# Security Analysis of the Full-Round CHESS-64 Cipher Suitable for Pervasive Computing Environments 

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#### Abstract

Wireless networks, telecommunications, and information technologies connected devices in pervasive computing environments require a high speed encryption for providing a high security and a privacy. The CHESS-64 based on various controlled operations is designed for such applications. In this paper, however, we show that CHESS-64 doesn't have a high security level, more precisely, we present two related-key differential attacks on CHESS-64. The first attack requires about $2^{44}$ data and $2^{44}$ time complexities (recovering 20 bits of the master key) while the second attack needs about $2^{39}$ data and $2^{39}$ time complexities (recovering 6 bits of the master key). These works are the first known cryptanalytic results on CHESS-64 so far.


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## 1 Introduction

Pervasive computing environments allow users to interact with embedded computers, depending on the users' current context. These new environments raise a variety of privacy and security challenges. For example, context-sensitive services can easily leak information about a user's context, and uncertainty about a user's context might lead to wrongfully disclosed information. But, these challenges can be solved by applying cryptographic algorithms in new ways and by evaluating these algorithms in prototype applications.

[^0]Table 1: Results of our related-key differential attacks on the full-round CHESS-64 and of exiting related-key differential attacks on full rounds of selected DDP-based ciphers

| Block <br> Cipher | Complexity <br> Data $/$ Time | Number of <br> Rec. Key Bits | Comment |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| CHESS-64 <br> (8 rounds) | $2^{44} \mathrm{RK}-\mathrm{CP} / 2^{44}$ | 20 | This paper |
|  | $2^{39} \mathrm{RK}-\mathrm{CP} / 2^{39}$ | 6 | This paper |
|  | $2^{44} \mathrm{RK}-\mathrm{CP} / 2^{108}$ | 128 (full) | This paper |
|  | $2^{39} \mathrm{RK}-\mathrm{CP} / 2^{122}$ | 128 (full) | This paper |
| Cobra-H64 <br> (10 rounds) | $2^{15.5} \mathrm{RK}-\mathrm{CP} / 2^{15.5}$ | 23 | [Lee et al. 2005a] |
|  | $2^{15.5} \mathrm{RK}-\mathrm{CP} / 2^{105}$ | 128 (full) | [Lee et al. 2005a] |
| Cobra-H128 <br> (12 rounds) | $2^{44} \mathrm{RK}-\mathrm{CP} / 2^{44}$ | 63 | [Lee et al. 2005a] |
|  | $2^{44} \mathrm{RK}-\mathrm{CP} / 2^{193}$ | 256 (full) | [Lee et al. 2005a] |

RK.Differential: Related-Key Differential Attack
RK-CP: Related-Key Chosen Plaintexts, Time: Encryption units, Rec.: Recovered

Recently, for encryption applications that require a fast hardware implementation with a low cost in pervasive computing environments, data-dependant permutation (DDP) based block ciphers, namely SPECTR-H64 [Goots et al. 2003], the CIKS family (CIKS128 [Goots et al. 2003a], CIKS-128H [Sklavos et al. 2003a]), and the Cobra family (Cob ra-S128 [Goots et al. 2003b], Cobra-H64 [Sklavos et al. 2005], Cobra-H128 [Sklavos et al. 2005]), have been proposed. In order to achieve high speeds in such applications, these ciphers usually use agile key schedules as well as simple data transformation structures. So, they are also suitable for the network applications in the case of frequent change of keys.

However, since DDPs are just a linear primitive and conserve weights of transformed bit strings, the DDP-based ciphers have potential weaknesses against cryptanalytic attacks [Lee et al. 2002, Ko et al. 2004, Ko et al. 2004a, Lee et al. 2005].

To overcome this security problem of DDPs and update some DDP-based ciphers, variable data-dependent operations (DDOs) that change arbitrarily weights of transformed binary vectors were developed, and CHESS-64 [Moldovyan et al. 2005a] was proposed as an example of the DDO-based cipher. It is a 64-bit block cipher with a 128bit key and 8 rounds, which achieves more efficient hardware implementations than the existing DDP-based ciphers. However, until now, there have been no known attack results of the DDO-based cipher CHESS-64 yet. Even though CHESS-64 employs the DDOs having a better security than the DDPs, its simple key schedule and structural weaknesses degrade the security of the cipher, especially against related-key attacks. In this paper, we first show that related-key differential cryptanalysis can be applied to devise two key recovery attacks on the full-round CHESS-64. The first attack allows us to recover 20 bits of the master key with $2^{44}$ related-key chosen plaintexts and $2^{44}$ encryptions while the second attack recovers 6 bits of the master key with $2^{39}$ relatedkey chosen plaintexts and $2^{39}$ encryptions. By the exhaustive search technique for the
remaining key bits, our first and second attacks are converted into full-key recovering attacks having a data complexity of $2^{44}$ related-key chosen plaintexts, a time complexity of $2^{108}$ and a data complexity of $2^{39}$ related-key chosen plaintexts, a time complexity of $2^{122}$ encryptions, respectively. These works are the first known cryptanalytic results on CHESS-64 so far. Table 1 summarizes our results and existing cryptanalytic results on some of selected DDP-based ciphers.

It seems that the related-key attack is very difficult or even infeasible to conduct in many cryptographic applications, since it would certainly be unlikely that an attacker could persuade a sender to encrypt plaintexts under related keys unknown to the attacker. However, as demonstrated in [Kelsey et al. 1996, Phan and Handschuh 2004, Razali and Phan 2006], the related-key attack is feasible in some of the current realworld applications such as the IBM 4758 cryptoprocessor, PGV-type hash functions, message authentication codes, recent authenticated encryption modes, cases of keyexchange protocols that do not guarantee key integrity, and key-update protocols that updates session keys using a known function, for example, $K, K+1, K+2$, etc., where $K$ is a session key.

