# BBB Secure Arbitrary Length Tweak TBC from n-bit Block Ciphers

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Abstract. At FSE'15, Mennink introduced two tweakable block ciphers,  $\widetilde{F}[1]$  and  $\widetilde{F}[2]$ , both utilizing an *n*-bit tweak. It was demonstrated that  $\widetilde{F}[1]$  is secure for up to  $2^{2n/3}$  queries, while  $\widetilde{F}[2]$  is secure for up to  $2^n$ queries, assuming the underlying block cipher is an ideal cipher with  $n$ bit key and n-bit data. Later, at ASIACRYPT'16, Wang et al. showed a birthday bound attack on Mennink's design (which was later corrected in the eprint version eprint 2015/363) and proposed 32 new candidates for tweakable block ciphers that are derived from n-bit ideal block ciphers. It was shown that all the 32 constructions are provably secure up to  $2^n$ queries. All the proposed designs by both Mennink and Wang et al. admit only n-bit tweaks. In FSE'23, Shen and Standaert proposed a tweakable block cipher,  $G_2$ , which uses  $2n$ -bit tweaks and is constructed from three  $n$ -bit block cipher calls, proving its security up to  $n$  bits, assuming that the underlying block cipher is an ideal cipher. They have also shown that it is impossible to design a tweakable block cipher with  $2n$ -bit tweaks using only two n-bit block cipher calls while achieving security beyond the birthday bound. In this paper, we advance this research further. We show that any tweakable block cipher design with  $3n$ -bit tweaks based on only three block cipher calls, where at least one key is tweakindependent, is vulnerable to a birthday bound distinguishing attack. We then propose a tweakable block cipher,  $\widetilde{\mathsf{G}_3}^*$  that uses three block cipher calls and admits 3*n*-bit tweaks, achieves security up to  $O(2^{2n/3})$  queries when all three block cipher keys are tweak-dependent. Furthermore, we prove that using four ideal block cipher calls, with at least one key being tweak-dependent, is necessary and sufficient to achieve  $n$ -bit security for a tweakable block cipher that admits 3n-bit tweaks. Finally, we propose a tweakable block cipher,  $\widetilde{\mathsf{G}_r}$ , which uses  $(r+1)$  block cipher calls and processes  $rn$ -bit tweaks, achieving security up to  $O(2^n)$  queries when at least one block cipher key is tweak-dependent.

## 1 Introduction

A block cipher is a family of permutations that is indexed via a secret key. Over time, block ciphers have gained widespread acceptance as a fundamental cryptographic object. However, their applicability is somewhat constrained due to the specific utilization of block ciphers within various modes of operation. Consequently, the adaptability of the cipher itself is limited. To address this limitation, a significant number of applications that involve block ciphers are either implicitly or explicitly designed from a tweakable block cipher (TBC).

Tweakable block cipher, as an additional fundamental cryptographic building block, serves to introduce variability within the cipher's structure. It is defined as a family of permutations  $\widetilde{E}: \mathcal{K} \times \mathcal{T} \times \{0,1\}^n \to \{0,1\}^n$  indexed by secret key  $k \in \mathcal{K}$  and public tweak  $t \in \mathcal{T}$ . The prototype of a TBC originally appeared in the Schroeppel's Hasty Pudding Cipher [\[Sch\]](#page-47-0), a submission to the NIST competition for Advanced Encryption Standard (AES) [\[NIS00\]](#page-46-0), where an extra input, called "spice" was introduced by the designer besides the key and the plaintext, to a block cipher. The intention of this extra input is to randomize the choice of the permutation family, i.e., different values of the spice corresponds to different and independent permutation families. This design feature was later formalised by Liskov, Rivest and Wagner [\[LRW02,](#page-45-0)[LRW11\]](#page-45-1) as a TBC.

TBCs have found diverse applications, notably in designing of authenticated encryption schemes like Deoxys [\[JNPS21\]](#page-44-0), Romulus [\[IKMP20\]](#page-44-1), and several other candidates of NIST and CAESAR competetions [\[GLS](#page-43-0)+, [JNPa,](#page-44-2) [JNPb,](#page-44-3) [Wan,](#page-47-1)[HKR15,](#page-43-1)[JNPS21\]](#page-44-0). Besides, several other authenticated encryption schemes  $[CS08a, ABL<sup>+</sup>13, GJMN16, PS16, BBB<sup>+</sup>20, Hir20, NS20, BBN22]$  also use TBCs as building blocks. Apart from designing AE schemes, TBCs have diverse application in designing wide block encryption modes [\[BLN18,](#page-41-2)[NI22\]](#page-46-3), message authentication codes  $\left[\text{CS08a}\right]$ , [Nai15,](#page-46-4) [CLS17,](#page-42-1) [IMPS17a,](#page-44-4) [Nai19,](#page-46-5) [CIL](#page-42-2)<sup>+</sup>20, and hash functions  $[FLS^+, GIK^+, Hir22]$  $[FLS^+, GIK^+, Hir22]$  $[FLS^+, GIK^+, Hir22]$ .

#### 1.1 Design Landscape of Tweakable Block Cipher

Liskov et al. first proposed two provably secure tweakable block cipher constructions LRW1 and LRW2, which are build out of n-bit block ciphers. Related to the LRW2 construction is the XEX construction by Rogaway  $\lbrack \text{Rog04}\rbrack$ , and extensions of it by Chakraborty and Sarkar [\[CS06\]](#page-42-4) and Minematsu [\[Min06\]](#page-45-2), which effectively reduces the key space to n bits. However, all of them are birthday bound secure under the assumption that the underlying block cipher is a secure strong pseudorandom permutation <sup>[6](#page-1-0)</sup>.

Landecker et al. [\[LST12\]](#page-45-3) showed that cascading two LRW2 constructions achieves security up to  $2^{2n/3}$  queries. However, the original proof in [\[LST12\]](#page-45-3) had a flaw, pointed out Procter [\[Pro14\]](#page-46-6), and suggsted a fix. Subsequent works [\[JN20,](#page-44-5) [LS13\]](#page-45-4) have improved the bound of Landecker et al.

<span id="page-1-0"></span><sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Informally, a block cipher is said to be a strong pseudorandom permutation if it is hard to distinguish the block cipher and its inverse from a random permutation and its inverse.

In [\[BGGS20\]](#page-41-3), Bao et al. have shown that three round cascading of LRW1 constructions, dubbed as TNT, achieves  $2n/3$  bit CCA security. Later, Khairallah [\[Kha23\]](#page-44-6) have shown a birthday bound CCA distiguishing attack on the construction. Subsequent works have either extended the  $TNT$  construction to  $r$ round [\[ZQG23\]](#page-47-3) or proved the security of TNT in less stronger model [\[GGLS20\]](#page-43-6). Datta et al. [\[Dut20\]](#page-42-5) and Jha et al. [\[JKNS23\]](#page-44-7) have independently shown that cascading four independent instances of the LRW1 construction achieves CCA security up to  $2^{3n/4}$  queries. Furthermore, Jha et al. [\[JKNS23\]](#page-44-7) have also improved the security bound of  $ZQG23$  up to  $r = 8$  and the security bound of [\[LS13\]](#page-45-4) up to  $r = 6$ . In a recent work, Bhaumik et al.  $[BCD+24]$  $[BCD+24]$  have shown some efficient variants of TNT construction and proved similar level of security bound. All the above designs have been proven secure under the assumption that the underlying block cipher behaves as a strong pseudorandom permutation. Furthermore, none of the above designs are secure up to  $2<sup>n</sup>$  queries, where n denotes the block length of the block cipher. We would like to point out that there have been no efficient block cipher based tweakable block cipher designs which are proven secure up to  $2^n$  queries under the assumption that the underlying block cipher is a strong pseudorandom permutation. Although r-round cascading of LRW2 or LRW1 construction provides  $rn/r+1$  bit security [\[LST12,](#page-45-3) [ZQG23\]](#page-47-3), which is close to n bits of security in asymptotic sense, however, it requires  $r$  many block cipher and  $r+1$  hash function evaluations (for cascading LRW2). Alternatively, by using a tweak-dependent key, Minematsu's design [\[Min09\]](#page-45-5) can achieve beyondbirthday-bound security max $\{2n/2, 2n - |t|\}$  in the standard model when the tweak size t is shorter than  $n/2$  bits.

#### 1.2 Tweakable Block Cipher Design in the Ideal-Cipher Model

In [\[Men15a\]](#page-45-6), Mennink proposed two tweakable block ciphers  $\widetilde{F}[1]$  and  $\widetilde{F}[2]$  which are build of a *n*-bit block cipher with *n*-bit key and has shown that  $\widetilde{F}[1]$  achieves  $2n/3$  bit security whereas  $\tilde{F}[2]$  achieves *n*-bit security. However, the security proof relies on the ideal cipher model where we assume that the underlying block cipher behaves like an ideal cipher. Later in  $[\text{W}GZ^+16]$ , Wang et al. have identified a flaw in Mennink's design, which was later corrected in [\[Men15b\]](#page-45-7), and mounted a key recovery attack on the construction in  $O(2^{n/2})$  query complexity. In addition to this, Wang et al. proposed 32 additional block cipher based tweakable block ciphers and showed each one of them achieves n-bit security. As before, the security proof of the constructions are based on the assumption that the underlying block cipher is an *n*-bit ideal cipher with *n*-bit bit key.

Both the constructions by Mennink and that of Wang et al. admit tweak of length *n* bits. To incorporate variable length tweak, Jha et al.  $[JLM+17]$  $[JLM+17]$ proposed XHX construction and proved its security up to  $2^{(n+k)/2}$  queries under the assumption that the underlying block cipher is an  $n$ -bit ideal cipher with  $k$ -bit key. Later in [\[LL18\]](#page-44-9), Lee et al. have extended  $XHX$  to  $XHX2$  and proved its security up to  $\min\{2^{2(n+k)/3}, 2^{n+k/2-\log n}\}\$ . Note that, XHX is birthday bound secure with respect to the input length of the block cipher, i.e.,  $n + k$ . On the other hand, XHX2 is secure beyond the birthday bound secure with respect to the input length of the block cipher. However, if  $k \geq n$ , then XHX is secure up to  $2^n$  queries whereas XHX2 is secure up to  $2^{4n/3}$  queries. <sup>[7](#page-3-0)</sup>

Both the constructions XHX and XHX2 employs keyed hash functions to process arbitrary length tweak. In particular, XHX makes two hash function calls and that of XHX2 makes four calls. In [\[SS23\]](#page-47-5) Shen and Standaert studied how to design tweakable block ciphers from block cipher that process large size tweak, i.e., tweaks of length more than n bits without using any hash function. In particular, they have studied designing tweakable block ciphers with 2n-bit tweak from an n-bit block cipher, under the assumption that the underlying block cipher is an  $n$ -bit ideal cipher with  $n$ -bit key. It was shown that one cannot get a beyond the birthday bound secure tweakable block cipher that admits 2nbit tweaks, by making only two block cipher calls. Furthermore, authors have demonstrated that to obtain an n-bit secure block cipher based tweakable block cipher that admits  $2n$ -bit tweak, one needs to make three block cipher calls. In particular, they have shown that their proposed tweakable block cipher  $G2$ , which is build out of three block cipher invocations, is secure up to  $2^n$  queries based on the assumption that the underlying block cipher is an  $n$ -bit ideal cipher with *n*-bit key. It was conjectured in  $[SS23]$  that to build an *n*-bit secure TBC with rn-bit tweaks where  $r > 2$ , it may require at least  $(r + 1)$  block cipher calls.

### 1.3 Importance of Digesting Long Tweak

Having a flexible tweak length is an interesting design goal for a TBC. Some dedicated designs of TBCs like  $SKINNY$   $[BIK^+16]$  and Deoxys-TBC  $[JNPS21]$ allow  $2n$ -bit tweaks for *n*-bit blocks and *n*-bit keys. A recent trend allows a even larger tweaks and several variants are proposed. For example, SKINNYe-64-256 [\[NSS20\]](#page-46-7) allows tweak length up to 3n-bit and SKINNYee [\[NSS22\]](#page-46-8) allows tweak length up to  $(5n+3)$ -bit. Deoxys-TBC-512, and Deoxys-TBC-640 [\[CJPS22\]](#page-42-6) allow even larger tweaks of length up to  $3n$ -bit and  $4n$ -bit respectively. In general, the tweak of a TBC can be used to contain additional information associated with a plaintext block  $[MII15, ABD+23]$  $[MII15, ABD+23]$  $[MII15, ABD+23]$ . Hence, it is desirable to make the tweak longer than the block length for more flexible designs. Recent trends show that a TBC with a large tweak is in particular helpful as a building block for various modes of operation. For example MACs [\[IMPS17b\]](#page-44-10) based on large tweak TBC can lead to designs with improved efficiency. Similarly, authenticated encryption schemes [\[NSS20,](#page-46-7) [NSS22,](#page-46-8) [CJPS22\]](#page-42-6) based on large size TBC provides a high security bound. Long tweak TBCs are also important in designing various

<span id="page-3-0"></span><sup>7</sup> Structurally, two similar constructions as that of XHX have been proposed. The first one is by Minematsu and Iwata [\[MI15\]](#page-45-8), dubbed as XTX, which has been proven secure up to  $2^{(n+t)/2}$  queries and the other one is proposed by Naito [\[Nai17\]](#page-46-9), dubbed as XKX and XKX<sup>(2)</sup>. It has been shown that the XKX is secure up to  $2^{(n+t)/2}$  queries, whereas  $XKX^{(2)}$  is secure up to  $2^{\min\{n,k/2\}}$  queries, where k denotes the key size of the underlying block cipher. The difference between the two constructions with XHX is that both XTX and XKX have been proven secure under the standard model assumption, whereas XHX has been proven secure in the ideal-cipher model.

leakage resilience almost rate-1 authenticated encryption schemes. For example, Triplex  $[SPS+22]$  $[SPS+22]$  uses 2*n*-bit tweaks and achieves *n*-bit security with rate  $2/3$ . Multiplex  $[PSS23]$  achieves *n*-bit security and uses dn-bit tweaks to achieve rate  $d/(d+1)$ . Tweplex [\[DDLM23\]](#page-42-7) uses  $dn/2$ -bit tweaks to achieve birthday bound security with a rate  $d/(d+1)$ . Large tweak TBC is also helpful in designing various tweakable enciphering schemes [\[HR03,](#page-43-7)[Hal04,](#page-43-8)[HR04,](#page-44-11)[WFW05,](#page-47-8)[MM07,](#page-45-9) [CS08b,](#page-42-8)[Sar09,](#page-47-9)[Dwo10,](#page-42-9)[Sar11,](#page-47-10)[BN15,](#page-41-6)[DN18,](#page-42-10)[CEL](#page-41-7)+21,[CDK23\]](#page-41-8), full-disk encryption schemes [\[ST13\]](#page-47-11), where a large tweak can support more modular designs. In this regard, XHX and XHX2 (in general any hash based TBC design, where the tweak is processed through a hash function) seems to be a good fit as an instantiation of the underlying TBCs of the above applications. However, the key size of XHX is  $2n$  bits and that of XHX2 is  $4n$  bits, where n denotes the block size of the ideal cipher. Since the key size of these two constructions are more than the block size of the cipher, they are not particularly suited for TBC-based applications that use n-bit TBC with n-bit keys and large tweaks, e.g., Deoxys-AE1, Deoxys-AE2, Triplex, Multiplex, Tweplex. Thus, the state-of-the-art in the generic design of block cipher based optimally secure <sup>[8](#page-4-0)</sup> large tweak TBC that restrict the key length to n-bits is limited except the work of Shen and Standaert [\[SS23\]](#page-47-5).

#### 1.4 Our Contributions

Our contribution in this work is fourfold, which are listed below.

- 1. We investigate the number of block cipher calls necessary to design a TBC that achieves security beyond the birthday bound while processing 3n-bit tweaks with  $n$ -bit key and  $n$ -bit data. Our study reveals that constructions with three block cipher invocations can never achieve security beyond the birthday bound unless all three block cipher keys are tweak-dependent. We demonstrate this fact by systematically studying all possible constructions of TBCs with 0, 1, or 2 tweak-dependent keys, and showed birthday bound attack for each of them.
- 2. Building on this result, we propose  $\widetilde{\mathsf{G3}}^*$ , a block cipher based TBC, designed to process  $3n$ -bit tweaks using three block cipher calls, with all three block cipher keys being tweak-dependent. We prove that this construction is secure up to  $2^{2n/3}$  queries in the ideal cipher model.
- 3. We observed that having at least one tweak-dependent key is a necessary and sufficient condition for designing optimally secure TBC with 3n bit

<span id="page-4-0"></span> $8$  One may wonder that a TBC based on an ideal block cipher with *n*-bit data and k-bit key can possibly achieve  $(n + k)$ -bit security. For example, XHX2 provides  $4n/3$ -bit security, which is beyond n bits. So why do we call n-bit security of our constructions as optimal in the ideal cipher model? We would like to clarify that when the tweakable block cipher supports keys larger than  $n$  bits (e.g.,  $XHX2$ ), then only one could expect security beyond  $2<sup>n</sup>$ . For example,  $XHX2$ , in specific, achieves 4n/3-bit security but requires 4n-bit key. However, our motivation is to design TBC with key size exactly  $n$  bits and hence our proven bound of  $n$ -bit security is referred as optimal.

tweaks using four BC calls. We support this assertion by first presenting a generic birthday bound attack against all such constructions where each block cipher key is tweak-independent. Then, we propose a TBC, dubbed  $G3$ , that processes  $3n$ -bit tweaks using four block cipher calls, with one block cipher key being tweak-dependent while the keys for the remaining block ciphers are tweak-independent. We prove that this construction is secure up to  $2^n$  queries in the ideal cipher model.

4. Finally, we extend  $\widetilde{\mathsf{G3}}$  construction to r rounds to yields  $\widetilde{\mathsf{Gr}}$ , that processes  $rn$ -bit tweaks using  $(r + 1)$  block cipher calls, with one block cipher key being tweak-dependent while the keys for the remaining block ciphers are tweak-independent. We prove that  $\widetilde{\mathsf{Gr}}$  is secure up to  $2^n$  queries in the ideal cipher model.

Since our proposed constructions have been proven secure in the ideal cipher model, we have listed down the state-of-the art tweakable block cipher schemes which are secure in the ideal cipher model and compare them with our proposed constructions in terms of the key size, tweak size, number of primitive calls, and their respective security bounds in Table [1.](#page-5-0)

<span id="page-5-0"></span>Table 1: Comparison of  $\widetilde{G3}^*$ ,  $\widetilde{G3}$  and  $\widetilde{Gr}$  with existing TBCs in the ideal cipher model. Key size states the size of the key required by the design including the block cipher and the hash key. tweak size states the size of tweak supported by the design. The column tdk denotes whether the design relies on tweak-dependent key.

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| Construction $#BC$                          |                                      |                |                  |                  | $ \#Hash $ Key size Tweak size Security (in bits) |
|---------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| <b>XHX</b>                                  | $\mathbf{1}$                         | $\overline{2}$ | 2n               | arbitrary        | $n$ [JLM <sup>+</sup> 17]                         |
| XHX <sub>2</sub>                            | $\mathcal{D}_{\mathcal{L}}$          | $\overline{4}$ | 4n               | arbitrary        | $4n/3$ [LL18]                                     |
| $\widetilde{F}[1]$                          | $\mathbf{1}$                         | $\theta$       | $\boldsymbol{n}$ | $\boldsymbol{n}$ | $2n/3$ [Men15a]                                   |
| $\widetilde{F}[2]$                          | $\overline{2}$                       | $\overline{0}$ | $\boldsymbol{n}$ | $\boldsymbol{n}$ | $n$ [Men15a]                                      |
| $\widetilde{E}_1,\ldots,\widetilde{E}_{32}$ | 2                                    | $\overline{0}$ | $\boldsymbol{n}$ | $\boldsymbol{n}$ | $n$ [WGZ <sup>+</sup> 16]                         |
| $\widetilde{G2}$                            | 3                                    | $\Omega$       | $\boldsymbol{n}$ | 2n               | $n$ [SS23]                                        |
| $\widetilde{\mathsf{G3}}^*$                 | 3                                    | $\theta$       | $\boldsymbol{n}$ | 3n               | $2n/3$ [This Paper]                               |
| $\widetilde{\mathsf{G3}}$                   | $\overline{4}$                       | $\overline{0}$ | $\boldsymbol{n}$ | 3n               | $n$ [This Paper]                                  |
|                                             | $\widetilde{\mathsf{Gr}}\big  (r+1)$ | $\theta$       | $\boldsymbol{n}$ | rn               | $n$ [This Paper]                                  |

OPEN PROBLEMS. Although  $\widetilde{G3}^*$  achieves 2n/3-bit security, it is noteworthy that the security bound of the construction is not tight. Hence, it appears to be

a challenging problem to explore whether the bound is tight or if an improved bound can be achieved. In fact, it remains an open to determine if the construction achieves n-bit security. A more general and pertinent question is to find the minimum number of block cipher calls required to design a tweakable block cipher with dn-bit tweaks to achieve n-bit security.

Organization. Sect. [2](#page-6-0) is comprised of all preliminary details, definition of security notions and some useful results. In Sect. [3,](#page-10-0) we present the birthday bound attack on all TBC constructions with three block cipher calls such that at least one block cipher key is tweak independent. In Sect. [4,](#page-19-0) we propose the TBC  $G3^*$  that processes 3*n*-bit tweaks using three block cipher calls, with all three block cipher keys being tweak-dependent and showed that it is secure up to  $2^{2n/3}$  online and offline queries. We show in Sect. [5](#page-28-0) a necessary and sufficient condition for achieving optimal security in designing a tweakable block cipher that process  $3n$  bit tweaks using four block cipher calls. Finally, we proposed an optimally secure tweakable block cipher  $\overline{Gr}$  in Sect. [6](#page-35-0) that processes  $rn$ -bit tweaks using  $r + 1$  block cipher calls.

## <span id="page-6-0"></span>2 Preliminaries

**Notation:** For a finite set  $\mathcal{X}$ , we write  $X \overset{\$}{\leftarrow} \mathcal{X}$  to denote that X is uniformly sampled from X. We write  $(X_1, X_2, \ldots, X_q) \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} X$  to denote that each  $X_i$  is sampled uniformly at random from X. For a set  $\mathcal{X}$ , we write  $\mathcal{X} \stackrel{\cup}{\leftarrow} X$  to denote that  $X \leftarrow X \cup \{X\}$ . For a fixed n, we write the set of all n-bit binary strings as  $\{0,1\}^n$ , and  $\{0,1\}^*$  denote the set of all binary strings of arbitrary length.  $\varepsilon$  is used to denote the empty string. |x| denotes the length of the bit string x.  $\text{msb}_c(Z)$  and  $\text{lsb}_c(Z)$  return the c most and least significant bits of a bit string Z, respectively.  $x[i, j]$  denotes the substring from *i*-th bit to *j*-th bit of x. The concatenation of two strings x and y is denoted as  $x||y$ . We also often write it as  $(x, y)$ . We say a function  $f : \{0, 1\}^{dn} \to \{0, 1\}^{d'n}$  is a linear if for every  $x, y \in \{0, 1\}^{dn}$ ,  $f(x \oplus y) = f(x) \oplus f(y)$ , and for any constant  $c \in \{0, 1\}^{dn}$ ,  $f(c \cdot x) = c \cdot f(x)$ , where  $\cdot$  is the usual field multiplication. We say a function  $g: \{0,1\}^{dn} \rightarrow \{0,1\}^{d'n}$  is affine if there is a linear function  $f: \{0,1\}^{dn} \rightarrow \{0,1\}$  $1\}^{d'n}$  and an element  $b \in \{0,1\}^{d'n}$  such that  $g(x) = f(x) \oplus b$  for all  $x \in \{0,1\}^{dn}$ . We write  $(a)_q$  to denote the number of ways q distinct objects have been chosen from a set of a elements, which is  $a(a-1)(a-2)...(a-q+1)$ . For a natural number q,  $(x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_q) \in (\{0, 1\}^n)^q$  denotes a tuple of q elements, where each element is an *n*-bit binary string. We write  $({0, 1}^n)^{\underline{q}} := {(x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_q) \in (\{0,$  $(1)^n q : \forall i \neq j, x_i \neq x_j$  to denote the set of tuples of q distinct n-bit binary strings. Thus, we have  $|(\{0,1\}^n)^{\underline{q}}| = (2^n)_q$ .

