

A Statistical Model for Higher Order DPA on Masked Devices

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Outline

- Algorithmic confusion analysis for power analysis attack
 - Confusion coefficient for DPA, CPA – $\kappa(k_i, k_j)$
 - Model for DPA/CPA, success rate
- Success rate for higher order centered product combination attack (higher order CPA) on masking countermeasures
- Equivalence between the maximum-likelihood (ML) attack and the centered product combination attack

Preliminaries ([CHES 2012]): Algorithmic Confusion Analysis for mono-bit DPA

- Confusion coefficient: an algorithmic metric to reveal key distinguishability
- Confusion coefficient between two keys (k_i, k_j):

$$\kappa = \kappa(k_i, k_j) = Pr[(V | k_i) \neq (V | k_j)] = \frac{N_{(V|k_i) \neq (V|k_j)}}{N_t}$$

- Three-way confusion coefficient:

$$\tilde{\kappa} = \tilde{\kappa}(k_h, k_i, k_j) = Pr[(V | k_i) = (V | k_j), (V | k_h) \neq (V | k_i)]$$

- Confusion Lemma :

$$\tilde{\kappa}(k_h, k_i, k_j) = \frac{1}{2} [\kappa(k_h, k_i) + \kappa(k_h, k_j) - \kappa(k_i, k_j)]$$

Statistical Model for DPA ([CHES 2012])

- Power consumption leakage model with additive Gaussian noises: $l_m = \varepsilon v_m + c + \sigma r_m \quad m = 1, \dots, n$
 - l_m (leakage), $v_m = \psi(x_m, k)$ is the select function, and r_m is the random noise, following a Gaussian distribution $N(0, 1)$
- Signal-to-noise ratio of the side channel: $SNR \quad \delta = \varepsilon / \sigma$
- For DPA model, the distance of means (DoM) attack

$$SR = \Phi_{N_k-1}(\sqrt{n}\Sigma^{-1/2}\mu)$$

where μ and Σ are **expressed by SNR and confusion coefficients**.

Extension to CPA

$$l_m = \varepsilon v_m + c + \sigma r_m \quad m = 1, \dots, n$$

- v_m is Hamming distance/weight of multiple bits.
- Two-way confusion coefficient:

$$\kappa = \kappa(k_i, k_j) = E[(V | k_i - V | k_j)^2]$$

- Three-way confusion coefficient:

$$\tilde{\kappa} = \tilde{\kappa}(k_h, k_i, k_j) = E[(V | k_h - V | k_i)(V | k_h - V | k_j)]$$

$$\tilde{\kappa}^* = \tilde{\kappa}^*(k_h, k_i, k_j) = E[(V | k_h - V | k_i)(V | k_h - V | k_j)(V | k_h - E(V | k_h))^2]$$

- Confusion lemma still holds for:

$$\tilde{\kappa}(k_h, k_i, k_j) = \frac{1}{2} [\kappa(k_h, k_i) + \kappa(k_h, k_j) - \kappa(k_i, k_j)]$$

Success Rates for 1st Order CPA

- Under the CPA model:

$$\boldsymbol{\mu} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\varepsilon}{\sigma} \right)^2 \boldsymbol{\kappa} \quad \boldsymbol{\Sigma} = \left(\frac{\varepsilon}{\sigma} \right)^2 \mathbf{K} + \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{\varepsilon}{\sigma} \right)^4 (\mathbf{K} * -\boldsymbol{\kappa}\boldsymbol{\kappa}^T)$$

