

# How Do I Crack Satellite and Cable Pay TV?



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Attacking the Digicipher 2 conditional access system used in millions of TV set-top-boxes in North America.



# Digital Television

Satellite

Cable

**Modulation:**

DC2 QPSK ~27 Mbit

8PSK Turbo FEC ~38 Mbit

**Modulation:**

QAM 256 ~38 Mbit

**Out-of-band:**

QPSK 2 Mbit

**Video format:**

MPEG-2 or H.264 Transport Stream (MPEG TS)

**Encryption:**

Digicipher 2 (not DVB standard)

# MPEG Transport Stream

27 – 38 Mbit

## 188-byte packets

Categorized by 13-bit **PID**  
(0 - 0x1FFF)

## MPEG PES

Packetized Elementary Streams  
64 Kbit – 19 Mbit  
Video, audio

## Service Information Tables

8-bit table ID (0 – 0xFF)  
Up to 1024 bytes, with CRC32

**Table 0x00** – (PID 0) Program Association Table  
**Table 0x01** – (PID 1) Conditional Access Table  
**Table 0x02** – Program Map Table

PAT contains list of programs: PID carrying PMT  
PMT contains list of PIDs for video, audio, ECM

**Table 0x40** – ECM40  
**Table 0x41** – ECM41  
**Table 0x95** – EMM95

ECM are sent in pairs  
Cable: EMM are OOB

# Genpix SkyWalker-1 USB satellite interface



<http://updatelee.blogspot.ca/2010/09/genpix-skywalker-1-linux-driver-mods.html>

<https://bitbucket.org/updatelee/v4l-updatelee>

# Hauppauge HVR 950Q ATSC / QAM USB interface



# Using dvbsnoop to view PMT PID 0x129

```
$ dvbsnoop -if log-11959.ts -s ts -tssubdecode 0x129
```

```
dvbsnoop V1.4.50 -- http://dvbsnoop.sourceforge.net/
```

```
-----  
TS-Packet: 00000001 PID: 297 (0x0129), Length: 188 (0x00bc)  
from file: 2016-05-21-full-log-11959.ts  
-----
```

```
0000: 47 61 29 1b 00 02 80 26 00 0f 15 00 00 01 10 00 Ga)...&.....  
0010: 06 09 04 47 49 01 29 80 01 10 00 03 83 01 00 81 ..GI.).....  
0020: 01 11 00 06 0a 04 65 6e 67 00 6c c4 86 25 40 00 ...eng.l...%@.  
0030: 11 00 3b 40 0f 2a 63 4a 22 04 00 00 02 0a cf 4f ;@.*cJ".....0  
0040: fe 3b 41 40 31 10 20 00 3b 40 0f 75 e5 22 27 3b ;A@1. .;@.u."";  
0050: 09 e3 40 85 71 da 6c fe 7f e6 ca 00 00 00 08 01 ..@.q.l.....Y.  
0060: 00 01 59 03 00 00 72 03 01 00 d7 2b 46 ee d4 bf .Y...r.....+F...  
0070: 6c c5 06 d2 2d 09 ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff l.....  
0080: ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff .....  
0090: ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff .....  
00a0: ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff .....  
00b0: ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff .....
```

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Sync-Byte 0x47: 71 (0x47)  
Transport_error_indicator: 0 (0x00) [= packet ok]  
Payload_unit_start_indicator: 1 (0x01) [= Packet data starts]  
transport_priority: 1 (0x01)  
PID: 297 (0x0129) [= ]  
transport_scrambling_control: 0 (0x00) [= No scrambling of TS packet payload]  
adaptation_field_control: 1 (0x01) [= no adaptation_field, payload only]  
continuity_counter: 11 (0x0b) [= (sequence ok)]
```

```
  Payload: (len: 184)  
    ==> pointer_field: 0 (0x00)  
    ==> Section table: 2 (0x02) [= Program Map Table (PMT)]
```

```
Data-Bytes:  
0000: 00 02 80 26 00 0f 15 00 00 01 10 00 06 09 04 47 ...&.....G  
0010: 49 01 29 80 01 10 00 03 83 01 00 81 01 11 00 06 I.).....  
0020: 0a 04 65 6e 67 00 6c c4 86 25 40 00 11 00 3b 40 ..eng.l...%@;  
0030: 0f 2a 63 4a 22 04 00 00 02 0a cf 4f fe 3b 41 40 .*cJ".....0;A@  
0040: 31 10 20 00 3b 40 0f 75 e5 22 27 3b 09 e3 40 85 1. .;@.u."";.@.  
0050: 71 da 6c fe 7f e6 ca 00 00 00 08 01 00 01 59 03 q.l.....Y.  
0060: 00 00 72 03 01 00 d7 2b 46 ee d4 bf 6c c5 06 d2 ..r.....+F...l...  
0070: 2d 09 ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff .....  
0080: ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff .....  
0090: ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff .....  
00a0: ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff .....  
00b0: ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff .....
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```
TS sub-decoding (1 packet(s) stored for PID 0x0129):  
=====
```

```
TS contains Section...  
SI packet (length=41):  
  PID: 297 (0x0129)
```

```
  Guess table from table id...  
  PMT-decoding...  
  Table_ID: 2 (0x02) [= Program Map Table (PMT)]  
  section_syntax_indicator: 1 (0x01)  
  (fixed '0'): 0 (0x00)  
  reserved_1: 0 (0x00)  
  Section_length: 38 (0x0026)  
  Program_number: 15 (0x000f)  
  reserved_2: 0 (0x00)  
  Version_number: 10 (0x0a)  
  current_next_indicator: 1 (0x01) [= valid now]  
  Section_number: 0 (0x00)  
  Last_Section_number: 0 (0x00)  
  reserved_3: 0 (0x00)  
  PCR_PID: 272 (0x0110)  
  reserved_4: 0 (0x00)  
  Program_info_length: 6 (0x0006)  
  
  MPEG-DescriptorTag: 9 (0x09) [= CA_descriptor]  
  descriptor_length: 4 (0x04)  
  CA_system_ID: 18249 (0x4749) [= General Instrument]  
  reserved: 0 (0x00)  
  CA_PID: 297 (0x0129)
```

```
Stream_type loop:
```

```
  Stream_type: 128 (0x80) [= User private]  
  reserved_1: 0 (0x00)  
  Elementary_PID: 272 (0x0110)  
  reserved_2: 0 (0x00)  
  ES_info_length: 3 (0x0003)
```

```
  DVB-DescriptorTag: 131 (0x83) [= User defined/ATSC reserved]  
  descriptor_length: 1 (0x01)  
  Descriptor-data:  
    0000: 00
```

```
  Stream_type: 129 (0x81) [= User private]  
  reserved_1: 0 (0x00)  
  Elementary_PID: 273 (0x0111)  
  reserved_2: 0 (0x00)  
  ES_info_length: 6 (0x0006)
```

```
  MPEG-DescriptorTag: 10 (0x0a) [= ISO_639_language_descriptor]  
  descriptor_length: 4 (0x04)  
  ISO639_language_code: eng  
  Audio_type: 0 (0x00) [= undefined]
```

```
=====  
CRC: 1824818725 (0x6cc48625)
```

# DC2 Service Information Tables

## SCTE 65: Service Information Delivered Out-Of-Band For Digital Cable Television

### DC2 tables

VCT – Virtual Channel Table  
NIT – Network Information Table  
NTT – Network Text Table  
MGT – Master Guide Table

Many DVB standard tables are not used:

### DVB equivalent

BAT – Bouquet Association Table  
SDT – Service Description Table  
EIT – Event Information Table



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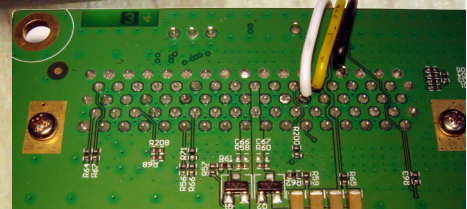
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SERVICE INFORMATION  
DELIVERED OUT-OF-BAND FOR  
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Internal connections to CableCard slot for QPSK output





# SCTE 55-1 Decoding Software

[https://www.scte.org/documents/pdf/Standards/ANSI\\_SCTE-55-1-2009.pdf](https://www.scte.org/documents/pdf/Standards/ANSI_SCTE-55-1-2009.pdf)



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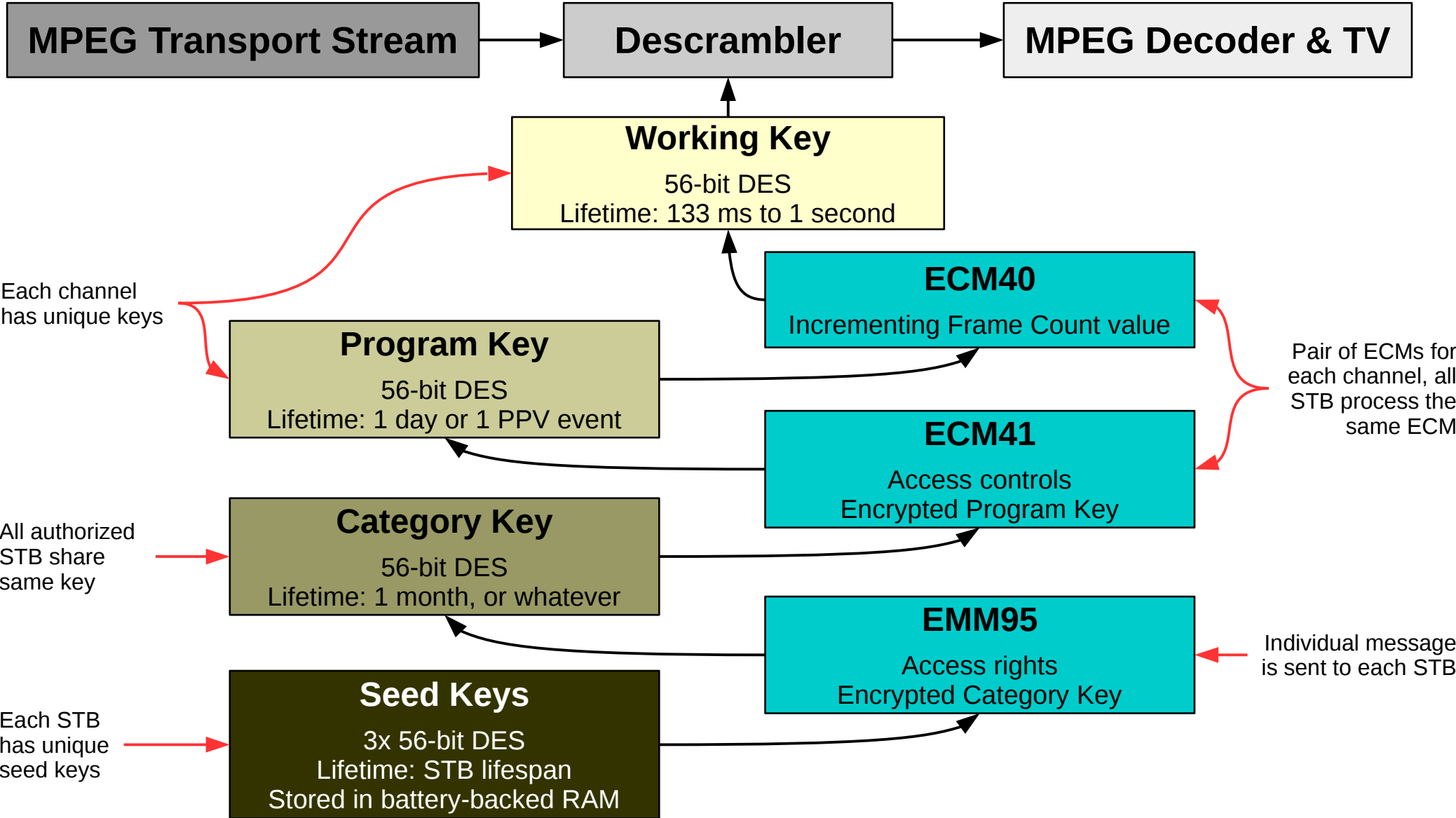
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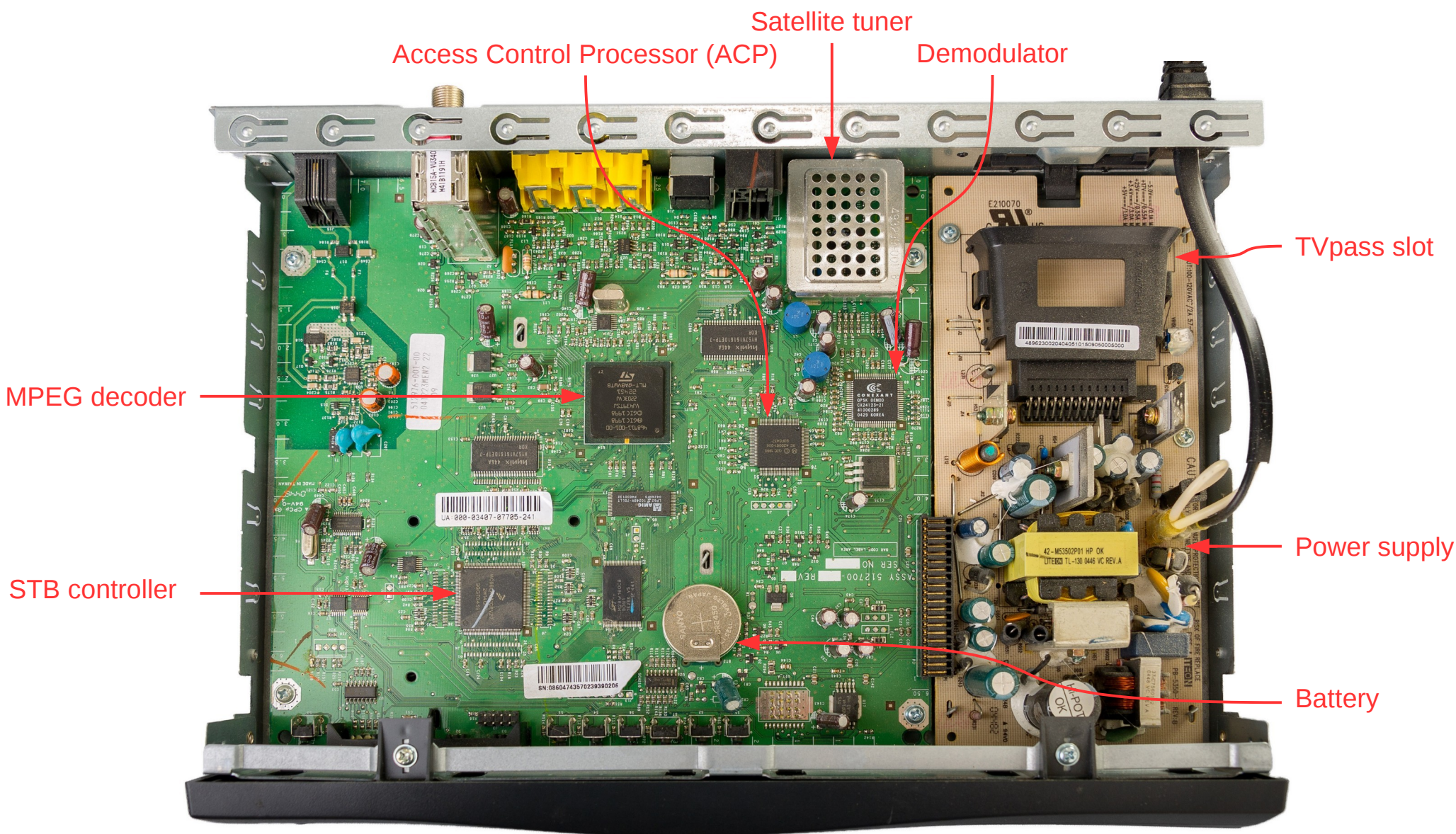
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Digital Broadband Delivery System:  
Out of Band Transport Part 1: Mode A

<https://github.com/akacastor/noob>  
<https://github.com/akacastor/oobin>

