

Advanced Computer Networks

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Outline

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Desirable properties of secure communication

Confidentiality

Message integrity

Authentication (in communication systems)

Sender and receiver should be able to confirm the identity of the other party

Operational security

Authentication

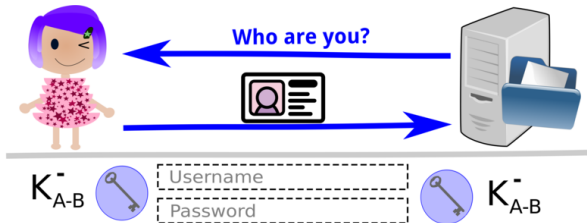
1
client
authent.



2
server
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Client-authentication



Login Symmetric key known to both sides

Von:

Chea Ting <chea.ting@spam.com>

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Betreff:

My new document

Dear Stephan,

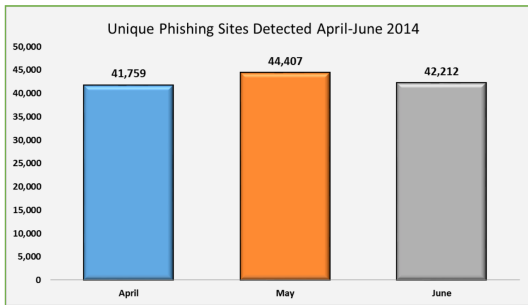
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Cheers,

Klaus

Theft through phishing activities costs U.S. banks and credit card issuers an estimated \$2.8 billion annually.¹



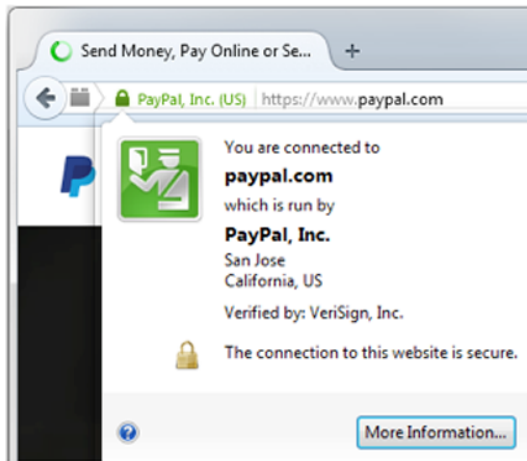
April through June 2014 saw the second-highest number of phishing sites ever observed in a quarter. [p. 4]

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¹ Gartner Group, <http://www.gartner.com/newsroom/id/565125>

² from: APWG Phishing Attack Trends Reports (<http://www.antiphishing.org/resources/apwg-reports/>)

Your browser knows the identity of the website visited

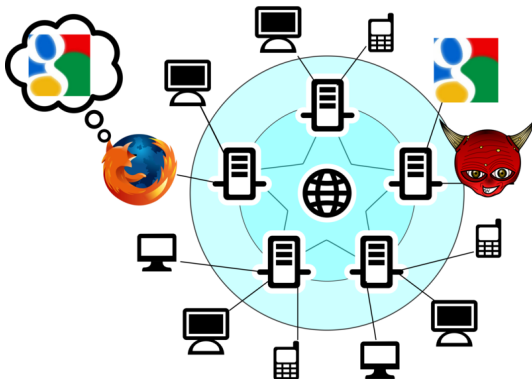


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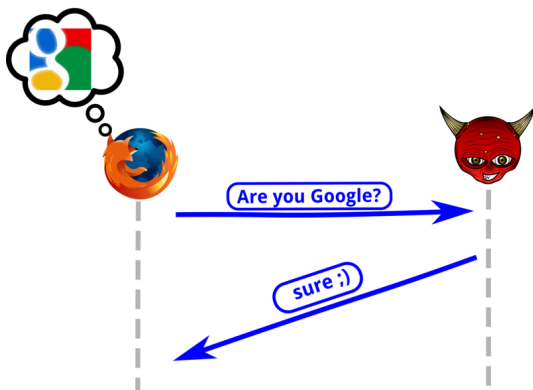
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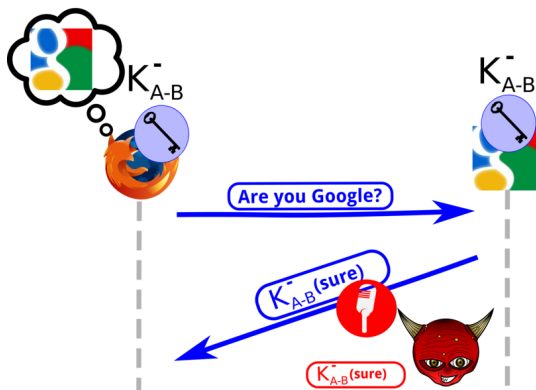
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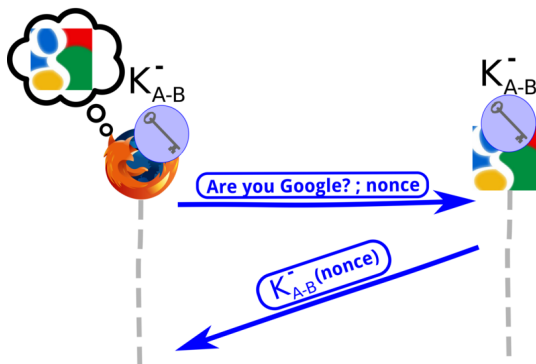
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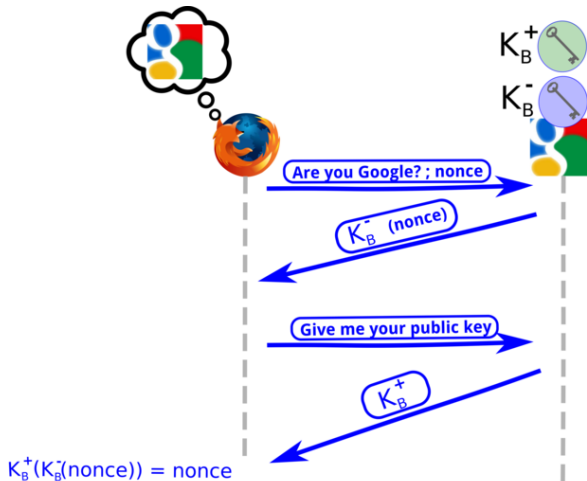
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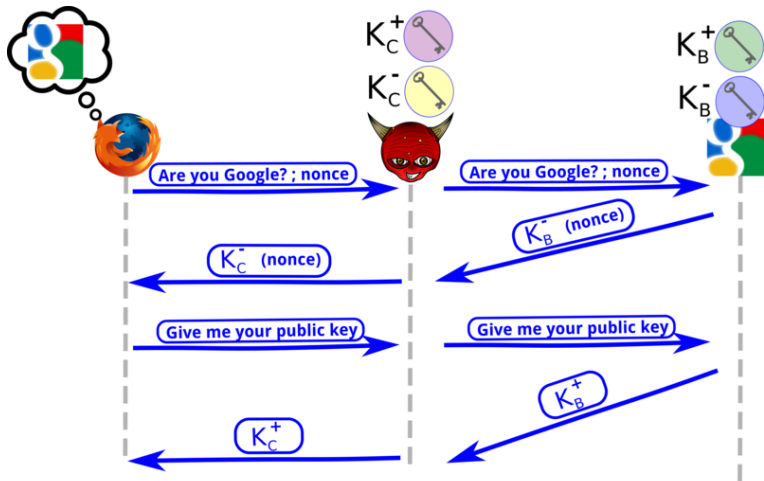
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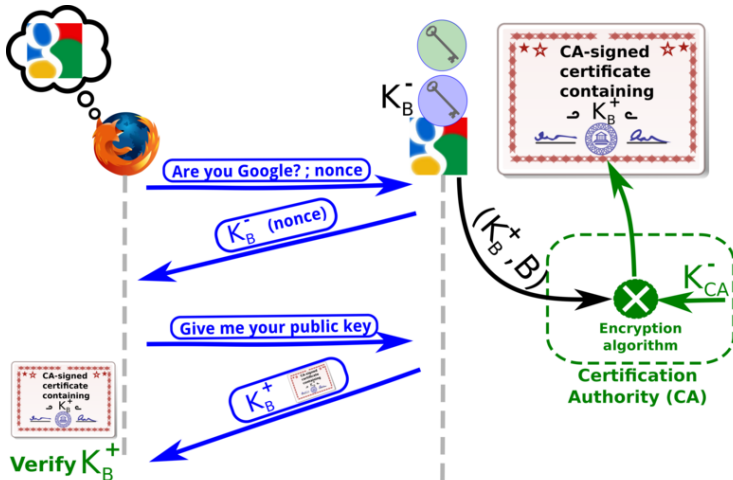


