

# Sécurité des implémentations de mécanismes cryptographiques

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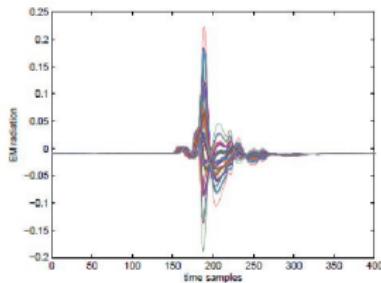
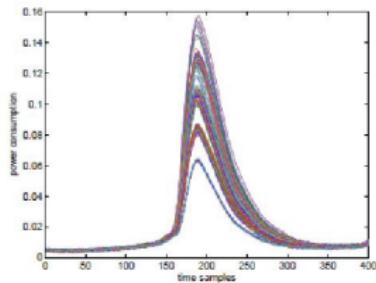
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# Side Channel Attacks

## Main Observation

Leakage at time  $t$  depends on the data manipulated at this time.



- 1 Power consumption leakage during the manipulation of a 8-bit variable by a card [Kocher, Jaffe and Jun, CRYPTO 1999].
- 2 Electromagnetic emanation during the same manipulation [Quisquater and Samyde, ESsmart 2001].

Note: traces repartition does not look random.

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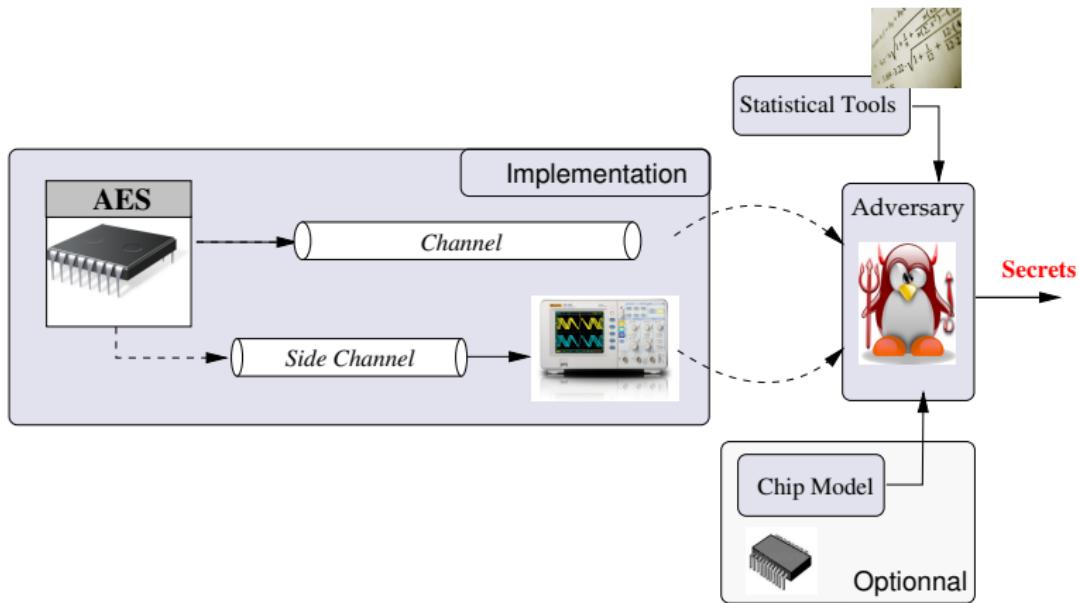
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They are not taken into account by the "classical" cryptanalyses.  
Side channel attacks (SCA) are **passives** or actives. In a SCA, the adversary can:

- observe the behaviour of the device during the processing,
- [active SCA only] modify them.

# Side Channel Attacks

Side Channel Analysis: General Framework.



# Side Channel Attacks

## Main targets

### Small Embedded devices

- attacker model fits
- simple design and package

### Recent results show

- observation attacks on smart-phones and tablets.
- observation attacks on PCs.

GenkinPipmanShamirTromer 2013-2014

# State of the art...

Seems legit



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## A brief History

1956 : MI5 breaks the encryption system used by the Egyptian Embassy at London.

- Encryption system: machine with rotors from Hagelin family.
- Peter Wright suggests to put a microphone in the cipher room.
- The sound produced by the machine when the 7 rotors are initialized indeed gives information on its initial state, then enabling to get the key and to decipher.



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  - ▶ 1999: (multi-bit) DPA Messerges1999
  - ▶ 2000: Higher-order SCA Messerges2000
  - ▶ 2002: Template SCA ChariRaoRohatgi2002
  - ▶ 2004: CPA BrierClavierOlivier2004
  - ▶ 2005: Stochastic SCA SchindlerLemkePaar2005
  - ▶ 2008: Mutual Information SCA GierlichsBatinaTuyls2008
  - ▶ etc.

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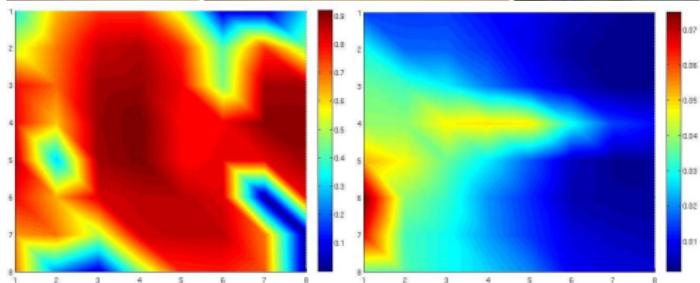
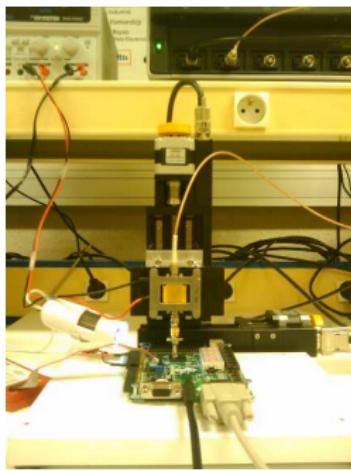
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## Side Channel Analysis: Measurement Setup



# Advanced Side Channel Attacks (DPA like attacks)

Side Channel Analysis: Measurement Setup, example of EMA



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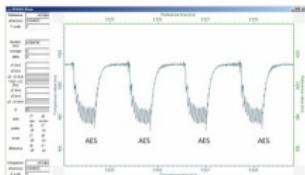
Side Channel Analysis: Measurement Step in details.

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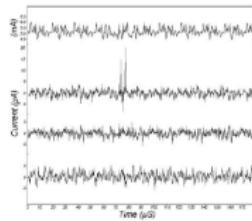


Engineers Expertise. Quality of the attacks labs.

- 2 Which point (time) to attack in a set of measurement traces?



Sometimes easy ...



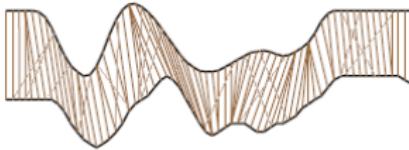
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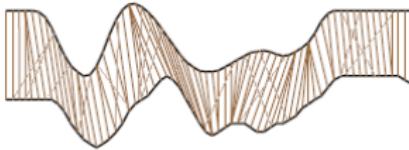


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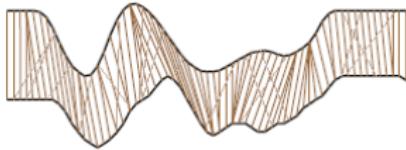
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- Third step: select a few points of interest and apply the attack independently on each of them.

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# Terminology and References

## Probability

mathematical theory that describes uncertainty.

## Statistics

set of techniques for extracting useful information from data.

## References

- *Fundamentals of Probability and Statistics For Engineers*, by T.T. Song.
- *Introduction to probability theory and its applications*, by W. Feller.
- *Mathematical Statistics*, by Jun Shao.

# Useful Definitions 1/2

- **Random Variable:** is a variable whose value is subject to variations due to chance.
- **Probability Distribution Function (PDF)** of  $X$  is the function  $F_X$  defined by:

$$F_X(x) = \Pr(X \leq x)$$

Note:  $\{X \leq x\}$  is an event. A PDF is also called **cumulative distribution function (cdf)**.

- A random variable  $X$  is **discrete** or **continuous** depending on its definition set.

## Useful Definitions 2/2

- For a discrete random variable, one can define the **probability mass function (pmf)**  $p_X$  by:

$$p_X(x) = \Pr(X = x)$$

- For a continuous random variable  $X$ , one can define its **probability density function (pdf)**  $f_X$  by:

$$f_X(x) = \frac{dF_X(x)}{dx} \text{ or equivalently } F_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^t f_X(t)dx$$

# Statistical Moments (discrete random variables)

- Mean

$$E[X] = \sum_x x \Pr(X = x)$$

- Variance

$$V[X] = \sum_x x^2 \Pr(X = x) - (\sum_x x \Pr(X = x))^2$$

- $k$ th order Moment

$$M_k[X] = \sum_x x^k \Pr(X = x)$$

Note: It is possible to reconstruct the distribution of  $X$  from all its moments  
(its moment generating function)

# Notion of Entropy

## ■ Entropy

$$H(X) = - \sum_i \Pr(X = x_i) \log(\Pr(X = x_i))$$

## ■ Conditional Entropy

$$H(X | Y) = \sum_{i,j} \Pr(X = x_i \text{ and } Y = y_j) \log \frac{\Pr(Y = y_j)}{\Pr(X = x_i \text{ and } Y = y_j)}$$

## ■ Mutual Information

$$\begin{aligned} MI(X, Y) &= H(Y) - H(Y | X) \\ &= H(X) - H(X | Y) \end{aligned}$$

Discrete random variable  $X$ 

mean

$$\mathbb{E}(X) = \sum_i x_i \Pr[X = x_i]$$

moment of order  $k$ 

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variance

$$\text{Var}(X) = \sum_i (x_i - \mathbb{E}(X))^2 \Pr[X = x_i]$$

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Continuous random variable  $X$ 

expected value

$$\mathbb{E}(X) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} x f_X(x) dx$$

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# Normal distribution

- A normal distribution has a bell-shaped probability density function, known as the Gaussian function and noted  $\mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma)$ .
- It is uniquely characterized by two parameters  $\mu$  and  $\sigma$ , respectively called **mean** and **standard deviation** ( $\sigma^2 = \text{var}$ ).
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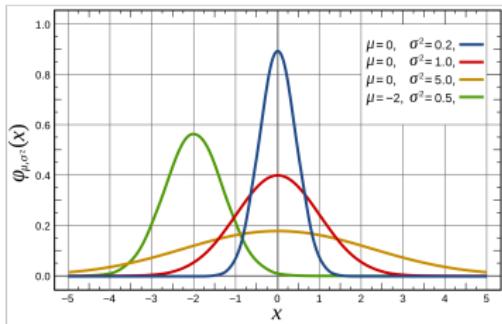
$$f_X(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

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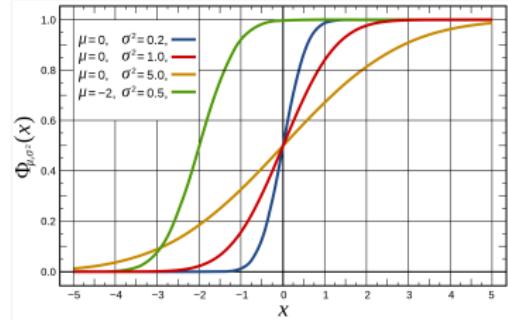
$$F_X(x) = \Phi\left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}\right) = \frac{1}{2} \left[ 1 + \operatorname{erf}\left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma\sqrt{2}}\right) \right]$$

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# Multivariate normal distribution.

