

# Distinguisher for full final round of Fugue-256

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# Fugue-256

256-bit version of SHA-3 candidate Fugue

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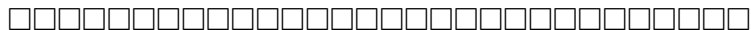
“Round transform” **R** processes 32-bit message chunks

“Final round” **G** takes the final state and returns a digest via a permute+truncate transform

Previous work (Khovratovich): internal collisions in  $2^{352}$  time and space

# Fugue-256: round transform **R**

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32-bit message blocks integrated through **R** transform

**R** makes 2 AES-like rounds on 4-word windows

Trivial distinguishers (e.g., a block affects 11 state words)



⇒ **G** crucial to obtain random-looking digests

# Fugue-256: final round **G**

$30 \times 32 = 960$ -bit internal state  $S_0, \dots, S_{29}$

Message-independent, permute+truncate

18 double-AES-like rounds:

5  $G_1$  rounds      **ROR3; CMIX; SMIX**  
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13  $G_2$  rounds       $S_{4+} = S_0; S_{15+} = S_0; \mathbf{ROR15; SMIX}$   
                          $S_{4+} = S_0; S_{16+} = S_0; \mathbf{ROR14; SMIX}$

Returns

$S_1, S_2, S_3, (S_4 + S_0), (S_{15} + S_0), S_{16}, S_{17}, S_{18}$

# SMIX

Transforms ( $S_0, S_1, S_2, S_3$ ) with AES' Sbox followed by a linear transform using

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# Our main results

Black-box distinguisher for **G** minus a linear layer

- ▶ Integral cryptanalysis
- ▶ Track propagation of multiset properties
- ▶ Exploit sparsity of the linear diffusion layer
- ▶ Need only 256 related but unknown inputs

White-box distinguisher for full **G**

- ▶ Start-in-the-middle strategy
- ▶ Exploit probability-1 differential characteristics
- ▶ Needs only two computations of **G**



# Black-box distinguisher

256-element multiset of bytes characterized as

- ▶ P: permutation of GF(256)
- ▶ C: constant value
- ▶ B: values summing to zero

“Sbox( X ) = X”, for X in { P, C }, “Sbox( B ) = ?”

+	P	C	B	?
P	B	P	B	?
C	P	C	B	?
B	B	B	B	?
?	?	?	?	?

# Black-box distinguisher

**SMIX**(  $S_0 S_1 S_2 S_3$  ) = Super-Mix( Sbox(  $S_0 S_1 S_2 S_3$  ) )

if  $S_0 S_1 S_2 S_3$  is CCCC CCCC PCCC CCCC then

Sbox(  $S_0 S_1 S_2 S_3$  ) = CCCC CCCC PCCC CCCC

and Super-Mix( Sbox(  $\dots$  ) ) is

PCPC PPCC PCCC PCCP

Track properties through 5.5 rounds...

???? P??? B??? B???

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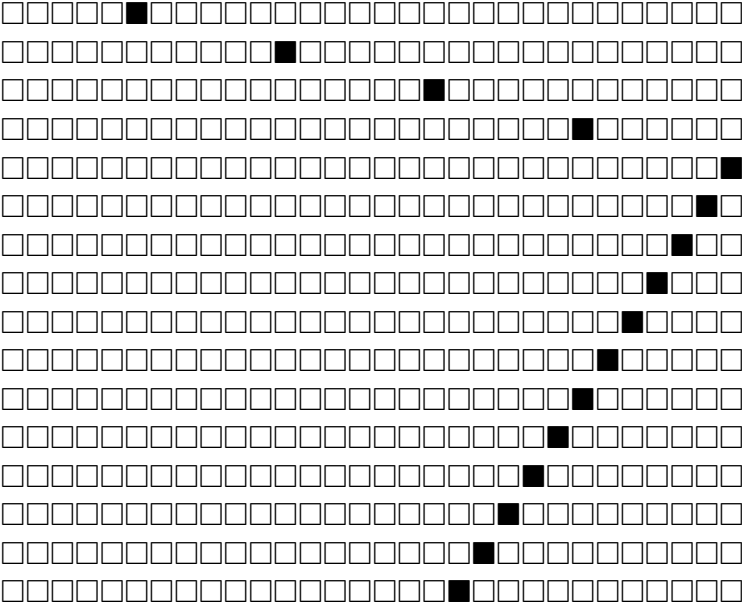
Omit " $S_{16+} = S_0$ " and Super-Mix at round 6, return  $S_{14}$

