

Introduction to Physical Attacks

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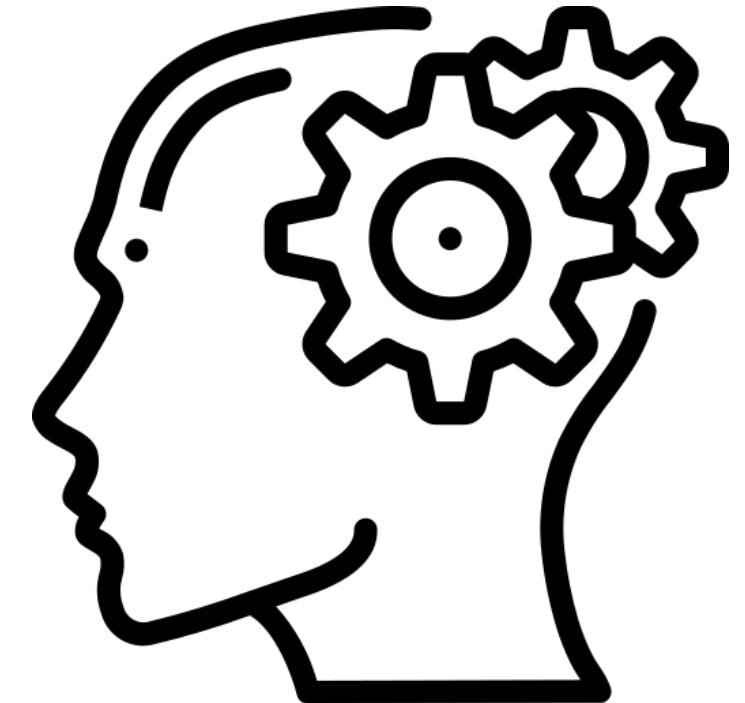
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Take a few minutes

Why are physical attacks important?

Who is our adversary?

Do these attacks matter for the industry?



This lecture

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Why are physical attacks important?

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Who is our adversary?

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Lets learn some vocabulary..

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The industry perspective

Why are physical attacks important?

Why protect against physical attacks?

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Side Channel Attacks

- Recover cryptographic keys
- Recover NN training data
- Reverse engineer code

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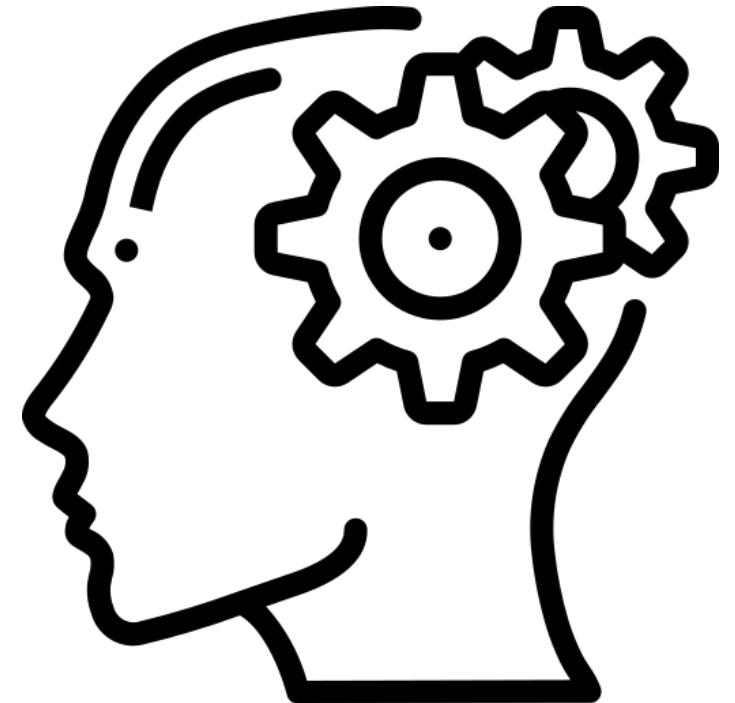
Fault Injection

- Recover cryptographic keys
- Modify memory contents
- Modify registers contents
- Alter the sequence of executed instruction

Physical attacks are powerfull !

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Why protect against physical attacks?



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Resilience against physical attacks is mandated in certain industries !

Who is our adversary?



The adversary - TOM

Tamper:

- obtain access to the hardware (evidence, resistant, proof)

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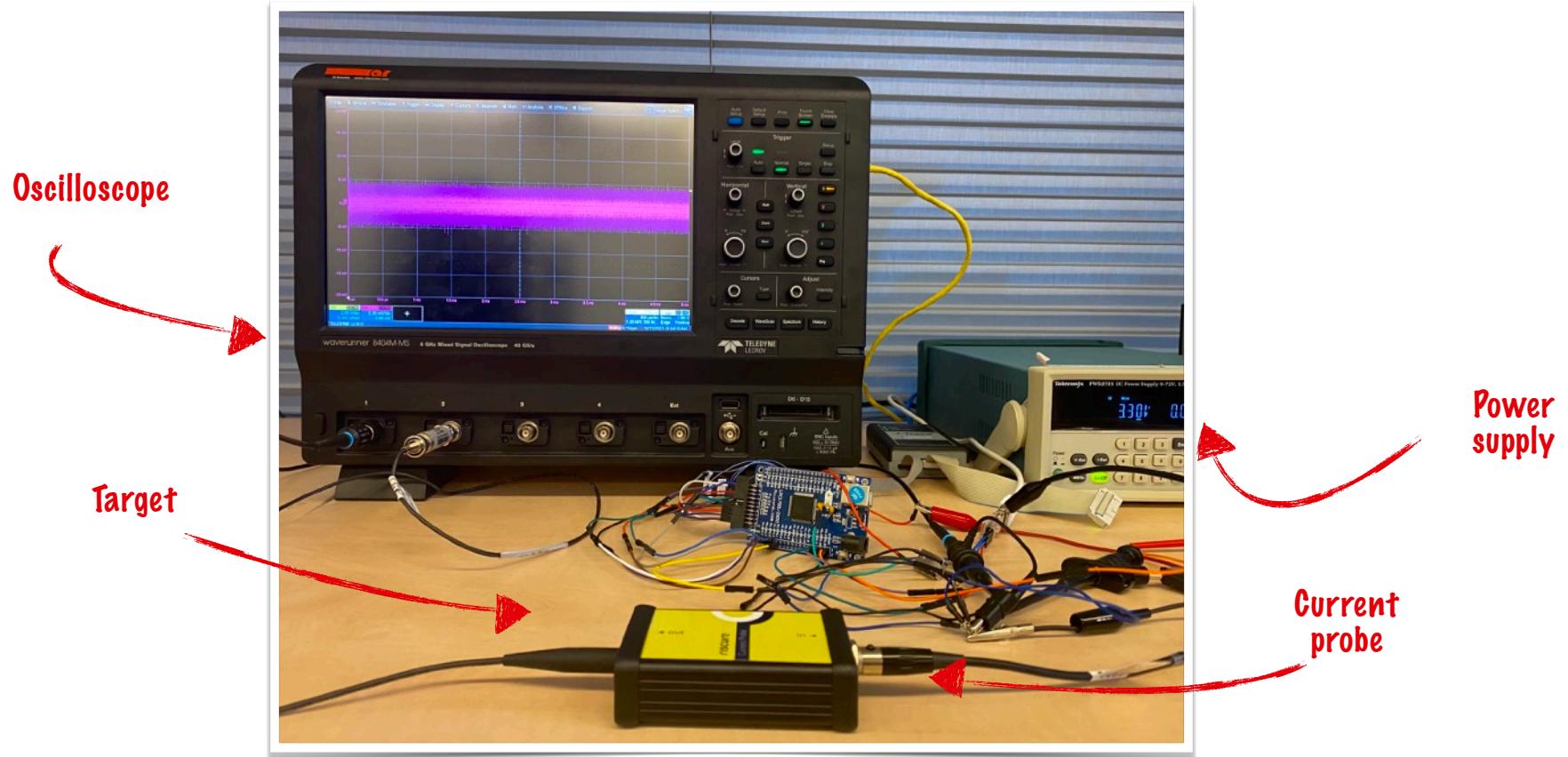
- identify components, side channels;

