

# TEMPEST Attacks Against AES

Covertly stealing keys for \$200

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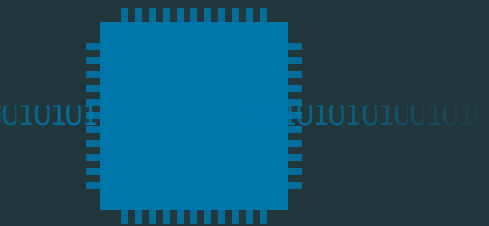
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September 22, 2017

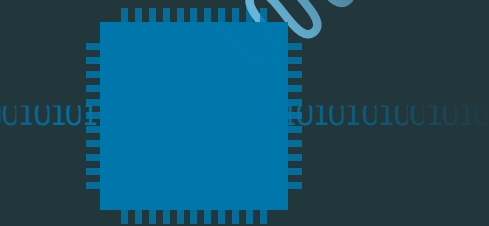
# Introduction

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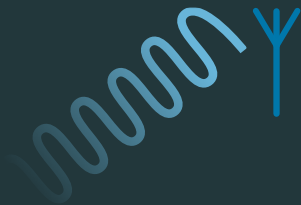
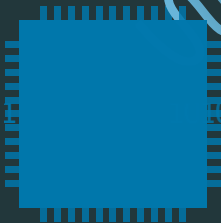
Your code just pushes electrons around.



Pushing electrons will make magnetic fields.



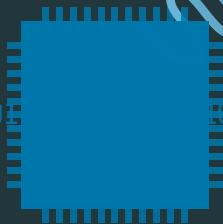
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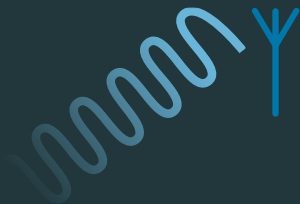
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# Project people

**Duncan Lew**

First intern. Close-by FPGA  
attacks



**Craig Ramsay**

Radio-based workflow &  
attacking ARM

**Freek van Tienen**

We'll see!



**Jasper Lohuis**

Cheap shielding, SDRs &  
antennas

Thanks for feeding us, folks



**FOX IT**


FOR A MORE SECURE SOCIETY

**riscure**



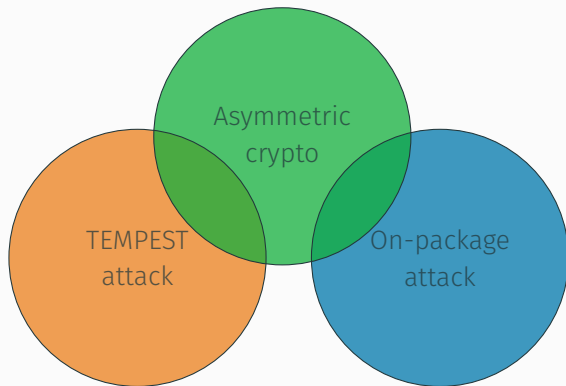


TEMPEST  
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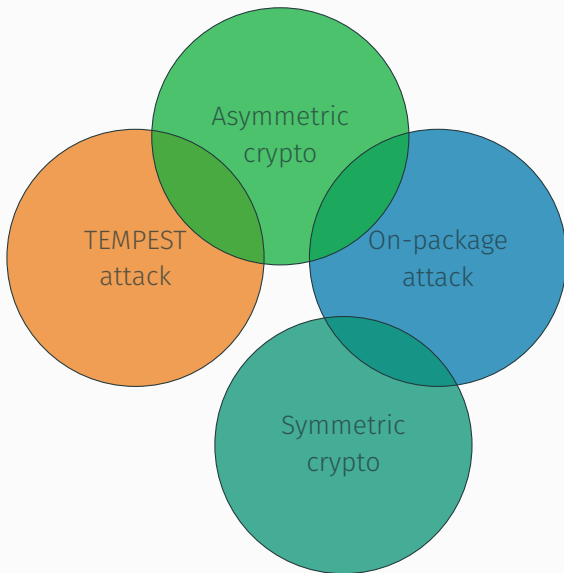


On-package  
attack

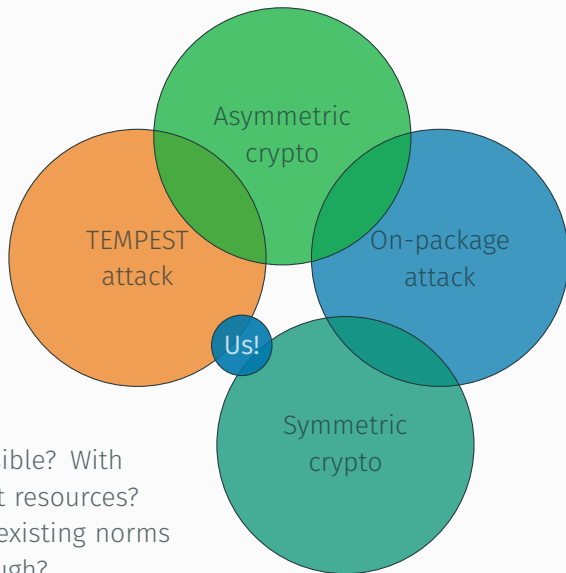
# Existing Work



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Possible? With  
what resources?  
Are existing norms  
enough?

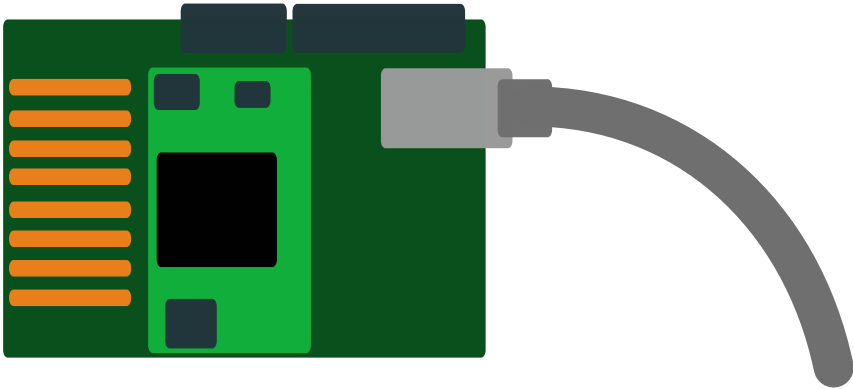
# Replicating On-Package Attack

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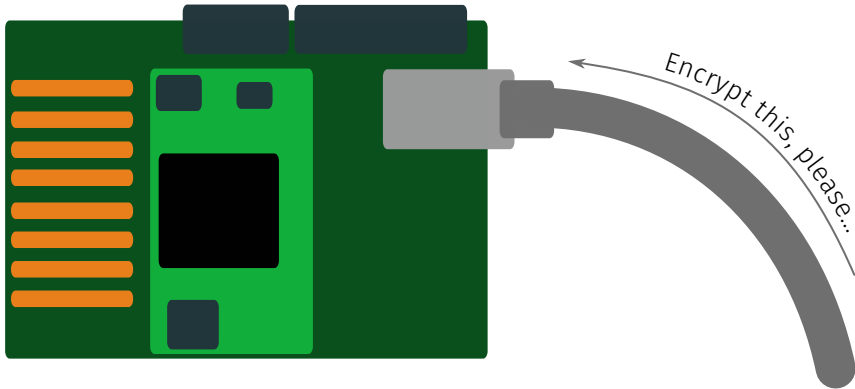
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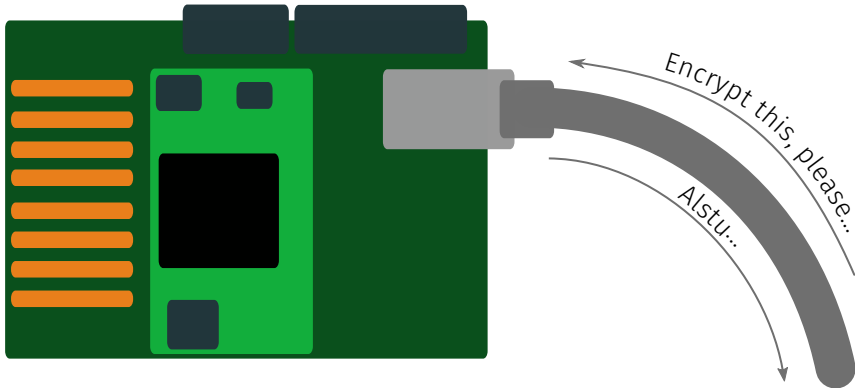


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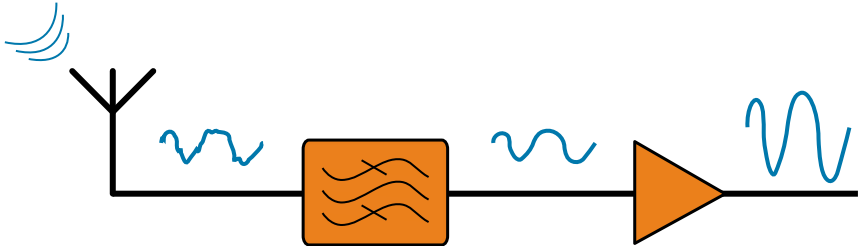




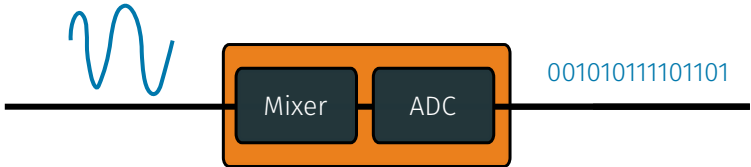
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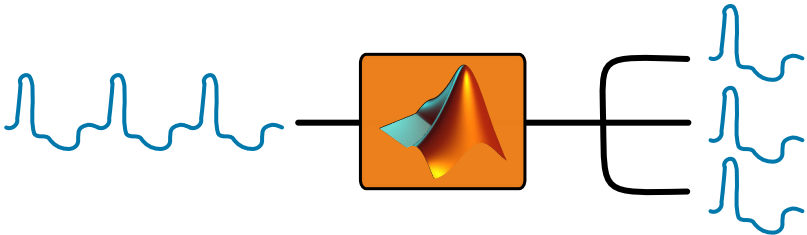
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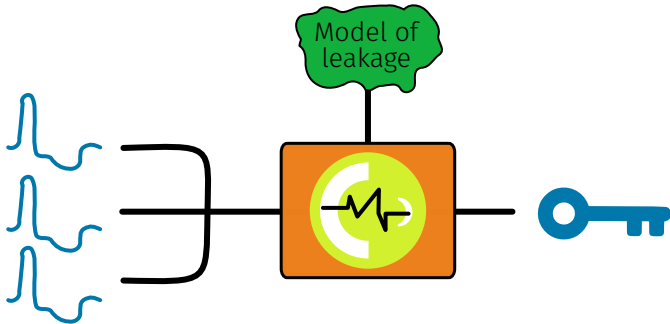
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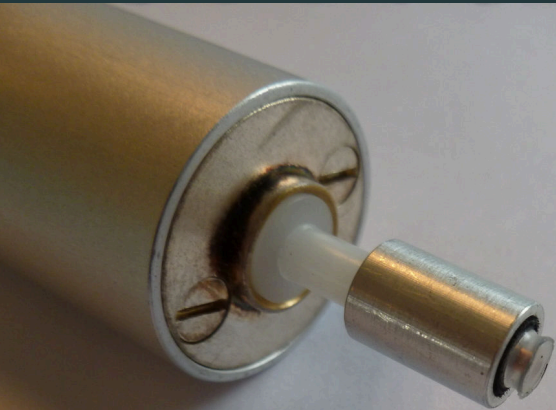
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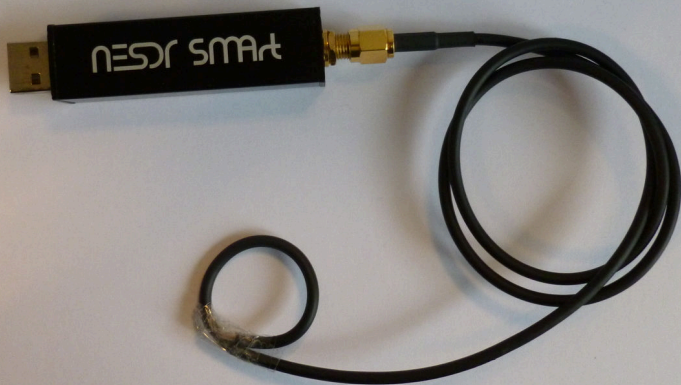
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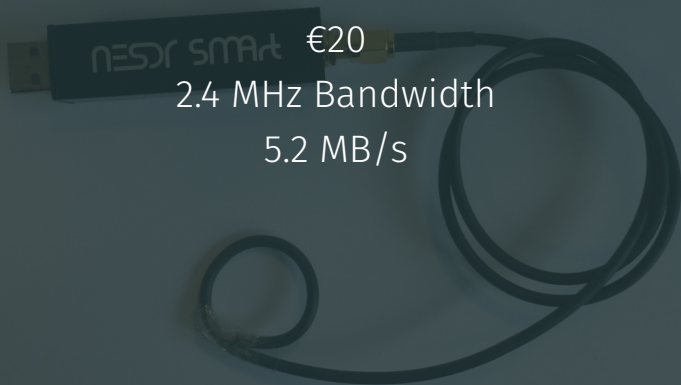