```
283 //-----
284 // The process going from QPSK demodulator to TS data:
285 //-----
286
287     for( i=0; i<303-len; i+=384 )
288     {
289         // 0. Synchronize bitstream (find 0x47 0x64 0x47 0x64 ... sequence)
290
291         i += oob_synchronize_bitstream( data, i, len );
292         if( i+304>768-len )
293             break; // didn't synchronize before end of the bitstream
294
295         // data[0] is a 0x47 sync byte, data[192] is a 0x64 sync byte, there are two packets (384 bytes) to process
296
297         // 1. De-interleaver - run it twice (96 bytes x 2) to de-interleave a full ts packet
298
299         // works over 8 * 96-byte blocks, returns a single 96-byte assembled block
300         // data in[] must contain at least 768 bytes
301         // return value: 0 if successful
302         for( n=0; n<4; n++ )
303         {
304             oob_de_interleaver( data+i + n*96, data_work + n*96 );
305             memcpy( data+i + n*96, data_work + n*96, 96 );
306         }
307
308         // 2. Reed Solomon Decoder - run it twice (96 bytes x 2) to fec a full ts packet, 4 times for a 384-byte block
309         // works over 96-byte blocks (runs twice for each ts packet)
310         // return value: 0 if successful - this 96-byte block is valid
311
312         if( do_fec )
313         {
314             for( n=0; n<4; n++ )
315                 fec_error[n] = oob_de_fec( data+i + n*96 );
316         }
317
318
319         // 3. Derandomizer - run it over ts packet - need to track even/odd sequence to be able to decrypt next packet
320         // OR
321         // - work on pairs of ts packets
322
323         // works over 384-byte blocks (2x ts packet)
324         // len is number of bytes to de randomize - usually this is 384, but less is accepted
325         // frame_pos is the position within 384-byte randomizer frame (ie: 192 if de_randomizing 2nd ts packet alone)
326         // return value: 0 if successful
327         oob_de_randomizer( data+i, 384, 0 );
328
329
330         if( do_fec )
331         {
332             for( n=0; n<2; n++ ) // loop through 2 TS packets to set TS error indicator if necessary
333             {
334                 if( fec_error[n*2] < 0 || fec_error[n*2 + 1] < 0 )
335
```





Access Control Processor (ACP)

Satellite tuner

Demodulator

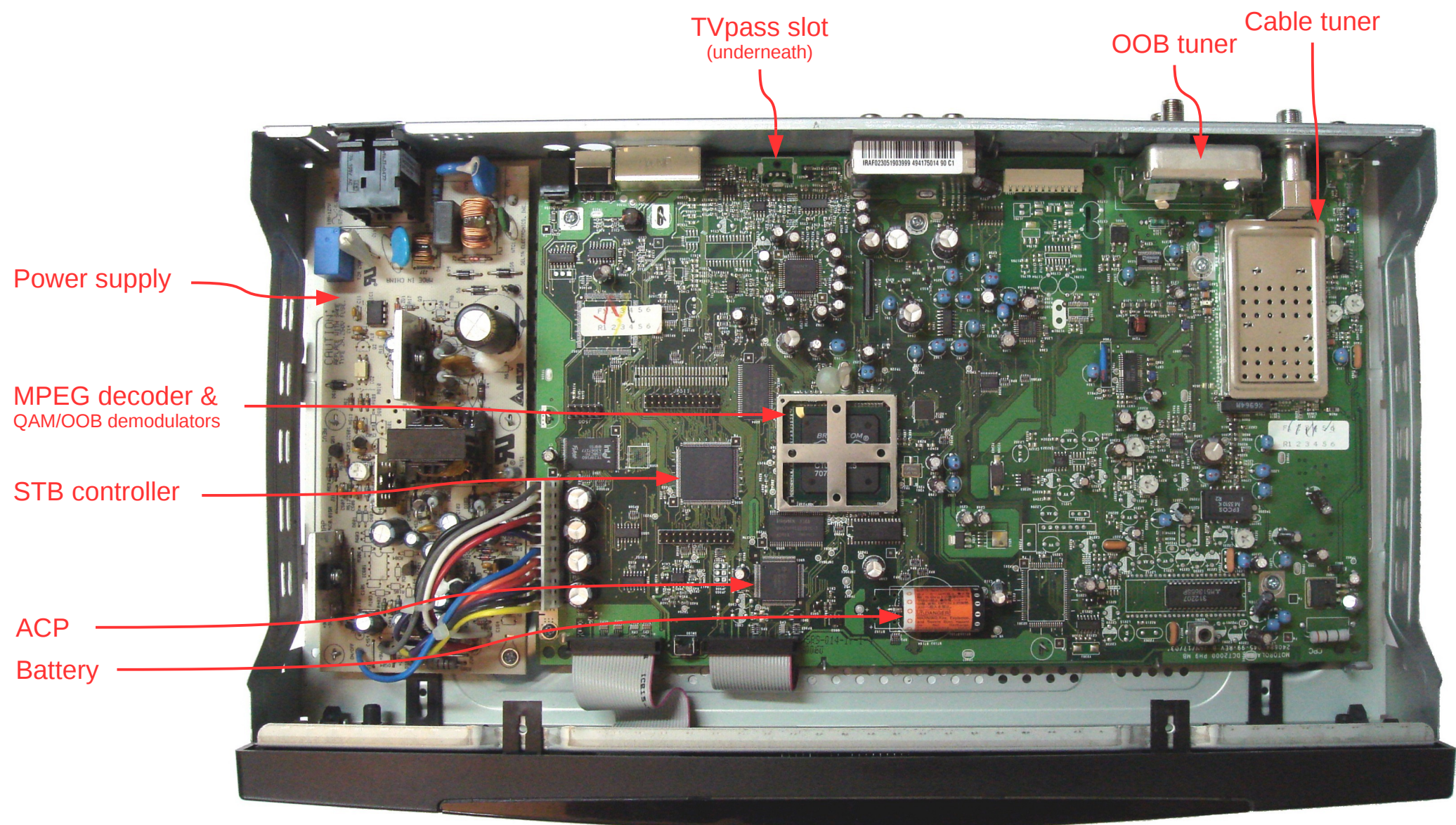
TVpass slot

MPEG decoder

STB controller

Power supply

Battery





C59  
C54  
R29  
C58  
