

Side-channel attacks on Ascon's S-box

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Introduction

Side-Channel Attacks (SCA): observation of computation time, power consumption, electromagnetic radiation, ... to discover a secret

Goal: Study the leaks from the winner for lightweight cryptography Ascon to theorize a SCA attack

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What is Ascon-AEAD?

Authenticated Encryption with Associated Data (AEAD): encrypt, check authentication of content and associated data

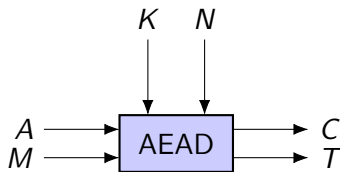


Figure: AEAD algorithm from [1]

Ascon's State

byte 0	byte 1	byte 2	byte 3	byte 4	byte 5	byte 6	byte 7	
IV								S_0
first half of K, K_0								S_1
Second half of K, K_1								S_2
first half of N, N_0								S_3
Second half of N, N_1								S_4

Encryption and decryption phases

4 phases: Initialization, Associated data process, plaintext/ciphertext process, Finalization

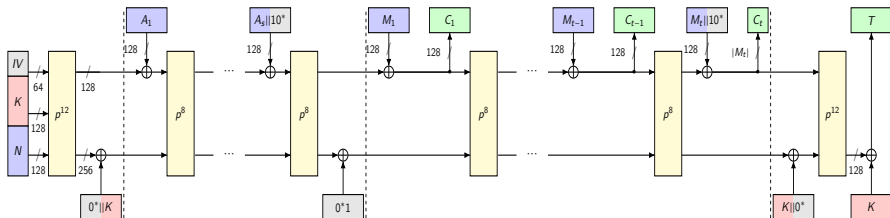


Figure: Ascon-AEAD mode, from [1]

Ascon's permutation

$$p = p_L \circ \underbrace{p_S}_{\text{S-box}} \circ p_C$$

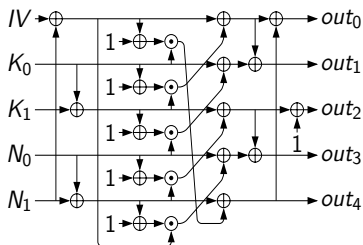


Figure: Circuit to compute the S-box, from 1 , bijection $\llbracket 1; 31 \rrbracket \rightarrow \llbracket 1; 31 \rrbracket$

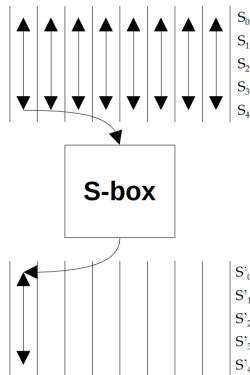


Figure: S-box computation for the first byte of each word

<https://extgit.isec.tugraz.at/meichlseder/tikz>

Table linking the output of the S-box and the key

(n_0^j, n_1^j, IV^j)	S_4^j
$(0, 0, 0)$	k_0^j
$(0, 0, 1)$	0
$(0, 1, 0)$	1
$(0, 1, 1)$	$1 \oplus k_0^j$
$(1, 0, 0)$	$1 \oplus k_0^j$
$(1, 0, 1)$	1
$(1, 1, 0)$	0
$(1, 1, 1)$	k_0^j

Figure: Link between k_0^j and S_4^j depending on IV and N , from [3]

ChipWhisperer-Lite

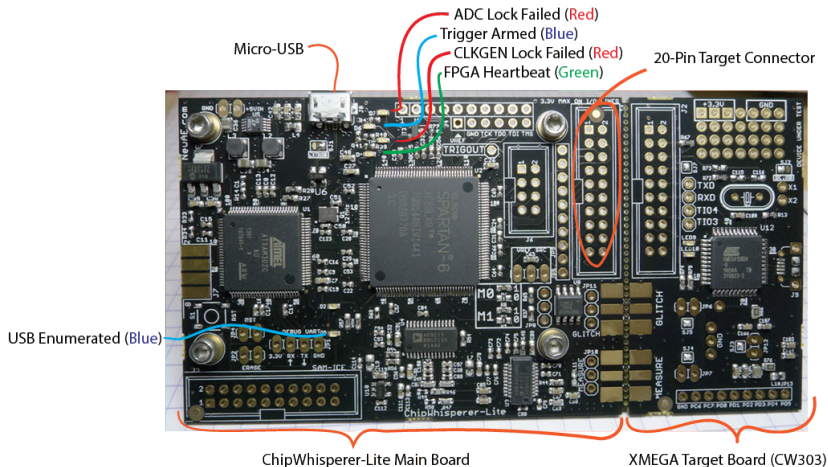


Figure: ChipWhisperer Lite board, from [4]

Steps for a CPA attack

- Compute the algorithm multiple times to gain traces
- Find model for the consumption
- Deduce the hypothesis that correlates best

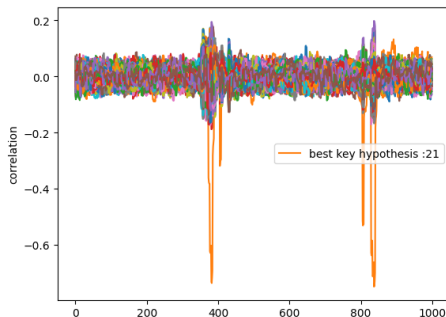


Figure: CPA on another encryption standard

Analyses done

- Finding the best model
 - Vertical vs horizontal
 - HW vs value
- Attack: finding the vertical output and deduct the key

