

How can we overcome both side channel analysis and fault attacks on RSA-CRT?

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- SCA and FA on RSA-CRT
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SCA & Fault attacks

- *Side channel Analysis* by Kocher, 1996
- Many variants
 - Using timing, power consumption, EM, etc
- *Fault attacks* by Boneh et al., 1997

Side channel Analysis	Fault attacks
Non-invasive	Semi-invasive
Measure timing, power consumption, EM radiation,...	Invoke faults and use the faulty outputs



RSA-CRT

- RSA-CRT (Chinese Remainder Theorem)
 - $N=p \cdot q$: RSA modulus, p and q : large primes
 - $e \cdot d = 1 \pmod{(p-1)(q-1)}$
 - $d_p = d \pmod{p-1}$ and $d_q = d \pmod{q-1}$
 - I_q : inverse of q modulo p

 - Signature S of a message m
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 2. $\underline{S} = \text{CRT}(\underline{S}_p, S_q) = S_q + q \cdot \{(\underline{S}_p - S_q) \cdot I_q \bmod p\}$
- Find primes p and q
 - By computing $\text{GCD}(S - \underline{S}, N)$ or $\text{GCD}(\underline{S}^e - m, N)$
 - Proof)
 - $(S - \underline{S}) \neq 0 \bmod p$ and $(S - \underline{S}) = 0 \bmod q$
 - $(S - \underline{S}) = k \cdot q$
 - $\text{GCD}(S - \underline{S}, N) = q$



SCA on RSA-CRT

- RSA-CRT uses two exp. with d_p and d_q
 - Can be the targets for SPA.
- DPA such as MRED (*Modular Reduction using Equidistant Data, CHES'02*)
- Safe error attack
 - Be careful to adapt SPA resistant countermeasure



Countermeasure against SPA & FA on RSA-CRT

- Giraud's (FDTC'05)
 - SPA & FA resistant
 - Use the fact that temporary variables (a_0, a_1) are of the form $(m^\alpha, m^{\alpha+1})$ in Montgomery Ladder

$$a_0 \leftarrow 1$$

$$a_1 \leftarrow m$$

for i from $n - 1$ to 0 do

$$a_{\bar{d}_i} \leftarrow a_{\bar{d}_i} \cdot a_{d_i} \pmod N$$

$$a_{d_i} \leftarrow a_{d_i}^2 \pmod N$$

return a_0 .



Giraud's (2005)

- SPA-FA-resistant exponentiation

Input: $m, d = (d_{n-1}, \dots, d_0), N$

Output: $m^d \bmod N$

$a_0 \leftarrow m$

$a_1 \leftarrow m^2 \bmod N$

for i **from** $n - 2$ **to** 1 **do**

$a_{\bar{d}_i} \leftarrow a_{\bar{d}_i} \cdot a_{d_i} \bmod N$

$a_{d_i} \leftarrow a_{d_i}^2 \bmod N$

$a_1 \leftarrow a_1 \cdot a_0 \bmod N$

$a_0 \leftarrow a_0^2 \bmod N$

if (Loop Counter i not modified) & (Exponent d not modified) **then**

return (a_0, a_1) ,

else

return *error*.

$(m^{d-1} \bmod N, m^d \bmod N)$



Giraud's (2005)

- Final scheme

Input: m, p, q, d_p, d_q, I_q

Output: $m^d \bmod N$

1.1 $(S_p^*, S_p) \leftarrow \text{SPA-FA-EXP}(m, d_p, p)$

1.2 $(S_q^*, S_q) \leftarrow \text{SPA-FA-EXP}(m, d_q, q)$

2.1 $S^* \leftarrow \text{CRT}(S_p^*, S_q^*)$

2.2 $S \leftarrow \text{CRT}(S_p, S_q)$

2.3 $S^* \leftarrow m \cdot S^* \bmod (p \cdot q)$

3.1 **if** $S^* = S$ & (Parameters p and q not modified) **then**

3.2 **return** S

3.3 **else**

3.4 **return** *error*

$S^* = m^{d-1} \bmod N,$

$S = m^d \bmod N$



Motivation

- Then how RSA-CRT be secure against DPA as well as SPA, FA?
 - Fumaroli and Vigilant's exp. (FDTC'06) secure against SPA, DPA, and FA.
 - Tried to apply FV's exp. to construct CM on RSA-CRT.
 - But FV's exp. could not detect fault injection.
 - Tried to find another approach.



