

# PRINT Cipher

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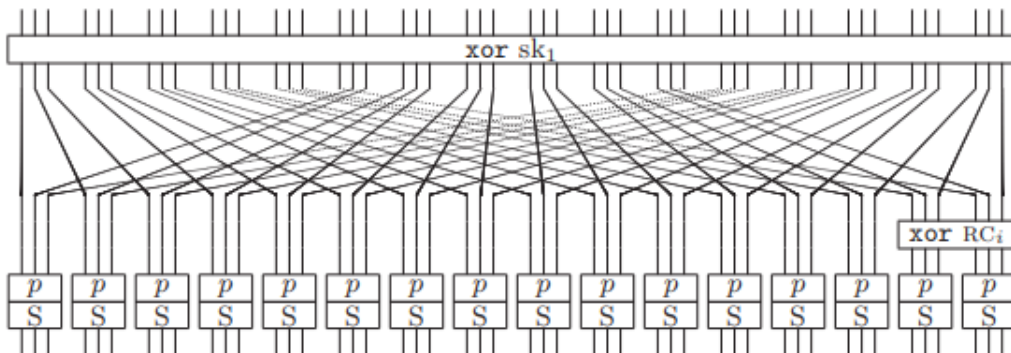
**Abstract.** Print Cipher is one of the lightweight SPN network with 48-bit and 96-bit block cipher for IC-printing. It is design to make use of the properties of IC-printing technology. Print cipher is still in the beginning phase of their development but allow the production of different circuits at low cost.

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## 1 Introduction

In order to spot items using smart bar-codes, we use RFID tags and sensors, the safety of constrained hardware environments like RFID tags is a major concern in cryptography nowadays. PRINTcipher maybe a 48/96-bit block cipher proposed in CHES 2010 this supports the 80/160-bit secret keys. The essential and appealing properties of PRINTcipher are that each one round uses the identical round key and differs only by a round counter which the linear layer is partially key-dependent. Invariance subspace attacks are promising attack results on Printcipher on the whole Printcipher-48/96.

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## 2 Main Result

### 2.1 Sbox Analysis

The sbox for the PRINT cipher is a 3-bit to 3-bit. Since input is 3-bit so for a b-bit block, the sbox is applied  $\frac{b}{3}$  parallelly. The current state for the sbox is a  $\frac{b}{3}$  words, for each word same sbox is used and the next state is the concatenation of outputs. It is a balanced sbox and has a linear structure. The sbox is given in the following table :-

x	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
s[x]	0	1	3	6	7	4	5	2

#### 2.1.1 Difference Distribution Table

The sbox has a differential branch number defined as  $\min_{v, w \neq v} \{wt(v \oplus w) + wt(S(v) \oplus S(w))\}$  of 2. The difference distribution table (ddt) which is generated using Sage is as follows :-

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	2	0	2	0	2	0	2
2	0	0	2	2	0	0	2	2
3	0	2	2	0	0	2	2	0
4	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	2
5	0	2	0	2	2	0	2	0
6	0	0	2	2	2	2	0	0
7	0	2	2	0	2	0	0	2

#### 2.1.2 Linear Approximation Table

The linear branch number which is defined as  $\min_{\alpha \neq \beta, LAM(\alpha, \beta) \neq 0} \{wt(\alpha) + wt(\beta)\}$  for this sbox is 2. The linearity of this sbox is 4. The linear approximation table generated from Sage is as follows:-

#### 2.1.3 Additional Properties of Sbox

1. The component function in 3 variables in algebraic normal form of the sbox is

$$x_0 * x_2 + x_0 + x_1 * x_2$$

2. The interpolation polynomial for the sbox is

$$(a + 1)x^6 + (a^2 + a + 1)x^5 + (a^2 + 1)x^3$$

3. The polynomials which satisfy the sbox is

- $x_0 * x_2 + x_0 + x_1 + y_1$

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	-2	0	2	0	2	0	2
2	0	0	2	2	0	0	2	-2
3	0	2	-2	0	0	2	2	0
4	0	0	0	0	2	-2	2	2
5	0	2	0	2	2	0	-2	0
6	0	0	2	-2	2	2	0	0
7	0	2	2	0	-2	0	0	2

