

SIDE-CHANNEL ATTACKS AND SOFTWARE COUNTERMEASURES



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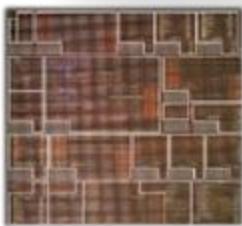
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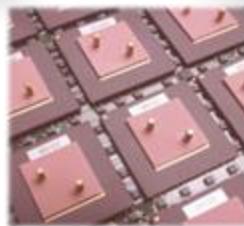
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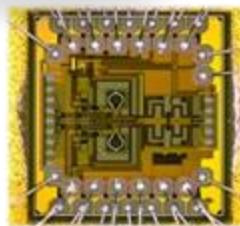
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Foot-Shooting Prevention Agreement

I, _____, promise that once
Your Name

I see how simple AES really is, I will
not implement it in production code
even though it would be really fun.

This agreement shall be in effect
until the undersigned creates a
meaningful interpretive dance that
compares and contrasts cache-based,
timing, and other side channel attacks
and their countermeasures.

Signature

Date

A major threat against secure embedded systems

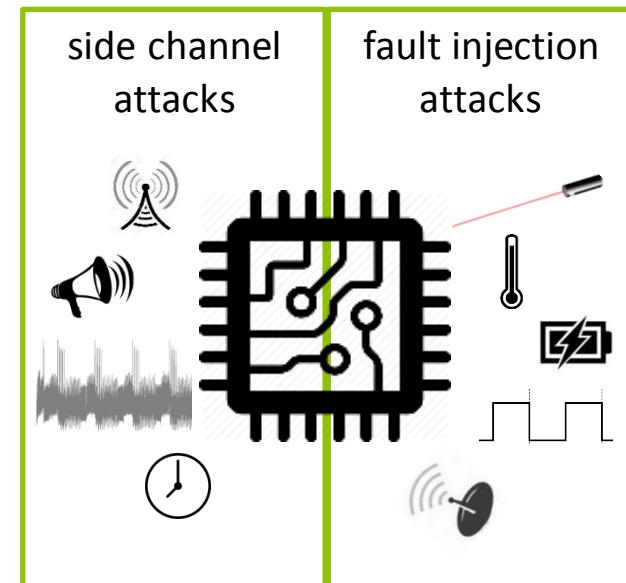
- The most effective attacks against implementations of cryptography
- Relevant against many parts of CPS/IoT: bootloaders, firmware upgrade, etc.
- Recently used to leverage software vulnerabilities [1]

In practice,

- An attacker mostly uses logical attacks if the target is unprotected (e.g. typical IoT devices): buffer overflows, ROP, protocol vulnerabilities, etc.
- All high security products embed countermeasures against side-channel and fault injection attacks. E.g. Smart Cards, payTV, military-grade devices.
 - Using a combination of hardware *and* software countermeasures
- Tools for Side-channel and fault injection are getting really affordable

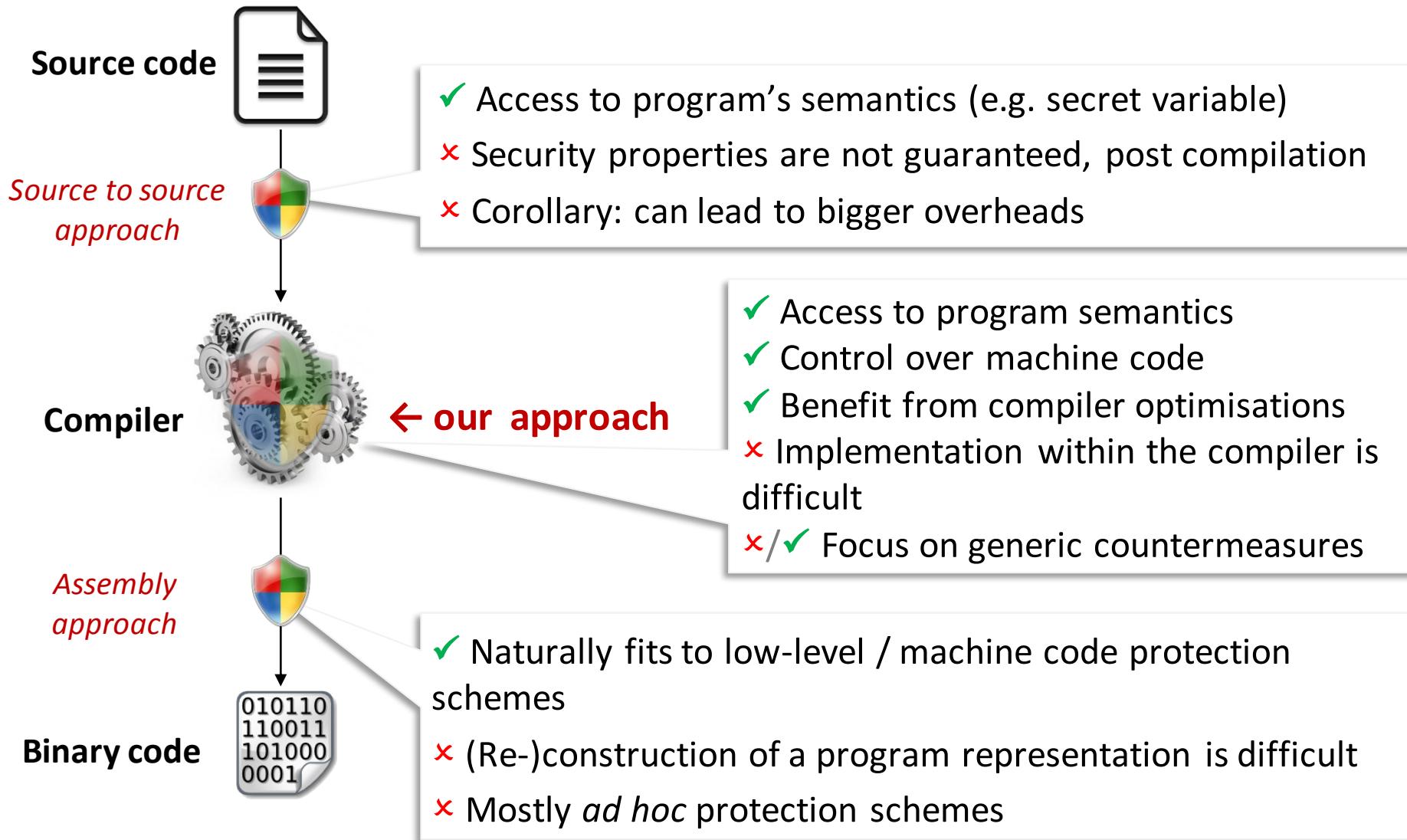
PHYSICAL ATTACKS

(semi-invasive)



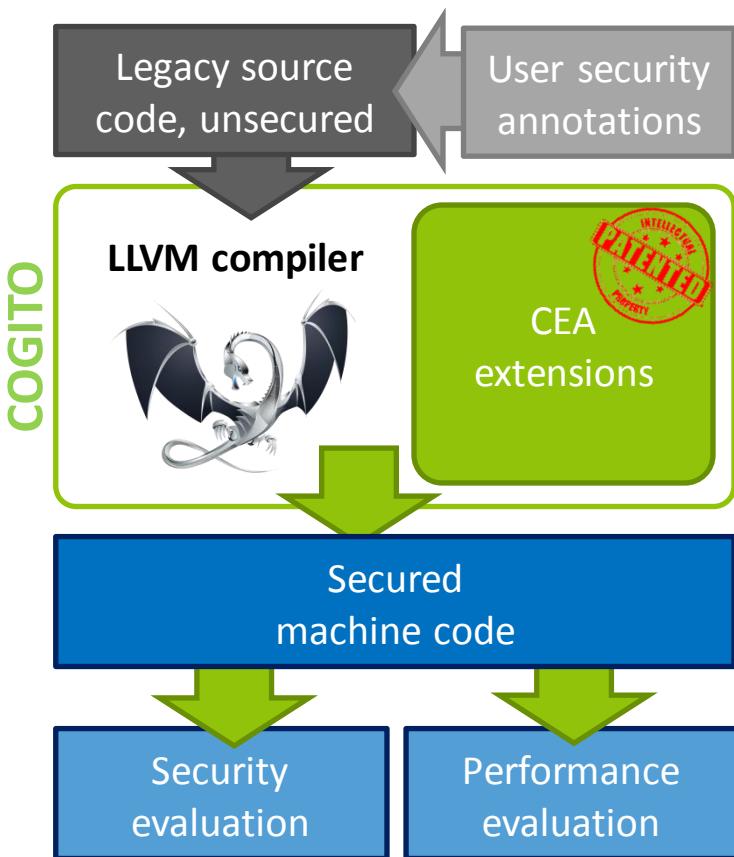
[1] A. Cui and R. Housley, 'BADFET: Defeating Modern Secure Boot Using Second-Order Pulsed Electromagnetic Fault Injection', presented at the WOOT, 2017.

AUTOMATED APPLICATION OF COUNTERMEASURES WITH A COMPILER



Automated application of software countermeasures against physical attacks

→ A toolchain for the compilation of secured programs



Several countermeasures

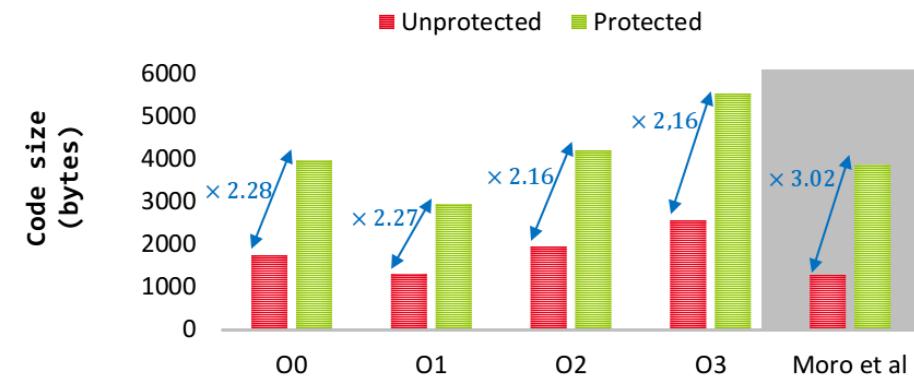
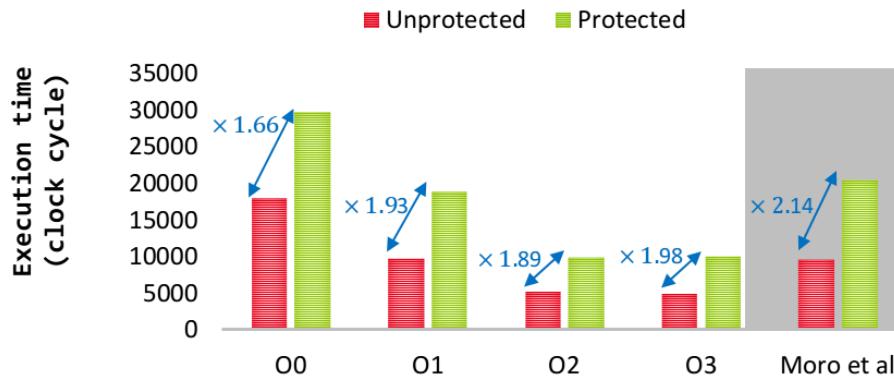
- **Fault tolerance**, including multiple fault injections
- **Execution Integrity & Control-Flow Integrity**
 - Detection of perturbations on the instruction path, at the granularity of a single machine instruction
- **Side channel hiding**

Tools for **security and performance evaluations**

Based on **LLVM**: an industry-grade, state-of-the art compiler (competitive with GCC)

Objective: the program is not perturbed by the injection of faults

- Countermeasure based on a protection scheme **formally verified** for the ARM architecture, against instruction skips [Moro et al., 2014, Barry et al. 2016]
- **Automatic application** by the compiler
- Allow to **parameterize** level of protection
- **Generalisation** of [Moro et al., 2014] to **multiple faults of configurable width**
- Target: ARM Cortex-M cores



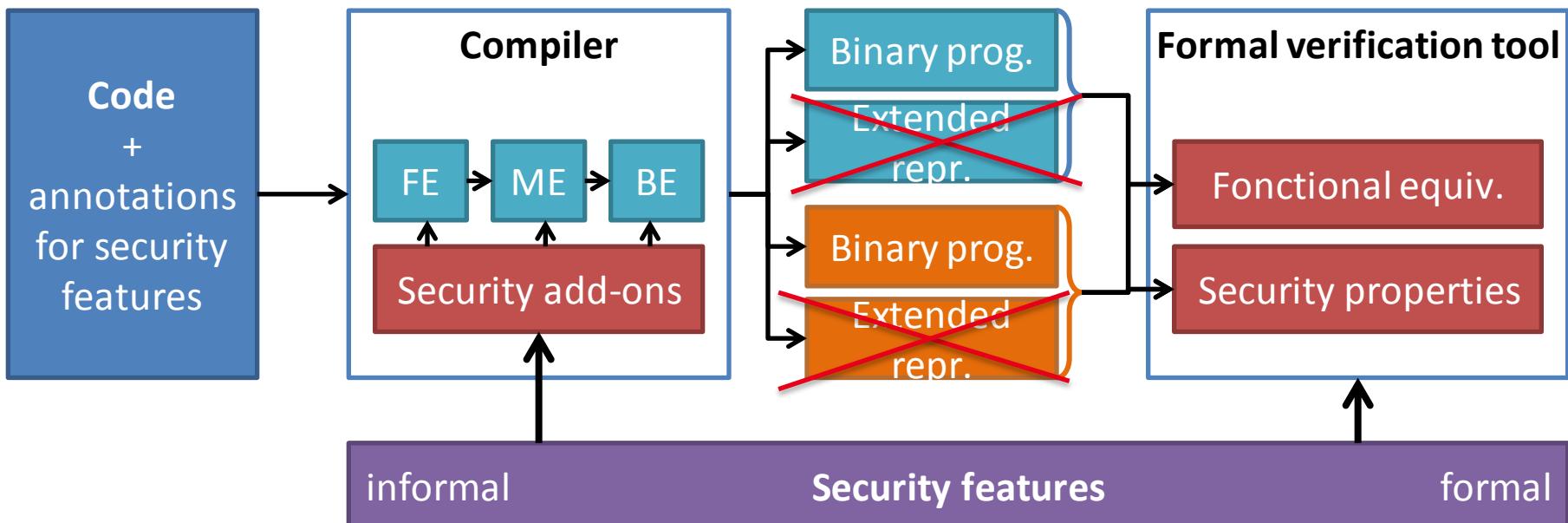
- **Fine-grained countermeasure** applied to critical functions **reduces the execution overhead** below x1.23 and size overheads below x1.12 [Barrys' thesis, 2017]

[Moro et al., 2014] Moro, N., Heydemann, K., Encrenaz, E., & Robisson, B. (2014). Formal verification of a software countermeasure against instruction skip attacks. *Journal of Cryptographic Engineering*, 4(3), 145-156.

[Barry et al. 2016] Barry, T., Couroussé, D., & Robisson, B. (2016, January). Compilation of a Countermeasure Against Instruction-Skip Fault Attacks. In Proceedings of the Third Workshop on Cryptography and Security in Computing Systems (pp. 1-6). ACM.