# Recording —Low-end





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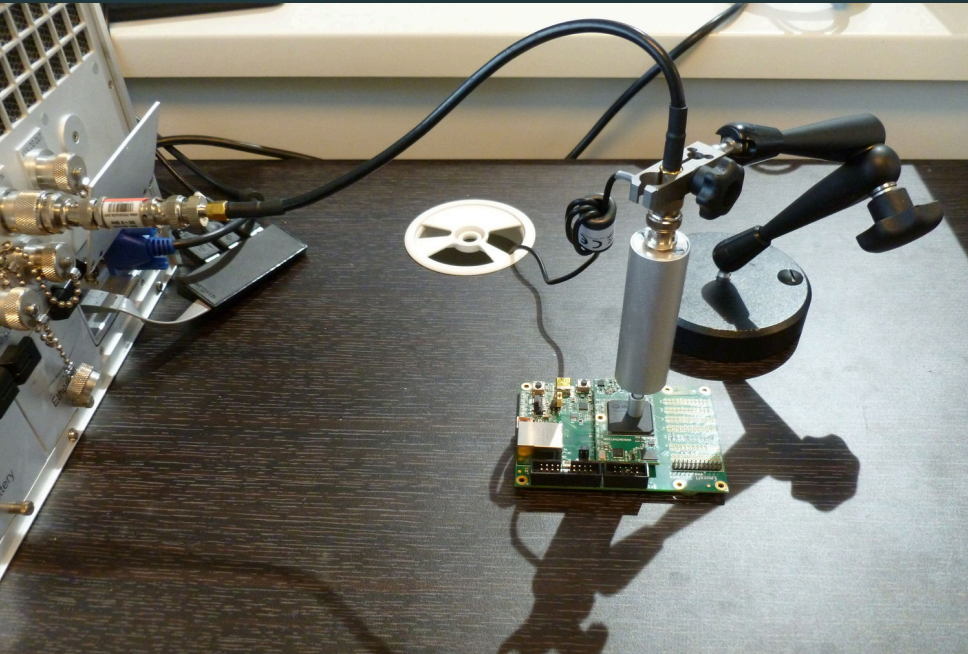


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2.4 MHz Bandwidth

5.2 MB/s

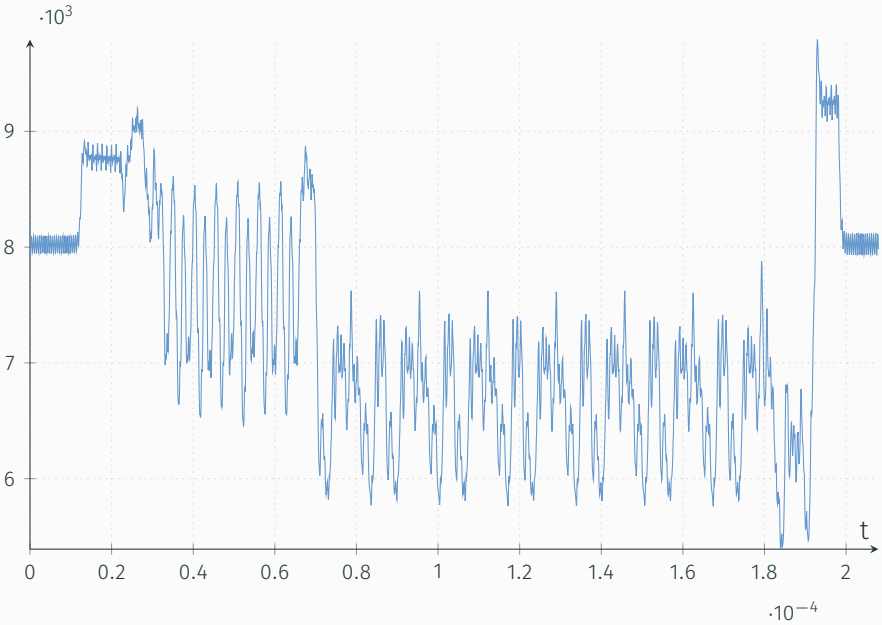
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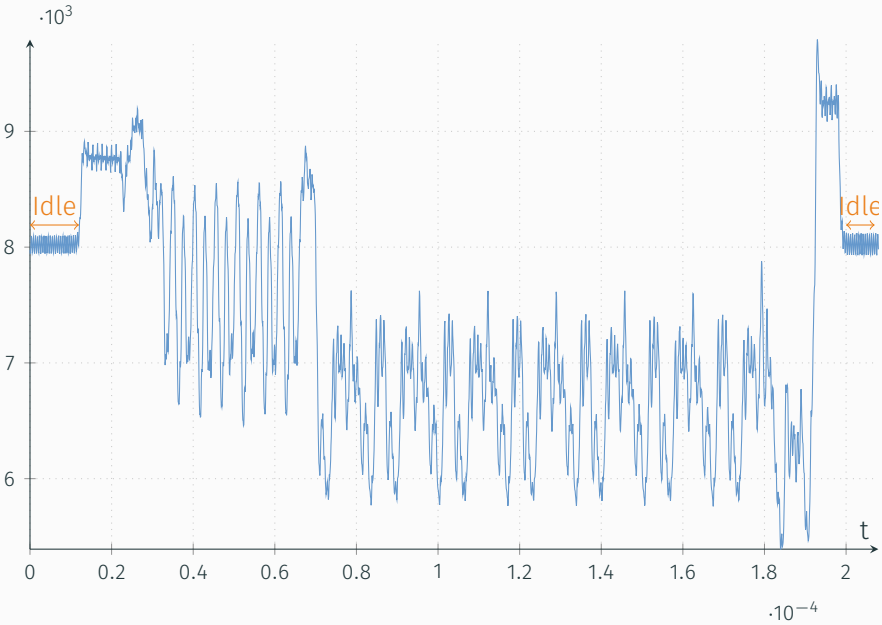
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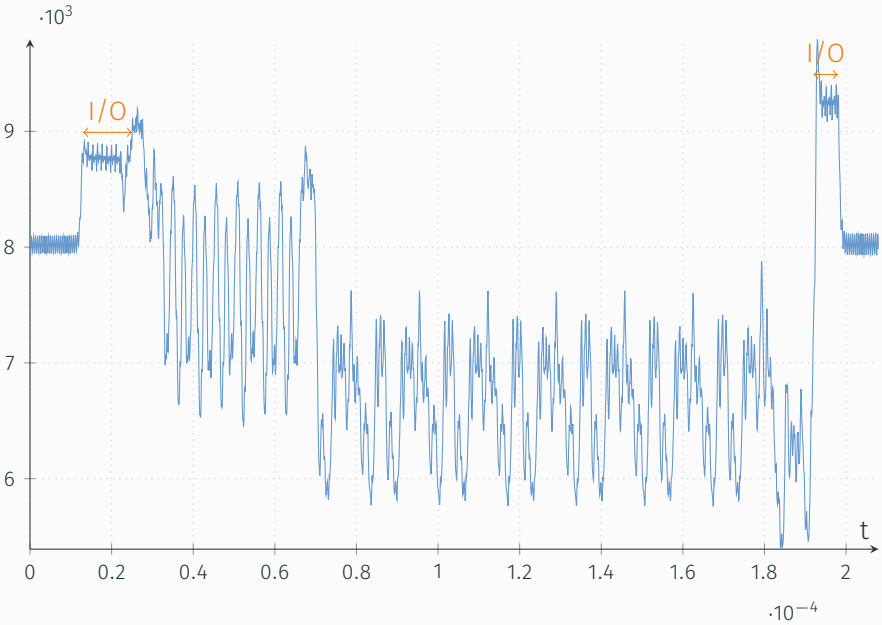
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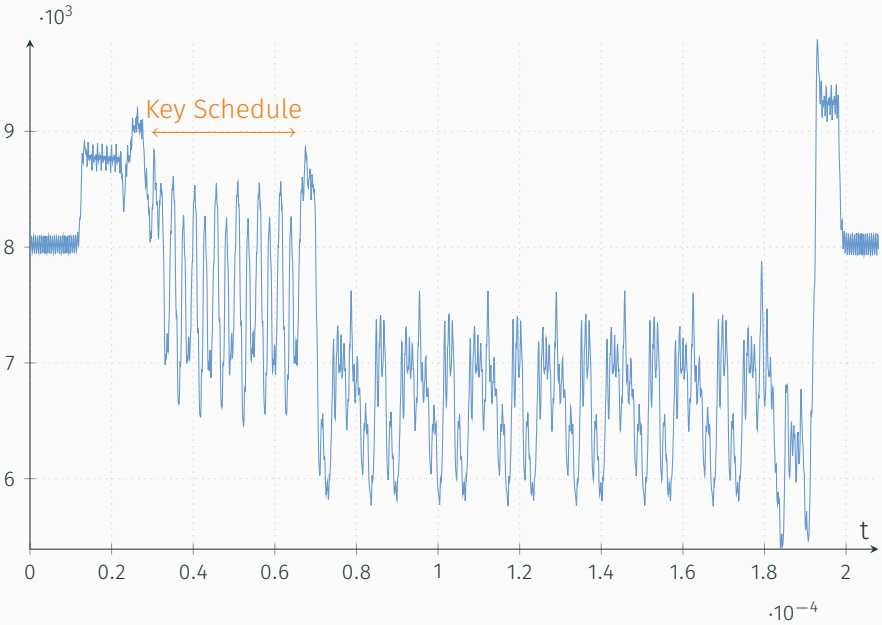
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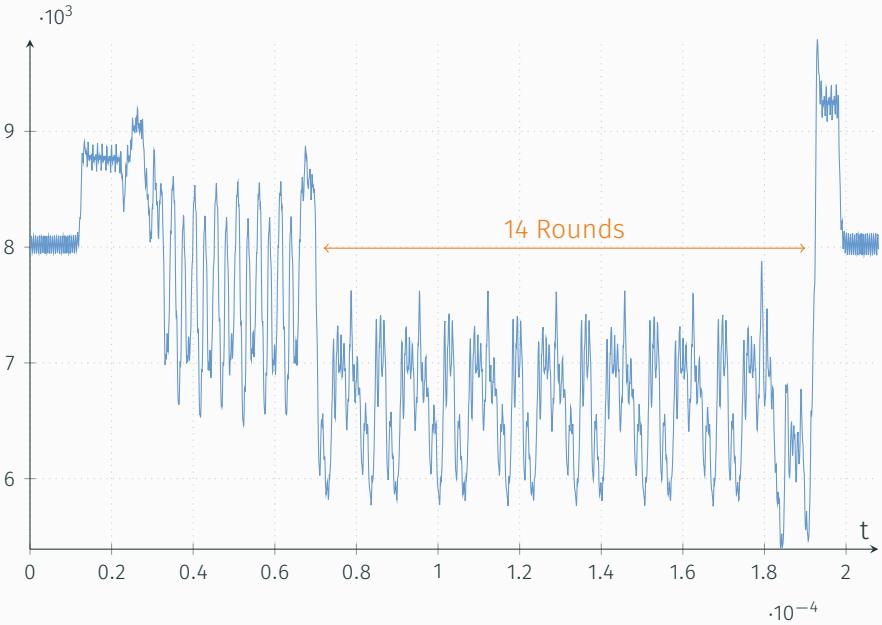
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Nice... but still, how do you get a key?

