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Abstract

This document explains and compares the results found with three of the tools of the partners, LAZART, CELTIC and EFS, on an example from the Secure Collection. 1

1 Attacks found on VerifyPIN (version 2_HB+FTL_auth)

The considered VerifyPIN example is presented in listing 3. It implements the following countermeasures:

- boolean encoding (0xAA is true,0x55 is false);
- loop iteration counter in the function byteArrayCompare.

The g_authenticated variable is initialized to BOOL_FALSE and the attack objective is for the variable to have the value BOOL_TRUE at the end of the execution, although the PIN is incorrect. A PTC modification up to 0x03 may be also considered as a successful attack as it may allow a brute-force attack on the PIN value.

The byteArrayCompare function is implemented as described in listing 2. This function uses the function countermeasure (described in listing 1) as a detection attack method. For our code test needs, this function only set a flag which can be checked on purpose.

```
#define BOOL_TRUE OxAA
1
   #define BOOL_FALSE 0x55
2
   typedef unsigned char UBYTE;
3
   typedef unsigned char BOOL;
4
5
   void countermeasure()
6
   {
7
     g_countermeasure = 1;
8
   }
9
```

Listing 1: Defines and Implementation of countermeasure

We will now detail the vulnerabilities detected by some security tools on this example. We consider LAZART (Laser Attack Robustness), a framework

¹http://sertif-projet.forge.imag.fr/pages/benchmark.html

```
BOOL byteArrayCompare(UBYTE* a1, UBYTE* a2)
1
^{2}
    {
      int i = 0;
3
      BOOL status = BOOL_FALSE;
4
      BOOL diff = BOOL_FALSE;
\mathbf{5}
      for(i = 0; i < PIN_SIZE; i++) {</pre>
6
        if(a1[i] != a2[i]) {
7
           diff = BOOL_TRUE;
8
        }
9
      }
10
      if(i != PIN_SIZE) {
11
        countermeasure();
12
13
      }
      if (diff == BOOL_FALSE) {
14
        status = BOOL_TRUE;
15
      }
16
      else {
17
        status = BOOL_FALSE;
18
      }
19
      return status;
20
   }
^{21}
```

Listing 2: Implementation of byteArrayCompare

```
void VerifyPIN()
1
    {
^{2}
      g_authenticated = BOOL_FALSE;
3
4
      if(g_ptc > 0) {
\mathbf{5}
        if(byteArrayCompare(g_userPin, g_cardPin) == BOOL_TRUE) {
6
           g_ptc = 3;
7
           g_authenticated = BOOL_TRUE; // Authentication();
8
        }
9
        else {
10
           g_ptc--;
11
        }
12
      }
13
14
   }
```

Listing 3: Implementation of VerifyPIN

for the evaluation of the robustness of software against multiple fault injections. LAZART relies on the symbolic test generator Klee and focuses on faults disrupting the control flow graph. We also consider the generic smartcard and fault injection simulator CELTIC. CELTIC generates each possible mutant of the code under analysis according to a fault model, simulates the execution of each mutant, and evaluates the vulnerability of the application. Finally, we consider EFS (Embedded Fault Simulator). EFS is a software framework allowing smart card developers to perform on-target fault injection simulations on a running application.

2 Results for Lazart

The following table indicates for each LLVM block what is the first correspondingline number in the source code, and the corresponding function ("bAC" for byteArrayCompare, "VPIN" for VerifyPIN).

entry	if.then	for.cond.i	for.body.i	if.then.i	if.end.i	for.end.i	if.then8.i
VPIN	VPIN	bAC	bAC	bAC	bAC	bAC	bAC
1.3	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.9	l.11	l.12

if.end9.i	if.then13.i	if.else.i	byteArrayCompare.exit	if.then5	if.else	if.end	if.end6
bAC	bAC	bAC	VPIN	VPIN	VPIN	VPIN	VPIN
l.14	l.15	l.18	1.6	1.7	l.12	l.14	l.15

On this example, LAZART detected two 1-fault attacks, one 2-faults attacks, zero 3-faults attacks and one 4-faults attacks.

Frampla	#at	tacks	for i	faults
Example	1	2	3	4
VerifyPIN_2_HB+FTL_auth	2	1	0	1

2.1 1-fault attacks

2.1.1 First attack: changing the returned value of byteArrayCompare

The first attack (the LLVM CFG is displayed bellow) consists in inverting the condition of the block if.end9.i to reach the block if.then13.i (branch then) instead of the block if.else.i (branch else). The block if.end9.i corresponds to the line 14 of the function byteArrayCompare: if(diff == BOOL_FALSE). This fault leads to the execution of the block if.then13.i, corresponding to the line 15 of byteArrayCompare: status = BOOL_TRUE;. The program's execution then proceeds normally. This fault changes the value returned by byteArrayCompare: BOOL_TRUE is returned when the PIN comparison fails, so we can authenticate with an incorrect PIN.



