

# CE/CZ4055 Cyber Physical System Security

## *Key Management*

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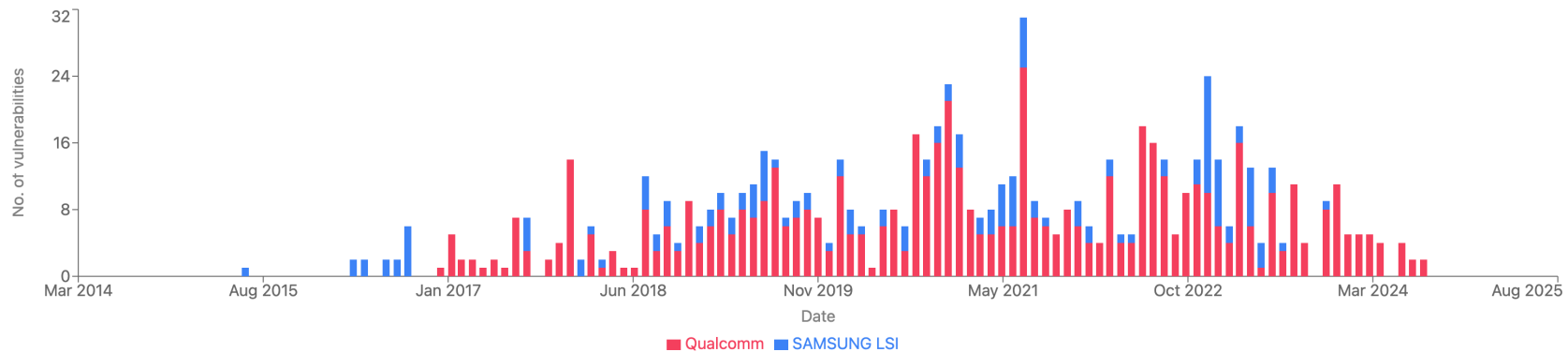
# Microprocessor Vulnerability

Academic community maintaining  
vulnerabilities across devices and  
chipsets.

Statistics

## Histograms

See how many vulnerabilities have been **Reported** across **Chipset manufacturers**



Device  
HTC Wildfire E1

### Overview

Release Date (est.)  
Dec 2019

Chipset  
MT6763/6763T

### Vulnerabilities

Filter vulnerabilities...

Id	Severity	Component	Affects	Reported on	Published by manufacturer
<a href="#">CVE-2021-0421</a>	MEDIUM	MEMORY_MANAGEMENT	OS	N/A	Sep 2021
<a href="#">CVE-2021-0422</a>	MEDIUM	MEMORY_MANAGEMENT	OS	N/A	Sep 2021
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<a href="#">CVE-2021-0434</a>	MEDIUM	MEMORY_MANAGEMENT	OS	N/A	Sep 2021
<a href="#">CVE-2021-0425</a>	MEDIUM	MEMORY_MANAGEMENT	OS	N/A	Sep 2021
<a href="#">CVE-2021-0610</a>	MEDIUM	MEMORY_MANAGEMENT	OS	N/A	Sep 2021
<a href="#">CVE-2021-0611</a>	MEDIUM	GPU	N/A	N/A	Sep 2021
<a href="#">CVE-2021-0612</a>	MEDIUM	GPU	N/A	N/A	Sep 2021
<a href="#">CVE-2021-0619</a>	MEDIUM	N/A	N/A	N/A	Nov 2021



<https://www.chipsets.org/>

D. Klischies et al, "Vulnerability, Where Art Thou? An Investigation of Vulnerability Management in Android Smartphone", NDSS 2025

# Kerckhoffs' Principle

A cryptosystem should be secure even if everything about the system, *except the key*, is public knowledge

*No security through obscurity*



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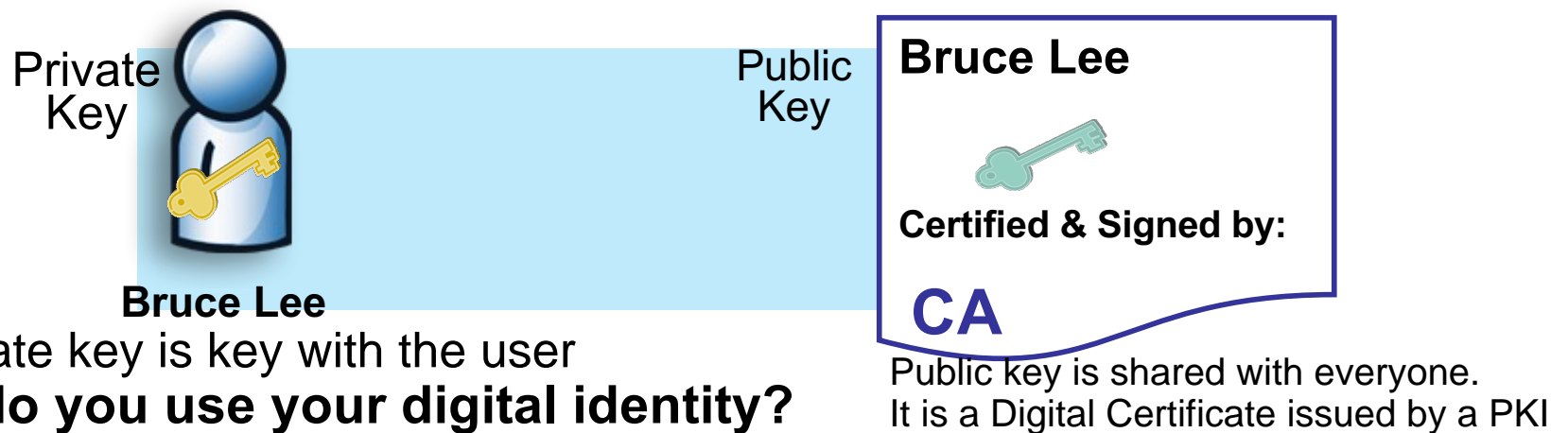
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Every user has a private key and public key

# What is a **Digital Identity**?

- An asymmetric key pair assigned to a particular individual
  - Implemented using a digital certificate
  - Contains information about you...name etc. plus your public key
  - Certificate is digitally signed by a trusted source



