

A Public Key Infrastructure for Wireless Sensor Networks

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Motivations

- Is security an issue in WSNs?
 - Over-the-air-programming (bootloader)
 - 6LowPan, TinyWebService, Unix-like OS...
- Security applications, health monitoring applications, metering applications.

WSN security challenges

- Very limited resources
 - 8-bit/16-bit microcontrollers
 - Less than 10KB RAM
 - AA batteries
- Security algorithms are computational and memory intensives

Related work

- Symmetric key algorithms are computational efficient
 - AES, XTEA, TinySec
 - Provide message confidentiality
 - Poor support for message authenticity and integrity
 - Key distribution algorithm?
- Asymmetric key algorithms are resource intensive
 - TinyPK (RSA) and TinyECC

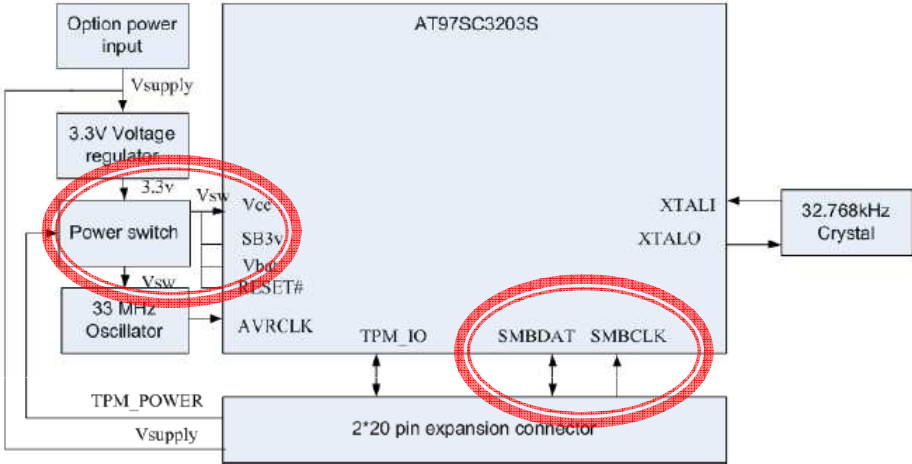
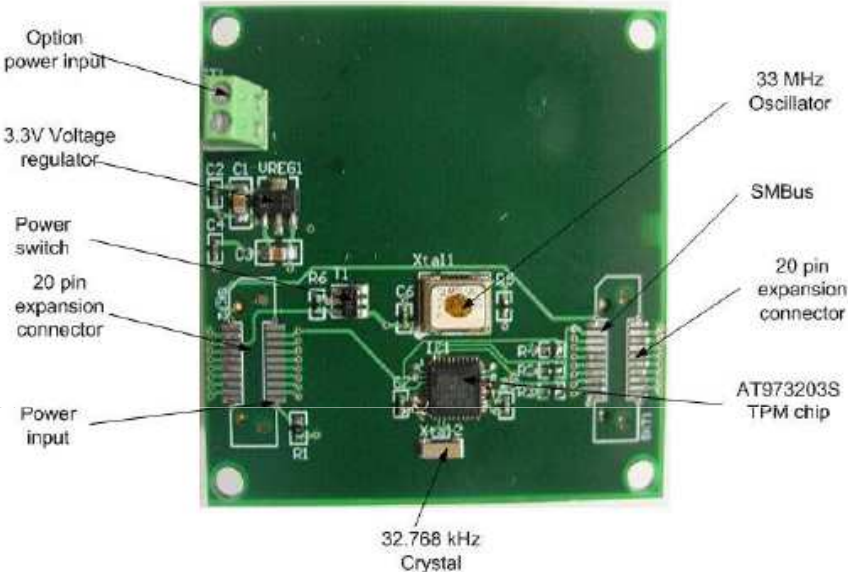
Message authenticity and integrity

- PKCs such as RSA are widely used in the Internet to ensure message authenticity and integrity
 - Secure hashing algorithms such as SHA-1 to ensure message integrity
 - Digital signatures to ensure message authenticity
- RSA parameters
 - Public component (e)
 - Key size (s)

Trusted Platform Module (TPM)