2.1.2 Second attack: ignore the returned value of byteArrayCompare

This second attack (the LLVM CFG is displayed bellow) consists in inverting the condition of the block byteArrayCompare.exit to reach the block if.then5 instead of the block if.else. The block byteArrayCompare.exit corresponds to the line 6 of VerifyPIN: if(byteArrayCompare(g_userPin, g_cardPin)== BOOL_TRUE). This faults leads to the execution of the block if.then5, corresponding to the line 7 of VerifyPIN (g_ptc = 3;), instead of the block starting at line 12 of VerifyPIN (g_ptc--). The program's execution then proceeds normally. This fault allows to ignore the value returned by the function byteArrayCompare so we can authenticate with an incorrect PIN.



2.2 2-faults attack

The 2-faults attack consists in inverting the loop condition before the first loop iteration, so that the loop is not executed, then inverting the test i != PIN_SIZE to not trigger the countermeasure. This attack succeeds because diff = BOOL_FALSE is executed before the loop.

2.3 4-faults attack

The 4-fault attack consists in injecting a fault during the PIN comparison: a fault for each invalid character (for a PIN of size 4).

3 Results for Celtic

CELTIC is a dynamic simulator of binary smartcards, able to inject faults during the simulation. CELTIC is being developed at the CEA-LETI, and currently supports a wide range of fault models and is able to simulate several machines.

3.1 Assembly listings

We provide the assembly listings for both byteArrayCompare and VerifyPIN:

```
080041a8 <byteArrayCompare>:
1
     80041a8 b570 push {r4, r5, r6, lr}
^{2}
     80041aa 2200
3
                       movs r2, #0
     80041ac 2455 movs r4, #85 ; 0x55
^{4}
     80041ae 5c83
                       ldrb r3, [r0, r2]
\mathbf{5}
     80041b0 5c8d
                       ldrb r5, [r1, r2]
6
     80041<mark>b2</mark> 42ab
                       cmp r3, r5
7
     80041<mark>b4</mark> d000
                       beq.n 80041b8 <byteArrayCompare+0x10>
8
     80041<mark>b6</mark> 24aa
                       movs r4, #170 ; Oxaa
9
     80041<mark>b8</mark> 1c52
                       adds r2, r2, #1
10
     80041ba 2a04
11
                       cmp r2, #4
     80041bc dbf7
                       blt.n 80041ae <byteArrayCompare+0x6>
^{12}
     80041be d001 beq.n 80041c4 <br/>
byteArrayCompare+0x1c>
13
     80041c0 f000 f826 bl 8004210 <countermeasure>
14
     80041c4 2c55 cmp r4, #85 ; 0x55
15
                     beq.n 80041cc <byteArrayCompare+0x24>
     80041c6 d001
16
     80041c8 2055
                     movs r0, #85 ; 0x55
17
     80041ca bd70
                       pop {r4, r5, r6, pc}
18
     80041cc 20aa
                       movs r0, #170 ; Oxaa
19
     80041ce bd70
                        pop {r4, r5, r6, pc}
20
```

Listing 4: Assembly listing of byteArrayCompare for CELTIC tests

1	080041 <mark>d0</mark>	<pre><verifypin_< pre=""></verifypin_<></pre>	_A>:
2	80041 <mark>d0</mark>	b570	push {r4, r5, r6, lr}
3	80041 <mark>d2</mark>	4 d0b	ldr r5, [pc, #44] ; (8004200 <verifypin_a+0x30>)</verifypin_a+0x30>
4	80041 <mark>d4</mark>	4 c0b	ldr r4, [pc, #44] ; (8004204 <verifypin_a+0x34>)</verifypin_a+0x34>
5	80041 <mark>d6</mark>	2055	movs r0, #85 ; 0x55
6	80041 <mark>d8</mark>	7028	strb r0, [r5, #0]
7	80041 <mark>da</mark>	f994 0000	ldrsb.w r0, [r4]
8	80041 <mark>de</mark>	2800	cmp r0, #0
9	80041 <mark>e0</mark>	dd08	<pre>ble.n 80041f4 <verifypin_a+0x24></verifypin_a+0x24></pre>
10	80041 <mark>e2</mark>	4909	ldr r1, [pc, #36] ; (8004208 <verifypin_a+0x38>)</verifypin_a+0x38>
11	80041 <mark>e4</mark>	4809	ldr r0, [pc, #36] ; (800420c <verifypin_a+0x3c>)</verifypin_a+0x3c>
12	80041 <mark>e6</mark>	f7ff ffdf	bl 80041a8 <bytearraycompare></bytearraycompare>
13	80041 <mark>ea</mark>	28 aa	cmp r0, #170 ; Oxaa
14	80041 <mark>ec</mark>	d003	<pre>beq.n 80041f6 <verifypin_a+0x26></verifypin_a+0x26></pre>
15	80041 <mark>ee</mark>	7820	ldrb r0, [r4, #0]
16	80041 <mark>f0</mark>	1e40	subs r0, r0, #1
17	80041 <mark>f2</mark>	7020	strb r0, [r4, #0]
18	80041 <mark>f4</mark>	bd70	pop {r4, r5, r6, pc}
19	80041 <mark>f6</mark>	2003	movs r0, #3
20	80041 <mark>f8</mark>	7020	strb r0, [r4, #0]
21	80041 <mark>fa</mark>	20 aa	movs r0, #170 ; Oxaa
22	80041 <mark>fc</mark>	7028	strb r0, [r5, #0]
23	80041 <mark>fe</mark>	bd70	pop {r4, r5, r6, pc}
24	8004200	20008014	.word 0x20008014
25	8004204	20008015	.word 0x20008015
26	8004208	2000801 <mark>b</mark>	.word 0x2000801b
27	800420 <mark>c</mark>	20008017	.word 0x20008017

