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Abstract— Internet of Things (IoT) is a leading technology, where numerous sensors with the ability to exchange information over the internet are involved. It supports various applications ranging from smart home to smart city including smart grid for calculating electricity tariff, real time monitoring and controlling traffic, Co2 emission level finding etc. Research advancements in IoT facilitates us to control or monitor the things remotely and take actions accordingly. Efficient working of the IoT, involves continuous exchange of information between the nodes which should be executed in trusted environment as this data is confidential and only trusted nodes should handle it. Current research work in IoT suggests the confidentiality mechanisms which are heavyweight and not suitable in IoT scenario. So there is a need for lightweight confidentiality mechanism. In this paper we have shown how lightweight P-Box permutation encryption algorithm can be effective in IoT. We have compared this encryption algorithm with PRESENT protocol and our results show that lightweight P-Box permutation algorithm took less time. To prove that our encryption algorithm is better w.r.t. security, we have also carried out known plaintext attack and chosen plaintext attack and shown that lightweight P-Box permutation encryption algorithm is resistant to both of these attacks. Further we have used this technique to transfer the smart meter data in Smart Grid and shown that the data exchanged between the two nodes in confidential manner.

Index Terms— Internet of Things, smart grid, PRESENT, Lightweight P-Box Permutation Encryption, attacks

I. INTRODUCTION

IoT is key enabler for many smart applications ranging from smart home, smart building, smart city, smart healthcare, smart grid etc. Sensors and actuators along with nodes play vital role in all these applications. These nodes exchange data over the cloud periodically and allows user to access it over the internet using mobile application or website.

Smart Grid as an IoT application becomes popular in smart energy. Smart Grid offers various advantages such as:

Reestablishment of electricity in case of power disturbances

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 Reduced power costs and peak demand, in turn reducing electricity rates

Rapid deployment of Smart Grid has resulted in development of smart meter as a replacement to existing electromechanical meters which are read manually once a month. Smart meters/AMI can provide the same data every few minutes, in real time. Smart appliances are connected to Smart meters which in turn calculates and records our hourly, daily consumption of electricity, in regular intervals of time and communicates that information back to the utility server to calculate the tariff. It enables two-way communication between the meter and the utility server and gather data for remote reporting (on-demand and periodic), which is used by the utility server for billing and consumption monitoring purposes.Smart Grid along with Meter Data Management System(MDMS) plays a vital role in Smart meter communication network. This network carries the usage information from smart meter to MDMS and in turn to remote switch control.

One important concern here is the continuous transmitting nature of the smart meter i.e. 24/7 making it accessible to the attacker and revealing the exact details of consumer's daily activities. This information is very crucial as it reveals our daily personal behavior as when we leave home, when we enter the home etc. and in turn should be kept confidential. If this information is hacked and misused by the attacker then he/she will get full control of the home and can have devastating consequences. Few consequences are listed below:

- Modifications of smart meter reading
- · Disconnecting smart meter
- Compromising supplier and DCC
- Sending inaccurate information to the utility to generate the wrong bills
- Adjusting bills
- Accessing payment information
- Cutting power to a home
 - Exploding meters or house fires privilege

To take care of these concerns Smart Meter Communication Network should ensure data security and handle reliable data. Different ways for handling security are given in literature such as authenticating the nodes, maintaining confidentiality by encrypting the data being exchanged etc. In this work we have concentrated mainly on the confidentiality and encryption mechanism.



In our earlier work [9] we have compared different lightweight encryption algorithms such as PRESENT, Clefia, Chacha20, TEA and AES and came to the conclusion that PRESENT being ultra lightweight cipher, is most suited in IoT environment. We have proposed a new lightweight P-box permutation encryption algorithm. We have tested our algorithm for different inputs of plaintext (stream of around 300inputs) and proved that light P-box permutation algorithm is better w.r.t. time than lightweight PRESENT protocol.

Moving ahead, in this paper we have actually tested this algorithm in sensor based environment, i.e. actual node to node communication over the cloud environment and proved that our algorithm not only takes less time but also resistant to attacks.

The rest of the paper is organized as follows: section II describes different types of attack scenarios in Smart Grid Environment given in literature, section III describes system architecture used along with details of NodeMCU and BLYNK app and algorithms, in section IV we have shown encryption and decryption of the smart meter parameters in the IoT environment and in section 5 we have explained different types of attacks possible w.r.t. cryptography and finally in section 6 we have shown that Lightweight P-Box Permutation encryption algorithm is resistant to Chosen plaintext attack(CPA) and Known plaintext attack(CPA).

