

# Contre-mesures logicielles contre les fautes induisant des sauts

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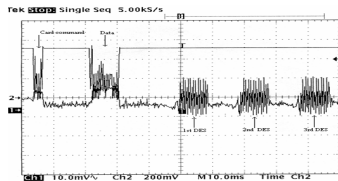
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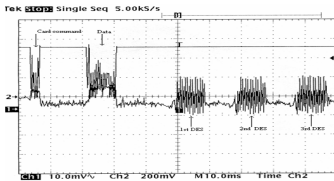
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# Attack model

At **low level**, physical attacks can:

- induce a bit flip
- overwrite a bit/byte with controlled values
- overwrite a bit/byte with random bits

At **program level**, physical attacks can have different impacts:

- Disturb the value of some variables
- Modify the control flow by overwriting instructions when fetched:
  - Change a branch direction
  - Execute some NOPs
  - Execute an unconditional JMP

We focus on attacks that result in a jump, called a jump attack

# Attack example

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## Security problems and contributions

- How to deal with low level attacks when working at source code level?

Use a high level model of attacks

- How to identify harmful attacks?

Simulate attacks and distinguish weaknesses

⇒ Thèse X. Kauffmann-Tourkestansky

- How to implement countermeasures?

Protect code at source level using counters

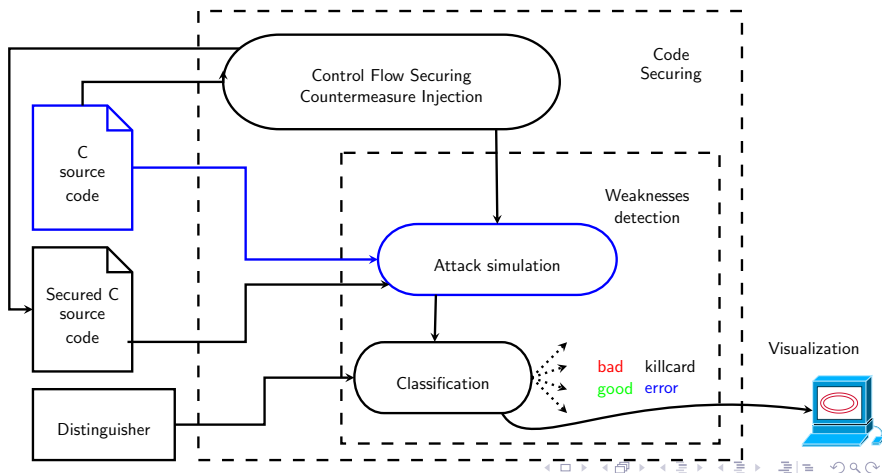
- Are the proposed countermeasures effective?

Study formally and experimentally their effectiveness

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## ② Weaknesses detection

@JLL: l'outil s'appelle **cfi-c**: <http://cfi-c.gforge.inria.fr/>





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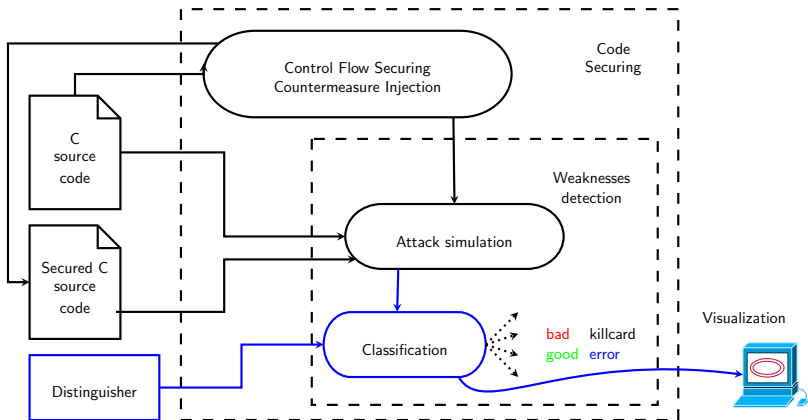
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# Harmful and harmless attacks classification

How to evaluate the effect of (simulated) attacks?

- define a **functional scenario** (with fixed inputs/outputs):
- be able to **distinguish** unexpected from expected outputs



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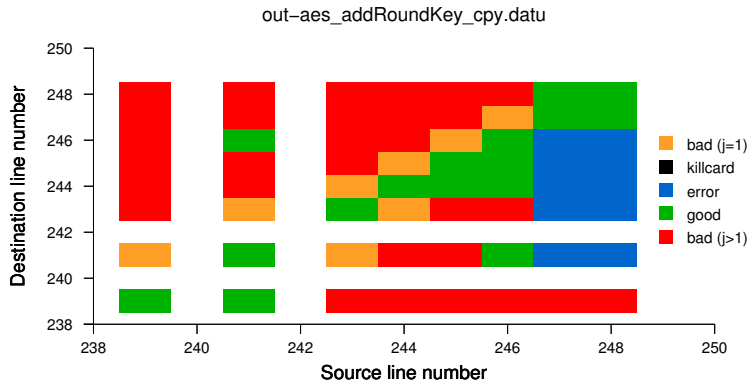
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- **error** or **timeout**: error, crash, infinite loop;
- **killcard** (Detection): attack detected