- This is the natural multivariate extention of normal distribution (*i.e.*  $\mathbf{X} = (X_1, \dots, X_t)$ ), noted  $\mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$ .
- It is uniquely characterized by  $\boldsymbol{\mu}$  and  $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}$ , respectively the mean vector and covariance matrix.  
where  $\boldsymbol{\mu} = (\mu_1, \dots, \mu_t)$  and  $\boldsymbol{\Sigma} = \{E(X_i X_j) - E(X_i)E(X_j)\}_{i,j}$ .
- Its pdf is

$$f_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^t |\boldsymbol{\Sigma}|}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x}-\boldsymbol{\mu})^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} (\mathbf{x}-\boldsymbol{\mu})}$$

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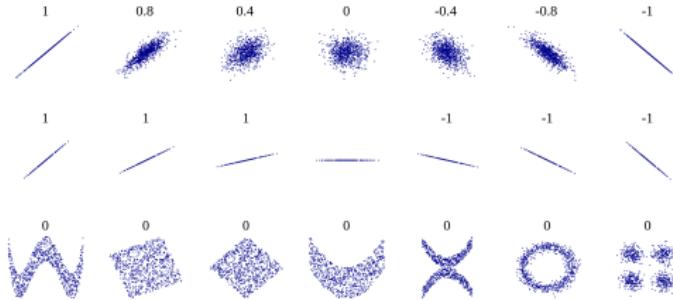
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Note: the value  $E(XY) - E(X)E(Y)$  is called covariance between  $X$  and  $Y$  and is denoted by  $\text{cov}(X, Y)$ .

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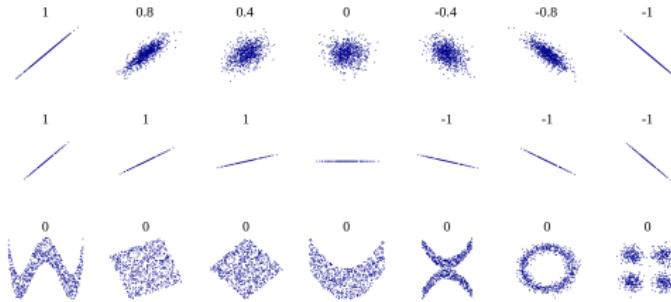


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It detects (only!) linear dependencies between two variables.



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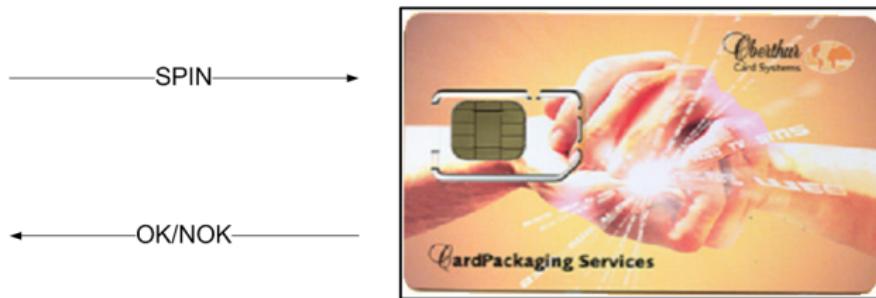
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# Timing attack

- Measure the timing of the operation
- Exploit this information to recover secret data

# PIN verification



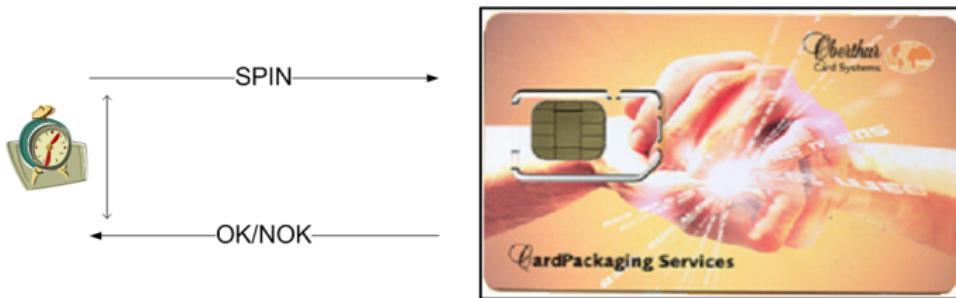
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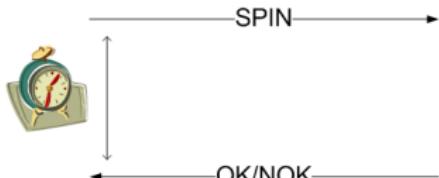
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The observation of execution timing enables to retrieve PIN with  $4 \times 10$  tries instead of  $10^4 = 10\,000$ .

# AES: Brief History



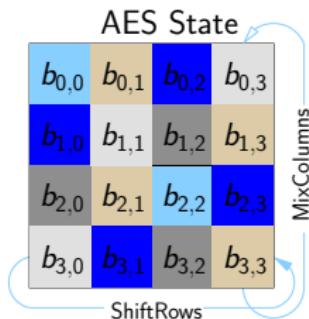
- Advanced Encryption Standard is the result of an international competition started in 1997.
- The purpose was to replace the DES standard since its key size was becoming too small.
- Some of the new requirements were: a block size equal to 128 bits (or 256 bits) and a scalable key size with possible values 128, 192 or 256.
- Among the 15 last candidates, the proposal of the Belgium researchers Daemen and Rijmen has been selected. It was called RIJNDAEL.

## AES: Short Description

- Iterative block cipher (but not based on a Feistel structure).
- Substitution and Permutation Network (SPN).
  - 1 the state  $Y(i)$  produced by the previous round is modified thanks to a non-linear substitution operation (that ensures data confusion).
  - 2 Then a linear permutation is applied (that ensures data diffusion).
  - 3 Eventually, the round key is bit-wisely added to produce  $Y(i + 1)$ .
- The number of rounds is 10 for a 128-bits key and 14 for a 256-bits key.

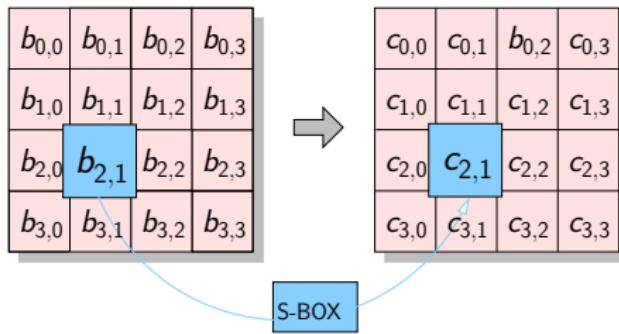
# AES: details

- AES is an iterative block cipher with key sizes 128, 192 or 256 bits.
- Based on a Permutation/Substitution network. Each round is composed of:
  - ▶ A byte substitution (**SubBytes**).
  - ▶ A shifting of the bytes (**ShiftRows**)
  - ▶ A matrix product (**MixColumns**).
  - ▶ A bitwise addition with the round key (**AddRoundKey**).



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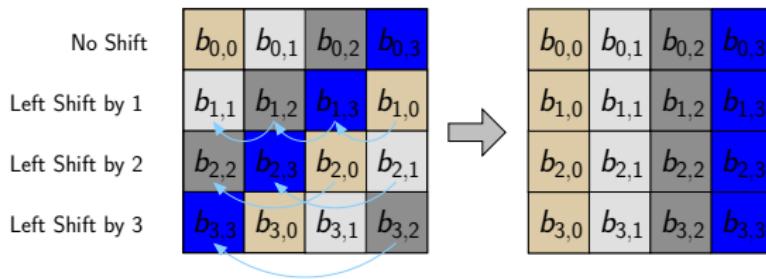
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- Each byte is replaced by a value stored in a table of 256 bytes. This table is called **s-box**.

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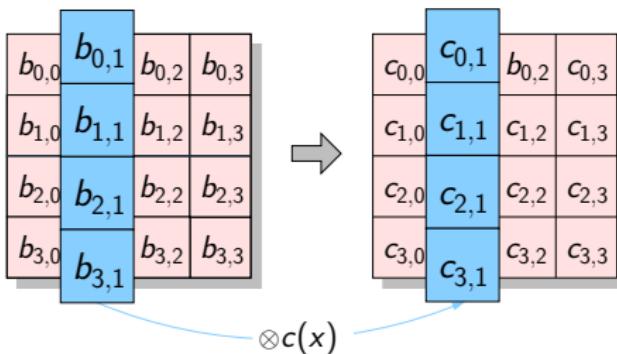
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- The bytes of each row are permuted. The permutation is simply left cycling.

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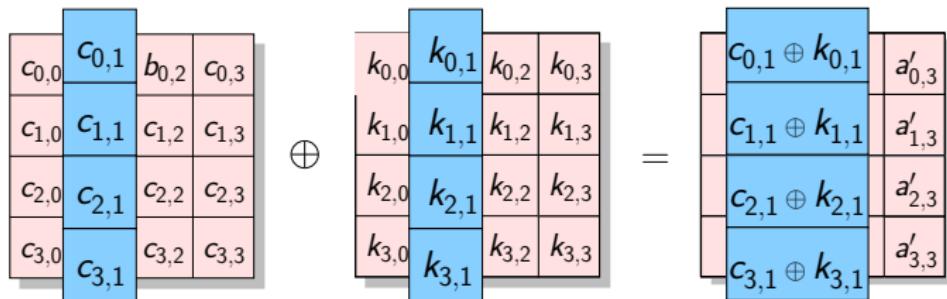
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## AES

## AddRoundKey



- The round key is bitwisely added.
- The four previous steps are repeated 10 times (for a 128-bits key).
- For the last round, the Mixcolumns step is not performed.

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- Gotta implement a multiplication of two elements of GF(256)!

# Implementation method

## Logtable

- Gotta implement a multiplication:
  - if ( $a.b$ )
    - ▶ return  $Alogtable[(Logtable[a] + Logtable[b])mod255];$
  - else
    - ▶ return 0

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# Conclusion

- Information about secret values can be retrieved.
- Countermeasure:  $return multTab[a][b]$

## Part III

# Sensitive Variables, Leakage Functions and Model Inference

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# Crypto Primitives and Implementations

## Introduction

Different abstraction levels:

- Mathematical level
- Algorithmic level
- Hardware level

# First Example

## Modular exponentiation

- The modular exponentiation is the main operation during the RSA processing and other algorithms:
  - ▶ Diffie-Hellmann
  - ▶ DSA
  - ▶ primality tests
- This is an operation costly both in terms of memory and timing:
  - ⇒ Need for optimisation
- This is an operation that manipulates secret data:
  - ⇒ Need for security

# RSA algorithm

Mathematical level



## RSA primitive

Let  $p, q$  be two prime numbers and let  $N = pq$ .

Let  $e, d \in \mathbb{Z}_{\phi(N)}$  be such that  $ed = 1 \pmod{\phi(N)}$ .

