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Academic vs. industrial perspective on SCA... ...and an industrial innovation

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How many of you have published a paper on SCA in the recent year?

Do you think your results are practical?

Out of dozens of SCA papers we as a test lab find that few are practical.

Why?

1. Limited testing time

and SCA only part of it

2. Large amounts of traces

Compute success rate, you say?

What do we do?

We use "fast acquisition" with averaging on the DSO.

Common acquisition flow



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Fast acquisition flow with averaging



No slightest academic value. Effect?

Up to 200 times speed up.

Requires great degree of control over the target \rightarrow reject (-1)

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Runtime control

is a standard prerequisite in embedded scenarios

Will not work with jitter \rightarrow reject (-2)

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Well it works, we align traces on the DSO

Will not work against masking → reject (-2) confidence 4!

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Think of residual first order leakage.

Full white paper on fast acquisition

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