Fumaroli & Vigilant's exp.

SPA-DPA-FA EXP(m, d, N)

Pick a random $r \in G$

$$a_0 \leftarrow r; a_1 \leftarrow rm; a_2 \leftarrow r^{-1}$$

for i from $n - 1$ to 1 do

$$a_{\bar{d}_i} \leftarrow a_{\bar{d}_i} \cdot a_{d_i} \bmod N$$

$$a_{d_i} \leftarrow a_{d_i}^2 \bmod N$$

$$a_2 \leftarrow a_2^2 \bmod N$$

$$a_1 \leftarrow a_1 a_0 \bmod N$$

$$a_0 \leftarrow a_0^2 \bmod N$$

$$a_2 \leftarrow a_2^2 \bmod N$$

Return $a_2 a_0$



Fumaroli & Vigilant's exp.

- The following relations holds
 - $(a_0, a_1) = (m^\alpha r^\beta, m^{\alpha+1} r^\beta)$, $a_2 = r^{-\beta}$
 - $a_2 \cdot (a_0, a_1) = (m^\alpha, m^{\alpha+1})$
- By using a random number r , it is secure against DPA



Weakness of FV's exp.

- They said in their paper,
 - *If an error occurs on a temporary result or during one of the group operations at any time during the computation, the mutual coherence of a_0, a_1 , and a_2 is definitively lost.*
- But if an error occurs during $a_2 \leftarrow a_2 \bmod N$, the mutual coherence of variables is NOT lost.
- Therefore we could not use FV's exp to construct RSA-CRT.



Our approach

- Goal: CM against all known SCA and FA
 - SPA, Safe error attack, DPA, FA
 - Another FA [WISTP'07 by Kim and Quisquater]



New FA in WISTP'07

Step 1. Computation of two exponentiation

- Compute S_p^* and S_q^*

Step 2. CRT combination

- Compute $S^* \leftarrow \text{CRT}(S_p^*, S_q^*)$

Step 3. Fault detection

- Return $\begin{cases} S \leftarrow f(S^*) & \text{if there is no error,} \\ \perp & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$

- Attack model

- First fault on Step 1: Error on one of the exp.
- Second fault just before Step 3: Skip Step3



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If no error \rightarrow output S

Else multiply r and output S^*r

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To prevent this attack, S^*r should be stored,

If no error \rightarrow remove r and output S

Else output S^*r or nothing



Our approach

- Goal: CM against all known SCA and FA
 - SPA, Safe error attack, DPA, FA
 - Another FA [WISTP'07]
- We choose the message randomization
 - to prevent DPA
 - to prevent also FA [WISTP'07]
- Signature randomization until the end of fault detection process



Proposed scheme

0. Initialization step

- For two co-prime k -bit integer t_1, t_2 , define $p^* = p \cdot t_1, q^* = p \cdot t_2$.
- Compute $d_p = d \bmod \phi(p^*), d_q = d \bmod \phi(q^*), e_{t_i} = d^{-1} \bmod \phi(t_i)$, where $i=1,2$.
- Choose a small random value α (less than one byte) and compute β s.t. $\alpha \cdot \beta = 1 \bmod \phi(N)$.



Proposed scheme

1. Set-up

- Select a random r in Z_N^* , compute an inverse of r , $a=r^{-1} \bmod N$.
- Initialize c_1 and c_2 with random values.
- Compute $b = a^\beta \bmod N$.

- After set-up, r , a , and b are updated each time:
$$r_{i+1} \leftarrow r_i^R \bmod N,$$
$$a_{i+1} \leftarrow a_i^R \bmod N,$$
$$b_{i+1} \leftarrow b_i^R \bmod N, R \text{ is a random small integer.}$$



Proposed scheme

2. Compute

- $S_p^* \leftarrow \text{SPA-DPA-EXP}(m, d_p, p^*, a, r)$
- $S_q^* \leftarrow \text{SPA-DPA-EXP}(m, d_q, q^*, a, r)$.

