

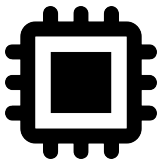


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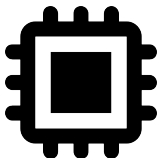
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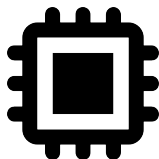
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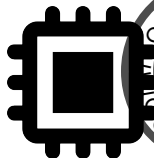
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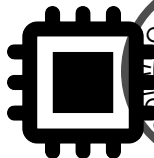
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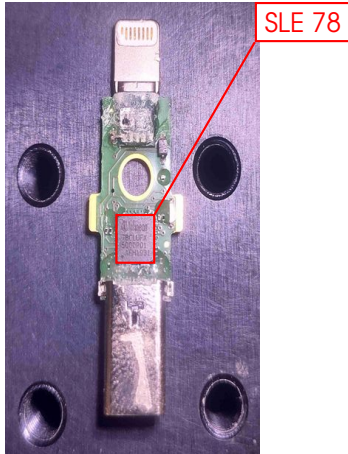
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- ▶ (2nd) Authentication Factor
- ▶ FIDO core crypto primitive is ECDSA:

Elliptic Curve Digital Signature Algorithm

- ▶ Generate ECDSA key-pairs
 - ▶ ECDSA Sign challenges
 - ▶ Protect the ECDSA private keys
- ↔ Secure Element

Yubikey 5Ci



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Yubikey 5Ci – FEITIAN A22 Open JavaCard



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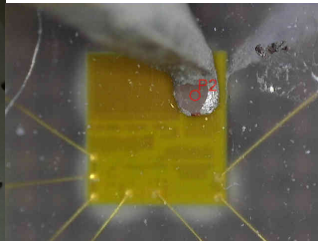
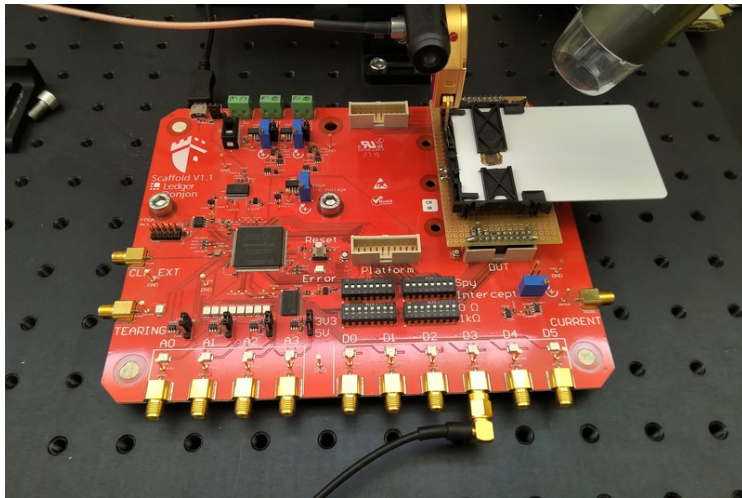
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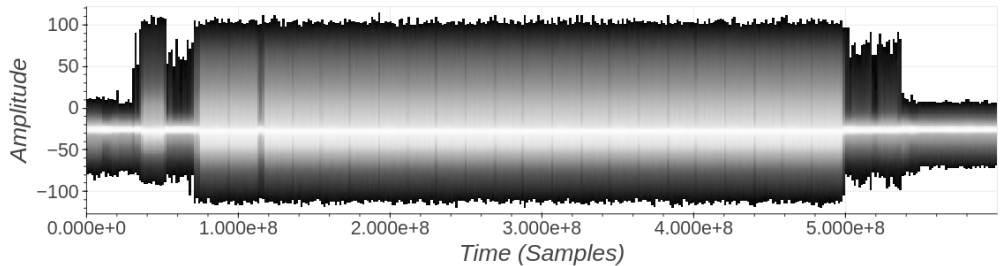
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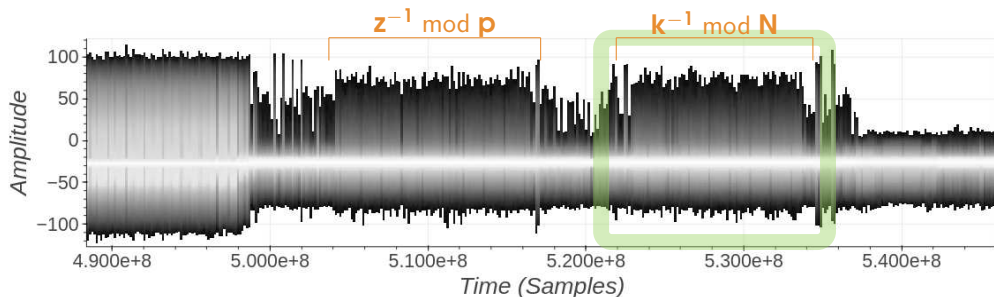
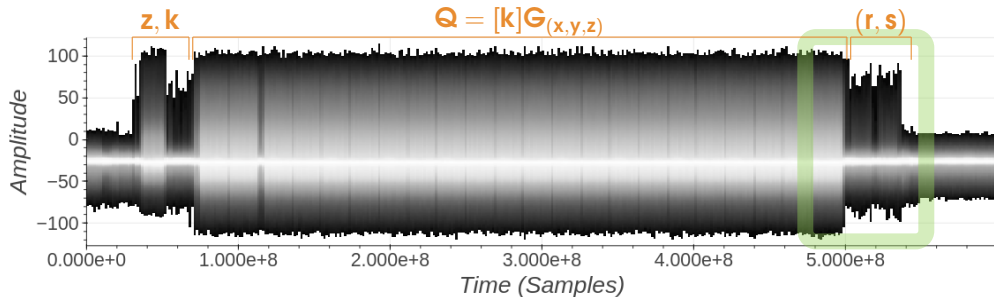


