# New instantiations of the CRYPTO 2017 masking schemes 

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## The context

Context: Crypto implementation on observable devices
Objective: secure finite-field multiplication w/ leakage

- Implement $(a, b) \mapsto c=a \times b, a, b, c \in \mathbb{K}$
- Used in non-linear ops in sym. crypto (e.g. S-boxes)
- Input/outputs usually secret!
- Problem: computations leak information
- $\leadsto$ Need a way to compute a product w/o leaking (too much) the operands \& the result
- Our focus: higher-order (many shares) software schemes (no glitches)


## Basic idea

- Split $a, b, c$ into shares (i.e. use a secret-sharing scheme)
- Typically simple and additive:

$$
\left.x=\sum_{i=0}^{d} x_{i}, x_{0}, \ldots, d-1\right) \stackrel{\mathbf{s}}{\leftarrow} \mathbb{K}, x_{d}=x-\sum_{i=0}^{d-1} x_{i}
$$

- Compute the operation over the shared operands; obtain a shared result
- Ensure that neither of $a, b, c$ can be (easily) recovered

Prove security e.g. in:

- The probing model $\leadsto d$-privacy (Ishai, Sahai \& Wagner, 2003) / d-(S)NI (Belaïd et al., 2016)
- The noisy leakage model (Chari et al. '99, Prouff \& Rivain, 2013)
- (For relations between the two, see e.g. Dahmun's talk this afternoon)


## First attempt

- We want to compute $c=\sum_{k} c_{k}=\sum_{i} a_{i} \times \sum_{j} b_{j}=\sum_{i, j} a_{i} b_{j}$
- So maybe define $c_{i}=a_{i} \sum_{j=0}^{d} b_{j}$ ?
- Problem: any single $c_{i}$ reveals information about $b$
- One solution (ISW, 2003): rerandomize using fresh randomness
- For instance (for $d=3$ ):
- $c_{0}=a_{0} b_{0}+r_{0,1}+r_{0,2}+r_{0,3}$
$c_{1}=a_{1} b_{1}+\left(r_{0,1}+a_{0} b_{1}+a_{1} b_{0}\right)+r_{1,2}+r_{1,3}$
$c_{2}=a_{2} b_{2}+\left(r_{0,2}+a_{0} b_{2}+a_{2} b_{0}\right)+\left(r_{1,2}+a_{1} b_{2}+a_{2} b_{1}\right)+r_{2,3}$
- $c_{3}=$

$$
a_{3} b_{3}+\left(r_{0,3}+a_{0} b_{3}+a_{3} b_{0}\right)+\left(r_{1,3}+a_{1} b_{3}+a_{3} b_{1}\right)+\left(r_{2,3}+a_{2} b_{3}+a_{3} b_{2}\right)
$$

- Prove security in the probing model
- ? Scheduling of the operations is important (impacts the probes available to the adversary), hence the $(\cdot)$ s


## Masking complexity

- ISW provides a practical solution for masking a multiplication
- But the cost is quadratic in $d$ : $d$-privacy requires:
- $2 d(d+1)$ sums
- $(d+1)^{2}$ products
- $d(d+1) / 2$ fresh random masks
- Decreasing the cost/overhead of masking is a major problem
- Use block ciphers that need few multiplications (e.g. ZORRO, Gérard et al., 2013 (broken))
- Amortize the cost of masking several mult. (e.g. Coron et al., 2016)
- Decrease the cost of masking a single mult. (e.g. Belaïd et al., 2016, 2017)


## Schemes from CRYPTO 2017

Two schemes introduced by Belaïd et al. (2017):

- "Alg. 4", with linear bilinear multiplication complexity, requiring:
- $9 d^{2}+d$ sums
- $2 d^{2}$ linear products
- $2 d+1$ products
- $2 d^{2}+d(d-1) / 2$ fresh random masks
- "Alg. 5", with linear randomness complexity, requiring:
- $2 d(d+1)$ sums
- $d(d+1)$ linear products
- $(d+1)^{2}$ products
- d fresh random masks


## Focus on Alg. 4

This scheme uses shares of three kinds:

- $c_{0}:=\left(a_{0}+\sum_{i=1}^{d}\left(r_{i}+a_{i}\right)\right) \cdot\left(b_{0}+\sum_{i=1}^{d}\left(s_{i}+b_{i}\right)\right)$;
- $c_{i}:=-r_{i} \cdot\left(b_{0}+\sum_{j=1}^{d}\left(\delta_{i, j} s_{j}+b_{j}\right)\right), 1 \leq i \leq d ;$
- $c_{i+d}:=-s_{i} \cdot\left(a_{0}+\sum_{j=1}^{d}\left(\gamma_{i, j} r_{j}+a_{j}\right)\right), 1 \leq i \leq d$.

With:

- $\gamma=\left(\gamma_{i, j}\right) \in \mathbb{K}^{d \times d}$
- $\delta=\left(\delta_{i, j}\right) \in \mathbb{K}^{d \times d}$ s.t. $\gamma+\delta$ is the all-one matrix
(Plus an additional post-processing, not studied here)


## Instantiation issues

Problem: finding $\gamma$ so that the scheme is secure is hard. Belaïd et al.:

- Found an explicit $\gamma$ for $d=2$ over $\mathbb{F}_{2^{2}}$ (and other larger fields)
- Proved (non-constructively) the existence of good $\gamma$ at order $d$ over $\mathbb{F}_{q}$ when $q>\mathcal{O}(d)^{d+1}$
Our results: we give constructions/examples for:
- $d=3$ over $\mathbb{F}_{2^{k}}, k \geq 3$
- $d=4$ over $\mathbb{F}_{2^{k}}, 5 \leq k \leq 16$
- $d=5$ over $\mathbb{F}_{2^{k}}, 10 \leq k \leq 16$
- $d=6$ over $\mathbb{F}_{2^{k}}, 15 \leq k \leq 16$

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## What's a good $\gamma$ anyways?

To attack Alg. 4, one typically wants to:
1 Select $d$ probes $p_{0}, \ldots, p_{d-1}$ of intermediate values
2 Find $\mathcal{F}$ s.t. the distribution of $\mathcal{F}\left(p_{0}, \ldots, p_{d-1}\right)$ depends on a (say)
In Alg. 4, the possible probes (relating to a) are:

- $a_{i}, r_{i}, a_{i}+r_{i}, \gamma_{j, i} r_{i}, a_{i}+\gamma_{j, i} r_{i}$, for $0 \leq i \leq d, 1 \leq j \leq d$
- $a_{0}+\sum_{i=1}^{k}\left(a_{i}+r_{i}\right), 1 \leq k \leq d$
- $a_{0}+\sum_{i=1}^{k}\left(a_{i}+\gamma_{j, i} r_{i}\right), 1 \leq k \leq d, 1 \leq j \leq d$

Proposition: it is sufficient to only consider $\mathcal{F}$ s that are linear
combinations of the $p_{i} s$ (cf. Belaïd et al., 2017)

## Attack sets

One sub-objective: decide if a set of probes $P$ leads to an attack

- For each probe, consider indicator vectors of $\mathbf{I}$ of its $a_{i} s$ and $\mathbf{m}$ of its $r_{i} s$
- E.g. $a_{0}+a_{1}+\gamma_{1,1} r_{1}(d=2) \leadsto$

$$
\mathbf{I}=\left(\begin{array}{l}
1 \\
1 \\
0
\end{array}\right), \quad \mathbf{m}=\left(\begin{array}{c}
0 \\
\gamma_{1,1} \\
0
\end{array}\right)
$$

- Gather all such vectors in larger matrices $\mathbf{L}_{P}$ and $\mathbf{M}{ }_{P}^{\gamma}$
- Attack: find $x_{i}$ s s.t. $\pi:=\sum x_{i} p_{i}=\sum y_{i} a_{i}+\sum z_{i} r_{i}$ with $y_{i} \neq 0$, $z_{i}=0$ for all $i$
- If $\pi$ "includes an $r_{i}$ " or "misses an $a_{i}$ ", then it is uniform
- So there is an attack iff. $\exists u \in \operatorname{ker} \mathbf{M}_{p}^{\gamma}$ s.t. $\mathbf{L}_{P} u$ is of full weight


