# Bridging Theory and Practice in Cryptography

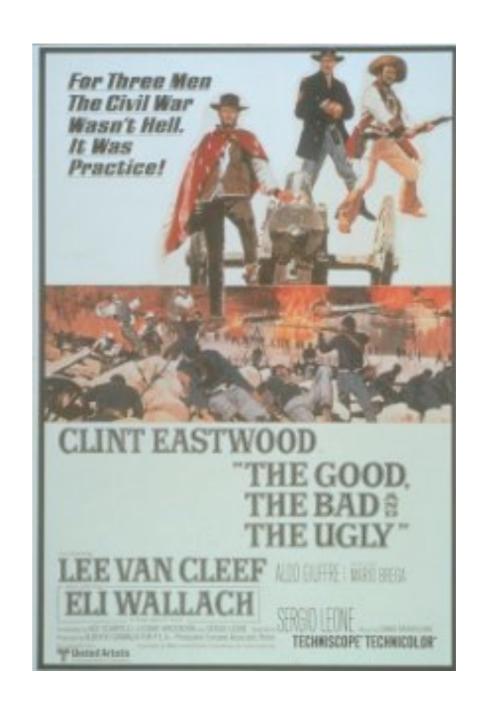
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How large is the gap between academic and industrial-practicalimplemented cryptography?

#### Outline

- The good
- The bad
- The ugly





#### SANS TOP25

#### **Software Error Category: Porous Defenses**

#### [5] CWE-285: Improper Access Control (Authorization)

If you don't ensure that your software's users are only doing what they're allowed to, then attackers will try to exploit your improper authorization and...MORE >>

#### [6] CWE-807: Reliance on Untrusted Inputs in a Security Decision

Driver's licenses may require close scrutiny to identify fake licenses, or to determine if a person is using someone else's license. Software developers...MORE >>

#### [10] CWE-311: Missing Encryption of Sensitive Data

If your software sends sending information across a network, such as private data or authentication credentials, that information...MORE >>

#### [11] CWE-798: Use of Hard-coded Credentials

Most of the CWE Top 25 can be explained away as an nonest mistake; for this issue, though, customers...MORE >>

#### [19] CWE-306: Missing Authentication for Critical Function

In countless action movies, the vinam breaks into a high-security ballang by crawling through heating ducts...MORE >>

#### [22] CWE-732: Incorrect Permission Assignment for Critical Resource

If you have critical programs, data stores, or configuration files with permissions that make your resources accessible to the world - well, that's just what they'll become...MORE >>

#### [24] CWE-327: Use of a Broken or Risky Cryptographic Algorithm

You may be tempted to develop your own encryption scheme in the hopes or making it difficult for attackers to crack. This kind of grow-your-own cryptography is a welcome sight to attackers...MORE >>

### Right Key Length

- Estimating the right key length has been one of the first tasks of early cryptography!
- As of today, every crypto student/engineer knows that 512 bits is too short for RSA and too large for a block cipher.

### Right Key Length?

- Tl calculators secure boot
- TLS ugly cipher suites
- DVB Common
   Scrambling Algorithm



## TI-x Secure Boot & RSA

#### TI-83 Plus OS Signing Key Cracked

Posted by Michael on 31 July 2009, 15:33 GMT

The ever-mysterious Benjamin Moody posted a cryptic <u>message</u> on the United-TI forum yesterday. In it, he listed the factorization of the 512-bit RSA modulus used by TI's OS signing key for the 83+ (the "0004 key"). No other details are yet available about how he achieved this feat of substantial brute forcing power. In the event of United-TI downtime, Brandon Wilson has put a copy of Benjamin's values on his personal <u>website</u>.

With this achievement, any operating system can be cryptographically signed in a manner identical to that of the original TI-OS. Third party operating systems can thus be loaded on any 83+ calculators without the use of any extra software (that was mentioned in <u>recent news</u>) Complete programming freedom has finally been achieved on the TI-83 Plus!

Update: Benjamin has posted additional details on the United-TI forum thread.

**Update:** A distributed computing project has been set up. Information about how to join the effort to crack the OS keys for the remaining TI models can be found here.

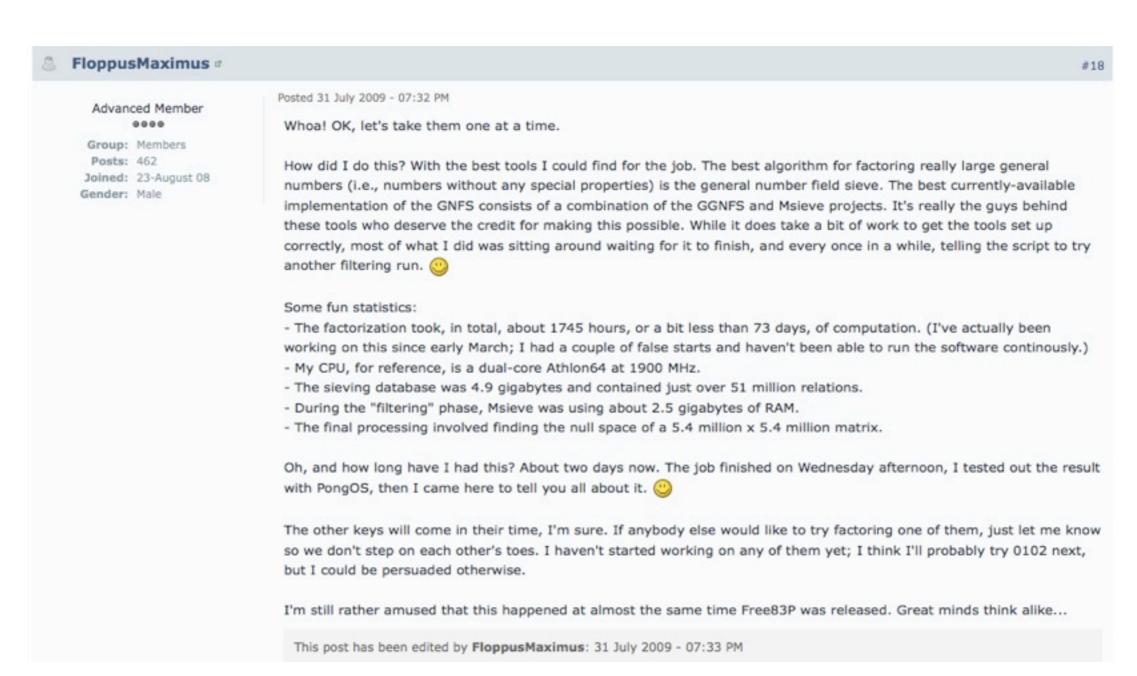
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## Export-Compatible Key Length