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C251

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C48

C152

R61

C47

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R63

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R74

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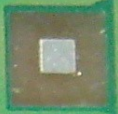
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C65

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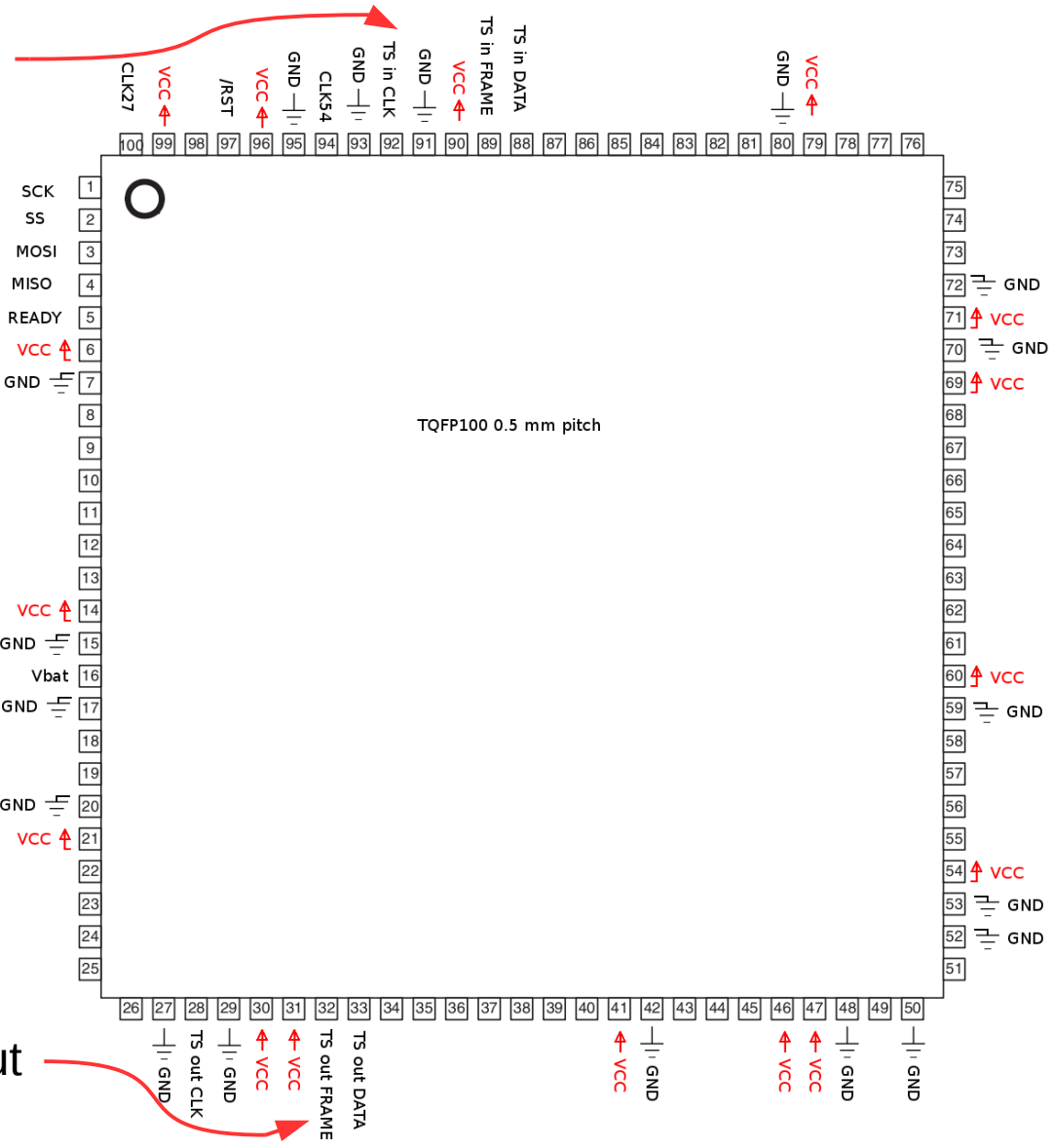


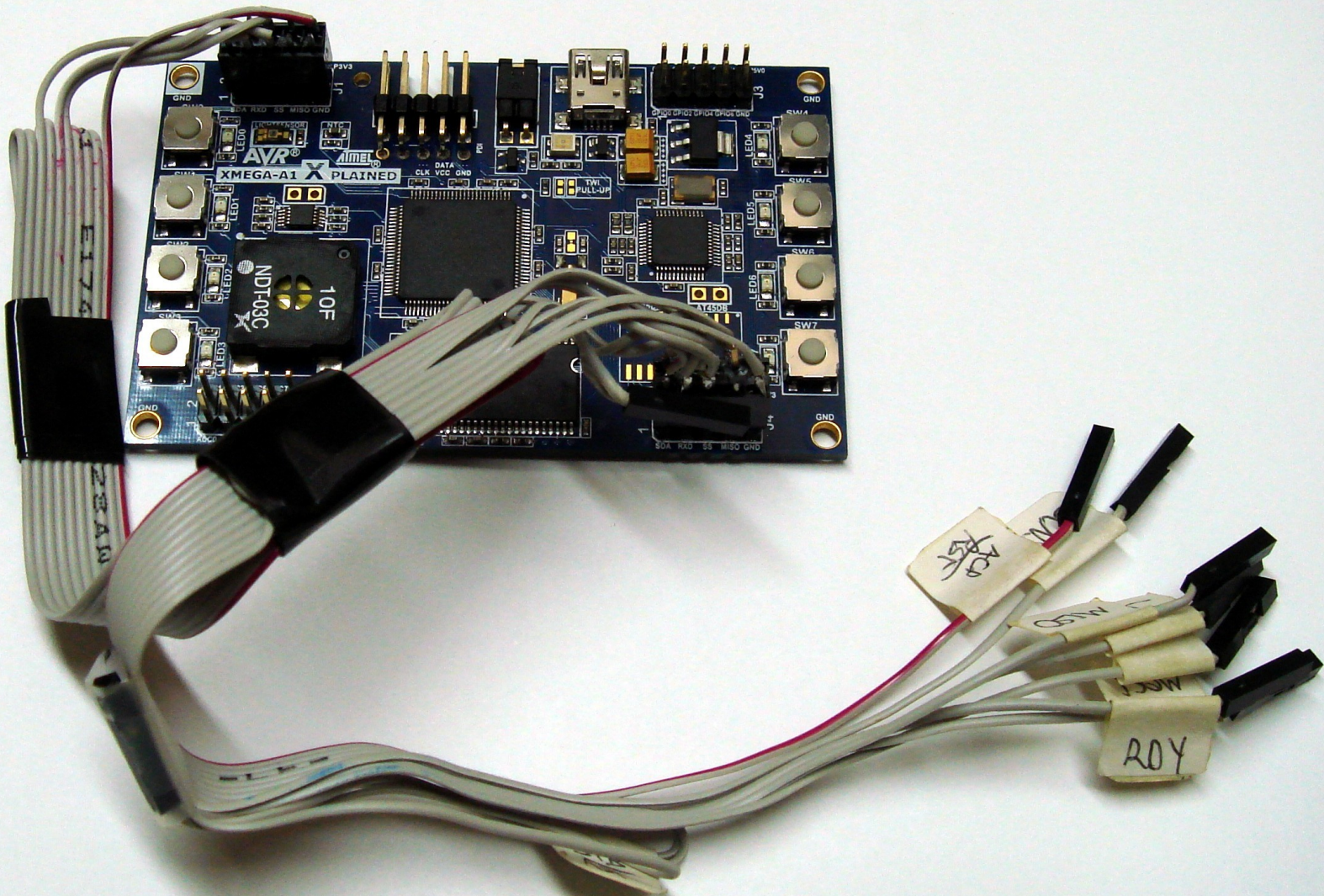
Transport Stream input  
(from tuner)

SPI slave

Battery

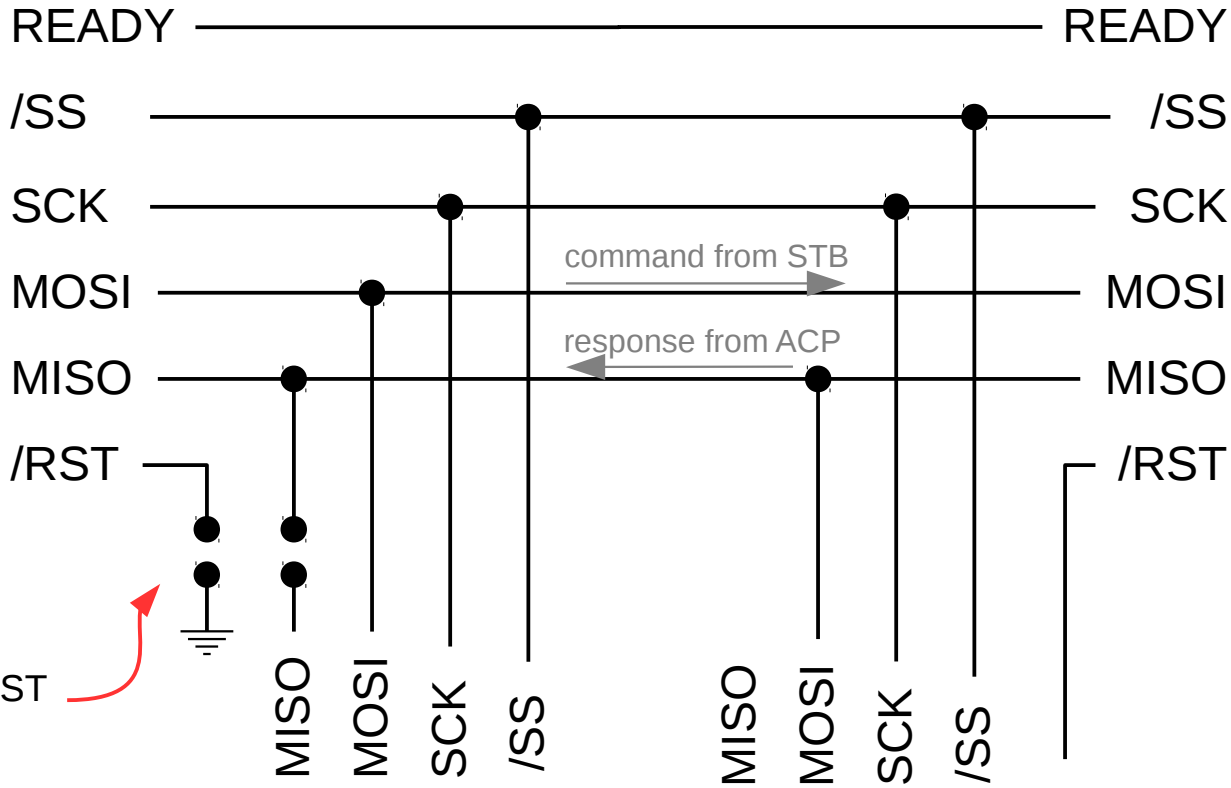
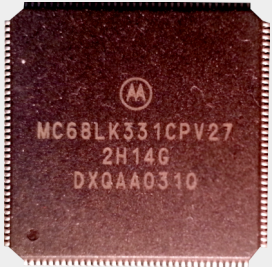
Transport Stream output  
(to MPEG decoder)





## STB controller

SPI master



## ACP

SPI slave

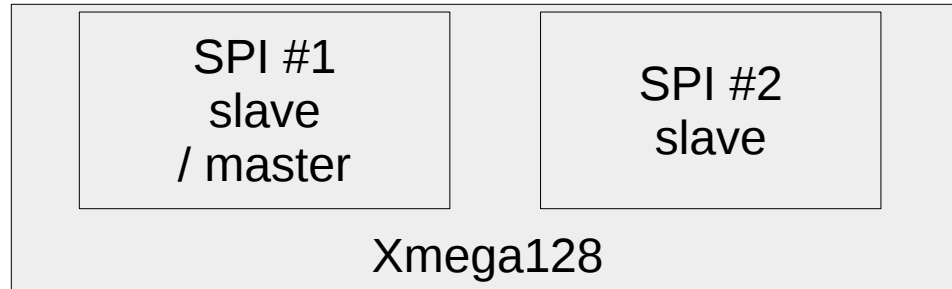


### Acting as master:

Jumpers to hold STB /RST and to connect MISO, to act as SPI master

### Passive monitoring:

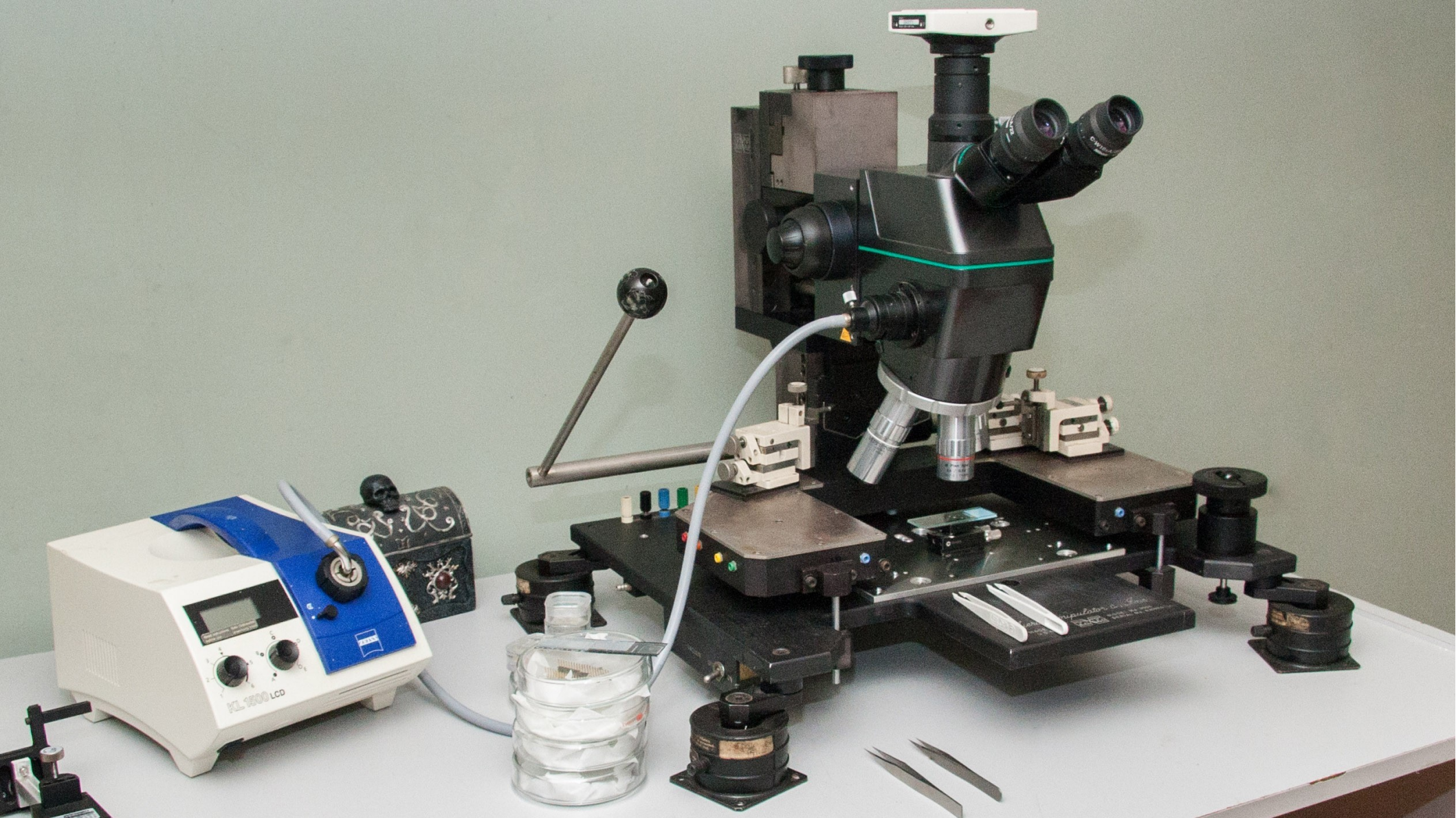
Using two SPI slave peripherals, MOSI is used for receiving, MISO is left unconnected.



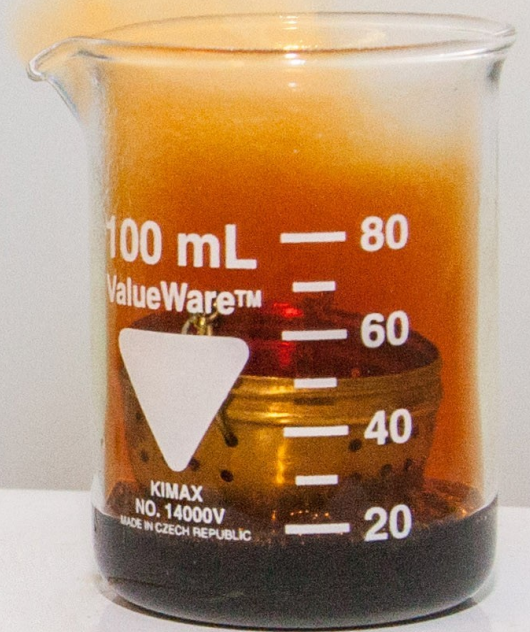
READY slave has data to send  
/SS slave select (active low)  
SCK clock  
MOSI master out/slave in  
MISO master in/slave out  
/RST STB controller reset

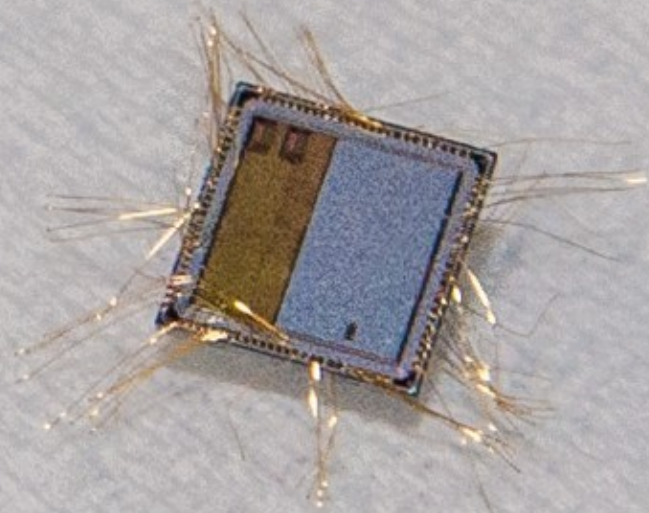
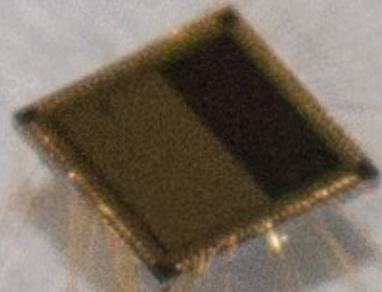


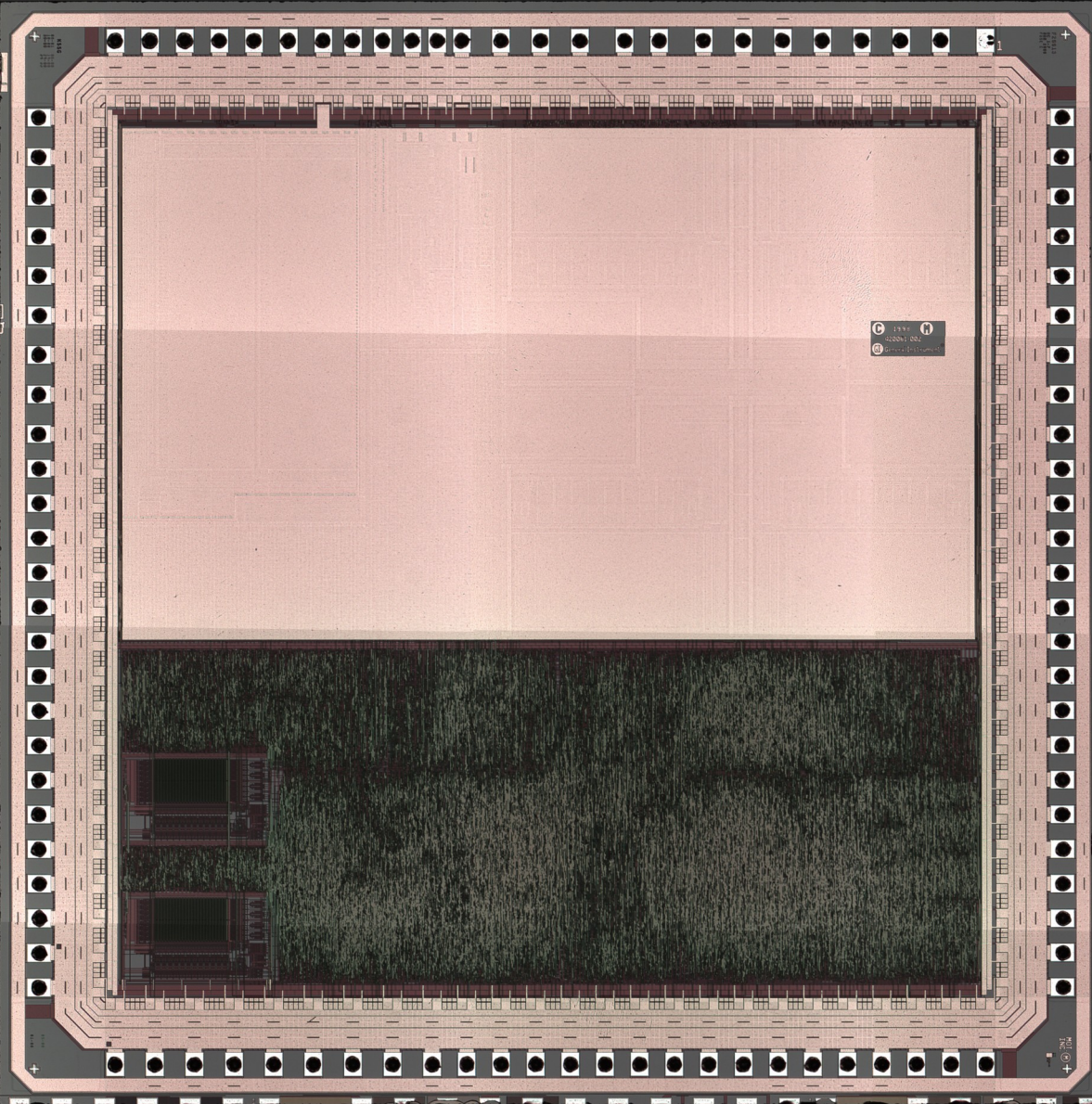




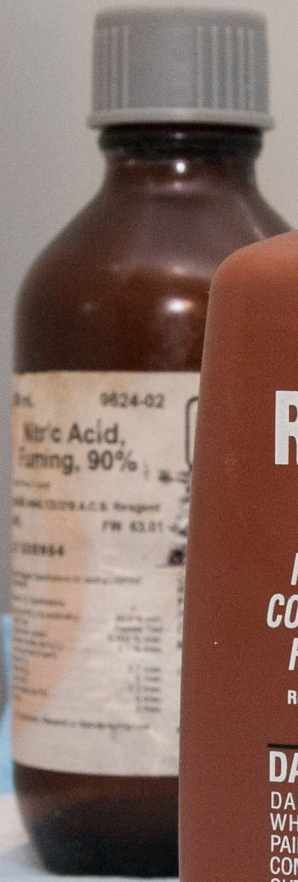








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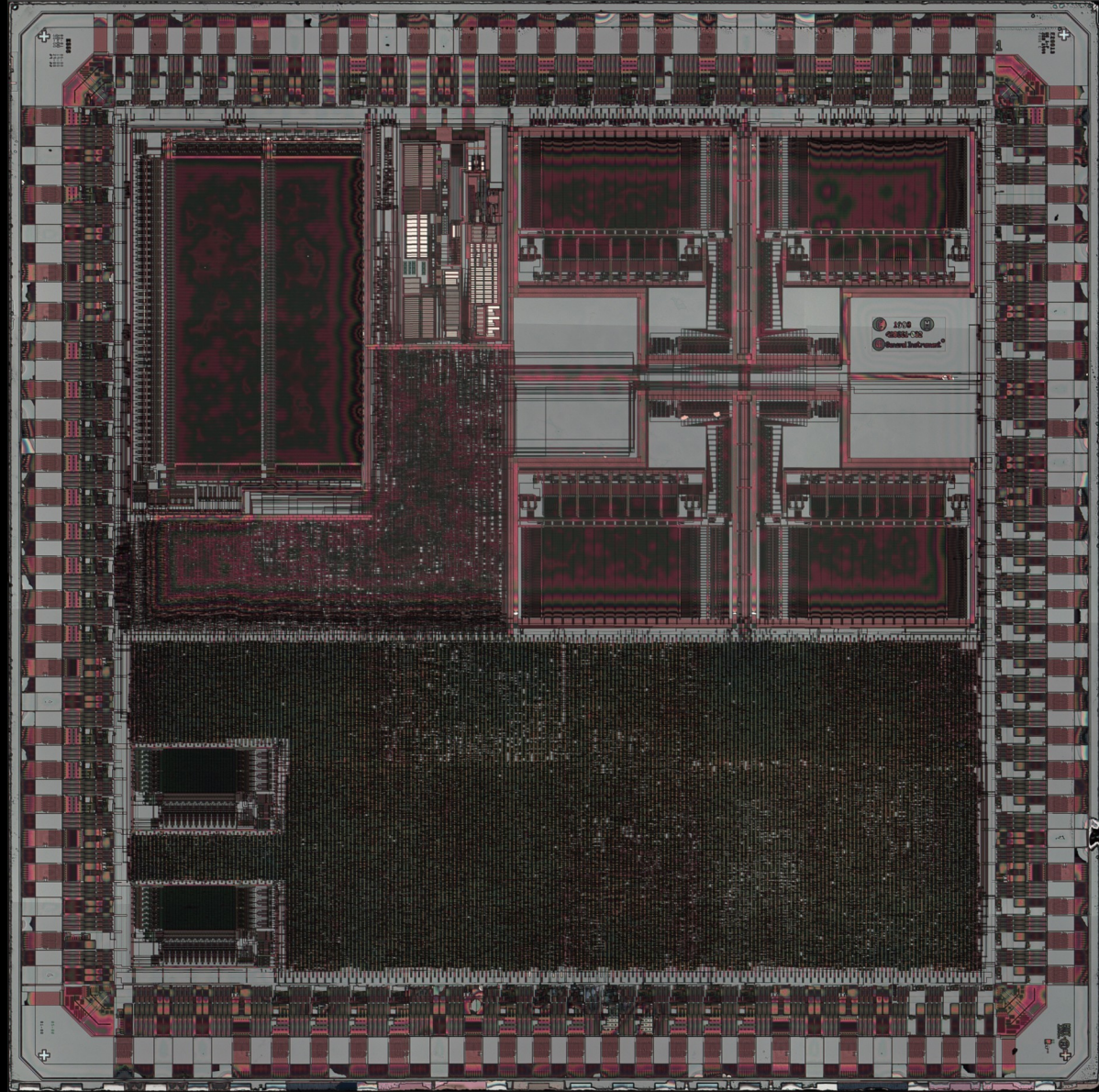
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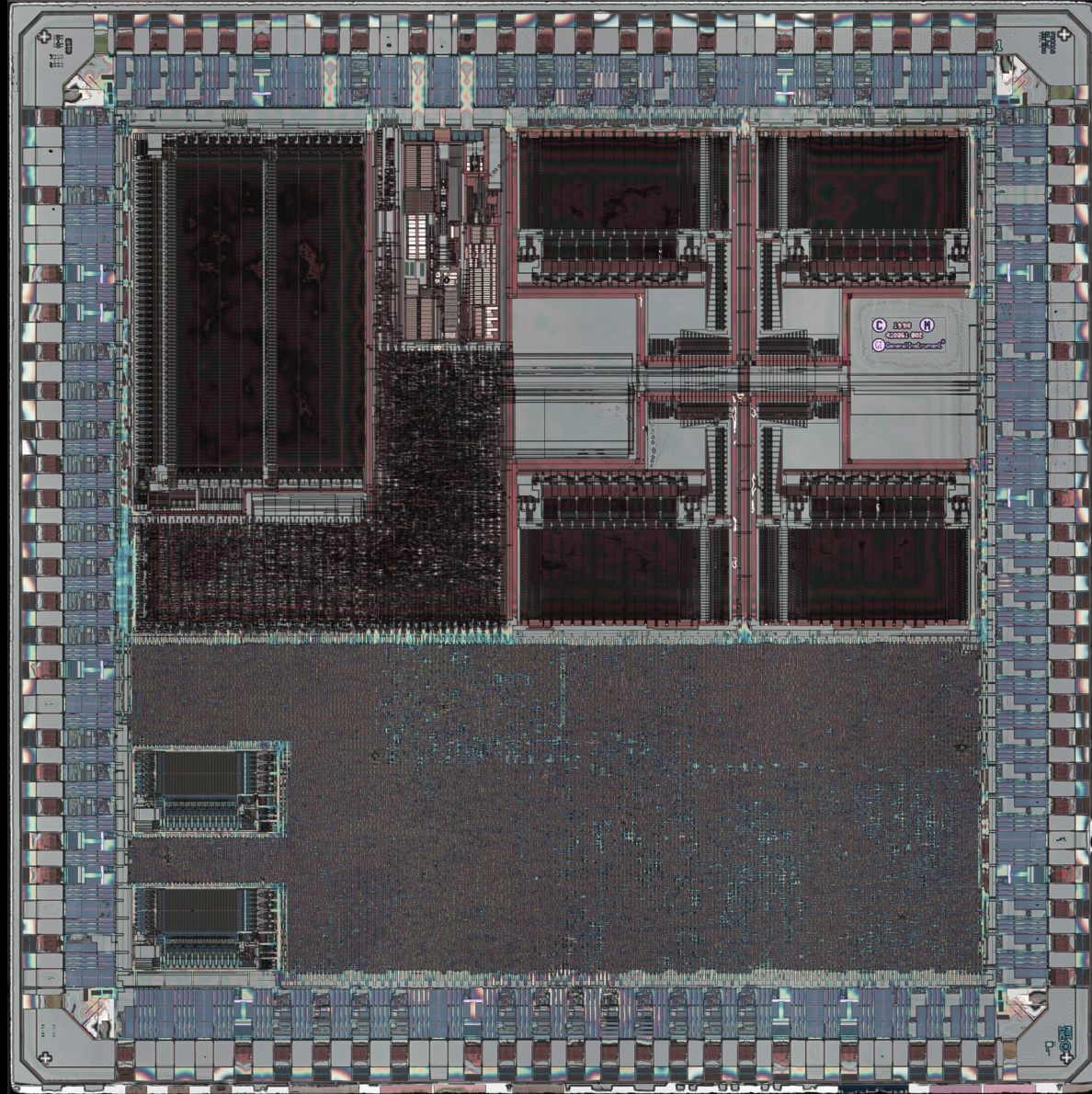
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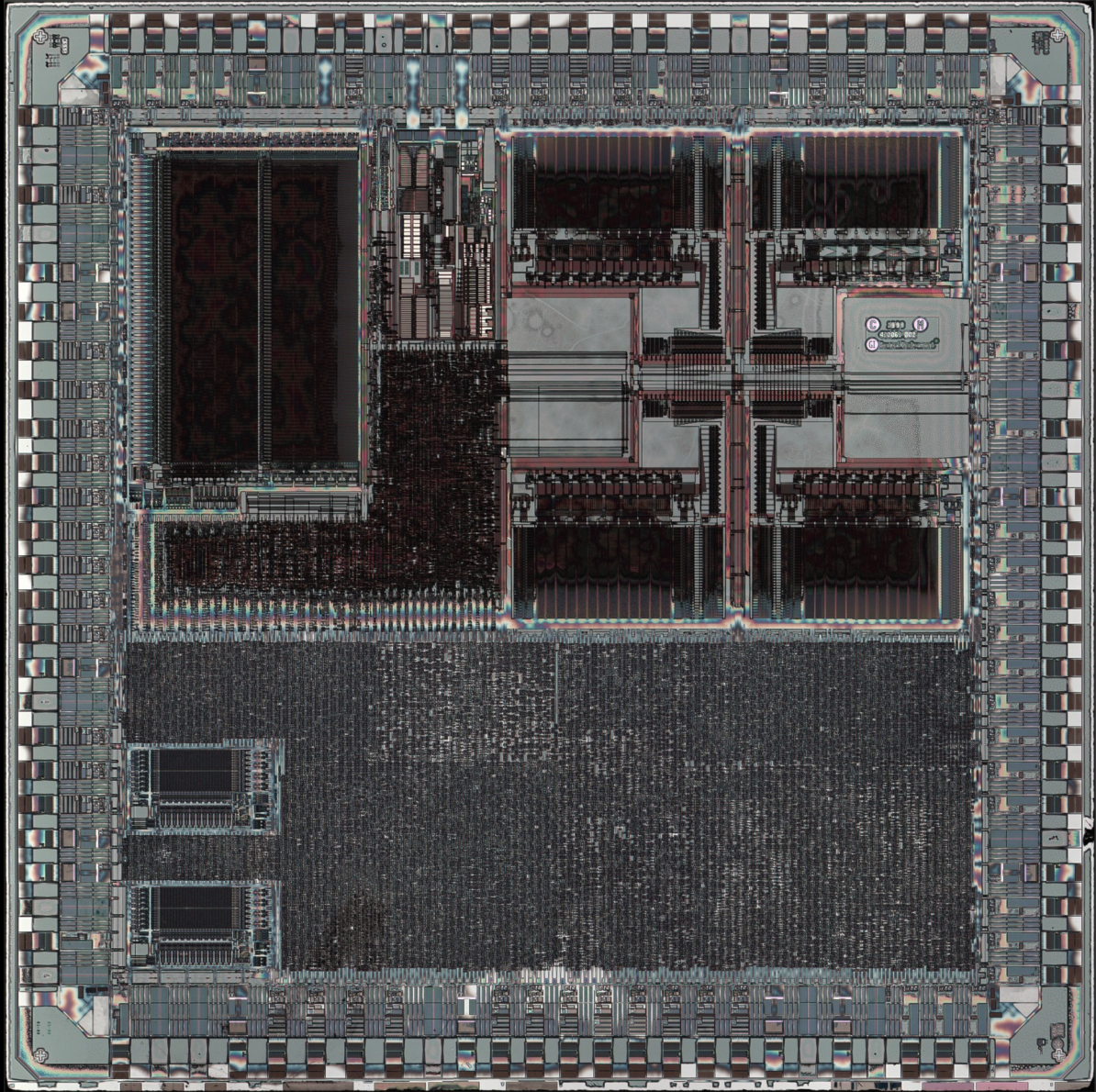
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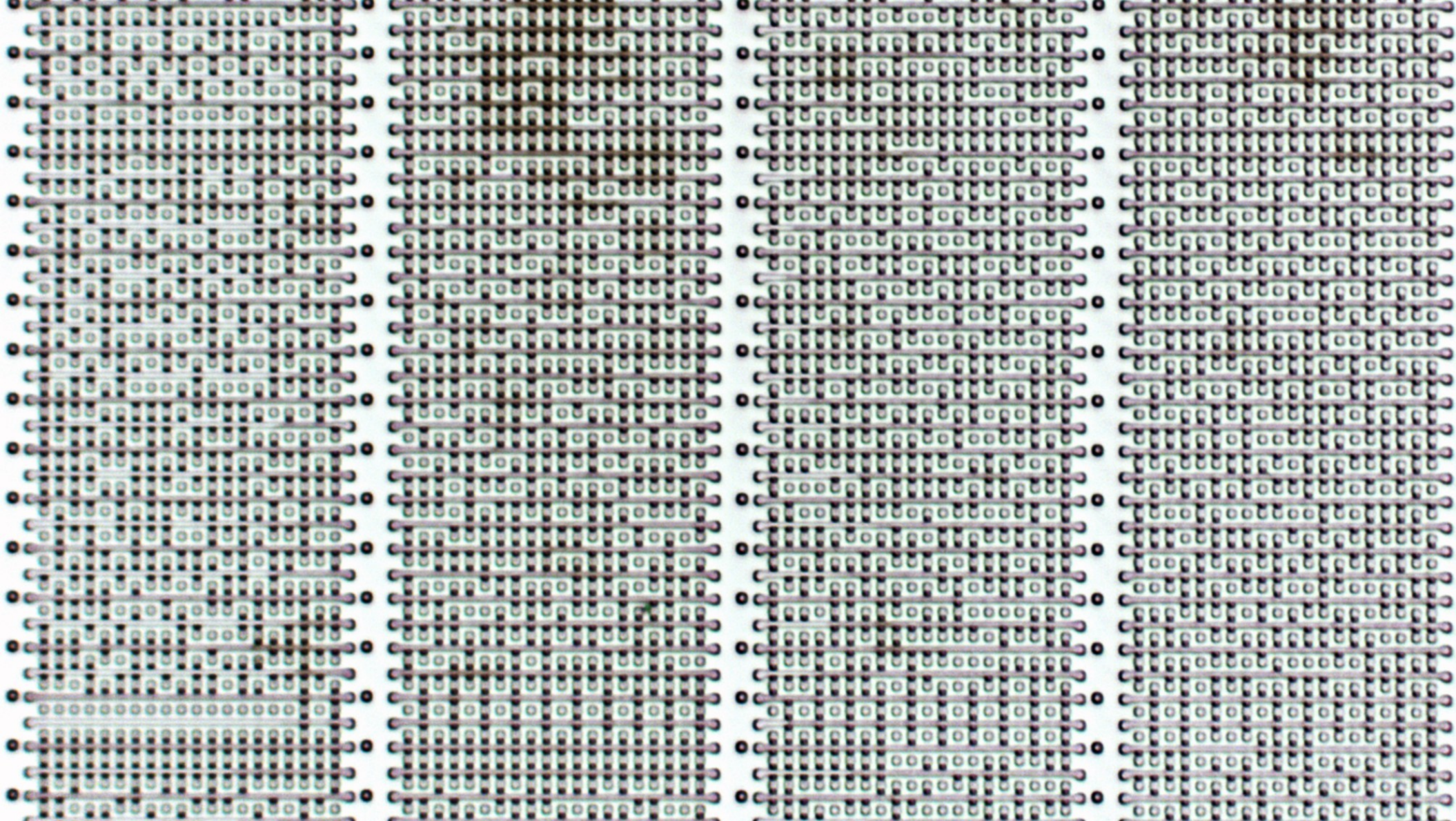
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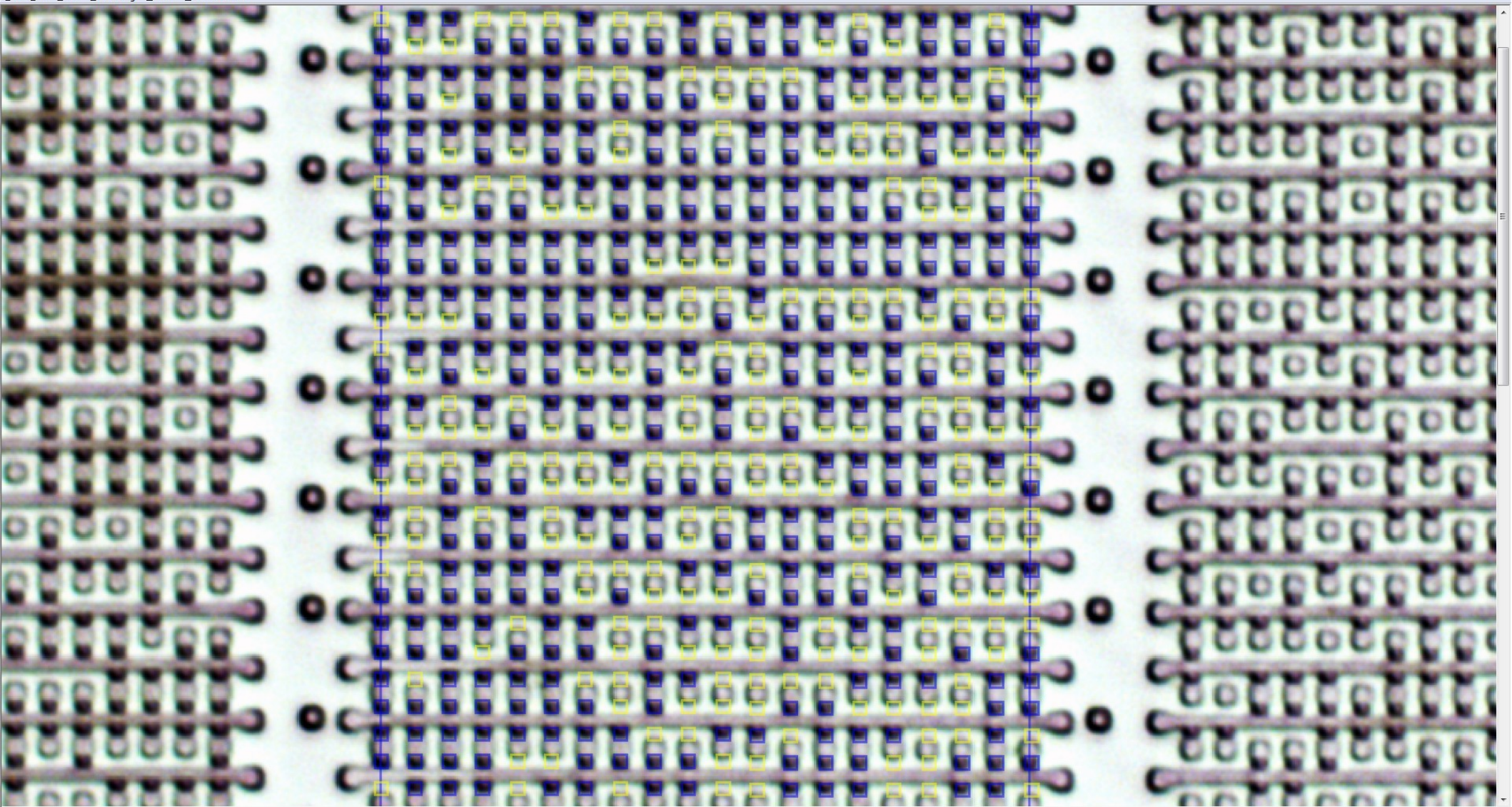




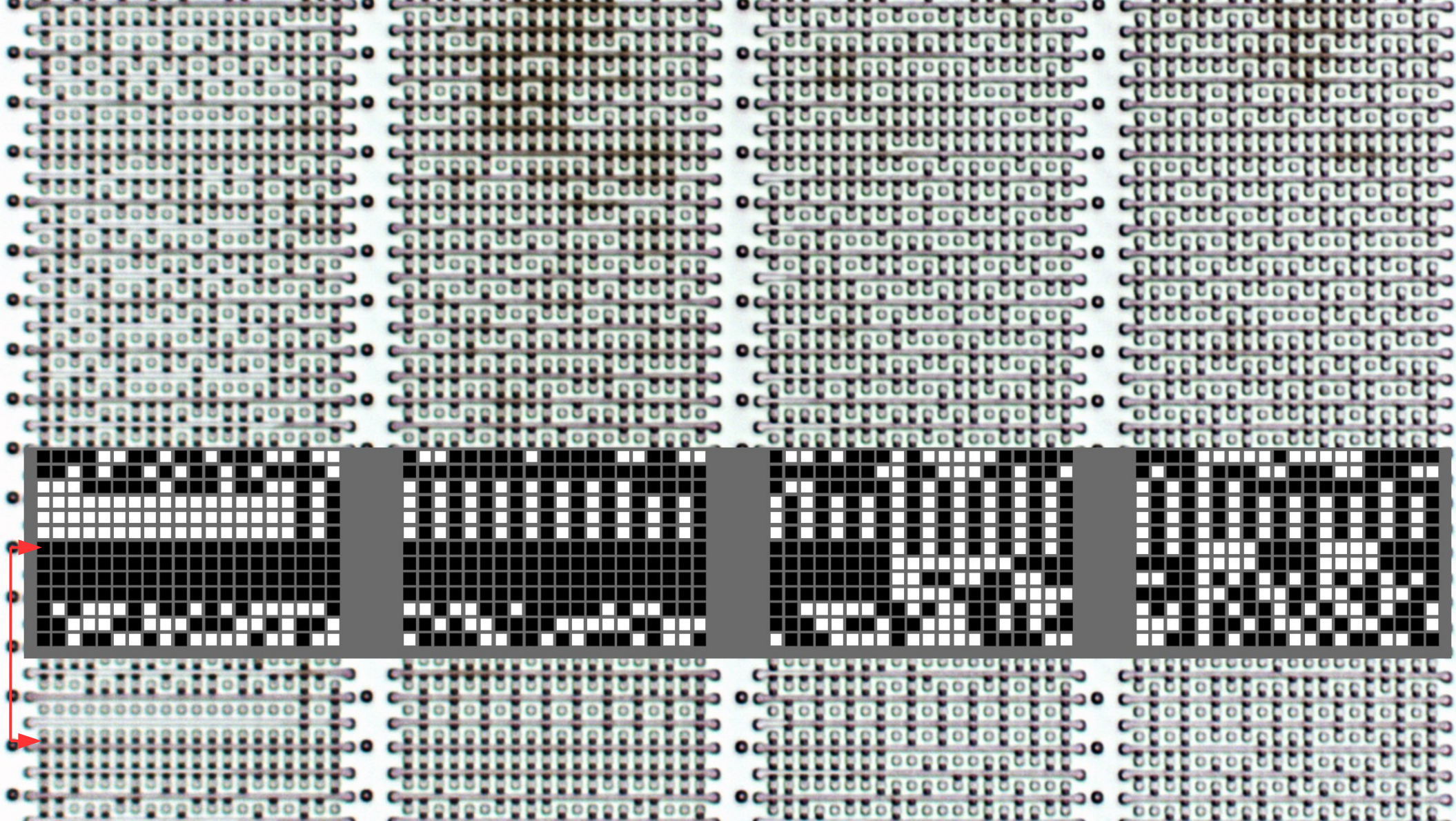


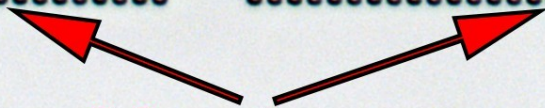
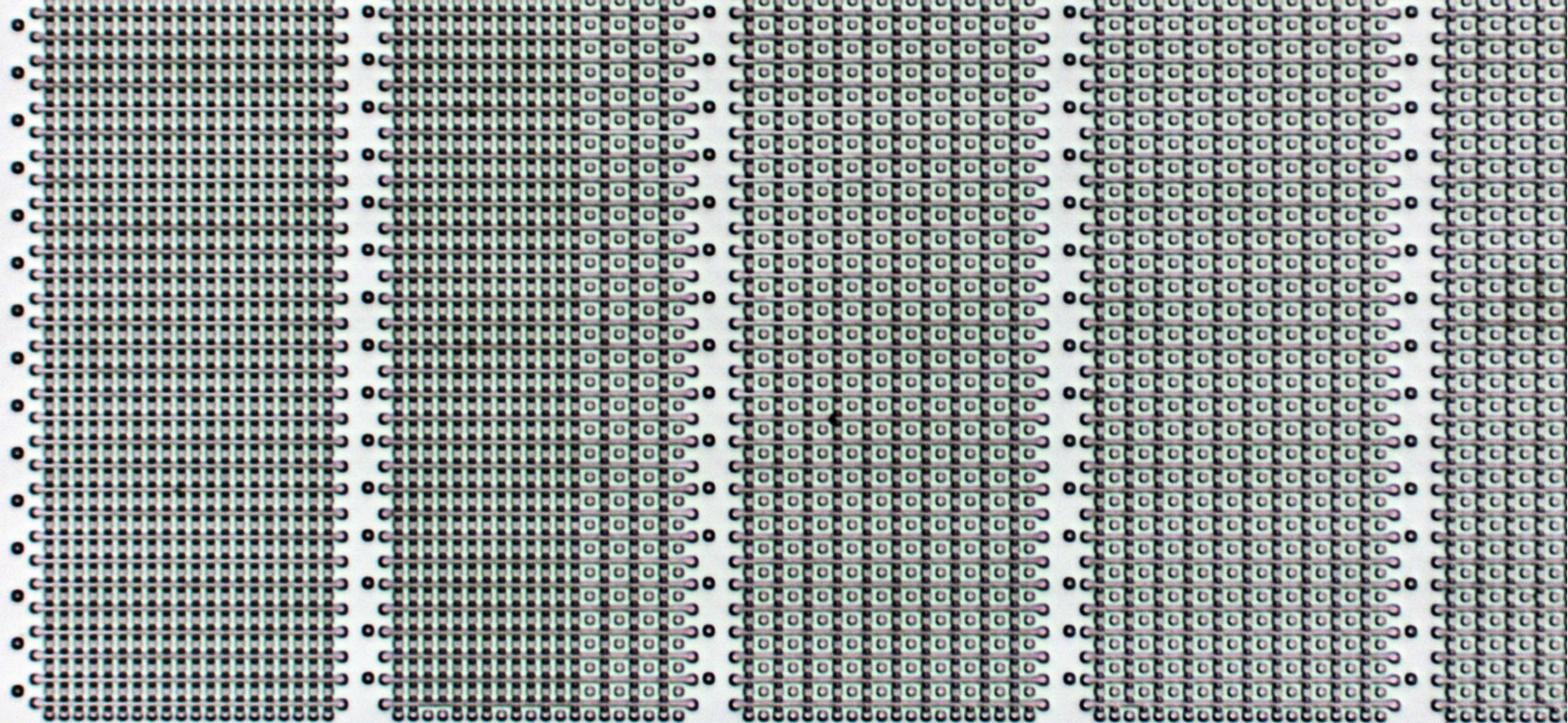












**Vectors**

# Software disassembly (IDA)

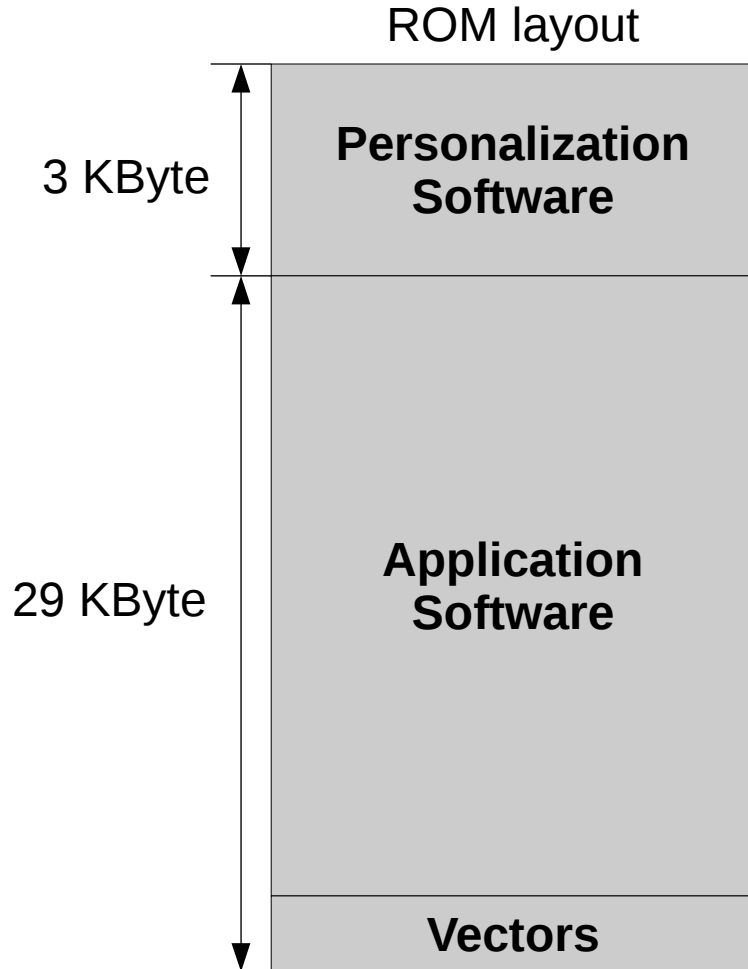
The screenshot displays the IDA Pro disassembler interface for a file named 'payload.bin'. The main window shows assembly code for the 'SPI\_RAM' section, with instructions and comments. A hex view window is open, showing the corresponding hex data. An output window at the bottom shows the IDAPython console output, including database loading and command execution.

