

SCARE of Secret Ciphers with SPN Structures

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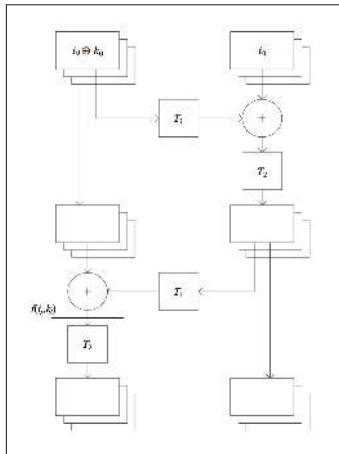
Previous works

[Novak. ACNS 2003]

- secret instance of the GSM A3/A8 algorithm
- side-channel assumption: detection of colliding s-boxes
- recovery of one secret s-box

[Clavier. ePrint 2004/ICISS 2007]

- recovery of the two s-boxes and the secret key



Limitations

- **Target:** specific cipher structure
- **Assumption:** idealized leakage model
 - ⇒ perfect collision detection

Our work

- Consider a generic class of ciphers:
Substitution-Permutation Networks (SPN)
- Relax the idealized leakage assumption
 - ▶ consider noisy leakages
 - ▶ experiments in a practical leakage model

Further works

[Daudigny et al. ACNS 2005] (DES)

[Réal et al. CARDIS 2008] (hardware Feistel)

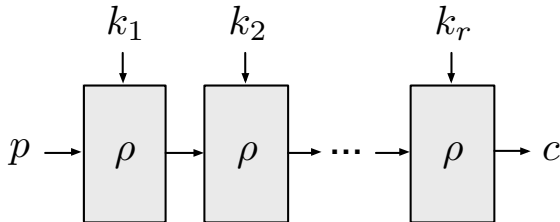
[Guilley et al. LATINCRYPT 2010] (stream ciphers)

[Clavier et al. INDOCRYPT 2013] (modified AES)

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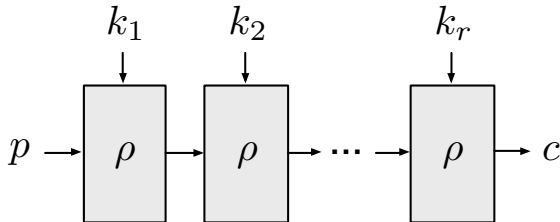
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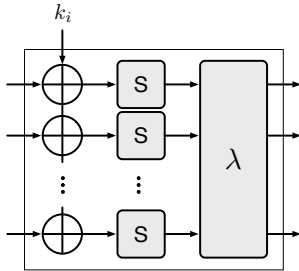
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Classical SPN Structure



- State: $n \times m$ bits
- n s-box computations
- m -bits s-box inputs

$$\lambda : \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} a_{1,1} & a_{1,2} & \cdots & a_{1,n} \\ a_{2,1} & a_{2,2} & \cdots & a_{2,n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n,1} & a_{n,2} & \cdots & a_{n,n} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{with } a_{i,j} \in \mathbb{F}_{2^m}$$

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Attacker Model

Basic assumption:

Colliding s-box computations can be detected from the side-channel leakage.

Specifically, we assume that the attacker is able to

- (i) identify the s-box computations in the side-channel leakage trace and extract the leakage corresponding to each s-box computation,
- (ii) decide whether two s-box computations $y_1 \leftarrow S(x_1)$ and $y_2 \leftarrow S(x_2)$ are such that $x_1 = x_2$ or not from their respective leakages.

