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Cube-Based Cryptanalysis of Subterranean-SAE

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Abstract. Subterranean 2.0 designed by Daemen, Massolino and Rotella is a Round 2 candidate of the NIST Lightweight Cryptography Standardization process. In the official document of Subterranean 2.0, the designers have analyzed the state collisions in unkeyed absorbing by reducing the number of rounds to absorb the message from 2 to 1. However, little cryptanalysis of the authenticated encryption scheme Subterranean-SAE is made. For Subterranean-SAE, the designers introduce 8 blank rounds to separate the controllable input and output, and expect that 8 blank rounds can achieve a sufficient diffusion. Therefore, it is meaningful to investigate the security by reducing the number of blank rounds. Moreover, the designers make no security claim but expect a non-trivial effort to achieve full-state recovery in a nonce-misuse scenario. In this paper, we present the first practical full-state recovery attack in a nonce-misuse scenario with data complexity of 2^{13} 32-bit blocks. In addition, in a nonce-respecting scenario and if the number of blank rounds is reduced to 4, we can mount a key-recovery attack with 2^{122} calls to the internal permutation of Subterranean-SAE and $2^{69.5}$ 32-bit blocks. A distinguishing attack with 2^{33} calls to the internal permutation of Subterranean-SAE and 2^{33} 32-bit blocks is achieved as well. Our cryptanalysis does not threaten the security claim for Subterranean-SAE and we hope it can enhance the understanding of Subterranean-SAE.

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1 Introduction

As the lightweight cryptographic primitives are becoming more and more important in industry, the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) started a public lightweight cryptography project in as early as 2013 and initiated the call for submissions in 2018, with the hope to select a lightweight cryptographic standard by combining the efforts of both academia and industry.

In this paper, our target is the primitive Subterranean 2.0 [DMR19] designed by Daemen, Massolino and Rotella, which has been selected by NIST for the second round. As said by the designers in the official document [DMR19], the round function is very simple and therefore it is an attractive target for cryptanalysis. Moreover, the algebraic degree of the one-round permutation is only 2, which gives us an impression that cube attack [DS09] and cube tester [ADMS09] may be feasible. In the recent three years, the cube attack has attracted the attention of many cryptographers. Especially, there is a series of publications [HWX+17, LBDW17, LDB+19, SGSL18] on the application of cube

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attack to the permutations underlying Keccak. Moreover, the bit-based division property introduced by Todo and Morii in [TM16] has also been applied to achieve a theoretical cube attack on stream ciphers in [TIHM17, WHT+18].

On the other hand, we observe that the designers of Subterranean 2.0 only investigated the security of state collisions in unkeyed absorbing by reducing the number of rounds to absorb the message from 2 to 1. However, there is little cryptanalysis for the authenticated encryption scheme Subterranean-SAE. The designers of Subterranean 2.0 made the following statement for Subterranean-SAE in their NIST submission [DMR19]:

In nonce-misuse scenario or when unwrapping invalid cryptograms returns more information than a simple error, we make no security claims and an attacker may even be able to reconstruct the secret state. Nevertheless we believe that this would probably a non-trivial effort, both in attack complexity as in ingenuity.

Therefore, we are motivated to devise a full-state recovery attack in the nonce-misuse scenario. In addition, the blank rounds in Subterranean-SAE are used to separate the controllable input and output and the designers choose 8 blank rounds. Thus, we believe that it is still interesting and meaningful to investigate its security when the number of blank rounds is reduced.

Our Contributions Inspired from the idea of the conditional cube tester proposed by Huang et al. [HWX+17], we propose four types of conditional cube tester, each of which requires that the number of conditions involving the secret bits is 1. As far as we know, the additional constraint on the number of conditions is new, which is not well studied in previous work, although such a case has appeared in [LDB+19]. Then, we can mount three types of attacks on Subterranean-SAE as follows. Our results[1] are summarized in Table 1.

- For the full-state recovery attack, our four types of conditional cube tester are used to recover some secret state bits. Then, we use a guess-and-determine technique to recover the full state. Consequently, the full-state recovery attack on Subterranean-SAE can be achieved with a practical time complexity and about 2^{13} 32-bit message blocks.

- For the distinguishing attack, we have found 33 cube variables and used them to construct a cube tester for reduced Subterranean-SAE with practical time complexity 2^{33} when the number of blank rounds is reduced to 4.

- When the number of blank rounds is reduced to 4, a key-recovery attack is also feasible. The attack procedure is composed of two steps. The first step is to recover some secret state bits as in the full-state recovery attack. The second step is to use a guess-and-determine technique to recover the full key. In this way, we can achieve a key-recovery attack with time complexity 2^{122} and data complexity $2^{69.5}$.

This paper is organized as follows. We briefly introduce Subterranean 2.0, cube attack, cube tester and conditional cube tester in Section 2. Then, the full-state recovery attack is described in Section 3. The distinguishing attack and key-recovery attack are shown in Section 4 and Section 5, respectively. Finally, the paper is concluded in Section 6.

2 Preliminaries

In this section, we will give an introduction of the round function of Subterranean 2.0 and its authenticated encryption scheme Subterranean-SAE. For more details, we refer to the official document [DMR19]. Moreover, since our technique benefits from the development

[1]The source code to verify how to recover the secret state bits and the distinguishing attack is available at https://github.com/Crypt-CNS/Subterranean-SAE.git

Table 1: The analytical results of Subterranean-SAE. The time complexity represents the required number of calls to the internal permutation of Subterranean-SAE. The data complexity represents the required number of 32-bit blocks. The associated data are all set to empty in the three attacks.

Attack Type	Blank rounds	Data	Time	Nonce-misuse	Ref.
Full-state recovery attack	arbitrary	2^{13}	practical	Yes	Sec. 3
Distinguishing attack	4	2^{33}	2^{33}	No	Sec. 4
Key-recovery attack	4	$2^{69.5}$	2^{122}	No	Sec. 5

of cube attack, we will also briefly describe the main idea of cube attack [DS09], cube tester [ADMS09] and conditional cube tester [HWX+17].

2.1 Description of Subterranean 2.0

The Subterranean 2.0 round function is composed of 4 simple operations and operates on a 257-bit state. Denote the 257-bit state by s and the four operations by χ, ι, θ, π. The one-round permutation $R = \pi \circ \theta \circ \iota \circ \chi$ is detailed as follows, where $s[i]$ represents the i-th bit of s.

$$\begin{aligned}
\chi &: s[i] \leftarrow s[i] \oplus \overline{s[i+1]}s[i+2], \\
\iota &: s[0] \leftarrow s[0] \oplus 1, \\
\theta &: s[i] \leftarrow s[i] \oplus s[i+3] \oplus s[i+8], \\
\pi &: s[i] \leftarrow s[12i],
\end{aligned}$$

where $0 \leq i \leq 256$. In addition, we denote the state after χ, ι, θ operation by s_χ, s_ι and s_θ, respectively.

2.2 The Subterranean-SAE Authenticated Encryption Scheme

Based on the Subterranean 2.0 round function, the designers have constructed an authenticated encryption scheme named Subterranean-SAE. A restricted version of Subterranean-SAE is illustrated in Figure 1. In this scheme, the input consists of a 128-bit key K, a 128-bit nonce N, the associated data A and the message M. The output is the ciphertext C and tag T. The procedure to generate the ciphertext and tag can be briefly described as follows:

Step 1: **Absorb the key:** Initialize a state s with all bits set to 0. Split the 128-bit key K into four 32-bit blocks K_0, K_1, K_2 and K_3. Then, make four consecutive calls to $duplex(s, K_i)$ $(0 \leq i \leq 3)$ (refer to Algorithm 1 for $duplex$) to update the internal state. Finally, make a call to $duplex(s, NULL)$ to further update the internal state, where $NULL$ represents an empty string.

Step 2: **Absorb the nonce:** Split the 128-bit nonce N into four 32-bit blocks N_0, N_1, N_2 and N_3. Then, make four consecutive calls to $duplex(s, N_i)$ $(0 \leq i \leq 3)$ to update the internal state. Finally, make a call to $duplex(s, NULL)$ to further update the internal state.

Step 3: **Blank rounds:** Make 8 consecutive calls to $duplex(s, NULL)$ to update the internal state.

Step 4: **Absorb the associated data:** Split the $|A|$-bit associated data A into a series of 32-bit blocks, denoted by A_i $(0 \leq i < \lceil |A|/32 \rceil)$, where $|A|$ denotes the length of A. Then, make $\lceil |A|/32 \rceil$ consecutive calls to $duplex(s, A_i)$ $(0 \leq i < \lceil |A|/32 \rceil)$

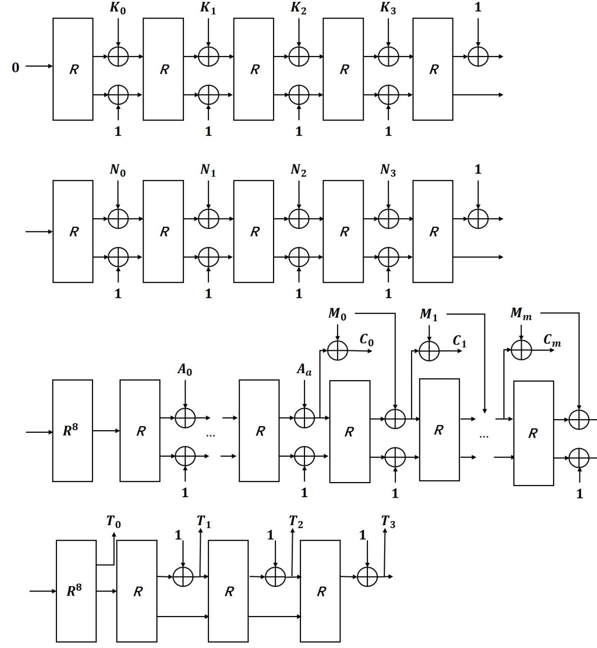

Figure 1: The construction of Subterranean-SAE

to update the internal state. If $|A|$ is a multiple of 32 (the case when A is empty is included in this case), make one more call to $duplex(s, NULL)$ to update the internal state.

Step 5: **Message encryption:** Split the $|M|$-bit ($|M| \geq 0$) message M into a series of 32-bit blocks, denoted by M_i ($0 \leq i < \lceil |M|/32 \rceil$), where $|M|$ denotes the length of M. Then, make $\lceil |M|/32 \rceil$ consecutive calls to $duplex(s, M_i)$ ($0 \leq i < \lceil |M|/32 \rceil$) to update the internal state. Before each call to $duplex(s, M_i)$, make a call to $extract(s)$ ($0 \leq i < \lceil |M|/32 \rceil$) (refer to Algorithm 2 for $extract$) and then the corresponding ciphertext is $C_i = extract(s) \oplus M_i$. If $|M|$ is a multiple of 32 (the case when M is empty is included in this case), make one more call to $duplex(s, NULL)$ to update the internal state.

Step 6: **Blank rounds:** Make 8 consecutive calls to $duplex(s, NULL)$ to update the internal state.

Step 7: **Extract tag:** Make a call to $extract(s)$ and obtain T_0. Then, make 3 consecutive calls to $duplex(s, NULL)$. After each call to $duplex(s, NULL)$, make a call to $extract(s)$ to obtain 32-bit T_i ($1 \leq i \leq 3$).

The details of $duplex(s, \sigma)$ and $extract(s)$ are described in Algorithm 1 and Algorithm 2, where σ is a bit string with at most 32 bits. The readers can also refer to the official document of Subterranean 2.0 [DMR19] for a better understanding.

The pseudocode in Algorithm 1 and Algorithm 2 is slightly different from the official document since we introduced two extra arrays IN and EX that are specified in Table 2. For a better understanding of the attacks, we introduce another array IN′ of size 32, where $\text{IN}'[i] = \text{IN}[i]$ for $0 \leq i \leq 31$.

Algorithm 1 *duplex*(s, σ)

1: $R(s)$
2: **for** j from 0 to $|\sigma| - 1$ **do**
3: $s[\text{IN}[j]]=s[\text{IN}[j]]\oplus\sigma[j]$
4: **end for**
5: $s[\text{IN}[|\sigma|]]=s[\text{IN}[|\sigma|]]\oplus 1$

Algorithm 2 *extract*(s)

1: **for** j from 0 to 31 **do**
2: $z[j]=s[\text{IN}[j]]\oplus s[\text{EX}[j]]$
3: **end for**
4: return z

2.3 Cube Tester

Cube testers were first proposed by Aumasson et al. at FSE 2009 [ADMS09] after Dinur et al. introduced the cube attack at Eurocrypt 2009 [DS09]. Different from standard cube attack, which aims at key extraction, a cube tester performs non-randomness detections. In our paper, we only concentrate on a specific non-random behaviour, i.e. the cube sum is zero. To describe the cube tester, we first recall the concept of cube attack as follows.

