

# NSA has solved Skype messaging problem

May 2011: Microsoft buys Skype for B\$ 8.5 Feb. 2011: Skype-in and Skype-out interception (FISC court) Jun. 2011: Skype peer to peer interception

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### (TS//SI//NF) User's Guide For PRISM Skype Collection

#### h. Why do I receive multiple copies of Skype chat sessions?

h.i. You might get chats in segments and then get the whole chat in a third collect. This is how Skype works. Depending upon what your target is doing, a copy of his chat history can be sent in-bulk (which can span multiple chat sessions). If you target, for example, has 3 separate chat sessions with another individual on his laptop, then logs-into his Skype account on his desktop, the chat-history of those 3 separate chat sessions will be transmitted from this laptop to his desktop so that both his computers have a loa of the whole conversation.

# 3. Traffic data (meta data) (DNR)

· traffic data is not plaintext itself, but it is very informative

### it may contain URLs of websites

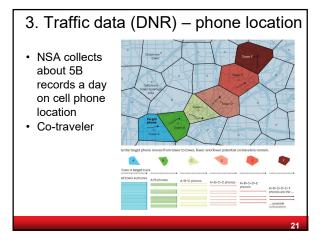
- it allows to map networks
- location information reveals social relations

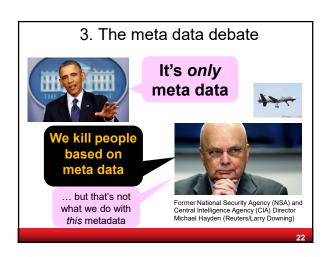
### 6 June 2013: NSA collecting phone records of millions of Verizon customers daily

### EU: data retention directive (2006/24/EC)

 declared illegal by EU Court of Justice in April 2014: disproportionate and contrary to some fundamental rights protected by the Charter of Fundamental Rights, in particular to the principle of privacy

http://radiobruxelleslibera.wordpress.com/2014/04/08/the-annulment-of-the-dataretention-directive-and-the-messy-consequences-on-national-legislations/



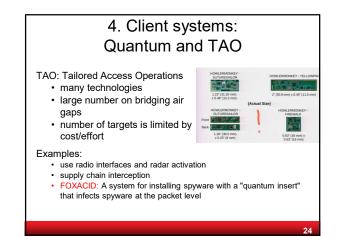


# 4. Client systemshack the client devices

- use unpatched weaknesses (disclosed by vendors or by update mechanism?)
- sophisticated malware

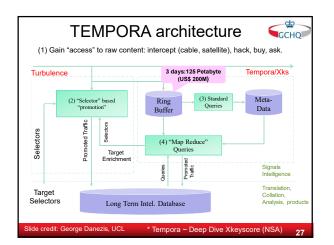
### · get plaintext

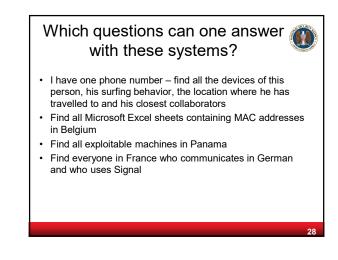
- · webcam pictures of users
- mobile phones: turned into remote microphones or steal keys from SIM cards (Gemalto)

