



## STUDIES ON PRACTICAL CRYPTOGRAPHIC SECURITY ANALYSIS FOR BLOCK CIPHERS WITH RANDOM SUBSTITUTIONS

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**Abstract:** In up-to-date information and communication systems (ICS) cryptography is used for ensuring data confidentiality. The symmetric block ciphers (BC) are implemented in different ICS including critical applications. Today theory of analysis and security verification of BC with fixed substitution nodes against linear and differential cryptanalysis (LDC) is developed. There are also BC with substitution nodes defined by round keys. Random substitution nodes improve security of ciphers and complicate its cryptanalysis. But through it all, quantitative assessment is an actual and not simple task as well as the derivation of formulas for practical security verification for BC with random substitution nodes against LDC. In this paper analytical upper bounds of parameters characterized practical security of BC with random substitution nodes against LDC were given. These assessments generalize known analogs on BC with random substitution nodes and give a possibility to verify security improving against LDC. By using the example of BC Kalyna-128, it was shown that the use of random substitution nodes allows improving upper bounds of linear and differential parameters average probabilities in  $2^{46}$  and  $2^{90}$  times respectively. The study is novel as it is one of the few in the cryptology field to calculate analytical upper bounds of BC practical security against LDC methods as well as to show and prove that using random substitutions allows improving upper bounds of linear and differential parameters. The security analysis using quantitative parameters gives possibility to evaluate various BCs or other cryptographic algorithms and their ability to provide necessary and sufficient security level in ICS. A future research study can be directed on improving analytical upper bounds for analyzed LDC in context to practical security against LDC, as well as practical cryptographic security assessment for other BC with random substitutions against LDC and other cryptanalysis methods including quantum cryptanalysis (Shor, Grover, Deutsch-Jozsa algorithms).

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

In modern information and communication systems (ICS) the most popular and effective methods for confidentiality (privacy) ensuring is symmetric cipher using. The symmetric block ciphers (BC) are implemented in different ICS including critical applications. The BCs are deterministic algorithms operating on fixed-length groups of bits (blocks), each BC consists of two related (paired) algorithms – one for data encryption and the other for ciphertext decryption. The most of

BCs are vulnerable to linear and differential cryptanalysis (LDC) [1-3] and this theory is developed as well as BC practical security verification [4-6]. Linear cryptanalysis based on finding affine approximations to the action of a cipher [3]. Differential cryptanalysis (in the case of BC) refers to a set of techniques for tracing differences through the network of transformation, discovering where the cipher exhibits non-random behavior and exploiting such properties to recover the secret key [1, 2].

## 2. ANALYSIS OF RELATED WORKS

Many BCs during encryption use few different substitution tables with a priori fixed order of using (e.g., former Soviet encryption standard GOST 28147-89, modern Ukrainian encryption standard Kalyna, etc.). In research studies [7-9] authors have given analytical upper bounds of parameters characterized practical security of mentioned algorithms [10, 11] against LDC methods. There are also block ciphers with substitution nodes defined by round keys, for example ADE algorithm [12]. Logically, random substitutions using complicates BC cryptanalysis, but its quantitative assessment is hard task. From these considerations, the derivation of formulas for practical security verification for BC with random substitution nodes against linear and differential cryptanalysis is actual scientific task. The solving of this task will allow quantitative assessment of similar BC efficiency.

## 3. PROBLEM STATEMENT

In the paper [7] analytical upper bounds of average probabilities for linear and differential parameters of BC designed by Kalyna-128 scheme. Let us show the efficiency of random substitution nodes (the source of randomness can be true random as well as pseudo random) using for cipher designed by Kalyna-128 scheme with the additional round key in each round that influences on substitution tables choosing. Let us take a closer look at  $r$ -round BC  $\mathfrak{S}$  with random substitutions nodes, a set of plain (cipher) texts  $V_n = \{0, 1\}_r^n$ , a set of round keys  $K = V_{n+q}$  and family of encryption transformation

$$F_k = f_{r,k_r} \circ \dots \circ f_{1,k_1}, k = (k_1, \dots, k_r) \in K^r, \quad (1)$$

where  $r = 2r' + 1$ ,  $n = pt$ ,  $q = pq'$ ,  $p = 4p'$ ,  $t$ ,  $p'$ ,  $r'$ ,  $q'$  are natural numbers, parameter  $b = 2^{q'}$  defines quantity of different substitution tables, used in BC.

Round transformation  $f_{i,k}(x)$  for any  $x \in V_n$ ,  $k \in K$ ,  $i \in \overline{1, r}$  describes as follows

$$f_{i,k}(x) = \begin{cases} \varphi(x \oplus k^{(1)}, k^{(2)}), & \text{if } i \equiv 1 \pmod{2}, i < r \\ \varphi(x + k^{(1)}, k^{(2)}), & \text{if } i \equiv 0 \pmod{2}, i < r, \\ s(x \oplus k^{(1)}, k^{(2)}), & \text{if } i = r \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

where  $k^{(1)}$  and  $k^{(2)}$  are parts of round key

$$k = (k^{(1)}, k^{(2)}), k^{(1)} \in V_n, k^{(2)} \in V_q.$$

Substitutions  $\varphi$  and  $s$  are defined by formulas (3) – (4):

$$\varphi(x, y) = s(x, y)M, x \in V_n, y \in V_q, \quad (3)$$

$$s(x, y) = (s_{y_{p-1}}(x_{p-1}), \dots, s_{y_0}(x_0)),$$

$$x = (x_{p-1}, \dots, x_0), y = (y_{p-1}, \dots, y_0), \quad (4)$$

where  $x_j \in V_t$ ,  $y_j \in V_{q'}$ ,  $s_{y_j}$  is substitution on the set  $V_t$  (by the index  $y_j$  is chosen one substitution table from possible  $b$ ),  $j \in \overline{0, p-1}$ ,  $M$  is invertible  $p \times p$ -matrix over the field  $\text{GF}(2^t)$ , multiplication  $s(x, y)$  and  $M$  in formula (3) performed over this field with binary vectors unification  $s_{y_j}(x_j)$  with its elements.

