

# Attacks against Filter Generators Exploiting Monomial Mappings

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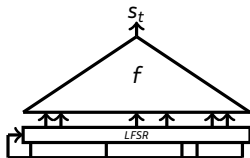
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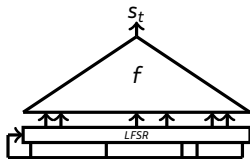
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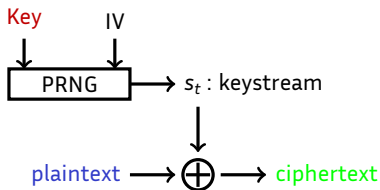
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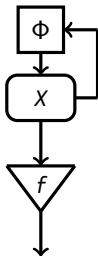
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# Stream ciphers

- Symmetric cryptography,  $\neq$  block ciphers
- Based on Vernam cipher (one-time pad)
- PRNG



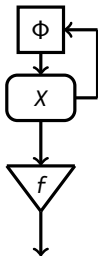
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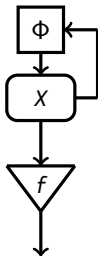


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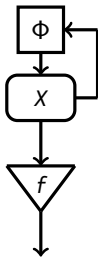
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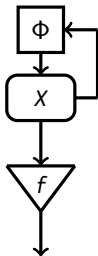
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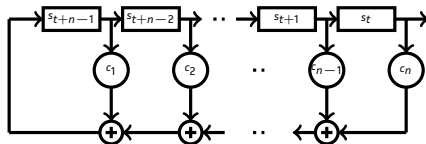
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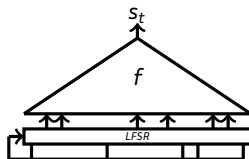
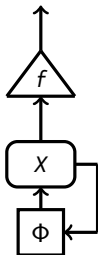
**Always take an internal state twice bigger as the security level (i.e. key size)**

## Linear feedback shift Register (LFSR)



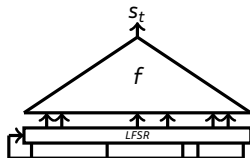
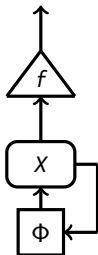
- Nice statistical properties
- Linear
- $s_{t+L} = \sum_{i=1}^n c_i s_{t+n-i}, \forall t \leq 0$
- $P(X) = 1 - \sum_{i=1}^n c_i X^i$
- $P^*(X) = X^n P(1/X)$
- We will take  $P$  primitive

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### Algebraic Normal Form

$$f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = \sum_{u \in \mathbb{F}_2^n} a_u \prod_{i=1}^n x_i^{u_i}$$

$$= a_0 + a_1 x_1 + a_2 x_2 + \dots + a_3 x_1 x_2 + \dots + a_{2^n-1} x_1 \dots x_n$$

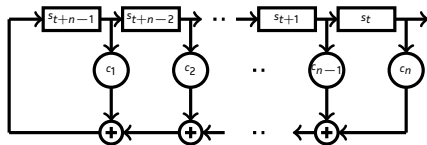
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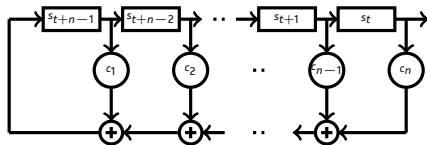


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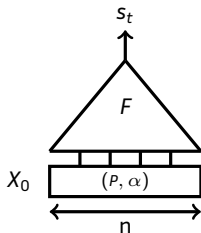
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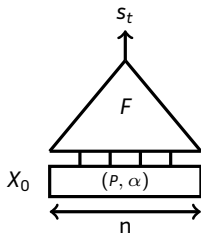
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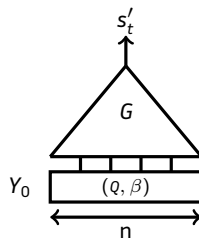


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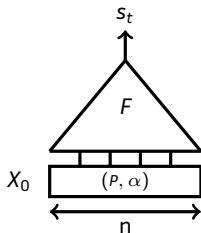


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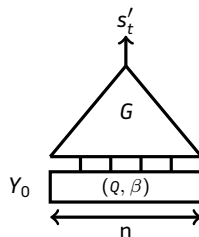


