

Programmer
Security

Memory
Registers
108 bits

Kabuki Programmer

- Gatekeeper
 - Controls writing to memory registers
- Security
 - Prevents outsiders from reprogramming the cpu

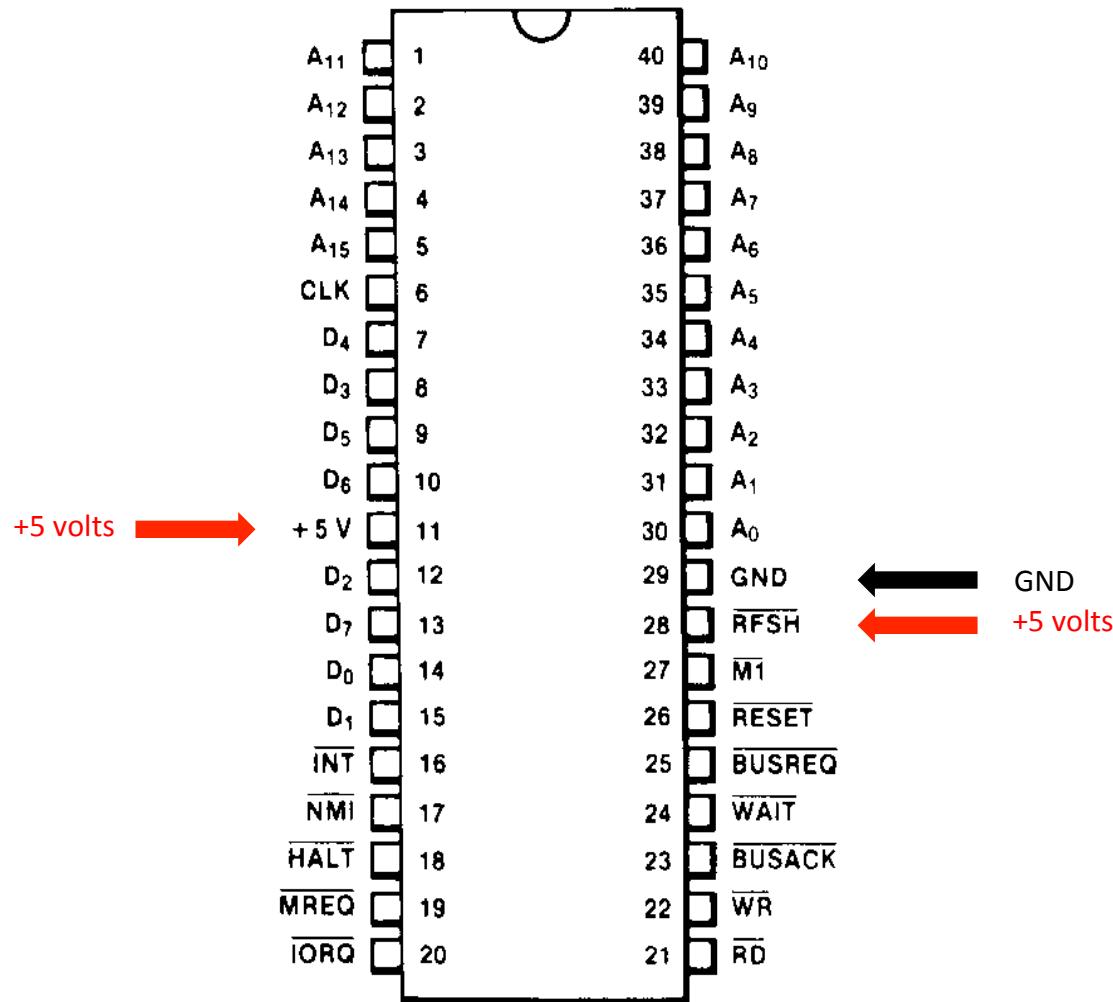
Kabuki Memory registers

- 108 x 1 bit registers
 - Layout: Serial in. Parallel out.
 - 72 bits: Decryption keys
 - 16 bits: Memory decryption area definition
 - 20 bits: Working memory