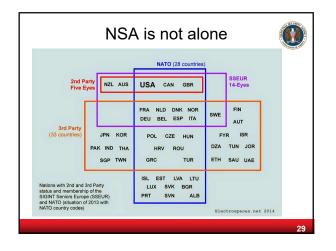




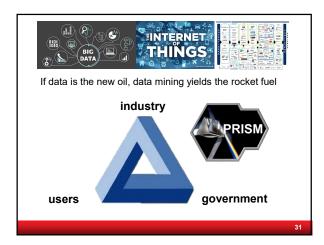




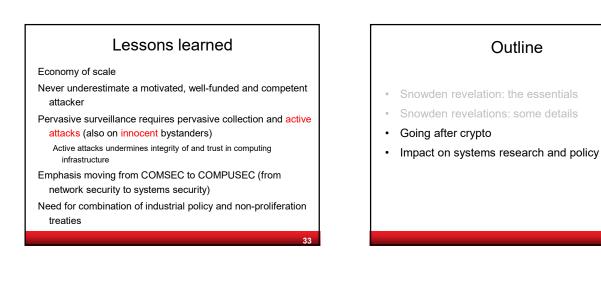


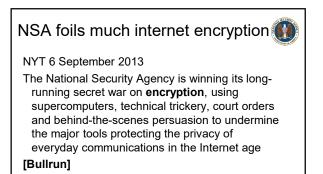


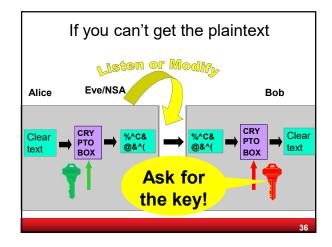












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# Asking for the key

- · national security letters?
  - · exist since the 1980s
  - come with gag orders; a handful revealed
  - 300.000 issued since 2001
  - · Lavabit email encryption
  - Yahoo https://www.wired.com/2016/06/yahoo-publishes-nationalsecurity-letters-fbi-drops-gag-orders/
  - Silent Circle email?
  - CryptoSeal Privacy VPN
  - · SSL/TLS servers of large companies?
  - Truecrypt??

 TLS and forward secrecy

 Hack the server or ask for it with a security letter

 Solution: replace RSA by Diffie-Hellman (D-H) for perfect

 forward secrecy

 • long term private key is only used for signing

 • ephemeral D-H keys for confidentiality

 D-H downgrade attack (Adrian+15, CCS]

 • downgrade to 512-bit export control (legacy)

 • cryptanalyze ephemeral D-H keys in real time

 • even 1024-bit keys (widely used default option)

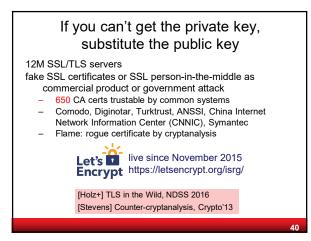
 • of strong enough

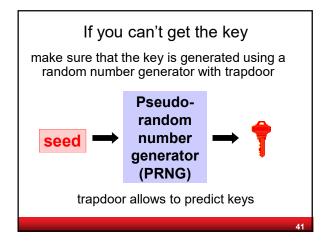
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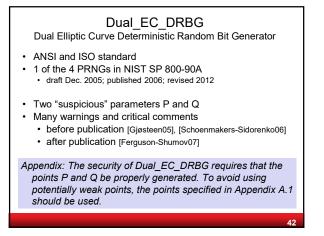
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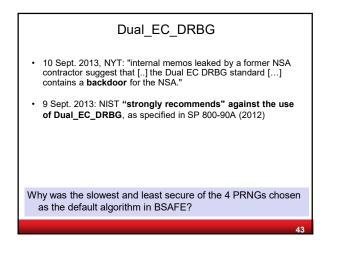
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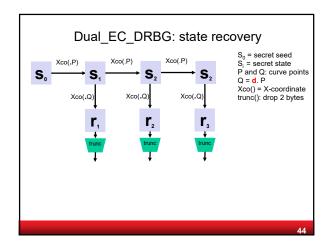