SECURING AND VERIFYING PROGRAMS

- **Compilation:** automation of the application of software countermeasures against fault attacks and side-channel attacks
- **Functional verification:** of the secured machine code (equivalence with an unprotected version of the same program)
- **Security verification:** correctness of the applied countermeasures w.r.t a security model



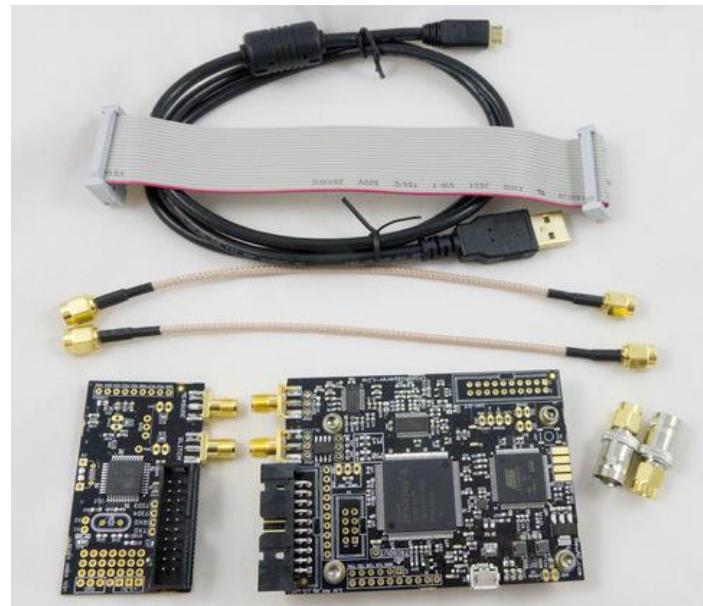
On-going joint work with LIP6, Paris (PROSECCO – ANR 2015)

SIDE-CHANNEL ATTACKS

« PHYSICAL ATTACKS IS SCI-FI »

Physical attacks are considered (by software hackers) as not practical

- Require dedicated HW attack benches, can be quite expensive, especially for fault injection (e.g., laser benches)
- We also find low cost ones
 - E.g. *The ChipWhisperer*, starting at ~ 300€
- Require human expertise, but not more than other attacks



<https://newae.com/tools/chipwhisperer>

« PHYSICAL ATTACKS IS SCI-FI »

IoT Goes Nuclear: Creating a ZigBee Chain Reaction

“Adjacent IoT devices will infect each other with a worm that will rapidly spread over large areas”

- **Philips Hue Smart lamp**
 - ZigBee protocol
- **Uploading malicious firmware with OTA update**
 - Discovered the hex command code for OTA update
 - Firmware is protected with a single global key! Using symmetric crypto (AES-CCM).
- **Attack path**
 - Get access to the key → **side-channel attack with power analysis**
 - Sign a malicious firmware
 - Take over bulbs by: plugging a bulb, war-driving around in a car, war-flying with a drone
 - Request OTA update
 - The malicious firmware can request OTA update to its neighbours to spread.

**IoT Goes Nuclear:
Creating a ZigBee Chain Reaction**

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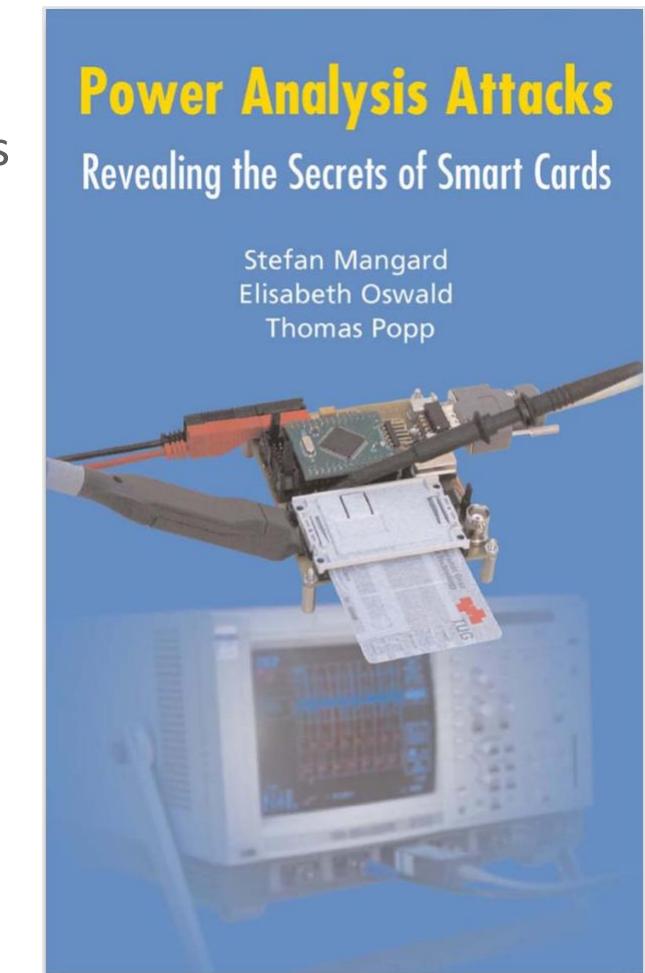
Other interesting read: N. Timmers and A. Spruyt, “Bypassing Secure Boot using Fault Injection,” presented at the Black Hat Europe 2016, 04-Nov-2016.

The most comprehensive book about side-channel attacks

- Excellent introduction to side-channel attacks
- Published in 2007: does not cover recent attacks and countermeasures, but still really useful

S. Mangard, E. Oswald, and T. Popp, Power analysis attacks: Revealing the secrets of smart cards, vol. 31. Springer, 2007.

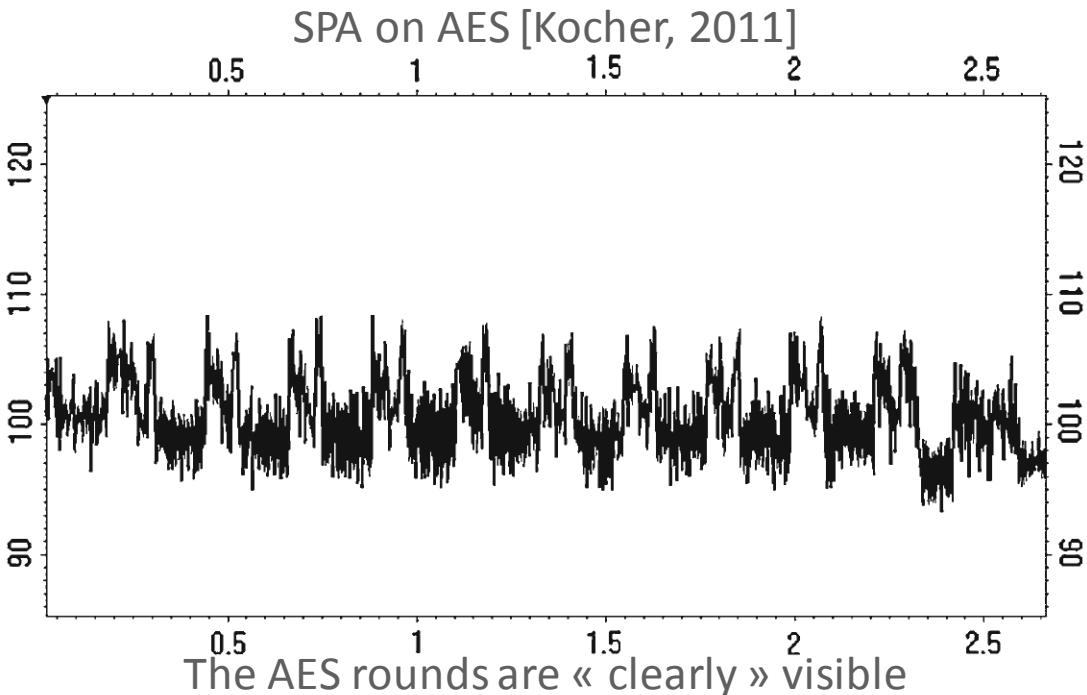
THE “DPA” BOOK



SIMPLE POWER ANALYSIS (SPA)

Direct interpretation of power consumption measurements

Extraction of information by inspection of single side-channel traces



- Nature of the algorithm
- Structure of the algorithm
 - Number of executions
 - Number of iterations
 - Number of sub-functions
 - nature of instructions executed (memory accesses...)
- Etc.

Illustration of SPA in the wild: C. O'Flynn, "A Lightbulb Worm? A teardown of the Philips Hue," presented at the Black Hat, 2016. cf. slides ~60 to 70

P. Kocher, J. Jaffe, and B. Jun, "Differential Power Analysis," in Advances in Cryptology — CRYPTO' 99, vol. 1666, M. Wiener, Ed. Springer Berlin Heidelberg, 1999, pp. 388–397.

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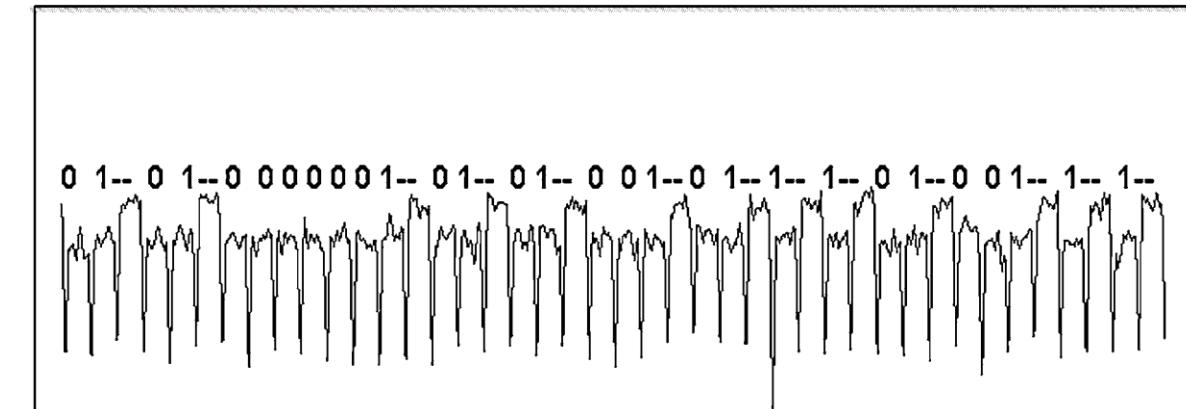
SPA on RSA [Kocher, 2011]

```
-- Computing c = b ^ e mod m
-- Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Modular\_exponentiation

function modular_pow(base, exponent, m)
    if modulus = 1 then return 0
    Assert :: (m - 1) * (m - 1) does not overflow base
    result := 1
    base := base mod m
    while exponent > 0
        if (exponent mod 2 == 1):
            result := (result * base) mod m
        exponent := exponent >> 1
        base := (base * base) mod m
    return result
```

Direct access to key contents:

- bit 0 = square
- bit 1 = square, multiply



Finding a needle in a haystack...

- Relationship between the different components of power consumption [DPA book]:

$$P_{\text{total}} = P_{\text{operations}} + P_{\text{data}} + P_{\text{noise}}$$

$$P_{\text{total}} = P_{\text{exploitable}} + P_{\text{switching.noise}} + P_{\text{electronic.noise}} + P_{\text{const}}$$

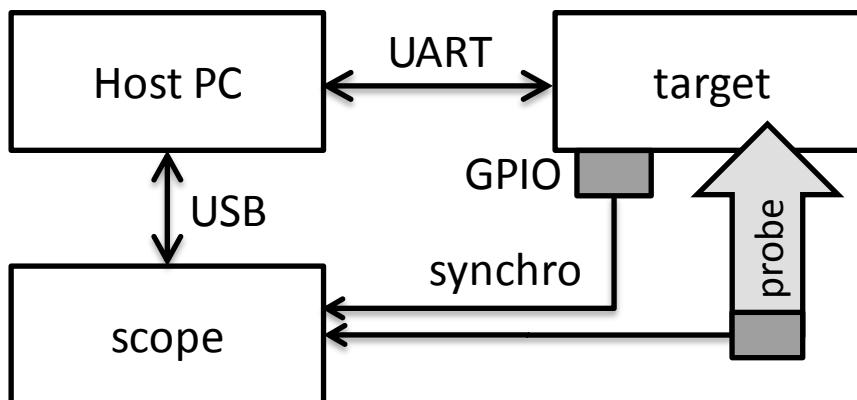
[DPA book]

needle haystack

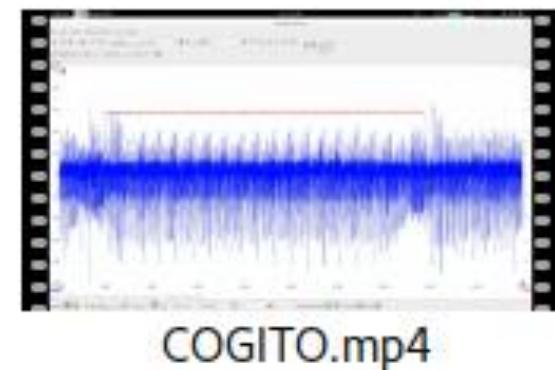
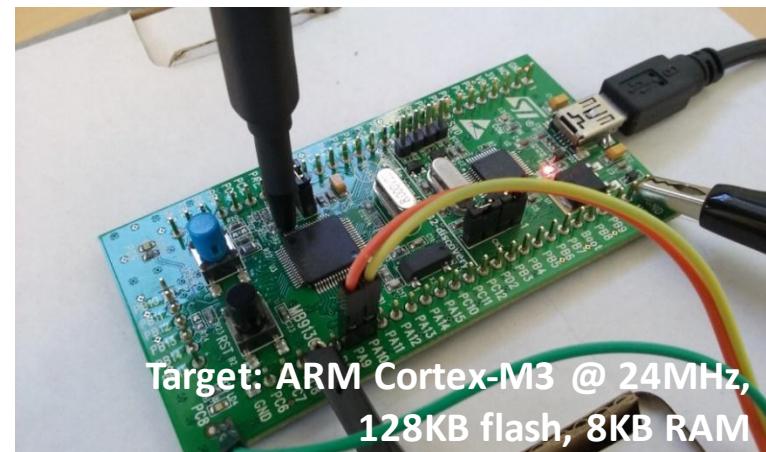
- Power signal: a static and a dynamic component.
 - Static component: power consumption of the gate states → $a * \text{HW(state)}$
 - Dynamic component: power consumption of transitions in gate states
→ $b * \text{HD(state}[i], state[i-1])$
- Other needles & stacks
 - Electromagnetic emissions
 - Execution time
 - Chip temperature
 - Etc.

CPA – MEASUREMENT SETUP

- The AES key is fixed
- A GPIO trigger is used to facilitate the trace measurements
- The attacker
 - either knows public data: plaintexts if decrypting, ciphertexts if encrypting
 - or controls the encryption/decryption function
- Text chosen attack:
 - Generate D random plaintexts
 - Ask the cipher text to the target
 - Record the EM trace during encryption
- Do the computation analysis!

