

Attacking Randomized Exponentiations Using Unsupervised Learning

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Side-Channel Attacks on Exponentiations

- Multi-trace attacks: DPA [KJJ1999], CPA [BCO2004], Collisions [FV2003], templates [CRR2002], etc.
- Single-execution of an exponentiation (Horizontal Attacks);

Horizontal Attacks

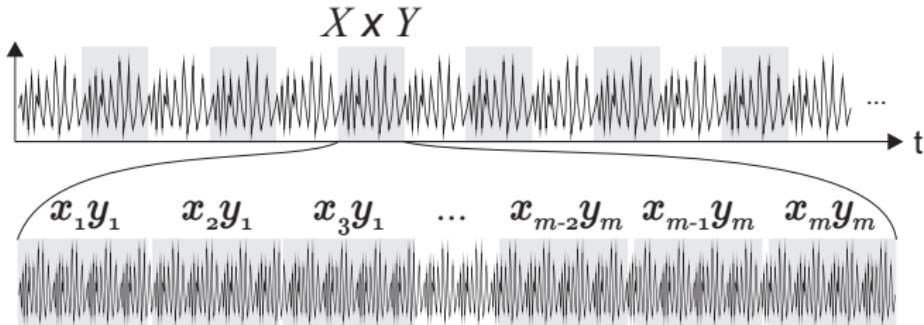
- Single-execution of an exponentiation (single trace);
- Threat known or masked inputs;
- Get advantages of long-integer multiplications;
- CHES 2001: Colin Walter presented the *Big Mac Attack*;
- ICICS 2010: Clavier *et al* presented the *Horizontal correlation attack*;
- INDOCRYPT 2012: Clavier *et al* presented the *Triangular Trace Analysis*;
- COSADE 2012: Sven Bauer presented template-based attacks on RSA exponent blinding;
- INDOCRYPT 2013: Aurelie Bauer *et al* presented correlation-based attacks on the exponent blinding (single traces);
- SAC 2013: Aurelie Bauer *et al* presented horizontal collision-correlation attacks on Elliptic Curves;

Horizontal Correlation Attacks

Data: $X = (x_1, \dots, x_m)$ and $Y = (y_1, \dots, y_m)$.

Result: $W = X \times Y$

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for i = 1 to m do
    c = 0
    for j = 1 to m do
        (uv) = (wi+j +  $x_i y_j$ ) + c
        wi+j = v
        c = u
    end
    wi+n+1 = c
end
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Related Work

Johann Heyszl, Andreas Ibing, Stefan Mangard, Fabrizio De Santis, and Georg Sigl. "**Clustering algorithms for non-profiled single-execution attacks on exponentiations**" IACR Cryptology ePrint Archive, 2013.

- Device Under Test: ECC Co-processor;
- Multi-probe EM acquisition;
- The authors simulated the acquisition of 9 measurements on 9 different probe positions;
- The leakage of each measurement (single-execution of exponentiations) is combined to retrieve the secret.

Our contributions:

- Non-profiled attack;
- Single-probe, single-execution of an exponentiation;
- Horizontal attack;
- Statistical classifiers (majority decision, PDF, bayesian classifier) of clustered data;

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Device Under Test

RSA-512

Countermeasures:

Montgomery ladder using Residue Number System (RNS)

Exponent blinding ($d_r = d + r\phi(N)$)

Leak Resistant Arithmetic (RNS)

Exploited leakages:

Single traces

SPA-leakages:

Memory addresses

Control decisions



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Result: $z = x^d \pmod{N}$ in $\mathcal{A} \cup \mathcal{B}$

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Known-input attacks can not be mounted (collisions, DPA, CPA).

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Remaining leakages: memory addresses, control decisions (address-bit attacks).

