (one);
- 6x6 APN (Almost Perfect Nonlinear);  
degree 4 (one); decomposition in two permutations of  
degree 3 and 2.
- TI with 4 shares

# Applications

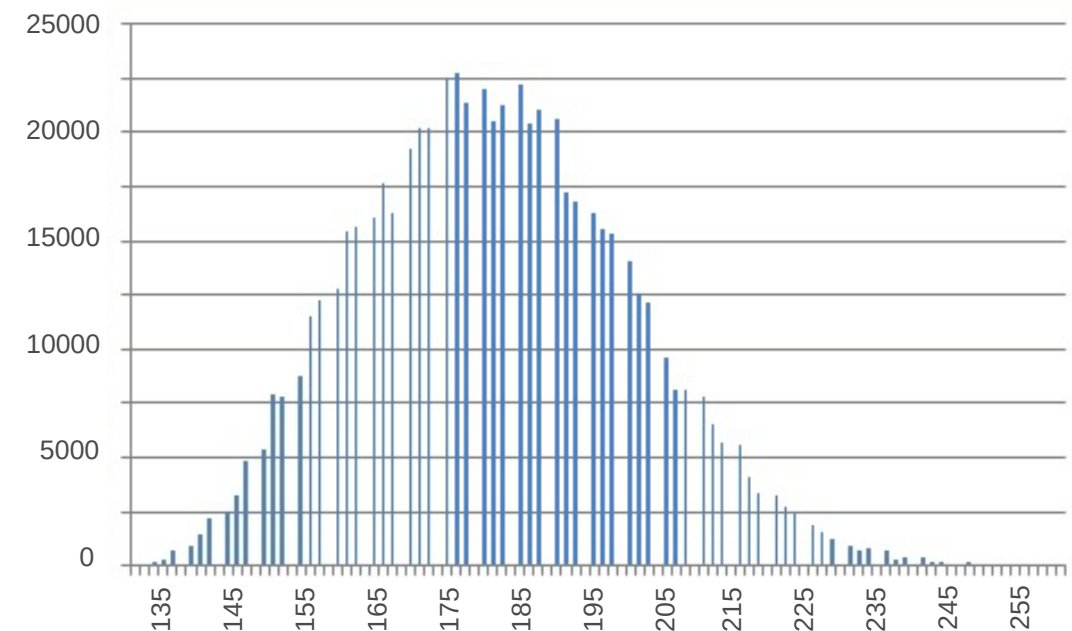
## FIDES-80

Affine Equivalent to AB permutation

Unshared S-box



Shared S-box



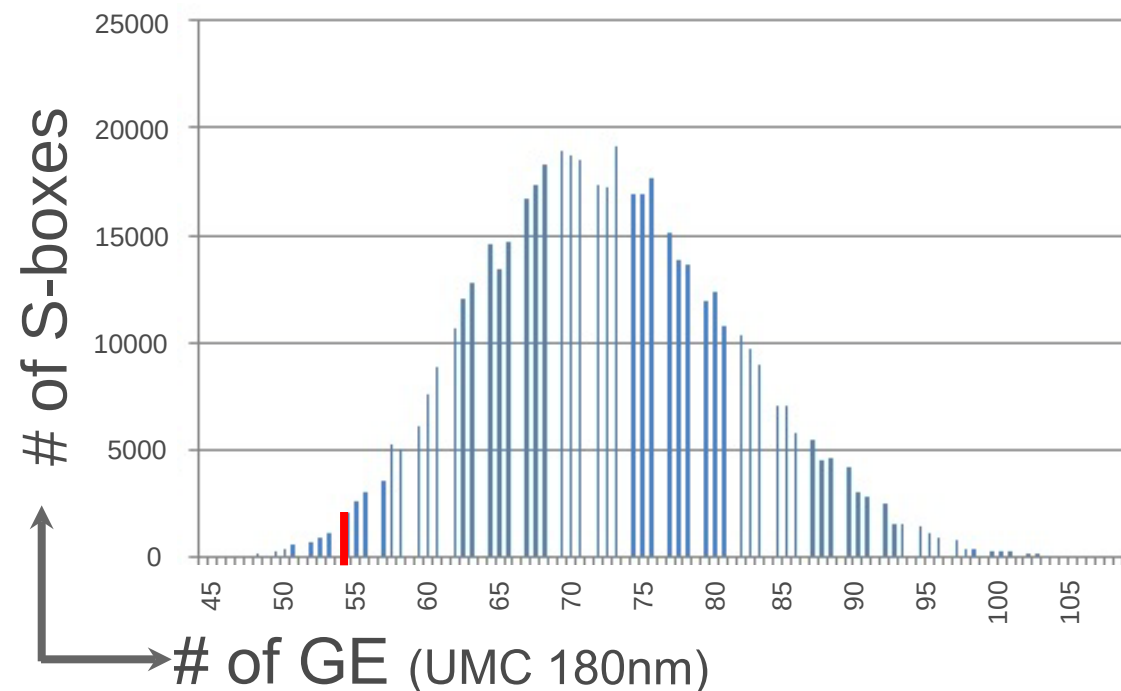
Find the best S-box

# Applications

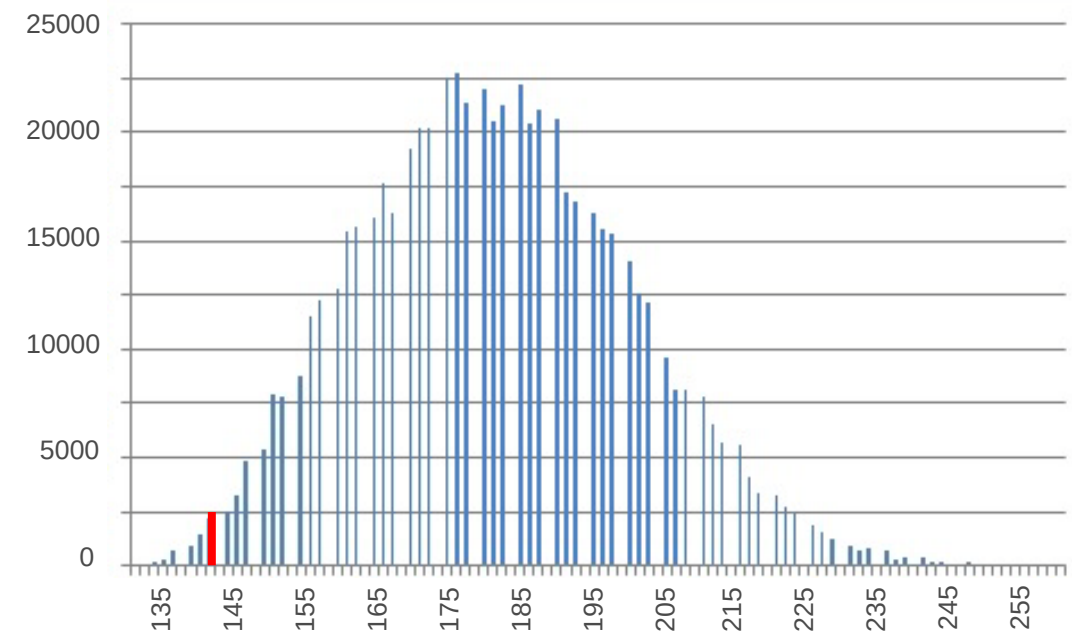
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Unshared S-box



Shared S-box



4,2 kGE (1,1kGE unprotected)

# Outline

- Threshold Implementations (update)
- Applications of TI
- Higher-order TI

# Higher Order TI

( In submission, B.Bilgin et.al, 2014.)

**Property 2** (d-th order non-completeness). Any combination of up to  $d$  component functions  $f_i$  of  $F$  must be independent of at least one input share.

**Theorem 1.