## On the Security of two RFID Mutual Authentication **Protocols**

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#### EPC C1 G2 RFID Standard



■ EPCglobal Class-1 Gen-2 (EPC C1 G2) is one of the most important standards proposed by EPCglobal .

- This standard was adopted in 2004.
- 18months later (March–April 2006) ratified by ISO.
- It was published as an amendment to 18000-6 standard.

The most important properties of EPC-C1G2 :

- Tags are passive.
- Tags operate on the UHF band (860–960 MHz).
- EPC-C1 G2 tags cannot afford traditional cryptographic primitives.

• Tags include on chip a 16-bit Pseudo-Random Number Generator (PRNG) and a 16-bit Cyclic Redundancy Code (CRC) checksum.





• Tags have two 32-bit passwords:

• Kill Password: is a 32-bit value stored in reserved memory (OOh to 1Fh).

A reader shall use a tag's kill password once, to kill the tag and render it silent there after.

• Access Password : is a 32-bit value stored in reserved memory (20h to 3Fh).

Tags with a nonzero access password shall require a reader to issue this password before transitioning to the secured state, which will allow it to read or write in the password fields.

#### EPC C1 G2 Security



\*Bailey and A. Juels and Peris-Lopez et al. pointed out the weakness in the EPC C1G2 reader-to-tag authentication protocol.

\*Konidala et al.'s proposed an alternative scheme which is known to be flawed. In Konidala et al.'s scheme, the *PadGen* function is the key component in constructing the 16-bit pads to mask the password which is transferred over an insecure channel. However, this masking leaks information related to the tag's secrets.

\*To solve Konidala et al. protocol's weaknesses two novel protocols have been proposed by Huang *et al.* and Huang, Lin and Li respectively.

\*We consider security of these protocols which are denoted by *HYCLT* designed by Huang *et al.* and *HLL* designed by Huang, Lin and Li respectively.







#### HYCLT Protocol



- R<sub>i</sub>: RFID reader i
- T<sub>i</sub>: RFID tag i
- $Req_R$ : Reader request
- $R_{Tx}$ : Random numbers generated by the tag.
- $R_{Mx}$ : Random numbers generated by the server.
- *EPC* : Electronic product code.
- Apwd: Access password
- Kpwd : Kill password
- $PAD_{x}$ : Masking values.

$$CCPwd_{M_1}: Apwd_M \oplus PAD_1$$

$$CCPwd_{L_1}: Apwd_M \oplus PAD_2$$

- $X|_i: i^{th}$  bit of string X
- $\oplus$  : Exclusive or operation
- **||:** Concatenation operation

 $X_{m-n}$ : A fraction of X from the  $m^{th}$  bit to the  $n^{th}$  bit.



- Huang et al. have proposed (HYCLT) based on a new PadGen and also demonstrated the FPGA hardware implementation of it.
- Any tag in HYCLT protocol have two 32-bit passwords called Kill and Access password.
- We show that an adversary can determine the complete Access password of HYCLT.

#### HYCLT Protocol







The simple PadGen function proposed in **HYCLT** accepts a 32 - bit value and two 16 - bit values as input and outputs 16 bits.

 $X \in \{0, 1\}^{32}, Y \in \{0, 1\}^{16}, Z \in \{0, 1\}^{16}$  $X = X_0 X_1 X_2 X_3 \dots X_3 \dots X_4 \in \{0, 1\}$  $Y = d_{y_1} d_{y_2} d_{y_3} d_{y_4}$  $Z = d_{z_1} d_{z_2} d_{z_3} d_{z_4}$   $d_{z_4} \in \{0, 1, ..., 15\}$   $i \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ [base 10] Example,  $Z = 1101\ 0110\ 1000\ 1001$  can be represented as  $Z = 13\ 06\ 08\ 09$ which means that  $d_{z1} = 13; d_{z2} = 06; d_{z3} = 08; d_{z4} = 09$  $Y = h_{V1} h_{V2} h_{V3} h_{V4}$  $Z = h_{z_1}h_{z_2}h_{z_3}h_{z_4}, \qquad h_{z_i} \in \{0, 1, ..., F\} \ i \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ [base 16] Example,  $Z = 1101\ 0110\ 1000\ 1001$  can be represented as  $Z = C\ 6\ 8\ 9$ which means that  $h_{z_1} = C; h_{z_2} = 6; h_{z_3} = 8; h_{z_4} = 9.$ 



