

Grain - A Stream Cipher for Constrained Environments

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Abstract. A new stream cipher, Grain, is proposed. The design targets hardware environments where gate count, power consumption and memory is very limited. It is based on two shift registers and a nonlinear output function. The cipher has the additional feature that the speed can be increased at the expense of extra hardware. The key size is 80 bits and no attack faster than exhaustive key search has been identified. The hardware complexity and throughput compares favourably to other hardware oriented stream ciphers like E0 and A5/1.

1 Motivation

When designing a cryptographic primitive there are many different properties that have to be addressed. These include e.g. speed, security and simplicity. Comparing several ciphers, it is likely that one is faster on a 32 bit processor, another is faster on an 8 bit processor and yet another one is faster in hardware. The simplicity of the design is another factor that has to be taken into account, but while the software implementation can be very simple, the hardware implementation might be quite complex.

There is a need for cryptographic primitives that have very low hardware complexity. An RFID tag is a typical example of a product where the amount of memory and power is very limited. These are microchips capable of transmitting an identifying sequence upon a request from a reader. Forging an RFID tag can have devastating consequences if the tag is used e.g. in electronic payments and hence, there is a need for cryptographic primitives implemented in these tags. Today, a hardware implementation of e.g. AES on an RFID tag is not feasible due to the large number of gates needed. Grain is a stream cipher primitive that is designed to be very easy and small to implement in hardware.

Many stream ciphers are based on linear feedback shift registers (LFSR), not only for the good statistical properties of the sequences they produce, but also for the simplicity and speed of their hardware implementation. Several recent LFSR based stream cipher proposals, see e.g. [6, 7] and their predecessors, are based on word oriented LFSRs. This allows them to be efficiently implemented in software

but it also allows them to increase the throughput since words instead of bits are output. In hardware, a word oriented cipher is likely to be more complex than a bit oriented one. We have addressed this issue by basing our design on bit oriented shift registers with the extra feature of allowing an increase in speed at the expense of more hardware. The user can decide the speed of the cipher depending on the amount of hardware available.

The proposed primitive is a bit oriented synchronous stream cipher. In a synchronous stream cipher the keystream is generated independently from the plaintext. The design is based on two shift registers, one with linear feedback (LFSR) and one with nonlinear feedback (NFSR). The LFSR guarantees a minimum period for the keystream and it also provides balancedness in the output. The NFSR, together with a nonlinear output function introduces nonlinearity to the cipher. The input to the NFSR is masked with the output of the LFSR so that the state of the NFSR is balanced. Hence, we use the notation NFSR even though this is actually a filter. What is known about cycle structures of nonlinear feedback shift registers cannot immediately be applied here. Both shift registers are 80 bits in size. The key size is 80 bits and the IV size is specified to be 64 bits. The cipher is designed such that no attack faster than exhaustive key search should be possible, hence the best attack should require a computational complexity not significantly lower than 2^{80} .

An initial version of Grain (referred to as version 0) was submitted to eSTREAM, see www.ecrypt.eu.org/stream, and presented in [8]. Several researchers independently discovered a weakness in the choice of output function, [3, 10, 12], allowing a rather efficient attack. The design of Grain in this paper (referred to as version 1) has a slightly changed output function. Due to a suggestion in [3], also the feedback function in the NFSR received a minor change.

Grain provides a higher security than several other well known ciphers intended to be used in hardware applications. Well known examples of such ciphers are E0 used in Bluetooth and A5/1 used in GSM. These ciphers, while also having a very small hardware implementation, have been proven to be very insecure. Compared to E0 and A5/1, Grain provides higher security while maintaining a small hardware complexity.

The paper is organized as follows. Section 2 provides a detailed description of the design. Section 3 gives the design criterias and the design choices and the strengths and limitations of the design are presented in Section 4. In Section 5 we consider the hardware implementation of the cipher and in Section 6 we give the results of our security analysis. Section 7 concludes the paper.