# Weaknesses detection results

	<b>bad</b> j > 1	<b>bad</b> j = 1	<b>good</b>	<b>error</b>	<b>total</b>
<b>C JUMP ATTACKS</b>	<b>Attacking all functions at C level for all transient rounds</b>				
AES	7786 29%	1104 4.2%	17372 65%	108 0.4%	26370 100%
SHA	32818 75%	1528 3.5%	8516 19%	412 1.0%	43274 100%
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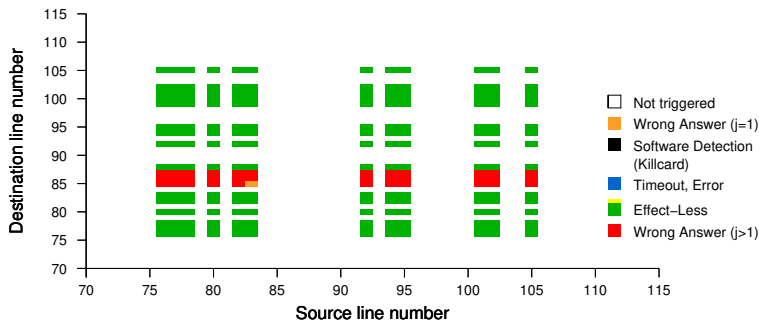
# Weaknesses visualization: AES



Visualization of weaknesses for aes\_addRoundKey\_cpy



# Weaknesses visualization: FISSC (Dureuil et al. 16)



Visualization of verifyPIN\_1 (FISSC - Dureuil et al. 16)

# BOOL verifyPIN\_1() du benchmark FISSC

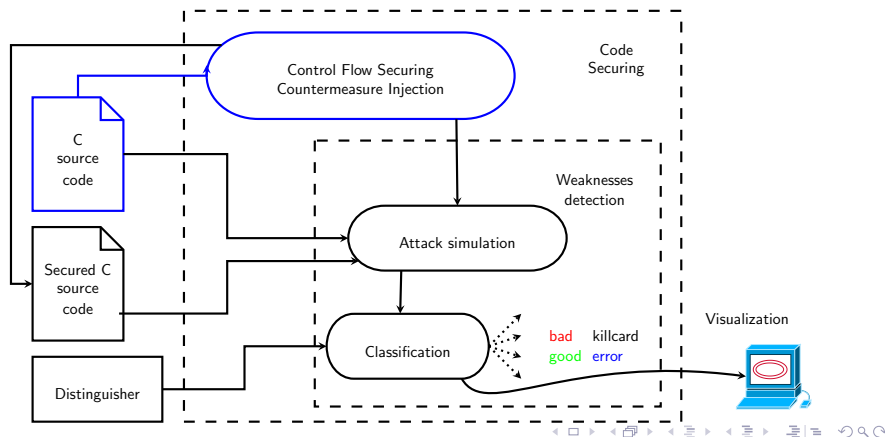
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80  if(g_ptc > 0)
81  {
82      comp = byteArrayCompare(g_userPin, g_cardPin, PIN_SIZE);
83      if(comp == BOOL_TRUE)
84      {
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86          g_authenticated = BOOL_TRUE; // Authentication();
87          printf("auth\n");
88          ret = BOOL_TRUE;
89      }
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# Outline

## ③ Code securing

★ Securing control flow constructs ★ Verifying countermeasures robustness  
★ Experimental results



## Goals

Code securing techniques for **Control Flow Integrity** often rely on:

- Modified assembly codes (Abadi et al. 05)
- Modified JVM (Iguchi-cartigny et al. 11, Lackner et al. 13)
- Signature techniques of each basic block (Oh et al. 02, Nicolescu et al. 03)

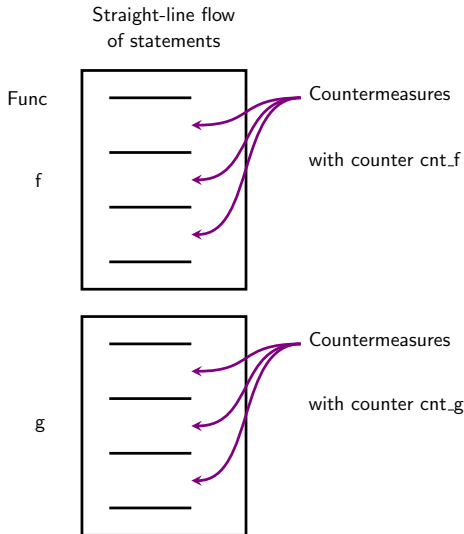
We aim at keeping the assembly code intact:

- A certified compiler enable to certify the secured program
- $\Rightarrow$  CFI countermeasures to be compiled by a certified compiler

Checks often performed at entry/exit of basic blocks:

- CFI countermeasures should also check the flow inside basic blocks

# Securing principle



## Countermeasures

- 1 counter by function
- between two statements

## Check of counter values

```
cnt = (cnt == val+N ?  
cnt +1 : killcard());
```

# Securing details

## Source code

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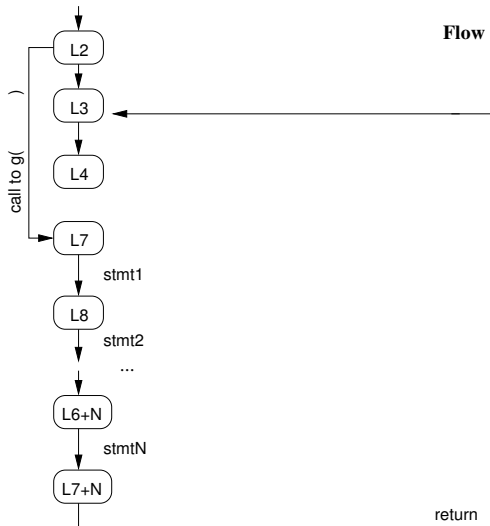
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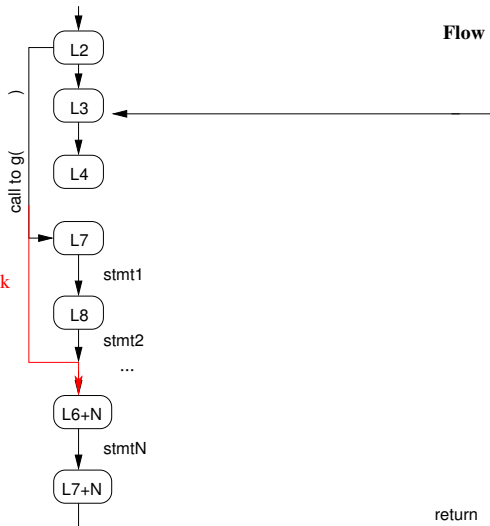
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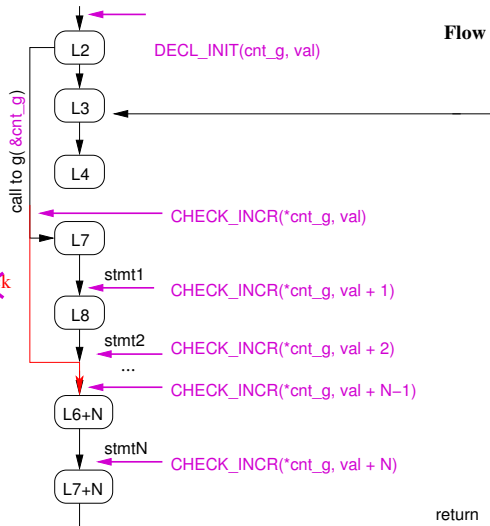


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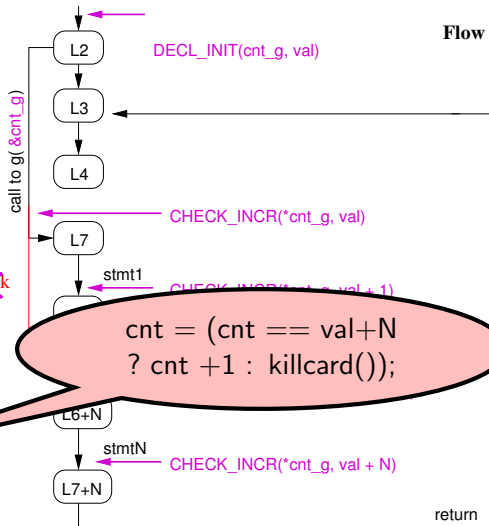


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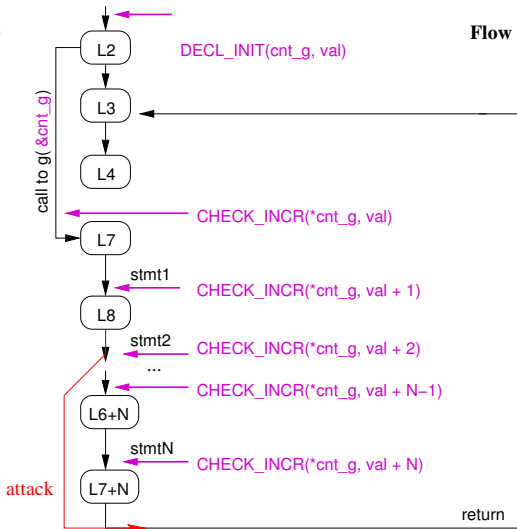
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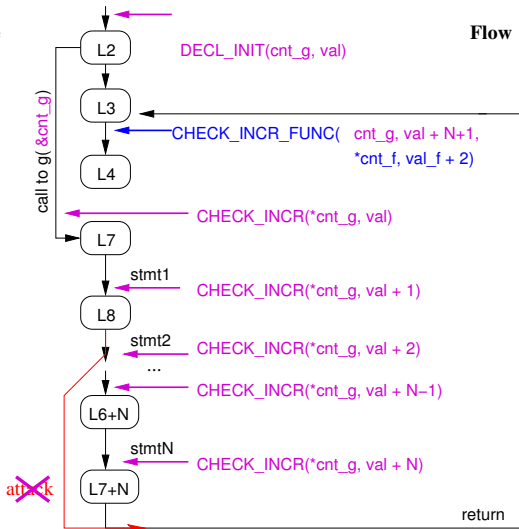


