

Authentication and Data Protection For the "Smallest" Internet of Things

"Innovation Award: Best Contribution to IoT Security"

ARM TechCon 2017

"Cybersecurity 500 World's hottest and most innovative"

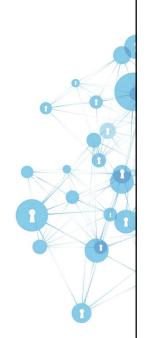
Cybersecurity Ventures, Q2 2017

"Cool Vendors in Mobile Security and IoT Security, 2015"

"10 Most Influential Internet of Things Companies"
Forbes Article/Appinions Survey July 8, 2014

"Top 16 Emerging U.S. Cybersecurity Companies" SINET 16 2014





Internet of Things/Industrial Internet of Things

Market: Billions of devices

• Electronics, Automotive, Defense, Credentials, Sensors

Critical Issue: Security – Safety – Privacy

Especially for very low-resource processors – e.g. ARM Cortex M0

Problem: Current Crypto/Security Failing

- Symmetric (Private Key) security does not scale
- Asymmetric (Public Key) methods do not fit (size/power/speed)

"Gartner predicts that low-end 8-bit microcontrollers will dominate the IoT through 2019"



Why Should You Care About Security?

- 50% of consumers indicated cybersecurity concerns for an IoT device that discouraged them from purchasing
- Over 40% of respondents are "not confident at all" that IoT devices are safe or secure
- 88% of respondents have thought about the potential for hacking associated with IoT devices

Source: ESET/NCSA

"IoT security will be complicated by the fact that many "Things" use simple processors and OS..."

Gartner, January 22, 2016





How Bad is it?

- LG Hom-Bot robotic vacuum
- Over 1 million in market
- Hack of LG SmartThing App
- Remotely control and access video





- UBTech Home Assistant Robot
- No authentication on updates
- Able to remotely update firmware
- Create "Killer" and surveillance robots



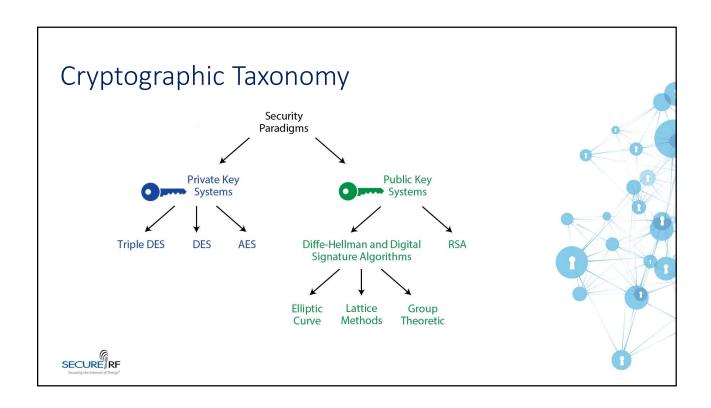


Challenges in Securing IoT

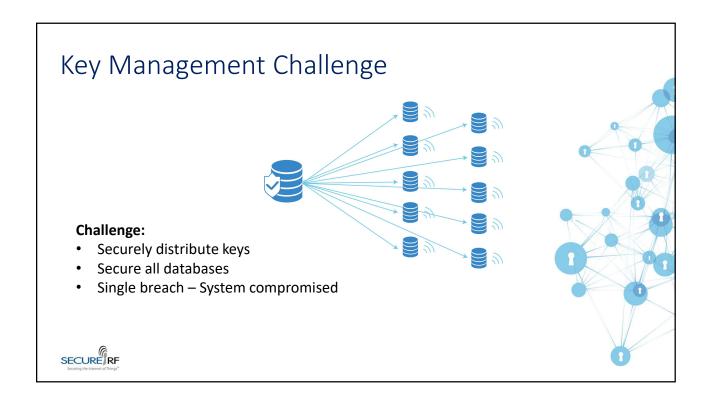
- Little or no power
- · Small computing platform
- Time to compute
- No common computing environment







Symmetric Cryptography • Symmetric methods have been around for millennia Alice: Decryption Protocol Shared Private Key Ciphertext (Encoded Message) Shared Private Key Shared Private Key



