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Introduction

- I am very honored to have been invited to talk about a freely chosen subject:
 - ***“PUF-Based Security for Smart Objects”***
- My interest in embedded electronics security:
 - Past fifteen years in the smart cards industry, advanced hardware and software security research.
 - Currently trainer and consultant + academic activities
 - Multi-components smart cards, biometrics, cryptography...
- Registered expert for French and European funded projects
 - e.g. FP7 Unique

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Agenda

- PUF & Biometrics
 - My very first contact with silicon PUFs
- PUF & Multi-components Smart Cards/Secure documents
 - Combining different PUF technologies
- PUF & Future (really?) Secured Communicating Solutions (a.k.a. Smart Objects)
- Secured Controllers vs. Application Processors
 - Underestimated applications of PUF
- Conclusion
 - Just my humble vision...



PUF & Biometrics



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Human ID vs. Material ID

- Human Biometrics
 - Two captures will never be identical
 - Hashing is useless
 - Matching upon “reasonable closeness”
- Material Identification
 - Intrinsic characteristics came from the raw material, the manufacturing tools, the material life cycle,...
 - Two measures will never be identical...
 - Deterministic Identification only after recovery upon “reasonable closeness” of measures
- Several common approaches
 - Error Correction, hamming distance...



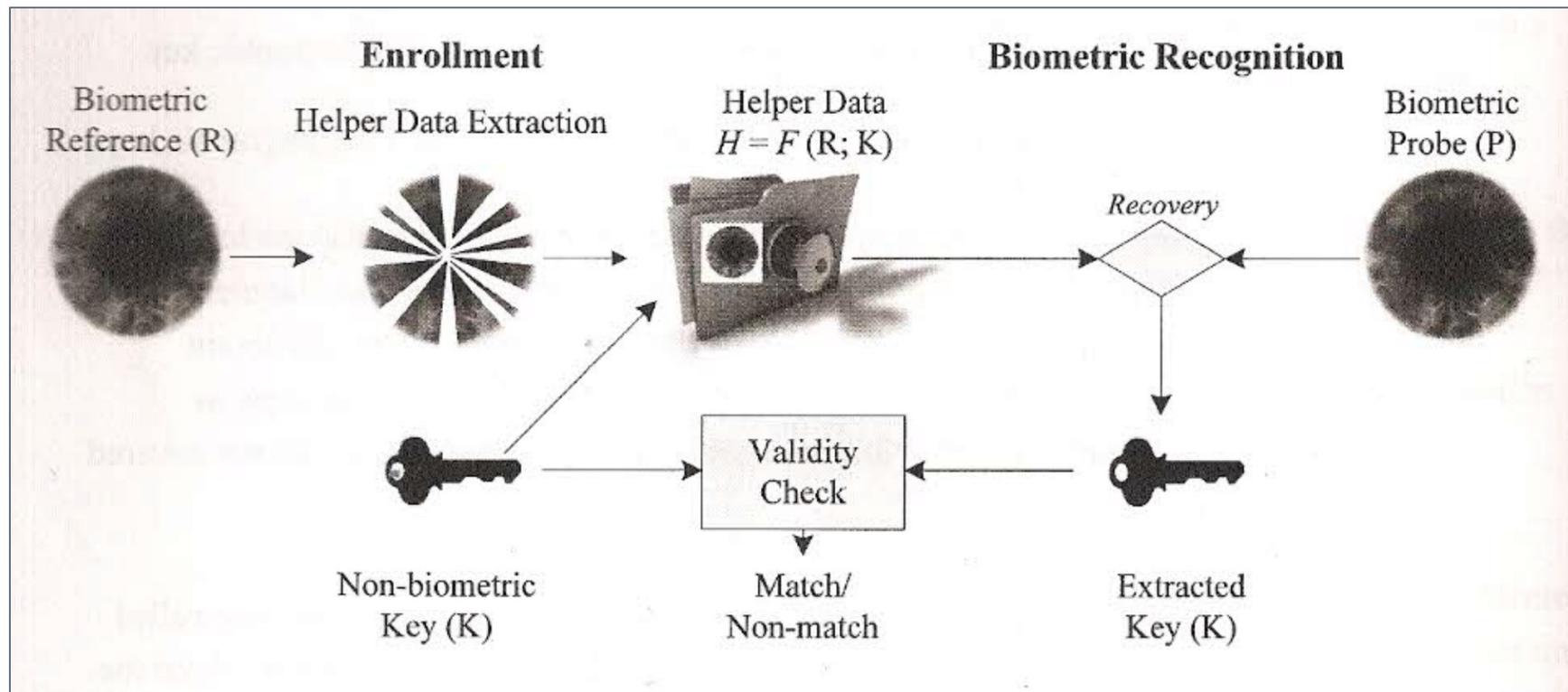
Coming from Fingerprint Match-on-Card...