In the formula (2) symbols “ $\oplus$ ” and “ $+$ ” are compatible with operations of coordinatewise adding for binary vectors with length  $n$  and following the algebraic operation

$$x + k = (x^{(1)} + k^{(1)}, \dots, x^{(4)} + k^{(4)}), \quad (5)$$

where  $x = (x^{(1)}, \dots, x^{(4)})$ ,  $k = (k^{(1)}, \dots, k^{(4)})$ ,  $x^{(v)}, k^{(v)} \in V_{p'}$ ,  $v \in \overline{1, 4}$ , and “ $+$ ” is the symbol of addition mod  $2^{p'}$  operation on the set  $V_{p'}$ .

As a reminder, the probability of differential parameter  $\Omega = (\omega_0, \omega_1, \dots, \omega_r) \in (V_n \setminus \{0\})^{r+1}$  for BC  $\mathfrak{S}$  with encryption key  $(k_1, \dots, k_r)$  is defined by following formula [13]:

$$DP^{(k_1, \dots, k_r)}(\Omega) = P\left(\bigcap_{i=1}^r \{X_i \oplus X'_i = \omega_i\} \mid X \oplus X' = \omega_0\right), \quad (6)$$

where  $X, X'$  are independent random equiprobable binary vectors with length  $n$ :

$$X_i = (f_{i,k_i} \circ \dots \circ f_{1,k_1})(X),$$

$$X'_i = (f_{i,k_i} \circ \dots \circ f_{1,k_1})(X'), i \in \overline{1, r}.$$

The average value (6) for all  $(k_1, \dots, k_r) \in K^r$  is called the average probability of differential

parameter  $\Omega$  (EDP) and it can be defined by following formula [13]:

$$EDP(\Omega) = |K|^{-r} \sum_{(k_1, \dots, k_r) \in K^r} DP^{(k_1, \dots, k_r)}(\Omega). \quad (7)$$

Also, in accordance with [13, 14], the average probability of linear parameter  $\Omega = (\omega_0, \omega_1, \dots, \omega_r)$  (ELP) for BC  $\mathfrak{S}$  is defined by formula (8):

$$ELP(\Omega) = \prod_{i=1}^r l^{(i)}(\omega_{i-1}, \omega_i), \quad (8)$$

where for any  $\alpha, \beta \in V_n, i \in \overline{1, r}$

$$l^{(i)}(\alpha, \beta) = 2^{-(n+q)} \sum_{k \in V_{n+q}} \left( 2^{-n} \sum_{x \in V_n} (-1)^{\alpha x \oplus \beta f_{i,k}(x)} \right)^2. \quad (9)$$

Therefore, the main target of this study is practical cryptographic security assessment for BC with random substitution nodes (described by (1) – (5) formulas) against LDC methods by the derivation of analytical upper bounds of parameters (7) – (8). Target achieving will define the novelty of this work and show the efficiency of random substitution nodes using in BCs as well as it will prove that using random substitutions allows improving upper bounds of linear and differential parameters (and as a consequence improving practical security against LDC methods). Moreover, the security analysis using quantitative parameters will give possibility to evaluate various BCs (or other cryptographic algorithms) and their ability to provide necessary and sufficient security level in ICS.

#### 4. UPPER BOUNDS OF DIFFERENTIAL PARAMETERS AVERAGE PROBABILITIES

As a reminder in accordance with [7] for any differential parameter  $\Omega$  of BC  $\mathfrak{S}$  with family of encryption transformation (1) following inequation is performed:

$$EDP(\Omega) \leq \prod_{i=1}^r \max_{x \in V_n} d_x^{(i)}(\omega_{i-1}, \omega_i), \quad (10)$$

where for any  $x, \alpha, \beta \in V_n, i \in \overline{1, r}$

$$d_x^{(i)}(\alpha, \beta) = |K|^{-1} \sum_{k \in K} \delta(f_{i,k}(x \oplus \alpha) \oplus f_{i,k}(x), \beta). \quad (11)$$

Let us consider BC  $\mathfrak{S}$ , described by formulas (1) – (5). From the viewpoint of round key for this BC described by equation  $k = (k^{(1)}, k^{(2)})$ ,  $k^{(1)} \in V_n, k^{(2)} \in V_q$ , let us transform (11) in the following manner

$$\begin{aligned} d_x^{(i)}(\alpha, \beta) &= 2^{-(n+q)} \sum_{k \in V_{n+q}} \delta(f_{i,k}(x \oplus \alpha) \oplus f_{i,k}(x), \beta) = \\ &= 2^{-q} \sum_{k^{(2)} \in V_q} \left( 2^{-n} \sum_{k^{(1)} \in V_n} \delta(f_{i,(k^{(1)}, k^{(2)})}(x \oplus \alpha) \oplus f_{i,(k^{(1)}, k^{(2)})}(x), \beta) \right). \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

For finding upper bounds of parameter  $EDP(\Omega)$  let us assess every multiplier of right part of inequation (10). Firstly, let us consider some designations. For any natural  $l$  designate  $u+v$  the sum by modulo  $2^l$  of binary integer numbers presented as vectors  $u$  and  $v$  ( $u, v \in V_l$ ); symbol  $\nu(u, v)$  designate bit of carrying in  $l$ -th bit by adding numbers  $u$  and  $v$  in the ring  $Z$ .

For any  $j \in \overline{0, b-1}$ , in accordance with [7], let us designate the following parameters:

$$d_{\oplus}^{(s_j)}(\alpha, \beta) = 2^{-t} \sum_{k \in V_t} \delta(s_j(k \oplus \alpha) \oplus s_j(k), \beta) \quad (13)$$

$$d_{+}^{(s_j)}(\alpha, \beta) = 2^{-t} \sum_{k \in V_t} \delta(s_j(k + \alpha) \oplus s_j(k), \beta) \quad (14)$$

$$\Delta_{\oplus} = \max \left\{ d_{\oplus}^{(s_j)}(\alpha, \beta) : \alpha, \beta \in V_t \setminus \{0\}, j \in \overline{0, b-1} \right\} \quad (15)$$

$$\Delta_{+} = \max \left\{ d_{+}^{(s_j)}(\alpha, \beta) : \alpha, \beta \in V_t \setminus \{0\}, j \in \overline{0, b-1} \right\}, \quad (16)$$

$$\Delta = \max \{ \Delta_{\oplus}, \Delta_{+} \}. \quad (17)$$

Additionally, let us consider the following parameters:

$$\tilde{\Delta}_{\oplus} = b^{-1} \sum_{j=0}^{b-1} \max \left\{ d_{\oplus}^{(s_j)}(\alpha, \beta) : \alpha, \beta \in V_t \setminus \{0\} \right\}, \quad (18)$$

$$\tilde{\Delta}_{+} = b^{-1} \sum_{j=0}^{b-1} \max \left\{ d_{+}^{(s_j)}(\alpha, \beta) : \alpha, \beta \in V_t \setminus \{0\} \right\}, \quad (19)$$

$$\tilde{\Delta} = \max \left\{ \tilde{\Delta}_{\oplus}, \tilde{\Delta}_{+} \right\}, \quad (20)$$

$$\tilde{\tilde{d}}_{\oplus}(\alpha, \beta) = b^{-1} \sum_{j=0}^{b-1} d_{\oplus}^{(s_j)}(\alpha, \beta), \quad (21)$$

$$\tilde{\tilde{d}}_{+}(\alpha, \beta) = b^{-1} \sum_{j=0}^{b-1} d_{+}^{(s_j)}(\alpha, \beta), \quad (22)$$

$$\tilde{\Delta}_{\oplus} = \max \left\{ \tilde{d}_{\oplus}(\alpha, \beta) : \alpha, \beta \in V_t \setminus \{0\} \right\}, \quad (23)$$

$$\tilde{\Delta}_+ = \max \left\{ \tilde{d}_+(\alpha, \beta) : \alpha, \beta \in V_t \setminus \{0\} \right\}, \quad (24)$$

$$\tilde{\Delta} = \max \left\{ \tilde{\Delta}_{\oplus}, \tilde{\Delta}_+ \right\}. \quad (25)$$

As a reminder, in accordance with [7] the value of vector  $x = (x_{p-1}, \dots, x_0)$  can be defined by the following formula:

$$wt(x) = \# \left\{ j \in \overline{0, p-1} : x_j \neq 0 \right\}, \quad (26)$$

where  $x_j \in GF(2^t)$ ,  $j \in \overline{0, p-1}$ . Index of matrix  $M$  ramification can be defined as follows [15, 16]:

$$B_M = \min \left\{ wt(x) + wt(xM^{-1}) : x \in GF(2^t)^p \setminus \{0\} \right\} \quad (27)$$

Let us establish the following lemma.

**Lemma 1.** Let us consider BC  $\mathfrak{S}$ , described by formulas (1) – (5). While for any  $x \in V_n$  the following assertions are performed:

1) if  $i \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ ,  $i < r$ , then

$$d_x^{(i)}(\omega_{i-1}, \omega_i) \leq \left( \tilde{\Delta}_{\oplus} \right)^{wt(\omega_i M^{-1})}; \quad (28)$$

2) if  $i = r$ , then

$$d_x^{(i)}(\omega_{i-1}, \omega_i) \leq \left( \tilde{\Delta}_{\oplus} \right)^{wt(\omega_i)}; \quad (29)$$

3) if  $i \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ ,  $i < r$ , then

$$d_x^{(i)}(\omega_{i-1}, \omega_i) \leq \left( \tilde{\Delta}_+ \right)^{wt(\omega_i M^{-1})}; \quad (30)$$

4) if  $i < r$ , then

$$wt(\omega_i M^{-1}) = wt(\omega_{i-1}); \quad (31)$$

5) if  $i = r$ , then

$$wt(\omega_r) = wt(\omega_{r-1}). \quad (32)$$

**Establishment.** Let us consider  $i \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ ,  $i < r$ . Taking into account (2), formula (12) can be transformed as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} d_x^{(i)}(\omega_{i-1}, \omega_i) &= 2^{-q} \sum_{k^{(2)} \in V_q} \left( 2^{-n} \sum_{k^{(1)} \in V_n} \delta(\varphi(k^{(1)} \oplus \omega_{i-1}, k^{(2)}) \oplus \varphi(k^{(1)}, k^{(2)}), \omega_i) \right) = \\ &= 2^{-q} \sum_{k^{(2)} \in V_q} \left( 2^{-n} \sum_{k^{(1)} \in V_n} \delta(s(k^{(1)} \oplus \omega_{i-1}, k^{(2)}) \oplus s(k^{(1)}, k^{(2)}), \omega_i M^{-1}) \right). \end{aligned}$$

From this by using formulas (4), (13) and (21) can be obtained the following

$$\begin{aligned} d_x^{(i)}(\omega_{i-1}, \omega_i) &= \prod_{j=0}^{p-1} \left( 2^{-q'} \sum_{k_j^{(2)} \in V_{q'}} \left( 2^{-t} \sum_{k_j^{(1)} \in V_t} \delta(s_{k_j^{(2)}}(k_j^{(1)} \oplus (\omega_{i-1})_j) \oplus s_{k_j^{(2)}}(k_j^{(1)}, (\omega_i M^{-1})_j) \right) \right) = \\ &= \prod_{j=0}^{p-1} \left( 2^{-q'} \sum_{k_j^{(2)} \in V_{q'}} \left( d_{\oplus}^{(s_{k_j^{(2)}})}((\omega_{i-1})_j, (\omega_i M^{-1})_j) \right) \right) = \prod_{j=0}^{p-1} \left( \tilde{d}_{\oplus}((\omega_{i-1})_j, (\omega_i M^{-1})_j) \right) \end{aligned} \quad (33)$$

Considering that  $\tilde{d}_{\oplus}((\omega_{i-1})_j, (\omega_i M^{-1})_j) \leq 1$ , the maximal value of (33) is received if  $(\omega_{i-1})_j = (\omega_i M^{-1})_j = 0$ , in this case

$\tilde{d}_{\oplus}((\omega_{i-1})_j, (\omega_i M^{-1})_j) = 1$  (if only for one  $j \in \overline{0, p-1}$ ). Based on this, by using formula (23), it follows correctness of formulas (28) and (31):

$$\begin{aligned} d_x^{(i)}(\omega_{i-1}, \omega_i) &= \prod_{j=0}^{p-1} \left( \tilde{d}_{\oplus}((\omega_{i-1})_j, (\omega_i M^{-1})_j) \right) \leq \tilde{\Delta}_{\oplus}^{wt(\omega_i M^{-1})}, \\ wt(\omega_i M^{-1}) &= wt(\omega_{i-1}). \end{aligned}$$

In similar manner formulas (29) and (32) can be established.

