

Improved Differential Fault Analysis on CLEFIA

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Background

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Can we develop more efficient attack using characteristic of CLEFIA structure ?

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Result

Comparison of attack efficiency for 128-bit key

	No. of pairs of correct & faulty ciphertexts	No. of fault injection points	Calculation time on Xeon 3GHz PC
Proposed attack	2	2	average 3 min
Chen's attack (in 2007)	18	6	< 1 sec

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Structure of CLEFIA

- 4-branch generalized Feistel network
- 18 rounds for 128-bit key



General DFA on a S-box



General DFA on Feistel Structure



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Key Point of Proposed Attack

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Utilize 4-branch structure with 32-bit data lines

- We can obtain 6 round keys by utilizing the fault propagation of two fault injections.
- The space of candidates for round key is small and we can obtain a 128-bit key within a practical time.

Fault Propagation



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Fault Propagation



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Step1: Obtain <RK₃₅>



Known value

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• Average space of candidate for RK_{35} is $2^{4.76}$



Step2: Obtain <RK₃₅, RK₃₂⊕WK₃>



Known value Guessed Value calculated from $\langle RK_{35} \rangle$ and $\langle RK_{34} \rangle$

Step2: Obtain $\langle RK_{35}, RK_{32} \oplus WK_{3} \rangle$ (2)

Solve equation using candidates for RK_{35}



 $\langle RK_{32} \oplus WK_3 \rangle$

Step2: Obtain $\langle RK_{35}, RK_{32} \oplus WK_{3} \rangle$ (2)

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• Obtain candidates for combination $(RK_{35}, RK_{32} \oplus WK_{3})$



Step2: Obtain < RK_{35}, RK_{32} \oplus WK_{3} > (3)

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Some candidates for RK_{35} is rejected.



Step2: Obtain < RK_{35}, RK_{32} \oplus WK_{3} > (4)

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• Average space of candidates for $(RK_{35}, RK_{32} \oplus WK_{3})$



Step3: Obtain <RK₃₅,**RK**₃₄,**RK**₃₂ ⊕ **WK**₃,**RK**₃₁ >



Known value

Guessed values calculated from $\langle RK_{32} \oplus WK_3 \rangle$ and $\langle RK_{33} \oplus WK_2 \rangle$

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Step3: Obtain <RK₃₅,**RK**₃₄,**RK**₃₂**⊕WK**₃,**RK**₃₁> (2)

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• Average candidate space for $(RK_{35}, RK_{34}, RK_{32} \oplus WK_{3}, RK_{31})$ is $2^{9.51}$



Total Brute-Force Search Space

• Average candidate space for $(RK_{35}, RK_{34}, RK_{32} \oplus WK_{3}, RK_{31})$ is $2^{9.51}$

- Also, average candidate space for $(RK_{35}, RK_{34}, RK_{33} \oplus WK_{2}, RK_{30})$ is also $2^{9.51}$
- Therefore, the total average space is $2^{19.02}$

We need average a 19.02-bit brute-force search to obtain 128-bit key !



Attack Conditions (1)

- Attacker can obtain two pairs of correct and faulty ciphertexts.
 - He does not need to know the value of the plaintext.



Attack Conditions (2)

- Attacker must randomly corrupt a total of 4bytes of the input in the 16th round.
 - He does not need to know value of faults.
 - He can choose the convenient ways of fault injection depended on devices.



Simulation Results (B-F Space)

Histogram for 2000 samples



Simulation Results (Time)

Histogram for 2000 samples



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Conclusion

Developed efficient DFA on CLEFIA using its 4-branch structure with 32-bit data lines

Requires 2 pairs of correct and faulty ciphertexts

Average calculation time to obtain 128-bit key is about 3 minutes

