



LASER BEAMS & LIGHT STREAMS

LETTING HACKERS GO PEW PEW
BUILDING AFFORDABLE LIGHT-BASED SECURITY TOOLING

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Laser Beams & Light Streams: Letting Hackers Go Pew Pew

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“Laser Oscillation for Retrieving Electronic Memory”

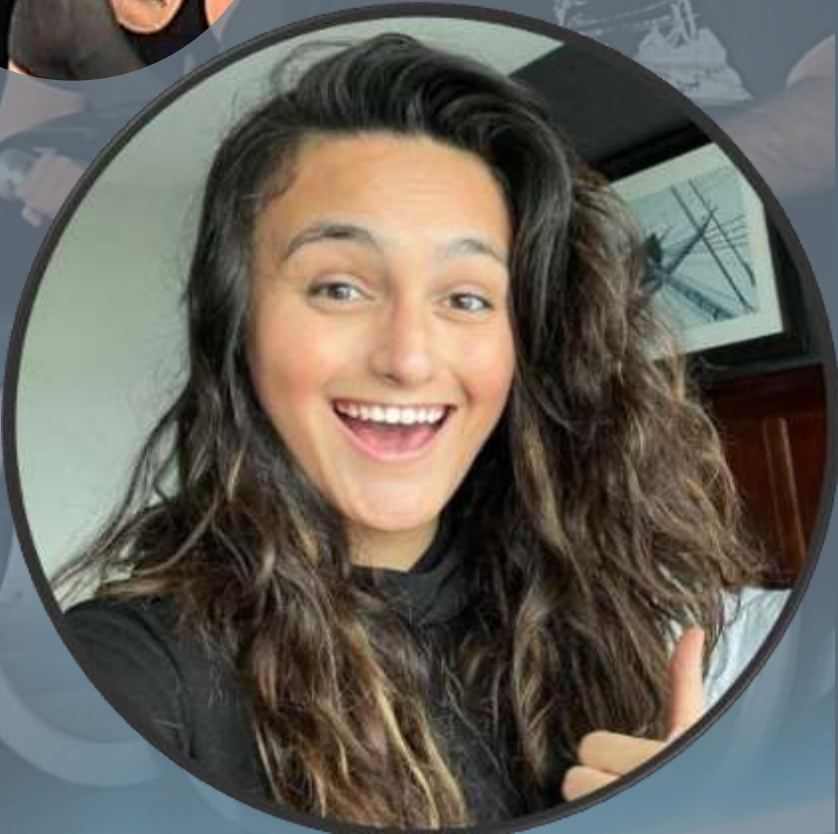
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- Terrible with Nouns
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- Navigates same way as Dirk Gently
- Specialist in Embedded Systems
- Hacks “**anything with a chip**”



Project “L.O.R.E.M”

WIZARD



Chas Becht

ANDROID



Casey Repp

SCIENTIST



Kurtis Shelton

"If we get to the end of this project, and no member of the team has been murdered by another...it will be a miracle." – Chas Becht

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CHAS BECHT

“The WISARD”

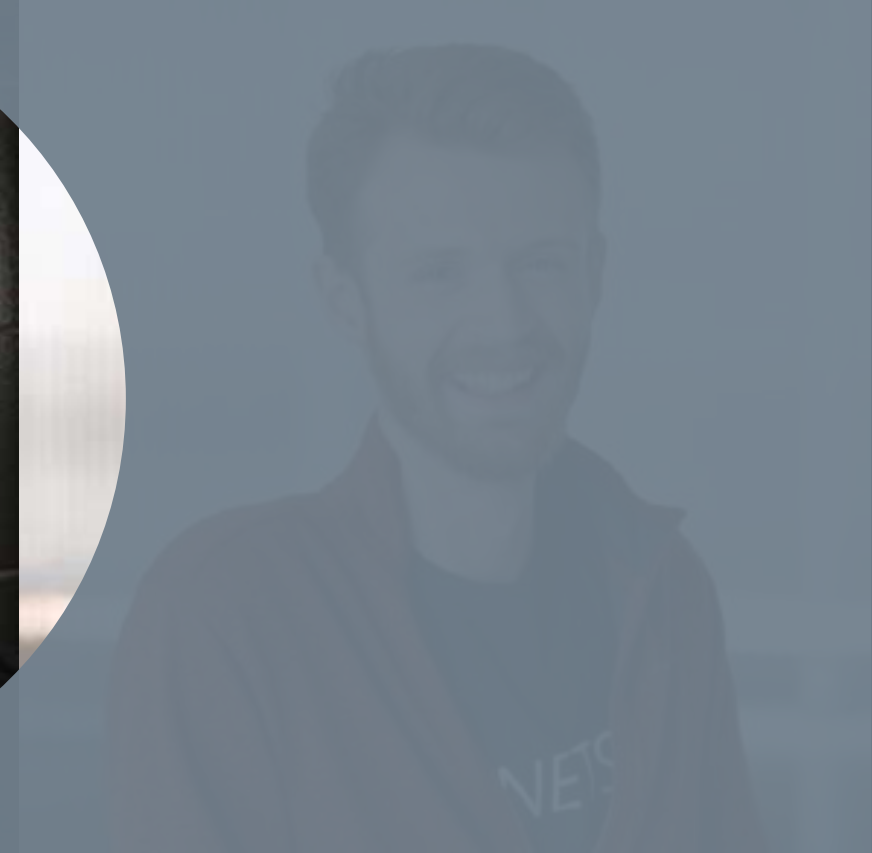
- Instrumental to this research and should be here on stage with us
- Electrical Engineering wisard
- Circuit Father
- Aliases:
 - Chaz
 - Chase
 - Chassssseeeee
 - Chas



CASEY REPP

“The ANDROID”

- The detailer
- “Silent Third Party” android
- Our third musketeer
- Aliases:
 - Sam
 - KC
 - Who?
 - Story Teller
 - Puppeteer



KURTIS SHELTON

“The ~~actual~~ SCIENTIST”

- Machine Learning Madman
- “Mathematics First”
- Modelling Father of all
- Research Scientist
- Aliases:
 - Juice Daddy
 - Mr. Smiles
 - Giggle Meister
 - Birdie
 - SHELDER



Project L.O.R.E.M



**Director,
Transportation,
Mobility & Cyber-
Physical Systems**



**Director, Hardware &
Embedded Systems**



**Principal
Consultant**



**AI Practice
Lead**



**Principal AI
Researcher**

Project L.O.R.E.M

Hardware & Integrated Systems



Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning



NetSPI: The Proactive Security Solution



APPLICATION PENTESTING

Web & API Application
Mobile Application
Thick Application

NETWORK PENTESTING

Internal Network
External Networks

CLOUD PENTESTING

AWS
Azure
Google Cloud

ATTACK SURFACE MANAGEMENT (ASM)

BREACH AND ATTACK SIMULATION (BAS)

AI/ML PENTESTING

Large Language Models

HARDWARE & INTEGRATED SYSTEMS

Hardware & Embedded Systems
Cyber-Physical Systems

MAINFRAME PENTESTING

BLOCKCHAIN PENTESTING

SAAS SECURITY ASSESSMENT

SECURE CODE REVIEW

CYBERSECURITY MATURITY ASSESSMENT
Security Program Advisory
Incident Response
Benchmarking

RED TEAM

THREAT MODELING

Very Special Thanks

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EMERGENCY LASERS



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LASERS

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- YOU CAN BE BLINDED, OR WORSE
- INVISIBLE LIGHT, IS STILL LIGHT
- WEAR (THE RIGHT) PROTECTION
- Remember, **you only get two chances** to protect your eyes



LASERS ARE DANGEROUS

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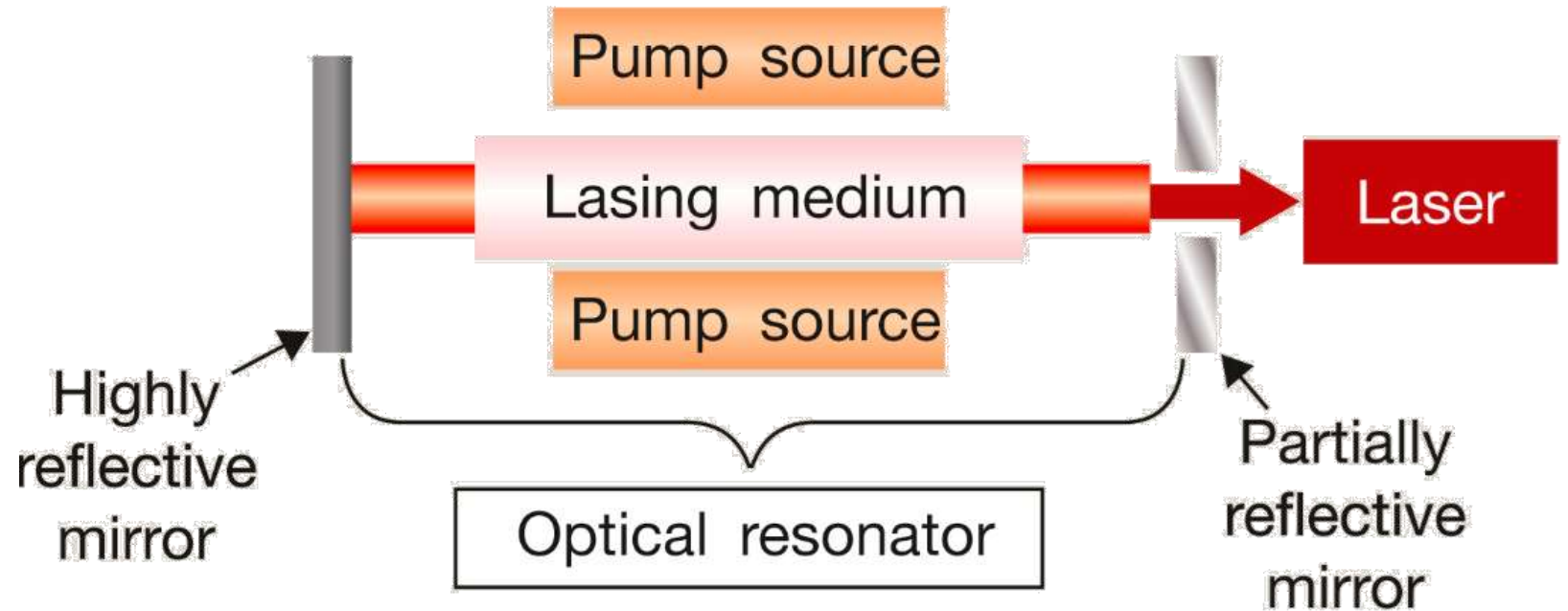


What is a L.A.S.E.R.?

- L.A.S.E.R.

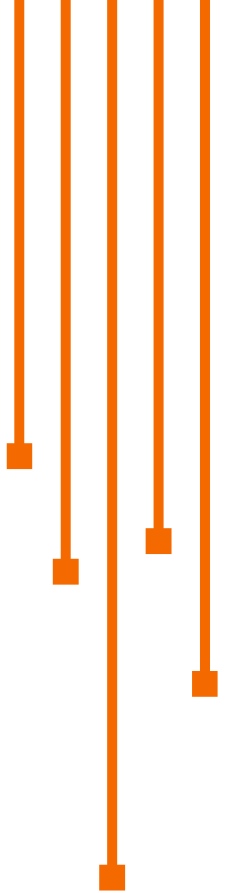
Light
Amplification by
Stimulated
Emission of
Radiation

- Bouncing photons inside a medium until they all march in lockstep



Why LASERS?

- Light is easy to source
- Transistors have an inherent weakness to light
- Contactless
- Non-Damaging (physically to the target)
- Typically considered a “Semi-invasive” technique

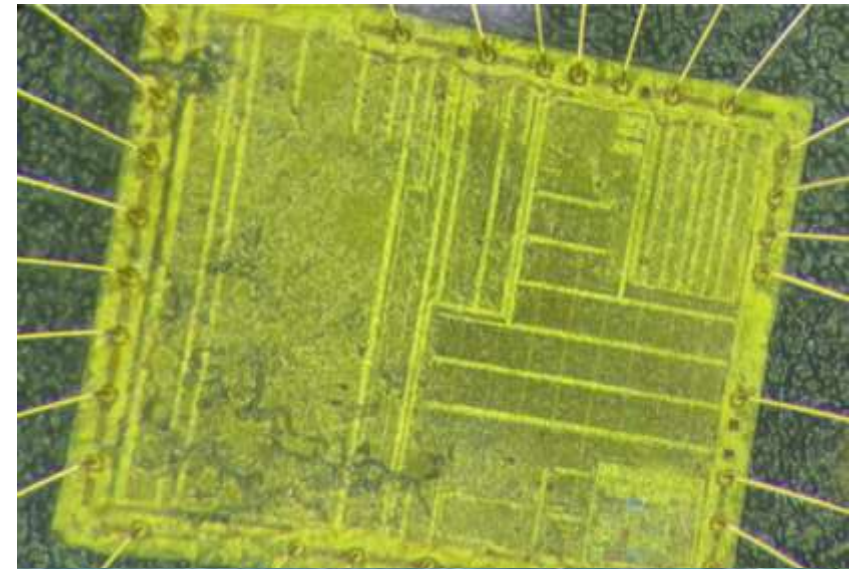
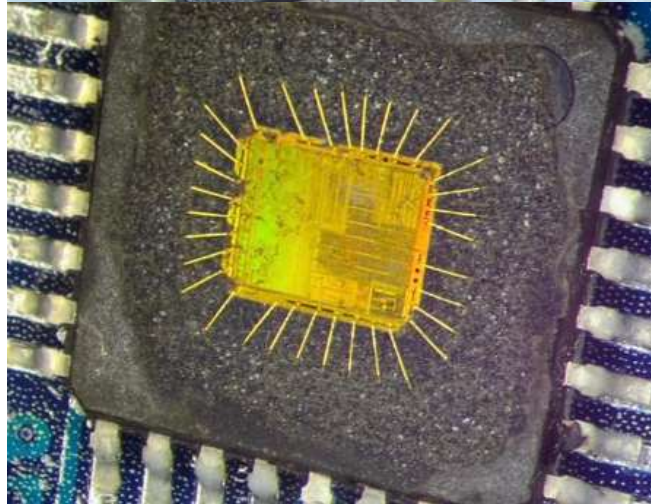
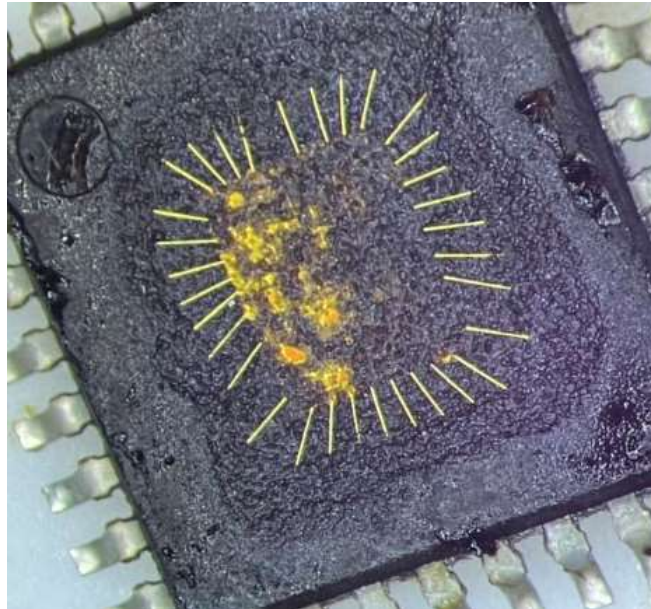
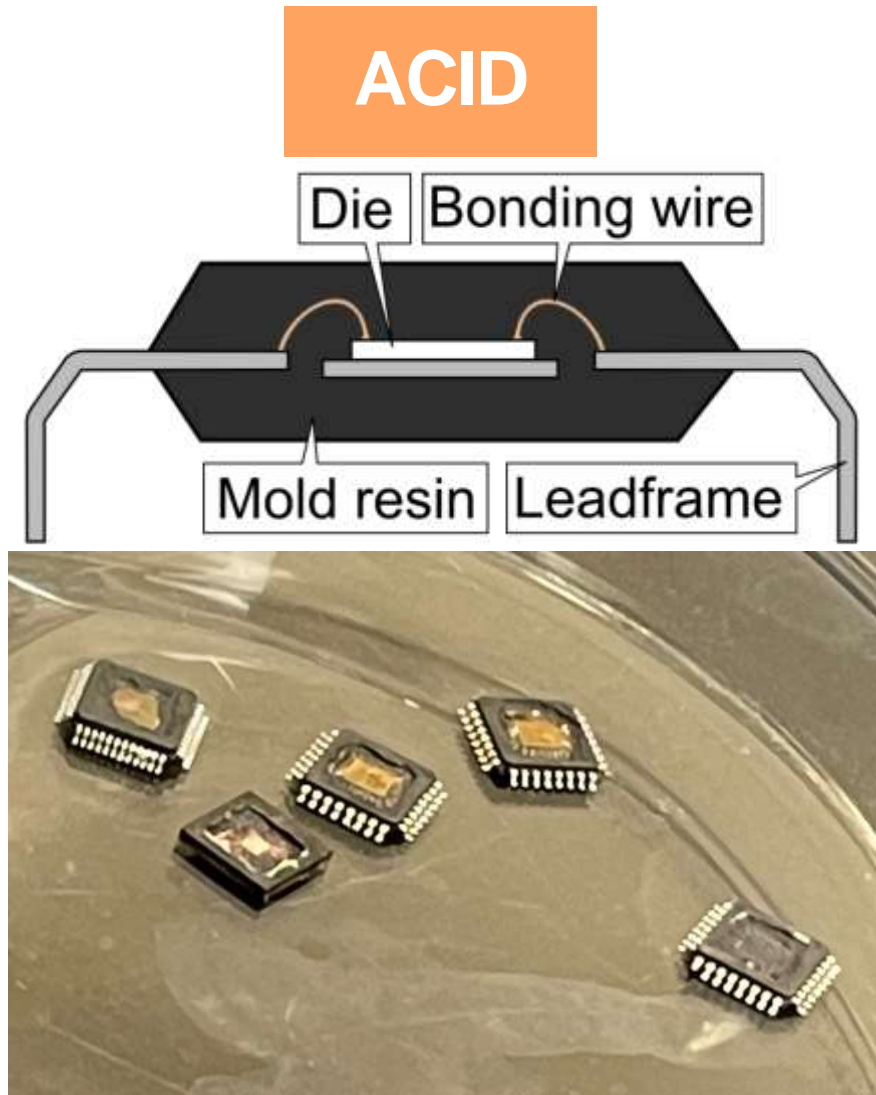




“Semi-Invasive”

A visceral experience

Method 1: Chemical Decapsulation



Method 2: “Creative” Destruction

NaHCO_3



HEAT



FRICTION



“On one hand, I'm sad to see the standard bigger-hammer method go.. in the other though.. belt sanders and lasers!!!” – Casey Repp

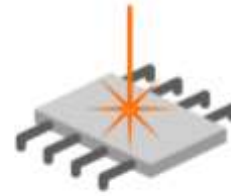


LASER FAULT INJECTION

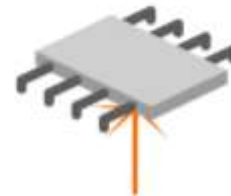
L.F.I.

What, Why, and How?

- Fault injection is traditionally used to **cause a processor to skip instructions**
- LFI is a technique that allows you to **affect processor functions** with nothing more than light
- Very useful when achieving **bypasses of security mechanisms**



FRONTSIDE



BACKSIDE



LATERAL

Let's Axolotl Questions...



We did this not because it was easy...we did this because we thought this would be easy

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Drinks are on that ...person!



New (lowball):

- \$150,000 USD
- €200,000 EUR
- £180,000 GBP

Used, or Decrepit:

- \$5,000 - \$20,000 USD

Return on investment

- ??????????????????????????????



Operation: Expense Report Cost Reduction

Objective: Domestication of
Laser Tooling

LFI: The Essentials

An **imaging** system ➤ To **focus** the laser

A **positioning** system ➤ To **position** the laser, target, or both

A **laser** (obviously) ➤ To fire, because *they're cool™*

Traditional Imaging Systems



- Typically, these are microscopes
- Used for **targeting** for the laser, and **identification** for the target
- Reference researchers used the “Trinocular Leitz SM-LUX HL”
- Refurb Price: **\$4,000 USD**

Traditional Positioning Systems



- Typically, these tables are specialised, purpose-built units with steppers and dials
- Used for **nano-positioning** of the **target**, or the **laser**
- Refurb Price: **\$3,000 USD**

The OpenFlexure Project: 2-in-1

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- **3D printable**, high precision mechanical positioning housing
- Contains a **microscope body....and positioning stage**
- Total Cost: **~\$280 USD**
 - Approximate Savings: **~\$6,720 USD**

Traditional Laser Systems

- Traditionally LFI stations work by firing a **highly powerful laser** for **a very short amount of time**
- For example: a YAG laser can provide **tens of millijoules (mJ)** in **less than 10 nanoseconds (ns)**
- Where some can cost **over \$30,000 USD**, just for the laser
- How much energy is *actually* needed to cause a glitch?
- Do we *really* need that much energy in a short amount of time?
- How much “time” can we get away with?

"I bought a laser pointer online that claimed for entertaining a housecat. Turns out it was a tiny, green, illegal alien weapon. The ATF is probably on their way to my house right now."

We have the Power

- Traditional practices believe you need energy in the scope of **millijoules (mJ)**
- Research shows you can do it in **nanojoules (nJ)**
- That is an energy reduction of $1e^{-6}$



Photoelectric Effect

- Further research discovered that **glitching** can happen between **42.5 nJ and 80 nJ**
- The trick is to use **low power over time** instead of instantly
- Thus a **2.5W laser over 25ns** will hit accumulate to **40nJ**
- That's a lot easier to source

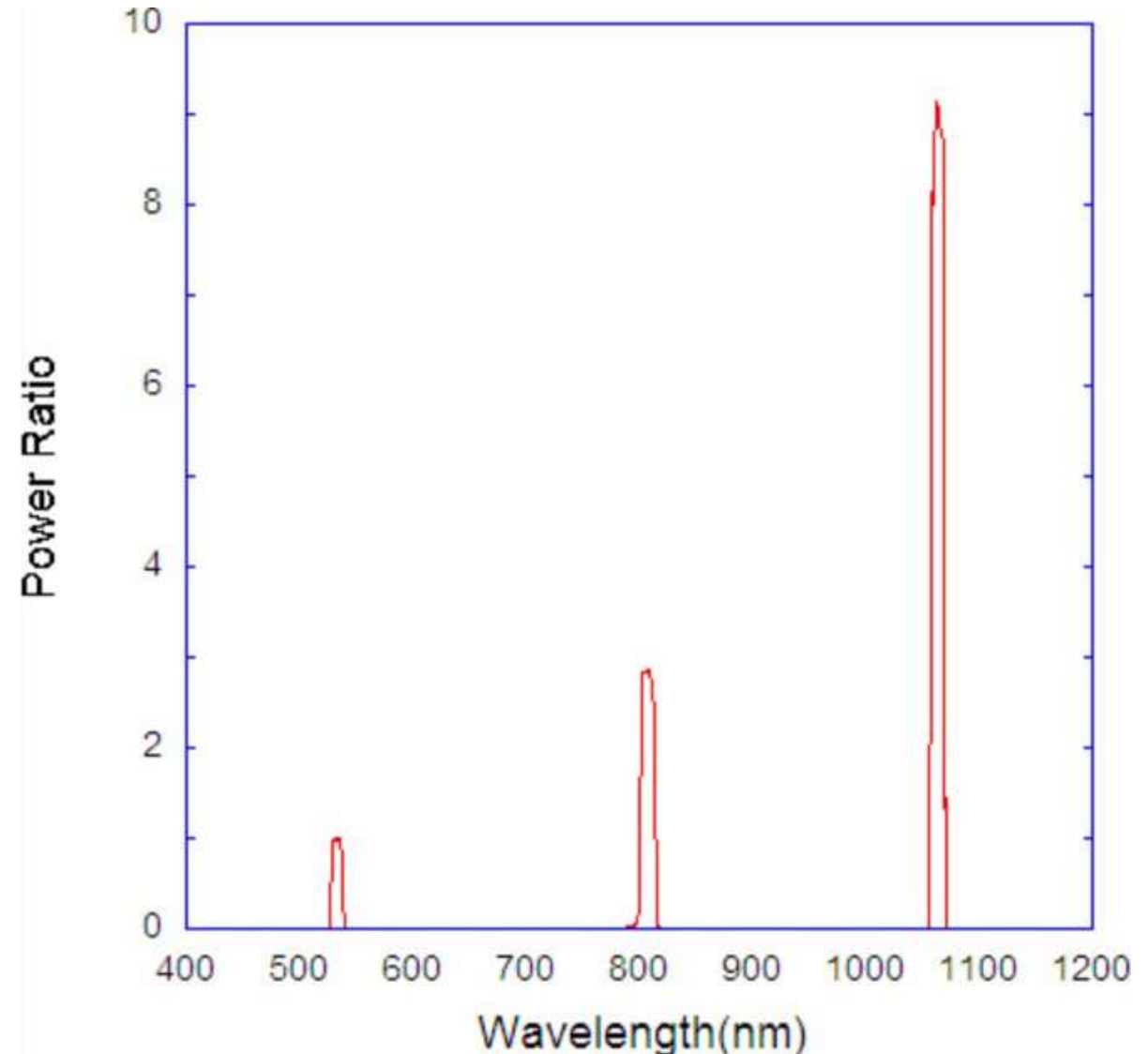
I tried to power my electric car with nanojoules. It got about as far as an ant on a treadmill.

Winner, winner,
chicken dinner



More Possibilities than those that “meet the eye”

- Remember all those news stories about green laser pointers...
- These “green” lasers are “supposed” to be 5mW
- There are other wavelengths it emits, among them, a lot more than 5mW in the 1064nm range



I bought a laser pointer online that claimed to be a harmless 5mW. Turns out it was more like a miniature death ray disguised as a pen. It's like buying a puppy and getting a dragon instead.

