

PUBLIC-KEY CRYPTOGRAPHY ON SMALL DEVICES FROM A PRODUCT POINT OF VIEW

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SECURE CONNECTIONS
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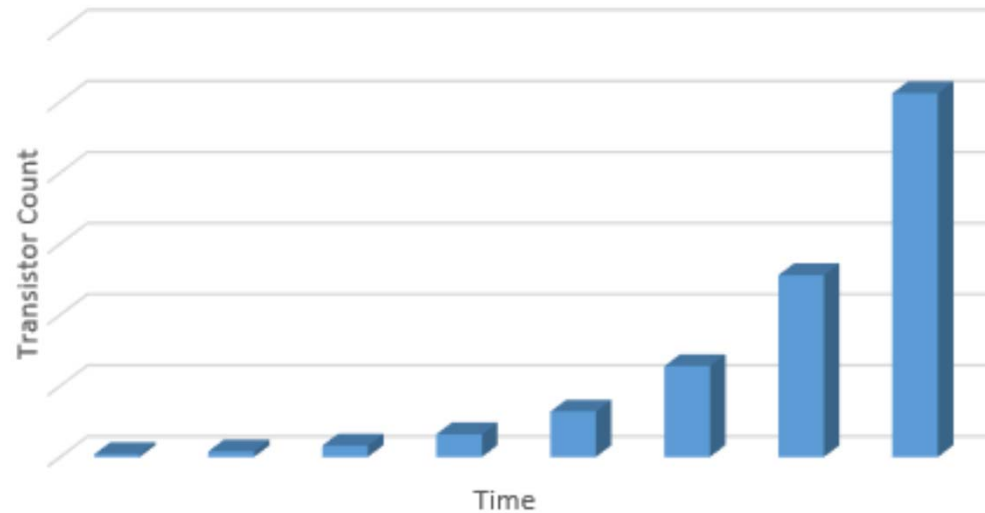
- Motivation
- Product aspects
- PKC standards
- Product certification
- Summary

MOTIVATION



WHAT IS A 'SMALL DEVICE' ?

- Moore's Law
 - In 1970's
 - Prediction of 'growth rate'



(C) www.moorelaw.org

- Self-fulfilling prophecy

Technological process ==> enabler for 'small devices'



WHAT IS A 'SMALL DEVICE' (2)

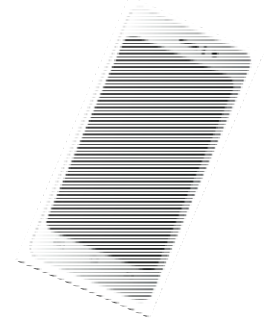
Desktop PC: 1995

- CPU: 90 MHz (1 core)
- RAM: 16MB
- Storage: 1GB
- Power cons: 100W
- Costs: 2000€



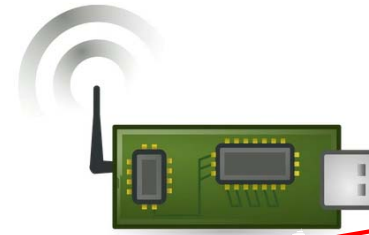
Smart phone: 2016

- CPU: 2.3GHz (4 cores)
- RAM: 4GB
- Storage: 32GB
- Power cons: 2W
- Costs: 700€



Sensor (nodes), tags, smart cards

- CPU: some MHz
- RAM: some kB
- Storage: some 100kB
- Power Cons: < 0.1W
- Costs: several €



500 smart and connected devices per household in 2022
<https://entwickler.de/online/smart-home-qivicon-128304.html>

PKC ON SMALL DEVICES (1)

- Public-key cryptography (PKC):
 - Encryption (E) and decryption (D) operations
 - Using different keys e, d

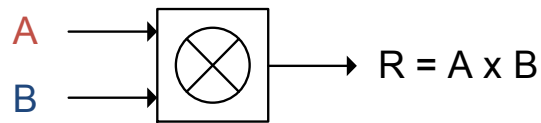


- Knowing E, e, c \rightarrow should be difficult to get m or d
- d as 'trapdoor' to allow efficient decryption
- PKC typically more complex and computation/resource intensive than symmetric cryptography (longer keys) – challenging...
 - ...to reach performance
 - ...to stay within power consumption/energy budget
 - ...to not exceed resource limits

PKC ON SMALL DEVICES (2)