This paper is organized as follows; in Section 2, we briefly describe DDO-boxes, used in CHESS-64. Section 3 describes CHESS-64 and their structural properties. In Sections 4 we present related-key differential attacks on CHESS-64. Finally, we conclude in Section 5.

## 2 Preliminaries

In this section, we introduce notations and controlled operations which are the components of CHESS-64. The following notation is used throughout this paper. A bit index will be numbered from left to right, starting with bit 1 . If $I=\left(i_{1}, i_{2}, \cdots, i_{n}\right)$ then $i_{1}$ is the most significant $\operatorname{bit}(\mathrm{msb})$ and $i_{n}$ is the least significant bit(lsb).

- $e_{i, j}$ : a binary string in which the $i$-th and $j$-th bits are one and the others are zeroes, e.g., $e_{2,3}=(0,1,1,0, \cdots, 0)$.
$-\oplus$ : bitwise-XOR operation
$-\lll(\ggg)$ : left(right) cyclic rotation
$-\operatorname{Pr}_{(\Psi)}(\Delta Y / \Delta X, \Delta V):$ a probability that the output difference of $\Psi$ is $\Delta Y$ when the input difference and controlling input difference of $\Psi$ are $\Delta X$ and $\Delta V$, respectively.


### 2.1 Controlled Permutations

The DDP-like operations can be performed with controlled permutation (CP) boxes, which are defined as follows: Let $C(X, V)$ be a function $C:\{0,1\}^{n} \times\{0,1\}^{m} \rightarrow$
$\{0,1\}^{n} . C$ is called a Controlled Permutation box (CP-box), if $C(X, V)$ is a bijection for any fixed $V$.

Now, we describe CP-boxes, DDOs, which are denoted by $F_{n / m}$. The $F_{n / m}$ is the set of permutations on $n$-bit binary vectors $X$ depending on some controlling $m$-bit vector $V$. It is constructed by using the basic building blocks $F_{2 / 1}$, which is defined by two specific boolean functions in three variables $y_{1}=f_{1}\left(x_{1}, x_{2}, v\right)$ and $y_{2}=f_{2}\left(x_{1}, x_{2}, v\right)$ as follows.

$$
F_{2 / 1}\left(x_{1}, x_{2}, v\right)= \begin{cases}\left(x_{2}, x_{1}\right) & \text { if } v=0 \\ \left(x_{1}, x_{1} \oplus x_{2}\right) & \text { if } v=1\end{cases}
$$

To execute variable permutations, the $F_{n / m}$-box is generally constructed as a superposition of the operations performed on bit sets :

$$
F_{n / m}=L^{V_{1}} \circ \pi_{1} \circ L^{V_{2}} \circ \pi_{2} \circ \cdots \circ \pi_{s-1} \circ L^{V_{s}}
$$

where $L$ is an active layer composed of $\frac{n}{2} F_{2 / 1}$ parallel elementary boxes, $V_{1}, V_{2}, \cdots, V_{s}$ are controlling vectors of the active layers from 1 to $s=\frac{2 m}{n}$, and $\pi_{1}, \pi_{2}, \cdots, \pi_{s-1}$ are fixed permutations (see Fig. 1).

Due to the symmetric structure $F_{n / m}$ and $F_{n / m}^{-1}$ differ only with the distribution of controlling bits over the boxes $F_{2 / 1}$. Thus to construct $F_{n / m}^{-1}$, it is sufficient to number the boxes $F_{2 / 1}$ from left to right and from bottom to top and to replace $\pi_{i}$ by $\pi_{s-i}^{-1}$, e.g., as shown in Fig. 1-(g) and (h), $F_{32 / 96}^{V}$ and $F_{32 / 96}^{V^{\prime}}$ are mutually inverse when $V=\left(V_{1}, V_{2}, \cdots, V_{6}\right)$ and $V^{\prime}=\left(V_{6}, V_{5}, \cdots, V_{1}\right)$ where $\left|V_{i}\right|=16$ bits.

Similarly, $F_{n / m}^{\prime}$ can be constructed by using another basic building block $F_{2 / 1}^{\prime}$, which is defined as follows.

$$
F_{2 / 1}^{\prime}\left(x_{1}, x_{2}, v\right)= \begin{cases}\left(x_{2} \oplus 1, x_{1} \oplus 1\right) & \text { if } v=0 \\ \left(x_{1} \oplus x_{2} \oplus 1, x_{2}\right) & \text { if } v=1\end{cases}
$$

In the CHESS-64 block cipher, only $F_{32 / 96}, F_{32 / 96}^{-1}$, and $F_{32 / 80}^{\prime}$ in Figs. 1 and 2 are used as a component.

## 3 CHESS-64

In this section, we briefly describe CHESS-64 which is designed by using new DDPlike DDOs with no other nonlinear operations. This cipher is composed of the initial transformation (IT), the round function Crypt, and the final transformation (FT) and its encryption procedure is performed as in Table 2.

### 3.1 Description of CHESS-64

CHESS-64 is a 8-round iterated block cipher with a 64-bit input and a 128-bit key. Its general structure and round function are shown in Fig. 3-(a) and -(b), respectively.