- $x_0*x_1 + x_0 + x_1 + x_2 + y_2$
- $x_0*y_1 + x_0 + x_2 + y_1 + y_2$
- $x_0*y_2 + x_1 + y_1$
- $x_1*x_2 + x_0 + y_0$
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- $x_0*y_0 + x_2*y_2 + x_0 + x_1 + x_2 + y_0 + y_1$
- $y_0*y_1 + x_2 + y_0 + y_1 + y_2$
- $y_0*y_2 + x_1 + y_1$
- $y_1*y_2 + x_0 + y_0 + y_1$

x - input variables y - output variables

4. Maximum degree of component function - 2
5. Minimum degree of component function - 2
6. Maximal differential probability - 0.25
7. Absolute maximal linear bias - 2
8. Relative maximal linear bias - 0.25

## 2.2 Cryptanalysis of PRINT Cipher

We are discussing the weakness of PRINTcipher-48/96 on related-key attacks. Related keys that have different values within the part associated with a key- dependent permutation. We construct  $t$ -round related key differential characteristics with a probability of  $2^{-t}$ . 4 related keys are required to recover the 80-bit secret keys of PRINTcipher-48,  $2^{47}$  related-key chosen plaintexts, and a computational complexity of  $2^{60.62}$ . In the case of PRINTcipher-96 we require 4 related keys,  $2^{95}$  related-key chosen plaintext and a computational complexity of  $2^{107}$ .

## 2.3 Construction of Related-Key Differential Characteristics on PRINTcipher

### 2.3.1 Steps to construct $t - round$ related-key differential characteristics on printcipher by using properties of a key-dependent permutation KP and S-box

Related-Key Properties on Key-Dependent Permutation and S-Box:- 3 -bit input value  $(y_0, y_1, y_2)$  of a key-dependent permutation of  $KP_l$ . If a 2-bit round key  $sk_l^{2_0}, sk_l^{2_1}$  is equal to (0,0) or (0,1)

corresponding output value is computed as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} (0,0): (y_0, y_1, y_2) &\rightarrow KP_l^{00}(y_0, y_1, y_2) \\ (0,1): (y_0, y_1, y_2) &\rightarrow KP_l^{01}(y_1, y_0, y_2) \end{aligned}$$

In the above relations, if  $y_0$  is equal to  $y_1$ , each permutation outputs the same value and vice versa. That is, the following equation holds:

$$y_0 = y_1 \Leftrightarrow KP_l^{00}(y_0, y_1, y_2) = KP_l^{01}(y_0, y_1, y_2)$$

#### Properties of KP:-

Consider:  $y_0 = y_1 \Leftrightarrow KP_l^{00}(y_0, y_1, y_2) = KP_l^{01}(y_0, y_1, y_2)$

Consider:  $y_1 = y_2 \Leftrightarrow KP_l^{00}(y_0, y_1, y_2) = KP_l^{10}(y_0, y_1, y_2)$

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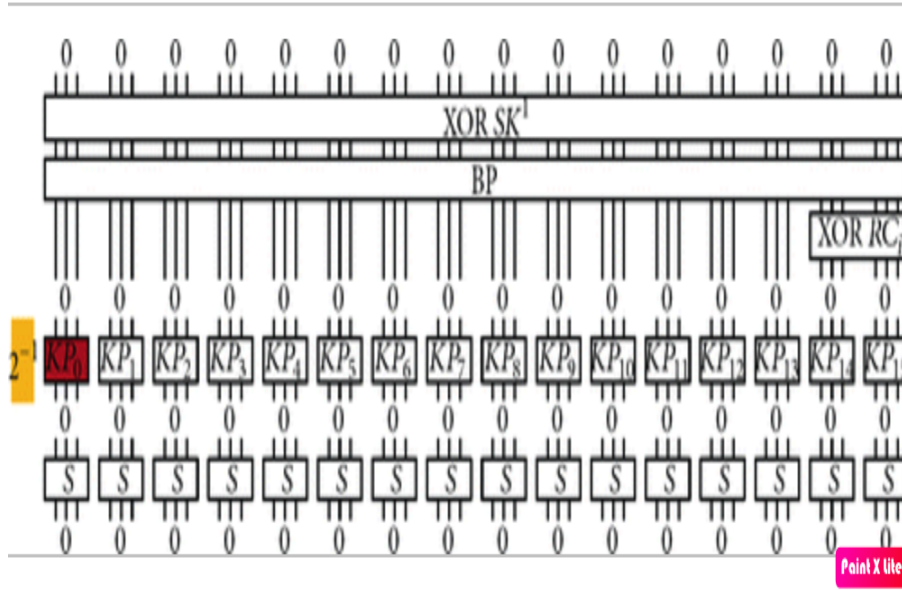
### 2.3.2 Related-Key Differential Characteristics on PRINTcipher-48

