

# Multiple Bytes Differential Fault Analysis on CLEFIA

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**Abstract.** This paper examines the strength of CLEFIA against multiple bytes differential fault attack. Firstly, it presents the principle of CLEFIA algorithm and differential fault analysis; then, according to injecting faults into the  $r^{\text{th}}$ ,  $r-1^{\text{th}}$ ,  $r-2^{\text{th}}$  CLEFIA round three conditions, proposes three fault models and corresponding analysis methods; finally, all of the fault model and analysis methods above have been verified through software simulation. Experiment results demonstrate that: CLEFIA is vulnerable to differential fault attack due to its Feistel structure and S-box feature, 5-6,6-8,2 faults are needed to recover CLEFIA-128 based on the three fault models in this paper respectively, multiple byte faults model can greatly improve the attack practicality and even the attack efficiency, and the fault analysis methods in this paper can provide some fault analysis ideas on other block ciphers using S-box

## 1 Introduction

The idea of fault attack was first suggested in 1997 by Boneh, DeMillo and Lipton<sup>[1]</sup>, which makes use of the faults during the execution of a cryptographic algorithm. Under the idea, the attack was successfully exploited to break an RSA-CRT with both a correct and a faulty signature of the same message. Shortly after, Biham and Shamir proposed an attack on secret key cryptosystems called Differential Fault Analysis (DFA)<sup>[2]</sup>, which combined the ideas of fault attack and differential attack. Since that, many research papers have been published using this cryptanalysis technique to successfully attack various cryptosystems, including ECC<sup>[1]</sup>, 3DES<sup>[4]</sup>, AES<sup>[5-9]</sup>, Camellia<sup>[10-12]</sup>, ARIA<sup>[13]</sup>, CLEFIA<sup>[14-15]</sup>, SMS4<sup>[16-20]</sup>, RC4<sup>[21-22]</sup>, Trivium<sup>[23-24]</sup> and so on. It's clear to see that no matter symmetric ciphers or public ciphers are all facing serious threats of fault attacks.

CLEFIA is proposed by Sony Corporation in 2007 FSE conference, it is a 128-bit Feistel structure block cipher with the key length of 128, 192 and 256 bits, which are compatible with AES. Sony claimed that the CLEFIA is designed to concentrate state-of-the-art cryptanalysis techniques, and achieve sufficient immunity against known cryptanalytic attacks. Sony will seek to establish an environment in which CLEFIA can be used across various applications and products such as AV devices. Since the presentation of CLEFIA in FSE2007, cryptographers of the world have made many security analyses on it.

In the previous DFA attacks on CLEFIA, Chen et al.[14] proposed the first DFA attack on CLEFIA, they injected one byte fault in the  $r-1^{\text{th}}$  round left register to

recover 4 bytes of the  $r^{\text{th}}$  round key, after attacking the last 3 rounds and 9 rounds, the CLEFIA-128,192/256 key was recovered using 18 and 54 ciphertexts on average respectively. In 2008, Junko et al.[15] proposed an improved DFA methods on CLEFIA, they injected 4 byte faults in the  $r-2^{\text{th}}$  round left registers to deduce the last 3 rounds key, finally they obtained CLEFIA-128,192/256 key by 2 and 10.78 ciphertexts on average respectively.

This work takes different approach to DFA attacks against CLEFIA, we examine the strength of CLEFIA against multiple bytes differential fault attack, propose 3 DFA methods on injecting  $m$  multiple byte faults in the  $r^{\text{th}}$  ( $1 \leq m \leq 8$ ),  $r-1^{\text{th}}$  ( $1 \leq m \leq 4$ ),  $r-2^{\text{th}}$  ( $1 \leq m \leq 4$ ) CLEFIA round respectively, and verify all the analysis methods above through simulation experiments. Generally speaking, comparing with all the previous attacks, our attack conditions are much more loosely, and the attack are much more practical. Specifically speaking, attack in [14] is the special case of our  $r-1^{\text{th}}$  round multiple bytes DFA attack when  $m=1$ , the research in this paper also demonstrate that [14] didn't make full analysis on the  $r-1^{\text{th}}$  round fault(missed the analyzing of the faults in the  $r-1^{\text{th}}$  round); attack in [15] is the special case of our  $r-2^{\text{th}}$  round multiple bytes DFA attack when  $m=4$ , their faulty model has the defects of difficult to identify the ideal proper faults, but the third fault model in the  $r-2^{\text{th}}$  round can identify the ideal faults correctly at most cases, and the analysis efficiency is also quite high, attack in [15] takes that one time 4 byte faults can reduce  $RK_{34}$  key search space from  $2^{32}$  to  $27.1=2^{4.76}$ , but the analysis and the concrete experiment demonstrates that the  $RK_{34}$  key search space should be reduced to  $37.8=2^{5.24}$ .

This work is organized as follows. Section 2 presents the preliminaries of DFA on CLEFIA. Section 3,4,5 presents several DFA methods on injecting one byte or multiple byte faults in the  $r^{\text{th}}$ ,  $r-1^{\text{th}}$ ,  $r-2^{\text{th}}$  CLEFIA round respectively. Section 6 displays the complexity analysis and experimental results of the attacks. Section 7 is the conclusion.