Figure 1: (a) $F_{n / m}$, (b) $F_{2 / 1}$, (c) $F_{4 / 4}$, (d) $F_{4 / 4}^{-1}$, (e) $F_{8 / 12}$, (f) $F_{8 / 12}^{-1}$, (g) $F_{32 / 96}$, (h) $F_{32 / 96}^{-1}$, (i) Detail of $F_{32 / 96}$


Figure 2: $F_{32 / 80}^{\prime}$

Table 2: Encryption procedure CHESS-64

## Encryption Procedure

[Step 1] An input block is divided into two subblocks $P_{L}$ and $P_{R}$.
[Step 2] Perform IT : $P_{L}^{1}=P_{L} \oplus R K_{L}^{0}$ and $P_{R}^{1}=P_{R} \oplus R K_{R}^{0}$;
[Step 3] For $j=2$ to $r$ do :
$\circ\left(P_{L}^{j}, P_{R}^{j}\right):=\operatorname{Crypt}\left(P_{L}^{j-1}, P_{R}^{j-1}, R K^{j-1,(e)}\right)$,
$\circ$ Swap the data subblocks : $T=P_{R}^{j}, P_{R}^{j}=P_{L}^{j}, P_{L}^{j}=T ;$
$\left[\right.$ Step 4] $j=r+1$ do $:\left(P_{L}^{r+1}, P_{R}^{r+1}\right):=\operatorname{Crypt}\left(P_{L}^{r}, P_{R}^{r}, R K^{r,(e)}\right)$;
[Step 5] Perform FT : $C_{L}=P_{L}^{r+1} \oplus R K_{L}^{r+1}$ and $C_{R}=P_{R}^{r+1} \oplus R K_{R}^{r+1}$;
[Step 6] Return the ciphertext block $C=\left(C_{L}, C_{R}\right)$.

As depicted in Fig. 3-(b) the Crypt function is composed of two cyclic rotations (<<<16, > 7), three advanced DDO-boxes $F_{32 / 96}, F_{32 / 96}^{-1}, F_{32 / 80}^{\prime}$, two extension boxes $E, E^{\prime}$, and an involution permutation $I$.

Given an input $L=\left(l_{1}, \cdots, l_{32}\right)$, the extension $E$ outputs $V=\left(V_{1}, V_{2}, V_{3}, V_{4}, V_{5}, V_{6}\right)=$ $\left(L_{l}, L_{l}^{\gg}, L_{l}^{\gg 12}, L_{r}, L_{r}^{\gg}, L_{r}^{\gg 12}\right)$ where $L_{l}=\left(l_{1}, \cdots, l_{16}\right), L_{r}=\left(l_{17}, \cdots, l_{32}\right),\left|l_{i}\right|=1(1 \leq i$ $\leq 32)$ and $\left|V_{i}\right|=16(1 \leq i \leq 6) . E^{\prime}$ forms 80-bit output vector $W=\left(W_{1}, W_{2}, W_{3}, W_{4}, W_{5}\right)$ for given input $Z^{\prime}=\left(Z_{l}^{\prime}, Z_{r}^{\prime}\right)$ where $W_{1}=Z_{l}^{\prime}, W_{2}=Z_{l}^{\prime \ll 5}, W_{3}=Z_{l}^{\prime \ll 10}, W_{4}=Z_{r}^{\prime}, W_{5}=$ $Z_{r}^{\prime \lll 5}$. The permutational involution $I$ is defined by two rotations by eight bits: $I\left(X_{1}\right.$, $\left.X_{2}\right)=\left(X_{1}^{\gg}, X_{2}^{\gg}\right)$.


Figure 3: (a) General structure of CHESS-64, (b) Crypt of CHESS-64

The key schedule of CHESS-64 is simple; as shown in Table 3, the 32-bit subkey $K_{i}$ of a 128-bit secret key $K=\left(K_{1}, K_{2}, K_{3}, K_{4}\right)$ are directly used as encryption round key $R K^{j}=\left(R K_{L}^{j}, R K_{R}^{j}\right)$ where $R K^{9}$ is the round key of the final transformation.

Table 3: Key schedule of CHESS-64

| Round $(j)$ | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $R K_{L}^{j}$ | $K_{4}$ | $K_{3}$ | $K_{2}$ | $K_{4}$ | $K_{1}$ | $K_{4}$ | $K_{1}$ | $K_{2}$ | $K_{3}$ | $K_{1}$ |
| $R K_{R}^{j}$ | $K_{3}$ | $K_{1}$ | $K_{4}$ | $K_{2}$ | $K_{3}$ | $K_{2}$ | $K_{3}$ | $K_{1}$ | $K_{4}$ | $K_{2}$ |

### 3.2 Properties for Components of CHESS-64

In this subsection, we describe some properties for components of Crypt of CHESS64 , which allow us to construct its full-round related key differential characteristics. To begin with, we describe several basic properties of the controlled elements, which can induce the properties of components of Crypt.

Property 1. Let $C E$ be a $F_{2 / 1}$. Then we obtain the following basic properties for $\operatorname{Pr}_{(C E)}(\Delta Y / \Delta X, \Delta V)$.
a) $\operatorname{Pr}_{\left(F_{2 / 1}\right)}((0,0) /(0,0), 0)=1$.
b) $\operatorname{Pr}_{\left(F_{2 / 1}\right)}(\Delta Y / \Delta X, 1)=2^{-2}$ for any $\Delta X, \Delta Y$.
c) $\operatorname{Pr}_{\left(F_{2 / 1}\right)}\left(\Delta Y_{1} /(0,1), 0\right)=\operatorname{Pr}_{\left(F_{2 / 1}\right)}\left(\Delta Y_{2} /(1,0), 0\right)=\operatorname{Pr}_{\left(F_{2 / 1}\right)}\left(\Delta Y_{3} /(1,1), 0\right)=2^{-1}$ where $\Delta Y_{1} \in\{(0,1),(1,0)\}, \Delta Y_{2} \in\{(0,1),(1,1)\}, \Delta Y_{3} \in\{(1,0),(1,1)\}$.
d) $\operatorname{Pr}_{\left(F_{2 / 1}^{\prime}\right)}((0,0) /(0,0), 0)=1$.
e) $\operatorname{Pr}_{\left(F_{2 / 1}^{\prime}\right)}(\Delta Y / \Delta X, 1)=2^{-2}$ for any $\Delta X, \Delta Y$.
f) $\operatorname{Pr}_{\left(F_{2 / 1}^{\prime}\right)}\left(\Delta Y_{1} /(0,1), 0\right)=\operatorname{Pr}_{\left(F_{2 / 1}^{\prime}\right)}\left(\Delta Y_{2} /(1,0), 0\right)=\operatorname{Pr}_{\left(F_{2 / 1}^{\prime}\right)}\left(\Delta Y_{3} /(1,1), 0\right)=2^{-1}$ where $\Delta Y_{1} \in\{(1,0),(1,1)\}, \Delta Y_{2} \in\{(0,1),(1,0)\}, \Delta Y_{3} \in\{(0,1),(1,1)\}$.

