

Project “The Interceptor”:

Owning anti-drone systems with nanodrones

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A US ally shot down a \$200 drone with a \$3 million Patriot missile

This will be a bigger problem as more drones show up on the battlefield

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NOW TRENDING



Previously in DEFCON...

The slide features a large orange header with the title "Defeating Jammers" and subtitle "HACKING PERIPHERALS - CELLULAR 3G USB & GPS - SECURE COMMAND & CONTROL". Below the title is a bulleted list:

- Remote control over SSH tunnel via 3G USB cell connection. GPS & Cellular signals are illegal to jam (see FCC regulations), making it hard to defend against this type of drone.
 - <https://transition.fcc.gov/eb/jammerenforcement/jammer.pdf>

To the right is a circular "No Jamming" symbol with a crossed-out jamming device and the word "JAMMING".

Below the text is a diagram illustrating the drone attack process:

- An "Attacker" icon (a person in a hood) is connected to a "Mission Planner" icon (a smartphone).
- An arrow labeled "SSH Tunnel - Mission Planner" points from the Attacker to the Mission Planner.
- The Mission Planner is connected to a "Drone" icon.
- The Drone is connected to two "Cell Tower" icons.
- An arrow points from the Drone to a "Target Building" icon, which contains a "Wireless / Bluetooth / ZigBee / etc. Pen Testing" icon.

At the bottom left, there is a note: "* Note: be sure to check upcoming FCC regulations about needing to keep drone within line of sight while flying."

At the top right, there is a URL: "Blighter - AUDS (Anti-UAV Defence System) - Detect, Track, Disrupt, Defeat" and a link: "<http://www.blighter.com/products/auds-anti-uav-defence-system.html>".

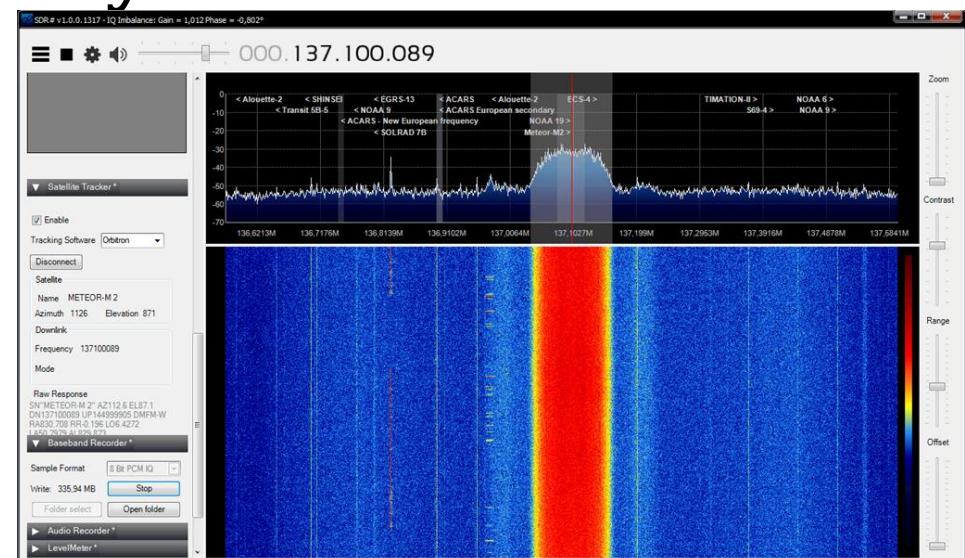
Drones as a threat

- Flying computers. (*IoT over your head.*)
- Custom payloads:
 - Sniffers
 - Jammers
 - Network Analyzers
 - 3d mapping, cameras.
 - Physical attacks, explosives.
 - ...



Detection

- Thermal and standard cameras
 - AI to detect drone shape
 - Electronics and motor heat detection
- Characterization of drone noise
- **Detected Radio Frequency and waveform**
 - Radio signature