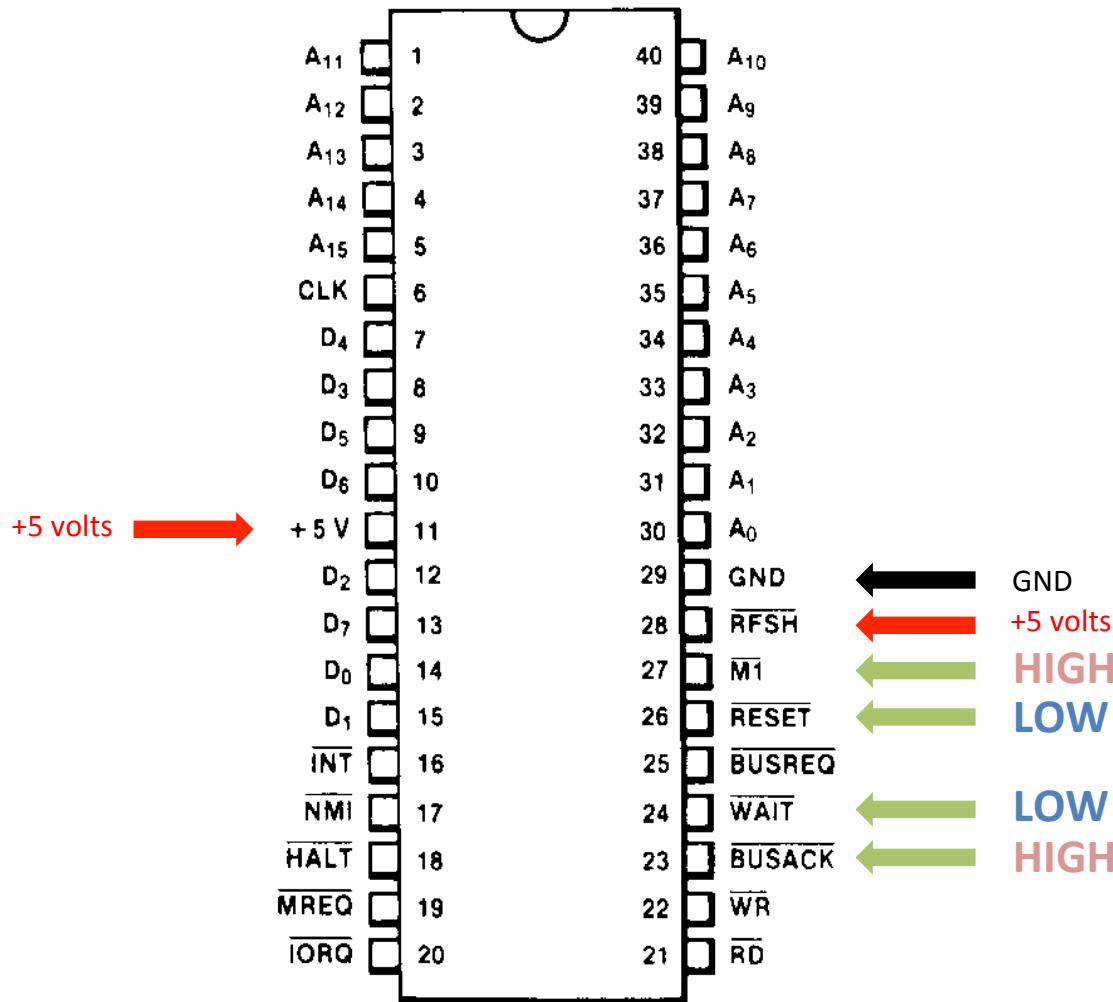
Kabuki Programmer

- Security implementation
 - Not trivial: multi stage with significant obfuscation
 - Required de-processing of several cpu layers
 - Security Stages
 - **#1** Signal setup
 - **#2** Secret Door knock 1
 - **#3** 20 bit Secret key – Hardware obfuscated
 - **#4** Secret Door knock 2

