

# Correlation Electromagnetic Attack on PRESENT Lightweight Block Cipher

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## Research Problem

- Not enough studies regarding side-channel analysis of lightweight ciphers exist
- Unavailability of a correlation electromagnetic analysis (CEMA) of PRESENT

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

Table 1: S-box of PRESENT

Figure 1: Locating S-box area

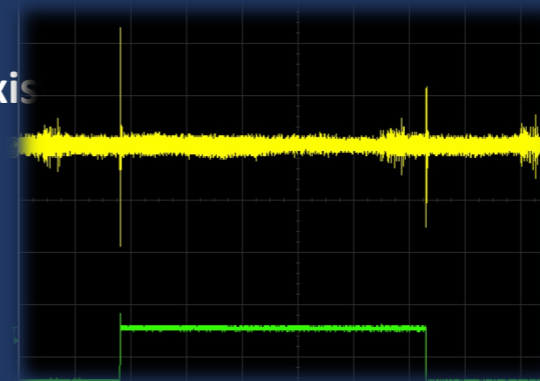
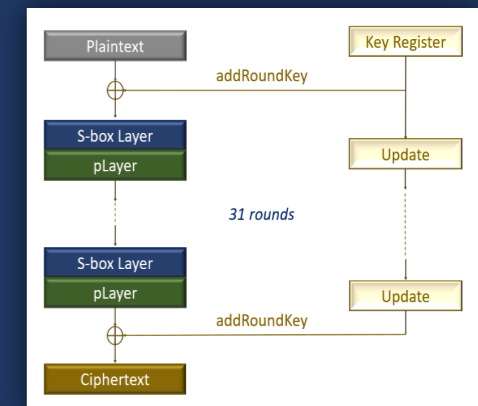


Figure 2: Process of PRESENT encryption



## Key Features of the Research

- A simple EMA to find the encryption behaviour and frequencies affected by the encryption

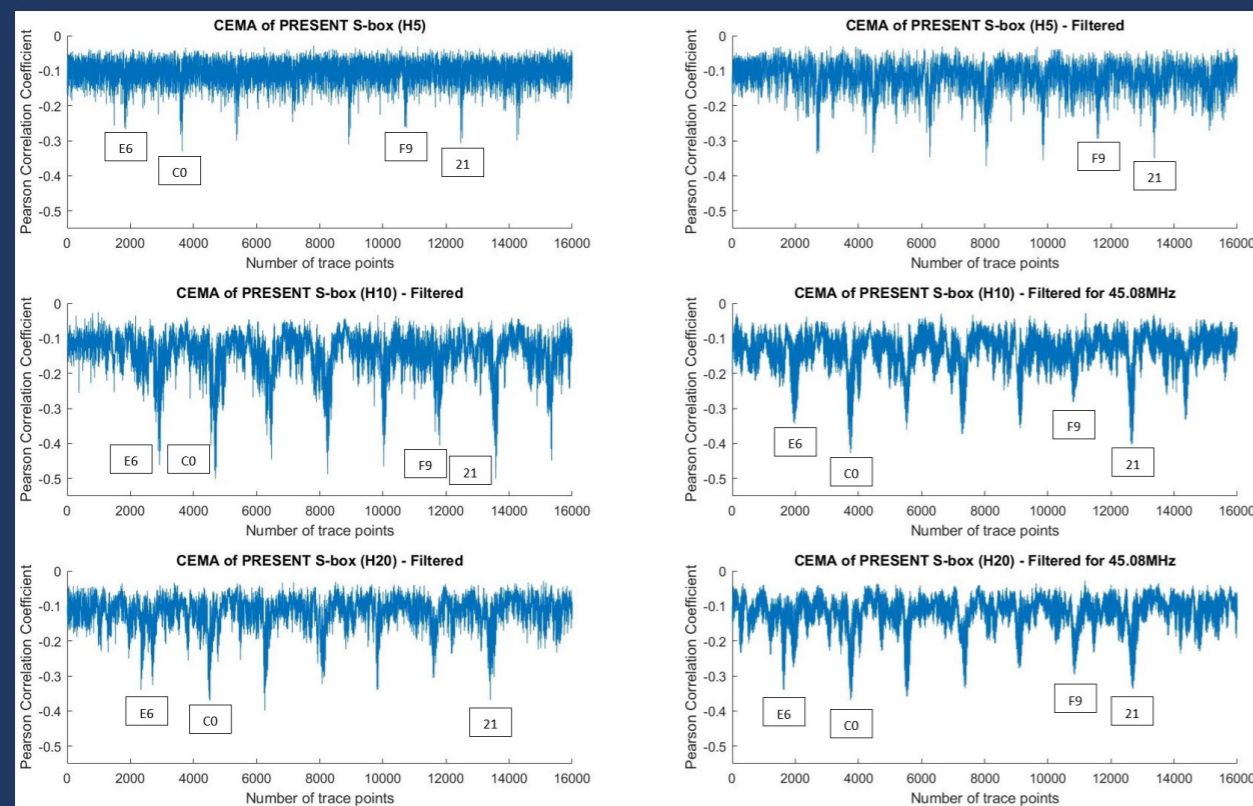


Figure 3: Resultant correlation graphs

- A CEMA of PRESENT's substitution box (S-box) for the first round

Probability of Leakage								
Key Byte	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>
H5	E6	C0	75	43	23	F9	21	FB
H5	46.67%	20%	0	0	6.67%	60%	33%	0
H10	80%	20%	6.67%	0	0	66.67%	53.33%	13.33%
H20	40%	20%	13.33%	0	6.67%	46.67%	53.33%	6.67%
Probability of Leakage at a Time								
H5	Four: 6.67%		Three: 13.33%		Two: 46.67%		One: 13.33%	
H10	Four: 20%		Three: 40%		Two: 13.33%		One: 13.33%	
H20	Four: 6.67%		Three: 26.67%		Two: 33.33%		One: 20%	

Table 2: Results summary

## Progress

- ✓ Eight troughs in resultant correlation graphs that indicate eight major leakage areas
- ✓ Seven bytes of the secret key were derived

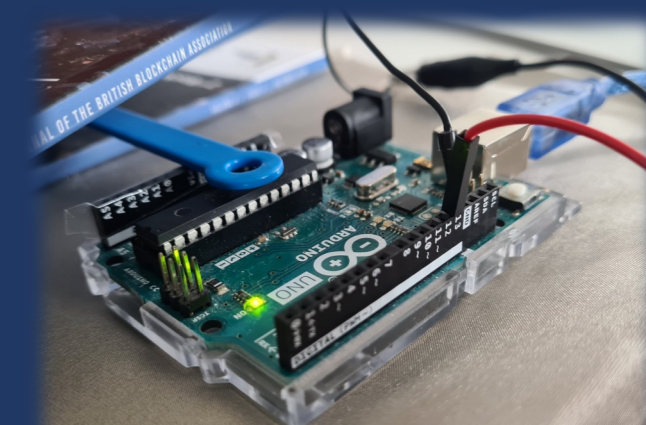


Figure 1: Attack on Arduino UNO using EMC probes