The above properties are also extended into the following properties.
Property 2. Let $C E$ be a $F_{n / m}$, or a $F_{n / m}^{-1}$. Then we obtain the following extended properties for $\operatorname{Pr}_{(C E)}(\Delta Y / \Delta X, \Delta V)$.
a) $\operatorname{Pr}_{\left(F_{n / m}\right)}\left((0) /(0), e_{i}\right)=\operatorname{Pr}_{\left(F_{n / m}^{-1}\right)}\left((0) /(0), e_{i}\right)=2^{-2}$.

Property 3. Let $F_{n / m(V)}(X) \oplus F_{n / m(V)}\left(X \oplus e_{i}\right)=e_{j}$ for some $i$ and $j$ where $1 \leq$ $i \leq n$ and $1 \leq j \leq m$. Then we have the following property;
$a)$ If $(n, m) \in\{(2,1),(4,4),(8,12),(32,96)\}$ and $i=n$ then the exact one difference route from $e_{i}$ to $e_{j}$ via $F_{2 / 1}$-boxes is fixed. It also holds in $F_{n / m}^{-1}$-box.

For example, consider $i=n=8$ and $j=2$ in the Property 3. Then, we can exactly know the 3 bits of controlling vectors $(0,0,1)$ corresponding to three elements $F_{2 / 1}$-boxes of $F_{8 / 12}$-box with probability 1. See Fig. 4. In Fig. 4, the bold line denotes the possible difference route when the input, output, and control vector differences of $F_{8 / 12}$ are fixed as $\Delta X=(0, \ldots, 0,1), \Delta Y=(0,1,0, \ldots, 0)$, and 0 , respectively. This is a essential idea of our key recovery attack on CHESS-64.

## 4 Related-Key Differential Attack on CHESS-64

In this section, we show how to construct full-round related-key differential characteristics of CHESS-64 by using the properties presented in the previous section, and then present akey recovery attack on the full-round CHESS-64.


Figure 4: An example of the difference route when the input, output, and control vector differences of $F_{8 / 12}$ are fixed as $\Delta X=(0, \ldots, 0,1), \Delta Y=(0,1,0, \ldots, 0)$, and 0 , respectively

### 4.1 Related-Key Differential Characteristics of CHESS-64

We assume that we encrypt plaintexts $P$ and $P^{\prime}$ under an unknown key $K$ and an unknown related-key $K^{\prime}$ such that $P \oplus P^{\prime}=\left(0, e_{17}\right)$ and $K \oplus K^{\prime}=\left(0,0, e_{17}, 0\right)$, respectively. Then, as described in Table 4, we can obtain our desired 32 full-round related-key differential characteristics $\left(0, e_{17}\right) \rightarrow\left(0, e_{j}\right)(1 \leq j \leq 32)$ with probability $2^{-42}$, which are built by alternatively using 2 one-round differential characteristics of Crypt, which we call $D 1$ and $D 2$ each. We also assume that the input difference of Crypt, $\Delta R I$ in the following two cases, is zero.

D1: $\Delta R K=\left(\Delta R K_{L}, \Delta R K_{R}\right)=\left(e_{17}, 0\right)$
Since $\Delta R K_{L}=e_{17}, \Delta R K_{R}=0$ and $\Delta R I=0, \Delta O=0$ and $\Delta Z=e_{17}$ (See Fig. 3-b)). Then, by Property 1-f), the output difference of the first $F_{32 / 80}^{\prime}, \Delta Y$, is $e_{17}$ with probability $2^{-5}$ and the input and output differences of $I$ are $e_{17}$ and $e_{25}$, respectively. Similarly, by Property 1-e), $\Delta Y^{\prime}$ is $e_{25}$ with probability $2^{-4}$ because of $\Delta Z^{\prime}=0$ and $\Delta W^{\prime}=\left(0,0,0, e_{8}, e_{13}\right)$ (refer to Fig. 3-b)). Thus the input difference of $F_{32 / 96}^{-1}$ is zero and then the corresponding output difference $F_{32 / 96}^{-1}$ is zero with probability 1 . Hence if $\Delta R I$ and $\Delta R K$ have $(0,0)$ and $\left(e_{17}, 0\right)$, respectively, then the corresponding output difference of Crypt is $(0,0)$ with probability $2^{-9}$.