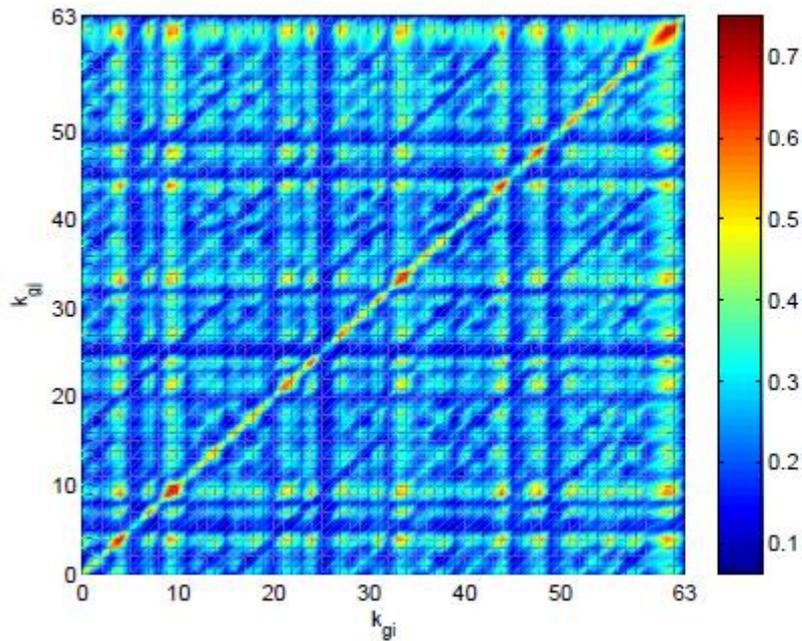
- $\boldsymbol{\kappa}$ is called the “**confusion vector**”, consisting of N_k-1 two-way confusion coefficients $\kappa(k_c, k_g)$
- \mathbf{K} and \mathbf{K}^* are “**confusion matrices**”, $(N_k-1) \times (N_k-1)$, consisting of three-way confusion coefficients $\tilde{\kappa}(k_c, k_{g_i}, k_{g_j})$ and $\tilde{\kappa}^*(k_c, k_{g_i}, k_{g_j})$
- The success rate of the CPA (unmasked):

$$SR = \Phi_{N_k-1} \left\{ \sqrt{n} \frac{\varepsilon}{2\sigma} \left[\mathbf{K} + \left(\frac{\varepsilon}{2\sigma} \right)^2 (\mathbf{K} * -\boldsymbol{\kappa}\boldsymbol{\kappa}^T) \right]^{-1/2} \boldsymbol{\kappa} \right\}$$

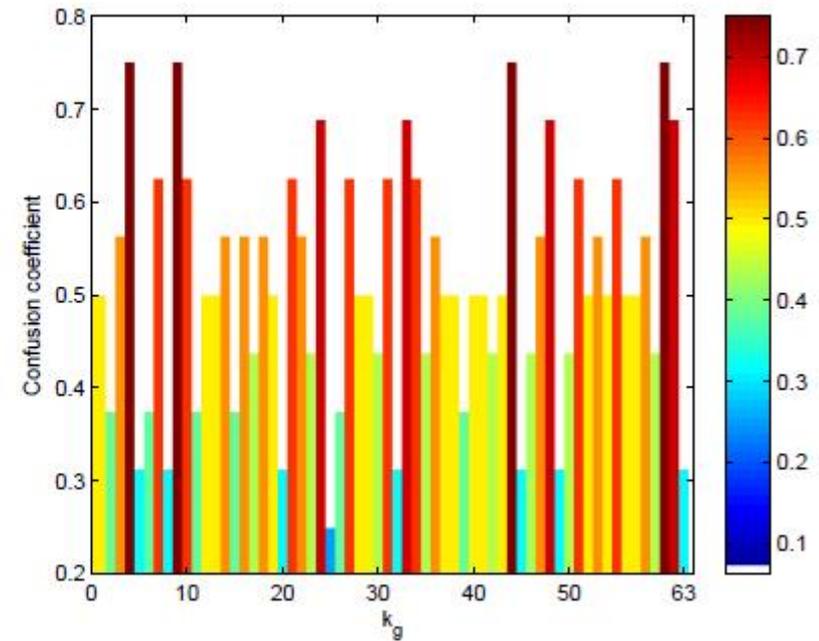
- [http://eprint.iacr.org/ Report 2014/152](http://eprint.iacr.org/Report%202014/152)