- Reference fingerprint template never leaves the smart card secure memory
- Candidate fingerprint template sent to smart card for internal comparison and decision
- However, even internally, needs reference fingerprint template in clear for comparison: not satisfying
- Trying to match in the encrypted domain?
 - Fuzzy extraction
 - (fully) Homomorphic encryption
 - Cancellable transformation
 - Random obfuscation
 - ...

My references

- Discussions with Yevgeniy Dodis about fuzzy extractor & secure sketch in 2004 after Eurocrypt
- **Security with Noisy Data: Private Biometrics, Secure Key Storage and Anti-Counterfeiting.**
 - Pim Tuyls, Boris Skoric, Tom Kevenaar (Eds.)
 - Springer, ISBN 978-1-84628-983-5
- This is where I learned about PUF...
- Effectively, technical issues very close to biometric extraction and matching of individuals

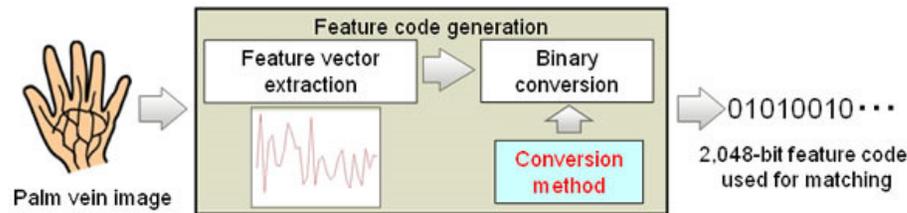
Conventional Biometric Cryptosystem



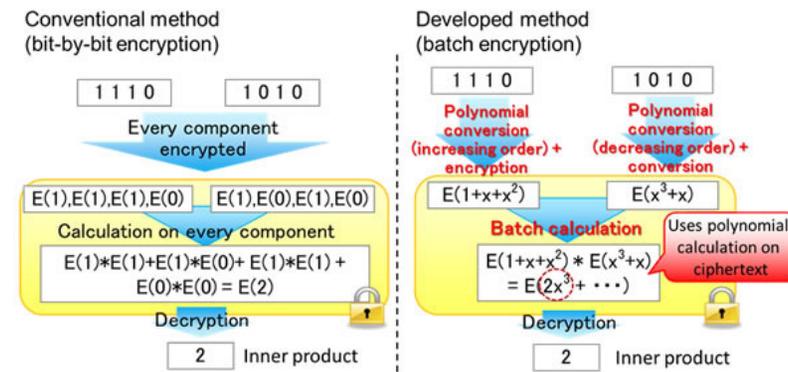
Credits: IEEE CPB program training material, 2012

Fujitsu recent press releases

- Fujitsu claims reproducible extraction of 2048 bits key from its PalmVein recognition technology (2013/08/05)



