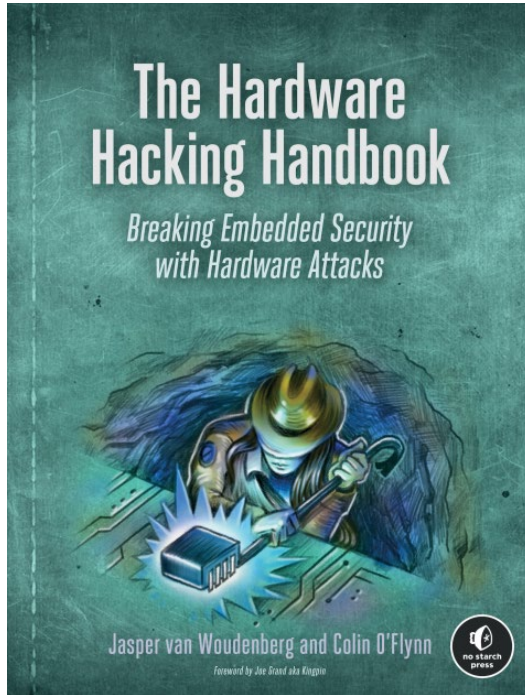


# Hands on with Non-Invasive Hardware Security Tooling

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New England Hardware Security Day 2022

# About Me & This Talk



- Started ChipWhisperer project
  - Power analysis, fault injection, including hardware & software.
  - Variety of open-source & not tools
  - Now a company supporting 6 people – with some local connection coming soon (Cambridge/Boston area), *if you are looking for work please get in touch!*
- Was assistant professor at Dalhousie University (now adjunct to do ChipWhisperer stuff full-time instead)
- Co-author of “The Hardware Hacking Handbook” alongside *Jasper Van Woudenberg*
  - Published with No Starch Press (physical book Nov / 2021)

Links to material on blog post at [oflynn.com](https://oflynn.com)

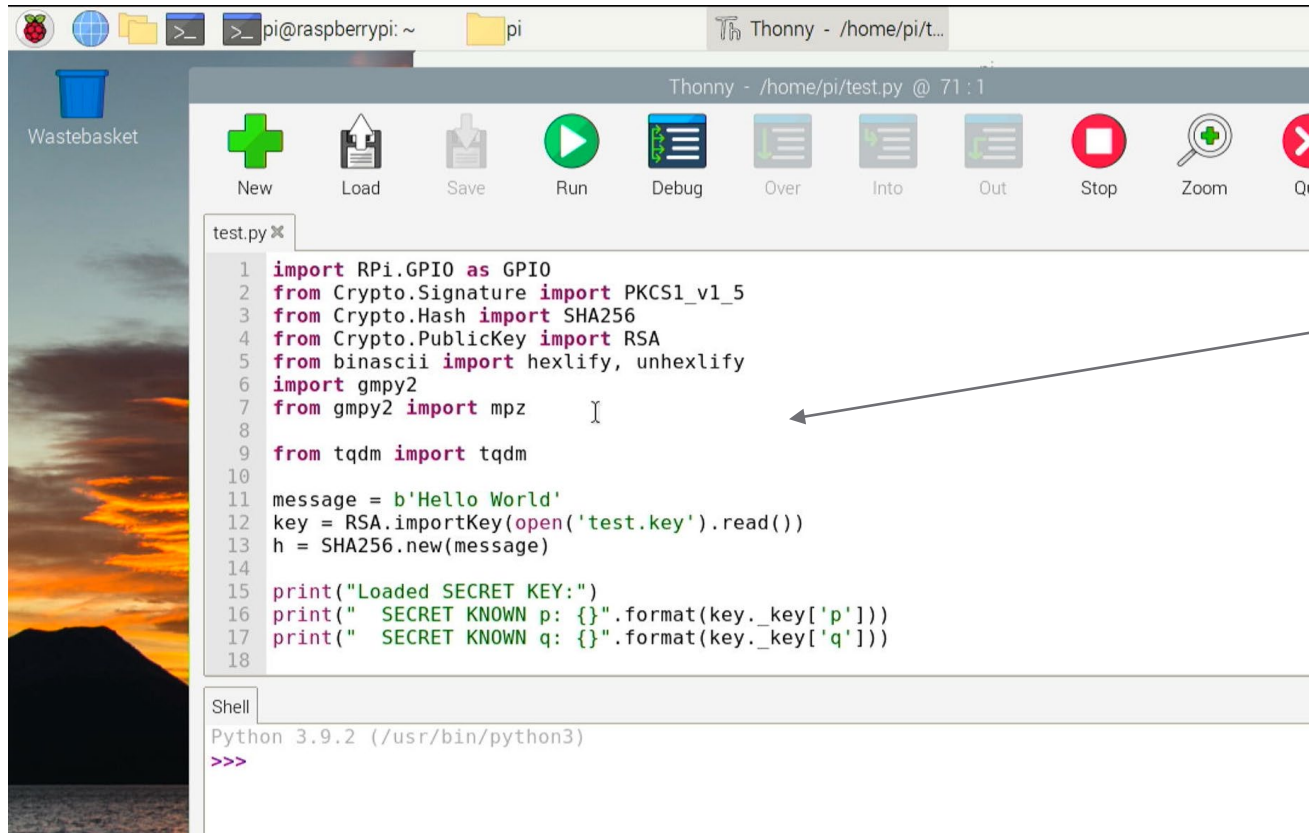
# Topics in this demo-focused talk

- Fault injection on Raspberry Pi 3 Model B+:
  - Faulting RSA signing operation to recover private key
  - EMFI
- RISC-V Soft Core
- ECC / FPGA Attacks

# Fault Injection on Raspberry Pi 3 Model B+

Objective: DFA on RSA (from Python!)

