# Hermes8 : A Low-Complexity Low-Power Stream Cipher 

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#### Abstract

Since stream ciphers have the reputation to be inefficient in software applications the new stream cipher Hermes8 has been developed. It is based on a 8 -bit-architecture and an algorithm with low complexity. The two versions presented here are Hermes8-80 with 23 byte state and 10 byte key and furthermore Hermes8-128 with 37 byte state and 16 byte key. Both are suited to run efficiently on 8 -bit micro computers and dedicated hardware (e.g. for embedded systems). The estimated performance is up to one encrypted byte per 118 CPU cycles and one encrypted byte per nine cycles in hardware. The clarity and low complexity of the design supports cryptanalytic methods. The $8 \times 8$ sized S-BOX provides the non-linear function needed for proper confusion. Hermes 8 uses the wellestablished AES S-BOX, but works also excellent with well-designed random SBOXes. Hermes8 withstands so far several 'attacks' by means of statistical tests, e.g. the Strict Avalanche Criterion and FIPS 140-2 are met successfully.


## 1 Introduction

Stream ciphers of today have the reputation to be very efficient in hardware, but slow and costly in software. Often Linear Feedback Shift Registers (LFSRs) are taken as building blocks, because their hardware efficiency and their statistical properties are well known $[1,2,3]$. The cryptographic community is well served by a variety of efficient and trusted block ciphers. However, the same doesn't seem to hold for stream ciphers.

In 2004 the ECRYPT Network of Excellence (NoE) initiated a multi-year effort to identify new stream ciphers suitable for widespread adoption. Algorithm designers were invited to submit new stream cipher proposals (http://www.ecrypt.eu.org/stream).
Following public discussions at the State of the Art of Stream Ciphers (SASC) Workshop in Bruegge (October 2004) the ECRYPT NoE proposed to develop new stream ciphers with respect to two profiles :

Profile-1: Stream ciphers for software applications with high throughput needs.
Profile-2: Stream ciphers for hardware applications with restricted resources. Main criteria are long-term security, efficiency (performance), flexibility, and market requirements. Hermes8 has been designed to serve both profiles and these main criteria, concentrating on clarity of design, efficiency, flexibility, and security.

The next chapter and its sub-chapters describe the specification of Hermes8, the algorithm, security properties, strength and advantages, design choices, computational
efficiency in software and hardware, implementation items to avoid weaknesses, and early hardware evaluations. After the conclusions, also an outlook is given.

## 2 Specification of Hermes8

### 2.1 Description

Hermes8 is based on the Substitution-Permutation-Network (SPN) principle [1,2,3,10]. The substitution (confusion) is performed by means of an S-BOX. The permutation and diffusion is performed by means of addressing the different state bytes, the different key bytes, and most importantly by the chaining with help of the Accu (Figure 1).


Figure 1. Principle of Hermes8 core operation round
Hermes8-80 is based on 10 key bytes and 23 state bytes, whereas the larger Hermes8128 contains 16 key bytes and 37 state bytes. There are two pointers involved: p1 addresses one of the state bytes, p2 addresses one of the key bytes (Figure 2). The pointers obey modulo addition operation in order to assure that they always address valid register space.
The core operation (sub-round) consists of

1. Select a certain state byte and EXOR it with Accu,
2. Select a certain key byte and EXOR it with the previous result,
3. Take the previous result and apply the S-BOX function,
4. Store the previous result in Accu,
5. Copy Accu into the same state byte selected in step1.

The S-BOX is 8 -bit wide in order to provide the non-linear Boolean function needed for substitution, i.e. confusion [8,9]. One choice is the known SBOX of AES [4,5] which is strong w.r.t. Differential Cryptanalysis. - But random number based S-BOXes are also
suitable, if their differential distribution table (ddt) demonstrates good quality [15, 23] with respect to DC attacks. Such random S-BOXes are especially interesting when algebraic attacks are successfully applied to AES in the future [24]...