Let us establish the formula (30). Let us consider  $i \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ ,  $i < r$ . Taking into account formula (2), formula (12) can be transformed as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} d_x^{(i)}(\omega_{i-1}, \omega_i) &= 2^{-q} \sum_{k^{(2)} \in V_q} \left( 2^{-n} \sum_{k^{(1)} \in V_n} \delta(\varphi((x \oplus \omega_{i-1})^{\circ} + k^{(1)}, k^{(2)}) \oplus \varphi(x^{\circ} + k^{(1)}, k^{(2)}), \omega_i) \right) = \\ &= 2^{-q} \sum_{k^{(2)} \in V_q} \left( 2^{-n} \sum_{k^{(1)} \in V_n} \delta(s(k^{(1)} + (x \oplus \omega_{i-1})^{\circ} - x), k^{(2)}) \oplus s(k^{(1)}, k^{(2)}), \omega_i M^{-1}) \right). \end{aligned} \quad (34)$$

In research study [7] was established that for any fixed substitutions on the set  $V_t$ ,

$$s(x) = (s_{m-1}(x_{m-1}), \dots, s_0(x_0)),$$

$x = (x_{m-1}, \dots, x_0)$  by any  $\alpha, \beta \in V_{mt}$  following inequation is correct:

$$d_+^{(s)}(\alpha, \beta) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} 2^{-nt} \sum_{k \in V_m} \delta(s(\alpha+k) \oplus s(k), \beta) \leq (\Delta_+)^{wt(\beta)}. \tag{35}$$

Analogically formula (35) can be transformed for the case when the table of substitutions  $s$  will be dependable on parameter  $y$  (see formula (4)).

Let us consider  $s(x, y) = (s_{y_{m-1}}(x_{m-1}), \dots, s_{y_0}(x_0))$  is random substitution on the set  $V_m$ ,  $x = (x_{m-1}, \dots, x_0)$ ,  $y = (y_{m-1}, \dots, y_0)$ ,  $x_j \in V_t$ ,  $y_j \in V_{q'}$ ,  $j \in \overline{0, m-1}$  (parameter  $y_j$  defines the substitution table on the set  $V_t$  will be used, one of  $2^{q'}$  the possible tables is chosen). Then for any  $\alpha, \beta \in V_m$  the following inequation is correct:

$$d_+^{(s)}(\alpha, \beta) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} 2^{-mq'} \sum_{y \in V_{mq'}} \left( 2^{-mt} \sum_{k \in V_m} \delta(s(\alpha+k, y) \oplus s(k, y), \beta) \right) \leq (\tilde{\Delta}_+)^{wt(\beta)}. \tag{36}$$

Let us establish inequation (36) by the method of mathematical induction by parameter  $m$ . For  $m = 1$  let us check correctness of inequation (36). Based on formulas (14), (22) and (24) can be obtained:

$$\begin{aligned} d_+^{(s)}(\alpha, \beta) &= 2^{-q'} \sum_{y \in V_{q'}} \left( 2^{-t} \sum_{k \in V_t} \delta(s_y(\alpha+k) \oplus s_y(k), \beta) \right) = \\ &= 2^{-q'} \sum_{y \in V_{q'}} \left( d_+^{(s_y)}(\alpha, \beta) \right) = \tilde{d}_+(\alpha, \beta) \leq (\tilde{\Delta}_+)^{wt(\beta)} \end{aligned}$$

Next, let us make allowance for formula (36) is correct for all substitutions  $(s_{y_{m-1}}(x_{m-1}), \dots, s_{y_1}(x_1))$ , where  $s_{y_j}$  is substitution on the set  $V_t$ ,  $y_j \in V_{q'}$ ,  $j \in \overline{1, m-1}$ .

For any  $x = (x_{m-1}, \dots, x_0) \in V_m$ ,  $y = (y_{m-1}, \dots, y_0) \in V_{mq'}$  let us designate

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{x} &= (x_{m-1}, \dots, x_1), \quad \tilde{y} = (y_{m-1}, \dots, y_1), \\ \tilde{s}(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}) &= (s_{y_{m-1}}(x_{m-1}), \dots, s_{y_1}(x_1)). \end{aligned}$$

Taking into account the equation  $\alpha + k = (\tilde{\alpha} + \tilde{k} + v(\alpha_0, k_0), \alpha_0 + k_0)$ ,  $\alpha, k \in V_m$ , the following formula is correct:

$$\begin{aligned} d_+^{(s)}(\alpha, \beta) &= 2^{-q'} \sum_{y_0 \in V_{q'}} \left( 2^{-t} \sum_{k_0 \in V_t} \delta(s_{y_0}(\alpha + k_0) \oplus s_{y_0}(k_0), \beta_0) \right) \times \\ &\times 2^{-(mq'-q)} \sum_{\tilde{y} \in V_{mq'-q}} \left( 2^{-(mt-t)} \sum_{\tilde{k} \in V_{m-t}} \delta(\tilde{s}(\tilde{\alpha} + \tilde{k} + v(\alpha_0, k_0), \tilde{y}) \oplus \tilde{s}(\tilde{k}, \tilde{y}), \tilde{\beta}) \right) = \\ &= \tilde{d}_{v(\alpha_0, k_0)=1}^+(\alpha_0, \beta_0) \times 2^{-(mq'-q)} \sum_{\tilde{y} \in V_{mq'-q}} \left( 2^{-(mt-t)} \sum_{\tilde{k} \in V_{m-t}} \delta(\tilde{s}(\tilde{\alpha} + \tilde{k} + 1, \tilde{y}) \oplus \tilde{s}(\tilde{k}, \tilde{y}), \tilde{\beta}) \right) + \\ &+ \tilde{d}_{v(\alpha_0, k_0)=0}^+(\alpha_0, \beta_0) \times 2^{-(mq'-q)} \sum_{\tilde{y} \in V_{mq'-q}} \left( 2^{-(mt-t)} \sum_{\tilde{k} \in V_{m-t}} \delta(\tilde{s}(\tilde{\alpha} + \tilde{k}, \tilde{y}) \oplus \tilde{s}(\tilde{k}, \tilde{y}), \tilde{\beta}) \right) = \\ &= \tilde{d}_{v(\alpha_0, k_0)=1}^+(\alpha_0, \beta_0) \times d_+^{(\tilde{s})}(\tilde{\alpha} + 1, \tilde{\beta}) + \tilde{d}_{v(\alpha_0, k_0)=0}^+(\alpha_0, \beta_0) \times d_+^{(\tilde{s})}(\tilde{\alpha}, \tilde{\beta}). \tag{37} \end{aligned}$$