#### TLS 1.0 «great» cipher suites:

TLS_RSA_EXPORT_WITH_RC4_40_MD5	*	RSA_EXPORT	RC4_40	MD5
TLS_RSA_EXPORT_WITH_RC2_CBC_40_MD5	*	RSA_EXPORT	RC2_CBC_40	MD5
TLS_RSA_EXPORT_WITH_DES40_CBC_SHA	*	RSA_EXPORT	DES40_CBC	SHA
TLS_RSA_WITH_DES_CBC_SHA		RSA	DES_CBC	SHA
TLS_DH_DSS_EXPORT_WITH_DES40_CBC_SHA	*	DH_DSS_EXPORT	DES40_CBC	SHA
TLS_DH_DSS_WITH_DES_CBC_SHA		DH_DSS	DES_CBC	SHA
TLS_DH_RSA_EXPORT_WITH_DES40_CBC_SHA	*	DH_RSA_EXPORT	DES40_CBC	SHA
TLS_DH_RSA_WITH_DES_CBC_SHA		DH_RSA	DES_CBC	SHA
TLS_DHE_DSS_EXPORT_WITH_DES40_CBC_SHA	*	DHE_DSS_EXPORT	DES40_CBC	SHA
TLS_DHE_DSS_WITH_DES_CBC_SHA		DHE_DSS	DES_CBC	SHA
TLS_DHE_RSA_EXPORT_WITH_DES40_CBC_SHA	*	DHE_RSA_EXPORT	DES40_CBC	SHA
TLS_DHE_RSA_WITH_DES_CBC_SHA		DHE_RSA	DES_CBC	SHA
TLS_DH_anon_EXPORT_WITH_RC4_40_MD5	*	<pre>DH_anon_EXPORT</pre>	RC4_40	MD5
TLS_DH_anon_EXPORT_WITH_DES40_CBC_SHA		DH_anon	DES40_CBC	SHA
TLS_DH_anon_WITH_DES_CBC_SHA		DH_anon	DES_CBC	SHA

#### DVB-CSA

- Mix of block and stream cipher used to encrypt multimedia streams in the Pay-TV world
- Key size: 48 bits ...
- ... but it changes every 4 to 30 seconds, and one can only hope a ciphertext-only attack in practice.
- Will be replaced by DVB-CSA v3 (128-bit key size)

### Right Algorithm

- Every crypto student/engineer should know that textbook-RSA, FEAL-4 and MD4 are to be avoided.
- RSA-{OAEP, PSS}, AES, SHA-256, HMAC,
   ECDH, ECDSA are good crypto primitives.

### Right Algorithm?

- TEA and the XBOX
- RC4 and WEP
- MD5, SHAI
- IPSec configurations

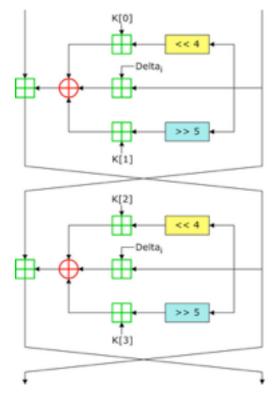
## TEA and the XBOX hack



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Fig. TEA used as a compression function in a home-brew hash function used to perform code authentication at boot time.





Unfortunately, in hash mode, equivalent keys = collisions...

#### Best public cryptanalysis

TEA suffers from equivalent keys (Kelsey et al., 1996) and can be broken using a related-key attack requiring 2<sup>23</sup> chosen plaintexts and a time complexity of 2<sup>32</sup>.[1]

#### RC4 and WEP

- RC4 used as stream cipher in the wireless network security standard WEP.
- Unfortunately, RC4 suffers from several statistical imperfections at the beginning of its output...

```
Aircrack-ng 1.0

[00:00:18] Tested 1514 keys (got 30566 IVs)

KB depth byte(vote)
0 0/ 9 1F(39680) 4E(38400) 14(37376) 5C(37376) 9D(37376)
1 7/ 9 64(36608) 3E(36352) 34(36096) 46(36096) BA(36096)
2 0/ 1 1F(46592) 6E(38400) 81(37376) 79(36864) AD(36864)
3 0/ 3 1F(40960) 15(38656) 7B(38400) BB(37888) 5C(37632)
4 0/ 7 1F(39168) 23(38144) 97(37120) 59(36608) 13(36352)

KEY FOUND! [ 1F:1F:1F:1F]

Decrypted correctly: 1004
```