(This part is just existing SCA techniques)

Our trace is related to “power consumption”.

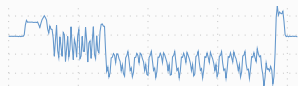
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# Correlation Intro

Input Byte

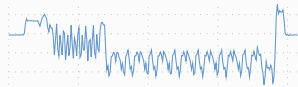
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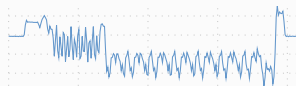
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Input Byte

(# '1' bits)  
Power estimate

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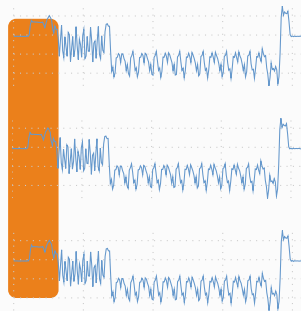
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Correlate!

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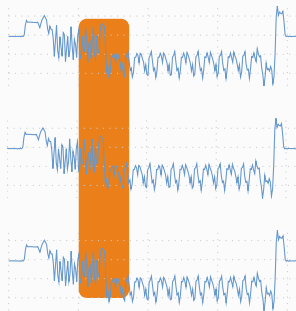
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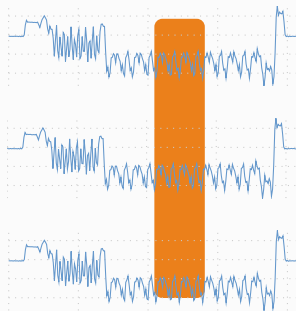
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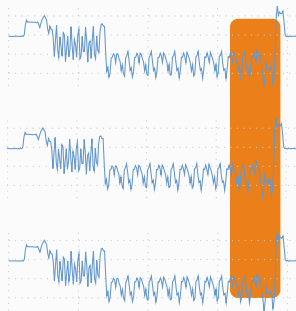
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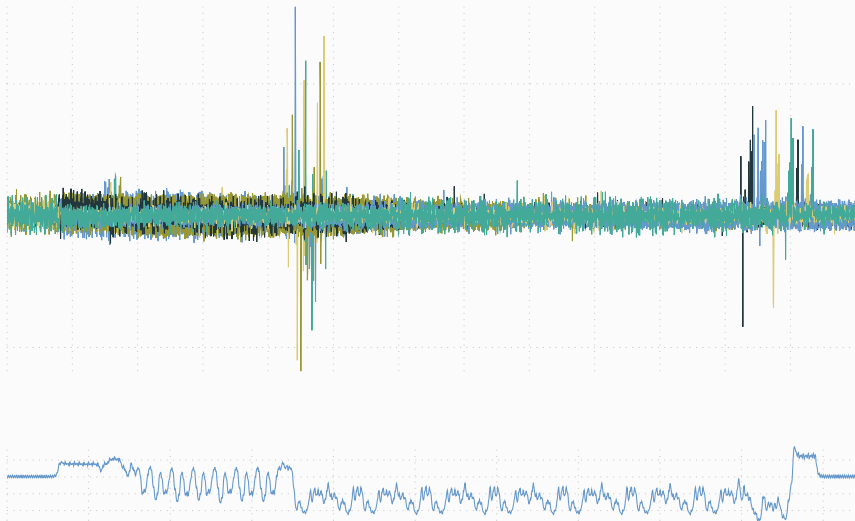
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Correlate!

# I/O Correlation



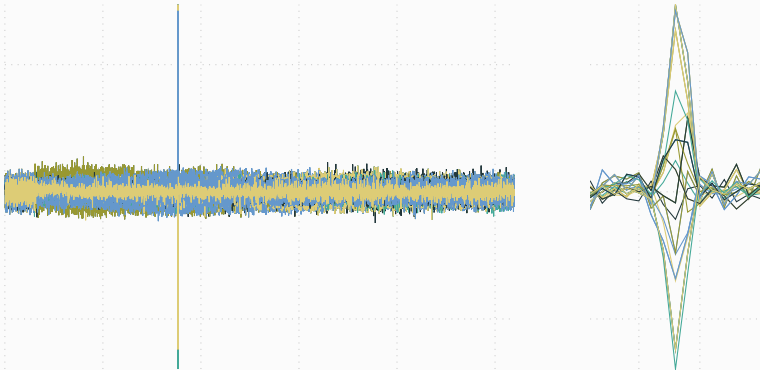
We can detect data!

Let's find a value using **1 key byte**  
and correlate for all 256 possibilities

$32 \times 2^8$  guesses  
(instead of  $2^{256}$ )

8192 guesses  
(instead of  $10^{77}$ )

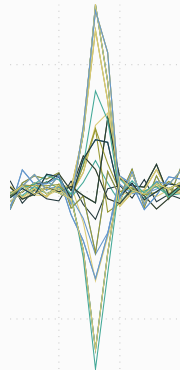
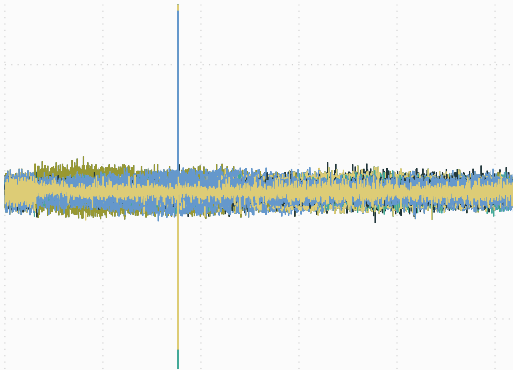
# T Table Correlation



Known-key bitwise on T Table lookup



# T Table Correlation



Easy & works  
(but could do better)

*“You know can addresses leak too, right?”*

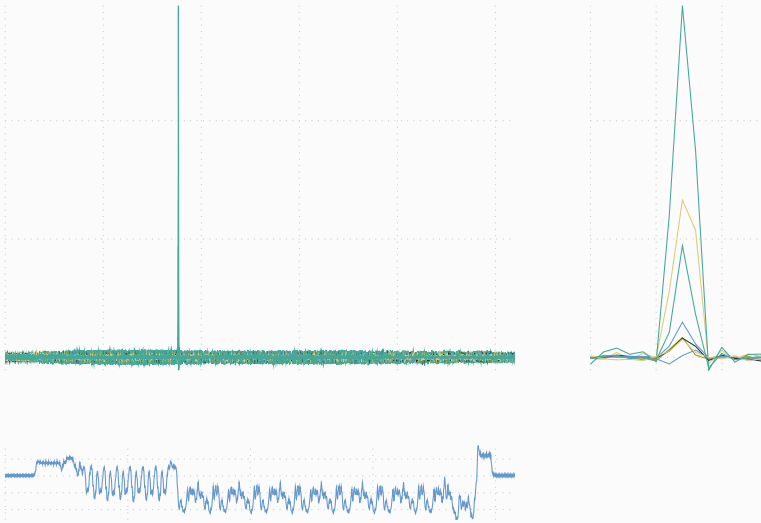
—Riscure, 2017

*“Oh... thanks.”* — Me, 2017

## ARM T Table Addresses

1508:	4b4a	ldr	r3, [pc, #296]
150a:	681b	ldr	r3, [r3, #0]
150c:	0e1b	lsrs	r3, r3, #24
150e:	4a4d	ldr	r2, [pc, \#308]
1510:	f852 2023	ldr.w	r2, [r2, r3, lsl #2]
1514:	4b48	ldr	r3, [pc, #288]
1516:	681b	ldr	r3, [r3, #0]
1518:	0c1b	lsrs	r3, r3, #16
151a:	b2db	uxtb	r3, r3
151c:	494a	ldr	r1, [pc, #296]

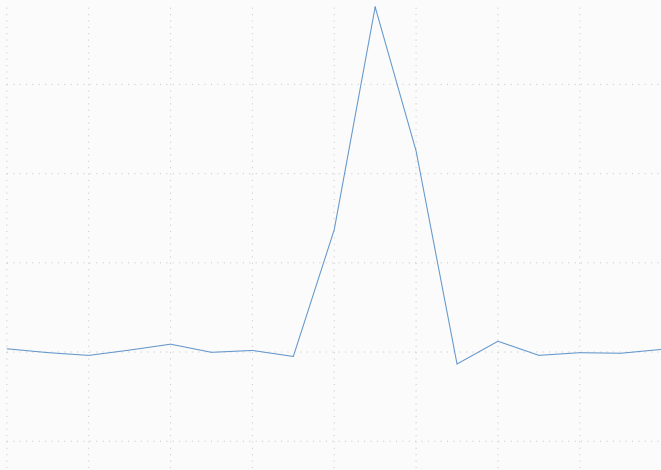
# T Table Address Correlation



Known-key bitwise on T Table lookup address  $\oplus$  previous address

If the correlation for the *correct* key byte is biggest, we have an attack.

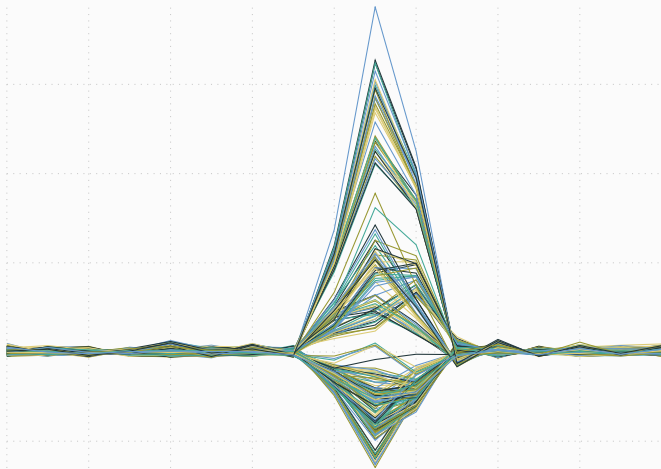
# T Table Attack



Correct key byte...