PadGen(x, y, z)  $= x_{d_{v1}} x_{d_{v1}+16} x_{d_{v2}} x_{d_{v2}+16} \| x_{d_{z1}} x_{d_{z1}+16} x_{d_{z2}} x_{d_{z2}+16} \|$  $x_{d_{v3}} x_{d_{v3}+16} x_{d_{v4}} x_{d_{v4}+16} || x_{d_{z3}} x_{d_{z3}+16} x_{d_{z4}} x_{d_{z4}+16}$ 





$$Apwd = a_0 a_1 a_2 a_3 \dots a_{31} \qquad a_i \in \{0, 1\}$$

$$Apwd_L = a_0 a_1 a_2 a_3 \dots a_{15}$$

$$Apwd_M = a_{16} a_{17} a_{18} a_{19} \dots a_{31}$$

$$Kpwd = k_0 k_1 k_2 k_3 \dots k_{31} \qquad k_i \in \{0, 1\}$$

$$R_{Tx} = d_{t1} d_{t2} d_{t3} d_{t4}$$

$$R_{Mx} = d_{m1} d_{m2} d_{m3} d_{m4} \qquad x \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\} \quad [base 10]$$

$$R_{Tx} = h_{t1} h_{t2} h_{t3} h_{t4}$$

$$R_{Mx} = h_{m1} h_{m2} h_{m3} h_{m4} \qquad h_{mj} \in \{0, \dots, F\} \quad j \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\} \quad [base 16]$$

PadGen function is used to compute masking values  $PAD_x$ , where  $x \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ 

$$R_{Vx} = PadGen(Apwd, R_{TX}, R_{MX})$$
  
=  $a_{d_{t1}} a_{d_{t1}+16} a_{d_{t2}} a_{d_{t2}+16} \| a_{d_{m1}} a_{d_{m1}+16} a_{d_{m2}} a_{d_{m2}+16} \|$   
=  $a_{d_{t3}} a_{d_{t3}+16} a_{d_{t4}} a_{d_{t4}+16} \| a_{d_{m3}} a_{d_{m3}+16} a_{d_{m4}} a_{d_{m4}+16}$   
=  $d_{v1} d_{v2} d_{v3} d_{v4}$ 

$$PAD_{X} = PadGen(Kpwd, R_{Vx}, R_{Tx})$$
  
=  $k_{d_{v1}} k_{d_{v1}+16} k_{d_{v2}} k_{d_{v2}+16} \| k_{d_{t1}} k_{d_{t1}+16} k_{d_{t2}} k_{d_{t2}+16} \|$   
=  $k_{d_{v3}} k_{d_{v3}+16} k_{d_{v4}} k_{d_{v4}+16} \| k_{d_{t3}} k_{d_{t3}+16} k_{d_{t4}} k_{d_{t4}+16}$   
=  $h_{p1}h_{p2}h_{p3}h_{p4}$ 

To increase the security level of HYCLT, authors also proposed a more complex way to use  $R_{Tx}$  and  $R_{Mx}$  as follows:

 $R_{Vx} = PadGen(Apwd, R_{Tx}, R_{Mx}) = a_{w1}a_{w2}a_{w3}a_{w4} \parallel a_{w5}a_{w6}a_{w7}a_{w8} \parallel a_{w9}a_{w10}a_{w11}a_{w12} \parallel a_{w13}a_{w14}a_{w15}a_{w16} = a_{v1}a_{v2}a_{v3}a_{v4}$ 

$$PAD_{X} = PadGen(Kpwd, R_{VX}, R_{TX}) = k_{z1}k_{z2}k_{z3}k_{z4} \parallel k_{z5}k_{z6}k_{z7}k_{z8} \parallel k_{z9}k_{z10}k_{z11}k_{z12} \parallel k_{z13}k_{z14}k_{z15}k_{z16} = h_{p1}h_{p2}h_{p3}h_{p4}$$