ECDSA Signature Scheme

- ▶ Elliptic Curve E over $\mathbb{F}_p$ (base point $G_{(x,y)}$, order is N)
- ▶ Inputs: **secret key** d , the input message to sign $h = H(m)$
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 - inv projection $Q_{(x,y,z)} \rightarrow Q_{(xz^{-1},yz^{-1})}$
- ▶ denote by r the x-coordinate of Q : $r = Q_x$
- ▶ compute $s = k^{-1}(h + rd) \bmod N$
- ▶ return (r, s)

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$$\begin{aligned} m &\xleftarrow{\$} \mathbb{Z}/2^{32}\mathbb{Z}^* \\ k' &= k \times m \bmod N \\ k'^{-1} &= \text{EEA}(k', N) \\ k^{-1} &= k'^{-1} \times m \bmod N \end{aligned}$$

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Input :  $a, b$ : two positive integers
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 $r \leftarrow a$ 
 $\ell \leftarrow \text{len}(r) - \text{len}(b)$ 
 $q \leftarrow 0$ 
while  $\ell \geq 0$  do
   $g \leftarrow \text{sign}(r).2^\ell$ 
   $r \leftarrow r - g.b$ 
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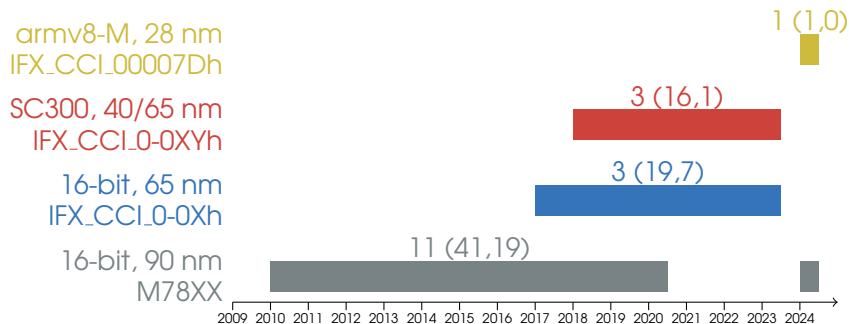
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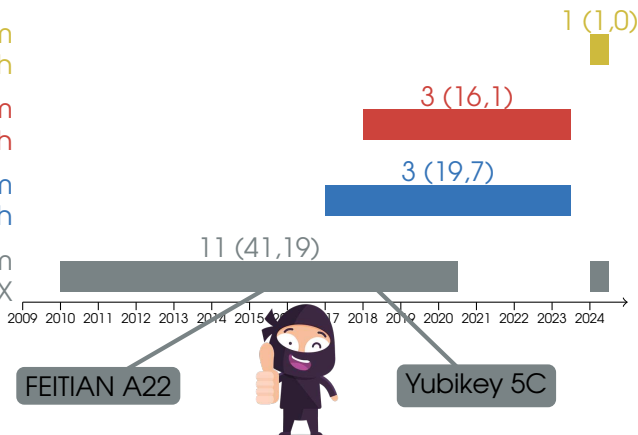
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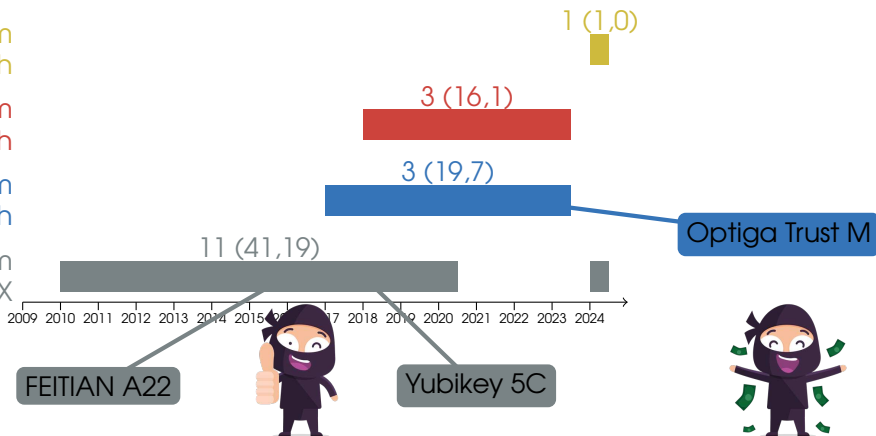
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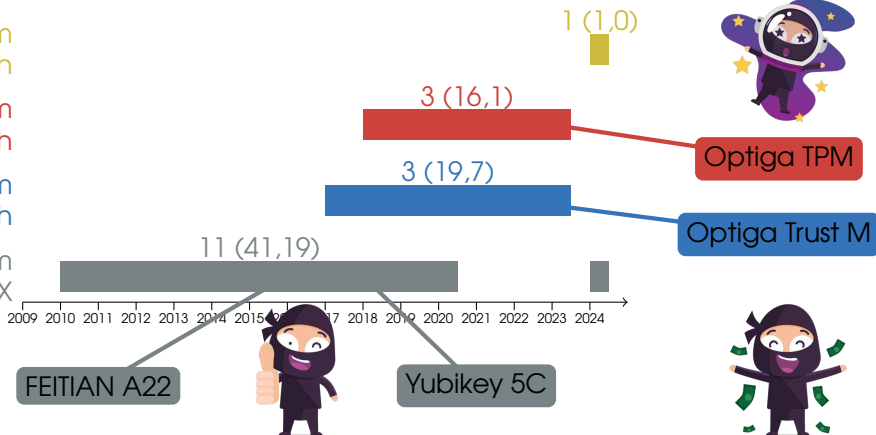
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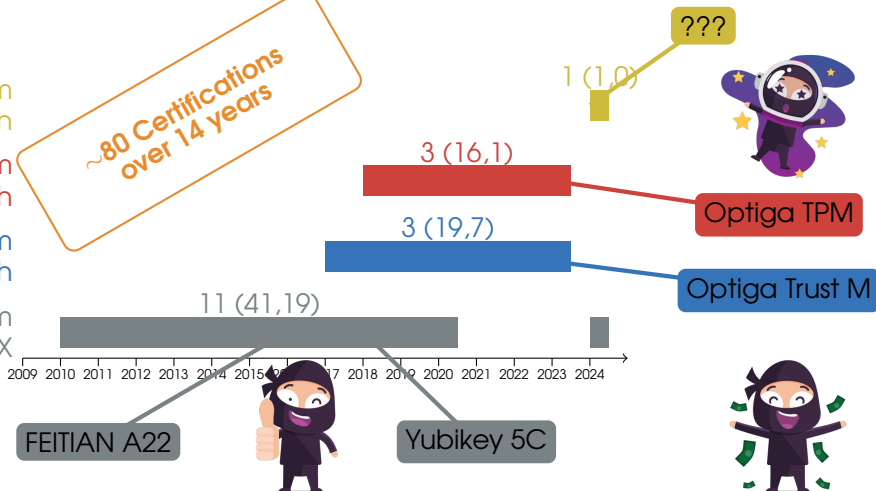
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Let's sum up: Attack Requirements