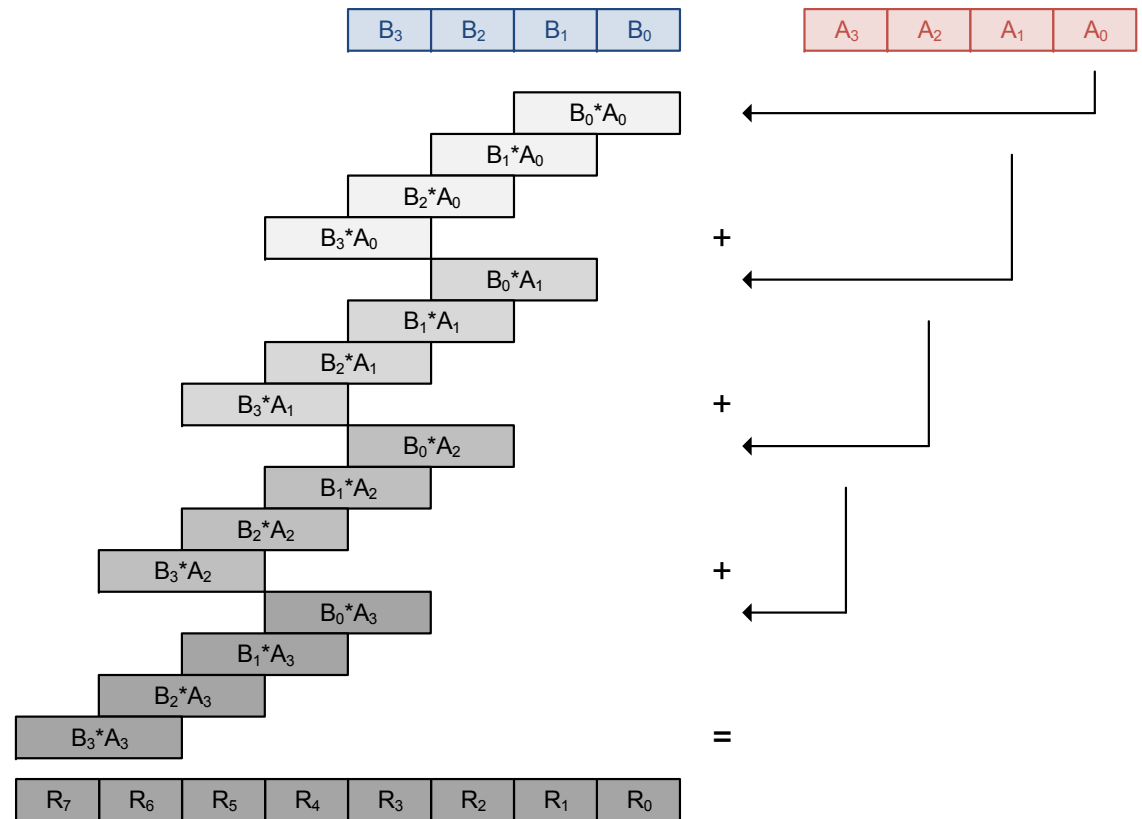
- PKC requires support of multiple-precision (modular) arithmetic

- Example: plain multiplication



- 'School book' method
- Word size: w bits
- Operand size: $n \times w$ bits
- Multiplying two n -word operands
- $n^2 w \times w$ multiplication steps

- Modular multiplication even more expensive
 - Certain 'tricks' like special representation /reduction techniques



