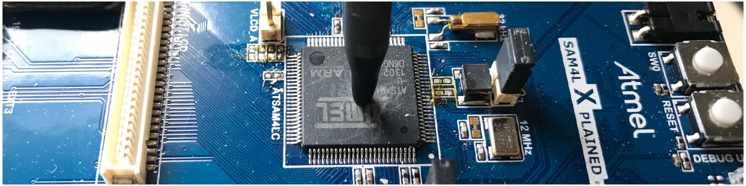

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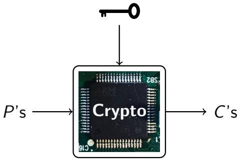

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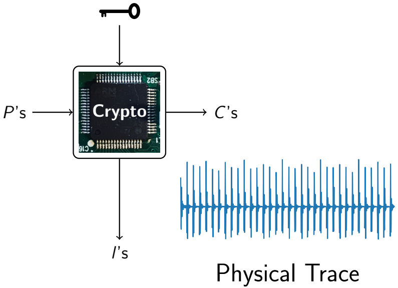

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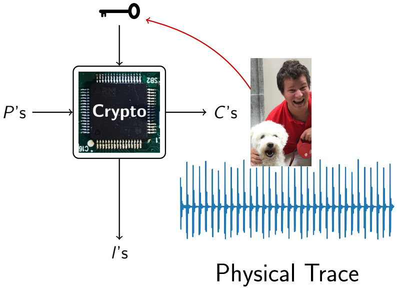

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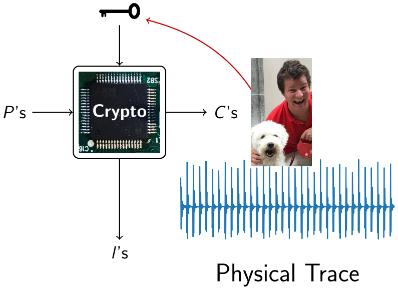

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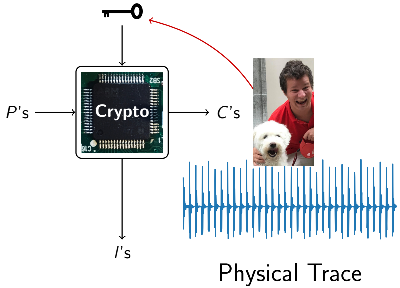

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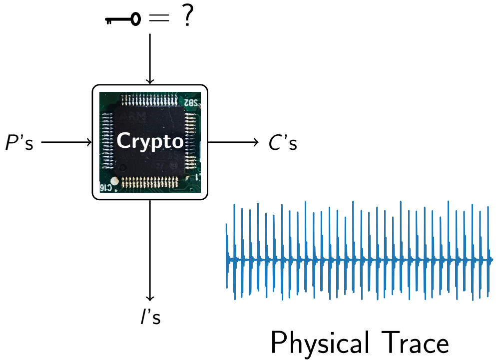

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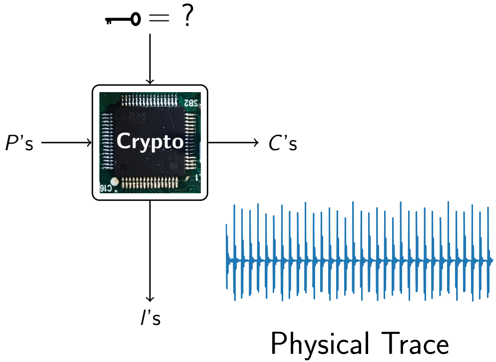

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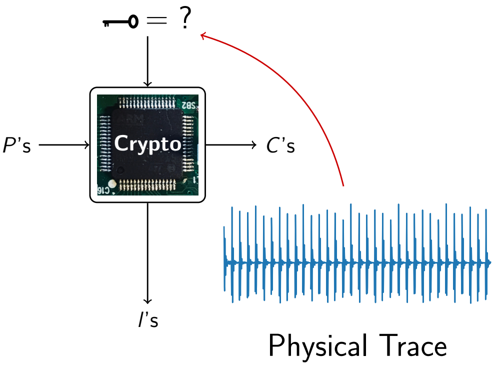