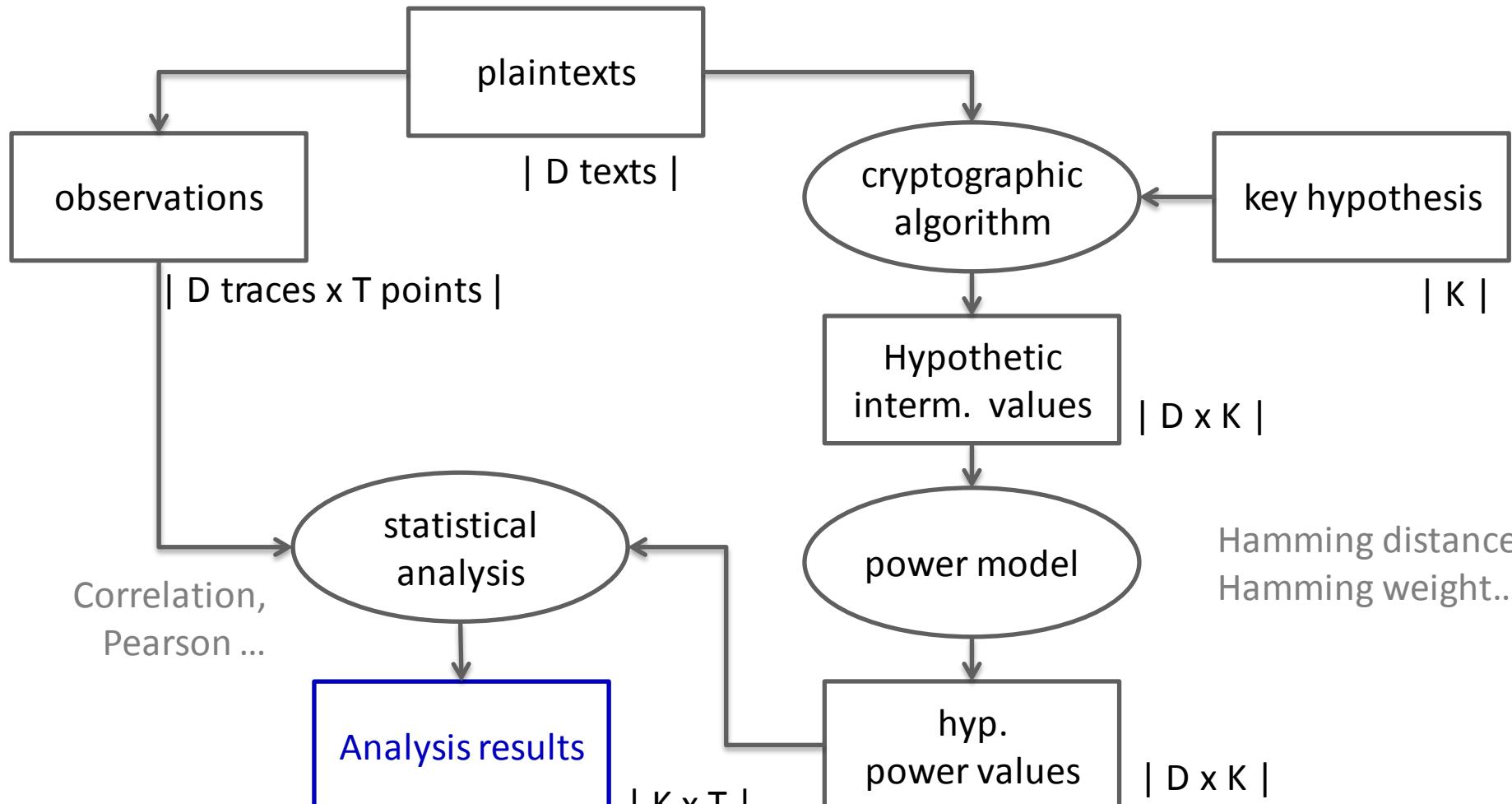


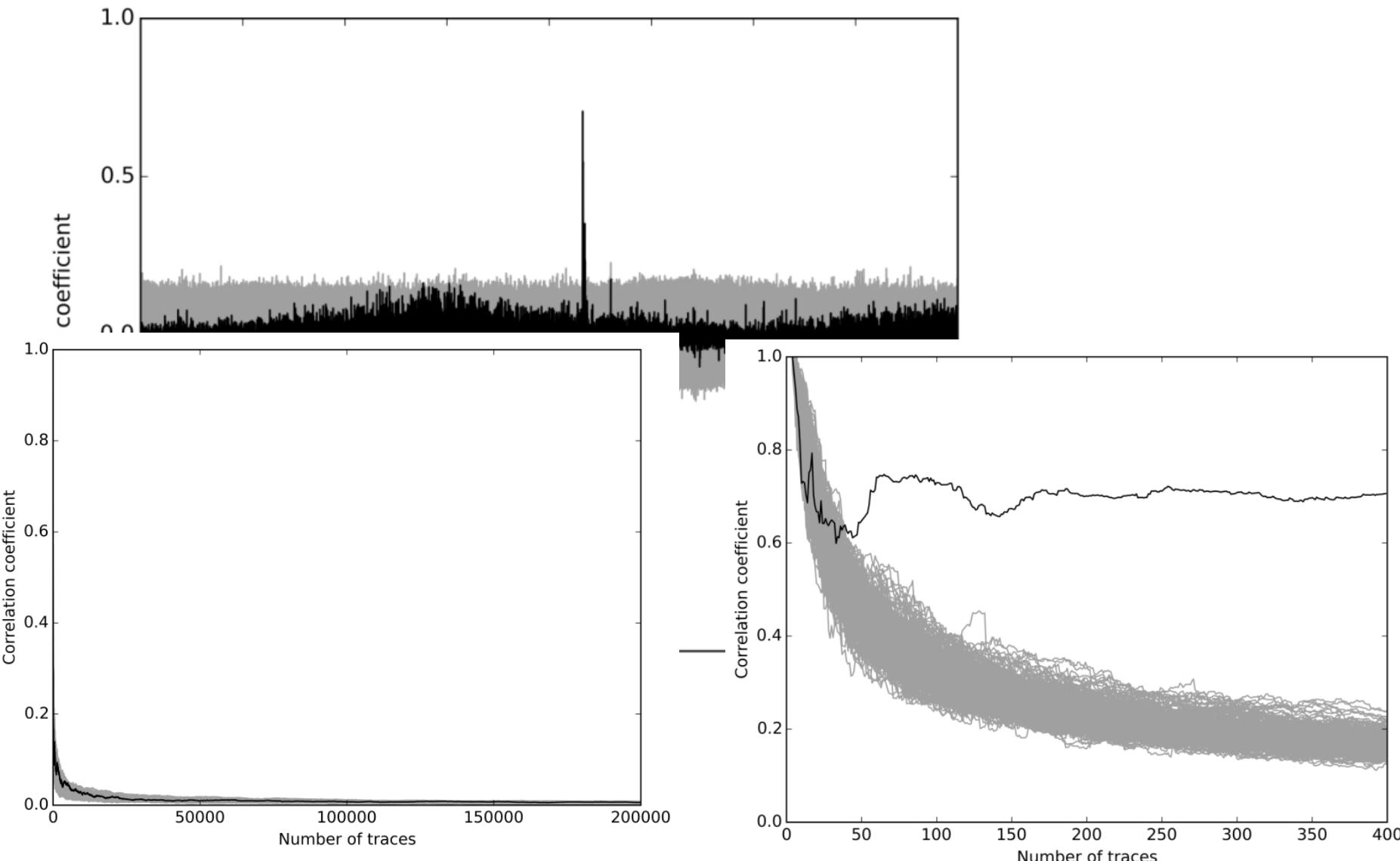
Target: STM32 – ARM Cortex-M3 @ 24MHz, 128KB flash, 8KB RAM



m: plaintext \rightarrow controlled by the attacker or observable

k: cipher key \rightarrow unknown to the attacker





ESTIMATING THE SUCCESS OF AN ATTACK

Success rate: success probability of a successful attack

$$SR = \Pr[A(E_{k_0}, L) = k_0]$$

A side-channel attack

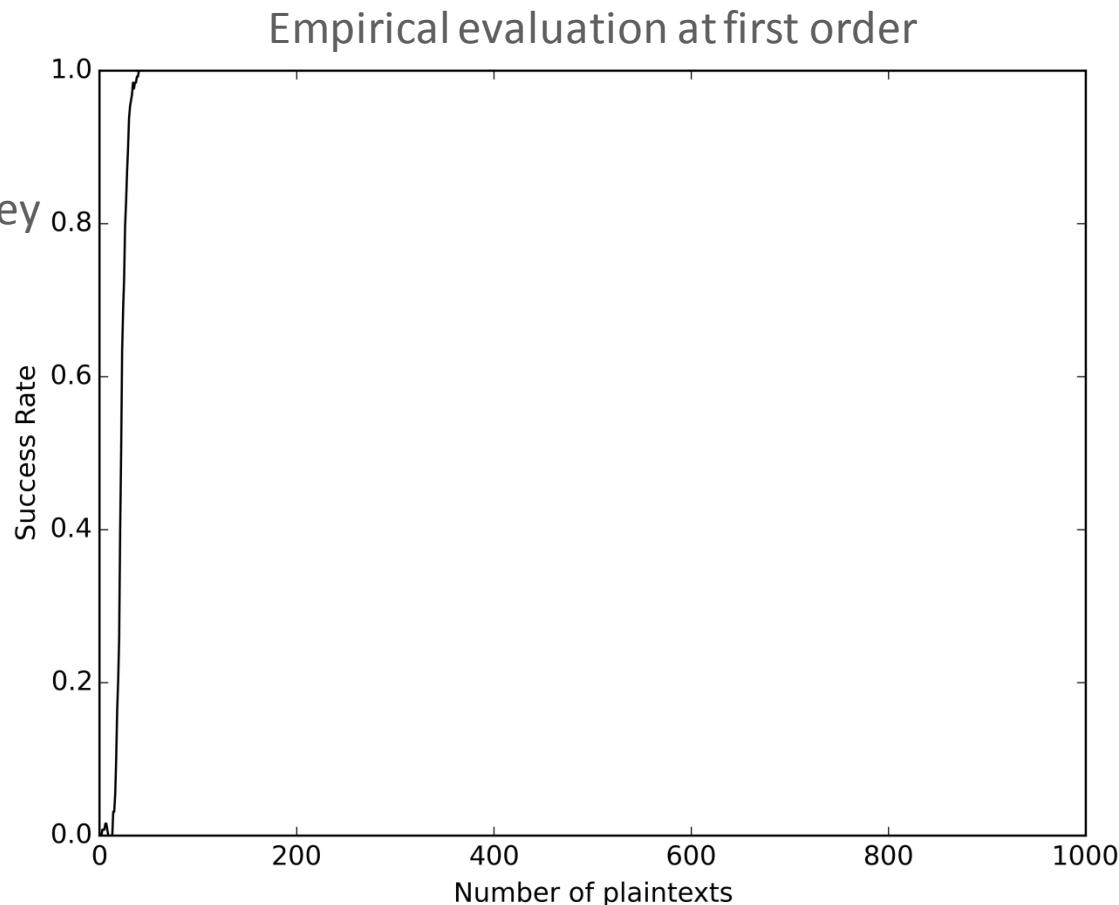
k_0 correct key

E_{k_0} encryption with correct key

L leakage

n-order success rate?

PGE. Partial guessing entropy



F.-X. Standaert, T. Malkin, and M. Yung, "A Unified Framework for the Analysis of Side-Channel Key Recovery Attacks," in Eurocrypt, 2009, vol. 5479, pp. 443–461.

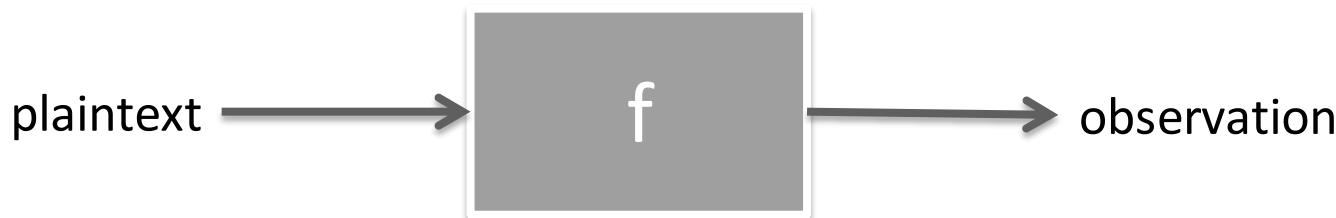
SECURITY EVALUATION?

- CPA / DPA ... attacks do not constitute a security evaluation.
- Playing the role of the attacker is great, but the attacker
 - is focused on a potential vulnerability
 - Follows a specific attack path
- Starting from the previous attack, we could change
 - The hypothetical intermediate values: output of 1st SubBytes, output of 1st AddRoundKey, input of the 10th SubBytes...
 - The power model: Hamming Weight, Hamming Distance, no power model...
 - The distinguisher: Pearson Correlation, Mutual Information...
 - There are many other attacks!
- Our evaluation target is very “leaky” (less than 1000 traces is enough)
 - Unprotected components executed on more complex targets (i.e. ARM Cortex A9) will require 100.000 to 10^6 traces.
 - What about attacking a counter-measure in this case?
- As a security designer, you need to cover all the possible attack passes

TLVA: Test Leakage Vector Assessment

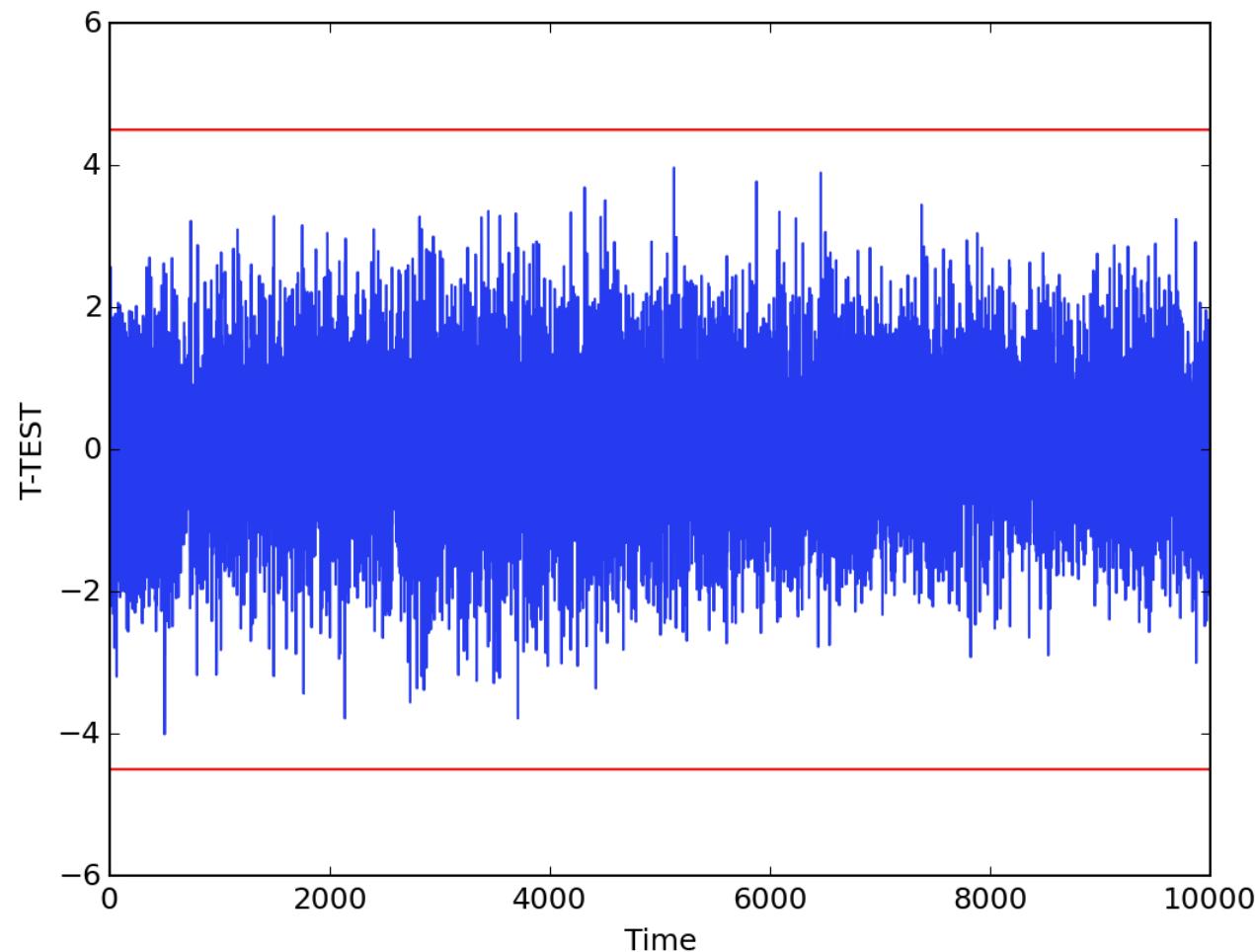
- Exploit Welch's t-test to assess the amount of information leakage
- Extract two populations of side-channel observations (traces)
- Test the null hypothesis: the two populations are not statistically distinguishable → no information leakage

$$t = \frac{\mu_0 - \mu_1}{\sqrt{\frac{s_0^2}{n_0} + \frac{s_1^2}{n_1}}}, \quad t > 4.5 \rightarrow \text{confidence of 99.999\% that the null hypothesis is rejected}$$

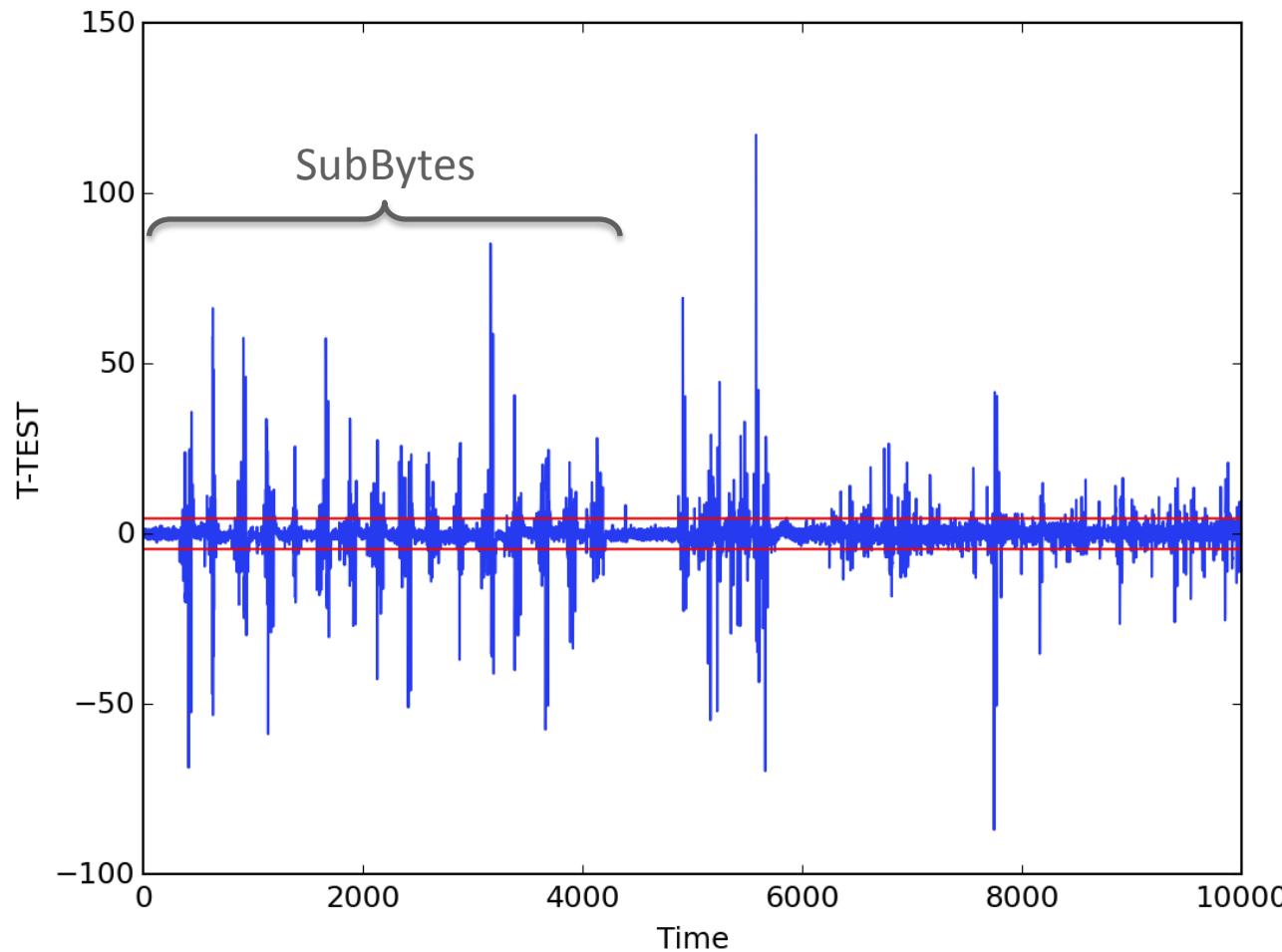


G. Goodwill, B. Jun, J. Jaffe, and P. Rohatgi, "A testing methodology for side-channel resistance validation," in NIST non-invasive attack testing workshop, 2011.

