

On the Optimal Pre-processing for Non-profiling Differential Power Analysis

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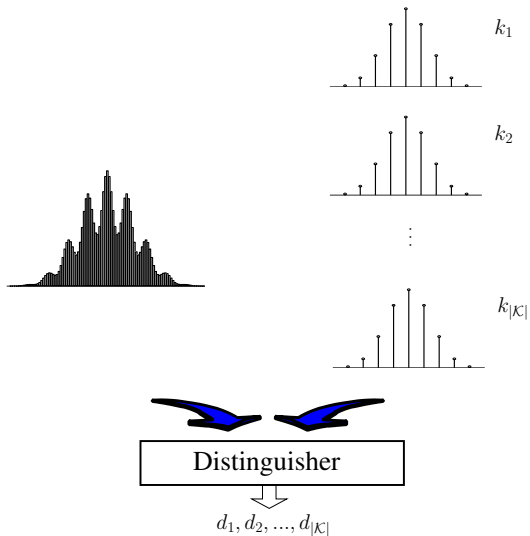


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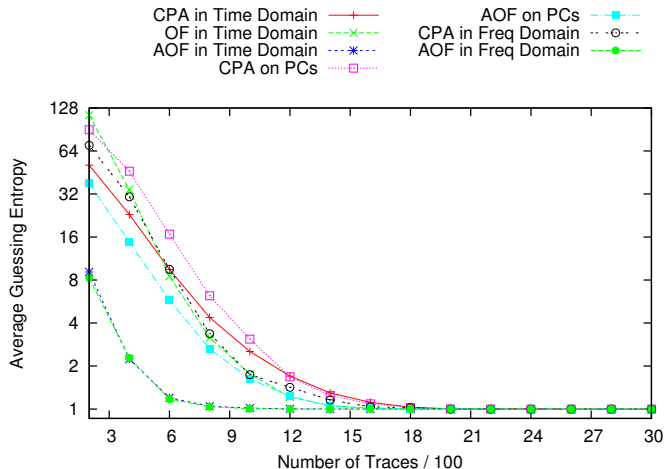


Figure: Results on Acquired Traces of AES Encryption

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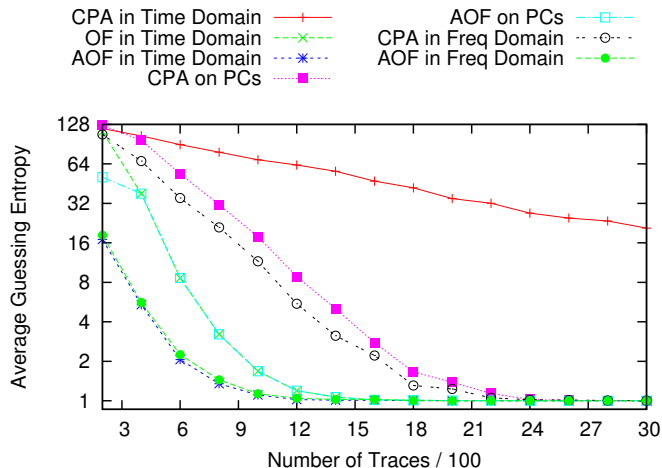


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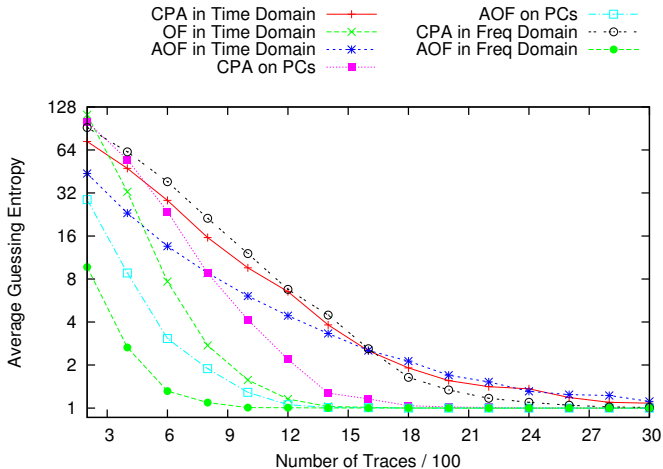


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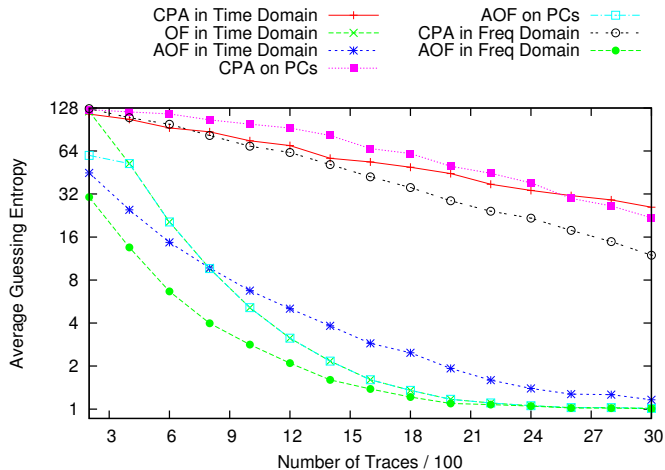


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Comparison with profiling Stochastic attack

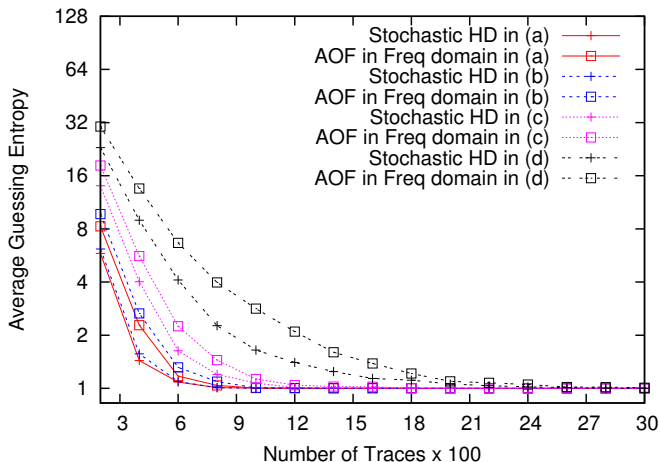


Figure: Results of Profiling Stochastic Attack using HD model and CPA using AOF in Frequency Domain

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