#### MD5 / SHAI

- MD5 is (still) one of the most widely deployed hash function.
- Unfortunately, it was severely broken in 2004 with respect to its resistance to collisions.
- SHA-I is ubiquitous in PKI (X.509v3)

#### Chosen-prefix Collisions for MD5 and Colliding X.509 Certificates for Different Identities

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Abstract. We present a novel, automated way to find differential paths for MD5. As an application we have shown how, at an approximate expected cost of  $2^{50}$  calls to the MD5 compression function, for any two chosen message prefixes P and P', suffixes S and S' can be constructed such that the concatenated values P|S and P'|S' collide under MD5. Although the practical attack potential of this construction of chosen-prefix collisions is limited, it is of greater concern than random collisions for MD5. To illustrate the practicality of our method, we constructed two MD5 based X.509 certificates with identical signatures but different public keys and different Distinguished Name fields, whereas our previous construction of colliding X.509 certificates required identical name fields. We speculate on other possibilities for abusing chosen-prefix collisions. More details than can be included here can be found on www.win.tue.nl/hashclash/ChosenPrefixCollisions/.

#### Right Parameters

 Every crypto student/engineer knows that a random parameter should be random with enough entropy, and not a constant drawn uniformly at random...

### Right Parameters?

- Randomness à la Debian in 2008
  - Broken OpenSSL patch reducing the entropy of its PRNG down to 15 bits
- Sony PS3 and ECDSA
  - Constant instead of a random value in ECDSA used in the secure boot, or how to loose a private key...

#### Black-Box Adversaries

 This the usual definition of an adversary for cryptographers



#### Black-Box Adversaries

- Model my algorithm/protocol/system as a set of oracles
- Interact with those oracles
  - Ciphertext-only
  - Known plaintext-ciphertext
  - Chosen (adaptively or not) plaintexts and/or ciphertexts



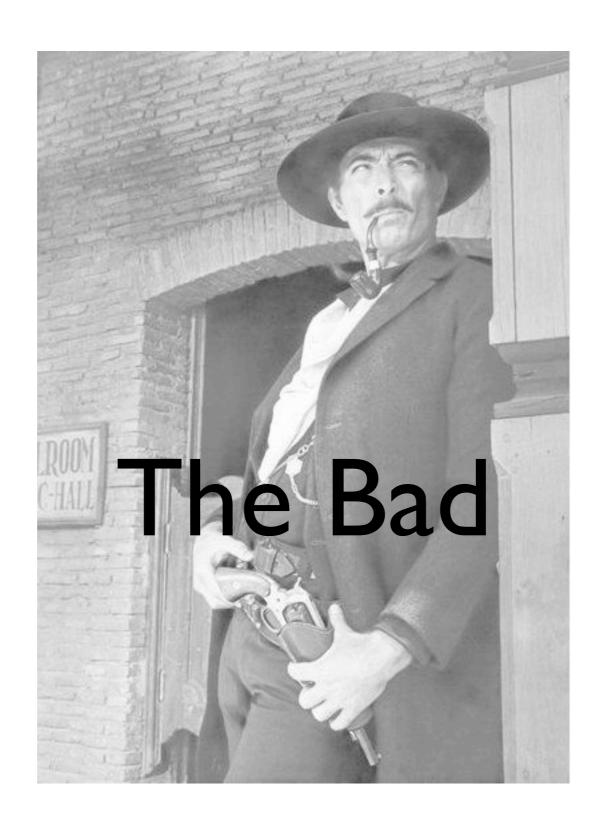
#### Black-Box Adversaries

- Prove (mathematically) that your algorithm/ protocol/system is secure if the underlying cryptographic primitives are secure.
- Examples:
  - RSA-OAEP
  - RSA-PSS



### In Summary...

- With respect to black-box adversaries, people tend to do it right, although it is possible to find many, many counterexemples...
- Cryptographers have done a good job teaching and explaining dangers.



### Grey-Box Adversaries

- Adversaries that were NOT foreseen by cryptographers...
- Can interact with the cryptographic primitives, but might have (just) a bit more information about the computations, like:
  - Timings
  - Physical leakage
  - Faults



