

Feature Extraction for Side-Channel Attacks

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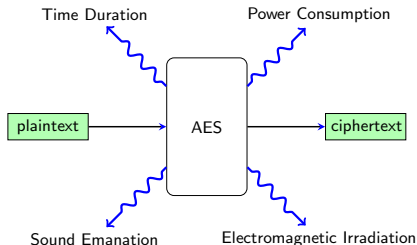
⇒ Requires protection against very high-level attacker

Security Certification



- ▶ Standardized Evaluation (e.g. ISO/IEC 15408 - Common Criteria)
- ▶ Assigns an Evaluation Assurance Level (EAL)
- ▶ The evaluator checks the Security Assurance Requirements (SAR), e.g. ADV, ALC, AVA, ...
- ▶ AVA: vulnerability assessment (penetration testing → attack potential rating)

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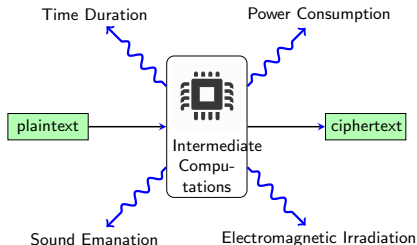
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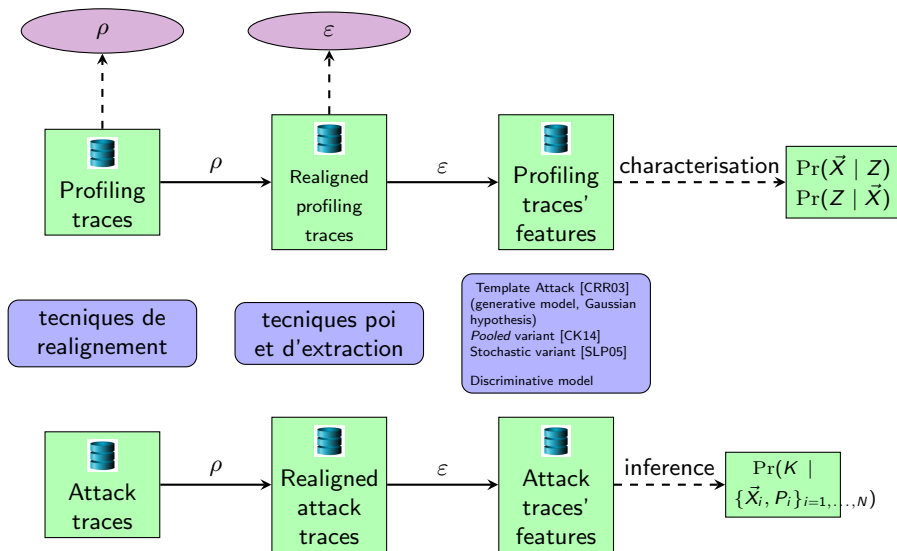
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