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An Embedded Digital Sensor Against EM and BB Fault Injection

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Windows where DFF of the detector are the most sensitive.Windows where DFF of the protected circuit are the most sensitive.

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- 4 self looped DFFs
- Specific initialisation values
- A set and a reset network



Cover all the transitions and phase opposition











EM & BB Test Bench







Test Bench

FPGA (Xilinx)	Tech. Node	Frequency (Period)	# of detectors
Virtex 5	65 nm	100 MHz (10ns)	36
Virtex II Pro	90 nm	100 MHz (10ns)	34
Spartan 3E 1600	90 nm	50 MHz (20ns)	36



- 34 detectors regulary spreading
- AES as a circuit to protect
- UART as communication system





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EM Results



Probability to inject a fault in AES or in detectors Spartan3 1600E / 50 Mhz

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- **GP** (Good Position) : # of positions where the detectors are efficient : the detection could block the output of the cipher (faulted or not).
- **BP** (Bad Position) : # of positions where the AES can be faulted without triggering alarm.
- SR (Success Rate) : Ratio of Good Positions over the total # of active positions = where something happens.

$$SR = \frac{GP}{GP + BP}$$



- Wide Detection Area, no sensor detection range.

SR = 94%

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Successful attacks not detected : 47/467 = 10%

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- Wide Detection Area, NO undetected faults.

SR = 100%

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Table summarizing the success rates by attack and model of FPGA:

	Injection at rising edge			Injection at falling edge		
	Spartan3 1600E	Virtex 5	Virtex II Pro	Spartan3 1600E	Virtex 5	Virtex II Pro
EM Front-side	78 %			88 %		
EM Back-side		94 %	86 %		95 %	94 %
RBBI		100 %	100 %		100 %	100 %





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Virtex 5 Floorplan. Colors means number of triggering per sensor for a full map.





of injections detected by detector



Selecting the most active detector





of injections detected by detector



 Generation of the histogram of activity by ignoring the attacks detected by the previous sensors "fixed"





of injections detected by detector



• Iterate again until all the detections are catched.





• Results of optimisation against EM Injections:

- 11 detectors / 36 are enough to detect a the attacks









- Tests against Power Glitches Injections (finalizing the experiments)
- Tests against Laser Injections
- Development of a Test Chip (ASIC).





Conclusion

- Proposal of an enhanced detector
 - Fully Digital and fully compliant with ASIC design flow
 - Small : 35 nand eq. / detector
- Efficient against at least two injection fault methods:
 - ElectroMagnetic Injections
 - Body-Biasing Injections
 - Power Glitch Injections (First results being analyzed)



Thank you !