



# 10. Kryptotag

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Some Observations on  
Reusing One-Time Pads within  
Dice Codings



# Overview

- Dice Codings
- Invalid Keys
- Attacking the Key Pad
- Countermeasures



# Introduction / Scenario

- Scope: Online-Banking
- Computer is controlled by attacker
- Visual Cryptography
- Key-transparencies are used in conjunction with monitor

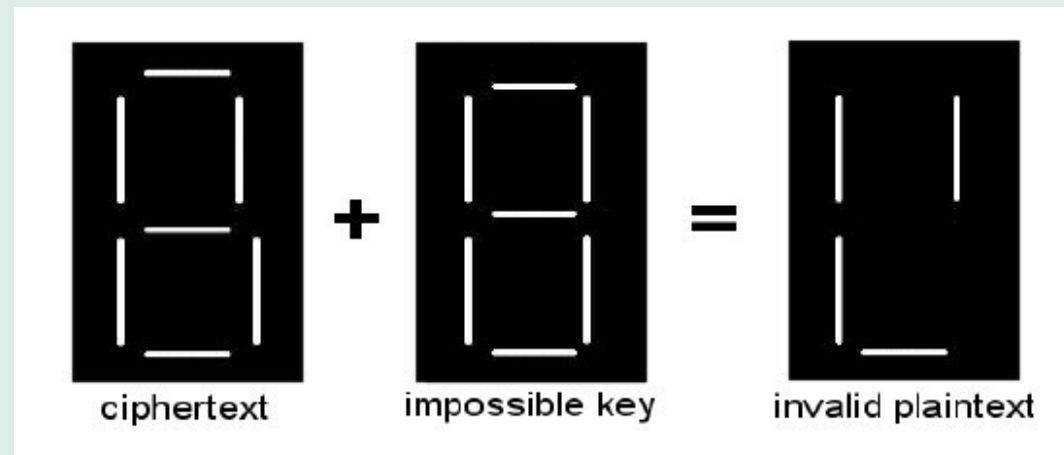
# Introduction / Visual Coding

- Digits:



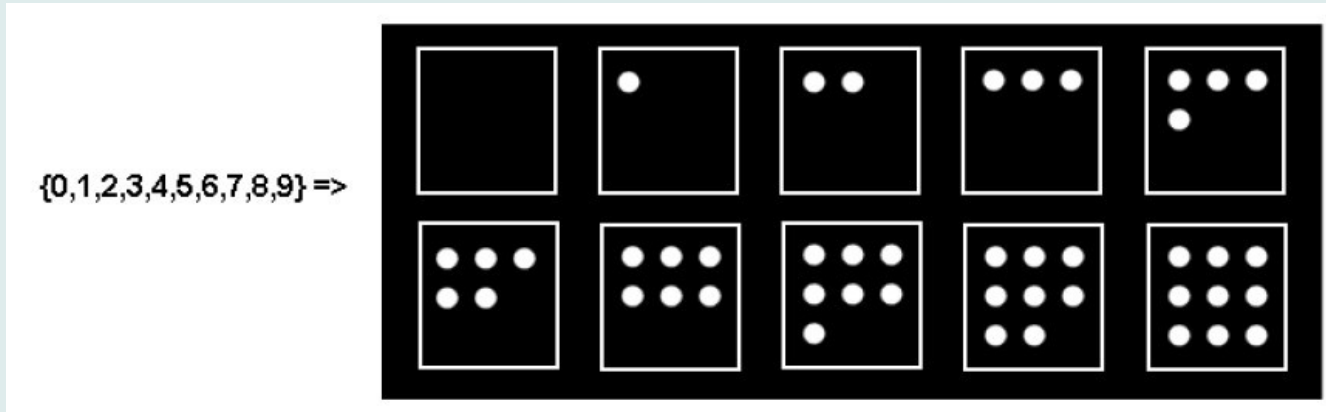
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- Not complete:



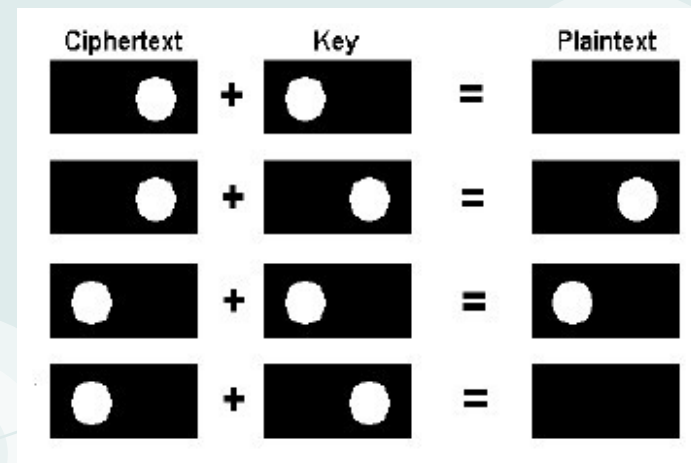
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# Dice Codings



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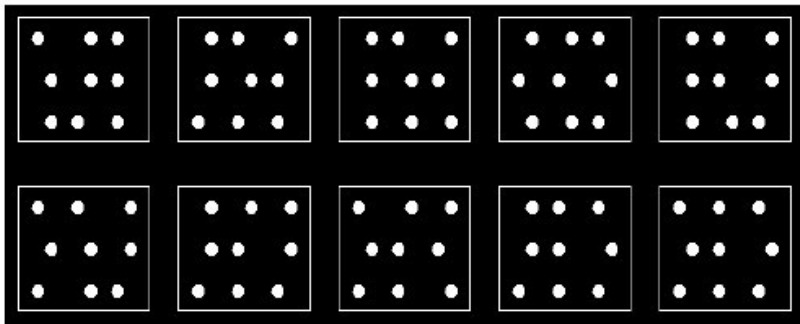
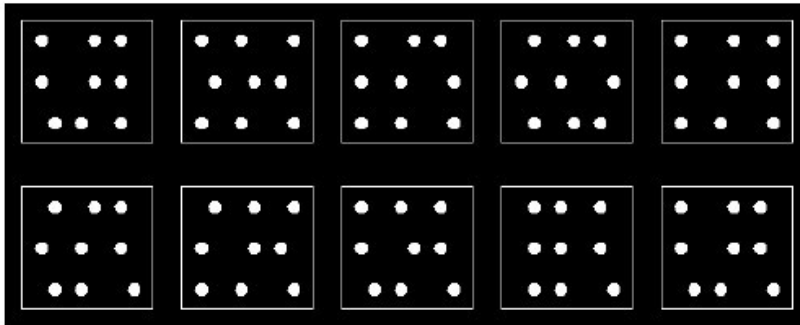
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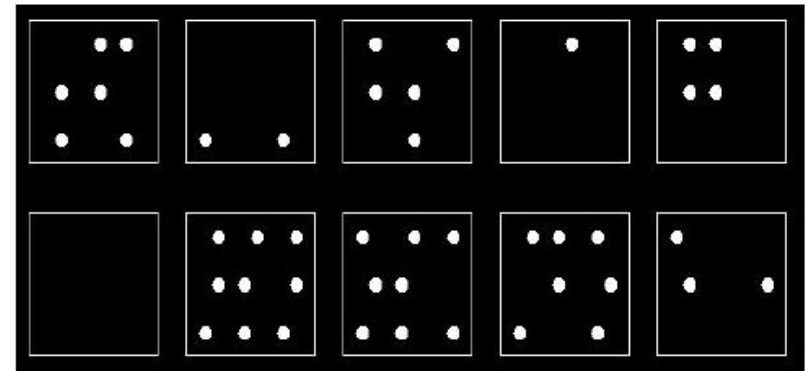
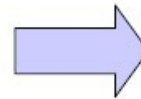
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# Dice Codings Example