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 - unsupervised learning process for partitioning a data set into c sub-groups;
- Instances of sub-group c_1 are similar to each other and dissimilar to the instances of other sub-groups c_i .
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K-Means

$$\mathbf{x} = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$$

$\mu_i = x_{r_i}$ (initialize the center with a random sample)

c classes

begin initialize $\mathbf{x}, n, c, \mu_1, \dots, \mu_c$

do classify n samples x_j according to nearest μ_i by computing $ED_{i,j}$

 recompute μ_i ;

until no change in μ_i

return μ_1, \dots, μ_c

end

Euclidean Distance: $ED_{ij} = \| x_j - \mu_i \|^2$

Fuzzy k-Means

$$\sum_{i=1}^c P(\omega_i|x_j) = 1$$

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begin initialize n, c,  $\mu_1, \dots, \mu_c$ ,  $P(\omega_i|x_j)$ 
    normalize probabilities of cluster memberships
    do classify n samples according to nearest  $\mu_i$ 
        recompute  $\mu_i$  by Eq. 1
        recompute  $P(\omega_i|x_j)$  by Eq. 2
    until no change in  $\mu_i$  and  $P(\omega_i|x_j)$ 
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end
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$$\mu_j = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^n [P(\omega_i|x_j)]^b x_j}{\sum_{j=1}^n [P(\omega_i|x_j)]^b} \quad (1)$$

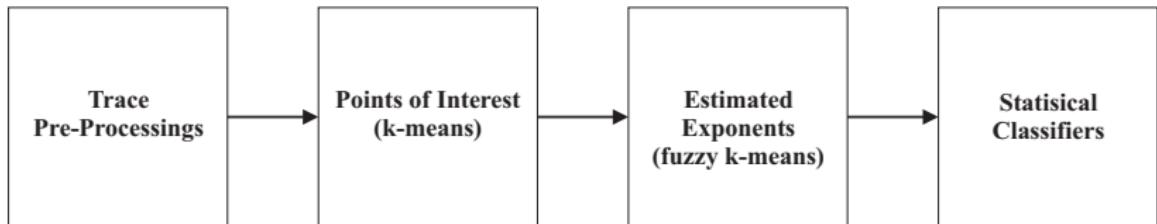
$$P(\omega_i|x_j) = \frac{(1/ED_{ij})^{1/(b-1)}}{\sum_{r=1}^c (1/ED_{rj})^{1/(b-1)}}, \quad ED_{ij} = \|x_j - \mu_i\|^2 \quad (2)$$