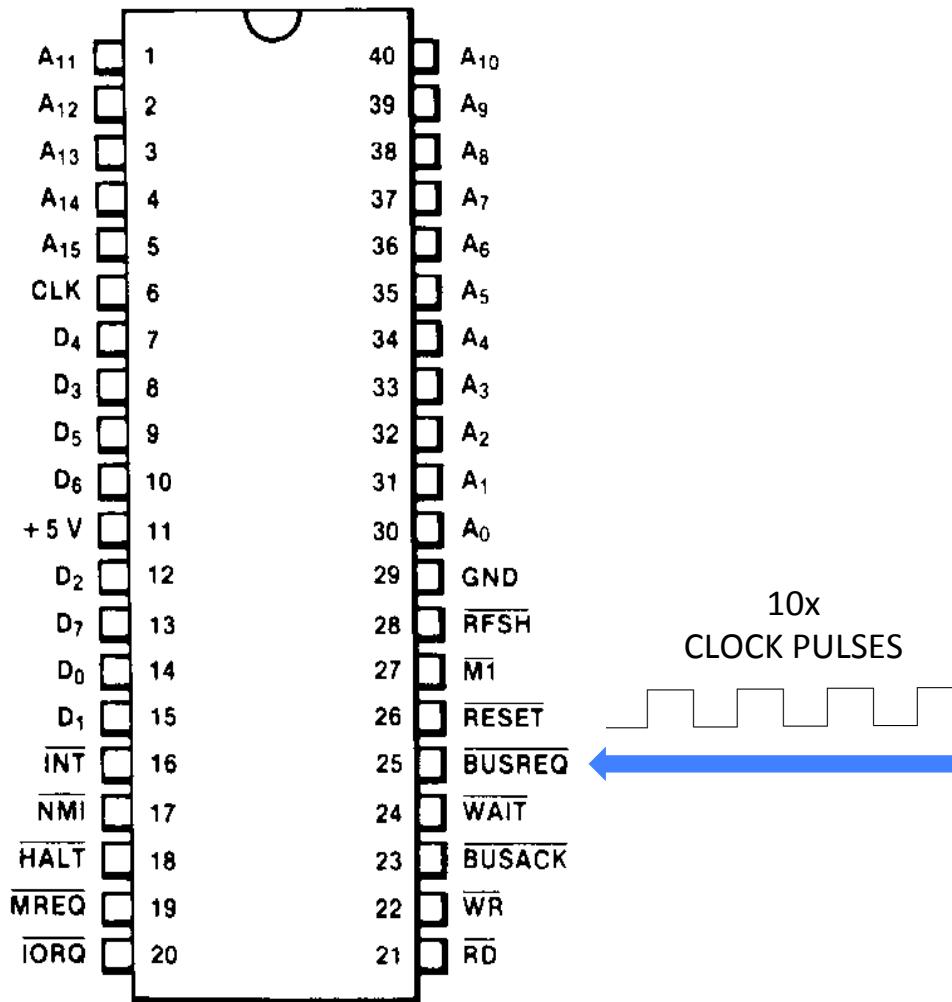
Stage 1 – Signal setup



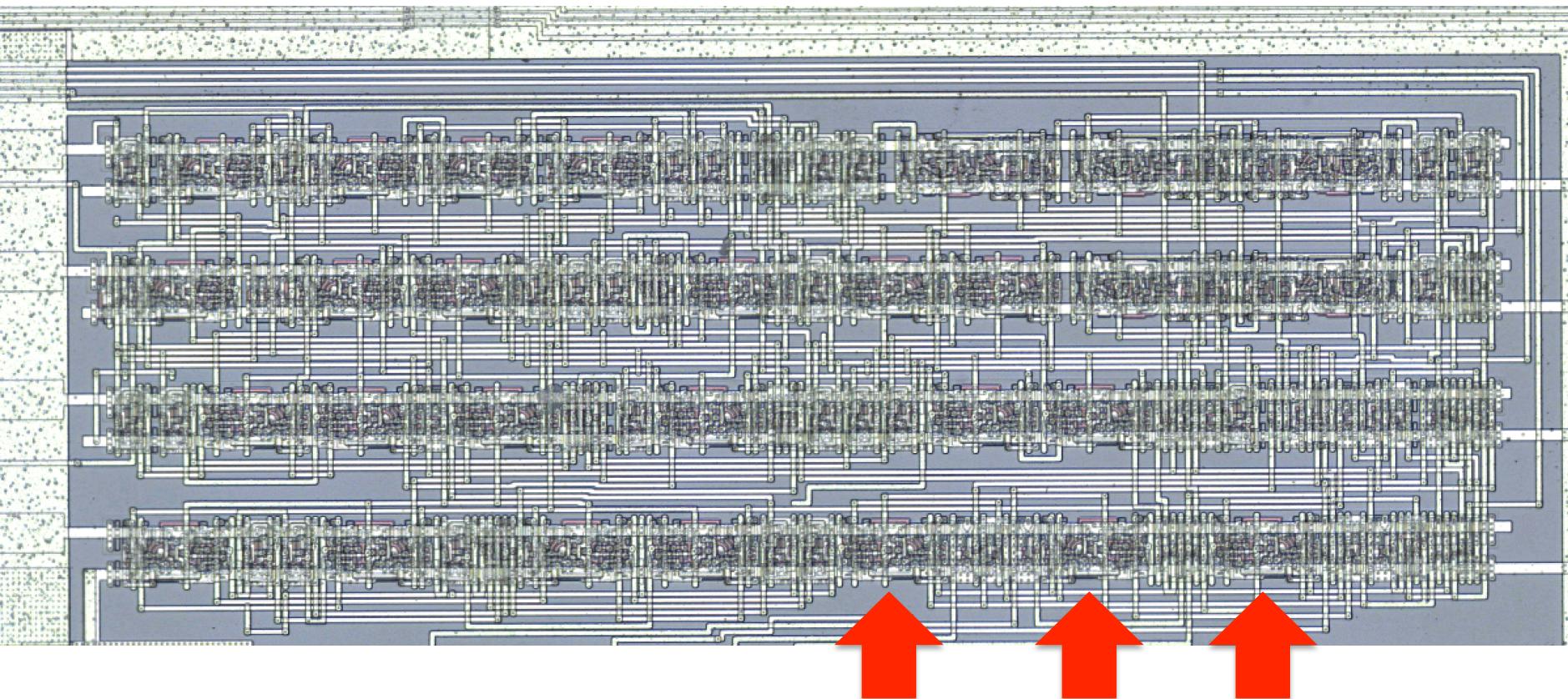
Stage 1 – Signal setup



Stage 2 – Door knock 1

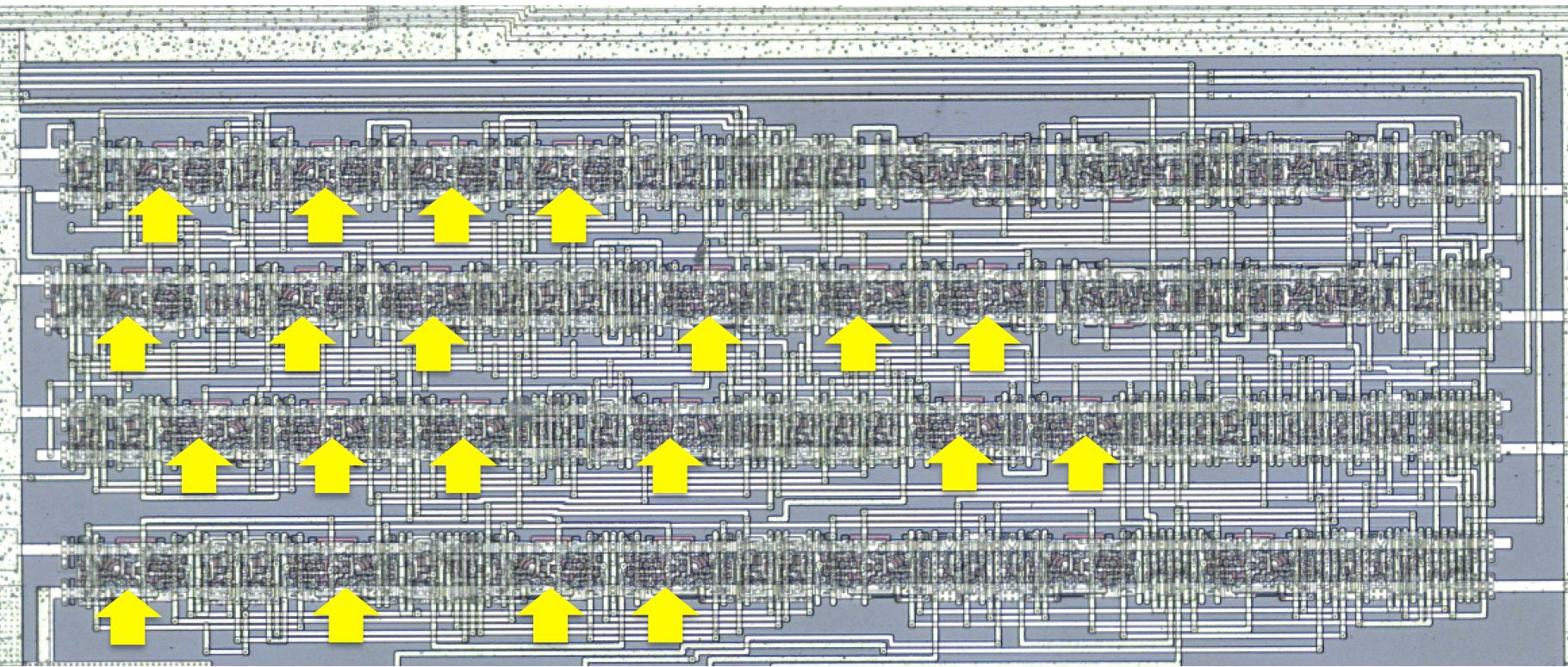


