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CONVOLUTIONAL NEURAL NETWORKS WITH DATA AUGMENTATION

A COMPREHENSIVE PROFILING SIDE-CHANNEL ATTACK STRATEGY, ROBUST TO TRACES MISALIGNMENT



- Introduction to Side-Channel Attacks
- Classification via Neural Networks
- Convolutional Neural Networks
- Data Augmentation
- Experimental Results
- Conclusions







Divide and Conquer Strategy:

Retrieve a *small enough* part of the secret key (subkey) at time (*small enough* = possible to enumerate all hypotheses)

Example [AES-128]: key of 16 bytes, retrieve each byte of the key independently

Target: Sensitive Variable

A variable $Z \in \mathbb{Z} = \{z^1, z^2, ..., z^{|\mathbb{Z}|}\}$ handled during the encryption algorithm, and which depends on a subkey

Example [AES-128]: $Z = S(P \oplus K)$, being *P* a byte of plaintext, *K* a byte of key and *S* the SubByte operation (first round)













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 - Select a few Points of Interest (via some statistical tests)
 - Dimensionality Reduction techniques (e.g. PCA)

Points of Interest: coordinates of X which depend on Z

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But: Approaches highly affected by geometrical deformations of the signals (e.g. delays, unstable clock frequency,...) causing trace misalignment

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STATE OF THE ART (1)

Template attacks

- Chari et al. "Template attacks." CHES, 2002
- Choudary and Kuhn. "Efficient template attacks." CARDIS, 2014

Realignment Techniques

- Nagashima et al. " DPA using phase-based waveform matching against random-delay countermeasure." ISCAS, 2007
- van Woudenberg et al. "Improving differential power analysis by elastic alignment. "CT-RSA, 2011

Dimensionality Reduction

- Standaert and Archambeau. "Using subspace-based template attacks to compare and combine power and electromagnetic information leakages." CHES, 2008
- Batina et al. "Getting more from PCA: First results of using principal component analysis for extensive power analysis." CT-RSA, 2012
- Cagli et al. "Kernel Discriminant Analysis for information extraction in the presence of masking." CARDIS, 2016



STATE OF THE ART (2)

Machine Learning

- Bartkewitz and Lemke-Rust. "Efficient template attacks based on probabilistic multi-class Support Vector Machines" CARDIS, 2013
- Hospodar et al. "Machine learning in side-channel analysis: a first study « Journal of Cryptographic Engineering, 2013
- Lerman et al. "Power analysis attack: an approach based on machine learning" International Journal of Applied Cryptography, 2014
- Whitnall and Oswald. "Robust Profiling for DPA-Style Attacks" CHES, 2015
- Maghrebi et al. "Breaking Cryptographic Implementations Using Deep Learning Techniques" SPACE, 2016

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 $F(x, W) = s \circ \lambda_n \circ \sigma_{n-1} \circ \lambda_{n-1} \circ \cdots \circ \lambda_1(x) = y \approx \Pr[Z|X = x]$

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- *s* softmax function $s(x)[i] = \frac{e^{x[i]}}{\sum_{i} e^{x[j]}}$

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$$L(W, x_i, z_i) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} D(F(x_i, W), I(z_i))$$

where $I(z^i) = (0,0, ..., 0,1,0, ..., 0) = f_{Z|Z=z^i}$ (probability distribution of $Z|Z=z^i$) and $D(f_X, f_Y) = -\sum_z f_Y(z) \log(f_{X(z)})$ is the *cross-entropy* between two probability distributions f_X, f_Y (over the same probability space)

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Minimization is performed
iteratively via (Stochastic)
Gradient Descent
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Convolutional Layer





Layer before pooling Pooled layer Length = 3 Length = 9Max Pooling 19 12 31 14 Filter Length = 3Stride = 3Depth = 4 12 1

Depth = 4

Max-Pooling Layer

Convolutional Layer

CONVOLUTIONAL NEURAL NETWORKS – LAYERS AND ARCHITECTURE



ConvNet scheme from www.wildml.com

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- The more weights, the more flexible the network is (able to better fit the training data)
- BUT: overfitting phenomenon



Example of overfitting for a regression problem





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Deformation techniques for side-channel traces



Add-Remove Deformation



Shifting Deformation



EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS





 $Z = S(P \oplus K)$

- Aligned case: Gaussian and CNN approach same performances
 - (~5 traces for success)
- Misaligned case:
 - For Gaussian approach a wide range of Pol selections has been tried
 - CNN architecture:

$$\begin{split} F(x) &= s \circ \lambda \circ \delta_4 \circ \sigma_4 \circ \gamma_4 \circ \delta_3 \circ \sigma_3 \circ \gamma_3 \circ \delta_2 \circ \sigma_2 \circ \gamma_2 \circ \delta_1 \circ \sigma_1 \circ \gamma_1 \\ & \text{where } \gamma \text{ are convolutional layers and } \delta \\ & \text{are poolings} \end{split}$$

 Data Augmentation is done composing AR and SH deformations



CONCLUSIONS

Template attacks issues





Analogy between SCA and classification Analogy between geometrical deformation and misalignment



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Will CNN take the place of Gaussian TA?

THANK YOU! ANY QUESTIONS?