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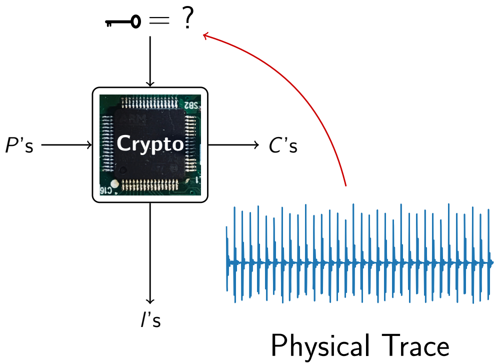

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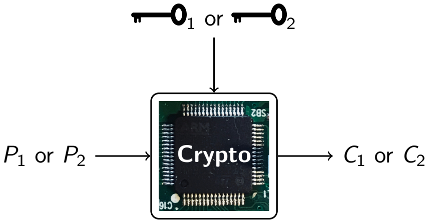

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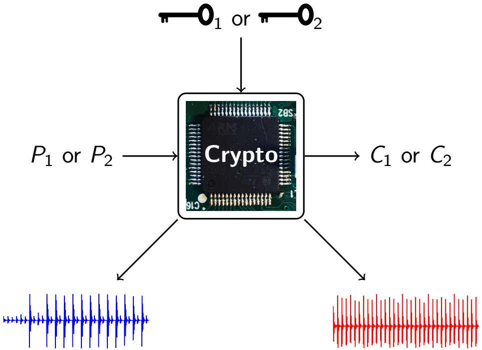

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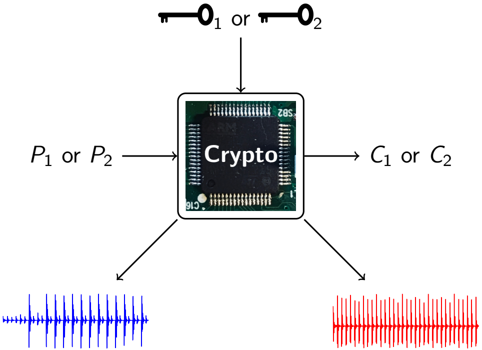

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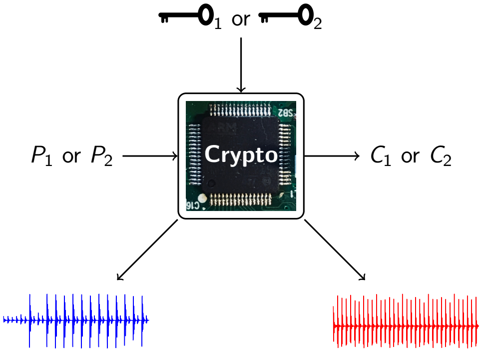

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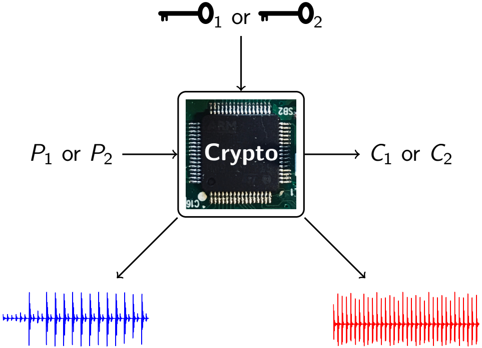

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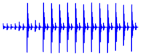
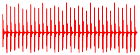

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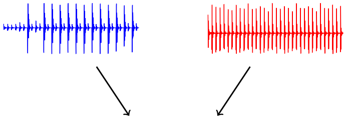

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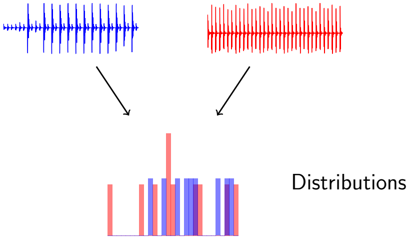

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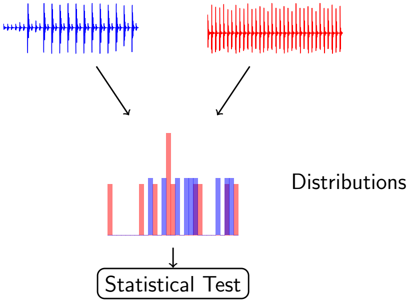

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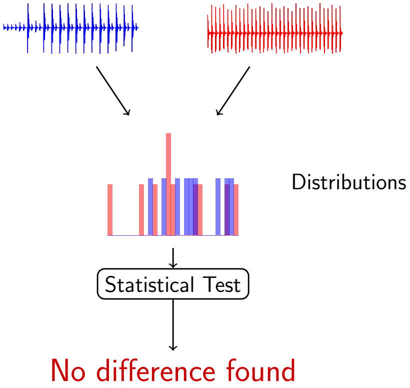