D2: $\Delta R K=\left(\Delta R K_{L}, \Delta R K_{R}\right)=\left(0, e_{17}\right)$
Since $\Delta R K_{L}=0, \Delta R K_{R}=e_{17}$, and $\Delta R I=0, \Delta O=0, \Delta Z=0$, and $\Delta W=\left(0,0,0, e_{8}, e_{13}\right)$. Next, the differential pattern of the first $F_{32 / 80}^{\prime}$ follows that of the second $F_{32 / 80}^{\prime}$ with
probability $2^{-4}$ in the case of $D 1$. So, the input and output differences of $I$ are $e_{25}$ and $e_{17}$, respectively. Similarly, the differential pattern of the second $F_{32 / 80}^{\prime}$ follows that of the first $F_{32 / 80}^{\prime}$ with probability $2^{-5}$ in the case of $D 1$ because $\Delta Z=e_{17}$ and $\Delta W^{\prime}=0$, and the input difference of $F_{32 / 96}^{-1}$ is zero and then the corresponding output difference $F_{32 / 96}^{-1}$ is zero with probability 1 . Hence, if $\Delta R I$ and $\Delta R K$ have $(0,0)$ and $\left(0, e_{17}\right)$, respectively, then the corresponding output difference of Crypt is $(0,0)$ with probability $2^{-9}$.

However, in the last round, we use a differential characteristic D1' which is similar to D1 for a simplicity of our key recovery attack.

## [D1':] $\Delta R K=\left(\Delta R K_{L}, \Delta R K_{R}\right)=\left(e_{17}, 0\right)$

Since $\Delta R K_{L}=e_{17}, \Delta R K_{R}=0$, and $\Delta R I=0, \Delta O=0, \Delta Z=e_{17}$, and $\Delta W=(0,0,0,0,0)$. Then, by Property 1-f), $\Delta Y=e_{23}$ with probability $2^{-5}$ and the output difference of $I$ is $e_{31}$. Since $\Delta Z^{\prime}=0$ and $\Delta W^{\prime}=\left(0,0,0, e_{8}, e_{13}\right)$, by Property $\left.1-e\right) \Delta Y^{\prime}=0$ with probability $2^{-4}$. So, the input difference of $F_{32 / 96}^{-1}$ is $e_{31}$. Furthermore, the output difference 16th $F_{2 / 1}$-box of the first layer in $F_{32 / 96}^{-1}$ can be fixed as $(0,1)$ with probability $2^{-1}$ by Property 1-c). Then, as like in Fig. 5, this nonzero one bit difference always moves to the $j$ th-bit of the output difference in $F_{32 / 96}^{-1}$ with probability $2^{-5}(1 \leq j \leq 32)$. Thus, for any fixed $j, \Delta F_{32 / 96\left(\Delta V^{\prime}=0\right)}^{-1}\left(\Delta X=e_{31}\right)=e_{j}$ with probability $2^{-6}$. Hence the related-key differential characteristic of the last round holds with probability $2^{-15}$.

Table 4: Related-key differential characteristic of CHESS-64

| $\mathrm{R}(i)$ | $\Delta R I^{i}$ | $\Delta R K^{i}$ | Pro. | Ca. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| IT | $\left(0, e_{17}\right)$ | $\left(0, e_{17}\right)$ | 1 | $\cdot$ |
| 1 | $(0,0)$ | $\left(e_{17}, 0\right)$ | $2^{-9}$ | $C 1$ |
| 2 | $(0,0)$ | $(0,0)$ | 1 | $\cdot$ |
| 3 | $(0,0)$ | $(0,0)$ | 1 | $\cdot$ |
| 4 | $(0,0)$ | $\left(0, e_{17}\right)$ | $2^{-9}$ | $C 2$ |
| 5 | $(0,0)$ | $(0,0)$ | 1 | $\cdot$ |
| 6 | $(0,0)$ | $\left(0, e_{17}\right)$ | $2^{-9}$ | $C 2$ |
| 7 | $(0,0)$ | $(0,0)$ | 1 | $\cdot$ |
| 8 | $(0,0)$ | $\left(e_{17}, 0\right)$ | $2^{-15}$ | $C 1$ |
| FT | $\left(0, e_{j}\right)$ | $(0,0)$ | 1 | $\cdot$ |
| Outp. | $\left(0, e_{j}\right)$ | $\cdot$ | $\cdot$ | $\cdot$ |
| Total | $\cdot$ | $\cdot$ | $2^{-42}$ | $\cdot$ |

$-j(1 \leq j \leq 32)$ : fixed values, Outp.:Output, Pro.:Probability, Ca.:Case

### 4.2 The First Key Recovery Attack

In this attack, we apply our 32 full-round related-key differential characteristics to retrieve a part of the master key of CHESS-64. This attack is based on the fact that there is an unique difference route when the input and output differences with hamming weight 1 are fixed in $F_{32 / 96}^{-1}$.

To begin with, we encrypt $2^{43}$ plaintext pairs $P=\left(P_{L}, P_{R}\right)$ and $P^{\prime}=P \oplus\left(0, e_{17}\right)$ under an unknown key $K=\left(K_{1}, K_{2}, K_{3}, K_{4}\right)$ and an unknown related-key $K^{\prime}=\left(K_{1}, K_{2}, K_{3} \oplus\right.$ $e_{17}, K_{4}$ ), respectively, and then get the $2^{43}$ corresponding ciphertext pairs $C$ and $C^{\prime}$, i.e., $E_{K}(P)=C$ and $E_{K^{\prime}}(P)=C^{\prime}$, where $E$ is the block cipher CHESS-64. Since our fullround related-key differential characteristics of CHESS-64 have a probability of $2^{-42}$ each, we expect about 2 ciphertext pairs $\left(C, C^{\prime}\right)$ such that $C \oplus C^{\prime}=\left(0, e_{j}\right)$ for each $j(1 \leq j \leq 32)$. According to our differential characteristics described in Table 4, we can deduce that the $j$ th one-bit difference in such $\left(C, C^{\prime}\right)$ are derived from the output differences of $F_{2 / 1}^{\left(V_{6}^{\prime 16}\right)}$ in $F_{32 / 96}^{-1}$ of the last round (refer to Figs. 5). That is, we can expect that there is a unique differential route.


