

An EM Fault Injection Susceptibility Criterion and its application to the localisation of hotspots

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Linking injection/observation channel

"Attack"	Channel	information from observation channel.
Power Glitch	V_{dd} network	temporal information.
Body Bias Injection	bulk	none.
EMFI	EM	temporal and spatial information
Laser	photon	spatial information. Light observation is expensive.

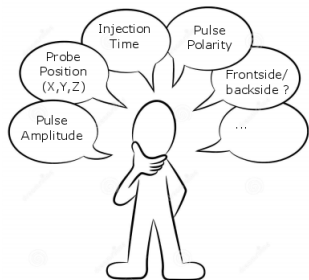


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Why binding EM analysis to injection ?

EMFI combinatory complexity:



Time efficiency^a:

Analysis map → one day for three executables.

Injection map (fixed parameters) → three days for one executable.

^a timing are relative to our setup

Aim:

Ease and fasten EMFI security characterisation → (X,Y) position.

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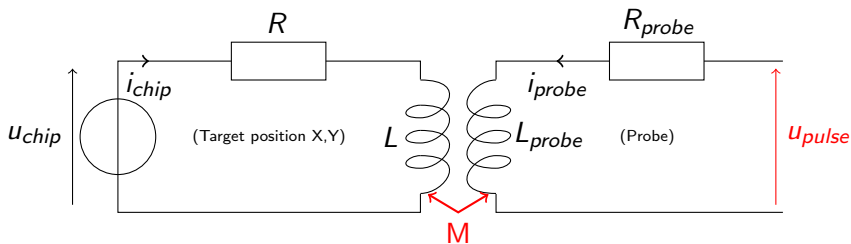
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EM coupling



Coupling: (*injection case*)

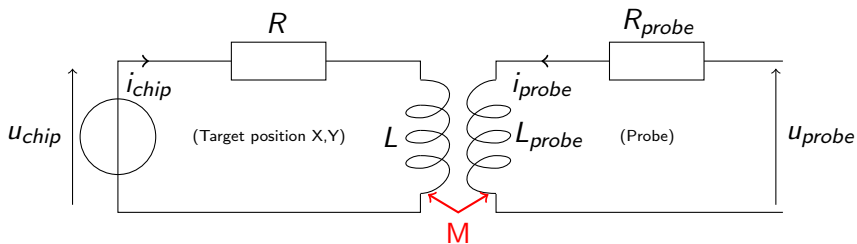
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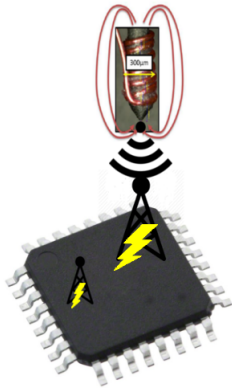
$$U_{probe} = R_{i_{probe}} + L_{probe} \frac{di_{probe}}{dt} + M \frac{di_{chip}}{dt}$$



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Antenna reciprocity



Antenna reciprocity:

The efficiency of a receiving antenna is as important as its transmitting efficiency.

Conclusion 1:

Finding high emission antenna

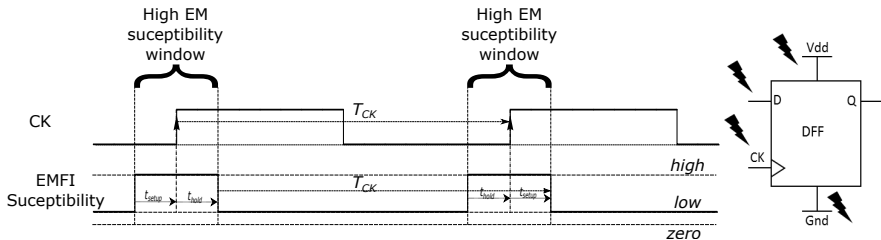
→ best coupling positions on circuits.