Modify:

- read restricted data, bypass security checks, etc.



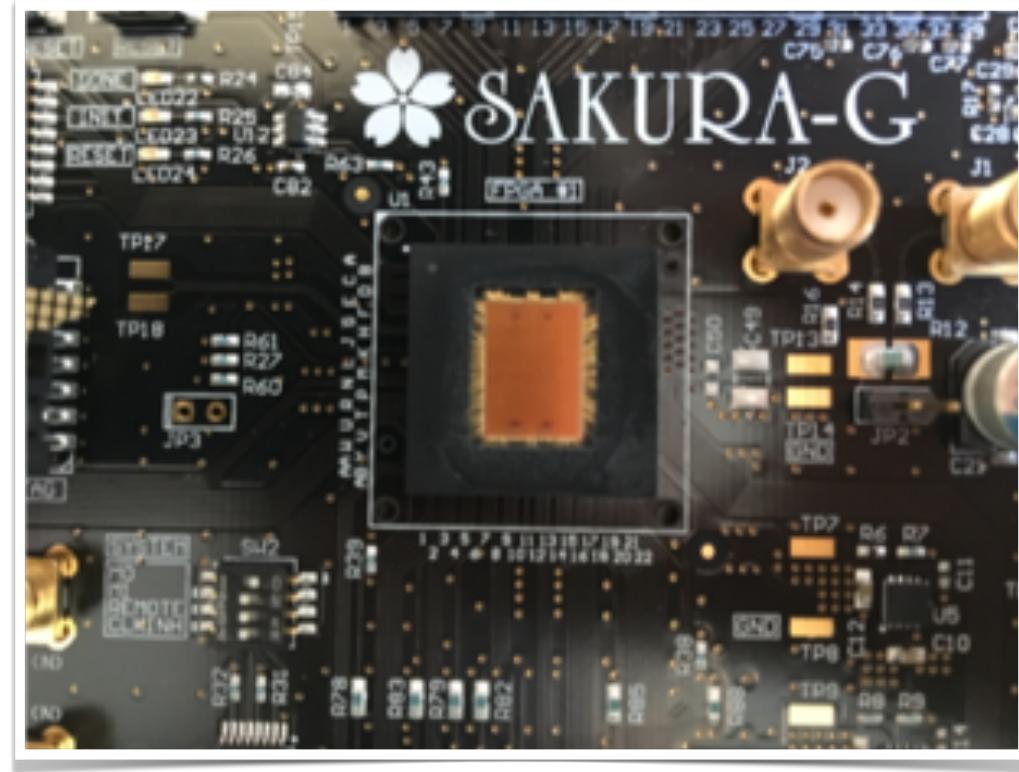
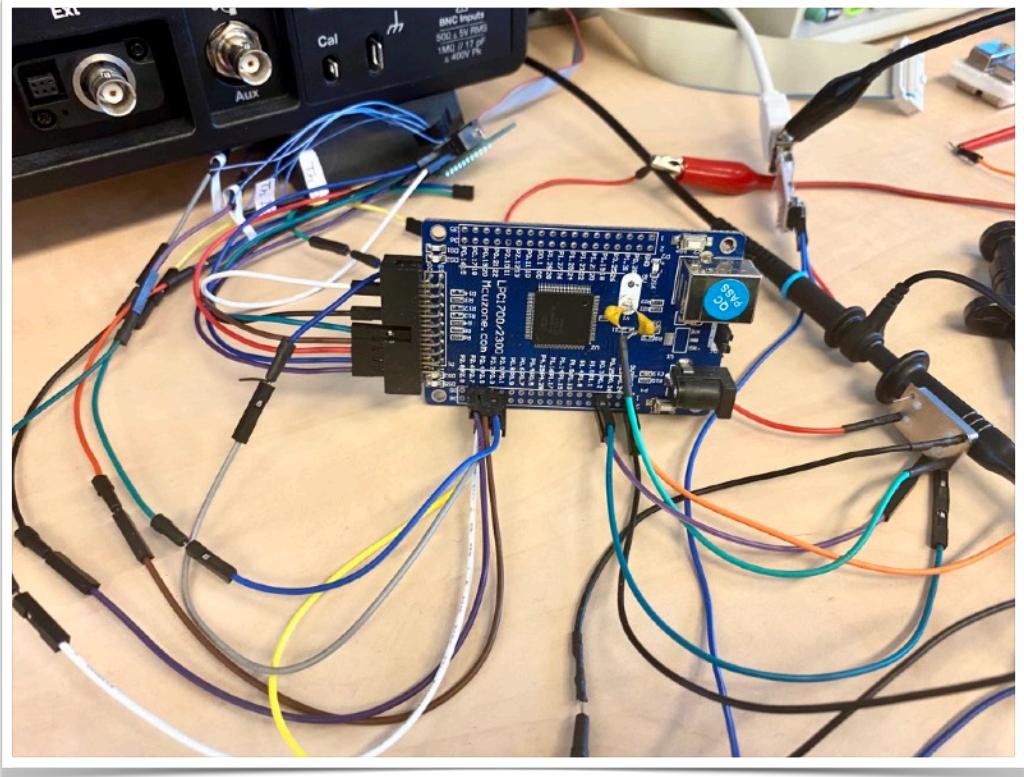
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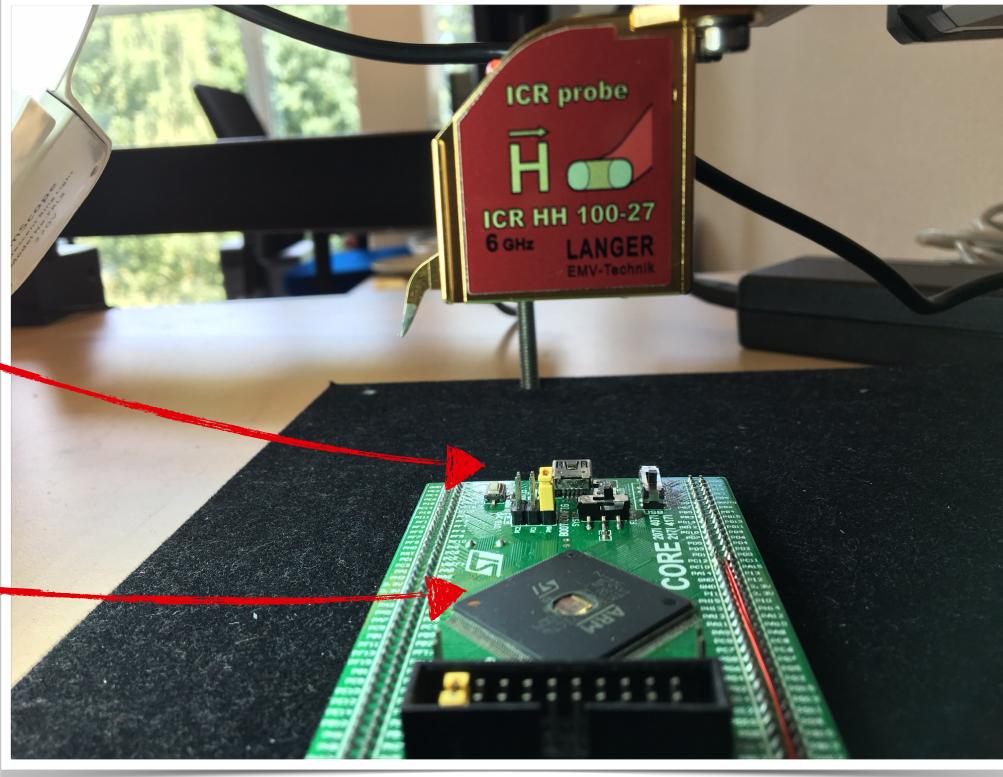