T. Schneider and A. Moradi, "Leakage Assessment Methodology - a clear roadmap for side-channel evaluations," 207, 2015.



*Q0: fixed input plaintext
Q1: random input plaintext*



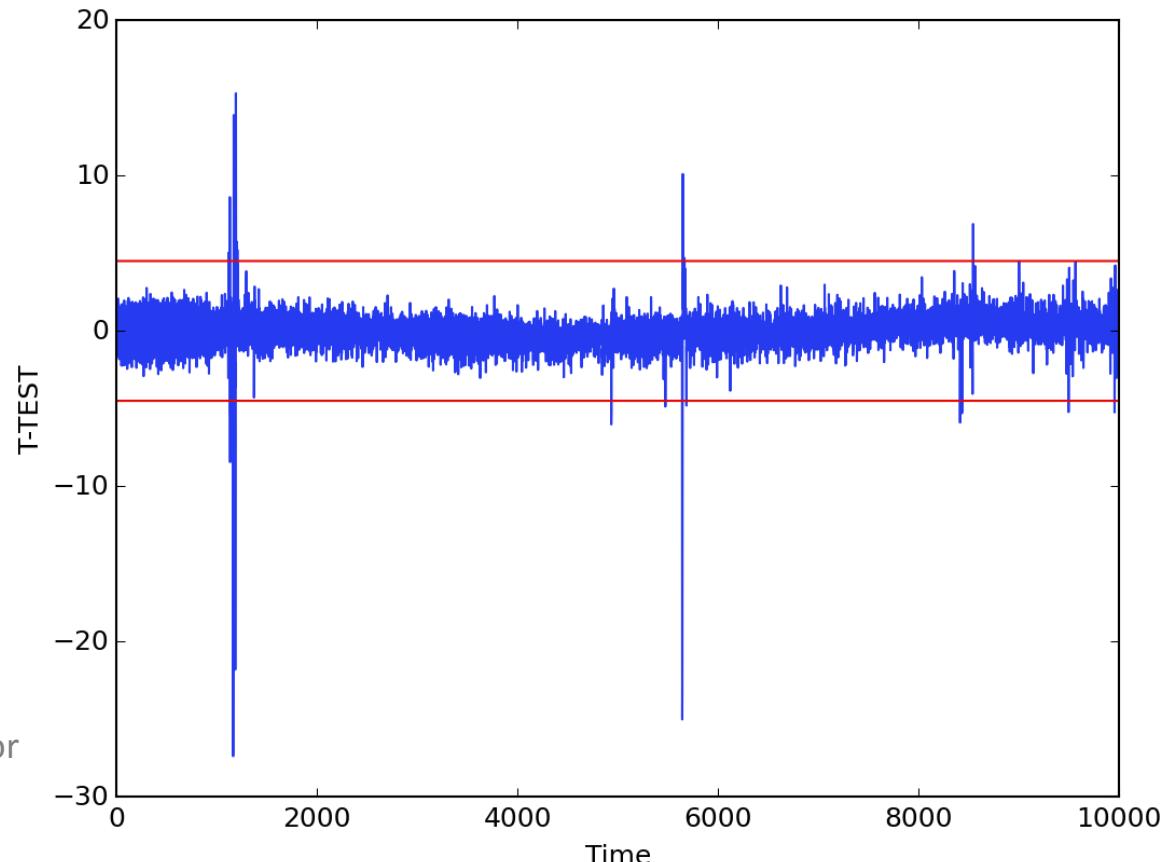
Mono-bit t-test:

$$\mathcal{Q}_0 = \{T_i \mid \text{target bit}(D_i) = 0\}, \quad \mathcal{Q}_1 = \{T_i \mid \text{target bit}(D_i) = 1\}.$$

Bytewise t-test:

$$\mathcal{Q}_0 = \{T_i \mid \text{target byte}(D_i) = x\}, \quad \mathcal{Q}_1 = \{T_i \mid \text{target byte}(D_i) \neq x\}.$$

Number of
measurements for a
security evaluation with
a specific t-test?



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- Assuming two populations of N traces P_i and Q_j ,
 - N sufficiently large w.r.t. t-test criteria
 - Leakage exhibited on P, Q by a specific or non-specific t-test
 - Also assuming that information leakage is not spread over several consecutive samples
- Create two new populations of traces such that:
 - $P'_0 = P_0$
 - $P'_i[0; i - 1] \leftarrow 0, i \neq 0$
 - $P'_i[i; ...] \leftarrow P_i[0; ...], i \neq 0$
 - Similar construction for Q

Signal-to-noise ratio

$$\begin{aligned}
 P_{tota} &= P_{operat}^i + P_{dat}^s + P_{noi}^s \\
 P_{tot} &= P_{exploi}^r + P_{sw.no}^r + P_{el.no}^t + K \\
 SN &= \frac{Va^r(sign^s)}{Va^{(noi)}} = \frac{Va(P_{exploi})^s}{Va(P_{sw.no} + P_{el.no})} \quad [\text{DPA book}]
 \end{aligned}$$

- Powerful metric, less sensitive to the modus operandi
- Still depends on the attacker's model

NICV (normalised inter-class variance)

$$SN = \frac{Va(\bar{E}(L|X))}{Va(L)} = \frac{\frac{1}{SN}}{\frac{1}{SN} + 1} \quad X: \text{known plaintext or ciphertext data; L: observations}$$

S. Bhasin, J.-L. Danger, S. Guilley, and Z. Najm, 'NICV: Normalized Inter-Class Variance for Detection of Side-Channel Leakage', 717, 2013.

COUNTER-MEASURES AGAINST SIDE-CHANNEL ATTACKS

MASKING & HIDING

In a masked implementation, **each intermediate value v is concealed** by a random value m that is called mask:

$V_m = v * m$. The mask m is generated internally, i.e. inside the cryptographic device, and varies from execution to execution. Hence, it is not known by the attacker.

[DPA book]



- **Boolean masking:** operator * is xor
- **Arithmetic masking:** operator * is the modular addition or the modular multiplication

Objective: **each masked variable is statistically independent of the secret v.**

Masking countermeasures are applied at the **algorithmic level**.

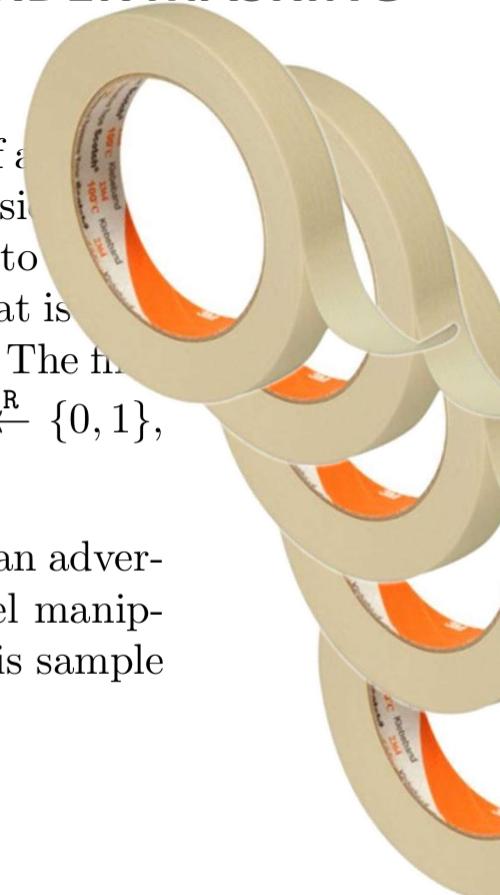
HIGHER-ORDER MASKING

Our following discussions will be based on the parallel implementation of a masking scheme such as described in [2]. More precisely, we will consider the simplest example where all the shares are in $\text{GF}(2)$ (generalizations to other fields follow naturally). In this setting, we have a sensitive variable x that is split into m shares such that $x = x_1 \oplus x_2 \oplus \dots \oplus x_m$, with \oplus the bitwise XOR. The first $m - 1$ shares are picked up uniformly at random: $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{m-1}) \xleftarrow{\text{R}} \{0, 1\}^m$, and the last one is computed as $x_m = x \oplus x_1 \oplus x_2 \oplus \dots \oplus x_{m-1}$.

Denoting the vector of shares (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m) as \bar{x} , we will consider an adversary who observes a single leakage sample corresponding to the parallel manipulation of these shares. A simple model for this setting is to assume this sample to be a linear combination of the shares, namely:

$$\mathsf{L}_1(\bar{x}) = \left(\sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i \cdot x_i \right) + N,$$

F.-X. Standaert, “How (not) to Use Welch’s T-test in Side-Channel Security Evaluations,” 138, 2017.



The goal of hiding countermeasures is to make the **power consumption** of cryptographic devices **independent of the intermediate values** and **independent of the operations** that are performed. There are essentially two approaches to achieve this independence.

1. the **power consumption is random**.
2. **consume an equal amount of power** for all operations and for all data values.

[DPA book]



Hiding countermeasures aim at **breaking the observable relation** between **the algorithm** (operations and intermediate variables) and **observations**.

Information leakage: information related to secret data and secret operations “sneaks” outside of the secured component (via a side channel)

Hiding: “reducing the SNR”, where

- Signal -> part of the observations containing useful data (« *information leakage* »)
 - Noise -> everything else
-
- Temporal dispersion: spread leakage at different computation times
 - Shuffle independent operations
 - Insert «dummy» operations to randomly delay the secret computation
 - Spatial dispersion:
 - Move the leaky computation at different places in the circuit
 - E.g. use different registers
 - Modify the “appearance” of information leakage
 - E.g. use different operations

In practice, a secured product combines masking and hiding countermeasures.

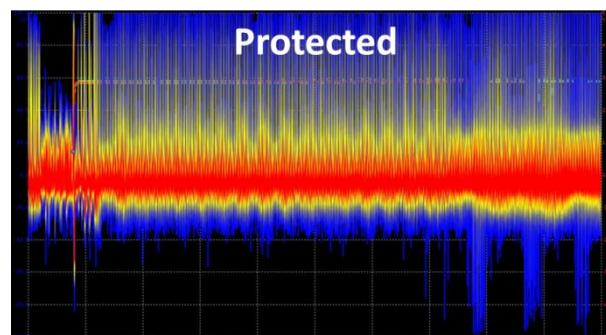
CODE POLYMORPHISM

SIDE CHANNEL HIDING WITH CODE POLYMORPHISM

Code polymorphism: regularly changing the observable behavior of a program, at runtime, while maintaining unchanged its functional properties,

- Protection against physical attacks: side channel & fault attacks
 - Changes the spatial and temporal properties of the secured code
 - Can be combined with other state-of-the-Art HW & SW Countermeasures
- Can run on low-end embedded systems with only a few kB of memory
 - Illustrated below: STM32F1 microcontroller with 8kB of RAM

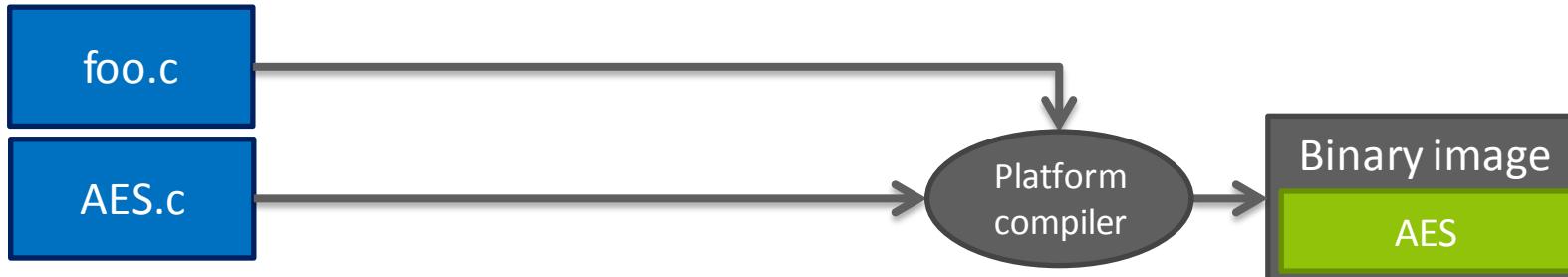
Compliant with certification standards (Common Criteria, CSPS, etc.)