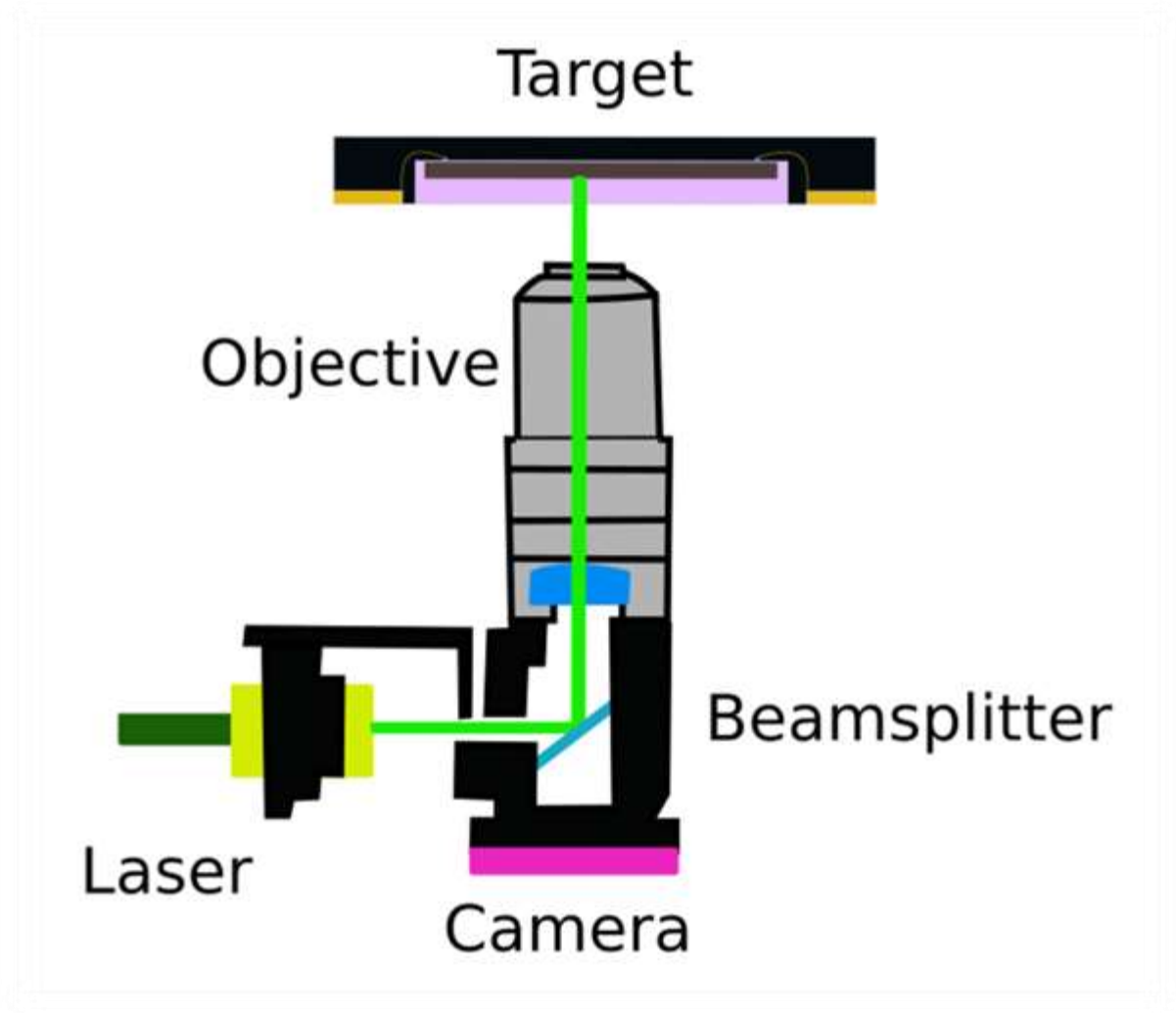
A series of five vertical orange lines of increasing height from left to right, each topped with a small orange square. From the base of each line, a horizontal orange line extends to the right, creating a staircase-like pattern.

RayV-Lite

Everything Assembled

Putting it all together

- An FPGA to slow target clock
- An LED to see the target (1050nm, more on this later)
- “Green” Laser pointer to fire, and glitch
- Objective to focus the laser

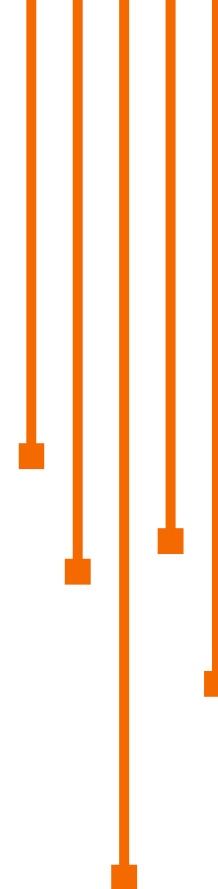


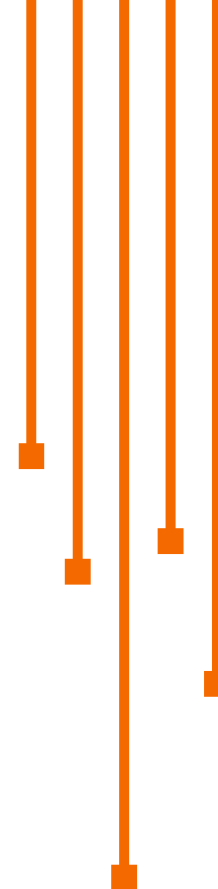
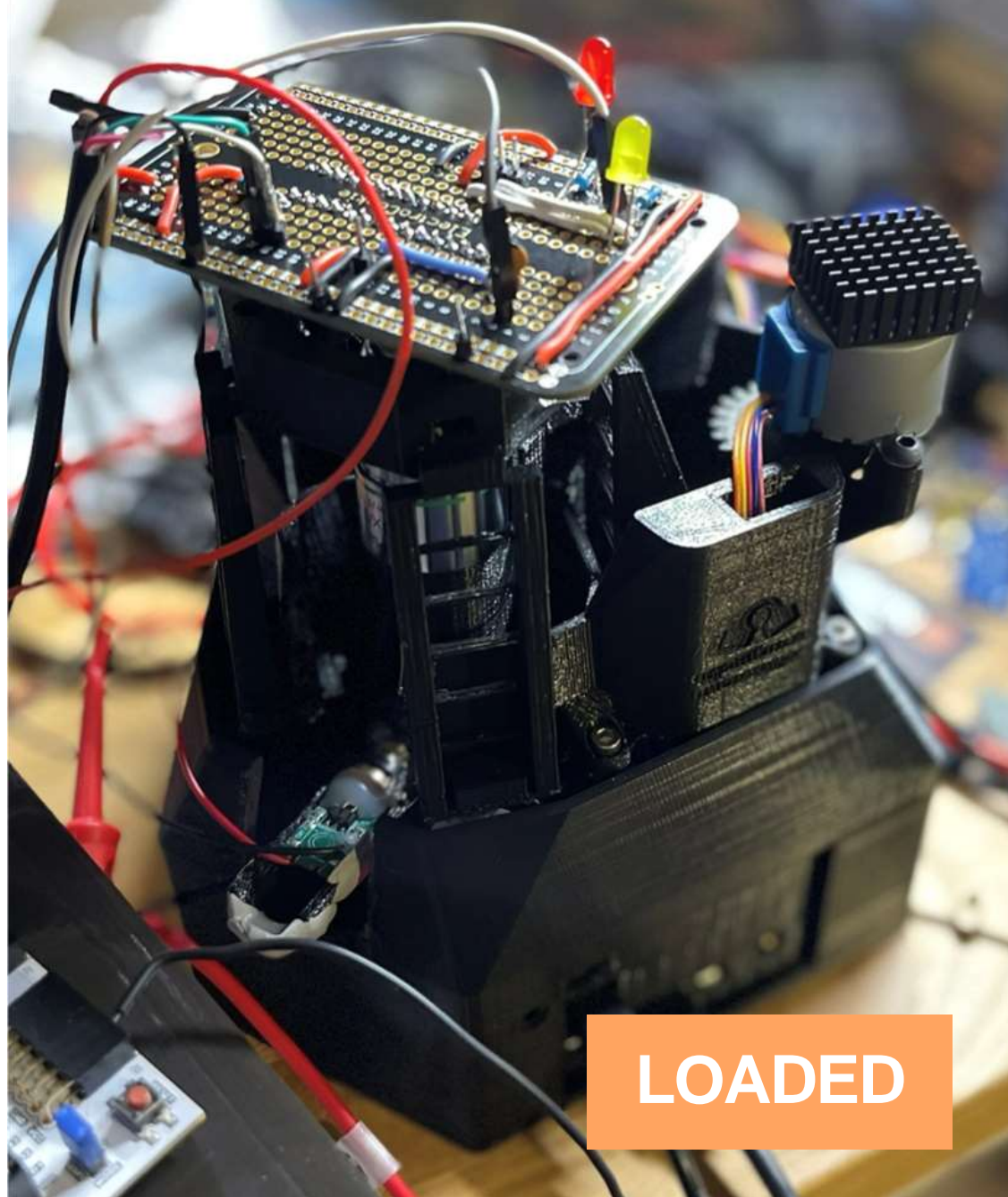
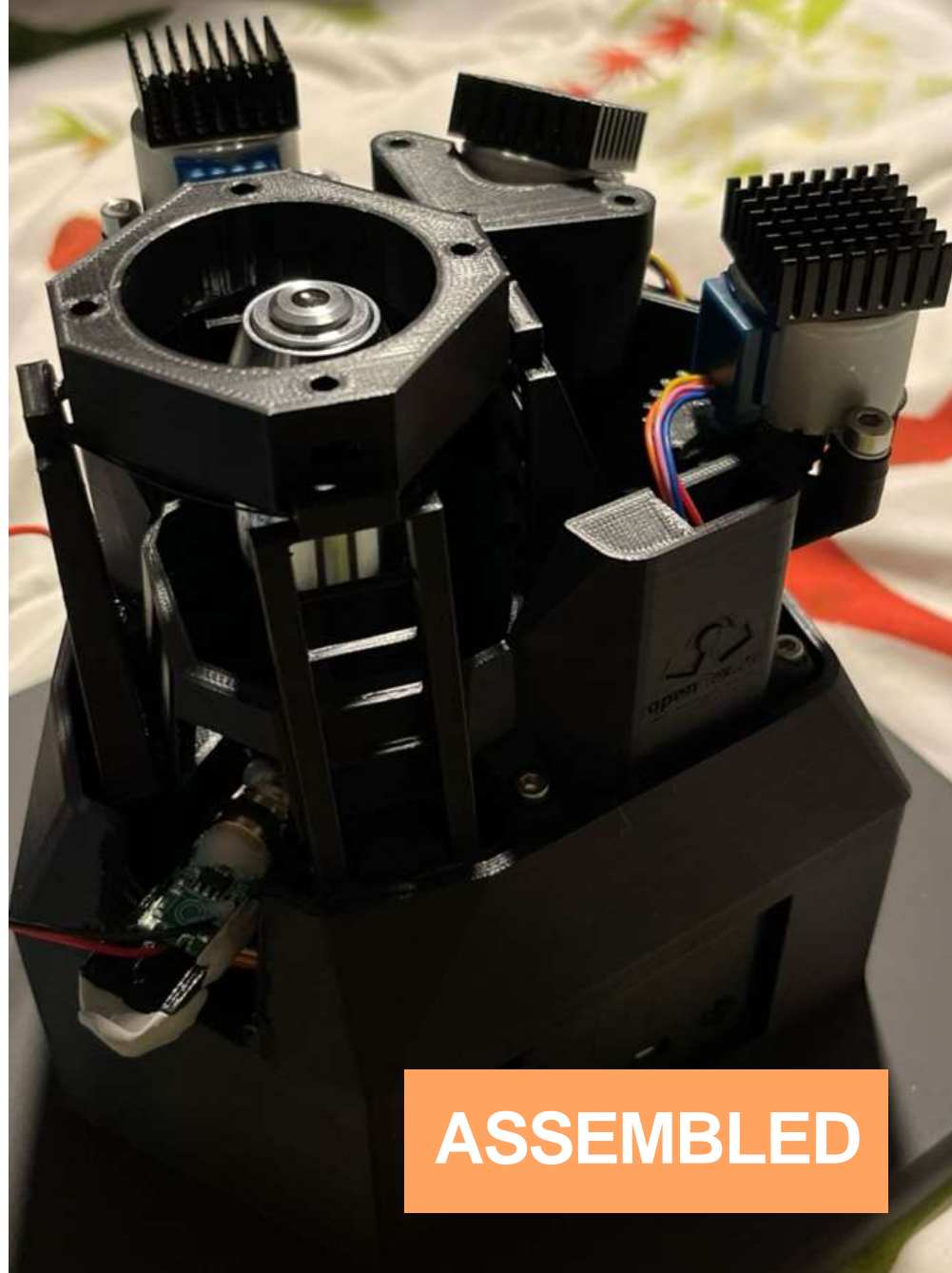


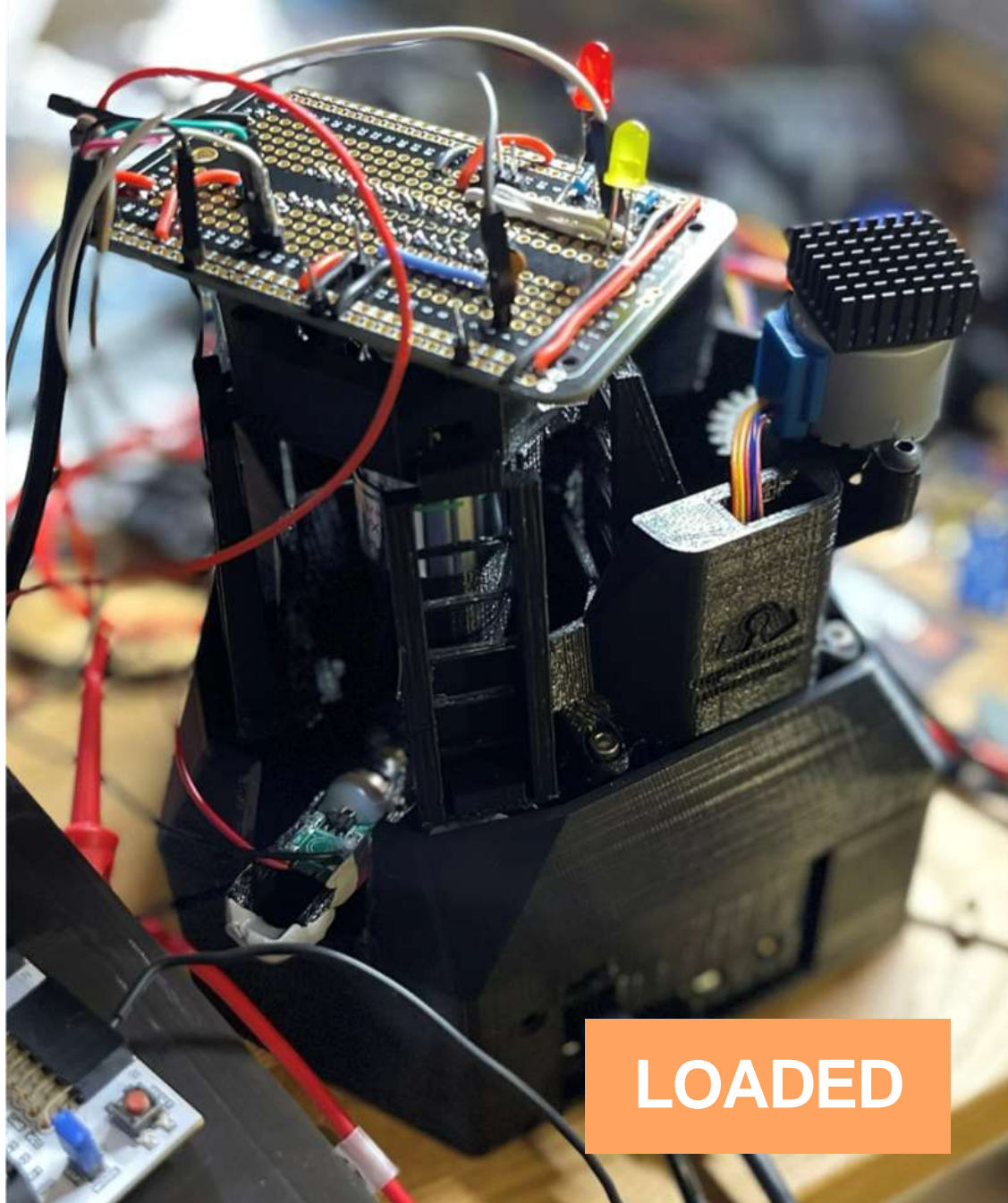
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ASSEMBLED







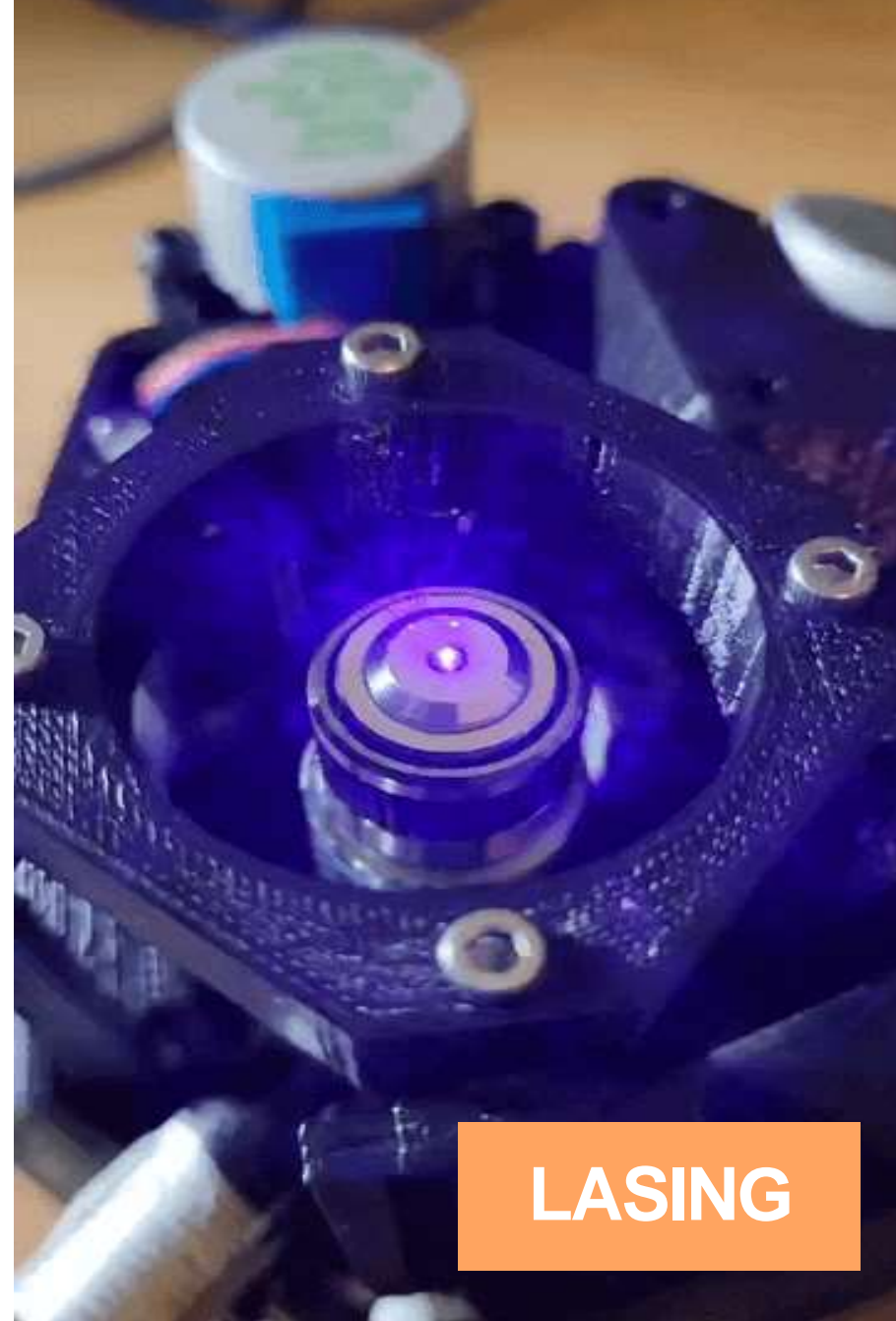
"If you don't move, you're still" – Chas Becht



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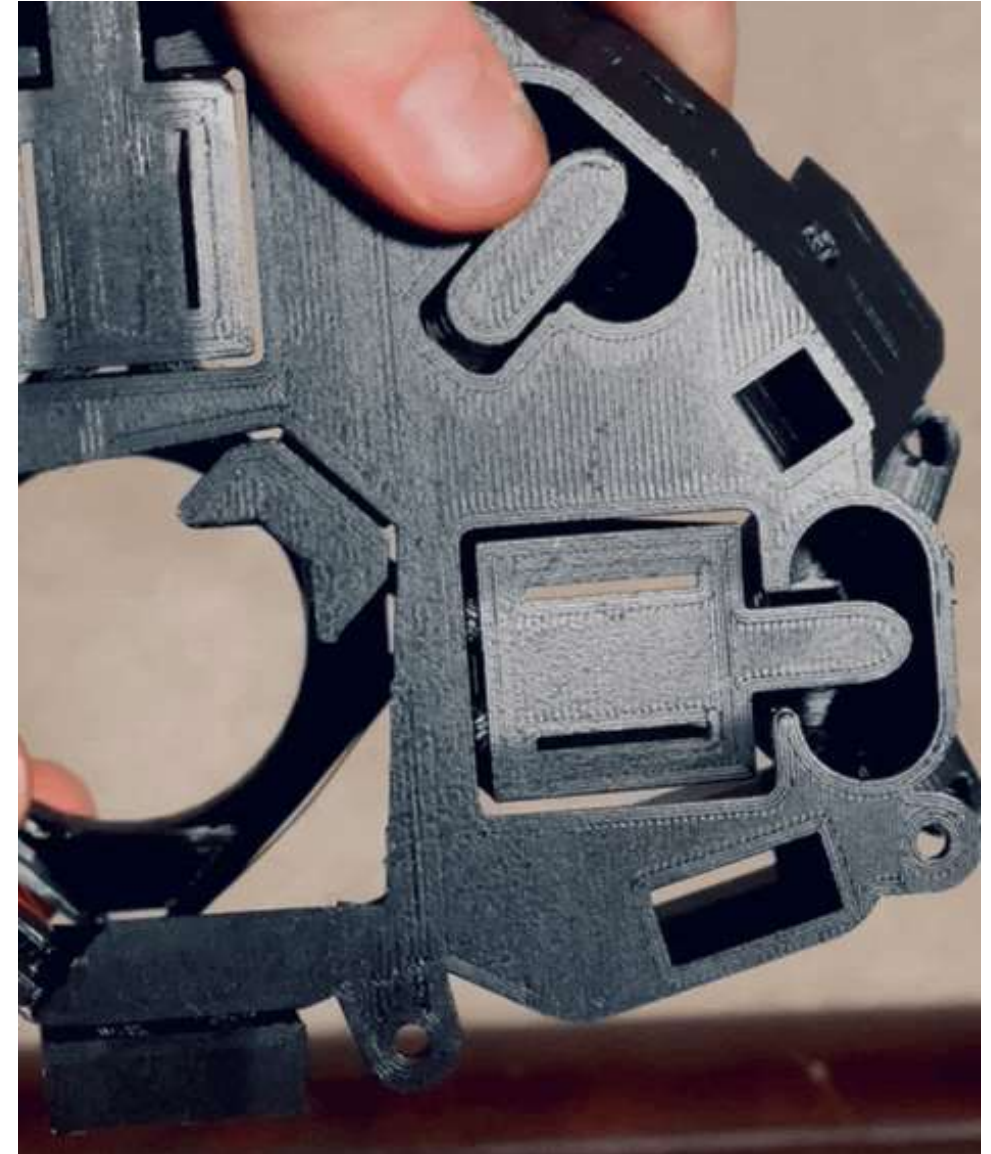
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Poetry in Motion

