

# Bringing Hardware Hacking to Life

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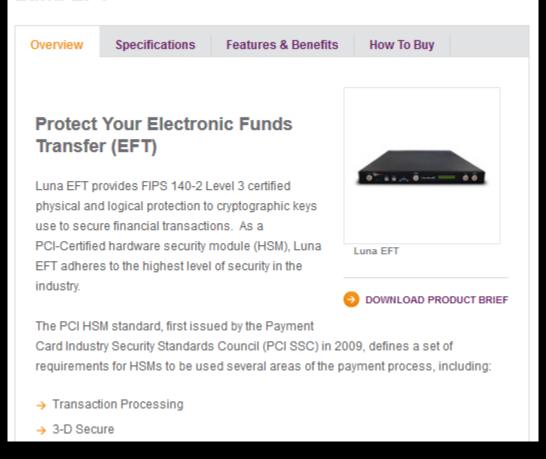
#### Overview

- Hardware Security?
- Side-Channel Analysis
- Examples of Side-Channel Analysis
- Glitching Attacks
- Examples of Glitching Attacks

#### About Me

- PhD at Dalhousie University (Ongoing)
- Designed open-source hardware security project (ChipWhisperer), 2<sup>nd</sup>-place winner of 2014 Hackaday Prize
- Commercialization through NewAE Technology Inc.
- Previously talked at Blackhat US/EU/AD, RECON, Embedded System Conference, etc.

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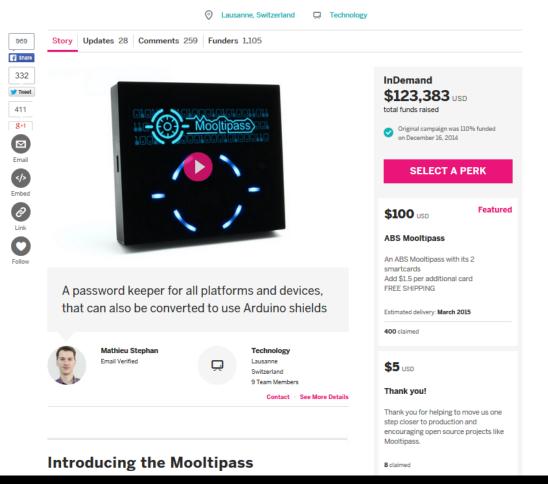