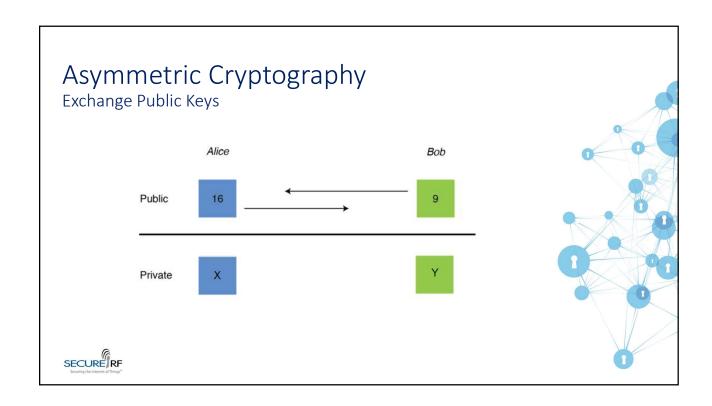
Solution: Asymmetric Cryptography

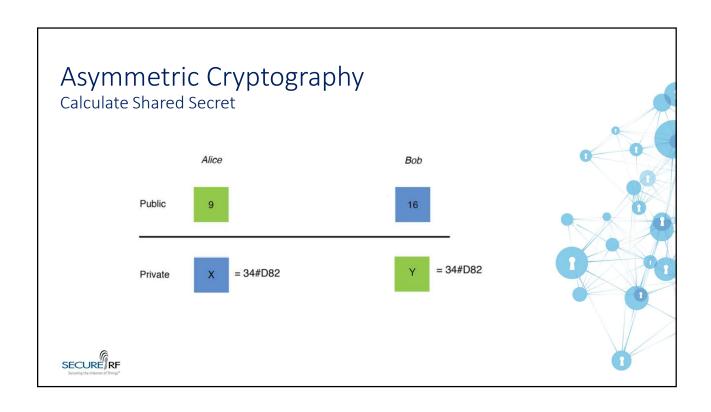
- Solves the key management problem
- Several methods to choose from:
 - RSA
 - Diffie-Hellman (DH)
 - Elliptic Curve (ECC)
 - Group Theoretic
 - Lattice Based

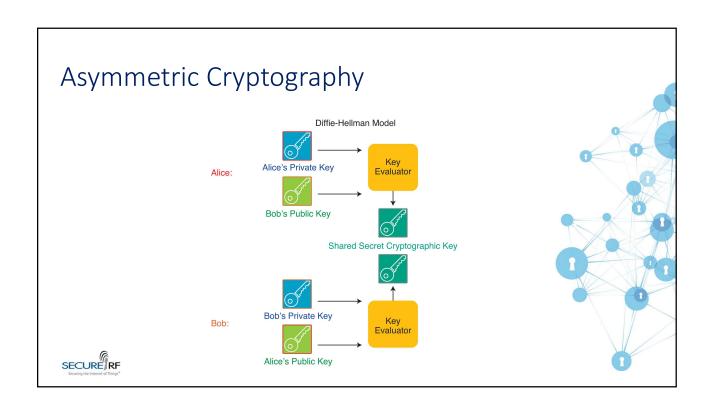


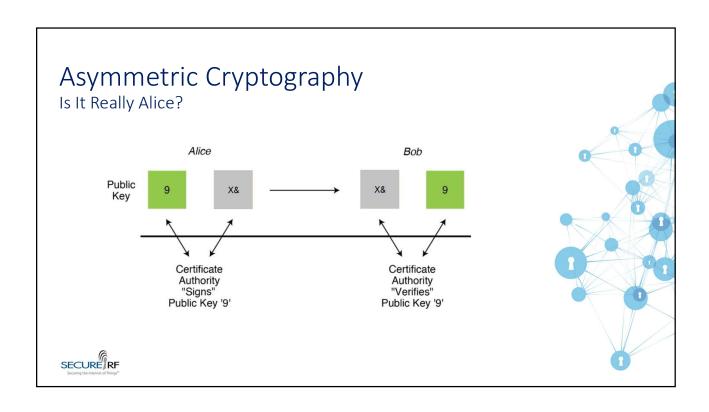








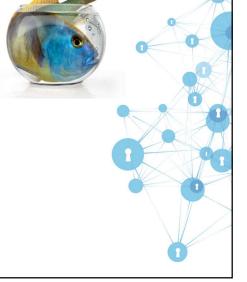




What's Wrong With Current Methods?