Considering that  $d_+^{(\tilde{s})}(\tilde{\alpha} + 1, \tilde{\beta}) \leq (\tilde{\Delta}_+)^{wt(\tilde{\beta})}$

and  $d_+^{(\tilde{s})}(\tilde{\alpha}, \tilde{\beta}) \leq (\tilde{\Delta}_+)^{wt(\tilde{\beta})}$  by the hypothesis of induction, based on the formula (37), it is established correctness of inequation (36):

$$d_+^{(s)}(\alpha, \beta) \leq \tilde{d}_+(\alpha, \beta) \times (\tilde{\Delta}_+)^{wt(\tilde{\beta})} \leq (\tilde{\Delta}_+)^{wt(\tilde{\beta}) + wt(\beta)} = (\tilde{\Delta}_+)^{wt(\beta)},$$

and it was the target of our establishment.

Let us transform equation (34), taking into account inequation (36):

$$d_x^{(i)}(\omega_{t-1}, \omega_t) = d_+^{(s)}\left( (x \oplus \omega_{t-1}) \overset{\circ}{-} x, \omega_t M^{-1} \right) \leq (\tilde{\Delta}_+)^{wt(\omega_t M^{-1})}$$

By this means inequation (30) is correct. Lemma 1 is established.

Next, let us define an analytical upper security parameter (7) for BC, described by formulas (1) – (5).

**Theorem 1.** Let us consider  $r$ -round BC  $\mathfrak{S}$ , described by formulas (1) – (5). In this case the following inequation is correct:

$$EDP(\Omega) \leq \Delta^{\approx r'B_M+1} \leq \tilde{\Delta}^{\approx r'B_M+1} \leq \Delta^{r'B_M+1}. \tag{38}$$

**Establishment.** On the basis of formulas (10), (23) – (25), (28) – (30) the following assessment is correct:

$$EDP(\Omega) \leq \Delta \approx \sum_{i=1}^{r-1} wt(\omega_i M^{-1}) + wt(\omega_r) \quad (39)$$

While by the formulas (13) – (25)  $\tilde{\Delta} \leq \tilde{\Delta} \leq \Delta < 1$ , then right part of inequation will be maximal only when  $\sum_{i=1}^{r-1} wt(\omega_i M^{-1}) + wt(\omega_r)$  will be minimal. In research study [7] authors showed that  $\sum_{i=1}^{r-1} wt(\omega_i M^{-1}) + wt(\omega_r) \geq r'B_M + 1$ , and on this basis formula (38) is correct. Theorem 1 is established.

### 5. UPPER BOUNDS OF LINEAR PARAMETERS AVERAGE PROBABILITIES

For any  $\alpha, \beta \in V_t, j \in \overline{0, b-1}$ , taking into account [7], let us designate:

$$l^{(s_j)}(\alpha, \beta) = 2^{-t} \sum_{k \in V_t} \left( 2^{-t} \sum_{x \in V_t} (-1)^{\alpha x \oplus \beta s_j(x \oplus k)} \right)^2, \quad (40)$$

$$\Lambda^{(s_j)}(\alpha, \beta) = 2^{-t} \sum_{k \in V_t} \left( 2^{-t} \sum_{a \in \{0,1\}} \left| \sum_{x \in V_t: \nu(x,k)=a} (-1)^{\alpha x \oplus \beta s_j(x+k)} \right| \right)^2 \quad (41)$$

$$\Lambda_{\oplus} = \max \left\{ l^{(s_j)}(\alpha, \beta) : \alpha, \beta \in V_t \setminus \{0\}, j \in \overline{0, b-1} \right\} \quad (42)$$

$$\Lambda_+ = \max \left\{ \Lambda^{(s_j)}(\alpha, \beta) : \alpha \in V_t, \beta \in V_t \setminus \{0\}, j \in \overline{0, b-1} \right\} \quad (43)$$

$$\tilde{\Lambda} = \max \left\{ \Lambda_{\oplus}, \Lambda_+ \right\}. \quad (44)$$

Additionally, let us consider the following parameters:

$$\tilde{\Lambda}_{\oplus} = b^{-1} \sum_{j=0}^{b-1} \max \left\{ l^{(s_j)}(\alpha, \beta) : \alpha, \beta \in V_t \setminus \{0\} \right\} \quad (45)$$

$$\tilde{\Lambda}_+ = b^{-1} \sum_{j=0}^{b-1} \max \left\{ \Lambda^{(s_j)}(\alpha, \beta) : \alpha \in V_t, \beta \in V_t \setminus \{0\} \right\} \quad (46)$$

$$\tilde{\Lambda} = \max \left\{ \tilde{\Lambda}_{\oplus}, \tilde{\Lambda}_+ \right\}, \quad (47)$$

$$\tilde{l}(\alpha, \beta) = b^{-1} \sum_{j=0}^{b-1} l^{(s_j)}(\alpha, \beta), \quad (48)$$

$$\tilde{\Lambda}(\alpha, \beta) = b^{-1} \sum_{j=0}^{b-1} \Lambda^{(s_j)}(\alpha, \beta), \quad (49)$$

$$\tilde{\Lambda}_{\oplus} = \max \left\{ \tilde{l}(\alpha, \beta) : \alpha, \beta \in V_t \setminus \{0\} \right\}, \quad (50)$$

$$\tilde{\Lambda}_+ = \max \left\{ \tilde{\Lambda}(\alpha, \beta) : \alpha \in V_t, \beta \in V_t \setminus \{0\} \right\}, \quad (51)$$

$$\tilde{\Lambda} = \max \left\{ \tilde{\Lambda}_{\oplus}, \tilde{\Lambda}_+ \right\}. \quad (52)$$

For finding upper bounds of parameter  $ELP(\Omega)$  let us assess every multipliers of right part of inequation (8). Let us establish the following lemma.