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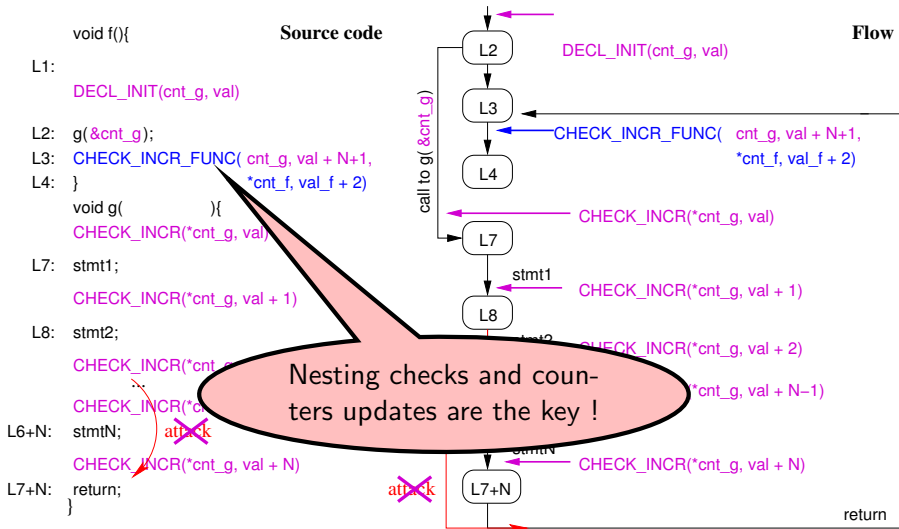
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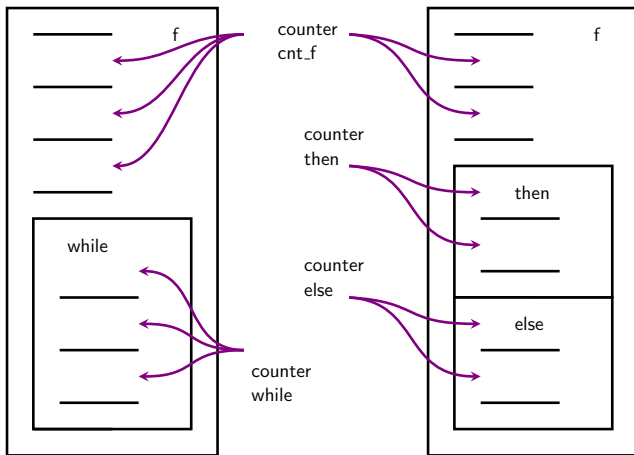


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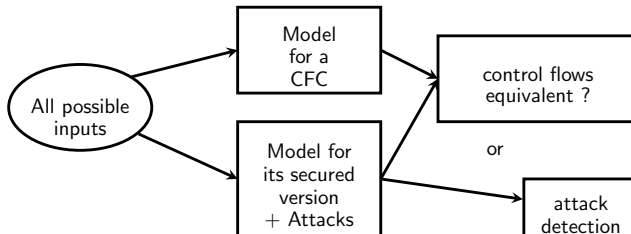
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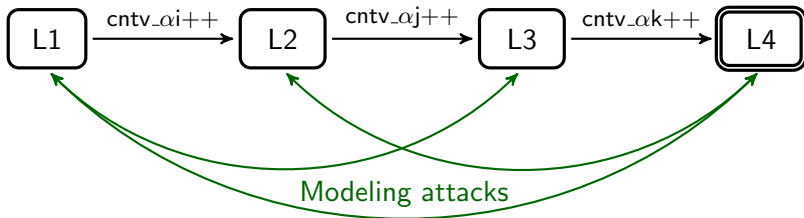




# Modeling jump attacks

Two models:

- $M(c)$ : model for initial control-flow construct
- $CM(c)$ : model including countermeasures and attacks



## Robustness verification

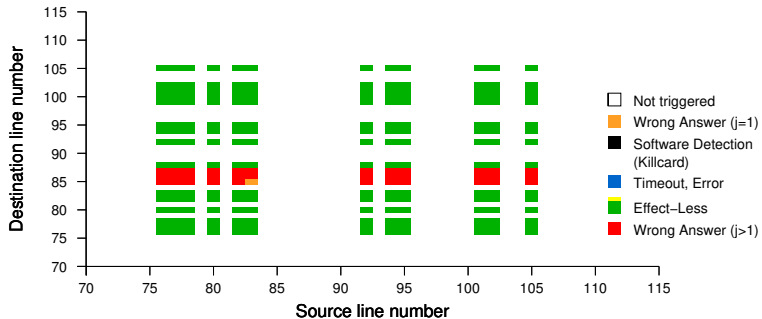
$M(c)$  and  $CM(c)$  are proved to be sound by **VIS** (model checker)

In particular:

- statement counters are equal in  $M(c)$  and  $CM(c)$  (final states)
- $1 \geq cntv_{\alpha i} \geq cntv_{\alpha(i+1)} \geq 0$  i.e.  
statement  $i + 1$  is performed after statement  $i$  and only once

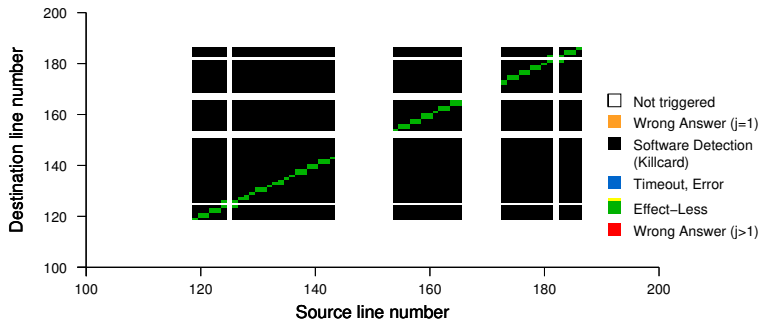
Models have also been designed for verifying  
our securing scheme for **if** and **while** constructs

# Weaknesses visualization: FISSC



Visualization of VerifyPIN\_1 (FISSC)

# Weaknesses visualization: Secured FISSC



Visualization of verifyPIN\_1 + CM (secured)

Available in FISSC !