key-transparency



ciphertext



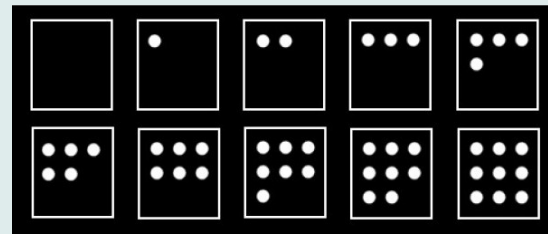
plaintext

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# Invalid Keys (10 dices)

- Number of points per segment: 9
- Keysize for 10 segments:  $2^{90} \approx 1,23 * 10^{27}$

- Valid keys:



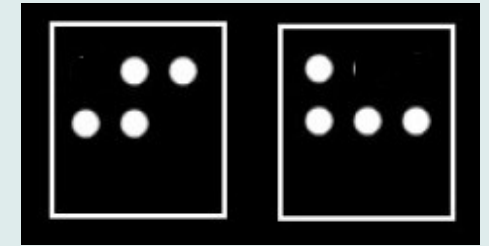
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$$\binom{9}{0} * \binom{9}{1} * \dots * \binom{9}{9} * 10! \approx 4,26 * 10^{19} < 2^{66}$$

Quotient:  $\frac{\text{valid keys}}{\text{number of keys}} \approx 3 * 10^{-8}$

# Invalid Keys (2 dices)

- Number of points per segment: 9
- Keysize for 2 segments:  $2^{18}$
- Invalid keys per Ciphertext:



$$\binom{9}{0}^2 + \binom{9}{1}^2 + \dots + \binom{9}{9}^2 = \sum_{i=0}^9 \binom{9}{i}^2 = 48.620$$

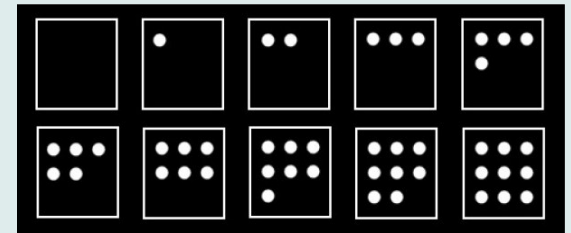
- Quotient:  $\frac{\text{invalid keys}}{\text{number of keys}} = \frac{48.620}{262.144} \approx 18,5\%$



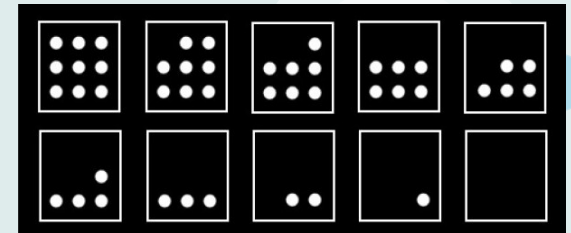
# Questions

- Is it possible to extract the OTP / key-transparency?  
 ⇒ almost

- $d(\text{Cipher}, \text{key}) \rightarrow$



- $d(\text{Cipher}, \text{inverse}(\text{key})) \rightarrow$



- So, how many ciphertexts do we need?