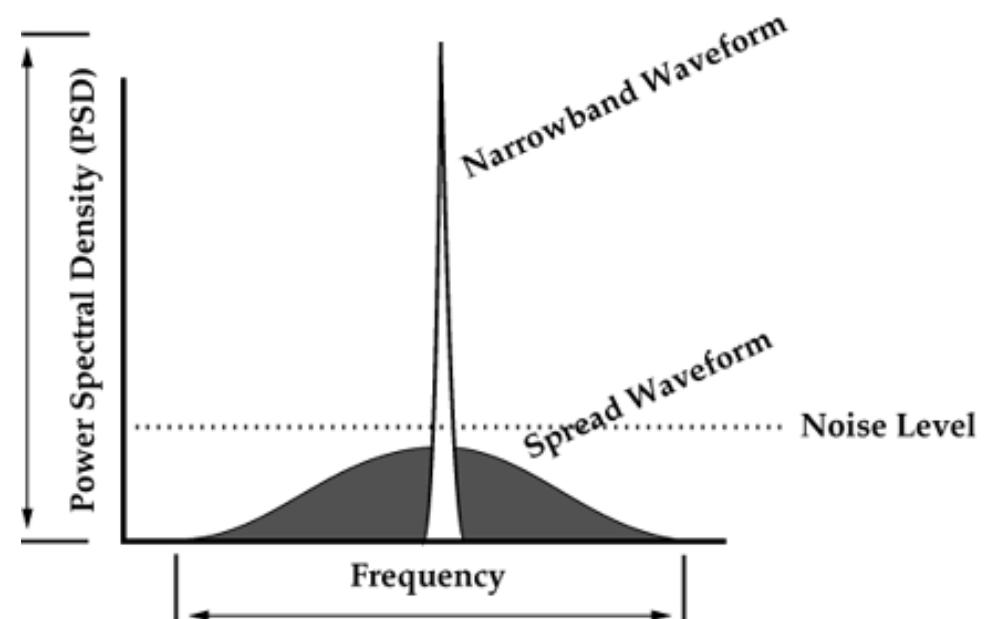
LOOK AT ME



- No-fly zone controlled by onboard GPS and Autopilots
- Real time telemetry transmission to COPS
- Give to COPS the ability to take down your drone and all "*everything will be alright*"

Counter-Countermeasures

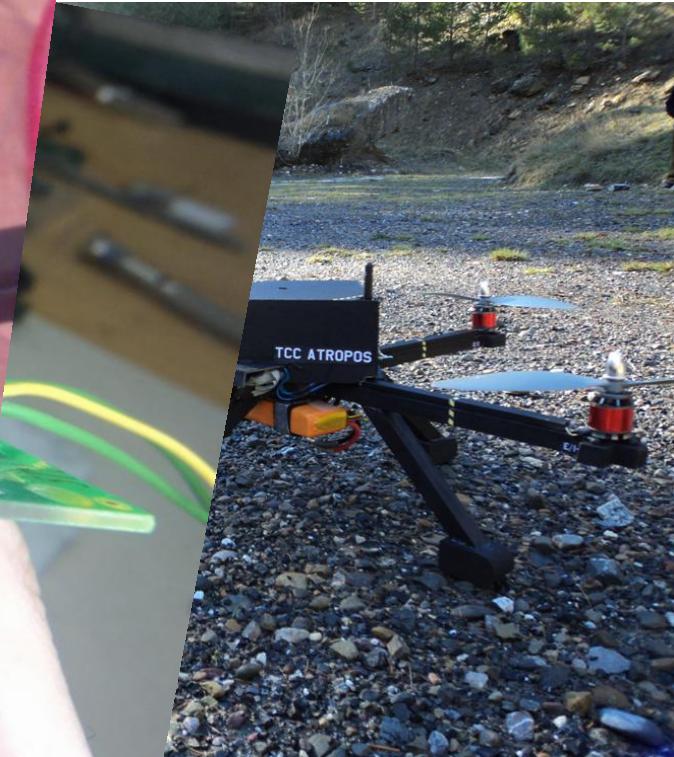
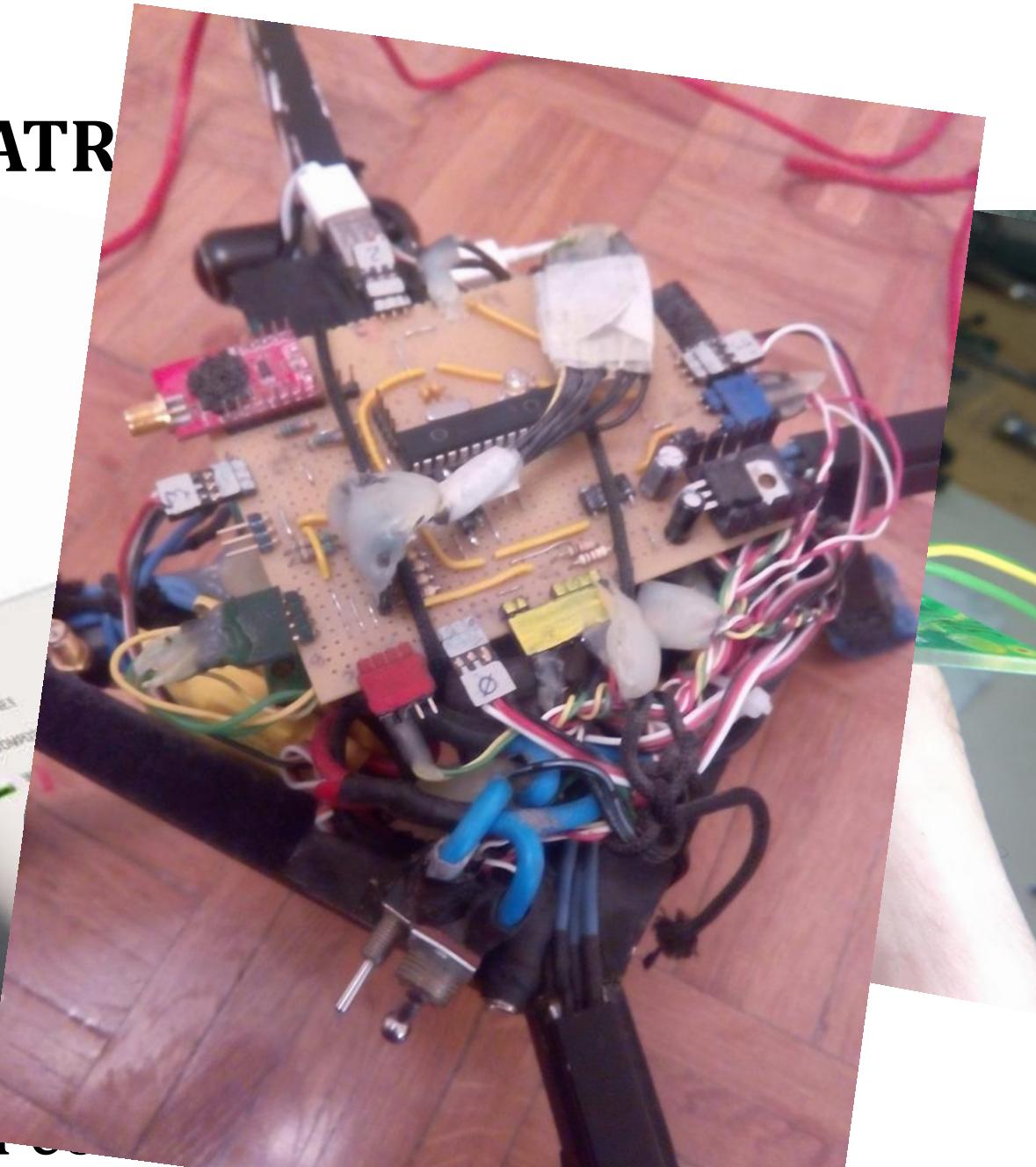
- Spread-spectrum
- Frequency hopping
- Use unespected frequencies by the jammer
- Robust protocols