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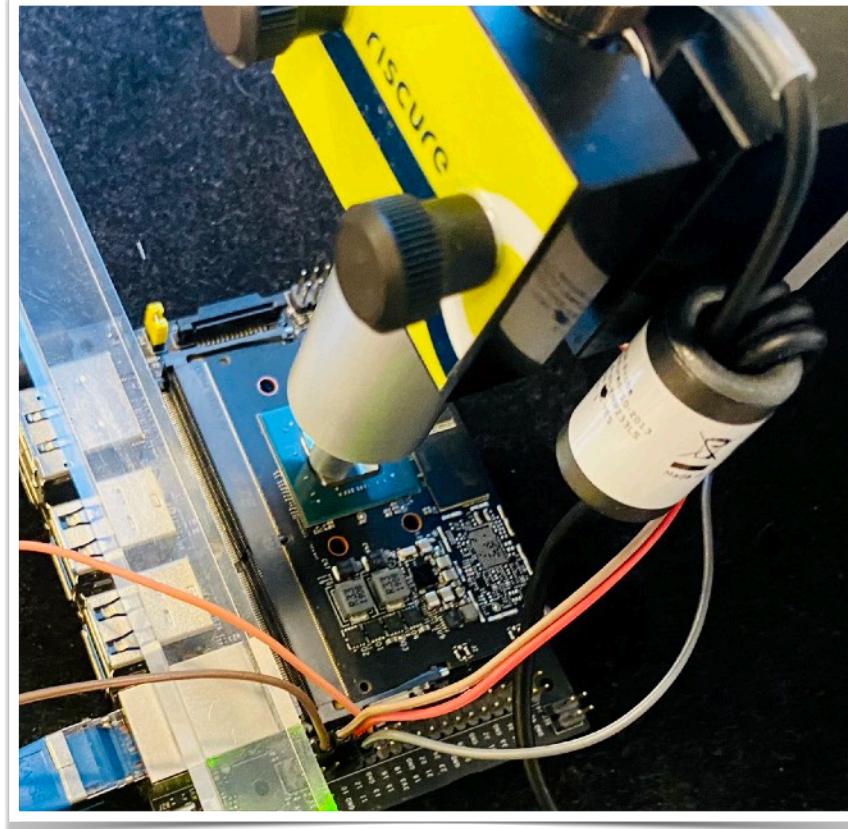
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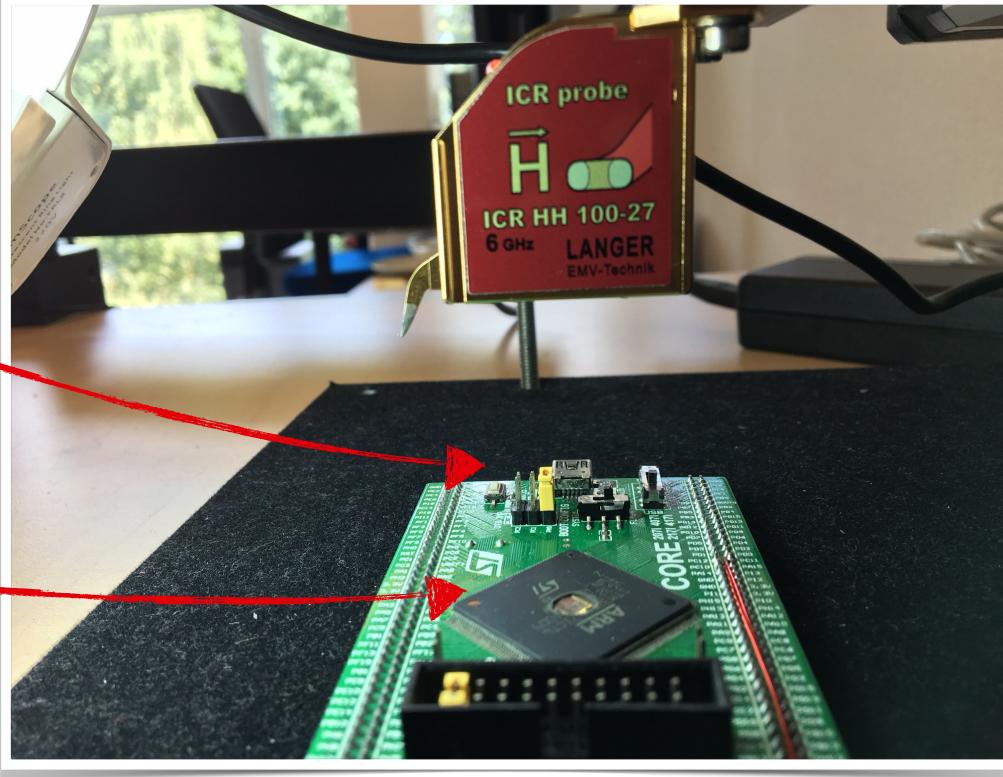