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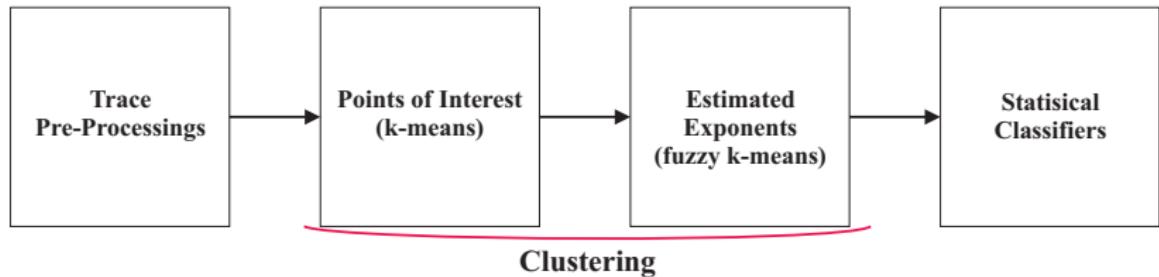
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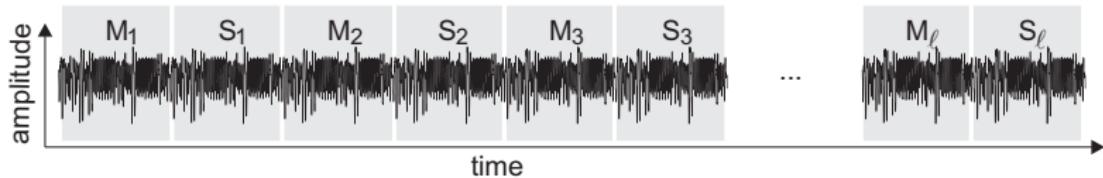
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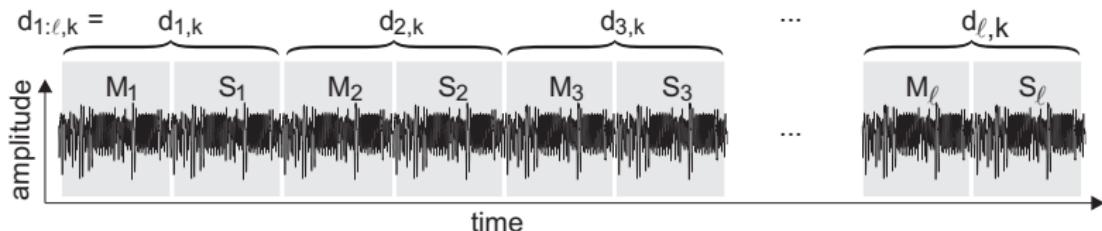
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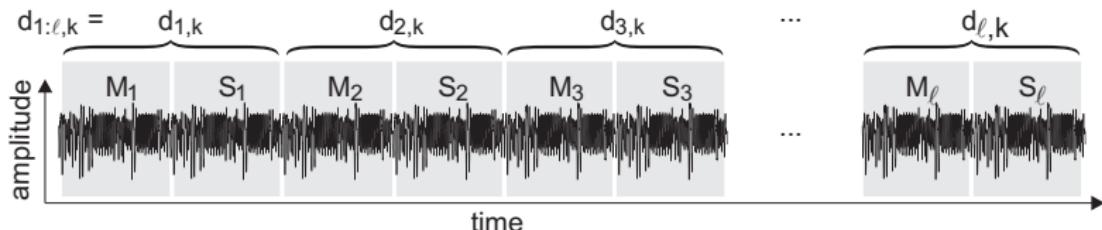
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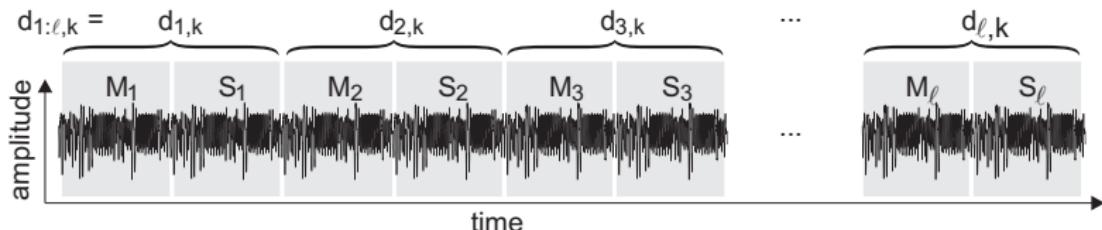
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- Increase SNR;
- Less misalignment between $M_i S_i$ frames;
- Less computational burden.

Points of Interest

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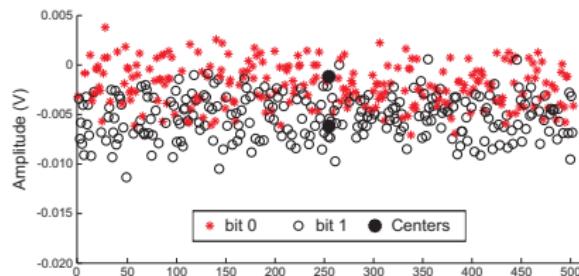
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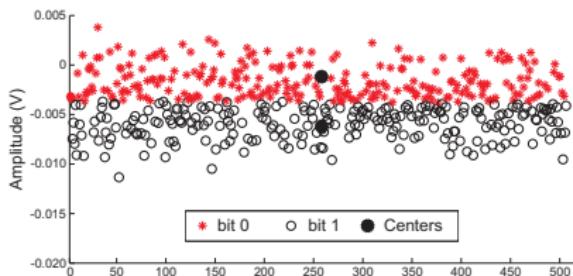
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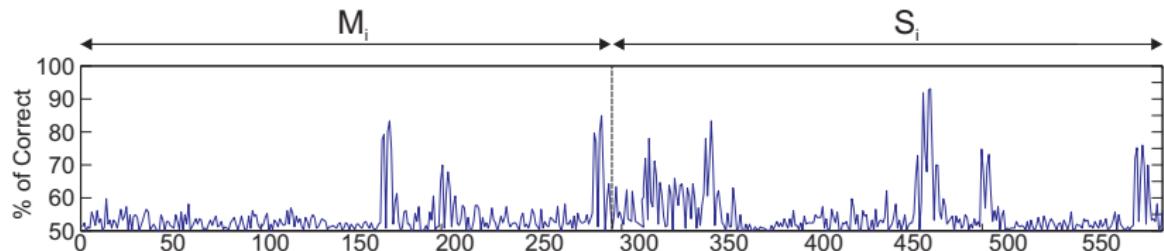
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$$\widehat{d}_{i:\ell,1} \quad \widehat{d}_{i:\ell,2} \quad \widehat{d}_{i:\ell,592} = \text{estimated exponents}$$

