

# Toward Secure Implementation of McEliece Decryption

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Few side-channel analysis for secure implementation ...

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## Definitions

- ✘ A support:  $\mathbf{x} = (x_0, \dots, x_{n-1}) \in \mathbb{F}_{q^m}^n$ , with  $x_i \neq x_j$
- ✘ A polynomial  $g(x) \in \mathbb{F}_{q^m}[x]$  of degree  $t$  with  $g(x_i) \neq 0$ .
- ✘ A Goppa code  $\mathcal{G}(\mathbf{x}, g)$  is described by the secret elements  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $g(z)$
- ✘  $T_t$  a  $t$ -decoder for  $\mathcal{G}(\mathbf{x}, g)$ , using the secret elements  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $g(z)$
- ✘  $\mathbf{G}$  a generator matrix of  $\mathcal{G}(\mathbf{x}, g)$

# McEliece Public-Key Encryption

PARAMETERS : Field size  $q = 2$

PUBLIC KEY :  $\mathbf{G}_{pk} = \mathbf{SGP}$  with

- ✘  $\mathbf{S} \in \mathbb{F}_q^{(n-k) \times (n-k)}$  random matrix
- ✘  $\mathbf{P} \in \mathbb{F}_q^{n \times n}$  a random permutation matrix.

PRIVATE KEY : the  $t$ -decoder  $T_t$ ,  $\mathbf{S}$  and  $\mathbf{P}$

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## Algorithm 1 McEliece Cryptosystem

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ENCRYPT

- 1: Input  $\mathbf{m} \in \mathbb{F}_q^k$ .
- 2: Generate random  $\mathbf{e} \in \mathbb{F}_q^n$  with  $w_H(\mathbf{e}) = t$ .
- 3: Output  $\mathbf{c} = \mathbf{mG}_{pk} + \mathbf{e}$ .

DECRYPT

- 1: Input  $\mathbf{c} \in \mathbb{F}_q^n$ .
  - 2: Compute  $\tilde{\mathbf{m}} = T_t(\mathbf{cP}^{-1})$ .
  - 3: If decoding succeeds, output  $\mathbf{S}^{-1}\tilde{\mathbf{m}}$ , else output  $\perp$ .
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# The Decoder

The main steps are :

- ✗ Compute the **polynomial syndrome**  $S(z)$ , a polynomial deduced from  $\mathbf{c}$ , but depending only on  $\mathbf{e}$ .
- ✗ Use the **Extended Euclidean Algorithm (EEA)** to compute the **error locator polynomial**  $\sigma(z)$ ,  
roots of  $\sigma(z)$  are related to the support elements  $x_{i_j}$  in the error positions  $i_j$ .
- ✗ Find the roots of  $\sigma(z)$ . Here  $\mathbf{e} \in \mathbb{F}_2^n$ , so  $e_{i_j} \neq 0$  implies that  $e_{i_j} = 1$ .

Alternant Decoder: generic for Alternant codes

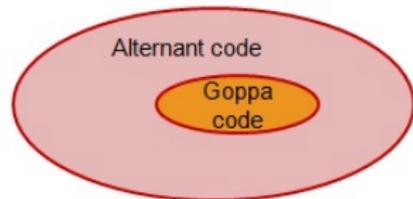
$$1 \quad \text{EEA}(z^{2t}, S_{Alt,\mathbf{e}}(z), t)$$

Patterson Decoder: specific for binary Goppa codes

$$1 \quad \text{EEA}(g(z), S_{Gop,\mathbf{e}}(z), 0)$$

$$2 \quad \text{EEA}(g(z), \tau, \lfloor t/2 \rfloor)$$

$$\text{with } \tau = \sqrt{S_{Gop,\mathbf{e}}(z)^{-1} + 1} \pmod{g(z)}$$



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## Algorithm 2 Extended Euclidean Algorithm (EEA)

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**Input:**  $a(z), b(z), \deg(a) \geq \deg(b), d_{fin}$

