



20 Years of MIFARE

From CRYPTO1 to Formal Verification



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NXP – a true global Player & Innovator



Distinctive Technologies:

- Full Portfolio of secure microcontrollers
- Embedded non-volatile & flash
- Power optimal RF & NFC
- Mixed signal processing

Strong Innovation Pipeline:

- over \$550M / year in R&D
- down to 40nm processes
- >3,200 engineers worldwide
- >11,000 granted patents

We bring Security & Convenience

NXP is #1 with over **8B** units shipped



NXP is the Identification Industry's #1 Semiconductor Supplier

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eGovernment

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Reaching



Bank Cards

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Smart Mobility & Access Management Cards

#1



Tags & Authentication

#1




Smart Readers

#1



Mobile Devices



A photograph showing two individuals in full-body blue protective suits and clear face shields. They are walking through a doorway. The person on the right is carrying a stack of equipment on a tray. The background is brightly lit with warm, yellowish light, possibly from a cleanroom or laboratory. A sign above the doorway reads "NEIN LAUFEN".

> 1,200 engineers
dedicated to tamper
resistant secure, high-
performance solutions

Leading IP position:
700+ patent families in
the Identification market

MIFARE – a success story since almost 20 years

in **1994**, first
MIFARE card &
reader solution
invented and
launched by NXP
engineers

>650 cities
>50 countries
adopted
MIFARE
solutions

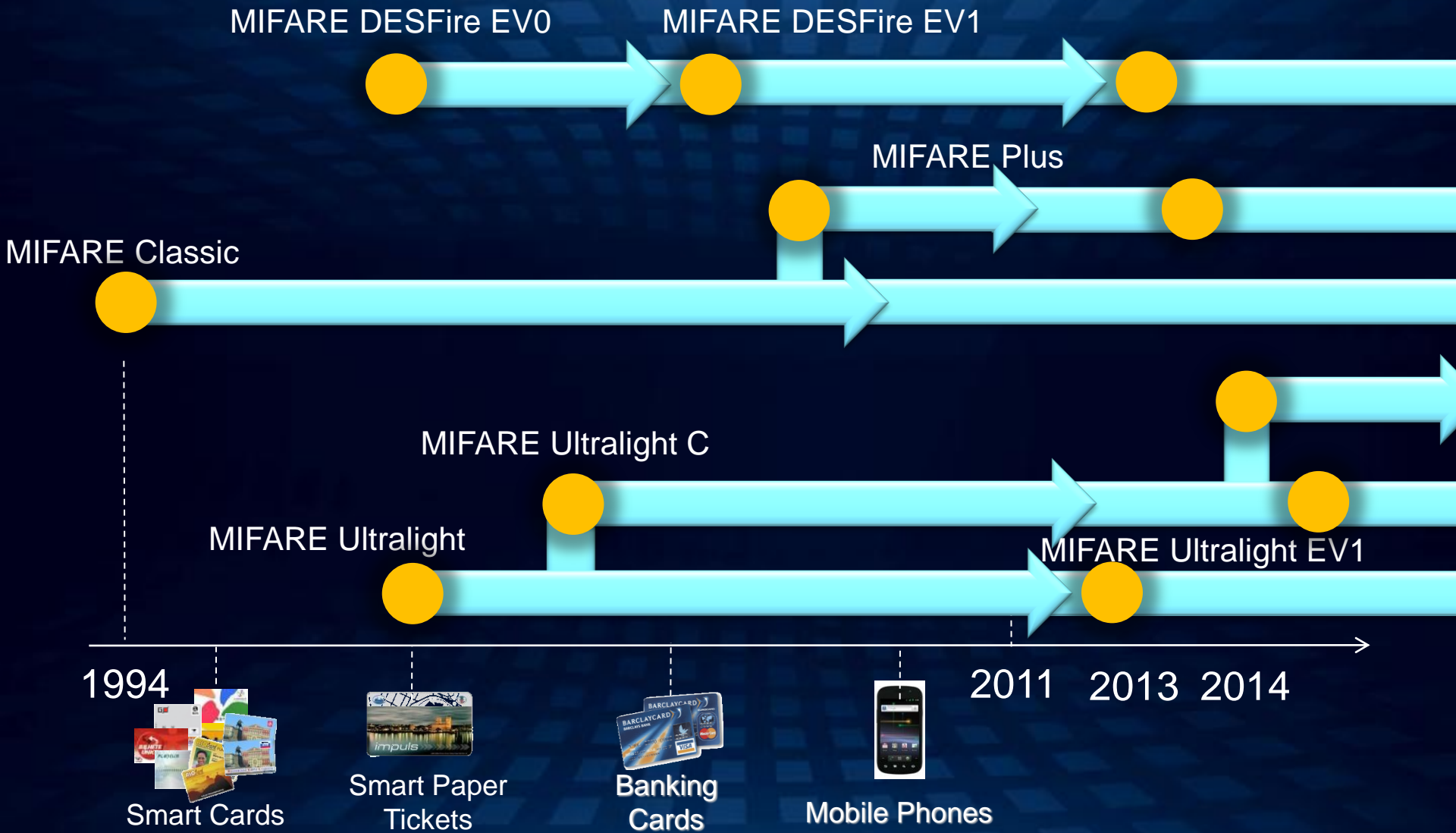
>5000m cards
and tickets ICs
>50 m reader ICs
distributed in the
market

