

# Iterative single Tardos decoder with controlled probability of false positive

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## Abstract

- Traitor tracing based on Tardos codes
- Iterative accusation algorithm with side information to catch as many colluders as possible

## Traitor Tracing

Identify a small set of dishonest users illegally distributing their content copies. Embed the user's codeword in the content copy via watermarking. The content is split into blocks and each block carries a '0' or '1' symbol.

### Setup

- $m$ : number of bits in codeword,  $c$ : number of colluders
- $n$ : number of users/codewords  $\mathbf{x}_j = (x_j(1), \dots, x_j(m))$

**Coding** The Tardos code [1] is the optimum code construction. A matrix  $\mathbf{X} = [\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n]$  is generated:

1. Randomly draw sequence  $\mathbf{p} = (p(1), \dots, p(m))$  with  $p(i) \stackrel{i.i.d}{\sim} f(p) : (0, 1) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+, p \rightarrow (\pi^2(1-p))^{-1/2}$ .
2. Randomly draw  $x_j(i)$  s.t.  $\mathbb{P}(x_j(i) = 1) = p(i)$ .

**Collusion** The colluders mix their copies to forge a pirated copy. The watermark decoder retrieves a pirated sequence  $\mathbf{y} \in \{0, 1\}^m$ . Marking assumption:  $y(i) \in \{x_j(i)\}$  for  $1 \leq j \leq n$ .

**Decoding** Identify the colluders given  $\mathbf{y}$ ,  $\mathbf{p}$  and  $\mathbf{X}$ .

**Goal** Identify as many colluders as possible while maintaining a low probability of false accusation, e.g.  $P_{fp} = 10^{-3}$ .

## Accusation Process

The optimal single decoder is given by [2, Sec. 3.1]:

$$s_j = \sum_{i=1}^m \log \frac{\mathbb{P}(y(i)|x_j(i), p(i))}{\mathbb{P}(y(i)|p(i))}, \quad (1)$$