 $CCPwd_{M_1} = Apwd_M \oplus PAD_1$  and  $CCPwd_{L_1} = Apwd_L \oplus PAD_2$ 



$$w_{1-4} = d_{t1} + d_{m1}, d_{t1} + d_{m2}, d_{t1} + d_{m3}, d_{t1} + d_{m4}$$

$$w_{5-8} = d_{t2} + d_{m1}, d_{t2} + d_{m2}, d_{t2} + d_{m3}, d_{t2} + d_{m4}$$

$$w_{9-12} = d_{t3} + d_{m1}, d_{t3} + d_{m2}, d_{t3} + d_{m3}, d_{t3} + d_{m4}$$

$$w_{13-16} = d_{t4} + d_{m1}, d_{t4} + d_{m2}, d_{t4} + d_{m3}, d_{t4} + d_{m4}$$

$$z_{1-4} = d_{t1} + d_{v1}, d_{t1} + d_{v2}, d_{t1} + d_{v3}, d_{t1} + d_{v4}$$

$$z_{1-4} = d_{t1} + d_{v1}, \ d_{t1} + d_{v2}, \ d_{t1} + d_{v3}, \ d_{t1} + d_{v4}$$

$$z_{5-8} = d_{t2} + d_{v1}, \ d_{t2} + d_{v2}, \ d_{t2} + d_{v3}, \ d_{t2} + d_{v4}$$

$$z_{9-12} = d_{t3} + d_{v1}, \ d_{t3} + d_{v2}, \ d_{t3} + d_{v3}, \ d_{t3} + d_{v4}$$

$$z_{13-16} = d_{t4} + d_{v1}, \ d_{t4} + d_{v2}, \ d_{t4} + d_{v3}, \ d_{t4} + d_{v4}$$





#### Security Analysis of Complex HYCLT

**Passive Adversary:** Assume that an adversary impersonates the target tag and sends  $R_{T} = \frac{d_{a}d_{b}d_{a}d_{b}}{d_{a}d_{b}}$  to the reader such that  $d_{\mu} = d_{\mu} = d_{\mu} = d_{\mu} e.g. R_{\mu} = 0$  $w_{1-4} = w_{5-8} = w_{9-12} = w_{13-16}$  $d_{v1} = d_{v2} = d_{v3} = d_{v4}$  $Z_1 = Z_2 = \dots = Z_{16} = Z$  $PAD_{X} = PadGen(Kpwd, d_{v1}d_{v2}d_{v3}d_{v4}, R_{Tv}) = k_{T} ||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{T}||k_{$  $Z \in \{0, 1, ..., F\}$  $PAD_{x} = PadGen(Kpwd, d_{v1}d_{v2}d_{v3}d_{v4}, R_{Tx}) \in \{0000, FFFF\}$  $CCPwd_{M_1} = Apwd_M \oplus PAD_1 \text{ and } CCPwd_{L_1} = Apwd_L \oplus PAD_2$ The adversary can determine  $Apwd_M \|Apwd_L$  with the probability of 2-2

#### Security Analysis of Complex HYCLT

#### Active Adversary

Assume that an active adversary intercepts the message from the tag to the reader in step 2 and replaces  $R_{T1}$  by  $R_{T1} = d_{t1} ||d_{t2} ||d_{t3} ||d_{t4}$ where  $d_{t1} = d_{t2} = d_{t3} = d_{t4} = X$  $\Rightarrow R_{T1} = i ||i||i||i|, \quad 0 \le i \le 15$  $R_{V1} = PadGen(Apwd, R_{T1}, R_{M1})$  $= a_{x} a_{x+16} a_{x} a_{x+16} \| a_{d_{m1}} a_{d_{m1}+16} a_{d_{m2}} a_{d_{m2}+16} \|$  $a_{x} a_{x+16} a_{x} a_{x+16} \| a_{d_{m3}} a_{d_{m3}+16} a_{d_{m4}} a_{d_{m4}+16}$  $=d_{v1}d_{v2}d_{v1}d_{v4}$  $d_{v1} = d_{v3}$  $PAD_{1} = PadGen(Kpwd, R_{V1}, R_{T1})$  $= k_{d_{v1}} k_{d_{v1}+16} k_{d_{v2}} k_{d_{v2}+16} || k_{d_{t1}} k_{d_{t1}+16} k_{d_{t2}} k_{d_{t2}+16} ||$  $k_{d_{v1}} k_{d_{v1}+16} k_{d_{v4}} k_{d_{v4}+16} \| k_{d_{t3}} k_{d_{t3}+16} k_{d_{t4}} k_{d_{t4}+16}$  $=\boldsymbol{h}_{p1}\boldsymbol{h}_{p2}\boldsymbol{h}_{p3}\boldsymbol{h}_{p4}$ 



which used to recognize a target tag with the success probability of  $1-2^{-4}$ .

For the simple version of PadGen in HYCLT protocol, we can recover both Apwd and Kpwd.