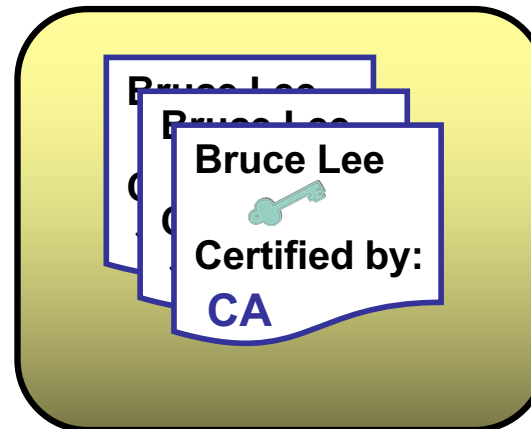
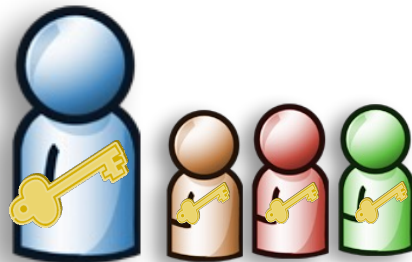
- Private key is key with the user
- **How do you use your digital identity?**
  - Use your private key digitally **sign documents**
  - Others **verify** your signature **with the public key** on your certificate

# What is a PKI?

- A Public Key Infrastructure (PKI) is a system to deploy and manage digital identities

PKI CAN -->

- **Issue** digital identities
- **Revoke** digital identities
- **Publish** public keys via directories

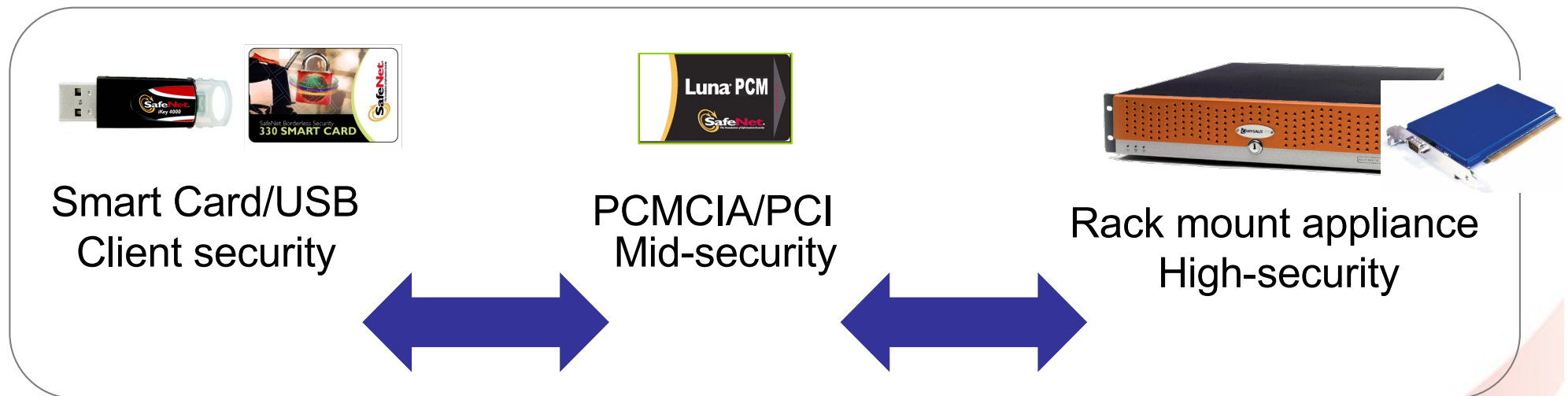


# What is a Hardware Security Module (HSM)?

Basically like mom's company USB to access the laptop

- Security: A device to keep private keys secure
- Performance: Accelerate encryption operations to eliminate bottlenecks
- Audit: Provides a clear audit trail