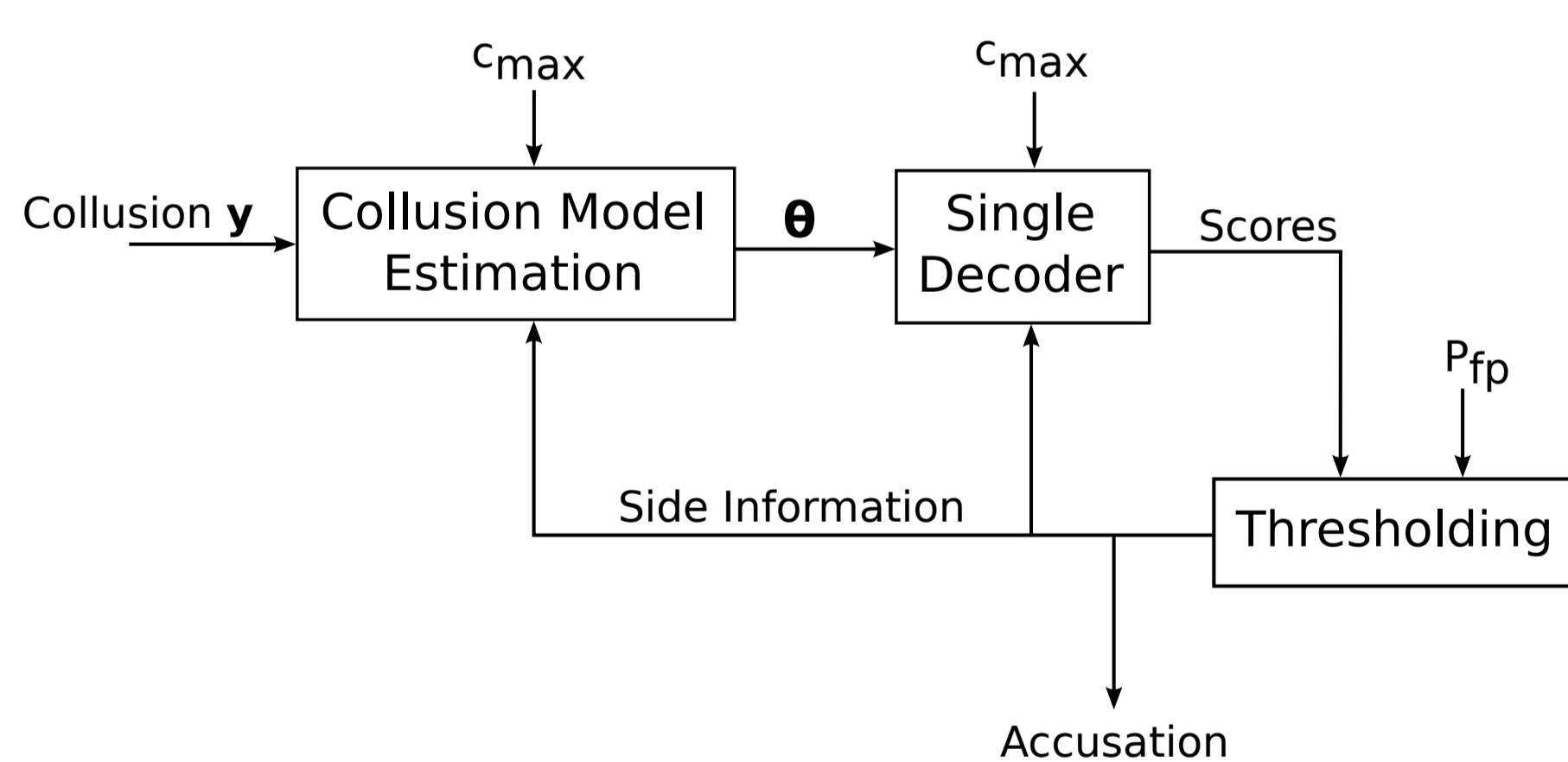
with

$$\mathbb{P}(y(i) = 1) = \sum_{\sigma=0}^c \theta(\sigma) \mathbb{P}(\sigma|p(i)), \quad (2)$$

$$\mathbb{P}(\sigma|p(i)) = \binom{c}{\sigma} p(i)^\sigma (1-p(i))^{c-\sigma}, \quad (3)$$

$$\mathbb{P}(y(i) = 1|x_j(i)) = \sum_{\sigma=x_j(i)}^{c-1+x_j(i)} \theta(\sigma) \mathbb{P}(\sigma|x_j(i), p(i)), \quad (4)$$

$$\mathbb{P}(\sigma|x, p(i)) = \binom{c-1}{\sigma-x} p(i)^{\sigma-x} (1-p(i))^{c-1-\sigma+x}. \quad (5)$$



Overview of the iterative, side-informed decoder.

Colluders are expected to have higher scores than innocent users. We accuse users whose scores are higher than threshold  $\tau$ .

Three cases are possible:

- (i)  $m$  is big enough and the  $c$  colluders' scores are ranked first,
- (ii) some but not all the colluders are ranked first,
- (iii)  $m$  is too short and one innocent has the biggest score.

**Iterative decoding** In case (ii), at least one colluder is caught and added as side information to the set  $\mathcal{X}_{S1}$ . This allows

- More discriminative scores
- More accurate collusion model estimation

Let  $\rho_i = \sum_{j \in \mathcal{X}_{S1}} x_j(i)$ . This changes equations (2) - (5) to:

$$(2) \leftarrow \sum_{\sigma=\rho_i}^{c-k+\rho_i} \theta(\sigma) \mathbb{P}(\sigma|p(i)),$$

$$(3) \leftarrow \binom{c-k}{\sigma-\rho_i} p(i)^{\sigma-\rho_i} (1-p(i))^{c-k-\sigma+\rho_i},$$

$$(4) \leftarrow \sum_{\sigma=x_j(i)+\rho_i}^{c-k-1+x_j(i)+\rho_i} \theta(\sigma) \mathbb{P}(\sigma|x_j(i), p(i)),$$

$$(5) \leftarrow \binom{c-k-1}{\sigma-\rho_i-x} p(i)^{\sigma-\rho_i-x} (1-p(i))^{c-k-1-\sigma-\rho_i+x}.$$

## Thresholding

- Generate new codewords of innocents based on  $\mathbf{p}$  and compute their scores.
- Estimate the threshold  $\tau$  such that the probability of being an innocent is below  $\epsilon$  using Monte-Carlo simulation.
- Large  $n$  implies a too small probability  $\epsilon = n^{-1}P_{fp}$ . For this reason we implement an estimator based on rare event analysis [3].