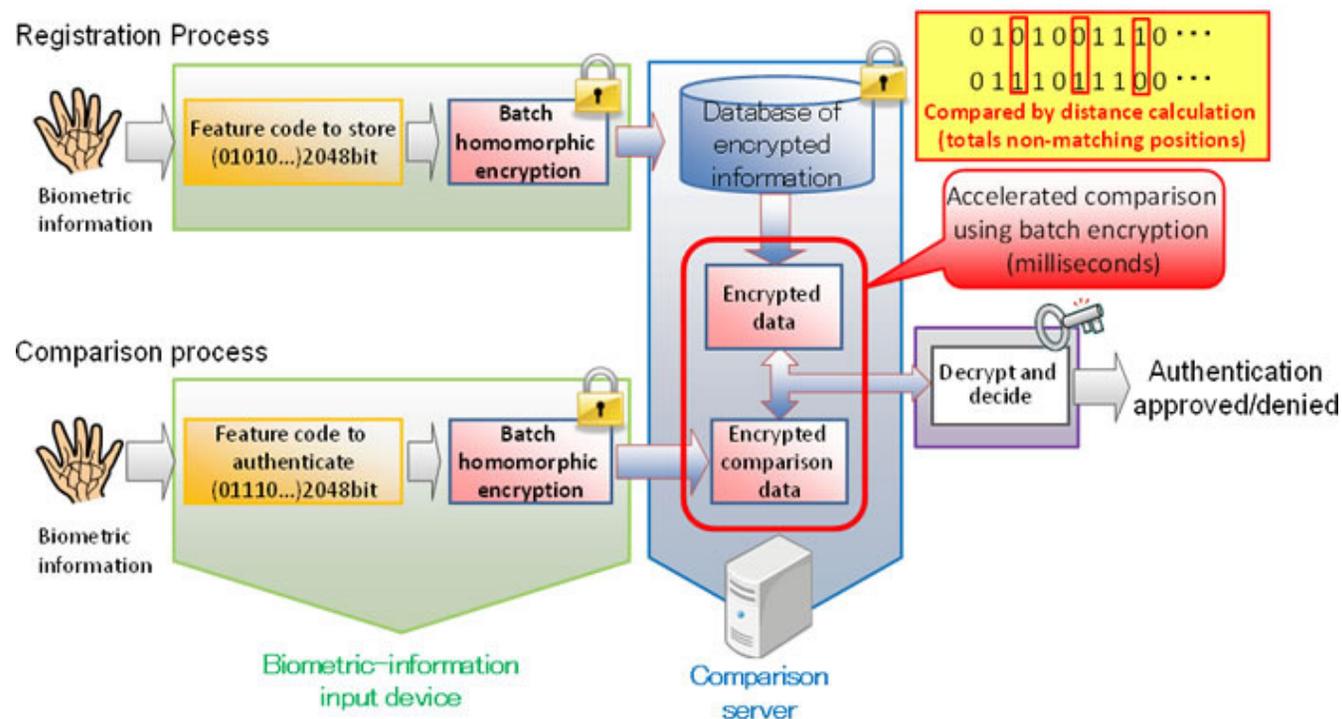
- Fujitsu then claims efficient fully homomorphic encryption (2013/08/28)



Credits: Fujitsu, 2013

Combined product

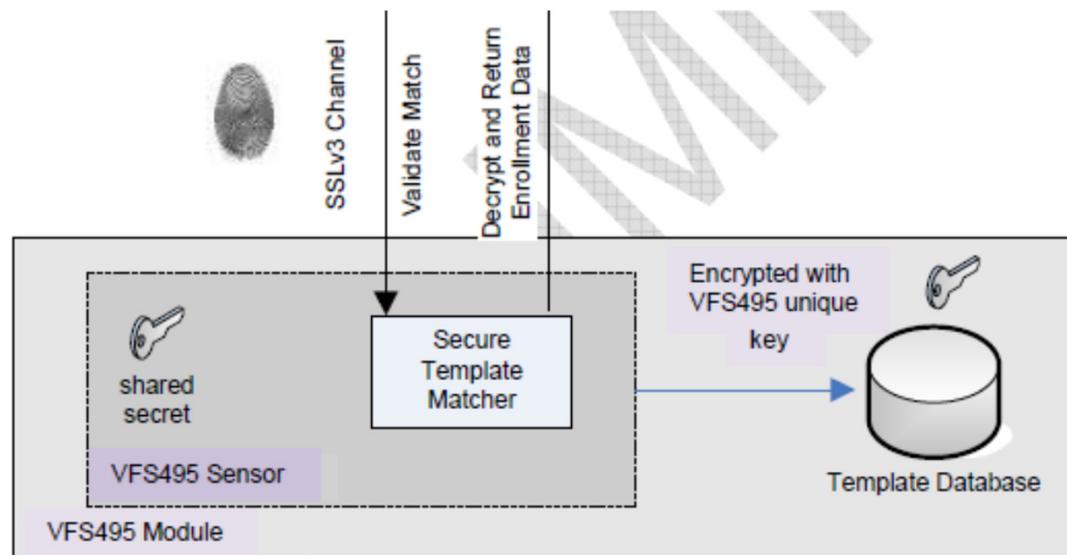
- Hamming distance, isn't it?