# R-Pi as Target & Platform

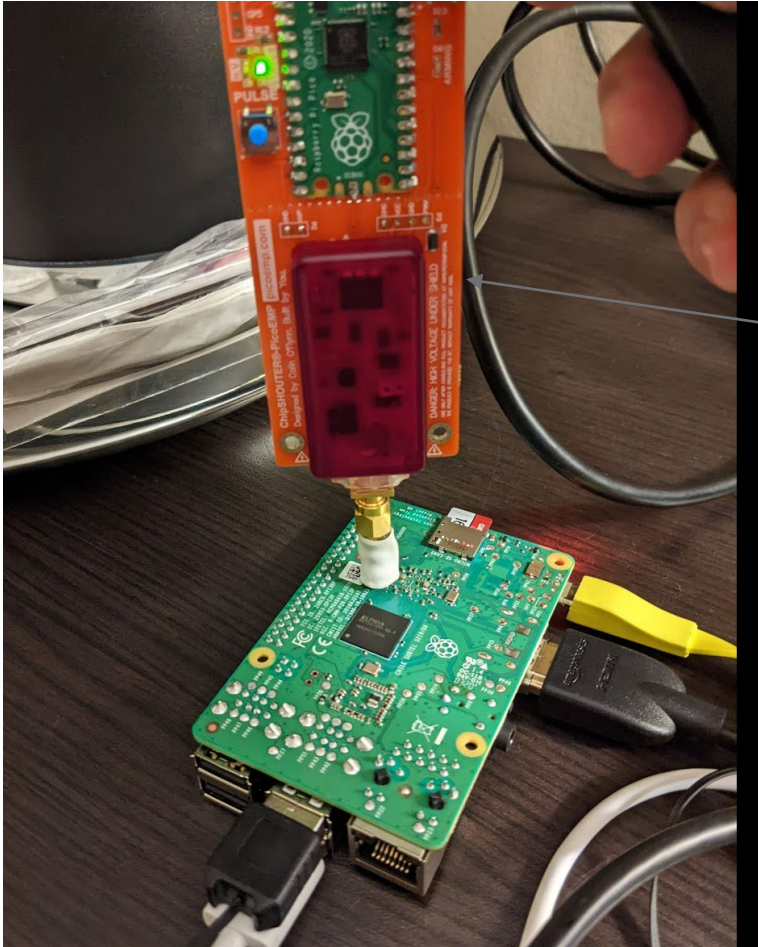


```
1 import RPi.GPIO as GPIO
2 from Crypto.Signature import PKCS1_v1_5
3 from Crypto.Hash import SHA256
4 from Crypto.PublicKey import RSA
5 from binascii import hexlify, unhexlify
6 import gmpy2
7 from gmpy2 import mpz
8
9 from tqdm import tqdm
10
11 message = b'Hello World'
12 key = RSA.importKey(open('test.key').read())
13 h = SHA256.new(message)
14
15 print('Loaded SECRET KEY:')
16 print(' SECRET KNOWN p: {}'.format(key._key['p']))
17 print(' SECRET KNOWN q: {}'.format(key._key['q']))
18
```

```
Python 3.9.2 (/usr/bin/python3)
>>>
```

We're going to run  
some Python code on a  
Raspberry Pi Model 3  
B+.