II. LITERATURE SURVEY

In this section we have concentrated on research work done on possible smart grid attacks where attack vector ranges from targeting smart meter to bringing the entire grid down.

Satin Asri et al. [1] suggests security concerns like data theft & manipulation caused because of access by unauthorized parties, leaking private and valuable information, under-report energy use. Information and communication infrastructure which is prone to different attacks are also discussed. A DoS attack and vulnerability attacks are discussed and shown UDP flood attack.

Zubair Baig et al. [2] Elaborates different types of attacks like smart meter, physical memory, Network layer etc. considering confidentiality, Integrity, Availability, Non-Repudiation, Eavesdropping, Jamming, Injecting Requests/ Restricting Access, Injection Attacks

Ping Yi et al. [3] discusses a DoS attack called Puppet attack, where attack is applied in mesh network of smart meter. As mesh network is having limited communication bandwidth and route packets are top priority in all packets. Excess route packets will exhaust limited communication bandwidth and result in network congestion, causing a denial of service attack in AMI network.

David G. et al. [4] surveys AMI threats and attacks possible on them. A threat analysis is done considering the objectives of attack and the steps taken for attacks for eg. energy theft by eavesdropping. This analysis gives the attack detection information. Authors also proposed the need for hybrid sensing infrastructure to monitor the attacks.

Dong Chen et al. [5] Authors used a statistical approach to deal with private information leakage. Based on user pattern of electricity usage, private information i.e. regular working hours, vacation timing etc. can be correlated and thus

occupancy of the premise can be detected. This is very crucial information and many companies are mining this data to detect power signatures and thus detects occupancy. A method to modulate a water heater's power usage to create illusion that always some or other person occupies home is used

Yongheguo et al.[6] discusses various types of attacks like 1) Attacks on protocol such as TCP SYN flooding attack on data collecting unit. 2) Attacks on infrastructure: Disrupting the routing tables to deteriorate the performance of packet delivery.

3) Attacks on bandwidth: Excessive communication packets sent to the victim force it to drop the legitimate packets.

From the Literature survey it is obvious that the data being exchanged in IoT environment can be hacked and misused. To keep it confidential, application should use proper encryption mechanism so that attackers will not be able to access it.

III. SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE

As IoT is a collection of sensors with ability to exchange the sensed data to cloud platform, we set up the same environment for testing purpose. As shown in fig. 1, site1 with NodeMCU (an open source IoT platform) is exchanging data with site2. At site 1 we have used a dataset[10] about the information which is getting stored in smart meter.i.e. current time and date, Gas and electricity usage and spend, Meter readings, Smart meter's serial number etc. Meter reading is transferred by NodeMCU in an encrypted format, through cloud server environment to site2. At site2 NodeMCU arduino interface is configured to read and decrypt this data and provide it as the output to the BLYNK mobile app.

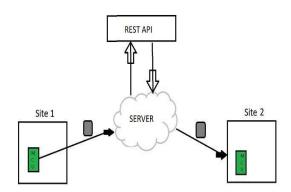


Fig 1. IoT environment Server MCU communication

For Encryption and Decryption a PUF based secret key generation technique is used. This key is then feed to PRESENT encryption algorithm and Lightweight P-Box Permutation encryption algorithm. The setup includes NodeMCU as the IoT platform and BLYNK as the mobile application. The hardware components description is as follows:

1. **NodeMCU** (Node MicroController Unit): Node MCU is same as arduino with built-in wifi module.





It's a software and hardware development environment with System-on-a-Chip (SoC) called the ESP8266. It is used in IoT for developing applications using Arduino development environment. It also has analog pin, digital pins and serial communication protocols.

 BLYNK: It is a mobile application which uses Blynk libraries and facilitates us to remotely control the hardware, display data and store data coming from thousands of devices. BlynkCloud or server handles the communication between smartphone and hardware.

The steps are as follows:

- 1. Two nodes exchanged a 32 char shared key between them using PUF based authentication mechanism[7]
- 2. NodeMCU retrieve the readings periodically and they are converted into 8 bit plain text
- 3. As shown in fig.2, NodeMCU encrypts these readings using
 - a. PRESENT encryption algorithm[8]
 - b. Lightweight P-Box Permutation encryption algorithm[9]
- 4. This encrypted data is sent to the cloud and timings are recorded.
- 5. Attacks are carried out for recovering key.