Figure 2. Byte-Architecture of Hermes8 with registers, ALU, and S-BOX


Figure 3. Key Modification and Scheduling Method of Hermes8
The key bytes are modified every KEY_STEP3, i.e. seven steps, during the sub-round loops depending on the position of p2. The details are shown in Figure 3: Two temporary pointers p3 and p4 are addressing the key bytes that following the byte
addresses selected by p 2 . The byte $\mathrm{k}[\mathrm{p} 2]$ is not modified because it has to be used in the following sub-round. But the bytes $\mathrm{k}[\mathrm{p} 3]$ and $\mathrm{k}[\mathrm{p} 4]$ are 'rather old' and are therefore candidates for modification; they are replaced by SBOX[ $\mathrm{k}[\mathrm{p} 3$ ] exor $\mathrm{k}[\mathrm{p} 2]$ ] and SBOX[ $\mathrm{k}[\mathrm{p} 4]$ exor $\mathrm{k}[\mathrm{p} 2]$ ] respectively. The exor'ing with $\mathrm{k}[\mathrm{p} 2]$ is advantageous over the direct application of the SBOX, because the inverse function of the SBOX does exist. Therefore, backtracking is hampered by means of this method. The dashed pointer in Figure 3 represents the next p2 position (because KEY_STEP1=3) when addressing the next key byte needed for the next sub-round.

Figure 4 describes how the output bytes for the key stream ks[] are derived from the state bytes state[]. Since the pointer p1 has been incremented after the last sub-round, it points to the 'oldest' available state byte. This is the first byte to be packed into the key stream block of e.g. eight bytes for Hermes8-80 or sixteen bytes for Hermes8-128. Then further bytes follow by means of output pointer po, that is incremented by two in order to separate consecutive sub-round results from each other.

Since a new output block of key stream bytes does not follow earlier than the next STREAM_ROUNDS $=3$ are completed, the state byte contents corresponding to the same address are separated by $3 \times 23$ sub-rounds respectively $3 \times 37$ sub-rounds.


Figure 4. Output Function of Hermes8
During the 69 Hermes8-80 sub-rounds there are nearly ten occurrences of key modification, i.e. about 20 key bytes are modified per output block in relation to ten key byte registers. --- During the 111 Hermes8-128 sub-rounds there are nearly 16 occurrences of key modification, i.e. about 32 key bytes are modified per output block in relation to 16 key byte registers.

A related mechanical model consists of two wheels. One has 23 teeth and needs 23 steps per round, the second one has only ten teeth, but rotates with a three-fold speed. When the first one has performed three rounds with 69 steps, the smaller one has rotated for 207 steps, i.e. nearly 21 turns.