Credits: Fujitsu, 2013

Silicon PUF and biometric sensors

- PUF feature claimed in fingerprint sensor:



- PUF (Physical Unclonable Function) – Generates unique 448 bit output for each VFS sensor. It is used to generate key material.

Credits: Validity Inc., 2013



Multi-components Smart Cards



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Controlled PUF vs. Uncontrolled

- Silicon PUF has the advantage of embedding its own “reader” and artificial intelligence
 - But you need silicon and processing capabilities...
- Optical PUF, coating PUF or other electronic PUF based on resistive/capacitive/inductive phenomenon are still of great interest
- New PUF approaches
 - Printed Electronics
 - Resistor, Capacitor, Inductor, Diode, Transistor...
 - Thin successive printed layers: charged, insulator...
 - RLC model of any basic active element: diode, transistor...

PUF as a tool for tamper-resistance

- Coating PUF came from this needed feature
 - Protecting decapsulation of smart card chip
- Bubble tags originally targeted to cost-effectively replace the active module onto the plastic body
 - Well, Unique ID but not processing capabilities!
 - Then, bubble tag as anti-counterfeiting of the plastic body with tag ID stored in smart card chip



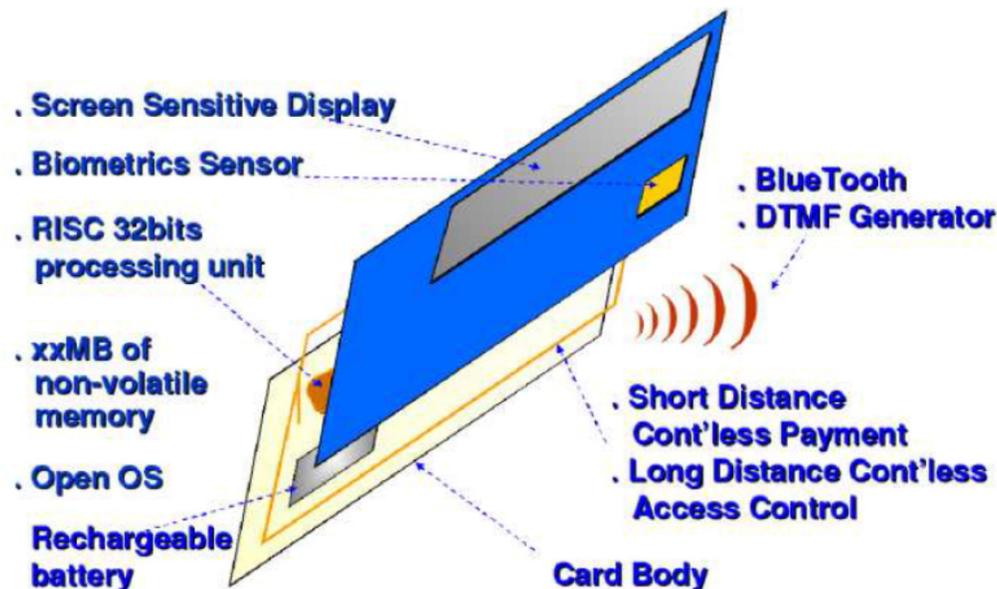
Credits: Gemalto, 2006



Credits: ProofTag, 2011

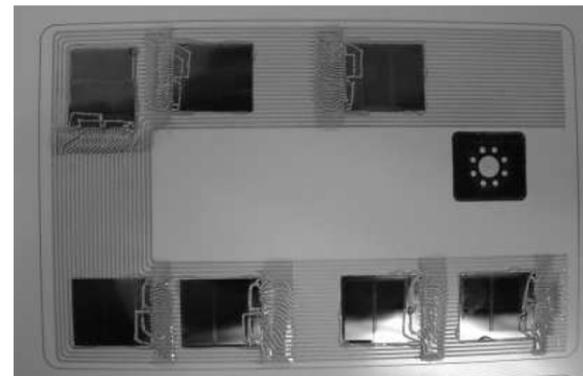
The Concept Card

- Smart card is longer only one piece of silicon in one piece of plastic!
- Contactless technology frees form factor constraints!



