Learning With Physical Rounding for Linear and Quadratic Leakage Functions

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Block cipher SCA security (DPA setting)



Same long-term k for each p_i















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Adversarial model 1 Medwed, Standaert, Großschädl and Regazzoni (2010)



- Noisy leakage
- Finite field multiplication:
 k^{*} = r ⋅ k over 𝔽₂𝔅 (key homomorphic)
- Efficient implementation
- Significant noise level required

Adversarial model 2 Dziembowski, Faust, Herold, Journault, Masny and Standaert (2016)



- Unbounded leakage
- wPRF with rounded inner product:
 k^{*} = [⟨k, r⟩]_p, k, r ∈ Zⁿ_{2q} (nearly key homomorphic)
- Large key requirement (cost and perfs)

Adversarial model 3 Duval, Méaux, Momin and Standaert (2021)



- ► Noise free (compressive) leakage
- ▶ Finite field matrices product: $k^* = \mathbf{K} \cdot (\mathbf{r}, 1), \mathbf{r} \in \mathbb{F}_p^n, \mathbf{K} \in \mathbb{F}_p^{m \times (n+1)}$ (key homomorphic)
- Similar to Crypto Dark Matter wPRF (Boneh, Ishai, Passelègue, Sahai and Wu, 2018):

$$\mathtt{F}_{\mathsf{K}}(r) = \mathtt{map}(\mathsf{K} \cdot r)$$

with (non-linear) map = L

 \rightarrow map done by the physics (no cost)!

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- CHES21 ([DMMS21]): Hamming Weight (HW) leakage assumption only.
 This work: generalization to a class of leakage function L

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with $\alpha_i \in \mathbb{R}, L(k^*) \in \mathbb{R}$ • LWPR case: $\forall i, \alpha_i = 1, \beta_i(k^*) = k^*(i) \rightarrow L(k^*) = HW(k^*)$

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- Hypothesis:
 - Bounded degree of L
 - ► Bounded *s*
 - ightarrow Leads to attack complexity $\geq \mathcal{O}(2^{\lambda})$

Intuition on s-bounded pseudo-linear function

• Consider
$$p = 7$$
, $t = 3$, $F_a = 1 \cdot y(1) + 2 \cdot y(2) + 2 \cdot y(3)$

у		y(i)		$F_a(y)$
0	0	0	0	0
1	1	0	0	1
2	0	1	0	2
3	1	1	0	3
4	0	0	1	2
5	1	0	1	3
6	0	1	1	4

→ Linear over the bits → Non-linear over F_p > 2 main images (i.e., 2, 3) with main preimage size $v_{F_a} = 2$

Concrete attacks analysis

Exact algebraic system attack

 $\begin{bmatrix} \kappa_{(1,1)} & \kappa_{(1,2)} & \cdots & \kappa_{(1,n+1)} \\ \kappa_{(2,1)} & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \kappa_{(m,1)} & \cdots & \cdots & \kappa_{(m,n+1)} \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} r_1 \\ r_2 \\ \vdots \\ r_n \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} k_1^* \\ k_2^* \\ \vdots \\ k_m^* \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{l} F_a(k_1^*) = F_a(K_1 \Box r) \\ \vdots \\ k_m^* \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{l} Complexity \\ \approx \mathcal{O}(V_d^2) = Complexity \\ \approx \mathcal{O}(V_d^2) =$

Other contributions (see paper):

- Noisy linear system complexity (non-linearity)
- Adaptation for parallel case (required)
- ► Worst-case *s*-bounded leakage

▶ Knowing F_a, *I*, *r*, solve for K_(1,*) = K₁
 ▶ Complexity ≈ O(V_d²) = O((^{n+d}_n)²)
 ▶ d = deg(F_a) ≥ v_{Fa}

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Experimental setup



► HW // implem. of LWPR

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$$n = m = 4$$
, $p = 2^{31} - 1$

- ► 3 congestion levels
 - Unconstrained
 - Constrained
 - Virtually amplified

Example of congestion

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► Noiseless linear regression model of degree 1



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► Correlation based SCA security: $N = \frac{c}{\hat{\rho}(M_{r1},L)^2}$

Correlation results



 $\Rightarrow 1^{st}$ degree LR model captures most of the information.

Bound on the value of \boldsymbol{s}

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▶ With $s = 2^8 \rightarrow \phi < 10^{-6}$

Discretized model coefficients



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Putting things together

► From experimentation: reasonable physical leakage hypotheses → s-bounded physical leakage analysis sound.

Practical implementation analyzed:

- ▶ 124-bit *k**
- Parallel implementation (3 congestion flavours)

$$s = 2^{12}$$

ightarrow complexity $> \mathcal{O}(2^{124})$

► (Going further, LWPR secure for quadratic leakage function, see paper)

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- ▶ LWPR is secure for wide class of (sound) leakage function
 - ▶ if implemented with parallelism (the more, the better).
 - \blacktriangleright when ${\cal A}$ follows our natural attack path.

► Open problem:

- ► Analysis based on cardinality of leakage function → link s to quality of measurement apparatus
- Multivariate analysis
- Improved cryptanalysis to break LWPR
- ► Integration in PQ crypto



Questions?



Supplementary material

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