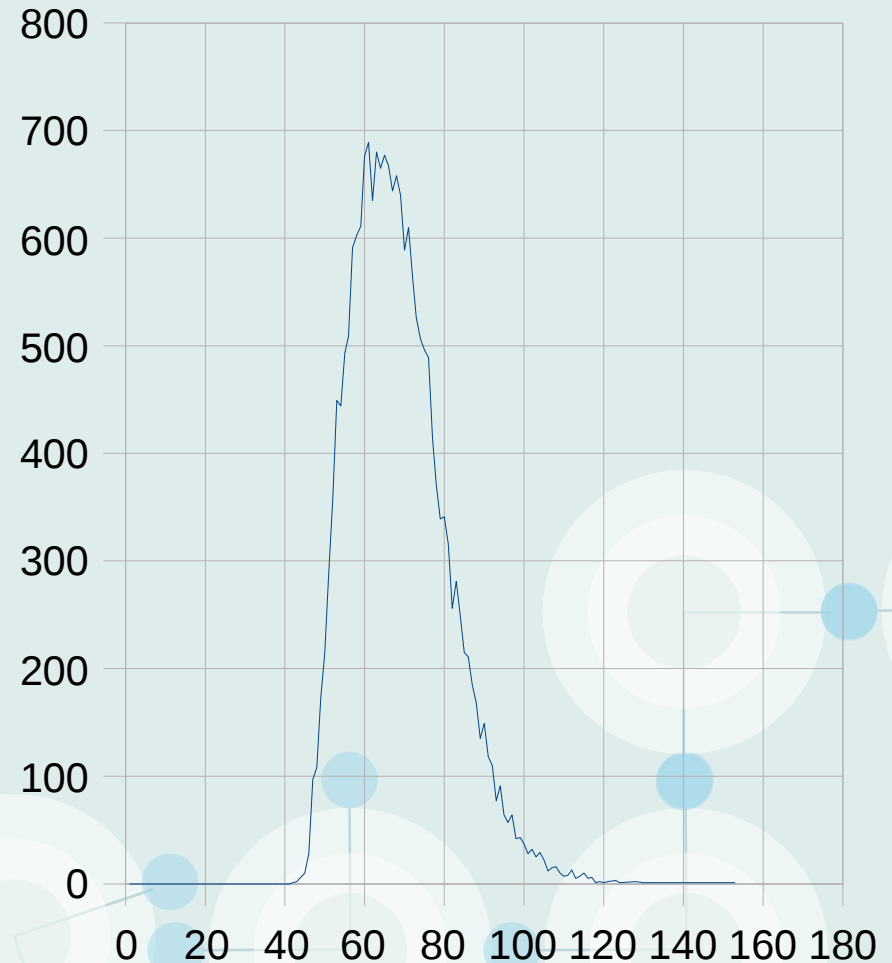
# Algorithm's Idea

- Keep track of invalid keys
  - Binary Decision Tree with half of all possible keys
  - Delete invalid keys
  - Until only one key is left
- Result: Secret Key or its inverse
- Runtime: Several times  $2^{17} = 131.072$