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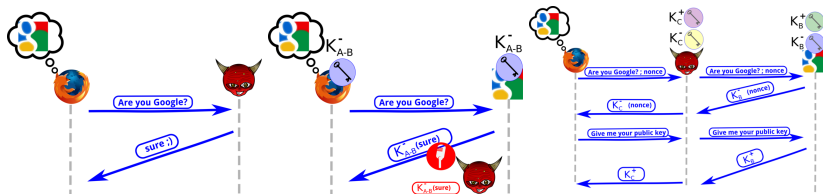
⇒ Vulnerable to Man-in-the-Middle attacks

Solution: Certified Authority



⇒ CA issued certificate contains K_B^+ , B ; digitally signed by K_{CA}^-

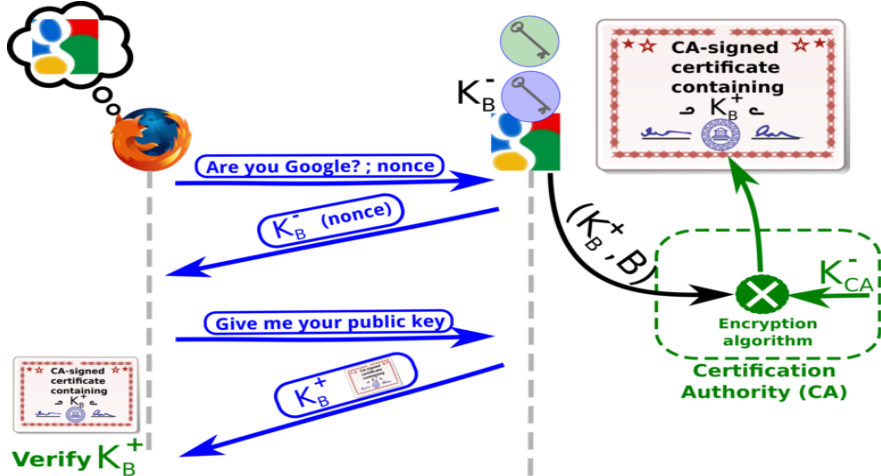
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- * Authentication in communication systems is challenging
- * Freshness/randomness to protect against replay attacks
- * Asymmetric cryptography vulnerable to MiM attacks

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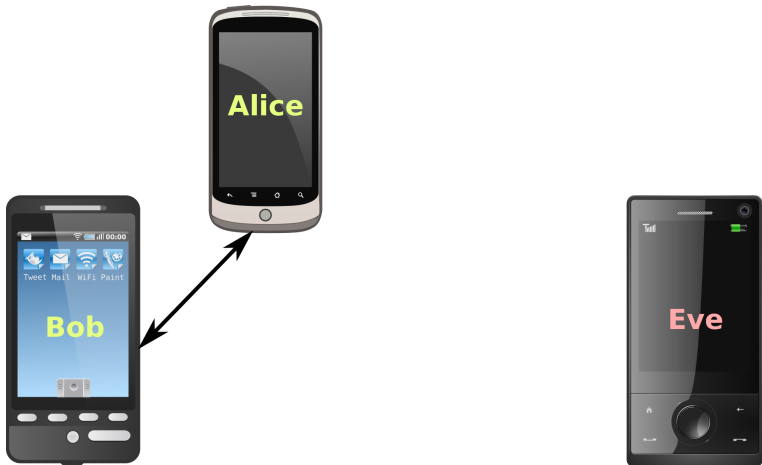
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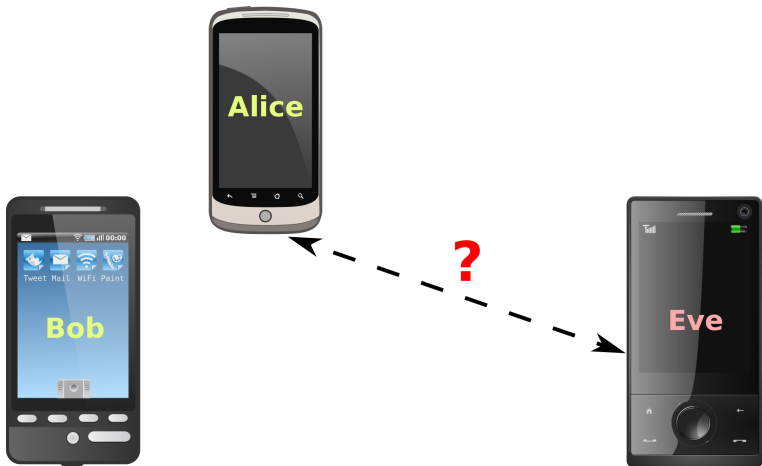
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wireless signal propagation omnidirectional
Similar problem as in wired networks

However, typically no certificates in
D2D communication



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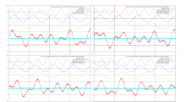
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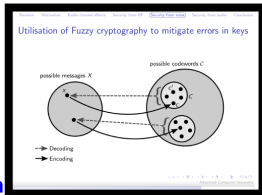
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- Independent channel conditions typically expected in a distance of $\frac{1}{2}$

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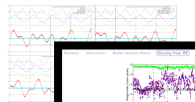


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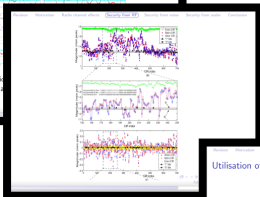
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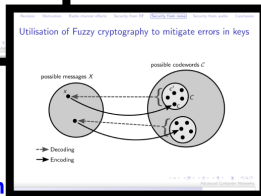


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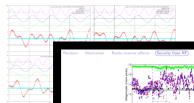
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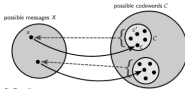
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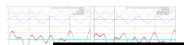
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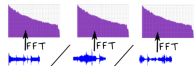
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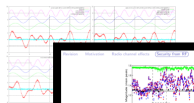
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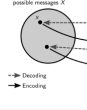
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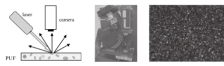


possible messages X

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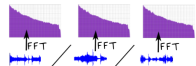
Physical random functions

Optical PUF: Made of transparent optical medium containing bubbles. Shining a laser beam through the medium produces speckle pattern (response) that depends on exact position/direction of incoming beam.



Physically unclonable func.

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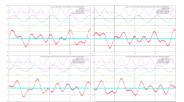
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RF transmission

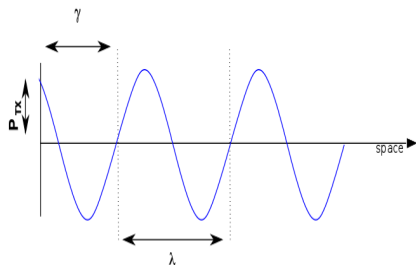
- Electromagnetic signals
- Transmitted in wave-Form
- Omnidirectional transmission
- Speed of light
 - $c = 3 \cdot 10^8 \frac{m}{s}$



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RF signal

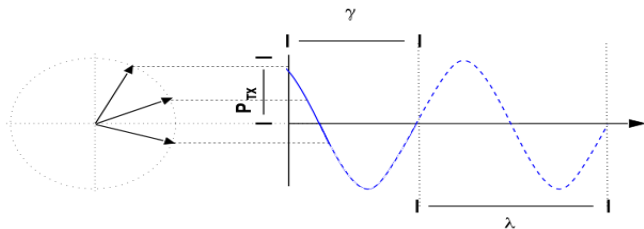
- Transmission power:
 - $P_{TX}[W]$
- Frequency:
 - $f[\frac{1}{sec}]$
- Phase offset:
 - $\gamma[\pi]$
- Wavelength:
 - $\lambda = \frac{c}{f}[m]$