Credits: Gemplus, 1998

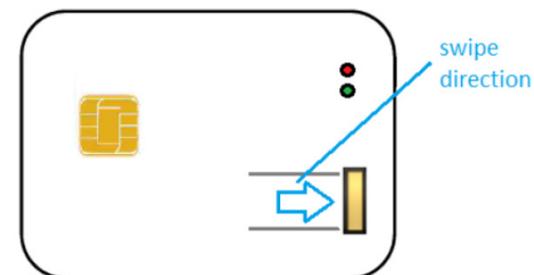
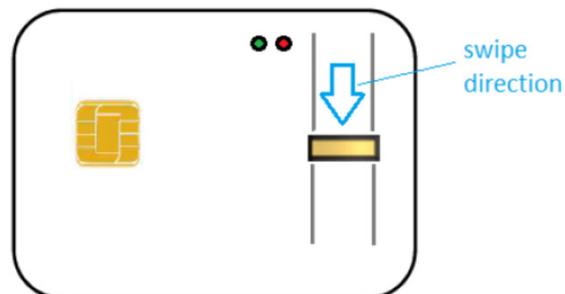
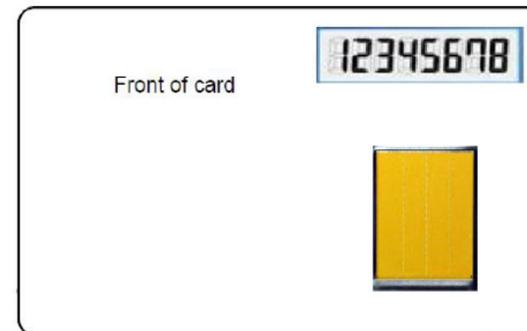
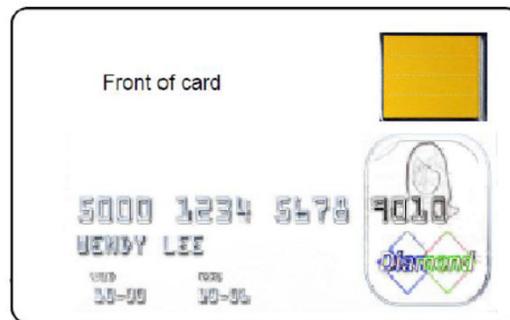
Examples



Credits: Gemplus, 1998-2001

Current ISO initiative

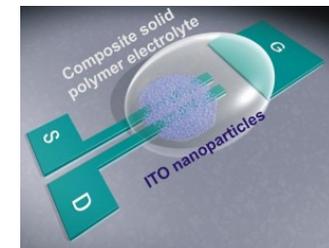
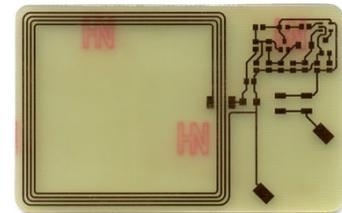
- ISO/IEC CD 17839: system on card



Credits: ISO/IEC 17839 Committee Draft Document, 2013

Electronic PUFs beyond silicon

- Dozens of unique and non-reproducible measurements from any semiconductor
- Remember RLC models of any basic electronic element
- Whatever is the technology
 - Etching
 - Printed Organic
- What about other effects/applications?
 - Piezoelectric
 - Pyro-electric
 - MEMS
 - Bio-electronic



Credits: MaterialViews, 2012

Printed Electronics

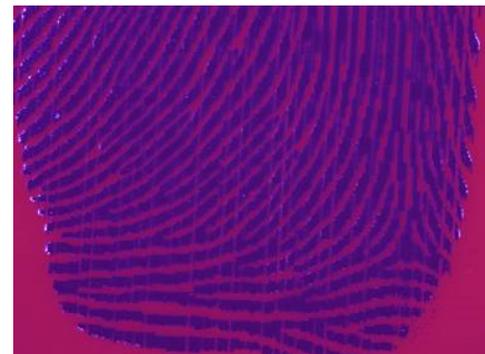
- Ag-charged ink
 - Silver nanoparticles
 - Non-uniform
 - As Si doping...