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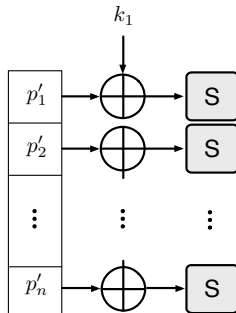
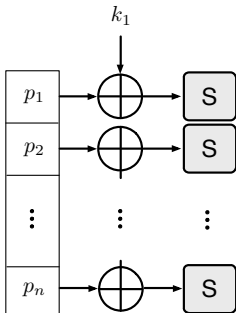
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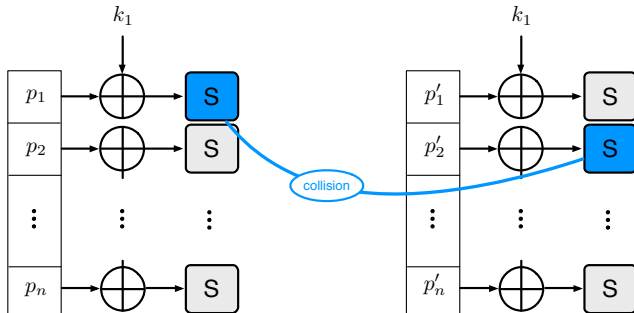
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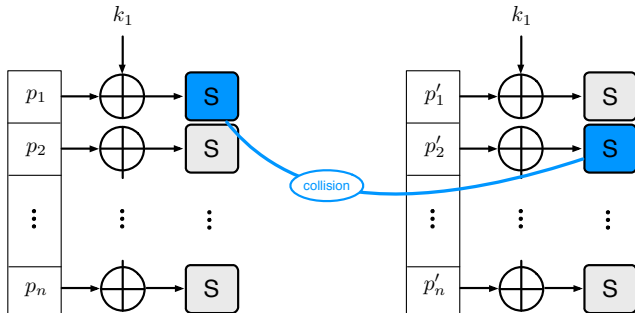
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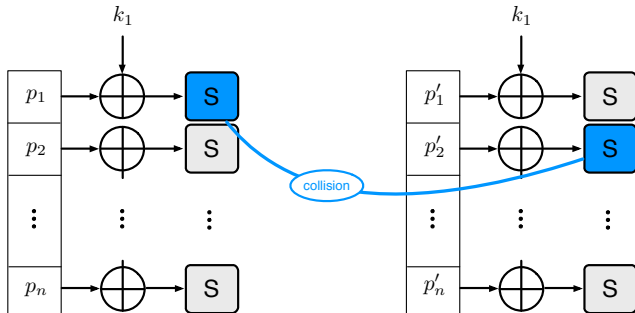