Listing 5: Assembly listing of VerifyPIN for CELTIC tests

3.2 Results

On the considered example, CELTIC detected 432 attacks, using the "exhaustive byte replacement" fault model, where 1 byte of the code is replaced with another value during the execution of the code, and 3 successful attacks using the NOP fault model, where 1 instruction of the code is replaced with a NOP instruction. The table below details the number of attacks found at each memory address in the exhaustive byte replacement fault model. We give a name to some selected attacks for later reference and proceed to explain them in the following paragraphs.

Address	Number of attacks	Name given
0x80041d6	1.0	Ŭ
0x80041d9	1.0	
0x80041db	1.0	
0x80041e2	1.0	
0x80041e3	8.0	jump_in_auth
0x8004208	2.0	v 1
0x80041e4	1.0	
0x80041e5	8.0	
0x800420c	1.0	
0x80041b4	5.0	
0x80041b8	5.0	
0x80041b9	6.0	
0x80041ba	1.0	
0x80041bc	4.0	
0x80041bd	29.0	skip_loop
0x80041b7	1.0	
0x80041b6	1.0	
0x80041be	2.0	
0x80041c4	1.0	
0x80041c5	63.0	skip_compare
0x80041c7	8.0	$skip_branch$
0x80041c8	1.0	
0x80041c9	6.0	
0x80041cb	119.0	$skip_return$
0x80041ea	1.0	
0x80041eb	4.0	
0x80041ed	8.0	
0x80041ef	1.0	
0x80041f3	6.0	
0x80041f5	136.0	skip_return

Table 1: Number of attacks per address

3.3 Attack skip_compare

This attack results in us forcing our way in the if part of the conditional statement line 14 of byteArrayCompare. Indeed, this if is implemented in the following way:

1	80041c4 2c55	cmp r4, #85 ; 0x55
2	80041 <mark>c6</mark> d001	<pre>beq.n 80041cc <bytearraycompare+0x24></bytearraycompare+0x24></pre>
3	80041c8 2055	movs r0, #85 ; <i>0x55</i>
4	80041ca bd70	pop {r4, r5, r6, pc}
5	80041cc 20aa	movs r0, #170 ; Oxaa
6	80041ce bd70	pop {r4, r5, r6, pc}

By replacing the cmp instruction at address 0x41c4 with an instruction that sets the Z flag, the branch beq instruction at address 0x41c6 is taken, and the execution goes in the if branch of the conditional statement. For instance, this instruction can be replaced with an instruction to assign a register with another register, whose value is 0, as this sets the Z flag.

3.4 Attack skip_branch

This attack is similar to the attack skip_compare and targets the same conditional statement. However, instead of replacing a cmp instruction, it replaces the beq instruction with another branch instruction, which is taken (either because it is unconditional or because its condition is met), for instance bne. There are 8 such branch instructions.