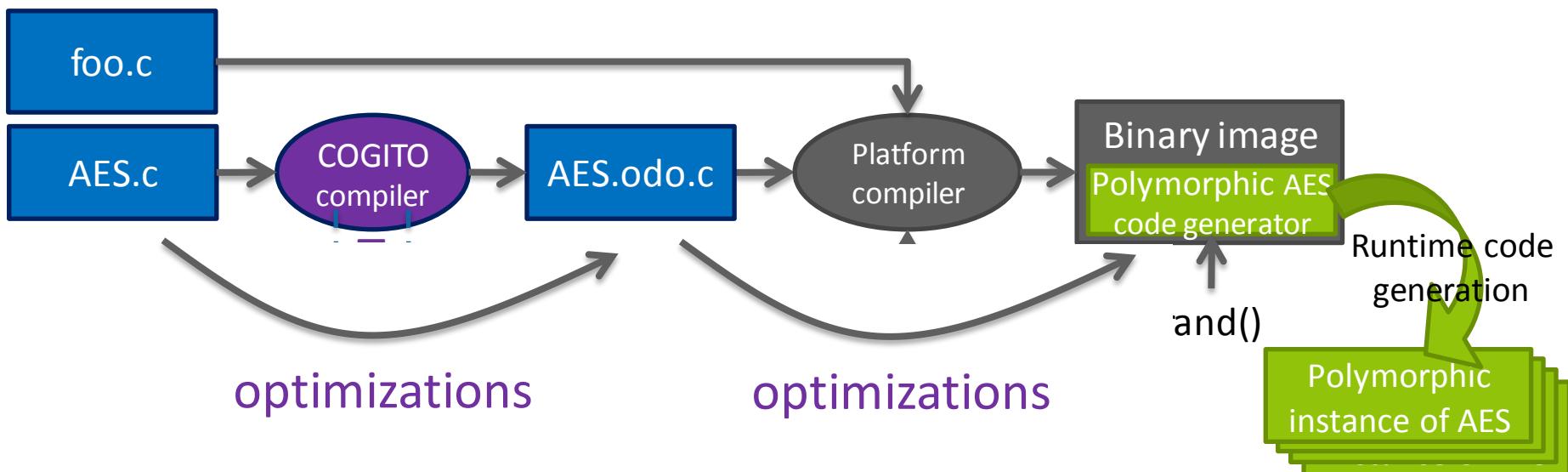
CODE POLYMORPHISM: WORKING PRINCIPLE

Runtime code generation for embedded systems

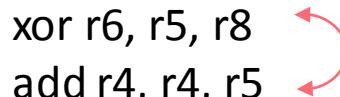
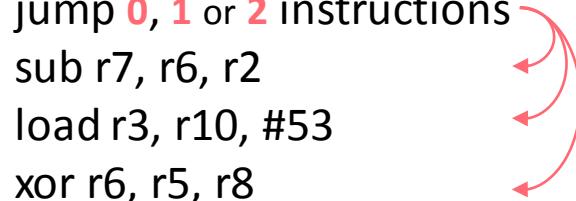
Reference version:



Polymorphic version, with COGITO:



CODE TRANSFORMATIONS USED AT RUNTIME

<pre>add r4, r4, r5 xor r6, r5, r8</pre>	<p>Register shuffling RANDOM general purpose register permutation</p>  <pre>add r11, r11, r7 xor r8, r7, r5</pre>	<p>Instruction shuffling independent instructions are emitted in a RANDOM order</p>  <pre>xor r6, r5, r8 add r4, r4, r5</pre>
<p>Semantic variants replacement of an instruction by a RANDOMLY selected semantic variant</p> <pre>add r4, r4, r5 xor r6, r5, #12348 xor r6, r6, r8 xor r6, r6, #12348</pre>	<p>Noise instructions insertion of a RANDOM number of RANDOMLY chosen noise instructions</p> <pre>add r4, r4, r5 sub r7, r6, r2 load r3, r10, #53 xor r6, r5, r8</pre> <p style="text-align: right;">useless instructions</p>	<p>Dynamic noise RANDOM insertion of noise instructions with a RANDOM jump</p>  <pre>add r4, r4, r5 jump 0, 1 or 2 instructions sub r7, r6, r2 load r3, r10, #53 xor r6, r5, r8</pre>

CODE TRANSFORMATIONS USED AT RUNTIME

add r4, r4, r5
xor r6, r5, r8

Register shuffling
RANDOM general purpose register permutation

Instruction shuffling
independent instructions are emitted in a **RANDOM** order

Illustration of the interactions between runtime code transformamtions

xor r6, r5, r8
add r4, r4, r5

Semantic variants
replacement of an instruction by a **RANDOMLY** selected semantic variant

xor r6, r5, #12348
add r4, r4, r5
xor r6, r6, r8
xor r6, r6, #12348

Noise instructions
insertion of a **RANDOM** number of **RANDOMLY** chosen noise instructions

sub r7, r6, r2
load r3, r10, #53
add r4, r4, r5
xor r6, r5, r8

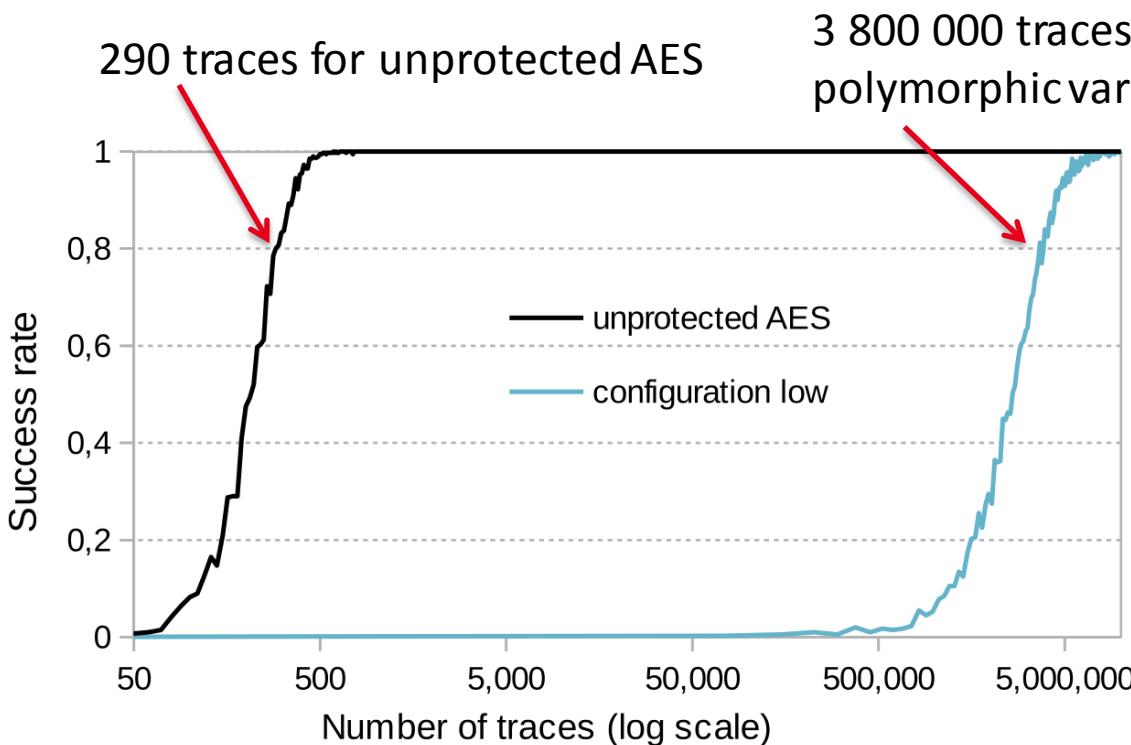
} useless instructions

Dynamic noise
RANDOM insertion of noise instructions with a **RANDOM** jump

add r4, r4, r5
jump **0, 1 or 2** instructions
sub r7, r6, r2
load r3, r10, #53
xor r6, r5, r8

Period of regeneration \mathbb{N} (+ custom regeneration policies)	Register shuffling $\{0, 1\}$	Instruction shuffling $\{0, 1\}$
<p>Total configuration space:</p> $\{0, 1\}^2 \times \{0, 1, 2\}^2 \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{N}^3$		
Semantic variants $\{0, 1, 2\}$ (+ custom extensions)	Noise instructions $\{0, 1, 2\} \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{N}$ (+ custom probabilistic models)	Dynamic noise \mathbb{N} (+ custom noise sequences)
<p>A huge number of polymorphic variants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 original machine instructions $\rightarrow 6 \cdot 10^{42}$ variants • AES with 278 machine instructions $\rightarrow 10^{27}$ variants (pessimist bound) 		

- Basis: polymorphic configuration with low variability
- Acquisition of traces from Electro-Magnetic observations
- CPA on SBOX 1st output with HW model
- Experimental platform not designed for security applications (hence the weak results on the unprotected version)

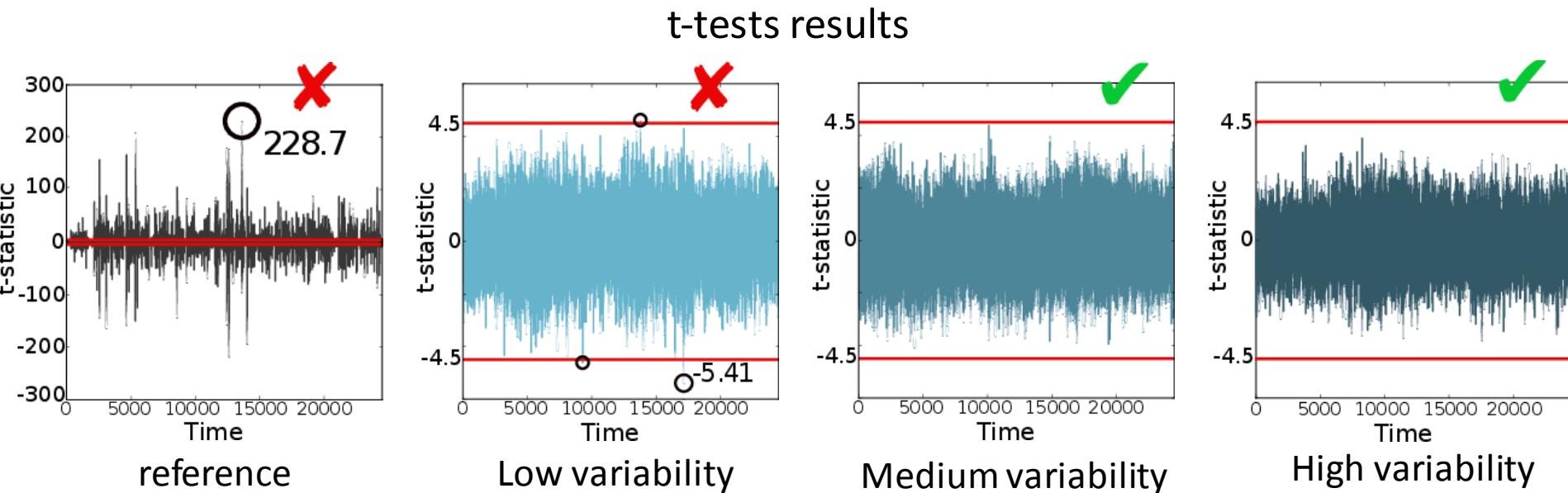


Experimental results

- This polymorphic version requires 13000x more traces
- Execution time overhead: x2.5 including generation cost

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- Polymorphism is a hiding countermeasure against side-channel attacks
 - Does not remove information leakage; reduces SNR only
- However, information leakage is sufficiently blurred such that it is not found in observation traces, with a confidence level of 99.999%
- Configurable level of polymorphism



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AUTOMATED APPLICATION OF CODE POLYMORPHISM

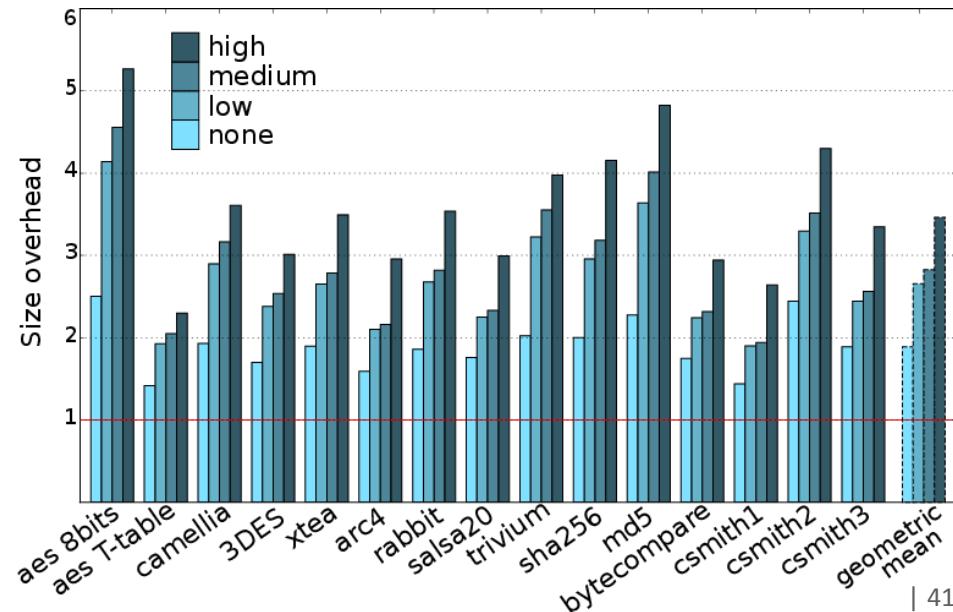
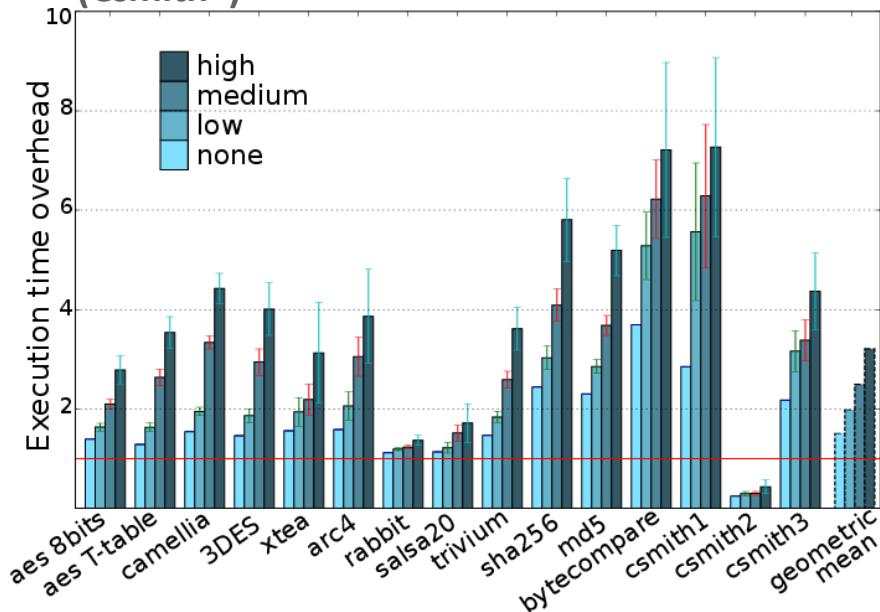
Declaration of polymorphism with a compiler option

- -polymorphic-function foo will compile function foo into a polymorphic implementation,
- -polymorphic will compile all functions found in the compiled source file into polymorphic implementations.

Many configurable levels of polymorphic transformations => security/performance tradeoff

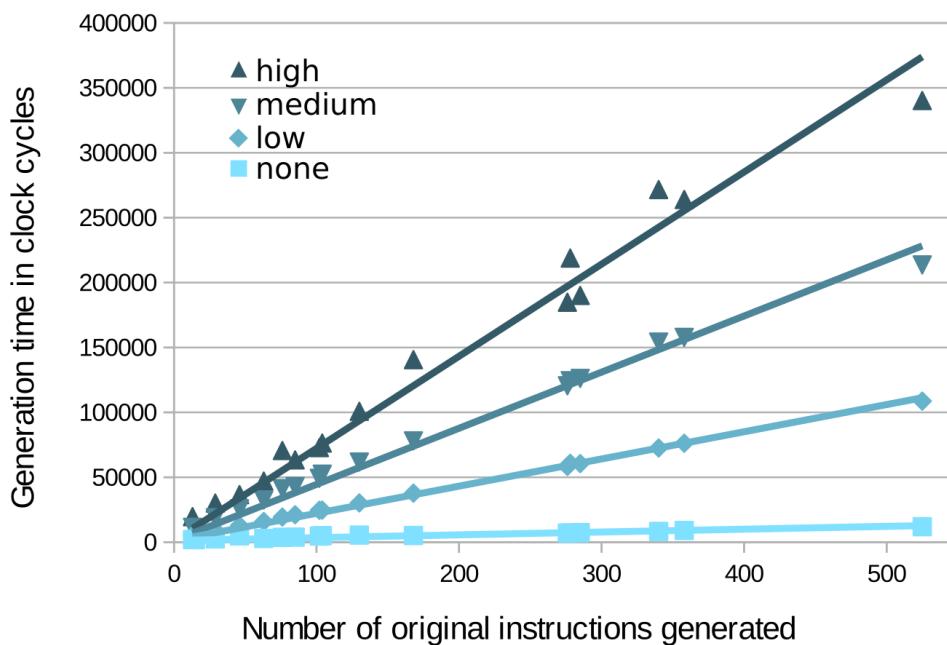
- Nature and parameters of the code transformations: random allocation of registers, semantic variants, instruction shuffling, insertion of noise instructions.
- Frequency and policy for runtime code regeneration
- Memory protections
- Leveraging OS-level features, e.g. concurrency

Components evaluated: ciphers, hash functions, simple authentication, random generated codes (Csmith*)



PERFORMANCE EVALUATION OF RUNTIME CODE GENERATION

Configuration		Execution time overhead (geo. mean)	Size overhead (geo. mean)
none	■	x1.40	x1.70
low	◆	x2.31	x2.87
medium	▼	x2.45	x3.44
high	▲	x4.03	x3.81



$f'(x)=709$ cycles per instruction

$f'(x)=432$ cycles per instruction

$f'(x)=209$ cycles per instruction

$f'(x)=22$ cycles per instruction

- Overheads depend on the selected configuration
→ trade-off w.r.t. the expected security level
- Runtime code generation achieved in linear complexity

