

# Towards Closing The Security Gap of Tweak-aNd-Tweak (TNT)

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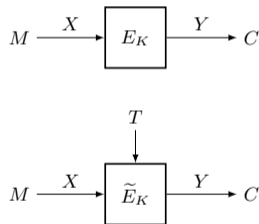
# Section 1

## Motivation

# Tweakable Block Ciphers

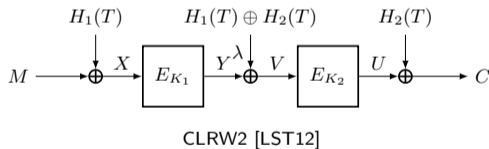
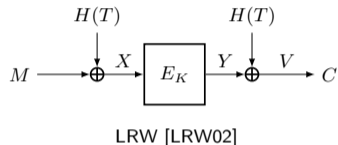
[LRW02]

- Add public tweak input to classical block ciphers
- Useful in encryption/authentication modes:
  - Security: Separate domains
  - Efficiency: Process more input material
- Many dedicated TBCs:
  - CRAFT [BLMR19]
  - Deoxys-BC [JNP14]
  - Skinny [BJK<sup>+</sup>16]
  - ...
- Generic constructions from classical block ciphers still relevant



# Generic Constructions

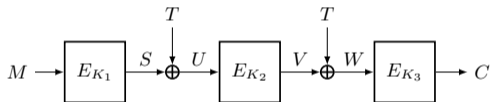
- LRW [LRW02], XEX [Rog04]
- Problem:  $O(2^{n/2})$  security
- Cascades, e.g. CLRW2 [LST12]:  
 $\geq O(2^{2n/3})$  security
- Generalized:  $O(2^{rn/(r+1)})$  [LS13]
- Upper bound by Mennink [Men18] on CLRW2:  
 $\leq O(\sqrt{n} \cdot 2^{3n/4})$  query security
- Lower bound by Jha and Nandi [JN20]:  
 $\geq O(2^{3n/4})$  security



# Tweak-aNd-Tweak (TNT)

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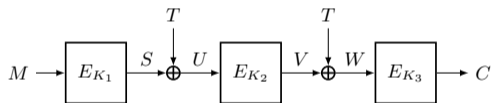
- Extension of CMT [LRW02]
- 3 independently keyed block ciphers  
 $E_{K_1}, E_{K_2}, E_{K_3}$
- Secure up to  $O(2^{2n/3})$  queries



# TNT-AES

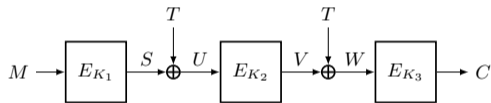
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- Instantiation with round-reduced AES for each block cipher
- Proposal: TNT-AES[6, 6, 6]
- Boomerang distinguisher on TNT-AES[\* , 5, \*]



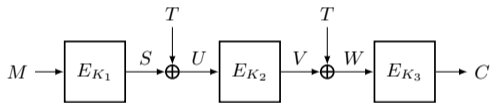
# Open Questions

- Can we tighten the gap between attacks  $O(2^n)$  and proof  $O(2^{2n/3})$  queries?
- Adversary perspective: distinguishers?
- Constructive perspective: improve security



# Contribution

- Adapt Mennink's information-theoretic distinguisher [Men18] and reducing the complexity
- Adapt Jha and Nandi's [JN20] STPRP proof of CLRW2 for TPRP security of TNT
- Towards closing the security gap around  $O(\sqrt{n} \cdot 2^{3n/4})$  and  $O(2^{3n/4})$  queries





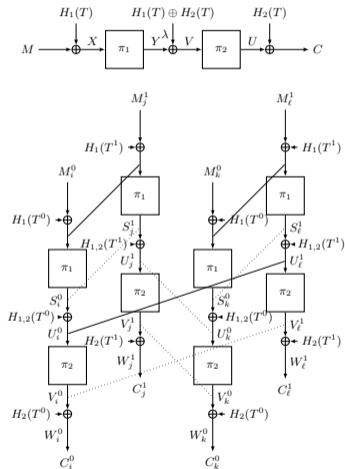
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# Distinguishers on TNT

