

## Attacks on Cryptographic Hardware Why strong crypto is not enough

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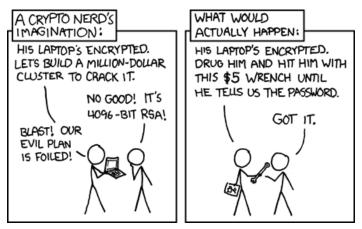


Figure: http://xkcd.com/538



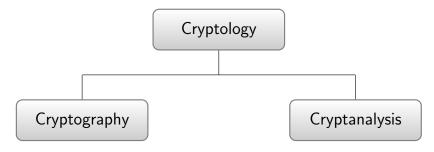


Figure: Overview of cryptology.

## Fields of Cryptanalysis



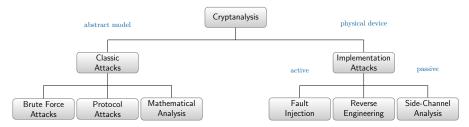


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## "Milking the Digital Cash Cow."

- Presented at the 29th Chaos Communication Congress by the crypto group of the Ruhr-University Bochum.
- Extract secret keys from NXP's *Mifare DESfire MF3ICD40 smartcards* by exploiting electro-magnetic information leakage.
- ▶ Those cards are used e.g. for the university's "Mensacards".
- After secret key extraction: Change stored amount of money to an arbitrary value.

#### Further details:

- events.ccc.de/congress/2012/Fahrplan/events/5393.en.html
- www.hgi.rub.de/hgi/news/articles/milkingdigitalcashcow
- Recordings of the talk are on youtube.

## **Cold Boot Attacks**





Figure: Freezing memory.

- Reconstruct full disk encryption keys from a memory dump extracted from frozen RAM.
- Further details: https://citp.princeton.edu/research/memory



## Observation

- Power consumption of a circuit varies according to the activity of its individual components.
- Measurements of the power consumption contain informations about operations being performed and the data being processed.



Figure: Power analysis setup.

Idea: Exploit (minimal) *statistic significances* appearing in the collected power traces to extract the secret key from a device.

## **Power Analysis**



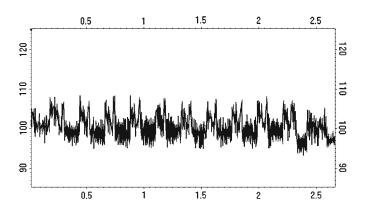


Figure: Power trace from a smart card performing an AES-128 encryption, with ten rounds clearly visible.



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## Fault Attacks



## Techniques to induce faults

- Manipulation of the power-supply voltage to cause miscalculations.
- Manipulation of the circuit's clock.
- Parasitic charge-carrier generation by a laser beam.





Figure: www.riscure.com

Related: Glitch attacks to break pay-tv chips or gaming consoles (PS3, XBOX).



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Given a block size of  $n_1$  bits and a key size of  $n_2$  bits a block cipher is specified by an encryption function

$$E: \{0,1\}^{n_1} \times \{0,1\}^{n_2} \to \{0,1\}^{n_1}, (m,k) \mapsto c$$

and a decryption function

$$D: \{0,1\}^{n_1} \times \{0,1\}^{n_2} \to \{0,1\}^{n_1}, (c,k) \mapsto m$$

such that

$$D_k(E_k(m))=m$$

for all plaintext messages  $m \in \{0, 1\}^{n_1}$  and all keys  $k \in \{0, 1\}^{n_2}$ .



## Common designs

- Feistel Network
- Addition-Rotation-XOR Network (ARX)
- Substitution Permutation Network (SPN)

## **Feistel Ciphers**



## Overview

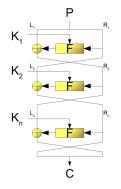


Figure: Structure of Feistel Ciphers.

#### Basic procedure:

State block splitted into: L<sub>i</sub>, R<sub>i</sub>

$$\blacktriangleright L_{i+1} = R_i$$

$$\triangleright R_{i+1} = L_i \oplus F(k_i, R_i)$$

Prominent examples: DES, GOST, Blowfish, Twofish, FEAL, ...