Wide range of Security, Performance, Scalability & Price



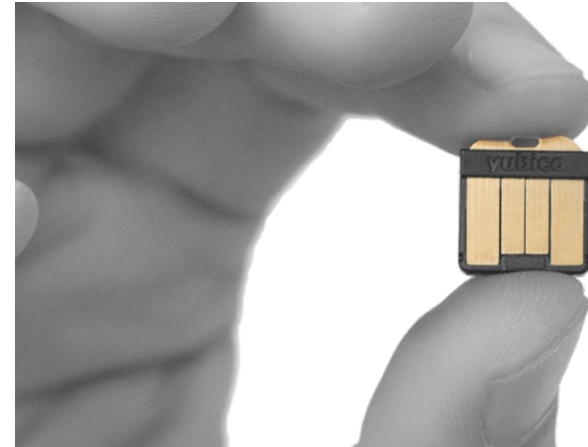
# Types of HSMs

- HSM **USB**
- HSM embedded in **Desktop**
- HSM in **Cloud**



# Portable HSM

- Small Form Factor
  - USB
  - Smartcard



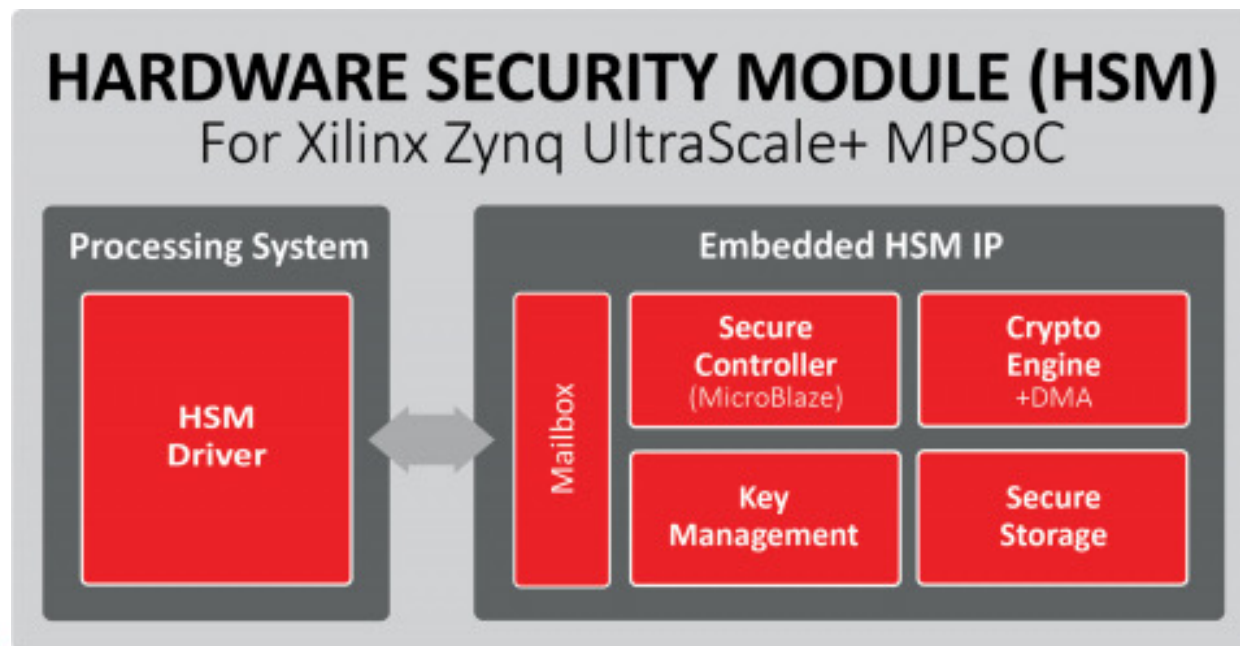
# Smartcard HSM

- Smartcard HSM hosts a built-in key-pair, which can be authenticated by a certificate issuer, or card service provider
- Interface: contact/contactless with standard readers that support ISO-7816 or ISO14443
- Personalization for an user, easy to deploy and maintain for strict access controls



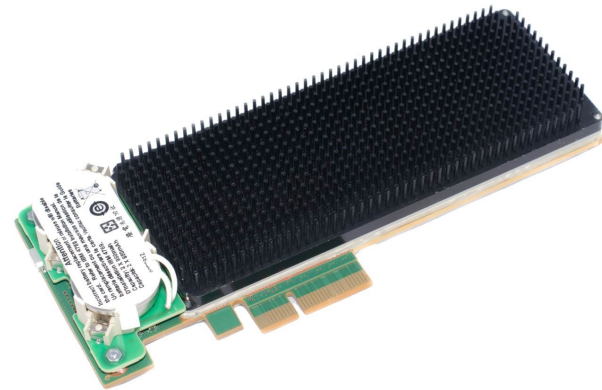
# USB HSM, HSM as IP

- OTP access
- 2-factor authentication
- Secure (encrypted) password storage
- Encrypted mass storage



# Embedded HSM

- Interface
  - PCI-Express X4, PCI CEM 1.0a
- Cheaper, lower performance than cloud-based HSM



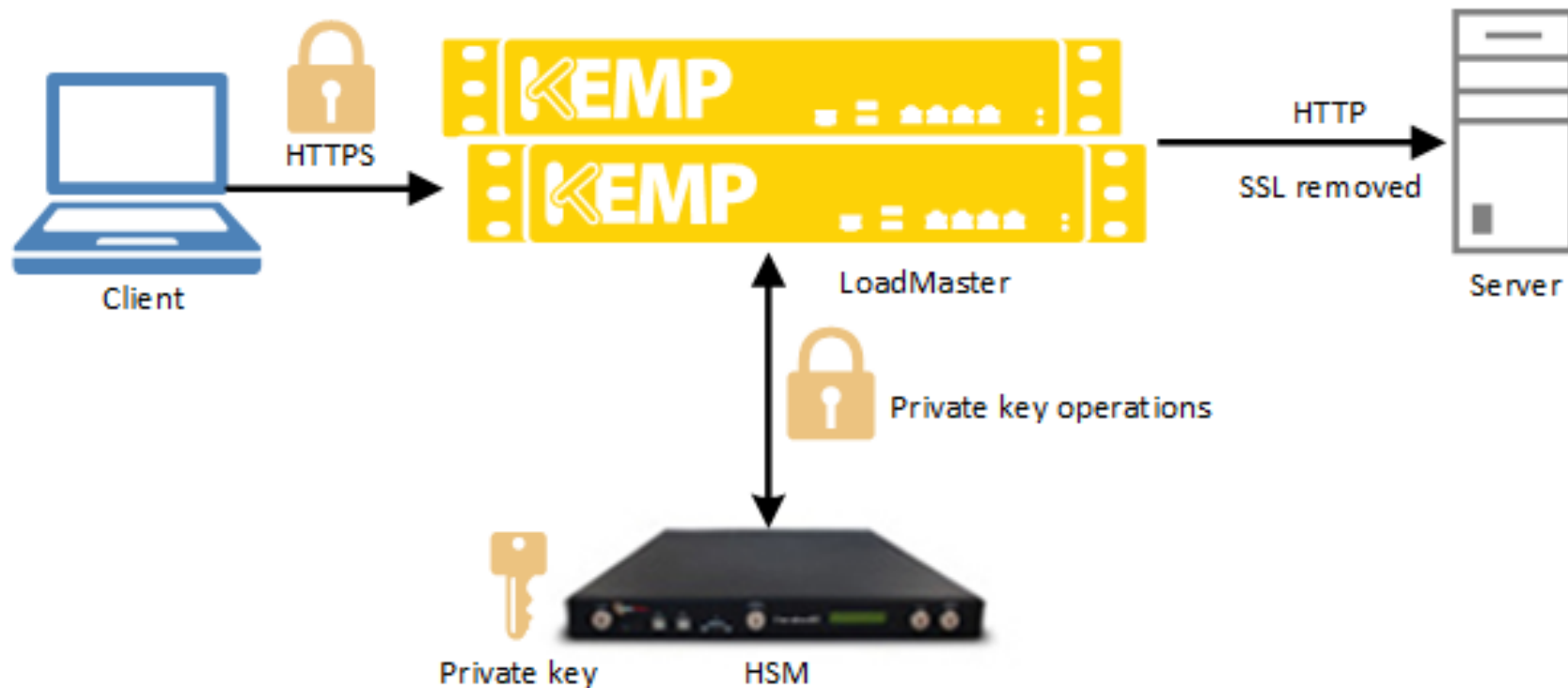
# Network-attached HSM

- Benefits
  - Load sharing, Easily upgradable
  - Supporting multiple users (over cloud, multiple partitions)
- Tamper resistance through built-in chassis
- Mode of deployment
  - Private/Public cloud
- *Example: Thales Luna Network HSM*
  - 2 options: 4 Gigabit ethernet ports with Port Bonding
  - 2 x 10G fibre network connectivity and 2 x 1G with Port Bonding
    - IPv4 and IPv6