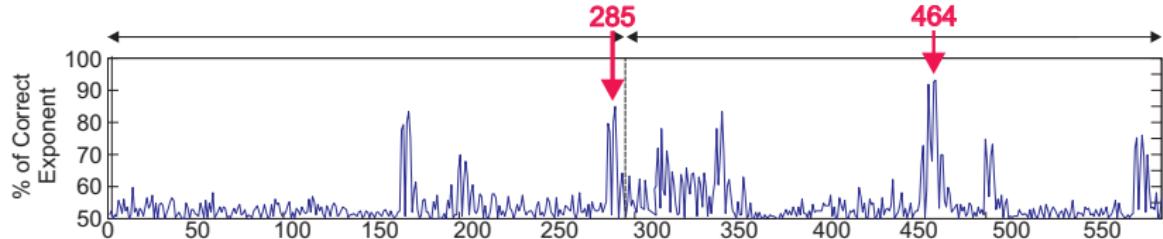
For each estimated exponent $\widehat{d}_{i:\ell,j}$, an estimated (approximated) difference of means \widehat{D}_j is computed:

$$\widehat{D}_j = \frac{1}{N_0} \sum_{i=1}^{N_0} \langle \text{MS} \rangle_{\widehat{d}_{i,j}=0} - \frac{1}{N_1} \sum_{i=1}^{N_1} \langle \text{MS} \rangle_{\widehat{d}_{i,j}=1} \quad (3)$$

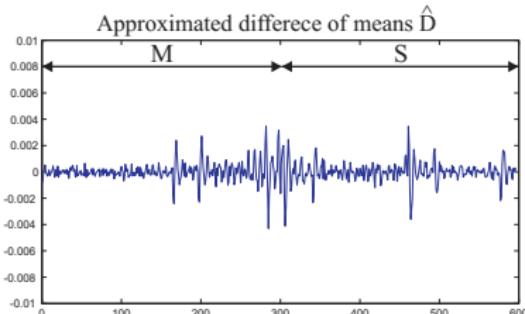
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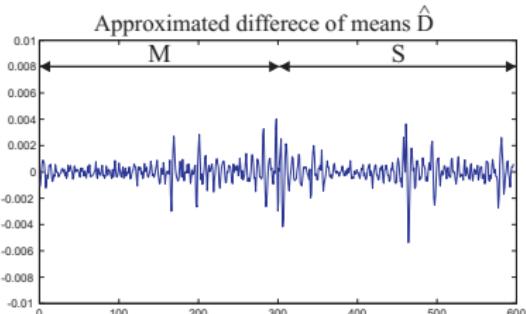
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For the most likely estimated exponents, the estimated difference of means are similar:



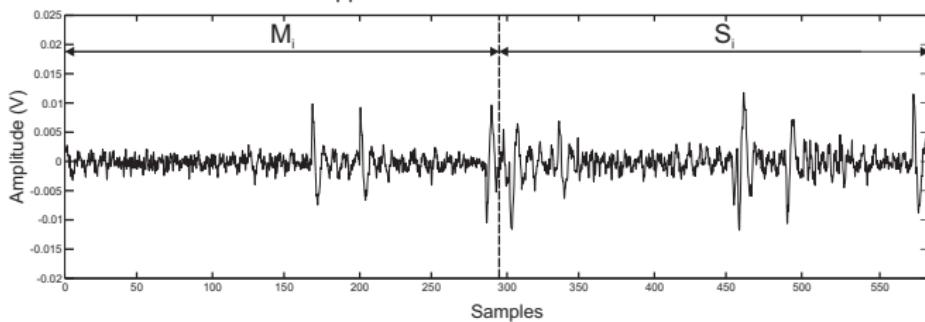
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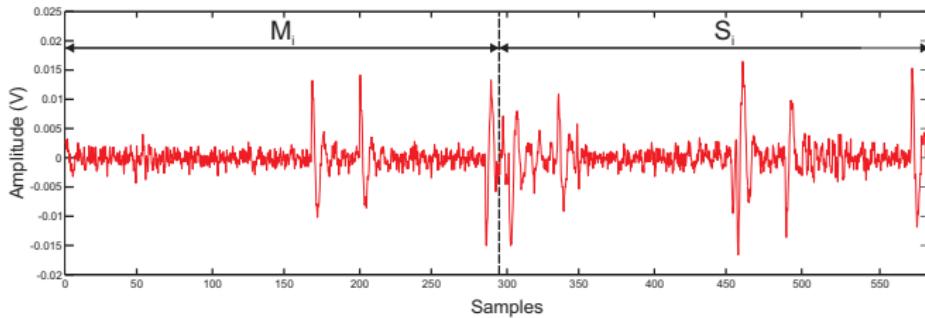
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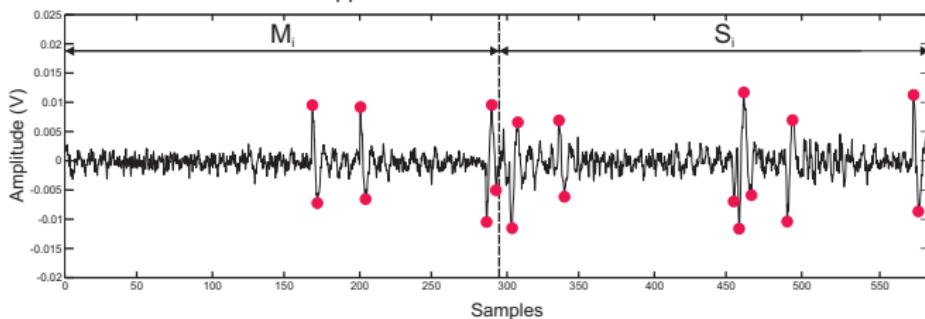


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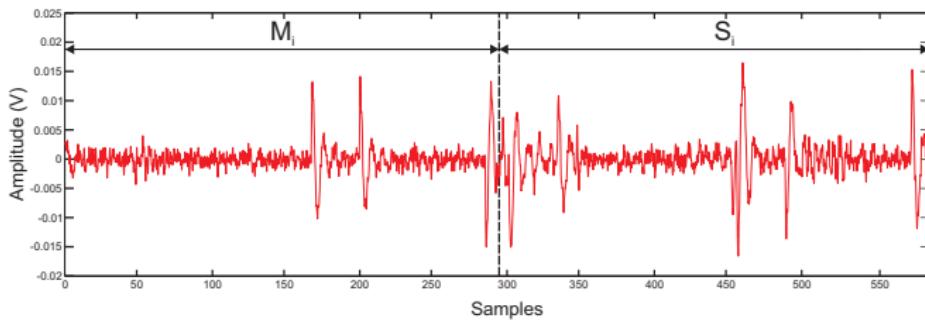


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Ex: $\ell = 10$, $d_{1:10,1} = 100000100$, $d_{1:10,2} = 0111011011$
 $h_{1:10} = 1111011111$, $\sum_{i=1}^{\ell} h_i = 9$