Theorem 1. *[DS09] Consider a polynomial $F : \{0,1\}^n \to \{0,1\}$ of degree d in the variables $(x_1, x_2, \cdots, x_n) \in F_2^n$. Define a subset $(x_{i_1}, x_{i_2}, \cdots, x_{i_k})$ as* ***cube variables****, where $I = (i_1, \cdots, i_k) \subset (1, 2, \cdots, n)$. Define another subset $(x_{j_1}, x_{j_2}, \cdots, x_{j_{n-k}})$ as* ***non-cube variables****, where $J = \{j_1, j_2, \cdots, j_{n-k}\}$ and $I \bigcap J = \phi$ (ϕ represents an empty set) and $I \bigcup J = \{1, 2, \cdots, n\}$. Moreover, denote the monomial $x_{i_1}x_{i_2}\cdots x_{i_k}$ by t. Then, F can be written as*

$$F = t \cdot P_t \oplus Q_t,$$

where the polynomial P_t only depends on the variables in $(x_{j_1}, x_{j_2}, \cdots, x_{j_{n-k}})$ and none of the monomials of the polynomial Q_t is divisible by t. Define U_t as a ***cube****, which is a set of 2^k vectors $X \in F_2^n$ as specified below:*

$$U_t = \{X \in F_2^n | X[i] \in \{0,1\}, X[j] = x_j, i \in I, j \in J\},$$

where x_j ($j \in J$) are undetermined variables. Denote the element in U_t by u_t. Then, the sum of the values of F over the cube U_t is

$$\sum_{u_t \in U_t} F(u_t) = P_t.$$

□

Table 2: The details of IN and EX

i	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
IN[i]	1	176	136	35	249	134	197	234	64	213	223	184	2	95	15	70	241
i	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	–
IN[i]	11	137	211	128	169	189	111	4	190	30	140	225	22	17	165	256	–
i	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
EX[i]	256	81	121	222	8	123	60	23	193	44	34	73	255	162	242	187	16
i	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	–	–
EX[i]	246	120	46	129	88	68	146	253	67	227	117	32	235	240	92	–	–

When applying the cube attacks to cryptographic primitives, the polynomial F is too complex to analyze. Therefore, the attacker tries to find a suitable monomial t and recover the corresponding P_t at the offline phase. Then, the attacker can construct an equation $P_t(X') = c$ at the online phase, where $c \in GF(2)$ and the components of X' consist in variables x_j $(j \in J)$. By considering different t or different output bits, the attacker can finally collect a sufficient number of equations. Especially, if the key information is involved in this equation system and all the equations are linear, the attacker can efficiently solve this equation system to recover the secret information.

Cube tester We focus on one specific non-random behaviour detected by the cube tester, i.e. the cube sum is zero. Specifically, if there exists such a cube U_t that the following equation always holds, then U_t can be viewed as one type of the cube tester [ADMS09], i.e. the sum over it always equals zero.

$$\sum_{u_t \in U_t} F(u_t) = P_t = 0.$$

For example, consider the following polynomial F:

$$F(x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3) = x_0x_1 \oplus x_1x_2 \oplus x_2x_4 \oplus x_1x_3 \oplus x_1x_2x_4.$$

Then, the following equation always holds:

$$\sum_{(x_0,x_3) \in \{0,1\}^2} F(x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3) = 0.$$

The reason is that none of the monomials in $F(x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3)$ is divisible by x_0x_3. However, if we sum F over all values of (x_1, x_2), then we can obtain the following equation:

$$\sum_{(x_1,x_2) \in \{0,1\}^2} F(x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3) = 1 \oplus x_4.$$

That is, the sum is dependent on the value of x_4.

2.4 Conditional Cube Tester

The conditional cube tester was first proposed by Huang et al. [HWX+17], which was used to detect a non-randomness of reduced-round Keccak-based constructions where the cube sum is zero. Different from the cube tester in [ADMS09], the cube sum becomes zero only when some specified conditions are satisfied for the conditional cube tester [HWX+17]. The conditional cube tester can be used to construct a distinguisher as well as to mount a key-recovery attack. The attack procedure of the conditional cube tester consists of the offline phase and online phase as well.

At the offline phase, the aim is to find suitable cube variables (defined in Subsection 2.3) and a corresponding set of conditions $L_i(\alpha, \beta) = 0$ where $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \cdots, \alpha_a) \in F_2^a$ and $\beta = (\beta_1, \beta_2, \cdots, \beta_b) \in F_2^b$ and $L_i(\alpha, \beta)$ is a linear expression over GF(2) in terms of (α, β). Moreover, suppose α consists of secret variables and β consists of public variables that can be controlled by the attacker. Then, the attacker concludes that the cube sum must be zero when all the conditions $L_i(\alpha, \beta) = 0$ hold. For convenience, with "variable α" or "variable β", we mean the set of variables addressed by the set α or β.

For a key-recovery attack, α will be involved in some of the conditions $L_i(\alpha, \beta) = 0$. Then, at the online phase, the attacker can continuously adjust the value of the expression of $L_i(\alpha, \beta)$ until he observes that the cube sum becomes zero. When the cube sum becomes zero, he can conclude that all the conditions $L_i(\alpha, \beta) = 0$ have been satisfied with an

overwhelming probability. In this way, he can also collect a sufficient number of linear equations. Solving this equation system can help recover some secret information.

When the aim is to construct a distinguisher, α will not be involved in any conditions. Therefore, the attacker can choose the message to make all the conditions hold and then he can know that the cube sum must be zero.

2.5 Our Conditional Cube Tester

As has been discussed above, when the attacker uses a conditional cube tester to recover the secret information, he concludes that all the conditions have been satisfied when he observes that the cube sum becomes zero. However, such a conclusion may be wrong since it is still possible that the cube sum will be zero even if the conditions are not satisfied, especially when the number of cube variables is small and the diffusion is weak.

Hence, there are two directions to confirm the correctness of such a conclusion. One direction is to obtain a strict distinguisher which can distinguish two cases (cube sum is zero and nonzero) with probability 1, which will be used in our full-state recovery attack. The second direction is the same as in [HWX+17]. In the specific scenario, a sufficient number of cube variables and number of rounds to diffuse variables are introduced so that we can conclude that all the involved conditions are fulfilled with an overwhelming probability if the cube sum is zero. This way will be used in our key-recovery attack in the nonce-respecting scenario.

3 Full-State Recovery Attack

In this section, we describe how to mount a full-state recovery attack on Subterranean-SAE in a nonce-misuse scenario.

3.1 Overview

Suppose the same nonce can be reused for several times. Our attack procedure can be divided into two steps.

Step 1: Use four types of conditional cube tester to recover some secret state bits.

Step 2: Utilize the guess-and-determine technique. Specifically, guess extra unknown secret state bits to construct a sufficient number of linear Boolean equations. Solve the equation system to recover the full state and check its correctness according to the ciphertext and tag value.

3.2 Additional Constraint

In recent two years, the conditional cube tester has been intensively investigated [HWX+17, LBDW17, LDB+19, LCW19, SGSL18]. However, in order to apply it to Subterranean-SAE, an additional constraint to build the conditional cube tester is essential, which has not been clearly discussed before, as far as we know. The additional constraint is the number of conditions involving the secret variables. We have described the general idea of conditional cube tester [HWX+17] in Subsection 2.4. Especially, there will be a set of conditions $L_i(\alpha, \beta)$ (defined in Subsection 2.4) in order to construct a conditional cube tester. Then, our additional constraint can be described as follows:

Additional constraint The number of such conditions $L_i(\alpha, \beta) = 0$ that involves α is one.

First of all, let us assume that the attacker can always satisfy the conditions where no secret variable is involved since he can carefully choose the value of the public variables. Under this assumption, what benefits will this additional constraint bring? On one hand, if we observe that the cube sum is nonzero, we can immediately conclude that $L_i(\alpha, \beta) = 1$. This is because the sum must be zero if $L_i(\alpha, \beta) = 0$. On the other hand, once the cube sum is zero, we can conclude that $L_i(\alpha, \beta) = 0$ with an overwhelming probability as well. In other words, whatever the cube sum is, there is no need to adjust the value of β in $L_i(\alpha, \beta)$ and we can directly collect an equation.

However, consider the case when there are more than 1 condition involving the secret variable α, supposing they are $L_0(\alpha, \beta) = 0$ and $L_1(\alpha, \beta) = 0$. When the cube sum is zero, we can conclude that $L_0(\alpha, \beta) = 0$ and $L_1(\alpha, \beta) = 0$ with an overwhelming probability. However, when the cube sum is nonzero, there will be three possible values of $(L_0(\alpha, \beta), L_1(\alpha, \beta))$, which are $(0, 1)$, $(1, 0)$ and $(1, 1)$. In all previous applications of conditional cube tester to Keccak-based constructions, the public variable β is always involved in all the conditions. Thus, if the attacker observes that the cube sum is nonzero, he can always adjust the value of β until he observes that the cube sum becomes zero and then collect the equations. However, if β is not involved in either L_0 or L_1, the attacker will lose the control over the values of the expressions L_0 and L_1. Consequently, the attacker obviously cannot know the actual value of $(L_0(\alpha, \beta), L_1(\alpha, \beta))$ when the cube sum is nonzero.

As will be shown, to apply the conditional cube tester to Subterranean-SAE, the condition is directly imposed on one secret state bit. Thus, no public variable is involved in the conditions. In this case, once more bit conditions are involved, the attacker cannot determine which condition holds if the cube sum is nonzero and he can only know that the conditions do not hold simultaneously. However, with our additional constraint, the attacker can always collect an equation whatever the cube sum is. In the following contents, the details of our conditional cube tester will be introduced.

3.3 Determining Parameters for Conditional Cube Tester

Since the publication of conditional cube tester [HWX+17], MILP-based methods to search the corresponding parameters have been developed [LBDW17, SGSL18]. In addition, there is also a dedicated method to search the cube variables for Keccak-MAC in [LCW19]. Our method to search the parameters for the conditional cube tester is based on an idea similar to the dedicated method [LCW19]. But the details are obviously different from that in [LCW19].

There are four types of conditional cube tester in our attack, denoted by TYPE-I, TYPE-II, TYPE-III and TYPE-IV conditional cube tester respectively. The method to determine the parameters will vary for different types of conditional cube tester.

To make this part understandable, we first give an illustration of how the message is processed in Subterranean-SAE, as shown in Figure 2. The input to the round permutation is denoted by $MS_i^{in}$when processing the message block.

For the attack, we send an encryption query (N, A, M_0, M_1, M_2, M_3) to collect the corresponding tag (T_0, T_1, T_2, T_3). Our first aim is to recover some bits of the secret states $(MS_1^{in}, MS_2^{in}, MS_3^{in})$ and the final aim is to recover the full MS_1^{in} in this query.

According to the process of absorbing the message in Figure 2, it can be observed that the attacker can always control 32 bits of the input to the round permutation as well as extract 32-bit information after one-round permutation. Thus, we use an equivalent description of this process, as depicted in Figure 3. Specifically, s^i $(i \geq 0)$ denotes the input to the $(i + 1)$-th round permutation, while s_χ^i, s_ι^i, s_θ^i denotes the state after the χ, ι,

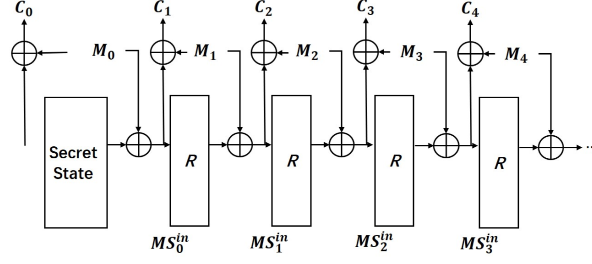

Figure 2: Processing the message

θ operation, respectively, in the $(i+1)$-th round. Note that the attacker can always control 32 bits of s^i and extract 32-bit information of s^i by making a call to $z^i = extract(s^i)$.