PRODUCT ASPECTS



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Right product @ right time



Fulfills Requirements

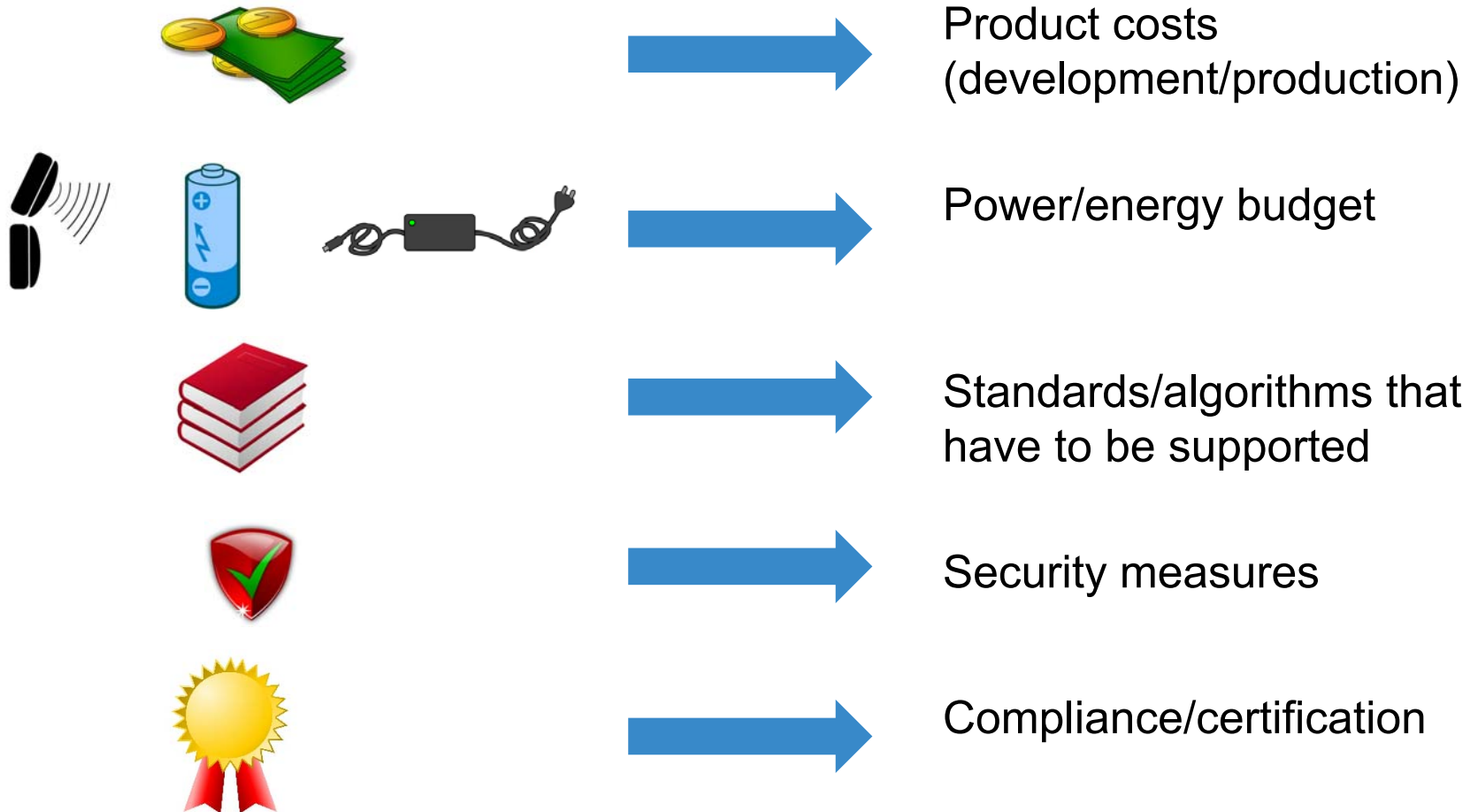
- Customer/market demands
- Standards/regulation bodies
- Economic aspects

Available when needed

- Approaching 'market window'
- Next product generation
- New technology/standard

Technical and non-technical aspects

PRODUCT REQUIREMENTS

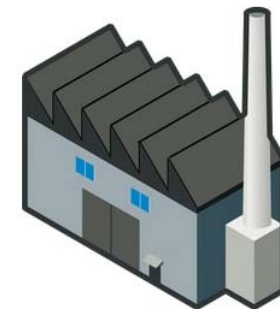


Architecture



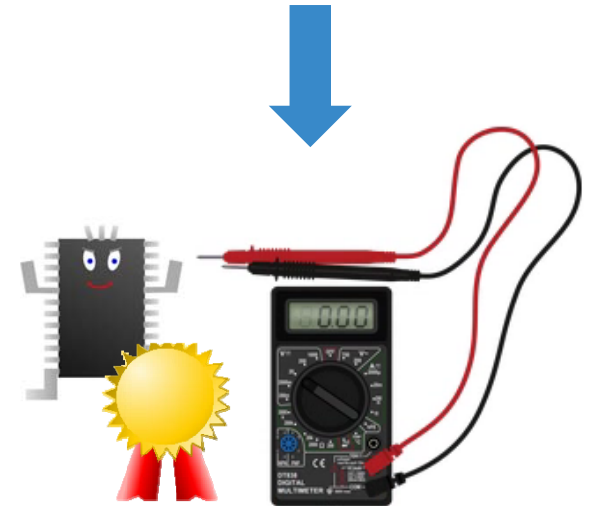
PRODUCT COSTS (1)