$\Rightarrow$  After 18 rounds,  $S_{14}$  is ??P? (theory)

Distinguisher:

- ▶ Collect 256 outputs from distinct unknown inputs varying only  $S_5$ 's first byte
- ▶ Check that  $S_{14}$ 's third byte is always unique

# Probability-1 characteristic for 15 rounds of G



# White-box distinguisher

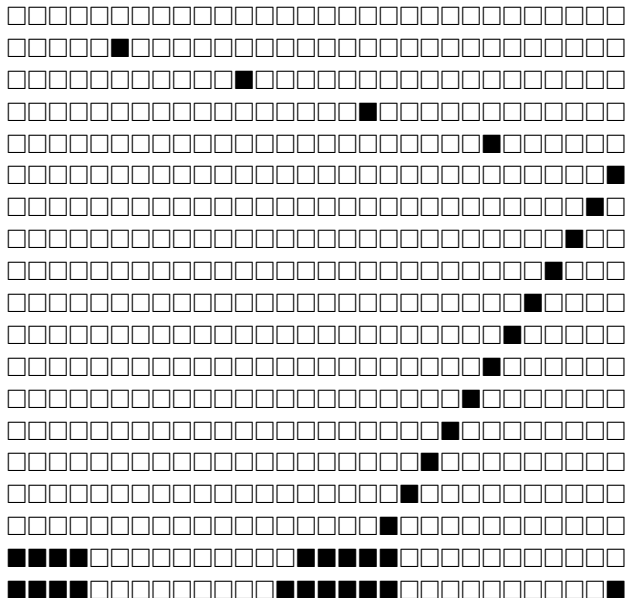
Choose two internal states before round 17 such that

- ▶ The proba-1 characteristics is followed backwards til round 2
- ▶ The two digests have fixed values

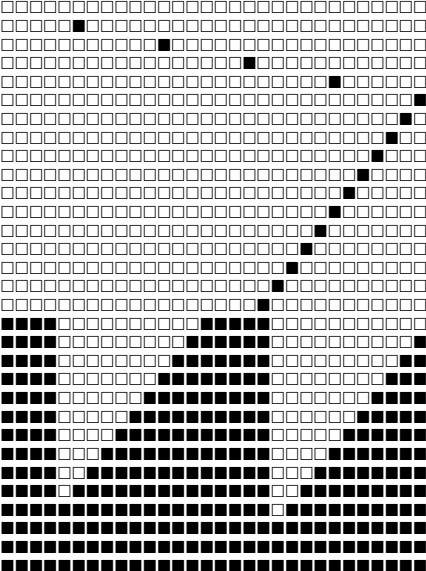
⇒ Find many pairs  $(S, S')$  such that

- ▶  $\mathbf{G}(S)$  and  $\mathbf{G}(S')$  are fixed
- ▶  $S \oplus S'$  has Hamming weight  $\approx 66$

# Probability-1 distinguisher on full 18-round G



# And up to 30 rounds of untruncated **G**



# Conclusions

Efficient distinguisher for **G** (and more), though not Fugue-256

Existence of high-probability characteristics previously conjectured by the designers; doesn't seem to assist attacks on the hash

Difficult to support RO-indifferentiability claims...  
⇒ are Shabal-like relaxed proofs applicable ?