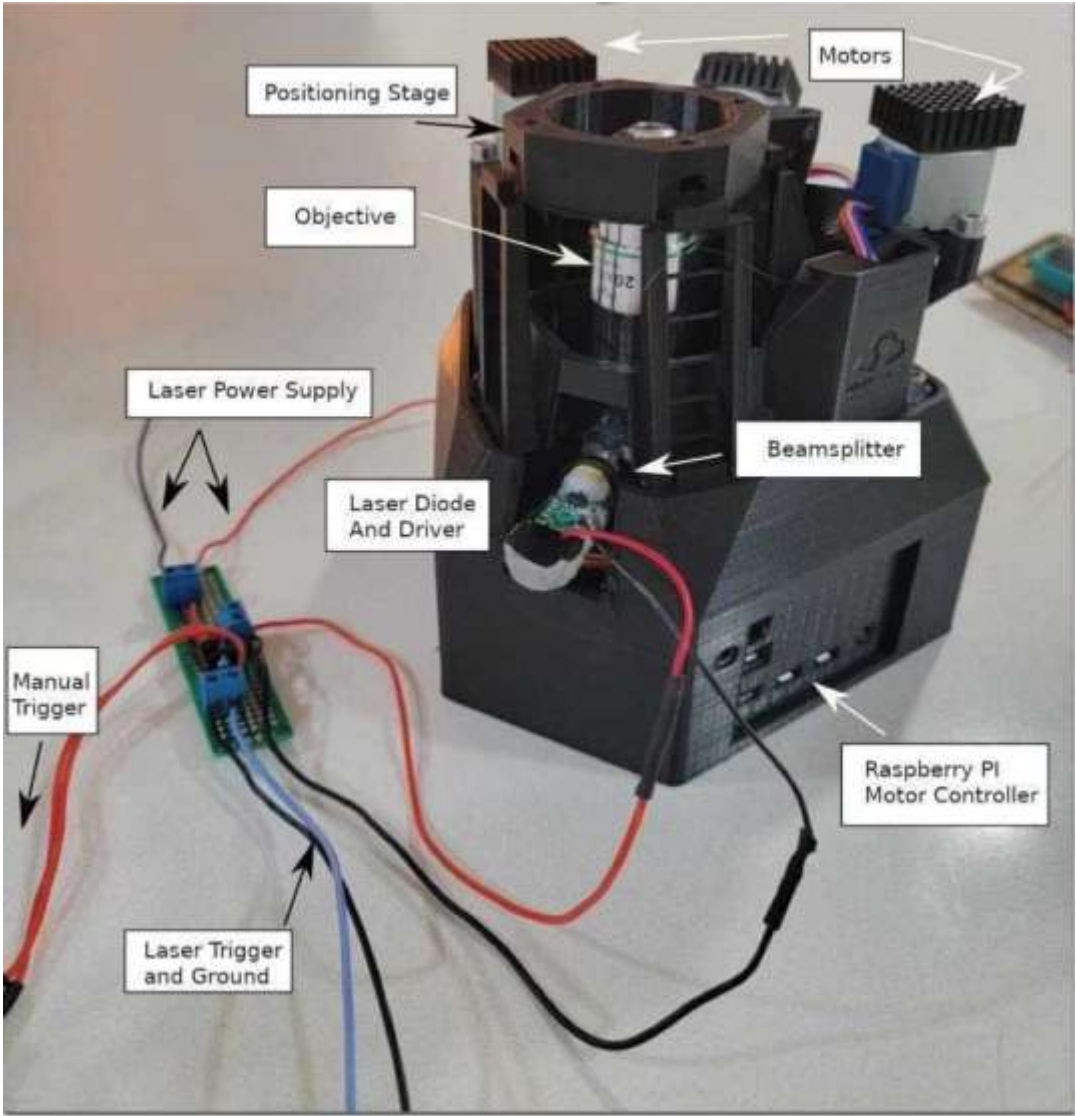
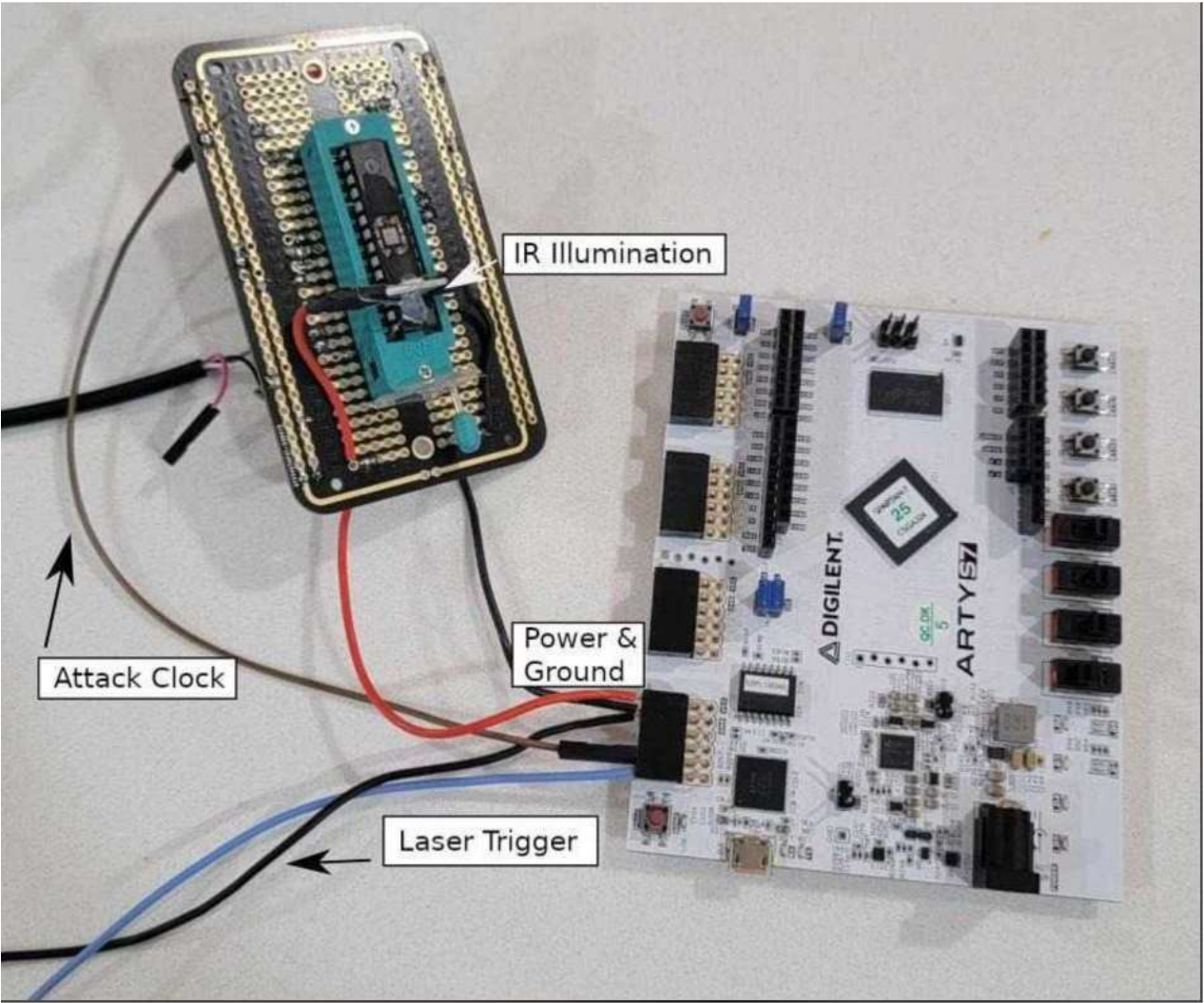
The beauty of plastic....

....is that it bends



"Sometimes moving backwards is forwards, forwards is backwards, and none can be positive" – Casey Repp

Component Breakdown

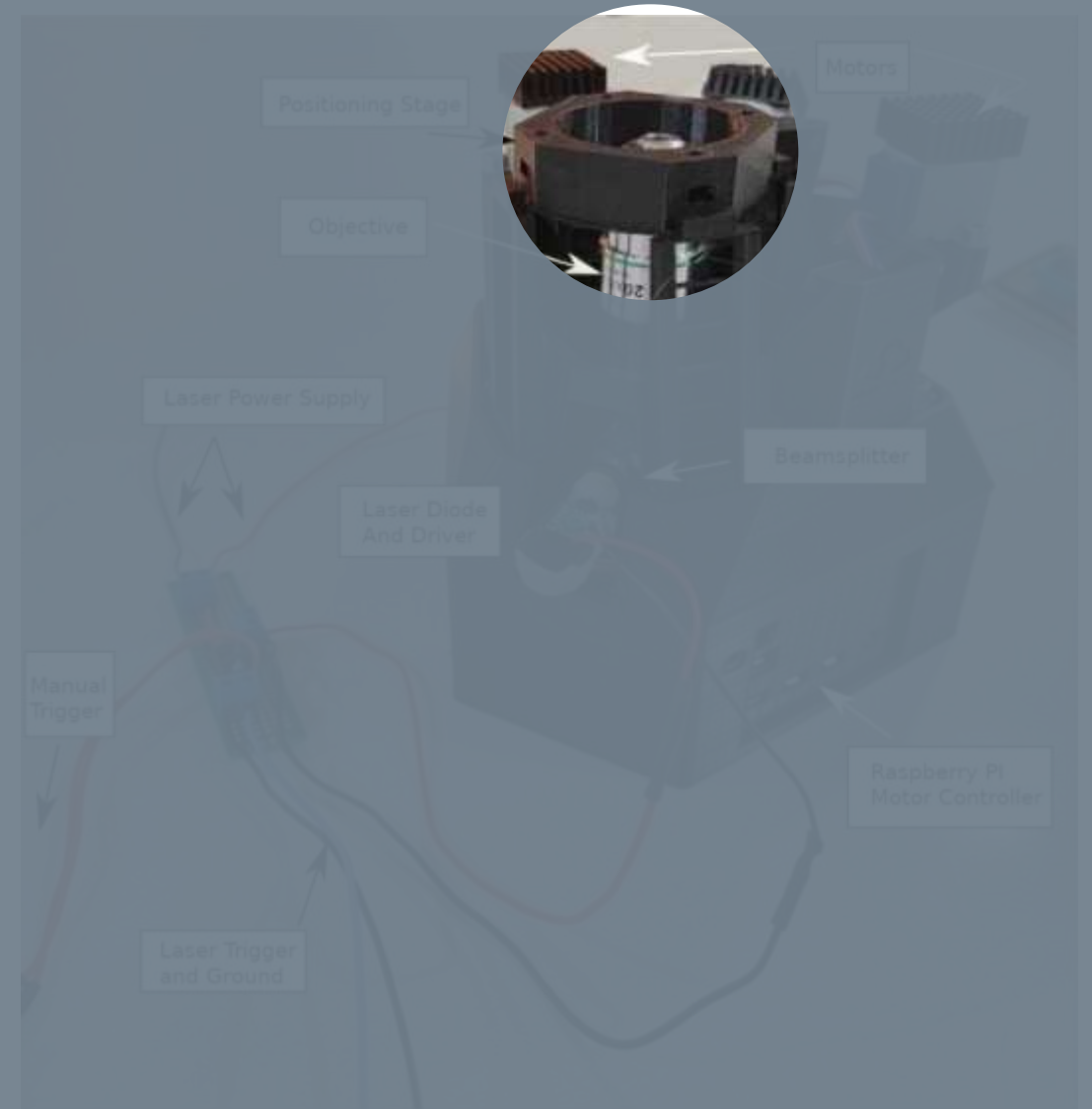
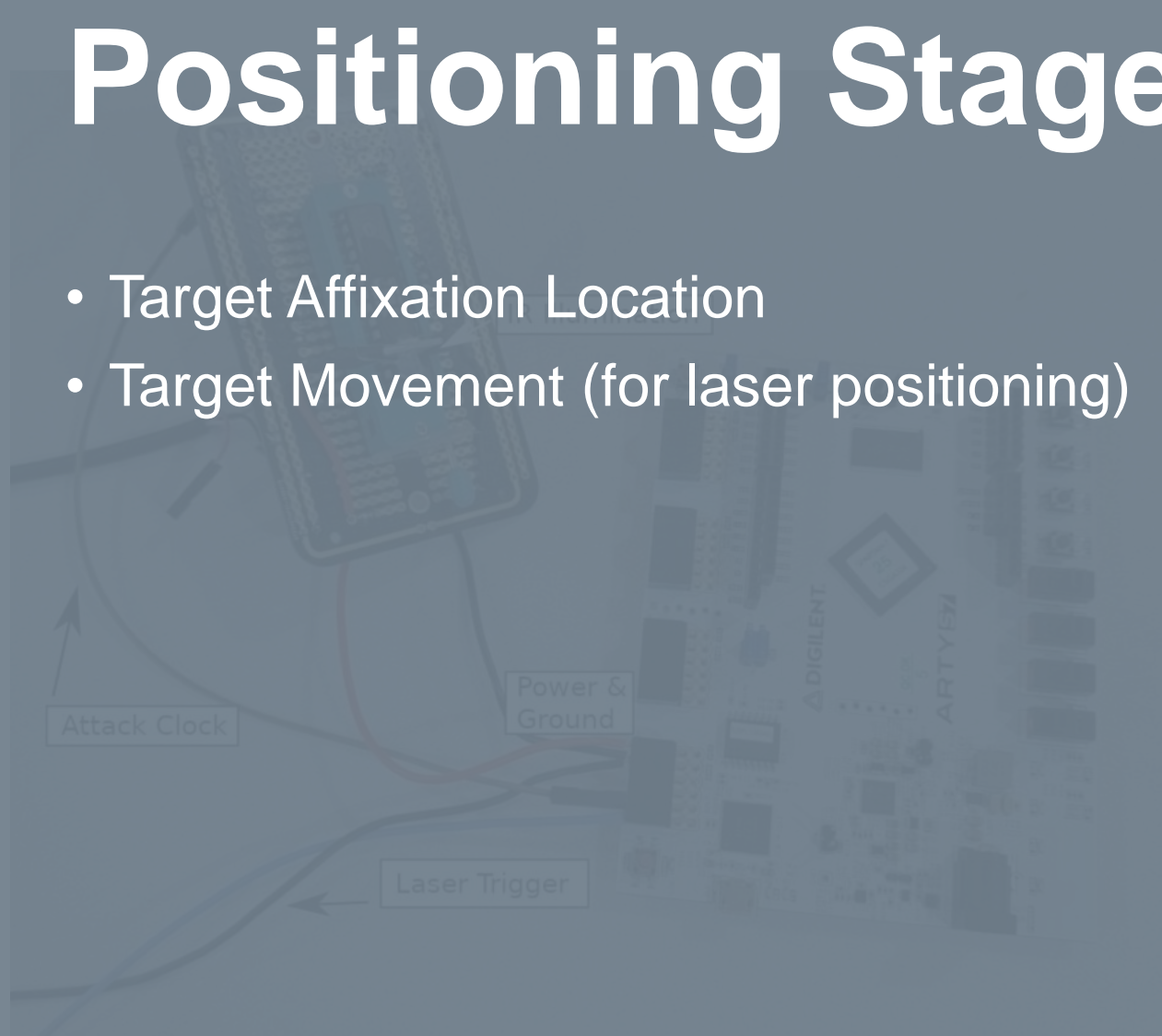


“You spend 3 months chewing glass...just to arrive at how to use hot glue, to solve the problem”
– Chas Becht

Component Breakdown

Positioning Stage

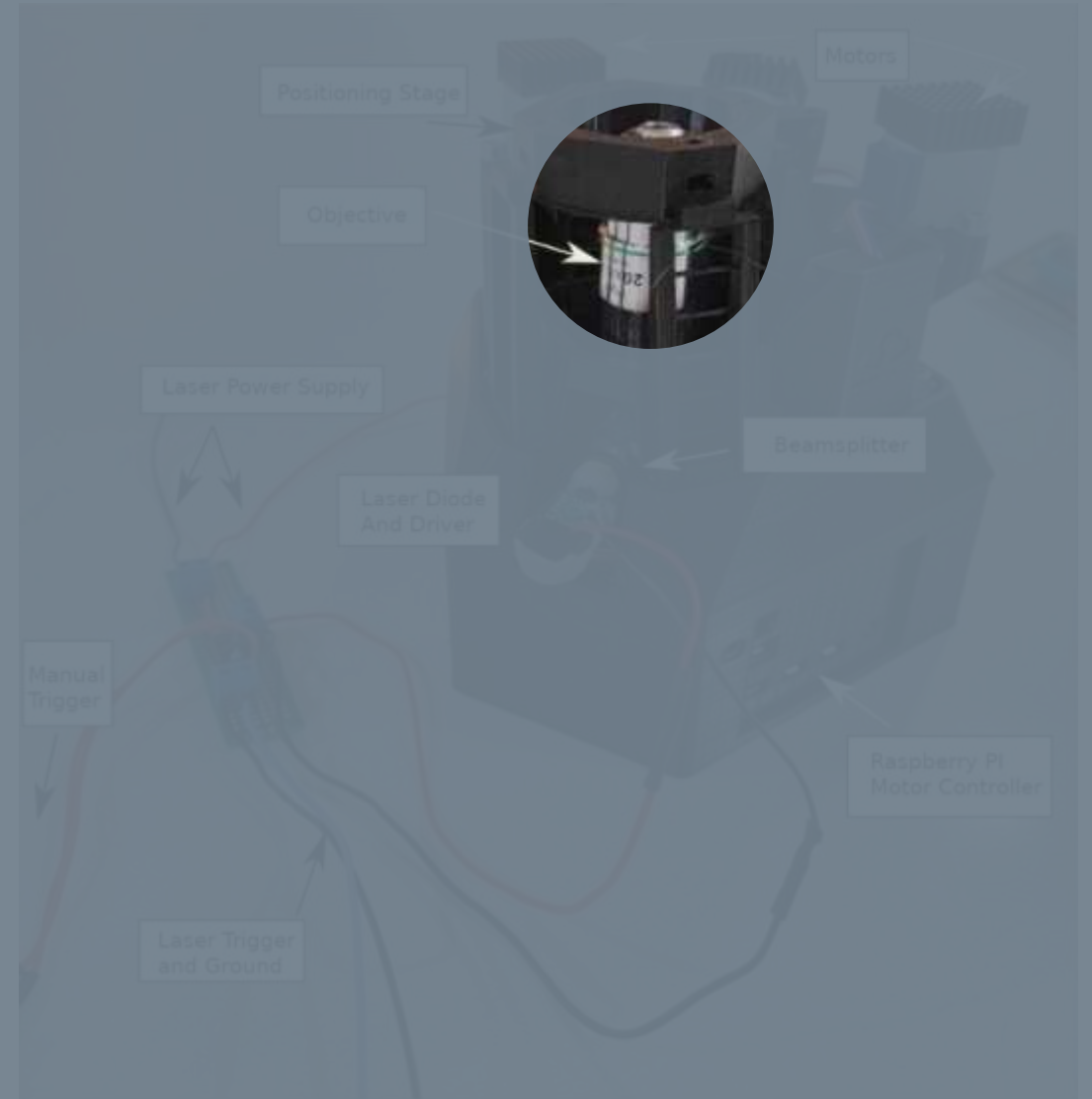
- Target Affixation Location
- Target Movement (for laser positioning)



Component Breakdown

Objective

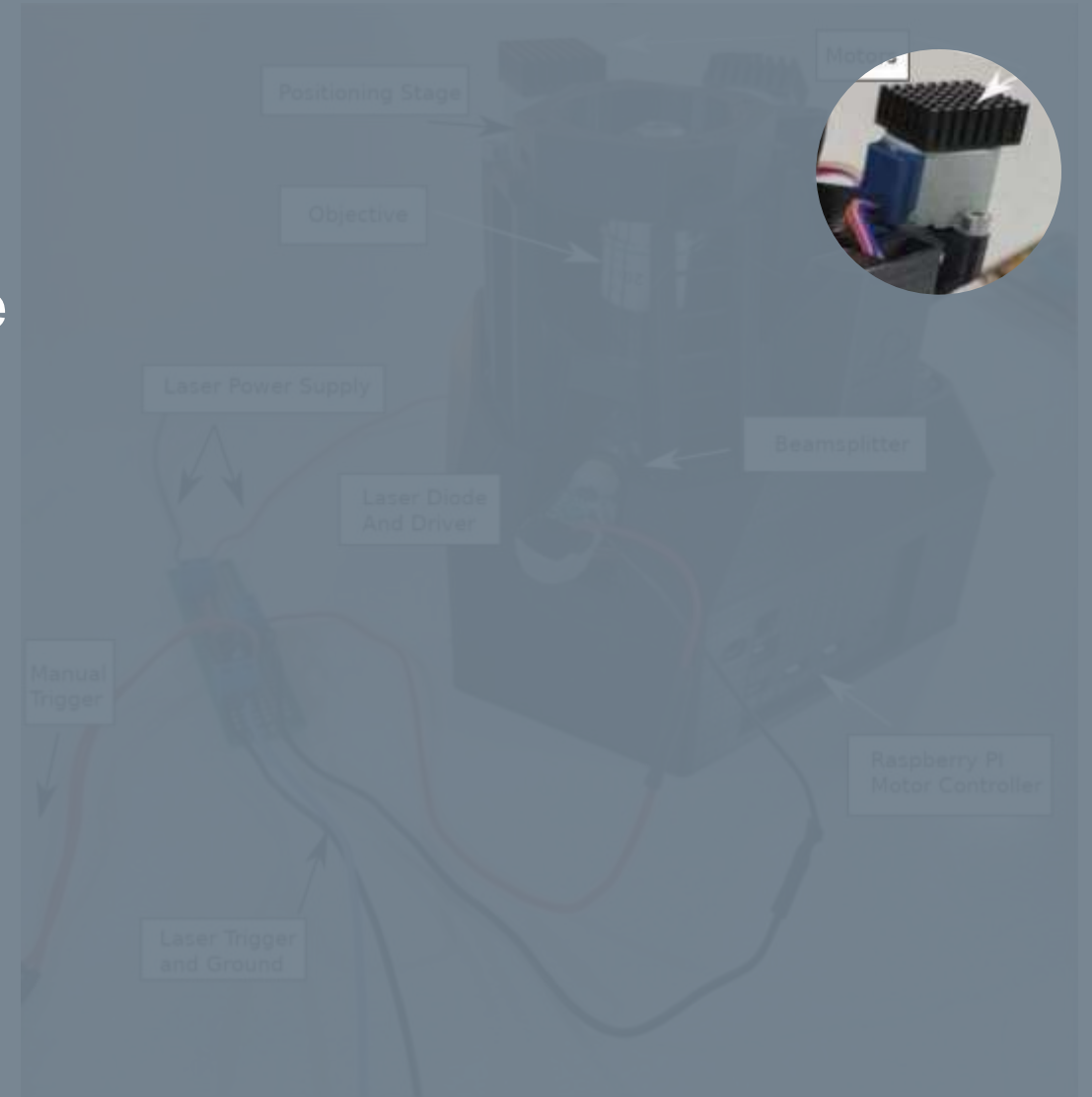
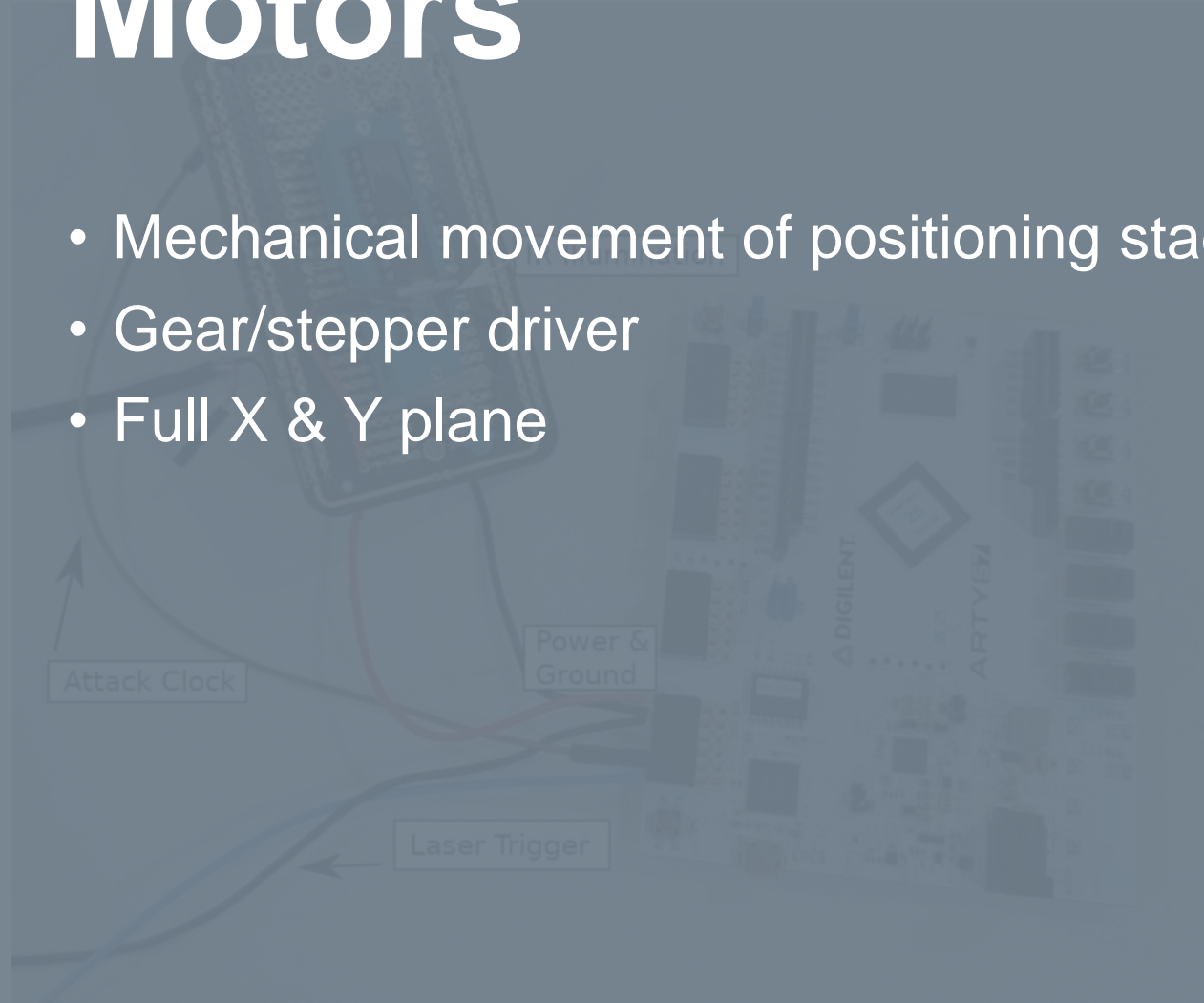
- Focusing element for laser
- Firing “housing” for laser