Credits: EMSE, 2009



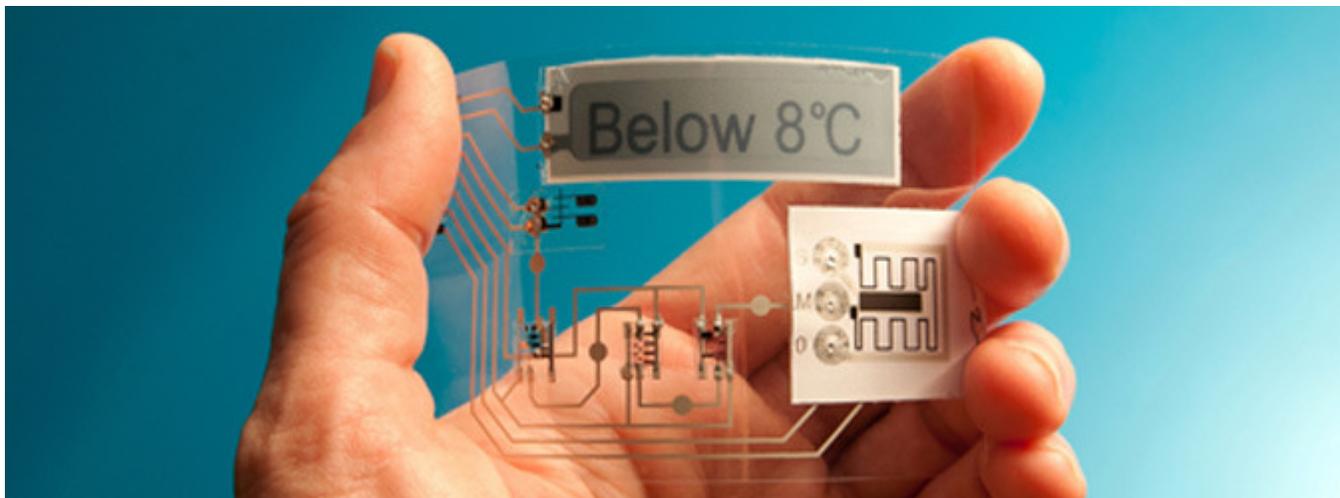
Credits: Google image...



Credits: EMSE, 2009

Organic/Plastic/Polymer Electronics

- Light Emitting Diodes
- Photovoltaic sensors
- Batteries
- ...



Credits: ThinFilm.no, 2012



Secured Communicating Solutions (SCS)



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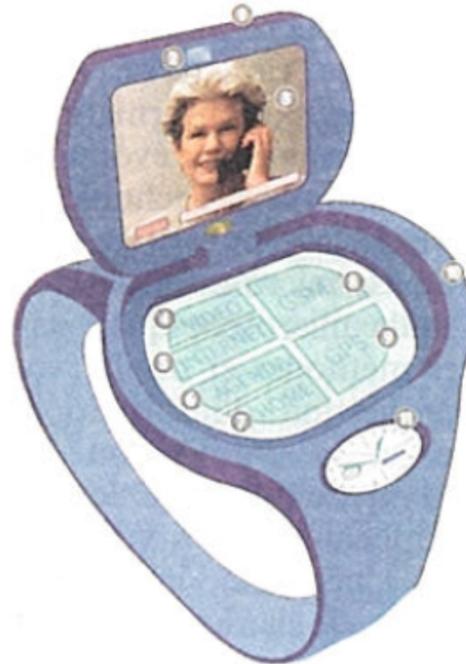
Future (really?) Smart Object: eWatches!

- What a hype!
 - Samsung Gear
 - Google Smart Watch
 - Apple iWatch
 - Microsoft
 - Sony
 - Well, what about Amazon, Facebook and so on...?
- Guess what?

Guess What?

- Here it ~~is~~ was:

La montre multimédia du futur



- 1 : Antenne GPS/GSM
- 2 : Caméra
- 3 : Écran tactile vidéo/PC
- 4 : Conférence vidéo
- 5 : Internet
- 6 : Agenda
- 7 : Liaison domotique
- 8 : GSM
- 9 : Localisation par satellite
- 10 : Capteur thermique intégré
- 11 : Heure-messagerie

Source : Gemplus.