## 2 Preliminaries

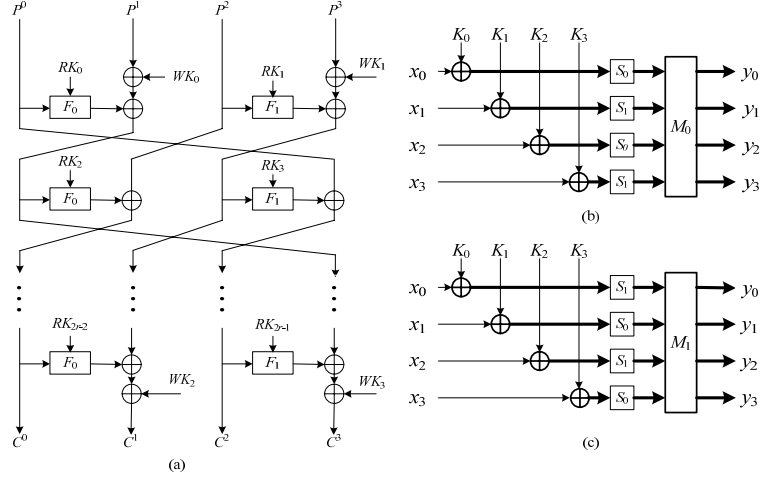
### 2.1 Notations

$P, X_r, C$ : 128-bit plaintext, the  $r^{\text{th}}$  round intermediate state, the ciphertext  
 $P^i, X_r^i, C^i$ : the  $i^{\text{th}}$  32-bit word of the plaintext, the  $r^{\text{th}}$  round intermediate state, the ciphertext  
 $P^{ij}, X_r^{ij}, C^{ij}$ : the  $j^{\text{th}}$  byte in the  $i^{\text{th}}$  32-bit word of the plaintext, the  $r^{\text{th}}$  round intermediate state, the ciphertext  
 $a|b$ : the concatenation of  $a$  and  $b$

### 2.2 CLEFIA

CLEFIA<sup>[25]</sup> employs a generalized Feistel structure with four data lines, and the width

of each data line is 32-bit. Additionally, there are key whitening parts at the beginning and the end of the cipher. Fig. 1(a) shows the encryption process of  $r$ -round CLEFIA.



**Fig. 1.** Encryption Process of  $r$ -round CLEFIA

The number of rounds  $r$  can be 18, 22 and 26 for CLEFIA-128, CLEFIA-192 and CLEFIA-256 respectively.  $2r$  32-bit round subkeys ( $RK_0, RK_1, \dots, RK_{2r-1}$ ), and 4 32-bit whitening keys ( $WK_0, WK_1, WK_2, WK_3$ ) are used in the encryption. Let  $(X_i^0, X_i^1, X_i^2, X_i^3)$  denote the four 32-bit input of the  $i+1$  round. The encryption process is shown as following 3 steps:

1. Pre-whitening:

The 128-bit plaintext is divided into 4 32-bit words ( $P^0, P^1, P^2, P^3$ ), the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> words are XORed with the first two 32-bit whitening keys.

$$(X_0^0, X_0^1, X_0^2, X_0^3) = (P^0, P^1 \oplus WK_0, P^2, P^3 \oplus WK_1)$$

2. The first  $r-1$ th round encryption

$$\begin{aligned} X_i^0 &= X_{i-1}^1 \oplus F_0(X_{i-1}^0, RK_{2i-2}), & X_i^1 &= X_{i-1}^2, \\ X_i^2 &= X_{i-1}^3 \oplus F_1(X_{i-1}^2, RK_{2i-1}), & X_i^3 &= X_{i-1}^0. \end{aligned}$$

In order to keep the same structure of the decryption process as the encryption process, the  $r$ <sup>th</sup> round has a little different with previous rounds.

$$\begin{aligned} X_i^0 &= X_{i-1}^0, & X_i^1 &= X_{i-1}^1 \oplus F_0(X_{i-1}^0, RK_{2i-2}), \\ X_i^2 &= X_{i-1}^2, & X_i^3 &= X_{i-1}^3 \oplus F_1(X_{i-1}^2, RK_{2i-1}). \end{aligned}$$

3. Post-whitening:

The  $X_r^1$  and  $X_r^3$  are XORed with the last two 32-bit whitening keys.

$$(C^0, C^1, C^2, C^3) = (X_r^0, X_r^1 \oplus WK_2, X_r^2, X_r^3 \oplus WK_3)$$

The description of  $F_0$  and  $F_1$  function is shown in Fig. 1(b) and (c). Two nonlinear 8-bit S-boxes  $S_0$  and  $S_1$  are used in the substitution function, but the sequence is different.  $M_0$  and  $M_1$  are  $4 \times 4$  Hadamard-type matrixes used in the permutation function, they are defined as follows:

$$M_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 01 & 02 & 04 & 06 \\ 02 & 01 & 06 & 04 \\ 04 & 06 & 01 & 02 \\ 06 & 04 & 02 & 01 \end{pmatrix} \quad M_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 01 & 08 & 02 & 0a \\ 08 & 01 & 0a & 02 \\ 02 & 0a & 01 & 08 \\ 0a & 02 & 08 & 01 \end{pmatrix}$$

The key expansion algorithm of CLEFIA is divided into two part: the first is to generate  $L$  by  $K$  and the second is to generate  $WK_i(0 \leq i < 4)$  and  $RK_j(0 \leq j < 2r)$  by  $K$  and  $L$ . For the 128-bit key scheduling, the 128-bit intermediate key  $L$  is generated by applying  $GFN_{4,12}$  which takes 24 32-bit constant values  $CON_{128_i}$ ,  $0 \leq i < 24$  as round keys and  $K=K_0|K_1|K_2|K_3$  as an input. Then  $K$  and  $L$  are used to generate  $WK_i(0 \leq i < 4)$  and  $RK_j(0 \leq j < 36)$  in the following steps.