Aspects of the mobile radio channel

RF signal

- Real part of rotating vector
 - $\zeta = \Re(e^{j(ft+\gamma)})$
- Instantaneous signal strength:
 - $\cos(\zeta)$
- Rotation Speed: Frequency f



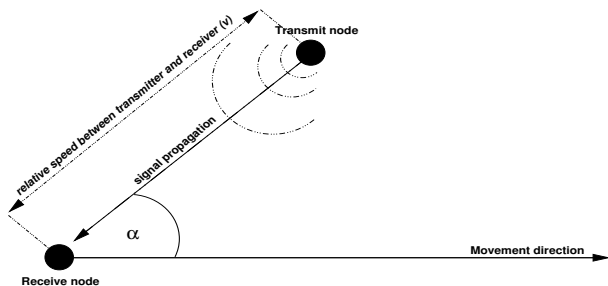
Video: Changes in Audio

DRK

Video: Doppler Effect

Doppler

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Doppler Shift

- Frequency of received and transmitted signal may differ
- Dependent on relative speed between transmitter and receiver
- $f_d = \frac{v}{\lambda} \cdot \cos(\alpha)$

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Noise

- In every realistic setting, noise can be observed on the wireless channel
- Typical noise power:³

$$P_N = -103dBm$$

- Value observed by measurements

³3GPP: 3rd generation partnership project; technical specification group radio access networks; 3g home nodeb study item technical report (release 8). Technical Report 3GPP TR 25.820 V8.0.0 (2008-03) (March)

Aspects of the mobile radio channel

Noise

- Thermal noise can also be estimated analytically as

$$P_N = \kappa \cdot T \cdot B$$

- $\kappa = 1.3807 \cdot 10^{-23} \frac{J}{K}$: Boltzmann constant
- T : Temperature in Calvin
- B : Bandwidth of the signal.

Aspects of the mobile radio channel

Example

- GSM system with 200kHz bands
- Average temperature: 300K
- Estimated noise power:

$$\begin{aligned}P_N &= \kappa \cdot T \cdot B \\ &= 1.3807 \cdot 10^{-23} \frac{\text{J}}{\text{K}} \cdot 300\text{K} \cdot 200\text{kHz} \\ P_N &= -120.82\text{dBm}\end{aligned}$$

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Path-loss

- Signal strength decreases while propagating over a wireless channel
- Order of decay varies in different environments
- Impact higher for higher frequencies
- Can be reduced by antenna gain (e.g. directed)

Location	Mean Path loss exponent	Shadowing variance σ^2 (dB)
Apartment Hallway	2.0	8.0
Parking structure	3.0	7.9
One-sided corridor	1.9	8.0
One-sided patio	3.2	3.7
Concrete Canyon	2.7	10.2
Plant fence	4.9	9.4
Small boulders	3.5	12.8
Sandy flat beach	4.2	4.0
Dense bamboo	5.0	11.6
Dry tall underbrush	3.6	8.4

Aspects of the mobile radio channel

Path-loss

- For analytic consideration: Path-loss approximated
- Friis free-space equation:

$$P_{TX} \cdot \left(\frac{\lambda}{2\pi d} \right)^2 \cdot G_{TX} \cdot G_{RX}$$

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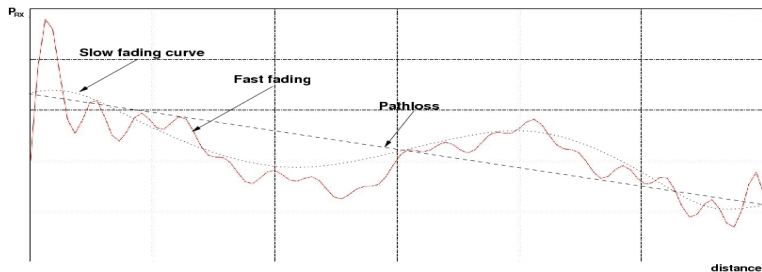
Path-loss

$$P_{RX} = P_{TX} \cdot \left(\frac{\lambda}{2\pi d} \right)^2 \cdot G_{TX} \cdot G_{RX}$$

- Utilised in outdoor scenarios
 - Direct line of sight
 - No multipath propagation
- d impacts the RSS quadratically
- Other values for the path-loss exponent α possible.
- Path-loss:

$$PL^{FS}(\zeta_i) = \frac{P_{TX}(\zeta_i)}{P_{RX}(\zeta_i)}$$

Aspects of the mobile radio channel



Fading

- Signal quality fluctuating with location and time
- Slow fading
- Fast fading

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Slow fading

- Result of environmental changes
- Temporary blocking of signal paths
- Changing reflection angles
- Movement in the environment
 - Trees
 - Cars
 - Opening/closing doors
- Amplitude changes can be modelled by log-normal distribution

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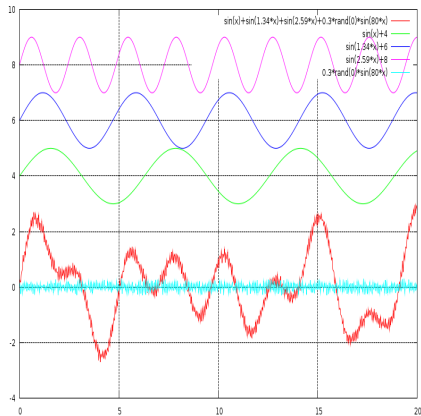
Fast fading

- Signal components of multiple paths
- Cancellation of signal components
- Fading incursions expected in the distance of $\frac{\lambda}{2}$
- Channel quality changes drastically over short distances
- Example: Low radio reception of a car standing in front of a headlight is corrected by small movement
- Stochastic models are utilised to model the probability of fading incursions
 - Rice
 - Rayleigh

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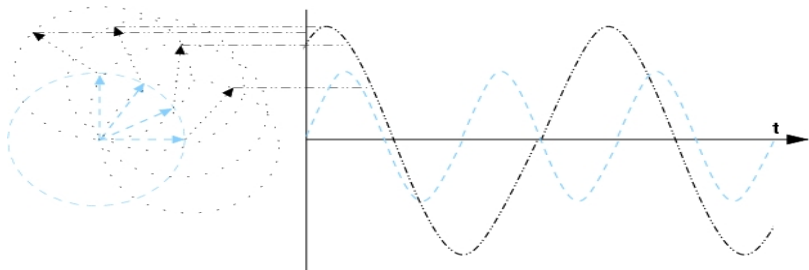
Superimposition of RF signals

- The wireless medium is a broadcast channel
- Multipath transmission
 - Reflection
 - Diffraction
 - Different path lengths
 - Signal components arrive at different times
- Interference



$$\zeta_{\text{sum}} = \sum_{i=1}^l \Re \left(e^{j(f_i t + \gamma_i)} \right)$$

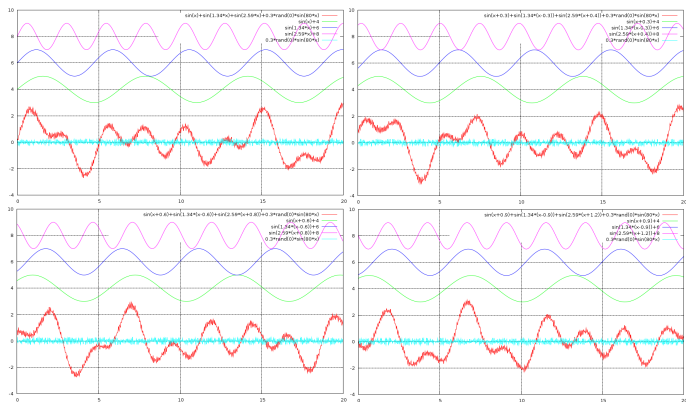
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- At a receiver, all incoming signals add up to one superimposed sum signal
- Constructive and destructive interference
- Normally: Heavily distorted sum signal

