

# Decomposed S-Boxes and DPA Attacks: A Quantitative Case Study using PRINCE

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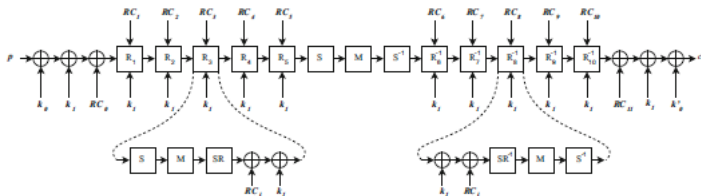
Strategy and Synergy for Security

# Outline

- PRINCE and its S-Box decomposition
- Threshold implementation (TI) of decomposed S-Box
- Transparency Order (TO) of decomposed S-box
- Experiment Results (Trade-off Comparison)

# PRINCE cipher

PRINCE 64/128: ASIACRYPT2012



Single circuit for both encryption /decryption

Implementation attack on PRINCE

- CPA on round based implementation, CPSS2015
- CPA on unrolled implementation, LightSec2015

Point of attack is S-box

# S-Box

- S-Box is a non-linear function
- Provides confusion property
- PRINCE, Golden S-box( $G_{13}$ )

## **Motivation and Contributions**

- Adopt existing countermeasure in efficient way
- Identify optimal S-box resistance against DPA from implementation perspective

## Countermeasure

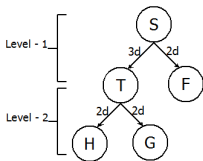
- Threshold implementation (TI) is secure against first order DPA
- Trade-off factors (Area, Latency, Level of Security) need to be considered for resource constrained device.

## Threshold Implementation

- TI works on sharing principle, proposed by *Nikova et al*
- No. of shares ( $S_n$ ) is based on algebraic degree ( $d$ ) of S-box, that is  $S_n \geq d + 1$  ;  $S_n \geq 3+1$ ;  $S_n \geq 4$ ;
- Increases the circuit complexity and its area overhead

**Decompose the S-box into smaller functions with lower degree**

For PRINCE S-box two level decomposition is possible.



- Functions F,G,H has degree 2, therefore  $S_n \geq 2+1$
- TI requires minimum 3 shares.

# Threshold Implementation

Classes(C) and Affines(A) of decomposed S-Box functions

- In first level decomposition, decomposed into one cubic class, one quadratic class and affines,  $S = A_3 \circ C_C \circ A_2 \circ C_Q \circ A_1$
- In second level decomposition, cubic class is decomposed into two quadratic classes and affines,  $C_C = A_6 \circ C_Q \circ A_5 \circ C_Q \circ A_4$
- $S = A_3 \circ A_6 \circ C_Q \circ A_5 \circ C_Q \circ A_4 \circ A_2 \circ C_Q \circ A_1$

$C_Q = \{4, 12, 293, 294, 299, 300\}$

- Many solutions are possible.
- 644 solutions are taken for analysis

# Threshold Implementation

## Solutions need to satisfy TI properties for secure shared implementation

- Correctness
- Non-completeness
- Uniformity

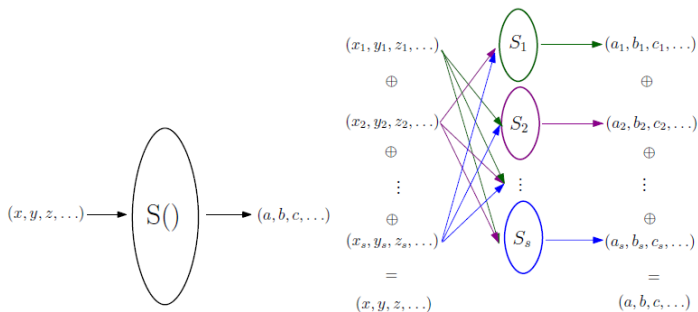


Figure: TI properties

## Threshold Implementation

Example:  $y = f(x) = a \text{ AND } b$

$a = (a_1, a_2, a_3)$ ;  $b = (b_1, b_2, b_3)$ ;