**Lemma 2.** Let us consider BC  $\mathfrak{S}$ , described by formulas (1) – (5). While for any  $x \in V_n$  the following assertions are performed:

- 1) if  $i \equiv 1 \pmod{2}, i < r$ , then

$$l^{(i)}(\omega_{i-1}, \omega_i) \leq \left( \tilde{\Lambda}_{\oplus} \right)^{wt(\omega_i M)}; \quad (53)$$

- 2) if  $i = r$ , then

$$l^{(i)}(\omega_{i-1}, \omega_i) \leq \left( \tilde{\Lambda}_{\oplus} \right)^{wt(\omega_i)}; \quad (54)$$

- 3) if  $i \equiv 0 \pmod{2}, i < r$ , then

$$l^{(i)}(\omega_{i-1}, \omega_i) \leq \left( \tilde{\Lambda}_+ \right)^{wt(\omega_i M)}; \quad (55)$$

- 4) if  $i < r$ , then

$$wt(\omega_i M) = wt(\omega_{i-1}); \quad (56)$$

- 5) if  $i = r$ , then

$$wt(\omega_r) = wt(\omega_{r-1}). \quad (57)$$

**Establishment.** Let us consider  $i \equiv 1 \pmod{2}, i < r$ . Taking into account equation (2), let us transform formula (9):

$$l^{(i)}(\omega_{i-1}, \omega_i) = 2^{-q} \sum_{k^{(2)} \in V_q} \left( 2^{-n} \sum_{k^{(1)} \in V_n} \left( 2^{-n} \sum_{x \in V_n} (-1)^{\omega_{i-1} x \oplus \omega_i \phi(x \oplus k^{(1)}, k^{(2)})} \right)^2 \right) =$$

$$= 2^{-q} \sum_{k^{(2)} \in V_q} \left( 2^{-n} \sum_{k^{(1)} \in V_n} \left( 2^{-n} \sum_{x \in V_n} (-1)^{\omega_{i-1} x \oplus (\omega_i M) s(x \oplus k^{(1)}, k^{(2)})} \right)^2 \right)$$

Based on formulas (4), (40) and (48) can be obtained:

$$l^{(i)}(\omega_{i-1}, \omega_i) = \prod_{j=0}^{p-1} \left( 2^{-q'} \sum_{k_j^{(2)} \in V_{q'}} \left( 2^{-t} \sum_{k_j^{(1)} \in V_t} \left( 2^{-t} \sum_{x_j \in V_t} (-1)^{(\omega_{i-1})_j x_j \oplus (\omega_i M)_j s_j(x_j \oplus k_j^{(1)})} \right)^2 \right) \right) = \prod_{j=0}^{p-1} \left( 2^{-q'} \sum_{k_j^{(2)} \in V_{q'}} \left( l^{(i)}((\omega_{i-1})_j, (\omega_i M)_j) \right) \right) \tag{58}$$

Considering that  $\tilde{l}((\omega_{i-1})_j, (\omega_i M)_j) \leq 1$ , the maximal value of (58) is received if  $(\omega_{i-1})_j = (\omega_i M)_j = 0$ , in this case  $\tilde{l}((\omega_{i-1})_j, (\omega_i M)_j) = 1$  (if only for one  $j$   $(\omega_{i-1})_j, (\omega_i M)_j \neq 0$  ( $j \in \overline{0, p-1}$ )). Based on this, by using formula (50), it follows correctness of formulas (53) and (56):

$$l^{(i)}(\omega_{i-1}, \omega_i) = \prod_{j=0}^{p-1} \left( \tilde{l}((\omega_{i-1})_j, (\omega_i M)_j) \right) \leq \tilde{\Lambda}_{\oplus}^{wt(\omega_i M)} \\ wt(\omega_i M) = wt(\omega_{i-1}).$$

In similar manner formulas (54) and (57) can be established.

Let us establish the formula (55). Let us consider  $i \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ ,  $i < r$ . Taking into account formula (2), formula (9) can be transformed as follows:

$$l^{(i)}(\omega_{i-1}, \omega_i) = 2^{-q} \sum_{k^{(2)} \in V_q} \left( 2^{-n} \sum_{k^{(1)} \in V_n} \left( 2^{-n} \sum_{x \in V_n} (-1)^{\omega_{i-1} x \oplus (\omega_i M) s(x \oplus k^{(1)}, k^{(2)})} \right)^2 \right) = 2^{-q} \sum_{k^{(2)} \in V_q} \left( 2^{-n} \sum_{k^{(1)} \in V_n} \left( 2^{-n} \sum_{x \in V_n} (-1)^{\omega_{i-1} x \oplus (\omega_i M) s(x \oplus k^{(1)}, k^{(2)})} \right)^2 \right) \tag{59}$$

Let us consider  $s(x, y) = (s_{y_{m-1}}(x_{m-1}), \dots, s_{y_0}(x_0))$  is random substitution on the set  $V_{mt}$ ,  $x = (x_{m-1}, \dots, x_0)$ ,  $y = (y_{m-1}, \dots, y_0)$ ,  $x_j \in V_t$ ,  $y_j \in V_{q'}$ ,  $j \in \overline{0, m-1}$  (parameter  $y_j$  defines the substitution table on the set  $V_t$  will be used, one of  $2^{q'}$  the possible tables is

chosen). Then for any  $\alpha, \beta \in V_{mt}$  the following inequation is correct:

$$l_+^{(s)}(\alpha, \beta) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} 2^{-mq'} \sum_{y \in V_{mq'}} \left( 2^{-mt} \sum_{k \in V_{mt}} \left( 2^{-mt} \sum_{x \in V_{mt}} (-1)^{\alpha x \oplus \beta s(x+k, y)} \right)^2 \right) \leq \left( \tilde{\Lambda}_+ \right)^{wt(\beta)} \tag{60}$$

Let us establish inequation (60) by the method of mathematical induction by parameter  $m$ . For  $m = 1$  let us check correctness of inequation (60). Based on formulas (41), (49) and (51) can be obtained:

$$l_+^{(s)}(\alpha, \beta) = 2^{-q'} \sum_{y \in V_{q'}} \left( 2^{-t} \sum_{k \in V_t} \left( 2^{-t} \sum_{x \in V_t} (-1)^{\alpha x \oplus \beta s(x+k, y)} \right)^2 \right) = 2^{-q'} \sum_{y \in V_{q'}} \left( 2^{-t} \sum_{k \in V_t} \left( \sum_{a \in \{0,1\}} \sum_{x \in V_t: s(x,k)=a} (-1)^{\alpha x \oplus \beta s(x+k, y)} \right)^2 \right) = \tilde{\Lambda}(\alpha, \beta) \leq \left( \tilde{\Lambda}_+ \right)^{wt(\beta)}$$

Next, let us make allowance for formula (60) is correct for all substitutions  $(s_{y_{m-1}}(x_{m-1}), \dots, s_{y_1}(x_1))$ , where  $s_{y_j}$  is substitution on the set  $V_t$ ,  $y_j \in V_{q'}$ ,  $j \in \overline{1, m-1}$ .