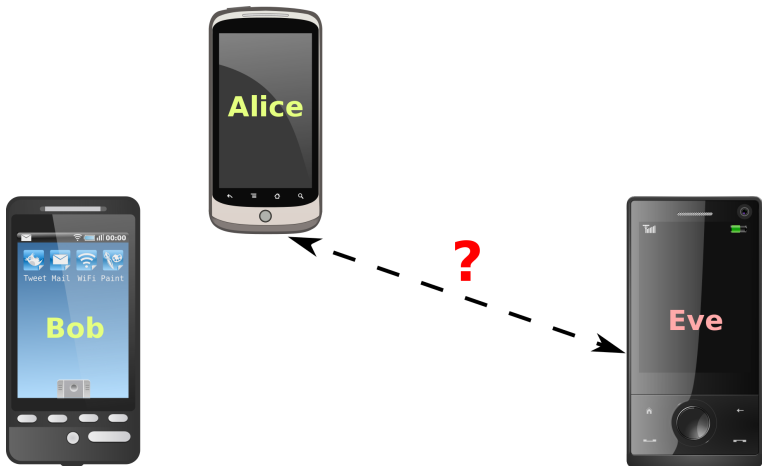
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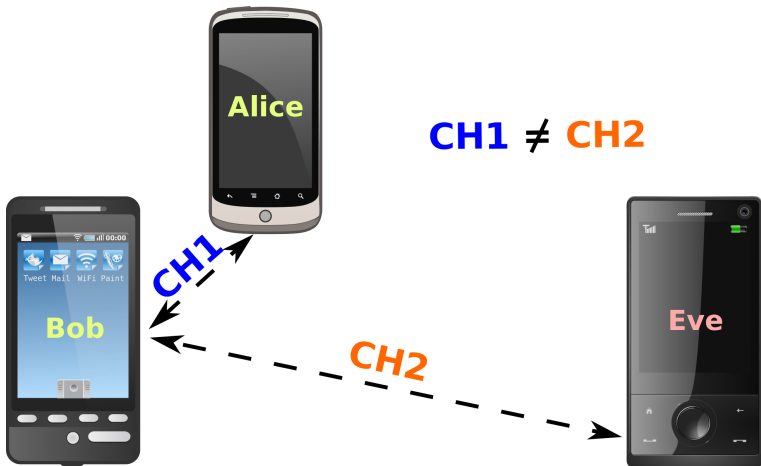
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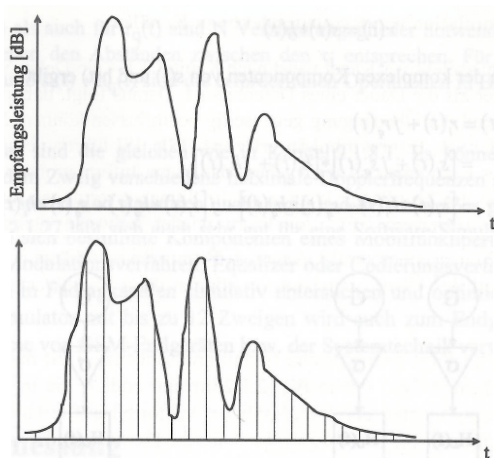
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Simulation of frequency selective channels

- Common approach: Estimate channel impulse response (CIR) with training bit-sequence
- Correct signal distortions with CIR

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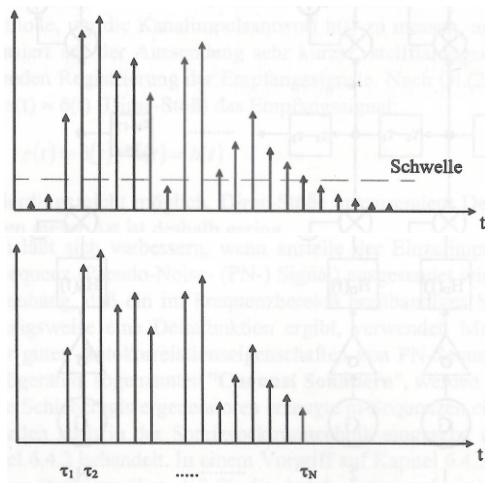
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Channel estimation

Approximate $h(t)$ in the time domain:

- Send very short impulses
 - Can be improved by using pseudo-noise sequence instead of single identical impulses
- Inverse of estimated CIR $\overline{h(t)^{-1}}$ correlated with received signal:

$$r(t) \cdot \overline{h(t)^{-1}} = s(t) \cdot h(t) \cdot \overline{h(t)^{-1}} \approx s(t)$$

RF-based activity recognition

Sensewaves Video

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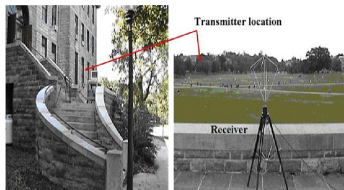
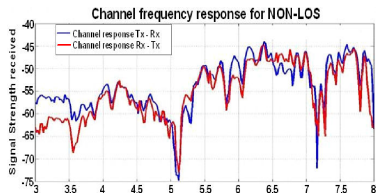
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Security from RF

Secure communication based on deep fades in the SNR⁵

- Communication partners agree on a threshold value
- Both nodes transmit repeatedly and alternately
- Channel characteristics are transformed to bit sequence
 - Signal envelope below threshold in timeslot: 1, else 0
- No specialised hardware required
 - Only threshold detectors which are already present in transceivers

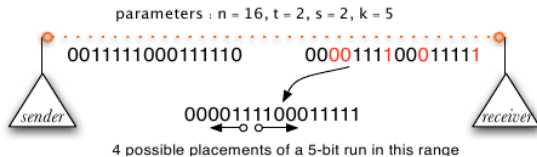


⁵ Azimi-Sadjadi, Kiayias, Mercado, Yener, Robust Key Generation from Signal Envelopes in Wireless Networks, CCS, 2007

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- Key generation
 - 1 Sender and receiver sample bit sequences
 - 2 Sender transmits key verification information to receiver
 - 3 Receiver decides on correct key by scanning through all possible error vectors

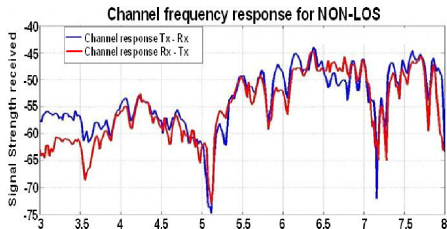


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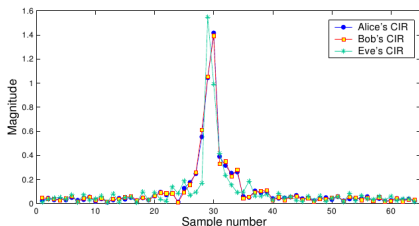
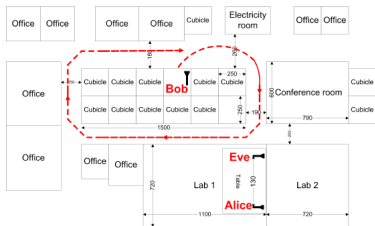
- 1 Computationally cheap approach
- 2 No special hardware required
- 3 Probably uneven distribution of 0 and 1 (Dependent on Channel characteristics and time slot)
- 4 Key generation in the presence of noise not optimal



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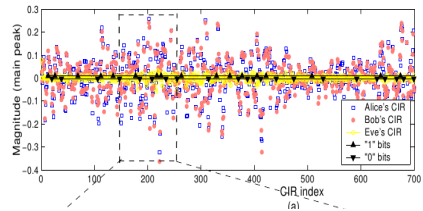
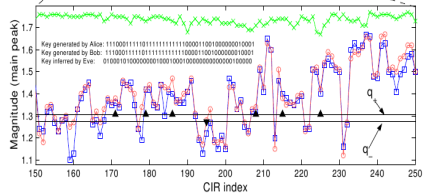
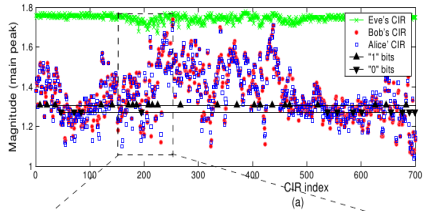
Secure communication based on the CIR^{6 7}

- Utilise Channel impulse response as secure secret
 - Utilise magnitude of CIR main peak
 - Transformed to binary sequence via Threshold
 - Error correction method required in order to account for noise in the binary sequences



⁶ Mathur, Trappe, Mandayam, Ye, Reznik, Radio-telepathy: Extracting a secret key from an unauthenticated wireless channel, MobiCom, 2008