Public key  $PK = (N, e)$

modulus  $N$ , public exponent  $e$

Private key  $SK = (N, d)$

private exponent  $d$

Encryption

$$c = m^e \pmod{N}$$

Decryption

$$m = c^d \pmod{N}$$

Signature

$$s = m^d \pmod{N}$$

Verification

$$m \stackrel{?}{=} s^e \pmod{N}$$

# RSA algorithm

Algorithmic level, e.g. *Square-and-Multiply*

Observation :

$$d = \sum_{i=0}^{i=n} d_i 2^i = d_0 + 2(d_1 + 2(d_2 + \dots + 2(d_{n-1} + 2(d_n))) \dots)$$

$$m^d = m^{d_0} \times (m^{d_1} \times (m^{d_2} \times \dots (m^{d_{n-1}} \times (m^{d_n})^2)^2 \dots)^2$$

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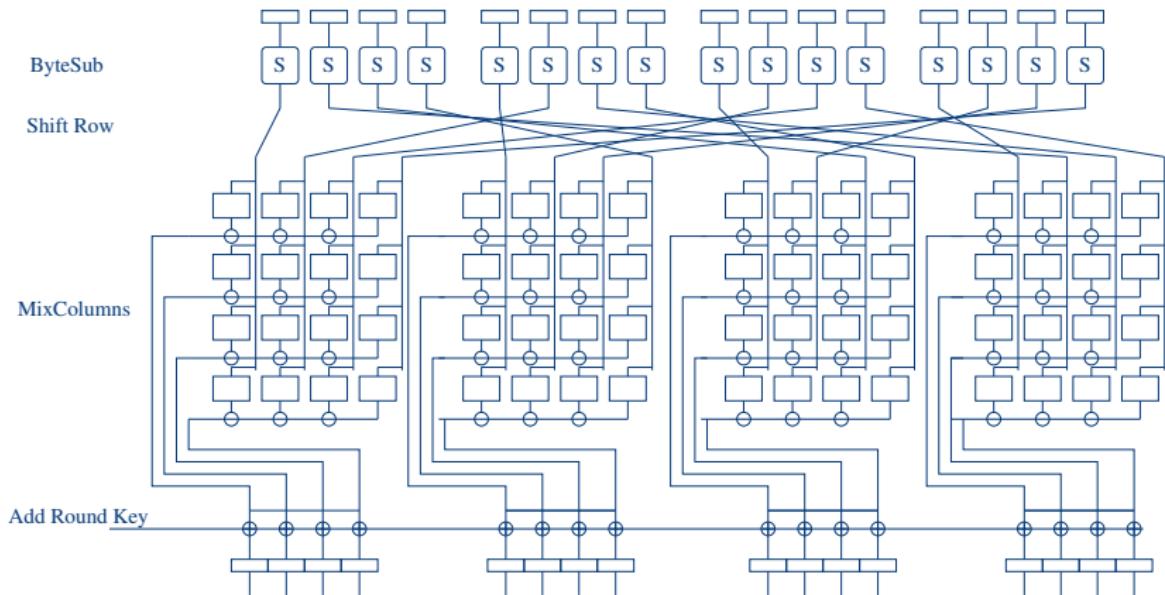
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- $n$  SQ
- $HW(d) - 1$  MULT.

