

# The design of Xoodoo and Xoofff

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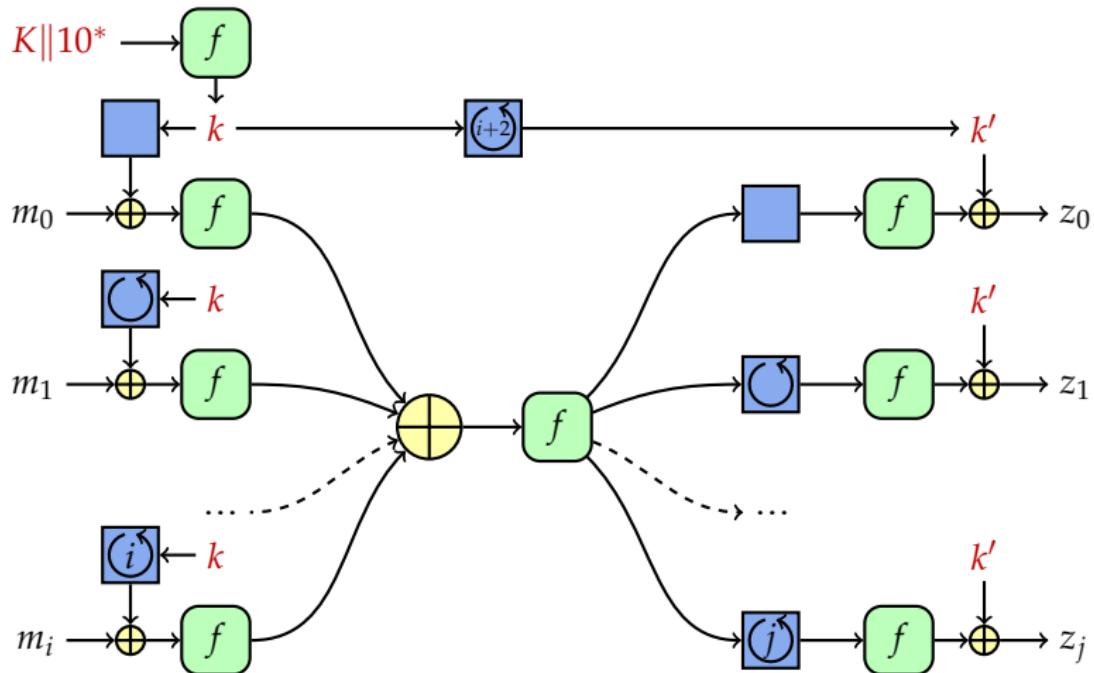
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# One year ago: Farfalle and parallelism



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# What is Xoodoo?



**Xoodoo** · [noun, mythical] · /zu: du:/ · Alpine mammal that lives in compact herds, can survive avalanches and is appreciated for the wide trails it creates in the landscape. Despite its fluffy appearance it is very robust and does not get distracted by side channels.