# Test Data (Ciphers)

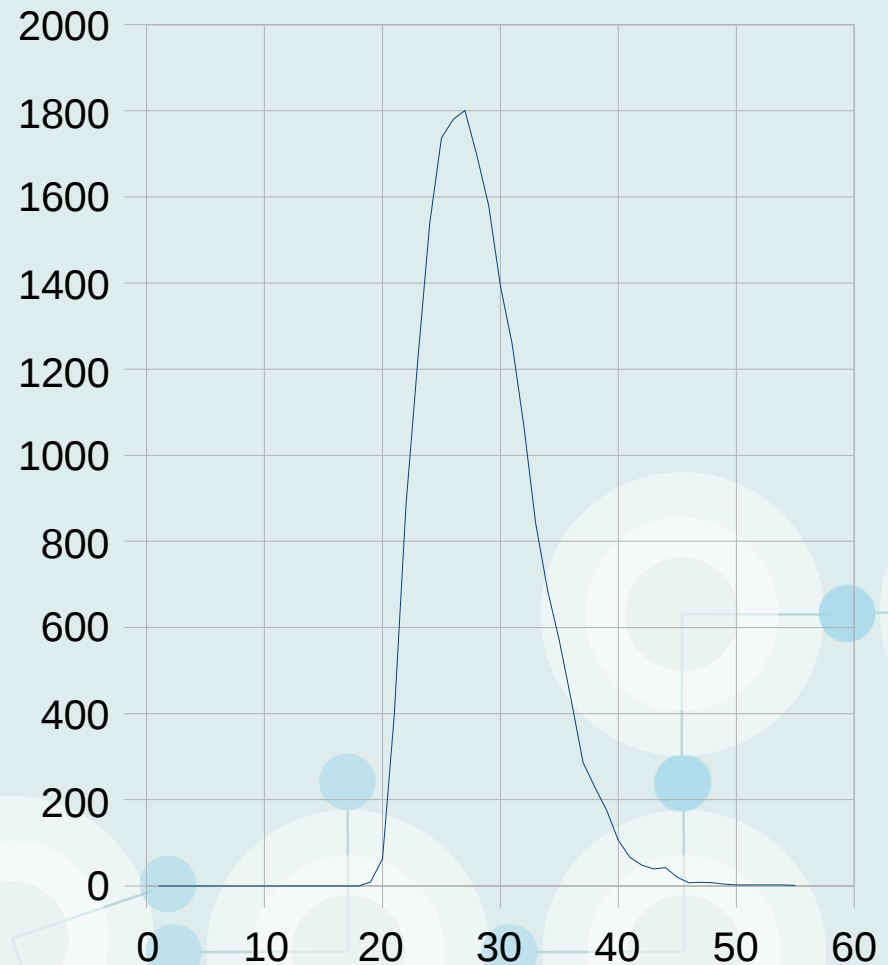
- 20.000 runs
- 70 ciphers  $\geq$  60%
- 90 ciphers  $\geq$  95%





# Test Data (CPU time(s))

- 20.000 runs
- 1 Core 3.00GHz (Intel E8400)
- Feasible
- Victims CPU can be used





# Global View

- Easy Implementation: Run Algorithm 5 times (pairs:  $0+1$ ,  $2+3$ , ...,  $8+9$ )
- But: we have 45 pairs and as soon as parts of the key are recovered additional information is gained
- Not tested in practice
- Complete key or its inverse is recovered



# Countermeasures

- More points on the dices (0 to n)
- More dices  
(lower restrictions)
- Similar procedure to iTAN  
(lower restrictions)

- Number of points per segment:  $n$
- Keysize for 2 segments:  $2^{2n}$
- Invalid keys per Ciphertext:

$$\sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i}^2 = \frac{2n!}{n!n!} \quad (\text{using Vandermonde's identity})$$

$$\frac{2n!}{n!n!} \approx \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi n}} 2^{2n} \quad (\text{using Stirling's formula})$$

- Quotient:  $\frac{\text{invalid keys}}{\text{number of keys}} \approx \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi n}}$
- Bad impact on UI

# Number of Dices

- 0 additional dices:
  - 18,5% invalid keys, keysize:  $2^{18}$
- 1 additional dice (1 doubled dice allowed):
  - 3,9% invalid keys, keysize:  $2^{27}$
- 2 additional dices (1 tripple dice allowed):
  - <1% invalid keys, keysize:  $2^{36}$
- $$\binom{9}{0}^{2+a} + \binom{9}{1}^{2+a} + \dots + \binom{9}{9}^{2+a} = \sum_{i=0}^9 \binom{9}{i}^{2+a}$$
- Impact on UI



# Similar to iTAN

- Ask for a specific TAN
- Allows to add more redundancy
- Only 4 (6) Digits have to be contained
- Worst case:  $3,76 * 10^{24}$  (digits: 0189)
- Versus:  $2^{90} \approx 1,23 * 10^{27}$
- But now any combination can be possible
- Statistical attacks? / digits 0,9 expose key

# Conclusions

- It is possible to attack Dice Codings if the key-transparency is used multiple times
- By Improvements attack can be countered
- Procedure similar to iTan may solve this and is probably acceptable by users
- Statistical attack may be possible
- User manipulation not regarded here
  - Influence User (0,9) to leak parts of the key



Thank you  
for your  
attention



# References

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