## **ARX Ciphers**



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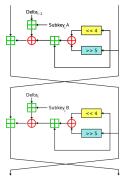


Figure: Example ARX Cipher: XTEA

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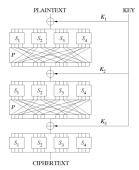
- ▶ Addition (mod  $2^n$ ):  $\boxplus$
- ► Rotation: ≪
- XOR: ⊕

## Prominent examples: RC{4,5,6}, TEA, XTEA, Threefish, ...

## **SPN** Ciphers



#### Overview



#### Figure: Substitution Permutation Network

#### **Operations:**

- Substitution: SBox application.
- Permutation.

# Prominent examples: AES, PRESENT, KHAZAD, LED, PRINCE ...



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#### The state

The 64-bit state *s* is considered as a concatenation of 16 4-bit strings  $s_1 \parallel s_2 \parallel \cdots \parallel s_{15} \parallel s_{16}$  (with  $s_i \in \mathbb{F}_{16}$ ) and conceptually arranged in a 4 × 4 matrix as written below.

$$m{s} = egin{pmatrix} m{s}_1 & m{s}_2 & m{s}_3 & m{s}_4 \ m{s}_5 & m{s}_6 & m{s}_7 & m{s}_8 \ m{s}_9 & m{s}_{10} & m{s}_{11} & m{s}_{12} \ m{s}_{13} & m{s}_{14} & m{s}_{15} & m{s}_{16} \end{pmatrix}$$

#### Remark

The 64-bit plaintext unit and the 64-/128-bit key are handled in the same way as the state above.

### The LED Block Cipher



#### Layout

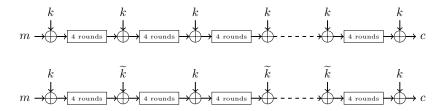


Figure: LED key usage: 64-bit key (top) and 128-bit key (bottom).

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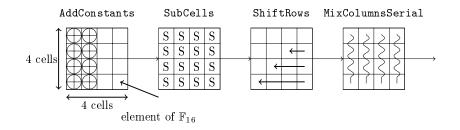


Figure: An overview of a single round of LED.



**AddConstants** 

A round constant is a seq. of six bits  $b_5 \parallel b_4 \parallel b_3 \parallel b_2 \parallel b_1 \parallel b_0$ . Divide it into  $x = b_5 \parallel b_4 \parallel b_3$  and  $y = b_2 \parallel b_1 \parallel b_0$ , form the matrix

(0	Х	0	0)
1	У	0	0
2	Х	0	0
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and add it to the state.

Rounds	Constants
01 – 12	01,03,07,0F,1F,3E,3D,3B,37,2F,1E,3C
13 – 24	39,33,27,0E,1D,3A,35,2B,16,2C,18,30
25 – 36	21,02,05,0B,17,2E,1C,38,31,23,06,0D
37 – 48	1B,36,2D,1A,34,29,12,24,08,11,22,04

#### Table: The LED round constants.



#### SubCells

Replace each entry x of the state matrix by the element S[x] from the SBox given by the table below.

X		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	A	В	С	D	Е	F
S[x]	]	С	5	6	В	9	0	А	D	3	Ε	F	8	4	7	1	2

Table: The LED SBox.



#### ShiftRows

For i = 1, 2, 3, 4, the *i*-th row of the state matrix is shifted cyclically to the left by i - 1 positions.

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathsf{S}_1 & \mathsf{S}_2 & \mathsf{S}_3 & \mathsf{S}_4 \\ \mathsf{S}_5 & \mathsf{S}_6 & \mathsf{S}_7 & \mathsf{S}_8 \\ \mathsf{S}_9 & \mathsf{S}_{10} & \mathsf{S}_{11} & \mathsf{S}_{12} \\ \mathsf{S}_{13} & \mathsf{S}_{14} & \mathsf{S}_{15} & \mathsf{S}_{16} \end{pmatrix} \longmapsto \begin{pmatrix} \mathsf{S}_1 & \mathsf{S}_2 & \mathsf{S}_3 & \mathsf{S}_4 \\ \mathsf{S}_6 & \mathsf{S}_7 & \mathsf{S}_8 & \mathsf{S}_5 \\ \mathsf{S}_{11} & \mathsf{S}_{12} & \mathsf{S}_9 & \mathsf{S}_{10} \\ \mathsf{S}_{16} & \mathsf{S}_{13} & \mathsf{S}_{14} & \mathsf{S}_{15} \end{pmatrix}$$



#### **MixColumns**

Each column v of the state matrix is replaced by the product  $M \cdot v$ , where M is the matrix

$$\boldsymbol{M} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 8 & 6 & 5 & 6 \\ 8 & E & A & 9 \\ 2 & 2 & F & B \end{pmatrix}$$



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#### Recall

Aim: By injecting faults into the circuit during it's computations, the attacker wants to gather enough informations to reconstruct somehow the chip's stored secret.