In the following part, we suppose the secret input states are (s^0, s^1) and will introduce how to use the four types of conditional cube tester to recover some of their secret bits. Then, we will describe how to deploy it to recover some secret bits of $(MS_1^{in}, MS_2^{in}, MS_3^{in})$.

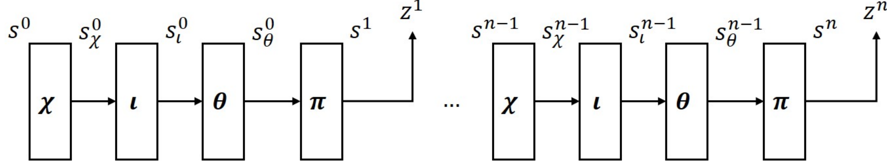

Figure 3: Equivalent description of processing the message

For a better understanding of the following contents, we make a definition of the relations between two variables v_0 and v_1. Based on the Subterranean 2.0 round function, any bit of the internal state s^x $(x \geq 0)$ can be expressed as a Boolean polynomial in terms of a previous internal state s^y $(0 \leq y \leq x)$. Suppose there are two variables v_0 and v_1, which will be set at two internal state bits $s^{i_0}[j_0]$ and $s^{i_1}[j_1]$ $(i_0 \geq 0, i_1 \geq 0)$, respectively. For convenience, assume that $i_0 \leq i_1$. Then, for an internal state s^{i_2} $(i_2 \geq i_1)$, consider any two consecutive bits $s^{i_2}[index]$ and $s^{i_2}[index+1]$. For $s^{i_2}[index]$, it can be expressed as a Boolean polynomial in terms of s^{i_0}. For $s^{i_2}[index+1]$, it can be expressed as a Boolean polynomial in terms of s^{i_1}.

Definition 1. For all 257 pairs of the two consecutive state bits $s^{i_2}[index]$ and $s^{i_2}[index+1]$, if all of them satisfy that either the expression of $s^{i_2}[index]$ must not contain the variable v_0 or the expression of $s^{i_2}[index+1]$ must not contain the variable v_1, v_0 is said not to be next to v_1 in s^{i_2}. Otherwise, v_0 is said to be next to v_1 in s^{i_2}.

Based on such a definition, the relation between v_0 and v_1 in a specific internal state s^{i_2} is static since the expression of $s^{i_2}[index]$ in terms of s^{i_0} and the expression of $s^{i_2}[index+1]$ in terms of s^{i_1} are static. However, if some state bits of s^{i_3} $(i_0 \leq i_3 < i_2)$ are set to specific constants, certain monomials in the expression of $s^{i_2}[index]$ in terms of s^{i_0} or in the expression of $s^{i_2}[index+1]$ in terms of s^{i_1} will disappear. Given a certain assignment to some state bits of s^{i_3}, if one could identify that some monomials must disappear, one could simplify the expression of $s^{i_2}[index]$ and the expression of $s^{i_2}[index+1]$ by removing these monomials. After simplification, if all the two consecutive state bits in s^{i_2} satisfy that either the expression of $s^{i_2}[index]$ must not contain the variable v_0 or the expression of $s^{i_2}[index+1]$ must not contain the variable v_1, v_0 is still said not to be next to v_1 in s^{i_2}. How to find and identify such an assignment to affect the relation between v_0 and v_1 is what we will address in this paper.

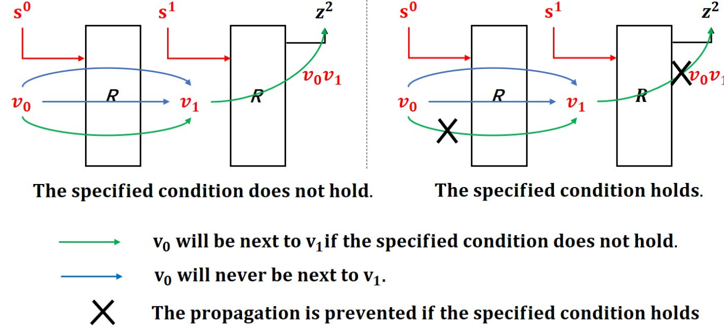

Figure 4: Illustration of TYPE-I conditional cube tester

3.3.1 TYPE-I Conditional Cube Tester

For the TYPE-I condition cube tester, we only choose two cube variables v_0 and v_1, where v_0 and v_1 are set at s^0 and s^1 respectively. The condition is imposed on a certain bit $s^0[x]$, denoted by $f(s^0[x]) = 0$, where $f(s^0[x])$ is a linear expression in terms of $s^0[x]$, thus being either $s^0[x]$ or $s^0[x] \oplus 1$. Then, v_0 and v_1 should satisfy the following conditions:

Condition 1: If $f(s^0[x]) = 0$ holds, after one-round permutation for v_0, v_0 will not be next to v_1 in s^1. In this case, z^2 is linear in (v_0, v_1).

Condition 2: If $f(s^0[x]) = 0$ does not hold, after one-round permutation for v_0, v_0 will be next to v_1 in s^1 and some bits of z^2 must contain the quadratic term v_0v_1.

An illustration for the TYPE-I condition cube tester is given in Figure 4.

3.3.2 TYPE-II Conditional Cube Tester

For the TYPE-II condition cube tester, we choose three cube variables v_0, v_1 and v_2, where v_0 and (v_1, v_2) are set at s^0 and s^1 respectively. The condition is imposed on a certain bit $s^0[x]$, denoted by $f(s^0[x]) = 0$, where $f(s^0[x])$ is either $s^0[x]$ or $s^0[x] \oplus 1$. Then, v_0 and (v_1, v_2) should satisfy the following conditions:

Condition 1: v_1 and v_2 are not next to each other in s^1.

Condition 2: If $f(s^0[x]) = 0$ holds, after one-round permutation for v_0, v_0 will not be next to v_1 nor v_2 in s^1. In this case, z^2 is linear in (v_0, v_1, v_2). Since the degree of the one-round permutation is 2, z^3 will not contain the term $v_0v_1v_2$.

Condition 3: If $f(s^0[x]) = 0$ does not hold, after one-round permutation for v_0, v_0 will be next to v_1 in s^1. In addition, after one more round permutation, z^3 must contain the cubic term $v_0v_1v_2$.

An illustration for the TYPE-II condition cube tester is given in Figure 5.

3.3.3 TYPE-III Conditional Cube Tester

For the TYPE-III condition cube tester, we choose two cube variables v_0 and v_1, where v_0 and v_1 are set at s^0 and s^2 respectively. The condition is imposed on a certain bit $s^0[x]$, denoted by $f(s^0[x]) = 0$, where $f(s^0[x])$ is either $s^0[x]$ or $s^0[x] \oplus 1$. Then, v_0 and v_1 should satisfy the following conditions:

Condition 1: If $f(s^0[x]) = 0$ holds, after two-round permutation for v_0, v_0 will not be next to v_1 in s^2. In this case, z_3 will not contain the term v_0v_1.

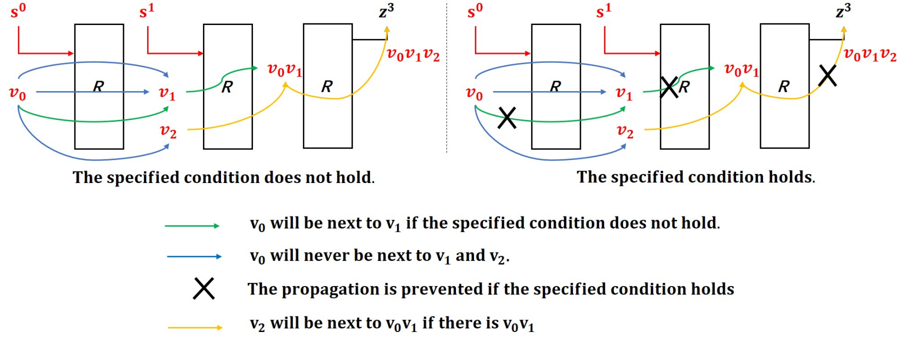

Figure 5: Illustration of TYPE-II conditional cube tester

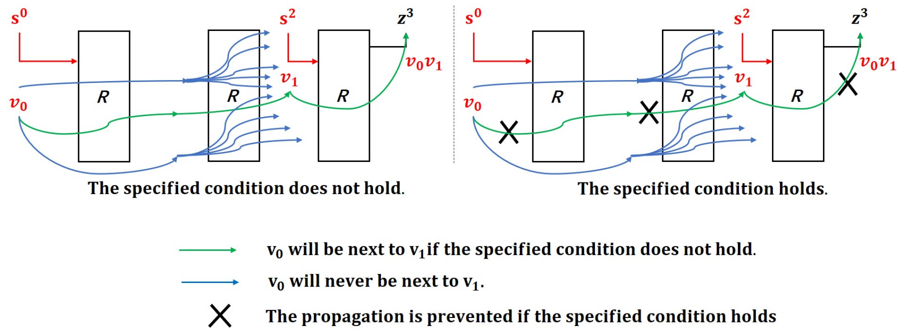

Figure 6: Illustration of TYPE-III conditional cube tester

Condition 2: If $f(s^0[x]) = 0$ does not hold, after two-round permutation for v_0, v_0 will be next to v_1 in s^2 and some bits of z_3 must contain the term v_0v_1.

An illustration for the TYPE-III condition cube tester is given in Figure 6.

3.3.4 TYPE-IV Conditional Cube Tester

For the TYPE-IV condition cube tester, we choose two cube variables v_0 and v_1, where v_0 and v_1 are set at s^0 and s^2 respectively. Different from the previous three types of conditional cube tester, the condition is imposed on a certain bit $s^1[x]$ rather than $s^0[x]$, denoted by $f(s^1[x]) = 0$, where $f(s^1[x])$ is either $s^1[x]$ or $s^1[x] \oplus 1$. Then, v_0 and v_1 should satisfy the following conditions:

Condition 1: If $f(s^1[x]) = 0$ holds, after two-round permutation for v_0, v_0 will not be next to v_1 in s^2. In this case, z_3 will not contain the term v_0v_1.

Condition 2: If $f(s^1[x]) = 0$ does not hold, after two-round permutation for v_0, v_0 will be next to v_1 in s^2 and some bits of z_3 must contain the term v_0v_1.

Condition 3: The value of $f(s^1[x])$ will remain the same if v_0 takes different values.

The TYPE-IV conditional cube tester will allow us to recover more secret state bits. An illustration for the TYPE-IV condition cube tester is given in Figure 7. One can easily capture the difference between TYPE-III and TYPE-IV condition cube tester according to the illustrations.

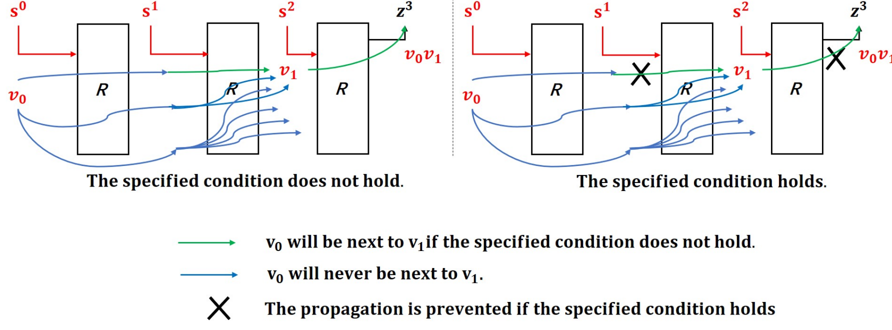

Figure 7: Illustration of TYPE-IV conditional cube tester

3.3.5 Tracing Propagation of Cube Variables

Suppose a variable v is set at the input state bit $s^i[p]$. According to the definition of χ operation, there will be three bits containing the variable. We classify the bits into three types in a similar way as in [LCW19] in order to achieve better tracing.

- **Core bit**: The bit $s^i_\chi[p]$ is defined as the core bit since $s^i_\chi[p]$ will always contain the variable v. After ι, θ and π operations, it will propagate to three bit positions of s^{i+1}, which will be stored in the array CORE of size 3 $(0 \leq i \leq 2)$.
- **Zero-condition bit**: The bit $s^i_\chi[p-1]$ is defined as the zero-condition bit since $s^i_\chi[p-1]$ will not contain the variable v if $s^i[p+1] = 0$. The variable v in $s^i_\chi[p-1]$ will propagate to three bit positions of s^{i+1}, which will be stored in the array ZERO of size 3.
- **One-condition bit**: The bit $s^i_\chi[p-2]$ is defined as the one-condition bit since $s^i_\chi[p-2]$ will not contain the variable v if $s^i[p-1] = 1$. The variable v in $s^i_\chi[p-2]$ will propagate to three bit positions of s^{i+1}, which will be stored in the array ONE of size 3.