### 2.2 Pseudo-Code of Hermes8-80

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nx}\leftarrow2
nk}\leftarrow1
OUTPUTBYTES \leftarrow8
INIT_ROUNDS }\leftarrow1
STREAM_ROUNDS \leftarrow 
KEY_STEP1 \leftarrow 3
KEY_STEP2 }\leftarrow
KEY_STEP3 }\leftarrow
k[] \leftarrowload( nk key bytes)
state[] }\leftarrow\operatorname{load( nx IV bytes )
p1 \leftarrow(k[0] exor k[1] exor k[2]) mod nx
p2 \leftarrow(k[3] exor k[4] exor k[5]) mod nk
accu \leftarrow k[6] exor k[7] exor k[8]
src }\leftarrow(\textrm{k}[9] exor k[0] exor k[3] ) mod KEY_STEP3
round }\leftarrow
for INIT_ROUNDS do
begin
    round }\leftarrow\mathrm{ round +1
    /* begin of core */
    for nx subrounds do
    begin
            accu \leftarrowaccu exor state[p1] exor k[p2]
            accu }\leftarrow\mathrm{ SBOX[ accu ]
            state[p1] \leftarrow accu
            p1}\leftarrow(\textrm{p}1+1)\boldsymbol{mod}\textrm{nx
            p2\leftarrow(p2 + KEY_STEP1 ) mod nk
            src}\leftarrow\textrm{src}+
            if( src \geq KEY_STEP3 )
            then
                begin /* two key modifications */
                    src \leftarrowsrc - KEY_STEP3
                    p3 \leftarrow( p2 + 1) mod nk
                    p4\leftarrow(p3+1) mod nk
                    k[p3] \leftarrowSBOX[ k[p3] exor k[p2] ]
                    k[p4]}\leftarrow\operatorname{SBOX[k[p4] exor k[p2] ]
            endif
        endfor
        if (round mod KEY_STEP2 equal 0) then p2 \leftarrow(p2 +1) mod nk
        /* end of core */
endfor
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/* initialization completed */
\(\mathrm{pc} \leftarrow 0\)
for MAX_ROUNDS do
begin
            for STREAM_ROUNDS do // corrected 14.Jul. 2006
            round \(\leftarrow\) round \(+1 / /\) corrected 14.Jul. 2006
            /* begin of core */
            for \(n x\) subrounds do
            begin
                    accu \(\leftarrow\) accu exor state[p1] exor \(k[p 2]\)
                    accu \(\leftarrow\) SBOX[ accu ]
                    state \([\mathrm{p} 1] \leftarrow\) accu
                    \(\mathrm{p} 1 \leftarrow(\mathrm{p} 1+1) \bmod \mathrm{nx}\)
                    \(\mathrm{p} 2 \leftarrow(\mathrm{p} 2+\) KEY_STEP1 \()\) mod nk
                    \(\mathrm{src} \leftarrow \mathrm{src}+1\)
                    if( src \(\geq\) KEY_STEP3 )
                    then
                    begin /* two key modifications */
                    src \(\leftarrow\) src - KEY_STEP3
                        \(\mathrm{p} 3 \leftarrow(\mathrm{p} 2+1) \bmod \mathrm{nk}\)
                                    \(\mathrm{p} 4 \leftarrow(\mathrm{p} 3+1) \bmod \mathrm{nk}\)
                                    \(\mathrm{k}[\mathrm{p} 3] \leftarrow \operatorname{SBOX}[\mathrm{k}[\mathrm{p} 3]\) exor \(\mathrm{k}[\mathrm{p} 2]\) ]
                                    \(\mathrm{k}[\mathrm{p} 4] \leftarrow \operatorname{SBOX}[\mathrm{k}[\mathrm{p} 4]\) exor \(\mathrm{k}[\mathrm{p} 2]]\)
                    endif
            endfor
            if ( round mod KEY_STEP2 equal 0 ) then \(\mathrm{p} 2 \leftarrow(\mathrm{p} 2+1) \bmod \mathrm{nk}\)
            /* end of core */
        endfor
        /* key stream round completed */
        \(\mathrm{po} \leftarrow \mathrm{p} 1\)
        for 1 to OUTPUTBYTES do
        begin
        ciphertext[pc] \(\leftarrow\) plaintext[pc] exor state[po] /* encrypt */
        \(\mathrm{pc} \leftarrow \mathrm{pc}+1\)
        po \(\leftarrow(\) po +2\() \bmod n x\)
        endfor
endfor
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For Hermes8-128 only the three lines 1-3 are changed to $n \mathrm{x} \leftarrow 37$, $\mathrm{nk} \leftarrow 16$, and OUTPUTBYTES $\leftarrow 16$.

Lines 14 to 47 show the initialization phase assuming the IV has already been loaded into the state registers. The cyclic pointer p2 to the key registers is incremented in steps larger than 1 in order to assign a certain key byte to every state byte over time. Additionally, the pointer p 2 is also incremented after every $5^{\text {th }}$ round (line 42 , KEY_STEP2); this shifts the key assignment pattern, too. After every 7 sub-rounds (KEY_STEP3) two key bytes are modified by means of the S-BOX (lines 31-40).

MAX_ROUNDS (line 50) specifies how many multiples of OUTPUTBYTES bytes shall be encrypted. It is assumed that the plaintext is also a multiple of OUTPUTBYTES bytes, i.e. has been padded accordingly.

The encryption by means of the key stream bytes in the state register is shown in lines 53-84.
During 'key streaming' the inner core of the algorithm (54-74) is the same as described for the initialization phase (23-43). The number of rounds between the output of two blocks of key-stream bytes is defined by STREAM_ROUNDS.