- Development costs
 - Engineers developing architecture/designing product
 - Implementation costs
 - Implement from scratch → longer design time
 - Re-use existing IP/buy IP → licensing costs
 - Platform approach
 - Configurable product platform
 - Design once → re-use for different purposes/markets
 - Infrastructure/ (CAD) tools
- Production costs
 - Used technology
 - Newer process technology → smaller chip size
 - Chip manufacturing more expensive (2nd Moor's Law)
 - Product volume → high volume (cheaper)
 - Packaging/integration



PRODUCT COSTS (2)

- Test/verification/certification costs
 - Testing at multiple stages
 - Test costs can make up significant part of product costs
 - The earlier product defects are found the lower the costs
 - Certifying/testing compliance
 - Fulfills emissions criteria (e.g., CE, FCC)
 - Passes (security) certification required for addressed market (EMVco, CC, FIPS)



ALGORITHM SELECTION

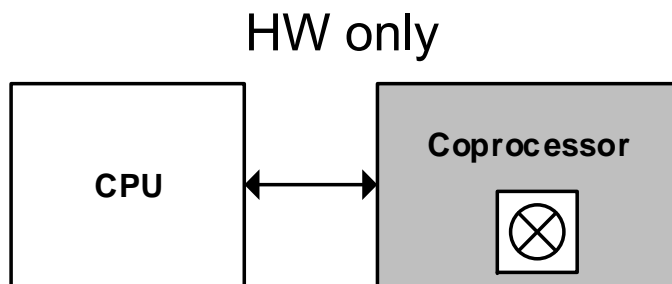
- RSA/Diffie-Hellman:
 - Longer keys (3072 bits for 128-bit security) [NIST]
 - Higher storage requirements/ longer execution times
- Elliptic curve cryptography (ECC)
 - Shorter keys (256 bits for 128-bit security) [NIST]
 - Lower storage requirements/ shorter execution times
- 3072-bit multiplication vs. 256-bit multiplication
 - Operands 12x shorter
 - $12^2 = 144x$ faster \rightarrow energy

[\[NIST\] Recommendation for Key Management, Special Publication 800-57 Part 1 Rev. 3, NIST, 07/2012](#)

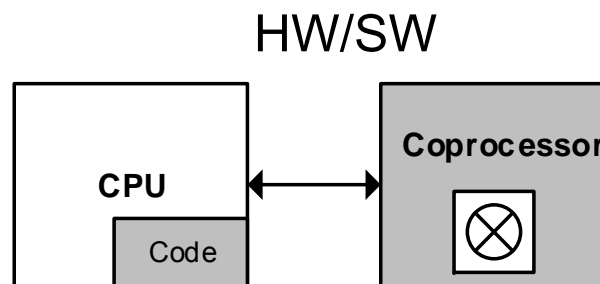


ARCHITECTURE SELECTION

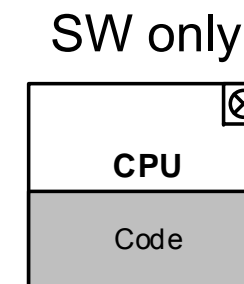
- Different architecture approaches



- (+) Highly optimized for dedicated purpose (power consumption, execution time, security)
- (-) Extra HW costs
- (-) Limited flexibility
- (-) HW design effort/complexity



- (+) Good trade off between optimization/costs (still fast but less design effort/complexity easire to handle)
- (+) High(er) flexibility
- (-) Not straight-forward to find optimal HW/SW partitioning
- (-) Extra HW costs
- (-) Less optimized than HW-only (power consumption)



- (+) Limited HW costs (code/data storage)
- (+) High flexibility
- (+) Minimal HW design effort/eases handling of complexity (programming)
- (-) Not optimized (energy consumption, performance)

PKC STANDARDS



(PKC) STANDARDS

- ...to ensure interoperability (different applications, vendors)
- ...to facilitate deployment
- ...to ensure usage of approved security mechanisms
- Different standardization bodies:



International Organization for Standardization (ISO) and the International Electrotechnical Commission standards (ISO/IEC)