Conclusion 2:

High emission antenna \neq best entry point

→ not necessarily linked to data.

Sampling fault model¹



System target:

- ↔ DFF are more likely to be faulted by EM injection.
- ↔ Target event occurring at f_{CK}



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¹EM injection: fault model and locality S. Ordas, L.Guillaume-Sage, P. Maurinne FDTC 2015.

EMFI Criterion definition

Area to target are positions:

- ▶ (*guideline 1*) emitting the strongest signal (in terms of power) associated to the clock signal or clock tree.
→ tool: Power Spectral Density $PSD(f_{CK})$
- ▶ (*guideline 2*) emitting signal tightly bind to both targeted algorithm and clock frequency (f_{CK}).
→ tool: **incoherence**(f_{CK})



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Guideline 2 tools:

$$inc_{s_1, s_2}(f) = 1 - \frac{psd_{s_1, s_2}(f)^2}{psd_{s_1, s_1}(f) \cdot psd_{s_2, s_2}(f)}$$

Notation:

s_1 = EM emission for input 1.

s_2 = EM emission for input 2.

Aim

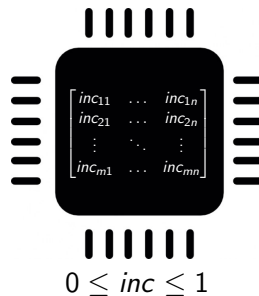
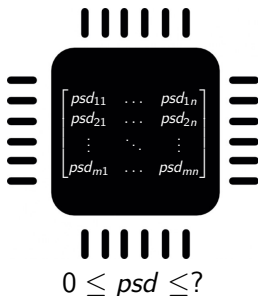
↔ Look for differences in spectrum occurring at f_{CK} ie DFF used by algorithm.



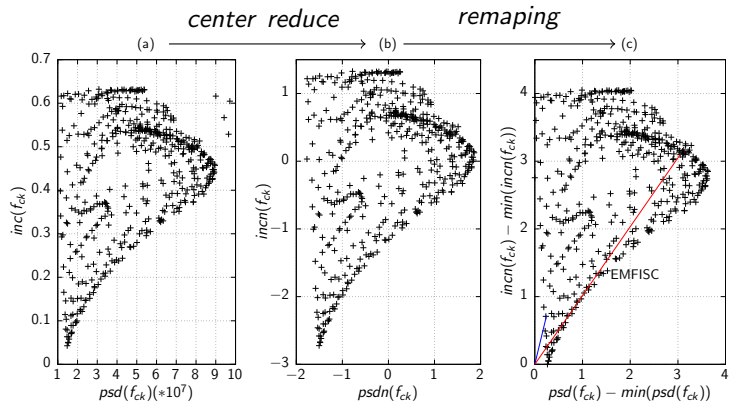
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How to combine and weight those two measures ?



Raw data: PSD, Incoherence view



$$inc_{s_1, s_2}(f) = 1 - \frac{psd_{s_1, s_2}(f)^2}{psd_{s_1, s_1}(f) \cdot psd_{s_2, s_2}(f)}$$

EMFISC Procedure

Algorithm 1 EMFISC

Input: f_{CK} , matrix of s_1 and s_2 ,
 α (% chip to keep),
 a (weight *psd* compared to *incoherence*)

Output: $emfisc_{x,y}$

- 1: **for** X,Y positions **do**
 - 2: compute $psd_{s_1}(f)$
 - 3: compute $inc_{s_1,s_2}(f)$
 - 4: **end for**
 - 5: $psdn_{x,y}$ and $incn_{x,y}$ = center reduce $psd_{x,y}$ and $inc_{x,y}$ population
 - 6: remap $psdn_{x,y}$ and $incn_{x,y}$ population
 - 7: compute $emfisc_{x,y} = \sqrt{(1-a) * psdn_{x,y}^2 + a * incn_{x,y}^2}$
 - 8: quantile($emfisc_{x,y}, \alpha$)
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Experimental protocol

