

Destroying Fault Invariant with Randomization -A Countermeasure for AES against Differential Fault Attacks

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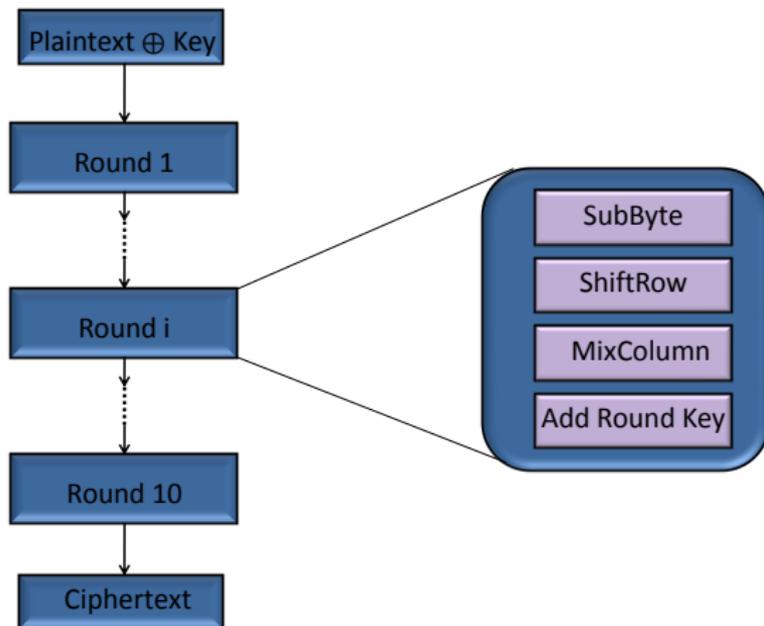
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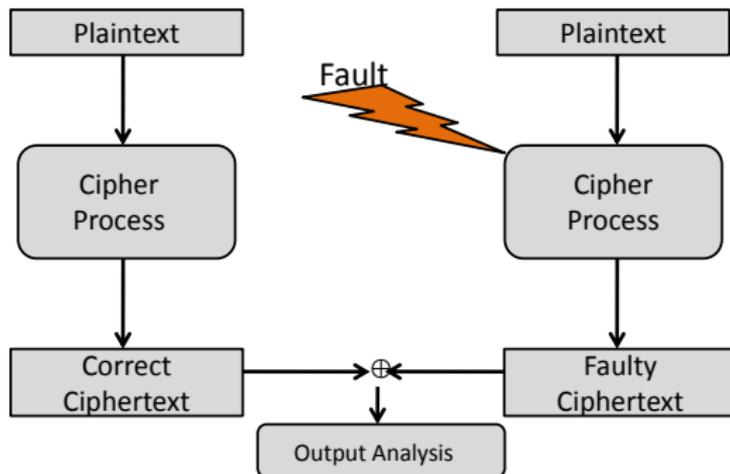
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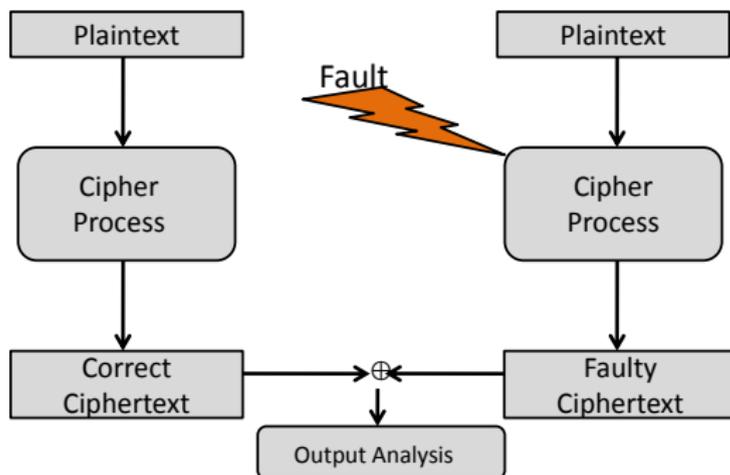
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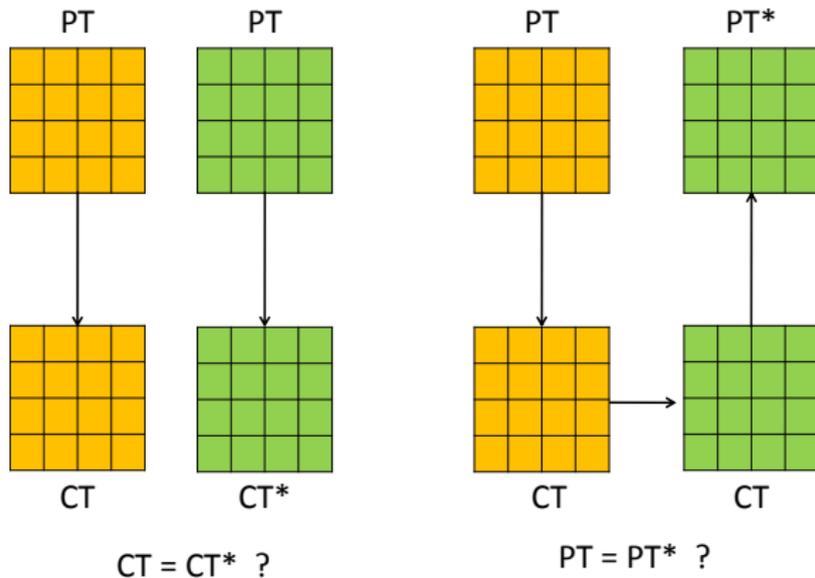