```
IDA - /home/chris/hacktheplanet/DC2_ACPI64 (payload.bin)
File Edit Jump Search View Options Windows Help
Library function Data Regular function Unexplored Instruction External symbol
IDA View-A X Hex View-1 X Structures X Enums X Imports X Exports X
SPI_RAM:4000 * = $4000
SPI_RAM:4000 05 ; .BYTE 5
SPI_RAM:4001 40 ; .BYTE $40 ; length 0x40 bytes
; ----- SUBROUTINE -----
executable_command:
SPI_RAM:4002 NOP ; pad the beginning of the packet with some NOPs to give as big of an entry point as
SPI_RAM:4003 EA ; "nop slide"
SPI_RAM:4004 EA
SPI_RAM:4005 EA
SPI_RAM:4006 EA
SPI_RAM:4007 EA
SPI_RAM:4008 EA
SPI_RAM:4009 EA
SPI_RAM:400A EA
SPI_RAM:400B EA
SPI_RAM:400C EA
SPI_RAM:400D A2 00 LDX #0
SPI_RAM:400E
SPI_RAM:400F ; CODE XREF: executable_command+14
SPI_RAM:400F 8D 2C 40 LDA $102C,X ; copy intercept loop from SPI_RAM to main RAM so it isn't overwritten by next packet
SPI_RAM:4010 9D 40 11 STA $1140,X
SPI_RAM:4011 E8 INX
SPI_RAM:4012 E0 20 CPX #520 ; '
SPI_RAM:4013 D0 F5 ENE copy_intercept_loop ; copy code from SPI_RAM to main RAM
SPI_RAM:4014 A9 AB LDA #5AB ; '
SPI_RAM:4015 8B 14 41 STA $4114 ; '
SPI_RAM:4016 A9 00 LDA #0 ; setup response at 3114: AB 00 AB
SPI_RAM:4017 8D 15 41 STA $4115 ; '
SPI_RAM:4018 A9 AB LDA #5AB ; '
SPI_RAM:4019 8D 16 41 STA $4116 ; '
SPI_RAM:401A 4C 40 11 JMP $1140 ; jump to code that was copied from SPI_RAM to main RAM
; End of function executable_command
; ----- SUBROUTINE -----
intercept_loop:
SPI_RAM:4020 ; CODE XREF: SPI_RAM:4004
SPI_RAM:4020 JSR $4224 ; send packet we prepped in SPI_RAM (calling routine from the middle to skip over unde
SPI_RAM:4021 2F D2 A5 JSR $A5D2 ; reset interrupt flag and clear interrupt mask
SPI_RAM:4022 17 E1 RMB1 SEI ; clear bit indicating response has been sent (no further packet waiting to be process
SPI_RAM:4023 A2 00 LDX #0 ; '
SPI_RAM:4024 36 DA PHX ; push 0x00 on stack
SPI_RAM:4025 A2 E1 LDX #5E1 ; push address of flag for us to be awoken on (received SPI packet)
SPI_RAM:4026 39 DA PHX ; '
SPI_RAM:4027 A9 02 LDA #2 ; '
SPI_RAM:4028 00 BRK ; BRK #2 - sleep until SPI packet is received
SPI_RAM:4029 ; '
SPI_RAM:402A 02 40 JSR executable_command ; call subroutine received in RAM
SPI_RAM:402B 80 EA BRA intercept_loop ; loop to receive next executable command
; end of 'SPI_RAM'
00000002 000000000004002: executable_command (Synchronized with Hex View-1)
Output window
IDAPython 64-bit v1.7.0 final (serial U) (c) The IDAPython Team <idapython@googlegroups.com>
Python
AU: idle Down Disk: 241GB
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# Software organization