We will apply few property on proposed attack by considering related key-pair:

$$(K = (SK^1, SK^2, K^* = (SK^{1*}, SK^{2*})) \\ l = 0, \dots, 15$$

$$\begin{array}{lll} \text{Case 1 (I)} SK^1 = SK^{1*}; & \text{Case 2 (I)} SK^1 = SK^{1*}; & \text{Case 3 (I)} SK^1 = SK^{1*}; \\ SK_l^2 = (0,0), SK_l^{2*} = (0,1); & SK_l^2 = (0,0), SK_l^{2*} = (1,0); & SK_l^2 = (0,0), SK_l^{2*} = (1,1); \\ SK_i^2 = SK_i^{2*} \text{ where } i \neq l; & SK_i^2 = SK_i^{2*} \text{ where } i \neq l; & SK_i^2 = SK_i^{2*} \text{ where } i \neq l; \end{array}$$

Let input difference of the target round is zero. If key-pair  $K, k^*$  satisfies Case 1(0), KP0 incorporates a nonzero related-key difference. we will construct 1-round related-key differential characteristic  $0 \rightarrow \text{Case1(0)} 0$  with a probability of  $2^{-1}$  under case 1. Since PRINTcipher-48 uses the identical round key for all rounds, we will extend this result to a  $t$ -round related-key differential characteristic.



**Figure 1:** 1-round related-key differential characteristic under Case 1 (0)

### 2.3.3 Related-Key Cryptanalysis on PRINTcipher-48

we can construct  $t$ -round related-key differential characteristics on PRINTcipher-48 with a probability of  $2^{-t}$ . These related-key differential characteristics rely upon the concrete key value. These related-key differential characteristics depend upon the concrete key value. to unravel this, we use 4  $(K_0^{(0,0)}, K_0^{(0,1)}, K_0^{(1,0)}, K_0^{(1,1)})$ . In detail, two key pairs  $(K_0^{(0,0)}, K_0^{(0,1)})$  and  $(K_0^{(1,0)}, K_0^{(1,1)})$  are considered.

### 2.3.4 Basic Related-Key Attack on PRINTcipher-48

44-round related-key differential characteristic with probability of  $2^{-44}$  is required to attack a full print cipher-48. Steps for attack procedure:-

- Consider plain text strucutres of 4 plaintext each
- Discard the incorrect ciphertext pairs from the difference between ciphertexts. For the proper ciphertext pair, the output difference of round 45 should be zero.
- Guess the partial secret key
- Determine related-key pairs satisfying Case 1 (0)

### 2.3.5 Complexities of Basic Related-Key Attack on PRINTcipher-48

For plaintext strucutre step computational complexity is  $2^4$  PRINTcipher-48 encryptions. Next, we discard wrong pair with ciphertext pairs served is  $2^{10}(= 8.2^{44}.2^{-37})$ . Total computational complexity of the attack is  $2^{63}$ .

## 2.4 Experiment Results

To demonstrate the efficiency of the proposal they need to implement both PRINTcipher variants in VHDL and used Synopsys DesignVision 2007.12 to synthesize them using the Virtual Silicon (VST) primary cell library UMCL18G212T3, which is predicated on the UMC L180 0.18 $\mu$ m. 1P6M logic process and incorporates a typical voltage of 1.8 Volt.