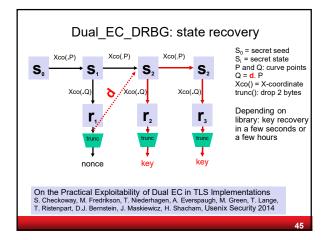


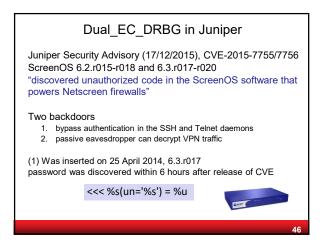


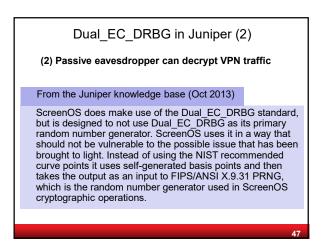


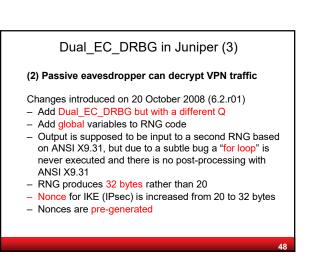




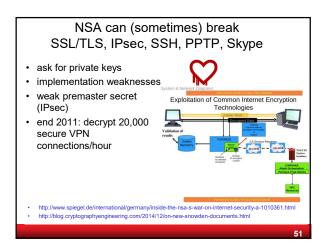


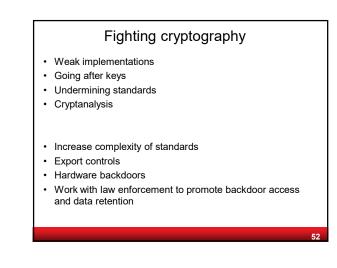


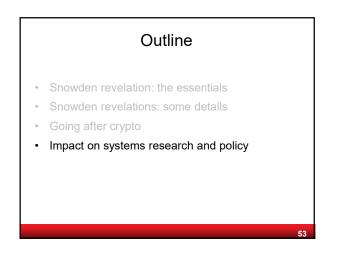


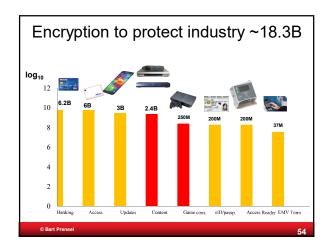




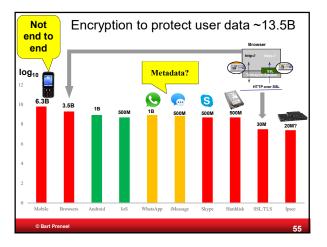


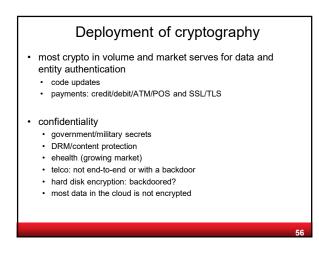


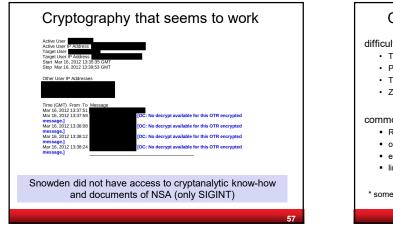


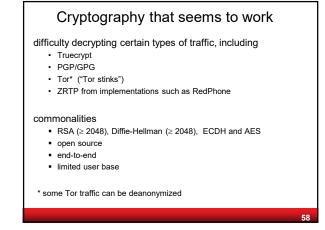


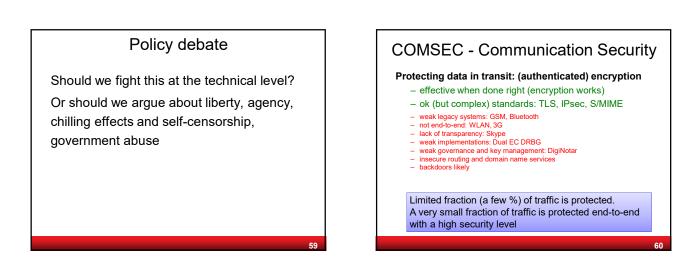
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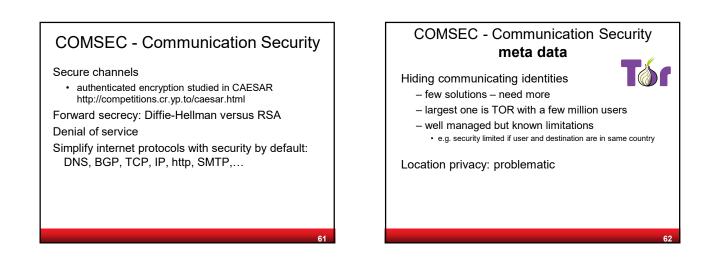