Stage 2 – Door knock 1



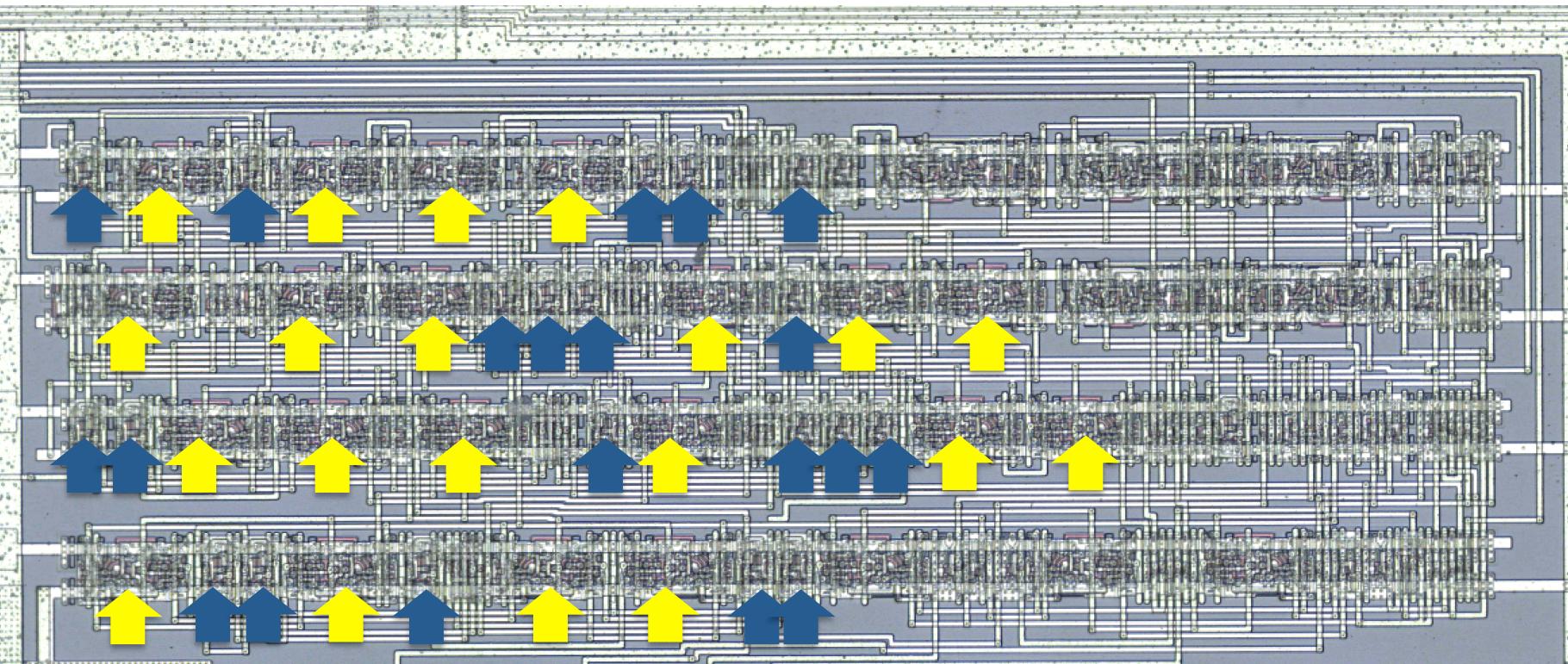
Memory registers
1 bit each

Stage 3 – 20 bit secret key



Memory registers serially connected

Stage 3 – 20 bit secret key