⁷ Tmar, Hamida, Pierrot, Castelluccia, An adaptive quantisation algorithm for secret key generation using radio channel measurements, NTMS, 2009

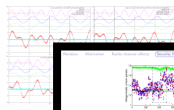


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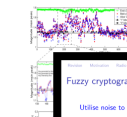


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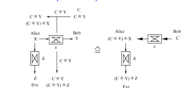


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- independent channels
- distance of $\frac{1}{2}$

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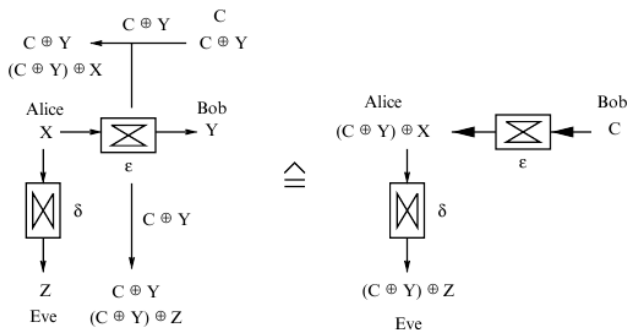
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Exploit noise for security among devices

- Utilise noise in a common communication channel
- Employ Fuzzy cryptography to mitigate noise for legitimate communication partners

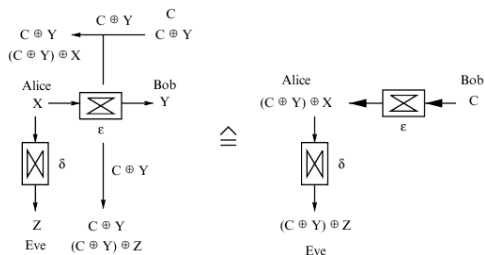
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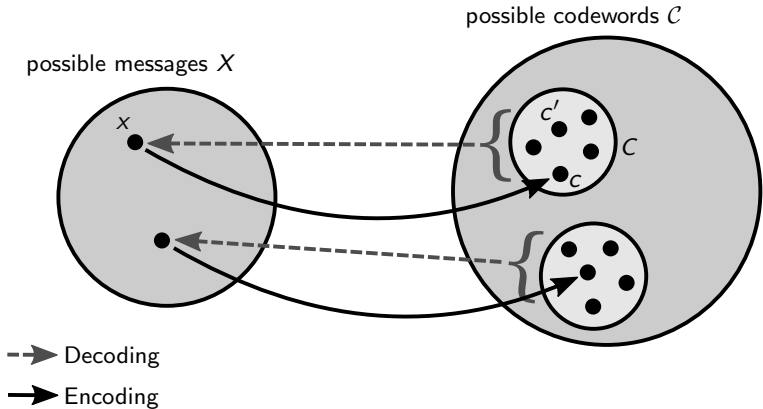


By inverting the direction of communication the noise in Eve's reception is increased above those in Alice's

Establishing of a secure key is possible over binary symmetric channel iff the noise in the reception of Eve's message is higher⁸

⁸Wyner, The wire-tap channel, Bell system Technical Journal, 54:1355-1387,1975

Utilisation of Fuzzy cryptography to mitigate errors in keys

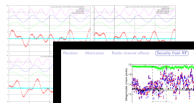


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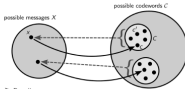
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possible messages X

possible codewords C

→ Decoding

→ Encoding

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Fuzzy Commitment

Traditional cryptographic systems rely on secret bit-strings.

When key contains errors (e.g. noise or mistake), decryption fails.

Rigid reliance on perfectly matching secret keys makes classical cryptographic systems less practicable in noisy systems.

Fuzzy commitment: cryptographic primitive to handle independent random corruptions of bits in a key.

Fuzzy cryptography

Fuzzy Commitment

Traditional cryptographic systems rely on secret bit-strings for secure management of data.

A **cryptographic commitment scheme** is a function

$$G : C \times X \rightarrow Y$$

To commit a value $\kappa \in C$ a witness $x \in X$ is chosen uniformly at random and $y = G(\kappa, x)$ is computed.

A decommitment function takes y and a witness to obtain the original κ

$$G^{-1} : Y \times X \rightarrow C$$

Fuzzy cryptography

Traditional Commitment

A well defined commitment scheme shall have two basic properties.

Binding It is infeasible to de-commit y under a pair (κ', x') such that $\kappa \neq \kappa'$

Hiding Given y alone, it is infeasible to compute κ

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Fuzzy Commitment

Fuzzy commitment is an encryption scheme that allows for the use of approximate witnesses

Given a commitment $y = G(\kappa, x)$, the system can recover κ from any witness x' that is close to but not necessarily equal to x .

Closeness in fuzzy commitment is measured by Hamming distance.

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Fuzzy Commitment

A fuzzy commitment scheme may be based on any (linear) error-correcting code

An error-correcting code consists of

Message space $M \subseteq F^a$ (F^i denotes all strings of length i from a finite set of symbols F)

Codeword space $C \subseteq F^b$ with $(b > a)$

Bijection $\theta : M \leftrightarrow C$

Decoding function $f : C' \rightarrow C \cup \perp$ (The symbol \perp denotes the failure of f)

The function f maps an element in C' to its nearest codeword in C .

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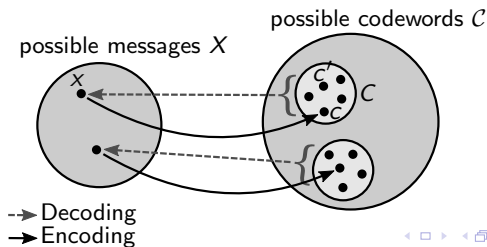
Noise of physical function may be viewed as the difference $c - c'$

Decoding function f applied to recover original codeword c

This is successful if c' is close to c . In this case: $c = f(c')$

The minimum distance of the code is the smallest distance $d = Ham(c - c')$ between any two codewords $c, c' \in C$

Typically, it is possible to correct at least $\frac{d}{2}$ errors in a codeword



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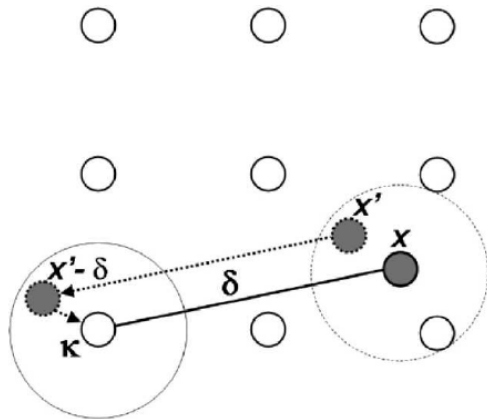
For fuzzy commitment, the secret key κ is chosen uniformly at random from the codeword space C . Then,

- 1 An offset $\delta = x - \kappa$ is computed
- 2 A one-way, collision-resistant hash function is applied to obtain $h(\kappa)$
- 3 $y = (\delta, h(\kappa))$ is made public
- 4 $\kappa' = f(x' - \delta)$ is computed
- 5 It is possible to de-commit y under a witness x' with $\text{Ham}(x, x') < \frac{d}{2}$

Once κ is recovered, its correctness may be verified by computing $z = h(\kappa)$

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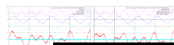