# R-Pi as Target & Platform



We're going to inject faults into a Raspberry Pi Model B 3+

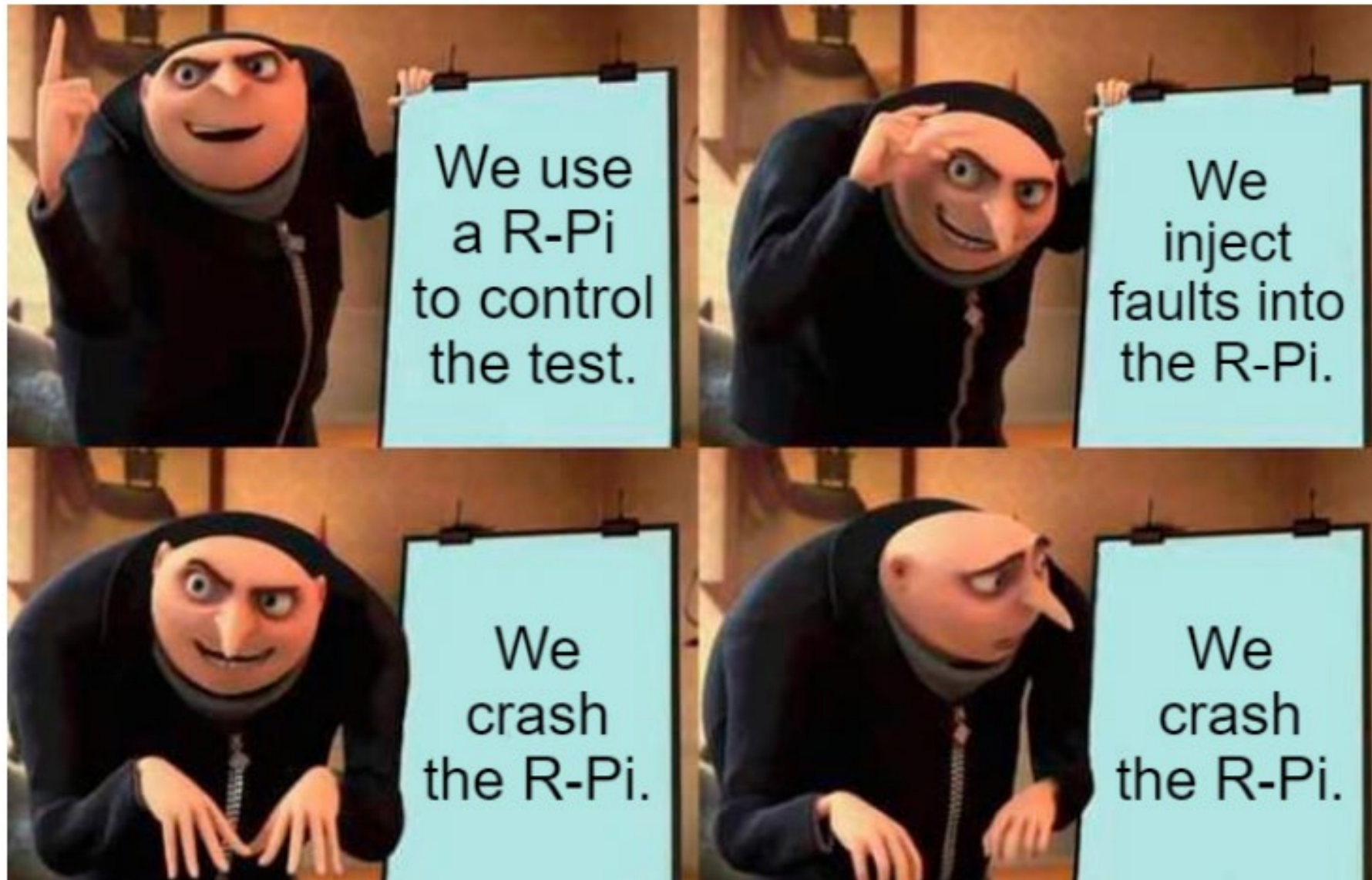


# R-Pi as Target & Platform

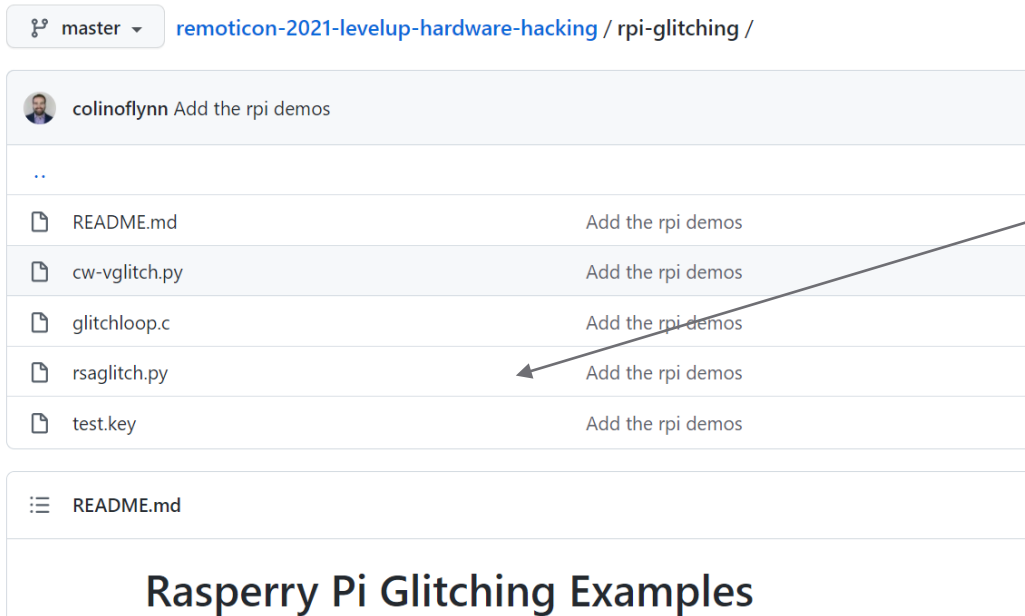
```
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File Edit Tabs Help  
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1531401  
/home/pi/test.py:20: RuntimeWarning: This channel is already in use, continu  
anyway. Use GPIO.setwarnings(False) to disable warnings.  
GPIO.setup(18, GPIO.OUT)  
90it [00:02, 40.91it/s]Segmentation fault  
pi@raspberrypi:~ $ python test.py  
Loaded SECRET KEY:  
SECRET KNOWN p: 1788107990298414946671967110934214587143749134127334670831  
3684912304200886921616116985742675702264935591014320723665337337364594593189  
5426194549782361944128411813898647264854490487760581514957368381732096873188  
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SECRET KNOWN q: 1525233919984401138266712359184211726799434776074544683725  
6962992737838645557814780634407331711145095262404962808185168935226577111189  
4851442900723066606393548273284332009648923418389843103328117385347056908523  
0420895023661639019862379495017645342037849044552993181579153946523138430957  
1531401  
/home/pi/test.py:20: RuntimeWarning: This channel is already in use, continu  
anyway. Use GPIO.setwarnings(False) to disable warnings.  
GPIO.setup(18, GPIO.OUT)  
925it [00:22, 40.75it/s]free(): invalid pointer  
Aborted
```

We're going to crash a  
Raspberry Pi Model B  
3+





# My Code for R-Pi



Running this code.

<https://github.com/colinoflynn/remoticon-2021-levelup-hardware-hacking/tree/master/rpi-glitching>

# Follow Along with Co-Lab / Python

```
31 while True:
32     GPIO.output(18, GPIO.LOW)
33     GPIO.output(18, GPIO.HIGH)
34     output = p.sign(h)
35     GPIO.output(18, GPIO.LOW)
36
37     #output = b'\x93\x07\xc0\x02\xc9\x85\n\xb3lY\xad\xb4hY\
38     #output = b'\xc9\xa0\x14\x0f\xad\xd3\xb2\x9dK\x15\xe7Zg\
39
```

These are example *faulty* outputs – if you uncomment this code acts as if you received such a faulty output!

See if you can get the p/q recovery. If so you can run this yourself.