Credits: **PUF** (Presse Universitaire de France), "La carte à puce", 1999

Basic Components

- Display
 - Glass, plastic, Oled,...
 - Touchscreen
 - Possible measurement of touching finger characteristics?
 - “Bioelectrical PUF(?)” brings liveness detection
- Application processor
 - Additional secure element?
- Antenna(s)
- Battery
- Printed interconnections
- Camera, microphone (piezo), buzzer (piezo)

Hence plenty of elements to think “PUF”

- Smartwatch theft = Identity theft
- Threats of disassembling parts?
 - Replacement of the secure element
 - Replacement of the “personalized” touch sensing element
 - ...
- Build a “security chain”
 - Let’s pick a challenge/response PUF technique
 - Each PUF response of an element is the challenge of the PUF feature in the next element
 - User biometrics > touchscreen > application processor > antenna > ...

Other Smart Objects

- Personal Identification Device
 - <http://www.ego-project.eu>
 - Use Body Coupling Communication for pairing any other device
 - Needs close contact with user skin
 - Watch, wristband, necklace, ring
- KeyFob = contactless smart cards technology
 - Cars
 - Home
 - Virtualization: all these applications as a smartphone app.
 - e.g. My BMW remote, My Verisure (home burglar alarm)
 - Smartphone app => Smartwatch app
 - Back to smartwatch (chicken&egg?)



Secured Controllers vs. Application Processors

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Back to Biometrics

- Coming from the security industry may not be an advantage to evaluate potential applications a new technology
- Fifteen years ago we focused on security application of fingerprint recognition and we “missed” user-convenience applications
 - There is a place for “weak-but-easy” security!
 - e.g. PIN replacement
 - Is iPhone5s fingerprint feature useless to security?
- Classical underestimation of capabilities out of our scope

PUF targeted Security Components

- Security devices are a niche within electronic market
- My feeling of initial marketing approach from a security manufacturer standpoint:
 - PUF Start-up companies:
 - Hide keys in low level electronic physics
 - No power supply = no keys = no attacks
 - My boss:
 - Additional cost
 - We have thirty years of experience and countermeasures to protect keys
 - => do not need PUF to write and recover keys!

PUF for Application Processors

- PUF is ideal to bring “weak-but-easy” security in any IT product
- Pure software approach using existing elements
- May combine PUF from different ICs within a same product
 - Main processor, graphic processor, baseband processor...
- Take better care of published attacks
 - e.g. Host2013
 - More sensitive for application processor since no real countermeasure against repeated RAM read/write, chip decapsulation...

Past initiative in secure transaction

- French funded research project with big players in the domain
 - French CB, Ingenico, Atos, Gemalto...



Terminal security: SAM

- **Secure Access Module**
 - Usually provides PKI anchor
 - Authentication + secure channel
- **ADS+ proposes to evaluate PUF-based device authentication (merchant terminal)**
- **PoC is to implement PUF functionality in SAM card**
- **A smart card is full of SRAM...**