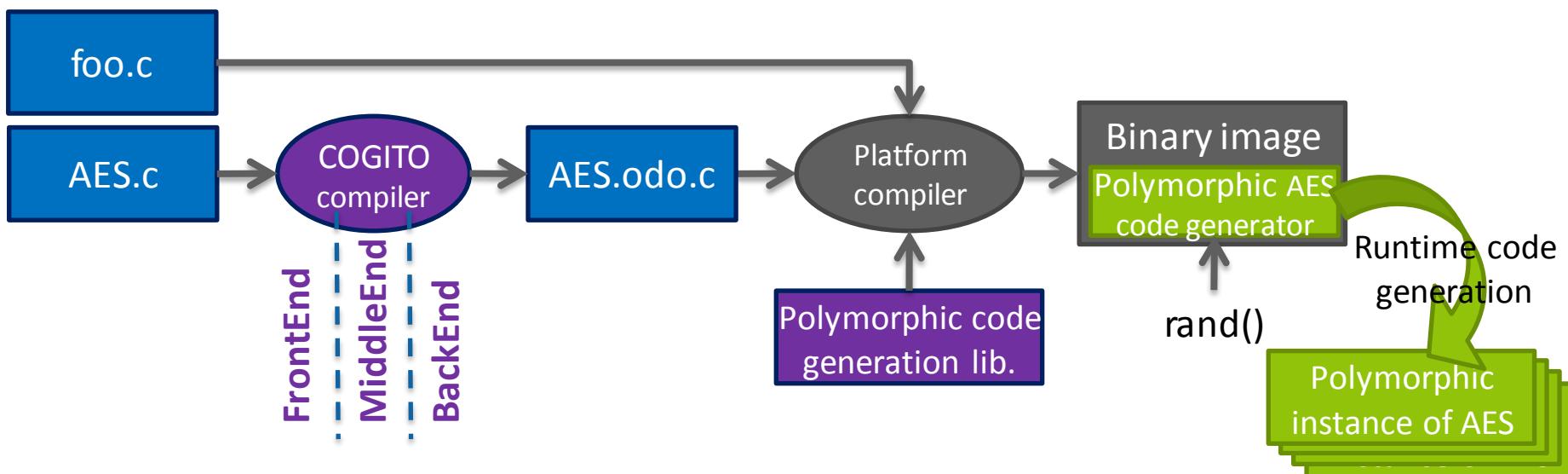
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CODE POLYMORPHISM: CHALLENGES

Bottlenecks for the use of runtime code generation in embedded systems:

- Memory allocation of code buffers
 - No Operating System (no malloc), no virtual memory.
- Management of memory permissions (read, write, execute)
 - Runtime code generation requires write access to program memory

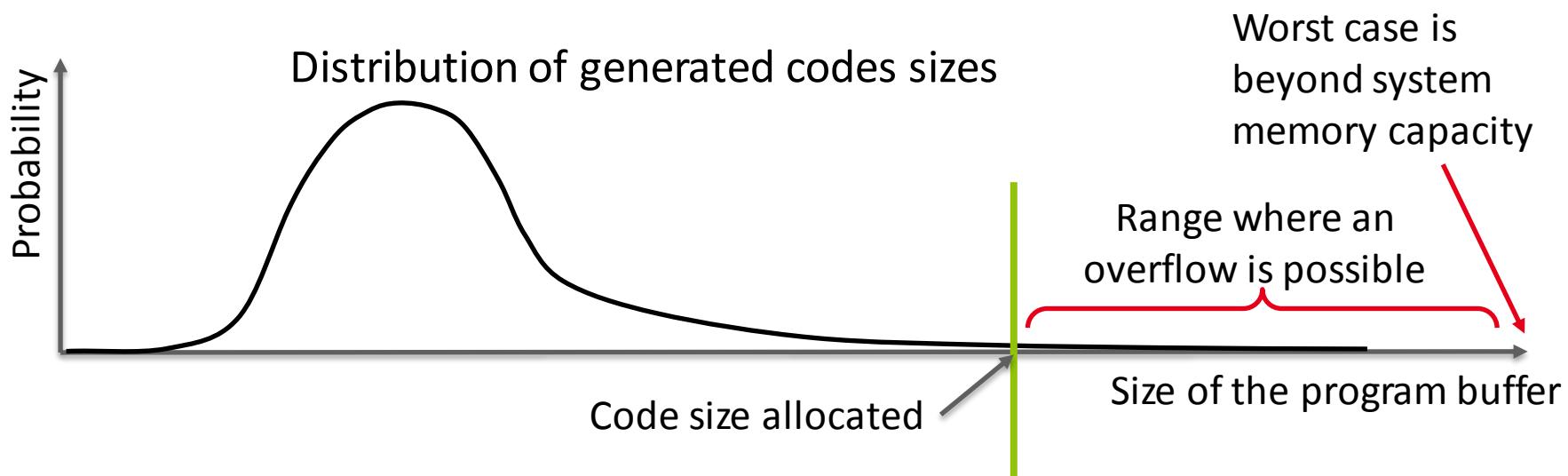
Polymorphic version, with COGITO:



MEMORY ALLOCATION OF CODE BUFFERS

Challenges

- No Operating System, no dynamic memory allocation (`malloc`), no MPU
- Generated code has a variable size
- Largest possible code size does not fit in system memory



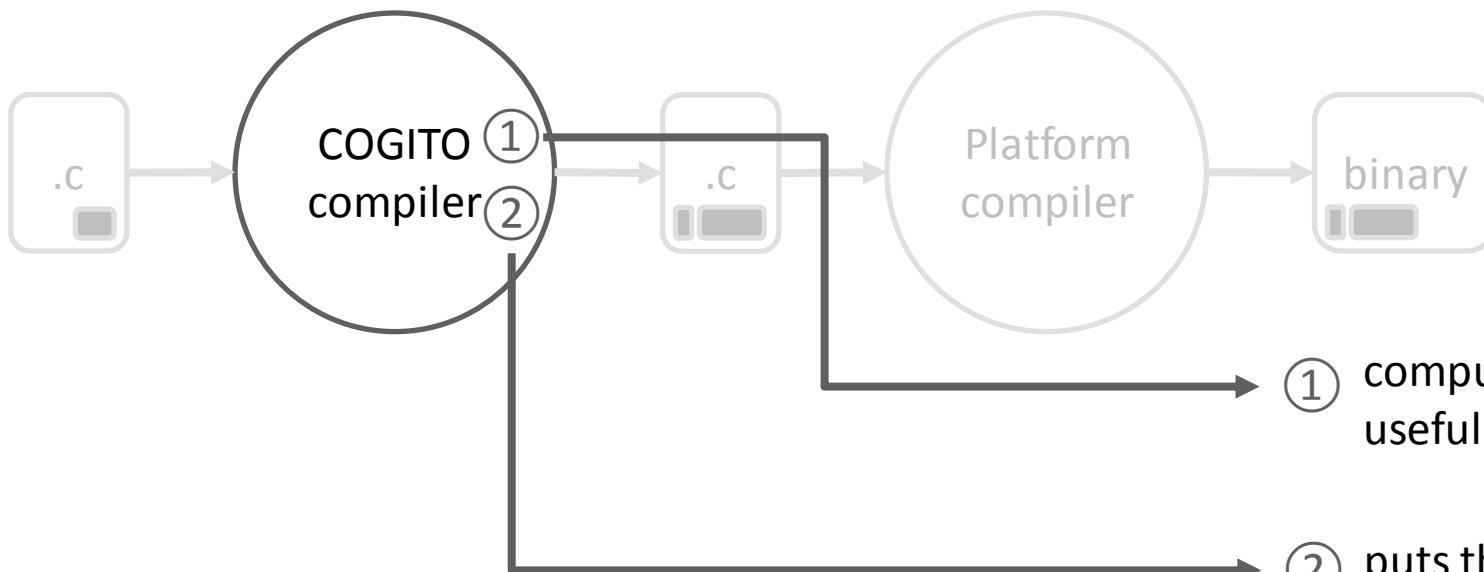
Idea: compute a realistic code size suitable for $(1-p)$ code generations.

- Threshold p : probability of memory overflow
- $p = 10^{-6}$ by default (configurable)
- Computation of the code size done automatically by the compiler

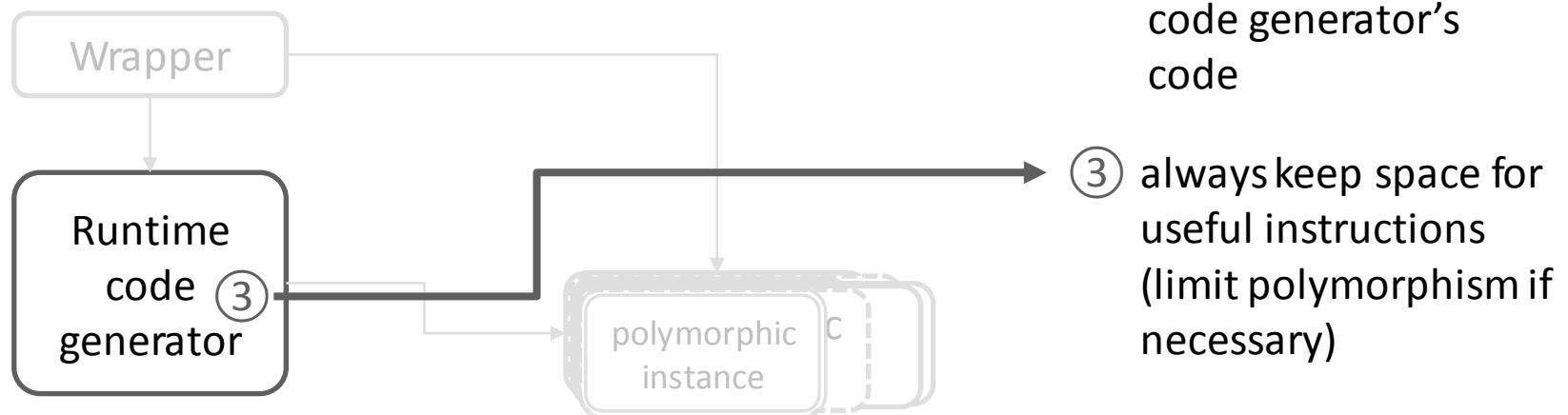
For a 100 instructions code (low config.), allocated size is **5x** smaller than worst case!

PREVENTION OF CODE BUFFER OVERFLOWS

STATICALLY

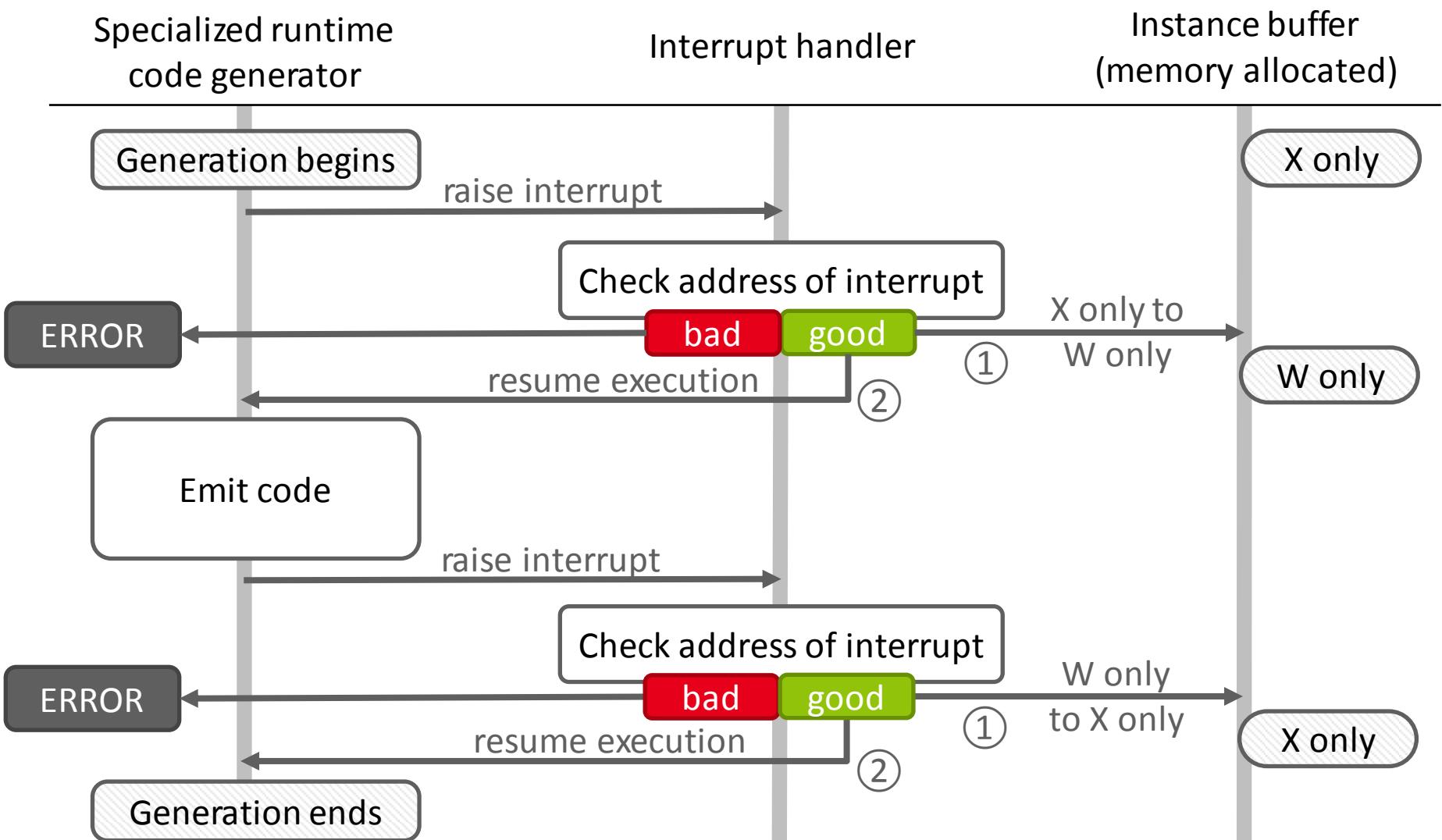


RUNTIME



MANAGEMENT OF MEMORY PERMISSIONS

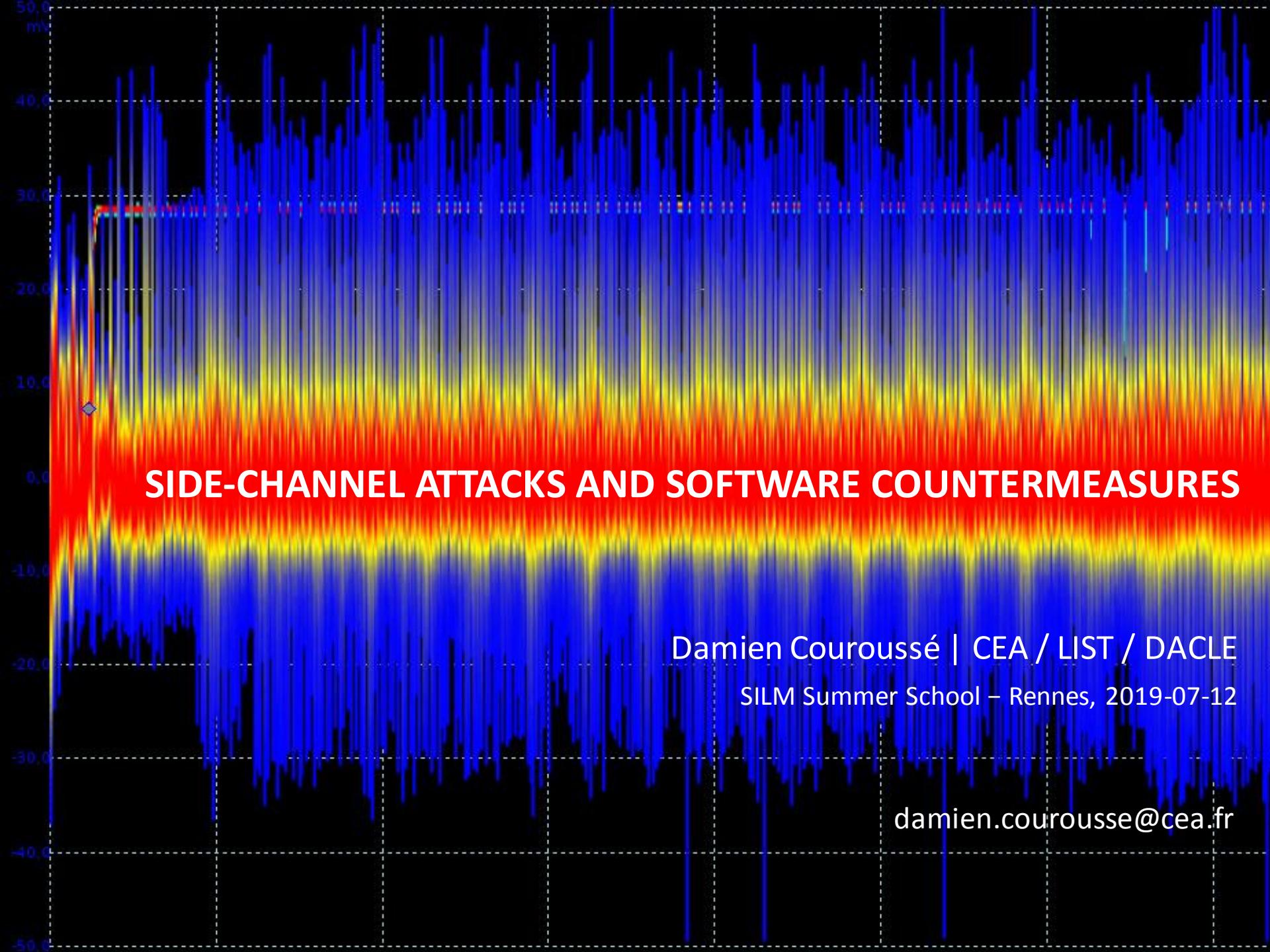
Objective: Guarantee $W \oplus X$ and that only the generator can write into the buffer



