Provably Secure S-Box Implementation Based on Fourier Transform

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Overview

- Differential Power Analysis on block ciphers
- Notion of DPA-resistance
- A new method to protect S-Box
- Application to AES
- Conclusion



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AES: implementation results

Comparison of several methods to protect AES against DPA:

Method	Timings (ms)	RAM (bytes)	ROM (bytes)
Straightforward implementation	5	32	1150
This paper	32	39	3100
Oswald et al. (FSE'05)	26	42	3400
Trichina <i>et al.</i> (WISA'04)	21	291	3050



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CPA on straightforward method

CPA on our method

using $20\,000$ random plaintexts







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