**WATCH ENVIRONMENT SETUP: Need specific version of pycryptodome**

**The issue is fixed in any recent version.**

# Cheap EMFI Tooling

# Initial “Safe” Version

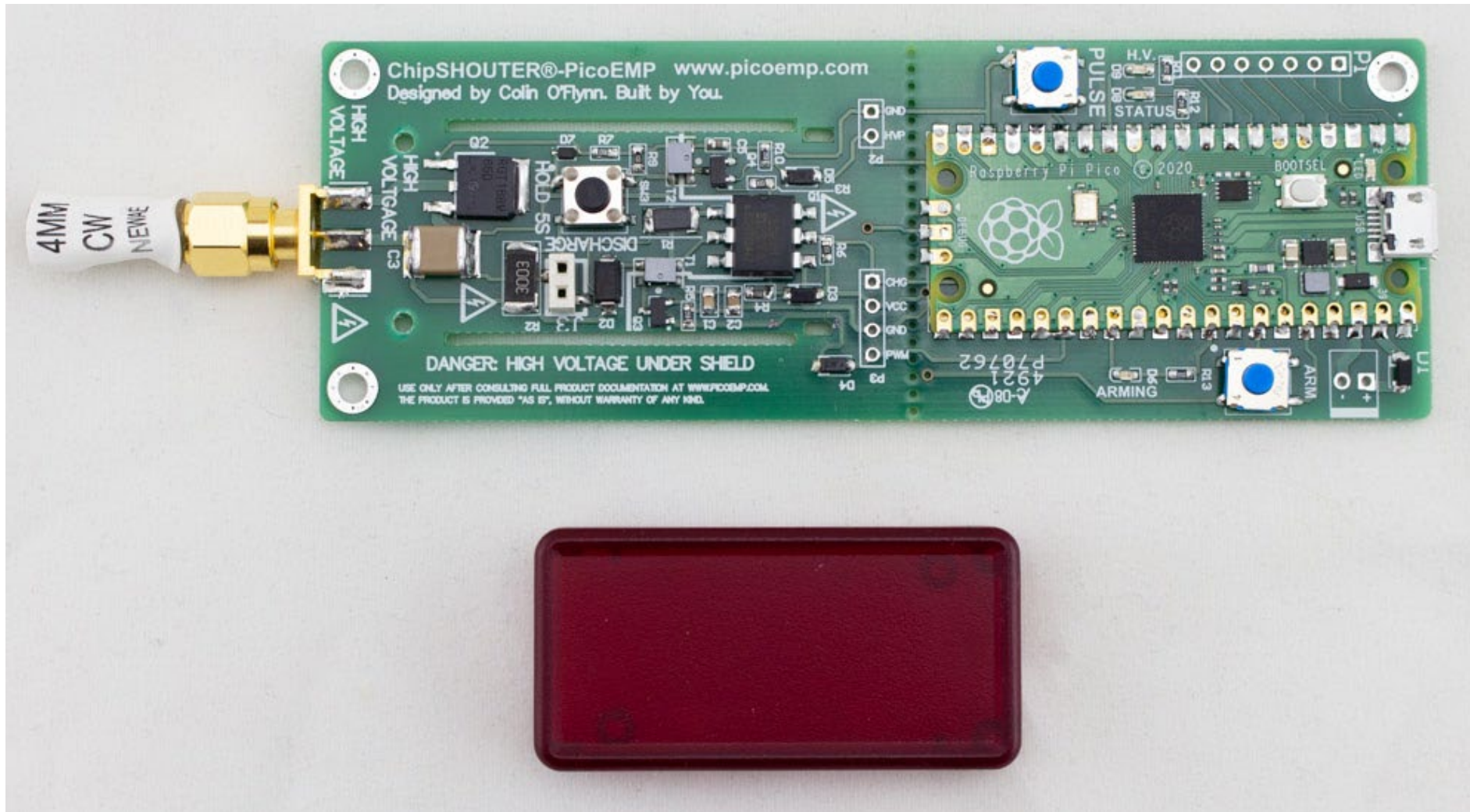


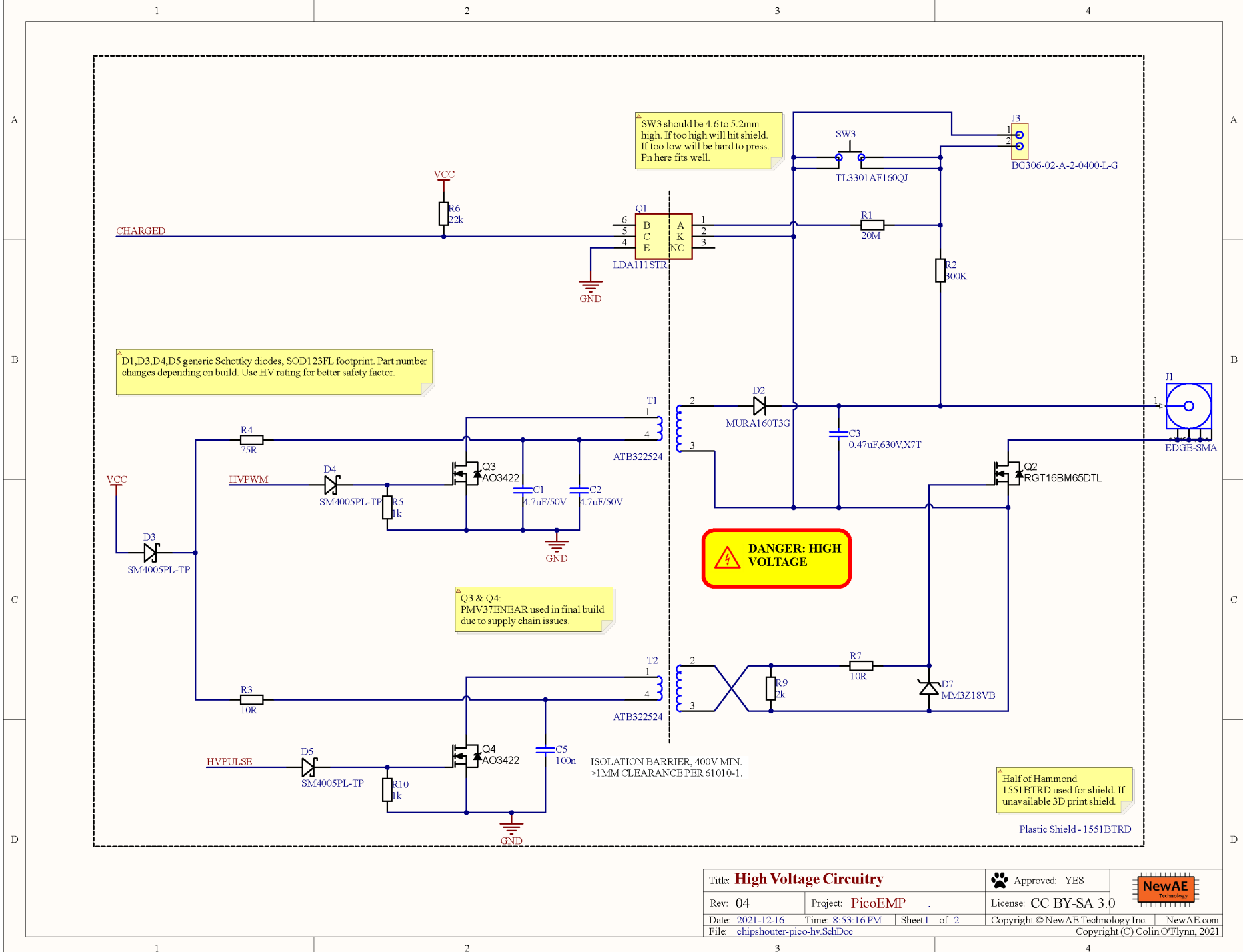
Hackaday Remoticon 2021

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# PicoEMP



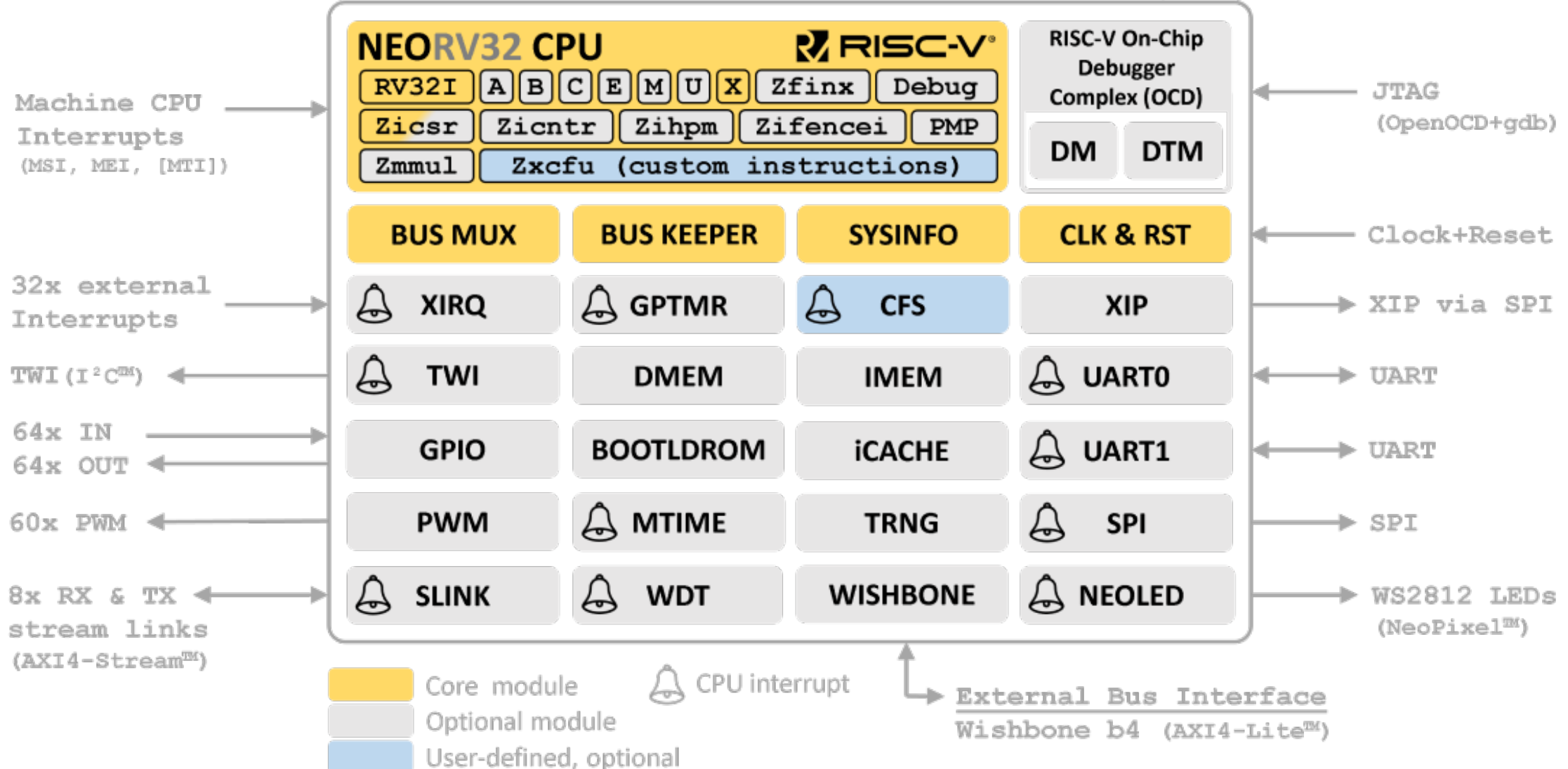




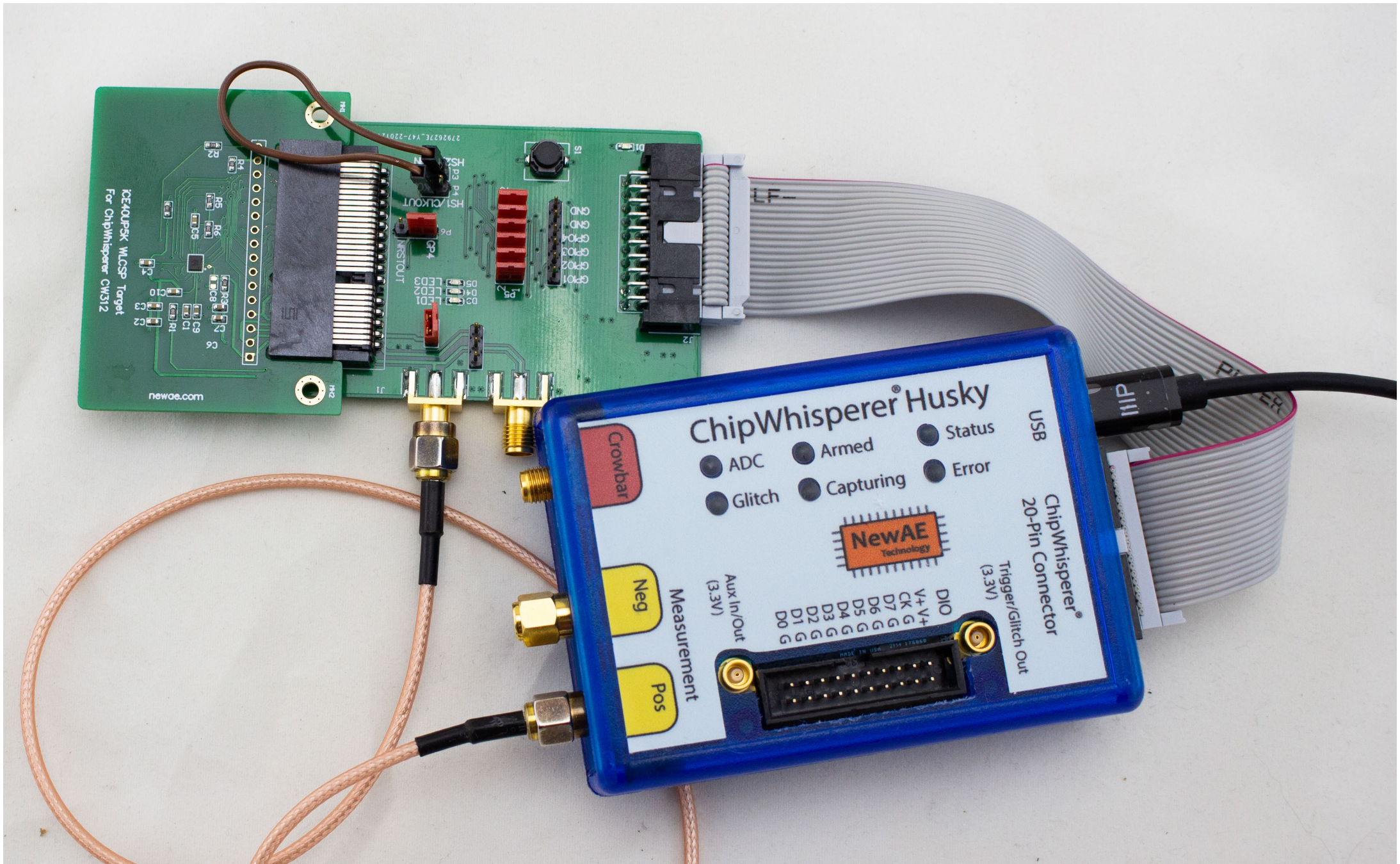
# RISC-V Soft-Core Attack

# NEORV32 Processor

neorv32\_top.vhd







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- ☐ ADC
- ☐ Armed
- ☐ Status
- ☐ Glitch
- ☐ Capturing
- ☐ Error



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DIO  
V+ V+  
CK G  
D7 G  
D6 G  
D5 G  
D4 G  
D3 G  
D2 G  
D1 G  
D0

Aux In/Out  
(3.3V)

Measurement

Neg

Pos

Crowbar

# Example – Simple AES Attack

# Rebuilding your RISC-V Core

```
Info: Slack histogram:
Info: legend: * represents 21 endpoint(s)
Info:      + represents [1,21) endpoint(s)
Info: [ 39029, 41053) |*+