Algorithm		key size	block size	cycles/ block	Throughput (@100 KHz)	Tech. [ $\mu$ m]	Area [GE]
Stream Ciphers							
Trivium	[9]	80	1	1	100	0.13	2,599
Grain	[9]	80	1	1	100	0.13	1,294
Block Ciphers							
PRESENT	[22]	80	64	547	11.7	0.18	1,075
SEA	[17]	96	96	93	103	0.13	3,758
mCrypton	[16]	96	64	13	492.3	0.13	2,681
HIGHT	[12]	128	64	34	188	0.25	3,048
AES	[6]	128	128	1,032	12.4	0.35	3,400
AES	[11]	128	128	160	80	0.13	3,100
DESXL	[15]	184	64	144	44.4	0.18	2,168
KATAN32	[2]	80	32	255	12.5	0.13	802
KATAN48	[2]	80	48	255	18.8	0.13	927
KATAN64	[2]	80	64	255	25.1	0.13	1054
KTANTAN32	[2]	80	32	255	12.5	0.13	462
KTANTAN48	[2]	80	48	255	18.8	0.13	588
KTANTAN64	[2]	80	64	255	25.1	0.13	688
PRINTCIPHER-48		80	48	768	6.25	0.18	402
PRINTCIPHER-48		80	48	48	100	0.18	503
PRINTCIPHER-96		160	96	3072	3.13	0.18	726
PRINTCIPHER-96		160	96	96	100	0.18	627

**Figure 2:** Hardware implementation results of some symmetric encryption algorithms.

## 2.5 Conclusions

In PRINTcipher they have considered the technology of IC-printing to see how it might influence the cryptography that we use. They have proposed lightweight block cipher PRINTcipher that explicitly takes advantage of this new manufacturing approach. We related-key cryptanalysis of PRINTcipher. To recover the 80-bit secret key of PRINTcipher-48, related-key differential attack require  $2^{47}$  related-key chosen plaintexts with a computational complexity of  $2^{60.62}$ . Further improvement can be done on the basic related-key attack on the full PRINTcipher-48 by considering 43-round related-key differential characteristics  $0 \rightarrow \text{Case1}(0) 0$ .

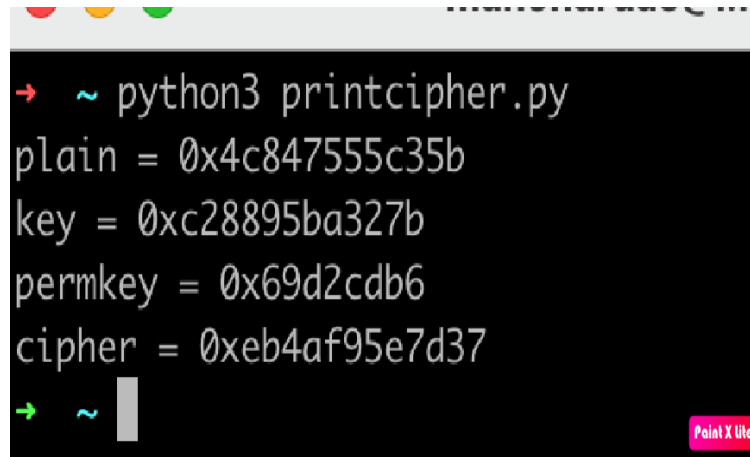
## 2.6 Testvectors

plaintext	key	permkey	ciphertext
4c847555c35b	c28895ba327b	69d2cdb6	eb4af95e7d37

**Figure 3:** Testvector for PRINTcipher-48 in hexadecimal notationAT

	Testvector 1	Testvector 2
plaintext	5A97E895A9837A50CDC2D1E1	A83BB396B49DAA6286CD7834
key	953DDBBFA9BF648FF6940846	D83F1CEF1084E8131AA14510
permkey	70F22AF090356768	62C67A890D558DD0
ciphertext	45496A1283EF56AFBDDC8881	EE5A079934D98684DE165AC0
	Testvector 3	Testvector 4
plaintext	5CED2A5816F3C3AC351B0B4B	61D7274374499842690CA3CC
key	EC5ECFEF020442CF3EF50B8A	2F3F647A9EE6B4B5BAF0B173
permkey	68EA816CEBA0EFE5	A07CF36902B48D24
ciphertext	7F49205AF958DD440ED35D9E	3EB4830D385EA369C1C82129