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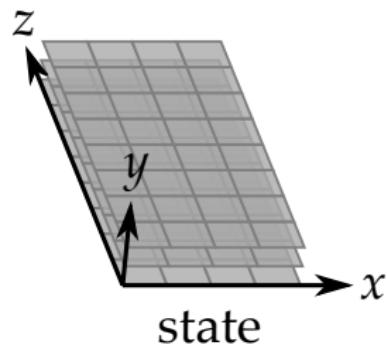
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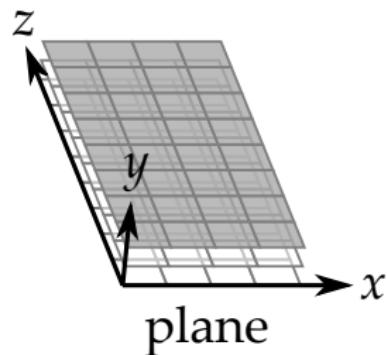
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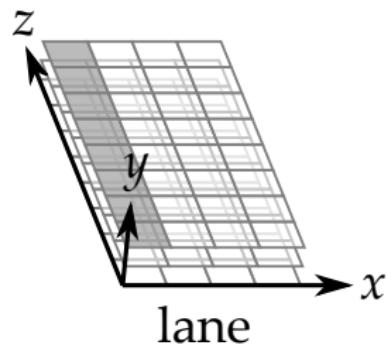
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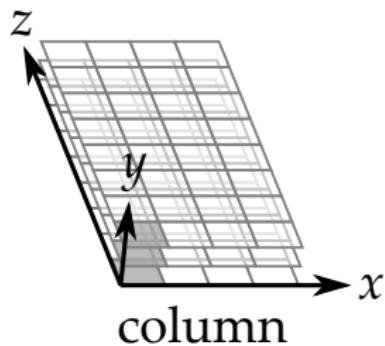
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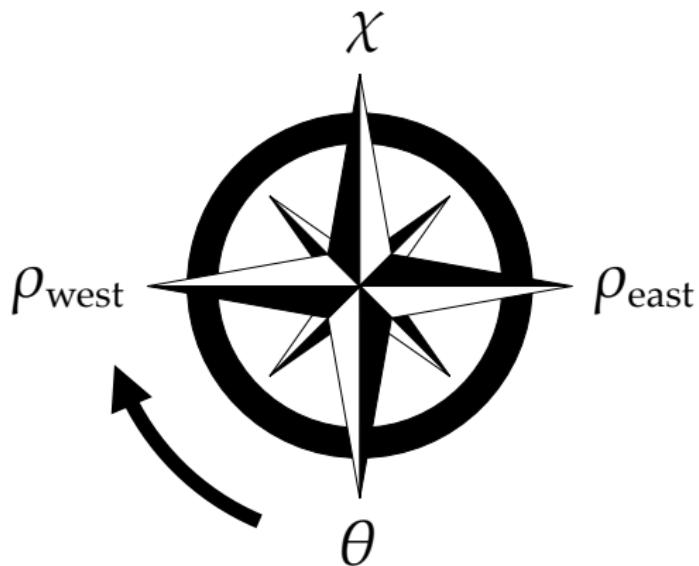
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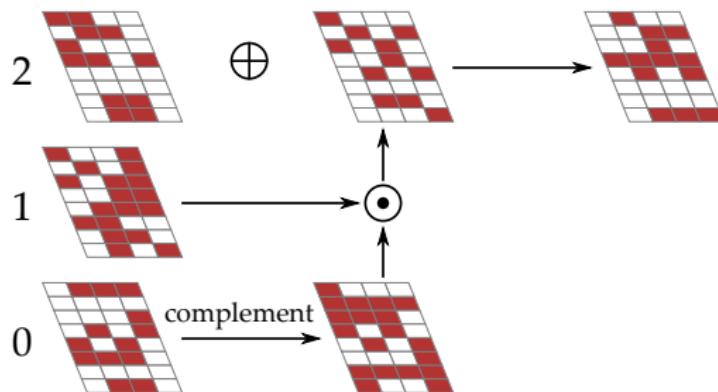
# Xoodoo round function



Iterated:  $n_r$  rounds that differ only by round constant

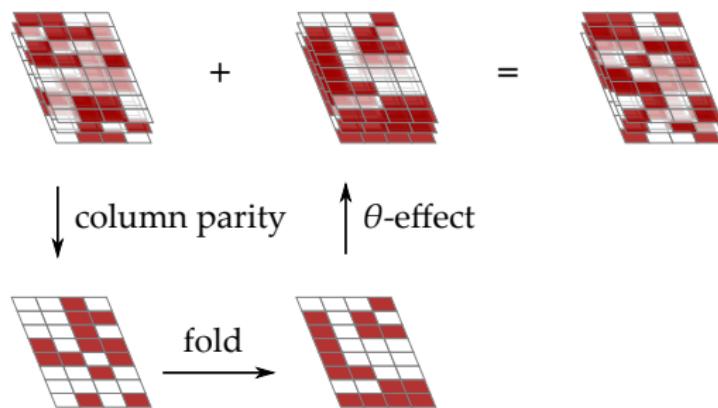
# Nonlinear mapping $\chi$

Effect on one plane:



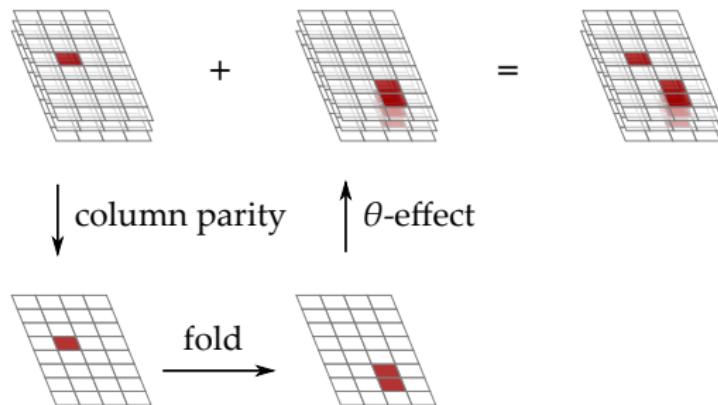
- $\chi$  as in KECCAK- $p$ , operating on 3-bit columns
- Involution and same propagation differentially and linearly

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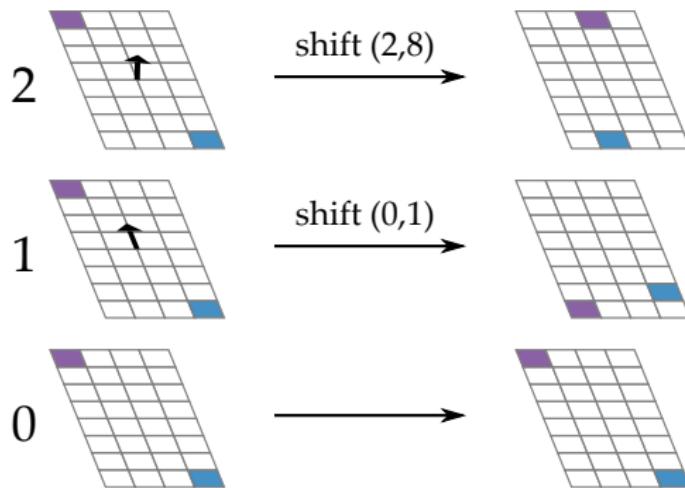
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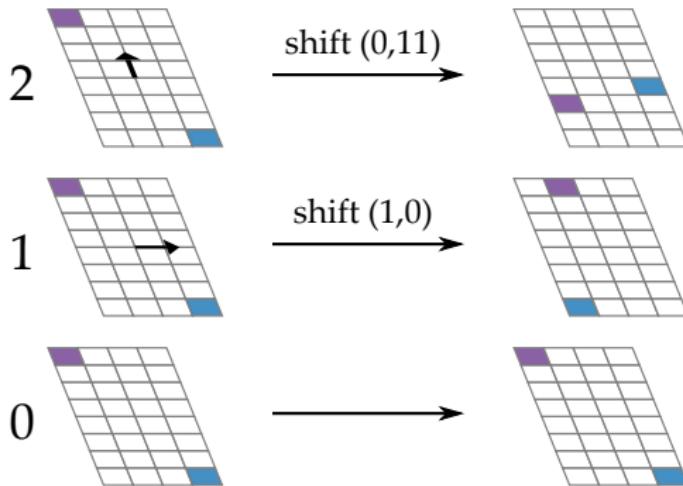
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# Xoodoo pseudocode

$n_r$  rounds from  $i = 1 - n_r$  to 0, with a 5-step round function:

$\theta$  :

$$\begin{aligned} P &\leftarrow A_0 + A_1 + A_2 \\ E &\leftarrow P \lll (1, 5) + P \lll (1, 14) \\ A_y &\leftarrow A_y + E \text{ for } y \in \{0, 1, 2\} \end{aligned}$$

$\rho_{\text{west}}$  :

$$\begin{aligned} A_1 &\leftarrow A_1 \lll (1, 0) \\ A_2 &\leftarrow A_2 \lll (0, 11) \end{aligned}$$

$\iota$  :

$$A_{0,0} \leftarrow A_{0,0} + C_i$$

$\chi$  :

$$\begin{aligned} B_0 &\leftarrow \overline{A_1} \cdot A_2 \\ B_1 &\leftarrow \overline{A_2} \cdot A_0 \\ B_2 &\leftarrow \overline{A_0} \cdot A_1 \\ A_y &\leftarrow A_y + B_y \text{ for } y \in \{0, 1, 2\} \end{aligned}$$

$\rho_{\text{east}}$  :

$$\begin{aligned} A_1 &\leftarrow A_1 \lll (0, 1) \\ A_2 &\leftarrow A_2 \lll (2, 8) \end{aligned}$$