- **Leverage the compiler to implement counter-measures**
 - Automation, flexibility, configurability
- **Leverage compiler analysis and compiler optimisations to improve the effectiveness of counter-measures**
- **Verification tools are needed *after* the compilation of countermeasures**

Ongoing directions

- **Hardware security with software-only counter-measures is impossible challenging**
 - Challenge your threat model
 - HW/SW co-design of countermeasures



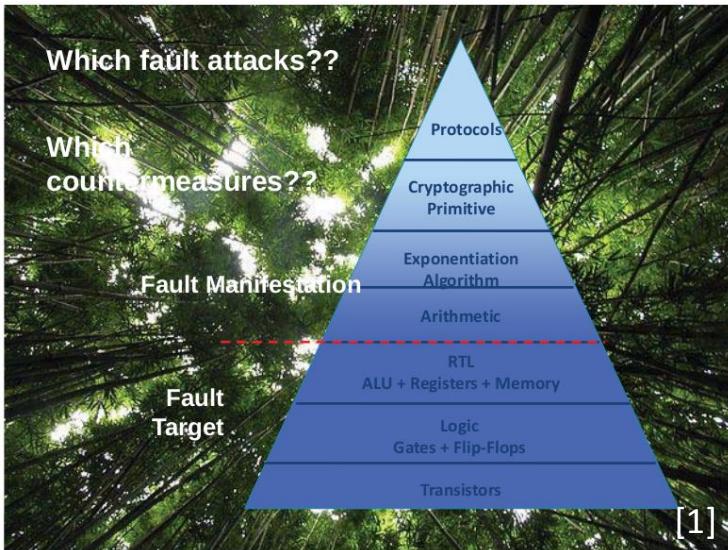
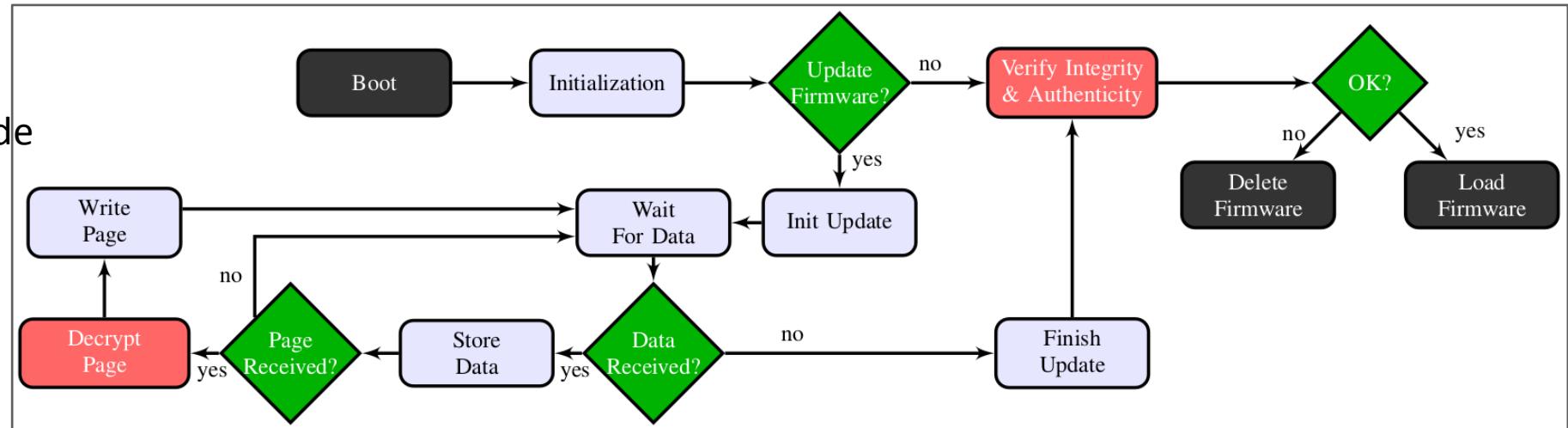
SIDE-CHANNEL ATTACKS AND SOFTWARE COUNTERMEASURES

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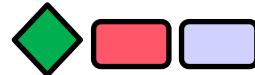
FAULT INJECTION ATTACKS: APPLICATION TO BFUS



Fault models, at the Instruction Set Architecture (ISA) level:

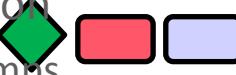
1. Data alteration, down to the bit level.

- ROM / RAM, processor registers
- Bit flip, bit stuck-at
- Typically: modification of loop counters, crypto data, opcode corruption.



2. Instruction skip, instruction modification

- Typically: NOP execution, arbitrary jumps



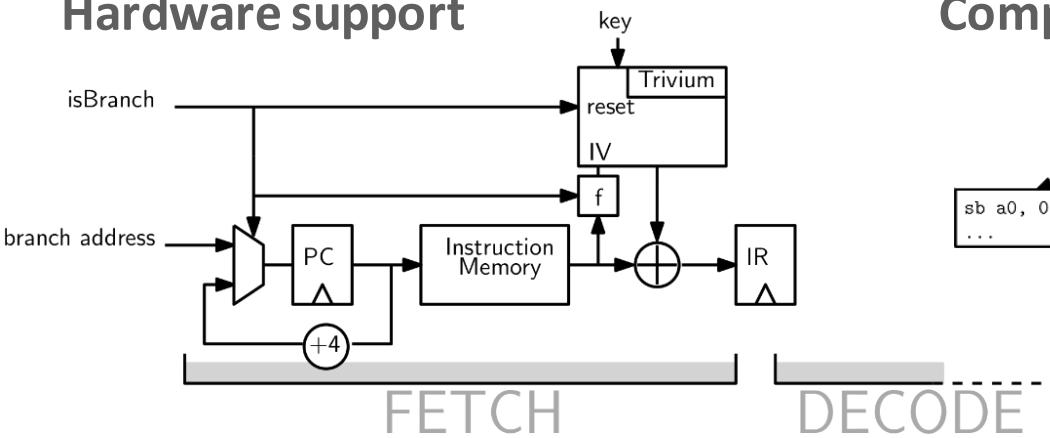
3. Modification of the control flow, e.g., test inversion



[1] I. Polian, M. Joye, I. Verbauwheide, M. Witteman, and J. Heyszl, 'Controlled fault injection: wishful thinking, thoughtful engineering or just luck?', FDTC, 2017.

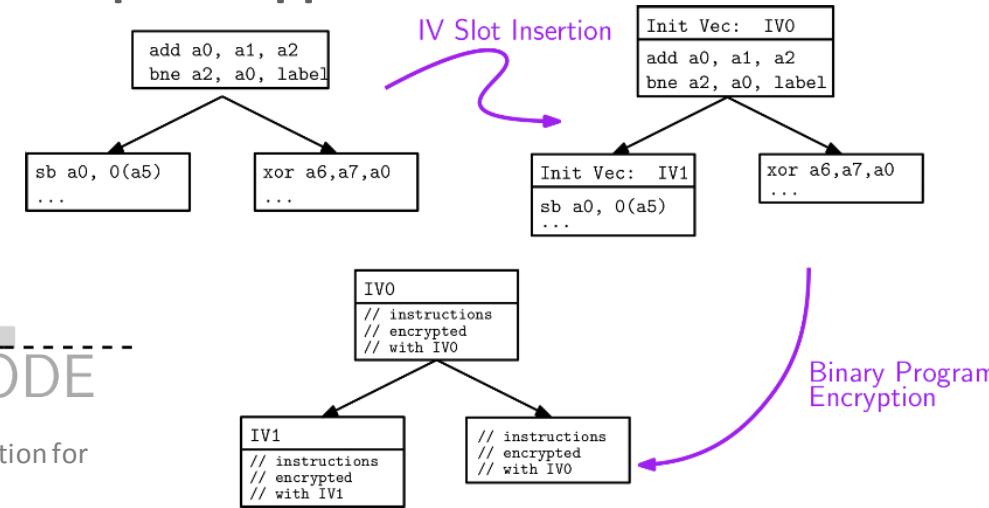
PROGRAM ENCRYPTION

Hardware support



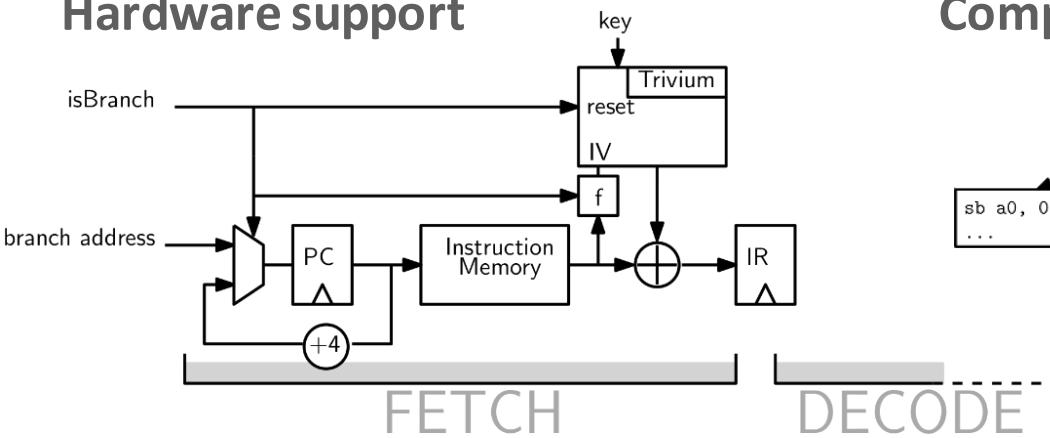
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Compiler support



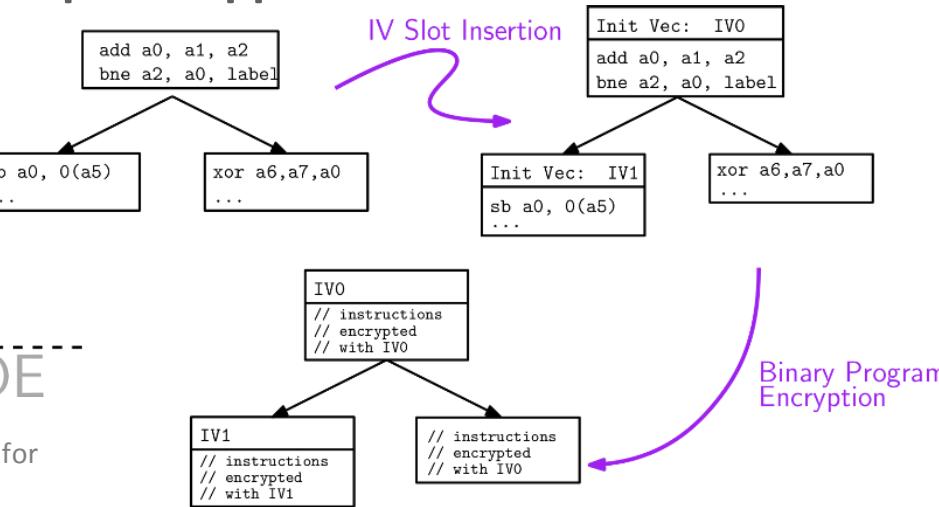
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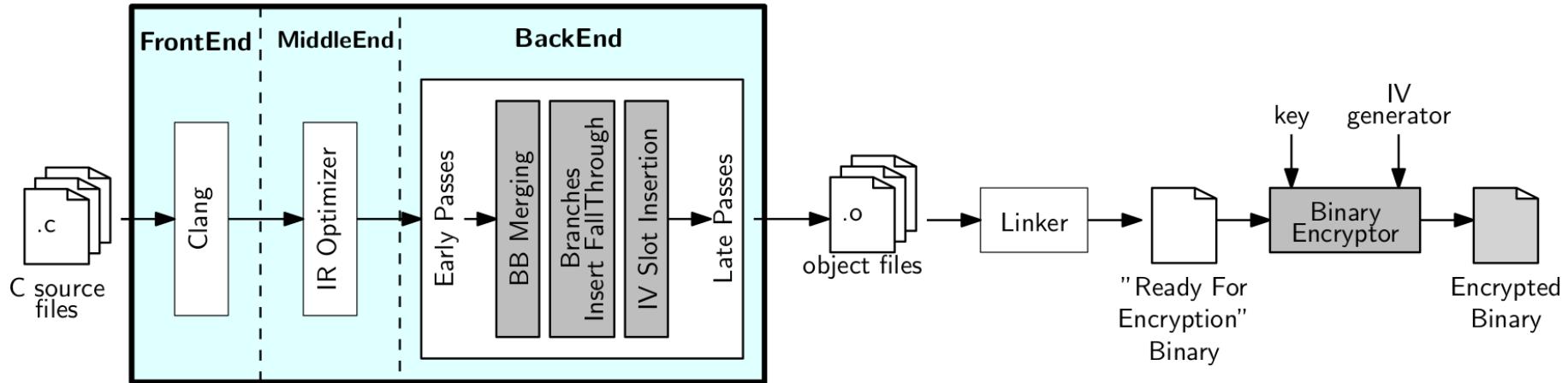
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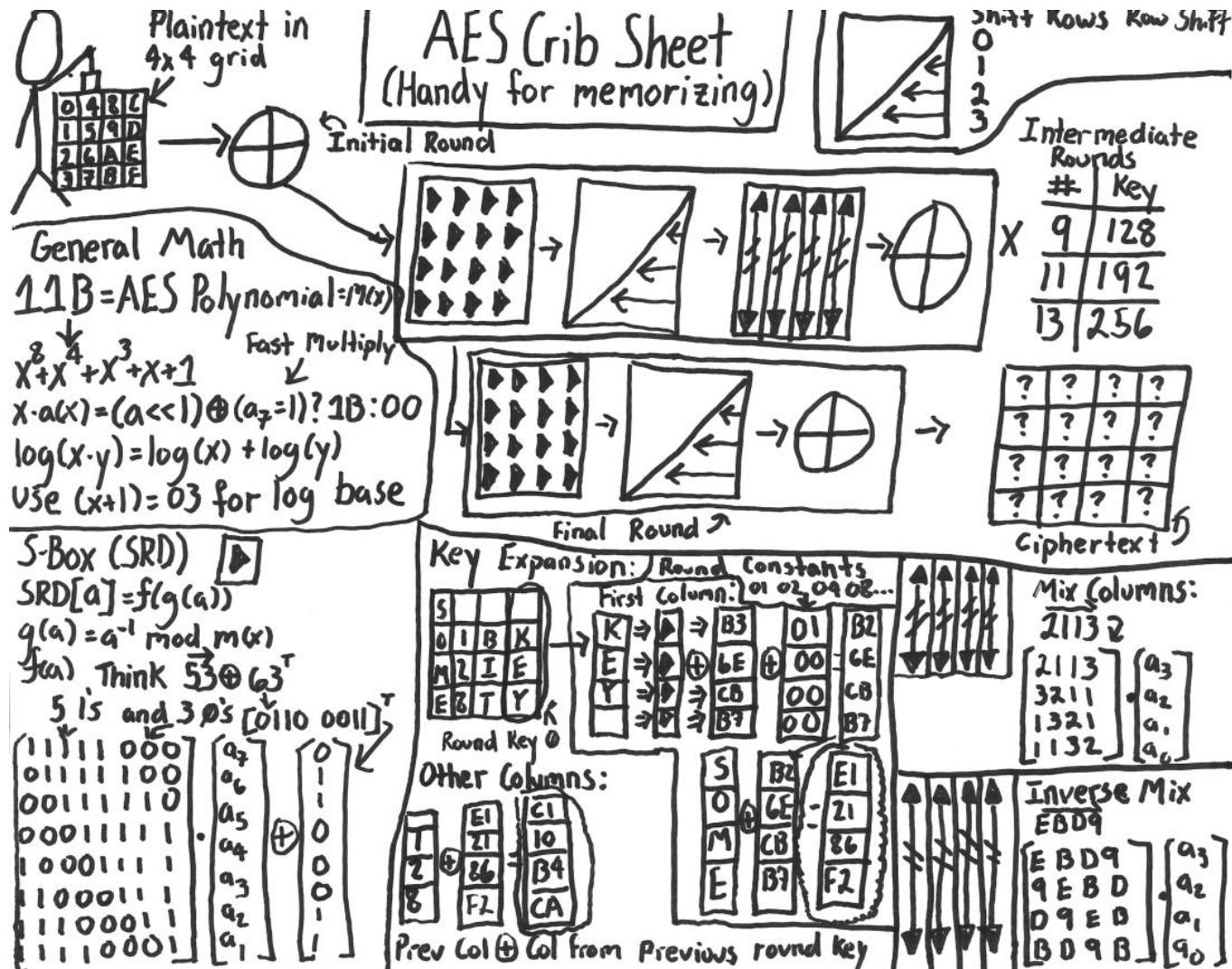
Toolchain support



