

# Classifying Side-Channel Desynchronized Signals with Convolutional Neural Networks

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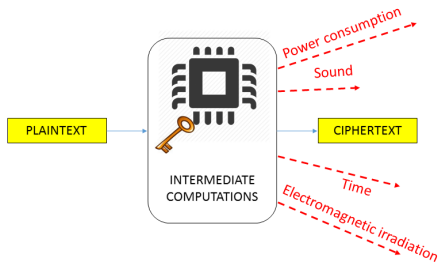
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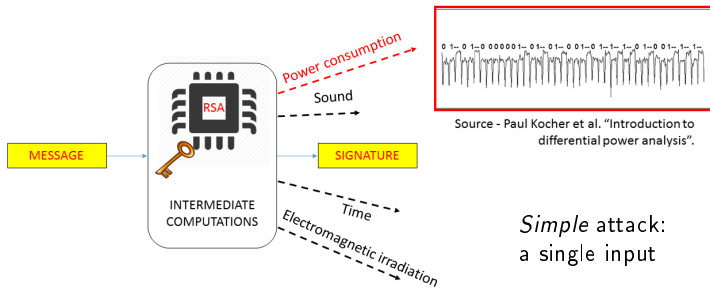
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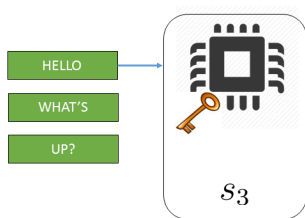


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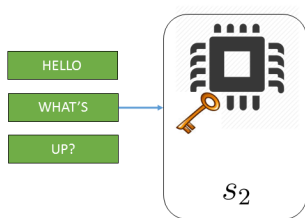
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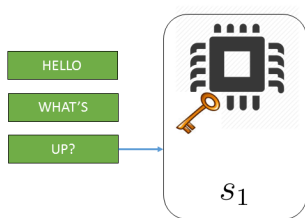


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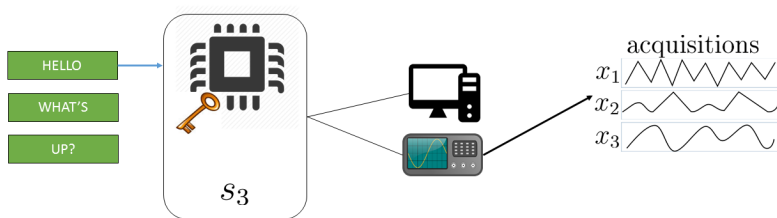