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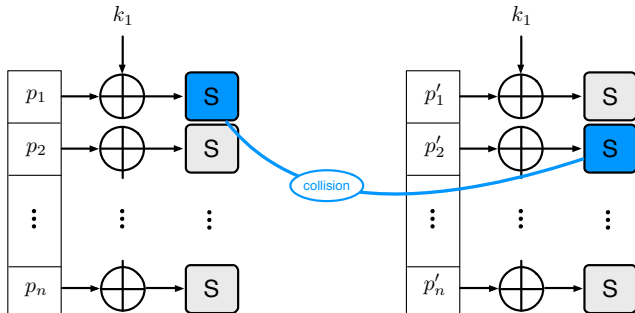
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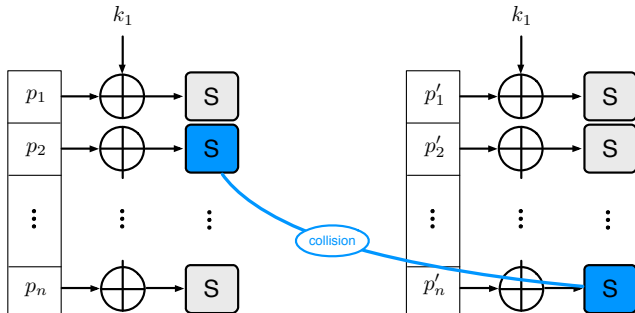
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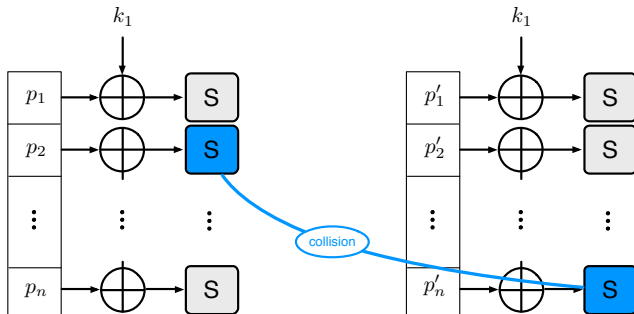
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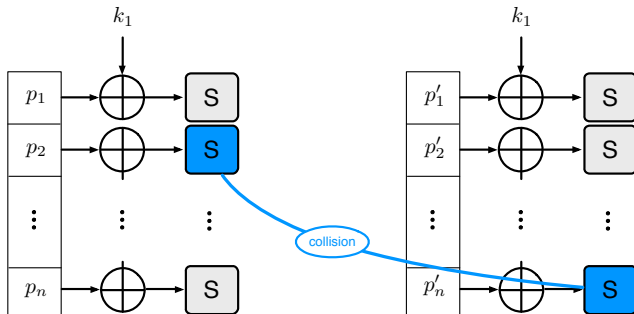
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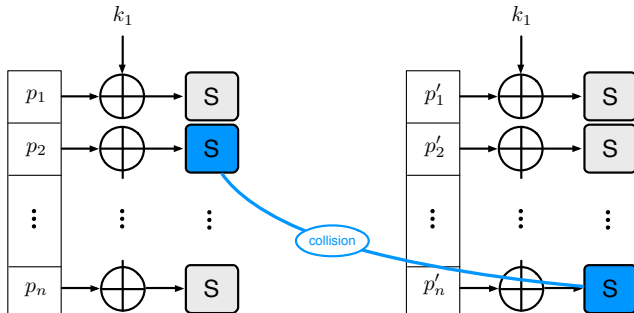
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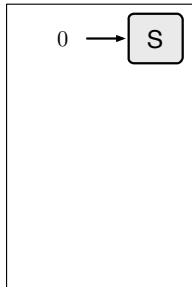
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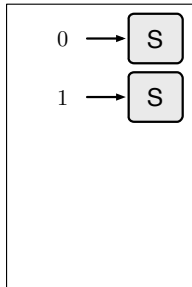
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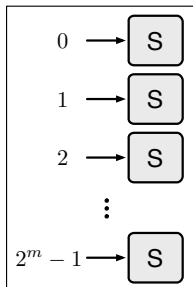
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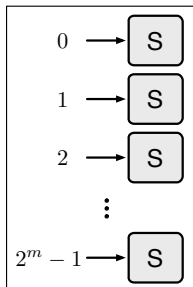
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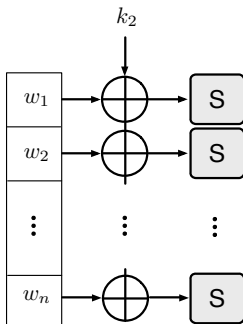


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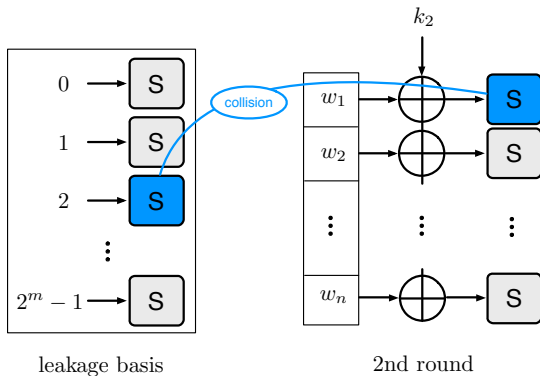