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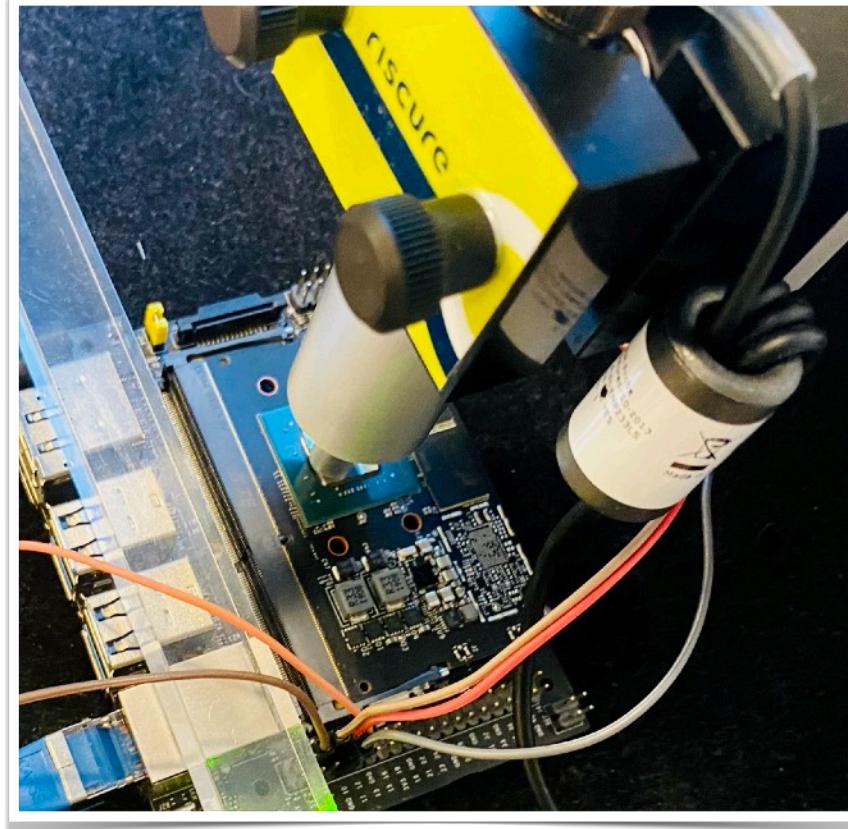
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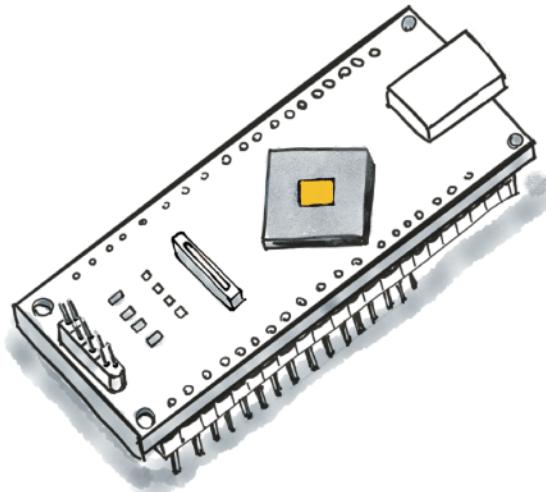
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Side channel evaluations

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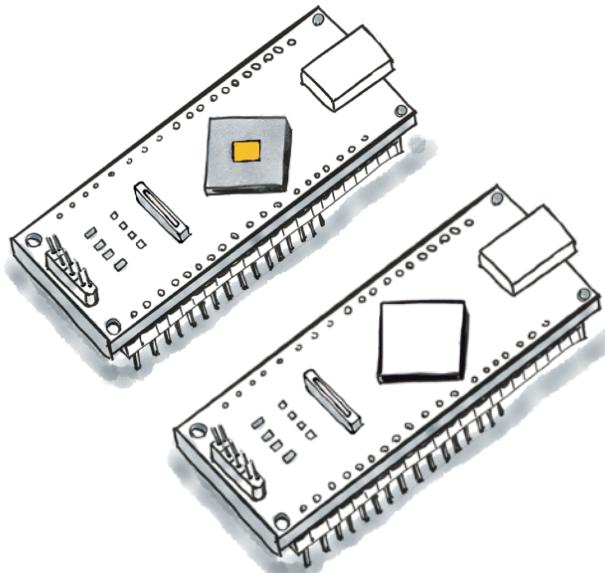
Unprofiled attacks