**Block Cipher:** A block cipher is a function  $E: K \times \{0,1\}^n \to \{0,1\}^n$  such that for each  $k \in \mathcal{K}$ ,  $\mathsf{E}(k, \cdot)$  is a permutation over  $\{0, 1\}^n$ . A block cipher is said to be  $(q, t, \epsilon)$ -secure pseudo random permutation if for any polynomial time adversary A with running time at most t that makes at most q queries to either the block cipher  $E_k$  for a randomly chosen secret key k or an n-bit random permutation P, cannot distinguish the output distribution of the two random systems but with probability at most  $\epsilon$ . Formally, we define the distinguishing advantage of the adversary  $A$  in distinguishing  $E_k$  from P as follows:

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\mathbf{Adv}_{\mathsf{E}}^{\mathrm{prp}}(\mathcal{A}) := \Pr[k \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} \mathcal{K} : \mathcal{A}^{\mathsf{E}_k(\cdot)} = 1] - \Pr[\mathsf{P} \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} \mathsf{Perm}(n) : \mathcal{A}^{\mathsf{P}(\cdot)} = 1].
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We call a block cipher  $(q, t, \epsilon)$ -secure strong pseudo random permutation if for any polynomial time adversary  $A$  with running time at most  $t$  that makes at most q queries to either the block cipher  $\mathsf{E}_k$  and its inverse  $\mathsf{E}_k^{-1}$  for a randomly chosen secret key k or an n-bit random permutation P and its inverse  $P^{-1}$ , cannot distinguish the output distribution of the two random systems but with probability at most  $\epsilon$ . In other words, we define the strong pseudo random permutation advantage of the adversary  $A$  in distinguishing  $(E_k, E_k^{-1})$  from  $(P, P^{-1})$ as follows:

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\mathbf{Adv}_{\mathsf{E}}^{\mathrm{spp}}(\mathcal{A}) := \Pr[k \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} \mathcal{K} : \mathcal{A}^{\mathsf{E}_k(\cdot), \mathsf{E}_k^{-1}(\cdot)} = 1] - \Pr[\mathsf{P} \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} \mathsf{Perm}(n) : \mathcal{A}^{\mathsf{P}(\cdot), \mathsf{P}^{-1}(\cdot)} = 1].
$$

TSPRP Security in the Ideal-Cipher Model: A tweakable block cipher  $\mathsf{E}: \mathcal{K} \times \mathcal{T} \times \{0,1\}^n \to \{0,1\}^n$  is a function such that for each key  $k \in \mathcal{K}$ and each tweak  $t \in \mathcal{T}$ ,  $\widetilde{\mathsf{E}}(k,t,\cdot)$  is a permutation over  $\{0,1\}^n$ . We define the tweakable strong pseudorandom security of E under the ideal-cipher model. We assume that  $E$  makes internal calls to a publicly evaluated block cipher  $E$  with more than one key. Typically,  $E$  would be keyed with some key k and derive block cipher keys  $k_1, k_2, \ldots, k_m$  as a function of k and other inputs ( $\widetilde{\mathsf{E}}$  can make internal calls to multiple block ciphers when all of them are independently and uniformly distributed over the set  $BC(K, \{0,1\}^n)$ . For simplicity, we write  $\widetilde{\mathsf{E}}_{k}^{\mathsf{E}}$ to denote  $\widetilde{\mathsf{E}}$  with a uniformly sampled block cipher  $\mathsf{E} \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} \mathsf{BC}(\mathcal{K}, \{0,1\}^n)$ , which is keyed by a randomly sampled key  $k$  from  $K$ .

The distinguisher  $\mathcal A$  is given access to either  $(\widetilde{\mathsf E}_k^E, (\widetilde{\mathsf E}^{-1})_k^E, \mathsf E^{\pm})$  for a randomly sampled key k or  $(\widetilde{P}, \widetilde{P}^{-1}, E^{\pm})$  for  $\widetilde{P} \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} \text{TP}(\mathcal{T}, \{0, 1\}^n)$ , where  $E \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} BC(\mathcal{K}, \{0, 1\}^n)$  $(1)^n$  is a uniformly sampled *n*-bit block cipher such that A can make forward or inverse queries to  $E$ , which is denoted as  $E^{\pm}$ . We define the tsprp-advantage of  $A$  against the tweakable block cipher  $E$  in the ideal cipher model as

$$
\mathbf{Adv}_{\widetilde{E}}^{\mathrm{tsprp-icm}}(\mathcal{A}):=\mathbf{Adv}_{(\widetilde{P},\widetilde{P}^{-1},E^{\pm})}^{(\widetilde{E}^E_{k},(\widetilde{E}^{-1})^E_{k},E^{\pm})}(\mathcal{A}),
$$

for  $k \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} \mathcal{K}, \widetilde{P} \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} \mathsf{TP}(\mathcal{T}, \{0,1\}^n), \mathsf{E} \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} \mathsf{BC}(\mathcal{K}, \{0,1\}^n)$  and the randomness of the adversary A. We say that  $\overline{E}$  is a  $(q, p, \epsilon)$ -tsprp in the ideal cipher model if

$$
\mathbf{Adv}_{\widetilde{\mathsf{E}}}^{\mathrm{tsprp-icm}}(\mathcal{A})\leq \epsilon,
$$

for all adversaries A that make q queries to  $\widetilde{\mathsf{E}}, \widetilde{\mathsf{E}}^{-1}$ , p forward and inverse offline ideal-cipher queries to E.

#### 2.1 H-Coefficient Technique

Let  $A$  be a computationally unbounded deterministic distinguisher that interacts with either the oracles in the real world, or in the ideal world. The collection of all the queries and responses that  $A$  made and received to and from the oracle, is called the *transcript* of  $A$ , denoted as  $\tau$ . Sometimes, we allow the oracle to release more internal information to  $\mathcal A$  only after  $\mathcal A$  completes all its queries and responses, but before it outputs its decision bit.

Let  $X_{\text{re}}$  and  $X_{\text{id}}$  denote the probability distributions of the transcript  $\tau$ induced by the real oracle and the ideal oracle respectively. The probability of realizing a transcript  $\tau$  in the ideal oracle (i.e.,  $Pr[X_{id} = \tau]$ ) is called the ideal interpolation probability. Similarly, one can define the real interpolation probability. A transcript  $\tau$  is said to be *attainable* with respect to  $\mathcal A$  if the ideal interpolation probability is non-zero (i.e.,  $Pr[X_{id} = \tau] > 0$ ). We denote the set of all attainable transcripts by  $\Theta$ . Following these notations, we state the main theorem of H-Coefficient Technique  $[Pat08, CS14]$  $[Pat08, CS14]$  $[Pat08, CS14]$  as follows:

**Theorem 1 (H-Coefficient Technique).** Let  $A$  be a fixed deterministic distinguisher that has access to either the real oracle  $\mathcal{O}_{\text{re}}$  or the ideal oracle  $\mathcal{O}_{\text{id}}$ . Let  $\Theta = \Theta_{g} \sqcup \Theta_{b}$  (disjoint union) be some partition of the set of all attainable transcripts of A. Suppose there exists  $\epsilon_{\text{ratio}} \geq 0$  such that for any  $\tau \in \Theta_{g}$ ,

$$
\frac{\Pr[X_{\text{re}} = \tau]}{\Pr[X_{\text{id}} = \tau]} \ge 1 - \epsilon_{\text{ratio}},
$$

and there exists  $\epsilon_{\text{bad}} \geq 0$  such that  $Pr[X_{\text{id}} \in \Theta_{\text{b}}] \leq \epsilon_{\text{bad}}$ . Then,

$$
\mathbf{Adv}_{\mathcal{O}_{re}}^{\mathcal{O}_{id}}(\mathcal{A}) := |\Pr[\mathcal{A}^{\mathcal{O}_{re}} = 1] - \Pr[\mathcal{A}^{\mathcal{O}_{id}} = 1]| \le \epsilon_{\mathrm{ratio}} + \epsilon_{\mathrm{bad}}.\tag{1}
$$

#### 2.2 Sum Capture Lemma

In this section, we state a variant of the sum capture lemma [\[Bab02\]](#page-41-9) used in [\[CS14\]](#page-42-11). Informally, the results states that when choosing a random subset  $\mathcal Z$  of GF(2<sup>n</sup>) (or more generally any abelian group) of size q, the value

$$
\mu(\mathcal{Z}) := \max_{\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y} \subseteq \text{GF}(2^n)} |\{(z, x, y) \in \mathcal{Z} \times \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y} : z = x \oplus y\}|,
$$

is at most  $q|\mathcal{X}||\mathcal{Y}|/2^n$ , except with negligible probabilty. Chen et al. [\[CS14\]](#page-42-11) proved the result for a different setting where  $\mathcal Z$  arises from the interaction of an adversary with a random permutation P, namely  $\mathcal{Z} = \{x \oplus y : (x, y) \in \mathcal{Q}\}\,$ , where Q is the transcript of the interaction between the adversary and the permutation. We employ the similar result in our setting which is stated as follows:

**Lemma 1.** Let RF be a random function that maps elements from  $\{0,1\}^n$  to  ${0,1}<sup>n</sup>$ . Let A be some probabilitistic distinguisher that makes q adaptive queries to RF. Let  $\mathcal{Q} = ((x_1, y_1), \ldots, (x_q, y_q))$  denotes the transcript of the interaction with RF to A. For any two subsets  $\mathcal U$  and  $\mathcal V$  of  $\{0,1\}^n$ , let

$$
\mu(Q, \mathcal{U}, \mathcal{V}) = |\{((x, y), u, v) \in \mathcal{Q} \times \mathcal{U} \times \mathcal{V} : x \oplus u = y \oplus v\}|.
$$

Then assuming  $9n \le q \le 2^{n-1}$ , we have

$$
\Pr_{\mathrm{RF},\omega}\left[\exists \ \mathcal{U},\mathcal{V}\subseteq\{0,1\}^n:\mu(\mathcal{Q},\mathcal{U},\mathcal{V})\geq \frac{q|\mathcal{U}||\mathcal{V}|}{2^n}+3\sqrt{nq|\mathcal{U}||\mathcal{V}|}\right]\leq \frac{2}{2^n},\qquad(2)
$$

where the probability is taken over the random choices of RF and the random coins  $\omega$  of  $\mathcal{A}$ .

#### 2.3 Useful Combinatorial Results

<span id="page-9-0"></span>In this section, we state and prove some important combinatorial results that would be required later in the security analysis of different tweakable block cipher constructions.

**Lemma 2.** Let  $f = (f_1, f_2, f_3, f_4)$  be a function, where  $f_s : \{0, 1\}^{3n} \to \{0,$  $1\}^n$ ,  $\forall s \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$  are affine functions. Then f satisfies one of the following conditions:

1. There exist  $t^1, t^2 \in \{0, 1\}^{3n}$  such that  $f_s(t^1) = f_s(t^2), \forall s \in \{1, 2, 3,$ 4}. 2. There exist  $t^1, t^2, \ldots, t^{2^{n/2}} \in \{0, 1\}^{3n}$  satisfying  $f_1(t^i) = f_1(t^j)$ ,

$$
f_3(t^i) \neq f_3(t^j), \text{ for all distinct } i, j \in \{1, 2, \ldots, 2^{n/2}\}.
$$
  
3. There exist  $t^1, t^2, \ldots, t^{2^{n/2}} \in \{0, 1\}^{3n}$  satisfying  $f_1(t^i) = f_1(t^j),$   
 $f_2(t^i) \neq f_2(t^j), f_4(t^i) \neq f_4(t^j), \text{ for all distinct } i, j \in \{1, 2, \ldots, 2^{n/2}\}.$ 

<span id="page-9-2"></span>We defer the proof of the lemma in Supplementary Material [A.1.](#page-48-0)

**Lemma 3.** Let  $\gamma$  be an element in F. Let  $f = (f_1, f_2, f_3, f_4)$  be a function, where  $f_s: \{0,1\}^{3n} \to \{0,1\}^n$  for all  $s \in \{1,2,3,4\}$  are affine functions. Then f satisfies at least one of the following conditions:

- 1. There exist  $t^1, t^2 \in \{0, 1\}^{3n}$  such that  $f_s(t^1) = f_s(t^2)$  for all  $s \in \{1,$  $2, 3, 4$ .
- 2. There exist  $t^1, t^2, ..., t^{2^{n/2}} \in \{0, 1\}^{3n}$  satisfying  $f_2(t^i) \neq f_2(t^j)$ ,  $f_3(t^i) = f_3(t^j), \ f_4(t^i) = f_4(t^j), \text{ for all distinct } i, j \in \{1, 2, \ldots, 2^{n/2}\}.$
- 3. There exist  $t^1, t^2, ..., t^{2^{n/2}} \in \{0, 1\}^{3n}$  satisfying  $f_1(t^i) \neq f_1(t^j)$ ,  $f_3(t^i) \neq f_3(t^j)$ ,  $f_4(t^i) = \gamma . f_3(t^i)$ , for all distinct  $i, j \in \{1, 2, \ldots,$  $2^{n/2}\}.$
- 4. There exist  $t^1, t^2, \ldots, t^{2^{n/2}} \in \{0, 1\}^{3n}$  satisfying  $f_2(t^i) \neq f_2(t^j)$ ,  $f_4(t^i) = \gamma . f_3(t^i)$ , for all distinct  $i, j \in \{1, 2, ..., 2^{n/2}\}.$

<span id="page-9-1"></span>We defer the proof of the lemma in Supplementary Material [A.2.](#page-49-0)

**Lemma 4.** Let  $f = (f_1, f_2, f_3, f_4)$  be a function, where  $f_s : \{0, 1\}^{3n} \to \{0, 1\}^n$ for all  $s \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$  are affine functions. Then f satisfies at least one of the following conditions:

- 1. There exist  $t^1, t^2 \in \{0, 1\}^{3n}$  such that  $f_s(t^1) = f_s(t^2)$  for all  $s \in \{1,$  $2, 3, 4$ .
- 2. There exist  $t^1, t^2, ..., t^{2^{n/2}} \in \{0, 1\}^{3n}$  satisfying  $f_2(t^i) \neq f_2(t^j)$ ,  $f_4(t^i) = f_4(t^j)$ , for all distinct  $i, j \in \{1, 2, ..., 2^{n/2}\}.$
- 3. There exist  $t^1, t^2, ..., t^{2^{n/2}} \in \{0, 1\}^{3n}$  satisfying  $f_1(t^i) \neq f_1(t^j)$ ,  $f_3(t^i) \neq f_3(t^j)$ ,  $f_4(t^i) = f_4(t^j)$ , for all distinct  $i, j \in \{1, 2, ..., 2^{n/2}\}$ .

We defer the proof of the lemma in Supplementary Material [A.3.](#page-50-0)

## <span id="page-10-0"></span>3 Generic Birthday Attacks on TBCs with 3n-bit Tweak from Three BCs with Any Tweak-independent Key

In this section, we demonstrate that constructing tweakable block ciphers with 3n-bit tweaks that are secure beyond the birthday bound using three block ciphers is impossible unless all the block ciphers have tweak-dependent keys. To support our claim, we first illustrate birthday-bound attacks on the generic construction where all three block ciphers use tweak-independent keys. Subsequently, we extend the idea to mount birthday attacks in cases where one or two block ciphers use tweak-independent keys. Note that our search space considers constructions with the following simplified assumptions: (i) the message is fed only at the input of the last block cipher call, (ii) no tweak is fed into the input or the output of the last block cipher call. We will justify the choice of this search space at the end of the subsection.

#### 3.1 Constructions with Three Tweak-independent Keys

In this subsection, we consider TBC constructions with three block ciphers, in which we have all the block cipher calls with tweak-independent keys. The generalized construction for this case, dubbed  $C_1$ , is depicted in Fig. [12.](#page-51-0) Note that incorporating tweaks into the message does not amplify security. So, we refrain from using such modifications in our constructions. Now, to attack this generic construction, our strategy is as follows:

- 1. Find two tweaks such that  $t^1, t^2$  such that  $f_1(t^1) = f_1(t^2), f_2(t^1) = f_2(t^2)$ . Note that, with this choice of tweaks, we will have  $y_1^1 = y_1^2$  as well as  $y_2^1 = y_2^2$ .
- 2. We can use the above observation to distinguish the TBC from a random tweakable permutation by making two oracle queries  $(m, t<sup>1</sup>), (m, t<sup>2</sup>)$ , and verifying if the corresponding outputs match. Note that, for the real construction, this matches with probability 1, while for random tweakable permutations, the probability is only  $1/2^n$ .

An algorithmic description of the attack is presented in Fig. [14](#page-57-0) of the Supplementary Material [C.1.](#page-56-0)



Fig. 1: Construction  $C_1$ : All the block ciphers use tweak-independent key

### 3.2 Constructions with Two Tweak-independent Keys

In this subsection, we consider all the possible TBC constructions with three block ciphers where we have two block cipher calls with tweak-independent keys. By tweak-independent keys, we mean keys are derived only from the master secret key. Use of such keys are efficient as one do not need separate sub-key generation functions to process those block cipher calls. It is straightforward to see that there are three possible cases depending on which of the block cipher invocations uses the tweak-dependent key.

Case 1: First block cipher uses the tweak-dependent key. Here we look at all the possible constructions where the first block cipher uses the tweakdependent key and the next two block cipher uses tweak-independent keys. The generalized construction, dubbed  $C_2$ , is depicted in Fig. [2.](#page-11-0) Now, to attack this

<span id="page-11-0"></span>

Fig. 2: Construction  $C_2$ : Only first block cipher uses tweak-dependent key

generic construction, let us consider the function  $f: \{0,1\}^{3n} \to \{0,1\}^{3n}$  defined as  $f(t) := f_1(t) || f_2(t) || f_3(t)$  is injective. Otherwise, we can find two tweaks  $t<sup>1</sup>$ and  $t^2$  for which  $f(t^1) = f(t^2)$ . Now if we encrypt  $(m, t^1)$  and  $(m, t^2)$ , we have  $y_1^1 = y_1^2$ , and  $y_2^1 = y_2^2$ , which ensures the obtained ciphertexts would be same for the real construction. Thus, we can mount an attack with a constant number of queries. Now we consider the case when  $f$  is injective, and in this case, our strategy is as follows:

- 1. Find  $2^{n/2}$  tweaks such that for each pair of tweaks  $(t^i, t^j)$ , we have  $f_2(t^i) \neq$  $f_2(t^j)$ , and  $f_3(t^i) = f_3(t^j)$ . The injectivity of the function f ensures that we will have such tweaks. Now look at the  $y_1$  values - since the keys used in the block cipher for generating these values are distinct, and we have  $2^{n/2}$  keys, at least two of them collide, i.e., there exists  $i, j$  such that  $y_1^i = y_1^j$ .
- 2. Now, let's examine the  $y_2$  values. Given that the same keys are utilized in the block cipher to generate these values, and there exist indices  $i$  and  $j$  such that  $y_1^i = y_1^j$  and  $f_3(t^i) = f_3(t^j)$ , it follows that  $y_2^i = y_2^j$ . Now the question is how to detect such a collision. Observe that, in such a case the ciphertext  $c_i$  generated for  $(m, t^i)$  would be equal to  $c_j$ , the ciphertext generated for  $(m, t^j)$ .
- 3. Finally, we can distinguish the TBC from a random tweakable permutation by making two additional oracle queries  $(m^*, t^i)$ ,  $(m^*, t^j)$ , where  $m^* \neq m$ , and verifying if the corresponding outputs match. Note that, for the real construction, this matches with probability 1, while for random tweakable permutations, the probability is only  $1/2^n$ .

An algorithmic description of the attack is shown in Fig. [15](#page-57-1) (See Supplementary Material [C.2\)](#page-57-2).

Case 2: Second block cipher uses the tweak-dependent key. Here we look at all the possible constructions where the second block cipher uses the tweak-dependent key and the other two block cipher uses tweak-independent keys. The generalized construction, dubbed  $C_3$ , is depicted in Fig. [3.](#page-12-0)

<span id="page-12-0"></span>

Fig. 3: Construction  $C_3$ : Only second block cipher uses tweak-independent keys

It is easy to see that a similar birthday attack with  $2^{n/2}$  tweaks satisfying  $f_1(t^i) = f_1(t^j)$  and  $f_3(t^i) \neq f_3(t^j)$ , for each  $(t^i, t^j)$  pairs, following an adversary as given in Fig[.16,](#page-58-0) Supplementary Material [C.3,](#page-58-1) will hold in this case.

Case 3: Final block cipher uses the tweak-dependent key. Here we look at all the possible constructions where the final block cipher uses the tweakdependent key and the first two block cipher uses tweak-independent keys. The generalized construction, dubbed  $C_4$ , is depicted in Fig. [4.](#page-13-0)

<span id="page-13-0"></span>

Fig. 4: Construction  $C_4$ : Only the final block cipher uses tweak-independent key

Now, to mount an attack on this generic construction, we consider the following sub-cases depending on the values of  $\beta_1$  and  $\beta_2$ :

**Sub-case 3.1:**  $\beta_1 = \beta_2 = 0$ . In this case, we mount the birthday attack as follows:

- 1. Find tweaks  $t^1$  and  $t^2$  such that  $f_1(t^1) = f_1(t^2)$ ,  $f_2(t^1) \neq f_2(t^2)$ , and  $f_3(t^1) =$  $f_3(t^2)$ .
- 2. Make two queries  $(m, t<sup>1</sup>)$  and  $(m, t<sup>2</sup>)$ . Note that the condition  $\beta_1 = \beta_2 = 0$ ensures that there is a (key, input) collision occurs in the final block cipher for both queries. Let us assume that the corresponding ciphertexts are  $c_1$ and  $c_2$ . It is easy to see that we have  $y_2^1 \oplus y_2^2 = c_1 \oplus c_2$ .
- 3. Finally, we can distinguish the real construction from a random tweakable permutation by making two additional oracle queries  $(m \oplus \Delta, t^i), (m \oplus \Delta, t^j),$ where  $\Delta \neq 0$ , and verifying that the corresponding ciphertexts, say  $c_i^*$  and  $c_j^*$ , satisfy the equation  $c_1^* \oplus c_2^* = c_1 \oplus c_2$ .

Sub-case 3.2:  $\beta_1 \neq 0$ ,  $\beta_2 = 0$ . Here we mount the attack as follows:

- 1. Find  $2^{n/2}$  tweaks such that for each pair of tweaks  $(t^i, t^j)$ , we have  $f_1(t^i)$  =  $f_1(t^j)$ ,  $f_2(t^i) \neq f_2(t^j)$ , and  $f_3(t^i) = f_3(t^j)$ . Again, the injectivity of the function  $f = (f_1, f_2, f_3)$  ensures that we will have such tweaks. Note that, with this choice of tweaks, we will have  $y_1^i = y_1^j$ , for all  $(i, j)$ .
- 2. Now we make  $2^{n/2}$  queries in the form  $(m_i, t^i)$ , such that for all  $i, j, m_i \neq m_j$ . Note that our choice of messages ensures that a (key, input) collision occurs in the final block cipher if  $y_2^i \oplus y_2^j = \beta_1^{-1}(m_i \oplus m_j)$ . It is easy to see that by birthday paradox, we expect that at least one such pair, say  $((m_i, t^i), (m_j,$  $(t^j)$ ) exists, and in that case, we have  $c_i \oplus c_j = \beta_1^{-1} \beta_3 (m_i \oplus m_j)$ .
- 3. Finally, we can distinguish the real construction from a random tweakable permutation by making two additional oracle queries  $(m_i \oplus \Delta, t^i), (m_j \oplus \Delta, t^i)$  $t^j$ ), where  $\Delta \neq 0$ , and verifying that the corresponding ciphertexts, say  $c_i^*$ and  $c_j^*$ , satisfy the equation  $c_i^* \oplus c_j^* = \beta_1^{-1} \beta_3 (m_i \oplus m_j)$ .