3. Compute $S^* \leftarrow \text{CRT}(S_p^*, S_q^*)$.

4. Compute

$$c_1 = (m \cdot r^{e_1} - (S^*)^{e_1} + 1) \bmod t_1$$

$$c_2 = (m \cdot r^{e_2} - (S^*)^{e_2} + 1) \bmod t_2$$

5. Return $S \leftarrow S^* \cdot b^{(c_1 \cdot c_2 \cdot \alpha)} \bmod N$



Proposed scheme

- SPA-DPA-EXP

$\text{SPA-DPA-EXP}(m, d, N, a, r = a^{-1} \bmod N)$

$C \leftarrow r \bmod N$
 $a_0 \leftarrow a \ \& \ a_1 \leftarrow m \cdot a \bmod N$
for i from $n - 1$ to 0 do
 $C \leftarrow C^2 \bmod N$
 $C \leftarrow C \cdot a_{d_i} \bmod N$
return C $m^d \cdot r \bmod N$



Analysis of proposed scheme

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When there is no attack

$$S_p^* = m^{d_p} \cdot r \bmod p^*$$

$$S_q^* = m^{d_q} \cdot r \bmod q^*$$

3. Compute $S^* \leftarrow \text{CRT}(S_p^*, S_q^*)$.

$$S^* = S \cdot r \bmod N^*$$

4. Compute

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$$c_2 = (m \cdot r^{e_2} - (S^*)^{e_2} + 1) \bmod t_2$$

$$c_1 = c_2 = 1$$

5. Return $S \leftarrow S^* \cdot b^{(c_1 \cdot c_2 \cdot \alpha)} \bmod N$

$$S^* \cdot b^{(c_1 \cdot c_2 \cdot \alpha)}$$

$$= (S \cdot r) \cdot (a^\beta)^{(c_1 \cdot c_2 \cdot \alpha)}$$

$$= S \cdot r \cdot a = S$$



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Bellcore attack

$$\underline{S}_p^* = m^{d_p} \cdot r \bmod p^*$$

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$$\underline{S}^* = S \cdot r \bmod N^*$$

4. Compute

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$$c_2 = (m \cdot r^{e_2} - (S^*)^{e_2} + 1) \bmod t_2$$

$$\underline{c}_1 \neq 1, c_2 = 1$$

5. Return $S \leftarrow S^* \cdot b^{(c_1 \cdot c_2 \cdot \alpha)} \bmod N$

$$\underline{S}^* \cdot b^{(c_1 \cdot c_2 \cdot \alpha)}$$

$$= (\underline{S} \cdot r) \cdot (a^\beta)^{(c_1 \cdot c_2 \cdot \alpha)}$$

$$= \underline{S} \cdot r \cdot a^{c_1} \neq S_p \bmod p$$

$$\neq S_q \bmod q$$



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Fault attack in WISTP07

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2nd attack to skip detection

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$$c_2 = (m \cdot r^{e_{t2}} - (S^*)^{e_{t2}} + 1) \bmod t_2$$

1. Skip computation c_1, c_2

→ Already initialized with random numbers

5. Return $S \leftarrow S^* \cdot b^{(c_1 \cdot c_2 \cdot \alpha)} \bmod N$



Analysis of proposed scheme

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2. Skip Step 5.

→ \underline{S}^*

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3. Skip exp. of $b^{(c_1 \cdot c_2 \cdot \alpha)}$

$$\rightarrow \underline{S}^* \cdot b = (\underline{S} \cdot r) \cdot a^\beta \neq \underline{S}$$

5. Return $S \leftarrow S^* \cdot b^{(c_1 \cdot c_2 \cdot \alpha)} \bmod N$



Analysis of proposed scheme

- SPA, DPA, Safe-error attack
 - SPA-DPA-EXP(m, d_p, p^*, a, r) has a balanced structure → Immune to SPA
 - No redundant operations → Immune to Safe-error attack
 - All intermediate values are randomized → Immune to DPA



Analysis of proposed scheme

- Efficiency

- Main bottleneck is two modular exp.
- Assuming that random number r , a , and b are pre-computed and updated each time (Still there is a problem storing these values).

	Giraud's	Our proposal
Secure against	SPA, FA	SPA, DPA, FA
Memory usage	2 registers (3 registers)	3 registers (4 registers)
Bit operations	$2 \cdot 2n^3$	$2 \cdot 2n(n+k)^2$

	Giraud's	Our proposal
Required word operation (<i>ex.</i> 1024 – bits, $k = 32$)	131,072 1	139,392 1.06
Implementation result	8.531 ms 1	9.578 ms 1.12



Conclusion

- Showed a weakness in Fumaroli and Vigilant's exponentiation against fault attack detection.
- Firstly proposed a countermeasure on RSA-CRT secure against all known SCA and FA's.