**Figure 4:** Testvectors for PRINTcipher-96 in hexadecimal notation

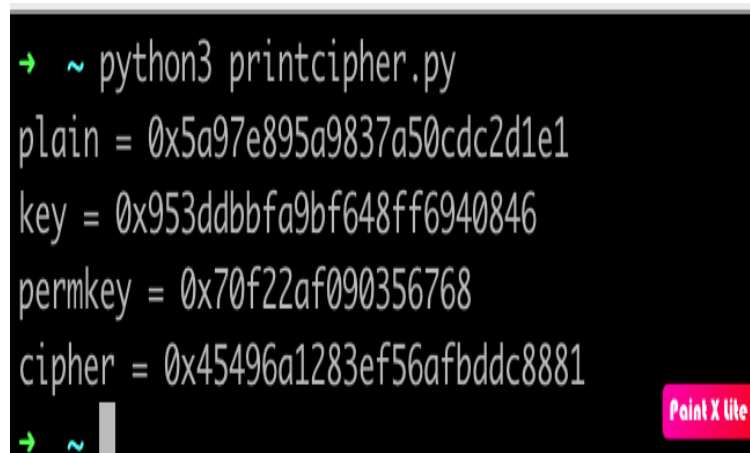


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→ ~ python3 printcipher.py
plain = 0x4c847555c35b
key = 0xc28895ba327b
permkey = 0x69d2cdb6
cipher = 0xeb4af95e7d37
→ ~

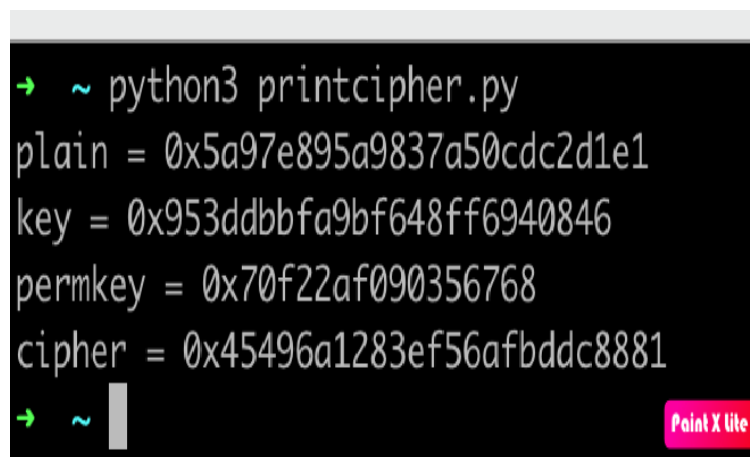
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**Figure 5:** Sage implementation for Encryption of above plaintext



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→ ~ python3 printcipher.py
plain = 0x5a97e895a9837a50cdc2d1e1
key = 0x953ddbffa9bf648ff6940846
permkey = 0x70f22af090356768
cipher = 0x45496a1283ef56afbddc8881
→ ~
```

**Figure 6:** Sage implementation for Encryption of above plaintext



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→ ~ python3 printcipher.py
plain = 0x5a97e895a9837a50cdc2d1e1
key = 0x953ddbffa9bf648ff6940846
permkey = 0x70f22af090356768
cipher = 0x45496a1283ef56afbddc8881
→ ~
```