#### In our case



Figure: LED-64 key usage.

#### $\Rightarrow$ Reconstruction of *k*.



#### What are the attacker's capabilities?

- ► Known plaintext attack: We assume that the attacker is able to generate an arbitrary number of plaintext, (faulty) ciphertext triples (m, c, c').
- Kerckhoffs Principle or "The enemy knows the system": The design of the cipher is known to the adversary. (No security by obscurity)



### Requirements

- Temporal resolution: Fault injection timing is controllable *quite precisely*, i.e. injection after a specific operation of the cipher.
- Spatial resolution: Injection effects a single, random nibble (4-bit value) of the whole state. The affected nibble itself is either known (Model 1) or unknown (Model 2).
- **Effects:** State nibble is changed to a *random and unknown 4-bit value*.

Note: We will focus on Model 1 in this talk.



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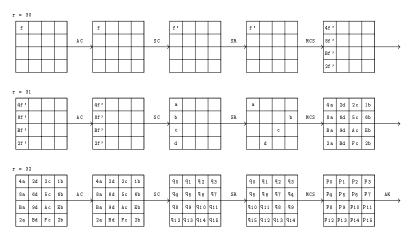


Figure: Fault propagation in the LED cipher.



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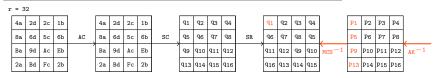
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#### Inversion of the LED steps

AK<sup>-1</sup>: Compute  $c_i + k_i$  and  $c'_i + k_i$ , for  $i \in \{1, ..., 16\}$ .

### A Fault Attack on LED-64





Inversion of the LED Steps

 $MCS^{-1}$ : Use the inverse matrix

$$\boldsymbol{M}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} C & C & D & 4 \\ 3 & 8 & 4 & 5 \\ 7 & 6 & 2 & E \\ D & 9 & 9 & D \end{pmatrix}$$

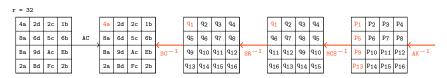
of *M* from the MCS operation to get:

$$C \cdot (C_1 + k_1) + C \cdot (C_5 + k_5) + D \cdot (C_9 + k_9) + 4 \cdot (C_{13} + k_{13}), \\ C \cdot (C'_1 + k_1) + C \cdot (C'_5 + k_5) + D \cdot (C'_9 + k_9) + 4 \cdot (C'_{13} + k_{13})$$

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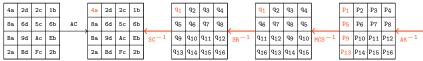
- SR<sup>-1</sup>: Only shifts the entries of the state matrix, no effects on the computed expressions.
- SC<sup>-1</sup>: Results in

$$S^{-1}(C \cdot (c_1 + k_1) + C \cdot (c_5 + k_5) + D \cdot (c_9 + k_9) + 4 \cdot (c_{13} + k_{13})),$$
  
$$S^{-1}(C \cdot (c_1' + k_1) + C \cdot (c_5' + k_5) + D \cdot (c_9' + k_9) + 4 \cdot (c_{13}' + k_{13}))$$

where  $S^{-1}$  is the inverse of the LED SBox. The remaining expressions are computed in the same way again.