#### HLL Protocol



•Huang, Lin and Li presented another protocol with a different PadGen function based on a set of values i.e.  $(R_{V},R_{W})$ , which is not under the direct control of the adversary.

•Any tag in HLL have two 32-bit passwords called Kill and Access passwords.

•The main difference between HYCLT and HLL is their *PadGen* function calculations.

•HLL against HYCLT is based on *XOR* or *MOD* operation to generate *PadGen* function.

•We show several attacks on XOR based.

•Our attack does not work for the *MOD* mode.

#### HLL Protocol





PadGen Function of HLL  

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \mathbb{R}_{T_{i}} \ i \in \{1,2\} \ R_{T} \ R_{M_{i}} \ i \in \{1,2\} \ R_{M} \\
 in HLL defined that  $R_{T} \oplus R_{M} = R_{T \oplus M} = d_{xl}d_{x2}d_{x3}d_{x4}
\end{array}$ 

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \mathbb{R}_{W} = PadGen(Apwd, R_{T}, R_{T \oplus M}) \\
 = a_{d_{t1}} \ a_{d_{2}}a_{d_{13}} \ a_{d_{4}} \ \|a_{d_{t1}+16} \ a_{d_{2}+16}a_{d_{t3}+16} \ a_{d_{4}+16} \ \| \\
 a_{d_{x1}} \ a_{d_{x2}}a_{d_{x3}} \ a_{d_{x4}} \ \|a_{d_{x1}+16} \ a_{d_{x2}+16}a_{d_{x3}+16} \ a_{d_{x4}+16} \ \| \\
 = d_{w1}d_{w2}d_{w3}d_{w4}
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \mathbb{R}_{V} = PadGen(Apwd, R_{T_{x}}, R_{M_{x}}) \\
 = a_{d_{11}} \ a_{d_{2}}a_{d_{13}} \ a_{d_{14}} \ \|a_{d_{11}+16} \ a_{d_{2}+16}a_{d_{13}+16} \ a_{d_{14}+16} \ \| \\
 a_{d_{11}} \ a_{d_{2}}a_{d_{3}} \ a_{d_{4}} \ \|a_{d_{11}+16} \ a_{d_{2}+16}a_{d_{13}+16} \ a_{d_{14}+16} \ \| \\
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 = d_{v_{1}}d_{v_{2}}d_{v_{3}}d_{v_{4}} \ \|base10\ \| \\$$$$



$$PAD_{1} = PadGen(Kpwd, R_{V}, R_{W})$$

$$= k_{d_{v1}} k_{d_{v2}} k_{d_{v3}} k_{d_{v4}} \|k_{d_{v1}+16} k_{d_{v2}+16} k_{d_{v3}+16} k_{d_{v4}+16}\|$$

$$k_{d_{w1}} k_{d_{w2}} k_{d_{w3}} k_{d_{w4}} \|k_{d_{w1}+16} k_{d_{w2}+16} k_{d_{w3}+16} k_{d_{w4}+16}$$

$$= h_{q1}h_{q2}h_{q3}h_{q4}$$

in HLL defined that  $R_V \oplus R_W = R_{V \oplus W} = d_{s1}d_{s2}d_{s3}d_{s4}$ 

$$PAD_{2} = PadGen(Kpwd, R_{V}, R_{V \oplus W})$$
  
=  $k_{d_{v1}} k_{d_{v2}} k_{d_{v3}} k_{d_{v4}} \| k_{d_{v1}+16} k_{d_{v2}+16} k_{d_{v3}+16} k_{d_{v4}+16} \|$   
=  $k_{d_{s1}} k_{d_{s2}} k_{d_{s3}} k_{d_{s4}} \| k_{d_{s1}+16} k_{d_{s2}+16} k_{d_{s3}+16} k_{d_{s4}+16}$   
=  $h_{r1}h_{r2}h_{r3}h_{r4}$ 