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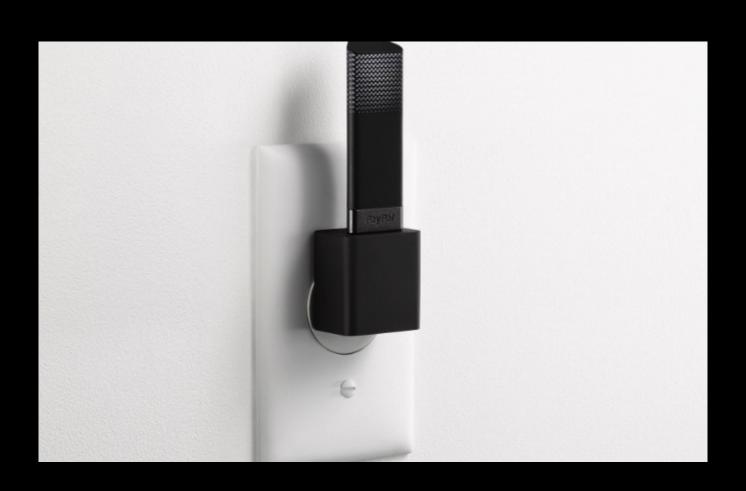
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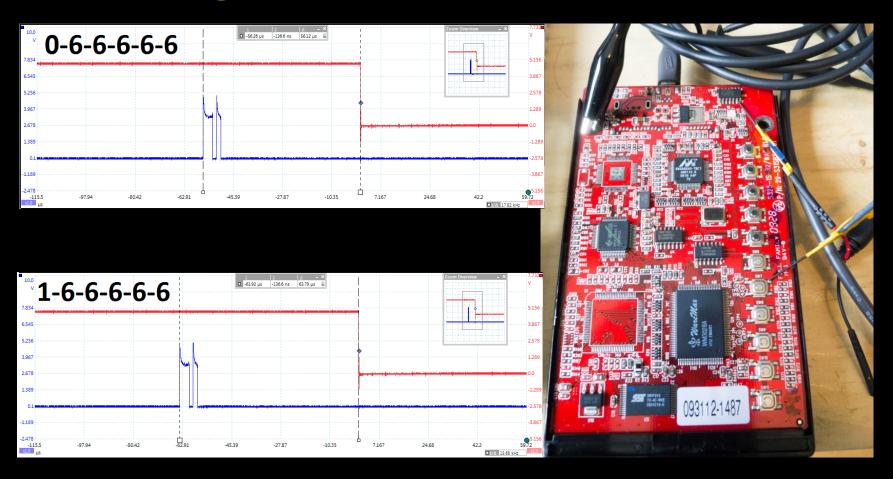
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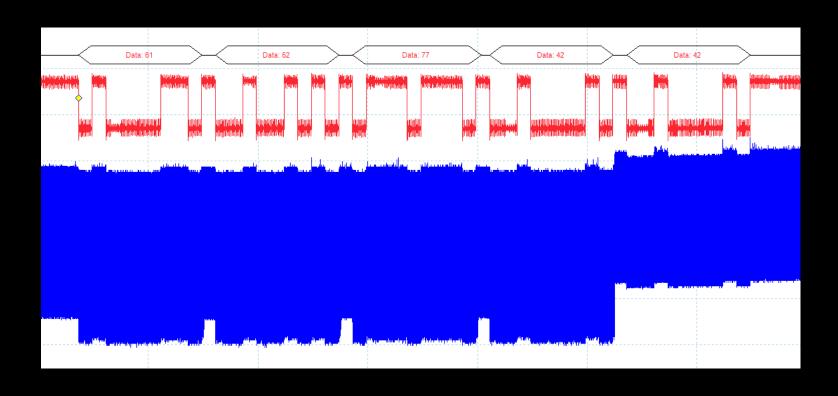
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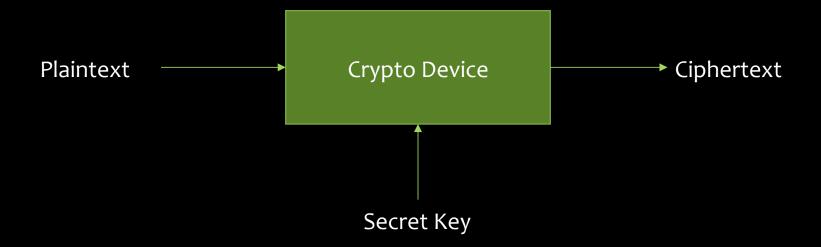
## Timing Attacks