- Cryptography operation engine
 - RNG, SHA-1, HMAC, RSA
- Platform Configuration Registers (PCRs)
 - Stores the signatures (by SHA-1 or HMAC)
 - Remote/local attestation
- Secure I/O
- Seal Storage

trustedFleck



TrustedFleck Primitives

```
1  /* D 1  /* trustedFleck public key collector. */
2  uint8_t fos_tpm_getPubKey(uint8_t *pubKey);
3
4  /* Asymmetric key encryption/decryption. */
5  uint8_t fos_tpm_encryption(uint8_t *msg, uint16_t len,
6                             uint8_t *pubKey, uint8_t *cipher);
7  uint8_t fos_tpm_decryption(uint8_t *cipher, uint8_t *msg,
8                             uint16_t *len);
9
10 /* Digital signature and verification. */
11 uint8_t fos_tpm_sign(uint8_t *digest, uint8_t *signature);
12 /* K 12 uint8_t fos_tpm_verifySign(uint8_t *signature, uint8_t *pubKey,
13 uint8_t *digest);
14
15 /* Symmetric session key encryption/decryption. */
16 uint8_t fos_xtea_encipher(uint8_t *msg, uint8_t *key,
17                             uint8_t *cipher, uint8_t nRounds);
18 /* S 18 uint8_t fos_xtea_decipher(uint8_t *cipher, uint8_t *key,
19 uint8_t *msg, uint8_t nRounds);
20
21 /* Symmetric session key retrieve and store*/
22 fos_xtea_getkey(uint8_t *key, uint8_t location);
23 fos_xtea_storekey(uint8_t *key, uint8_t location);
```


Evaluation (I)

Table I. Comparison of RSA encryption times.

Public Exponent (e)	Software 1024 bit	Software 2048 bit	Hardware 2048 bit
3	0.45s	65s	N/A
65,537	4.185s	450s	0.055s

Table II. RSA computation time in trustedFleck for $e = 65,537$ and 2048 bit key.

Encryption	Decryption	Sign	Verification
55ms	750ms	787ms	59ms

Evaluation (II)

Table III. trustedFleck current consumption

Module	Current (mA)
Fleck3 (without radio, node idle)	8.0
Fleck3 + Receive	18.4
Fleck3 + Transmit	36.8
Fleck3 + TPM encryption	50.4
Fleck3 + TPM decryption	60.8
Fleck3 + TPM signature	60.8
Fleck3 + TPM signature verification	50.4

Table IV. trustedFleck (RSA and XTEA) encryption energy consumption for *one bit* of data.

Platform	Current (mA)	Time (μ s)	Energy (μ J)
RSA (software, $e = 65,537$, 2048 bit key)	8.0	219,730	7,030.0
RSA (hardware, $e = 65,537$, 2048 bit key)	50.4	27	5.4
XTEA (software, 128 bit key)	8.0	18	0.6

Examples --- Symmetric Key Request

Node A

Generates a random number N_a (by fos_tpm_rand)

Decrypt with S_{K_A} ,
(fos_tpm_decryption)

→
 $E(P_{K_{base}}, N_a, Req)$
fos_tpm_encryption

←
 $E(P_{K_A}, N_a, K_{BA})$
(fos_tpm_encryption)

Base

Decrypt with $S_{K_{base}}$,
Generate a new session key (K_{BA}),
(fos_tpm_decryption
fos_tpm_rand)

Examples --- Remote Attestation

Attestator A

During boot time,
update PCR I (P_i)
(`fos_tpm_pcrExtend`)

Obtain P_i and generate
a signature
(`fos_tpm_pcrQuote`)

Challenger C

Generates a random
number N_a (by
`fos_tpm_rand`)

Issue PCR challenge
(index = i , N_a)

Challenge response
 $S(P_i, N_a, S_{ka})$

Verify the value P_i and
the signature
(`fos_tpm_verifyPcrQuote`)

Ask for A's public
key

A's public key (P_{ka})

Base

Discussions

- Secure software update
- Backward and forward secrecy
- Secure Remote Procedure Call

Conclusions

- Strong (2048-bit) asymmetric key security for message authenticity and integrity
- Affordable (financially, form factor, and energy consumption)
- Remote attestations (trusted sensor networks)
- Easy to use

Q & A

Thank you !

Trusted Primitives

```
1 /*TPM PCR functions*/
2 uint8_t fos_tpm_pcrExtend(uint8_t pcrIndex, uint8_t *inputSha1,
3                           uint8_t *extendSha1);
4
5 uint8_t fos_tpm_pcrRead(uint8_t pcrIndex, uint8_t *outputSha1);
6
7 uint8_t fos_tpm_pcrQuote(uint8_t key_index, uint8_t *signature,
8                          uint8_t *digest);
9
10 uint8_t fos_tpm_verifyPcrQuote(uint8_t* signature, uint8_t *pubKey,
11                               uint8_t *digest);
```


Evaluations (II)

Table V. trustedFleck PCR operation computational time, current and energy consumption

Module	Computational Time (ms)	Current (mA)	Energy (mJ)
Fleck3 + TPM PCR read	5.8	52.8	0.918
Fleck3 + TPM PCR quote	1,400	64	268.8
Fleck3 + TPM PCR verify quote	900	52	140.4
Fleck3 + TPM PCR extend	see Fig. 8	51.2	see Fig. 8