Results vertical vs horizontal and HW vs value

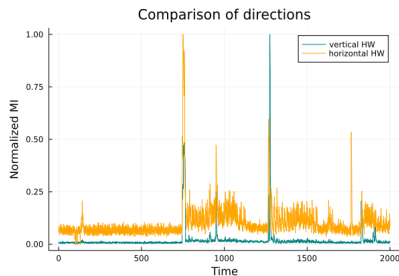


Figure: Mutual information for the horizontal and the vertical value

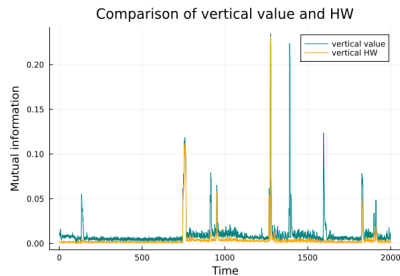


Figure: Mutual information between power consumption and HW or value

Results attack

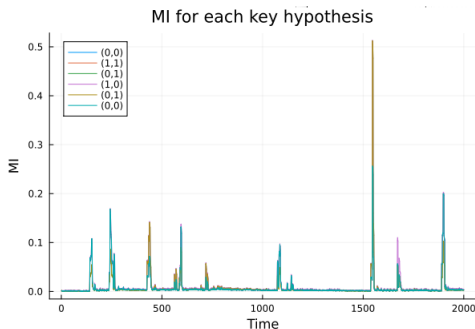


Figure: Mutual information between the Hamming weight of the outputs and the power consumption, for each of the possible outputs for the first nonce

Conclusion

- Good leaks compared to random values
- Though apparent weaknesses, unsuccessful attempts
- Not enough randomness with false key hypotheses
- Leads to follow: belief propagation



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Permutation (1), p_C

Constant for the round i : $const_{16-nb_{rounds}+i}$

i	$const_i$	i	$const_i$
0	0x0000000000000003c	8	0x000000000000000b4
1	0x0000000000000002d	9	0x000000000000000a5
2	0x0000000000000001e	10	0x00000000000000096
3	0x0000000000000000f	11	0x00000000000000087
4	0x0000000000000000f0	12	0x00000000000000078
5	0x0000000000000000e1	13	0x00000000000000069
6	0x0000000000000000d2	14	0x0000000000000005a
7	0x0000000000000000c1	15	0x0000000000000004b

Figure: Constant-addition layer, constants

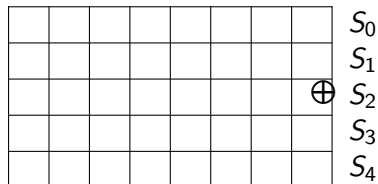
Permutation (2), p_C 

Figure: Constant-addition layer, each box representing a byte of one of the 64-bit words

Permutation $(3), p_S$

x	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
$S-box(x)$	4	b	1f	14	1a	15	9	2
x	8	9	a	b	c	d	e	f
$S-box(x)$	1b	5	8	12	1d	3	6	1c
x	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
$S-box(x)$	1e	13	7	e	0	d	11	18
x	18	19	1a	1b	1c	1d	1e	1f
$S-box(x)$	10	c	1	19	16	a	f	17

Figure: Lookup table for the 5-bit S-box

Permutation (4), p_S

```

1      state[0] ^= state[4];
2      state[4] ^= state[3];
3      state[2] ^= state[1];
4      uint64_t t0 = ~state[0];
5      uint64_t t1 = ~state[1];
6      uint64_t t2 = ~state[2];
7      uint64_t t3 = ~state[3];
8      uint64_t t4 = ~state[4];
9      t0 &= state[1];
10     t1 &= state[2];
11     t2 &= state[3];
12     t3 &= state[4];
13     t4 &= state[0];
14     state[0] ^= t1
15     ; state[1] ^= t2;
16     state[2] ^= t3;
17     state[3] ^= t4;
18     state[4] ^= t0;
19     state[1] ^= state[0];
20     state[0] ^= state[4];
21     state[3] ^= state[2];
22     state[2] ^= state[2];
23

```

Figure: Equations to compute the S-box

Permutation (5), p_L

Diffusion: $S_i \leftarrow \Sigma_i(S_i)$:

$$\Sigma_0(S_0) = S_0 \oplus (S_0 \ggg 19) \oplus (S_0 \ggg 28)$$

$$\Sigma_1(S_1) = S_1 \oplus (S_1 \ggg 61) \oplus (S_1 \ggg 39)$$

$$\Sigma_2(S_2) = S_2 \oplus (S_2 \ggg 1) \oplus (S_2 \ggg 6)$$

$$\Sigma_3(S_3) = S_3 \oplus (S_3 \ggg 10) \oplus (S_3 \ggg 17)$$

$$\Sigma_4(S_4) = S_4 \oplus (S_4 \ggg 7) \oplus (S_4 \ggg 41)$$

Finding this table (1)

$$S_4^j = n_0^j \oplus n_1^j \oplus k_0^j \times (1 \oplus IV^j \oplus n_1^j)$$

$$S_4^j = \begin{cases} k_0^j \times (1 \oplus IV^j) & \text{if } (n_0^j, n_1^j) = (0, 0) \\ k_0^j \times IV^j & \text{if } (n_0^j, n_1^j) = (1, 1) \\ 1 \oplus k_0^j \times IV^j & \text{if } (n_0^j, n_1^j) = (0, 1) \\ 1 \oplus k_0^j \times (1 \oplus IV^j) & \text{if } (n_0^j, n_1^j) = (1, 0) \end{cases}$$