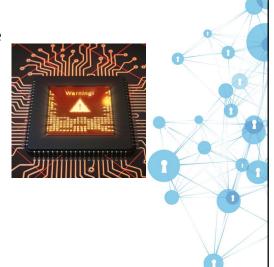
- ECC, RSA, and DH work fine on large systems (laptops, servers)
- Implementations are often too big for small devices
 - Sensors, actuators, IoT
 - Reason: The complexity of breaking large numbers into 16- or 8-bit chunks and then piecing them all back together!
- If they can be made to fit, they can take a long time to run.
 - Specifically, they each run in quadratic time.





Where does this leave IoT Device Security?

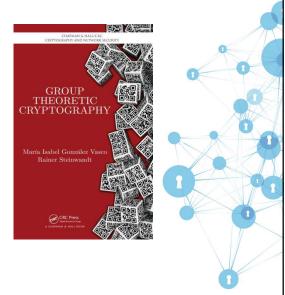
- Small devices that power the IoT are insecure
- These devices provide few, if any, options for authentication and data integrity
- They lack the computing, memory, and/or energy resources needed to implement today's standard security methods.
- Current IoT systems are vulnerable to attack





Group Theoretic Cryptography

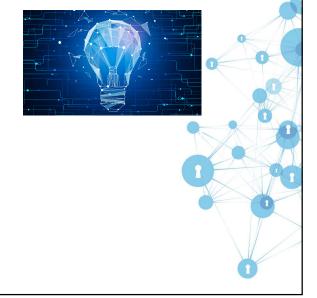
- · Hard problem over 100 years old
- GTC studied since mid-1970s
 - Same timeframe as RSA and DH
- Calculates using small numbers (operands)
 - 8-bits vs 256-4096 in ECC, RSA, and DH
- Small, fast, and ultra-low-energy
- Leverages:
 - · Structured groups
 - · Matrices and permutations
 - · Arithmetic over finite fields





Our Breakthrough: E-Multiplication

- Group-Theoretic-based One-Way Function
- First published in 2005
- Designed for low-resource/constrained environments
- Runtime grows *linearly* with increase in security level
- Rapidly computable (due to a sparse matrix)
 - Requires n multiplies and 2n additions, which can be completed in a single clock cycle in lightweight hardware
- Building block for our cryptographic methods





Group Theoretic Cryptography SecureRF Group Theoretic Diffie-Hellman (GT-DH) delivers breakthrough size, speed, and power performance over Number Theoretic methods RSA ECC Diffie-Hellman type method Based on Infinite Groups Platform Agnostic Number of "Linear-in-Time" Security Operations Strength (Time) GT-DH Computing Safe against known Quantum Threshold Attacks Security SECURE RF **Embedded** Strength System

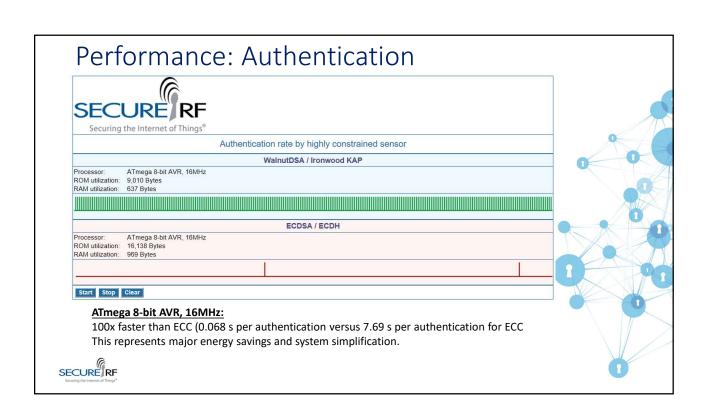
SecureRF Cryptographic Constructions

- All constructions are based on E-Multiplication and are quantum-resistant
 - Ironwood Key Agreement Protocol
 - Walnut Digital Signature Algorithm
 - Kayawood Key Agreement Protocol
 - · Hickory Hash