## Immediate algorithm

To prove security for a given $\gamma$ :

- Look at all matrices $\mathbf{L}_{P}$ and $\mathbf{M}_{P}^{\gamma}$ for $d$ probes $P$
- For each:

1 Compute a basis $\mathbf{B}$ of the (right) kernel of $\mathbf{M}_{P}^{\gamma}$
2 There is an attack with $P$ iff. $\mathbf{N}_{P}:=\mathbf{L}_{P} \mathbf{B}$ has no all-zero row
$\Leftarrow$ If $\mathbf{N}_{P}$ has a zero row, then no linear combination of probes depends on all $a_{i}$ s and cancels all $r_{i}$ s
$\Rightarrow$ If $\mathbf{N}_{P}$ has no zero row, there is at least one linear combination of probes that depends on all $a_{i} s$ and cancels all $r_{i} s$

- By a combinatorial argument, as long as $\# \mathbb{K}>d$ (e.g. use Schwartz-Zippel-DeMillo-Lipton)


## Testing optimizations

The previous algorithm allows to test the security of an instance by checking $\approx\binom{d^{2}}{d}$ (!) matrices $\mathbf{L}_{P}, \mathbf{M}_{P}^{\gamma}$. Some optims:

- Do early-abort
- Check "critical cases" first
- Don't check stupid choices for $P$
- Use batch kernel computations

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## Finding secure instantiations

The testing algorithm can be used to find secure instantiations:
1 Draw $\gamma(\delta)$ at random
2 Check that there is no attack
It works, but we can do better by picking super-regular/MDS $\gamma s$
$(\delta$ s) $\leftarrow$ All square submatrices invertible
Observations:

- If dim $\operatorname{ker} \mathbf{M}_{P}^{\gamma}=0$, then no attack is possible $\mathbf{w} /$ probes $P$
- Try to pick $\gamma$ s.t. $\mathbf{M}_{P}^{\gamma}$ is invertible for many Ps
- Many $\mathbf{M}_{P}^{\gamma}$ 's are made of submatrices of $\gamma$
- All invertible, if $\gamma$ is MDS
- (Additionally: ensure invertibility w/ added columns of $1 \rightarrow$ "XMDS" matrices)


## MDS precondition: small cases

- For $d=1,2$, it is sufficient for $\gamma, \delta$ to be XMDS for the scheme to be secure
- For $d=3$, one must additionally check that no matrix of the form

$$
\left(\begin{array}{ccc}
\gamma_{i, 1} & \gamma_{j, 1} & \gamma_{k, 1} \\
\gamma_{i, 2} & \gamma_{j, 2} & \gamma_{k, 2} \\
\gamma_{i, 3} & \gamma_{j, 3} & 0
\end{array}\right), i \neq j \neq k
$$

is singular

- Not systematically ensured by the XMDS property
- Can be solved symbolically
- For $d \geq 4$, not feasible (?) to enforce invertibility of all $\mathbf{M}_{P}^{\gamma}$
- But XMDS $\gamma \mathrm{s}$ are still more likely to be secure than non-XMDS ones
- E.g. w/ $\operatorname{Pr} 0.063$ instead of 0.030 for $d=4$ over $\mathbb{F}_{2^{8}}$
- Problem: how to ensure that both $\gamma$ and $\delta$ are XMDS?
- Use a (generalized) Cauchy construction $x_{i, j}=c_{i} d_{j} /\left(x_{i}-y_{j}\right)$, viz. $\gamma_{i, j}=x_{i} /\left(x_{i}-y_{j}\right)$
- Then $\delta_{i, j}=1-x_{i} /\left(x_{i}-y_{j}\right)=-y_{j} /\left(x_{i}-y_{j}\right)$, so $\delta$ is Cauchy and then (X)MDS

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## The end?

- We found more instances of the (two) masking schemes of CRYPTO 2017, at larger orders
- Still only reaching $d=4$ over "useful" fields such as $\mathbb{F}_{2^{8}}$
- $\Rightarrow$ Still room for improvements