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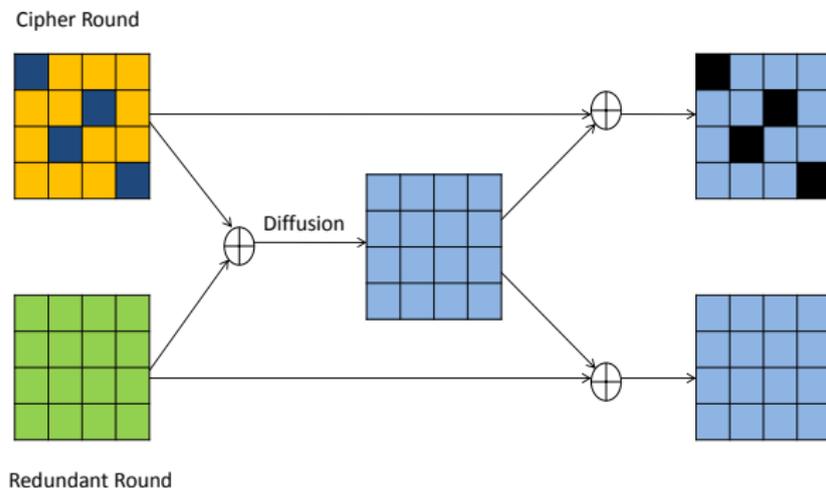
- 1 Fault models to model the strength of adversary
 - 1 Bit flip Fault Model : Affects a bit of the intermediate result
 - 2 Constant Byte Fault Model : Requires control over fault value and position
 - 3 Random Byte Fault Model : No control over fault value and position
- 2 Attacks that require both the correct and faulty ciphertext are known as differential fault attacks

Countermeasures Against Fault Attacks

Detection Countermeasure