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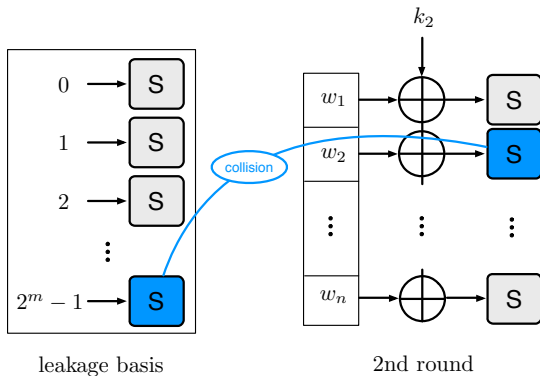


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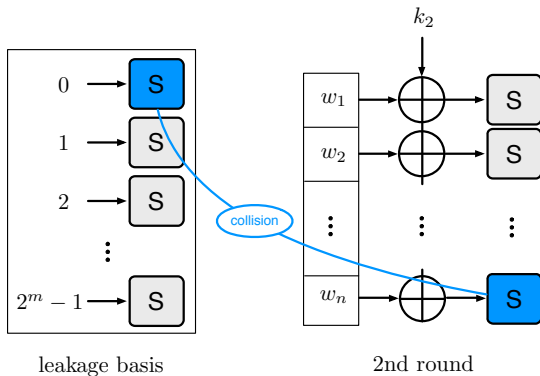
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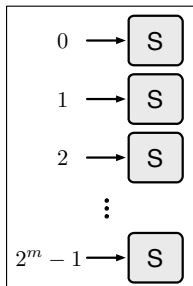
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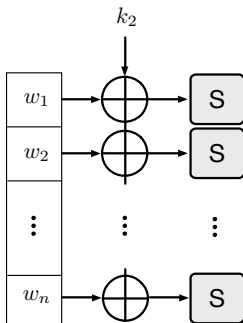
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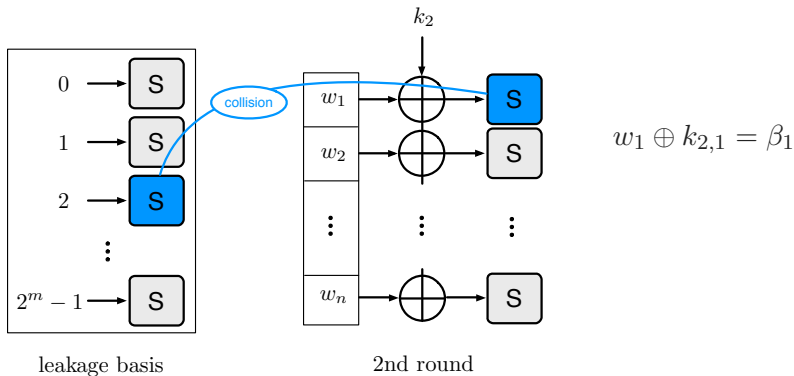


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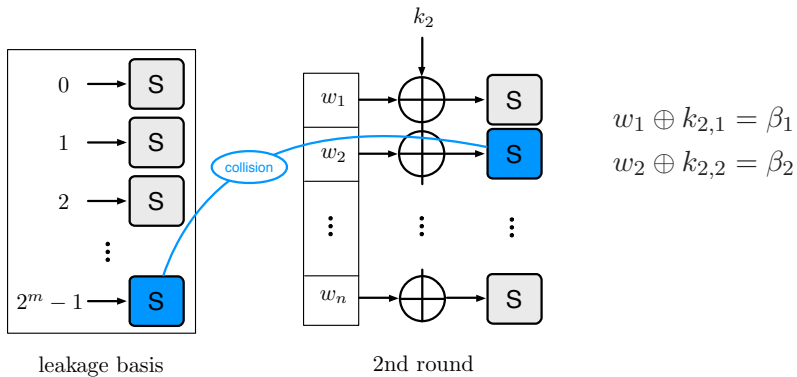