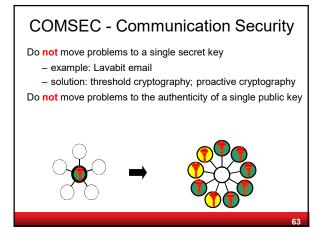


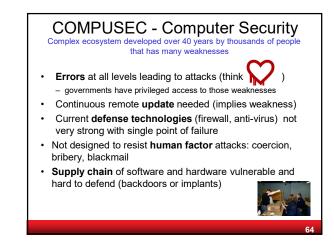


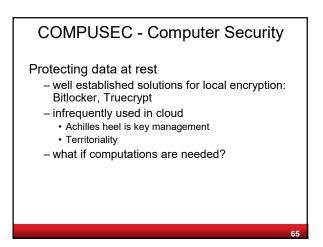


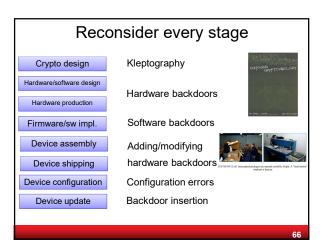




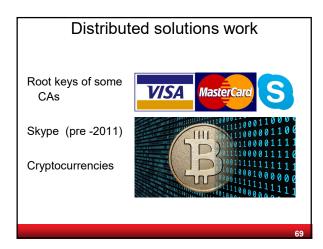


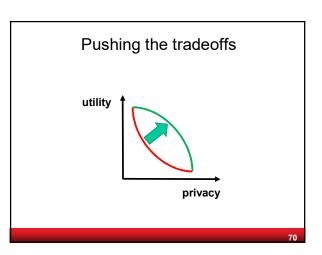


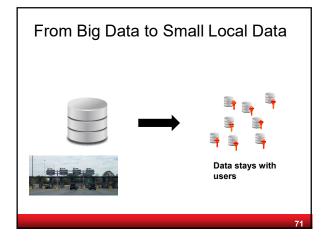


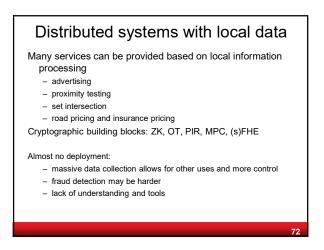


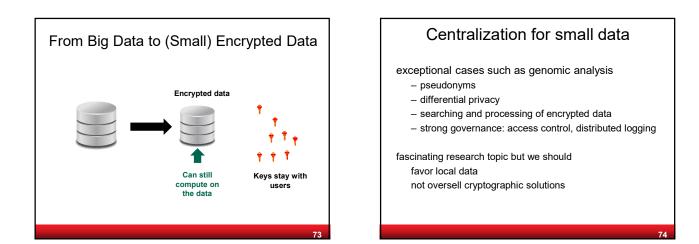




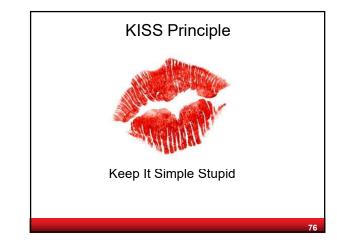






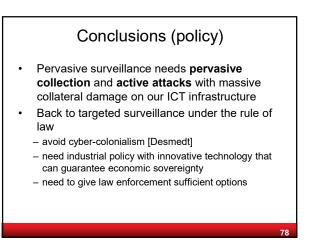






# Conclusions (research)

- Rethink architectures: distributed
- Shift from network security to system security
- Increase robustness against powerful opponents who can subvert many subsystems during several lifecycle stages
- Open technologies and review by open communities
- Keep improving cryptographic algorithms, secure channels and meta-data protection



Mo	vies
•	Citizen Four (a movie by Laura Poitras) (2014) https://citizenfourfilm.com/
•	Edward Snowden - Terminal F (2015) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nd6qN167wKo
•	John Oliver interviews Edward Snowden https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XEVIyP4_11M
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•	Glenn Greenwald, No place to hide, Edward Snowden, the NSA, and the U.S. Surveillance State, Metropolitan Books, 2014
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# Further reading

### Books

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#### Documents

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### Articles

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## More information

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### Media

https://firstlook.org/theintercept/ http://www.spiegel.de/international/topic/nsa\_spying\_scandal/ Very short version of this presentation: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uYk6yN9eNfc

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