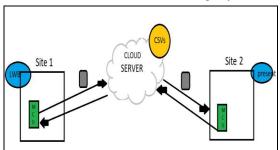


Fig 2. IoT environment with protocols

IV. WORKING MODEL

This section describes the working of nodes on sending and receiving side. We have used the plain text readings from the sensor as 8 bit data and 32 char key to encrypt this data. Both sender and reciver node assumed to have shared key which can be generated using PUF based authentication mechanism. Once both parties calculate the shared key they are ready for exchanging the data in encrypted format.

Here we have considered two scenarios:

- 1. Encryption of sensed data using PRESENT protocol.
- 2. Encryption of sensed data using lightweight P-Box protocol

1. Encryption of sensed data using PRESENT protocol

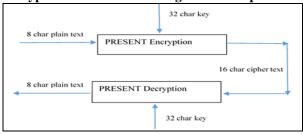


Fig 3. PRESENT protocol encryption

Fig. 3 shows the block diagram and Fig. 4 shows the results of PRSENT protocol implementation when run on Arduino platform.

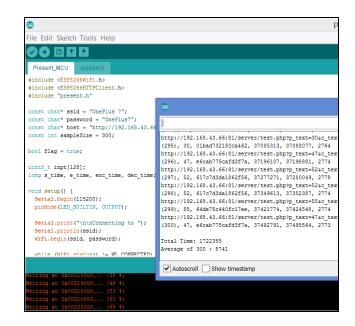


Fig 4. PRESENT protocol on Arduino

Fig. 5 shows the results of PRSENT protocol implementation on cloud with details of node time recordings for encryption and decryption along with plaintext and cipher text generated

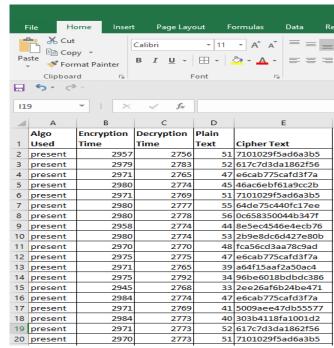


Fig 5. PRESENT protocol node time recording

Fig. 6 shows the results of PRSENT protocol implementation on cloud with details of cloud time recordings for encryption and decryption along with plaintext and cipher text correctness.



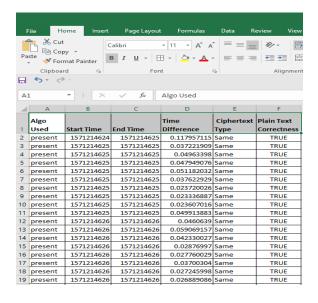


Fig 6. PRESENT protocol cloud time recording

1. Encryption of sensed data using lightweight P-Box protocol

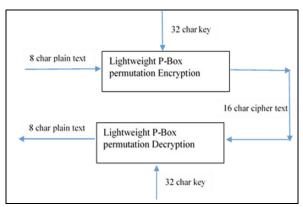


Fig 7. Lightweight P-Box protocol encryption

Fig. 7 shows the block diagram and Fig. 8 shows the results of lightweight P-Box protocol implementation when run on Arduino platform.

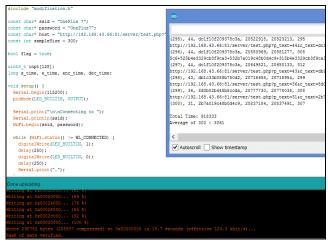


Fig 8. Lightweight P-Box protocol on Arduino

Fig. 9 shows the results of lightweight P-Box protocol implementation on cloud with details of node time recordings for encryption and decryption along with plaintext and cipher

text generated

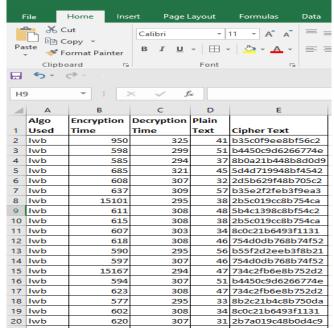


Fig 9. Lightweight P-Box protocol cloud time recording

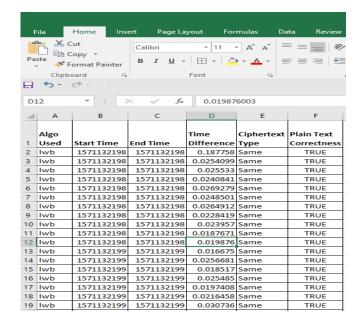


Fig 10. Lightweight P-Box protocol cloud time recording

Fig. 10 shows the results of lightweight P-Box protocol implementation on cloud with details of node time recordings for encryption and decryption along with plaintext and cipher text correctness.