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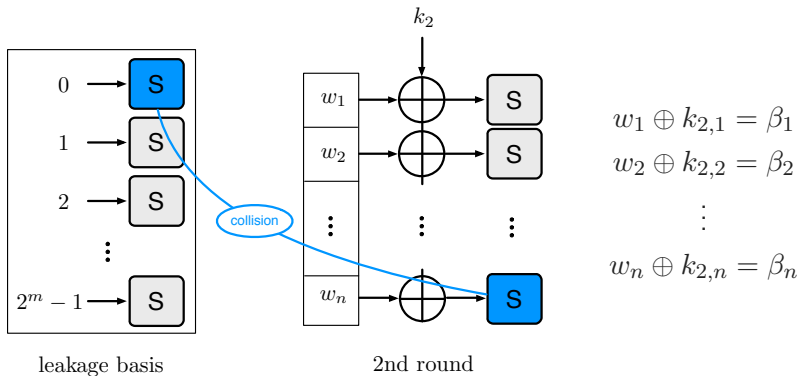
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⇒ solvable with 33 encryptions for $m = 8$, $n = 16$

And finally

Stage 3: recovering k_3, k_4, \dots, k_r

\Rightarrow similar as stage 1

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Stage 2 (Recovering λ , S and k_2) composed of 4 steps:

- building leakage templates
- collecting equations
- solving a subsystem (Stage 2.1)
- recovering remaining unknowns (Stage 2.2)

Building leakage templates

Construct a template basis:

$$\mathcal{B} = \{(\hat{m}_\beta, \hat{\Sigma}_\beta)_\beta \mid \beta \in \mathbb{F}_{2^m}\} ,$$

with

- \hat{m}_β : sample mean
- $\hat{\Sigma}_\beta$: sample covariance matrix

Collecting equations

We collect several groups of equations $\vec{x} = \vec{k}'_2 \oplus A^{-1} \cdot \vec{\beta}$

Noisy leakage \Rightarrow we cannot determine $\vec{\beta}$ with a 100% confidence

- ▷ we use averaging (each encryption N times)
- ▷ maximum likelihood approach based on \mathcal{B}

Problem: we cannot tolerate one single wrong β_i

Success probability:

- for one s-box: p
- for one encryption: p^n
- for the attack: $(p^n)^t$
 - ▶ where t is the number of required encryptions

Solving a subsystem

Increasing the success probability:

- reduce the number t
- subsystem only involving x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{s-1}
- chosen plaintext attack

Obtained system:

- $n^2 + n + s - 2$ unknowns
- taking $s \leq n + 2$
 - ▶ we get at most $n^2 + 2n$ unknowns
 - ▶ we need $t = n + 2$
- e.g. $t = 18$ instead of $t = 33$ for $n = 16$ and $m = 8$

Recovering remaining unknowns

Maximum likelihood approach for

- remaining s-box output $x_s, x_{s+1}, \dots, x_{2^m-1}$ (Stage 2.2)
- remaining round keys k_3, k_4, \dots, k_r (Stage 3)

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Attack simulations using a **practical leakage model**

- s-box computation on an AVR chip (ATMega 32A, 8-bit)
- profiled electromagnetic leakage
- Gaussian noise assumption
- 3 leakage points depending on the s-box input
- 3 leakage points depending on the s-box output

Attack Experiments

Two different settings:

- **(128,8)-setting:**

- ▶ 128-bit message block
- ▶ 8-bit s-box ($m = 8 \Rightarrow n = 16$)
- ▶ e.g. AES block cipher

- **(64,4)-setting:**

- ▶ 64-bit message block
- ▶ 4-bit s-box ($m = 4 \Rightarrow n = 16$)
- ▶ e.g. LED and PRESENT lightweight block ciphers

Attack results

Stage 1: 100% success rate with

- a few hundred traces for the (64,4)-setting
- a few thousand traces for the (128,8)-setting