2 Design Specification

This section specifies the details of the design. An overview of the different blocks used in the cipher can be found in Fig. 1 and the specification will refer to this figure. The cipher consists of three main building blocks, namely an LFSR, an NFSR and an output function. The content of the LFSR is denoted by

$s_i, s_{i+1}, \dots, s_{i+79}$ and the content of the NFSR is denoted by $b_i, b_{i+1}, \dots, b_{i+79}$. The feedback polynomial of the LFSR, $f(x)$ is a primitive polynomial of degree 80. It is defined as

$$f(x) = 1 + x^{18} + x^{29} + x^{42} + x^{57} + x^{67} + x^{80}.$$

To remove any possible ambiguity we also define the update function of the LFSR as

$$s_{i+80} = s_{i+62} + s_{i+51} + s_{i+38} + s_{i+23} + s_{i+13} + s_i.$$

The feedback polynomial of the NFSR, $g(x)$, is defined as

$$g(x) = 1 + x^{18} + x^{20} + x^{28} + x^{35} + x^{43} + x^{47} + x^{52} + x^{59} + x^{66} + x^{71} + x^{80} + \\ + x^{17}x^{20} + x^{43}x^{47} + x^{65}x^{71} + x^{20}x^{28}x^{35} + x^{47}x^{52}x^{59} + x^{17}x^{35}x^{52}x^{71} + \\ + x^{20}x^{28}x^{43}x^{47} + x^{17}x^{20}x^{59}x^{65} + x^{17}x^{20}x^{28}x^{35}x^{43} + x^{47}x^{52}x^{59}x^{65}x^{71} + \\ + x^{28}x^{35}x^{43}x^{47}x^{52}x^{59}.$$

Again, to remove any possible ambiguity we also write the update function of the NFSR. Note that the bit s_i which is masked with the input is included in the update function below.

$$b_{i+80} = s_i + b_{i+62} + b_{i+60} + b_{i+52} + b_{i+45} + b_{i+37} + b_{i+33} + b_{i+28} + b_{i+21} + \\ + b_{i+14} + b_{i+9} + b_i + b_{i+63}b_{i+60} + b_{i+37}b_{i+33} + b_{i+15}b_{i+9} + \\ + b_{i+60}b_{i+52}b_{i+45} + b_{i+33}b_{i+28}b_{i+21} + b_{i+63}b_{i+45}b_{i+28}b_{i+9} + \\ + b_{i+60}b_{i+52}b_{i+37}b_{i+33} + b_{i+63}b_{i+60}b_{i+21}b_{i+15} + \\ + b_{i+63}b_{i+60}b_{i+52}b_{i+45}b_{i+37} + b_{i+33}b_{i+28}b_{i+21}b_{i+15}b_{i+9} + \\ + b_{i+52}b_{i+45}b_{i+37}b_{i+33}b_{i+28}b_{i+21}.$$

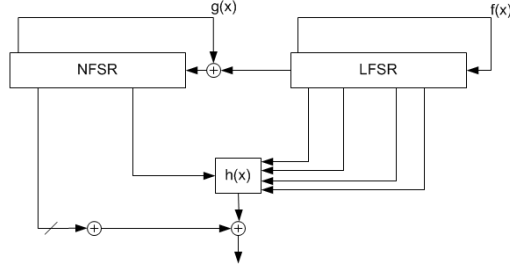


Fig. 1. The cipher.

The contents of the two shift registers represent the state of the cipher. From this state, 5 variables are taken as input to a boolean function, $h(x)$. This filter function is chosen to be balanced, correlation immune of the first order and has

algebraic degree 3. The nonlinearity is the highest possible for these functions, namely 12. The input is taken both from the LFSR and from the NFSR. The function is defined as

$$h(x) = x_1 + x_4 + x_0x_3 + x_2x_3 + x_3x_4 + x_0x_1x_2 + x_0x_2x_3 + x_0x_2x_4 + x_1x_2x_4 + x_2x_3x_4$$

where the variables x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3 and x_4 correspond to the tap positions $s_{i+3}, s_{i+25}, s_{i+46}, s_{i+64}$ and b_{i+63} respectively. The output function is taken as

$$z_i = \sum_{k \in \mathcal{A}} b_{i+k} + h(s_{i+3}, s_{i+25}, s_{i+46}, s_{i+64}, b_{i+63})$$

where $\mathcal{A} = \{1, 2, 4, 10, 31, 43, 56\}$.