Info: [ 41053, 43077) |+
Info: [ 43077, 45101) |+
Info: [ 45101, 47125) |+
Info: [ 47125, 49149) |*****+
Info: [ 49149, 51173) |*****+
Info: [ 51173, 53197) |****+
Info: [ 53197, 55221) |***+
Info: [ 55221, 57245) |****+
Info: [ 57245, 59269) |*****+
Info: [ 59269, 61293) |*****+
Info: [ 61293, 63317) |*****+
Info: [ 63317, 65341) |*****+
Info: [ 65341, 67365) |*****+
Info: [ 67365, 69389) |*****+
Info: [ 69389, 71413) |*****+
Info: [ 71413, 73437) |*****+
Info: [ 73437, 75461) |*****+
Info: [ 75461, 77485) |*****+
Info: [ 77485, 79509) |*****+
6 warnings, 0 errors

Info: Program finished normally.
icepack neorv32_ice40CW312_MinimalBoot.asc neorv32_ice40CW312_MinimalBoot.bit
make[3]: Leaving directory '/c/dev/neorv32-setups/osflow'
IMPL="${BITSTREAM%.*}"; for item in ".bit" ".svf"; do \
  if [ -f ".$IMPL$item" ]; then \
    mv ".$IMPL$item" ./; \
  fi \
done
make[2]: Leaving directory '/c/dev/neorv32-setups/osflow'
make[1]: Leaving directory '/c/dev/neorv32-setups/osflow'
```