Sub-case 3.3:  $\beta_2 \neq 0$ . Here we proceed as follows:

1. Find  $2^{n/2}$  tweaks such that for each pair of tweaks  $(t^i, t^j)$ , we have  $f_1(t^i)$  =  $f_1(t^j)$ ,  $f_2(t^i) \neq f_2(t^j)$ , and  $f_3(t^i) \neq f_3(t^j)$ .

- 2. Now we make  $2^{n/2}$  queries in the form  $(m_i := \beta_2^{-1}\beta_1 f_3(t^i), t^i)$ . Note that our choice of messages ensures that a (key, input) collision occurs in the final block cipher if  $\beta_1(y_2^i \oplus y_2^j) = m_i \oplus m_j$ . Now by birthday paradox, we expect that at least one such pair, say  $((m_i, \dot{t}^i), (m_j, t^j))$  exists. In that case we have  $c_i \oplus c_j = \beta_3 \beta_2^{-1} (f_3(t^i) \oplus f_3(t^j)).$
- 3. Finally, we can distinguish the real construction from a random tweakable permutation by making two additional oracle queries  $(m_i \oplus \Delta, t^i), (m_j \oplus \Delta, t^i)$  $t^j$ ), where  $\Delta \neq 0$ , and verifying that the corresponding ciphertexts, say  $c_i^*$ and  $c_j^*$ , satisfy the equation  $c_i^* \oplus c_j^* = c_i \oplus c_j$ .

An algorithmic description of the attack corresponding to the three sub-cases are presented in Fig. [16](#page-59-0) of the Supplementary Material [C.4.](#page-58-2)

#### 3.3 Constructions with One Tweak-independent Key

In this subsection, we consider all the possible TBC constructions with three block ciphers where we have a single block cipher call with tweak-independent key. It is straightforward to see that there are three possible cases depending on which of the block cipher invocations uses the tweak-dependent key.

Case 1: First block cipher uses the tweak-independent key. Here we look at all the possible constructions where the first block cipher uses the tweakindependent key and the next two block cipher uses tweak-dependent keys. The generalized construction, dubbed  $C_5$ , is depicted in Fig. [5.](#page-14-0)

<span id="page-14-0"></span>

Fig. 5: Construction  $C_5$ : Only the first block cipher uses tweak-independent key

**Sub-case 1.1:**  $\beta_1 = \beta_2 = 0$ . In this case, we mount the constant query attack as follows:

- 1. Find 2 tweaks  $t^1, t^2$  such that  $f_1(t^1) = f_1(t^2)$  and  $f_4(t^1) = f_4(t^2)$ . Note that, with this choice of tweaks, we will have  $y_1^1 = y_1^2$ .
- 2. Now we make 2 queries  $(m, t<sup>1</sup>)$  and  $(m, t<sup>2</sup>)$ , for some message m. We will have the same (input, key) pair of the final block cipher as the messages and the first block cipher outputs are the same for both queries. Observe corresponding responses say  $c_1$  and  $c_2$ .

3. Finally, we can distinguish the TBC from a random tweakable permutation by making two additional oracle queries  $(m \oplus \Delta, t^1), (m \oplus \Delta, t^2)$ , where  $\Delta \neq 0$ and observing if the corresponding ciphertexts, say  $c_1^*$  and  $c_2^*$  satisfies the equation  $c_1^{\star} \oplus c_2^{\star} = c_1 \oplus c_2$ . Note that, for our TBC construction, this equation matches with probability 1, while for random tweakable permutations, the probability is only  $1/2^n$ .

**Sub-case 1.2:**  $\beta_1 \neq 0$ ,  $\beta_2 = 0$ . In this case, we will be able to find  $2^{n/2}$ tweaks  $t^1, \ldots, t^{2^{n/2}}$  such that for each pair of tweaks  $(t^i, t^j)$ ,  $f_1(t^i) = f_1(t^j)$ ,  $f_4(t^i) = f_4(t^j)$ , and either  $f_3(t^i) \neq f_3(t^j)$  or  $f_2(t^i) \neq f_2(t^j)$ . Based on this observation, our approach is described as follows:

- 1. Find  $2^{n/2}$  tweaks  $t^1, \ldots, t^{2^{n/2}}$  such that for each pair of tweaks  $(t^i, t^j)$ , we have at least of above two condition. Note that, with this choice of tweaks, we will have  $y_1^i = y_1^j$ , for all  $(i, j)$ .
- 2. Now we make  $2^{n/2}$  queries  $(m_i, t^i)$ , where  $m_i \neq m_j$  for each pair  $(i, j)$ . We expect at least one collision in the (input, key) pair of the final block cipher as such a collision occurs when  $(y_2^i \oplus y_2^j) = \beta_1^{-1}(m_i \oplus m_j)$ . This collision is observable through the equation  $\beta_1(c_i \oplus c_j) = \beta_3(m_i \oplus m_j)$ .
- 3. Finally, we can distinguish the real construction from a random tweakable permutation by making two additional oracle queries  $(m_i \oplus \Delta, t^i), (m_j \oplus \Delta, t^i)$  $t^j$ ), where  $\Delta \neq 0$  and observing if the corresponding ciphertexts, say  $c_i^*$  and  $c_j^*$  satisfies the equation  $c_i^* \oplus c_j^* = c_i \oplus c_j$ .

**Sub-case 1.3:**  $\beta_2 \neq 0$ . If we can find  $2^{n/2}$  tweaks  $t^1, \ldots, t^{2^{n/2}}$  such that for each pair of tweaks  $(t^i, t^j)$ , we have  $f_1(t^i) = f_1(t^j)$ ,  $f_3(t^i) \neq f_3(t^j)$ , then we use the following strategy.

- 1. Find  $2^{n/2}$  tweaks  $t^1, \ldots, t^{2^{n/2}}$  such that for each pair of tweaks  $(t^i, t^j)$ , we have  $f_1(t^i) = f_1(t^j)$ ,  $f_3(t^i) \neq f_3(t^j)$ . Note that, with this choice of tweaks, we will have  $y_1^i = y_1^j$ , for all  $(i, j)$ .
- 2. Now we make  $2^{n/2}$  queries  $(m_i = \beta_2^{-1}\beta_1(f_4(t^i)), t^i)$ . We expect at least one collision in the (input, key) pair of the final block cipher as such a collision occurs when  $(y_2^i \oplus y_2^j) = \beta_2^{-1}(f_4(t^i) \oplus f_4(t^j))$ . This collision is observable through the equation  $(c_i + c_j) = \beta_3 \beta_2^{-1} (f_4(t^i) + f_4(t^j)).$
- 3. Finally, we can distinguish the TBC from a random tweakable permutation by making two additional oracle queries  $(m_i \oplus \Delta, t^i)$ ,  $(m_j \oplus \Delta, t^j)$ , where  $\Delta \neq 0$  and observing if the corresponding ciphertexts, say  $c_i^*$  and  $c_j^*$  satisfies the equation  $c_i^* \oplus c_j^* = c_i \oplus c_j$ .

Otherwise, by virtue of Lemma [2,](#page-9-0) we can find  $2^{n/2}$  tweaks  $t^1, \ldots, t^{2^{n/2}}$  such that for each pair of tweaks  $(t^i, t^j)$ , we have  $f_1(t^i) = f_1(t^j)$ ,  $f_2(t^i) \neq f_2(t^j)$ , and  $f_4(t^i) \neq f_4(t^j)$ . In this case, our approach is described as follows:

1. Find  $2^{n/2}$  tweaks  $t^1, \ldots, t^{2^{n/2}}$  such that for each pair of tweaks  $(t^i, t^j)$ , we have  $f_1(t^i) = f_1(t^j)$ ,  $f_2(t^i) \neq f_2(t^j)$ , and  $f_4(t^i) \neq f_4(t^j)$ . Note that, with this choice of tweaks, we will have  $y_1^i = y_1^j$ , for all  $(i, j)$ .

- 2. Now we make  $2^{n/2}$  queries  $(m_i = \beta_2^{-1}\beta_1(f_4(t^i)), t^i)$ . We expect at least one collision in the (input, key) pair of the final block cipher as such a collision occurs when  $(y_2^i \oplus y_2^j) = \beta_2^{-1}(f_4(t^i) \oplus f_4(t^j))$ . This collision is observable through the equation  $\beta_1(c_i \oplus c_j) = \beta_3(m_i \oplus m_j)$ .
- 3. Finally, we can distinguish this construction from a random tweakable permutation by making two additional oracle queries  $(m_i \oplus \Delta, t^i), (m_j \oplus \Delta, t^j),$ where  $\Delta \neq 0$  and observing if the corresponding ciphertexts, say  $c_i^*$  and  $c_j^*$ satisfies the equation  $c_i^* \oplus c_j^* = c_i \oplus c_j$ . Note that, for our TBC construction, this equation matches with probability 1, while for random tweakable permutations, the probability is only  $1/2^n$ .

An algorithmic description of the attack corresponding to the three sub-cases are presented in Fig. [17](#page-60-0) of the Supplementary Material [C.5.](#page-60-1)

Case 2: Second block cipher uses the tweak-independent key. We will look at all the possible constructions where the second block cipher uses the tweak-independent key and the other two block cipher uses tweak-dependent keys. The generalized construction, dubbed  $C_6$ , is depicted in Fig. [6.](#page-16-0) Note that if  $\alpha_1 = 0$ , then we can easily mount a birthday attack using similar technique as used in the previous case. Hence, we concentrate only on the constructions with  $\alpha_1 \neq 0$ . Now, to make an attack on the generic construction, we first make

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Fig. 6: Construction  $\mathcal{C}_6$ : Only the second block cipher uses tweak-independent key

the following observation: If we can find two tweaks  $t^1, t^2 \in \{0, 1\}^{3n}$  satisfying  $f_s(t^1) = f_s(t^2)$ .  $\forall s \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ , then we are done. In this case, we use the following strategy:

- 1. Find  $t^1, t^2 \in \{0, 1\}^{3n}$  satisfying  $f_s(t^1) = f_s(t^2)$ .  $\forall s \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ . This ensures  $y_1^1 = y_1^2$  and  $y_2^1 = y_2^2$ .
- 2. Make two query  $(m, t<sup>1</sup>)$  and  $(m, t<sup>2</sup>)$  for any message m, and observe if the respective cipher texts  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  are equal (TBC), or not (random tweakable permutation).

If we do not have such  $t^1, t^2$ , then we use following attack strategy:

**Sub-case 2.1**  $\alpha_3 = 0$ . By virtue of lemma [4,](#page-9-1) we will have  $2^{n/2}$  tweaks  $t^1$ ,  $t^2, \ldots, t^{2^{n/2}}$  satisfying either (C1)  $f_2(t^i) \neq f_2(t^j) \wedge f_4(t^i) = f_4(t^j)$ , or (C2)  $f_1(t^i) \neq f_1(t^j) \wedge f_3(t^i) \neq f_3(t^j) \wedge f_4(t^i) = f_4(t^j)$ . For both cases, we use the following strategy:

- 1. Find  $2^{n/2}$  tweaks  $t^1, t^2, \ldots, t^{2^{n/2}}$  satisfying at least one of conditions (C1) or (C2).
- 2. Now we make  $2^{n/2}$  queries  $(m_i = \alpha_2 \alpha_1^{-1}(f_3(t^i)), t^i)$ . We expect at least one collision in the (input, key) pair of the final block cipher as such a collision occurs when  $(y_1^i \oplus y_1^j) = \alpha_1^{-1}(f_3(t^i) \oplus f_3(t^j))$ . This collision is observable through the equation  $\alpha_1(c_i \oplus c_j) = \alpha_4(f_3(t^i) \oplus f_3(t^j)).$
- 3. Finally, we can distinguish the TBC from a random tweakable permutation by making two additional queries  $(m_i \oplus \Delta, t^i)$ ,  $(m_j \oplus \Delta, t^j)$ , where  $\Delta \neq 0$  and observing if the corresponding ciphertexts, say  $c_i^*, c_j^*$  satisfies  $c_i^* \oplus c_j^* = c_i \oplus c_j$ .

**Sub-case 2.2**  $\alpha_3 \neq 0$  $\alpha_3 \neq 0$  $\alpha_3 \neq 0$ . In this case, we apply Lemma 3 and deduce that we can find  $2^{n/2}$  tweaks  $t^1, t^2, ..., t^{2^{n/2}}$  satisfying either (C1)  $f_2(t^i) \neq f_2(t^j)$ ,  $f_3(t^i) =$  $f_3(t^j)$ ,  $f_4(t^i) = f_4(t^j)$ , or  $(C2) f_1(t^i) \neq f_1(t^j)$ ,  $f_3(t^i) \neq f_3(t^j)$ ,  $f_4(t^i) =$  $\alpha_3\alpha_1^{-1}f_3(t^i)$ , or (C3)  $f_2(t^i) \neq f_2(t^j)$ ,  $f_4(t^i) = \alpha_3\alpha_1^{-1}f_3(t^i)$ . For all the three cases, we use the following strategy:

- 1. Find  $2^{n/2}$  tweaks  $t^1, t^2, \ldots, t^{2^{n/2}}$  satisfying at least one of conditions (C1), (C2) and (C3).
- 2. Now we make  $2^{n/2}$  queries  $(m_i = \alpha_2 \alpha_1^{-1}(f_3(t^i)), t^i)$ . We expect at least one collision in the (input, key) pair of the final block cipher as such a collision occurs when  $(y_1^i \oplus y_1^j) = \alpha_1^{-1}(f_3(t^i) \oplus f_3(t^j))$ . This collision is observable through the equation  $\alpha_1(c_i \oplus c_j) = \alpha_4(f_3(t^i) \oplus f_3(t^j)).$
- 3. Finally, we can distinguish the TBC from a random tweakable permutation by making two additional queries  $(m_i \oplus \Delta, t^i)$ ,  $(m_j \oplus \Delta, t^j)$ , where  $\Delta \neq 0$  and observing if the corresponding ciphertexts, say  $c_i^*, c_j^*$  satisfies  $c_i^* \oplus c_j^* = c_i \oplus c_j$ .

An algorithmic description of the attack corresponding to the two sub-cases are shown in Fig. [18](#page-61-0) of the Supplementary Material [C.6.](#page-61-1)

Case 3: Final block cipher uses the tweak-independent key. We will look at all the possible constructions where the final block cipher uses the tweak-independent key and the other two block cipher uses tweak-dependent keys. The generalized construction, dubbed  $C_7$ , is depicted in Fig. [7.](#page-18-0) Now, if there exists  $t^1, t^2 \in \{0, 1\}^{3n}$  satisfying  $f_s(t^1) = f_s(t^2), \forall s \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\},$  we simply use the two-query distinguisher as used in the previous case. Otherwise, there exist  $2^{n/2}$  many tweaks say  $t^1, t^2, \ldots, t^{2^{n/2}}$  satisfying either (C1)  $(f_1(t^i))$  $f_1(t^j)$ )  $\wedge$   $(f_2(t^i) = f_2(t^j))$   $\wedge$   $(f_3(t^i) \neq f_3(t^j)$ , or  $(C2)$   $(f_1(t^i) = f_1(t^j))$   $\wedge$   $(f_2(t^i) =$  $f_2(t^j)$ )  $\wedge$   $(f_4(t^i) \neq f_4(t^j))$ , for all  $(i, j)$  pair. We use this fact to mount the attack as follows.

**Sub-case 3.1:**  $\beta_1 \neq 0$ . In this case we use attack strategy as follows:

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Fig. 7: Construction  $C_7$ : Only the final block cipher uses tweak-independent key

- 1. Find  $2^{n/2}$  tweaks satisfying either (C1) or (C2).
- 2. Make  $2^{n/2}$  queries  $(m_i, t^i)$ , where  $m_i \neq m_j$  for all  $(i, j)$  pair and observe cipher text  $c_i$ 's. We expect at least one collision in (input, key) pair of the final block cipher as it occurs if  $y_2^i \oplus y_2^j = \beta_1^{-1}(m_i \oplus m_j)$ . This is observable by the equation  $\beta_1(c_i \oplus c_j) = \beta_2(m_i \oplus m_j)$ .
- 3. Finally, make additional two queries  $(m_i \oplus \Delta, t^i)$ ,  $(m_j \oplus \Delta, t^j)$  and get corresponding cipher text  $c_i^*, c_j^*$ . Distinguish by observing whether  $c_i^* \oplus c_j^* = c_i \oplus c_j$ (real TBC construction), or not (random tweakable permutation).

**Sub-case 3.2:**  $\beta_1 = 0$ . We will proceed as follows:

- 1. Find two tweak  $t^1, t^2$  such that  $f_1(t^1) = f_1(t^2) \wedge f_2(t^1) = f_2(t^2)$ . It is easy to see that we have  $y_1^1 = y_1^2$ .
- 2. Make two queries  $(m, t^1)$  and  $(m, t^2)$ . Note that if  $c_1, c_2$  be two corresponding cipher text, then  $c_1 \oplus c_2 = \beta_2(y_2^1 \oplus y_2^2)$ .
- 3. Finally, make two additional queries  $(m \oplus \Delta, t^1)$  and  $(m \oplus \Delta, t^2)$  and observe if the corresponding cipher texts  $c_1^*$  and  $c_2^*$  satisfy the equation  $c_1^* \oplus c_2^* = c_1 \oplus c_2$ (for real TBC construction), or not (random tweakable permutation).

The concrete attacks correspond to these two subcases are formally presented in Fig. [19,](#page-62-0) Supplementary Material [C.7.](#page-62-1)

#### 3.4 Justification of the Search Space

We have already mentioned that our search space considers constructions with assumptions that the message is fed only at the input of the last block cipher call, and no tweak is fed into the input or the output of the last block cipher call. Here we briefly justify our assumptions below:

 $-$  Case 1: Message is fed into keys: Here the construction won't be invertible, as finding the keys of a block cipher given its (input, output) pairs is not possible.

- Case 2: Message is fed into several block ciphers: Suppose the message is fed into the second and the final block cipher. For the invertibility of the construction, the final block cipher must be independent of the output of the second block cipher. This can be exploited to mount a simple PRP attack. A similar argument can be made for all possible combinations.
- Case 3: A linear combination of the message, tweaks and the block cipher outputs is used to define the ciphertext: One can easily mount a two-query PRP attack, exploiting the property that under the same tweak, a linear combination of two ciphertexts can be written as a linear combination of the corresponding two plaintexts.
- Case  $\ddot{4}$ : Tweak is fed into the input/output of the final block cipher: This does not strengthen the security, and similar attacks will go through. In fact, since the tweaks are controlled by the adversary, this may weaken the security.
- $-$  Case 5: Message is fed into one of the non-final block-ciphers: There are two cases: the message in XORed before the first block cipher call or the second block cipher call. For each of them, we have several cases when all the keys are not tweak-dependent, and for each of the cases, we show a birthday or constant-time attacks using similar ideas as used in Sect. 3.1-3.3 when the message block is used in the final block-cipher. A detailed analysis of this presented in Supplementary Material [B.](#page-50-1)

## <span id="page-19-0"></span>4 BBB Secure TBC with 3n-bit Tweaks Using Three Block Cipher Calls

Let  $\mathsf{E}: \{0,1\}^n \times \{0,1\}^n \to \{0,1\}^n$  be a *n*-bit block cipher. The tweakable block cipher  $\mathsf{G}_3^* : \{0,1\}^n \times \{0,1\}^n \times \{0,1\}^n \to \{0,1\}^n$  with a 3n bit tweak with only three block cipher invocation is constructed as follows: two block cipher calls are first invoked sequentially to produce two masks  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  from the tweaks  $t_1, t_2, t_3$  and the master key k. By using  $y_1$  to mask both the input and output, and using  $y_2$ , the master key k, and  $t_1$  to provide variety in the sub-key, a third block cipher call is then invoked to encrypt the message  $m$  to the ciphertext  $c$ . A pictorial illustration of the construction  $\tilde{G}_3^*$  is given in Fig. [8.](#page-20-0)

Remark 1. One may be interested to have an idea about the efficiency of this construction as compared to popular block cipher based TBCs in standard model, e.g., CLRW2. Note that  $\mathsf{G}_3^*$  uses only constant field multiplication (multiplication by 2 requires only a shift-operation and a conditional-XOR), while CLRW2 with  $3n$ -bit tweaks (in general, any hash function based TBC construction), instantiated with PolyHash function, would require at least 6 arbitrary field multiplications (which is non-linear, and hence, costly). On the other hand, there are differences in design goals between the two constructions. For example, our construction uses tweak-dependent block-cipher keys whereas CLRW2 (in general any hash function based TBC construction) uses two hash keys and two block-cipher keys that are tweak-independent. We believe that it is difficult to conclude which design is better in terms of performance or efficiency. Instead, it

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Fig. 8:  $\widetilde{G_3}$  construction: TBC with 3n bit tweaks using three block cipher calls. We impose a natural ordering on the block cipher calls from left to right.

would depend on the application environment and the concrete implementation. Moreover, we would like to hightlight the following:

- 1. CLRW2 can not be applied in designing TBC-based constructions that require n-bit key size (e.g., Triplex, Multiplex, Tweplex, etc.) while our constructions can. It directs the designer to suitably choose the application areas where our constructions are better suited than CLRW2.
- 2. Since CLRW2 requires both block-cipher evaluation and field multiplication (a non-linear operation), our proposed construction, which employs only block cipher evaluations as the only non-linear operation, seems to be better suited over CLRW2 for applications which are targeted for area-efficient design.
- 3. Finally, to the best of our knowledge, this is the first work on large tweak TBC construction built from n-bit block-ciphers that accept n-bit key and achieve n-bit security without invoking any additional non-linear operations. Nevertheless, we agree that the security of our construction is based on stronger assumptions (ideal cipher model) than the standard model. We would like to mention that the proofs of our proposed block cipher based TBC constructions in the ideal cipher model do not exploit any specific properties of the underlying block cipher and assuming it to be an ideal function is stronger than the standard (S)PRP notion.

In the following, we demonstrate that  $\overline{G_3^*}$  is a secure tweakable block cipher with 3n bit tweaks against all adversaries that makes roughly  $2^{2n/3}$  construction and ideal-cipher queries. Formally, we present the following result:

**Theorem 2.** Let A be an adversary making at most q construction queries and p ideal-cipher queries including both forward and backward queries. Then,

$$
\mathbf{Adv}_{\widetilde{\mathsf{G}}_3^*}^{\mathrm{tsprp-icm}}(\mathcal{A}) \le \frac{q}{2^n} + \frac{12q^2}{2^{2n}} + \frac{6q^2p}{2^{2n}} + \frac{4qp}{2^{2n}} + \frac{11qp^2}{2^{2n}}.
$$

*Proof.* Let us assume that  $A$  makes at most q construction queries (to the first oracle) and p ideal-cipher queries (to the second oracle). Let  $\tau_c = \{(t^1, m_1,$  $(c_1), (t^2, m_2, c_2), \ldots, (t^q, m_q, c_q)$  denotes the list of construction query-responses,

where each  $t^i = t_1^i || t_2^i || t_3^i$  is a concatenation of three *n*-bit strings, and  $\tau_p$  =  $\{(L_1, u_1, v_1), (L_2, u_2, v_2), \ldots, (L_p, u_p, v_p)\}\$  denotes the list of ideal-cipher queryresponses, where  $L_i$  denotes the ideal-cipher key chosen at the *i*-th query. For the sake of convenience, we assume that the oracle releases some intermediate values to the distinguisher after the interaction is over, but before  $A$  outputs its decision bit. In the real world, the oracle releases the block cipher key k and the  $(y_1^i, y_2^i)$ ,  $i \in [q]$  tuple. On the other hand, the oracle in the ideal world randomly samples *n*-bit dummy key k and computes  $(y_1^i, y_2^i), i \in [q]$  tuple, where  $y_1^i$  and  $y_2^i$  are computed similar to the real world and finally release them to the distinguisher. Therefore, the extended transcript of the attack is  $\tau = (\tau_c, \tau_p, (y_1^i, y_2^i)_{i \in [q]}, k)$ .