# Network-attached HSM: Example

- **Thales Luna Network HSM**
- **Supported Operating Systems**
  - Windows, Linux, Solaris, AIX
  - Virtual: VMware, Hyper-V, Xen, KVM
- **API Support**
  - PKCS#11, Java (JCA/JCE), Microsoft CAPI and CNG, OpenSSL
  - REST API for administration
- **Cryptography**
  - Asymmetric: RSA, DSA, Diffie-Hellman, Elliptic Curve Cryptography (ECDSA, ECDH, Ed25519, ECIES)
  - Symmetric: AES, AES-GCM, Triple DES, DES, ARIA, SEED, RC2, RC4, RC5, CAST
  - Hash/Message Digest/HMAC: SHA-1, SHA-2, SHA-3, SM2, SM3, SM4

# Network-attached HSM: Sample Configuration



*Load Balancing through Kemp LoadMaster*

# Key Management using HSM

- **Challenges**

- **Key Generation, Replacement and Retiring**
- **Key Distribution** (*partly addressed by PKI*)

- **NIST Recommendation (NIST Special Publication 800-57 Part 1)**

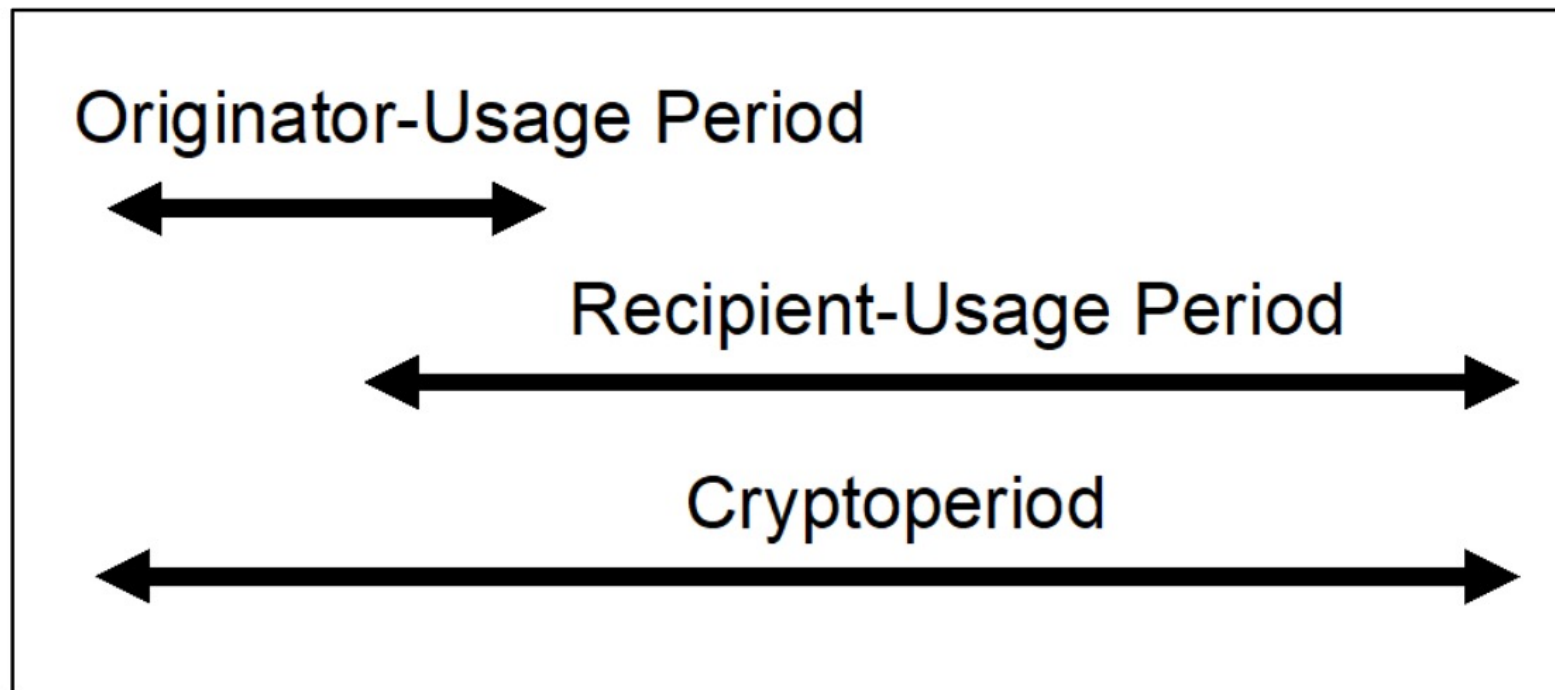
- *“The proper management of cryptographic keys is essential to the effective use of cryptography for security. Keys are analogous to the combination of a safe...Ultimately, the security of information protected by cryptography directly depends on the strength of the keys, the effectiveness of mechanisms and protocols associated with the keys, and the protection afforded to the keys.”*

# Key Management using HSM *(contd.)*

A **cryptoperiod** is the time span during which a specific key is authorized for use by legitimate entities or the keys for a given system will remain in effect. A suitably defined cryptoperiod:

- Limits the amount of information that is available for cryptanalysis to reveal the key (e.g. the number of plaintext and ciphertext pairs encrypted with the key);
- Limits the amount of exposure if a single key is compromised;
- Limits the use of a particular algorithm;
- Limits the time available for computationally intensive cryptanalysis.