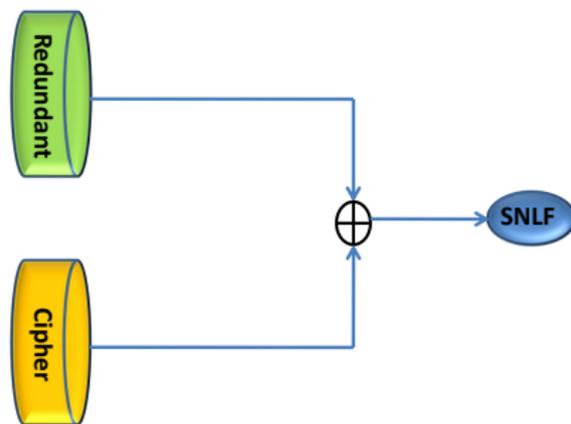
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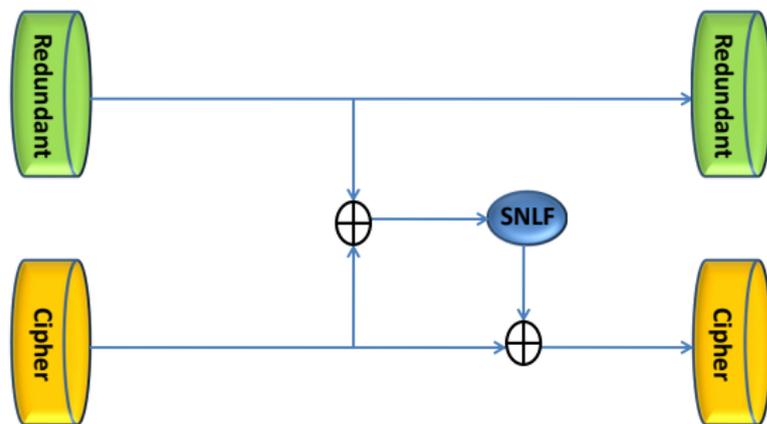
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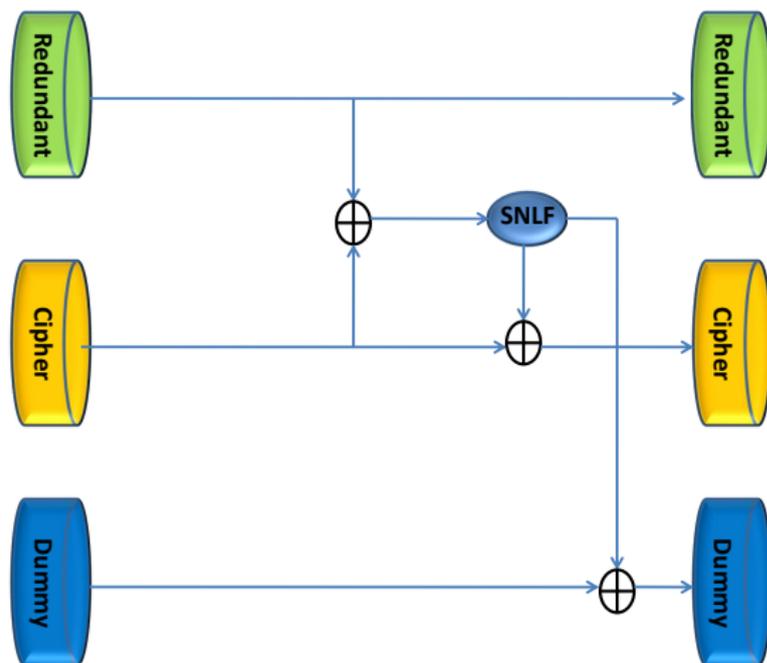
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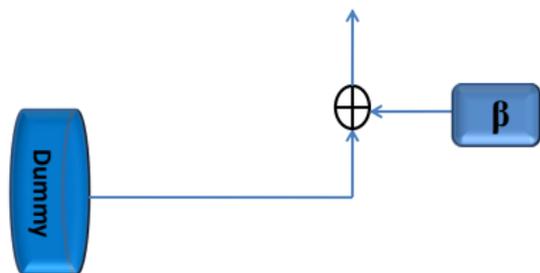
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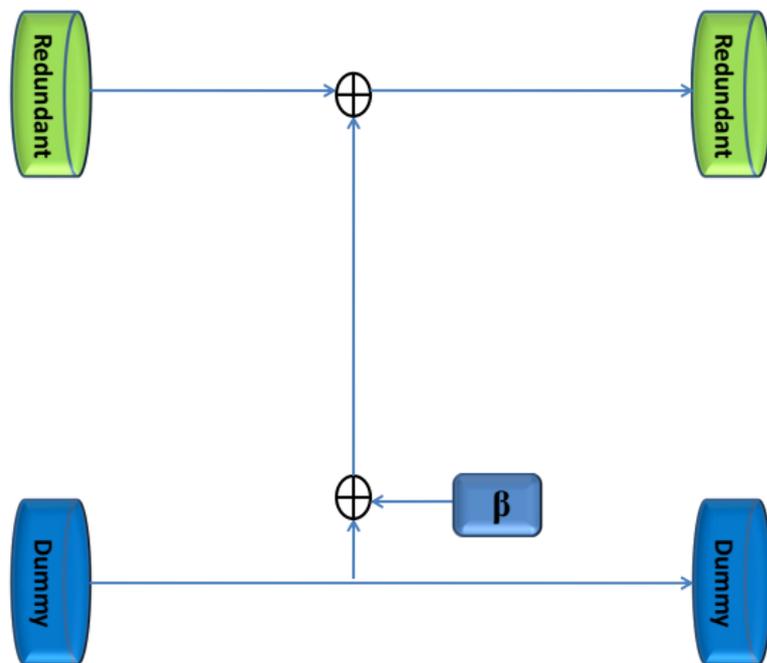
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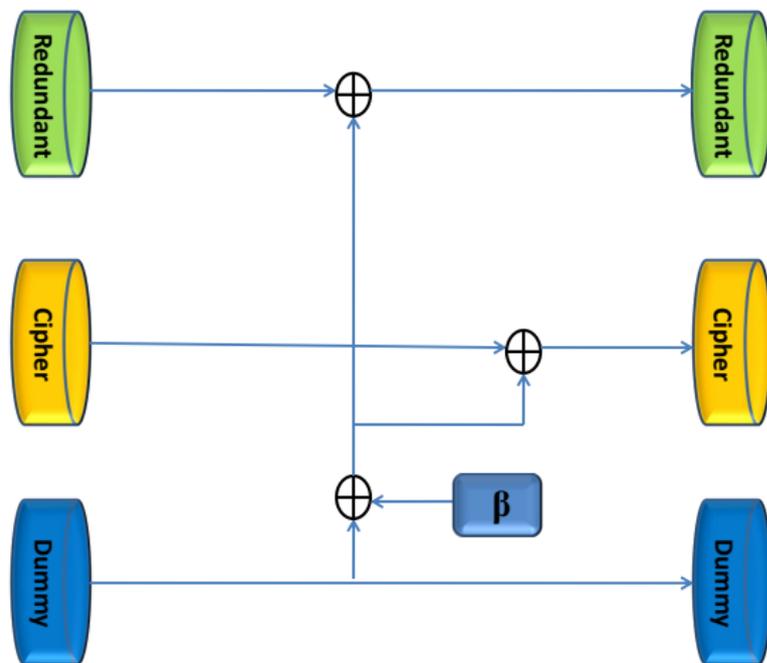