HD on T Table lookup address (real attack)

# T Table Attack



All key byte guesses. We win!

HD on T Table lookup address (real attack)

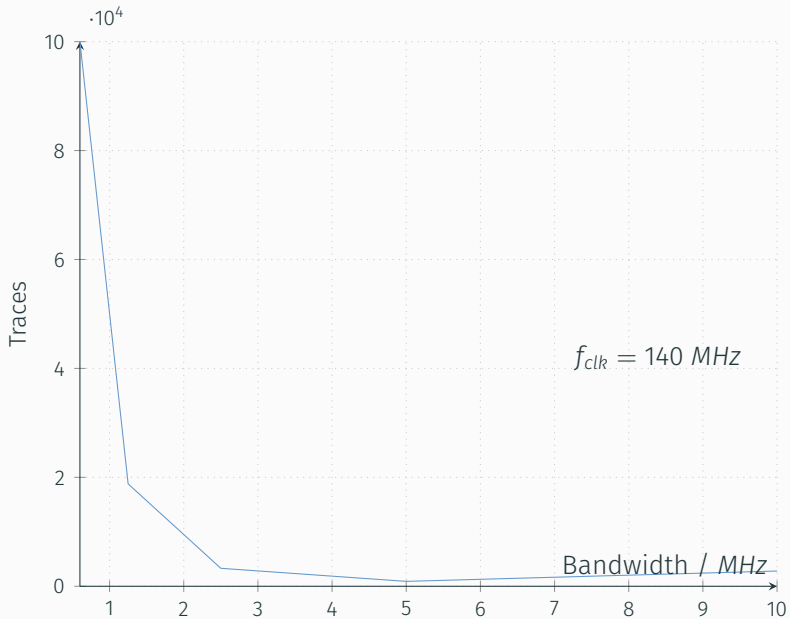


Repeat this for all 32 key bytes and we have the  
full key

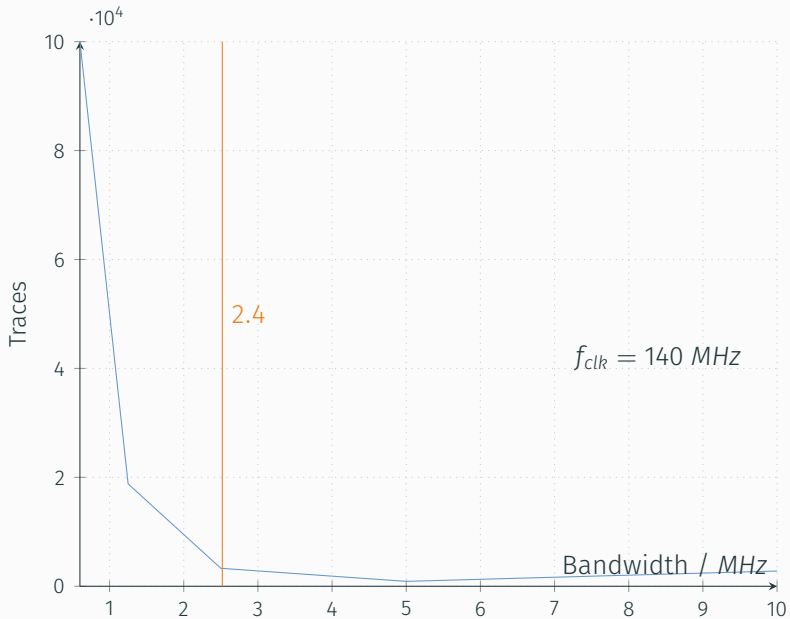
## On-package attack results

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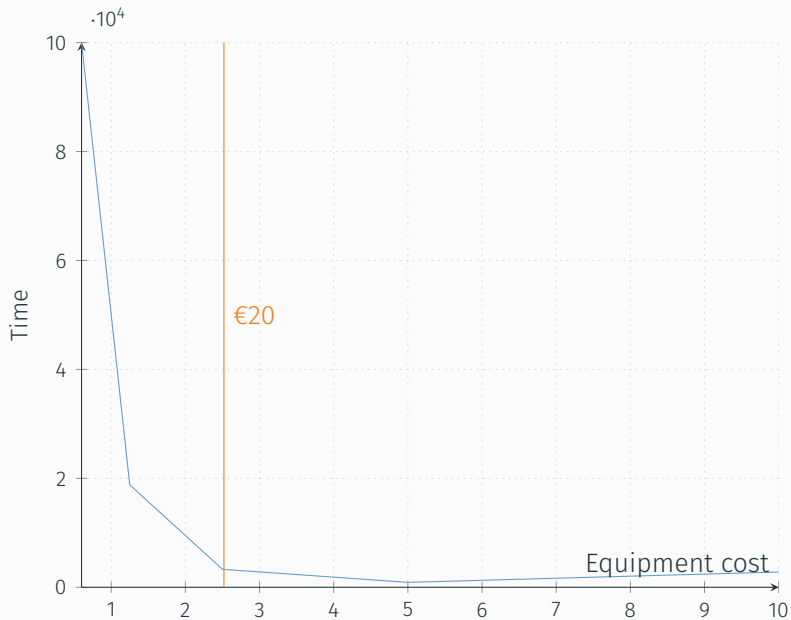
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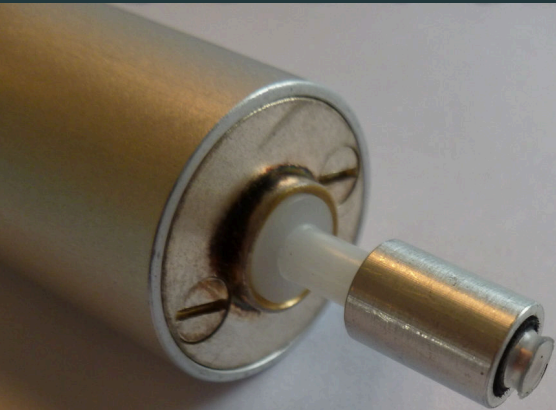


Getting some distance

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Only need to improve analogue side.  
Analysis is the same.

Loop size

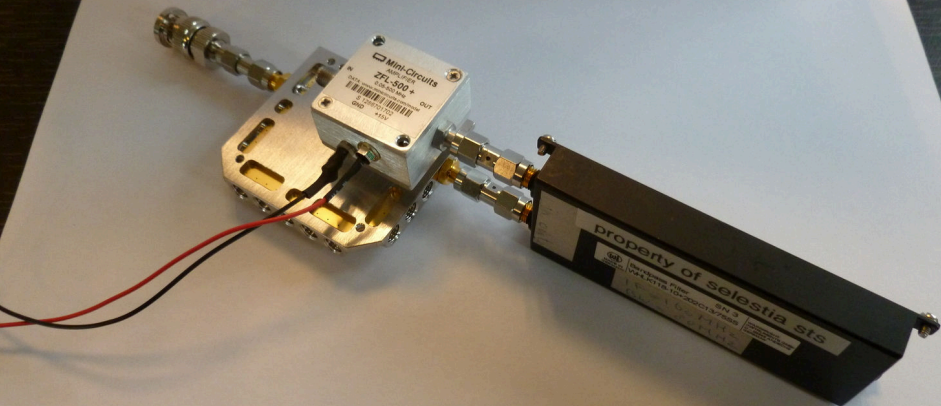




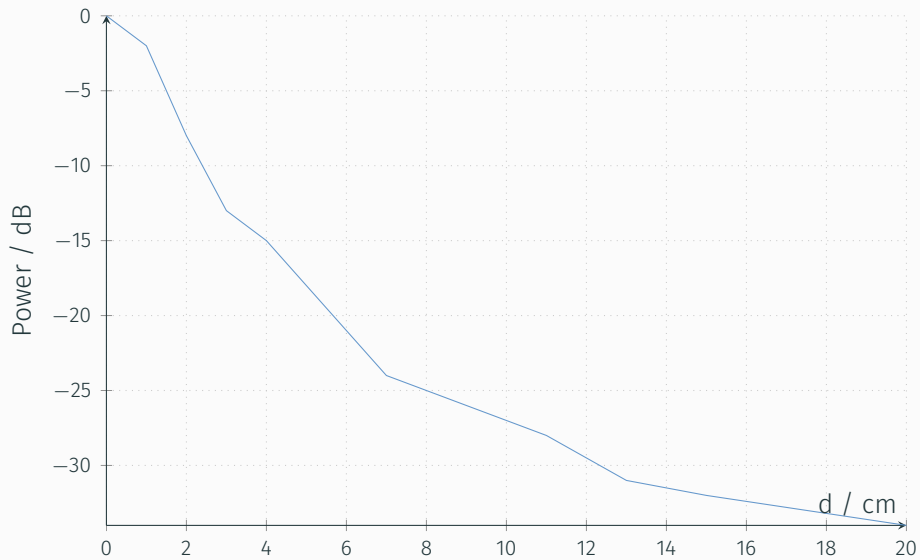
Loop size



# Amplification and filtering



# Small loop distance

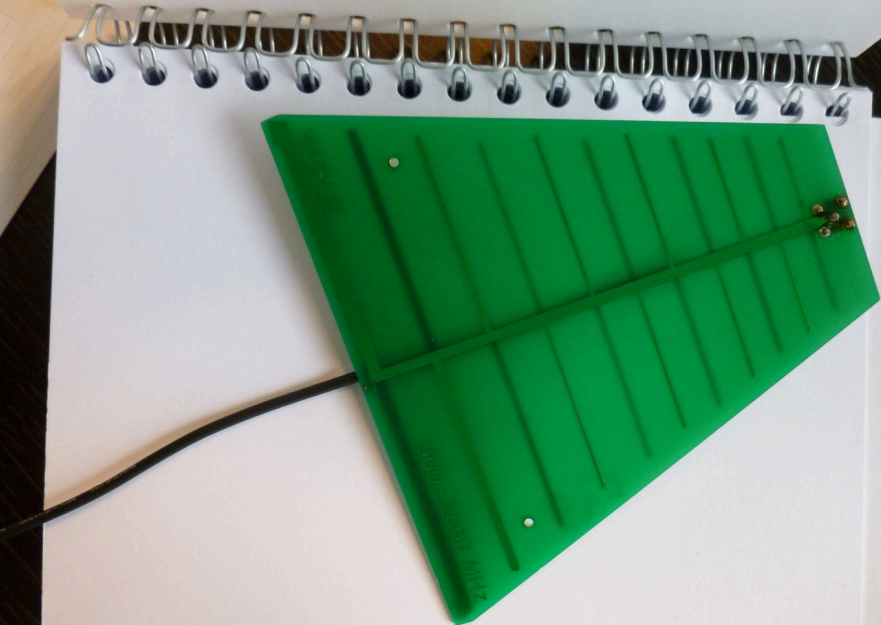




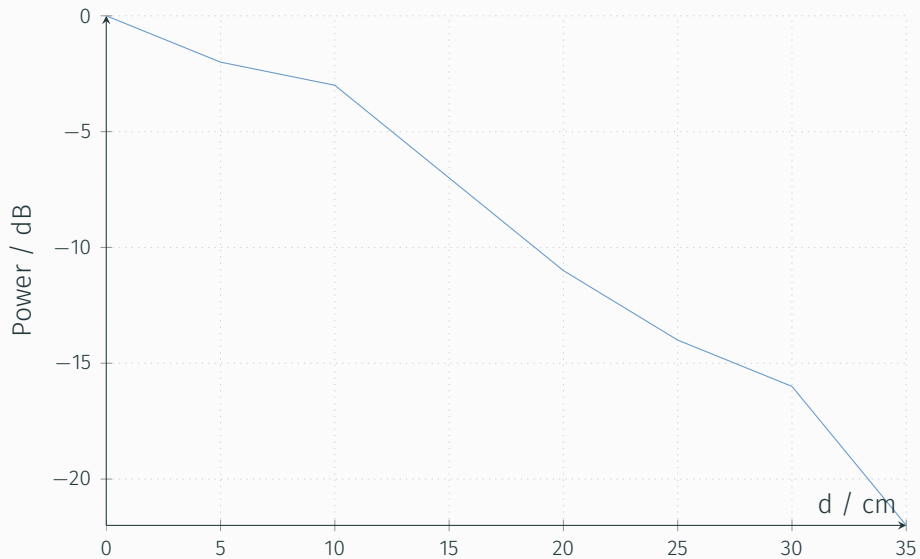
Demo time  
(Click for video)

Small loops are amazing for under  $\approx 5$  *cm*.  
Won't get us to 1 *m* though.