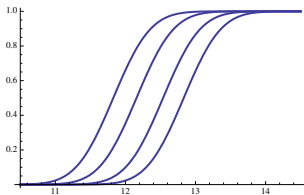
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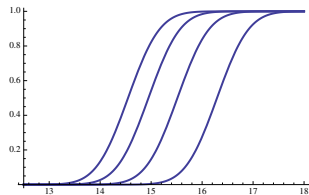
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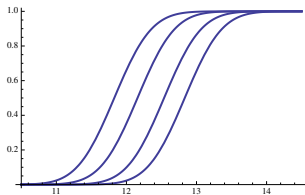
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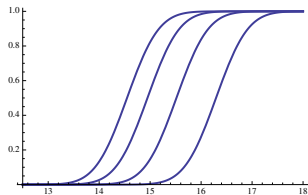
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Stages 2.2, 3: a few dozens/hundreds of traces.

The end

Questions?

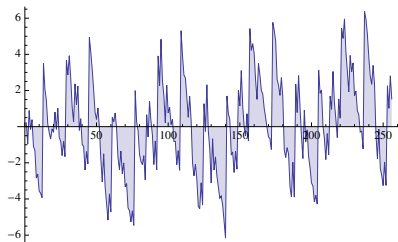
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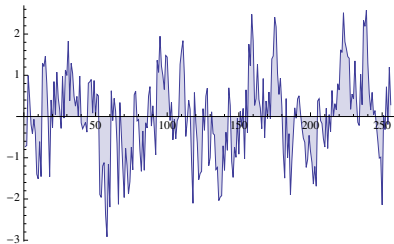
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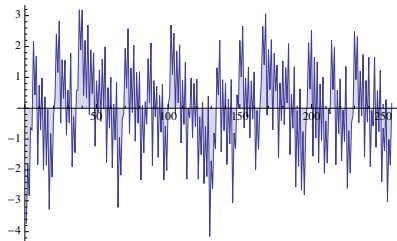


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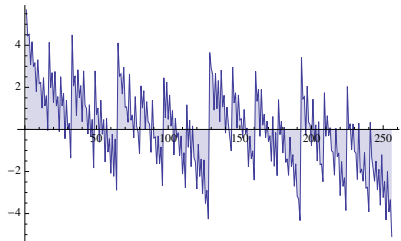


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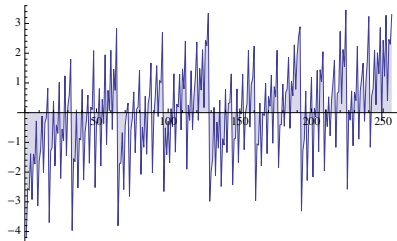


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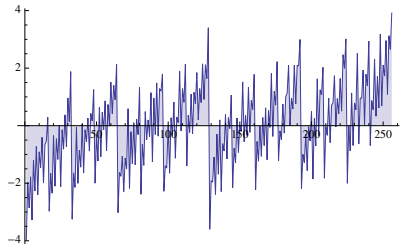


4th point mean w.r.t output

Profiled leakage parameters



5th point mean w.r.t output



6th point mean w.r.t output

Profiled leakage parameters

$$\Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{36.7} & \mathbf{-13.7} & -1.8 & 2.9 & -2.2 & -0.7 \\ \mathbf{-13.7} & \mathbf{30.7} & 0.6 & 0.7 & -0.5 & -0.1 \\ -1.8 & 0.6 & \mathbf{27.5} & -0.9 & 0.7 & 0.4 \\ 2.9 & 0.7 & -0.9 & \mathbf{38.7} & \mathbf{-27.0} & -5.4 \\ -2.2 & -0.5 & 0.7 & \mathbf{-27.0} & \mathbf{37.2} & 3.9 \\ -0.7 & -0.1 & 0.4 & -5.4 & 3.9 & \mathbf{26.2} \end{pmatrix}$$