2.1 Key Initialization

Before any keystream is generated the cipher must be initialized with the key and the IV. Let the bits of the key, k , be denoted k_i , $0 \leq i \leq 79$ and the bits of the IV be denoted IV_i , $0 \leq i \leq 63$. The initialization of the key is done as follows. First load the NFSR with the key bits, $b_i = k_i$, $0 \leq i \leq 79$, then load the first 64 bits of the LFSR with the IV, $s_i = IV_i$, $0 \leq i \leq 63$. The remaining bits of the LFSR are filled with ones, $s_i = 1$, $64 \leq i \leq 79$. Because of this the LFSR cannot be initialized to the all zero state. Then the cipher is clocked 160 times without producing any running key. Instead the output function is fed back and xored with the input, both to the LFSR and to the NFSR, see Fig. 2.

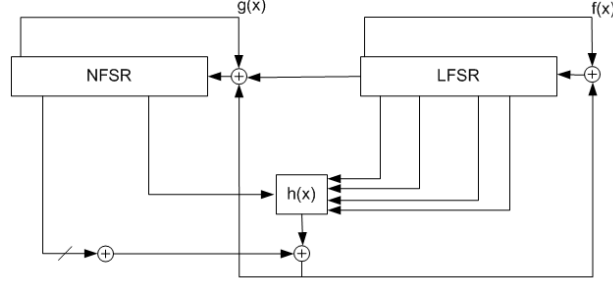


Fig. 2. The key initialization.

3 Design Criteria

The design of the cipher is chosen to be as simple as possible for a hardware implementation. The security requirements correspond to a computational complexity of 2^{80} , equivalent to an exhaustive key search. To meet this requirement

it is necessary to build the cipher with a memory of 160 bits. Implementing 160 memory bits in hardware can be seen a lower bound for the complexity. To develop a small hardware design we have to focus on minimizing the functions that are used together with this memory. The functions used need to be small in order to save gates but still large enough to provide high security. It is well known that an LFSR with primitive feedback polynomial of degree d produces an output with period $2^d - 1$. The LFSR in the cipher is of size 80 and since the feedback polynomial is primitive it guarantees that the period is, with probability $1 - 2^{-80}$, at least $2^{80} - 1$. Because of the NFSR and the fact that the input to this is masked with the output of the LFSR the exact period will depend on the key and the IV used. The input to the NFSR is masked with the output of the LFSR in order to make sure that the NFSR state is balanced. The nonlinear feedback is 2-resilient since the terms x^{80} , x^{18} and x^{66} only appear linearly.

The filter function is quite small, only 5 variables and nonlinearity 12. However, this is partly compensated by the fact that one of the inputs is taken from the NFSR. The input bit from the NFSR will depend nonlinearly on other bits in the state, both from the LFSR and from the NFSR. The small filter function is also compensated by adding 7 bits linearly from the NFSR at suitable positions to form the output function.

In the key initialization phase the goal is to scramble the contents of the shift registers before the running key is generated. The number of clockings is a tradeoff between security and speed. If the cipher is to be reinitialized often with a new IV, then the efficiency of the initialization is a possible bottleneck. Before initialization the LFSR contains the IV and 16 ones. For initialization with two different IVs, differing by only one bit, the probability that a shift register bit is the same for both initializations should be close to 0.5. Simulations show that this is achieved after 160 clockings. See Section 6.4 for further discussion about this. Finally, no hidden weaknesses have been inserted by the designers.