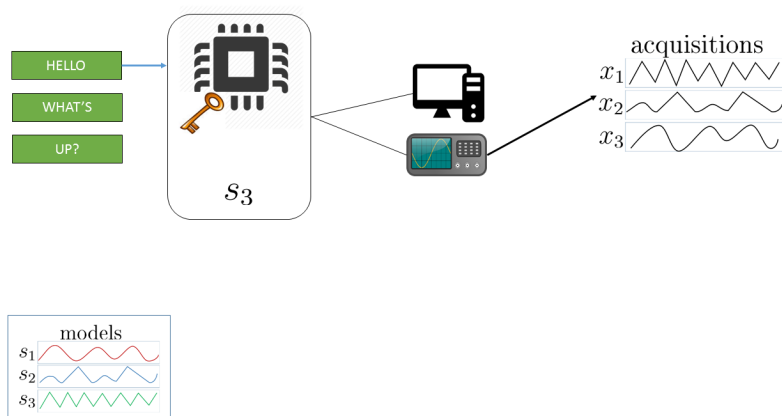
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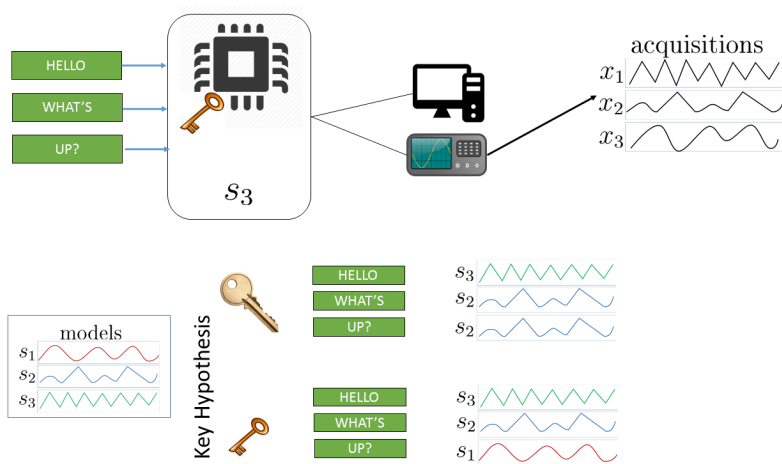
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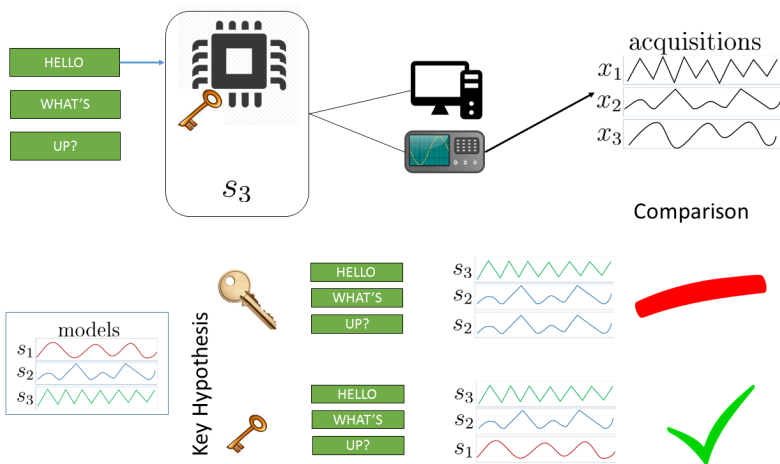
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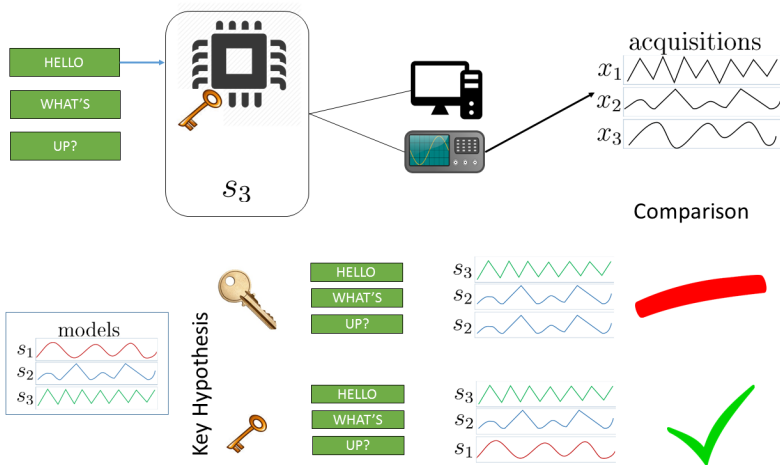
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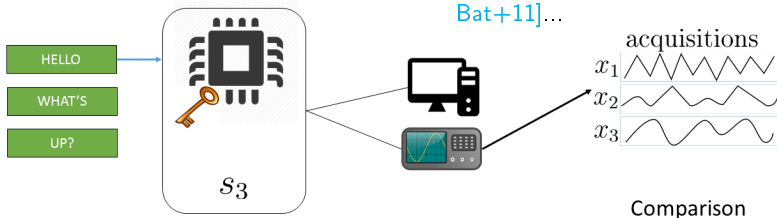


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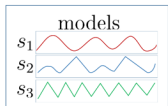


## Advanced Side-Channel Attacks

Differential Power Analysis [KJJ99]  
Correlation Power Analysis [BCO04]  
Mutual Information Analysis [Gie+08; Bat+11]...



Non-profiling attacks  
Profiling attacks

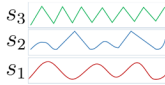
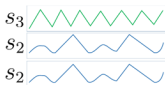


Key Hypothesis



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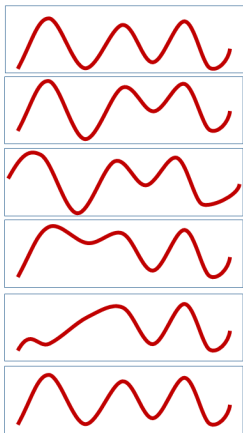
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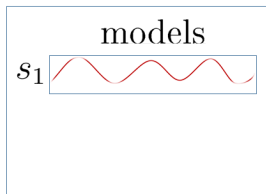
The *supervised* learning algorithms access to a dataset of examples, each associated in general to a *target* or *label*.