# Mennink's Distinguisher on CLRW2

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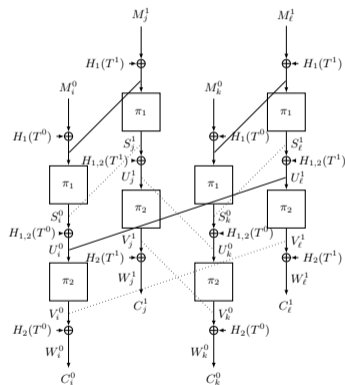
- 2 tweaks,  $2^{3n/4+x}$  messages each
  - Fix threshold  $\theta$
- 1 Fix tweaks  $T^0, T^1 \in \mathbb{F}_2^t$
  - 2 For  $i \in 0..2^{3n/4+x}$ , query  $T^0$  and  $M_i^0 = (0^{n/4-x} \parallel \langle i \rangle)$  for  $C_i^0$
  - 3 For  $i \in 0..2^{3n/4+x}$ , query  $T^1$  and  $M_i^1 = (0^{n/4-x} \parallel \langle i \rangle)$  for  $C_i^1$
  - 4 For  $D \in \mathbb{F}_2^n$ :  $\mathcal{I}_D = \text{def} \{(i, j) \mid M_i^0 \oplus M_j^1 = D\}$
  - 5 For all  $D \in \mathbb{F}_2^n$ :  
Determine  $N_D = \text{def} \#\{(i, j) \neq (k, \ell) \in \mathcal{I}_D$ :  
 $C_i^0 \oplus C_\ell^1 = C_j^1 \oplus C_k^0$
  - 6 If  $\exists D \in \mathbb{F}_2^n$  such that  $N_D \geq \theta$  return 1  
return 0 otherwise.



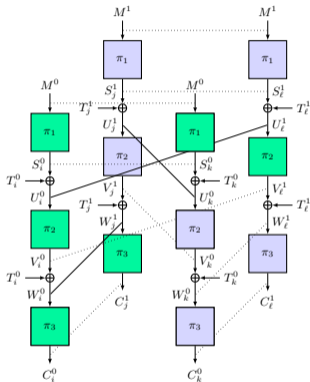
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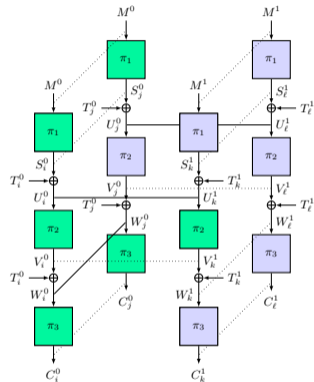
- Distinguisher quartets and random quartets: both probability  $2^{-3n}$
- $2 \times$  #quartets for real construction as for ideal TPRP
- $O(\sqrt{n} \cdot 2^{3n/4})$  queries for detection
- $O(2^{3n/2})$  time
- Can it be adapted to TNT?
- Can it be improved?



# Distinguishers on TNT



Cross-road distinguisher



Parallel-road distinguisher

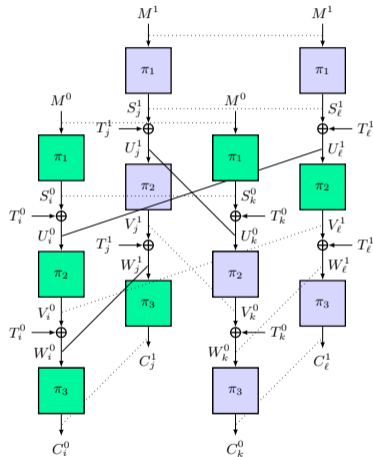
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11: function CROSSROAD
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14:    $M^1 \leftarrow \mathbb{F}_2^n$ 
15:    $\text{coll} \leftarrow 0$ 
16:    $\mathcal{L} \leftarrow [] \times [0..2^n - 1]$ 
17:    $\mathcal{D} \leftarrow 0 \times [0..2^n - 1]$ 
18:   for  $i \leftarrow 0..q - 1$  do
19:      $T_i^0 \leftarrow \tau_0(i)$ 
20:      $C_i^0 \leftarrow \mathcal{E}_K(T_i^0, M^0)$ 
21:      $\mathcal{L}[C_i^0] \leftarrow \mathcal{L}[C_i^0] \cup \{T_i^0\}$ 
22:   for  $j \leftarrow 0..q - 1$  do
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24:      $C_j^1 \leftarrow \mathcal{E}_K(T_j^1, M^1)$ 
25:      $\text{coll} \leftarrow \text{coll} + \text{findNumColls}(\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{D}, T_j^1, C_j^1)$ 
26:   return  $\text{coll} \geq \theta$ 