For convenience, given a position p, we suppose CORE, ZERO and ONE can be computed as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{CORE} &= returnCore(p),\\ \text{ZERO} &= returnZero(p),\\ \text{ONE} &= returnOne(p).\end{aligned}$$

The three functions $returnCore$, $returnZero$ and $returnOne$ can be easily implemented by considering the effect of the linear layer of the round function of Subterranean 2.0.

3.3.6 Searching Cube Variables for TYPE-I Conditional Cube Tester

Suppose v_0 is set at $s^0[k]$ $(k \in \text{IN}')$. Using the above tracing algorithm, we can obtain CORE, ZERO and ONE by tracing the propagation of v_0 through the one-round permutation. Then we determine the compatible cube variable v_1 set at s^1 according to CORE, ZERO and ONE with Algorithm 6 in Appendix B. According to the result obtained from Algorithm 6, it is not sufficient to determine whether a candidate for v_1 is valid. The reason is that the attacker can only extract fixed 32-bit information z^2 of s^2, where $z^2[i] = s[\text{IN}[i]] \oplus s[\text{EX}[i]]$ $(0 \leq i \leq 31)$. If the condition used to slow down the propagation of v_1 does not hold, then s^1_χ will contain the term v_0v_1. However, the attacker cannot ensure that the quadratic term v_0v_1 will propagate to z^2. In this case, z^2 is still linear in

(v_0, v_1). Therefore, for each candidate of v_1, we have to make a further filtering. Suppose v_1 is set at one candidate bit position q and the zero-bit/one-bit bit of v_0 will propagate to $s^1[q-1]$ (or $s^1[q+1]$). Then, we trace the propagation of a variable v_q (which is quadratic) set in $s^1[q-2]$ (or $s^1[q-1]$) with the above tracing method and obtain the array CORE′. At last, we check whether there is an element $\mathrm{CORE}'[i]$ $(0 \leq i \leq 2)$ satisfying

$$\mathrm{CORE}'[i] = \mathrm{IN}[j], \mathrm{CORE}'[i] \neq \mathrm{EX}[j],$$

or

$$\mathrm{CORE}'[i] \neq \mathrm{IN}[j], \mathrm{CORE}'[i] = \mathrm{EX}[j],$$

where $0 \leq j \leq 31$. If there is, the candidate bit position q is valid. In other words, if the predefined bit condition $f(s^0[x]) = 0$ does not hold, at least one bit of z^2 will contain the quadratic term v_0v_1. If it holds, z^2 is linear in (v_0, v_1). Thus, we can obtain an equation based on the cube sum of z^2 as follows:

$$\sum z^2 \neq 0 \Rightarrow f(s^0[x]) = 1,$$
$$\sum z^2 = 0 \Rightarrow f(s^0[x]) = 0,$$

where $f(s^0[x])$ is either $s^0[x]$ or $s^0[x] \oplus 1$.

With this method to select cube variables, we can find 24 possible choices for (v_0, v_1) and recover 24 secret bits of s^0, as listed in Table 6 in Appendix B. To have a better understanding of this table, we give an explanation for one choice. Consider the parameter that v_0 is set at $s^0[2]$ and v_1 is set at $s^1[213]$. If the condition $s^0[3] = 0$ does not hold, the cube sum of z^2 will be nonzero. Therefore, if we observe that the cube sum of z^2 is zero, we know that $s^0[3] = 0$. Otherwise, $s^0[3] = 1$.

3.3.7 Searching Cube Variables for TYPE-II Conditional Cube Tester

For TYPE-II conditional cube tester, the number of cube variables is 3. Therefore, when the secret bits cannot be recovered by TYPE-I, TYPE-III and TYPE-IV conditional cube tester, we will use it. Note that v_0 is set at s^0. Similarly, we will obtain the candidate for v_1 set at s^1. However, different from the TYPE-I conditional cube tester, we do not filter the case when v_0v_1 does not appear at z^2. We still trace the propagation of the quadratic term v_0v_1 to the state s^2 and record the bit positions in s^2 which always contain the term v_0v_1. In addition, we also trace the propagation of v_2 set in s^1 to the state s^2 and record the bit positions in s^2 which always contain the term v_2. We expect that after χ operation, there will always exist a cubic term $v_0v_1v_2$ in s^2_χ, which can be easily detected with the recorded bit positions for the propagation of v_0v_1 and v_2. Moreover, the cubic term will also always propagate to the output bits in z^3. Therefore, we can construct a distinguisher as follows:

If the predefined bit condition $f(s^0[x]) = 0$ does not hold, at least one bit of z^3 will contain the cubic term $v_0v_1v_2$. If it holds, s^2 is linear in (v_0, v_1, v_2) and z^3 will obviously not contain the cubic term $v_0v_1v_2$. Thus, we can obtain an equation based on the cube sum of z^3 as follows:

$$\sum z^3 \neq 0 \Rightarrow f(s^0[x]) = 1,$$
$$\sum z^3 = 0 \Rightarrow f(s^0[x]) = 0,$$

where $f(s^0[x])$ is either $s^0[x]$ or $s^0[x] \oplus 1$.

In this case, we have 2 choices for (v_0, v_1, v_2) and can recover 2 secret bits of s^0, as listed in Table 7 in Appendix B. The explanation for this table is the same as that for Table 6.

3.3.8 Searching Cube Variables for TYPE-III Conditional Cube Tester

For the TYPE-III conditional cube tester, the number of cube variables is two. The cube variables (v_0, v_1) are set at s^0 and s^2 respectively. Similarly, we first obtain three kinds of bit positions in s^1 which will contain the variable v_0 and record them in the array CORE, ZERO and ONE respectively.

Then, we define three new arrays COREAll, ZEROAll and ONEAll, which can be computed as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}&obtainAll(\text{CORE}, \text{COREAll}),\\&obtainAll(\text{ONE}, \text{ONEAll}),\\&obtainAll(\text{ZERO}, \text{ZEROAll}).\end{aligned}$$

The function *obtainAll* can be referred to Algorithm 3.

Note that ZEROAll and ONEAll will contain all possible influenced bit positions. However, the information provided by COREAll, ZEROAll and ONEAll is still not sufficient to help determine a candidate position for v_1. The reason is that some bits of s^1 will influence the propagation of the variables located at ZERO and ONE of s^1.

Therefore, to find out which bits of s^2 will always contain the variable propagating from the bit positions ZERO (or ONE) of s^1, we define two extra arrays ZEROCore and ONECore and compute them as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}&obtainCore(\text{ZERO}, \text{ZEROCore}),\\&obtainCore(\text{ONE}, \text{ONECore}).\end{aligned}$$

The function *obtainCore* can be referred to Algorithm 4.

Based on the five arrays COREAll, ZEROAll, ONEAll, ZEROCore and ONECore, we define additional five arrays COREAllNext, ZEROAllNext, ONEALLNext, ZEROCoreNext and ONECoreNext. These five new arrays are computed by making calls to

$$\begin{aligned}&obtainNext(\text{COREAll}, \text{COREAllNext}),\\&obtainNext(\text{ZEROAll}, \text{ZEROAllNext}),\\&obtainNext(\text{ONEAll}, \text{ONEAllNext}),\\&obtainNext(\text{ZEROCore}, \text{ZEROCoreNext}),\\&obtainNext(\text{ONECore}, \text{ONECoreNext}).\end{aligned}$$

The function *obtainNext* can be referred to Algorithm 5. Specifically, these five new arrays are used to store which bits in IN′ will be next to the elements in COREAll, ZEROAll, ONEAll, ZEROCore and ONECore respectively.

At last, we can determine a candidate bit position in s^2 for v_1. The bit position q ($q \in \text{IN}'$) can be viewed as a candidate only if it satisfies the following condition:

$$q \in \text{ZEROCoreNext}, q \notin \text{COREAllNext}, q \notin \text{ONEAllNext},$$

or

$$q \in \text{ONECoreNext}, q \notin \text{COREAllNext}, q \notin \text{ZEROAllNext}.$$

A valid bit position p for v_1 should satisfy one more condition. For example, suppose $p-1 \in \text{ZEROCore}$ (or $p+1 \in \text{ZEROCore}$). Then at least one bit of z^3 must contain the term $s^2[p]s^2[p-1]$ (or $s^2[p]s^2[p+1]$). In other words, if the propagation of v_0 is not prevented by a condition, a quadratic term v_0v_1 will always appear at the expression of s^3. However, if such a propagation is prevented, s^3 is linear in (v_0, v_1). Therefore, we can construct a distinguisher as follows:

If the predefined bit condition $f(s^0[x]) = 0$ does not hold, at least one bit of z^3 will contain the quadratic term v_0v_1. If it holds, s^2 is linear in (v_0, v_1) and z^3 will obviously not contain the quadratic term v_0v_1. Thus, we can obtain an equation based on the cube sum of z^3 as follows:

$$\sum z^3 \neq 0 \Rightarrow f(s^0[x]) = 1,$$
$$\sum z^3 = 0 \Rightarrow f(s^0[x]) = 0,$$

where $f(s^0[x])$ is either $s^0[x]$ or $s^0[x] \oplus 1$.

In total, we have 27 possible choices for (v_0, v_1) and can recover 27 secret bits of s^0, as listed in Table 8 in Appendix B. The explanation for this table is the same as that for Table 6.

Algorithm 3 *obtainAll*(array, arrayAll)

```
1:  size=array.size()
2:  arrayAll.clear()
3:  for i from 0 to size−1 do
4:      CORE=returnCore(array[i])
5:      ZERO=returnZero(array[i])
6:      ONE=returnOne(array[i])
7:      arrayAll=arrayAll ⋃ CORE ⋃ ZERO ⋃ ONE
8:  end for
```

Algorithm 4 *obtainCore*(array, arrayCore)

```
1:  size=array.size()
2:  arrayCore.clear()
3:  for i from 0 to size−1 do
4:      CORE=returnCore(array[i])
5:      arrayCore=arrayCore ⋃ CORE
6:  end for
```