V. CRYPTOGRAPHIC ATTACKS

Cryptography is a term to indicate the relation between plain text and cipher text. All cryptographic operations requires a secret key which can be symmetric or asymmetric. To generate a secured symmetric shared key between two nodes, we have used PUF[7] based technique.





PUF technique is lightweight and based on digital footprint concept making it most suitable in IoT applications. This secret keys plays an important role in retrieving the original data. If the attacker becomes successful in retrieving the plain text from cipher text, then it will become easier to get access to the secret key used in encryption, making the system compromised.

Various attacks are categorized as follows:

- · Cipher text only attacks
- · Chosen plaintext attack
- known-plaintext attack
- · Dictionary attack
- Brute force attack

Cipher text only attacks: Attacker has access to the set of cipher text but not the corresponding plaintext. If attacker somehow manages to get the key then he/she can get access to the plaintext.

The Chosen plaintext attack(CPA): In this model the attacker can choose random plaintext and obtain the corresponding cipher text. Here the attacker has cipher-plain text pair of his choice making it simple to retrieve the encryption key. The goal of the attack is to gain some further information which reduces the security of the encryption scheme.

The known-plaintext attack (KPA): In this model attacker has knowledge of plain text for some specific cipher text. Based on this information attacker tries to reveal rest of the cipher text. These can be used to reveal further secret information

Dictionary attack: Attacker maintains a dictionary of retrieved plaintext and cipher text over a period of time. During attack if he/she found similar cipher text then from dictionary plaintext can be found.

Bruteforce attack: An attacker, based on the key length tries to determine all the possible key combinations and for each possible key, attacker also checks cipher text to plain text conversion.

As Lightweight P-Box permutation algorithm uses symmetric key, we have demonstrated Chosen plaintext attack and known-plaintext attack as these are most suitable in symmetric key algorithm.



Fig 11. Cryptographic attacks

VI. RESULTS

This section illustrates the results w.r.t. time taken by PRESENT algorithm and Lightweight P-Box Permutation algorithm in IoT environment as well as security analysis w.r.t. different types of attacks

Time analysis:

We have tested these algorithms with two test cases:

- 1. Transmitting 8 bit data encrypted with 32 char key using PRESENT algorithm
- 2. Transmitting 8 bit data encrypted with 32 char key using Lightweight P-Box Permutation

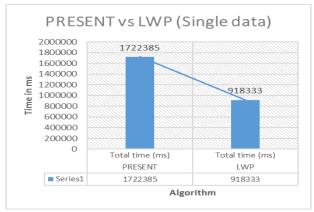


Fig 12. PRESENT VS LWP(Single data)

We have also tested these algorithms with bulk of data:

- 1. Transmitting total 300 readings each of 8 bit data encrypted with 32 char key using PRESENT algorithm
- 2. Transmitting total 300 readings each of 8 bit data encrypted with 32 char key Lightweight P-Box

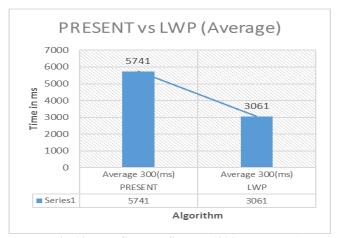


Fig 13. PRESENT VS LWP (300 cases data)

From the results it is proved that lightweight P box permutation is much lighter with respect to time.

Security Analysis:

Lightweight P-Box permutation algorithm is based on PRESENT[8] ultra lightweight cipher, where we used the same 'S'(Substitution) box as of PRESENT. In [8] it is proved that to mount key recovery attack Linear and Differential would require large data which exceeds the available text. Also we have used GRP as bit permutation operation in Lightweight P-Box Permutation [9] which is resistant to linear and differential cryptanalysis and has better differential property when compared with other bit permutation operations.

We have carried out two types of attacks on the system and shown that our system is resistant to these attacks.