Finding this table (2)

Then if $IV^j = 0$:

$$S_4^j = \begin{cases} k_0^j & \text{if } (n_0^j, n_1^j) = (0, 0) \\ 0 & \text{if } (n_0^j, n_1^j) = (1, 1) \\ 1 & \text{if } (n_0^j, n_1^j) = (0, 1) \\ 1 \oplus k_0^j & \text{if } (n_0^j, n_1^j) = (1, 0) \end{cases}$$

Finding this table (3)

Otherwise, if $IV^j = 1$:

$$S_4^j = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } (n_0^j, n_1^j) = (0, 0) \\ k_0^j & \text{if } (n_0^j, n_1^j) = (1, 1) \\ 1 \oplus k_0^j & \text{if } (n_0^j, n_1^j) = (0, 1) \\ 1 & \text{if } (n_0^j, n_1^j) = (1, 0) \end{cases}$$

Complementary graph (1)

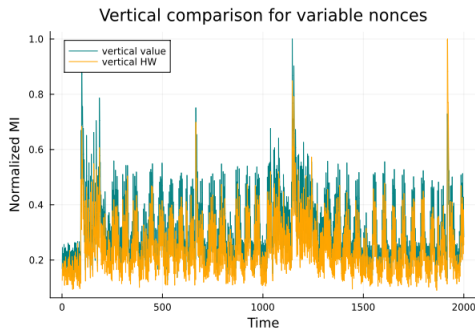


Figure: Mutual information between power consumption and Hamming weight of the concatenation of the first bit of each of the word of S and its value like 9 but for random nonces

Complementary graph (2)

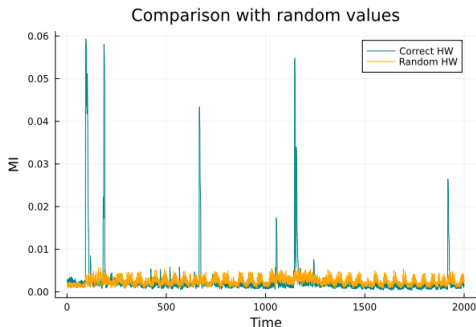


Figure: Mutual information between power consumption and vertical HW or random possible HW

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1 #include "ascon.h"
2 #include "permutation.h"
3 #include <stdint.h>
4 #include <stdlib.h>
5 #include <stdbool.h>
6
7 //-----
8 // ASCON implementation following the NIST Special Publication 800, NIST SP
9 // 800-232 ipd
10 //-----
11 //unsure of the generalization of this IV, as t=128 is not defined,
12 //only given for this specific algorithm
13 uint64_t IV = (((((((uint64_t) RATIO<<16) + 128)<<4) + NB_RNDS_B)<<4) +
14               NB_RNDS_A)<<16) + VERSION;
15
16 //main functions
17 void ASCONEncrypt(uint8_t* C, uint8_t* T, uint8_t* P, int len_p,
18                  uint8_t* A, int len_a, uint8_t* n, uint8_t* key){
19     State_t* state = initialization(P, len_p, A, len_a, n, key, true);
20
21     associated_data_process(state);
22
23     plaintext_process(state, len_p%RATIO);
24
25     finalization(state, key, T);
26
27     slice(state->blocktext_out, C, len_p);
28
29     free_state(state);
30     return;
31 }
32
33
34 void ASCONDecrypt(uint8_t* C, uint8_t* P, int len_p, uint8_t* A, int len_a,

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35         uint8_t* n, uint8_t* key, uint8_t* T, bool* fail){
36     State_t* state = initialization(C, len_p, A, len_a, n, key, false);
37
38     associated_data_process(state);
39
40     ciphertext_process(state, len_p%RATIO);
41
42     uint8_t* Tprim = malloc(KEY_LENGTH/BYTE_LENGTH*sizeof(uint8_t));
43
44     finalization(state, key, Tprim);
45
46     if (same_tag(T, Tprim)){
47         *fail = false;
48         slice(state->blocktext_out, P, len_p);
49     }
50     else{
51         *fail = true;
52     }
53
54     free(Tprim);
55     free_state(state);
56     return;
57 }
58
59 //initialization functions
60 uint64_t get_IV(void){
61     return IV;
62 }
63
64 uint8_t** combine(uint8_t* text, int len, bool padding){
65     //new_len : has to be incremented either for the added padding
66     //or because the value has been floored
67     //if padding=false and len%RATIO=0, adding an empty block
68     int new_len = len/RATIO + 1;
69     uint8_t** new_text = malloc(new_len*sizeof(uint8_t*));