Goal: attack

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Profiled attacks



Goal: attack

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Leakage detection



Goal: evaluate

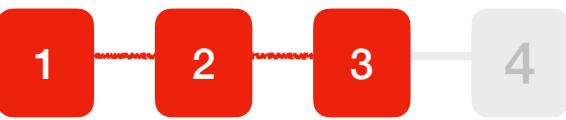
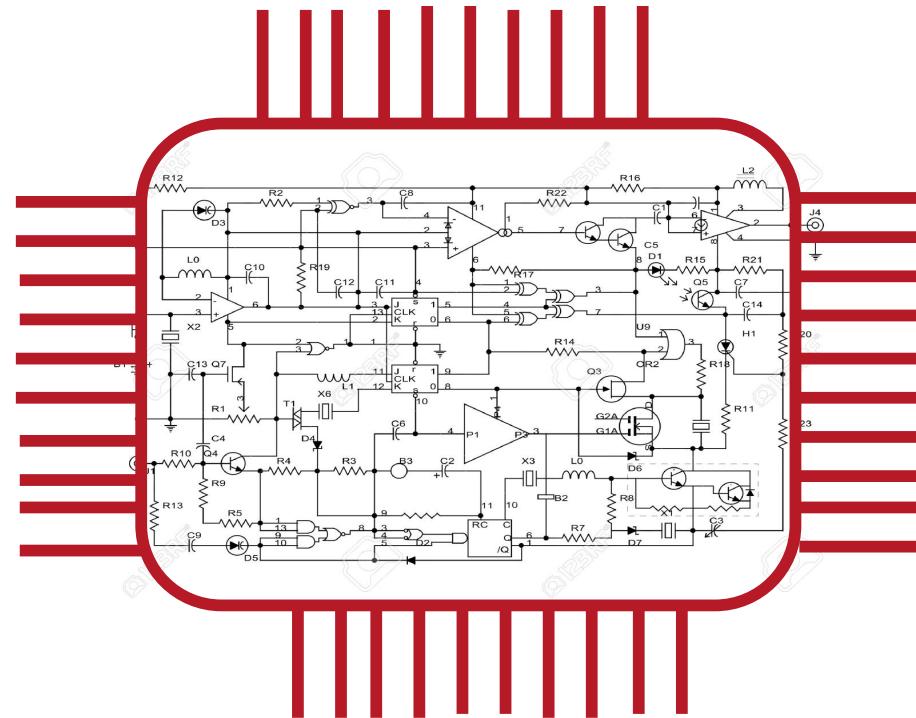
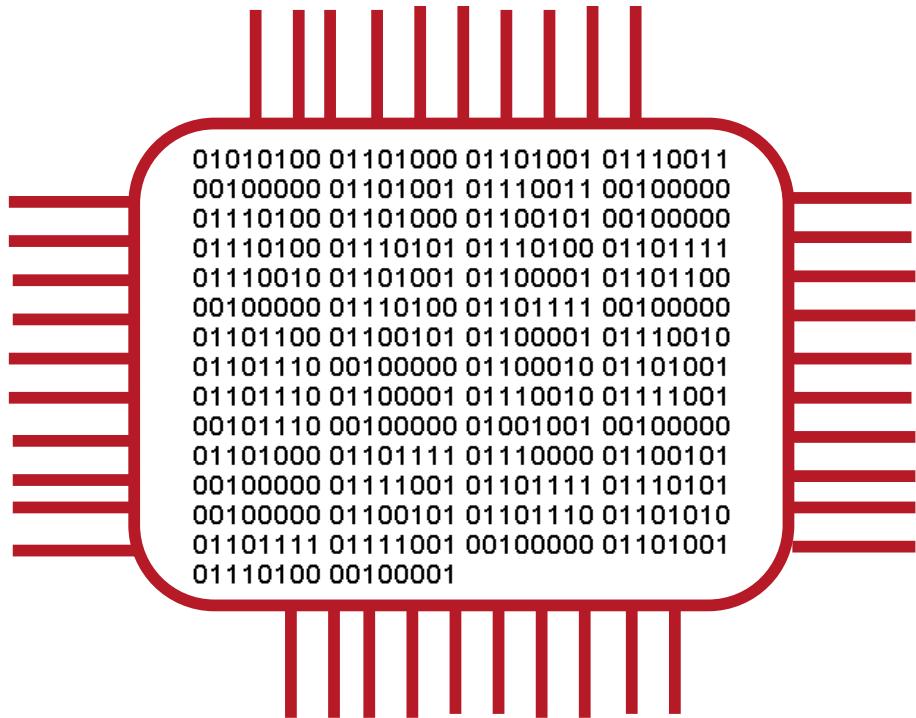
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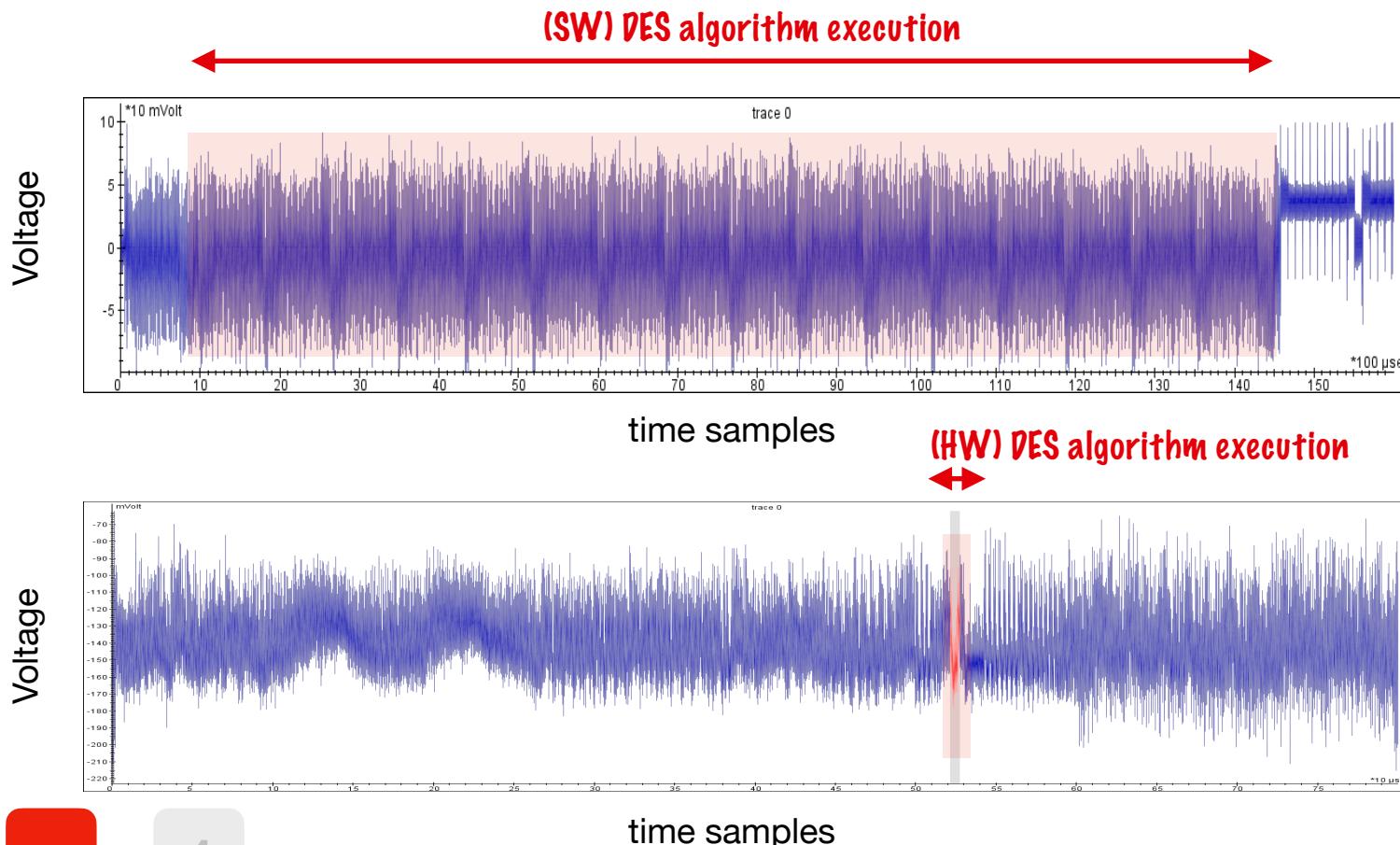
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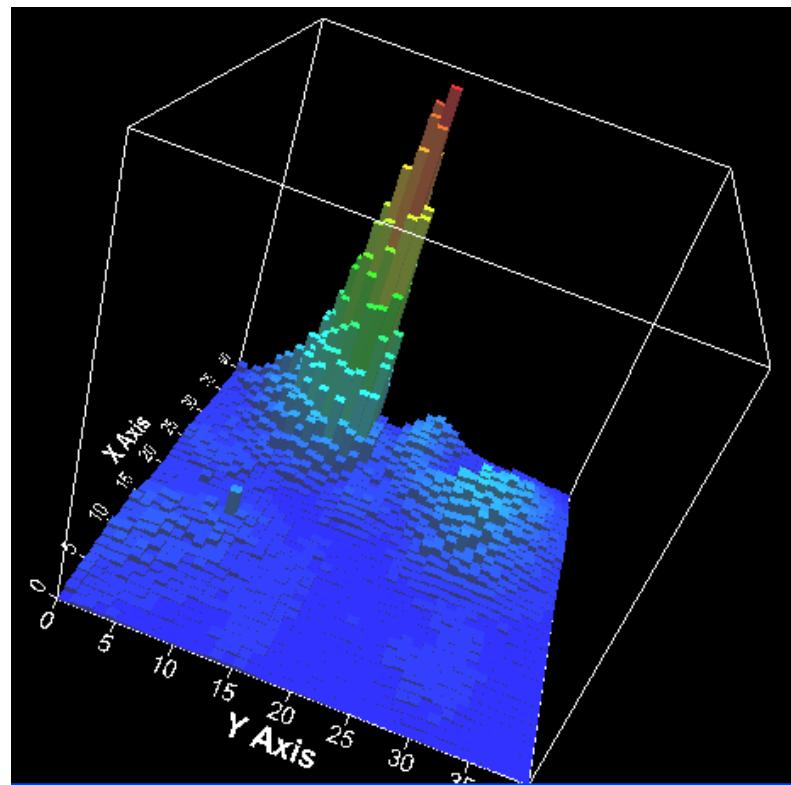
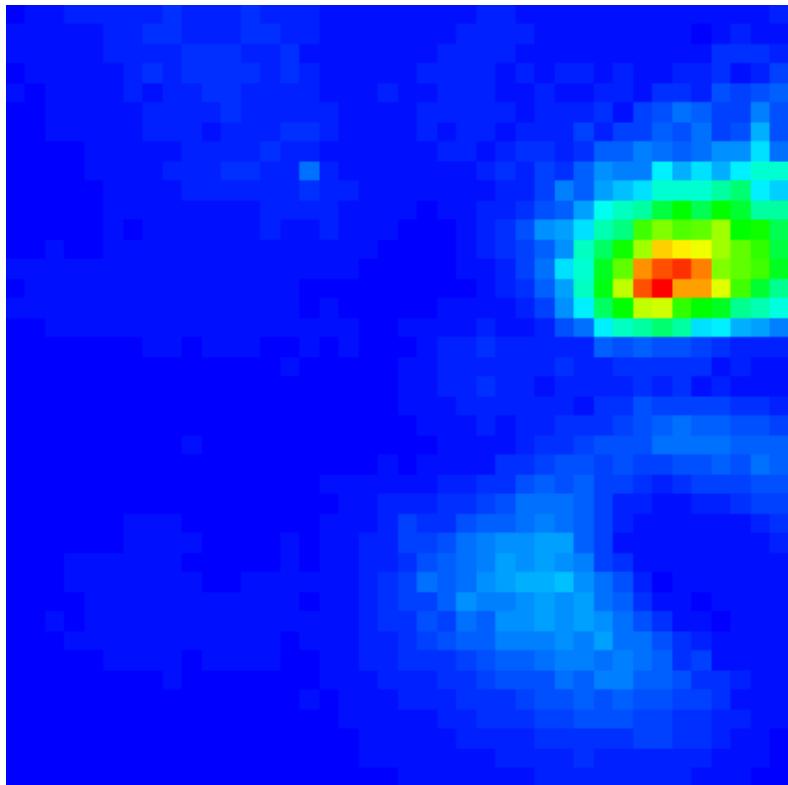
Software vs Hardware implementation