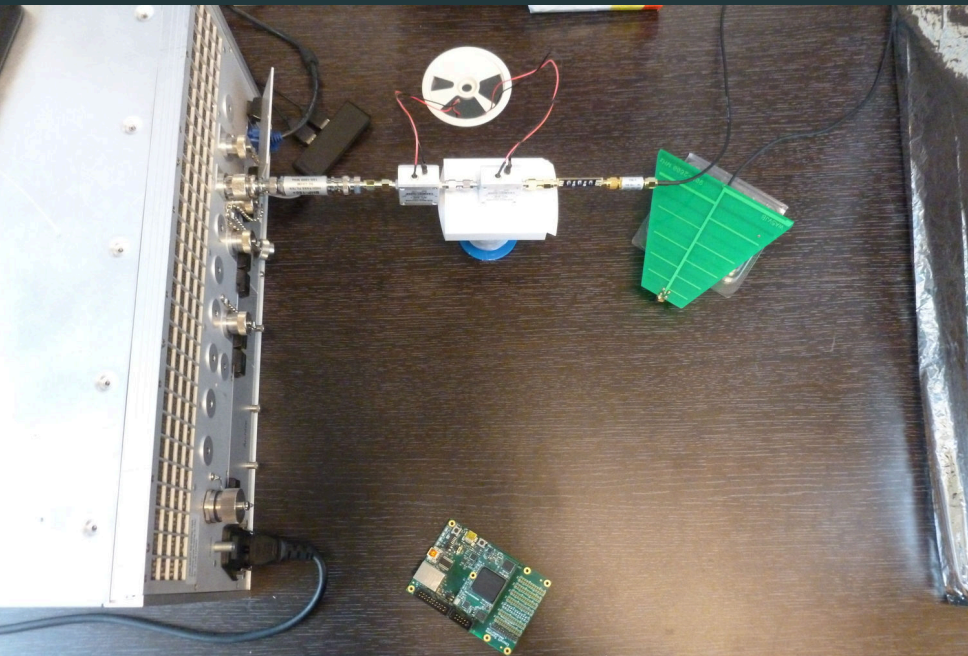
# Log-periodic antenna



# Log-periodic distance



# Example setup

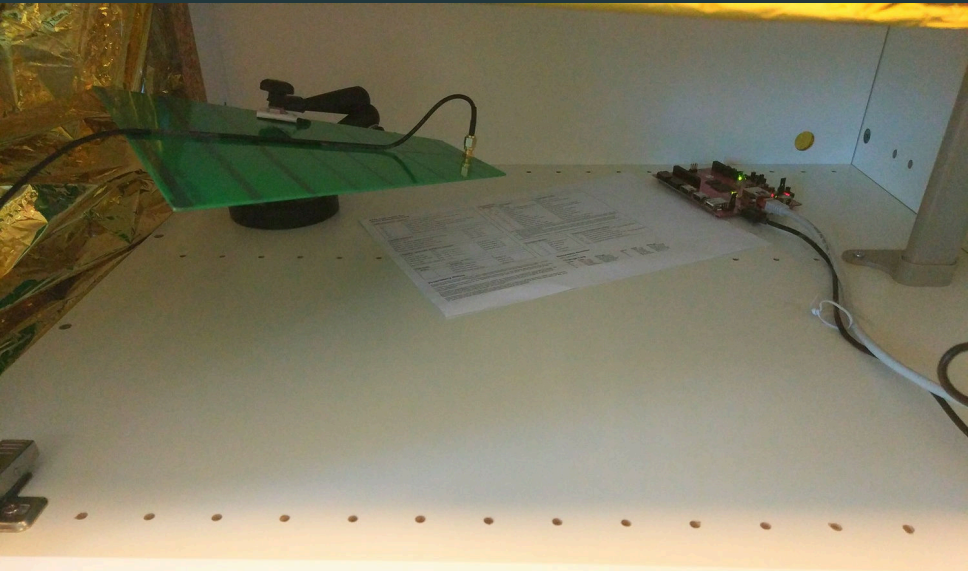


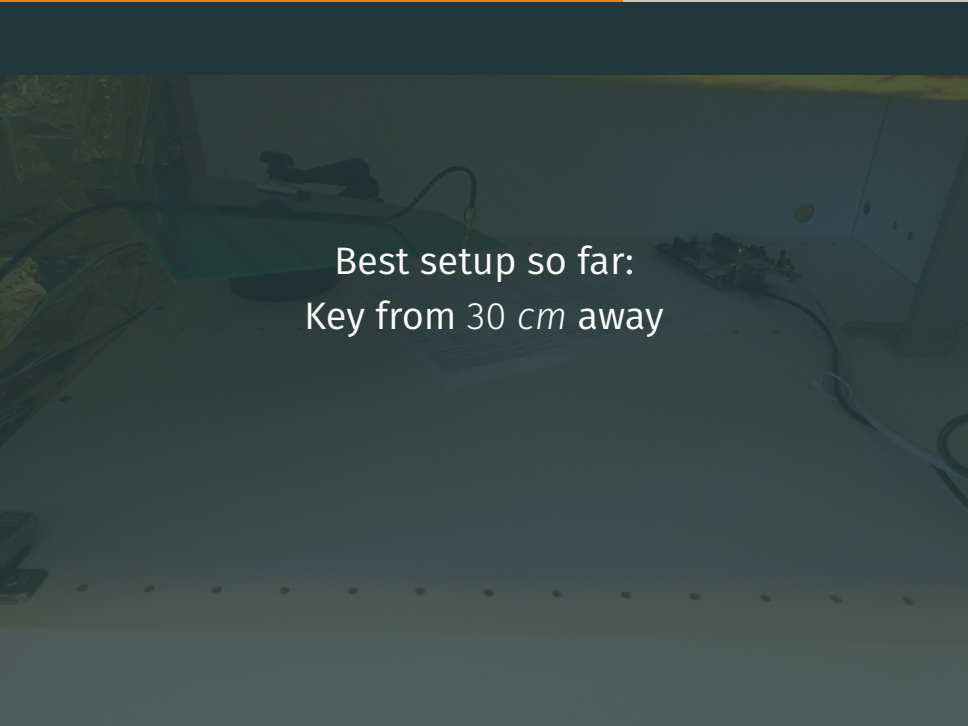


# DIY shielding

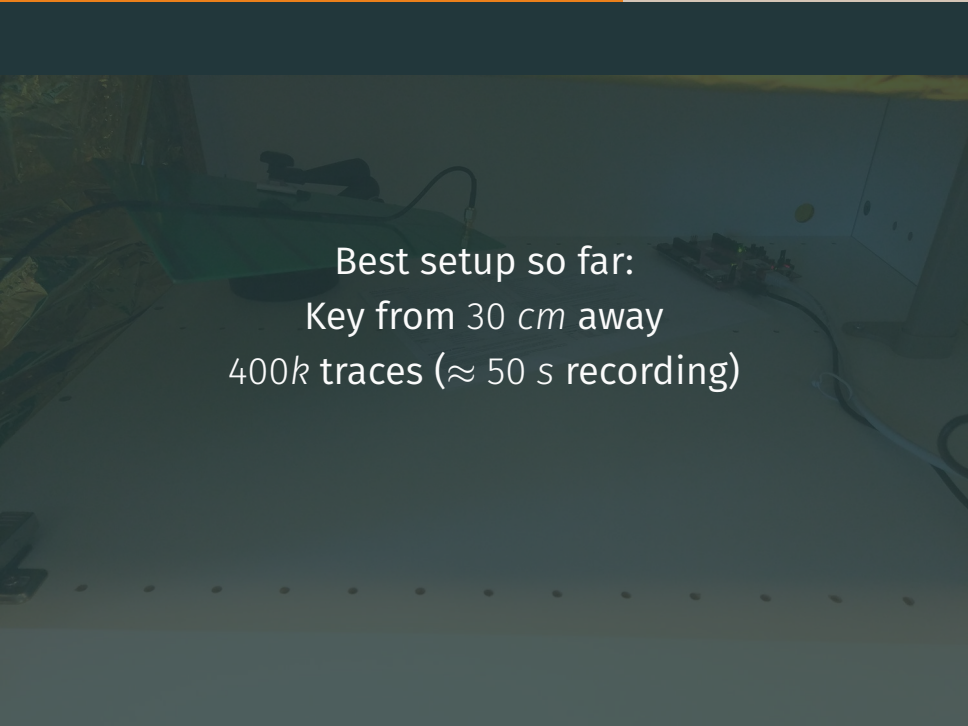


# Real setup

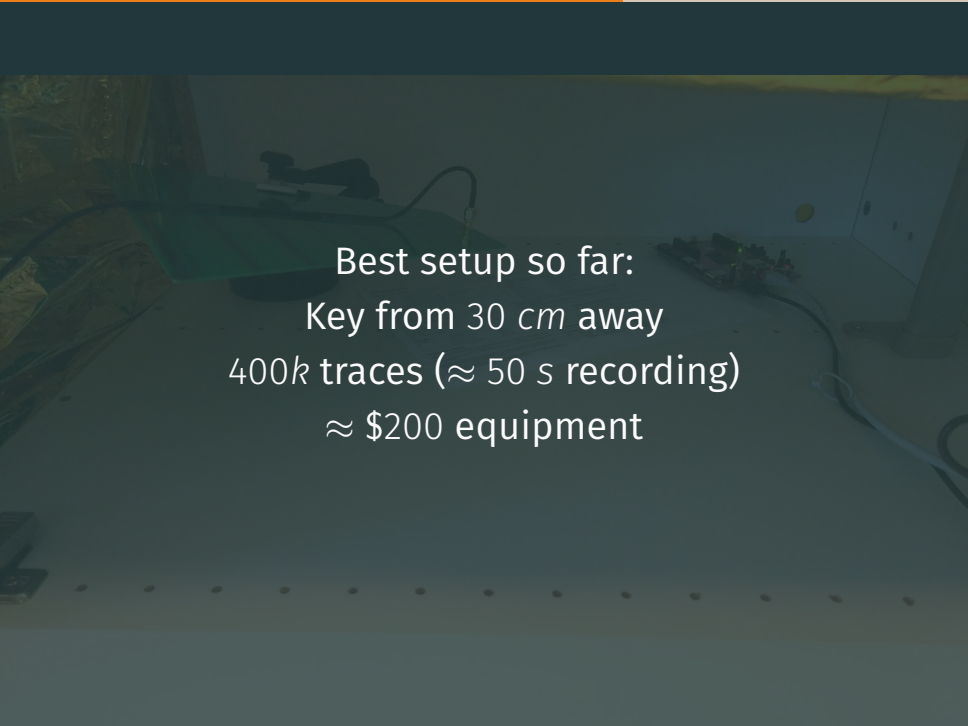


A photograph of an electronic setup on a breadboard. The setup includes a microcontroller board with various components, a black cable, and a green rectangular object. The background is a light-colored surface with a row of small circular holes. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent green filter.