1.  $L \leftarrow GFN_{4,12}(CON_0^{128}, \dots, CON_{23}^{128}, K_0, \dots, K_3)$ ;
  2.  $WK_0 | WK_1 | WK_2 | WK_3 \leftarrow K$ ;
  3. For  $i=0$  to  $i=8$ 
    - $\{T=L \oplus (CON_{24+4i}^{128}|CON_{24+4i+1}^{128}|CON_{24+4i+2}^{128}|CON_{24+4i+3}^{128})$ ;
    - $L \leftarrow \Sigma(L)$ ;
    - If  $i$  is an odd,  $T \leftarrow T \oplus K$ ;
    - $RK_{4i}|RK_{4i+1}|RK_{4i+2}|RK_{4i+3} \leftarrow T$ ;
- The *DoubleSwap* function  $\Sigma: X \{0, 1\}^{128} \rightarrow Y \{0, 1\}^{128}$  is defined as follows:  
 $Y = X[7 - 63]X[121 - 127]X[0 - 6]X[64 - 120]$

### 2.3 CLEFIA DFA principle

In order to enhance the resistance of linear and differential analysis techniques, modern block ciphers usually apply the S-box to improve the cipher non-linearity, avalanche and the implementation efficiency, but it is just because of non-full coverage feature in the differential S-box which plunge the block ciphers into serious threat of fault attacks.

Suppose during the S-box lookups, a random fault is injected into the unknown S-box input value  $a$ , usually, the attacker can obtain  $f'$ , which is the XORed differential value of the correct and faulty S-box output.  $a, f, f'$  can satisfy:

$$S[a] \oplus S[a \oplus f] = f'. \quad (1)$$

According to equation (1), as to Feistel block ciphers, it usually satisfies such deduction.

**Deduction1:** If the input and out differential of the S-box are known, then very limited candidates for the input and output of the S-box lookup can be obtained.

Generally speaking, the length of  $a$  (typical is 8-bit) is limited. If we iterate all the candidates of  $a$  into equation (1), due to the avalanche of the S-box, as to given  $f$  and  $f'$ , very limited candidates of  $a$  can be obtained..

As is shown in Fig.2, due to the generalized double Feistel structure, if a single byte fault  $f$  is injected into the  $r^{\text{th}}$  round left register, after the XORed with the round key  $RK_{2r-2}$ , the fault is unchanged, after the  $r^{\text{th}}$  round S-box lookup,  $f$  is transferred into  $f'$ , after the  $r^{\text{th}}$  round  $M$  permutation function,  $f'$  is transferred into  $M(f')$ , and

finally the result is XORed with the two post-whitening keys to generate the ciphertext. Obviously, due to the Feistel structure, the  $r^{\text{th}}$  round S-box input differential  $f'$  and  $M$  function output differential  $M(f')$  is known by the ciphertext differential. As the  $r^{\text{th}}$  round S-box output differential  $f'$  can be computed by the  $M^{-1}$  function. According to Deduction 1, the  $r^{\text{th}}$  round S-box input value ( $X_{r-1}^{0,i} \oplus RK_{2r-2}^i$ ) can be recovered, as  $X_{r-1}^{0,i} = C^{0,i}$ ,  $RK_{2r-2}^i$  can be recovered.

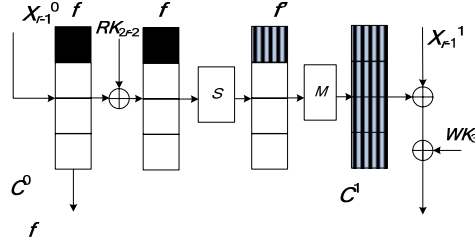


Fig. 2. The basic CLEFIA DFA model

Inducing more faults into  $X_{r-1}^0$ , the round key  $RK_{2r-2}$  can be obtained, inducing more faults into  $X_{r-1}^2$ , the round key  $RK_{2r-1}$  can be obtained. Then the attackers could decrypt the right ciphertext to obtain the input of the last round, which is the output of the penultimate round. They repeat the above procedure to recover more subkeys until the secret key is obtained by the key schedule. On the basis of the above procedure, the attackers must recover the pure subkeys before deducing the secret key in the previous DFA research.

The following Sections will present the specific DFA analysis on the  $r^{\text{th}}$ ,  $r-1^{\text{th}}$ ,  $r-2^{\text{th}}$  round of CLEFIA respectively.

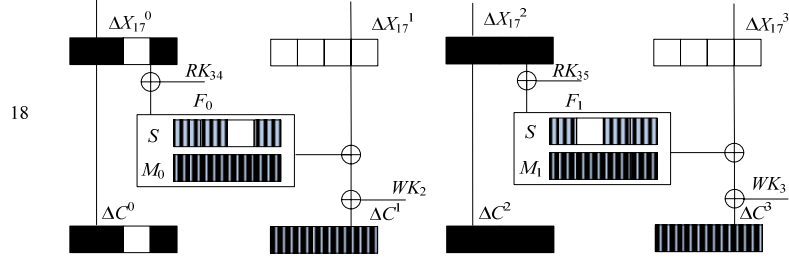
### 3 DFA on Fault in the $r^{\text{th}}$ CLEFIA round

None of the previous DFA attacks on CLEFIA has considered injecting faults into the  $r^{\text{th}}$  round left register to analyze the round key. The fault model of this Section is to induce multiple byte faults in the  $r^{\text{th}}$  round CLEFIA left register. We hold that, due to the broad fault width (at most 64-bit) and high round key recovery efficiency, it can be seen as the most powerful DFA attack to CLEFIA.

