# WiFi security and physical layer stuff

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### Who cares about the local physical layer?

-Example 1: Poor transport-layer security -Example 2: ARP cache poisoning

### WiFi security

-WEP, WPA, WPA2, WPA3

## Other applications of radio signals

- 3G, 4G, 5G, 900 Mhz, Bluetooth, ...



### meituan.pcap

-Check out frame 36878 -Almost 700 million Annual Transacting Users

# Who cares? (continued)

### arpspoof.pcap

-Downloaded from

https://github.com/researcher111/ARP-pcap-files/blob/master/a rpspoof.pcap

- -Real gateway is 08:00:27:5e:01:7c
- -Fake gateway is 08:00:27:2d:f8:5a
- -This is called ARP cache poisoning or ARP spoofing

-(Used to be a lot more complicated, these days switches and ARP caches mostly all act the same)

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# WiFi security

### **Basically three use cases**

-Open

-Personal (e.g., a passphrase)

-Enterprise

https://securityuncorked.com/2022/07/wifi-security-the-3-types-of-wifinetworks/

# WiFi security in a nutshell

WEP is very, very bad (see stream cipher slides) WPA was only a stop gap WPA2 is maybe okay for now if you do it right? WPA3 is better, maybe?

## WEP: the dawn of wireless

- **Open just meant unencrypted**
- **Personal meant pre-shared key**
- No such thing as Enterprise
- Top song in 1997: "Candle in the Wind 1997"

# **WEP encryption**

### "Wired Equivalent Privacy"

-Have to be physically in a building to plug in, have to know the passphrase to join WiFi (or do you?)

### RC4, 40-bit key, 24-bit IV



### **WiFi Protected Access**

-Stop gap because of WEP's failures -Encrypt like it's 1999

### **Temporal Key Integrity Protocol (TKIP)**

- -Key mixing with IV and counter instead of concatenation
- -Out of order packets rejected by access point
- -64-bit Message Integrity Check (MIC)
  - -Same thing as a Message Authentication Code (MAC)



### **Personal vs. Enterprise**

### Actual solution, not just new WPA version

-Top 2004 pop song: Yeah! (feat. Lil Jon & Ludacris)Usher, Lil Jon, Ludacris

# **AES and CCMP (Counter Cipher Mode with Block Chaining Message Authentication Code Protocol)**



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:CCMP\_-\_Encryption\_and\_Encapsulation.JPG

# **KRACK** attacks

### -https://www.krackattacks.com/

-https://blog.cryptographyengineering.com/2017/10/16/falling-through-the-kracks/



Crypto protocol and handshake



A. Agrawal, U. Chatterjee and R. Maiti, "CheckShake: Passively Detecting Anomaly in Wi-Fi Security Handshake Using Gradient Boosting Based Ensemble Learning" in IEEE Transactions on Dependable and Secure Computing, vol. 20, no. 06, pp. 4868-4880, 2023.

# **WPA2 Enterprise**

### **RADIUS server, Extensible Authentication Protocol (EAP)**

-First step of 4-way handshake is, e.g., username and password instead of pre-shared password

-Still vulnerable to KRACK



### Lots of improvements over WPA2

- -Top pop song in 2018: "God's Plan" by Drake
- -Bigger keys possible: 192-bit equivalent AES-256 GCM and SHA-384  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{HMAC}}$
- -Simultaneous Authentication of Equals (SAE), Diffie-Hellman and forward secrecy
- -Open network improvements a.k.a. Enhanced Open (https://securityuncorked.com/2022/08/wifi-security-wpa2-vs-wpa3/)

### Dragonblood attacks (2019)

- -Side channels and downgrade attacks
- -https://wpa3.mathyvanhoef.com/



# Dragonblood attacks on WPA3

- Downgrade attacks (enterprise)
- Side channel (personal)
- Slides plagiarized from...

https://papers.mathyvanhoef.com/wac201 9-slides.pdf



# Convert password to MODP element

for (counter = 1; counter < 256; counter++)
value = hash(pw, counter, addr1, addr2)
if value >= p: continue

 $\mathsf{P} = value^{(p-1)/q}$ 

return P

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# Leaked information: #iterations needed







# Raspberry Pi 1 B+: differences are measurable



# **Other applications of radio**



# 3G (cracked?)

# A Practical-Time Attack on the A5/3 Cryptosystem Used in Third Generation GSM Telephony

Orr Dunkelman, Nathan Keller, and Adi Shamir

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## **4G LTE**

## **Authentication in the clear**

-User's identity and location are vulnerable, IMSI catchers -Calls and messages, etc., after are not

## **Purely symmetric crypto**

-No perfect forward secrecy

### Not end-to-end

- -Only protects between user and base station
- -If you've ever visited a network, they have the key

# Curve25519 (asymmetric), end-to-end, and other improvements

-https://datatracker.ietf.org/meeting/113/materials/slides-113hrpc-5g-security-privacy-and-surveillance-2022-update-00

### No perfect forward secrecy

# IMSI catchers still an issue because of downgrade attacks and implementation issues?

-https://i.blackhat.com/USA21/Wednesday-Handouts/us-21-5G-IMSI-Catchers-Mirage.pdf





## **Others**

### Bluetooth

## Zigbee

-Physical frame injection

https://www.usenix.org/legacy/event/woot11/tech/final\_files/Goodspeed.pdf

### ANT+

-Garmin products

### Zwave

-Smart homes

-Replay attacks, etc. (https://github.com/CNK2100/VFuzz-public)

## https://wigle.net/

# **SDR fun**

# FM radio GPS

- L1: 1575.42 MHz
- L2: 1227.6 MHz
- L5: 1176.45 MHz
- L6: 1278.75 MHz

### WiFi, etc.

2.4 GHz, 5.18 GHz., etc.

### IVAO

122.8 MHz

### ADS-B

978 MHz and 1090 MHz

### **NOAA Weather**

162.40 to 162.55 MHz

# **Wired networks**

- **Ethernet**
- **CAN bus**
- **FPD-Link**
- SONET
- ΑΤΜ
- PPP, tunnels, etc.