** If the input masking  $X$  of the shared function  $F$  is a uniform masking and  $F$  is a  $d$ -th order TI then the  $d$ -th statistical moment of the power consumption of a circuit implementing  $F$  is independent of the unmasked input value  $x$  even if the inputs are delayed or glitches occur in the circuit.

The number of shares (input and output) increases, e.g. 2<sup>nd</sup> order TI for a product  $s_{in}=6$ ,  $s_{out}=7$  or  $s_{in}=5$ ,  $s_{out}=10$ ;

# Example: 2<sup>nd</sup> order TI

- $f(x) = 1+a+bc$
- 5 input shares, 10 output shares

$$\begin{aligned}y_1 &= 1 + a_2 + b_2c_2 + b_1c_2 + b_2c_1 & y_2 &= a_3 + b_3c_3 + b_1c_3 + b_3c_1 \\y_3 &= a_4 + b_4c_4 + b_1c_4 + b_4c_1 & y_4 &= a_1 + b_1c_1 + b_1c_5 + b_5c_1 \\y_5 &= b_2c_3 + b_3c_2 & y_6 &= b_2c_4 + b_4c_2 \\y_7 &= a_5 + b_5c_5 + b_2c_5 + b_5c_2 & y_8 &= b_3c_4 + b_4c_3 \\y_9 &= b_3c_5 + b_5c_3 & y_{10} &= b_4c_5 + b_5c_4 .\end{aligned}$$