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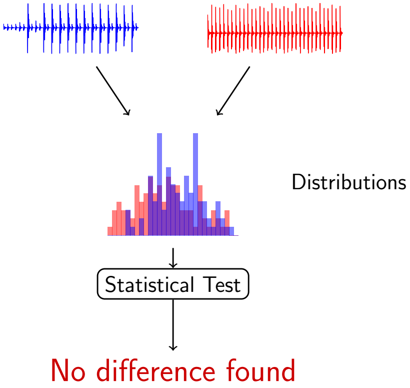

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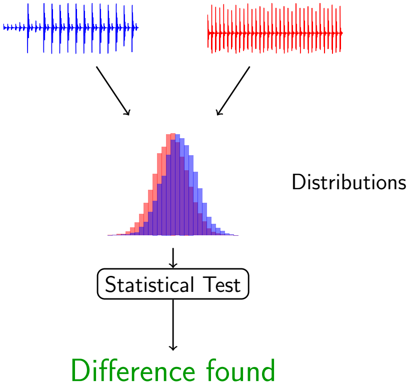

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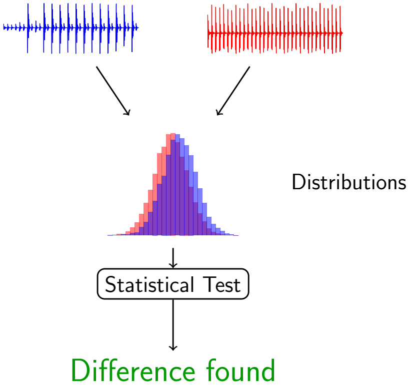

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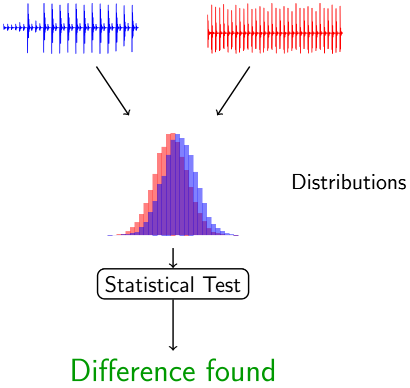

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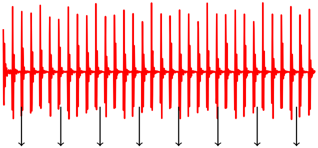

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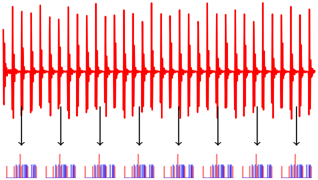

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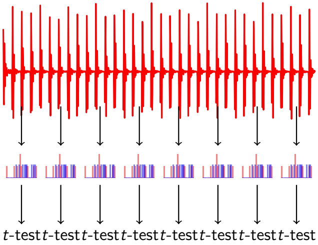

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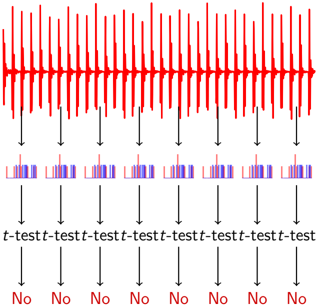

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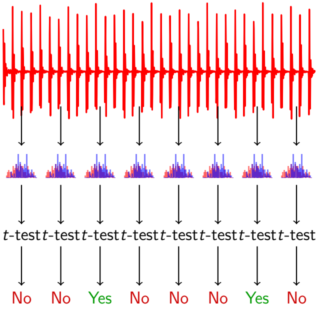

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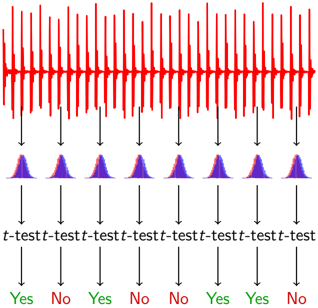

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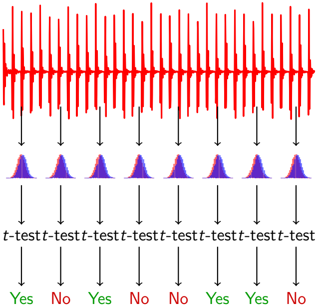