3.5 Attack skip_return

This attack results in us forcing our way in the if part of the conditional statement at line 6 of VerifyPIN or at line 19 of byteArrayCompare. Indeed, the conditional statement at line 6 of VerifyPIN is implemented in the following way:

1	80041 <mark>ea</mark> 28aa	cmp r0, #170 ; Oxaa
2	80041 <mark>ec</mark> d003	<pre>beq.n 80041f6 <verifypin_a+0x26></verifypin_a+0x26></pre>
3	80041ee 7820	ldrb r0, [r4, #0]
4	80041 <mark>f0</mark> 1e40	subs r0, r0, #1
5	80041 <mark>f2</mark> 7020	strb r0, [r4, #0]
6	80041 f4 bd70	pop {r4, r5, r6, pc}
7	80041 <mark>f6</mark> 2003	movs r0, #3
8	80041 <mark>f8</mark> 7020	strb r0, [r4, #0]
9	80041 <mark>fa</mark> 20aa	movs r0, #170 ; Oxaa
0	80041fc 7028	strb r0, [r5, #0]
1	80041fe bd70	pop {r4, r5, r6, pc}

In this snippet, the beq instruction at address 0x41ec is normally not taken (because the result of the call to byteArrayCompare is BOOL_FALSE), therefore the else branch of the conditional is executed (from address 0x41ee to 41f4) and returns from the function with the pop instruction at 41f4. By replacing the pop instruction at address 0x41f4 with any instruction that is not a (taken) branch, we remove the implied return at the end of the else branch of the conditional statement, and we continue the execution in the if branch of the conditional, therefore executing both branches of the conditional, with the if branch overwriting the effect of the else branch.

Similarly, the conditional statement at line 19 of byteArrayCompare is implemented as follows:

1	80041c4 2c55	cmp r4, #85 ; 0x55
2	80041c6 d001	<pre>beq.n 80041cc <bytearraycompare+0x24></bytearraycompare+0x24></pre>
3	80041c8 2055	movs r0, #85 ; 0x55
4	80041ca bd70	pop {r4, r5, r6, pc}
5	80041cc 20aa	movs r0, #170 ; Oxaa
6	80041ce bd70	pop {r4, r5, r6, pc}

Again, the beq instruction at address 0x41c6 is not taken (because the diff variable equals BOOL_TRUE), and the else branch is executed. By replacing the pop instruction at address 0x41ca with any instruction that is not a (taken) branch, we remove the implied return at the end of the else branch of the conditional statement, and we continue in sequence with the if branch of the conditional, therefore executing both branches of the conditional, with the if branch overwriting the effect of the else branch.

3.6 Attack skip_loop

The loop iteration counter at line 11 of byteArrayCompare has been compiled in the following way:

1. Comparison of i wih the value 4:

1	80041 <mark>ba</mark> 2a04	cmp r2, #4
2	80041 <mark>bc</mark> dbf7	<pre>blt.n 80041ae <bytearraycompare+0x6></bytearraycompare+0x6></pre>
3	80041be d001	<pre>beq.n 80041c4 <bytearraycompare+0x1c></bytearraycompare+0x1c></pre>

- 2. Conditional jump in the loop body if the comparison returns <
- 1 80041bc dbf7 blt.n 80041ae <byteArrayCompare+0x6>
- 3. Conditional jump to countermeasure() if the comparison does not return ==

```
180041be d001beq.n 80041c4 <byteArrayCompare+0x1c>280041c0 f000 f826 bl 8004210 <countermeasure> ; goto countermeasure380041c4 2c55... ; continue executing
```

The attack replaces the first conditional jump with an arithmetic instruction that sets the Z flag (used in equality comparison). For instance:

```
1 41be 0af7 lsr r7, r6, #11
```

which shifts the content of the register r6 by 11 bits. If $r6 < 2^{11}$, then the result is 0 and the Z flag is set.

3.7 Attack jump_in_auth

During this attack, we replace the following instruction:

80041e2 4909 ldr r1, [pc, #36] ; (8004208 <verifyPIN_A+0x38>)

By stomping the upper byte of this instruction at address 0x41e3, it is possible to replace it with a branching instruction, e.g.:

b 80041e2 e009 b 80041f8;

(by replacing 0x48 with 0xe0)

Due to the layout of the code and the encoding of the original instruction, the offset happens to be #22, which jumps to address 0x41f8, i.e., the following instruction:

80041f8 7020 strb r0, [r4, #0]

This instruction is the middle of the assignment at line 6 of the VerifyPIN function, and will set g_ptc at whatever value is contained in r0. Then, the authentication code will be executed in sequence.

