

Impact of Agile Cryptography on Business

You can't spell Cryptography without "cry" ...

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In security we trust ...

How this could be wrong?

"... Our IT environment leads in technology, leveraging **modern global platforms** for **seamless performance** and reliability. With **continuous innovation** and **strategic oversight**, we ensure our systems remain **resilient, adaptable**, and ready to **support ongoing digital growth...**,"



Why is this important?

Why can crypto agility save you?



Lifecycles as a security threat

Withdraw timescale in cryptography is usually about 10-15 years



| Algorithm / Protocol | Standard | Withdraw | Where you can find it |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------------------|
| DES | 1977 | 2005 | TLS, IPsec |
| RC4 | 1987 | 2015 | Still in Kerberos (AD) |
| 3DES | 1999 | 2019 | TLS, IPsec |
| <i>SkipJack</i> | 1993 | 2010 | |
| MD4 | 1990 | 2000 | NTLMv1, Kerberos-RC4 |
| MD5 | 1992 | 2008 | NTLMv2 |
| SHA-1 | 1993 | 2017 | Rare (TLS, IPsec) |
| DualEC DRBG | 2006 | 2014 | Backward compatibility only |
| IKEv1 | 1994 | 2005 | Still used |
| SSLv2 | 1994 | 2011 | Old equipment |
| SSLv3 | 1996 | 2015 | Old equipment |
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- RC4 is a weak cipher
- But main problem is an architecture
- Microsoft released patch KB5074109 in January, enforced during April
- Attacks to RC4 (luckily others cannot be mounted)
 - Kerberoasting
 - AS-REP roasting
 - Pass the ticket
 - Golden ticket
 - Silver ticket
 - NTLM relay
 - Pass the hash

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Currently, depending on the version, more than 50 attack methods exist, and some versions have no available fixes.

How are your systems doing?

Most frequent issues: lack of certificate management



| Incident | Year | Problem | Mitigation |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|--|------------------------|
| Debian RNG | 2006–2008 | Predictable key material | Months |
| Dual_EC_DRBG | 2007–2013 | Decrypting of encrypted channels | Years |
| DigiNotar | 2011 | Complete loss of trust provided by CA | Months |
| Heartbleed | 2014 | Key material could be available (include private keys) | Months |
| SHA-1 migration | 2014–2017 | Obsoleted algorithm | Years |
| Logjam | 2015 | Weak DH parameters – Decrypting of encrypted channels | Months |
| DROWN | 2016 | Weak protocol – Private keys were computable | Months |
| ROCA | 2017 | Weak RSA key generator - Private keys were computable | Months to years |
| <i>Twitter/X (TLS certificate)</i> | <i>2020</i> | <i>Certificate management – Loss of trust</i> | <i>Hours</i> |
| Let's Encrypt root expiration | 2021 | Trust chain expiration – Loss of trust | Years |
| <i>Twitter/X (TLS certificate)</i> | <i>2022</i> | <i>Certificate management – Loss of trust</i> | <i>Hours</i> |

How are your systems doing?