First Round: “ATROPOS”

Dron ATR

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- WiFi

Now, what else?

"We count thirty Rebel ships, Lord Vader..."



...but they're so small they're evading our tu

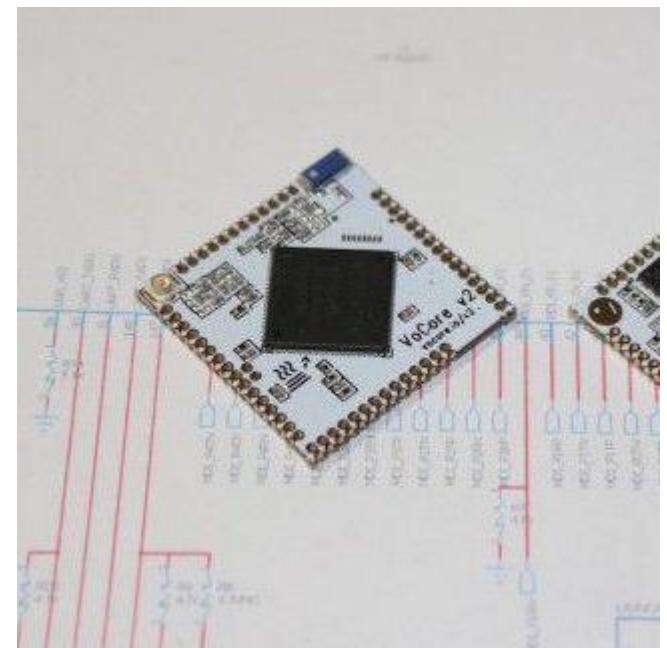
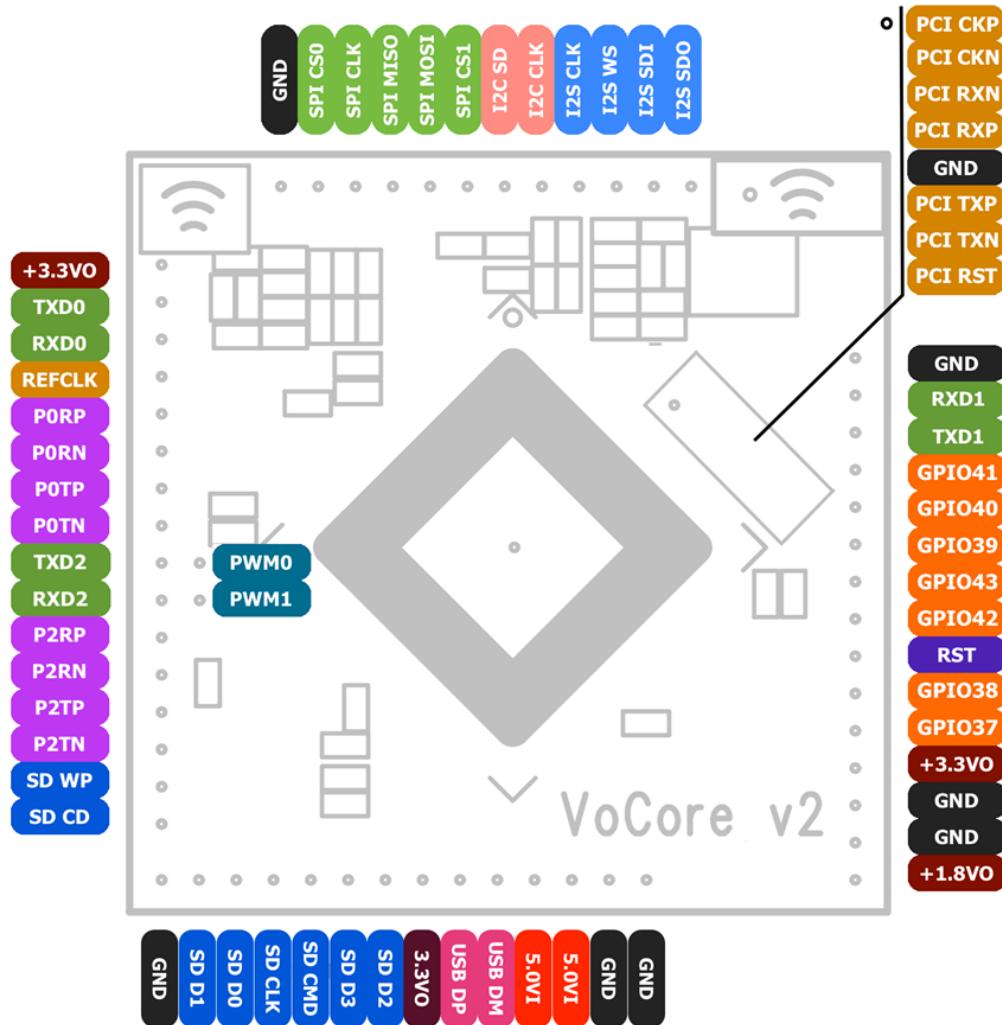
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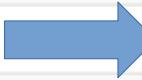
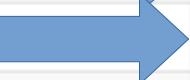
- Minimum size and weight (harder to detect)
- Low budget (*no, seriously, really low*)
~\$40 + \$20 with SDR
- Hacking capabilities
- “Resilient” control