### 4.1 Defining the Bad Transcripts

Let  $\Theta$  denote the set of all attainable transcripts. We call an attainable transcript  $\tau \in \Theta$  is bad if it satisfies either of the following:

1. Bad1:  $\exists i \in [q], \alpha \neq \beta \in [p] : k \oplus t_2^i = L_\alpha, \ \ y_1^i \oplus t_2^i = L_\beta$ 2. Bad2: ∃ $i \neq j \in [q]: y_1^i \oplus y_1^j = m_i \oplus m_j, \; y_2^i \oplus y_2^j = t_1^i \oplus t_1^j$ 3. Bad3: ∃ $i \neq j \in [q]: y_1^i \oplus y_1^j = c_i \oplus c_j, \; y_2^i \oplus y_2^j = t_1^i \oplus t_1^j$ 4. Bad4:  $\exists i \in [q], \alpha \in [p] : m_i \oplus y_1^i = u_\alpha, 2k \oplus y_2^i \oplus t_1^i = L_\alpha$ 5. Bad5:  $\exists i \in [q], \alpha \in [p] : c_i \oplus y_1^i = v_\alpha, 2k \oplus y_2^i \oplus t_1^i = L_\alpha$ 6. Bad $6: \exists i \neq j \in [q]: 2k \oplus y_2^i \oplus t_1^i = k \oplus t_2^j, \; m_i \oplus y_1^i = t_1^j$ 7. Bad7: ∃ $i \neq j \in [q]$  :  $2k \oplus y_2^i \oplus t_1^i = k \oplus t_2^j$ ,  $c_i \oplus y_1^i = y_1^j$ 8. Bad8: ∃ $i \neq j \in [q] : 2k \oplus y_2^i \oplus t_1^i = y_1^j \oplus t_2^j$ ,  $m_i \oplus y_1^i = t_3^j$ 9. Bad9: ∃ $i \neq j \in [q]: 2k \oplus y_2^i \oplus t_1^i = y_1^j \oplus t_2^j, \,\, c_i \oplus y_1^i = y_2^j$ 10. Bad10:  $\exists i \in [q] : 2k \oplus y_2^i \oplus t_1^i = k \oplus t_2^i$ 

In the following lemma we state that one of the bad events holds in the ideal world with very low probability.

**Lemma 5.** Let  $\Theta_{\text{b}}$  denote the set of all bad transcripts and recall that  $X_{\text{id}}$  denotes the random variable of transcript  $\tau$  induced in the ideal world. Then, we have the following:

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$$
\Pr[X_{\rm id} \in \Theta_{\rm b}] \le \frac{q}{2^n} + \frac{12q^2}{2^{2n}} + \frac{6q^2p}{2^{2n}} + \frac{4qp}{2^{2n}} + \frac{11qp^2}{2^{2n}}.
$$
 (3)

**Proof** Let us denote  $\mathsf{Bad} = \mathsf{Bad1} \vee (\vee_{i=2}^{9} \mathsf{Badi} \mid \overline{\mathsf{Bad1}}) \vee \mathsf{Bad10}.$  Therefore, by applying the union bound, we have

$$
\Pr[\mathsf{Bad}] \leq \Pr[\mathsf{Bad1}] + \sum_{i=2}^{9} \Pr[\mathsf{Badi} \mid \overline{\mathsf{Bad1}}] + \Pr[\mathsf{Bad10}].
$$

Therefore, to bound the probability of the event Bad, we individually bound the probability of the event Bad1, Bad10 and Badi for  $2 \leq i \leq 10$  conditioned on the complement of the event Bad1 and then we apply the union bound to obtain the final result.

**Bounding** Bad1: We bound the event in two cases: (i) when  $t_1^i \neq u_\alpha$  for all  $\alpha \in [p]$  and (ii) when  $\exists \alpha \in [p]$  such that  $t_1^i = u_\alpha$ . To bound the first case, we note that if  $t_1^i \neq u_\alpha$ , then  $y_1^i$  is fresh and thus, we use the randomness of  $y_1^i$  to bound the event  $y_1^i \oplus t_2^i = L_\beta$  to at most  $1/(2^n - p) \leq 2/2^n$  assuming  $p \leq 2^{n-1}$ . Moreover, due to the randomness of k, we bound the event  $k \oplus t_2^i = L_\alpha$  to  $1/2^n$ . Therefore, by varying over all possible choices of indices, we have

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$$
\Pr[\mathsf{Bad1}] \le 2qp^2/2^{2n}.\tag{4}
$$

To bound the second case, we consider three following sub-cases: (a) when  $\alpha > i$ and the  $\alpha$ -th ideal-cipher query is forward one. In that case, for a fixed choice of indices  $i \in [q], \alpha, \beta \in [p]$ , the probability of the event  $k \oplus t_2^i = L_\alpha, t_1^i = u_\alpha$ ,  $v_{\alpha} \oplus t_2^i = L_{\beta}$  is upper bounded by  $1/2^n \cdot 1/(2^n - p)$  due to the randomness of the key k and the randomness of the ideal-cipher query output  $v_\alpha$ . By varying over all possible choices of indices  $i \in [q], \alpha \neq \beta \in [p]$  and by assuming  $p \leq 2^{n-1}$ , we have

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$$
\Pr[\mathsf{Bad1}] \le 2qp^2/2^{2n}.\tag{5}
$$

(b) when  $\alpha > i$  and the  $\alpha$ -th ideal-cipher query is inverse one. In that case, for a fixed choice of indices  $i \in [q], \alpha, \beta \in [p]$ , the probability of the event  $k \oplus t_2^i = L_\alpha, t_1^i = u_\alpha, v_\alpha \oplus t_2^i = L_\beta$  is upper bounded by  $1/2^n \cdot 1/(2^n - p)$  due to the randomness of the key  $k$  and the randomness of the ideal-cipher query output  $u_{\alpha}$ . By varying over all possible choices of indices  $i \in [q], \alpha \neq \beta \in [p]$  and by assuming  $p \leq 2^{n-1}$ , we have

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$$
\Pr[\mathsf{Bad1}] \le 2qp^2/2^{2n}.\tag{6}
$$

(c) On the other hand, if  $\alpha < i$ , then we cannot use the randomness of  $v_{\alpha}$ . In that case, for a fixed choices of  $i, \alpha$  and  $\beta$ , the probability that  $k \oplus t_2^i = L_{\alpha}$ ,  $t_1^i = u_\alpha, v_\alpha \oplus t_2^i = L_\beta$  holds is upper bounded by  $1/2^n$  due to the randomness of the key k. However, the number of choices of  $i, \alpha$  and  $\beta$  such that  $v_{\alpha} \oplus t_2^i = L_{\beta}$ holds is at most  $qp^2/2^n$  by the virtue of the Sum-Capture Lemma. Therefore, in both the cases, we have

<span id="page-22-3"></span>
$$
\Pr[\mathsf{Bad1}] \le qp^2/2^{2n}.\tag{7}
$$

Therefore, by combining Eqn.  $(4)$ , Eqn.  $(5)$ , Eqn.  $(6)$ , and Eqn.  $(7)$ , we have

<span id="page-22-4"></span>
$$
\Pr[\mathsf{Bad1}] \le 7qp^2/2^{2n}.\tag{8}
$$

Bounding Bad2 | Bad1: To bound the event, we need to bound the probability of the following two equations hold:

$$
\mathcal{E} = \begin{cases} (1): \; y_1^i \oplus y_1^j = m_i \oplus m_j \\ (2): \; y_2^i \oplus y_2^j = t_1^i \oplus t_1^j \end{cases}
$$

Now, we bound the probability of this event in several cases as follows:

**Case I.**  $(t_1^i, t_2^i) = (t_1^j, t_2^j)$ : If the condition happens, then it implies that  $y_1^i = y_1^j$ and thus from Eqn. (1), we have  $m_i = m_j$ . Since the distinguisher is non-trivial, therefore, it implies that  $t_3^i \neq t_3^j$ . But then it implies that  $y_2^i \neq y_2^j$ . However, from Eqn. (2), we have  $y_2^i = y_2^j$  which is a contradiction and hence the probability of the event would be zero.

Case-II.  $y$  variables are determined by ideal-cipher query: Without loss of generality, we assume that  $y_1^i$  is determined by an ideal-cipher query. Then by the virtue of  $\overline{\mathsf{Bad}_1}$ ,  $y_2^i$  fresh, i.e., it is not determined by any ideal-cipher query. Hence, the above equations are boiled down to the following:

$$
\begin{cases} k \oplus t_2^i = L_\alpha \\ t_1^i = u_\alpha \\ y_1^j = m_i \oplus m_j \oplus v_\alpha \\ y_2^i \oplus y_2^j = t_1^i \oplus t_1^j \end{cases}
$$

Using the randomness of  $y_2^i$  and the randomness of the key k, the probability of the above event is bounded by  $1/2^n \cdot 1/(2^n - p)$ . However, the number of choices of  $i, j, \alpha$  is  $\binom{q}{2}p$ . By assuming  $p \leq 2^{n-1}$ , we have

<span id="page-23-0"></span>
$$
\Pr[\text{Bad2} \mid \overline{\text{Bad1}}] \le q^2 p / 2^{2n}.
$$
 (9)

Case-III. none of the  $y$  variables are determined by ideal-cipher query: We consider this case in several sub-cases as follows:

1. We consider the case when  $t_1^i = t_3^i, t_1^j = t_3^j, k = y_1^i$  and  $y_1^i = y_2^i$ . This event implies  $y_1^i = y_2^i$  and  $y_1^j = y_2^j$ . Hence, the rank of the system of equations  $E$  is 1 and hence  $E$  holds with probability at most 1/(2<sup>n</sup> − p). However, we also have the randomness from the equation  $k = y_1^i$  which additionally contributes to  $2^{-n}$  in the probability. Therefore, for a fixed choice of indices, the probability that  $\mathcal E$  holds is at most  $1/2^n \cdot 1/(2^n - p)$ . By varying over the all possible choices of indices and by assuming  $p \leq 2^{n-1}$ , we have

$$
\Pr[\mathsf{Bad2}] \le q^2 / 2^{2n}.\tag{10}
$$

2. We consider a case when  $t_1^i = t_3^j, t_3^i = t_1^j, k \oplus y_1^j = t_2^i \oplus t_2^j$  and  $y_1^i = y_1^j$ . This event implies  $y_1^i = y_2^j$  and  $y_1^j = y_2^i$ . Hence, the rank of the system of equations  $\mathcal E$  is 1 and hence  $\mathcal E$  holds with probability at most  $1/(2^n-p)$ . However, we also have the randomness from the equation  $k \oplus y_1^j = t_2^i \oplus t_2^j$  which additionally contributes to  $2^{-n}$  in the probability. Therefore, for a fixed choice of indices, the probability that  $\mathcal E$  holds is at most  $1/2^n \cdot 1/(2^n - p)$ . By varying over the all possible choices of indices, we have

$$
\Pr[\mathsf{Bad2}] \le q^2 / 2^{2n}.\tag{11}
$$

3. If the above two cases do not happen, then the rank of the system of equations  $\mathcal E$  is 2 and in that case, we obtain two fresh random variables  $y_1^i$  and

 $y_2^i$  which jointly contributes  $1/(2^n-p)^2$  to the probability of the above system of equations  ${\mathcal E}.$  Hence, for a fixed choice of indices, the probability that  $\mathcal E$  holds is at most 1/(2<sup>n</sup> − p)<sup>2</sup>. By varying over the all possible choices of indices and by assuming  $p \leq 2^{n-1}$ , we have

<span id="page-24-0"></span>
$$
\Pr[\mathsf{Bad2}] \le 2q^2/2^{2n}.\tag{12}
$$

Therefore, by combining Eqn.  $(9)$ -Eqn.  $(12)$ , we have

$$
\Pr[\text{Bad2} \mid \overline{\text{Bad1}}] \le 4q^2/2^{2n} + q^2p/2^{2n}.\tag{13}
$$

Bounding Bad3 |  $\overline{\mathsf{Bad1}}$ : Bounding Bad3 |  $\overline{\mathsf{Bad1}}$  is identical to that of Bad2 |  $\overline{\mathsf{Bad1}}$ and hence we have,

$$
\Pr[\text{Bad3} \mid \overline{\text{Bad1}}] \le 4q^2/2^{2n} + q^2p/2^{2n}.\tag{14}
$$

**Bounding Bad4**  $\vert$   $\overline{Bad1}$ : We bound this event in several sub-cases as follows: (a) If  $y_1^i$  is not determined by any ideal-cipher query, then for a fixed choices of indices, using the randomness of  $y_1^i$  and key k, we bound this event up to  $1/2^n \cdot 1/(2^n - p)$ . By varying the choices of indices and by assuming  $p \leq 2^{n-1}$ , we have

<span id="page-24-1"></span>
$$
\Pr[\mathsf{Bad4}] \le 2qp/2^{2n} \tag{15}
$$

(b) On the other hand, if  $y_1^i$  is determined by ideal-cipher query, let  $t_1^i = u_\beta$ ,  $k \oplus t_2^i = L_\beta$  for some  $\beta \in [p]$  which implies  $y_1^i = v_\beta$ , then by the virtue of **Bad1**,  $y_2^i$  must be fresh. In that case, the event gets boils down to the following system of equations:

$$
\begin{cases} m_i \oplus y_1^i = u_\alpha \\ 2k \oplus y_2^i \oplus t_1^i = L_\alpha \\ t_1^i = u_\beta \\ k \oplus t_2^i = L_\beta \end{cases}
$$

For a fixed choices of indices, using the randomness of  $y_2^i$  and k, the probability of the above system of equation holds is  $1/2^n \cdot 1/(2^n - p)$ . Moreover, the number of choices of indices is  $qp^2$ . Thus, we have

<span id="page-24-2"></span>
$$
\Pr[\mathsf{Bad4} \mid \overline{\mathsf{Bad1}}] \le 2qp^2/2^{2n} \tag{16}
$$

Therefore, by combining Eqn.  $(15)$ , and Eqn.  $(16)$ , we have

$$
\Pr[\text{Bad4} \mid \overline{\text{Bad1}}] \le 2qp/2^{2n} + 2qp^2/2^{2n} \tag{17}
$$

**Bounding Bad5** |  $\overline{\mathsf{Bad1}}$ : Bounding Bad5 |  $\overline{\mathsf{Bad1}}$  is identical to that of Bad4 |  $\overline{\mathsf{Bad1}}$ and hence, we have

$$
\Pr[\text{Bad5} \mid \overline{\text{Bad1}}] \le 2qp/2^{2n} + 2qp^2/2^{2n}.\tag{18}
$$

**Bounding Bad6** |  $\overline{\mathsf{Bad1}}$ : For a fixed choice of indices, the above event boils down to bounding the following system of equations hold:

$$
\begin{cases} 3k = y_2^i \oplus t_1^i \oplus t_2^j \\ y_1^i = m_i \oplus t_1^j \end{cases}
$$

Now, we analyze the probability of the above event in the following two subcases: (a) when  $y_1^i$  is fresh, then we use the randomness of the key k and  $y_1^i$  to bound the probability to at most  $1/2^n \cdot 1/(2^n - p)$ . However, by varying the all possible choices of indices and by assuming  $p \leq 2^{n-1}$ , we have

<span id="page-25-0"></span>
$$
\Pr[\mathsf{Bad6} \mid \overline{\mathsf{Bad1}}] \le q^2 / 2^{2n}.\tag{19}
$$

(b) On the other hand, if  $y_1^i$  is not fresh, i.e.,  $y_1^i$  is determined from ideal-cipher query, then, the event boils down to the following system of equations hold:

$$
\begin{cases} 3k=y_2^i\oplus t_1^i\oplus t_2^j\\ k\oplus t_2^i=L_\alpha \end{cases}
$$

where  $\alpha \in [p]$ . Since  $y_1^i$  is determined from ideal-cipher query, by the virtue of  $\overline{\mathsf{Bad1}}$ ,  $y_2^i$  is fresh. Now, we use the randomness of the key k and  $y_2^i$  to bound the probability to at most  $1/2^n \cdot 1/(2^n - p)$ . However, by varying the all possible choices of indices and by assuming  $p \leq 2^{n-1}$ , we have

<span id="page-25-1"></span>
$$
\Pr[\mathsf{Bad6} \mid \overline{\mathsf{Bad1}}] \le q^2 p / 2^{2n}.\tag{20}
$$

By combining Eqn.  $(19)$  and Eqn.  $(20)$ , we have

$$
\Pr[\text{Bad6 } | \overline{\text{Bad1}}] \le q^2/2^{2n} + q^2p/2^{2n}.
$$
 (21)

**Bounding Bad7** |  $\overline{\mathsf{Bad1}}$ : Bounding this event is identical to that of bounding  $Bad6 | \overline{Bad1}$  and hence we have

$$
\Pr[\text{Bad7} \mid \overline{\text{Bad1}}] \le q^2/2^{2n} + q^2 p/2^{2n}.
$$
 (22)

Bounding Bad8: For a fixed choice of indices, the above event boils down to bounding the following system of equations hold:

$$
\begin{cases} 2k = y_2^i \oplus t_1^i \oplus y_1^j \oplus t_2^j \\ y_1^i = m_i \oplus t_3^j \end{cases}
$$

Now, we analyze the probability of the above event in the following two subcases: (a) when  $y_1^i$  is fresh, then we use the randomness of the key k and  $y_1^i$  to bound the probability to at most  $1/2^n \cdot 1/(2^n - p)$ . However, by varying the all possible choices of indices and by assuming  $p \leq 2^{n-1}$ , we have

<span id="page-25-2"></span>
$$
\Pr[\mathsf{Bad8}] \le q^2 / 2^{2n}.\tag{23}
$$

(b) On the other hand, if  $y_1^i$  is not fresh, i.e.,  $y_1^i$  is determined from ideal-cipher query, then, the event boils down to the following system of equations hold:

$$
\begin{cases} 2k = y_2^i \oplus t_1^i \oplus y_1^j \oplus t_2^j \\ k \oplus t_2^i = L_\alpha \end{cases}
$$

where  $\alpha \in [p]$ . Since  $y_1^i$  is determined from ideal-cipher query, by the virtue of  $\overline{\mathsf{Bad1}}$ ,  $y_2^i$  is fresh. Now, we use the randomness of the key k and  $y_2^i$  to bound the probability to at most  $1/2^n \cdot 1/(2^n - p)$ . However, by varying the all possible choices of indices and by assuming  $p \leq 2^{n-1}$ , we have

<span id="page-26-0"></span>
$$
\Pr[\mathsf{Bad8} \mid \overline{\mathsf{Bad1}}] \le q^2 p / 2^{2n}.\tag{24}
$$

By combining Eqn.  $(23)$  and Eqn.  $(24)$ , we have

$$
\Pr[\text{Bad8} \mid \overline{\text{Bad1}}] \le q^2/2^{2n} + q^2 p/2^{2n}.\tag{25}
$$

Bounding Bad9 | Bad1: Bounding this event is identical to that of bounding Bad8 | Bad1 and hence we have

$$
\Pr[\text{Bad9} \mid \overline{\text{Bad1}}] \le q^2/2^{2n} + q^2 p/2^{2n}.\tag{26}
$$

**Bounding Bad10**: For a fixed choice of index  $i$ , the probability of the event  $2k \oplus y_2^i \oplus t_1^i = k \oplus t_2^i$  is upper bounded by  $2^{-n}$  due to the randomness of the  $n$ -bit key k. By varying over all possible choices of indices, we have

<span id="page-26-1"></span>
$$
\Pr[\mathsf{Bad10}] \le q/2^n \tag{27}
$$

We derive the bound of Lemma [5](#page-21-0) by combining Eqn. [\(8\)](#page-22-4)-Eqn. [\(27\)](#page-26-1). □

#### 4.2 Good Transcript Analysis

Let  $\tau = (\tau_c, \tau_p, (y_1^i, y_2^i)_{i \in [q]}, k)$  be a good transcript. We consider a set

$$
\mathcal{S} = \{ \big( (k \oplus t_2^1, t_1^1, y_1^1), (y_1^1 \oplus t_2^1, t_3^1, y_2^1) \big), \dots, \big( (k \oplus t_2^q, t_1^q, y_1^q), (y_1^q \oplus t_2^q, t_3^q, y_2^q) \big) \}
$$

that records the (key, input, output) triplet of the first and second block cipher call of the construction across all  $q$  construction queries. For each  $n$ -bit string  $K \in \{0,1\}^n$ , we define a list  $\mathsf{IC}(K) = \{(L, u, v) \in \tau_p : L = K\}$  that records the (ideal-cipher key, input, output) triplet across all  $p$  ideal-cipher queries such that the ideal-cipher key is K. We maintain a list of integers  $\mathcal{L}_1$ , where we include an index  $i \in [q]$  in  $\mathcal{L}_1$ , if  $\exists \alpha \in [p]$  such that  $k \oplus t_2^i = L_\alpha$ . Similarly, we maintain a list of integers  $\mathcal{L}_2$ , where we include an index  $i \in [q]$  in  $\mathcal{L}_2$ , if  $\exists \alpha \in [p]$  such that  $y_1^i \oplus t_2^i = L_\alpha$ . Note that,  $\mathcal{L}_1 \cap \mathcal{L}_2 = \phi$ , otherwise the event **Bad1** would have been hold. Now, we define a set

$$
\mathsf{H}_1:=\{(k\oplus t_2^i,t_1^i,y_1^i),(y_1^i\oplus t_2^i,t_3^i,y_3^i): i\notin \mathcal{L}_1\cup \mathcal{L}_2\}.
$$

Note that,  $H_1$  records the (key, input, output) triplet of the first and second block cipher call of the construction across all  $q$  construction queries such that both keys of the block cipher have not collided with any ideal-cipher key. Moreover,  $H_1 \subseteq S$ . Finally, for each  $i \in \mathcal{L}_1$ , we include the element  $(k \oplus t_2^i, t_1^i, y_1^i)$  into the list  $\mathsf{IC}(k \oplus t_2^i)$ , i.e.,  $\mathsf{IC}(k \oplus t_2^i) \leftarrow \mathsf{IC}(k \oplus t_2^i) \cup \{(k \oplus t_2^i, t_1^i, y_1^i)\}$ , and, for each  $i \in \mathcal{L}_2$ , we include the element  $(y_1^i \oplus t_2^i, t_3^i, y_3^i)$  into the list  $\mathsf{IC}(y_1^i \oplus t_2^i)$ , i.e.,  $\mathsf{IC}(y_1^i \oplus t_2^i) \leftarrow \mathsf{IC}(y_1^i \oplus t_2^i) \cup \{(y_1^i \oplus t_2^i, t_3^i, y_3^i)\}.$  For each key  $K \in \{0,1\}^n$ , we define the set

$$
\mathsf{H}_2(K) := \{(2k \oplus y_2 \oplus t_1, m \oplus y_1, c \oplus y_1) : (t_1 \| t_2 \| t_3, m, c) \in \tau_c, 2k \oplus y_2 \oplus t_1 = K\}
$$

that records the (key, input, output) triplet of the third block cipher call such that the key is K. Similarly, for each tweak  $t \in \{0, 1\}^{3n}$ , we define the set

$$
\mathsf{H}(t) := \{ (t_1 \| t_2 \| t_3, m, c) \in \tau_c : t_1 \| t_2 \| t_3 = t \}
$$

which records all  $q$  construction queries and response excluding the block cipher key such that the tweak of the construction query is  $t$ . Finally, for each key  $K \in \{0,1\}^n$ , we define the set

$$
\mathsf{Z}(K) := \{ (t_1 \| t_2 \| t_3) : (t_1 \| t_2 \| t_3, m, c) \in \tau_c, 2k \oplus y_2 \oplus t_1 = K \}.
$$

It is to be noted that as the transcript is good, for each key  $K \in \{0,1\}^n$ , we have  $H_2(K) \cap H_1 = \phi$ , otherwise either of the event Bad6-Bad10 would have been hold. Similarly, for each key  $K \in \{0,1\}^n$ , we have  $H_2(K) \cap \mathsf{IC}(K) = \phi$ , otherwise either of the events Bad4-Bad9 would have been hold. Finally, by the virtue of the definition, we have  $H_1 \cap IC(K) = \phi$  for each key  $K \in \{0,1\}^n$ .