Experimental Results for DES

- Confusion matrix \mathbf{K} of DPA on the first bit of the first SBox



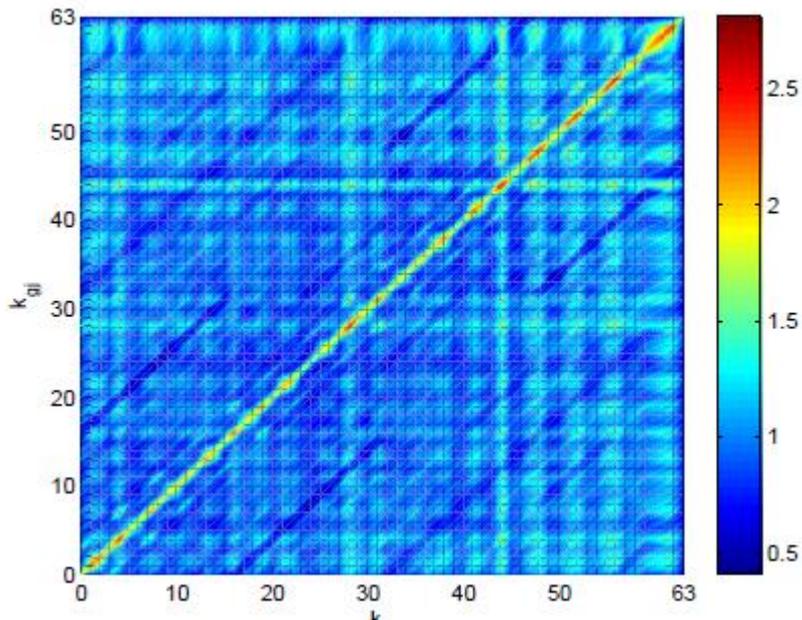
Confusion matrix \mathbf{K} of DPA



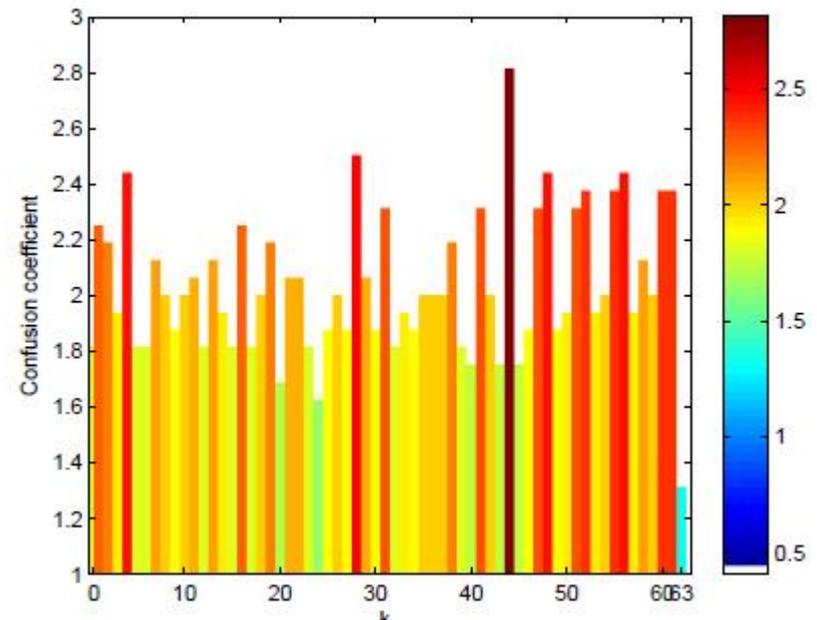
Diagonal of \mathbf{K} – confusion vector κ of DPA

Results for DES (II)

- Confusion matrix \mathbf{K} of CPA on the first DES SBox



Confusion matrix \mathbf{K} of CPA



Diagonal of \mathbf{K} – confusion vector κ of CPA

DPA vs. CPA

- DPA is a special case of CPA
- Under DPA model, $\mathbf{K} = \mathbf{K}^*$
- When the SNR is small, all the success rate (for ML attack, DPA, and CPA) become:

$$SR = \Phi_{N_k-1} \left\{ \sqrt{n} \frac{\varepsilon}{2\sigma} \mathbf{K}^{-1/2} \boldsymbol{\kappa} \right\}$$