Personalization software is used during manufacturing to initialize the device – setup UA#, keys, etc.

After initialization is complete, access to personalization software is disabled.

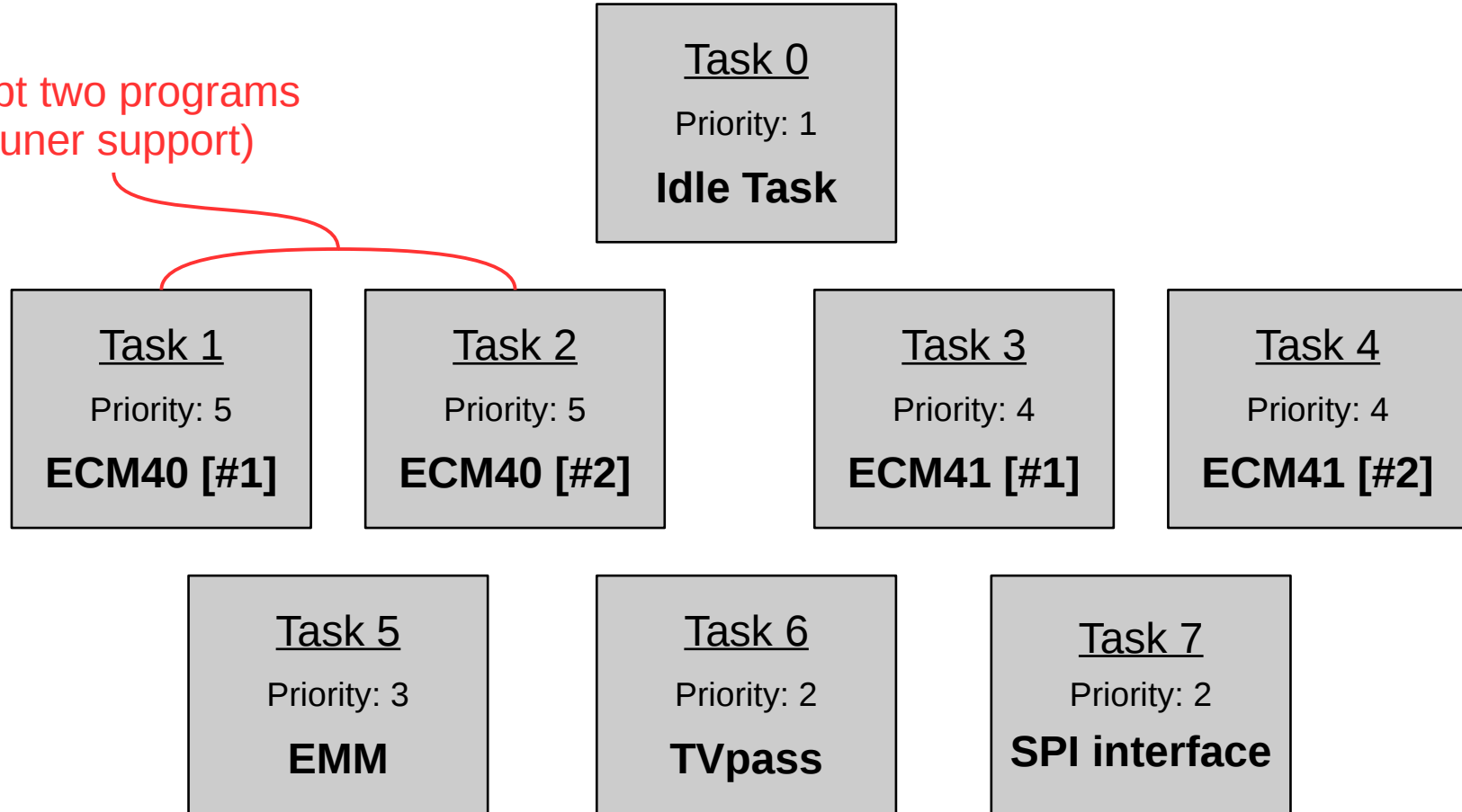
Application software always running after STB leaves factory.

This contains all the conditional access functionality.

Vectors area contains reset and interrupt addresses.

# Task switcher

Decrypt two programs  
(dual tuner support)



# Hardware Peripherals

## SPI slave

- RX RAM buffer
- TX RAM buffer
- Flag set when transfer complete

## Transport Stream PID filter

- SPI selects ECM PID
  - Tables placed in RAM and RX flag set
- SPI selects PIDs to decrypt
- Software selects Provider ID filter for ECM

## DES hardware

- Hardware encrypt/decrypt
- 56 bit key, 64 bit data
- Standard and custom modes

## TS descrambler

- Software sets working key
- Selected PIDs are decrypted
- DES standard and custom modes

# System analysis

- ✓ MPEG Transport stream – ECM & EMM logging
- ✓ SPI bus – logging and understanding of ACP messages
- ✓ ROM dump (entire ACP firmware)
- ✓ Software disassembly and simulation
- ✓ Keys: Fixed keys found in ROM

Possible bit errors from optical extraction ruled out by valid checksum on key area

*We are here*

→ Understanding of ECM and EMM algorithms

✗ Keys: Seed keys, category keys, program keys only exist in RAM

# ECM40 – Working Key

Three sequential ECM40 messages (133 ms apart)

```
40 00 11 00 2D 80 07 2B 16 FA 22 04 00 00 00 BB
40 00 11 00 2D 80 07 2B 16 FB 22 04 00 00 01 42
40 00 11 00 2D 80 07 2B 16 FC 22 04 00 00 00 D2
      ^^^^      ^^^^      ^^      ^^
      Service ID Frame Count HW Crypt Mode
```

Frame Count is used to generate Working Key

# ECM41 – Program Key

41 40 41 10 20 00 2D 80 07 75 6E 2A CE 13 09 E3  
40 9E F1 9F E7 76 9A 7E BC 00 00 00 08 05 00 01  
35 03 00 00 06 03 00 00 83 03 00 00 A9 03 00 00  
C0 03 00 02 54 03 01 00 AB 69 1C D1 12 A8 CE D5

1020 Provider ID

8-byte Initialization Vector

2D8007 Service ID

00 Hardware crypto select

75 Category Epoch

08 Bitmapped (bit 6 indicates PPV)

6E Program Epoch

05 Number of acceptable tiers  
(6, each 4 bytes)

2ACE13 Validity start

09E340 Valid period (24 hr.)