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70     for(int i=0; i<new_len; i++){
71         new_text[i] = calloc(RATIO, sizeof(uint8_t));
72     }
73
74     for(int i=0; i<len; i++){//little endian for each 64bit block
75         new_text[i/RATIO][8*((i%RATIO)/8) + 7 +(-i)%8] = text[i];
76     }
77     //adding a 1 at the end of the block if a padding is needed
78     if(padding)
79         new_text[new_len-1][8*((len%RATIO)/8) + 7 +(-len)%8] += 0x01;
80     return new_text;
81 }
82
83 State_t* state_initialization(uint8_t* textin, int len_p, uint8_t* A,
84                               int len_a, uint8_t* n, uint8_t* key, bool plain){
85
86     State_t* state = (State_t*)malloc(sizeof(State_t));
87
88     state->words[0] = get_IV();
89
90     //|K| + |n| + 64 = 320, so K U n has 32 bytes,
91     //adds K then n to the four last words of state
92     state->words[1] = 0;
93     state->words[2] = 0;
94     state->words[3] = 0;
95     state->words[4] = 0;
96     for(int i = 0; i<32; i++){
97         uint64_t curr_byte = (i<KEY_LENGTH/BYTE_LENGTH)?
98                               key[i] : n[i-KEY_LENGTH/BYTE_LENGTH];
99         state->words[1 + i/8] += curr_byte<<((i*BYTE_LENGTH)%64);
100     }
101
102     state->Ai = combine(A, len_a, true);
103     state->s = len_a/RATIO + 1;
104

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05 state->blocktext_in = combine(textin, len_p, plain);
06 state->t = len_p/RATIO + 1;
07
08 state->blocktext_out = malloc(state->t*sizeof(uint8_t*));
09 for(int i=0; i<state->t; i++){
10     state->blocktext_out[i] = calloc(RATIO, sizeof(uint8_t));
11 }
12
13 return state;
14 }
15
16 State_t* initialization(uint8_t* textin, int len_p, uint8_t* A, int len_a,
17                       uint8_t* n, uint8_t* key, bool plain){
18     State_t* state = state_initialization(textin, len_p, A, len_a, n, key, plain);
19
20     permutation(state, NB_RNDS_A);
21
22     for(int i=0; i<KEY_LENGTH/BYTE_LENGTH; i++){
23         //finds the first modified word to add the key at the end of the state
24         int ind = 5 - KEY_LENGTH/64 - (KEY_LENGTH%64 != 0) + i/8;
25         state->words[ind]^= (uint64_t) key[i]<<((i*BYTE_LENGTH)%64);
26     }
27     return state;
28 }
29
30 //processing associated data
31 void associated_data_process(State_t* state){
32     for(int i=0; i<state->s; i++){
33         for(int j=0; j<RATIO; j++){
34             int shift = (RATE-((j+1)*BYTE_LENGTH))%64;
35             state->words[j/8]^= (uint64_t) state->Ai[i][j]<<shift;
36         }
37         permutation(state, NB_RNDS_B);
38     }
39     //update for the least significant byte in little endian

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40     state->words[4] ^= (uint64_t) 1<<63;
41     return;
42 }
43
44 //processing plaintext/ciphertext
45 void plaintext_process(State_t* state, int l){
46     for(int i=0; i<state->t-1; i++){
47         for(int j=0; j<RATIO; j++){
48             int shift = (RATE-((j+1)*BYTE_LENGTH))%64;
49             state->words[j/8] ^= (uint64_t) state->blocktext_in[i][j]<<shift;
50             //too much bits for a uint8_t, only takes the smallest byte
51             state->blocktext_out[i][j] = state->words[j/8]>>shift;
52         }
53         permutation(state, NB_RNDS_B);
54     }
55     //C_l is going to have its RATIO-l least significant bytes uninitialized,
56     //but it is unimportant because C will be computed only with its beginning
57     for(int j=0; j<l+1; j++){
58         int i = state->t - 1;
59         //not every byte will be explored so the order matters
60         int ind = 8*((j/RATIO)/8) + 7 +(-j)%8;
61         int shift = (RATE-((ind+1)*BYTE_LENGTH))%64;
62         state->words[ind/8] ^= (uint64_t) state->blocktext_in[i][ind]<<shift;
63         state->blocktext_out[i][ind] = state->words[(ind-1)/8]>>shift;
64     }
65     return;
66 }
67
68 void ciphertext_process(State_t* state, int l){
69     for(int i=0; i<state->t-1; i++){
70         for(int j=0; j<RATIO; j++){
71             uint8_t wbyte = state->words[j/8]>>((RATE-((j+1)*BYTE_LENGTH))%64);
72             state->blocktext_out[i][j] = wbyte^state->blocktext_in[i][j];
73             char* word = (char*) &(state->words[j/8]);
74             word[(RATIO-1-j)%8] = state->blocktext_in[i][j];

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75     }
76     permutation(state , NB_RNDS_B);
77 }
78
79 for(int j=0; j<l; j++){
80     int i = state->t - 1;
81     //not every byte will be explored so the order matters
82     int ind = 8*((j%RATIO)/8) + 7 +(-j)%8;
83     uint8_t wbyte = state->words[ind/8]>>((RATE-((ind+1)*BYTE_LENGTH))%64);
84     state->blocktext_out[i][ind] = wbyte^state->blocktext_in[i][ind];
85     char* word = (char*) &(state->words[j/8]);
86     word[(RATIO-1-ind)%8] = state->blocktext_in[i][ind];
87 }
88 state->words[l/8] ^= (uint64_t) 1<<((BYTE_LENGTH*l)%64);
89 return;
90 }
91
92 //finalization functions
93 void slice(uint8_t** blocktextout , uint8_t* textout , int len){
94     for(int i=0; i<len; i++){
95         textout[i] = (blocktextout[i/RATIO][8*((i%RATIO)/8) + 7 +(-i)%8]);
96     }
97     return;
98 }
99
100 void finalization(State_t* state , uint8_t* key , uint8_t* T){
101     for(int i=0; i<KEY_LENGTH/BYTE_LENGTH; i++){
102         //adding the key after the rate
103         int ind = (RATIO-1)/8 + 1 + i/8;
104         state->words[ind] ^= (uint64_t) key[i]<<((i*BYTE_LENGTH)%64);
105     }
106
107     permutation(state , NB_RNDS_A);
108
109     for(int i=0; i<TAG_LENGTH/BYTE_LENGTH; i++){