**Output:**  $u(z), r(z)$  with  $b(z)u(z) = r(z) \pmod{a(z)}$  and  $\deg(r) \leq d_{fin}$

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1:  $r_{-1}(z) \leftarrow a(z), r_0(z) \leftarrow b(z), u_{-1}(z) \leftarrow 1, u_0(z) \leftarrow 0,$   
2:  $i \leftarrow 0$   
3: while  $\deg(r_i(z)) > d_{fin}$  do  
4:    $i \leftarrow i + 1$   
5:    $q_i \leftarrow r_{i-2}(z)/r_{i-1}(z)$   
6:    $r_i \leftarrow r_{i-2}(z) - q_i(z)r_{i-1}(z)$   
7:    $u_i \leftarrow u_{i-2}(z) - q_i(z)u_{i-1}(z)$   
8: end while  
9:  $N \leftarrow i$   
10: return  $u_N(z), r_N(z)$ 
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The number of steps in the "while" depends on inputs  $a(z)$  and  $b(z)$ .

Complexity is in  $O(\deg(a)^2)$  fields multiplications.

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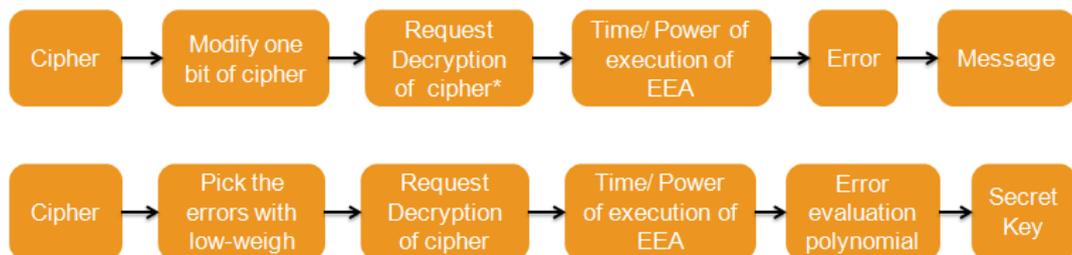
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## This work

- ✗ Shows the need for an efficient countermeasure.
- ✗ Proposes such countermeasure.

# Decryption oracle timing attacks



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**Algorithm 3** Framework for key-recovery attacks on a decryption device. (Strenzke)

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INPUT: A decryption device  $\mathcal{D}$ , public encryption key  $\mathbf{G}_{pub}$ .

OUTPUT: The secret support  $\mathbf{x}$ .

- 1: Choose  $w$  well-chosen error weights
- 2: **for**  $(i_1, \dots, i_w)$  subset of  $\{0, \dots, n-1\}$  **do**
- 3:   Pick  $\mathbf{e} = (0, \dots, e_{i_1}, \dots, e_{i_w}, \dots, 0)$  with  $w_H(\mathbf{e}) = w$ .
- 4:   Request decryption  $\mathcal{D}(\mathbf{e})$ .
- 5:   Perform timing or power consumption analysis of  $\mathcal{D}(\mathbf{e})$ .
- 6:   If EEA is faster than average, deduce a polynomial condition on  $x_{i_1}, \dots, x_{i_w}$
- 7: **end for**
- 8: Solve the non-linear system of all the collected equations.
- 9: **return** Secret support  $\mathbf{x} = (x_0, \dots, x_{n-1})$ .

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In this paper : Extended attack bypassing previous countermeasure

Combination of first and second EEA: observe **couples**  $(N_I, N_K)$  for errors with  $w = 8$

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Inspired by a work of Berlekamp (VLSI)

- ✗ No clear completeness proofs found in the literature
- ✗ Never proposed for McEliece
- ✗ Fully efficient only for the Alternant decoder

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- ✗ Polynomial shift changes.

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## Problems (pedagogical algorithm):

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## Perspectives

- ✗ Hardware secure implementation and tests,
- ✗ other kinds of attacks (fault, memory, template...)

Thank you for your attention!