8-byte Encrypted Program Key

40 00 11 00 2D 80 07 2B 16 FA 22 04 00 00 00 BB

ECM40 Frame Count 2B16FA

41 40 41 10 20 00 2D 80 07 75 6F 34 B1 53 09 E3

ECM41 Validity Start 34B153 (next key)

40 44 37 29 A0 2E 25 4B A2 00 00 00 08 05 00 01

35 03 00 00 06 03 00 00 83 03 00 00 A9 03 00 00

C0 03 00 02 54 03 01 00 E8 F1 E4 74 45 B9 85 73

40 00 11 00 2D 80 07 2B 16 FB 22 04 00 00 01 42

ECM40 Frame Count 2B16FB

41 40 41 10 20 00 2D 80 07 75 6E 2A CE 13 09 E3

ECM41 Validity Start 2ACE13 (current key)

40 9E F1 9F E7 76 9A 7E BC 00 00 00 08 05 00 01

35 03 00 00 06 03 00 00 83 03 00 00 A9 03 00 00

C0 03 00 02 54 03 01 00 AB 69 1C D1 12 A8 CE D5

41 40 41 10 20 00 2D 80 07 75 6F 34 B1 53 09 E3

ECM41 Validity Start 34B153 (next key)

40 44 37 29 A0 2E 25 4B A2 00 00 00 08 05 00 01

35 03 00 00 06 03 00 00 83 03 00 00 A9 03 00 00

C0 03 00 02 54 03 01 00 E8 F1 E4 74 45 B9 85 73

40 00 11 00 2D 80 07 2B 16 FC 22 04 00 00 00 D2

ECM40 Frame Count 2B16FC

41 40 41 10 20 00 2D 80 07 75 6E 2A CE 13 09 E3

ECM41 Validity Start 2ACE13 (current key)

40 9E F1 9F E7 76 9A 7E BC 00 00 00 08 05 00 01

35 03 00 00 06 03 00 00 83 03 00 00 A9 03 00 00

C0 03 00 02 54 03 01 00 AB 69 1C D1 12 A8 CE D5

40 00 11 00 2D 80 07 2B 16 FD 22 04 00 00 01 58

ECM40 Frame Count 2B16FD



# EMM95 – delivered in 4 parts

0x0013274945 = UA: 0000 3213 41765

```
95 10 A6 00 13 27 49 45 00 00 00 00 00 00 BE C0
00 75 00 00 40 29 20 8E 2D 88 B1 6B 44 1C 10 C3
C3 FB 21 B3 EB 02 04 03 04 02 04 03 04 0D 6C 09
90 0D AA 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 02 10 20
00 80 01 DF 00 60 87 03 00 50 F1 00 DF 23 00 80
00 80 91 33 80 00 40 00 00 22 48 00 00 01 00 41
05 80 00 44 0F 00 FF FF FF 01 FF FF FF 02 FF FF
FF 03 FF FF FF 04 FF FF FF 05 FF FF FF 06 FF FF
FF 07 FF FF FF 08 FF FF FF 09 FF FF FF 0A FF FF
FF 0B FF FF FF 0C FF FF FF 0D FF FF FF 0E FF FF
FF 0F FF FF FF
```

```
95 10 94 00 13 27 49 45 00 00 00 00 00 02 84 C0
00 75 00 00 40 BC 98 1E 16 6E 0E A0 1A 67 99 71
F2 8B 53 5E 25 02 04 03 04 02 04 03 04 02 00 03
DF 00 00 04 00 00 00 00 00 10 00 02 40 42 00 00
80 40 00 02 1A C0 1F 00 A0 07 B8 7B D4 0C 80 FF
87 DF E0 3F 00 E0 07 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
00 00 DF 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
00 00 00
```

```
95 10 93 00 13 27 49 45 00 00 00 00 00 01 86 C0
00 75 00 00 40 75 77 07 CD E5 79 84 A7 12 BD 46
30 60 41 D2 B2 02 04 03 04 02 04 03 04 01 00 01
DF 30 14 00 00 00 00 C0 02 00 00 00 81 13 5E 20
1C 42 00 00 46 20 00 00 00 10 40 00 00 00 08 80
2F 0F 10 FF FF FF 11 FF FF FF 12 FF FF FF 13 FF
FF FF 14 FF FF FF 15 FF FF FF 16 FF FF FF 17 FF
FF FF 18 FF FF FF 19 FF FF FF 1A FF FF FF 1B FF
FF FF 1C FF FF FF 1D FF FF FF 1E FF FF FF 1F FF
FF FF
```

```
95 10 94 00 13 27 49 45 00 00 00 00 00 03 84 C0
00 75 00 00 40 DB 9B 83 88 DA 80 81 FE CD 14 50
FC A7 ED 27 69 02 04 03 04 02 04 03 04 05 40 03
DF 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
00 DF 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
00 00 DF 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
00 00 00
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```

95 10 A6 00 13 27 49 45 00 00 00 00 00 00 BE C0
00 75 00 00 40 29 20 8E 2D 88 B1 6B 44 1C 10 C3
C3 FB 21 B3 EB 02 04 03 04 02 04 03 04 0D 6C 09
90 0D AA 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 02 10 20
00 80 01 DF 00 60 87 03 00 50 F1 00 DF 23 00 80
00 80 91 33 80 00 40 00 00 22 48 00 00 01 00 41
05 80 00 44 0F 00 FF FF FF 01 FF FF FF 02 FF FF
FF 03 FF FF FF 04 FF FF FF 05 FF FF FF 06 FF FF
FF 07 FF FF FF 08 FF FF FF 09 FF FF FF 0A FF FF
FF 0B FF FF FF 0C FF FF FF 0D FF FF FF 0E FF FF
FF 0F FF FF FF

```

0013274945 Unit Address (UA)

00 EMM part #

BEC0 Bitmap indicating data items to follow

00 Hardware crypto select

75 Category Epoch

8-byte Encrypted Category key

8-byte Encrypted Category key (next)

02040304 Keyselect

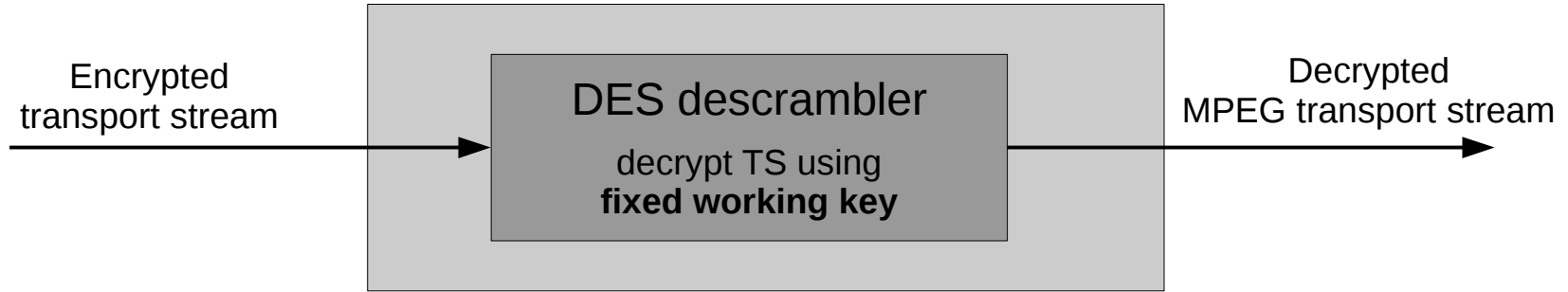
02040304 Keyselect (next)

7-byte Geographic location

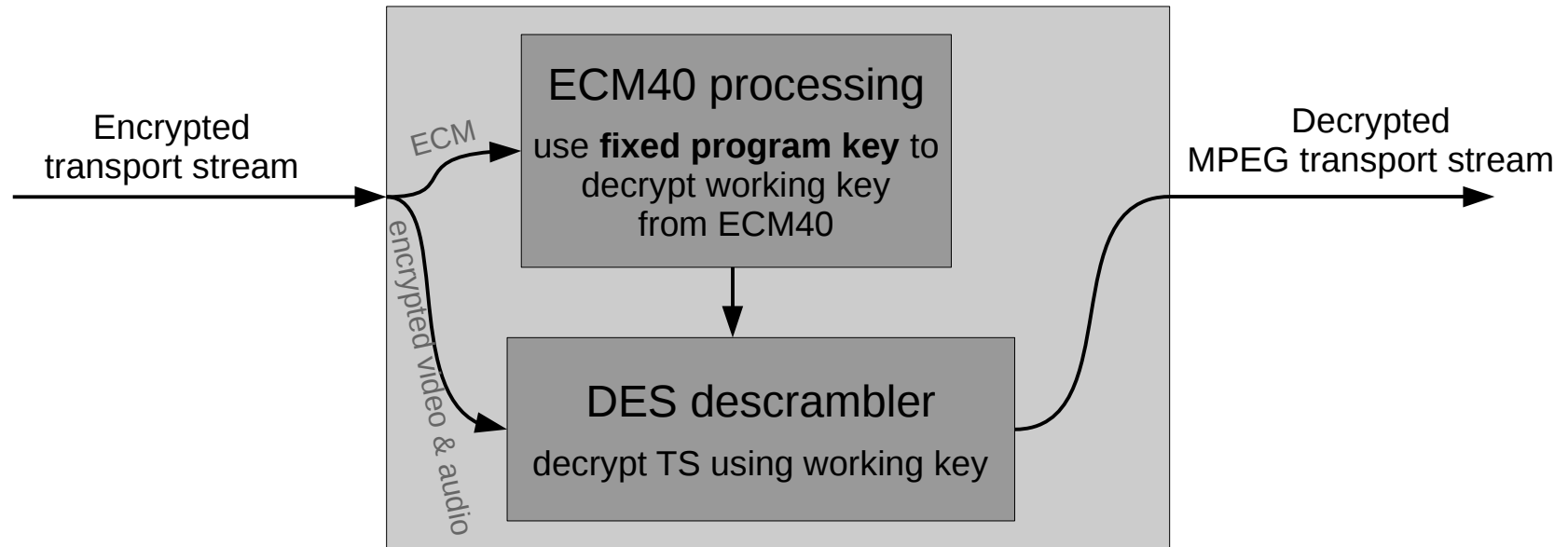
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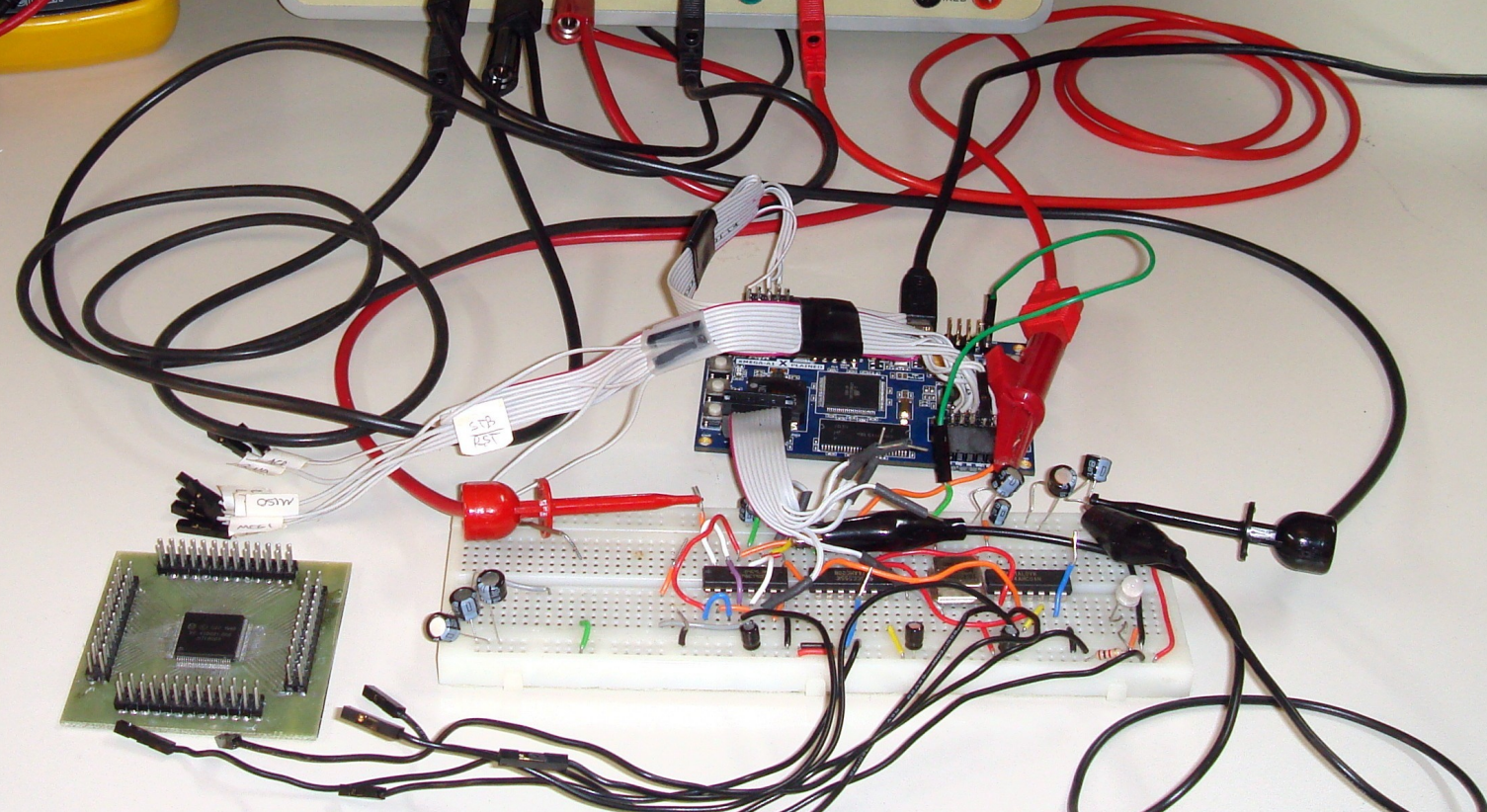
00 Start of tier bank 0

## Decryption using Fixed Working Key



## Decryption using Fixed Program Key





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Glitch	4/11418	[7292]:	55	FF	09	FC	16	C2	88	48	74	58	85	84	33	
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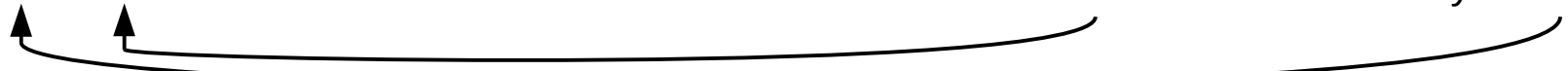
Normal (no glitch) response