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22:  $\Delta T_{i,j}^0 \leftarrow T_i^0 \oplus T_j^0$

23:  $\mathcal{D}[\Delta T_{i,j}^0] \leftarrow \mathcal{D}[\Delta T_{i,j}^0] + 1$

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25:  $\mathcal{L} \leftarrow \mathcal{L} \cup [0..2^n - 1]$

26: **for**  $k \leftarrow 0..q - 1$  **do**

27:  $T_k^1 \leftarrow \tau_1(k)$

28:  $C_k^1 \leftarrow \mathcal{E}_K(T_k^1, M^1)$

29: **for all**  $T_\ell^1$  **in**  $\mathcal{L}[C_k^1]$  **do**

30:  $\Delta T_{k,\ell}^1 \leftarrow T_k^1 \oplus T_\ell^1$  ▷  $2^{n/2}$  calls over all executions

31:  $\text{coll} \leftarrow \text{coll} + \mathcal{D}[\Delta T_{k,\ell}^1]$

32:  $\mathcal{L}[C_k^1] \leftarrow \mathcal{L}[C_k^1] \cup \{T_k^1\}$

33: **return**  $\text{coll} \geq \theta$

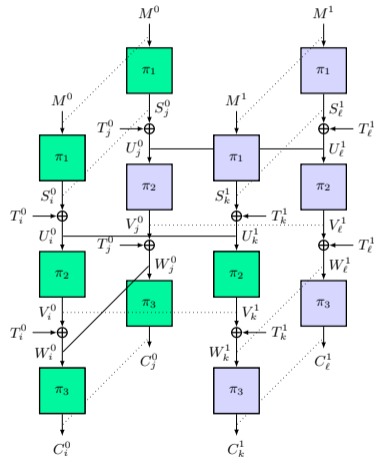
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# Parallel-road Distinguisher: More Efficient Algorithm

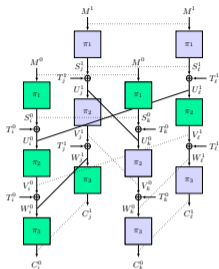
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22:     for all  $(T_j^0, b_j^0)$  in  $\mathcal{L}[c_i^0]$  do
23:       if  $b_i^0 = b_j^0$  then  $\triangleright C_i^0 = C_j^0$ 
24:          $\Delta T_{i,j}^0 \leftarrow T_i^0 \oplus T_j^0$ 
25:          $(s_{i,j}^0, t_{i,j}^0) \leftarrow \frac{n/4, 3n/4}{\Delta T_{i,j}^0}$ 
26:          $\mathcal{D}[t_{i,j}^0] \leftarrow \cup \{s_{i,j}^0\}$ 
27:          $\mathcal{L}[c_i^0] \leftarrow \cup \{(T_i^0, b_i^0)\}$ 
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38:           if  $s_{i,j}^0 = s_{k,\ell}^1$  then
39:              $\text{coll} \leftarrow \text{coll} + 1$ 
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41:   return  $\text{coll} \geq \theta$ 

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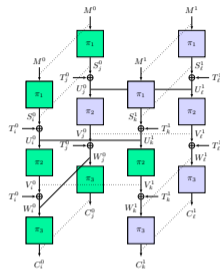
- $q \in O(\sqrt{n}2^{3n/4})$  queries
- Bottleneck were the lists
- Used list of  $q$  sublists

# Distinguishers on TNT



Cross-road distinguisher

- Ca.  $(2^t)^2 \cdot 2^{-n}$  pairs collide in  $U$
- $\binom{2^{2t-n}}{2} \cdot 2^{-n} \simeq 2^{4t-3n-1}$  correct quartets
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- $\implies 2 \times$  quartets for real construction



Parallel-road distinguisher

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- $\binom{2^t}{2} \cdot 2^{-n} \simeq 2^{2t-n-1}$  random pairs  $(C_i^0, C_j^0)$
- $(2^{2t-n-1})^2 \cdot 2^{-n} \simeq 2^{4t-3n-2}$  random quartets
- $\implies 3 \times$  quartets for real construction



# Experiments on TNT with Small-PRESENT

$n$	$t$	Ideal	Real	$n$	$t$	Ideal	Real	$n$	$t$	Ideal	Real
16	11	0.026	0.061	20	14	0.032	0.055	24	17	0.034	0.066
16	12	0.485	1.009	20	15	0.494	0.960	24	18	0.482	1.009
16	13	7.967	15.970	20	16	8.087	16.162	24	19	7.979	16.174
16	14	127.458	255.133	20	17	128.057	255.739	24	20	127.941	255.661