Algorithm 5 *obtainNext*(array, arrayNext)

```
1:  size=array.size()
2:  arrayNext.clear()
3:  for i from 0 to size−1 do
4:      if array[i] − 1 ∈ IN′ then
5:          arrayNext.pushback(array[i] − 1)
6:      end if
7:      if array[i] + 1 ∈ IN′ then
8:          arrayNext.pushback(array[i] + 1)
9:      end if
10: end for
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3.3.9 Searching Cube Variables for TYPE-IV Conditional Cube Tester

For the TYPE-IV conditional cube tester, the number of cube variables is two. The cube variables (v_0, v_1) are set at s^0 and s^2 respectively. Similarly, we first obtain three kinds of

bit positions in s^1 which will contain the variable v_0 and record them in the array CORE, ZERO and ONE respectively.

Next, for the three bit positions in CORE, we trace their propagation one by one and record all the possible bit positions of s^2 that will contain the variables propagating from CORE[0], CORE[1] and CORE[2] of s^1 in CORE0, CORE1 and CORE2, respectively. Formally,

$$\text{CORE0} = returnCore(\text{CORE}[0]) \bigcup returnZero(\text{CORE}[0]) \bigcup returnOne(\text{CORE}[0]),$$
$$\text{CORE1} = returnCore(\text{CORE}[1]) \bigcup returnZero(\text{CORE}[1]) \bigcup returnOne(\text{CORE}[1]),$$
$$\text{CORE2} = returnCore(\text{CORE}[2]) \bigcup returnZero(\text{CORE}[2]) \bigcup returnOne(\text{CORE}[2]).$$

Then, we further classify the positions of CORE0, CORE1 and CORE2. For this purpose, we will introduce 9 extra arrays to record some necessary information of the propagation. These 9 arrays are defined as CORE0core, CORE0zero, CORE0one, CORE1core, CORE1zero, CORE1one, CORE2core, CORE2zero and CORE2one and are computed as follows.

$$\begin{aligned}
&\text{CORE0core} = returnCore(\text{CORE}[0]),\\
&\text{CORE1core} = returnCore(\text{CORE}[1]),\\
&\text{CORE2core} = returnCore(\text{CORE}[2]),\\
&\text{CORE0zero} = returnZero(\text{CORE}[0]),\\
&\text{CORE1zero} = returnZero(\text{CORE}[1]),\\
&\text{CORE2zero} = returnZero(\text{CORE}[2]),\\
&\text{CORE0one} = returnOne(\text{CORE}[0]),\\
&\text{CORE1one} = returnOne(\text{CORE}[1]),\\
&\text{CORE2one} = returnOne(\text{CORE}[2]).
\end{aligned}$$

The definitions of $returnCore$, $returnZero$ and $returnOne$ can be referred to Subsubsection 3.3.5.

Then, we introduce two extra arrays ZEROAll and ONEAll and compute them as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
&obtainAll(\text{ZERO}, \text{ZEROAll}),\\
&obtainAll(\text{ONE}, \text{ONEAll}).
\end{aligned}$$

Finally, similar to the search for TYPE-III conditional cube cube variables, we additionally define 14 arrays, which are

$$\begin{aligned}
&\text{CORE0Next},\ \text{CORE1Next},\ \text{CORE2Next},\\
&\text{CORE0coreNext},\ \text{CORE0zeroNext},\ \text{CORE0oneNext},\\
&\text{CORE1coreNext},\ \text{CORE1zeroNext},\ \text{CORE1oneNext},\\
&\text{CORE2coreNext},\ \text{CORE2eroNext},\ \text{CORE2oneNext},\\
&\text{ZEROAllNext},\ \text{ONEAllNext}.
\end{aligned}$$

These 14 arrays can be computed as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
&obtainNext(\text{CORE0}, \text{CORE0Next}),\\
&obtainNext(\text{CORE1}, \text{CORE1Next}),\\
&obtainNext(\text{CORE2}, \text{CORE2Next}),
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&obtainNext(\text{CORE0core}, \text{CORE0coreNext}),\\
&obtainNext(\text{CORE0zero}, \text{CORE0zeroNext}),\\
&obtainNext(\text{CORE0one}, \text{CORE0oneNext}),\\
&obtainNext(\text{CORE1core}, \text{CORE1coreNext}),\\
&obtainNext(\text{CORE1zero}, \text{CORE1zeroNext}),\\
&obtainNext(\text{CORE1one}, \text{CORE1oneNext}),\\
&obtainNext(\text{CORE2core}, \text{CORE2coreNext}),\\
&obtainNext(\text{CORE2zero}, \text{CORE2zeroNext}),\\
&obtainNext(\text{CORE2one}, \text{CORE2oneNext}),\\
&obtainNext(\text{ZEROAll}, \text{ZEROAllNext}),\\
&obtainNext(\text{ONEAll}, \text{ONEAllNext}).
\end{aligned}$$

Based on the newly defined 14 arrays, we can determine a candidate position denoted by p for v_1 in s^2. The value of p has to satisfy one of the 6 conditions as listed in Table 3.

Table 3: Conditions to determine a candidate position

Condition 1	$p \in$ CORE0zeroNext, $p \notin$ CORE0oneNext, $p \notin$ CORE0coreNext, $p \notin$ CORE1Next, $p \notin$ CORE2Next, $p \notin$ ZEROAllNext, $p \notin$ ONEAllNext
Condition 2	$p \in$ CORE0oneNext, $p \notin$ CORE0zeroNext, $p \notin$ CORE0coreNext, $p \notin$ CORE1Next, $p \notin$ CORE2Next, $p \notin$ ZEROAllNext, $p \notin$ ONEAllNext
Condition 3	$p \in$ CORE1zeroNext, $p \notin$ CORE1oneNext, $p \notin$ CORE1coreNext, $p \notin$ CORE0Next, $p \notin$ CORE2Next, $p \notin$ ZEROAllNext, $p \notin$ ONEAllNext
Condition 4	$p \in$ CORE1oneNext, $p \notin$ CORE1zeroNext, $p \notin$ CORE1coreNext, $p \notin$ CORE0Next, $p \notin$ CORE2Next, $p \notin$ ZEROAllNext, $p \notin$ ONEAllNext
Condition 5	$p \in$ CORE2zeroNext, $p \notin$ CORE2oneNext, $p \notin$ CORE2coreNext, $p \notin$ CORE0Next, $p \notin$ CORE1Next, $p \notin$ ZEROAllNext, $p \notin$ ONEAllNext
Condition 6	$p \in$ CORE2oneNext, $p \notin$ CORE2zeroNext, $p \notin$ CORE2coreNext, $p \notin$ CORE0Next, $p \notin$ CORE1Next, $p \notin$ ZEROAllNext, $p \notin$ ONEAllNext

It can be easily observed that any of the 6 conditions is used to ensure that only one bit condition on s^1 will determine whether v_0 will be next to v_1, which is irrelevant to the conditions on s^0 since we consider candidates from the propagation of core bits. Similar to previous three types of conditional cube tester, we have to further verify whether the quadratic term will appear in z^3 if the specified condition does not hold. Only then can we finally determine the position for p.

With such a searching method, we can recover extra 43 secret bits of s^1. The parameters for TYPE-IV conditional cube tester are given in Table 9 in Appendix B. We give an explanation here. Take the first choice for instance. The cube variable v_0 is set at $s^0[1]$ and v_1 is set at $s^2[190]$. Note that flipping $s^0[1]$ will have no influence on the value of $s^1[213]$. If the condition that $s^1[213] = 1$ does not hold, then the cube sum of z^3 must be nonzero. If it holds, the cube sum must be zero. Thus, we can recover $s^1[213]$ as follows based on the cube sum of z^3.

$$\sum z^3 = 0 \Rightarrow s^1[213] = 1.$$
$$\sum z^3 \neq 0 \Rightarrow s^1[213] = 0.$$

Note that for each parameter set in Table 9, only the bits set to variables in s^0 are allowed to take different values from that of the to-be-recovered s^0 when using TYPE-IV conditional cube tester, although the attacker can control 32 bits of the to-be-recovered s^0.

3.3.10 Experimental Verification

We have implemented the four types of conditional cube tester and can successfully recover the $24 + 2 + 27 = 53$ secret state bits of s^0 and 43 secret bits of s^1. In each test, we will randomly generate 100000 examples of (s^0, s^1). Our experiments show that the 96 secret bits can always be correctly recovered for the 100000 random examples. Observe that by continuously performing the four types of conditional cube tester, i.e. continuously treating (s^i, s^{i+1}) as secret states, we can always recover 53 secret state bits of s^i and 43 secret bits of s^{i+1}. In other words, we can recover in total $53 + 43 = 96$ secret bits of s^i $(i \geq 1)$.

3.4 Recovering the Full State

Based on the above method, 96 bits of the secret state s^1 can be recovered. Note that we can also extract 32-bit information $z^1 = extract(s^1)$, where

$$z^1[j] = s^1[\mathrm{IN}[j]] \oplus s^1[\mathrm{EX}[j]],\ (0 \leq j \leq 31).$$

Since some bits $s^1[\mathrm{IN}[j]]$ and $s^1[\mathrm{EX}[j]]$ $(0 \leq j \leq 31)$ are known, we can recover in total 111 bits of s^1. Moreover, we know extra $32 - 16 = 16$ linear equations of the secret state s^1. The recovered 111 secret bits are listed in Table 4, as marked in red. Recovering the 111 secret bits requires $24 \times 2^2 + 2 \times 2^3 + 27 \times 2^2 + 43 \times 2^2 = 392$ encryption queries.

Now, we describe how to recover the full state. Set the nonce N and the associated data A as constants. Randomly choose a message longer than 128 bits denoted by M. The procedure to recover some secret state bits is described as below.

1. Send an encryption query (N, A, M) and obtain (C, T). Our goal is to recover the secret state $(MS_1^{in}, MS_2^{in}, MS_3^{in})$ in this query, as shown in Figure 2.

2. The first phase is to recover some bits of MS_1^{in} using TYPE-IV conditional cube tester. At this phase, we treat MS_0^{in}, MS_1^{in} and MS_2^{in} as s^0, s^1 and s^2 respectively. Based on the parameters of the parameters for TYPE-IV conditional cube tester in Table 9, we can recover 43 secret bits of MS_1^{in}.

3. The second phase is to recover some bits of MS_1^{in} and MS_2^{in}. At this phase, when asking an encryption query, the first message block has to be kept the same with that in the very first query. Then, we treat MS_1^{in}, MS_2^{in} and MS_3^{in} as s^0, s^1 and s^2 respectively. Based on the four types of conditional cube tester and their corresponding parameters in Table 6, Table 7, Table 8 and Table 9, we can recover 53 extra secret bits of MS_1^{in} and 43 secret bits of MS_2^{in}.

4. The third phase is to recover some bits of MS_2^{in} and MS_3^{in}. At this phase, when asking an encryption query, the first two message blocks have to be kept the same with those in the very first query. Then, we treat MS_2^{in}, MS_3^{in} and MS_4^{in} as s^0, s^1 and s^2 respectively. Using the four types of conditional cube tester, we can recover 53 extra secret bits of MS_2^{in} and 43 secret bits of MS_3^{in}.

5. The forth phase is to recover some more bits of MS_3^{in}. At this phase, when asking an encryption query, the first three message blocks have to be kept the same with those in the very first query. Then, we treat MS_3^{in}, MS_4^{in} and MS_5^{in} as s^0, s^1 and s^2 respectively. Based on the first three types of conditional cube tester, 53 extra secret bits of MS_3^{in} can be recovered.

After the above procedure, we know 111 secret bits and 16 linear equations of MS_1^{in}, MS_2^{in} and MS_3^{in}, respectively. Such a phase will require $3 \times (24 \times 2^2 + 2 \times 2^3 + 27 \times 2^2 + 43 \times 2^2) = 1176$ encryption queries with about 2^{13} 32-bit message blocks. The recovered 111 bit positions are listed in Table 4, as marked in red.

Table 4: Information of known bits, secret bits and guessed bits, where the known bits are marked in red, the guessed bits are marked in blue, and the secret bits are marked in black.

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41
42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55
56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69