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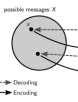
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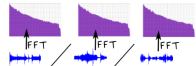
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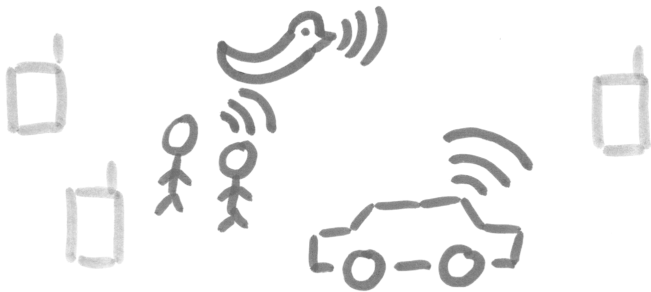
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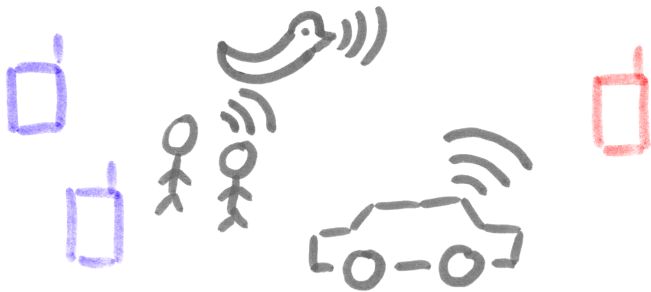
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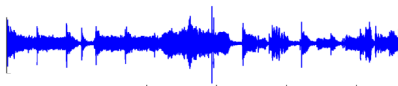
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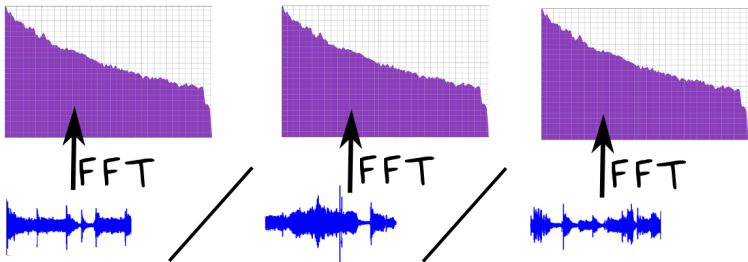
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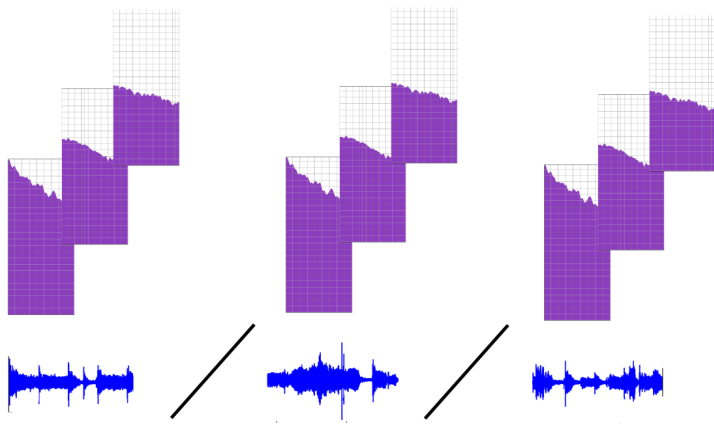
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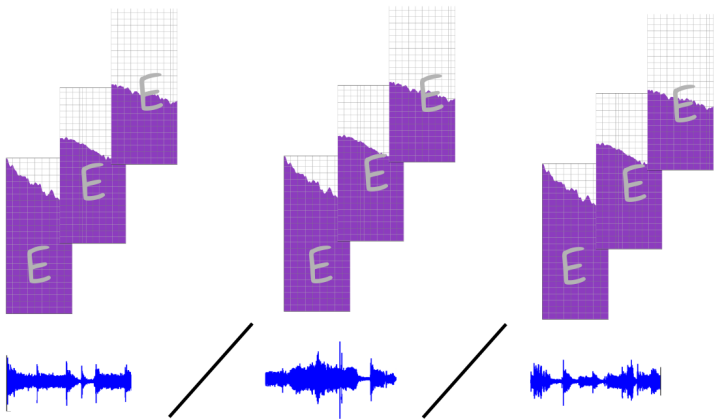
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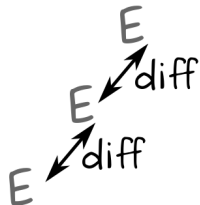
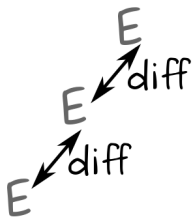
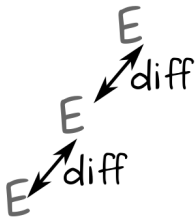
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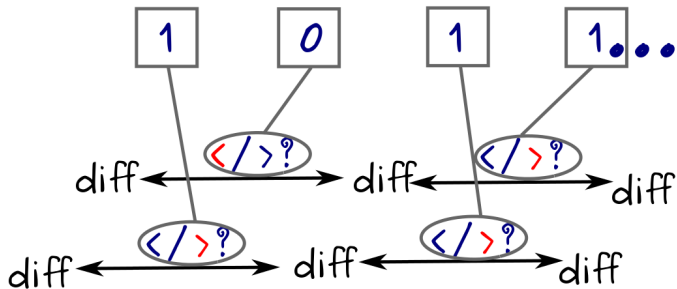
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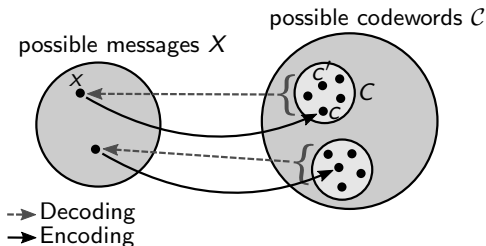
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Encryption and decryption in the presence of noise

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- We can, however, utilise error correcting codes to account for errors in an input sequence
- The general idea is to utilise a function that maps from a feature space to another, key space