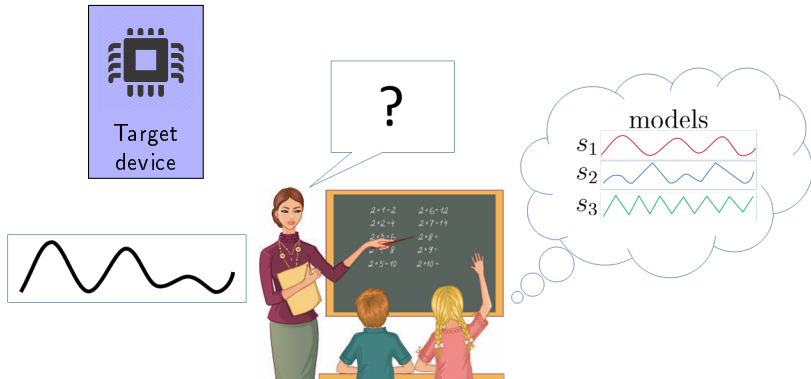
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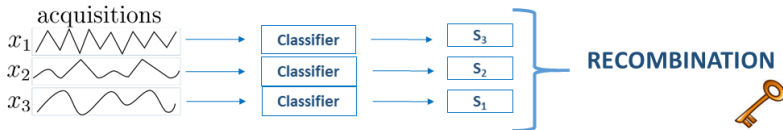
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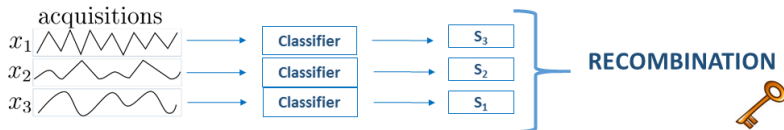
Machine Learning classifiers in Side-Channel literature:  
SVM ([Hos+11; HZ12]), RF ([LBM14; LBM15])

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## Notations

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- ▶ Side-channel traces: realizations of a random vector  $\vec{X} \in \mathbb{R}^D$
- ▶  $D$  is the number of time samples (or features)
- ▶ Target: a *sensitive* variable  $Z = f(e, k)$  in  $\mathcal{Z} = \{s_1, \dots, s_{|\mathcal{Z}|}\}$

## Profiling attack scenario

- ▶ labelled traces  $\mathcal{D}_{\text{train}} = (\vec{x}_i, e_i, k_i)_{i=1}^N$ , acquired under **known** secrets
- ▶ attack traces  $\mathcal{D}_{\text{attack}} = (\vec{x}_i, e_i)_{i=1}^{N_a}$  acquired under **unknown** secrets

## Profiling Attack

### Profiling phase

- ▶ estimate
  - ▶  $p_{\vec{X} | Z=z}$

### Attack phase

- ▶ Likelihood score for each key hypothesis  $k$

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## Mandatory Dimensionality Reduction

## A vast domain

Features (Points of Interests -  
Pol) selection

- ▶ SOD [CRR03]
- ▶ SOST [BDP10]
- ▶ SNR [MOP08]/ NICV [Bha+14]
- ▶  $t$ -test,  $F$ -test,... [GLRP06; CK14]

Feature extraction

- ▶ Principal Component Analysis (PCA) [Arc+06; BHW12]
- ▶ Linear Discriminant Analysis (LDA) [SA08; Bru+15]
- ▶ Projection Pursuits (PP) [Dur+15]

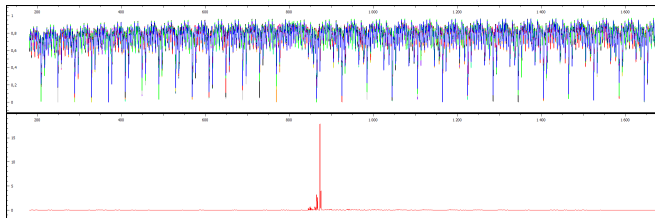


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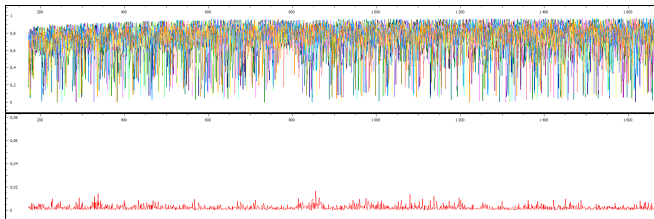


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### Realignment

#### Mandatory realignment preprocessing

- ▶ not a wide literature
- ▶ in practice: evaluation labs home-made realignment techniques
- ▶ signal deformations or pattern extraction based on prior unverified assumptions
- ▶ Risks:
  - ▶ deformations → information degradation
  - ▶ pattern extraction → information loss