Vocore2



Vocore2

Parameters

	Details
SIZE	25.6mm x 25.6mm x 3.0mm
CPU	 MT7628AN, 580 MHz, MIPS 24K
MEMORY	128MB, DDR2, 166MHz
STORAGE	16M NOR on board, support SDXC up to 2TB
WIRELESS	802.11n, 2T2R, speed up to 300Mbps.
ANTENNA	One U.FL slot, one on board antenna.
ETHERNET	1 port/5 ports, up to 100Mbps.
USB	Support USB 2.0, up to 480MBit/s.
PCIe 1.1	Supported
GPIO	>=40 (pinmux)
UART	 x3 (UART2 for debug console)
PWM	 x4
POWER SUPPLY	3.6V ~ 6.0V, 500mA
POWER CONSUMPTION	74mA wifi standby, 230mA wifi full speed, 5V input.

Vocore2

- Llega soporte para LEDE, ahora reunificado en OpenWRT
- DeviceTree completo y rediseñado
- Paso del mpu9250.
- Opciones: bno055, gy953 y sucedáneos

Vocore2: PWM

- We need to generate x4 PWM signals to control the motors
 - Hard real time constrained. Need specific HW.
- x4 channels available but only 2 enabled
- Last two overlap with UART2 function
 - Disable UART2 in devicetree
 - Enable PWMx4 in devicetree

Vocore2: PWM in the forum

First, download the openwrt source from vocore.io/v2.

Emm, this is a hard way:

Second, find VoCore2.dts in [Dts/VoCore2.dts](#),
have to understand it.
Third, enable pwm dr and you will be a good linux hacker. 😊

and the pinctrl section,
its source. ^_^)

Vocore2: pinmux mt7628

```
static struct rt2880_pmx_func pwm1_grp_mt7628[] = {
    FUNC("sdxc d6", 3, 19, 1),
    FUNC("utif", 2, 19, 1),
    FUNC("gpio", 1, 19, 1),
    FUNC("pwm1", 0, 19, 1),
};

static struct rt2880_pmx_func pwm0_grp_mt7628[] = {
    FUNC("sdxc d7", 3, 18, 1),
    FUNC("utif", 2, 18, 1),
    FUNC("gpio", 1, 18, 1),
    FUNC("pwm0", 0, 18, 1),
};

static struct rt2880_pmx_func uart2_grp_mt7628[] = {
    FUNC("sdxc d5 d4", 3, 20, 2),
    FUNC("pwm", 2, 20, 2),
    FUNC("gpio", 1, 20, 2),
    FUNC("uart2", 0, 20, 2),
};
```