Banking and security standards (ANSI, ISO)

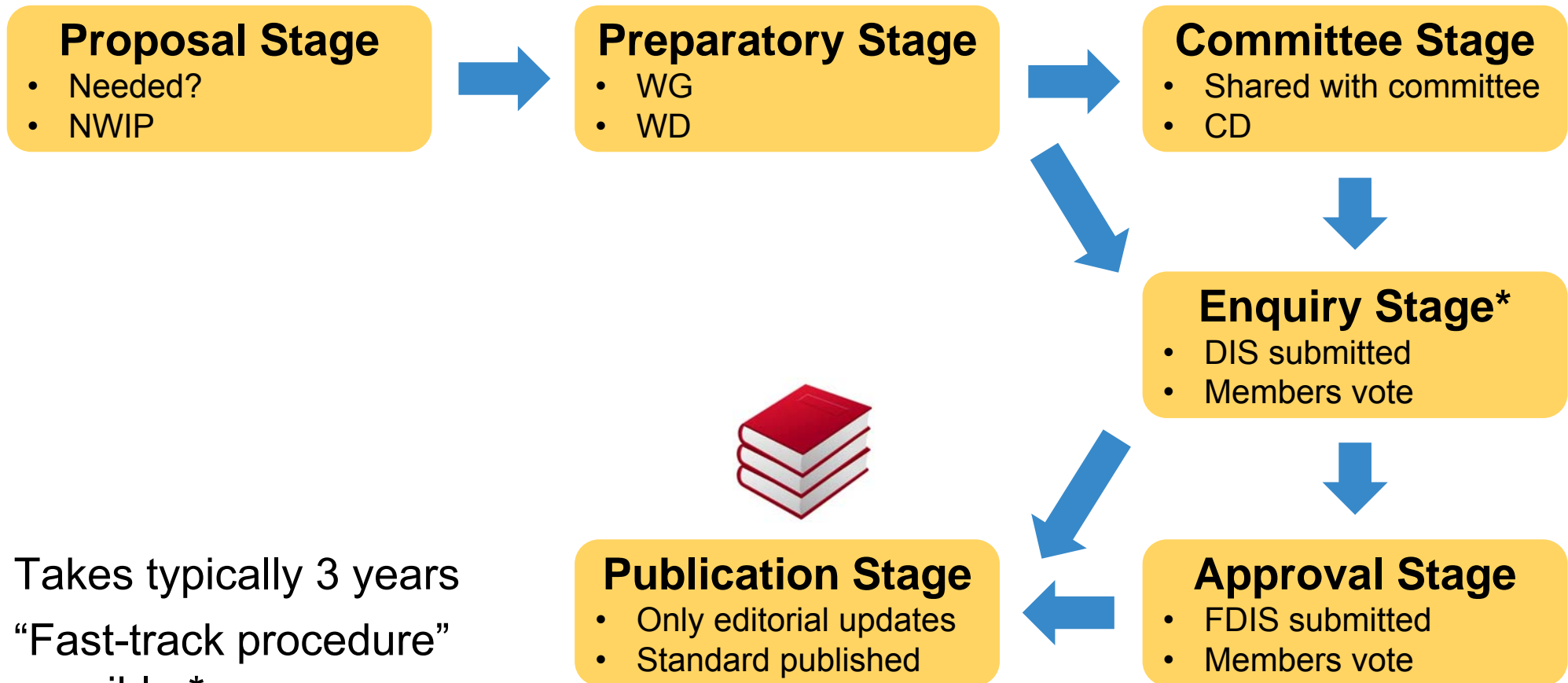
Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) standards and RFCs

U.S. government standards (FIPS)

Public key cryptography standards (PKCS)

