DPA Countermeasures

Protecting nearly 9 billion products a year, our DPA countermeasures include fundamental solutions and techniques for securing devices against side-channel attacks.

Superior Protection
- Robust countermeasures to protect against side-channel attacks
- Broad range of hardware, software and protocol approaches to secure tamper-resistant devices
- Cores validated to resist DPA attacks in millions of traces

Improve Time-to-Market
- Simplified device testing for power analysis vulnerabilities
- Training, evaluation services and analysis equipment
- Ready-to-use, DPA Resistant solutions

High Flexibility
- Solutions can be optimized for performance, size, and security level
- Solutions integrate with standard cipher modes such as CBC, ECB, etc.
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Overview
Our Cryptography Research division discovered Simple Power Analysis (SPA) and Differential Power Analysis (DPA), and developed fundamental solutions and techniques for protecting devices against DPA and related side-channel attacks, along with supporting tools, programs, and services.

DPA countermeasures consist of a broad range of software, hardware, and protocol techniques that protect tamper-resistant devices from side-channel attacks in a number of ways including:

**Leakage reduction** – reducing information leaked into the side-channel to decrease signal-to-noise (S/N) ratios

**Amplitude and temporal noise** – adding amplitude or temporal noise into the side-channel to decrease S/N ratio

**Balanced hardware and software** – using hardware and software-based techniques to represent and process data in ways designed to minimize observable data-dependent variations within the side-channel

**Incorporating randomness** – representing cryptographic intermediates in forms that incorporate unpredictable information to reduce correlation between side-channels and the original intermediates

**Protocol-level countermeasures** – modifying cryptographic protocols using key update mechanisms to limit the amount of side-channel information available to an attacker for any particular key

Applications
- Aerospace and Defense
- Content Protection
- Mobile
- Storage
- Secure Communications
- Automotive
- Payments/Point-of-Sale
- Internet of Things

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