4 Results for EFS

4.1 Assembly listings

In order to perform the result analysis, we provide the generated assembly code of the targeted functions for the attack.

```
<byteArrayCompare>:
 1
                                     PUSH {r4-r6,lr}
      0x08080040 B570
                                 PUSH {r4-r0,11
MOVS r2,#0x00
2
                                                                ; i <- 0;
      0x08080042 2200
3
     0x08080044 2455
                                   MOVS r4,#0x55
                                                                ; r4 \leftarrow diff = BOOL_FALSE;
4
                                                                ; 'for' loop beginning
5
     ; 'jor' loop beginning

Ox08080046 5C83 LDRB r3, [r0,r2] ; r3 <- a1[i]

Ox08080048 5C8D LDRB r5, [r1,r2] ; r5 <- a2[i]

Ox0808004A 42AB CMP r3,r5 ; a1[i] a2[i] comparison

Ox0808004C D000 BEQ 0x0800245A ; branch if a1[i] and a2[i] equal

Ox0808004E 24AA MOVS r4, #0xAA ; diff = BOOL_TRUE

Ox08080050 1C52 ADDS r2,r2,#1 ; i++ (loop)

Ox08080052 2A04 CMP r2, #0x04 ; i and PIN_SIZE comparison

Ox08080054 DBE7 BLT_0x0802450 ; branch if i < PIN_SIZE (loop)
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
     0x08080054 DBF7
                                   BLT 0x08002450 ; branch if i < PIN_SIZE (loop)
13
     0x08080056 D001
                                     BEQ 0x08002466; branch if i == PIN_SIZE (CM)
14
     0x08080058 F000F806 BL.W countermeasure (0x08002474)
15
     0x0808005C 2C55
                                     CMP r4,#0x55 ; diff = BOOL_FALSE ?
BEQ 0x0800246E ; branch if diff == BOOL_FALSE
16
      0x0808005E D001
17
                                                               ; if diff != BOOL_FALSE
18
      0x08080060 2055
                                     MOVS r0,#0x55
                                                                ; return BOOL_FALSE
19
                                     POP {r4-r6,pc} ; POP r0
^{20}
      0x08080062 BD70
                                                                ; if diff == BOOL_FALSE
^{21}
      0x08080064 20AA
                                      MOVS r0,#0xAA
                                                                ; return BOOL_TRUE
^{22}
      0x08080066 BD70
                                      POP {r4-r6,pc} ; POP r0
23
```

Listing 6: Assembly listing of byteArrayCompare for EFS tests

1	<pre>verifyrim</pre>	· ·				
2	0x08080000	B570	PUSH	{r4-r6,lr}		
3	0x08080002	4D0B	LDR	r5,[pc,#44]	;	$r5 < -g_authenticated$
4	0x08080004	4COB	LDR	r4,[pc,#44]	;	r4 <- g_ptc
5	0x08080006	2055	MOVS	r0,# 0x55	;	r0 <- BOOL_FALSE
6	0x08080008	7028	STRB	r0,[r5,#0x00]	;	$g_authenticated <-r0$
7	A0008080 xO	7820	LDRB	r0,[r4,#0x00]	;	$r0 < -g_ptc$
8	0x0808000C	2800	CMP	r0,# 0x00	;	ptc and 0 comparison
9	0x0808000E	D008	BEQ	0x08002342	;	branch if $g_ptc == 0$
10	0x08080010	4909	LDR	r1,[pc,#36]	;	$r1 = g_userPin$
11	0x08080012	480 A	LDR	r0,[pc,#40]	;	$r0 = g_cardPin$
12	0x08080014	F000F814	BL.W	<pre>byteArrayCompa</pre>	are	e (0x0800244A) ; return in r0
13	0x08080018	28 AA	CMP	r0,#OxAA	;	result & BOOL_TRUE comparison
14	0x0808001A	D003	BEQ	0x08002344	;	branch if result == BOOL_TRUE
15					;	<i>if r0 != BOOL_TRUE</i>
16	0x0808001C	7820	LDRB	r0,[r4,#0x00]	;	$r0 < -g_ptc$
17	0x0808001E	1E40	SUBS	r0,r0,#1	;	r0 < -r0 - 1
18	0x08080020	7020	STRB	r0,[r4,#0x00]	;	$g_{ptc} <- r0 \ (= g_{ptc}-1)$
19	0x08080022	BD70	POP	{r4-r6,pc}	;	POP verifyPIN result
20					;	$if ro == BOOL_TRUE$
21	0x08080024	2003	MOVS	r0,# 0x03	;	r0 <- 3
22	0x08080026	7020	STRB	r0,[r4,#0x00]	;	g_ptc <- r0 (g_ptc <- 3)
23	0x08080028	20 AA	MOVS	r0,#OxAA	;	$rO <- OxAA = BOOL_TRUE$
24	0x0808002A	7028	STRB	r0,[r5,#0x00]	;	$g_{authenticated} < r0 = 0xAA$
25	0x0808002C	BD70	POP	{r4-r6,pc}	;	POP verifyPIN result

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Listing 7: Assembly listing of VerifyPIN for EFs tests

4.2 Fault model: simple fault with PC modification

The fault model considered here consists in adding n bytes to the PC value (Program Counter). This modification skips n/m instructions, where m is the size of a single instruction. On the STM32 board, instructions are 2 or 4 bytes wide.

The fault model applied in this study is the $PC \leftarrow PC + 2$, so that instructions on two bytes are bypassed, but not the 4 bytes instructions.