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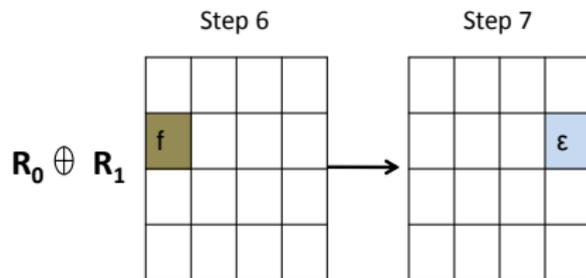
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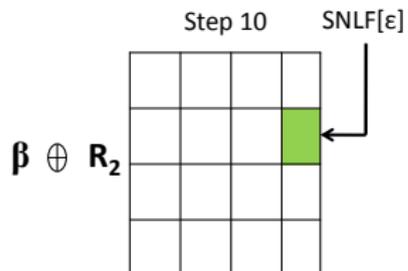
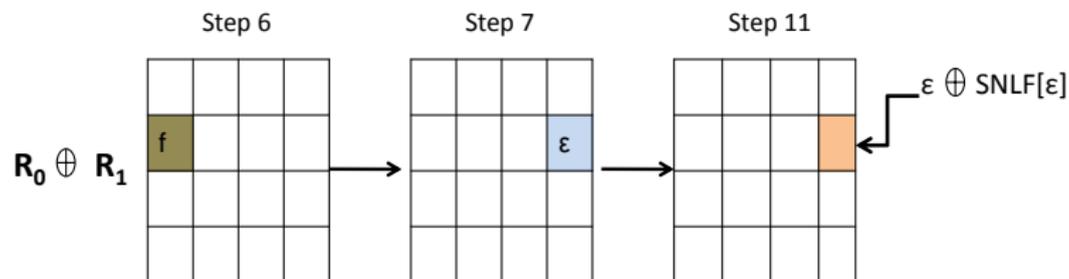
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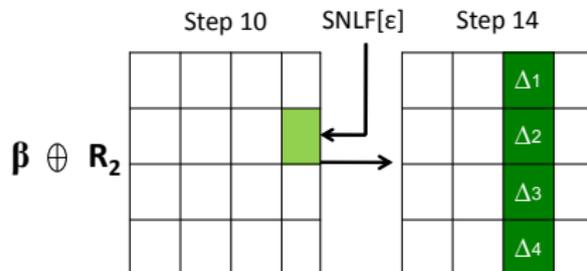
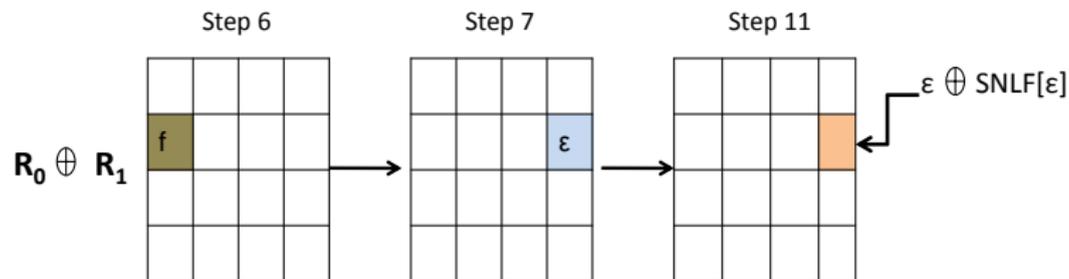
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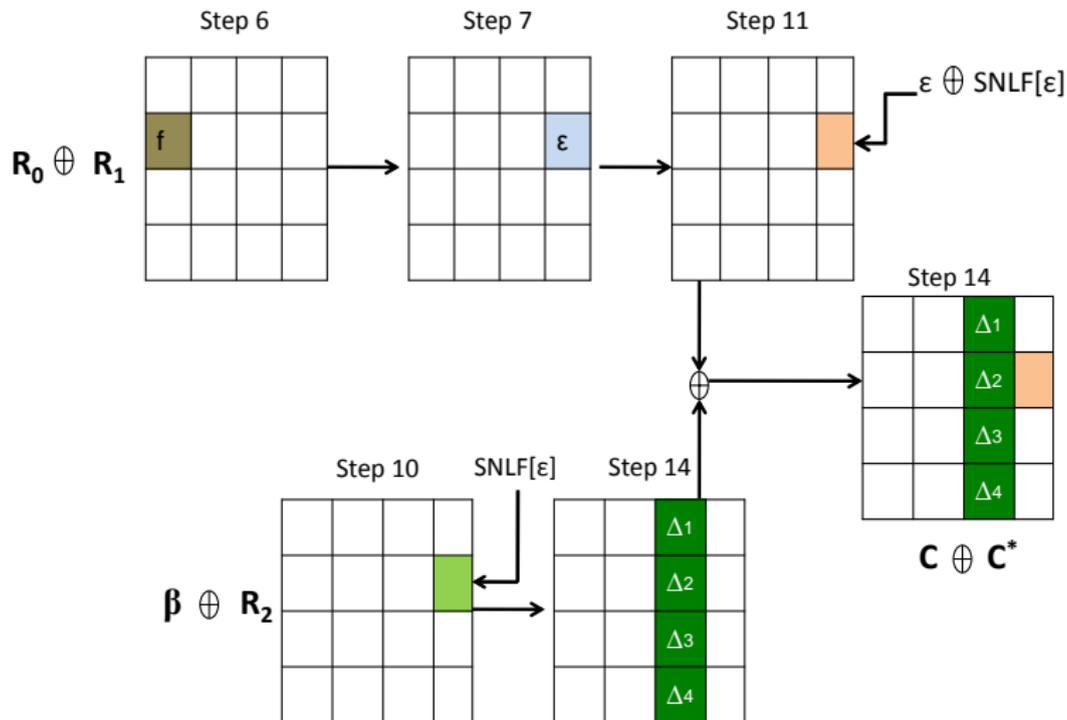
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Remark