Best setup so far:  
Key from 30 *cm* away



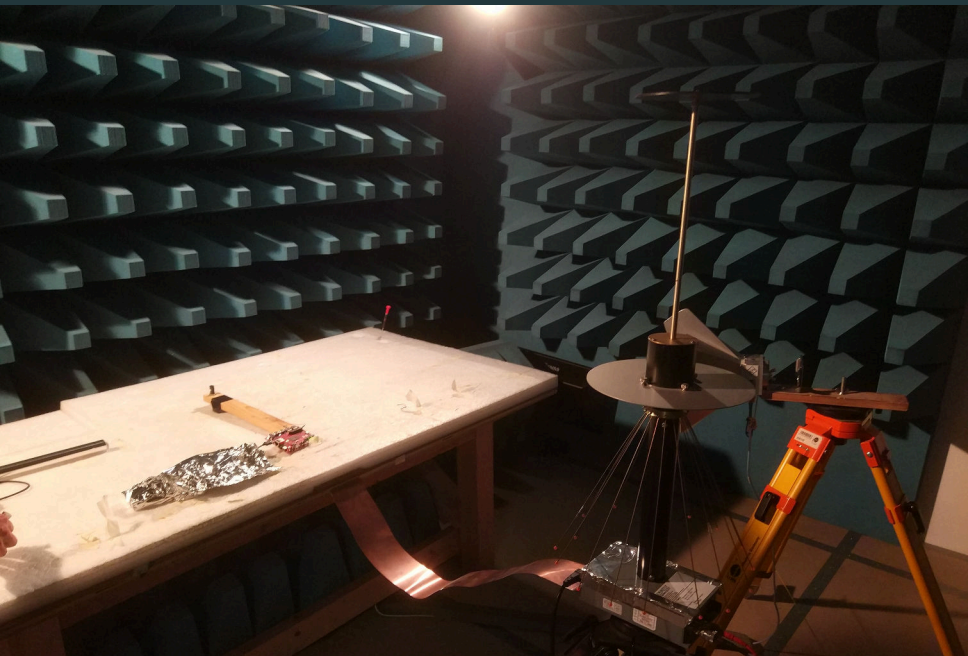
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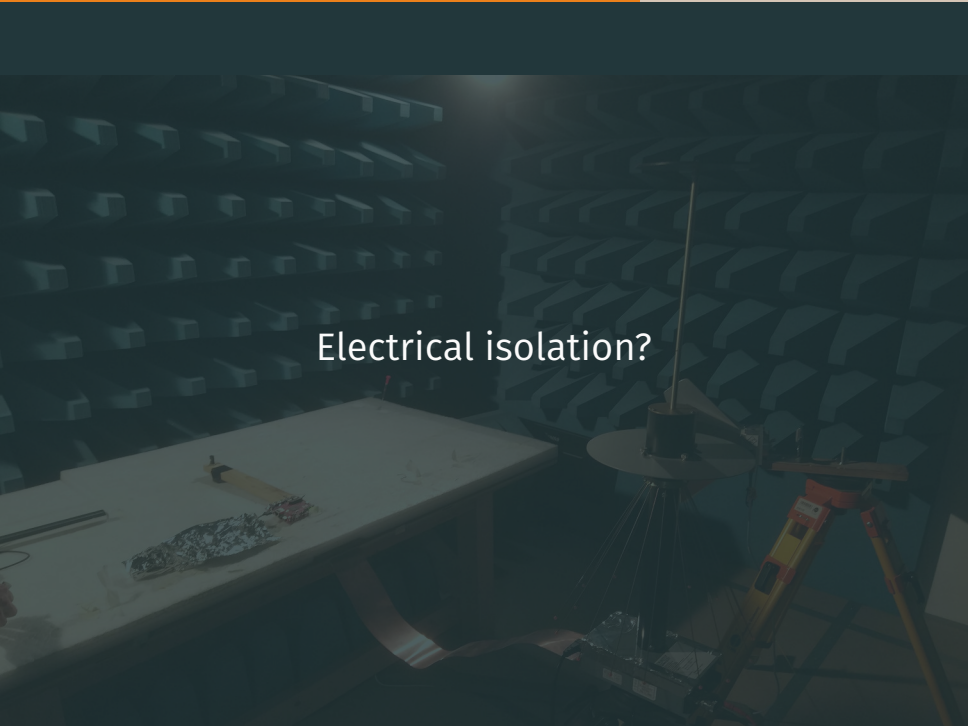


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400k traces ( $\approx$  50 s recording)  
 $\approx$  \$200 equipment

...and in ideal conditions?  
(Thanks, OSPL)

# Anechoic Chamber

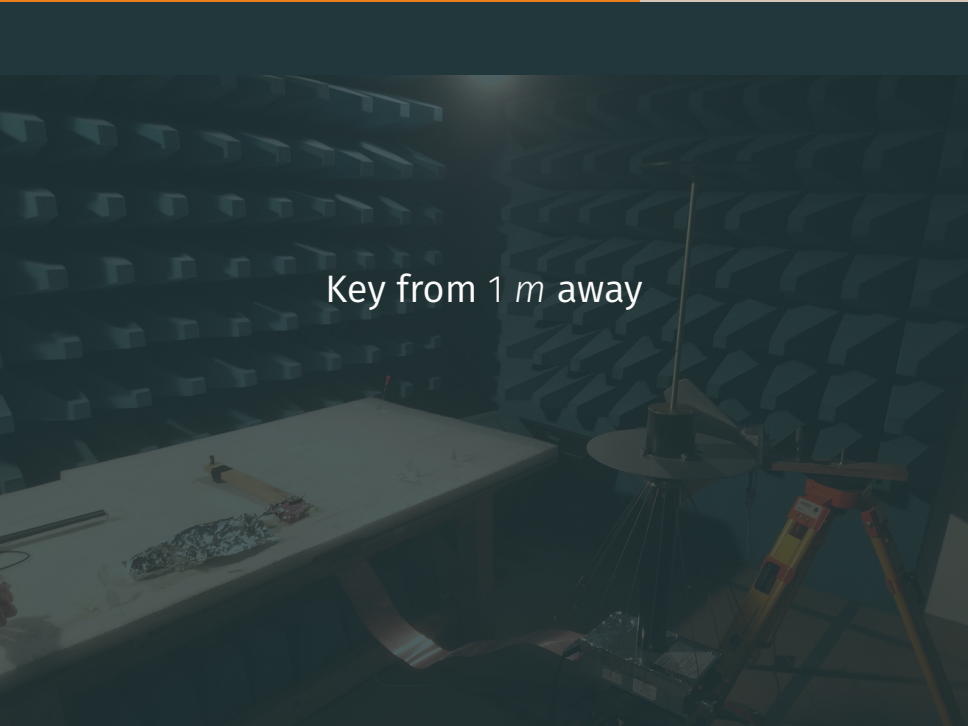


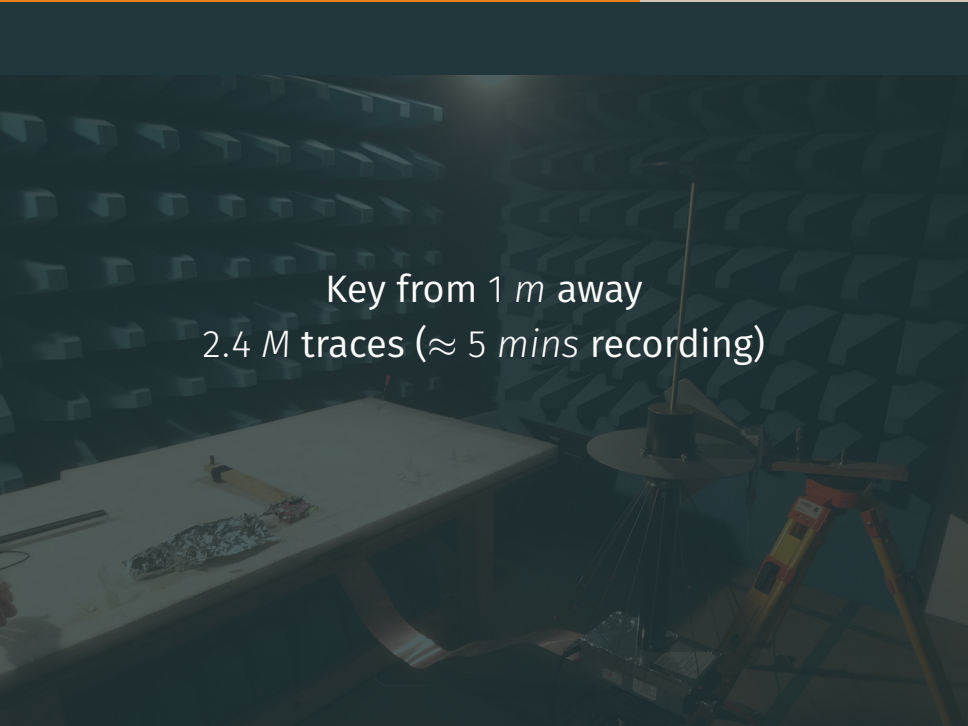
The image shows an anechoic chamber with dark, pyramidal-shaped electromagnetic absorbers on the walls. In the foreground, there is a white workbench with a circuit board, a soldering iron, and other electronic components. To the right, a tripod-mounted antenna system is visible, consisting of a vertical rod and a circular base. The text "Electrical isolation?" is overlaid in the center of the image.

Electrical isolation?

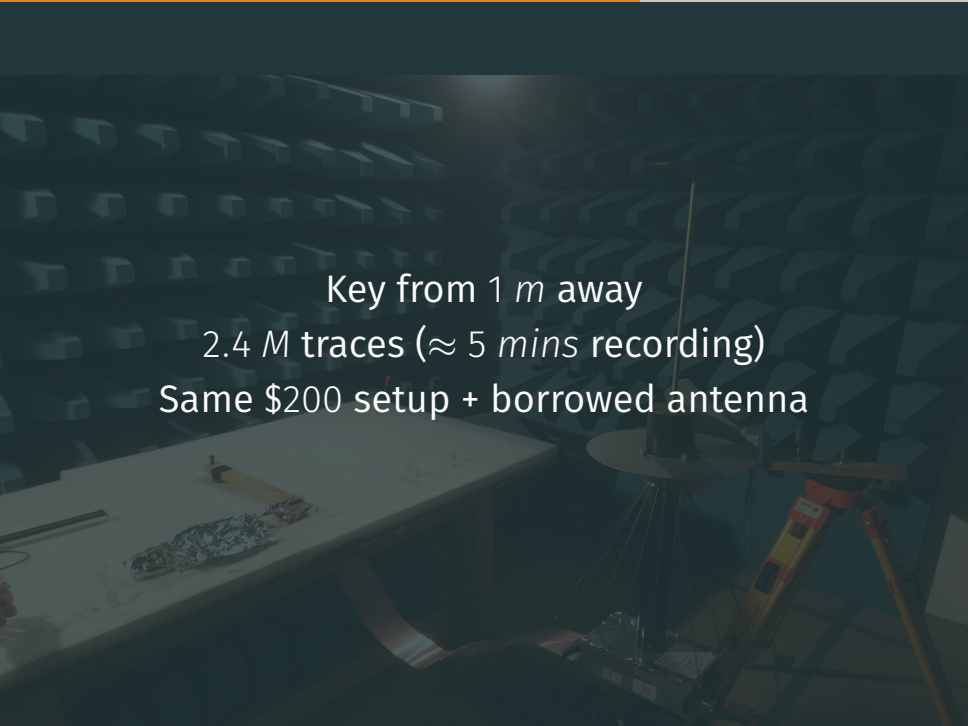


Key from 1 *m* away





Key from 1 *m* away  
2.4 *M* traces ( $\approx$  5 *mins* recording)

The background image shows an anechoic chamber with dark, pyramid-shaped electromagnetic absorbers on the walls. In the foreground, a white table holds a recording setup, including a small antenna on a stand, a USB drive, and some cables. To the right, a tripod-mounted antenna system is visible. The text is overlaid in white on the dark background.