Vocore2: pinmux mt7628 (datasheet)

3.3.18 UART2 pin share scheme

Controlled by the EPHY_APGPIO_AIO_EN[4:1] and UART2_MODE registers

	4'b0000	4'b1111			
Pin Name		2'b00	2'b01	2'b10	2'b11
MDI_TP_P2	MDI_TP_P2	UART_TXD2	GPIO#20	PWM_CH2	eMMC_D5
MDI_TN_P2	MDI_TN_P2	UART_RXD2	GPIO#21	PWM_CH3	eMMC_D4

3.3.19 PWM_CH0 pin share scheme

Controlled by the EPHY_APGPIO_AIO_EN[4:1] and PWM0_MODE registers

	4'b0000	4'b1111			
Pin Name		2'b00	2'b01	2'b10	2'b11
MDI_RP_P2	MDI_RP_P2	PWM_CH0	GPIO#18		eMMC_D7

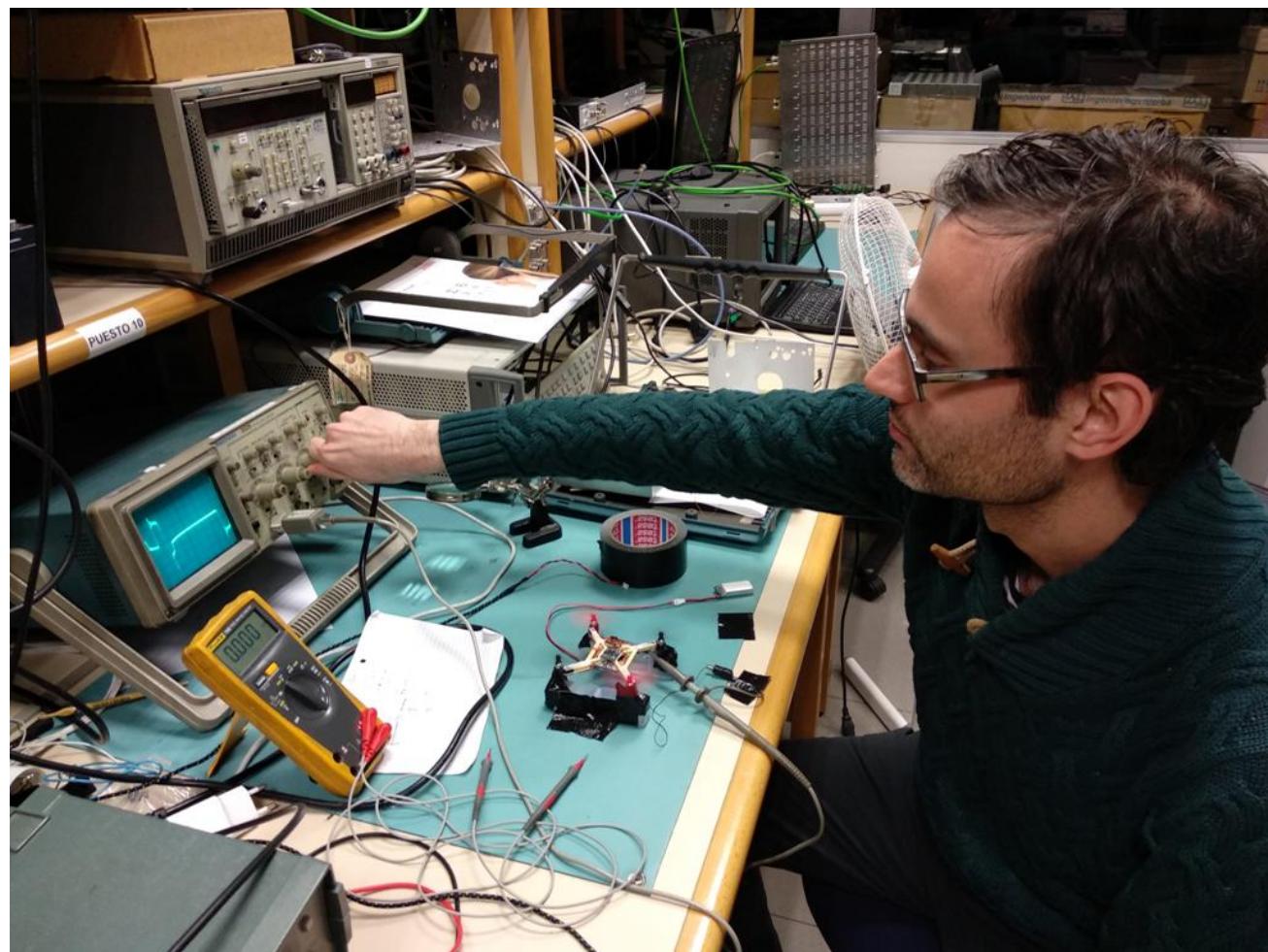
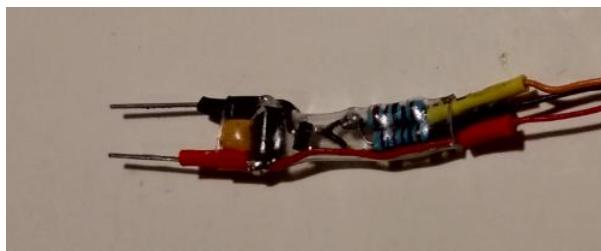
3.3.20 PWM_CH1 pin share scheme