Example of worldwide impact

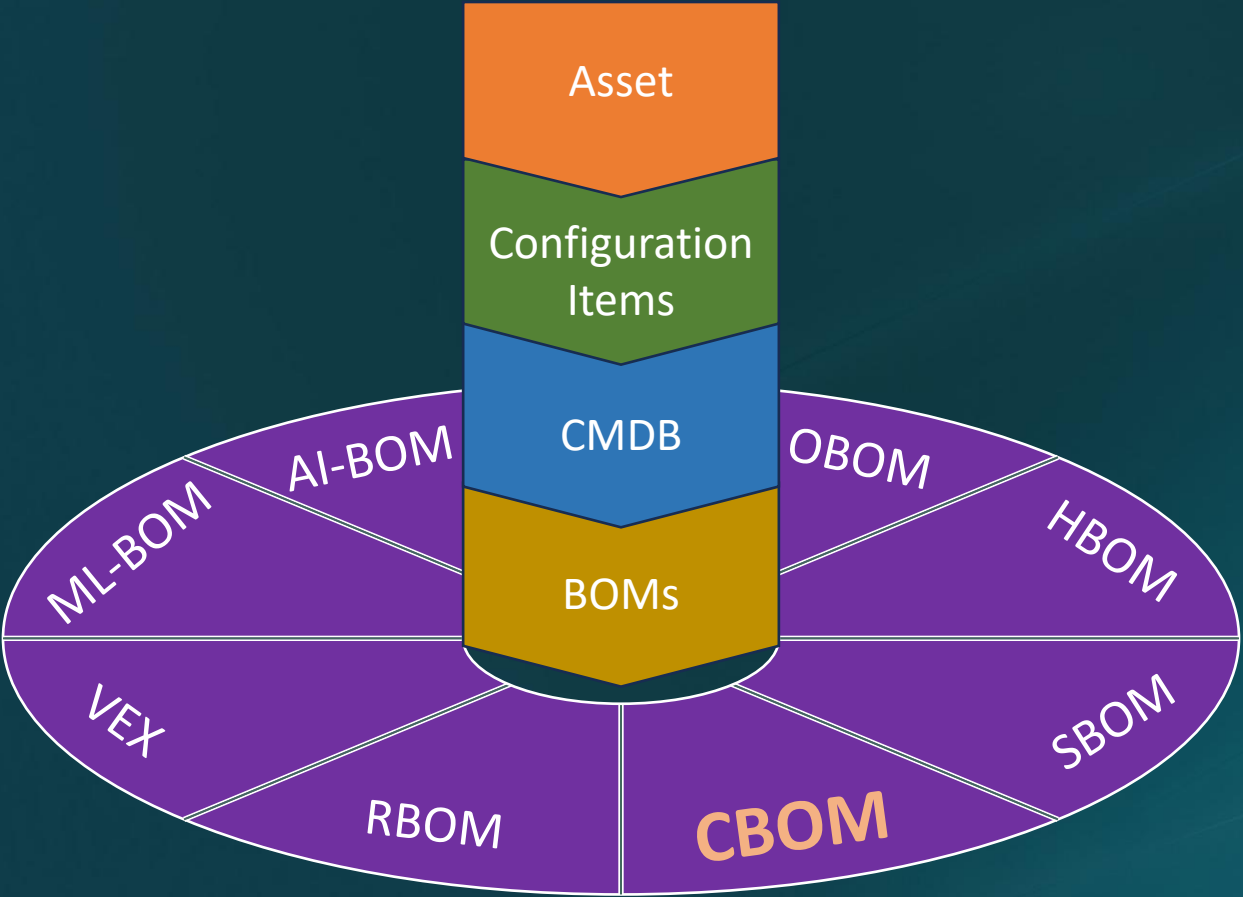
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Details:

- Infineon TPM & encryption chips affected (smart cards, secure elements)
- Faulty library generated weak RSA keys
- ~760,000 keys found; estimated 50 millions
- Impacted systems: TPMs, smart cards, tokens, TLS/HTTPS certs, software signing keys
- Costs for key replacement estimated up to 1 billion Eur
- Costs for device replacement estimated up to 300 millions Eur
- Plus, prices of audits

How Crypto Agility Benefits You

Interesting relation: Asset management and Flexibility



CBOM (Cryptography Bill of Materials)

Consist:

- Libraries
- Protocols
- Algorithms
- Key materials

Scopes:

- Capability
- Dependencies
- Default configuration
- Used settings

Mosca's theorem

Not only quantum computer can endanger security of your data ...