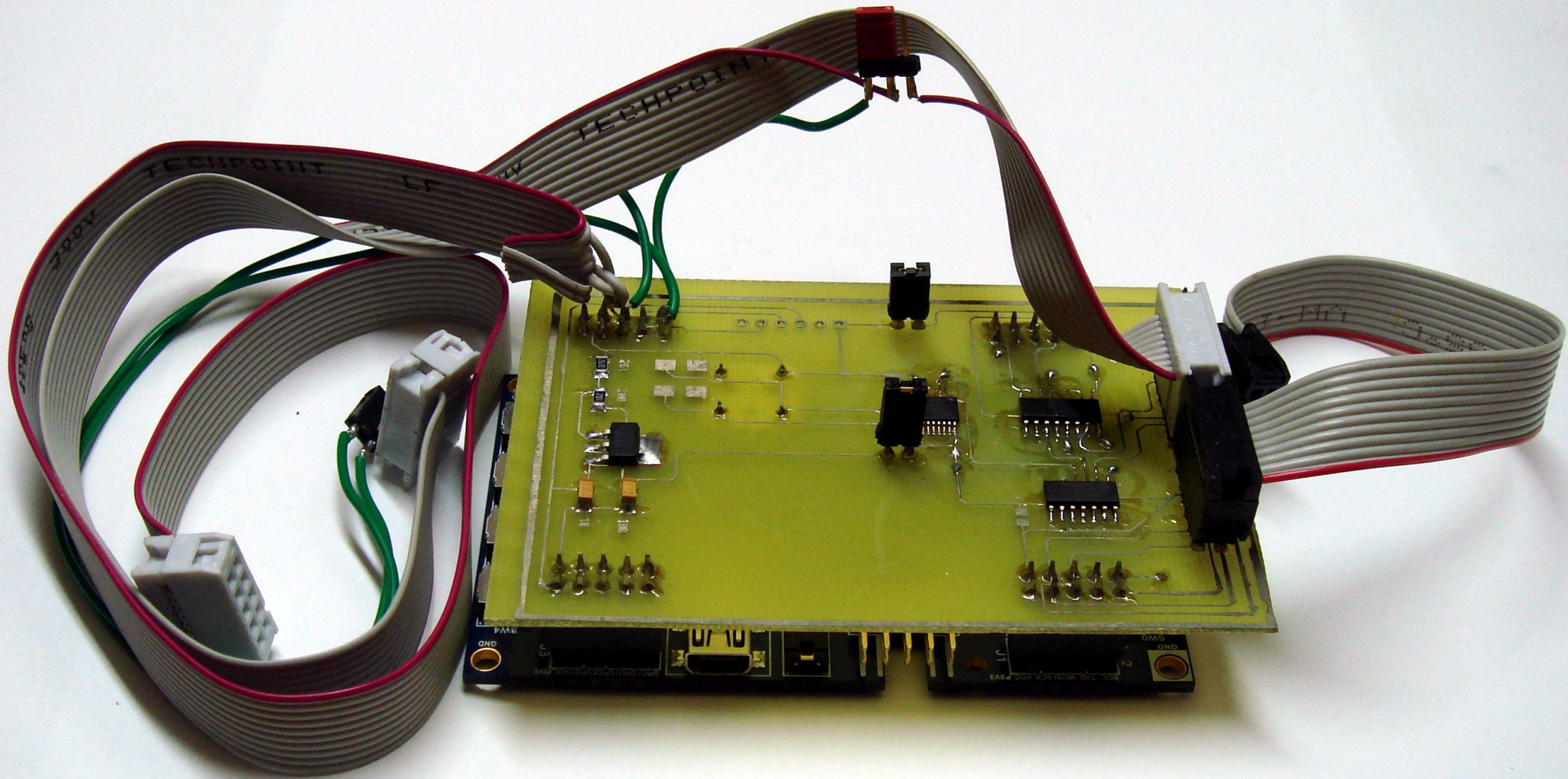
Responses changed by glitch

Checksum

Time until READY

Delay before glitch





# Glitch payload - RAM intercept loop

(addresses have been changed)

```
SPI_RAM:4000 05          .BYTE 5          ; cmd05
SPI_RAM:4001 40          .BYTE $40         ; length 0x40 bytes
SPI_RAM:4002            ; -----
SPI_RAM:4002            ; executable_command:          ; pad the beginning of the packet with some NOPs to give as big of an entry point as possible
SPI_RAM:4002 EA          NOP
SPI_RAM:4003 EA          NOP          ; "nop slide"
SPI_RAM:4004 EA          NOP
SPI_RAM:4005 EA          NOP
SPI_RAM:4006 EA          NOP
SPI_RAM:4007 EA          NOP
SPI_RAM:4008 EA          NOP
SPI_RAM:4009 EA          NOP
SPI_RAM:400A EA          NOP
SPI_RAM:400B EA          NOP
SPI_RAM:400C EA          NOP
SPI_RAM:400D A2 00      LDX      #0
SPI_RAM:400F            ;
SPI_RAM:400F            ; copy_intercept_loop:          ; CODE XREF: SPI_RAM:4018
SPI_RAM:400F BD 2C 40   LDA      $402C,X          ; copy intercept loop from SPI_RAM to main RAM so it isn't overwritten by next packet
SPI_RAM:4012 9D 40 11   STA      $1140,X
SPI_RAM:4015 E8          INX
SPI_RAM:4016 E0 20      CPX      #$20 ; ' '
SPI_RAM:4018 D0 F5      BNE     copy_intercept_loop ; copy code from SPI_RAM to main RAM
SPI_RAM:401A A9 AB      LDA      #$AB ; ' '
SPI_RAM:401C 8D 14 41   STA      $4114          ; setup response at 3114: AB 00 AB
SPI_RAM:401F A9 00      LDA      #0
SPI_RAM:4021 8D 15 41   STA      $4115
SPI_RAM:4024 A9 AB      LDA      #$AB ; ' '
SPI_RAM:4026 8D 16 41   STA      $4116
SPI_RAM:4029 4C 40 11   JMP      $1140          ; jump to code that was copied from SPI_RAM to main RAM
SPI_RAM:402C            ; -----
SPI_RAM:402C            ; intercept_loop:
SPI_RAM:402C 20 24 A2   JSR      $A224          ; send packet we prepped in SPI_RAM (calling routine from the middle to skip over undesired behaviour)
SPI_RAM:402F 20 D2 A5   JSR      $A5D2          ; reset interrupt flag and clear interrupt mask
SPI_RAM:4032 17 E1      RMB1    $E1            ; clear bit indicating response has been sent (no further packet waiting to be processed)
SPI_RAM:4034 A2 00      LDX      #0
SPI_RAM:4036 DA          PHX
SPI_RAM:4037 A2 E1      LDX      #$E1          ; push 0x00 on stack
SPI_RAM:4039 DA          PHX          ; push address of flag for us to be awoken on (received SPI packet)
SPI_RAM:403A A9 02      LDA      #2
SPI_RAM:403C 00          BRK
SPI_RAM:403D            ; -----
SPI_RAM:403D 20 02 40   JSR     executable_command ; call subroutine received in RAM
SPI_RAM:4040 80 EA      BRA     intercept_loop  ; loop to receive next executable command
```





**Port Commander**  
File Options Port Transfer Smartcard

**DTR** **RTS** **DSR** **CTS** **DCD** **RI** **BRK** ■ = set ■ = cle.

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< 55 05 09 FE 16 00 14 48 79 52 00 00 93 93 93 93
< 93 93 93 93 93 93 93 93 93 93 93 93 93 93 93 93
<>
> spi 80 13 02 00 00 11
< spi 80 13 02 00 00 11
<SPI TX:
< 80 13 02 00 00 11
<SPI RX:
< 55 00 00 00 00 00
<>
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< 55 13 22 00 00 A1 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
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Connected to COM6 at 57600 bps, 8-N-1, no flow control.

**Xplainer**

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*Glitch 3/5461 [3469]: 55 05 09 FE 16 00 14 48 79 52 00 00 93 93 93 93 93 93 93 93 93 93 93 93 93 93 93 93 93 93 93 93
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Video:  Audio:  ECM:

Glitch len:  Reset count:

Delay start:  Inter start:  Normal count:

Delay end:  Inter end:  Unusual count:  Total count:

CurrentDelay:  Current inter:   Stop on AB rx

Repeats:  Glitch cmd:

Read Addr:  Read Len:  Range end:  Byte Value:

Data:  Key:  6001:  6000:

# Bit errors found in optical ROM dump

Result of ROM extraction from single sample

Errors marked in red

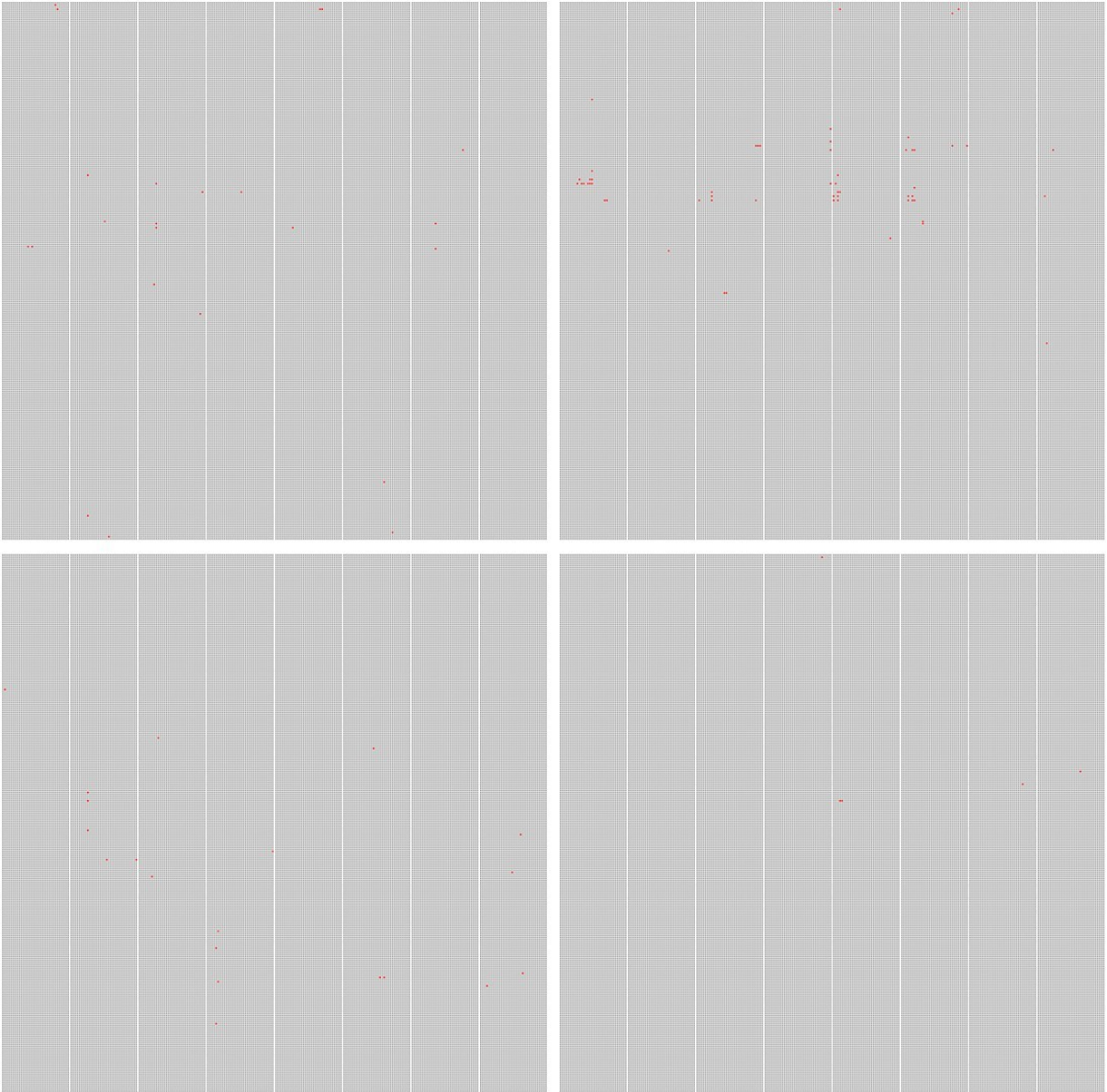
## By the bit

262,144 bits total  
105 bit errors  
= 0.04 % error rate (99.96% accuracy)

## By the byte

32,768 bytes total  
104 byte errors  
= 0.32 % error rate (99.68% accuracy)

Only one byte had more than a single flipped bit.



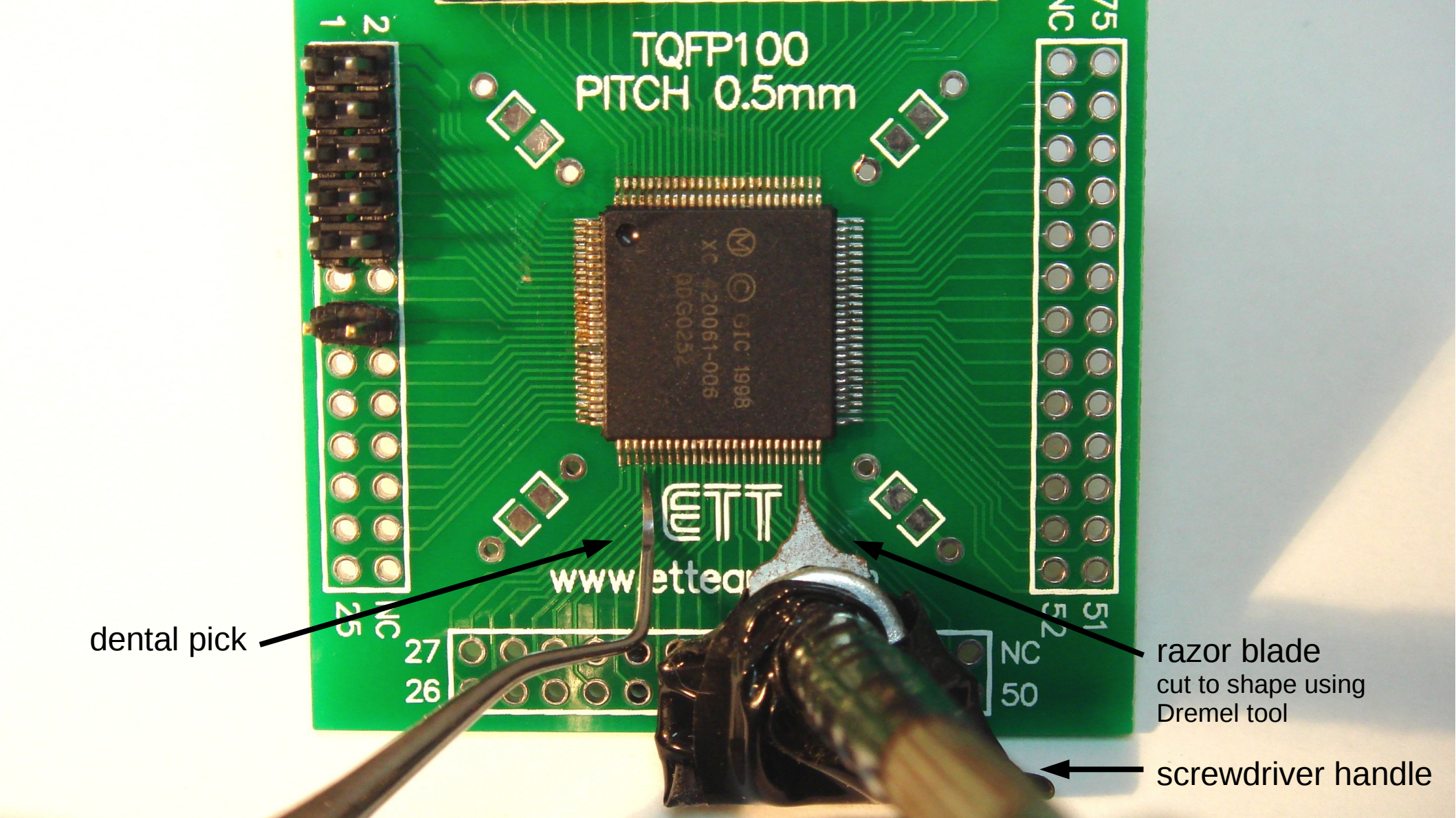
# Key extraction from RAM

- All keys are stored only in RAM.
- RAM is battery-backed.
- Until now, glitching has been done on chips desoldered and put on test board.
  - This isolates the 16 VCC pins from each other and other components.
- RAM contents lost when chip is desoldered.
- If we can successfully glitch ACP with RAM intact then all keys can be read.
  - Category and Seed Keys are desirable.