# Key Management using HSM *(contd.)*

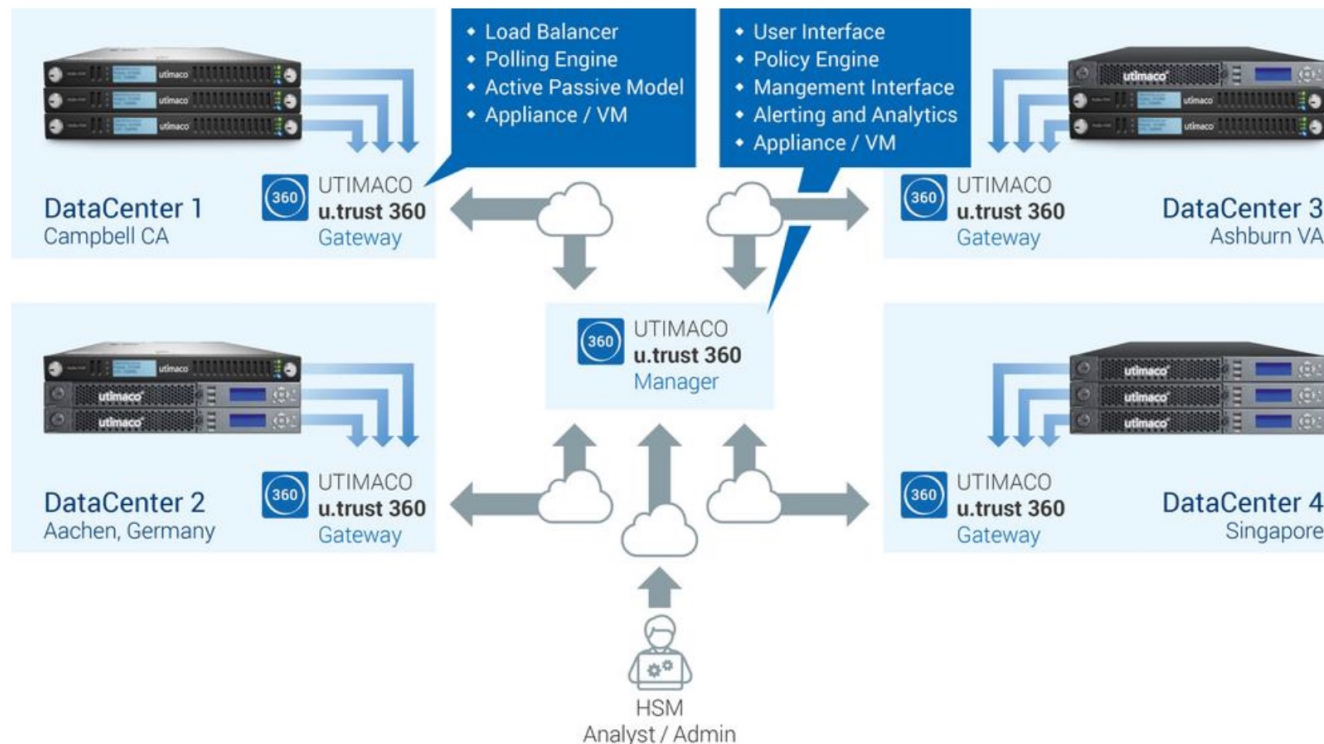


# Key Management using HSM *(contd.)*

Key Type	Security Service	Security Protection	Association Protection	Assurances Required	Period of Protection
Private authentication key	Identity authentication Integrity authentication	Confidentiality Integrity	Usage or application  Public authentication key Domain parameters (when used)	Possession	From generation until the end of the cryptoperiod
Public authentication key	Identity authentication Integrity authentication	Integrity Availability	Usage or application Key pair owner Authenticated data Private authentication key Domain parameters (when used)	Validity	From generation until no protected data needs to be authenticated
Symmetric data-encryption/decryption key	Confidentiality	Confidentiality Integrity Availability	Usage or application Other authorized entities Plaintext/Encrypted data		From generation until the end of the lifetime of the data or the end of the cryptoperiod, whichever is later

## Types of keys

# Key Management using HSM: Utimaco Example



The central management and monitoring solution for Atalla and CryptoServer LAN V5 HSMs

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# Key Management for Sensor Networks

- Key distribution in large networks
  - Total number key exchanges for  $n$ -users is  $n(n - 1)/2$



# Key Pre-distribution

- Loading Keys into sensor nodes *prior to deployment*
- Two nodes find a common key between them after deployment
- Challenges
  - Memory/Energy efficiency
  - Security: nodes can be compromised
  - Scalability: new nodes might be added later

# Key Distribution Schemes

- Three keying models are used to compare the different relationships between WSN Security and operational requirements
  - **Network Keying**
  - **Pairwise Keying**
  - **Group Keying**



# Network Keying

- One Key for the Network

All the nodes in the network have the same key

Benefits	Problems
Simple	Lacks Robustness  If one of the node is compromise, all the nodes will be compromise
Allows data aggregation and fusion	
Scalable	
Able to self-organize	
Flexible	

# Group Keying

A single node can belong in multiple groups and hold multiple keys for the groups

- One Key for a Group within the Network

Form different groups in a network to prevent network keying vulnerability

Benefits	Problems
Allows Multicast.	Lacks efficient storage for group keying.
Allows group collaboration.	Difficult to set up securely.
Better robustness than network keying.	Cluster formation information is application dependent.
Adjustable scalability.	
Flexible.	
Able to self-organize within cluster.	



Not easily scalable cos if add = form new cluster = reassociate the keys but if one group is compromise, only that group in the network is compromise instead of the whole network