- ▶ *Infineon security microcontroller with Infineon cryptolib*
- ▶ modular inversion of a secret (eg. ECDSA).
- ▶ The attacker must have physical access to the device:
 - ▶ open the device to access to the Infineon chip package;
 - ▶ EM probe + oscillo to capture the EM side-channel signal (few minutes).
- ▶ Later, the offline phase will take one hour to one day to retrieve the private key.

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Mitigations

At Infineon Level:

- ▶ Increase the size of the multiplicative mask to Elliptic Curve size
- ▶ Use a *constant time* algorithm for inversion

eg. BEEA or ModExp

At Application Level:

- ▶ Avoid ECDSA

eg. EdDSA or RSA

- ▶ Defense in Depth

eg. Activate PIN (or any biometrics) on the device

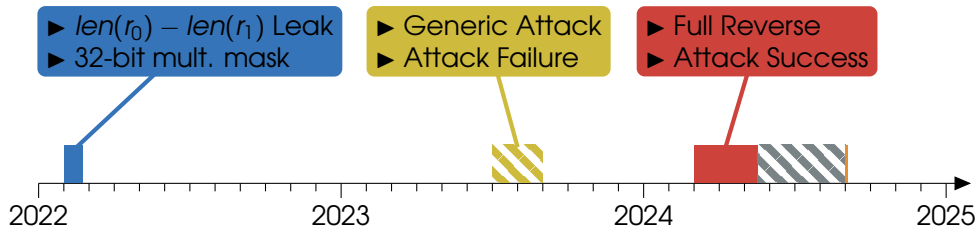
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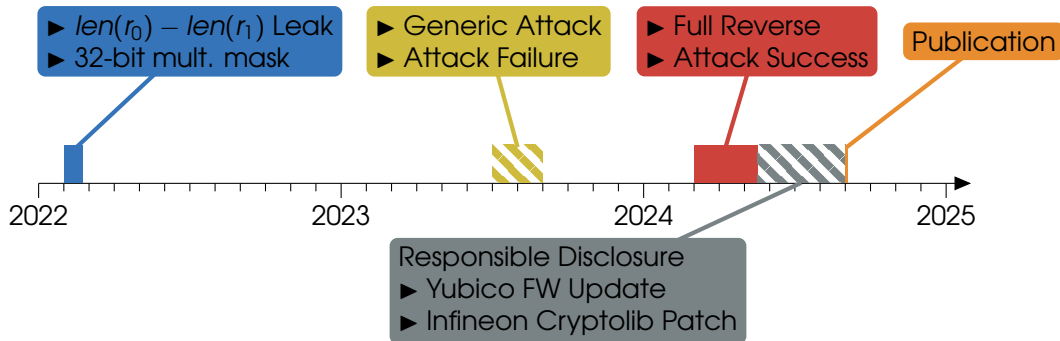