Figure 5: The possible routes of the nonzero output of the $F_{2 / 1}^{V_{6}^{\prime 16}}$ in $F_{32 / 96}^{-1}$

Then, by using Property 3 we can extract 6 bits of control vectors for this route. For example, assume that the difference of $C_{R}$ is $e_{25}$. Then we can obtain the following 6 bits of control vectors, which are expressed as a linear equation for $K_{j}^{i}$ and $C_{L}^{i}$ (refer to Fig. 5 and Table 5). Here, we let $v_{i}, K_{j}^{i}, C_{L}^{i}$ denote the $i$ th-bit of a controlling vector $V$, a subkey $K_{j}$, and of a left half of ciphertext $C_{L}$, respectively. Thus, we can know 6 bits key information because $v_{i}$ and $C_{L}^{i}$ are known values.

$$
\left(\begin{array}{l}
v_{96}=C_{L}^{20} \oplus K_{1}^{20}=0, \\
v_{80}=C_{L}^{26} \oplus K_{1}^{26}=1, \\
v_{64}=C_{L}^{32} \oplus K_{1}^{32}=1, \\
v_{48}=C_{L}^{4} \oplus K_{1}^{4}=0, \\
v_{31}=C_{L}^{9} \oplus K_{1}^{9}=0, \\
v_{13}=C_{L}^{13} \oplus K_{1}^{13}=0 .
\end{array}\right)
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Based on this idea we can devise the following key recovery algorithm on the fullround CHESS-64.

1. For CHESS-64, prepare $2^{43}$ plaintext pairs $\left(P_{i}, P_{i}^{\prime}\right), i=1, \cdots, 2^{43}$, which have the $\left(0, e_{17}\right)$ difference each. All $P_{i}$ are encrypted using a master key $K$ and all $P_{i}^{\prime}$ are encrypted using a master key $K^{\prime}$ where $K$ and $K^{\prime}$ have the $\left(0,0, e_{17}, 0\right)$ difference. Encrypt each plaintext pair $\left(P_{i}, P_{i}^{\prime}\right)$ to get the corresponding ciphertext pair $\left(C_{i}, C_{i}^{\prime}\right)$.
2. Check that $C_{i} \oplus C_{i}^{\prime}=\left(0, e_{j}\right)$ for each $i$ and $j(1 \leq j \leq 32)$.
3. For each ciphertext pair $\left(C_{i}, C_{i}^{\prime}\right)$ passing Step the test of 2 , extract some bits of controlling vectors by chasing a difference route between this $j$-PBO and the position of the 31 st input bit in $F_{32 / 96}^{-1}$ (See Fig. 5). Then find the corresponding bits of $K_{1}$. Note that the controlling vector $V^{\prime}$ of $F_{32 / 96}^{-1}$ in the last round is formatted with $C_{L} \oplus K_{1}$.

The data complexity of this attack is $2^{44}$ related-key chosen plaintexts. The time complexity of Step 1 is $2^{44}$ full-round CHESS-64 encryptions, which is a much larger complexity than those of Step 2 and 3. By our related-key differential characteristics each ciphertext pair can pass Step 2 with probability at least $2^{-42}$ and thus the expectation of ciphertext pairs with the $\left(0, e_{j}\right)$ difference that pass this test is at least 1 . So we have in Step 3 at least one ciphertext pair with the $\left(0, e_{j}\right)$ difference for each $j$ $(1 \leq j \leq 32)$. Thus we can retrieve 28 bits of information of keys in the lower layer of $F_{32 / 96}^{-1}$ and 4 bits of information of keys in the upper layer of $F_{32 / 96}^{-1}$ with a data and a time complexities of $2^{44}$. Note that these 32 bits are recovered from $F_{2 / 1}$-boxes with bold line. However, since there are overlapping bits among the recovered key information, we actually know 20-bit key information of $K_{1}$. This attack can also be simply extended to retrieve the whole of master key pair by performing an exhaustive search for the remaining keys: since the exhaustive search has a running time of $2^{108}$ encryptions,
recovering the full key based on the above attack works with the same data complexity and with a time complexity of about $2^{108}$ full-round CHESS-64 encryptions.

### 4.3 The Second Key Recovery Attack

We construct another full-round related-key differential characteristic with probability $2^{-37}$ which is the same as that used in the first attack except for the differential patterns of the 2 nd , 3 rd , 4th, 5th layers of $F_{32 / 96}^{-1}$ in the last round. In this attack, for increasing the differential probability, we use differential patterns of the 2 nd , 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th layers of $F_{32 / 96}^{-1}$ in the last round with probability 1. In other words, we use the fact that the nonzero input bit difference of 16th $F_{2 / 1}$ always moves to the jth-bit output difference of the 6 th layer with probability 1 because when the input and controlling vector differences of $F_{2 / 1}$ are $(0,1)$ and 0 , respectively, the hamming weight of the corresponding output difference is always 1 . Thus, if we apply them to a modification of attack algorithm then we can succeed in finding a 6-bit key with data and time complexities of $2{ }^{39}$. This is the same as the first algorithm only except the second step. In this algorithm the following Step 2' is used instead of STEP 2 of the first attack algorithm:

- Step 2' Check that $C_{i} \oplus C_{i}^{\prime}=\left(0, e_{j}\right)$ for each $i$, where $j \in[1,32]$.