**Fault model:** Inject  $m, n$  ( $1 \leq m, n \leq 4$ ) random faults into  $X_{r-1}^0, X_{r-1}^2$  respectively, the faulty bytes number, location and differential value is unknown.

1. Deduce  $RK_{34}, RK_{35}$

Let's take CLEFIA-128 as an example. If we induce  $m(m=3), n(n=4)$  byte faults into  $X_{17}^0, X_{17}^2$ , the fault propagation process is depicted in Fig.3.



**Fig. 3.** Fault propagation process of injecting faults into the  $r^{\text{th}}$  CLEFIA round

The key recovery process is as follows:

Step1: Deduce  $RK_{34}$

Step1.1: Deduce the 18<sup>th</sup> S-box input differential  $\Delta X_{17}^0$   
From Fig.3, it's easy to know that  $\Delta X_{17}^0$  is equal to  $\Delta C^0$ .

Step1.2: Deduce the 18<sup>th</sup> S-box output differential  $\Delta S_{17}^0$ .

From Fig.3, it's easy to know that  $\Delta S_{17}^0$  is equal to  $M_0^{-1}(\Delta C^1)$ .

Step1.3: Deduce  $RK_{34}$

From Fig.3, combined the Deduction 1 of Section 2.3, we can recover limited candidates of  $RK_{34}^0, RK_{34}^1, RK_{34}^3$ . Repeat to inject random multiple fault into  $X_{17}^0$  and repeat Step1 to recover  $RK_{34}$ .

Step2: Deduce  $RK_{35}$

Step2.1: Deduce the 18<sup>th</sup> S-box input differential  $\Delta X_{17}^2$   
 $\Delta X_{17}^2$  is equal to  $\Delta C^2$ .

Step2.2: Deduce the 18<sup>th</sup> S-box output differential  $\Delta S_{17}^1$   
 $\Delta S_{17}^1$  is equal to  $M_1^{-1}(\Delta C^3)$ .

Step2.3: Deduce  $RK_{35}$

Combing the Deduction 1 of Section 2.3, limited candidates of  $RK_{35}$  can be obtained, then injecting and analyzing more faults to obtain  $RK_{35}$ .

2. Deduce  $RK_{32} \oplus WK_3, RK_{33} \oplus WK_2$

Inject multiple byte faults into the 17<sup>th</sup> round left register  $X_{16}^0, X_{16}^2$ , deduce the 17<sup>th</sup> round output differential by  $RK_{34}, RK_{35}$  deduced before, then deduce the 17<sup>th</sup> round S-box input and output differential  $\Delta X_{16}^0, \Delta S_{16}^0$ , combined the Deduction 1 to obtain  $RK_{32} \oplus WK_3, RK_{33} \oplus WK_2$ .

3. Deduce  $RK_{30}, RK_{31}$

Inject multiple byte faults into the 16<sup>th</sup> round left register  $X_{15}^0, X_{15}^2$ , deduce the 16<sup>th</sup> round S-box input and output differential  $\Delta X_{15}^0, \Delta S_{15}^0$ , combined the Deduction 1 to obtain  $RK_{30}, RK_{31}$ .

4. Deduce and verify  $K$

Combing the key reverse techniques, the input  $L$  value of the 9<sup>th</sup> iteration in CLEFIA schedule can be obtained, and by applying the inverse of the Doubleswap and the  $GFN_{4,12}^{-1}$  function,  $K$  can be obtained. The last 4 round keys generating procedure, the DFA results above, and the specific key reverse procedure are depicted in Fig.4 (a),(b),(c) respectively.

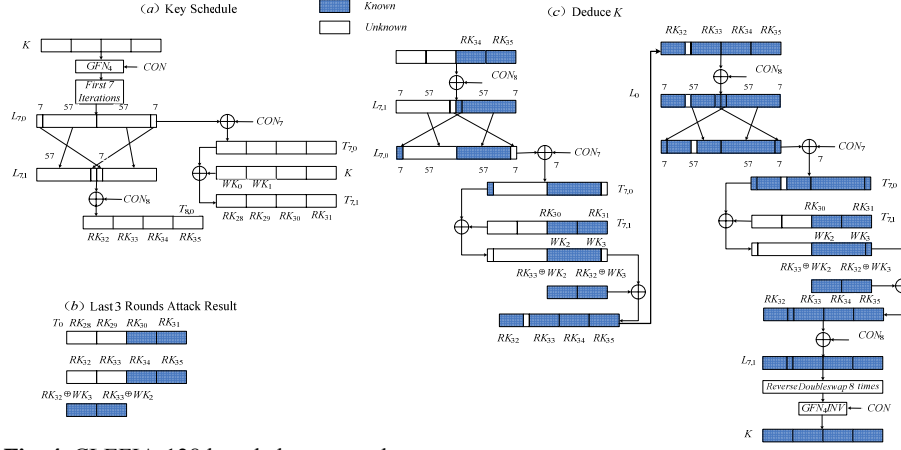


Fig. 4. CLEFIA-128 key deduce procedure

## 4 DFA on Fault in the $r-1^{\text{th}}$ CLEFIA round

### 4.1 Related Work

In the previous DFA attacks on CLEFIA, only Chen et al.[14] proposed the DFA attack on CLEFIA by injecting one byte fault in the  $r-1^{\text{th}}$  round left register to recover 4 bytes of the  $r^{\text{th}}$  round key.

Their fault model is: Inject single byte random faults into the  $r-1^{\text{th}}$  round left register  $X_{r-2}^0, X_{r-2}^2$  respectively, the faulty byte location and value is unknown.