2nd Order CPA on Masked Devices

- Using two leakage times points: one leaks mask M and the other leaks $Z(x, k) \oplus M$.
 - Time point t_0 : $L(t_0) = L_0 = \varepsilon_0 V_0 + c_0 + \sigma_0 r_0$
 - Time point t_1 : $L(t_1) = L_1 = \varepsilon_1 V_1 + c_1 + \sigma_1 r_1$
with $V_1 = HW(M)$ and $V_0 = HW(Z \oplus M)$,
- 2nd Order CPA: maximum correlation between the **centered product** of $L(t_0)L(t_1)$ and $HW(Z)$.

Success Rates (SR) for 2nd Order CPA

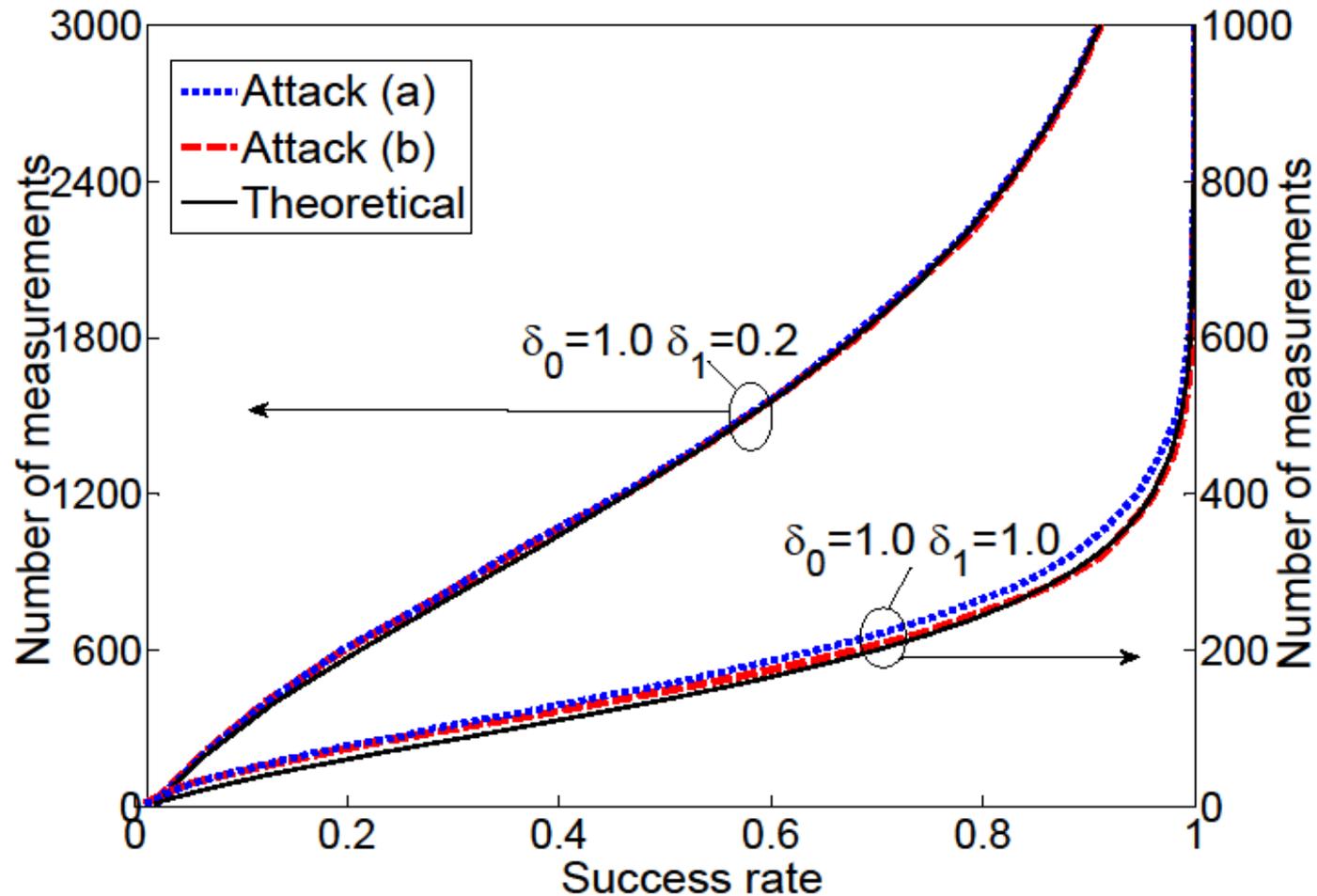
- Under the Hamming Weight/Distance model:

$$\boldsymbol{\mu} = \frac{1}{4} \delta_0^2 \delta_1^2 \boldsymbol{\kappa}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\Sigma} = \delta_0^2 \delta_1^2 \left(1 + \frac{b}{4} \delta_0^2\right) \left(1 + \frac{b}{4} \delta_1^2\right) \mathbf{K} + \frac{1}{16} \delta_0^4 \delta_1^4 \left(2\mathbf{K}^* - \frac{b}{2} \mathbf{K} - \boldsymbol{\kappa} \boldsymbol{\kappa}^T\right)$$

- $\boldsymbol{\kappa}$, \mathbf{K} and \mathbf{K}^* are exactly the same as in the unmasked case.
- The formula does not assume Gaussian noise.
- Including second term, SR formula fits simulated SR for moderate SNR \approx 1

Success Rates for 2nd Order Attack



Black is the theoretical, Red is the simulated SR for CPA, blue for ML

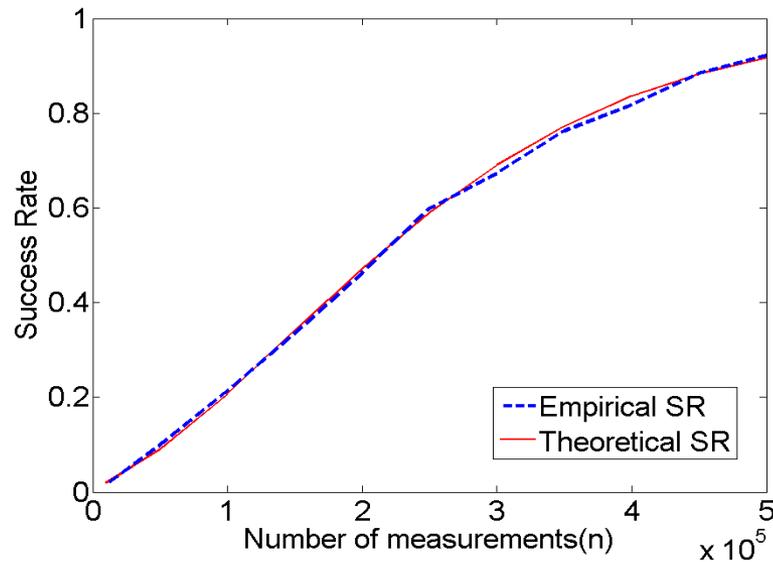
Use SR formula for 2nd Order CPA

- Quantify masking effect explicitly (small SNR):
 - 2nd Order CPA (leading term, for small SNR):