Furthermore, we can extend it to recover the whole of master key pair by performing an exhaustive search for the remaining keys: since the exhaustive search has a running time of $2^{122}$ encryptions, recovering the full key based on the above attack works with the same data complexity and with a time complexity of about $2^{122}$ full-round CHESS-64 encryptions.

## 5 Conclusion

CHESS-64 have been designed for giving a fast and cheap hardware implementation and a high security as well. In this paper, however, we have presented the first known attack results on CHESS-64. According to our results, the full-round CHESS-64 is broken by using a related-key differential attack with $2^{39}$ related-key chosen plaintexts and $2^{39}$ encryptions. Our results demonstrate that CHESS-64 can induce a security risk in a cryptographic system connected pervasive computing environments where CHESS-64 is used with related keys for a relatively long period.

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Table 5: Classes of the controlling vectors corresponding to the difference route in Fig. 5

| Class | $e_{i}$ | Controlling vectors |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $C L_{1}$ | $\begin{gathered} e_{1} \\ \left(e_{2}\right) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} v_{96}=C_{L}^{20} \oplus K_{1}^{20}=0(0), v_{80}=C_{L}^{26} \oplus K_{1}^{26}=0(0), v_{63}=C_{L}^{31} \oplus K_{1}^{31}=0(0) \\ v_{36}=C_{L}^{8} \oplus K_{1}^{8}=0(0), v_{19}=C_{L}^{13} \oplus K_{1}^{13}=0(0), v_{1}=C_{L}^{1} \oplus K_{1}^{1}=0(1) \end{gathered}$ |
| $C L_{2}$ | $\begin{gathered} e_{3} \\ \left(e_{4}\right) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} v_{96}=C_{L}^{20} \oplus K_{1}^{20}=0(0), v_{80}=C_{L}^{26} \oplus K_{1}^{26}=0(0), v_{63}=C_{L}^{31} \oplus K_{1}^{31}=0(0) \\ v_{36}=C_{L}^{8} \oplus K_{1}^{8}=0(0), v_{19}=C_{L}^{13} \oplus K_{1}^{13}=1(1), v_{2}=C_{L}^{2} \oplus K_{1}^{2}=0(1) \end{gathered}$ |
| $C L_{3}$ | $\begin{gathered} e_{5} \\ \left(e_{6}\right) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} v_{96}=C_{L}^{20} \oplus K_{1}^{20}=0(0), v_{80}=C_{L}^{26} \oplus K_{1}^{26}=0(0), v_{63}=C_{L}^{31} \oplus K_{1}^{31}=0(0) \\ v_{36}=C_{L}^{8} \oplus K_{1}^{8}=1(1), v_{20}=C_{L}^{14} \oplus K_{1}^{14}=0(0), v_{3}=C_{L}^{3} \oplus K_{1}^{3}=0(1) \end{gathered}$ |
| $C L_{4}$ | $\begin{gathered} e_{7} \\ \left(e_{8}\right) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} v_{96}=C_{L}^{20} \oplus K_{1}^{20}=0(0), v_{80}=C_{L}^{26} \oplus K_{1}^{26}=0(0), v_{63}=C_{L}^{31} \oplus K_{1}^{31}=0(0) \\ v_{36}=C_{L}^{8} \oplus K_{1}^{8}=1(1), v_{20}=C_{L}^{14} \oplus K_{1}^{14}=1(1), v_{4}=C_{L}^{4} \oplus K_{1}^{4}=0(1) \end{gathered}$ |
| $C L_{5}$ | $\binom{e_{9}}{\left(e_{10}\right)}$ | $\begin{gathered} v_{96}=C_{L}^{20} \oplus K_{1}^{20}=0(0), v_{80}=C_{L}^{26} \oplus K_{1}^{26}=0(0), v_{63}=C_{L}^{31} \oplus K_{1}^{31}=1(1) \\ v_{40}=C_{L}^{12} \oplus K_{1}^{12}=0(0), v_{23}=C_{L}^{1} \oplus K_{1}^{1}=0(0), v_{5}=C_{L}^{5} \oplus K_{1}^{5}=0(1) \end{gathered}$ |
| $C L_{6}$ | $\binom{e_{11}}{\left(e_{12}\right)}$ | $\begin{gathered} v_{96}=C_{L}^{20} \oplus K_{1}^{20}=0(0), v_{80}=C_{L}^{26} \oplus K_{1}^{26}=0(0), v_{63}=C_{L}^{31} \oplus K_{1}^{31}=1(1) \\ v_{40}=C_{L}^{12} \oplus K_{1}^{12}=0(0), v_{23}=C_{L}^{1} \oplus K_{1}^{1}=1(1), v_{6}=C_{L}^{6} \oplus K_{1}^{6}=0(1) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