- Certain redundancy if standard from one body gets ratified by another one

EXAMPLE: ISO STANDARDIZATION PROCESS



- Takes typically 3 years
- “Fast-track procedure” possible *

www.iso.org/home/standards_development.htm

ISO/IEC STANDARDS

- International Organization for Standardization (ISO) and the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC)
- www.iso.org
- ISO/IEC 9796-2: Digital signature schemes giving message recovery – Part 2: Integer factorization based mechanisms
- ISO/IEC 9796-3: Digital signature schemes giving message recovery -- Part 3: Discrete logarithm based mechanisms
- ISO/IEC 9798-3: Entity authentication -- Part 3: Mechanisms using digital signature techniques
- ISO/IEC 9798-5: Entity authentication -- Part 5: Mechanisms using zero-knowledge techniques
- ISO/IEC 11770-3: Key management -- Part 3: Mechanisms using asymmetric techniques (e.g., Diffie-Hellman)
- ISO/IEC 13888-3: Non-repudiation -- Part 3: Mechanisms using asymmetric techniques
- ISO/IEC 14888-2: Digital signatures with appendix -- Part 2: Integer factorization based mechanisms
- ISO/IEC 14888-3: Digital signatures with appendix -- Part 3: Discrete logarithm based mechanisms
- ISO/IEC 15946: Cryptographic techniques based on elliptic curves (Part 1: General; Part 5: Elliptic curve generation)
- ISO/IEC 18033-2: Encryption algorithms – Part 2: Asymmetric ciphers
- ISO/IEC 18033-5: Encryption algorithms -- Part 5: Identity-based ciphers
- ISO/IEC 20008-2: Anonymous digital signatures – Part 2: Mechanisms using a group public key
- ISO/IEC 20009-2: Anonymous entity authentication – Part 2: Mechanisms based on signatures using a group public key
- ISO/IEC 29192-4: Lightweight cryptography -- Part 4: Mechanisms using asymmetric techniques
- ISO/IEC 29167-12: Automatic identification and data capture techniques – Part 12: Crypto suite ECC-DH security services for air interface communications
- ISO/IEC 29167-16: Automatic identification and data capture techniques – Part 16: Crypto suite ECDSA-ECDH security services for air interface communications
- ISO/IEC 29167-17: Automatic identification and data capture techniques – Part 16: Crypto suite cryptoGPS security services for air interface communications
- ISO/IEC 29167-19: Automatic identification and data capture techniques – Part 19: Crypto suite RAMON security services for air interface communications



BANKING SECURITY STANDARDS (ANSI)



- Banking security standards used for wholesale/retail banking
- ANSI ... American National Standards Institute
- www.ansi.org

- X9.31: Digital Signatures Using Reversible Public Key Cryptography for the Financial Services Industry (rDSA)
- X9.42: key management using Diffie-Hellman
- X9.44: Public key cryptography for the financial services industry: key establishment using integer factorization cryptography
- X9.57: certificate management standard
- X9.62: Public Key Cryptography for the Financial Services Industry: The Elliptic Curve Digital Signature Algorithm (ECDSA).
- X9.63: Key Agreement and Key Management using Elliptic Curve Based Cryptography

U.S. GOVERNMENT STANDARDS (FIPS)

- Developed under the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)
- www.nist.gov
- For use in U.S. federal government departments
- FIPS 186-4: Digital Signatures
 - Discrete log-based: DSA and ECDSA → adopted in ISO/IEC 14888-3
 - Factorization-based: RSA → adopted in ISO/IEC 14888-2
- NIST SP800: Key Establishment Schemes → adopted in ISO/IEC 11770-3
 - 56A - Discrete Logarithm-Based: DHs, MQVs, ECDH (+ ANSI X9.63)
 - 56B - Factorization-Based: RSA based key transport and key agreement



PUBLIC KEY CRYPTOGRAPHY STANDARDS (PKCS)

- Set of standards released by RSA Laboratories
- www.emc.com/emc-plus/rsa-labs/standards-initiatives
- Started in early 1990s → to accelerate deployment
- Not a real industry standard, but a 'de facto' standard (e.g., used in ANSI, IETF)

- **PKCS#1- #15**
 - PKCS#1: RSA cryptography standard
 - PKCS#3: Diffie-Hellman Key agreement
 - PKCS#5: Password-based encryption standard
 - PKCS#6: Extended-Certificate Syntax standard
 - PKCS#7: Cryptographic Message Syntax Standard
 - PKCS#8: Private-Key Information Syntax Standard
 - PKCS#9: Selected Attribute Types
 - PKCS#10: Certification Request Standard
 - PKCS#11: Cryptographic Token Interface
 - PKCS#12: Personal Information Exchange Syntax Standard
 - PKCS#13: Elliptic Curve Cryptography Standard
 - PKCS#14: Pseudo-random Number Generation
 - PKCS#15: Cryptographic Token Information Format Standard