Let us fix a key  $K \in \{0,1\}^n$ . For each  $t \in \mathsf{Z}(K)$ ,  $|\mathsf{H}(t)|$  denotes the number of construction queries with tweak t. Then, we have for each key  $K \in \{0,1\}^n$ ,

$$
\sum_{t \in \mathsf{Z}(K)} |\mathsf{H}(t)| = |\mathsf{H}_2(K)|.
$$

For the sake of simplicity, let us denote  $|H_1| = \alpha_1$ . For each  $K \in \{0,1\}^n$ , we denote  $|C(K)| = \alpha_{ic}(K), |H_2(K)| = \alpha_2(K)$  and for each tweak  $t \in \{0,1\}^{3n}$ , we denote  $|H(t)| = \alpha(t)$ . Therefore, for a fixed good transcript  $\tau$ , the ideal interpolation probability becomes

$$
\Pr[X_{\text{id}} = \tau] = \frac{1}{2^n} \cdot \prod_{K \in \{0,1\}^n} \cdot \prod_{j=0}^{\alpha_2(K)-1} \frac{1}{2^n - j} \cdot \left( \prod_{K \in \{0,1\}^n} \prod_{j=0}^{\alpha_{\text{ic}}(K)-1} \frac{1}{2^n - j} \right)
$$

$$
\cdot \left( \prod_{K \in \{0,1\}^n} \prod_{t \in \{0,1\}^n} \prod_{t \in \{K\}^n}^{\alpha(t)-1} \frac{1}{2^n - p} \right)
$$

$$
= \frac{1}{2^n} \cdot \prod_{K \in \{0,1\}^n} \cdot \prod_{j=0}^{\alpha_2(K)-1} \frac{1}{2^n - j} \cdot \left( \prod_{K \in \{0,1\}^n} \prod_{j=0}^{\alpha_{\text{ic}}(K)-1} \frac{1}{2^n - j} \prod_{p=0}^{\alpha_2(K)-1} \frac{1}{2^n - p} \right).
$$

To bound the real interpolation probability, the number of times block cipher is called for deriving sub-keys is  $\alpha_1$ . However, number of times block cipher is called for ideal-cipher queries and construction queries is  $\alpha_{\text{ic}}(K) + \alpha_2(K)$  for each key  $K \in \{0,1\}^n$ . Therefore, we have

$$
\Pr[X_{\rm re} = \tau] = \frac{1}{2^n} \cdot \prod_{K \in \{0,1\}^n} \cdot \prod_{j=0}^{\alpha_2(K)-1} \frac{1}{2^n - j} \cdot \bigg(\prod_{K \in \{0,1\}^n} \prod_{j=0}^{\alpha_{\rm ic}(K) + \alpha_2(K) - 1} \frac{1}{2^n - j}\bigg).
$$

Since for each key  $K \in \{0,1\}^n$ , we have

$$
\prod_{j=0}^{\alpha_{\text{ic}}(K)-1} \frac{1}{2^n-j} \prod_{p=0}^{\alpha_2(K)-1} \frac{1}{2^n-p} \le \prod_{j=0}^{\alpha_{\text{ic}}(K)+\alpha_2(K)-1} \frac{1}{2^n-j}
$$

,

the ratio of the real to ideal interpolation probability becomes  $\geq 1$ , which proves the result.

Remark 2. The security of our construction holds as long as the online query complexity  $q \leq 2^{2n/3}$  and the offline query complexity  $p \leq 2^{2n/3}$ . Ideally, the offline query complexity should go up to  $2^n$  as they are cheaper than the online queries, but we believe that it is challenging to improve the security bound of our construction that tolerates offline query complexity up to  $2^n$ .

## <span id="page-28-0"></span>5 Optimally Secure TBC with 3n-bit Tweaks Using Four Block Cipher Calls

In this section, we show that to process  $3n$  bit tweaks using four block cipher calls, having one tweak-dependent block cipher key is both necessary and sufficient condition for achieving security up to  $O(2^n)$  queries. In the following, we first show that at least one tweak-dependent key is necessary to construct TBCs with 3n-bit tweak from four block ciphers calls. Followed by, we show that at least one tweak-dependent key is sufficient to construct TBCs with 3n-bit tweak from four block ciphers calls.

### 5.1 Generic Birthday Attacks on TBCs with 3n-bit tweak from Four BC with All Tweak-independent Keys

In this subsection, we will show that at least one tweak-dependent key is necessary to construct TBCs with 3n-bit tweak from four block ciphers. In other words, we exhibit birthday bound attacks on all TBC constructions with four block cipher calls that process  $3n$  bit tweaks with no tweak dependency key. More precisely, we consider the generic construction using four block ciphers where no block cipher keys are tweak-dependent, dubbed  $C_8$  as depicted in Fig[.9,](#page-29-0) and present a birthday attack on the construction.

To mount an attack on this generic construction, our strategy is as follows:

<span id="page-29-0"></span>

Fig. 9: Construction  $C_8$ : All the four block cipher uses tweak-independent keys.

**Case 1:**  $\gamma_1 = 0$ . In this case we find a constant query attack as follows:

- 1. Find  $t^1, t^2$  satisfying  $f_1(t^1) = f_1(t^2)$  and  $f_2(t^1) = f_2(t^2)$ . This choice makes  $y_1^1 = y_1^2$  and  $y_2^1 = y_2^2$ .
- 2. Make two query with  $(m, t^1)$  and  $(m, t^2)$ . We have the same (input, key) for both queries. Note that, corresponding cipher texts  $c_1, c_2$  will satisfy  $c_1 \oplus c_2 = \gamma_2(y_3^1 \oplus y_3^2).$
- 3. Finally, make two additional queries  $(m \oplus \Delta, t^1)$  and  $(m \oplus \Delta, t^2)$ , where  $\Delta \neq 0$ . Let  $c_1^*$  and  $c_2^*$  be two cipher texts. Return 1 if  $c_1^* \oplus c_2^* = c_1 \oplus c_2$ . Note that, this equation happens for TBC construction is 1, while for random tweakable permutation, the probability is only  $1/2^n$ .

**Case 2:**  $\gamma_1 \neq 0$ . Here we find a birthday attack as follows:

- 1. Find  $2^{n/2}$  many tweaks such that for each pair of tweaks  $(t^i, t^j)$ , we have  $f_1(t^i) = f_1(t^j)$ ,  $f_2(t^i) = f_2(t^j)$ , and  $f_3(t^i) \neq f_3(t^j)$ . Note that, with this choice of tweaks, we will have  $y_1^i = y_1^j$ , and  $y_2^i = y_2^j$ , for all  $(i, j)$ .
- 2. Now we make  $2^{n/2}$  queries  $(m_i, t^i)$  such that all the  $m_i$ -values are distinct. It is easy to see that a collision in the input of the final block cipher happens when  $\gamma_1(y_3^i \oplus y_3^j) = m_i \oplus m_j$ . Now due to birthday paradox, we expect one such collision. Moreover, this collision is detectable as in this case, we have  $\gamma_1(c_i \oplus c_j) = \gamma_2(m_i \oplus m_j).$
- 3. Finally, we can distinguish the TBC from a random tweakable permutation by making two additional oracle queries  $(m_i \oplus \Delta, t^i)$ ,  $(m_j \oplus \Delta, t^j)$ , where  $\Delta \neq 0$ , and verifying if the corresponding outputs, say  $c_i^*$  and  $c_j^*$  satisfies the following equation:  $c_i^* \oplus c_j^* = c_i \oplus c_j$ .

An algorithmic description of the attack is shown in Fig. [20](#page-63-0) (See Supplementary Material [C.8\)](#page-63-1).

Remark 3. In general, we can mount a similar generic birthday attack on TBCs with rn-bit tweak from  $(r + 1)$  Block ciphers if all the block cipher keys are Tweak-independent.

## 5.2 Optimal Secure TBC with 3n-bit tweak from Four BC with one Tweak-dependent Key

Let  $\mathsf{E}: \{0,1\}^n \times \{0,1\}^n \to \{0,1\}^n$  be a *n*-bit block cipher. The tweakable block cipher  $G_3: \{0,1\}^n \times \{0,1\}^{3n} \times \{0,1\}^n \to \{0,1\}^n$  with a 3n bit tweak using four block cipher calls is constructed as follows: three block cipher calls are first invoked in parallel to produce three masks  $y_1, y_2$  and  $y_3$  from the tweaks  $t_1, t_2, t_3$ and the master key k. By using  $y_1 \oplus y_2$  to mask the input and by using  $y_1 \oplus y_3$  to mask the output, and using  $y_2 \oplus y_3$ , the master key k, and  $t_1$  to provide variety in the sub-key, a fourth block cipher call is then invoked to encrypt the message m to the ciphertext c. A pictorial illustration of the construction  $G_3$  is given in Fig. [10.](#page-30-0)

<span id="page-30-0"></span>

Fig. 10:  $\widetilde{G_3}$  construction: TBC with 3n-bit tweaks using four block cipher calls. We impose a natural ordering on the block cipher calls from left to right.

In the following we show that  $\widetilde{G_3}$  is a secure tweakable block cipher with  $3n$ bit tweaks against all adversaries that makes roughly  $2<sup>n</sup>$  construction and idealcipher queries. Formally, we have the following result:

**Theorem 3.** Let A be an adversary making at most q construction queries and p ideal-cipher queries including both forward and backward queries. Then,

<span id="page-30-1"></span>
$$
\mathbf{Adv}_{\widetilde{\mathsf{G}_{3}}}^{\text{tsprp-icm}}(\mathcal{A}) \leq \frac{4q(p+q)}{2^{2n}} + \frac{4q+3p+1}{2^n}.
$$

*Proof.* We consider  $A$  to be a computationally unbounded deterministic distinguisher that interacts with a pair of oracles in either the real world  $(\widetilde{\mathsf{G}_{3}}^{\epsilon}, \mathsf{E}^{\pm})$  or in the ideal world  $(\widetilde{P}, E^{\pm})$ . Let us assume that A makes at most q construction

queries and p ideal-cipher queries. Let  $\tau_c = \{(t_1^1 || t_2^1 || t_3^1, m_1, c_1), \ldots, (t_1^q || t_2^q || t_3^q, m_q,$  $(c_q)$  denote the list of construction query-responses and  $\tau_p = \{(L_1, u_1, v_1), (L_2,$  $u_2, v_2, \ldots, (L_p, u_p, v_p)$  denote the list of ideal-cipher query-responses. For the sake of proof, let the oracle release some additional value after all of adversary A's query responses are finished. Note that these additional released values can only increase the adversary's advantage. We assume that the oracle in the real world releases the block cipher key k and the tuple  $(y_1^i, y_2^i, y_3^i), i \in [q]$  tuple. On the other hand, the oracle in the ideal world randomly samples  $n$ -bit dummy key k and computes  $(y_1^i, y_2^i, y_3^i), i \in [q]$  tuple, where  $y_1^i, y_2^i$ , and  $y_3^i$  are computed similar to the real world and finally released them to the distinguisher. Therefore, the extended transcript of the attack is  $\tau = (\tau_c, \tau_p, (y_1^i, y_2^i, y_3^i)_{i \in [q]}, k)$ . Let  $\Theta$  denote the set of all attainable transcripts. We call an attainable transcript  $\tau \in \Theta$  is bad if it satisfies either of the following:

1. Bad1:  $k = 0$ . 2. Bad2:  $\exists \alpha \in [p]: L_{\alpha} \in \{k, 2k, 4k\}.$ 3. Bad3: ∃ $i \in [q]$ :  $k \oplus t_1^i \oplus y_2^i \oplus y_3^i \in \{k, 2k, 4k\}.$ 4. Bad4:  $\exists i \in [q], \alpha \in [p] : m_i \oplus y_1^i \oplus y_2^i = u_\alpha, \ k \oplus t_1^i \oplus y_2^i \oplus y_3^i = L_\alpha.$ 5. Bad5:  $\exists i \in [q], \alpha \in [p] : c_i \oplus y_1^i \oplus y_3^i = v_\alpha, \ k \oplus t_1^i \oplus y_2^i \oplus y_3^i = L_\alpha.$ 6. Bad6: ∃ $i \neq j \in [q]: y_1^i \oplus y_2^i \oplus y_1^j \oplus y_2^j = m_i \oplus m_j, y_2^i \oplus y_3^i \oplus y_2^j \oplus y_3^j = j$  $t_1^i \oplus t_1^j$ . 7. Bad7: ∃ $i \neq j \in [q]: y_1^i \oplus y_3^i \oplus y_1^j \oplus y_3^j = c_i \oplus c_j, y_2^i \oplus y_3^i \oplus y_2^j \oplus y_3^j = t_1^i \oplus t_1^j$ .

In the following lemma we state that one of the bad events holds in the ideal world with very low probability.

**Lemma 6.** Let  $\Theta_{\rm b}$  denote the set of all bad transcripts and recall that  $X_{\rm id}$  denotes the random variable of transcript  $\tau$  induced in the ideal world. Then, we have the following:

<span id="page-31-0"></span>
$$
\Pr[X_{\rm id} \in \Theta_{\rm b}] \le \frac{4q(p+q)}{2^{2n}} + \frac{4q+3p+1}{2^n}.
$$
 (28)

**Proof** Let us denote Bad = Bad1  $\vee$  Bad2  $\vee$  ( $\vee_{i=3}^{7}$ Badi |  $\overline{Bad2}$ ). Therefore, by applying the union bound, we have

$$
\Pr[\mathsf{Bad}] \leq \Pr[\mathsf{Bad1}] + \Pr[\mathsf{Bad2}] + \sum_{i=3}^{7} \Pr[\mathsf{Badi} \mid \overline{\mathsf{Bad2}}].
$$

Therefore, to bound the probability of the event Bad, we individually bound the probability of the event Bad1, Bad2 and Badi for  $3 \leq i \leq 7$  conditioned on the complement of the event Bad2. Then we apply the union bound to obtain the final result.

**Bounding** Bad1: It is easy to see the randomness of the key  $k$  ensures that

<span id="page-31-1"></span>
$$
\Pr[\mathsf{Bad1}] \le 1/2^n. \tag{29}
$$

**Bounding Bad2:** For a fixed index  $\alpha \in [p]$ , the probability of the event  $k = L_{\alpha}$ is upper bounded by  $1/2^n$  due to the randomness of the key k. Similarly, the probability of the event  $2k = L_{\alpha}$  is upper bounded by  $1/2^{n}$  and the probability of the event  $4k = L_{\alpha}$  is upper bounded by  $1/2^{n}$  due to the randomness of the key k. By varying over all possible choices of indices  $\alpha \in [p]$ , we have

$$
\Pr[\mathsf{Bad2}] \le 3p/2^n. \tag{30}
$$

**Bounding Bad3** |  $\overline{\mathsf{Bad2}}$ : For a fixed choice of index i, we bound the event  $k \oplus t_1^i \oplus y_2^i \oplus y_3^i = k$ , which boils down to the event  $y_2^i \oplus y_3^i = t_1^i$ . Due to the event  $\overline{\mathsf{Bad2}}$ ,  $y_2^i$  variable is fresh and hence we bound the probability of the event to at most  $1/(2^n - p)$ . Similarly, for a fixed choice of index i, we bound the event  $k \oplus t_1^i \oplus y_2^i \oplus y_3^i = 2k$ , which boils down to the event

$$
k = (2 \oplus 1)^{-1} (y_2^i \oplus y_3^i \oplus t_1^i).
$$

Using the entropy of the random variable  $k$ , we bound the probability of the event at most  $1/2^n$ . Similarly, for a fixed choice of index i, we bound the event  $k \oplus t_1^i \oplus y_2^i \oplus y_3^i = 4k$ , which boils down to the event

$$
k = (2^2 \oplus 1)^{-1} (y_2^i \oplus y_3^i \oplus t_1^i).
$$

Using the entropy of the random variable  $k$ , we bound the probability of the event at most  $1/2^n$ . Therefore, by varying over all possible choices of indices and by assuming  $p \leq 2^{n-1}$ , we have

$$
\Pr[\mathsf{Bad3} \mid \overline{\mathsf{Bad2}}] \le 4q/2^n. \tag{31}
$$

**Bounding Bad4** |  $\overline{\mathsf{Bad2}}$ : For a fixed choice of indices  $i \in [q], \alpha \in [p]$ , the probability of the event

$$
\begin{cases} y_1^i \oplus y_2^i = m_i \oplus u_\alpha \\ k \oplus y_2^i \oplus y_3^i = t_1^i \oplus L_\alpha \end{cases}
$$

is upper bounded by  $1/2^n \cdot 1/(2^n - p)$  due to the randomness of the key k and  $y_1^i$  as  $y_1^i$  is not determined by ideal-cipher query due to the virtue of  $\neg$ Bad2. By varying over all possible choices of indices  $i \in [q], \alpha \in [p]$  and by assuming  $p \leq 2^{n-1}$ , we have

$$
\Pr[\mathsf{Bad4} \mid \overline{\mathsf{Bad2}}] \le 2qp/2^{2n}.\tag{32}
$$

**Bounding Bad5** |  $\overline{Bad2}$ : Bounding this event is identical to that of Bad4 |  $\overline{Bad2}$ and hence we have

$$
\Pr[\mathsf{Bad5} \mid \overline{\mathsf{Bad2}}] \le 2qp/2^{2n} \tag{33}
$$

**Bounding Bad6**  $\vert$  **Bad2**: We bound the probability of this event in several subcases as follows:

1. if  $(t_1^i, t_2^i) = (t_1^j, t_2^j)$ , then it implies that  $y_1^i = y_1^j$  and  $y_2^i = y_2^j$  which follows from the construction. Hence, it implies from the above equation

$$
(y_1^i\oplus y_2^i)\oplus (y_1^j\oplus y_2^j)=m_i\oplus m_j
$$

that  $m_i = m_j$ . On the other hand, the above condition also implies from the equation

$$
(y_2^i\oplus y_3^i)\oplus (y_2^j\oplus y_3^j)=t_1^i\oplus t_1^j
$$

that  $y_3^i = y_3^j$  that follows from the construction which in turn implies that  $t_3^i = t_3^j$ . However, if the tweaks are same for *i*-th and *j*-th query, then the corresponding message should be different as we assume non-trivial distinguisher which is violated from the above sequence of logical events. Therefore, in this case, the probability of the event is zero.

2. if  $(t_1^i, t_3^i) = (t_1^j, t_3^j)$ , then it implies that  $y_1^i = y_1^j$  and  $y_3^i = y_3^j$  which follows from the construction. Hence, it implies from the above equation

$$
(y_2^i\oplus y_3^i)\oplus (y_2^j\oplus y_3^j)=t_1^i\oplus t_1^j
$$

that  $y_2^i = y_2^j$  which in turn implies that  $t_2^i = t_3^i$ . On the other hand, the above condition implies from the above equation

$$
(y_1^i\oplus y_2^i)\oplus (y_1^j\oplus y_2^j)=m_i\oplus m_j
$$

that  $m_i = m_j$ . However, if the tweaks are same for *i*-th and *j*-th query, then the corresponding message should be different as we assume non-trivial distinguisher which is violated from the above sequence of logical events. Therefore, in this case, the probability of the event is zero.

3. if  $(t_2^i, t_3^i) = (t_2^j, t_3^j)$ , then it implies that  $y_2^i = y_2^j$  and  $y_3^i = y_3^j$  which follows from the construction. Hence, it implies from the above equation

$$
(y_2^i\oplus y_3^i)\oplus (y_2^j\oplus y_3^j)=t_1^i\oplus t_1^j
$$

that  $t_1^i = t_1^j$ , which again implies that  $y_1^i = y_1^j$  that follows from the construction. But again it implies that  $m_i = m_j$  which follows from the equation

$$
(y_1^i \oplus y_2^i) \oplus (y_1^j \oplus y_2^j) = m_i \oplus m_j.
$$

However, if the tweaks are same for  $i$ -th and  $j$ -th query, then the corresponding message should be different as we assume non-trivial distinguisher which is violated from the above sequence of logical events. Therefore, in this case, the probability of the event is zero.

4. In all the other cases, at most one of  $t_1^i, t_2^i, t_3^i$  will collide with the corresponding  $t_1^j, t_2^j, t_3^j$  respectively. In that case we obtain two fresh random variables from each of the two equations

$$
\begin{cases} (y_2^i \oplus y_3^i) \oplus (y_2^j \oplus y_3^j) = t_1^i \oplus t_1^j \\ (y_1^i \oplus y_2^i) \oplus (y_1^j \oplus y_2^j) = m_i \oplus m_j \end{cases}
$$

Without loss of generality, we assume that  $i < j$  and in that case we choose  $y_1^j$  as fresh random variable from the first equation and choose  $y_3^j$  as fresh random variable from the second equation. Note that we can utilize the randomness of both  $y_1^j$  and  $y_3^j$  together due to **Bad1**. Using the randomness of  $y_1^j$  and  $y_3^j$ , we bound the probability of the above event for a fixed choices of indices to at most  $1/(2^n - p)^2$ . By varying over all possible choices of indices and by assuming  $p \leq 2^{n-1}$ , we have

$$
\Pr[\mathsf{Bad6} \mid \overline{\mathsf{Bad2}}] \le 2q^2/2^{2n} \tag{34}
$$

Bounding Bad7 | Bad2: Bounding this event is exactly identical to that of  $Bad6 | \overline{Bad2}$  and hence, we have

<span id="page-34-0"></span>
$$
\Pr[\mathsf{Bad7}|\overline{\mathsf{Bad2}}] \le 2q^2/2^{2n}.\tag{35}
$$

We derive the bound of Lemma [6](#page-31-0) by combining the bounds from Eqn.  $(29)$ -Eqn. [\(35\)](#page-34-0).  $□$ 

We lower bound the ratio of the real to ideal interpolation probability for a good transcript. Formally, we prove the following lemma.

**Lemma 7.** Let  $\tau = (\tau_c, \tau_p, (y_1^i, y_2^i, y_3^i)_{i \in [q]}, k)$  be a good transcript. Let  $\mathsf{X}_{\text{re}}$  and X<sub>id</sub> be two random variables defined as above. Then, we have

<span id="page-34-1"></span>
$$
\frac{\Pr[X_{\rm re} = \tau]}{\Pr[X_{\rm id} = \tau]} \ge 1.
$$
\n(36)

**Proof** Let  $\tau = (\tau_c, \tau_p, (y_1^i, y_2^i, y_3^i)_{i \in [q]}, k)$  be a good transcript. Let us consider the following set:

$$
\mathsf{H}_1=\{(k,t_1^1,y_1^1),(2k,t_2^1,y_2^1),(4k,t_3^1,y_3^1),\ldots,(k,t_1^q,y_1^q),(2k,t_2^q,y_2^q),(4k,t_3^q,y_3^q))
$$

which records the (key, input, output) triplet of the first, second and the third block cipher call of the construction across all  $q$  construction queries. For each key  $K \in \{0,1\}^n$ , we define the sets  $H_2(K) = \{(L, u, v) \in \tau_p : L = K\}$  and  $\mathsf{H}_3(K)=\{(k\oplus t_1^i\oplus y_2^i\oplus y_3^i,m_i\oplus y_1^i\oplus y_2^i, c_i\oplus y_1^i\oplus y_2^i): k\oplus t_1^i\oplus y_2^i\oplus y_3^i=K\},$ where  $(t_1^i||t_2^i||t_3^i, m_i, c_i) \in \tau_c$ . Note that,  $H_2(K)$  denotes the set of (key, input, output) triplet across all  $p$  ideal-cipher queries such that the key is  $K$ . Similarly,  $H_3(K)$  denotes the set of all triplet of (key, input, output) of the third block cipher call of the construction across all  $q$  construction queries such that the key of the third block cipher call is K. For each tweak  $t \in \{0,1\}^{3n}$ , we define the set

$$
\mathbf{H}(t) = \{ (t_1^i \| t_2^i \| t_3^i, m_i, c_i) \in \tau_c : t_1^i \| t_2^i \| t_3^i = t \}
$$

which records all  $q$  triplet of tweak, queries and response excluding the block cipher key such that the tweak of the construction query is  $t$ . Finally, for each key  $K \in \{0,1\}^n$ , we define the set

$$
\mathsf{Z}(K)=\{(t_1^i||t_2^i||t_3^i):(t_1^i||t_2^i||t_3^i,m_i,c_i)\in\tau_c\land k\oplus t_1^i\oplus y_2^i\oplus y_3^i=K\}.
$$

Since the transcript is good, we have  $H_1 \cap H_2(K) = \emptyset$ ,  $H_1 \cap H_3(K) = \emptyset$ ,  $H_2(K) \cap$  $\mathsf{H}_{3}(K) = \emptyset$ , for each  $K \in \{0,1\}^n$ . These follow directly from **Bad2**, **Bad3**, and Bad4 ∧ Bad5.

