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# FPGA-based Implementation Attacks with GIANt

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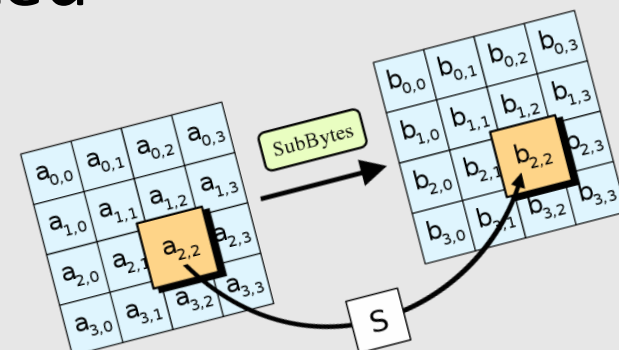
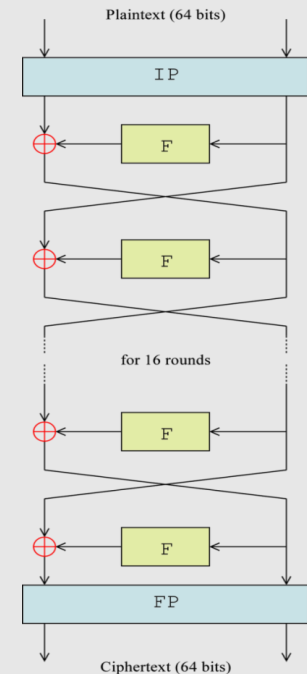
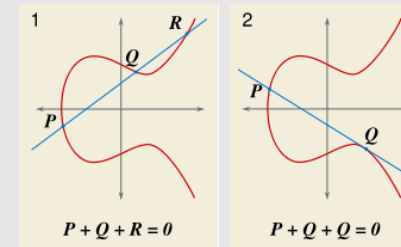
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# Motivation

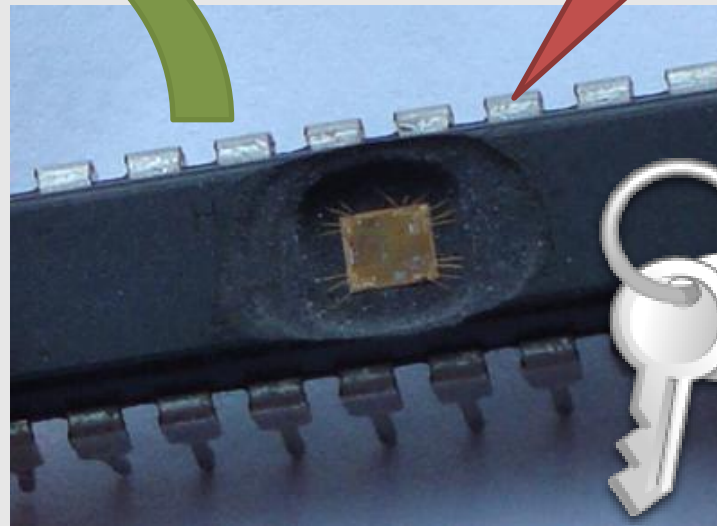
- E.g. AES, 3DES, RSA, ECC, ...
- Mathematically secure  
⇒ **No analytical attacks**
- Large key size  
⇒ **No brute-force attacks**
- All problems solved?
- **No!** Crypto has to be implemented somewhere