For any  $x = (x_{m-1}, \dots, x_0) \in V_{mt}$ ,

$y = (y_{m-1}, \dots, y_0) \in V_{mq'}$  let us designate:

$$\tilde{x} = (x_{m-1}, \dots, x_1), \tilde{y} = (y_{m-1}, \dots, y_1), \\ \tilde{s}(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}) = (s_{y_{m-1}}(x_{m-1}), \dots, s_{y_1}(x_1)).$$

In accordance with equation  $x + k = \left( \tilde{x} + \tilde{k} + v(x_0, k_0), x_0 + k_0 \right)$ ,  $\alpha, k \in V_{mt}$ , the following formula is correct:

$$l_+^{(s)}(\alpha, \beta) = 2^{-q'} \sum_{y_0 \in V_{q'}} \left( 2^{-t} \sum_{k_0 \in V_t} \left( 2^{-t} \sum_{x_0 \in V_t} (-1)^{\alpha_0 x_0 \oplus \beta_0 s_0(x_0 + k_0)} \right)^2 \right) \times \\ \times 2^{-(mq'-q')} \sum_{\tilde{y} \in V_{(mq'-q')}} \left( 2^{-(mt-t)} \sum_{\tilde{k} \in V_{(mt-t)}} \left( 2^{-(mt-t)} \sum_{\tilde{x} \in V_{(mt-t)}} (-1)^{\tilde{\alpha} \tilde{x} \oplus \tilde{\beta} \tilde{s}(\tilde{x} + \tilde{k} + v(x_0, k_0), \tilde{y})} \right)^2 \right) = \\ = \tilde{\Lambda}(\alpha_0, \beta_0) \times l_+^{(\tilde{s})}(\tilde{\alpha}, \tilde{\beta}) \leq \tilde{\Lambda}(\alpha_0, \beta_0) \times \left( \tilde{\Lambda}_+ \right)^{wt(\tilde{\beta})} \leq \left( \tilde{\Lambda}_+ \right)^{wt(\beta) + wt(\beta_0)} = \left( \tilde{\Lambda}_+ \right)^{wt(\beta)},$$

and it was the target of our establishment.

Based on inequation (60), the formula (55) is correct:

$$l^{(i)}(\omega_{i-1}, \omega_i) = l_+^{(s)}(\omega_{i-1}, \omega_i M) \leq \tilde{\Lambda}_+^{\approx wt(\omega_i M)}$$

Lemma 2 is established.

**Theorem 2.** Let us consider  $r$ -round BC  $\mathfrak{S}$ , described by formulas (1) – (5). In this case, the following inequation is correct:

$$ELP(\Omega) \leq \tilde{\Lambda}^{\approx r'B_M+1} \leq \tilde{\Lambda}^{\sim r'B_M+1} \leq \Lambda^{r'B_M+1}. \quad (61)$$

**Establishment.** Based on formulas (8), (50) – (55) the following assessment is correct:

$$ELP(\Omega) \leq \tilde{\Lambda}^{\approx \sum_{i=1}^{r-1} wt(\omega_i M) + wt(\omega_r)}. \quad (62)$$

While by the formulas (40) – (52)  $\tilde{\Delta} \leq \tilde{\Delta} \leq \Delta < 1$ , then the right part of inequation will be maximal only when  $\sum_{i=1}^{r-1} wt(\omega_i M) + wt(\omega_r)$  will be minimal. In research study [7] authors showed that  $\sum_{i=1}^{r-1} wt(\omega_i M) + wt(\omega_r) \geq r'B_M + 1$ , and on this basis formula (61) is correct. Theorem 2 is established.

## 6. EXPERIMENTS AND DISCUSSION

The main target of experimental study is efficiency assessment of random substitution nodes using in proposed and known BCs. Let us consider that in the paper [7] was described  $r$ -round BC  $\mathfrak{S}'$  (designed based on Kalyna-128 cipher) with random substitutions nodes, a set of plain (cipher) texts  $V_n = \{0,1\}^n$ , a set of round keys  $K = V_n$  and family of encryption transformation

$$F_k = f_{r,k_r} \circ \dots \circ f_{1,k_1}, \quad k = (k_1, \dots, k_r) \in K^r, \quad (63)$$

where  $t, p', r'$  are natural numbers,  $p = 4p', r = 2r' + 1, n = pt$ .

Round function  $f_{i,k}$ , for any  $x \in V_n, k \in K, i \in \overline{1, r}$  can be described as follow:

$$f_{i,k} = \begin{cases} \varphi(x \oplus k), & \text{if } i \equiv 1 \pmod{2}, i < r \\ \varphi\left(x + \overset{\circ}{k}\right), & \text{if } i \equiv 0 \pmod{2}, i < r. \\ s(x \oplus k), & \text{if } i = r \end{cases} \quad (64)$$

Substitutions  $\varphi$  and  $s$  can be defined by formulas:

$$\varphi(x) = s(x)M, \quad x \in V_n, \quad (65)$$

$$s(x) = (s_{p-1}(x_{p-1}), \dots, s_0(x_0)), \quad x = (x_{p-1}, \dots, x_0), \quad (66)$$

where  $x_j \in V_t, s_j$  is substitution on the set  $V_t, j \in \overline{0, p-1}, M$  is invertible  $p \times p$ -matrix over the field  $\text{GF}(2^t)$ , multiplication  $s(x)$  and  $M$  in formula (65) performed over this field with binary vectors unification  $s_j(x_j)$  with its elements.