Memory :  $m, t$

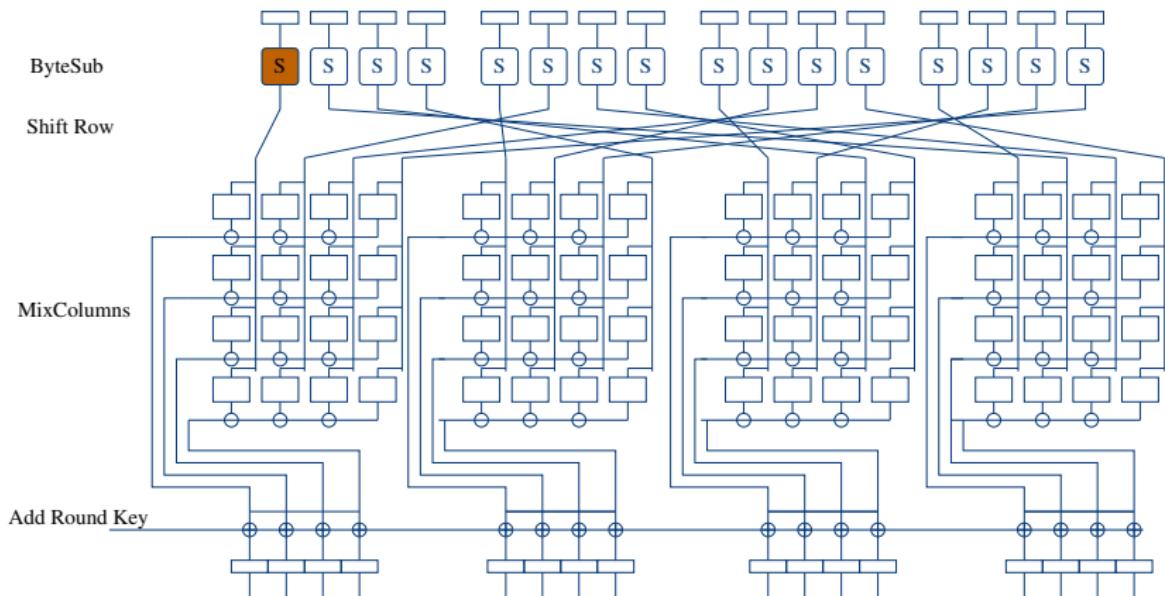
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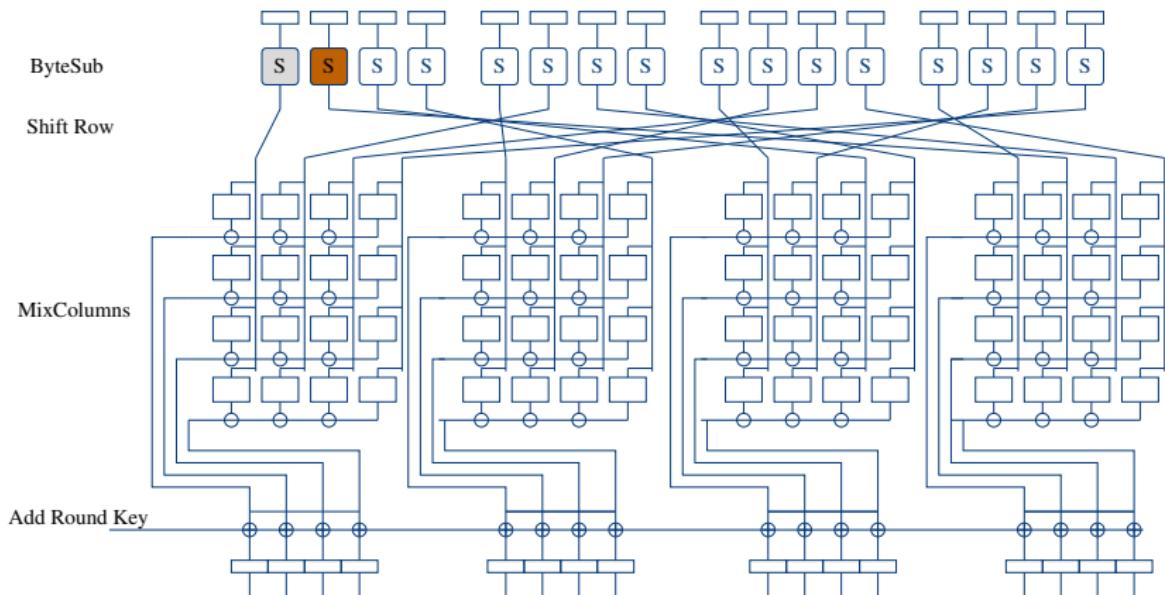
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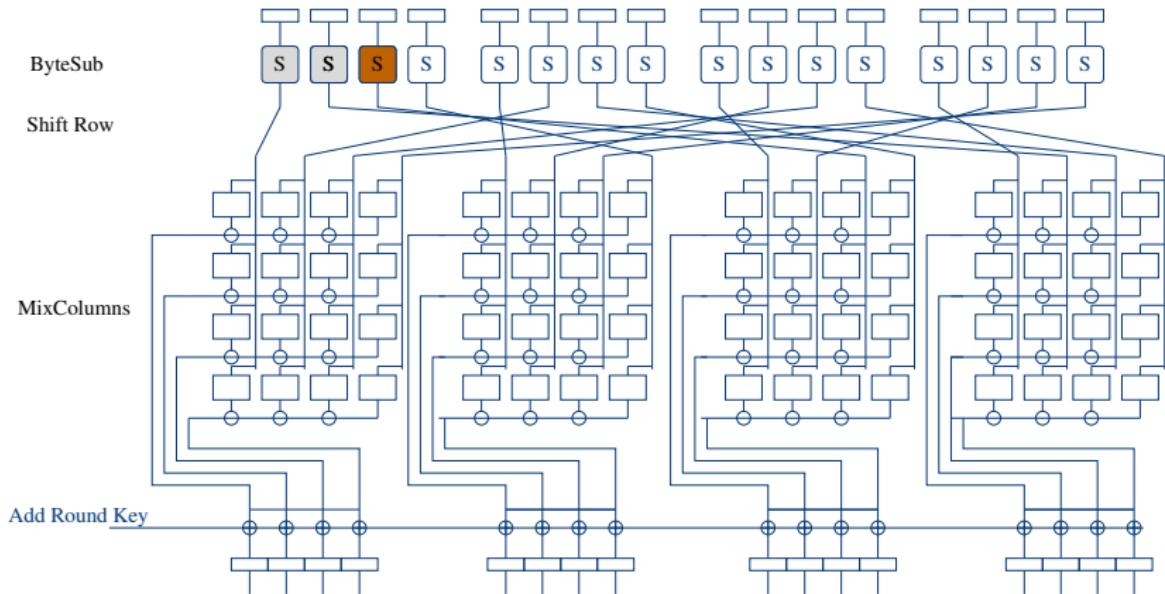
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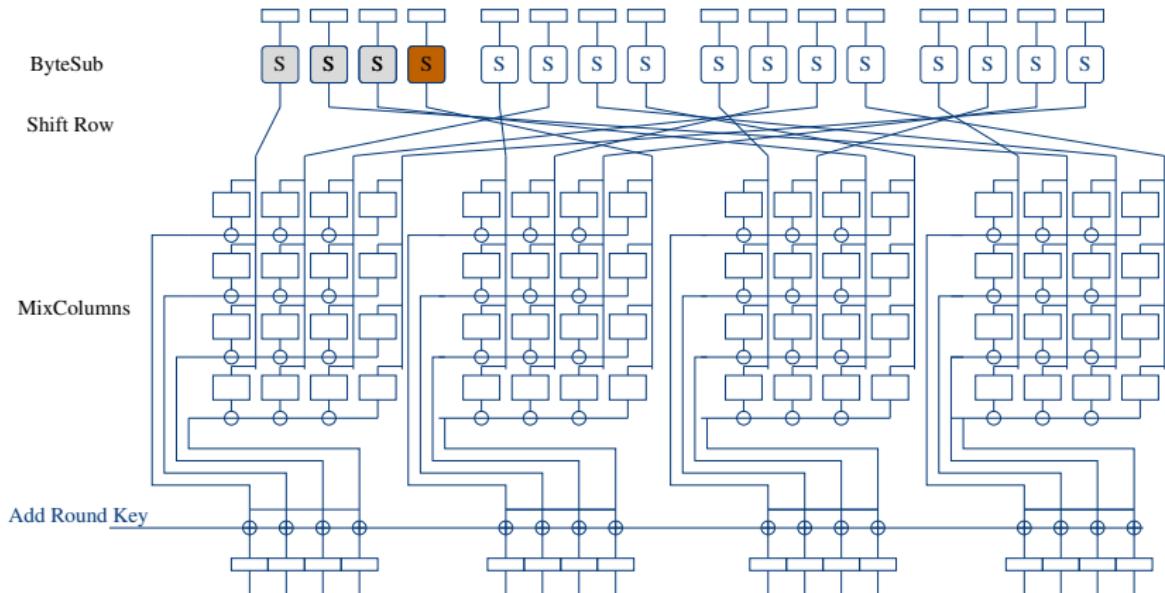
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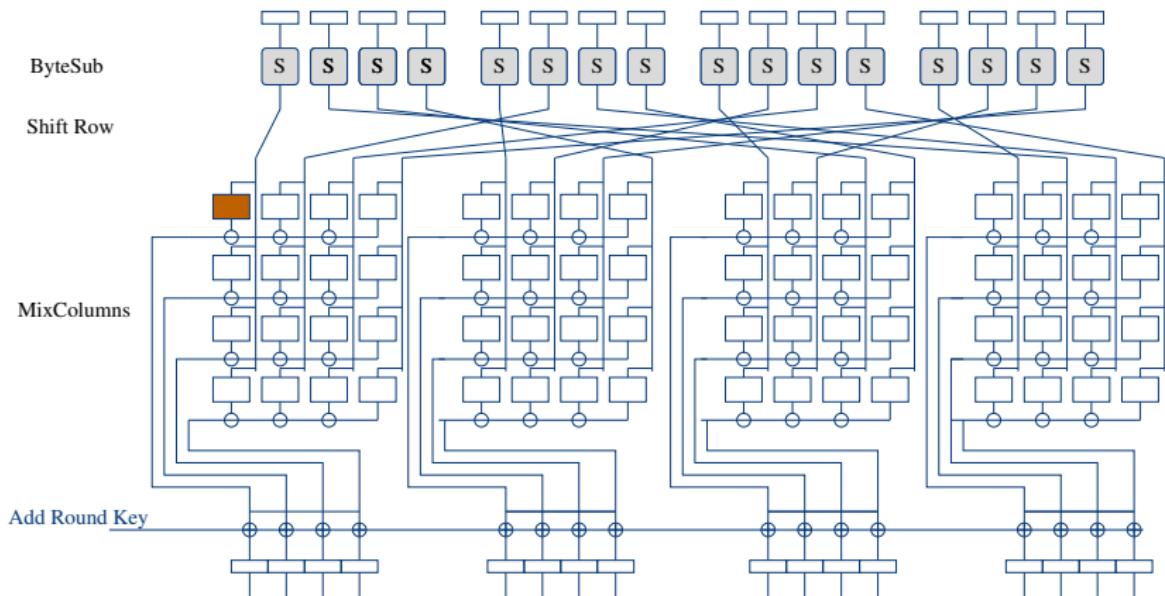
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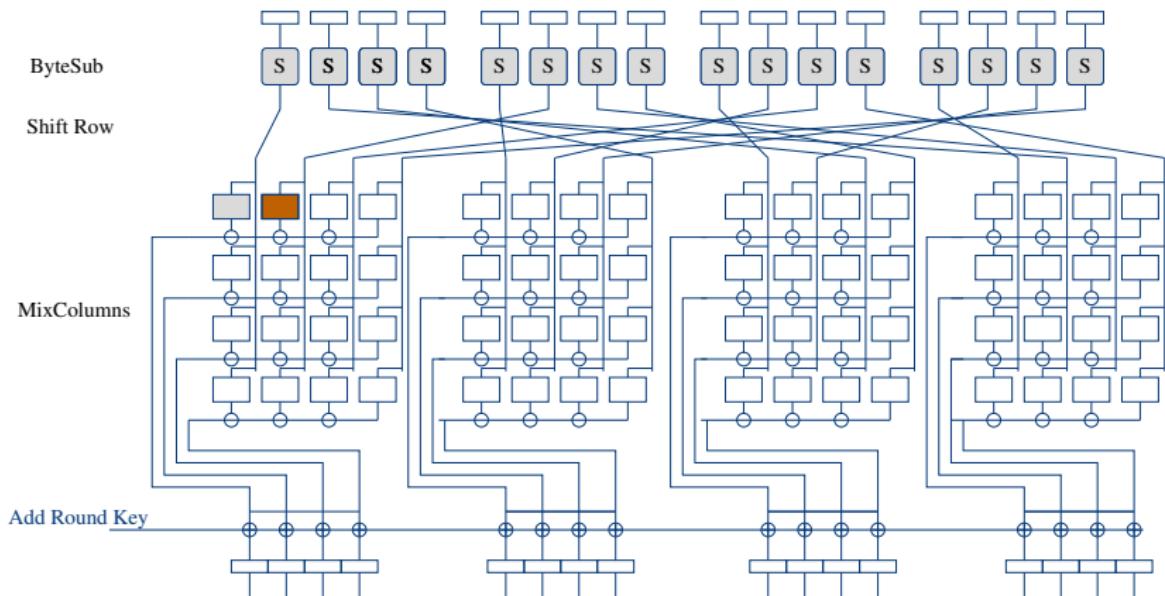
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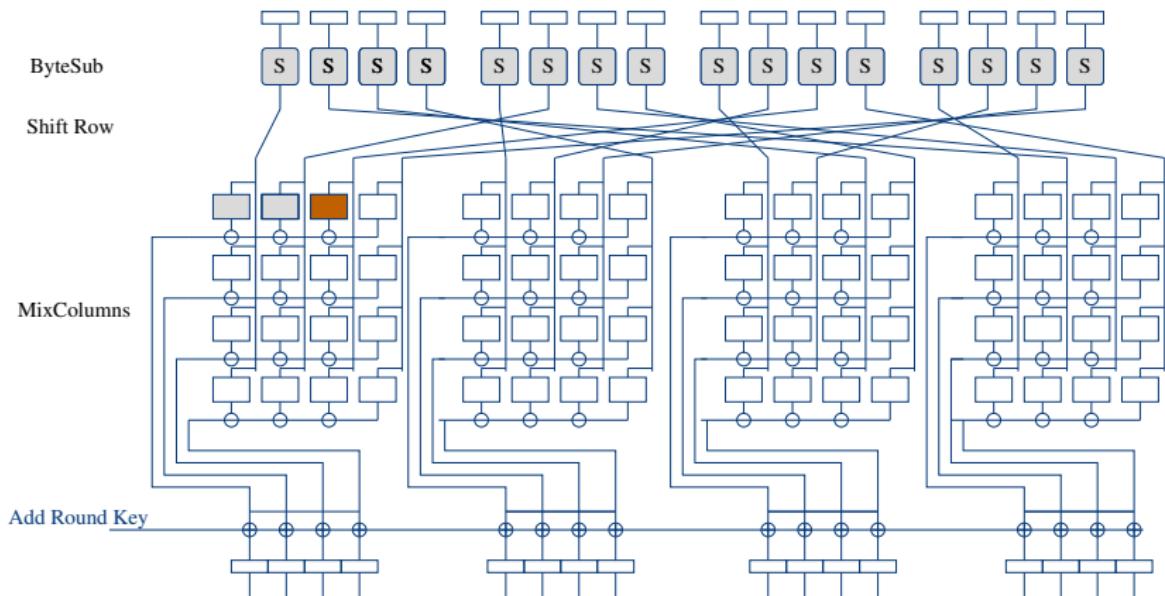
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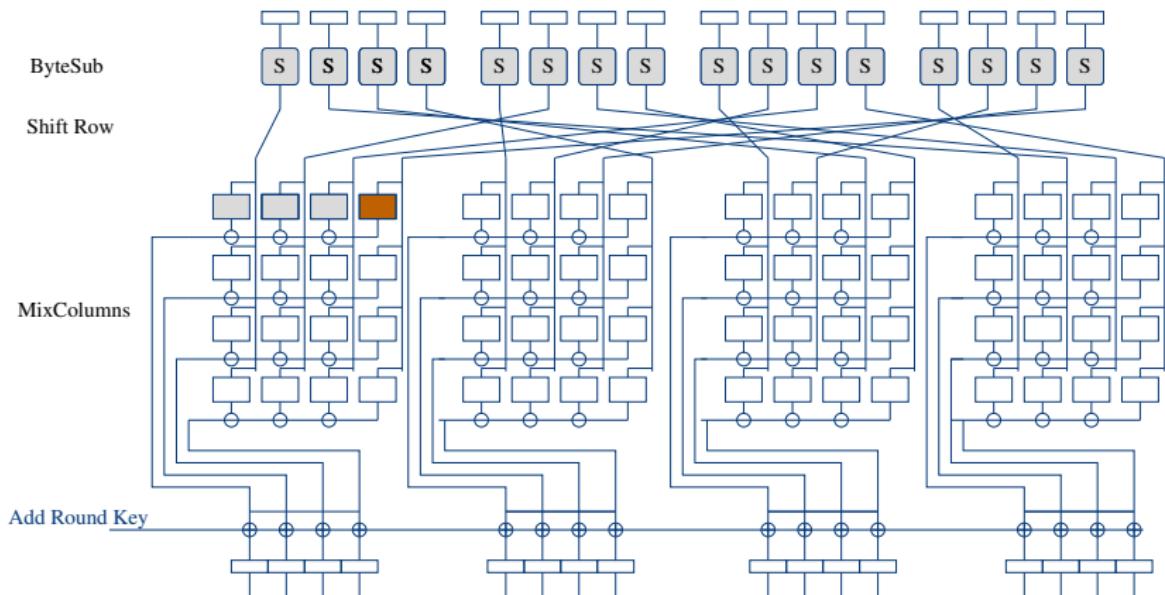
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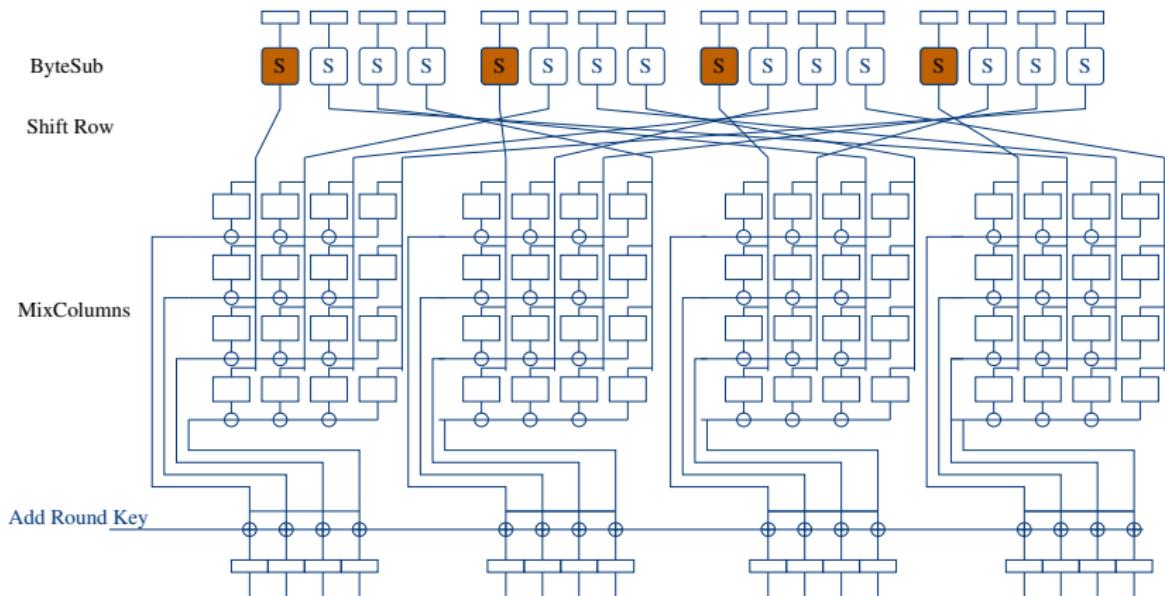
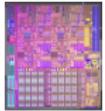
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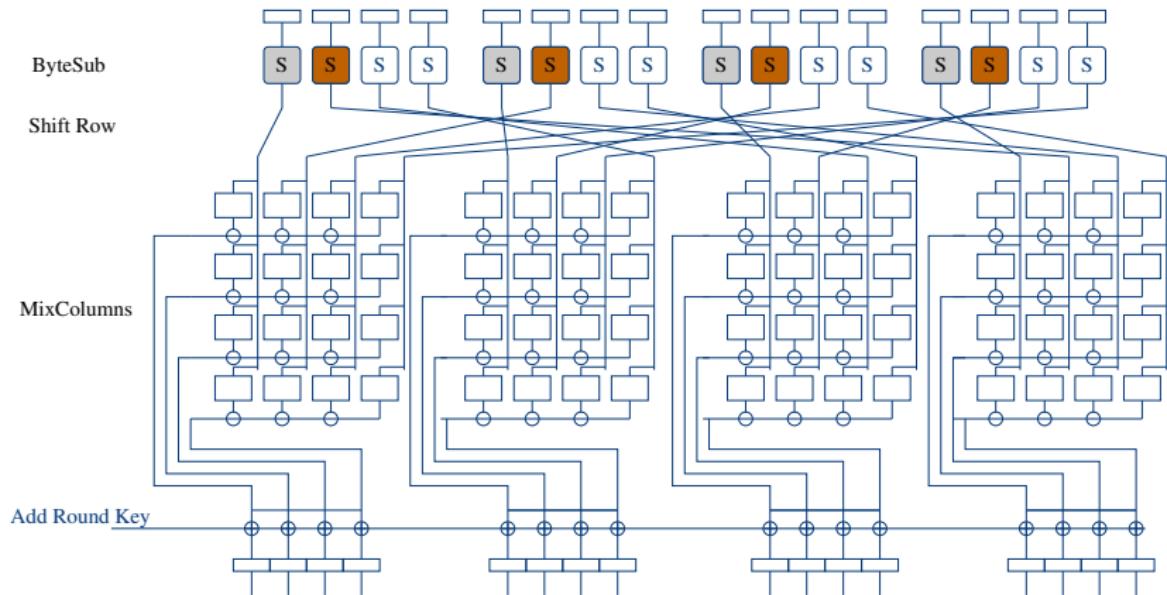
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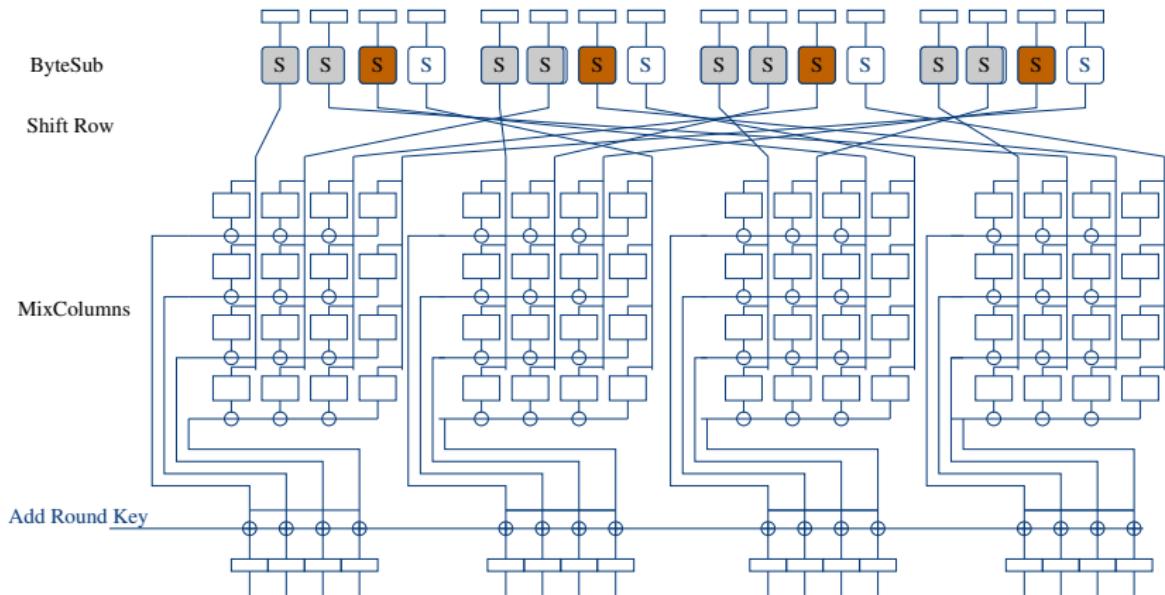
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## Limitations of Sensitive Variables