Merchant/POS

Purchase SAM

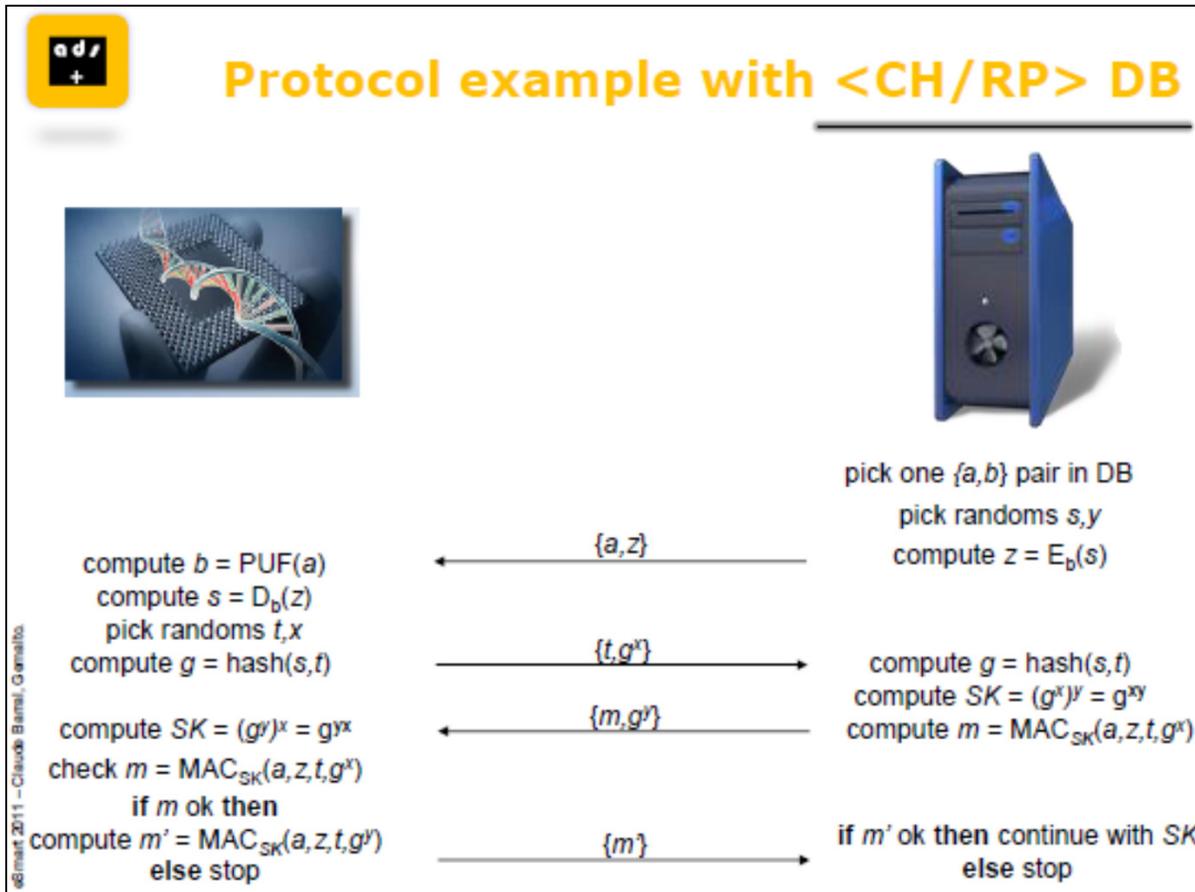


Card holder

eSmart 2011 - Claude Barral, Gemalto.

Credits: ADS+, eSmart2011 snapshot

Detailed Approach



ADS+/eSmart'2011 Conclusion



Conclusion

- **Memory-based PUF**
 - Easy to implement and test without specific redesign
- **Functionally equivalent to smart card chip with key diversification**
- **Direct implementation in application processors**
 - No dedicated security modules

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Conclusion



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Let's dream...

- Secure PAN: Personal Area Network
 - Personal Guardian Angels
 - Network of wearable sensors for permanent health monitoring
- Beyond security of data, PUF may be used for intrinsic anti-collision techniques in RFID area
- User biometrics as a challenge for challenge/response PUF
 - Strong Human-Machine pairing
 - PUF and BCI (Brain-Computer Interfaces)
 - e.g. use unique brain signal as entry challenge for a PUF feature in the machine

Conclusion

- Very happy to see EU funded project about PUF technology for standard components
- Honored to have been short-listed as reviewing expert
 - ...but disappointed being not confirmed ;-)
- PUF market is definitely not a niche in existing security products
- Cost-effective & near hassle-free implementation of a little bit of security in any electronic product
 - Complement other initiatives such as TPM, Secure elements
 - Once again, try not to compete with certified smart card chip industry and thirty-years old experience in protecting keys...

Conclusion

- Take care at non-silicon uncontrolled PUF needing silicon controller
- PUFFIN seems more research-oriented than UNIQUE
 - Smaller consortium: 3 academics, 1 start-up, no big players
 - May you need any help to evangelize your technology, please feel free to contact me
 - Chip manufacturers
 - Smart-Cards/Security solutions manufacturers
 - System integrators
 - Governmental entities
 - ...



Thank you
Any Questions?



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