# Experimental results I

## Jump attacks simulated in the secured source code

	bad $j > 1$	bad $j = 1$	good	killcard	error	total
<b>C JUMP ATTACKS</b>	<b>Attacking all functions at C level for all transient rounds</b>					
AES	29%	4.2%	65%		0.4%	26370
AES + CM	<b>0%</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	5.3%	94%	0.0%	337516
SHA	75%	3.5%	19%		1.0%	43274
SHA + CM	<b>0%</b>	<b>0.3%</b>	1.2%	98%	0.1%	427690
Blowfish	32%	1.7%	62%		2.7%	213721
Blowfish + CM	<b>0%</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	23%	75%	0.4%	1400355

Jump attacks simulated at C level

100% of harmful attacks jumping more than 2 C lines are captured

## Experimental results II

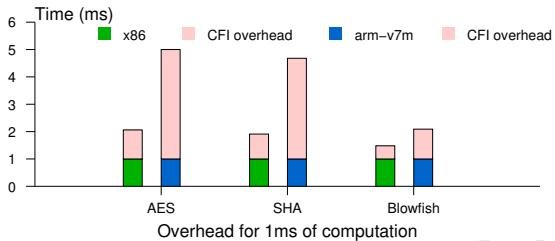
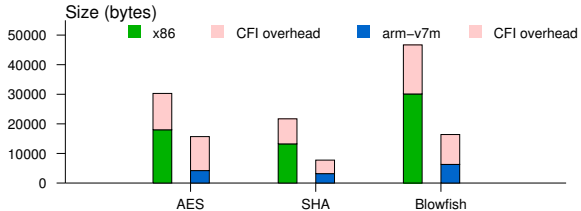
- Simulation of jump attacks at assembly level
- ASM attacks injected on the fly using an ARM simulator

	bad $j > 1$	bad $j = 1$	good	killcard	error	total
ASM JUMP ATT.	Attacking the aes_encrypt function at ASM level for the first transient round					
aes_encrypt	82.8%	1.9%	9.4%		5.9%	1892
aes_encrypt + CM	0.2%	~0%	20.2%	78.4%	0.7%	305255

Jump attacks simulated at ASM level

- Reduction: 60% of harmful attacks are detected
- Remaining attacks are harder to perform (82.8%  $\Rightarrow$  0.2%)

# Securing code overheads - x86 and arm-v7m



# Conclusion

## Software countermeasures for control flow integrity

- Software-only effective countermeasures
- Protection for jump attacks than more than 1 C statement

## New challenges

- Deal with jump attack of size one
- Is this suitable for javacard apps?
- Can we design software countermeasures for attacks impacting variable values?



Thank you!

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(Diode Laser Station from Riscure)



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Question?



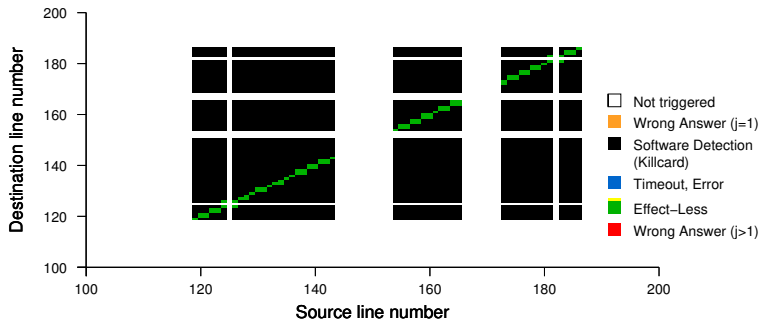
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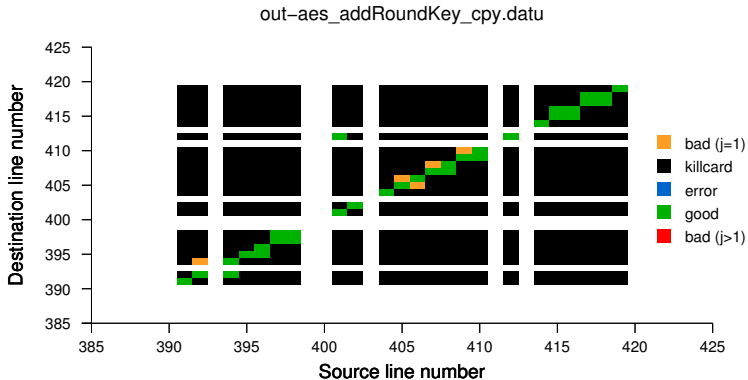
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Visualization of verifyPIN\_1 + CM (secured)

Available in FISSC !

# Weaknesses visualization with CFI



Visualization of weaknesses for the secured version

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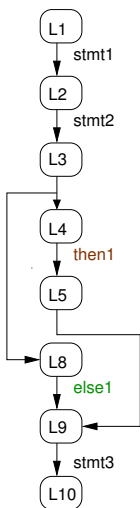
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4:    then1;  
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9:  stmt3;  
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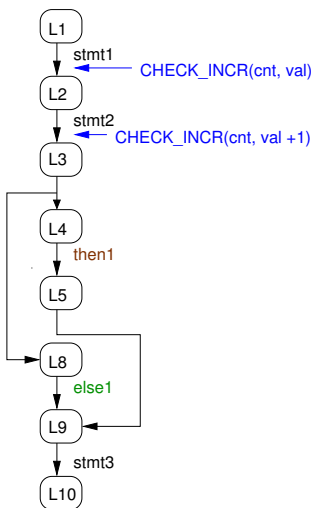