Symbols “ $\oplus$ ” and “ $\overset{\circ}{+}$ ” are compatible with operations of coordinatewise adding for binary vectors and mentioned algebraic operation (5).

In [7] it was established that for BC  $\mathfrak{S}'$ , described by (63) – (66), the following inequations are correct:

$$EDP(\Omega) \leq \Delta^{r'B_M+1}, \quad (67)$$

$$ELP(\Omega) \leq \Lambda^{r'B_M+1}. \quad (68)$$

If the round function  $f_{i,k}$  of BC  $\mathfrak{S}'$ , described by (63) – (66), increased by additional round key influenced on substitution forming (see formula (4)), BC  $\mathfrak{S}'$  will transform to BC  $\mathfrak{S}$ , described by (1) – (5). Taking into account equations (13) – (25) and (63) – (66), as well as inequations (38) and (61) analytical upper bounds of linear and differential parameters average probabilities of BC  $\mathfrak{S}'$  will improve in  $\left(\frac{\tilde{\Delta}}{\Delta}\right)^{r'B_M+1}$  and  $\left(\frac{\tilde{\Lambda}}{\Lambda}\right)^{r'B_M+1}$  times respectively. It is important to note, the more quantity of substitution tables for BC  $\mathfrak{S}'$ , the better upper bounds of practical security against LDC [17].

Let us show the efficiency of random substitution nodes using in the context of BC Kalyna-128 [11] (the example of BC  $\mathfrak{S}'$  with parameters  $t=8, p'=4, r'=5, p=16, r=11, n=128$ , in every



rounds eight different substitution tables on the set  $V_8$  are used (Table 1)).

**Table 1. The parameters of substitution tables for BC Kalyna-128**

Subs table	$\Delta_{\oplus}^{(s_j)}$	$\Delta_{+}^{(s_j)}$	$\Lambda_{\oplus}^{(s_j)}$	$\Lambda_{+}^{(s_j)}$
1	0,03125	0,0273438	0,0625	0,0425324
2	0,03125	0,03125	0,05493	0,0297253
3	0,03125	0,03125	0,0625	0,0297267
4	0,03125	0,0273438	0,0625	0,0551662
5	0,03125	0,03125	0,0625	0,0356412
6	0,03125	0,03125	0,0625	0,0353937
7	0,03125	0,03125	0,0625	0,0296712
8	0,03125	0,03125	0,0625	0,0625

In Table 1, there are parameters (15), (16), (42) and (43) for every substitution tables of BC Kalyna-128. In accordance with equations (15) – (17), (42) – (44) as well as inequations (67) and (68) can be obtained the following parameters:  $\Delta = 0,031250$ ,  $\Lambda = 0,0625$ ,  $EDP(\Omega) \leq 2^{-230}$ ,  $ELP(\Omega) \leq 2^{-184}$  ( $r' = 5$ ,  $B_M = 9$ ).

Let us admit that BC Kalyna-128 increased by round keys, and it defines each substitution tables for round. In this case BC  $\mathfrak{S}$  can be obtained with parameters  $q' = 3$ ,  $q = 48$ , and  $b = 8$ . For this BC inequations (38) and (61) can be used to calculate analytical upper bounds of practical security against LDC methods. Based on formulas (21) – (25), for described in BC Kalyna substitution tables [23], parameters (23) – (25) were calculated:

$\tilde{\Delta}_{\oplus} = 0,015625$ ,  $\tilde{\Delta}_{+} = 0,0107422$  and  $\tilde{\Lambda} = 0,015625$ . For the same substitution tables based on formulas (48) – (52), parameters (50) – (52) were also calculated:  $\tilde{\Lambda}_{\oplus} = 0,0159302$ ,  $\tilde{\Lambda}_{+} = 0,0143183$  and  $\tilde{\Lambda} = 0,0159302$ .

Because  $r' = 5$ ,  $B_M = 9$ , based on inequations (38) and (61), upper bounds of practical security for improved BC Kalyna-128 with random substitution nodes were calculated in context of LDC respectively:  $EDP(\Omega) \leq 2^{-276}$  and  $ELP(\Omega) \leq 2^{-274}$  [19-22]. As it is clear from calculations, upper bounds of linear and differential parameters average probabilities for improved BC Kalyna-128 (with random substitution nodes) is better in  $2^{46}$  and  $2^{90}$  times than original BC respectively.

Accordingly, analytical upper bounds of BC practical security against LDC methods were calculated as well as hypothesis that using random substitutions allows improving upper bounds of

linear and differential parameters was proved. This proven hypothesis defines novelty of this work and practical value for modern cryptology.

## 7. CONCLUSIONS

In the paper analytical upper bounds of parameters, characterized practical security of BC  $\mathfrak{S}$  with random substitution nodes against LDC methods were obtained.

It was established that random substitution nodes using in BC allow improving analytical upper bounds of linear and differential parameters average

probabilities in  $\left(\frac{\tilde{\Delta}}{\Delta}\right)^{r'B_M+1}$  and  $\left(\frac{\tilde{\Lambda}}{\Lambda}\right)^{r'B_M+1}$

times respectively compared to analog assessments for similar BC with fixed substitution nodes.

By using the example of BC Kalyna-128, it was shown that the use of random substitution nodes allows improving upper bounds of linear and differential parameters average probabilities in  $2^{46}$  and  $2^{90}$  times respectively.

The study is novel as it is one of the few in the cryptology field to calculate analytical upper bounds of BC practical security against LDC methods as well as to show and prove that the use of random substitutions allows improving upper bounds of linear and differential parameters. The security analysis using quantitative parameters gives possibility to evaluate various BCs or other cryptographic algorithms and their ability to provide necessary and sufficient security level in ICS.

A future research study can be directed on improving analytical upper bounds for mentioned BC in context to practical security against LDC, as well as practical cryptographic security assessment for other BCs with random substitutions [25-29] against LDC and other cryptanalysis methods including quantum cryptanalysis [30-32] (Shor, Grover, Deutsch-Jozsa algorithms). Apart from these cases, the efficiency of the randomness source and its impact on the BC security can be studied.

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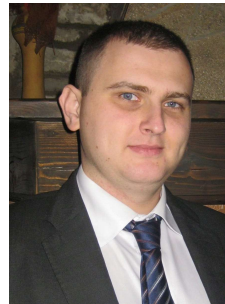
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