Exponent Recovery - Majority Decision

exponent	classified exponent bits $\widehat{d}_{i,k}$	correct
$d_{1:40, 497}$	1000000010000010111001011000100100000000000010	76.02%
$d_{1:40, 498}$	1000000110000001101111111001011000100000000011	76.42%
$d_{1:40, 166}$	110001011100010111111111100111010100110000001	76.42%
$d_{1:40, 462}$	100001111100011101111110011101010011110010	76.42%
$d_{1:40, 580}$	11000001011001010111111000111110010010001	78.86%
$d_{1:40, 342}$	01100000010001011000011010101011010010101	79.27%
$d_{1:40, 282}$	100000001000110110111110011101010010010001	78.86%
$d_{1:40, 281}$	11010000100001011011110110111101111100000001	80.08%
$d_{1:40, 169}$	1000000110100111100110110110101000010001000	80.08%
$d_{1:40, 165}$	100000001000010010011111001110110110010001111	80.89%
$d_{1:40, 581}$	101000001110101011111111010111111001000000001	82.52%
$d_{1:40, 577}$	10000000100001010001011111001110110110110000001	82.52%
$d_{1:40, 284}$	100000000100011100011111101111110010010000101	83.74%
$d_{1:40, 285}$	1000001010000101101010111111111000001000000001	89.43%
$d_{1:40, 465}$	1000000000000101101101101110111010001000000001	90.65%
$d_{1:40, 461}$	100000000100001010011111101111101011100100000001	91.25%
$d_{1:40, 464}$	10000000010000101100111111011110010001000000001	93.06%
$d_{1:40, k}$	10000000010000101101111111011111010001000000001	100%
$d_{1:40, k}$	10000000010000101101111111011111010001000000001	100%

Exponent Recovery - Probability Density Function

- According to [1], "*single bits are never known with certainty [...] and an SPA attacker [...] can only give a probability that any particular operation is a squaring or a multiplication*";
- So, we obtained the probability that each exponent bit is zero or one;
- To compute the pdf, we need the means μ and σ of classes:
 - Means \longrightarrow cluster centers μ_1, μ_2
 - Variance \longrightarrow standard deviation of all set of samples $\sigma_{t_{i,p_j}}$

$$P(t_{i,p_j}, \mu_1) = \frac{e^{-\frac{1}{2}(t_{i,p_j} - \mu_1)^2 / 2\sigma^2}}{e^{-\frac{1}{2}(t_{i,p_j} - \mu_1)^2 / 2\sigma^2} + e^{-\frac{1}{2}(t_{i,p_j} - \mu_2)^2 / 2\sigma^2}}, \quad 1 \leq i \leq \ell, 1 \leq j \leq u$$

[1] Sven Bauer, "Attacking exponent blinding in RSA without CRT", COSADE 2012.

Exponent Recovery - Probability Density Function

$$S_{0,1:u} = \frac{1}{u} \sum_{j=1}^u P(t_{i,p_j}, \mu_1) \quad 1 \leq i \leq \ell \quad \widehat{d_{i,k}} = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } S_{0,1:u} \geq 0.5 \\ 1, & \text{if } S_{0,1:u} < 0.5 \end{cases}$$

point	probabilities $p(t_{i,p_j}, \mu_1)$																				correct
$\widehat{d_{1:20,p_1}}$	0.1	1.0	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.9	0.9	0.4	1.0	0.7	0.6	0.9	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.7	0.5	0.1	76.02%
$\widehat{d_{1:20,p_2}}$	0.3	1.0	0.8	0.6	0.8	0.5	0.4	0.1	0.9	0.7	0.9	0.5	0.7	0.9	0.5	0.2	0.8	0.4	0.1	0.2	76.42%
$\widehat{d_{1:20,p_3}}$	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	76.83%
$\widehat{d_{1:20,p_4}}$	0.2	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.6	0.3	0.5	0.2	0.5	0.3	0.7	0.9	0.6	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.8	0.2	0.1	0.1	76.42%
$\widehat{d_{1:20,p_5}}$	0.5	0.5	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.6	0.8	0.3	0.9	0.1	0.8	0.3	0.2	0.6	0.7	0.1	0.8	0.0	0.3	0.3	78.86%
$\widehat{d_{1:20,p_6}}$	0.1	0.7	0.5	0.4	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.9	0.5	1.0	0.8	0.6	0.2	0.9	0.5	0.3	0.9	0.6	0.7	0.4	78.86%
$\widehat{d_{1:20,p_7}}$	0.5	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.9	0.6	0.9	0.5	0.1	0.6	0.2	0.1	0.9	0.0	0.3	0.1	78.86%
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$\widehat{d_{1:20,p_{16}}}$	0.2	0.8	1.0	0.8	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.3	0.5	0.9	0.7	0.7	0.0	0.8	0.1	0.7	0.8	0.2	0.0	0.2	90.65%
$\widehat{d_{1:20,p_{17}}}$	0.3	0.7	0.6	0.6	1.0	0.7	1.0	0.1	0.8	1.0	0.8	0.7	0.3	0.8	0.3	0.1	0.6	0.5	0.3	0.1	93.06%
$S_{0,1:17}$	0.3	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.3	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.2	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.7	0.3	0.2	0.3	100%
$\widehat{d_{1:20,k}}$	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	100%
$d_{1:20,k}$	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	100%