Component Breakdown

Motors

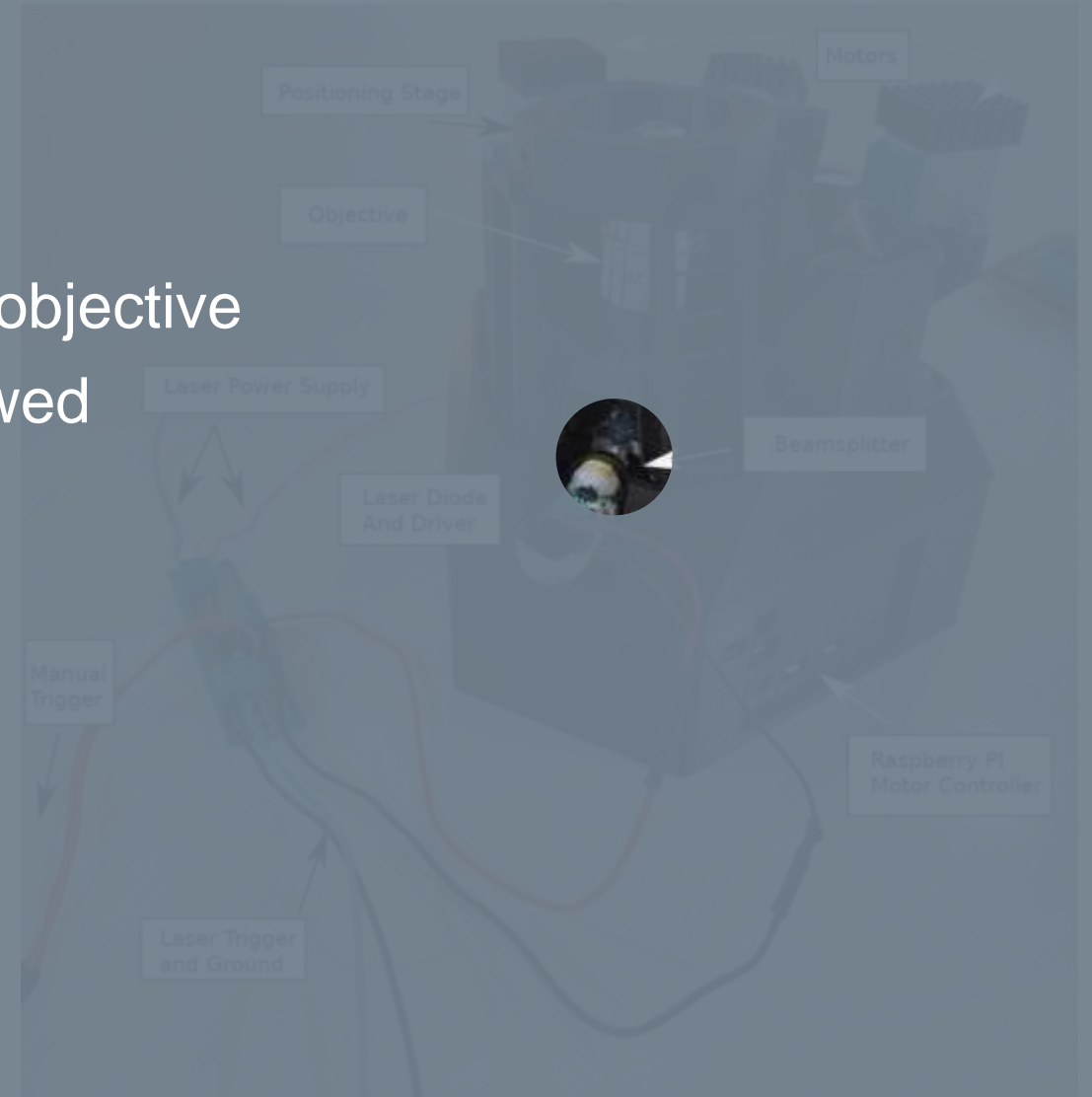
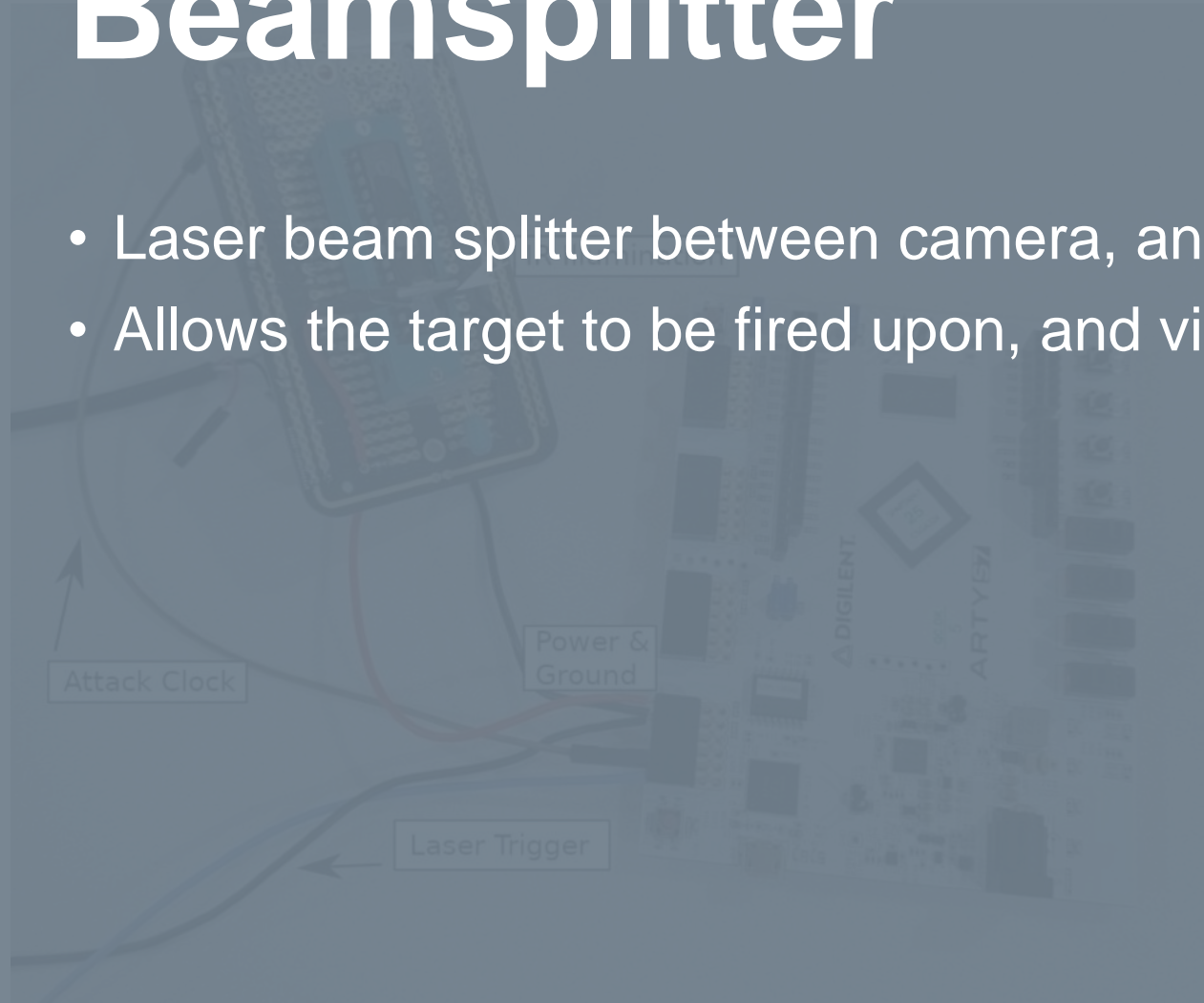
- Mechanical movement of positioning stage
- Gear/stepper driver
- Full X & Y plane



Component Breakdown

Beamsplitter

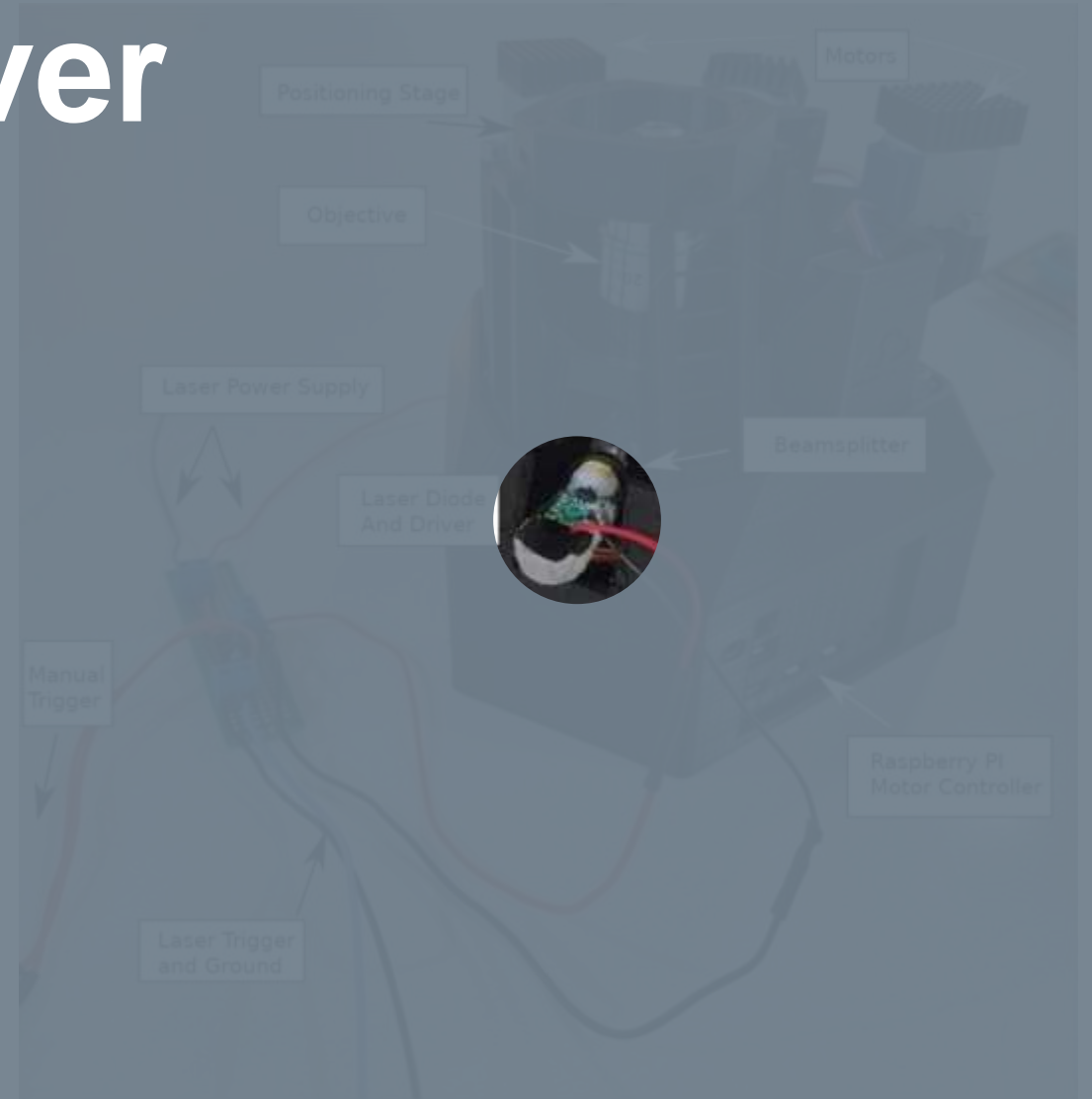
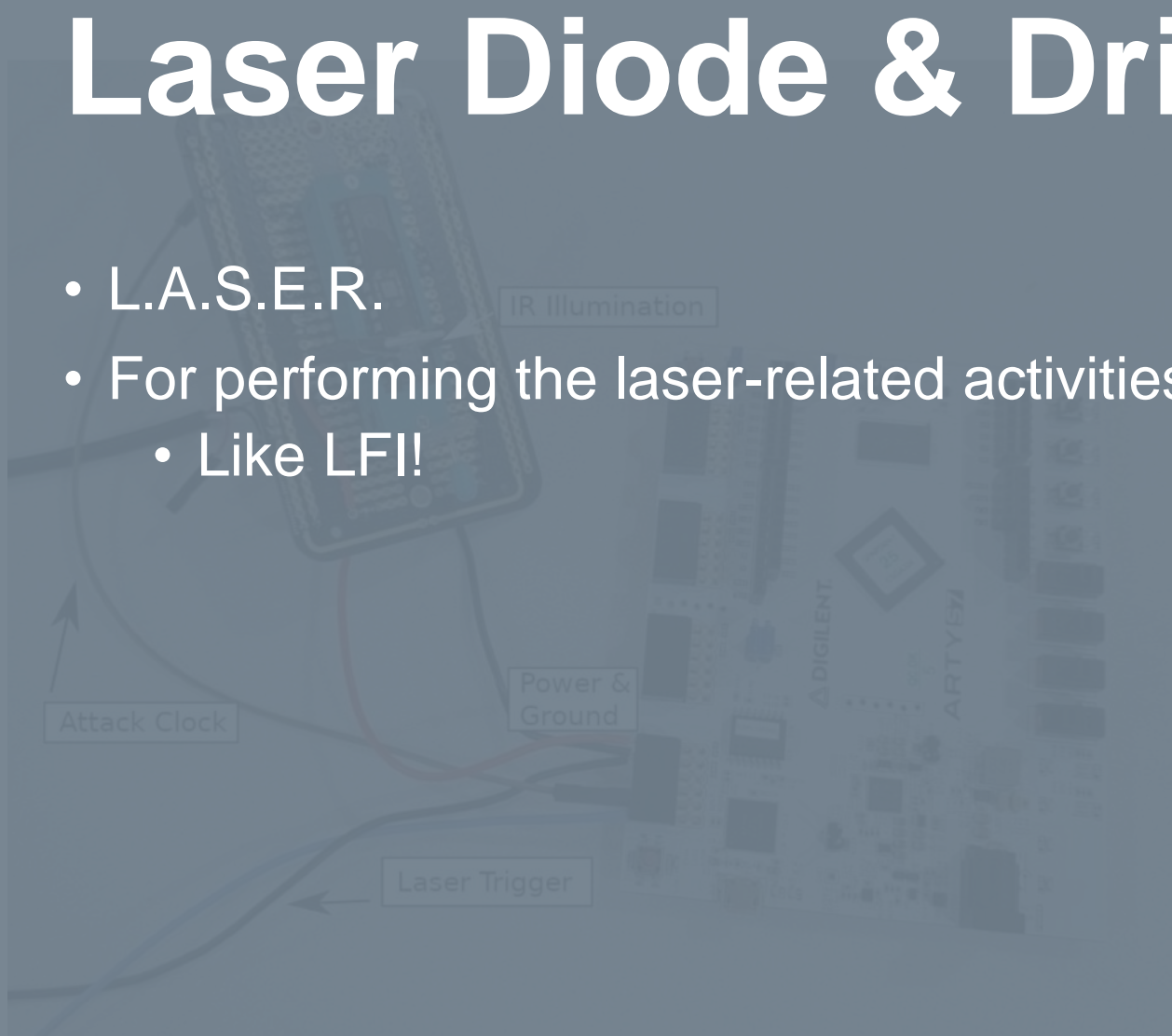
- Laser beam splitter between camera, and objective
- Allows the target to be fired upon, and viewed



Component Breakdown

Laser Diode & Driver

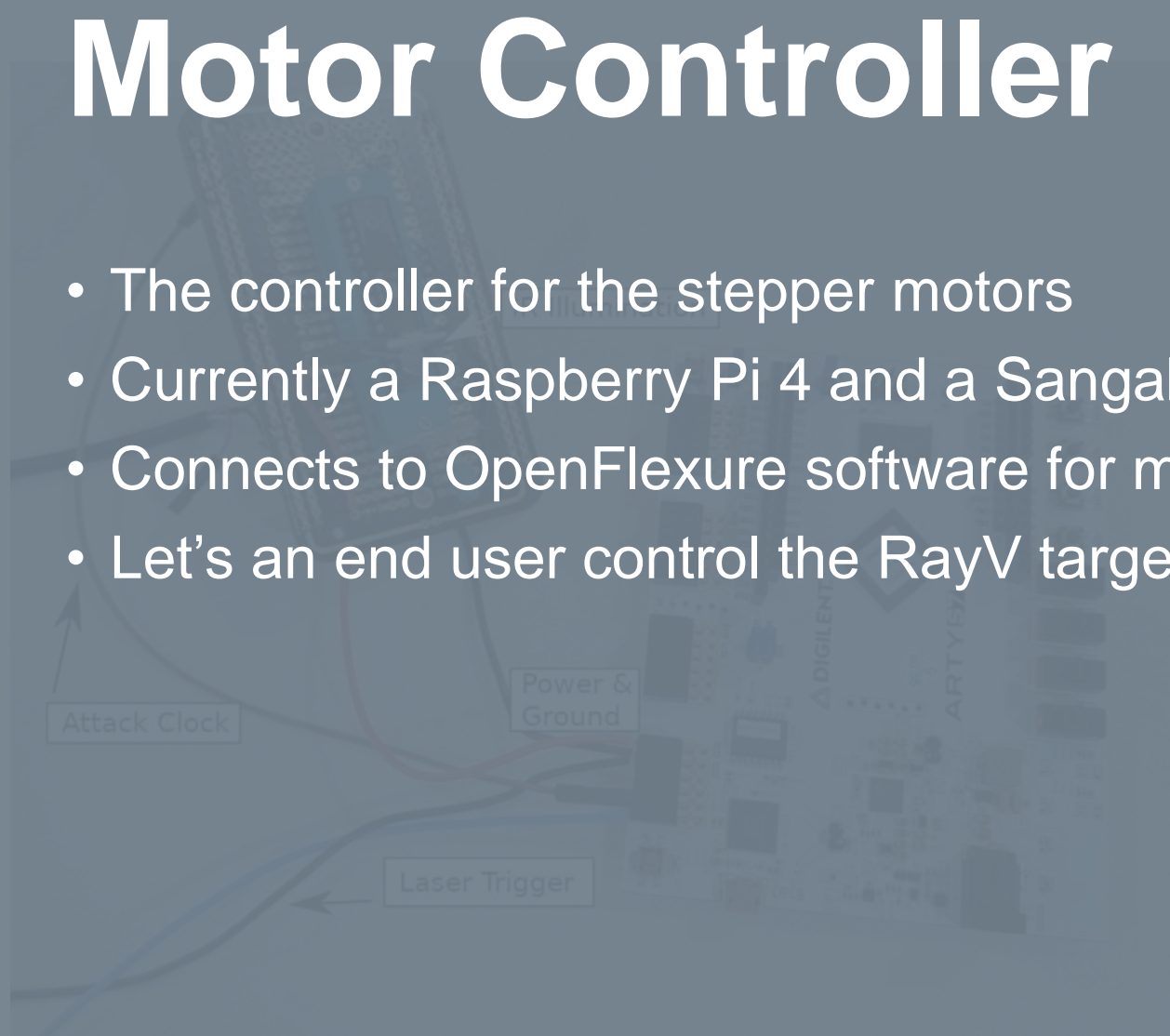
- L.A.S.E.R.
- For performing the laser-related activities
 - Like LFI!



Component Breakdown

Motor Controller

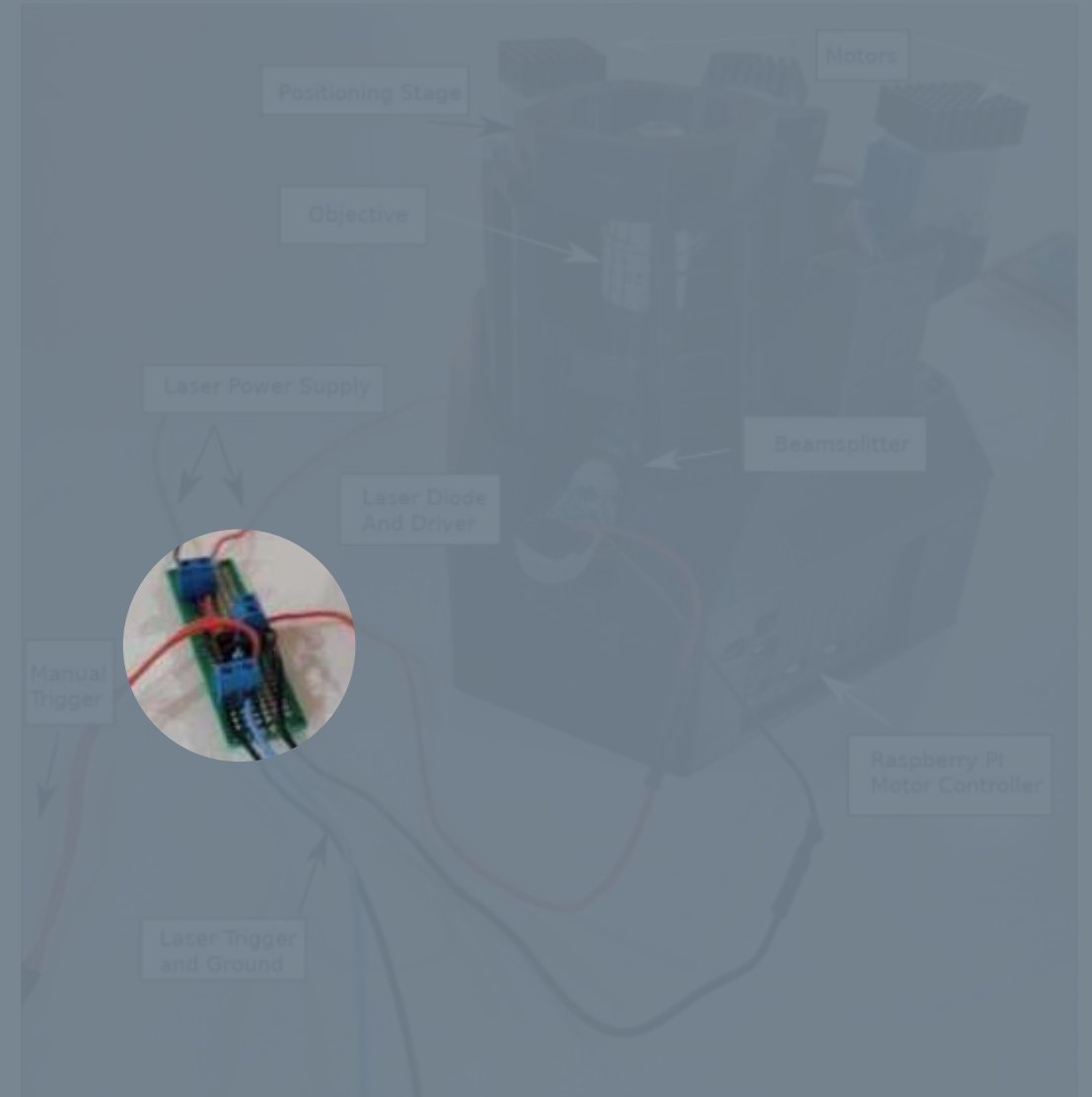
- The controller for the stepper motors
- Currently a Raspberry Pi 4 and a Sangaboard
- Connects to OpenFlexure software for motor movement
- Let's an end user control the RayV targeting system



Component Breakdown

Laser Controller

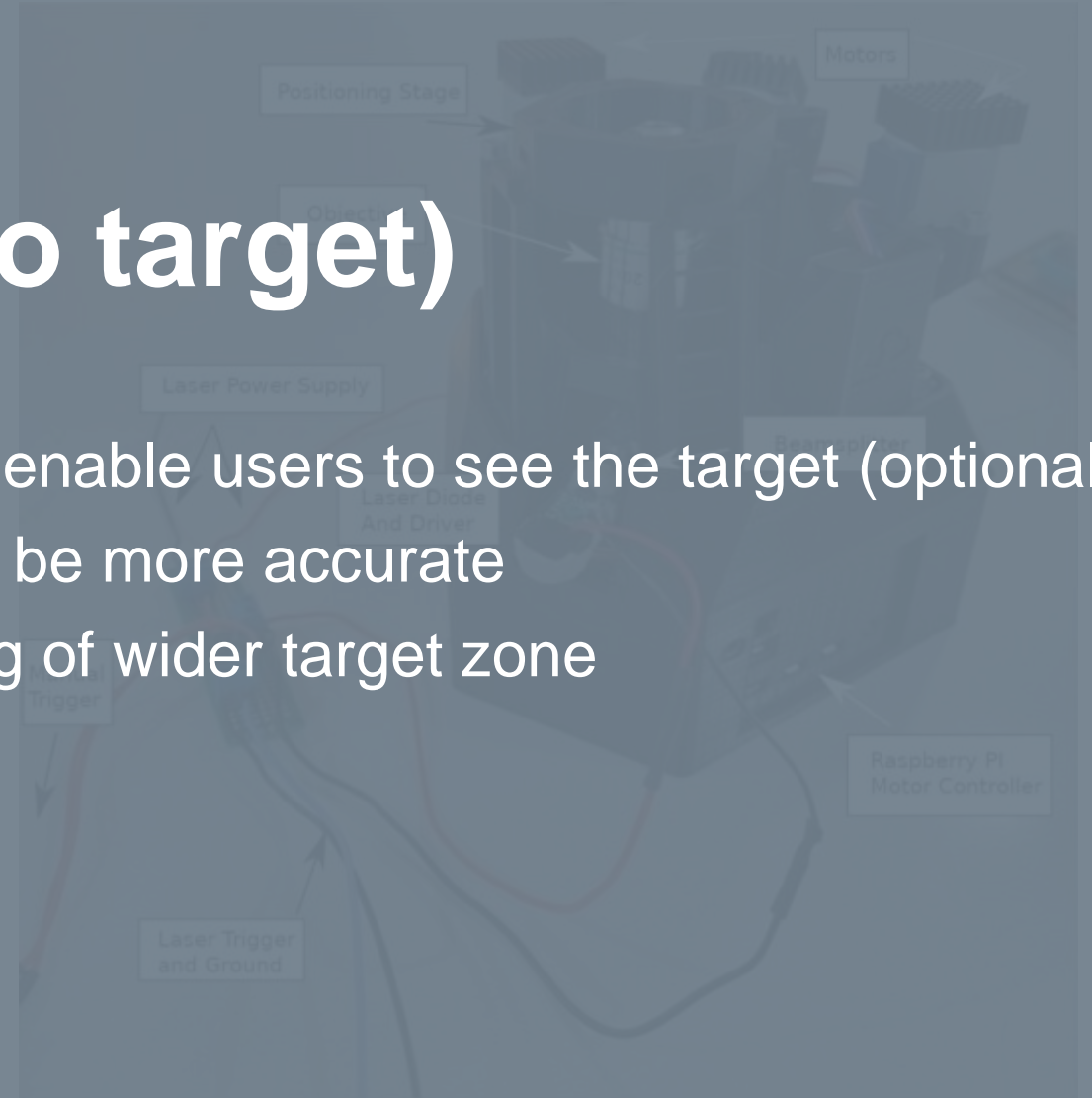
- Provides Laser power
- Processes Laser trigger
- Provides Manual Laser trigger
- Grounding