Fig. 5(a) depicts the fault propagation of injecting one byte fault into  $X_{16}^0$  in [14]. After analyzing the ciphertext differential, the 18th round input and output differential can be obtained, using the Deduction 1 in Section 2.3 to obtain  $RK_{34}$ , and then analyze faults injected in  $X_{16}^2$  to deduce  $RK_{35}$ . Repeat the same methods by inject faults into the 16th and 15th round to deduce  $RK_{32} \oplus WK_3, RK_{33} \oplus WK_2, RK_{30}, RK_{31}$ , then combined the key schedule to recover the CLEFIA-128 initial key.

### 4.2 Improved Multiple Bytes DFA atgtack

The fault model of [14] was based on single byte fault, it made full analysis on the faults propagated in the  $r^{\text{th}}$  round, but missed the analysis of the single byte fault to deduce one byte of the  $r-1^{\text{th}}$  round key in the  $r-1^{\text{th}}$  round.

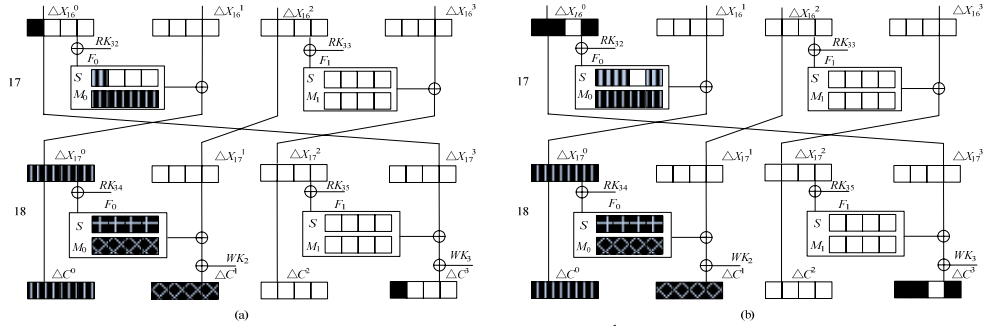
In this Section, we make an improved attack based on [14] as follows:

1. Broaden the fault width by injecting multiple byte faults into  $X_{r-2}^i$  in the  $r-1^{\text{th}}$  round
2. Make full use of the  $r^{\text{th}}$  and  $r-1^{\text{th}}$  round fault to analyze the last two round keys.

The specific fault model and analysis method is shown as follows:

**Fault model:** Inject  $m, n$  ( $1 \leq m, n \leq 4$ ) random faults into the  $r-1^{\text{th}}$  round left register  $X_{r-2}^0, X_{r-2}^2$  respectively, the faulty bytes number, location and differential value is unknown.

Let's also take CLEFIA-128 as an example. If we induce  $m$  ( $m=1,4$ ) byte faults into  $X_{16}^0$ , the fault propagation process is depicted in Fig.5. The key analysis procedure is as follows:



**Fig. 5.** Fault propagation process of injecting faults into the  $r-1^{\text{th}}$  CLEFIA round

1. Deduce  $RK_{34}$

The ciphertext differential  $\Delta C^0$  is the 18<sup>th</sup> round left S-box input differential, and  $M_0^{-1}(\Delta C^1)$  is the 18<sup>th</sup> round left S-box output differential, combined the Deduction 1 to deduce  $RK_{34}$ .

2. Deduce  $RK_{32} \oplus WK_3$

The ciphertext differential  $\Delta C^3$  is the 17<sup>th</sup> round left S-box input differential, and  $M_0^{-1}(\Delta C^0)$  is the 17<sup>th</sup> round left S-box output differential, combined the Deduction 1 to deduce  $RK_{32} \oplus WK_3$ .

3. Deduce  $RK_{35}, RK_{33} \oplus WK_2$

Inject multiple byte faults into  $X_{16}^2$ ,  $\Delta C^2$ ,  $M_1^{-1}(\Delta C^3)$  are the 18<sup>th</sup> round right S-box input and output differential, then  $RK_{35}$  can be deduced.  $\Delta C^1$ ,  $M_1^{-1}(\Delta C^2)$  are the 17<sup>th</sup> round right S-box input and output differential, and then  $RK_{33} \oplus WK_2$  can be deduced.

4. Deduce  $RK_{30}, RK_{31}$

Inject multiple byte faults into  $X_{14}^2$ , using  $RK_{30}, RK_{31}, RK_{32} \oplus WK_3, RK_{33} \oplus WK_2$  to compute the 16<sup>th</sup> round output differential, then combined the Deduction 1 to deduce  $RK_{30}, RK_{31}$ .

5. Deduce and verify  $K$

According to CLEFIA key recovery technique of Section 3 to obtain and verify  $K$ .



## 5 DFA on Fault in the $r$ -2<sup>th</sup> CLEFIA round

### 5.1 Related Work

In the previous DFA attacks on CLEFIA, only Junko et al.[15] proposed the DFA attack on CLEFIA by injecting 4 byte faults in the  $r$ -2<sup>th</sup> round left register to recover last 3 rounds key.

Their fault model is: Inject 4 byte random faults into the  $r$ -2<sup>th</sup> round left register  $X_{r-3}^0, X_{r-3}^2$  respectively, the faulty bytes value is unknown.