$a = 1$ ;  $a_1 = 1, a_2 = 1, a_3 = 1$ ;

$b = 1$ ;  $b_1 = 0, b_2 = 1, b_3 = 0$ ;

$y = f(x) = 1.1 = 1$ ;

- Correctness:  $a = (a_1 \oplus a_2 \oplus a_3)$ ;  $b = (b_1 \oplus b_2 \oplus b_3)$ ;  
input side:  $a = (1 \oplus 1 \oplus 1) = 1$ ;  $b = (0 \oplus 1 \oplus 0) = 1$ ;  
output side:  $f = f_1 \oplus f_2 \oplus f_3 = 0 \oplus 0 \oplus 1 = 1$

- Non-completeness

$$f_1(a_2, b_2, a_3, b_3) = a_2 b_2 \oplus a_2 b_3 \oplus a_3 b_2 = 1.1 \oplus 1.0 \oplus 1.1 = 0$$

$$f_2(a_3, b_3, a_1, b_1) = a_3 b_3 \oplus a_3 b_1 \oplus a_1 b_3 = 1.0 \oplus 1.0 \oplus 1.0 = 0$$

$$f_3(a_1, b_1, a_2, b_2) = a_1 b_1 \oplus a_1 b_2 \oplus a_2 b_1 = 1.0 \oplus 1.1 \oplus 1.0 = 1$$

- Uniformity

Input(a,b) = 1.1 the output  $f = f_1 \oplus f_2 \oplus f_3 = 1$  and the distribution of its shared output values

$(f_1, f_2, f_3) \in \{001, 010, 100, 111\}$  has to be uniform. In other words, each possible shared output has to occur equally likely.



# Threshold Implementation

- Need to find an area efficient solution
- *Poschmann et al* proposed a formula to estimate weight sum of shared function.

$$W_{sum} = (2 \times C) + (6 \times L) + (27 \times Q) \quad (1)$$

$$W_{modsum} = 2 \times ((3 \times C) - 2) + 6 \times (L + Q - 1) + (21 \times Q) \quad (2)$$

C = Constant, L = Linear coefficient, Q = quadratic coefficient

Function	Parameters			Weighted Sum		
	C	L	Q	$W_{msum}$	$W_{sum}$	$W_{modsum}$
F=1+x+y+w+xz	1	3	1	41	47	41

$$f_1 = 1 + x_2 + y_2 + w_2 + x_2 z_2 + x_2 z_3 + x_3 z_2$$

$$f_2 = x_3 + y_3 + w_3 + x_3 z_3 + x_3 z_1 + x_1 z_3$$

$$f_3 = x_1 + y_1 + w_1 + x_1 z_1 + x_1 z_2 + x_2 z_1$$

$$\text{GE for XOR} = 2, \text{ AND} = 1 \therefore W_{msum} = 16 * (\text{XOR}) + 9 * (\text{AND}) = 41$$

# Threshold Implementation

- Area efficient solution has 412 GE.
- Decomposed Sbox Functions F,G,H

Table: S-Box Decomposition

x	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	A	B	C	D	E	F
F(x)	0	A	2	8	1	3	B	9	E	5	D	6	F	C	4	7
G(x)	E	4	0	A	2	8	C	6	9	7	5	B	D	3	1	F
H(x)	3	6	D	8	A	F	4	1	7	2	C	9	0	5	B	E
$S(x) = H(G(F(x)))$	B	F	3	2	A	C	9	1	6	7	8	0	E	5	D	4

- The same procedure is followed to arrive inverse S-box decomposed solution with Functions  $F^{-1}, G^{-1}, H^{-1}$
- G and  $G^{-1}$  functions are same. Therefore, implementation can be optimized further

Functions	F	G	H	Total GE
S-Box	126	123	163	412
Inverse S-Box	97	123	134	354

- Combined & Optimized implementation of S-box and Inv S-box has 643 GE.