The complete C-code of Hermes8 and some test environment C-code for SAC tests and FIPS 140-2 tests can be found in [21].

## 3 Security properties, security levels, attacks

### 3.1 Strict Avalanche Criterion

The initialization phase has been evaluated with respect to the Strict Avalanche Criterion (SAC) $[1,10]$. This has been done not only for the key sensitivity but also for the IV sensitivity. Only two rounds are needed to get very close to the $50 \%$ goal (see appendix A for the related SAC plots). If ten rounds are performed during the initialization, the security level is assumed to be so high, that only exhaustive search can find the correct key or IV value from known plaintext / cipher text pairs.

### 3.2 Differential and Linear Cryptanalysis

The algorithm has been tested for DC and LC weakness (sensitivity, affinity, correlation) with respect to the initialization phase of ten rounds. No problems were found.

Several parts of the output stream (e.g. 192 bits) were applied to the BerlekampMassey algorithm. There was no exponential found below $X^{\wedge} 93$.

### 3.3 Random Number Quality tests

The algorithm has been tested for FIPS 140-2; no problems were found. The algorithm was also tested by means of the Diehard test suite; no problems could be discovered.

### 3.4 Some Attack Scenarios

In [22] some attacks on pseudorandom number generators (PRNG) are described: a) direct cryptanalytic attack, b) input-based attacks, c) state compromise extension attack. Since PRNGs are very similar to stream ciphers, the same attacks shall be considered here.

### 3.4.1 Direct Cryptanalytic Attack

Since the SAC is fulfilled quite well after only three rounds, a direct attack on ten rounds initialization seems to be unfeasible with respect to exhaustive search. - However the key stream generation is based on shorter rounds, i.e. only three. But only 8 of 23 respectively 16 of 37 state bytes can be directly seen in the output block pattern.

### 3.4.2 Input-Based Attacks

An adversary might use the initialization phase and the IV value for known-input, replayed-input or chosen-input attacks. However, there is a stream cipher application rule that the first IV has to be chosen as a good random number; sub-sequent IVs might be derived from that, and no (IV, key)-pair must be used twice. - In Hermes8 the IV is not used to derive any initial pointer value or similar variable. -- Since the SAC properties are strong, it is assumed that input-based attacks are not more efficient than exhaustive search.

### 3.4.3 State Compromise Extension Attacks

The key stream consists of consecutive blocks of 8 bytes (Hermes8-80) or 16 bytes (Hermes8-128). Two consecutive blocks are separated by 69 sub-rounds respectively 111 sub-rounds. And during these 69 (111) steps the key bytes are modified 20 (32) times. This leads to a certain number of unknown bits, i.e. a certain complexity:

| Version | nx | b nk | $y \quad t$ state output | $\begin{gathered} s \\ \text { state } \\ \text { distance } \end{gathered}$ | b $y$ state unknown | $\begin{aligned} & \text { es s } \\ & \text { key } \\ & \text { unknown } \end{aligned}$ | bits unknown |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Hermes8-80 | 23 | 10 | 8 | 69 | 61 | 20 | 648 |
| Hermes8-128 | 37 | 16 | 16 | 111 | 95 | 32 | 1016 |

If the number of unknown bits is not enough, the algorithm can be made harder by extending the number of STREAM_ROUNDS to more than three.

### 3.5 Weak Keys

Due to the method of the key scheduling all keys with equal byte pattern are weaker than randomly generated keys.

Example: If the initial key is all zero we obtain for Hermes8-80 after the 10 initial rounds:

Key: 0x 4b 4b b0 4d ba 4402 a0 f3 25
and for Hermes8-128 the related result is
Key: 0x a3 c2 ee bf 3a a3 b2 45 e0 70 1b a3 c2 ee bf 3 a
The repetition of bytes here is also caused by the application of KEY_STEP3 $=5$, i.e. the pointer p 2 is only one time during initialization increased additionally. - Of course, one could change KEY_STEP3 from 5 to 1 for the initialization phase only, but generally the key bytes have to be produced by means of a good random number generator.