Controlled by the EPHY_APGPIO_AIO_EN[4:1] and PWM1_MODE registers

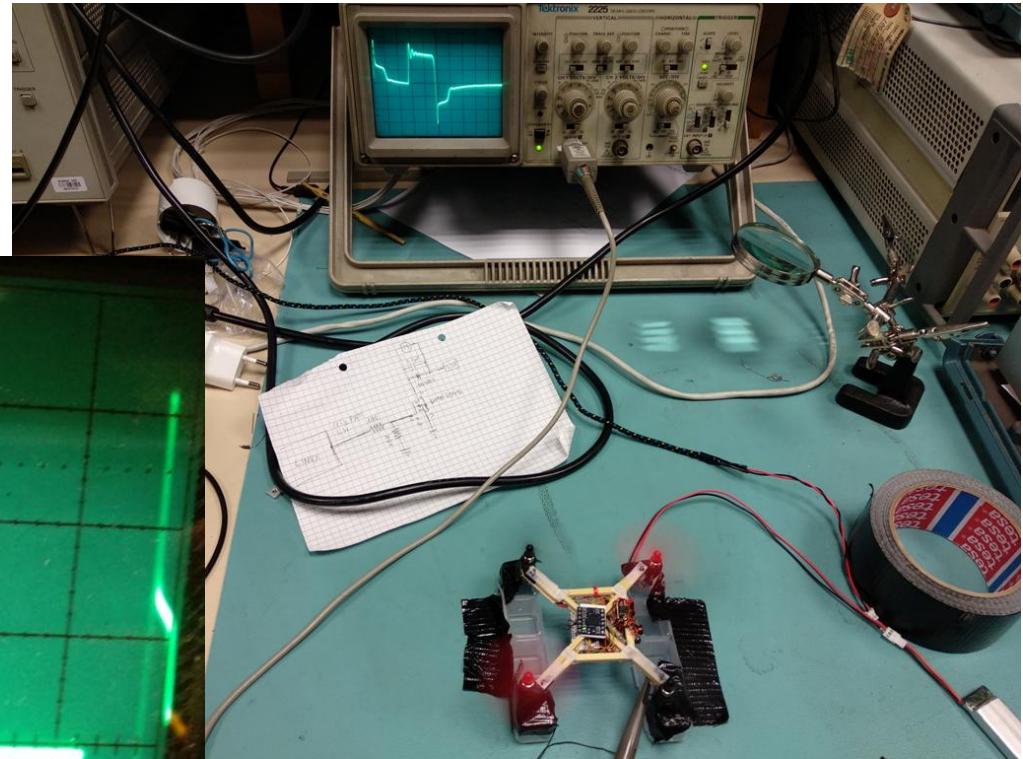
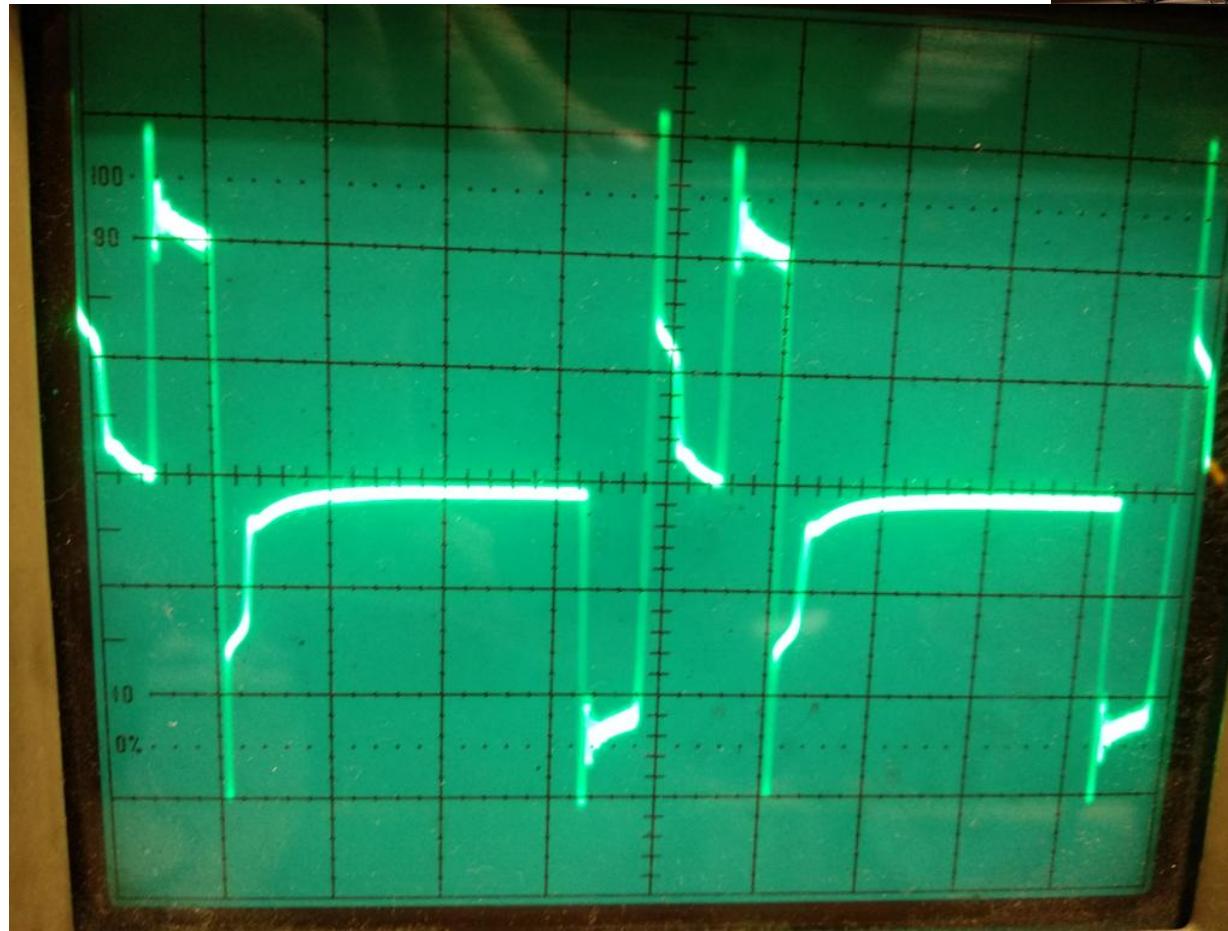
	4'b0000	4'b1111			
Pin Name		2'b00	2'b01	2'b10	2'b11
MDI_RP_P2	MDI_RP_P2	PWM_CH1	GPIO#19	PWM_CH2	eMMC_D7