#### Security Analysis of HLL



**Observation 1:** It can be seen that :

$$d_{v1} = d_{w1} = a_{d_{t1}} a_{d_{t2}} a_{d_{t3}} a_{d_{t4}}$$

$$d_{v2} = d_{w2} = a_{d_{t1}+16} a_{d_{t2}+16} a_{d_{t3}+16} a_{d_{t4}+16}$$

**Observation 2:** Following Observation 1

$$k_{d_{v1}} = k_{d_{w1}}, k_{d_{v2}} = k_{d_{w2}}$$

$$k_{d_{v1}+16} = k_{d_{w1}+16}$$

$$k_{d_{v2}+16} = k_{d_{w2}+16}$$



#### Security Analysis of HLL Following Observation 2:



 $PAD_{1} = k_{d_{v1}} k_{d_{v2}} k_{d_{v3}} k_{d_{v4}} \| k_{d_{v1}+16} k_{d_{v2}+16} k_{d_{v3}+16} k_{d_{v4}+16} \|$  $k_{d_{v1}} k_{d_{v2}} k_{d_{w3}} k_{d_{w4}} \| k_{d_{v1}+16} k_{d_{v2}+16} k_{d_{w3}+16} k_{d_{w4}+16}$  $= h_{q1} h_{q2} h_{q3} h_{q4}$ 

Given that  $CCPwd_{M1} = Apwd_M \oplus PAD_1$  and  $APwd_M = a_{16}a_{17}\cdots a_{31}$ , we extract:

 $\begin{aligned} (CCPwd_{M1})|_{0} \oplus (CCPwd_{M1})|_{8} &= a_{16} \oplus a_{24} \\ (CCPwd_{M1})|_{1} \oplus (CCPwd_{M1})|_{9} &= a_{17} \oplus a_{25} \\ (CCPwd_{M1})|_{4} \oplus (CCPwd_{M1})|_{12} &= a_{20} \oplus a_{28} \\ (CCPwd_{M1})|_{5} \oplus (CCPwd_{M1})|_{13} &= a_{21} \oplus a_{29} \end{aligned}$ 

which is used to recognize a target tag with the success probability of  $1-2^{-4}$ .

#### Security Analysis of HLL



#### **Observation 3:** Following Observation 1

One can state that  $d_{s1} = d_{s2} = 0$  and  $R_{V \oplus W} = 0.00 d_{s3} d_{s4}$ 

Hence, we can rewrite  $PAD_2$  as :

$$PAD_{2} = Kpwd - PadGen(R_{V}, R_{V \oplus W})$$
  
=  $k_{d_{v1}} k_{d_{v2}} k_{d_{v3}} k_{d_{v4}} \| k_{d_{v1}+16} k_{d_{v2}+16} k_{d_{v3}+16} k_{d_{v4}+16} \|$   
 $k_{0} k_{0} k_{d_{s3}} k_{d_{s4}} \| k_{16} k_{16} k_{d_{s3}+16} k_{d_{s4}+16} = h_{r1} h_{r2} h_{r3} h_{r4}$ 

 $CCPwd_{L1} = XXXX || XXXX || (k_0 \oplus a_8) (k_0 \oplus a_9) XX ||$ (k\_{16} \oplus a\_{12}) (k\_{16} \oplus a\_{13}) XX

Which is used to recognize a target tag with the success probability of  $1-2^{-4}$ .

#### Security Analysis of HLL



Comparing  $PAD_1$  and  $PAD_2$ , we can see:

$$h_{q1}h_{q2} = h_{r1}h_{r2}$$

$$PAD_{1} = h_{q1}h_{q2}h_{q3}h_{q4}$$

$$PAD_{2} = h_{r1}h_{r2}h_{r3}h_{r4}$$

$$CCPwd_{M1} = Apwd_{M} \oplus PAD_{1}$$

$$CCPwd_{L1} = Apwd_{L} \oplus PAD_{2}$$

$$PAD_{1} \oplus PAD_{2} = 0000 || 0000 || XXXX || XXXX, \text{ (Observation 4)}$$

$$Apwd_{L} = a_{0}a_{1}...a_{15}, Apwd_{M} = a_{16}a_{17}...a_{31}$$

$$CCPwd_{L1} \oplus CCPwd_{M1} = (a_{0} \oplus a_{16})(a_{1} \oplus a_{17})(a_{2} \oplus a_{18})(a_{3} \oplus a_{19}) ||$$

$$(a_{4} \oplus a_{20})(a_{5} \oplus a_{21})(a_{6} \oplus a_{22})(a_{7} \oplus a_{23}) || XXXX || XXXX || XXXX$$

•8 - LSB of  $CCPwd_{M1} \oplus CCPwd_{L1}$  is independent of the random values,  $R_{\tau}$  and  $R_{M}$ •These 8 bits of  $CCPwd_{M1} \oplus CCPwd_{L1}$  are only dependent on  $Apwd_{L} \oplus Apwd_{M}$ 

•Adversary can use these 8- LSB of  $CCPwd_{M1} \oplus CCPwd_{L1}$  as a measure to trace a tag. 31