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10 //xors the last TAG_LENGTH bits of the key and the state
11 int ind = 5 - TAG_LENGTH/64 - (TAG_LENGTH%64 != 0) + i/8;
12 uint8_t key_byte = key[i + (KEY_LENGTH-TAG_LENGTH)/BYTE_LENGTH];
13 T[i] = state->words[ind]>>((i*BYTE_LENGTH)%64) ^ key_byte;
14 }
15 return;
16 }
17
18 bool same_tag(uint8_t* T, uint8_t* Tprim){
19     bool res = true;
20     for(int i=0; i<TAG_LENGTH/BYTE_LENGTH; i++){
21         //to have the same computation time no matter the value of T and T'
22         res = res && (T[i] == Tprim[i]);
23     }
24     return res;
25 }
26
27 void free_state(State_t* state){
28     for(int i=0; i<state->s; i++){
29         free(state->Ai[i]);
30     }
31     free(state->Ai);
32     for(int i=0; i<state->t; i++){
33         free(state->blocktext_in[i]);
34         free(state->blocktext_out[i]);
35     }
36     free(state->blocktext_in);
37     free(state->blocktext_out);
38     free(state);
39     return;
40 }

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Listing: Implementation for ascon.c


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1
2 #ifndef ASCON_H
3 #define ASCON_H
4
5 #define KEY_LENGTH 128
6 #define TAG_LENGTH 128
7 #define NONCE_LENGTH (256 - KEY_LENGTH)
8 #define RATE 128
9 #define BYTE_LENGTH 8
10 #define NB_RNDS_A 12
11 #define NB_RNDS_B 8
12 #define VERSION 1
13 #define RATIO (RATE/BYTE_LENGTH)
14
15 #include <stdint.h>
16 #include <stdbool.h>
17
18 //defining a type State_t in order to implement the state with the data
19 typedef struct State_s {
20     uint64_t words[5];
21     uint8_t** Ai; //associated data in blocks of size RATE
22     int s; //number of blocks in Ai
23     uint8_t** blocktext_in; //blocks of the plaintext when encryption,
24                             // when decryption blocks of ciphertext
25     int t; //number of blocks in the given text, whether plain or ciphered
26     uint8_t** blocktext_out; // output blocks (resp. ciphered or plain)
27 } State_t;
28
29
30 //main functions
31 void ASCONEncrypt(uint8_t* C, uint8_t* T, uint8_t* P, int len_p,
32                  uint8_t* A, int len_a, uint8_t* n, uint8_t* key);
33 //takes a pointer C pointing towards allocated memory of size len_p,
34 //and a pointer T for the tag for a space of TAG_LENGTH
35

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36 void ASCONDecrypt(uint8_t* C, uint8_t* P, int len_p, uint8_t* A, int len_a,
37                  uint8_t* n, uint8_t* key, uint8_t* T, bool* fail);
38 //same thing but for P
39 //modifies fail thanks to the pointer if authentication failed
40
41 //initialization functions
42 uint64_t get_IV(void); //getter for the IV
43
44 State_t* state_initialization(uint8_t* textin, int len_p, uint8_t* A,
45                               int len_a, uint8_t* n, uint8_t* key, bool plain);
46 //creates the state with the five words
47 //and the blocks for the plaintext, ciphertext and associated data
48
49 uint8_t** combine(uint8_t* text, int len, bool padding);
50 //transforms list of uint8_t in list of lists of RATE uint8_t,
51 //gives the responsibility to free the list, adds a padding if padding=true
52
53 State_t* initialization(uint8_t* textin, int len_p, uint8_t* A, int len_a,
54                        uint8_t* n, uint8_t* key, bool plain);
55 //creates the state and does the initialization phase, if plain=true encryption
56 //therefore there will be a padding, otherwise not
57 //gives responsibility to free the state
58
59 //processing associated data
60 void associated_data_process(State_t* state);
61
62 //processing plaintext/ciphertext
63 void plaintext_process(State_t* state, int l);
64 //l, the length in bytes of the last block in the original text
65 void ciphertext_process(State_t* state, int l);
66
67 //finalization functions
68
69
70

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71 void slice(uint8_t** blocktextout, uint8_t* textout, int len);
72 //flattens the list of list blocktextout in a list textout
73 //returns text of length len
74
75 void finalization(State_t* state, uint8_t* key, uint8_t* T);
76
77 bool same_tag(uint8_t* T, uint8_t* Tprim); //checks T=T'
78
79 void free_state(State_t* state);
80
81 #endif

```

Listing: Implementation for ascon.h

```

1
2 #include "permutation.h"
3
4 //_____
5 // permutation implementation for Ascon, following the NIST Special Publication
6 // 800, NIST SP 800-232 ipd
7 //_____
8
9 void permutation(State_t* state, int nb_rounds, bool attack){ //modifies the
10 // current state by applying nb_rounds times the permutation
11 for (int r=0; r<nb_rounds; r++){
12     uint8_t c = round_const(nb_rounds, r);
13     perm_const(state, c);
14
15     perm_sub(state);
16
17     if(attack && r==0){
18         trigger_high();
19         perm_lin(state);
20     }
21 }

```