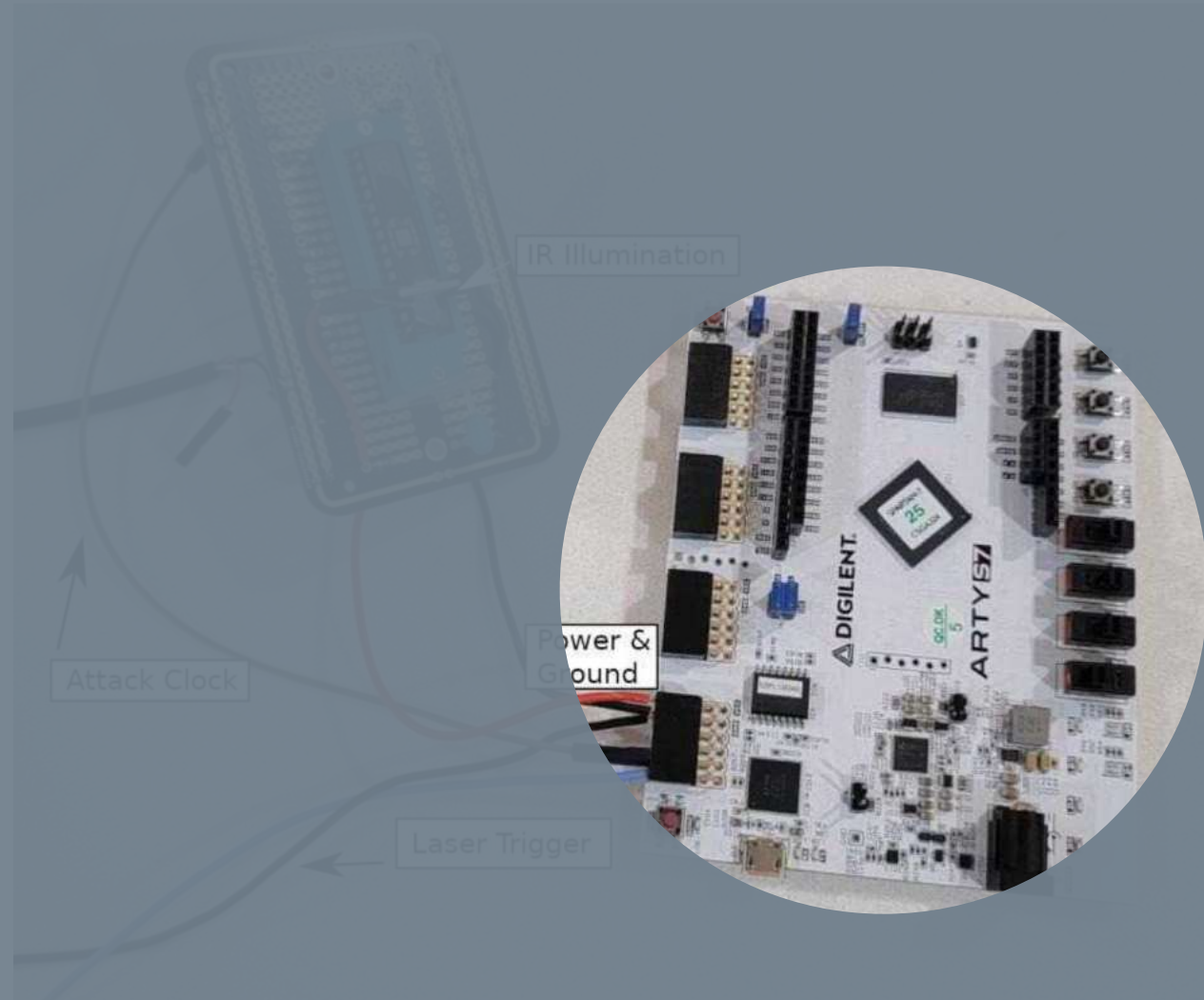
Component Breakdown

IR LED (affixed to target)

- Infrared LED to enable users to see the target (optional)
- Enable users to be more accurate
- Enables imaging of wider target zone

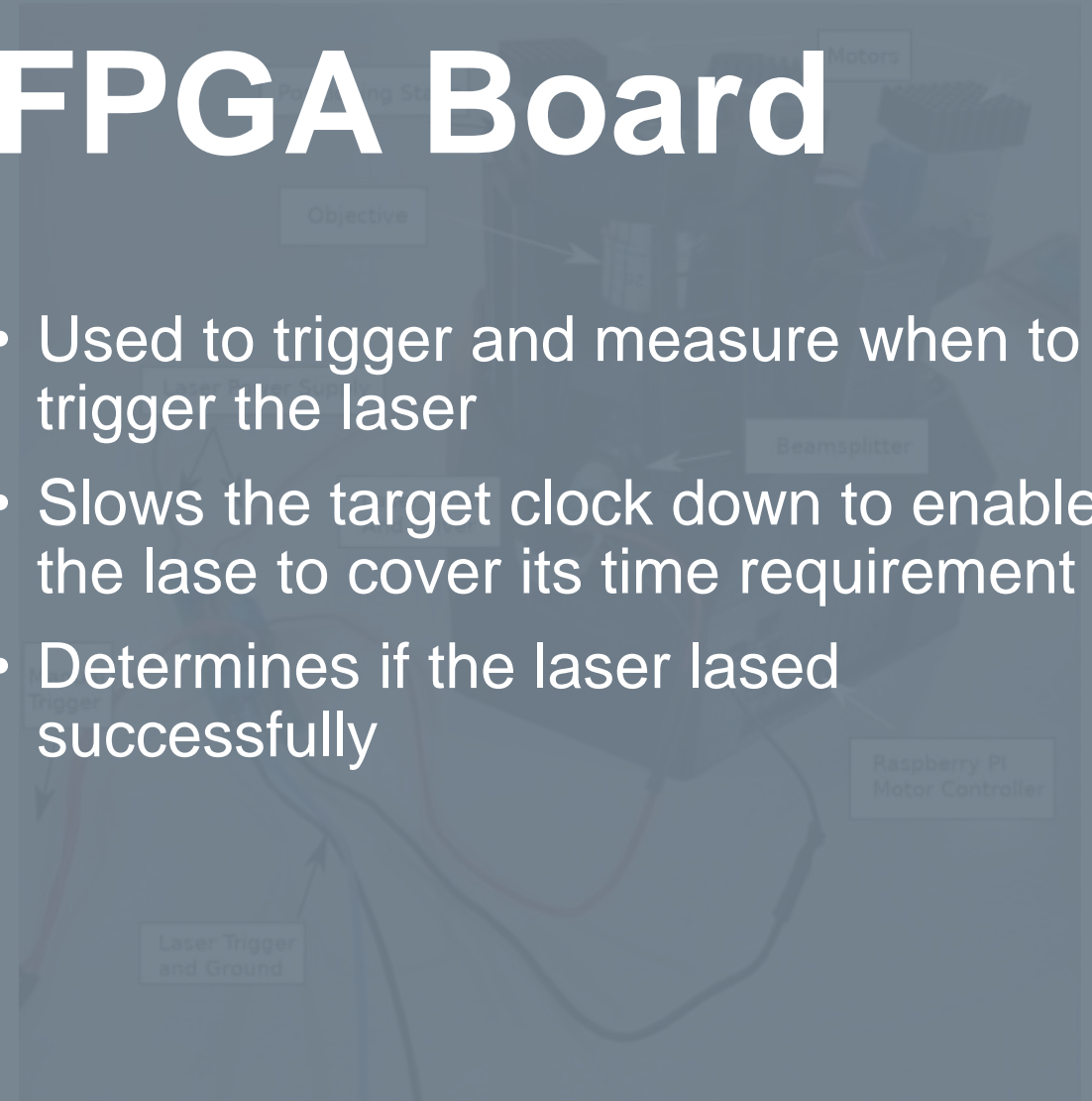


Component Breakdown



FPGA Board

- Used to trigger and measure when to trigger the laser
- Slows the target clock down to enable the laser to cover its time requirement
- Determines if the laser lased successfully





But does it work?

FIRE ZE LASERS!!!





THE END.

(ok not really)

A man in a tuxedo and bow tie sits behind a dark table. On the table are a bottle, a glass, and a hat. The background is a dark, textured wall.

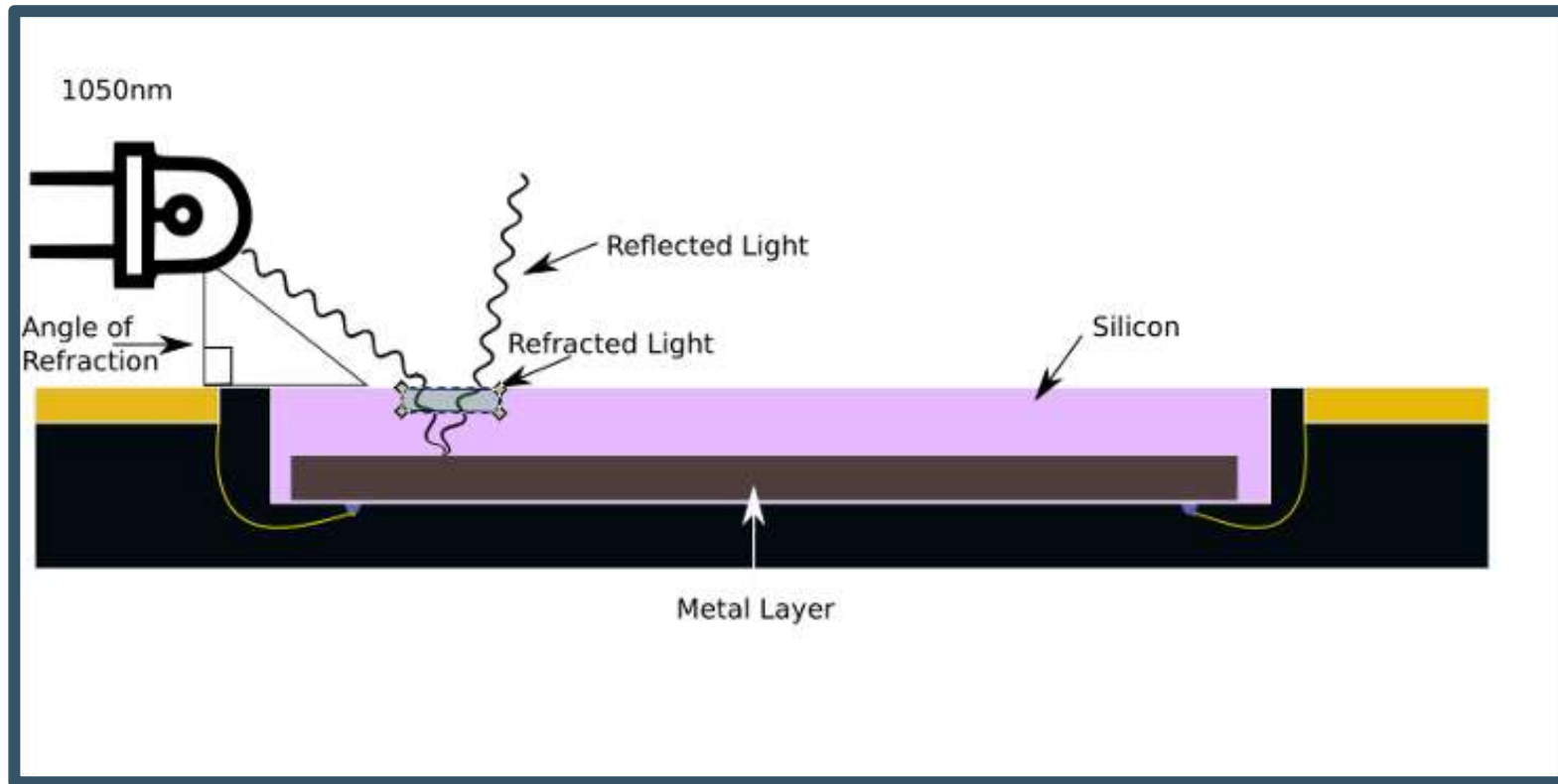
**AND NOW FOR SOMETHING
COMPLETELY DIFFERENT**



Infra-Red, In-Situ Inspection of Silicon

I.R.I.S.

Visual Laser Targeting

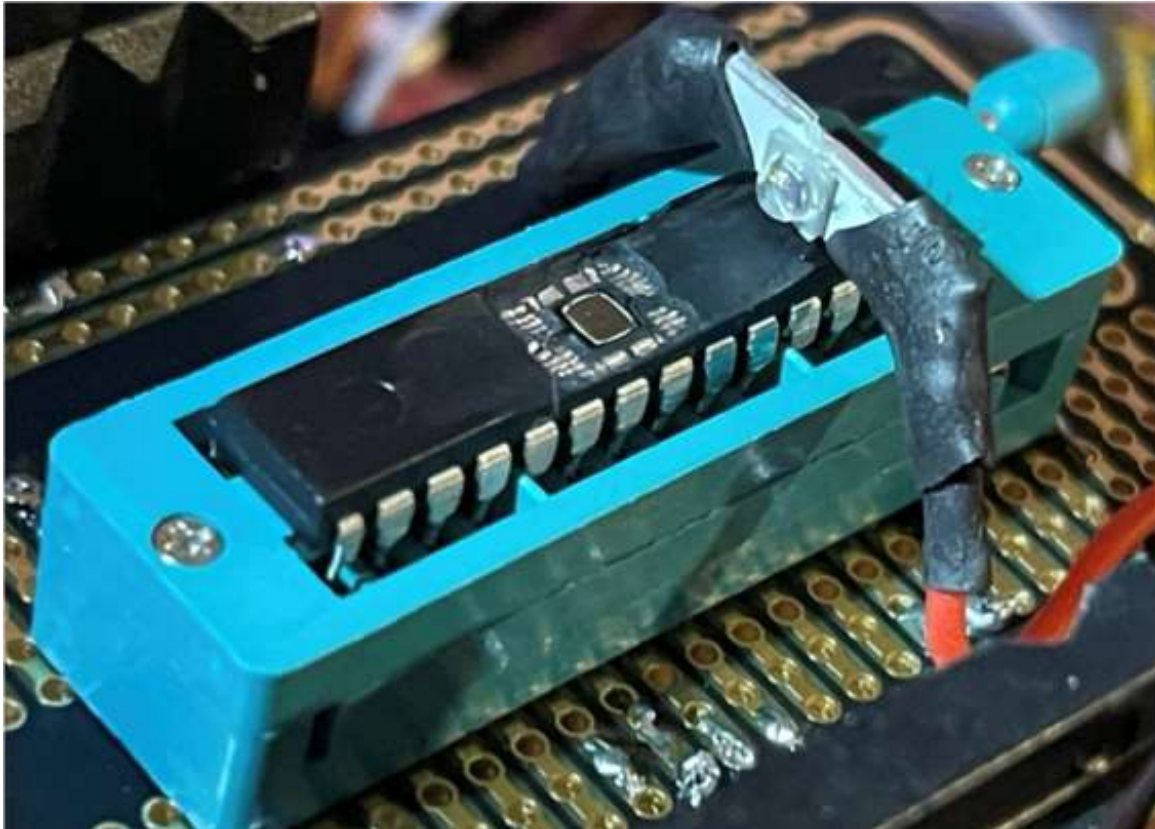


1050nm Light on a
“800nm” sensor

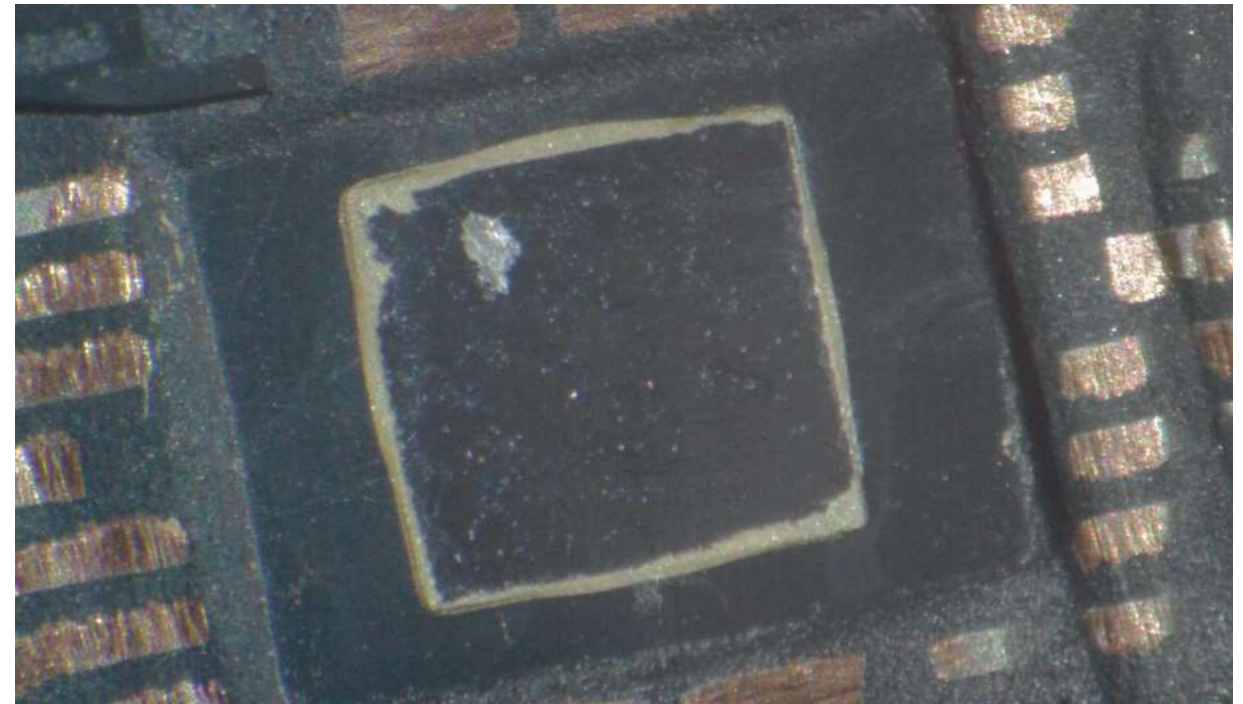
RayV + I.R.I.S.

"Visible Light Camera"

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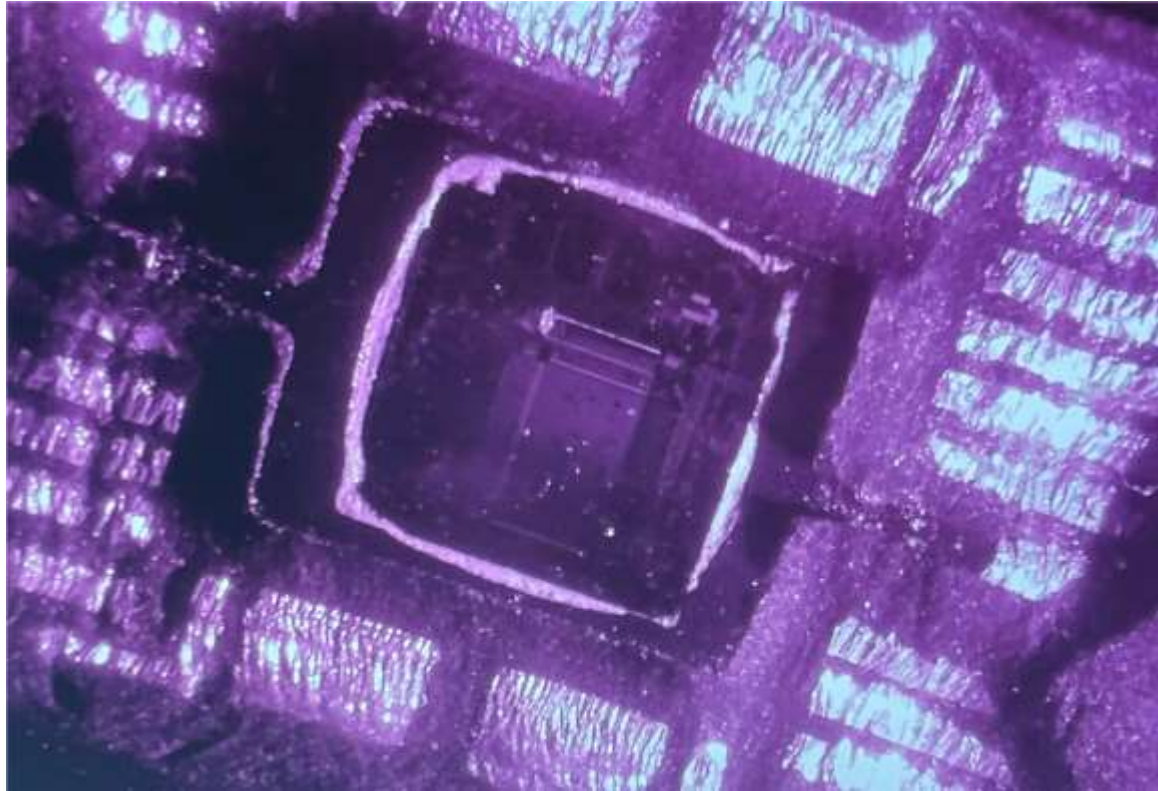
Visible Spectrum



RayV + I.R.I.S.

"How are we meant to see invisible light? ...With our invisible light camera"
– Team LOREM

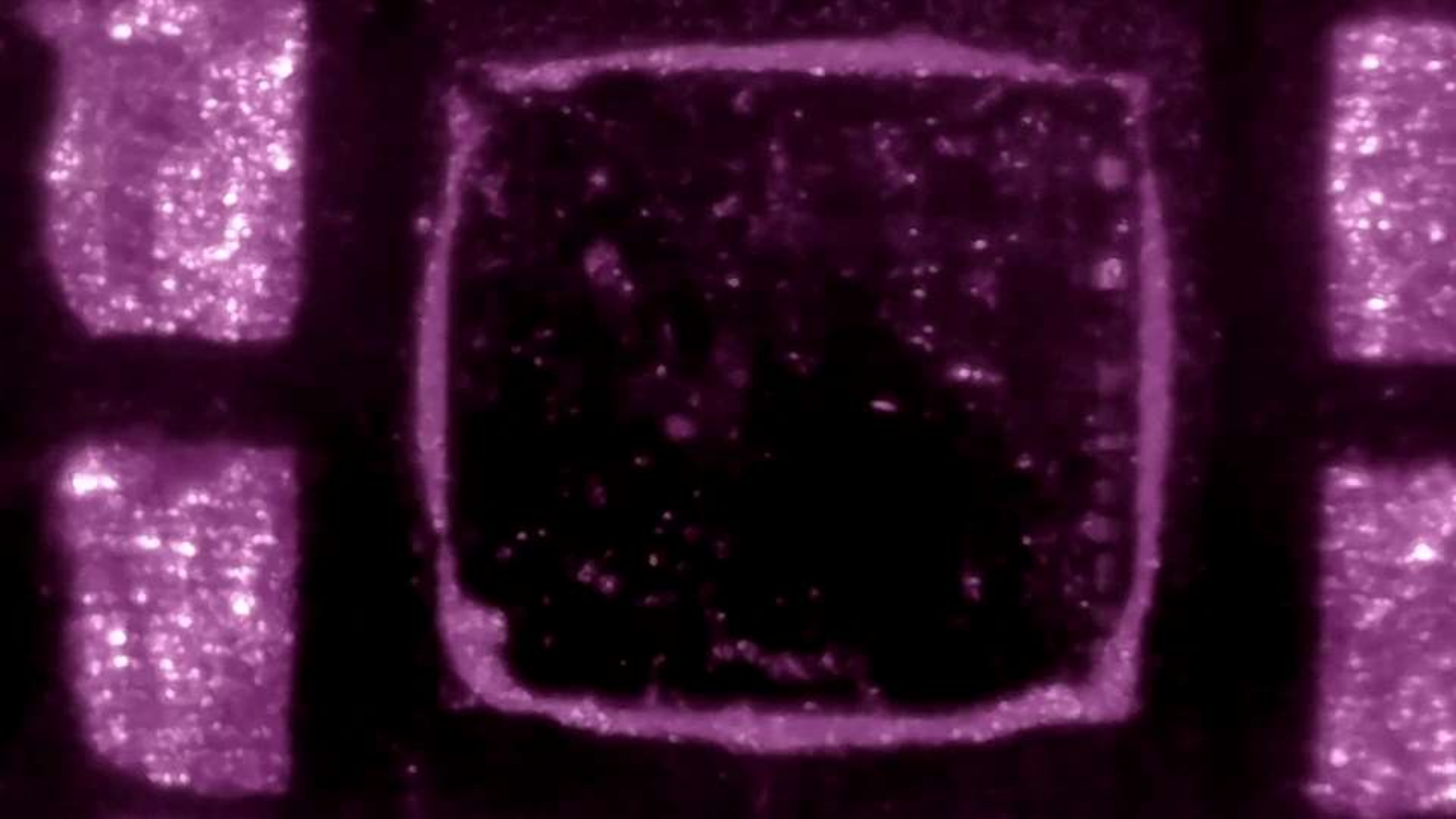
"Invisible Light Camera"



Infrared Spectrum

Zoomed In







But wait, there's more!

