

## MELTDOWN

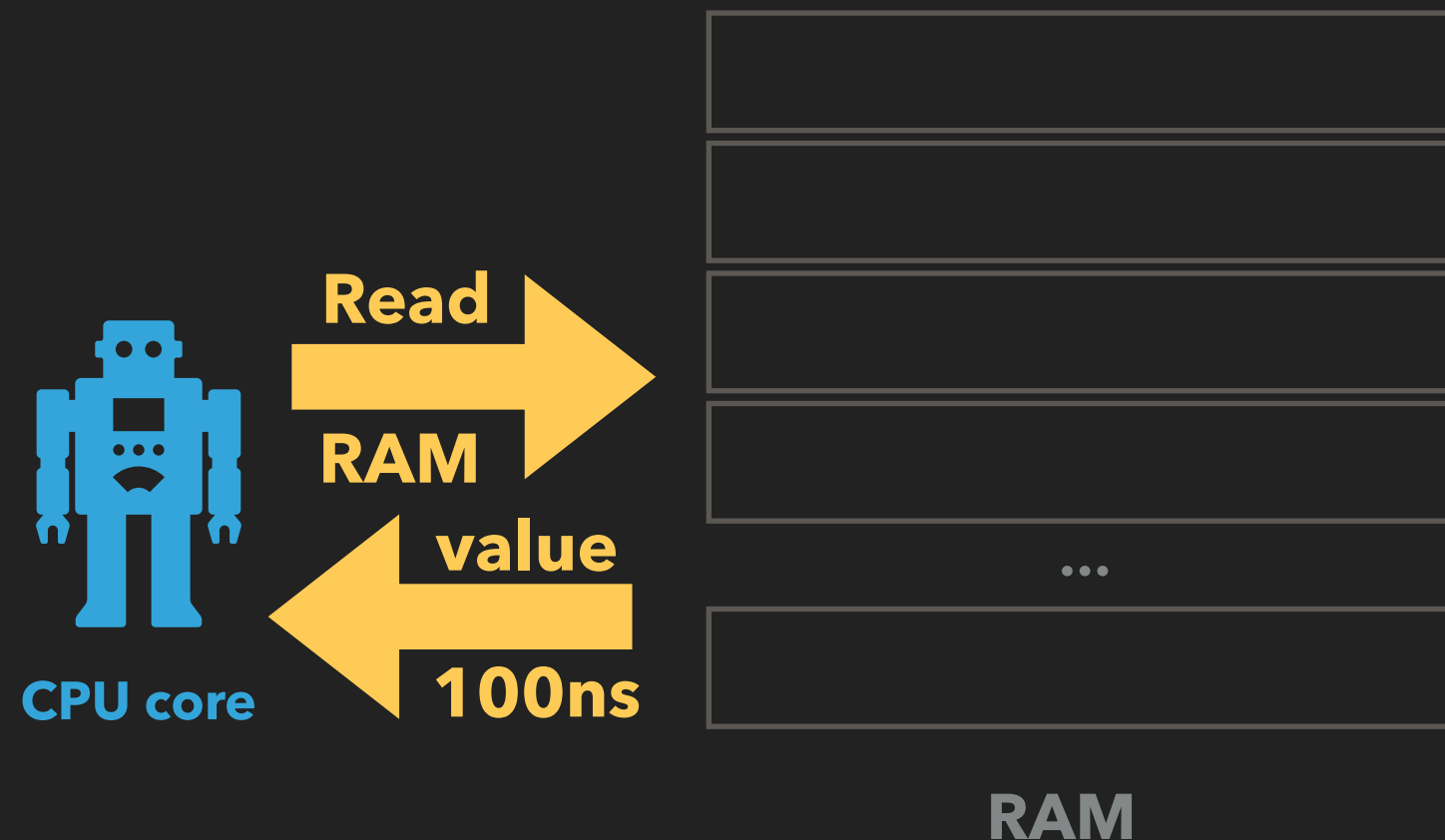


Meltdown basically works like this:

- READ secret from forbidden address
- Stash away secret before CPU detects wrongdoing
- Retrieve secret



## MELTDOWN: STASHING AWAY – SIDECCHANNEL



- ▶ Data is stored in RAM
- ▶ RAM is very slow
- ▶ Reading one byte stalls the CPU for hundreds of  $\mu$ OPs