Source: Wikipedia



**Side-Channel  
Analysis**



**Cryptographic IC**

**Fault  
injection**

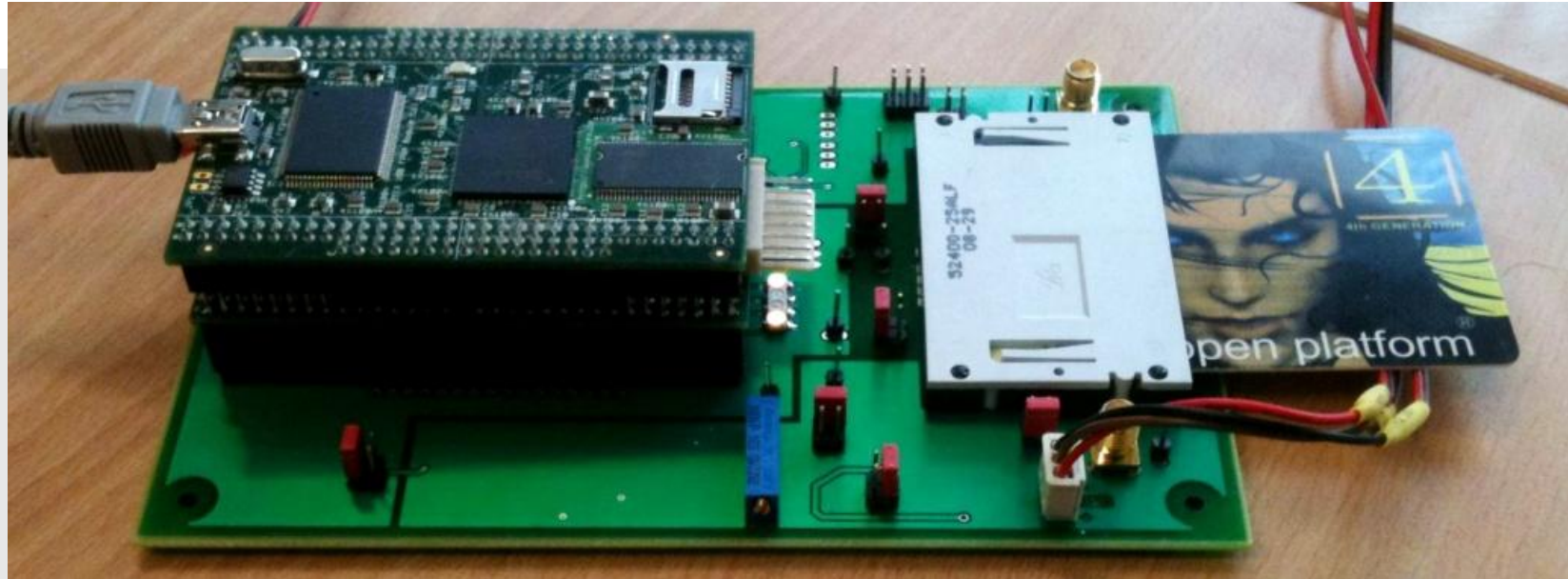
- Digital Oscilloscope: **2000 – 50000 USD**
- Signal Generator: **2000 – 10000 USD**
- Specialized Devices:
  - E.g. by Riscure



Sources: LeCroy,  
Agilent, Riscure

- **Expensive**
- **Usually not fully open / extendable**

# Our contribution: The GIAnT



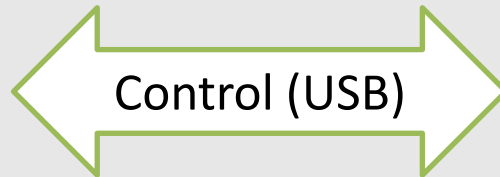
- **Generic Implementation Analysis Toolkit**
- **Low-cost:** < 300 USD
- ZTEX Spartan6 FPGA module
- **Open-source:** [sf.net/projects/giant](https://sf.net/projects/giant)
- Support for fault injection and side-channel analysis