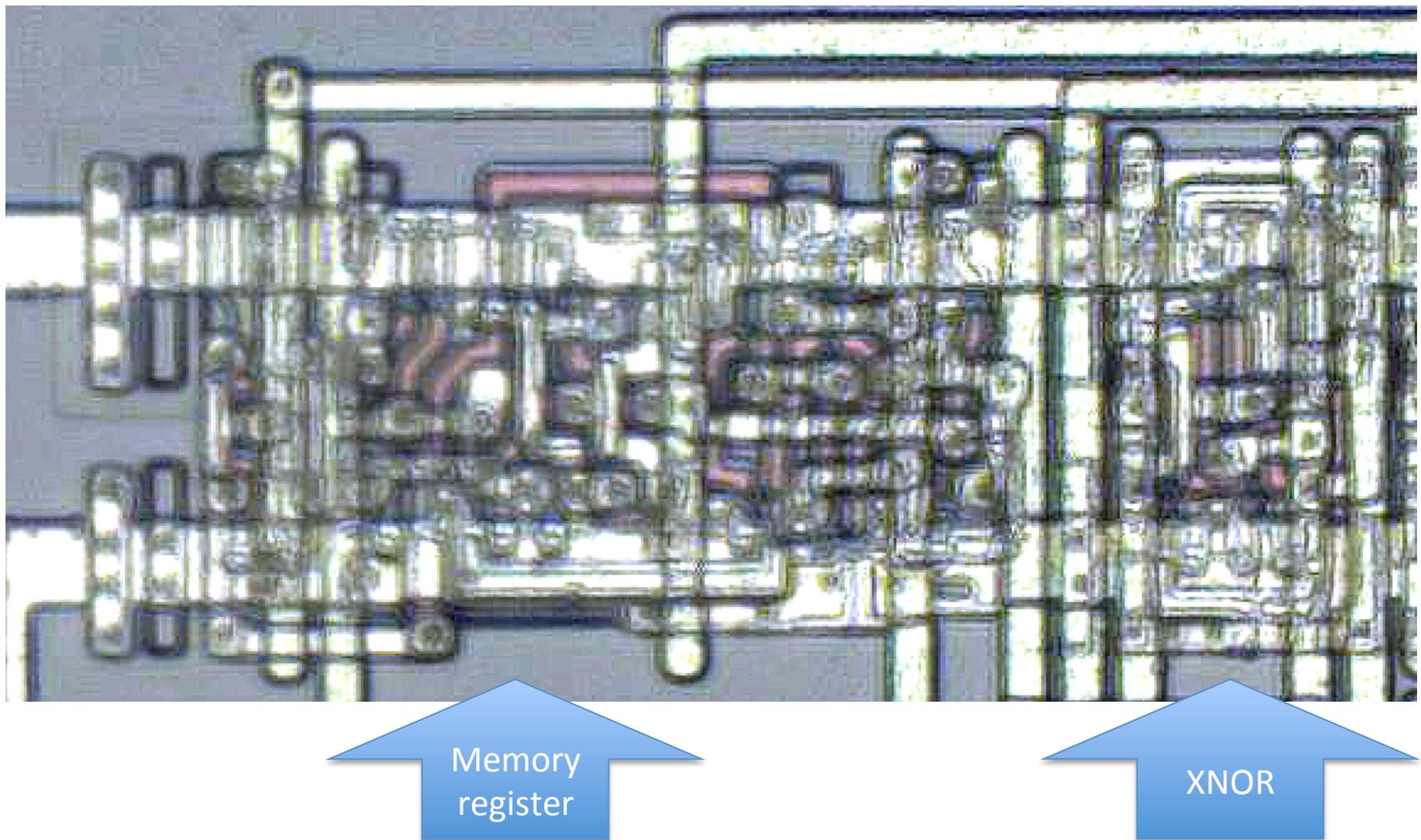


Memory registers serially connected

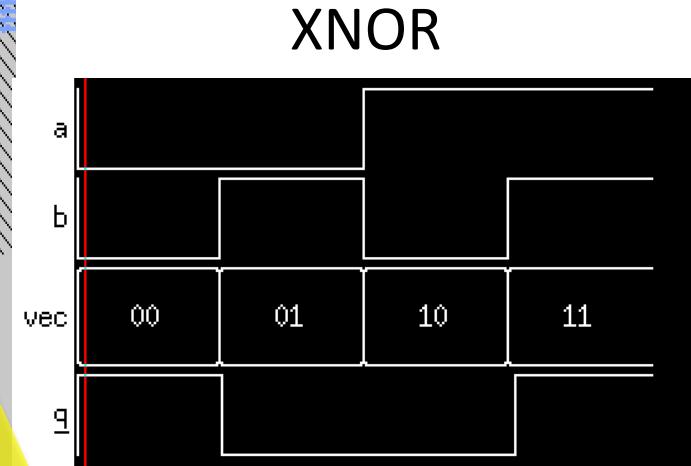
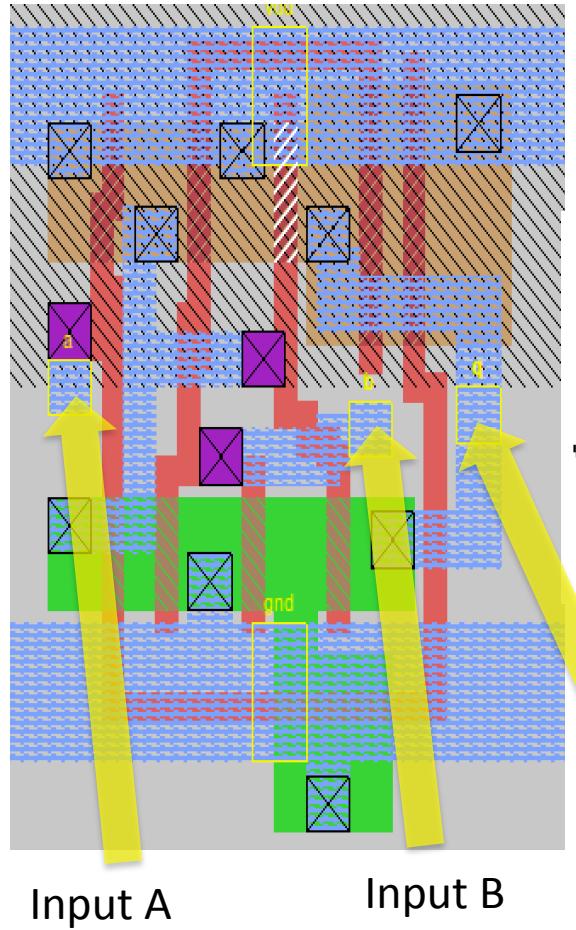
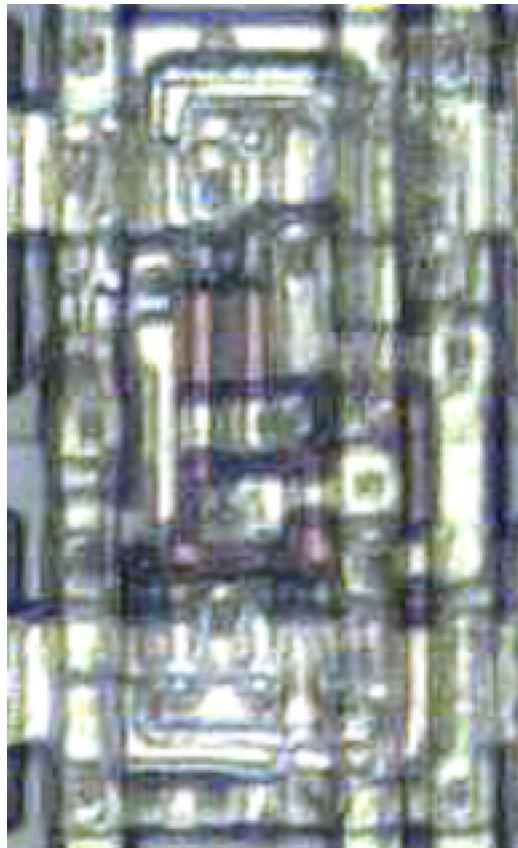