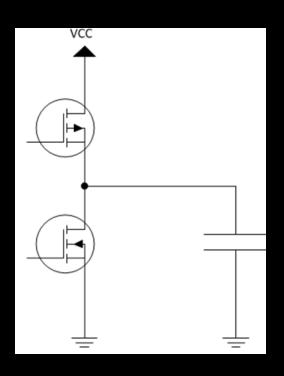
### Timing Attacks with Power

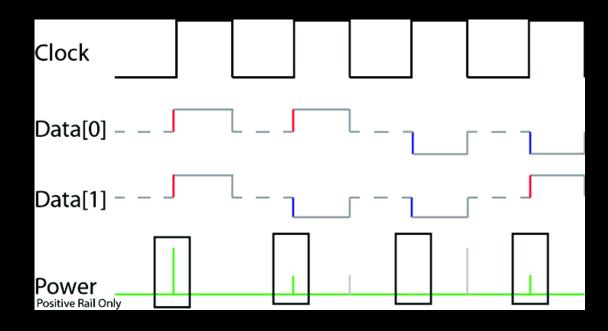


#### Side Channel Power Analysis

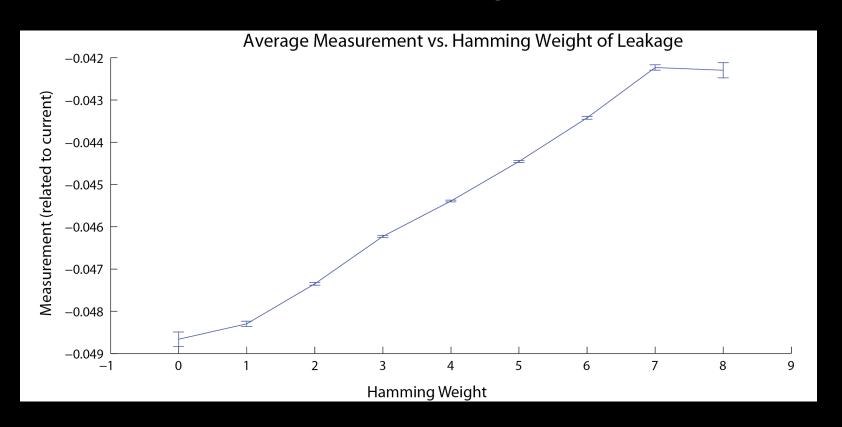


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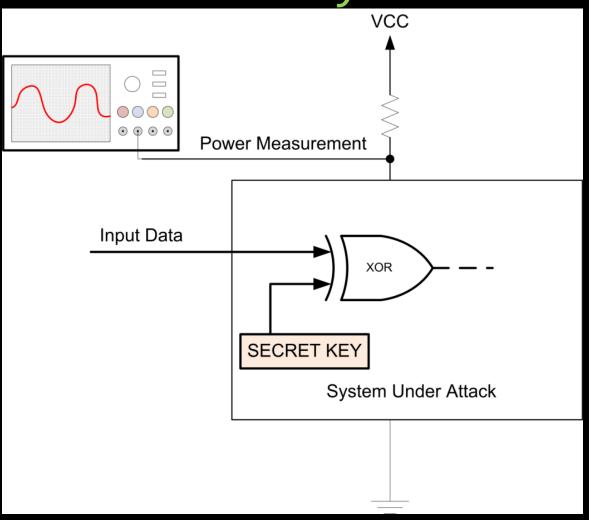




## Side Channel Analysis



# Measurement System



Assume user is 'encrypting' a 1-byte piece of data by XORing with a 1-byte secret key (EF), and we cannot observe output of XOR. This becomes:

#### Masking unknowns...

88 ⊕ KK = ?

56 ⊕ KK = ?

32⊕ KK = ?

A6 ⊕ KK = ?

35 ⊕ KK = ?