```

18         trigger_low();
19     }
20     else
21         perm_lin(state);
22 }
23 return;
24 }
25
26 uint8_t round_const(int nb_rounds, int round){
27     //finds the right index, the table of consts defining for 12 rounds c_0 = 0
28     //xf0
29     int i = 12 - nb_rounds + round;
30
31     //relationship between index and value defined for i in (-4,11)
32     return 0xf0 - i*0x10 + (0x10+i)%0x10;
33 }
34
35 void perm_const(State_t* state, uint8_t c){
36     state->words[2] ^= (uint64_t)c;
37     return;
38 }
39
40 void perm_sub(State_t* state){
41     //applies the bitsliced implementation from figure 4
42     state->words[0] ^= state->words[4]; state->words[4] ^= state->words[3];
43     state->words[2] ^= state->words[1];
44     uint64_t t0 = state->words[0]; uint64_t t1 = state->words[1]; uint64_t t2 =
45         state->words[2];
46     uint64_t t3 = state->words[3]; uint64_t t4 = state->words[4];
47     t0 ^= t0; t1 ^= t1; t2 ^= t2; t3 ^= t3; t4 ^= t4;
48     t0 &= state->words[1]; t1 &= state->words[2]; t2 &= state->words[3]; t3
49         &= state->words[4]; t4 &= state->words[0];
50     state->words[0] ^= t1; state->words[1] ^= t2; state->words[2] ^= t3;
51     state->words[3] ^= t4; state->words[4] ^= t0;
52     state->words[1] ^= state->words[0]; state->words[0] ^= state->words[4];

```

```

48     state->words[3] ^= state->words[2] ; state->words[2] ^= state->words[3];
49     return;
50 }
51
52 uint64_t circular_shift(uint64_t word, int nb){
53     uint64_t shifted = word>>nb;
54     uint64_t extracted = word<<(RATE-nb);
55     return shifted+extracted;
56 }
57
58 void perm_lin(State_t* state){
59     //calculates the sigma functions
60     state->words[0] = state->words[0]^ circular_shift(state->words[0],19)^
        circular_shift(state->words[0],28);
61     state->words[1] = state->words[1]^ circular_shift(state->words[1],61)^
        circular_shift(state->words[1],39);
62     state->words[2] = state->words[2]^ circular_shift(state->words[2],1)^
        circular_shift(state->words[2],6);
63     state->words[3] = state->words[3]^ circular_shift(state->words[3],10)^
        circular_shift(state->words[3],17);
64     state->words[4] = state->words[4]^ circular_shift(state->words[4],7)^
        circular_shift(state->words[4],41);
65     return;
66 }

```

Listing: Implementation for permutation.c

```

1 #include "ascon.h"
2
3 #ifndef PERMUTATION_H
4 #define PERMUTATION_H
5
6 //functions for the permutation

```

```

7 void permutation(State_t* state, int nb_rounds, bool attack); //modifies the
  current state by applying nb_rounds times the permutation
8 uint8_t round_const(int nb_rounds, int round); //calculates the constant as
  shown in table 2 of the permutation section
9 void perm_const(State_t* state, uint8_t c);
10 void perm_sub(State_t* state);
11 uint64_t circular_shift(uint64_t word, int nb); //shifts the word nb spaces right
12 void perm_lin(State_t* state);
13
14 #endif

```

Listing: Implementation for permutation.h

```

1 #include "ascon.h"
2 #include "hal/hal.h"
3 #include "hal/simpleserial.h"
4 #include <stdint.h>
5 #include <stdlib.h>
6
7 uint8_t key[KEY_LENGTH/BYTE_LENGTH];
8 uint8_t A[MAX_DATA_SIZE];
9 uint8_t P[MAX_DATA_SIZE];
10 uint8_t C[2*MAX_DATA_SIZE];
11 uint8_t* T = &(C[MAX_DATA_SIZE]);
12 uint8_t n[NONCE_LENGTH];
13
14 uint8_t set_key(uint8_t* k, uint8_t len)
15 {
16     if (len != KEY_LENGTH/BYTE_LENGTH) {
17         led_error(1);
18         return 0x01;
19     }
20 }

```

```

21  for(int i = 0; i < KEY_LENGTH/BYTE_LENGTH; i++) {
22      key[i] = k[i];
23  }
24  return 0x00;
25 }
26
27 uint8_t set_assodata(uint8_t* ad, uint8_t len){
28     if (len != MAX_DATA_SIZE) {
29         led_error(1);
30         return 0x01;
31     }
32
33     for(int i = 0; i < MAX_DATA_SIZE; i++) {
34         A[i] = ad[i];
35     }
36     return 0x00;
37 }
38
39 uint8_t set_nonce(uint8_t* nonce, uint8_t len){
40     if (len != NONCE_LENGTH/BYTE_LENGTH){
41         led_error(1);
42         return 0x01;
43     }
44
45     for(int i=0; i < NONCE_LENGTH/BYTE_LENGTH; i++){
46         n[i] = nonce[i];
47     }
48     return 0x00;
49 }
50
51 uint8_t set_pt(uint8_t* pt, uint8_t len)
52 {
53     if (len != MAX_DATA_SIZE) {
54         led_error(1);
55         return 0x01;

```