Let us fix a key  $K \in \{0,1\}^n$ . For each  $t \in \mathsf{Z}(K)$ ,  $|\mathsf{H}(t)|$  denotes the number of construction queries with tweak t. Due to  $\overline{Bad6} \wedge \overline{Bad7}$ , we have for each key  $K \in \{0,1\}^n$ ,

$$
\sum_{t \in \mathsf{Z}(K)} |\mathsf{H}(t)| = |\mathsf{H}_3(K)|.
$$

For the sake of simplicity, let us denote  $|H_1| = \alpha_1$ . For each  $K \in \{0,1\}^n$ , we denote  $|\mathsf{H}_2(K)| = \alpha_2(K), |\mathsf{H}_3(K)| = \alpha_3(K)$  and for each tweak  $t \in \{0,1\}^{3n}$ , we denote  $|H(t)| = \alpha(t)$ . Therefore, for a fixed good transcript  $\tau$ , the ideal interpolation probability becomes

$$
\Pr[X_{\text{id}} = \tau] \le \frac{1}{2^n} \cdot \prod_{i=0}^{\alpha_1 - 1} \frac{1}{2^n - i} \cdot \bigg(\prod_{K \in \{0,1\}^n} \prod_{j=0}^{\alpha_2(K) - 1} \frac{1}{2^n - j} \prod_{p=0}^{\alpha_3(K) - 1} \frac{1}{2^n - p}\bigg).
$$

To bound the real interpolation probability, the number of times block cipher is called for deriving sub-keys is  $\alpha_1$ . However, the number of times block cipher is called for ideal-cipher queries and construction queries is  $\alpha_2(K) + \alpha_3(K)$  for each key  $K \in \{0,1\}^n$ . Therefore, we have

$$
\Pr[X_{\text{re}} = \tau] = \frac{1}{2^n} \cdot \prod_{i=0}^{\alpha_1 - 1} \frac{1}{2^n - i} \cdot \bigg(\prod_{K \in \{0,1\}^n} \prod_{j=0}^{\alpha_2(K) + \alpha_3(K) - 1} \frac{1}{2^n - j}\bigg).
$$

Since for each key  $K \in \{0,1\}^n$ , we have

$$
\prod_{j=0}^{\alpha_2(K)-1} \frac{1}{2^n-j} \prod_{p=0}^{\alpha_3(K)-1} \frac{1}{2^n-p} \le \prod_{j=0}^{\alpha_2(K)+\alpha_3(K)-1} \frac{1}{2^n-j},
$$

the ratio of the real to ideal interpolation probability becomes  $\geq 1$ , which proves the result. ⊓⊔

Finally, Theorem [3](#page-30-1) follows by combining Lemma [6](#page-31-0) and Lemma [7.](#page-34-1) ⊓⊔

## <span id="page-35-0"></span>6 Optimally Secure TBC with  $rn$ -bit Tweaks Using  $(r+1)$  Block Cipher Calls

Let  $\mathsf{E}: \{0,1\}^n \times \{0,1\}^n \to \{0,1\}^n$  be a n-bit block cipher and  $r \in \mathbb{N}$  be a given parameter. The tweakable block cipher  $G_r$ :  $\{0,1\}^n \times \{0,1\}^n \times \{0,1\}^n \to \{0,1\}^n$ with a rn-bit tweak is constructed using  $(r+1)$  block ciphers as follows: r block cipher calls are first invoked in parallel to produce r sub-keys  $y_1, y_2, \ldots, y_r$  from the tweaks  $t_1, t_2, \ldots, t_r$  and the master key k as shown in Fig. [11.](#page-36-0) Then, the subkeys are linearly combined to generate two  $n$ -bit strings  $Y$  and  $Z$  which are used to compute the ciphertext for a given message  $m$  as shown in Fig. [11.](#page-36-0)

<span id="page-36-0"></span>

Fig. 11:  $\widetilde{\mathsf{G}_r}$  construction: TBC with rn-bit tweaks using  $(r+1)$  block cipher calls.

Remark 4. In order to compare  $\widetilde{\mathsf{G}_r}$  with polynomial-based universal hashing of an rn-bit tweak in the XHX construction, we would like to point out that  $\widetilde{\mathsf{G}_r}$ generates the subkeys in parallel and combines them to obtain the key of the final block-cipher call used in the encryption module. Thus, it requires  $r + 1$ block-cipher calls with no additional non-linear operation. On the other hand, XHX needs one block-cipher call and two hash function evaluations. When instantiating each hash function with an r-degree polynomial, it needs to evaluate  $r + 1$  field multiplications in sequential order to generate the block cipher key. While the actual efficiency comparison between the two constructions crucially depends on the actual implementation of the ciphers and the platform available for the implementation, our attempt in this paper is to minimize the number of non-linear operations.

In the following we show that  $\widetilde{G_r}$  is a secure tweakable block cipher with rn bit tweaks against all adversaries that makes roughly  $2<sup>n</sup>$  construction and idealcipher queries. Formally, we have the following result:

Theorem 4. Let A be an adversary making at most q construction queries and p ideal-cipher queries including both forward and backward queries. Then,

<span id="page-36-1"></span>
$$
\mathbf{Adv}_{\widetilde{\mathsf{G}_{r}}}^{\mathrm{tsprp-icm}}(\mathcal{A}) \le \frac{4q(p+q)}{2^{2n}} + \frac{2rq+rp+1}{2^n}.
$$

Proof. Let  $\tau_c = \{(t_1^1 || t_2^1 || \dots || t_r^1, m_1, c_1), \dots, (t_1^q || t_2^q || \dots || t_r^q, m_q, c_q)\}$  and  $\tau_p =$  $\{(L_1, u_1, v_1), (L_2, u_2, v_2), \ldots, (L_p, u_p, v_p)\}\$  denotes the list of construction queryresponses and ideal-cipher query-responses of  $A$  respectively. After the interaction, the real world oracle releases the block cipher key  $k$  and the tuple of

sub-keys  $(y_1^i, y_2^i, \ldots, y_r^i), i \in [q]$  tuple, whereas the ideal world oracle randomly samples *n*-bit dummy key k and computes the sub-key tuple  $(y_1^i, y_2^i, \ldots, y_r^i)$ ,  $i \in [q]$ , where  $y_1^i, y_2^i, \ldots, y_r^i$  are computed similar to the real world and finally released them to the distinguisher. Therefore, the extended transcript of the attack is  $\tau = (\tau_c, \tau_p, (y_1^i, y_2^i, \dots, y_r^i)_{i \in [q]}, k)$ .

### 6.1 Definition of Bad Transcript and Bounding its Probability

Let  $\Theta$  denote the set of all attainable transcripts. We call an attainable transcript  $\tau \in \Theta$  is bad if it satisfies either of the following:

1. Bad1:  $k = 0$ . 2. Bad2:  $\exists \alpha \in [p] : L_{\alpha} \in \{k, 2k, 2^2k, \dots, 2^{r-1}k\}.$ 3. Bad3:  $\exists i \in [q]: k \oplus Z \in \{k, 2k, 2^2k, \ldots, 2^{r-1}k\}.$ 4. Bad4:  $\exists i \in [q], \alpha \in [p]: m_i \oplus Y_i = u_\alpha, \ k \oplus Z_i = L_\alpha.$ 5. Bad5:  $\exists i \in [q], \alpha \in [p] : c_i \oplus Y_i = v_\alpha, \ k \oplus Z_i = L_\alpha.$ 6. Bad $6: \exists i \neq j \in [q]: Y_i \oplus Y_j = m_i \oplus m_j, Z_i = Z_j.$ 7. Bad7:  $\exists i \neq j \in [q]: Y_i \oplus Y_j = c_i \oplus c_j, Z_i = Z_j$ .

<span id="page-37-0"></span>**Lemma 8.** Let  $\Theta_{\text{b}}$  denote the set of all bad transcripts and recall that  $X_{\text{id}}$  denotes the random variable of transcript  $\tau$  induced in the ideal world. Then, we have the following:

$$
Pr[X_{\rm id} \in \Theta_{\rm b}] \le \frac{4q(p+q)}{2^{2n}} + \frac{2rq + rp + 1}{2^n}.
$$
 (37)

**Proof** Let us denote  $Bad = Bad1 \vee Bad2 \vee (\vee_{i=3}^{7} Badi | \overline{Bad2}).$  Therefore, by applying the union bound, we have

$$
\Pr[\mathsf{Bad}] \leq \Pr[\mathsf{Bad1}] + \Pr[\mathsf{Bad2}] + \sum_{i=3}^{7} \Pr[\mathsf{Badi} \mid \overline{\mathsf{Bad2}}].
$$

Therefore, to bound the probability of the event Bad, we individually bound the probability of the event Bad1, Bad2 and Badi for  $3 \leq i \leq 7$  conditioned on the complement of the event Bad2. Then we apply the union bound to obtain the final result.

Bounding Bad1: Bounding this event is exactly identical to that of bounding Bad1 in Lemma [6.](#page-31-0) Thus, we have

<span id="page-37-1"></span>
$$
\Pr[\mathsf{Bad1}] \le 1/2^n. \tag{38}
$$

Bounding Bad2: Bounding this event is again very similar to that of bounding Bad2 in Lemma [6.](#page-31-0) For a fixed index  $\alpha \in [p]$ , and for a fixed  $i \in [r]$  the probability of the event  $2^{i-1}k = L_{\alpha}$  is upper bounded by  $1/2^{n}$  due to the randomness of the key k. By varying over all possible choices of indices  $\alpha \in [p]$  and  $i \in [r]$ , we have

$$
\Pr[\mathsf{Bad2}] \le r p / 2^n. \tag{39}
$$

**Bounding Bad3** |  $\overline{\mathsf{Bad2}}$ : For a fixed choice of index  $i \in [q]$ , and for a fixed  $\alpha \in [r]$ , we bound the event  $k \oplus 2^r y_1^i \oplus 2^{r-1} y_2^i \oplus \ldots \oplus 2y_r^i = 2^{\alpha-1}k$ , which boils down to the event

$$
2^r y_1^i \oplus 2^{r-1} y_2^i \oplus \ldots \oplus 2y_r^i = k(1 \oplus 2^{\alpha-1}).
$$

By the virtue of  $\overline{\mathsf{Bad2}}$  event, the random variable  $y_1^i$  is fresh. Hence, we bound the probability of the event to at most  $1/2^n - p$  using the randomness of  $y_1^i$ . Therefore, by varying over all possible choices of indices and by assuming  $p \leq 2^{n-1}$ , we have

$$
\Pr[\text{Bad3} \mid \overline{\text{Bad2}}] \le 2rq/2^n. \tag{40}
$$

**Bounding Bad4** |  $\overline{\mathsf{Bad2}}$ : For a fixed choice of indices  $i \in [q], \alpha \in [p]$ , the probability of the event

$$
\begin{cases} y_1^i \oplus y_2^i \oplus \ldots \oplus y_r^i = m_i \oplus u_\alpha \\ k \oplus 2^r y_1^i \oplus 2^{r-1} y_2^i \oplus \ldots \oplus 2y_r^i = L_\alpha \end{cases}
$$

is upper bounded by  $1/2^n \cdot 1/(2^n - p)$  due to the randomness of the key k and  $y_1^i$  as  $y_1^i$  is not determined by ideal-cipher query due to the virtue of  $\overline{\mathsf{Bad2}}$ . By varying over all possible choices of indices  $i \in [q], \alpha \in [p]$  and by assuming  $p \leq 2^{n-1}$ , we have

$$
\Pr[\mathsf{Bad4} \mid \overline{\mathsf{Bad2}}] \le 2qp/2^{2n}.\tag{41}
$$

Bounding Bad5 | Bad2: Bounding this event is identical to that of Bad4 | Bad2 and hence we have

$$
\Pr[\mathsf{Bad5} \mid \overline{\mathsf{Bad2}}] \le 2qp/2^{2n} \tag{42}
$$

**Bounding Bad6** |  $\overline{\mathsf{Bad2}}$ : For a fixed choice of indices  $i \neq j \in [q]$ , the probability of the event

$$
\begin{cases}\n(y_1^i \oplus y_2^i \oplus \ldots \oplus y_r^i) \oplus (y_1^j \oplus y_2^j \oplus y_r^j) = m_i \oplus m_j \\
2^r(y_1^i \oplus y_1^j) \oplus 2^{r-1}(y_2^i \oplus y_2^j) \oplus \ldots \oplus 2(y_r^i \oplus y_r^j) = 0^n\n\end{cases}
$$

Let  $\textsf{EQ} = {\alpha_1, \alpha_2, ..., \alpha_s} \subseteq [r]$  such that  $t^i_{\alpha_1} = t^j_{\alpha_1}, t^i_{\alpha_2} = t^j_{\alpha_2}, ... t^i_{\alpha_s} = t^j_{\alpha_s}.$ Therefore, we have

$$
\begin{aligned} m^i \oplus m^j = \oplus_{\alpha \in [r] \backslash \mathsf{EQ}}&(y^i_\alpha \oplus y^j_\alpha) \\ 0^n = \oplus_{\alpha \in [r] \backslash \mathsf{EQ}}2^{r-\alpha+1}(y^i_\alpha \oplus y^j_\alpha) \end{aligned}
$$

It is easy to see that  $|EQ| < r-1$ , otherwise the probability of the above events would have been zero. Therefore, we assume that  $|EQ| \leq r - 2$ . Hence, we get at least two fresh random variables  $y_{\alpha_1}^i, y_{\alpha_2}^i$ , where  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in [r] \setminus \textsf{EQ}$  by the virtue of Bad2. Since, the above system of equations is of rank 2, therefore, by using the randomness of  $y_{\alpha_1}^i$  and  $y_{\alpha_2}^i$ , we upper bound the probability of the above event to  $1/(2^n - p)^2$ . By varying all possible choices of indices  $i \neq j \in [q]$  and by assuming  $p \leq 2^{n-1}$ , we have

$$
\Pr[\mathsf{Bad6} \mid \overline{\mathsf{Bad2}}] \le 2q^2/2^{2n} \tag{43}
$$

Bounding Bad7 | Bad2: Bounding this event is exactly identical to that of Bad6 | Bad2 and hence, we have

<span id="page-39-0"></span>
$$
\Pr[\mathsf{Bad7}|\overline{\mathsf{Bad2}}] \le 2q^2/2^{2n}.\tag{44}
$$

We derive the bound of Lemma [8](#page-37-0) by combining the bounds from Eqn. [\(38\)](#page-37-1)-Eqn.  $(44)$ . □

#### 6.2 Good Transcript Analysis

In this section, we lower bound the ratio of the real to ideal interpolation probability for a good transcript. Formally, we prove the following lemma.

**Lemma 9.** Let  $\tau = (\tau_c, \tau_p, (y_1^i, y_2^i, \ldots, y_r^i)_{i \in [q]}, k)$  be a good transcript. Let  $X_{re}$ and  $X_{id}$  be two random variables defined as above. Then, we have

<span id="page-39-1"></span>
$$
\frac{\Pr[X_{\rm re} = \tau]}{\Pr[X_{\rm id} = \tau]} \ge 1.
$$
\n(45)

**Proof** Let  $\tau = (\tau_c, \tau_p, (y_1^i, y_2^i, \dots, y_r^i)_{i \in [q]}, k)$  be a good transcript. Let us consider the following set:

$$
H_1 = \{ (k, t_1^1, y_1^1), (2k, t_2^1, y_2^1), \dots, (2^{r-1}k, t_r^1, y_r^1), \dots, (k, t_1^q, y_1^q), (2k, t_2^q, y_2^q), \dots, (2^{r-1}k, t_r^q, y_r^q) \}
$$

which records the (key, input, output) triplet of the  $r$  many block cipher call in the sub-key derivation phase of the construction across all  $q$  construction queries. For each key  $K \in \{0,1\}^n$ , we define the sets  $H_2(K) = \{(L, u, v) \in \tau_p :$  $L = K$ } and  $H_3(K) = \{(k \oplus 2^r y_1^i \oplus 2^{r-1} y_2^i \oplus \ldots \oplus 2y_r^i, m_i \oplus y_1^i \oplus y_2^i \oplus \ldots \oplus y_r^i,$  $c_i \oplus y_1^i \oplus y_2^i \oplus \ldots \oplus y_r^i): k \oplus 2^r y_1^i \oplus 2^{r-1} y_2^i \oplus \ldots \oplus 2y_r^i = K\},$  where  $(t_1^i \| t_2^i \| \ldots \| t_r^i,$  $m_i, c_i \in \tau_c$ . For each tweak  $t \in \{0, 1\}^{rn}$ , we define the set

$$
\mathsf{H}(t) = \{ (t_1^i || t_2^i || \dots || t_r^i, m_i, c_i) \in \tau_c : t_1^i || t_2^i || \dots || t_r^i = t \}
$$

which records all  $q$  triplet of tweak, queries and response excluding the block cipher key such that the tweak of the construction query is  $t$ . Finally, for each key  $K \in \{0,1\}^n$ , we define the set

$$
\mathsf{Z}(K) = \{ (t_1^i \| t_2^i \| \dots \| t_r^i) : (t_1^i \| t_2^i \| \dots \| t_r^i, m_i, c_i) \in \tau_c \wedge k \oplus 2^r y_1^i \oplus 2^{r-1} y_2^i \oplus \dots \oplus 2 y_r^i = K \}.
$$

Since the transcript is good, we have  $H_1 \cap H_2(K) = \emptyset$ ,  $H_1 \cap H_3(K) = \emptyset$ ,  $H_2(K) \cap$  $\mathsf{H}_{3}(K) = \emptyset$ , for each  $K \in \{0,1\}^n$ . These follow directly from **Bad2**, **Bad3**, and Bad4 ∧ Bad5.

Let us fix a key  $K \in \{0,1\}^n$ . For each  $t \in \mathsf{Z}(K)$ ,  $|\mathsf{H}(t)|$  denotes the number of construction queries with tweak t. Due to  $\overline{\mathsf{Bad6}} \wedge \overline{\mathsf{Bad7}}$ , we have for each key  $K \in \{0,1\}^n$ ,

$$
\sum_{t \in \mathsf{Z}(K)} |\mathsf{H}(t)| = |\mathsf{H}_3(K)|.
$$

For the sake of simplicity, let us denote  $|H_1| = \alpha_1$ . For each  $K \in \{0,1\}^n$ , we denote  $|\mathsf{H}_2(K)| = \alpha_2(K), |\mathsf{H}_3(K)| = \alpha_3(K)$  and for each tweak  $t \in \{0,1\}^{rn}$ , we denote  $|H(t)| = \alpha(t)$ . Therefore, for a fixed good transcript  $\tau$ , the ideal interpolation probability becomes

$$
\begin{split} \Pr[\mathsf{X}_{\text{id}} = \tau] &= \frac{1}{2^n} \cdot \prod_{i=0}^{\alpha_1 - 1} \frac{1}{2^n - i} \cdot \bigg( \prod_{K \in \{0,1\}^n} \prod_{j=0}^{\alpha_2(K) - 1} \frac{1}{2^n - j} \bigg) \\ &\quad \cdot \bigg( \prod_{K \in \{0,1\}^n} \prod_{t \in \mathbb{Z}(K)} \prod_{p=0}^{\alpha(t) - 1} \frac{1}{2^n - p} \bigg) \\ &\le \frac{1}{2^n} \cdot \prod_{i=0}^{\alpha_1 - 1} \frac{1}{2^n - i} \cdot \bigg( \prod_{K \in \{0,1\}^n} \prod_{j=0}^{\alpha_2(K) - 1} \frac{1}{2^n - j} \prod_{p=0}^{\alpha_3(K) - 1} \frac{1}{2^n - p} \bigg). \end{split}
$$

To bound the real interpolation probability, the number of times block cipher is called for deriving sub-keys is  $\alpha_1$ . However, the number of times block cipher is called for ideal-cipher queries and construction queries is  $\alpha_2(K) + \alpha_3(K)$  for each key  $K \in \{0,1\}^n$ . Therefore, we have

$$
\Pr[X_{\text{re}} = \tau] = \frac{1}{2^n} \cdot \prod_{i=0}^{\alpha_1 - 1} \frac{1}{2^n - i} \cdot \bigg(\prod_{K \in \{0,1\}^n} \prod_{j=0}^{\alpha_2(K) + \alpha_3(K) - 1} \frac{1}{2^n - j}\bigg).
$$

Since for each key  $K \in \{0,1\}^n$ , we have

$$
\prod_{j=0}^{\alpha_2(K)-1}\frac{1}{2^n-j}\prod_{p=0}^{\alpha_3(K)-1}\frac{1}{2^n-p}\leq \prod_{j=0}^{\alpha_2(K)+\alpha_3(K)-1}\frac{1}{2^n-j},
$$

the ratio of the real to ideal interpolation probability becomes  $\geq 1$ , which proves the result. ⊓⊔

Finally, Theorem [4](#page-36-1) follows by combining Lemma [8](#page-37-0) and Lemma [9.](#page-39-1)

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## Appendix

## A Proof of Combinatorial Results

#### <span id="page-48-0"></span>A.1 Proof of Lemma [2](#page-9-0)

We need to show that at least one of the following conditions is true:

- 1. There exists  $t^1, t^2 \in \{0, 1\}^{3n}$  such that  $f_s(t^1) = f_s(t^2), \forall s \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\}.$
- 2. There exists  $t^1, t^2, \ldots, t^{2^{n/2}} \in \{0, 1\}^{3n}$  satisfying  $f_1(t^i) = f_1(t^j)$ ,  $f_3(t^i) \neq$  $f_3(t^j)$ , for all  $i, j \in \{1, 2, ..., 2^{n/2}\}.$
- 3. There exists  $t^1, t^2, \ldots, t^{2^{n/2}} \in \{0, 1\}^{3n}$  satisfying  $f_1(t^i) = f_1(t^j), f_2(t^i) \neq$  $f_2(t^j)$ ,  $f_4(t^i) \neq f_4(t^j)$ , for all  $i, j \in \{1, 2, ..., 2^{n/2}\}.$

Let us consider the function  $f_1: \{0,1\}^{3n} \to \{0,1\}^n$ . By the Pigeonhole Principle, there exist at least  $2^{2n}$  distinct inputs that map the function  $f_1$  to some fixed value, say a. Define the set  $A_a := \{t \in \{0,1\}^{3n} : f_1(t) = a\}$ . By definition,  $|A_a| \geq 2^{2n}$ . Now, we consider the two cases:

**Case 1:**  $f_3$  is solely dependent on  $f_1$ . In this case, we have  $f_3(t) = c, \forall t \in A_a$ , for some  $c \in \{0,1\}^n$ . Consider the sets  $B_b := \{t \in A_a : f_2(t) = b\}, \forall b \in \{0,1\}^n$ . If there exists some b such that  $|B_b| \geq 2^n + 1$ , then we can apply the Pigeonhole Principle to conclude there exists  $t^1$  and  $t^2$  with  $f_4(t^1) = f_4(t^2)$ , and hence satisfies condition 1. Otherwise, for each  $b \in \{0,1\}^n$ , the set  $B_b$  has exactly  $2^n$ elements. If for some b,  $B_b$  has two elements  $t^1, t^2$  with  $f_4(t^1) = f_4(t^2)$ , then we are done as this satisfies condition 1. If not, for all b, the set  $f_4(B_b)$  is equal to  $\{0,1\}^n$ . Now take the set  $S = \bigcup_{i=1}^{2^{n/2}} \{t^i \in B_i : f_4(t^i) = i\}$ . It is easy to see that  $|S| = 2^{n/2}$ , and the tweaks in set S satisfy condition 3.