70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83
84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97
98	99	100	101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110	111
112	113	114	115	116	117	118	119	120	121	122	123	124	125
126	127	128	129	130	131	132	133	134	135	136	137	138	139
140	141	142	143	144	145	146	147	148	149	150	151	152	153
154	155	156	157	158	159	160	161	162	163	164	165	166	167
168	169	170	171	172	173	174	175	176	177	178	179	180	181
182	183	184	185	186	187	188	189	190	191	192	193	194	195
196	197	198	199	200	201	202	203	204	205	206	207	208	209
210	211	212	213	214	215	216	217	218	219	220	221	222	223
224	225	226	227	228	229	230	231	232	233	234	235	236	237
238	239	240	241	242	243	244	245	246	247	248	249	250	251
252	253	254	255	256									

3.4.1 Computing the Remaining Unknown Secret Bits of MS_1^{in}

Based on the above method, we can collect sufficient leaked bit information of MS_1^{in}, MS_2^{in} and MS_3^{in}. Now we explain how to use this leaked information to recover the full state. The main idea is to construct a quadratic Boolean equation system which can be efficiently solved with the method of change of variables.

Since we already know 111 bits of MS_1^{in}, there will be $257 - 111 = 146$ unknown secret state bits, which can be treated as 146 unknown variables. Moreover, since the algebraic degree of the one-round permutation is only 2, we know that the 111 recovered bits of MS_2^{in} are quadratic in the 146 unknown variables. In addition, since 111 bits of MS_2^{in} are known, we know that some of the 111 bits of MS_3^{in} will be linear in MS_2^{in} and also quadratic in the 146 unknown variables. The reason is that $s_\chi^i[k-1]$ and $s_\chi^i[k-2]$ will be linear in s^i if $s^i[k]$ is known. We write the expressions of the known bits of s^{i+1} quadratic in the 146 unknown variables when the 111 bits of s^i are recovered for a better understanding. Details are given in Appendix A. In total, extra 51 Boolean equations can be obtained, where the terms on the right side will be quadratic in the 146 unknown variables, which can be easily verified according to Table 4.

Now we describe how practical it is to recover the remaining 146 unknown secret bits of MS_1^{in}. We guess 16 secret bits among the 146 unknown variables as follows, which are marked in blue in Table 4.

$$7, 9, 25, 27, 51, 53, 55, 57, 73,$$
$$75, 114, 116, 118, 123, 125, 151$$

In this way, after one-round permutation, there are at most 54 possible quadratic terms formed by the remaining $146 - 16 = 130$ unknown variables. By replacing the 54 possible quadratic terms with 54 new variables, we can view the 130 unknown variables as $54 + 130 = 184$ variables. Note that we know 16 extra linear equations of MS_1^{in}, 111

bits of MS_2^{in}, 16 extra linear equations of MS_2^{in} and 51 quadratic equations in terms of the unknown (not-guessed) variables based on the recovered state bits of MS_3^{in} . Thus, we can in total construct $16 + 111 + 16 + 51 = 194$ linear equations in terms of the new 184 variables. As a result, each guessed value of 16 secret state bits will suggest only one solution for the full state. We can check each solution by computing the corresponding ciphertext and tag with the full state and compare it with the pre-obtained value. Only the correct value of the full state will remain. Thus, the time complexity to recover the full state is upper bounded by 2^{16}, which is very practical. The reason to make the number of equations larger than the number of variables is to avoid the case when there are some unexpected linearly dependent equations.

3.4.2 Recovering the Secret Key

After the full secret state is recovered, we can compute backward until the state after K_3 is absorbed, denoted by KS_3^{in}, as shown in Figure 9. In other words, we know $257 - 32 = 225$ bits of KS_3^{in}. Then, we can guess the 32-bit K_0 and 3 bits of K_1 that are injected at bit positions $(2, 136, 189)$. In this way, we know that the state after K_2 is absorbed is linear in the remaining 29 secret bits of K_1 and the 32-bit K_2, thus making the 225 known bits of KS_3^{in} quadratic in these $29 + 32 = 61$ variables. By computing the propagation of the 29 bits of K_1 for one-round permutation, we can easily count the quadratic terms formed by 61 secret variables and find that there are at most $125 + 3 = 128$ possible quadratic terms. Thus, by replacing these 128 quadratic terms with 128 new variables, we know that the 225 known bits of KS_3^{in} will be linear in the $128 + 61 = 189$ variables. In other words, we can construct an equation system of size 225 in terms of 189 variables. Only the right guess for the $32 + 3 = 35$ key bits will make this equation system have a solution. After the solution for (K_0, K_1, K_2) is obtained, combining with the recovered full state, we can compute the 32-bit K_3 and recover the full key. Hence, after the full state is recovered, the time complexity to recover the secret key is 2^{35}.

4 Distinguisher for 4-Blank-Round Subterranean-SAE

Similar to the full-state recovery attack, we consider an equivalent representation of the state transform as depicted in Figure 3. Suppose we are able to control 32 bits of s^0 and s^1. Moreover, only z^i $(i \geq 7)$ can be collected by the attacker. Now, we show how to construct a cube tester by setting cube variables at s^0 and s^1.

According to the array IN in Table 2, the 32 controllable bit positions in s^0 and s^1 are as follows:

$$1, 2, 4, 11, 15, 17, 22, 30, 35, 64, 70, 95, 111, 128, 134, 136, 137,$$
$$140, 65, 169, 176, 184, 189, 190, 197, 211, 213, 223, 225, 234, 241, 249.$$

Therefore, by properly setting 29 cube variables in s^1, s^2 will be linear in the 29 cube variables. There are in total $2^3 = 8$ possible ways to choose these 29 cube variables. For example, setting $s^1[1]$, $s^1[136]$ and $s^1[189]$ to constants and other controllable bits to cube variables, then s^2 will be linear in these 29 cube variables. Denote the 29 cube variables set in s^1 by v_i^1 $(0 \leq i \leq 28)$. Next, we expect that there will be 4 cube variables in s^0 denoted by v_i^0 $(0 \leq j \leq 3)$ which satisfy the following conditions:

Condition 1: v_j^0 $(0 \leq j \leq 3)$ are not next to each other in s^0.

Condition 2: After one more round permutation for v_j^0 $(0 \leq j \leq 3)$, none of them are next to any of v_i^1 $(0 \leq i \leq 28)$ in s^1. Moreover, v_j^0 $(0 \leq j \leq 3)$ are still not next to each other in s^1.

Table 5: Cube variables for cube tester

Bit positions in s^0	30, 111, 137, 223
Bit positions in s^1	2, 4, 11, 15, 17, 22, 30, 35, 64, 70, 95, 111, 128, 134, 137, 140, 165, 169, 176, 184, 190, 197, 211, 213, 223, 225, 234, 241, 249

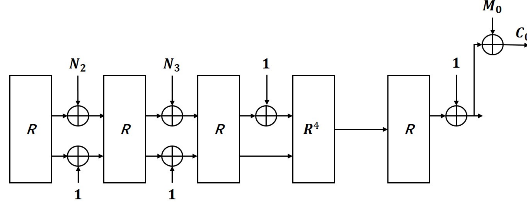

Figure 8: Cube tester for 4-blank-round Subterranean-SAE

With the tracing algorithm in Section 3, we can easily obtain the $3 \times 3 = 9$ influenced bit positions in s^1 for each possible cube variable set in s^0. Then based on whether the 9 influenced bit positions are next to any of the 32 controllable bit positions in s^1, we can directly determine a candidate for the cube variable set in s^0. With such an idea to determine candidates, we obtain 5 valid bit positions in s^0 as follows:

$$30, 137, 189, 190, 223.$$

In other words, if we set five cube variables in $s^0[i]$ ($i \in \{3, 137, 189, 190, 223\}$), after one-round permutation, none of them will propagate to the positions which are next to the 32 controllable bit positions in s^1 and they will not be next to each other either. Of course, the bit positions 189 and 190 cannot be chosen simultaneously. Moreover, we also observe that if $s^1[136]$ is set to a constant, then a cube variable set in $s^0[111]$ will not propagate to the positions which are next the remaining 31 controllable bit positions in s^1 nor next to the above five cube variables. Note that our goal is to select only 4 positions in s^0 for v_i^0 ($0 \leq j \leq 3$). Thus, we can easily find a solution, as displayed in Table 5. Our experiments have shown that the analysis is correct.

With the 33 cube variables in Table 5, s^2 will be linear in them. Since the degree of one permutation round is 2, the cube sum of z^7 will always be zero. Now we describe how to construct a distinguisher for Subterranean-SAE when the number of blank rounds is reduced to 4.

Step 1: Set associated data empty and the first message block M_0 as a constant.

Step 2: Treat N_2, N_3 as s^0, s^1 respectively. When the number of blank rounds is reduced to 4, we can treat the ciphertext block C_0 as z^7, as shown in Figure 8. According to Table 5, send 2^{33} encryption queries (N, A, M) with N taking all possible 2^{33} values and compute the sum of C_0. The sum will always be zero.

4.1 Complexity Evaluation

Since we need to send 2^{33} encryption queries (N, A, M) with different N, the data and time complexity are both 2^{33}.

5 Key-Recovery for 4-Blank-Round Subterranean-SAE

When the number of blank rounds is reduced to 4, a key-recovery attack will be feasible. The attack procedure can be divided into two steps on the whole.

Step 1: With a similar idea of the full-state recovery attack, recover some secret bits of the state after N_1 is absorbed.

Step 2: Guess some secret key bits and keep the remaining secret key bits as variables. Combining with the recovered secret state bits, construct equation system in terms of these variables and solve it. Each solution will correspond to the full key.

To make this part clear, similar to the distinguishing attack, we first consider an equivalent representation of the state transform. In our distinguishing attack, the cube sum is always zero, which cannot help recover extra secret information. Thus, we hope the cube sum will depend on the value of one secret state bit as in the full-state recovery attack. Then, according to the cube sum, we can directly obtain one secret state bit.

While the cube variables are set at s^0 and s^1 and the attacker can only get z^i $(i \geq 7)$ in the distinguishing attack, we will set cube variables at s^i $(0 \leq i \leq 2)$ and suppose the attacker can only get z^i $(i \geq 8)$ in the key-recovery attack. The main idea can be briefly described as follows:

1. Set 32 cube variables in s^2, denoted by $v_j^2 = s^2[\text{IN}[j]]$ $(0 \leq j \leq 31)$.
2. Set n cube variables in s^1, denoted by $v_j^1 = s^1[\text{IN}[r]]$ where $0 \leq j < n$ and $r \in \{k|0 \leq k \leq 31\}$.
3. Set $33 - n$ cube variables in s^0, denoted by $v_j^0 = s^0[\text{IN}[r]]$ where $0 \leq j < 33 - n$ and $r \in \{k|0 \leq k \leq 31\}$.