3.1 Throughput Rate

Both shift registers are regularly clocked so the cipher will output 1 bit/clock. It is possible to increase the speed of the cipher at the expense of more hardware. This can very easily be done by just implementing the feedback functions, $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ and the output function several times. In order to simplify this implementation, the last 15 bits of the shift registers, s_i , $65 \leq i \leq 79$ and b_i , $65 \leq i \leq 79$ are not used in the feedback functions or in the input to the filter function. This allows the speed to be easily multiplied by up to 16 if a sufficient amount of hardware is available. An example of the implementation when the speed is doubled can be seen in Fig. 3. Naturally, the shift registers also need to be implemented such that each bit is shifted t steps instead of one when the speed is increased by a factor t . By increasing the speed by a factor 16, the cipher outputs 16 bits/clock. Since, in the key initialization, the cipher is clocked 160 times, the possibilities to increase the speed is limited to factors ≤ 16 that are divisible by 160. The number of clockings used in the key initial-

ization is then $160/t$. Since the filter and feedback functions are small, it is quite feasible to increase the throughput in this way.

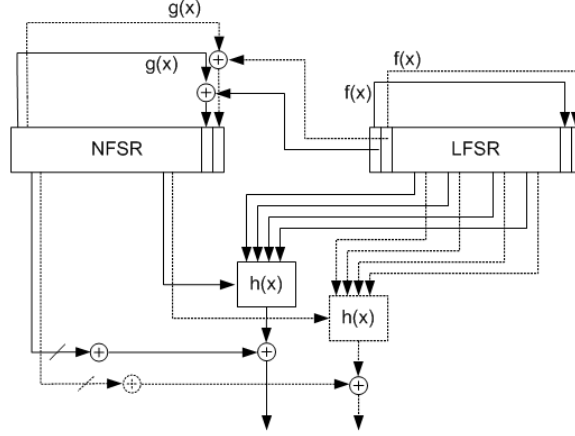


Fig. 3. The cipher when the speed is doubled.

4 Strengths and Limitations

The design of a cipher needs to be focused on some specific properties. It is not possible to have a design that is perfect for all purposes i.e., processors of all word lengths, all hardware applications, all memory constraints etc. Grain is designed to be very small in hardware, using as few gates as possible while maintaining high security. The cipher is intended to be used in environments where gate count, power consumption and memory needs to be very small. While Grain is still possible to use in general application software, there are several ciphers that are designed with software efficiency in mind and thus are more appropriate when high speed in software is required. Because of this it does not make sense to compare the software performance of Grain to other ciphers. To emphasize the focus on hardware, no software speed measurements have been conducted.

The basic implementation has rate 1 bit/clock cycle. The speed of a word oriented cipher is typically higher since the rate is then 1 word/clock. Grain is bit oriented due to the high focus on small hardware complexity and this has been compensated by the possibility to increase the speed at the cost of more hardware. This allows a vendor to choose how fast the cipher should be according to the amount of hardware available in the product produced.

5 Hardware Complexity

To get some practical indications on complexity and other important features of a possible hardware implementation of the stream cipher, we performed a design based on standard FPGA architectures.

Starting with Fig. 1 (normal operating mode) and Fig. 2 (key initialization) we added a third mode (loading key bits into NFSR and IV into LFSR, as described in Section 2.1). This whole circuit was described in VHDL (about 300 lines of code) depending on the parameter t as defined in Section 3.1. The ALTERA MAX 3000A family was chosen since we have most experience with the associated design equipment and it is seen as adequate for this purpose. MAX 3000A is a low end product using flash Memory as storage for the programming data; i.e. these data are persistent, and no loading procedure is necessary as with RAM-based FPGAs. The EPM3256 is the smallest chip of this family which will meet our requirements (more than 160 flipflops and some combinatorial logic). Using the ALTERA Quartus design tool, we carried out logical synthesis, place/route and post-layout timing analysis. We found that $t \leq 4$ fits into the EPM3256, leading to a usage of about 90% of the 256 available macrocells. The maximum clock frequency is in the range of 35–50 MHz, depending on the operating mode and the output interface. The number of output bits per second is t times clock frequency.

In order to make a fair comparison between different ciphers, the implementations has to be tested on the same FPGA. To highlight the performance difference between different FPGAs we have simulated our design on two additional FPGA families, namely the ALTERA MAX II and ALTERA Cyclone. These two allowed the cipher to be clocked at higher speed and it also allowed an implementation of the cipher when the speed was increased 16 times the original speed, i.e. when $t = 16$. It should be mentioned that there are other manufacturers of FPGAs (e.g. Actel, Xilinx), which may offer devices that will meet all requirements too at lower prices. Some products are including security mechanisms, prohibiting reverse engineering of a programmed chip.