# Higher Order TI – KATAN-32

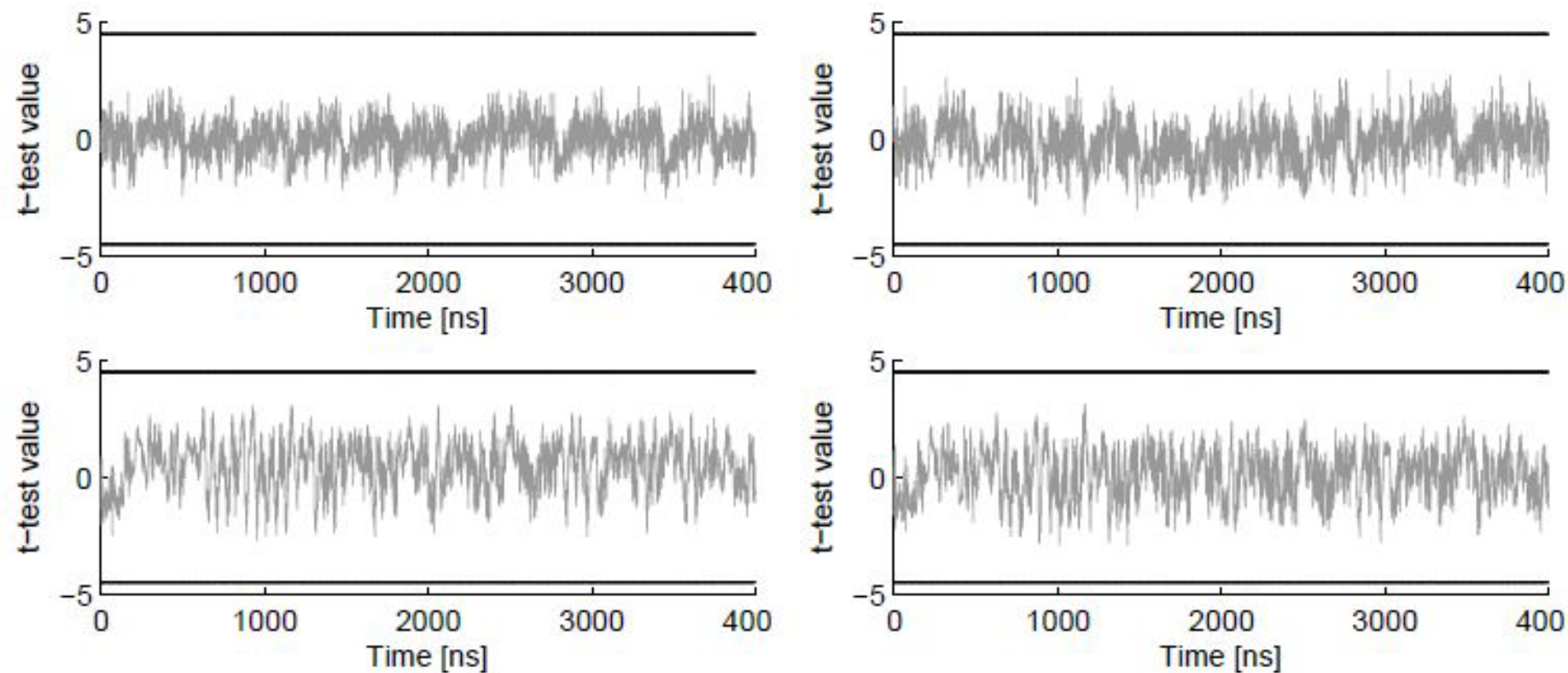
- Synthesis results for plain and TI of KATAN-32

|                          | State<br>Array | Round<br>Function | Key<br>Schedule | Control | Other | Total |
|--------------------------|----------------|-------------------|-----------------|---------|-------|-------|
| Plain                    | 170            | 54                | 444             | 64      | 270   | 1002  |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> order TI | 510            | 135               | 444             | 64      | 567   | 1720  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> order TI | 900            | 341               | 444             | 64      | 807   | 2556  |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> order TI | 1330           | 760               | 444             | 64      | 941   | 3539  |



# Higher Order TI – KATAN-32

- Fixed-vs-random t-test evaluation results with PRNG switched on for a randomly chosen fixed plaintext
- From top to bottom: 1st; 2nd, 3rd and 5th order statistical moment; 5 million measurements.



# Conclusions

- TI is provably secure against any order DPA
- TI can be efficient
- Room for improvement:
  - Solutions to uniformity problems
  - More efficient higher order DPA
  - Consider countermeasures during design process