observations

#### Guess KK = oxoo

$$88 \oplus 00 = 88$$

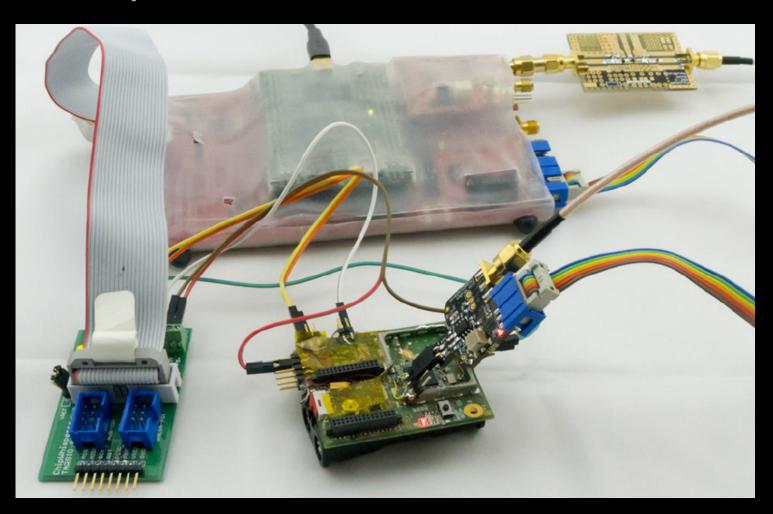
$$32 \oplus 00 = 32$$

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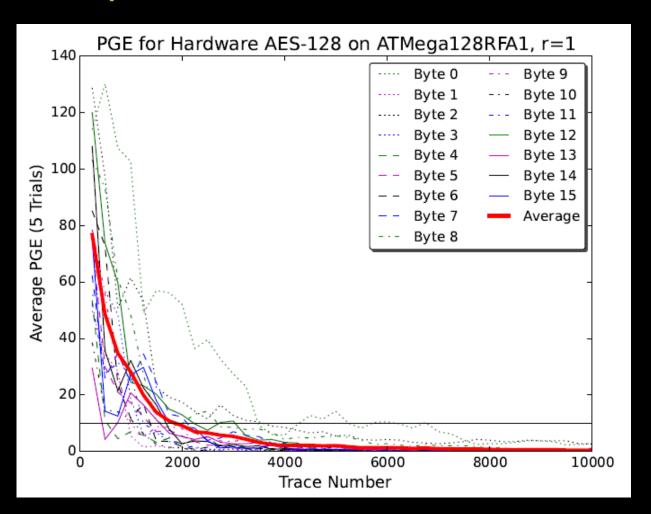
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## Example: IEEE 802.15.4

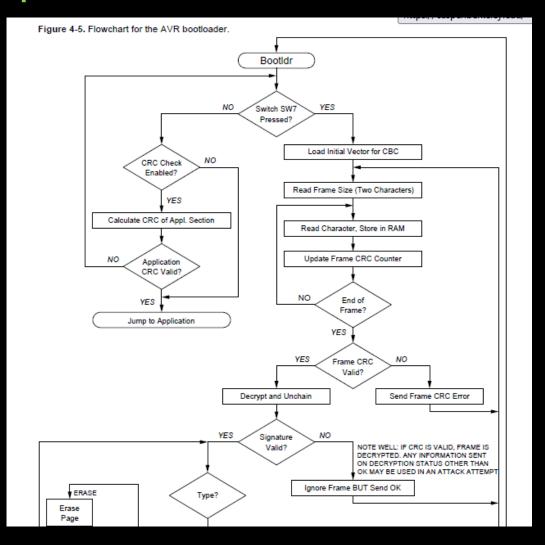


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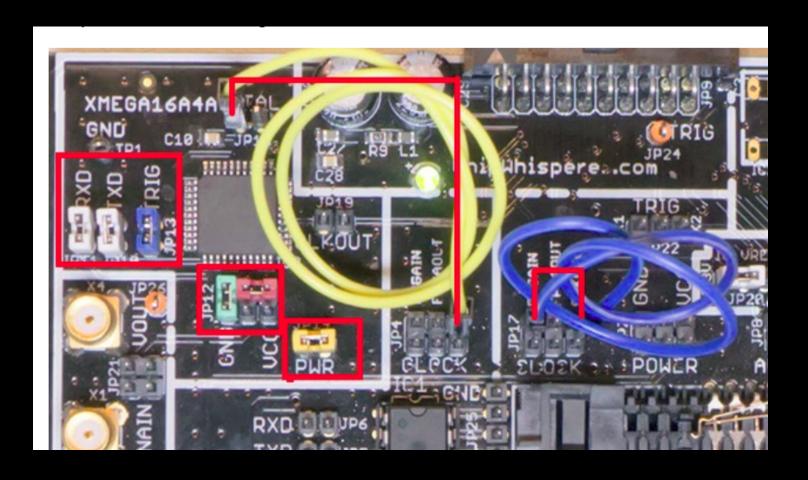


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### Example: AES-256 Bootloader