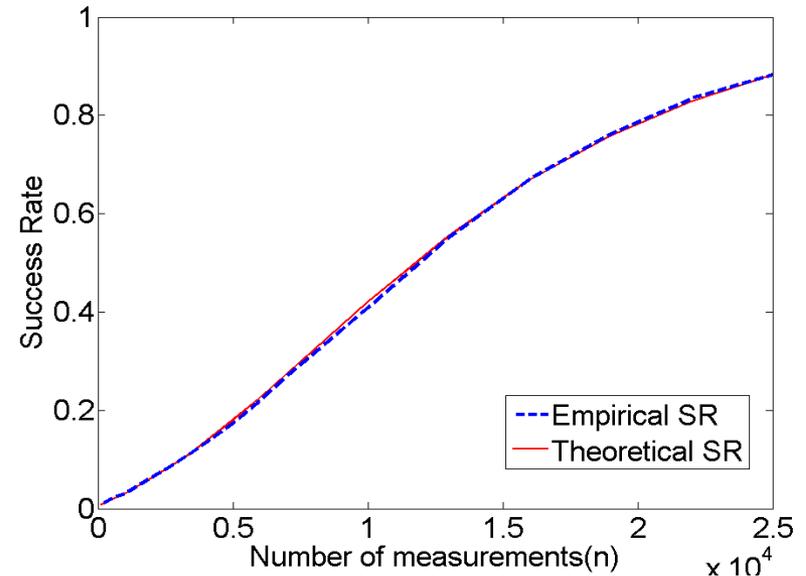
$$SR = \Phi_{N_k-1} \left\{ \sqrt{n} \frac{\delta_0 \delta_1}{4} \mathbf{K}^{-1/2} \mathbf{\kappa} \right\}$$

- Versus unmasked CPA: $SR = \Phi_{N_k-1} \left\{ \sqrt{n} \frac{\delta}{2} \mathbf{K}^{-1/2} \mathbf{\kappa} \right\}$
- Masking increasing required sample size by $(2/\delta)^2$
- Faster evaluation: find SNR δ then plug-in.
- In next slide, find SNR from 10,000 traces, compare SR to empirical SR from 1.4M traces

Success Rates for 2nd Order Attack



Empirical versus theoretical success rates on measurement data of a **masked AES FPGA implementation**



Empirical versus theoretical success rates on simulated data with **Laplace noise** instead of Gaussian noise.

Higher Order CPA Success Rate

- J masks, process $Z \bigoplus_{j=1}^J M_j$
- J+1 order attack, at time points t_j

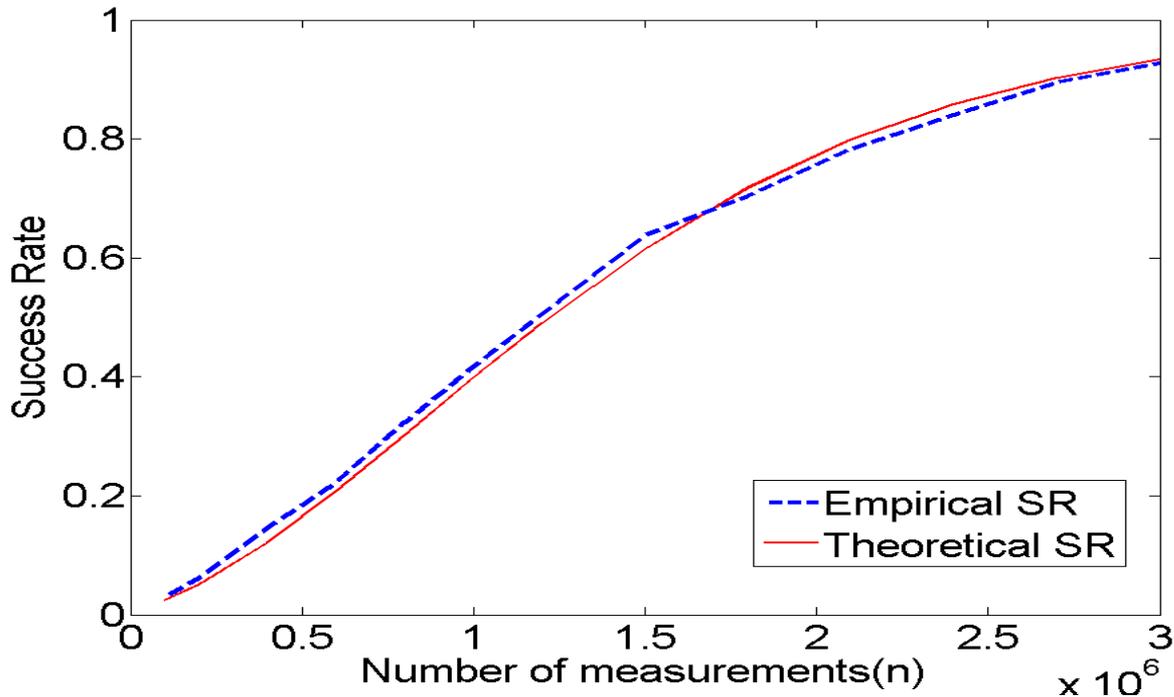
$j = 0, 1, \dots, J$ leaks $V_0 = V_0(Z \bigoplus_{j=1}^J M_j)$ and