Fig. 6(a) depicts the fault propagation of injecting 4 byte faults into  $X_{15}^0$  in [15]. The specific analysis procedure is as follows:

1. Inject 4 byte faults into  $X_{15}^0$ , analyze the ciphertext differential to obtain the 18<sup>th</sup> round left S-box input and output differential, then deduce  $RK_{34}$ .
2. Inject 4 byte faults into  $X_{15}^2$ , analyze the ciphertext differential to obtain the 18<sup>th</sup> round right S-box input and output differential, then deduce  $RK_{35}$ .
3. Compute the 17<sup>th</sup> round left S-box input and output differential by  $RK_{35}$  analyzed in step 2 to deduce  $RK_{32} \oplus WK_3$ .
4. Compute the 17<sup>th</sup> round right S-box input and output differential by  $RK_{34}$  analyzed in step 1 to deduce  $RK_{33} \oplus WK_2$ .
5. Compute the 16<sup>th</sup> round left S-box input and output differential by the round key analyzed in step 1,2,4 to deduce  $RK_{30}$ .
6. Compute the 16<sup>th</sup> round right S-box input and output differential by the round key analyzed in step 1,2,3 to deduce  $RK_{31}$ .
7. Deduce and verify  $K$

### 5.2 Improved Multiple Bytes DFA attack

The fault model of [15] was based on injecting 4 byte faults into the  $r$ -2 round left registers  $X_{r-3}^0$  and  $X_{r-3}^2$ , it's a strictly 4 byte faults model, and more importantly, it has the defects of difficult to identify the ideal faulty ciphertexts.

In this Section, we make an improved attack based on [15] as follows:

1. Loose the fault width condition by injecting 1-4 byte faults into  $X_{r-3}^0$  and  $X_{r-3}^2$ .
2. Improve the identification of ideal faulty ciphertexts.
3. Attack in [15] is a special case of our attack when the fault byte number is 4.

The specific fault model and analysis method is shown as follows:

**Fault model:** Inject  $m, n$  ( $1 \leq m, n \leq 4$ ) random faults into the  $r$ -2<sup>th</sup> round left register  $X_{r-3}^0, X_{r-3}^2$  respectively, the faulty bytes number, location and differential value is unknown.

If we induce  $m$  ( $m=4,3$ ) byte faults into  $X_{15}^0$ , the fault propagation process is depicted in Fig.6. The key analysis procedure is as follows:

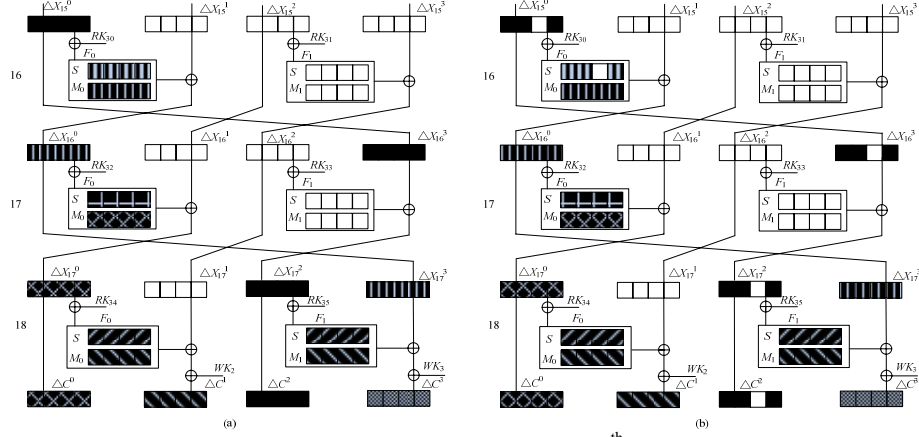


Fig. 6. Fault propagation process of injecting faults into the  $r$ -2<sup>th</sup> CLEFIA round

1. Deduce  $RK_{34}$

Inject multiple byte faults into  $X_{15}^0$ ,  $RK_{34}$  can be deduced after analyzing the 18<sup>th</sup> round left S-box input and out differential  $\Delta C^0$  and  $M_0^{-1}(\Delta C^1)$ .

2. Deduce  $RK_{35}$

Inject multiple byte faults into  $X_{15}^2$ ,  $RK_{35}$  can be deduced after analyzing the 18<sup>th</sup> round right S-box input and out differential  $\Delta C^2$  and  $M_0^{-1}(\Delta C^3)$ .

3. Deduce  $RK_{32} \oplus WK_3$

The 17<sup>th</sup> round left S-box output differential is  $M_0^{-1}(\Delta C^0)$ , combined ciphertext and  $RK_{35}$  candidates, the 17<sup>th</sup> round left S-box input differential  $\Delta X_{16}^0$  can be deduced by

$$\Delta X_{16}^0 = F_1(C^2, RK_{35}) \oplus F_1(C^{2*}, RK_{35}) \oplus \Delta C^3. \quad (2)$$

4. Deduce  $RK_{33} \oplus WK_2$

The 17<sup>th</sup> round right S-box output differential is  $M_1^{-1}(\Delta C^2)$ , combined ciphertext and  $RK_{34}$  candidates, the 17<sup>th</sup> round right S-box input differential  $\Delta X_{16}^2$  can be deduced by

$$\Delta X_{16}^2 = F_0(C^0, RK_{34}) \oplus F_0(C^{0*}, RK_{34}) \oplus \Delta C^1. \quad (3)$$

5. Deduce  $RK_{30}$

The 16<sup>th</sup> round left S-box input differential is  $\Delta C^2$ , combined ciphertext and  $RK_{35}$  candidates, the 16<sup>th</sup> round left S-box output differential  $\Delta S_{16}^0$  can be deduced by

$$\Delta S_{16}^0 = M_0^{-1}(\Delta X_{16}^0) = M_0^{-1}(F_1(C^2, RK_{35}) \oplus F_1(C^{2*}, RK_{35}) \oplus \Delta C^3) \quad (4)$$

Combing the Deduction 1, the 16<sup>th</sup> round left S-box input value  $X_{15}^0 \oplus RK_{30}$  can be deduced. In order to deduce  $RK_{30}$ , we should first compute  $X_{15}^0$ ,  $X_{15}^0$  can be deduced by

$$X_{15}^0 = X_{16}^3 = C^2 \oplus F_1(F_0(C^0, RK_{34}) \oplus C^1 \oplus WK_2, RK_{33}) \quad (5)$$

As the 17<sup>th</sup> round right S-box input value  $F_0(C^0, RK_{34}) \oplus C^1 \oplus WK_2 \oplus RK_{33}$  is known, according to equation(5),  $X_{15}^0$  can be deduced, and then  $RK_{30}$  can be obtained.