Power signatures of cryptographic implementations



EM scan of a chip surface



The industry perspective: evaluating device resilience

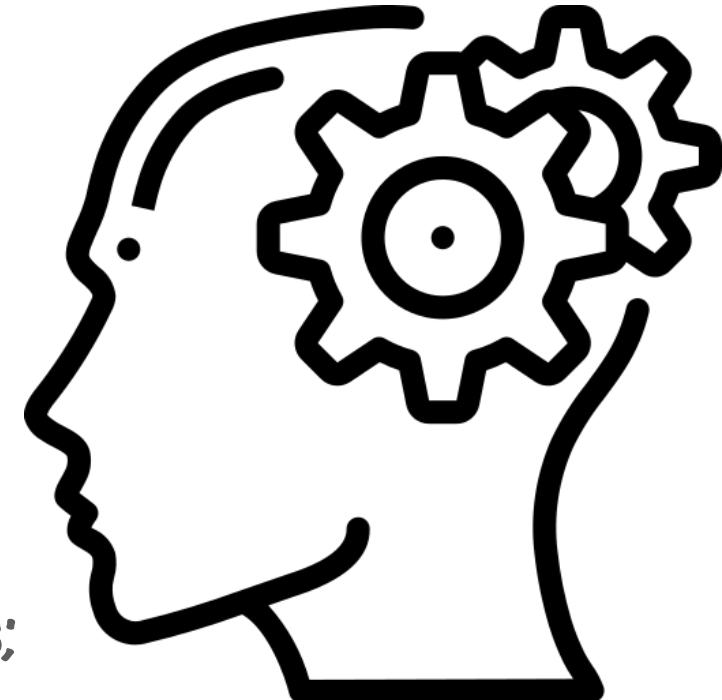


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Why invest in a security evaluation?

Motivation for purchasing security evaluation services:

- (A) Have to, or the product cannot be sold;
- (B) Protect against potential future damage;
- (C) Competitive advantage
- (D) Produce secure devices for the safety of their customers;



Security certification

1. Evidence that a product meets a set of given security requirements;
2. Regulate access to certain markets: payment, content protection, government, etc
3. Different security evaluation standards are available:
4. Cost effective:
 - recognition of certificates
 - pre-defined security requirements
 - pre-defined evaluation methodology
5. Vendor liability
 - industry
 - product type: IC, OS application
 - security requirements
 - geographical location

Common Criteria

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History & Influence

- (1994) France, Germany, the Netherlands and UK
- (2022)

Certificate authorizing members: Australia, Canada, France, Germany, India, Italy, Japan, Malasia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Korea, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, USA

Certificate consuming members: Austria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Ethiopia, Finland, Greece, Hungary, Indonesia, Israel, Pakistan, Poland, Qatar, Slovak Republic, UK

- Separation of the role of evaluator (national schemes) and certifier (accredited commercial laboratories)

The sponsor for the evaluation is the vendor!