## 4 Design Choices, Strength and Advantages

The strength and advantages listed below are the result of the following design choices, options, and alternatives:

- The state size is more than twice as the key size, in order to prevent time-memory trade-off attacks [19];
- Substitution Permutation Network (SPN),
- Clarity of design, low complexity [20],
- Use of only registers, three pointers, EXORs, one S-BOX [8,9], small control logic,
- Constants KEY_STEP1, 2, and 3 are chosen as primes not being factors of nx or nk,
- Prevention against related key attacks [4] due to key modification/scheduling,
- Prevention against backtracking attacks [22] due to special key modification/scheduling,
- No bit-shifting, no LFSRs in order to avoid slowdown of software implementations,
- No additions, subtractions, multiplications, divisions in the core data flow,
- No constraint on IV length, beside $n x$ as maximum,
- Low-power architecture [16],
- Scalable architecture concept (StateSize > 37 bytes, KeySize > 16 bytes).


## Strength:

- one 8 x8 S-BOX (e.g. AES S-BOX),
- the S-BOX is used in every sub-round [10],
- the S-BOX is used for a specialized key scheduling,
- every sub-round involves one state-byte and one key-byte,
- no conditional branch is dependent directly on key content,
- learned from AES [4,5,11,12].

Advantages:

- number crunching of bytes ( $=>$ fast on 8 -bit micros),
- no bit-shifting ! ( => high efficiency in software),
- low complexity [20].


## 5 Computational efficiency

### 5.1 Computational efficiency in software

The following estimations are based on a an 8-bit microcomputer with two-operand instruction set and RISC architecture. The S-BOX access is assumed to be a one cycle operation, i.e. table look-up. The mod operation is performed by means of conditional subtraction; this is an important software speed-up compared to full modular division.

The Key setup takes 1 cycle per byte. The setup of the primitive including the loading of the IV is described in details in appendix B1 and results in equation (1), i.e. N1, the number of cycles for the setup, is dependent on the state size and the number of initial rounds.
$\mathrm{N} 1=\mathrm{nx}+13+\mathrm{INIT}$ _ROUNDS $\cdot(3+\mathrm{nx} \cdot \mathbf{1 4}+1 / 7 \cdot \mathrm{nx} \cdot 13+2)$
The streaming part (see appendix B2) results in the number N2 of cycles needed to produce one block of key stream bytes and the related block of cipher text output bytes. Equation (2) shows the dependence of N 2 on the state size and OUTPUTBYTES.
$\mathrm{N} 2=3 \cdot(3+2+\mathrm{nx} \cdot \mathbf{1 4}+1 / 7 \cdot \mathrm{nx} \cdot 13+2)+$ OUTPUTBYTES•7
Both graphs below show the asymptotic efficiency curves (limes $=147$ or 119 for $\mathrm{n} \rightarrow \infty$ ); the efficiency for large amounts of data depends therefore as expected on the streaming
loop performance. Some savings can be obtained by means of loop un-rolling, e.g. reducing the cycle count by OUTPUTBYTES• $\mathbf{2}$ for the encryption loop.


Figure 5. Cycles/byte versus bytes processed for Hermes8-80


Figure 6. Cycles/byte versus bytes processed for Hermes8-128

### 5.2 Computational efficiency in hardware

As described in the previous chapter, the key stream generation loop and the encryption loop are dominating the efficiency. In hardware, therefore, it is important to perform as many operations in parallel as possible. Since the ROM containing the S-BOX table is pre-charged with clock CLK=1 and read out with the falling edge of CLK, other operations are executed with the rising edge of CLK, e.g. update of registers and round counter. The related control logic (finite state machine, FSM) has the responsibility for
the correct timing of the operations, especially the conditional modification of the key byte replacement by means of S-BOX application (line 63-71). This is described in detail in appendix C .

The resulting efficiency depends on the degree of parallelism reached and the amount of pipeline registers that are spent additionally. A performance of 16 bytes per 143 clock cycles seems reasonable, therefore (based on equation 3 and $n x=37$ ).