What happens if the infection caused by compulsory dummy round affects the erroneous byte of 10th round??

Further Loop Holes in LatinCrypt 2012 Countermeasure

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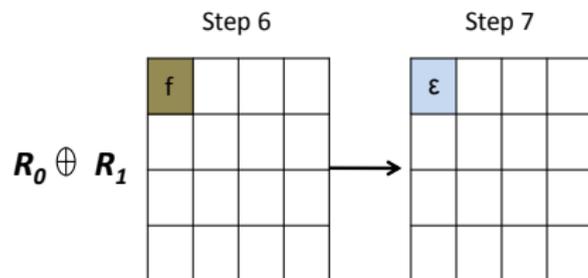
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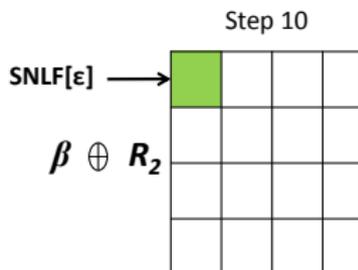
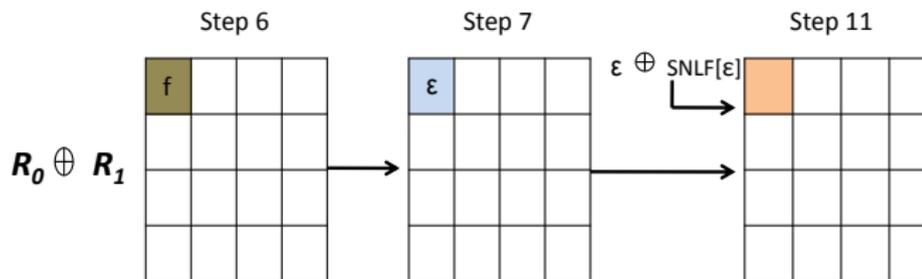
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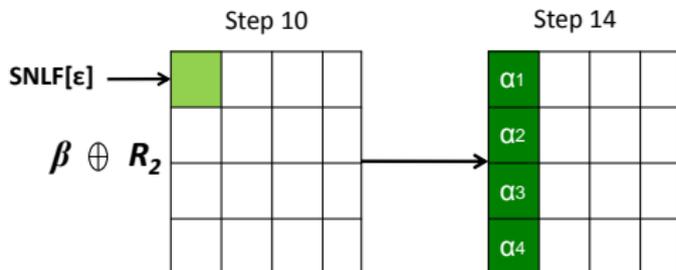