sensitive variables:  $\text{MI}(V, P, K) \neq 0$

we have  $V = f(K, P, \dots)$

- then the key often cannot be retrieved entirely from a single realization of  $(V, P)$   
     $\hookrightarrow$  several observations may improve the key coverage depending on  $f$ .  
        e.g. AES AddKey/Sbox output.
- distinguishing effort  
        e.g. AES SBox uniform differentiability

# Quick Recap

## Sensitive Variables

Best choice for  $f$ :

- as simple as possible;
- involving public variables;
- good distinguishing properties.

Classical choices

$\log_2(\text{Secret}) \leq 32$

- AES:  $K \oplus P$ ,  $\text{Sbox}(K \oplus P)$ .
- RSA:  $d$ ,  $m^{d|\ell}$ .

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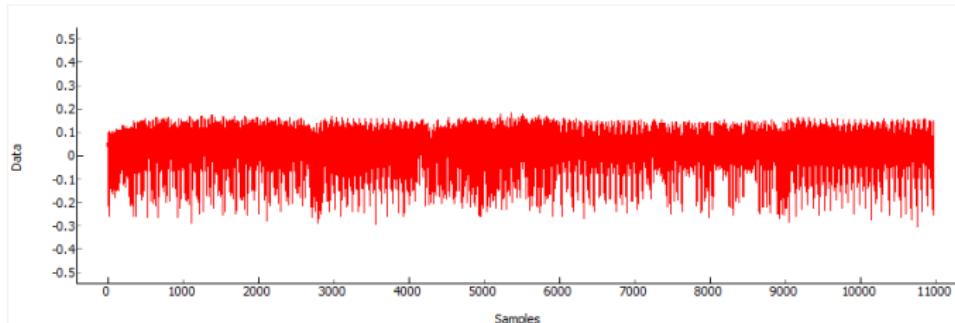
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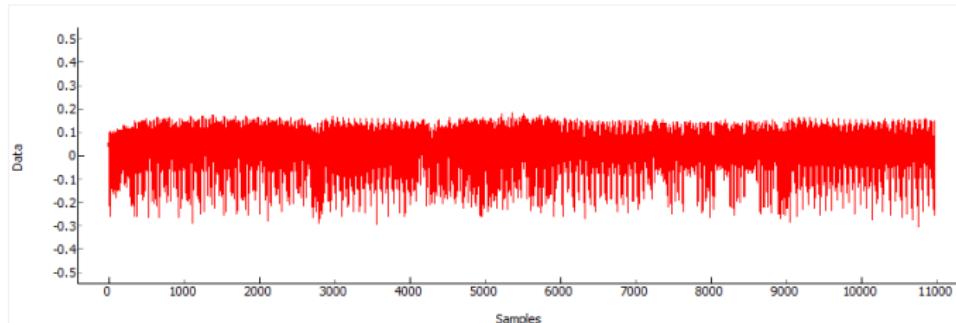


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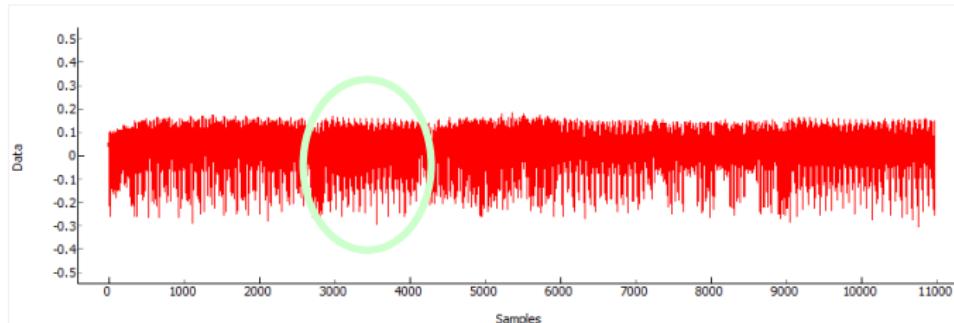
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A simple case: Unprotected Square-and-Multiply Algorithm

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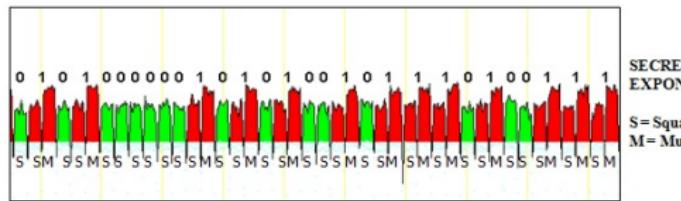
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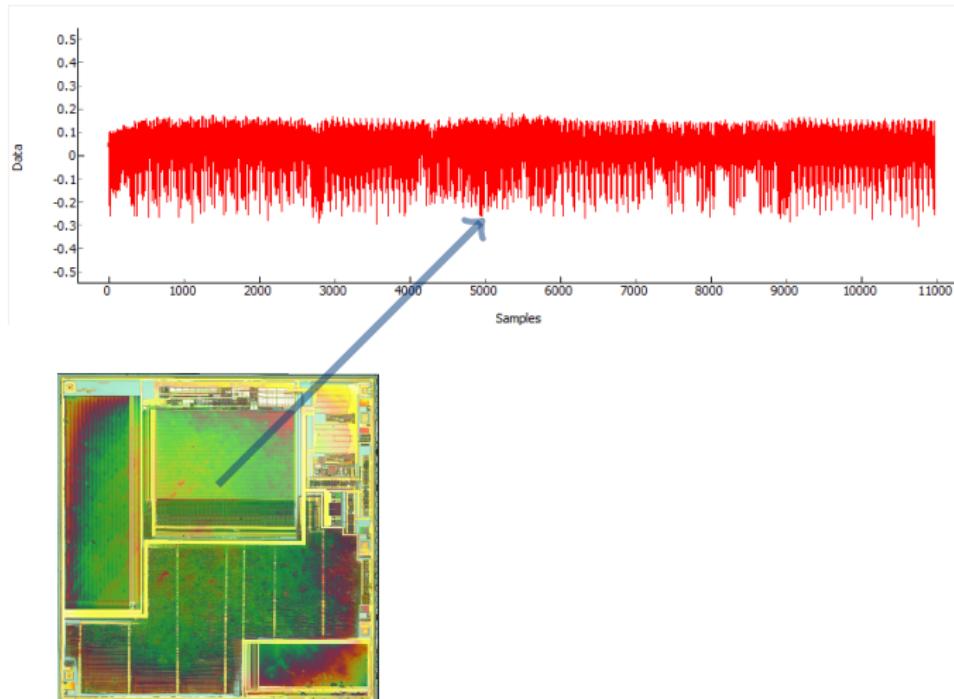
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Remark/Assumption: squaring and multiplication have different leakage patterns.