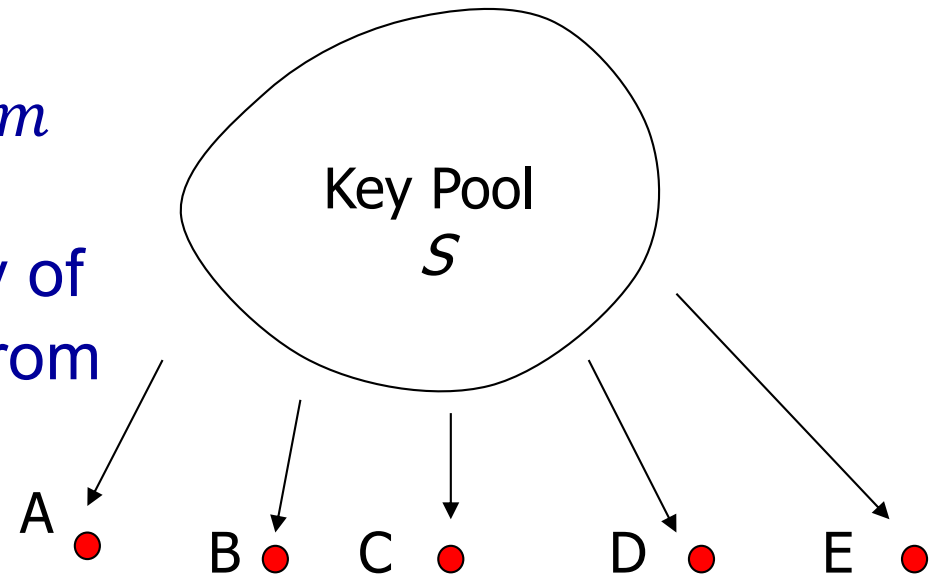
# Pairwise Keying

- One Key for each Pair within the Network

Benefits	Problems
Provides best robustness. If one node is compromise, the rest of the nodes won't be compromise	Non-scalable.
	Unable to self-organize.
Authentication for each node.	Not flexible.

# Eschenauer-Gligor Scheme

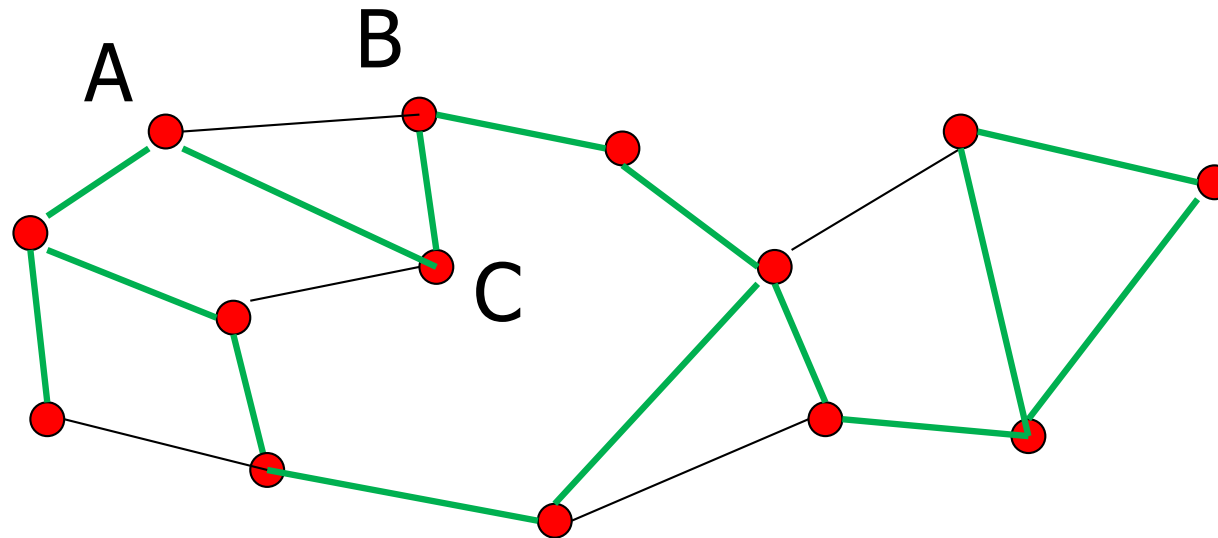
- Each node randomly selects  $m$  keys
- Can determine the probability of two nodes being connected from random graph theory
- Constraints
  - Size of key pool
  - Capacity of nodes
  - Desired Graph connectivity



- When  $|S| = 10,000, m = 75$   
 $\Pr(\text{two nodes have a common key}) = 0.50$