## Cross-road distinguisher

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16	11	0.015	0.050	20	14	0.024	0.057	24	17	0.016	0.063
16	12	0.232	0.787	20	15	0.274	0.749	24	18	0.233	0.726
16	13	4.076	12.127	20	16	3.892	11.952	24	19	4.016	12.170
16	14	64.274	192.275	20	17	64.405	191.398	24	20	63.686	191.599

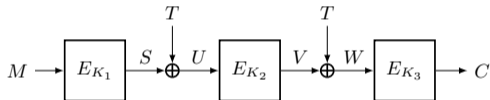
## Parallel-road distinguisher

- Small-PRESENT- $[n]$  [Lea10] with  $n \in \{16, 20, 24\}$
- Ideal = random function
- 1000 random keys, 2 messages,  $2^t$  tweaks
- $2x$  quartets for cross-road distinguisher
- $3x$  quartets for parallel-road distinguisher

## Section 3

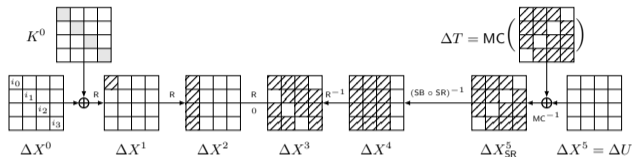
# Distinguishers on TNT-AES

- TNT-AES[6, 6, 6]
- Instantiation with 6-round AES



# Impossible-differential Attack on TNT-AES[5, \*, \*]

## Core Idea



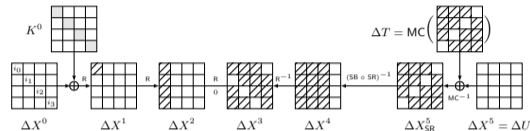
- Impossible differential
- Tweak-difference space  $\mathcal{T} = \{\Delta T \mid \Delta T \in \mathcal{M}_{\{0,1,2\}}\}$
- “Correct” message pairs  $M, M'$  with  $\Delta M \in \mathcal{D}_{\{0\}}$  with  $\Delta X^5 \in \mathcal{T}$  will produce distinguisher  $\implies$  more quartets
- Choose enough messages and enough tweaks for each message
- Correct message pairs cannot encrypt to  $\Delta X^1$
- Discard key candidates with correct message pairs

# Impossible-differential Attack on TNT-AES[5, \*, \*]

## Some Details

- Reduce  $K^0[0, 5, 10, 15]$  to  $2^{32-a}$
- Assumption: each correct message pair filters about  $2^{10}$  key candidates

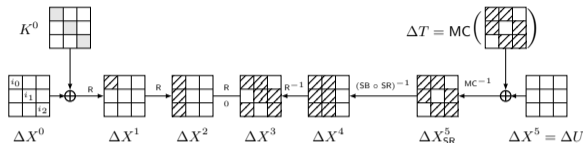
$$\Pr[K \text{ filtered}] \simeq (1 - 2^{-22})^N \leq 2^{-a}$$



- $N \geq 2^{26.47}$  correct message pairs for  $a \simeq 32$
- Structures of  $2^{3n/4}$  tweaks from mixed space  $\mathcal{T} = \mathcal{M}_{\{0,1,2\}}$
- $\Pr[\pi_1(M) \oplus \pi_1(M') \in \mathcal{T}] \simeq 2^{-32} \implies 2^{58.47}$  pairs needed  $\implies 2$  sets of  $2^{29.24}$  messages
- $\Pr[\text{quartet} | \text{incorrect MP}] \simeq 2^{-354}$  vs.  $\Pr[\text{quartet} | \text{correct MP}] \simeq 2^{-321}$
- Samajder and Sarkar [SS17]:  $2^{83.3}$  tweaks/message suffice (normal-distr. assumption)
- $2^{30.3} \cdot 2^{83.3} \simeq 2^{113.6}$  message-tweak CPs
- Few key candidates left  $\implies$  encryptions dominate time/memory complexity

MP = message pair  $(M^0, T_i^0), (M^1, T_j^1), (M^0, T_k^0), (M^1, T_\ell^1)$

# Implementation with (very) Small AES



- 36-bit variant of SMALL-AES [CMR05] ( $3 \times 3$  four-bit cells)
- Cross-road distinguisher
- Goal: Can we identify correct message pairs?
- Yes, huge distance
- #Quartets as expected

		With desired difference?			
		With		Without	
$t$	$m$	$\log_2(\mu)$	$\log_2(\sigma)$	$\log_2(\mu)$	$\log_2(\sigma)$
22	10 000	2.994	1.511	-10.480	-5.241
23	1 000	6.997	3.550	-6.158	-2.991
24	100	11.005	5.502	-1.837	-0.907
25	100	12.998	6.479	1.233	0.664
26	100	15.001	7.437	3.986	2.097
27	100	17.002	8.395	6.987	3.497

#Quartets for messages with and without correct difference after  $\pi_1$ .