Performance: WalnutDSA versus ECDSA

Security Level: 2¹²⁸

	WalnutDSA				ECDSA			0 0
Platform	Clock (MHz)	ROM (bytes)	RAM (bytes)	Time (ms)	ROM (bytes)	RAM (bytes)	Time (ms)	GAIN
MSP430	8	3244	236	46	20-30K	2-5K	1,000 to 3,000	21X to 63X
8051	24.5	3370	312	35.3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
ARM M3	48	2952	272	5.7	7168	540	233	40.8X
FPGA	50			0.05			2.08	41.6x



Quantum Resistant: Future-Proof Now

SecureRF's methods are quantum-resistant to all known attacks

"The National Security Agency is advising US agencies and businesses to prepare for a time in the not-too-distant future when the cryptography protecting virtually all email, medical and financial records, and online transactions is rendered obsolete by quantum computing."

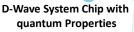
Source: Ars Technica, August 21, 2015

"...We must begin now to prepare our information security systems to be able to resist quantum computing."

Source: NIST Report on Post-Quantum Cryptography February 2016









Quantum Resistance

- Two important quantum methods: Shor's Algorithm and Grover's Search Algorithm
- Grover's Search Algorithm reduces security level (e.g., AES-128 becomes 64-bit secure)
 - Doubling the security of GTC requires doubling the key size which only doubles the runtime
- Shor: Breaks ECC, RSA, and DH by quickly factoring/solving the discrete log problem
 - Requires the method's math be Finite, Cyclic, and Commutative
 - GTC is neither Cyclic nor Commutative, and the underlying group is Infinite - Shor does not apply





Side Channel Attacks

- Types of attacks:
 - Differential Power Analysis
 - Glitching
 - Timing
- SecureRF has:
 - the tools to measure many side-channel attacks
 - IP to protect against side channel analysis
- Whitening techniques



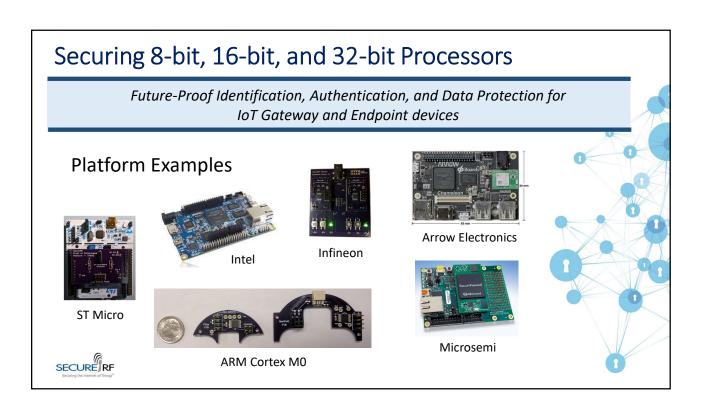


Secure Boot / Secure Firmware Update

- Ensure firmware has not been modified
- Verify origin authenticity during boot sequence (signature verification is VERY fast)
- Protect devices from malware or modified configuration
- Ensure firmware updates are authentic from origin and not modified in transit







Securing Your Devices

- Software Libraries:
 - For 8/16/32 bit embedded processors
- Hardware Cores (IP):
 - Ironwood (Key Agreement Protocol)
 - WalnutDSA (Digital Signature)
- IoT Solutions:
 - Wireless Sensors
 - UHF, NFC, BLE, 433MHz
 - Smartphone Apps
 - Android, Apple
 - IoT Windows SDK
 - Cloud Dashboard





Multi-Mode Tags



Sensor Solutions



Custom Solutions



Smartphone Apps







- Available for your development and assessment:
 - IoT embedded SDKs for a wide range of 8-, 16-, and 32-bit processors
 - Android SDK
 - Windows SDK
 - Linux SDK
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