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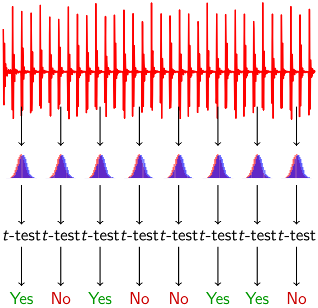

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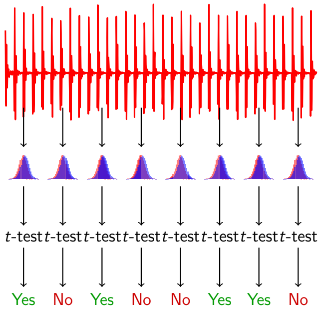

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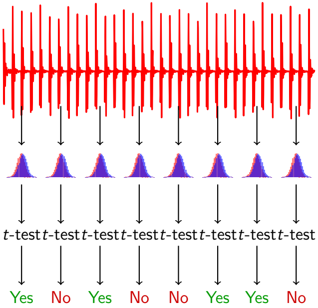

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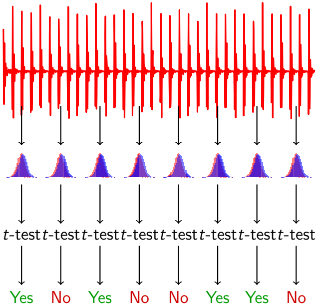

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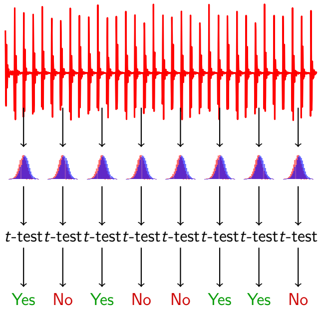

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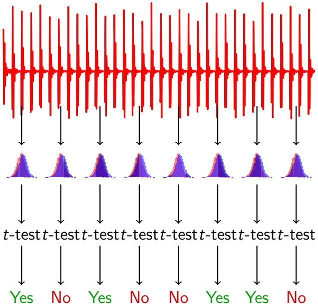

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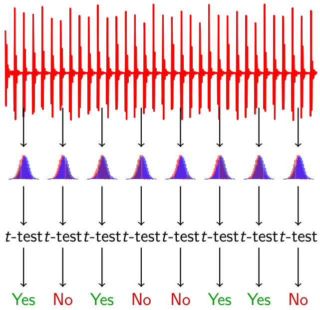

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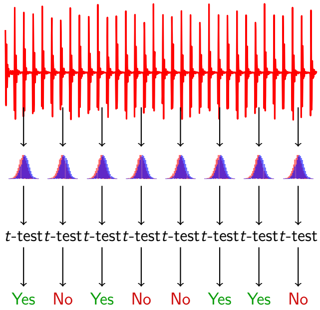

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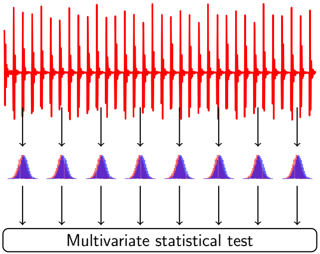

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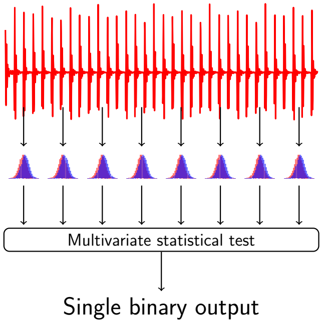

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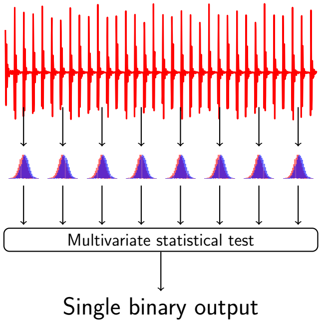

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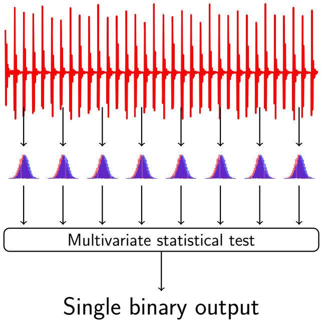