XNOR

Stage 3 – 20 bit secret key

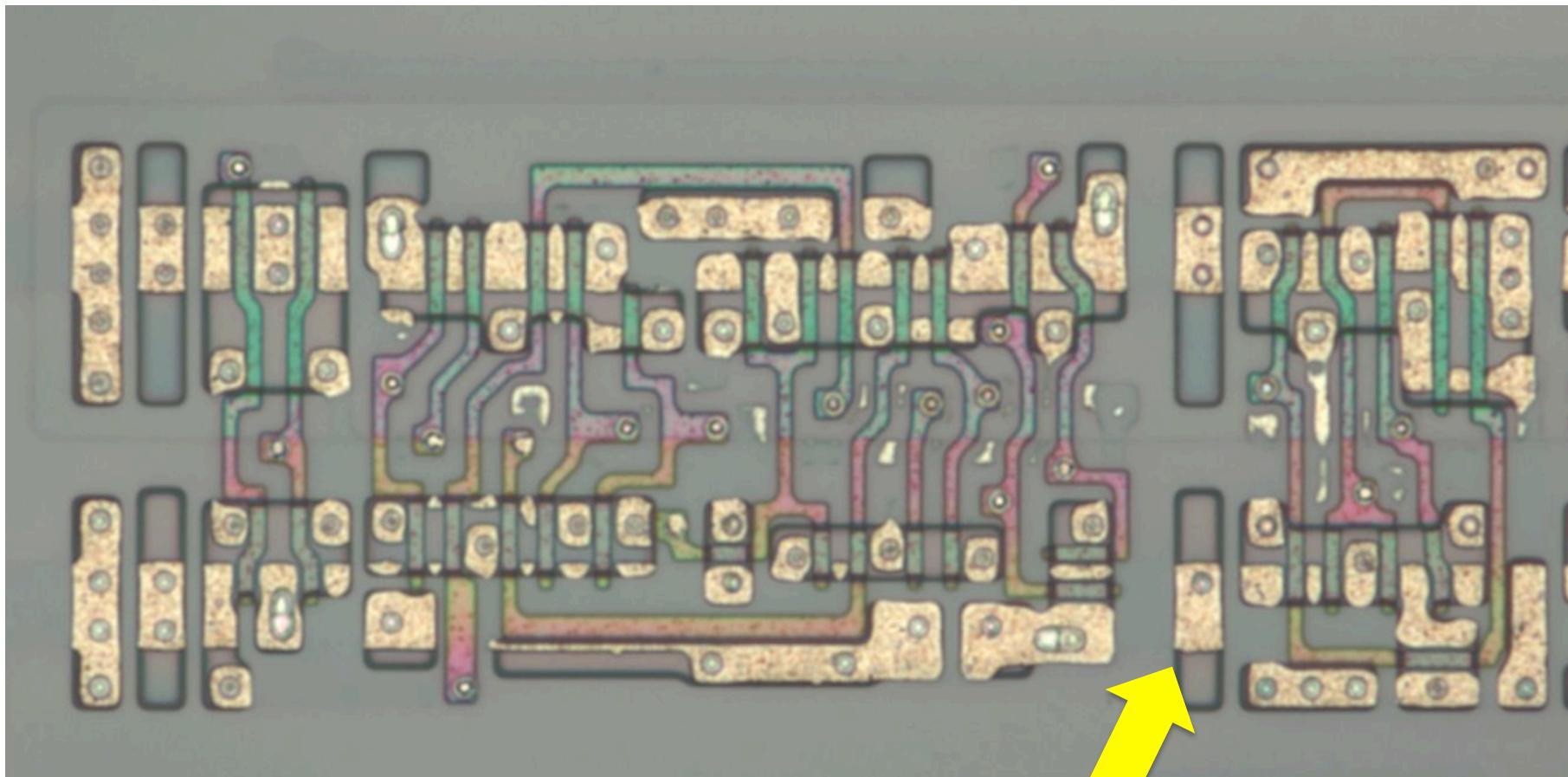


Stage 3 – 20 bit secret key



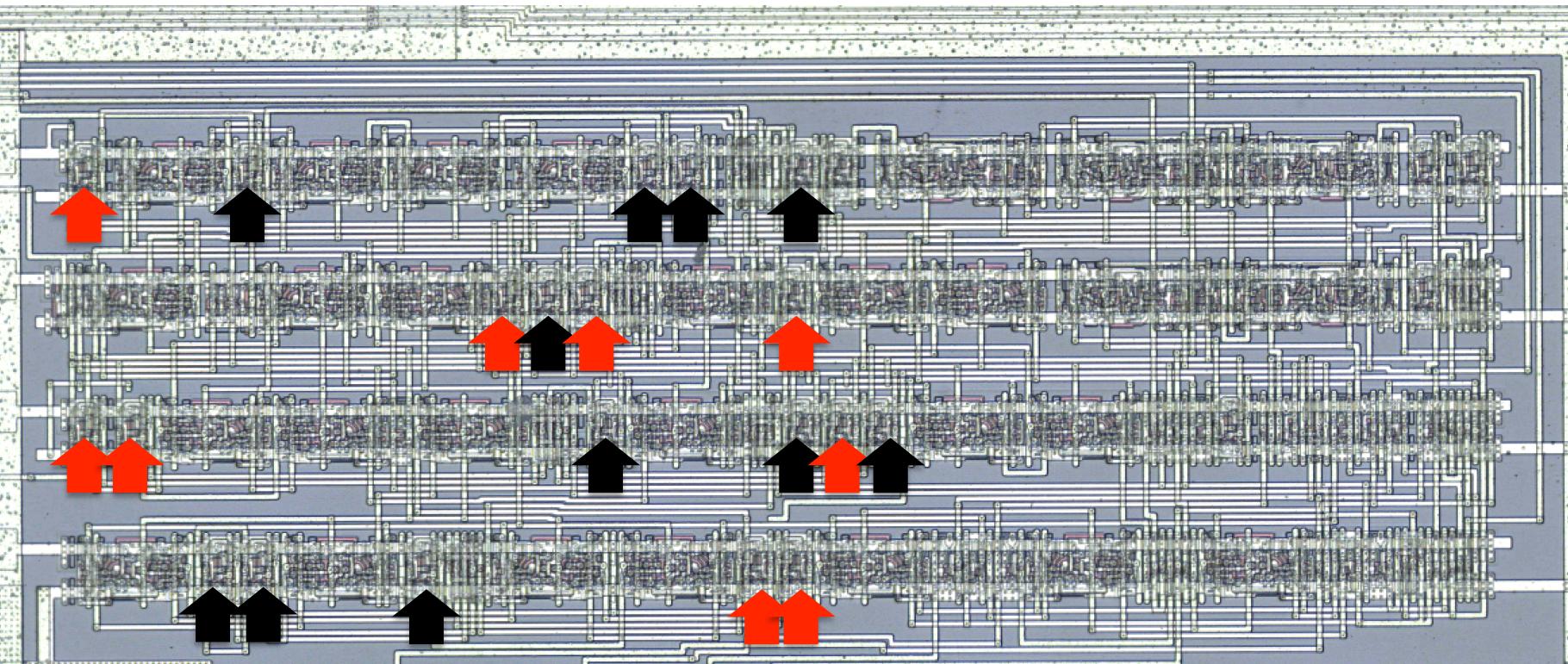
Output

Stage 3 – 20 bit secret key



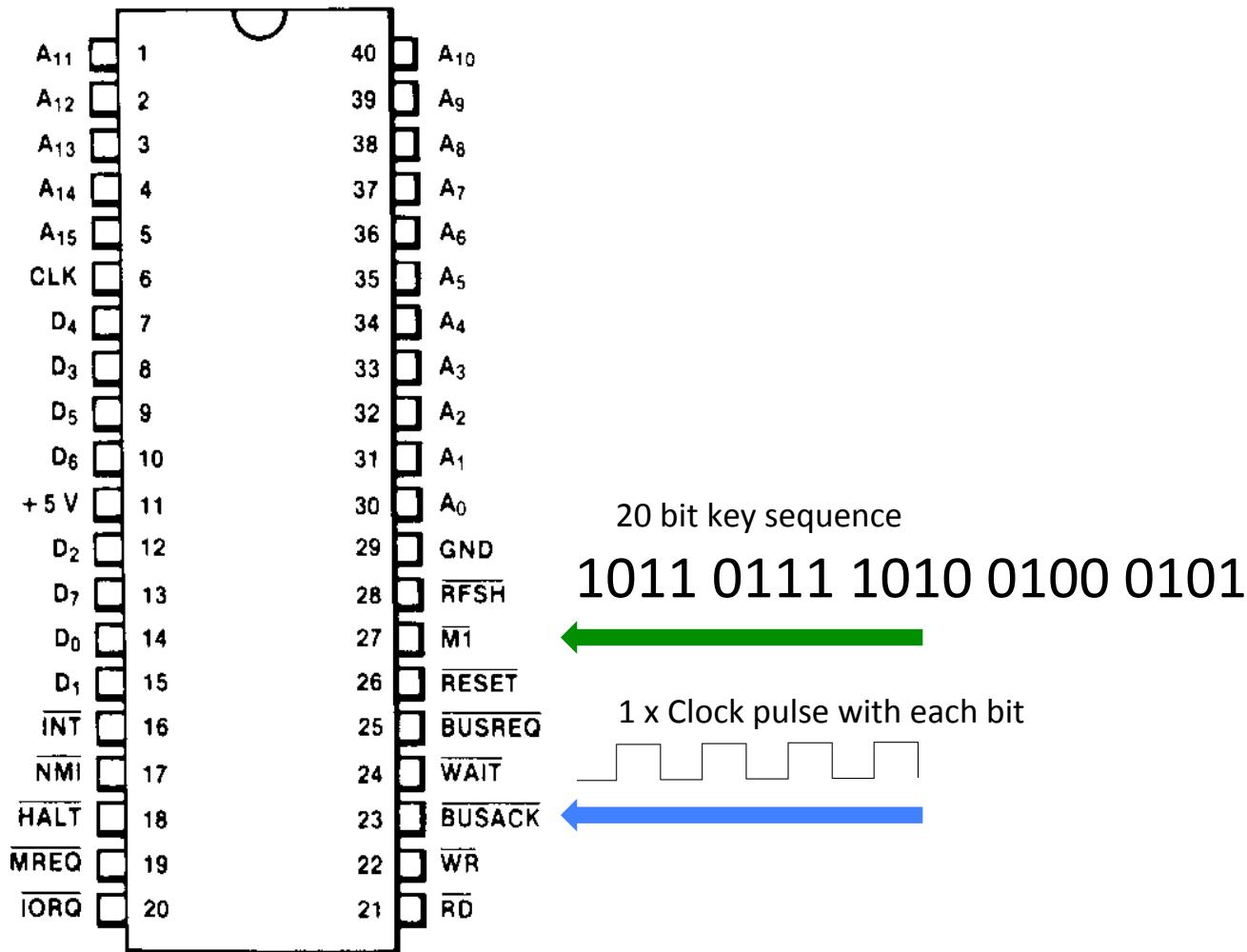
Obfuscated connection

Stage 3 – 20 bit secret key



↑ XNOR connected to VCC (+5) rail ↑ XNOR connected to VDD (ground) rail

Stage 3 – 20 bit secret key



Key significance?