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\begin{equation*}
\mathrm{N} 3=3 \cdot(\mathrm{nx}+1 / 7 \cdot \mathrm{nx} \cdot 2) \text { for OUTPUTBYTES } \tag{3}
\end{equation*}
$$

## 6 Implementation items to avoid weaknesses

Compared to other ciphers, the literature about side-channel attacks on stream ciphers is rare; an overview is given in [18]. For Hermes8-80 and Hermes8-128 the following countermeasures are proposed:
a) When the key is loaded from non-volatile memory into the key byte array, the related bus should have bus-scrambling, or $2 \times 8$ wire differential drivers, or similar DPA $[13,14]$ protection.
b) The S-BOX should be implemented as ROM with pre-charge technique.

This is favorable over the algebraic S-BOX $[11,12]$ in $\mathrm{GF}(16)$ with three internal multipliers that are sensitive to products of zero.
c) The Accu should be built with 16 DFFs , so that the inverted output of the S-BOX is stored as well and DPA attacks are hampered.
d) All DFFs in the registers and Accu should be built in CSEM style [16] in order to avoid hazards and minimize DPA susceptibility.
e) The first IV must be generated by means of a TRNG, later IVs can be built by continuously incrementing the first IV [19].

## 7 Early Hardware Evaluations

An electrical Spice3 simulation was performed in an early design stage. The following hardware parts were connected for the simulation schematic:

- SBOX ROM $8 \times 8$ with pre-charged N -channel MOS transistor array
- Accu ( 8 D-FlipFlops (DFFs) )
- State: one S-Register ( 8 DFFs)
- Eight capacitors ( as replacement for the other nx-1 state registers)
- Key: one K-Register (instead of 8 multiplexers with nk inputs)
- 16 EXOR gates
- One clock driver

Based on the models of a 0.35 CMOS DLP TLM process, a current consumption of only 5 uA was obtained when simulating with $\mathrm{f}=500 \mathrm{kHz}, \mathrm{VCC}=2 \mathrm{~V}$, models=typical, temperature $=27^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. -- However, the technology allows decreasing the VCC to the sum of one N-channel transistor threshold voltage and one P-channel transistor threshold voltage. This is especially advantageous because the power dissipation is proportional to the supply voltage squared, but only proportional to the clock frequency.
The area estimation (gate count) regarding the CMOS process mentioned above and the method of estimation in [17] is depicted below:

|  | 0.35 CMOS | process in [17] |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :--- |
| Hermes8-80 | 1711 | 4026 | gates |
| Hermes8-128 | 2400 | 5946 | gates |

The higher numbers regarding [17] are caused by the much higher gate count for the DFF compared to the $0.35 \mu \mathrm{~m}$ CSEM DFF [16], i.e. 12 instead of 4.3 !

## 8 Conclusions

A new Stream Cipher module, Hermes8, is presented. Following the eSTREAM competition profile rules it comes in two designs: An 80 bit key version, and a 128 bit key version. Both versions fulfill the main criteria of security, efficiency, flexibility and clarity of design. The Hermes8 design is based on a byte-architecture of low complexity and serves low-power applications such as RFID and other embedded systems. Therefore, it is suited to run efficiently on 8 -bit micro computers and dedicated hardware; and a comparison with other 32-bit algorithms seems to be difficult.

## 9 Outlook on Hermes16 and Hermes32

The algorithm principle is not only extendable w.r.t. the number of bytes for state and key, but also w.r.t. the word length of the registers. For example, an architecture with 16 bit words and two S-BOXes (resp. S-BOX calls) could be build with the same property of low complexity [15]. Especially interesting is the low-power processor MSP430 [25] in this case. - The same holds for an architecture with four S-BOXes (resp. S-BOX calls) on a 32-bit digital signal processor (DSP) such as the TMS320C2xxx or the TMS320C5xxx [26] where circular addressing is well supported. - A dedicated hardware can lead to a nearly four-fold throughput, then.