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Original code

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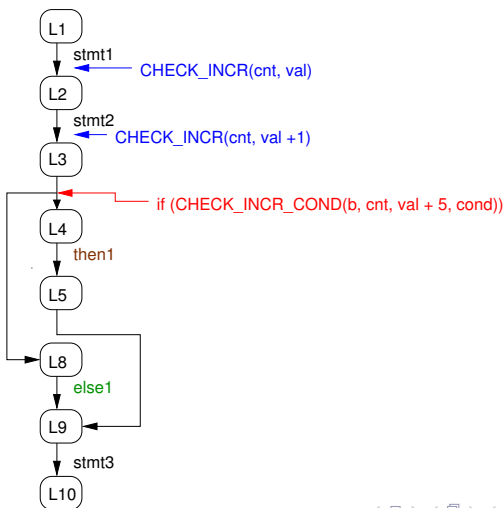


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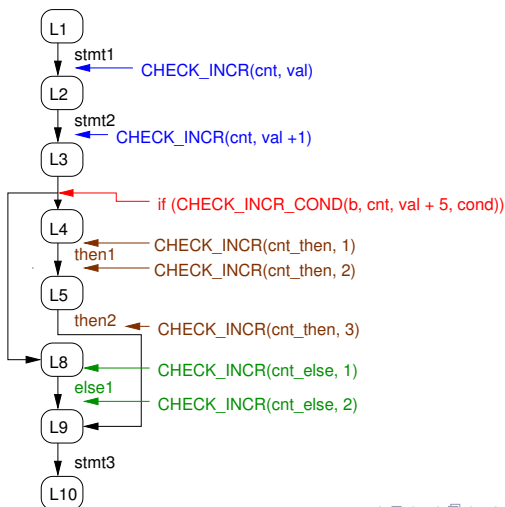


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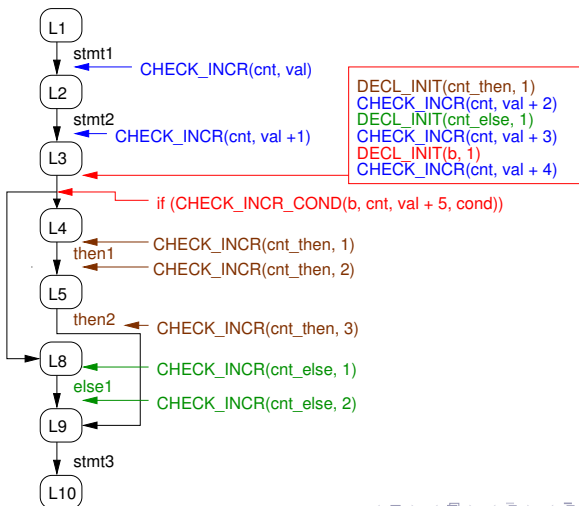


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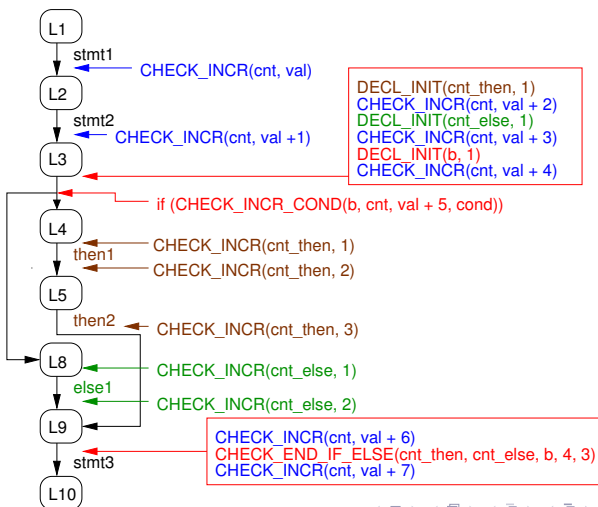


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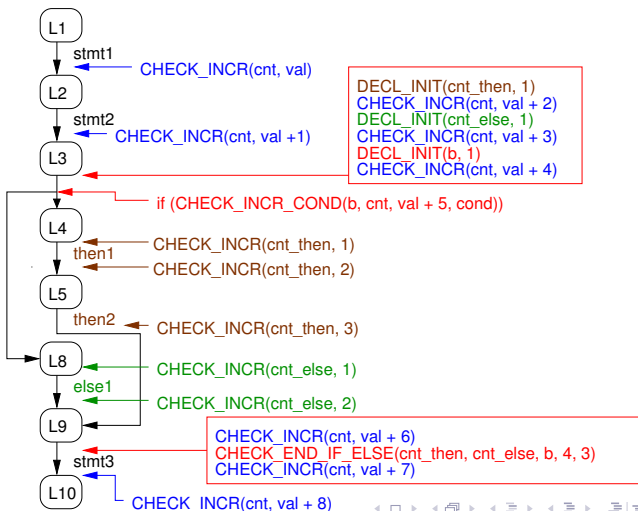