Power stage

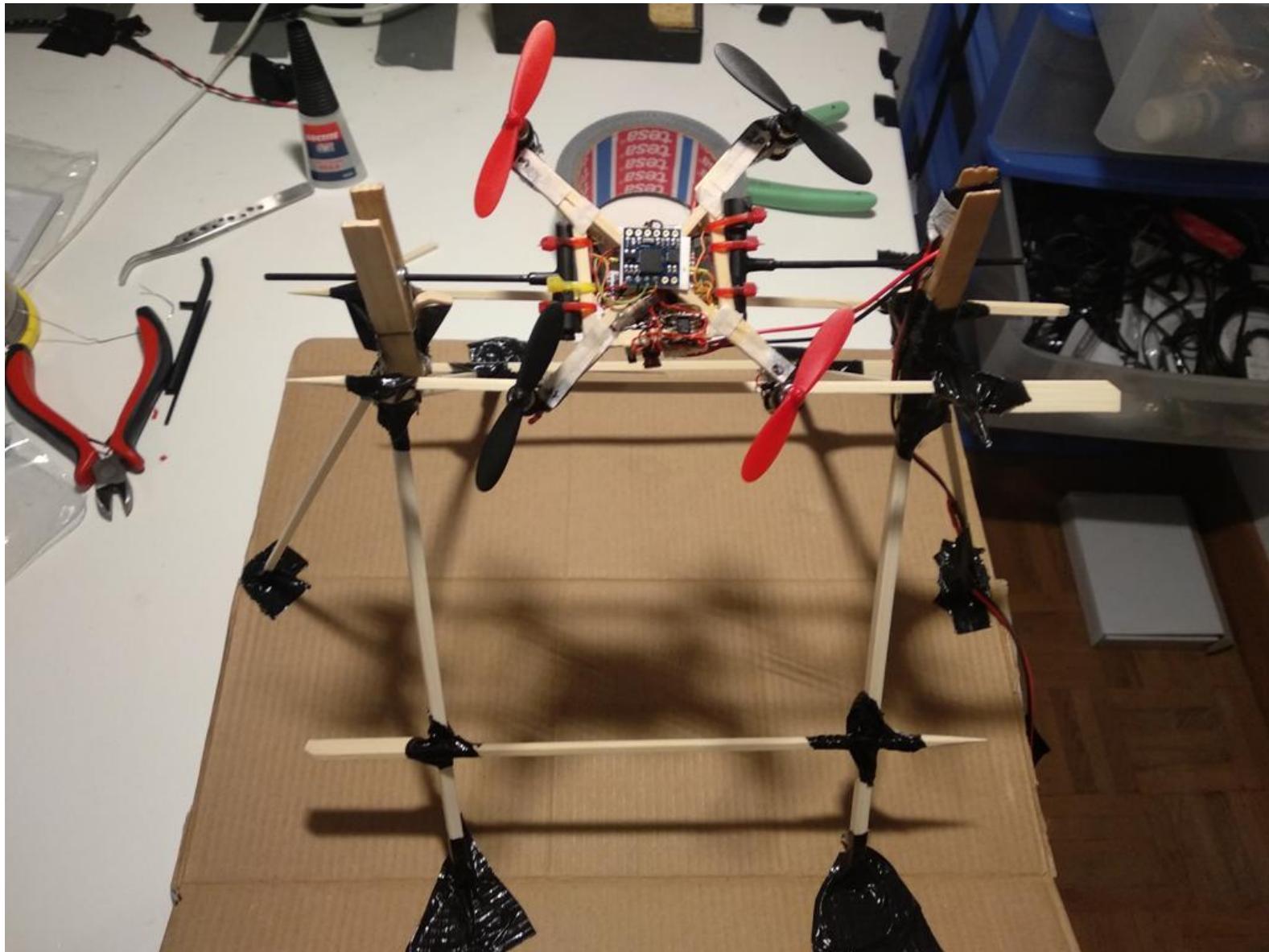
- Brushed motors (cheap as hell)
- X1 MOSFET
- X1 Capacitor
- X1 Schottky
- diode