**Figure 7:** Sage implementation for Encryption of above plaintext

### 3 Code Snippet

The code is implemented in Python. The code snippet is given below :-



```

1  def enc(plaintext, long_key, short_key, block_bits = 48):
2      # compute length for counter
3      if block_bits == 48:
4          counter = [0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0]
5      elif block_bits == 96:
6          counter = [0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0]
7      else:
8          import sys
9          sys.stderr.write("ERROR: invalid block_bits\n")
10         sys.exit(-1)
11
12     text = num2bits(plaintext, block_bits)
13     round_key = num2bits(long_key, block_bits)
14     perm_key = num2bits(short_key, int(block_bits * 2 / 3))
15
16     state = [None] * block_bits # temp variable
17     for round_i in range(block_bits):
18         # key xor
19         for i in range(block_bits):
20             text[i] ^= round_key[i]
21
22         # linear diffusion
23         for i in range(block_bits - 1):
24             state[(3 * i) % (block_bits - 1)] = text[i]
25         state[block_bits - 1] = text[block_bits - 1]
26
27         # round counter
28         counter = _update_round_counter(counter)
29         for i, x in enumerate(counter):
30             state[i] ^= x
31
32         # keyed sbox
33         for i in range(int(block_bits / 3)):
34             before = bits2num(state[(3 * i):(3 * i + 3)])
35             after = num2bits(_sbox[bits2num(perm_key[2*i : 2*i + 2])][before], 3)
36             for j in range(3):
37                 text[3 * i + j] = after[j]
38
39     return bits2num(text)

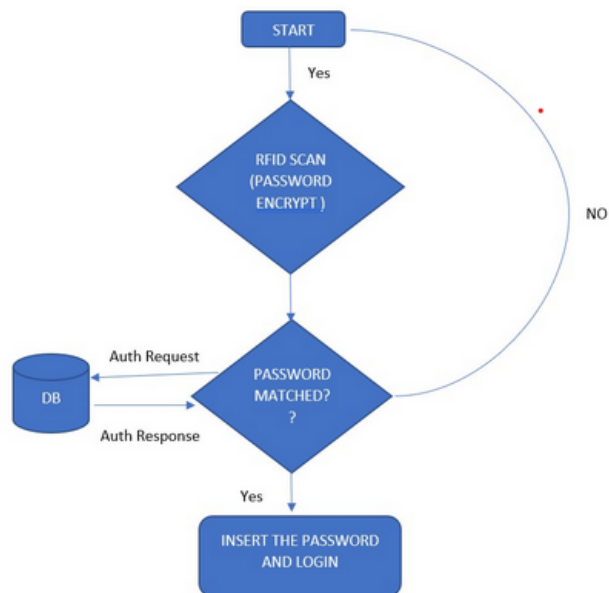
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Figure 8: Encryption function of PRINTcipher

### 3.1 Software Application Implementation

The motivation behind the development of the PRINT Cipher is the issue that in RFID applications, it is not required to change the key. It is rather considered as an overhead in RFID applications. Hence, PRINT Cipher is developed which requires a single key and it has been declared efficient for many applications such as fabrication of cheap RFID tags. The other concern was using a simple key schedule where subkeys are created in a simple fashion. So this cipher fulfilled the need and no working memory is needed for the subkey computations.

Here we are implementing an NFC/RFID compatible, platform independent login tool where the credentials are secured using PRINT Cipher. The usage of PRINT Cipher here provides fast access to RFID tags and NFC devices. The application provides a secure form of authentication that has been used in smart cards and mobile authentication. The basic idea is, that once you tap an authorized tag on the reader, the appropriate password is decrypted and typed on an emulated keyboard. Once configured, you only need the HID driver on the host system. The basic idea is that when you tap a tag allowed by the reader, the corresponding password will be decrypted and entered into the emulated keyboard. Here a simulator has been developed where a login form will be shown and the credentials entered will be encrypted and secured using PRINT Cipher and when they match a secured login is successfully done. Here to demonstrate the efficiency, PRINT Cipher-48 is used in the login tool. As the cipher was designed by focusing more on the hardware efficiency, the performance of PRINT Cipher for any software implementation is slower [inefficient as compared to well known and widely used cipher like AES] than that of many well known and widely used ciphers like AES. It is observed that over a 64-bit platform, the performance of PRINT Cipher is 5-10 times slower than AES implementation.



**Figure 9:** Figure: Login Mechanism Flow Chart