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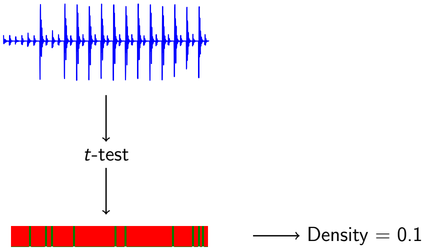

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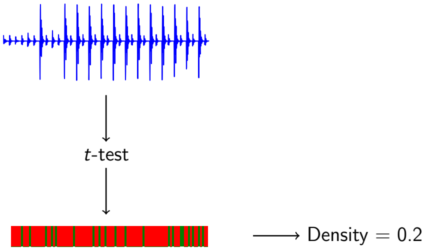

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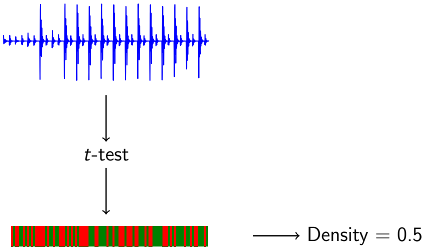

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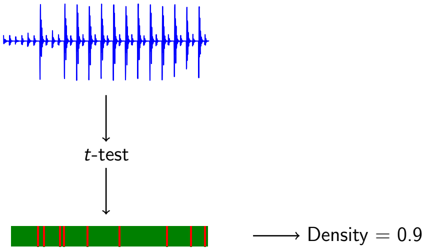

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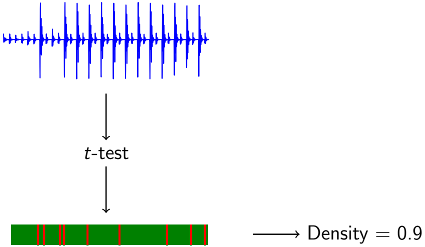

Typical settings:

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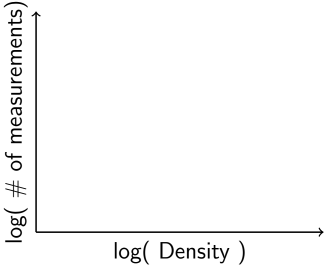

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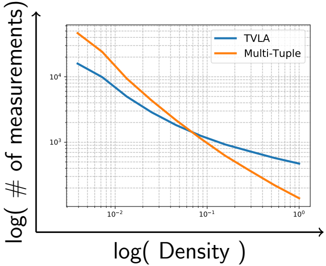

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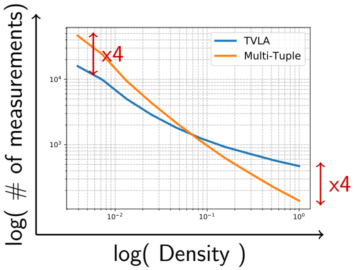

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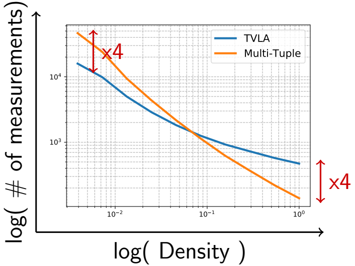

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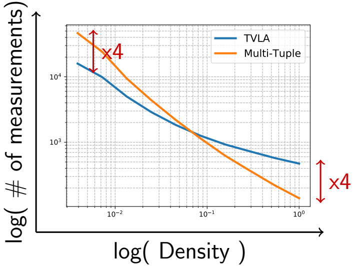

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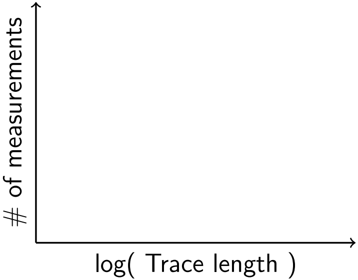

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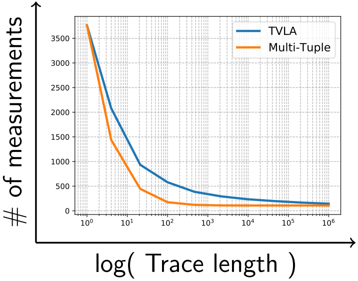

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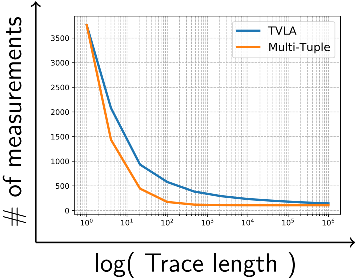