#### Side-Channel Attacks



- Timing
- Physical Leakage
- Faults





Timing Attacks on Implementations of Diffie-Hellman, RSA, DSS, and Other Systems

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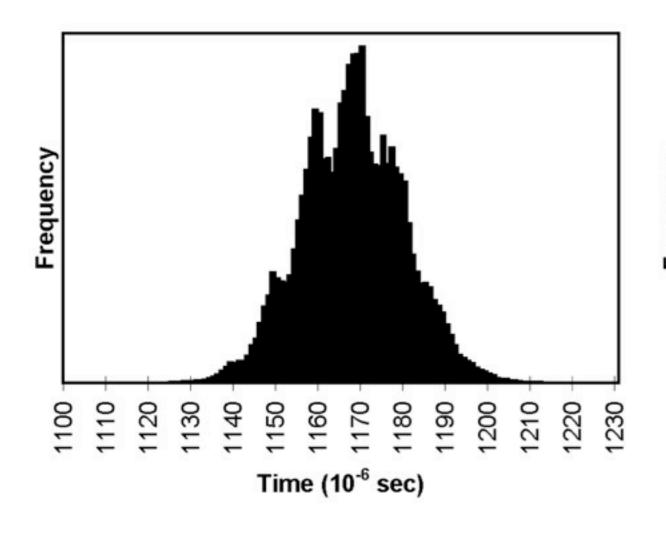
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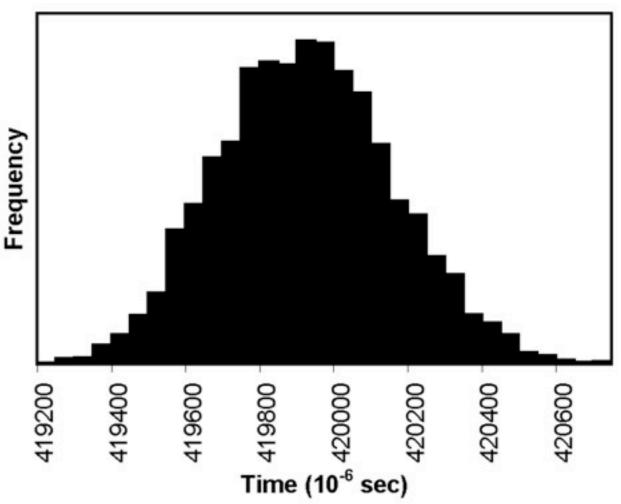
Abstract. By carefully measuring the amount of time required to perform private key operations, attackers may be able to find fixed Diffie-Hellman exponents, factor RSA keys, and break other cryptosystems. Against a submerable system, the attack is computationally inexpended and often requires only known cipnereext. Actual systems are potentially at risk, including cryptographic tokens, network-based cryptosystems, and other applications where attackers can make reasonably accurate timing measurements. Techniques for preventing the attack for RSA and Diffie-Hellman are presented. Some cryptosystems will need to be revised to protect against the attack, and new protocols and algorithms may need to incorporate measures to prevent timing attacks.

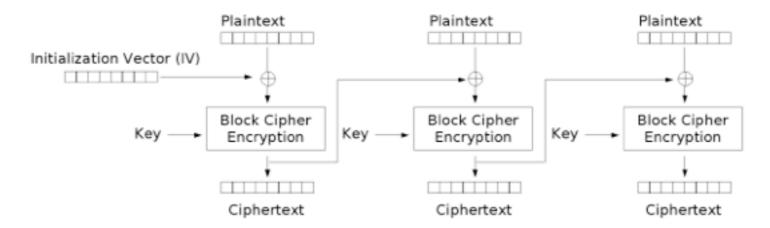
Keywords: timing attack, cryptanalysis, RSA, Diffie-Hellman, DSS.

FIGURE 1: RSAREF Modular Multiplication Times

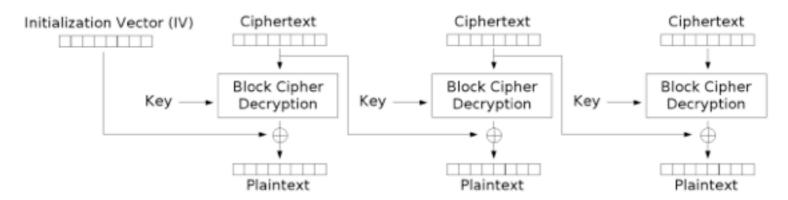
FIGURE 2: RSAREF Modular Exponentiation Times







Cipher Block Chaining (CBC) mode encryption



Cipher Block Chaining (CBC) mode decryption

- Standard padding with 8-bytes blocks:
  - Missing 3 bytes: pad with 03 03 03
  - Missing 7 bytes: pad with 07 07 07 07 07
     07 07
  - Missing 0 bytes: pad with 08 08 08 08 08
     08 08 08

 Problem (spotted in 2002, exploited in 2003) if the padding checking routine is not timeconstant:

Password Interception in a SSL/TLS Channel

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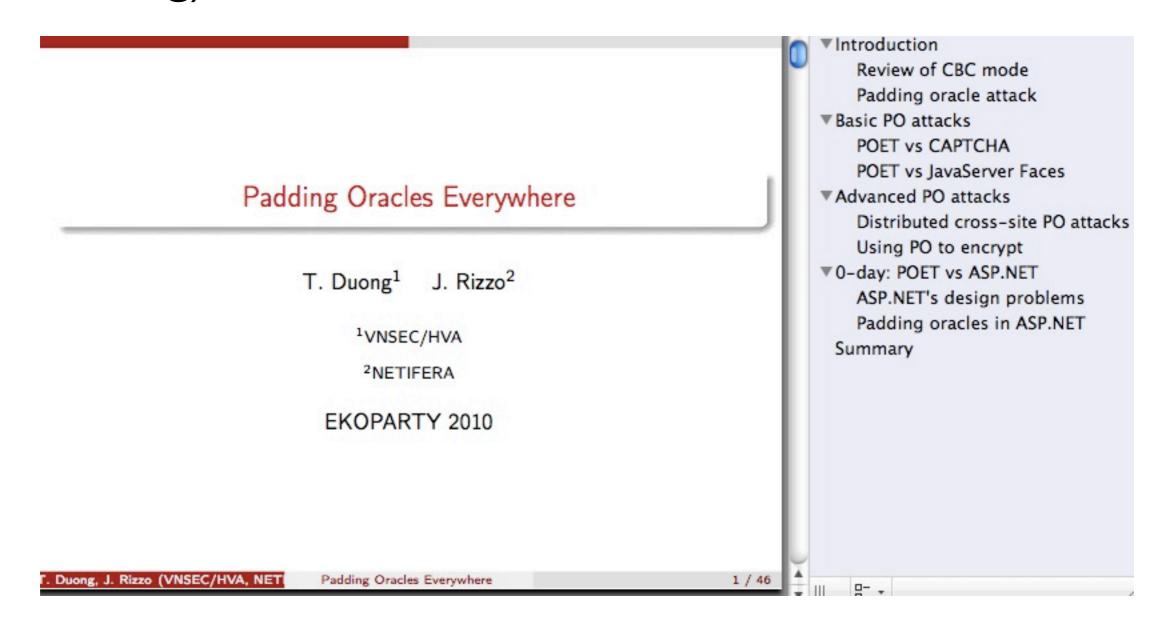
**Abstract.** Simple password authentication is often used e.g. from an email software application to a remote IMAP server. This is frequently done in a protected peer-to-peer tunnel, e.g. by SSL/TLS.