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# Security macros

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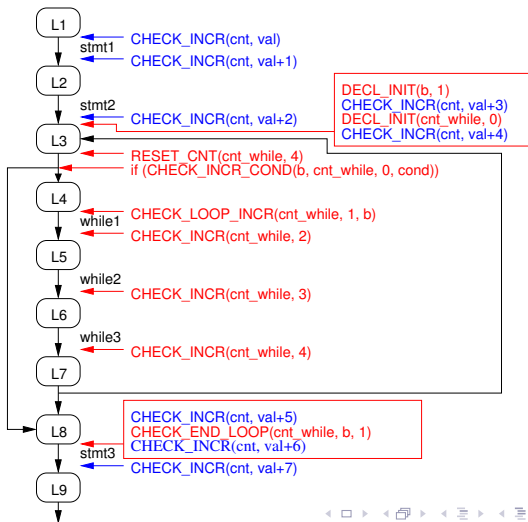
```
1 #define DECL_INIT(cnt, x) int cnt; if ((cnt = x) != x) killcard();
2
3 #define CHECK_INCR(cnt, x) cnt = (cnt == x ? cnt + 1 : killcard());
4
5 #define CHECK_END_IF_ELSE(cnt_then, cnt_else, b, x, y) if (! ((cnt_then
   == x && cnt_else == 0 && b) || (cnt_else == y && cnt_then == 0
   && !b))) killcard();
6
7 #define CHECK_END_IF(cnt_then, b, x) if ( ! ( (cnt_then == x && b) || (
   cnt_then == 0 && !b) ) ) killcard();
8
9 #define CHECK_INCR_COND(b, cnt, val, cond) (b = (((cnt)++ != val) ?
   killcard() : cond))
```

# Securing loop control flow

Loop code

```
void f(){  
  ...  
L1: stmt1;  
L2: stmt2;  
L3: while (cond){  
L4:   while1;  
L5:   while2;  
L6:   while3;  
L7: }  
L8: stmt3;  
L9: ...  
L10: }
```

Securing loop flow



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6
7 #define CHECK_LOOP_INCR(cnt, x, b) cnt = (b && cnt == x ? cnt +1 :
   killcard());
8
9 #define CHECK_END_LOOP(cnt_while, b, val) if ( ! (cnt_while == val && !
   b) ) killcard();
```

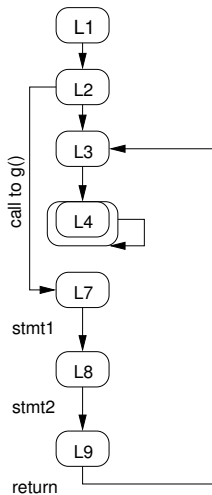
# Model M: straight-line flow

```
void f(){  
L1:   ...  
L2:   g();  
L3:   ...  
L4:   }
```

```
void g(){  
L7:   stmt1;  
L8:   stmt2;  
L9:   return;  
}
```

**f**

**g**

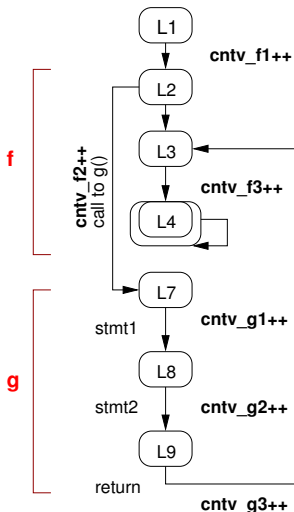




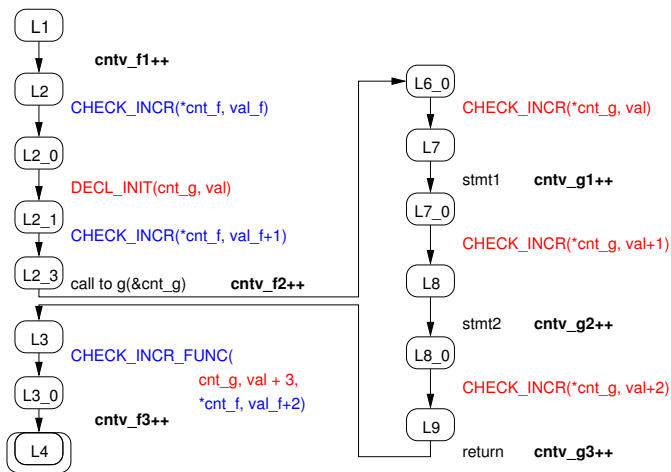
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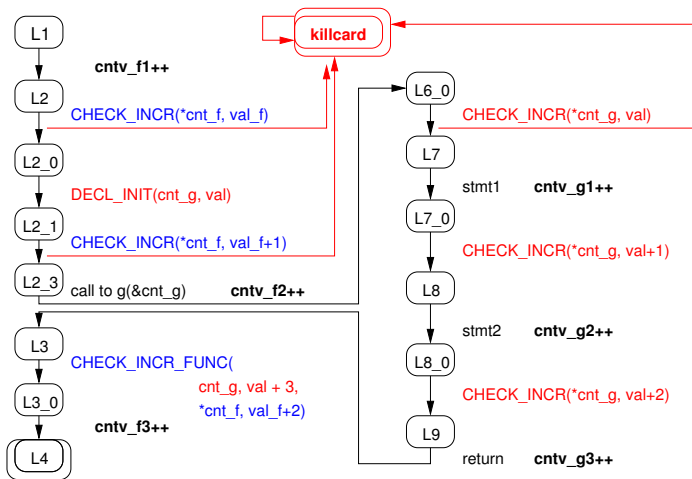
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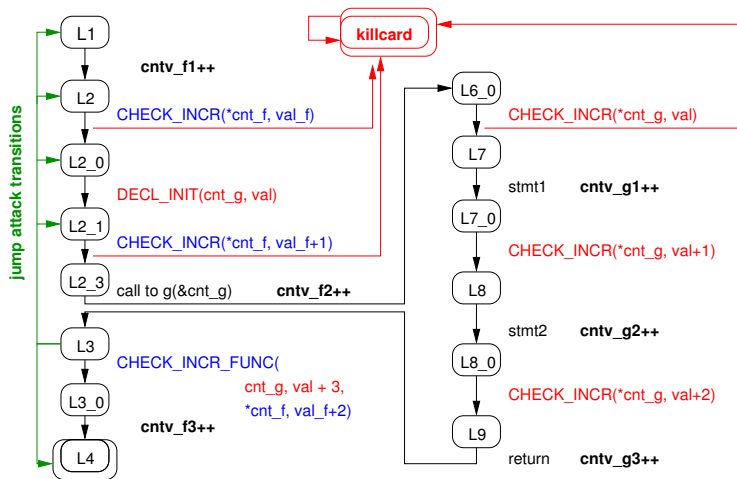
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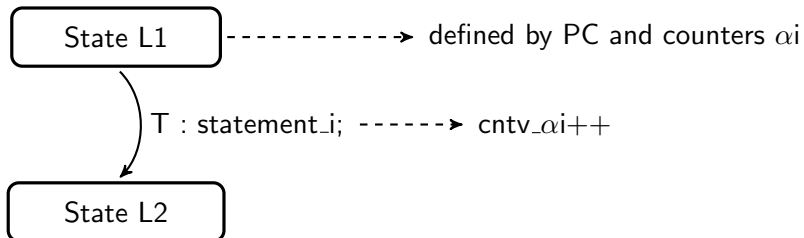


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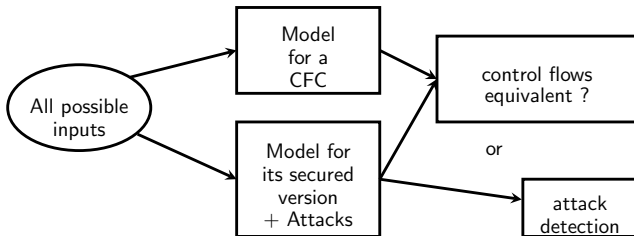
## Model for one statement

In function  $\alpha$ :



**Execution of statement\_i and PC is modeled by cntv\_ $\alpha_i$ ++**

# Formal verification of robustness



Our securing scheme for **if**, **loops** and **sequential** control flow constructs verify:

- any jump attack of more than 2 C lines is detected
- or the control flow is correct

Verification performed with **VIS** model checker

## Properties to verify for straight-line flow case

- 1 Any path in  $M(c)$  or  $CM(c)$  reaches a final absorbing state.
- 2 The statement counter values in any final correct state in  $CM(c)$  (with a program counter value different from `killcard`) are equal to the statement counter values in final states of  $M(c)$ .
- 3 In  $CM(c)$  at any time and in any path, counters  $cntv_{\alpha i}$  and  $cntv_{\alpha(i+1)}$  for two adjacent statements `stmt_i` and `stmt_i+1` in a straight-line flow respects:

$$1 \geq cntv_{\alpha(i+1)} \geq cntv_{\alpha i} \geq 0$$

or execution will reach a final state with the `killcard` value for the program counter.

# CTL properties to verify for straight-line flow