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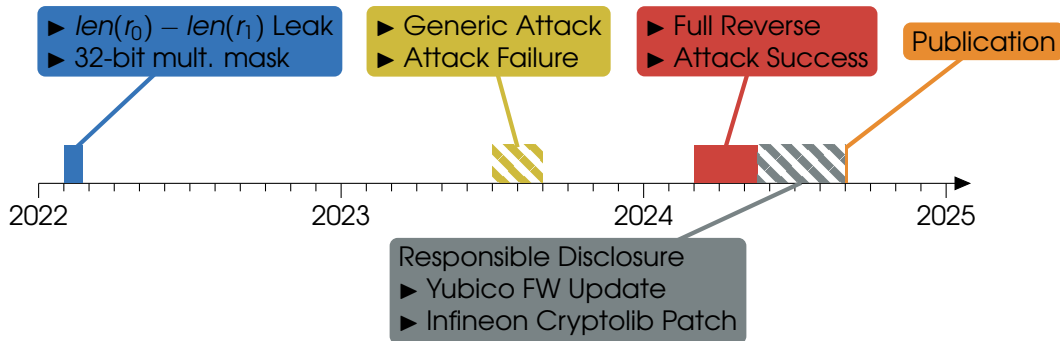


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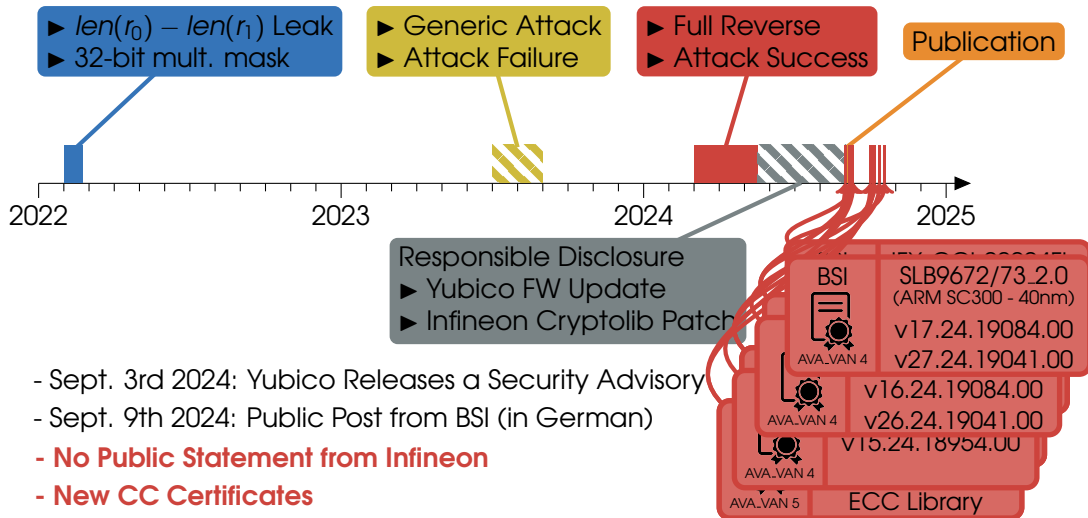
- Sept. 3rd 2024: Yubico Releases a Security Advisory
- Sept. 9th 2024: Public Post from BSI (in German)
- **No Public Statement from Infineon**
- **New CC Certificates**

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16-bit, 65 nm	2.06.003, 2.07.003, 2.08.007, 3.33.003	2.09.002
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OptigaTPM	v15.20, v15.21, v15.22, v15.23, v16.10, v16.12, v26.10, v17.10, v17.12, v17.13, v27.10, v27.13	v15.24 v16.24, v26.24 v17.24, v27.24