

# IIS Kickoff Tutorial - Side Channel Attacks

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# Tutorials

No weekly tutorials, support directly from Tutor

- Newsgroup (interesting for everyone)
- Email (small problem, interesting for your group)
  - `rprimas@student.tugraz.at`
  - `stefan.steinegger@student.tugraz.at`
- Meeting (bigger problem, interesting for your group)
  - Contact tutor for arrangement

# Tutorials

Second tutorial will be announced

- Content is advanced Fault Attack
- After group meetings and project specification submission

Tutorial slides will be available on the wiki

# Language

IIS Practicals are also in English

- English is appreciated
- German is also ok (oral/written)

# Project Specification

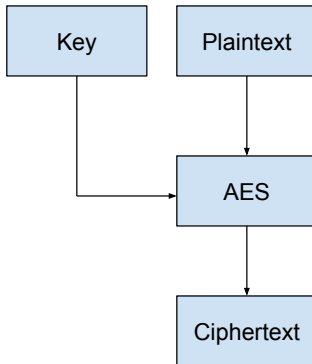
2-4 Pages, describe your problem solving proposals

- Format is PDF
- One specification per group
- Hand in by 17.11 via Stics
- Implement and hand in simple Fault Attack by 17.11 (not mandatory but highly recommended!)

# Advanced Encryption Standard (AES)

- Symmetric Encryption Scheme
- Data processed in 128 bit blocks
- Key length is **128**, 196 or 256 bit
- Nowadays used almost everywhere
- License Free
- Software/Hardware Implementations

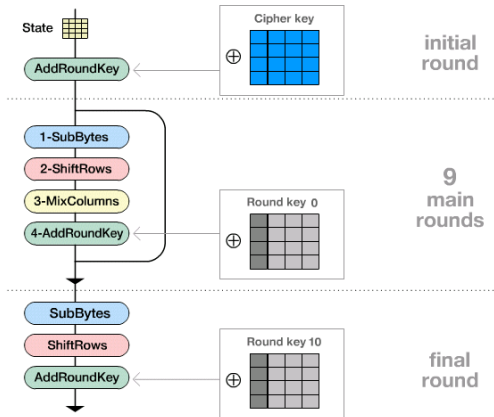
# AES Interface





# AES Rounds

Animation → <https://youtu.be/mlzxpkdXP58>



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# Side Channel Attacks

## Two challenge chapters

1. Differential Power Analysis Attack
2. Fault Attacks
  - Simple Attack
  - Advanced Attack

You need to implement all tasks for a good grade

# Differential Power Analysis (DPA)

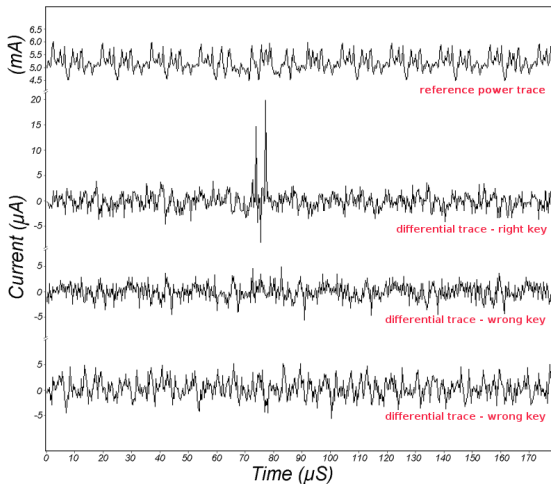
In a nutshell...

- Observation: Power consumption of hardware depends on data values (Key!)
- Make assumptions about the influence of key bits on the power consumption → Power Model
- Guess part of key, predict power consumption and look for similar patterns in the recorded power traces → Correlation Analysis

# DPA - Power Models

- CMOS circuits consume power only when switching states
- Assume high power consumption if the Hamming Weight of the output of the first Subbox is high and vice versa
- Key is right if the predicted power consumption is retrievable from the provided power traces

# DPA - Power Traces Example



©<http://web.cse.msstate.edu/~ramkumar/DPA.pdf>

# DPA - Submissions

## For Specification

- Short description of the AES cipher
- How would you implement this attack?

## For Final Delivery

- Implement a DPA Attack on plaintexts/power traces provided by us (handed out after group meetings)

# DPA - References

- Paper: DPA on DES/AES etc.  
<http://link.springer.com/article/10.1007%2Fs13389-011-0006-y>
- Youtube: DPA on DES  
<https://youtu.be/gbqNCgVcXsM>
- Correlation Power Analysis  
[http://www.engr.uconn.edu/~tehrani/teaching/tcs/cpa\\_shi.pdf](http://www.engr.uconn.edu/~tehrani/teaching/tcs/cpa_shi.pdf)

# Fault Attacks

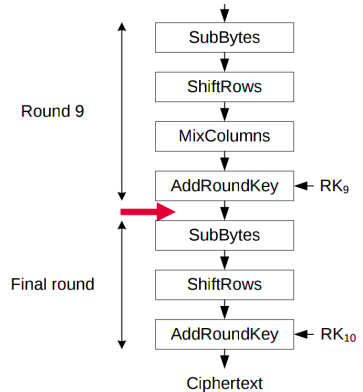
In a nutshell...

- Assume ability to induce faults during AES encryption
- Recover key bits from valid/invalid ciphertext pairs



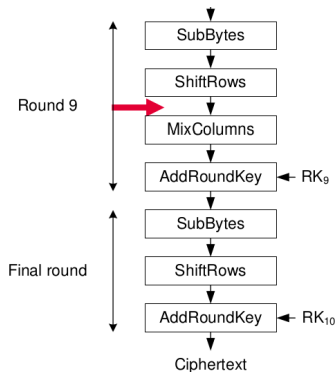
# Simple Fault Attack

- Induce bit flip before the last Subbox operation at known position
- Collect valid/invalid ciphertext pairs
- Calculate back to input of last Subbox with guessed key bits
- Find out if the right key was guessed...



# Advanced Fault Attack

- Not yet ...
- Is covered in a second tutorial (will be announced)



# Fault Attacks - Submissions

## For Specification

- How would you implement the simple Fault Attack?
- Recommended: Implement simple Fault Attack

## For Final Delivery

- Implement simple Fault Attack
- Implement advanced Fault Attack

# Submissions

- Programming language is Matlab/Octave or Sage
- Add Readme with instructions if necessary
- We need to be able to run your code
- Write summary for each solved challenge  
(2-4 Pages in total)

# Grading

- Points are earned at the final interview for explaining your correctly implemented attacks
- All group members get same grade (except corner cases)
- All tasks need to be solved for a good grade
- All group members need to be able to explain all implemented attacks

# Timeline

- Next days - Handout of simple Fault Attack assignment
- 17<sup>th</sup> November
  - Send signed rule confirmation email
  - Hand in Project Specification
  - Hand in simple Fault Attack (recommended, not mandatory, no support after this date)
- ~ 23<sup>th</sup> November - Group Meetings
- < 24<sup>th</sup> December - Give progress update to tutor
- 21<sup>th</sup> January - Final deliverable
- ~ 28<sup>th</sup> January - Final interviews