Both Chosen plaintext attack(CPA) and known-plaintext attack (KPA) carried out with different combinations of keys, sample of plain text and cipher text. The attack tried for possible recovery of keys ranges from keys/1sec, keys/5sec and keys/10sec as shown in following tables:



1. Chosen plaintext attack(CPA):

Sr. No	Key	S ample	Cipher Text	Keys /1 Sec	Key s/5 Sec	Key s/10 Sec
1	123456781234 5678	abcdef gh	6f24e777bf308 c5d	239977	1170935	2330736
2	123456781234 5678	12345 678	12182f5f2620d 38f	227080	1193708	2381189
3	000000000024 5585	neelpa te	8ad006ebfeba2 0f0	235637	1189315	2366312
4	000000000024 5585	pratik sp	041856d53d54 c82a	232463	1197129	2357326
5	111111112222 2222	98653 214	855454d179f7c 8ed	210740	1157169	2376122
6	111111112222 2222	44448 888	9556a6549650 657b	218350	1148291	2367187
A	Average				1176091	2363145

Table 1. CPA test

I. Infeasibility Proof

Using the above recorded values and the details of the algorithm we can calculate the following observations:

Observation I:

Rate of Keys Scanned [Avg] = 227375 Keys/Sec $\cong 2^{18}$ Keys/Sec

Observation II:

Time required to scan
$$2^{128}$$
 Keys = $2^{128} / 2^{18} = 2^{110}$ Sec -----[Total Keys Possible = 2^{128}]

: Time required in years =
$$2^{110}/2^{25} = 2^{85}$$
 Years -----[1
Year = 31,536,000 Sec $\cong 2^{25}$ Sec]

Hence, by calculating observation I & II and observing the magnitude of the above mentioned "Time required in years" we can say that – Finding the key is infeasible in the case of CPA.

1. Known-plaintext attack (KPA)

The known-plaintext attack (KPA) carried out as shown in following tables:

Sr. N o	Кеу	Samp le	Cipher Text	Keys/1 Sec	Keys/5 Sec	Keys/10 Sec
1	1234567812345 678	abcd efgh	6f24e777bf308 c5d	250215	1247085	2498580
2	1234567812345 678	12345 678	12182f5f2620d 38f	248064	1257093	2499022
3	000000000245 585	neelp ate	8ad006ebfeba2 0f0	248262	1247441	success
4	000000000245 585	pratik sp	041856d53d54c 82a	237079	1249360	success
5	1111111122222 222	98653 214	855454d179f7c 8ed	251277	1248441	2487004
6	1111111122222 222	44448 888	9556a65496506 57b	248510	1242500	2474324
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Table 1. KPA test

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Using the above recorded values and the details of the algorithm we can calculate the following points:

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Rate of Keys Scanned [Avg] = 247235 Keys/Sec $\cong 2^{18}$ Keys/Sec

Observation II:

Time required to scan 2^{128} Keys = $2^{128} / 2^{18} = 2^{110}$ Sec -----[Total Keys Possible = 2^{128}]

: Time required in years = $2^{110} / 2^{25} = 2^{85}$ Years -----[1

 $Year = 31,536,000 \text{ Sec } \cong 2^{25} \text{ Sec}$

Hence, by calculating observation I & II and observing the magnitude of the above mentioned "Time required in years" we can say that – Finding the key is infeasible in the case of KPA.

Thus both CPA and KPA both shows that attacks on this encryption mechanism are not possible.

Algorithm	Observation I	Observation II	
Chosen-plaintext attack (CPA)	Rate of Keys $Scanned [Avg]$ $= 227375$ $Keys/Sec \cong 2^{18}$ $Keys/Sec$	Time required in years = $2^{110} / 2^{25}$ = 2^{85} Years	
Known-plaintext attack (KPA)	Rate of Keys Scanned [Avg] = 247235 Keys/Sec \cong 2 ¹⁸ Keys/Sec	Time required in years = $2^{110} / 2^{25}$ = 2^{85} Years	

VII. CONCLUSION

Applications in IoT environment needs exchange of crucial data at regular intervals which can be attacked and misused by the attacker, leading to devastating consequences. To deal with such situations, the data is always encrypted before being transmitted over the network. In our earlier work we have used lightweight P-box permutation mechanism while exchanging data between two nodes and proved that time taken to encrypt the data using PRESENT is more than Lightweight P-Box permutation mechanism. In this paper, we have considered a system in which smart meter data is exchanged at regular intervals using lightweight encryption mechanism. We have elaborated different types of cryptographic attacks and tested cryptographic attacks such as Chosen Plaintext Attack and Known Plaintext attack on Lightweight P-Box permutation encryption and proved that our algorithm is resistant to attacks and attacks does not reveal the secret key used between the nodes. We have also proved that finding key is not feasible as the time required in years.

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