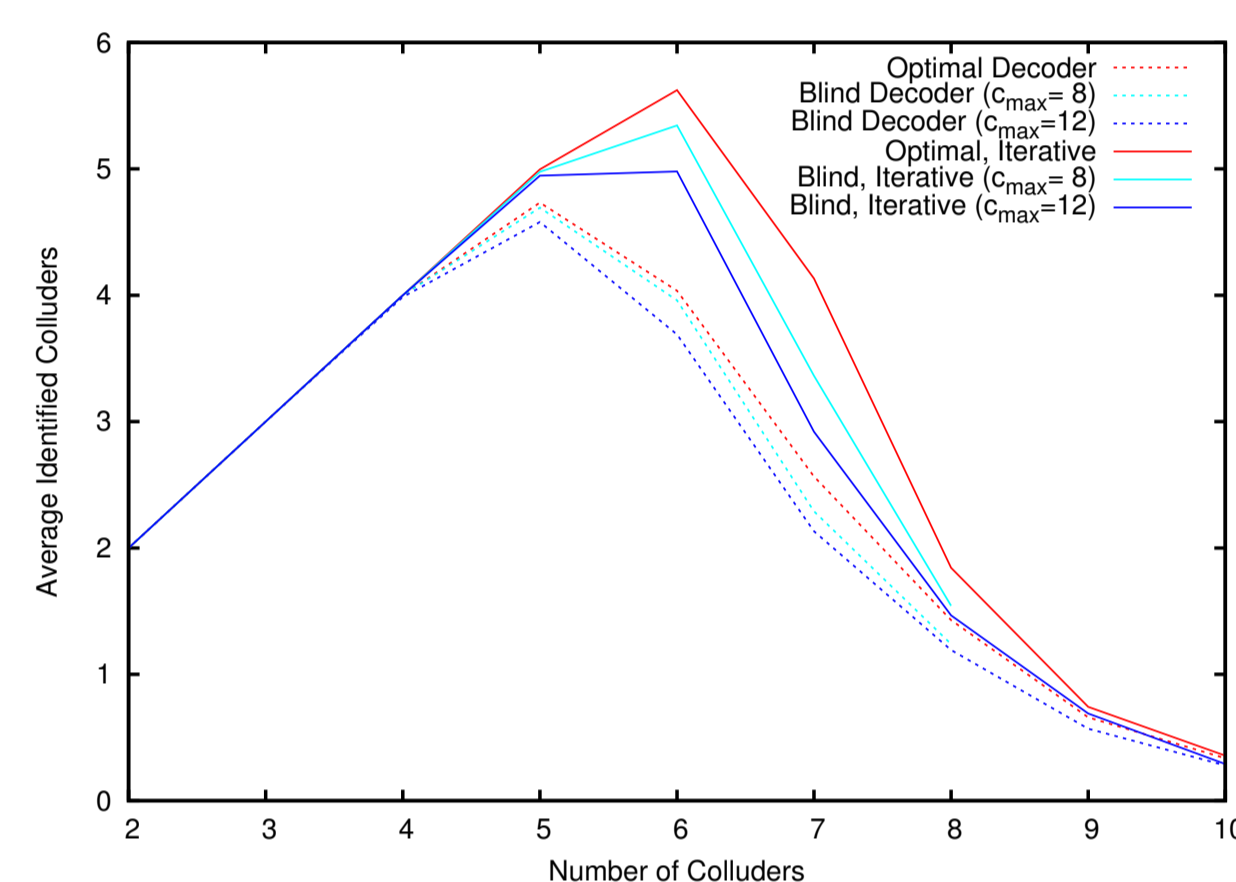
## Collusion Model Estimation

For an estimated collusion size  $\hat{c}$ , the collusion process  $\theta$  can be estimated from the observation of  $\mathbf{y}$ :

$$\hat{\theta} = \arg \max_{\theta \in [0, 1]^{\hat{c}+1} \text{ s.t. } \theta(0)=0, \theta(\hat{c})=1} \log \mathbb{P}(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{p}, \theta) \quad (6)$$

with  $\mathbb{P}(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{p}, \theta) = \prod_{i=1}^m \mathbb{P}(y(i)|p(i))$ .