At Eurocrypt'02, Vaudenay presented vulnerabilities in padding schemes used for block ciphers in CBC mode. He used a side channel, namely error information in the padding verification. This attack was not possible against SSL/TLS due to both unavailability of the side channel (errors are encrypted) and premature abortion of the session in case of errors. In this paper we extend the attack and optimize it. We show it is actually applicable against latest and most popular implementations of SSL/TLS (at the time this paper was written) for password interception.

We demonstrate that a password for an IMAP account can be intercepted when the attacker is not too far from the server in less than an hour in a typical setting.

We conclude that these versions of the SSL/TLS implementations are not secure when used with block ciphers in CBC mode and propose ways to strengthen them. We also propose to update the standard protocol.

 Padding oracles reloaded (but here, not based on timing):



#### Cache attacks:

Cache Attacks and Countermeasures: the Case of AES
(Extended Version)
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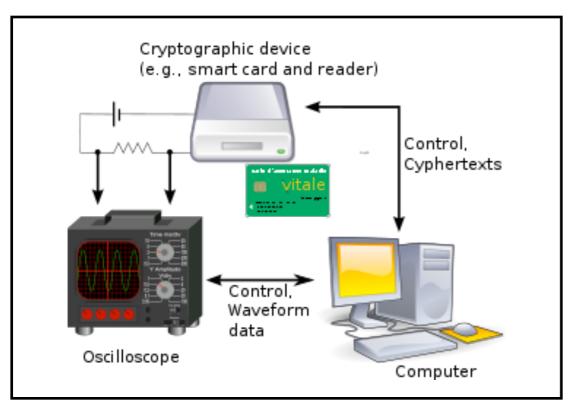
Abstract. We describe several software side-channel attacks based on inter-process leakage through the state of the CPU's memory cache. This leakage reveals memory access patterns, which can be used for cryptanalysis of cryptographic primitives that employ data-dependent table lookups. The attacks allow an unprivileged process to attack other processes running in parallel on the same processor, despite partitioning methods such as memory protection, sandboxing and virtualization. Some of our methods require only the ability to trigger services that perform encryption or MAC using the unknown key, such as encrypted disk partitions or secure network links. Moreover, we demonstrate an extremely strong type of attack, which requires knowledge of neither the specific plaintexts nor ciphertexts, and works by merely monitoring the effect of the cryptographic process on the cache. We discuss in detail several such attacks on AES, and experimentally demonstrate their applicability to real systems, such as OpenSSL and Linux's dm-crypt encrypted partitions (in the latter case, the full key can be recovered after just 800 writes to the partition, taking 65 milliseconds). Finally, we describe several countermeasures which can be used to mitigate such attacks.

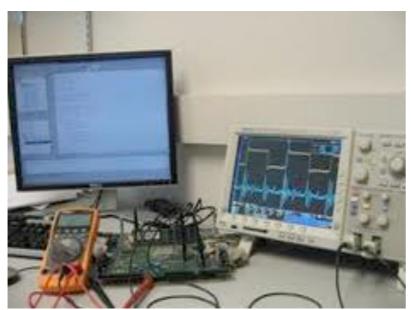
- IDEA's multiplication in GF(65537)
  - $\bullet$  0x0000 == 0x10000
- Schneier et al. timing attack in  $O(2^{32})$  ops
- OpenSSL code:

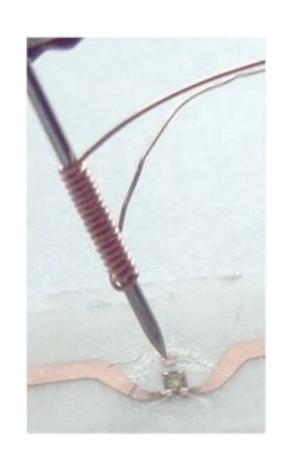
## Attacks based on Physical Leakage

- As a matter of fact, computations executed on any kind of platform (SW/HW) consumes energy...
- If it is possible to measure this energy, and if this energy consumption is dependent on secret values, then those secret are at risk!

# Attacks based on Physical Leakage







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Differential Power Analysis

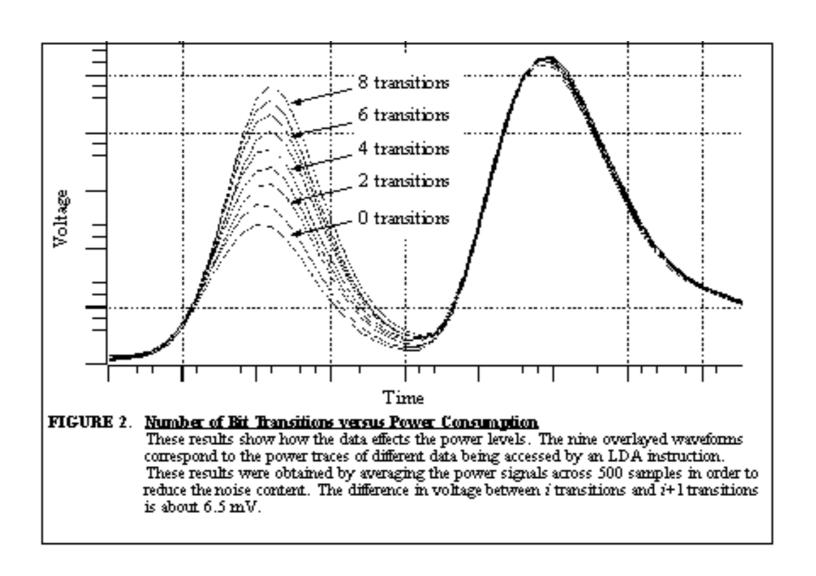
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Abstract. Cryptosystem designers frequently assume that secrets will be manipulated in closed, reliable computing environments. Unfortunately, actual computers and microchips leak information about the operations they process. This paper examines specific methods for analyzing power consumption measurements to find secret keys from tamper resistant devices. We also discuss approaches for building cryptosystems that can operate securely in existing hardware that leaks information.