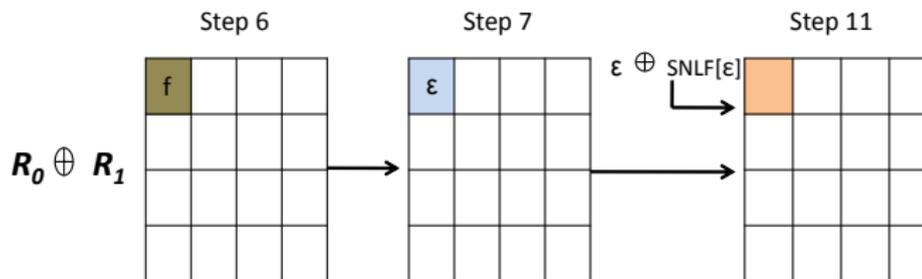
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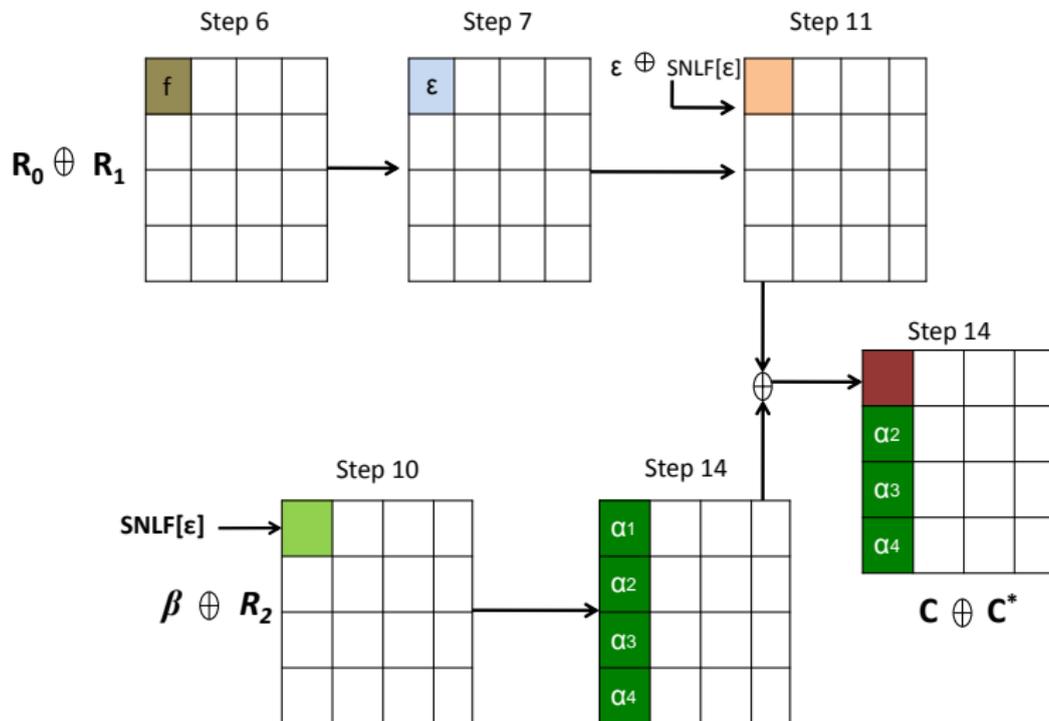
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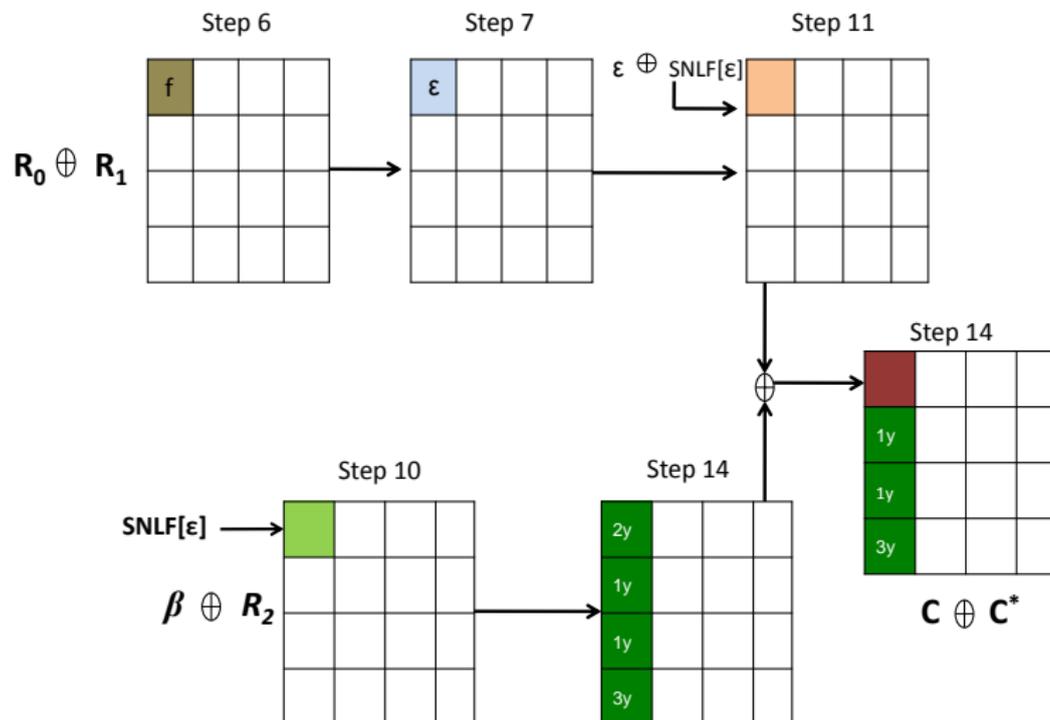
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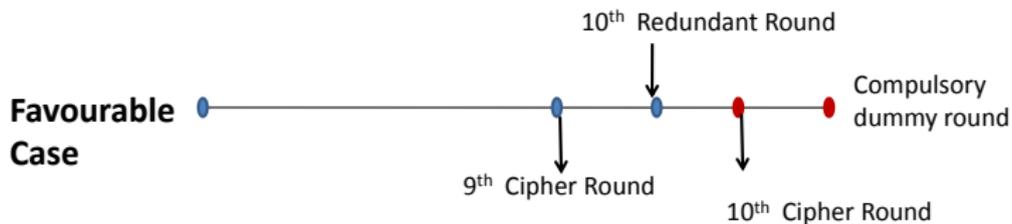
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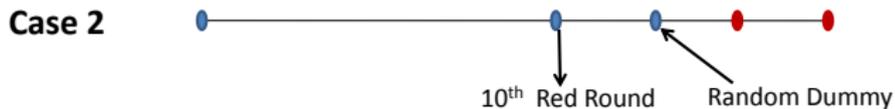
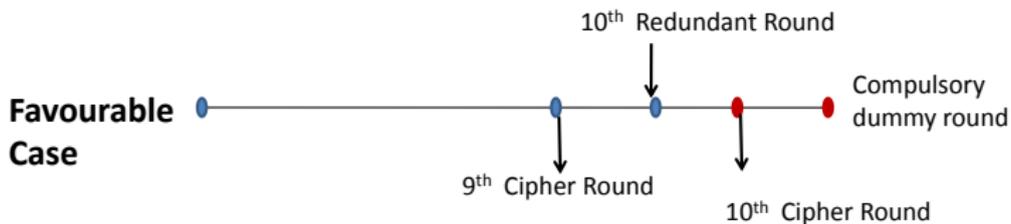
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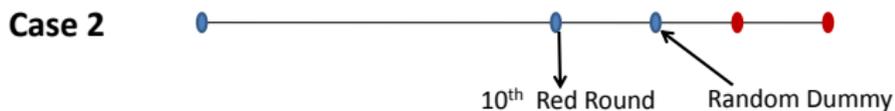