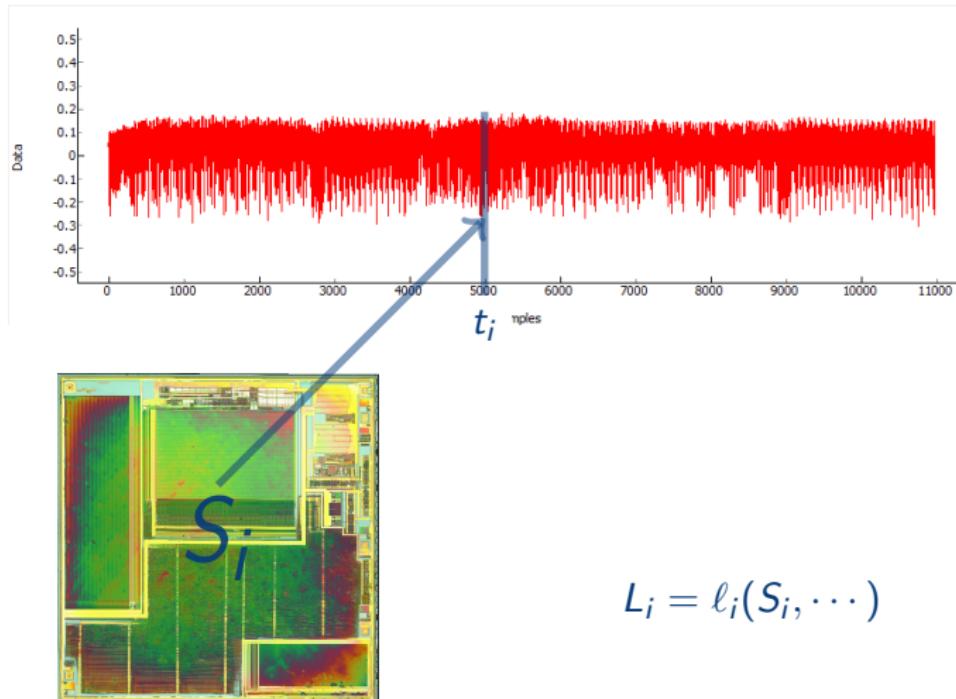
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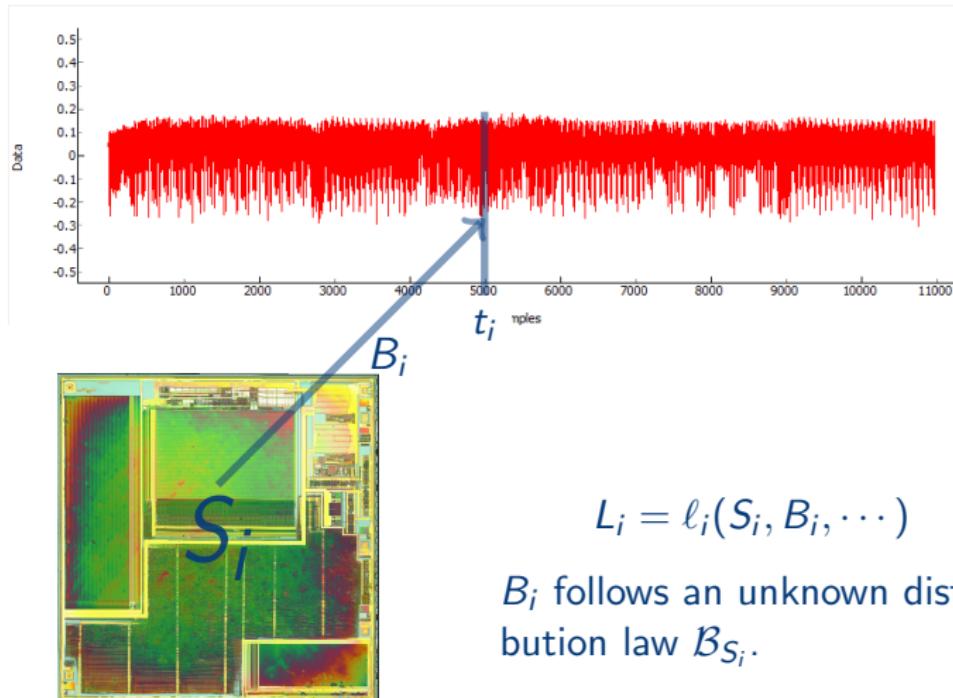
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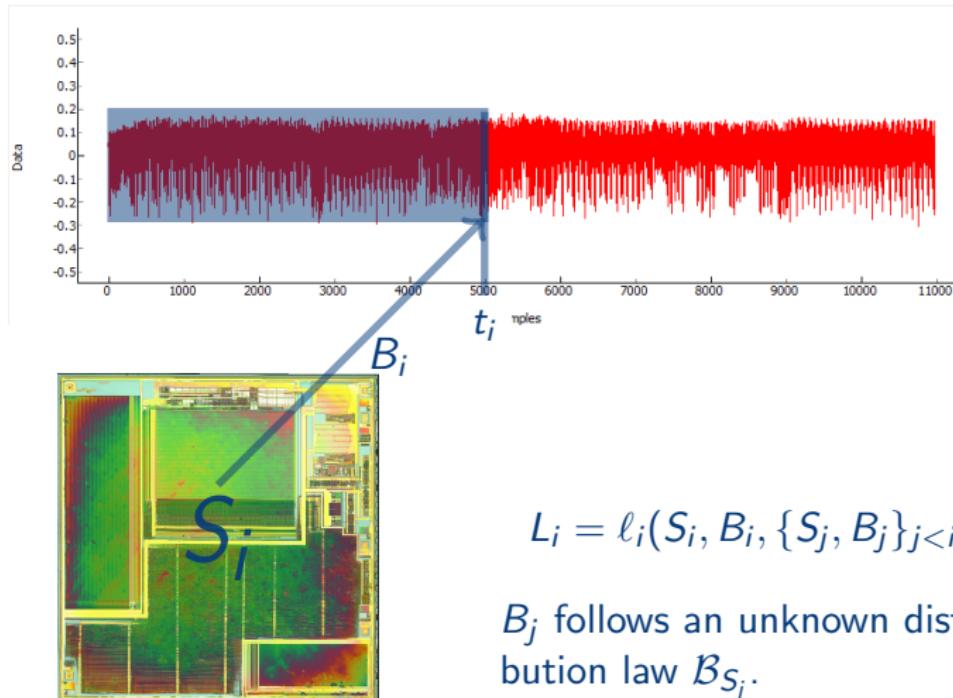
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where  $B_i$  follows an unknown distribution law  $\mathcal{B}_{S_i}$ .

$B_i$  is the sum of the measurement and algorithmic noise.

# Leakage Function

*Independent additive Gaussian Noise Assumption*

When more precise model is needed

*e.g. for security proofs or theoretical evaluation of an attack.*

$$L_i = \varphi_i(V) + B_i$$

with  $B_i \leftarrow \mathcal{N}(\mu_i, \sigma_i)$ .

$\varphi()$  denotes the deterministic part of  $\ell()$

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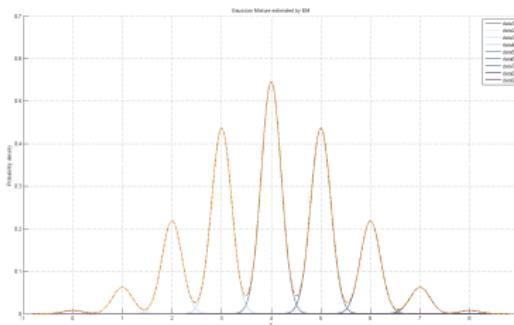


Figure: ( $\sigma = 0.2$ )

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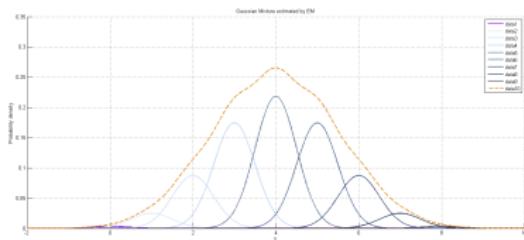


Figure: Small noise ( $\sigma = 0.5$ )

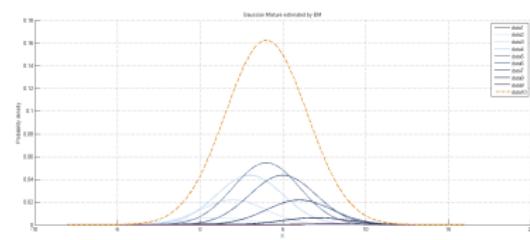


Figure: Medium noise ( $\sigma = 2$ )

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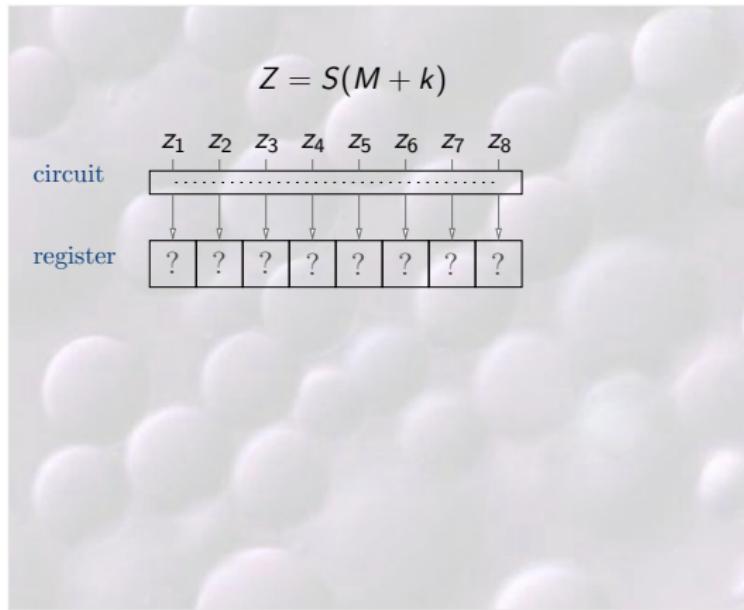
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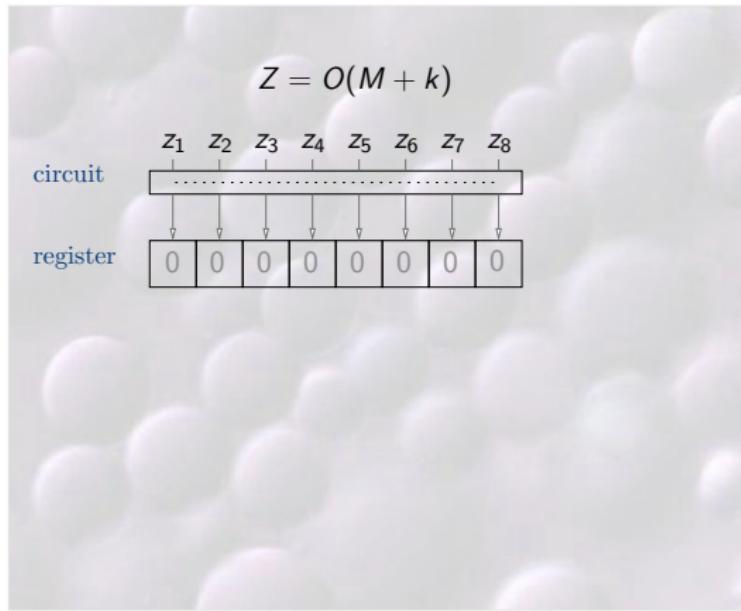
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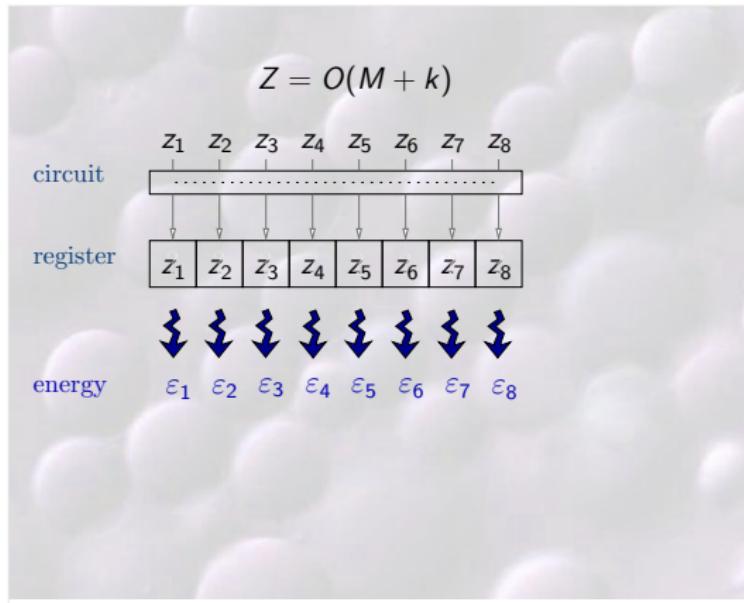