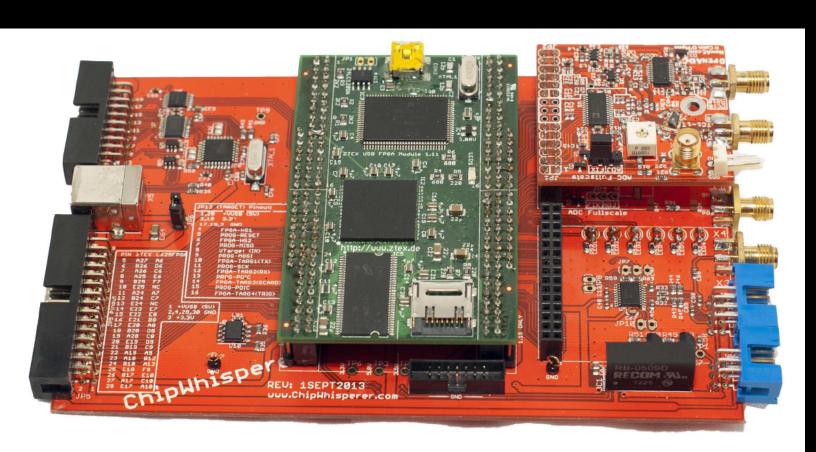
#### XMEGA in Real Life



### Cheap Hardware... First Ver



## Capture Hardware



# Scope-Based Capture



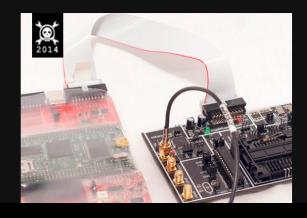
#### Hackaday Prize 2014

#### ChipWhisperer®: Security Research

ChipWhisperer laughs at your AES-256 implementation. But it laughs with you, not at you.



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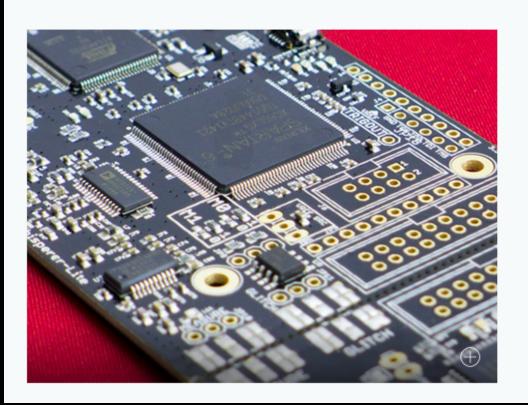
#### DESCRIPTION

ChipWhisperer is the first open-source toolchain for embedded hardware security research including side-channel power analysis and glitching. The innovative synchronous capture technology is unmatched by other tools, even from commercial vendors. Similar commercial equipment is too expensive (\$30k+), and being closed-source limits usefulness for academics. Instead this project bridges the gap between academic research and in-the-trenches engineering. Several peer-reviewed publications describe the design, matched with hours of hands-on tutorials for getting started.

The objective of ChipWhisperer is nothing short of revolutionizing the entire embedded security industry. Every designer who uses encryption in their design should be able to perform a

#### ChipWhisperer-Lite Kickstarter

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Embedded security - is it an oxymoron? Learn the truth through a series of hands-on labs targeting computer and electrical engineers.

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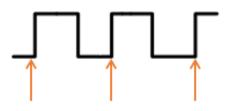
## Demo of Side-Channel Analysis