INTERNET STANDARDS - RFCs



- Requests for Comments (RFCs)
- <https://tools.ietf.org/html>
- Publications of Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) and Internet Society (ISOC)

- RFC 2315 PKCS #7: Cryptographic Message Syntax
- RFC 2985 PKCS #9: Selected Object Classes and Attribute Types
- RFC 3447 Public-Key Cryptography Standards (PKCS) #1: RSA Cryptography Specifications
- RFC 5280 Internet X.509 Public Key Infrastructure Certificate and Certificate Revocation List (CRL) Profile
- RFC 5958 Asymmetric Key Packages (PKCS #8)
- RFC 5967 The application/pkcs10 Media Type (PKCS #10)
- RFC 6070 PKCS #5: Password-Based Key Derivation Function 2
- RFC 7292 PKCS #12: Personal Information Exchange Syntax

EXAMPLE - ISO/IEC: 29192-4

- Lightweight cryptography -- Part 4: Mechanisms using asymmetric techniques
- Published 2013
- Three lightweight mechanisms:
 - Unilateral authentication mechanism based on ECC (cryptoGPS)
 - Authentication and lightweight key-exchange mechanism (ALIKE) – for authentication and establishing a session key
(Authenticated Lightweight Key Exchange - SPAKE)
 - Identity based signature mechanism



EXAMPLE - ISO/IEC: 29167

- Automatic identification and data capture techniques, Part 12, 16, 17, 19
- Part 12: Crypto suite ECC-DH security services for air interface communications
 - 2015
 - ECC based Diffie-Hellman key agreement
- Part 16: Crypto suite ECDSA-ECDH security services for air interface communications
 - 2015
 - Crypto suite based on ECC
 - Specifies ECDH key agreement in a secure channel establishment and the use of EC digital signature algorithm in an authentication mechanism (excl. key)
- Part 17: Crypto suite cryptoGPS security services for air interface communications
 - 2015
 - CryptoGPS – low-cost public-key cryptography (coupons)
- Part 19: Crypto suite RAMON security services for air interface communications
 - Under development
 - Rabin Montgomery based crypto system



EXAMPLE - RFC 7748 Elliptic Curves for Security

- Status: *Informational*
- Two elliptic curves over prime fields
- Montgomery curves
- Intended for ECDH usage
- Allows fast implementation

- Curve25519
 - 128-bit security level → prime: $2^{255} - 19$
 - Developed by D. J. Bernstein
- Curve448
 - 224-bit security level → prime: $2^{448} - 2^{224} - 1$
 - Developed by Mike Hamburg



EXAMPLE - PKC in Bluetooth

- Industry standard maintained by Bluetooth Special Interest Group (SIG)
- www.bluetooth.com
- Wireless communication 10 – 100m
- Special LE (low energy) extension
- For connecting smart phones, health/fitness devices, ...

- New version (4.2) released in 2014
- Supports now ECDH-based key exchange (pairing)
- Two NIST curves (FIPS 186-3)
 - 96-bit security → P-192 EC
 - 128-bit security → P-256 EC



PRODUCT CERTIFICATION



CERTIFICATION (1)

- Why certifying/evaluating a product?



- Different security evaluations

- FIPS 140-2 (standardized)

- <http://csrc.nist.gov>



- Products in US government/regulated industries (e.g., health care)

- Cryptographic modules (HW + SW)

- 4 levels (Level 1 – Level 4)

- To ensure strength and correct implementation of cryptographic algorithm

- No vulnerability assessment

CERTIFICATION (2)

- Common Criteria (CC) (standardized)

- <https://www.commoncriteriaportal.org>

- Products in national identification documents (passport, ID card)

- ISO/IEC 15408

- 7 levels (EAL1 – EAL7)