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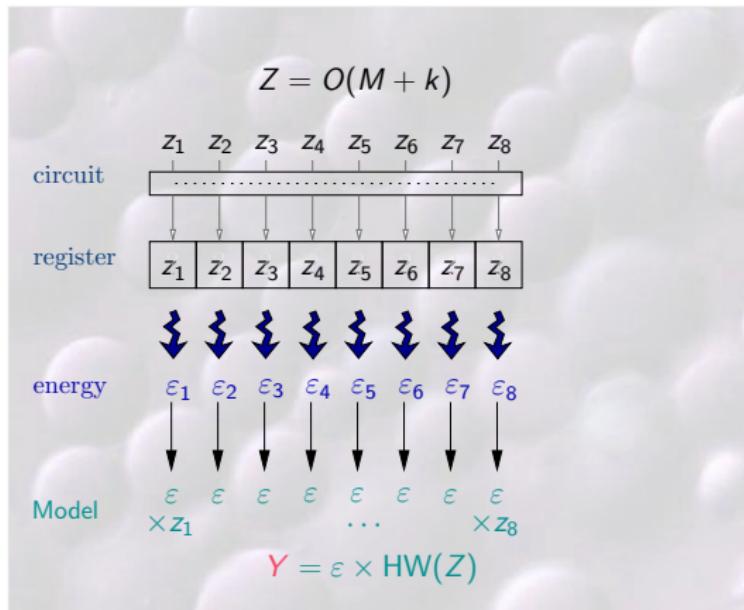
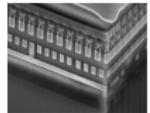
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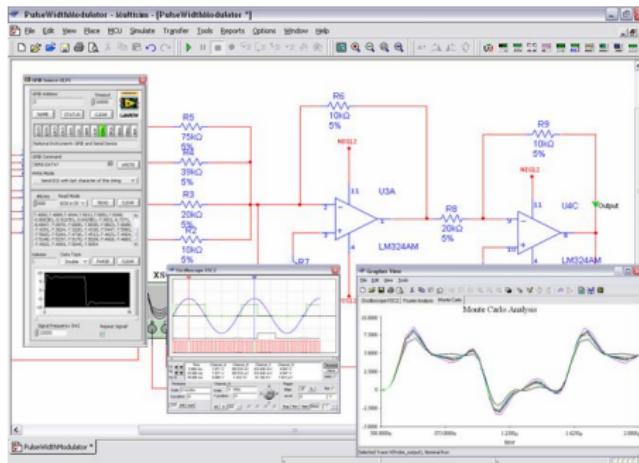
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The Hamming Weight Model (and its counterpart Hamming Distance Model) is widely used in the field due to its simplicity and the broad range of devices where it somehow fits.

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CMOS technology behaviour and Hardware design

e.g. simulations of electromagnetic emanations or power consumption from the design



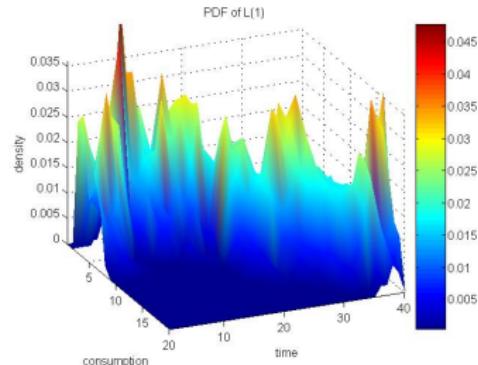
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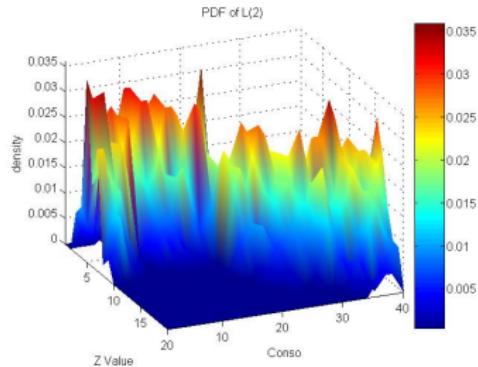
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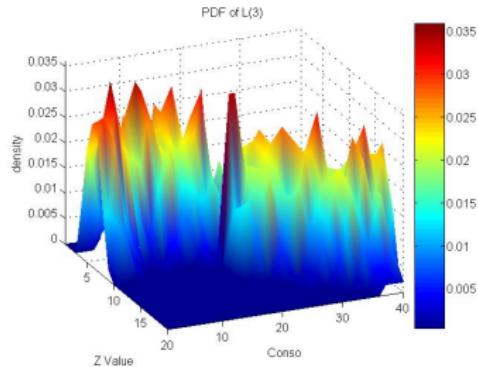
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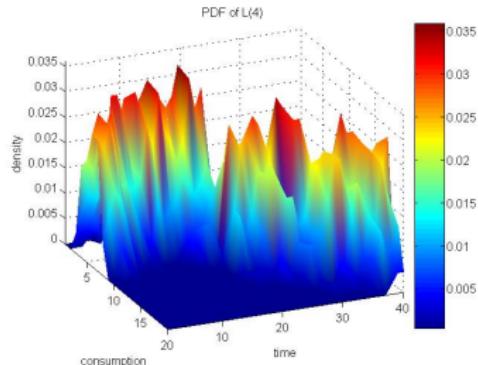
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Two main methods:

- Histograms: compute the pdf from integration over the partitioned space Time  $\times$  Leakages.  
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- Estimate the statistical moments of the distribution:

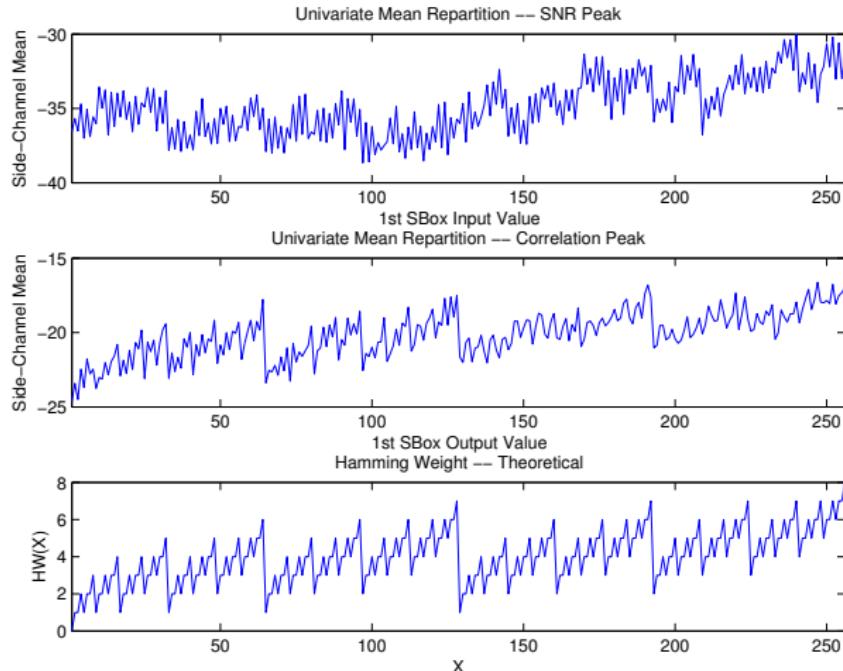
$$M_s = E[L^s]$$

$\hookrightarrow$  prone to estimations errors when  $s$  grows

In practice, one often assume that  $\mathcal{B}_{S_i}$  follows a multivariate Gaussian distribution, in this case only the two first moments (mean vector and covariance matrix) have to be estimated.

# Model Inference

Through Side-Channel Observations: Examples on real SCA traces



# Model Inference

Through Side-Channel Observations

Inference of  $L = \varphi(V) + B$  from Stochastic analysis  
SchindlerLemkePaar2005.

Let  $(V_1, V_2, \dots, V_t)$  be the binary decomposition of  $V$ .

$$\varphi(V) = \sum_i \alpha_i \cdot V_i + \sum_{i < j} \alpha_{i,j} \cdot V_i V_j + \dots + \sum_{i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_t} \alpha_{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_t} \cdot V_{i_1} V_{i_2} \cdots V_{i_t}$$

The inference problem can hence be reduced to a polynomial interpolation problem in a noisy context.

# Model Inference

## Linear Regression

Let  $Y = \sum_{i \leq t} \alpha_i X_i + \varepsilon$  and let  $\{y^j, x_1^j, x_2^j, \dots, x_t^j\}_{j \leq N}$  be  $N$  realizations of the random variables.

$$\begin{pmatrix} y^1 \\ y^2 \\ \vdots \\ y^N \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1^1 & x_2^1 & \cdots & x_t^1 \\ x_1^2 & x_2^2 & \cdots & x_t^2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ x_1^N & x_2^N & \cdots & x_t^N \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \alpha_2 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_t \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon^1 \\ \varepsilon^2 \\ \vdots \\ \varepsilon^N \end{pmatrix}$$

Under the assumption that  $\varepsilon$  is uncorrelated with the  $X$ 's, the least square method gives us an estimate of the coefficients  $\alpha_i$ :

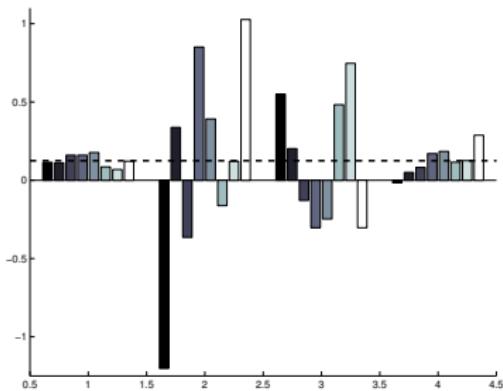
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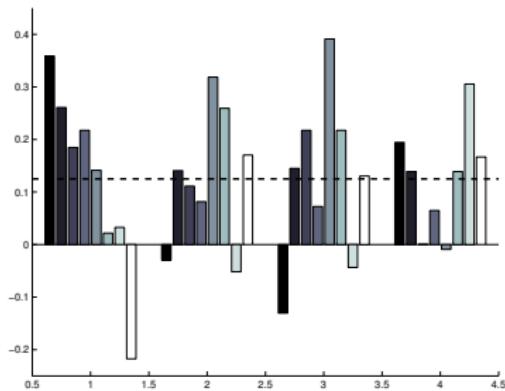
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# Model Inference

Through Side-Channel Observations: Examples on real SCA traces



(a) Device A



(b) Device B

Figure: LRA weights for two devices

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Through Side-Channel Observations

Inference of  $\ell_i(v + \mathcal{B}_{S_i})$  for any value  $v$  through machine learning approaches.