**Case 2:**  $f_3$  does not solely depend on  $f_1$ . Let us consider the sets  $C_c := \{t \in$  $A_a: f_3(t) = c$ ,  $\forall c \in \{0,1\}^n$ . If there exists  $2^{n/2}$  indices  $c_1, \ldots, c_{2^{n/2}}$  such that  $C_{c_i} \neq \emptyset$ ,  $\forall i \leq 2^{n/2}$ , then the set  $S = \{t^i \in C_{c_i} : i = 1, 2, ..., 2^{n/2}\}$ , containing  $2^{n/2}$  elements, satisfies condition 2. Otherwise, there exists at most  $2^{n/2} - 1$  nonempty  $C_c$ 's. By the Pigeonhole principle, at least one set, say  $C_{c'}$  contains at least  $2^{3n/2} + 1$  elements. Now look at the sets  $B_b = \{t \in C_{c'} : f_2(t) = b\}, \forall b \in \{0, 1\}^n$ . If there are at most  $2^{n/2} - 1$  non-empty  $B_b$ 's, then there exists some  $b'$ , for which  $|B_{b'}| \geq 2^n + 1$ , and hence, we would have  $t^1, t^2 \in B_{b'}$  such that  $f_4(t^1) = f_4(t^2)$ , satisfying condition 1. Otherwise, we have at least  $2^{n/2}$  many non-empty sets  $B_{b_i}$  for  $i = 1, 2, ..., 2^{n/2}$ . Now, if all the  $B_{b_i}$  sets are injective on  $f_4$ , we can construct a set  $S := \{ t^i \in B_{b_i} : i = 1, 2, ..., 2^{n/2} \}$  such that  $f_4(t^i) \neq f_4(t^j)$  for all  $i, j \in \{1, 2, ..., 2^{n/2}\}\$  that provides the necessary values to satisfy condition 3. Otherwise, we will have some *i* for which  $t^1, t^2 \in B_{b_i} : f_4(t^1) = f_4(t^2)$ , and hence,  $t^1$ ,  $t^2$  will satisfy condition 1.

#### <span id="page-49-0"></span>A.2 Proof of Lemma [3](#page-9-2)

Here we fix  $\gamma \in \mathcal{F}$ , and our goal is to show that one of the following holds for any affine functions  $f_1, f_2, f_3, f_4$ .

- 1. There exist  $t^1, t^2 \in \{0, 1\}^{3n}$  such that  $f_s(t^1) = f_s(t^2)$  for all  $s \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ . cannot
- 2. There exist  $t^1, t^2, \ldots, t^{2^{n/2}} \in \{0, 1\}^{3n}$  satisfying  $f_2(t^i) \neq f_2(t^j)$ ,  $f_3(t^i) =$  $f_3(t^j)$ ,  $f_4(t^i) = f_4(t^j)$ , for all  $i, j \in \{1, 2, ..., 2^{n/2}\}.$
- 3. There exist  $t^1, t^2, \ldots, t^{2^{n/2}} \in \{0, 1\}^{3n}$  satisfying  $f_1(t^i) \neq f_1(t^j)$ ,  $f_3(t^i) \neq$  $f_3(t^j)$ ,  $f_4(t^i) = \gamma f_3(t^i)$ , for all  $i, j \in \{1, 2, ..., 2^{n/2}\}.$
- 4. There exist  $t^1, t^2, \ldots, t^{2^{n/2}} \in \{0, 1\}^{3n}$  satisfying  $f_2(t^i) \neq f_2(t^j)$ ,  $f_4(t^i) =$  $\gamma f_3(t^i)$ , for all  $i, j \in \{1, 2, ..., 2^{n/2}\}.$

We will consider the following two possible cases.

**Case 1:**  $f_4$  depends solely on  $f_3$ . In this case,  $f_4(t^i) = f_4(t^j)$  implies  $f_3(t^i) =$  $f_3(t^j)$ , for all  $t^i, t^j \in \{0, 1\}^{3n}$ . In addition, we assume that both  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  are mutually independent and also independent from  $f_3$  and  $f_4$ . Otherwise, we will have  $t^1, t^2$  satisfying condition 1. Note that, we have at least  $2^{2n}$  many  $t^i$ 's satisfying  $f_3(t^i) = a, i \in \{1, 2, ..., 2^{2n}\},\$  for some  $a \in \{0, 1\}^n$ . Let  $A_a := \{t^i \in \{0, 1\}^n\}$  $0, 1^{3n}$ :  $f_3(t^i) = a$ . Now, define  $2^n$  many sets depending on  $f_2$ :  $\forall b \in \{0, 1\}^n$ ,  $B_b := \{ t \in A_a : f_2(t) = b \}.$  Suppose there exist  $b_1, b_2, \ldots, b_{2^{n/2}}$  such that  $B_{b_i}$ 's are non-empty for each  $i \in \{1, 2, ..., 2^{n/2}\}\.$  Then, the set S having one element from each of  $B_{b_i}$ , for all  $i \in \{1, 2, ..., 2^{n/2}\}$ , satisfies condition 2. If such  $b_i$ 's do not exist, then we have at most  $2^{n/2} - 1$  many non-empty  $B_b$ 's. Hence, by the pigeonhole principle, there exists b' with  $|B_{b'}| \geq 2^{3n/2} + 1$ . Hence, there exist  $t^1, t^2 \in B_{b'}$  such that  $f_1(t^1) = f_1(t^2)$ , and  $t^1, t^2$  satisfies condition 1.

**Case 2:**  $f_4$  does not solely depend on  $f_3$ . As all the  $f_s$ 's are affine functions, we can express them as  $f_s(t_1, t_2, t_3) = a_s \cdot t_1 \oplus b_s \cdot t_2 \oplus c_s \cdot t_3 \oplus d_s$ , where all  $a_s, b_s, c_s$ are field elements and  $d_s \in \{0,1\}^n$ . Consider the set  $A := \{(t_1, t_2, t_3) \in \{0,$  $1\}^{3n}$ :  $(a_4 \oplus \gamma a_3).t_1 \oplus (b_4 \oplus \gamma b_3).t_2 \oplus (c_4 \oplus \gamma c_3).t_3 \oplus (d_4 \oplus \gamma d_3) = 0\}$ . It is easy to see that, by definition,  $t \in A$  if and only if  $f_4(t) = \gamma f_3(t)$  and  $|A| \geq 2^{2n}$ . Now, define the sets  $B_b := \{t \in A : f_2(t) = b\}$ , for all  $b \in \{0,1\}^n$ . If there exist  $2^{n/2}$  many non-empty  $B_b$ 's, then we will pick up  $2^{n/2}$  many values, one from each of those non-empty sets, satisfying condition 4. Otherwise, we will have at least one  $b' \in 0, 1^n$  such that  $|B_{b'}| \geq 2^{3n/2} + 1$ . In this case, we consider the sets  $C_c := \{ t \in B_{b'} : f_1(t) = c \}$  for all  $c \in \{0,1\}^n$ . If we do not have at least  $2^{n/2}$ many non-empty  $C_c$ 's, then we will have a  $c' \in \{0,1\}^n$  satisfying  $|C_{c'}| \geq 2^n + 1$ . Hence, we will have  $t^1, t^2 \in C_{c'}$  satisfying condition 1. If there exists  $t^1, t^2$  in some  $C_{c''}$  such that  $f_3(t^1) = f_3(t^2)$ , then these two will satisfy condition 1. Otherwise, we can construct a set S taking one element from each of  $C_c$ 's, and the elements of S will satisfy condition 3.

#### <span id="page-50-0"></span>A.3 Proof of Lemma [4](#page-9-1)

Here our goal is to show that one of the following holds:

- 1. There exist  $t^1, t^2 \in \{0, 1\}^{3n}$  such that  $f_s(t^1) = f_s(t^2)$  for all  $s \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ .
- 2. There exist  $t^1, t^2, \ldots, t^{2^{n/2}} \in \{0, 1\}^{3n}$  satisfying  $f_2(t^i) \neq f_2(t^j)$ ,  $f_4(t^i) =$  $f_4(t^j)$ , for all  $i, j \in \{1, 2, \ldots, 2^{n/2}\}.$
- 3. There exist  $t^1, t^2, \ldots, t^{2^{n/2}} \in \{0, 1\}^{3n}$  satisfying  $f_1(t^i) \neq f_1(t^j)$ ,  $f_3(t^i) \neq$  $f_3(t^j)$ ,  $f_4(t^i) = f_4(t^j)$ , for all  $i, j \in \{1, 2, ..., 2^{n/2}\}.$

We again consider two cases following the dependency of the two functions  $f_2$  and  $f_4$  as follows:

**Case 1:**  $f_4$  depends solely on  $f_2$ . In this case if  $\{f_1, f_3\}$  are mutually dependent, or dependent with  $f_4$  (consequently  $f_2$ ), then we will have  $t^1, t^2$  satisfying condition 1. Otherwise, we will have a set  $A := \{t \in \{0,1\}^{3n} : f_4(t) = a\}$  for some  $a \in \{0,1\}^n$ , where  $|A| \ge 2^{2n}$ . Now, consider the sets  $B_b := \{t \in A : f_1(t) = b\}$ , for all  $b \in \{0,1\}^n$ . If we have at most  $2^n - 1$  non-empty  $B_b$ 's, then there exist one  $b' \in \{0,1\}^n$  satisfying  $|B_{b'}| \geq 2^n + 1$ , and we can find  $t^1, t^2 \in B_{b'}$  satisfying  $f_3(t^1) = f_3(t^2)$ . Hence,  $t^1, t^2$  will satisfy condition 1. Otherwise, we have  $2^n$  nonempty  $B_b$ 's, then either  $f_3$  is injective on each  $B_b$ , or there exist  $b'' \in \{0,1\}^n$ such that  $t^1, t^2 \in B_{b''}$  satisfying  $f_3(t^1) = f_3(t^2)$ . If such  $t^1, t^2$  exists then those satisfy condition 1. If  $f_3$  is injective on each  $B_b$ , then we can construct a set S taking one element from each  $B<sub>b</sub>$ . The elements of the set S will satisfy condition 3.

**Case 2:**  $f_4$  does not depend solely on  $f_2$ . Consider a set  $A := \{t \in \{0,1\}^{3n}$ .  $f_4(t) = a$  for some  $a \in \{0, 1\}^n$ , such that  $|A| \geq 2^{2n}$ . Now define  $B_b := \{t \in$  $A: f_2(t) = b$ ,  $\forall b \in \{0, 1\}^n$ . If we have at least  $2^{n/2}$  many non-empty  $B_b$ 's, we can construct a set S with one element from each  $B_b$ 's that satisfies condition 2. Otherwise, we will have some b' such that  $|B_{b'}| \geq 2^{3n/2} + 1$ . Now define  $C_c := \{ t \in B_{b'} : f_1(t) = c \}, \forall c \in \{ c \in \{0,1\}^n \}.$  If we have at most  $2^{n/2} - 1$ non-empty  $C_c$ 's then we will have some  $C_{c'}$  with at least  $2^n + 1$  elements, that implies there exist  $t^1, t^2 \in C_{c'}$  satisfying condition 1. Otherwise, we have at least  $2^{n/2}$  non-empty  $C_c$ 's. Now depending on whether  $f_3$  is injective on all the nonempty  $C_c$  sets or not, we can have  $2^{n/2}$  many tweaks satisfying condition 3, or two tweaks satisfying condition 1, respectively.

## <span id="page-50-1"></span>B Necessity of all tweak-dependent Keys if Message is fed into one of the non-final block-ciphers

In this section, we show that if the message is fed into the input of one of the non-final block cipher then again the construction requires all the block cipher keys to be tweak dependent.

#### B.1 Message is fed into First Block cipher

The generalized construction (ensuring the TBC is invertible) for this case, dubbed  $C_9$ , is depicted in Fig. [12.](#page-51-0) Note that incorporating tweaks into the message or ciphertext does not amplify security. So, we refrain from using such modifications in our constructions. Now we consider cases with different numbers of

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Fig. 12: Construction  $C_9$ : Message is fed in the first block cipher call

tweak-independent keys.

Constructions with Three Tweak-independent Keys In this case, by definition, we have  $g_1(t) = g_2(t) = g_3(t) = 0$ . To attack this construction, our strategy is as follows:

- 1. Find two tweaks such that  $t^1, t^2$  such that  $f_1(t^1) = f_1(t^2), f_2(t^1) = f_2(t^2)$ . Note that, with this choice of tweaks, if we make two queries  $(m, t<sup>1</sup>)$  and  $(m, t^2)$ , we will have  $y_1^1 = y_1^2$  as well as  $y_2^1 = y_2^2$ .
- 2. We can use the above observation to distinguish the TBC from a random tweakable permutation by making two oracle queries  $(m, t^1)$ ,  $(m, t^2)$ , and verifying if the corresponding outputs match.

Constructions with Two Tweak-independent Keys In this subsection, we consider all the possible TBC constructions with three block ciphers where we have two block cipher calls with tweak-independent keys.

Case 1: First block cipher uses the tweak-dependent key. In this case, we have  $g_2(t) = g_3(t) = 0$ . Here we consider two subcases. If we can find two tweaks  $t^1$  and  $t^2$  such that  $f_1(t^1) = f_1(t^2)$ ,  $f_2(t^1) = f_2(t^2)$  and  $g_1(t^1) = g_1(t^2)$ , we can simply carry out the previous attack. Otherwise, we can find  $2^{n/2}$  many tweaks  $t^1, \ldots, t^{2^{n/2}}$  for which  $f_2(t^i) = f_2(t^j)$  and  $g_1(t^i) = g_1(t^j)$ . Note that, for all *i*, *j*, we have  $f_1(t^i) \neq f_1(t^j)$ . In this case, we construct the attack as follows:

1. We make queries  $(m_i, t^i)$ , for  $i = 1, ..., 2^{n/2}$  with distinct messages, i.e.,  $m_i \neq m_j$ , for all i and j. We expect to find a collision in the input of the second block cipher, i.e., find a and b such that  $\alpha_1 \cdot y_1^a \oplus f_1(t^a) = \alpha_1 \cdot y_1^b \oplus f_1(t^b)$ and in that case, we have  $y_2^a = y_2^b$ , and the outputs,  $c_a$  and  $c_b$  matches.

- 2. Now we fix  $\Delta \neq 0$  and find  $t^d$  such that  $f_1(t^d) = f_1(t^a) + \Delta$ ,  $f_2(t^d) = f_2(t^a)$ and  $g_1(t^d) = g_1(t^a)$ . We also find  $t^e$  such that  $f_1(t^e) = f_1(t^b) + \Delta$ ,  $f_2(t^e) =$  $f_2(t^b)$  and  $g_1(t^e) = g_1(t^b)$ .
- 3. Finally, we make two queries:  $(m_a, t^d)$  and  $(m_b, t^e)$  and checks if the output matches.

Case 2: Second block cipher uses the tweak-dependent key. In this case, we have  $g_1(t) = g_3(t) = 0$ . Now we have two subcases. If we can find two tweaks  $t^1$  and  $t^2$  such that  $f_1(t^1) = f_1(t^2)$ ,  $f_2(t^1) = f_2(t^2)$  and  $g_2(t^1) = g_2(t^2)$ , we are done. Otherwise, find  $2^{n/2}$  many tweaks  $t^1, \ldots, t^{2^{n/2}}$  for which  $f_2(t^i) = f_2(t^j)$ and  $g_2(t^i) \neq g_2(t^j)$ . Now we construct the attack as follows:

- 1. We make queries  $(m_i, t^i)$ , for  $i = 1, ..., 2^{n/2}$  with distinct messages, i.e.,  $m_i \neq m_j$ , for all i and j. In this case, we expect to find a and b such that  $y_2^a = y_2^b$  (b'day collision), and in that case the outputs,  $c_a$  and  $c_b$  match.
- 2. Now fix  $\Delta \neq 0$ . Find  $t^d$  such that  $f_1(t^d) = f_1(t^a)$ ,  $f_2(t^d) = f_2(t^a) + \Delta$  and  $g_2(t^d) = g_2(t^a)$ . Also, find  $t^e$  such that  $f_1(t^e) = f_1(t^b)$ ,  $f_2(t^e) = f_2(t^b) + \Delta$ and  $g_2(t^e) = g_2(t^b)$ .
- 3. Finally, query  $(m_a, t^d)$  and  $(m_b, t^e)$  and checks whether the output matches.

Case 3: Final block cipher uses the tweak-dependent key. In this case, we have  $g_1(t) = g_2(t) = 0$ . Now we have two subcases. If we can find two tweaks  $t^1$  and  $t^2$  such that  $f_1(t^1) = f_1(t^2)$ ,  $f_2(t^1) = f_2(t^2)$  and  $g_3(t^1) = g_3(t^2)$ , we have a trivial attack. Otherwise, find  $2^{n/2}$  many tweaks  $t^1, \ldots, t^{2^{n/2}}$  for which  $f_2(t^i) = f_2(t^j)$  and  $g_3(t^i) = g_3(t^j)$ . Note that, for all i, j, we have  $f_1(t^i) \neq f_1(t^j)$ . Here we construct the attack as follows:

- 1. We make queries  $(m_i, t^i)$ , for  $i = 1, ..., 2^{n/2}$  with distinct messages, i.e.,  $m_i \neq m_j$ , for all i and j. In this case, we expect to find a and b such that a collision occurs in the input of the second block cipher, i.e.,  $\alpha_1 \cdot y_1^a \oplus f_1(t^a) =$  $\alpha_1 \cdot y_1^b \oplus f_1(t^b)$ , and in that case the outputs,  $c_a$  and  $c_b$  matches.
- 2. Now fix  $\Delta \neq 0$ . Find  $t^d$  such that  $f_1(t^d) = f_1(t^a)$ ,  $f_2(t^d) = f_2(t^d) + \Delta$  and  $g_3(t^d) = g_3(t^a)$ . Also, find  $t^e$  such that  $f_1(t^e) = f_1(t^b)$ ,  $f_2(t^e) = f_2(t^b) + \Delta$ and  $g_3(t^e) = g_3(t^b)$ .
- 3. Finally, we query  $(m_a, t^d)$  and  $(m_b, t^e)$  and checks whether the output matches.

### Constructions with One Tweak-independent Key

Case 1: First two block ciphers use tweak-dependent key. In this case, we have  $g_3(t) = 0$ . If we can find two tweaks  $t^1$  and  $t^2$  such that  $f_1(t^1) = f_1(t^2)$ ,  $f_2(t^1) = f_2(t^2), g_1(t^1) = g_1(t^2)$  and  $g_2(t^1) = g_2(t^2)$ , we have a trivial attack. Otherwise, we break it into the following cases based on the dependency of  $f_1$ ,  $f_2$ ,  $g_1$  and  $g_2$  as given below.

Subcase 1:  $\{f_2, g_1\}$  is linearly dependent. In this case, we proceed as follows. First we find  $2^{n/2}$  many tweaks  $t^1, \ldots, t^{2^{n/2}}$  such that  $g_1(t^i) = g_1(t^j), f_1(t^i) \neq f_1(t^j)$ ,  $g_2(t^i) = g_2(t^j), f_2(t^i) = f_2(t^j).$ 

- 1. We make queries  $(m_i, t^i)$ , for  $i = 1, ..., 2^{n/2}$  such that  $m_i \neq m_j$ , for all  $i, j$ . Here we expect to find a and b such that  $\alpha_1 \cdot y_1^a \oplus f_1(t^a) = \alpha_1 \cdot y_1^b \oplus f_1(t^b)$  (by birthday collision), and in that case the outputs,  $c_a$  and  $c_b$  match.
- 2. Now fix  $\Delta \neq 0$ . Find  $t^d$  such that  $g_1(t^d) = g_1(t^a)$ ,  $f_1(t^d) = f_1(t^a) \oplus \Delta$  and  $g_2(t^d) = g_2(t^a)$ . Also, find  $t^e$  such that  $g_1(t^e) = g_1(t^b)$ ,  $f_1(t^e) = f_1(t^b) \oplus \Delta$ and  $g_2(t^e) = g_2(t^b)$ .
- 3. Finally, we query  $(m_a, t^d)$  and  $(m_b, t^e)$  and checks whether the output matches.

Subcase 2:  $\{f_1, f_2, g_1\}$  are linearly dependent. In this case we proceed as follows. First we find  $2^{n/2}$  many tweaks  $t^1, \ldots, t^{2^{n/2}}$  such that  $g_1(t^i) \neq g_1(t^j)$ ,  $g_2(t^i) =$  $g_2(t^j)$ ,  $f_2(t^i) = f_2(t^j)$ .

- 1. We make queries  $(m, t^i)$ , for  $i = 1, \ldots, 2^{n/2}$ . Here we expect to find a and b such that  $\alpha_1 \cdot y_1^a \oplus f_1(t^a) = \alpha_1 \cdot y_1^b \oplus f_1(t^b)$  (by birthday collision), and in that case the outputs,  $c_a$  and  $c_b$  matches.
- 2. Now fix  $\Delta \neq 0$ . Find  $t^d$  such that  $g_1(t^d) = g_1(t^a)$ ,  $f_1(t^d) = f_1(t^a)$  and  $g_2(t^d) = g_2(t^a) \oplus \Delta$ . Also, find  $t^e$  such that  $g_1(t^e) = g_1(t^b)$ ,  $f_1(t^e) = f_1(t^b)$ and  $g_2(t^e) = g_2(t^b) \oplus \Delta$ .
- 3. Finally, we query  $(m, t^d)$  and  $(m, t^e)$  and checks whether the output matches.

Subcase 3:  $\{f_1, f_2\}$  or  $\{f_1, g_2\}$  or  $\{f_2, g_2\}$  or  $\{f_1, f_2, g_2\}$  are linearly dependent. First, let us consider the cases when  $\{f_1, f_2\}$  or  $\{f_1, f_2, g_2\}$  is linearly dependent. Here we proceed as follows. First we find  $2^{n/2}$  many tweaks  $t^1, \ldots, t^{2^{n/2}}$  such that  $g_1(t^i) \neq g_1(t^j)$ ,  $f_1(t^i) = f_1(t^j)$ ,  $f_2(t^i) = f_2(t^j)$ ,  $g_2(t^i) = g_2(t^j)$ .

- 1. We make queries  $(m, t^i)$ , for  $i = 1, \ldots, 2^{n/2}$ , for all i and j. In this case, we expect to find a and b such that  $y_1^a = y_1^b$  (by birthday collision), and in that case the outputs,  $c_a$  and  $c_b$  match.
- 2. Now fix  $\Delta \neq 0$ . Find  $t^d$  such that  $g_1(t^d) = g_1(t^a)$ ,  $f_1(t^d) = f_1(t^a) \oplus \Delta$  and  $g_2(t^d) = g_2(t^a)$ . Also, find  $t^e$  such that  $g_1(t^e) = g_1(t^b)$ ,  $f_1(t^e) = f_1(t^b) + \Delta$ and  $g_2(t^e) = g_2(t^b)$ .
- 3. Finally, we query  $(m, t^d)$  and  $(m, t^e)$  and checks whether the output matches.

When  ${f_2, g_2}$  is linearly dependent, we follow the same algorithm except that we choose  $t^d$  and  $t^e$  as follows:  $g_1(t^d) = g_1(t^a)$ ,  $f_1(t^d) = f_1(t^a)$  and  $g_2(t^d) =$  $g_2(t^a) \oplus \Delta; g_1(t^e) = g_1(t^b), f_1(t^e) = f_1(t^b)$  and  $g_2(t^e) = g_2(t^b) + \Delta.$ 

When  ${f_1, g_2}$  is linearly dependent, we follow the same algorithm except that we choose  $t^d$  and  $t^e$  as follows:  $g_1(t^d) = g_1(t^a)$ ,  $f_2(t^d) = f_2(t^a)$  and  $f_1(t^d) =$  $f_1(t^a) \oplus \Delta$ ;  $g_1(t^e) = g_1(t^b)$ ,  $f_2(t^e) = f_2(t^b)$  and  $f_1(t^e) = f_1(t^b) + \Delta$ .