Key from 1 *m* away  
2.4 *M* traces ( $\approx$  5 *mins* recording)  
Same \$200 setup + borrowed antenna

## Conclusion

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- Break OpenSSL's AES with a wire and a \$20 dongle
- Radio hardware → *really* speeds up attack
- Increase attack distance with new analogue front-ends
  - First known demonstration
- 1 m works in 5 minutes...

Thanks! Questions?



Backup slides

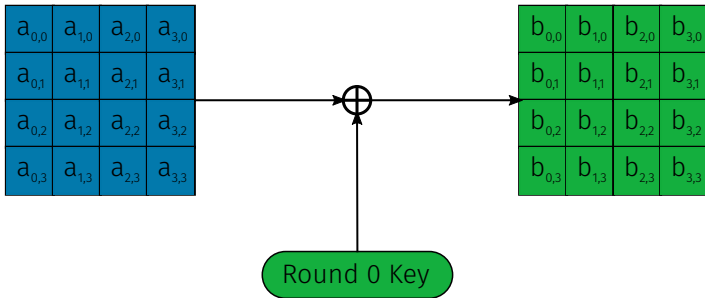
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## Selecting an intermediate

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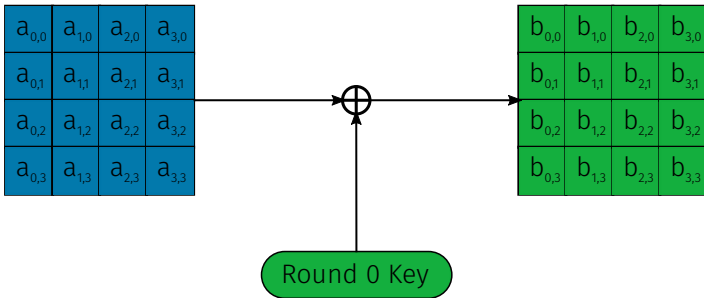
# OpenSSL AES Round 0



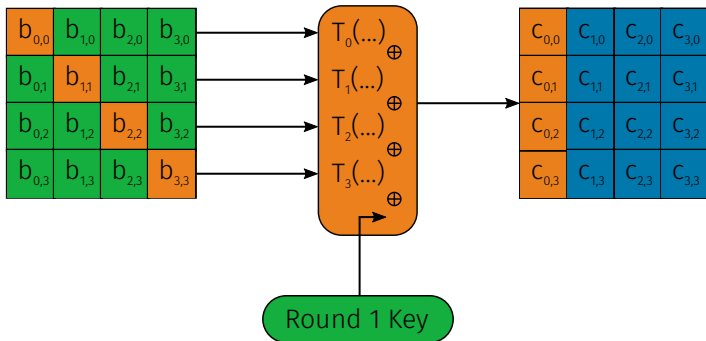
# OpenSSL AES Round 0

Attack XOR with key?

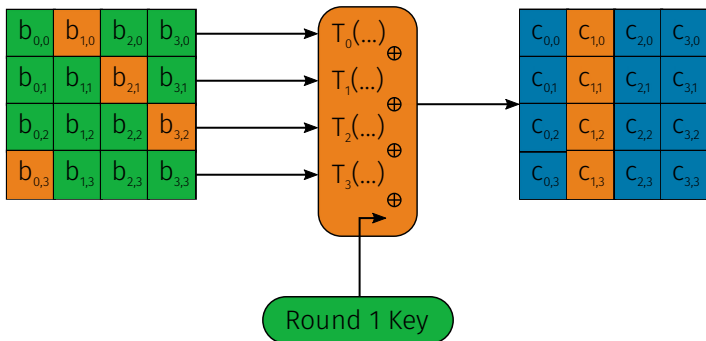
...Can do better!



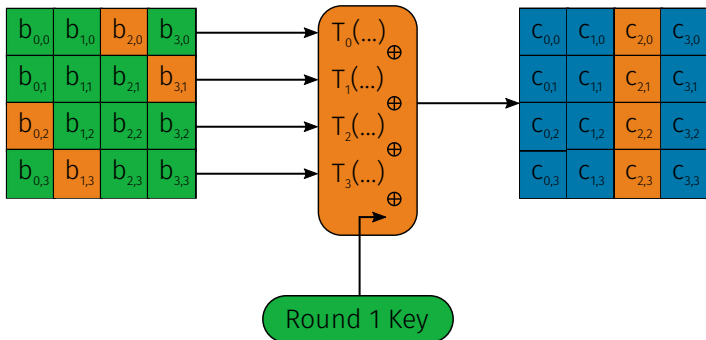
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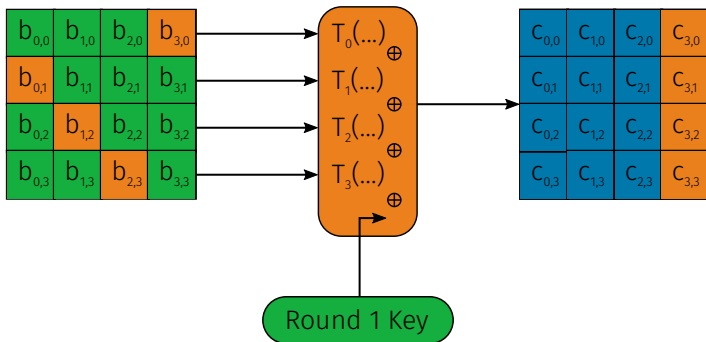
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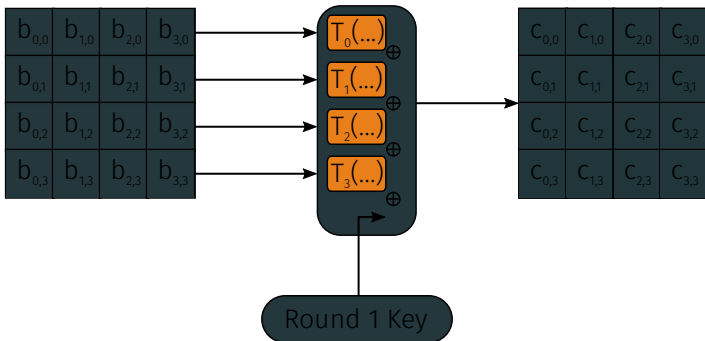
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Attack these lookups.

The non-linearity is useful.