# Xoodoo propagation properties

- Security limited by  $\max DP(\Delta_a, \Delta_b)$ 
  - $\max DP(\Delta_a, \Delta_b)$  by itself hard to determine
- For Xoodoo we believe  $\max DP(\Delta_a, \Delta_b) \approx \max_Q DP(Q)$ 
  - $Q$  a differential trail:  $\Delta_0, \Delta_1, \Delta_2, \dots, \Delta_r$
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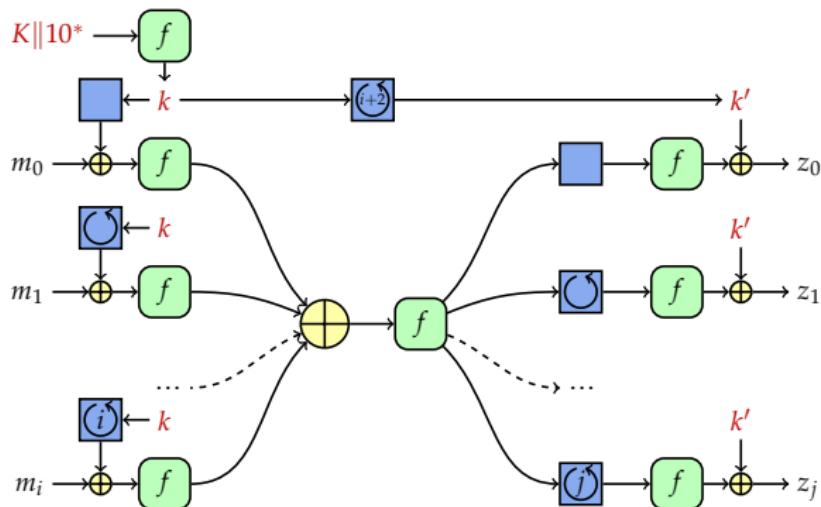
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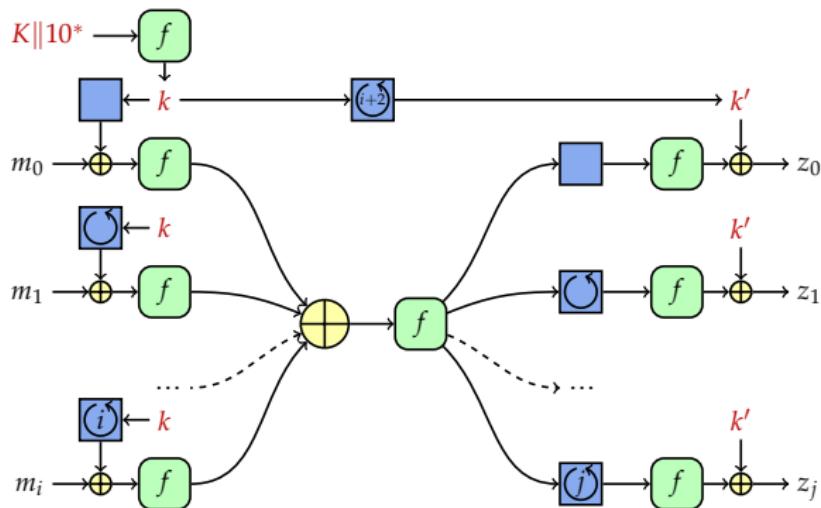
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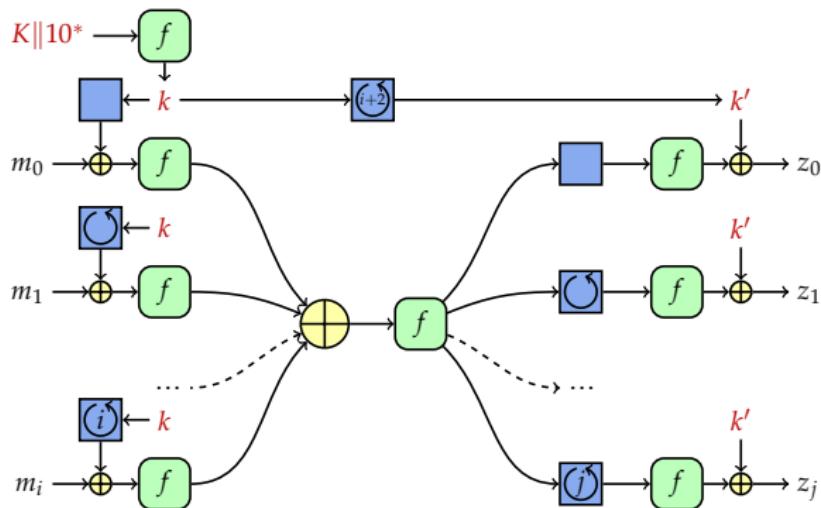
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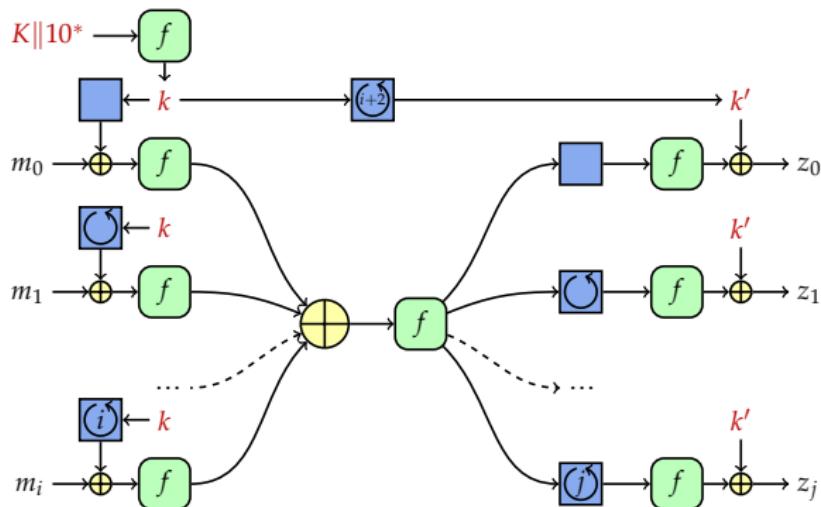
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less than 48 bytes	5658	cycles
MAC computation use case:		
long inputs	26.0	cycles/byte
Stream encryption use case:		
long outputs	25.1	cycles/byte
AES-128 counter mode	121.4	cycles/byte