Electrical motor behaviour



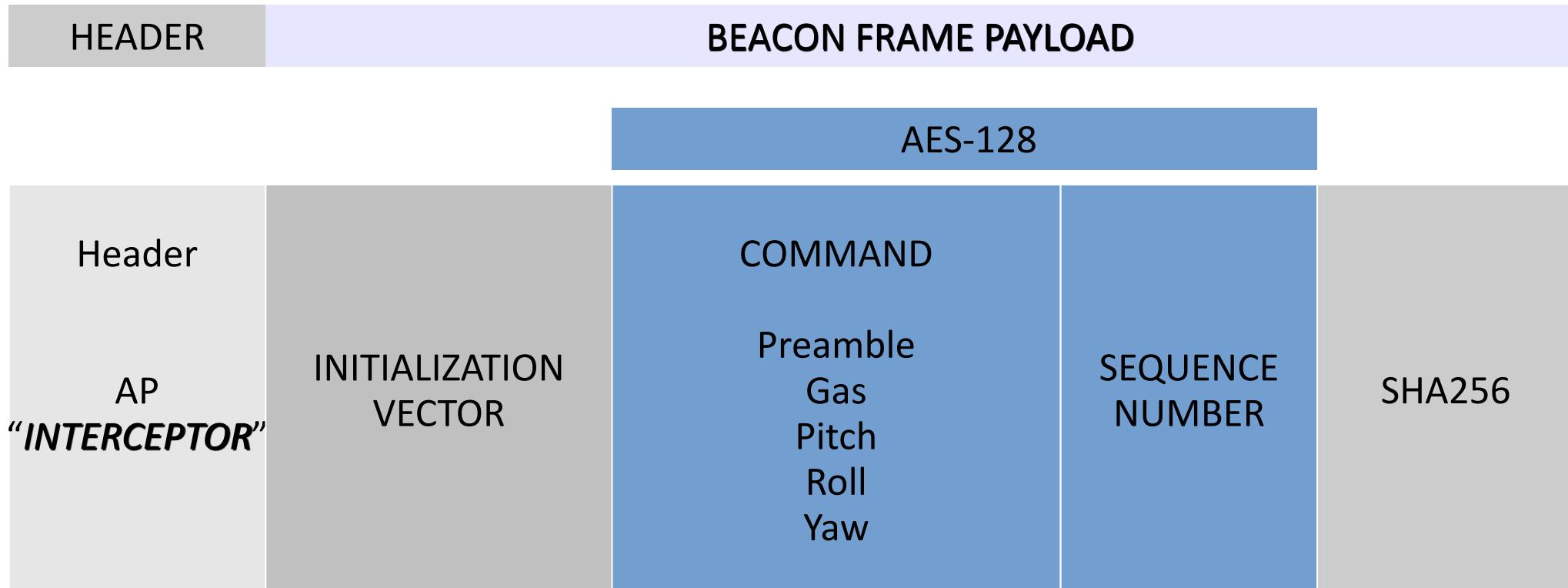
PID tuning



Interceptor como herramienta de hacking

- Control y telemetría por WIFI
- Protocolo RX/TX beacon Frames
- Herramientas de hacking WiFi en Vocore2
- Salto de canales sin interrupción
- Sólo se usa una interfaz WiFi en el dron
- Cifrado AES-CBC
- Hash SHA256

Forged Beacon Frame injection (PILOT SIDE)



SDR con chip de FESCO?



¿Preguntas?

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