Machine Learning is the generic term to design "learning from data" for a computer. Recent publications propose to use algorithm from this field as an alternative to Stochastic or pdf inference. Among the best algorithms:

- $k$ -means
- Support Vector Machines
- Random Forests

HospodarGierlichsMulderVerbauwhede2011, HeuserZohner2012,  
LermanMedeirosBontempiMarkowitch2013.

# Quick Recap

## Leakage Functions and Leakage Model

Many theoretical models in the litterature, in practice we often use the simplest form:

$$L \leftarrow \varphi(V) + \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma)$$

The leakage function is infered by

- knowledge on the technology: **HW**.
- knowledge on the technology and Hardware design.
- **when possible**, inference from side-channel observations.

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## Part IV

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- Robustness against the noise  $B$ .
- Robustness against the error in the model  $\mathbf{m}(\cdot)$ .

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# Maximum likelihood

Optimal... when the model is perfectly known

## Hypothesis

We have, for any value  $v = f(p, k)$  taken by the sensitive variable

$$\Pr[L_p = x \mid K = k]$$

For each value of  $p$ , the family of pdf is denoted  $\{F(L_p \mid k)\}_{k \in \mathcal{K}}$ . After  $n$  observations  $\{\ell_{p_i}\}_{i \leq n}$  that we assume independent and identically distributed with constant unknown parameter  $k$ , then their joint density function (also called likelihood) is:

$$F(\ell_{p_1}, \ell_{p_2}, \dots, \ell_{p_n} \mid k) = F(\ell_{p_1} \mid k) \times F(\ell_{p_2} \mid k) \times \dots \times F(\ell_{p_n} \mid k)$$

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In practice:

- the *log-likelihood* is used:  $\sum_{i \leq n} \log(F(\ell_{p_i} \mid k))$ .
- the leakage is often assumed to follow a *multivariate gaussian distribution*:

$$F(\ell_p \mid k) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{t/2} \sqrt{\det(\Sigma_v)}} \exp \left( -\frac{1}{2} (\ell_p - \mu_v) \cdot \Sigma_v^{-1} \cdot (\ell_p - \mu_v)^T \right),$$

where  $v = f(p, k)$  and  $(\mu_v, \Sigma_v)$  are respectively the mean vector and covariance matrix of dimension  $t$ .

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## Remarks

- This approach works even when intermediate variables are secret-only.
- $F(\ell \mid k)$  for all  $k \in \mathcal{K}$  must be known.

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## Partly Known Leakage Model

Often, the attacker has some knowledge on the deterministic part  $\varphi$  of the leakage function

the noise distribution is then assumed to be independent from  $V$

For instance

- The leakage model comes from the study of the technology/design.
- The leakage model comes from a linear regression leakage inference.

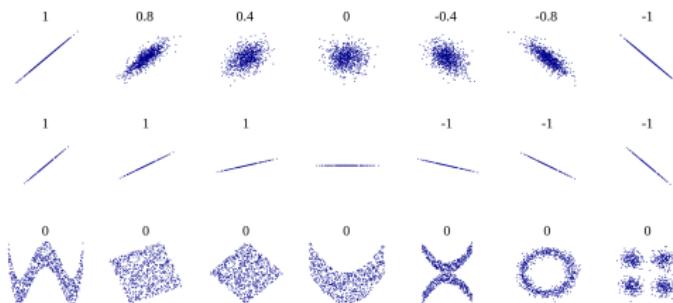
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## Pearson Correlation

Linear correlation between  $X$  and  $Y$ :  $\rho(X, Y) = \frac{\text{cov}(X, Y)}{\sqrt{\text{Var}(X)\text{Var}(Y)}}$ .

- It also called Pearson Coefficient.
- $\rho(X, Y) = \rho(Y, X)$  and  $\rho(X, Y) \in [-1, 1]$ .
- $\rho(X, Y) = 0$  implies that  $X$  and  $Y$  are dependent.

It detects (only!) linear dependencies between two variables.



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Pearson Correlation

In the case of an intuition-based leakage model (e.g. Hamming weight model), it is often assumed that this model is linearly related to the deterministic part of the leakage function, i.e.  
 $\varphi(V) = \alpha \cdot HW(V)$ .

We then have:

$$k^* = \operatorname{argmax}_{k \in \mathcal{K}} \hat{\rho}(\{\ell_{p_i}\}, \{\mu_{v_i}\}),$$

where  $v_i = f(p_i, k)$  and  $\mu_{v_i}$  is the value of the leakage model applied to  $v_i$  (i.e. they are the predictions  $\{\text{pred}_i\}$ ).

# Quick Recap

## Distinguishers

Various statistical tools with their advantages and disadvantage.

In practice:

- Difference of Means and Correlation are still the most common distinguishers.
- Techniques based on model inference are rising as the attacker model becomes more and more realistic.

## Part V

# Side-Channel Attacks

# Outline

- 5 Side-Channel Attacks
  - Simple Attacks
  - Advanced Attacks

# Side-Channel Attacks

## Introduction

### Simple Power Analysis

- for secret-only sensitive variables.
- simple and (partly) known leakage functions.
- simple test for distinguishing keys.

### Advanced Power Analysis

- for secret+public sensitive variables.
- divide and conquer strategy:  $v = f(p, k)$  with  $\log_2(k) \leq 32$ .
- a statistical distinguisher adapted to the attacker model.

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# Simple Power Analysis

## Classical Example: Unprotected Square-and-Multiply Algorithm

**Algo** S&M binary from left to right

## **INPUT(S) :**

$$m, d = (d_n d_{n-1} \dots d_1 d_0)_2$$

**OUTPUT(S) :**  $m^d$

1:  $t \leftarrow 1$

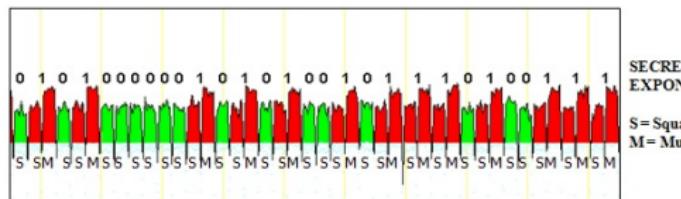
2: for  $i = n$  to 0 do

$$3: \quad t \leftarrow t \times t$$

4:      if  $d_j = 1$  then

$$5: \quad t \leftarrow t \times m$$

6: return  $t$



**Remark/Assumption:** squaring and multiplication have different leakage patterns.

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# Advanced Power Analysis

## Side Channel Analysis: attack Description Sheet

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Type of Leakage: *e.g. power consumption or electromagnetic emanation*

Model Function: *e.g. one bit of V or its Hamming weight*

Statistical Distinguisher: *e.g. difference of means, correlation or entropy*

Key Candidate Selection: *e.g. the candidate the maximizes the scores*

# Advanced Power Analysis

## Litterature

Many proposals in the literature:

- **DPA** KocherJaffeJun 1996-98
- **Multi-bit DPA** Messerges 2000;
- **Template** ChariRaoRohatgi 2002;
- **CPA** BrierClavierOlivier 2004;
- **Stochastic Attacks** SchindlerLemkePaar2005;
- **or the MIA** GierlichsBatinaTuylsPreneel 2008;
- ...

# Advanced Power Analysis

DPA attack

Kocher *et al.* 1996.

## Attack Description Sheet: Differential Power Analysis

Type of Leakage: no restriction.

Model Function: binary model (e.g. 1 bit from an sbox output).

Statistical Distinguisher: Absolute Difference of Means.

Key Candidate Selection: the candidate that maximizes the DoM.

- Pros: no need for assumption on the device properties, quite efficient in practice.
- Cons: does not use all the information in the trace and attack each bit of the target separately.

# Advanced Power Analysis

MPA attack

Messerges 2000.

## Attack Description Sheet: Multi-bit Differential Power Analysis

Type of Leakage: no restriction.

Model Function: the Hamming weight function.

Statistical Distinguisher:  $\Delta_{\hat{k}}$ : a statistical estimator of

$$\Delta_{\hat{k}} = \mathbf{E}[L \mid \mathbf{m}(\hat{v}) \leq \tau] - \mathbf{E}[L \mid \mathbf{m}(\hat{v}) > \tau]$$

Key Candidate Selection: the candidate that maximizes the  $\Delta$ .

- Pros: exploit more information than the DPA.
- Cons: need assumption (e.g. *Hamming weight*) on the device behaviour.

# Advanced Power Analysis

CPA attack

BrierClavierOlivier 2004.

## Attack Description Sheet: Correlation Power Analysis

Type of Leakage: no restriction.

Model Function: the Hamming weight function.

Statistical Distinguisher: Absolute Pearson Correlation.

Key Candidate Selection: the candidate that maximizes the Pearson coefficient.

- Pros: Exploit more information than the DPA or MPA. Low algorithm complexity.
- Cons: Need assumption (e.g. *Hamming weight*) on the device behaviour.

# Advanced Power Analysis

Template Attacks

ChariRaoRohatgi 2002

## Attack Description Sheet: **Template**

Type of Leakage: no restriction.

Model Function: model *inference* from a copy of the target device.

Statistical Distinguisher: Maximum Likelihood.

Key Candidate Selection: the candidate that maximizes the probability of being correct.

- Pros: Optimal attack when the profiling phase (inference) is accurate enough.
- Cons: Need a practice device.

# Advanced Power Analysis

Linear Regression Based (a.k.a. stochastic) Attacks

SchindlerLemkePaar2005

## Attack Description Sheet: Stochastic attacks

Type of Leakage: no restriction.

Model Function: model *inference* from a copy of the target device using linear regression.

Statistical Distinguisher: Euclidean Distance (a.k.a. sum of squares difference) or Linear Correlation.

Key Candidate Selection: the candidate that minimizes the Euclidean Distance or maximizes the Pearson Coefficient.

- Pros: Efficient model inference.
- Cons: Need a practice device. Does not infer the noise distribution.

# Advanced Power Analysis

Linear Regression Attacks

DogetProuffRivainStandaert 2011

## Attack Description Sheet: Linear Regression attacks

Type of Leakage: no restriction.

Model Function: a set of basis functions  $\mathbf{m}^{(i)}(\cdot, \cdot)$  s.t.  $\varphi()$  can be approximated as linear combination of them.

Statistical Distinguisher: Euclidean Distance (a.k.a. sum of squares difference).

Key Candidate Selection: the candidate that maximizes the goodness of fit coefficient.

- Pros: Efficient model inference.
- Cons: Does not infer the noise distribution.

# Advanced Power Analysis

MIA attack

Gierlich, Batina, Tuyls, Preneel 2008

## Attack Description Sheet: Mutual Information Analysis

Type of Leakage: no restriction.

Model Function: None is needed.

Statistical Distinguisher: Mutual Information.

Key Candidate Selection: the candidate that maximizes the Mutual Information.

- Pros: theoretically able to detect any kind of dependency whatever the quality of the model
- Cons: need for efficient estimators of the entropy.

# Advanced Power Analysis

## Other attacks

- Collisions-Based attacks:

SchrammWollingerPaar2003, MoradiMischkeEisenbarth2010,  
Moradi2012.

- ▶ Good alternative when no leakage information is provided.

- Kolmogorov-Smirnov Based attacks:

WhitnallOswaldMather2011.

- ▶ Good alternative to the MIA.

- PPA, EPA, VPA, etc: other attacks exist but are often very ad hoc ones with no clear advantage to the "classical" ones.

## Part VI

### Evaluation