# Threshold Implementation

ANF form of  $F(w,x,y,z)$  [0A2813B9E5D6FC47]

$$F^1 = x + w*z + w*y$$

$$F^2 = z + y + w$$

$$F^3 = w$$

$$F^4 = z + x*z + x*y + w$$

ANFs of the PRINCE S-Box decomposition with 3-shares for TI, **F function**:

$$F_1(w_2, x_2, y_2, z_2, w_3, x_3, y_3, z_3) = (f_{13}, f_{12}, f_{11}, f_{10})$$

$$f_{10} = x_2 + w_2y_2 + w_2y_3 + w_3y_2 + w_2z_2 + w_2z_3 + w_3z_2$$

$$f_{11} = z_2 + y_2 + w_2$$

$$f_{12} = w_2$$

$$f_{13} = z_2 + w_2 + x_2z_2 + x_2z_3 + x_3z_2 + x_2y_2 + x_2y_3 + x_3y_2$$

$$F_2(w_3, x_3, y_3, z_3, w_1, x_1, y_1, z_1) = (f_{23}, f_{22}, f_{21}, f_{20})$$

$$f_{20} = x_3 + w_3y_3 + w_3y_1 + w_1y_3 + w_3z_3 + w_3z_1 + w_1z_3$$

$$f_{21} = z_3 + y_3 + w_3$$

$$f_{22} = w_3$$

$$f_{23} = z_3 + w_3 + x_3z_3 + x_3z_1 + x_1z_3 + x_3y_3 + x_3y_1 + x_1y_3$$

$$F_3(w_1, x_1, y_1, z_1, w_2, x_2, y_2, z_2) = (f_{33}, f_{32}, f_{31}, f_{30})$$

$$f_{30} = x_1 + w_1y_1 + w_1y_2 + w_2y_1 + w_1z_1 + w_1z_2 + w_2z_1$$

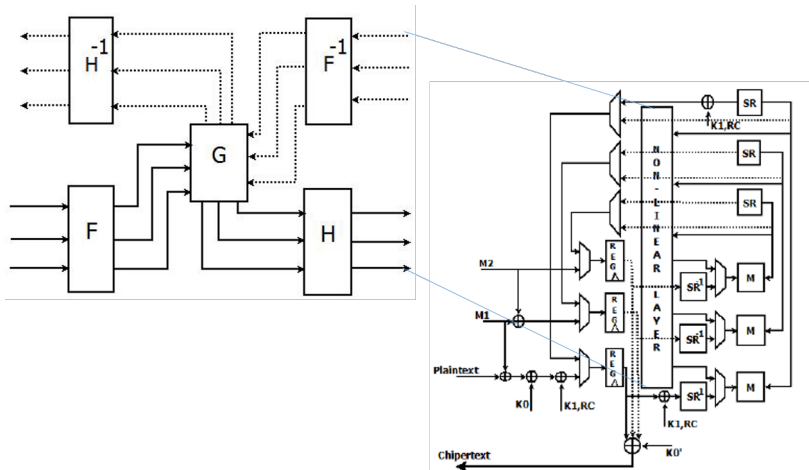
$$f_{31} = z_1 + y_1 + w_1$$

$$f_{32} = w_1$$

$$f_{33} = z_1 + w_1 + x_1z_1 + x_1z_2 + x_2z_1 + x_1y_1 + x_1y_2 + x_2y_1$$

# Threshold Implementation

Round based implementation architecture of PRINCE TI.  
S-box and Inverse S-box implementation with shared G function.



## Threshold Implementation

- To evaluate security of protected implementation. Ported the solution on sasebo G board, target FPGA, Xilinx 2vp7
- Captured 300000 samples power traces for CPA

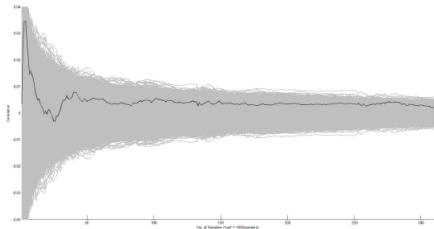


Figure: DPA on decomposed TI

- Figure shows correct key guess is hidden (black waveform) with other key hypothesis.
- TI implementation is resistant against CPA