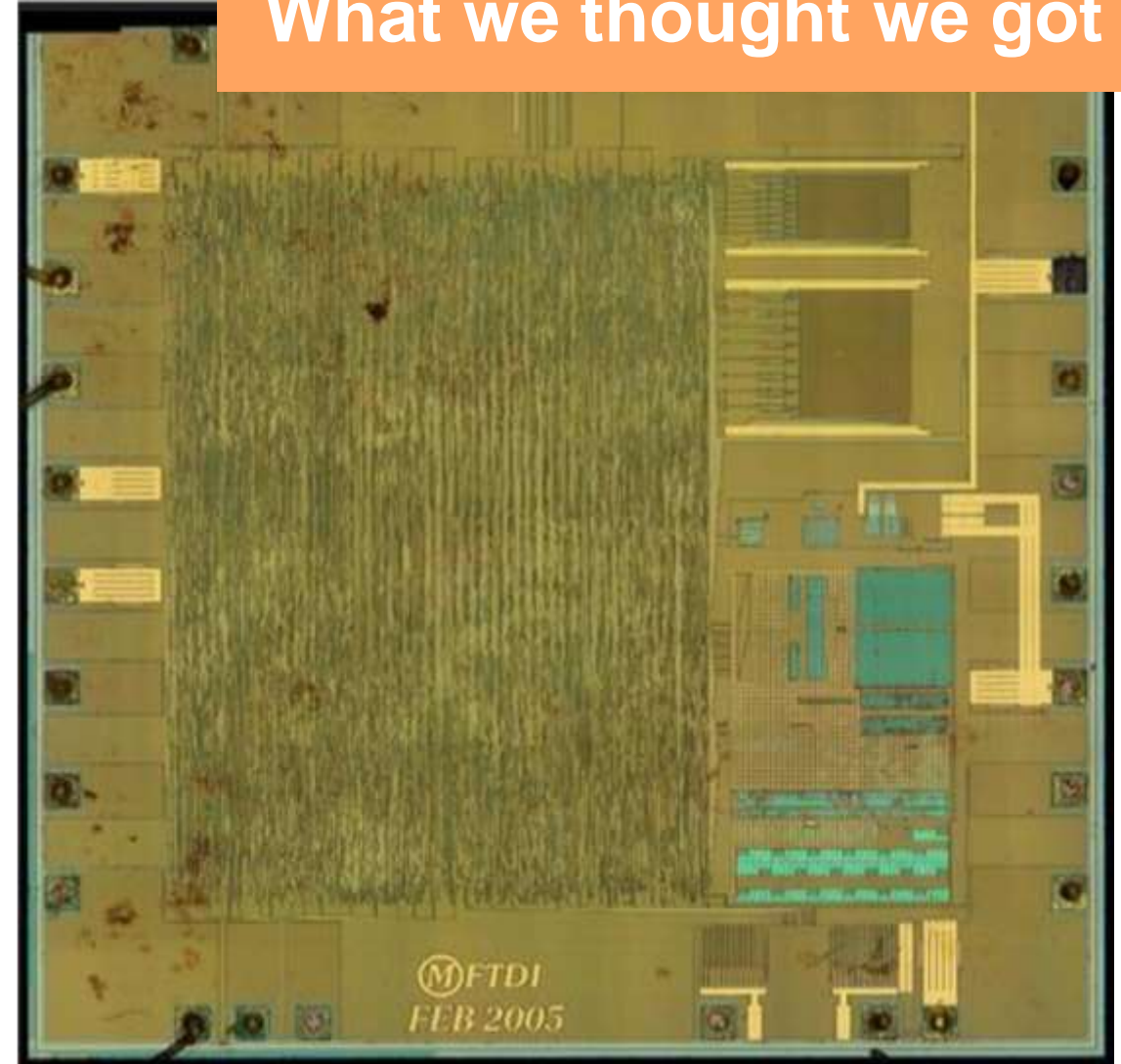
Happy Accidents can happen

FT232r “Alternative”



“Yeah...Huge advantage to backside is that you just don't have to be gentle” – Chas Becht

What we thought we got



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LASER LOGIC STATE IMAGING

L.L.S.I.

What, and Why?

- Imaging dynamic data
- Transistors are arranged in gates
- Gate states determine as a cluster what is a “1” and what is a “0”
- Each chip is different, so you need to map a victim before Side Channel Analysis (SCA)

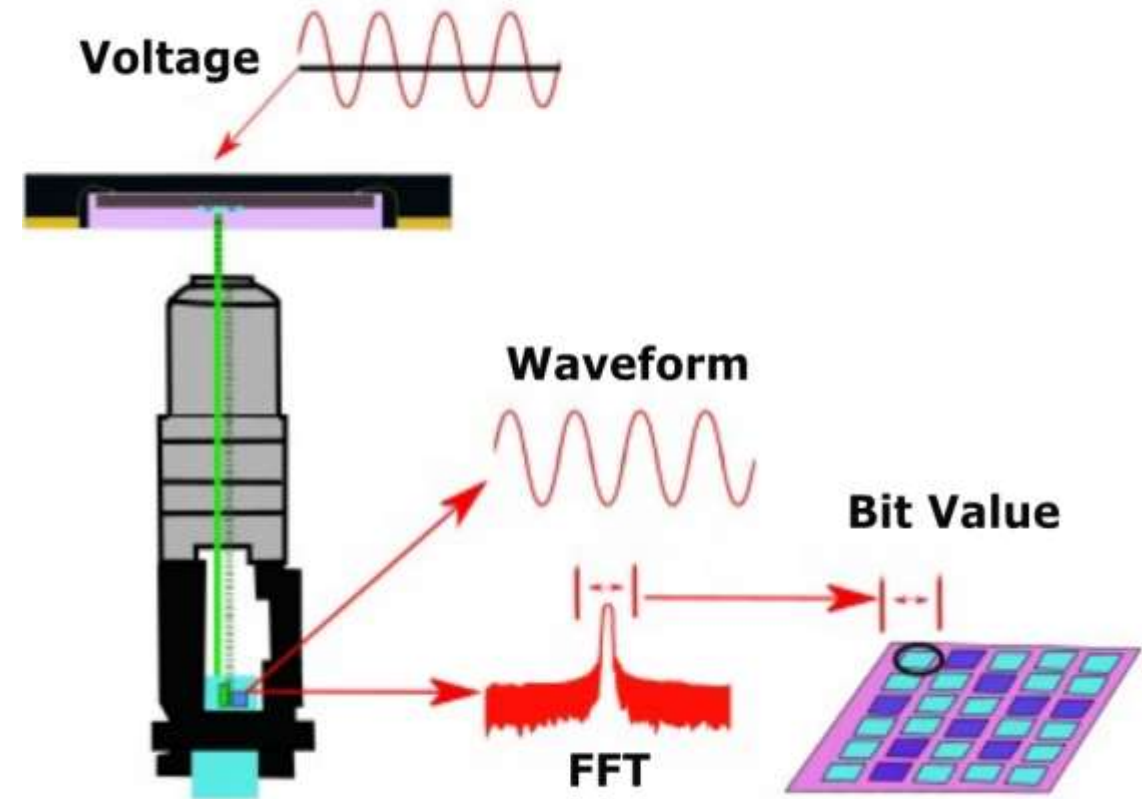


RAW Transistors



How?

- Changes in **voltage**, changes the **absorption** (and reflection) **rate of silicon**
- **Electro-Optical Frequency Mapping** (EoFM) can be used to detect these fluctuations in absorption via **state changes**
- In LLSI, causing a **voltage ripple** on the target's active transistors acts as a readable **modulated signal**





Operation: Over Achiever

Because telling a hacker “no”
is the fastest route to hyper-
productivity

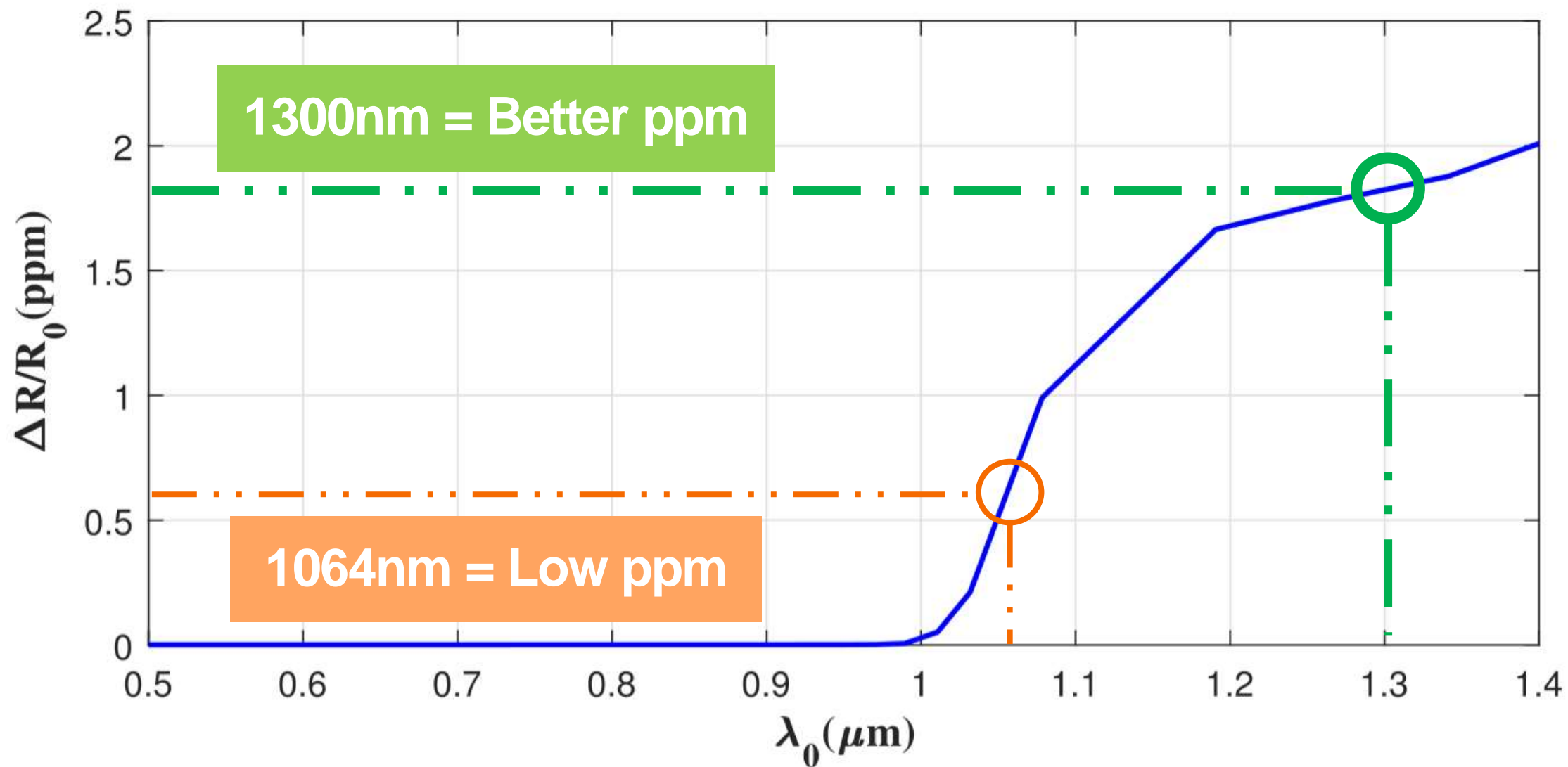
LLSI: The Essentials



- Target chip modulation
- A laser that can achieve penetration and reflection
- A laser sensor
- Smooth laser panning
- Signal & noise parsing
- Human Readability



Which Laser?



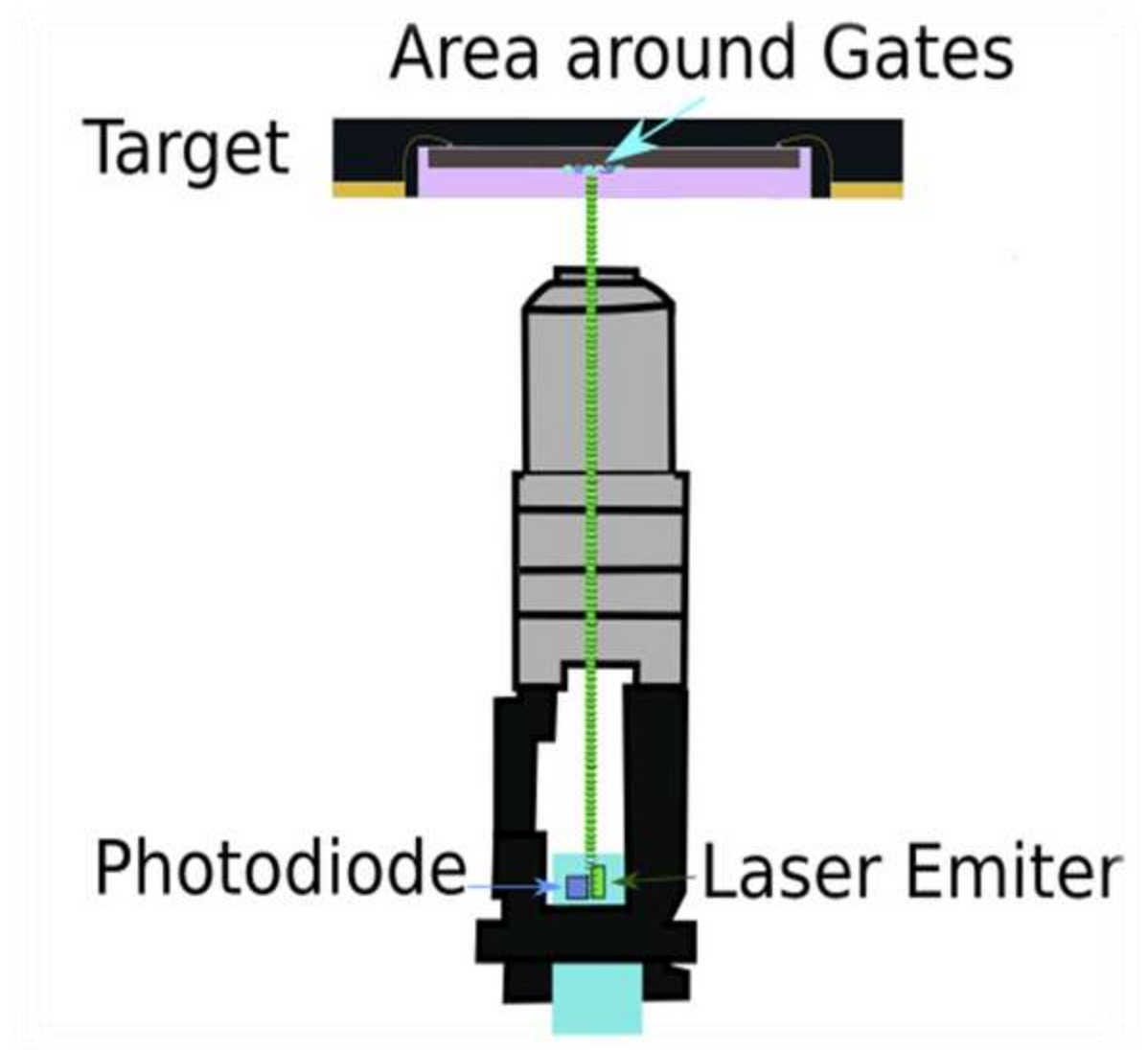
Why 1300nm, Specifically?

- Incredibly high in supply, and very inexpensive (\$6.00 USD)
- Lasers come with their own sensor for self-regulation
- For \$6 USD we can get a 1300nm laser **WITH** a photodiode
- Two birds, one stone



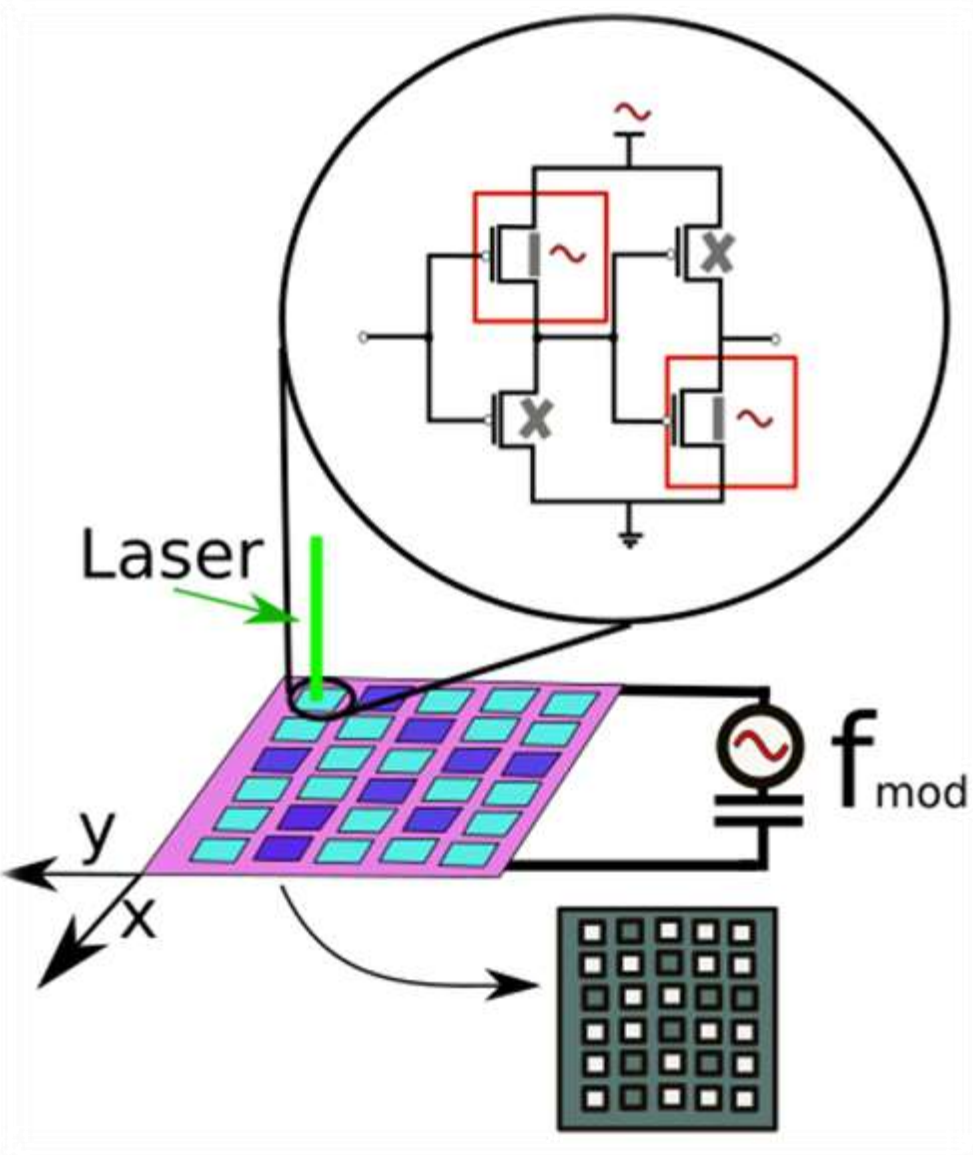
Self-Mixing Interferometer

- We can use the **photodiode** in the laser to record how much was reflected
- If it can measure changes equal to the size of its wavelength, it can also **measure variations** in silicon absorption



Government	Percentage
Current government	85%
Previous government	15%

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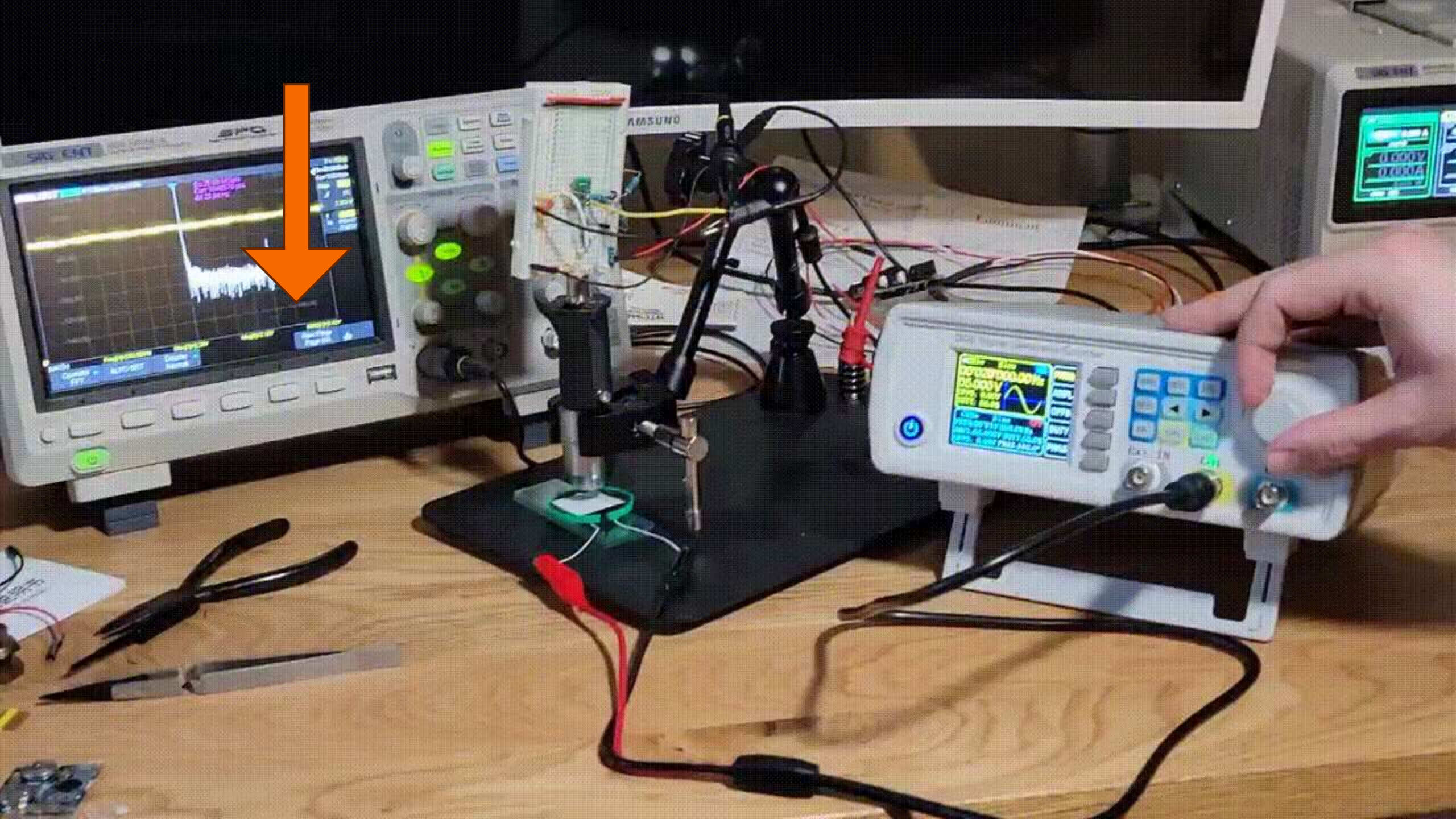


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But does it work?

FIRE ZE LASERS!!!AGAIN!





~~“Artificial Intelligence”~~

The irony of making signals
Human Readable by using a
machine to read



Machine Learning

Statistical Analysis using
Convolutional Neural Networks

Statistical Matrices & Math

- The signals received from an LLSI need to be **mapped to the chip**
- Every chips **memory is unique specific to itself**: not all transistor gates are created the same
- We need a **model that is trained to perform the analysis**, so we don't jump off a cliff

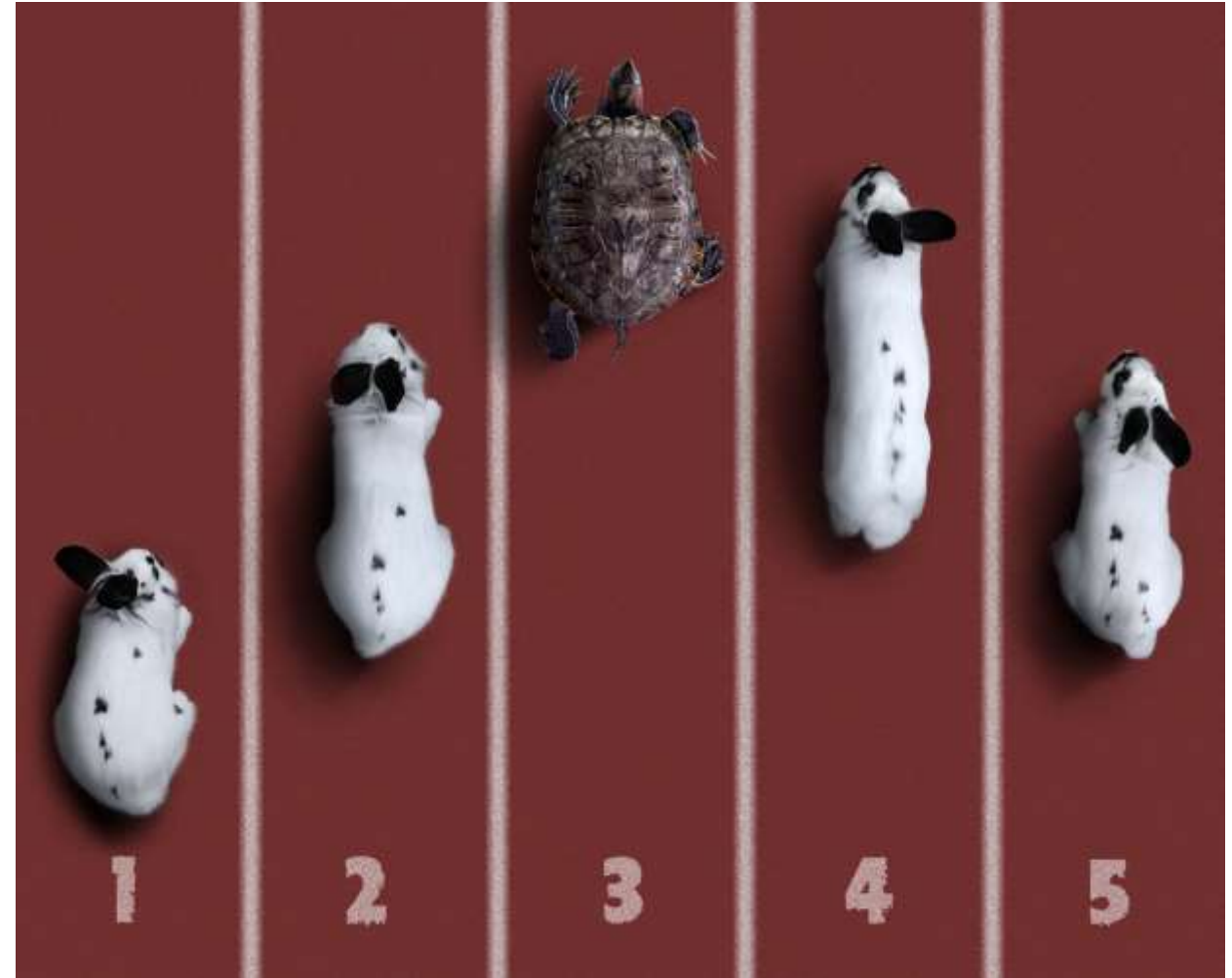
I'm not saying patch is old, but his AI/ML thesis was written with pencil and paper