Due to lack of identifiability, one cannot estimate  $c$ , but only  $\hat{\theta}$  for a given  $\hat{c}$ . We impose  $\hat{c} = c_{\max}$  (performance degradation is illustrated below).



Identified traitors (*interleaving* collusion,  $n = 10^5$ ,  $m = 2048$ ,  $P_{fp} = 10^{-4}$ ); optimal and blind decoders with different  $c_{\max}$ .

## Fast Score Computation

For a large number of users, score computation is limited by memory bandwidth. Two speedup techniques can be used:

**Weight precomputation** Computation of an individual's score  $s_j$  can be written as  $s_j = \sum_{i=1}^m W[x_j(i)](i)$  where  $\mathbf{W}$  is a  $2 \times m$  matrix containing the precomputed log-likelihood ratios:

$$W[0](i) = \log \frac{\mathbb{P}(y(i)|p(i))}{\mathbb{P}(y(i)|0, p(i))},$$

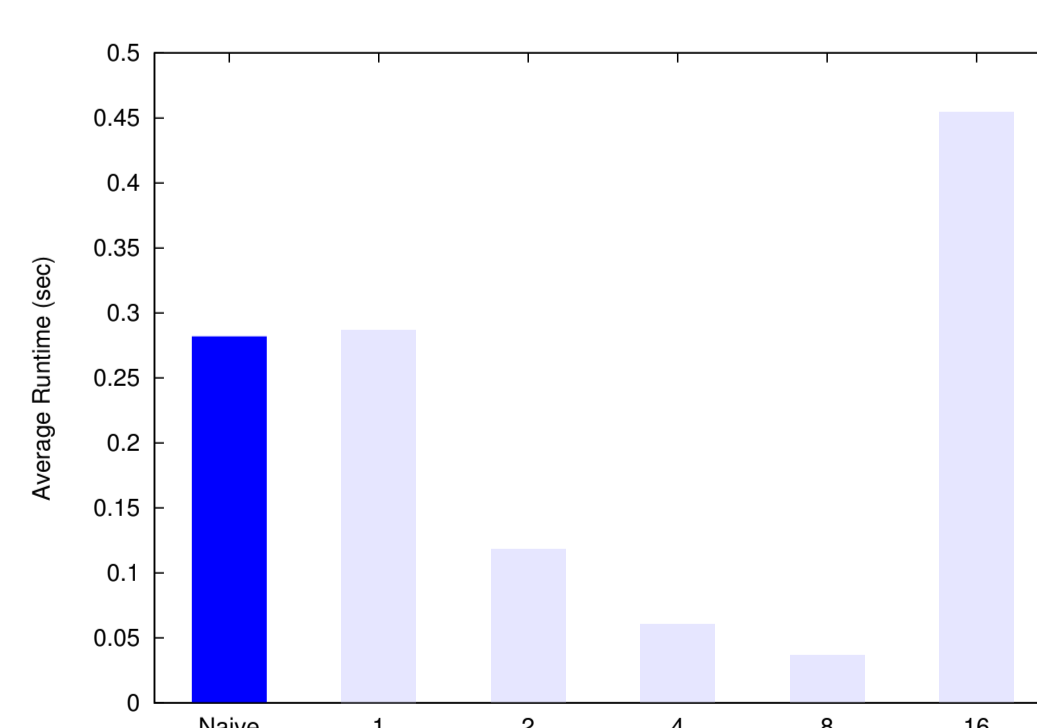
$$W[1](i) = \log \frac{\mathbb{P}(y(i)|p(i))}{\mathbb{P}(y(i)|1, p(i))}.$$

**Aggregation**  $b$  bits are grouped together into an unsigned integer data type native to the processor, e.g.  $b = 32$ . Chunks of  $a \leq b$  bits, e.g.  $a = 8$ , can be processed in parallel using a table lookup. The weight matrix  $\mathbf{W}$  is turned into an aggregated weight matrix  $\mathbf{W}'$  of size  $2^a \times \lceil m/a \rceil$  with elements

$$W'[q](i') := \sum_{l=1}^a W[\text{bit}(q, l)](a(i' - 1) + l) \quad (7)$$

where  $1 \leq i' \leq \lceil m/a \rceil$ ,  $q \in \{0, 1\}^a$ , and  $\text{bit}(q, l)$  denotes the  $l$ -th bit of value  $q$ .