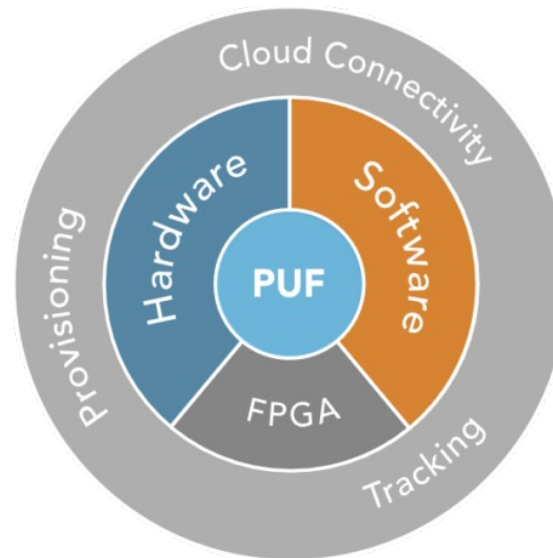
# Establishing Secure Channels

- Establish a path by identifying nodes with common keys

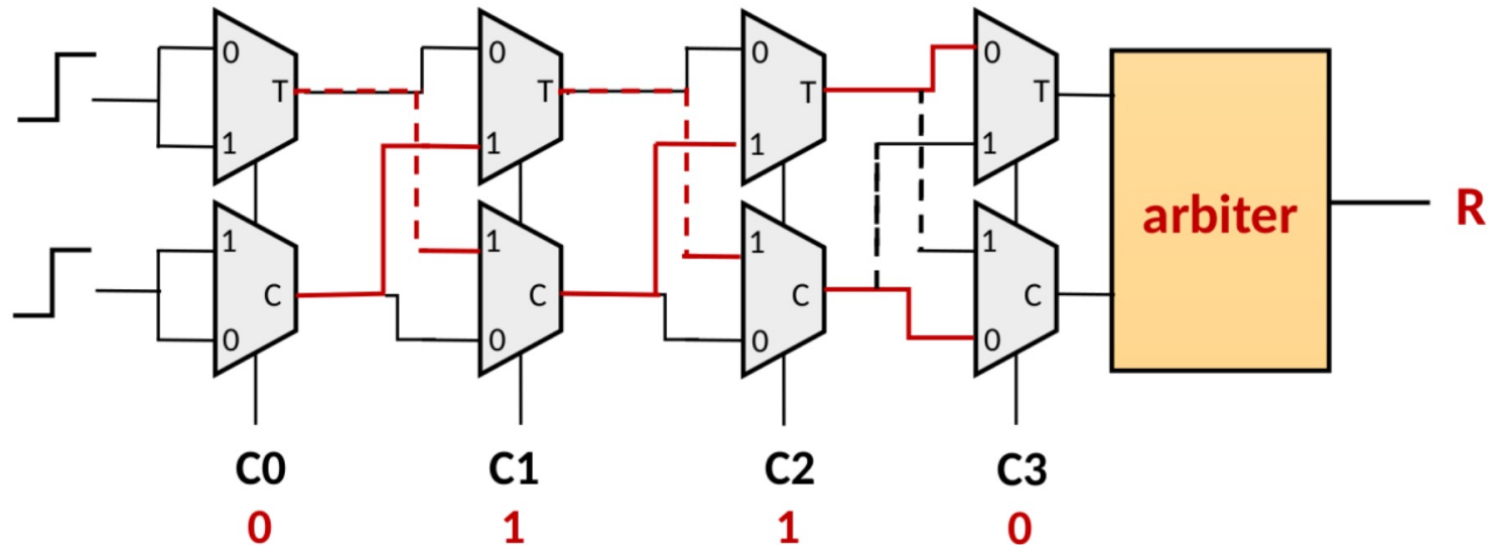


# IoT Key via Digital Fingerprinting

- Every device has a unique fingerprint, which can be used as the built-in key.
- Resolves the key distribution problem.
- Main Concept: **Physically Unclonable Function (PUF)**



# Arbiter PUF Design



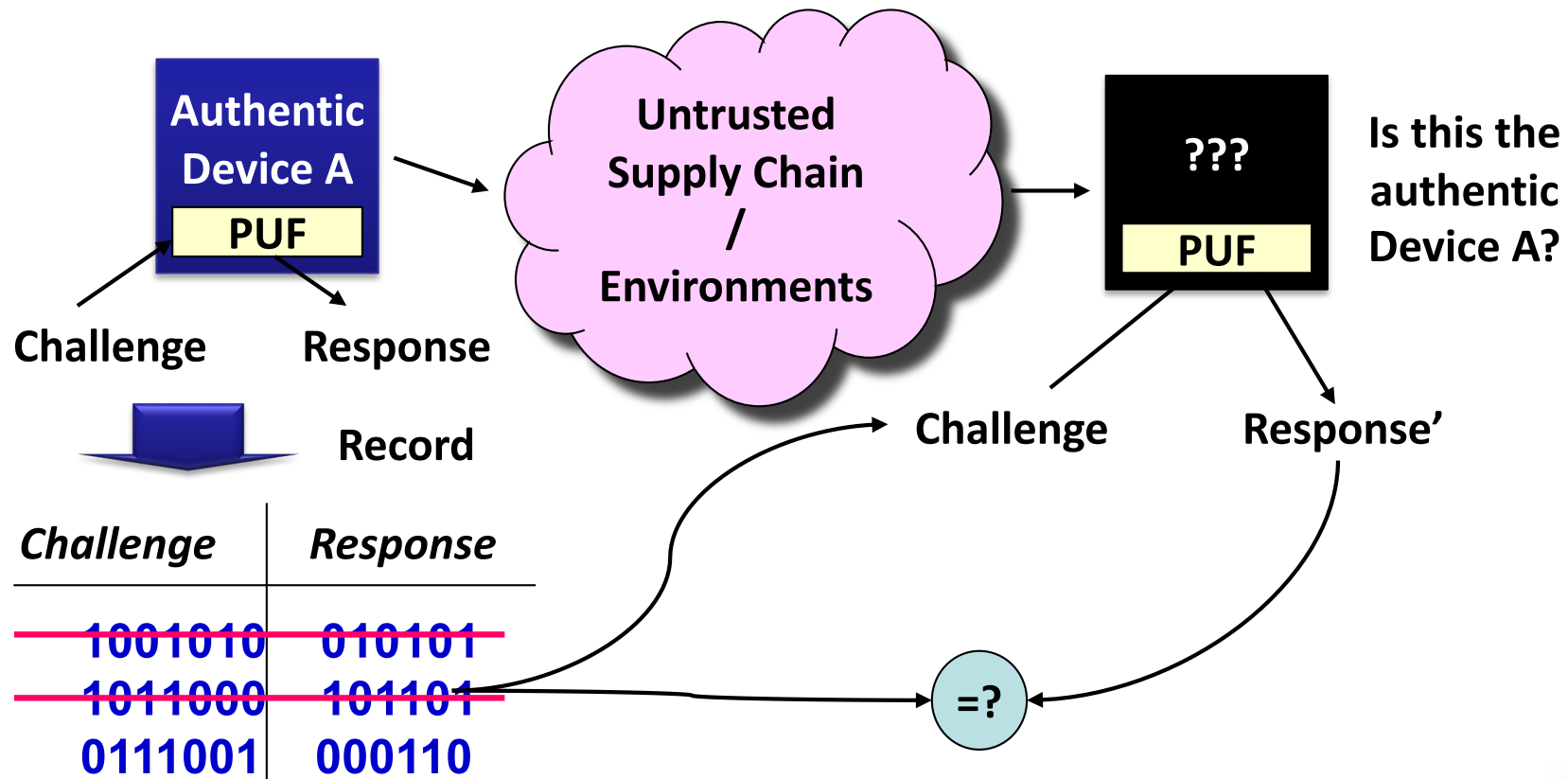
- $C_i$  acts as challenge and  $R$  is obtained as response.
- The digital fingerprint (PUF) consists of a database - Challenge-Response Pairs (**CRP**)