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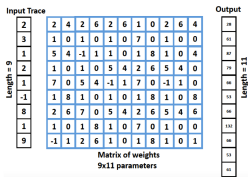
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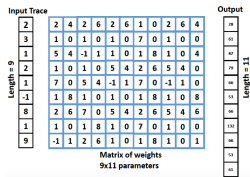
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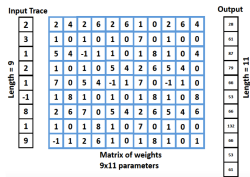
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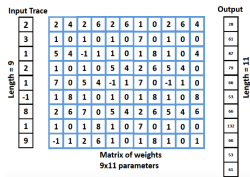
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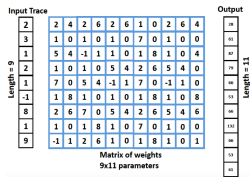
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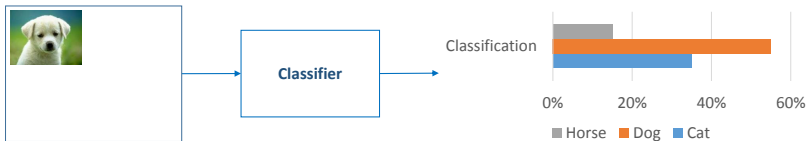
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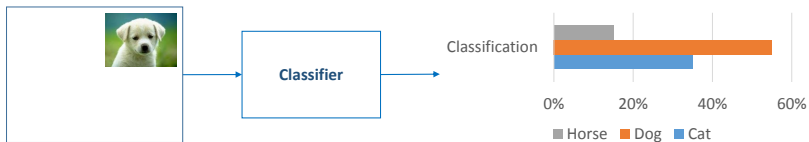
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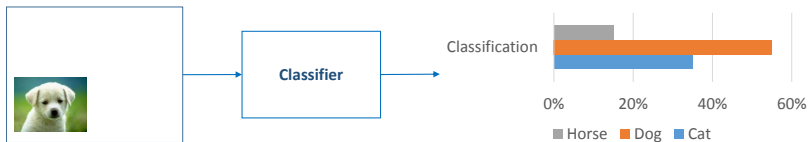
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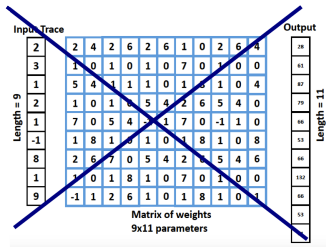


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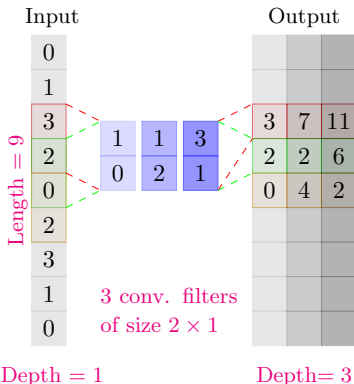


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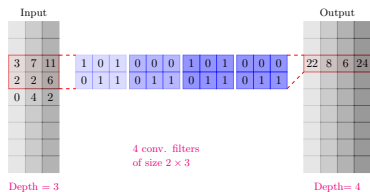


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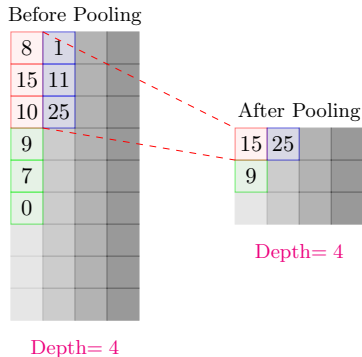
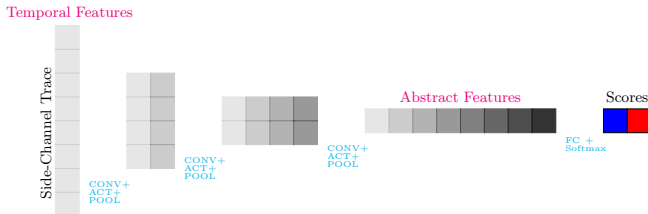


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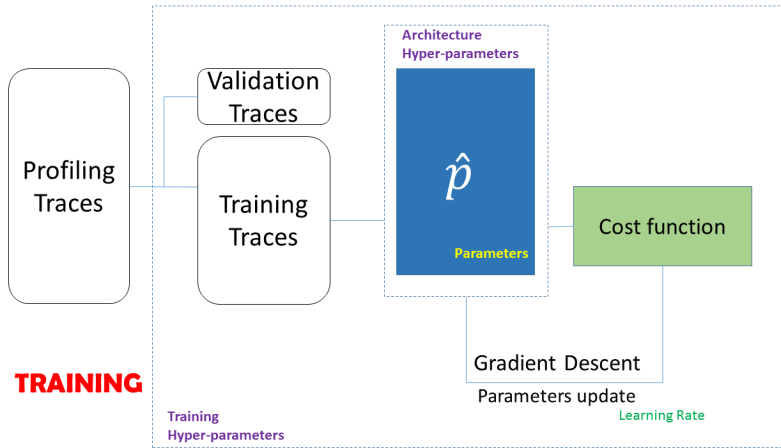
Architecture inspired by AlexNet [KSH12], VGG [SZ14], ResNet [He+16]  
design rules:

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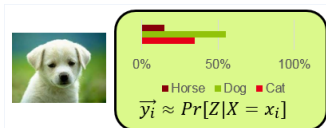
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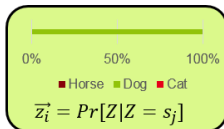
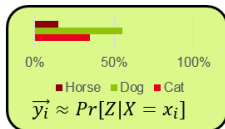
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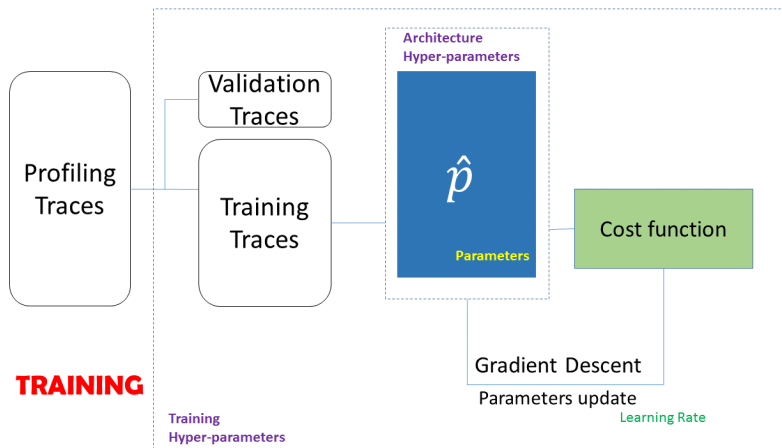
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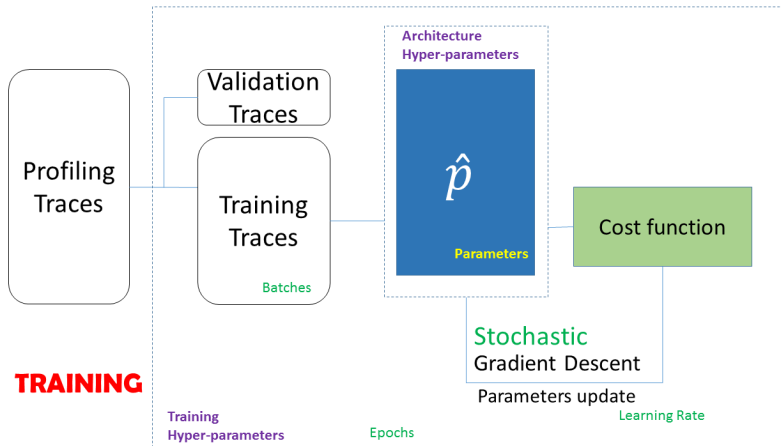




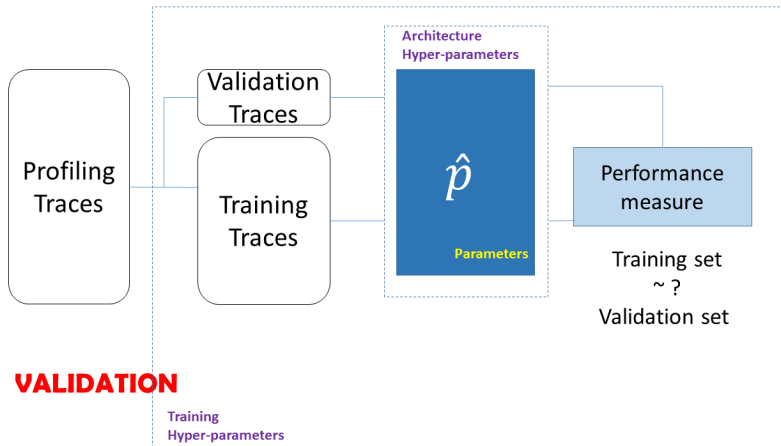
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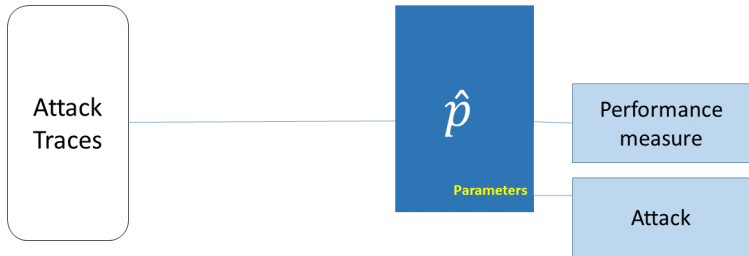
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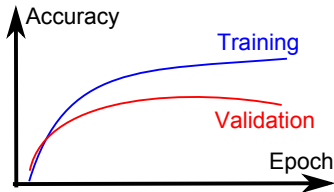
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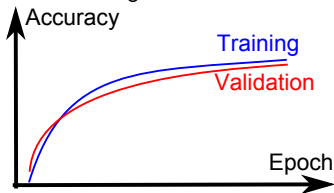
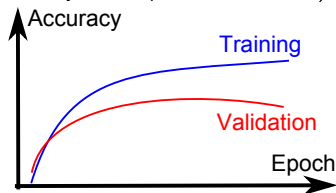
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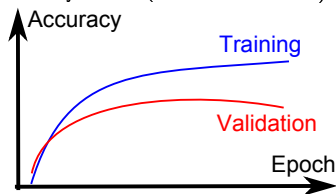
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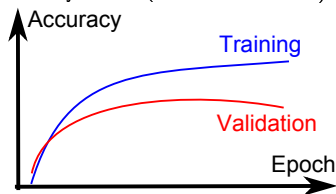
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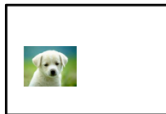
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 $Z = \text{Dog}$ 