Best performance is obtained for  $a = 8$  according to experiments.



Score computation ( $n = 10^5$ ,  $m = 2048$ ) with aggregation  $a$  on Intel Core2 (2.6 GHz). *Naive* stores a codeword bit in a byte.

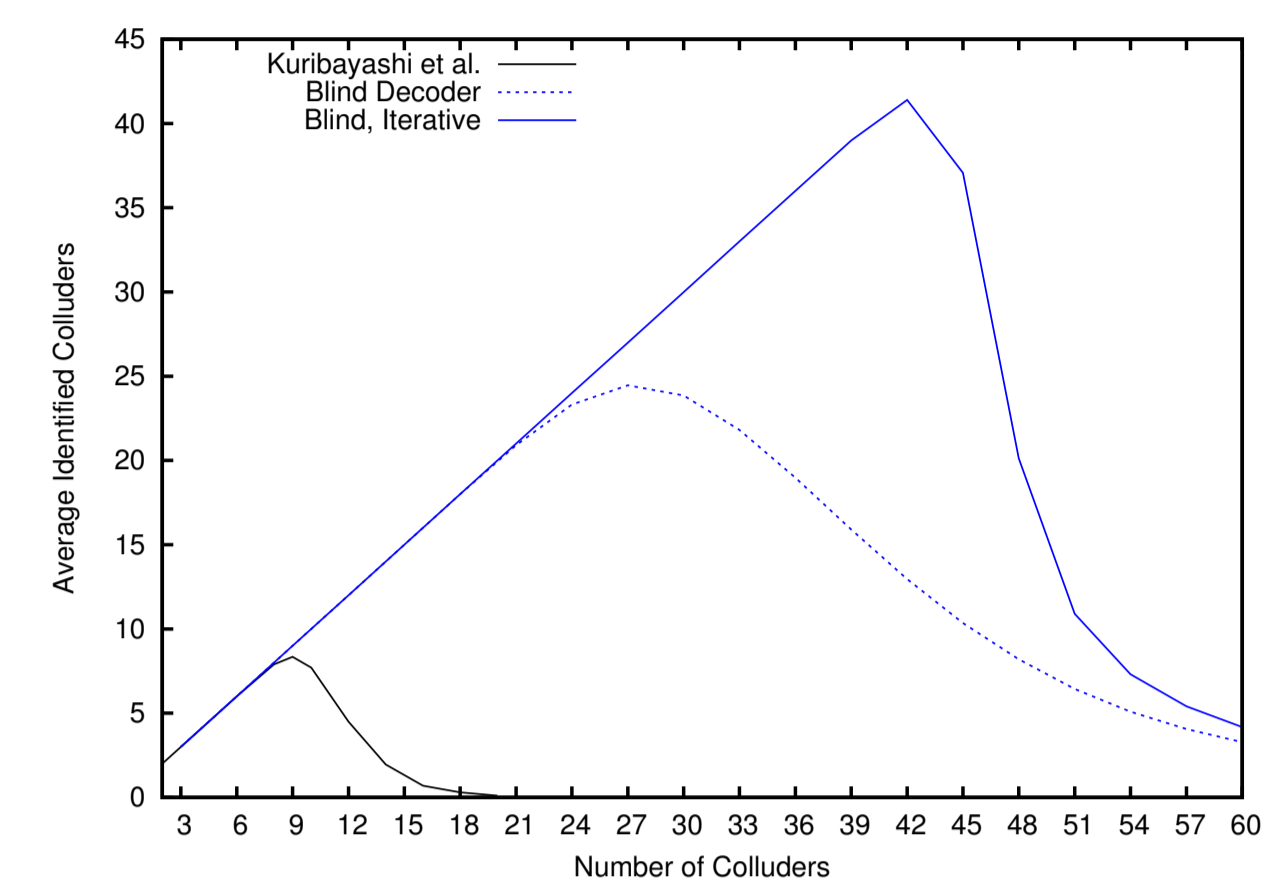
## Source Code (C++)

Available at <http://www.irisa.fr/texmex/people/furon/src.html>.

