Provable Security against Side-Channel Attacks

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Sound and temperature

- Proofs of concept in idealized conditions
- Minor practical threats on embedded systems

Running time

- Trivial solution: constant-time implementations
- Must be carefully addressed
 - timing flaw still discovered in OpenSSL in 2011!
 - timing flaws can be induced by the processor (cache, branch prediction, ...)



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<u>This talk</u>: leakage = power consuption + EM emanations



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Security reduction: If A exists with non-negligible $|\Pr[\hat{b} = b] - 1/2|$ then I can use A to efficiently solve a hard problem.

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Issue: how to model the leakage?





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The encryption oracle *cannot* be seen as a mathematical function $E(k, \cdot): m \mapsto c$ anymore, but as a computation.

- Two classical approaches to model computation:
 - Turing machines (programs)
 - Circuits
- How to model *leaking* computation?



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- Circuits not convenient to model software implementations (or algorithms / protocols)



Physically Observable Cryptography

- [Micali-Reyzin. TCC'04]
- Framework for leaking computation
- Strong formalism using Turing machines
- Assumption: Only Computation Leaks (OCL)
- \blacksquare Computation divided into subcomputations $y \leftarrow \mathsf{SC}(x)$
- Each SC accesses a part of the state x and leaks f(x)
- f adaptively chosen by the adversary
- No actual proposal for f



Leakage Resilient Cryptography

- Model introduced in [Dziembowski-Pietrzak. STOC'08]
- Specialization of the Micali-Reyzin framework
- Leakage functions follow the *bounded retrieval model* [Crescenzo et al. TCC'06]

$$f: \{0,1\}^n \to \{0,1\}^\lambda \qquad \text{ for some constant } \lambda < n$$



Leakage Resilient Cryptography

Example: LR stream cipher [Pietrzak. EUROCRYPT'09]



- Many further LR crypto primitives published so far
- Generic LR compilers
 - ▶ [Goldwasser-Rothblum. FOCS'12]
 - [Dziembowski-Faust. TCC'12]



Leakage Resilient Cryptography

- Limitation: the leakage of a subcomputation is limited to λ-bit values for λ < n (the input size)
- Side-channel leakage far bigger than n bits
 - \blacktriangleright although it may not remove all the entropy of x



Figure: Power consumption of a DES computation.



Noisy Leakage Model

- [Prouff-Rivain. EUROCRYPT 2013]
- OCL assumption (Micali-Reyzin framework)
- New class of noisy leakage functions
- An observation f(x) introduces a *bounded bias* in Pr[x]
 - very generic



Notion of bias

Bias of
$$X$$
 given $Y=y$:
$$\beta(X|Y=y) = \|\Pr[X] - \Pr[X|Y=y]\|$$

with $\|\cdot\| = \text{Euclidean norm.}$

Bias of
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 given Y :
$$\beta(X|Y) = \sum_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} \Pr[Y = y] \ \beta(X|Y = y) \ .$$

• $\beta(X|Y) \in \left[0; \sqrt{1 - \frac{1}{|\mathcal{X}|}}\right]$ (indep. / deterministic relation)

Related to MI by:

$$\frac{1}{\ln 2}\beta(X|Y) \le \operatorname{MI}(X;Y) \le \frac{|\mathcal{X}|}{\ln 2}\beta(X|Y)$$



Noisy Leakage Model

Every subcomputation leaks a *noisy function* f of its input
 noise modeled by a fresh random tape argument

• ψ is some *noise parameter*

•
$$f \in \mathcal{N}(1/\psi) \Rightarrow \beta(X|f(X)) < \frac{1}{\psi}$$

Capture any form of noisy leakage



Noisy Leakage Model

In practice, the multivariate Gaussian model is widely admitted

$$f(x) \sim \mathcal{N}(\vec{m}_x, \Sigma) \qquad \forall x \in \mathcal{X}$$

• The bias can be efficiently computed:

$$\begin{split} \beta(X|f(X)) &= \sum_{\vec{y}} \mathsf{p}_{\vec{y}} \left(\sum_{x} \left(\mathsf{p}_{x|\vec{y}} - 1/|\mathcal{X}| \right)^2 \right)^{1/2} \\ \text{with} \quad \mathsf{p}_{\vec{y}} &= \sum_{x} \frac{\phi_{\Sigma}(\vec{y} - \vec{m}_x)}{\sum_{\vec{z}} \phi_{\Sigma}(\vec{z} - \vec{m}_x)} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathsf{p}_{x|\vec{y}} = \frac{\phi_{\Sigma}(\vec{y} - \vec{m}_x)}{\sum_{v} \phi_{\Sigma}(\vec{y} - \vec{m}_v)} \\ \text{where} \quad \phi_{\Sigma} : \vec{y} \mapsto \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \, \vec{y} \cdot \Sigma \cdot \vec{y} \, \right). \end{split}$$


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- Provide a security reduction
- What about generic security against SCA?
 - ▶ for any cryptosystem, security goal, adversarial model









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IT Security \Rightarrow Security



Using random sharing

Principle

- Randomly share the internal state of the computation
- A *d*-sharing of $x \in \mathbb{F}$ is a tuple (x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n) s.t.