1011 0111 1010 0100 0101

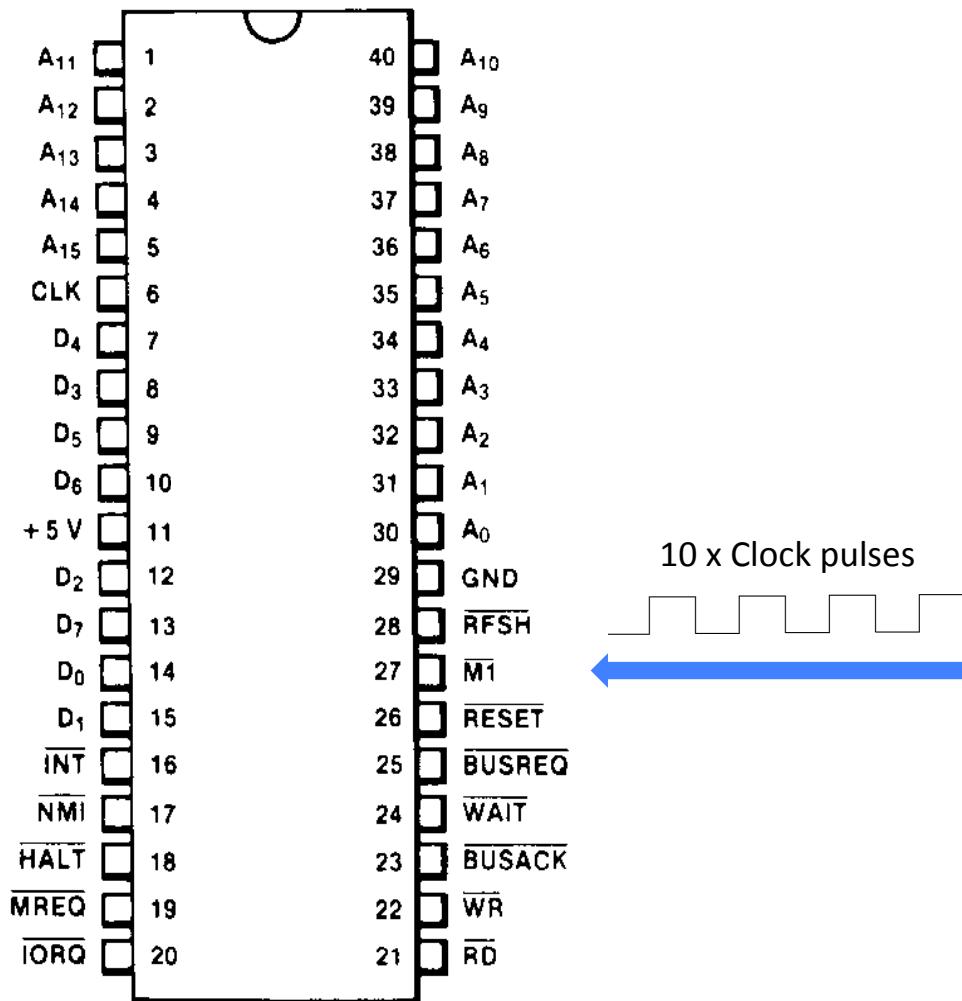
Decimal: 752197

Hex: 0xB7A45

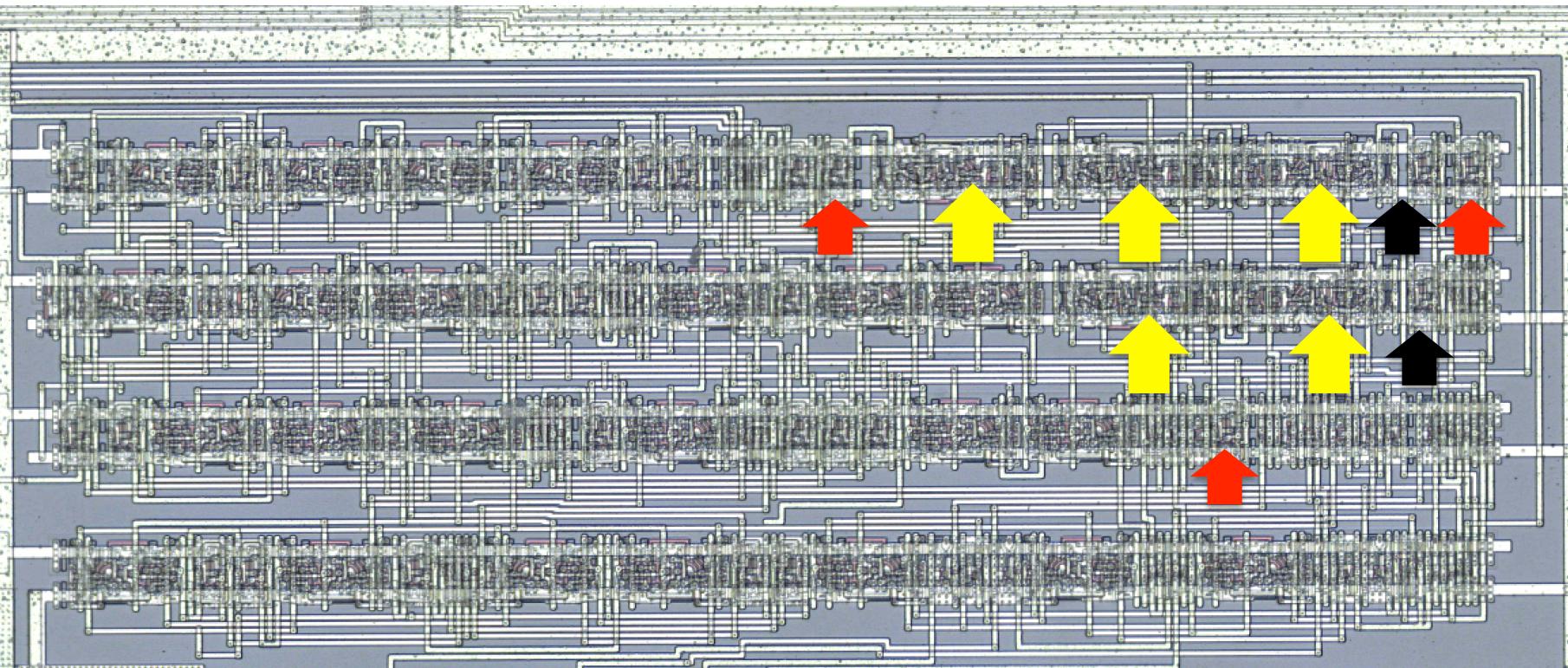
Reversed

BIN 1010 0010 0101 1110 1101 DEC 665069 HEX 0xA25ED

Stage 4 – Door knock 2



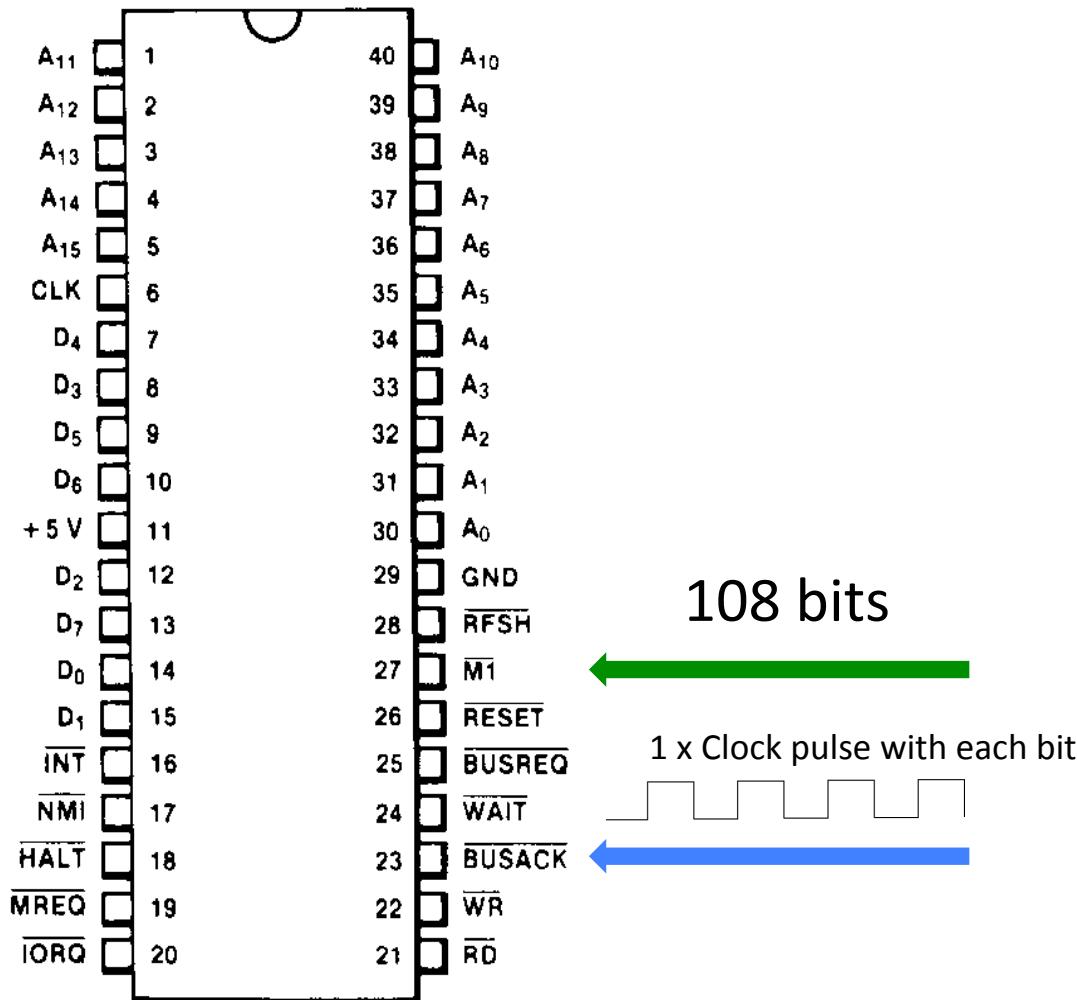
Stage 4 – Door knock 2



5 x Memory registers
1 bit each

5 x XNOR

Programming



What to program

Capcom Block Block Example

Work bits – default them to zero

0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0

Address Key

0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0