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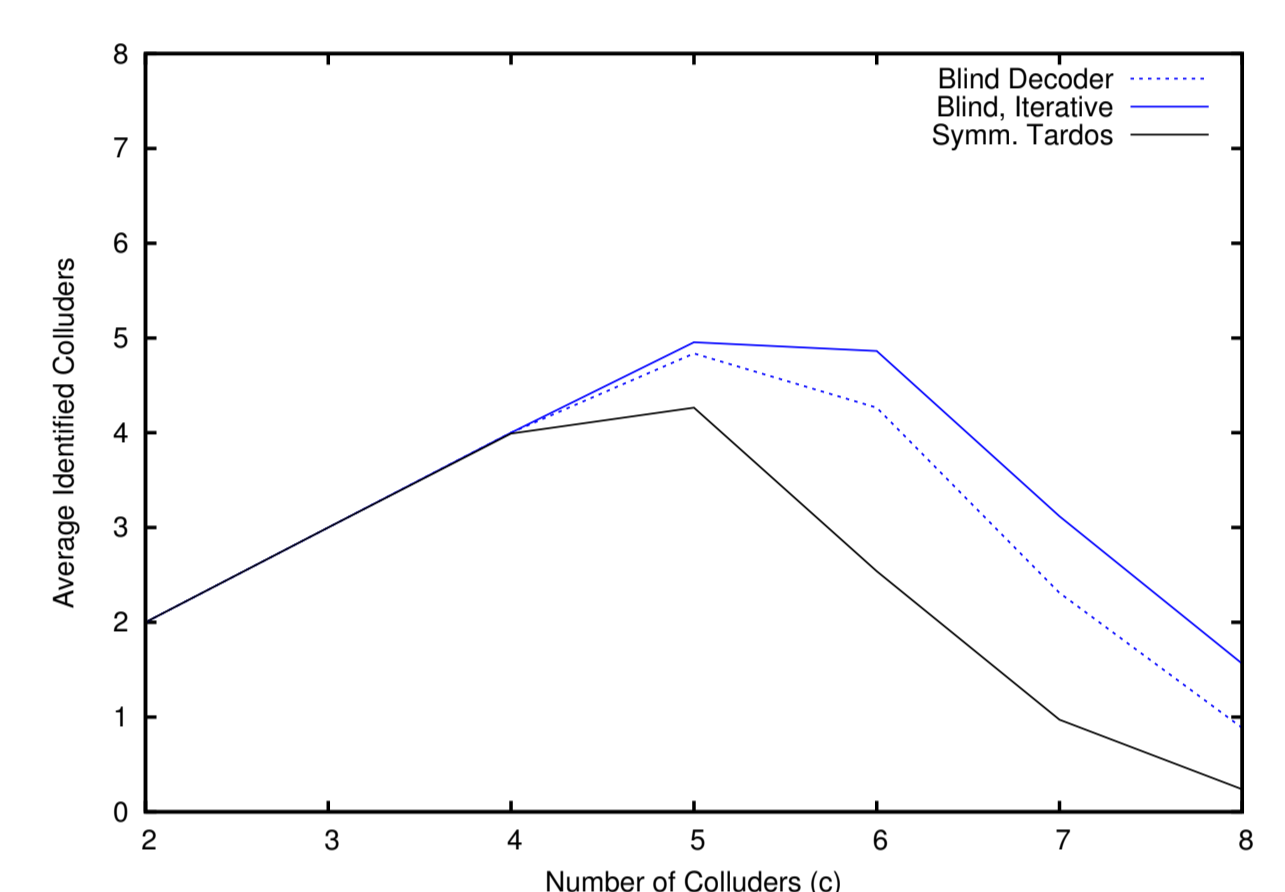
## Decoding Results and Comparison

**Kuribayashi setup** [4]  $n = 10000$  users, code length  $m = 10000$ ,  $P_{fp} = 10^{-4}$ , *majority voting* collusion



Identified colluders ( $c \in \{2, 3, 6, \dots, 60\}$ ,  $c_{\max} = 80$ ).