ChatGPT Prompt: Draw me a picture of a laser interferometer

Black Hat has deadlines

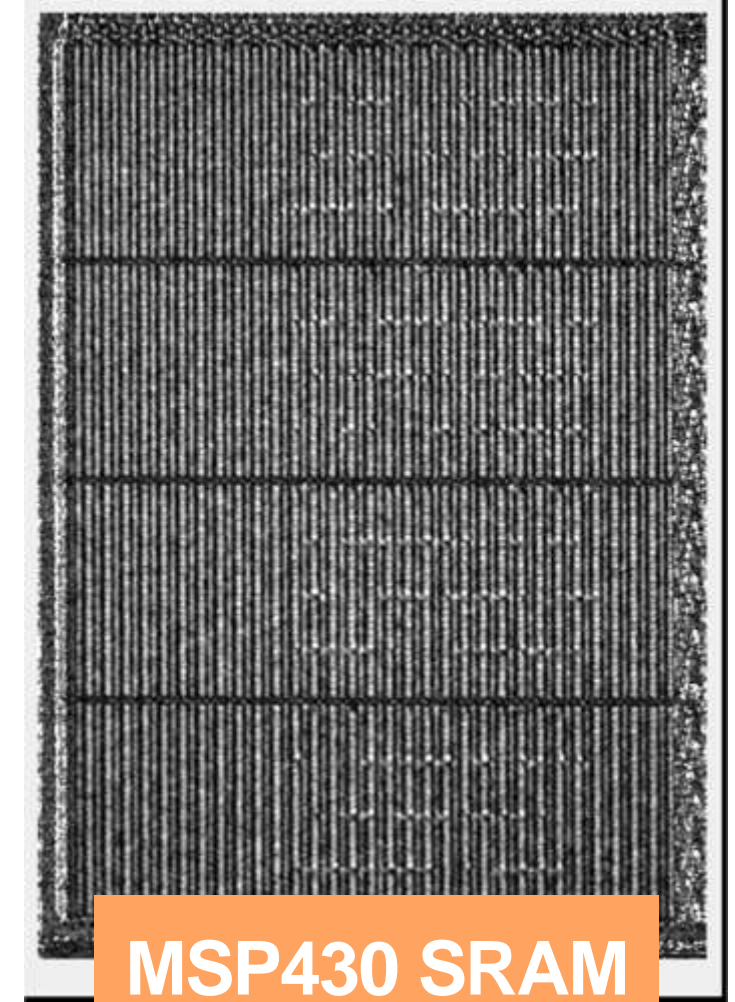
- Scanning a chip with Laser Scanning Microscope (LSM) is slow
- The process to design a low noise, band pass filter and demodulator to isolate signals around 1ppm is slow
- Combining an active LLSI and LSM to train a model, is really, really, slow



Training with Published Data Sets

- Each instance of training data has a **known, programmed, 512 bits** of data stored in memory
- Working with **known data points that are user programmed**, allow the model to later identify in unknown data sets (once trained)
- Collection contains randomized and zeroed data sets, outside of the 512 bits
- This is a faster method to train for a POC

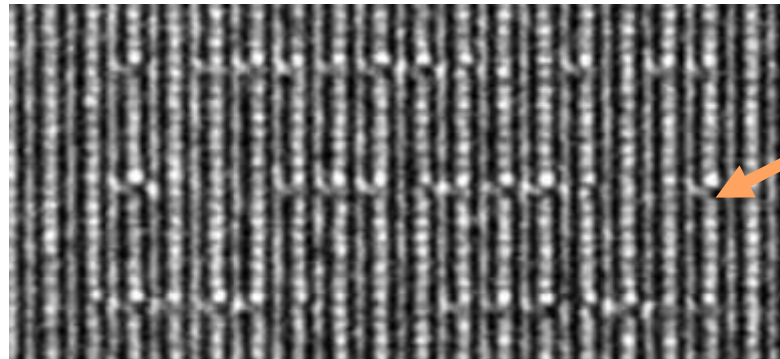
Captured LLSI Image



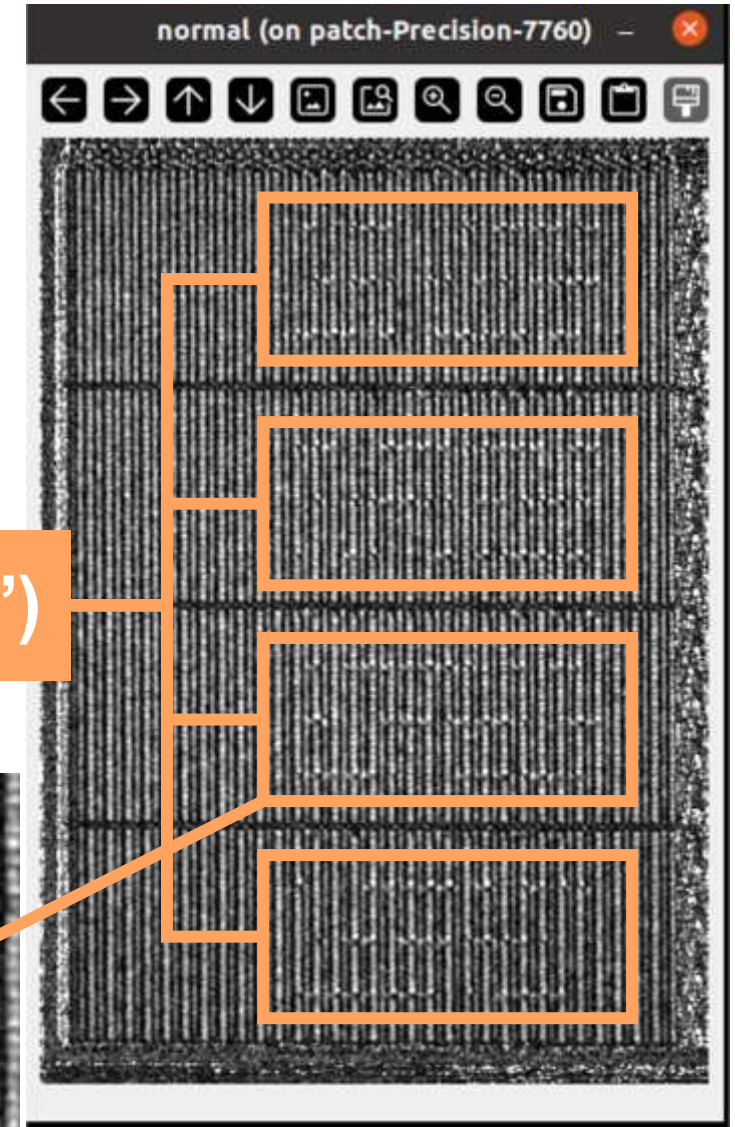
MSP430 SRAM

Identifying Data in LLSI

- This is an LLSI capture of a **MSP430 SRAM** block
- The SRAM block contains **512 bits** of **known programmed memory**
- The “**dots**” are the **modulated signal** representing the 512 bits

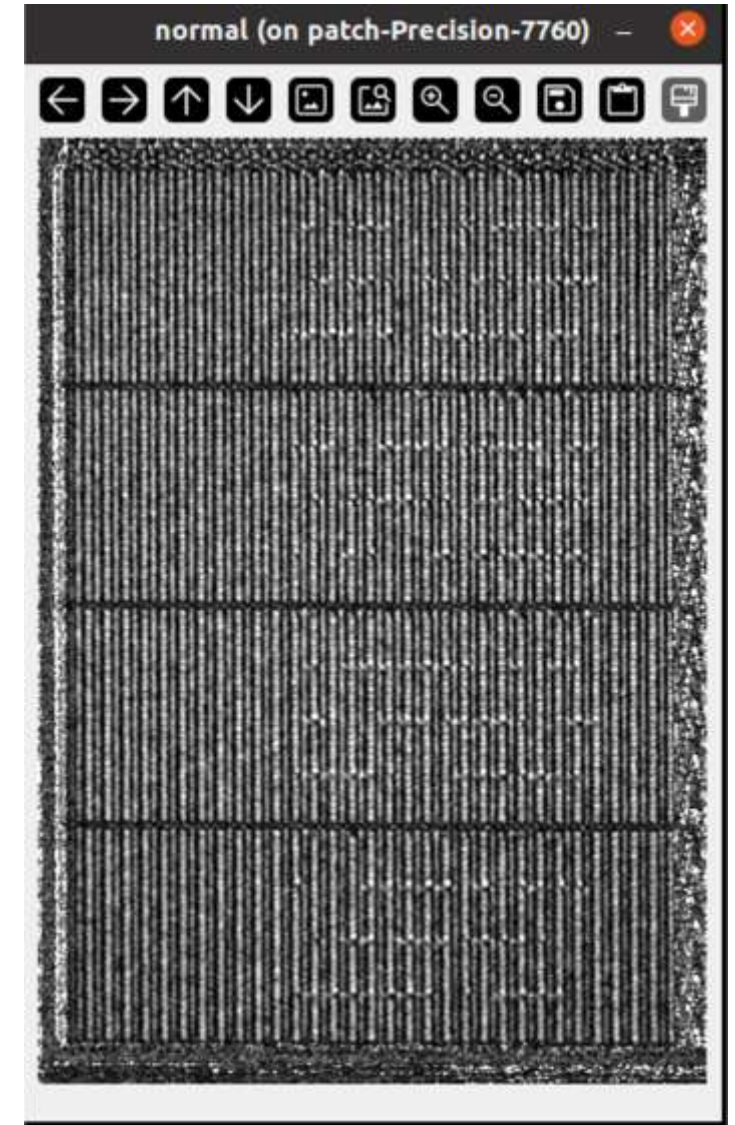


Signal (“dots”)



The data needs to be seen

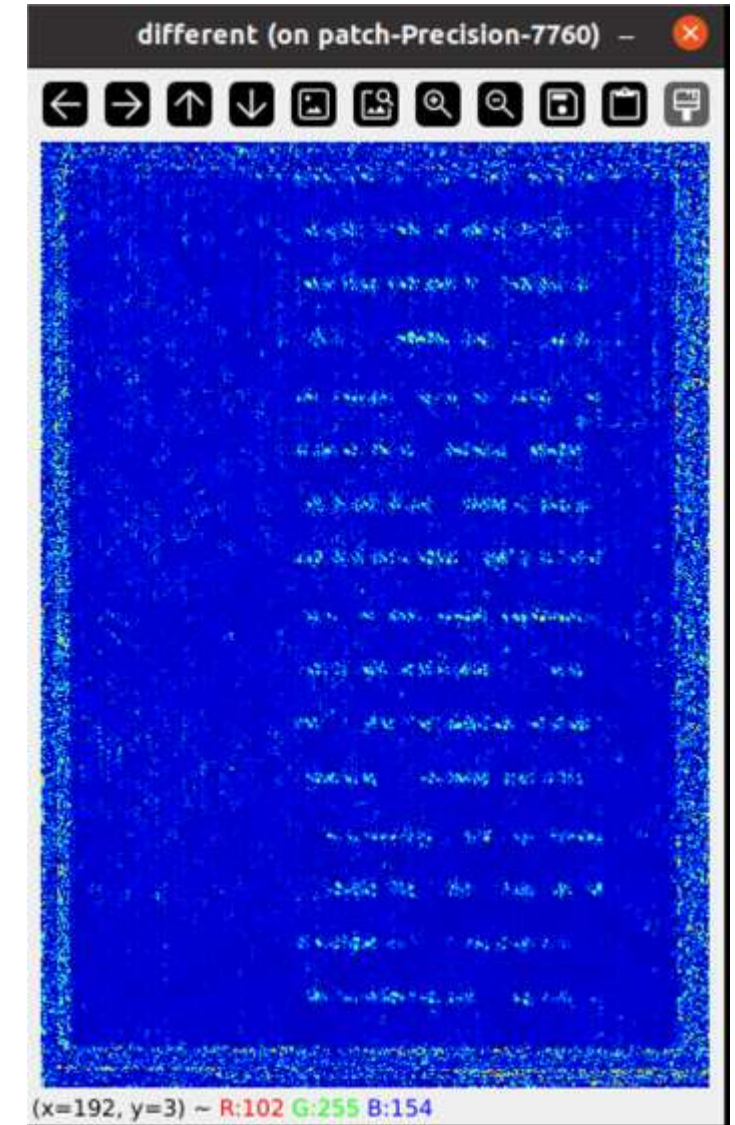
- We need to make the data more readable
- Subtract a random LLSI image from it (to isolate the 512 bits)
- Put the results in the blue channel...



I tried to find a quiet place in a library, but it was like looking for Waldo in a crowd of identical twins.

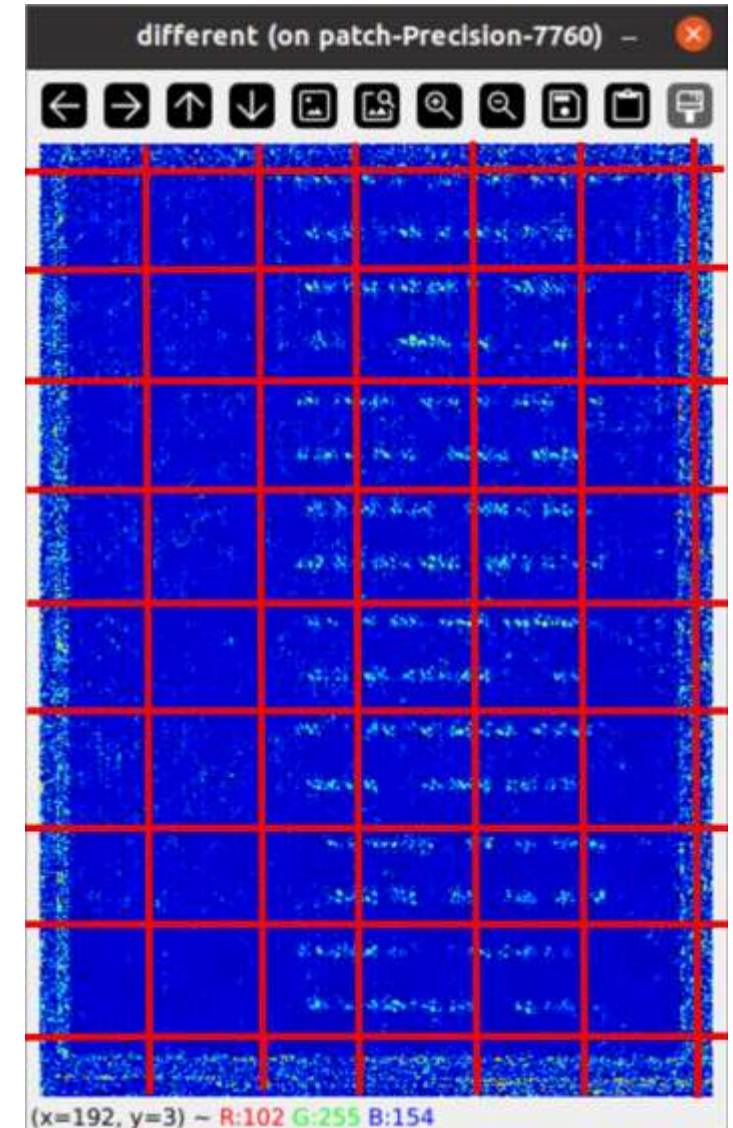
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- Put the results in the blue channel...
-and Voila!



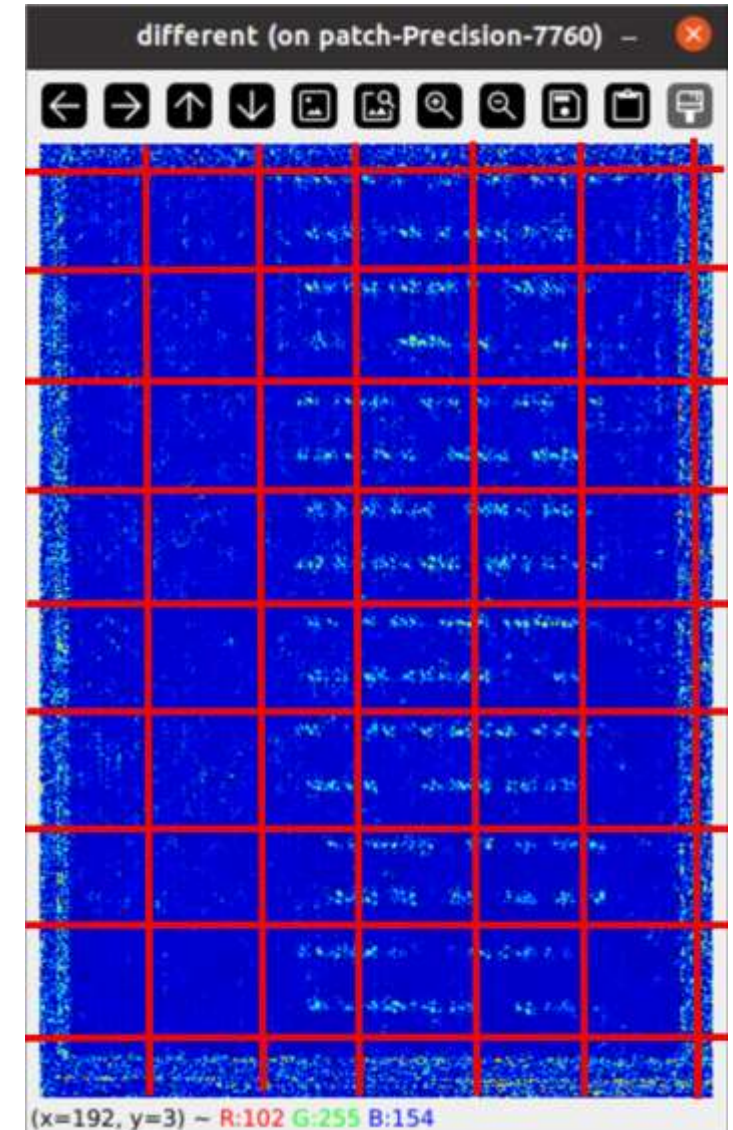
I can see, but I don't understand

- Next is to help the model identify **where** the user programmed 512 **bits are stored**
- Divide the SRAM into a **search grid** so that we can minimize the chance of bit collisions
- The **red squares are areas that we can search** that should aid in isolation of bit similarities



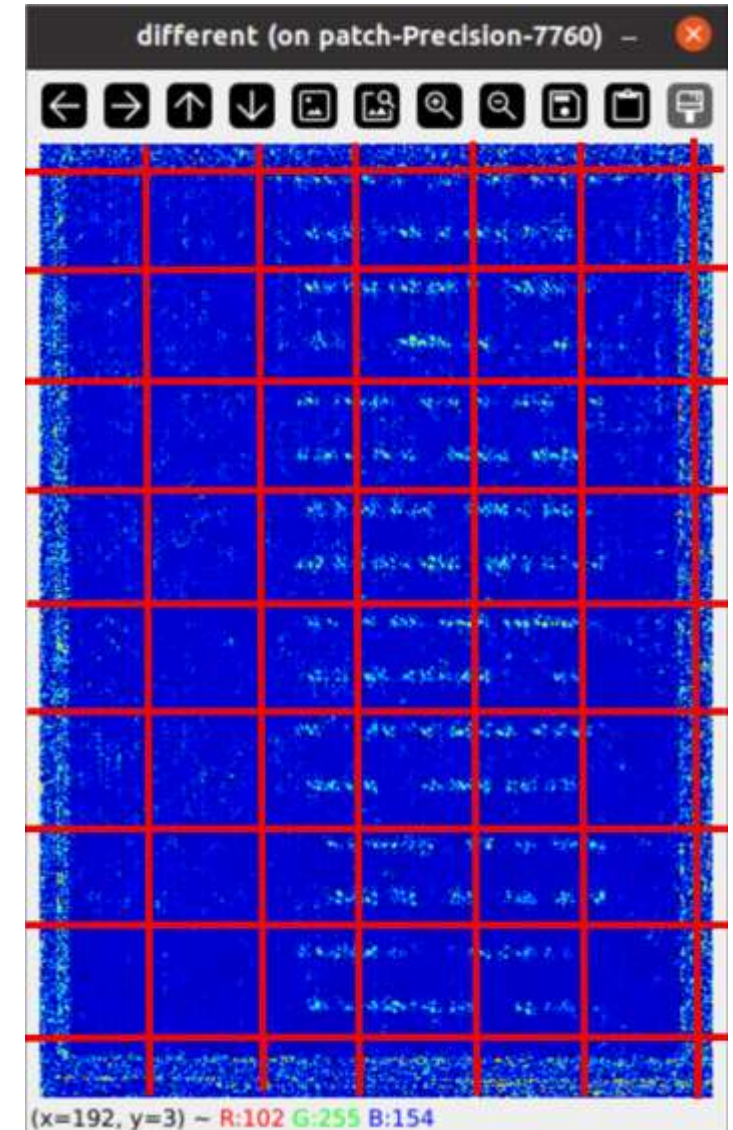
Finding the Right Segment

- Each segment will have a number of bits.
- We need to know which segment has the bits we are looking for.
- Here is how we search the segments



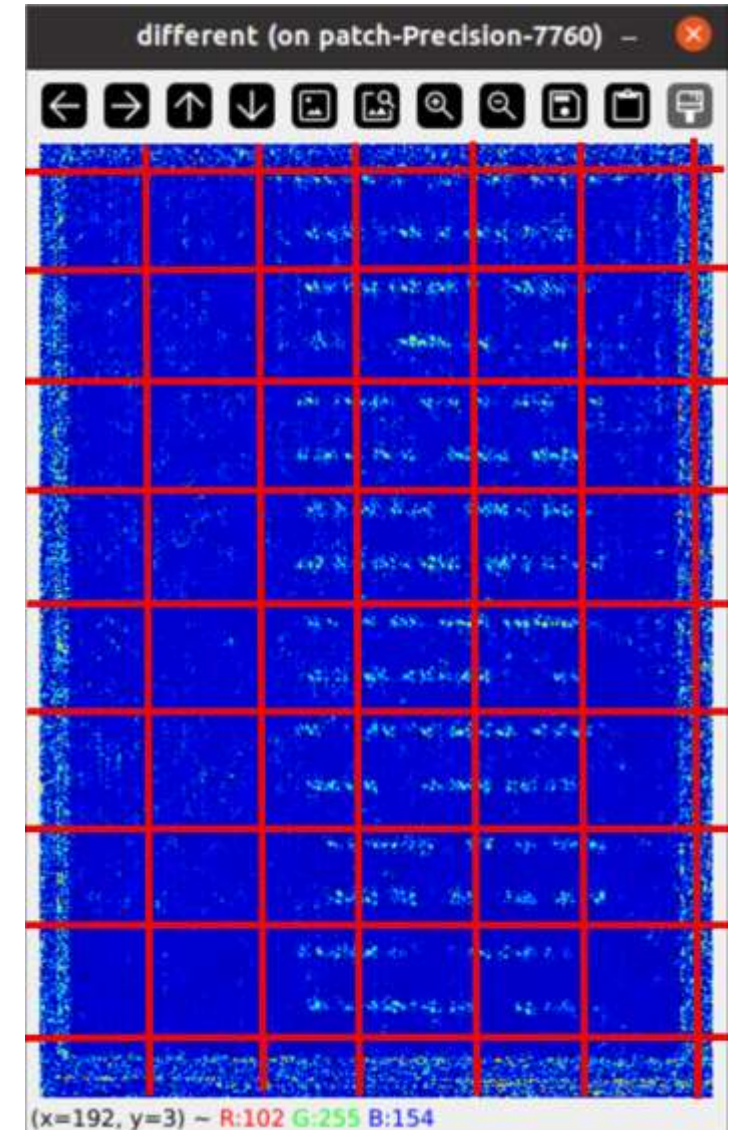
Segment Searching

- The model can isolate bit locations by identifying segments with similar binary values, **except for 1 bit**
- Example: the 512 bits contains a segment that contains **1101011** and **1110111**
- By using an absolute diff, **001000** would cause an **observable change**, representing **1** or **0**
- Change represents location of **where** a 1 or 0 is in SRAM

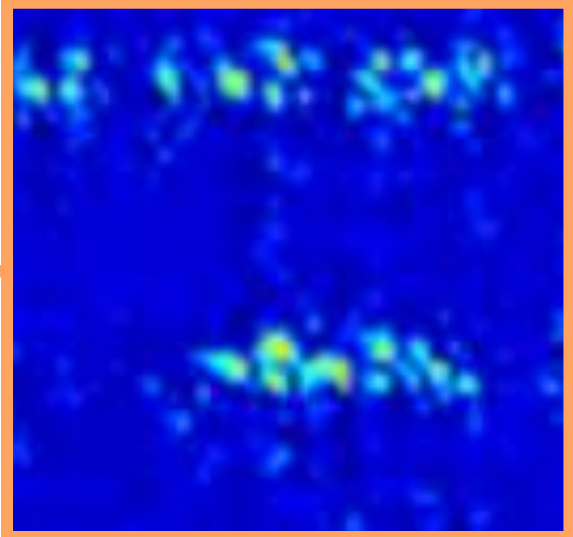
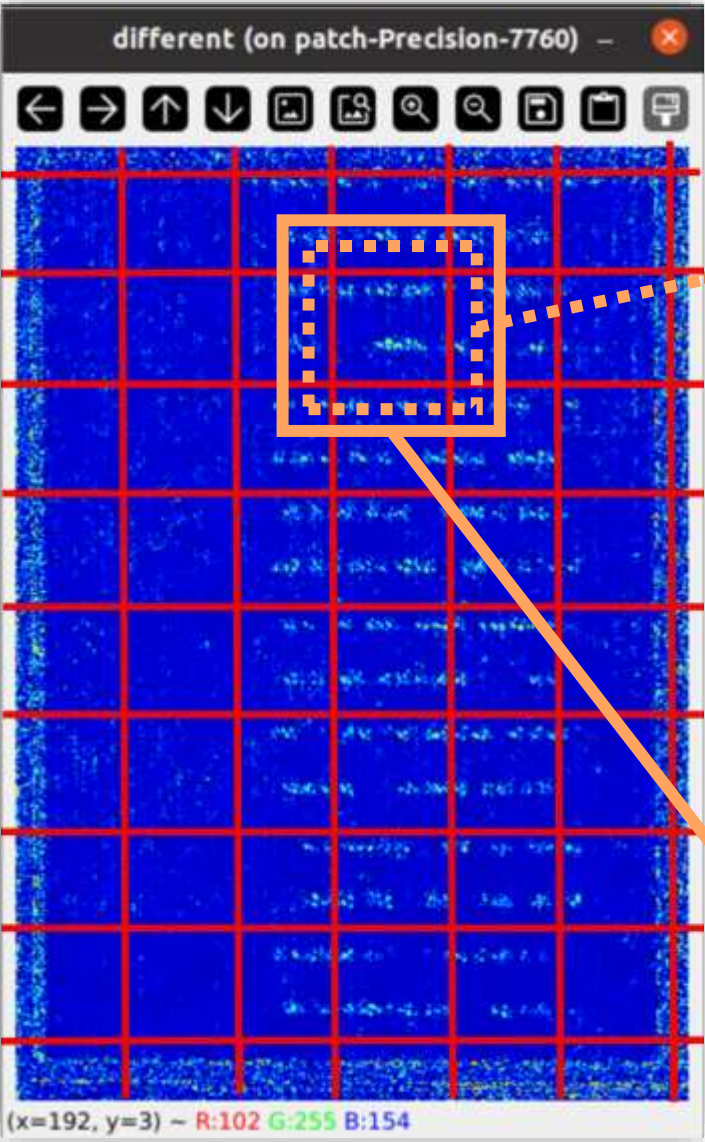