## Transparency Order of decomposed S-box

## Optimal S-Box from Implementation perspective

- Identify optimal resistivity of S-Box from implementation perspective
- Transparency order (TO) is a measure to evaluate DPA resistivity of S-Box. TO was proposed by *Prouff et al*
- TO of naive S-Box is not the same as the TO of decomposed S-Box.
- Analyses of TO on decomposed S-Box
  - First level decomposition, no change in TO values.
  - Second level decomposition, has small change in TO values
  - Even small change in TO have significant influence on resistance

# Optimal S-Box from Implementation perspective

- TO is calculated for 644 solutions
- Sort all solutions based on least TO values
- Estimate GE for sorted solutions.
- Three different cases are taken for analysis
  1. First, Naïve S-box with TO: 3.4
  2. Second, Decomposed quadratic functions F,G,H with different TO values (2.93, 3.2, 3.46)
  3. Third, Decomposed quadratic functions F,G,H with same Least TO value (2.93, 2.93, 2.93).

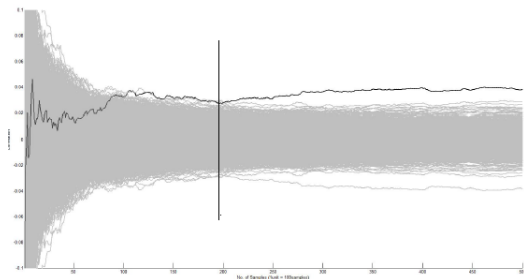


# Experiments

Implement three cases on sasebo G board, target FPGA, Xilinx 2vp7.  
Explored Correlation Power Analysis (CPA) on three solutions

## Case 1: Naïve S-Box implementation

- $TO = 3.4$  and  $GE = 78$
- Capture 30,000 power traces for CPA

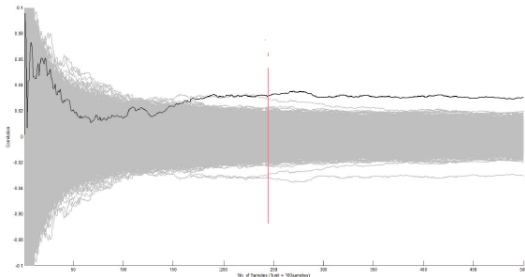


- In plot, correct key(black) guess is above other key hypothesis.
- All bytes of the key are retrieved successfully.

# Experiments

## Case 2: Decomposed quadratic functions with different TO

- TO F,G,H: (2.93, 3.2, 3.4) and GE = 72
- Captured 30,000 power traces for CPA

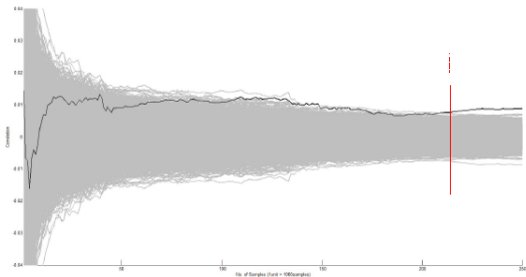


- In plot, correct key(black) guess is above other key hypothesis.
- Retrieved all bytes of the key
- H function TO dominated other functions F,G.

# Experiments

## Case 3: Decomposed quadratic functions with same TO

- TO F,G,H: (2.93, 2.93, 2.93) and  $GE = 87$
- Captured 2,50,000 power traces for CPA



- In the plot that correct key(black) guess is marginally above other key hypothesis.
- Retrieved 85% of the key
- As TO decreases DPA resistivity of the S-Box increases

## Summary

Metrics	Naive	TO	TI
No.of.power-traces for CPA	30,000	2,50,000	> 3,00,000
Area of S-Box in GE	78	87	412

- Level of security :  $TI > TO > \text{Naive}$
- Least TO implementation (with small overhead of  $GE = 9$ ), achieves 8 times better security compare to Naive.
- **Least TO kind of implementation is recommended for resource constrained device**

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