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#### Active Adversary

Assume that an active adversary intercepts the message from the tag to the reader in step 2 and replaces  $R_{TI}$  by  $R_{TI}^{i} = d_{i1}^{i} || d_{i2}^{i} ||$  $d_{t_3}^i \| d_{t_4}^i = i \| i \| i \| i, \quad 0 \ge i \ge 15.$ Then, one can state that  $d_{v1}^i = d_{w1}^i = a_i a_i a_i a_i a_i \in \{0000, 1111\}$ If  $d_{w1}^i = d_{w1}^i$  then  $k_{d_w^i} \oplus k_{d_w^i} = 0$ If  $d_{w1}^i \neq d_{w1}^i$  then  $k_{d_w^i} \oplus k_{d_w^{i}} = k_0 \oplus k_{15}$ We assume that  $k_0 \oplus k_{15} = k_{16} \oplus k_{31} = 1$  to disitinguish  $d_{v1}^i = d_{w1}^i$ from  $d_{vl}^i \neq d_{wl}^i$  given  $k_{d_{vl}^i} \oplus k_{d_{ul}^i}$  it is valid with the probability of 2<sup>-2</sup>

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Some details, given  $CCPwd_{MI}^{i}$  and  $CCPwd_{MI}^{j}$ :  $CCPwd_{MI}^{i} \oplus CCPwd_{MI}^{j} = Apwd_{M} \oplus PAD_{I}^{i} \oplus Apwd_{M} \oplus PAD_{I}^{j}$   $= PAD_{I}^{i} \oplus PAD_{I}^{j}$   $= (k_{d_{iJ}^{i}} \oplus k_{d_{ij}^{j}})(k_{d_{i2}^{i}} \oplus k_{d_{ij}^{j}})(k_{d_{i3}^{i}} \oplus k_{d_{ij}^{j}})(k_{d_{ij}^{i}} \oplus k_{d_{ij}^{j}})||$   $(k_{d_{ij}^{i}+16} \oplus k_{d_{ij}^{j}+16})(k_{d_{i2}^{i}+16} \oplus k_{d_{ij}^{j}+16})(k_{d_{ij}^{i}+16} \oplus k_{d_{ij}^{j}+16})(k_{d_{ij}^{i}+16} \oplus k_{d_{ij}^{j}+16})||$  $(k_{d_{ij}^{i}+16} \oplus k_{d_{ij}^{j}})(k_{d_{ij}^{i}} \oplus k_{d_{ij}^{j}})(k_{d_{ij}^{i}} \oplus k_{d_{ij}^{j}})(k_{d_{ij}^{i}} \oplus k_{d_{ij}^{j}+16})||$ 



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 $(CCPwd_{M1}^{0} \oplus CCPwd_{M1}^{2})|_{0} = k_{d_{VI}^{0}} \oplus k_{d_{VI}^{2}} \text{ and } d_{VI}^{2} = a_{2}a_{2}a_{2}a_{2}a_{2};$  $\left(CCPwd_{M1}^{0} \oplus CCPwd_{M1}^{i}\right)_{0} = k_{d_{M1}^{0}} \oplus k_{d_{M1}^{i}} \text{ and } d_{vI}^{2} = a_{i}a_{i}a_{i}a_{i}a_{i};$ Given that  $k_0 \oplus k_{15} = 1$  if  $k_{a_0} \oplus k_{a_i} = 0$  then  $a_0 = a_i$  otherwise  $a_0 \neq a_i$ ; In this way we receive 16 equations that each of them includes  $a_{\rho}$  and another bit of  $Apwd_{L}$ . We guess  $a_0$  (with the probability of 0.5) and determine  $a_1, \dots, a_{15}$  which gives  $Apwd_L$ ; A similar approach is use to determine  $Apwd_M$ ; Given *Apwd* We can also determine *KPwd*; The total success probability of this attack is  $2^{-2} \times 2^{-1} \times 2^{-1}$ .







#### Conclusion



- We considered the security of two RFID mutual authentication protocols conforming to the EPC-C1G2 standard.
- We showed that an attacker can obtain the Access and Kill passwords with high probability.
- We showed that for HYCLT protocol an adversary can determine the Access password with a probability of 2<sup>-2</sup>
- We showed in HLL scheme, the passive adversary can trace a tag with a probability of  $1-2^{-4}$
- We showed in HLL scheme the active adversary can determine all bits of Access password with a probability of 2<sup>-4</sup>