# Rebuilding your Firmware

```
Creating load file for EEPROM: simpleserial-aes-CW308_NEORV32.eep
riscv32-unknown-elf-objcopy -j .eeprom --set-section-flags=.eeprom="alloc,load" \
--change-section-lma .eeprom=0 --no-change-warnings -O ihex simpleserial-aes-CW308_NEORV32.elf simp
ORV32.eep || exit 0
.
Creating Extended Listing: simpleserial-aes-CW308_NEORV32.lss
riscv32-unknown-elf-objdump -h -S -z simpleserial-aes-CW308_NEORV32.elf > simpleserial-aes-CW308_NE
.
Creating Symbol Table: simpleserial-aes-CW308_NEORV32.sym
riscv32-unknown-elf-nm -n simpleserial-aes-CW308_NEORV32.elf > simpleserial-aes-CW308_NEORV32.sym
Size after:
  text    data    bss     dec     hex filename
  5784     272    5696   11752   2de8 simpleserial-aes-CW308_NEORV32.elf
+-----+
+ Default target does full rebuild each time.
+ Specify buildtarget == allquick == to avoid full rebuild
+-----+
+-----+
+ Built for platform iCE40 Target with neorv softcore with:
+ CRYPTO_TARGET = TINYAES128C
+ CRYPTO_OPTIONS = AES128C
+-----+
```