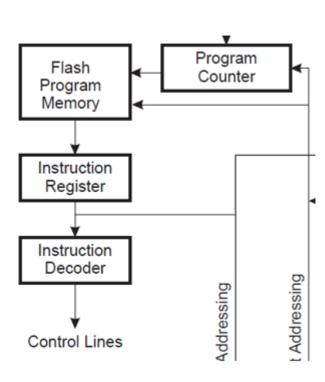
ChipWhisperer-Lite Based Hardware

### Glitching Attacks

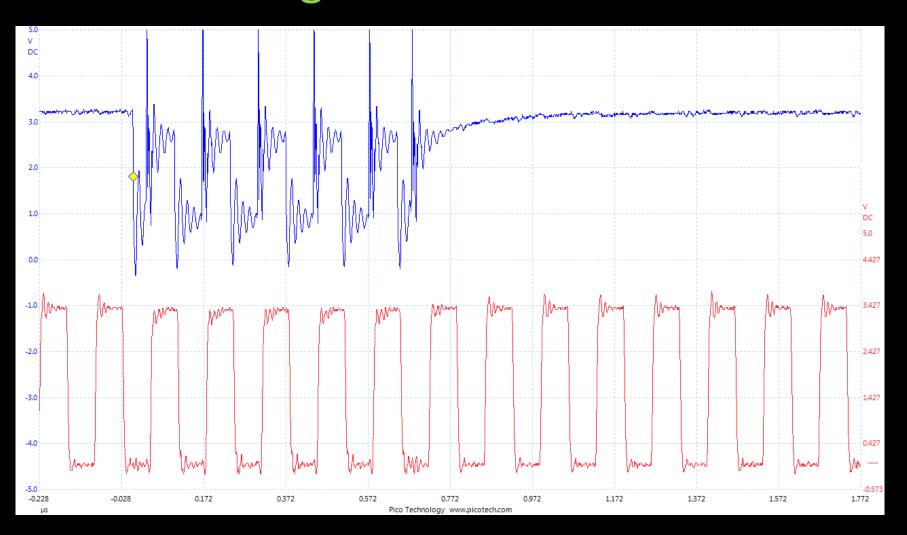
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auth.c -- PAM authorization code, common between chsh and chfn
    (c) 2012 by Cody Maloney <cmaloney@theoreticalchaos.com>
    this program is free software. you can redistribute it and
    modify it under the terms of the gnu general public license.
    there is no warranty.
#include "auth.h"
#include "pamfail.h"
int auth_pam(const char *service_name, uid_t uid, const char *username)
                  if (uid != 0) {
                                     pam handle t *pamh = NULL;
                                     struct pam_conv conv = { misc_conv, NULL };
                                     int retcode;
                                     retcode = pam start(service name, username, &conv, &pamh);
                                     if (pam fail check(pamh, retcode))
                                                        return FALSE;
                                     retcode = pam_authenticate(pamh, 0);
                                     if (pam fail check(pamh, retcode))
                                                        return FALSE;
                                     retcode = pam_acct_mgmt(pamh, 0);
                                     if (retcode == PAM NEW AUTHTOK REQD)
                                                        retcode =
                                                            pam_chauthtok(pamh, PAM_CHANGE_EXPIRED_AUTHTOK);
                                     if (pam_fail_check(pamh, retcode))
                                                        return FALSE;
                                     retcode = pam setcred(pamh, 0);
                                     if (pam fail check(pamh, retcode))
                                                        return FALSE;
                                     pam end(pamh, 0);
                                     /* no need to establish a session; this isn't a
                                      * session-oriented activity... */
                  return TRUE;
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### Glitching Attacks - Clock