Suppose $f(s^0[x])$ represents either $s^0[x]$ or $s^0[x] \oplus 1$. There will be some conditions on v^0 and v^1 as follows:

Condition 1: v^0 are not next to each other in s^0. After one-round permutation for v^0, they still will not be next to each other in s^1.

Condition 2: v^1 are not next to each other in s^1.

Condition 3: If the specified bit condition $f(s^0[x]) = 0$ holds, after one-round permutation for v^0, none of v^0 will be next to any of v^1 in s^1.

Condition 4: If the specified bit condition $f(s^0[x]) = 0$ does not hold, after one-round permutation for v^0, v^0 will be next to at least one of v^1 in s^1.

With the above conditions, we know that s^2 will be linear in (v^0, v^1) if $f(s^0[x]) = 0$ holds. Observe that the algebraic degree of z^8 is at most $2^6 = 64$ in terms of s^2 and there are extra 32 cube variables in s^2. Hence, if $f(s^0[x]) = 0$ holds, the degree-65 term $v^0v^1v^2$ will not appear in the expression of z^8 and the cube sum of z^8 will be zero.

However, when the condition does not hold, s^2 will contain a quadratic term. Then, the degree-65 term $v^0v^1v^2$ is expected to appear in the expression of z^8 due to the sufficient diffusion for the cube variables. For this case, the cube sum of z^8 cannot be predicted.

Consequently, according to the cube sum, we can directly recover the one secret bit $s^0[x]$ as in the full-state recovery attack. Combining the methods to select cube variables for full-state recovery attack and distinguishing attack, we can find 22 valid choices for (v^0, v^1) and therefore recover 22 secret bits of s^0, as listed in Table 10 and Table 11 in Appendix B. For a better understanding of the two tables, we take the first choice in Table 10 for instance and give an explanation.

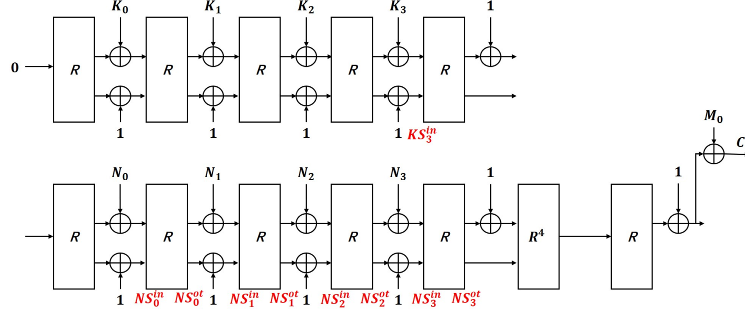

Figure 9: Key recovery attack

For the first choice in Table 10 to recover the secret state $s^0[2]$, the cube variables v^0 are set at 6 bit positions of s^0 and v^1 are set at 27 bit positions of s^1. Specifically,

$$
\begin{aligned}
&v_0^0 = s^0[1], v_1^0 = s^0[30], v_2^0 = s^0[111], v_3^0 = s^0[137], v_4^0 = s^0[189], v_5^0 = s^0[233],\\
&v_0^1 = s^1[1], v_1^1 = s^1[4], v_2^1 = s^1[11], v_3^1 = s^1[15], v_4^1 = s^1[17],\\
&v_5^1 = s^1[22], v_6^1 = s^1[30], v_7^1 = s^1[35], v_8^1 = s^1[64], v_9^1 = s^1[70],\\
&v_{10}^1 = s^1[95], v_{11}^1 = s^1[111], v_{12}^1 = s^1[128], v_{13}^1 = s^1[134], v_{14}^1 = s^1[137],\\
&v_{15}^1 = s^1[140], v_{16}^1 = s^1[165], v_{17}^1 = s^1[169], v_{18}^1 = s^1[176], v_{19}^1 = s^1[184],\\
&v_{20}^1 = s^1[189], v_{21}^1 = s^1[197], v_{22}^1 = s^1[211], v_{23}^1 = s^1[223], v_{24}^1 = s^1[225],\\
&v_{25}^1 = s^1[241], v_{26}^1 = s^1[249].
\end{aligned}
$$

Once the condition $s^0[2] = 0$ holds, the cube sum of z^8 is zero. However, when $s^0[2] \neq 0$, three bits of s^2 will always contain a quadratic term $v_0^0 v_0^1$. Moreover, similar to the full-state recovery attack, we have verified that there will always be a cubic term in a certain bit of s^3. Since there are 65 cube variables and sufficient number of rounds to diffuse v^0, v^1 and v^2, we expect there will be a degree-65 term in z^8. Therefore, based on the cube sum of z^8, we directly recover the secret state bit $s^0[2]$ as follows:

$$
\begin{aligned}
\sum z^8 \neq 0 \Rightarrow s^0[2] = 1,\\
\sum z^8 = 0 \Rightarrow s^0[2] = 0.
\end{aligned}
$$

Now, we describe how to use the above method to recover the secret state after N_1 is absorbed. Set the associated data A as empty and the first message block M_0 as a zero constant. Denote the state after N_i is absorbed as NS_i^{in}, as depicted in Figure 9. The attack procedure can be described as follows:

Step 1: Send an encryption query (N, A, M) and obtain (C, T).

Step 2: Keep M_0 and N_0 constant. Treat NS_1^{in}, NS_2^{in} and NS_3^{in} as s^0, s^1 and s^2 respectively. For each choice of the 65 cube variables in Table 10 and Table 11, send 2^{65} encryption queries (N, A, M) with N taking all possible 2^{65} values and compute the sum of C_0. If the sum is zero, the corresponding condition will hold. If it is not zero, the condition will not hold. Whatever the sum is, we can recover one secret bit of NS_0^{ot}. The time and data complexity to recover the 22 secret bits of NS_0^{ot} are both $22 \times 2^{65} = 2^{69.5}$.

After recovering the 22 secret bits of NS_0^{ot}, we will start to construct 22 equations. Suppose K_0, K_1 and K_2 are fixed, we then use a trivial MILP-based method to find the

maximum number of variables in K_3 which are still linear after two-round permutation and the Gurobi solver returns 9. The 9 positions are listed below:

$$11, 35, 70, 95, 140, 165, 190, 213, 241.$$

In other words, if we fix the remaining $32 - 9 = 23$ bits of K_3 as constants, NS_0^{in} will be linear in these 9 secret bits. Since NS_0^{ot} is quadratic in NS_0^{in}, we cannot construct a linear equation system. Guessing 3 more bits among the 9 secret bits will reduce the number of variables to 6. Therefore, there will be $6 \times (6-1)/2 = 15$ quadratic terms. By replacing the 15 quadratic terms with 15 new variables, we can now know that NS_0^{ot} is linear in the $6 + 15 = 21$ variables. Since 22 bits of NS_0^{ot} have been recovered, we can construct 22 linear equations in terms of 21 variables. It is expected that there is only one solution for each guess of K_i $(0 \leq i \leq 3)$. For each solution, we compute the tag T' and the corresponding ciphertext C'. Only when $T = T'$ and $C' = C$ will imply that the recovered key is correct.

5.1 Complexity Evaluation

The key-recovery attack is divided into two steps. The first step is to recover 22 secret state bits. The time complexity and data complexity at this step is $22 \times 2^{65} \approx 2^{69.5}$. After the 22 secret bits are recovered, we will start the second step. At this step, we will guess 122 bits of the secret key and let the remaining 6 key bits keep as variables. For each guess of the 122 secret key bits, we can construct a linear equation system of size 22 to compute the 6 unknown key bits with Gauss elimination. The time to solve this equation system is negligible. Moreover, we expect there is only one solution for this linear equation system. After the 6 unknown key bits are computed, the key is known and we can compute the ciphertext and tag computed based on this key and compare it with the pre-obtained ciphertext and tag. The probability that they match with each other is lower than 2^{-128}. Therefore, only the correct key will remain and the time complexity of the second step is 2^{122}. In total, the time complexity and data complexity of key-recovery attack are 2^{122} and $2^{69.5}$, respectively.

6 Conclusion

The designers of Subterranean 2.0 expect that it may require a non-trivial effort to mount a full-state recovery attack for Subterranean-SAE in the nonce-misuse scenario. Following this expectation, we make the first effort to achieve it with a practical time complexity and data complexity 2^{13} . To investigate the security provided by the number of blank rounds, we consider the reduced variant of Subterranean-SAE by reducing the number of blank rounds to 4 from 8. For such a variant, a distinguishing attack can be achieved with time and data complexity 2^{33}. The key-recovery attack with time complexity 2^{122} and data complexity $2^{69.5}$ is also faster than brute force for this variant. We hope our cryptanalysis can advance the understanding of Subterranean-SAE.

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A Extra Quadratic Boolean Equations

We present the extra 51 equations in this section.

$$s^{i+1}[0] = s_\chi^i[0] \oplus s_\chi^i[3] \oplus s_\chi^i[8] \oplus 1. \quad (1)$$
$$s^{i+1}[1] = s_\chi^i[12] \oplus s_\chi^i[15] \oplus s_\chi^i[20]. \quad (2)$$
$$s^{i+1}[3] = s_\chi^i[36] \oplus s_\chi^i[39] \oplus s_\chi^i[44]. \quad (3)$$
$$s^{i+1}[14] = s_\chi^i[168] \oplus s_\chi^i[171] \oplus s_\chi^i[176]. \quad (4)$$
$$s^{i+1}[16] = s_\chi^i[192] \oplus s_\chi^i[195] \oplus s_\chi^i[200]. \quad (5)$$
$$s^{i+1}[23] = s_\chi^i[19] \oplus s_\chi^i[22] \oplus s_\chi^i[27]. \quad (6)$$
$$s^{i+1}[29] = s_\chi^i[91] \oplus s_\chi^i[94] \oplus s_\chi^i[99]. \quad (7)$$
$$s^{i+1}[41] = s_\chi^i[235] \oplus s_\chi^i[238] \oplus s_\chi^i[243]. \quad (8)$$
$$s^{i+1}[59] = s_\chi^i[194] \oplus s_\chi^i[197] \oplus s_\chi^i[202]. \quad (9)$$
$$s^{i+1}[65] = s_\chi^i[9] \oplus s_\chi^i[12] \oplus s_\chi^i[17]. \quad (10)$$
$$s^{i+1}[71] = s_\chi^i[81] \oplus s_\chi^i[84] \oplus s_\chi^i[89]. \quad (11)$$
$$s^{i+1}[82] = s_\chi^i[213] \oplus s_\chi^i[216] \oplus s_\chi^i[221]. \quad (12)$$
$$s^{i+1}[83] = s_\chi^i[225] \oplus s_\chi^i[228] \oplus s_\chi^i[233]. \quad (13)$$
$$s^{i+1}[100] = s_\chi^i[172] \oplus s_\chi^i[175] \oplus s_\chi^i[180]. \quad (14)$$
$$s^{i+1}[135] = s_\chi^i[78] \oplus s_\chi^i[81] \oplus s_\chi^i[86]. \quad (15)$$
$$s^{i+1}[136] = s_\chi^i[90] \oplus s_\chi^i[93] \oplus s_\chi^i[98]. \quad (16)$$
$$s^{i+1}[149] = s_\chi^i[246] \oplus s_\chi^i[249] \oplus s_\chi^i[254]. \quad (17)$$
$$s^{i+1}[164] = s_\chi^i[169] \oplus s_\chi^i[172] \oplus s_\chi^i[177]. \quad (18)$$
$$s^{i+1}[166] = s_\chi^i[193] \oplus s_\chi^i[196] \oplus s_\chi^i[201]. \quad (19)$$
$$s^{i+1}[170] = s_\chi^i[241] \oplus s_\chi^i[244] \oplus s_\chi^i[249]. \quad (20)$$
$$s^{i+1}[178] = s_\chi^i[80] \oplus s_\chi^i[83] \oplus s_\chi^i[88]. \quad (21)$$
$$s^{i+1}[182] = s_\chi^i[128] \oplus s_\chi^i[131] \oplus s_\chi^i[136]. \quad (22)$$
$$s^{i+1}[185] = s_\chi^i[164] \oplus s_\chi^i[167] \oplus s_\chi^i[172]. \quad (23)$$
$$s^{i+1}[191] = s_\chi^i[236] \oplus s_\chi^i[239] \oplus s_\chi^i[244]. \quad (24)$$
$$s^{i+1}[195] = s_\chi^i[27] \oplus s_\chi^i[30] \oplus s_\chi^i[35]. \quad (25)$$
$$s^{i+1}[196] = s_\chi^i[39] \oplus s_\chi^i[42] \oplus s_\chi^i[47]. \quad (26)$$
$$s^{i+1}[212] = s_\chi^i[231] \oplus s_\chi^i[234] \oplus s_\chi^i[239]. \quad (27)$$
$$s^{i+1}[217] = s_\chi^i[34] \oplus s_\chi^i[37] \oplus s_\chi^i[42]. \quad (28)$$
$$s^{i+1}[234] = s_\chi^i[238] \oplus s_\chi^i[241] \oplus s_\chi^i[246]. \quad (29)$$
$$s^{i+1}[235] = s_\chi^i[250] \oplus s_\chi^i[253] \oplus s_\chi^i[1]. \quad (30)$$
$$s^{i+1}[238] = s_\chi^i[29] \oplus s_\chi^i[32] \oplus s_\chi^i[37]. \quad (31)$$
$$s^{i+1}[242] = s_\chi^i[77] \oplus s_\chi^i[80] \oplus s_\chi^i[85]. \quad (32)$$

$$s^{i+1}[250] = s^i_\chi[173] \oplus s^i_\chi[176] \oplus s^i_\chi[181]. \quad (33)$$
$$s^{i+1}[255] = s^i_\chi[233] \oplus s^i_\chi[236] \oplus s^i_\chi[241]. \quad (34)$$
$$s^{i+1}[165] = s^i_\chi[181] \oplus s^i_\chi[184] \oplus s^i_\chi[189]. \quad (35)$$
$$s^{i+1}[44] = s^i_\chi[14] \oplus s^i_\chi[17] \oplus s^i_\chi[22]. \quad (36)$$