```

56 }
57
58 for(int i = 0; i < MAX_DATA_SIZE; i++) {
59     P[i] = pt[i];
60 }
61
62 /*
63  Encrypt here using ciphertext , plaintext , tag , associated data and key
    variables .
64 */
65 ASCONEncrypt(C,T,P,len ,A,len ,n,key);
66
67 simpleserial_put('r', 16, C); //sends ciphertext
68 return 0x00;
69 }
70
71 int main(void)
72 {
73     platform_init();
74     init_uart();
75     trigger_setup();
76
77     led_ok(1);
78     led_error(0);
79
80     simpleserial_init();
81     simpleserial_addcmd('k', 16, set_key);
82     simpleserial_addcmd('a', 16, set_assodata);
83     simpleserial_addcmd('n', 16, set_nonce);
84     simpleserial_addcmd('p', 16, set_pt);
85
86
87     while(1) {
88         simpleserial_get(); // get next command and react to it
89     }

```


90 }

Listing: Implementation for main.c

```

1 import chipwhisperer as cw
2 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
3 import numpy as np
4 from tqdm import tqdm
5 import time
6
7 def reset_target(scope):
8     scope.io.pdic = 'low'
9     time.sleep(0.05)
10    scope.io.pdic = 'high'
11    time.sleep(0.05)
12
13 def generate_nonce():
14     nonce = np.random.randint(0, high=1<<64-1, size=2)
15     nonce[1] = 0
16     for i in range(64):
17         nonce[1] += ((IV[i//8]>>(i%8))%2)<<i
18
19     nonce = bytearray(nonce)
20
21     return nonce
22
23 IV = [0x00,0x00,0x10,0x00,0x80,0x8c,0x00,0x01]
24
25 scope = cw.scope()
26
27 scope.default_setup()
28 scope.adc.samples = 2000
29

```



```
30 target = cw.target(scope)
31
32 ktp = cw.ktp.Basic()
33 key, pt = ktp.new_pair()
34 tag = ktp.next_text()
35 ad = ktp.next_text()
36 nonce = generate_nonce()
37
38 target.simpleserial_write('k',key)
39 target.simpleserial_wait_ack()
40 target.simpleserial_write('a',ad)
41 target.simpleserial_wait_ack()
42 target.simpleserial_write('n',nonce)
43 target.simpleserial_wait_ack()
44 target.simpleserial_write('t',tag)
45 target.simpleserial_wait_ack()
46
47 nonces = []
48 traces = []
49 pts = []
50 cts = []
51 tags = []
52
53 for i in tqdm(range(10000)):
54
55     ct = ktp.next_text()
56     tag = ktp.next_text()
57     ad = ktp.next_text()
58
59     if True :
60         nonce = generate_nonce()
61
62     target.simpleserial_write('a',ad)
63     target.simpleserial_wait_ack()
64     target.simpleserial_write('t',tag)
```

```

55     target.simpleserial_wait_ack()
56     target.simpleserial_write('n', nonce)
57     target.simpleserial_wait_ack()
58
59     trace = cw.capture_trace(scope, target, pt, key)
60     traces.append(trace.wave)
61     cts.append(trace.textin)
62     pts.append(trace.textout)
63     tags.append(tag)
64     nonces.append(nonce)
65
66 nptraces = np.asarray(traces)
67 np.save("Mesures_hf/traces.npy", nptraces)
68
69 nppts = np.asarray(pts)
70 np.save("Mesures_hf/pts.npy", nppts)
71
72 npcts = np.asarray(cts)
73 np.save("Mesures_hf/cts.npy", npcts)
74
75 npnonces = np.asarray([nonces])
76 np.save("Mesures_hf/nonces.npy", npnonces)
77
78 nptags = np.asarray(tags)
79 np.save("Mesures_hf/tags.npy", nptags)
80
81 plt.plot(traces[0])
82 plt.show()

```

Listing: Implementation for trace capture for the ChipWhisperer

```

1 """Using the equations from Modou Sarry during the decryption with a fixed nonce
   to find the key by finding the constant output of the initialization

```

```

2 sbox"""
3
4 using NPZ
5 using Statistics
6 using InformationMeasures
7 using Plots
8
9 plain = npzread("Mesures_hf/pts.npy")
10 cipher = npzread("Mesures_hf/cts.npy")
11 tags = npzread("Mesures_hf/tags.npy")
12 traces = npzread("Mesures_hf/traces.npy")
13 nonces = npzread("Mesures_hf/nonces.npy")[1, :, :]
14
15 function cut(x, len)
16     [(x << (k-1)) >> (len-1) for k in 1:len]
17 end
18
19 function assemble(lst, len)
20     sum(map(<<, lst, (len-1):-1:0))
21 end
22
23 function to_bits(x, deb, len)
24     [(UInt8(x[deb + i]) << (k-1)) >> 7 for i in 1:len for k in 1:8]
25 end
26
27 function to_bytes(lst, len)
28     [sum(map(<<, lst[j:j+7], 7:-1:0)) for j in 1:8:len]
29 end
30
31 function sbox_4(k0, k1, n0, n1, v0)
32     xor(n0, xor(n1, k0*(xor(1, xor(v0, n1)))))
33 end
34
35 function sbox_3(k0, k1, n0, n1, v0)
36     xor(xor(v0, 1)*xor(n1, n0), xor(v0, xor(k0, k1)))