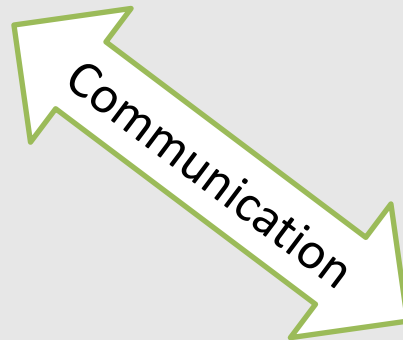
Architecture and Features

# GIAnT

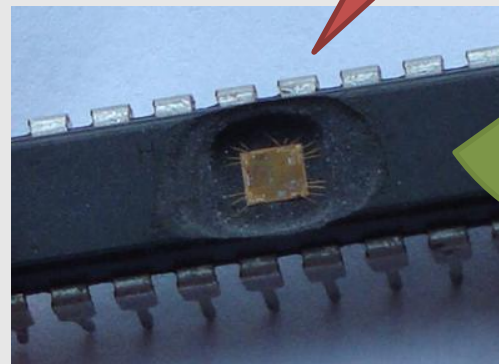
**Controlling PC**



**GIAnt: ZTEX FPGA module +  
custom board**



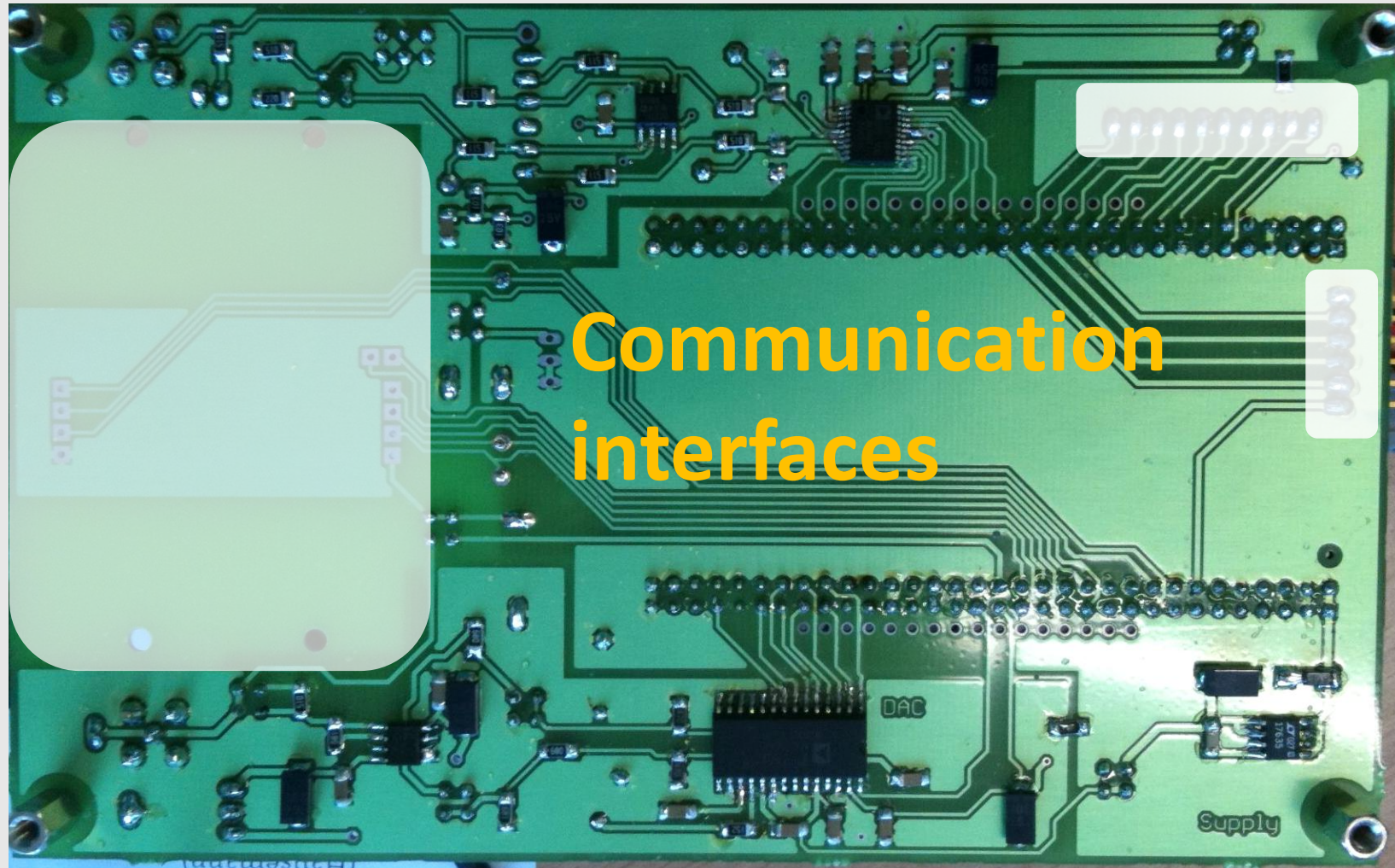