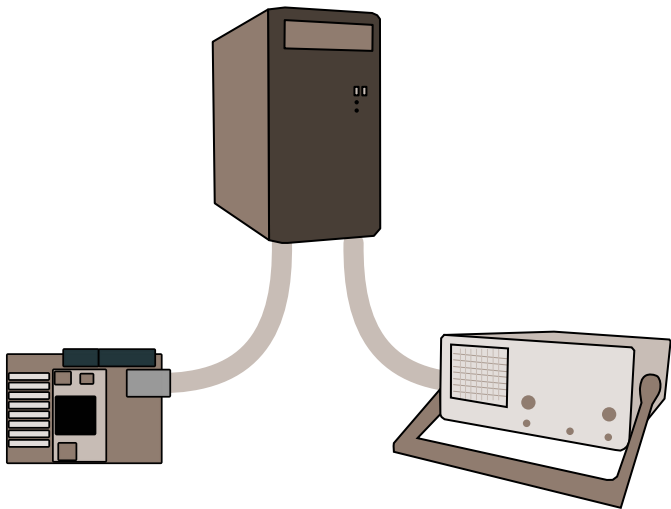


## Our setup vs traditional setup

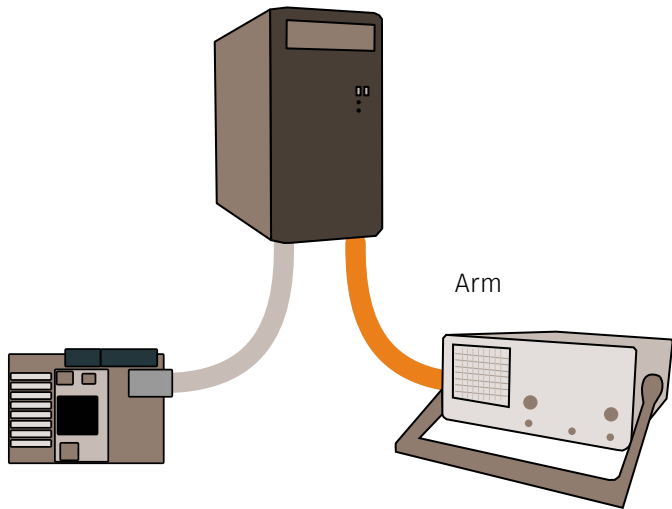
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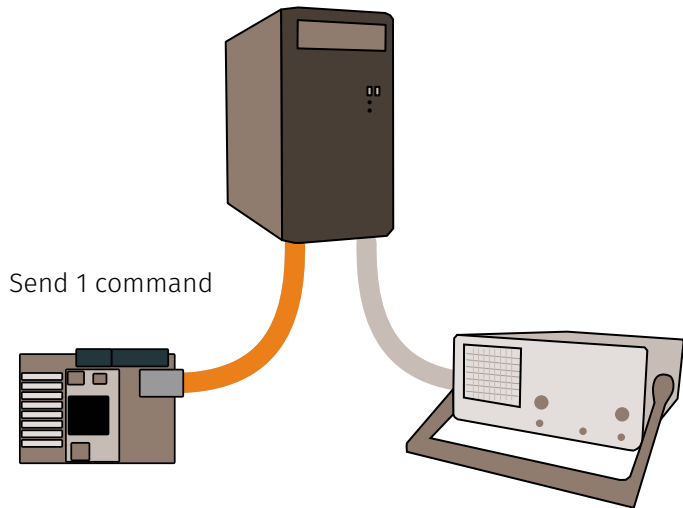
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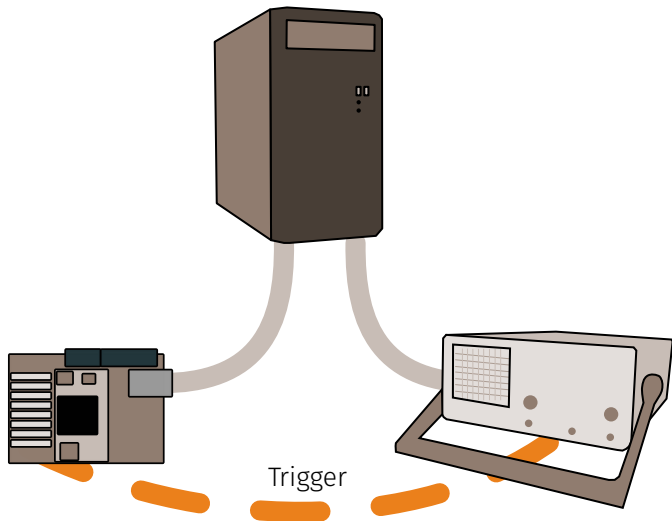
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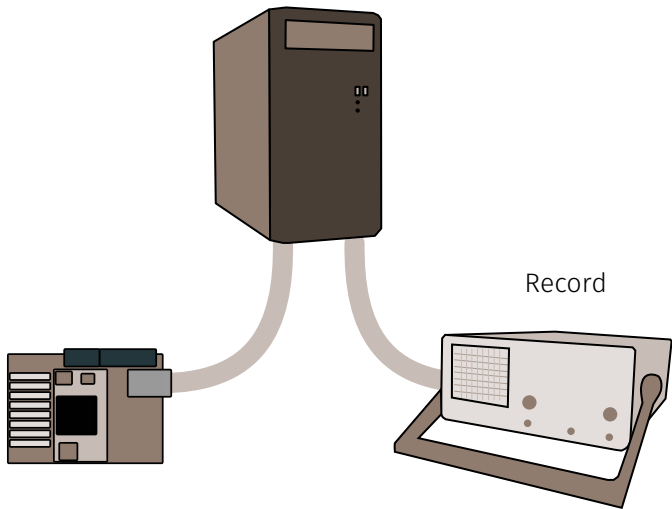
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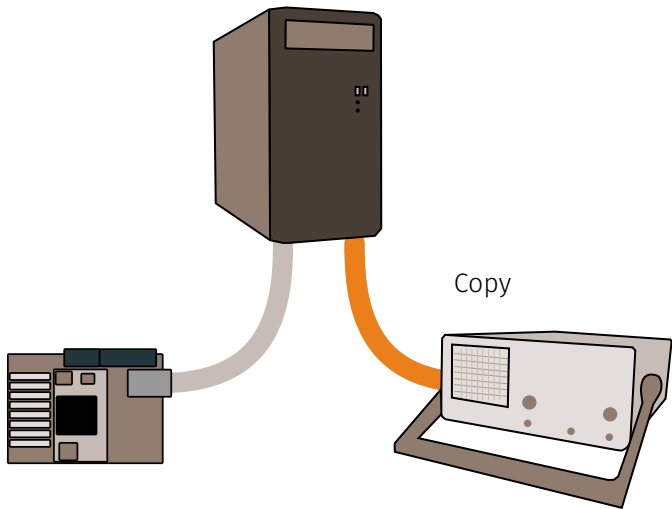
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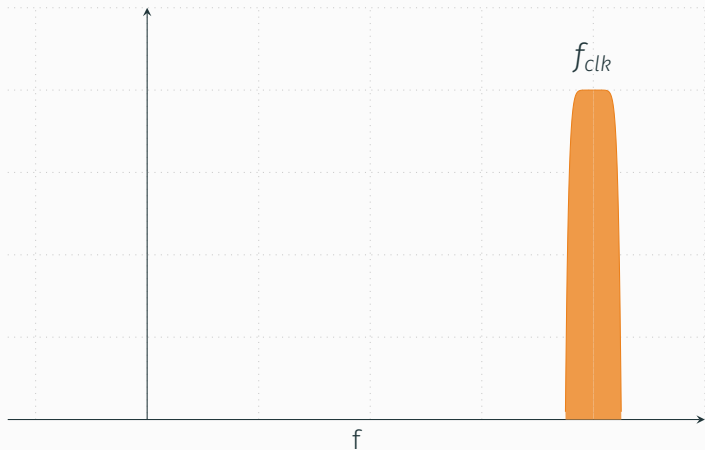
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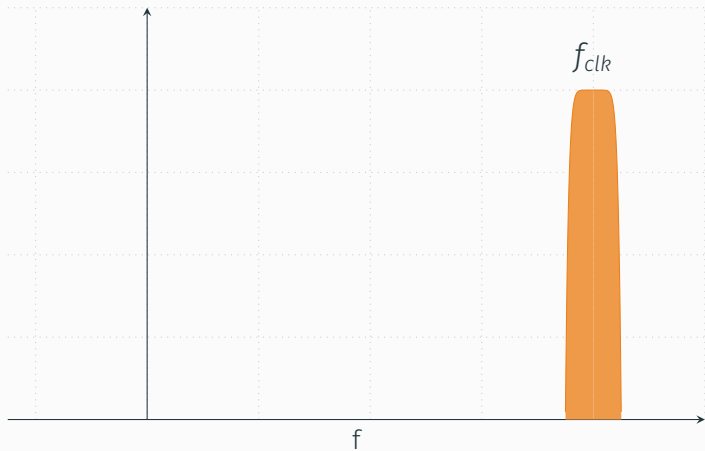
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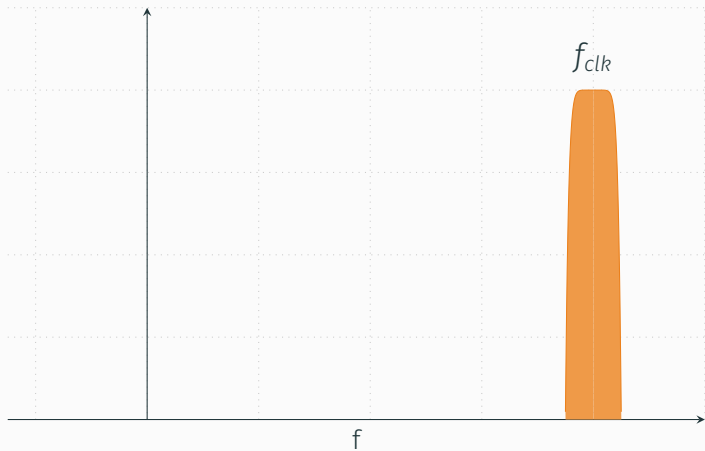
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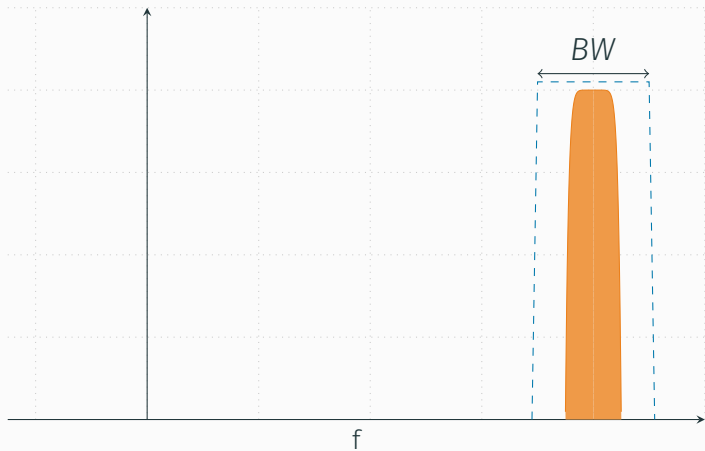
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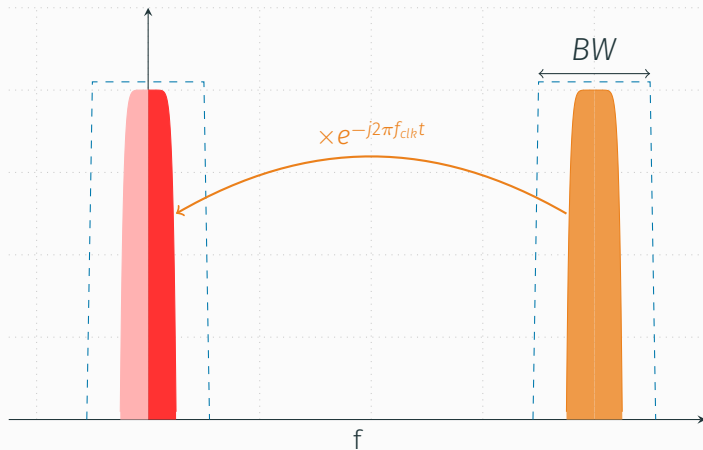
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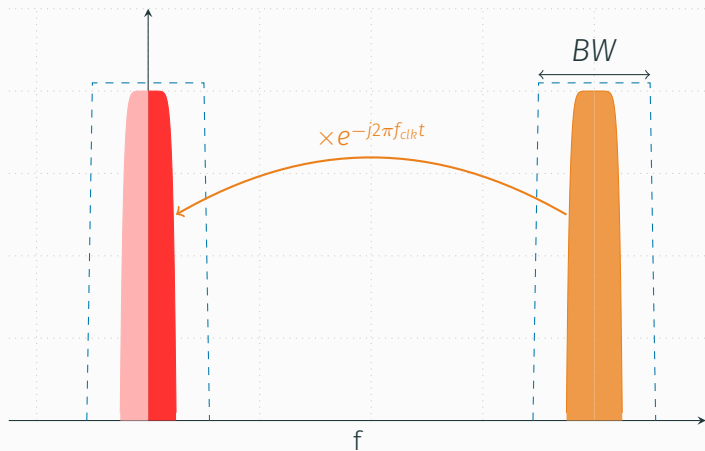
## Recording comparison — Radio



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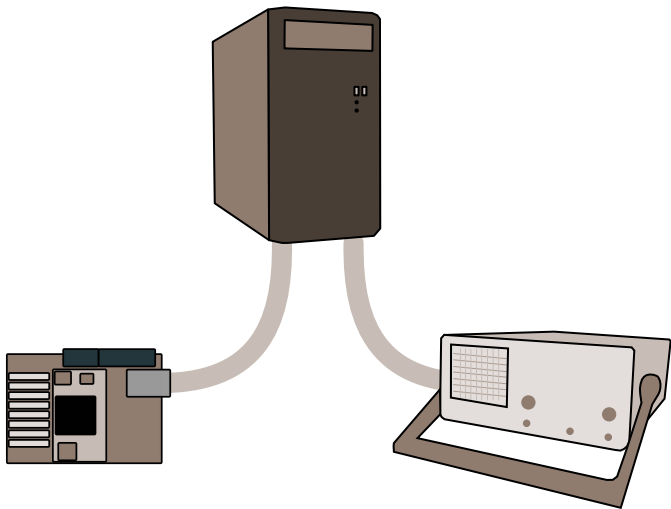


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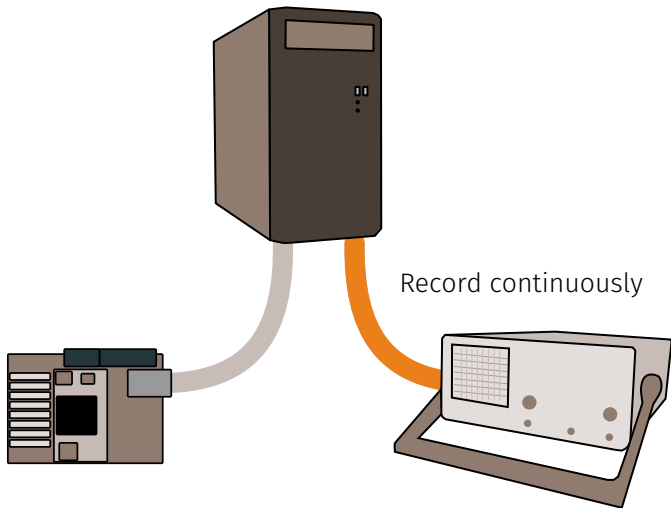


$$f_s > 2 \times BW$$

## Recording comparison — Radio



## Recording comparison — Radio



## Recording comparison — Radio