## Section 4

# Security Analysis

# Transforming TNT to CLRW2

- Recent work by Jha and Nandi on CLRW2 [JN20]
- TPRP security (forward direction only)

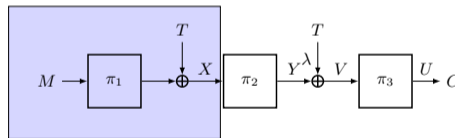
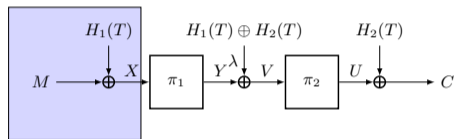
- $\epsilon$ -almost-universal hash function  
 $\widehat{H}_{\text{CLRW2}}(M, T) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} H_1(T) \oplus M$   
becomes

$$\widehat{H}_{\text{TNT}}(M, T) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \pi_1(M) \oplus T$$

$$\Pr[H_1(T) \oplus M = H_1(T') \oplus M'] \leq \epsilon$$

$$\Pr[\pi_1(M) \oplus T = \pi_1(M') \oplus T'] \leq \epsilon$$

- Ideal oracle samples  $\pi_1 \leftarrow \text{Perm}(\mathbb{F}_2^n)$
- Output is not masked, but we consider only TPRP



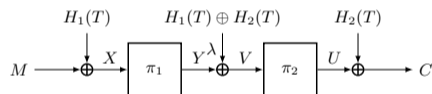


# Jha and Nandi on CLRW2

[JN20]

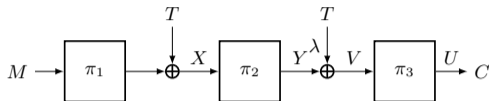
Sketch for  $O(2^{3n/4})$  STPRP security:

- Smart sampling strategy of  $Y$  and  $V$  in the middle
- Two sets of bad events:
  - Bad hash keys
  - Bad sampling
- Analysis of good transcripts



# Bad Events: 7 Bad Hash Equivalent

Core Difference to [JN20]



- $\text{bad}_1: \exists^* i, j \in [q]$  such that  $X_i = X_j \wedge U_i = U_j$ .

$$\Pr[\text{bad}_1] = 0$$

- $\text{bad}_2: \exists^* i, j \in [q]$  such that  $X_i = X_j \wedge T_i = T_j$ .

$$\Pr[\text{bad}_2] = 0$$

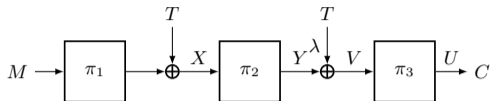
- $\text{bad}_3: \exists^* i, j \in [q]$  such that  $U_i = U_j \wedge T_i = T_j$ .

$$\Pr[\text{bad}_3] = 0$$

- $\text{bad}_4: \exists^* i, j, k, \ell \in [q]$  such that  $X_i = X_j \wedge U_j = U_k \wedge X_k = X_\ell$ .

$$\Pr[\text{bad}_4] \leq q^2 \epsilon^{1.5} \leq \frac{2q^2}{2^{1.5n}}$$

## Bad Events: Bad Hash Equivalents (cont'd)



- $\text{bad}_5: \exists^* i, j, k, \ell \in [q]$  such that  $U_i = U_j \wedge X_j = X_k \wedge U_k = U_\ell$ .

$$\Pr[\text{bad}_5] \leq \frac{2q^2}{2^{1.5n}}$$

- $\text{bad}_6: \exists k \geq 2^n/2q, \exists^* i_1, i_2, \dots, i_k \in [q]$  such that  $X_{i_1} = \dots = X_{i_k}$ .

$$\Pr[\text{bad}_6] \leq \frac{16q^4}{2^{3n}}$$

- $\text{bad}_7: \exists k \geq 2^n/2q, \exists^* i_1, i_2, \dots, i_k \in [q]$  such that  $U_{i_1} = \dots = U_{i_k}$ .