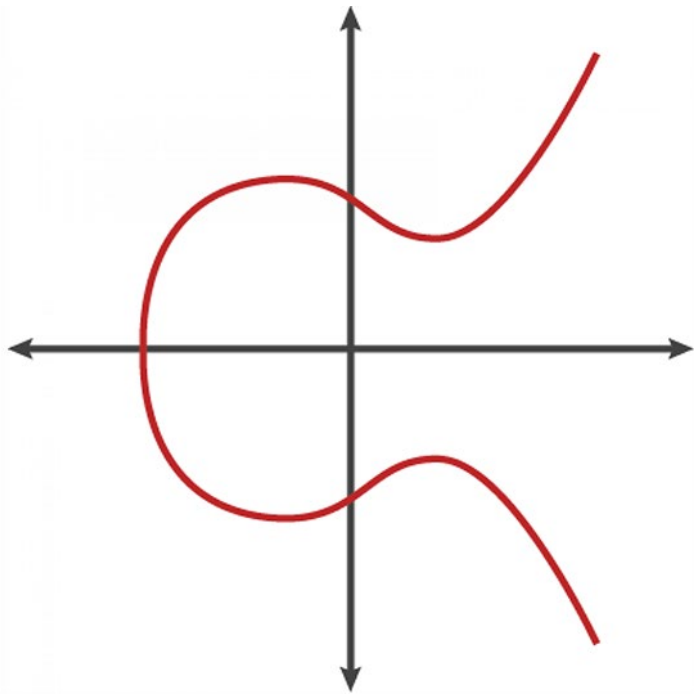
# What can you do?

- Change the code.
- Change the core parameters.
- Add custom core instructions.
- Totally open source!



# FPGA ECC Attack

# About ECC FPGA Attacks



*You know it's ECC because I used this figure.*

$$k * G$$

**If attacker knows this == very bad.**

# How bad is it to know this?

## iPhone hacker publishes secret Sony PlayStation 3 key

By Jonathan Fildes  
Technology reporter, BBC News

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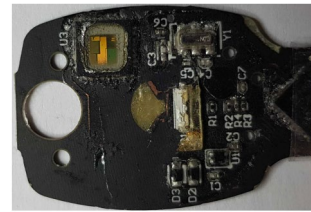


Figure 3: Google Titan Security Key PCB, with NXP A7005a die visible after wet chemical attack of its package

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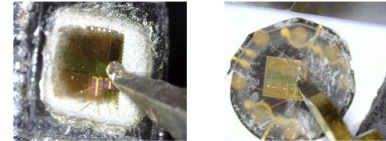


Figure 4: EM Probe Positions on Titan (left) and Rhea (right)

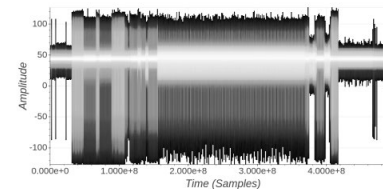


Figure 5: Titan ECDSA Signature EM Trace

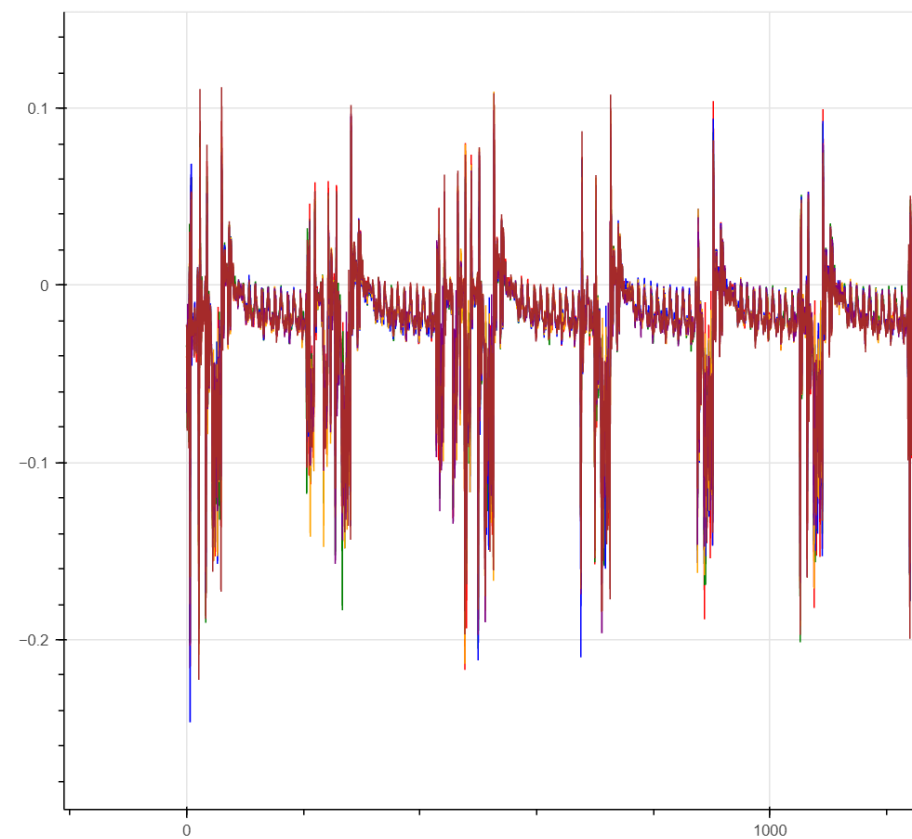
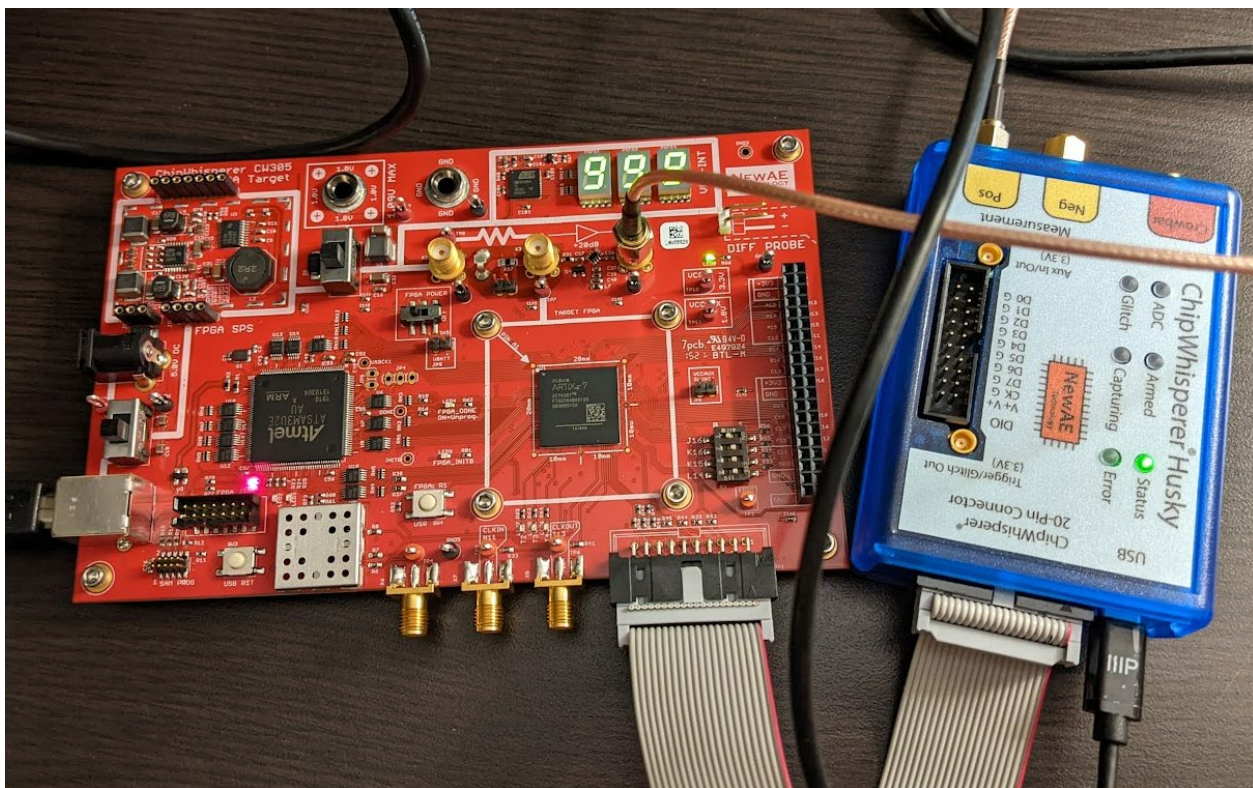
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<https://www.bbc.com/news/technology-12116051>