6. Deduce  $RK_{31}$

The 16<sup>th</sup> round right S-box input differential is  $\Delta C^0$ , combined ciphertext and  $RK_{34}$  candidates, the 16<sup>th</sup> round right S-box output differential  $\Delta S_{16}^2$  can be deduced by

$$\Delta S_{16}^2 = M_1^{-1}(\Delta X_{16}^2) = M_1^{-1}(F_0(C^0, RK_{34}) \oplus F_0(C^{0*}, RK_{34}) \oplus \Delta C^1) \quad (6)$$

Combing the Deduction 1, the 16<sup>th</sup> round right S-box input value  $X_{15}^2 \oplus RK_{31}$  can be deduced. In order to deduce  $RK_{31}$ , we should first compute  $X_{15}^2$ ,  $X_{15}^2$  can be deduced by

$$X_{15}^2 = X_{16}^1 = C^0 \oplus F_0(F_1(C^2, RK_{35}) \oplus C^3 \oplus WK_3, RK_{32}) \quad (7)$$

As the 17<sup>th</sup> round left S-box input value  $F_1(C^2, RK_{35}) \oplus C^3 \oplus WK_3 \oplus RK_{32}$  is known, according to equation(7),  $X_{15}^2$  can be deduced, and then  $RK_{31}$  can be obtained.

### 7. Deduce and verify $K$

According to CLEFIA key recovery technique of Section 3 to obtain and verify  $K$ .

## 6 Complexity Analysis and Experimental Results

### 6.1 Complexity Analysis

Suppose single byte fault is injected into the CLEFIA-128 last round, as is shown in Fig.2. Then the fault analysis should satisfy

$$S[C^0 \oplus k] \oplus S[C^0 \oplus k \oplus f] = f' \quad (8)$$

If we input every possible candidates of  $C^0 \oplus k$ ,  $f(f \neq 0x00)$ ,  $f'$  into equation (8), the key DFA analysis efficiency of the two CLEFIA S-box  $S_0$ ,  $S_1$  are shown in Table 1 and Table 2.

Table 1. CLEFIA key DFA analysis efficiency by  $S_0$

$k$ count	frequency	probability	variance
2	9984512	0.5975	1.1950
4	5157888	0.3086	1.2344
6	1302528	0.0779	0.4674
8	243712	0.0146	0.1168
10	23040	0.0014	0.0140
total	16711680=( $2^{24}$ -256)	1	3.0276= $2^{1.60}$

Table 2. CLEFIA key DFA analysis efficiency by  $S_1$

$k$ count	frequency	probability	variance
2	16450560	0.9844	1.9688
4	261120	0.0156	0.0624
total	16711680=( $2^{24}$ -256)	1	2.0312= $2^{1.02}$

According to the analysis of Table 1 and Table 2, after the fault injecting and analysis of the same byte for two times, the unique key byte recovery probability is over 98.8%, but attack in [14] insists that 3 times same location faulty bytes are needed to obtain the correct key byte. And if full 4 byte of  $X_{17}^0$  or  $X_{17}^2$  has been injected faults, the key search space of  $RK_{34}$  or  $RK_{35}$  should be reduced from  $2^{32}$  to  $37.8=2^{5.24}$ , but attack in 15 insists that it should be  $27.1=2^{4.76}$ , our analysis theory can be verified through simulation experiment in Section 6.2.

In the DFA analysis of Section 3, if 8 bytes faults are injected into  $X_{17}^0$  or  $X_{17}^2$  by one time, it can reduce the key search space of  $RK_{34}, RK_{35}$  from  $2^{64}$  to  $2^{10.48}$ . Two times 8 byte faults can obtain  $RK_{34}, RK_{35}$ , after injecting 8 byte faults into the 17<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> round, through analysis of Section 3, totally 5-6 times faults are enough to obtain CLEFIA-128 key.