# PUF Properties

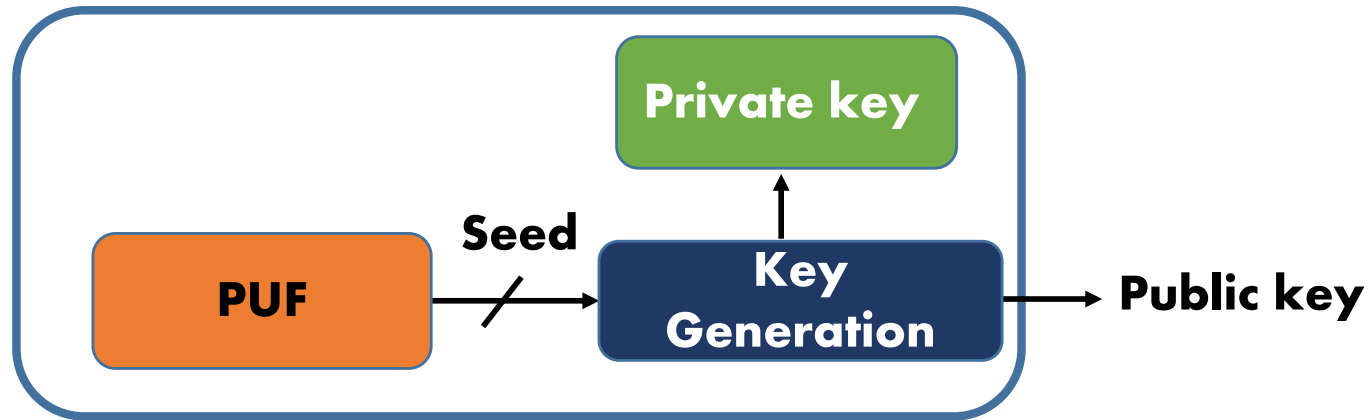
- **Evaluatable:** given PUF and  $x$ , it is easy to evaluate  $y = \text{PUF}(x)$ .
- **Unique:**  $\text{PUF}(x)$  contains some information about the identity of the physical entity embedding PUF.
- **Unclonable:** given PUF, it is hard to construct a procedure  $\text{PUF}'$   
$$\text{PUF}' \neq \text{PUF} \text{ and } \forall x \in C \text{ PUF}'(x) \approx \text{PUF}(x)$$
- **Unpredictable:** given only a subset of CRP, it is hard to predict  $y_c = \text{PUF}(x_c)$
- **One-way:** given only  $y$  and the corresponding PUF instance, it is hard to find  $x$  such that  $\text{PUF}(x) = y$
- **Tamper-evident:** altering the physical entity embedding PUF transforms  $\text{PUF} \rightarrow \text{PUF}'$

# PUF Usage: Authentication

Protect against counterfeits

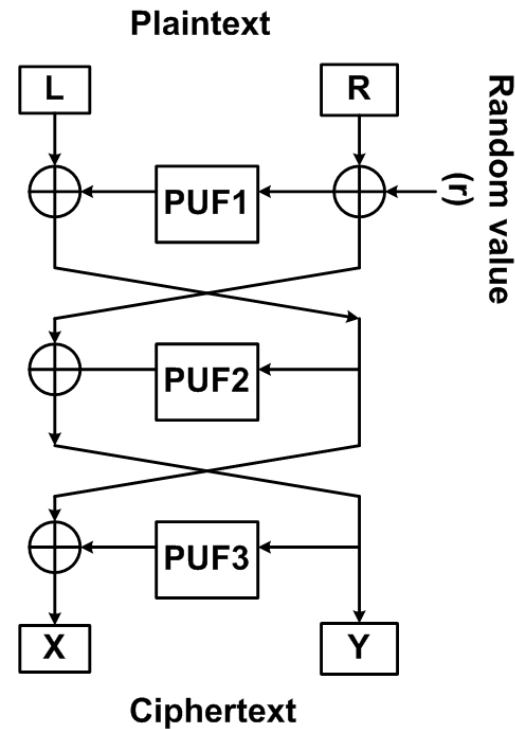


# PUF Usage: Key Pair Generation



- PUF response is used as a random seed to a private/ public key generation algorithm
- No secret needs to be handled by a manufacturer
- A device generates a key pair on-chip, and outputs a public key

# PUF Usage: Keyless Cipher



- A randomized 3-round Luby-Rackoff cipher
- Round functions are replaced by PUF instances
- This is a keyless cipher

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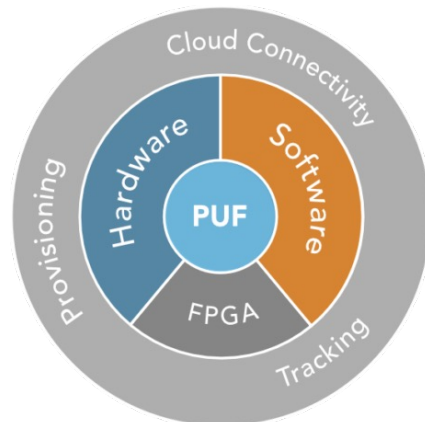
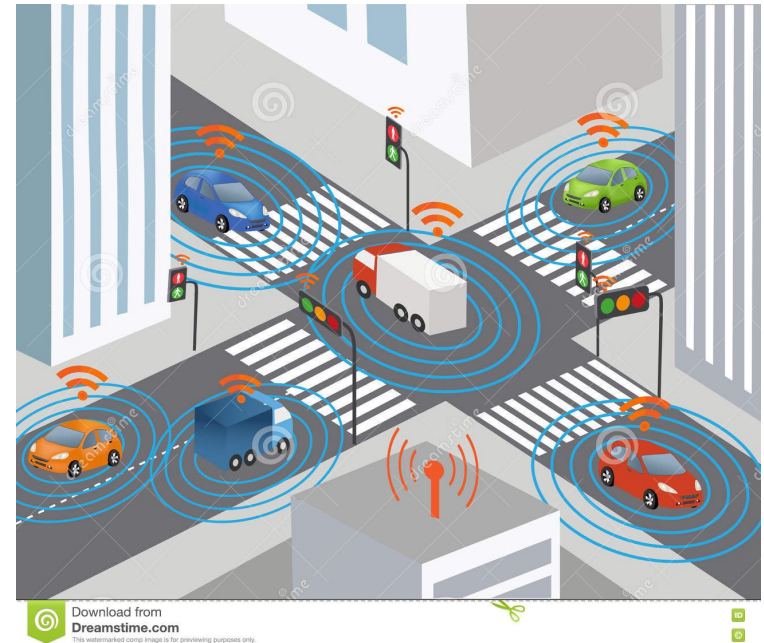
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# What did we learn?

- **Key Management Systems**
  - Hardware Security Modules
  - Processes of Key Management
- **Key Management for Sensor Networks**
  - Pairwise, Group, Network Keying
  - Eschenauer-Gligor Scheme
  - PUF-based IoT Security



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