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```

37 end
38
39 function sbbox_2(k0,k1,n0,n1,v0)
40     xor(n1*xor(n0,1), xor(1, xor(k0,k1)))
41 end
42
43 function sbbox_1(k0,k1,n0,n1,v0)
44     xor(n1, xor(v0, xor(xor(n0,1)*xor(k0,k1), k0*k1)))
45 end
46
47 function sbbox_0(k0,k1,n0,n1,v0)
48     xor(n0, xor(v0, xor(k1,k0*(xor(n1, xor(k1, xor(v0,1)))))))
49 end
50
51 function HW(x,nb_bits)
52     nb = 0
53     for i in 0:(nb_bits-1)
54         if (x>>i)%2 == 1
55             nb += 1
56         end
57     end
58     nb
59 end
60
61 function find_key(n0,n1,v0,s4)
62     if n0 == n1 && n1 == v0
63         return s4
64     elseif v0 == n1
65         return xor(1, s4)
66     else
67         error("Mauvais nonce")
68     end
69 end
70
71 IV = cut(0x00001000808c0001,64)

```

```

72 real_key = to_bits([0x2b, 0x7e, 0x15, 0x16, 0x28, 0xae, 0xd2, 0xa6, 0xab, 0xf7,
    0x15, 0x88, 09, 0xcf, 0x4f, 0x3c],0,16)
73 lst_n0 = [to_bits(nonces[i,:],0,8) for i in 1:size(nonces,1)]
74 lst_n1 = [to_bits(nonces[i,:],8,8) for i in 1:size(nonces,1)]
75
76 function outputs(output,l,jump)
77     outputs = zeros(UInt8,size(traces,1))
78     bit_output = cut(UInt8(output),8)
79     for i in 1:jump
80         outputs[i] = output
81     end
82     m = 0
83     for i in 1:size(traces,1)
84         if IV[l] == lst_n1[i][l]
85             m = i
86             break
87         end
88     end
89     n0 = lst_n0[m][l]
90     n1 = lst_n1[m][l]
91     v0 = IV[l]
92     s4 = bit_output[8]
93     k0 = find_key(n0,n1,v0,s4)
94     k1 = xor(xor(v0, 1)*xor(n0, n1), xor(v0, xor(k0, bit_output[7])))
95     for i in (jump+1):jump:(size(traces,1))
96         n0 = lst_n0[i][l]
97         n1 = lst_n1[i][l]
98         s0 = sbbox_0(k0,k1,n0,n1,v0)
99         s1 = sbbox_1(k0,k1,n0,n1,v0)
00         s2 = sbbox_2(k0,xor(k1,((l in [57,58,59,60]) ? 1 : 0),n0,n1,v0))
01         s3 = sbbox_3(k0,k1,n0,n1,v0)
02         s4 = sbbox_4(k0,k1,n0,n1,v0)
03         output_i = assemble([s0,s1,s2,s3,s4],5)
04         for j in 0:(jump-1)
05             outputs[i+j] = output_i

```

```

06         end
07     end
08     outputs
09 end
10
11 outs = Array{Dict{Any,Any}}(undef,64)
12 for l in 1:64
13     outs[l] = Dict()
14     for output in 0:31
15         out = outputs(output,l,1)
16         occ = Dict()
17         for i in 1:size(traces,1)
18             if !(out[i] in keys(occ))
19                 occ[out[i]] = 1
20             else
21                 occ[out[i]] += 1
22             end
23         end
24         if length(keys(occ)) == 2
25             outs[l][output] = out
26         end
27     end
28 end
29
30 IM_hw = [[[get_mutual_information(map(x -> HW(x,5),outs[l][output]),traces[:,t])
31             for t in 1:size(traces,2)] for output in keys(outs[l])] for l in 1:1]
32 IM_val = [[[get_mutual_information(outs[l][output],traces[:,t]) for t in 1:size(
33             traces,2)] for output in keys(outs)] for l in 1:64]
34
35 plot()
36 for k in 1:length(keys(outs[1]))
37     cles = [output for output in keys(outs[1])]
38     out = cles[k]

```

```

39 m = 0
40 for i in 1:size(traces,1)
41     if IV[1] == lst_n1[i][1]
42         m = i
43         break
44     end
45 end
46 bit_output = cut(UInt8(out),8)
47 n0 = lst_n0[m][1]
48 n1 = lst_n1[m][1]
49 v0 = IV[1]
50 s4 = bit_output[8]
51 k0 = find_key(n0,n1,v0,s4)
52 k1 = xor(xor(v0, 1)*xor(n0, n1), xor(v0, xor(k0, bit_output[7])))
53 plot!(IM_hw[1][k], label = "("*string(k0)*","*string(k1)*")")
54 end
55
56 key_guess = Array{UInt8}(undef,128)
57 for l in 1:1
58     possible_s = [i for i in keys(outs[l])]
59     s_max = 0
60     maxi = 0
61     for hyp_s in 1:length(IM_hw[l])
62         val_max = maximum(IM_hw[l][hyp_s])
63         if val_max > maxi
64             s_max = possible_s[hyp_s]
65             maxi = val_max
66         end
67     end
68     println(s_max)
69     m = 0
70     for i in 1:size(traces,1)
71         if IV[l] == lst_n1[i][l]
72             m = i
73             break

```



```

74         end
75     end
76     bit_output = cut(UInt8(s_max),8)
77     n0 = lst_n0[m][1]
78     n1 = lst_n1[m][1]
79     v0 = IV[1]
80     s4 = bit_output[8]
81     key_guess[1] = find_key(n0,n1,v0,s4)
82     key_guess[1+64] = xor(xor(v0, 1)*xor(n0,n1),xor(v0, xor(key_guess[1],
83         bit_output[7])))
end

```

Listing: Analysis in Julia of the traces following the established attack