Exponent Recovery - Bayesian Classifier

Means → cluster centers μ_1, μ_2

Variance → standard deviation of all set of samples σ_{t_i, p_j}

$$p(t_{i,p_j}, \mu_1) = \frac{1}{\sigma \sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(t_{i,p_j} - \mu_1)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

$$p(t_{i,p_j}, \mu_2) = \frac{1}{\sigma \sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(t_{i,p_j} - \mu_2)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

$$P(\mu_1 | t_{i,p_j}) = \frac{p(t_{i,p_j}, \mu_1) P(\mu_1)}{p(t_{i,p_j}, \mu_1) P(\mu_1) + p(t_{i,p_j}, \mu_2) P(\mu_2)}$$

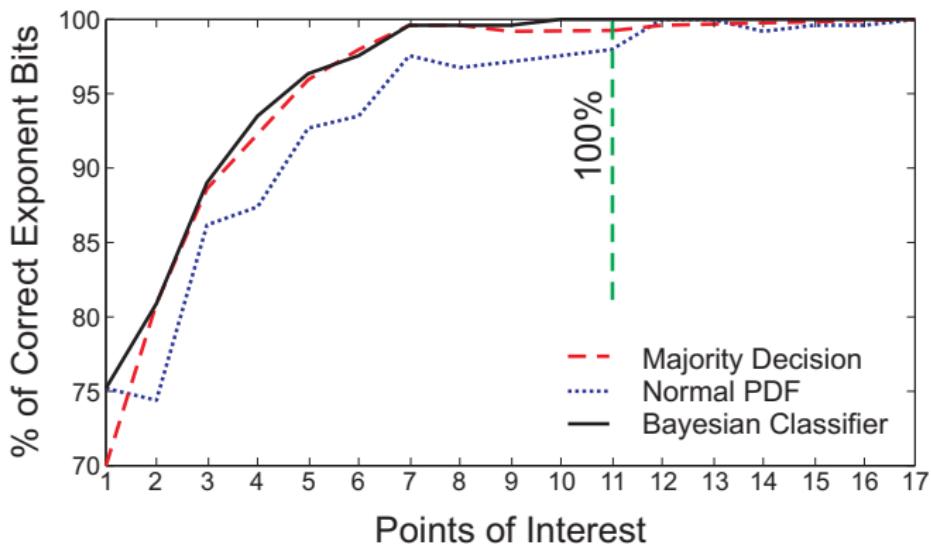
$$P(\mu_2 | t_{i,p_j}) = \frac{p(t_{i,p_j}, \mu_2) P(\mu_2)}{p(t_{i,p_j}, \mu_1) P(\mu_1) + p(t_{i,p_j}, \mu_2) P(\mu_2)}$$