The gate count for a function varies depending on the complexity and functionality. The numbers are no natural constants and will depend on the implementation in an actual chip. We have chosen a gate count of 8 for a flip flop. This figure ensures enough functionality for our application. Table 1 lists the factors chosen in our implementation.

In our design we have calculated the gate count for $t = 1, 2, 4, 8$ and 16. Table 2 shows the gate count and the corresponding throughput for the 3 different FPGA/CPLDs. More details regarding the figures in the hardware implementation can be found in Appendix A.

This gate count can be compared to other hardware oriented stream ciphers, e.g. E0 used in Bluetooth and A5/1 used in GSM. Using figures taken from [2], the gate count for E0 is about the same as for Grain. A5/1 has a gate count of approximately half. In all 3 ciphers, most of the gates are used for memory implementation. Grain, E0 and A5/1 use 160, 128 and 64 bits memory respectively. Moreover, the throughput of Grain also compares favourably to E0 and

Table 1. The gate count used for different functions.

<i>Function</i>	<i>Gate Count</i>
D flip flop	8
NAND2	1
NAND3	1.5
NAND4	2
NAND5	2.5
NAND6	3
XOR2	2.5
MUX3	5

Table 2. The gate count and throughput of Grain for $t = 1, 2, 4, 8$ and 16 .

t	<i>Gate Count</i>	<i>Throughput</i>		
		MAX 3000A	MAX II	Cyclone
1	1450	49 Mbit/s	200 Mbit/s	282 Mbit/s
2	1637	98.4 Mbit/s	422 Mbit/s	576 Mbit/s
4	2010	196 Mbit/s	632 Mbit/s	872 Mbit/s
8	2756	—	1184 Mbit/s	1736 Mbit/s
16	4248	—	2128 Mbit/s	3136 Mbit/s

A5/1, mostly due to the fact that it can be increased efficiently with just a small increase in gate count. Both E0 and A5/1 have been proven to be very insecure. In [11], an attack against E0 using 2^{35} frames and computational complexity 2^{40} was shown. This attack is on the borderline of being practical. Also, several attacks against A5/1 have been shown, see e.g. [1, 5, 13]. Grain has been designed to provide much better security than both E0 and A5/1 while maintaining a low gate count.

6 Cryptanalysis

In this section we consider some general attacks on stream ciphers and investigate to which extent they can be applied to Grain. Resistance against all known cryptanalytic attacks is the most important property of a new cipher. There should be no attack faster than exhaustive key search. Initial cryptanalytic attempts against the cipher show the following.

6.1 Correlations

Due to the statistical properties of maximum-length LFSR sequences, the bits in the LFSR are (almost) exactly balanced. This may not be the case for a NFSR when it is driven autonomously. However, as the feedback $g(x)$ is xored with an LFSR-state, the bits in the NFSR are balanced. Moreover, recall that $g(x)$

is a balanced function. Therefore, the bits in the NFSR may be assumed to be uncorrelated to the LFSR bits.

The function $h(x)$ is chosen to be correlation immune of first order. This does not preclude that there are correlations of the output of $h(x)$ to sums of inputs. As one input comes from the NFSR and as $h(x)$ is xored with 7 state bits of the NFSR, correlations of the output of the generator to sums of LFSR-bits will be small enough to prevent the attacks on version 0 of Grain in [3, 10, 12].

6.2 Algebraic Attack

A filter generator alone with output function $h(x)$ of degree only three would be very vulnerable to algebraic attacks. On the other hand, algebraic attacks will not work for solving for the initial 160-bit state of the full generator, as the update function of the NFSR is nonlinear, and the later state bits of the NFSR as a function of the initial state bits will have varying but large algebraic degree. Using key initialization, it may be possible to express the output of the generator as a function of state bits of the LFSR alone. As the filter function $h(x)$ has one input coming from the NFSR, and $h(x)$ is xored with a linear combination of NFSR-state bits, the algebraic degrees of the output bits when expressed as a function of LFSR-bits, are large in general, and varying in time. This will defeat algebraic attacks.