**Jourdas & Moulin setup** [5]  $n = 33554432$  users, code length  $m = 7440$ ,  $P_{fp} = 10^{-3}$ , *interleaving* collusion and AWGN ( $\sigma^2 = 1$ )



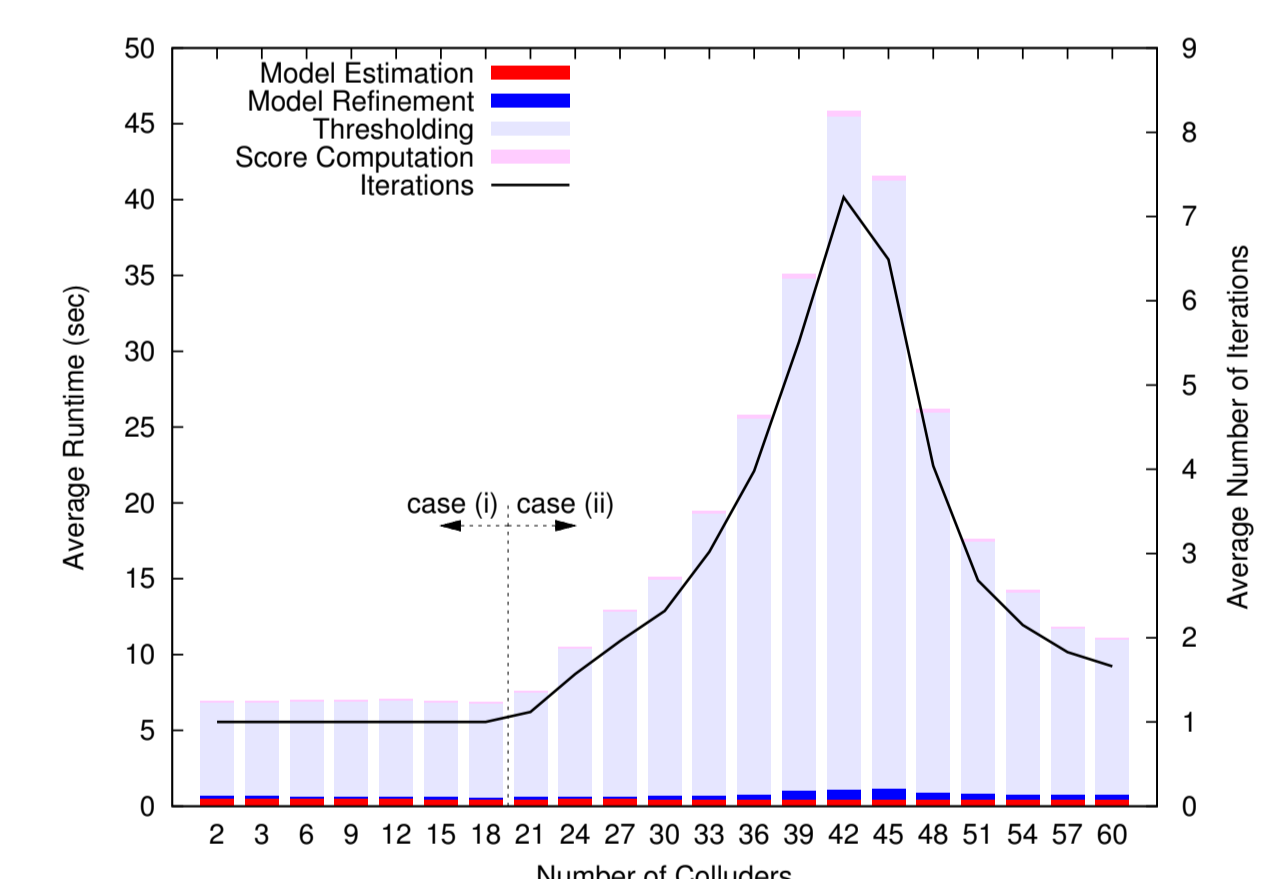
Identified colluders ( $c \in \{2, \dots, 8\}$ ,  $c_{\max} = 8$ ).