ARM® Cortex-M0

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less than 48 bytes	2568	cycles
MAC computation use case:		
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Stream encryption use case:		
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AES-128 counter mode	33.2	cycles/byte

ARM® Cortex-M3

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mask derivation	168	cycles
less than 48 bytes	504	cycles
MAC computation use case:		
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Stream encryption use case:		
long outputs	0.94	cycles/byte
AES-128 counter mode	0.65	cycles/byte

Intel® Core™ i5-6500 (Skylake), single core, Turbo Boost disabled  
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# XOOFFF performance

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mask derivation	74	cycles
less than 48 bytes	358	cycles
MAC computation use case:		
long inputs	0.40	cycles/byte
Stream encryption use case:		
long outputs	0.51	cycles/byte
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Intel® Core™ i7-7800X (SkylakeX), single core, Turbo Boost disabled  
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doubly extendable cryptographic keyed function

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# Other applications

Using XoOFFF as a deck function:

- XOOFFF-SANE: session AE relying on user nonce
- XOOFFF-SANSE: session AE using SIV technique
- XOOFFF-WBC: tweakable wide block cipher

[eXtended KECCAK Code Package]

Any questions?

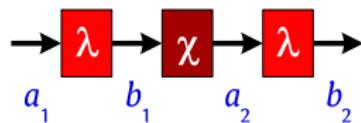
# Thanks for your attention!