$$X + Y > Z$$

X Migration time 

Y Security shelf life 

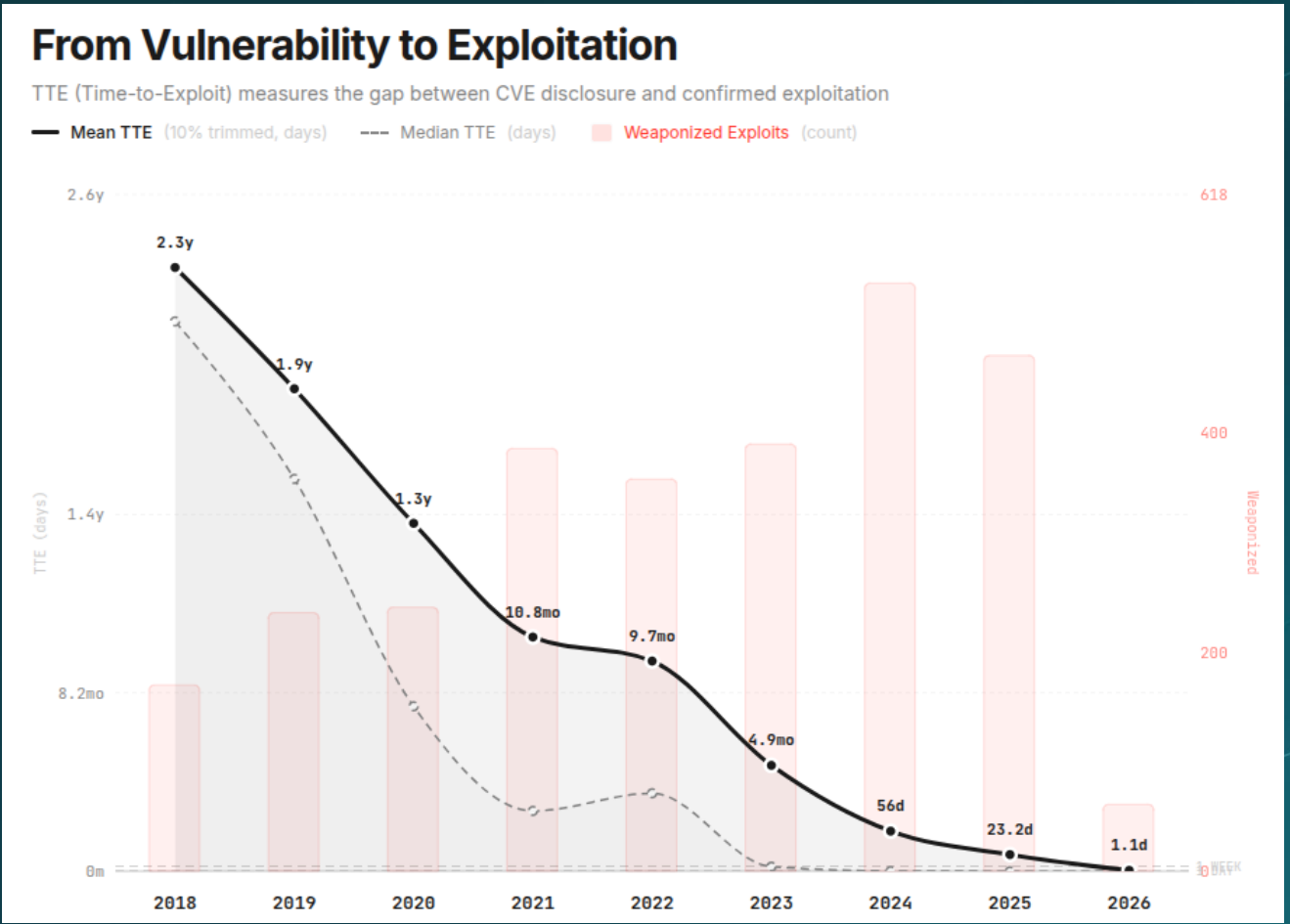

Z Time to compromise


Secret keys
compromised



Time to exploit

Cybercrime and AI twist the game, this will affect cryptography also



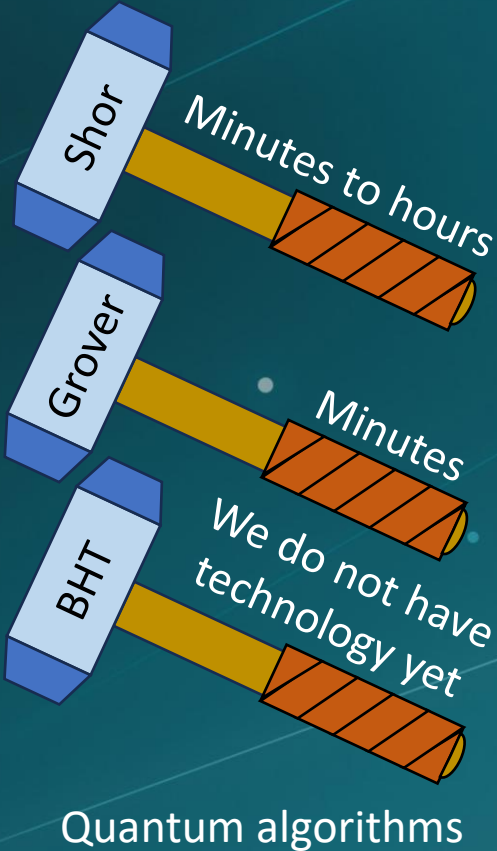
15 years versus prediction

- 2026 - 1 day
- 2027 - 10 minutes
- **2028 - 1 minute !!!**

Source: <https://zerodayclock.com/>

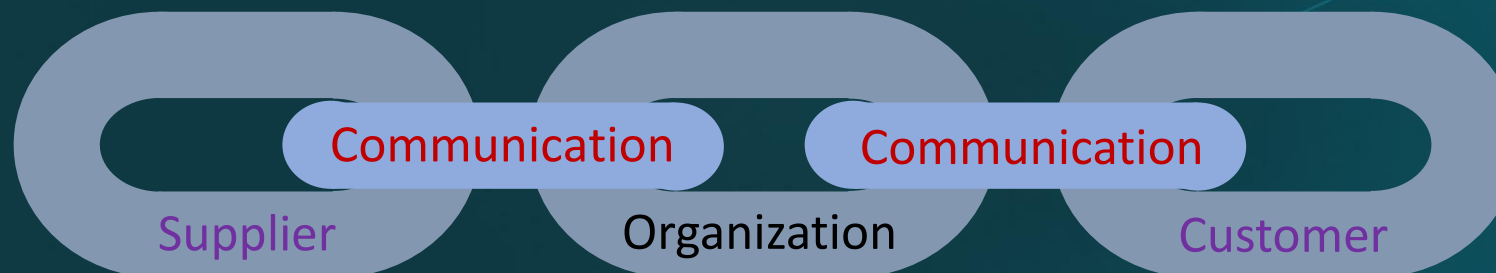
Quantum computer threat

Current cryptography will not be sufficient soon



Supply chain

Why you should be interested in enforcing strong protection



- Start with internal enforcement
- Comply with laws, standards, and best practices
- Take partner audits seriously
- Enforce accountability through contracts
- Exchange basic CBOM information
- Disable fallback to weak security
- Define a minimum-security baseline

(faster, cheaper, under your control)

(avoid penalties, reduce risk, baseline of security)

(how much you can trust a partner)

(ensure partners take security obligations seriously)

(clarifies capabilities and flexible changes)

(part of defence against attackers)

(ensures consistent quality across all partners)

What is a requirements

Record, measure, evaluate, manage ... and comply

Minimum level of quality:

- 1) Ensure compliance - make rules legally binding
- 2) To reduce legal risk, align with key regulations (NIS2, CRA, DORA)
- 3) Adopt proven widely accepted standards (ISO 27001, 27002, 27005, 21827)
- 4) Maintain strong asset management, which give you full visibility and control
 - To improve transparency, require CBOM from external applications
 - Enable faster risk assessment by use complete security metadata (CBOM, SBOM, RBOM, VEX)

What is a goal?

How can you save costs and time? By policy driven management.

It is doable? Yes.