 $x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n = x$

with n-1 degrees of randomness

 \blacksquare Subcomputations $y \leftarrow \mathsf{SC}(x)$ are replaced by

$$(y_1, y_2, \ldots, y_n) \leftarrow \mathsf{SC}'(x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n)$$



Using random sharing

Soundness

- [Chari et al. CRYPTO'99]
- Univariate Gaussian leakage model: $\ell_i \sim x_i + \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$
- Distinguishing $((\ell_i)_i | x = 0)$ from $((\ell_i)_i | x = 1)$ takes q samples:

$$q \ge cst \cdot \sigma^n$$

- Limitations:
 - univariate leakage model, Gaussian noise assumption
 - static leakage of the shares (*i.e.* without computation)
 - ▶ no scheme proposed to securely compute on a shared state



- [Ishai-Sahai-Wagner. CRYPTO 2003]
- Binary circuit model
- Goal: security against *t*-probing attacks
- Every wire w is shared in n wires w_1, w_2, \ldots, w_n
- Issue: how to encode logic gates?
 - NOT gates and AND gates
- NOT gates encoding:

$$\overline{w} = \overline{w_1} \oplus w_2 \dots \oplus w_n$$



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Sketch of security proof

- *t*-probing adversary $\Rightarrow n = 2t + 1$ shares
- probed wires: v_1, v_2, \ldots, v_t
- construct a set $I = \{ raw and column indices of <math>v_k \}$
- (v_1, v_2, \dots, v_t) perfectly simulated from $(a_i)_{i \in I}$ and $(b_i)_{i \in I}$
- $|I| \leq 2t < n \Rightarrow (a_i)_{i \in I}$ and $(b_i)_{i \in I}$ are random |I|-tuples





Figure: AND gate for n = 3



Can be transposed to the *d*th-order security model

- ► the adversary must combined the leakage of at least *d* subcomputations to recover information
- ▶ in presence of noise d is a relevant security parameter [Chari et al. CRYPTO'99]
- Many dth-order secure schemes based on ISW scheme
- Not fully satisfactory
 - ▶ an relevant adversary should use all the leakage



Security in the noisy model

- [Prouff-Rivain. EUROCRYPT 2013]
- Every $y \leftarrow \mathsf{SC}(x)$ leaks f(x) where $\beta(X|f(X)) < \frac{1}{\psi}$
- Information theoretic security proof: $\mathrm{MI}\big((m,k);\ell(m,k)) < O(\omega^{-d})$
- Assumtpion: the noise parameter ψ can be linearly increased
- Need of a *leak-free component* for refreshing

$$\underbrace{\mathbf{x} = (x_0, x_1, \dots, x_d)}_{\bigoplus_i x_i = x} \quad \longmapsto \quad \underbrace{\mathbf{x}' = (x'_0, x'_1, \dots, x'_d)}_{\bigoplus_i x'_i = x}$$

with $(\boldsymbol{x} \mid x)$ and $(\boldsymbol{x}' \mid x)$ mutually independent.

Overview of the proof

Consider a SPN computation



Figure: Example of SPN round.



Overview of the proof

Classical implementation protected with sharing



Figure: Example of SPN round protected with sharing.



S-Box computation

[Carlet et al. FSE'12]

- Polynomial evaluation over $GF(2^n)$
- Two types of elementary calculations:
 - linear functions (additions, squares, multiplication by coefficients)
 - multiplications over $GF(2^n)$


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For
$$f_i \in \mathcal{N}(1/\psi)$$
 with $\psi = O(|\mathcal{X}|^{\frac{1}{2}} \omega)$, we show
 $\operatorname{MI}(X; (f_0(X_0), f_1(X_1), \dots, f_d(X_d))) \leq \frac{1}{\omega^{d+1}}$



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• For $f_{i,j} \in \mathcal{N}(1/\psi)$ with $\psi = O(|\mathcal{X}|^{\frac{3}{2}}d\omega)$ we show $\operatorname{MI}(X; (f_{i,j}(A_i, B_j))_{i,j}) \leq \frac{1}{\omega^{d+1}}$



- Second step: refreshing
- Apply on each column and one row of

$A_0 \times B_0$	$A_0 \times B_1$		$A_0 \times B_d$
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$A_d \times B_0$	$A_d \times B_1$		$A_d \times B_d$

- We get a fresh $(d+1)^2$ -sharing of $A \times B$



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Putting everything together

• Several sequences of subcomputations, each leaking L_t with

$$\mathrm{MI}((m,k);L_t) \le \frac{1}{\omega^{d+1}}$$

Use of share-refreshing between each sequence

• $(L_t)_t$ are mutually independent given (m, k)

We hence have

$$\operatorname{MI}((m,k); (L_1, L_2, \dots, L_T)) \le \sum_{t=1}^T \operatorname{MI}((m,k); L_t) \le \frac{T}{\omega^{d+1}}$$



Improved security proof

- [Duc-Dziembowski-Faust. EUROCRYPT 2014]
- Security reduction: probing model \Rightarrow noisy model
- ISW scheme secure in the noisy model
- No need for leak-free component !



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Combining both reductions

• Security against t-probing \Rightarrow security against $\delta\text{-noisy}$ where $\delta=\frac{t+1}{2n|\mathcal{X}|}$

• $\exp(-t/6)$ must be negligible $\Rightarrow t \ge 8.65 \kappa$

- ISW scheme with d-sharing is secure against $\delta\text{-noisy}$ attackers

where
$$\delta = \frac{d}{n|\mathcal{X}|}$$
 (and $d \ge 17.5 \kappa$)

• For ISW-multiplication $n = O(d^2)$ and $\mathcal{X} = \mathbb{F} \times \mathbb{F}$ giving $\delta = O(1/d|\mathbb{F}|^2) \Rightarrow \psi = O(d|\mathbb{F}|^2)$

• Limitation: ψ is still in O(d)



Conclusion

- New practically relevant model for leaking computation: the noisy model
- Need for practical investigations for the bias estimation
- Only 2 works proposing formal proofs in this model
- Open issues:
 - ▶ a scheme secure with constant noise
 - secure implementations with different kind of randomization (*e.g.* exponent/message blinding for RSA/ECC)