- Xoodoo Cookbook  
<https://eprint.iacr.org/2018/767>
- Some implementations  
<https://github.com/XoodooTeam/Xoodoo/> (ref. code in C++ and Python)  
<https://tinyccrypt.wordpress.com/2018/02/06/>... (C, Assembler)  
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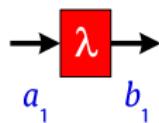
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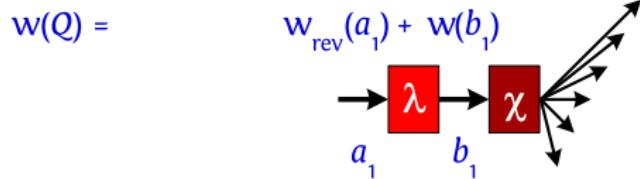
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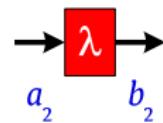


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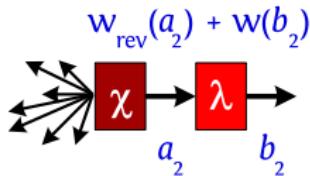


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$a_1 \xrightarrow{\lambda} \chi \xrightarrow{\chi} \lambda \xrightarrow{b_2}$

- Extending all 3-round trail cores to 6 rounds till weight 102

# Using the tree-search approach

Set  $U$  of *units* with a total order relation  $\prec$

## Tree

- Node: subset of  $U$ , represented as a *unit list*

$$a = (u_i)_{i=1,\dots,n} \quad u_1 \prec u_2 \prec \cdots \prec u_n$$

- Children of a node  $a$ :

$$a \cup \{u_{n+1}\} \quad \forall u_{n+1} : u_n \prec u_{n+1}$$

- Root: the empty set  $a = \emptyset$

[Mella, Daemen, Van Assche, FSE 2017]

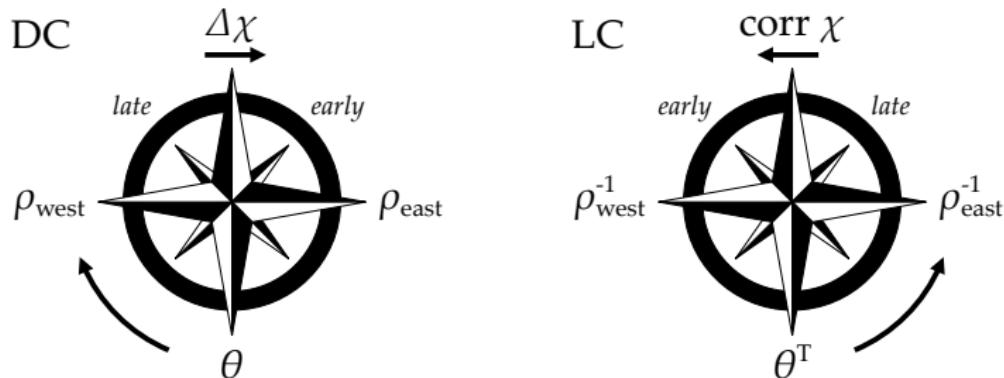
# Definition of units

Units represent one bit at a time:

- Active bit in odd column ( $x, y, z$ )
- Bit in affected column ( $x, y, z$ , value 0/1)
- Active bit of an orbital ( $x, y, z$ )

⇒ allows for finer-grained bounding

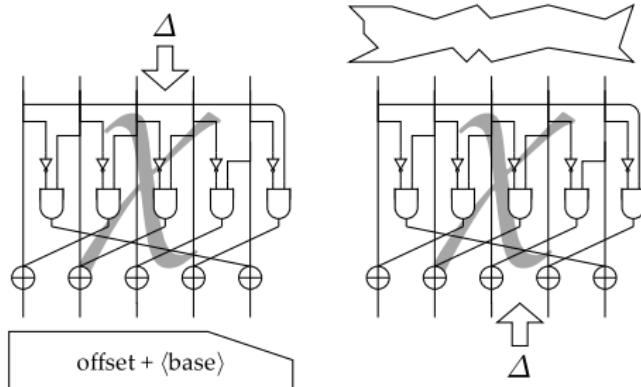
# Properties of the trail search



Difference and mask propagation in  $\chi$  follow the same rule  
 $\Rightarrow$  differential and linear trail search are almost identical

# Properties of the trail search

Compared to trail search in KECCAK- $p$ :



In Xoodoo, both  $\chi$  and  $\chi^{-1}$  have algebraic degree 2  
⇒ affine-space extension in both directions

# Xoodoo software performance

	width bytes	cycles/byte per round	
		ARM	
		Cortex M3	Cortex M0
KECCAK-p[1600, $n_r$ ]	200	2.44	3.64
ChaCha	64	0.69	2.00
Gimli	48	0.91	2.04
Xoodoo	48	1.10	3.76