6.3 Time/Memory/Data Tradeoff Attack

The cost of time/memory/data tradeoff attacks on stream ciphers is $O(2^{n/2})$, where n is the number of inner states of the stream cipher, [4]. To obey the margins set by this attack, $n = 160$ has been chosen. It is known that stream ciphers with low sampling resistance have tradeoff attacks with fewer table lookups and a wider choice of parameters, [4]. The sampling resistance of $h(x)$ is reasonable: This function does not become linear in the remaining variables by fixing less than 3 of its 5 variables. Similarly, the variables occurring in monomials of $g(x)$ are sufficiently disjoint. Hence the resulting sampling resistance is large, and thus time/memory/data tradeoff attacks are expected to have complexity not lower than $O(2^{80})$.

6.4 Chosen-IV Attack

A necessary condition for defeating differential-like or statistical chosen-IV attacks is that the initial states for any two chosen IV's (or sets of IV's) are algebraically and statistically unrelated. The number of cycles in key initialization has been chosen so that the Hamming weight of the differences in the full initial 160-bit state for two IV's after initialization is close to random. This should prevent chosen-IV attacks.

It may be tempting to improve the efficiency of the key initialization by just decreasing the number of initial clockings. Indeed, after only 80 clocks, all bits

in the state will depend on both the key and the IV. However, in a chosen-IV attack it is possible to reinitialize the cipher with the same key but with an IV that differs in only one position from the previous IV. Consider the case when the number of initial clockings is 80 and the last bit of the IV is flipped i.e., s_{63} is flipped. This is the event that occurs if the IV is chosen as a sequence number. Looking at the difference of the states after initialization it is clear that several positions will be predictable. The bit s_{63} is not used in the feedback or in the filter function, hence, the first register update will be the same in both cases. Consequently, the bit s_0 will be the same in both initializations. In the next update, the flipped bit will be in position s_{62} . This position is used in the linear feedback of the LFSR, and consequently the bit s_1 will always be different for the two initializations. Similar arguments can be used to show that the difference in the state will be deterministic in more than half of the 160 state bits. This deterministic difference in the state can be exploited in a distinguishing attack. Let $\underline{x}$ be the input variables to the output function, O , after the first initialization and let $\underline{x}_\Delta$ be the input variables to the output function after the second initialization. Now, compute the distribution of $P(\underline{x}, \underline{x}_\Delta)$. If this distribution is biased, it is likely that the distribution of the difference in the first output bit,

$$P(O(\underline{x}) \oplus O(\underline{x}_\Delta)),$$

is biased. Assume that

$$P(O(\underline{x}) \oplus O(\underline{x}_\Delta) = 0) = 1/2 + \epsilon,$$

then the number of initializations we need will be in the order of $1/\epsilon^2$. This attack can be optimized by calculating which output bit will give the highest bias since it is not necessarily the bits in the registers corresponding to the input bits of $O(\underline{x})$ that have deterministic difference after the initializations. This attack shows that it is preferred that the probability that any state bit is the same after initialization with two different IVs should be close to 0.5. As with the case of 80 initialization clocks, it is easy to show that after 96, 112 and 128 there are also state bits that will always be the same or that will always differ.

6.5 Fault Attack

Amongst the strongest attacks conceivable on any cipher, are fault attacks. Fault attacks against stream ciphers have been initiated in [9], and have shown to be efficient against many known constructions of stream ciphers. This suggests that it is hard to completely defeat fault attacks on stream ciphers. In the scenario in [9] it is assumed that the attacker can apply some bit flipping faults to one of the two feedback registers at his will. However he has only partial control over their number, location, and exact timing, and similarly on what concerns his knowledge. A stronger assumption one can make, is that he is able to flip a single bit (at a time instance, and thus at a location, he does not know exactly). In addition, he can reset the device to its original state and then apply another randomly chosen fault to the device. We adapt the methods in [9] to the present