**Power  
supply**



**Device under test**

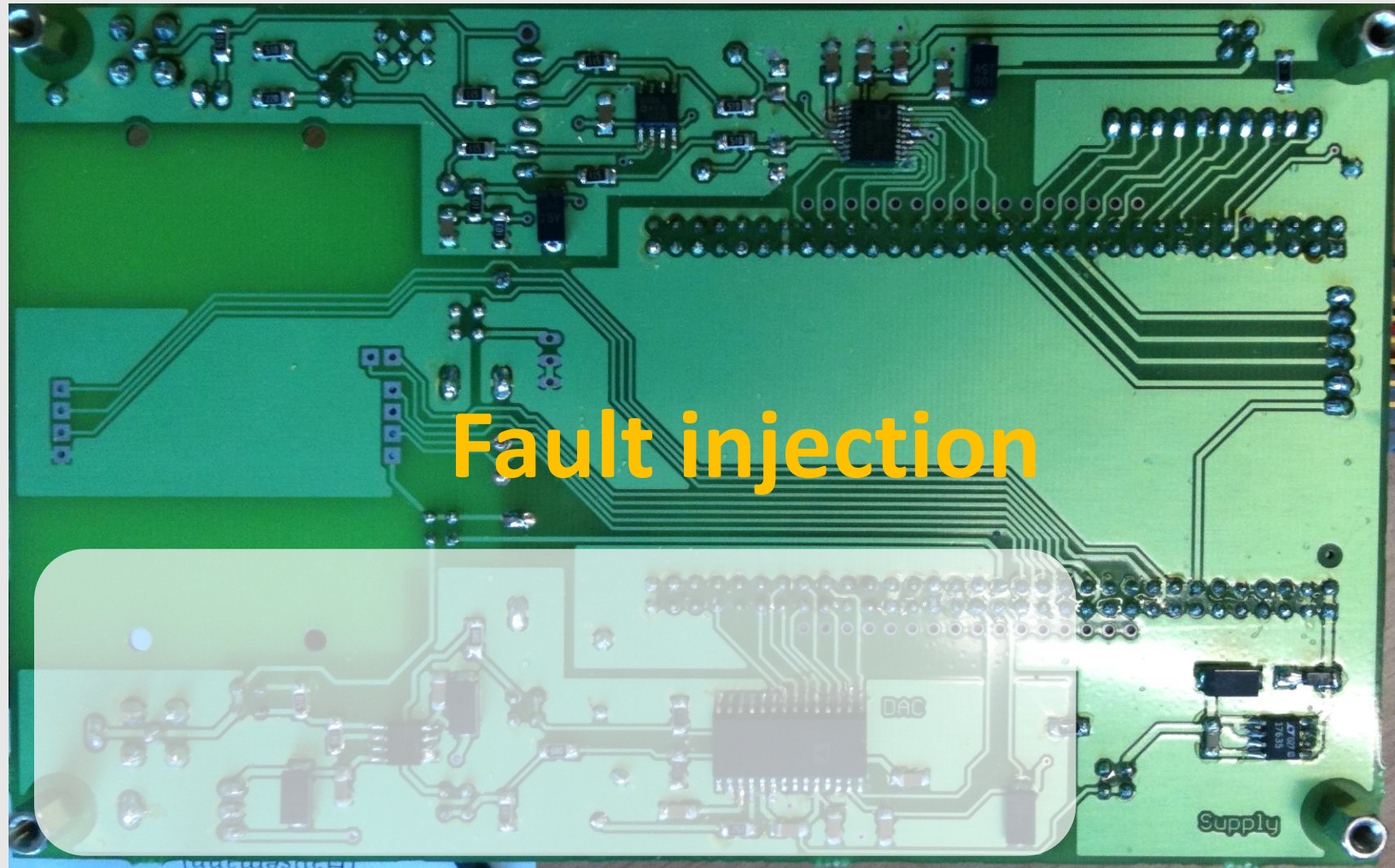


**Power  
consumption**

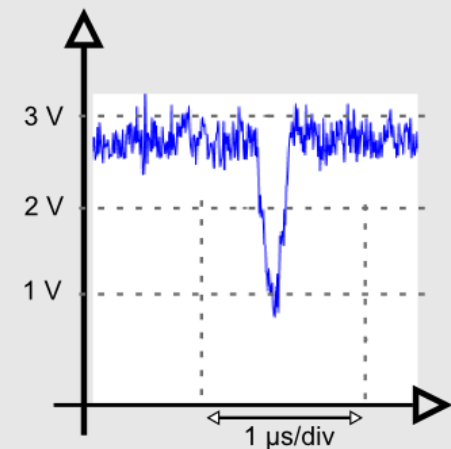
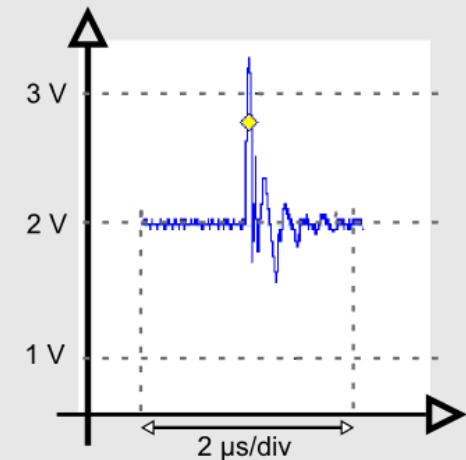
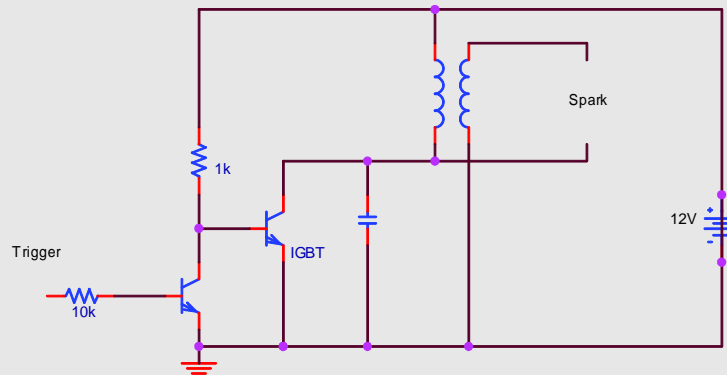


- Controlled and programmed via USB 2.0
- Interfaces to DUT
  - General-purpose I/O
  - Serial links (SPI, TWI, ...)
  - ISO 7816 (Contact-based smartcards)
  - ISO 14443 (Contactless smartcards)
  - ...