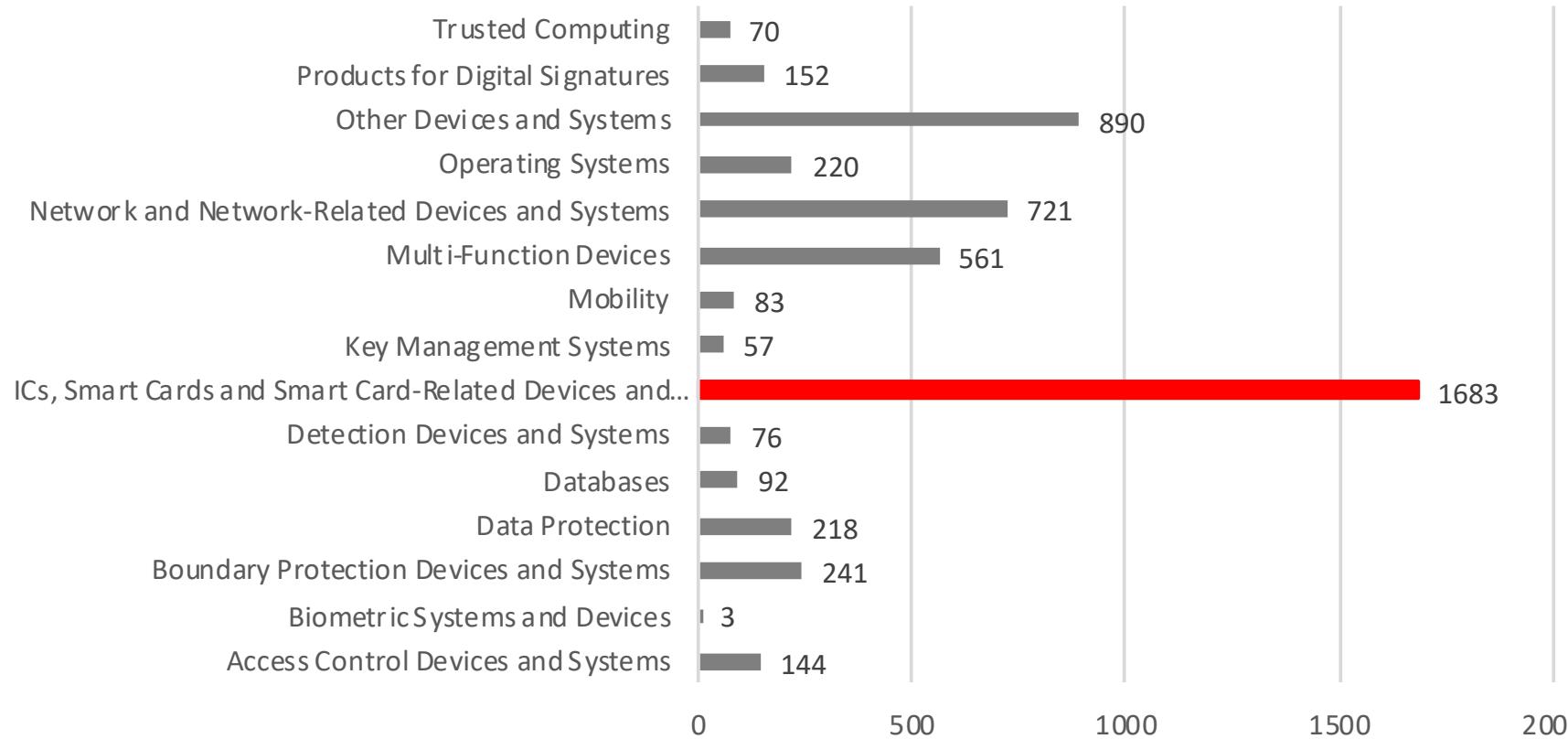
Objectives of CC evalution

- to ensure that evaluations of Information Technology (IT) products and protection profiles are performed to high and consistent standards, and are seen to contribute significantly to confidence in the security of those products and profiles;
- to improve the availability of evaluated, security-enhanced IT products and protection profiles;
- to eliminate the burden of duplicating evaluations of IT products and protection profiles;
- to continuously improve the efficiency and cost-effectiveness of the evaluation and certification/validationl process for IT products and protection profiles.

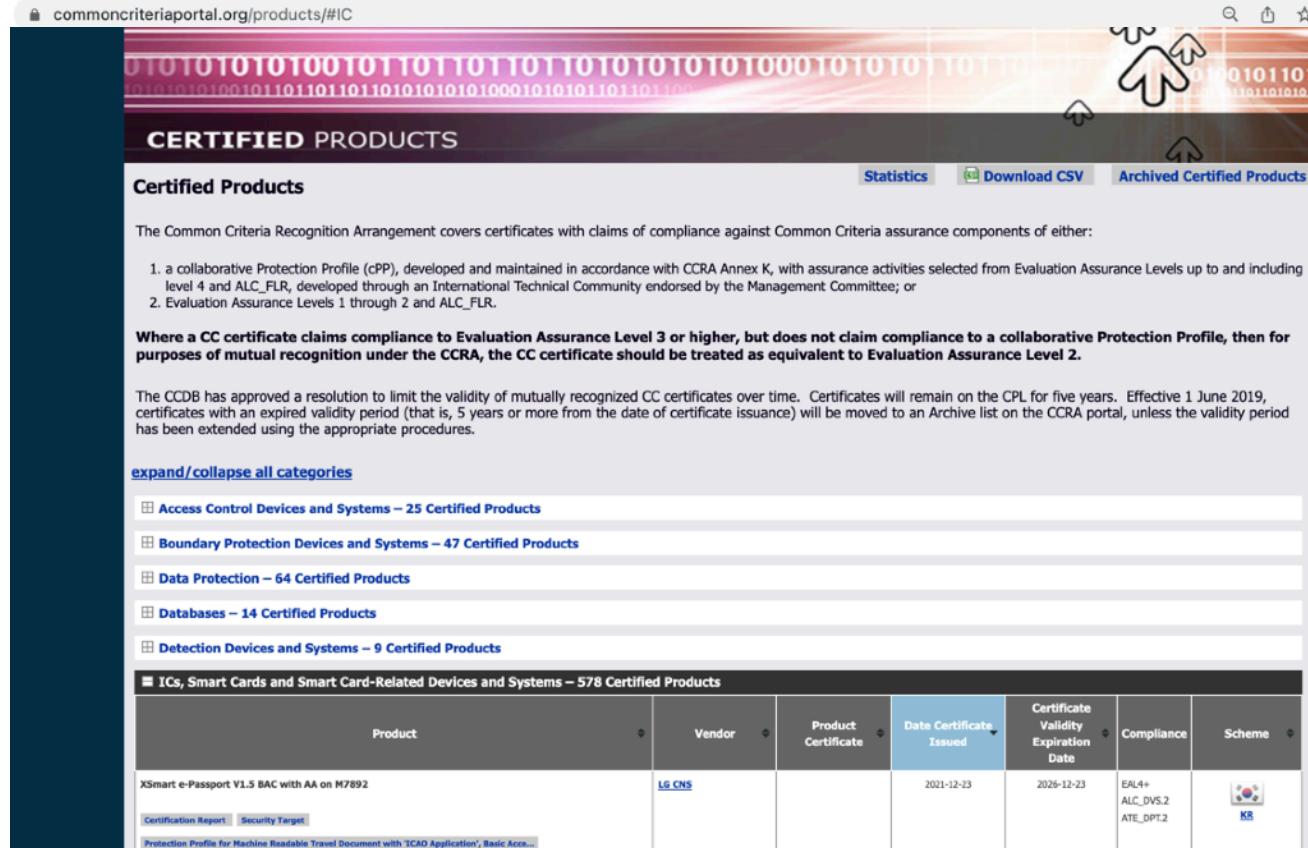
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Objectives of CC evaluation

Certified CC products per category (end 2022)



CC certificates are public



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Certification Report Security Target						
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Security IC Platform Protection Profile with Augmentation Packages						

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CC certificate for Qualcomm Secure Processor Unit

Certification Report

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USA

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Security features of the target

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- Internal Security functions - functionality related to the security of the TOE itself, primarily implemented at the OS level for logical protection mechanisms, e.g.:
 - Access controls for memories,
 - Access controls for keys managed by hardware,
 - Secure boot and root of trust,
 - Protection of user data,
 - Secure loading and updating of software and applications.
 - Domain separation between applications executed by the TOE.
 - Anti-replay island and software freshness protection.
 - Cryptographic services (API) - functionality related to the Cryptographic Management Unit, primarily for cryptographic operation security, e.g.:
 - Random number generation,
 - Symmetric and asymmetric cryptographic algorithms (TDES, AES, RSA, Elliptic Curves)
 - Secure key storage in Cryptographic Management Unit,
 - Secure key generation and zeroization,
 - Hashing functions (e.g. SHA-1, SHA-256, SHA-384, SHA-512).
 - Physical protection - functionality related to the physical protection of the TOE, primarily related to mechanisms to counter physical attacks at a hardware level, e.g.:

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Software	SPU software (MCP & System application (cryptoapp & asym_cryptoapp))	SPSS.A1.1.4-00108-LAHAINA.0-1

To ensure secure usage a set of guidance documents is provided, together with the Qualcomm Secure Processor Unit SPU250 (Version: 4.1) in SM8350 SoC (Qualcomm® Snapdragon™ 888) with symmetric and asymmetric crypto support. For details, see section 2.5 "Documentation" of this report.