| $C L_{7}$ | $\left\|\begin{array}{c} e_{13} \\ \left(e_{14}\right) \end{array}\right\|$ | $\begin{gathered} v_{96}=C_{L}^{20} \oplus K_{1}^{20}=0(0), v_{80}=C_{L}^{26} \oplus K_{1}^{26}=0(0), v_{63}=C_{L}^{31} \oplus K_{1}^{31}=1(1) \\ v_{40}=C_{L}^{12} \oplus K_{1}^{12}=1(1), v_{24}=C_{L}^{2} \oplus K_{1}^{2}=0(0), v_{7}=C_{L}^{7} \oplus K_{1}^{7}=0(1) \end{gathered}$ |
| $C L_{8}$ | $\left.\left\lvert\, \begin{array}{c} e_{15} \\ \left(e_{16}\right. \end{array}\right.\right)$ | $\begin{gathered} v_{96}=C_{L}^{20} \oplus K_{1}^{20}=0(0), v_{80}=C_{L}^{26} \oplus K_{1}^{26}=0(0), v_{63}=C_{L}^{31} \oplus K_{1}^{31}=1(1) \\ v_{40}=C_{L}^{12} \oplus K_{1}^{12}=1(1), v_{24}=C_{L}^{2} \oplus K_{1}^{2}=1(1), v_{8}=C_{L}^{8} \oplus K_{1}^{8}=0(1) \end{gathered}$ |
| $C L_{9}$ | $\left.\left\lvert\, \begin{array}{c} e_{17} \\ \left(e_{18}\right) \end{array}\right.\right)$ | $\begin{gathered} v_{96}=C_{L}^{20} \oplus K_{1}^{20}=0(0), v_{80}=C_{L}^{26} \oplus K_{1}^{26}=1(1), v_{64}=C_{L}^{32} \oplus K_{1}^{32}=0(0) \\ v_{44}=C_{L}^{16} \oplus K_{1}^{16}=0(0), v_{27}=C_{L}^{5} \oplus K_{1}^{5}=0(0), v_{9}=C_{L}^{9} \oplus K_{1}^{9}=0(1) \end{gathered}$ |
| $C L_{10}$ | $\binom{e_{19}}{\left(e_{20}\right)}$ | $\begin{aligned} & v_{96}=C_{L}^{20} \oplus K_{1}^{20}=0(0), v_{80}=C_{L}^{26} \oplus K_{1}^{26}=1(1), v_{64}=C_{L}^{32} \oplus K_{1}^{32}=0(0) \\ & v_{44}=C_{L}^{16} \oplus K_{1}^{16}=0(0), v_{27}=C_{L}^{5} \oplus K_{1}^{5}=1(1), v_{10}=C_{L}^{10} \oplus K_{1}^{10}=0(1) \end{aligned}$ |
| $C L_{11}$ | $\binom{e_{21}}{\left(e_{22}\right)}$ | $\begin{aligned} & v_{96}=C_{L}^{20} \oplus K_{1}^{20}=0(0), v_{80}=C_{L}^{26} \oplus K_{1}^{26}=1(1), v_{64}=C_{L}^{32} \oplus K_{1}^{32}=0(0) \\ & v_{44}=C_{L}^{16} \oplus K_{1}^{16}=1(1), v_{28}=C_{L}^{6} \oplus K_{1}^{6}=0(0), v_{11}=C_{L}^{11} \oplus K_{1}^{11}=0(1) \end{aligned}$ |
| $C L_{12}$ | $\binom{e_{23}}{\left(e_{24}\right)}$ | $\begin{aligned} & v_{96}=C_{L}^{20} \oplus K_{1}^{20}=0(0), v_{80}=C_{L}^{26} \oplus K_{1}^{26}=1(1), v_{64}=C_{L}^{32} \oplus K_{1}^{32}=0(0) \\ & v_{44}=C_{L}^{16} \oplus K_{1}^{16}=1(1), v_{28}=C_{L}^{6} \oplus K_{1}^{6}=1(1), v_{12}=C_{L}^{12} \oplus K_{1}^{12}=0(1) \end{aligned}$ |
| $C L_{13}$ | $\left.\left\lvert\, \begin{array}{c} e_{25} \\ \left(e_{26}\right) \end{array}\right.\right)$ | $\begin{gathered} v_{96}=C_{L}^{20} \oplus K_{1}^{20}=0(0), v_{80}=C_{L}^{26} \oplus K_{1}^{26}=1(1), v_{64}=C_{L}^{32} \oplus K_{1}^{32}=1(1) \\ v_{48}=C_{L}^{4} \oplus K_{1}^{4}=0(0), v_{31}=C_{L}^{9} \oplus K_{1}^{9}=0(0), v_{13}=C_{L}^{13} \oplus K_{1}^{13}=0(1) \end{gathered}$ |
| $C L_{14}$ | $\binom{e_{27}}{\left(e_{28}\right)}$ | $\begin{gathered} v_{96}=C_{L}^{20} \oplus K_{1}^{20}=0(0), v_{80}=C_{L}^{26} \oplus K_{1}^{26}=1(1), v_{64}=C_{L}^{32} \oplus K_{1}^{32}=1(1) \\ v_{48}=C_{L}^{4} \oplus K_{1}^{4}=0(0), v_{31}=C_{L}^{9} \oplus K_{1}^{9}=1(1), v_{14}=C_{L}^{14} \oplus K_{1}^{14}=0(1) \end{gathered}$ |
| $C L_{15}$ | $\begin{gathered} e_{29} \\ \left(e_{30}\right) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & v_{96}=C_{L}^{20} \oplus K_{1}^{20}=0(0), v_{80}=C_{L}^{26} \oplus K_{1}^{26}=1(1), v_{64}=C_{L}^{32} \oplus K_{1}^{32}=1(1) \\ & v_{48}=C_{L}^{4} \oplus K_{1}^{4}=1(1), v_{32}=C_{L}^{10} \oplus K_{1}^{10}=0(0), v_{15}=C_{L}^{15} \oplus K_{1}^{15}=0(1) \end{aligned}$ |
| $C L_{16}$ | $\begin{gathered} e_{31} \\ \left(e_{32}\right) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & v_{96}=C_{L}^{20} \oplus K_{1}^{20}=0(0), v_{80}=C_{L}^{26} \oplus K_{1}^{26}=1(1), v_{64}=C_{L}^{32} \oplus K_{1}^{32}=1(1) \\ & v_{48}=C_{L}^{4} \oplus K_{1}^{4}=1(1), v_{32}=C_{L}^{10} \oplus K_{1}^{10}=1(1), v_{16}=C_{L}^{16} \oplus K_{1}^{16}=0(1) \end{aligned}$ |

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