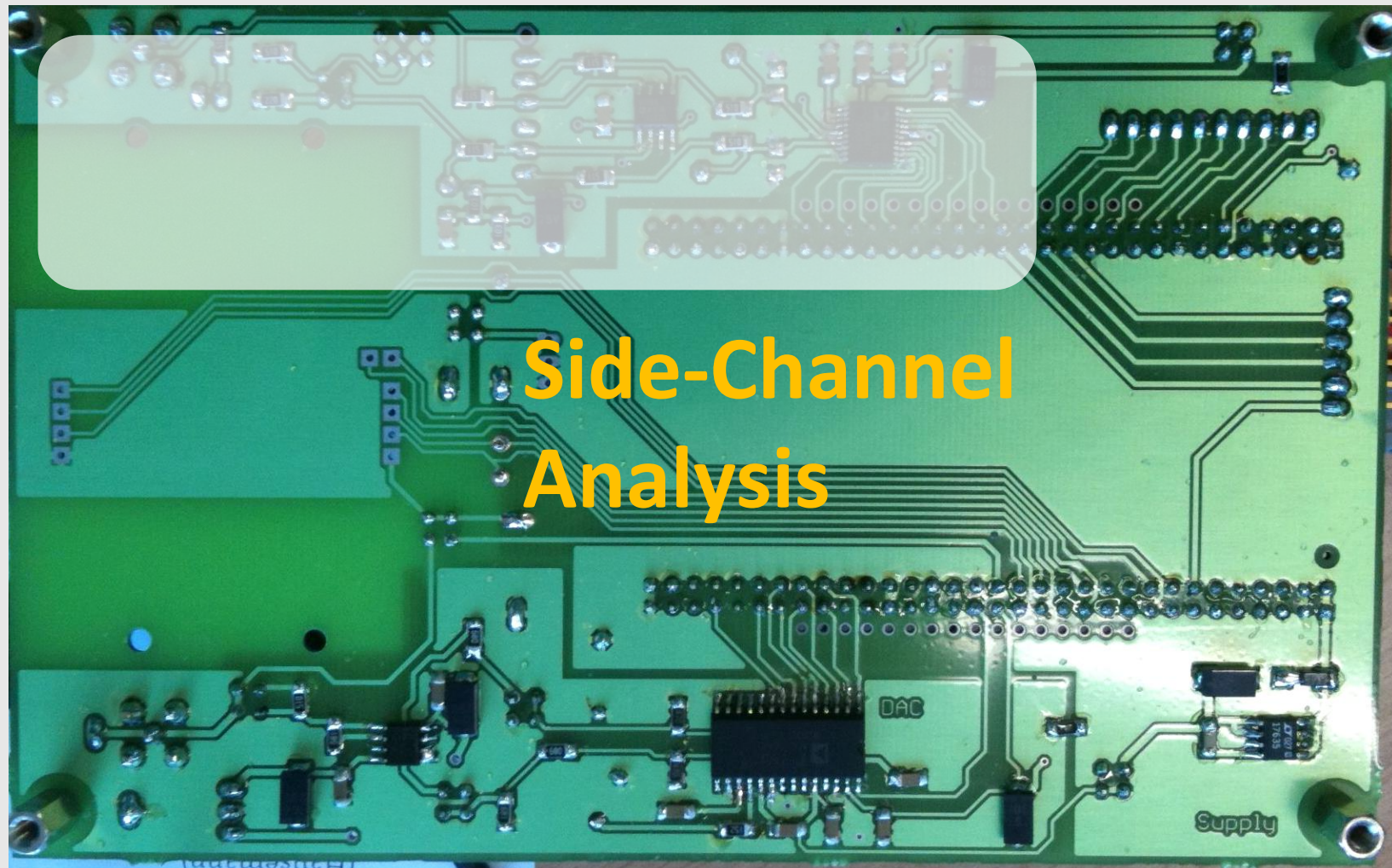




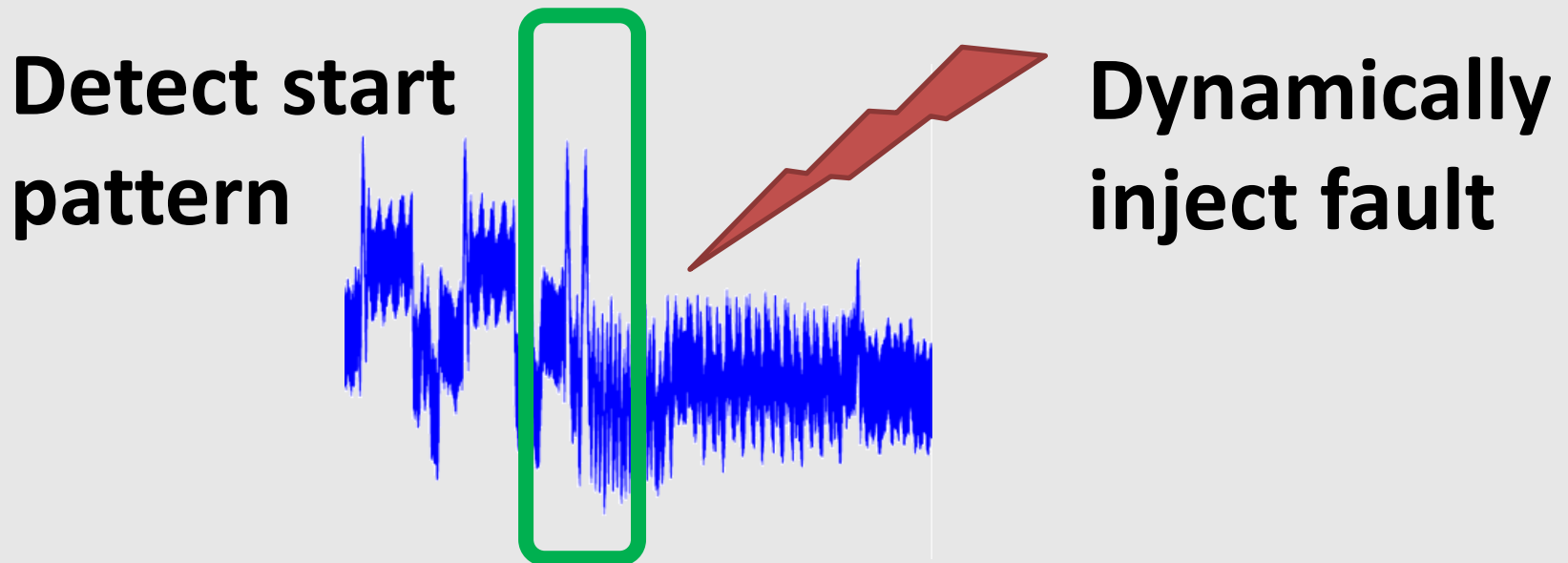
- Digital-Analog Converter AD9283
  - Up to 100 MHz (Resolution 10 ns)
  - Arbitrary waveform possible
  - Amplifier: -10 V ... +10 V
- Extendable with external circuitry
  - Clock glitches
  - EM pulses
  - Laser







