



ECE Seminar: Enhancing Side-Channel Security of Analog-to-Digital Converters

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Abstract: Side-channel attacks (SCA) are an increasing concern for hardware and integrated circuit (IC) design, particularly regarding information security and privacy. While much research has focused on the SCA resilience of digital and communication systems, the overall security of a signal chain is only as strong as its weakest link. This talk will discuss the SCA vulnerabilities of analog-to-digital converters (ADCs), a ubiquitous component in most electronic systems. We will begin by reviewing the basic principles of SCAs, demonstrating how attackers can leverage their knowledge of the hardware implementation to extract sensitive information. We will then discuss specific attacks on successive approximation (SAR) ADCs, including those utilizing multi-level perceptron (MLP) and convolutional neural network (CNN). Finally, we will outline existing countermeasures and discuss future research directions in enhancing the side-channel security of ADCs.

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