For  $c = 5$ , Jourdas & Moulin only accuse one colluders with  $P_{fn} = 0.004$ . The proposed iterative decoder accuses 4.95 colluders,  $P_{fn} = 0.0016$ . We also compare against a symmetric Tardos decoder.

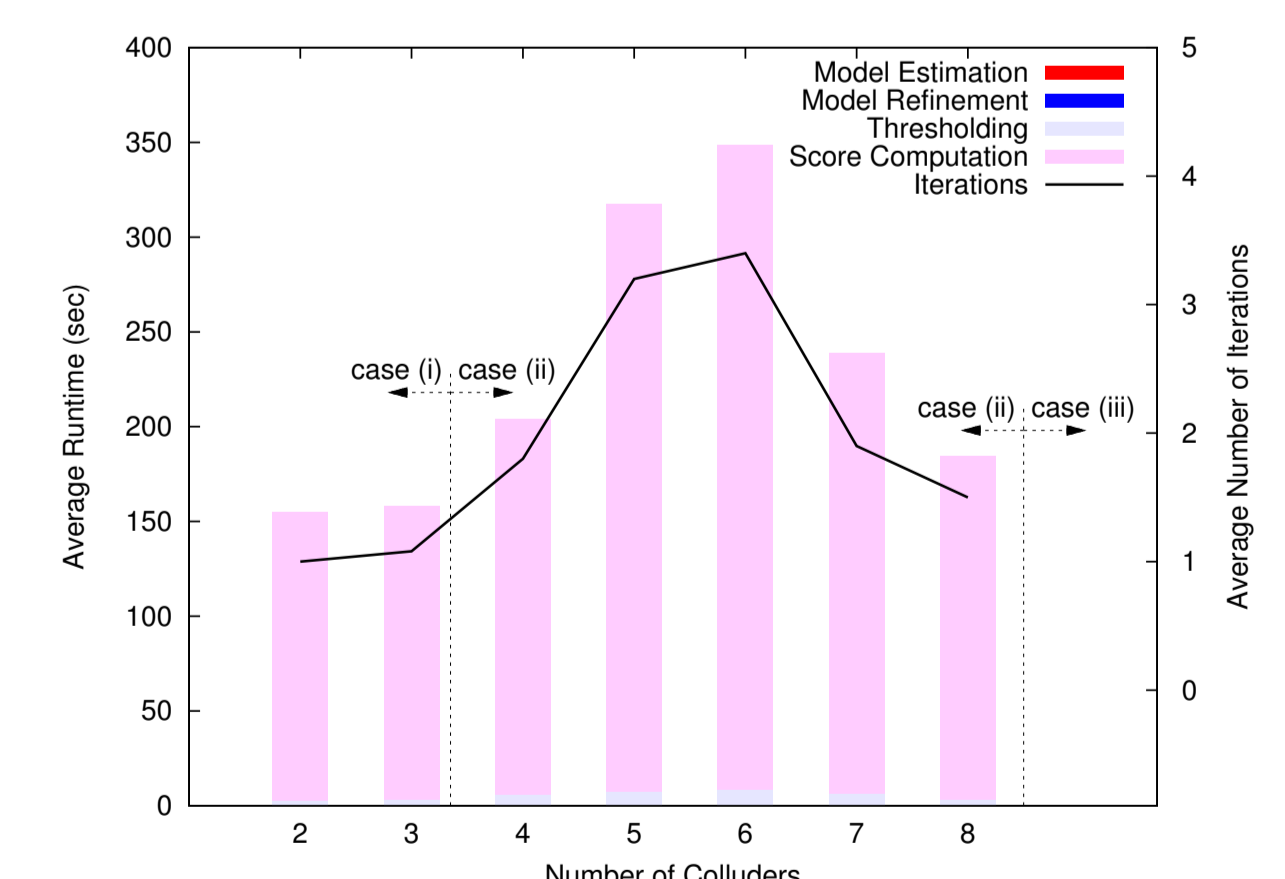
## Runtime Results

We analyze the runtime of the decoder's components (model estimation, thresholding, score computation) on a single core of an Intel Core2 CPU (2.6 GHz) and plot the average number of iterations.

### Kuribayashi setup



### Jourdas & Moulin setup



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