- Analog-Digital Converter AD9283
  - Up to 100 MHz
  - 64 MB SRAM on FPGA module
- Record analog signals for side-channel analysis
- Pattern-detection for dynamic triggering





Fault injection

# Practical Results

# Practical Results: CRT-RSA on ATMEga

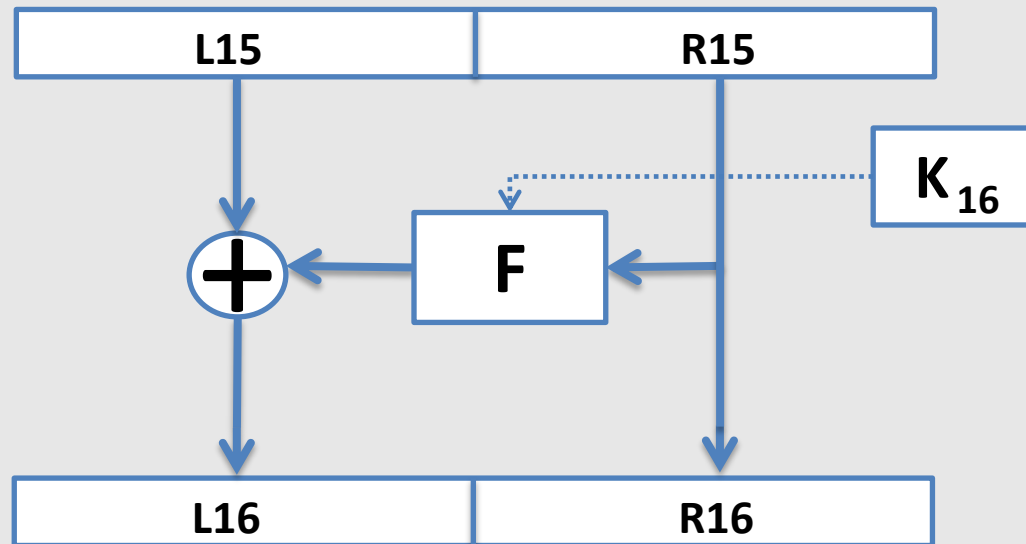
- Atmel ATMEga: Software CRT-RSA on „smartcard“



- Obtain faulty signature  $c'$  on  $x$
- Lenstra:  $d = \gcd(x - (c')^e, n)$

# Practical Results: 3DES on ATXMega

- Atmel ATXMega: Hardware DES engine
- Execute DES instruction 16 times
- Fault effect: Skip one round



- Recover  $K_{16}$ , iterate for full key

Let's hope the best and expect the worst

# Live demonstration

# Conclusion

- Fault injection and side-channel analysis
- **Low-cost**
- **Open source**
- Tested with various devices
- Continuously being **improved**
  - RFID
  - Other fault injection methods
  - ...
  - Contributions are welcome
- Visit [sf.net/projects/giant](http://sf.net/projects/giant)

A close-up, slightly blurred image of a microchip on a printed circuit board (PCB) with various components and traces.

**Thanks!**  
**Questions?**

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