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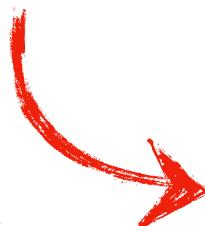
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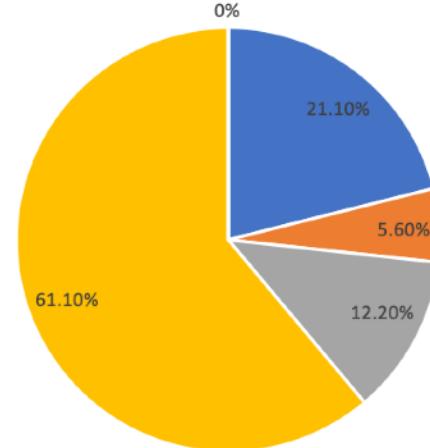
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■ Characterization tests ■ Physical attacks ■ Perturbation attacks ■ Side Channel attacks ■ Logical attacks

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Security features of the target

The H1D3 Secure Microcontroller with Crypto Library v0.1.4 basically provides the following hardware features:

- Memory Protection Unit (MPU)
- HMAC- SHA256, SHA256
- AES and TDES hardware engines
- Public Key cryptographic coprocessor
- A True Random Number Generator (TRNG)
- A Deterministic Random Bit Generator (DRBG) based on HMAC
- Environmental sensors.

In addition, the TOE provides the following software features as part of the IC Dedicated Software:

- Bootloader
- Cryptographic library, providing the following services or access to HW co-processors:
 - RSA signature verification
 - EC Key Generation
 - ECDSA
 - ECDH
 - AES (CBC, ECB, CMAC, GCM, and CRT)
 - TDES (CBC, ECB)
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Software	Bootloader (embedded in ROM)	7f4bdb
	Crypto Library	0.1.4

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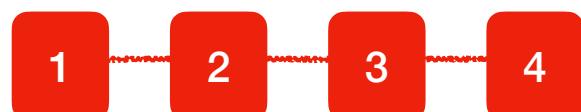
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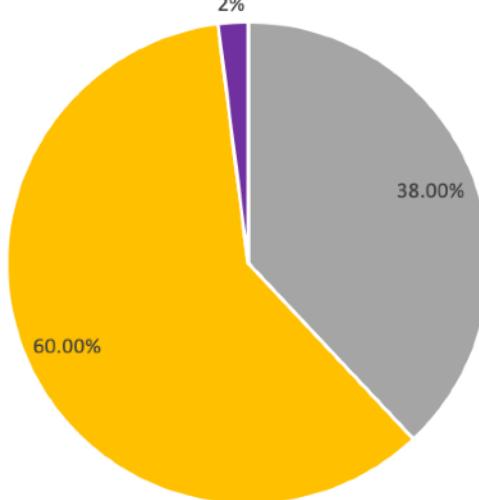


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CC evaluations in a nutshell

A CC certificate cannot guarantee security, but ensures that claims about security are independently verified.

Merits:

White-box evaluations;
Attack based evaluation;
Recognized in multiple markets;
Vetted evaluation labs;

Criticism:

Static, certificate valid for TOE;
Formal, a lot of documentation;
Expensive;

A CC certificate can only be withdrawn when it was issued under misconception, e.g., when it turns out that wrong evidence was submitted, not if a vulnerability is found.

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EMV chip

Europay Mastercard Visa - first published in 1996

EMVchip has three key elements:

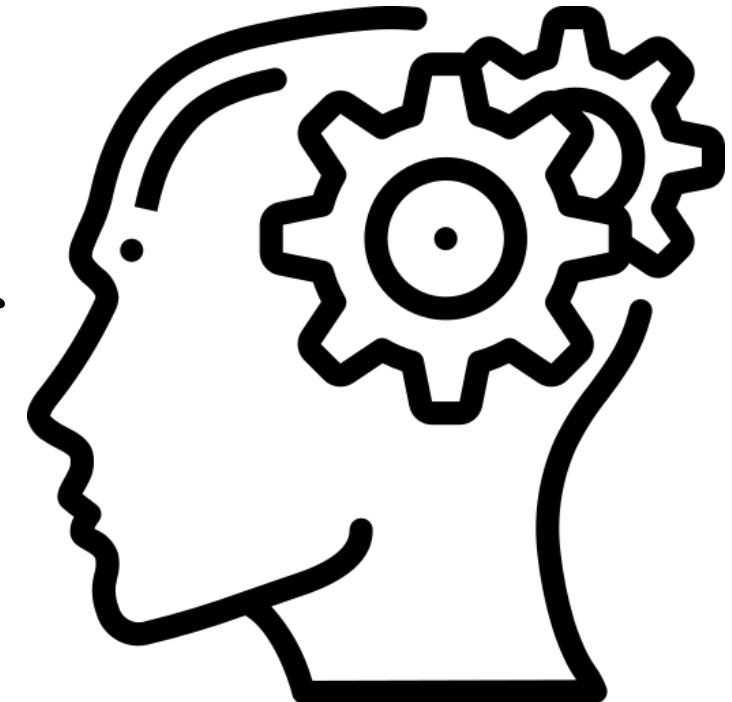
- it can perform processing
- can store confidential information very securely
- can perform cryptographic processing

EMV certification, similar to CC certification

- keyword: secure composability: chip, OS, application
- accredited labs
- manufacturers are sponsors of an evaluation
- certification body are private companies

Take a few minutes

What are some of the challenges for keeping certification up to date?



Beyond EMV chip

- Online payment world, the Chip\&Pin are becoming obsolete
- Support for different integrated payment methods
- Mobile Payment, Payment Tokenization, Wearables, EMV3D
- Technology evolves: HCE, TEE, etc.;
- Secure storage of credentials is hardware related;



Conclusions

Security certification regulate the evaluation and testing in the security industry;

Security certifications exist in a complex eco-systems

Some schemes do not look at the final product but the development process.

Challenges ahead:

technology shifts;

costs;

impact of remote attacks is unclear;

white/grey-box evaluation;

scoring of attacks is subjective to the experts interpretation ;

THANK YOU