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## Side-Channel Data Augmentation

## Countermeasure Emulation Idea

Emulate the effects of misaligning countermeasures to generate new traces

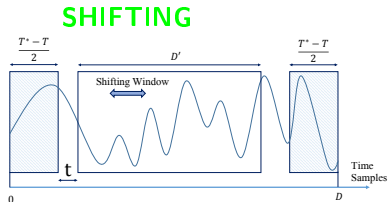


Figure:  $SH_T$

Parameter  $T$ : # of possible positions

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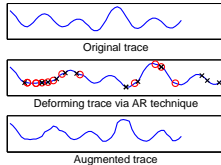
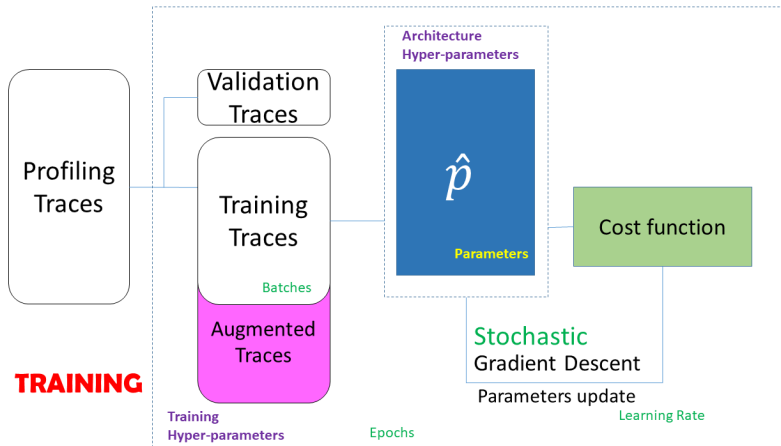
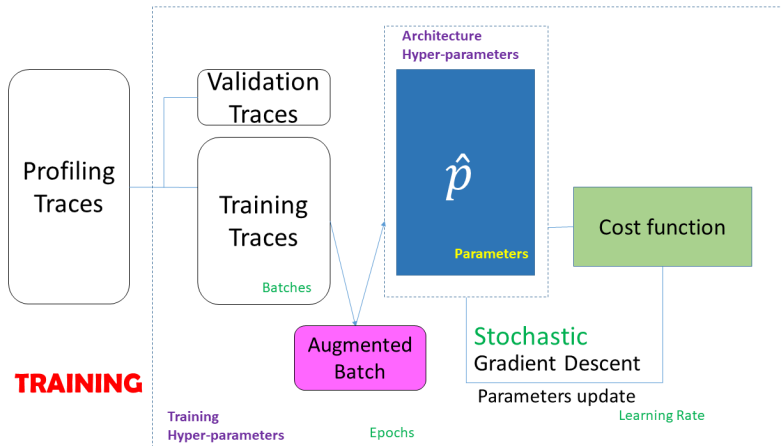
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Figure:  $AR_R$

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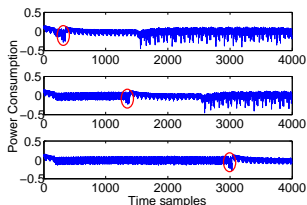
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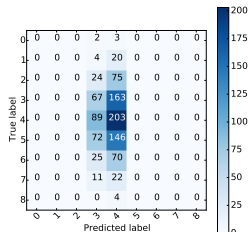
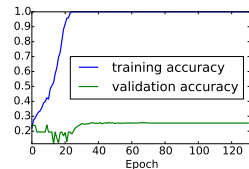
## Setup

