

FIPS 140-3 Security Requirements for Cryptographic Modules

Non-Invasive Attack Testing

Research Goals:

- Develop test methods
 - Support our labs to perform testing
- Determine test metrics
 - For new FIPS 140-3 standard

FIPS 140-3 Is Coming

- 11 Security Requirement Areas for **Cryptographic Modules**

4. SECURITY REQUIREMENTS

- 4.1 Cryptographic Module Specification
- 4.2 Cryptographic Module Interfaces
- 4.3 Roles, Authentication and Services
- 4.4 Software/Firmware Security
- 4.5 Operational Environment
- 4.6 Physical Security

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4.7 Physical Security – Non-Invasive Attacks

- 4.8 Sensitive Security Parameter Management
- 4.9 Self-Tests
- 4.10 Life-Cycle Assurance
- 4.11 Mitigation of Other Attacks

Example: Smart Card

- Governmental use: Identification, Authentication, Electronic signature, etc.
- Commercial use: Payment card, Credit card, Transportation fare card, etc.
- Security functions protect important information (CSPs) from malicious use
 - CSP: Critical Security Parameter, such as cryptographic PIN
- Portable → Easy for attackers to possess
 - Easy to observe side channels
 - Potential weakness against non-invasive attacks

Non-Invasive Attacks

- do not make any physical contact with the target module
- Exploit side-channel leaks
- Classes:
 - Power Analysis Attacks
 - Electromagnetic Analysis Attacks
 - Timing Attacks

Side-channel : A path for possible leak of information other than secured channels

Example: PIV Card

Are PIV cards secure against non-invasive side-channel attacks?

- FIPS 140-3 validation
- Effective testing to fail a vulnerable module

What if your PIV card is vulnerable?

- Someone picked up your card on the street
- He may be able to:
 - ◆ Enter your building
 - ◆ Access your email
 - ◆ Electronically sign a purchase contract



Is Your Smart Card Secure?