>1000
partners
registered on
www.MIFARE.net

>40
application
areas
deployed across
industry categories

>10 breakthrough
innovations
developed with first
time to market

MIFARE™ – Nearly 2 decades of innovation





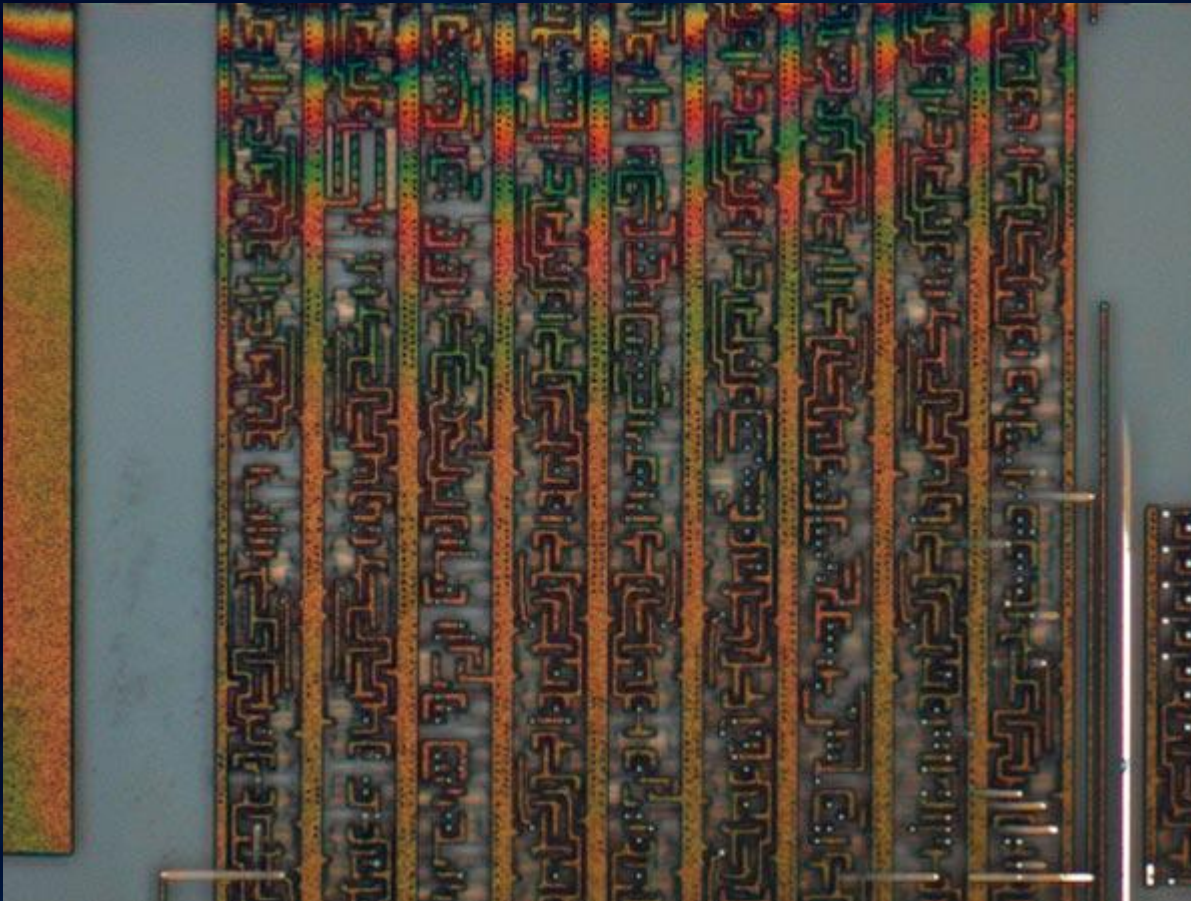
MIFARE Crypto1

Evolution of security protocols

- › In the 90s, proprietary cryptographic protocols have been the state-of-the-art
- › DVD encryption CSS introduced in 1996 – hacked in 1999
- › MIFARE Crypto1 developed in 1998 – hacked in 2009
- › WiFi WEP introduced in 1999 – hacked in 2001