Keywords: differential power analysis, DPA, SPA, cryptanalysis, DES

# Attacks based on Physical Leakage



 Consider the following piece of code that could valid the RSA signature during the secure boot of a trusted device:

```
if (RSA_verify (signature) ==
RSA_VALID_SIGNATURE) {
   // Perform some critical operation
   } else {
    return NOT_AUTHENTICATED
   }
```

This could translate into the following:

The whole RSA signature verification mechanism security relies on whether this instruction will be executed or not...

```
cmp $0x0, %ebx jne 0x64FE89A1
```

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#### Design Principles for Tamper-Resistant Smartcard Processors

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#### 2.2.1 Glitch Attacks

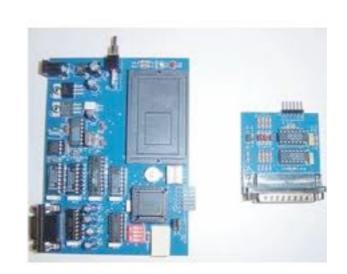
In a glitch attack, we deliberately generate a malfunction that causes one or more flipflops to adopt the wrong state. The aim is usually to replace a single critical machine instruction with an almost arbitrary other one. Glitches can also aim to corrupt data values as they are transferred between registers and memory. Of the many fault-induction attack techniques on smartcards that have been discussed in the recent literature [11, 12, 16, 17, 18], it has been our experience that glitch attacks are the ones most useful in practical attacks.

We are currently aware of three techniques for creating fairly reliable malfunctions that affect only a very small number of machine cycles in smartcard processors: clock signal transients, power supply transients, and external electrical field transients.

Particularly interesting instructions that an attacker might want to replace with glitches are conditional jumps or the test instructions preceding them. They create a window of vulnerability in the processing stages of many security applications that often allows us to bypass sophisticated cryptographic barriers by simply preventing the execution of the code that detects that an authentication attempt was unsuccessful. Instruction glitches can also be used to extend the runtime of loops, for instance in serial port output routines to see more of the memory after the output buffer [12], or also to reduce the runtime of loops, for instance to transform an iterated cipher function into an easy to break single-round variant [11].







# Correct Implementation

OpenSSL and bug attacks

#### Practical realisation and elimination of an ECC-related software bug attack\*

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Abstract. We analyse and exploit implementation features in OpenSSL version 0.9.8g which permit an attack against ECDH-based functionality. The attack, although more general, can recover the entire (static) private key from an associated SSL server via 633 adaptive queries when the NIST curve P-256 is used. One can view it as a software-oriented analogue of the bug attack concept due to Biham et al. and, consequently, as the first bug attack to be successfully applied against a real-world system. In addition to the attack and a posteriori countermeasures, we show that formal verification, while rarely used at present, is a viable means of detecting the features which the attack hinges on. Based on the security implications of the attack and the extra justification posed by the possibility of intentionally incorrect implementations in collaborative software development, we conclude that applying and extending the coverage of formal verification to augment existing test strategies for OpenSSL-like software should be deemed a worthwhile, long-term challenge.

Keywords: elliptic curve, OpenSSL, NIST, fault attack, bug attack.

#### OpenSSL and Sisters

 Several general-purpose open-source cryptographic libraries do exist (non-exhaustive list):

- OpenSSL
- libgcrypt
- Mozilla NSS
- libtomcrypt

- NaCl
- Botan
- Crypto++
- cryptlib

#### OpenSSL and Sisters

- Natural question asked less than one year ago:
  - How secure are general-purpose open-source cryptographic libraries?

#### OpenSSL and Sisters

- What means «security» here?
  - Resistance to well-known cryptographic attacks
  - Resistance to side-channel attacks
  - (Respect of best practices in terms of secure programming)
  - (Reactivity of its developers when confronted to security issues)

• ...

- Published by James Manger at Crypto'01
- Attack bad implementations of RSA-OAEP padding mechanisms
- Fransform a «bad» implementation into a decryption oracle.
- Requires only about 1024 adaptively chosen queries to decrypt a 1024-bit RSA ciphertext

 $\stackrel{\checkmark}{\triangleright}$  Only required information: «Does the decrypted ciphertext has the most significant byte equal to 0x00?»