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## Appendix

## A Strict Avalanche Criterion (SAC) Plots with Min-Mean-Max



Figure A1. Strict Avalanche Criterion Test regarding IV variation for Hermes8-128


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Figure A2. Strict Avalanche Criterion Test regarding IV variation for Hermes8-80


Figure A3. Strict Avalanche Criterion Test regarding key variation for Hermes8-128


Figure A4. Strict Avalanche Criterion Test regarding key variation for Hermes8-80

## B Computational efficiency in software

B1 Primitive Setup Part


B2 Streaming Part

2 cycles
1 cycle
2 cycles
STREAM_ROUNDS
loop control for MAX_ROUNDS increment round counter loop control for
cycles
2 cycles 1 cycle 1 cycle 3 cycles 3 cycles 1 cycle 1 cycle
loop control for nx sub-rounds
2 times EXOR
S-BOX accecss
new state byte
update p 1
update p 2 increment src conditional key modification

1 cycle
3 cycles
3 cycles
3 cycles
3 cycles
2 cycles average conditional increment p2
2 cycles loop control for encryption
decrement src
calculate p3
calculate p4
new $k[p 3]$
new $k[p 4]$

EXOR operation on plaintext byte

| 1 cycle | increment $P / C$ pointer |
| :--- | :--- |
| 3 cycle | increment po pointer |

## C Computational efficiency in hardware

CLK rising edge operations:

| 52 | round $\leftarrow$ |
| :--- | :---: |
| $\leftarrow$ | round +1 |
|  | $/ *$ the following three lines, if output is required $*$ |
| 81 | ciphertext[pc] $\leftarrow$ plaintext[pc] exor state[po] $/ *$ enc. */ |
| 82 | $\mathrm{pc} \leftarrow \mathrm{pc}+1$ |
| 83 | $\mathrm{po} \leftarrow(\mathrm{po}+2) \bmod \mathrm{nx}$ |
| 58 a | accu $\leftarrow$ sbox_out |
| 59 | state[p1] $\leftarrow$ sbox_out |
| 57 | address $\leftarrow$ accu exor state[p1] exor $\mathrm{k}[\mathrm{p} 2]$ |

CLK falling edge operations:
58b
$60 \quad \mathrm{p} 1 \leftarrow(\mathrm{p} 1+1) \bmod \mathrm{nx}$
sbox_out $\leftarrow$ S-BOX-TABLE[ address ]
$61 \quad \mathrm{p} 2 \leftarrow(\mathrm{p} 2+$ KEY_STEP1 $) \bmod \mathrm{nk}$
$82 \quad \mathrm{src} \leftarrow \mathrm{src}+1$
73 if ( round mod KEY_STEP2 equal 0$)$ then $\mathrm{p} 2 \leftarrow(\mathrm{p} 2+1) \bmod n k$
The operations above are executed 7 times (KEY_STEP3); then the following has to be inserted :
$66 \quad$ src $\leftarrow$ src - KEY_STEP3
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$69 \quad \mathrm{k}[\mathrm{p} 3] \leftarrow \operatorname{SBOX}[\mathrm{k}[\mathrm{p} 3]$ exor $\mathrm{k}[\mathrm{p} 2]]$
$70 \quad \mathrm{k}[\mathrm{p} 4] \leftarrow \operatorname{SBOX}[\mathrm{k}[\mathrm{p} 4]$ exor $\mathrm{k}[\mathrm{p} 2]$ ]
that means
CLK rising edge operations:
${ }^{*}$ p3 and p4 are always calculated in parallel to p2, line 61 */
69a address $\leftarrow k[p 2]$ exor $k[p 3]$
CLK falling edge operations:
69b sbox_out $\leftarrow$ S-BOX-TABLE[ address ]
$50 \quad$ src $\leftarrow$ src-7
CLK rising edge operations:
69c $\quad k[p 3] \leftarrow$ sbox_out
70a $\quad$ address $\leftarrow \mathrm{k}[\mathrm{p} 2]$ exor $\mathrm{k}[\mathrm{p} 4]$
CLK falling edge operations:
70b sbox_out $\leftarrow$ S-BOX-TABLE[ address ]
CLK rising edge operations:
70c $\quad k[p 4] \leftarrow$ sbox_out
$57 \quad$ address $\leftarrow$ accu exor state[p1] exor $k[p 2]$
a.s.o.