The verifyPIN code requires 116 clock cycles to run. We apply the fault model to each of these cycles, so we have a total of 116 attack time slots. Depending on the number of cycles required to execute an instruction, some instructions have been attacked sereval times. This impacts the success rate. Depending on the pipeline's state at the moment of the attack, the fault may have different effects.

On this example, EFS detected the following behaviors, the details are presented in table 2. The lines highlighted in blue are considered as successful attacks.

Result type	Occurs	Success rate	Description
No attack detected (normal behaviour)	55 times	47.41 %	
Reboot of the STM32 board	22 times	18.96~%	
Counter-measure triggered	9 times	7.76~%	4.2.1
Successful authentication and PTC set to 3	5 times	4.31~%	4.2.2
Authentication flag set to 0x58	6 times	5.17~%	4.2.3
PTC set to 0x03	17 times	14.65~%	4.2.4
PTC set to 0x54	2 times	1.72 %	4.2.5

Table 2: Obtained result types

4.2.1 Counter-measure triggered

We have observed an activated counter-measure flag in several cases, as described in table 3.

Address	g_ptc	g_{-} authenticated	$g_{-}countermeasure$	Description
0x08080042	0x02	0x55	0x01	4.2.1 Case 1
0x08080052	0x03	0xAA	0x01	4.2.1 Case 2
0x08080052	0x02	0x55	0x01	4.2.1 Case 3
0x08080054	0x03	0xAA	0x01	4.2.1 Case 4
0x08080054	0x02	0x55	0x01	4.2.1 Case 5
0x08080056	0x02	0x55	0x01	4.2.1 Case 6

Table 3: Perturbations leading to activate the counter-measure

Case 1 The faults is performed on MOVS r2,#0x00 in byteArrayCompare. It is the initialisation of i before the beginning of the for loop. As this initialization is skipped, r2 remains to its last set value.

This case is an attack if r2 was set to a value greater than PIN_SIZE before the call to byteArrayCompare.

Case 2 The fault is performed on CMP r2,#0x04 in byteArrayCompare, just after the first byte comparison of the PIN. So this instruction is not executed. In this case, the loop is reduced to a single round and diff is not set to BOOL_TRUE because the first byte of both PINs are the same. The byteArrayCompare function returns BOOL_TRUE, so the PTC is set to 3 and g_authenticated is set to BOOL_TRUE.

As the CMP instruction is skipped, flags N, Z, C and V are not updated. They keep their previous value which has been set by the previous ADD instruction. ADD clears the N, Z, C and V flags if it performs a simple increment.

Thus, the next BLT at 0x08080054 is not taken (branch if N != V), as well as the next BEQ (branch if Z = 1) at 0x08080056. The code falls through BL.W countermeasure at 0x08080058, which sets the g_countermeasure flag.

Case 3 The fault is performed on CMP r2,#0x04 in byteArrayCompare, just after the first byte comparison of the PIN. In this case, the loop is reduced to 2, 3 or 4 rounds depending on the timing of the attack. diff is set to BOOL_TRUE

because the 2nd, 3rd and 4th bytes of the PIN are different from those of the reference PIN. The byteArrayCompare function returns BOOL_FALSE, so the PTC is set to 2 and g_authenticated to BOOL_FALSE.

As the CMP instruction is skipped, flags N, Z, C and V are not updated. They keep their previous value which has been set by the previous ADD instruction. ADD clears the N, Z, C and V flags if it performs a simple increment. Thus, the next BLT at 0x08080054 is not taken (branch if N != V), as well as the next BEQ (branch if Z = 1) at 0x8002460. The code falls through BL.W countermeasure at 0x08080058, which sets the g_countermeasure flag.

Case 4 The fault is performed on BLT 0x08080046 in byteArrayCompare, just after the first byte comparison of the PIN. In this case, the loop is reduced to a single round because the code doesn't jump back to 0x08080046, even if i is different than PIN_SIZE. diff is not set to BOOL_TRUE because the first byte of both PINs are the same. The byteArrayCompare function returns BOOL_TRUE, so the PTC is set to 3 and g_authenticated is set to BOOL_TRUE.

The flags set by the CMP instruction are used to evaluate BEQ 0x0808005C, and as i is different than PIN_SIZE, the code jumps right to 0x08080058 and calls the countermeasure function.

Case 5 The fault is performed on **BLT** 0x08080046 in byteArrayCompare, after the 2nd or 3rd byte comparison of the PIN, depending on the timing of the attack. In this case, the loop is reduced to 2 or 3 rounds because the code doesn't jump back to 0x08080046, even if i is different than PIN_SIZE. diff is not set to BOOL_TRUE because the 2nd and 3rd bytes of the PIN are different from those of the reference PIN. The byteArrayCompare function returns BOOL_FALSE, so the PTC is set to 2 and g_authenticated to BOOL_FALSE.