- ▶ Target Chip: Atmega328P
- ▶ Target Variable:  $Z = HW(S_{\text{box}}(P \oplus K))$
- ▶ Acquisition: through ChipWhisperer[OC14] platform,  $\approx 4,000$  time samples
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- ▶ 1,000 training traces

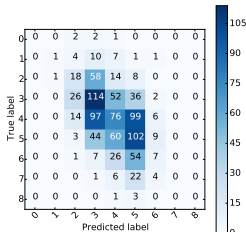
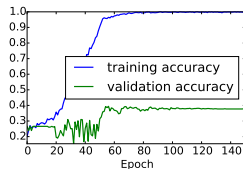
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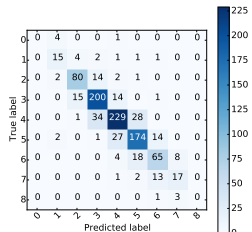
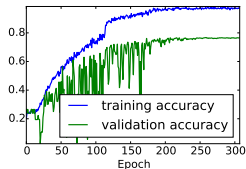
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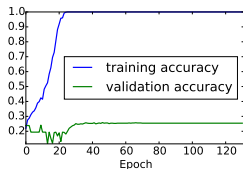
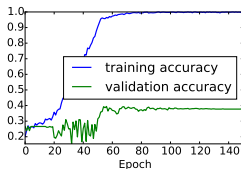
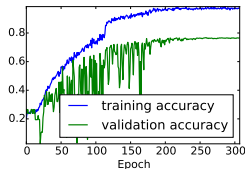
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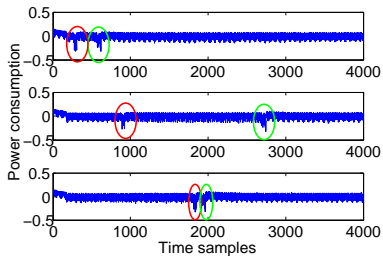
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			101	78%
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Table:  $N^*$  = number of attack traces to have GE = 1.

## Random Delays - Two Leaking Operations



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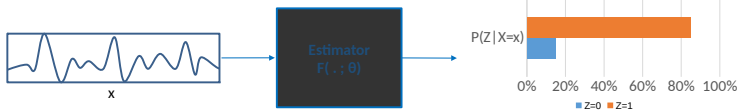
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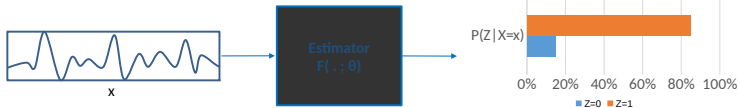


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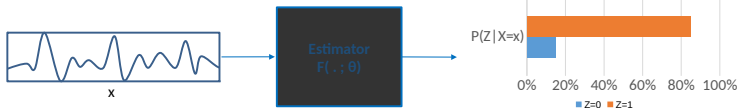
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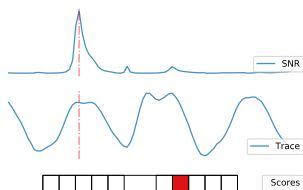
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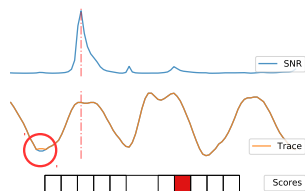
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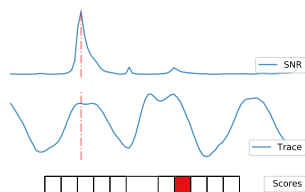
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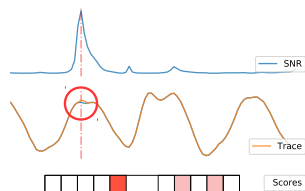
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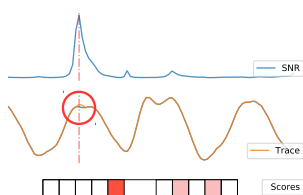
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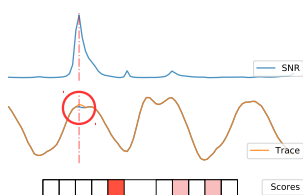
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## Application on experimental data

### Description

ASCAD dataset [Pro+18]: <https://github.com/ANSSI-FR/ASCAD>

50,000 traces, each of 700 points

Source codes of secure implementations of AES128 for public 8-bit architectures (<https://github.com/ANSSI-FR/secAES-ATmega8515>)

Corresponds to the first AES round

Three cases studied:

1. **No countermeasure**: synchronized traces, no masking
2. **Artificial random shift**
3. **Synchronized traces, boolean masking (unknown masks)**

### Trained model

CNN with a VGG-like architecture

Grid search of hyperparameters

Best model: minimal trace number when the guessing entropy reaches 2



## First experiment: no countermeasure

Average number of traces to recover the secret key: 3

SNR for  $Z = SBox(p[3] \oplus k[3]) \oplus r_{out}$   
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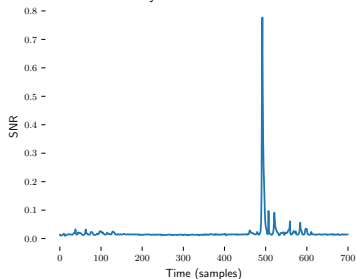


Figure: SNR

Gradient averaged on a 5-fold cross validation  
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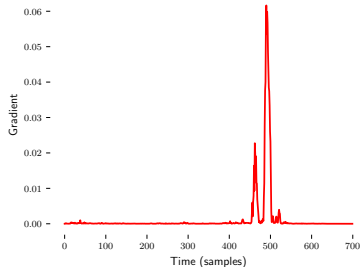


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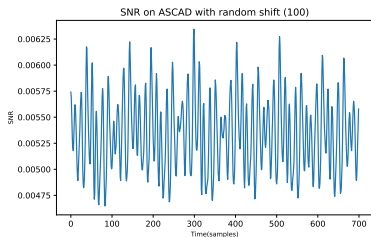


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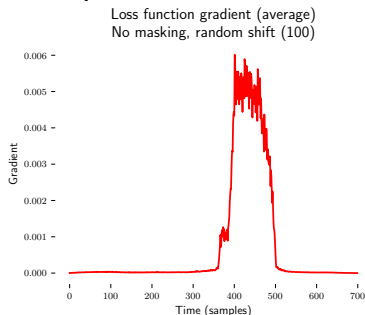


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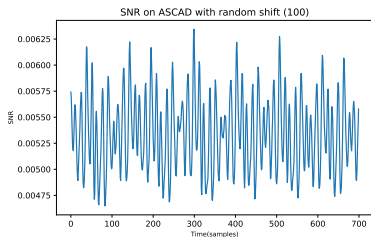


Figure: No Pol emphasized 😞

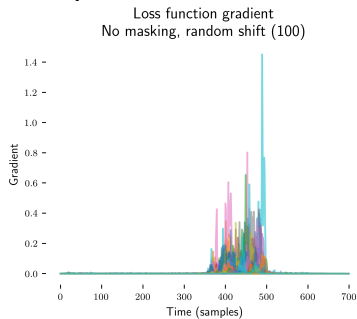


Figure: Characterization for each trace 😊

### Third experiment: with masking

Average number of traces to recover the secret key:  $\approx 100$

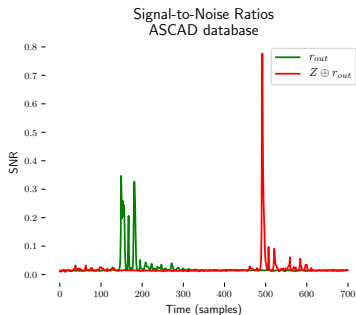


Figure: Requires knowledge of the masks 😊

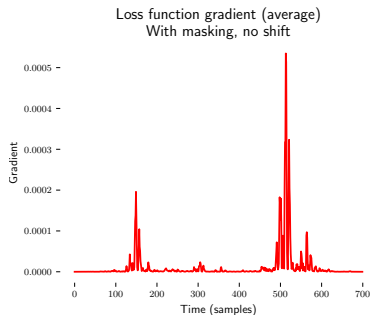


Figure: No knowledge required 😊

Be careful not to overfit !

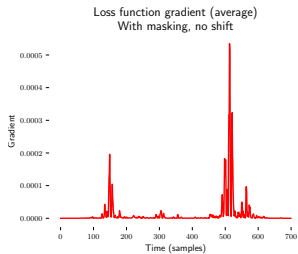


Figure: GV without overfitting 😊

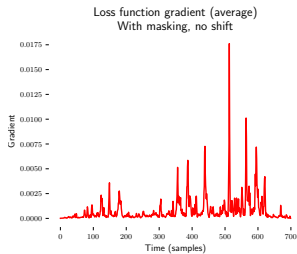


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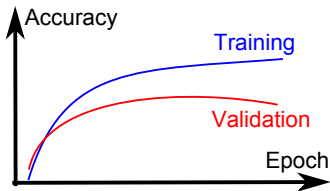


Figure: Solution: early-stopping

## Conclusions on Gradient Visualization

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Thank You!

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