Target algorithm:

Algorithm 2 Pattern (AddrSRAM32, AddrSRAM96)

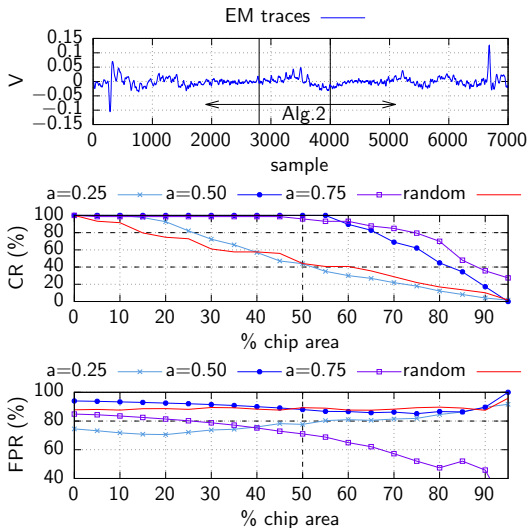
- 1: PUSH { lr }
 - 2: ADD R0,R0,#0; 11 times
 - 3: LDR R2,[R0]; read SRAM32
 - 4: STR R2,[R1]; write SRAM96
 - 5: LDR R3,[R1]; read back
 - 6: ADD R0,R0,#0; 11 times
 - 7: POP { pc }
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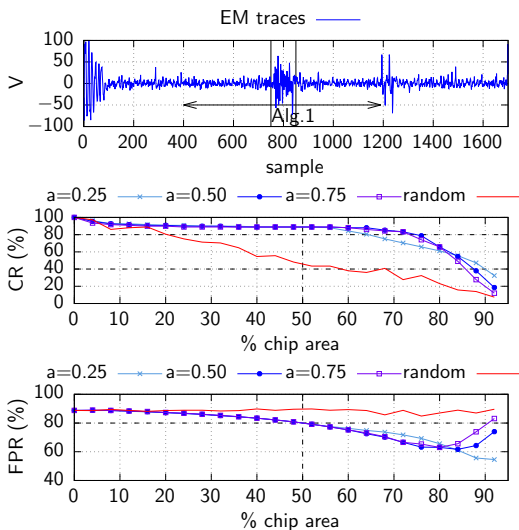
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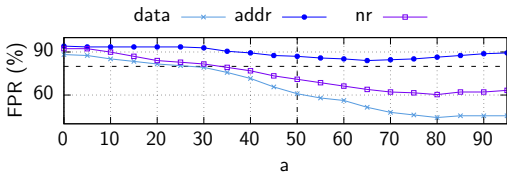
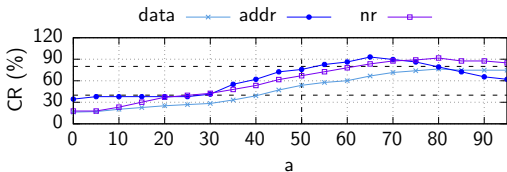
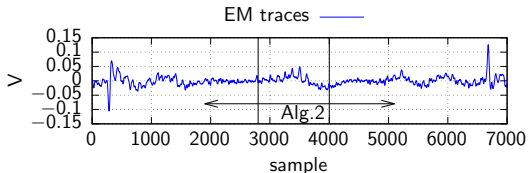
EMFISC figures of merit (target 1 130V)



EMFISC figures of merit (target 2 198V)



Quantile fixed at 60% target 1



Results:

- ▶ There is a link between EM emissions and EMFI.
- ▶ This link can be use to ease EMFI characterisation.

Refining the criterion:

- ▶ Other combination of PSD and Incoherence curves.
- ▶ Finding a way to weight PSD and Incoherence.
- ▶ Adding a criterion more target specific, such as a better measurement of M parameter.



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Thanks
Any questions ?