The flags set by the CMP instruction are used to evaluate BEQ 0x0808005C, and as i is different than PIN_SIZE, the code jumps right to 0x08080058 and calls the countermeasure function.

Case 6 The fault is performed on BEQ 0x0808005C in byteArrayCompare, after the end of the loop. In this case, the conditional branch is skipped and the code continues at 0x08080058 and calls the countermeasure function.

4.2.2 Successful authentication and PTC set to 0x03

This result has been observed in several cases, as described in table 4.

Address g_ptc g_au		g_{-} authenticated	$g_{-}countermeasure$	Description		
0x0808005C	0x03	0xAA	00	4.2.2 Case 1		
0x08080062	0x03	0xAA	00	4.2.2 Case 2		
0x08080022	0x03	0xAA	00	4.2.2 Case 3		

Table 4: Perturbations leading to a successful authentication and PTC=3

Case 1 The fault is performed on CMP r4,#0x55 in byteArrayCompare, so this instruction is not executed.

So the flags N, Z, C and V are not updated, they keep their previous value which has been set by CMP r2,#0x04. As the condition if (i != PIN_SIZE) evaluates to true, the conditional branch BEQ 0x08080064 is taken and the execution continues at 0x08080064.

The next instructions executed are MOVS r0,#0xAA and POP. The byteArrayCompare function returns BOOL_TRUE.

Case 2 The fault is performed on POP {r4-r6,pc} at the end of the byteArrayCompare function.

The execution continues with the instructions MOVS r0,#0xAA and POP of the other branch of the byteArrayCompare function, which returns BOOL_TRUE.

Case 3 The fault is performed on POP {r4-r6,pc} at the end of the verifyPIN function.

The execution continues at address 0x08080024. In this case, the code takes the same branch as if byteArrayCompare returned BOOL_TRUE.

The PTC is consequently set to 3 and g_authenticated to BOOL_TRUE.

4.2.3 Authentication flag set to 0x58

The result is observed in a single case, as shown by table 5.

Address	g_ptc	g_{-} authenticated	$g_{-}countermeasure$
0x08080006	0x02	0x58	00

Table 5: Perturbations leading to authentication flag set to 0x58

The fault is performed on MOVS r0,#0x55 within verifyPIN function, so this instruction is not executed.

As a consequence, the r0 register is not updated and keeps its previous value, 0x58, which comes from the caller of verifyPIN). Then r0 is copied to g_authenticated which is then never modified.

4.2.4 PTC set to 0x03

We get this result in several cases, as shown by table 6.

Address g_ptc		g_{-} authenticated	$g_{-}countermeasure$	Description
0x08080004	0x03	0x55	00	4.2.4 Case 1
0x08080040	0x03	0x55	00	4.2.4 Case 2
0x0808001E	0x03	0x55	00	4.2.4 Case 3
0x08080020	0x03	0x55	00	4.2.4 Case 4

Table 6: Perturbations leading to PTC set to 0x03

Case 1 The fault is performed on LDR r4, [pc,#44] inside the verifyPIN function, so this instruction is not executed.

Consequently, the global value g_ptc is not loaded into the r4 register which keeps its previous value coming from the caller. During the processing of instruction LDRB r0, [r4,#0x00] at address 0x080232A, the processor doesn't read the global value containing the PTC but another RAM element.

Given the obtained result, we can conclude that this RAM element is equal to 0, as it seems that the execution jumped directly to the end of the function (PTC is equal to 3 and g_authenticated to BOOL_FALSE)).

Case 2 The fault is performed on PUSH {r4-r6,lr} in the byteArrayCompare function, so this instruction is not executed.

As a consequence, the processor enters the byteArrayCompare function without pushing the r4 to r6 registers onto the stack, and without updating the lr register (Link Register, which is equal to r14 on the STM32). At the end of byteArrayCompare, the final POP loads the lr with the lr value that was pushed at the beginning of verifyPIN. The global effect is that the code exits the byteArrayCompare and verifyPIN functions without executing the end of the verifyPIN function, so without decrementing the PTC.

Case 3 The fault is performed on SUBS r0,r0,#1 in the verifyPIN function, so this instruction is not executed.

The PTC is not decremented.

Case 4 The fault is performed on **STRB r0**, **[r4**, **#**0x00] in the **verifyPIN** function, so this instruction is not executed.

Consequently, the program skips the instruction responsible for storing the local value of the PTC inside the global g_ptc value.

4.2.5 PTC set to 0x54

This result is observed in a single case as described in table 7.