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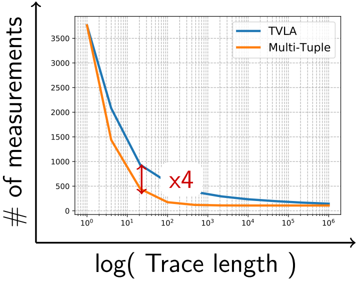

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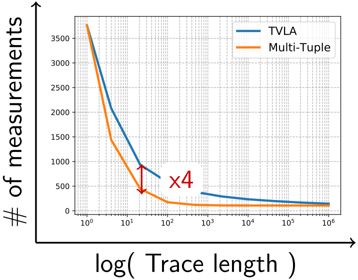

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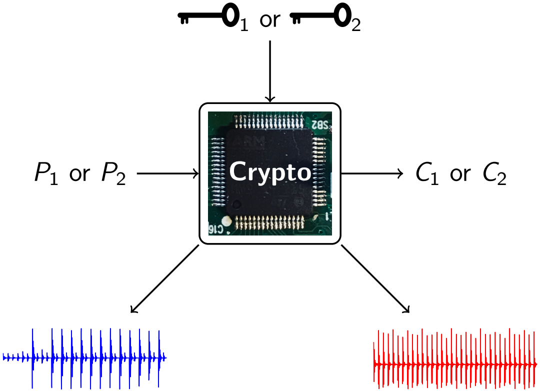

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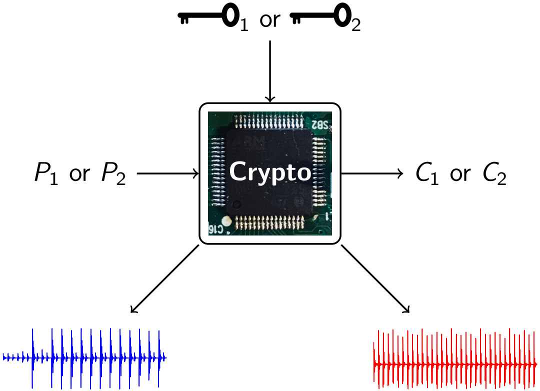

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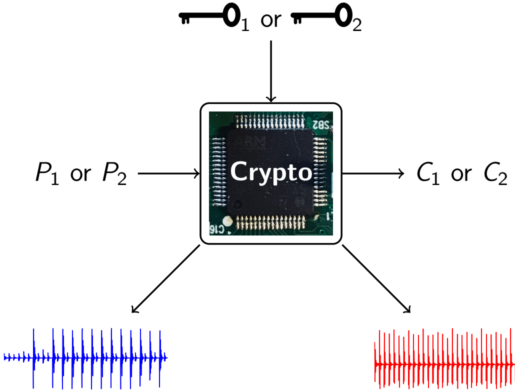

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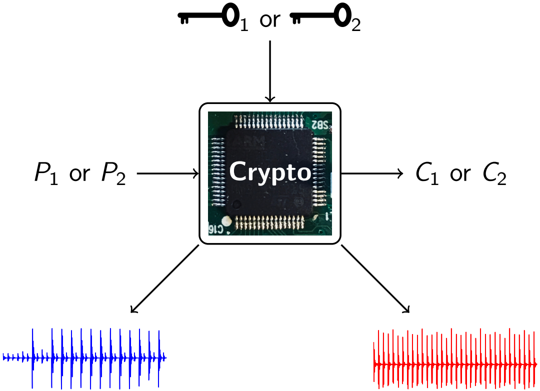

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How to perform Leakage Detection in these settings ?

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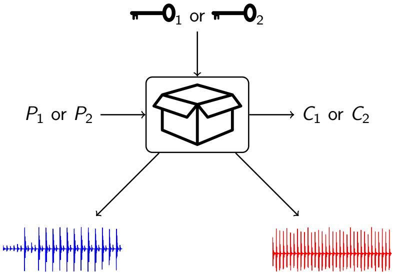

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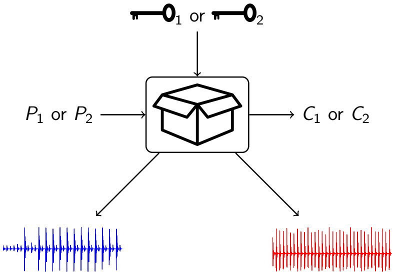

