

Higher-order Masking and Shuffling for Software Implementations of Block Ciphers

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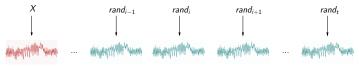
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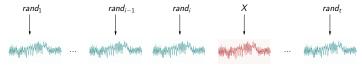
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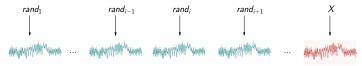
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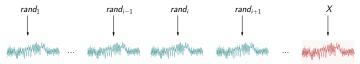


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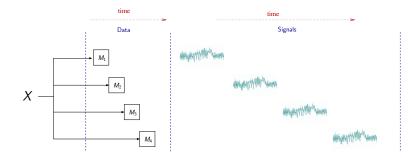
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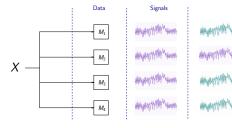




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- First Proposal: combine 1st-order masking with shuffling [HOM06,TillichHerbstMangard07].
- Analyses in [THM07] and [TillichHerbst08] show that the resulting security is not good.
- Possible Improvement: involve higher-order masking [this paper]







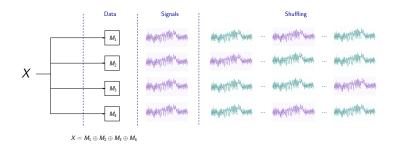
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Raises two issues

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- 2. How to quantify the security of the resulting scheme?













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$$S_i = \delta_i + eta_i \cdot \operatorname{H}(D_i) + N_i$$
 with $N_i \sim \mathcal{N}(0,\sigma)$.









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Iterated Block Cipher





Goal: protect block ciphers iterating round function in the form:

$$\lambda \circ \gamma [p \oplus k]],$$

- k: round key
- *p*: intermediate state of the ciphering
- γ : non-linear layer composed of S-boxes
- λ : linear layer composed of L atomic operations.





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- Protected Block Cipher:

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4 attack pathes have been identified.

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- For λ (split into L sub-layers): $\rho_2(t, d') = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\binom{(d+1)\cdot L}{d+1}}}\rho(d, \sigma)$
- Targeting the tthorder shuffled d'th-masking
 - ► Target the d' shares simultaneously: $\rho_3(t, d') = \frac{1}{\sqrt{t}}\rho(d', \sigma)$

► Target 2 masked data, masked with the same sum of masks: $\rho_4(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{t \cdot (t-1)}} \rho(2, \sigma)$.









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Table: Optimal parameters and timings according to SNR and ρ^* .

	$\mathrm{SNR}=1$				$SNR = \frac{1}{4}$			
ρ^*	t	d	ď	timings	t	d	ď	timings
10^1	16	1	1	$3.66 imes10^4$	16	1	0	$2.94 imes10^4$
10 ⁻²	20	2	2	$6.39 imes10^4$	16	1	1	$3.66 imes10^4$
10 ⁻³	123	3	3	$3.13 imes10^5$	16	2	2	$5.75 imes10^4$
10 ⁻⁴	12208	4	3	$3.15 imes 10^7$	19	3	3	8.35×10^4



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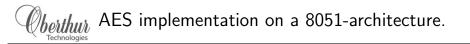


Table: Cycles Numbers for the different steps of the scheme for an AES implementation on a 8051-architecture.

T Generation	$C_T = 112 + t \left(6 + 9 \sum_{i=0}^{15} \frac{1}{t-i} \right)$				
T' Generation	${\cal C}_{{\cal T}'}=3q+2^q(15+14q)$				
Masked S-box Generation	$\mathcal{C}_{MS}=4352d'$				
Pre-computations	$\mathcal{C}_T + \mathcal{C}_{T'} + \mathcal{C}_{MS}$				
γ	$\mathcal{C}_{SL} = t(55+37d+18d')$				
Linear Layer	$\mathcal{C}_{LL}=676(d+1)$				
Protected Round	$\mathcal{C}_{SL} + \mathcal{C}_{LL}$				
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