- Typically EAL4+ for security ICs

- Correct implementation

- Exhaustive vulnerability assessment

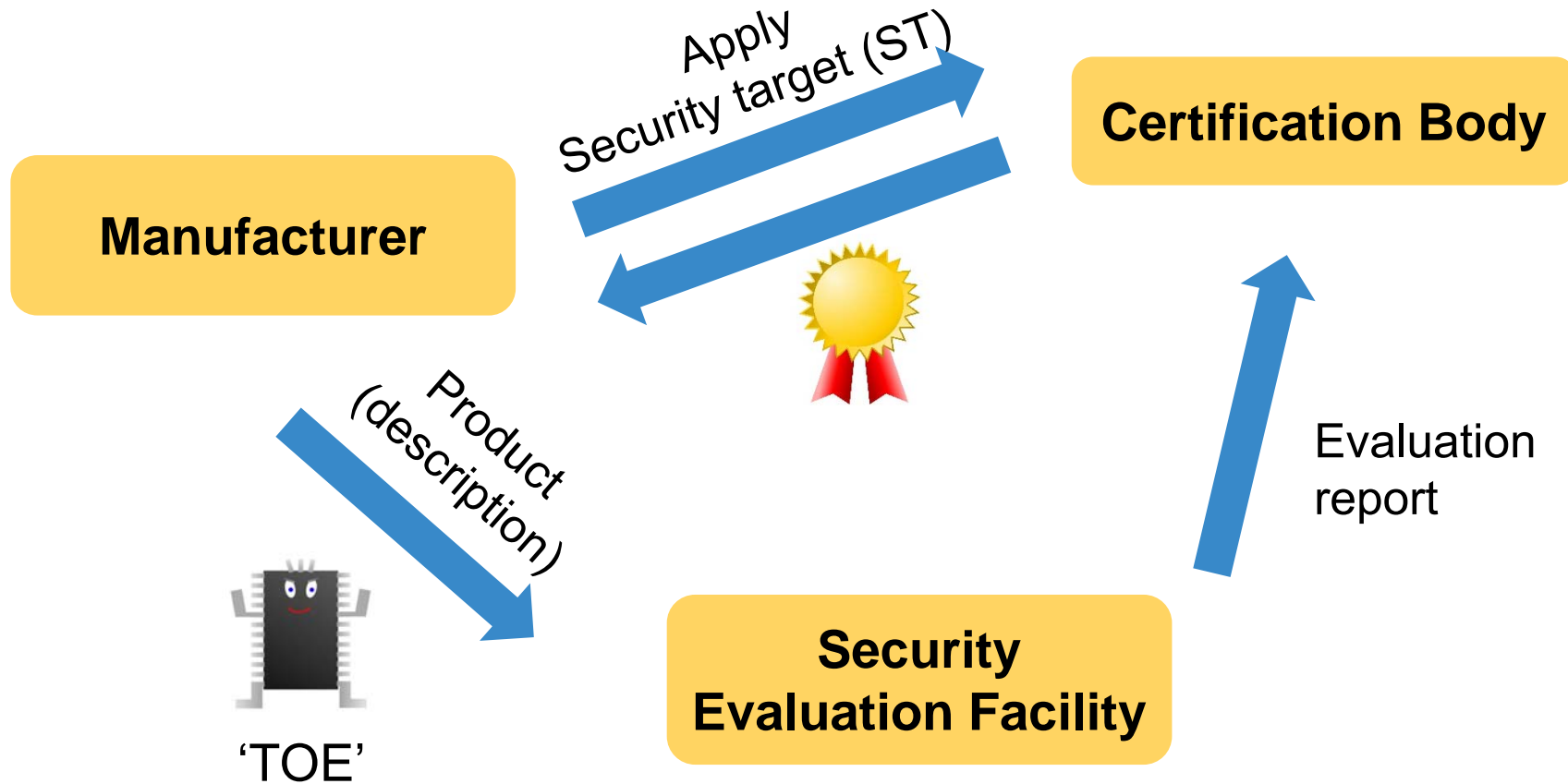


CERTIFICATION (3)

- EMVCo (proprietary)
 - <http://www.emvco.com>
 - Products in financial/payment industry
 - Joint venture of American Express, Discover, JCB, MasterCard, UnionPay, and Visa
 - Focus on security and life cycle of product
 - Similar requirements than for CC of security ICs but less formal
 - Renewal 1x per year



EXAMPLE - CC PROCESS



EXAMPLE - CC ASSURANCE LEVELS

EAL 7: formally verified design and tested

EAL 6: semiformally verified design and tested

EAL 5: semiformally designed and tested

EAL 4: methodically designed, tested and reviewed

EAL 3: methodically tested and checked

EAL 2: structurally tested

EAL 1: functionally tested

Higher level → more formal → more details required

SUMMARY



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- Technological process as enabler for 'small devices'
- Product aspects
 - Requirements: technical and non-technical
 - Costs
- (PKC) standards
 - From different standardization bodies
 - Examples for PKC standards focusing on 'small devices'
- Product certification



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