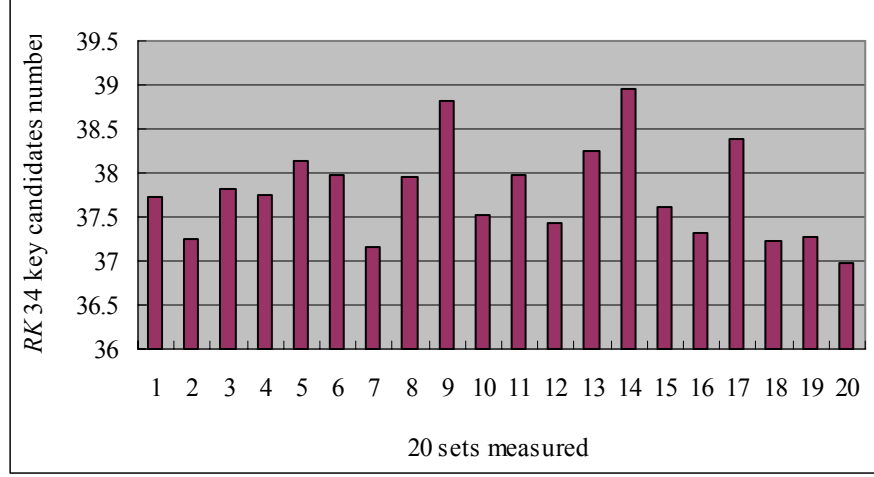
In the DFA analysis of Section 4, if we inject 4 byte faults into  $X_{16}^0$  and  $X_{16}^2$  for 2 times,  $RK_{34}, RK_{35}, RK_{32} \oplus WK_3, RK_{33} \oplus WK_2$  can be deduced. Then we inject 4 byte fault into  $X_{14}^0$  and  $X_{14}^2$  for one time,  $RK_{30}, RK_{31}$  key search space can be reduced to  $2^{10.48}$ , two times are enough to obtain  $RK_{30}, RK_{31}$  directly, so totally 6-8 times faults are enough to obtain CLEIA-128 key.

In the DFA analysis of Section 5, if we inject 4 byte faults into  $X_{15}^0$  and  $X_{15}^2$ , totally 2 faults are enough to reduce the CLEFIA-128 key search space to  $2^{19}$ .

## 6.2 Experimental Results

We have implemented simulations of all the attacks given in this paper. The simulations are written in Visual C++6.0 on Windows XP. Our simulations run on a personal computer (Athlon 64-bit 3000+ 1.81 GHz CPU and 1GB RAM) and successfully extract the CLEFIA-128/192/256 key.

As we know from Table 1 and Table 2, due to the DFA analysis of  $RK_{34}$  (2 times S-box lookup for  $S_0$  and  $S_1$ ), one time 4 byte fault analysis can reduce the  $RK_{34}$  searching space from  $2^{32}$  to  $3.0276*3.0276*2.0312*2.0312=37.82$ . We have done 20 sets of statistics to compute the  $RK_{34}$  candidates' number, every set has been done 2000 times of repeat DFA attacks, finally get the average  $RK_{34}$  candidates' number, as is depicted in Fig.7. It's clear to see that the experimental result (average number is 37.78) is almost the same as the theoretical value (average number is 37.82), which also verified the correctness of the analysis in Section 6.1 and proved that the analysis of  $27.1=2^{4.76}$  in 15 has some deviations.



**Fig. 7.** Statistics of 20 sets for 2000 sample's average 4 byte faults in  $X_{17}$  and  $RK_{34}$  candidates' number

The DFA attack result of the recent years is shown in Table 3. It's clear to see that CLEFIA is quite vulnerable to multiple byte fault attacks and the key analysis efficiency is also quite high.

**Table 3.** Summary of CLEFIA-128 DFA attack results

Attack	fault type	fault location	sample
[14]	single byte	$X_{17}^0, X_{17}^2, X_{16}^0, X_{16}^2, X_{15}^0, X_{15}^2$	18
[15]	4 bytes	$X_{15}^0, X_{15}^2$	2
Section 3	1-8 bytes	$X_{17}^0, X_{17}^2, X_{16}^0, X_{16}^2, X_{15}^0, X_{15}^2$	at least 5-6
Section 4	1-4 faults	$X_{17}^0, X_{17}^2, X_{15}^0, X_{15}^2$	at least 6-8
Section 5	1-4 faults	$X_{15}^0, X_{15}^2$	at least 2

Compared with previous attacks, the attacks in this work have the following features:

1. The fault model of the Section 3 is the most loosely one, can as widely as 8 byte faults, and can analysis the two related round keys, while attack in r[14] and [15] can not, the least fault number is also quite low, 3 faulty ciphertexts can reduce the CLEFIA-key search space down to  $2^{31}$ .
2. The fault model of Section 4 has extended the fault model of [14], instead injecting single byte fault in the  $r-1^{\text{th}}$  round left register  $X_{r-2}^i$ , we inject multiple byte faults into the  $r-1^{\text{th}}$  round left register  $X_{r-2}^i$ ; also point out that [14] didn't make full use of the fault and missed the analysis of the single byte fault in the  $r-1$  round, and we give the specific analysis method to make full use of the faults; Section 6.1 has made the analysis of the single byte fault analysis efficiency, we point out that 2 times of the same location single byte fault can obtain unique related key byte at 98.8% probabilities, while attack in [14] insists that 3 times single byte faults are enough to obtain the unique related key byte.
3. The fault model of Section 5 has extended the fault model of 15, first we loose the fault width, instead of injecting 4 byte faults into  $X_{r-3}^i$ , we inject 1-4 byte faults into  $X_{r-3}^i$ , the fault model of 15 is the special case when the fault width is 4 bytes,

attack in 15 has the defects of difficult to identify the ideal ciphertexts, while our fault model can improve the fault identification at certain level.

## 7 Conclusion

In this study we have analyzed the multiple byte faults DFA methods against CLEFIA block cipher, and displayed the complexity analysis and experimental results. Experimental results demonstrate that: due to its Feistel structure and differential S-box features, CLEFIA is quite weak for multiple byte faults attacks, so implementing CLEFIA should be done with great care and private countermeasures should be incorporated. The DFA analysis in this paper can provide some ideas on multiple byte faults DFA analysis on other Feistel structure block ciphers. Following works should be done in the future: the first is to research on the DFA attack on the CLEFIA key schedule; the second is to examine the strength of CLEFIA against hardware fault attacks; the third is to search the countermeasures of DFA attacks against CLEFIA.

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