$$s^{i+1}[10] \oplus s^{i+1}[203] = s^i_\chi[120] \oplus s^i_\chi[128] \oplus s^i_\chi[126] \oplus s^i_\chi[131]. \quad (37)$$
$$s^{i+1}[21] \oplus s^{i+1}[85] = s^i_\chi[255] \oplus s^i_\chi[3] \oplus s^i_\chi[249] \oplus s^i_\chi[0] \oplus 1. \quad (38)$$
$$s^{i+1}[21] \oplus s^{i+1}[106] = s^i_\chi[255] \oplus s^i_\chi[3] \oplus s^i_\chi[244] \oplus s^i_\chi[247]. \quad (39)$$
$$s^{i+1}[22] \oplus s^{i+1}[86] = s^i_\chi[10] \oplus s^i_\chi[15] \oplus s^i_\chi[4] \oplus s^i_\chi[12]. \quad (40)$$
$$s^{i+1}[38] \oplus s^{i+1}[210] = s^i_\chi[199] \oplus s^i_\chi[202] \oplus s^i_\chi[210] \oplus s^i_\chi[215]. \quad (41)$$
$$s^{i+1}[58] \oplus s^{i+1}[79] = s^i_\chi[182] \oplus s^i_\chi[190] \oplus s^i_\chi[177] \oplus s^i_\chi[180]. \quad (42)$$
$$s^{i+1}[64] \oplus s^{i+1}[236] = s^i_\chi[254] \oplus s^i_\chi[0] \oplus 1 \oplus s^i_\chi[8] \oplus s^i_\chi[13]. \quad (43)$$
$$s^{i+1}[127] \oplus s^{i+1}[148] = s^i_\chi[239] \oplus s^i_\chi[247] \oplus s^i_\chi[234] \oplus s^i_\chi[237]. \quad (44)$$
$$s^{i+1}[128] \oplus s^{i+1}[213] = s^i_\chi[254] \oplus s^i_\chi[2] \oplus s^i_\chi[243] \oplus s^i_\chi[246]. \quad (45)$$
$$s^{i+1}[129] \oplus s^{i+1}[193] = s^i_\chi[9] \oplus s^i_\chi[14] \oplus s^i_\chi[3] \oplus s^i_\chi[11]. \quad (46)$$
$$s^{i+1}[129] \oplus s^{i+1}[214] = s^i_\chi[9] \oplus s^i_\chi[14] \oplus s^i_\chi[255] \oplus s^i_\chi[1]. \quad (47)$$
$$s^{i+1}[137] \oplus s^{i+1}[201] = s^i_\chi[105] \oplus s^i_\chi[110] \oplus s^i_\chi[99] \oplus s^i_\chi[107]. \quad (48)$$
$$s^{i+1}[169] \oplus s^{i+1}[233] = s^i_\chi[232] \oplus s^i_\chi[237] \oplus s^i_\chi[226] \oplus s^i_\chi[234]. \quad (49)$$

Moreover, we write the expressions for extra two output bits.

$$z^{i+1}[7] = s^i_\chi[238] \oplus s^i_\chi[241] \oplus s^i_\chi[246] \oplus s^i_\chi[19] \oplus s^i_\chi[22] \oplus s^i_\chi[27]. \quad (50)$$
$$z^{i+1}[17] = s^i_\chi[132] \oplus s^i_\chi[135] \oplus s^i_\chi[140] \oplus s^i_\chi[125] \oplus s^i_\chi[128] \oplus s^i_\chi[133]. \quad (51)$$

B Tables and Algorithm

We present some tables and the algorithm in this section.

Table 6: Parameters for TYPE-I conditional cube tester

Position of v_0	2	4	11	15	22	64	64	70	95	95	111	128
Position of v_1	213	22	128	128	2	197	111	176	30	137	136	95
Position of condition	3	5	10	16	21	65	63	69	96	94	112	129
Value of condition	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0
Position of v_0	128	134	136	165	169	197	197	211	213	225	234	241
Position of v_1	140	95	140	184	184	165	17	211	190	189	189	190
Position of condition	127	133	135	166	168	198	196	212	214	226	233	240
Value of condition	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1

Table 7: Parameters for TYPE-II conditional cube tester

Position of v_0	1	2
Position of (v_1, v_2)	(1,11)	(1,11)
Position of condition	2	1
Value of condition	0	1

Table 8: Parameters for TYPE-III conditional cube tester

Position of v_0	1	11	15	17	22	30	30	35	35	70	111	136	137	140
Position of v_1	15	111	35	35	35	197	11	1	11	140	35	1	1	223
Position of condition	0	12	14	18	23	31	29	36	34	71	110	137	136	141
Value of condition	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0
Position of v_0	140	165	169	176	176	184	190	211	223	234	241	249	249	–
Position of v_1	169	11	30	95	211	2	11	70	189	22	2	95	2	–
Position of condition	139	164	170	177	175	185	191	210	224	235	242	248	250	–
Value of condition	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	–

Table 9: Parameters for TYPE-IV conditional cube tester

Position of v_0	1	1	2	4	11	15	15	17	17	22	35
Position of v_1	190	211	136	70	17	165	15	190	111	211	95
Position of condition	213	236	106	85	194	195	193	238	45	217	109
Value of condition	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Position of v_0	35	64	64	70	95	111	111	128	128	136	140
Position of v_1	184	137	70	197	165	165	15	249	190	35	249
Position of condition	173	92	90	49	178	203	201	183	245	160	182
Value of condition	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Position of v_0	165	169	169	184	184	184	189	190	190	197	197
Position of v_1	176	189	234	95	30	184	134	4	70	234	70
Position of condition	77	229	227	102	100	166	79	38	59	251	58
Value of condition	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1
Position of v_0	213	213	223	225	225	225	234	234	249	249	–
Position of v_1	70	225	197	70	225	184	11	189	70	11	–
Position of condition	83	147	41	82	146	169	149	234	86	148	–
Value of condition	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	–

Algorithm 6 Determine candidates of cube variables for TYPE-I conditional cube tester

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1:  vector<> candidate
2:  int V1Pos, conditionValue
3:  int zero[], one[], core[]
4:  int zeroSize=0, oneSize=0, coreSize=0
5:  for i from 0 to 2 do
6:     if CORE[i] − 1 ∈ IN′ then
7:        core[coreSize]=CORE[i]−1
8:        coreSize++
9:     end if
10:    if CORE[i] + 1 ∈ IN′ then
11:       core[coreSize]=CORE[i]+1;
12:       coreSize++
13:    end if
14:
15:    if ZERO[i] − 1 ∈ IN′ then
16:       zero[zeroSize]=ZERO[i]−1
17:       zeroSize++
18:    end if
19:    if ZERO[i] + 1 ∈ IN′ then
20:       zero[zeroSize]=ZERO[i]+1;
21:       zeroSize++
22:    end if
23:
24:    if ONE[i] − 1 ∈ IN′ then
25:       one[oneSize]=ONE[i]−1
26:       oneSize++
27:    end if
28:    if ONE[i] + 1 ∈ IN′ then
29:       one[oneSize]=ONE[i]+1;
30:       oneSize++
31:    end if
32: end for
33:
34: for i from 0 to zeroSize−1 do
35:    if zero[i] ∉ core and zero[i] ∉ one then
36:       v1Pos=zero[i]
37:       conditionValue=0
38:       candidate.pushback([v1Pos,conditionValue])
39:    end if
40: end for
41:
42: for i from 0 to oneSize−1 do
43:    if one[i] ∉ core and one[i] ∉ zero then
44:       v1Pos=one[i]
45:       conditionValue=1
46:       candidate.pushback([v1Pos,conditionValue])
47:    end if
48: end for
49: return candidate
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Table 10: Cube variables for conditional cube tester

Bit positions in s^0	1, 30, 111, 137, 189, 223,
Bit positions in s^1	1, 4, 11, 15, 17, 22, 30, 35, 64, 70, 95, 111, 128, 134, 137, 140, 165, 169, 176, 184, 189, 197, 211, 223, 225, 241, 249
condition	$s^0[2] = 0$
Bit positions in s^0	2, 30, 137, 189,
Bit positions in s^1	2, 4, 11, 15, 17, 22, 30, 35, 64, 70, 95, 111, 128, 134, 137, 140, 165, 169, 176, 184, 189, 197, 211, 213 , 223, 225, 234 , 241, 249
condition	$s^0[3] = 0$
Bit positions in s^0	2, 30, 111, 137, 189, 223,
Bit positions in s^1	1, 4, 11, 15, 17, 22, 30, 35, 64, 70, 95, 111, 128, 134, 137, 140, 165, 169, 176, 184, 189, 197, 211, 223, 225, 241, 249
condition	$s^0[1] = 1$
Bit positions in s^0	4, 30, 137, 189,
Bit positions in s^1	1, 4, 11, 15, 17, 22, 30, 35, 64, 70, 95, 111, 128, 134, 137, 140, 165, 169, 176, 184, 189, 197, 211, 213, 223, 225, 234, 241, 249
condition	$s^0[5] = 0$
Bit positions in s^0	11, 30, 137, 189,
Bit positions in s^1	1, 4, 11, 15, 17, 22, 30, 35, 64, 70, 95, 111, 128, 134, 137, 140, 165, 169, 176, 184, 189, 197, 211, 213, 223, 225, 234, 241, 249
condition	$s^0[10] = 1$
Bit positions in s^0	15, 137, 189, 223,
Bit positions in s^1	1, 4, 11, 15, 17, 22, 30, 35, 64, 70, 95, 111, 128, 134, 137, 140, 165, 169, 176, 184, 189, 197, 211, 213, 223, 225, 234, 241, 249
condition	$s^0[16] = 0$
Bit positions in s^0	22, 111, 137, 189, 223,
Bit positions in s^1	2, 4, 11, 15, 17, 30, 35, 64, 70, 95, 111, 128, 134, 137, 140, 165, 169, 176, 184, 189, 197, 211, 213, 223, 225, 234, 241, 249
condition	$s^0[21] = 1$
Bit positions in s^0	64, 30, 111, 137, 189, 223,
Bit positions in s^1	1, 4, 11, 15, 17, 22, 30, 35, 64, 70, 95, 128, 137, 140, 165, 169, 176, 184, 189, 197 , 211, 213, 223, 225, 234, 241, 249
condition	$s^0[65] = 0$
Bit positions in s^0	64, 30, 111, 137, 189, 223,
Bit positions in s^1	1, 11, 15, 17, 22, 30, 35, 64, 70, 95, 111, 128, 134, 137, 140, 165, 169, 176, 184, 189, 211, 213, 223, 225, 234, 241, 249
condition	$s^0[63] = 1$
Bit positions in s^0	70, 30, 137, 189,
Bit positions in s^1	1, 4, 11, 15, 17, 22, 30, 35, 64, 70, 95, 111, 128, 134, 137, 140, 165, 169, 176 , 184, 189, 197, 211, 213, 223, 225, 234, 241, 249
condition	$s^0[69] = 1$
Bit positions in s^0	95, 30, 137, 189,
Bit positions in s^1	1, 4, 11, 15, 17, 22, 30, 35, 64, 70, 95, 111, 128, 134, 136, 140, 165, 169, 176, 184, 189, 197, 211, 213, 223 , 225, 234, 241, 249
condition	$s^0[96] = 0$

Table 11: Cube variables for conditional cube tester

Bit positions in s^0	111, 30, 137, 189,
Bit positions in s^1	1, 4, 11, 15, 17, 22, 30, 35, 64, 70, 95, 111, 128, 134, 136, 140, 165, 169, 176, 184, 189, 197, 211, 213, 223, 225, 234, 241, 249
condition	$s^0[112] = 0$
Bit positions in s^0	134, 30, 111, 189, 223,
Bit positions in s^1	1, 4, 11, 15, 17, 22, 30, 35, 64, 70, 95, 111, 128, 134, 137, 165, 169, 176, 184, 189, 197, 211, 213, 223, 225, 234, 241, 249
condition	$s^0[133] = 1$
Bit positions in s^0	136, 30, 189, 223,
Bit positions in s^1	1, 4, 11, 15, 17, 22, 30, 35, 64, 70, 95, 111, 128, 134, 137, 140, 165 169, 176, 184, 189, 197, 211, 213, 223, 225, 234, 241, 249
condition	$s^0[135] = 1$
Bit positions in s^0	165, 30, 137, 189,
Bit positions in s^1	1, 4, 11, 15, 17, 22, 30, 35, 64, 70, 95, 111, 128, 134, 137, 140, 165, 169, 176, 184 , 189, 197, 211, 213, 223, 225, 234, 241, 249
condition	$s^0[166] = 0$
Bit positions in s^0	184, 30, 137, 223,
Bit positions in s^1	1, 4, 11, 15, 17, 22, 30, 35, 64, 70, 95, 111, 128, 134, 137, 140, 165, 169, 176, 184, 189, 197, 211, 213, 223, 225, 234, 241, 249
condition	$s^0[185] = 0$
Bit positions in s^0	197, 30, 111, 137, 223,
Bit positions in s^1	1, 4, 11, 15, 17, 22, 30, 35, 64, 70, 95, 111, 128, 134, 137, 140, 169, 176, 184, 189, 197, 211, 213, 223, 225, 234, 241, 249
condition	$s^0[196] = 1$
Bit positions in s^0	211, 30, 137, 223,
Bit positions in s^1	1, 4, 11, 15, 17, 22, 30, 35, 64, 70, 95, 111, 128, 134, 136, 140, 165, 169, 176, 184, 189, 197, 211 , 213, 223, 225, 234, 241, 249
condition	$s^0[212] = 0$
Bit positions in s^0	213, 30, 137, 223,
Bit positions in s^1	1, 4, 11, 15, 17, 22, 30, 35, 64, 70, 95, 111, 128, 134, 136, 140, 165, 169, 176, 184, 190 , 197, 211, 213, 223, 225, 234, 241, 249
condition	$s^0[214] = 0$
Bit positions in s^0	225, 30, 111, 137, 189,
Bit positions in s^1	1, 4, 11, 15, 17, 22, 30, 35, 64, 70, 95, 111, 128, 134, 137, 140, 165, 176, 184, 189 , 197, 211, 213, 223, 225, 234, 241, 249
condition	$s^0[226] = 0$
Bit positions in s^0	241, 30, 111, 137, 189,
Bit positions in s^1	1, 4, 11, 15, 17, 22, 30, 35, 64, 70, 95, 111, 128, 134, 137, 140, 165, 176, 184, 190 , 197, 211 , 213 , 223, 225, 234, 241, 249
condition	$s^0[240] = 1$
Bit positions in s^0	249, 30, 111, 137, 189,
Bit positions in s^1	1, 4, 11, 15, 17, 22, 30, 35, 64, 70, 95, 111, 128, 134, 137, 140, 165, 176, 184, 190, 197, 211, 213, 223, 225, 234, 241, 249
condition	$s^0[248] = 1$