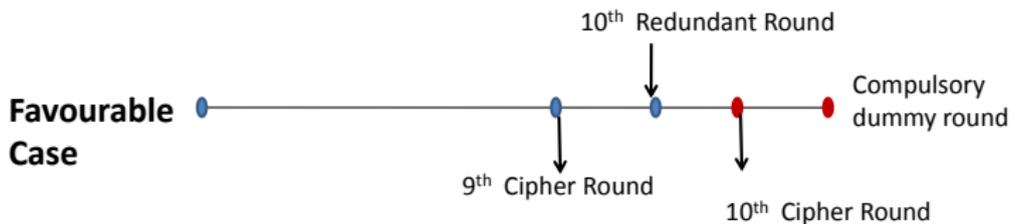
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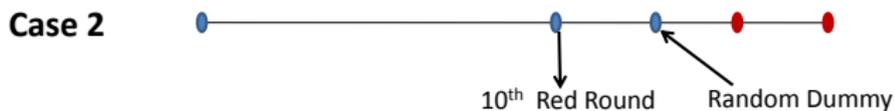
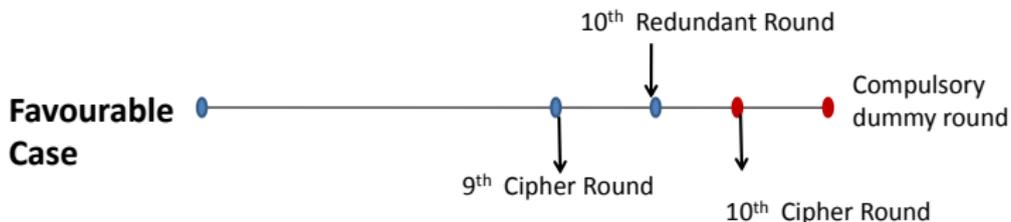
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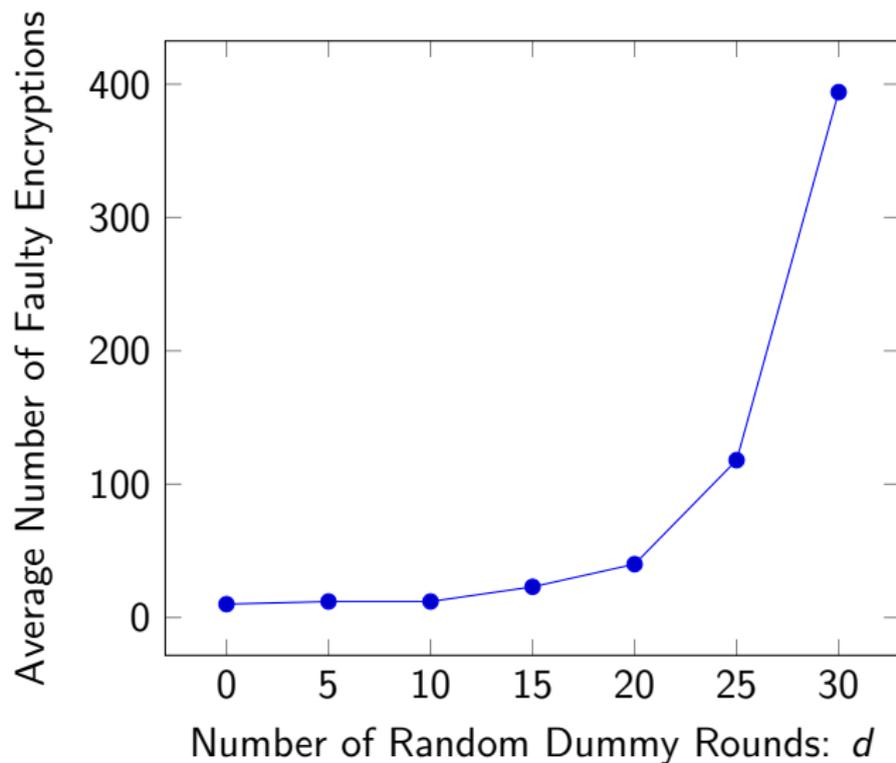


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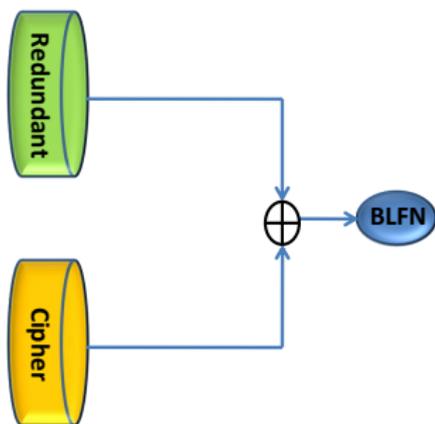
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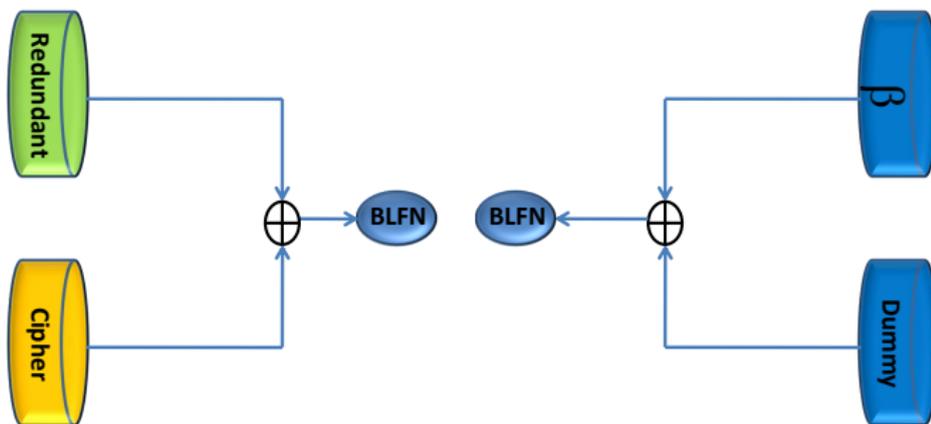