```
1 ; P1 : final state reachability in M and CM
2   AG(AF(M.pc=L4))
3   AG(AF(CM.pc=L4 + CM.pc=killcard))
4
5 ; P2 : right statement execution counts in CM and M when reaching a correct
6   final state
7   AG((M.pc=L4) . (CM.pc=L4) => (M.cnt_f1=CM.cnt_f1) .
8     (M.cnt_f2=CM.cnt_f2) . (M.cnt_f3=CM.cnt_f3) . (M.cnt_g1=CM.cnt_g1)
9     . (M.cnt_g2=CM.cnt_g2) . (M.cnt_g3=CM.cnt_g3))
10
11 ; P3 : right order of statement execution in CM or attack detection
12 AG(((CM.cnt_f1=CM.cnt_f2 + CM.cnt_f1=CM.cnt_f2+1) .
13   (CM.cnt_f2=CM.cnt_f3 + CM.cnt_f2=CM.cnt_f3+1) .
14   (CM.cnt_g1=CM.cnt_g2 + CM.cnt_g1=CM.cnt_g2+1) .
15   (CM.cnt_g2=CM.cnt_g3 + CM.cnt_g2=CM.cnt_g3+1)) +
16   AF(CM.pc=killcard))
```



# Securing code cost - x86

Size and overhead for original and secured version (+ CM)

	x86				
	Simulation time	Size bytes	Size overhead	Execution time	Execution time overhead
AES	27m	17 996		1.27 ms	
AES + CM	9h 46m	30 284	(+68%)	2.61 ms	(+106%)
SHA	1h 18m	13 235		1.47 $\mu$ s	
SHA + CM	16h 52m	21 702	(+64%)	2.81 $\mu$ s	(+91%)
Blowfish	5h 52m	30 103		47.6 $\mu$ s	
Blowfish + CM	3d 6h 19m	46 680	(+55%)	70.6 $\mu$ s	(+48%)

# Securing code cost - arm-v7

Size and overhead for original and secured version (+ CM)

	arm-v7m			
	Size		Execution time	
	bytes	overhead	time	overhead
AES	4216		38.3 ms	
AES + CM	15 696	(+272%)	191.7 ms	(+400.5%)
SHA	3184		106.5 $\mu$ s	
SHA + CM	7752	(+143%)	499.1 $\mu$ s	(+368%)
Blowfish	6292		3.02 ms	
Blowfish + CM	16 396	(+161%)	6.3 ms	(+109%)