$$V_1 = V_1(M_1), \dots, V_J = V_J(M_J)$$

- Success Rate:

$$SR = \Phi_{N_k-1}(\sqrt{n}\Sigma^{-1/2}\mu) = \Phi_{N_k-1}\left(\frac{\sqrt{n} \prod_{j=0}^J \delta_j}{2^{J+1}} \vec{K}^{-1/2} \vec{\kappa}\right).$$

Success Rates for 3rd Order Attack



Empirical versus theoretical success rates on simulated data, SNR=0.2

2nd Order Maximum Likelihood ML-Attack

- The ML-attack statistic T:

$$\begin{aligned}
 T_{k_g} &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \log f(\vec{l}_i | k_g) \\
 &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \log \left[\frac{1}{|\mathcal{M}|} \sum_{m \in \mathcal{M}} f_0(l_{i,0} | k_g, m) f_1(l_{i,1} | m) \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

- The likelihood iterates over all possible mask values in \mathcal{M}
- The iteration is of order $|\mathcal{M}|$, and would increase exponentially with the order of masks.
- For Gaussian noises, this is a mixture Gaussian density.

2nd Order Attack Model

$$L_0 = \varepsilon_0 V_0 + c_0 + \sigma_0 r_0 \quad L_1 = \varepsilon_1 V_1 + c_1 + \sigma_1 r_1$$

$$l_0^* = (L_0 - c_0) / \sigma_0 = \delta_0 V_0 + r_0 \quad l_1^* = \delta_1 V_1 + r_1$$

- When SNRs $\delta_0 \rightarrow 0$, $\delta_1 \rightarrow 0$, the ML-attack statistic T_{k_g} has key-independent limit

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \log \left[\frac{1}{|\mathcal{M}|} \sum_{m \in \mathcal{M}} f_r(l_{i,0}^* - \delta_0 V_0(k_g, m)) f_r(l_{i,1}^* - \delta_1 V_1(m)) \right]$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \log [f_r(r_{i,0}) f_r(r_{i,1})]$$

2nd Order Attack Approximation

- When SNRs $\delta_0 \rightarrow 0$, $\delta_1 \rightarrow 0$, do a Taylor expansion within the $E_m = \frac{1}{|\mathcal{M}|} \sum_{m \in \mathcal{M}}$ operation, and on the $\log[\cdot]$
- The first term after E_m operation is key independent. The key selection happens on the second term, which is equivalent to the centered product combination attack (2O CPA) statistic

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n [(l_{i,0} - El_{i,0})(l_{i,1} - El_{i,1})g(Z_i^g)] \quad \text{with}$$

$g(Z_i^g) = E_m[V_0(k_g, m)V_1(m)]$, for Hamming Weights model, $g(Z_i^g) \propto H(Z_i^g)$

For Higher Order Masking

- **The centered product combination attack** is the strongest possible attack for noisy (small SNRs) situation, Gaussian noise.
- Generally, the key selection happens on the **second term of Taylor expansion**: can find efficient attack asymptotic equivalent to ML-attack. **$(J+1)$ th for J order masking.**
- Valid Taylor Approximation when the noise density has continuous third derivative.

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