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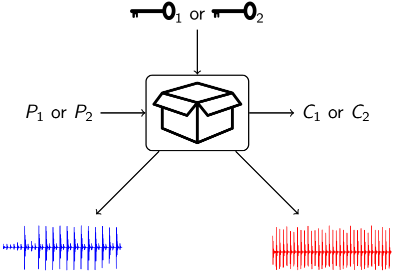

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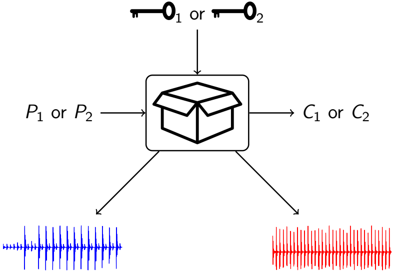

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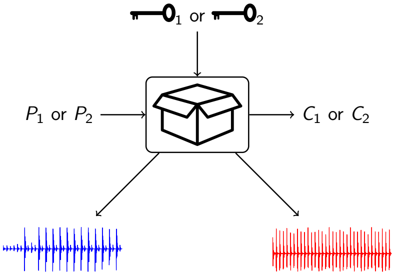

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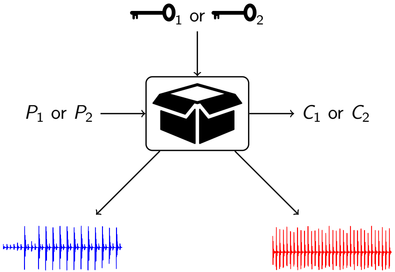

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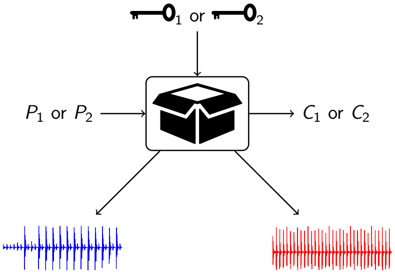

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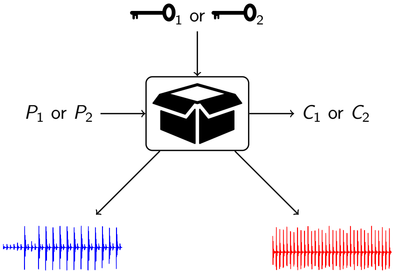

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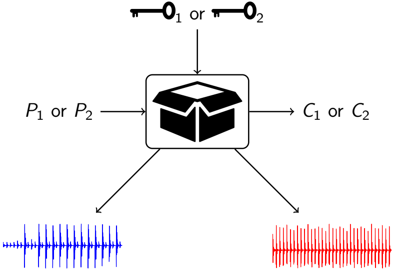

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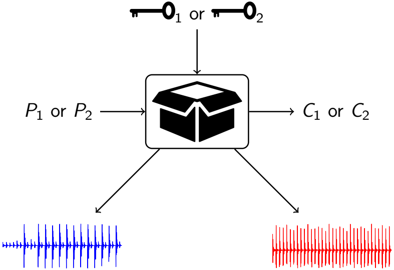

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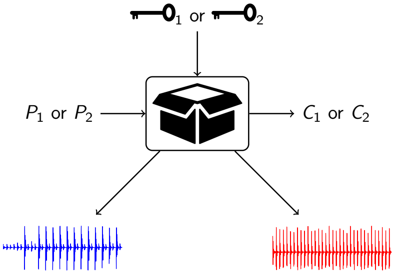

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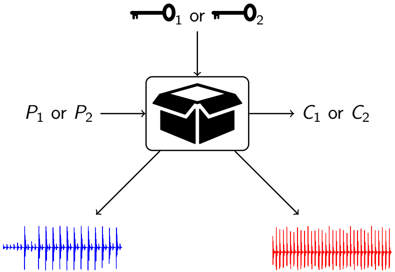

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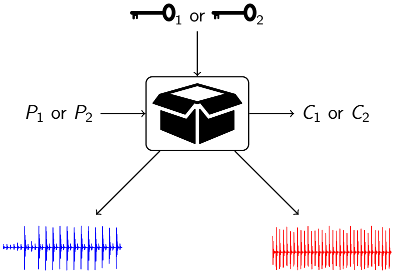

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github.com/obronchain/multituple_leakage_detection