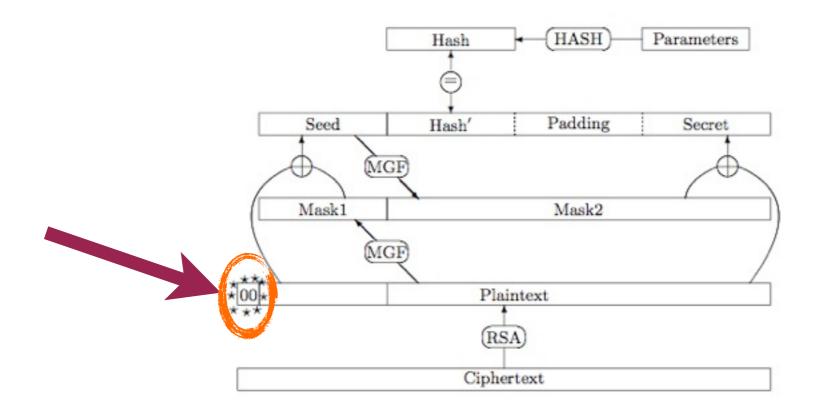


Fig. 1. RSAES-OAEP Decoding

- One can obtain this information (at least) through
  - Error messages
  - Timing differences

Let's have a look at OpenSSL's implementation:

#### **CHANGES**

\*) Improve RSA\_padding\_check\_PKCS1\_OAEP() check again to avoid 'wristwatch attack' using huge encoding parameters (cf. James H. Manger's CRYPTO 2001 paper). Note that the RSA\_PKCS1\_OAEP\_PADDING case of RSA\_private\_decrypt() does not use encoding parameters and hence was not vulnerable.[Bodo Moeller]

#### Further:

```
/* crypto/rsa/rsa_oaep.c */
...
/* signalling this error immediately after detection
* might allow for side-channel attacks (e.g. timing
* if 'plen' is huge -- cf. James H. Manger, "A
* Chosen Ciphertext Attack on RSA Optimal
* Asymmetric Encryption Padding (OAEP) [...]",
* CRYPTO 2001), so we use a 'bad' flag */
```

```
However...
if (lzero < 0)
                /* signalling this error immediately after
                  * detection might allow
                  * for side-channel attacks (e.g. timing if
                  * 'plen' is huge
                  * -- cf. James H. Manger, "A Chosen
                  * Ciphertext Attack on RSA Optimal
                  * Asymmetric Encryption Padding (OAEP)
                  * [...]", CRYPTO 2001),
                  * so we use a 'bad' flag */
                bad = 1;
                lzero = 0;
                flen = num; /* don't overflow the memcpy to
                               *padded from */
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```

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#### Out of NaCl's homepage:

The CPU's instruction pointer, branch predictor, etc. are not designed to keep information secret. For performance reasons this situation is unlikely to change. The literature has many examples of successful timing attacks that extracted secret keys from these parts of the CPU.

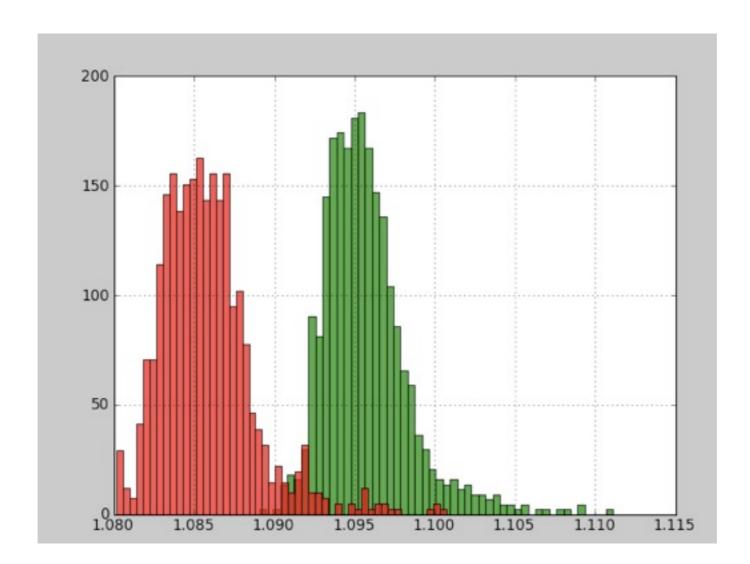
- Is that time-constant?
- Fime to compute 1'048'576 checks on my MacBook Pro:

```
macbook-pro-de-pascal-junod:openssl_manger pjunod$ ./junk
```

```
[VALID PADDING (20971520) ] : 10.943075 seconds for 1048576 OAEP check
```

```
[INVALID PADDING (-1048576)] : 10.835983 seconds for 1048576 OAEP checks
```

Distribution of 1000 independent measures of 104'858 checks



- Is OpenSSL broken (with respect to Manger's attack)?
  - On high-end servers/desktop
    - In theory, yes!
    - In practice, the number of measurement required to remove the noise (due to networking mainly) is probably too large...

- Is OpenSSL broken (with respect to Manger's attack)?
  - On embedded platforms:
    - ¥ YES, DEFINITIVELY!!
    - Clock-cycle accurate measurement is possible.
    - If time-constant, use the power trace of the execution.

#### Botan

# Crypto++

# Legend

20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 2	Classical timing attacks				
	Cache attacks				
	Oracle attacks				
and C	Leakage attacks				
	Fault attacks				
	Serious care				
~	Some care, but not always/properly				
*	No care at all				

# Summary

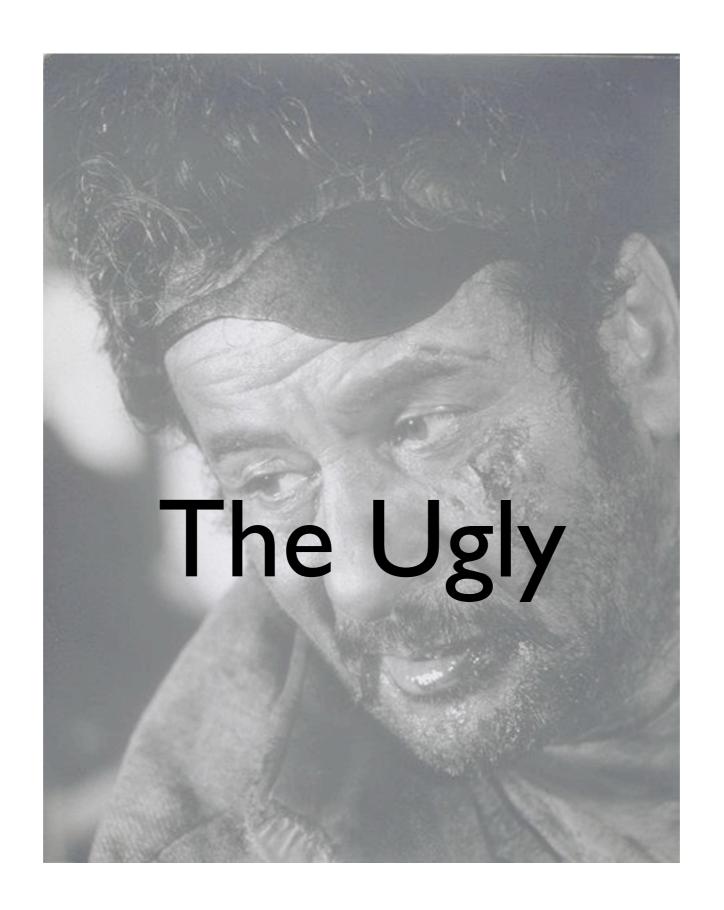
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OpenSSL		~	~	*	*
libgcrypt		*	*	×	*
libtomcrypt	*	*	*	×	*
NSS		×	~	×	~
NaCl			~	×	*
Botan	<b>/</b>	<b>/</b>	~	*	~
Crypto++		~	~	*	*
cryptlib		*	~	~	~

- Most of open-source, free crypto libraries are NOt protected against side-channel atacks.
- A prominent counter-example is NaCl, which is time-constant and probably oraclefree... but it does not implement standard crypto!

 While the silicon industry is aware of the side-channel problem (probably because they all had to pay for implementing protections;-), the open-source world is not.

 Keyword: protection schemes, leakage resilient cryptography (?!)

 Lightweight crypto allows to reinvest the gained Boolean gates to implement sidechannel protection schemes!

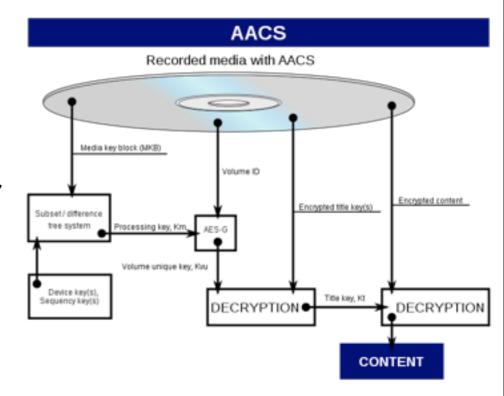


#### White-Box Adversaries

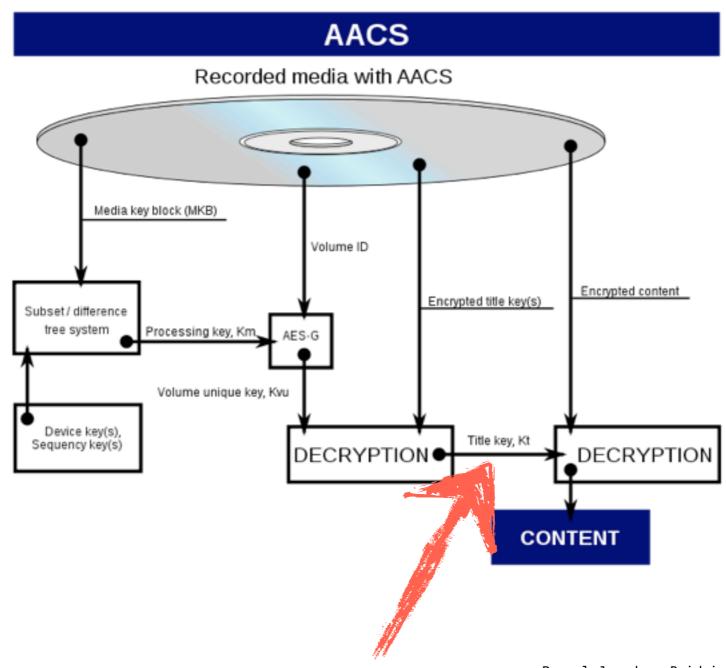
- Adversaries that most practical cryptographers just do not want to hear about...
- Can do EVERYTHING they want !!
  - Complete reverse-engineering of SW/HW
  - Read/Write all memories, including secure ones (containing keys)
  - Perturb all computations

#### White-Box Adversaries

- One example among many others: the AACS hack
  - DRM protection scheme for Blu-Ray
  - State-of-the art crypto
  - SW player broken
    - Just read the last mediaencrypting key in memory



#### White-Box Adversaries



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# Broadcast Encryption and Traitor Tracing

- Broadcast encryption (BE) is a cryptographic technique that allows to selectively define who is able to decrypt a given global ciphertext.
- Traitor tracing (TT) allows to identify pirate sharing their decryption material.
- BE + TT are used to encrypt global symetrical sessions keys, which do not resist white-box adversaries... (cf. CW sharing)

- Resisting white-box adversaries is still a wide OPEN problem.
- White-box cryptography (see Wyseur's PhD thesis)
- Problem tackled by theory-loving authors, but I'm not sure about the current practical significance of their work.
- Keyword: obfuscation

#### Thank You!

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