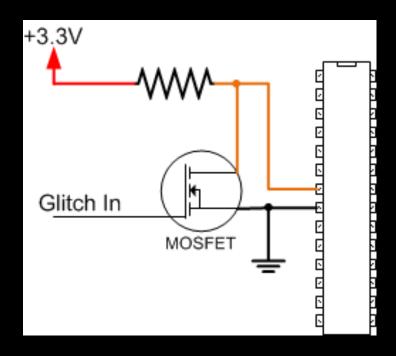




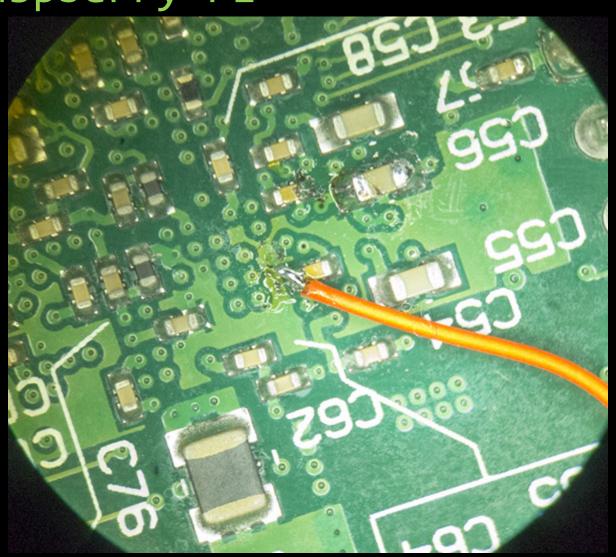
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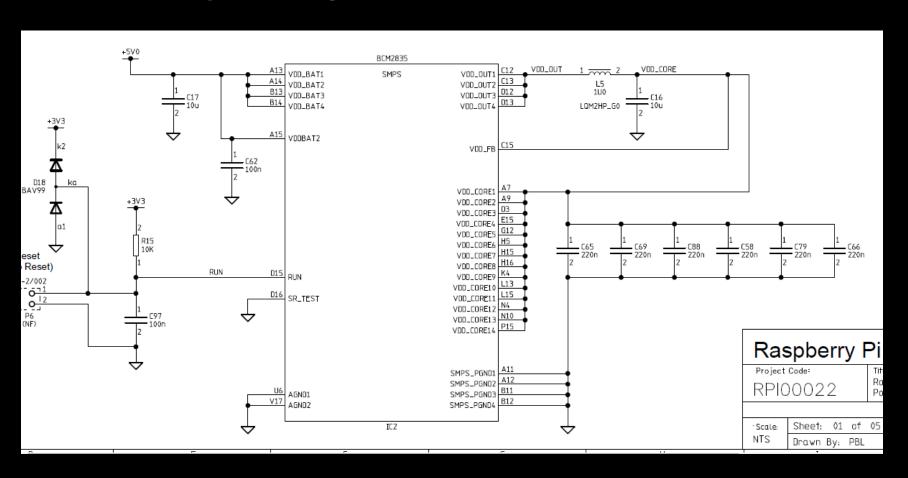
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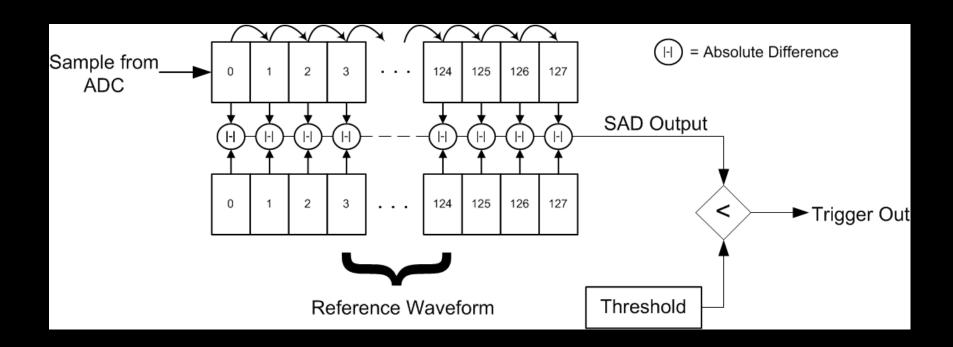
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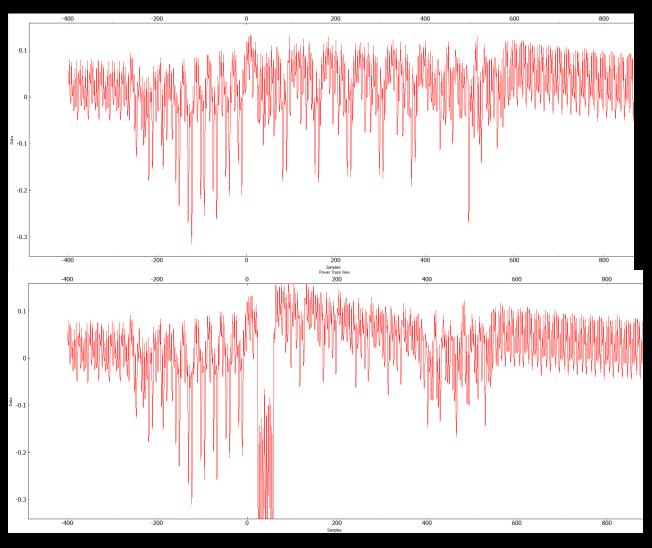
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## Triggering Attacks



# Examples of Triggering



## Conclusions

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