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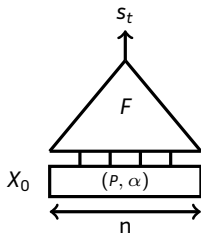
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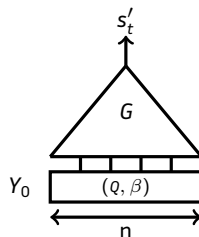
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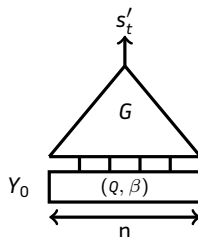
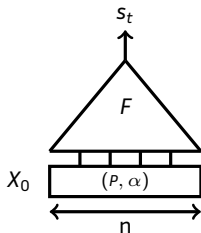


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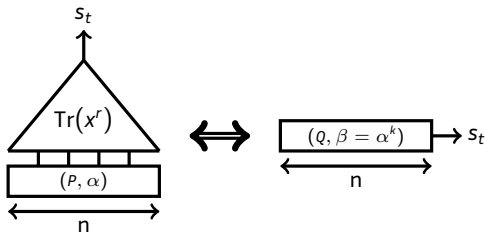
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Then  $s'_t = G(Y_0 \beta^t) = G(Y_0 \alpha^{kt}) = F(Y_0^r \alpha^{rkt}) = F(X_0 \alpha^t) = s_t$

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## Example

$F(x) = \text{Tr}(x^r)$ , with  $\text{gcd}(r, 2^n - 1) = 1$ :  
 Let  $k$  be such that  $rk \equiv 1 \pmod{2^n - 1}$ .



$\implies$  The initial generator is equivalent to a plain LFSR of the same size.

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**The monomial equivalence does not affect the complexity of algebraic attacks: see [Guang Gong, Sondre Rønjom, Tor Helleseth and Honggang Hu, IEEE-IT 2011, Discrete Fourier Spectra Attacks]**

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## Results

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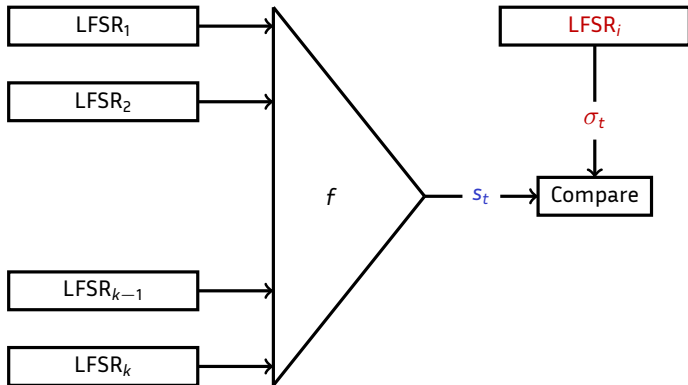
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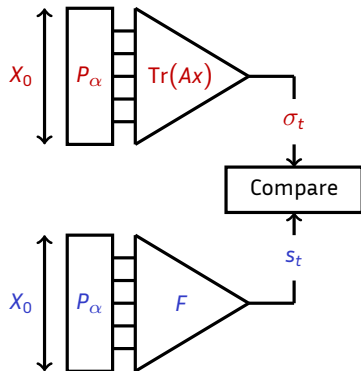
## Correlation attack [Siegenthaler 85]



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The criterion behind the correlation attack is the **resiliency** of  $f$ .

## Fast correlation attack [Meier - Staffelbach 88]

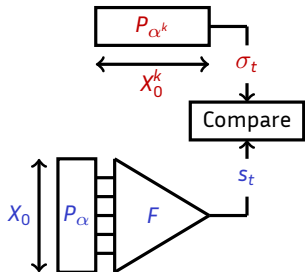
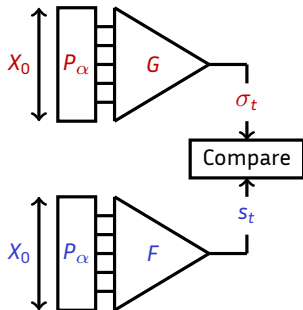


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The criterion behind the fast correlation attack is the **non-linearity** of  $F$ .