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f 11011...01110

F 10010...01011

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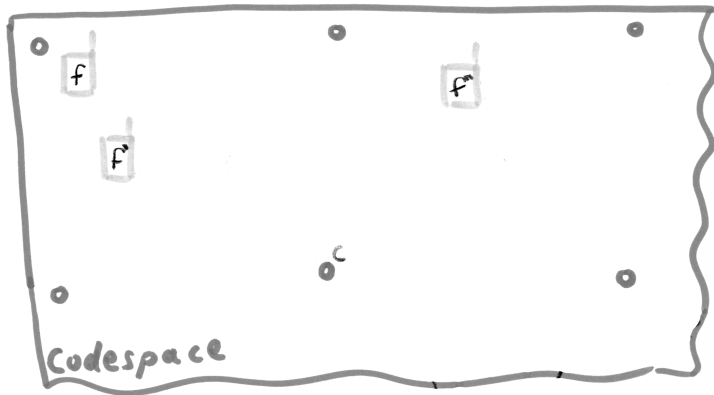
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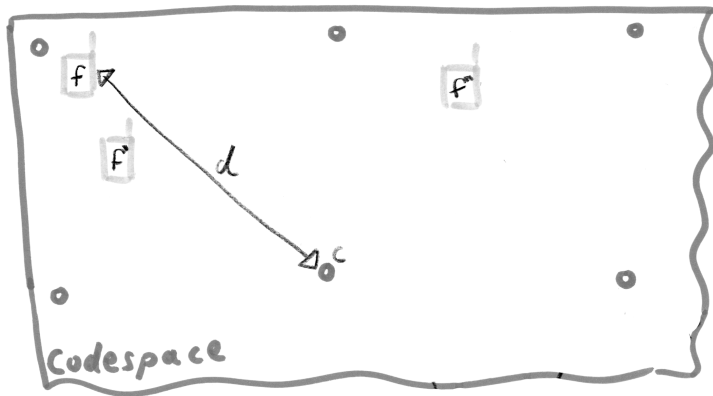
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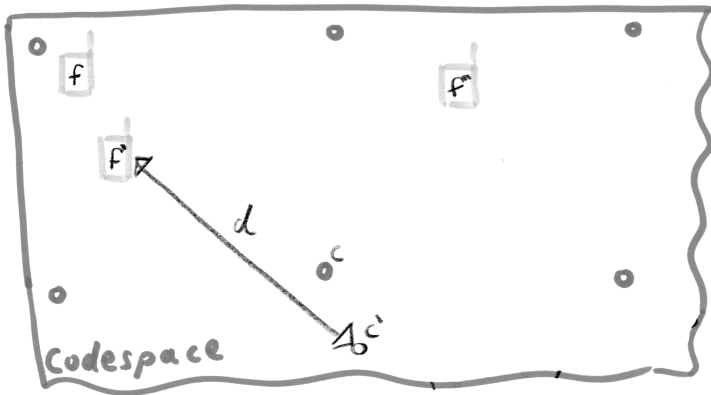
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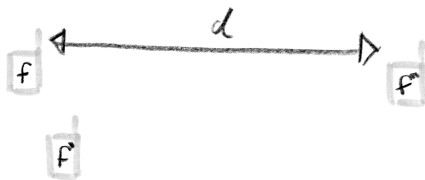
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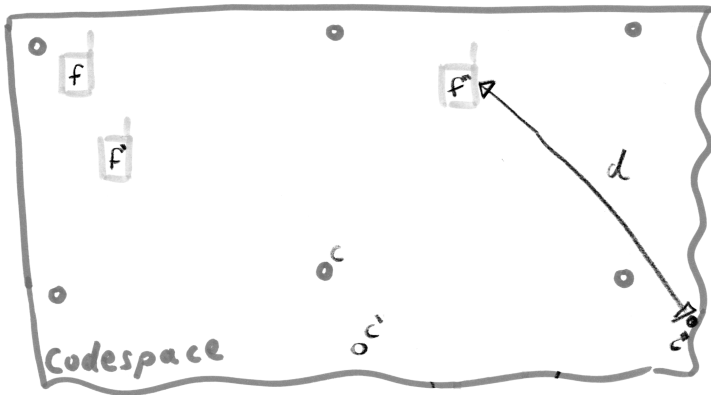
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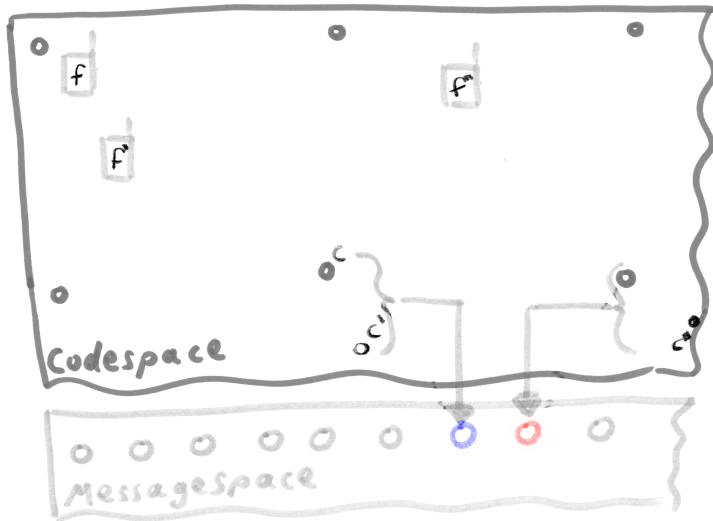
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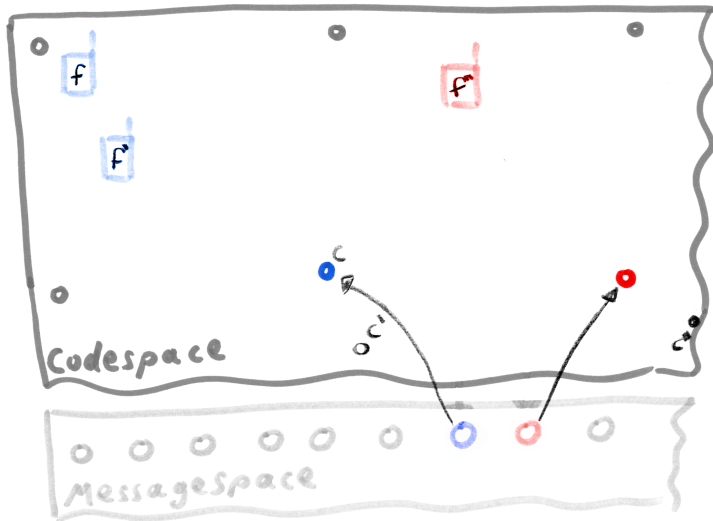
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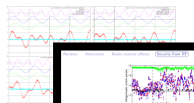
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
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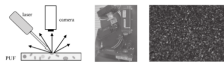


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Physical random functions

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Physically unclonable func.

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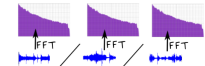
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Physical random functions

Physical random functions / Physically unclonable functions:
Random functions that can only be evaluated with the help of a physical system

Definition

A PUF is a random function that can only be evaluated with the help of a specific physical system. The inputs to a physical random function are challenges and the outputs are responses.

Physical random functions

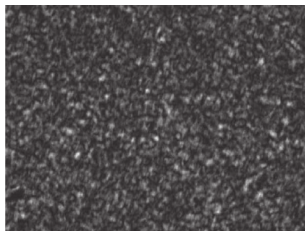
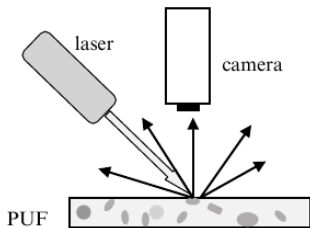
Digital PUFs Simplest kind of PUF. Digital key K is embedded in a tamper-proof package along with some logic that computes

$$\text{Response} = RF(K, \text{Challenge})$$

for some random function RF

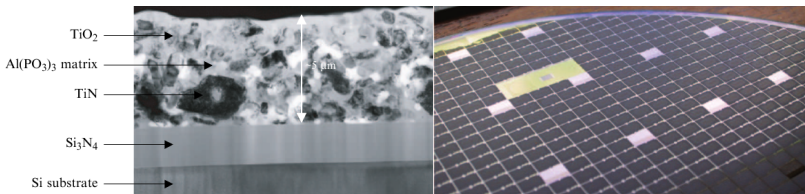
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Silicon PUFs Challenge is an input to a circuit that reconfigures the path that signals follow through the circuit. Response is related to the time it takes for signals to propagate through a complex circuit.



Physical random functions

Security of PUFs relies on difficulty of extracting all necessary parameters from a complex physical system

Attacker trying to extract all physical parameters might modify the PUF in the process

This makes PUFs tamper resistant to some extent

Physical random functions

PUF implementations build on random manufacturing variations (bubble position or exact wire delays):

Exact behaviour is a mystery even for the manufacturer

Not feasible to create two identical copies of a PUF

A difficulty of optical and silicon PUFs is that their output is noisy

Error correction that does not compromise the security is required⁹

⁹G.E. Suh, C.W. O'Donnell, I. Sachdev, S. Devadas, Design and implementation of the AEGIS single-chip secure processor using physical random functions, Proceedings of the 32nd Annual International Symposium of computer Architecture, 2005

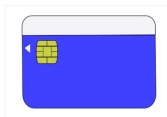
Physical random functions

Standard application: Key-card¹⁰

Lock stores a database of challenge response pairs (CRPs) for PUF

When the bearer of the PUF wants to open the lock, it selects a challenges it knows and asks the PUF for the corresponding response

Each CRP can be used only once : Card will eventually run out of PUFs



¹⁰R. Pappu, Physical One-Way Functions, PhD thesis, MIT, 2001

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Definition

Controlled physical random function (CPUF):

PUF that can only be accessed through specific API

Main problem with uncontrolled PUFs: Anybody can query the PUF for the response to any challenge

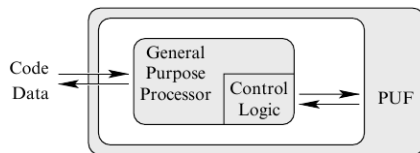
In order to engage in cryptography with a PUF device, a user has to exploit the fact that only he and the device know the response to a specific challenge.

Controlled Physical random functions

Third party could try to overhear challenge, obtain response from PUF and spoof the device

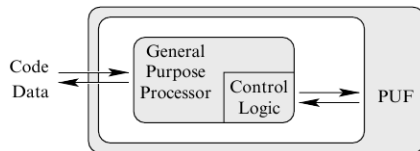
Problem: Adversary can freely query the PUF

By using CPUFs, Access to PUF restricted by control algorithm that prevents this attack



Embedding control logic for PUF in physical system of PUF makes it difficult to conduct invasive attacks on the control logic

Controlled Physical random functions



The PUF and its control logic have complementary roles

The PUF protects the control logic from invasive attacks

The control logic protects the PUF from protocol attacks

Controlled Physical random functions

Applications for CPUFs

Applications for CPUFs include applications that require single symmetric key on a chip

- **Smartcards that implement authentication:**

Current smart-cards: Hidden digital keys can be extracted using various attacks

PUF on the smartcard: Can authenticate chip – Digital key not required (Smartcard hardware itself is the secret key)

Key can not be duplicated: Person that temporary loses control of card need not fear that an adversary might have cloned the card or that the security became somehow impaired.