Swap Key #2

1, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 1

Swap Key #1

0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 1, 1, 0, 1, 1, 1, 1

XOR Key

0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1

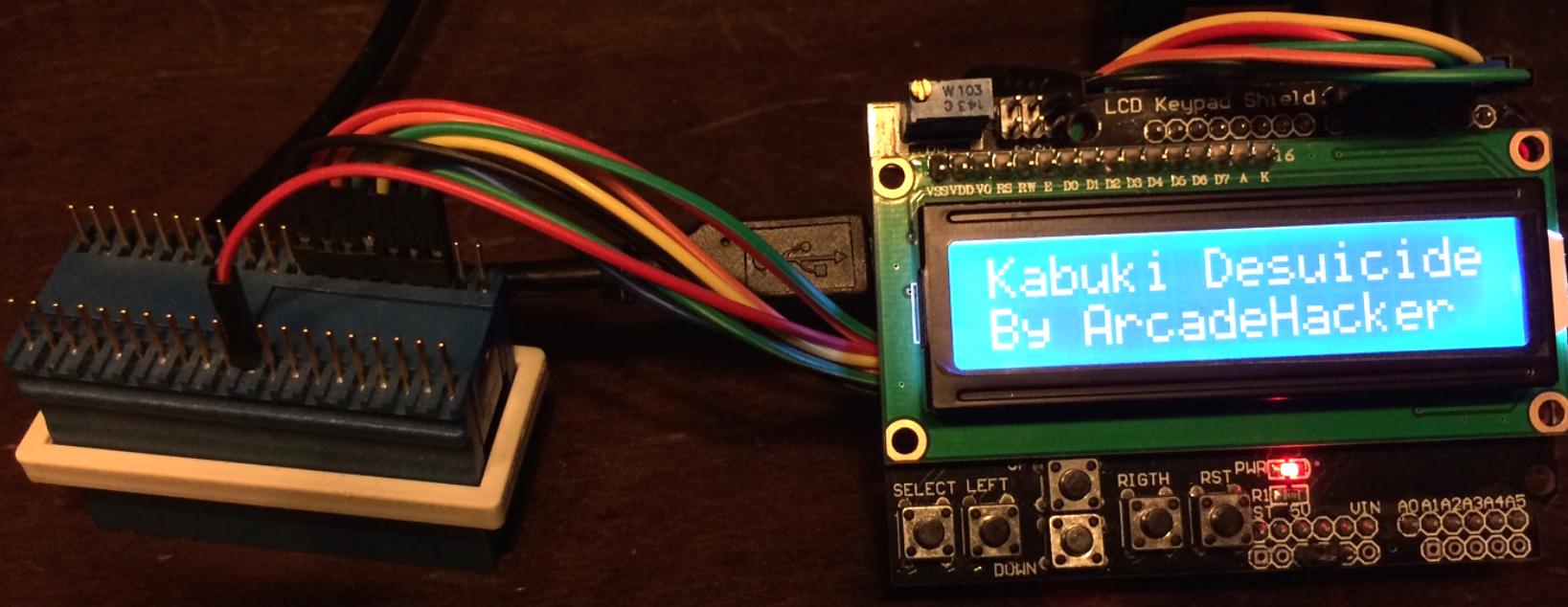
Memory decryption area mask

1, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0

Decryption keys

[https://github.com/mamedev/mame/blob/
master/src/mame/machine/kabuki.c](https://github.com/mamedev/mame/blob/master/src/mame/machine/kabuki.c)

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