Address	g_ptc	g_{-} authenticated	$g_{-}countermeasure$
0x0808001C	0x54	0x55	00

Table 7: Perturbations leading to PTC set to 0x54

The fault is performed on LDRB r0, [r4,#0x00] inside the verifyPIN function, so this instruction is not executed.

 g_ptc is not loaded into the r0 register which keeps its previous value. This value is BOOL_FALSE = 0x55, so g_ptc is updated with r0 -1 = 0x54.

4.3 Results comparison with other tools

4.3.1 Comparison with Lazart

Fault Model Matching

First attack of Lazart The first attack of LAZART described in 2.1.1 corresponds to the attack of the EFs described in section 4.2.2 Case 1. Indeed, skipping the CMP r4,#0x55 instruction implies to invert the result of the comparison in the specific case of this implementation.

Second attack of Lazart The second attack of Lazart described in 2.1.2 fits with two attacks of the EFs described in section 4.2.2 Case 2 and 4.2.2 Case 3. These two EFs attacks are two ways to implement this LAZART attack.

Skipping the execution of POP {r4-r6,pc} implies to execute the other branch of the byteArrayCompare function end, and therefore force the change of the return value.

Avoiding the execution of the POP {r4-r6,pc} at the end of the verifyPIN function results in forcing the execution of the conditional statement in verifyPIN function which allows the authentication.

Other attacks of Lazart The multiple fault attacks of LAZART are not matched by single fault attacks of EFS with the fault model of $PC \leftarrow PC + 2$.

Matching by address In order to perform a matching by address with the HL tool LAZART, it is possible to perform a match between the CFG produced by LLVM and CFGs produced by IDA Pro.

We display below the flow chart produced by IDA Pro of the functions VerifyPIN in figure 1 and byteArrayCompare in figure 2, reinforced with the corresponding LLVM block name (highlighted in grey).

With this information, we are able to determine which assembly code line corresponds to which LLVM block.

CFGs of LLVM and the flow chart of IDA Pro don't perfectly match here: as PIN_SIZE is a fixed value in byteArrayCompare implementation, the compiler consider the for loop as a do while loop (as it will necessarily be done once). So the for.body.i is performed prior to for.cond.i block in figure 2 while the for.cond.i is performed prior to for.body.i block in LLVM CFG.

First attack of Lazart The first attack of LAZART described in 2.1.1 corresponds to attack the LLVM block if.then9.i, which corresponds to the addresses 0x0808005C and 0x0808005E of the assembly code attacked by the EFS (see listing 8).

1	0x0808005C 2C55	CMP	r4,# 0x55	;	diff =	BOL	DL_FAI	LSE	?	
2	0x0808005E D001	BEQ	0x0800246E	;	branch	if	diff	==	BOOL	FALSE

Listing 8: EFS assembly listing of byteArrayCompare corresponding to LLVM block if.then9.i

This attack founds one implementation with the EFS as described in 4.2.2 Case 1.

Second attack of Lazart The second attack of LAZART described in 2.1.2 corresponds to attack the LLVM block byteArrayCompare.exit, which cor-

responds to the addresses 0x08080018 and 0x0808001A of the assembly code attacked by the EFs (see listing 9).

10x08080014 F000F814BL.WbyteArrayCompare (0x0800244A) ; return in r020x08080018 28AACMP r0,#0xAA ; result & BOOL_TRUE comparison30x0808001A D003BEQ 0x08002344 ; branch if result == BOOL_TRUE

Listing 9: Assembly listing of VerifyPIN for EFS tests

This attack founds no implementation with the EFS with the fault model of $PC \leftarrow PC + 2$.

Other attacks of Lazart The multiple fault attacks of LAZART are not matched by single fault attacks of EFS with the simple fault model of $PC \leftarrow PC + 2$.



Figure 1: IDA flow chart of VerifyPIN



Figure 2: IDA flow chart of byteArrayCompare

4.3.2 Comparison with Celtic

We only discuss here the address matching as the 2 tools are LL-tools and the fault models are based on instruction modification.

Matching by address

skip_compare The attack **skip_compare** of CELTIC described in section 3.3 corresponds to the attack described in 4.2.2 case 1 of EFS.

Both attacks consequence is that the Z flag is in a state that makes the next **beq** instruction branch in the unexpected conditional statement part.

skip_return The attack skip_return of CELTIC described in section 3.5
corresponds to the attacks described in 4.2.2 case 2 and in 4.2.2 case 3 of EFs.
Both attacks avoid the execution of the POP {r4-r6,pc} at the end of the
verifyPIN function. This attack results in forcing the execution of the conditional statement in verifyPIN function which allows the authentication.

The attack is the same on byteArrayCompare function.

Other results The other faults founds by CELTIC are not matched by single fault attacks of EFs with the simple fault model of $PC \leftarrow PC + 2$.