*Steal your auth tokens.*

<https://www.usenix.org/conference/usenixsecurity21/presentation/roche>

# High-Level Setup



[https://github.com/newaetech/chipwhisperer-jupyter/blob/master/demos/CW305\\_ECC](https://github.com/newaetech/chipwhisperer-jupyter/blob/master/demos/CW305_ECC)

# Following Along

## Ark of the ECC

An open-source ECDSA power analysis attack on a FPGA based Curve P-256 implementation

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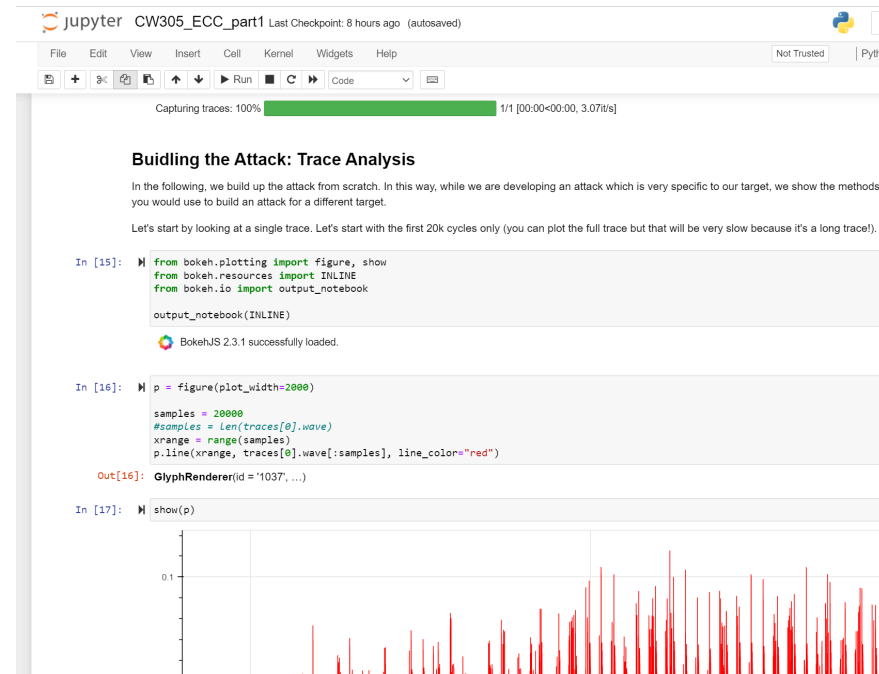
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**Abstract.** Power analysis attacks on ECC have been presented since almost the very beginning of DPA itself, even before the standardization of AES. Given that power analysis attacks against AES are well known and have a large body of practical artifacts to demonstrate attacks on both software and hardware implementations, it is surprising that these artifacts are generally lacking for ECC. In this work we begin to remedy this by providing a complete open-source ECDSA attack artifact, based on a high-quality hardware ECDSA core from the CrypTech project. We demonstrate an effective power analysis attack against an FPGA implementation of this core. As many recent secure boot solutions are using ECDSA, efforts into building open-source artifacts to evaluate attacks on ECDSA are highly relevant to ongoing academic and industrial research programs. To demonstrate the value of this evaluation platform, we implement several countermeasures and show that evaluating leakage on hardware is critical to understand the effectiveness of a countermeasure.

**Keywords:** power analysis · ECDSA · FPGA evaluation

### 1 Introduction

Side-channel power analysis attacks against cryptographic implementations are well-known in practice, starting with their seminal introduction in 1999 [16]. Since then, a considerable amount of work has been focused on symmetric algorithms, and in particular AES. Power analysis against AES has been demonstrated in real-life examples of software and hardware [21,22,28,18,25,8,32] attacks, and a reader can refer to widely available material such as published books [20], training courses, community driven tutorials such as part of the



Detailed write-up:  
<https://eprint.iacr.org/2021/1520.pdf>

Full notebooks:  
[https://github.com/newaetech/chipwhisperer-jupyter/blob/master/demos/CW305\\_ECC](https://github.com/newaetech/chipwhisperer-jupyter/blob/master/demos/CW305_ECC)

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