Adapt glitcher to work on ACP in-circuit

*or*

Remove ACP from STB without losing RAM contents



TQFP100  
PITCH 0.5mm

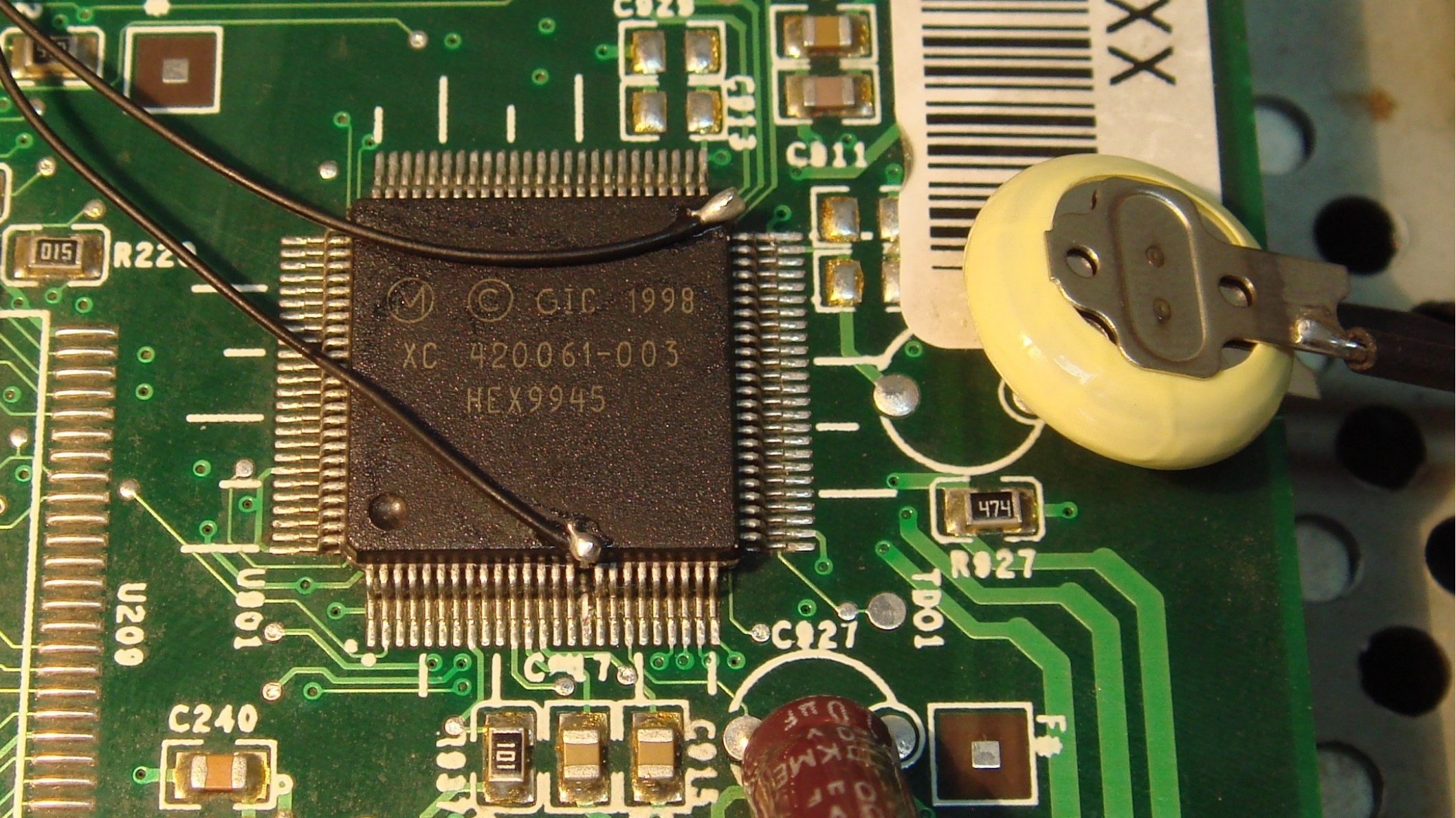
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Dremel tool

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C927

T901

C240

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C915

U209

U901

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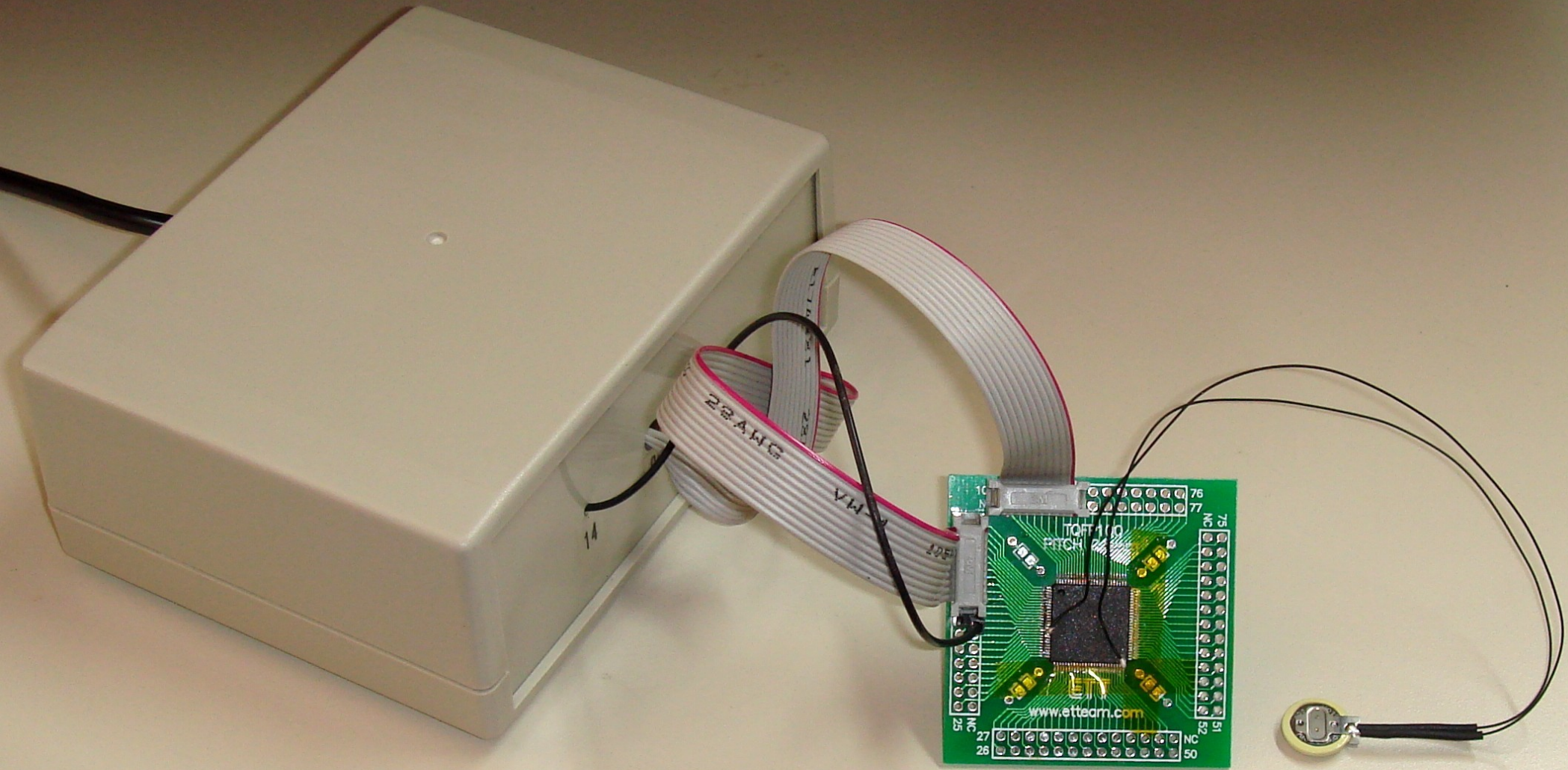
C911

C929

C913

C917

E



# Transport Stream scrambling

188-byte TS packet

47 12 34 00 ← 4-byte header

<u>01 01 01 01 01 01 01 01</u>	<u>02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02</u>	<u>03 03 03 03 03 03 03 03</u>	<u>04 04 04 04 04 04 04 04</u>
<u>05 05 05 05 05 05 05 05</u>	<u>06 06 06 06 06 06 06 06</u>	<u>07 07 07 07 07 07 07 07</u>	<u>08 08 08 08 08 08 08 08</u>
<u>09 09 09 09 09 09 09 09</u>	<u>10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10</u>	<u>11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11</u>	<u>12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12</u>
<u>13 13 13 13 13 13 13 13</u>	<u>14 14 14 14 14 14 14 14</u>	<u>15 15 15 15 15 15 15 15</u>	<u>16 16 16 16 16 16 16 16</u>
<u>17 17 17 17 17 17 17 17</u>	<u>18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18</u>	<u>19 19 19 19 19 19 19 19</u>	<u>20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20</u>
<u>21 21 21 21 21 21 21 21</u>	<u>22 22 22 22 22 22 22 22</u>	<u>23 23 23 23 23 23 23 23</u>	

← 23 blocks of 8 bytes crypted data

## Analyzing scrambling

- Flip bits in ciphertext to observe results in decrypted result (CBC/ECB/OFB modes)
  - *one bit flipped corrupts one 8-byte block plus corresponding bit in next block: CBC mode*
- Observe timing of decryption, look for changes in timing due to algorithm differences
  - *changes to algorithm such as number of rounds should have effect on timing*
- Use DES HW as oracle
  - *send test data through ACP, controlling data, key, and all H/W registers*
- Use DES weak keys (all 0 or all 1) and observe if behaviour matches standard DES
  - *encryption and decryption operations are equivalent when using key made of all 0 or all 1 bits*

# DES “weak keys”

## Weak key

DES key: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00  
Plaintext: 01 23 45 67 89 AB CD EF  
Encrypted: 61 7B 3A 0C E8 F0 71 00

DES key: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00  
Ciphertext: 01 23 45 67 89 AB CD EF  
Decrypted: 61 7B 3A 0C E8 F0 71 00

With DES key of all zero bits, encryption and decryption have same effect.

## Non-weak key

DES key: 80 00 00 00 00 00 00  
Plaintext: 01 23 45 67 89 AB CD EF  
Encrypted: F2 C4 69 25 D1 0D 86 BD

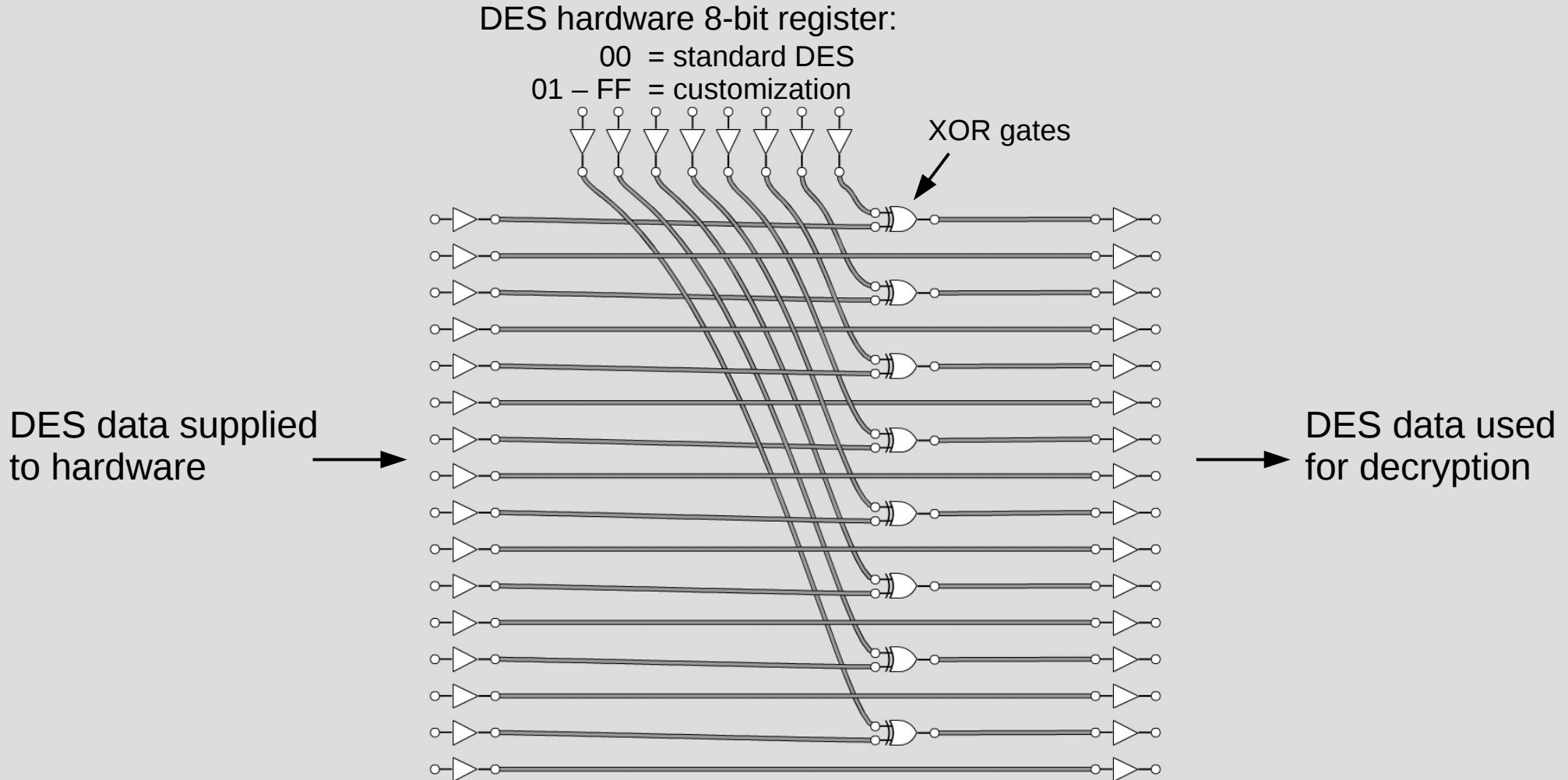
DES key: 80 00 00 00 00 00 00  
Ciphertext: 01 23 45 67 89 AB CD EF  
Decrypted: 00 7B 46 D4 9E AA 83 60

If even one bit is nonzero, encryption and decryption produce different effects.

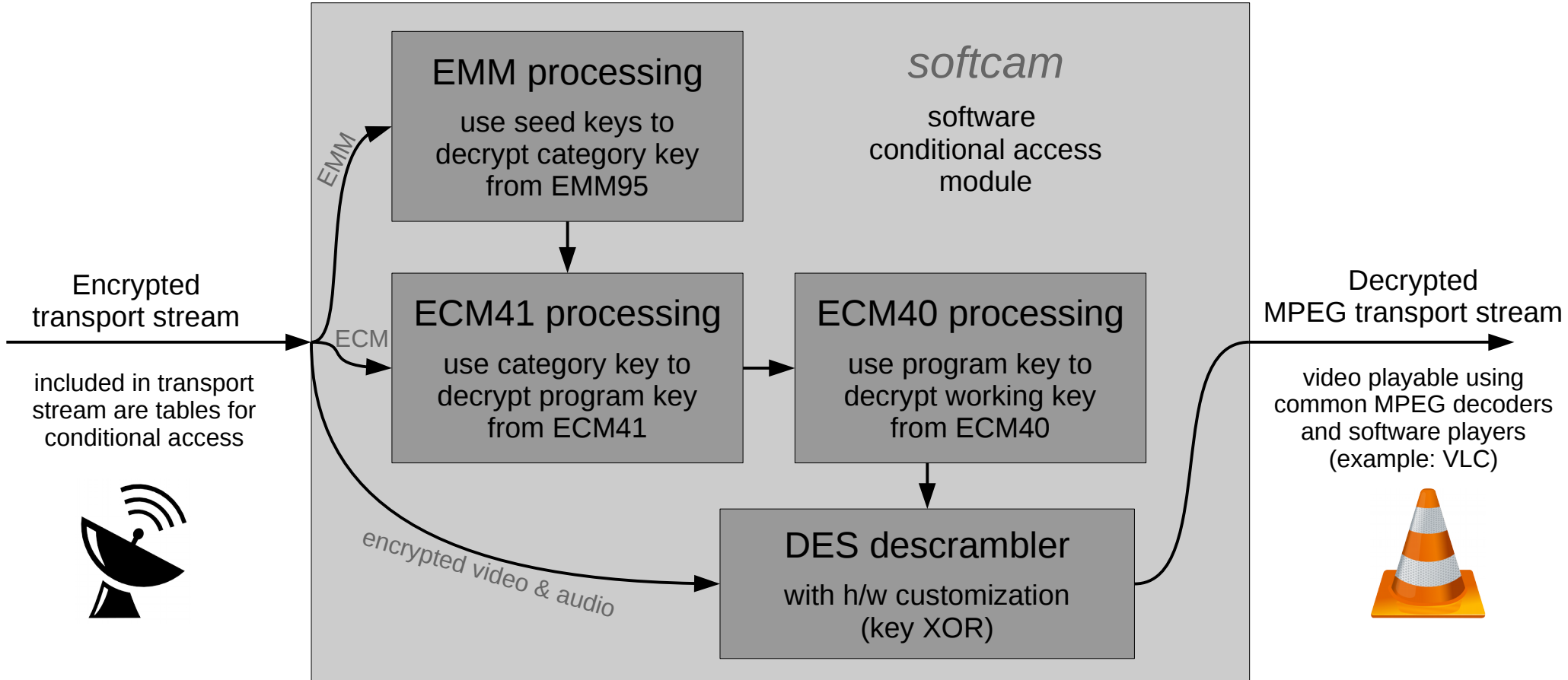




# Cracking Hardware Customization: DES data XOR taps



# Softcam implementation



VALID

-20dBFS  
Source  
16:9  
1080i59

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# Weaknesses

- Relatively old technology – easier for invasive analysis today
  - TQFP100 package easy to deal with compared to modern alternatives
- Voltage glitching
- Von Neumann architecture, no strong MMU protection
- No possibility for code updates for countermeasure purposes
- Hardware crypto customizations are simple

# Strengths

- Key handling and decryption contained within single chip makes it difficult to do key sharing.
- Fast working key change interval (133 ms) makes key sharing difficult.
- No possibility for code update means nowhere to write code for permanent backdoor.
- Internal CLK prevents clock glitching.
- Dead addresses to prevent linear readout of keys.
- Personalization ROM appears to be inaccessible.
- Keys kept only in RAM – must maintain battery backup at all times!
  - Keys appear non-rewritable, preventing cloning units.
- No group keys for EMMs – all unit addressing is to individual units.
  - Must pull keys from a subscribed box in order to get active keys.
- Software appears generally well-designed and written.
- Although DES is used, EMMs are signed using 3 DES keys.
  - Multiple rounds of DES are used, increasing brute force complexity.







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