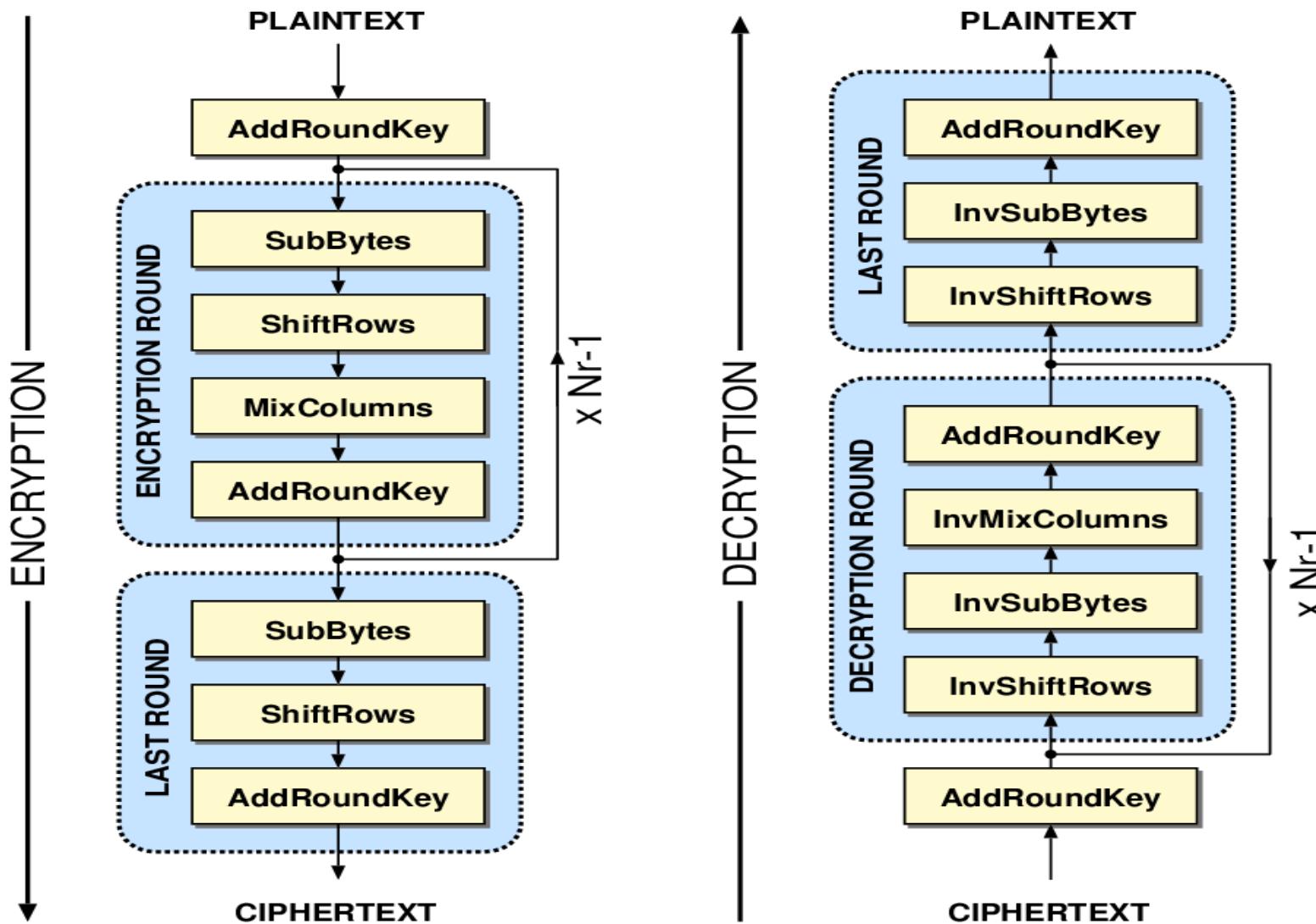
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- Our toolchain now targets **RISCV ISA** (+ARMv7)
- **Ilvm-RISCV** back-end generating **encryption-ready** binaries
- Standalone **binary encryptor**
- **HW decryption** added to the **Spike** Instruction Set Simulator
- Currently working on the encryption of polymorphic instances





AES, TIME AFTER TIME (BUT SO USEFUL...)



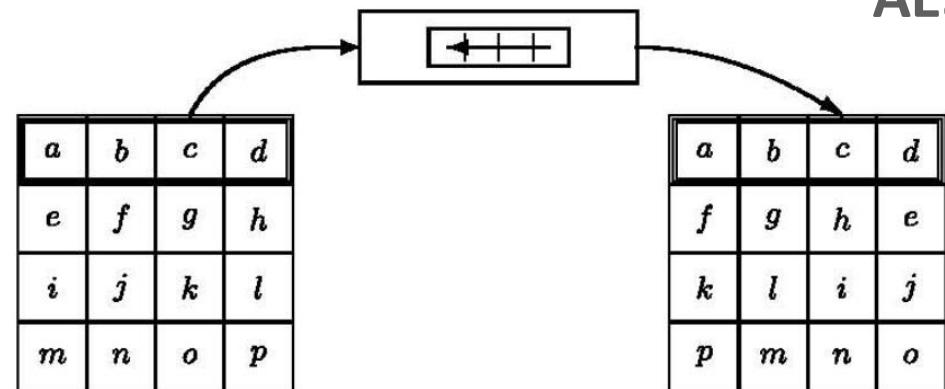
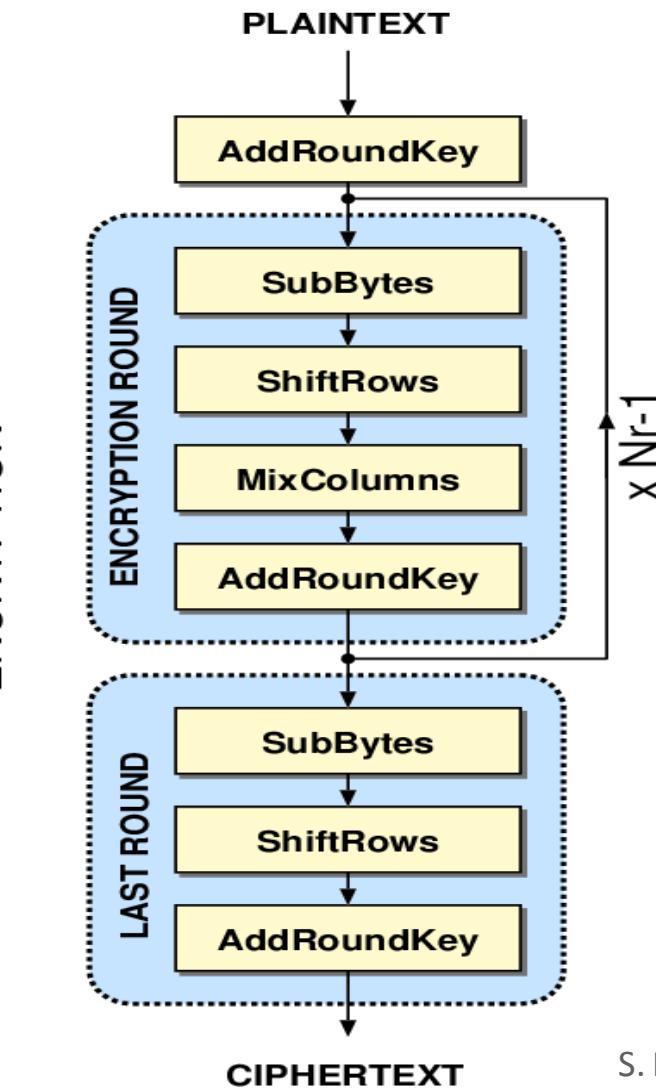


Figure B.6. **ShiftRows** operates on the rows of the state.

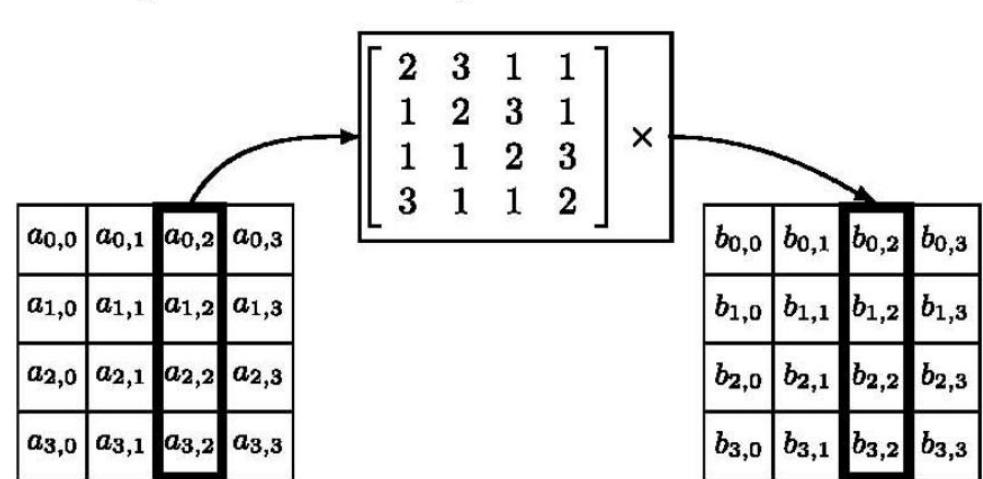


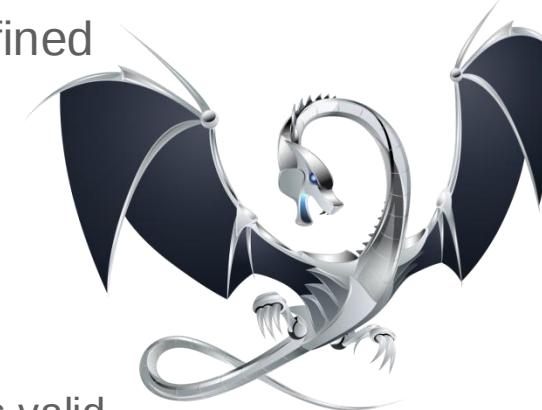
Figure B.7. **MixColumns** operates on the columns of the state.

S. Mangard, E. Oswald, and T. Popp, Power analysis attacks: Revealing the secrets of smart cards, vol. 31. Springer, 2007.

STANDARD COMPILERS AND SECURITY

COMPILER DUTIES & OBJECTIVES

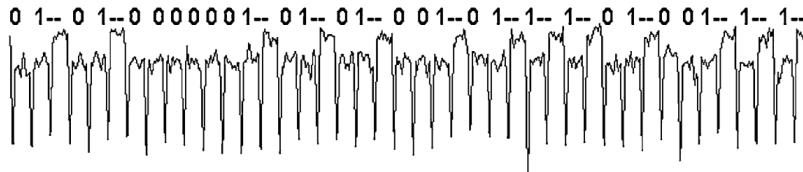
- **Duties: assurance of functional equivalence between source code and machine code**
 - “functional” / “functionality” is usually not precisely defined
 - Side effects?
 - Determinism of time behaviour? (real time execution)
 - Undefined behaviours?
 - No formal assurance
 - Except few works, such as CompCert
 - Correctness by construction?
 - The source code written by the developer is not always valid
- **Objectives: optimise one or several performance criteria**
 - Execution time
 - Resources: e.g. memory consumption
 - Energy consumption, power consumption
 - There is no complete criterion for optimality, and no convergence
 - Nature of the algorithm used
 - Relation to architecture / micro-architecture
 - Data...



- **Rights**
 - Reorganise contents of the target program, as long as program semantics is preserved
 - Machine instructions, basic blocs
 - Select the best translation for a source code operation / instruction
 - Remove parts of the program, as long as the program functionality is considered to be preserved (i.e. the computation does not participate in producing the program results)
- **Some classical optimisation passes:**
 - *dead code elimination*
 - *global value numbering*
 - common-subexpression elimination
 - *strength reduction*
 - *loop strength reduction, loop simplification, loop-invariant code motion*
- **LLVM's Analysis and Transform Passes, the 2016/06/30**
 - 40 analysis passes
 - 56 transformation/optimisation passes
 - 10 utility passes
 - ... backends, etc.

will break your security mechanisms

EXPLOITATION OF SIDE-CHANNEL INFORMATION LEAKAGE



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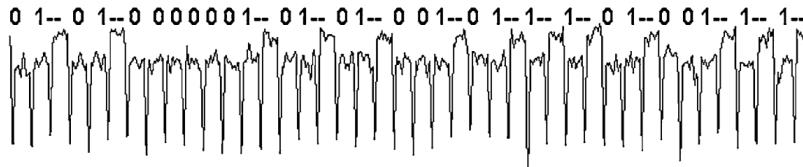


Key found!

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#265 After the encryption of 4240 Bytes of data!

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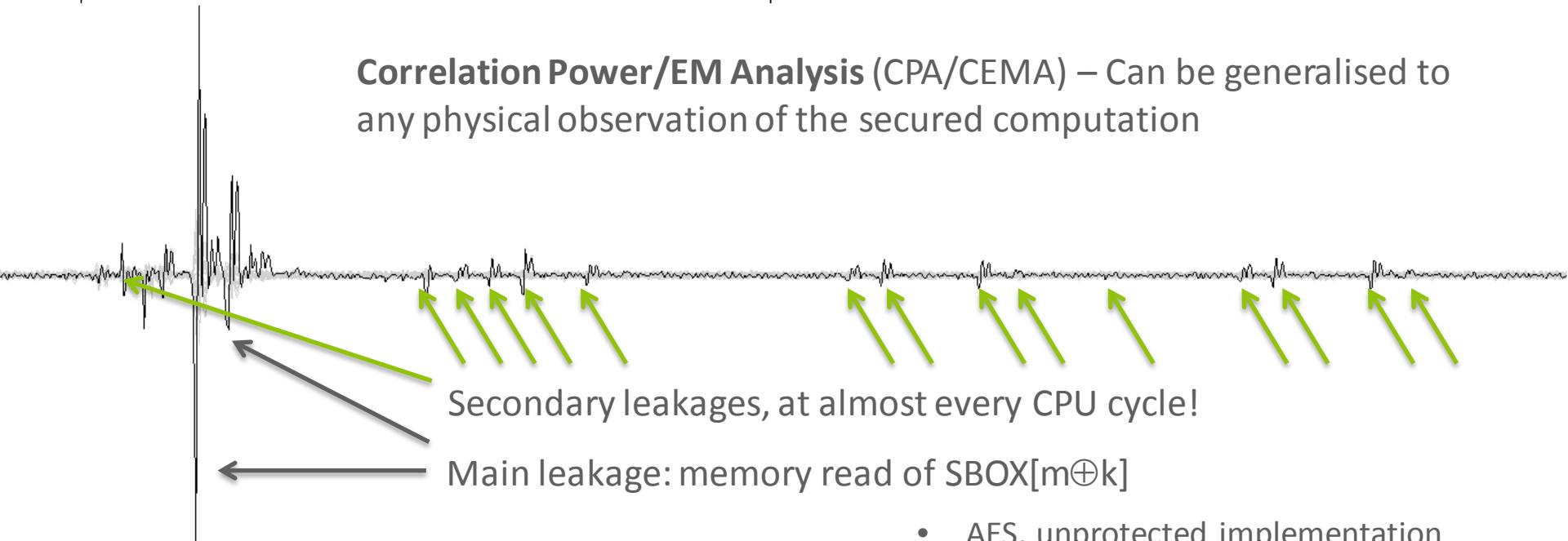


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