#### Generation of the fault equations

Compute the XOR difference of two related expressions and obtain a fault equation:

$$4 \cdot \mathbf{a} = S^{-1}(C \cdot (\mathbf{c}_1 + \mathbf{k}_1) + C \cdot (\mathbf{c}_5 + \mathbf{k}_5) + D \cdot (\mathbf{c}_9 + \mathbf{k}_9) + 4 \cdot (\mathbf{c}_{13} + \mathbf{k}_{13})) + S^{-1}(C \cdot (\mathbf{c}_1' + \mathbf{k}_1) + C \cdot (\mathbf{c}_5' + \mathbf{k}_5) + D \cdot (\mathbf{c}_9' + \mathbf{k}_9) + 4 \cdot (\mathbf{c}_{13}' + \mathbf{k}_{13})).$$

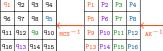
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Ba	9d	Ac	Eb	
2a	Bd	Fc	2ъ	

	4a	2d	2c	1b	
	8a	6d	5c	6b	,
1	Ba	9d	Ac	Eb	sc-1
	2a	Bd	Fc	2b	





Fault equations for the first column

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Obtain 16 equations  $E_{x,i}$  where  $x \in \{a, b, c, d\}$ ,  $i \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ .



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#### An example

Assume we have the following setup:

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c = FDD6FB98 45F81456
c' = 51B8AB31 169AC161

The faulty ciphertext c' was obtained by injecting the error value e = 8 into the first entry of the state matrix at the beginning of the 30-th round.



а	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	A	в	С	D	Е	F
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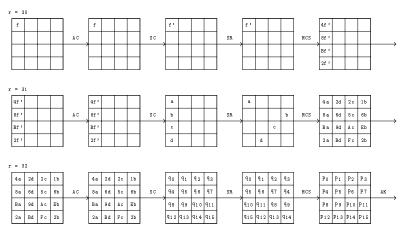


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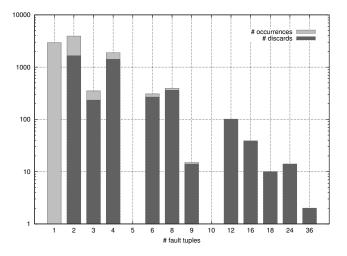
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discarded	14	1	101	38	10	14	2

#### Table: Efficiency of key set filtering.

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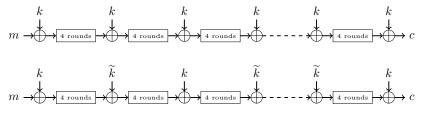


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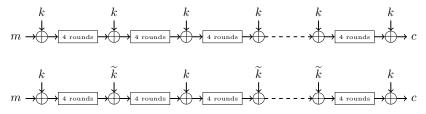
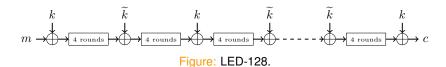


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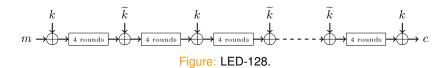
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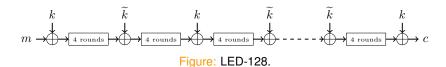
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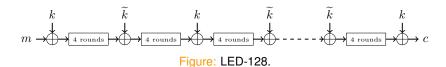
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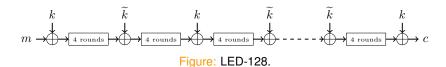
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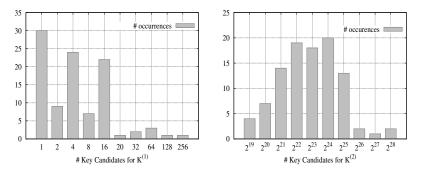




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- 5. Filter key candidates for  $\tilde{k}$  using  $(s_i, \tilde{s}_i)$ . Note: Many of the pairs give empty key candidate sets!
- 6. Perform a brute-force search on all the combinations of  $(k_i, \tilde{k}_j)$ .



### **Experimental results**



- ▶ The diagrams above shows the key space sizes for 100 runs of the attack.
- The average running time for the filtering step was 517.41 seconds and 1012.51 seconds for the brute-force search.



- 1. The Hitchhiker's Guide to Implementation Attacks
- 2. Crypto, Block Ciphers and Everything
- 3. Mostly Harmful
- 4. And Another Thing ...
- 5. So Long, and Thanks for (all) the Keys



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### What's next?

- > Fault attacks on other block ciphers, stream ciphers or hash functions.
- Algebraic Fault Attacks.
- FIRE: Fault Injection for Reverse Engineering.

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