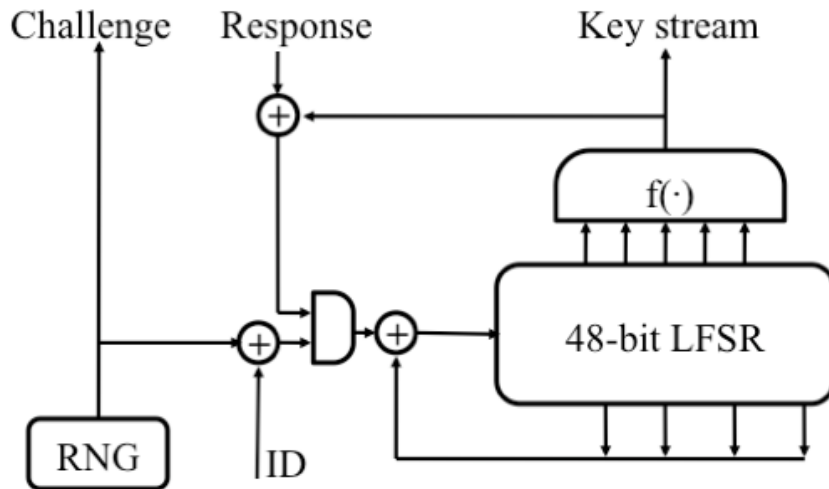
Security concept based on Obscurity

- › Violation of Kerckhoff's principle.



MIFARE Crypto1

- Done by Karsten Nohl in 2006
- Weak RNG
- Structural weaknesses



- 16-bit Random Number
- LFSR based
- Value derived from time of read
- No non-linear element in feedback function



Modern approach to Smart Card Security

Standardized Cryptography

- › State-of-the-art smart cards are based on proven cryptographic algorithms.
- › Depending on the application and requirements.

3DES

AES

ECC

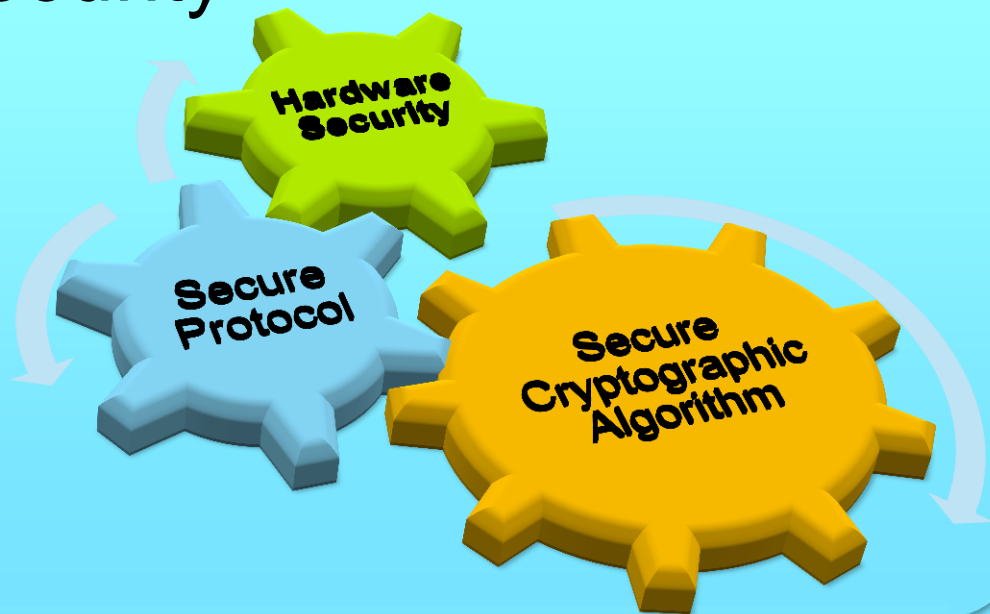
RSA

SHA-256

Dimensions of security for Smart Card systems

System Security

Chip Security



Common Criteria



- › Certification by independent 3rd party
- › to allow for compareability
- › The Security Target (ST) defines *what* to certify
- › The Evaluation Assurance Level (EAL) defines *how* to certify
- › Higher assurance level -> ‚deeper‘ investigation of the security
- › Starting with EAL6 a formal model is required

Formal Methods

Def.: Includes all mathematical techniques to specify and verify security and/or correctness of software or hardware.

