# Messing around with Garage Doors

### Breaking KeeLoq with Power Analysis

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### Agenda

- Remote Keyless Entry (RKE) Systems
- KeeLoq Block Cipher
- Side-Channel Attacking KeeLoq
- Results and Implications

### How do Keyless Entry Systems work?

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early access controls: fixed code ("password")





eavesdropper duplicates key (cloning)

but the industry learned...

### **Modern Keyless Entry Systems**



advanced theft control: rolling code

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### **Alternative: Challenge - Response**





- again, e<sub>k</sub>() is often a block cipher
- also protects against replay attack
- € drawback: requires **bidirectional** devices on either side
- In most real-world car and building access control systems: rolling code

1. Computes:  $R'_i = e_k(C_i)$ 

2. Verifies: 
$$R'_i \stackrel{?}{=} R_i$$

### Popular Remote Keyless Entry Cipher: KeeLoq





#### HCS410 IMMOBILIZER TRANSPONDER





- KeeLoq is used in rolling code mode or in a challenge-response protocol
- active remote control for access control
- KeeLoq chip embedded in passive RFID transponder (e.g. for car immobilizer)
  - Wikipedia (?): Chrysler, Daewoo, Fiat, GM, Honda, Toyota, Volvo, VW, Jaguar, ...
- widely used for **garage doors** in US & Europe

Q: How secure is KeeLoq?

#### **KeeLoq Rolling Code Scheme** Horst-Görtz Institut für IT Sicherheit Increment Counter Valid Counter Counter: n+1 Counter Space Discrimination Synchronization Counter Func. Value 32 Receiver decrypts & checks **KEELOQ** 64 Device validity of counter value Key Encryption 32 Hopping Code Hopping Code Serial Number Func. encrypted *not* encrypted



OEM gets *Manufacturer Key*  $k_{M}$  assigned (burned in all its receivers)

1) Creation of **new remote** (in secure environment)



### **Key Derivation Schemes**



1. Weak Key Derivation (XOR)

2. Strong Key Derivation (KeeLoq)



In either case, the Device Key is derived from

- Manufacturer key
- Serial number and/or a random seed (32...60 bits)

### **Key Derivation: Attacker's Assessment**



1. Weak Key Derivation (XOR)



2. Strong Key Derivation (KeeLoq)



If we have the Device Key, getting the Manufacturer Key is trivial (and vice versa) If we have the Device Key, we still have to break KeeLoq

### **Rise and Fall of KeeLoq**







	XOR Key Derivation	KeeLoq Key Derivation
Challenge- Response	Υ	Ν
Rolling Code	Ν	Ν

Mathematical attacks are cryptanalytically very impressive:

- Device Key is recovered from 2<sup>16</sup> known plain-/ciphertext pairs
- But: Rolling code mode does **not** provide plaintext!
- Q: How dangerous are physical attacks?

### **Rise and Fall of KeeLoq**





### **Power Analysis of a Remote Control**





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## History of Side-Channel Attacks (1-slide version)



- Existence of side-channels on cryptographic devices known for several decades, (e.g., "TEMPEST")
- Few concrete results / poor understanding prior to 1996 (at least outside intelligence community)
- 2nd half of 1990s: golden years of SCA
  - Fault attack (RSA CRT), 1996
  - Timing attacks, 1996
  - SPA, DPA, 1998
- Since 1999: 100's of SCA research papers, e.g. in CHES
- But: so far very few (if any) documented real-world attacks