cipher. Thereby, we make the strongest possible assumption (which may not be realistic) that an attacker can induce a single bit fault in the LFSR, and that he is somehow able to determine the exact position of the fault. The aim is to study input-output properties for $h(x)$, and to derive information on the 5 inputs, out of known input-output pairs (similar as for S-boxes in differential cryptanalysis of DES). As long as the difference induced by the fault in the LFSR does not propagate to position b_{i+63} , the difference observed in the output of the cipher is coming from inputs of $h(x)$ from the LFSR alone. If an attacker is able to reset the device and to induce a single bit fault many times and at different positions that he can correctly guess from the output difference, we cannot preclude that he will get information about a subset of the state bits in the LFSR. Such an attack seems more difficult under the (more realistic) assumption that the fault induced affects several state bits at (partially) unknown positions, since in this case it is more difficult to determine the induced difference from output differences.

Likewise, one can consider faults induced in the NFSR alone. These faults do not influence the contents of the LFSR. However, faults in the NFSR propagate nonlinearly and their evolution will be harder to predict. Thus, a fault attack on the NFSR seems more difficult.

7 Conclusion

A new stream cipher, Grain, has been introduced. It is designed with small hardware implementation in mind. A complete description of the algorithm as well as a security analysis based on known attacks have been given. The construction is based on two shift registers, one with linear feedback and one with nonlinear feedback, and a nonlinear output function. The key size is 80 bits and no attack with complexity better than exhaustive key search has been identified.

Grain is a bit oriented stream cipher producing 1 bit/clock in its simplest implementation. However, as an important feature, it is very easy to increase the rate up to 16 bits/clock if some additional hardware is used.

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A Hardware Figures

In Table 3 we summarize hardware figures when the implementation was simulated on three different FPGAs. A fair comparison between different implementations and different ciphers requires that the same FPGA family is targeted.

Table 3. Hardware related figures for Grain.

	Supplier FPGA/CPLD Type Total LABs [LE]	ALTERA MAX 3000A EPM3256ATC144-7 [256]	ALTERA MAX II EPM570T100C3 57	ALTERA Cyclone EP1C3T100C6 291
t=1	Gate Count Max. Clock %LAB [LE] usage Throughput	1450 49.2 MHz [68%] 49 Mbit/s	1450 200 MHz 38% 200 Mbit/s	1450 282 MHz 8% 282 Mbit/s
t=2	Gate Count Max. Clock %LAB [LE] usage Throughput	1637 49.2 MHz [75%] 98.4 Mbit/s	1637 211 MHz 42% 422 Mbit/s	1637 288 MHz 10% 576 Mbit/s
t=4	Gate Count Max. Clock %LAB [LE] usage Throughput	2010 49 MHz [89%] 196 Mbit/s	2010 158 MHz 49% 632 Mbit/s	2010 218 MHz 12% 872 Mbit/s
t=8	Gate Count Max. Clock %LAB [LE] usage Throughput		2756 148 MHz 61% 1184 Mbit/s	2756 217 MHz 11% 1736 Mbit/s
t=16	Gate Count Max. Clock %LAB [LE] usage Throughput		4248 133 MHz 85% 2128 Mbit/s	4248 196 MHz 19% 3136 Mbit/s

B Test Vectors

Grain is a bit oriented design and for simplicity of reading the test vectors below are translated to hexadecimal strings. Hence, the most significant bit of the first hex value represents index 0.

Key: 00000000000000000000
IV: 0000000000000000
Keystream: 7b978cf36846e5f4ee0b

Key: 0123456789abcdef1234
IV : 0123456789abcdef
Keystream: 42b567ccc65317680225

The reference implementation uses bytes and in this case the least significant bit of the first byte will be treated as index 0. The test vectors are then given as:

Key: 00000000000000000000
IV: 0000000000000000
Keystream: dee931cf1662a72f77d0

Key: 0123456789abcdef1234
IV : 0123456789abcdef
Keystream: 7f362bd3f7abae203664