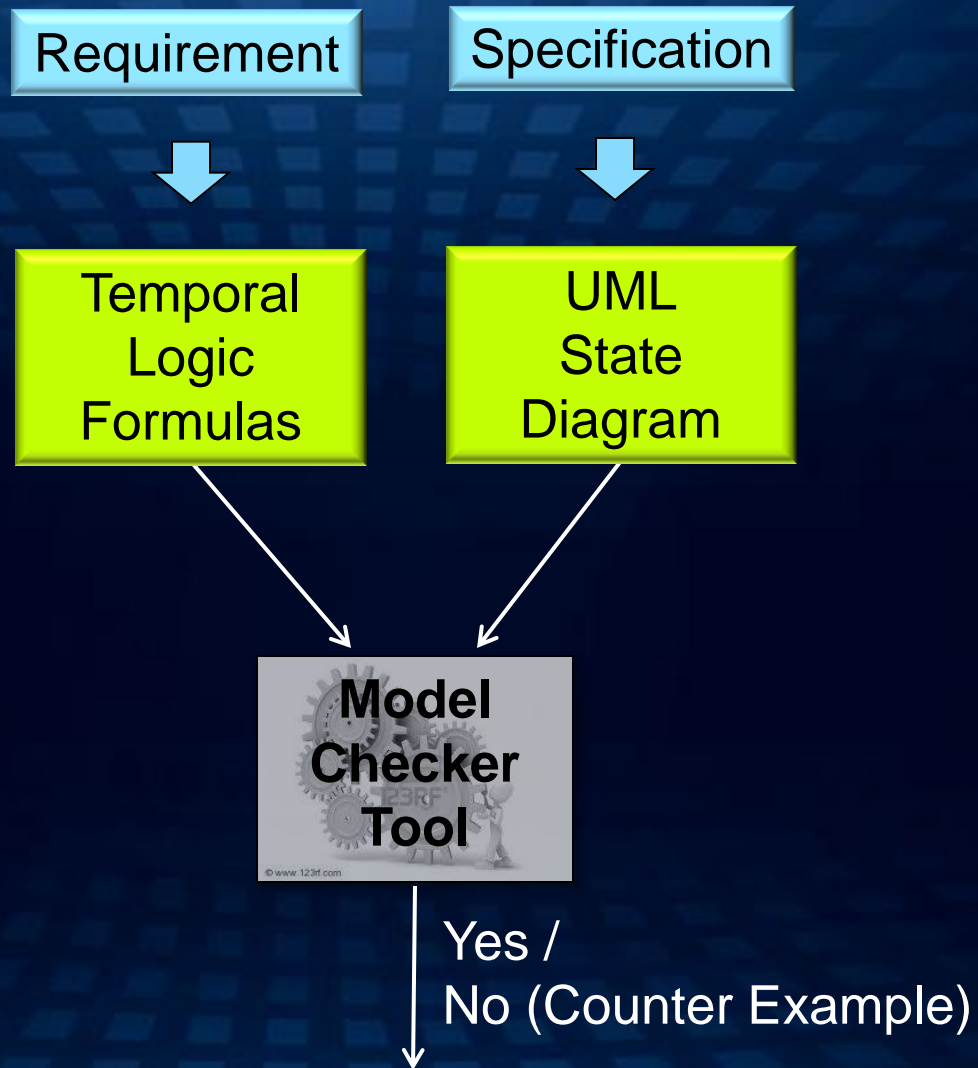
Common Criteria EAL6:

- › Mathematical proof that our specification is secure/correct
- › Specification meets the requirements stated in the Security Target
- › Model security policies such as access control.
- › Cryptographic algorithms and protocols are currently not modeled for certification

Why Formal Methods

- › avoid errors at the specification phase
- › generate a common understanding of the design
- › improve documentation (consistency, completeness, unambiguity)
- › validation – give a mathematical proof that the functional specification meets the security functional requirements

How Formal Model



Simplified Example – Access Control Policy

- 2 Features
- A public transport company can create/delete an application on the card (has to be authenticated with KEY = 0).
- A customer can incremented and decremented the value stored in the application (has to be authenticated with KEY = 1).
- Modeled with COSIDE (Tool by Fraunhofer)

Future Work



What about the Implementation?

We propose to automatically generate test cases from the functional specification for the implementation.



Summary

- › We formally prove that the **functional specification** (UML state diagram) satisfies the **security policies** (temporal logic formula).
- › Using an input language that is understood by engineers, the model helps to
 - avoid errors at the specification phase
 - generate a common understanding of the specification
 - improve documentation (consistency, completeness, unambiguity)
- › Ensure high quality and security of our new products.
- › Continue our success story