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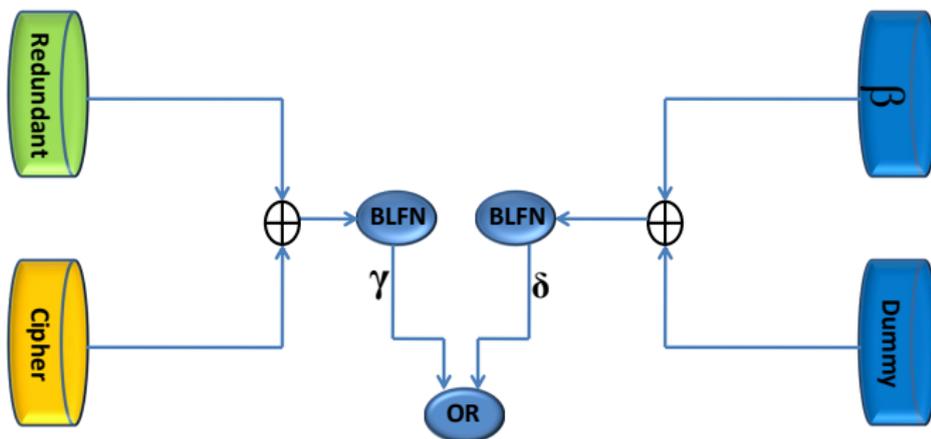
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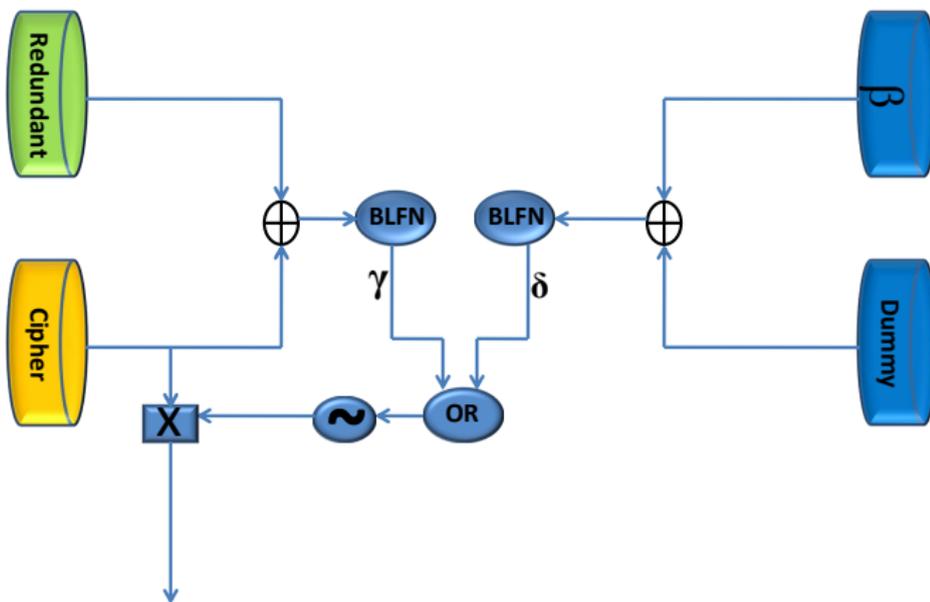
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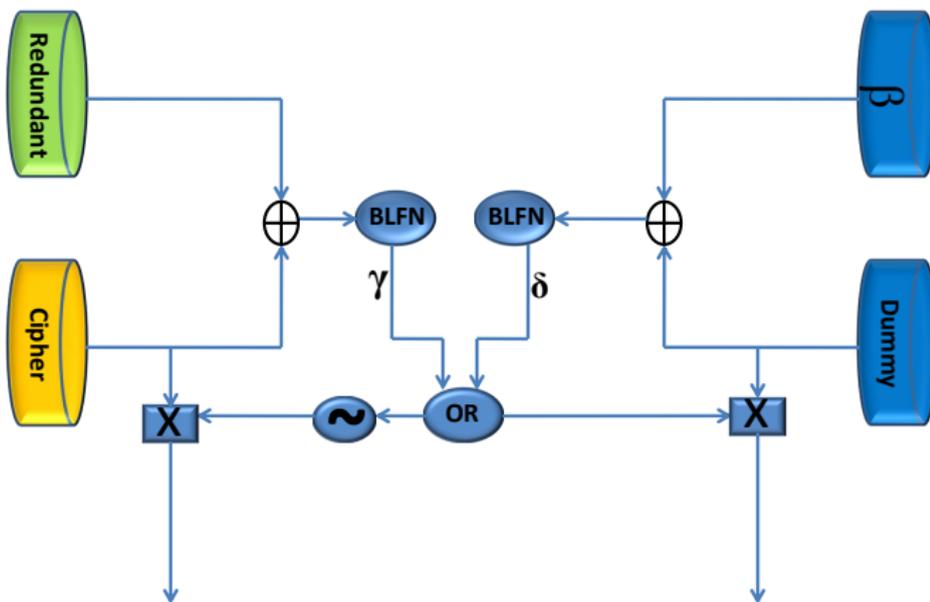
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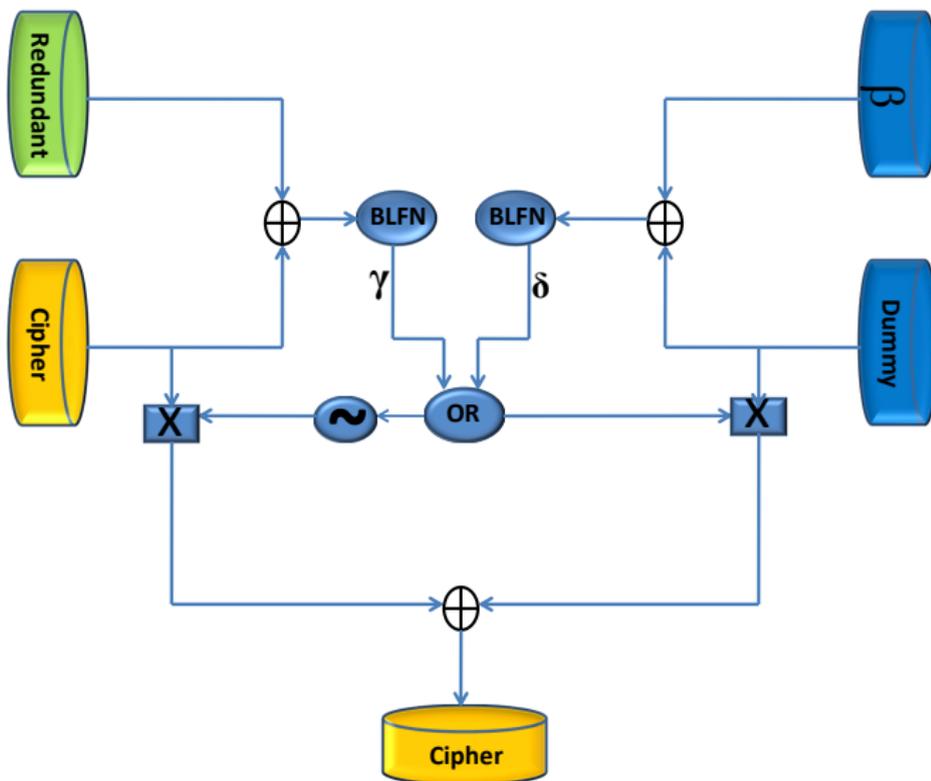
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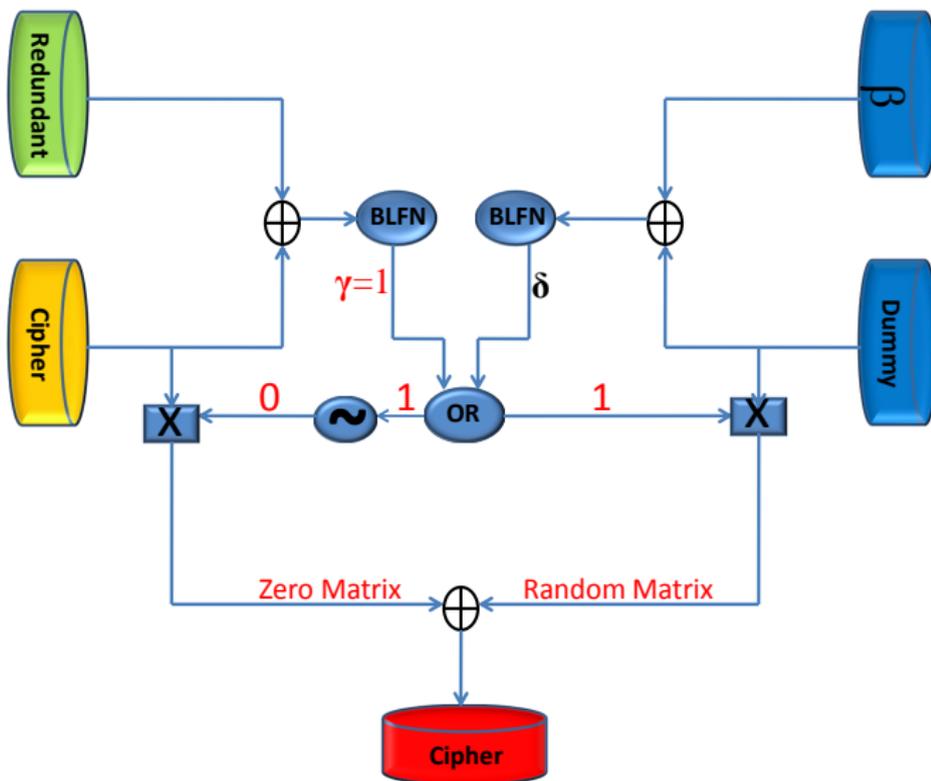
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