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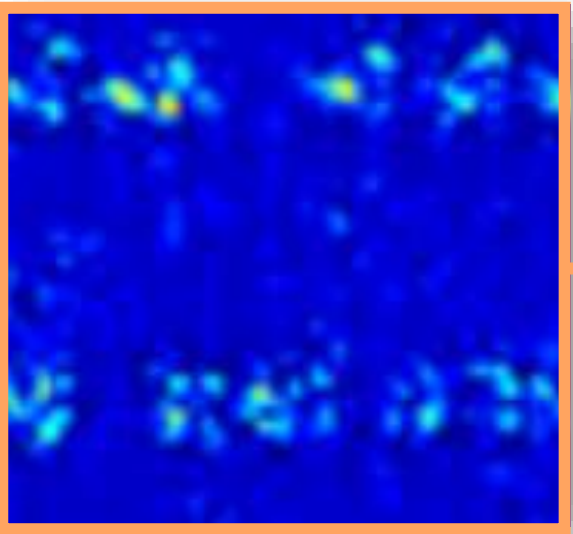
- If time is not an issue, there are other ways to identify **bit placements**
- Example: flashing one 512 bits with all **11111111** and the other with all **00000010** where the 1 would be the image to help the model identify **that specific bit location**
- By using an absolute diff, only a **specific segment pair** would cause an **observable change**, representing the **location** of that **1** or **0**
- **Repeat** 512 times to cover all areas (or use maths to make this more efficient)



Segment Search-Bit Areas

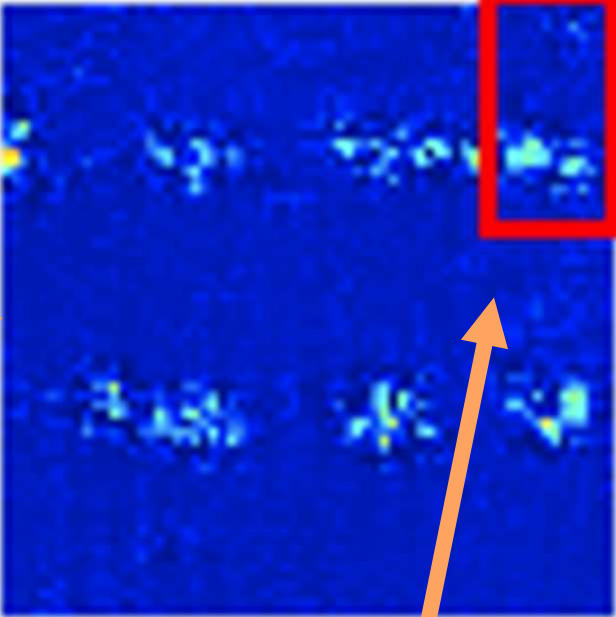


Segment from
LLSI Image #1



Segment from
LLSI Image #2

Absolute
Diff

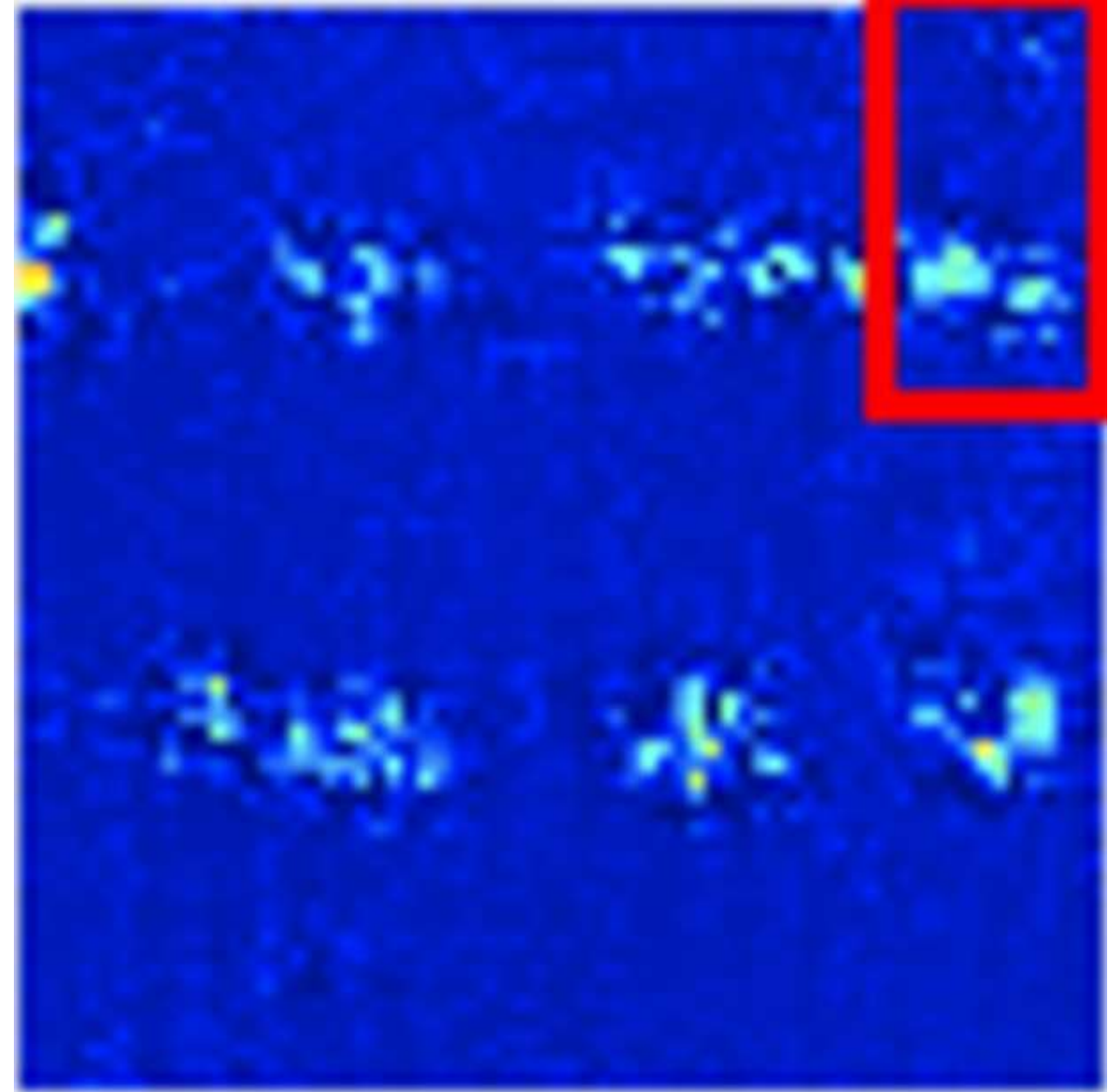


Identified
location of
a 1 or 0

"I may not have gone where I intended to go, but I think I have ended up where I needed to be." – Douglas Adams

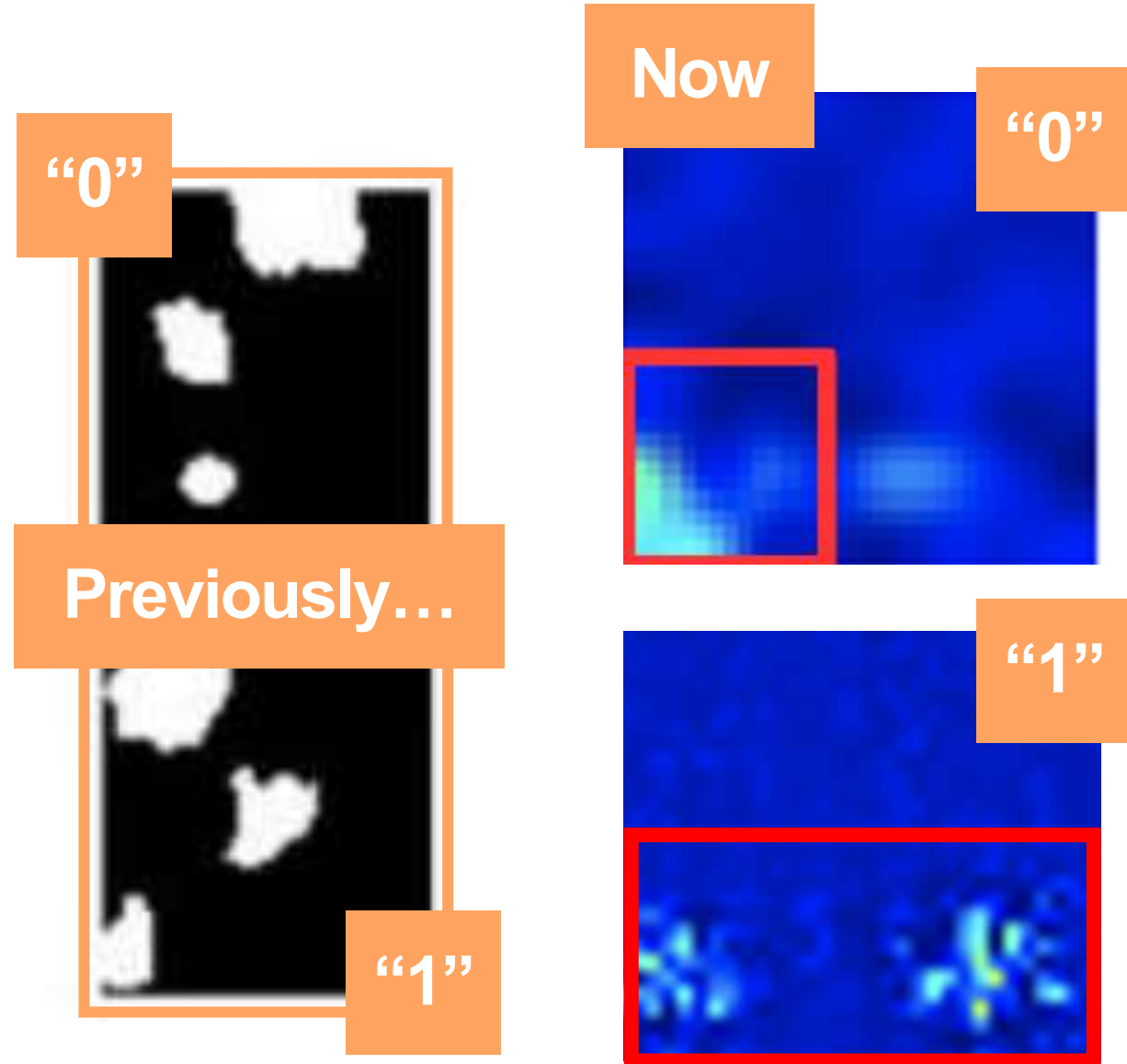
Segment Search-Dataset

- With many iterations, and a proper dataset an **understanding of where bits are stored** can be formulated
- Next step is to identify **WHICH** bits are “**1**” and “**0**”
- To do this, the model can use **supervised learning**



Success!

- In time, the model is able to correlate what is the gate representation of “1” and what is “0”
- Previously, we showed this with another data set using a different IC and memory
- Now, we have created a new mapping, **tailored for this specific SRAM and IC**





But does it work?

No lasers to fire this time 😞

Mapping the values

```
patch@patch-Precision-7760: ~/source/laser/kerasenv/hope 84x16  
(kerasenv) patch@patch-Precision-7760:~/source/laser/kerasenv/hope$ python test_mode  
l.py 8 400 2>/dev/null
```

Success!

00101100

96% Success rate



FIN.

...of Gen 1
(we aren't done)

RayV Recap & Use Cases

- Proved building an **LFI** using materials **less than \$500 USD** was possible
- Proved building an **LLSI** using **affordable materials**, is plausible
- Proved a CNN can be used to **extract data from a live system**
- Learn **chip layout** through **imaging**
- Used to **introduce faults** in Embedded Controllers
- **Portable**, movable and **affordable** at-home **entry-level LFI** (& LLSI) tooling

We stand on the shoulders of so many giants

- The OpenFlexure Project

- Joel T. Collins, Joe Knapper, Julian Stirling, Joram Mduda, Catherine Mkindi, Valeriana Mayagaya, Grace A. Mwakajinga, Paul T. Nyakyi, Valerian L. Sanga, Dave Carbery, Leah White, Sara Dale, Zhen Jieh Lim, Jeremy J. Baumberg, Pietro Cicuta, Samuel McDermott, Boyko Vodenicharski, and Richard Bowmanm 2020

- High Precision Laser Fault Injection using Low-cost Components

- Martin S. Kelly, Keith Mayes 2022

- Fault Attack Resilience on Error-prone Devices

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- Laser-Based Logic State Analysis in Hardware Security: Threats and Opportunities

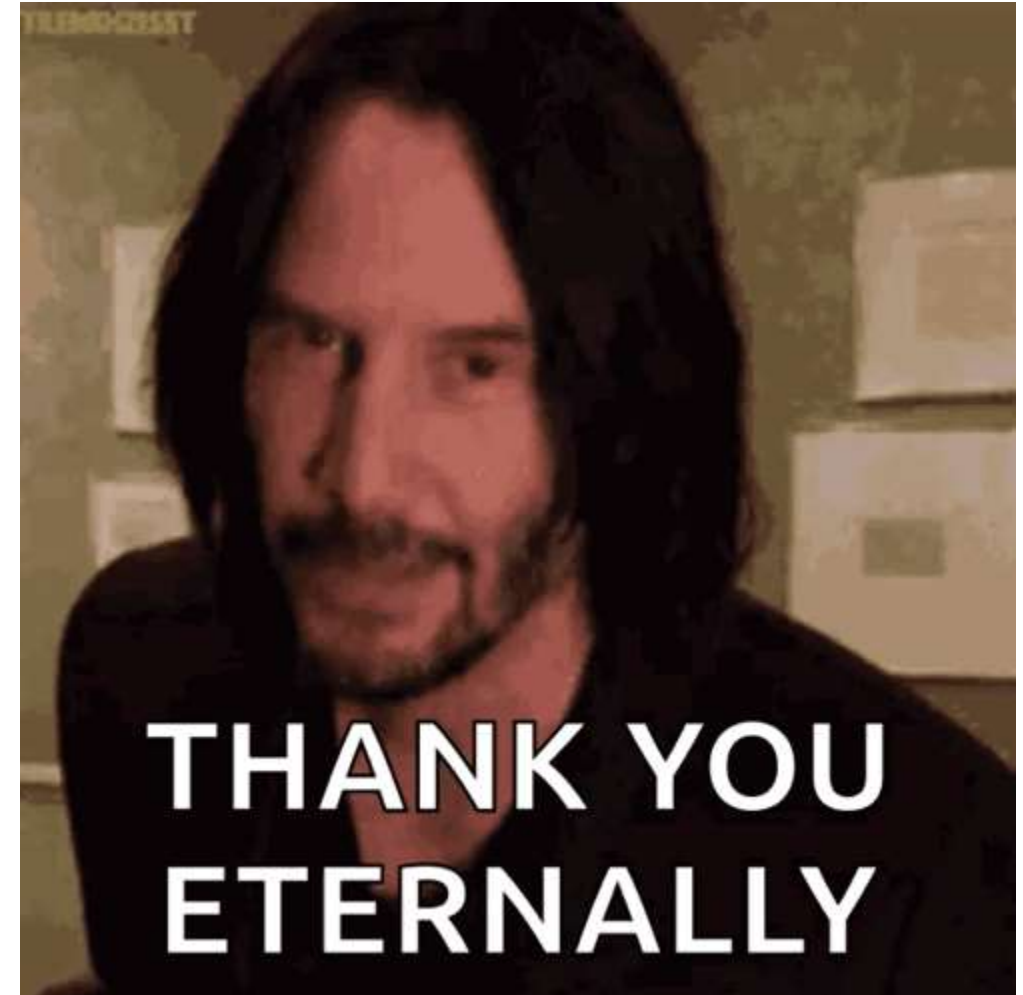
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- How Practical Are Fault Injection Attacks, Really?
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- Trojan Awakener: Detecting Dormant Malicious Hardware Using Laser Logic State Imaging (Extended Version)
 - Thilo Krachenfels, Jean-Pierre Seifert, Shahin Tajik 2023
- Infra-Red, In-Situ (IRIS) Inspection of Silicon
 - Andrew ‘bunnie’ Huang 2023
- Super-resolution laser probing of integrated circuits using algorithmic methods
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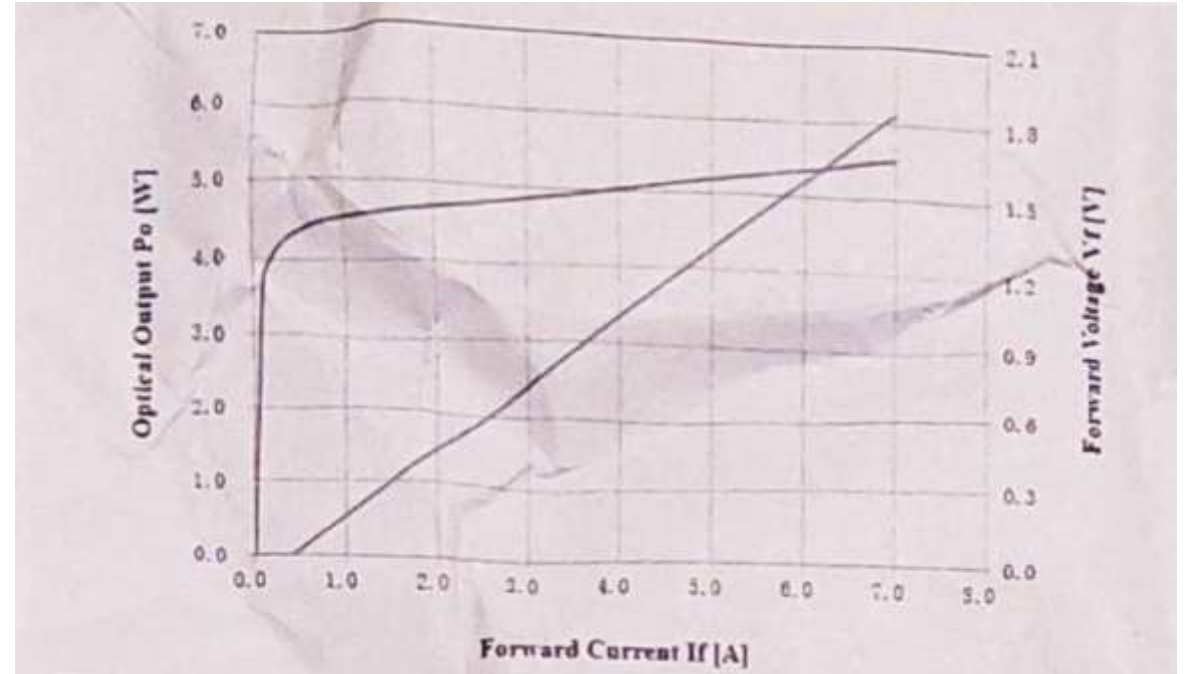
Things that surprised (some of) us

- That “laser” was an acronym
- Hoarding, finally, paid off
- I can do this from my house
- Not all datasheets are real
- That one of us didn’t kill, blind, or maim ourselves
- Open Sourcing and democratizing tooling is **powerful**
- As suspected, **others are doing similar work**. Just 24 hours ago, due to the coverage of this research a Janne Taponen from Fraktal shared with us the details of their rig
- We’ve coordinated our tools to opensource and release at **12:00 GMT-7, today (August 8th, 2024)**

Waldo and Wally walked into a bar. The bartender said, "I can't serve you, you're both too hard to find."

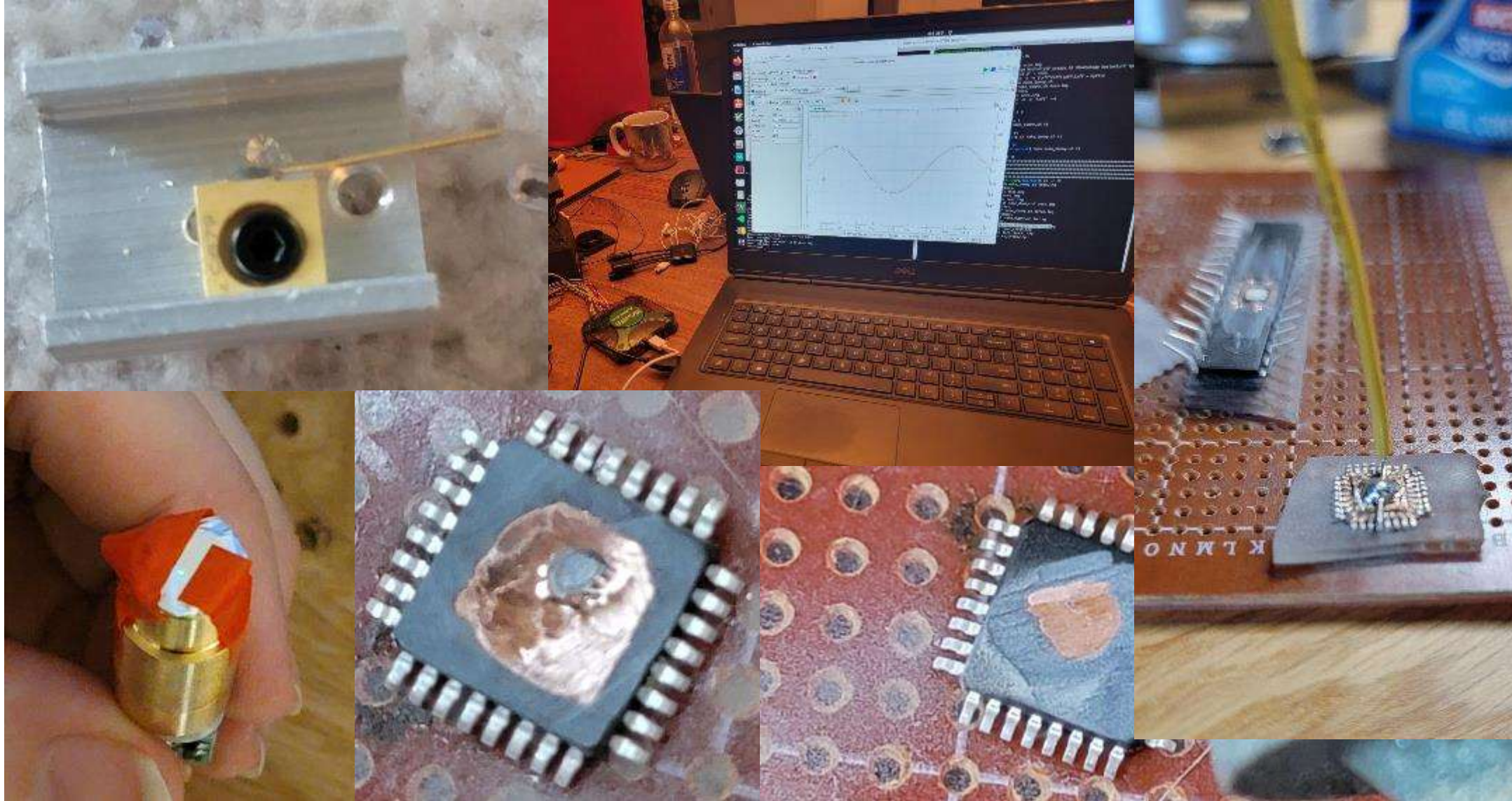
Things that went horribly wrong

- Supply chains & distributors are hard
- Product Descriptors are a lie
- Practical implementation will always trump theoretical principles (the cake is a lie)
- Deadlines are real



- Graphs that make no sense
- Some parts were very hard to find

The Cost of RnD (thank you NetSPI)



Your secrets are safe with me 'cause I wasn't listening to you at the first place.

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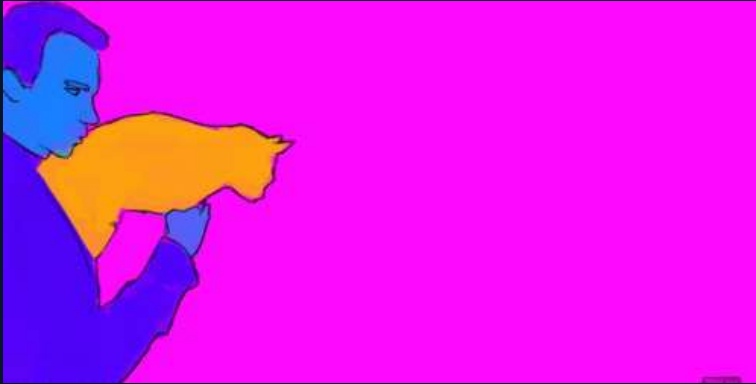
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Next time you see us RayV'n

- Increase control & precision of the laser
- Further challenge the cost floor
- Improve 3D Print to optimize speed and panning
- Lower the noise floor for LLSI
- Combine LFI and LLSI to one housing and stage

Key Take Aways?



Lasers are Fun

Wear Protection!



Money is no obstacle

Maker + Hacker mentality =
profit



Open Source is King

<https://github.com/ProjectLOREM/RayVLite>



Thank you!

Welcome to the real-life version
of “Where's Wally”

...(or “Where’s Waldo”)

Catch us at our Booth!

...or in HallwayCon

...or at Hacker Summer Camp

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A stylized illustration of a woman with long dark hair, wearing a red wide-brimmed hat, a red long-sleeved top, and red pants. She is standing with her arms slightly out to the sides. The background is a light blue and white grid pattern.

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That's all Folks!

Thank you for listening,
reading or watching us be
nerds

LASERS ARE COOL