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CPUF API

CPUF typically modelled as general-purpose processing element with access to a PUF

Man-in-the-Middle Attack:

Adversary intercepts communication to device wants Alice to accept incorrect result as coming from device

Alice would execute the following protocol

CPUF API

Alice would execute the following protocol

- 1 Pick one CRP (Char, Response) at random
- 2 Execute the following function on the PUF:

```
1: GetAuthenticBroken(Chal){
2:     my Resp = PUF(Chal);
3:     // Do some computation, produce result
4:     return (Result, MAC(Result, Resp));
5: }
```
- 3 Use the MAC and Response to check that the data is authentic

CPUF API

Protocol is not secure against Man-in-the-Middle attacks

Attacker could

- 1 Intercept message send to `GetAuthenticBroken` and extract `Chal`
- 2 Execute on the PUF:
1: `StealResponse(Chal){`
2: `return (PUF(Chal));`
3: `}`
- 3 Forward Alice the message `MAC(FakeResult, Response)`
- 4 Since the MAC was computed with the correct response, Alice accepts `FakeResult`

CPUF API

Problem: When Alice releases her challenge, Adversary can ask PUF for corresponding response and impersonate PUF

Problem persists as long as the PUF freely provides responses

CPUF API

GetSecret

To solve this problem:

PUF shall only be accessed via call

$\text{GetSecret}(\text{Chal}) = \text{Hash}(\text{PHashReg}, \text{PUF}(\text{Chal}))$

PUF reveals combination of response and executed program instead of response

Since the Hash is a one-way function: Response not recovered easily

CPUF API

GetSecret

We alter the call of Alice accordingly:

```
1: GetAuthenticBroken(Chal){
2:     hashblock()({// HB
3:         // Do some computation, produce result
4:     });
5:     my Secret = GetSecret(Chal);
6:     return (Result, MAC(Result, Secret));
7: }
```

CPUF API

GetSecret

Alice can now compute Secret from Response by computing $\text{Hash}(\text{PHash}(\text{HB}), \text{Response})$ to check the MAC

An adversary has no way of obtaining Secret

CPUF API

GetCRP

However, the solution presented may be too restrictive for Alice also

With no CRP:

No way for Alice to obtain one in the first place:
Device never reveals response

Possible solution: Primitive called GetCRP that

- 1 Picks a random challenge
- 2 Computes the response
- 3 Returns the response to the caller

When space of challenges large enough:

Unlikely that attacker can compute CRPs identical to Alice's

CPUF API

GetResponse

Problem: Random number generators often vulnerable to attacks

Therefore: Might prefer alternative that not relies on a RNG that much

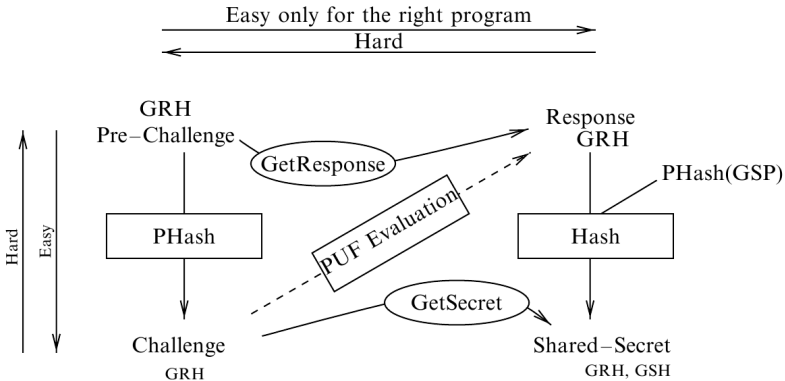
Replace `GetCRP` by `GetResponse()`=`PUF(PHashReg)`

Now: Anybody can generate CRP (`PHashReg,GetResponse()`)

But: Due to hash function, nobody can generate specific CRP

CPUF API

GetResponse



CPUF API

GetResponse

Man-in-the-Middle attack is prevented since each user has his own CRPs

Challenges can be public, but responses are required to be private

When not told the secret and GSH not leaks information, adversary can only obtain secret by hashing appropriate response

No way for adversary to obtain this response

Therefore:

Man-in-the-Middle attacks are prevented since PUF accessed only through GetSecret and GetResponse.

CPUF API

Challenge response pair management

How to get the response to the legitimate user?

The following sequence is proposed for CRP management

- After manufacturing manufacturer gets device-CRP with Bootstrap
- Manufacturer uses Introduction to provide CRPs to certification authorities
- Certification authorities provide CRPs to end users
- Anybody in possession of a CRP can create new CRPs by Renew

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Bootstrapping

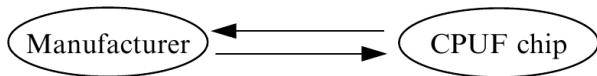
1 Pick a pre-challenge `PreChal` at random

2 Execute

```
1: Bootstrap(PreChal){
2:     hashblock(PreChal){
3:         Return GetResponse();
4:     };
5: }
```

3 The challenge for the CRP is obtained by calculating `PHash(HB)`

If `PreChal` is not known, the security relies on the hash function



CPUF API

Renewal

- 1 Pick a pre-challenge `PreChal` at random
- 2 By using an old challenge `OldChal`, execute

```

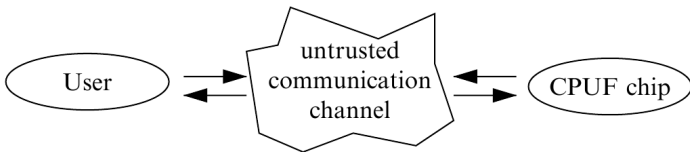
1: Renew(OldChal, PreChal){
2:     hashblock(OldChal, PreChal){
3:         my NewResponse = GetResponse();
4:         my Secret = GetSecret(OldChal);
5:         return Encrypt(NewResponse,
        Secret);//Key:Secret
6:     });
7: }
```

- 3 Compute `Hash(PHash(HB), OldResponse)` to calculate `Secret`, check the MAC with it and retrieve `NewResponse`

CPUF API

Renewal

When the response corresponding to `OldCha1` is only known to the user, the method is secure.



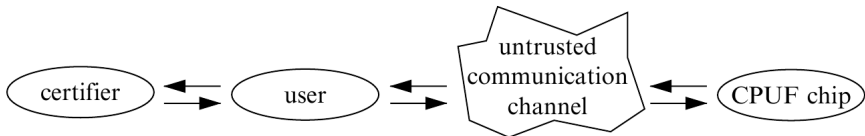
CPUF API

Introduction

Provide user with CRP

Assumption:

Trusted channel between user and certifier



CPUF API

Introduction

- 1 Cert. authority picks (OldChal, OldResponse), computes $\text{Secret} = \text{Hash}(\text{PHash}(\text{HB}), \text{OldResponse})$ and returns (OldChal, Secret)
- 2 User picks pre-challenge PreChal at random and executes

```

1: Introduction(OldChal, PubKey, PreChal){
2:     hashblock(PubKey, PreChal){{
3:         my NewResponse = GetResponse();
4:         my Message = PublicEncrypt(NewResponse,
      PubKey);
5:         my Secret' = GetSecret(OldChal);
6:         Return (Message, MAC(Message, Secret'));
7:     }};
8: }
```

- 3 User checks MAC with Secret. ($\text{Secret} = \text{Secret}'$ since both are computed as $\text{Hash}(\text{PHash}(\text{HB}), \text{OldResponse})$). User Decrypts Message and computes PHash(HB) to obtain Response and Challenge

Motivation
Spontaneous authentication among mobile devices remains an unsolved problem in Mobile security.

Aspects of the mobile radio channel

- Channel conditions
- independent of distance of $\frac{1}{2}$

Fuzzy cryptography

Utilise noise to improve security

Utilisation of Fuzzy cryptography to mitigate errors in keys

Physical random functions

Optical PUF: Made of transparent optical medium containing bubbles. Shining a laser beam through the medium produces speckle pattern (response) that depends on exact position/direction of incoming beam.



Physically unclonable func.

Mobile radio channel

RF-Examples

Security from pure noise

Fuzzy cryptography for authentication

Fuzzy crypto using ambient audio for auth.

Example: Spontaneous audio-based device pairing

Questions?

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