Exponent Recovery - Bayesian Classifier

point	probabilities $P(\mu_1 t_{1:20}, p_i)$																				correct	
$P(\mu_1 t_{1:20}, p_1)$	0.7	0.4	0.6	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.4	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.4	0.7	0.4	0.3	0.6	0.2	0.4	0.6	75.23%	
$P(\mu_1 t_{1:20}, p_2)$	0.5	1.0	0.8	0.9	0.7	0.9	0.4	0.2	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.2	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.2	0.1	0.6	82.89%	
$P(\mu_1 t_{1:20}, p_3)$	0.5	1.0	0.8	0.9	0.7	1.0	0.5	0.1	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.1	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.9	0.3	0.1	0.6	89.02%
$P(\mu_1 t_{1:20}, p_4)$	0.1	1.0	0.9	1.0	0.7	0.9	0.9	0.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.8	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	93.45%	
$P(\mu_1 t_{1:20}, p_5)$	0.4	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.9	1.0	0.8	0.0	0.9	1.0	1.0	0.6	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	96.34%	
$P(\mu_1 t_{1:20}, p_6)$	0.4	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.9	1.0	0.8	0.0	0.9	1.0	1.0	0.6	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	97.56%	
$P(\mu_1 t_{1:20}, p_7)$	0.4	1.0	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.7	0.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	99.59%	
$P(\mu_1 t_{1:20}, p_8)$	0.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.7	0.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	99.59%	
$P(\mu_1 t_{1:20}, p_9)$	0.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.8	0.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	99.59%	
$P(\mu_1 t_{1:20}, p_{10})$	0.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	99.18%	
$P(\mu_1 t_{1:20}, p_{11})$	0.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.00%	
$P(\mu_1 t_{1:20}, p_{12})$	0.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.00%	
$P(\mu_1 t_{1:20}, p_{13})$	0.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.00%	
$P(\mu_1 t_{1:20}, p_{14})$	0.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.00%	
$P(\mu_1 t_{1:20}, p_{15})$	0.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.00%	
$P(\mu_1 t_{1:20}, p_{16})$	0.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.00%	
$P(\mu_1 t_{1:20}, p_{17})$	0.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.00%	
$\widehat{d}_{1:20, k}$	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	100%	
$d_{1:20, k}$	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	100%	

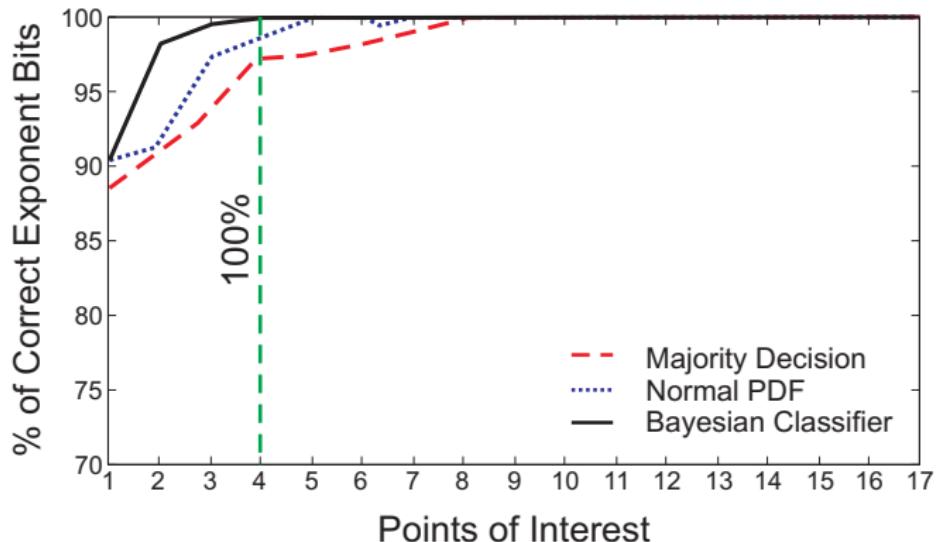
Exponent Recovery

From the least to the most leaking point



Exponent Recovery

From the most to the least leaking point



Conclusions

- The presented attack can recover the entire exponent from a **single trace** by exploring the leakage through a **horizontal** mode using **clustering algorithms**;
- It explores the **SPA-leakages** related to address-bit;
- Countermeasures: hardware countermeasures based on **RAM addressing randomization** (by doing so, 80% of exponent was recovered using the Bayesian classifier);
- The unsupervised attack can be applied in ECC and CRT-RSA;

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION
QUESTIONS?

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