## Generalized fast correlation attacks

$$G(x) = \text{Tr}(Ax^k)$$



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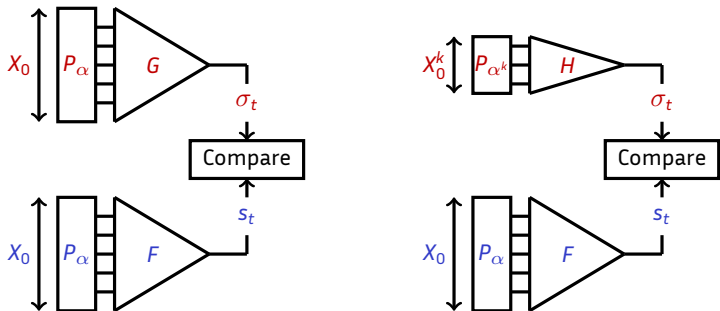
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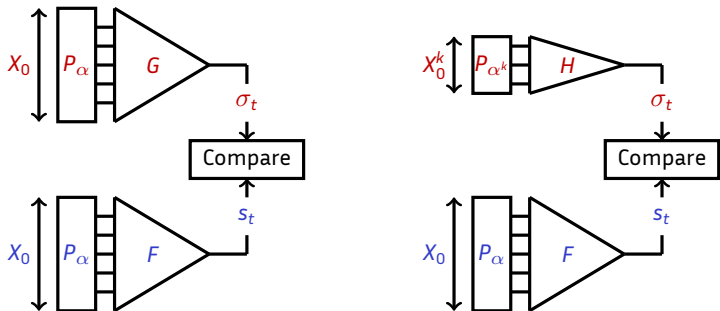
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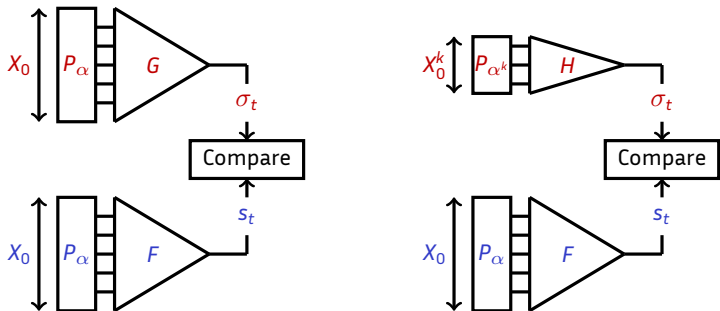
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- Exhaustive search on  $X_0^k$ : **Time** =  $\frac{\tau_k \log(\tau_k)}{\epsilon^2}$

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If we perform two distinct correlation attacks with  $k_1$  et  $k_2$ , then we get  $\log_2(\text{lcm}(\tau_{k_1}, \tau_{k_2}))$  bits of information.

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## Some open questions

- Need for new criterion?
- As  $\tau_k$  is always odd, we have  $\varepsilon \geq \frac{\tau_k}{2^n}$ , but can we have a joint bound for different  $k$ ?
- Function  $F$  takes a small number of inputs...
- Find an efficient algorithm that computes  $H$  that approximates  $F$ ?
- How this criterion is linked to the classical ones?

## Cryptanalysis of an Equivalent Model of Stream Cipher Espresso

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摘要

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**摘要** Espresso算法是由E. Dubrova和M. Hell两人设计的面向5G通信需求的序列密码算法, 算法采用256级的非线性反馈移位寄存器(NFSR)作为驱动部件, 密钥长度为128比特, 初始化向量为96比特, 过滤输出函数为6次布尔函数。由于驱动部件为NFSR, 因此Espresso算法可以较好地抵抗标准代数攻击以及相关攻击等分析方法。然而本文将证明无论参数如何选择, 只要是利用E. Dubrova和M. Hell所提方法构造出来的NFSR, 其任意寄存器上的输出序列均可由同级别的线性反馈移位寄存器(LFSR)通过选取适当的过滤函数生成, 即等于某个LFSR的前馈序列。特别的, 这些LFSR是相同且过滤函数可显式地表达出来。利用这一结果, 我们证明了Espresso算法的输出序列为某个256级LFSR的前馈过滤, 对应的过滤函数为12次布尔函数。针对该等价模型, 我们可以成功地实施代数攻击, 其时间复杂度为 $O(266.86)$ 。我们指出, 要想抵抗等价模型下的代数攻击, Espresso算法中的输出函数至少应为8次布尔函数。最后我们还讨论了等价模型下输出函数的其他漏洞。

**关键词**: 非线性反馈移位寄存器, 代数攻击, Espresso, 等价模型

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**Key words**: NFSR algebraic attack Espresso equivalent model

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