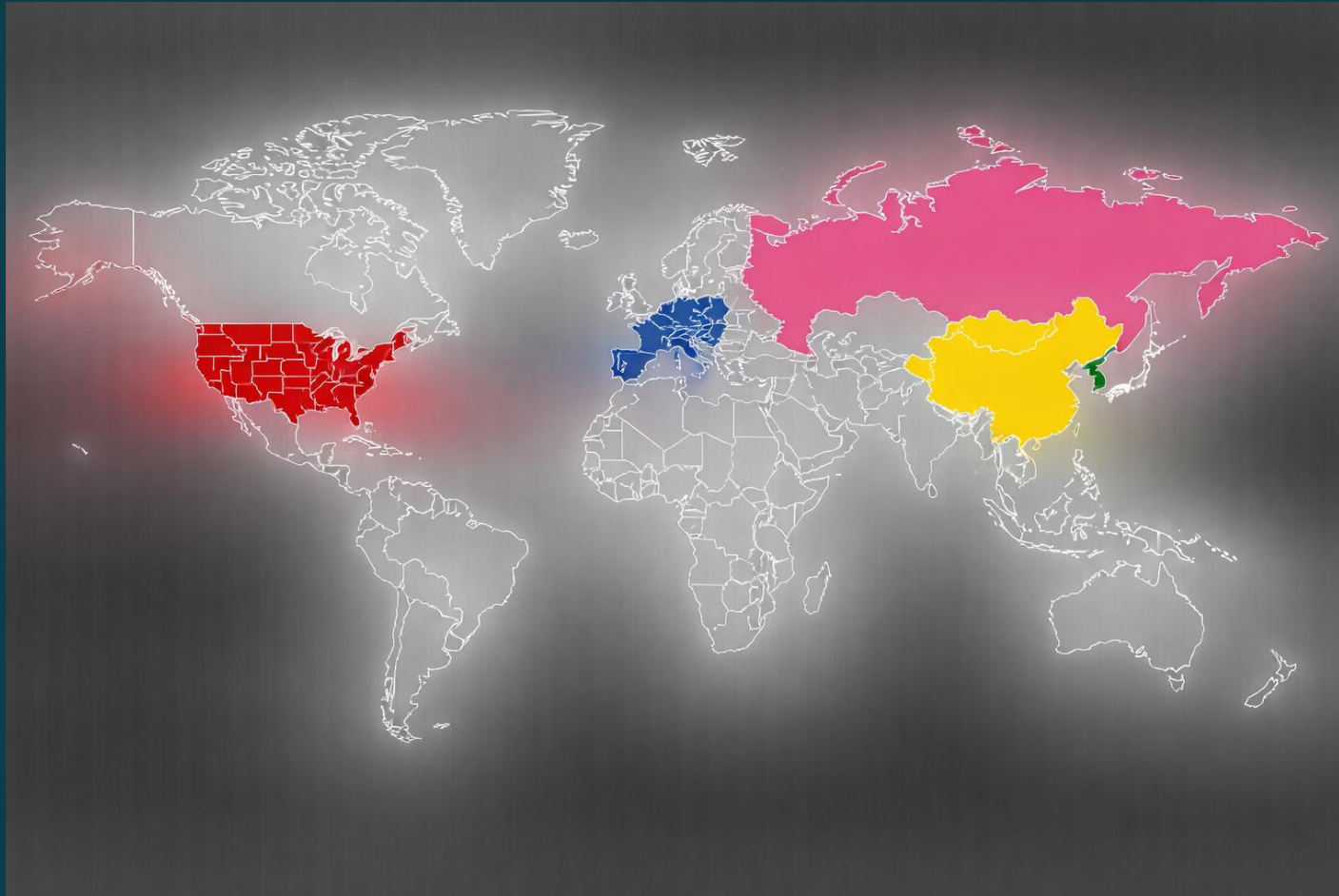
- 1) Asset management allow you to own knowledge about your systems
- 2) CBOM, SBOM, RBOM and similar will help you understand configuration and capability of systems
- 3) VEX allow you to know and understand actual threat and exploits
- 4) Appropriate measurement allows you to understand needs
- 5) Policy driven settings allow you to do changes in minutes, rather than months

Are you interested?

Dark side: Geopolitical context **Qubit**[®]

Export of soft power and projecting power through standardization

Conference



Specific regulations:

- China (OSCCA)
- EU (ENISA, ETSI, ITU-T)
- Japan (CRYPTREC)
- Russian Federation (GOST)
- South Korea (NIS, NSR)
- USA (NIST)

Conclusion

Crypto agility is a difficult journey, but other paths are suicidal.

Starring:

- Cryptography
- Compliance
- Asset management
- Monitoring
- Evaluation of assets
- Threat modelling
- Risk analysis
- Technology
- Processes
- Reporting
- Policies

and many others ...

Thank you for attention

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