Subcase 4:  $\{f_1, g_1\}$  or  $\{f_1, g_1, g_2\}$  are linearly dependent. Here we find  $2^{n/2}$  many tweaks  $t^1, \ldots, t^{2^{n/2}}$  such that  $g_1(t^i) \neq g_1(t^j)$ ,  $f_1(t^i) \neq f_1(t^j)$ ,  $f_2(t^i) = f_2(t^j)$ ,  $g_2(t^i) = g_2(t^j).$ 

- 1. We make queries  $(m, t_i)$ , for  $i = 1, ..., 2^{n/2}$ , for all i and j. Here we expect to find a and b such that  $\alpha_1 \cdot y_1^a \oplus f_1(t^a) = \alpha_1 \cdot y_1^b \oplus f_1(t^b)$  (by birthday collision), and in that case the outputs,  $c_a$  and  $c_b$  match.
- 2. Now fix  $\Delta \neq 0$ . Find  $t^d$  such that  $g_1(t^d) = g_1(t^a)$ ,  $f_1(t^d) = f_1(t^a)$ ,  $f_2(t^d) =$  $f_2(t^a) + \Delta$ . Also, find  $t^e$  such that  $g_1(t^e) = g_1(t^b)$ ,  $f_1(t^e) = f_1(t^b)$ ,  $f_2(t^e) =$  $f_2(t^b) + \Delta.$
- 3. Finally, we query  $(m, t^d)$  and  $(m, t^e)$  and checks whether the output matches.

Subcase 5:  $\{g_1, g_2\}$  or  $\{f_2, g_1, g_2\}$  are linearly dependent. In this case we find  $2^{n/2}$  many tweaks  $t^1, \ldots, t^{2^{n/2}}$  such that  $g_1(t^i) = g_1(t^j), f_1(t^i) \neq f_1(t^j), f_2(t^i) =$  $f_2(t^j), g_2(t^i) = g_2(t^j).$ 

- 1. We make queries  $(m_i, t_i)$ , for  $i = 1, ..., 2^{n/2}$ , where  $m_i \neq m_j$ , for all i and j. In this case, we expect to find a and b such that  $y_2^a = y_2^b$  (by birthday collision), and in that case the outputs,  $c_a$  and  $c_b$  match.
- 2. Now fix  $\Delta \neq 0$ . Find  $t^d$  such that  $g_1(t^d) = g_1(t^a)$ ,  $f_1(t^d) = f_1(t^a)$ ,  $f_2(t^d) =$  $f_2(t^a) + \Delta$ . Also, find  $t^e$  such that  $g_1(t^e) = g_1(t^b)$ ,  $f_1(t^e) = f_1(t^b)$ ,  $f_2(t^e) =$  $f_2(t^b) + \Delta.$
- 3. Finally, we query  $(m, t^d)$  and  $(m, t^e)$  and checks whether the output matches.

Subcase 6: None of the proper subsets of  $\{f_1, f_2, g_1, g_2\}$  are linearly dependent. In this case, we proceed as follows. First we find  $2^{n/2}$  many tweaks  $t^1, \ldots, t^{2^{n/2}}$ such that  $g_1(t^i) \neq g_1(t^j)$ ,  $f_1(t^i) \neq f_1(t^j)$ ,  $g_2(t^i) = g_2(t^j)$ ,  $f_2(t^i) = f_2(t^j)$ .

- 1. We make queries  $(m, t^i)$ , for  $i = 1, ..., 2^{n/2}$ , for all i and j. We expect to find a and b such that  $\alpha_1 y_1^a + f_1(t^a) = y_1^b + f_1(t^b)$  (by birthday collision), and in that case the outputs,  $c_a$  and  $c_b$  matches.
- 2. Now fix  $\Delta \neq 0$ . Find  $t^d$  such that  $g_1(t^d) = g_1(t^a)$ ,  $f_1(t^d) = f_1(t^a) + \Delta$ ,  $f_2(t^d) = f_2(t^a)$ . Also, find  $t^e$  such that  $g_1(t^e) = g_1(t^b)$ ,  $f_1(t^e) = f_1(t^b) + \Delta$ ,  $f_2(t^e) = f_2(t^b).$
- 3. Finally, we query  $(m, t^d)$  and  $(m, t^e)$  and checks whether the output matches.

#### B.2 Message is fed into Second Block cipher

The generalized construction (ensuring the TBC is invertible) for this case, dubbed  $C_{10}$ , is depicted in Fig. [13.](#page-55-0) Note that incorporating tweaks into the message or ciphertext does not amplify security. So, we refrain from using such modifications in our constructions. Now we consider cases with different number of tweak-independent keys.

Constructions with Three Tweak-independent Keys In this case, by definition, we have  $g_1(t) = g_2(t) = g_3(t) = 0$ ,  $\alpha_2 = \alpha_4 = 0$ . To attack this construction, our strategy is as follows:

1. Find two tweaks such that  $t^1, t^2$  such that  $f_1(t^1) = f_1(t^2), f_2(t^1) = f_2(t^2)$ . Note that, with this choice of tweaks, if we make two queries  $(m, t<sup>1</sup>)$  and  $(m, t^2)$ , we will have  $y_1^1 = y_1^2$  as well as  $y_2^1 = y_2^2$ .

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Fig. 13: Construction  $C_{10}$ : Message is fed into Second Block Cipher Call

2. We can use the above observation to distinguish the TBC from a random tweakable permutation by making two oracle queries  $(m, t^1)$ ,  $(m, t^2)$ , and verifying if the corresponding outputs match.

Constructions with Two Tweak-independent Keys Here we consider the possible TBC constructions with three block ciphers where we have two block cipher calls with tweak-independent keys.

Case 1: First block cipher uses the tweak-dependent key. In this case, we have  $g_2(t) = g_3(t) = 0$  and  $\alpha_2 = \alpha_4 = 0$ . Now we have two subcases. If we can find two tweaks  $t^1$  and  $t^2$  such that  $f_1(t^1) = f_1(t^2)$ ,  $f_2(t^1) = f_2(t^2)$  and  $g_1(t^1) = g_1(t^2)$ , we have the trivial attack. Otherwise, we find  $2^{n/2}$  many tweaks  $t^1, \ldots, t^{2^{n/2}}$  for which  $f_1(t^i) = f_1(t^j)$  and  $f_2(t^i) = f_2(t^j)$ . Note that, for all i, j, we have  $g_1(t^i) \neq g_1(t^j)$ . In this case we construct the attack as follows:

- 1. We make queries  $(m, t^i)$ , for  $i = 1, ..., 2^{n/2}$ . In this case we expect to find a and b such that  $y_1^a = y_1^b$  (b'day collision), and in that case the outputs,  $c_a$ and  $c_b$  matches.
- 2. Now fix  $\Delta \neq 0$ . Make two queries  $(m + \Delta, t^a)$  and  $(m + \Delta, t^b)$  and checks whether the output matches.

Similar attacks will work for the other two cases.

Constructions with One Tweak-independent Key Here we consider the possible TBC constructions with three block ciphers where we have one block cipher call with tweak-independent keys.

Case 1: First block cipher uses the tweak-dependent key. In this case, we have  $g_3(t) = 0$  and  $\alpha_4 = 0$ . If we can find two tweaks  $t^1$  and  $t^2$  such that  $f_1(t^1) = f_1(t^2)$ ,  $f_2(t^1) = f_2(t^2)$ ,  $g_1(t^1) = g_1(t^2)$  and  $g_2(t^1) = g_2(t^2)$ , we have a trivial attack. Otherwise, we break it into the following cases based on the dependency of  $f_1$ ,  $f_2$ ,  $g_1$  and  $g_2$  as given below.

Subcase 1:  $\{g_1, g_2\}$  or  $\{g_1, f_2\}$  or  $\{g_1, g_2, f_2\}$  is linearly dependent. Here we can find  $2^{n/2}$  many tweaks  $t^1, \ldots, t^{2^{n/2}}$  for which  $g_1(t^i) = g_1(t^j), f_2(t^i) = f_2(t^j),$  $g_2(t^i) = g_2(t^j)$  and  $f_1(t^i) \neq f_1(t^j)$ . Now we mount the following attack:

- 1. We make queries  $(m_i, t^i)$ , for  $i = 1, \ldots, 2^{n/2}$ , where  $m_i := \alpha_1 \alpha_3^{-1} f_2(t^i)$ , for all  $i$ . Note that by birthday assumption, we expect to find  $a$  and  $b$  such that  $m_i \oplus \alpha_1 \cdot y_1^a = m_j \oplus \alpha_1 \cdot y_1^b$ , then by definition, we will have  $y_2^a = y_2^b$ , and subsequently the outputs,  $c_a$  and  $c_b$  matches. Note that the choice of our messages ensures that we have  $\alpha_3(y_1^i \oplus y_1^j) = f_2(t^i) \oplus f_2(t^j)$ .
- 2. Now fix  $\Delta \neq 0$ . Make two queries  $(m + \Delta, t^a)$  and  $(m + \Delta, t^b)$  and checks whether the output matches.

**Subcase 2: All Other Cases.** For all the remaining cases, we can find  $2^{n/2}$ many tweaks  $t^1, \ldots, t^{2^{n/2}}$  for which  $g_2(t^i) = g_2(t^j)$ ,  $f_2(t^i) = f_2(t^j)$  and  $g_1(t^i) \neq$  $g_1(t^j)$ , and mount the following attack:

- 1. We make queries  $(m, t^i)$ , for  $i = 1, ..., 2^{n/2}$ . Note that by birthday assumption, we expect to find a and b such that  $y_1^a = y_1^b$ , then by definition, we will have  $y_2^a = y_2^b$ , and subsequently the outputs,  $c_a$  and  $c_b$  matches.
- 2. Now fix  $\Delta \neq 0$ . Make two queries  $(m + \Delta, t^a)$  and  $(m + \Delta, t^b)$  and checks whether the output matches.

Similar attacks will work for the remaining two cases, i.e., when the second or third block cipher uses a tweak-independent key.

## C Distinguishing Algorithms against various Constructions

#### <span id="page-56-0"></span>C.1 Construction  $C_1$  and A Distinguishing Algorithm against It



<span id="page-57-0"></span>

| Distinguisher $\mathcal{D}_1$ |                                                                              |  |  |  |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|--|--|
|                               | 1: Choose $t^1, t^2$ : $f_1(t^1) = f_1(t^2) \wedge f_2(t^1) = f_2(t^2);$     |  |  |  |
|                               | 2: Make TBC Queries $(m, t^1), (m, t^2)$ ; Let the responses be $c^1, c^2$ ; |  |  |  |
|                               | 3: Return 1, if $c^1 = c^2$ ;                                                |  |  |  |

Fig. 14: Distinguishing Algorithm against Construction  $C_1$ 

### <span id="page-57-2"></span>C.2 Construction  $C_2$  and A Distinguishing Algorithm against It



<span id="page-57-1"></span>

Fig. 15: Distinguishing Algorithm against Construction  $\mathcal{C}_2$ 

## <span id="page-58-1"></span>C.3 Construction  $C_3$  and A Distinguishing Algorithm against It



<span id="page-58-0"></span>

| Distinguisher $\mathcal{D}_3$ |                                                                                                        |  |  |  |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| 1:                            | Choose $t^1, \ldots, t^{2^{n/2}}$ : $\forall i, j, f_1(t^i) = f_1(t^j) \wedge f_3(t^i) \neq f_3(t^j);$ |  |  |  |
| 2:                            | Make $2^{n/2}$ TBC Queries $(m, t^1), \ldots, (m, t^q);$                                               |  |  |  |
|                               | 3: Let the responses be $c_1, \ldots, c_q$ , respectively;                                             |  |  |  |
|                               | 4: Find $a, b: c_a = c_b$ ;                                                                            |  |  |  |
|                               | 5: Make TBC Queries $(m^{\star}, t^a)$ , $(m^{\star}, t^b)$ , $m \neq m^{\star}$ ;                     |  |  |  |
|                               | 6: Let the responses be $c_a^{\star}$ , $c_b^{\star}$ ;                                                |  |  |  |
|                               | 7: Return 1, if $c_a^* = c_b^*$ ;                                                                      |  |  |  |

Fig. 16: Distinguishing Algorithm against Construction  $C_3$ 

### <span id="page-58-2"></span>C.4 Construction  $C_4$  and A Distinguishing Algorithm against It



<span id="page-59-0"></span>Distinguisher  $\mathcal{D}_4$  against the Construction when  $\beta_1 = \beta_2 = 0$ 1: Choose  $t^1, t^2:~ f_1(t^1) = f_1(t^2) \wedge f_2(t^1) \neq f_2(t^2) \wedge f_3(t^1) = f_3(t^2);$ 2: Make  $2$  TBC Queries  $(m, t^1), (m, t^2);$ 3: Let the responses be  $c_1, c_2$ , respectively; 4: Make TBC Queries  $(m\oplus \Delta, t^1),\; (m\oplus \Delta, t^2),\; \Delta \neq 0;$ 5: Let the responses be  $c_1^{\star}, c_2^{\star};$ 6: Return 1, if  $c_1^* \oplus c_2^* = c_1 \oplus c_2;$ Distinguisher  $\mathcal{D}_4$  against the Construction when  $\beta_1 \neq 0, \ \beta_2 = 0$  $1: \quad \texttt{Choose}\,\, t^1, \ldots, t^{2^{n/2}}: \,\, \forall i,j,\,\, f_1(t^i) = f_1(t^j) \wedge f_2(t^i) \neq f_2(t^j) \wedge f_3(t^i) = f_3(t^j);$ 2: Make  $2^{n/2}$  TBC Queries  $(m_1,t^1),\ldots,(m_q,t^q)$ :  $\forall i,j \; m_i \neq m_j;$ 3: Let the responses be  $c_1, \ldots, c_q$ , respectively;  $4: \quad \texttt{Find} \,\, i,j: \,\, c_i \oplus c_j = \beta_1^{-1}\beta_3 (m_i \oplus m_j);$ 5: Make TBC Queries  $(m_i \oplus \varDelta, t^i), \; (m_j \oplus \varDelta, t^j), \; \varDelta \neq 0;$ 6: Let the responses be  $c_i^{\star}, c_j^{\star};$ 7: Return 1, if  $c_i^* \oplus c_i^* = \beta_1^{-1} \beta_3 (m_i \oplus m_j);$ Distinguisher  $\mathcal{D}_4$  against the Construction when  $\beta_2 \neq 0$  $1: \quad \texttt{Choose}\,\, t^1, \ldots, t^{2^{n/2}}: \,\, \forall i,j,\,\, f_1(t^i) = f_1(t^j) \land f_2(t^i) \neq f_2(t^j) \land f_3(t^i) \neq f_3(t^j);$  $2: \quad \texttt{Make}\;2^{n/2} \; \texttt{TBC}\; \texttt{Queries}\; (m_1 := \beta_2^{-1}\beta_1 f_3(t^1), t^1), \ldots, (m_q := \beta_2^{-1}\beta_1 f_3(t^q), t^q);$ 3: Let the responses be  $c_1, \ldots, c_q$ , respectively;  $4: \quad \texttt{Find} \,\, i,j: \,\, c_i \oplus c_j = \beta_1^{-1}\beta_3 (m_i \oplus m_j);$ 5: Make TBC Queries  $(m_i \oplus \varDelta, t^i), \; (m_j \oplus \varDelta, t^j), \; \varDelta \neq 0;$ 6: Let the responses be  $c_i^{\star}, c_j^{\star};$ 7: Return 1, if  $c_i^* \oplus c_i^* = \beta_1^{-1} \beta_3 (m_i \oplus m_j);$ 

Fig. 16: Distinguishing Algorithm against Construction  $C_4$ .

#### <span id="page-60-1"></span>C.5 Construction  $C_5$  and A Distinguishing Algorithm against It



<span id="page-60-0"></span>Distinguisher  $\mathcal{D}_5$  against the Construction when  $\beta_1 = \beta_2 = 0$ 1: Choose  $t^1, t^2: f_1(t^1) = f_1(t^2) \wedge f_4(t^1) = f_4(t^2);$  $2: \quad$  Make  $2$  TBC Queries  $(m, t^1), (m, t^2);$  Let the responses be  $c_1, \; c_2;$ 3: Make TBC Queries  $(m\oplus \mathit{\Delta},t^1),\; (m\oplus \mathit{\Delta},t^2),\; \mathit{\Delta} \neq 0;$ 4: Let the responses be  $c_1^{\star}, c_2^{\star};$ 5: Return 1, if  $c_1^{\star} \oplus c_2^{\star} = c_1 \oplus c_2$ ; Distinguisher  $\mathcal{D}_5$  against the Construction when  $\beta_1 \neq 0, \ \beta_2 = 0$ 1: Choose  $t^1, \ldots, t^{2^{n/2}}$ :  $\forall i, j, \; f_1(t^i) = f_1(t^j) \wedge f_4(t^i) = f_4(t^j)$  $\wedge$   $(f_3(t^i) \neq f_3(t^j) \vee f_2(t^i) \neq f_2(t^j));$  $2: \quad \texttt{Make\ } 2^{n/2} \text{ TBC Queries } (m_1, t^1), \ldots, (m_q, t^q): \ \forall i,j \ m_i \neq m_j;$ 3: Let the responses be  $c_1, \ldots, c_q$ , respectively; 4 : Find  $i, j$  :  $\beta_1(c_i \oplus c_j) = \beta_3(m_i \oplus m_j);$ 5: Make TBC Queries  $(m_i \oplus \varDelta, t^i), \; (m_j \oplus \varDelta, t^j), \; \varDelta \neq 0;$ 6: Let the responses be  $c_i^{\star}, c_j^{\star};$ 7: Return 1, if  $c_i^* \oplus c_j^* = c_i \oplus c_j;$ Distinguisher  $\mathcal{D}_4$  against the Construction when  $\beta_2 \neq 0$  $1: \quad \texttt{Choose}~ t^1, \ldots, t^{2^{n/2}}:~ \forall i,j,~ f_1(t^i) = f_1(t^j) \land f_3(t^i) \neq f_3(t^j) \texttt{ or }$  $f_1(t^i) = f_1(t^j) \wedge f_2(t^i) \neq f_2(t^j) \wedge f_4(t^i) \neq f_4(t^j);$  $2: \quad \texttt{Make}\;2^{n/2} \; \texttt{TBC}\; \texttt{Queries}\; (m_1 := \beta_2^{-1}\beta_1f_4(t^1),t^1), \ldots, (m_q := \beta_2^{-1}\beta_1f_4(t^q),t^q);$ 3 : Let the responses be  $c_1, \ldots, c_q$ , respectively; 4 : Find  $i, j$  :  $\beta_1(c_i \oplus c_j) = \beta_3(m_i \oplus m_j);$ 5: Make TBC Queries  $(m_i \oplus \varDelta,t^i), \; (m_j \oplus \varDelta,t^j), \; \varDelta \neq 0;$ 6: Let the responses be  $c_i^{\star}, c_j^{\star};$ 7: Return 1, if  $c_i^* \oplus c_i^* = c_i \oplus c_j;$ 

Fig. 17: Distinguishing Algorithm against Construction  $\mathcal{C}_5$ .

#### <span id="page-61-1"></span>C.6 Construction  $C_6$  and A Distinguishing Algorithm against It



<span id="page-61-0"></span>Distinguisher  $\mathcal{D}_6$  against the Construction when  $\alpha_1 \neq 0$ ,  $\alpha_3 = 0$  $1: \quad \texttt{Choose}~ t^1, \ldots, t^{2^{n/2}}:~ \forall i,j,~ f_2(t^i) \neq f_2(t^j) \land f_4(t^i) = f_4(t^j) \texttt{ or }$  $f_1(t^i) \neq f_1(t^j) \wedge f_3(t^i) \neq f_3(t^j) \wedge f_4(t^i) = f_4(t^j);$ 2: Make  $2^{n/2}$  TBC Queries  $(m_1=\alpha_2\alpha_1^{-1}f_3(t^1),t^1),\ldots,$  $(m_q = \alpha_2 \alpha_1^{-1} f_3(t^q), t^q) : \ \forall i, j \ m_i \neq m_j;$ 3: Let the responses be  $c_1, \ldots, c_q$ , respectively; 4: Find  $i, j: \alpha_1(c_i \oplus c_j) = \alpha_4(f_3(t^i) \oplus f_3(t^j));$ 5: Make TBC Queries  $(m_i \oplus \varDelta, t^i), \; (m_j \oplus \varDelta, t^j), \; \varDelta \neq 0;$ 6: Let the responses be  $c_i^{\star}, c_j^{\star};$ 7: Return 1, if  $c_i^* \oplus c_j^* = c_i \oplus c_j;$ Distinguisher  $\mathcal{D}_6$  against the Construction when  $\alpha_1 \neq 0$ ,  $\alpha_3 \neq 0$  $1: \quad \texttt{Choose } t^1, \ldots, t^{2^{n/2}}: \; \forall i,j, \; f_2(t^i) \neq f_2(t^j), \; f_3(t^i) = f_3(t^j), \; f_4(t^i) = f_4(t^j) \; \texttt{or}$  $f_1(t^i) \neq f_1(t^j), \,\, f_3(t^i) \neq f_3(t^j), \,\, f_4(t^i) = \alpha_3 \alpha_1^{-1} f_3(t^i)$  or  $f_2(t^i) \neq f_2(t^j)$ ,  $f_4(t^i) = \alpha_3 \alpha_1^{-1} f_3(t^i)$ ;  $2: \quad \texttt{Make}\;2^{n/2} \; \texttt{TBC}\; \texttt{Queries}\; (m_1 := \alpha_2^{-1}\alpha_1f_3(t^1), t^1), \ldots, (m_q := \alpha_2^{-1}\alpha_1f_3(t^q), t^q);$ 3: Let the responses be  $c_1, \ldots, c_q$ , respectively; 4: Find  $i, j: \alpha_1(c_i \oplus c_j) = \alpha_4(f_3(t^i) \oplus f_3(t^j));$ 5: Make TBC Queries  $(m_i \oplus \varDelta,t^i), \; (m_j \oplus \varDelta,t^j), \; \varDelta \neq 0;$ 6: Let the responses be  $c_i^{\star}, c_j^{\star};$ 7: Return 1, if  $c_i^* \oplus c_i^* = c_i \oplus c_j;$ 

Fig. 18: Distinguishing Algorithm against Construction  $\mathcal{C}_6$ .

#### <span id="page-62-1"></span>C.7 Construction  $C_7$  and A Distinguishing Algorithm against It



<span id="page-62-0"></span>

Fig. 19: Distinguishing Algorithm against Construction  $C_7$ .

## <span id="page-63-1"></span>C.8 Construction  $C_8$  and A Distinguishing Algorithm against It



<span id="page-63-0"></span>Distinguisher  $\mathcal{D}_8$  against the Construction when  $\gamma_1 = 0$ 1: Choose  $t^1, t^2$  satisfying  $f_1(t^1) = f_1(t^2)$  and  $f_2(t^1) = f_2(t^2);$  $2: \quad \texttt{Make}\;2^{n/2} \text{ TBC Queries}\;(m,t^1), (m,t^2);$ 3 : Let the responses be  $c_1, c_2$  respectively; 4: Make TBC Queries  $(m\oplus \mathit{\Delta},t^1),\ (m\oplus \mathit{\Delta},t^2),\ \mathit{\Delta} \neq 0;$ 5: Let the responses be  $c_1^{\star}, c_2^{\star};$ 6: Return 1, if  $c_1^{\star} \oplus c_2^{\star} = c_1 \oplus c_2;$ Distinguisher  $\mathcal{D}_8$  against the Construction when  $\gamma_1 \neq 0$  $1: \quad \texttt{Choose}\,\, t^1, \ldots, t^q: \,\, \forall i,j,\,\, f_1(t^i) = f_1(t^j) \land f_2(t^i) = f_2(t^j) \land f_3(t^i) \neq f_3(t^j);$  $2: \quad \texttt{Make\ } 2^{n/2} \texttt{ TBC Questions } (m^1, t^1), \ldots, (m^q, t^q): \ \forall i, j, \ m^i \neq m^j;$ 3: Let the responses be  $c_1, \ldots, c_q$ , respectively; 4 : Find  $i, j$  :  $\gamma_1(c_i \oplus c_j) = \gamma_2(m_i \oplus m_j);$ 5: Make TBC Queries  $(m_i \oplus \varDelta, t^i), \ (m_j \oplus \varDelta, t^j), \ \varDelta \neq 0;$ 6: Let the responses be  $c_i^{\star}, c_j^{\star};$ 7: Return 1, if  $c_i^* \oplus c_j^* = c_i \oplus c_j;$ 

Fig. 20: Distinguishing Algorithm against Construction  $\mathcal{C}_8$ .