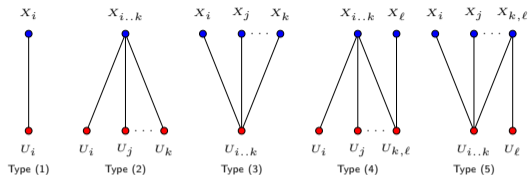
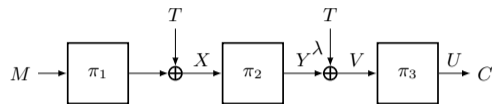
$$\Pr[\text{bad}_7] \leq \frac{16q^4}{2^{3n}}$$

### Lemma 1

For TNT, it holds in the ideal world that  $\Pr[\text{bad}] \leq \frac{4q^2}{2^{1.5n}} + \frac{32q^4}{2^{3n}}$ .

# Bad Events

[JN20]



Bad Sampling:

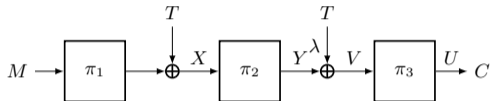
- Define transcript graph  $\mathcal{G}(\mathcal{X}^q, \mathcal{U}^q)$  of relations  $X_i, U_i$
- Consider the interesting components
- Group components of transcript into sets of components  $\mathcal{I}_i$  for  $i \in [1..5]$
- Ideal-world oracle tries to sample  $Y, V$  consistently
- If not possible: badsamp of components:
  - $\exists i \in \mathcal{I}_\alpha, j \in \mathcal{I}_\beta: X_i \neq X_j$  but  $Y_i = Y_j$
  - $\exists i \in \mathcal{I}_\alpha, j \in \mathcal{I}_\beta: U_i \neq U_j$  but  $V_i = V_j$

## Lemma 2

For TNT, it holds in the ideal world that  $\Pr[\text{badsamp}] \leq \frac{14g^4}{2^{3n}}$ .

# Good Transcripts

[JN20]

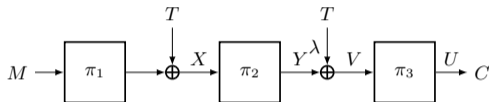


- Similar as for CLRW2 [JN20]

## Lemma 3

For an arbitrary good transcript  $\tau$ , it holds that

$$\frac{\Pr[\Theta_{\text{real}} = \tau]}{\Pr[\Theta_{\text{ideal}} = \tau]} \geq 1 - \frac{45q^4}{2^{3n}} - \frac{2q^2}{2^{2n}}.$$



## Theorem 4 (TPRP Security of TNT)

Let  $q \leq 2^{n-2}$ , and  $E_{K_1}, E_{K_2}, E_{K_3} : \mathcal{K} \times \mathbb{F}_2^n \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_2^n$  be block ciphers with  $K_1, K_2, K_3 \leftarrow \mathcal{K}$ . Then,

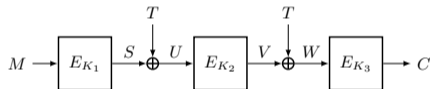
$$\mathbf{Adv}_{\text{TNT}[E_{K_1}, E_{K_2}, E_{K_3}]}^{\text{TPRP}}(q) \leq \frac{91q^4}{2^{3n}} + \frac{2q^2}{2^{2n}} + \frac{4q^2}{2^{1.5n}} + 3 \cdot \mathbf{Adv}_E^{\text{PRP}}(q).$$

## Section 5

### Summary

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- Both constructive and adversarial perspective on TNT
- $O(2^{3n/4})$  TPRP security on the shoulders of [JN20]
- $O(\sqrt{n}2^{3n/4})$  distinguishers on the shoulders of [Men18]
- Impossible-differential attack on TNT-AES[5, \*, \*]
- Can be applied similarly to TNT-AES[\*, \*, 5]





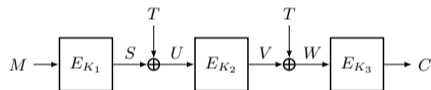
# Discussion and Future Work

Notes:

- Our work does not violate the security claims of TNT of at least  $O(2^{2n/3})$  queries or security of TNT-AES[6, 6, 6]
- With their analysis of TNT-AES[\* , 5, \*]  
 $\implies$  6 rounds are lower bound
- TNT is structurally very similar to CLRW2

Future work:

- STPRP analysis



Thank you for your attention

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